

Town of Vail Civic Area Plan Town Council Update

February 19, 2019









Meeting Agenda - Town Council Update

- 1. Project Overview
- 2. Approach to Community Engagement
- 3. What We Heard
- 4. Site Influences and Opportunities
- 5. Discussion
- 6. Next Steps











Need for the Plan:

To guide the future development and use of Town-owned lands within the Study Area.





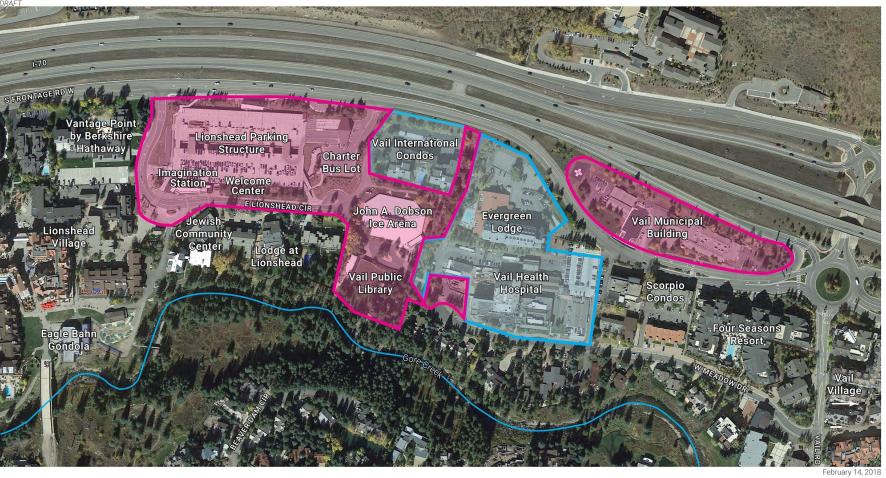








Civic Area Plan: Study Area



Civic Area Study Area

Immediate Adjacent Parcels of Influence











Study Area



Project Goals:

- Engage the community to identify opinions for the Civic Area;
- Evaluate issues, opportunities, and constraints and identify potential highest and best uses;
- Prepare a plan that is viable, economically feasible, reflective of community goals, and responsive to the site and surrounding neighborhood, and
- Define strategies for decision-making and the implementation of improvements to the Civic Area.









Project Givens:

- The Vail Town Council, acting as the VRA and land owner has final decision-making authority;
- The Study Area includes properties delineated within the attached map;
- The Town of Vail, which largely relies upon visitor-based revenues, seeks to be economically diverse and competitive;
- The Dobson Ice Arena, with the possible inclusion of adjoining undeveloped property, could serve a significant role;
- Workforce housing remains a high need for the Town of Vail and throughout the community.









Project Givens:

- Emerging technologies should be employed within the context of the Plan;
- Proposed development should be environmentally sustainable;
- Community engagement tools shall be utilized to foster strong public outreach and citizen participation;
- The Lionshead Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District expires June 6, 2030 and revenues from TIF need to be expended by that time; and
- TIF revenues could be used to secure a bonds to finance improvements.









The Approach:

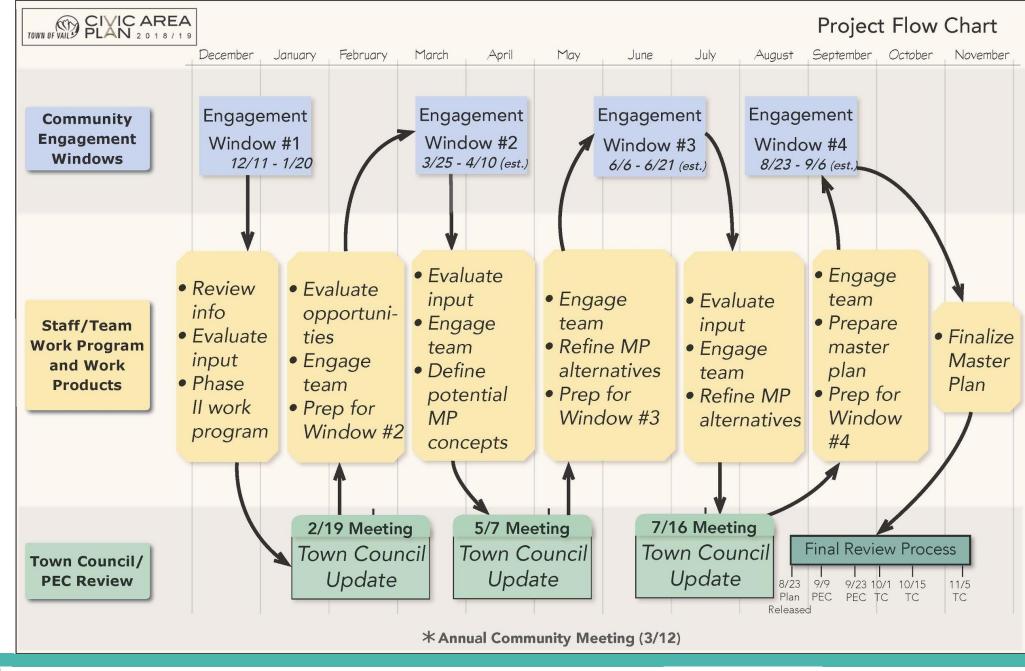
- Engage the community, ask questions, listen;
- 2. Study existing conditions, opportunities and constraints;
- 3. Test ideas (program, site design, market/economics);
- 4. Formulate a plan;
- 5. Present for community/PEC/TC for review.





















