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,

Hard to believe that the first quarter of 2015 has come and gone. Now in its 2nd full year of operation, the NDCC Project's team uses the first quarter to draft a "NDCC Work Plan" that integrates the multitude of cities agencies and outside project partners, like CDOT or RTD. We learned a lot from last year's effort and the team has been working to build out the 2015 work plan(s) across all six NDCC portfolios with a continued focus on design alignment and ultimately project implementations. We're already seeing the benefits of how strategically these projects, which includes opening up new opportunities and partnerships help make the planning a reality.

These are exciting times and we continue to look forward to working with all our stakeholder groups interested in the NDCC work.

Happy reading!
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

Zoning
As an immediate next step to the National Western Center (NWC) Master Plan, the project team is introducing a new zone district to help implement the bold vision of the NWC Master Plan and also supports the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhood plans. At this stage, the zoning would only apply to properties owned by the Western Stock Show Association and the City & County of Denver. Click here for the Public Review Draft. Having this new zoning in place will play and important role in being able to advance the estimated 270 acre project, including attracting private financing to complete the full scope of the project.

Partner CSU Hosts Summit on Agriculture
In March, Colorado State University hosted the "Advancing the Agriculture Economy Through Innovation" Summit. This event focused on
Congratulations to Groundwork Denver for being named a finalist for the Good Neighbor Award. Winners will be announced at an event on April 10th. Good luck Groundwork Denver and thank you for your work in the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods!

In the News

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

Privatize I-70 work? With Gas tax revenues flat, CDOT says it's a logical move, Colorado Public Radio

Colorado has its Sights set on Becoming the Silicon Valley of Ag, KUNC

Colorado invites companies to qualify for I-70 improvement project, Denver Business Journal

ULI Finalists an eclectic mix of projects, Inside Real Estate News

Focus turns to families at $11m Rino project, BusinessDen

Gold Star Sausage sells RiNo manufacturing

creating a dialogue and sharing ideas about innovations that tackle global challenges and pave the way to understanding what agriculture will look like in the next 10, 20, or even 50 years. The summit included a leadership roundtable featuring local and international speakers representing diverse industries such as dairy, crop production, beef industry among others. It also included discussions on other issues such as ag innovation, water sustainability, healthy food systems, and fresh food among others. A variety of speakers and panelists including Governor John Hickenlooper, Mayor Michael B. Hancock and NDCC Executive Director Kelly Leid were part of the summit’s discussions.

The summit was an outcome of a study released by Colorado State University that found Colorado's research and development in agriculture and food is geographically within the urban corridor of the metro Denver area and the front range. The same study found that Colorado's private sector research and development in agricultural and food technologies has doubled compared to the state's growing public sector science base in these fields.

Click here to read the report.
You can also visit the summit website by clicking here.

Neighborhood Plans

Globeville - Integrated Open Space Study
Based upon feedback received from residents, the NDCC is working with Denver Parks and Recreation and Public Works to complete an alignment master planning study that would pull together Globeville Landing Park, the west bank of the South Platte River that runs through the NWC, Northside Park and Heron Pond/Heller Open Space that takes into account the recently approved Globeville and NWC plans. This unique opportunity to strategically integrate these open spaces will set the stage for future funding requests and provide a framework for seeking and engaging possible partners to help implement important aspects of the Globeville Neighbor Plan in and around the South Platte River between Washington Street and the National Western Center Campus. Preliminary study funding will come from the NDCC and Denver Parks & Recreation.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Special District Kick Off
In addition to the investment the City has made to improve
facility for top dollar, Denver Business Journal

I-70 northeast Denver proposal gets contractor review at forum, Denver Post

Denver City Council Oks new plan for Stock Show, Denver Post

Denver pitches in big for stock show plan, but oversight still unclear, Denver Post

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Councilwoman Judy Montero
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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?

the Brighton Boulevard Corridor, the RiNo Arts District is leading an effort to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) that would provide funding to better market the existing artist and business community. Residents and business owners are also looking at establishing a General Improvement District (GID) that would be focused on funding infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood; including enhanced landscaping along Brighton Blvd.

BIDs and GIDs are special districts established by the stakeholders to collectively fund and implement services to a neighborhood. This past month, the RiNo Arts District officially kicked off its efforts by beginning to gather signatures from commercial property owners within its established boundaries. For more information on the BID, click here. A similar petitioning effort for the GID will be kicked off later this month.

