

COLORADO COLLEGE

14 E. Cache La Poudre St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

December 11, 2018 Letter to the Community:

On behalf of Colorado College, let me express our excitement for the vision that has been established for the future Robson Arena and the many opportunities this facility will bring to the college and the greater Colorado Springs community. While this vision has been articulated within the city's recent City for Champions (C4C) application and in the local media, much work is ahead of us as we determine how best to move from vision to implementation.

A key component of the design and planning process includes engaging surrounding neighborhoods and the broader community in meaningful dialogue about the project. We anticipate hearing from and listening to many different voices during the planning process including adjacent neighborhoods, downtown business community, students, CC hockey season ticketholders, hockey fans, CC faculty and staff, and many more.

To assist us in the planning and design process, we have engaged a multi-disciplinary team of architects, planners, civil and traffic engineers, public engagement facilitators, and landscape architects. The public process will assure the team receives input and feedback from the community on topics such as traffic, parking, the fan experience, building specifics, season ticket program, and other important aspects of the arena's implementation. To assure maximum opportunity for participation, community meetings and workshops will take place on Saturdays at the Cornerstone Arts Center, 825 N. Cascade Ave. Parking for the meetings is available at several areas within the campus as well as on-street parking. (Lots include: Cornerstone, Armstrong, Southeast Tejon, Wooglins, Central Services, 3D Arts, Dale Street and Numismatic (north side)).

Tentative public engagement schedule:

Initial community meeting:10:30 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Jan. 5Workshop #1:late January, date/time yet to be determinedCommunity meeting #2:mid-February, date/time yet to be determinedWorkshop #2:late February, date/time yet to be determinedCommunity meeting #3:mid-March, date/time yet to be determined(For ADA-specific accommodations to participate, call (719) 492-4735 at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings).

Following the public engagement process the college will prepare and submit necessary development plan applications to the city for review and approval. Pending approval by the city, construction of Robson Arena is expected to begin in 2019 with a projected opening date in 2021. Activities on the site in 2019 will include demolition, utility relocations, and other activities necessary to prepare the site for construction.

To learn more about the Robson Arena project and to stay informed throughout the upcoming design and planning process, please visit the project website noted below. If you would like to be informed by email of the community meetings and workshops, please send an email to <u>RobsonArenaDesign@coloradocollege.edu</u> asking to be added to the project database. Project webpage: <u>http://www.coloradocollege.edu/robsonarena</u>

We invite your participation in the process and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Jill Tiefenthaler President, Colorado College