

Denver Spur

Request: from C-MU-10 w/conditions and C-MU-30 w/waivers, UO-1 to S-MX-5 and S-MX-8

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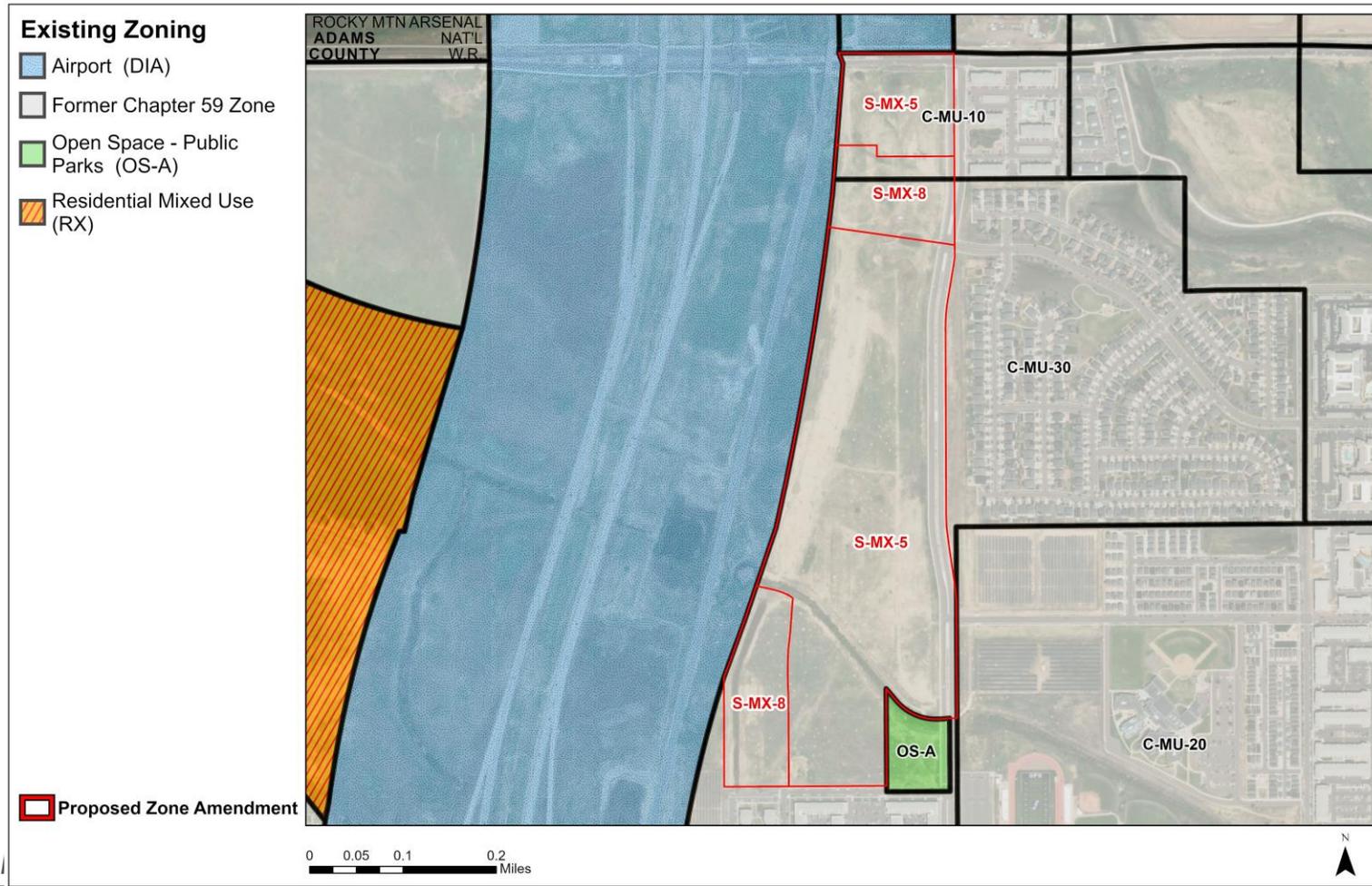
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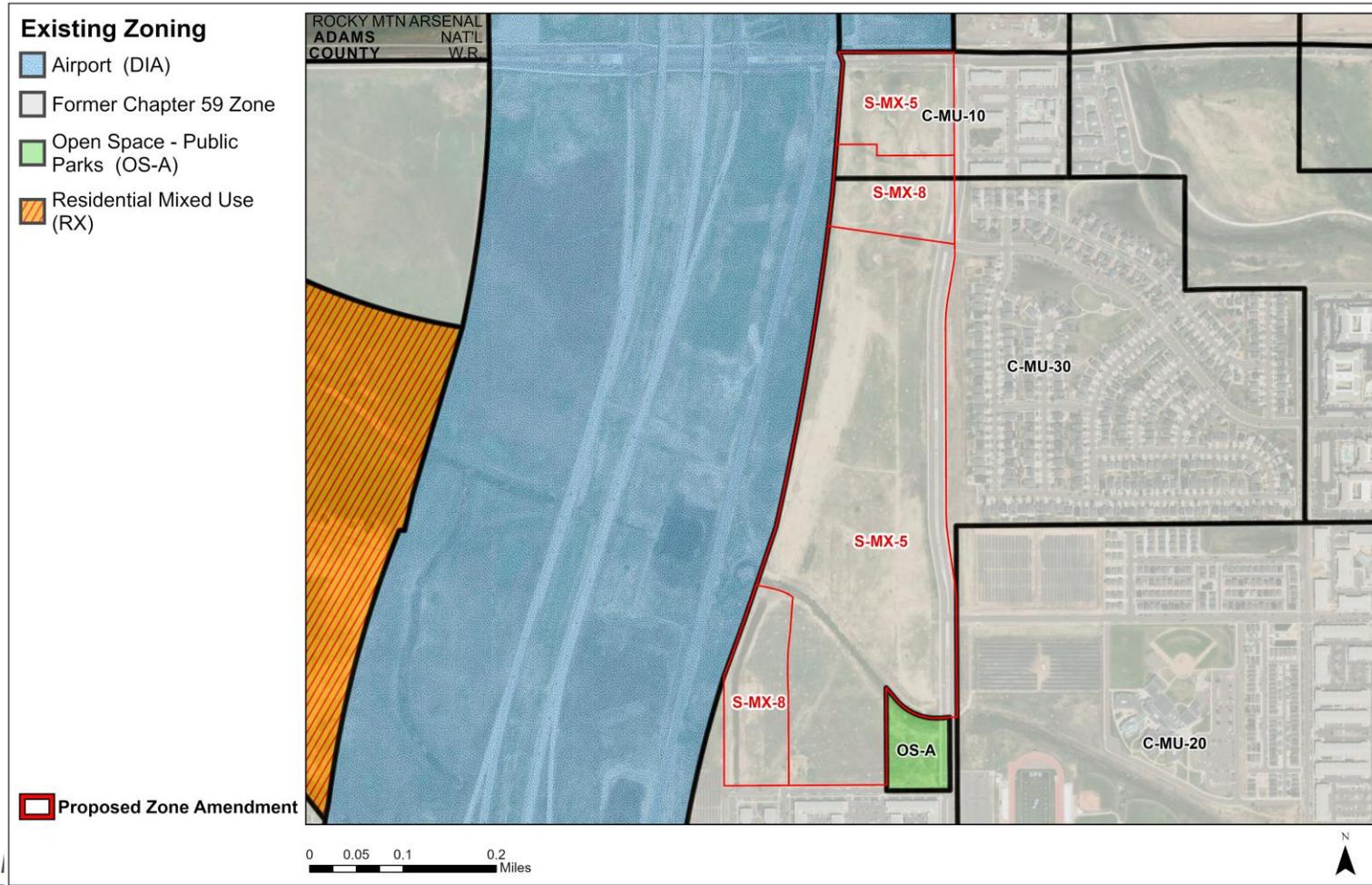


Request



- Existing: C-MU-10 w/condition and C-MU-30 /waivers, UO-1 to S-MX-5 and S-MX-8

Request



S-MX-5 and S-MX-8

General Purpose: Promote safe, active, pedestrian-scaled areas and enhance the convenience and ease of walking, shopping and public gathering around the city's neighborhoods.

