



## FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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For the week of August 24, 2015

### **Inside** the city

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Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

To see events posted on the city wide calendar please visit our [website](#).

### **Council** follow-up

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Resolution of action items or requests from previous meetings.

**Councilmember Douglas requested staff evaluate the traffic signal sequencing at the 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chambers Road intersection as it appears to be cycling without oncoming traffic being present**

The City's signal contractor reviewed the timing sequence and verified all of the cameras at the intersection were working properly. Since that time, staff has monitored the intersection and has not observed any problems.

**Councilmen McEldowney and Douglas observed that vehicles are still trying to access Buckley Road and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue via 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue and requested staff implement a better solution to deter drivers**

As reported in June, 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue cannot be permanently blocked from Tower Road as there are at least two driveways that access property from 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Denver International Airport needs to use the road to access an area on refuge property. Staff had installed concrete barricades on the north side of the curve at 88<sup>th</sup> Ave & Buckley Road to prevent anyone driving further north onto Buckley Road and getting stuck on a dead end. "No Outlet" signage has also been installed at the intersection of 88<sup>th</sup> & Tower and along 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue to warn drivers that the road does not go through to 96<sup>th</sup> Ave anymore. These efforts have not been enough as vehicles are simply driving around the barricades. If additional barricades are installed, vehicles will likely just continue to make a wider path around the barricades. Staff is investigating the possibility of installing a gate on the east side of Second Creek. Access to the gate would need to be managed with entities that need to access east of the creek.

**Councilmen Bullock, Teter, and Amador requested pavement repair on the frontage roads in front of Walgreen's, west of US-85 and north of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue (also signed as Dexter Street) and on the east side of US 6-Hwy 85 from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (also referred to as Eudora Drive)**

Both of these streets are owned and maintained by Colorado Department of Transportation. Staff notified them of the need for repairs in mid-July; they have completed pothole patching on both streets. Given the poor condition of the roadways, maintenance will continue to be an ongoing issue.

**Councilman Amador requested staff evaluate the one way signage along Dexter Street**

While this area is certainly challenging for motorists, staff reviewed the signage and does not recommend any changes at this time.



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### **Councilman Douglas raised resident concerns related to speeds on E. 72nd Place, east of Olive Street, where traffic seems to be using it as a cut-through; request a speed bump and/or study**

The Police Department monitored this area for several weeks and did not observe any issues. Some students appear to be using the street to travel to the high school. A traffic study found 481 total vehicles using the street in a 24-hour period. This is in line with the volumes typically seen on a residential street. About two-thirds of the vehicles are traveling eastbound and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 27 mph or 2 mph greater than the posted speed. These results correlate with the observations of the Police Department. No further action is warranted at this time.

### **Information on Landlord Recruitment Program & potential funding**

The Metro Mayors Caucus recently joined Colorado Housing Connects to announce a new regional Landlord Incentive Program, recognizing the regional nature of the challenge of ending homelessness and the important role that landlords can play in helping individuals and families find a safe place to call home. The incentive fund will be available to local property owners and landlords in the seven-county metro area who agree to rent their available apartments or homes to individuals with housing vouchers who participate in the regional Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System, administered by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative. The fund offers caring and community-minded landlords up to \$1,000 to help cover costs associated with vacancies, damages and any repairs that would occur while their tenant is in a binding lease agreement. More information is available at Colorado Housing Connects at 1-844-926-6632 or [www.coloradohousingconnects.org](http://www.coloradohousingconnects.org).

Launched with \$10,000 in seed money from the Metro Mayors Caucus, the program is now in excess of \$54,000 thanks to the contributions of the following communities:

Denver	\$15,000
Aurora	\$10,000
Metro Mayors Caucus	\$10,000
Golden	\$3,000
Boulder	\$2,500
Lakewood	\$2,500
Northglenn	\$2,500
Parker	\$1,500
Arvada	\$1,000
Centennial	\$1,000
Cherry Hills Village	\$1,000
Englewood	\$1,000
Greenwood Village	\$1,000
Thornton	\$1,000
Westminster	\$1,000
Brighton	\$500

Based on the housing needs within Commerce City, staff recommends that city council approve a \$3,000 investment in the fund, sharing program information in the city newsletter, website and Housing Authority. This funding request will be on the Sept. 21, 2015, regular meeting agenda for action.



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### **Correspondence**

- North Metro Rail Line News August 2015

### **City Council Work Schedule**

Attached please find the current city council meeting schedule.

**From:** [Gallegos, Lysa - CM](#)  
**To:** [Gallegos, Lysa - CM](#)  
**Subject:** FW: North Metro Rail Line News August 2015  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2015 12:10:04 PM

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**August 20, 2015**

## **Welcome**

Tis the season—for back to school, back to football, and back to construction on the North Metro Rail Line. The project team has been hard at work finalizing designs and issuing documents for construction. Crews are knee-deep working on early work activities preparing for construction of the North Metro Line.

