



Memo

To: Town Council
From: Jessie Burley, Sustainability + Parking Manager
Date: 7/18/2022
Subject: SustainableBreck Plan Update – July 26

The Town’s sustainability staff and consultants will appear before Council on Tuesday, July 26 to provide a briefing on the SustainableBreck Plan update process. The three major areas of project update will be the release of the initial draft and the process for taking public comments, the results of the public survey on key issues, and recap the second and final community open house on July 25.

Plan Update Draft. The consulting team and Town staff have developed an initial plan update draft. It was released for public review on July 20. The draft includes goals, targets, strategies and key performance indicators for the major topic areas of the update: Energy, Mobility, Water, Materials Management and Climate Action. It also includes more general summaries of Town efforts in related areas covered by existing plans and programs: Housing, Child Care, Our Lands + Wildlife. The draft will include a new section on the local food system. The Town staff and consultants took public comments on the draft at the open house on July 25 and will continue via email for two more weeks. The draft will then be updated so that a near-final version can be presented to Council at its August 23 meeting. We will present to Council for final adoption in September in advance of the Mountain Towns 2030 conference at the end of that month.

Survey. On July 18, the Town closed a survey it had been conducting for several weeks with residents and workers on a number of issues related to the plan update process. We received nearly 400 responses, representing almost eight percent of the population of Breckenridge, an excellent result for a public survey. We will have full results to report to Council on July 26.

Second Open House. The second and final open house in the plan update process was held on Monday evening, July 25, at Colorado Mountain College. This was 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. Following our report to Council in person on July 26, we will focus on collecting public input on the draft plan update. We will concurrently be developing estimated time frames and costs for the strategies that will be included in the updated Plan. We have a few more groups to interview for input, including the Board of Tourism, the Child Care Advisory Committee and Breckenridge Grand Vacations. Finally, we will be finalizing the on-line public website and engagement tool where the SustainableBreck Plan will “live” after the adoption of the update in September. *There is no action needed from Council at this time.*