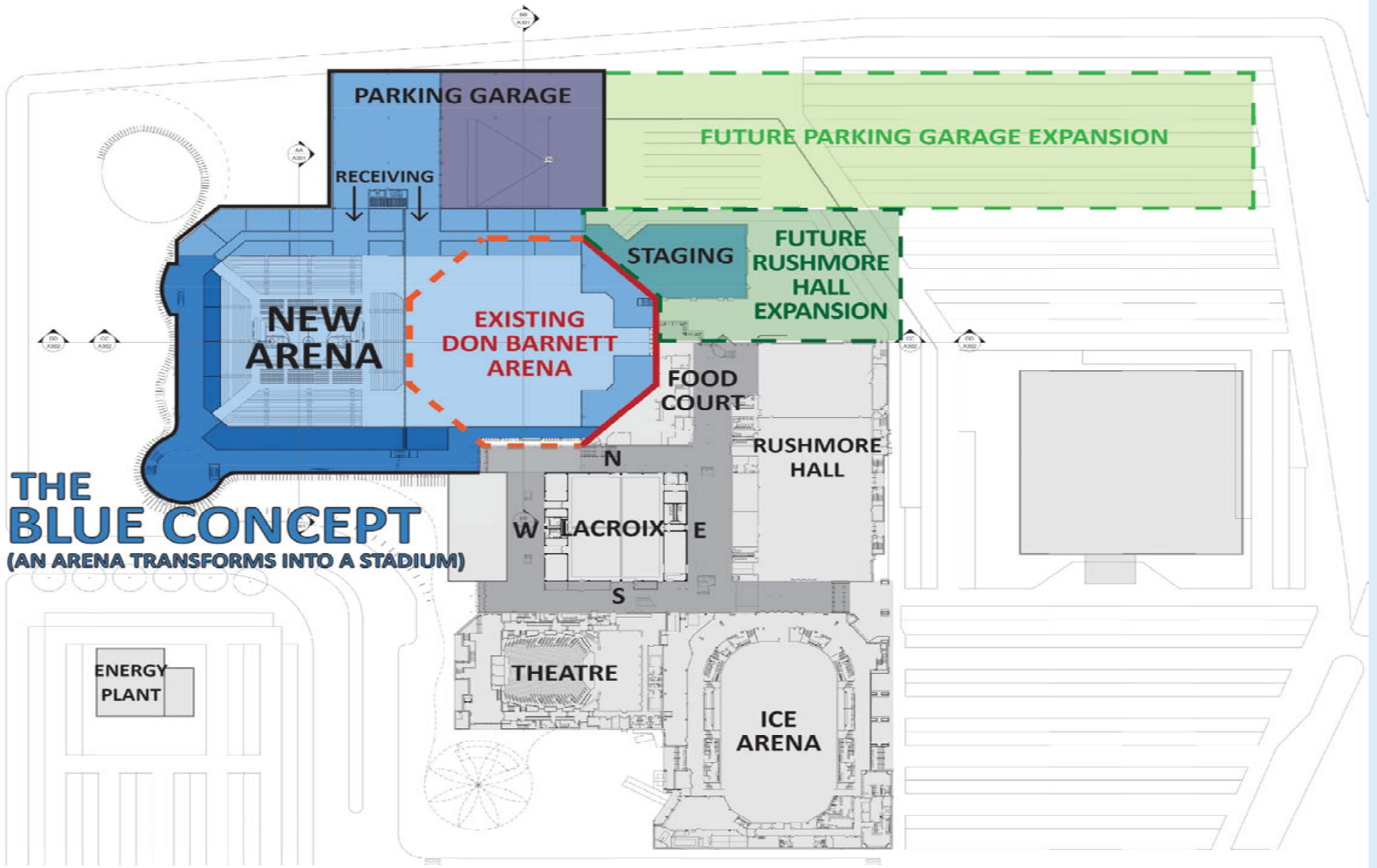


Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Expansion Project

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THE CONCEPT



THE BLUE CONCEPT
(AN ARENA TRANSFORMS INTO A STADIUM)

“Conditions are never just right.
People who delay action until all
factors are favorable do nothing.”

~ William Feather, 1889-1981

“Beware of the man
who won't be bothered
with details.”

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Facts

The Civic Center went to bid April 1975 ; grand opening was in June 1977. It was built for basketball. The existing facility struggles to accommodate today's large conventions and events due to seating, technology, power capacity and height/weight limitations.

The existing 40-year old arena has over \$72 million in Life Safety, Fire Marshall, Building Codes, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Code Deficiencies

The Vision Fund has sufficient revenue to pay for the debt service on the \$180 million debt issue. After 5-7 year, depending on sales tax growth, the Council could choose to fund additional projects.

Property taxes will not be used to fund the project. The measure would utilize EXISTING sales tax revenue to fund the project.

After the Summer of 2015, the project's cost will increase 4-8% due to construction inflation = \$600,000-\$1 million/month. In addition, the City has 30 months to resolve the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations in the facility to comply with US Department of Justice mandate.

1972 and 1973 Elections

The 1972 *referendum* election to generate a one-half percent tax on gross receipts and two percent tax on lodging, eating and beverage establishments passed 6,060 - 3,588 to finance a community building and civic center.

The 1973 *initiated* election resulted in a 5,070 - 3,791 vote to position the convention-civic center and sports arena together, north of Rapid Creek. The alternate option would have positioned the sports arena north of Rapid Creek and the convention-civic center downtown.



Questions?