As we begin major construction activities along the line, it is important we get you updates in a timely matter, especially as construction will be occurring throughout different parts of the line. You can find a variety of the latest information on the [North Metro Rail Line website](#). You can also identify places along the line for area-specific updates. This will allow us to send construction notices to people directly affected by construction rather than sending them to our general mailing list. You can do this on our [sign up page](#) by checking the boxes for your geographical areas of interest.

## **News along the line**

### **North Metro Video Updates**

As more and more construction is happening, at multiple areas along the line, we will bring you occasional video updates to see some construction up close. Our first segment, we take a look at one of the first caissons poured for the Skyway Bridge with Regional Rail Partners Project Director Dave Trent. Take a [look](#).

### **Story along the line**

#### **Underground work begins in preparation for the Marion Street Bridge**

As part of the overall development near the National Western Complex, the City and County of Denver worked with North Metro's project team to design a lower and larger sanitary sewer pipeline under the future Marion Street Bridge, the same bridge we introduced in the [May newsletter](#). This larger sewer pipe is sized to handle the planned development in the area. Because the groundwater table in the area would fill the hole they will be digging with water, the crews have implemented a strategy to lower the groundwater table in the work area and allow construction of the pipeline.

Due to underground contamination from previous industrial land use in the area, treatment of the groundwater generated from the construction dewatering operation is required prior to its discharge back to the environment. The solution is to mobilize a temporary water treatment plant. This temporary water treatment plant at the work site ensures the groundwater is safe to discharge back into Colorado's surface water system.

Overall, this activity is cost effective, eliminates potential hazards, and provides the filtration needed to ensure water quality across the project.

### **Behind the scenes**

#### **North Metro Rail Line to Highway 7**

RTD is committed to the completion of the North Metro Rail line to Highway 7 as soon as funds are available. Currently, only the portion of the North Metro Rail Line between Union Station and 124th Avenue is funded and moving into construction. When the design-build contract was awarded to Regional Rail Partners (RRP) in December 2013, there was an option in the contract to extend the project from 124th Avenue to Highway 7 for a fixed price if the decision was made by December 2015.

RTD recently completed the FasTracks 2015 Annual Program Evaluation (APE), where the entire FasTracks program is evaluated to determine where additional funds are needed and identify potential funding sources. The RTD Board of Directors is scheduled to take action on the APE at the August 20 board meeting.

There are not enough funds available in the APE in 2015 to exercise RRP's proposed option for completion of the North Metro Rail Line. However, RTD has asked RRP to provide costs for three separate alternatives:

- Design and build from 124th Avenue to Highway 7 –extending the option one year
- Design and build from 124th Avenue to 144nd Avenue – extending the option one year
- Design and build from 124th Avenue to 144nd Avenue –under current contract completion dates

Once these costs estimates are complete, RTD will be in a better position to make a decision regarding the next steps for the completion of the North Metro Rail project.

The APE will be completed each year, and it is RTD's intent to continue to identify funding for the completion of the North Metro Rail Line to Highway 7.

## Activities along the line

### North Metro Update

**All construction activities are subject to change. Please visit the construction page on the website for the most up-to-date info.**

- North Metro Rail Line crews will be removing the overhead levers at the railroad tracks on 88th Avenue and Welby Road. Traffic in this area will be shifted to one lane in each direction during this operation.
- North Metro Rail Line crews will be working at 104th Avenue between Fox Run Parkway and Steele Street. The westbound right lane will be closed for this activity.
- Crews will be working on the wet utilities (water and sanitary sewer) on the north end of the project. This work could require some temporary lane closures on 88th Avenue, 100th Avenue, 104th Avenue and 112th Avenue, as they cross the railroad tracks. In those instances, traffic control devices will be in place and specific closures will be listed on the North Metro website. There will also be a temporary detour on the pedestrian/bike trail behind Albertson's at 104th Avenue. You may still use the trail but, due to safety requirements, pedestrians will be routed around the construction zone.
- Independent utility companies are actively relocating their facilities to accommodate construction of the North Metro Rail Line
- North Metro crews continue to remove the existing rail from the RTD guideway. Traffic flaggers will be in place to control traffic while trucks are entering and exiting the guideway onto local streets
- Initial operations on the Skyway Bridge have begun. Construction of this bridge will continue for at least 18 months.
- Crews are replacing the sanitary sewer line on the National Western Stock Show property (see "Story along the line"). This work is a pre-cursor to construction of the bridges over Marion Street which will eventually be called Bettie Cram Drive.
- Construction activities between 112th Avenue and 124th Avenue could begin in early September with early work on the bridge over 120th Avenue being one of the first tasks
- Abatement and demolition of buildings that were purchased by RTD for the North Metro Rail Line Project have begun along the south end of the corridor
- Work on the South Platte 3 bridge will begin in early September. This work includes removing the old rail and ties and updating the structure to accommodate the commuter rail train.

