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...So the last thing I want to say is related to the Greenway trail. So I brought this for discussion for tonight, it's in the post meeting. And this is one of those situations where we're not the only council that have discussed this over time. But we are one of the five that are still in this. And I think the body of evidence has built up over time. We all know about the Rocky Flats, it's the history of Rocky Flats, and you've heard public comment tent tonight that gave some flavor of that. But this project itself has a lot of inconsistencies that go back a few years, and the path is done. Right, what we're talking about is the overpass over Indiana, and I don't think we should be giving or or that we should be normalizing that recreation. Because by finishing this project and putting more money into it, we are legitimizing this as an area where Pete where we're inviting more people to come and recreate and that's not right. You know, I believe that we have a moral accountability here as a council to make sure that we are looking out for the public health long term, and that we're looking at more than one source of facts. Right. So I would like I very much look forward to this discussion tonight. **Broomfield council so Mayor gaylene castriota of Broomfield sent us a letter urging us to get out of this IGA as Broomfield did a couple years ago. It was a very well written letter, she explained the precedent. For the decision, she explained how seven school districts have made commitments to not even allow field trips to this area. She explained that the the inconsistencies and how the testing what they found in the soil, the soil testing was five times the remedial action level of the closure plan. So when we talk about this cleanup of Rocky Flats, let's be clear, there was no there was no cleanup. That was a small remediation. Okay, there is still plutonium there. And it's important that everyone knows that as generations move into the city, fewer and fewer people know this background and know this history. But it's important that we continue to educate the public about Rocky Flats, because the plutonium is still there. I'm not trying to fear monger or scare you. Right. But it's just the facts. And I think it's in our moral duty to get out of this IGA. So I look forward to this conversation tonight. Thanks.**

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Councillor Miller? I'm sorry, Mayor Pro Tem.

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... So just to continue the conversation with all of us, and with similarly with Rocky Flats, I do have a question that I'll probably post a staff just later in our conversations on that one. You know, for all of these, it's so interesting how it it takes a really long time. **I infer when the community comes to talk about and highlight an issue that they are experiencing, tied to environmental impacts, takes such a long time to go against where our federal government has said it's fine. And I think there are a lot of motivations for assuring us that things are fine at Rocky Flats, especially. And, you know, we we need to continue to just weigh our risks and make decisions that put us in the best position to not impact public health.**

09:34 Claire Carmelia

All right, thank you. I want to echo the sentiments of the other counselors up here by thanking everyone who came up to speak tonight. We really do appreciate it. There was a lot of really meaningful discussion that happened. I want to begin by breaking down some of the phrases we heard earlier concerning the Greenway issue, just so that we're all on the same page and we know what we're

talking about. We You mentioned the Superfund site. And I don't know if everyone present knows what that is. And so I'll just compare that right now to a Brownfield. A brownfield is a hazardous site that has pollutants or contaminants that complicate its further use, which usually means chemical spills, oil spills and the like. a Superfund site is an abandoned site with hazardous waste that has been put on the national priorities list, which requires federal funds to clean up as they are dangerous to live around, which is usually sites with nuclear waste and the like. And then I also want to break down several of the folks that spoke, which thank you for speaking, so that they work for PSR, Colorado, which I also briefly worked with, and they are Physicians for Social Responsibility, who work through community advocacy, to reduce hazards and exposure to public health. And so I want to thank them all. And I just say that so that we all know who we're talking about and what we're talking about. I want to further say that I have a really big thank you to the dozens, perhaps hundreds of emails that have come in over this issue. And I'll say that there is already as we mentioned, a precedent for pulling away from this project by other cities. And as someone you know, with environmental background, I think that my position is probably fully expected, which is that I strongly believe we have a responsibility to our public to protect their public health and safety. And so I would like to see this put on an agenda at some point for us to vote out. Excuse me. Thank you for that.

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We'll have the discussion as requested by Councillor Azadi tonight, and that's really councillors Audis request to have a council discussion on that. So that set up for tonight, you know, again, you know, as you heard tonight, varying perspectives on what's dangerous, what's not what's fact, what's not. So I think the staff, you know, certainly got a lot of work to do to, you know, pull together these various perspectives, so that the council, you know, has full information, if you will, as opposed to one sided one way or the other. And so, you know, I would suggest that we bring back based upon the discussion tonight, you know, do some homework and come back to the council with a recommended way forward. Or we could just go with the study session, and then proceed with the recommended way forward, because tonight, you're not going to get that full perspective. I mean, the council has asked for, for a conversation or a discussion about the topic. But, you know, I guess the question will be is, do you want to do sometimes you like to do study sessions, and then come back with some kind of action? Or, you know, based upon what we determined tonight, we could always come back with some kind of decision. But I think it really depends on where tonight's conversation goes.

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Understood. I think a study session in general is preferred. Unfortunately, before coming onto Council, I did not realize that construction on this was underway. And I think that, as far as I understand it, it's due to be finished by the end of this month. And so that puts some urgency on this issue.

