AGENDA

1  6:00-6:05  Approval of March Meeting Summary
2  6:05-7:00  Vision Statement Development Activity: Equitable, Affordable, & Inclusive
3  7:00-7:50  Vision Statement Development Activity: Well Connected, Safe, and Accessible Places
4  7:50-8:00  Frequently Asked Questions and Announcements
Vision Statement Development

Opportunities Analysis
VISION ELEMENTS

1. Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive
2. Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
3. Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
4. Economically Diverse and Vibrant
5. Environmentally Resilient
6. Healthy and Active
Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive

Housing
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868 Comments
12% of all comments

115 comments were associated with a pin on a map

Frequent Words & Phrases:
• Homelessness
• Colfax
• Motel
• Affordable Housing
• Diversity
• Rent/cost
• Density
• Character
29 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Dislikes
376 Comments
43%

51 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Ideas
243 Comments
28%

34 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Affordability (54%)

Likes (18%)
- Affordability (for range of incomes and households)
- Diversity
- Proximity

Dislikes (49%)
- Increasing lack of affordability (rising rents, housing costs, gentrification)
- Displacement & loss of diversity
- Motels
- Homelessness
- Concentrations of low income housing

Ideas (33%)
- Preserve existing/create more affordable housing
- Alternatives to motels
- Mixed use/income on Colfax
- Rental protections, ownership options (creative models)
- High quality housing options for low-income residents, immigrants/refugees
East Area Affordability – Existing Conditions

- 4,585 East households (31%) are cost-burdened, as compared to 36% citywide

- 7,030 East Central households (48%), including 4,569 renter households (70%), live in areas that are vulnerable to involuntary displacement
Housing Options (35%)

**Likes (18%)**
- Diversity of housing types, which currently are affordable
- Mix of residential neighborhoods and urban character
- Phoenix on the Fax; housing that serve immigrant/refugee community

**Dislikes (41%)**
- Loss of diverse options
- Scrapes/inappropriate infill
- Density/over-development
- Lack of resources for people experiencing homelessness and/or staying in motels

**Ideas (41%)**
- More housing and mixed uses on Colfax/near transit
- Maintain neighborhood character
- Incremental infill – ADUs, carriage lots, small multi-unit
- Preserve motel character while converting to better housing
- Innovative housing models
The East Area has good housing options for...
(Check all that apply)
East Area Housing Options – Existing Conditions

• 97% of East residential buildings have 1-2 units, as compared to 96% citywide

• 31% of units in East are within a multi-unit (3+) building, as compared to 40% citywide

• 89% of units in East have two or more bedrooms, as compared to 83% citywide

• 38% of households in East are occupied by a householder living alone, as compared to 39% citywide

• 24% of households in East have children, as compared to 26% citywide
East – Housing Quality

Housing Quality (33%)
Likes (42%)
- Neighborhood character
- Older homes & residential buildings
- Mix of home styles

Dislikes (38%)
- Motel conditions
- Poor upkeep of existing housing stock
- Overcrowding
- Inappropriate infill (scale, architecture, quality)

Ideas (20%)
- Redevelop/improve motels
- Increased landlord accountability
- Improvements to existing housing
- More appropriate infill
Housing Key Opportunities

1. **Diverse** and **inclusive** neighborhoods with **affordable** housing options for a wide **mix** of incomes and households

2. Residents have **long-term housing security** and options to **rent** and **buy** a range of **housing types**

3. Residential neighborhoods with a **mix of housing types** that **respect existing character**, including single-unit, ADUs, duplexes, and multi-unit

4. A strong **support network** of high-quality housing options and services for those most in need

In 2040...
- Who will be living here?
- What types of housing will they have?
- How will the housing serve residents’ needs?
Housing Discussion Activity

• Choose one or more Key Opportunities that you feel strongly about and should be a priority OR describe one that you feel is missing.

• Imagine you are in the year 2040 and are describing what this Key Opportunity looks like.

• Write 1 sentence on a sticky note. Start your description with “In 2040”, this will help you stay focused on Outcomes and not process.
Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
Mobility
Mobility

2,444 comments
32% of all comments

732 comments were associated with a pin on a map

Frequent words and phrases:
- East Colfax
- Traffic
- Pedestrian friendly
- Walking distance
- Sidewalks
- Bike lanes
Likes

576 comments
24% of mobility comments

166 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Dislikes

965 comments
39% of mobility comments

412 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Ideas

903 comments
37% of mobility comments

123 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Pedestrians
1,346 comments
55% of mobility comments

Like (20%)
- Walkability: quiet streets; close to everything; trails, parkways, greenways; walking dogs
- Sidewalks: wide; good condition

Dislike (40%)
- Sidewalks: missing, poor quality/too narrow
- Crossings are unsafe, too far apart
- Poor streetscapes: need more trees, less garbage
- Safety: walking on and crossing Colfax, high-speed adjacent traffic, inadequate lighting

Ideas (41%)
- Complete sidewalk network with wider, detached, clean sidewalks
- Safer crossings: street lights, crosswalks at reasonable distance
- Quebec St and Colfax Ave improvements
- More destinations to walk to (First Friday-type event)
Existing Conditions: Pedestrians

17% of sidewalks in East are missing, compared to 9% citywide.

