

Focusing on Impact Areas

Listed below are the key topic areas that are being analyzed. Identify your area of interest and go to the Process Timeline to see when these areas are being highlighted in the planning process.

Housing - This topic will utilize information available from Fort Carson's Housing Market Analysis Study to determine future military housing needs.

Education - This study will evaluate the capacity of local school districts to absorb increases of students and recommend strategies to meet the anticipated need.

Transportation (urban, highway, transit) - Restructuring of traffic circulation on Fort Carson (including opening one or more new gates) will require assessment of the effect on external traffic patterns and modes of travel.

Planning and Zoning - This study will inventory, review and assess existing municipal and county land use plans and policy documents; identify ways to improve regional cooperation; and coordinate planned growth and development of the region.

Public Safety and Emergency Services (fire, police, ambulance) - Assessments will be done to examine the ability of numerous public safety and emergency service providers to meet the needs of the growing population.

Health and Social Services - There is a growing awareness around the Pikes Peak region that we need to increase availability of community, medical, and social services, specifically for the military and dependents. This task will gather the information necessary to create strategies for delivery of those services.

Quality of Life - This project will continue Fort Carson's initiative to improve installation management and ensure positive relationships with neighboring communities through the use of quality of life and sustainability indicators.

Compatibility and Installation Operations - Assistance will be given to Fort Carson in its efforts to identify compatible uses of land, air, water and other resources near the installation to ensure its ability to conduct training exercises.

Economic Impact - The planned troop increases at Fort Carson and the inherent increased investment and reliance requires working with existing partners to develop strategies to address economic opportunities and concerns.

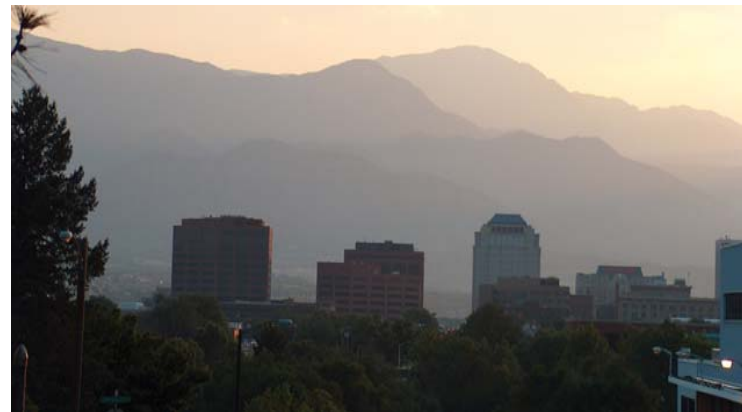
Public Utilities and Infrastructure - This task will examine the current reserve capacity and future demands on utilities and infrastructure through 2025.

What this plan does not address:

- How the Army will fulfill its training missions
- How the Army will develop the installation to meet transformation needs
- Potential changes at Piñon Canon Maneuver site

Activities Underway

- State Highway 16 / Gate 20 funding sources are being monitored, with the design and EIS underway. Ground breaking is scheduled for spring 2007.
- Supplemental Aid for Military Dependent Students (HB07-1232) was introduced in the State House on February 5, 2007 and passed the House Education Committee unanimously on February 12th where it is headed to the full House for a vote.*
** The goal of this bill is to ensure that teachers, desktops and resources are available to new military students when they are relocated. It allows school districts access to state education dollars for the year the students arrive by creating a second count day for military dependents that arrive between Oct 1st and Feb 1st. The law sunsets in 2011.*
- Presentations to the Policy Oversight Committee and CDMC begun.
- Task Area assessments and stakeholder group interviews underway.




Who's Who

Colorado Defense Mission Coalition (CDMC) includes representatives from the Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Colorado congressional delegation, the military, area nonprofit service providers, municipalities, and other stakeholder groups that expect to be impacted by the growth and are willing to work together on this plan. Meetings are open to the public.

Policy Oversight Committee (POC) membership is comprised of elected officials representing the Council of Governments from El Paso, Pueblo, and Fremont counties. These meetings are publicly posted and open to the public. The role of the POC is to oversee and promote the plan.







Stakeholders are those companies, organizations, institutions, and individuals who represent you and your community and who will be greatly influenced and affected by the proposed actions of the plan. Stakeholder meetings are one of the most important steps in the planning process. By interviewing the stakeholders we are better able to identify on-the-ground issues and address concerns and ideas. Contact our Military Impact Planners at PPACG, 719-471-7080 or aoatman@ppacg.org to schedule a stakeholder meeting.