2. Approach to CommunityEngagement











Outreach Metrics - Who We Informed

ENGAGEVAIL.COM REGISTRATIONS



SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING



Facebook,
Twitter,
NextDoor,
Classifieds

PROCESS COMMITTEE



Meetings every other month

PRINTED ADVERTISING



PRESENTATIONSTO OTHER GROUPS



Around **50**Attendees

MAILED POSTCARDS



9,750











Outreach Metrics - Who We Heard From

WHO WE HEARD FROM:



50
Participants
Public Open House

WHO WE HEARD FROM:



25

Participants

Vail Economic Advisory Council WHO WE HEARD FROM:



40

Participants

Stakeholder Interviews WHO WE HEARD FROM:



25

Participants

Workshop with Youth Council

WHO WE HEARD FROM:



Contributors

Through Engage Vail









VISITORS **CONTRIBUTORS** CONTRIBUTIONS 364 Registered Unverified Anonymous



3,184 SITE VISITS (All Time)

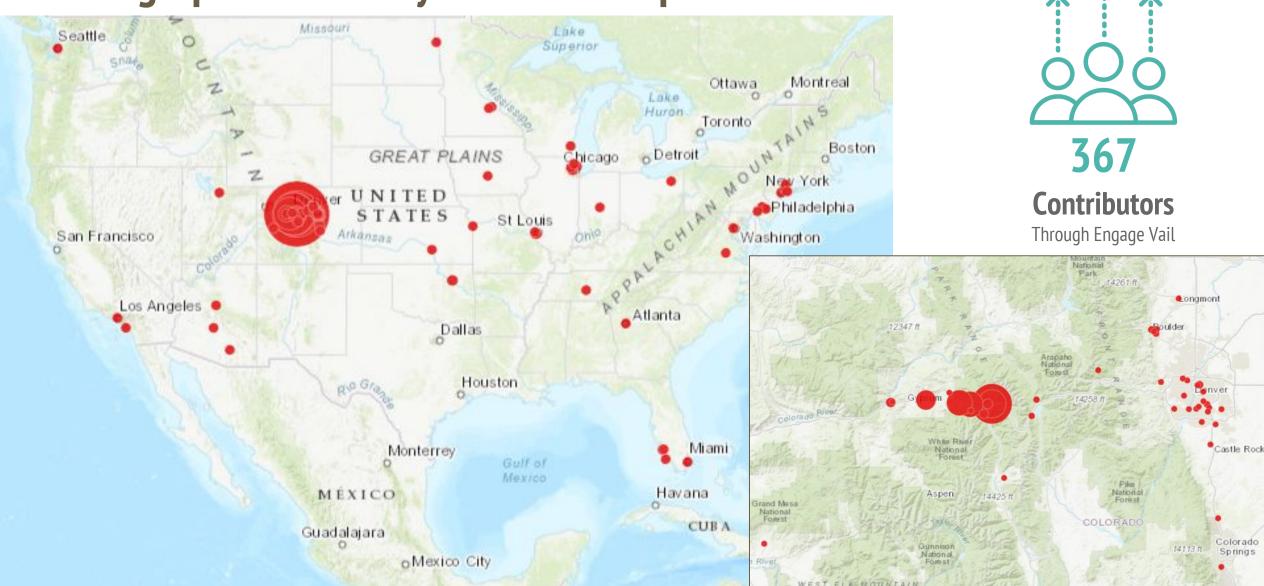
567 SITE REGISTRATIONS (All Time)

546 **ACTIVATED PARTICIPANTS** (All Time)

All Time | Last 30 Days | Last 7 Days

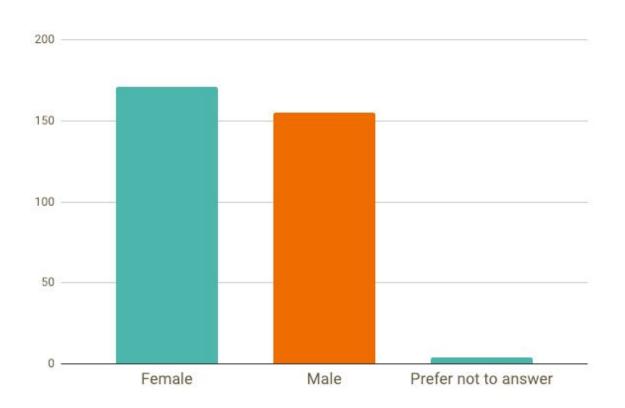


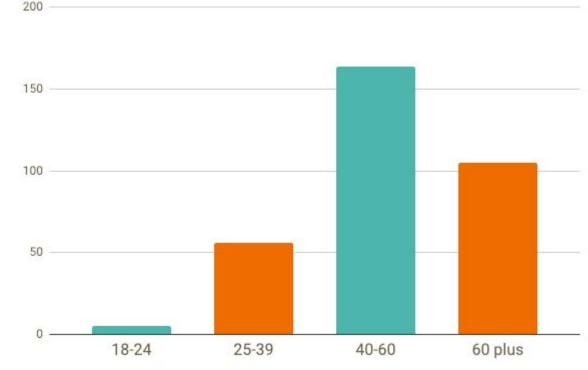
Demographics: Primary Residence Zip Codes



WHO WE HEARD FROM:

Demographics: Gender & Age





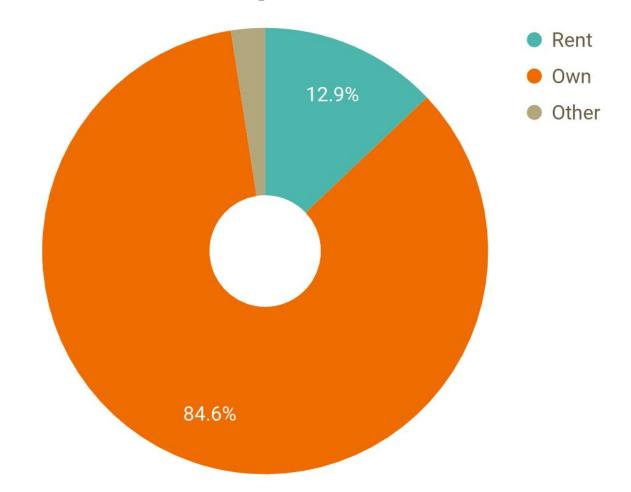








Demographics: Home Ownership Status





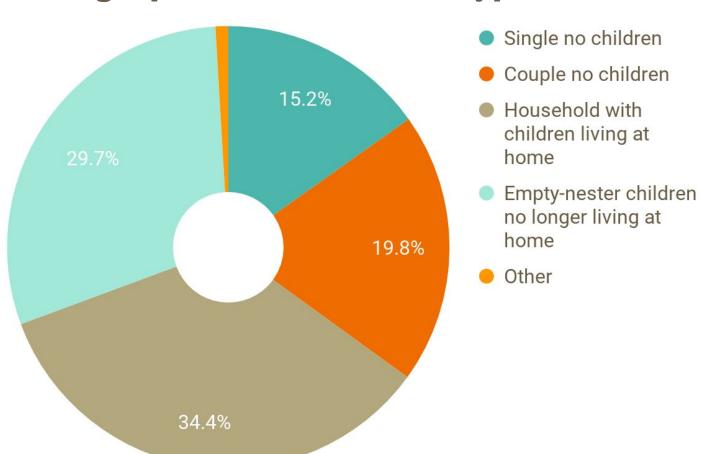








Demographics: Household Types



Total number of households with children living at home	125
With a Vail zip code	43
With another Colorado zip code	74
With a zip code outside Colorado	8



