

## APPENDIX B

### Stakeholder Working Group Summaries

## SWG Members Present:

1. Councilwoman Kendra Black
2. Melanie Colletti (*Ross-University Hills Library*)
3. Paul DesRocher (*RTD*)
4. Brent Fahrberger (*Aide to Councilman Kashmann, District 6*)
5. Kathy Gile (*Aide to Councilwoman Black, District 4*)
6. George Gramer (*Cherry Hills Vista Community Association*)
7. Kristi Hernandez (*Denver Parks and Rec*)
8. Emily Holben-Walker (*Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Southside Unified, University Hills Neighborhood Association*)
9. Councilman Paul Kashmann
10. Mark Kristensson (*University Park Community Council*)
11. Adriana Lara (*Denver Fire Department*)
12. Molly McKinley (*Denver Streets Partnership*)
13. Jennifer Neuhalfen
14. Stan Poladsky (*Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee*)
15. Laurie Tabachnick (*Denver Parks and Rec*)
16. Cathy Valencia (*Arapahoe County*)
17. John Voboril (*City of Englewood*)
18. Eileen Yazzie (*City and County of Denver*)
19. 720-237-2415 (*Unknown attendee*)

## Project Team Members Present:

1. Lucy Constantino (*CIG, communication consultant*)
2. Gabi Dyer (*CIG, communication consultant*)
3. Ashlee Grace (*City and County of Denver*)
4. Amber Haines (*Parsons*)
5. Geneva Hooten (*City and County of Denver*)
6. John Lasala (*City and County of Denver*)
7. Ryan Mulligan (*Parsons*)

## Key points covered

- Overview of the virtual meeting format
  - Will be held via Zoom for foreseeable future, both SWG and open house meeting
- Introductions of project team (City and consultant) and SWG attendees
  - City staff and consultant team (Parsons and CIG)
- Role of a stakeholder
  - Represent your respective organizations and serve as project ambassadors, helping to engage your community
  - Provide input and assist in developing project goals and project vision in future meetings
- Project overview
  - Evaluating Yale from Downing to the High Line Canal
  - Study aims to improve mobility, connectivity and safety throughout the community



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- Study will identify, prioritize, and conceptually design improvements to help people move safely along the corridor
- Study will continue through the end of the year
- Existing conditions effort underway, followed by technical analysis, conceptual design and the final report
- Five SWG meetings, two public open houses, and up to four pop-up events will be held (exact format TBD)
- Project considerations
  - Mobility infrastructure including sidewalks, signal timing, lane widths, safety, transit access and bike facilities
- Existing conditions summary
  - Land use dominated by single-family residential
  - Main cross streets include Downing, University, Colorado, and I-25
  - Important multimodal connections at bike corridors, McWilliams Park, Harvard Gulch and the High Line Canal
  - Sidewalk widths and crossing Yale are a concern
  - Multiple bus routes cross the corridor, and the E,F, and H light rail lines serve the Yale Station
  - Turning movements collected at 10 locations, eight intersections
  - Speed measured at three locations
  - City is closely monitoring safety concerns, concentration of accidents at Colorado/I-25 intersections
  - Parking is utilized sparingly (less than 1% Monday-Saturday, 10% on Sunday mornings)
- Stakeholder survey results
  - Access to transit and width of existing sidewalks/missing segments are main concerns
  - Parking, bike facilities and travel lane widths concerns as well
- Next steps
  - Public open house on April 29, 6-7 p.m.
  - Next SWG planned for early June (date TBD)
  - Existing conditions draft under development

## Q&A

1. Q: Will you be sending out a copy of these slides? (*Cathy Valencia*)
  - A: Slides will be sent out to the SWG list as a PDF
2. Q: Is Yale included in Denver's lift of bond measure improvements? (*Paul DesRocher*)
  - A: Yes
3. Q: Why is the study not extended to Broadway? (*John Voboril*)
  - A: Funding, city boundaries, and the desire to focus on the Yale corridor (*Geneva Hooten*)
  - A: Yale is in Englewood from Downing to Broadway (*Councilwoman Black*)
4. Q: There is a light at Dahlia and Yale (*Stan Poladsky*)
  - A: Noted. We will make sure to add that for future presentations
5. Q: Were you going to discuss the incident at Holly and Yale? (*Stan Poladsky*)
  - A: Woman on NW corner of intersection was hit by vehicle, most likely sideswiped, between 12-12:30PM
6. Q: A signal at Yale and Yale Circle will be constructed this summer which will help with access to Yale Station (*Councilwoman Kendra Black*)



