

York/Josephine Community Engagement Summary (May 2023 – March 2024)

The goal of this project is to connect communities and guide future infrastructure improvements. York and Josephine Streets: 47th Avenue to Colfax have been identified as part of Denver’s Vision Zero High Injury Network. This study will re-envision this corridor and enhance the corridor through design plans that improve safety for all users of the roadway.

Phase I - May – July 2023

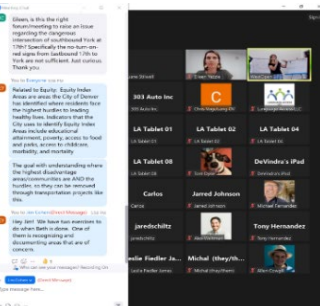
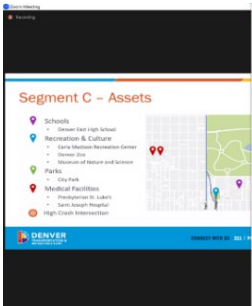
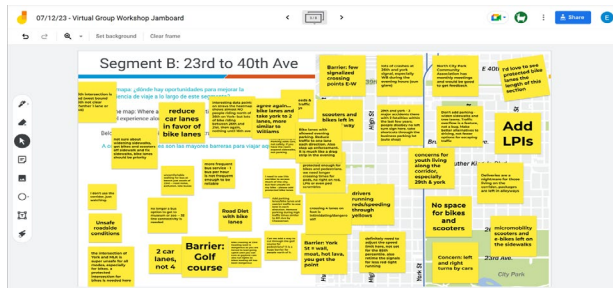
The purpose of Phase 1 engagement to start the study effort, gather input from community members regarding perceived travel experience of the York/Josephine corridor as well as identify destinations and barriers to travel.

Engagement Activities

- Stakeholder Working Group – meeting on May 24, 2023
- Community Meeting – Online and Virtual meetings on July 12, 2023. The in person meeting was held at GeoTech (2650 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80205) and then online via Zoom. A presentation was given about the project purpose, existing conditions, and previous planning activities, and then facilitated discussions occurred in person and online. Online tools that were used included Google JamBoards.
- Community Touchpoints – Meeting People Where they are at. Supporting this phase, the project team went out to meet the community where they were at in July – August 2024. This included tabling at Colfax Block Party, City Park Esplanade, 2551 E Colfax Ave (8/5/23) and Huerta Urbana Farmer’s Market, 2501 E 48th Ave, Denver (8/11/23).

Who Did We Engage?

- Distribution of 400 flyers to homes and businesses and 20 yard signs along the corridor, targeted at bus stops and high-traffic intersections.
- 18 people at Community Meeting in person
- 13 people at Community Meeting online
- 103 comments received online and in person
- Two Community Touchpoints reaching approximately 125 residents



Phase II Corridor Alternatives and Criteria – October through December 2023

The purpose of Phase II (Alternatives Analysis Phase) engagement was to share public feedback to date, share an overview of potential design alternatives for the corridor, and gather more input from community members through an online survey.

Engagement Activities

- Stakeholder Working Group – meeting on October 25, 2023
- Community Meeting – Online and Virtual meeting on November 16, 2023. The in person meeting was held at GeoTech (2650 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80205) and then online via Zoom. A presentation was given giving a crash update, presented three corridor vision alternatives, shared on-line survey (for community to provide comments and preference of alternatives), and discussed short-term opportunity for York: 40th to 18th. Paper copies of the survey were provided at the in-person venue, some were filled out in person and then input into the online survey platform by project team members.

Who Did We Engage?

- Distribution of 400 flyers to homes and businesses and 20 yard signs along the corridor, targeted at bus stops and high-traffic intersections. The project team also communicated with City council contacts and all registered neighborhood organizations abutting the corridor.
- Emailed 100+ contacts on project Listserv
- 15 people at Community Meeting in person
- 40 people at Community Meeting online
- 319 completed surveys

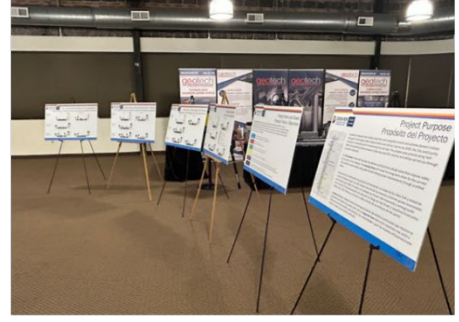
Online Survey

The online survey was launched in conjunction with the second public meeting. It was completed by 319 respondents, including representatives from each segment of the corridor. The majority of respondents were from Segment B (275 out of 319), which houses significantly more residential housing units.

Public Input Results

Public input during Phase II of public engagement included both public comment and online survey results. The preference in each segment was Alternative 1 – Reconfigure the Corridor: One way to two-way conversions on the one-way couplets and 4 lane to 3 lane reconfiguration between 40th Ave and 18th Ave, the second highest choice was support of Alternative 3 – Dedicated Space for Bikes in Segment A and C. There was an unclear preference for Segment A – York Avenue. The results are organized by segment in the table below and the preferred alternative for the segments is shown in the cross sections below.

Segment	Alt 1. Reconfigure the Corridor	Alt 2. Dedicated Space for Transit	Alt 3. Dedicated Space for Bikes	None of the above
A - Josephine	40.5%	15.5%	27%	17%
A - York	31%	16%	28%	25%
B - York	66%	6%	14%	14%
C - Josephine	40%	13%	27%	20%
C - York	45%	13%	23%	19%



Short Term Design – February 2024

The purpose of Short Term Design engagement was to share about the 4 to 3 lane conversion happening this year on York Street. Topics covered were safety improvements, future transit, efficient vehicle movement, and context sensitive design solutions.

Engagement Activities

- Community Meeting – Online and Virtual meetings on February 28, 2024. The in person meeting was held at GeoTech and then online via Zoom. A presentation included a project overview, project goals, traffic analysis and recommendations, design components and application, corridor design walk through and discussion, and then held Q&A regarding the 4 to 3 lane conversion on York Street. At the end of the presentation, the community could ask questions from the printed roll plot of the corridor.

Who Did We Engage?

- Distribution of 400 flyers to homes and businesses and 20 yard signs along the corridor, targeted at bus stops and high-traffic intersections. The project team also communicated with City council contacts and all registered neighborhood organizations abutting the corridor.
- Emailed 150+ contacts on project Listserv
- Axios article and Fox31 story
- 56 people at Community Meeting in person
- 54 people at Community Meeting online
- 30 + emails received and responded to



Phase III Recommendations/Draft – Upcoming (March through April 2024)

The purpose of the Phase III engagement will be to share the Phase II Community Survey results and the Long-Term improvements: preferred alternative, design highlights and typical corridor vision for the Long-Term Vision for the Corridor.

Engagement Activities

- Stakeholder Working Group – meeting on March 20, 2024
- Upcoming community Meeting – Online and Virtual meeting will be held on April 10, 2024 at GeoTech (2650 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80205) and then online via Zoom.
- Will distribute 400 flyers to homes and businesses and 24 yard signs along the corridor, targeted at bus stops and high-traffic intersections. The project team will also communicate with City council contacts and all registered neighborhood organizations abutting the corridor and emailing 200+ contacts on project listserv.