



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: February 22, 2019  
Re: Info Update

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#### TAKING OFF

The Aspen Airport Visioning project took off last night and likely won't land until sometime in December. Although the County has already received its "environmental clearances" (finding of no significant impact) following the environmental impact assessment, the County has decided to go above and beyond the FAA requirements and take more public input into the design. They want to make sure that whatever is built fits within the values and vision of the community. They have at least four committees that are going to meet at least 6 more times each to further develop this discussion and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Snowmass Village is well represented on these committees. As this process flies forward, I will be sure to keep you updated.

#### SPEAKING OF AIRPLANES

Bill Tomcich continues to head up the Fly Aspen Snowmass Partnership TOSV has with Aspen Ski CO, the County, and ACRA. This partnership focuses on monitoring and maintaining commercial service into ASE. Below is just a brief update from the Partnership:

##### **ASE December Results:**

- Total Scheduled Seats: Up +15.8% over last year (mostly Dec 1-18)
- Completion %: 92.8% this year versus 94.9% last year (there was 144% more snow in December this year than)
- Actual Flown Seats: Up +13.7% over last year
- Total passengers flown (inbound + outbound): Up +16% over last year (up ~9K RT passengers)
- Overall Load Factor: 70.1% this year versus 68.7% last year
- Dec Passengers By Carrier: UA up +18% or +6.9K, DL up +91% or +4.4K, AA down -17% or -2.3K
- More pre-Christmas flights = more pre-Christmas travelers flying in and out of ASE.

##### **ASE January Results:**

- Total Scheduled Seats: Down -5% from last year
- Completion %: 91.8% this year versus 96.6% last year (there was 75% more snow in January this year than last)
- Actual Flown Seats: Down -10% from last year
- Total passengers flown (inbound + outbound): Up +7.6% over last year (up ~5.5K RT passengers)
- Overall Load Factor: 70.8% this year versus 59.2% last year

- Jan Passengers By Carrier: UA up +8% or +3.9K, DL up +10% or +1.1K, AA up +4% or +0.7K
- Key Takeaway: More passengers were carried in and out of ASE with fewer airplanes.

#### TID BITS

- Want to know where the cool kids have been; well, Congrats to Everett Olson, Laney Martens, Emily Worline and Emily Kinney on their recent state championship competitions in skiing, hockey, basketball and swimming. And my apologies to any cool kid I am leaving out.
- Responses to our RFP for financing on 250 Carriage Way are due back March 4. As we work through our different financing options we are continuing to complete the physical and environmental inspections.
- We will be undertaking our bi-annual community survey this year. We are working to get a survey firm on board to help with the process. Traditionally we keep about 90% of the survey the same so we can compare year over year differences and design about 10% of the survey to get a feel from the community on a “big” issue. If you have any ideas on what the big topic ought to be this year, let me know. Roughly speaking, the survey will go out in June and we should have the results by August (ish).
- The Roaring Fork Regional Housing Study has been completed. Snowmass Village did not participate financially in this most recent analysis because we had just completed an updated needs assessment about a year ago. The two independent studies do correlate quite well and reach very similar conclusions as to the need for further affordable units.
- The annual financial audit is underway. Our Finance Team is taking all the necessary preparatory steps.
- In addition to the audit, the Transportation Department is getting ready for our three year annual review from the Feds.
- Speaking of fun, the ice rink is still going strong, the best and brightest won the Valentines Day competition and my team got spanked at the lunch league kick-ball game.

#### THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:

This has been a tough week. Owen Green deserves much more than I can write here. Please allow it to suffice, to simply state that he was an extraordinarily positive influence on this organization and this community. He was a tremendous individual. He is greatly admired and greatly missed.

CC: Department Directors