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**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015**

Members Present: Gary Feffer, Alex Johnson, Charles Castle, Hank Scarangella, Mina Liebert, Ron Ilgen, Scot Hume, Jason Rupinski

Members Absent: Jackie Hilaire

Alternates Present: Bob Lally

Alternates Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Palus, Chris Lieber, Kurt Schroeder, Kim King, Christi Mehew

Called to Order Gary Feffer brought the meeting to order at 7:34 am

Citizen Discussion

Tiffany Scott – Requests that the public be notified now regarding spraying for tussock moth with *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (BT) in Cheyenne Canon Park, Bear Creek and the Broadmoor rather than waiting two months prior to the spray date. She has concerns about the long term effects of BT.

Jeff Norton (Vice President of Pikes Peak Pickleball Association) – Notified the Board that Ms. Lyda Hill will be providing a matching grant of \$100,000 for the Monument Valley Park Pickleball Courts post-tension concrete upgrade.

John Hawk (Guardians of Palmer Park) - Presented an update on the Guardians of Palmer Park Friends group. They have had over 400 volunteers during the last year including involvement of six high schools and three colleges as well as participation of military base personnel. Accomplishments include new picnic tables; a new trail group; two reservation sites; and continued concentration on keeping the park clean and garnering donations.

Susan Davies (Trails and Open Spaces Coalition) Thank you for your support on 2D.

Bruce Hamilton – Sent an email to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Wednesday, November 11th in regards to his concerns about signs in parks. The signs are incorrect, put people at risk and they need to be fixed. Karen Palus stated they are currently working with the Friends of Cheyenne Canon on this issue. Gary Feffer encouraged Bruce Hamilton to work with the Park Staff.

Dave Weesner (City Auditorium) The City Auditorium needs assistance in management, marketing, maintenance and money. Kim King stated we have secured the ability to have a full-

time City Auditorium Manager and the position is currently being advertised through the City's website.

Approval of Minutes, October 8, 2015

Motion: Scot Hume, Charles Castle, Approved –Mina Liebert abstained

Action Items

1. Buffalo Soldier War Memorial at Memorial Park (Presented by Chris Lieber)

- Proposed Motion: Request for approval of the proposed Buffalo Soldier Memorial at Memorial Park within the Ring of Honor, specifically plot 26.
- Dennis Moore spoke in support of the Memorial and provided a PowerPoint presentation – [see presentation below](#).

Motion – Charles Castle, Alex Johnson, Approved - Unanimous

2. Appointment of TOPS Working Committee Member – Sarah Blakeslee (Presented by Chris Lieber – [see below](#))

- Proposed Motion: Request for approval of the appointment of Sarah Blakeslee to the TOPS Working Committee to fill the current vacancy beginning on November 15, 2015 and expiring on June 24, 2017.

Motion – Scot Hume, Mina Liebert, Approved - Unanimous

Presentation Items

3. Downtown Master Plan Process (Presented by Susan Edmondson, Downtown Partnership – [see presentation below](#))

- The Imagine Downtown Master Plan, adopted in 2009, engaged more than 400 stakeholders to determine a vision for downtown and create a broad set of more than 20 goals. The Downtown Development Authority is seeking input as it updates this master plan. They are looking to enhance aspects of the plan including greater emphasis on public spaces and accessibility opportunities.
- Charles Castle inquired about how the homeless situation is being handled downtown. Susan responded that this is being addressed through safety, services and the use of space in the downtown area.
- The Interactive Public Community Forum meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:00 pm at the Pikes Peak Center, Studio B.
- The City Auditorium is included in the Imagine Downtown Master Plan.

4. Bike Share Program Update (Presented by Anthony Pratt – [see presentation below](#))

- The Bike Share program is an automated self-service bicycle rental program for short, one-way trips which is membership based with anticipation of a dense network of stations conveniently located in Colorado Springs.
- Anthony Pratt shared the “smart dock” system, funding sources, a demand analysis and potential siting opportunities.

- Questions were raised in regards to fees, location, liability waivers and electrical assist bicycles.

5. Bancroft Park Improvements – Old Colorado City (Presented by Dave Van Ness – [see presentation below](#))

- Information was shared about Old Colorado City Foundation’s mission, fundraisers, events and the need for public restrooms at Bancroft Park. OCC Foundation has raised \$70,000 to \$75,000 and they are looking to increase support for Bancroft Park.

6. 2015 Indy Give (Presented by Jody Derington and Joan Clemens)

- The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Community Centers are a part of the Indy Give campaign along with many other non-profit organizations.
- Events associated with the Indy Give were announced and a request was made to please consider supporting the Indy Give at indygive.com.
- A campaign video was shown.

Staff Reports

7. Larry Ochs Sports Complex Master Plan Process (Presented by Chris Lieber)

- The first master plan public meeting will be held tonight at 5:30 pm at Pine Creek High School. The Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation will be presenting their vision for the sports complex along with focusing on the community’s concerns.
- January 20, 2016 a 2nd public meeting will be held to present the draft plan.
- February 17, 2016 a 3rd public meeting will be held to present a recommended plan for the sports complex.
- March 2016 is the tentative date to present the plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ceremonial items

- **Greenway Collaborative** (Presented by Tilah Larson) – Award presented to Dee Cunningham, Executive Director, for the work done by the Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful organization, especially in relation to the Pikes Peak Greenway.
- **Calendar Reveal Awards** (Presented by Tilah Larson) – A large distribution of calendars should arrive at the Parks department next week. The main sponsor for next year will continue to be Timberline Landscaping Inc., however one or two secondary sponsors will be considered as well.

8. 2016 Capital Improvement Program Budget Update (Presented by Karen Palus)

Below is the distribution of the additional General Fund dollars approved for the 2016 Budget as determined during the Budget Committee meetings:

- \$150,000 additional for contract mowing and spraying on medians and native rights-of-way.

- \$193,000 (estimated) to offer the same level of mowing service for our neighborhood parks citywide.
- \$500,000 towards the Parks water bill.
- \$25,000 to help with Westside Community Center utilities and program increases.
- Positions being filled through CTF Funding include one skilled maintenance technician as well as one ranger position through the TOPS open space category to focus on stewardship efforts.
- Funding for tussock moth spraying.
- \$75,000 matching grant for the Pioneer Museum.

Thanks to Susan Davies and Melissa Walker for attending City Council meetings and supporting the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department.

TOPS Working Committee members were presented with three items for funding consideration that were not approved by the Budget Committee. These projects will be action items at the December Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

1. Deerfield-\$400,000 was received from the Community Development Block Grant for this project and \$130,000 is being requested from the TOPS Working Committee to complete half of Phase One. Phase One will provide an additional room for the daycare facility, restroom renovations, ADA improvements and address safety issues. Concerns were expressed by some TOPS members regarding appropriateness of funding improvements of a Community Center, but the Center does reside in a park and supports park activities. Thus, the TOPS Parks categories appear to be an appropriate funding source.
2. Garden of the Gods Restrooms- Proposing \$470,000 to go towards the restroom improvements at Garden of the Gods. Staff is doing research on sewer lines, water lines, design and location elements, and many other areas.
3. Manitou Incline- A \$255,000 grant match is being proposed towards the Manitou Incline which will fund the bottom to the middle of the Incline. Manitou Springs Council has been contacted to discuss these improvements. These projects will be action items at the December Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Additional Announcements

- November 21, 2016 is the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Acacia Park at 6:00 pm.
- “Everything but the Oink” event at Rockledge Ranch will have additional security this Saturday, November 14th due to concerns raised over the last few months regarding the event.
- On November 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm, a meeting regarding the Pikes Peak Summit Complex will be held for City Council members and Parks Advisory Board members at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department. Designs will be presented and comments will be appreciated. Please share the design information with community members as additional feedback is still be solicited.
- Kurt Schroeder and Karen Palus participated in a meeting with Utilities along with Tom Strand and Merv Bennett from City Council. An unallocated funding plan is going

towards watering for parks. Kurt Schroeder now has authority to water at recommended levels.

- Kurt stated there are a significant amount of dead trees this year and thirteen have fallen. Park staff is required to check water meter readings weekly and meet specific criteria which are within established guidelines. Water use will be increased; however we will continue to apply best management practices going forward to ensure water is not being wasted.
- The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department has a new Facebook page. Please feel free to share this information.
- Thank you to everyone in regards to the election. Susan Davies' leadership with the campaign was a great support along with the efforts of our many Friends groups. Three critical areas will be addressed with the passing of 2C; including paving of roads in Garden of the Gods, North Cheyenne Canon and Palmer Park.

Board Business

Committee Reports/General Comments

Mina Liebert- Venezia Park has multiple renderings for playgrounds and the projected date for the public forum meeting is December 2nd; however the location is still to be determined. The spray ground RFP is currently being revised. The LART meeting will be held this afternoon.

Alex Johnson – The Larry Ochs Sports Complex committee will be meeting this afternoon and the public meeting will be next week. The minutes reflected him writing a letter of support for Ute Valley Park which was in error. Christi Mehew will make the correction to the minutes and post to the City's website.

Charles Castle – Inquired about the City Auditorium, Meadows Park Community Center, the garden at Dorchester Park, and the Hewlett Packard property. Kim King gave an update on the City Auditorium restrooms. Plans for the Meadow Park remodel have been received for the restrooms regarding ADA compliance; the electrical system which needs to be completely redone; and a consultant has been hired on how to treat the roof due to asbestos. Kurt Schroeder responded in regards to the garden and the Peace and Justice Commission has expressed interest in caring for the garden. Chris Lieber stated the road that goes up to Hewlett Packard is a part of an acquisition and a significant amount is public street. The public street portion will extend to where the Parks department is constructing a trailhead and roundabout. Hewlett Packard funded a new sanitary sewer line that will follow the road.

Gary Feffer – The Stratton Open Space Management Plan had a meeting at Cheyenne Mountain Middle School. The focus of the meeting was less about the park and more about the reservoirs and if dogs should be leashed or unleashed. Progress is being made and dialogue is continuing.

Ron Ilgen – A committee was formed regarding dogs in the park at Stratton Open Space. Gary Feffer suggested being proactive in leading on this subject and looking at the ordinances. Karen Palus stated we have made strides with the education within our parks rangers programs and staff is engaged in the new contract with the Humane Society. The Parks department is doing what is within its capacity to handle this situation.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Gary Feffer

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: November 12, 2015
Item Number: Action Item- Item # 1
Item Name: Buffalo Soldiers Memorial at Memorial Park

SUMMARY:

The Memorial Park Master Plan identifies specific areas for the development of future memorials within Memorial Park. The City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department has received a request from the Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial Committee to erect a memorial at Memorial Park within the Ring of Honor to remember the Buffalo Soldiers, the black soldiers who helped settle the west from 1867-1900s.

