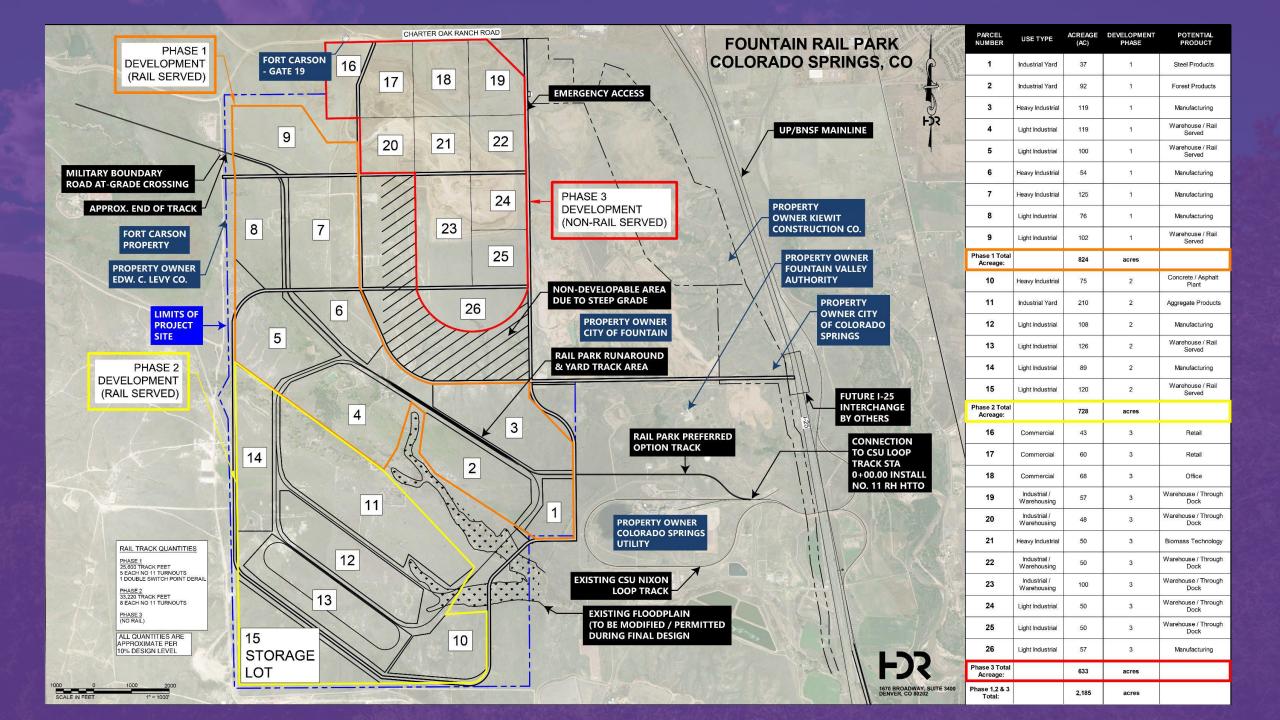


## Rail Served Industrial Park Trackage and Development Agreement Bethany Burgess, Utilities Division Chief February 14, 2023



# Background

- Project is intended to establish dual rail served industrial park to promote industrial manufacturing in the Colorado Springs region; also will support Fort Carson operations
- Utilities began working with other community stakeholders and project representatives in 2017 to evaluate feasibility of sharing existing rail spur and spur extension
- Utilities provided Letter of Condition Support in October 2017, to acknowledge Utilities' willingness to support project subject to ensuring operations and ratepayers were not adversely impacted

### **Trackage and Development Agreement Terms**

- Grants easements subject to the City Charter for construction of new rail spur extension off of Utilities' existing spur
- Grants easements subject to the City Charter for use of existing spur
- Requires project to pay fair market value for all interests conveyed under the agreement as calculated at the time of construction
- Requires coordination of use to ensure Utilities' operations are not impaired by rail park train traffic

## **Trackage and Development Agreement Terms**

- Provides for enhanced security at rail park's expense
- Requires cost sharing for future operations and maintenance costs based on use
- Requires parties to work in good faith to identify a location and grant an easement for a road near the northern boundary of the main property line for Clear Springs Ranch in the future to provide secondary access to the rail park
- Requires rail park to fund and construct improvements to Utilities' existing rail spur loop to allow for more efficient train operations
- Requires rail park to fund, construct, and obtain approvals for all required crossings of spur extension.



