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Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

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Upcoming Public Meetings

Wed., Nov. 5
Globeville Neighborhood Plan at Denver Planning Board Public Hearing
Place: Webb Municipal Office Building (201 W. Colfax Avenue, Room 4.F.6/4.G.2)
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 5
HPTE Town Hall Meeting
Place: Swansea Recreation Center (2650 E. 49th Ave.)
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wed., December 9
NDCC Town Hall Meeting
Place: TBD
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

On Friday, October 31st, Mayor Hancock on behalf of the City and County of Denver submitted comments to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the I-70 East Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) project. Our team compiled a variety of comments supporting the Partially Covered Lowered Alternative ("PCL") based on several topics that are critical to ensuring a good quality of life, health and safety. We believe the PCL is the best and most viable option to deliver a project that will serve the complex needs of our residents, commuters and the region as a whole.

The City requests further review of several issues that need additional input which include Neighborhood Health and Quality of Life, Second Cover, Air Quality, Highway "Footprint", Connectivity, 47th and York, Steele/Vasquez and Colorado Boulevard Interchanges, Housing and Relocation, Drainage and Water Quality and Community Outreach. The City is committed to continuing to work with CDOT and the neighborhoods to address these concerns and ensure that the I-70 East SDEIS supports the vitality and strength of the surrounding communities.

We value the large investment CDOT is making and the bold solution it has put forth. This is an important step to move us forward to addressing critical transportation issues. Click here to read the Mayor's letter, the City's comments and the press release.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

Neighborhood Plans

Globeville Neighborhood Plan
On November 5th the Denver Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the draft Globeville Neighborhood Plan. Meeting details are below. To learn more about the neighborhood plan and to download the latest draft, please visit www.denvergov.org/globeville.

Denver Planning Board Public Hearing
Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 3:00pm
Webb Municipal Office Building
201 W. Colfax Avenue, Room 4.F.6/4.G.2
Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan
The Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan continues to advance. A draft is expected to be released in mid November and we will send a link as soon as it’s available.

Health Impact Assessment
In October, the NDCC, Department of Environmental Health and Councilwoman Judy Montero officially released the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to the neighborhoods during a community event at Argo Park. Mayor Michael B. Hancock discussed how the City is responding to the recommendations issued in the HIA. Some of the efforts highlighted included the implementation of the "Healthy Corner Store Retail Program", improvement of access and connectivity through the redeveloped National Western Center, new and upgraded street lighting among others. In addition, the event also included a celebration of the new bike lane on 47th Ave. and the groundbreaking of a walking loop at Argo Park.

Download your copy today!
Executive Summary
Full HIA

National Western Center

Master Plan Moves Forward
The master planning process continues to advance. In the next month in a half, the master plan team will be completing the draft of the plan which will outline recommendations for the building layout based on community input. Residents and other stakeholders will be able to review the draft starting December 19th. If you would like to review the presentations provided at previous public meetings, click here.

Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Project Update
The detailed planning of Brighton Blvd continues, which is being led by CH2M Hill on behalf of the city. Additionally, local businesses in collaboration with the RiNo Arts District are holding meetings to discuss the formation of a possible special district and business improvement district (BID) to help advance certain improvements along Brighton Blvd in partnership with the City (nearly $26 million is being pledged by the city in the Mayor’s 2015 budget to rebuild Brighton Blvd from 29th to 44th Street).
North Denver I-70 Revamping, CBS 4

Denver, regional leaders pledge support for CDOT’s I-70 plan, Denver Post

Trammell Crow industrial park at Asarco site will add 1M square feet in tight market, Denver Business Journal

Denver, 2 other Colorado cities will duke it out for state tourism funding, Denver Business Journal

RTD shares progress on East Line: Project is on time and on budget, Front Porch

Click here to read more stories regarding NDCC projects.

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

NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups

Project Update
Paired with a focus on Brighton Boulevard, the City is continuing to move forward with activities for the planned River North Park, 35th - 36th Pedestrian Bridge and roadway and riverfront improvement projects in RiNo. In the coming weeks, NDCC, in partnership with other key city agencies will be advancing project coordination and schedules for highlighted projects in the area between 31st and 35th Streets. The activities and projects focus on future improvements connecting the 38th and Blake RTD station to Brighton Boulevard and the South Platte River. As a part of these activities, the City is also participating in ongoing discussions with River North (RiNo) residents and stakeholders about a potential Business Improvement District (BID). The City is also planning additional public meetings and continued conversations with residents and property owners to collectively achieve the vision for RiNo. Public meetings for NDCC and key RiNo projects are anticipated for later this year and the first half of 2015.

I-70 Reconstruction

CDOT To Host Town Hall on Finance
The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) announced a public town hall meeting on Wednesday, November 5th to discuss the process involved in finding potential private investment and a partner for the proposed improvements to I-70 East in metro Denver.

Representatives from HPTE, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the I-70 East team will be available to discuss how the HPTE is exploring private investment to finance and accelerate improvements to I-70 East; the process of finding the right private partner for I-70 East; and to highlight elements of a possible Request for Qualifications. Meeting attendees will be able to ask questions and provide input at the meeting.

Wednesday, November 5
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Swansea Recreation Center, 2650 E. 49th Ave., Denver

Spanish translation and childcare will be available. For special assistance, please call 720-475-7039 prior to meeting.

The HPTE wants your input to help prepare a "Request for Qualifications" document, which describes the I-70 East project, and asks teams to submit their qualifications to be considered for this project. Learn more about HPTE and
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

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

provide your input on finding a partner for the proposed I-70 East project by visiting www.cdotexpresslanes.info.

For more information, visit these websites:

- HPTE: www.colordadohpte.com
- On-line Survey on "Finding a Partner" process: www.cdotexpresslanes.info

RTD Station Development

East Rail Line

Construction underway includes the following:

- Roadway reconstruction and sidewalk installation on Smith Road, east of Chambers Road in Aurora
- Corridor protection barrier installation on 40th Avenue between Blake and York streets in Denver
- Albion Street utility relocations and roadway median removals in preparation for roadway reconstruction project in Denver

Click here to read October’s Construction Update.

Gold Line

For the Gold Line, the following are construction projects underway:

- Construction on the 41st and Fox pedestrian bridge
- Construction on the Arvada Ridge Station pedestrian underpass
- Earthwork along Grandview Avenue in Arvada
- Commuter rail crossing installation on Vance Street in Arvada

Click here to read October’s Construction Update.

North Metro Rail Line

Check out the new design for the 104th Ave Station.
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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