



FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

For the week of July 25, 2016

Inside the city

Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

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

Council follow-up

Resolution of action items or requests from previous meetings.

Councilman Douglas noted the dirt lot adjacent to Walgreens at 60th Avenue has significant ruts, and requested investigation to determine maintenance responsibility.

Walgreens has an easement to provide customer access through the adjacent lot owned by Pacheco Construction Products, Inc. As part of that easement agreement, Walgreens is responsible for any and all repairs. Mr. Pacheco shared a July 7, 2016, email from Store Manager Osuna, which stated Walgreens is aware of the easement conditions. Due to the cost, the corporate office is requiring the expense follow a multi-step internal approval process. Thus far, the requested improvements are still in the first phase of approval.

City Council requested staff mow the future recreation center site, near the intersection of 112th Avenue & Potomac Street, to be in compliance with the City's ordinances.

Public Works staff will remove trash and mow the perimeter of the parcel this week.

Councilman Douglas inquired about the missing bird with the artwork in the entryway and replacement.

The city's public art program consultant inventoried all city art pieces earlier this year, documenting 14 birds located in the civic center lobby. The consultant confirmed all of those birds are still there today. These pieces were originally part of the Mother Earth sculpture that was decommissioned by the Commerce City Cultural Council. The consultant is completing a report that documents the condition of the city's collection and maintenance needs to ensure sustainability of the city's public art program.

Waste Management starts recycling pilot program

To continue educating residents about the city's recycling program and reducing the level of trash contamination in residential recycling, Waste Management has begun a pilot program on a few select pickup routes throughout the city. The program involves Waste Management representatives checking curbside cans on pickup day and leaving feedback tags to let residents know how they are doing. Recycling cans that contain non-recyclable materials receive a red tag with information on what items should not be included in the recycling. The program, which has never before been conducted in Colorado, started last week and continues into September as Waste Management examines how the can tagging affects resident behaviors and improves the level of contamination found in the city's recycling. Residents involved in the pilot program received the attached letter prior to the start of the can-tagging effort. For more information on the city's trash and recycling program, visit c3gov.com/trash.

For more information, contact City Manager [Brian McBroom](#), or Interim Deputy City Managers [Troy Smith](#) and [Roger Tinklenberg](#).



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Mayor Ford requested a city council progress update on the Mile High Greyhound Park redevelopment project.

A project update has been scheduled for the September 19 regular city council meeting. A short summary of project activities underway is included below:

- **Urban Renewal Authority Board.** Consistent with HB 1348, the city's urban renewal authority board will need to add three or four additional members during Q4 2016. Staff sent notifications to all special districts and government agencies within the city who might qualify, informing them of the new HB 1348 requirements.
- **Notice of Sale.** On June 7, the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) posted a public notice of sale for the property, seeking competitive proposals for vertical development partners. One proposal was received from DelWest for the residential portion of the site. REGen, LLC now can negotiate a Letter-of-Intent (LOI) with prospective commercial, residential, and education builders, subject to potential further public competition to meet State law requirements and the terms of the Phased Redevelopment Agreement. State law prohibits land from being sold to any builder until after a URA plan is passed by the Board, which would occur in Q4 2016 or Q1 2017.
- **Zoning and URA Planning.** REGen, LLC is actively engaged in zoning, planning, and engineering work associated with the site. Staff is meeting regularly with REGen on these items; no additional partners can attend until letters of interest are secured. A neighborhood meeting for project zoning is anticipated the week of September 5, the outcomes of which will be shared during the Sept. 19 council update.

Correspondence

- North Metro Rail Line News – July 2016

City Council Work Schedule

Attached please find the current city council meeting schedule.



July 1, 2016

Dear Commerce City Resident,

Waste Management is committed to partnering with residents to keep Commerce City clean and green. When you recycle the right materials, you make a big difference. But when the wrong materials get mixed in, it can ruin the whole load. To help keep Commerce City's recycling clean and sustainable, we will be checking curbside cans on pickup day in the coming weeks and leaving feedback tags to let you know how you're doing.

If you see a red tag on your recycling can, there are non-recyclables getting mixed in with the good stuff. Remember: don't bag your recyclables, put them loose in the can instead!

Following are three easy reminders of what to put in, and what to keep out of, your curbside recycling can. You can find a detailed list of recyclable items at c3gov.com/trash. Remember, if you aren't sure if something is recyclable, it's better to put it in your trash can.



