



# **PARK VISTA DRAINAGE & ANNEXATION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

October 19, 2023

6-7:45 p.m.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

4280 Hopeful Drive, Colorado Springs

# AGENDA



Welcome/Introductions: Lisa Bachman, Meeting Facilitator

Presenters: Adam Copper, City Stormwater Enterprise

Jeff Bailey, City Planning

Richard Mulledy, City Stormwater Enterprise

John Hottenstein, Matrix Design Group

Tim Roberts, City Traffic Engineer

Lt. Eric Ruettinger, Colorado Springs Fire Department

Q&A / Discussion: Adam Copper, City Project Manager

Next Steps/Stay Informed: Lisa Bachman

**NOTE:** This meeting is being recorded and will be posted within a few days to the project

**Website: [ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS](https://coloradosprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS)**

# INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT



Adam Copper, PE

Project Manager

City of Colorado Springs, Stormwater Enterprise

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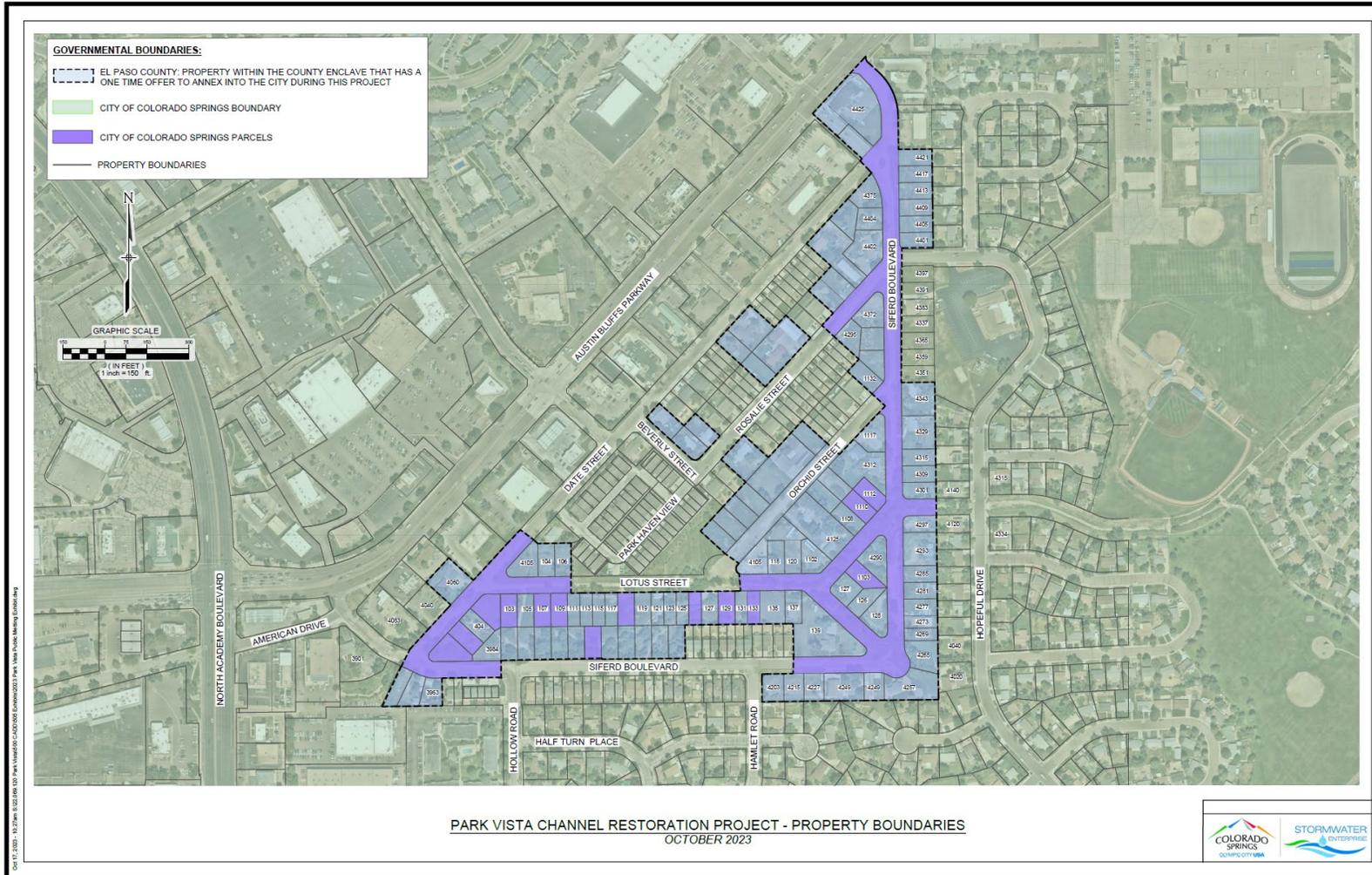
- County enclave platted in 50s
- 2022 City and County signed agreement
- Funding – County \$5.5 million ARPA & City \$5.5 million SWENT
- Voluntary Annexation
- Property Purchases
- Drainage & Floodplain Improvements
- Traffic patterns
- Safety concerns at Siferd Blvd and Date St intersection

