



COLFAX & FEDERAL INTERCHANGE TRANSFORMATION



VISION FRAMEWORK

Stakeholder Meeting 2
June 30, 2020



DENVER
TRANSPORTATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE



COLORADO
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Transportation

Welcome



“MEETING” LAYOUT

- Zoom
- Presentation to Inform & Educate
- Q & A Box
- Meeting recording
- Breaks for: polls and discussion



DURING THE MEETING

- Feedback and discussion breaks
- Live polls and prioritization
 - Poll Everywhere
- Question and answer breaks



COVID-19

- We are working from home to save lives
- Dogs/Cats/Children may enter



AFTER THE MEETING

- E-mail from Project Manager to share with network
- Webpage up and running



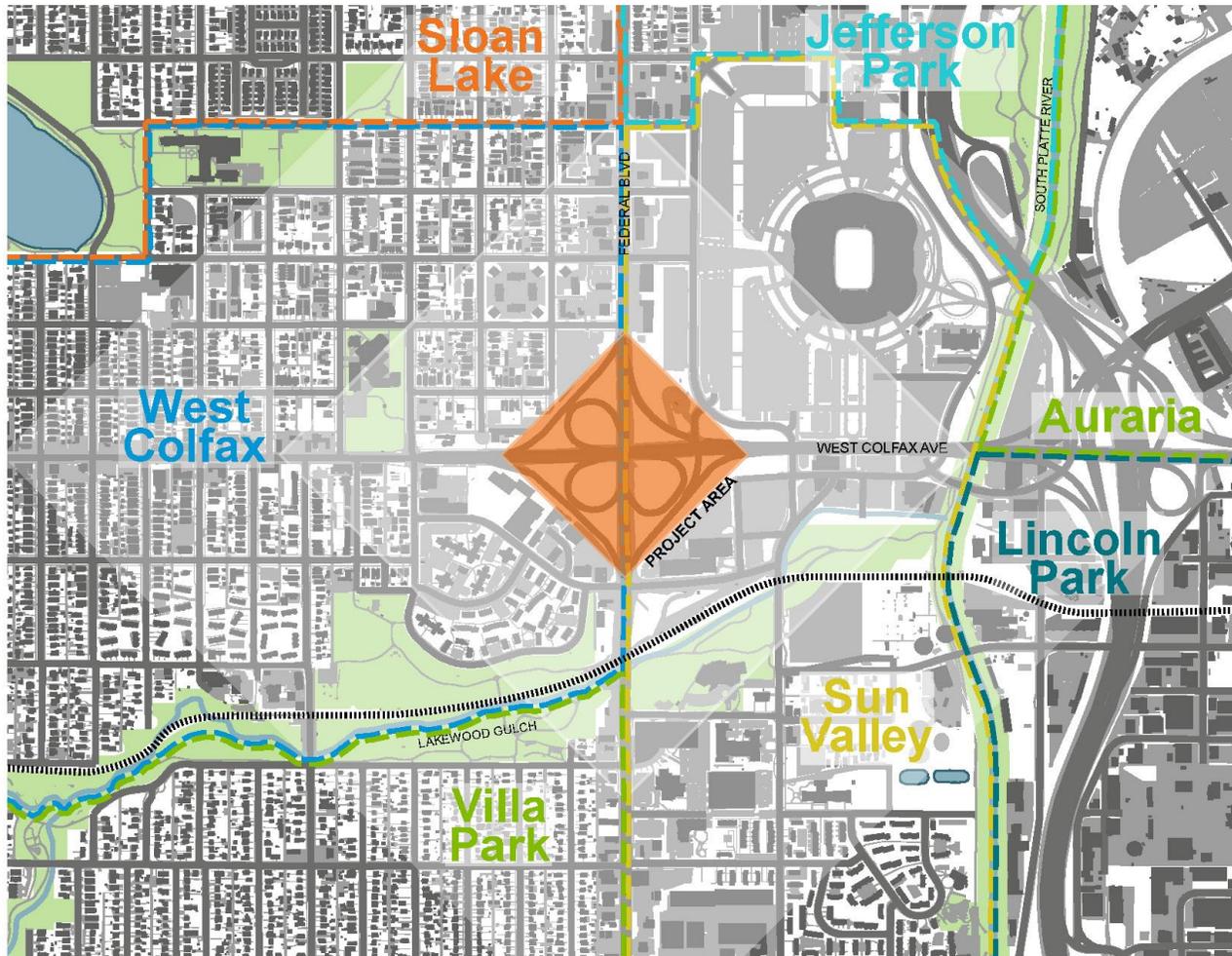
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Agenda