Recycle all my empty bottles, cans and paper.



Keep food and liquids out of my recycling.



Keep plastic bags out of my recycling.

Thank you for doing your part to keep recycling clean and sustainable. If you have any questions, please call us at 800-482-6406.

Sincerely,

Stacy, Laila, Tony and your entire Waste Management team

Subject: FW: North Metro Rail Line News July 2016

From: FasTracks North Metro Team [mailto:nm@fastracks-comments.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Gallegos, Lysa - CM
Subject: North Metro Rail Line News July 2016



July 21, 2016

Welcome!

Progress on the North Metro Line continues with the leadership of the awesome women working on the project in a male dominated field. Also take a minute to learn about the apps you can use on your phone to find public transportation around you.

Construction activities are occurring along the entire line. The [road closure](#) and [construction](#) pages on the website are up to date, so check in often. [Sign up](#) to receive information impacting your specific neighborhood by visiting the website and selecting your specific area(s) of interest. By completing this step, you minimize the emails you receive from us and only receive detailed updates about your selected area(s).

News along the line

Women Engineers on the North Metro Project

Not only does the North Metro team work with cities, property owners, and the public, they have to work together as well. A unique element of the project is the number of lead women engineers.

Women are often under-represented in the fields of construction and engineering, but contributing greatly to the diversity of the North Metro Rail project are four lead female engineers in varied fields of expertise. Nicole Harwell, drainage engineer, specializes in designing and implementing improvements for drainage systems not only for the railway, but for the local jurisdictions the tracks run through. Leading the engineering design of these infrastructures are Jennifer Whiteside, structures engineer, and Katrina Rodriguez, station architect. A challenging, yet critical role to the development and construction of the rail line is the deputy project manager. Jane Donovan, deputy project manager of the North Metro Rail Line, oversees the entirety of the project making sure each discipline is interweaved and cohesive to constructing a well-built line. [Read more...](#)

Story along the line



These days it feels like there's an app for everything—games, news, books, music, etc. Did you know there are several apps to help you navigate the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) system? RTD now provides real time data to [app developers](#), allowing apps to display real time vehicle location updates and arrival predictions based on live GPS locations. Apps enabled with real time information allow you to know where your bus is and when it will arrive.

Find nearby stops, look up departure times, plan trips, and see real time vehicle locations and arrival predictions while you are on the go with these useful tools. Some of these applications were created by RTD and others were developed by talented third-party developers.

Apps developed by RTD include the [ParkMobile](#) app and the RTD [Transit Watch](#) app. RTD has partnered with ParkMobile to offer mobile apps that make paying for parking easy and efficient at our park-n-rides. One of the most innovative apps RTD developed is the Transit Watch app, which allows you to report unusual and suspicious activities directly to our transit police. You can also opt-in to receive updates, alerts, and safety information. Help our buses, trains, and transit hubs stay safe by keeping a watchful eye on your surroundings.

Search through the [list](#) on our website and find the one that works best for you.

Behind the scenes

As we prepare to move into track and system work on the project, there is quite a bit of work that needs to happen beforehand. Some of this "behind the scenes" work is occurring now on the North Metro Rail Line and includes the installation of various measures to protect the train and surrounding objects from the electricity used to power the train.

Currently, crews are installing arc flash shields on the underside of existing bridges that pass over the North Metro alignment. The arc flash shield is installed to protect the concrete structures from an arc of electricity generated between the train pantograph (framework mounted to the roof of the train car to collect power) and contact wire as the train passes underneath.

This "arc flashing" refers to the electricity from the Overhead Catenary System (or OCS wires) that run above the rail to power the rail cars. Occasional variances in track and rail height cause the car to lose contact with the wire. A flash of electricity occurs from the wire to the car in the shape of an arc. To prevent damage to the bridges above from this occasional arc flashing, an aluminum shield is installed directly over the OCS wires. (See above).



Installation of the shield is occurring this month at Park Avenue and will begin under Interstate 70 at the end of the month.

