

Colfax Avenue, Welton Street, and  
Galapago Street  
Intersection Improvements

# Aerial View

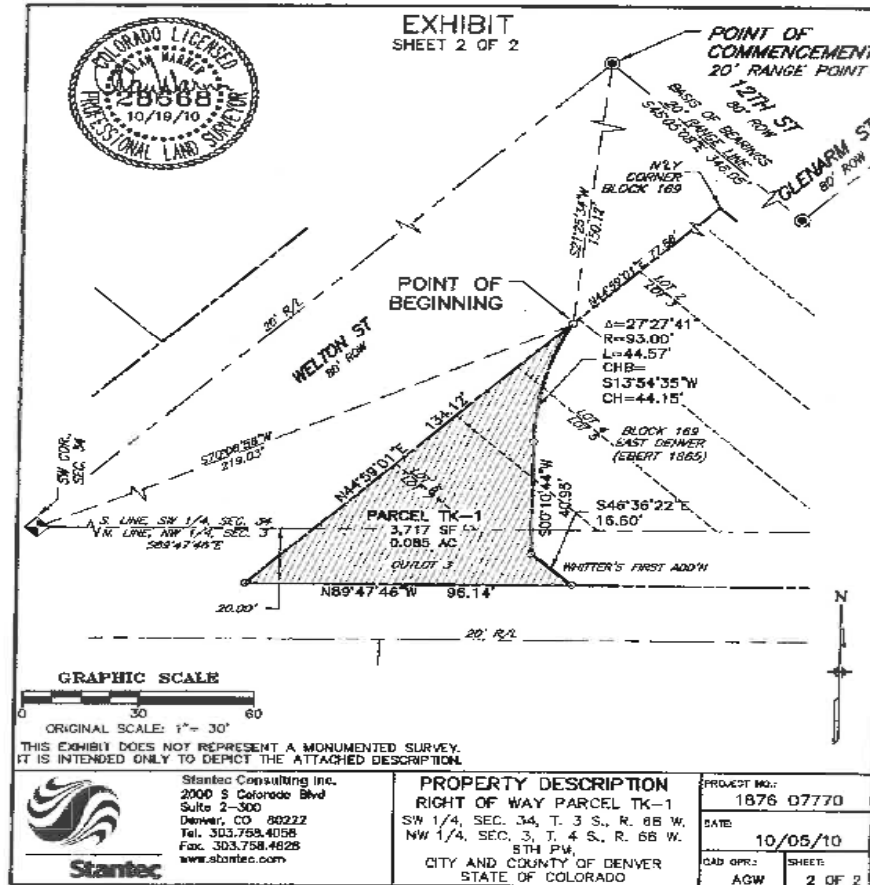
## Colfax & Welton



- Denver County (Boundary)
- Street Centerline
- Interstate
- US Highway
- Other
- Parcel Address Names
- Parcel Addresses
- 2006 Denver
- Denver County (Shaded)
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# Required ROW Parcel



# Purposes of Project

- The Colfax-Welton-Galapago intersection reconfiguration project was developed as an option to address a high crash problem with the eastbound double left turn from Colfax to Welton.
- Galapago Street was seen as a better candidate to be used as a one-way street across the Golden Triangle neighborhood connecting to the downtown street grid. It provides a relatively direct alternative route for northbound traffic on Sante Fe Drive to reach the downtown street grid and the Convention Center/Performing Arts complex.
- The goal of the project is to make Colfax Avenue between Speer Boulevard and Broadway safer for pedestrians by constructing intersection modifications that would reduce pedestrian crossing distances.
- The Colfax-Welton-Galapago intersection reconfiguration project was also seen as an opportunity for an enhanced on-street bike connection.

# Project Overview

- Land Acquisition
  - Required ROW Parcel – 3,717 s.f.
  - Total Parcel Size – 22,027 s.f.
- Anticipated length of project – 12 months
- Total estimated cost of acquisition, design and construction approx \$2.1M
  - Federal grant administered by CDOT totals approximately \$1.7M
  - City to contribute approximate \$400,000.

## **Acquisition Process Under the Federal Uniform Relocation Act and CRS 38-1-101 et seq.**

1. Council Ordinance authorizing the acquisition.
2. Introduction letter to the parcel owner - includes name of appraiser and details the process.
3. After appraisal is completed, submit formal offer to parcel owner.
4. Negotiate with parcel owner -
  - Successful negotiations – execute Purchase & Sale Agreement; move forward towards closing.
  - Unsuccessful negotiations - send final offer; move forward with condemnation with Mayor's approval; condemnation pursuant to CRS 38-1-101.