

A background image of a Denver cityscape with various buildings and a park area with trees and a person sitting on a bench.

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Blueprint Denver Info Item

Council LUTI Committee – February 13, 2018



Overview

- Process Review
- Transportation
- Change Cycle Framework
- Community Workshops and Next Steps

1. Blueprint Denver Process Review

Blueprint Process Update

A. Denveright Kickoff
City visionaries talk Denver's future

B. Denveright Workshops & Surveys
To hear your vision for Denver

C. The Growth Game
Workshops and online map game on how Denver could grow

D. Creating Great Places
Workshops & map surveys to begin classifying Denver's places

F. Change and Evolution
Workshops on how to guide change to create complete neighborhoods.

G. Draft Plan
Open houses & online surveys to collect your feedback

2016

2017

2018

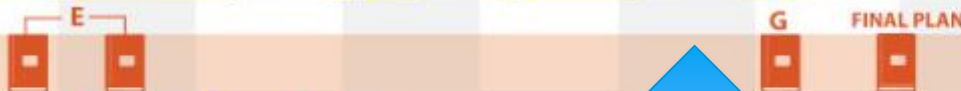
COMMUNITY INPUT



RESEARCH & ANALYSIS



DELIVERABLES

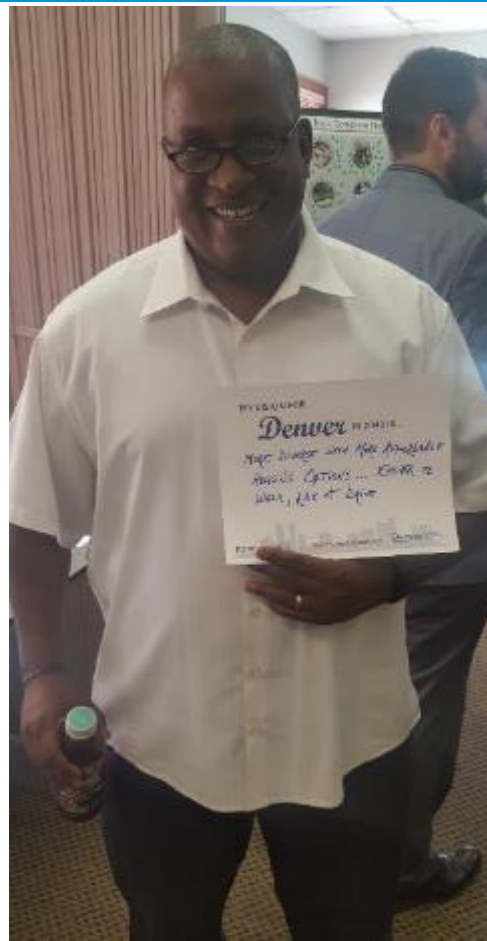
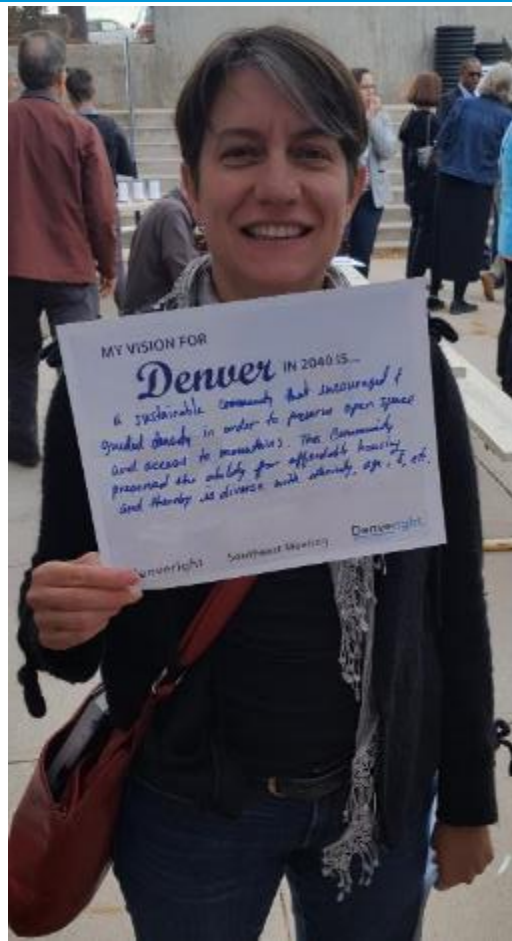
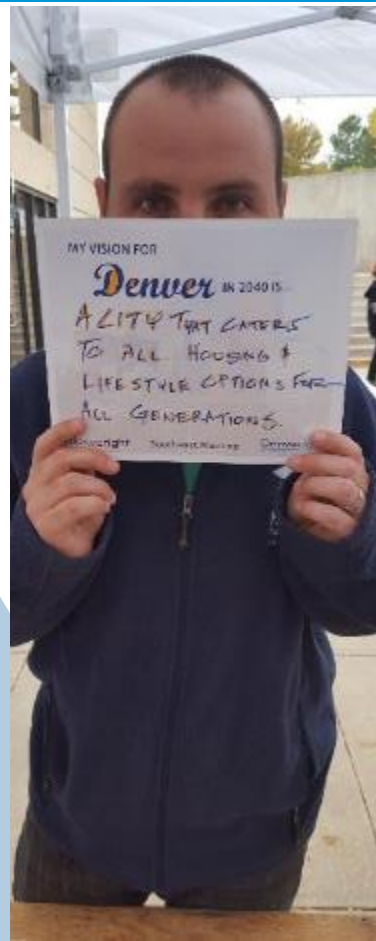


○ Community Task Force
Appointed community leaders meet on a regular basis to guide the planning process

— Street Team
Denveright's Street Team meets Denverites where they are to share updates & capture input on Denver's future

E. Community Profile & Diagnostic
Existing conditions report and analysis of the 2002 Blueprint Denver plan





Vision Elements

1. Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive
2. Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
3. Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
4. Economically Diverse and Vibrant
5. Environmentally Resilient
6. Healthy and Active



Blueprint for an Inclusive City

- All of Denver is **evolving** – change is more than growth
- **Improve** quality of life and access for **all citizens**
- Need to be **strategic and intentional about directing growth** to help achieve our vision of **equity** and benefit the entire city, avoiding a future Denver that is unaffordable and exclusive

Blueprint for an Inclusive City

Complete Neighborhoods

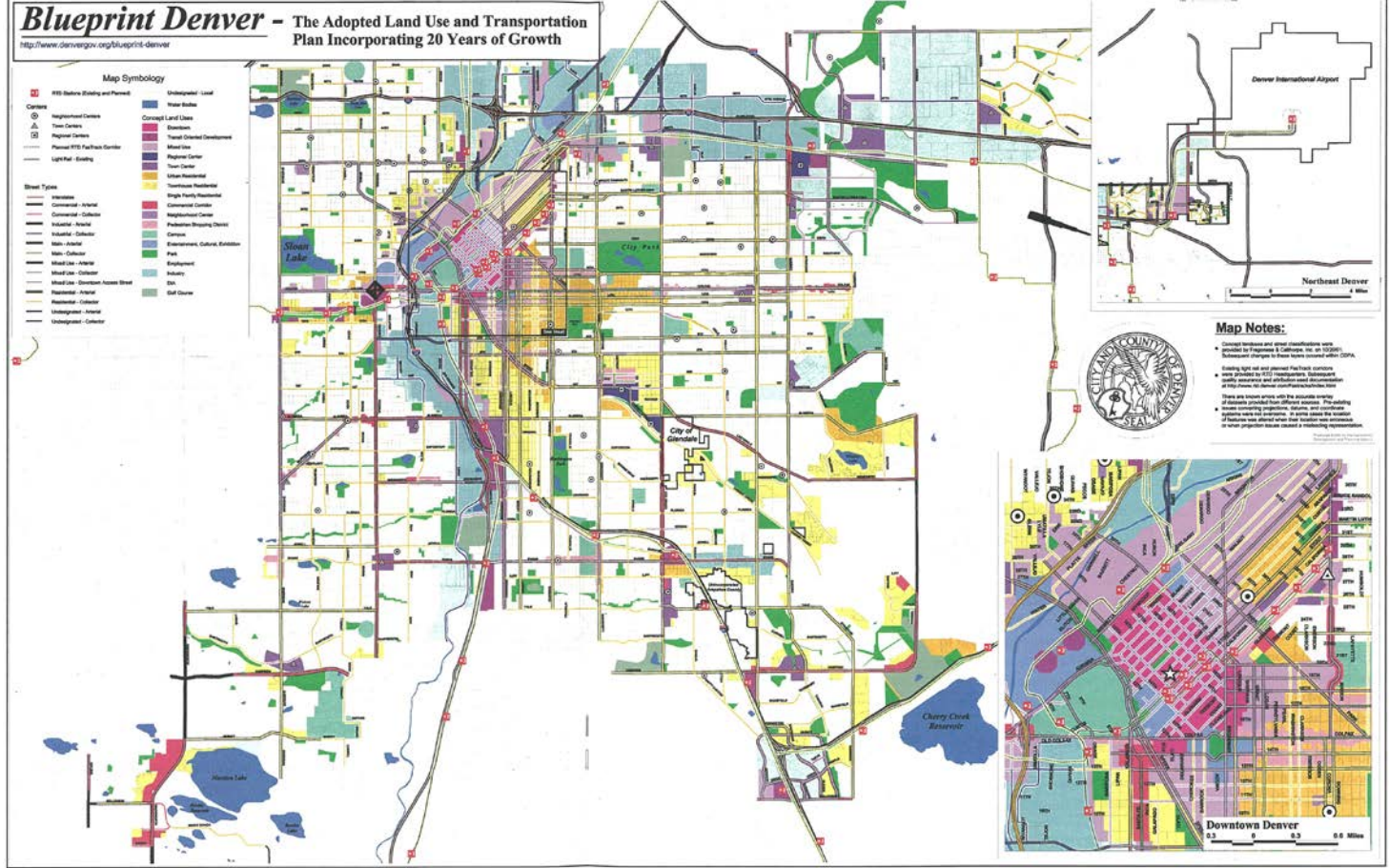
Create a Denver with **complete neighborhoods** and great places accessible to **everyone**, regardless of age, ability or income

