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Dear Daniel,

I wanted to start this letter by thanking you for your willingness to guide our proposed street name change through the City of Colorado Springs review and approvals process. I would also like to thank the City of Colorado Springs for their willingness to seek alternative ways to help UCCS fund construction of the new City street.

Blueprint¹ magazine recently published an article describing the ‘...symbolic public-private-partnership...’ between the City of Colorado Springs, the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, and the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, that allowed the new roadway to be constructed. Were it not for the agreement to share design and construction costs equally between the City and UCCS, and for the City’s willingness to participate in the design process for the new road by assigning a member of their team to the projects steering committee, the new roadway would not exist.

The location of what we have been calling Spine Road, is shown on the Location Map included on page 4. The new road connects into Stanton Road, approximately 400 feet south of the location where the City of Colorado Springs installed the new gate that prevents traffic from driving through the adjacent Eagle Rock neighborhood. From the point of intersection with Stanton Road, the new roadway meanders just under 0.5 miles north and west through the adjacent undeveloped land before connecting to the south leg of the round-a-bout at Eagle Rock Road.

UCCS would like to rename Spine Road, to one of the three top choices put forward by a student committee. The preferred and overwhelming first choice, as voted on by the students is **The Clyde Way**. Two alternative names are: **Swasey Road** and **Catwalk**.

The proposed re-naming would extend from the intersection of Stanton Road with Austin Bluffs Parkway, north and west to the terminus of Spine Road near the Ent Center, per the location map included on page 3. Stanton Road would only exist from the new “t” intersection, north to Eagle Rock Road.

¹ <https://www.bpcmag.com/case-studies/kent-marsh-university-of-colorado-colorado-springs/>

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Name Change Application

The Street Name Change Application Requirements provides review criteria listed in the Subdivision Code that must be met before an application can be approved by Land Use Review. Said criteria include the following:

1. No adverse impact. The efficient, timely and convenient delivery of services and goods, public and private, to the people and their property will not be adversely affected.
2. Requirements of the Subdivision Code have been met:
 - a. Street system
 - b. Street design
 - c. Private streets
 - d. Street names
 - e. Installation of curbs, sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
3. Purpose of Chapter. The street name change comes within the purpose of the Chapter to promote the health, safety, conveniences and general welfare of the citizens. An application for a street name change for a street that crosses jurisdictional boundaries shall require approval of all entities involved prior to the street name change becoming effective.

No Adverse Impact

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs proposes the official adoption of a street name for approximately 2,500 lineal feet of new roadway that connects to the south leg of the new round-a-bout at Eagle Rock Road and existing Stanton Road, and the re-naming of approximately 1,500 lineal feet of Stanton Road from the aforementioned intersection, south and east to the intersection of Stanton Road and Austin Bluffs Parkway.

Both roadways are currently in place and allow for the efficient, timely and convenient delivery of services and goods, public and private to the people and property affected. UCCS owns all adjacent property, on both sides of the aforementioned roads as well. Thus, the task of revising all existing UCCS properties that are addressed of Stanton Road will be the sole responsibility of UCCS and its partners.

Requirements of the Subdivision Code have been met

The portion of Stanton Road impacted by this street name change application is an existing City owned residential street. UCCS assumes, that because Stanton Road is an existing street owned and maintained by the City of Colorado Springs, that the street meets all requirements of the Subdivision Code.

The 2,500 lineal feet of new roadway constructed between the south leg of the roundabout at Eagle Rock Road and the intersection at Stanton Road, was constructed to meet current code requirements and was approved by the City of Colorado Springs on 4/17/2019. The Colorado Springs, Colorado UCCS Contract No. for the new Spine Road is 19-003. Copy of the approved construction drawings for the new roadway have been uploaded to the City's application portal.

Purpose of Chapter

The proposed street name change will do little to increase the promotion of health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens above what currently exists, but will not decrease promotion. The name change makes

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sense when considering Stanton Road is no longer the “thru street” and is now considered a “t intersection” on the new road. Starting and stopping a street name through an intersection is normally not allowed.

Please let me know if the information included in this letter will suffice, or if you need additional information before being able to present our request to others.

Thank you,



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