North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

NDCC

Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

project news

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Dear Friends,

The NDCC invites you to our first quarterly Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 24th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the National Western Complex. You'll have a chance to talk with project teams to get the most updated information on efforts in GES across the six portfolio projects. In addition, Executive Director Kelly Leid will be walking you through the NDCC work plan for 2016.

This quarter’s roundtable topic is on mobility. The one-hour roundtable discussion will highlight the NDCC’s mobility plan and gather feedback from GES residents and business owners regarding their priorities related to mobility.

Join us to kick off 2016 and bring a neighbor!

NDCC Town Hall
Thursday, March 24th
5:00 - 7:30 pm
National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt St.

Interpretation services will be provided.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

Neighborhood Plans

Odor Ordinance Changes
Odor was identified as a top priority of the community in the 2014 Globeville and Elyria Swansea Health Impact Assessment, as well as the Globeville (2014) and Elyria Swansea (2015) Neighborhood Plans. In response to the community’s feedback, the NDCC and Department of Environmental Health are proposing changes to Denver’s odor ordinance to address concerns about quality of life impacts in GES and other affected neighborhoods.

The proposed ordinance applies citywide and to multiple industries, such as sewage treatment facilities, rendering plants, pet food manufacturers, and retail and medical marijuana cultivation facilities and manufacturers of infused products. The proposed changes include:

- Expand the ability to file a complaint - Allow business owners and employees to file complaints, in addition...
In the Community

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE THE A LINE GRAND OPENING

In case you haven’t heard, RTD’s A Line is opening in April! The NDCC is fortunate to have two stops along the way and there are two big celebrations in your neighborhood!

The general public will be invited to ride the rail for free to and from Denver Union Station and DIA. Please save the date and join us for this exciting celebration.

Saturday, April 23
38th & Blake Hosted by the River North Arts District
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
RiNo is the A-Line Art Stop! Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of the station at 38th and Blake Street. Guests to our neighborhood will be encouraged to park at the new station, or hop off the train and come see "Where Art is Made." Highlights include a live iron pour performance, kid activities, local beer - cider - wine garden, artist and makers booths, chalk art, live bands and the Denver to residents who currently can do so.

- **Extend complaint time period** -Extend from 12 hours to 30 days the amount of time for the city to receive five complaints, which constitutes a nuisance order and triggers enforcement.

- **Require odor control plans** -Specific industries, including pet food and marijuana businesses, would be required to develop and implement odor control plans, including actions to reduce odors. Plans would also be required for odor sources that receive five or more complaints within 30 days or exceed a set level of odorous air.

The proposed updates are planned to be presented to the Denver City Council Safety & Well-being Committee in April. These changes are expected to have a positive impact on odors in GES and other Denver neighborhoods.

For questions and comments, contact Johanna Jamison or 720-865-2576. Click here for frequently asked questions.

38th& Blake Station Area Height Amendments

The City continues its effort to refine the vision for building heights in support of transit oriented development (TOD) on 38th and Blake. In February, the team hosted a public meeting to kick off the project and gather feedback on building height alternatives. If you missed the meeting, you can review the documents presented by clicking here. You can also fill out a questionnaire that will provide feedback to the project team about how you use this area.

Join us for the 2nd public meeting in March to learn about the building height alternatives based on community input.

38th & Blake Height Amendments Public Meeting #2
Wednesday, March 16
5:30 - 7:30 pm
EXDO Event Center (1399 35th St.)

[Click here to learn more about the project.](#)

Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems

Denver’s Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems project will provide critical stormwater drainage protection for many Denver neighborhoods. Based on continued technical analysis and community feedback, the City recently removed one stormwater detention option located between 38th/39th Avenues and Williams/Vine Streets in the Cole neighborhood (also referred to as "option 1B"). The residential property impacts associated with this option are
Flea!

40th & Colorado Hosted by the City & County of Denver and Surrounding Communities
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Keep your family healthy at the Denver Active! Station Party at 40th & Colorado Blvd. This fiesta includes an Activity Zone that keeps the entire family moving, an Entertainment Zone that reflects the diverse communities, a Health Zone with tips on staying healthy, food trucks and so much more!

