



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: March 7, 2025
Re: Info Update

DUH!

Sometimes we are required to measure the obvious. Per new state legislation that went into effect last year, we are required to undertake a Housing Needs Assessment that meets a specific state framework. We have until the end of 2025 to get this done. TOSV is partnering with Aspen and Pitkin County to do a regional assessment that will also include a specific Snowmass Village section. We will be contracting with the consulting firm of EPS, who has done a lot of work in the Valley and State-wide. EPS's work is very data driven and, as such, the State really trusts their work. We expect this will benefit our future grant applications for State housing grants. Although/because we are taking advantage of jumping on board with Pitkin County and Aspen, we didn't plan for this expense. Therefore we plan to bring an additional appropriation to the Council in April for your consideration.

CHARGE!!!!!!

The EV charging stations at Town Hall are installed, working, and ready to save the world. This planning for this project started in May of 2022. We have two types of chargers available, 1 level 2 charger and 1 Fast Charger. Holy Cross Energy installed a new transformer to support the increased electrical load required for this project and contributed \$24k. We also received \$44 k in state grants and the Town is in the project for about \$145K. The stations will be free for a couple of days and then we will begin charging at a rate of \$0.14 per kWh, with an additional \$5/hr fee after 6 hours for the Level 2 charger and \$5/hr after 60 minutes for the Fast Charger. Obviously, these installations mark a solid step forward in our commitment to promoting sustainable transportation and providing convenient charging options for EV users in our community.

TID BITS

- We are still working to get Benedict Park (next to the Snowmass Inn) design underway to go with the exterior upgrades of the Snowmass Inn. A critical part of the park portion will be the design of a new set up stairs from Benedict Park Trail to Daly Lane. At the same time, we continue to evaluate how best to deliver the Snowmass Inn refresh project.
- We continued to receive feedback from the community on the Destination Management Plan. There were about 15 ish people who attended this week's on-line feedback session. There will be a second on-line session next week. The Tourism Board is meeting to provide feedback on March 20 and, of course, online forms are available for broad community feedback.

- Our monthly newsletter went out this week. It hit about 2,000 inboxes and had 100 paper copies printed. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, check out the public safety / emergency notification section.
- March 28 is Town Ski Day. All the cool kids will be there to ski, or ride the coaster and to have some delicious lunch. Be sure to RSVP.
- Venga Venga and the rest of the Mall will be submitting new Comprehensive Sign Plans for the Council to review.
- We are continuing to refine Option 6 for the Draw Site Design. The Council will next review the updates on March 17.
- RA Nelson will be the contractor for the Little Red project. Once we finalize their contract we will begin preconstruction services, including safety planning.
- We will be applying for Congressionally Directed Spending (a type of federal funding) for Little Red. These are always long shot requests, but we are trying.
- We are meeting with S&P credit raters next week to reevaluate our rating. Currently we are AA and (at the risk of jinxing anything) we expect to maintain that rating.
- It's the second best season of the year, the audit is underway!
- As part of the audit, we realized that the Krabloonik property was not on our asset list. It's always been insured, but (likely because we received it as a trade, not a purchase) not recognized on our asset list. This has been rectified and we are undertaking a review to make sure we don't own other properties that aren't recognized were for similar reasons.
- We did finalize and submit a grant for the proof of concept expanded summer transit service. We hope to hear back next month. If approved this will be a great way to test the concept of smaller vans and more on demand type service. If the grant is awarded, it would be a great pilot program that would run June through September.
- Shocking News!!! We did not have a lot of snow in February. That equates to transit ridership being down too.
- Come by my office and pick up a paper version of the 2025 Budget. You are guaranteed to laugh, to cry and to feel every range of human emotion as you read it. It's worth the read.

CC: Department Directors