



April 2025 Vibrant Denver Bond Update

City Council

Department of Finance
Mayor's Office

Agenda

- I. Community Engagement Update
- II. Subcommittee Rosters
- III. Preview Subcommittee Orientation & Procedures
- IV. Follow Ups from March Update
- V. Q&A



Community Conversations

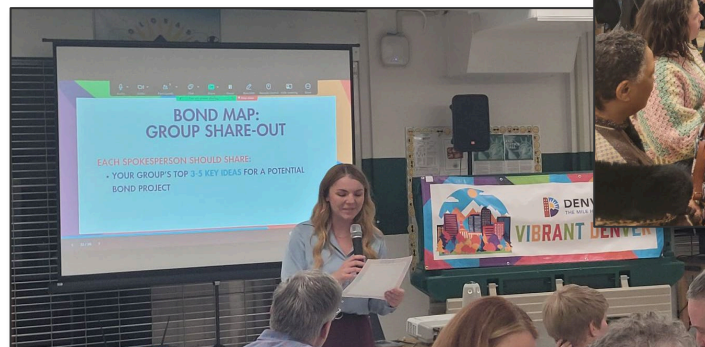
~515 attendees to date

Past Meetings:

- District 10
- District 4/5/6
- District 3
- District 9
- District 8
- District 1
- District 7
- At-Large

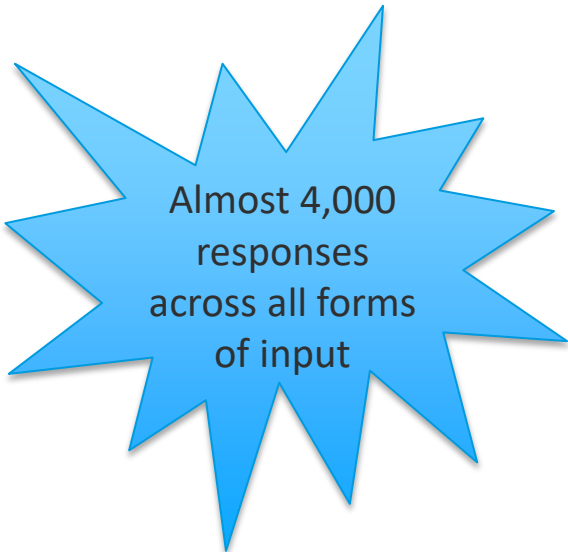
Upcoming Meetings:

- District 2: April 10
- District 4: April 16



Community Engagement Update

- ~3,250 survey responses (>2,800 online, >450 print)
- Online dashboard of results in development
- Submitted project ideas under review
 - From surveys
 - From table read-outs at the Community Conversations
- Survey to close April 17
- *Please continue to share!*



Almost 4,000
responses
across all forms
of input

Online Dashboard for Survey Results

GO BOND Survey Dashboard - Quantitative

Which area best represents where you live?

Central Denver
East Denver
North Denver
South Denver
West Denver

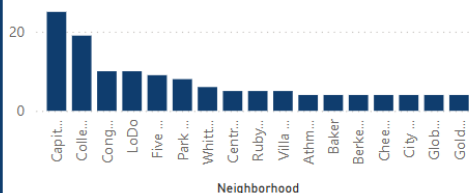
Which area best represents where you work?

Central Denver
East Denver
North Denver
South Denver
West Denver

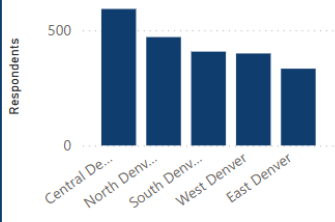
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Respondents

