

October 1, 2018

Ryan Tefertiller, Planning Manager City of Colorado Springs, Urban Planning Division 30 S. Nevada Ave, #603 Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Mr. Tefertiller,

The purpose of this letter is to express an opinion by the Downtown Partnership regarding the Mill Street Neighborhood Strategic Plan.

Overall, the Downtown Partnership is in support of this plan. While the majority of the Mill Street neighborhood lies outside of the Downtown Development Authority boundaries that guide the Downtown Partnership's work, the neighborhood is an important gateway to Downtown and its health and viability contributes positively to the success of Downtown.

Though the Downtown Partnership is typically cautious of supporting strategic plans that overlap with the boundaries of the Experience Downtown Master Plan, staff is confident that the vision and guiding principles of the Mill Street Neighborhood Plan are well aligned with the goals and vision of the Experience Downtown Master Plan.

Furthermore, staff is supportive of language indicating that in areas of overlap between the two plans, the Experience Downtown Master Plan will take precedent.

As long as final iterations of the Mill Street Neighborhood Plan acknowledge and align with the goals of the Experience Downtown Master Plan, and defer to the Experience Downtown Master Plan in cases of common boundaries, Downtown Partnership staff will continue to support this plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexander Armani-Munn Economic Vitality Coordinator Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs