



## What People Are Saying about the Great Streets project

City of Colorado Springs Councilman Bernie Herpin: “Academy Boulevard was the place to be in the 1980s and early 1990s. It’s great to see an effort to revitalize this area. There are a lot of good things already happening in the corridor. The Lowes stores coming to Citadel Crossing and a new lease on life for the former Longs Drugs in Rustic Hills North as an events center are just a few examples. These projects along with others that have been worked on for months will begin to turn Academy Boulevard into something special and will be a catalyst for future revitalization.”

City of Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera: “In 2007 we had business owners not happy with how the City handled issues on south Academy Boulevard. We held a meeting and listened, and that kicked off this project. In mid February I will be attending the *Mayors Institute on City Design*, where I will present this project to seven other mayors and experts in architecture, transit planning, and redevelopment from throughout the country. I will be getting their feedback and will then provide a written report back to the City Council. So, not only will we get citizen ideas on the project, but we will also have the benefit of input from national experts as well. As a city, we need to put investments into this corridor to help the business community revitalize it. We provide the infrastructure, leadership and vision, along with national ideas from experts. This is important to me and to Bernie Herpin who represents this district. We will work really hard to make sure this is a jewel in the city.”

Stephannie Finley, President, Governmental Affairs and Public Policy Division of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce: “The chamber is involved in the Academy Boulevard Corridor Great Streets project because this is an opportunity to generate an entrepreneurial spirit that can be a catalyst for other businesses. Our compliments to the City and all of you for what you’re doing along this corridor and to CH2M HILL for all you do to contribute to a successful region and city.”

Dave Munger, President, Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO): “CONO represents 180 plus organized neighborhoods in the city and in El Paso and Teller counties. It serves as a key stakeholder on this project to represent residential neighborhoods. There are two things in particular we find attractive and exciting about this project. It is the first time the City of Colorado Springs has, in a complete way, looked at land use and transportation use at the same

time. This is essential in how we develop our City moving forward. Secondly, the **Neighborhood Oriented Development** approach of this project is a new concept and one that the *Mayors Institute on City Design* will be addressing. This means that this project is being developed with neighborhoods in mind; sustainable neighborhoods and how they sustain the businesses in the area. We thank Mayor Rivera for coming up with the idea of how to sustain this important neighborhood.”