

# The Mall Today



# We Asked . . .

## 1 Name something that works well on the 16th Street Mall — and why?

**Duty as a Transit Thoroughfare**  
**Standing as Civic Space**  
**Memorable Pedestrian Environment**  
**Recent Safety Improvements**

“The mall is so long, people really rely on it [transit]”

“It, for me, is Denver...it is the image of Denver”

“...works great as a central identity element, like the blue bear”

“For a while the idea was that anything goes on the mall. They’ve changed that”

## 2 What about its current condition concerns you — and why?

**Slickness of the Pavers**  
**Maintenance of The Pavers**  
**Median Block Environment**  
**Transient Population**  
**Amenity Clutter**  
**Pedestrian Congestion**  
**Inauthentic Retail Offerings**

“[The shuttle] got stuck spinning its wheels uphill at Arapaho and everybody had to get off”

“there is so much velocity, it feels the mall is out of capacity..... stopping is not an option”

“...all the different fixes, the pots, the vendors, etc. . . and now the mall feels junky, mishmash of things going on”

“Nobody from Denver goes there”

“Denver is such a brewery place, every neighborhood has their own, how come there isn’t a single local one on the mall?”

## 3 What would you consider a success for the future Mall?

**Reclaim Mantle as Must See Destination**  
**Feeling of Safety**  
**Flexible and Adaptable Design**  
**Authentic and Appealing Restaurants and Retail**  
**Improved Mall Shuttle Operations**  
**Influence/Experience Extends to Named Streets**

“a place, a place that’s so cool that businesses and stores want to be there”

“the secret is in the cross streets”

“creating a place where people will stop and linger, find an iconic but authentic moment — not starchitecture”

“It shouldn’t be dumbed down....It shouldn’t be a lesser version of itself”



**MALL** 16th STREET MALL  
The 16th Street Mall - Program



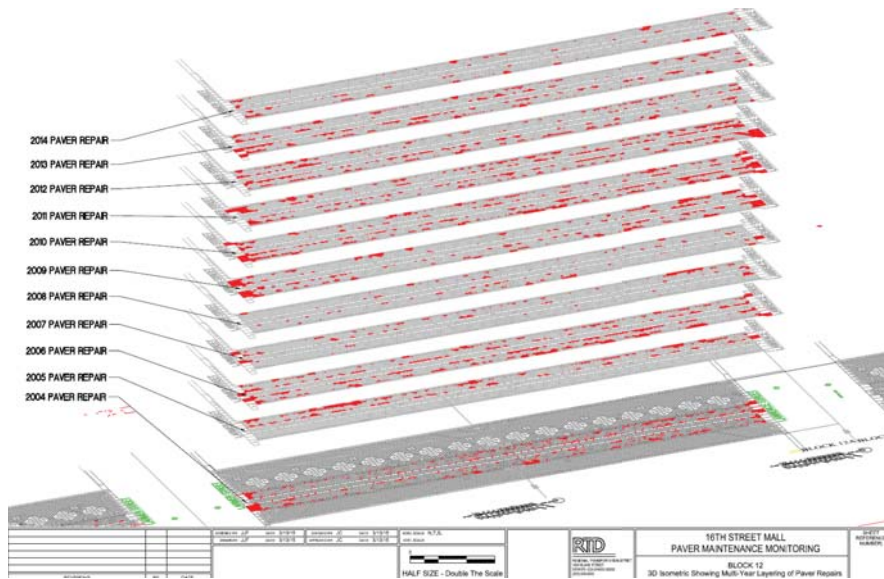
**MALL** The 16th Street Mall - Tree Canopy



# Pavement Condition

- Transit way pavers cost over \$1 million annually to maintain
- Pavement system is deteriorating due to age, moisture, heavy vehicle loads
- Pavers are 35 years old, past original 30-year design life

Annual Paver Repair Between Larimer St. and Lawrence St.



Paver Replacement History Between Larimer St. and Lawrence St.