Activities along the line



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

- Construction of the Skyway Bridge continues (see left). The deck pour over I-270 was successfully completed last weekend. Crews are now working near the Republic Paperboard facility.
- The substructure on the Denargo Bridge is complete. The final girder set will be scheduled in September.
- Girders spanning Washington Street on the Washington Bridge will be set July 26. This will be a night time operation and Washington Street will be closed. Please visit the North Metro Rail Line website for detailed information as we get closer to the scheduled closure.
- Work on the Montclair drainage system has begun, as have drainage operations south of Marion Street and north of the Denargo Bridge.
- Construction of the walls at the Bambei-Walker Reservoir has begun and early work on the Commerce City-72nd station platform walls will begin in the next few weeks.
- Work on the grade between Thornton Parkway and 104th Avenue will continue for several weeks
- Crews will pour the deck on the 104th Avenue Bridge the night of July 26. 104th Avenue will be closed overnight for this operation.
- Overhead Catenary System Poles (OCS) foundation construction will begin in late July
- Construction of the platform walls at the Northglenn-112th Avenue Station continues.

Question of the month



Question: What are the shiny strips I see on the Skyway Bridge over I-270?

Answer: During construction of the North Metro Rail Line, RRP implemented a bird mitigation plan to deter birds from nesting in the bridges under construction. There are different items which discourage the birds from making a bridge their new home including the shiny strips currently hanging from the Skyway Bridge. The Irri-Tape is hung from the bridge and reflects the sun while making noises in the wind which scares the birds away, while not causing any harm to the animal. The deterrents are placed in areas where there is a high likely hood of bird activity, typically near water.

Alphabet Soup

What does AREMA stand for?

- a) Automatic Retaining Entrance Materials
- b) American Railway Engineering and Maintenance
- c) Alternative Return Easement Manufacturer
- d) Aerodynamic Research Estimate Manager

*The correct answer is **B**. The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance Association publishes recommended practices for the design, construction and maintenance of railway infrastructure.*

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 provides project information, upcoming community meetings and events and general FasTracks information. As construction continues, 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
August 1, 2016		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
REGULAR				
EXECUTIVE SESSION	16-03	An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of instructing negotiators regarding DIA noise mitigation property acquisition	CD	0:30
PROC & RECOGNITION	Proc 16-17	Proclamation declaring August 15 - 19, 2016, as Safety Net Clinic Week	COMM	0:05
	Proc 16-16	Proclamation declaring August as Commerce City Employee Appreciation Month	HR	0:10
CONSENT	Res 2016-28	Contract Award Chambers Multi-use Trail and Bridge	PW	0:05
	Res 2016-33	Approval of Contract for Construction of Highway 2	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-57	Resolution approving settlement of Hammer Litigation	CA	n/a
	Res 2016-73	Easement Agreement with the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District; 96th Avenue	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-86	Award of Contract for Mill and Overlay	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-87	South Adams County Water and Sanitation District Payback Agreement for Tower Road	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-88	South Adams County Water and Sanitation District Payback Agreement for Highway 2	PW	n/a
	Res 2016-96	RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO DESIGNATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF COMMERCE CITY	CC	n/a
PUB HEARING	Res 2016-80	Approval of CDBG Consolidated Plan	CD	0:45
RESOLUTION	Res 2016-82	Resolution setting public hearing date for AN-237-16	CD	0:05
	Res 2016-83	Resolution setting public hearing date for AN-238-16	CD	0:05
ORD 1ST READING	Ord 2110	Ice Cream Vendors (2nd reading Sept 19)	PD	0:20
	Ord 2109	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO OF ITS SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016; AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO BE FAST-TRACKED (2nd reading Aug 15)	FD	0:10
PRESENTATION	Pres 16-431	Service Dogs and the Americans with Disabilities Act	COMM	0:45
	Pres 16-97	Capital Program Update	CMO	0:25
	Pres 16-98	2016 1st Quarter Work Plan Update	CMO	0:15
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	4:55
August 8, 2016		Reports	CMO	0:15
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-194	Budget Presentation - City Manager's Recommendations	FD	0:30
	Pres 16-195	Budget Presentations: CMO, CD, IT, Legal, PW, FD	FD	2:00
	Pres 16-196	Budget Presentations: PR/GOLF, HR, PD, CIPP Discussion	FD	2:00
			Total Meeting Time	4:45