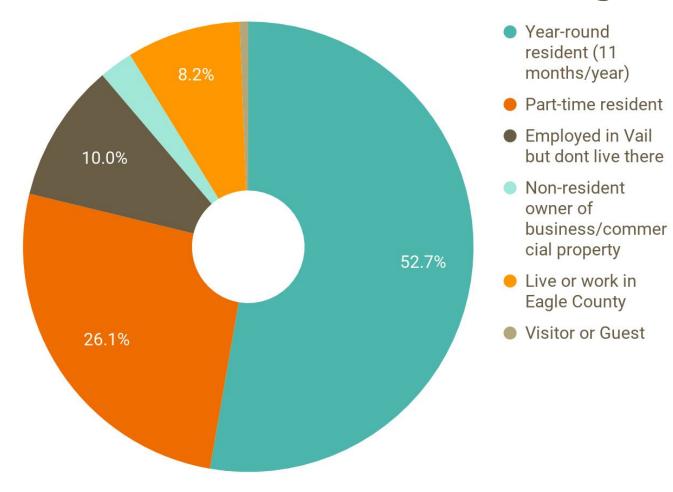








Demographics: Relation to Vail or the Surrounding Area











Public Open House













Eagle River Youth Coalition Workshop





Meeting on January 17, 2019

- Presentation
- Smartphone Polling
- Idea Boards

















Stakeholder Outreach

	Operators/Service Providers		Organizations		Other Stakeholders
1.	ToV Planning and Engineering Staff	1.	Valley Local Marketing District (VLMD)	1. 2.	Vail Resorts Evergreen Lodge
2.	ToV Police Department	 Commission on Special Events (CSE) Vail Economic Advisory 	•	3.	Vail International
3.	ToV Fire and Emergency Services		4. 5.	Lodge at Lionshead Vail Health	
4.	ToV Streets and Park Maintenance Staff		Council (VEAC)	6.	Four Seasons
5.	ToV Transportation and Parking Staff				
6.	Vail Recreation District (representing the Dobson Ice Arena)				
7.	Vail Public Library				









3. What We Heard











Outreach Key Takeaways (not listed in order of priority)

- Improve and expand parking and accessibility throughout.
- Improve pedestrian access, safety, aesthetics.
- Improve community green spaces, integrate local art.
- Upgrade Dobson Ice Arena: expand its uses (evaluate the need for a second sheet of ice/multi-use), improve its aesthetics.
- Keep the Vail Public Library where it is; link it with Dobson Ice Arena.
- Improve the Municipal Complex aesthetics, or relocate/redevelop site.
- Better utilize the Charter Bus Lot.
- Implement a community facility with flexible space for multi-function events, community gatherings, performing arts, recreation.
- Support the active community with outdoor recreation spaces.
- Explore housing opportunities.
- Advocate public-private partnerships within the civic area.









Survey Analysis: Dobson Ice Arena

- Address: 321 East Lionshead Circle Vail, CO
- Year Built: 1983
- Building Square Footage: approx. 32,000
- Capacity: 2,500
- Zoning Designation: General Use
- Civic Uses Provided: Public Skating, Youth Programs, Hockey Leagues, Events



















Survey Analysis: Dobson Ice Arena

Dobson Ice Arena	# of Responses	Don't Change Anything	Minor Upgrades	Major Upgrades	Total Re-DO
Allows Town of Vail and its customers to conduct business in an efficient and dependable way	4				
Provides free or low cost community space for public meetings	4				
Accommodates great events and community gatherings	332				
Large range of things to do for all residents and guests of all ages	330				
Accessible by bus, bike, or on foot	348				
Family Friendly	322				
Safe and Secure	311				
Fosters a sense of community and place	332				
A place for year round activity and opportunity	338				
Accessible by people of all ages and abilities	324				
Contributes to economic well being of the Town of Vail	305				
Convenient Parking	339				











Survey Analysis: Dobson Ice Arena

Open Ended Comments: 5 Top Ideas

RENOVATE

Interior/Exterior



COMMUNITY
ARTS
MULTI-FUNCTION
CENTER

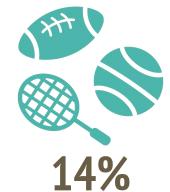


ADD
SECOND
SHEET OF
ICE



















Dobson Ice Arena - Outreach Feedback

Engage Vail

- The Dobson Ice Arena is an important asset for the Town of Vail and its constituents, especially families;
- Different areas of improvements pointed to in the survey
 - Expand recreation uses, including a better ice facility
 - Offer a diversity of activities and events year-round
 - Renovate its exterior and interior

Vail Economic Advisory Council

- Second sheet of ice/multi-use space
- Expand Dobson
- Partnerships/collaborations

Vail Mountain

• Conference space/New facility or Upgrade Dobson

Vail Recreation District

- Upgrade Dobson Increase capacity/multi-use/rec center
- 2nd sheet of ice
- Link Dobson with Vail Public Library

Vail Public Library

• Link Vail Public Library with Dobson

Eagle River Youth Coalition

- Could be turned into a fun and affordable full size recreation center
- More community and year-round activities

Survey Analysis: Vail Public Library

- Address: 292 W Meadow Dr, Vail, CO
- Year Built: 1983; Remodel: 2013
- Building square footage: approx. 15,000
- Number of users: 100,000
- Zoning Designation: General
- Civic Uses Provided: public library, community room, bus stop, kids programs, adult programs



















Survey Analysis: Vail Public Library

Vail Public Library	# of Responses	Don't Change Anything	Minor Upgrades	Major Upgrades	Total Re-DO
Provides free or low cost community space for public meetings	335				
Accommodates great events and community gatherings	325				
Large range of things to do for all residents and guests of all ages	330				
Accessible by bus, bike, or on foot	357				
Family Friendly	351				
Safe and Secure	344				
Fosters a sense of community and place	349				
A place for year round activity and opportunity	350				
Accessible by people of all ages and abilities	349				
Contributes to economic well being of the Town of Vail	306				
Convenient Parking	344				











Survey Analysis: Vail Public Library

Open Ended Comments: 5 Top Ideas

BELOVED
COMMUNITY
ASSET

51%



COMMUNITY
/ MEETING
SPACE
OPPORT
13%















Vail Public Library - Outreach Feedback

Engage Vail

- The Vail Public Library is a beloved community asset: family-friendly, safe and secure, easily accessible by public transit or bike/ped and by all people.
- Areas of improvement include:
 - Better parking;
 - Expand community space and year-round activities.

