



DATE: January 12, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

This week seemed to fly by likely because it was packed with meetings and getting our packets ready for the meeting on Tuesday evening. I have a couple of quick updates to share and will get this to the presses as it's already late in the day.

- Auden and Jennifer joined two County Commissioners, George and Patti to review the options for out of stream features at the white water park. The plans have now been vetted by a number of stakeholders, public safety and our elected subcommittee. I think we received a lot of great input and the consultant is working on changes to the plan that will integrate the feedback they received. The next step will be to review those changes and to bring them back to our respective elected bodies for review and a final blessing.
- I had shared a few dates with you all for training in May that will be held as a special meeting, either on Monday, May 14th or Wednesday, May 16th. I will have to pin down a date on Tuesday evening at our Council meeting so we can get the program finalized and the consultant scheduled. I think this will be a great training and be tailored for our group.
- With Mark Kittle rolling off of the Council we will need to have a new person represent us on the RWAPA Board. If any of you are interested please let me know so we can take care of this housekeeping issue. This is a very important position in my mind given the impact that Reudi has on our town.
- As a quick reminder, I will not be in attendance at the March 27th Council meeting.

Planning

- RFTA – Public meeting scheduled for Basalt area – Thursday, April 26th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Basalt Regional Library – Mayor and Council are requested to attend.

Notice from RFTA Consulting Team:

Over the last two years, RFTA and its regional partners have devoted great effort to creating a vision for long-term regional connectivity and quality of life. These efforts are timely and prescient; it is increasingly clear that this multi-county region possesses a unique and powerful capability to craft, fund and implement its desired future.

RFTA and its consultant team are currently planning on five open houses throughout the region, including a public meeting in Basalt to illustrate the results of our collective planning efforts and to continue to understand community goals and sentiments. The meeting with the Town of Basalt is scheduled for Thursday April, 26th from 5:00-6:30.

At the public meeting, we envision a brief introductory presentation reviewing the project history and outcomes to date, followed by an open house for the public to weigh-in on the emerging Integrated Transportation System Plan.

The RFTA Board would like elected officials to attend the meeting for their respected communities.

- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – The Council is scheduled to discuss the Mid-Valley Area Community Plan on March 13th and more information is included in the Council’s meeting packet. Staff will continue to post the County’s workshops so that the P&Z and Council members may attend.
- E-bikes – RFTA has hired PR Studios to conduct a public outreach campaign that will assess the public’s desire to allow e-bikes on the Rio Grande Trail and other hard-surface trails that connect to it. Currently e-bikes are allowed on the Rio Grande on all portions except those managed by Pitkin County. The survey instrument and a timeline of the process have been completed, with the results of the public outreach process scheduled to be released on May 11th. A “meet-up” and demonstration of e-bikes will take place at Basalt High School on April 12th.
- Roaring Fork Club Water Line Construction- The Roaring Fork Club’s contractors will begin work on the installation of the water main extension adjacent to Two Rivers Road from Elk Run Drive to the Roaring Fork Club on March 14th. The water main extension is required for the Roaring Fork Club Cabins 52-64 Development to hook on to the Town’s municipal water system. Initial work will require closure of a lane on Elk Run Drive at the corner of Elk Run Drive/Two Rivers Road. The majority of the work adjacent to Two Rivers Road that will have traffic impacts on Two Rivers Road is slated for the week of March 24-31st, which is spring break week for Basalt schools. Public outreach on the construction work is being conducted, including publication of notice of such work in the newspaper and on the radio, and a notice has been sent to HOAs in the Elk Run area and Elementary/Middle Schools. Please direct questions to Harriman Construction at 927-1161.
- Other Road Construction Projects:
 - Two Rivers Road - The Roaring Fork Conservancy Project Team is meeting with Town Staff next week on a follow-up pre-construction meeting.
 - East Valley Road Traffic Calming – Staff is working out the schedule and will advertise the Request for bids shortly.
- Sustainable Building Regulations Amendments - A working group under the Green Team has crafted significant changes to the current Sustainable Building Regulations that were originally adopted in 2015. Staff is holding two informational “lunch and learn” sessions and has invited contractors, architects, and other building professionals to attend. The sessions will be held on Thursday, March 15th from 11:30am – 12:30pm and Monday, March 19th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. A presentation will be given at the beginning of each meeting, with Q&A and feedback to follow.
- Elected Officials Transportation Committee (EOTC) meeting – Watkins attended the March 8th EOTC meeting where the EOTC discussed a traffic study at Highway 82 and the RFTA polling exercise. The EOTC passed a \$40,000 funding request to evaluate the area around Buttermilk, recognizing that it would be very limited in scope, with the assumption that there would be future funding requests coming for later phases. The results of a poll conducted by consultants of RFTA were also discussed. The poll gauges Roaring Fork Valley residents’ attitudes toward RFTA generally, satisfaction with how local tax dollars are spent, and residents’ appetite for a mill levy increase for RFTA. The poll found that Basalt and Carbondale both care most about expanding park and rides and local bus stops. Traffic was a strong concern everywhere that was surveyed.

Police

- The Pitkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Office of Emergency Management and has been forward to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. FEMA has 45 days to review our plan and request revisions. We hope to bring the approved Hazard Mitigation Plan before Town Council in May.
- This week, School Resource Officer Thomas Wright and Chief Greg Knott conducted three parent educational meetings to discuss vaping by students. The meetings focused on vaping awareness, recognition and potential health concerns. Presentations were given to the Parent Accountability Group, the Latino Parents Group and a combined middle and high school parent group.
- This week we also conducted lock down drills at the high school and elementary school. We continue to work with all schools to increase safety awareness and building security.