BACKGROUND:

The Buffalo Soldier Committee has refined their design and selected a site location at Memorial Park, within the Ring of Honor for their Memorial – specifically plot 26. The memorial will include a narrative about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, a map of Colorado showing important locations, the Medal of Honor names and units, logos of the Infantry Regiments, and a time capsule. The proposed memorial will include the text and graphics cast into bronze plaques. The Buffalo Soldier Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with creating and erecting the memorial.

The Buffalo Soldier Memorial Committee is requesting approval to secure the location for the memorial within Memorial Park and approval of the proposed memorial design.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Buffalo Soldier Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with creating and erecting the memorial. The memorial will be constructed with methods and materials that will minimize maintenance requirements over time. The City Parks Department will be responsible for maintaining the Memorial.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Buffalo Soldier Memorial as presented.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion approving of the proposed Buffalo Soldier Memorial within Memorial Park as presented.

PARTIES NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING:

Willie Brezell and Dennis Moore, Buffalo Soldier Committee

**City Park and Recreation
Board
Buffalo Soldiers Community
Memorial Update and Formal
Project Approval**

Willie Breazell/Dennis Moore
Project Chair/Member
November 12, 2015

Committee Members

- ▶ Willie Breazell, Chair, USA Retired
 - ▶ Henry Allen, Vice Chair, USA Retired, President NAACP
 - ▶ Jim Mason, Vice Chair, USA Retired, D-11 Board
 - ▶ Bob Null, USAF Retired, D-11 Board
 - ▶ George Payton, USA Retired, Buffalo Soldier Re-enactor
 - ▶ Dennis Moore, USAF Retired, Liquor Licensing Board and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee member
 - ▶ Mark Knight, US Marines, Defense Contractor
 - ▶ John Register, USA, Olympic Center
 - ▶ Mel Elliott, USA Retired, Defense Contractor
 - ▶ Dawn Elliott, Social Media Coordinator
 - ▶ Ed Jones, USA, CO State Senator (former)
 - ▶ June Waller, Community Activist
 - ▶ Jim Owens, USAF, Retired
 - ▶ Rob Mench, CPT, USA
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Background

- ▶ Project Research Start Date – December 2013
- ▶ First Presentation to Parks Board – Jan 2014
- ▶ Summer 2014 Missed Update Presentation
- ▶ Material Sent forward but no presentation
- ▶ Sarah Bryarly made Board presentation
- ▶ Park and Rec Staff Support
 - Kurt Schroder
 - Chris Lieber
 - Sarah Bryarly
 - Matt Mayberry

The Thirty-Ninth Congress authorized the establishment of six NEGRO REGIMENTS on July 28, 1866.

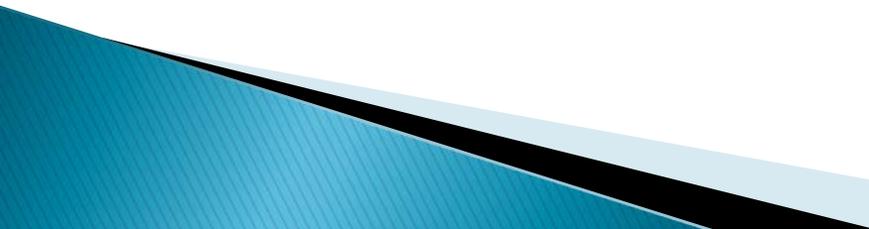
- Ninth United States Cavalry and the Tenth United States Cavalry and the 38TH, 39TH, 40TH and 41ST Infantry Regiments.

The Fortieth Congress on March 3, 1869, then enacted a troop reduction

- The 38TH, 39TH, 40TH and 41ST Infantry Regiments were consolidated into the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments.

The 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments Soldiers were called BUFFALO SOLDIERS by the Native Americans, some say because of the tenacity with which they fought, some say it was because of the texture of their hair reminded them of the BUFFALO.

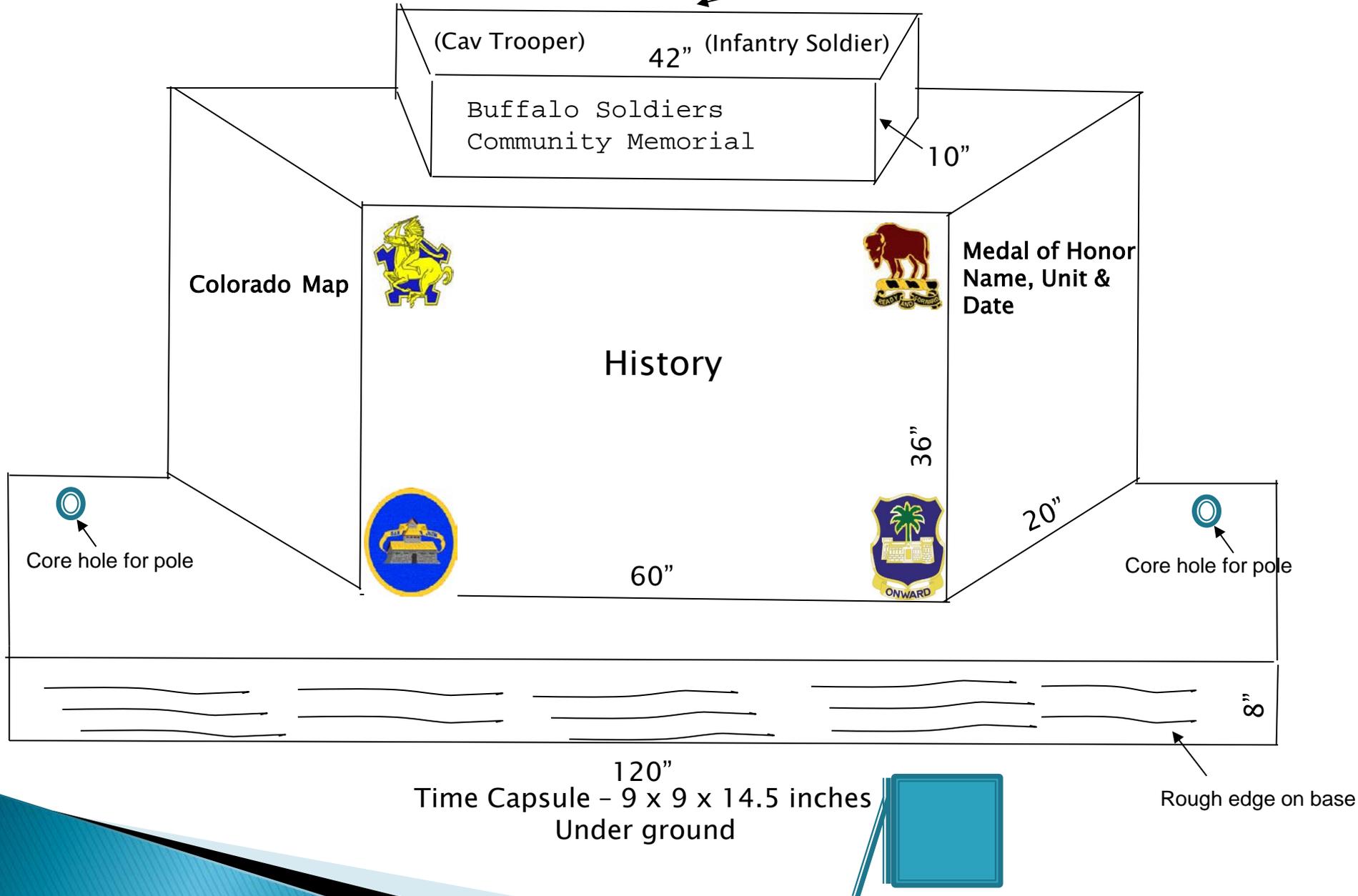
WHY A Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial

- ▶ Protected Surveyor Drawing CO State Line
 - ▶ Constructed Roads
 - ▶ Constructed Forts and protected both peaceful Indians and Settlers
 - ▶ Carried Mail longer than Pony Express
 - ▶ Constructed Telegraph Lines
 - ▶ Fought in both Cuba and Philippines
 - ▶ Twenty-Three Medal of Honor Winners
 - ▶ Generally Overlooked by American History
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WHY A Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial

- ▶ Elements of the 10th Cavalry were stationed at Fort Lyons, and troops of the 9th Cavalry were at Fort Garland Colorado.
- ▶ Assisted civil authorities in controlling mobs, pursued outlaws, and cattle thieves
- ▶ Served as the first US Border Patrol and rode “shotgun” on stage coaches
- ▶ BUFFALO SOLDIERS were also involved in numerous confrontations with hostile Native. Among the most famous confrontations are: Beecher’s Island in Yuma County; Milk Creek in Northern Colorado; and the White River Reservation.

(Backside Names of Committee)



Significant Project Events

- ▶ March 2014 Breakfast Fundraiser
 - Two 60 second TV Spots
- ▶ August 2014 Breakfast Fundraiser
- ▶ May 2015 Memorial Day, Colorado
- ▶ June 2015 NAACP Juneteenth
- ▶ July 2015 Celebrated 149th Anniversary
- ▶ July 2015 Melodrama, Iron Springs Chateau
- ▶ Newsletter to update donors
- ▶ “Buffalo Soldiers Forever” promotional video Sep 2015
- ▶ October 2015, Golf Tournament
- ▶ City dedication July 28, 2016, 150th Anniversary of Buffalo Soldiers

Mayor John Suthers at 149th Anniversary Celebration



Join El Paso County Sherriff and City Springs Police Department Honor Guard Support for 149th Anniversary Event (Don Moon, aka Pres. T. Roosevelt)



Sherriff Elder, W. Breazell, Don Moon, 149th
Buffalo Soldiers Anniversary Event



Location

- ▶ We are requesting approval for Site #26 in Memorial Park Circle of Honor, adjacent to Marine Memorial

Questions / Comments



COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: November 12, 2015

Item Number: Action Item # 2

Item Name: Appointment of TOPS Working Committee Member

SUMMARY:

The TOPS Working Committee currently has one vacancy to be filled. In accordance with the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Ordinance approved by voters in 1997 and the TOPS Policies and Procedures Manual, adopted in September of 1997, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for establishing the TOPS Working Committee to: "Work together, in accordance with the TOPS Ordinance, to guide our City in the prudent acquisition, development and preservation of Trails, Parks and Open Space, thereby creating a legacy for future generations in the Pikes Peak Region."

