



## WORK CONTINUES ON THE CENTENNIAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Two workshops about the Centennial Transportation Master Plan are scheduled in October. Attendees will learn the results of the initial analysis of the roads, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and public transit throughout Centennial. These transportation planning workshops will help shape the City's future transportation system:

**Wednesday, October 20th, 4:30 – 7:30 PM**  
- **Castlewood Library** - 6739 South Uinta Street

**Thursday, October 28th, 4:30 – 7:30 PM**  
- **Smoky Hill Clubhouse** - 5405 South Telluride Street

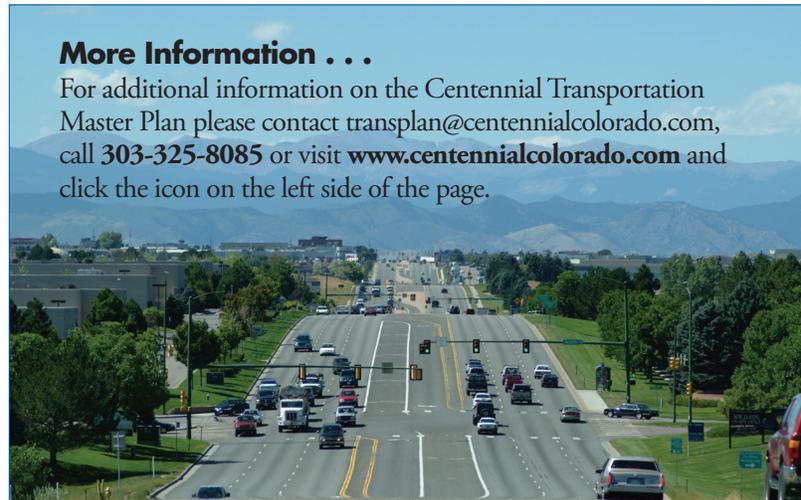
Exhibits showing existing conditions and possible projects to improve getting around Centennial will be available. We want your insights about:

- What improvements are needed?
- Which improvements are the highest priorities?

*The ultimate goal in this process is to have and build a transportation system that works for everyone.*

### More Information . . .

For additional information on the Centennial Transportation Master Plan please contact [transplan@centennialcolorado.com](mailto:transplan@centennialcolorado.com), call 303-325-8085 or visit [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com) and click the icon on the left side of the page.



### TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The City of Centennial is replacing 1,662 incandescent bulbs with light-emitting diode (LED) modules at 34 intersections using the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. LED lights are brighter, require 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs, and are expected to result in annual energy cost savings to the City of approximately \$35,000. LEDs last seven to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs also resulting in significant savings in maintenance costs. This LED project includes updating the pedestrian signals by adding “countdown timers.” The timers will improve pedestrian safety by displaying the crossing time in seconds as the pedestrian crosses the street. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

# From Mayor Cathy Noon— The First Year



Mayor **Cathy Noon** is available to meet with citizens of Centennial every Wednesday for a **"Noon Hour"** meeting at the Centennial Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Centennial citizens are invited to bring their ideas, concerns and questions.

13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.  
(between S. Revere Pkwy  
and S. Potomac St.)

This first year as your Mayor has been extremely rewarding for me. Thanks to the community, City Council, and City Staff, I have been able to experience Centennial from every angle. Community events like Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars and ground breakings and ribbon cuttings for a number of new businesses have provided me with rich opportunities to listen to Centennial's residents and business community and your hopes for the future.

Approximately 81% percent of Centennial residents responded to the Census 2010 this past spring, tying with the City of Arvada for the highest mail back returns. Thank you! If our population is more than 100,000 it allows the City a better chance to receive state and federal funds, and it gives us a much more significant voice in our regional dialogues. It also means more money for schools, roads and senior services which are extremely important to the City. Establishing our population helps us better define the future of our City.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) at the I-25/Arapahoe interchange continues to progress. Currently, CDOT is completing a number of interim improvements at this interchange - including one additional lane in each direction on Arapahoe Rd. under I-25. In addition to a third through lane, CDOT is adding a turn lane from westbound Arapahoe Road between the southbound I-25 off-ramp and Yosemite Street, modifying the center median, adding overhead signage and making pedestrian crossing improvements.

These improvements are anticipated to significantly increase capacity along this stretch of roadway, reduce congestion and improve safety. The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of September. And, once the CDOT project is complete, the new traffic patterns are in place, and the traveling public has grown accustomed to the improvements, new traffic counts, turning movements and other technical data will be analyzed and the new operating conditions will be assessed. This new information, in turn, should allow a better understanding of both the recent improvements as well as providing some valuable technical data

which will then be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment. With this new schedule, the EA should be completed by December 2011.

The development of the 2011 City budget is underway. We have a strong fund balance that is well above Council's stated policy of 25% in reserve. City Council is hopeful for the continuing trend of higher sales tax receipts to be able to complete more work to maintain the City's streets over the next year, and remains committed to public works and public safety as goals for 2011.

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**Thank you to all of you who attended this summer's community events. Throughout the summer, an estimated 5,000 people participated in Centennial events which included the Centennial Spring Fling, three movie nights and our most attended Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars, with some pretty phenomenal fireworks.**

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Some of you may already know, that I was a "dunkee" in the Youth Commission's dunk tank at the Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars event. Nearly \$200 was raised at the dunk tank in two hours and was donated to the American Heart Association.

As promised, I have an open door to the citizens of Centennial and want to hear what you have to say about our City. So, please feel free to drop in and join me at one of the upcoming "Noon Hours" which are scheduled each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Cathy Noon  
Mayor

# Citizen Survey Gets Huge Response

In a recent survey of Centennial citizens, more than 90 percent of those who responded gave excellent or good ratings to living in Centennial. A total of 940 households responded to the survey out of the 3,000 mailed to residents in a random sampling – a 32 percent return rate.

This year at the City Council's Budget workshop in August, the citizen survey was discussed and played a role in Council's decisions for 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss priorities and the budget for the upcoming year. This year Public Works, Communications, and programs for seniors ranked high on the list of priorities for City Council.

City Council approached the 2011 budget to include additional funding for paving/road projects, insisted on maintaining four editions of the Centennial Connection newsletter, and adding \$5,000 and staff time to create a Senior Commission.

The Survey results are available on the City's Web site at [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com), on the drop-down menu under "About Us."

# The Survey Says...

**The survey measured a number of aspects of quality of life, community character, city services, and the importance of current and future projects. Highlights include:**

## Quality of Life

The top three aspects of quality of life are neighborhoods, the community of Centennial, and the good environment for raising children. All three have more than 90 percent satisfaction, well above the national benchmark.

## Centennial's Character

A large majority of responding households believe Centennial is a safe community with a low crime rate. They also believe they have the best schools, good local businesses and are providing and protecting open space for future generations. Among the areas that rated the lowest were opportunities for older adult activities, ease of bus travel and opportunities for cultural events.

## City Services

Centennial's special districts' services rated very high, especially when compared to national benchmarks. The top four were Fire Districts, Public Schools, Emergency Medical Services and Libraries. Ranking even with the national benchmark was Code Enforcement. Well below the benchmarks were street resurfacing and street maintenance and repair. Three areas of City Administration rated high with more than two-thirds in the excellent and good categories:

quality of the City's Web site ([www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)); online applications and payments for fines and services; and public meetings about City plans like parks and open space.

## Importance of Potential Projects

Respondents were asked to rank several potential projects. The four receiving the largest percentages of "essential" or "very important" ratings were reducing traffic congestion, rebuilding the I-25/Arapahoe Road interchange, acquiring additional open space and building new trails. These were also deemed as the most important, along with widening E. Arapahoe Rd. from S. Waco St. to S. Himalaya St.

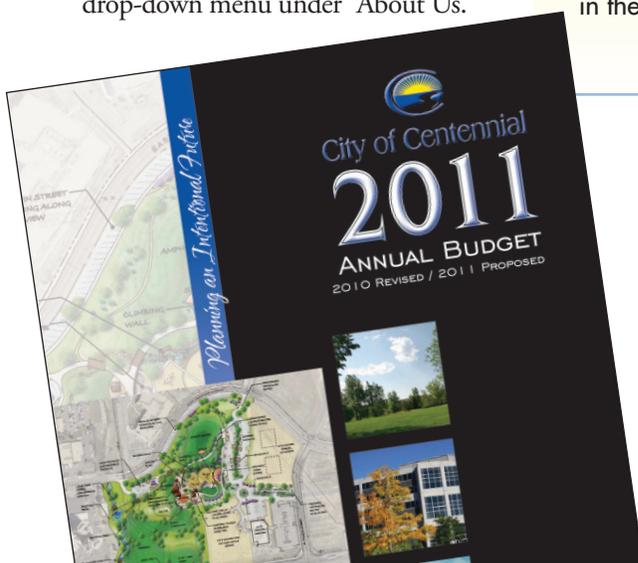
## Future City Focus

The survey also found the majority of Centennial residents do not consider themselves to be informed about local issues and operations of the City, a problem the City had not previously identified. Addressing the lack of opportunities for services for older adults will be among the focus areas for the City Council and City staff.