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- A: That project will be highlighted at the open house.
- 7. Q: Can you describe the format for the open house on the 29<sup>th</sup>? (*Councilwoman Kendra Black*)
  - A: We will use Zoom and live broadcast it to YouTube. Meeting will be an hour long. Project team will try to make the meeting as interactive as possible. Meeting will be posted after for those unable to attend.
- 8. Q: Will there be a way for people to email their feedback if they only watch on YouTube? (*Councilwoman Kendra Black*)
  - A: Project team is looking into polling solutions and attendees will be able to email Geneva or the project email.
- 9. Q: How much of the plan has funding to be implemented? If not the entire amount, will it be phased? (*Adrianna Lara*)
  - A: Study can be leveraged for future funding opportunities. Study will help follow-on infrastructure elements be more successful in pursuing capital improvement and small win dollars and leverage larger asks with partner agencies or funding cycles. No funding is currently guaranteed beyond the money identified through the Denver bond program (*Geneva Hooten*)
  - A: It's easier to pursue funding for elements that have been identified through studies like this. We know there are needs and issues but no data-driven study, public outreach, or formal effort otherwise to identify what those future improvements can or should be. If it is known what they are and how much they may cost, it's much easier to chase those dollars. (*Ryan Mulligan*)
- 10. Q: is Firefly Autism school at Holly and Yale, not enough land there and a very dangerous intersection. Are there any opportunities to expand? (*Emily Holben*)
  - Yale/Holly intersection has funding through two bond projects, one is with Arapahoe County. We are going to work hard to improve that intersection. (*Ashlee Grace*)

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Add Stuart Anderson from Transportation Solutions to the SWG (*Project team*)
2. Inform networks about the upcoming public open house on 4/29 (*SWG and project team*)
3. Include traffic signal at Yale and Dahlia in future map and corridor evaluation efforts (*Project team*)

## MEETING COLLATERAL

- Meeting presentation (*attached*)
- Meeting recording available: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xi3j30uupadl051/AACeFfd7-aWqDpyZ9npN00IXa/SWG%204.6.20?dl=0&subfolder\\_nav\\_tracking=1](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xi3j30uupadl051/AACeFfd7-aWqDpyZ9npN00IXa/SWG%204.6.20?dl=0&subfolder_nav_tracking=1)
- Chat transcript (*attached*)

## EAST YALE AVENUE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY

Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meeting #2 Summary

June 8, 2020 - 1:00-2:30 PM

### Purpose:

- To highlight key findings from SWG meeting #1 and the first project Open House, and verify what we have identified as the key themes/goals are correct
- Continue to gather feedback from key stakeholders on project vision and concerns they have or have heard about the corridor
- To engage key project stakeholders early on in the project – when input is critical – and throughout the life of the project

### Key Points Covered:

- Study process and timeline
- Open house summary

Vision statement and goals to guide everyone through recommendations and final plan development

Work through draft vision and goals statements

- Draft vision statement
- Goals/structure of Zoom breakout sessions
  - Improving safety
  - Building connections
  - Creating a multimodal network
- Proposed project focus areas
  - North-south connections throughout the corridor
  - McWilliams Park
  - Yale/Colorado intersection
  - Yale Station
  - Yale Station to High Line Canal
  - Yale Way

### Breakout Session Notes – Common Themes

Attendees were randomly assigned to a breakout room where they focused on one of the three main topics – improving safety, building connections and creating a multimodal network. Breakout room facilitators (project representatives) then rotated to each breakout room to ensure input was gathered from everyone regarding each topic.

#### Breakout Room #1: Improving Safety

- Sidewalks
  - Concerns with sidewalk gaps and inconsistent widths, especially east of Colorado Boulevard
  - McWilliams is getting a renovated playground this year
    - Look into adding sidewalks along the park and expand the scope
    - Community members are trying to walk to McWilliams across Harvard Gulch – in bike lane with little kids – because there is no connection from Fillmore to McWilliams Park
- Connections
  - No safe way to cross Yale to get to the park, library or light rail station
- Biking
  - Shared car/bike spaces can be scary for people biking
  - Concerns with lack of north/south routes
  - Would like to see public right of way redistributed for bikeways and or walkways – especially between Colorado Boulevard and the west side of I-25 and between I-25 to Dahlia along Yale
  - No safe way to cross Yale to get to the park or library from the gap between Colorado Boulevard and King Soopers
- Intersections
  - Yale/Colorado intersection:

