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A good fit

Final design offers detailed look at riverwalk's future

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A final design plan for the next phases of the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk shows how all of the pieces would fit as additions occur over the next decade or more.

Included in the final design is a riverwalk channel extension that runs under both Santa Fe Avenue and Interstate 25 and a slight rerouting of Santa Fe Avenue to allow room for an aquatics center.

The "curving" of Santa Fe Avenue in the area of the riverwalk would not take place until the later phases of the expansion, possibly a decade or later from now, riverwalk executives say.

The final schematic was released last week based on input received from a two-day workshop in late September that brought together all of the riverwalk's design partners.

Participants included Design Studios West, Matrix Design Group, OLC Architecture, the Urban Renewal Authority of Pueblo and Pueblo city and



county planning department staff.

The experts also reviewed the proposal's technical feasibility and projected costs, all of which fell in line with Pueblo's preliminary expectations, riverwalk executives said.

The plan's release comes as Pueblo continues its push to secure one of several tourism grants the state Office of

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A drawing shows a long-range plan for how the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk boat channel could be extended from an area east of Interstate 25 (the current expansion proposal) to Runyon Lake.

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LEGEND

Existing

1. HARP Riverwalk Visitors Center
2. Union Avenue Historic District
3. Southeast Colorado Heritage Center
4. Arkansas River Whitewater Park
5. Rawlings Public Library
6. Professional Bull Riders (PBR) World Headquarters
7. El Pueblo Museum
8. Pueblo Plaza Ice Arena
9. Buell Children's Museum
10. Sangre de Cristo Arts Center
11. Pueblo Convention Center
12. City Hall
13. Main Street Parking Garage
14. Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial Plaza *
15. Veteran's Bridge *
16. Center for American Values *
17. Founders Plaza *
18. Hotel
19. Memorial Hall Theater

Proposed

20. HARP Grand Canal
21. Gateway Park Welcome Center
22. Exhibition Hall
23. Heritage Plaza Event Space
24. PBR Multi-Sports Complex
25. Regional Aquatics Center and Indoor Water Park
26. Mixed Use Hotel Development
27. Mixed Use Commercial Development
28. Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail Visitor Center*
29. Woodrow Wilson Commemorative Plaza*
30. Parking Structure

*Denotes stop on Walk of Valor

LEGEND

- Proposed
- Existing



Phase 1

- Exhibition hall
- Hotel
- Parking structure
- Channel extension to Santa Fe



Phase 2

- Multi-use/PBR arena
- Gateway welcome center
- Gateway park amphitheater
- Mixed use commercial



Phase 3

- Santa Fe realignment
- Channel east extension
- Aquatics center
- Hotel addition and parking
- Main St. mixed use and parking



Phase 4

- Hotel and parking structure
- Grand mixed use and parking
- National trail center
- Parking structure

