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Dear community member,

As a Boulder voter, you approved two ballot measures to extend the Community, Culture and Safety (CCS) Tax for Capital Improvements in November 2017. This four-year extension of the 0.3% temporary sales tax is funding several important city facilities and infrastructure projects, as well as matching funds for seven community nonprofit facilities. We would like to share the progress made to date on the projects made possible with your support.

Planning and implementation of the city projects are underway. Notable achievements include:

- Land purchased for the future relocation site of **Fire Station #3**. On Jan. 16, 2019, the city purchased two parcels of land at 2875 and 2751 30th St. for the future home of the fire station. The new station will enable Boulder Fire-Rescue to respond to the increased demand for service along the 30th Street corridor near Valmont Road and Pearl Street and will help the department improve response time in this area.
- In April, 2020, a detailed design cost estimate was received for the **North Boulder Library**. The project construction total, along with project soft costs, exceeded available funds by about \$2.4 million. To right-size the project to fit available funding, in the spring of 2020, the design was modified to bring cost estimates in line with available project funding. Reductions in project scope included:
 - Leaving two ancillary programmatic areas unfinished, including the café and the makerspace
 - Reduced the size and amenities of the outdoor playground
 - Reduced sitework/earthwork
 - Made the building net zero ready versus net zero from day one
 - Reduced or selected different interior and exterior finishes
 - Removed outdoor amenities including the playground, the outdoor learning garden, and the outdoor maker space

In October 2020, the project received unanimous approval from the City Council. The project team is planning for a construction start in the second quarter of 2021 and is planning for a 15-month construction window.



The renovated **Scott Carpenter Pool** opened in August 2020. The facility features a lap pool with 10 50-meter lanes, leisure amenities to serve all ages and abilities, a renovated bathhouse, and sustainable and energy-efficient design features.

The CCS tax also provides matching funds for a number of community nonprofits. Several nonprofits achieved their match already! By providing matching funds, the city supported:



Growing Gardens completed their Pollinator Pavilion in June 2018, providing office space, restrooms, sheltered harvest space and a barn with commercial kitchen. Participants of their programs, including children, teens and seniors, are very appreciative of the indoor plumbing and sheltered space. In 2019, Growing Gardens connected 31,000 people (64% of whom were low-income) to fresh, local food. The barn allows field trips from elementary schools to start earlier in the spring and go later in the fall, serving more than 800 additional children each year. The commercial kitchen has greatly expanded program possibilities, and Growing Gardens' Farm



Chef who teaches cooking and food preserving classes and provides nutrition education to children, teens and low-income families. Growing Gardens was also able to increase yearly plant sale revenue by \$9,000 because of freed-up growing space in the greenhouse. Total CCS funding received: \$87,000.



Community Cycles purchased a new office at 2601 Spruce St. This new facility substantially increased the amount of space available and provided additional space for workshops, clinics, community events, retail sales, programming and other activities related to Community Cycles' mission to promote, educate and advocate for the safe use of bicycles for transportation. Total CCS funding received: \$822,500.



Meals on Wheels of Boulder moved into their new home at 3701 Canfield St. in May 2020. This new building will serve the nutrition and well-being needs of a growing number of aging adults and those with chronic illnesses, severe disabilities and injuries well into the future. Staff members and volunteers are thrilled to be in the new spaces and have settled in. The Niche Market, the corner market located on the first floor, first opened for business in September 2020. The market features a full range of grocery and convenience items, including our own quiche, soup, and fruit pies. 100% of proceeds from the market benefit Meals on Wheels of Boulder..

Amazing progress was made by the other nonprofits working on raising matching funds:

- During 2018, **KGNU** reached a major milestone, celebrating their 40th anniversary providing community-based media that matters and music that inspires. During 2019-2020 KGNU has continued to grow both our presence and our impact despite the challenging times. Building on our 2018 participatory design workshop, that invited volunteers to perform hands-on design activities to explore community perspectives on the expansion and upgrade of the KGNU Community Media Center, in 2020 KGNU hosted a design thinking retreat to further expand on our initial participatory designs. As a result, KGNU has advanced our baseline aspirational drawings and completed an initial design stage of the digital infrastructure that will be the technological backbone to the new KGNU Community Media Center, offering improved and resilient on air and digital media services to Boulder residents and beyond. KGNU has advanced significantly in providing new crucial bilingual headlines services and bilingual public service announcements to broader swaths of Boulder residents in an effort to support COVID-19 relief and educational services to Spanish first community members.



EXTERIOR VIEW FROM WALNUT



Photos (from left to right): Meals on Wheels, KGNU, Resource Central, Construction at Diagonal Crossing, and Studio Arts Concept Design



MEDIA MAKERS' SPACE



- **Resource Central** diverted close to 4 million pounds of building materials from landfills in 2019. By reusing donated materials, local community members saved millions of dollars, reduced carbon emissions and contributed to our circular economy. The permit process is ramping up for improvements to the facility at 6400 Arapahoe in Boulder to help the community meet its zero waste goals. Construction is expected to begin approximately December 2020. By insulating and heating the warehouse and adding a roof to cover the outdoor materials yard, Resource can help to ensure comfort and safety for program participants during icy, snowy, and rainy days while keeping reusable materials from getting ruined. Total CCS funding received to date: \$325,000.
- After completing the donation of 0.7 acres of land in the Diagonal Crossing neighborhood, **Studio Arts Boulder** continues to plan construction of their community art center. In 2020, site development work was completed, which allowed Studio Arts Boulder to host a public fundraising event on the site. Barrett Studio Architects received planning approval for the capital project in July, which allows construction planning to proceed to the final phase. Milo Construction has also been hired to provide design and planning guidance.

Thank you for your continued support of these Community, Culture and Safety tax projects, which make an important difference in the lives of many community members. The city will continue to post project updates and news on the CCS website at www.bouldercolorado.gov/pages/community-culture-safety.

Sincerely,
The City of Boulder

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