TO: Denver Planning Board, Joel Noble, Chair  
FROM: David Gaspers, CPD Planning Services  
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RE: Informational Item – Blueprint Denver Future Places 2020 Plan Map Amendment

Community Planning and Development is pleased to provide Planning Board an update on the status of the Blueprint Denver Future Places 2020 Plan Map Amendment. Blueprint Denver establishes two ways for the plan’s Future Places Map to evolve over time.

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*Updates to the neighborhood context map and future places map:* there are two major ways that these maps will evolve over time:

*NPI area plans and other small area plans:* during a small area planning process, the future places map may be revised. This would occur at the time that a new or amended small area plan is adopted by City Council as a supplement to the comprehensive plan. These planning efforts, which may include corridor plans, are the main process to link land use compatibility with future transit investments as transit corridors are implemented through Denver Moves: Transit.

**Consolidated updates:** CPD will explore and implement an approach for the future places map to be updated on a regular basis. This could entail a process, happening every one or two years, in which staff identifies potential changes to the map based on inquiries or requests from property owners and the community. This process would need to include public input and result in an amendment to the map that is approved by Planning Board and adopted by City Council.

The “Consolidated updates” approach specifically directs CPD to explore an approach to update the Future Places map on a regular basis. CPD has developed a plan map update process that can be initiated by either CPD or individual City Council District offices. Shortly after adoption of Blueprint Denver was adopted in April 2019, Council District 7 expressed interest in making a change to the Future Places map in the Overland Park neighborhood and agreed to serve as pilot project for the plan map update process.

This informational item will provide Planning Board with a high-level overview of the plan map update process and introduce the proposed Future Places plan map amendment submitted by Council District 7.

A Planning Board Public Hearing is scheduled on February 19 for the Council District 7 Future Places Plan Map Amendment.