



## **Desired Feedback**

Before finishing the Draft Plan, the Project Team is seeking:

- Critical feedback on major ideas & recommendations
- Questions and comments regarding clarity so that we can add any necessary information, context, or explanation to the Draft Plan

We have allocated time for questions and comments at the end of the presentation.







## **About the Master Plan**

What issues does this plan address?

- Outdated commercial area
- Existing aging housing stock
- Need for additional pedestrian and biking connections, upgrades to North Frontage Road
- Limitations of current zoning





**Plan Overview** 

## Study Area

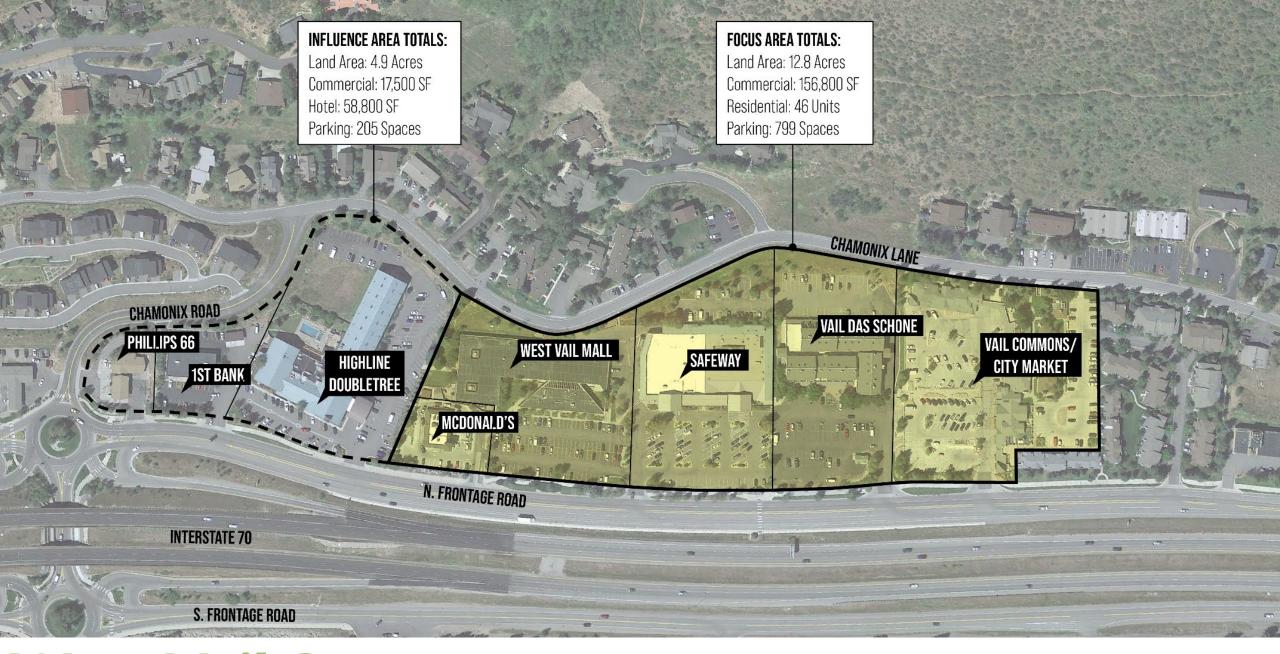
- Commercial area/ West Vail Center
- Residential areas
- Transportation
   network



### **Plan Overview**



"The future West Vail is a complete neighborhood with increased housing options for year-round residents, streets that support multiple modes of transportation, and a vibrant, walkable center where residents and visitors can shop at local businesses and gather as a community. Though just minutes from a world-class resort, West Vail retains the familiar, neighborly character of a small mountain town."



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- Economic competitiveness
- Strip style commercial doesn't meet Vail Land Use Plan vision
- Aesthetically lacks sense of place
- Primarily car-oriented
- Vail lacks developable land, yet demands more housing and commercial



## West Vail Center WHY CHANGE?



- Low Real Estate Supply
  - Businesses going down valley
- Highway Visibility/Location
  - Only convenience stop between Summit County and Eagle-Vail
- Healthy Commercial Rents
- Healthy Retail Sales
- Property Ownership
  - Limited number of parcels



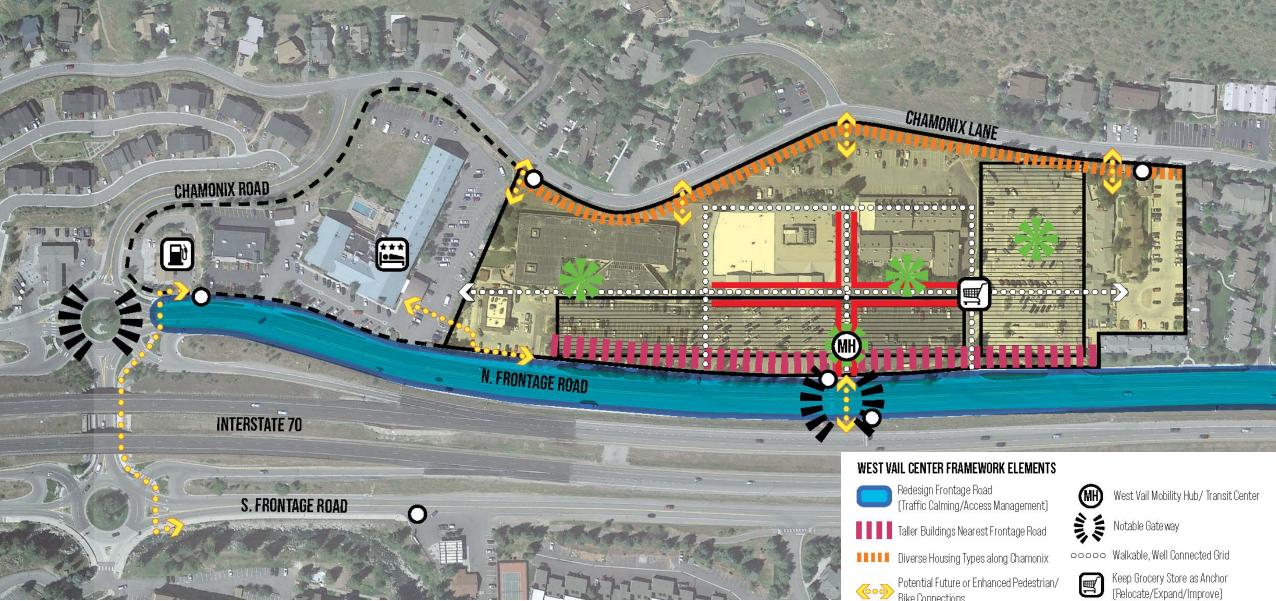
### West Vail Center MARKET OPPORTUNITIES



"The reimagined 'West Vail Center' is the center of economic and social life in West Vail. It's a place to meet a friend for a cup of coffee, conveniently pick up groceries and other essentials, and access transit connections to the rest of the town and valley. As the western gateway to the Town of Vail, the commercial center is aesthetically pleasing and inviting, with new and upgraded buildings that reflect the neighborhood's scale and mountain setting while providing much-needed resident housing. The area's new pattern of development is oriented to pedestrians, accommodating to bicyclists, and accessible by both car and transit. Vibrant, active businesses in the commercial area serve both locals and visitors, supporting and meeting the needs of West Vail's year-round community."



- 1. Town works collaboratively to improve economic vibrancy and provide housing
- 2. Expand housing opportunities in West Vail Center
- 3. Ensure comfortable and efficient access for people using all transportation modes
- 4. Retain essential businesses that serve Vail's year-round community
- 5. Attract new businesses that support social life (e.g. coffee shops)
- 6. Create an inviting, human-scaled environment within West Vail Center
- 7. Maintain an aesthetic that is distinctive and memorable, yet suits West Vail's mountain environment