In the News
A few stories regarding NDCC projects or related topics. More stories can be viewed by clicking here.

FasTracks Progress: 38th & Blake, DenverUrbanism

Two of Denver's oldest neighborhoods to get transportation face-lift, Fox31

New paved path connects Sunnyside, Globeville in Denver, Denver Post

World Trade Center Denver plans to hang its beret in River North, Denver Post

World Trade Center

simply too great when compared with other viable detention options that provide similar or greater benefit. Three other options for detention in Cole, as well as options for detention in City Park Golf Course, are still under consideration. A final decision about the location of the stormwater detention area is expected in early April.

The City is enhancing its existing outreach efforts to improve engagement, input and education with residents. Our next public meeting will be in mid to late April. Between now and then, we will continue to update Registered Neighborhood Organizations, attend small neighborhood meetings, increase our community updates and seek more community input. If you have not submitted a comment, please complete a comment form. You can also see a list of upcoming meetings and get more information on the project website at www.denvergov.org/PlattetoParkHill.

National Western Center Campus

Land Acquisition
This month, the NDCC sent letters to all known occupants in the National Western Center project area to inform them of relocation benefits they may qualify for. Although not required, the NDCC is using the Federal Uniform Relocation Act ("URA") as a guide to provide relocation and acquisition benefits to property owners and occupants impacted by the National Western Center project. The NDCC has contracted HC Peck & Associates to assist the NDCC with this process and land owners and occupants will be working with this team and the NDCC through the process.

If you have any questions about land acquisition, please contact Katy Spritzer at 720-865-2510.

NDCC Submits Application for Stadium Arena Landmark Designation
As part of the Historic Resources Implementation plan to honor and interpret the rich history of the stock show site, the NDCC has submitted its first application for Landmark Designation for the Stadium Arena. This program is a public process that recognizes properties of historical, architectural and geographical importance to the City and County of Denver. To review the application, click here.

The Landmark Preservation Commission will host a public hearing on this application on March 15th at 1 pm at the Webb building.
1st Bond Issuance from 2C Proceeds

The City and County of Denver is currently in the process of issuing the first revenue bonds authorized by Denver voters in November 2015 for the National Western Center and Colorado Convention Center projects. Assuming final approval by City Council, which is expected to happen at the end of February, $200 million of bond proceeds from this 2016 issuance will be used for initial development of the NWC. Initial funding will be used for land acquisition and rail consolidation, two critical path items that represent key predevelopment steps to prepare the site for future development of the year-round campus. It is currently anticipated that the bonds will be priced on or around March 22, 2016 and closing and funding is estimated to occur the first week of April 2016. Colorado retail customers can purchase these bonds through their brokerage accounts and will be given priority in the bond allocations. Interested parties should speak to their financial advisors.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Brighton Construction Update

The Brighton team is still in the pre-construction stage of the project. Kiewit, the design firms for each project and the City continue to meet reviewing design and providing construction input. Crews are identifying the current location of utilities to further the design of the drainage system and Xcel is working on their design to relocate their electric lines.

Project communication plans and project identity are being developed, look for more information next month. We have begun initial outreach and will continue to reach out as the project moves forward.

River North (RiNo)

Progress Report: 38th & Blake Station Transit Oriented Development

Significant progress is being made on the 38th and Blake Station TOD project! All three project components are scheduled to be completed this spring and summer. Did you miss the 230 foot bridge being installed over the rail road...
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.

Join Our Mailing List!

tracks last month? This new pedestrian and bicycle bridge will connect Wazee Street with Blake Street between 35th and 36th streets. Click here for the video!