# ANNEXATION OF PARK VISTA SOUTH



Jeff Bailey, PE  
Planning and Zoning Department  
City of Colorado Springs

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- Why annex?
- Private landowners have a completely **voluntary** opportunity to annex into the City
- A one time offer for support of annexation must be decided by 09/01/2024
  - Annexation would take approximately one year to complete

# ANNEXATION OF PARK VISTA SOUTH



- Advantages

- Annexation documents prepared by the City
  - Zoning application prepared by the City
  - No application fees for both annexation and zoning
  - Some fees potentially waived for two years from annexation plat recording
  - Could save approximately \$12,000 in fees and permits per application
- Answers about specific annexation concerns can be answered afterwards in one-on-one meetings, or schedule a meeting [jeff.bailey@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:jeff.bailey@coloradosprings.gov)

# STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS



Richard Mulledy, PE  
Stormwater Enterprise Manager  
City of Colorado Springs

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- Intergovernmental Agreement project for Stormwater Enterprise with Pueblo County
- Channel has been neglected because it is within the County, SWENT has authority and resources to improve channel to protect life and property
- Removing property owners from the floodplain and saving on flood insurance requirements

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND RISK REDUCTION

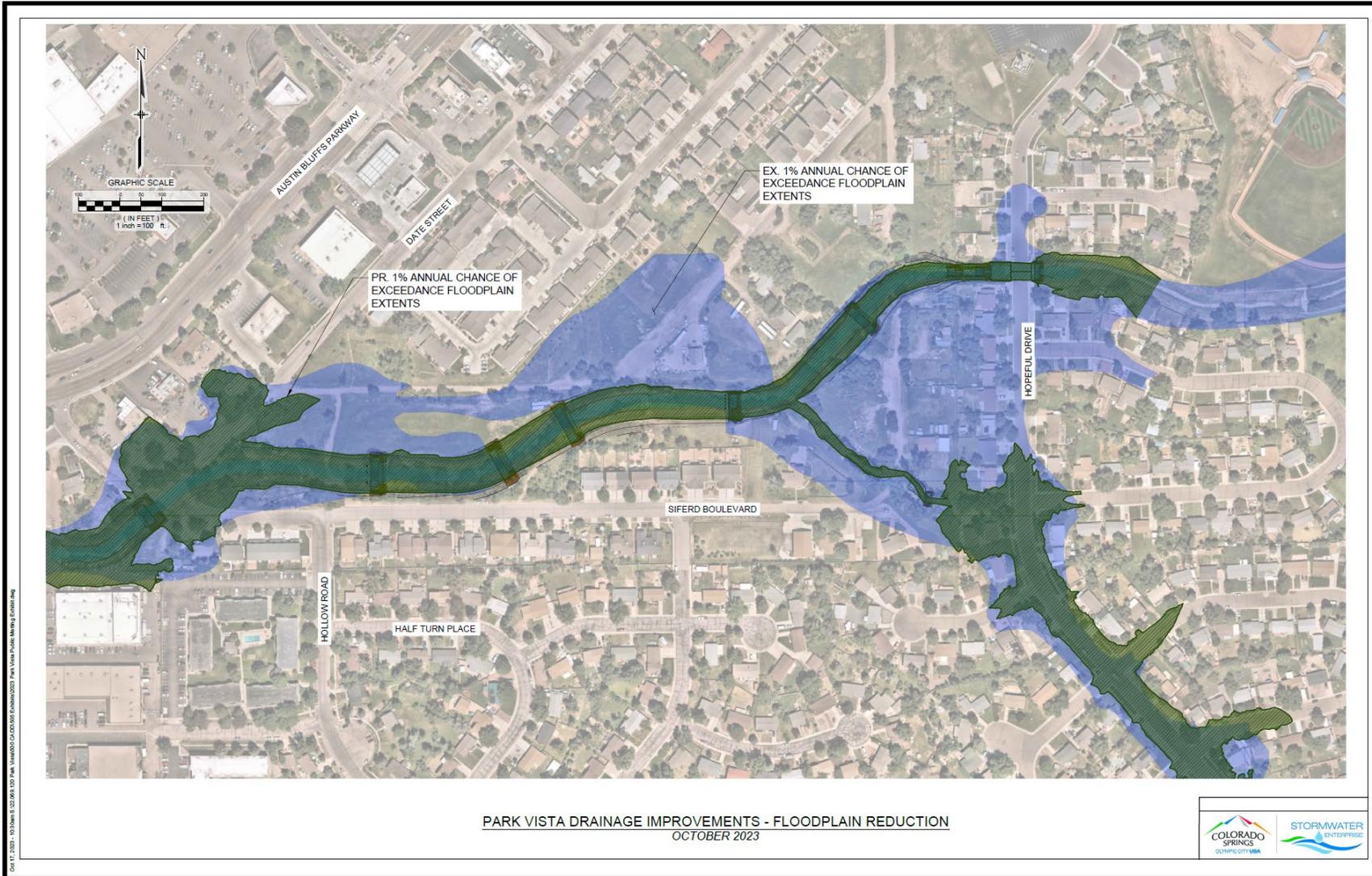


# STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS



FLOODING IN 2009

# FLOODING REDUCTION



# DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



John Hottenstein, PE, CFM  
Deputy Director, Water Resources  
Matrix Design Group

# DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



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Before



After



# DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

## Sculpted Concrete Drop Structures



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PARK VISTA CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT - ARTISTIC RENDERING  
HOPEFUL DRIVE DRAINAGE  
OCTOBER 2023



# DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



- Property acquisition by City is already underway and landowners have been contacted
- Large utilities under Siferd Blvd and Date St, prevent lowering the channel – closing the road will provide corridor for floods to be conveyed safely

# TRAFFIC CLOSURE AT SIFERD BLVD AND DATE ST



Tim Roberts

Transportation Planning Manager, Traffic Engineering  
City of Colorado Springs

# TRAFFIC CLOSURE AT SIFERD BLVD AND DATE ST



## Public Safety Improvement

- Traffic travels through the neighborhood to avoid congestion at North Carefree/Academy
- Roadway flooding puts motorists at risk
- CSFD desires a permanent solution so they can focus on other critical events



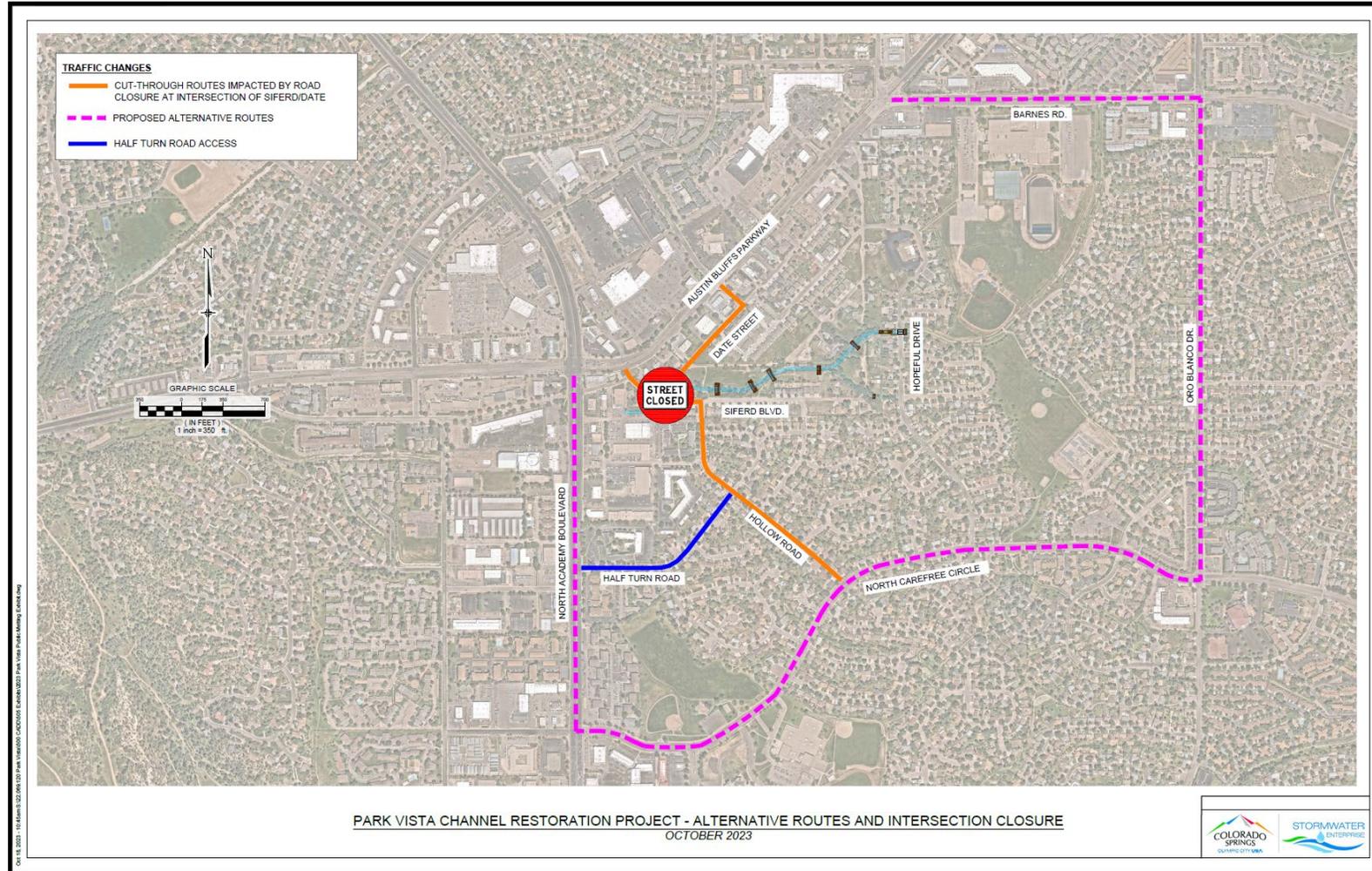
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## Traffic Issues