West Vail Center FRAMEWORK

**Bike Connections** 



Convenient Parking Underground/Structure

Concentrated Mixed Use Center/Core

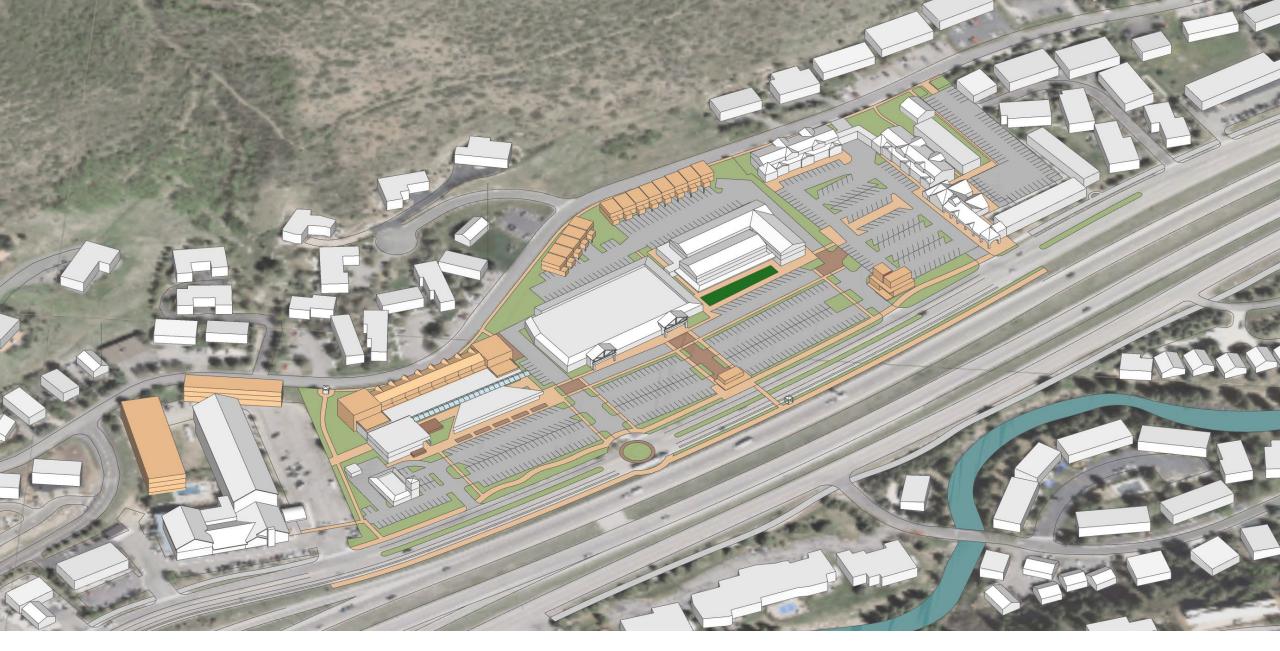
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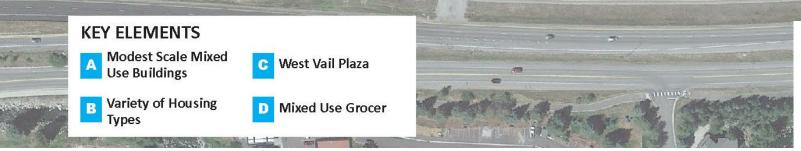
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  - Existing Bus Stops



	Residential:	70 Units (24 new units)
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### West Vail Center SCENARIO 1



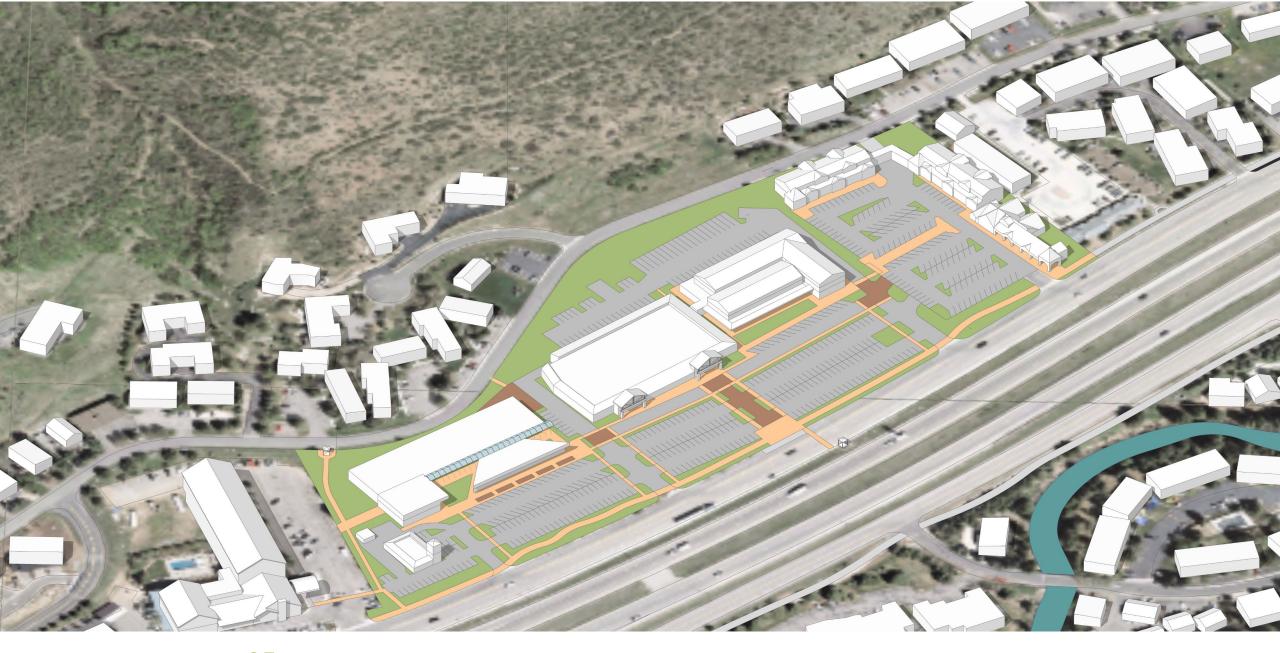
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## West Vail Center SCENARIO 2

