

**NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER
EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ("EOC") April 28, 2016**

1:00 pm- 2:30 pm Wellington Webb Building, Room 4.F.6

AGENDA

- **1:00 pm Call meeting to order** (*Kelly Leid*)
- **1:00 – 1:05 pm Review/approval of March 2016 meeting notes** (*Kelly Leid*)
- **1:05 – 1:50 pm NWC Featured Presentations**
 - **North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Portfolio Progress Report** [25 minutes]
With the NWC project as one of the six NDCC portfolio projects, Todd Wenskoski, Deputy Director of the NDCC will present a status report of the five other NDCC portfolios, including an overview of the 2016 NDCC Work Plan. The presentation will include a specific discussion on adjacent project effort alignment with the NWC project.
 - **2016 USDOT FASTLANE Grant Application Briefing** [20 minutes]
Barbara Frommell, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the NDCC and NWCO, will present an overview of the \$30.24 million dollar grant request to USDOT for the NWC Improving Safety, Efficiency and Access at the National Western Center project ("ISEA-National Western"), which seeks to upgrade freight rail infrastructure to the Denver Rock Island Railroad network that runs through the NWC campus site.
- **1:50 – 2:10 pm NWC Project Components Status Updates**
 - Land Acquisition Report (*Jeff Steinberg*)
 - Rail Consolidation (*Eric Shafran*)
 - CCD Dept. of Finance 1st Bond Issuance (*Gretchen Hollrah*)
 - RTA (*Kelly*)
 - Historic Assessment (*Barbara Frommell*)
 - 2016 Work Plan RFP's
 - Project Reporting (*Gretchen Hollrah*)
 - Project Management (*Eric Shafran*)
 - Campus Placemaking Framework Plan (*Kelly Leid*)
- **2:10 – 2:20 pm Equity Partner Updates**
 - WSSA/NWSS
 - CSU
 - CCD
- **2:20 – 2:30 pm EOC Member Announcements/Public Comments***
 - Public comment (*): the EOC shall take public comments from interested stakeholders who have signed up. Each speaker shall have up to 3 minutes to speak on a topic relevant to the NWC project.
- **2:30 pm Meeting Adjournment**

Next NWC-EOC meeting: May 26, 2016 @ 1:00 pm (4.F.6)



National Western Center
Executive Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date of Meeting:	March 24, 2016	Time:	1:00 pm-2:30 p.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Josh Roberts	Location:	Webb Building, Room 4.F.6
1. Meeting Objective			
EOC XI			
2. Attendance at Meeting			
Name	Organization		
Kelly Leid	NDCC	Ben Figa	CAO
Paul Andrews	National Western Stock Show	Emily Gloeckner	NDCC
Albus Brooks	City Council	Tim Harris	WSP PB
Cristal DeHerrera	City Attorney's Office	Nanci Kerr	Sky to Ground
Drew Dutcher	GES Neighborhood Representative	Kathleen Madigan	LT Environmental
Brendan Hanlon	Department of Finance	Erika Martinez	NWCO
Ron Williams	Western Stock Show Association	Tricia Ortega	NWCO
		Amy Parsons	CSU
Eric Anderson	CH2M	Josh Roberts	City Attorney's Office
Liz Adams	CRL	Eric Shafran	NWCO
Andrew Brandes	CAO	Katy Spritzer	NDCC
Zeke Campbell	Denver Water	Jeff Steinberg	Department of Finance-Real Estate
Matt Christensen	Kiewit	Michelle Trujillo	Jacobs
Mindy Davine	Walker Parking	Celia Vanderloop	NDCC
Lotte Lieb Dula	NWCO	Dan Weisser	CH2M
Anne Elizabeth	CAC	Jen Welborn	CAO
Greg Fisher	Denver Water		
Topic	Owner		Time
Call to order	Kelly Leid		1:12 p.m.
Quorum Present: Minutes of February 25, 2016 Meeting Approved			

