North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

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Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

project news

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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map
Dear Friends,

The NDCC is finishing 2015 with a bang! Earlier this month, the State of Colorado’s Economic Development Commission voted to support the National Western Center with $121.5 million in state tourism funding through the Regional Tourism Act. The funding allows us to take the next step toward implementing the bold vision for the National Western Center.

The funds will be used to construct elements of the National Western Center that will drive new tourists to the future campus. Buildings such as the new Livestock Center, Stockyards/Events Pavilion and the Equestrian Center will create new tourist opportunities that will drive visitor spending. In addition, RTA funding will also support the revitalization of the riverfront and new infrastructure that will help connect the surrounding neighborhoods.

As the year comes to an end, we reflect on this significant accomplishment and others across all six NDCC projects, allowing us the opportunity to serve our community. This is also a time to reflect on the many lessons learned. We are humbled by the many residents who are great partners and continue to stay engaged in the NDCC.

Together, we've made great strides in advancing projects in GES. As we welcome 2016, the same passion and sense of urgency remains. The NDCC looks forward to continuing to engage the community and our growing list of partners on all NDCC Projects.

On behalf of the NDCC family, we wish you and yours a spirited holiday season.

Sincerely,

NDCC Team
Denver Arts & Venues partnered with the City and County of Denver’s Budget and Management Office to develop PSYAH through capital improvement funding. In 2015 PSYAH will be funding $66,000 in grants. With over 40 applications, nine received grants.

Congratulations to the following GES grantees!

- River North Art District, '38th Street Underpass Creative Lighting Intervention' - $10,000
- Urban Land Conservancy, '303 ArtWay - 40th & Colorado Station Gateway' - $10,000

Projects will be implemented throughout 2016 and will remain on display for a minimum of three months and up to one year. These projects are free and open to all members of the public.

For more information and a listing of other grantees, please visit [www.artsandvenues.com/psyah](http://www.artsandvenues.com/psyah)

**In the News**

A few stories regarding NDCC projects or related topics.

- RiNo at "a boil" not cooling off anytime soon, Denver Post
- DBJ’s top 15 news stories of 2015 -- No. 8 Bold plans for the National Western Stock Show, Denver Business Journal

**NDCC PROJECT UPDATES**

**National Western Center Campus**

**National Renewable Energy Laboratory to Advance Efforts for a "Net Zero" District at the National Western Center**

The NDCC and the Colorado State University System (CSU System) announced in December that the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will help develop sustainable strategies to create a "net zero" district at the future National Western Center (NWC), placing the project among the most sustainable in the region and creating a national example.

Located in nearby Golden, CO, NREL is the only federal laboratory solely dedicated to the research, development, commercialization, and deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The partnership leverages NREL staff expertise to help create advanced sustainable strategies for the NWC district and to develop technical resources that allow those strategies to be duplicated in Denver and beyond.

Through their involvement, NREL aims to develop new technical resources that will help cities, utilities, and the private sector work together to achieve net zero districts across the United States. Researchers at NREL believe that approaching energy planning at the district scale can unlock new opportunities for cost-effective energy savings through economies of scale and district energy systems that put to use energy that would normally be wasted.

**Acquisition**

On Monday, December 21, Denver City Council voted to pass an ordinance that allows the NDCC to begin acquisition within the National Western Center’s campus boundaries. The acquisition team has already been working on several acquisition opportunities this past year. The ordinance gives the team a green light to begin acquiring property within the boundaries.

For questions regarding acquisition, contact Katy Spritzer.

**Neighborhood Plans**
Denver Business Journal

**Funding for National Western improvements moves forward**, Denver Post

More on the cover story: RiNo’s ready to raise property taxes, Denver Business Journal

Property acquisition for National Western Center in Denver moving on, Denver Post

**NDCC Annual Report**

Click here to read the 2014 NDCC Annual Report.

**Quick Links**

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**NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups**

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.

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**40th & Colorado Next Steps Study**

The 40th & Colorado Next Steps Study held its first community workshop the evening of December 17th. Residents and business owners from the surrounding area discussed 40th Avenue traffic, bike and pedestrian conditions, transit needs and overall connectivity concerns in the neighborhood. The project team learned a lot from the community and will begin looking at potential bike, pedestrian and water quality improvements to 40th Avenue, along with improved connections to the A-Line Commuter Rail station in January 2016! Existing conditions information can be found by clicking here.

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**Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems**

The Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems project will provide phased community improvements for 5 to 100-year flood event protection, enhanced multimodal connectivity, water quality, innovative placemaking, and other amenities to the Cole, Globeville, Elyria, Swansea, River North, Clayton and Northeast Park Hill neighborhoods. The kick-off public meeting took place on November 17th at Bruce Randolph School. Conceptual design alternatives currently being considered include:

1. The potential creation of a brand new detention area with open channel in the Cole neighborhood 
or-
2. Redesigning City Park Golf Course to integrate the golf course and storm water detention, with additional open channel opportunities in the Cole neighborhood

You can review materials presented at this meeting here. The project team will continue to meet one-on-one with stakeholders and host small, community focused meetings throughout December and January with the goal of holding the next broader public meeting in late February. Additional information will be announced as it becomes available.