Specific Intent: Applies to areas or intersections where building or 1 to 5 and 1 to 8 stories is desired.

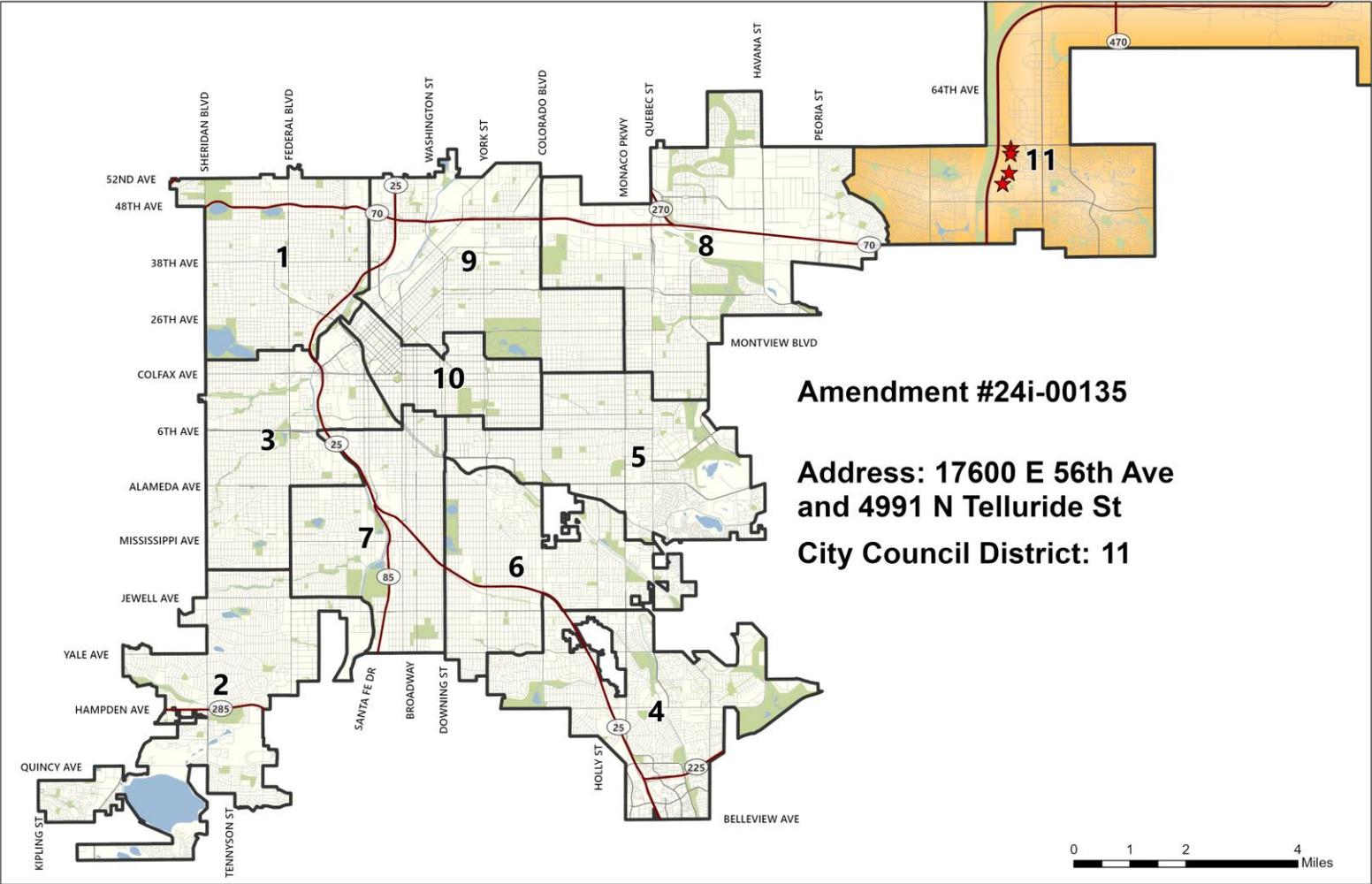
Building Forms: Drive thru services and restaurant, General, and Shopfront

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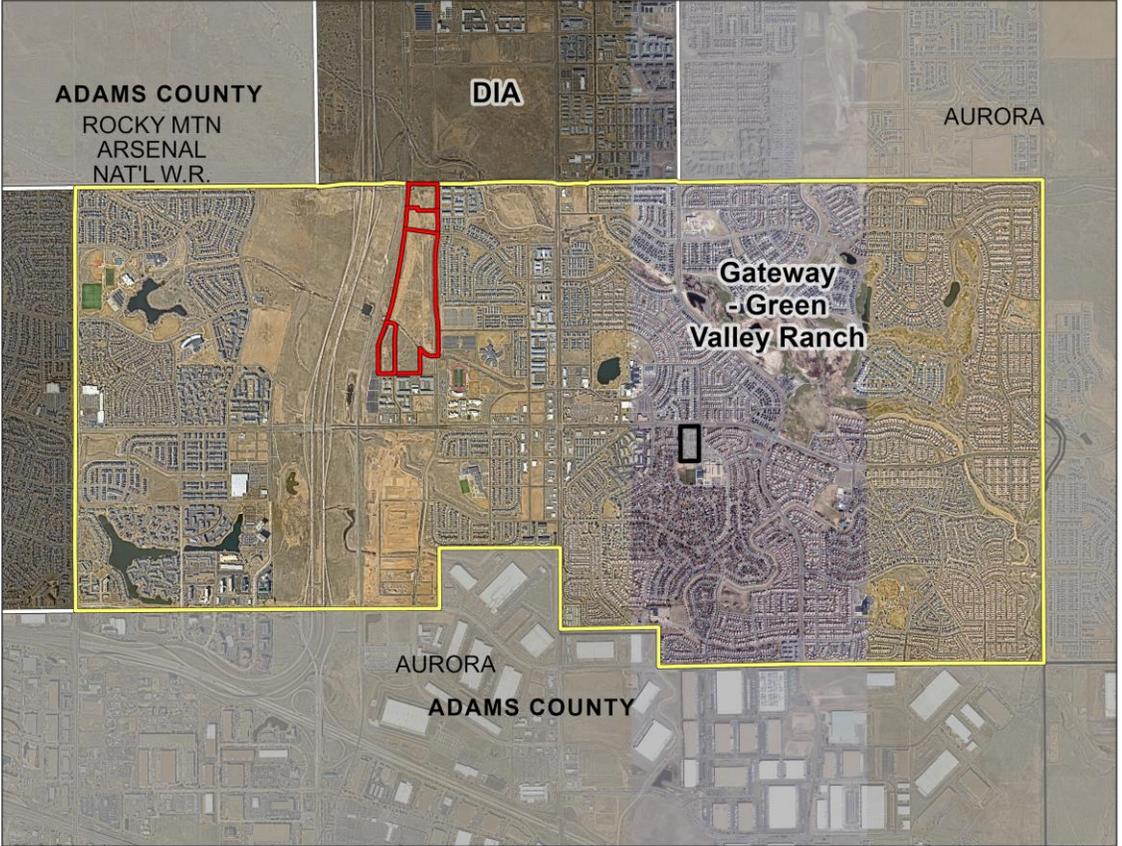
Council District 11 – Council member Gilmore