All Neighborhoods are Complete

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All Neighborhoods are the Same

Blueprint 2002 Future Land Use Plan Map



Neighborhood Contexts

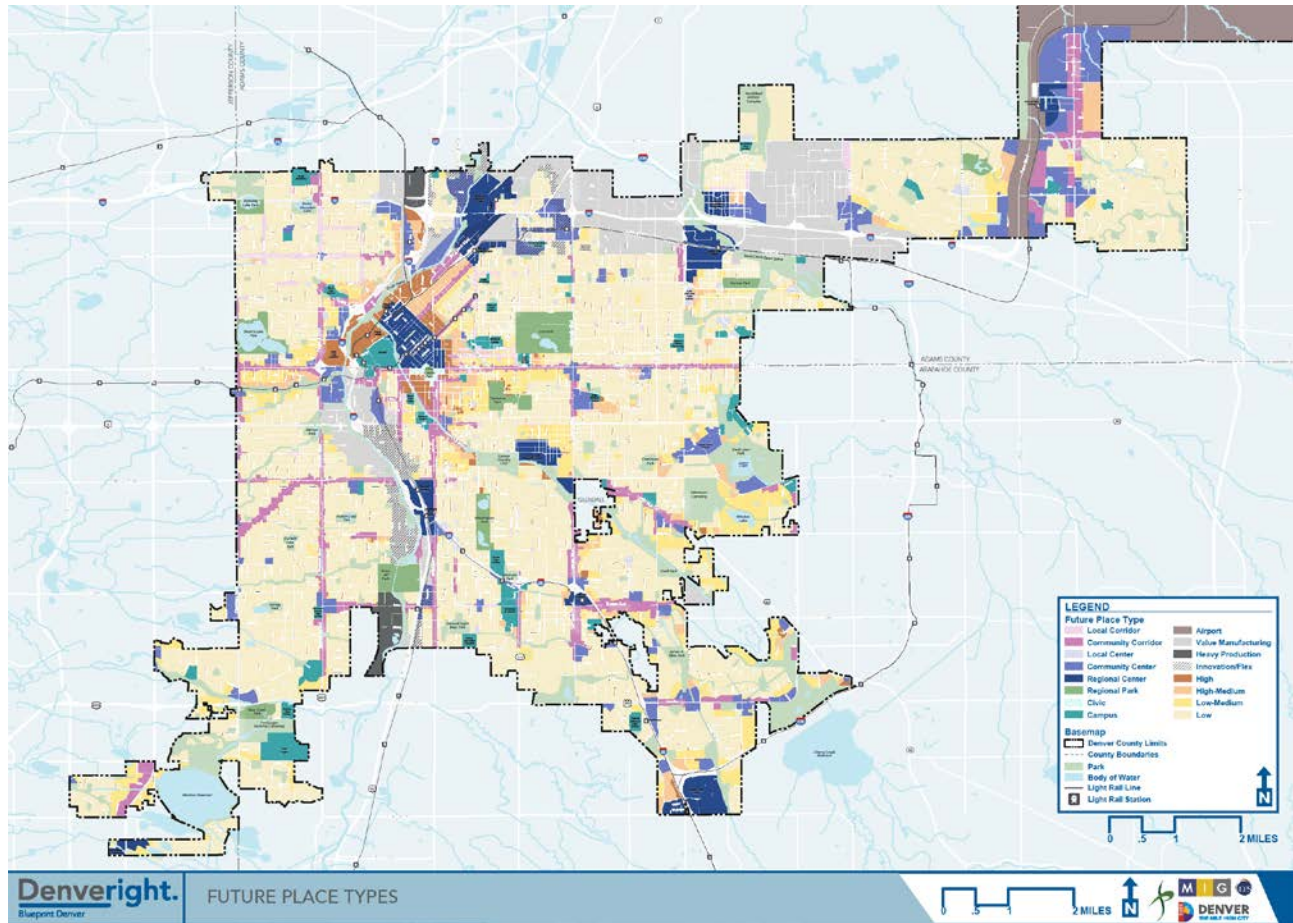


What Are the Places That Make Our City?

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXTS



Blueprint 2018 Future Places Map



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FUTURE PLACE TYPES



Residential Areas

Residential Areas are the places that make up most of our City. These places are primarily residential, but are supported by parks and recreation assets, as well as nodes of commercial and office spaces.

High



High-Medium



Low-Medium



Low



Centers

Centers are places of different scales that are typically oriented around a shared space or set of spaces where people go to engage in social activities and entertainment, such as shopping and dining. Some centers are well-connected to the local neighborhood and supported by neighborhood residents; other centers are larger and less connected and may require residents to take a bus or a car to visit them.



Corridors

Corridors are places that are oriented along a street and are supported by people from either the local neighborhood or the larger community. These places provide spaces for people to engage in social activities and entertainment, such as shopping and dining.



Districts

Districts are places with a specially designed purpose, such as educational campuses or industrial areas. These places can be mixed-use and offer a diverse range of amenities and complementary services to support the District's purpose.



2. Transportation - Complete Networks

Blueprint 2002 Street Types

- Residential street
- Main street
- Mixed-use street
- Commercial street
- Industrial street

Blueprint 2018 Street Types

		Land Use Intensity/Diversity					
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Person-throughput ↑	Arterial	Downtown Arterial	Main Street Arterial	Mixed-use Arterial	Commercial Arterial	Industrial Arterial	Residential Arterial
	Collector	Downtown Collector	Main Street Collector	Mixed-use Collector	Commercial Collector	Industrial Collector	Residential Collector
	Local	All local streets					

Street Types

- Provides a tool that considers land-use character when designing streets
- Framework to base future development of **street-design guidelines** as well as a basis to update regulatory standards.

Conventional Street Types	Blueprint /Land Use Component
Arterial	Downtown
Collector	Main-Street
Local	Mixed-Use
	Commerical
	Residential
	Industrial

