

## **Update: CU South Annexation and South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation Projects**

Over the past months the City of Boulder has continued to move forward with the annexation process for the CU South property and the South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation Project. These projects, once completed, will provide flood mitigation for a significant number of Boulder residents.

### **Council Process Subcommittee**

The CU South Process Subcommittee, comprised of Council members Cindy Carlisle and Bob Yates, had their first meeting on April 15. The purpose of this committee is to advise staff on community engagement efforts for the CU South annexation process and South Boulder Creek flood mitigation project. The next Process Subcommittee meeting will be May 13 at 9:15 a.m. in Room W-100 of the Municipal Building (1777 Broadway). All Process Subcommittee meetings are publicly noticed and open to the public to attend.

### **CU South Annexation**

Earlier this year, CU Boulder applied for annexation into the City of Boulder; those application materials are available on the project webpage. City staff's response to the annexation application is available here. CU Boulder has requested a meeting with City Council to discuss the staff response. Details of this meeting will be made available once it is scheduled.

### **Flood Mitigation**

The City of Boulder and their engineering consultant, RJH, have been finalizing the detailed scope of work for preliminary design and prioritizing components of the project to move forward first. Once finalized, the scope of work will be posted on the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation website.

This spring/summer, RJH will conduct additional geotechnical investigations on the CU South property to help determine subsurface conditions for the proposed alignment of the flood mitigation project components. These investigations will include soil borings, groundwater monitoring wells, and soil test pits. Preparations for these geotechnical investigations have already begun.

### **Colorado Department of Transportation**

Over the last month the city has continued to coordinate with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) regarding use of a portion of their right-of-way for a future flood wall. On March 27, a Statement of Collaboration was finalized by the city and CDOT staff. This document will guide discussions between the city and CDOT.

### **Project Schedule**

The minimum estimated flood mitigation project timeline, as presented to City Council on March 5, is available on the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation website. Negotiations with property owners (University of Colorado Boulder and CDOT) for use of their property for flood mitigation are occurring in parallel with the preliminary design of the flood mitigation project. The goal is to have signed agreements with the landowners before proceeding into final design. The timing of any negotiation process with property owners or other governmental agencies is difficult to predict. Staff will update council and the public if changes to the timeline are anticipated as we continue to move through the project design and property owner negotiation/annexation processes.