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*Presentation for:*

# *Burnham Yard Project Community Meeting*

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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# *Tonight's Agenda*

## **1) Project Introduction**

- Burnham Yard Overview
- Master Plan and Small Area Plan Process
- Goals and Objectives - Definition and Role

## **2) Break out groups**

- Review Proposed Goals and Objectives in tables/break-out groups
- Group report outs

## **3) Next Steps**

- How to stay involved
- Future community meetings and opportunities to participate

# *The Master Plan (Burnham Yard Project) Purpose*



*The Burnham Yard Project will develop a Master Plan that incorporates stakeholder input, responds to market/equity demands and needs, and generates value and community benefits - while balancing the need for enhanced rail service.*

# Recent Site History / Background

- » Former railroad repair and maintenance facility for Union Pacific, other railroad companies.
- » Located generally between 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues, adjacent to DHA and Mariposa

2021

- State of Colorado purchases Burnham Yard from UPRR

2022

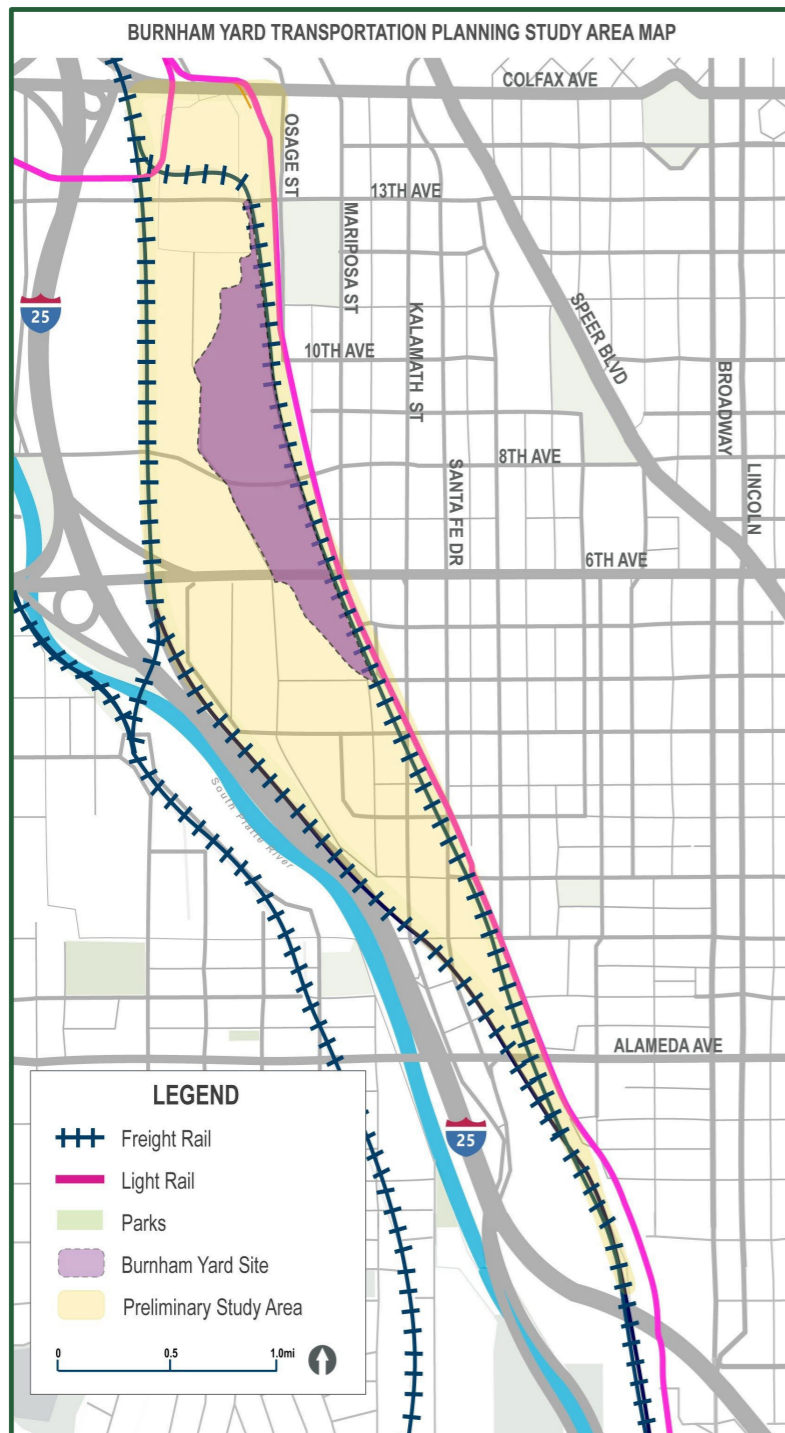
- State of Colorado conducts Rail Alignment Study

