



**North Pueblo Urban Renewal Plan**  
**PUEBLO COUNTY IMPACT REPORT**

City of Pueblo, Colorado

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This report outlines the anticipated impact of the proposed **North Pueblo Urban Renewal Plan** on Pueblo County. It responds to the requirements outlined in C.R.S. 31-25-107 (3.5):

C.R.S. 31-25-107: APPROVAL OF URBAN RENEWAL PLANS BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

- (3.5) “Prior to the approval of an urban renewal plan, the governing body shall submit such plan to the board of county commissioners, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information concerning the impact of such plan:
- (a) The estimated duration of time to complete the urban renewal project;
  - (b) The estimated annual property tax increment to be generated by the urban renewal project and the portion of such property tax increment to be allocated during this period to fund the urban renewal project;
  - (c) An estimate of the impact of the urban renewal project on county revenues and on the cost and extent of additional county infrastructure and services required to serve development within the proposed urban renewal area, and the benefit of improvements within the urban renewal area to existing county infrastructure;
  - (d) A statement setting forth the method under which the authority or the municipality will finance, or that agreements are in place to finance, any additional county infrastructure and services required to serve development in the urban renewal area for the period in which all or any portion of the property taxes described in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of this section and levied by a county are paid to the authority; and
  - (e) Any other estimated impacts of the urban renewal project on county services or revenues.

**Summary of Urban Renewal Plan**

*Development Program*

The proposed development program for the **North Pueblo Urban Renewal Plan** (the Urban Renewal Area) is based on the current plans of property owners and prospective

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developers and is subject to change. The anticipated development program is summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**North Pueblo Urban Renewal Plan - Development Program**

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Developed SF/Units</u>
Retail	300,000
Office/Employment	250,000
Residential (Rental)	500

*Source: Leland Consulting Group.*  
*Development Timing*

The development timetable for the proposed Urban Renewal Area will be determined by prevailing market conditions. A critical component of the development program is the potential redevelopment of existing parcels into a mix of retail/commercial, employment and residential uses. For the purposes of this analysis, it was assumed that these redevelopment opportunities would be substantially completed during the 25- year analysis period.

## Summary Impacts to Pueblo County

Table 2 provides a summary of property and sales tax revenues that could be generated from **new** redevelopment within the Urban Renewal Area. These estimates are based on the development program outlined above and reflect the entire 25-year tax increment period. It is anticipated that the entire property tax increment over the 25-year period would be dedicated to the Urban Renewal Project.

### *Property Tax Revenue*

As shown in Table 2, based on the proposed development program, the Urban Renewal Area would generate approximately \$48.0 million in **incremental** property tax revenues over the 25-year analysis period. Approximately \$43.6 million, or 91% of this incremental revenue, will result from **new redevelopment** in the Urban Renewal Area, while the remaining \$4.4 million, or 9%, will result from the increase in value of existing properties. Currently, the property tax base in the Urban Renewal Area is approximately \$706,000.

During the 25-year tax increment period, the County's share of property tax revenue is limited to its share of the property tax base. This averages approximately \$240,000 annually, or \$6.1 million over the 25-year period. During this same tax increment period, the County will forego approximately \$12.5 million in property tax revenue. After the 25-year tax increment period is completed, the County's share of property tax revenues would be approximately \$1.4 million on an annual basis. These figures do reflect the impacts of inflation, estimated at approximately 2% to 3% on an annual basis.



## *Sales Tax Revenue*

The County will retain its 1.0% rate on taxable sales in the Urban Renewal Area. Based on the proposed development program, the Urban Renewal Area would generate approximately \$14.7 million in new sales tax revenue for the County over the 25-year period. These sales tax revenue figures also reflect the impacts of inflation, estimated at approximately 2% on an annual basis.

## *County Services/Infrastructure*

Because the entire Urban Renewal Area is located within the City of Pueblo's municipal boundaries, there is anticipated to be a minimal impact on County services. Infrastructure impacts associated with the proposed development program are assumed to be financed by Pueblo with property tax increment revenues. Impacts to the County's general government services may increase due to the level of new nonresidential development, but such impacts should also be minimal.

## *Net Impact to County*

Table 2 also illustrates the net impact to the County over the 25-year tax increment period. As shown, the County's net impact, in terms of property tax revenue, is estimated to be approximately \$8.3 million. This accounts for the loss in property tax revenue (\$12.5 million) that will be dedicated to the TIF district during the 25-year period.

## *Conclusion*

In summary, and regarding "the impact of the urban renewal project on county revenues and on the cost and extent of additional county infrastructure and services required to serve development within the proposed urban renewal area" there do not appear to be any additional county infrastructure requirements required to serve developments in the proposed urban renewal area. Further, the Commission does not contemplate that the County will have to provide any public improvements, police, fire, utility or other specific services to serve such development as the property is entirely located within the municipal boundaries of the City and will therefore be served by the City. Finally, any additional demands (direct or indirect) on County services due to a general increase in population within the area should be more than offset (as are all other such costs) by increases in the base assessed value due to the periodic adjustment in the base assessment roll, increase in County sales tax revenues, and backfill provided by the State of Colorado.