- Confusing to figure out how to connect from one side to the other
    - Concerns with people biking cutting through the parking lot because it is not cycle-friendly and does not connect well with the streets surrounding. May need better wayfinding
    - Concerns with access into shopping center
  - The free right turns make it challenging to cross intersections by foot
  - Concerns with Madison and St. Paul intersection, west of Colorado Boulevard, where there have been serious crashes
  - Difficult turn from where Cherry Street comes into Yale
- Other safety concerns
  - St. Anne's school pedestrian and vehicle traffic

### **Breakout Room #2: Building Connections**

- Connections
  - Pedestrians should have sufficient sidewalks
  - Funding for Harvard Gulch and High Line Canal crossings exists
  - Safer pedestrian crossing/connections to commercial development at Colorado/Yale
  - Connection of Harvard Gulch at YMCA
  - Improve pedestrian connections to Yale RTD Light Rail Station
  - Formalize informal trail connections; for instance, at Jackson St., an informal trail connects through a parking lot
  - Improve pedestrian connection along Yale between Dahlia and I-25
  - People walking and biking are intimidated by crossing at Yale/Colorado; many instead use Amherst to cross Colorado although it isn't ideal
  - There are too many access driveways along Colorado Blvd

### **Breakout Room #3: Creating a Multimodal Network**

- Safety
    - The goal statement should include a safety element
      - Include specifics on safety for those biking and walking from east to west
    - Many people don't feel safe on the corridor and there is limited space along the corridor. How can we expand to provide more room and safety?
    - Colorado/Yale is the most challenging intersection and should be high priority for safety
    - Improve safety on the existing bus network
  - Connections
    - Coordinate with Parks to improve connections
    - Look at informal connections, such as Harvard Gulch, and make them more formal
    - High emphasis on Yale Station access
  - Challenge will be the high cost of improving the Yale Station connection
  - Crossings
    - Arapahoe County is concerned with and wants to prioritize improving the Yale and Holly crossing
    - Crossing around Cherry Street
  - Sidewalks between the traffic light at Dahlia and King Soopers are not comfortable
    - Desire more comfortable crossings
  - Public transportation
    - Many bus stops lack shelters west of Colorado
- Public transportation is a high priority in many communities, especially bus routes
- Many depend on RTD services (University Hills and University Hills North)
    - Consider which RTD lines have been removed/added and for what reasons
  - Contact board members if certain routes are desired to bring back
  - Which transit stops can we focus on enhancing? Research stops with the highest level of riders
    - The RTD 27 bus line was eliminated recently (before COVID)

## **Coming Back Together**

After the breakout rooms, everyone regrouped to discuss key findings, and project representatives opened it up for more questions. Here were some additional comments:

- A lot of people try to walk from the north side of Yale to the Yale RTD Light Rail Station. There are no safe sidewalks on the northside until you reach Dahlia.
- “Low stress” in the vision statement is not clear but otherwise in agreeance with the vision statement
- When to the project team refers to "corridor," we should be clear that this includes trails and streets adjacent to Yale also
- Ensure concerns on the eastern portion of the project are also factored in

## Meeting Materials

- [Meeting presentation](#)
- Meeting recording available:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kfcc9574795018h/SWG%20%232%206.8.20%20trim.mp4?dl=0>

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10. Laurie Tabachnick (*Denver Parks and Rec*)
11. Cathy Valencia (*Arapahoe County*)
12. Stuart Anderson (*Transportation Solutions*)
13. Tom Schafer (*South Jackson Street Neighborhood Association*)
14. Lisa (*Unknown attendee*)
15. Alberto Paez (*Denver Fire Department*)
16. Liz Davis (*University Hills North Community*)
17. Paul Bloede (*Resident*)
18. 720-913-3448 (*Unknown attendee*)

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- John Lasala (*City and County of Denver*)
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- Amber Haines (*Parsons*)
- Lucy Constantino (*CIG, communication consultant*)
- Gabi Dyer (*CIG, communication consultant*)
- Morgan Marion (*CIG, communication consultant*)

## EAST YALE AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meeting #3 Summary

July 27, 2020, 1 – 3 p.m.

### Key Points Covered

- Project vision statement and goals
  - Vision statement: The East Yale Avenue corridor will serve neighborhoods and connect people, places, and services through a safe and efficient transportation network.
  - Safety goal: Create an environment where everyone feels they can move safely, no matter their mode of travel, and prevent serious injuries and fatalities through corridor-wide infrastructure improvements (including adjacent trails and streets).
  - Building connections goal: Create safe and convenient connections and improve access along the East Yale Avenue corridor where people can easily get to where they want to go.
  - Multimodal network goal: Create an equitable and connected multimodal network to move more people by walking, biking, and taking transit as part of their everyday lives.
- Survey results (status as of July 27)
- Draft recommendations
  - Developed based on input from
    - SWG meetings
    - Public open house
    - Emails to the project team
    - Forthcoming: recommendations from existing plans and studies
- Curb ramp reconstruction
- Next steps
  - Project activities (timeline and interactive corridor map)
  - Call to action
  - Public outreach – Open House set for Sept. 17, 5:30-7 p.m.
  - Next SWG meeting – September (date TBD)

### Questions and Feedback Based on Focus Areas

#### North-South Connections (corridor-wide)

##### Feedback:

1. Corridor-wide infrastructure improvements seem great. (*Chessy Brady*)
2. It seems like the project team is taking suggestions, moving forward with them and enhancing other things that haven't been mentioned. I am happy about the direction the project is going in. (*Stan Poladsky*)
3. Last time we talked, we discussed the east intersection before Colorado Boulevard (where Chase Bank is), that connects the shopping destinations and farmers market to the south University Hills community. Didn't see it on the focus area north-south connections map (might be the private road on the map?) – is that missing?
  - Wants better pedestrian and biking safety and connectivity. There is a lot of space there due to the turning lanes and regular driving lanes. Drivers aren't looking at the signal and paying attention to pedestrians as they enter the larger Colorado Boulevard intersection. Are curb extensions or a median there possible, for pedestrian or bike crossing to be safe? Something similar to a pedestrian refuge? (*Emily Walker*)
  - Agreed, it's confusing and pedestrian refuge could be a good way to solve it. (*Stan Poladsky*)

##### Questions:

1. **Q:** Concerns regarding crossing at York Street (St. Anne's school), currently police have to be present to assist with the crossing. What will be done for that crossing?  
**A:** This crossing is being evaluated.
2. **Q:** At the LRT Station, there is a sidewalk gap on Yale Circle between community apartments. When you talk about the missing gaps, is that included there?  
**A:** Yes, Yale Avenue up through to the station itself, looking at functionality, circulation to get pedestrians/bikers/motorists to the station. That's why we're coordinating with RTD. A concurrent study is also happening at the station. (*Amber Haines*)



3. **Q:** Regarding vehicle counts, did the COVID shutdowns impact these numbers? (*Emily Walker*)  
**A:** No, because data was collected before the shutdown, mid-January. (*Ryan Mulligan*)

### McWilliams Park

#### Feedback:

1. McWilliams Park focus area looks good. (*Laurie Tabachnick*)
  - o Agree with Laurie. Columbine Street crossing is weird. Markings and signage to identify the crossing would be beneficial. (*Jason Coffey*)
  - o Access to the park from the north isn't on the map. Pedestrians have to cut through here and can't cross Yale in the morning without a signal, and it is the only way to get across the park. Have to be funneled down to the Fillmore Street crossing to be safe. There's a bridge to a path along someone's fence that slopes down to the gulch but that's an odd way to route. Geneva will circle back with her for more info. (*Kathy Gile*)
  - o No additional gulch crossings have been discussed. Gulch is a north-south travel barrier. Not a lot of internal walks within the park so that would be an issue, getting people to a bridge. Ashlee said she'll follow up with him. (*Jason Coffey*)
  - o Wayfinding, signage would be beneficial. You can get stuck in the park if you don't know where you're going. (*Stan Poladsky*)

### Colorado/Yale

#### Feedback:

1. Arrow from northbound Colorado Boulevard to westbound Yale Avenue is an outstanding improvement. There should be one beyond Yale Avenue at U.S. Bank intersection – southbound currently has an arrow but northbound does not. (*George Gramer*)
2. Looking at the models is really important here, you have to keep the vehicles moving through here. Stacking on eastbound Yale in the mornings is crazy, and is uncomfortable for pedestrians. Need to balance keeping traffic moving with allowing pedestrians to safely cross. (*Chessy Brady*)