Statistical Neighborhood – Gateway – Green Valley Ranch

Neighborhoods

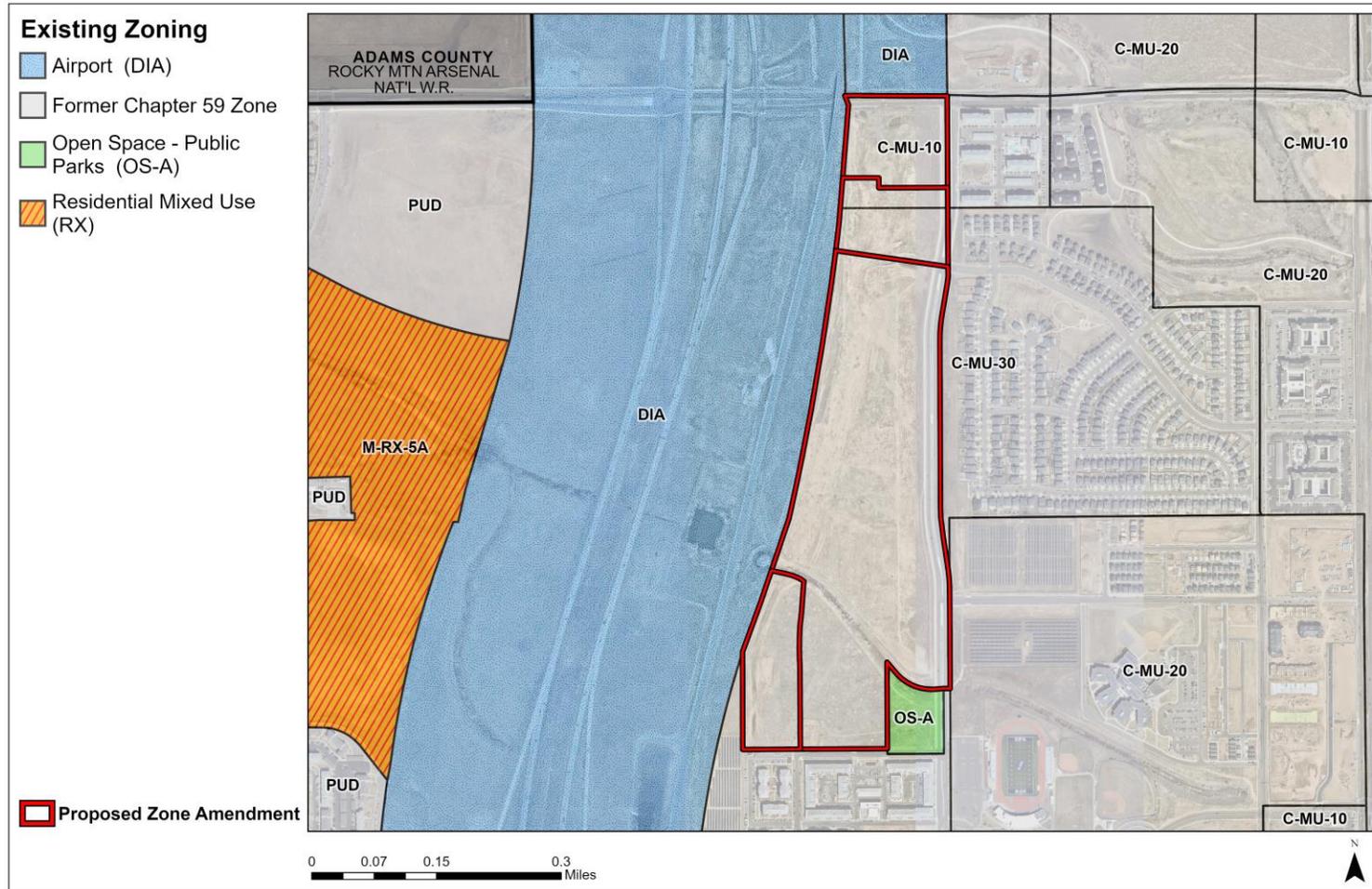
□ Neighborhood



□ Proposed Zone Amendment



Existing Zoning

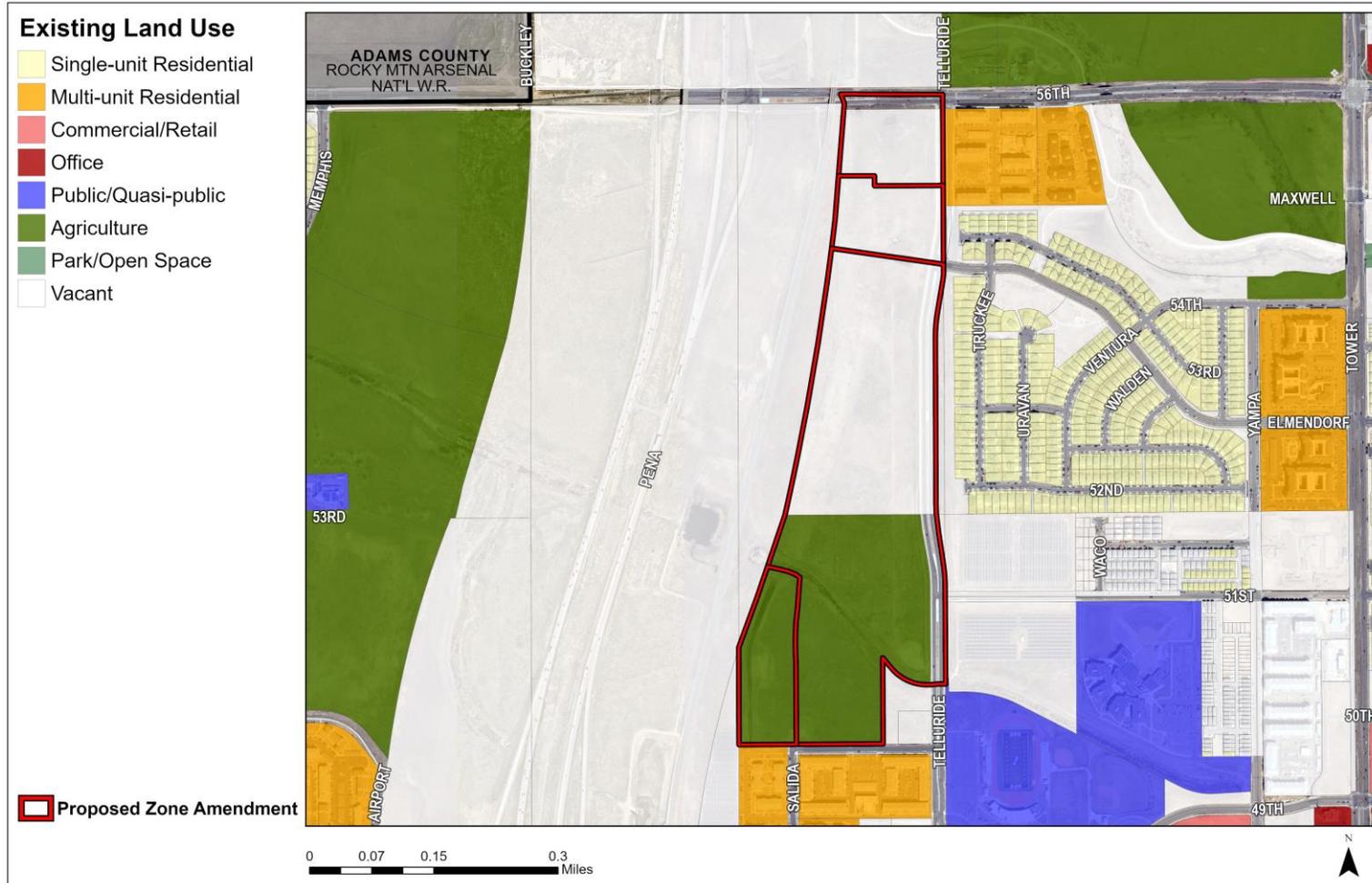


C-MU-10 w/conditions
and C-MU-30 w/waivers,
UO-1

Proximity to:

- C-MU-30
- IDA
- C-MU-10
w/conditions
- OS-A

Existing Context – Land Use

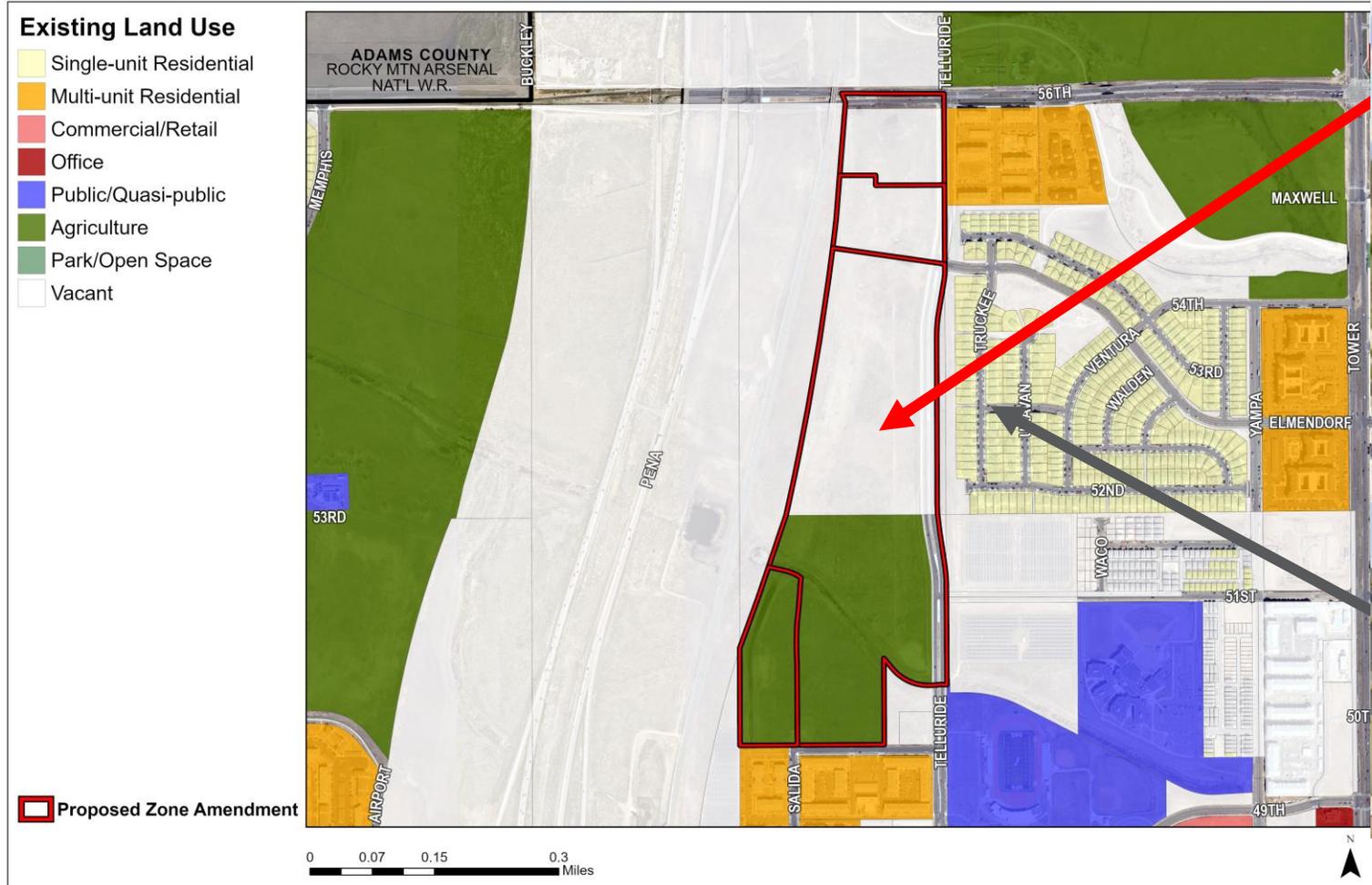


Vacant

Adjacent to:

- Agriculture
- Single-unit residential
- Multi-unit residential
- Vacant

Existing Context – Building Form/Scale



Large Development Review

Property was reviewed for LDR applicability and deemed applicable

- Site is larger than five acres
- Implementation of the Far Northeast Area Plan, which encourages mixed-use development beyond the allowance of the site's current zoning and recommends the LDR process
- Rezoning is proposed for the site
- Infrastructure improvements that require a coordinated master framework are anticipated for the project
- The proposed development will require new public infrastructure including street

Urban Design Standards & Guidelines

- Subject to Design Guidelines for Denver Gateway
- Concerned with street design, site planning, architectural design, landscape design, and signage and lighting
- Intent is to develop a built environment with an appropriate scale of development to promote pedestrian activity and a sense of place

High Impact Development Compliance Plan

- 12% of income-restricted units (IRUs) at up to 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI)
- 10% of income restricted units will be affordable to households earning up to 30% AMI
- A minimum of 70% of the IRUs will have two or three bedrooms
- 99 year covenant

**Map amendment application is for the requested S-MX-5 and S-MX-8 districts and not an approval of a site-specific development plan.*

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Process

- Informational Notice: 9/8/2025
- Planning Board Notice: 1/6/26
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 1/21/26
- **CPH Committee: 2/24/26**
- City Council Public Hearing: 4/6/26

