

# MEMO

**To:** Planning Commission

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**Subject:** Irondale Neighborhood and Infrastructure Plan

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Commerce City kicked off a neighborhood plan for the Irondale neighborhood in the fall of 2017 and previously had a study session with Planning Commission on November 8, 2017 to seek input for the Plan. The Irondale Plan is being created based on prior Council direction. Irondale is centrally located in Commerce City with the boundaries of E. 80th Avenue on the south, E. 88th Avenue on the north, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad on the east, and the Union Pacific Railroad on the west. The City's vision for this Plan is to create achievable goals and implementation strategies for the overall improvement of Irondale.

The City has contracted with Ayres Associates to complete the plan and they are following a three-phased approach. The phases are:

- Discover
  - A look at existing conditions and challenges
- Explore + Assess
  - Working with the community and stakeholders, review and weigh the options to determine the best fit for Irondale
- Implementation
  - Putting together the steps to bring the vision forward through district action items.

The plan is currently in the Explore + Assess phase and the consultant is actively soliciting feedback from a number of groups including City Staff, a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of agency stakeholder like SACWSD and SACFPD, Neighborhood Residents and Business Owners, and City Council. Planning Commission's insights are an important part of this second phase and the consult will be seeking direction from the



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Commission on potential scenarios for the future development of Irondale during the study session. These scenarios are based on the information collected through the prior meetings, and independent research. A neighborhood meeting to review the scenarios with Irondale community members was conducted on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The consult would like your input on the following questions:

1. Are we headed in the right direction with Scenarios?
2. Are we looking at the right issues?

The Project Manager from Ayres Associates will be collecting feedback from the Commission members on these questions during the February 6th meeting.

The plan is slated to be completed in May of 2018 and the subsequent phases of the plan will also include further interactions with Planning Commission.

