Denver Moves: Transit Task Force

Meeting #4 – February 2, 2017
1. Welcome & Introductions

- Opening remarks and housekeeping
- Task Force and audience introductions
2. Project Updates

• Recent and upcoming work
State of the System Report

Denver Moves:
Transit Plan

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What’s Included in the State of the System Report?

The Denver Moves: Transit State of the System Report paints the picture of transit service, access, and programs in Denver today.

- Chapter 1: What is Denver Moves: Transit? provides an overview of the State of the System Report, the benefits of transit, the factors influencing transit in Denver, and the project process and schedule.
- Chapter 2: Transit in Denver describes transit service in Denver, including an assessment of system performance and bus stop amenities.
- Chapter 3: Access and Programs details the factors that influence people’s ability to access transit service, including street connectivity, pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, first and last mile options, programs that promote transit use, fares, and system information.
- Chapter 4: Who Rides Transit gives an overview of transit riders by neighborhood and rider characteristics.
- Chapter 5: Market Analysis documents the factors that influence the demand for transit, including current population and employment growth, travel patterns, demographic characteristics that increase transit reliance, and current land use.
- Chapter 6: Governance describes three peer cities and transit agencies that have demonstrated success in delivering local and regional transit service.
- Chapter 7: Key Findings summarizes the findings from this analysis and highlights the most prominent transit challenges and opportunities facing Denver today.
- Appendix A: Plans and Policies Summary provides an overview of related local and regional plans and policies.
- Appendix B: Glossary defines transit- and mobility-related terms used throughout this report.
Project 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 – February 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 – May 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.
August – December 2017

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 – December 2016

CORRIDOR EVALUATION
Building on the preferred scenario, we will establish priority transit corridors and evaluate them for necessary investments. We will 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 – August 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.
May – August 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
3. Task Force Participation #3: State of the System Speed Share

- Share something you learned in a group of 3 people
- Discuss ways to share the report with our communities later in February
4. Review of Draft Goals & Objectives

- Draft goals and objectives
- Around the room review
- Small group discussions
- Report out
IN SUMMARY...

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**
Definition and Role: Provide forward-looking direction and aims, set expectations for what each plan can do to help achieve the vision, and establish a decision-making framework.
**Definition:** Measurable, time-bound outcomes that help to achieve higher-level goals and principles.
Focus on Three Key Topics

• Making Transit a Great Choice
• Improving Access, Connections, and the Experience
• Enhancing Opportunity and Equity
Task Force Feedback

- Make transit frequent enough that I don't need a schedule
- 35 min
- % of ppl w/ x distance of frequent route
- Increase in ridership
- Make transit accessible to everyone (no homework required!)
- % of residents w/in 10-min walk of transit route
- % of older residents or ppl with disabilities w/in 5-min walk

GOALS

- Make transit a great choice
- Frequency network
- 100% of Denver res. are within 15 min walk of HRTS (15 min) by 2030
- Safety/reliability of bus system
- Real/reception
- All-day/mid-day/late-night service
- Mode share transit modeshare = 20% by 2025
- Affordability
  - Fares
  - Pass programs
  - All low-income fare program by 2025
  - All Denver res.
  - By 2035.
- H + T measure of success
- BRT system / high cap.
- By 2025 (decreased)
- Bring transit to people
- Accessibility multi-modal housing density
- Network efficiency/connectivity
- Bus vs train ease of use

1/2/2017
Draft Goals

SUSTAIN
Support a transit system in Denver that will be successful over the long term

ENHANCE
Make it more desirable to take transit

SIMPLIFY
Make transit easier to use

THRI
Improve community health and access to opportunity

CONNECT
Connect people and places to transit

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DRAFT GOALS
Key Themes / Topics by Goal

- Reliability and competitiveness
- Frequency
- Passenger experience and safety
- Mode share
Key Themes / Topics by Goal

- Legibility
- Improved rider information
- New technologies
- Education
Key Themes / Topics by Goal

- Regional and neighborhood connections
- Land use integration
- Multimodal access and first/last mile connections
Key Themes / Topics by Goal

- Equity
- Affordability
- Environmental and community health
Key Themes / Topics by Goal

- Funding
- Performance monitoring
- Partnerships
- Staff resources / organization
Small Group Discussion

- Do the five goals make sense and capture what you’ve heard so far?
- Do the objectives help to define what each goal is and how we might achieve it?
- Do you think anything is missing? What would you add?
Small Group Report Out
7. Outreach & Engagement

- Key feedback to date
- Upcoming engagement activities
- Introduction to Build Your Own Transit System Tool
- Think Tank Meeting #2
Summary of Phase 1 Activities

Through all of our conversations, three key themes emerged about the kind of transit system you want for Denver:
Summary of Phase 1 Activities

**Connected Transit**
Better connections to all neighborhoods and for all residents are a critical piece of great transit. This means bringing service to more places and addressing the needs of riders regardless of age, race, gender, or financial means.