Public Comments

- Montbello 2020 & Beyond RNO submitted a letter of support citing the applicant's community engagement, public amenities, and affordable housing
- one comment from neighboring resident in opposition to request
 - Concerns with traffic, loss of green space, and public safety

Planning Board

- Planning Board held a hearing on this item on 1/21/26
- The board voted unanimously to recommend approval
- The board asked questions about traffic impacts and the Large Development Review process

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Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

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2. Public Interest
3. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

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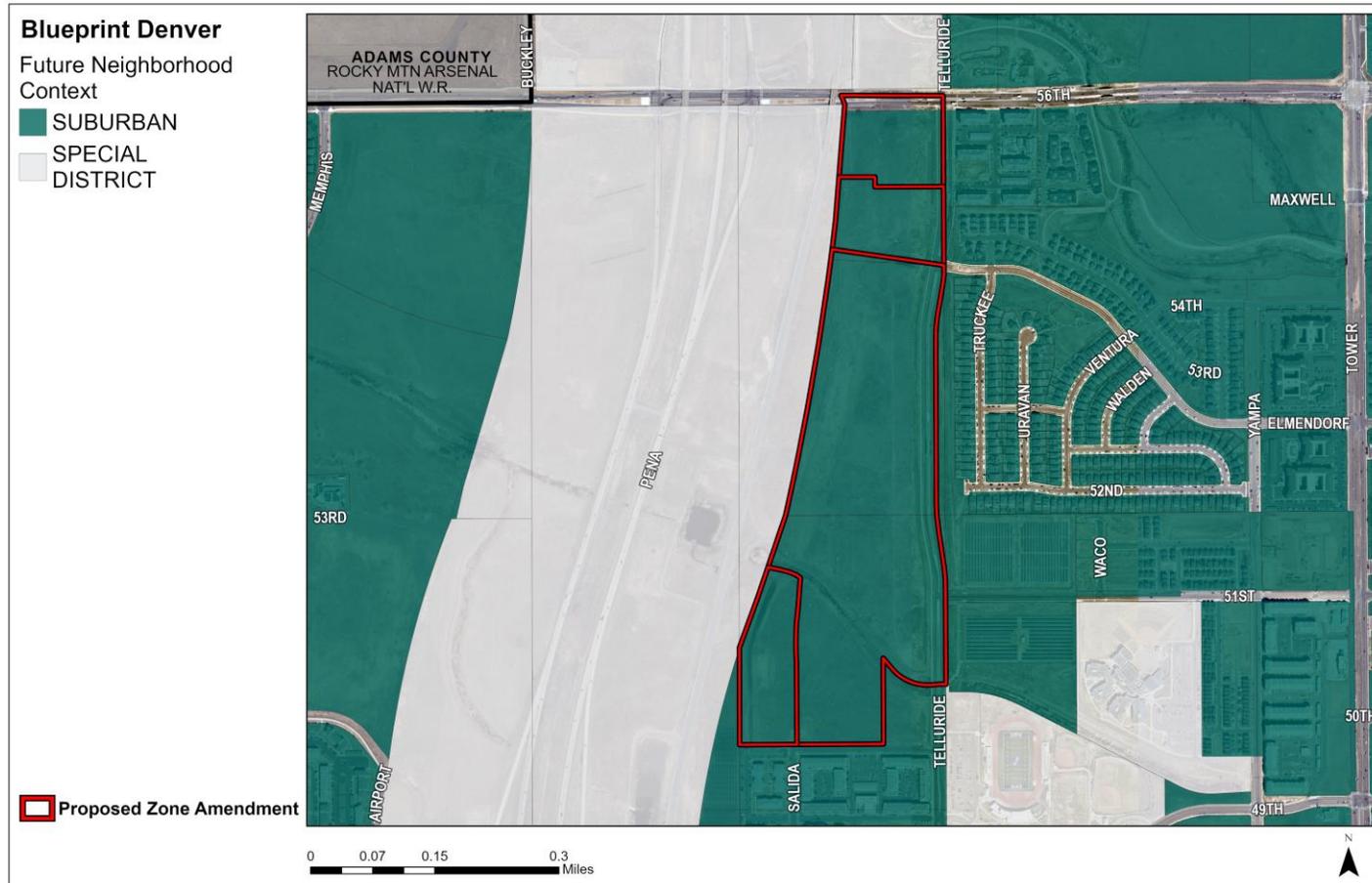
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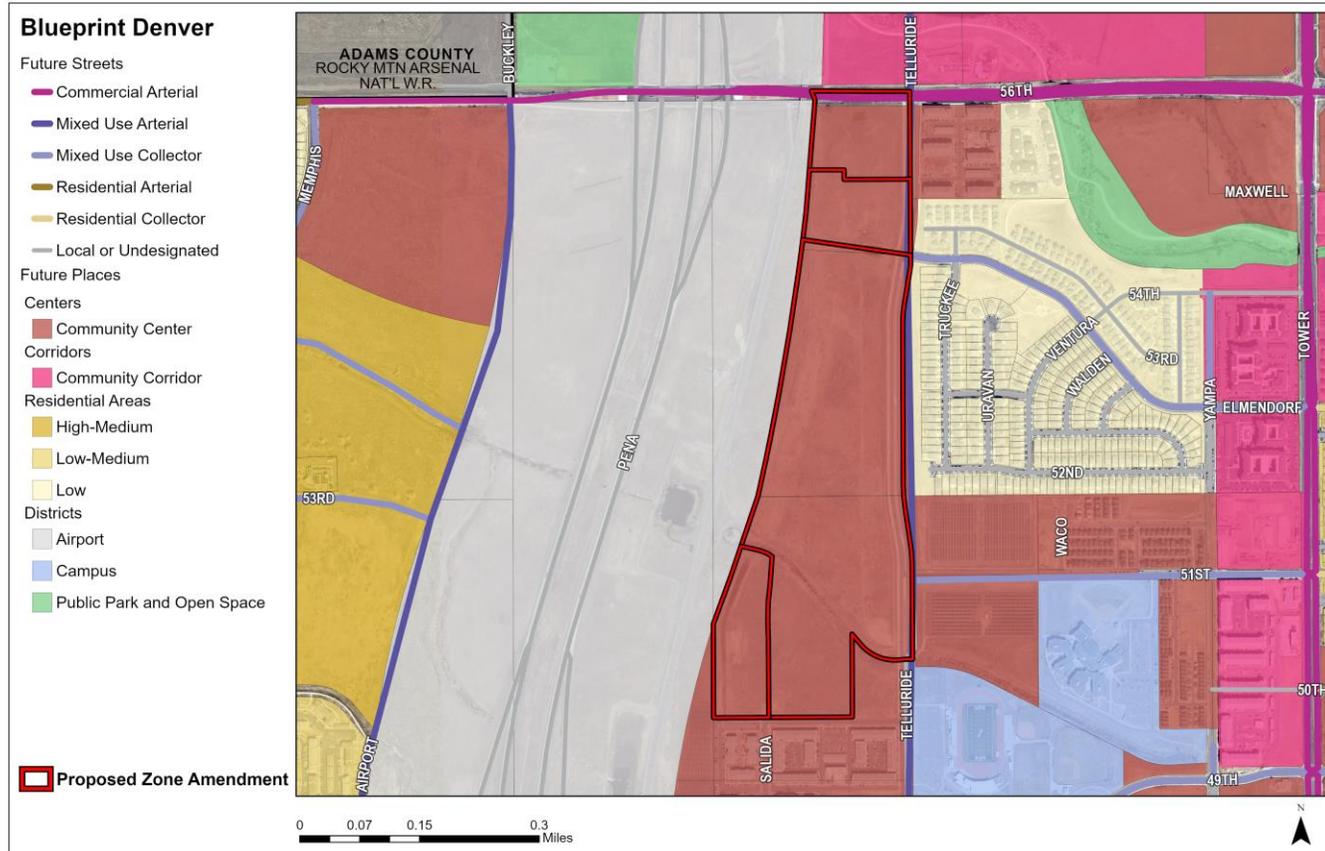
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Blueprint Denver 2019