- Welcome
- Study Process and Outreach Update
- Tonight's Work Session: Vision Framework
- Next Steps

Study Purpose and Study Area

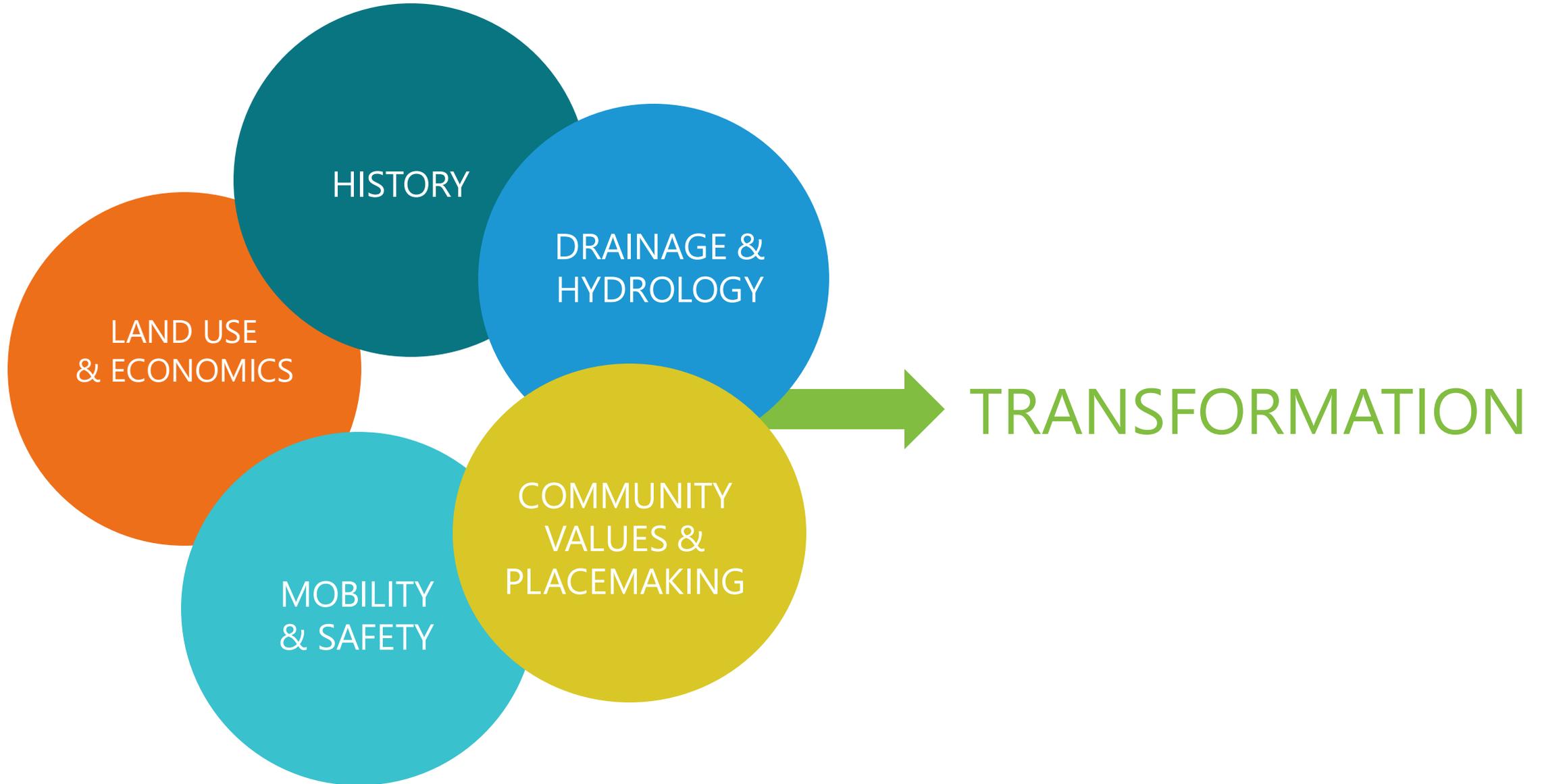


To evaluate the possibility of *transformation* and understand the *needed transportation and stormwater infrastructure*