- History of neighborhood traffic concerns since 1995
- Hollow Drive count in 2020 identified approximately 1,000 vehicles cutting through
- Closure is the ultimate neighborhood cut through solution
- Adds 3-5 minutes travel time from Siferd Blvd to Doherty H.S. during peak traffic; 1-2 minutes off peak
- Traffic Engineering is reviewing a new Academy Blvd and Half Turn Rd traffic signal for neighborhood access

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- Short cut will be closed permanently
- Traffic will be calmed significantly with minimal increase in travel time
- Proposed cul-de-sacs sized to City standards for safe navigation
- Academy Blvd at Half Turn Road access for residents and businesses reviewed for signalization

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND RISK REDUCTION

Eric “Rudy” Ruettinger  
Fire Lieutenant  
Colorado Springs Fire  
Department



# PUBLIC SAFETY AND RISK REDUCTION

- This intersection is one of the most dangerous rescue scenarios CSFD performs
  - Rescues require first responders and citizens to be climbing on top of vehicles, in the rain, and just above raging flood waters
- The unpredictability in the severity of flood waters has been an issue for over 25 years



**FULL VIDEO OF FIRE  
DEPARTMENT RESCUE  
REMOVED TO LIMIT  
DOWNLOAD SIZE**

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND RISK REDUCTION

- Current gate operations divert resources from other emergencies
  - Before gates were used, CSFD positioned fire apparatus to block intersection
- Downstream culverts make rescues extremely dangerously for citizens and first responders



# PUBLIC SAFETY AND RISK REDUCTION



- The best solution to protect the public and first responders is to remove the intersection
- This creates a much safer scenario for our citizens/rescuers and helps eliminate a continuously problematic area within the city.

# PROJECT SUMMARY



Adam Copper, PE

Project Manager

City of Colorado Springs, Stormwater Enterprise

# Park Vista Drainage Improvements Project Timeline



# Q&A



- If you have a question or comment, please raise your hand.
- So that everyone can hear, we will bring the microphone to you, alternating between sides of the room.
- State your name; keep your question/input brief so that everyone who wants to, has the opportunity to participate.
- To enable as much input as possible within the time we have, if something has already been said, please don't repeat it.
- As there may be different opinions, listen & hear with **mutual respect**.
- Use the Comment Forms to submit additional input or questions.

# NEXT STEPS



- All comment forms and input from this meeting will be collected, summarized and provided to the City.
- A recording of this meeting will be posted to the project webpage: [ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS](https://coloradosprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS).
- Additional information and project schedule will be communicated to the public through the newsletter. Please provide your email address in the lobby at the sign-in table.
- The Project Team is available in the lobby for 1-on-1 discussions with property owners interested in the annexation option.

# THANK YOU!



## Stay Informed

**Project email:** [ParkVistaCOSinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ParkVistaCOSinfo@gmail.com)

**Project Phone:** 719-425-8655

**Website:** [ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS](http://ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkVistaCOS)