

Vail Valley Partnership Board of Directors

Resolution in Support of the Master Facility Plan proposed by the Vail Valley Medical Center

Background

Vail Valley Medical Center has served the healthcare needs of the Town of Vail, the Vail Valley and Eagle County for nearly 50 years. Over that time, the population of the Valley has grown and healthcare has become increasingly complex. While the medical center has done an outstanding job of evolving with these trends and providing top-quality care over these five decades, it is an aging facility with buildings nearing 45 years of age. The hospital's basic mechanical and electrical systems are nearing the end of their useful life. New services have been placed wherever room could be found, causing disjointed functional relationships between types of services and patients' access to them. Space is cramped, inefficient, and not keeping pace with the state of the industry or with hospitals that have been recently built or renovated in Frisco, Glenwood Springs, Aspen, and other mountain communities. While a \$2 billion renaissance has been completed in Vail Village and Lionshead Village, it's time for the hospital facilities to match the exceptional care it provides along with the world-class community it serves.

It is for these reasons that the Medical Center has proposed a \$100 million Master Facility Plan that will make Vail a center of medical excellence and improve the healthcare available to the community and to the Valley.

Resolution

The Board of Directors of the Vail Valley Partnership hereby finds that:

WHEREAS; a state-of-the-art medical center is critical to the quality of life and medical needs of the Town of Vail and the entire Vail Valley and Eagle County;

WHEREAS; the Eagle County Economic Development Plan has identified the healthcare industry as one of the emerging and leading sectors on which the majority of the County's economic development should focus and specifically identifies Vail Valley Medical Center (VVMC) and its affiliates as a foundation upon which to build this sector;

WHEREAS; VVMC is an aging facility with buildings nearing 45 years of age and mechanical and electrical systems nearing the end of their useful life;

WHEREAS; The current VVMC facilities are space constrained and new services that have been added have been placed wherever room could be found, creating operating inefficiencies and disjointed functional relationships between types of service and patients' access to them;

WHEREAS; VVMC has proposed a \$100 million Master Facility Plan to update the medical center that will make Vail a center of medical excellence, improve the healthcare available to the community, and provide a positive quality of life for residents and prospective residents of the Valley;

WHEREAS; The VVMC Master Facility Plan will enhance the healthcare of the region by providing a new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department and trauma care, relocating the helipad so it has direct access to the hospital and eliminates the need for ambulance transfer that increases risk and time in treating critical care patients and newborns, and through other improvements;

WHEREAS; The VVMC Master Facility Plan will physically improve the community by relocating the main entrance and visitor and outpatient traffic and parking to South Frontage Road, thereby removing 1,400 vehicle trips from West Meadow Drive every day and improving the pedestrian environment and quality of life for nearby residents and hospital visitors, by a new look that will complement the architectural renaissance in Vail Village and Lionshead Village, and through other improvements;

WHEREAS; A world-class center of medical excellence is vital to the long-term economic strength of the Vail Valley because of the health expenditures that are kept in the community, the jobs that are created, and the essential services that are provided to visitors and residents;

WHEREAS; VVMC and its partners contribute more than \$30,000,000 in direct economic impact annually to the Town of Vail, including over \$1.2 million in annual sales tax related to patient, family, employee and resident spending in retail, restaurants and lodging;

WHEREAS; The VVMC Master Facility Plan advances the mission of the Vail Valley Partnership to take a leadership role in creating and managing collaborative programs that encourage economic development and result in increased destination tourism in Eagle County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vail Valley Partnership Board of Directors hereby enthusiastically supports the Master Facility Plan as proposed by Vail Valley Medical Center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vail Valley Partnership Board of Directors encourages the Town of Vail Town Council to approve the Master Facility Plan as expeditiously as possible to allow construction of the improvements to commence by summer of 2015.

Hereby adopted by the Vail Valley Partnership Board of Directors on the 17 day of January, 2015.



Mike Brumbaugh
Board Chair



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