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,

Please join us next week for our 4th Quarter NDCC Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, December 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Forney Museum (4303 Brighton Blvd.). Town Hall meetings are open to the public and intended to provide the community with key updates on all six NDCC projects. Attendees are able to walk from station to station speaking with project teams during the two hour meeting. A brief presentation will highlight the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plans and the National Western Center master plan.

Interpretation services and a kid zone will be available. We look forward to seeing you next week and please bring a neighbor.

Sincerely,

NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

Neighborhood Plans

Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan

A draft of the Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan is currently available for review. The plan focuses on important character areas in the study area, including Traditional Residential Areas, Traditional Residential Areas, the National Western Center and Station area, the I-70 Corridor, Industrial Areas, the 40th and Colorado Station Area and the 38th and Blake Station Area.

Please download the PDF at the project website: www.denvergov.org/elyria-swansea.

Printed copies of the plan are available for review at two locations:
1. Valdez-Perry Library, 4690 Vine Street
2. Focus Points Resource Center, 2501 East 48th Avenue

Please take this opportunity to review the plan draft in preparation for an upcoming public meeting:

Elyria Swansea Public Open House Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This meeting is for members of the general public to review
Denver Post

*Denver City Council green lights River North pedestrian bridge,* Denver Post

*The Source marketplace in Denver celebrates 1 year in RiNo Arts District,* Denver Post

*Mixed Use development to bring condos, retail to RiNo,* Denver Business Journal

*Celebrate: The Source, 5280*

*CDOT: I-70 Plan protects taxpayers,* Denver Post

*Click here to read more stories regarding NDCC projects.*

**Quick Links**

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NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups

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the draft plan and provide feedback. The meeting location and additional details will soon follow.

**Globeville Neighborhood Plan**

On Monday, December 1st, a public hearing was held for the Globeville Neighborhood Plan. Representatives from the community spoke in support of the plan and Denver City Council voted to approve the plan. Congratulations Globeville!

*Click here to view the plan.*

**National Western Center**

**Master Plan To be Completed in December**

The National Western Center project team is finalizing the draft master plan and will be available for your review on December 19th. The Plan will include site orientation and character based on community and partner feedback that supports the vision and goals of the National Western Center, which has developed over the past 9 months.

**Vision:** The National Western Center celebrates the pioneering spirit and promise of the West through year-round experiential life-long leaning, the arts, entertainment, competition and commerce.

**Goals:**

- Community and neighborhood integration
- Engage the River and Nature
- Celebrate Western Heritage
- Inspire Health and Wellness
- Build Cultural Crossroads
- Be Pioneering: Break Trail and Foster Innovation
- Create Fun and Entertaining Experiences
- Grow Local, Regional, and Global Intelligence
- Embrace an Ethic of Regeneration

In the next several weeks, an announcement will be sent providing a link to the draft of the National Western Center Master Plan.

**Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment**

**Project Update**

CH2M Hill has officially begun design work for Brighton Blvd
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](mailto:erika.marinez@denvergov.org) 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](mailto:ndcc@denvergov.org)

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](mailto:erika.marinez@denvergov.org)

between 29th Street and 44th Street. The project team is currently working with a task force of core stakeholders to move the project forward. A public meeting in January will soon be announced. Stay tuned for more information.

SEH was recently awarded a contract to completed design work for Brighton Blvd from 44th Street to Race Court (the National Western Center segment). That segments design work, which is a key entry into the future National Western Center Campus, is slated to begin soon. SEH is expected to complete 30% design work on this segment by April 2015.

**Demolition Under Way!**

Another exciting redevelopment project on Brighton Blvd. has begun! Family Environmental has begun demolition of the old Drive Train building on 31st Ave. and Brighton Blvd. making way for two new mixed-use projects.