2023

- State of Colorado P3 Unit and City of Denver launch Burnham Yard Master Plan and Small Area Plan



# Burnham Yard Rail Study - Recap



- ❖ Technical study to evaluate options for rail line relocations for Consolidated Main Line (CML), RTD, and potential options for Front Range Passenger Rail.
- ❖ Will provide one or more recommended alternatives for rail alignment through Burnham Yard and surrounding area for review in the P3 Master Planning effort.
- ❖ Rail alignment alternatives provide input to the future development and use of Burnham Yard.
- ❖ More information at [www.codot.gov/projects/studies/burnham-yard-study](http://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/burnham-yard-study)

# *What is the Burnham Yard Project?*

- » Site master planning & evaluation of options through a robust engagement process
- » Building from CTIO's Transportation Planning Study that focused on rail alternatives
- » Environmental planning
- » Working towards master plan and preferred rail alternative to be advanced through NEPA



## **Challenges:**

- Develop a plan that balances the needs of efficient rail service with enhancing development value on residual site
- 3-year timeframe
- Need to prepare a plan that is unencumbered for disposition of the property

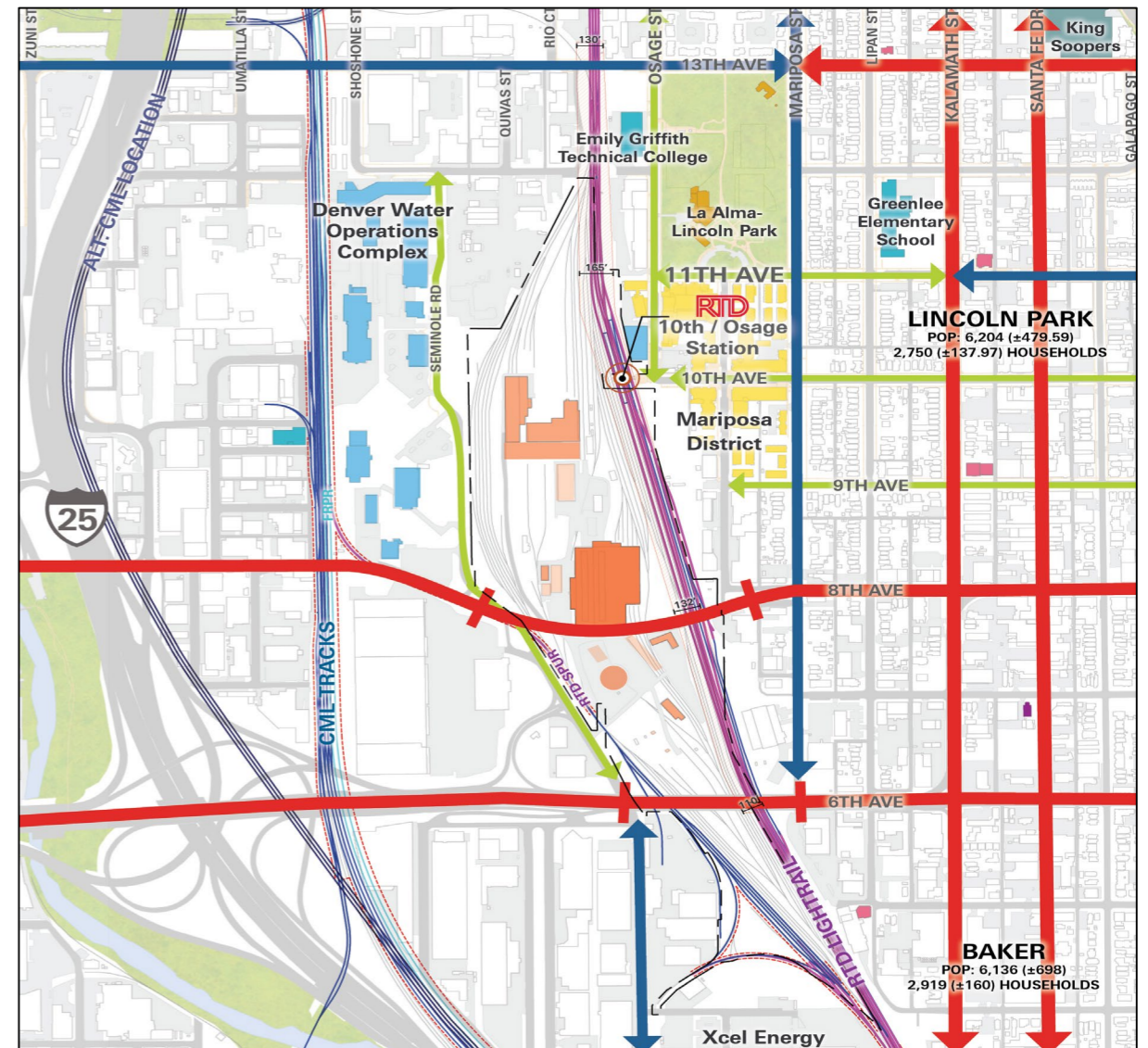
# *Burnham Yard Project (Beyond the Transportation Study)*

