

**Commerce City
Washington D.C.
Schedule
March 22-24, 2023
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Wednesday, March 22

<p>Depart Hotel TBD</p>	
<p>10:00 – 10:30 am U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Amy LaVoie Acting Deputy Chief National Wildlife Refuge System U.S. Department of Interior MIB Director's Conference Room 3038 1849 C Street NW Contact: Carina Velazquez-Mondragon 202-208-5333 carina_velazquez-mondragon@fws.gov</p>	<p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the importance of the Refuge and benefits to community. • This is a model for nation in clean-up and uses. • Reinforce the positive partnership – how can city help support USFWS interests? • Invite the Director to tour the Refuge with the City Council
<p>1:00 – 1:30 pm Senator John Hickenlooper’s Office 374 Russell Senate Office Building (SR-374) Washington, D.C. 20510 Contact: Sam Boger (503) 278-9733 Sam_Boger@hickenlooper.senate.gov</p> <p>1:30 – 2:00 pm Senator Michael Bennet’s Office Neil Kornze, Chief of Staff 261 Russell Senate Office Building (SR-261) Washington, D.C. 20510 Contact: McKinley Mueller (202) 308-7210 (Direct) mckinley_mueller@bennet.senate.gov</p>	<p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for helping with federal funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$4 million - Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Appropriation for E. 88th Avenue (I-76 to Hwy 2) to improve traffic operations and accommodate current and future multimodal traffic in Commerce City. This will reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability for commuter and commercial traffic, and modernize a busy traffic corridor ○ \$615,000 - FY 2022 Appropriations for Commerce City quiet zones ○ \$9.6 million - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant to advance preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition to create a new grade-separated interchange with US 85 and 120th Avenue and a grade-separation with 120th Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad line • FY 2024 Appropriations Request – Congressionally Directed Spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chambers Road Widening • RAISE Grant Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20 million (?) ○ East 88th Avenue Corridor Improvements from I-76 to Highway that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Widen 88th Avenue from two to four lanes with appropriate turn lanes ▪ Upgrade the traffic signal at 88th Avenue and Rosemary Street and interconnect all traffic signals along the corridor ▪ Construct a new traffic signal at Mile High Flea Market to improve safety at the entrance ▪ Construct sidewalks and a multi-use path along the full length of the corridor to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety ▪ Install storm drain improvements to reduce persistent roadway and neighborhood flooding • Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issue with Greyhound Park affordable housing development • South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (Please see below for an article about this issue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA PFAS/PFOA regulations announced last year caused the District to take significant action to meet the new standards and protect the health of the City and its citizens ○ Support for funding for a new treatment plant

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<p>2:30 – 3:00 pm Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW William Jefferson Clinton Building North, Room 3530 Washington, DC 20460 Contact: Arnita Hannon 240.602.7118 (Cell) Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov</p> <p><i>The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. EPA works to ensure that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Americans have clean air, land and water;</i> • <i>National efforts to reduce environmental risks are based on the best available scientific information;</i> • <i>Federal laws protecting human health and the environment are administered and enforced fairly, effectively and as Congress intended;</i> • <i>Environmental stewardship is integral to U.S. policies concerning natural resources, human health, economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, and international trade, and these factors are similarly considered in establishing environmental policy;</i> • <i>All parts of society--communities, individuals, businesses, and state, local and tribal governments-- have access to accurate information sufficient to effectively participate in managing human health and environmental risks;</i> • <i>Contaminated lands and toxic sites are cleaned up by potentially responsible parties and revitalized; and</i> • <i>Chemicals in the marketplace are reviewed for safety.</i> 	<p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suncor Refinery (<i>Please see below for a recent article about the facility</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directly impactful to Commerce City and our health and welfare ○ Looking for federal funding for air monitoring, surface and ground water and human health issues to protect our residents ○ HUD is using the Refinery’s safety record as rationale to resist the construction of affordable housing in a nearby redevelopment ○ <i>KEY DISCUSSION TOPIC: How can EPA be more helpful to the community?</i> • Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA Success Story - https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-success-stories-epa-region-8#rma ○ From the EPA’s website: The thorough Superfund investigation and cleanup, combined with the dedication and collaboration among EPA and our federal, state, and local partners at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal transformed the highly-contaminated Rocky Mountain Arsenal property into a magnificent environmental resource and community asset. Today, the vast majority of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal has been deleted from the National Priority List because all required cleanup is complete. Under the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Act of 1992, the Department of Defense transferred roughly 15,000 acres of Rocky Mountain Arsenal land to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service to become one of the largest urban national wildlife refuges in the country. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge today hosts more than 30,000 visitors each year and is home to 330 species of animals, including bison, black-footed ferrets, deer, coyotes, bald eagles and burrowing owls. ○ Congress approved legislation in 2016 that established a process to remove deed restrictions that prohibited agricultural, residential and industrial uses on Victory Crossing, adjacent to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. ○ <i>KEY DISCUSSION TOPIC: Is the on-site testing showing improvement of the environmental quality of the Refuge and surrounding environs</i> • Community Air Quality Monitoring Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This program is important to the health and safety of the community ○ <i>KEY DISCUSSION TOPIC: How can the City strengthen its application and ensure that it receives this grant</i> • South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (<i>Please see below for an article about this issue</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA PFAS/PFOA regulations announced last year caused the District to take significant action to meet the new standards and protect the health of the City and its citizens ○ <i>KEY DISCUSSION TOPIC: Support for funding for a new treatment plant</i> • Environmental Justice Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State-formed task force has studied how to protect communities from pollution and climate change ○ <i>KEY DISCUSSION TOPIC: How can the EPA support the recommended action from the Task Force?</i>
<p>Dinner – On own</p>	

