



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: July 1, 2022
Re: Info Update

TROUBLED BRIDGE OVER RUSHING WATERS

The culvert that carries Brush Creek (the actual creek) under Brush Creek Road (just below the Owl Creek intersection) started to fail early last week. You likely noticed the significant dip in the road and the additional signage. As the culvert continued to fail we needed to take action to ensure the situation did not become dangerous or catastrophic. As the culvert became structurally weaker, the impact on the road safety increased; hence, last Friday we made the decision to institute the emergency repair with the installation of the steel plates over the culvert. The plates relieve the vertical pressure on the culvert and provide the needed stability. So, we are safe. Unfortunately, the steel plates are noisy and several neighbors have made us well aware this issue. We are working on a variety of “fixes/improvements” to reduce the noise issue.

At this point, we have engaged SGM to go through an engineering process to determine the best solution to the problem of the failing culvert. This work is in conjunction with the intersection design work that was already underway. We need to take the time to ensure the investment we make in any upcoming repair project also fits long-term solutions. Currently we are looking at a “fix” that will get us through the winter (the steel plate solution likely won’t work with snow flying), and simultaneously we are looking to understand what the best long-term solution should be. Clearly this needed repair work on the culvert will have an impact on future intersection improvements. We are doing our best to think about the future and ensure the safety today.

MALL TRANSIT STATION

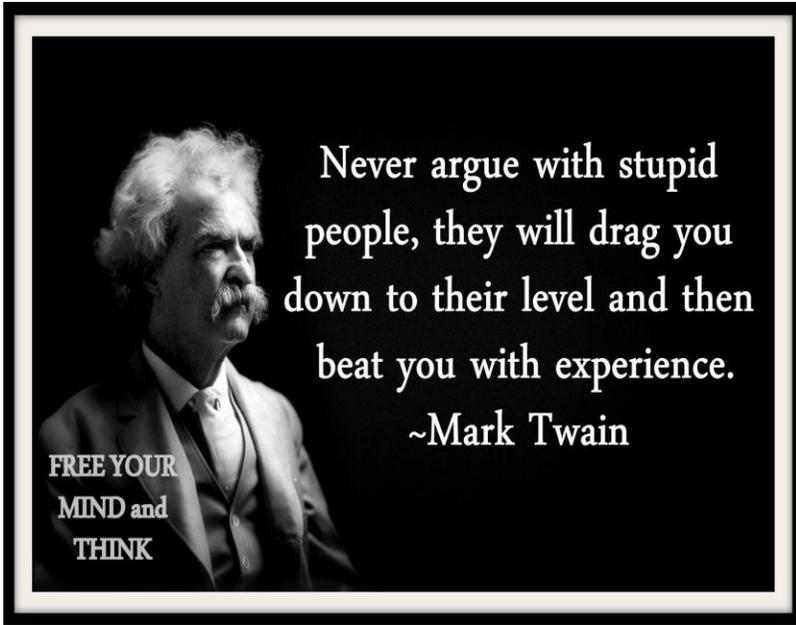
We are continuing forward with the design of the proposed Mall Transit Center. We are currently in a pricing effort so we can understand the delta in costs between the “original” design and a proposed design with a smaller deck surface and smaller building. We expect this cost estimating exercise to take over a month. As we continue to fight inflation and design issues, we are also continuing to look for more grant funds for this project. The State and the Feds have proven to be very supportive of our ongoing efforts. To that end, we are applying for an additional Multimodal Operations Fund grant. We have already been awarded one of these grants and are still eligible for an additional award. We are hopeful that this grant could be the final lift we need to move the project ahead and counter the rising cost of construction inflation. The application was submitted today, July 1st, and prioritization for funding will be discussed at the July 15th Intermountain Transit Planning Region meeting. Cross your fingers.

TID BITS

- Ski Co has submitted their proposed master plan to the Forest Service for their review. Once the Forest Service is done, we get it next. It's a few months out.
- The State has about \$400 million to commit to affordable housing projects. We were made privy to their initial proposed guidelines last week and unfortunately, as drafted, we may not be able to effectively use these funds in our area. We are still giving our feedback the State, but it looks like the guidelines won't help any community in the mountain region. We will keep working on it.
- Windows and doors and siding; oh my. While we are having some supply chain issues with material, we continue to make good progress on the Mountain View project. The siding with the new color should be going up in a few weeks.
- We closed on June Gordon's house this week. The place is vacant and the locks are changed. Once we have finished cleaning it up, we will sell it in our traditional lottery process.
- More good news..... We believe we will be able to purchase Joan Wingate's Creekside unit in the near future. Once we purchase it and clean it up, we will put it out in the traditional lottery process as well.
- We received the employee survey results earlier this week. We will be getting the results out soon. But suffice it say, we are doing really well. And by that I mean, we have a great staff!!!
- We are underway with planning for an electric vehicle charging station in the upper lots.
- The replacement of section of Owl Creek bike path will begin on July 18 (ish)
- The Town Park project continued its review in front of the Planning Commission this week. The Planning Commission will have a site tour on July 12 and consider a resolution at their meeting on July 13.
- Snowmass is advertising in Aspen this week.....see if you can find our ads.
- It looks as though our occupancy rates are softening a bit. Summer bookings appear to be down 10% ish from last year. Of course, some of that might be because our rates have skyrocketed over the last several seasons and international travel has opened up.
- Lots of great events in the Village this weekend including an arts festival, a movie under the stars, and Hazel Miller performing a Sunday night concert!—Please note, no fireworks this year.
- We are developing this year's community survey. If you have any big topics you want to ask about, or otherwise include, let me know.
- The RFP for design for workforce housing in the Draw Site is on the street

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

As we celebrate our independence and the virtues of liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press, I offer words of wisdom from one of my all-time favorite patriots:



CC: Department Directors