

### 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening Project

### Overview

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#### **Aerial View**



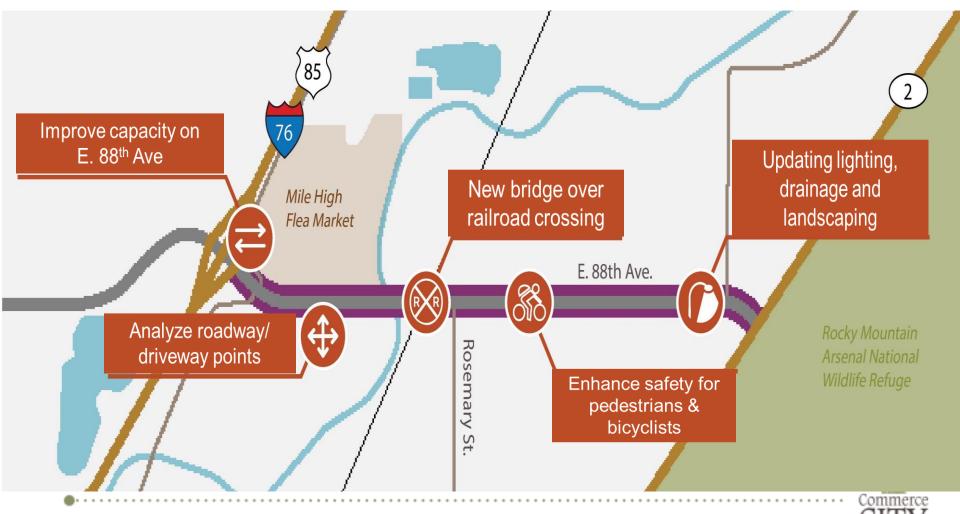
### **Purpose and Need**

- Primary Purpose Transform 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. into a facility with improved traffic operations that accommodates all users.
- Primary Needs
  - Improved Traffic Operations
    - Two-lane minor arterial roadway with substandard road design characteristics, such as narrow lane widths, no raised median, and lack of turn lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes.
    - Numerous access points, many of which do not meet current AASHTO standards.
    - Lack of adequate roadway capacity and the slow-moving freight trains at the at-grade crossing create slow and unpredictable travel times.
    - Insufficient capacity to accommodate the current and projected demand for vehicle trips in the corridor.
    - Slow or stalled freight trains frequently block traffic for longer than an hour.
  - Accommodate All Users
    - Serves residential trips, commuters, and commercial trips.
    - Truck trips exceeds 15% of overall trips during peak hour, and growth of truck traffic is expected to keep pace with the growth of general vehicular traffic.
    - Pedestrian safety compromised due to lack of sidewalks, poor lighting, and multiple driveways.
    - Narrow shoulders and stalled trains impede emergency responder access to incidents.
    - All users need reliable travel time.

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#### **Purpose and Need**



### **Overall Project Goals**

- Widen E. 88th Avenue from 2 to 4 lanes with appropriate turn lanes and median, as needed
- Upgrade the traffic signal at the E. 88th Avenue and Rosemary Street intersection and connect all signals between I-76 and Highway 2
- Replace the existing at-grade railroad crossing with a grade-separated structure (i.e. bridge or overpass) over the tracks
- Build sidewalks along the roadway and provide bike facilities in accordance with the City's Walk-Bike-Fit Plan
- Accommodate new storm sewer planned by UDFCD



# **Initial Phase Objectives**

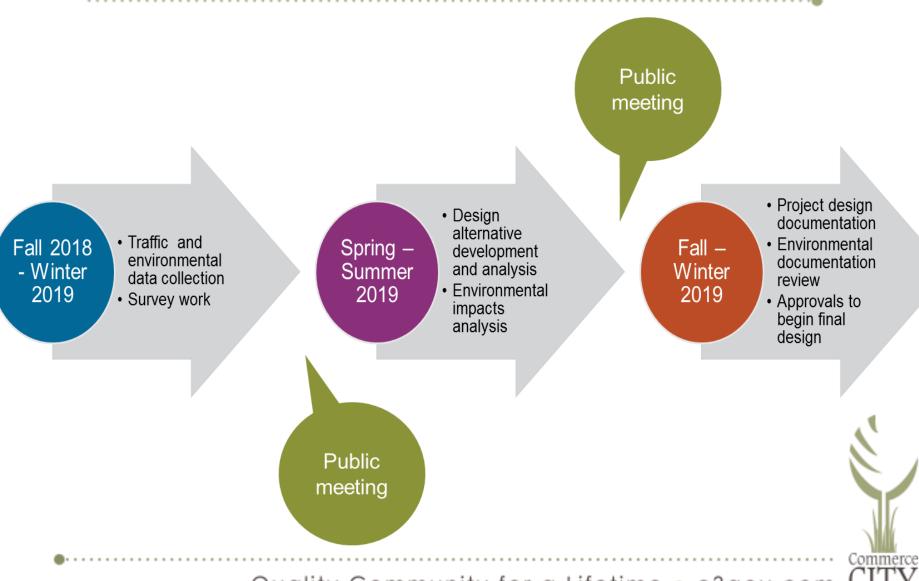
- Perform Environmental Assessment and preliminary design for section of 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. between I-76 and HWY 2 to identify;
  - Preferred alternative(s)
  - Potential environmental impacts (and mitigation)
- Create conceptual layouts of 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. improvements
- Prepare Right-of-Way drawings
- Conduct traffic counts/studies
- Review potential social, environmental, and economic effects of the project



# **Initial Phase Timeline**

- Preliminary design and environmental analysis phase of this project is expected to be complete by December 2019. Key milestones include:
  - Oct-Nov 2018: Traffic and environmental data collection and survey work in the corridor
  - Nov-Dec 2018: Early outreach to major corridor stakeholders
  - Feb/Mar 2019: First Public Meeting
  - Feb-Aug 2019: Alternatives development and analysis
  - Sep/Oct 2019: Second Public Meeting
  - Oct-Dec 2019: Project preliminary design documentation and NEPA clearance

#### **Initial Phase Timeline**



# **Community Outreach Initiatives**

- Thus Far
  - Public Involvement Plan
  - Desktop Social and Political Risk Research
  - 10 Stakeholder Interviews
  - Mailer to 1,500 Residents
  - Public Survey Launch
  - Website / CIP Hotline
- More To Come
  - Block-by-Block Meetings
  - Individual Landowner Meetings
  - Stakeholder Visioning Tour
  - Stakeholder Work Session
  - Existing Neighborhood/Community Events



### **Next Steps**

- Environmental Assessment/Preliminary Design (2019)
  - Current Working Estimate \$1.1M
    - Received \$150K from DRCOG (2018)
- Final Project Design (2020)
  - Current Working Estimate \$3.7M
    - Grant Application Pending ADCOG Sub-regional Forum & CDOT
- ROW Acquisition (2021)
  - Current Working Estimate \$5M
    - Grant Application Pending ADCOG Sub-regional Forum & CDOT
- Construction (2022)
  - Current Working Estimate \$30M
    - No potential third-party sources currently identified

NOTE: Grant Application Request Combines Design and ROW Acquisition – Asking \$4.35M from ADCOG and \$1M from CDOT





# Questions?