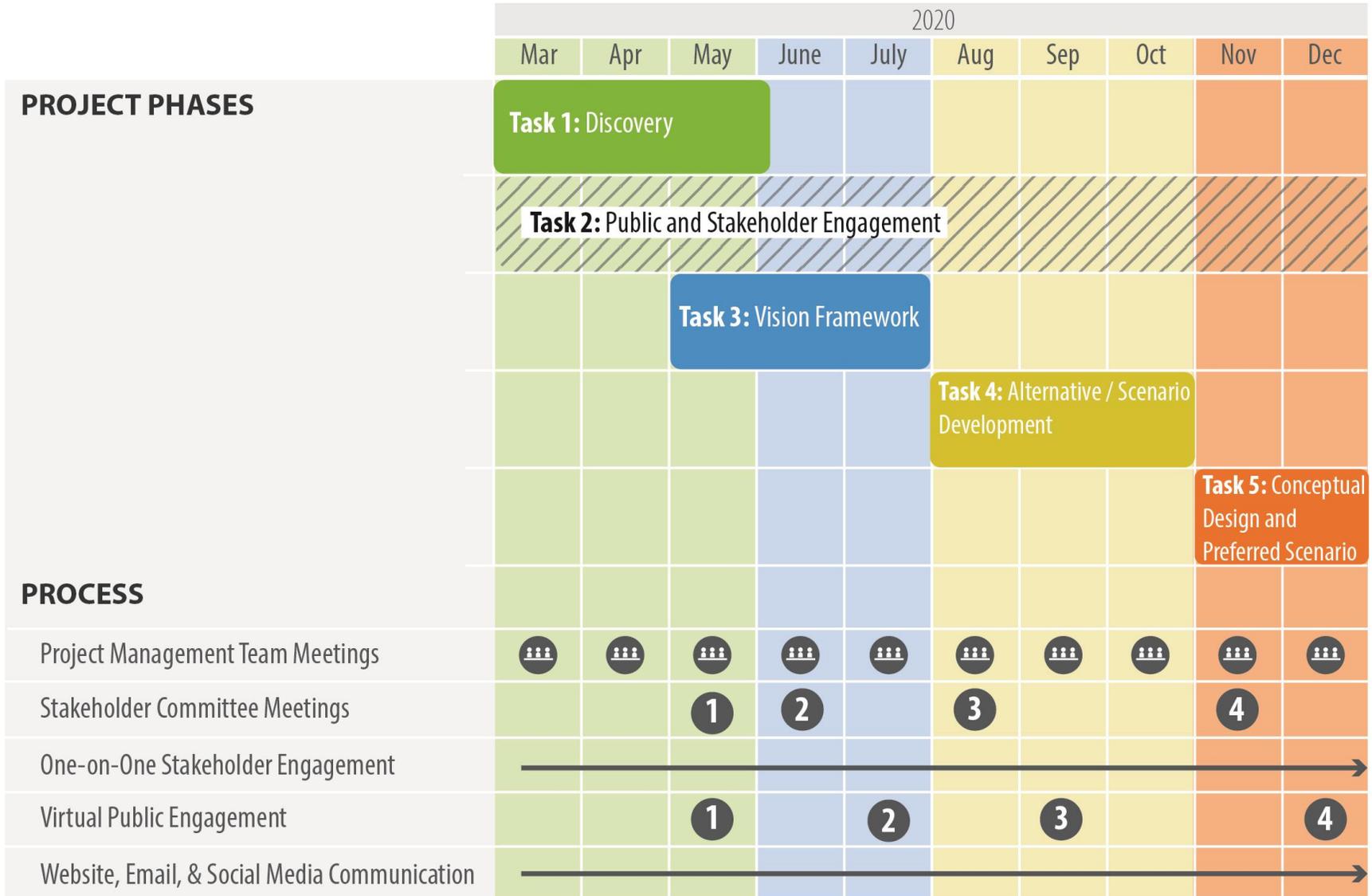
Develop a design that:

- maximizes transportation options,
 - 29 acres, known as a 'Cloverleaf' or Partial 'Cloverleaf' interchange design
- responds to needed stormwater infrastructure,
 - detention basins
 - manage flow of stormwater
- supports future land uses, connects neighborhoods and enhances the public realm.

Study Purpose



Study Timeline



Outreach Update



Project Website

<https://denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/projects/colfax-federal-interchange.html>

West Area Plan Virtual Community Event

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/Neighborhood_Planning_Initiative/Planning-Areas/West_Area_Plan/West_Area_Virtual_Community_Event.html



City and County of Denver Official Site / Department of Transportation & Infrastructure / Programs & Services / Projects / Colfax Federal Interchange



Colfax & Federal Interchange Transformation Project

Both the City and County of Denver (CCD) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recognize the opportunity at the Colfax and Federal Interchange to reevaluate the current configuration and develop a design that maximizes network opportunities and future land use efficiency.

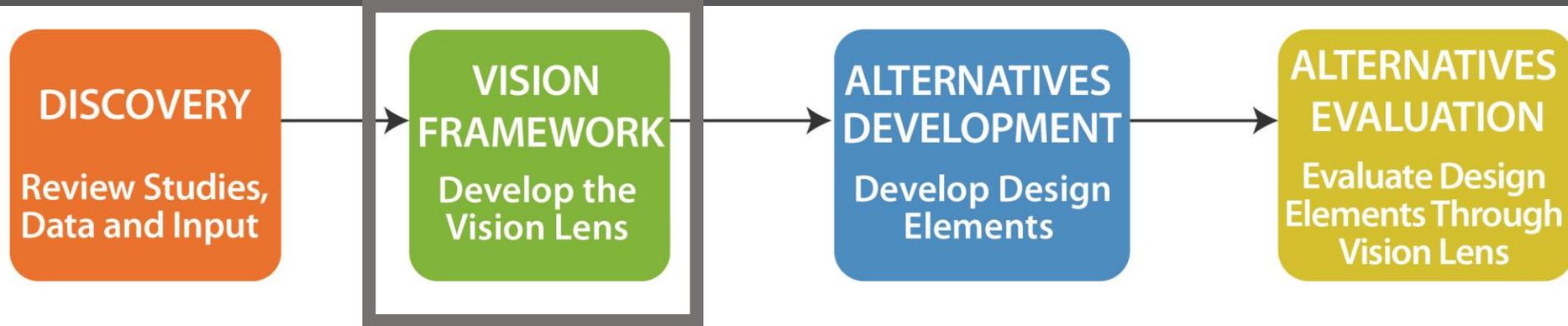


Developing a Vision Framework

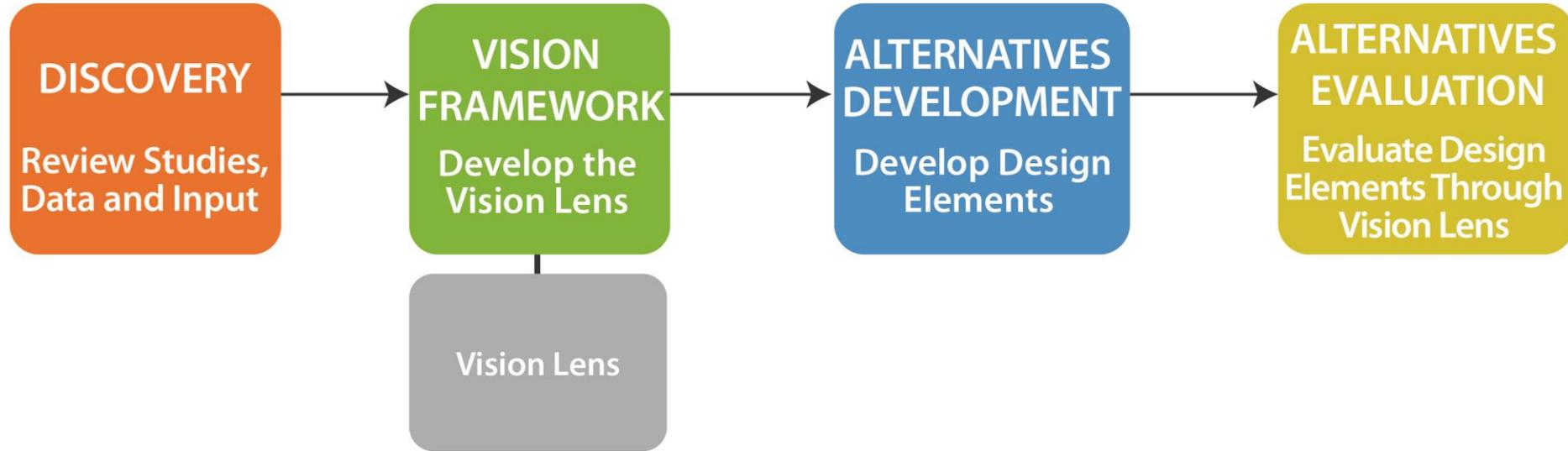


- To guide our collective thinking,
- To inform the development of ideas and alternatives;
- To steer our decision-making