# Presentation to City Council by Edw. C. Levy Co. / Schmidt Construction Company Steven K. Mulliken

Utilities Clear Springs Ranch Trackage Agreement, February 14, 2023

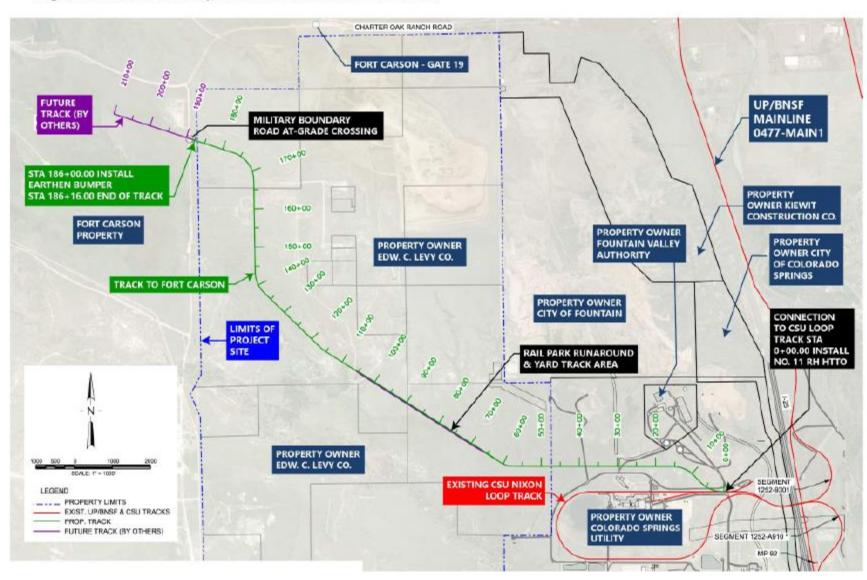


#### FRONT RANGE DUAL-SERVICE RAIL PARK OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY



#### Figure 5-4: Rail Park Footprint and Connection to CSU Nixon



### **CREATION OF JOBS**

• We will be growing substantially in population, and we will need employment to support the growing population.

• The Rail Park will create an estimated 6,000 jobs.

As of 2021, the population in the 30-minute drive time radius increased by 12,814 (6.5 percent) since 2016, growing by 12,814. Population is expected to increase by 8.3 percent between 2021 and 2026, adding 17,483. This outpaces both the nation and state of Colorado's projected growth rates, as well as the region.

## **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

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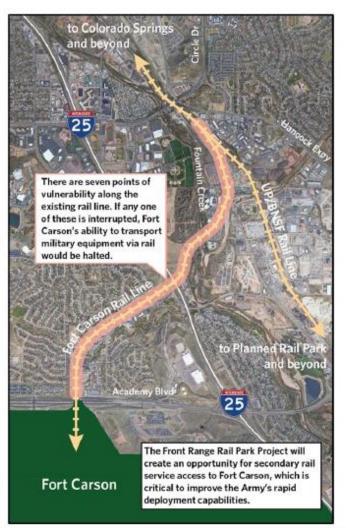
### SUPPORT FOR FORT CARSON

- The existing rail spur is problematic, having seven critical points of failure.
- The project provides the estimated \$12,000,000 to extend the line to Fort Carson.
- Grants Utilities a new utility easement to Fort Carson if needed for redundancy.