## 2011 Budget

The 2010 Revised / 2011 Proposed budgets will be presented for review to City Council on Monday, November 15, 2010. These budgets are a combination of policy direction from Council and the continued monitoring of revenues and identification of savings by City Staff. On September 13th, the 2011 Proposed General Fund Budget was presented reflecting a healthy fund balance of 34.6% and annual expenditures excluding transfers of \$42.4 million representing a 6.3% increase from the 2010 Adopted Budget.

To view the proposed budgets visit [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com), click City Services, Finance, Budget, 2011 Proposed Budget.





## City Revising the Council District Boundaries

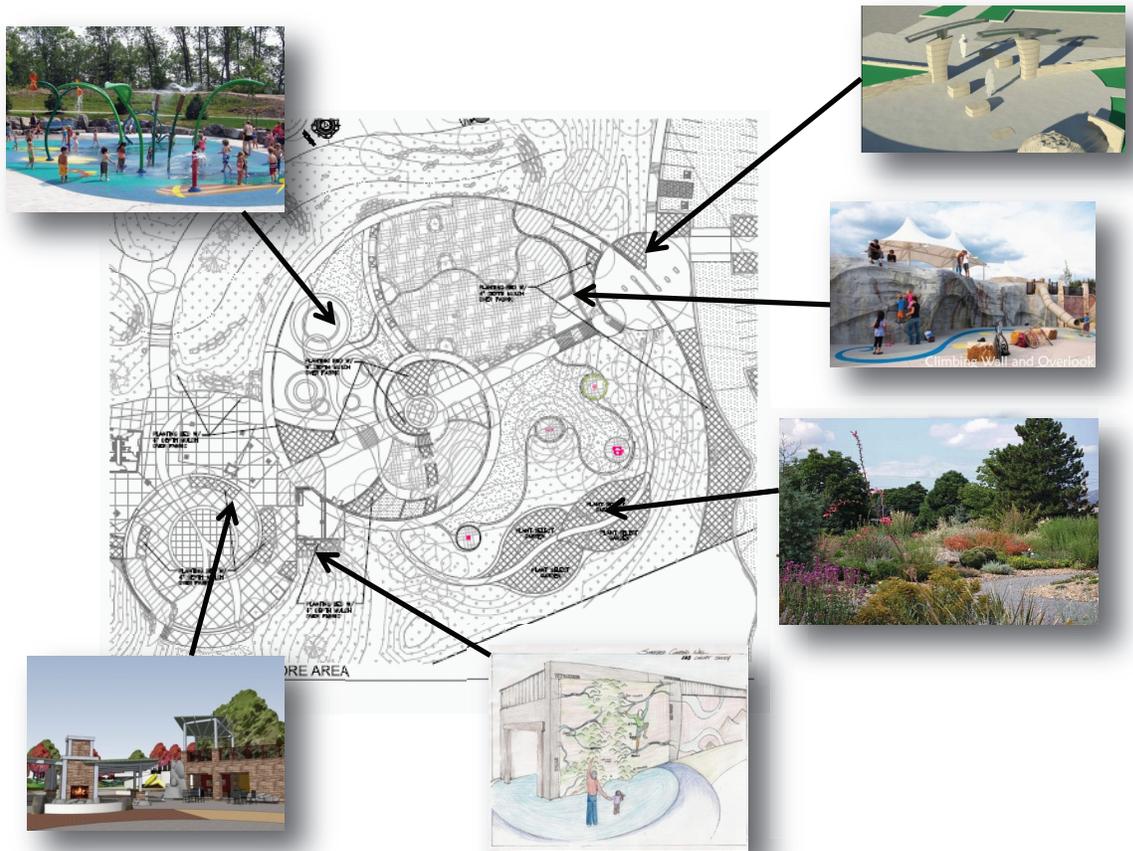
The City of Centennial is revising the District boundaries throughout the City. Please visit the City Web site to fill out a citizen survey and view maps illustrating the new District options. **We want to hear from you!**

## CIVIC CENTER PARK ON TRACK FOR DEVELOPMENT

The City continues to move forward with planning for the Civic Center Park. This new park will be located on 11 acres of land acquired by the City in 2008 as part of the new Centennial Civic Center. The City will fund this project with dedicated revenues from its share of Arapahoe County Open Space and State Conservation Trust funds.

