

# Centennial Boulevard Extension (Fillmore Street to Fontanero Street)



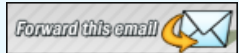
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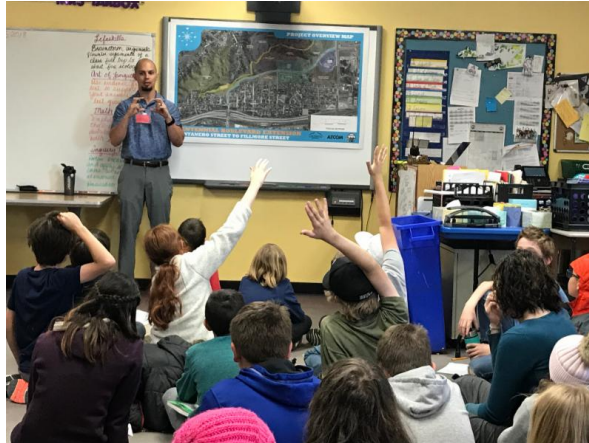
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## Frequently Asked Questions

## Local Students Learn About Project



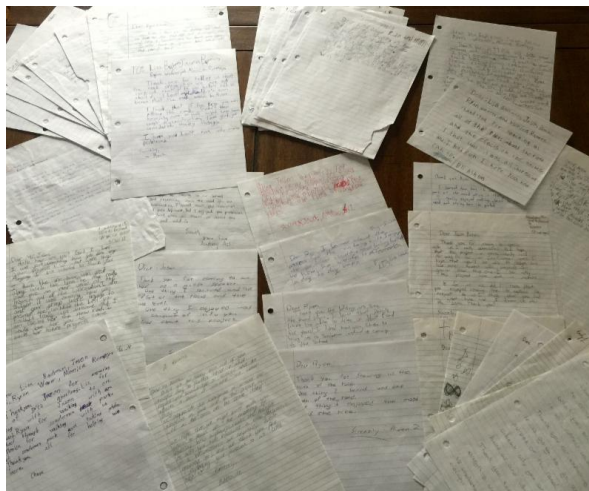
In April 2018, AECOM Engineer Ryan Weaver visited local neighborhood school, Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, providing project information and sharing how the Centennial Boulevard design minimizes environmental impacts to the 5th grade class.



In addition, the class had a field experience tour of the project site. Students experienced first-hand the road alignment and discussed how the project would be built.



## Thank You!



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## Project Information

The City of Colorado Springs is undertaking a project to extend Centennial Boulevard from Fillmore Street to the Interstate-25/Fontanero Street Interchange. This important roadway extension will provide much needed connectivity and mobility options to northwest Colorado Springs, as well as alleviate traffic congestion along Fillmore and Chestnut streets.

Planned by the City for more than 30 years, the Centennial Boulevard extension was originally anticipated as a six-lane principal arterial to address travel demand between the Garden of the Gods corridor and downtown. As land use and growth conditions evolved over time, the City reclassified the Centennial Boulevard extension as a four-lane minor arterial.

The extension project was included in the original Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) program as a "C-list" project, but was not funded as other projects took precedence. With increased development in the area and the growing need for this connection, it is on the PPRTA extension "A-list" of projects approved in 2012 by more than 80 percent of voters.

The four-lane extension, of which about half is built, will continue Centennial south from Fillmore Street about two miles to the Fontanero/I-25 interchange.

Construction of the project has been divided into two phases to align with the current PPRTA prioritization and funding availability schedule.

**Phase 1** work was awarded to Dwire Earthmoving and Excavating, a full-service earthwork, underground, site development and improvement contractor. Phase 1 work is complete. Dwire Earthmoving and Excavating built the last part of the segment from Fillmore to Van Buren last spring (although sidewalks, signage and other amenities are still to come). However, the city has said it will not open any of the extension to motorists until it's built all the way through.

**Phase 2**, the more significant aspect of the project (90

The project team received numerous heart-felt thank you notes from the students of Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning. The notes indicated they enjoyed the classroom presentation and the field tour. Some of the comments received:

- "Thank you for coming to present to us. I enjoyed you coming in and showing us the map. My personal opinion is that it's a good idea." - Evan
- "I also thought it was amazing how you and your group were trying to preserve the wildlife the best you could. It really was awesome and I am excited for the new road." - Gabriella
- "I didn't ask any questions but I listened to the Q's & A's. Some questions were good and interesting answers, some were bad questions and good answers." - Zachary
- You people made it really really fun and interesting. It was so good, in fact, that I know I'll never forget the experience. It was the experience of a lifetime." - Brendan
- "I was amazed how you could put phone lines underground." - Coleson
- "Hello & thank you for making sure that we know that the new road will not destroy the wildlife & Sonderman." - Hannah

If you have a community group that would like to learn more about this project please email Lisa Bachman, Public Involvement, [Lisa@Bachmanpr.com](mailto:Lisa@Bachmanpr.com).

## Public Defines Project Elements



Electric transmission tower and lines will be undergrounded as part of this project.

Public input helped define several project elements including:

- Undergrounding the electric tower at Van Buren along the new Centennial Boulevard Extension to provide a more aesthetically pleasing view.
- A pedestrian activated push button signal will be installed along Centennial Boulevard, adjacent to Madison Street. There will also be a 10' concrete sidewalk on the west side.
- Bands of trees will provide a more natural, rural look. Low water grasses will be placed in the median. The trees in the flood plain will remain. Signage will make motorists aware of the wildlife in the area.
- The street lights will meet Colorado Springs Utilities standards for a minor arterial.
- Once construction begins homeless camping along the creek should diminish due to the additional traffic, lights and people in the area.

## MVS Development, LLC to Complete Voluntary Clean-Up of Landfill

In July 2018, MVS Development group reached an agreement with the City of Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority and Colorado Springs Utilities that it will complete the Voluntary Clean-Up Plan (VCUP) of an 18-acre landfill area by summer 2019. At the same time MVS will take advantage of having earth-moving equipment on hand,

percent) involves construction of the Centennial Boulevard roadway extension from Van Buren Street to Interstate-25. A Voluntary Clean-Up (VCUP) by the owner of property long used by others as an unauthorized land fill area must first be completed. The road extension includes earthwork, utility and drainage infrastructure, roadway paving, curbing, pedestrian facilities, lighting, and landscaping for that segment. It also includes finishing details (final striping, signage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, etc.) on the Phase 1 segment north of Van Buren Street.

- Tentative construction start: Summer 2019
- Tentative construction completion: Summer 2021

and will subgrade the extension right-of-way through its property. MVS' landfill restoration will cap a long-ago, 18-acre dumping ground with about 12 feet of new soil.



### New Neighbor



New Olson Plumbing headquarters building under construction at its site on the west side of the Centennial Boulevard Extension.

Olson Plumbing is relocating from its location in south downtown Colorado Springs to its property along the Centennial Boulevard expansion project. This allows the company to customize and construct the building to better serve the needs of its customers.



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