

A Rail-Served Economic Initiative in El Paso County, Colorado

Project Update for October 2018

OBJECTIVE: COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE COMMUNITY SPONSORED DEVELOPMENT OF A RAIL-SERVED INDUSTRIAL PARK CONTIGUOUS TO FORT CARSON, COLORADO.

➤ **Talking Points:**

- A. We have completed a preliminary overview of environmental assessments and appear to have a “clean site.”
- B. Further environmental investigation requires a detailed design on the subject property.
- C. A proposed modification to the Nixon property rail configuration that addresses Operational and Security Constraints has been submitted to CSU for evaluation.



➤ **Next Steps:**

1. Complete funding under the MOU by gathering all funds with the Fiscal Agent-Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC.
2. Investigate grant funding alternatives to leverage MOU funding into 2019.
3. Review CSU review comments on Operational rail configuration proposal and estimate costs.
4. Proceed with preliminary design alternatives for connecting the subject property to existing rail infrastructure.
5. Update Fort Carson leadership on project progress.
6. Interface with elected official’s staff to keep them current on project progress.

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