CONNECTING AURARIA:
AURARIA | DOWNTOWN CONNECTION VISION PLAN

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Auraria Campus houses the University of Colorado Denver, Community College of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver. The sidewalks along the Larimer Street bridge over Cherry Creek are narrow and do not support the high demand from pedestrians who regularly use Larimer Street to connect between downtown Denver and the campus.

This project will improve the pedestrian experience and safety on Larimer Street between 14th Street and the Auraria Campus. It includes full reconstruction of the bridge over Cherry Creek to accommodate a larger pedestrian and amenity zone. It will address the non-ADA-compliant ramps at the bridge approach and at two Larimer Street and Speer Boulevard intersections, a challenge with problematic drainage and signal system infrastructure placement. Additional improvements include landscaping and mobility enhancements.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Larimer Street between 14th Street and Auraria Campus

District: 9

Neighborhood: Auraria and Union Station

Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $7 million

Designer: Wilson & Co.

Contractor: To be determined

PROJECT BENEFITS

Maximized pedestrian capacity, safety and connectivity

Improved pedestrian experience and enhanced streetscape

Reconstructed and widened bridge

KEY MILESTONES

BEGIN DESIGN 2020

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2022

PROJECT COMPLETION 2023

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