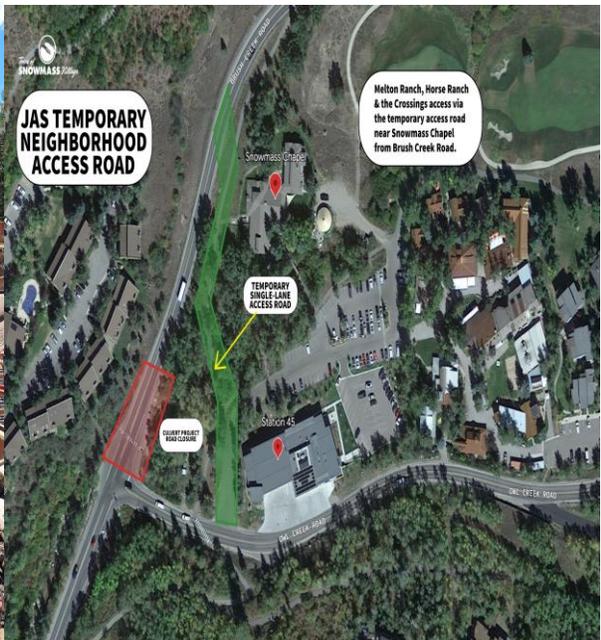




To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: August 4, 2023
Re: Info Update

DIG WE MUST FOR A BETTER VILLAGE

We are continuing to make solid progress on the Brush Creek culvert project next to the Chapel. Most of the utility work is complete and we are awaiting the arrival of the culvert itself. This very large concrete structure is expected to show up (in 13 different parts) the week of August 20. This is about a week later than expected. There will still be about 8 weeks of work to complete once this structure is in place, so we are going to continue to bump up against paving deadlines. We remain confident that Brush Creek Road will be open in time for ski season. In the meantime, the JAS Detour section has been constructed. This will be a one-way road in and out of the neighborhoods that is expected to only be used during JAS. We will have a combination of flaggers and temporary traffic lights on this section of trail to control the flow of traffic during the concert weekend. A image of the neighborhood detour is below. The second image below shows the actual construction site is about 10 days ago. It is taken from the Chapel side of Brush Creek Road looking toward Season Four. You can see the beginnings of the pedestrian trail on the left side and the footers for the culvert being constructed. When it rains, that temporary pipe can fill up to about half-way full.



SPEAKING OF HOLES IN THE GROUND

Not to be outdone, the Brush Creek Road culvert at Lower Kearns remains under design as well. This culvert is longer, deeper and will require considerably more traffic control than its little counterpart down the hill. And, unfortunately, because of its depth, it just wasn't feasible to make this culvert a pedestrian underpass. We expect the contractor for this culvert project to mobilize the week ish of August 21. This project will last into Spring 2024. We completely understand the importance of traffic flow through this section of road; thus, we are committed to keeping two lanes of traffic open during this project.

GET ON THE BUS GUS

We gave 17,338 rides on Transit this month. Overall July ridership was up 21% from 2022 and down only 6% from pre-pandemic (both ahead of the trend for this year). The real gains were again in route #8 which was up 83% from last year with nearly an additional 3k riders. We are quite happy with these results since we doubled the service and that resulted in nearly doubling ridership. Many of these riders would have likely ridden RFTA in the past and may return to RFTA, but those are transit riders that could have been lost to driving cars had we not done this experiment. Turns out adding transit service leads to adding transit ridership!! Who knew!?

SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMITS

We are continuing our efforts to get the STR permit process underway. At this point, we plan to bring an ordinance to the Town Council in September to clarify how permit violations are prosecuted. The original intention was to have an administrative type review process with the town manager reviewing violations and levying fines. Because of my involvement in creating, defending, and implementing the permit system and helping to increase compliance with getting the STR permits in place, it is going to be pretty tough for me to be an objective, independent, judge, jury, and prosecutor. As such, we are going to recommend a change to the regulations so that the prosecution and fines go through a more traditional process utilizing the municipal court. We believe this will allow for the necessary due process to occur. Details are still being developed and the actual permit system is still being implemented, it is just the violation process that needs to be adjusted.

TID BITS

- Transportation passed the CDOT compliance audit last week. Congrats to the Transportation Team.
- One less meeting!! It looks as though the August 31EOTC meeting is going to need be cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
- August 9 through August 19 the Brush Creek intercept lot will be paved.
- Fiber optic cable is actually starting to reach buildings!
- The Planning Commission recommended approval for the Ski Co cell tower plan which includes 11 new cell towers in 7 locations on the mountain. The Council will review this quasi-judicial application next.
- On a similar note, we still haven't received the Mountain Master Plan for formal review.
- The Snowmass Club has had their pre-application meeting. We will be recommending a pre-sketch plan process for their proposal.

- Memberships are up in July at the Recreation Center. The membership fee increase is going into effect September 15—a \$5 a month increase for individuals and \$10/month for families. This will be the first increase in more than 5 years.
- The Town Council and BOCC dinner is scheduled for August 17. We are expecting to discuss the potential library expansion and the County airport project.
- Land Shelter Architects are under contract and starting on the Little Red School house Project

CC: Department Directors