

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails is a long-term, community-developed, and financially unconstrained plan for achieving a vision for walking and trails in Denver.

This plan was developed through the *Denverright* process and was coordinated with other relevant already-established and developing plans. Significant effort was made through *Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails*' development to ensure a high degree of integration between the pedestrian, bicycle, trails and transit networks. *Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails* identifies priorities for projects, policies and programs so that elements of the community-developed vision can be achieved as quickly and efficiently as possible.

For pedestrians, *Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails* identifies a Complete Network of new sidewalks, widening of existing sidewalks, at-grade crossings of streets and grade-separated crossings of major barriers such as freeways, railroads and rivers. Many design treatments contribute to a highly walkable environment, including geometric treatments, traffic signal treatments and streetscape treatments. *Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails* focuses on the most essential elements of a transportation system for people walking. This plan identifies the overall cost for each of these elements, along with implementation priorities. The total cost of each of these elements is:

- To complete missing sidewalks – approximately \$273 million
- To widen existing sidewalks that are too narrow – approximately \$828 million
- At-grade crossing improvements (crosswalks, beacons, signals, etc.) – approximately \$80 million

- Grade-separated crossing improvements – approximately \$139 million

For trails, *Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails* identifies a Complete Network of new paved trails, new singletrack trails, widening of existing trails and new and upgraded trail connections and street crossings. New and widened trails are proposed according to new trail design guidelines; these guidelines are based on national best practices and can later be adopted as standards. The total cost of each of these elements is:

- To complete new paved trails – approximately \$20 million.
- To complete high-priority connections and crossings – approximately \$110 million.
- To complete new singletrack trails and widen existing trails – approximately \$225 million.
- To complete later-priority connections and crossings - \$45 million.

Although these costs are high, having an understanding of the total cost is critical for the city to identify annual funding levels to achieve the community's vision for a walkable Denver and for a world-class trails system.

The city will use these plans to identify new capital-funded projects, grant funding opportunities and, in some cases, General Obligation Bond projects.

Both the pedestrians and trails elements include a variety of other useful elements and recommendations, such as planning tools, design guidelines and policy and program action plans.

