North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

NDCC

Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

Project News

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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map
Dear Friends,

The saying goes, "time flies when you are having fun!" We are now mid-way through 2014 and our team has been working diligently to advance the work of all six NDCC projects in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. All six projects play a significant role in uplifting this part of the city and we are all proud to be working with the community to advance our work.

We have set an aggressive timeline to help us move projects forward. Although we still have a long road ahead, this is a great opportunity to celebrate our successes. Whether small or large, every success is important to the progress of each project. I am happy to share with you a short overview of what has been accomplished in the first 6 months of the year through strong collaborations and thoughtful and creative planning.

- Jumpstarted the master planning efforts for the National Western Center to recreate the complex into an year round destination.
- Developed a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for Globeville, Elyria and Swansea that provides a snapshot of health related issues in the neighborhoods such as quality of the environment, connectivity, access to goods and services, community safety and mental well-being. Recommendations made through the assessment help inform the neighborhood planning process under the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative.
- RTD broke ground on the North Metro Line which will advance connectivity from Denver Union Station to Commerce City and Adams County with an essential stop at the National Western Stock Show.
- Produced a feasibility study that provided facility recommendations for the National Western Complex, Denver Coliseum and the Colorado Convention Center centered on long-term viability and competiveness of Denver's facilities.
- Produced the Brighton Boulevard Schematic Redevelopment Project report that provides a multi-modal vision to revitalize this 2.5 mile corridor between 29th St and the City limits north...
**Place**: National Western Complex (4655 Humbolt St.)  
**Time**: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Wed., July 30**  
Urban Land Institute - Technical Advisory Panel Presentation  
**Place**: 4100 Jackson Street  
**Time**: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**In the Community**

One of Denver's must attend summer festivals takes place in Globeville every year!  
Save the date for the 11th Annual Orthodox Food Festival & Old Globeville Days on Saturday, July 19th from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm and Sunday, July 20th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. At Globeville-Argo Park (47th and North Logan). Presented by Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, the festival celebrates the neighborhood's ethnic diversity through food, desserts, music, dancing, arts, crafts, and much more from Greece, Mexico, Italy, Russia, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine! You will enjoy an iconography exhibit, tours of the Historic Landmark Cathedral and Dance Under the Stars to the music of variety cover

The NDCC will approach the next six months with the same intense focus. I would like to thank the residents of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea for their involvement and commitment to this process. A special thanks also goes to Councilwoman Judy Montero for being a great partner and voice for the neighborhoods. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank our internal teams from Community Planning & Development, Public Works, Parks & Rec, Office of Economic Development, Department of Environmental Health, City Attorney's Office and the Department of Revenue for their commitment to Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. Our future is bright and we look forward to the continued partnerships.

Sincerely,

Kelly Leid  
Executive Director  
North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

**NDCC PROJECT UPDATES**
Neighborhood Plans

Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan
The Elyria-Swansea neighborhood planning process will be focusing on the 40th and Colorado station area in July and August. This station will be an important stop between Downtown Denver and DIA along the East Corridor commuter rail line which will begin operation in 2016. The ½ mile area surrounding the station includes portions of the Northeast Park Hill neighborhood to the east and the Clayton neighborhood to the south.

Urban Land Institute - Technical Advisory Panel Presentation
Date: Wednesday, July 30th  
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: 4100 Jackson Street  
This meeting is open to the public and will offer perspective on future market opportunities at the 40th & Colorado commuter rail station, and how the surrounding area could be improved to foster healthy living for residents and employees.

40th and Colorado Public Workshop
Date: Wednesday, August 13  
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Location: 4100 Jackson Street  
This public meeting will focus on community design around the 40th and Colorado station. Topics will include land uses, connectivity, station access, building heights, storm water quality and other important considerations.

National Western Center
The master plan effort is underway with an aggressive timeline expected for the end of the year. As part of the planning process, the MOU Partners, with key input from the Citizen's Advisory Council, have created the vision, values and goals that will guide the high-level planning effort.

