



# City Council Communication

**AGENDA DATE:** September 22, 2025    **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Res 25-320

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jenna Hahn

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Noticed Council Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Consensus-Building Presentation

## BACKGROUND

96<sup>th</sup> Avenue was identified within the City of Commerce City's 2010 Transportation Master Plan as a recommended candidate for highway widening to provide capacity improvements. 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue is classified as a minor arterial throughout the study area and was subsequently planned to be a four-lane roadway with a landscaped median. The two westbound lanes were constructed in 2013 from Chambers Road to Tower Road.

On August 15, 2022, City Council approved a resolution awarding a contract for design and preconstruction services for the 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening Project. Staff worked with the design contractor on the design of the project until July of 2024. The Project will construct the planned landscaped median and the two eastbound lanes. The construction will include: (1) street lighting, (2) storm sewer infrastructure, (3) drainage improvements, (4) traffic signals at Chambers Road, Landmark Drive, Reunion Parkway/Telluride Street, and modifications to the Tower Road traffic signal, (5) landscaped medians, (6) irrigation, and (7) installation of pull boxes and conduits for a future City fiber optic backbone that will connect all of the City's traffic signals and cameras to the City's traffic

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command center. In addition to the roadway improvements that the City needs, South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (SACWSD) intends to install a 12-inch irrigation water line, a 12-inch potable water line, a 2-inch fiber line, and a 36-inch water transmission line. An intergovernmental agreement between SACWSD and the City is currently being negotiated to outline the funding approach for SACWSD's portion of the project and will come before Council for approval in November of 2024.

The cost for the original scope of project totals \$16,751,609.09, excluding costs that will be associated with construction contingencies, construction management, potential sound walls, and the pedestrian underpass.

Construction for the project remains on track to be complete by the end of 2026 which will be ahead of the opening of the new school in fall 2027.

The second quarterly open house for the widening project is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1 at Southlawn Elementary.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	JHL Constructors, LLC. for construction
Amount of Request/Contract	\$2,426,170.02
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$16,751,609.09, excluding costs that will be associated with construction contingencies, construction management, potential sound walls, and a pedestrian underpass.
Budget Year	2023, 2024, and 2025
Funding Source	CIP Fund
Additional Funds Needed	TBD based on sound walls

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Funding Source (if funds needed)	TBD
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### PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
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March 2025	December 2026
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### JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Council Goal: Infrastructure and Transportation. The City of Commerce City will develop and maintain public infrastructure, facilities, and transportation to improve community appearance and encourage continued development.		

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City has held public meetings for this project since July of 2024. The next public meeting will be held on October 1, 2025.
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