In accordance with the TOPS Ordinance, City Council appoints three Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members (TOPS Citizen Advisory Board Members) to serve as Liaisons to the TOPS Working Committee. The Liaisons are responsible for conducting an applicant selection process and recommending candidates to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for appointment to the TOPS Working Committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

An interview panel consisting of two TOPS Citizen Advisory Board Members to the TOPS Working Committee conducted an interview process in May of 2015. As part of this process, the interview team recommended three candidates as TOPS Working Committee Members and two candidates to serve as Alternates. Sarah Blakeslee was recommended as 1st Alternate and subsequently approved as 1st Alternate by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in June of 2015.

The TOPS Liaisons recommend 1st Alternate, Sarah Blakeslee, to fill the current vacancy on the TOPS Working Committee beginning on November 15, 2015 and expiring on June 24, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of appointment of Sarah Blakeslee to the TOPS Working Committee as presented.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion approving the appointment of Sarah Blakeslee to the TOPS Working Committee as presented.

Attachments:

Letters of Interest and Resumes from Recommended Appointees



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Advisory Board

November 12, 2015





Background

The Imagine Downtown Master Plan is a land-use master plan adopted in 2009.

- engaged more than 400 stakeholders
- determined a vision for downtown
- created a broad set of more than 20 goals

The vision of Imagine Downtown:

“This plan is intended to be forward thinking and flexible; it should spur investment; put more people on the street through residential growth; strengthen the role that downtown plays in the economic health of the region; provide diverse entertainment, arts and cultural opportunities; foster a sense of place on a pedestrian scale; preserve our rich history; promote sustainability; and create an urban environment that equals the unique and beautiful natural setting of Colorado Springs.”



Goals of the Plan Update:

Further the Vision of the Imagine Downtown Master Plan by

- Updating specific tactics and additional chapters on public spaces, access and mobility.
- Developing market-based actions and tools.
- Integrating findings of numerous community plans.
- Producing compelling materials that highlight investment opportunities in Downtown Colorado Springs.

Project Team



Plan Leadership

Project Management Team (PMT)

Consultants, DDA and City Department Directors

Lead team generating plan content

Primary review/feedback team for consultants

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Community and organizational leaders

Selected for specific areas of expertise

Provides input for plan development

Reviews and comments on plan content

Civic Leadership

Appointed leaders and support staff

Stays informed of the plan, asks questions and provides input for plan development

Reviews final draft and makes support or approval decisions

Informing the Plan

Leadership

**Community
Engagement**

**Review of
existing plans**

**Analysis of
market trends
and data**

Broad Range of Inputs

- Adopted City plans
- Regional and market area data
- 2014 downtown perceptions survey
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Consultant expertise
- Area Tour (by bike)
- Focus groups
- Stakeholder interviews
- Charrettes
- Community Survey
- Community Forum



Project Schedule & Major Deliverables



Project Schedule



July/August
2015

September
2015

Sept./Oct.
2015

Oct./Nov.
2015

Nov./Dec.
2015

Jan.-March
2016

Existing
Conditions
Analysis

Updated
Vision

Design
Concepts &
Visuals

Investment
Focus Areas

Draft & Final
Plan Update

White
Paper

Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement

Major Deliverables

Phase I

- Market Assessment and Forecast
- Draft and Final Plan Update

Phase II

- White Paper Recommendations
- Development Toolkit

Stakeholder Engagement



July: TAC meeting, interviews, data/studies review
Info session with City staff

August: Market assessment, TAC meeting, focus groups

September: TAC meeting, team charrette, Downtown Partnership Annual Breakfast

October: Follow up Interviews, city staff and PMT

November: TAC meeting, community forum

January: TAC meeting, stakeholder follow-ups, implementation strategy session



TAC/PTT WORK SESSION
9.15.16

VISION...

- ▶ NOT RESTRICT, WE ARE
- ▶ SHOULD BE MORE VISUAL, PRIORITIZED *is core list!*
- ▶ INCORPORATE URBAN
- ▶ SYMBOL SPACETER, ECONOMIC ENGINE, LIVE/WORK/PLAY *DEVELOP!*
- ▶ VIBRANT, INNOVATIVE, LIVABLE, WELCOMING *VALUE!*
- ▶ "THE PLACE TO BE!" *INTERCONNECTED*
- ▶ ANCHOR HUBS BUT NOT SYMBOL OF REGION
- ▶ OPPORTUNISTIC, ENTREPRENEURIAL...

MARKET

- LACK OF HISTORICAL RE-PURPOSING SPACE DOWNTOWN → TARGET OPPORTUNITIES, MARKET IS THERE
- MARKET IN PUBLIC DOMAIN TO SUPPORT PRIVATE MARKET CATALYZE

AND USE STRATEGIC & DISTRICTS

- SHOULD EMPHASIS STRADDLE DISTRICTS? AND BE FLEXIBLE! AND ORGANIC DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICTS
- ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION HOUSING
- WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN?

URBAN LIFE COLLABORATED TO BEHOLD!

LEGEND

- Downtown
- Park
- Core
- Office
- Building

Downtown Study Area
DOWNTOWN STUDY AREA DOWNTOWN STUDY AREA
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Informing City Boards and Commissions



- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Downtown Review Board
- Parks Board
- Citizens Transportation Advisory Board
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Urban Renewal Authority
- Infill and Redevelopment Steering Committee
- Downtown Boards and Committees

Next Steps

- **Community Forum – 11/17**
register at www.downtowncs.com homepage
- **Survey Results – November**
Survey available at www.downtowncs.com homepage
- **Draft Market Assessment – November**
Will request review from TAC and PMT
- **Final market assessment by EOY 2015**
Available to the public
- **Draft Master Plan Update – Late November**
Will request review from TAC, PMT and some city staff
- **2nd Draft Master Plan Update – Mid-Q1 2016**
Available for public review
- **2016 Developer Toolkit – Q1 2016**
- **Master Plan Approval – Q2 2016**

Approval Process



February-April, 2016

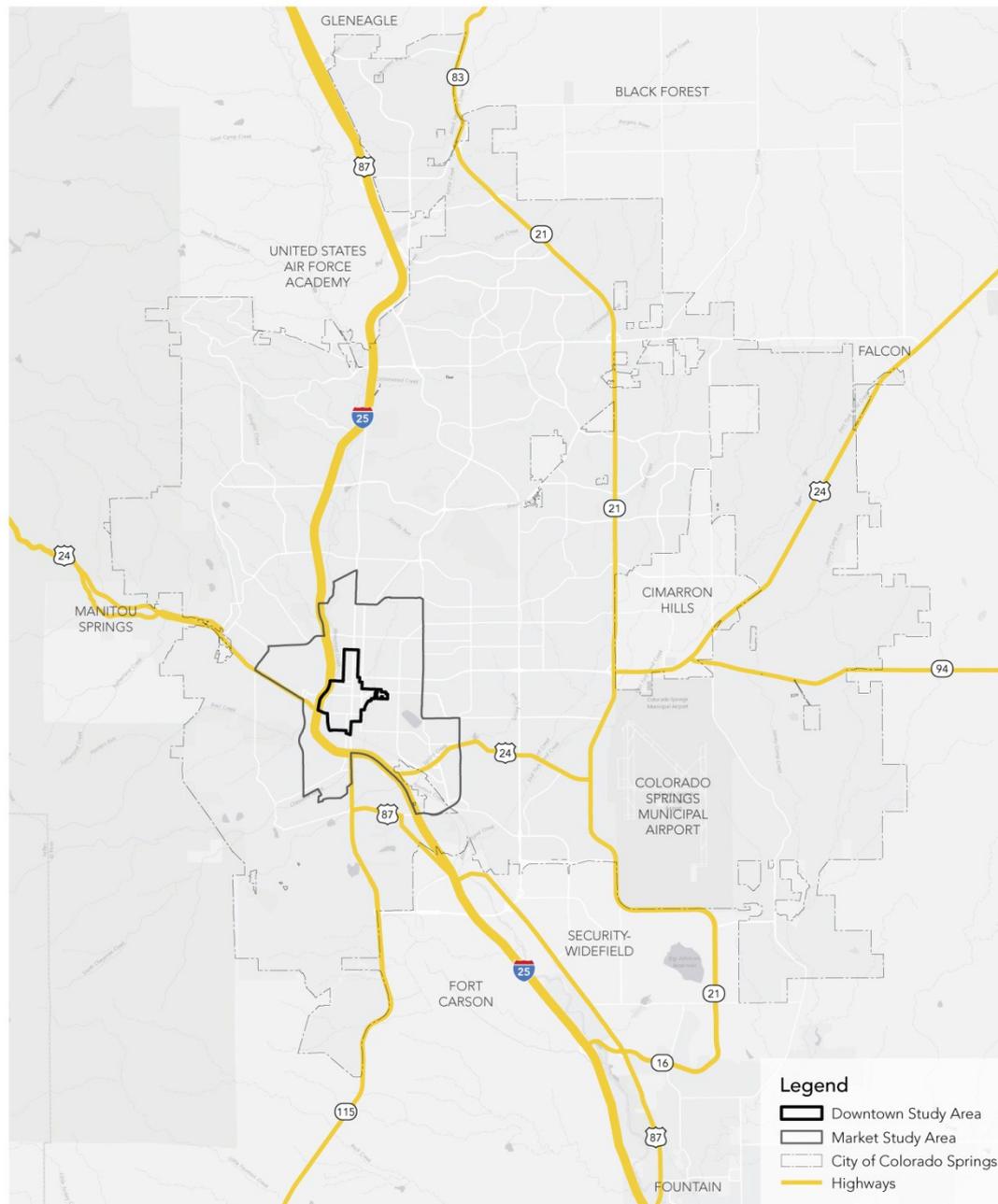
- **Parks Board recommendation**
- **DRB recommendation**
- **Planning Commission recommendation**
- **City Council Approval**