The vision is bold, turning the National Western Center into an international model for a synergistic educational and research and development community.

Vision Statement: The National Western Center celebrates the pioneering spirit and promise of the West through year-round experiential learning, the arts, entertainment, competition and commerce.
Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Congratulations to the CH2MHiLL firm and team members Fehr & Peers, RNL, GBSM, Wenk and Associates, OV Consulting, Goodbee & Associates, Pinyon Environmental, 105 West, Rocksol Consulting Group, and P.U.M.A. for being selected for the next phase of design of Brighton Boulevard from 29th to 44th Avenues. This work will begin this summer with additional surveying, geotechnical and environmental investigation, and continued outreach to businesses and developments along the Brighton Boulevard Corridor. This next phase is scheduled to be completed in 9 months and will refine the plans and urban design concepts developed over the last year. Bill Lang will continue as Project Manager for the Prime Consultant CH2MHiLL and Dennis Ohlrogge is the Project Manager for the City and can be reached at 720-913-4546 or dennis.ohlrogge@denvergov.org.

River North (RiNo)

On behalf of Denver Arts & Venues, the NDCC and River North Art District (RiNo), you are invited to provide your feedback and ideas on an important artist live/work space feasibility study lead by Artspace in the North Denver area, details and venue to follow. See below for meeting times and please RSVP to lisa.gedgaudas@denvergov.org for one (1) group date and time that you can join (space is limited). This is the first step in a series of events, workshops, and meetings related to the study over the coming months. These meetings are designed to gather small groups of people to shared interests in the area.

Artspace, a national nonprofit developer, owner and operator of spaces for artists and creative enterprises, received special funding from JP Morgan Chase, the City of Denver and others to identifying the space needs of artists and creative businesses in and around the RiNo and North Denver area. This study is to help advance a potential mixed-use project that includes living and working space for artists and creative businesses and supports the future of the arts in the area.

July 15
Artists & Creative Businesses Stakeholder Group I
2:30 - 4:00
July 16
Civic Orgs & Foundations Stakeholder Group
11am - 12:30pm

Civic Leaders, Housing & Developers Stakeholder Group
Wednesday, July 16
2pm - 3:30pm

Artists & Creative Businesses Stakeholder Group II
4pm - 5:30pm

Artists & Creative Businesses Stakeholder Group III
6pm - 7:30pm

I-70 Reconstruction

This past month, several city officials, Denver city council members and business leaders got a firsthand look at highway covers on SR 520 and I-90 in the Seattle, Washington area. The Washington State Department of Transportation provided the tour, which included a visit to the current construction of three new 500-foot lids over SR520. As the proposed cover over I-70 East would be the state's only highway cover, this tour was intended to provide participants with some insight into the "look and feel" of a covered highway along with the community context surrounding these projects.

Members of the tour group were attending the Downtown Denver Partnership's Urban Exploration program held in Seattle. This program focuses on learning best practices of other cities specifically around infrastructure, economic development, transit and transportation and public private partnerships. The 3 hour tour was coordinated after the Urban Exploration program and led by the Washington Department of Transportation.
Washington State Department of Transportation working on one of Seattle's highway covers.

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

**RTD Station Development**

**NDCC Mid-Year Town Hall Meeting**

Join the NDCC for the Mid Year Town Hall meeting for key updates on the six major projects in your neighborhood. You'll have a chance to speak to decision makers and project teams about the progress and provide your input.

**Mid Year NDCC Town Hall Meeting**
Tuesday, July 22nd
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
National Western Complex (4655 Humbolt St.)

**Agenda**
5:30 pm  Doors Open

6:00 pm  Welcome & Mid Year Successes by NDCC Executive Director Kelly Leid

6:30 pm  Roundtable: How to Use the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as a Tool to Improve your Neighborhood

7:30 pm  Adjourn
Kid Zone and Translation Services will be available.

Click here download a bilingual flyer.

State of the City Address
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)

**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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