



IGA with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Sheridan Sidewalks: 8th – 10th & Colfax – 17th

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Approves an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) through 2021 to transfer \$800,000 in federal funds for new sidewalks and retaining walls in Council Districts 1 and 3.

Sheridan sidewalks on 8th – 10th and Colfax – 17th have been identified as priorities in several studies/plans:

- CCD Pedestrian Master Plan, 2004
- Sheridan Station Area Plan, 2009
- Urban Land Institute’s “*Bridging the Lakewood-Denver Divide – Sheridan Station Area*” Technical Advisory Panel, 2014
- Sheridan 20-Minute Neighborhood Plan, 2015

- As a high priority, Denver applied for DRCOG TIP funding (2016-2020) and the project scored well:
 - Closes a bike/ped gap
 - Provides direct access to transit (new Sheridan LRT station)
 - Touches more than one local government entity
 - Directly serves employment/residences/services
 - Serves environmental justice communities
 - Close proximity to an Urban Center served by transit

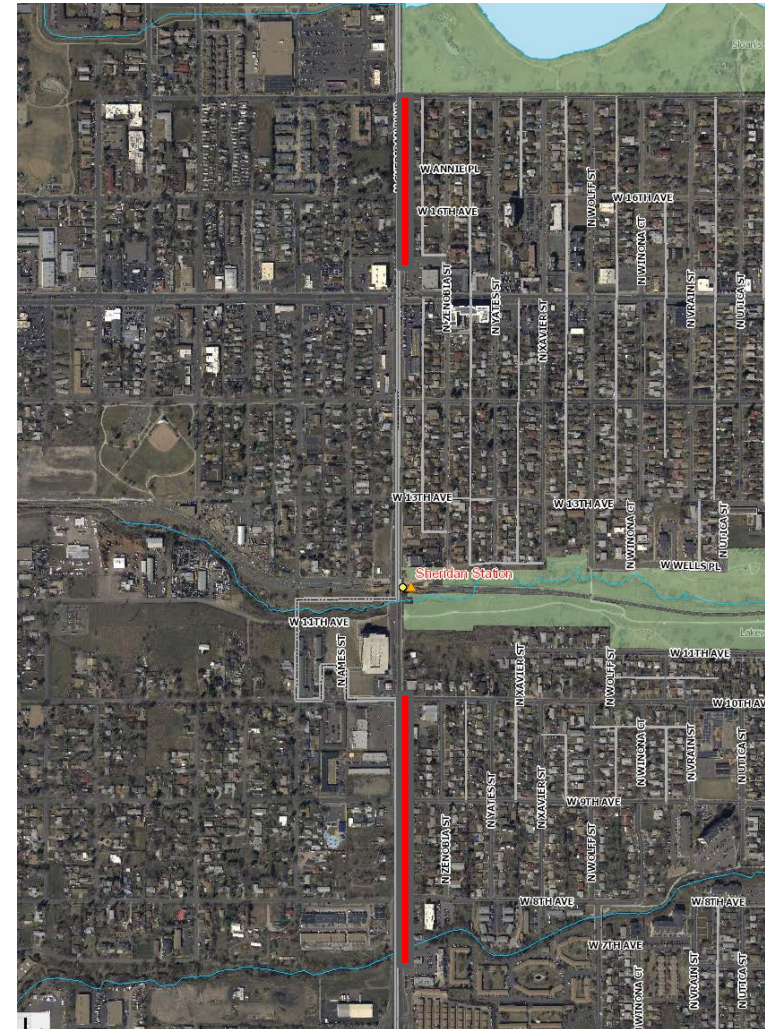
- However, many bike/ped projects were submitted and project did not rank high enough for TIP funding, but was referred to CDOT for *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)* partial funding:
 - CDOT TAP funds = \$800,000
 - Denver Match = \$200,000
 - Total Budget = \$1M for design and partial ROW

- Now seeking approval of the IGA for receipt of \$800,000 in federal funding.
- IGA is a grantor / revenue agreement to provide funding, with certain conditions and legal requirements, including committed local match funding.
- Council approval of the IGA is required to set up the budget to receive the federal and local funding, and to encumber funding for the project to proceed.
- Future Council approval of consultant services contract will be needed for the actual project implementation.