- **Suburban**
 - Denver's suburban areas are still more urban in nature and suburban places should reflect that. Residents in this context should be able to walk and bike to neighborhood destinations safely, though the trips may be longer than in other contexts.

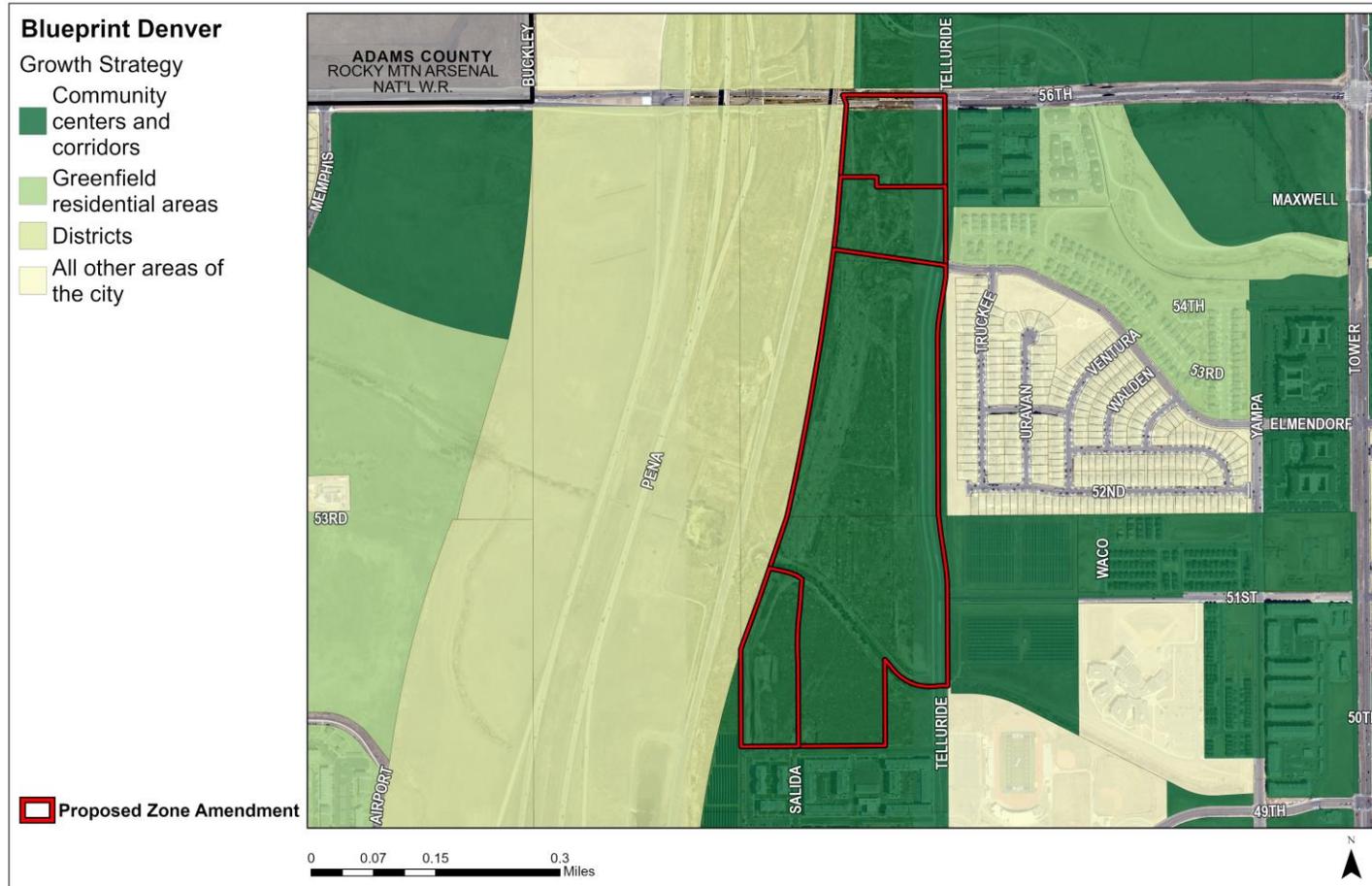
Blueprint Denver 2019



- Community Center
 - Typically provides some medium mix of office, commercial and residential uses with a wide customer draw
- Commercial and Mixed use Arterials

Evaluation is based on the proposed zone district is consistent with the Future Street Classification, not to assess the traffic impacts of a specific development proposal.

Blueprint Denver 2019



- Growth Areas Strategy
 - Community Centers and Corridors
 - 25% of new housing growth and 20% of new employment growth
- Most growth is guided to regional centers, community centers and corridors, select districts and high and medium-high intensity residential areas. Other areas of the city are still expected to see some growth, however more limited.

