PUBLIC MEETING NOTES
HALE PARKWAY CONCEPT DESIGN | MAY 14, 2019

SUMMARY
The City and County of Denver Public Works and consultant team OV Consulting, Civitas, and Enginuity Engineering, hosted a final meeting for the Hale Parkway Concept Design on May 14, 2019. The meeting was held in conjunction with the NPI East Area Plan. Approximately 100 local residents attended the meeting to discuss the project and provide input on the concept design.

KEY THEMES
Based on conversations with community members and written comments, several common themes emerged:

- A majority of residents are excited about the changes to Hale Parkway-- in particular, the increase in green space and additional community amenities such as walking trails and playground space.
- Some residents are concerned about the loss of mature trees within the existing median space.
- Some residents are concerned about the traffic impacts of changing Hale Parkway to a 2-lane roadway.
- Residents are in favor of increasing the pedestrian and bicycle connections to Lindsley Park, new development at 9CO and across Colorado Blvd to downtown Denver.
- Many residents would like to see a traffic signal added at Dahlia to provide a more direct pedestrian crossing and more clarity for drivers.
- Residents seem split on the design of the greenway near Dahlia St and Eudora St. Many residents prefer to leave Eudora St open (i.e., connection across Hale Parkway) while some residents prefer to close this intersection and use the extra room for more green space.
PUBLIC COMMENT LOG

Twenty-seven written comments were received at the meeting. Comments are sorted into **general comments** and **design considerations**. Overall, a majority of the comments were in support of the concept design.

The following written comments were received during the meeting:

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Love the greenway! Such a better use of that space and simultaneously reduces pavement cover and adds so many more options.

Nicely done - I like the changes to Hale Parkway!

Love the idea of the trees and increase in green space!

Preserve the tree canopy. Don't cut down 7 blocks of mature trees. Traffic is light on Hale Parkway - Yeah! Don't make the street more crowded. Leave us in peace. Can you not stand a little emptiness? A little peace?

I love the additional green space!

Hale Parkway improvement sounds great. One suggestion: sign on the 'private' access road (needed for 4 residences)

I can't believe that traffic studies support reducing lanes on Hale Parkway. Clearly, volume of traffic will increase over time, especially with 9CO hospital redevelopment. Seems short-sighted.

Elegant answer to the natural forces involved. Well done.

I love the proposal to remove asphalt. I'd love to see the water daylighted.

Looks good! Well done. Speed Limit (now 30) - future?

2 lanes is great! All the new green space is lovely. I like the idea of closing Eudora to create the extended green area.

It looks great. I live on Eudora and Hale and am thrilled. I am not bothered by going one block. The Parkway and drainage is great. Thanks for your dedication.

We have known exactly what the plan was from the get-go! The many meetings were a sham!! 7 blocks of mature trees should be meaningful - I know water need a route but the plan is not it!!

If the hydrologic analysis actually rectifies the flooding issues, and not just for Severn, and the traffic analysis for the immediately surrounding side streets (aka 11th) is gathered and accounted for in the final designs, and the emergency vehicles is Rose are not rerouted to 11th Ave; then I like it a lot! Also, add a dog park at Lindsley

I think it will look great! I just don't want to wait 10 years for it! More green spaces and less streets sounds like a win for us all.
Taking out the natural trees is a very bad idea - we are supposed to be keeping green. Getting into the neighborhood is going to be worse.

**DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

Please no dog parks!

Great concept. Suggest traffic light at corner of Hale and Dahlia.

I would like to see future stop signs and speed bumps along 11th Ave

Please put a signal at Dahlia and Hale Parkway! Dangerous going north on Dahlia trying to cross Hale Parkway because you can't see oncoming traffic due to angle of street and the parked cars along Hale. One needs to move into middle of Hale to see all oncoming cars.

Keep Eudora open, close Dahlia. Allow more space for park by including Dahlia/Church as potential park expansion in the future. Existing Parkway is difficult to cross for both pedestrians and auto traffic. Residents in the area need access to 13th and 14th for east-west access. Stay away from Colorado and 8th.

Love the concept. Prefer to close Eudora over Dahlia. Storm safety is very important to us. Love the increased green space and connected corridors. My neighbors seems concerned about the trees on the corridor, but I am not.

Eudora Street open (vs. Dahlia) better access to 6th Ave

Eudora Street is a better alternative to cross Hale Parkway since Eldora Street also crosses 6th Ave and Dahlia St does not.

Thanks for listening at least to frontage road sections on north side of Hale

Generally OK with concept as long as considerations is given to Eudora - Dahlia street closures. Eudora should be kept open to the north.

Dog park at Lindsley Park, Please! 4 way stop at 11th & Elm and Eudora & Elm. No turn on red at Hale & Colorado - protect biker and walkers.

A turnway is now indicated on the concept rendition that was not previously shown. It is located from 9th onto Forest and has been revised due to neighbor comments. There are a group of neighbors that are opposed to this throughway and we hope further discussion is accepted prior to a final decision being made.

**NEXT STEPS**

- This meeting represented the final stage of public engagement during this concept design phase. Detailed and final design phases of work have not yet been scheduled, but will include a robust public engagement process to ensure final design continues to align with community preferences.
- While specific project funding for further design and construction have not yet been identified, this project is a priority for both Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments.
• A final report on the concept design phase will be available to the public in summer of 2019.