 Public awareness and outreach are an integral commitment of this project. Public meetings will be held for the review of plan materials, providing input, and voicing opinions. The first meeting was held in Colorado Springs, November 15th. The next town hall meeting is scheduled for April 17th in Pueblo. As the date nears, details will be posted at www.ppacg.org.

How to Get Involved

- Attend and participate in public meetings
- Observe the monthly Policy Oversight Committee or CDMC meetings
- Read about the project on our website, www.ppacg.org
- Email your comments to: aoatman@ppacg.org or roconnor@ppacg.org
- Mail your comments to:
Fort Carson Growth Plan
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
15 South 7th Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80905
- Fax your comments to: 719-471-1226

Process Timeline

Meeting Date		Event/Meeting Descriptions
November 15, 2006 - Town Hall Meeting		Colorado Springs
December 2006 - January 2007		Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Kick Off
February 20-22, 2007 Stakeholder Interviews		PPACG, 15 South 7th Street Colorado Springs, CO 80905
March 21, 2007 CDMC Presentation		Transportation, Quality of Life
April 17, 2007 Public Meeting		Pueblo Convention Center
April 18, 2007 CDMC Presentation		Compatibility and Installation Operations, Housing
May 16, 2007 CDMC Presentation		Public Utilities and Infrastructure, Planning and Zoning, Public Safety and Emergency Services
June 20, 2007 CDMC Presentation		Economic Impact, Education
July 20, 2007 CDMC Presentation		Health and Social Services
August 2007		Transportation, Quality of Life
September 2007		Compatibility and Installation Operations, Housing
October 2007		Public Utilities and Infrastructure, Planning and Zoning, Public Safety and Emergency Services
November 2007		Economic Impact, Education
December 2007		Health and Social Services
January - February 2008		Finalization of Plan

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Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan

An Invitation to the Community

February 2007, Issue 1

In 2005, community leaders formed the Colorado Defense Mission Coalition (CDMC) in response to the announcement of troop increases at Fort Carson. The addition of nearly 10,000 soldiers and civilian personnel, plus an estimated 15,000 family members in the next four years, will have a significant impact on the Pikes Peak region, particularly in areas such as housing, transportation, schools, public utilities, social services and the economy.

The CDMC has brought agency heads, business leaders, nonprofit stakeholders and elected officials together with the community to talk about what needs to be done to effectively prepare for the growth that will result from these large and rapid increases. An important first step was taken on August 24, 2006, when the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) was awarded a grant from the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment to develop The Fort Carson Regional Growth Coordination Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to assess the impacts of the expansion of Fort Carson on the region and to provide a coordinated action plan to address them.

In order to ensure effective communication across the entire region, a Policy Oversight Committee comprised of elected officials from El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont counties has also been formed. The consulting firm of EDAW will assist PPACG in the development of the Plan.

Steady progress is already being made on the Regional Growth Coordination Plan. During this effort, we will be sending out four newsletters to keep you up to date on the planning process. This is a very large undertaking. Your involvement and communication is vital to its successful completion. In fact, all stakeholders are partners in the project. Any information, comments, and suggestions that you can provide to make the Plan more effective are welcome. Please contact the PPACG Military Impact Planners, Rob O'Connor and Annie Oatman-Gardner at 719-471-7080 or email them at roconnor@ppacg.org or oatman@ppacg.org.

