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,

In July, the Denver City Council will say farewell to seven of its members. Since the NDCC's inception, our team has worked with our council representatives to engage them in all six projects. Many hours have been spent in meetings, on phone calls and emails to ensure we approach the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods with a collaboratively spirit. We can't do this work alone and our team is fortunate to work with representatives who understand that the work in north Denver is a win for everyone. Thank you to all City Council members for valuing our work and for your partnership.

The NDCC would like to especially thank Councilwoman Judy Montero who has been instrumental in all of the work of the NDCC. Councilwoman Montero has been advocating for improvements to the neighborhoods since she took office twelve years ago. The creation of the NDCC was due, in no small part, to her forethought and has worked tirelessly to ensure the residents are at the table as projects unfold. She has been a solid voice for the residents always advocating for the needs of the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Montero has engaged city agencies and residents in conversations that have resulted in positive gains for all. Her passion to uplift Globeville, Elyria and Swansea has shined through and the NDCC is proud to have worked alongside her.

A special thanks to Councilwoman Montero’s aides, Nola Miguel and Amanda Sandoval for their efforts as well. In partnership, we have been able to accomplish more for the community and we wish all of Team Montero a bright future as you embark upon your next journey.

Sincerely,
Kelly Leid
NDCC Executive Director

In the Community

DHS, Denver Botanic Gardens Expand Program to Improve Access to Fresh Foods

Fresh, locally grown produce available weekly at DHS Offices at reduced costs
On June 12th, Denver Human Services and the Denver Botanic Gardens kicked-off an expanded partnership designed to bring fresh, locally-grown produce to more Denver neighborhoods. Each week, fresh produce from the Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield will be available for purchase at all three DHS locations on specific days and times. Customers who receive SNAP food assistance and pay with their SNAP/EBT food benefits card will also qualify for a Double Bucks discount, which means they will receive twice as much food for the same price.

The Fresh Farm Stand will operate weekly through October on the following days and locations:

**Mondays**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wednesdays**
DHS East Office, 3815 Steele St.
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Fridays**
DHS Montbello Office, 4685 Peoria St.
noon - 3:30 p.m.

### NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

#### National Western Center Campus

**Ballot Measure Approved**

On June 22nd, the first reading for CB15-0379 was read before Denver City Council. The bill is for a proposal that will be submitted to Denver voters this November to fund the first two phases of redevelopment of the National Western Center (NWC) and to fund improvements at the Colorado Convention Center (CCC).

The ballot measure seeks voter approval to permanently extend an existing 1.75% tax on hotel stays and short-term car rentals to make targeted improvements to the Colorado Convention Center and fund construction and improvements of the National Western Stock Show Complex. The ballot question will ask voters to leave in place taxes currently imposed on hotel and short term car rentals, a portion of which would otherwise expire when the Convention Center is paid off.

The second reading took place on Monday, June 29th where City Council approved the ballot measure in a block vote.

#### Neighborhood Plans

**Resident Engagement to Continue Into Implementation of Neighborhood Plans**

The neighborhood plans adopted for Globeville and Elyria Swansea establish a vision for each neighborhood and recommend implementation actions to achieve that vision. The plans call for champions and advocates from the neighborhood (community stewards) to work with the Mayor and their City Council representative to promote
In the News

A few stories regarding NDCC projects.

Denver council approves ballot measures for airport, National Western, rezoning, The Denver Post

A cautious "yes" to Denver drainage plan, The Denver Post

CDOT’s $1.17 billion I-70 plan draws international array of interested firms, Denver Business Journal

Denver City Council considers I-70 improvements, 7News

Denver council sets hearing on state deal for I-70 and drainage costs, Denver Post

Denver’s River North real estate market in “feeding frenzy”, The Denver Post

I-70 Viaduct Showing Signs of Age after 50 Years, CBS4

CDOT says I-70 East viaduct in Denver is crumbling - again, Denver Business Journal

Denver Voters may be asked to Back $480M for stock show complex, Colorado Public Radio

Denver launches bid to gain voter approval for stock show overhaul, Denver Business Journal

Denver Officials pitch tax vote for stock show plan.

certain actions and outcomes in to further the plans.

The NDCC is working on creating new engagement methods that will help guide the neighborhood priorities. Some of the key components of this effort include:

- Serve as stewards of the neighborhood’s Guiding Principles (Unique, Strong, Connected and Healthy) as more fully outlined in the Neighborhood Plans.
- Advise the City on the neighborhood’s interests in maintaining and enhancing the distinct identity of each Character Area, while improving the transitions and connections between Character Areas.
- Provide input on the prioritization of adopted neighborhood plan implementation funding requests to be included in NDCC annual city budgeting process, as well as external funding opportunities that may arise.
- Provide input on the alignment of existing or new working group efforts (e.g., affordable housing, health impact assessment(s), workforce development, etc.) into plan implementation.
- Provide input on the alignment of ongoing and future planning efforts with the GES Plans and the implementation thereof.
- Explore the use of project specific work groups (e.g., Washington Street, Parks, Public Art improvement efforts). Work groups generally are of short duration (less than 1 year) and are formed to tackle a specific outcome or issue.

Stay tuned for more information over the next couple of months.

Globeville - Washington St.