Vail Economic Advisory Council

- Co-working space in library
- Parking increase supply or alternative means
- Multi-use space
- Partnerships/collaborations

Vail Mountain

No comment

Vail Recreation District

No Comment

Vail Public Library

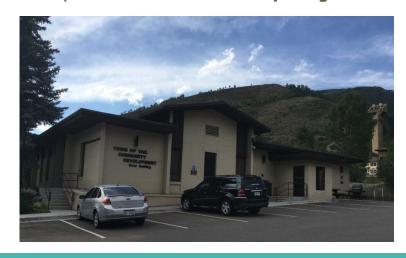
- Connect indoor and outdoor space
- Long standing mechanical concerns/energy efficiency
- South lawn
- Renovation opportunities for building
- Expanded community rooms/library space
- Link Vail Public Library with Dobson

Eagle River Youth Coalition

- Could be turned into something more useful;
- Make it more modern, integrate new technologies;
- Events for all ages.

Survey Analysis: Municipal Complex

- Address: 75 S Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO
- Year Built: 1971; Police Dpt Expansion: 1993
- Parcel Square Footage: 63,808
- Building Square Footage: approx. 45,000 for the
 2-story building, 6,600 for the 1-story building
- Zoning Designation: General
- Civic Uses Provided: police, community development, Town hall, recycling















Survey Analysis: Municipal Complex

Municipal Complex	# of Responses	Don't Change Anything	Minor Upgrades	Major Upgrades	Total Re-DO
Provides efficient space for municipal services	299				
Provides free or low cost community space for public meetings	248				
Accessible by bus, bike, or on foot	324				
Safe and Secure	289				
Fosters a sense of community and place	295				
Buildings evoke a sense of pride representing Vail	325				
Accessible by people of all ages and abilities	291				
Contributes to economic well being of the Town of Vail	265				
Convenient Parking	315				









Survey Analysis: Municipal Complex

Open Ended Comments: 5 Top Ideas

PARTIAL OR FULL SITE REDEVELOPMENT



IMPROVE PARKING
P
21%



21%















Municipal Complex - Outreach Feedback

Engage Vail

- Although the Municipal Complex is easily accessible and safe and secure, it is seen as a major area of opportunity for:
 - More efficient space for municipal services
 - Redevelopment
 - New housing

Vail Economic Advisory Council

- Parking increase supply or alternative means
- Multi-use space
- Partnerships/collaborations

Vail Mountain

- Welcome/Visitor Center
- Additional parking

Vail Recreation District

No comment

Vail Public Library

No comment

Eagle River Youth Coalition

- Make it useful and publicize to the public
- Make it a unique, eye-catching landmark in Vail
- Add better-looking parking for locals

Survey Analysis: Lionshead Parking Structure

- Address: 395 S Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO
- Year Built: 1980; Transit & Welcome Center: 2011;
- Lionshead Welcome Center Square Footage: 9,500
- Parking Structure Square Footage: 373,500
- Zoning Designation: General Use
- Civic Uses Provided: welcome center, transit center, Zeke M.
 Pierce Skatepark, Imagination Station, Grand View room,
 parking (1,100 spaces)



















Survey Analysis: Lionshead Parking Structure

Lionshead Parking	# of Responses	Don't Change Anything	Minor Upgrades	Major Upgrades	Total Re-DO
This is an efficient and best use of land	2				
Serves a much needed function close in to Vail	360				
Safe and Secure	321				
Accessible by people of all ages and abilities	310				
Provides free or low cost community space for public meetings	276				
Accommodates great events and community gatherings	273				
Large range of things to do for all residents and guests of all ages	251				
Fosters a sense of community and place	264				
A place for year round activity and opportunity	282				











Survey Analysis: Lionshead Parking Structure

Open Ended Comments: 5 Top Ideas

ADD MORE PARKING



REDEVELOP WITH **PARKING / COMMUNITY USES** 21%

BELOVED
GRAND VIEW
VRD SPACES

16%



MAINTAIN CURRENT USES 10%











Lionshead Parking Structure - Outreach Feedback

Engage Vail

- The Lionshead Parking Structure is viewed as a safe and secure space, easily accessible, and serving a much needed function. The Grand View meeting space and the Vail Recreation District space are good additions.
- Areas of improvement include
 - Additional parking
 - Wider range of activities for more people
 - Additional community uses

Vail Economic Advisory Council

- Vertical expansion
- Parking increase supply or alternative means
- Multi-use space
- Partnerships/collaborations

Vail Mountain

Additional parking (no net loss of parking during winter season

Vail Recreation District

Enhanced parking and arrival experience

Vail Public Library

Enhanced parking and arrival experience

Eagle River Youth Coalition

- Create additional cheaper parking spots for locals
- Expand skatepark
- Integrate public art to make it look better



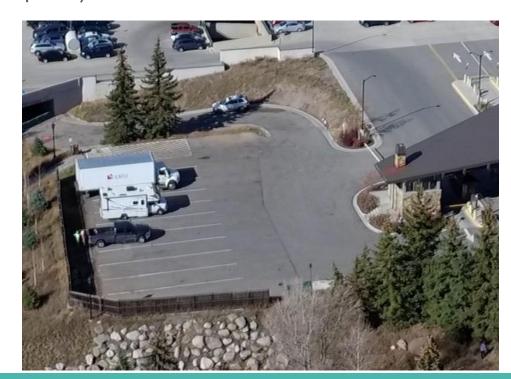






Survey Analysis: Charter Bus Lot

- Address: 395 S Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO
- Parcel Square Footage: approx. 33,000
- Zoning Designation: General Use
- Civic Uses Provided: oversized vehicles parking (12 spaces)







Survey Analysis: Charter Bus Lot

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This is an efficient and best use of land	260				
Serves a much needed function close in to Vail	270				
Safe and Secure	207				
Accessible by people of all ages and abilities	215				











Survey Analysis: Charter Bus Lot

Open Ended Comments: 4 Top Ideas

BETTERUTILIZATION



REDEVELOP
WITH
PARKING /
ADDITIONAL
USES

20%

EXPAND OVERSIZED PARKING



ADD MORE PARKING
P
14%









Charter Bus Lot - Outreach Feedback

Engage Vail

- The Charter Bus Lot serves a needed function.
- However it is viewed as not being an efficient and best use of land.