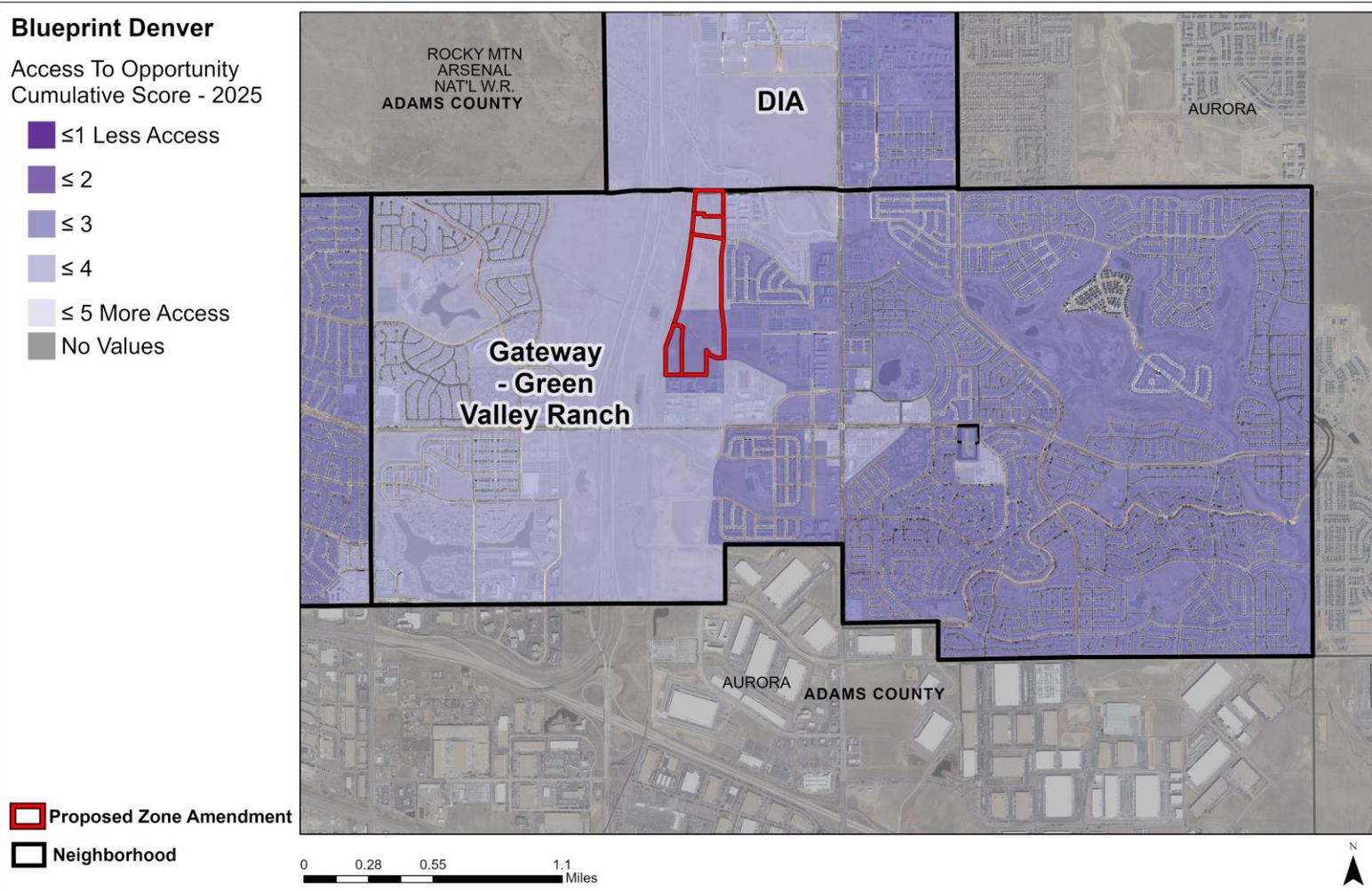
Blueprint Denver – Equity Analysis

Blueprint Denver Contains Three Major Equity Concepts

- Integrating these concepts into planning and implementation will help to create a more equitable Denver.



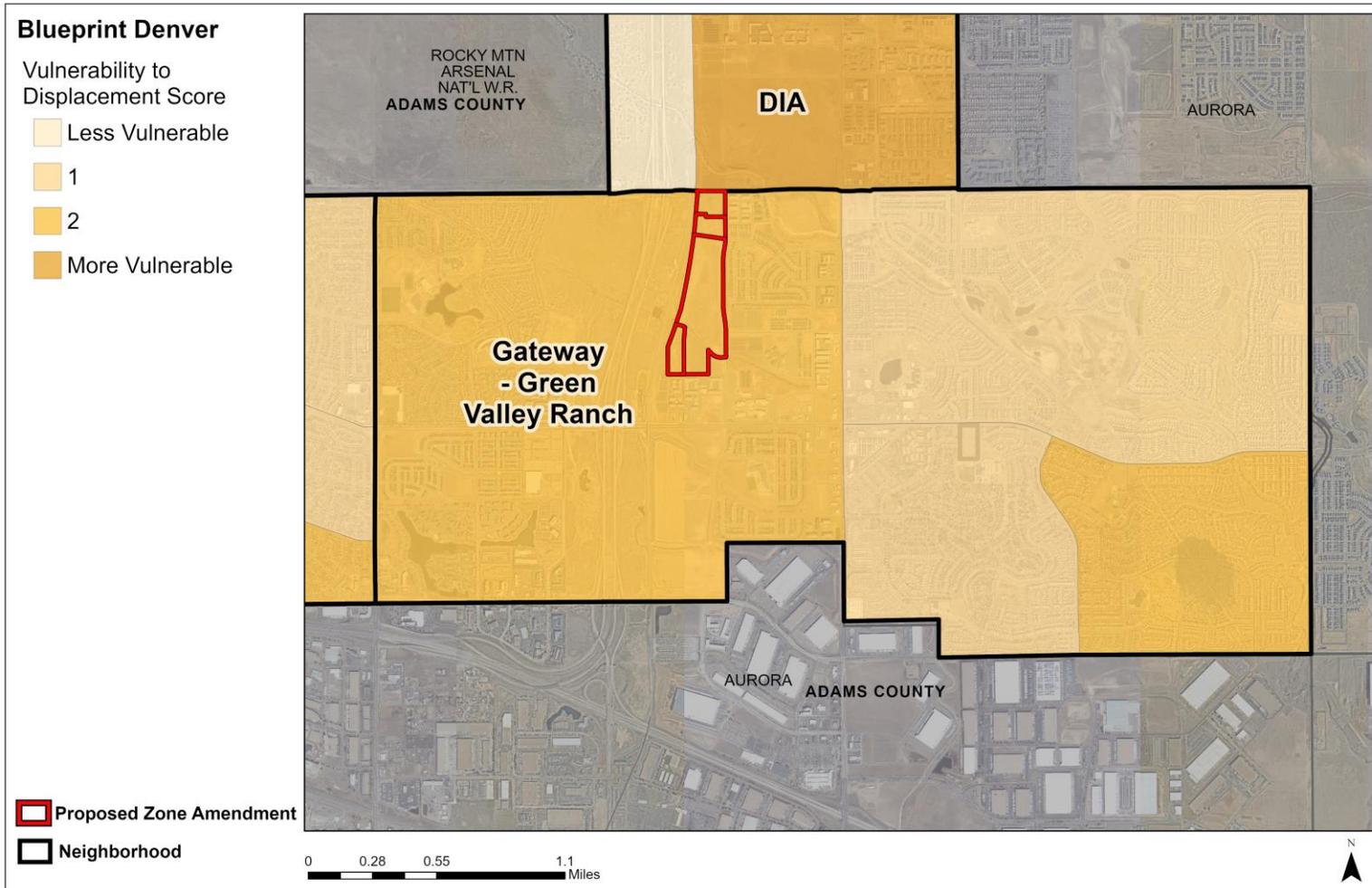
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Access to Opportunity

- Generally moderate Access to Opportunity
- Lowest scores in child obesity, access to parks, fresh food, and transit

