North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

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Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

project news

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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map
Dear Friends,

This month marks the NDCC's first anniversary. Mayor Michael B. Hancock charged our team to strategically align all of the redevelopment projects in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea and to engage the community through the planning and implementation process. In one short year, our team has been able to significantly advance each project and involve the residents and local business community in meaningful planning conversations. Our goal is to continue with the same enthusiasm and sense of urgency that these neighborhoods deserve.

The neighborhood voice is important to this process and we thank you for your interest and involvement. We look forward to another great year ahead.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

I-70 Reconstruction

CDOT Releases SDEIS

CDOT has officially released the I-70 East Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). We invite the public to comment on the latest draft of an environmental study analyzing transportation alternatives to improve safety, access and mobility while reducing congestion in one of the state's most heavily traveled corridors, Interstate 70 through northeast Denver and Aurora. CDOT is kicking off a 45-day public comment period starting today.

"We have spent a decade working with area residents, the business community and regional civic and economic development leaders," said CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt. "We are at a very critical point in the process, approaching the time when decisions will be made, and we want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to review this exhaustive analysis of the viable alternatives and make comments on it."

The three-volume report analyzes three alternatives and their impacts on environmental and social resources. The SDEIS also preliminarily identifies a preferred alternative that would remove the deteriorating, 50-year-old viaduct between Brighton Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard,
lower the highway below grade, add two tolled express lanes in each direction, and build an almost four-acre landscaped cover over the interstate by Swansea Elementary School. Community leaders helped develop the preferred alternative preliminarily identified in the SDEIS.

During the 45-day public comment period, the public is encouraged to view the studies at 17 metro Denver locations, including libraries, city halls and government offices, as well as online at [www.i-70east.com](http://www.i-70east.com). CDOT is urging those interested in the project to submit their comments via mail, email at contactus@i-70east.com, by telephone at 303.757.9413, online at [www.i-70east.com](http://www.i-70east.com) and at public hearings in Denver, Commerce City and Aurora on September 23, 24, and 25, so that they can become part of the official record of the project.

Click here for more information.

**I-70 East Project Office Opening Soon**

Starting September 2nd, the I-70 East project will open an office in the Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood at 3501 East 46th Avenue (Denver Rescue Mission).

Project team members and translators will be available at this location Monday through Saturday to provide information about the project and answer your questions. A hard copy of the Supplemental Draft EIS (for review) and comment forms will be available at this office for public use.

Join CDOT on Tuesday, September 2nd between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the Project Office Grand Opening Celebration at 3501 East 46th Ave.

Click here to view the Announcement flyer.

**National Western Center**

**Public Meeting Provides Update on Master Plan**

The National Western Center project team hosted its second public meeting this week at the Colorado Miners Rec Center. The Master Plan team highlighted the work accomplished in the last year by the...
**Place:** 1930 35th St. (Arkins Court & 35th Ave.)

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**In the Community**

The Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) provides zero to low interest loans to qualifying low to moderate income Denver homeowners to make much needed emergency repairs or needed improvements to their home. In addition, DURA provides grants to qualifying Denver residents with eligible disabilities for the purpose of improving access to and inside the home. DURA has managed these programs for over 30 years and over 16,000 Denver residents have used these loans and grants to improve the safety and living conditions of their homes. We invite you to learn more about

National Western Citizens Advisory Committee and the partners. During the meeting, attendees learned about the potential site uses and programmed facilities that can drive economic impact, provide Denver with a long lasting world class stock show and help revitalize the surrounding neighborhoods.

During the meeting, the team also presented important connections needed around the National Western Center and initial site program layouts.

The next public meeting is scheduled for September 30th. More information to come.

[Click here to review the public meeting presentation.](#)

**Neighborhood Plans**

**Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan**

Progress continues for the Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan. A workshop to discuss the 40th and Colorado Station took place earlier this month and the presentation can be viewed by clicking here. Join us for a follow up public meeting jointly sponsored by the City of Denver and the Urban Land Conservancy that will build upon public input and previous concepts to further explore future land uses, and possible new connections between sub-areas, to future parks and open space, and to the station platform.

