Tonight’s Agenda

• Introductions
• Denveright & Plan-Specific Updates
  – Denveright Blueprint Denver
  – Parks & Recreation Game Plan
  – Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails
  – Denver Moves: Transit
• Blueprint inclusive city discussion/breakouts
• Peds/Trails prioritization
• Next Steps
Think Tank Roles

1. Provide input on **key issues that cut across** all four plans.

2. **Educate and engage the broader community** in the Denveright effort
Think Tank Commitments

- Attendance at Think Tank meetings
- Share information
- Denveright community ambassadors
- Bring ideas
- Consider the broader city

- Respect the ideas of others
- Focus on the overarching issues
- Homework assignments
- Communication between meetings
- Denveright coordinated events and outreach
Community Workshops & Street Team Events

Online surveys with over 7,500 responses

Estimated 10,000 people reached so far
People’s Fair
Pride Fest Parade
Black Arts Festival
Taste of Ethiopia

New This Summer in every Council District
Park Days!
Kiosks
THE Vision FOR DENVERIGHT IS:

EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE

ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE AND VIBRANT

STRONG AND AUTHENTIC NEIGHBORHOODS

WELL CONNECTED, SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PLACES

HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESILIENT
Four Plans Working Together

Examples of how DenverRight could transform our city

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Legend:
- Blueprint Denver
- Parks & Recreation Game Plan
- Denver Moves: Transit
- Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails

Urban Street Example
Blueprint Update
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

Blueprint Denver Update

planning schedule

SUMMER 2016
PHASE 1: KICK-OFF

FALL 2016 - WINTER 2017
PHASE 2: ANALYSIS AND
GOAL SETTING

SPRING 2017 - FALL 2017
PHASE 3: RECOMMENDATIONS,
DRAFT MAPS AND DRAFT TEXT

SPRING 2018
PHASE 4: DOCUMENTATION
AND ADOPTION

iterative feedback loop

iterative feedback loop
Community Input from ‘Growing a Better Denver’ Game
Projected Growth for Denver

The following Blueprint Denver Growth Scenarios consider three possible growth rates between 2015 and 2040.*

Historical Growth Rates in Denver:
- 1940-2015: 1.0%
- 1990-2015: 1.5%
- 2010-2015: 2.3%

Low Growth Scenario:
- 0.7% Growth Rate
- 129k additional residents
- 124k additional jobs
- 2040 Population: 812k

Medium Growth Scenario:
- 0.9% Growth Rate
- 175k additional residents
- 135k additional jobs
- 2040 Population: 857k

High Growth Scenario:
- 1.4% Growth Rate
- 254k additional residents
- 156k additional jobs
- 2040 Population: 934k

*Range of probable population, housing and employment growth established for this exercise using DRCOG and DOLA resources.
Denver as Portion of Region

**2015**

Regional Population: 3,181,228

Denver Population: 682,500

Denver as Portion of Region: **21%**

**2040**

Regional Population: 4,355,079

Denver Population: 812,000

Denver as Portion of Region: **19%**
Case Study Scenarios

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# Case Study Scenarios

## Best – Embrace Multiple Growth Strategies

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*Note: All values are compared to a baseline.*
Summary Results

• 807 Online Responses
• Over 20 game gameboards analyzed (150-200 respondents)
• Over 50% played out the “High Growth Scenario”
How could we grow?

How does the community want to grow and change?

What is our collective vision for the City?

What are policies to help realize the vision?

What is preferred policy?

RapidFire Scenarios

Growth Strategy Game

Preferred Growth Scenario

Preliminary Tools and Strategies

Preferred Tools and Strategies
Blueprint Denver: What’s coming next?

• Late Summer/Early Fall Community Engagement Window:
  – Emerging Plan Direction
  – Building Blocks and Place Types
  – Preliminary Draft Mapping
  • Five September Workshops
• Online: [www.denvergov.org/denveright]
Upcoming Meetings

Visit one of the Blueprint Denver Community Workshops

Northeast Denver - Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30pm. Maxwell Elementary School, 14390 Bolling Drive

Southeast Denver - Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm. University of Denver, Anderson Academic Commons, 2150 E. Evans Avenue

Northwest Denver - Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30pm. Scheitler Recreation Center, 5031 W. 46th Avenue

Central Denver - Thursday, September 21st at 5:30pm. East High School, 1600 City Park Esplanade

Southwest Denver - TBD. Visit denvergov.org/denveright to learn more.