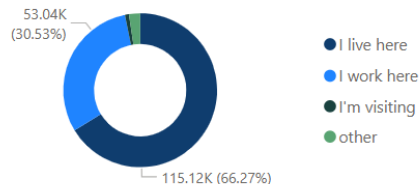
PRINT Survey Responses by Neighborhood



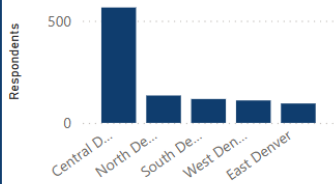
Where They Live



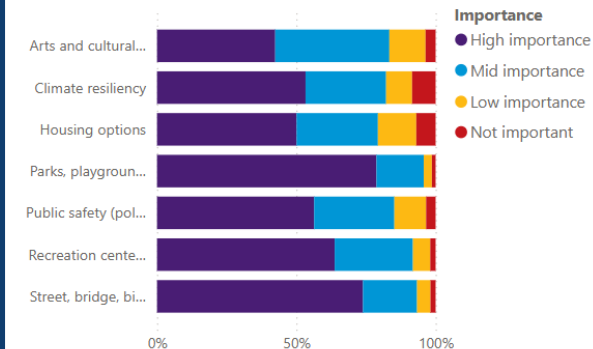
Relationship to Denver? (Multi-select)