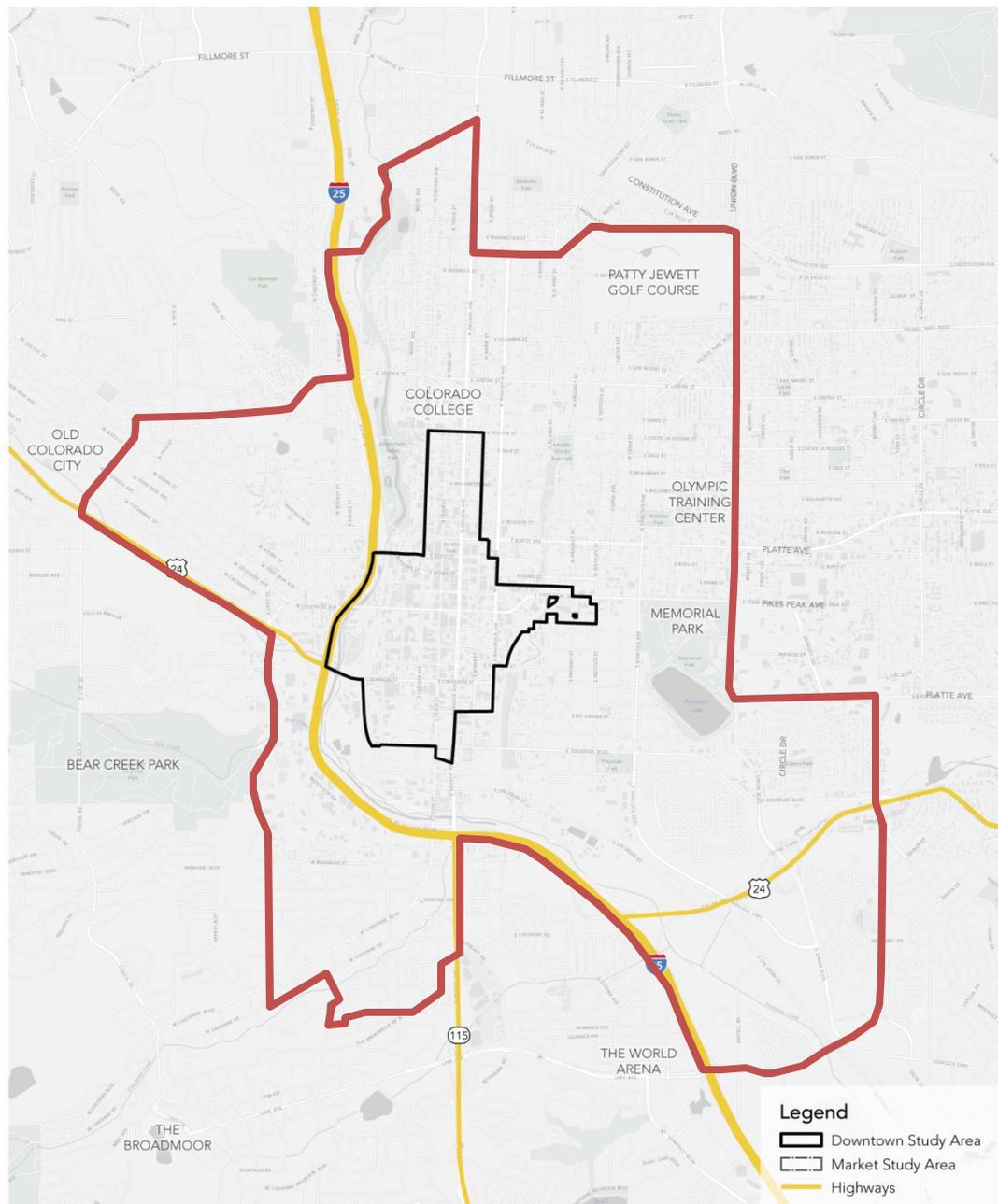
Market & Framework Existing Conditions



Colorado Springs Region

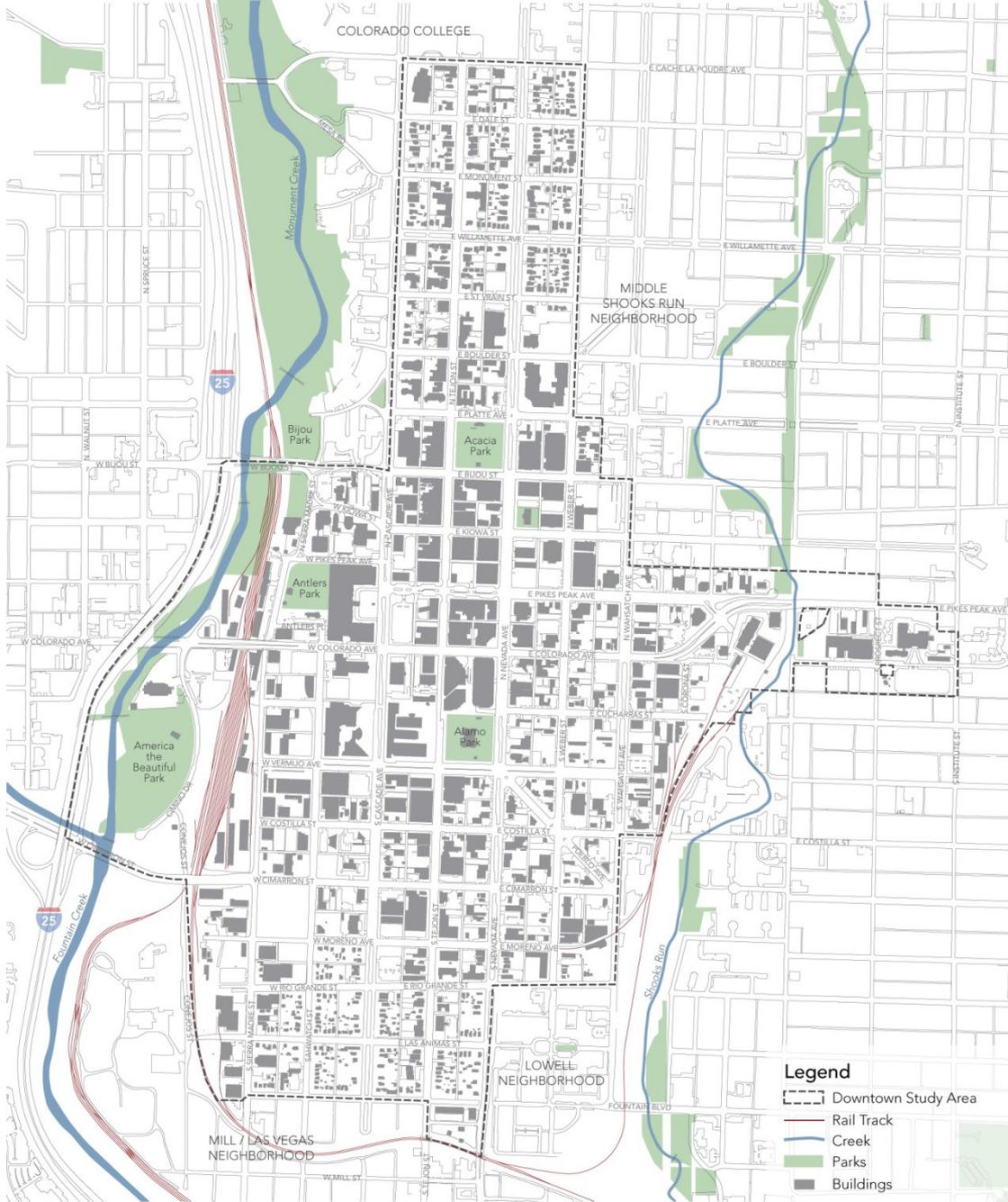


In Place Market Area

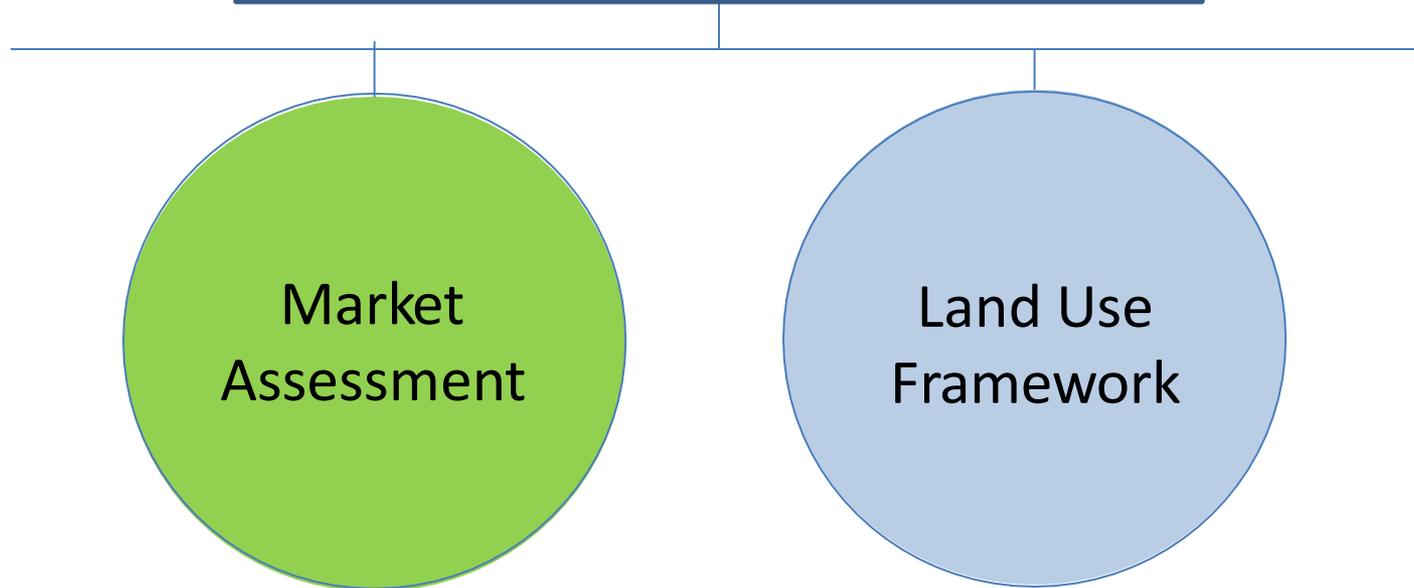




Downtown



Imagine Downtown Master Plan Tactical Update - Existing Conditions





Key Market Opportunities

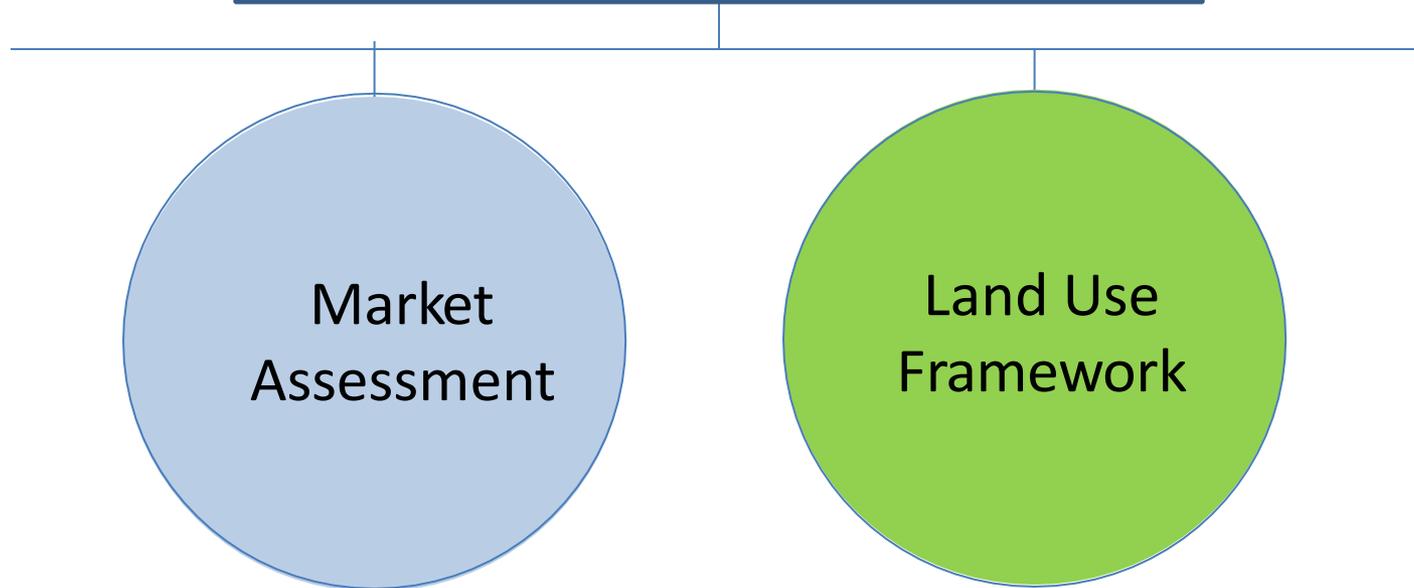
- **Retail** – Limited Opportunity, niche segments poised for growth
- **Commercial/Office** – Moderate opportunity, driven by job growth