Project Summary

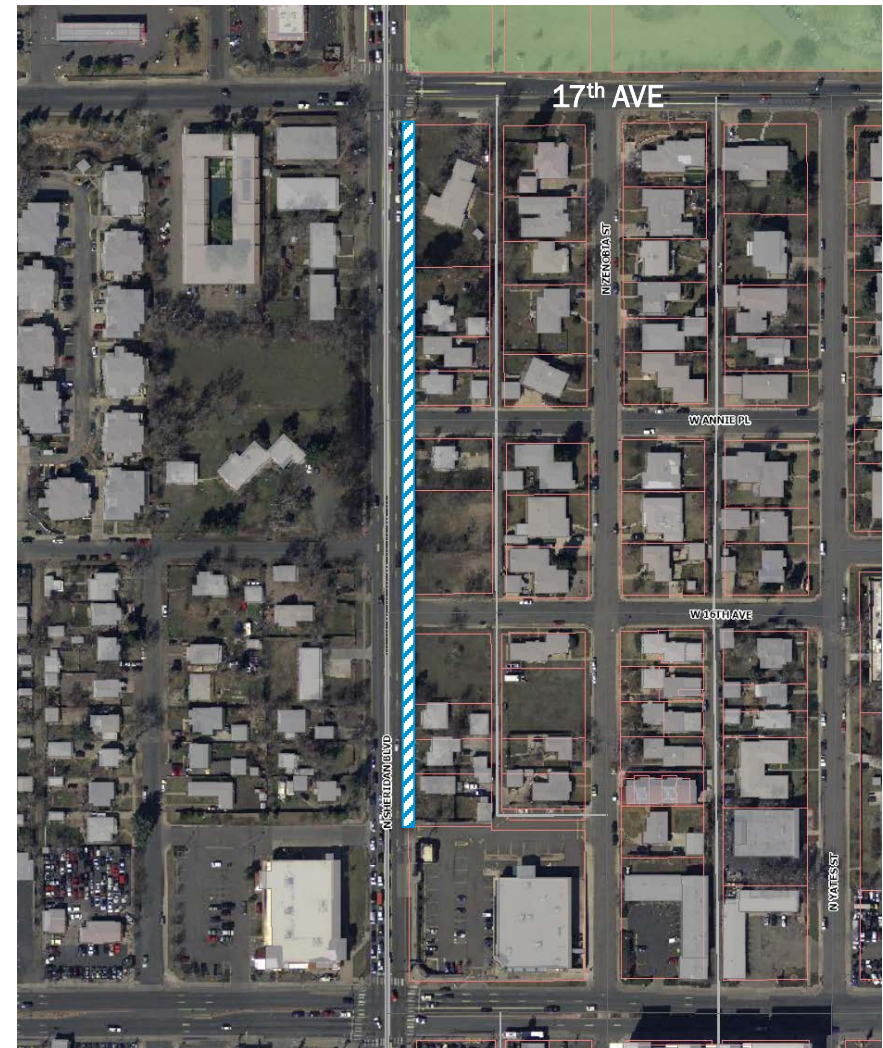
- Denver and CDOT shared project
- Construct 5' sidewalk and 5' buffer from 8th to 10th and Colfax to 17th.
- Preliminary Schedule:

Task	Estimated Timeline
Environmental and Data Collection	2017
Design	2017
Property Acquisition/ROW	2018-2019
Construction (contingent upon funding)	2019



North Segment

- No existing sidewalks in this segment, which connects to Sloan's Lake Park
- Project will likely include:
 - Sidewalks
 - Retaining Walls
 - Removal and Replacement of Fencing
 - Partial Takes
 - Full Takes



North Segment – Existing Conditions



Dirt footpath through north segment of project indicates heavy pedestrian use



Sidewalk abruptly ends at RTD bus stop and the edge of Walgreen's property

South Segment

- Existing 3'-5' attached sidewalks in this segment
- Project will likely include:
 - Sidewalks
 - Improvements to Lakewood Gulch Crossing
 - Removal and Replacement of Fencing
 - Retaining Walls
 - Partial Takes
 - Full Takes



South Segment – Existing Conditions



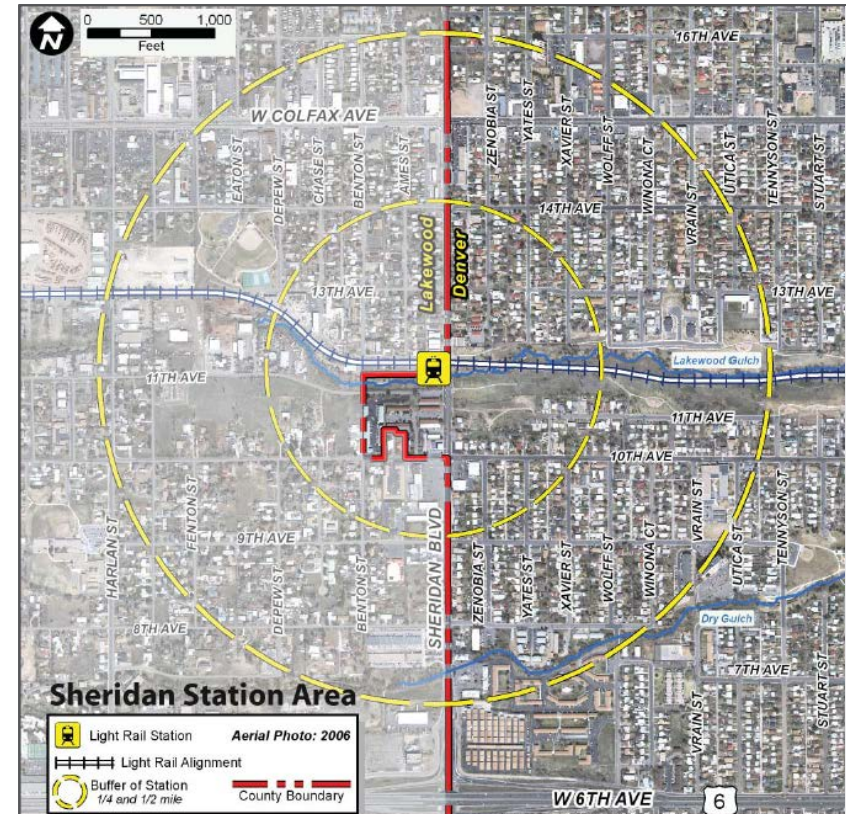
Dirt path leading from 8th Avenue to RTD bus stop



Existing attached sidewalk through south segment of project poses safety issues due to proximity to high volume roadway

Project Benefits

- Closes a gap between existing sidewalk sections to create strong pedestrian connections.
- Improves pedestrian safety throughout the south segment of project.
- Completes pedestrian connections to Sheridan Station from 6th Avenue to 17th Avenue.
- Project coordinates with similar Lakewood project on west side of Sheridan Boulevard.
- Connectivity to Sloan's Lake Park, Lakewood Gulch Park, Sheridan Station (light rail), multiple RTD bus stations, and commercial areas.
- Improvements to the crossing of Lakewood Gulch.



Majority of proposed project within 1/2 mile of Sheridan Station