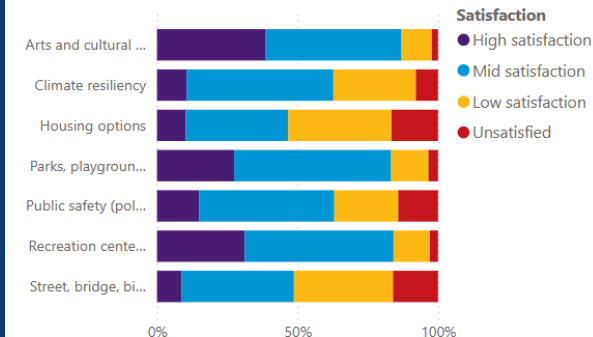
Where They Work



Importance



Satisfaction

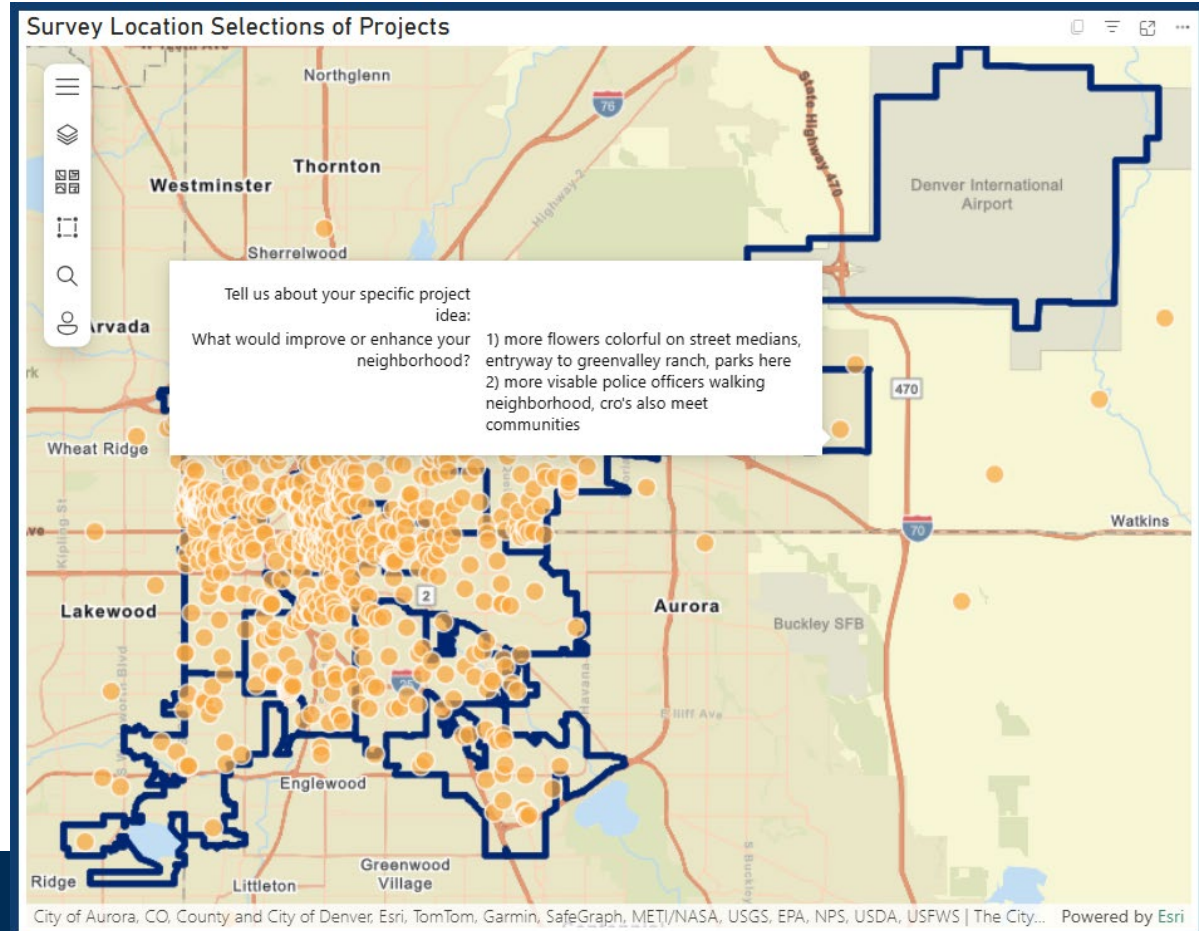


[View Online](#)

Response results may be filtered by clicking on a variable of interest within the dashboard levels.

Mapped Project Distribution

Hover over a dot to
see survey responses
and ideas related to
that location.



What would improve or enhance your neighborhood?

[illegible]

Subcommittee Rosters



Arts and Cultural Venues

Council Member Kevin Flynn

Council Member Stacie Gilmore

Stephen Brackett

Andrea Fulton

Nola Miguel

Malik Robinson

Patty Salazar

Ed Scholz

Solicia Lopez



Parks, Playgrounds, Trees, Trails, and Our Climate

Council Member Sarah Parady

Council Member Jamie Torres

Yoli Casas

Pastor Eugene Downing

Dominique Gomez

Conor Hall

Kelly Nordini

Katie Terrazas Hoover

Jevon Taylor

Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods



Council Member Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez

Council Member Amanda Sawyer

Barb Archer

Steve Foster

Yoal Ghebremeskel

Vernon Jones Jr.

Monica Martinez

Murphy Robinson

Mike Somma

Recreation Centers, Libraries, and Other City Facilities



Council Member Flor Alvidrez

Council Member Diana Romero Campbell

Council Member Shontel M. Lewis

Julian Aguilar

Ryan Aids

Naomi Amaha

Alexis Menocal Harrigan

Elena Mendoza

Theresa Peña

Rosemary Rodriguez

Scott Wolf

Donna Garnett

Connectivity: Street, Bridge, Bike, and Pedestrian Safety



Council Member Chris Hinds

Council Member Paul Kashmann

Council Member Darrell Watson

Makisha Booth

Brad Dodson

Jill Locantore

Steve McCarthy

Rodney Milton

Michael Sapp

Alejandra Spray

Subcommittees Orientation

- Subcommittee Orientation – April 10 (in-person)
 - Recording will be made available for those unable to attend
- At orientation, subcommittees will identify their future meeting cadence
 - Meeting spaces reserved in Webb building, but not required
 - Expected weekly cadence through mid-May



Parks, Playgrounds,
Trees, Trails, and
Our Climate



Arts and
Cultural
Venues



Recreation Centers,
Libraries, and Other
City Facilities



Connectivity: Street,
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Pedestrian Safety