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3. New Business

<p>Campus Naming Rights Valuation RFP</p> <p>Sponsorships and Naming Rights on the campus are one of WSSA's primary funding mechanisms and may be useful in closing funding gaps. WSSA, CSU, and the City are participating in an RFP which will be issued by WSSA to select a firm to value assets.</p> <p>This is not an RFP for an actual deal, just a valuation. It is anticipated that valuation will take 90-120 days after the firm is hired. There will be additional opportunities for discussion of an actual naming rights deal.</p> <p>A motion was made to give EOC approval for the issuance of the RFP which was seconded and unanimously passed at 1:29 p.m.</p>	Paul Andrews Kelly Leid	1:14 p.m.
<p>Parking Management Study Procurement</p> <p>We are currently working with RTD to finalize contract language then it will be a few weeks of processing time before we solicit bids for the study. The goal is to understand the demands on the NWC for front of house and back of house operations. Study will include Transportation Demand Management and broad regional view to encompass shared parking opportunities. There will be public outreach and this issue will also be discussed with the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) next week.</p>	Emily Gloeckner	1:30 p.m.
<p>Annual Work Plan</p> <p>Annual work plans will run February through January of the following year to coincide with the Stock Show event. Each plan will set goals and categories to facilitate transparency, accountability, and progress. This years' plan includes building our project and program management teams, on-site studies, land acquisition, rail consolidation, and governance work. Individual items will be brought to the EOC and CAC as appropriate.</p>	Kelly Leid	1:38 p.m.

4. Project Updates

<p>Finance</p> <p>All three bond rating agencies upgraded our ratings and interest rates have improved. We went to pricing earlier this week and will receive a final update on the transactions sometime next week. Funds will be available in the first week of April. According to our financing team, this is the best issuance they've seen in 25 years.</p>	Brendan Hanlon	1:56 p.m.
<p>RTA Application Update</p> <p>We are working through the minutiae of the funding requirements from the state including dealing with reporting requirements and our agreement with DURA. RTA funds are slated for Phase II of the project including the Livestock Center in particular and should commence in the fall.</p>	Lotte Dula	1:58 p.m.

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Land Acquisition Update:		Jeff Steinberg	2:00 p.m.
<p>We have sent out our first batch of notices, have HC Peck on board as a consultant, appraisers have been engaged and offer letters will go out as they come in. We expect two more executed contracts to close in the next six weeks and are negotiating eight more purchase and sale agreements. So far we are under budget for land acquisition.</p>			
Landmark Preservation		Eric Shafran	2:04 p.m.
<p>1909 Stadium Arena landmark application was approved by the Landmark Planning Committee unanimously. It will now go to City Counsel with the final reading scheduled for April 18. We are seeking letters of support and have already received many.</p>			
Rail Update		Eric Shafran	2:08 p.m.
<p>We have reached consensus with Denver Rock Island about track ownership. Valuation consultants will be here at the end of the month.</p>			
Project Management RFI		Kelly Leid	2:10
<p>We are seeking project management support through an initial request for information. Our goal is to have a team on board by fall 2016. We are currently seeking sample RFIs and plan to draft over the next few weeks and send it out to the partners for review.</p>			
Partners Report		Paul Andrews Ron Williams Tony Franks Amy Parsons Kelly Leid	2:15 p.m.
<p>WSSA is nearly finished with its organizational plan. Three new board members will be added and six new task teams for management process. WSSA is intrigued by the P3 conference in Dallas and would like to discuss with equity partners. The job posting just closed for a WSSA owners' rep and plan is to hire someone by the end of April. Rodeo All Star weekend will be April 15 and 16.</p> <p>CSU is working on an MOU with Denver Water. We are nearing completion and expect review in April. We are also coming close on our water center programming and conducting community engagement efforts with GES.</p> <p>CCD-NWCO is transitioning out of NDCC and will find new office space. Our Project Engagement Team kick-off meeting was today with planned monthly meetings going forward. Cristal DeHerrera will be out for maternity leave for the next couple EOC meetings and Jen Welborn will attend on her behalf.</p>			
Public Comments			2:23
<p>Anne Elizabeth, a resident and member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee signed up to speak on the topic of public engagement</p>			



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Next Meeting Agenda Preparation					Kelly Leid/All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDCC Report Out • Project Updates • Ongoing RFPs Progress Report • Fundamental to this group to talk openly and honest with team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are partners, need to be fully aligned to be successful ○ Create lists of events for all partners to attend and share a uniform message 					
5. Action Items (ongoing)					
Action	Owner			Due Date	
Agri-business/Science Forum Actively recruit Ag industry leaders to site and get input about what they would like to see in Denver.	All			N/A	
Read CSU The Emergence of an Innovation Cluster in the Agricultural Value Chain along Colorado's Front Range."	All			N/A	
6. Adjournment					
Action	Owner			Time	
Kelly Leid adjourned the meeting.	Kelly Leid/All			2:28 p.m.	
7. Next Meeting:					
Date	4/28/2016	Time:	1:00-2:30pm	Location:	Webb Building, Room 4.F.6
Objective:	Executive Oversight Committee XII				