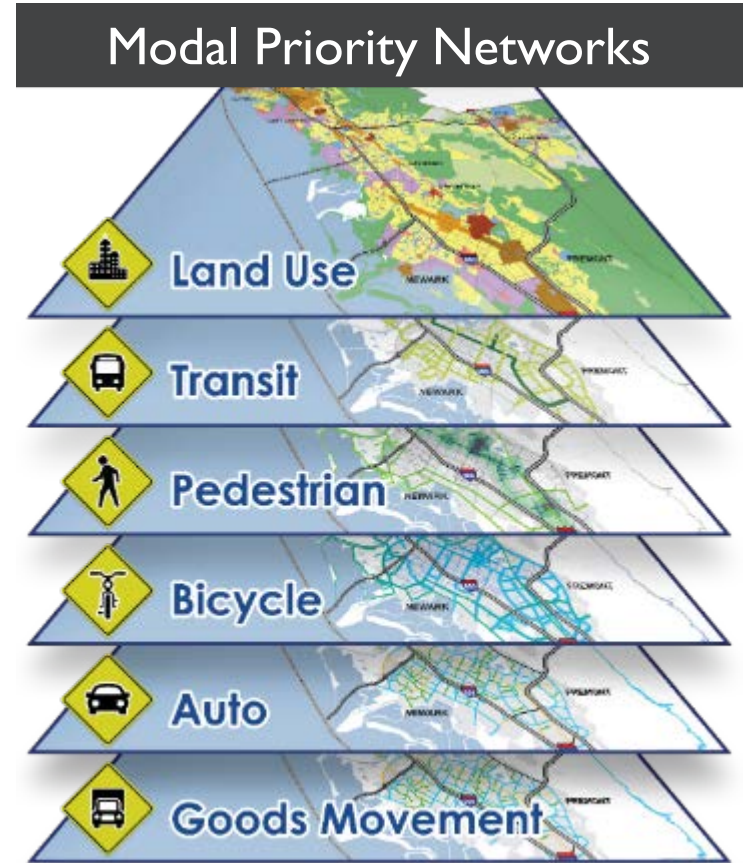
Goals for Denver's Street Types

- Safe for all users
- Clear modal priorities
- Context sensitive:
 - Existing and planned land use
 - Urban design
 - Economic development
 - Person throughput vs. access



Modal Priority Networks

- Streets that will be prioritized for a particular mode (or modes)
 - Design
 - Operations
- Each modal network should provide a reasonable degree of mobility and access
- Together, the modal networks create a complete system



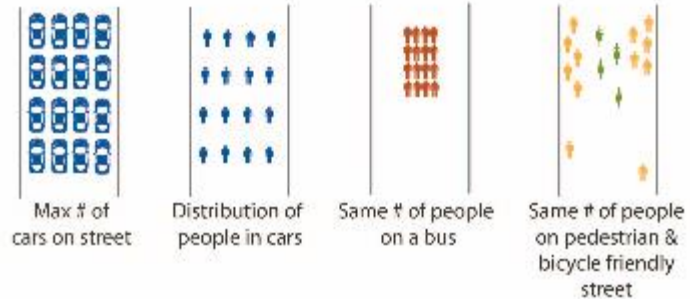
Modal Priority Networks

Why use space to provide additional travel options?

- Denver's street system is built out- there's no room to build more streets, but the demand is increasing to travel on our streets.



STREET NETWORK CAN HANDLE MORE DEMAND THROUGH MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE ...



Transit Priority Streets

Transit Priority Streets make transit a reliable and attractive travel choice

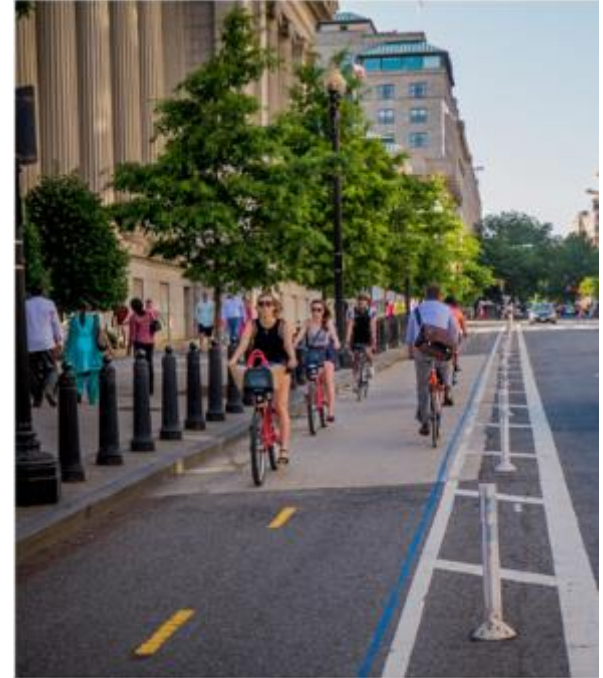
- Includes the Capital Investment Corridors from *Denver Moves: Transit*
- Speed and reliability improvements for transit
- Station Improvements
 - Real-time passenger information
 - Improved shelters
- Rail or Bus-Rapid Transit on certain corridors



Bicycle Priority Streets

Bicycle Priority Streets make traveling by bicycle more comfortable and convenient.

- Identified from Denver Moves: Bicycles
- Makes riding a bike on streets feel safe and convenient for users of all ages



Pedestrian Priority Streets

Pedestrian Priority Areas will be places where walking is fundamental to creating vibrancy and economic vitality.

