



**News Release**  
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## **Public Invited to City's Official Public Meeting to Comment on Ed Robson Arena**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. . . The City of Colorado Springs has scheduled an open community meeting as part of its official public notification process for the development proposal of the Ed Robson Arena, a City for Champions project on the Colorado College campus. This meeting is the sixth community meeting for this project.

**Time:** 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**Date:** Monday, September 9

**Location:** On the Colorado College campus, Cornerstone Arts Center, 825 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Accessibility:** For ADA-specific accommodations call (719) 488-5908 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

### **For arriving to the Sept. 9 Community Meeting:**

**By Car:** Parking at Cornerstone Arts Center, Armstrong Hall, 800 block of N. Tejon St. south of Wooglin's Deli/site of the proposed arena, as well as on-street (meters are free after 6 p.m.)

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

**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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During the meeting the City and project team will present designs of the arena and streetscape, architecture, floor plans, project schedule, and will discuss traffic and parking. The public will learn about the applications that have been submitted to the City, the criteria and review process for those applications, and will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting and through written comments submitted to the City Planning Department by email,

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The applications are also available for public review through the City Land Development and Review online system at [www.coloradosprings.gov/LDRS](http://www.coloradosprings.gov/LDRS) Enter "Robson Arena" in the "Keyword for Summary Description" search block.

**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 \$12 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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