#### Questions:

1. **Q:** What's the connection to Amherst Avenue? (*Stan Poladsky*)  
**A:** We're looking into adding a formalized bikeway east-west to provide a connection south of Yale Ave, and will explore a logical connection on Yale itself. (*Geneva Hooten*)

### Yale Station

#### Questions:

1. **Q:** Are there general guidelines/plans that we follow for in and around light rail stations and bus stops? There is a need for improved lighting in and around the light rail station and bus stops. (*Emily Walker*)  
**A:** We are not aware of any overarching lighting recommendations plan. (*Geneva Hooten*)

### Yale Station to the High Line Canal

#### Feedback:

1. If you're traveling eastbound on Yale Avenue and just at Glencoe Street, if you go south on that and over to Grape, that will connect to a ramp that goes to the High Line Canal as an alternative to the whole intersection there. I use that to avoid the Yale Avenue/I-25 intersection. (*Stan Poladsky*)
  - a. Recommendation will be explored by the project team.

#### Questions:

1. **Q:** Are there any ideas for stairs/ramps in this location? (*Emily Walker*)  
**A:** Longer-term vision is to make this stretch/crossing feel safer for people to minimize the social path use. ADA accessibility will also be factored in. The team will coordinate with the Arapahoe County contacts. (*Geneva Hooten/Amber Haines*)

## Action Items

1. Geneva Hooten to follow up with more information for Kathy Gile on access to McWilliams Park from the north.

2. Ashlee Grace to follow up with more information for Jason Coffey about additional gulch crossings in McWilliams Park.
3. Revise recommendations in preparation for Open House #2 (project team).
4. Meet with CDOT and RTD (project team).
5. Coordinate recommendations regarding curb ramps (project team).

## Meeting Collateral

- Meeting presentation (*attached*)
- Meeting recording available:  
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16. Paul DeRocher (RTD)

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## Key points covered (see slide deck for more detailed information)

- Project timeline
- Interactive map feedback
- Evaluation criteria
- Next steps
  - VISSIM traffic modeling
  - Study Issuance and Post-Study:
    - Draft report for public review and comment– January 2021
    - Final SWG meeting – January 2021 (gather feedback on final report)
    - Funding – search for funding sources for top priorities

## Questions and Feedback

### **General:**

1. Stan asked if the project team saw any comments that were unreasonable or surprising.
  - a. Ryan: Overall, no. The only surprising thing was the fact that a bulk of the comments were not focused on Colorado Boulevard and Yale Avenue, many were focused on the curve at Yale Way. In addition, there seemed to be a balance of comments around multimodal travel – some comments were more focused on vehicular travel while others were more focused on pedestrian/bike access.

### **Yale Station:**

1. Stuart Anderson: Mentioned the Yale mobility group just recently met. They are currently working with developers of the tennis courts near the light rail station to see if changes to access in/out of the station can be made safely.
2. Emily Walker: Asked about pedestrian and bike safety near the Yale Station – is this still a recommendation that will be captured in the final report?
  - a. Ryan: The intersection improvements at Yale & Hudson is an all-encompassing recommendation for bike and pedestrian improvements corridor-wide. No decisions on exact locations have been determined yet.
3. Paul DeRocher: In terms of comments related to lighting around the Yale station, RTD would be responsible for lighting and pick up/drop off at Yale Station. Some recommendations around the Yale Station could be bolstered from RTD planning processes. The project team will make a special note of those recommendations and then Paul can report out on these and try to determine a path forward.
4. Jennifer Neuhalfen: Concerns with access into the light rail station off of Vassar Street. This could encourage on-street parking and inhibit access for emergency service vehicles. In addition, the neighborhood would be against increased car traffic on Vassar Street since there are a lot of children who play on that street and several dead ends. Stuart mentioned Vassar Street would be used for pedestrians and bikers only, not as a vehicle access point.

### **Drainage:**

1. Emily Walker: Surface flooding and storm events are an issue around the Yale station and feels this issue was not addressed in a recent City project. Flooding issues are instead moving to a different part of the neighborhood, i.e. residents on Cherry Street.
  - a. Ashlee mentioned that the City is focused on a “One Build” process where the City coordinates with different disciplines to gain efficiencies and address needs. Therefore, as part of the planning process, the City will bring in storm water counterparts to discuss future storm water improvements on Yale and how that can tie into future construction. The project team will note this in the final report.

### **Sidewalks:**

1. Cathy Valencia: Reviewed plans from 2014 proposed sidewalk improvements east of project limits and is wondering if we can we include those improvements as part of this project?
  - a. Geneva will follow up with Cathy offline.