### SCENARIO 2: PARCEL-BY-PARCEL

#### **PROGRAM SNAPSHOT:**

Commercial:	201,000 SF
Residential:	350 Units
Est. Parking Required:	1,018 - 1,541 Spaces
Parking Provided:	1,183 Spaces













## West Vail Center SCENARIO 3

Commercial:	185,000 SF
Residential:	475 Units
Est. Parking Required:	1,075 - 1,579 Spaces
Parking Provided:	1,247 Spaces



### West Vail Center SCENARIO 3





#### L – QUICK WINS

#### **PROS**:

- Quick and cost-effective = big bang for the buck
- Best if anticipate no major redevelopment in next 3-5 years
- Better utilizes existing space for community uses
- Convenient

#### CONS:

- Could delay bigger, better investment in the near-term
- Could make long-term phasing more difficult
- Still auto-oriented



#### 2 – PARCEL-BY-PARCEL

#### **PROS**:

- Property owner flexibility
- Majority of existing small businesses and residential remain for mid-term
- Town controls catalyst
- Reuses some existing structures = less waste and construction
- Blends convenience with walkable
- Straightforward phasing

#### CONS:

- Less predictability in overall master plan and timing
- Shared parking may be considered "too far" for some retailers
- Underground structure complex and expensive
- Could lack sense of cohesiveness due to individual build-out



#### 3 – MAIN STREET

#### **PROS**:

- Grocer conveniently located and simpler development product
- Quiet, quaint "main street" environment away from frontage road noise
- Series of small plazas for businesses to activate
- Blends convenience with walkable
- Offers most housing

#### CONS:

- Most disruption to existing businesses and residents - relocation and construction/demo
- Would require partnership/agreements with master developer
- Less visibility to main street retailers from frontage road
- More complex phasing

### West Vail Center PROS AND CONS



	EXISTING SCENARIO:	SCENARIO 1:	SCENARIO 2:	SCENARIO 3:
	NO CHANGE	QUICK WINS	PARCEL-BY-PARCEL	MAIN STREET
COMMERCIAL AREA	156,800 SF	+12,000 SF	+44,200 SF	+28,200 SF
RESIDENTIAL UNITS/ DENSITY	46 Units 3.6 DU/AC	+24 Units 5.5 DU/AC	+304 Units 27.3 DU/AC	+429 Units 37 DU/AC
EST. PARKING REQUIRED	708 Spaces	+136 Spaces	+310-833 Spaces	+367-871 Spaces
PARKING PROVIDED	799 Spaces	+18 Spaces	+384 Spaces	+448 Spaces
MEETS VAIL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN VISION	No; Strip Commercial/ Auto-Oriented	No; Strip Commercial/ Auto-Oriented	Yes; Compact and Walkable	Yes; Compact and Walkable
MEETS WEST VAIL COMMERCIAL CENTER VISION	No; Auto-Oriented, Minimal Housing, No Gathering Spaces	Somewhat; More Ped. Connetions, New Gathering Spaces, but Still Auto-Oriented	Yes; Mix of Uses, Walkable, Series of Gathering Spaces, Gateway	Yes; Mix of Uses, Walkable, Series of Gathering Spaces, Gateway
TOWN'S ROLE	Status Quo	Partner to Improve Parking Lots, Streetscape, Gateways, and Frontage Rd.	Redevelop Town-Owned Parcel (community uses: parking + grocer + deed- restricted resident housing + daycare)	Market Property/Find Master Developer + Redevelop Town-Owned Parcel (community uses: parking + deed-restricted resident housing + daycare + pocket park)
PHASING	N/A	Minor Interruption to Existing Businesses	Temporary Relocation Strategy; Parcel-by-Parcel with Town-Owned Catalyst 1st; Minor Interruption	More Complicated; Major Interruption and Relocation to build underground parking