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWC Executive Oversight Committee

FR: Kelly Leid, Chair, NWC Executive Oversight Committee
Executive Director, Mayor's Office of the National Western Center

CC: Gretchen Hollrah
Eric Shafran

DA: March 22, 2016; Updated April 18, 2016

RE: 2016 NWC Work Plan Summary

Overview

With important public funding in place, the NWC project is now moving into its initial implementation activities. Similar to our approach with the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) since its inception in January 2013, the following represents an "Executive Summary" of the 2016 Work Plan of the Office of the National Western Center (NWCO). This inaugural implementation work plan is guided by the significant shared work that has been built over the past three years, which started with the founding partners' MOU, the creation of an adopted master plan, development of GES neighborhood plans and our collaboration with the NWC Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The plan is highly focused on predevelopment efforts, making sure we are 1) gaining full site control through land acquisition and, transfers, 2) short line rail consolidation, 3) conducting needed site remediation and demolition, 4) building a first rate project team of internal and external resources to help strategically guide this complex project, and 5) advancing needed studies and procurements necessary to prepare the site for eventual horizontal and vertical development.

Lastly, the following project actions only include those work plan activities for which the City of Denver, through the Office of the National Western Center (NWCO) has direct responsibility. NWCO is working closely with the both the WSSA and CSU, as the other two equity partners, to align the collective advancement of the adopted NWC work plan.

Note: All estimated NWCO Work Plan timelines are subject to change based on the development of the individual work products, partner coordination, funding availability and information which may not be known at this time.

NWC Critical Path Actions

Before new development can occur on the site, initial efforts will focus on four core actions, which include:

- Land acquisition,
- Short line Rail consolidation,
- Site remediation/demolition and
- Assembling the NWCO project team.

Each of these project actions are being led by the Office of the National Western Center (NWCO), in collaboration with other city agencies and the equity project partners. These project activities are funded as part of the \$856 million phase I and II implementation.

Land Acquisition

Primary focus is on the acquisition of privately held parcels, along with required supports to help find relocation options for residential and commercial property owners located within the boundaries of the NWC campus. Additionally, the City and WSSA are working toward the transfer of WSSA land holdings over to the City of Denver this summer.

- Lead Organization: City of Denver Department of Real Estate
- Project Leads: Jeff Steinberg and Katy Spritzer
- Estimated Task Length: 18 – 36 months

Short-line (DRIR) Rail Consolidation

The NWCO team is running a parallel process, in partnership with the Denver Rock Island (Short-line) Rail owners, to consolidate the organization's rail track off the South Platte River down the current National Western Drive. This will be the first in several actions to reactive the portion of the river that runs through the future campus and sets the stage for both the development of the new National Western Drive, two new bridges across the Platte and allows for the eventual construction of the new Stockyards and Events Pavilion.

- Lead Organization: Office of the National Western Center (NWCO)
- Project Lead: Eric Shafran
- Estimated Task Length: 18 – 24 months

Site Remediation and Demolition

As properties are acquired, NWCO in collaboration with Denver Environmental Health and Public Works, will conduct remediation activities, as may be required, to prepare property and/or structures for demolition (if necessary) and then eventual redevelopment. This activity will parallel the land acquisition process.

- Lead Organization: Denver Environmental Health (DEH)

- Project Lead: Celia Vanderloop
- Estimated Task Length: 18 – 36 months

Project Reporting & Management

NWCO will issue an RFP for project reporting and an RFI for project management through Denver Public Works in the 2nd quarter of 2016 to build out the initial project oversight team in support of NWC project reporting and overall strategic project management.

- Lead Organization: NWCO and Public Works
- Project Leads: Gretchen Hollrah and Eric Shafran
- Estimated Task Length: April – December 2016

Other Project Work Plan Activities

Campus Regeneration Due Diligence

The City, CSU and the National renewable Energy Labs (NREL) will continue to advance the planning for a district scale energy, waste and water system for the future campus. This effort shall include, but not limited to assessing the appropriate mix of systems, along with the continued exploration of a possible public/private partnership (P3) funding solution for the campus regeneration system.