#### 5.3.1.1 Fort Carson Current Rail Service

The existing rail spur and rail head are located at the northern end of the Fort Carson Cantonment. The rail spur, which meets the mainline at the Kelker Junction yard, was established when Fort Carson was created in 1942, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The United States Army owns the spur. As shown, the deployment capacity of the railhead requires the some of the rail cars to be located outside the Fort proper. This factor, along with the many crossing points of the rail spur, generated the assessment provided by Major General Matthew Mc,Farlane in a letter to Fountain City Manager Scott Trainor in support of a Defense Communities Infrastructure Program grant request.







#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY US ARMY FORCES COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, 4<sup>341</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT CARSON 6105 WETZEL AVE, SUITE 312 FORT CARSON, CO 80913

June 11, 2020

City of Fountain Attention: Mr. Scott Trainor, City Manager 116 South Main Street Fountain, CO 80817

Dear Mr. Trainor:

Fort Carson understands that the Colorado Springs community is submitting a USDOD DCIP Grant Application for the Front Range Dual-Service Rail Park of Southern Colorado. Two Cities and a County government have joined with an international private company to collaboratively develop this industrial rail project on the eastern boundary of Fort Carson.

Fort Carson is in need of a second rail connection to facilitate the movement of military equipment in support of military deployments around the world. Our only rail connect off of Fort Carson has seven points of vulnerability and if interrupted, eliminates our ability to rail military equipment until the existing rail infrastructure is fixed. A second rail connection would dramatically increase the reliability of rail operations for Fort Carson.

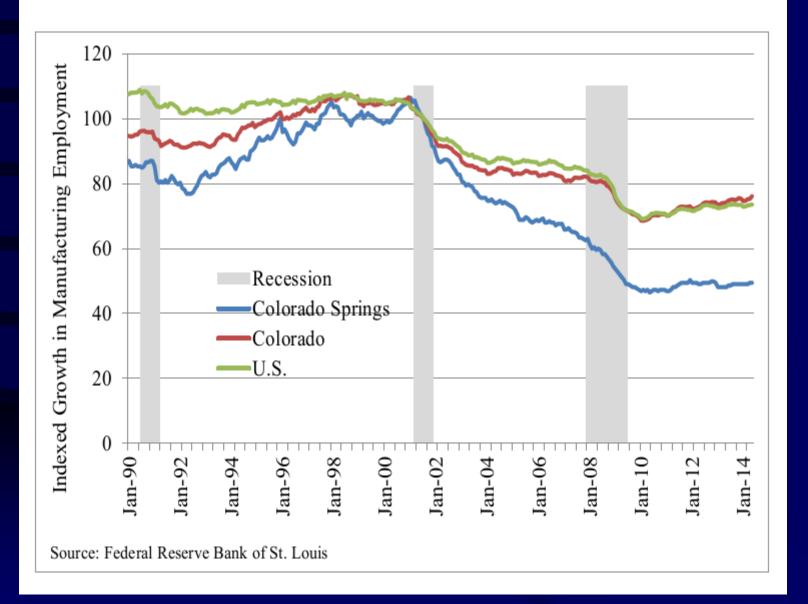
Fort Carson has raised with Army leadership our concern regarding the installation's current rail capacity. This community led effort to develop a rail business park would support Fort Carson's potential future need to connect to rail off our eastern boundary and directly enables our highest priority readiness-related military construction project, the development of our southern railhead. We will be interested to see how this community led rail business park project develops.

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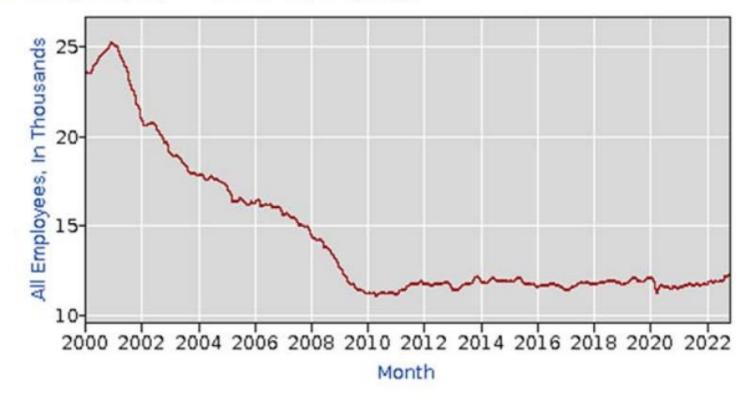
#### ADDS A MEGA-SITE FOR MANUFACTURING

