**Outreach at Union Station** 

Denver Moves: Transit Task Force

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**Denver Moves: Transit Update** 

Denver City Council LUTI Committee October 24, 2017











## **Denver Moves: Transit Schedule & Phases**

### **VISION & GOALS**

Our first task is to develop a vision and set of goals to guide project decisions and recommendations, with input from the Task Force, stakeholders, and the community.

### August 2016 - May 2017

### SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

Working closely with the *Blueprint Denver* team, we'll establish scenarios that match future land uses and potential transit services, demonstrating different outcomes and the tradeoffs they would require. These scenarios will be evaluated using a framework grounded in the vision and goals.

January - June 2017

### TRANSIT PLAN

Denver Moves: Transit will establish a short- and long-term vision for transit in Denver. The plan will document operating, capital, and programmatic priorities; funding and implementation strategies; and land use and other policies to support a transit system that works for Denver.

September 2017 - Early 2018

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**EVALUATION** 

Building on the preferred

transit corridors and evaluate

scenario, we will establish priority

them for necessary investments.

of transit-rail, bus rapid transit,

along with capital projects that can make transit service work

We'll explore potential modes

local bus-for each corridor

May - September 2017

### STATE OF THE SYSTEM & MARKET ASSESSMENT

The State of the System Report documents existing conditions of the transit system and provides statistics and trends that will help lay the groundwork to develop the vision for transit in Denver.

August 2016 - February 2017

## COMPLETE TRANSIT SYSTEM

By identifying gaps in pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, we will create strategies that can be incorporated into the priority transit corridors and the final vision for transit. We will also develop recommendations for improving transit stops and stations, information and wayfinding, and creating a great passenger experience.

June – September 2017

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement will occur throughout the project to guide the vision for transit in Denver and ensure the plan meets the community's needs.

Ongoing

# **Activities Since Spring LUTI Update**

- Online and in-person engagement:
  - Build Your Own Transit System
  - Major transit corridors
- 3 Task Force meetings
- Youth Stakeholder Group video
- On-going Denveright coordination









# **Build Your Own Transit System Survey**

**Respondents selected** preferred improvements, weighing trade-offs between cost and benefits Thank you for Building Your Own Transit System and helping to shape the future of transit in Denver. We are no longer accepting input on the this survey but feel free to try out the survey to see how costs and benefits are influenced by your selected improvements. To learn more about Denver Moves: Transit and for more opportunities to participate throughout the plan process visit our project website.

### What is Denver Moves: Transit?

Denver Moves: Transit is a city-led planning effort to create a 20-year local transit vision and implementation plan for Denver. For more information about what transit looks like in Denver today, check out the State of the System Report

### What's your vision for transit in Denver?

We want your ideas about how transit can be improved in Denver, both in the next couple of years and over many years to come. By participating in the Build Your Own Transit System exercise, you can choose the improvements that you think will help make transit a great choice for people who live, work, and visit Denver, Your responses will help inform the Denver Moves: Transit plan and shape the plan's recommendations.

### Here's what you need to do

 You have \$100 to spend. Select the strategies that you feel are most important. Mix and match potential improvements to see how costs and benefits change.

#### Completar la encuesta en español »

Better speed, frequency, and reliability Increasing the speed and reliability of transit means that

More people riding transit More people choose to take transit for more trips

Improved passenger experience

Attractive and convenient transit service focuses on all aspects of the passenger's experience, from accessing information about how to travel to providing safe and comfortable transit stops.

Improved multimodal connections Good transit service is not just about making sure abilities and ages must be able to safely walk, bike, or

Your Overall Benefits			Your Costs	
				<b>\$</b> 65
Better speed, frequency, and reliability	More people riding transit	Improved passenger experience	Improved multimodal connections	Total Cost (Max \$100)

Cost

### Transit Service

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## Higher frequency bus service

Buses would operate more frequently on major corridors than they do today. For example, a route that currently runs every 30 minutes might run every 15 minutes.

### Enhanced bus service with limited stops

On-demand bus (e.g., Access-A-Ride)

Buses would have fewer stops, resulting in higher operating speeds and reduced travel times.