All workshops will include child care and Spanish language interpretation. Learn more at denvergov.org/denveright
Parks & Recreation
Game Plan Update
Game Plan Guiding Principles and Revised Goals
Four Plans Working Together

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SCHEDULE

2016

July  Aug  Sept  Oct  Nov  Dec

2017

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sept  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan

PHASE 1: UNDERSTAND AND ANALYZE

[Diagram details for 2016 and 2017 phases]

2018

PHASE 2: ENVISION AND GOALS

We are here!

PHASE 3: DRAFT AND ADOPT

[Diagram details for 2018 phase]

Event overview:
- **Public Forums**
- **Outreach + Stakeholder Meetings**
- **Surveys**
- **Community Task Force Meetings**
- **Existing Conditions Report**
- **Draft Plan**
- **Final Plan**

(Start and end dates for events)

[Logo and city name: Denveright: Your Voice. Our Future.]

[Image of Denver skyline]
Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails Update
Plan Progress Update

- Understand community’s vision and goals
- Analyze existing conditions
- Develop standards, typologies and complete networks
- Prioritize and develop implementation plan

We are here

Public Outreach
Aug-Sept 2017

Draft Plan
Sept-Oct 2017
Complete Networks

• For pedestrians
  – Sidewalks
  – At-grade crossings
  – High-cost improvements (grade separated crossings, etc.)

• For trails
  – New trail segments
  – Upgraded trail segments
  – New trail connections/crossings
  – On-street bikeways to access trails
Public Outreach - Schedule

Aug. 29th – Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia

Sept. 5th – Skinner Middle School, 3435 W. 40th Ave.

Sept. 7th – Maxwell Elem. School, 14390 Bolling Dr.


Sept. 14th – Castro Elementary School, 845 S. Lowell Blvd.

All meetings will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm
Denver Moves: Transit Update
State of the System Report

• What does transit service, access, and programs look like in Denver today?
• Who rides transit?
• What influences people to ride transit?
• What actions have other cities taken to demonstrate success in delivering local & regional transit?

Report is available on the project website: https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/transit.html
**Denver Moves: Transit Goals**

- **Enhance:** Make it more appealing to take transit
- **Simplify:** Make transit easier to use
- **Connect:** Connect people and places to transit
- **Thrive:** Improve community health and access to opportunity
- **Sustain:** Support a transit system in Denver that will be successful over the long term
Drop-in Workshops & Stop/Station Outreach
Workshop & Event Feedback

~900 participants indicated these priorities:

- Higher frequency and enhanced bus service
- More fare pass programs
- More high capacity transit service
- Earlier/later/more weekend service
- More amenities at stops and stations
~1,500 responses
- Respondents selected preferred improvements, weighing trade-offs between cost
- Want more direct, frequent, and reliable service
- Want more rail and more high frequency bus
Survey Results: Prioritized Improvements

Top 10 BYOTS Improvements

- More rail (e.g., light rail or commuter rail) in Denver: 67%, $30
- Higher frequency bus service: 65%, $20
- Improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit: 56%, $15
- More fare pass programs: 53%, $15
- Better transit connections: 50%, $20
- Rider information/technology at bus stops: 49%, $10
- Improved transit legibility (e.g., better maps, wayfinding, and trip planners): 44%, $5
- Transit priority treatments (e.g., transit-only lanes or signal priority): 42%, $15
- More amenities at transit stops (e.g., shelters, seating, lighting): 42%, $15
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): 40%, $20
Denver Moves: Transit Schedule & Phases

VISION & GOALS
Our first task is to develop a vision and set of goals to guide project decisions and recommendations, with input from the Task Force, stakeholders, and the community.

August 2016 – May 2017

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT
Working closely with the Blueprint Denver team, we’ll establish scenarios that match future land uses and potential transit services, demonstrating different outcomes and the trade-offs they would require. These scenarios will be evaluated using a framework grounded in the vision and goals.

January – June 2017

TRANSIT PLAN
Denver Moves: Transit will establish a short- and long-term vision for transit in Denver. The plan will document operating, capital, and programmatic priorities; funding and implementation strategies; and land use and other policies to support a transit system that works for Denver.

September 2017 – Early 2018

STATE OF THE SYSTEM & MARKET ASSESSMENT
The State of the System Report documents existing conditions of the transit system and provides statistics and trends that will help lay the groundwork to develop the vision for transit in Denver.

August 2016 – February 2017

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Community engagement will occur throughout the project to guide the vision for transit in Denver and ensure the plan meets the community’s needs.

