Dear Friend,

One of the priorities we have shared with you for 2014 is to begin exploring funding options for NDCC projects. To help tackle this need, Mayor Michael B. Hancock created an
NDCC Finance Committee that consists of a diverse group of internal and external individuals who are working on current NDCC projects; have experience generating financial options for large projects and have a history of producing creative solutions to finance projects of this scale. The committee is tasked with the following:

- Exploring public/private partnerships suitable for NDCC projects
- Recommending finance options to Mayor

The committee will begin meeting in March/April and the NDCC will keep you updated on their progress.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

Featured Project: RTD

With the RTD FasTracks Program currently in place, Globeville, Elyria and Swansea will have four rail station stops by way of three rail lines. The Gold Line is an 11.2 mile electric commuter rail transit line that will connect Denver Union Station to Wheat Ridge through northwest Denver, Adams County and Arvada. One of its 8 stations is on 41st and Fox giving Globeville a connection to other parts of the city. This line is expected to open in 2016.

The East Rail Line is a 22.8 mile commuter rail transit corridor that will operate between Union Station and Denver International Airport. The rail line will connect these two important areas while serving adjacent employment centers, neighborhoods and development areas in Denver and Aurora. This rail line has two stops within the NDCC area; 38th and Blake and 40th and Colorado Blvd. This rail line is also opening in 2016.

The third line within the NDCC is the North Metro Rail Line, an 18.5 mile electric commuter rail line that will run from Denver Union Station through Commerce City, Thornton and Northglenn to Highway 7 in North Adams County. The stop within the NDCC area is expected to be at the National Western Stock Show and the line is expected to open in 2018. The North Rail Line is ready to break ground on March 20th at 10:00 am at the future 124th Avenue Station. The community is encouraged to attend.
RTD is also building a new Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF) to repair, maintain, clean and store vehicles that will serve the four FasTracks commuter rail corridors: Gold Line, East Corridor, Northwest Rail and North Metro. This site is located at 48th Ave. and Fox Street, just north of I-70 and west of I-25, also in the NDCC area.

The NDCC's role is to collaboratively work with RTD, other city agencies and the community on the development of stations mentioned above.

For more information about any of the lines and other FasTracks projects, click here.

### NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

#### Neighborhood Plans

**Globeville**

In February, the Globeville Steering Committee met to discuss the next topic in the neighborhood planning process: A Unique Globeville. This topic is intended to address the characteristics that make Globeville a unique neighborhood including: history, culture, location, and urban design elements that are present in the neighborhood. A public meeting on the topic of uniqueness will be scheduled soon. Click here for meeting announcements and other project information.

**Elyria - Swansea**

The Elyria - Swansea neighborhood steering committee is focusing their March discussion on two important topics, including 1) a discussion with RTD representatives on...
current and future transit services serving the neighborhood, and 2) a discussion with Denver Parks & Recreation to explore concepts for parks programming, recreational facilities, trails and open space throughout the neighborhood. These topics will also be covered in a future public meeting.

Resident and stakeholder input is important to this process and will help to shape the final neighborhood plan that will be adopted in late 2014. For more information on the Neighborhood Plans, [click here.](#)

National Western Center

**Parson Brinkerhoff to Lead Master Plan Effort**

In December, a Request for Qualifications was issued in search of a master planner that would guide the planning efforts for the National Western Stock Show in conjunction with the City, Colorado State University, Denver Museum of Nature and Science and History Colorado. Parsons Brinckerhoff has been chosen as the master planner to lead this effort. The team assembled by Parsons Brinckerhoff includes a variety of companies and individuals who have a history of doing great work in Denver, across the US and internationally. The Parsons Brinkerhoff team has been involved in notable city projects such as Denver Union Station, Central Platte Valley and Stapleton Redevelopment among others.

"Our team is excited to be part of such a unique project that will blend education, economic development, tourism, neighborhood revitalization and entertainment," said Project Manager Eric Anderson. "We will be diligent about working with the residents and other stakeholders to ensure we create a plan that is suitable for the neighborhood, its partners and the entire region."

I-70 Reconstruction

**EIS Process**

The I-70 East EIS is following a process outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act. It is designed to ensure that reasonable transportation alternatives are considered, that community input plays a key role, and that the environmental and community effects are fully disclosed. There is an 11 step process currently being followed and the project is on Step #9 - Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS). CDOT has identified a reasonable alternative and is currently writing the SDEIS to include the changes in the
alternatives and Denver's enhanced option. The public and agencies will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Supplemental Draft EIS.

[Click here to learn more about the process.]

The next Community Leaders Coordination meeting is Wednesday, March 19th from 4:30 - 6:30 at Focus Points Resource Center.

Other NDCC Projects
For additional information on other NDCC projects, click the links below.

[Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment]

[River North (RiNo)]

**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.
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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