The City has leveraged its funding for this project with grant awards of \$198,750 from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and \$250,000 from Arapahoe County. The City will continue to submit applications for grants and will apply for up to an additional \$650,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado.

The park will include playgrounds, an amphitheater for special events, water play feature, picnic shelters, a mountain view overlook, environmental and historical education, an open space meadow, a sledding hill, native plant demonstration



garden, climbing walls, walking trails, a trailhead for access to regional trails, drainage, parking for users, and entry gateways to provide an identity for the park and community. The project team has prepared construction documents to guide construction of the park. The project is expected to be bid this fall. Formal City Council action is anticipated this November.



# GET YOUR PASSPORT HERE!

The City of Centennial is a Passport Acceptance Facility. Passport applications are accepted by appointment only Wednesday through Friday. Visit the [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com) for more information and to schedule your appointment.



# COYOTES

The City of Centennial encourages residents to remove items from their property that attract wildlife such as pet food, water sources, bird feeders; fallen fruit from trees. These actions discourage coyotes' desire to be on private property and will greatly lessen coyote interactions with humans and their pets. When conflicts do occur between people and coyotes, the root cause is often unintentional feeding of coyotes and other wildlife.

Coyotes may prey on cats and small dogs that are left outside of the home unattended by a human. These animals' sizes are similar to the coyote's natural prey, and since they are domesticated they are much easier for the coyote to catch. To prevent these unfortunate situations it is vital that cats are kept indoors and dogs are on a leash and/or supervised. Besides keeping an eye on pets and removing obvious food sources, keeping yards free from overgrown bushes, trees, tall grasses, and maintaining a clean, well manicured garden will help deter coyotes from wanting to make your backyard their new home for their family.



Coyotes are smart and adaptable and become familiar to our routines. In addition to removing the things that attract coyotes, we must outwit them. For example, motion-activated sprinkler systems can help keep coyotes (and other unwanted wildlife) out of gardens. Installing coyote-rollers ([www.coyoteroller.com](http://www.coyoteroller.com)) along perimeter fencing can also be very effective at keeping coyotes out of places where they are not welcome

Coyotes become more vocal and active during mating season (January-February), more territorial when rearing their pups (April-August), and pups start to disperse from their family members in the Fall (September-November).

# NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ADOPTED

The Centennial City Council adopted a new Land Development Code (LDC) on April 19, 2010. This Code was written and developed with input from citizens, business owners and stakeholders throughout the City. The new LDC replaces an outdated code that was adopted by the City at the time of incorporation in 2001 and carried over from Arapahoe County.

Provisions are included in the new Code to protect and enhance the character of existing neighborhoods. It gives citizens and business owners the opportunity to enhance and modify their properties via a less arduous process than was previously required.

A new zoning map for the City is not included in the new Code. The existing zoning for Centennial consists of 28 separate zone districts with more than 175 Planned Unit Developments or (PUDs) resulting in more than 200 separate zoning classifications. Fourteen new districts and nine sub districts are proposed for the new zoning map. PUDs will remain in the Code but will only be used in limited circumstances.

City Council will adopt the final zoning map after public outreach is completed. The first phase of public outreach is currently underway. City staff is available to meet with HOAs to explain how the new code will be applied and how the new zoning may impact neighborhoods. An additional phase of public outreach will include contacting and meeting with business owners in Centennial.

For additional information please contact Rita McConnell, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning and Development at 303-754-3316 or [rmcconnell@centennialcolorado.com](mailto:rmcconnell@centennialcolorado.com).

