West Area Plan

Steering Committee Meeting
Sun Valley Kitchen, Sun Valley
Thursday, January 16, 2020
Today’s Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Public Meeting Takeaways
• West Area Mobility Conditions
• Other Projects
  • Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) Proposed Projects
  • Neighborhood Transportation Management Program
  • Community Network Planning
  • Denver Streets Design Summit Invitation
Public Meeting Takeaways

Tuesday, January 14, 2019
Lake Middle School
Residential Design

• Single Unit and Two Unit
  • Affordability Main Priority
  • Design Queues from Existing Homes
  • Design Quality
  • Design Diversity

• Multi-Family
  • Affordability
  • Shared Open Spaces
  • Material Quality
  • Relationships Between Buildings
  • Community Benefits
Centers and Corridors

- Walkable and Connected
- Intensity along Corridors
- More Options at Key Intersections
  - 1st and Knox
  - 10th and Knox
  - Along Main Arterials
- Retail Services
  - Grocery and Fresh Food
  - Community Serving
  - Add to Existing Businesses
Industrial Areas

• Remove Barriers to River
• Improve Through Connections
• Increase Safety and Comfort
• Industrial Mixed-Use as a Transition
• Shared Spaces
• Industrial “Store Fronts”
• Jobs and Education
Housing Affordability

• Accessory Dwelling Units
• Promote Adaptive Reuse, Additions and Remodeling
• Incentives for Community Benefits
  • Along Corridors and at Key Centers
  • Promote Affordable Housing and Local Businesses
  • Intensity along Corridors and Transit Areas
  • “Gradual Height” for better integration
West Area Mobility Conditions
### Survey Results: Important Challenges

**Q:** “What are the 5 most important challenges that should be addressed in your neighborhood?” *(Choose up to 5; % of respondents who selected)*

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<th>Challenge</th>
<th>% of Respondents</th>
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<td>Access to fresh and healthy food</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>Speeding cars</td>
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<td>Residents feeling safe (crime, street lighting, etc.)</td>
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<td>More/better sidewalks</td>
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<td>Neighborhood beautification and/or clean-up</td>
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<td>Places to shop (familiar and affordable)</td>
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<td>Affordable housing (preventing displacement)</td>
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<td>Safely getting around by walking</td>
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<td>Changes to the community and character (gentrification)</td>
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<td>New buildings and development</td>
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<td>Safely getting around by biking</td>
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<td>More parks and/or better park maintenance</td>
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<td>Better access to public transit (RTD)</td>
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<td>Jobs available in the area</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Access to healthcare</td>
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Total = 762; Source: West Area Plan Kick-Off Survey
Survey Results: Important Challenges Transportation

- Speeding cars: 48%
- More/better sidewalks: 43%
- Safely getting around by walking: 33%
- Safely getting around by biking: 21%
- Better access to public transit (RTD): 12%
Vehicle Mobility
West Area Commuters: Car Commuters
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Road Classification and Volumes

High volume arterial streets bound the neighborhoods
Pedestrian Mobility
Survey Results: Walking

How easy or difficult is to walk in your neighborhood?

Total = 762 ; Source: West Area Plan Kick-Off Survey
Sidewalks: Missing
Sidewalks: Missing + Existing
Sidewalks: Missing + Existing (by width)
WalkScope by WalkDenver

WalkScope is a mobile crowdsourcing application developed by WalkDenver that allows the mapping of the pedestrian environment.
Survey Results: Biking

How easy or difficult is it to bike in your neighborhood?

- Total = 762
- Source: West Area Plan Kick-Off Survey
Bicycle facilities (existing)
Bicycle facilities (existing & proposed)
Safety
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Pedestrian Crashes

High Injury Networks (HIN) which represent the corridors with the highest number of fatal and injury crashes bound the neighborhoods.

There have been 10 pedestrian traffic related fatalities within the West Area in the last 5 years.
Bicycle Crashes

High Injury Networks (HIN) which represent the corridors with the highest number of fatal and injury crashes bound the neighborhoods

There has been 1 bicycle traffic related fatality within the West Area in the last 5 years.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes

The majority of crashes involving a pedestrian or a cyclist occurred along the Hight Injury Networks of Federal, Alameda and Colfax.

Some other corridors include Knox, Perry, 17th, 10th, and 1st.
Transit
Survey Results: Transit

How easy or difficult is to in your neighborhood?

- Barnum
- Barnum West
- Sun Valley
- Valverde
- Villa Park
- West Colfax
- West Area

Easy  Neutral  Difficult
Transit Routes by Frequency
Bus Stop ridership
Other Projects

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI)

- General 2019-2023 Projects
- Neighborhood Transportation Management Program (NTMP)
- Community Network Planning
DOTI 2019-2023 Projects
Program Purpose

The NTMP seeks to improve the movement of people within and between neighborhoods by working collaboratively to identify concrete actions that increase safety and improve transportation connectivity, accessibility, and livability.
What types of projects does the NTMP address?

(Survey coming out in the next two weeks)
Community Network Planning

DOTI is rapidly implementing multimodal projects around the concept of completing an entire network within smaller areas of the City, a process the planning team has called the “Community Network” approach. This approach will provide a combination of multimodal projects (pedestrian, bike, transit, vision zero).
Up Next…

• NTMP Survey
  • Next couple of weeks

• February Steering Committee (Mobility Focus)
  • Thursday, February 20, 2020
    Location: TBD
    6:00-7:30 PM

• Mobility Focus Group
  • Thursday, February 27, 2020
    Location: TBD
    Time: TBD

• March Steering Committee (Quality of Life Focus)
  • Thursday, March 19, 2020
    Location: TBD
    6:00-7:30 PM
Homework and Discussion

Take 3 pictures of mobility challenges in your neighborhood and upload to Dropbox (or email to Eugene 😊)