

Denver Moves: Ped and Trails Task Force Meeting

Notes

July 18, 2016 2:00-4:00 pm

Process Questions and Responses

- *How will this plan touch on funding strategies, because this is an important element?*
 - Project team will work with the Sidewalk Working Group
 - Project team will work with MPAC and their policy level language
 - We'll explore all avenues including existing or new funding sources
 - Funding strategy will be dependent on specific project and will depend on project type, first need to know total cost
 - Will explore policy gaps in existing policy
- *Will feasibility be a component of project recommendation and prioritization?*
 - Yes, feasibility is part of the prioritization process
 - All projects recommended vetted for feasibility first
- *The planning process should identify funding options so it's part of the process and so the public knows this plan considers that*
- *Will we use previous Pedestrian Master Plan content?*
 - We will consider what was done in previous Pedestrian Master Plan, but we have many more resources and the City has changed since that plan was developed
 - The project team is figuring out to what extent we incorporate aspects of that plan
- *Will you work with organizations that have already done related research, such as Colorado Health Foundation?*
 - We are working with stakeholders who have representatives on Task Force and MPAC
 - Individual stakeholder meetings
- *How often will Task Force meet and what will the community outreach process look like?*
 - Every month or two months during meat of plan
 - Community outreach will start in October with 3 phases with 5 public meetings around different quadrants of the City
- *Plan should consider more pedestrian facility types than just sidewalks- all pedestrian facilities such as shared streets. The term sidewalk typology is not fully representative.*
- *How will public safety/ fire department be represented?*
 - Internal conversations that will happen along the way, and this group will be included in those smaller stakeholder meetings
- *How will this planning process be coordinated with neighborhood plans?*
 - Internal working group meetings
 - Project management team for each plan is responsible for reaching out
- *The first survey posted is only in English; do you plan to have material in multiple languages?*
 - The project team is currently looking at how to have these materials in multiple languages

Task Force Logistics:

- Rosemarie and John are co-chairing
 - Help facilitate meetings

- Main point of contact for Task Force members to communicate
- Next steps
 - The planning process will be about 18 months long
 - Task Force will meet every month at the most, might skip a month every so often
 - 10+ meetings
 - Will set next meeting tie with a Doodle Poll
 - Task Force will represent the community that they work for or are a part of

Introductions:

Favorite Place to Walk:

- City Park
- Union Station
- University Park- shady, people she knows, continuous sidewalk
- Cheeseman Park
- Plaza at union Station- people watching
- Walk in different neighborhoods
- Tower Road to Logan on Colfax- 15 miles- vibrancy
- Fred Thomas Park
- Cheeseman Park
- Sunnyside
- Anywhere- specifically where elderly can walk
- SE Denver- shade and social experience
- Curtis Park
- Around neighborhoods- SW Denver
- Through neighborhoods-
- Sloans Lake
- Curtis park/ five point- shade, architecture

Favorite Trail:

- Cheeseman Park x 4
- Harvard Gulch- emerald necklace but broken up by street crossings
- Cherry Creek, section where divided
- Highline trail
- Cherry Creek, Confluence
- Stapleton
- Cherry Creek Trail
- 7th Avenue Parkway
- Cherry Creek
- Highline canal
- Wash Park loop- whole array of activities
- Weir Gulch- but it doesn't connect
- Platte River Trail- all the parks
- Houston lake Park near Asthmar park
- S Platte River trail- connects to bear Creek, Clear Creek

Something you'd Change about Walking in Denver:

- Connectivity
- Continuous detached sidewalks everywhere in city
- Greater variety of pedestrian facilities- ped malls, shared streets/woonerf
- Connectivity- better connect to on-street network to be more useful for transportation, better wayfinding
- Better sidewalks leading to transit stations
- Equitable sidewalks in all neighborhoods
- ADA, well-lit
- More gravel trails
- More downtown access
- NW Highlands doesn't have sidewalks in many sections
- Creating equitable connectors
- Arterial barrier, access to light rail stations, sidewalks, safe crossings
- City-wide investment
- Where kids can go and feel safe
- Equity
- Safe crossings
- Human-scale
- Incomplete sidewalks, poorly maintained, not accessible for disabled
- Enhance and fund plans
- More ways to cross RR tracks from west Denver to downtown
- Access to trails, wayfinding
- So peds don't have to run even when have ROW

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Pedestrian Vision Statements: What does a walkable Denver look like to you?