- Lead Organization: NWCO
- Project Leads: Eric Shafran, Celia Vanderloop and Jocelyn Hittle
- Estimated Task Length: January – December 2016

Historic Study/Comprehensive History (Phase I)

Effort includes researching the history of the NWSS site and the surrounding neighborhoods.

- Lead Organization: NWCO
- Project Lead: Barbara Frommell
- Estimated Task Length: January – September 2016

Historic Study/1909 Stadium Arena Designation (Phase II)

This effort has two parts. The first is the submittal of an application for local designation of the 1909 Stadium Arena and then a grant application request to the state for funds to conduct a structural assessment of the arena for rehabilitation.

- Lead Organization: NWCO and Community Planning & Development
- Project Lead: Barbara Frommell
- Estimated Task Length: March 2016 – July 2017

Parking Management Study

This effort is part of a DRCOG grant to assess the integration and leveraging of new and existing transit assets in and around the future campus.

- Lead Organization: Public Works
- Project Lead: Emily Gloeckner
- Estimated Task Length: April 2016 – April 2017

RTA Program Refinement

(task being combined with public realm and design guidelines effort)

Effort will build on the initial programming developed as part of the NWC for new stockyards/events pavilion, livestock center and equestrian center. Results of the program refinement will be used to inform both regeneration systems planning and future design efforts of these three core facilities.

- Lead Organization: NWCO
- Project Lead: Stephanie Reed
- Estimated Task Length: May – December 2016

Public Realm & Campus Design Guidelines

(tasks being combined with RTA Program Refinement effort)

Effort to advance initial master planning of the campus character areas (spaces between the buildings). NWCO, in collaboration with CPD and Public works, will competitively procure professional services to guide this next phase of campus design, which is intended will to guide campus place-making efforts.

- Lead Organization(s): NWCO and Community Planning & Development
- Project Lead: TBD
- Estimated Task Length: July 2016 – June 2017

Public Authority Legal Due Diligence

Effort to advance researching best in class organizational structure toward to eventual development of a public authority to oversee the design, construction and operation of the future campus.

- Lead Organization: City Attorney's Office
- Project Leads: Cristal DeHerrera and Jen Welborn
- Estimated Task Length: May 2016 – May 2017

Alignment of NWC Master Plan Project Components with NDCC Portfolio's

The NWCO team and partner entities will continue to collaborate with the projects of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC), since the NWC remains one of the six NDCC portfolio projects (these efforts are described in more detail in the 2016 NDCC Work Plan). One of the key

commitments of the NWC Master Plan is the role it plays in the delivery of specific physical NWC project components in support of the Globeville, Elyria, Swansea and River North neighborhoods that include:

- Bettie Cram Drive linking Washington Street to Brighton Blvd (*includes new bridge connection across Platte*) through the campus;
- 51st Drive linking Washington Street to a new National Western Drive (*includes new bridge connection across Platte*);
- A new National Western Drive running north/south along the South Platte River connecting East 47th Avenue to Franklin Street;
- Improved Brighton Blvd with multi-modal amenities from 44th - Race Court to improve access to the North Metro Line Station;
- A new 49th Street linking Brighton Blvd to High Street and RTD's North Metro Line Station;
- New elevated pedestrian/bike connection across campus from 51st Drive and National Western Drive to RTD's North Metro Line Station;
- Short-line rail track consolidation off the South Platte River to the Central Spur to improve pedestrian/rail safety, reclaim access to the South Platte River for ecological restoration and create new open space;
- Restoration of identified historic structures on the campus; and
- Creation of an estimated 26% of open/public space on the campus.

Each of these project components requires detailed design and constructability assessment (*i.e. how will the project be delivered*) as the overall master plan continues to evolve from planning to implementation and will be included in NWCO's annual work plan based upon the most effective and efficient campus phasing strategies.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

National Western Center, CSU System & Denver Water Project Partnership

This memorandum of understanding ("MOU") is entered into this ____ day of _____, between and among the National Western Center Executive Oversight Committee ("NWC-EOC"), the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, acting by and through Colorado State University and the Colorado State University System ("CSU"), and the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Denver Water") (collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the National Western Center ("NWC") is envisioned as a vibrant destination and year-round attraction, blending innovation and tourism through experiential lifelong learning, the arts, entertainment, competition, and commerce. In addition, the NWC will seek to address themes of global issues of food, energy, water, health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that one element of a successful NWC would be the establishment of a unique Water Resources Center ("WRC") that will help establish the NWC as a place to explore and study critical issues of importance in the West and globally; and

