

Multi-modal improvements recommended for Speer/Leetsdale corridor

Managed transit lanes will increase travel capacity and reduce transit travel time

The City and County of Denver is preliminarily recommending a concept package of multi-modal travel improvements for the Speer/Leetsdale corridor. These improvements include managed transit lanes along the Speer/Leetsdale corridor.

The City is seeking input on the concept recommendation package at a **March 8 community open house**. Input can also be provided through an [online comment form](#) until March 15.

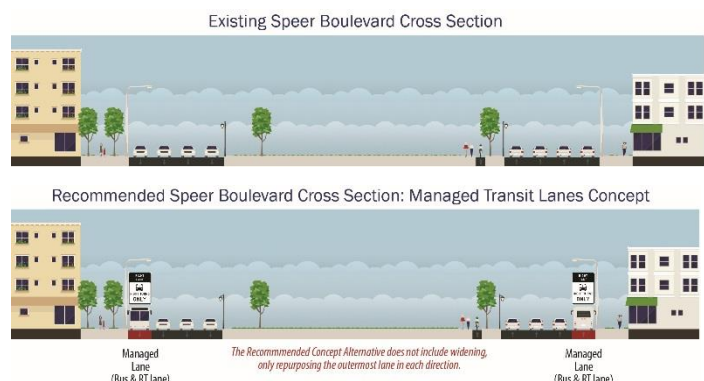
The concept recommendations come after a year-long process to evaluate options that best accommodate the corridor's current and growing transportation demands. In addition to managed transit lanes and associated bus travel time and reliability improvements, the recommended package of multi-modal improvements includes key features that would:

- Increase capacity of existing Cherry Creek Trail from Broadway to University
- Create a new shared use path along Leetsdale between Alameda and Mississippi
- Complete and/or connect existing sidewalk and bicycle networks
- Improve safety of street crossings and intersection operations
- Provide mobility hubs to facilitate easy transfer between travel modes

“The Speer/Leetsdale corridor is already one of the Denver’s busiest transportation networks for vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians,” said Denver Public Works’ Director of Transportation, Crissy Fanganello. “The *Go Speer Leetsdale* study offers an opportunity to reimagine this corridor and explore concepts that maximize its ability to move people in a variety of different ways while supporting economic development and quality of life for the adjacent land uses.”

Managed Transit Lanes: Speer Boulevard

The proposed improvements would dedicate one existing travel lane along Speer in each direction between Speer and Broadway and 1st and Bayaud for at least the weekday morning and evening peak hours for transit use. When the managed lane is not in operation, buses on Speer would continue to operate in the outside travel lane with general traffic.



Managed Transit Lanes: Leetsdale Drive

On Leetsdale and a portion of Alameda, between Bayaud and Mississippi, the existing center turn lane would be repurposed for a reversible managed transit lane operating westbound during the morning peak period and eastbound during evening peak period.

Go Speer Leetsdale By The Numbers

Compared to making no improvements, by the year 2040 the preliminary recommended package of improvements is estimated to:

- Increase total corridor travel capacity by up to 30% for vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles combined
- Potentially triple existing corridor transit capacity, attracting up to 2,500 daily riders
- Save transit riders approximately 10-15 minutes for the entire 5.5 mile corridor
- Double existing ped/bike capacity in the corridor, attracting up to 3,000 daily users
- Increase vehicle travel times by about 5-10 minutes for the entire 5.5 mile corridor
- Cost an estimated \$55 million

Get Involved

The community is encouraged to attend the March 8 open house to learn more about the study results and provide feedback on Denver's preliminary concept recommendations. Please note that no funding has been identified for implementation of any solution – however, we are eager to hear comments from the public on these concepts. Input can also be provided at www.DenverGov.org/GoSpeerLeetsdale and the study's [online comment form](#) until March 15.

Go Speer Leetsdale Community Open House

WHEN: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Four Mile Historic Park

715 South Forest Street, Denver, CO, 80246

- [RTD bus routes](#) serving this area include 1, 3, 3L, 11, 46, 83D and 83L
- *Bike racks located on the west side of the main building (Grant Family Education Center)*
- *Free vehicle parking available off Exposition Ave.*

