

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP14-0835

Recognizing October 2014 as the 8th annual Denver Pedestrian Month and designating Cherry Creek as a Pedestrian Priority Zone

WHEREAS, in the Denver area, approximately 23% of daily household vehicle trips are one mile or less and 70% are under 5 miles; one goal of Greenprint Denver is to reduce Denver's per capital greenhouse gas emissions; and 31% of children and 53.1% of adults are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, walking has a multitude of health benefits and also contributes to a cleaner natural environment, safer streets and stronger communities, and therefore, making it easier and safer to be a pedestrian should be a consideration in all City plans and work programs; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2007, the Denver City Council adopted Proclamation 59, permanently designating the month of October as Denver Pedestrian Month and Denver Walk to School Month to be in step with the 66th Colorado General Assembly which had designated October as Colorado Pedestrian Month and Colorado Walk to School Month, in keeping with International Walk to School Month; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 59 also permanently designated Downtown Denver as a Pedestrian Priority Zone in accordance with one of the recommendations of the 2007 Downtown Area Plan; and the new, 2012 Cherry Creek Area Plan recommends that Cherry Creek be designated as a Pedestrian Priority Zone; and

WHEREAS, Pedestrian Priority tools include design elements such as well-marked crosswalks, curb extensions, median nose extensions, detached 8-foot sidewalks and way-finding signage; and

WHEREAS, Denver's form-based zoning, evolving urban development patterns and commercial success necessitate a strong pedestrian system, and recognizing this, the City will invest in a Citywide Trails and Pedestrian Plan in 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council:

- Encourages the Denver departments of Public Works, Community Planning & Development, Environmental Health, and Parks & Recreation to continue efforts to realize a superlative pedestrian environment;
- Permanently designates the entire Pedestrian Priority Zone as recommended by the 2012 Cherry Creek Area Plan and developed in cooperation with the Cherry Creek Business Improvement District and Cherry Creek neighborhoods, as a Pedestrian Priority Zone;
- Encourages Denver residents to participate in Denver Pedestrian Month, Denver Walk to School Month and Denver Walks Wednesdays;
- Encourages everyone to increase awareness of the number of their daily trips in that could be walking trips and to increase awareness of pedestrian and pedestrian safety whether they are walking or driving.

Section 2: That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Mayor Michael Hancock; the executive directors of the Denver departments of Public Works, Community Planning & Development, Environmental Health and Parks & Recreation; and the Cherry Creek Steering Committee.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 6, 2014

PRESIDENT