WHEREAS, the NWC-EOC is charged with interim oversight of the NWC project, including strategic coordination and implementation the NWC Master Plan and creating connections between the local communities of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea; and

WHEREAS, Denver Water is a nearly 100-year-old municipal water provider serving 1.4 million people in its service area, including the City and County of Denver and surrounding suburbs. Denver Water is planning to redevelop its Water Quality Facility, which conducts testing, monitoring and compliance for water quality. Denver Water is also interested in fostering innovation related to urban water issues, especially water quality issues, and in creating a convening place (an Innovation Center) for collaborative partnerships around water quality, conservation, reuse, recycling, treatment and related issues; and

WHEREAS, as Colorado's land-grant university, CSU is inherently committed to excellence. The University's mission directly corresponds with the outreach mission of the NWC. CSU is interested in creating a Water Resources Center focused on education, community engagement, collaborative programming, research, business incubation, and innovation, that brings in partners from multiple sectors to seek innovative approaches and solutions to issues of water in West and globally; and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe a relationship between Denver Water and the NWC-EOC will facilitate implementation of the WRC at the NWC through mutually-agreeable design, development, co-location, and facility programming efforts involving the NWC-EOC, CSU, Denver Water, and other possible partners.

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that important synergies and efficiencies may be possible if CSU's envisioned WRC and Denver Water's Water Quality Facility and Innovation Center activities are co-located or developed in close coordination.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to advance the vision, mission and implementation of the NWC's Water Resources Center, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to make their best efforts on a collaborative, non-binding basis to work together on the WRC at the National Western Center.
2. The Parties agree that planning and execution of the WRC will include and integrate with the vision for the South Platte River on the NWC site.
3. While this MOU does not create any funding obligations for any of the Parties, the Parties agree to engage in creating, with other interested stakeholders, a detailed and mutually-agreeable plan for the Water Resources Center that includes each Party's uses, collaborative spaces, community spaces, and additional partners; identifying and specifying resource allocation; and undertaking due diligence.
4. Plan components may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Hands-on environmental education/K-12 educational programs and resources
 - b. Development and demonstration of new technologies
 - c. Research and teaching
 - d. Multi-sector collaboration on water policy, business, finance and innovation
 - e. Use of multiple water sources for prototyping and testing technology
 - f. Water quality testing to meet Denver Water's requirements
5. The Parties hereby agree to consistently meet and communicate ongoing efforts and future opportunities.
6. This MOU will take effect when signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties. This MOU will be in effect for a period of three (3) years from the effective date or will terminate automatically upon the successful completion of all responsibilities referenced herein, whichever occurs first. Also, this MOU may be extended, terminated or modified by written agreement of the Parties.

Kelly R. Leid, Chair
NWC Executive Oversight Committee

Tony Frank, Chancellor
Colorado State University System

James S. Lochhead, CEO
Denver Water

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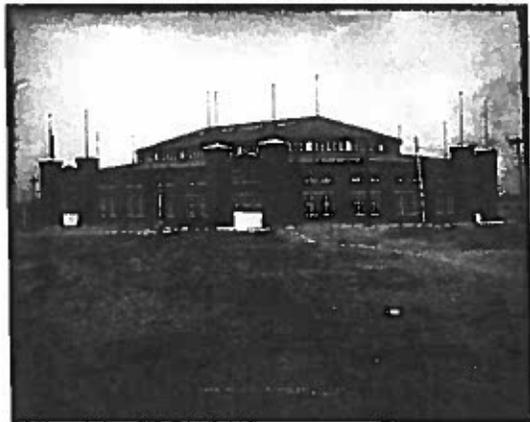
Stock show's 107-year-old Stadium Arena wins landmark designation

Status protects original structure in likely redevelopment as part of National Western Center project

By Jon Murray

The Denver Post

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Stadium Arena (Provided by Denver Library)

As the \$1.1 billion National Western Center project transforms the site over the next decade, the stock show's century-old Stadium Arena won't face the risk of being razed.

The Denver City Council made sure of it Monday night by voting 11-0 to designate the structure as a landmark. It opened in 1909 and still is the site of many of the annual stock show's events.

If the city and its partners convert the arena into a community-focused market, as planned, the designation means that as they strip away more recent additions, they must preserve the original structure. The Western Stock Show Association, which owns the Stadium Arena, and Historic Denver supported the designation.

