## **2021 Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds:** National Western Center Campus and Colorado Convention Center Expansion

Finance and Governance Committee February 23, 2021





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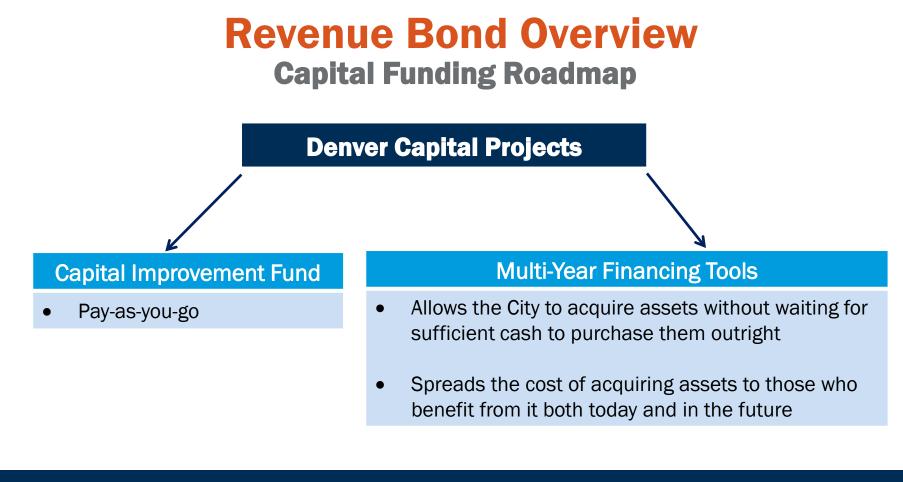


## **Council Request: 21-0190**

Authorizes the issuance of City and County of Denver Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A-B, in a par amount not to exceed \$273.83 million for the purpose of funding:

- 1. The continued buildout of the National Western Center Campus
- 2. The Colorado Convention Center Expansion Project
- 3. Debt service reserve fund and associated costs of issuance (attorney fees, rating agencies fees, underwriter fees, etc.)







## **Revenue Bond Overview**

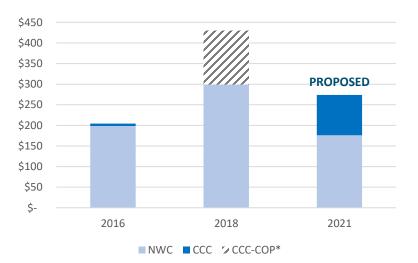
### **Multi-Year Financing Tools**

Financing Mechanism	Description	Revenue Repayment Source
General Obligation (GO) Bonds*	Long-term obligation, secured by the full faith and credit of the City	Ad valorem taxes (dedicated Property Tax Mill Levy)
Revenue Bonds <ul> <li>Excise/Dedicated Tax Bonds*</li> <li>Enterprise: DEN, Golf, Wastewater</li> </ul>	Issued for a specific capital project and repaid solely by an associated revenue stream	New or renewed special taxes or fees (i.e. Lodger's, food & beverage, short term auto rental, fees, airline & non- airline revenues, etc.)
Certificates of Participation (COPs) & Capital Leases	Lease purchase with City asset used as collateral. Subject to annual appropriation	Existing revenues; new fees, new revenue increment, program savings
Commercial Paper * Requires approval of majority of Denver vote	Short term unsecured debt obligation primarily used for interim financing	Generally repaid with bond proceeds



## **2C Ballot Measure**

- Ballot Measure 2C approved by Denver voters in November 2015:
  - Authorized \$778 million of debt (par amount) for funding toward the National Western Center Campus and Colorado Convention Center Expansion Project
  - Repealed expiration in 2023 of the 1.75% portions of the City's Lodger's Tax and Short-Term Auto Rental Tax
- Proposed issuance is the **final** issuance under the 2C voter authorization



Shown in millions, par

\*CCC-COP not issued under 2C voter authorization. Voter approval not required for COPs.

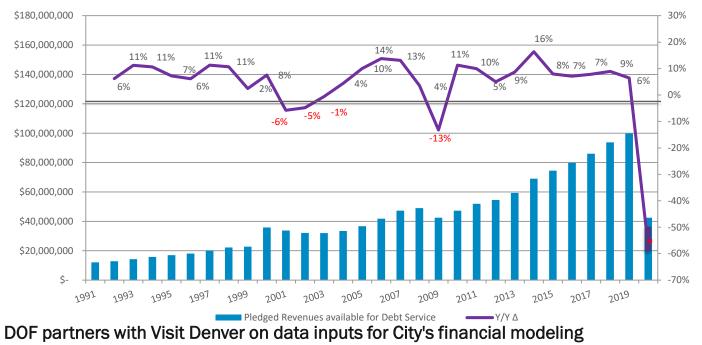


## **Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds Overview**

- Excise (Dedicated) Tax Bonds are repaid from specific excise taxes:
  - ✓ 8.0% of total 10.75% CCD Lodger's Tax
  - ✓ Full 7.25% CCD Short-Term Auto Rental Tax
  - ✓ 0.50% of total 4.00% CCD Prepared Food & Beverage Tax
- \$589.4M of existing Excise Tax Revenue Bonds outstanding as of 12/31/20:
  - \$498.3M issued for NWC (\$495.7M par outstanding)
  - \$6M issued for CCC Expansion Project (\$5.85M par outstanding)
  - \$193.14M issued for the original 2001 CCC expansion (\$87.86M par outstanding)
- Must be voter authorized (TABOR)
- Pledged revenues and financial covenants (i.e. debt service coverage ratio) limit bonding capacity



## **Pledged Revenues - Performance Update\***

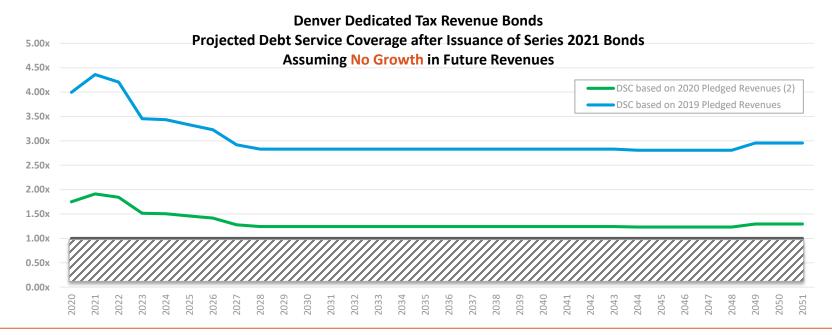


o Anticipate recovery to start later in 2021 and to return to 2019 levels by 2024

\*2020 pledged revenue decline is estimated as of the date of this presentation based on YTD performance; information will be updated over the next few weeks by the Controller's Office.



## **Projected Debt Service Coverage** (1,2)



2020 revenues expected to cover Maximum Annual Debt Service<sup>(1)</sup>, including the proposed 2021 issuance, by an estimated 1.23x

(1) Debt service for Series 2021 Bonds estimated as of February 16, 2021 and is subject to change until pricing of the bonds. Debt Service Coverage is the ratio of pledged revenues to debt service (annual for each respective year)

(2) 2020 Pledged Revenues are estimated, unaudited and subject to change.



## **Key Financing Objectives**

### Conservative structuring of overall 2C Plan of Finance:

- $\checkmark$  Ensure funding to both NWC and CCC projects to fulfill 2C voter authorization
- $\checkmark$  Protect the annual transfer to the General Fund
- ✓ Conservative financial modeling assumptions and enhanced credit structure to protect against volatility in Pledge Revenues
- ✓ Maximize financial flexibility via structuring, tax-exempt and taxable mix, and call options

### Proposed 2021 Bond Issuance:

- Takes advantage of currently very strong market conditions to minimize financial risks and lock in funding for both NWC and CCC-XP projects
- ✓ No incremental debt service in 2021 or 2022, partial (~50%) debt service in 2023, ramping back to 100% debt service by 2024 to provide cash flow relief, further protecting the General Fund and allowing time for pledged revenue recovery
- ✓ Does not increase existing Maximum Annual Debt Service over 30-year Plan of Finance
  - Coverage is sufficient even with no growth in 2020 revenues

### 2C Plan of Finance Reserves:

✓ Replenish 2C Overperformance Fund; Debt Service Reserve Fund; program-level reserves



## **National Western Center**



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## **Building A Unique Campus**

- 250-acres at buildout
- A place that honors our past and celebrates our future
- A location with a local to global reach
- Bridge between rural and urban interests
- Year-round uses for entertainment, education and agri-business
- Flexible spaces to enable programing and activation for events such as: Concerts, festivals, farmers' markets, sporting events, trade shows, conventions, classes, etc.



A Shared Vision: Be the global destination for agricultural heritage and innovation A Defining Mission:

Convene the world at the National Western Center to lead, inspire, create, educate, and entertain in pursuit of global food solutions



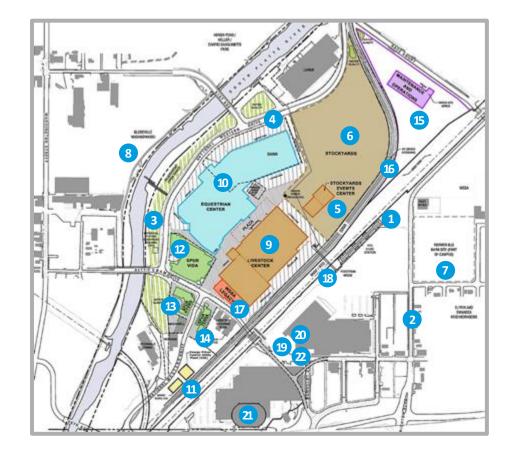






## **NWC Campus Plan**

- 1. RTD Transit Station
- 2. Brighton Blvd. 47<sup>th</sup> to Race Court
- 3. South Platte Riverfront
- 4. New National Western Drive
- 5. Stockyards Events Center
- 6. The Yards Multi-Use Space
- 7. Campus-related transit-oriented development (TOD)
- 8. New Bridges Near  $48^{th} \& 51^{st}$  Avenues
- 9. Livestock Center
- 10. Equestrian Center
- 11. District energy system's central utility plant (CUP)
- 12. CSU System Spur: Vida (health)
- 13. CSU System Spur: Hydro (water)
- 14. CSU System Spur: Terra (food)
- 15. Maintenance & Operations Facility
- 16. DRIR Rail Corridor
- 17. WSSA Legacy Building HQ
- 18. Pedestrian Bridge
- 19. Arena
- 20. Expo Hall
- 21.1909 Rehabilitation
- 22. Supporting Development

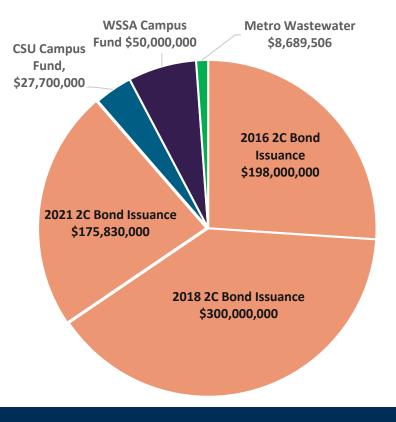


# **NWC Program Financial Summary**

### **Dedicated Funding Sources**

- \$674M\* from Voter Approval of 2015 Measure 2C (tourism tax revenues)
- \$27.7M from CSU campus funding
- \$50M from WSSA campus funding
- \$8.7M from Metro Wastewater for the Delgany Interceptor
- Regional Tourism Act (RTA) revenues

\*Will include allocation of approximately \$14M of future bond premium and investment earnings for programmatic support as part of SteerCom approved budget to maintain capital project investment levels. Bond issuances include cost of issuance and debt service reserve funding.





## **Program Milestones**

- Framework Agreement
- Revised Site Plan
- Program Baseline (Scope, Schedule, Budget)
- Contract Procurements
- Structure Removal & Clean-up
- Campus Energy RFI

- Rail Agreement Complete
- RTA IGA (DURA)
- Brighton Blvd. Complete
- M&O Construction
- NWC Rezoning
- Horizontal Construction
- Established Public Art Commission

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

- Mayor's Office of the National Western Center Formation
- Program Management Team Selection

- Authority Board Formed
- Placemaking Begins
- Horizontal Design & Construction
- Vertical Design
- Metro Wastewater IGA
- Structural Assessments (water tower and sheep bridge)
- 1909 Studies

- EDC Commencement for Substantial Work
- Horizontal Construction
- M&O Complete
- SYEC Construction
- CSU construction begins
- Campus Energy Agreement
- Water Tower Move Complete



Campus Master Plan

Ballot Measure 2C

HB 15-1344

RTA Award

## **Campus Progress To Date**

The Capital Build program is approximately 50% complete. Construction began in 2018 and continues with horizontal infrastructure and vertical construction. Major, visible efforts to date include:

- Brighton Boulevard from 48th Avenue to Race Court is now open to vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy.
- The new **RTD N line** at the National Western Center Station is open and gives residents of Elyria-Swansea and Globeville easy access to Union Station, Commerce City, Northglenn and Thornton.
- The consolidation and relocation of almost three miles of **railroad tracks** away from the river is complete.
- The **maintenance & operations** facility renovation transformed this existing facility into fleet maintenance shops, offices, indoor and outdoor storage yard
- The **historic water tower** was placed in its new location on the campus in the heart of the stockyards and the remaining pens and brick were salvaged for future use throughout the campus.





## **Campus Progress Moving Forward**

Program progress anticipated for 2021 as we track towards Stock Show 2022 and beyond. Some exciting progress to look forward to include:

- Stockyards Event Center: On schedule for completion this summer
- Livestock Center: Design and early construction efforts
- **Riverfront open space**: With the rail removed, site work continues
- **Delgany Wastewater Pipes:** Relocation of the pipe along the river is underway
- National Western Drive: Site enabling work is underway
- **51**<sup>st</sup> **Ave. Bridge:** Construction to connect Washington St. to National Western Drive
- **Campus Energy:** Construction efforts are mobilizing on the campus energy system that uses sewer heat recovery technology
- CSU System: Significant progress on the CSU System's threebuilding CSU Spur campus







## **NWC Redevelopment Project Economic Impact**



**\$328 million** in labor income



## **NWC Workforce & Small Business Program**

HIC Pilot Workforce Program

- Reporting
- Workforce coordinator
- Targeted zip codes and populations
- WORKNOW/DEDO

### Vertical Apprenticeship Program

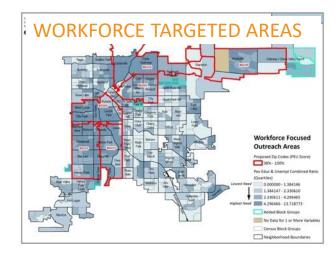
- Overall Apprenticeship Requirement
  - 15% / 25% / 25%
- Workforce coordinator
- Targeted zip codes and populations
- WORKNOW/DEDO

### Mentor Protégé

Hensel Phelps / Sky Blue Builders / True Crew

### Small Business Utilization

- M/WBE goals
- Reporting, Training & Best Practices



- To date, 1251 horizontal and vertical workers have been onsite performing work
- Approximately 300 individuals daily working on various elements of the program



## Colorado Convention Center Expansion Project



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## **CCC Expansion Project Update**

### Design/Construction

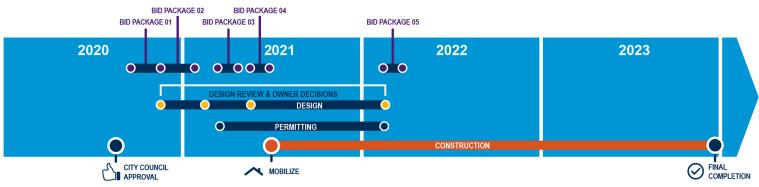
- Project is on schedule and within budget
- Currently in Design phase
- Construction starts Summer 2021
- Xcel Steam & Chilled Water Amendments Council April/May

### M/WBE

- Goals/Commitment: 22% Design, 17% Construction
- Actual Contracted: 22% Design, 0% Construction (Not yet Contracted)
- Payments are being paid within Prompt Pay timelines.

#### Workforce

- Outreach is progressing as planned
- Interns (x2) Arrupe Jesuit High School

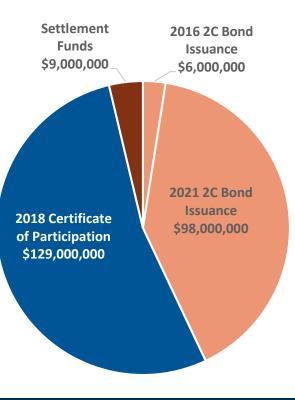




# **CCC-XP Program Financial Summary**

### **Dedicated Funding Sources**

- \$104M from Voter Approval of 2015
   Measure 2C (tourism tax revenues)
- \$129M from Certificate of Participation (COP) that pledged Tourism
   Improvement District, Seat Tax, and CCC
   Hotel Revenues
- \$9M from settlement funding



\*Investment earnings may be allocated for programmatic support in the future















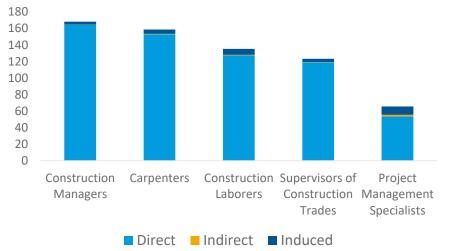
## Convention Center Expansion Project Economic Impact



## **\$195 million** in labor income









## **Key Financing Terms**

	Series 2021A-B Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds
Par Amount*	Up to \$273.83 million
Purpose/Use of Proceeds	Funding toward NWC and CCC Expansion Projects
Pledged Revenues	Lodger's Tax: 8.00% Short-Term Auto Rental Tax: 7.25% Prepared Food & Beverage Tax: 0.50%
Interest Rate*	Not to exceed 5.75%; fixed rate (current All-In Interest Cost is approximately 3.0%*)
Term	Not to exceed 30 years; prepayment options
Anticipated Credit Ratings	Currently AA- / Aa3 / AA (S&P/Moody's/Fitch); TBD
Tax Status*	Bond Ordinance includes flexibility to add taxable series; subject to further tax analysis

\*The final par amount, interest rate, and tax-exempt/taxable mix will be determined closer to and/or on the day of pricing and is dependent on market conditions.



## **Tentative Financing Timetable**

Feb 12 Submit Ordinance Request Feb 22 Reading of 20-93 at Council Finance & Governance Committee Feb 23 Mar 2 Mayor Council Mar 3 Filing bond documents Mar 8 First Reading Mar 15 Second Reading Mar 16-29 Investor Marketing March 30 Pricing\* Closing\* Apr 15

\*Subject to market conditions





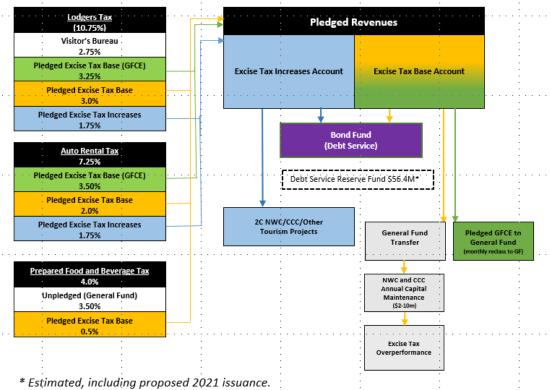


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## **Supplemental Information**



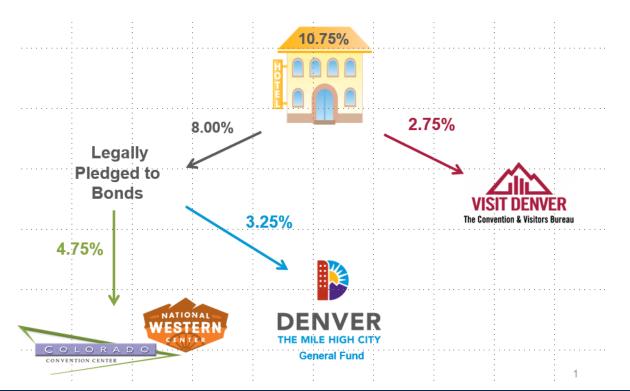
## **Dedicated Tax Flow of Funds**





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## **Lodger's Tax Allocation**





## **Outstanding Excise (Dedicated) Tax Bonds**

Outstanding Excise (Dedicated) Tax bonds, repayable by portions of the City's Lodger's, Short-Term Auto Rental, and Food & Beverage Taxes, are summarized below:

Original Issuance Year	Purpose	Principal Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/20	Final Maturity
2001	Expansion of Colorado Convention Center	\$87,865,000	2029
2016	National Western Center and Colorado Convention Center Improvements	\$204,170,000	2046
2018	National Western Center Improvements	\$297,394,984	2048
TOTAL		\$589,429,984	