Safe and Healthy
Neighborhoods

Subcommittee Values

- Commitment to Equity
- Commitment to Sustainability
- All Meetings Held in Public
- No Advocating/Lobbying on Behalf of Projects or Organizations
- Serve to Present a Balanced Package of Investments that Address City Needs

Evaluation Timeline

- Subcommittees will set their own cadence:
Likely to require a two-hour, weekly meeting for 4 to 5 weeks
- Meetings start: Week of April 14
- Meetings end: Week of May 16

Evaluation Process

- Subcommittee members will receive summaries of each project in their committee at the first group meeting (week of April 14)
- During the weekly meetings, subcommittees will evaluate projects and prioritize them into tiers
- Subject Matter Experts from city agencies will serve on each subcommittee to provide technical expertise
- Project tiers from all subcommittees go to the Executive Committee for further refinement

Evaluation Criteria

- Project evaluations will include:
 - Community Needs and Benefit – How does this project change or improve the lives of the people in the community?
 - Community Equity – Does this address historic deficits in services and investment? How will this project impact the community holistically? Do the long-term benefits from the project outweigh the negative impacts from project implementation?
 - Economic Impacts – Does this project promote economic activity? Does this project create growth? Does this project require long term O&M investment?
 - Health, Safety, and Environmental impacts – Does this project address health and safety concerns? Does it increase or decrease environmental impacts?
 - Project Readiness – Can this project be completed in 6 years?

Follow Ups from March Update

- How is this process set up to help drive equitable outcomes?
 1. Technical Review Committee has answered OSEI's equity questions for each project (*questions shown on next slide*)
 2. Subcommittees will be asked to evaluate Projects with equity in mind, including historic service and spending deficits, project impacts, and long-term project benefits against the impacts from project implementation
 3. Staffing coordination with OSEI throughout the subcommittee process
 4. Dr. Sanders membership on Executive Committee

Equity Questions at Technical Review Committee Stage

- Does the program impacted by this request most directly serve internal customers (e.g., other City Departments/Employees) or external customers (e.g., Denver Residents/Businesses)?
- Was feedback from the community/stakeholders used to inform the program that would be impacted (directly or indirectly) by this request?
- Does the program impacted by this request increase or decrease access to city services/opportunities for:
 - Historically marginalized racial and ethnic communities
 - Other structurally marginalized groups (e.g., older adults, people with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, people experiencing homelessness, LGBTQ community, or individuals living below federal poverty levels)
 - City employees who are members of the historically and structurally marginalized communities
 - Specific Denver neighborhoods/communities (e.g., NEST neighborhoods, inverted L)

Follow Ups from March Update

- **Request for “mill levy 101” and more information on property tax impacts:**
 - Mill Levy 101 presented to FinGov on April 8
- **Property tax impacts added to Bond website:**
 - This General Obligation (GO) bond measure will not increase residents’ property tax rates. It will use an existing property tax that is dedicated to pay back bonds and can only be used for this purpose. Taxpayers already pay this property tax. The city uses bonds to help meet its capital requirements. As older bonds are paid down, Denver voters can elect to have the city replace those with new bonds without increasing property taxes.

Bonds are typically paid back over a long time horizon, which keeps the annual costs low for taxpayers. If voters choose not to approve new bonds, existing taxes could go toward paying down current bonds faster.

Timeline Overview

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| Now Through April 17 | Community Conversations + Survey |
| April 10 | Subcommittee Orientation |
| April 14 – May 16 | Subcommittee Meetings |
| May 13 | Monthly Council Committee for Bond Updates |
| May 20 – June 12 | Executive Committee Meetings |
| June 13 | Submit Final Ranked List to City Council |
| June 24 <i>tentative</i> | Finance & Governance Committee |
| July 1 <i>tentative</i> | Mayor-Council |
| July 7 <i>tentative</i> | 1 st Reading |
| July 14 <i>tentative</i> | 2 nd Reading |



**Questions &
Discussions?**