- Determined from Denver Moves: Pedestrians Plan
- Safe & Dignified Environment for pedestrians on all streets

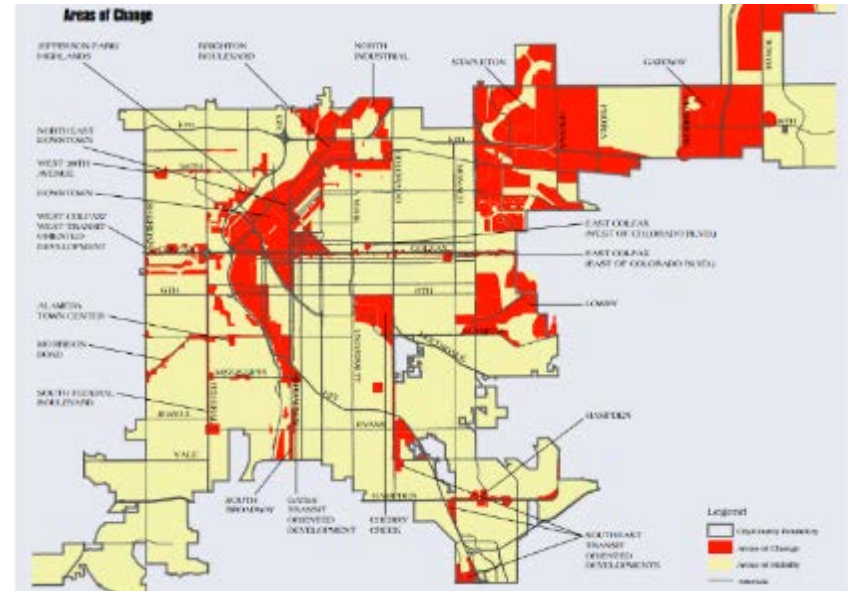


3. Blueprint Framework for Change

Blueprint 2002: Areas of Change and Stability

Strategies and tools to direct growth to Areas of Change:

- Grow Downtown
- Redevelop Lowry and Stapleton
- Develop remaining green fields
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around FasTracks stations and select corridors



Denver's Current Strategy

Implied Assumptions:

- Desired outcomes
- New development is the only significant type of change
- Neighborhoods are done at some point and don't need to evolve
- Households and their needs don't change dramatically over time
- Issues of affordability and equity are not directly addressed



Categories of Change

- New approach to Areas of Change and Areas of Stability
 - Everywhere is evolving and will continue to evolve as we create complete neighborhoods
 - Change is not just about where private development will occur
 - Households and their needs change over time

