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Re: Colorado Complete Streets Consortium, City of Aurora One-Month Progress Report

Dear Ms. Zaccaro,

We would like to thank you and the National Complete Streets Coalition for your great technical assistance through the three consortium workshops. It provided tools, knowledge and strategies as well as a great collaboration experience among city staff, external agencies and our partner cities of Westminster and Arvada to work together in developing a Complete Streets policy for Aurora.

The following summarizes the progresses made so far in terms of implementing strategies included in the Next Steps Recommendations Report:

Strategy 1: Designate a new or existing interim Complete Streets task force to review and carry out the recommendations in this report by October 31, 2018.

The City of Aurora has established an official Complete Streets Taskforce and had its kick-off meeting on November 26, 2018. The taskforce included staff members from Planning, Public Works, Life Safety, Parks and Open Space, and Water.

The taskforce recapped progress made since the Consortium series, including the Power Point presentation to the Council Transportation, Airport and Public Works Committee, and Next Steps Recommendations Report, at the kick-off meeting. The taskforce also began discussions on vision, goals, objectives and measurement matrix to be included in the City's Complete Streets policy.

The meeting minutes for the taskforce kick-off meeting is attached with this report.

Tactic 1.1: Schedule recurring quarterly or monthly meetings with the Complete Streets Consortium Series participants from the city along with partners from relevant state and regional agencies.

The next taskforce meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2018. The taskforce will meet on a bi-weekly basis starting in 2019. The city will also coordinate with partners from relevant state and regional agencies for their input and comments throughout the taskforce working process.

Tactic 1.2: Collaborate with existing committees, elected bodies, community partners, and city departments that make decisions about Complete Streets and related programs.

City staff briefed city council Transportation, Airport and Public Works Committee on the Complete Streets Consortium Series on August 8th, 2018, and informed the Council Committee that staff will begin developing a Complete Street Policy framework. City staff will come back to the committee to present the draft Complete Streets Policy Framework when it is developed.

The Power Point Presentation from the city council Transportation, Airport and Public Works Committee is attached.

Strategy 2: Draft a citywide Complete Streets ordinance that clearly articulates the goals and benefits for the city and lays the groundwork for specific implementation steps by March 31, 2019 and formally adopt it by September 30, 2019.

Tactic 2.1: Refine and develop the exercises and assignments undertaken as part of the Consortium Series for inclusion in the Complete Streets ordinance. This includes:

- Articulating a clear vision for why the city needs a Complete Streets ordinance
- Identifying the vulnerable users in the city that the ordinance will prioritize

Complete Streets policies/ordinances adopted by a total of 11 other cities, some of them are similar to Aurora in terms of size, location and urban form, etc. have been selected for further analyses and for serving as a starting point for developing Aurora's Complete Streets policy.

The in-progress evaluation matrix for the 11 city's completed streets policies/ordinances is attached.

The City of Aurora is excited and is working hard to develop a Complete Streets Policy which will benefit all users with various multimodal choices and enhance safety and economic vitality for the city's transportation system.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

November 26, 2018 taskforce Kick-off meeting minutes Council Transportation, Airport, Public Works Policy Committee Presentation Peer City Complete Streets Policy Evaluation Matrix