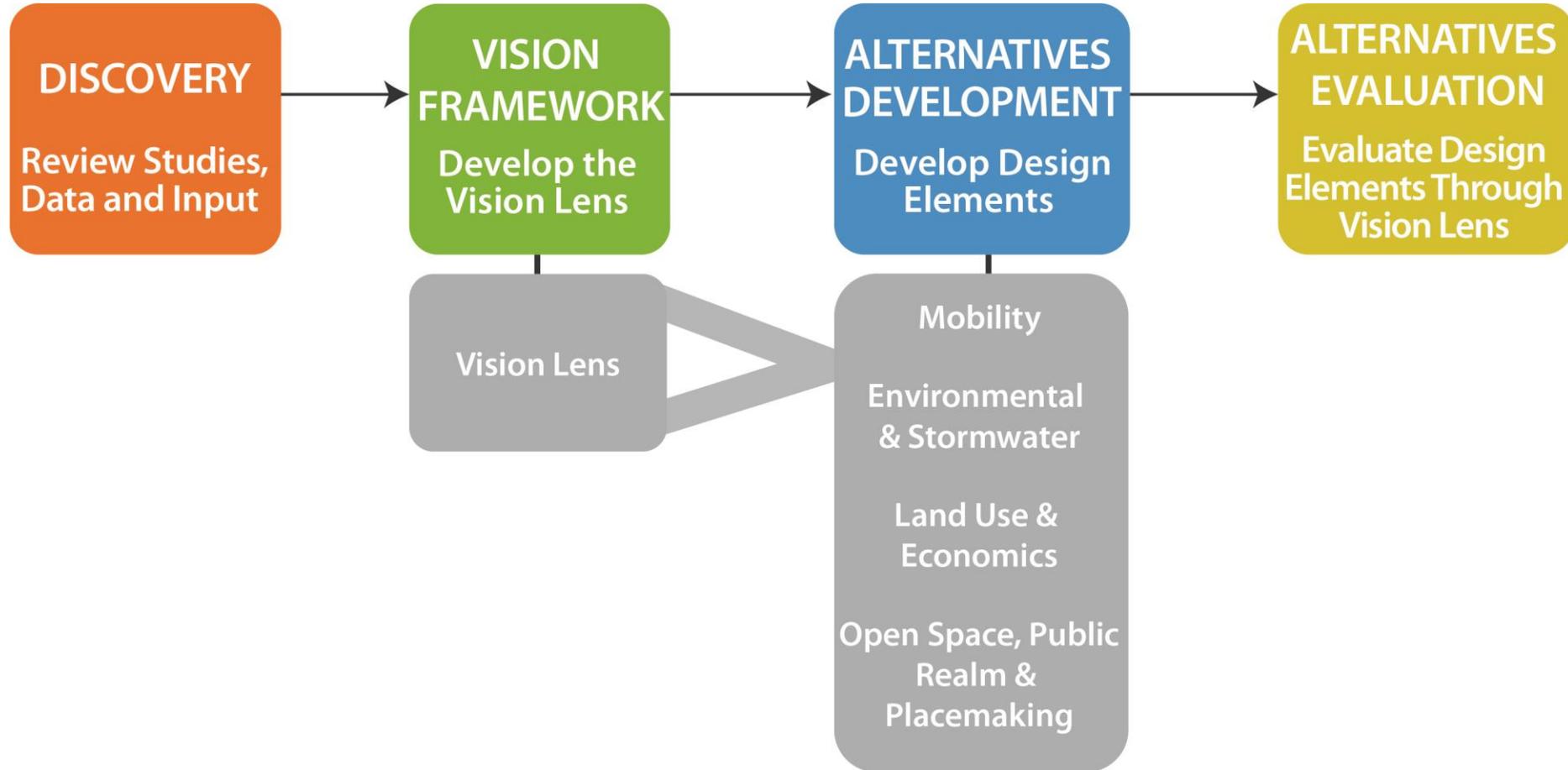
Building Our Process



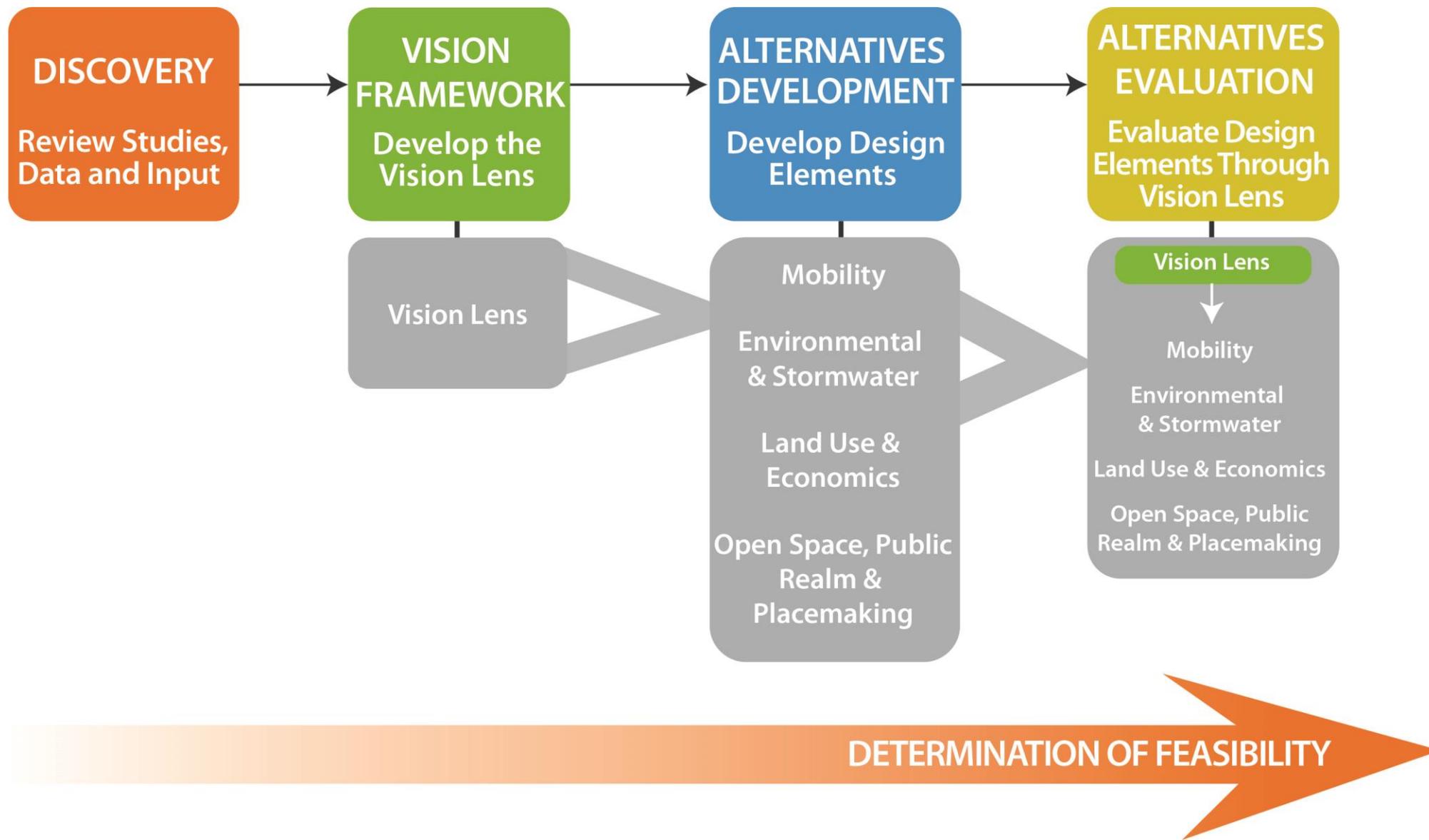
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Feasibility



