WYNKOOP STREET + 21ST STREET
DESIGN PLAN
INTRODUCTION

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to develop a conceptual design for 21st Street (Benedict Fountain Park to Coors Field) and Wynkoop Street (Cherry Creek Trail to the Ballpark) that balances the needs of all users and enhances these streets as two of Denver’s premier destinations for residents and visitors alike. Specifically, this plan seeks to:

- Help create signature streets within the neighborhood(s)
- Pilot various innovative stormwater best management practices
- Improve the game day experience for guests to Coors Field
- Connect with other key destinations, and the overall public realm experience
- Facilitate reinvestment in underutilized properties

Implementation Plan, Costing and Phasing Strategy
INTRODUCTION

PROJECT PARTNERS

Lead Agency:
City and County of Denver – Community Planning and Development Department
Partners:
Downtown Denver Partnership
the Colorado Rockies

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

- Composed of corridor landowners, registered neighborhood organizations, pedestrian and bicycle advocacy groups and business and professional associations.
- Communicate back to organization

RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

Blueprint Denver (2000)
Downtown Streetscape Plan (June 2004)
Downtown Multi-Modal Access Plan (Dec 2005)
Downtown Area Plan (2007)
Denver Moves (May 2011)
Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan (May 2011)
NEDN Next Steps (In Process)
Ultra-Urban Green Infrastructure Guide (In Process)
INCORPORATE BIKE & GSI STANDARDS

CYCLE TRACK
- Potential conflicts w/ turning vehicles
- Sub stations located on cycle tracks

NACTO:
- 8’ minimum lane width (both ways)
- 1.5’ minimum buffer

DENVER MOVES:
- 7’ minimum lane width (both ways)
- 3’ minimum buffer

GREEN GUTTER
- Optimal for narrow buffer between vehicles and bicyclists

PARKING PLANTER
- Dimensionally similar to parking
INTRODUCTION

DOWNTOWN DENVER LIFESTYLE

Denver’s great ‘spine’ of outdoor activity, the South Platte River and Cherry Creek exemplify the Colorado lifestyle by allowing residents and visitors to experience a sense of nature within the city.
EXTEND TRAIL

EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK

EXTEND POSITIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRAIL

DOWNTOWN LOOP
21st Street

Attached sidewalks and concentration of street trees give more urban feel.

Broadway, a major arterial road, acts to bisect 21st, traversing across as a pedestrian is difficult.

Limited access to greenspace.

Existing tree canopy is inconsistent throughout street.

Parks in need of renovation.

Detached sidewalk with treelawn/parkway provides more residential feel.

- Park
- Dedicated bike lane (excludes sharrows)
- Tree lawn/parkway/attached sidewalk
- Street trees
WYNKOOP STREET

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO NORTH PLATTE TRAIL

PLAZA ACCESS TO CHERRY CREEK TRAIL

BIKE LANE MISSING TO CONNECT WITH CHERRY CREEK TRAIL

PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT TO LIGHT RAIL, REGIONAL BUS, AND MALL SHUTTLE

PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT TO LIGHT RAIL CONNECTION

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO NORTH PLATTE TRAIL

WYNKOOP PLAZA

BIKE LANE JOGS AT MULTIPLE POINTS

RAISED WALL CONDITION

PREDESTRIAN PLAZA - USED IN PEAK TIMES DURING GAMES AND FESTIVALS

AKNOWLEDGE BIKE PATH WITH NO CONNECTION TO CORRIDOR

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21ST STREET + WYNKOOP STREET DESIGN PLAN – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
21st Street can be thought to have three distinct character areas defined by existing major site features. These areas include the plaza at the Ballpark, Wynkoop Plaza at Union Station, and the Cherry Creek multi-use trail.
EXISTING CHARACTER AREAS

Existing major site features already begin to define character areas along the Wynkoop corridor. These areas include the plaza at the “Ballpark”, Wynkoop Plaza at Union Station, and the Cherry Creek multi-use trail.
STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Synthesizing information gathered from the first stakeholder meeting and follow-up survey, 21st street was viewed as more neighborhood-focused and park-like.
STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Wynkoop Street, on the other hand, was viewed to be the focus of activity in Lower Downtown (LoDo) and a place functions as Denver’s doorstep.
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

EXISTING
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

AGGREGATE OPEN SPACE & CLAIM SOME PARKING

14TH AVE PARK BOULEVARD, SEATTLE
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

MEANDER THE ROADWAY
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL
CREATE THE URBAN TRAIL... A BRAIDED CHANNEL
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

INCORPORATE SOCIAL EDDIES & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

COORDINATE WITH COMPLEMENTARY PARK SPACES

REYNOLDS POCKET PARK, CHICAGO
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL

GO CURBLESSES AT MOST ACTIVE BLOCKS

NEW ROAD, BRIGHTON, UK
BUILDING AN URBAN TRAIL
TYPICAL SECTION
URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

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21ST STREET
PARK

21ST STREET + WYNOOOP STREET DESIGN PLAN – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
21st Street
Glenarm Place to Benedict Fountain Park
21ST STREET
CALIFORNIA STREET TO GLENARM PLACE
21st Street Crossing

Existing

Link @ Broadway
21st Street
Arapahoe Street to Champa Street
21st Street
PARK BLOCKS

Provide Open Space

Existing

21st Street + Wynnkoop Street Design Plan - Conceptual Design
21st Street
A Need for Open Space
THE OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN

THE OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN MASTERPLAN: TURNING URBAN SPACES INTO THRIVING PLACES

A Plan by the Downtown Denver Partnership and the City Department of Parks and Recreation

- Celebrate and activate Denver’s outdoor Downtown
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http://theoutdoordowntown.com
21ST STREET PARK BLOCK
ARAPAHOE TO LAWRENCE

PLAZA
PLAZA DALI, SPAIN

CAFÉ
PROMENADE, CROATIA

OUTDOOR STAGE
MARIONER PARK, S. KOREA

FLEXIBLE GREEN
BRYANT PARK, NY

21ST STREET + WYNKOOP STREET DESIGN PLAN – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN – ANALYSIS
21ST STREET PARK BLOCK
LAWRENCE TO LARIMER

PLAZA
CENTARY SQUARE, AU

CAFÉ
REPUBLICA, AU

WATER PLAY
GRAND PARK, LOS ANGELES

PASSIVE GREEN
MOVIES IN THE PARK, AUSTIN

PLAYGROUND
EMBARCADERO PARK, SAN DIEGO

21ST STREET + WYNKOOP STREET DESIGN PLAN – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN – ANALYSIS
21ST STREET APRON

ACCOMMODATE GAMEDAY FESTIVITIES

EXISTING
21st Street
Bandring Pattern
APRON@21st
BLAKE STREET TO LARIMER STREET
APRON/WYNKOOP STREET
18TH STREET TO
20TH STREET
WYNKOOP STREET
18TH STREET TO
19TH STREET

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WYNKOOP STREET

PLAZA

EXPAND PLAZA

EXISTING

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WYNKOOP STREET

THE ‘PIAZZA’
WYNKOOP STREET
CHERRY CREEK TO 16TH STREET
NEXT STEPS

- Refine concept design
- Initiate implementation strategy
- Prepare final report

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For more information, and a copy of tonight’s presentation, please visit: Denvergov.org/21stwynkoop.com

Neighborhood Organization Presentations