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,

This past month, the NDCC hosted its inaugural business forum to highlight upcoming design and construction opportunities that will develop over the next two to three years in Globeville, Elyria, Swansea and River North. Over 250 representatives from interested firms attended the event held at the National Western Complex.

Attendees learned about the City's certification process and how to prepare for future opportunities. Representatives from the NDCC, Public Works and Office of Economic Development were also available to answer questions regarding projects.

In addition, we just wrapped up our community tours for the year geared toward the business community. The tours included a variety of stops in the GES neighborhoods and highlighted all six NDCC projects.

The NDCC will continue to engage the business community as projects evolve and advance. We look forward to working together with the residents and businesses to uplift GES.

Click here to view the presentation.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

Denver Announces Funding for a NWC Parking and Transportation Management Study

Denver Public Works, in partnership with the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC), has been awarded a $200,000 grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to explore innovative parking and
income families has begun
The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is set to begin taking applications again Nov. 1, 2015. Each year, Denver Human Services (DHS) offers assistance to thousands each winter by paying a portion of their heating bill. During the 2014/2015 winter months, LEAP helped more than 10,000 Denver households with heating costs. Receiving the LEAP benefit helps low-income individuals and families stay warm, save money on heating costs and use remaining cash to pay for other basic necessities during the winter months. In addition, those who eligible for LEAP assistance may also qualify for other energy related benefits.

Click here for more information on criteria and other benefits.

In the News
A few stories regarding NDCC projects or related topics.

Catalyst health-tech campus in RiNo: Here’s what it will look like, who’s moving in, Denver Business Journal

RTD sets start date for transit solutions for the planned National Western Center (NWC).

The National Western Center master plan, adopted in March 2015, recommends creating a reconnected, multimodal transportation network, which includes setting ambitious transportation goals and proposes a mix of surface and structured parking to meet the long term transportation needs for year-round research, educational, agricultural, cultural, entertainment and tourist activities.

The transportation study will build on the framework laid out in the NWC master plan to fully consider how to best utilize a modern, multimodal transportation system to adequately accommodate the estimated 2 million visitors per year at the 270 acre agricultural campus.

Colorado Cattlemen's Association Joining Forces with the National Western Center
In October, The Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) announced a partnership that will advance the vision for the National Western Center (NWC) by engaging the broader agriculture industry in key planning efforts; and transform the NWC into a local, regional, state and international epicenter for agribusiness.

The CCA, which was founded in 1867, has been an advocate for Colorado's beef industry for nearly 150 years, currently serving more than 12,000 beef producers in the state. Its operations were previously at the National Western Complex, but they currently have their headquarters in Arvada. The partnership will explore having the CCA return its headquarters back to the NWC site and co-locate agriculture production and agribusiness organizations that advance the vision of the NWC. The partnership also calls for exploring additional space needs for future growth of the organization's portfolio. The CCA is committed to making a financial investment in the NWC, focused on facilities.

Welcome CCA!

Neighborhood Plans

Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems
For the last several years, residents, previous neighborhood planning efforts and rainfall assessments have identified stormwater drainage as a significant challenge to the North Denver community. As part of a broader City-wide effort called the Outfall Systems Plan (OSP), the Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems project will create a foundation for...
phased flood protection ranging from a 5-year to 100-year event and identify additional opportunities for community improvements and amenities. The NDCC will kick off the project this November and we need your input! Join us at the upcoming public meeting to learn about this important drainage project and share your feedback with the team. Please note date change.

**Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems Public Meeting**  
*Tuesday, November 17th*  
*5:30-7:30PM*  
*Bruce Randolph School (3955 Steele St.)*

Spanish interpretation services will be provided.

**NDCC Annual Report**

-click here to read the 2014 NDCC Annual Report.

**Quick Links**

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**Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor**

**Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment (29th - 44th)**

The November 17th meeting to update the community on the design of Brighton Blvd. has been postponed. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 9th.

At this public meeting, the project team will present the final design elements for Brighton Blvd. based on the community's feedback over the last 2 years. Construction is expected to begin in early 2016.
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. 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.

