



## News Release

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### Public Invited to View Plans for Ed Robson Arena Prior to Project Application Submittal to the City

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. . . Community Meeting #4 for the Ed Robson Arena project will be an Open House format from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon with an 11 a.m. presentation Saturday, June 29 at the Cornerstone Arts Center, 825 N. Cascade Ave. The public is invited to view Colorado College's updated plans for the new arena prior to its application submittal to the city.

Note: For ADA-specific accommodations to participate in this meeting, call (719) 389-6607 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The public is invited to the Open House to view the revised site plan for the arena, as well as plans for the architecture, landscaping, traffic and parking that have been refined based on public input received over the past several months. The meeting concludes the college's public input phase of the project; however, it is anticipated the city will schedule an additional public meeting as part of the application submittal process.

**Arriving By Car:** Parking available at Cornerstone Arts Center, and along the streets.

Additional parking lots include: Armstrong Hall, Southeast Tejon, Wooglin's Cafe, Central Services, 3D Arts Building, and Dale Street.

**By Bike:** Bike facilities are available. PikeRide bike share stations are at Tutt Library, Mathias Hall northeast of Tutt Library, and at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College.

**By Public Transit:** Mountain Metro bus/transit stops along Nevada Ave. include: Nevada Ave. /Monument St.; Nevada Ave./Cache La Poudre St.; and Uintah St. /Nevada Ave.

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**Background:** To assist in the planning and design process, the college engaged a multi-disciplinary team of architects, planners, civil and traffic engineers, public engagement facilitators and landscape architects. The public process helped the team receive input and feedback from the community on topics such as traffic, parking, the fan experience, building specifics, season ticket program and other important aspects of the arena's implementation. Over the past several months, a series of community meetings and workshops were held on Saturdays to enable maximum participation.

Construction of the Robson Arena is expected to begin with groundbreaking in early 2020 and a projected opening in 2021. Pre-construction activities on the site began in early 2019 with utility relocations, demolition of existing buildings and other activities necessary to prepare the site for construction.

As part of the City for Champions (C4C) initiative, the new Robson Arena is one of two Colorado Springs downtown sports venues in close proximity to the U.S. Olympic Museum — one outdoor and one indoor — with technological features coveted by competitive athletes. The two sports venues further solidify the city's vision as Olympic City USA, providing unique venues to host the growing momentum of a strong and vibrant tourism industry. The Colorado College campus arena, named for Edward J. Robson, a 1954 CC graduate and member of the hockey team, is the multi-purpose indoor on-campus competition arena. The outdoor stadium, in collaboration with the professional Colorado Springs Switchbacks Football Club, a member of the United Soccer League, is proposed for the southeast side of downtown Colorado Springs.

Funding for the Robson Arena comes from a \$10 million gift by Edward J. Robson in support of the arena and the hockey program, other private donations and through the C4C initiative to be awarded to the city through the state's Regional Tourism Act. For additional information, visit [www.coloradocollege.edu/robsonarena](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/robsonarena)

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