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
August 15, 2016		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
REGULAR				
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT	Res 2016-34	Approval of Contract for East 72nd Avenue (SRTS)	PW	0:05
	Ord 2104	Grant Recognition - POST Training - \$15,000 (1st reading July 18)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2105	Grant Recognition - CDOT DUI - \$28,000 (1st reading July 18)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2106	Grant Recognition - TGYS - \$79,119 (1st reading July 18)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2109	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO OF ITS SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016; AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (1st reading Aug 1) FAST TRACKED	FD	n/a
PUB HEARING	Z-937-16	Nuanes/King LLC, Rezone a portion of the property at 6601 Colorado Blvd from AG to I-1.	CD	0:15
	Res 2016-94	D-305-16: Crown Enterprises Inc, Aberdeen South Subdivision Replat, Newark St., South of 104th Ave., & West of Hwy 2.	CD	0:05
	Res 2016-95	S-662-16: Crown Enterprises Inc., Approval of Development Plan at the property located nn Newark St., South of 104th Ave., & West of Hwy 2.	CD	0:10
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION	Pres 16-43	2016 HEAL Workplan	COMM	0:45
	Pres 16-429	Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Five Year Review	COMM	1:00
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
EXECUTIVE SESSION	16-38	City Attorney Interviews	HR	2:00
		Total Meeting Time		5:35
August 15, 2016		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
ECAGID				
RESOLUTION	Res ECAGID 09-16	Inclusion of two parcels into the ECAGID as part of the DIATC Development	CD	
		Total Meeting Time		0:05
August 22, 2016		3:00 PM Start Time		
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-197	Budget Presentation - City Manager's Proposals	FD	6:00
		Total Meeting Time		6:00
September 5, 2016		HOLIDAY - NO MEETING		
September 12, 2016		Reports	CMO	0:15
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-371	Board & Commission Program Update	CC	0:20
	Pres 16-445	You Have Options	PD	
	Pres 16-453	Economic Development and potential alcohol code changes	ED	0:40
		Total Meeting Time		1:15

City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
September 19, 2016		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
REGULAR				
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT	Ord 2110	Ice Cream Vendors (2nd reading Aug 1)	PD	0:05
PUB HEARING	Z-934-16	The City of Commerce City is requesting to rezone from Adams County A-3 to Commerce City Public for the property located north of E. 112th Avenue between Potomac Street and Chambers Road (PIN: 172306000013 and PIN 172306200001) (2nd reading October 17)	CD	0:15
RESOLUTION	Res 2016-84	Resolution making findings of fact for AN-237-16	CD	0:05
	Res 2016-85	Resolution making findings of fact for AN-238-16	CD	0:05
ORD 1ST READING	Ord 2108	LDC Amendments - Updating Park Fee (2nd reading Oct 17)	CD	0:15
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	2:00
September 19, 2016				
URA				
EXECUTIVE SESSION	16-39	An executive session (1) pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice, and (2) pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators concerning Mile High Greyhound Park Development	CD	
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-452	MHGP Update	CD	
			Total Meeting Time	0:00
September 26, 2016		Reports	CMO	0:15
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-399	Snow and Ice Control Presentation	PW	0:30
	Pres 16-419	Building Permit Process Review	CD	0:30
	Pres 16-432	Food Truck Changes	CD	0:20
			Total Meeting Time	1:35
October 3, 2016		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
REGULAR				
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				0:05
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:20
October 10, 2016		Reports	CMO	0:15
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-415	Traffic Signals 101	PW	0:30
			Total Meeting Time	0:45

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
October 17, 2016		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
REGULAR				
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
	Z-934-16	The City of Commerce City is requesting to rezone from Adams County A-3 to Commerce City Public for the property located north of E. 112th Avenue between Potomac Street and Chambers Road (PIN: 172306000013 and PIN 172306200001) (1st reading September 19)	CD	0:05
	Ord 2108	LDC Amendments - Updating Park Fee (1st reading Sept 19)	CD	0:15
PUB HEARING	Res 2016-39	Open Public Hearing on 2017 Budget	FD	0:15
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:50
October 17, 2016		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
NIGID				
PUB HEARING	Res NIGID 2016-06	Open Public Hearing on 2017 NIGID Budget	FD	0:15
			Total Meeting Time	0:20
October 17, 2016		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
ECAGID				
PUB HEARING	Res ECAGID 16-03	Open Public Hearing on 2017 ECAGID Budget	FD	0:15
			Total Meeting Time	0:20
October 17, 2016		Call to Order/Roll Call		0:05
ERAGID				
PUB HEARING	Res ERAGID 16-04	Open Public Hearing on 2017 ERAGID Budget	FD	0:15
			Total Meeting Time	0:20
October 24, 2016		Reports	CMO	0:15
STUDY SESSION				
DISCUSSION	Pres 16-181	Recreation Fees and Charges	PR&G	0:45
			Total Meeting Time	1:00