Categories of Change

Transform

- Expected to experience significant Character Change

Connect

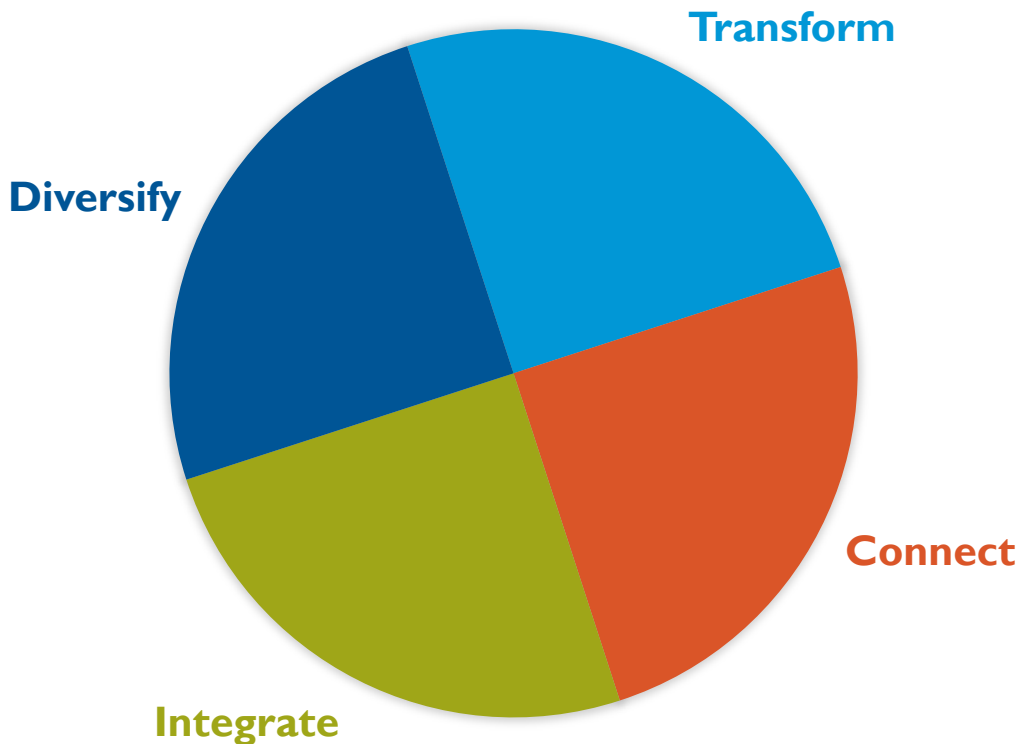
- Improve Access to Opportunity

Integrate

- Vulnerable to Displacement

Diversify

- Improve contribution to Denver's inclusivity



Change Category Inputs

1. **TRANSFORM (Character Change):** Evolution of Context and/or Place in Blueprint Context and Place framework:
2. **CONNECT (Access to Opportunity):** Physical access to healthy food, education, parks, shopping, entertainment and jobs: :
3. **INTEGRATE (Vulnerability to Displacement):** Socioeconomics, market pressure and pace of appreciation and transactions
4. **DIVERSIFY (Diversity of Choice):** Diversity in income, education, and housing stock

Example Categorization