On-demand service means that a bus or shuttle is summoned upon

available through RTD Access-a-Ride, education about how to use

this service and potentially providing subsidies for riders could help enhance the service. Additional on-demand service could also be

the request of the passenger. Although this type of service is already



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More people

riding transit

Better speed. frequency.

and reliability

#### Better speed, More people Improved Improved Cost frequency. riding transit nassenger multimodal and reliability experience connections



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## **Build Your Own Transit System Survey**

- 7 neighborhood drop-in workshops
- Outreach at 4 stops/stations
- Attendance at community events
- 2,400+ responses
- Surveys provided in English & Spanish
- Summary of survey results:

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/news/2017/transitfeedback-summary-august.html









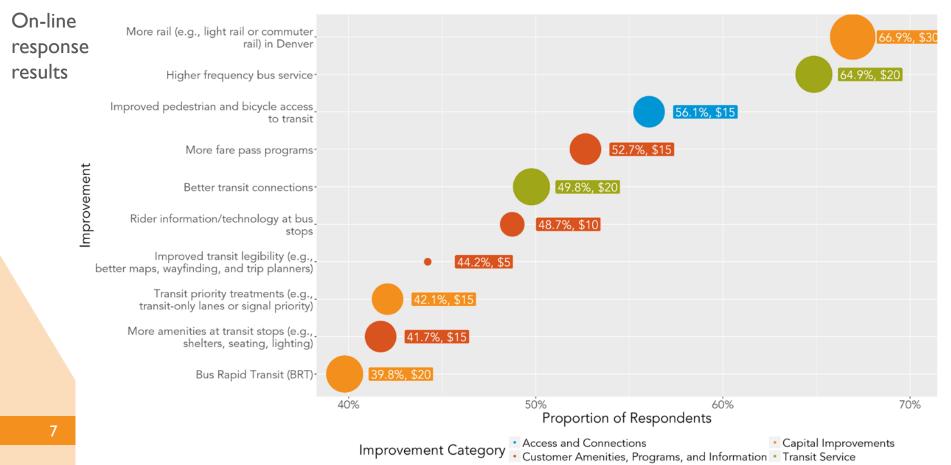
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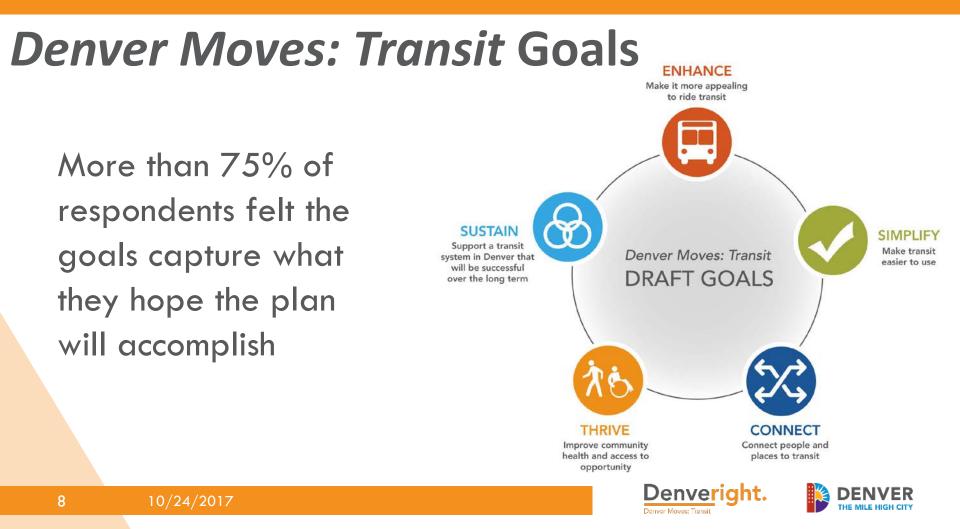
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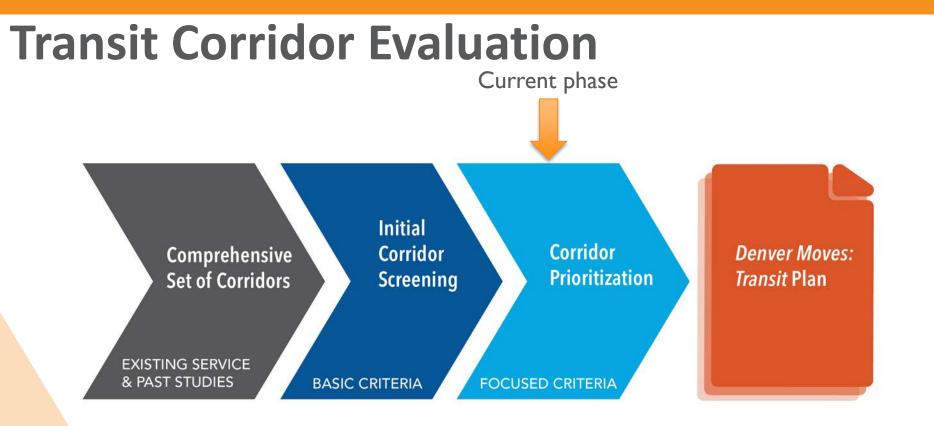
- Higher frequency & enhanced bus service
- Earlier/later and more weekend service
- More fare pass programs
- More amenities at stops and stations
- More high-capacity transit service



