CONTEXT: the Highway, the River + the Railroads run through us.

In the past they have divided us, now we have an opportunity to unite us.
VISION: Opportunity to Reinvent / Rebuild Neighborhoods + Community

A FAMILY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

- A family of unique + diverse neighborhoods, each with its own character, personality, built upon its history, resources + people which collectively become a community.

- Each neighborhood builds upon extending the vitality of surrounding neighborhoods.

VISION

- Catalyst for community / neighborhood building
- Create community focus / neighborhoods destination places where none existed before.
- Create networks of connectivity + corridors of opportunity
- Build upon the imagine, character, diversity of the people + it’s location
- Create a quality piece of civic infrastructure that is a memorable experience for adjacent neighborhoods + highway uses.

THE FAMILY

- Swansea
  Eastern anchor
  Gateway to Denver neighborhood
- Elyria
  Pocket neighborhood
  Partnering with NW campus
- National Western Campus
  New year round complex of venues & events
  Partnering with CSU
- CSU Campus
  Agriculture, Business, Research
  Year round campus
- Globeville
  Globeville on the river
- River North
  Gateway corridor from airport to downtown
  Linear riverfront mixed-use neighborhood

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CITY / COUNTY OF DENVER
CATALYST FOR CHANGE: I-70 Existing Proposal

EXISTING PROPOSAL

- INTERCHANGES 2.5
  - Colorado Blvd. + Brighton Blvd. (Full)
  - Vasquez Blvd. (1/2) WB on / EB off Ramps
- FRONTAGE ROADS
  - One way system either side of I-70
    (Colorado Blvd. / Brighton Blvd)
- LIDS
  - One I-70 Lid @ Swansea School
    (Columbine St. / Clayton St.)

LEGEND

- Interchanges
- Depressed I-70
- Neighborhood Street
- One way Street
- Two way Street
CURRENT PROPOSAL

• INTERCHANGES
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  Eliminate WB on + EB off ramps
• FRONTAGE ROADS
  South
  Combination one way / two way networks
  One way Brighton Blvd. – York + Madison – Colorado Blvd.
  Two way York St. – Madison St. neighborhood streets
  North
  Two way roadway -
  York St. – Columbine St.
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I-70 LIDS: That create Places, Connections + Community where none existed before

LIDS AS PLACES

- Create vibrant neighborhood destination places (Sense of place / Belonging) that are integrated with adjacent uses / activities
- Strengthen connections in all directions
- Have active urban edges
- Provide opportunities for increased development / re-development
- Mitigate environmental impacts
- Community Ownership

SWANSEA SCHOOL LID

- Mixed-use Community Resources + Services, Elementary School, Outdoor Playfields, Recreation Center (Indoor Pool, Exercise, Meeting Rooms, After Hours Adult Human Services, Clinics, Job Training, etc) Faculty + Affordable Senior Housing, Community Plaza.
- Daytime, Evening, Weekend uses + activities.

SWANSEA CENTER

- Neighborhood Oriented Mixed-Use Center, Retail, Small Oriented Grocery, Restaurants, Shops, Office, Variety of housing Opportunities, Town Center, Civic Space.
- Walk able district, pedestrian scale sense of place, public / private

CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM SWANSEA CENTER

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• Hierarchy of corridors, places + opportunities.
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EAST – WEST CORRIDORS / NEIGHBORHOODS

• 47th – 49th A Distinctive Corridor
  Major east / west cross corridor
  Connects Swansea, Elyria, Globeville, NW & CSU campuses, transit + the river

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RIVER / OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR

- Riverfront catalytic development opportunities

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CONNECTIVITY: Connecting People, Places, Neighborhoods + Opportunities

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• The most critical issue that faces these neighborhoods is the connectivity, namely the Railroad crossing issues that need to be adequately addressed and resolved now.
  • If you can’t get there, you won’t ever go.

NETWORK OF CONNECTIVITY

• Create a safe and inviting network of connectivity & movement that connects people to activities & resources to adjacent neighborhoods, development, transit & open space.
  • A diversity of experiences

47 – 49 EAST – WEST CONNECTOR

The most important east – west connector. Connects Swansea, Elyria, NW + CSU campuses, transit, the river + Globeville.

• Vasquez Blvd. / Steele corridor
• Brighton Blvd corridor
• Washington Blvd. corridor

• York Street corridor
• Cross corridor connections
• Local green connector / river / open space

Regional Connections

• Downtown – airport corridor
• Denver / Commence City connection / 54th
• Interstate connections
COMMITMENT / ACTION JACKSON: Everyone + Every Neighborhood Matters

COMMITMENT
- Implementation will be incremental piece by piece as resources and market demand dictates
- Maintain long term commitment
- Sustained leadership + political will to champion the vision
- Meaningful actions / not promise or band aid solutions
- Provide greatest possible value to the public by meeting today’s needs as well as those of the future.
- Stay true to the vision

PARTNERING
- No one entity can implement this complex task
- Find champions and build partnerships that will share the burden overtime.
- Build a strong sense of civic pride and ownership by creatively bringing public + private entities together in a partnership to make the vision a reality.

COLLABORATION
- Each entities / stakeholders may have different priorities + timelines. Funding resources available at different time, coordination + collaboration are critical.

IMPLEMENTING THE VISION
The planning & redevelopment process offers a number of tools that we can in concert with a new creative thinking and private / public & initiative / can turn this vision into reality.

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