## Plan Guidance

- ❖ Blueprint Denver & Denver Moves Everyone 2050 Plan
- ❖ Community Outreach & Equity Study
- ❖ Market Analysis

## Challenges & Opportunities

- ❖ Leveraging community benefits
- ❖ Targeted Economic Expansion
- ❖ Transit Access
- ❖ Affordability & Density
- ❖ Maintaining & Celebrating Historic Heritage & Character
- ❖ Sustainability



# *State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Review Process*

- ❖ State and Federal Regulations require state agencies to **identify properties of historic significance** when proposed actions by state agencies may adversely affect these properties.

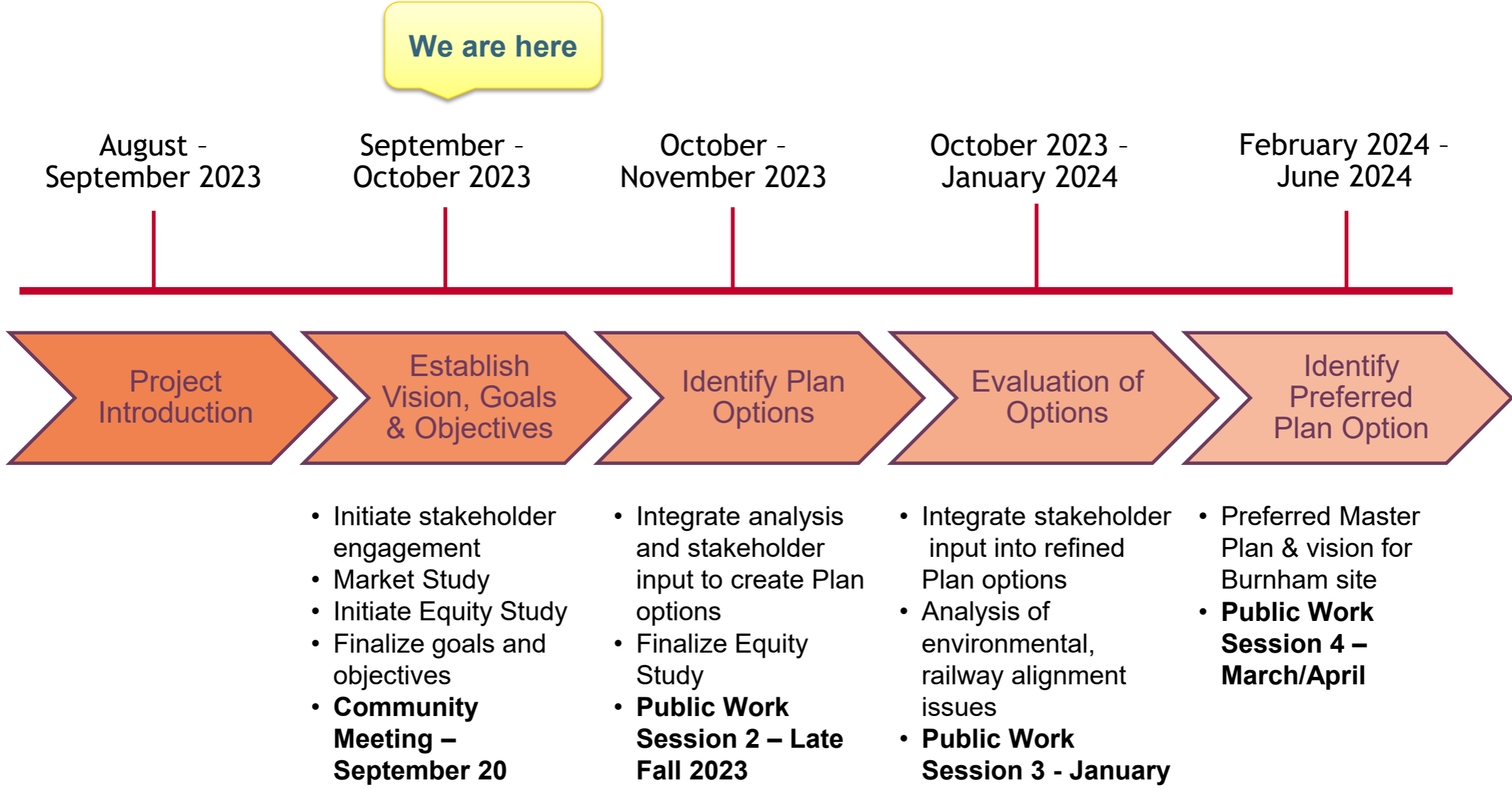
The State must do the following:

- ❖ Identify and evaluate the National and State Register eligibility of cultural resources within the Burnham Yard Project area
- ❖ Determine how the project will affect eligible or listed properties, and
- ❖ Seek alternatives to avoid, minimize and mitigate effects to such properties



# Project Engagement & Timeline

We are here



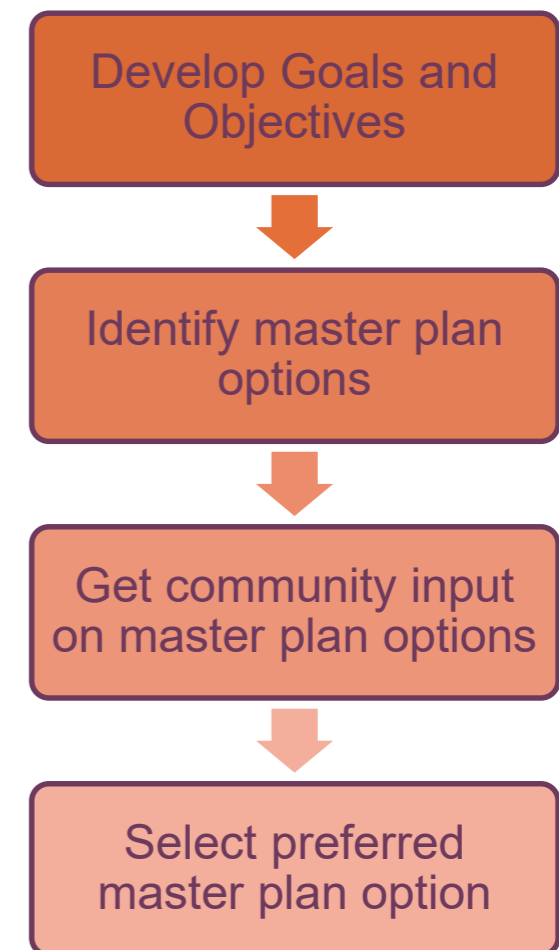
# *City and County of Denver Small Area Planning Process*

- ❖ Builds off the Vision and Goals established in the P3 Master Plan and city previous planning efforts including Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver.
- ❖ Incorporates Market and Equity information developed as part of the P3 Master Plan effort.
- ❖ Creates land use, urban design, mobility and open space policy recommendations for Burnham Yard.
- ❖ Coordinates the engagement efforts with the P3 Master Plan team.

*Questions?*

# Why we are here tonight: Input on Burnham Yard Goals and Objectives

- DRAFT set of goals and objectives created by the project team to get the conversation started.
- Goals and objectives will be used to identify Burnham Yard master plan options.
- Need community input and feedback on draft goals and objectives.
- *What components of the goals and objectives do you support?*
- *What parts of the goals and objectives need to be modified?*



# Goals and Objectives

- Considers, and builds upon previous plans and studies
- Creates a broad definition for the advancement of the project
- Establishes the roadmap for future work on the project
  - Used to develop project alternatives
  - Drive evaluation and direction of alternatives



# ***Breakout Groups: Review of the Goals and Objectives (pick any TWO tables)***

Table 1:  
Access and Network

Table 3:  
Environment &  
Sustainability

Table 2:  
Authenticity &  
Community

Table 4:  
Land Use &  
Implementation

## **Tonight's ASK of attendees:**

- 1) Review the proposed goals and objectives with staff***
- 2) Provide feedback***
- 3) Report back out***

# *What did we hear?*

Report out from your breakout group:

- 1) What components of the goals and objectives did you support?
- 2) What parts of the goals and objectives need to be modified?



# *Next Steps -How to Stay Involved*

- ❖ The Project website will be the primary record of public information (multiple languages).
  - History of the site
  - Ownership and site decisionmakers
  - Project information and sign-ups (newsletters, meeting calendars, info blasts)
  - Extension/link to existing Burnham Yard Transportation Planning site
- ❖ Project FAQs
- ❖ “Ask Us” section where questions can be submitted to the project team
- ❖ Public meeting dates, materials, & invites
- ❖ Partnering with other community events
- ❖ In-person and virtual meetings
- ❖ NEXT MEETING - BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR



*Thank you!*