ONGOING

CORRIDOR EVALUATION
Building on the preferred scenario, we will establish priority transit corridors and evaluate them for necessary investments. We’ll explore potential modes of transit—rail, bus rapid transit, local bus—for each corridor along with capital projects that can make transit service work better.

May – September 2017

COMPLETE TRANSIT SYSTEM
By identifying gaps in pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, we will create strategies that can be incorporated into the priority transit corridors and the final vision for transit. We will also develop recommendations for improving transit stops and stations, information and wayfinding, and creating a great passenger experience.

June – September 2017
What’s Next for *Denver Moves: Transit*?

**Mid-August:**
- Corridor survey
- Summary of the Build Your Own Transit System survey
- Youth Stakeholder Group video

**Fall:**
- Corridor evaluation and prioritization
- Access and connections
Inclusive City Breakouts
Emerging Plan Direction
Vision Elements

1. Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive
2. Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
3. Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
4. Economically Diverse and Vibrant
5. Environmentally Resilient
6. Healthy and Active
Denver Population by Decade, 1880 to 2015

2016 Estimate of 693,000

10-Year Change in Population
Total Denver Population

Decade Ending In

Denver Residents


11,064 27,146 79,522 43,110 31,370 34,551 93,374 78,101 20,791 -21,984 -25,084 89,128 48,141 77,666
Data Source and Graphic: Colorado State Demography Office; DOLA

Denver Population Change 1970-2050

- Natural Increase (Births - Deaths)
- Net Migration

Low Growth Scenario
How do we manage change?

• Acknowledge that change is more than growth
  – Growth is only one part of “change” in our community
  – All of Denver is evolving – private development, public infrastructure projects, new amenities and activities, demographic shifts, trends and preferences, culture and identity

• Work towards creating complete neighborhoods
  – Context sensitive evolution in all Denver neighborhoods
    • Housing Stock and Choice
    • Connectivity and Access
    • Basic Amenities and Infrastructure
    • Placemaking and Identity
Blueprint for an Inclusive City

• Create a Denver with great places and authentic neighborhoods accessible to everyone, regardless of age, ability or income

• We need to harness how and where we grow for positive change
  – Improve quality of life for all citizens

• Be intentional about expectations of how to guide growth so that it benefits the City

• Strategic growth can help achieve our vision of equity, avoiding a future Denver that is unaffordable and exclusive
Small Group Break Out Session

• The Inclusive City – What does it mean to you?

• Goals and Strategies for an Inclusive City
  – Housing
  – Access
Goals and Potential Strategies

• **Goal:** Serve all Denver residents with a *diverse range of affordable housing options* and quality employment opportunities throughout the city.

• **Potential Strategies:**
  – Expand the allowance of ADUs throughout some or all residential areas/neighborhood contexts
  – Ensure Denver regulations allow Tiny Home developments in specific contexts
  – Establish a citywide regulatory/zoning framework to encourage the development of affordable housing through incentives such as density and height bonuses
Goals and Potential Strategies

• **Goals:**
  – Foster great urban design and the creation of authentic places that *thoughtfully integrate streets, public spaces and private property.*
  – Promote *enduring and compatible design that responds to an evolving community* while embracing historic assets and cultural heritage.

• **Potential Strategies:**
  – Create new zoning and regulatory tools, such as overlays, design guidelines or design review to better address transitions between commercial/mixed-use and residential areas
  – Establish regulations that require enhanced landscape strategies to improve transitions between commercial & residential areas
  – Utilize parking management strategies to mitigate impacts of parking from corridors and centers on adjacent residential areas
Pedestrian Prioritization Breakouts
Prioritization Themes

Many different ways of prioritizing pedestrian and trails projects:

• Concentration of people
  …an index for demand

• Level of deficiency
  “How bad is it?”

• Places people need to walk and bike
  …where are the most destinations?

• To improve inclusivity
  …where are there high concentrations of vulnerable populations?
Each Theme Corresponds to Data

• Places people need to walk and bike

…where are the most destinations?

Specifically, locations of:

– Bus stops
– Rail stations
– Parks
– Grocery stores
– Schools
Your Exercise

Working as small groups…

• Identify 5-10 possible prioritization themes (5-10 minutes)
• As a group, identify pros/cons for each theme
• As a group, identify your top 3 themes to report back to the rest of the Think Tank
Next Steps
Next Steps

• Plan-Specific Workshops and Outreach – Fall
• Next Think Tank meeting (Cross cutting goals) – Fall/Winter 2017