Open House #1 Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday May 24, 2016  
Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Location: Temple Emanual

Meeting Promotion & Notification

- Flyers on RTD Route 83 buses May 13
- Stakeholder Working Group representatives notified May 4, May 10, May 18
- Technical Working Group representatives notified April 28, May 8
- Select business on the east side of the corridor flyered May 18
- Website announcement
- CCD Facebook and Twitter May 22nd through May 24th
- Nextdoor posting May 20th

Overview

The City and County of Denver’s Go Speer Leetsdale Study is a mobility study for the Speer Leetsdale Corridor. This study will focus on multimodal travel from Broadway and Speer southeast to Mississippi Avenue and Leetsdale, a segment of the larger Speer/Leetsdale travel shed that connects people to I-25 to the west and I-225 to the southeast.

This first of three open houses was held at Temple Emanuel to introduce the public to the Go Speer Leetsdale study background and process. A brief presentation provided a project overview, a summary of current existing conditions analyses and outlined opportunities for public engagement.

Handout

A handout summarizing key existing conditions, study area, project schedule, and ways to be involved was provided to attendees.

Stations & Displays

The Open House incorporated opportunities for attendees to engage with the Project Team at a various informational stations that displayed existing conditions within the study area. Copies of the boards presented are attached.

Presentation

A short presentation with question and answer period started at 6:00 PM. The presentation is attached. Following the presentation was a brief question and answer session. Questions/topics and responses included:

- What is the status of the past EPA study and will it be taking into account in this study? Relevant past studies and findings will be taken into account in this project. This is a living streets effort. It does not include funding for implementation. All ideas that emerge from this study and past efforts are still on the table.
• **How does Vision Zero align with the study?** Vision Zero is the initiative to work toward zero traffic fatalities. Safety is one of the key evaluation criteria for this study. For more information on the City’s commitment to Vision Zero, visit [www.denvergov.org/visionzero](http://www.denvergov.org/visionzero).

• **How many people live in the corridor? How many jobs?** The presentation calls out data from the American Community Survey. In a larger area, DRCOG estimates 81,000 households and 80,000 jobs within a mile or more of the corridor.

• **Is light rail an option?** The study will not focus on the specific public transit solution - but will focus on infrastructure investments that can help make transit as fast or faster than the personal vehicle.

• **Look at all modes –** The study will focus on identifying infrastructure options that address the needs of all modes; will look at all elements of the streetscape

**Video**

A short video was prepared describing the study background, study process, and goals. It ran continuously throughout the open house. The video can be seen at [http://www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale](http://www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale)

**Public Comment**

On-going public involvement will be emphasized throughout the course of the study. Open house attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts/concerns through a variety of channels. Computer comment stations and comment cards were provided for attendees to submit comments. Roll plot maps were also provided for attendees to identify location specific concerns. Participants were also asked to write their vision for the corridor on a separate roll plot.

General comments received from the public are attached.

**Input**

Approximately 35 community members signed-in at the Open House between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. The sign-in sheet is attached.

**Schedule**

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**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**
Next Steps

The next Open House will be held in the Fall of 2016.

The public is encouraged to sign up for the project mailing list and/or submit a comment/question on the website at www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale or by emailing the project team at info@gospeerleetsdale.org
PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following provides a general summary of the comments received from the public via the website, comment cards, notes on the roll plots and in-person at the public meeting:

- Intersections with congestion problems
  - Leetsdale / Monaco
  - Alameda / Holly
  - Leetsdale / Cherry
  - 1st Avenue / Steele
- Problems with cut-thru traffic (e.g. high speeds, not obeying stop signs, etc.)
  - Jersey St north of Leetsdale
  - Streets off of University
- Missing or poor sidewalks/ped connections
  - Poor sidewalk along Leetsdale Drive between Forest and Jersey
  - Missing sidewalk on westside of Holly north of Leetsdale
  - Need for pedestrian crossings over the Cherry Creek
  - Increase ped signal phases to accommodate seniors (multiple locations)
  - Poor sidewalks along Jersey Street
- Missing or poor bike connections
  - Along Holly – need bike path
  - Need access to trail at Speer/Downing
  - Add bike lanes on Bayaud
  - Add connection through Cherry Creek on Clayton
- Dangerous intersections/segments for bikes/peds
  - Colorado Blvd / Leetsdale
  - Downing mixes bikes/peds
  - Section between Steele/Madison and 1st/Ellsworth
  - 1st / University
  - University / Cherry Creek Dr N
  - 1st / Detroit
  - 1st / Gilpin
- Suggested roadway improvements
  - Improve Cherry Creek Dr N and Cherry Creek S Dr west intersection at Colorado (grade-separate? Or join west of Colorado?)
- Improve the space/sidewalk/appearance of the substation
- Transit improvements
  - Consider regional connection between I-225 and Downtown (Civic Center or Union Station)
  - Direct connection to Union Station
  - Add shelters at bus stops, improve maintenance of stops, add bike racks
  - Increase number of buses
- Need better signage
- Increase speed limit to 35 mph along 1st Avenue between Downing and University
- Reduce speed limit to 25 mph along 1st between University and Steele
- Add a bike hub in Cherry Creek Shopping Area
Please join us at the
Go Speer Leetsdale
Open House