### West Vail Center IMPLEMENTATION COMPARISON

## Implementation

- Lead by property owners in partnership with Town
- Market-rate housing
  - Create value to fund redevelopment and parking costs
  - Provide incentive to property owners
- Town Partnership
  - Assist with paying for a portion of structured parking
  - Consider a special district and/or TIF
- Replacement Parking Costs
  - Roughly \$35.0-\$40.0 million
  - 500-600 spaces @ \$65,000 per space in structured parking

## **Funding and Financing**

Tool	Scenario 1 Annual Revenue	Scenario 2 Financing Capacity	Scenario 3 Financing Capacity
Business Improvement District (BID)	<ul> <li>\$200,000- \$300,000/yr.</li> <li>5.000 mills, \$0.50- \$1.00/sqft</li> </ul>	• N/A	• N/A
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	• N/A	• \$10-13 million	• \$11-14 million
Special District (30 mills residential 10 mills comm.)	• N/A	• \$10 million	• \$13 million



### Zoning Recommendations: Updates to Commercial Core 3



- Develop new parking schedule
- Expand allowed housing types
- Revise landscaping requirements to align with scenario
- Develop new mix of allowed, conditional, and prohibited uses

### New Zoning District: West Vail Mixed Use





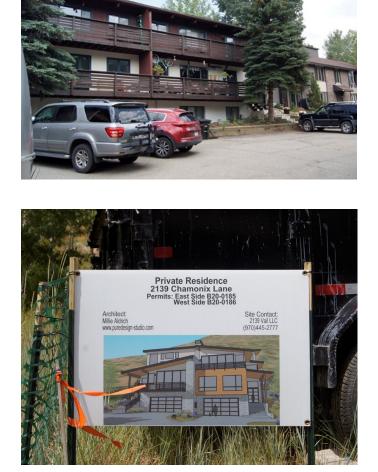
- Develop new mix of allowed, conditional, and prohibited uses
- Increase max building heights
- Develop new parking schedule
- Increase max site coverage
- Expand allowed housing types
- Reduce minimum setback requirements
- Restrict inactive uses to upper floors
- Revise landscaping requirements to align with scenarios





## Why Change?





- Non-conformities
- Existing aging housing stock
- Opportunity in West Vail Center

Housing

- Market forces
- Benefits of resident housing



## **Vision: Housing**

"West Vail will remain the heart of resident-occupied housing in Vail. Through updates to zoning regulations, resident-first housing policies, and the construction of new housing in the commercial core, residents can find quality places to live in the West Vail neighborhood. New and upgraded units will reflect the scale and varied character of West Vail's existing housing stock."