Vail Mountain

Additional parking (no net loss of parking during winter season

Vail Public Library

Enhanced parking and arrival experience

Vail Economic Advisory Council

- Parking increase supply or alternative means
- Location for new facility

Vail Recreation District

Enhanced parking and arrival experience

Eagle River Youth Coalition

- Relocate outside of Town for a better use of space;
- Redevelop into something more useful with large community draw.



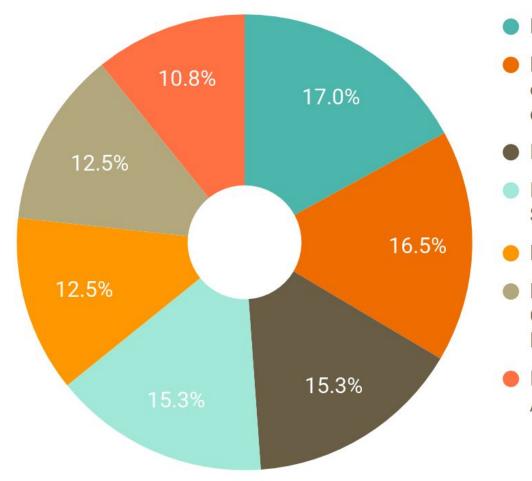






Survey Analysis: Big Ideas

BIG IDEAS for the long term success of Vail: Ideas for great community and civic uses; Ideas to make it a better use of civic space.



- **Housing Opportunities**
- Multi-function event/performing arts center
- Improve / Add More Parking
- Improve / Add More Open Space
- Maintain / Expand Dobson
- Promote Vail as a Community (versus a Resort)
- Improve Pedestrian Access / Safety / Image











Eagle River Youth Coalition Workshop: Big Ideas

BIG IDEAS for the long term success of Vail, a great community and civic uses, a better use of civic space.

- Electric scooters for fun public transportation.
- \$1/day bike share like in Paris or London.
- Create community spaces for local people to gather.
- Support the active community with outdoor gyms, race courses, soccer field...
- Expand nightlife outside of expensive restaurants.













Stakeholder Input - General Themes

- Improve and expand parking and accessibility throughout (mobility)
- Add more flexible space for multiple uses (live performances and conferences)
- Create a focus on economic development through special events
- Improve community green spaces programmed with inspiring local art
- Advocate public-private partnerships within the civic area
- Evaluate the need for a second sheet of ice/multi-use at Dobson
- Housing

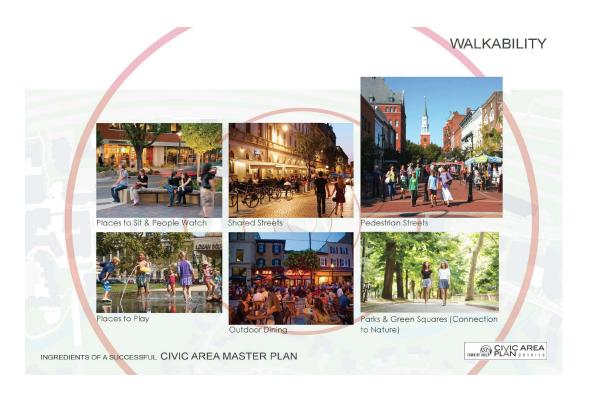








Ingredients of a Successful **Civic Area**



Survey participants were asked to rate how each of these ingredients would contribute to the vibrancy and success of the larger civic area.

The following were rated Very Important:

•	Walkability	87%
•	Engagements with Nature	70%
•	Community Draw	69%
•	Mix of Uses	60%
•	Progressive Sustainability	58%
•	Flexible Civic Zones	52%
•	Connections and Linkages	49%
•	Signage and Wayfinding	48%
•	Public Art and Follies	39%









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4. Site Influences and Opportunities