Brighton Blvd. Public Meeting (29th - 44th)
Wednesday, December 9
5:30 - 7:30 pm
The Summit Church (3300 Larimer St.)

River North (RiNo)

38th & Blake Station Transit Oriented Development

Have you noticed the construction around the 38th & Blake East Rail Line station? That’s because we have begun work on three different projects in preparation for the opening of the station. The project is building the 35th/36th Pedestrian Bridge, thousands of feet of new sidewalks and replacing the Blake Street Bridge over 38th Street.

This project will improve neighborhood connectivity and better pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to RTD’s 38th & Blake commuter rail station. Construction is expected to be completed in conjunction with the opening of RTD’s East Rail Line (A Line) in Spring 2016. To register for ongoing updates, click here or call the NDCC Construction hotline at 720-865-2900 to report any concerns regarding construction.

I-70 Reconstruction

EPA awards $399K to State of Colorado for Denver air toxics monitoring project

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) a $399,000 grant to conduct air toxics measurement in environmental justice communities adjacent to the I-70/I-25 freeway interchange area in the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea neighborhoods of Denver. The grant, awarded through EPA’s Community Air Toxics Monitoring program, is among $4,000,000 provided to more than a dozen projects through a national competition.

CDPHE will use the EPA grant to work with the City and County of Denver and the Department of Environmental Health to conduct the project, which will develop information about hazardous air pollutants and exposure near the Interstate 25 and Interstate 70 interchange in downtown Denver. While overall emissions of air toxics from vehicles has declined in recent years, nearby communities are disproportionately impacted by emissions from the freeways, which collectively transport more than 400,000 vehicles each day, as well as from nearby industrial sources. The project
throughout the community. If you would like to make these available at your business or organization, please contact Erika Martinez.

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will monitor levels of specific air toxics and build a baseline to compare future construction and highway development and inform potential mitigation measures to reduce concentrations and exposure to toxic pollution.

"Denver thanks the EPA for their commitment to our neighborhoods and looks forward to this partnership," Mayor Hancock said. "Our residents have long been impacted by the highway cutting across this area and my administration remains committed to mitigating those impacts within the I-70 reconstruction process. The residents of these neighborhoods deserve more assurance around the impacts to their health and quality of life within this decade long planning effort and this grant will help CDOT and the city make smart, databased decisions on how to better protect our people."

Save the Date! Community Workshop in November

Mark your calendars! CDOT will soon begin a process to work with local residents to design elements of the project including bridges and sound walls. A community workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 18th to kick off this effort. More information to come regarding this opportunity to continue providing feedback.

RTD Station Development

**North Metro Line - N Line**

Have you seen the Marion Underpass? RTD and the Burlington Northern-Sante Fe Railroad (BNSF) has recently begun improvements on this bridge in preparation for the North Metro Line. [Click here see a video](#) of the demolition of the old Marion Underpass. This is the first step toward creating the new Bettie Cram Drive that will help reconnect Globeville, Elyria and Swansea to one another as part of the National Western Center project.

You can also now check on the progress of this project via RTD's web cam. [Click here](#) to see what the Marion Underpass currently looks like.

Stay connected to the progress of the North Metro Line by reading the [October Newsletter](#).

**East Rail Line - A Line**

**RTD Board Approves naming rights for A Line to the airport**

The RTD Board of Directors approved the agency's first
naming rights agreement. It's a first-of-its-kind partnership for RTD and it's with the University of Colorado.

It covers the A Line commuter rail from Union Station to Denver International Airport as well as ads on the Flatiron Flyer Bus Rapid Transit line that runs along US 36 from Union Station to Boulder. The Flatiron Flyer is scheduled to open in January 2016 and the A Line is set for opening in spring 2016. In addition, the agreement includes exterior advertisements on the rail and bus vehicles and CU’s name and logo use on RTD digital assets and printed material related to the A Line.

Agreement details

- RTD receives $5 million over five years
- Provision for a five-year extension should both parties agree
- Funds will be collected in the RTD Board of Directors reserve account
- RTD Board determines how the funds will be used

Click here for updates in the October Newsletter.

Gold Line - G Line

Click here to view the October 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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