

# A Rail-Served Economic Initiative

*Project Update for 2nd Quarter 2023*

## **2023 OBJECTIVE: PERSUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITES WITH THE FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GRANT**

### ➤ **Talking Points:**

- A. Trackage Agreement for reciprocal easements by and between Edw. C. Levy Co. and the City of Colorado Springs fully executed.
- B. Schematic site layout in process for approval by local land use authority to enable formation of a Title 29 Rail Authority. This will establish a publicly held right-of-way to Fort Carson's boundary.
- C. Coordination with Fort Carson Public Works team on final rail connection location and design.
- D. Review grant approval process and define project merits with elected officials (see reverse).

### ➤ **Next Steps:**

1. Establish exact rail spur crossing location to connect with a future Army railhead in collaboration with Fort Carson Public Works.
2. Prepare Benefit-Cost Analysis in anticipation of Federal Rail Administration Notice of Funding Opportunity December 2023.
3. Interface with Fort Carson Public Works division for environmental review, Benefit-Cost Analysis, and grant opportunities.
4. Continue interface with PPACG & Colorado Department of Transportation regarding future rail park vehicular access following completion of the South Powers Boulevard public processes.
5. Brief staff of Colorado Governor Polis and federal elected officials regarding project's importance and viability for Fort Carson second rail spur construction.

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