### **Bike Lanes:**



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1. Kathy Gile: With Amherst and Yale bike lanes, there were comments on improving safety and signage on Yale. Will the final report address both streets as a bike lane?
  - a. Yale Way recommendations for improving the reduced line of sight in roadway curve, speed calming measures through the curve and improvements to the bike lane through the curve: we received the most comments on those and we evaluated all of them. For Amherst on either side of Colorado, we do not have data for that. This will need to be part of future analysis/data.

### ***Pedestrian Access:***

1. Jennifer Neuhalfen: Asked about ADA ramps at Cherry and Yale.
  - a. The ADA ramps will come into play as we evaluate the crossing improvement recommendations at Yale and S Cherry St/S Brook Dr.
2. Emily Walker: For people to get from the east to the west side of I-25, an underpass is going to be a dangerous option and would prefer a bridge.
  - a. Geneva: The desire for a bridge over Colorado and Yale was an original request but based on analysis we have done, a pedestrian bridge over I-25 is not good recommendation because of advanced capital cost. Our recommendations focused on things that did not require acquiring additional Right of Way. We can recognize there are issues accessing the light rail station and pedestrian/bike access is not ideal, but rather than push a pedestrian bridge forward as a recommendation through our study, we will continue to emphasize pedestrian connections under I-25.
  - b. Nov. 10 will be the first Southeast Mobility Study open house meeting and this pedestrian bridge will be a discussion topic.
3. Jenny: The light at South Claremont Drive just east of King Soopers serves one purpose, to slow down traffic on Yale. For pedestrians to use that crosswalk, either coming or going to north side, that sidewalk is unsafe. Why can't we get rid of that light and add lights on either side of Yale?
  - a. Geneva: The City is reluctant to take signals out or add additional ones because it can be very costly and there are specifications for where signal can be. This signal in particular is providing a key movement for drivers to make a left turn there. Improving pedestrian access at Brooks and Cherry Street was one of our recommendations so we are looking into that. The team recognizes that the sidewalk on the north side of Yale, west of Claremont, is unsafe so this would fall under the recommendation of standardizing widening of sidewalk widths throughout the corridor.
4. Stan: What is the criteria for adding pedestrian signals?
  - a. Geneva: We look at the distance from other crossings. If it's within 300 feet, we can't add a signal. We also look at existing pedestrian demand (how many are currently trying to cross). We are not looking at new crossings as part of this study, more so improvements to existing crossings.

### ***High Line Canal:***

1. Emily Walker: What is your team recommending for crossing at High Line Canal when it gets close to Holly?
  - a. Ashlee: There has been a whole High Line Canal connections study carried out by FHU, Denver, and Arapahoe county. Two recommendations came out of this: an underpass and a pedestrian bridge. The City looking at feasibility of an underpass (given groundwater conditions, etc.).

### ***Evaluation Criteria & Next Steps:***

1. Paul: For all of those criteria, is there weighting approach to it?
  - a. There is not a weighting currently identified, but we may make tweaks as needed.



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2. Kathy: Very excited about this study. When will we get to see the results of the VISSIM traffic modeling?
  - a. Ryan: We are working on this, and the analysis is led by Apex Design (a subconsultant on the project). When we get video and full analysis, Ryan can share this analysis. We cannot include the actual video in the final report but we will make that publicly available and we can upload the modeling to YouTube and the Yale web page.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Project team to make note of drainage concerns along corridor
2. Ryan to follow up with Kathy Gile once modeling is available
3. Geneva to meet with Cathy Valencia one-on-one to discuss sidewalk improvements east of the project
4. Paul DeRocher to follow up internally with RTD about lighting and pick up/drop off concerns at Yale Station

## MEETING COLLATERAL

- Meeting presentation (attached): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/30ewf3byk267anp/DRAFT\\_PPT\\_Yale%20SWG%204.pptx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/30ewf3byk267anp/DRAFT_PPT_Yale%20SWG%204.pptx?dl=0)
- Meeting recording available: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/wplcyppb1e2v2uf/GMT20201109-201108\\_East-Yale-1920x1050.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/wplcyppb1e2v2uf/GMT20201109-201108_East-Yale-1920x1050.mp4?dl=0)
- Chat transcript (attached): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/xrwfxyjumq5u8s/meeting\\_saved\\_chat.txt?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/xrwfxyjumq5u8s/meeting_saved_chat.txt?dl=0)