



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: April 29, 2022  
Re: Info Update

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#### MALL TRANSIT CENTER UPDATE

RA Nelson, SEH, and Town Staff met this week with representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to discuss the Mall Transit Center project. Between CDOT and FHA, they have committed over \$17 million toward this project and remain very supportive. They understood our dilemma with increasing construction costs and appreciated the efforts we have been taking to bring the project together. RFTA also continues to be on board with the project and is considering changing some of their design criteria so that the deck can continue to be reduced in size. This cooperation from RFTA not only helps with cost savings, but allows for an effective project on a smaller footprint. Changing just two RFTA bus bays to allow for the changed bus criteria could reduce the square footage of the deck by upwards of 10,000 square feet. In addition to finding cost savings in the project, we are also continuing to investigate opportunities for increased grant funds. CDOT presented a realistic new opportunity for grant funds to us just this week. As we continue toward 100% design drawings, we remain committed to ensuring we meet the desired goals of this project. Having the design team and contractor work hand in hand has proven very effective for this project. We have been able to be realistic in our project development which has helped considerably in our grant applications. Once we have a final design that is within the constraints of the available funds, we will begin the land use review process.

#### TID BITS

- Unfortunately, there continues to be a need for a food distribution in the community. Fortunately, we are in a position to help. This week was the last week that the distribution could take place at the Aspen Golf Course. Food Bank of the Rockies confirmed that they would be able to utilize the Town Park lot for the distribution assuming other logistics work out. We are working through these issues now.
- We are in the process of hiring a new police officer. Fortunately, we have a number of solid candidates.
- In anticipation of the Town Park project beginning this fall, we may need to store a significant amount of dirt in the field north of the rodeo arena. If it proves to be a significant cost savings to the Town Park project, we plan to take the dirt from the Building 12 project (that starts soon) and store it; thus saving hauling costs.
- The Brush Creek overlay project starts next week. We are still expecting the project to be done by end of May.
- Gould is on site finishing up the retaining wall work for the Daly Townhomes project.

- No hard date has been set yet, but we expect phase 1 of the fiber installation project to start again in the near future.
- With the loss of CME this winter, it is great to learn that a new operator is expected to start transportation service to Denver from the Valley this summer. We will be supporting this endeavor by marketing the service.
- We are not an official stop for this year's Ride the Rockies bike tour (Basalt is). Nevertheless, we expect to have over 600 riders staying in the Village when they roll through the Valley in June.
- The Mountain View rehabilitation project remains underway.
- The community COVID testing is no longer in the Town Hall parking lot.

CC: Department Directors