River North (RiNo)

35th/36th Ped Bridge
The 35th - 36th Pedestrian Bridge project is advancing. The construction bid process for the bridge will be open on April 9th at 11:00 am at the Webb Building (201 W. Colfax Ave, 6th Floor Conference Room 6.G.7). Interested firms can download the plan by clicking here. The contractor chosen will be responsible for constructing the ped bridge between 35th and 36th and Blake including an elevator, plaza, sidewalk and relocation of water, gas, fiber optic, and electric utilities and add new storm and sewer utilities. Click here for more information.

38th & Blake
Another road project also known as the "hump" on 38th and Blake is progressing. The City is currently in the process of awarding a firm with a contract. Construction will begin in the summer. Stay tuned for more updates.

RiNo Park
The City has received proposals for design services for the future River North Park. The City is currently reviewing the proposals and will soon announce the consultant team.

I-70 Reconstruction

CDOT Releases RFQ for I-70 East Project
The Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado Bridge Enterprise and the High Performance Transportation Enterprise are pleased to announce the release of a Request
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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.

For Qualifications (RFQ) for the I-70 East Project.

The RFQ can be accessed by clicking here.

Please direct any questions about the RFQ document or process to: DOT_I70EProject@state.co.us

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover

In early March, a community workshop was held to discuss the planning effort of the I-70 highway cover. CDOT, DPS and the City had a chance to learn about the neighborhood's needs and wants through an interactive activity that allowed residents to create their own covers with desired amenities.

To review the notes from that meeting, click here. A follow up public meeting is being planned and details will soon be released.

RTD Station Development

Stand Up for Transportation Day is April 9

Join RTD and transportation partners for Stand Up for Transportation Day on Thursday, April 9.

Be part of this national advocacy day sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) to draw attention to the need for increased funding for our nation's transportation infrastructure.

Click here to learn how you can be part of the movement!

North Metro Line

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

East Rail Line

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

Click here to view the March Monthly Update for the Gold Line.

New Trains are Coming - Stay Safe Around Commuter Rail

Safety is the number-one priority of the Regional Transportation District (RTD). This spring, new commuter trains will start to run along the East Rail Line as part of a year-long testing program. This will be followed later this year with testing on the Northwest Rail Line to Westminster and the Gold Line to Arvada and Wheat Ridge. This is part of the build-up to their 2016 openings. Like RTD’s light rail trains, the new commuter trains are powered by overhead electric wires. But the track crossings and the passenger stations are different from light rail. It is important for students, parents, faculty and staff to understand how to stay safe around this new train system.

So RTD is conducting a comprehensive safety program to get people ready for what’s coming. Your school is near the tracks, and there are dangers associated with crossing the tracks and the equipment. You will be hearing more from RTD as testing moves along. For now, please share these important safety messages with your school community, especially your students and their parents:

- Do not touch or throw objects at the overhead power lines or climb on the power poles - if they are up, they are live with electricity!
- Never trespass on any train track - it is illegal and dangerous.
- Cross the tracks only at designated crossings, always follow safety signs and obey warning devices such as flashing red lights and gate arms.
- Stay alert and look both ways for a train - you may not hear them coming.
- Never trespass onto construction sites and stay off the train station platforms until they are open to the public.

For more information, visit http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/ep3_125 or call Tara Bettale at RTD, at 303-299-2641.

COMMUNITY RELATED UPDATES

Real Estate Development Center working on Multi-Use
Building in Globeville
The Real Estate Development Center is currently working on a project near RTD's Gold Line on 41st & Fox. The proposal consists of an 8 story mixed-use building that is expected to provide affordable housing, retail/office space and a neighborhood scaled grocery store. For more information on this project, please contact Armando Payan or Keith Billick.

Clinica Tepeyac Expands Access
Clínica just completed a major expansion and renovation of the clinic with the support of the Office of Economic Development and the Caring for Colorado Foundation. New construction of 900 square feet added two new exam rooms, a behavioral health counseling room, a group medical visit room, office space for enrollment, and a dedicated space for retinopathy scans. Plus the renovation allowed us to double work space for staff that now supports our integrated team-based care model.

April is Earth Month, and the Office of Sustainability is celebrating by hosting a Photo Contest!
This month, Denver's Office of Sustainability is celebrating how much we all Love This Place by hosting a photo contest and asking residents to share pictures of what they're doing to take care of Denver and sustain our city for generations to come. Submissions are accepted until midnight, Friday, April 24th, and the winner will be announced Thursday, April 30th. The winner will receive a $20 gift card to the Certifiably Green business of their choice and a Chinook Book Denver 12-month mobile subscription, so get snapping! Click here for more details!

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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