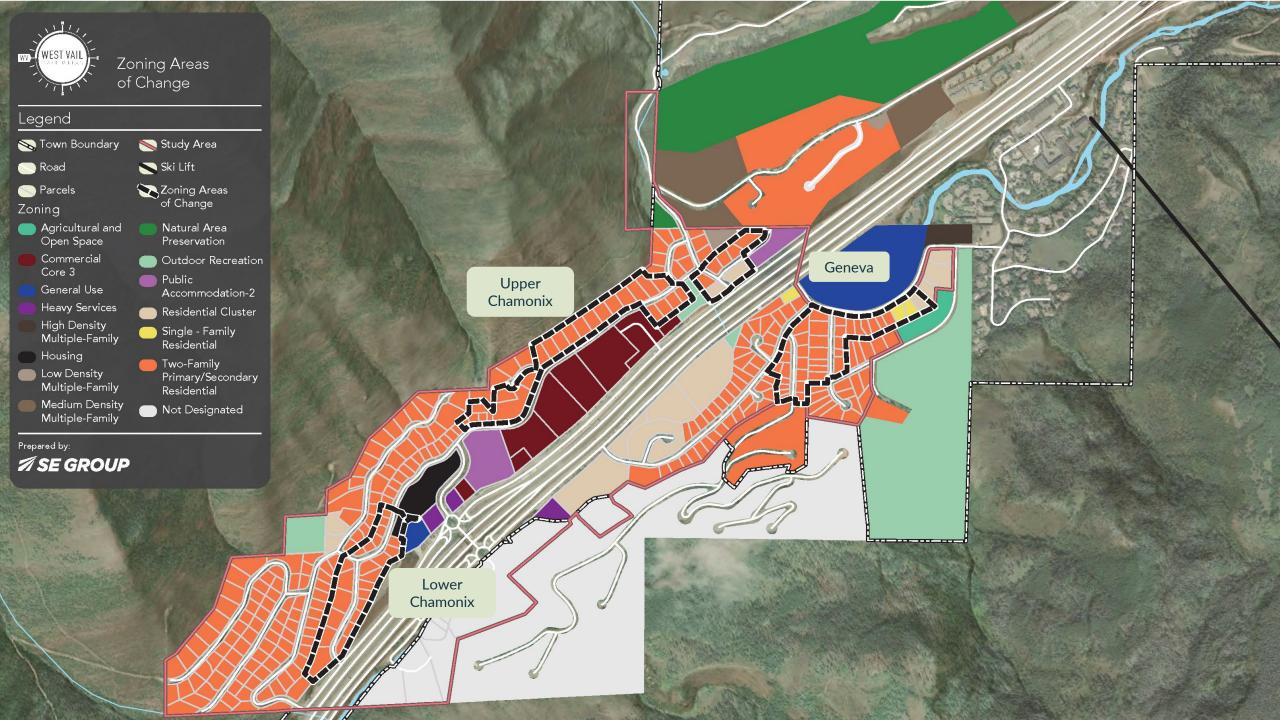




## **Summary of Goals**

- 1. Increase deed-restricted homes
- 2. Support residents' efforts to improve their properties
- 3. New construction and updates reflect mountain environment and neighborhood character
- 4. Create a continuum of housing options to accommodate residents through all phases and stages of life
- 5. Ensure 90 percent of West Vail housing units are within a five-minute walk of a transit stop
- 6. Maintain a managed level of short-term rental units







# **Zoning Recommendations**

### 1. New Zoning District – West Vail Multiple-Family

- Minimum density 9 du/buildable acre (Low Density Multiple-Family)
- Up to 18 du/buildable acre if 50% of additional units are multi-family (Medium Density Multiple-Family)

### 2. Rezone Geneva – Low Density Multiple-Family

- 22 units lost if revert to zoning, potential for 18 additional
- New zoning would result in mix of single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes

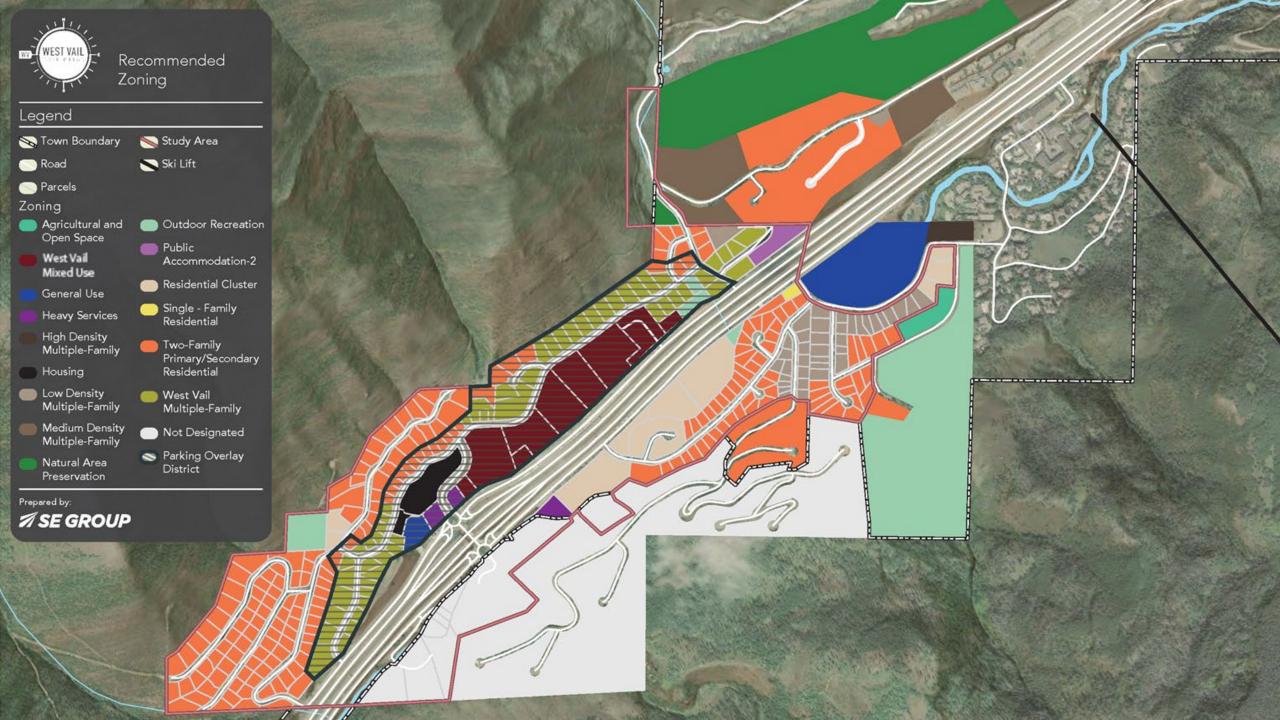
#### 3. Rezone Lower Chamonix – West Vail Multiple-Family

- 40 units lost if revert to zoning, potential for no change or 69 additional if half additional are deed restricted
- New zoning would result in mix of small multi-family (3-5 units), medium multi-family (6-10 units), and some large multi-family (10+ units) if deed restricted

### 4. Rezone Upper Chamonix – West Vail Multiple-Family

- 91 units lost if revert to zoning, potential for loss of 35 or up to 76 additional if half additional are deed restricted
- New zoning would result in mix of small multi-family (3-5 units), medium multi-family (6-10 units), and some large multi-family (10+ units) if deed restricted
- Further study of roadway volumes necessary

### Housing





- Allow the number of units that currently exist on a lot in perpetuity (outside West Vail Multiple-Family). Consider deed restrictions for additional units beyond the allowable density.
- Support higher density residential development without exceeding height limits through greater flexibility around site coverage and GRFA requirements
- Reduce parking space requirements in areas close to bus stops and/or West Vail Center

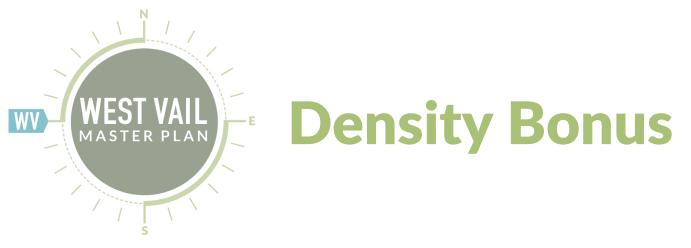




### Policies & Programs Recommendations

- Incentives or credit programs for property improvements
- Additional short-term rental regulations (i.e., neighborhood/block caps, good-neighbor regulations, licensing fee increases)
- Additional flexibility and fee waivers for accessory dwelling units
- Fee waivers for development of deed restricted units in West Vail
- Reducing the development review requirements for West Vail





- Develop a density bonus structure to ensure deed restricted housing is created when additional density is created through zoning
- In West Vail Center, base zoning could be limited to 1-2 stories similar to today
- Increases in density possible through 25 to 50 percent deed restricted requirement (50 to 75 percent market rate)
- Without an affordability/deed restricted mechanisms, market will gravitate to second home condos





"This Plan aims to enhance connectivity for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving in and around West Vail. The reimagined transportation network will integrate a variety of transportation modes, making multimodal trips through West Vail comfortable and convenient. A multimodal transit hub located in the commercial core will offer easy connections to the rest of the valley, improving the experience of travel within the neighborhood."



