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Mr. John Robert Smith  
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RE: Colorado Consortium, City of Westminster Complete Streets One Month Status Update

Dear Mr. Robert and Ms. Atherton;

The City of Westminster would like to thank you again for the opportunity to receive technical assistance through the Complete Streets Consortium Series. The program was greatly beneficial in accelerating our efforts to implement strategies for Complete Streets. The collaborative relationships developed with our regional jurisdictions of Aurora and Arvada will continue to yield value.

We are pleased to report progress on several of the recommendations of the Colorado Consortium Series.

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

- Implemented “Imagine Westminster”, a community driven, city supported event designed to help with revitalization of historic Westminster. A two-day street fair took place on the Westminster’s Complete Street Corridor – W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
  - The community identified safety and walkability as a key factor to their enjoyment and a way to bring residents and visitors to the arts and shopping corridor.
  - A city staffed booth collected specific input from event attendees on their concerns and ideas for complete streets.
  - Through collaborative efforts with the arts community and our Economic Development, Stormwater and Transportation and Mobility Divisions, we were able to create two temporary crosswalks to transform key pedestrian crossings. A local artist designed and supervised the painting of the murals which were intended to provide messages about keeping our Stormwater clean.
  - The following two photos capture the street murals.



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Tactic 2.3: Refine the specific next steps needed to embed Complete Streets implementation into routine transportation planning.

- Began reporting specific performance measures to our City Council to reflect the City and community's goals. We understand "what gets measured, gets implemented".
  - Miles of bike lanes implemented in a calendar year.
  - Number of Mobility Action Plan (MAP) projects completed each year. MAP includes more than 80 community selected small-scale projects to improve the safety, convenience and enjoyment of walking, bicycling and taking transit.
  - Received a small amount of funding to eliminate sidewalk gaps in lower income areas and continued funding for implementation of our Bicycle Master Plan in 2019.
  - Requested funding for a 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Complete Streets Study. Although not granted in 2019, it will be considered in future budgets.
- Leveraging our learning from the Consortium by adding a new **CHAPTER 11- MOBILITY** in the update of our Standards and Specifications to advance Complete Streets.
  - The following Purpose section was added:

"The City's goal for providing high quality facilities and services across all modes of transportation to meet the mobility and access needs of all users in an environmentally and economically sustainable manner. The City delivers walking, bicycling, transit, driving and carpooling options that support active living for people of all ages and abilities, provide for safer and healthy transportation, and improve the economic and physical health of the City and its citizens.

Transportation facilities shall be designed and constructed so as to maximize the mobility of people, goods, and services by multiple transportation modes, including motorized vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and transit. All requirements listed herein are in addition to any requirements contained within other chapters in the City Standard Specifications."

- The Mobility Action Plan was added as a key document, with a placeholder for the updated Transportation and Mobility Plan to be referenced.
- NACTO's Urban Street Design Guide and Urban Design Guide was also added as a guideline.

The City of Westminster is taking greater steps to create complete streets through your investment in our community. We are very appreciative of you efforts throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

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