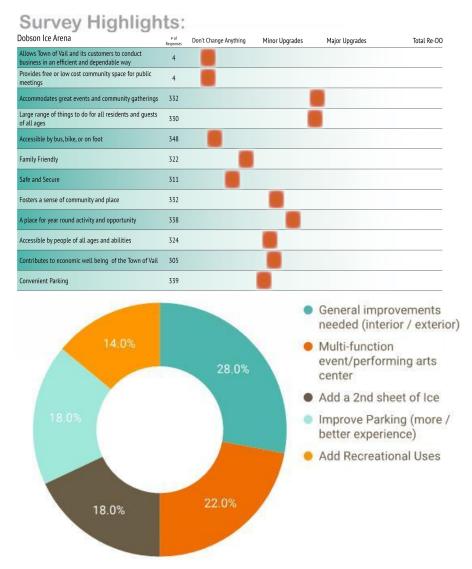


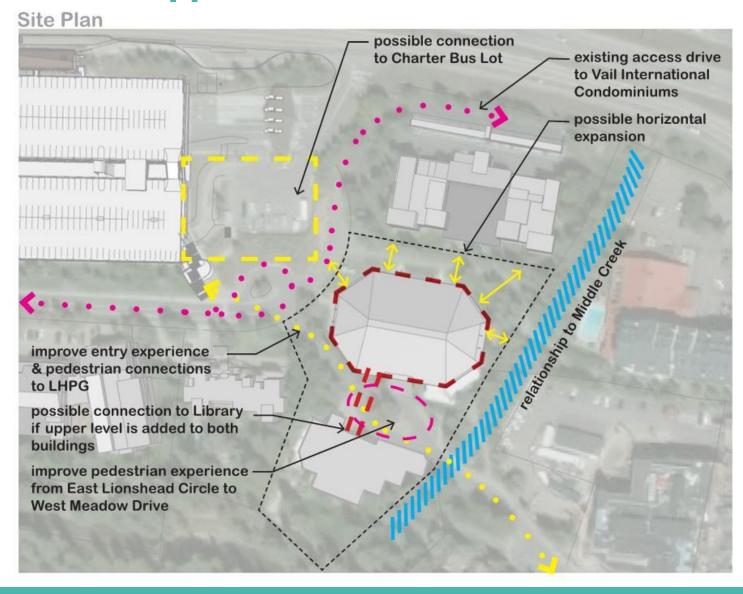






Dobson Ice Arena - Site Influences & Opportunities













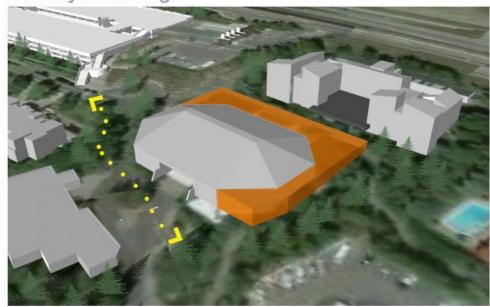


Dobson Ice Arena - Horizontal Expansion Massing

Section Massing



Birdseye Massing





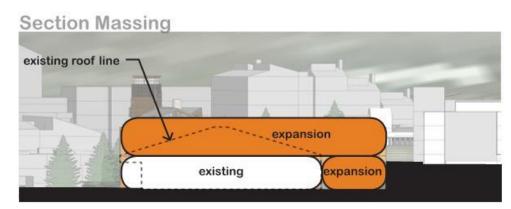




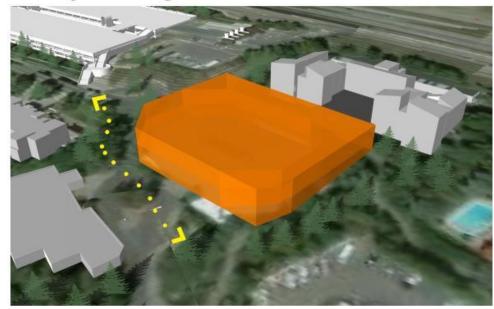


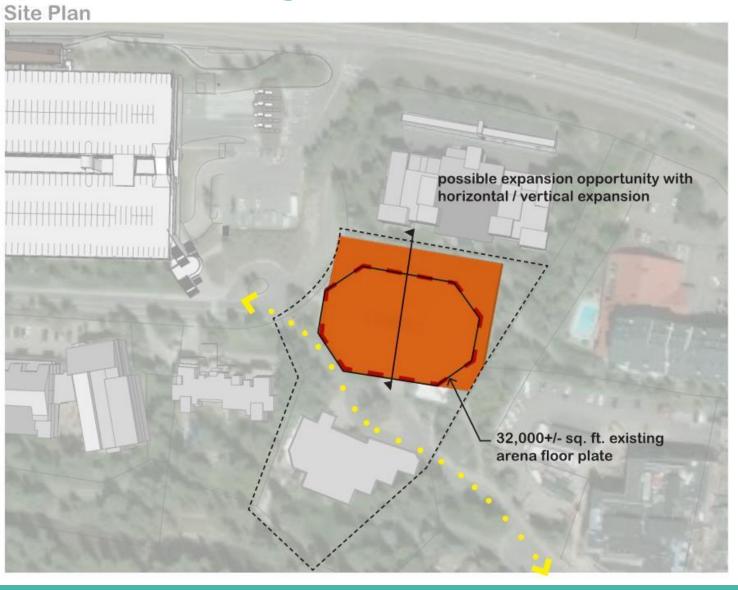


Dobson Ice Arena - Vertical Expansion Massing



Birdseye Massing











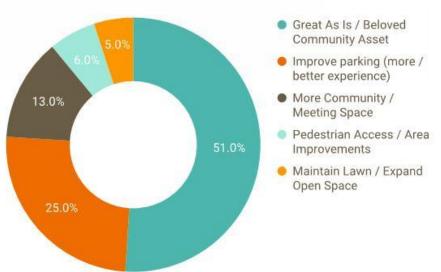


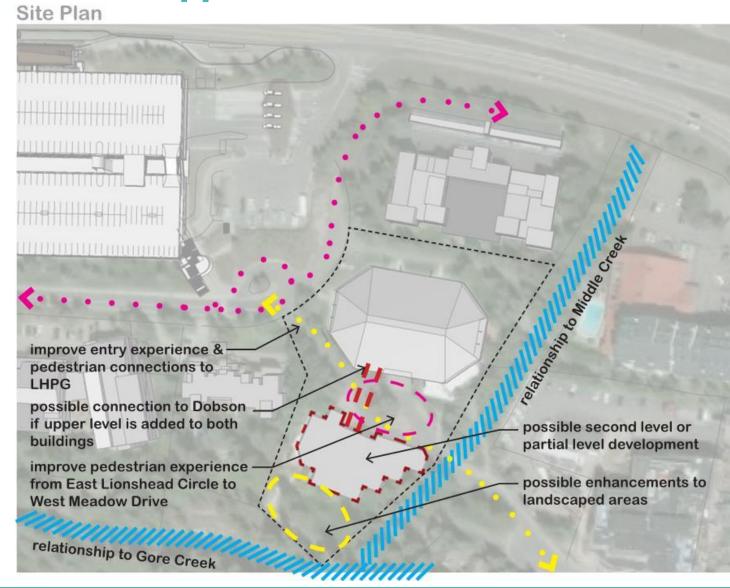


Vail Public Library - Site Influences & Opportunities

Survey Highlights:











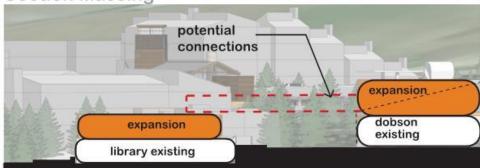






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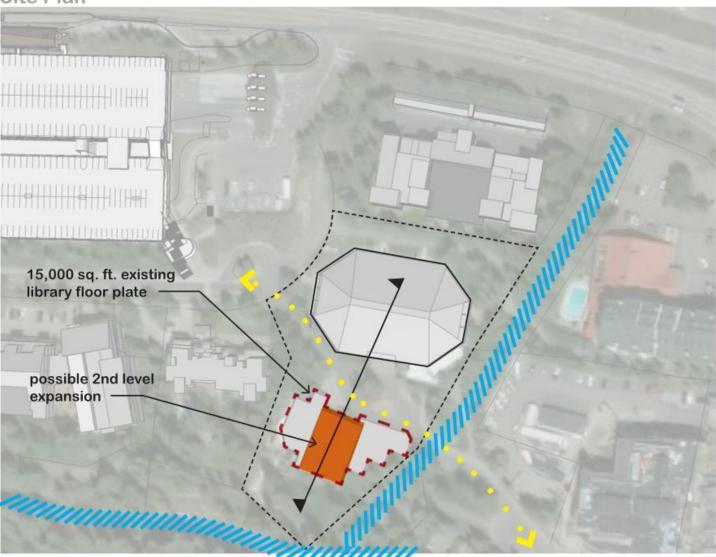
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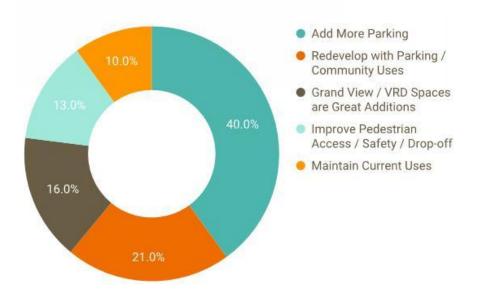