**River North (RiNo)**

**35th/36th Pedestrian Bridge and Blake Bridge/Sidewalks Update**

The City is moving forward on a number of infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of RTD's 38th/Blake Commuter Rail Station. Three of these projects - the new pedestrian bridge at 35th Street, Blake Street Bridge improvements and new and improved sidewalks in the area - are funded and headed toward construction in 2015. [Click here to read more.](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true)

**I-70 Reconstruction**

**The City Responds to CDOT's SDEIS**

The City Responds to CDOT’s SDEIS Comment Period  
The Colorado Department of Transportation's public comment period on the current, preferred plan for I-70 East ended Oct. 31, 2014. Thank you to everyone who provided comments. You can read Denver's response to the SDEIS by clicking on the links below:

[Executive Summary Letter to CDOT on behalf of the Mayor](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true)  
[City and County of Denver Comments on I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true)
Leaders Meeting in December - Cancelled
The I-70 Community Leaders meeting for December has been cancelled. Please [click here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true) for updated information on the I-70 project.

Visualize the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative
Explore the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative in 3d with [animated video](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true). The Partial Cover Lowered Alternative is the Preliminarily Identified Preferred Alternative for the I-70 East EIS project. This Alternative adds additional lanes in each direction of the highway to provide better mobility between I-25 and Tower Road, removes the existing viaduct between Brighton Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard, rebuilds I-70 along this segment below grade on the existing alignment, and places a cover on the highway between Columbine Street and Clayton Street. [Check it out by clicking here!](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true)

RTD Station Development

Final Rails Connected for East Rail Line
The East Rail Line reached a big milestone this past month. The "Golden Spike" ceremony took place November 24, 2014 marking the joining of the last rails on the 23-mile commuter rail line between downtown's Union Station and Denver International Airport.

Spikes are no longer used but RTD uses steel clips inserted horizontally. The photo shows the track crew preparing to push the final "golden clip" to connect the steel rail to the concrete tie. By the way, it's not real gold, it's just spray paint.

First Commuter Rail Cars Arrive in Denver
RTD's first 4 commuter rail cars have arrived from the assembly plant in Philadelphia. They are at Union Station and you're invited to tour them December 3-6 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. [Click here for more information](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119348184619&format=html&printFrame=true).

Holiday Happenings in the Community

Holiday Party Hosted by ESG Business Association
The Elyria-Swansea-Globeville Business Association (ESGBA) is holding their annual holiday celebration for local families on December 16th. This annual tradition provides food, toiletries, toys and clothing to 260 children from the neighborhood. The event also includes a variety of entertainment and a resource fair for the families held at the National Western Complex. To donate or sponsor, please contact Larry Burgess at 303-956-8572.

**The Growhaus 2nd Annual Toy Drive**
The Growhaus is hosting their 2nd annual toy drive. This year, over 300 families have requested assistance in providing toys for their children. This holiday season; please consider supporting The Growhaus by signing up for the GrowHaus toy drive and purchasing a toy for one of the families. [Click here for more information.](#)

**The Source Holiday Market**
The Source is looking for vendors, makers, and artists who would like to participate in the Source Holiday Market. The market will take place the first three weekends in December on Saturday and Sunday from 10-6 pm. They are charging $50/day to have a spot. Email marielle@zeppelinplaces.com for details!

**Neighborhood Christmas Tree Lot**
Fresh Christmas trees from Harry's Urban Farmers' Market, one block north of The Source on Brighton Blvd. are on sale Nov 28th - Dec 24th! In partnership with UCAN Metro Denver, a variety of trees at excellent prices are available and they will deliver! Email UCANMetrodenver@gmail.com with questions. Or, just show up at the lot!

**Globeville, Elyria & Swansea Legacy Project Receives Award**
The City of Denver's municipal television channel, Denver 8 TV, recently gained recognition at the Government Programming Awards, a national TV/Video programming competition. The recognition was received in the Ethnic Experience category for Channel 8's video project with Councilwoman Judy Montero for the Globeville, Swansea, and Elyria Legacy Project. Congratulations to all of those involved in this important project!

**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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