



Federal Advocacy Summary

May 11, 2015

Purpose

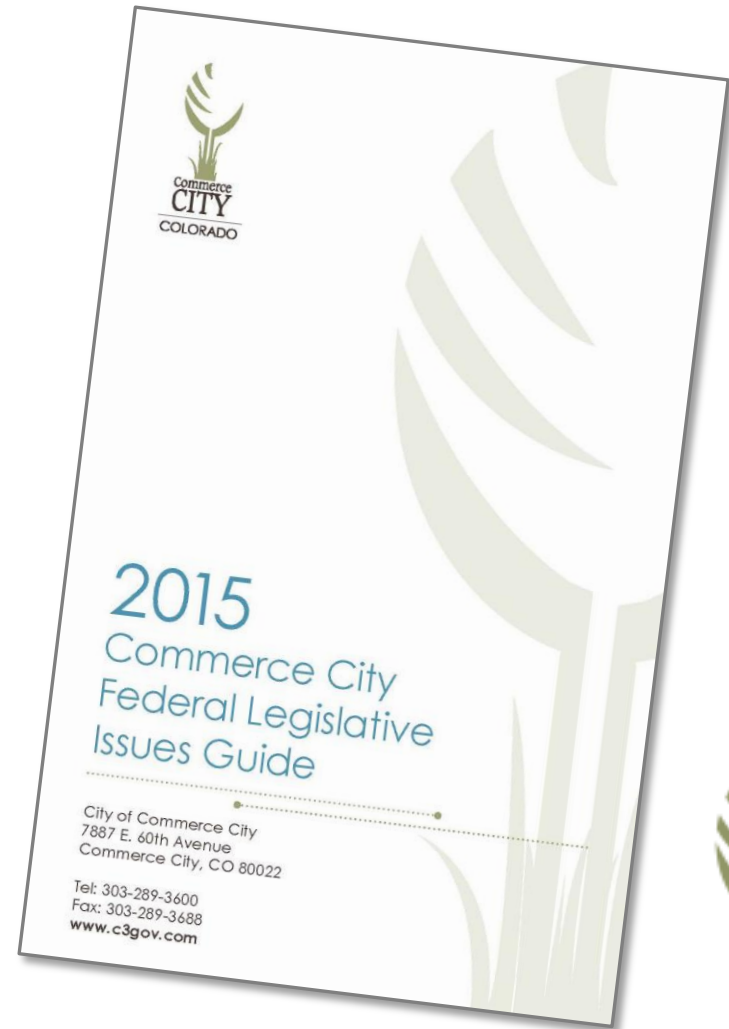
- Summarize March federal advocacy trip.
- Discuss next steps on specific legislative priorities for remainder of 2015.



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2015 Priorities

- Five specific legislative priorities
- Reviewed by city council in November 2014
- Adopted in December 2014



Advocacy Meetings



- March 4-6, 10, 2015 in Washington, D.C.
- Five council members, two staff
- Eleven meetings
 - Colo. delegation/state
 - Federal agencies
 - White House

Specific Legislative Priorities & Next Steps

- Removing Victory Crossing deed restrictions and supporting robust operations at the Refuge
 - Seeking to amend Refuge Act which eliminates language about perpetual restrictions on land use and natural resources
 - Restrictions removed based on risk assessment, allowing city council to make policy decisions on planned unit development changes



Specific Legislative Priorities & Next Steps.

- Implementing the Tower Road on-ramp to Pena Boulevard consistent with established agreements
 - City Council approved amendment to existing intergovernmental agreement April 6
 - Denver City Council approved amendment May 4
 - 90-day FAA administrative process
 - Delegation letter of support?
 - Construction anticipated Spring 2015



Specific Legislative Priorities & Next Steps.

- Seeking new rules for implementing railroad quiet zone crossings and reducing conflicts between trains and roadway intersections
 - Rulemaking delayed indefinitely
 - Developing relationship with regional office
 - Possible TIGER grant submittal for grade-separation



Specific Legislative Priorities & Next Steps

- Preserving tax-exempt status for municipal bonds and allowing the application of sales tax to internet businesses
 - President's FY2016 budget proposal phases out public financing tax exemption at the 28% income tax level
 - Comprehensive federal tax reform continues to be discussed though nothing definitive has emerged
 - Senate legislation introduced on March 10 that would allow sales tax to be applied to goods and services sold over the internet

Specific Legislative Priorities & Next Steps.

- Funding for community needs through federal grant programs
 - Pursuing entitlement status for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding
 - Meeting 50,000 population threshold to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding directly instead of through Adams County





Questions?

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