Does this process make sense? Any questions or comments about the intent of the Vision Framework?

Input from Stakeholder Meeting #1

Stakeholder Input

LET'S TALK: In one word, what is your top priority for this study?



Input from Stakeholder Meeting #1



What do we need to understand about your community's land use needs in the transformation of this 29 acres?

Response Theme 1



Improve multimodal connectivity through site, to downtown and area amenities

"Must improve connectivity from the west to light rail and bus station..."

"Access – connections to downtown, across Colfax"

"Better sidewalks and crossings, safe enough for families"

"Safer routes through the intersection"

Response Theme 2

Promote development that is affordable, accessible and represents the existing community.

"Affordable housing"

"Loss of affordable housing due to gentrification"

"Accessible and safe spaces"

"Double down on placemaking"

Response Theme 3

Create community spaces that are welcoming, green and safe.

"Gathering spaces"

"Reclaim this space for people"

"Open space"

"Public space"

"Safe spaces"

Previous Plans Vision Commonalities

Plans or Organizations

Blueprint Denver
Decatur-Federal Station Area Plan
Stadium District Master Plan
Over the Colfax Clover
West Area Plan
Elevate Denver District 3 Projects
Denver Livability Partnership
West Colfax Plan
CDOT Mission, Vision, and Values
Mile High Flood District Mission
RTD Vision/Mission

Common Vision & Goals

Land Use & Economics

Equitable, Affordable,
Inclusive

Economically
Diverse &
Vibrant

Vibrant Corridor

Maximize
Development &
Transit Oriented
Potential

Mobility & Safety

Connected,
Safe &
Accessible

Improve
Safety

Promote Multi-
Modal Transportation

Encourage Diversity /
Celebrate Culture

Community Values & Placemaking

Environmentally
Resilient

Strong, Healthy,
Active &
Authentic

Support Existing
Community

Integrated Parks &
Public Space

Proposed Vision Lens - Discussion



Equity

- open and accessible;
- shared benefit;
- non-exclusivity

Q/A: Is this the right lens?

Resiliency

- the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties;
ability of a community or area to adapt and remain
flexible and strong

Q/A: Is this the right lens?

Proposed Vision Lens - Discussion

Connectivity

- the quality, ability or condition of being able to connect and communicate; people, places, cultures

Q/A: Is this the right lens?

Health & Safety

- the state of being fit in mind or body and safe in surrounding environment or public place; the ability to obtain the benefits of health

Q/A: Is this the right lens?

Tonight's Breakout Groups



| | EVALUATION LAYERS | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| DESIGN ELEMENTS | Equity | Resiliency | Connectivity | Health & Safety |
| Mobility | | | | |
| Environment & Stormwater | | | | |
| Land Use & Economics | | | | |
| Open Space, Public Realm & Placemaking | | | | |

Breakout Groups - Report Back

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Next Steps

Thank you for Joining Tonight's Meeting!

- Summary of Vision Framework to Stakeholder Group
- Project Newsletter and Website
- 3rd Stakeholder Group Meeting in August: begin Alternatives Development