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If I could, I'm tracking that the trail itself through the city of Westminster and through our land that we control is currently complete. Is that correct? Greenway trail is complete. The only thing is that's the outstanding item from the city's perspective is the bike or pedestrian overpass over Indiana, to be able to allow people to cross outside of traffic versus at grade in traffic. And so that project has not been bid yet. And it's part of our capital plan for this year. It's not been bid yet as I understand and so it would be bid contracted. Built. No update. I'm sorry. Why don't you come on up, Joe. Oh, get your crutches. The

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My apologies.

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Welcome the council, I'm Joe reality. I'm the open space superintendent. So this current status of the Rocky Mountain Greenway trail, the section of the Greenway. A trail on Westminster property has been completed, there's an upgrade section that still needs to be done the last 100 200 yards of it. The bridge is being built as part of a grant. That's the federal lands Access Program Grant, that Jefferson County is actually the lead agency on. We are partnering with Jefferson County on that, that bridge has been bid out. It is under construction. Now. It's just being constructed off site, and will be brought in to be placed. Excuse me, the trails that you referenced that are about to be completed are on the Rocky Flats property. That's not any control of ours that's being done by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Those are likely to be done within the next month. That's the current status.

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Okay, and so real quick, so the trails that were completed right now or will be finished right now, we're not something that we as a council voted on

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the count the trails that are on the Rocky Flats property, no, you did not vote on them. That's

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what the council voted on was to be a partner in the flat grant, right, just paying for both the bridge over Indiana, and the underpass under 128.

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Thank you, you're welcome. Okay. If we, if we can get a study session, or strive to figure out how to do this efficiently. I'm trying not to burden our further future meetings. We need action on this item. And so I'm willing to hear your suggestion on how we make action on this item, whether we can fit it into a study session or not. In the next few weeks, depending on our ETA,

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again, I would offer let's have the conversation this evening. And based upon where the conversation goes, that might drive where this precedes where this heads. But mom, you know, I think based upon what superintendent realli just shared, you know, it sounds like Greenway trail and on Westminster property, which we control is complete or nearing complete bridges under construction, off site, and

we'll be in place, but we signed on as part of a grant. And we're, you know, we're a partner, but we're not the controlling agent. So again, I'm not so sure how much control we have at that point.

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And the bridge, I thought we, I might have got these two conflated, but I thought the bridge we said we were putting out for bid.

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That's what I said. And he corrected me. So my bad on being uninformed. Okay.

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So we have no control over either of these items. Despite the fact they are within Westminster.

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Come on, Joe.

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Oh, want to talk about I want to interrupt. We have a lot that we can get out of this. It's that it's an IGA we have full control to

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just state where the IGA is an agreement between the five governments Broomfield having withdrawn at one point that is to pay for this overpass through the Federal Lands Act program, we have a signing on to the IGA agreed to pay a portion of that matching funds, because that's that's what we have already paid for that we've paid for some of the initial studies. What Westminster controls is we have granted permission to connect to this bridge onto our property. So that would be the place that you're having a conversation about. Perfect. Okay. Thank you. Yeah. Let's do it.

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Thank you. Okay. Well, as we said, We'll see where the conversation goes. But I want to make sure that this is not a discussion, I want to make sure that we have the chance to take action. And so that's where my priority lies. I would like to make sure that we have a vote in some form. Soon. Before we before we cannot have a vote any longer. Right.

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And we wouldn't be able to have a vote tonight, mom, because it's a discussion in post reading. But of course, it could be placed on an on a council agenda for action in the near future.

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Exactly. And that's exactly what I mean. Yes, if we can get that on the future agenda to have a vote, especially once we finish this discussion, that would be much appreciated. Okay. I think that everything else was addressed, because we promised to have a discussion about the CNR. So thank you,

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Everyone has said everything there is to say we have this gender to finish. We have another meeting to open and and do and we have three presentations and two executive sessions. So do I have a motion for consent agenda?

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I haven't been able to say anything. So I have a couple of things. The CNR I'm not exactly sure why we're staying on it because it doesn't seem like it's doing any difference. Other than costing us money. And the whole thing with the getting a consultant and spending \$60,000 Even though we only have one vote and everyone else can just tell us we can't do that. Anyway. I don't see the point of staying on it. I was really concerned about the legacy flex center and they're having parties or whatever till 5am by people that are trying to live next to it. I don't think any of us would want to live next to that. So hopefully there's something we can do about that. Lexington I think what they're asking is for the city to concrete the rest of their asphalt and do what Broomfield has done for Lexington. They took over the South side and the west side and they're asking for the east side and the south side. Because more than the residents of Lexington use that path. And it's on the city map is trail system so I hopefully we can make a difference there. What else Oh, I agree with the counselor, Azadi and counselor, Camilla about the Greenway path. And I'm wondering if it's already done, we already have access to it, do we have access to it without the bridge? So we already have access to it. So what I'm suggesting is we have some big signs, you know, indirect, your own risk. This is what could happen. We have to, I think we need signage there to warn the public of what's there. Because I don't think people that have just moved to Colorado realize what was there. I mean, I've been here, almost 40 years, so I know it was there. But not everyone does. So I think we need signage there to warn since we're stuck with it sounds like I don't see any way leaving it now that is built and is built by the federal government for whoever knows why. Anyway, just. And as far as the bridge goes, I think we still can vote on that. But we already have access to it. So there needs to be some kind of signage there. I believe. Thanks.