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**Project Title:** NPI Near Southeast Area Plan

**To:** Denver Planning Board

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CPD launched the Near Southeast Area planning effort in July 2021 and is working with community stakeholders through the NPI plan development phases to develop policies and recommendations based upon Blueprint Denver and other citywide plans, adapting them for application within the five Near Southeast neighborhoods. Denver Community Planning and Development is working with Council Members Kendra Black (Council District 4), Amanda Sawyer (Council District 5) and Paul Kashmann (Council District 6) to create a vision for the neighborhoods of Goldsmith, Indian Creek, Virginia Village, Washington Virginia Vale and University Hills north of Yale Avenue.

The Near Southeast Area Plan is developing recommendations for the categories of Land Use, Housing and Economy, Mobility, and Quality of Life Infrastructure. The Plan will also have specific recommendations for each neighborhood and will outline steps for plan implementation. The first phase of community input in Summer-Fall 2021 looked at understanding the area and identifying key issues the plan should address, including:

- Improvements to commercial corridors, particularly Evans Avenue, with better design, walkability, and shopping, dining, and entertainment options
- Better and safer mobility options for all modes
- More diverse and affordable housing options
- Preserving and improving parks, trails, green spaces, and landscaping

The Near Southeast Area Plan is currently going through a second round of community engagement, looking to develop recommendations to address the issues identified in the first phase. Community workshops were held in March, surveys have been available on the plan website since February, and in-person and intentional outreach to underrepresented groups is ongoing. The plan team will develop draft recommendations based on this input to be shared with the community in the next round of engagement this summer, followed by a draft plan for review in late 2022 and adoption anticipated in the first half of 2023.

The info item at the Planning Board meeting on May 4 will cover the process so far, draft vision and major issues, the current community engagement activities, and upcoming work and remaining steps in the planning process.