# CIRCLE DRIVE BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT

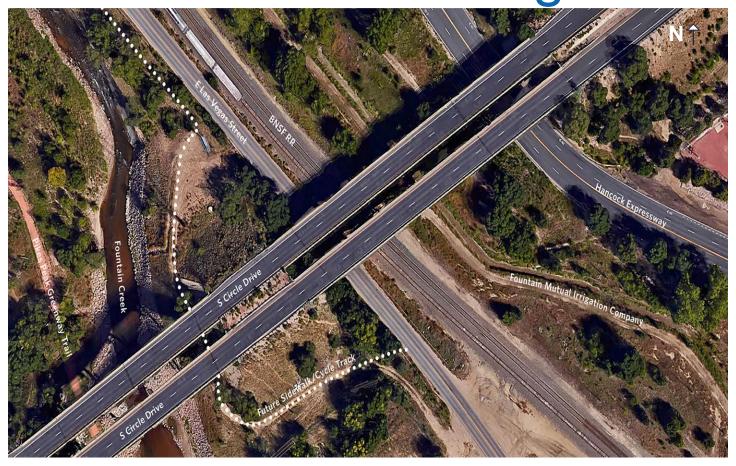
City Council Presentation

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## Circle Drive Bridges





## About the Bridges

- 1963 Bridges constructed
- 2007 The City of Colorado Springs began looking into the rehabilitation of these structures
- Now The bridges have exceeded their 50year service life by more than five years and are in need of significant repairs!







# Phase I: Rehabilitation or Replace?

In 2018, both alternatives were analyzed to determine the best long-term investment for the City.

#### Evaluation factors include:

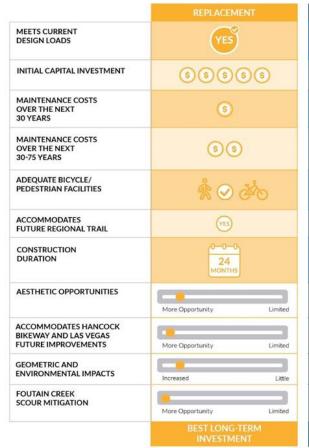
- Potential to meet current design requirements
- Initial construction costs
- Long-term operation and maintenance costs







# Phase I: Alternatives Comparison and Recommendation



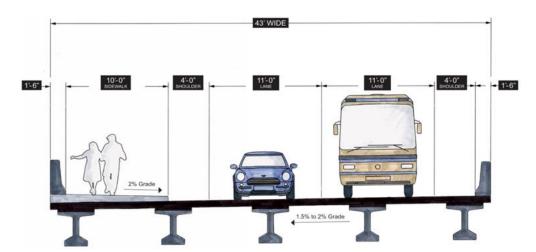




#### Phase II: Time to Rebuild

Extensive analysis led the City to determine that replacing the bridges is the best solution.

**Now:** the design team is further evaluating the span configuration, roadway typical section, and traffic phasing.





### Student Ambassador Program

Students at Harrison High School have been involved in the project and acting as representatives to their community!

#### Their role has included:

- Adding ideas and insight to the aesthetics and outreach methods
- Getting feedback from their community and bringing back to the project team
- Learning about the decision to replace the bridges and the design process





### Student Ambassadors



#### Student Introductions

**School:** Harrison High School

**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Role in this Project:**

We have all chosen to be a part of the communication and community involvement group. We chose this because we would like to gather the opinions of our community members and get a greater input on our final project outcome.





## How We are Helping the City

- ~ We are helping make sure that the City is getting fixed up and looking better to make our environment better than ever.
- ~ We are also making sure that we are making project decisions not just as a project team but as the community of Colorado Springs.





#### The Benefits to Us Students

#### We've learned:

- ~ A different perspective of something we use daily.
- ~ A better understanding of how important a simple structure is to our everyday lives.
- ~ Why the restoration/rebuilding of the bridge will take a while.
- ~ Knowledge on the dangers that the bridge may introduce to our community if not addressed.





## A Unique Opportunity

- ~ It teaches us individuals what is really going on in our society (things that need to be fixed).
- ~ We get to lend a hand to our community.
- ~ Not everyday do you get to see a student ambassador out there or helping service their community, so having this opportunity might help student ambassadors seek a career in this field or even take interest into other community service opportunities.
- ~ This opportunity gives us a new perspective on our community and helps us take our own action to help.



## Thank you!

Questions?

Please join us for an upcoming public meeting for the project:

Thursday, April 25th from 5:30 – 7 p.m. (formal presentation at 6 p.m.)
Solid Rock Christian Life Center; 2520 Arlington Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910