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Thursday, March 23

<p>Depart Hotel at 9:00 am</p>	
<p>10:30 am – 11:30 noon Department of the Army John Tesner, Director for Restoration Pentagon Contact: Margaret Jarosz 110 Army Pentagon, Room 3D453 (703) 693-5205 margaret.t.jarosz.ctr@mail.mil</p> <p><i>The office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (DASA-ESOH) provides policy, programming and oversight of the Army’s ESOH programs; provides recommendations to milestone decision authorities on Army materiel regarding ESOH concerns; executes the Army’s arms control program; and serves as the Executive Agent for several DoD programs. This office has been involved in the clean-up of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.</i></p>	<p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing partnership between Commerce City and the Army on the stewardship and clean-up of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. • The big initiative this year is to demolish the water treatment plant along Peoria St. near 100th Ave. now that two smaller plants operate in its place. • 2024 plans to break ground next year on a new groundwater treatment plant at 88th Ave. and Highway 2 to replace and consolidate two existing plants at 88th and Highway 2 and 96th Ave. and Peoria St. • Ask about any issues on which the Army needs advocacy from the City.
<p>3:00 – 3:30 pm Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo – 8th CD 1024 Longworth House Office Building Contact: Emma Salas (202)731-3193 Emma.Salas@mail.house.gov</p> <p><i>Representative Yadira Caraveo, 42 years old, represents the 8th Congressional District that includes Commerce City. She was elected to Congress in 2022. Yadira lives in Adams County near her parents, and her life is filled with large family gatherings of relatives near and far, including her brothers and sister.</i></p> <p><i>She is on the House Agriculture Committee and on the Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture and Horticulture Subcommittee and ranking member of the Commodity Markets, Digital Assets and Rural Development Subcommittee. Plus, she is on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee Space and Aeronautics</i></p>	<p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2024 Appropriations Request – Congressionally Directed Spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chambers Road Widening • RAISE Grant Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$21 million ○ East 88th Avenue Corridor Improvements from I-76 to Highway that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Widen 88th Avenue from two to four lanes with appropriate turn lanes ▪ Upgrade the traffic signal at 88th Avenue and Rosemary Street and interconnect all traffic signals along the corridor ▪ Construct a new traffic signal at Mile High Flea Market to improve safety at the entrance ▪ Construct sidewalks and a multi-use path along the full length of the corridor to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety ▪ Install storm drain improvements to reduce persistent roadway and neighborhood flooding • Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issue with Greyhound Park affordable housing development • South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (Please see below for an

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6:00 pm Dinner Reservation for 6 including Mike Dino	

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Washington, DC 20001

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Pending Meetings With Requests Submitted	Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
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