

## PUBLIC MEETING ADVISORY

Hello GES residents, neighbors and friends,

Thank you to all who have participated to date in the procurement process for a public private partnership (P3) developer to build the National Western Center phases 3-8, known as the Triangle project. Over the past few months we have worked toward creating a public review process for the Triangle equity package to directly integrate community interests into the project's requirements. This level of collaboration is new and innovative among projects of this type nationwide, and we have been grateful for your honest participation. This recent work in 2020 built on nearly a decade of progress as the city, its partners and the local community have pursued redevelopment of the National Western Complex, with an eye on transforming it into a year-round, urban hub for food and agricultural discovery.

The National Western Center Master Plan, adopted by City Council in 2015, outlined eight phases for the completion of the campus. Phases one and two of the project are currently under construction. The Triangle P3, as it was envisioned, incorporated the remaining phases 3-8 and included the design, construction, and financing of a new approximately 10,000 seat arena, an expo hall, rehabilitation of the historic 1909 Building to include a public market and other supporting public infrastructure, like roads, parking, and bridges. It also included the long term operations, event programming, and maintenance of the public facilities, and sought to fully-integrate a community-informed real estate development on the southeast side of the campus.

**After careful consideration, the city of Denver has decided to delay the current procurement process for phases 3-8, the Triangle project.** A delay is appropriate because of the economic impacts from reduced tourism tax revenues due to COVID-19. Current construction on phases 1 and 2 of the National Western Center project are proceeding. We look forward to pursuing completion of the campus under more favorable economic conditions, as well as making adjustments to ensure equitable participation in our community engagement process.

COVID-19 presents a challenge unlike anything we've ever seen. We realize Denver's communities continue to be affected by its impacts in many ways, and that the economic effects are just one piece of the challenge for many.

Continuing in our commitment to transparency, we are sharing a letter that was distributed to the two proposing project teams this morning.

While we are uncertain of when and how the Triangle procurement will resume, our work together over the past few months has been well documented and will be utilized. The next phase of community engagement will be well informed by what we've learned together through this process. The city will maintain communication with our community partners in the coming weeks and months as we determine our next steps toward our collaborative work together.

We believe in the incredible opportunity this campus brings to the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods, greater Denver, and the entire region.

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Join the Office of Performance Based Infrastructure on Zoom, as we share additional updates and answer any questions you may have.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 — 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**WHERE:** Online via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89266951366>

**Dial in Option:** (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 89266951366

### **About the National Western Center Triangle**

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