In East Colfax, 23% of sidewalks are missing.

Along arterials, the average space between signals is over 1,050 feet in East, which is 100 feet longer than the citywide average.

Almost half of respondents to our intercept survey cited pedestrian safety as a priority.

Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard, and Quebec Street are part of the High Injury Network identified by Vision Zero.
Bicyclists

453 comments
19% of mobility comments

Like (20%)
• Bike-ability
• Access to bike lanes

Dislike (32%)
• Bike lanes: not enough, not connected
• Unsafe for bicyclists on: high-speed roads, high-volume roads, sidewalks
• Inadequate bicyclist treatment at intersections
• Not enough bike parking

Ideas (47%)
• More bicycle infrastructure
  • Protected lanes, family-friendly facilities
  • North/south routes
  • Provide connections between existing facilities
• Better-quality and better-maintained bicycle infrastructure
• Improved lighting
Existing Conditions: Bicyclists

There are 4 miles of separated bikeways in East, or 1 linear mile of bikeway per square mile, compared to 1.25 miles citywide.

There is less than 1 mile of protected bikeways in East.

3% of residents commute to work by bicycle, compared to 2% citywide.

Almost a quarter of respondents to our intercept survey cited bike lanes as a priority.
Transit

419 comments
17% of mobility comments

Like (16%)
- Transit in area is close, easy to access, and a viable way to get around
- Potential to become a BRT corridor

Dislike (31%)
- Transit in area is:
  - Too infrequent
  - Slowed by traffic
  - Not enough route options
  - Not safely accessible
  - Not increasing with population growth
  - Not affordable

Ideas (53%)
- Transit-only lanes
- Investing in transit overall
  - Improving the stops
  - Extending frequency, route options
- Rapid transit on Colfax Ave (BRT) and Colorado Blvd
- Other kinds of transit: trolley, raised light rail, cable cars, trains
Existing Conditions: Transit

82% of households are within a quarter mile of a transit stop compared to 75% citywide; 50% are within a quarter mile of a high frequency transit stop, compared to 36% citywide.

6% of residents commute to work on transit, compared to 7% citywide.

11% of East residents don’t own a car, which is the same as citywide.

Almost a quarter of respondents to our intercept survey cited transit access as a priority.
Cars

807 comments

33% of mobility comments

Like (12%)

- Access to highways, regional destinations, downtown, auto services, amenities
- Minimal traffic on side streets
- On-street parking
- Grid layout

Dislike (64%)

- Traffic speed, congestion, safety, impact on pedestrians
- Breaking traffic laws: running red lights, failing to yield, speeding
- Car-centric development, auto-services and dealerships
- Deliveries/loading blocking lanes

Ideas (23%)

- Traffic calming: speed bumps, signal updates, speed cameras, additional lights
- Make everything less car-centric
- Better north/south connections
  - Improve Quebec
- Increase traffic enforcement
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Parking Dislikes
- Parking lots are a waste of space
- People park on sidewalks, double parking
- Scarcity and spillover into residential neighborhoods

Parking Ideas
- Get rid of parking lots
- Require off-street parking
- Move off-street parking behind buildings
- Preserve on-street parking
- Remove on-street parking
Existing Conditions: Cars

Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard, and Quebec Street are part of the High Injury Network identified by Vision Zero.

From 2011 to 2015, the rate of vehicle crashes per resident in East was 50% higher than the citywide average.

70% of commuters drive alone to work, which is the same as the citywide average.
Mobility Key Opportunities

1. Safe, accessible, and well-maintained **sidewalks and crossings** on all streets
2. **Biking** is safe, comfortable, and accessible for all riding levels
3. Reliable, frequent, and affordable **transit** with well-maintained shelters
4. Clean, tree-lined streets that equitably serve the neighborhood
5. **Driving is optional**, and walking, biking, and taking transit is easy
6. **Efficient** use of space that provides adequate parking and driving lanes while prioritizing walking, biking and transit
7. **Elimination** of all traffic injuries and fatalities
Mobility Discussion Activity

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