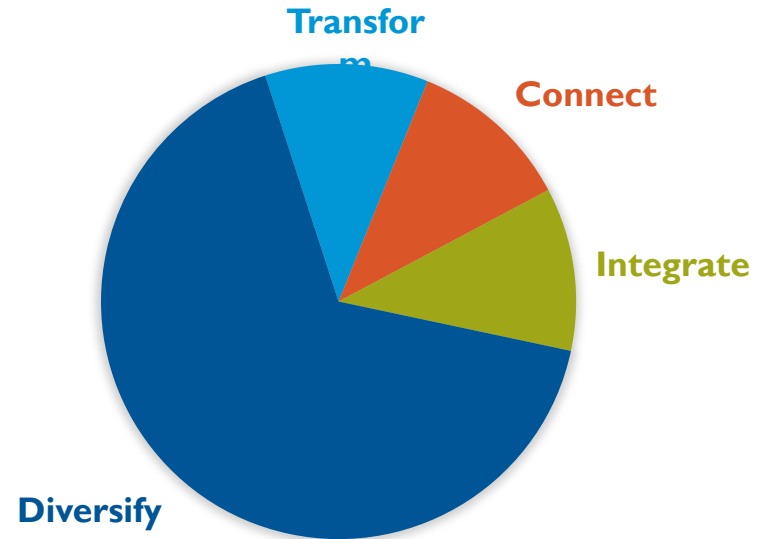
Diversify

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Transform

Example: West Wash Park



Example Recommendations: Housing

Diversify

Integrate

Connect

Transform

- Pursue changes to the zoning code to promote context-sensitive tools for diversifying the housing stock. This could include:
 - Expand the allowance for Accessory Dwelling Units so that they are allowed in all single unit neighborhoods
 - Explore opportunities for 2-4 unit structures in single-unit neighborhoods – such as corner lots along collectors or where a residential area abuts a mixed-use corridor.

Example Categorization

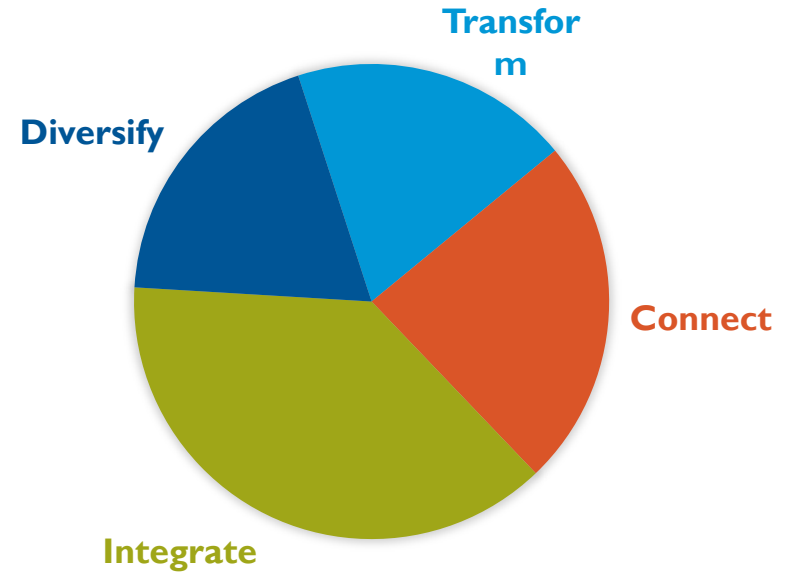
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Example: Westwood



