



Mail is here! - Mail bag April 19th, 2018

Welcome to our National Western Center Mail Bag! Every two weeks we answer all the questions community members send through our texting platform. If you wish to send questions to our Mail Bag, please sign up to our texting platform. Joining is easy, simply send a text to the number **64600** with the word **Construction** for road closures and construction news, or the word **Updates** for outreach and events updates.

Please see the answers to all questions received from April 1st to April 15th.

When and for how long will Brighton Blvd be closed north of I-70?

Answer: The Brighton Blvd Redevelopment project is a large undertaking that is part of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative. The Brighton Boulevard redevelopment is being completed in four segments, only one of which, Brighton Blvd. (47th – Race), impacts the National Western Center. This segment is scheduled to open to traffic this Fall 2018. You can find out more about the Brighton Blvd Redevelopment at <https://bit.ly/2Ee5ccY>.

I am interested in knowing how small or disadvantaged businesses can participate in the new National Western Center construction. Is there a point of contact you can provide me?

Answer: The National Western Center (NWC) is dedicated to engaging the local business community. The best way to stay updated on opportunities at the NWC is to check procurements on our website at <https://bit.ly/2olm1f2> and to attend periodic Industry Forums. Since the project is led by City & County of Denver, all active procurements are advertised on Work4Denver. Once you identify an OPEN procurement you might be interested in you can contact Jill Ferguson, PW Contracts Procurement Manager at Jill.Ferguson@denvergov.org.

When is the majority of the construction going to take place?

Answer: The new National Western Center (NWC) campus will be one-of-a-kind, integrating entertainment, research, education and agribusiness. Although construction is currently underway, it will not be completed until 2024. The majority of building construction will happen during 2020 and 2021. We are working with contractors and community partners to reduce the impact on surrounding neighborhoods during that time.



How will you be offsetting the major inconveniences the surrounding neighborhoods will experience?

Answer: We know construction can be a headache, but we are trying our best to keep any inconveniences at bay. In addition to working with our contractors to reduce construction impact on the community, we are actively opening up channels of communication with neighbors. The National Western Center (NWC) will continue hosting monthly meetings, sending text message and email updates on a consistent basis to help keep the community informed.

Who can residents contact if they are having an issue related to the project?

Answer: Residents can call the hotline at 720-515-3118 or they can sign up to our text platform (64600) and text us their questions or concerns.

Will local residents be provided lower priced or complimentary tickets to events at the complex?

Answer: This will be decided by the National Western Center Authority who will be in charge of operating the campus year-round. The National Western Center Authority will develop a partnership with the community to enable continued direct dialogue between the campus and neighborhood representatives. To get involved, please visit the Authority's webpage at <https://bit.ly/2Heq3hi>.

Wondering if you will be giving away or selling in old arena seats?

Answer: Thank you for interest in owning a piece of Colorado history! Many of the components of the existing site will be maintained or rehabbed, while others will be sold or auctioned off by the National Western Stock Show. Stay tuned for more details at <https://bit.ly/2Jy6nX9>.

When will the event center be demolished?

Answer: The Equestrian Events Center is not scheduled for demolition as part of the current development program.



When will the coliseum get better parking?

Answer: Parking is a major component of the new campus. Please see the final site plan for all parking areas. <https://bit.ly/2GvjM4D>

Will the stock show be held while construction is happening?

Answer: Yes, the National Western Stock Show will continue throughout the reconstruction period of the National Western Center. The National Western Stock Show will also host the Pro Rodeo & Denver County Fair throughout all construction phases. You can stay informed about the Stock Show, Rodeo and other events at <https://bit.ly/KKGbK8>.

How can the public learn about job development and working at the NWC once it's completed?

Answer: Those interested in job development and working at the National Western Center (NWC) can attend one of our monthly meetings, sign up to our texting platform or to receive email updates through which we will share opportunities and workforce development updates. Once the campus is complete, operations, maintenance and programming will be managed by the NWC Authority, at that time they will take over sharing any job opportunities that arise. Find out more about the NWC Authority at <https://bit.ly/2Heq3hi>.

Who can I call if I have a safety concern regarding demolition or construction?

Answer: Please call the hotline number for the National Western Center 720-515-3118.