



Memo

To: Town Council
From: Jessie Burley, Sustainability + Parking Manager
Date: 7/3/2022
Subject: SustainableBreck Plan Update

As requested by Council, Staff is providing an update via memo on the SustainableBreck Plan update process. The team is working on the production of an initial plan update draft, the conclusion of the public survey on key update issues and the second and final community open house on July 25. The project team will then appear before Council on July 26 to report in person on all of these developments.

Plan Update Draft. The consulting team and Town staff are developing an initial plan update draft to release for public review during the week of July 18-22. The draft will include goals, targets, strategies and key performance indicators for all of the major topic areas of the update: Energy, Mobility, Water, Materials Management and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction. It will also include more general summaries of Town efforts in related areas covered by existing plans and programs: Housing, Child Care and Open Space. The draft will include a new section on the local food system.

Survey. The Town has been surveying residents and workers on a number of issues related to the plan update process. Early returns are promising; well over 200 people had provided survey responses by the end of June. The survey will close on July 18. Results should be available shortly after that.

Interviews. Town staff and the consultants have continued meeting with several topic-specific groups to get input related to the new Plan. Recent meetings have included interviews with individual Council members, the Town's Housing Committee and the Open Space Advisory. Outside groups interviewed include Vail Resorts, Airbnb national staff and City Market. The team also investigated the new ban on plastic beverage containers that the Steamboat Springs ski resort has put in place. Upcoming meetings include with the Social Equity Advisory Commission on July 18th and the Child Care Committee August 3rd.

Second Public Meeting. The second and final open house in the Plan update process will be held on Monday evening, July 25, at Colorado Mountain College. This will be an opportunity for the community to hear about the survey results and comment on the draft plan update. Registration for the open house began on July 5. Publicity has been provided in both English and Spanish, and there are both English and Spanish registration sites. As at the first open house in April, this one will include a free vegetarian box dinner for participants, activities for children and an available Spanish language interpreter.

Next Steps. The consulting team and Town staff will provide a report to Council in person on Tuesday, July 26. We will discuss the survey results and summarize the input received during the July 25 open house. We will then outline the next steps to move to a final draft by the end of August.

Information on the process and how to engage can be found at www.sustainablebreck.com/planupdate.