- We have steadily been losing manufacturing nationally, at the State level, and at a greater pace locally.
- Loss of manufacturing is a strategic concern.
- Sites for manufacturing are rare, and neighbors don't like manufacturing near them.
- The Rail Park is perfectly suited for manufacturing:
  - Located between a power plant and Fort Carson's firing ranges.
  - Is not visible from I-25.
  - Has dual-service, served by both UP and BNSF
- There is an existing work force available with educational and training support available.

#### Figure 1-1: Loss of Manufacturing Jobs 2002 to 2013

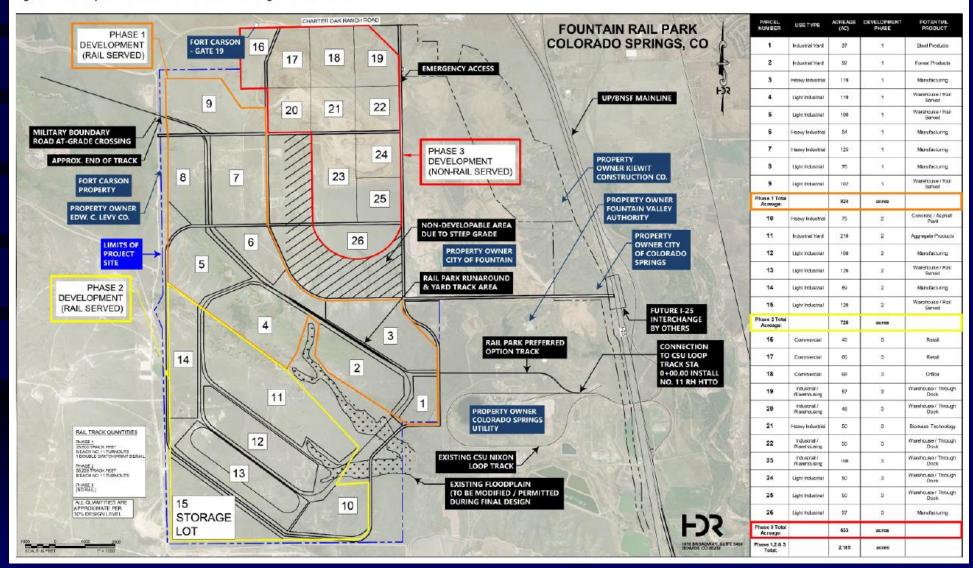


#### Manufacturing Employees in Colorado Springs



From January 2000 to January 2022, Colorado Springs lost 11,800 manufacturing jobs (over 50% decline)

Figure 4-1: Conceptual Land Use Plan for the Front Range Dual-Service Rail Park



Military personnel exiting into the civilian workforce is an incredibly unique asset to the region. For example, Fort Carson alone has on average 400 military personnel exiting active duty with the potential to enter into the civilian workforce every month. Moreover, over 65% of these transitioning military personnel indicate a desire to stay in the region (Fort Carson Transition Center, 2022). Helps diversify our economy and makes us more resilient. Colorado's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Rail Project Benefits

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Establishes regional "destination" for heavy industrial / manufacturing uses	$\bigcirc$	Ø		Ø
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Creates ± 6,000 quality employment opportunities for post-service veterans from 5 nearby military installations		<ul> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	
Supports planned base expansion at Gate 19		$\checkmark$		
Reduces regional truck traffic, improving safety and reducing road wear				
Enhances training capabilities at Fort Carson by improved access to Piñon Canyon Training area				
Improves rapid deployment capability at Fort Carson				
Provides harmonious, productive land use adjacent to a power plant and military training facility				

