



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: January 24, 2025  
Re: Info Update

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#### MALL TRANSIT CENTER

Following Tuesday's Council discussion regarding the Mall Transit Center, staff has continued to work on the project. Alex Jauch, from SEH, is working to refine the images to incorporate the feedback, as much as possible, in time for the February 3 Council meeting. We are also working to develop an outreach plan, designed to get community feedback, that can be reviewed at the Council on February 3. The Finance Advisory Board is meeting this upcoming Tuesday morning, to review the project concept and the potential financing mechanisms. Also, following Tuesday's Council discussion, Town Staff met with the FTA and State to update them on our design progress. They let us know that a number of their grant programs are now on hold (due to the new administration) and scope change approval timeframes are expected to be longer than previously stated (meaning we might already be too late). This is especially true for grants that have not yet been contracted for, like ours. We were able to show the FTA the new images and design concepts for the two level project. They were impressed and very supportive of the project..... until we said we are considering removing the parking garage from the project. Because the original \$13.5 million grant was written with a parking component included as part of the project, the FTA raised a red flag. They thought there was a "very low probability" of this scope change being approved. Of course, this is "Fed Speak", so there are no absolutes and every option remains open, but it was very clear that their ability to grant a scope change without the parking garage would be hampered. Even the option of replacing the lot 6 parking in a different location would be difficult for them to approve since it would change the affected area of the project. At one point in the conversation, they went as far to say that they "did not feel it could be approved" without the parking structure. After all the work that has been completed, it is very unfortunate that the FTA was far from confident about the continuation of this grant opportunity.

#### GREAT SNOW, GOOD MONEY

It seems like sooo long ago, but it snowed a lot in November. Not surprisingly, November sales tax receipts showed a 25% increase over the previous November, bringing the overall number up 9% year to date. We are about 7% ahead of budget. Lodging tax did not fair as well. November was flat to last year but remains about 3% up year to date. Our share of County sales tax numbers is coming in right on budget.

## TID BITS

- One of the largest and most impactful capital improvement projects we will undertake this summer is the Upper Woodbridge Road culvert project. If you don't recall the scope or area of the project take a peek here: <https://www.tosv.com/570/Upper-Woodbridge-Road-Culvert-Project> With the dollars budgeted and the design completed, we are now looking to hire a contractor. Depending on a number of factors, the project could begin as soon as next month in an effort to get ahead of the spring runoff, or it might not start until later this summer when the runoff is over. Either way, reducing traffic impacts on both Brush Creek Road and Upper Woodbridge Road will be a primary goal of this project as this critical infrastructure is replaced.
- With the land use and building design now complete for Little Red, we are hot and heavy into looking for grant funds for this project. And although we don't expect to break ground until 2026, we are also in the process of hiring a contractor.
- On January 31 at noon, we are planning to host the lottery for a 2 bedroom Creekside Unit.
- This information is one step above the gossip, so take it with a lot of grains of salt, but we understand the current owners of the Viewline are still looking to sell the property. This is impacting our ability to get an easement agreement signed for the mastodon sculptures to be placed there. We are still trying, but we believe it will likely take a while.
- We continue to work on the Destination Management Plan. To date we have had over 200 surveys returned and completed over 20 interviews. We will be updating the Council on the results so far at the February 3 Council meeting. So far we are really happy with the community-wide participation we have had so far.
- Like other communities in the Valley, we plan to install an automated License Plate Reader (LPR) system at the entrances to the Village this year. The LPR has proven to be a pretty good tool to help local and state law enforcement solve crimes. Our system will sync with the other local and state systems providing a good network for law enforcement to use Valley-wide.
- Share a Drink with Council is 9:30 Monday morning at Jus. ATCKWBT.

CC: Department Directors