Near Northwest Area Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #10
April 26, 2022  |  6:00-8:00pm
Agenda

Welcome and Introduction - 5 minutes
Focus Topics Overview - 5 minutes
Complete and Green Streets Background – 15 minutes
  - What We Heard
  - Issues and Opportunities
Complete and Green Streets Small Group – 45 mins.
  - Major Transit Streets
  - Other Neighborhood Streets
BREAK – 5 mins.
Homework and Next Steps – 20 mins.
Zoom

- Turn on video if possible
- Mute when you are not speaking
- Chat with Amanda if you have technical issues
- Meeting discussion will be with Steering Committee members
- Members of the public can send chat questions, and we will try to answer if we have time at the end
- Meeting is being recorded
Meeting Ground Rules

- Allow room for all
- Firsts before seconds
- When agreeing, avoid repeating what others have said
- When disagreeing, be respectful and focus on the idea, not the person
- Utilize the raise hand function and/or chat
- Turn on your video if possible
Timeline

2021 2022 2023

Understanding the Area

Define the Issues and Develop Initial Recommendations

Refine Recommendations

Community Review of Draft Plan

Adoption

We are Here

ANTICIPATED ADOPTION BY SPRING OR SUMMER 2023
Focus Topics
## What are Focus Topics?

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Complete & Green Streets

MAJOR TRANSIT STREETS:
Speer Boulevard,
38th Avenue, Federal Boulevard

KEY QUESTIONS: Do you agree with how elements were prioritized in our polling? Why did you prioritize the elements you did?

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS:
Complete & Green Street Priorities

KEY QUESTIONS:
What two streets in YOUR neighborhood would you prioritize for complete or green street improvements and why? (East-West; North-South?)
What are barriers and connectivity opportunities (for different modes) to moving around your neighborhood?
What elements of green infrastructure (stormwater planters and permeable pavements) do you prioritize?
What We Heard

MOBILITY

LIKES

- Walkable/bikeable to shops, restaurants, schools, parks
- Access to downtown
- Access to light rail
- Access to highways

DISLIKES

- Dangerous intersections
- Speeding cars
- Federal, Speer, 38th, Zuni of particular concern
- Sidewalks narrow (Chaffee Park especially)
- Poor bike facilities
- Increasing traffic
- Major barriers
- Public transit deficiencies

IDEAS

- Traffic calming, wider sidewalks, and transit enhancements on major streets
- Widen Chaffee Park sidewalks to accommodate ADA and strollers
- Safer and more crossings on major streets (Federal, Speer, 38th)
- Safer crossings near schools
- More protected bike lanes
- Better connections across interstates and railroads
Complete & Green Streets
Key Issues
MOBILITY

KEY ISSUE: ROADWAYS NOT MEETING COMMUNITY’S NEEDS

Complete Street Example
Key Issues

MOBILITY

KEY ISSUE: INTERSECTION SAFETY ISSUES

29th and Speer Intersection
Key Issues
MOBILITY

KEY ISSUE:
BIKE NETWORK GAPS & DEFICIENCIES

Federal Boulevard overpass of I-70
Key Issues

MOBILITY

KEY ISSUE: INADEQUATE SIDEWALKS

Chaffee Park narrow sidewalk

Speer Blvd. crumbling sidewalk
Key Issues
QUALITY OF LIFE

KEY ISSUE:
LOSS OF PERMEABLE GROUND TO TREAT WATER QUALITY
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2010

2020

Impervious Area
- Buildings: 24,218.00 → 51,455.00
- Paving: 33,043.00 → 42,665.00

Infiltrating Area
- Landscape Area: 72,448.00 → 35,584.00

Analysis
- TOTAL Area: 129,704.00 → 129,704.00
- IMPERVIOUS Area: 57,261.00 → 94,120.00
- PERVIOUS Area: 72,443.00 → 35,584.00
- IMPERVIOUS Cover: 44.1% → 72.6%
- PERVIOUS Cover: 55.9% → 27.4%

IC Increase: 28.4%

Stormwater
- WQCV - Peak Flow
- WQCV - Runoff
- 10 yr Peak Flow
- 10 yr Annual Runoff

Near North West neighborhood planning initiative
Denver Community Planning & Development
Opportunities
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: STORMWATER PLANTERS
Opportunities

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
Opportunities
Historic Parkways

Speer Boulevard

Federal Boulevard

46th Avenue Extended
Opportunities

“OPEN STREETS”

Marion Parkway (above)
11th Avenue (below) in Denver during pandemic
(source: Denver Post)

Arvada Pedestrian Mall
Opportunities

Complete / Green Streets

EAST-WEST:
• 50th Avenue
• 46th Avenue
• 38th Avenue
• 35th Avenue
• Speer Boulevard

NORTH-SOUTH:
• Zuni Street
• Tejon Street
• Navajo Street
• Lipan Street
POLLING QUESTIONS
Existing Conditions

W. 38th Avenue at Osage St. (approx. 75’ ROW)

West 38th Ave.

Made with Streetmix
POLLING QUESTION

What components do you value most for 38th Avenue?
Existing Conditions

Speer Boulevard at Bryant St. (approx. 90’ ROW)

Speer Boulevard
POLLING QUESTION

What components do you value most for Speer Boulevard?
Existing Conditions

Federal Boulevard 2021-2023 projects

- Pedestrian Improvements (Design)
- Colfax-Federal Transformation Study (planning)
- Federal Blvd Median gaps (design)
- Green Infrastructure & Sidewalk Improvements (design)
- Underground/installation of new lights (design)
- Resurfacing (design)
- Sidewalk gaps – various locations (design)
- Vision Zero Quick Build (design)
- DOTI Traffic Signal Upgrades (design)
- CDOT Traffic Signal Upgrades (design)
- HAWK Signal (design)
- Bike Detection Cameras (design)
Existing Conditions
Federal Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements

Federal Blvd from 23rd to 27th Avenues, as well as 25th Ave between Federal Blvd and Elliot St

• Improvements include:
  • Curb ramps
  • Pedestrian crossing signals
  • Sidewalk expansions
  • Green space
  • Gathering areas
  • Other enhancements that prioritize a safer and more comfortable experience for you

Survey: Federalpedimprovements.com
Existing Conditions

Federal Boulevard at 43rd. Ave (approx. 90’ ROW)

Federal Blvd
POLLING QUESTION

What components do you value most for Federal Boulevard?
Complete & Green Streets

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BREAK OUT GROUPS
Complete & Green Streets
Report Out
Closing & Next Steps

Online Surveys and Neighborhood Workshop & Roundtable Sign Ups are LIVE.

WE NEED HELP SPREADING THE WORD!

- April 21 – Chaffee Park Roundtable (complete)
- April 23 – Chaffee Park Workshop (complete)
- April 27 – Sunnyside Workshop (tomorrow!!!)
- April 28 – Sunnyside Roundtable (Thursday!!!)
- May 4 – Highland Workshop (next Weds.!!)
- May 5 – Highland Roundtable
- May 11 – Jefferson Park Workshop
- May 12 – Jefferson Park Roundtable

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Closing & Next Steps

DISCUSS MEETING FORMAT:
• Potential to start meeting in person

UPCOMING STEERING COMMITTEE TOPIC DATES:
• MAY 24, 2022: Design Character & Preservation (read Pattern Book!)
• EARLY JUNE (optional) : Industrial Areas Discussion/Workshop (Property & Business Owners, interested Steering Committee members, staff, consultants)
• JUNE 28, 2022: Phase 2 Engagement Summary