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where? Temple Emanuel
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Short presentation at 6:00 PM

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to improve connectivity, travel time, and mobility
for all modes.

The City and County of Denver would like to hear
your thoughts and ideas for future
improvements for this important corridor.
Please join us at the open house or visit our web
site www.denvergov.org/content/
denvergov/en/
denver-department-of-public-works/
projects/current/speer-leetsdale.html
to learn more and provide
comments.

For special assistance or accommodations, please contact:
info@gospeerleetsdale.org or Rachiele @ 303.825.6100

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STANDARD FLYER
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For special assistance or accommodations, please contact: info@goespeerreetsdale.org or Rachelle @ 303 825 6100

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Existing Conditions Summary

CORRIDOR DEMOGRAPHICS

- 69,800 live outside the corridor & work within 3/4 mile of the corridor
- 5,600 live and work within 3/4 mile of the corridor
- 35,800 live within 3/4 mile of the corridor & work outside the corridor

BIKE/PED CRASHES
(at corridor intersections 2012-2014)

- 21 crashes involving bicycles
- 20 crashes involving pedestrians
- 7 Parker Rd. & Mississippi Ave
- 10 other

Vehicle Crashes
(2012-2014)

- 1185 crashes

Intersections operating at/over capacity during peak hours

- 10 intersections

Intersections with moderate or high potential for crash reduction:
- Parker/Mississippi
- Quebec/Leetsdale
- Steele/Ellsworth

Sources: DRCOG, VZS, ACS, RTD
Schedule

**SPRING 2016**
- Project Kickoff
- and Existing Conditions Report

**SUMMER 2016**
- Development
- and Analysis of Corridor Alternatives

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- Identification
- of Recommended Alternatives

**WINTER 2017**
- Final Documentation

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Please Stay Involved

- Send an email [info@gospeerleetsdale.org](mailto:info@gospeerleetsdale.org)

- Sign up for project updates [www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale](http://www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale)
BOARDS
Welcome to the Go Speer Leetsdale Open House

We are pleased you are here!
The City and County of Denver would like to hear your thoughts and ideas for future improvements for this important corridor.
Existing Conditions Summary

**CORRIDOR DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **Households**
  - 2015: 21% Growth
  - 2040: 21% Growth

- **Jobs**
  - 2015: 3% Growth
  - 2040: 3% Growth

- **Intersections with moderate or high potential for crash reduction:**
  - Parker/Mississippi
  - Quebec/Leetsdale
  - Steele/Ellsworth

**BIKE/PED CRASHES**

- **21 Crashes involving bicycles**
  - Other
  - WB Speer Blvd & Lincoln St
  - Parker Rd. & Mississippi Ave

- **20 Crashes involving pedestrians**

**Vehicle Crashes**

- **1185** (2012-2014)

**Bus lines serve/cross the corridor**

- **13**

**Intersections operating at/over capacity during peak hours**

- **10**

**Sources:** DRCOG, VZS, ACS, RTD
Study Area - West Corridor

Legend
- Study Corridor
- Character Areas
- Council Districts
- Jurisdictional Boundaries

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Preliminary Existing Conditions Assessment. Analysis/Results Subject to Change.
# Project Schedule

**Leetsdale Speer Mobility Study 12-430 05/24/2016**

**Task 1: Project Management**
- Project Kick-off
- Project Work Plan
- Project Management Team Meetings

**Task 2: Define Purpose & Need**
- Corridor Vision Statement

**Task 3: Document Review, Data Collection & Analysis of Existing Conditions**
- Document Review & Data Collection
- Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum *

**Task 4: Needs Assessment & Corridor Vision**
- Needs Assessment Technical Memorandum *

**Task 5: Identification of Alternative Evaluation Criteria**
- Evaluation Criteria Process Technical Memorandum *

**Task 6: Development of Corridor Alternatives/Stage 1**
- Alternatives Development & Stage 1 Technical Memorandum *

**Task 7: Comparative Analysis of Corridor/Stage 2**
- Stage 2 Technical Memorandum *

**Task 8: Identification of Recommended Alternative/Stage 3**
- Stage 3 Technical Memorandum *

**Task 9: Recommended Alt. Concept Development, Prelim Cost Estimation & Packaging/Phasing**
- Recommended Alternative Technical Memorandum *

**Task 10: Project Report**
- Draft Report *
- Final Report

**Task 11: Public Involvement Process**
- Public Involvement Plan
- Stakeholder Working Group Meetings (3)
- Technical Working Group Meetings (4)
- Public Meetings (3)

*Will be available online for public and stakeholder comment*
Zero Vehicle Households by Census Block Group - West Corridor

Legend
Zero Vehicle Households

0 - 25
26 - 50
51 - 75
Greater Than 75

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2010-2014

Zero Vehicle Households by Census Block Group - East Corridor

Legend
Zero Vehicle Households

0 - 25
26 - 50
51 - 75
Greater Than 75

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2010-2014
Jobs per Acre by Census Block Group - West Corridor

Legend
Jobs per Acre
0 - 15
16 - 25
26 - 50
51 - 75
Greater Than 75

SOURCE: 2010 Tiger Data by Census Block & DRCOG

Jobs per Acre by Census Block Group - East Corridor

Legend
Jobs per Acre
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Greater Than 75

SOURCE: 2010 Tiger Data by Census Block & DRCOG
Getting Involved

➤ Share your thoughts with the project team

➤ Fill out a comment card

➤ Send an email info@gospeerleetsdale.org

➤ Submit a comment on the project website www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale

Sign up for project updates on the project website - www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale

Next Steps

➤ Define the Vision
   This will guide how the team identifies specific recommendations for multimodal transportation improvements along the corridor.

➤ Develop and evaluate improvements
   After developing a clear understanding of corridor needs, a comprehensive set of potential improvements will be identified and evaluated.

➤ Host open house #2
   Come share your thoughts on the initial set of identified improvements at the next open house in August 2016 (details will be posted on the website).
Parks & Recreation
Fun Activities in Beautiful Surroundings

Transit
Creating an Easily Traversable City

Land Use & Transportation
Neighborhood Character and Quality of Life

Pedestrians & Trails
Connecting People and Neighborhoods
Go Speer Leetsdale
Visioning Open House

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Existing Conditions Summary
- Tonight’s Information
- How to Comment
INTRODUCTIONS

City and County of Denver
Project Managers

- Cindy Patton, Parking and Planning Manager
  Transportation and Mobility,
  Denver Public Works

- Jane Boand, Senior Planner
  Policy, Planning and Sustainability,
  Denver Public Works
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Study Area

Influence Area to I-25

Influence Area to I-225
Study Process & Schedule

- **SPRING 2016**: Project Kickoff and Existing Conditions Report
- **SUMMER 2016**: Development and Analysis of Corridor Alternatives
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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Coordination With Other Studies

- **Parks & Recreation**: Fun Activities in Beautiful Surroundings
- **Transit**: Creating an Easily Traversable City
- **Land Use & Transportation**: Neighborhood Character and Quality of Life
- **Pedestrians & Trails**: Connecting People and Neighborhoods
Go Speer Leetsdale

Travel Time (minutes) Broadway - Mississippi

Mode

0 20 40 60 80 100 120

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BIKE/PED CRASHES (at corridor intersections 2012-2014)

3 Intersections with moderate or high potential for crash reduction:
- Parker/Mississippi
- Quebec/Leetsdale
- Illinois/El Pomar

TONIGHT’S INFORMATION
Information Layout

- Station 1 - Project Overview
- Station 2 - Current Conditions
- Station 3 - Demographic Information
- Station 4 - Other Projects
- Station 5 - Providing Comments
- Station 6 - Maps to Identify Issues
- Station 7 - Your Corridor Vision

HOW TO COMMENT
Please Tell Us Your Thoughts

- Chat with a project team member
- Fill out a comment card
- Write on the maps
- Describe your vision
- Visit the web site www.denvergov.org/gospeerleetsdale
- Send an email info@gospeerleetsdale.org

Thank you for attending!
### SIGN-IN SHEETS

**Meeting Sign-In**

Go Speer Leetsdale Community Open House  
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