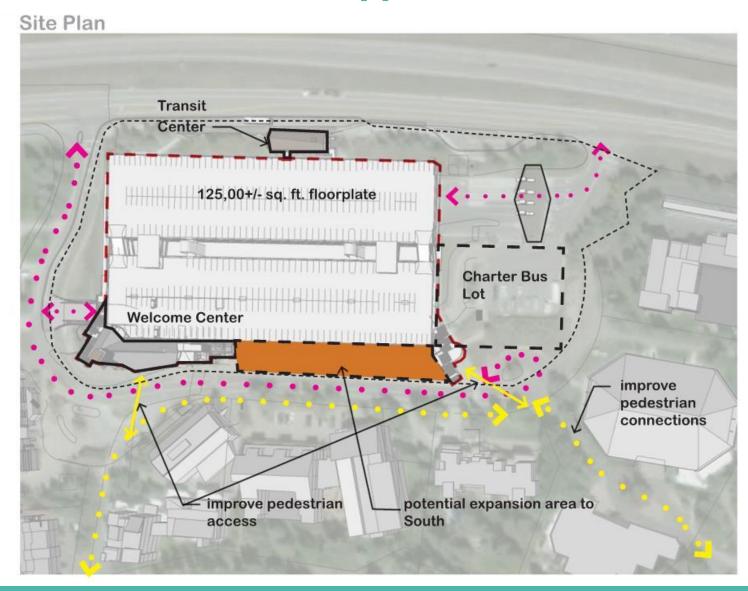


Lionshead Parking Structure - Site Influences & Opportunities

Survey Highlights:









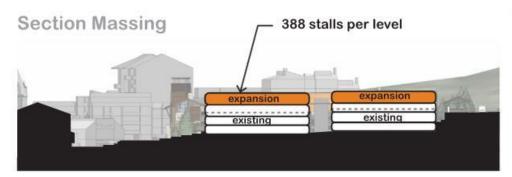






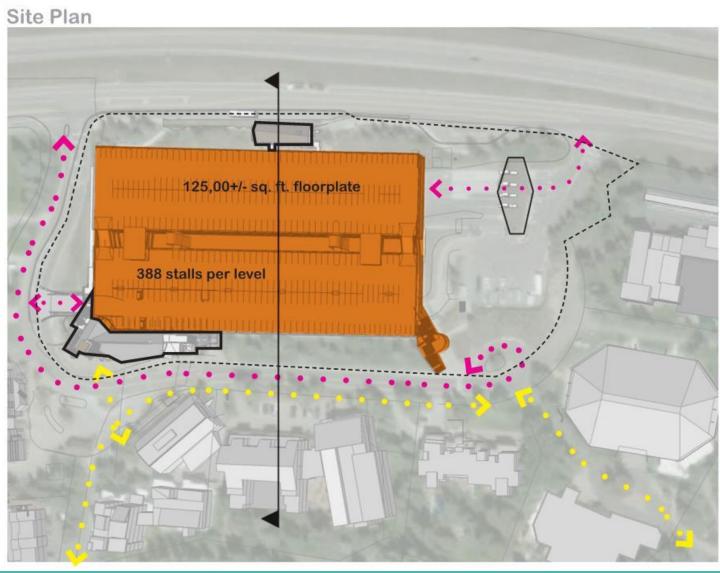


Lionshead Parking Structure - Vertical Expansion



Birdseye Massing









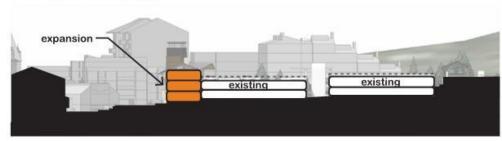






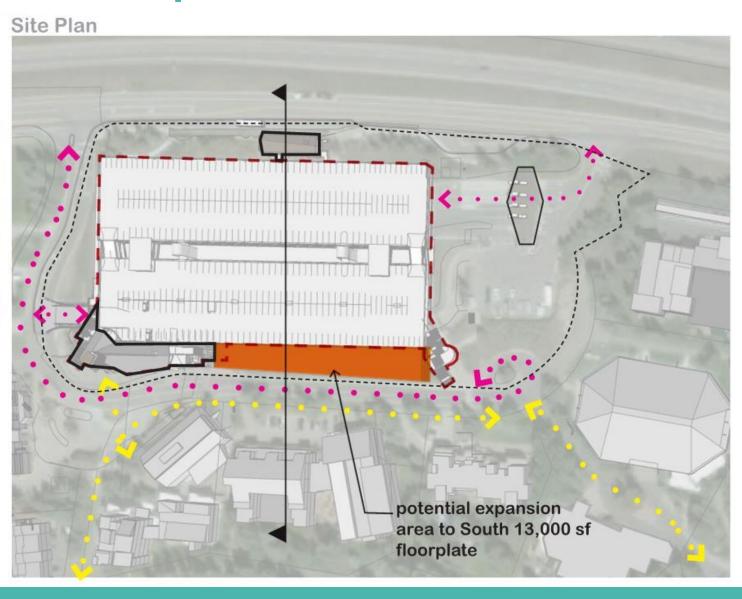
Lionshead Parking Structure - South Expansion