"The symbolism of this tonight shouldn't be lost," Kelly Leid, executive director of the city's Office of the National Western Center, said in testimony to the council. "The arena was the first permanent building built by the Western Stock Show Association. It was a marvel for its time. "Now it is the first historic landmark (on the site), and one of many we will be bringing forward for the council."

In its recommendation, the Landmark Preservation Commission cited the Stadium Arena's neoclassical architecture and its importance as an early example in the state of "a steel-

skeleton agricultural arena building," incorporating a form that's emblematic of livestock buildings and show barns.

The structure also met criteria centered on its geographic and historical importance, resting in part on its role in the city's cowtown history as a center of livestock and meatpacking.

Denver's 10-year master plan for the site, which envisions a 270-acre campus that is a year-round tourism, event, education and agricultural innovation center, includes repurposing the Stadium Arena as an indoor market that draws inspiration from Seattle's Pike Place Market and others that showcase locally produced food. The plan also discusses a potential open-air market called "Colorado Commons" outside.



Travis Shaw, middle and Tim Sparrow, right, drive their team of percherons during the 8 hitch draft horse show at the Events Center at the National Western Stock Show on it's last day in Denver on January 25, 2015. (Helen H. Richardson, *The Denver Post*)

City voters approved much of the funding for the first phases, estimated to cost \$856 million, in November. City officials are working out the rest of the funding.

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COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Office of the Executive Director

April 8, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

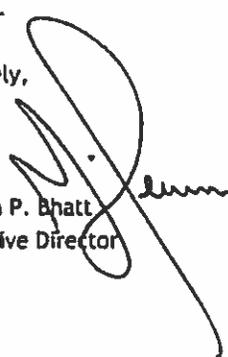
We write to express our support for the City of Denver application for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (FASTLANE) discretionary grant program funding for National Western Center Short Line Rail Improvements. This project addresses critical freight and economic development needs in an economically-disadvantaged portion of Denver, Colorado.

The National Western Center (NWC) Master Plan was developed in concert with adjacent low-income neighborhoods to ensure that redevelopment is successful for commerce, industry, neighborhoods, and tourism. The NWC Rail Project will minimize safety risks, prevent rail related incidents, and improve freight operations that connect short line operations to Class I rail operations.

The NWC project uses innovative financing and partnerships, including local public funds in the form of an extension of a lodging tax to help fund the short line infrastructure improvements. The involvement of partners such as Colorado State University, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and History Colorado museum all bolster the opportunity to educate the public and further economic connections among agriculture, history (museums), and sustainability goals. The NWC partners have brought on the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to develop sustainable strategies, and to create a "net zero" district.

As a state DOT reconstructing Interstate 70 immediately adjacent to the site, we believe each of these important projects is deserving of federal support. Together, they will have significant long-term benefits for our state and local communities and contribute to regional and national freight mobility and economic growth.

Sincerely,


Shallen P. Bhatt
Executive Director





STATEMENT For Immediate Release

Monday, April 18, 2016

City and County of Denver
Mayor's Office of the National Western Center
Erika Reyes Martinez, Erika.martinez@denvergov.org
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National Western Center Reaches a Milestone to Honor its Past

Denver – Tonight, Denver City Council approved CB16-0215, a bill for an ordinance designating the National Western Stock Show Stadium Arena as a local historic landmark. This marks a critical milestone for the National Western Center project that honors and interprets the rich history of the stock show site as envisioned by the National Western Center Master Plan. This designation is the first step in a comprehensive effort to preserve and protect historic resources at the former Denver Union Stockyards Company, which played an important role in supporting the growth of the Colorado's cattle industry.

"We have been committed to honoring the stock show's past since the inception of the National Western Center master planning process," said Kelly Leid, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of the National Western Center. "Preserving its historic significance adds value to the overall experience of the future National Western Center. This milestone is another great step as we continue to find ways to keep the stock show's history alive for generations to come."

[Click here](#) to learn more about the application to designate the arena and other current landmark designation applications.