- **Residential** – Moderate to Strong Opportunity, Existing residents and downtown workers are currently the strongest potential segment
- **Industrial** – Potential for niche light industrial and manufacturing
- **Hospitality** – Opportunity for Improvement

Vibrant downtowns nationally are better positioned to capitalize on economic opportunity

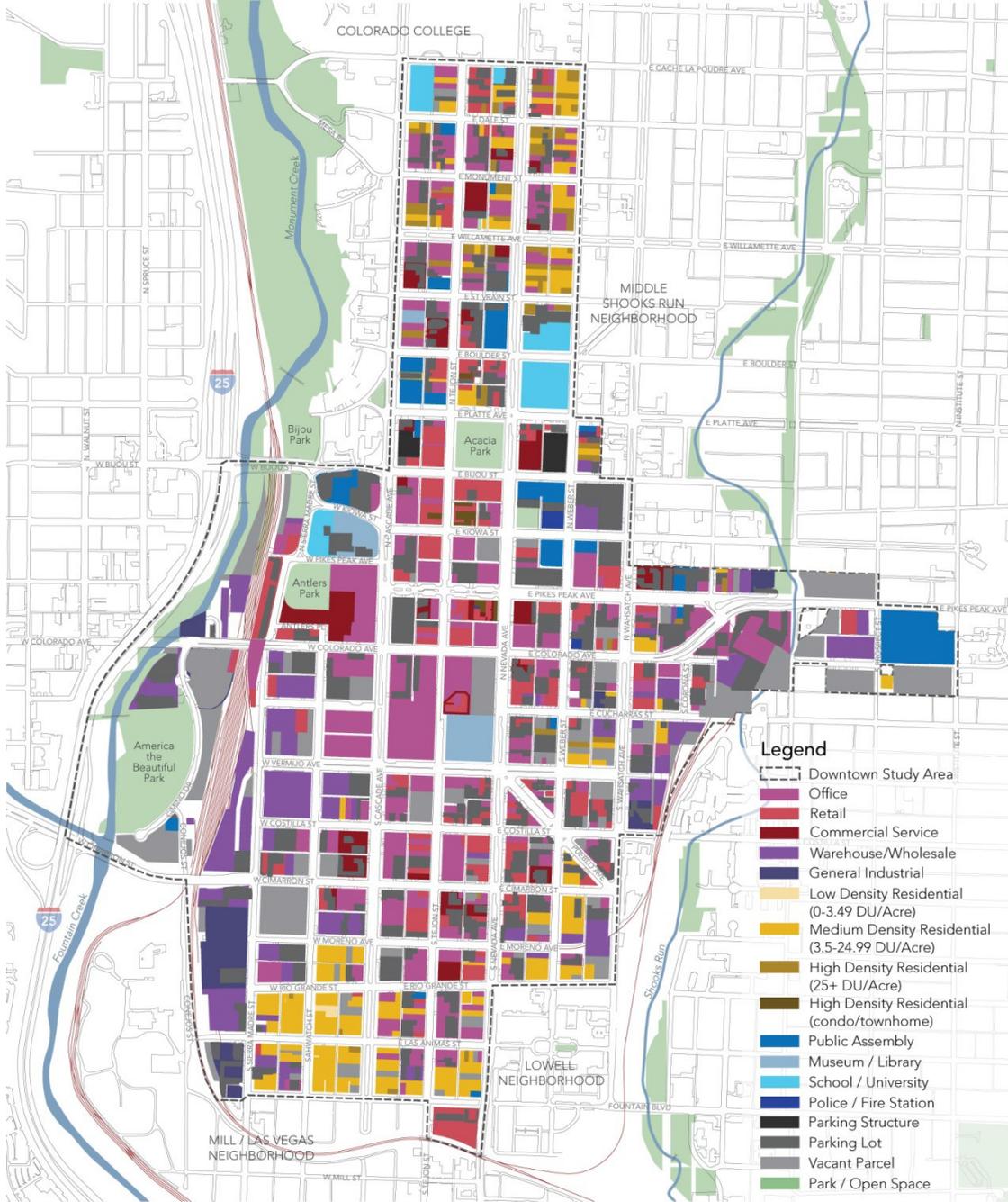
- Resident serving amenities
- Improved public realm
- Improved connectivity to, from, and within downtown
- Diverse spaces for diverse uses



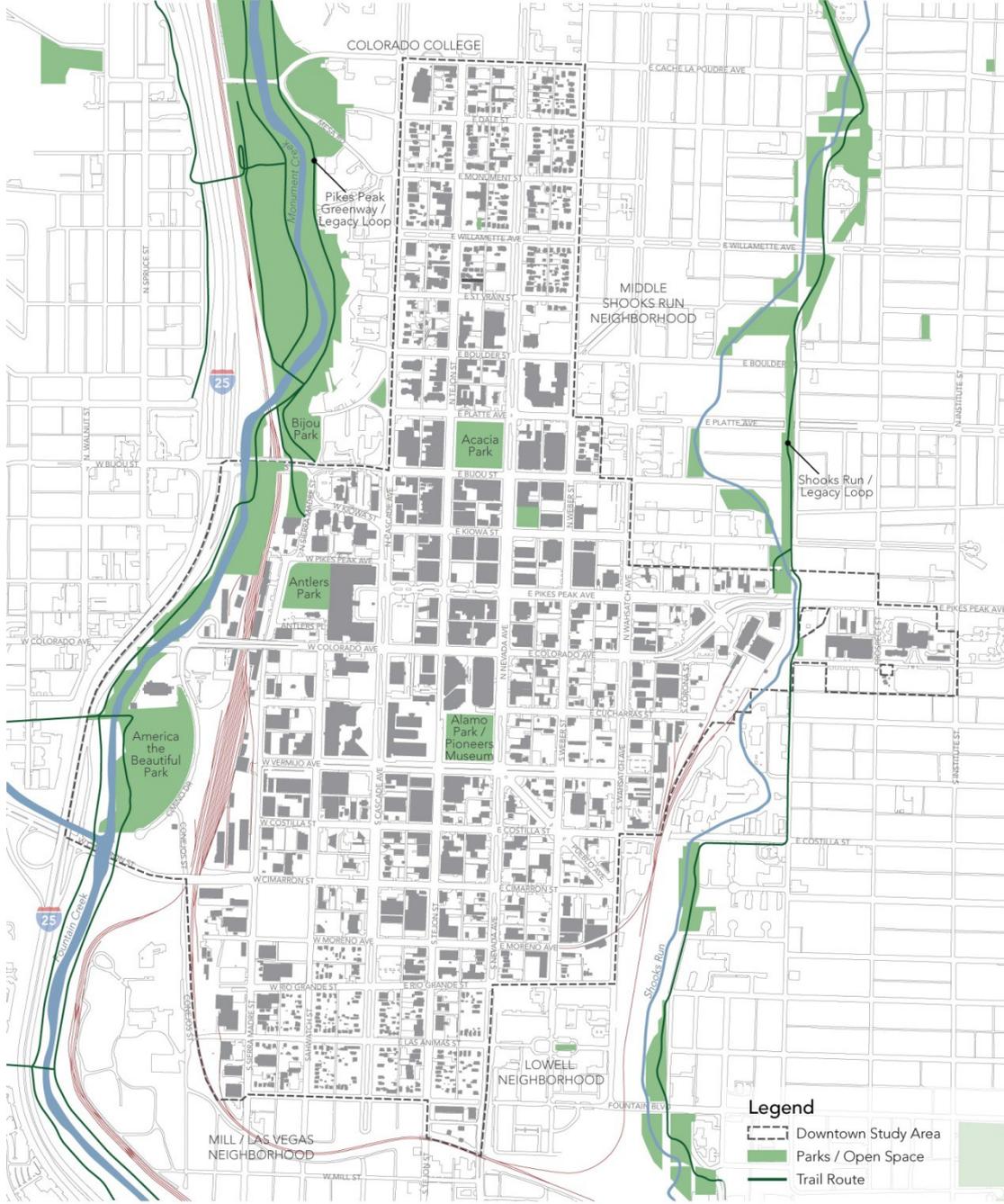
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Land Use



