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TOWN MANAGER REPORT -March 20th TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Olympic Viewing

- I-70 Coalition
- Eagle County Special
 Operations Unit

Final numbers at the pop-up station for Olympics viewing at Checkpoint last month are below. The attendance averaged approximately 40 people per day While it was my intent to include this in the previous report, I hope that the information is still relevant.

Date	Attendance
9-Feb	6
10-Feb	55
11-Feb	56
12-Feb	55
13-Feb	53
14-Feb	46
15-Feb	69
16-Feb	44
17-Feb	36
18-Feb	85
19-Feb	38
20-Feb	44
21-Feb	39
22-Feb	14
23-Feb	11
24-Feb	13
25-Feb	5
Total	665

Annual CAST Legislative Meeting





The meeting on March 15th was a success, and well attended. I provided the agenda in the previous Manager's Report. Notable was the update from the CDOT Executive Director, Michael Lewis, who spoke at length about the statewide infrastructure needs and the pending citizen initiative to seek voter approval for increased revenues to help capitalize these needs. Stay tuned on that one ... we are indeed anticipating a ballot measure in the fall. Also of interest was the update regarding economic trends and projections in Colorado from the Leeds School of Business, and a very informative presentation from the State Land Board, with Director Bill Ryan speaking. I will forward the Powerpoint presentations with some accompanying notes by email, for your review, in the days to follow.

The day was capped off with Denver Mayor Hancock speaking about housing and transportation, and the exploratory Olympic bid. The evening included an honorary award to retired Frisco Manager Bill Efting. Stan Zemler offered some nice commentary to accompany the award. I enjoyed having a nice discussion with some of our State Legislators, including Senator Kerry Donovan.

Mayors & Managers Meeting

The bi-monthly meeting occurred in Eagle on March 9th. Attendance was good. There was a very informative discussion and presentation by the Eagle County School District, focusing upon the \$144M bond measure and the resulting capital improvements to the numerous school facilities within the District. These projects are being successfully implemented with numerous partnerships, public and private. The meeting also included an update from the consultants for the County on transit, which was a recap of what Council reviewed in the preceding joint meeting with the County Commissioners. Finally, there was an informative discussion of health care in the region, and specifically the associated costs. Commissioner Jill Ryan led this particular discussion.

I-70 Coalition

The Board met on March 12th in Frisco. The entire discussion was focused upon the four emerging proposals for a potential statewide ballot measure related to transportation funding. These four proposals, each involving some level of sales tax increase, are being vetted with the intent of identifying the best measure to advance to the voters under a citizen initiative. Much more information will be provided on this as the proposals are refined in the weeks to follow. Stay tuned as we will be providing an informative update when it is ready for dissemination.



Eagle County Special Operations Unit

The Eagle County Special Operations Unit (SOU) is made up of officers from Vail Police Department, Avon Police Department and the Eagle County Sheriff's Office. There are also medical personnel from the Eagle County Paramedic Services and local doctors. The Team took advantage of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) being in Eagle County recently to conduct training. Several members of HRT volunteered their time to put SOU through two days of hostage rescue training. The training culminated in several scenarios including multiple role players and different venues.

During the exercises, SOU used two FBI helicopters to quickly travel to and coordinate the rescue of the "hostages". The working relationship and bond between the agencies continues to strengthen with these collaborative trainings and drills. Moreover, the importance of this depth of readiness is becoming increasingly evident in recent times. I was fortunate to observe a portion of the exercises and included a couple of images as attached.