Section Massing



Birdseye Massing









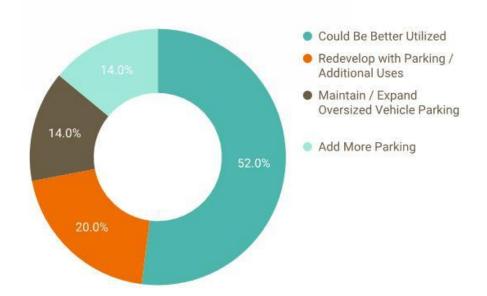




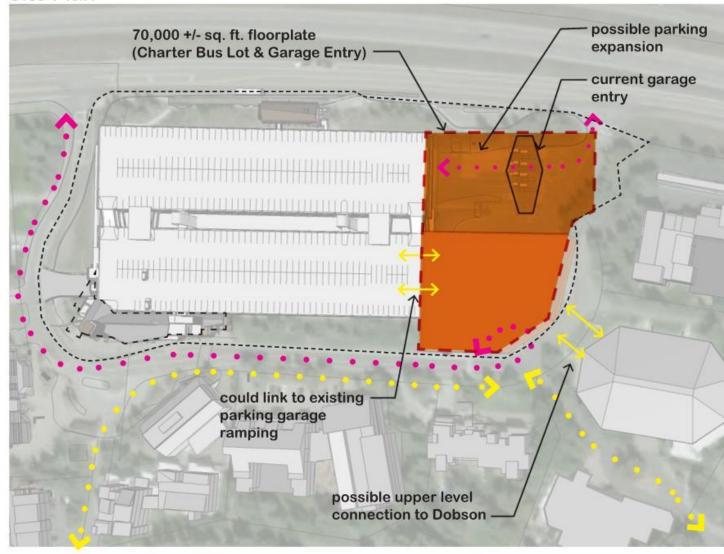
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Site Plan



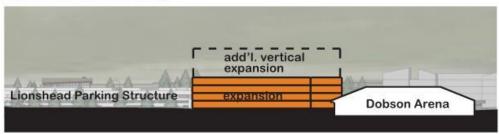






Charter Bus Lot - Site Expansion

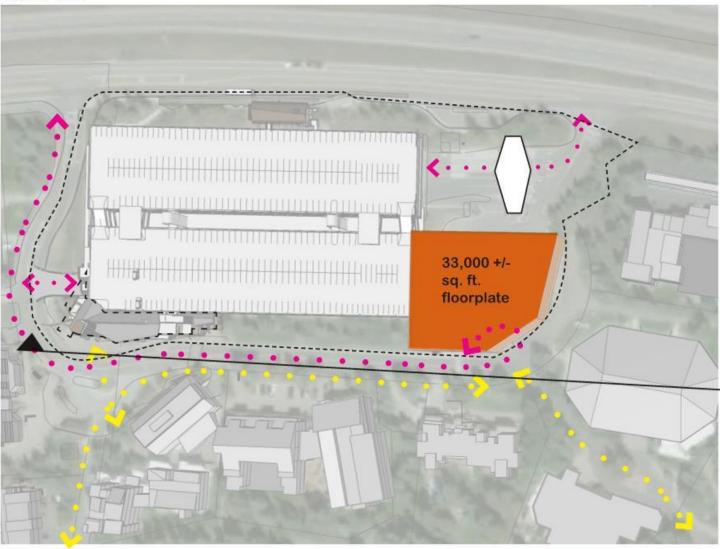
Elevation Massing



Birdseye Massing



Site Plan





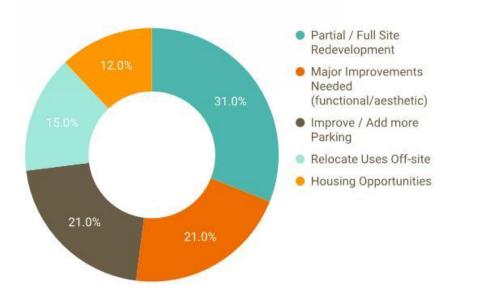




Municipal Center - Site Influences & Opportunities

Survey Highlights:





Site Plan 122,500 sf 3.5 acres of redevelopment 6,600 sf opportunity floorplate site is currently disconnected from core by frontage road improve pedestrian access









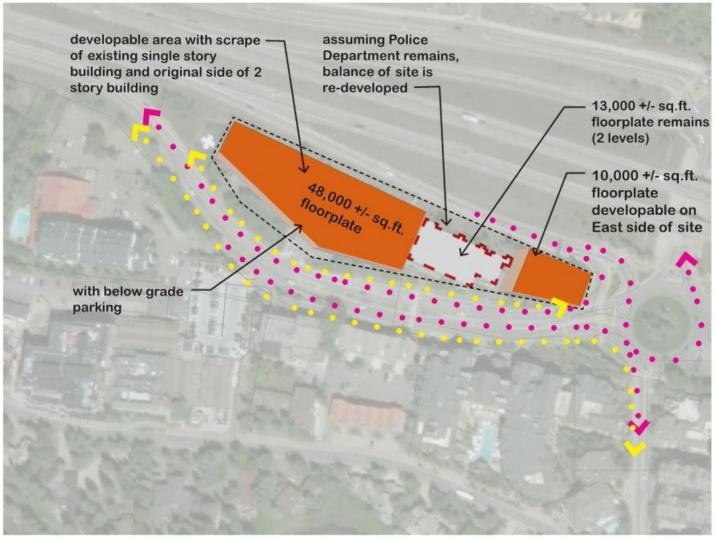


Municipal Center - Partial Redevelopment

Birdseye Massing













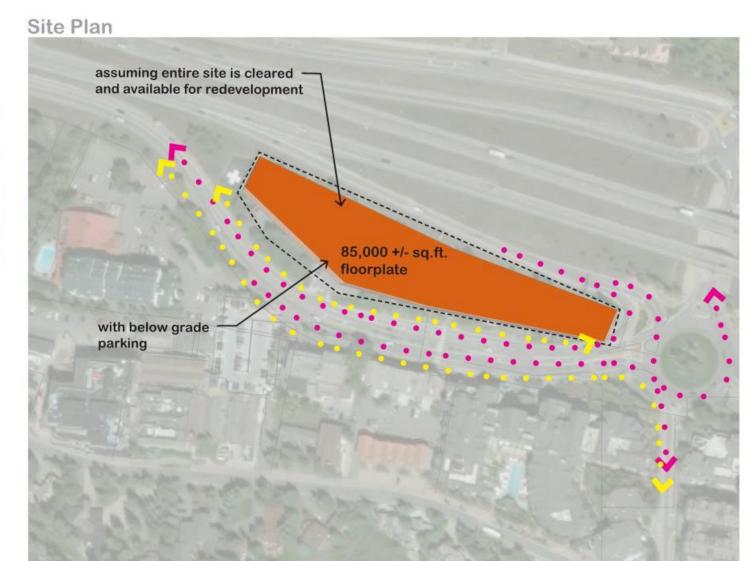




Municipal Center - Full Redevelopment

Birdseye Massing















5. Discussion

Request of Town Council:

To provide comments/
direction to staff and team
on the next steps outlined
above.











6. Next Steps

- Study/evaluate opportunities
- Engage stakeholders
- Engage project team
- Prepare info for Engagement
 Window #2