The NDCC is gearing up to host a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) through the Urban Land Institute (ULI) that will explore next steps for Washington Street. Experts from ULI will engage in a 2-day discussion about the corridor’s potential and work with residents and business owners to explore opportunities. Save the date for Thursday, August 6th. Details will be shared once they are final.

ULI TAPS are not new to the NDCC. Last year, another TAP looked at the potential near the East Rail Line on 41st and Colorado Blvd.
Corridor

National Western Center Brighton Blvd. Improvements (44th - Race Ct.)
The NDCC has begun work on 30% design for the segment of Brighton Boulevard from 44th Street to Race Court (the "NWC Section"). Join the project team for a public meeting in July that will give you the opportunity to review design elements and provide your feedback.

Brighton Blvd 44th Street to Race Ct. Preliminary Design Open House
Wednesday, July 8
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
National Western Complex, Centennial Room

Presentation begins at 5:30 p.m. Interpretation services will be available.

Project Update for Brighton 29th - 44th

This past month, the Brighton project team focusing on the corridor segment from 29th to 44th St. hosted a public meeting to present final design elements for improvements.

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting and provided feedback and recommendations to the design. This summer, the project team will focus on finalizing the design which will be shared with the community upon its completion.

If you couldn't attend and would like to provide feedback, click here. You can also check out a video simulation that includes potential elements funded by the City and County of Denver, the RiNo GID and the RiNo BID.

River North (RiNo)

RiNo Park Pedestrian Bridge Preliminary Design Public Meeting

Join the NDCC for a follow up public meeting to discuss basic design concepts for the RiNo Park Ped Bridge that will cross the South Platte River between 33rd and 35th Streets.
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**.

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### RiNo Park Pedestrian Bridge Preliminary Design Public Meeting

**Tuesday, June 30**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**INDUSTRY (3001 Brighton Blvd.)**

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### I-70 Reconstruction

**Intergovernmental Agreement Between CDOT and the City of Denver**

On June 22, Denver City Council had the first reading of a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City & County of Denver and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) outlining the first round of community improvements to be delivered as a result of the I-70 East project.

A primary aspect of the agreement is to cut down on costs and speed up the build-out time for a drainage solution in Globeville, Elyria, Swansea and Park Hill. The collaborative Two Basin Drainage Project will provide a needed 100-year storm protection to neighborhoods along the I-70 corridor.

This commitment delivers one of a number of solutions the city is seeking on behalf of the north Denver neighborhoods as plans for the I-70 east project move forward.

The proposed IGA also provides smart financing solutions shared by the City and County of Denver and CDOT that will have a positive and lasting impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Other benefits include restoring elements to increase connectivity, additional open space, improvements to the transportation system and job creation.

A courtesy public hearing will be held on Monday, July 6th at the Denver City Council Meeting at the City & County...
Building starting at 5:30 pm. Please click here for the agenda to be posted later this week. Click here for a power point on the IGA.

**CDOT Accepts Statements of Qualification from Five Teams Vying to Build the I-70 East Project**

CDOT, the High Performance Transportation Enterprise and the Colorado Bridge Enterprise reached their deadline in June for receiving Statements of Qualification (SOQ) from private partners interested in building the I-70 East Project, from Brighton Boulevard to I-225. Five SOQs were received from combined teams of construction and engineering firms, operators and equity investors.

CDOT is pursuing a possible public-private partnership to deliver I-70 East, based on a Design-Build-Finance-Operate & Maintain (DBFOM) model for the finance and delivery of the project. An SOQ is a summary of a team's experience in the industry and with similar projects that helps CDOT begin the process of choosing the most qualified team for the project.

**Community Workshop for the Highway Cover**

A second community workshop was held in early June to discuss the planning effort and how CDOT, Denver, and DPS are working together with the Elyria Swansea community to offer new recreational opportunities for the community while also providing critical program needs to Swansea Elementary School.

Attendees had a chance to rate the elements on two different alternatives, which were created as a result of community input for the cover located near Swansea Elementary School. If you missed the workshop, click here to review the presentation.

The final design will be shared with the community soon.

**RTD Station Development**

**East Rail Line - A Line**

**About the 40th/Colorado Station**
Station Facts

- Travel time to DIA: 29 Minutes
- Travel time to Union Station: 11 Minutes
- Parking spots: 200
- Type of parking: Surface
- Second stop traveling eastbound on the East Rail Line (A Line)

Click here to view the June Monthly Update for the East Rail Line.

**North Metro Line - N Line**
Check out the most recent rendering of the 48th & Brighton at National Western Center Station!

Click here to view the June Monthly Update for the North Metro Line.

**Gold Line - G Line**
Click here to view the June Monthly Update for the Gold Line.
MAYOR MICHAEL B. HANCOCK PRESENTS:

DENVER DAYS

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF THE MILE HIGH CITY!

AUGUST 1ST - 9TH

WHAT IS "DENVER DAYS"?
A citywide summer tradition to connect neighbors to neighborhoods!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Throw a block party. Host a backyard BBQ.
Organize a happy hour at a neighborhood bar. Convene a clean up on your block.
Hold a graffiti paint-a-thon. Any other fun ideas you have to bring together your neighbors!
Participate in National Night Out on August 4th.

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
GET TOGETHER. WORK TOGETHER. SERVE TOGETHER.

START ORGANIZING YOUR "DENVER DAYS" NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT TODAY.
VISIT WWW.DENVERGOV.ORG/DENVERDAYS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL 720-913-1704.

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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.

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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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