## **Build Your Own Transit System Survey**









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Evaluation of 19 corridors for various levels of transit investments

- High-capacity transit investments
- Speed and reliability improvements
- Using the plan goals as drivers in how decisions are made

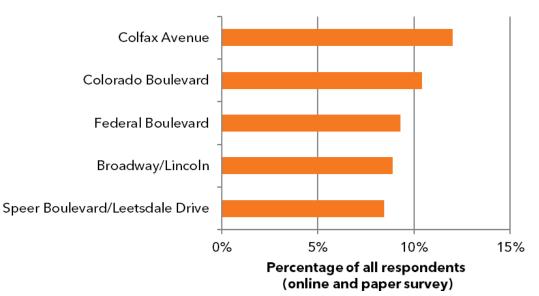
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## **Major Transit Corridor Survey Results**

- 1,000+ responses
- Colfax received 525 overall votes for highest priority corridor
- Results help inform the evaluation of the corridors for potential capital investment

## Please select the 5 corridors that you think should be a top priority for Denver.

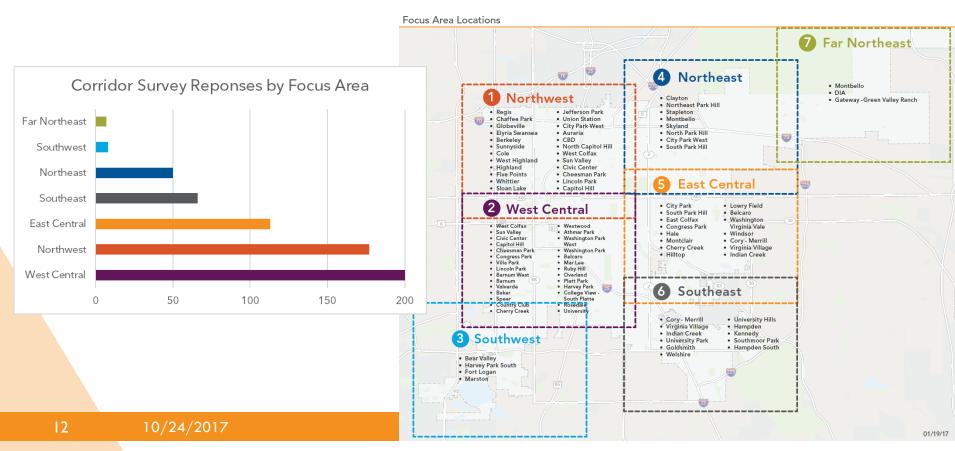






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## **Major Corridor Survey: Who Participated**



## Youth Stakeholder Group – "Dreaming Big" Video Importance of Transit in Denver





## https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/transit/youth-stakeholder-video.html

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## What's Next for Denver Moves: Transit

- Corridor evaluation, access & connections
- Early development of recommendations
- Public outreach in winter
- Plan completion anticipated Spring 2018







## **Examples of Early Implementation Actions**

 Broadway/Lincoln transit improvements

http://denvermovesbroadway.com

Colfax BRT

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denverdepartment-of-public-works/projects/current/colfax-corridorconnections.html

• Free MetroRide



Transit lane pavement markings & 24-hour transit lane along Broadway





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## **Denver Moves: Transit**

<u>https://www.denvergov.org/content/</u> <u>denvergov/en/denveright/transit.html</u>

Denver Moves: Transit Task Force Access & Connections Activity









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