Dear Friend,

The NDCC invites you to join us for our Quarterly Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 10th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Swansea Elementary School. These public meetings serve
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and Denver Human Services as an opportunity for residents to receive up to date information on the six NDCC projects. The informal setting allows attendees to walk from station to station throughout the 2 hour public event.

Based upon feedback from last year’s attendees, we are adding a "round table" discussion to each Town Hall. This quarter’s Town Hall Meeting is a round table discussion on Jobs & Training. Hosted by Councilwoman Judy Montero and the Office of Economic Development, this round table will provide information on the current efforts to provide jobs and training to the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea residents. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on the needs of the neighborhood as it relates to this topic.

We look forward to seeing you on April 10th.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

Featured Project: I-70 Reconstruction

In 1964, the construction of I-70 East was completed and since then has served as Colorado's only east-west interstate connection. A prominent feature of I-70 East is the viaduct, which crosses through the Swansea-Elyria neighborhood. This structure has reached the end of its useful life and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has been studying a variety of alternatives for the last 10 years. After reviewing over 90 alternatives, a "preferred alternative" for the I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been preliminarily identified. The Partial Cover Lowered (PCL) option on the Existing Alignment would remove the viaduct between Brighton and Colorado Boulevard, lower the highway below grade along this stretch, cover the highway by Swansea Elementary School and reconnect the Elyria and Swansea neighborhood. This alternative was developed over many years of work with community and has broad public support, including from elected officials.

CDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expect to issue a Record of Decision finalizing plans for I-70 East in 2015, so that construction can begin as soon as 2016. This timing is critical given the condition of the nearly 50-year-old bridge. Although recent repairs extended its useful life, the viaduct must still be
wants you to Help Kids Thrive. This public awareness campaign is aimed at keeping families stable, helping kids thrive, and building stronger communities. The campaign is designed not only to build awareness, but also to encourage participation in a number of activities that will help strengthen our community.

Join Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Denver Human Services on **Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:30 pm at Focus Points Family Resource Center** for a kick off ceremony. This event will feature a symbolic planting of a pinwheel garden that will be one of many throughout the city. Support the effort and join Denver Human Services.

The month is filled with a variety of activities to raise awareness. For a listing of activities you can participate in such as parenting classes, pinwheel plantings and others, [click here](#).

**In the News**

**North Metro Rail Line breaks ground amid cheers, Denver Post**

**RTD breaks ground on FasTracks' North Metro rail line, Denver**

replaced and construction of the new highway needs to begin soon.

To meet these deadlines, a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be issued in the summer of 2014. It will identify the PCL option as the preferred alternative and will analyze the benefits and impacts of all the alternatives on the existing alignment. It also includes additional discussion on why CDOT chose not to consider rerouting the highway out of Denver. Following public comment, a Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared, which will contain refinements, a funding plan, and responses to questions submitted on the Supplemental Draft EIS. After additional public comment, the FHWA will issue a Record of Decision.

CDOT has a robust outreach effort to ensure residents receive the most updated information and have many opportunities to provide their feedback. For example, CDOT's monthly Community Leaders Coordination Meetings provide a regular opportunity for individuals to meet with the project team and ask questions and provide input. Councilwoman Judy Montero has also been working closely with the residents on mitigation efforts creating a list of concerns that should be addressed and considered by CDOT.

The City & County of Denver has been working collaboratively with CDOT to improve the project. In addition, neighboring cities have also been part of the process. The future of the Steele/Vasquez interchange is one example of an element of the project that has brought together all stakeholders to find a workable solution.

On Tuesday, April 1, the Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure (LUTI) Committee will be considering the passage of a City Council Proclamation. [Click here for more information](#).

For more information about the I-70 Reconstruction project, [click here](#).
Business Journal

RTD Breaks Ground On New North Metro Rail Line, 9News

RTD Breaks Ground On New North Metro Rail Line, CBS4

NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

Neighborhood Plans

Globeville

Please save the evening of April 15th for the next public meeting for the Globeville Neighborhood Plan. The topic of this next meeting will be "A Unique Globeville", where we will be exploring ideas for showcasing the neighborhood's history, cultivating art and creativity, and embracing Globeville's unique attributes.

Final details will be available this week. Please click here for more information.

National Western Center

Next Step: LUTI

On Tuesday, April 1st, the NDCC will request that the Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure (LUTI) Committee approve a contract for professional consulting services. Through a competitive process, a team led by Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB) was chosen as the consulting firm to develop a master plan for the National Western Center and Denver Coliseum.

River North (RiNo)

35th/36th Pedestrian Bridge Project: Preferred Alternative Revised

As part of its final alternatives evaluation process, the City and County of Denver has revised the west side landing of the preferred alternative for the new pedestrian bridge that will span over the railroad tracks to connect Blake...
The NDCC team believes in an open door policy. Do you have a question or comment? Share them with our team.

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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.

Click here to read more...

RTD Station Development

East & Gold Line

Want to know the latest with the East and Gold Lines? Climb in the helicopter and enjoy a cool flyover of each line starting at Denver Union Station.

East Line
Gold Line

North Rail Line

RTD FasTracks broke ground Thursday, March 20 on the North Metro Rail Line, a new commuter rail service that will improve transit options for Denver’s northern communities when it opens in 2018.

Dignitaries participated in a ceremonial spike-pulling event to commemorate the beginning of construction. RTD contractor Regional Rail Partners (RRP) will design and build the first 12.5-mile phase of the electrified commuter rail line from Denver Union Station to 124th Avenue.

Other NDCC Projects

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

Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Denver Releases Cultural Plan
Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Denver Arts & Venues released Denver's first cultural plan in 25 years earlier this month. **IMAGINE 2020: Denver's Cultural Plan** provides a strategic vision for the city's arts, culture and creativity, and sets a bold agenda to achieve in seven years.

Through an inclusive, data-driven public input process that asked residents to imagine its cultural future, **IMAGINE 2020** was created for Denverites by Denverites.

[Click here for more information.](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1116971092428&format=html&print=true)

### 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](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1116971092428&format=html&print=true)

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

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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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