Parks & Trails



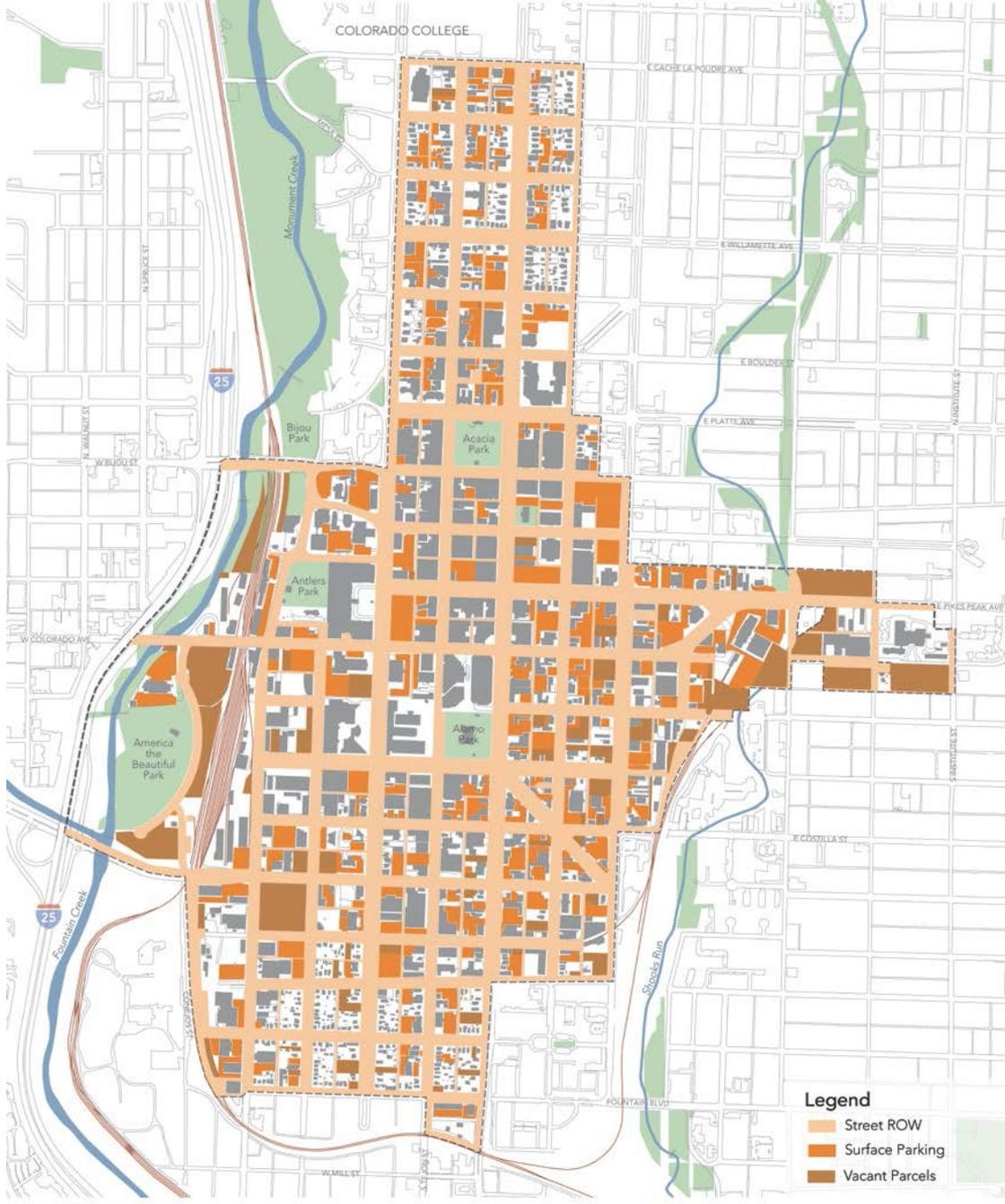
Vacant Parcels, Parking Lots and

Total Vacant Parcels
49 acres

Total Surface Parking Lots
78 acres

Total Street ROW
250 acres

**Underutilized land in
downtown accounts for
over 50% of the DDA land
mass**





Focus Areas and Opportunities



Study Focus Areas

- Opportunity areas
- Streets, mobility and connectivity
- Key streetscape improvements
- Alley improvement projects
- Parking management
- Parks & public spaces

Mobility and Connectivity



- Ample opportunity to enhance mobility by adding more bike lanes within many generous rights of way
- Locations should be selected to maximize connections between employment, retail, and residential activity centers

Key Streetscape Improvement Opportunities



- Tejon Street
- Pikes Peak Avenue
- Vermijo Street
- Sierra Madre Street
- Pueblo Avenue
- Cascade Ave
- Nevada Ave
- Wide residential streets

Alley Improvement Projects



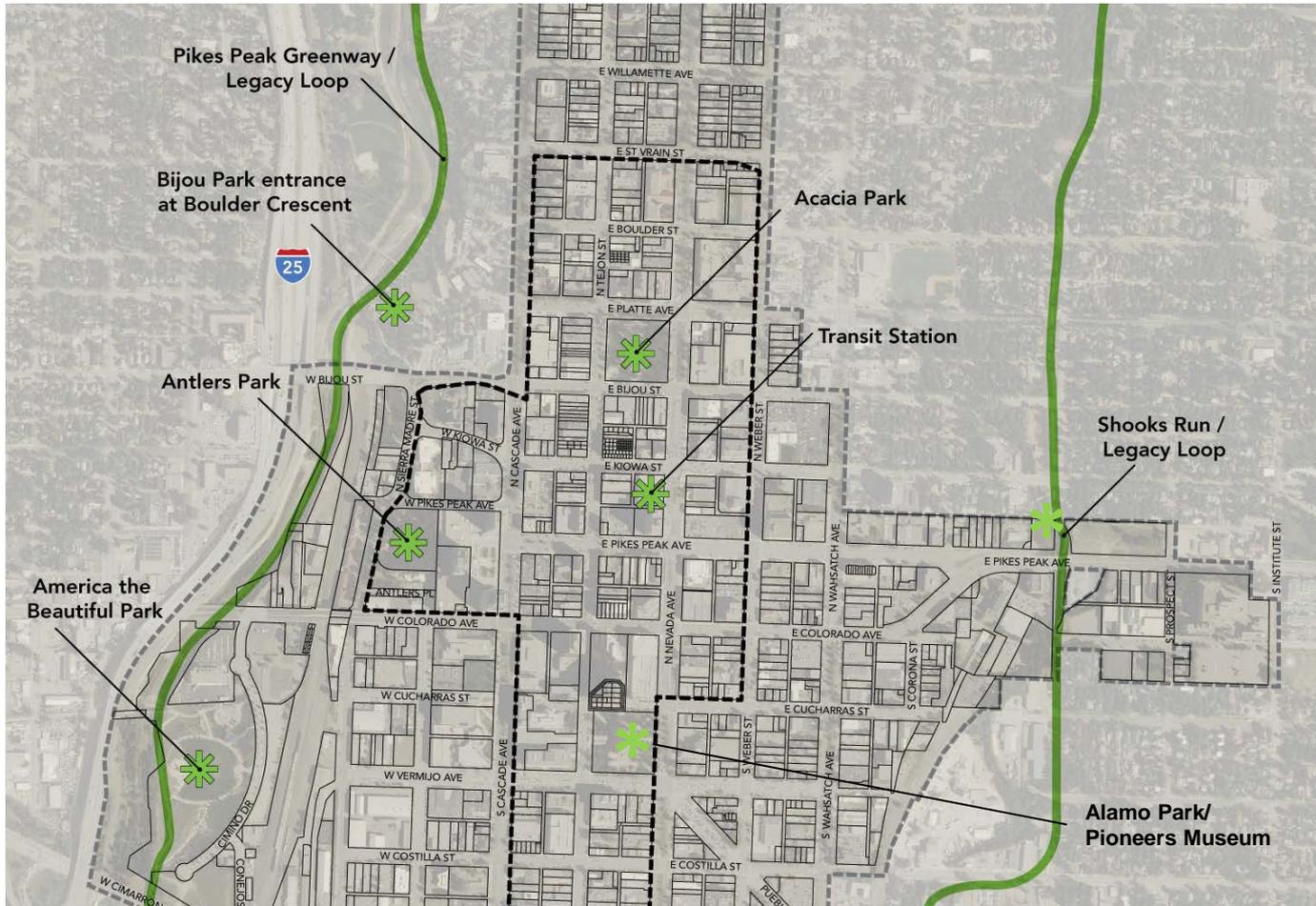
- Recently completed project in alley off Bijou between Tejon and Cascade
- Alley improvement projects can improve safety, vitality and connectivity
- Offer a unique experience for shopping and/or dining

Parking



- Flat rate paid parking structure, despite technology that allows a more nuanced approach
- There appears ample opportunity to add zones and enhance revenue
- Management and activation of structured parking
- Consider trade-offs of on-street parking and other amenities
- Development economics associated with parking

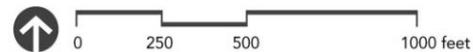
Parks & Public Spaces



- Assets to leverage
- Important to link together
- Connectivity issues
- Loitering issues

Legend

- ▬ Parcels
- ▭ DDA Boundary
- ▭ BID Boundary





City Staff– Project Update



Source: Nice Ride (Twin Cities MN)



Source: Capital Bikeshare (Washington, DC)



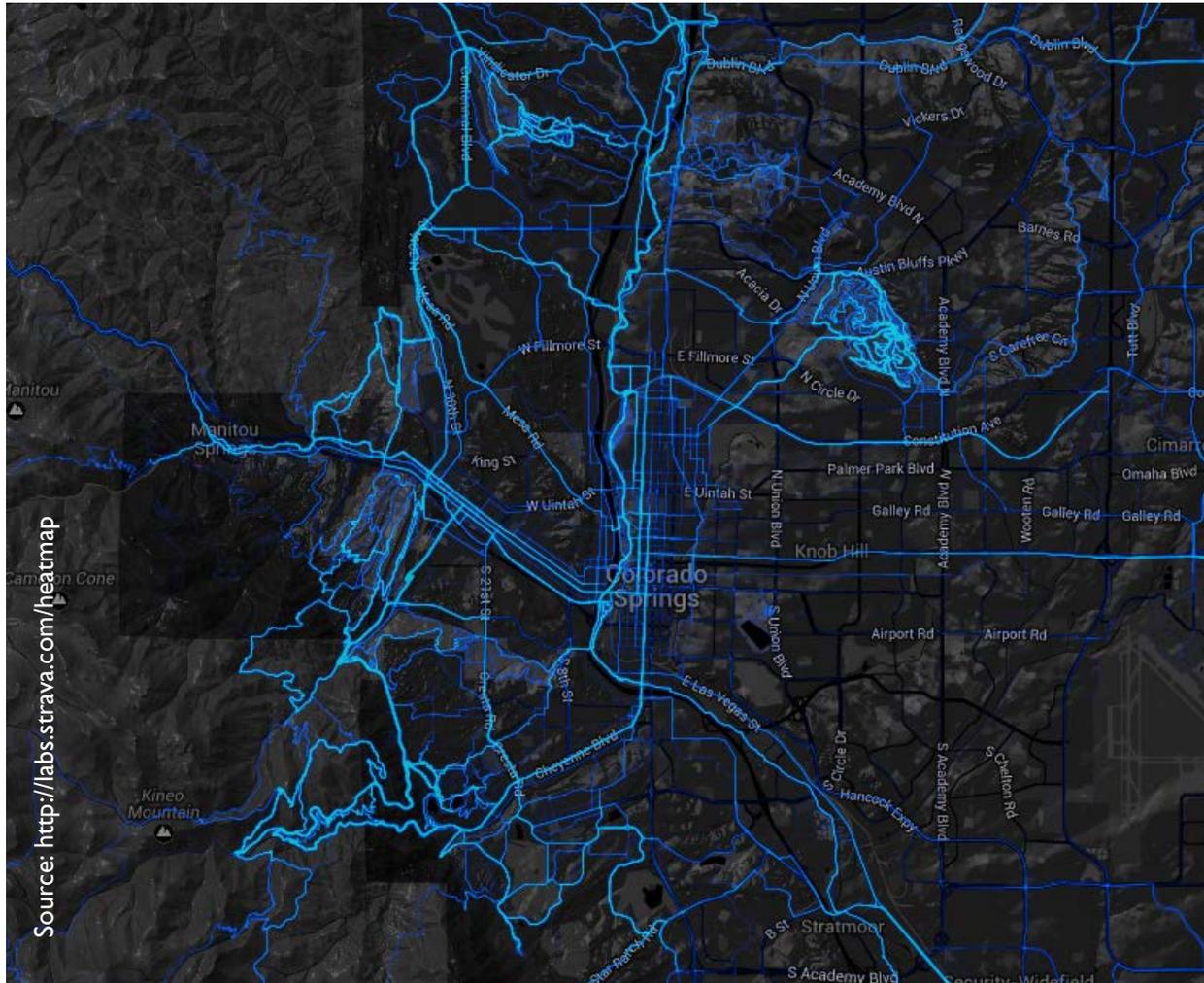
Colorado Springs Bike Share Business and Implementation Plan



