LAND USE AND BUILT FORM IN DENVER

[Highlights of Preliminary Recommendations]

Policy 1: Promote the efficient use of land, especially in centers and corridors with high transit connectivity.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

Not Well At All  Well, But Needs Revision  Very Well

Example Strategy:
• In regional centers and community corridors, study the feasibility of requiring or incentivizing density. One example could be minimum heights.

Policy 2: Ensure an active and pedestrian-friendly environment that provides a true mixed-use character where neighborhood services are desired.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategies:
• Require strong street level active use standards for local centers and corridors. This may include a prohibition on residential units for a portion of the street level of a building.
• Study stronger street level active use requirements for other centers and corridors (community and regional scale).

Policy 3: Recognize vacant institutional sites (such as churches) as opportunity sites in neighborhoods.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategy:
• Allow land use flexibility for the adaptive re-use of these sites to add housing choice and/or neighborhood services.

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Policy 1: Ensure great design in all corridors and centers.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

- Not Well At All
- Well, But Needs Revision
- Very Well

Example Strategies:
• Establish design review for major regional centers including Downtown.
• Consider design review for all community and regional-scale corridors and centers.
• Use zoning design overlays in areas where a specific design vision has been established through a planning process.
• Revise the zoning code to provide standards for quality street level design and better transitions to residential areas.

Policy 2: Ensure quality infill development in residential areas that respects the existing neighborhood character.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

- Not Well At All
- Well, But Needs Revision
- Very Well

Example Strategies:
• Amend the zoning code to address items such as height, bulk, and lot coverage to achieve more context-sensitive residential infill.
• Consider some level of design review for higher-impact residential projects.
• Use landmark designation to preserve the overall character of a historic area and to limit the demolition of historic homes.
• Use zoning conservation overlays in areas seeking to preserve specific character features.

Policy 3: Ensure that transitions between place types are character appropriate.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategy:
• Study the feasibility of additional zoning tools and/or design standards to create appropriate transitions between larger scale centers and corridors to low- and medium-low residential areas, especially for areas in the Transform change category.

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Policy 1: Encourage mode-shift – more trips by walking, biking, and transit -- through efficient land-use and infrastructure improvements.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategies:
• Increase the number of services and amenities that are available by walking and biking by promoting mixed use development and integrating more local centers and corridors into residential areas.
• Implement the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit networks in Denver Moves plans.

Policy 2: Align the impacts of private development with transportation infrastructure and promote development that creates walkable, transit-friendly communities.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

Not Well At All
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Example Strategies:
• Study and implement maximums for required off-street parking in centers and corridors to encourage to use of alternative modes of transportation.
• Develop and adopt policies that require Transportation Demand Management programs for developments to maximize use of alternative modes and to reduce new vehicle trips on Denver’s streets.

Policy 3: Promote a safe & dignified pedestrian environment citywide.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategies:
• Develop access management policies certain place-types to reduce conflicts between driveways/ garages and pedestrians using the sidewalk.
• Ensure that café seating in the public right-of-way provides adequate space for pedestrians and streetscape, especially in areas with high pedestrian volumes.

Policy 4: Explore regulations to implement vision for street types and the layered modal network.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

Not Well At All
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Example Strategies:
• Develop comprehensive Street Design Guidelines based on street types that address components such as green infrastructure, bikeway design, streetscaping, and pedestrian spaces.
• Coordinate across City departments to review and revise street design standards, rules, and regulations to implement Blueprint street types and modal priorities.

Policy 5: Embrace emerging technologies for mobility and transportation safety.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

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Example Strategies:
• Pilot technologies around the city that improve safety and visibility of all roadway users such as Advanced Technology Congestion Management Deployment (ATCMTD)
• Implement innovative funding structures that address the infrastructure impact of future mobility technologies such as autonomous vehicles.
QUALITY OF LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE IN DENVER

Policy 1: Expand tools and regulations to ensure that the provision of high-quality parks and public spaces keeps pace with Denver’s growth.

How well does this policy respond to issues and opportunities heard during our Plan process? (fill in the circle that applies)

- Not Well At All
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Example Strategies:
- Study the feasibility of development impact fees to help fund open space needs as Denver grows.
- Evaluate the need for increased requirements for open space for mid- and large-scale developments in centers and corridors.

Policy 2: Protect and expand Denver’s tree canopy on both public and private property.

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Example Strategies:
- Develop tree-planting and irrigation requirements for new development on private property.
- Support a robust tree canopy by prioritizing trees in right-of-way design and through stronger tree preservation policies.


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Example Strategies:
- Create incentives for private development to include green infrastructure such as permeable pavement and plantings that provide water quality.
- Limit the amount of impervious surface on private property.

Policy 4: Ensure great streets and community spaces in all centers and corridors, giving priority to pedestrian spaces and amenities.

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Example Strategies:
- Encourage “road diets” and remove unnecessary concrete/asphalt from the city’s network of streets and other rights-of-way.
- Establish clear rules for use of the right-of-way by utilities, advertisers, telecommunications providers, etc., balancing aesthetics and infrastructure necessities.

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