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**Activating and Enhancing Globeville Landing Park**
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 Martinez.

Join Our Mailing List!

Please mark your calendars for an upcoming public meeting on Globeville Landing Park. You will have a chance to provide input on the redevelopment of Globeville Landing Park and discuss picnic areas/shelters, pedestrian paths, waterfront access, and water quality.

Globeville Landing Park Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 27th, 2016
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Stapleton Recreation Center (5090 Broadway)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment (29th - 44th) Final Design Elements

Thank you to those of you who attended the NDCC Town Hall meeting on December 9th which featured the Brighton Boulevard Redevelopment Project. The team shared the final streetscape design and introduced Kiewit, who has been selected as the integrated contractor for the project. If you were not able to attend the meeting and you'd like to review the materials presented, please visit the website and click on "December 2015- NDCC Town Hall".

River North (RiNo)

River North Park & South Platte Promenade

Did you miss the last public meeting on RiNo Park? The project team presented a preferred concept based on community input. Residents also had a chance to see the River North Promenade concepts that are being designed in conjunction with RiNo Park. Click here for the promenade concepts.
You can still provide your input on the preferred concept. [Click here to take a quick survey!]

**Continued Outreach for RiNo Park**

A fresh public outreach strategy for River North Park now includes laminated sheets that are distributed in public places around the RiNo, and adjacent, communities. 2 laminated sheets (4 printed sides), are zip tied together to fences, benches, light poles, etc. The sheets include a plan of the preferred park concept, a QR code linked to the River North website, a narrative, and directions for use. The website will link to an audio link of what people in the community are saying about the park and the preferred plan; and also give people the option to leave feedback. Intended to be a fun discovery, the laminated sheets provide an essential link between the community that River North Park serves and the design team. In spring 2016, this outreach strategy will be taught to students at surrounding community centers and Jr. High Schools, who will learn interview and audio editing skills. Meant as a capacity building strategy as well as a public outreach tool, the laminated sheets function to help keep River North Park a public process.

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**38th & Blake Station Transit Oriented Development: Construction Update**

Construction is underway and progress is being made on the 38th and Blake Station TOD project! Work is on schedule to be completed this spring, in conjunction with the opening of RTD’s East Rail Line, for all three project components:

- Construction of the 35th/36th Street Pedestrian Bridge: This new pedestrian and bicycle bridge will connect Wazee with Blake Street over the railroad tracks between 35th and 36th streets.

- Replacement of the Blake Street bridge over 38th Street: The bridge is being redesigned for better...
sight distance, safety and enhanced pedestrian and bike mobility.

- Sidewalk improvements: Thousands of feet of new sidewalks will improve pedestrian safety and access to RTD's 38th/Blake rail station.

To register for ongoing updates, visit the project website or call the NDCC Construction hotline at 720-865-2900 to report any concerns regarding construction.

**33rd Outfall Project**

Have you seen the progress on the 33rd St. Outfall project? Here are a few photos highlighting construction progress.

**I-70 Reconstruction**

**Visual Design Workshop Rescheduled**

Due to poor weather conditions, CDOT’s Visual Design Workshop on December 15th was cancelled. The new date is **January 11th**. Additional details will be sent via CDOT and the NDCC. Stay tuned.

**Release of Final Environmental Impact Statement**

The Final EIS for I-70 East will be released on January 15. A 30-day public review period will follow along with public hearings on Feb 1, 2 and 3. The EIS will be available on the I-70 East website and in locations throughout GES. More information on the hearings and document review locations will be sent via CDOT after the first of the year.

**RTD Station Development**

**North Metro Line - N Line**

Stay connected to the progress on the N Line with the
Web Cam at the Marion Bridge at the National Western Complex.  

Click here!

University of Colorado - A Line  
A few updates as RTD prepares for the opening of the A Line in April 2016.

- Platform bench install on the platform at the 38th/Blake Station in Denver has been completed.  
- Continued testing of the trains, signaling and safety systems on the CU A Line between Union Station and DIA is taking place.  
- Construction of sidewalks in the plaza at the 38th/Blake Station will begin soon.

For more updates on the A Line, click here for the December Newsletter with updates.

Gold Line - G Line  
Updates for the G Line in Globeville include:

- Testing of the communications systems, railroad signals and lights at all at-grade railroad crossings along the Gold (G) Line is underway.

For more updates on the G Line, click here for the December Newsletter with updates.

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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