- Bicycle Friendly Community (Silver)
- UCCS (Bronze)

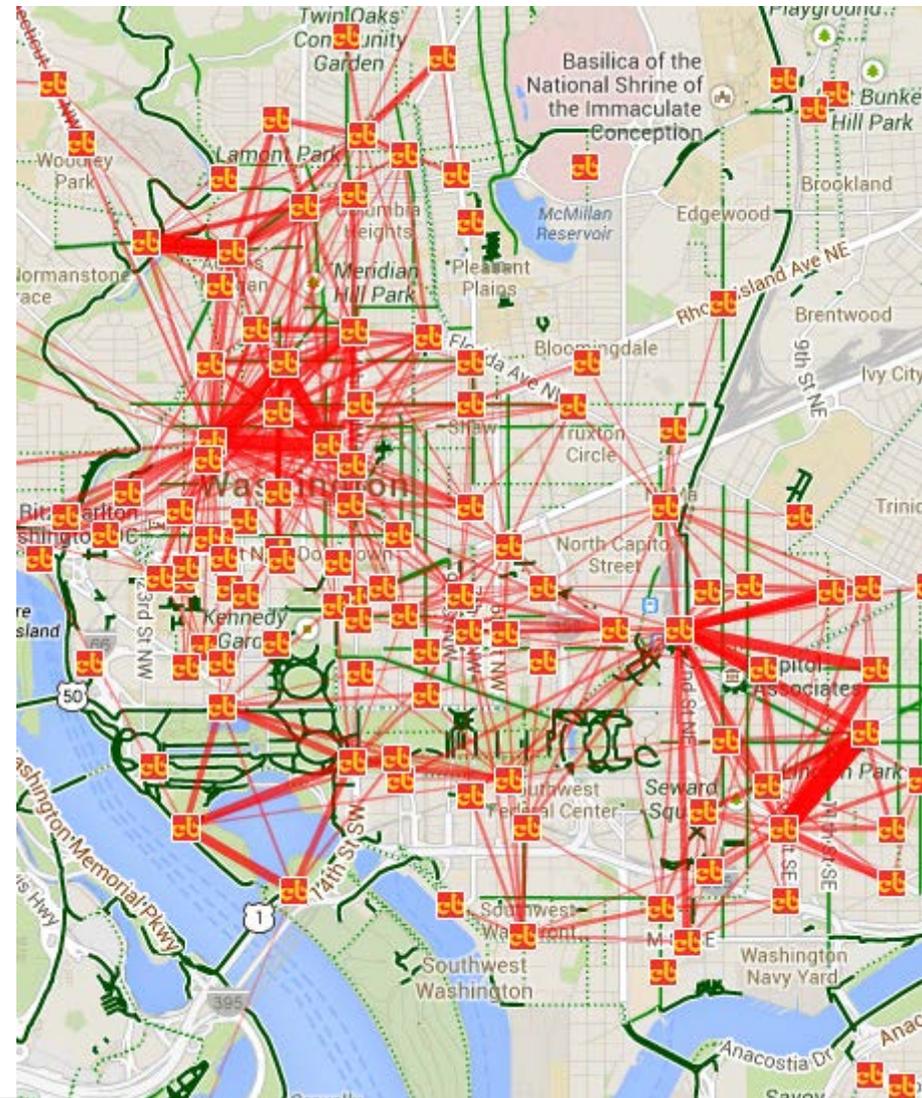


Popular Routes

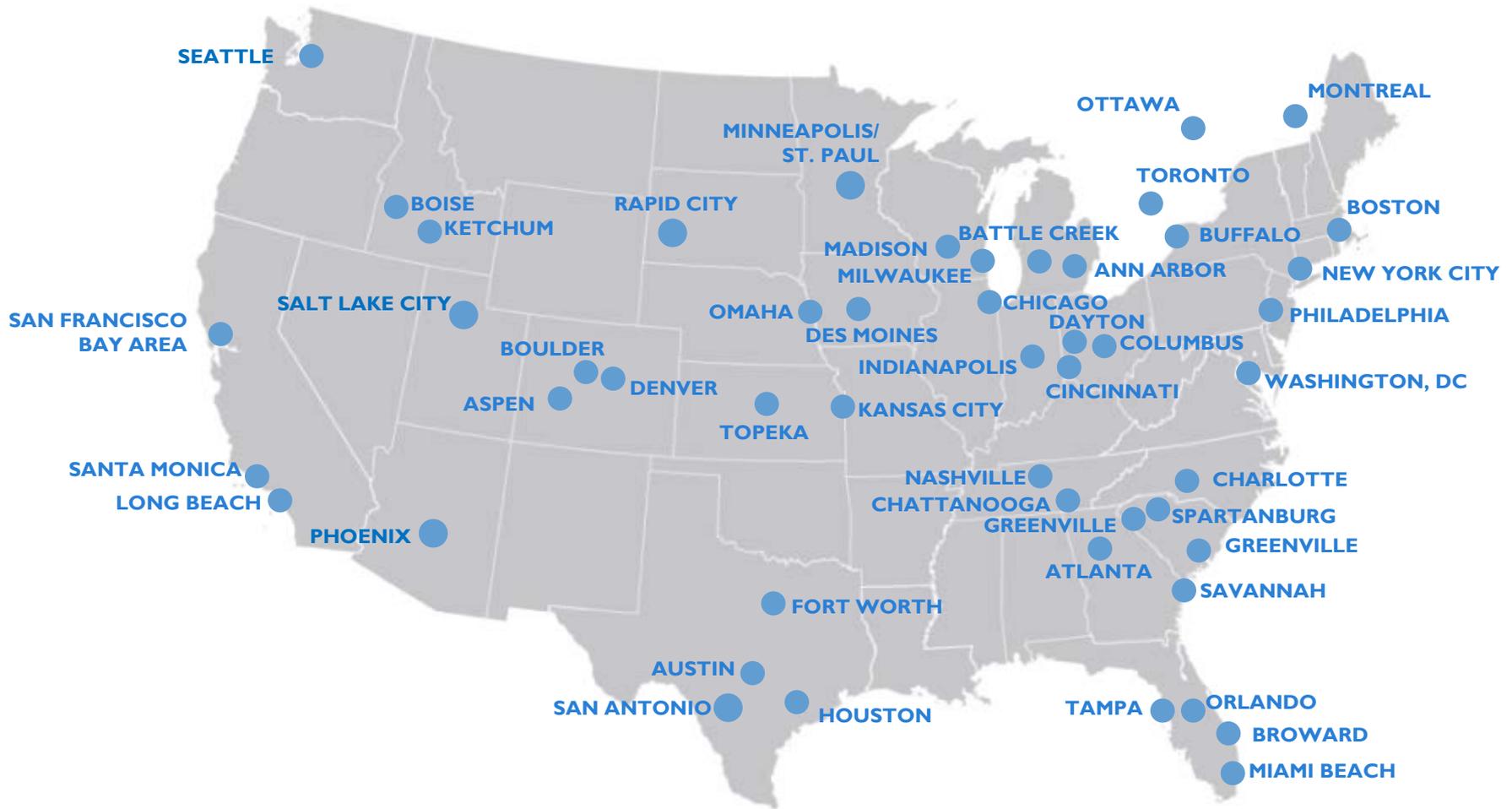


What is Bike Share?

- Automated self-service bicycle rentals
- Short, one-way trips
- Membership based
 - Annual
 - Casual
- Dense network of stations located conveniently



Current Bike Share Systems



Goals of Bike Share

Mobility - Offer an additional transportation option for residents, students, employees, and visitors to Colorado Springs.

Economic - Increase the attractiveness of Colorado Springs as a place to live, work, visit and do business. Support the tourism industry by offering a new amenity for visitors.

Bicycling - Increase the rate of bicycling in Colorado Springs and use bike share as a catalyst for more bicycle infrastructure improvements.



Why are Cities Embracing Bike Share?

