

## Joint Public Meeting: East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Storm Interceptor Study and Upper Montclair Stormwater Systems Study

September 5, 2018 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver

### Meeting Summary



#### OVERVIEW

The joint East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Storm Interceptor Study and Upper Montclair Stormwater Systems Study community meeting began at 5:30 on September 5, 2018 and there were approximately 30 people in attendance. Jennifer Williams, City Project Manager for Upper Montclair, and Andy Stewart, City Project Manager for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interceptor provided overview presentations for each project; Jennifer providing broad information on the history, topography and flood concerns facing the neighborhood and Andy highlighting the background and preferred alignment for the interceptor project. The neighborhood's effort to understand and define green infrastructure and flood concerns through the stormwater study will be an integral aspect of the pipe infrastructure study and community members will have the opportunity to participate in both aspects of the effort.

The presentation was followed by a Q/A session fostering a group conversation. Subsequently, attendees moved to boards and maps around the room where they had the opportunity for individual conversations regarding the alignment with 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Storm Interceptor or green infrastructure opportunities. Community members were very engaged and thankful for the opportunity to discuss things before design is underway.

Community comments or questions are organized by topic in the following section:

### GRAY INFRASTRUCTURE

- There was general support from community members regarding the pipe alignment proposed for Batavia Street. No specific opposition to the proposed alignment was noted.
- There was a concern about lack of existing inlets along 16<sup>th</sup> Ave east of Glencoe Street. Inlet placement along the route will be evaluated during the design.
- There were concerns that through the capture of additional stormwater in this system, the City will be emptying stormwater into Ferril Lake. This project does not affect how Ferril Lake functions for stormwater detention.
- There was concern about flooding at the corner of Batavia and Colorado, and at the corner of Dahlia and 17th. (The team will look at the inlets/capacities in these areas)
- Will additional funding for stormwater be part of any bills with the upcoming elections? There is no additional funding for stormwater as part of any bills in the November 2018 elections.
- During construction there was concern about access to residences. The contractor will be required to provide access to every property during construction, and these details will be developed after final design of the infrastructure.



### GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Community members expressed interest in green infrastructure facilities along the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave or Batavia to complement the pipe infrastructure work.
- Some of the green infrastructure opportunities mentioned by community members include:
  - Green alleys (specially in carriage house blocks)
  - Tree Swales where possible
  - Permeable pavers (on Batavia)
  - Green Streets (along 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. and along Dahlia)
  - Use and preservation of carriage house lots for green infrastructure / drainage / community amenities / open space should be considered. Currently a garage is being designed on the carriage lot between 16<sup>th</sup> Ave/Batavia Pl. There is another carriage lot between Cherry St./Dahlia St. Please note that these carriage lots are private property.
- Community members expressed concerns regarding the availability of funding opportunities for green infrastructure during the same time that the pipe project would be happening.



- Community members along Batavia would like green infrastructure, and do not want to be impacted twice by construction. Please ensure that these efforts will be coordinated.
- Would like to see as much green infrastructure as possible. Perhaps you could start with some demonstration projects on a single block and/or intersection, just to show people how it would work.
- We would like to begin seeing the development of green alleys, green streets, etc. and think this could be done not only along Batavia, but in many places throughout the neighborhood.

## OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES

- As complements to the gray infrastructure (pipe project) and the green infrastructure facilities, other community amenities and desires were discussed during the meeting. Community members expressed their desires and ideas around the following topics:
  - **Transportation**
    - How can 16<sup>th</sup> Ave act as a bicycle facility that parallels the future BRT service along Colfax Ave.?
    - Bicycle and pedestrian network: can 16<sup>th</sup> Ave be a bike low stress facility that connects 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to the West? 17<sup>th</sup> Ave does have a bike facility yet it is a more stress facility with higher moving traffic?
    - Would more 4-way stop signs along 16<sup>th</sup> Ave help make it a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly street?
    - There is fast moving traffic at the corner of Clermont St and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Could there be traffic calming improvements here?
    - Is there the potential to implement traffic calming elements or a safer crossing along Colorado Blvd at the location where the pipe will cross Colorado Blvd.?
    - It is important to look at Vision Zero Plan and analysis when thinking about this area, especially as the City gets ready to make infrastructure changes.
  - **Development**
    - What are the plans for some of the big parcels/properties along Colorado Blvd? Is there an opportunity for them to incorporate green infrastructure facilities when/if they re-develop?