**40th and Colorado Public Workshop**

**Wednesday, September 17**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

4100 Jackson Street

Food, child care and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

**Globeville Neighborhood Plan**

The Globeville Neighborhood Plan is in its final stages and the draft will be released to the public in October. The City’s Community Planning and Development team has been listening to and working with residents for the past two years on the plan content. Key issues that will be addressed by the plan include:

- A disconnected street network
- The land use relationship between industrial and residential uses
- Access to parks, the South Platte River, and open space
- Missing services
these opportunities available to you.

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In the News

I-70 Denver east upgrade public comment, 9 News

CDOT lays out $1.8 billion plan to ease I-70 and I-25 traffic, Denver Business Journal

I-70 proposal for northeast Denver opening to the public, Denver Post

RTD's Gold Line progresses, North Denver Tribune

Denver rental project in RiNo's Taxi complex to target young families, Denver Post

Our Legacy and Promise for I-70, North Denver Tribune

Paying for I-70 improvements, Denver Post

CDOT to hold public hearings on I-70 expansion in Denver; plan includes public/private partnerships, 7News

Denver's Mayor Delivers New Trash Bins to Swansea Neighborhood, CBS 4

- Health and environmental concerns

The four guiding principles that have led conversations include:

- A Strong Community
- A Healthy Community
- A Unique Community
- A Connected Community

After the plan is presented to the neighborhood, the plan will then go to the Denver Planning Board and City Council in November and December for approval. We will notify you regarding the upcoming public meeting soon.

47th Avenue Bike Lanes in Globeville

47th Avenue from Washington to Broadway is on the Denver Public Works 2014 bicycle work program. This section of 47th Ave is about 0.5 miles in length and the design calls for a bike lane, as identified on Denver Moves, Denver’s bicycle and multi-use network plan. It was also further identified as an early implementation item through the Globeville Neighborhood Plan, which is currently in progress. A bicycle connection on 47th Avenue offers important east-west connection in the Globeville neighborhood, and it offers access to Globeville's Argo Park, the new park walking loop, and South Platte River Trail. This improvement supports the vision for healthy neighborhood through increased pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

Currently, 47th Avenue has a travel lane in each direction and on-street parking on the north side of the street. The proposed design includes a travel lane and bicycle lane in each direction. To accommodate a bicycle lane in each direction, the proposed design for 47th Ave will require removal of the on-street parking. The trade-off to remove the parking for bicycle lanes was discussed and widely supported through the neighborhood planning process. Implementation of the bicycle lanes is scheduled to occur late summer 2014.

Stay tuned for more information.
What’s Your Favorite Place in Denver?
And more importantly, why?

We’re asking everyone in Denver to answer the question on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, using the hashtag #favoriteplacedenver.

View this video and help us start a citywide conversation about placemaking and city-building. Let’s learn from one another how we can make our beloved city even better!

Post Your Favorite Place Now!

Start now! Post a photo or video on social media, and don’t forget to hashtag it #favoriteplacedenver.

Learn more and see what others are saying!

Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Second Phase Kick Off
The Brighton Boulevard Redevelopment Project recently kicked off its second phase with more detailed design work focused on the area from 29th to 44th streets. During the coming weeks, project team members will be conducting surveying and geotechnical discovery in that area of the corridor. To assist in this work, property owners in the focus area will be asked to engage in more detailed information gathering sessions on current property uses including parking, access and operations. The city is determined to engage as many corridor users as possible as we work toward transforming Brighton Boulevard into a gateway to the city and community amenity.

RTD Station Development

East Rail Line Open House Set for Sept. 13
Join RTD and Denver Transit Partners for our annual open house! Get caught up on our construction progress on the East Rail Line to Denver International Airport.

Breakfast will be served... so bring your family, friends and neighbors.

- See heavy construction equipment
- View final train station designs
- Learn about the new train cars

Saturday, September 13, 2014
9 - 11 a.m.
Swigert International School
3480 Syracuse St.
Denver, CO 80238

North Metro Rail Line holds public meetings in September
The RTD North Metro Team will be holding two public meetings to review design status, show station designs and receive input on station elements.