As work progresses, access to all area businesses and nearby parking remains available. *Don't forget these local businesses are open during construction and count on community support to succeed!*

### I-70 Reconstruction

**Final EIS Public Review Period**

A friendly reminder that the public review period for the Final EIS was extended to March 2nd. You can access the entire FEIS by clicking here and provide your comments. The FEIS is also available in hard copy at over a dozen locations across the City. http://www.i-70east.com/reports.html#feis

In February, CDOT also hosted public hearings in the Aurora and Denver areas. If you missed the public hearings, all exhibits, presentation and meeting summaries can be viewed online.

### RTD Station Development

**North Metro Line - N Line**

**A Look Ahead into 2016**

Activities along the North Metro Rail Line are changing the landscape north of Denver as construction activities flourish. There will be a construction push in 2016 and 2017 as Regional Rail Partners prepare to turn the line over to RTD for testing and a grand opening in 2018. In fact, in the peak summer months of 2016, the project will employ approximately 250 construction workers.

Near year’s end, construction of the parking garage at 104th Avenue, electrical and signal construction, and erection of the catenary poles will begin. Signal houses will be delivered in late 2016, and Thornton’s relocation of Claude Court and Welby Road should be underway.

As a project, the North Metro Rail Line is set to meet RTD’s required goals for employment of local disadvantaged businesses and workforce placement through RTD’s WIN (Workforce Initiative Now) Program.

There’s a lot of work to be done in 2016. The North Metro team will make every effort to guide you through any impacts you may be exposed to as construction of the rail line moves...
forward to completion in 2018. This is a critical year. All North Metro bridges, other than the Skyway Bridge, will be completed. All station platforms and walls will be in place, 90 percent of the required utility relocations will be completed, and most of the at-grade crossings will be in place. Parking lot grading, along with drainage and earthwork operations, will also be finalized in 2016.

For more updates on the N Line, click here.

University of Colorado - A Line
Positive Train Control: Important Safety Feature on CU A Line

As part of the testing of the CU A Line, positive train control, or PTC, is an important technology that utilizes a system like GPS and communications technology with the purpose of ensuring a safe system.

PTC technology is a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirement for all passenger rail systems in the country. RTD is proud to be the first in the U.S. to have PTC built into a commuter rail system "from the ground up," complying with the new federal requirements.

"This system is literally life-saving and will prevent the use of unsafe speeds on the rail alignment, train-to-train collisions, trains unsafely crossing rail switches, and unsafe train operations in the vicinity of maintenance workers who are on or near the alignment," said Greg Straight, project direct for the RTD FasTracks Eagle P3 Project.

PTC prevents these failures through use of a complex GPS and communications-based system. The tracking system verifies the position of the train so that the train "knows" what speed is appropriate to follow on different parts of the alignment.

For example, if a train operator is approaching a curve too fast, the system will identify the potentially unsafe condition. Train operators will be given a warning by the PTC system to slow the train and if the operator does not respond within 8 seconds, the train will automatically be brought safely to a stop.

PTC was nationally mandated in 2008 after 25 people were killed in a train-to-train collision in Chatsworth, Calif. The collision was caused by a train operator’s failure to abide by a red light signal, which could have been prevented by PTC technology.
This innovative safety technology will keep RTD's commuter rail system safe, but it is also important for the public to remember the following key safety tips when around any train system:

- Never trespass! Stay on public sidewalks and roadways only—it is not only illegal to trespass on train tracks, but it can be harmful (or even deadly) to you and others.
- Always look both ways when getting ready to cross a train track, even if the red lights and gates are not activated.
- Follow all warning signs and signals at the crossings.
- If you see a train approaching, wait for the train to pass and the gates and lights to deactivate before you cross. Never try to beat a train! RTD's trains are powered by overhead electrical lines—do not touch the wires! Remember, if the overhead wires have been installed, they are live with electricity and can cause serious injury or death.

Gold Line - G Line

Testing underway on G Line

Tracks have been installed, overhead wires are up and they are charged with 25,000 volts of electricity that are required to power the commuter rail trains. Before the G Line opens to the public in the fall, the system will undergo a thorough testing and commissioning process to ensure it is fully operational and safe.

For more updates on the G Line, click here for the February 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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