**High Quality Transit**
Transit service should be fast, frequent, and easy to use. High-quality transit is reliable and dependable, so that it can meet people’s daily needs without confusion, disruption, or inconvenience.

**Healthy Transit**
Providing great transit will make our residents and communities healthier and better connected. Transit plays an important role in creating livable and sustainable neighborhoods that support safe and healthy lives.
“Storefront” or Bus Stop Workshops
Focus Areas for Upcoming Outreach

Focus Area Locations

1. **Northwest**
   - Regis
   - Chautauqua Park
   - Globeville
   - Elyria Swansea
   - Berkeley
   - Sunnyside
   - Cole
   - West Highland
   - Highland
   - Five Points
   - Whittier
   - Stapleton
   - Sun Valley
   - CBD
   - Design
   - North Capitol Hill
   - Montbello
   - DIA
   - Gateway
   - Green Valley Ranch

2. **West Central**
   - West Colfax
   - Sun Valley
   - Civic Center
   - Capitol Hill
   - Glendale Park
   - Congress Park
   - Five Points
   - Lincoln Park
   - Barnum West
   - Barnum
   - Lakeside
   - Baker
   - Clayton
   - Stapleton
   - Montbello
   - Skyland
   - North Park Hill
   - City Park West
   - South Park Hill

3. **Southwest**
   - Bear Valley
   - Harvey Park South
   - Fort Logan
   - Marston
   - Caley
   - Hamden
   - Kennedy
   - Southeast Park
   - Hamden South

4. **Northeast**
   - Clayton
   - Northeast Park Hill
   - Stapleton
   - Montbello
   - Skyland
   - North Park Hill
   - City Park West
   - South Park Hill

5. **East Central**
   - City Park
   - South Park Hill
   - East Colfax
   - Congress Park
   - Far Northeast
   - Lowry Field
   - Belmar
   - Washington
   - Virginia Vale
   - Whidbey
   - City
   - Montgomery
   - Virginia Village
   - Indian Creek

6. **Southeast**
   - Cherry Creek
   - Hilltop
   - Lowry Field
   - Belmar
   - Virginia Vale
   - Whidbey
   - City
   - Montgomery
   - Virginia Village
   - Indian Creek

7. **Far Northeast**
   - Montbello
   - DIA
   - Gateway
   - Green Valley Ranch

Date: 2/2/2017
Youth Stakeholder Group
Build Your Own Transit System Tool

How would you improve transit in Boulder?

Boulder has a good transit system, but we want to make it even better. This tool allows you to select potential improvements that would help you to ride more and move more - faster. Learn more about the City’s Transportation Master Plan at boulderco.gov/transportation.

Here’s how to participate:
1. Place your cursor over the pictures below to find out how the transit system could be improved in Boulder.
2. You have a budget of 25 dollars (5 is spent). Mix and match the strategies that are the best cost-benefit ratio. The higher the benefits and costs and benefits change by clicking the check boxes below.
3. Select the strategies that you feel are most important in Boulder.
4. When you’ve selected the strategies that best match your values (and should be prioritized), click the blue “Print review page” button.
5. This exercise should take less than 15 minutes - thank you in advance for taking the time.

T MASTER PLAN
Build-Your-Own Transit System

How would you improve transit in Fort Worth?
The T is looking at how we can better meet the transportation needs of residents, employees, and visitors traveling in Fort Worth every day.

This exercise allows you to choose potential transit improvements that would help you ride the bus or train more often -- which for the very first time.

Learn more about the T Master Plan:

Here’s how to participate:
1. Place your cursor over the boxes below to find out how the transit system could be improved in Fort Worth.
2. You have 20 dollars (5 is spent). Mix and match potential improvements to see how the costs and benefits change by clicking the check boxes below.
3. Spend your budget by selecting your preferred strategies.
4. Click the red “Finish in Next Page” button.
5. Thank you in advance for your time.
8. Next Steps

- Task Force “to do”
- Next Task Force participation opportunity
- Task Force Meeting #5: April 6, 2017
Share the State of the System Report (Later in February)

• Stay tuned for public release
• Share what you learned and engage with your community

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Next Participation Opportunity

- “Storefront” workshops in March and April
- Spread the word
- Plan to join us

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9. Questions and Comments

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