- High profile, fast and CHEAP way to change a city's transportation infrastructure.
- What do you get for \$10 million?
 - Fleet of 15 buses
 - 0.5 miles of streetcar
 - 0.02 miles of heavy rail / subway
 - 0.1 miles of light rail
 - 1 mile of road
 - **2,000 bike / 200 station bike share system (20 square miles) in 6 months!**

Elements of "Smart Dock" System



Bike Share in the Region

- **Denver**

- 87 stations / 700 bikes
- Launched April 2010
- 377,000 trips
- Non-profit owner / operator

- **Boulder**

- 38 stations / 250 bikes
- Launched May 2011
- 43,000 trips
- Non-profit owner / operator

- **Aspen**

- 14 stations / 100 bikes
- Launched June 2013
- 10,000 trips
- Non-profit owner / operator



Funding Sources

PUBLIC

- Federal
- State
- Local

PRIVATE GRANTS

- Health organizations
- Active living organizations
- Local foundations
- Local businesses

CUSTOMER FEES

- Membership fees
- Usage fees

ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

- Naming rights
- Advertising
- Station or bike sponsorship
- Digital assets



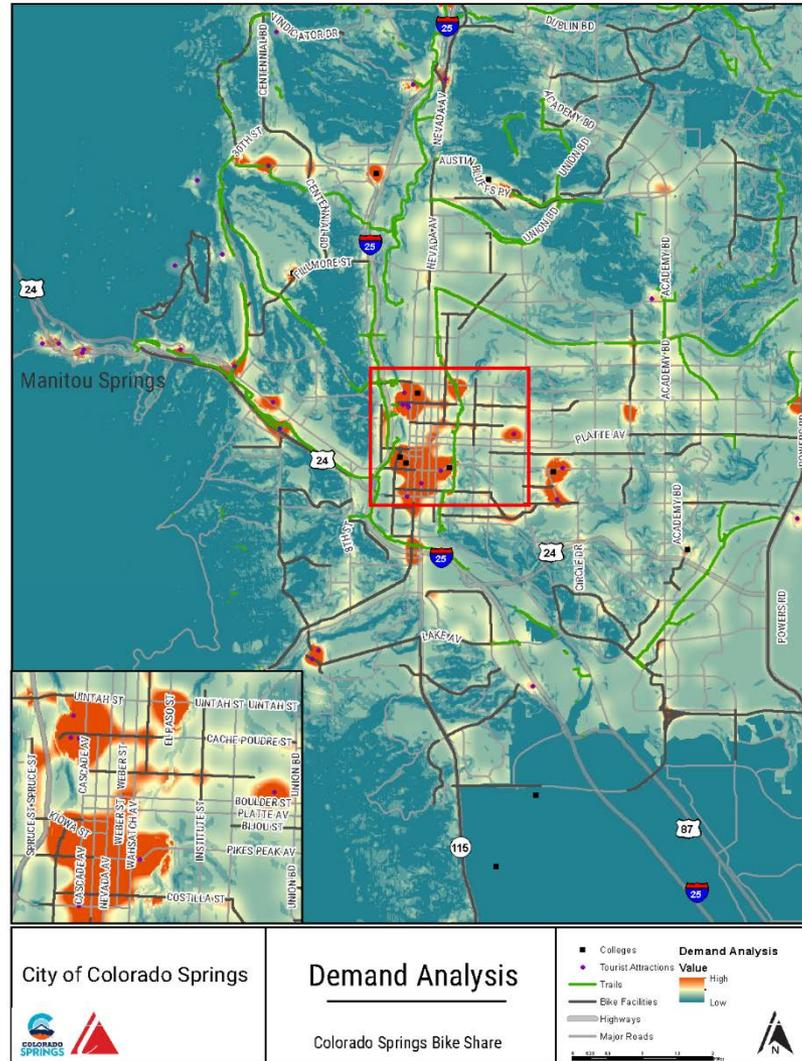
Source: Zotwheels, Deco Bike, Boulder B-cycle

Bike Share Study

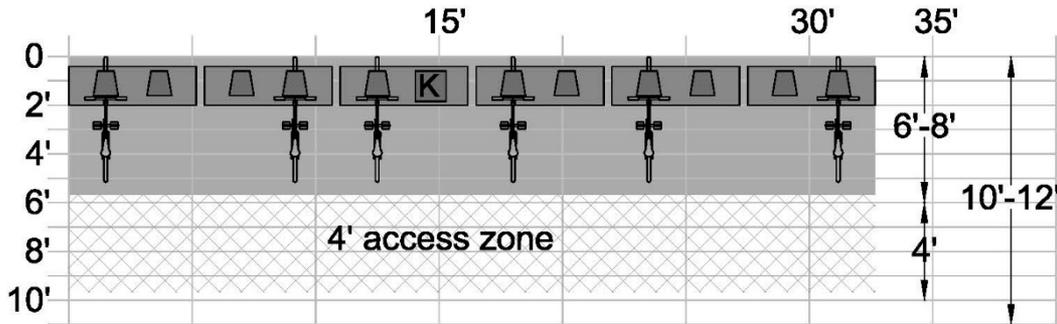
- Stakeholder outreach
- Existing conditions inventory
- System size determination
- Social and geographic equity plan
- Site planning
- Colorado Springs Bike Share Report



Demand Analysis

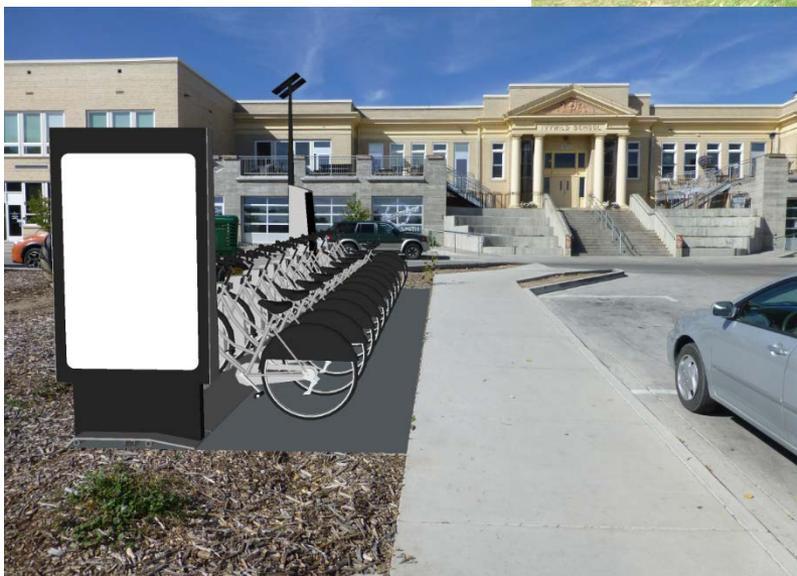


Station Siting



Docks	Width	Station Depth	Access Depth	Total Depth	Weight
15	40' – 42'	6'	2' - 4'	8' – 10'	4500 - 5500 lb
19	50' – 52'	6'	2' - 4'	8' – 10'	5500 - 6500 lb

Source: *Bikesharing in the US: State of the Practice and Guide to Implementation*,





Discussion



“Helping preserve the past, to build the future”

OUR MISSION

“Old Colorado City Foundation (OCCF) is a non-profit foundation founded in 2013 with the Mission to preserve the past while planning for the future. The OCCF will promote, preserve, and enhance the historic integrity of the Old Colorado City Historic District of Colorado Springs, CO. In collaboration with local partners, the Foundation will serve as a catalyst for beautification, improvement, and economic promotion to encourage the development of OCC as a premiere shopping, dining, art, and recreation district in the Pikes Peak Region.”

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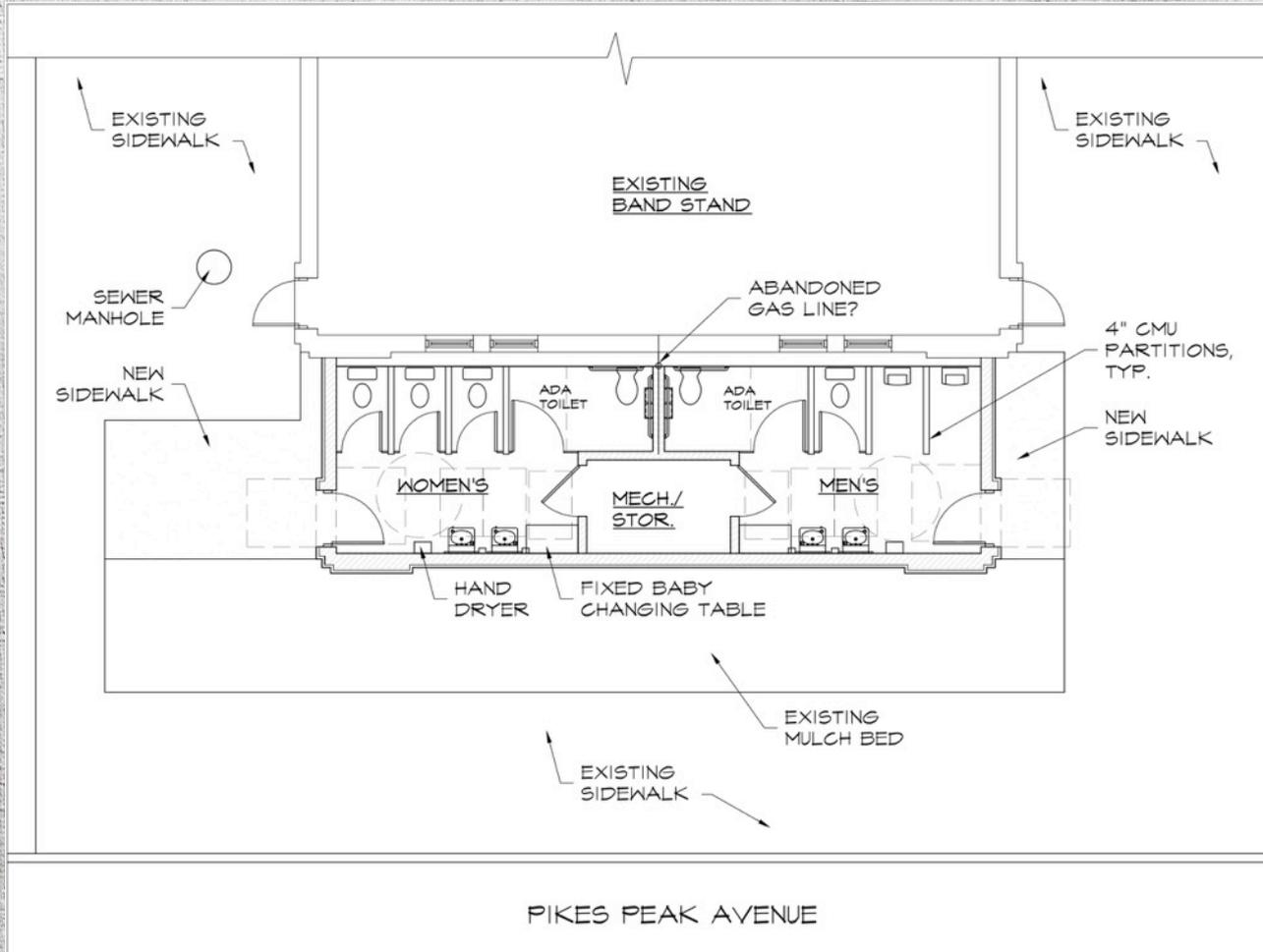
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OUR PLAN

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