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Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map

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Dear Friends,

In February, the NDCC had two significant milestones. The City submitted an application to the State of Colorado requesting funds from the Regional Tourism Act (RTA) program. This application will help ensure the bold vision for the National Western Center advances and creates an opportunity for increased tourism to the region. More detailed information can be found under the National Western Center section of this newsletter.

In addition, the residents of Elyria and Swansea celebrated the adoption of their neighborhood plan by Denver City Council last week. The adoption of this plan is an important step as it lays out the vision the residents have for their community.

The NDCC is proud of the progress being made to uplift Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. Thank you to the many residents and partners who have been part of both of these plans. Your involvement and dedication is the driver behind our success.

Happy reading!
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

City Submits Regional Tourism Act Application

On February 17th, the City submitted an application to the State of Colorado requesting $116.9M from the Regional Tourism Act (RTA) for the National Western Center (NWC) Campus project. The RTA is a State program for large scale tourism projects that are extraordinary and unique in nature and result in an increase in significant out-of-state tourists generating sales tax revenue.

The new NWC vision turns a complex into a year round destination campus that will focus on life-long learning, the arts, entertainment, competition, research and commerce making this a one of kind campus nationwide. The vision is
neighborhood tour to proactively engage stakeholders and highlight the city's priorities and initiatives. The Mayor began his RiNo visit with a tour of Helikon Gallery and Studios. He then stopped at the Pepsi Manufacturing Facility and ended his visit with a roundtable discussion with property and business owners on the formation process of a business improvement district (BID) and general improvement district (GID). The Mayor and his Community Relations team thank RiNo for the warm welcome and continued engagement to advance RiNo and Brighton Blvd.

In the News

A sampling of recent stories on NDCC Projects. Click here for other stories

10 Transportation Stories to Watch, Confluence Denver

RTD's East Rail power lines starting to flow with electricity, Denver Post

Funding plan for I-70 fix risk-free, Denver Post

expected to increase visitors to more than 2.2 million annually and generate an estimated $200 million a year in economic benefit making this project a great fit for RTA funding. Mayor Michael B. Hancock announced the submission of the RTA application at a press conference along with key partners and members of the NWC Citizens Advisory Committee. Click here for the press release.

As part of the application, the NDCC also submitted a finance plan outlining the budget of $856 million which will complete two or three campus segments, impacting nearly 83% of the campus. The RTA application and its elements can be found by clicking here.

To review the final draft of the master plan for the National Western Center, click here.

Neighborhood Plans

Elyria Swansea Neighborhood Plan

On February 23rd, Denver City Council adopted the Elyria Swansea Neighborhood Plan. 21 residents lined up to share their thoughts and support for the adoption of the plan. Speakers also included middle and high school leaders who participated in a leadership program at Swansea Rec Center organized by GES LiveWell, and Earth Force. <pic>

The plan provides a variety of recommendations based on resident input and is guided by four guiding principles; strong, connected, healthy and unique. In addition, the Health Impact Assessment generated by the Denver Department of Environmental Health was also instrumental in the creation of this plan.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the neighborhood plan and thank you for your involvement. Click here to review the final plan.

Progress in Globeville

Although the weather has been chilly lately, residents will now be able to enjoy a walk around Argo Park on the new walking loop. Grab your neighbors and break in the new
Editorial Board

CDOT commission proposes financing I-70 East project with private investment, 7News

CDOT seeks private partner to sink I-70 in north Denver, put a lid on it, Denver Business Journal

Northeast Denver I-70 financing plan approved, transparency bill dies, Denver Post

Denver's River North neighborhood: the brewing district, Denver Post

A plausible plan for the National Western Stock Show, Denver Post

How Denver officials will pay for revitalized National Western Stock Show complex, Denver Business Journal

Denver's $856M National Western Funding plan relies on tax extension, Denver Post

Denver wants $117 Million grants to help expand National Western Complex, CBS4

A look at RiNo, Denver's hottest neighborhood, Denver Business Journal

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Comments Gathered at Public Meeting

Last month, interested stakeholders gathered to discuss and provide feedback on design elements for a modernized Brighton Blvd. Input gathered at this meeting will help inform the refinement and optimization of the streetscape and multi-model aspects of the significantly enhanced gateway into Denver.

The key focus areas during the 2015 design phase include:

- Access to private properties
- Safety
- Multi-modal (vehicles, transit, bicycles, pedestrians)
- Operations
- On-street parking
- Streetscape and urban design
- Drainage and water quality
- Construction approach and phasing
- Community-funded design enhancements

If you missed the public meeting and are interested in reviewing the presentation, [click here](#). For the project's next steps, [click here](#).

River North (RiNo)

Public Engagement Begins for RiNo Ped Bridge

Public engagement has kicked off for the RiNo Pedestrian Bridge project, which will create a new connection between...
to help fuel RiNo's growth, Denver Business Journal

Crowdfunded development planned in RiNo, Denver Business Journal

Residents cheer Denver’s National Western plan, but concerns persist, Denver Post

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

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.

TAXI and the future RiNo Park and RTD's East Rail Line station at 38th & Blake. At the public meeting, interested stakeholders learned about the project's opportunities and challenges and engaged in a conversation regarding needs and wants. If you are interested in providing your feedback, click here for a quick survey. A follow up public meeting will be announced soon.

I-70 Reconstruction

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Please join the City and CDOT to discuss planning for the highway cover near Swansea Elementary. There will be interactive live polling so come see how your thoughts compare to your neighbors!

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Wednesday, March 4
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Presentation will start at 5:45 pm
Swansea Recreation Center (2650 E. 49th Ave.)

Spanish translation, childcare, and refreshments will be available.

I-70 East Industry Forum
CDOT is pleased to announce an Industry Forum for the I-70 East Corridor Project. The Industry Forum is a critical step in the process to determine a funding and procurement plan for the proposed I-70 East project. A funding plan is a required element of the Record of Decision, which is the document that completes the I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Industry Forum does not preclude or circumvent the outcome of the ongoing EIS for I-70 East.

Click here for more information.

RTD Station Development

East Rail Line
If it's up, it's live! Power lines electrified on East Rail Line
As you may notice on your way to or from Denver International Airport, the RTD East Rail Line construction is nearly complete.

But a one-year testing and commissioning process will need to take place before the public can use the system.

With that testing comes the electrification of the overhead
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.

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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 learn more.....

February Newsletter with updates

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

Gold Line/NW Rail
Click here to view the February Monthly Update for the Gold Line.

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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