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## Community Considers Alternative Alignments for Two South Downtown Railroad Bridges

### Project Status

The City of Colorado Springs is working on a study to determine the best approach for redesign and optimal placement of two railroad bridges at the south end of downtown Colorado Springs. The aging bridges over South Nevada Avenue (70 years old) and South Tejon Street (115 years old) are in poor condition and require replacement.

The study is in the second phase of work to analyze alternatives for replacement of the two railroad bridges underpasses. Several nearby planning and redevelopment initiatives are underway that potentially influence or are influenced by this project. A meeting has been scheduled with residents and businesses to present the status of the project and the alignment options being considered (see below for meeting details).

As the infrastructure in the surrounding area is replaced, we are considering current as well as future community needs and desires. "We are being deliberate and thoughtful about the options to replace these two bridges and ultimate alternative. To get there, we are engaging with residents and businesses, area development projects, various City departments, Colorado Springs Utilities regarding Drake Power Plant, and other key stakeholders for their input to help inform the study," said City Project Manager Aaron Egbert.

# South Downtown Rail Underpasses Reconstruction Project Rail Alignment Community Meeting

You are invited to hear more about the project, ask questions, and provide input on potential new alignments being considered for three locations within the south downtown area.

**Meeting date:** Tuesday, May 21

**Time:** 8 am – 7 pm. Drop in anytime throughout the day; no appointment necessary.

**Formal presentations:** At 8:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** City Administration Building, 30 South Nevada, Room 102

RSVP and sign up to receive notices of future Rail Underpasses project meetings by sending an email to: [Carolyn@bachmanpr.com](mailto:Carolyn@bachmanpr.com)

(For auxiliary aid or ADA service to participate in this meeting call 719/488-5908 no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.)

This study is funded through the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority. For more information visit: <https://coloradosprings.gov/railunderpassreconstruction>

## Project Overview

The objectives of this project are to determine optimal proper placement, size and design of the two railroad underpass bridges. Both bridges are on the south side of the city located near the Mill Street neighborhood area. The rail corridor is heavily used as a key north-south through route, making it critical that both the rail and roadways continue to provide their current function.

Replacement bridges and their related track alignment is a 100-year decision and significant investment. Long-term implications of rail and city infrastructure investments must be carefully weighed against all potential options.

Funding limitations, potential funding partners, alignment considerations, as well as railroad, citizen and stakeholder input must all be understood along with the future city-building and quality of life benefits to ensure this project best responds to community needs/desires.

A public meeting will take place in late fall. To be added to the database to receive information and meeting notices, please send an email to: [carolyn@bachmanpr.com](mailto:carolyn@bachmanpr.com)

**Visit the Project Website:** <https://coloradosprings.gov/railunderpassreconstruction>

## Anticipated Project Schedule and Project Team

September 2018 - Fall 2019 Study Planning and Stakeholder and Public Involvement

Fall 2019 - January 2020 Preliminary Design

February 2020 - February 2021 Final Design and Alternate Project Delivery

Construction dates - TBD

City of Colorado Springs Project Manager - Aaron Egbert

Design Engineering Consultant - FHU

Planning Consultant - Design Workshop

Public Engagement - Bachman pr



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