Example Recommendations: Housing

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- Support tools for preserving affordability. This could include:
 - Expanding existing tax relief programs and exploring new tax relief options so that low- and moderate-income families can keep up with rising property taxes
 - Exploring a framework for prioritizing new housing for residents at risk of displacement

Example Categorization

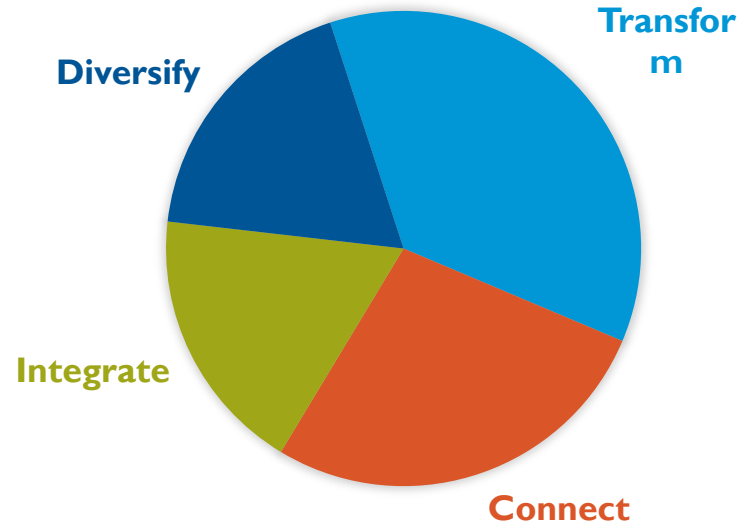
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Example: Montbello



Example Recommendations: Housing

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- Focus new mixed-income and affordable housing near transit that will help to connect residents to key opportunities
- NOTE: if an area in this category also scores high on the vulnerability to displacement index, the recommendations for “Integrate” would also be applicable

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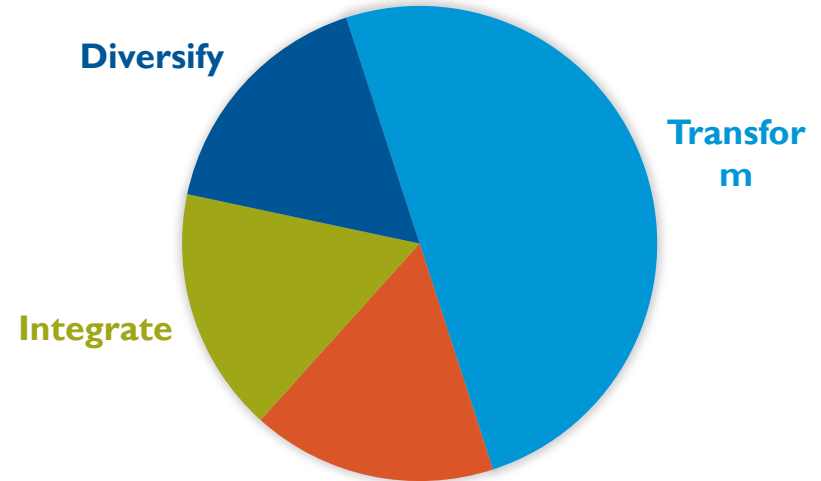
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Example: Central Platte Valley - Auraria



Example Recommendations: Housing

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Transform

- In community and regional centers and community corridors, utilize zoning tools such as height bonuses to incentivize the development of affordable and mixed-income housing
- Focus new mixed-income and affordable housing near transit that will help to connect residents to key opportunities
- NOTE: if an area in this category also scores high on the vulnerability to displacement index, the recommendations for “Integrate” would also be applicable

4. Next Steps

Next Steps

- Starting February 20th, **community workshops** in each City Council District
- Find information on time and location: www.denvergov.org/denveright
- Public review draft released in the spring