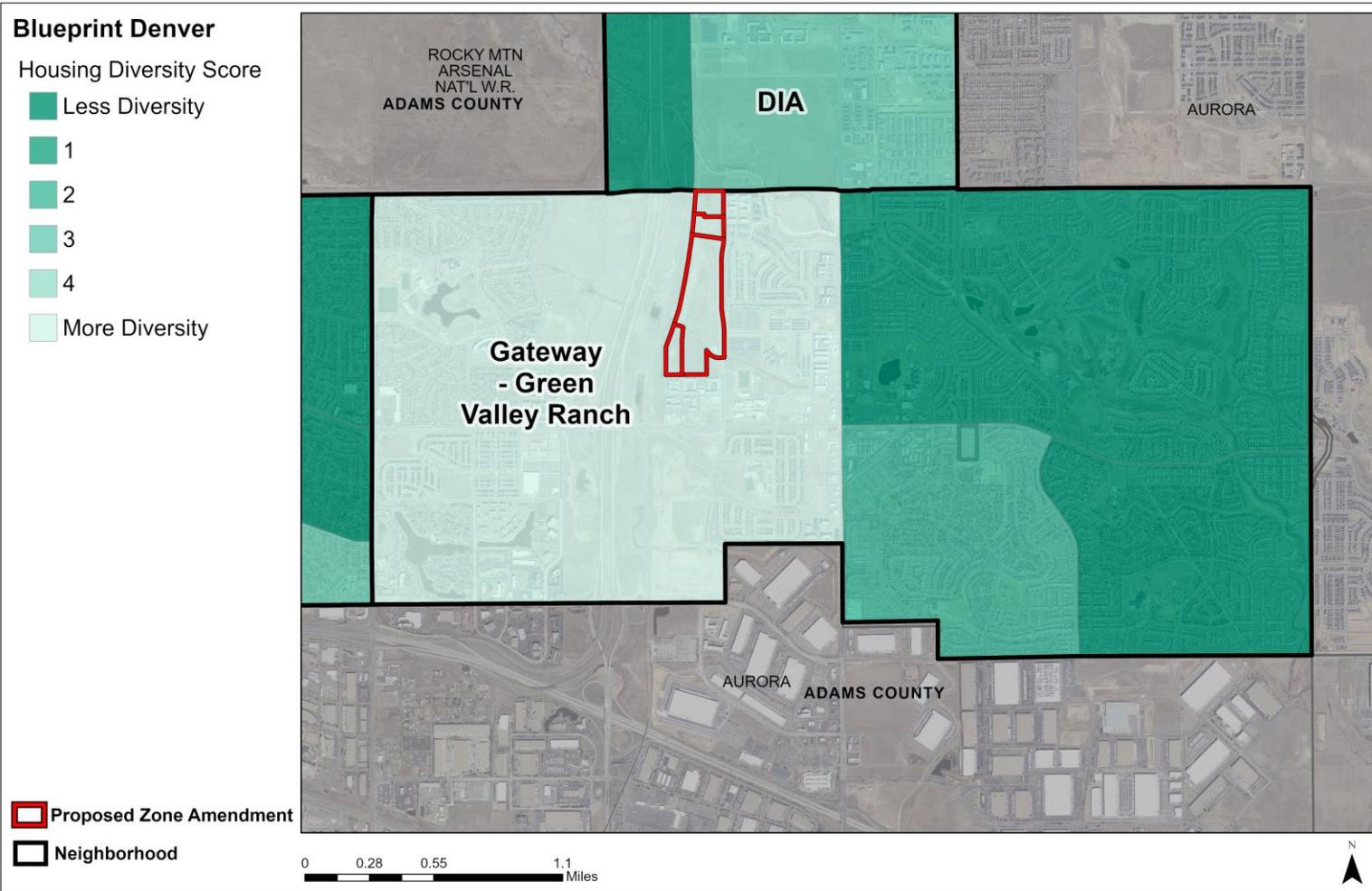
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Vulnerability to Involuntary Displacement

- Moderate vulnerability
- More vulnerable on two of three indicators
- Applicant is pursuing a High Impact Development Compliance Plan (HIDCP) with HOST

Blueprint Denver – Equity Analysis



Expanding Housing Diversity

- more diversity
- Diverse on all 5 metrics

Blueprint Denver 2019

Strategies:

- Land Use & Built Form: General, Policy 3, Strategy A - Rezone properties from the Former Chapter 59 zoning code so that the entire city is covered by the DZC, including continuing to incentivize owners to come out of the old code.

Blueprint Denver 2019

This application addresses climate by:

- Enabling a mixed-use development in an area that generally has uses that are separated
- Proposing multi-unit buildings, which are generally more energy efficient than lower density residential developments

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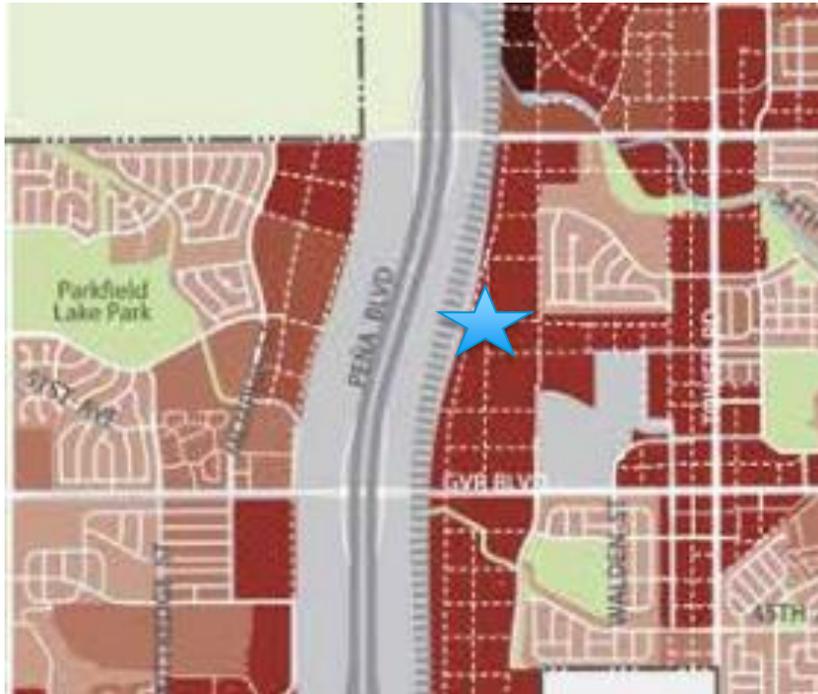
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Far Northeast Area Plan



MAX BUILDING HEIGHT	
Lightest Brown	2.5 Stories Max
Light Brown	3 Stories Max
Medium Brown	5 Stories Max
Dark Brown	8 Stories Max
Darkest Brown	12 Stories

- The Future Place guidance is the same as Blueprint Denver, but the Far Northeast Area Plan has specific height guidance.
- Up to 8 Stories

Far Northeast Area Plan

LU-16 – Rezone Former Chapter 59 properties into the Denver Zoning Code

- Strategically use large-scale rezoning as a tool for bringing Former Chapter 59 properties into the DZC.

LU-21 – Encourage affordable housing in mixed-income developments that appeal to households of various sizes and income levels

- Promote affordable housing developments along high-density, mixed-use corridors and centers, and in locations near transit and employment

Gateway – Green Valley Ranch, Recommendation 6 – Pena Boulevard Area: Community Centers – Land Use

- Support a mixture of uses throughout this area including commercial, retail, office, employment, and residential
- Encourage properties with Former Chapter 59 zoning to rezone into the Denver Zoning Code as a strategy for promoting improved design outcomes

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Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Purpose and Intent



- Suburban context is characterized by single-unit multi-unit residential, commercial strips and centers, and office parks
- Mixed use districts promote safe, active, pedestrian-scaled, diverse areas and enhance the convenience and ease of walking, shopping and public gathering within and around the city's neighborhoods

CPD Recommendation

CPD recommends approval, based on finding all review criteria have been met

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