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Be Part of the Legacy! **Community invited to *Envision Shooks Run* at second public meeting**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Colorado Springs residents are encouraged to participate in the Envision Shooks Run study and be part of General Palmer’s Legacy by helping plan the long-term future of the Shooks Run Corridor. A second public workshop is set for:

Thursday, October 29, 2015
5:30 – 7:30 pm | Doors open at 5 pm
Palmer High School Gymnasium
325 N. Wahsatch Avenue, Colorado Springs, 80903

Now referred to as the ‘Legacy Loop,’ Shooks Run was envisioned by city founders as integral to a ‘park ring’ around the city core; a creek and trail greenbelt for citizens and visitors to enjoy for recreation, transportation, and tranquility.

“For more than a hundred years, the Shooks Run Corridor has served a functional purpose, but it has also been a ‘diamond in the rough’ with tremendous potential,” said Aaron Egbert, City Engineering project manager. “We are looking for input from people who have a first-hand connection to the corridor - residents, property owners and businesses, community organizations, as well as bikers, runners and pedestrians who use the trail system. Their ideas and input are critical to assure the final plan reflects community values and desires.”

More than 150 citizens participated in the first public workshop held June 18 in which an overview of the corridor and information about the need for infrastructure improvements was presented. Participants also responded to surveys and keypad polling questions to help the project team understand community values related to opportunities that can help shape the corridor and maximize accessibility of this community asset. During the October 29 workshop, participants will explore various theme options.

For information about the public workshop, ADA accommodations or bilingual translation, leave a message at: 719/488-5908. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Colorado Springs will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service

to participate in this workshop should make the request as soon as possible by calling 719/488-5908, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

For more information about the study, visit the website:

www.EnvisionShooksRun.com. Sign up for future public meeting notices and project updates by sending an email to info@envisionshooksrn.com asking to be added to the project database.

About Envision Shooks Run

Funded by the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA), the Envision Shooks Run study is an interdepartmental multimodal transportation and drainage infrastructure study to address issues, challenges and opportunities along a segment of the Shooks Run Corridor in need of critical improvements. The study is a collaborative, 16-month process that will result in a prioritized plan for future improvements to the aging infrastructure. In addition to challenges, Envision Shooks Run seeks to develop a plan of opportunities that maximizes benefits for all who use the corridor.

A majority of the infrastructure along the Shooks Run corridor between Constitution Avenue and Fountain Creek was constructed from the early 1900's through the 1960's. The grid system of streets in the area results in numerous roadways crossing Shooks Run. Much of the infrastructure including drainage structures and bridges are reaching the end of their service life. The City of Colorado Springs desires to develop a sustainable replacement and enhancement strategy for the corridor infrastructure.

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