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NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, April 18, 2016

Denver could soon have three “new” historic landmarks

Denver could soon have three “new” historic landmarks, if three historic-designation applications are approved by the Landmark Preservation Commission and Denver City Council in the coming weeks. Each application has been made by, or is supported by, the owners of the properties. **The first — the National Western Stock Show stadium arena — will be considered by City Council tonight.**

Denver seeks to preserve and protect structures and districts that tell the story of Denver’s past. Denver currently has 334 historic landmarks and 51 historic districts. Community members may apply, and a structure or district may be designated if it meets at least one criterion in two or more of these categories: 1. History, 2. Architecture, 3. Geography. [See a map of all landmarks>>](#)

“Preservation helps to tell our city’s story,” said Brad Buchanan, executive director of Denver Community Planning and Development, and former chair of the Landmark Preservation Commission. “As our city grows and changes, preserving our historic landmarks and districts becomes even more important.”

Potential new historic landmarks/districts:

National Western Stock Show Stadium Arena, 4655 Humboldt St.

The Mayor’s Office of the National Western Center has applied to designate the Stadium Arena a landmark. The arena, built 1908-1909, is owned by the National Western Stock Show and is directly associated with the historical development of Denver and of the NWSS, one of the largest and oldest U.S. stock shows still in operation. It was the sole entertainment venue for the show until 1952, when the Denver Coliseum opened. Although partially enclosed by the 1991 Stadium Hall, it is one of Denver’s few examples of monumental Neoclassical style architecture outside of downtown. Its original brick oval-shaped walls are largely intact, allowing them to be readily revealed as proposed by the National Western Center Master Plan. [More >>](#)

S. Lincoln Street historic district, 200 block S. Lincoln Street

Homeowners in the 200 block of South Lincoln Street are seeking to designate their block as a historic district. The block encompasses 15 homes built between 1889 and 1895, all of which embody Queen Anne architecture. One of these homes (227 S. Lincoln St.) was designated an individual historic landmark in 2015. The homes were designed by prominent Denver architect William Lang. The block is believed to be the largest collection of intact, co-located Lang-designed Queen Anne houses. Of the 250 buildings that Lang designed in Denver, the most well-known are the Molly Brown House and Castle Marne Mansion. [More >>](#)

Emily Griffith Opportunity School, 1250 Welton St.

Denver Public Schools and Historic Denver, Inc. have applied to designate much of the former Emily Griffith Opportunity School campus at 12th and Glenarm a landmark. The City and County of Denver funded an analysis that would ensure the preservation and responsible redevelopment of the school. Emily Griffith was an innovative educator who spearheaded the creation of a school providing non-traditional education for the community in 1917. The Opportunity School became the first of its kind in the country, becoming a national role model. Griffith became one of the most influential women in Denver's history, with her legacy linked with the buildings on this site. [More >>](#)

In Denver, historic preservation accommodates change in a way that's sensitive to the historic context of a building or district. Historic buildings undergo design review prior to making exterior alterations, so that they may be altered and modernized in ways that keep them useful and relevant, and that respect their character and integrity. Interior remodels are not subject to design review.

Preservation planners expect to receive a fourth application later this year for a single-family house near City Park. The last time Denver had four or more historic landmarks designated in one year was 2007.

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\$200 Million Made Available to the National Western Center Project in First Sale of Revenue Bonds *Financing of early project needs set to begin*

DENVER – The sale of \$397 million in revenue bonds for the National Western Center project was finalized today. The bond issuance will deliver \$200 million to the National Western Center project for rail consolidation, land acquisition, zoning and site infrastructure planning and \$6 million to the Colorado Convention Center for project management and initial design development of an improvement project. The city also refinanced all of its existing excise tax bonds related to the Colorado Convention Center expansion originally financed in 2001.

The nation's top three credit ratings agencies upgraded the city's excise tax bond ratings in advance of the sale of bonds last month to the "double A" category, allowing the city to attain a low 3.5% interest rate. The improvement in the city's bond rating helped bolster demand in the marketplace on the sale of the bonds, as nearly \$4 billion of orders were received for the \$397 million in bonds sold.

"The city's successful efforts to upgrade our bond ratings and its continued sound financial management practices allowed for the lowest possible interest rate in the market, which saves taxpayers' money and better positions the city financially. Because of our proactive efforts to improve our bond ratings, we can expect to also issue future bonds more efficiently," said Denver Chief Financial Officer Brendan Hanlon.

"Now that the initial funding has become available, the city can focus preparing the site to be developed, beginning with acquiring all of the land that will be needed for the project as well as rail consolidation off the South Platte River," said Kelly Leid, Executive Director of the new Office of the National Western Center. "We're looking forward to starting this important work."

Colorado residents were given priority on the purchase of bonds over institutional investors and accounted for \$13.7 million of the final bond sale.

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