



RE: monday's meeting council comments

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Thank you.

jack

Jasmine Tygre <jasminet@ci.aspen.co.us> wrote:

Well, as you can see, I'm right on top of things. I agree with most of your comments. (I truly believe that most of the problems are coming from construction traffic and parking - but I also truly believe that reducing the number of cars coming into Aspen is the only really good long-term solution.) Traditionally, parking fees have been waived during off-season - and this is very important to locals, so I don't think we should mess with that, or we'll get major resistance to anything else we propose. For "peak" times, I don't mind an increase in parking fees; I'd really like to investigate parking validation for CC and C-1. This is something that seems to work in other shopping areas (e.g. Beverly Hills, which has lots of municipal parking buildings, and also private lots which don't charge for parking if you get a validation stamp from a cooperating local merchant or restaurant). This can also serve as an incentive for people to visit our stores and restaurants - converting them to customers will be the responsibility of the business owner, but at least we will have encouraged foot traffic into the establishment. Jaz

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Jas

Are you feeling better? If you need anything....

I think I'm going to bring the Entrance to Aspen up during council comments on Monday.

Something along the line of:

Well, we held the public meeting. **The public spoke but I can't understand them.**

Even if clear consensus to proceed with the modified direct had been given, the modified direct is years out from implementation due to open space votes, funding votes and actual construction. Let alone the political battles most likely to be waged over the course of multiple future councils.

I think in the absence of clear consensus and to create some improvements now, we should implement all the short term traffic and congestion solutions we can right now before summer.

Expand paid parking