## Question of the month

**Question: What is a caisson?**

*A caisson is a structural column foundation that is typically two feet or more in diameter. A round hole is dug, or bored, to a stable layer of earth and temporarily supported by a steel shell, then filled with concrete poured around a cage of reinforcing bars. Caissons are generally used to hold up structures, like buildings or bridges.*

## Alphabet Soup

What does APE stand for?

- a) Advanced Personal Equipment
- b) Allocation Permit Eligibility
- c) Alternative Parameter Estimate
- d) Annual Program Evaluation

*The correct answer is **D**. The Annual Program Evaluation looks at the entire FasTracks program to determine where additional funds are needed and identify potential funding sources. See "Behind the Scenes" story above.*

## **Stay up to date and get involved**

Stay up to date on all of the North Metro Rail Line news by [subscribing](#) to our monthly e-newsletter and periodic emails and encourage your friends, neighbors and professional colleagues to do the same. The e-newsletters provide project information, upcoming community meetings and events and general FasTracks information. As the project moves into construction, we'll keep you informed about progress and where work zones might affect you and your community. Get social with us. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). The North Metro Rail Line public information team is committed to staying in touch with you—so [contact us](#) with your questions, comments and concerns.

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City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>August 31, 2015</b>				
<b>SPECIAL MEETING</b>				
PRESENTATION		Lot Drawing of candidate names for ballot placement	CMO	0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>September 7, 2015</b>	<b>No Meeting - Labor Day</b>			
<b>September 14, 2015</b>				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION	15-351	North Metro Rail Line	CD	0:30
	15-154	Potential I-76 Annexation	CD	0:30
	15-367	Staff Review of RTD / NATE Presentation	CD	0:30
	15-377	Economic Development Division - Program Area Briefing	ED	0:30
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>2:15</b>
<b>September 21, 2015</b>				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	Proc 15-26	A proclamation recognizing Leonard Dietz for 42 years of service to Commerce City	COMM	0:10
	Rec 15-62	Recognition of Colorado Singh Sabha	COMM	0:05
	Rec 15-63	Recognition of Three-Time Rockies Skills Challenge Winner	PR&G	0:05
CONSENT	Res 2015-67	Award of Contract - Pena Boulevard at Tower Road On-ramp Design	FD	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2067	An ordinance repealing paragraphs b and c of section 8-2317 of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code (1st reading Aug 17)	CA	n/a
	Res 2015-79	Award for Mill and Overlay Contract - Pavement Management	PW	n/a
PUB HEARING	CU-91-10-15	Green Level Realty, Inc. is requesting renewal of a Conditional Use Permit for a Community Corrections Facility located at 4901 Krameria Street, zoned I-1S.	CD	0:20
	Z-927-15	Ryan Mitchell is requesting a zone change from C-3 to R-1 for the property located at 7010 Fairfax Drive. (2nd reading Oct 19)	CD	0:10
RESOLUTION	Res 2015-86	Adams County Emergency Telephone Service Authority requests an Amendment to current IGA.	PD	0:10
	Res 2015-88	Approval of financial contribution by Commerce City to LandLord Incentive Program	COMM	0:05
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>2:25</b>

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>September 21, 2015</b>				
<b>URA MEETING</b>				
EXECUTIVE SESSION	15-57	An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of instructing negotiators concerning the Mile High Greyhound Park property	CMO	1:00
RESOLUTION	Res URA 2015-03	Resolution approving additional land donation for the Suncor Boys and Girls Club	CD	0:10
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>1:10</b>
<b>September 28, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>				
DISCUSSION	15-165	Historic Preservation Ordinance Preliminary Discussion	CD	0:30
	15-152	LDC Amendments Telecommunication Structures	CD	0:30
	15-274	Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee Overview	PRG	0:30
	15-381	Recreation Center Communication Outreach and Programming	CMO	1:00
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>2:45</b>
<b>October 5, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>				
PROC & RECOGNITION		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION	15-387	CCHS Presentation to Council	CD	0:20
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>1:35</b>
<b>October 12, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>				
DISCUSSION	15-376	Parking Issues (River Run Subdivision)	PD	
	15-385	HEAL City & Towns Update	CMO	0:30
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:45</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>				
PROC & RECOGNITION		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
CONSENT	Z-927-15	Ryan Mitchell is requesting a zone change from C-3 to R-1 for the property located at 7010 Fairfax Drive. (1st reading Sep 21)	CD	0:05
PUB HEARING	Res 2015-36	Open Public Hearing on 2016 Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>1:35</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>NIGID</b>				
PUBLIC HEARING	Res NIGID 2015-02	Open Public Hearing on 2016 NIGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:30</b>

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>ECAGID</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Res ECAGID 15-01	Open Public Hearing on 2016 ECAGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>ERAGID</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Res ERAGID 15-01	Open Public Hearing on 2016 ERAGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>October 26, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-392	LDC Amendments - Shared Residential Driveways	CD	0:15
	15-413	Backyard Chicken Update	CD	0:45
	15-414	Quality Community Foundation Follow-up	FD	1:00
	15-433	2016 Federal/State Policy Principles	COMM	0:30
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>2:45</b>