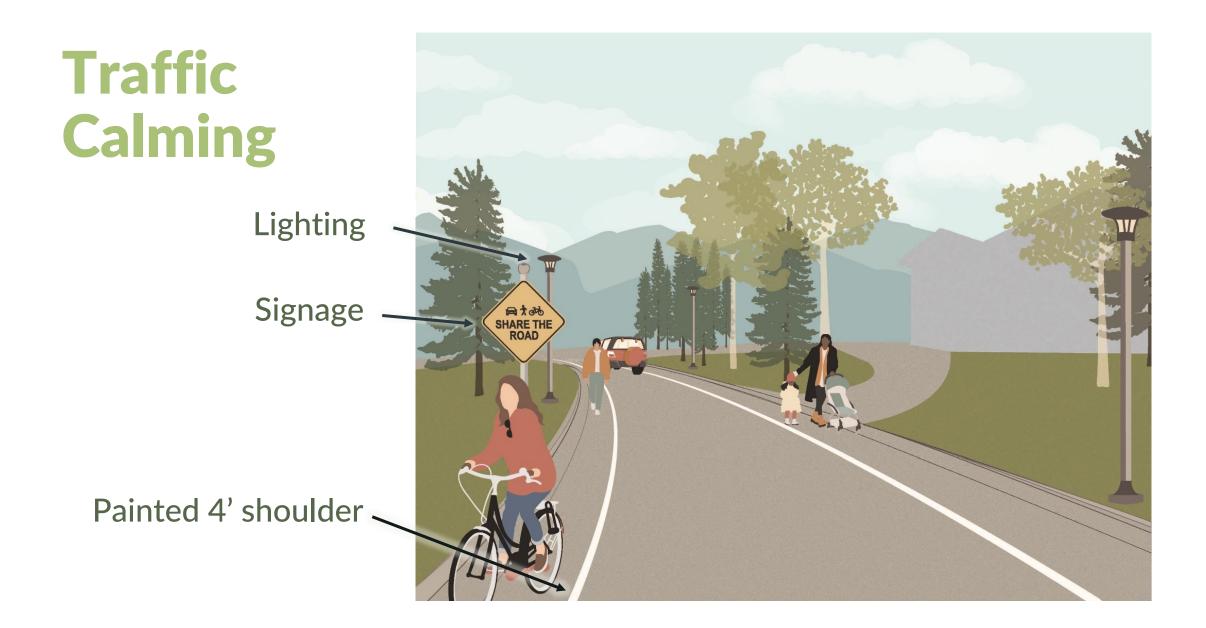
- 1. Biking and walking trips are comfortable and convenient.
- 2. Driving and parking is efficient and supportive of new technologies.
- 3. The North Frontage Road is pedestrian friendly and support economic vitality of the West Vail Center.
- 4. Transit is user friendly and connects with key destinations.
- 5. Users are informed on transportation options through programs and policies.



### **Major Concepts**

- Traffic calming
- North Frontage Road road diet
- Access management
- West Vail Center circulation
- Bicycle/pedestrian crossing enhancements
- Transit investment
- Transportation programs
- Technology



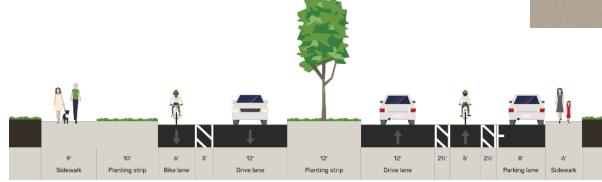




### West Vail Center Access and Circulation

- North Frontage Road road diet
- Access management
- Path crossings at driveways







# **Crossing Enhancements**





- At roundabouts
- Between bus stops at North Frontage Road
- At Buffher Creek/North Frontage Road
- At driveway access points
- Investigate I-70 gradeseparated crossing



# **Increase Transit Ridership**

- Mobility Hub
- Service planning
- First and last mile
- Transportation
   Demand
   Management
- Improve connections to ECO Transit







### **Transportation Programs & Policies**





- Maintenance
- Transportation Demand Management
- Electric Vehicles
- Technology
- Education
- Shared parking policy
- Pedestrian-scale lighting
- Bike share
- Data collection
- Wayfinding signage

## **Questions & Comments**