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Brad Buchanan, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Buchanan:

The Downtown Denver Partnership wishes to express our strong support for the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan. It builds on the vision and goals of the 2007 Downtown Area Plan and represents an important next step in updating and implementing the legacy of the Downtown Area Plan.

The Plan's overall vision elements - Eclectic, Connected, Creative, and Livable – combined with the strategic approach of including both large catalytic visions and tactical quick wins, will provide a strong path for the successful maturation of the Golden Triangle neighborhood. The Plan responds well to the changing environment in Downtown Denver and the Golden Triangle neighborhood, specifically outlining visions that address changing transportation habits of millennials and a growing interest in building a diverse transportation options network that connects the neighborhood to the rest of Downtown Denver, as well as the City.

There are many laudable specific goals within each of the above-mentioned vision elements that we support, but we would like to call specific attention to the following:

A3. Catalytic Development – targeting specific development sites and implementing strategies that will accelerate their redevelopment consistent with the Plan's vision is vital to the successful evolution of the Golden Triangle as Denver continues in the current period of strong redevelopment activity.

B1. Robust Mobility and B2. Grand Boulevards – developing better multimodal connections between Golden Triangle and adjoining districts, including other Downtown districts, is an essential component to a thriving 21st century neighborhood. A thoughtful plan for Civic Center Station and the surrounding area, and enhanced transit and bicycle connections, especially along Broadway, are important steps in providing mobility options to the neighborhood. At the same time, the uses along and treatment of the Grand

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Boulevards that surround the Golden Triangle, as recommended by the plan, will both strengthen the identity of the neighborhood and reduce the perceived barriers that have been associated with the Grand Boulevard streets in the past.

C3. Arts and Culture Trail – this is a visionary concept that celebrates the unique identity elements of the Golden Triangle in an interactive and multimodal fashion that also welcomes visitors to learn more about the neighborhood in a healthy and fun manner. We believe this idea is so powerful that it could also be extended to adjacent districts to strengthen linkages between adjoining neighborhoods and create an even richer and more diverse experience.

D1. Connected Open Spaces – this goal builds on the Downtown Area Plan goal of an Outdoor Downtown, and serves as an important guidepost for Denver’s Outdoor Downtown plan that the City and the Partnership recently initiated. Most importantly, it acknowledges the importance and interconnectedness of each component of the Golden Triangle’s open spaces, from the grandeur of Civic Center to the intimacy of the Speer triangles, and recognizes that the entire public realm must be utilized effectively in order to maximize recreational opportunities and quality of life for neighborhood users.

The Partnership is prepared to be a collaborative partner with the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, the City & County of Denver, and private developers and investors who wish to continue to see the Golden Triangle neighborhood become one of Denver’s most livable neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Door". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Tamara Door
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