# City Resolution Passed Opposing Statewide Issues

The Centennial City Council passed the following resolution on July 12, 2010

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-R-70:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO,  
OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101 AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Centennial (the "City") is a legislative body and authorized to adopt resolutions in support or opposition to state and federal legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 are citizen initiatives to amend the State Constitution and statutes and collectively propose significant reductions or restrictions to both state and local revenue sources and financing options in a number of different ways, including but not limited to limitations of revenue from specific ownership taxes, telecommunications taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado voters will have the opportunity at the November 2 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local government by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61; and

**WHEREAS**, during this current economic downturn the City of Centennial has already cut services and budgets dramatically; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to finance long-term capital projects including major road improvements, street rehabilitation programs, traffic system improvements and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

**WHEREAS**, services and programs in the City of Centennial could be significantly limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures, including programs such as public safety, public works, and capital improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Centennial is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on the City's ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including the Colorado Municipal League, are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of the State of Colorado or of local communities.

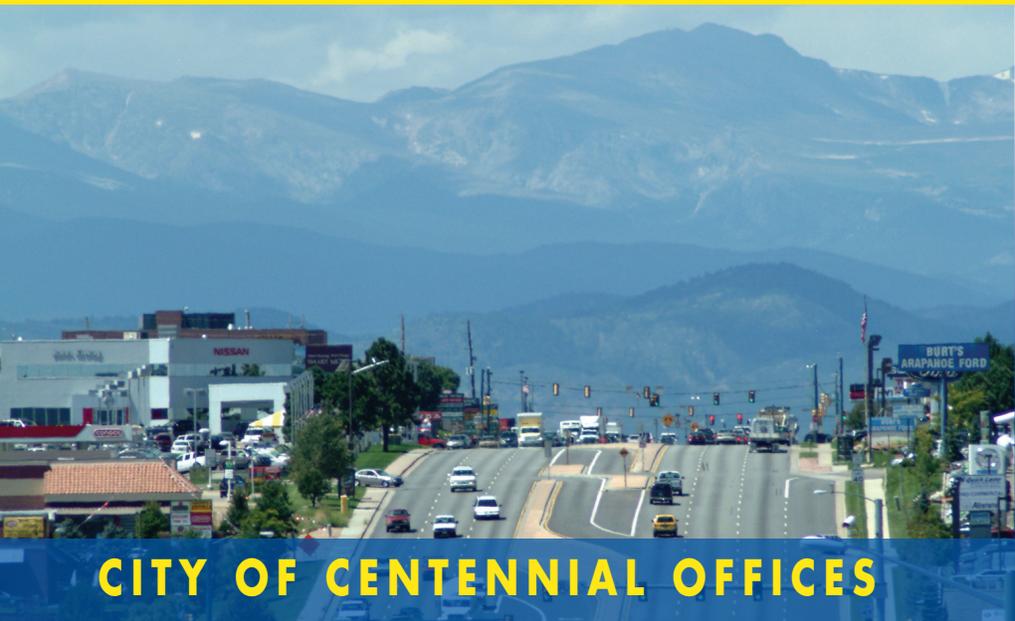
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61, and urges our citizens to vote against all three ballot measures

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of the Resolution, the intent being that the same are severable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval of the City Council of the City of Centennial.

ADOPTED by a vote of 7 in favor and 2 against this 12th day of July, 2010.



## CITY OF CENTENNIAL OFFICES

Main Telephone Number for all City Information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

# 303-325-8000

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#### Municipal Court

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## SIGN UP FOR INFORMATION

#### Emergency Notification

[www.ArapahoeSheriff.org](http://www.ArapahoeSheriff.org)

#### City News - e-News Sign Up

[www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)

## DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

### Joint Meeting Districts 1 and 2

Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
South Metro Chamber of Commerce  
6840 South University Blvd.

To find out which Council District you live in and to confirm these meeting dates visit our Web site at [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com).

## ADOPT-A-STREET

Centennial's Adopt-a-Street program provides an opportunity for residents and businesses to publicly assist the City in its ongoing maintenance and upkeep of its right-of-ways. The program was created from a strategic goal identified in the Community Quality of Life/Citizen Engagement section of Centennial's visioning document, Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030. The program is open to any community group that can demonstrate that it has sufficient members to perform a cleanup of trash and debris and is willing to accept the responsibility of adopting a street for at least one year.

If you're interested in learning more about the City's Adopt-a-Street program, visit the City's Adopt-a-Street program website located under the Public Works section of the City Services button at [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com).

The City looks forward to hosting future cleanups!



*On June 5, 2010, Cunningham Fire District 3027 became the first participants in Centennial's newly-formed Adopt-a-Street program.*