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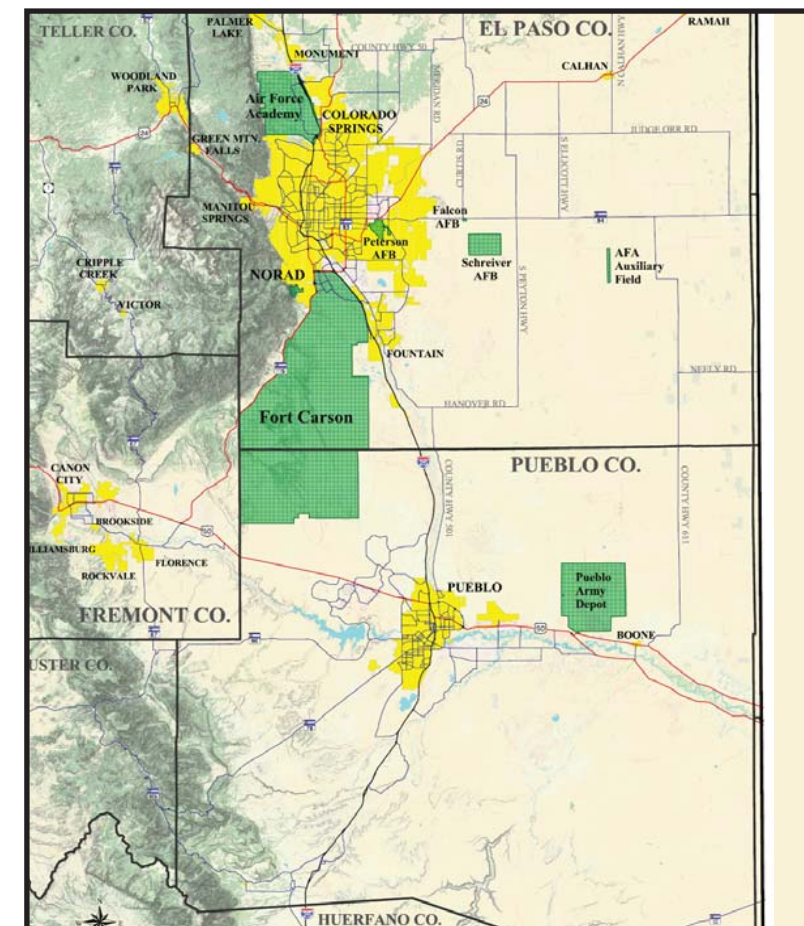
Accomplishing our Goals

Installation growth will impact both Fort Carson operations and the communities in the surrounding region. This plan will work with the region to accomplish the following objectives:

- Make growth enhance and work for the region
- Develop an overarching approach to coordinate efforts
- Capitalize on regional diversity and choice
- Integrate local and regional problem-solving
- Create clear and prioritized actions



Who Does This Study Affect?



Changes Coming to Fort Carson

Fort Carson, established in 1942, is located south of Colorado Springs, extends into Pueblo County, and borders Fremont County. El Paso County is also home to four other military installations: U.S. Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. These military installations play a strategic and critical role in the national defense of our Country. They also play a major role in the sustained economic vitality of the region and the State of Colorado.

Due to shifts and growth in the U.S. Army, Fort Carson is expected to grow from a current level of 18,172 troops to over 28,000 troops by 2010 (Source: Fort Carson Transformation EIS Fact Sheet, May 2006). 10,000 positions are being reassigned to Fort Carson due to the Base Realignment and Closure decision and the Department of Defense Transformation Initiatives. The Army is restructuring military services to better respond to defense concerns in the 21st century.

Please Join Us at One of the Following Public Events

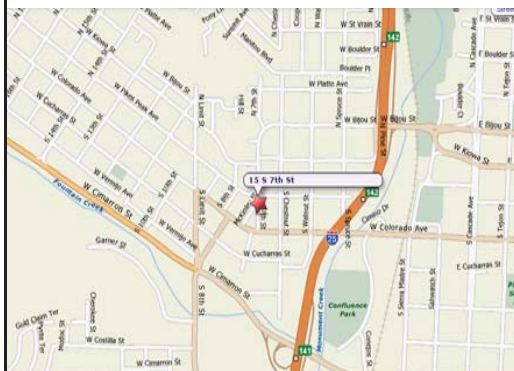
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February 20-22, 2007

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

Colorado Springs Stakeholder Interviews

Call PPACG to schedule an interview with the project team: 719-471-7080 x130



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Invite Us!

If you are a group or organization that would like to be involved or more informed about the process, please feel free to contact us and we would be happy to provide you with an informational presentation.

PowerPoint presentations and handout materials are available. Please request length of presentation time and specify interest area.

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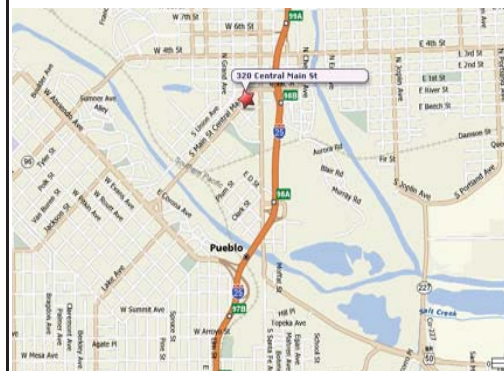
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April 17, 2007

Pueblo Convention Center

Pueblo Townhall Meeting

Come to discuss issues relating to the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan.



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