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## TOWN MANAGER REPORT - Aug 7<sup>th</sup> TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### TOPICS

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### Civic Area Plan RFP

Council was apprised of the RFP previously, and a general timeline for the planning process has also been identified. Staff worked collaboratively on the document, with input from six departments. The RFP was posted on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Shelley Bellm, Office Manager for Community Development Department, has been tasked with overseeing the process, which involved considerable administration and follow-through. We are grateful for her expertise and assistance. Six proposals have been received (the deadline was August 1<sup>st</sup>) and the review and interview process will now commence. Stay tuned as we will soon be reporting the outcome of this selection process.

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### Meeting Updates

#### I-70 Coalition

I attended the I-70 Coalition meeting in Blackhawk on July 12<sup>th</sup>, with much of the discussion concerning the transportation funding ballot initiative that is now garnering signatures. We also had an update regarding the Floyd Hill improvements, which include a softened curve at the bottom of the hill and the boring of a tunnel to handle the westbound traffic. Considerable discussion was also had with regard to the I-70 express lanes and proposed expansion of that project.

On the subject of transportation funding, the proposed ballot measure (Initiative #153) involves a 0.62% sales tax statewide, with 45% of the new revenues being used for CDOT highways, 15% for multi-modal infrastructure, and 40% being shared back with cities and counties.

The Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee is advancing a project list for highway projects should the measure pass. The projects specific to this area include a new auxiliary lane on the west side of Vail Pass, improvements to the Dowd Junction interchange, and eastbound auxiliary lane from Frisco to Silverthorne.

#### Mayors & Managers



The monthly meeting occurred on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. We were given a presentation from Colorado Lt. Governor Donna Lynn regarding health care options for Eagle County. We also had legislative updates from Representative Dylan Roberts, and update from Margaret Bowes with the I-70 Coalition, and a presentation related to the IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) Silver Ride Center Designation that was recently received in Eagle County. The meeting was well attended.

#### CML Executive Board Retreat



The annual retreat was hosted by the City of Ft. Collins. The agenda included sessions on legislative review, ballot initiatives (not all good ... much more to report on), future focus, and board development. The City hosted a nice dinner reception at the newly completed Elizabeth Hotel in Old Town Fort Collins (a wonderful venue that is a must-do if you are in Ft. Collins). As shown in the accompanying image, Mayor Troxel gave a nice welcome to the many attendees at the reception.



Also shown in the accompanying image is City Manager Darin Atteberry discussing the City's recent receipt of a very prestigious award. The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award is the nation's highest presidential honor for performance excellence through innovation, improvement and visionary leadership. Since 1988, 106 organizations have earned the award named after Malcolm Baldrige, the 26th Secretary of Commerce. Congress created the award in 1987 to enhance the competitiveness and performance of U.S. businesses.

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## **Dispatch Assistance & Rescue**

On or about July 20<sup>th</sup>, Dispatcher Whitney Jameson spent 1.5 hours on the phone with a woman who was helping an injured climber on the Booth Falls trail. The climbers were "bouldering" in an area approximately 2.5 miles up the trail when a boulder rolled over the man's lower leg, causing a compound fracture and serious bleeding. After arranging for rescuers to head to the trail, the dispatcher gave instruction to the caller to manage the patient's pain and bleeding, using our Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols. She stayed on the phone until Vail Mountain Rescue members arrived on scene. Once they arrived it was determined to use a Blackhawk helicopter from HAATS to hoist the patient off the trail. The helicopter then landed at Ford Park to make patient transfer to an ambulance. Vail Fire and Emergency Services, Vail Police Department, Eagle County Paramedic Services and HAATS all assisted the Vail Public Safety Communications Center in this rescue.



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## Community Development Updates

### Planner Vacancy

The Community Development Department is in the process of recruiting planners to fill two vacancies on the Planning team. Phone interviews were completed on July 20, and in-person interviews with the selected candidates are currently scheduled for the week of August 6 with the goal of bringing on new staff by the end of August or early September.

Related, a department barbeque occurred on August 1<sup>st</sup> and Justin Lightfield, who is now on his way to graduate school, was recognized for his work with the Town.

### Retreat

The Community Development Department participated in a team building day on Friday, July 27 at the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center. As part of this retreat, the staff completed several challenging activities that required active listening, strong communication, trust and sharing of values. The staff will use the skills and techniques developed in this event to further improve relationships and customer service within the department.

Chris Neubecker, our Interim Director, helped orchestrate the retreat, which was well received by the department staff.

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## Electric-Assist Bike Demo

Next week as part of an initiative with the Transportation Working Group of the Climate Action Collaborative, Walking Mountains will be hosting a 3-day E-Bike Share demonstration. The demo will occur Wednesday through Friday (August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>). *Bewegen*, an e-bike share provider, will be on site to demo their bikes for our elected officials and general public.

The Transportation Working Group is working to launch a regional electric-assist bike share system throughout the County. The main purpose of the bike share system would be to provide citizens with convenient, cheap, and quick travel between communities and within towns for commuting, social, or personal trips.

Benefits include reduced vehicular trips, assistance in hilly terrain, and convenience. The demo occurs from 11am to 3pm at the Avon Station in Avon. A map follows:



## Bewegen Electric-Assist Bike Demo ROUTE MAP



## Colorado Association of Ski Towns

The next quarterly meeting for CAST is occurring on August 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Crested Butte. The agenda is still being formulated but the below draft includes a presentation on multi modal transportation best practices, as well as an update on the Ski Area Fee Retention Act. Transportation has been a central focus of CAST this year and a topic that is of high interest by all mountain towns.

I will be attending and will report back on the outcomes of the meeting.

<u>Thursday, August 23</u>	
6:00-9:00 p.m.	Reception & Dinner, Mt. Crested Butte (CAST Alumni are invited to join us.)
<u>Friday, August 24</u>	
7:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	CAST Breakfast & Meeting, Mt. Crested Butte
	Agenda topics will include:
	-CAST Multi Modal Transportation Best Practices: Final Project Presentation by Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig
	-Discussion: Ski Area Fee Retention Act
	-More TBD