Wednesday, September 24
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Anythink Library
5877 E. 120th Avenue
Thornton, CO 80602

Thursday, September 25

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Quick Links

NDCC
Councilwoman Judy Montero
Airport City Denver
NDCC 2013 Annual Report
Neighborhoods & Planning Committee

NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups

Interested in learning more about the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative? Does your organizations want to host a Coffee with Kelly to hear about the NDCC?

If so, please contact Erika R. Martinez today!

Questions? Feedback?

The NDCC team believes in an open door policy. Do you have a question or comment? Share them with our team.

ndcc@denvergov.org

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Commerce City Rec Center
6060 East Parkway Drive
Commerce City, CO 80022

Spanish translation will be available at both public meetings. For more info on the North Metro Rail project visit our website.

River North (RiNo)

Click here for project information.

Connecting to the Community
Newsletter Distribution

Please help us build our distribution list! If you know someone who isn’t getting the NDCC News Update, please share it with them.

In addition, printed bilingual newsletters are available for distribution throughout the community. If you would like to make these available at your business or organization, please contact Erika Martinez.

You Are Invited!

Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s CABINET IN THE COMMUNITY
Saturday, September 6, 2014
Manual High School
1700 E. 28th Ave., Denver, CO 80205
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Come and hear a firsthand account of what is happening in your community and around the city of Denver. Following a brief presentation, we welcome community members to engage in one-on-one dialogue with the Mayor and his Leadership Team.

Complimentary Continental Breakfast Included!
Denver Days in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea

Last year, Mayor Michael B. Hancock launched Denver Days to help neighbors get to know each other and get involved with their communities by throwing block parties, organizing service projects and hosting neighborhood activities. This year, Globeville, Elyria and Swansea celebrated Denver Days with a splash with a variety of community events to commemorate the strength and spirit of the neighborhoods.

The Denver Days kicked off Saturday, August 2nd and Habitat for Humanity hosted a volunteer day in Globeville followed by a block party to celebrate the community. Mayor Michael B. Hancock stopped by to thank residents and the organization for their efforts to
revitalize Globeville.

On August 9th, United Community Action Network of Metro Denver (UCAN Metro Denver) hosted a clean-up and beautification event, supported by Public Works Solid Waste, and deployed crews of volunteers and equipment throughout Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea. Several of the Western Center MOU Partners and project team leaders pitched in, and Mayor Hancock joined to help replace the mulch at Argo Park and thank residents for their efforts. Volunteers and the community enjoyed a celebration with food and music in the afternoon.

That same day, The Growhaus hosted a festive block party where families enjoyed a variety of entertainment, delicious food and great company. Resource tables were also part of the event offering a variety of services to the residents.

Thank you to everyone involved in creating neighborly events for all to enjoy and everyone who participated.

P.S. You Are Here Grant Awarded to the Globeville, Elyria Swansea Bus Bench Beautification Project

Congratulations to Birdseed Collective Corp. and Anthony Garcia Sr. for receiving $4,000 for the GES Bus Bench Beautification Project.

Click here for more information on the grant.

Denver's Corridor of Opportunity

The Corridor of Opportunity represents a nearly 23-mile stretch between linking I-70 and East Commuter line from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport.

The corridor is one of the most compelling commercial investment opportunities in the world, with thousands of developable acres. With nine commuter-rail stations along RTD's East Line alone (slated to open in 2016), future plans for the area include transit-oriented development with housing, strategic locations for corporate headquarters and abundant
options for additional open space.

The variety of opportunities, both existing and future, make this corridor a focal point for Denver’s future economy, with nearly 40,000 new jobs through new and expanded businesses and $2.6 billion in economic impact expected over the next three decades, including $13.4 million annually in additional city revenue.

![Denver’s Corridor of Opportunity](image)

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**About the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC)**

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative was founded by Mayor Michael B. Hancock on January 25, 2013. Recognizing a convergence of upcoming projects in the Elyria-Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods, the Mayor identified an opportunity to energize a cornerstone of the Corridor of Opportunity and create an updated gateway to downtown by aligning individual efforts into one coordinated vision. Kelly Leid manages the general oversight, planning, strategic coordination, financing and implementation of the six primary projects.

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