- All people, regardless of age and ability, move safely and comfortably throughout the city
- A Denver where walking is the safest and easiest choice of all the mode options
- Safe, accessible, maintained connected sidewalks and crossings in every neighborhood and on all commercial corridors
- Robust Complete Streets policies, safe, well maintained and easy-to-navigate, connected trails, sidewalks and paths for all
- Safe, convenience, popular, activated, interesting, beautiful, accessible, connected (make walking the easiest and most enjoyable choice)
- Manhattan – safe, accessible, dedicated crosswalks/bike lanes
- Fully connected sidewalk/trail system leading to other critical pedestrian uses and destinations accessible to all
- Continuous sidewalks, preferably detached, maintained, pedestrian-friendly via streetscape, lighting, pedestrian realm considered for the entire city
- A well-connected network that makes walking to destinations the easiest and most enjoyable choice to make
- A safe, vibrant and enjoyable walking experience for everyone
- Sidewalks throughout the entire city. Safe and connected access to retail, entertainment, transit, and office facilities.
- Safe to walk for all abilities and ages, destinations are connected by walkable facilities (i.e., housing, grocery, work, school)
- Detached sidewalks and tree-lined streets even in commercial corridors; a city where pedestrians' safety is not compromised because of vehicle speeds or driver behavior

Trails Vision Statements: What does a walkable Denver look like to you?

- Safe, accessible, maintained, connected trails and crossings in every part of the city
- A system accessible by all residents, particularly those who live adjacent to the South Platte Trail (i.e., lower-income neighborhoods)
- Trails connecting all parks in Denver to destinations via safe crossings through well-lit areas
- A network that is accessible and welcoming for all users and allows you to know where you are at all times
- Access to the out of doors from safe, easy-to-navigate, well-maintained and connected trails for all
- Safe, connected to the city amenities and nature for multiple uses (commuting, recreation) for everyone
- A system that is well lit, easily accessible and has enough space for all
- Fully connected sidewalk/trail system leading to other critical pedestrian uses and destinations
- Accessible from my house, separation of walkers and bikers, appropriately paved and maintained, connected

- Complete, beautiful, vibrant network of trail facilities, equitably distributed throughout the city
- A connected system that simultaneously supports multimodal transportation and recreation
- Wayfinding signage lined trails connected through all four quadrants of the city
- Accessible – taste of green space – connected to needed destinations; inviting and fun; equitable in different neighborhoods

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Goals

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Pedestrian Goals and Number of Votes

Rank	Goal	Votes
1	Connectivity	10
2	Equity	8
3	Accessibility	7
4	Safety	6
5	Comfort	4
6	Vibrancy	3
7	Beautiful	2
8	Maintenance	2
9	Mode share	2
10	Congestion reduction	1
11	Health	1
12	Diversity	0
13	Environmental Sustainability	0
14	Memorable	0

Other Identified Goals:

- Safety- 911 automated posts at stations
- Convenient
- Family-size
- Marketing/promotion to help remind motorists that peds have the right-of-way and that stops criminalizing pedestrians
- Get it funded
- Funded first before infrastructure for single occupancy vehicles
- Social- a network that fosters social interaction between users and improves social cohesion in the adjacent neighborhood
- Green- interrelated to natural environment

Trail Goals and Number of Votes

<i>From Trail Goals</i>		
Rank	Goal	Votes
1	Connectivity	12
2	Access and Encouragement	7
3	Transportation	5
4	Design	2
5	Recreation	2
6	Safety	2
7	Environmental	1
8	Economic Development	0

<i>From Pedestrian Goals</i>		
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5	Congestion reduction	1
6	Diversity	1
7	Mode share	1
8	Health	0
9	Memorable	0
10	Vibrancy	0

Other Identified Goals:

- Signage/ multilingual
- Intuitive
- Convenient
- Accessible
- Funded first, before single occupancy vehicles
- Convenience- make everything about trails/use convenient
- Educational- connect to schools