

Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver Land Use, Transportation, Infrastructure Committee Feb 26, 2019





1. Process Update





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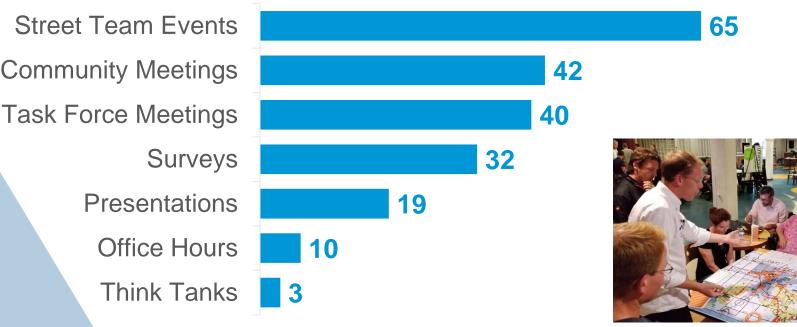


Summary of all Denveright Outreach

Total people engaged



Summary of all Denveright Outreach Total events held



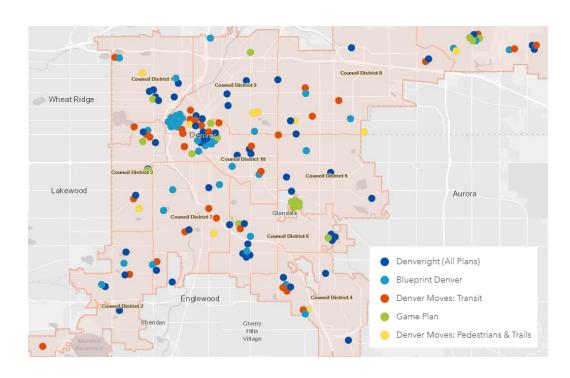






Where were events held?

- 186 in-person events were held
- Events were
 hosted at 98
 different venues
 across all 11
 council districts







2. Comprehensive Plan 2040





Comprehensive Plan Process Update







Changes based on Public Review #1

Across Entire Document

- Stronger language for goals and strategies
- More language about Denver's historic character and historic legacies
- More language about Denver's natural resources, natural environment and restoration of natural habitat





Changes based on Public Review

Public Comments on Public Review #1

Over 250 comments received

Comprehensive Plan 2040: Public Comments on Public Review Draft 1

Comment on Draft Plan	Topic Category	Source
be clear that we want affordable housing near TRANSIT. Somehow we are not explicit about this	Connected	City Council
too much about infrastructure and generic use of the word transit. When we say infrastructure, add		
service too! Say we want more people to choose bus transit. It's important to say we want bus ridership		
to go up. Bus ridership is where we fail.	Connected	City Council
There is no mention of the City's parkway and boulevard system. Please include language calling for the		
completion of the system per the original City plan for parkway design. Add provisions calling for		
expanding and extending the parkway and boulevard system with quality design throughout all portions		
of the City.	Connected	Letter
I do appreciate the goals around transportation However, i feel like these goals seem to be focused on		
'new' residents and building. What about those of us who have lived here for 20+ years. Why are we		
allowing these huge apt complexes to be built with no adequate parking - thus ruining the		
neighborhood for those who are already living there. Also what about enforcing current rules re:		
parking, how many cars a place can have, etx.	Connected	Survey
High speed trains connecting the outer cities of Denver into downtown Denver.	Connected	Survey
Specific stats on areas in Denver that are the most affected by safety.	Connected	Survey
I believe this should read "Connected, Safe and Accessible Places for People" emphasizing the		
sustainable strategy that is focused on efficiently moving people, not cars, as has so long been the case.	Connected	Survey
Many pedestrian Bridges should be added on major streets someone walking on a pedestrian bridge		
has about a 0% chance of being injured or killed by a vehicle	Connected	Survey
To use transit and walking, women need to feel safe, especially after dark.	Connected	Survey
I love that the City is becoming more walkable and is continuing to develop new and vibrant		
communities.	Connected	Survey
I am very happy with the bike paths/walking trails that are already available. I think the current		
expansion of light rail is wonderful. My concerns are that, from my own experience riding light rail, we		
need much better enforcement of buying tickets to ride the rail. I'm not sure who came up with the		
system we have - but I have daily seen people not paying for their light rail ride. Better enforcement of		
this would help.	Connected	Survey
I think if we want more people to walk, bike, ride-share, carpool, or take the buses and trains it has to		0
be both affordable and timely. I'm someone who has access to the buses and trains, but opts to drive		
because the other two options are inconvenient (train is about 15 minutes from my home, bus takes 2x		
as long as driving) or don't actually reduce my costs of transportation to and from work. I don't like how		
much it costs me to park downtown, but the other transportation options to me aren't a better value		
right now.	Connected	Survey
The severity by speed graphic is very interesting. A source should be included to identify where and		
how these statistics were developed.	Connected	Survey

Introduction and Implementation

- Changed "Collective Impact" to "Implementation Strategies" and added more detail about informing budget and resource decisions
- Added implementation matrix as appendix



RTD = Regional Transportation District UDFCD = Urban Drainage and Flood Control District

QUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE				
Goal	Strategy		City	
Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of americles.	Increase development of housing units close to transit and mixed-use A developments.	CPD		
	Implement a high-quality, affordable and accessible multi-modal B transportation system.	PW		
	Improve equitable access to resources that improve quality of life, including cultural and natural amenities, health care, education, parks, recreation, nutritious food and the arts.	DDPHE		
	Improve equitable access to city resources and city meetings through proactive and transparent communications, easy-to-access information and materials available in more than one language.	HRCP		
Build housing as a continuum to serve residents across a range of incomes, ages and needs.	Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families.	CPD		
	B Ensure city policies and regulations encourage every neighborhood to provide a complete range of housing options.	CPD		
	Foster communities of opportunity by aligning housing strategies and C investments to improve economic mobility and access to transit and services.	OED		
	D Increase the development of family-friendly housing, including units with multiple bedrooms in multifamily developments.	OED		
Develop housing that is affordable to residents of all income levels.	A Maximize and ensure the long-term sustainability of city funding sources for workforce and affordable housing.	OED		
	Use land use regulations to incentivize the private development of B affordable, missing middle and mixed-income housing, especially where close to transit.	CPD		
	Continue to advocate for changes to state law that remove barriers to access to affordable housing options.	OED	A	
	Develop and promote programs to help individuals and families, D especially those most vulnerable to displacement, access affordable housing.	OED		
	E Leverage available publicly owned land for affordable housing development.	DOF		
Preserve existing affordable housing.	A Expand existing tools, such as tax relief programs, to preserve the long-term affordability of housing throughout Denver.	OED		
	B Create additional tools, including community land trusts and regulatory incentives, to preserve existing affordable housing.	OED		
	C Incentivize the reuse of existing smaller and affordable homes.	CPD	_	

Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive

Added missing middle

housing

Added strategy about continuing to advocate for changes to state law that would remove barriers to affordable housing options



VISION ELEMENTS: EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE

In 2040. Denver is an equitable, inclusive community with a high quality of life for all residents, regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, gender, ability or age.

To achieve our vision for an equitable city, with the promise of opportunity for all Denverites, we must focus on the needs of our most vulnerable residents. This means the benefits of growth and change are equitably shared by all community members and no neighborhood is disproportionately burdened by the region's growth. It also means providing reliable and quality basic services—including public safety and clean water—for all of our residents. Denver strives to be inclusive for all community members by reducing involuntary displacement and expanding equitable access to the services, amenities and places that make our city great.

GOAL 1

Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities.

STRATEGIES

- A. Increase development of housing units close to transit and mixed-use developments.
- B. Implement a high-quality, affordable and accessible multimodal transportation system.
- C. Improve equitable access to resources that improve quality of life, including cultural and natural amenities, health care, education, parks, recreation. nutritious food and the arts.
- D. Improve equitable access to city resources and city meetings through proactive and transparent communications. easy-to-access information and materials available in more than one language.

GOAL 2

Build housing as a continuum to serve residents across a range of incomes, ages and needs.

STRATEGIES

- A. Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families.
- B. Ensure city policies and regulations encourage every neighborhood to provide a complete range of housing
- C. Foster communities of opportunity by aligning housing strategies and investments to improve economic mobility and access to transit and services.
- D. Increase the development of family-friendly housing. including units with multiple bedrooms in multifamily developments.

GOAL 3

Develop housing that is affordable to residents of all income levels.

STRATEGIES

- A. Maximize and ensure the long-term sustainability of city wees for workforce
- se land use regulation to incentivize the private development of affordable missing middle and mixedincome housing, especially where close to transit.
- Continue to advocate for changes to state law that remove barriers to access to affordable housing options.
- Develop and promote pro elp individuals and to displacement, access affordable housing.
- E. Leverage available publicly owned land for affordable housing development.

Review Note: Goal 1

- Added "transit" to Strategy A
- Goal 1: changed the first word of Strategy C from "Enhance" to "Increase"
- Changed the first words to "Build" rather than "Support"
- Changed "throughout the city" to "in every neighborhood" in Strategy A
- Goal 3 Changed the first word of Strategy to "Use" rather than "Support"
- Added "missing middle" to Strategy B. Also added a definition for missing middle housing to Glossary Added Strategy C
- Strategy E: added "available" to "publicly owned land"
- Changed the first words of Strategy A from "Evaluate and enhance" to

GOAL 5

STRATEGIES

Reduce the involuntary

A. Advance a comprehensive

approach to mitigating

involuntary displacement

that includes expanding

B. Stabilize residents and

businesses at risk of

economic mobility, creating

new affordable housing and

preserving existing affordability.

displacement through programs

stay in their existing community.

and policies that help them to

and major regulatory changes

for the potential to contribute to involuntary displacement;

anticipated impacts to residents

C. Evaluate city plans, projects

identify and implement

strategies to mitigate

and businesses.

- Changed the first word of Strategy B from "Explore" to "Create"
- Added Strategy C

GOAL 4

Preserve existing affordable housing.

STRATEGIES

- A. Expand existing tools, such as tax relief programs, to preserve the long-term affordability of housing throughout Denver.
- B. Create additional tools, including community land trusts and regulatory incentives, to preserve existing affordable
- C. Incentivize the reuse of existing smaller and affordable homes.

WHERE TO FIND MORE . . .

BLUEPRINT DENVER- 2019

GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY

HOUSING AN INCLUSIVE DENVER •

DENVER MOVES: TRANSIT • 2018

AGE MATTERS ACTION PLAN -

IMAGINE 2020 • 2014

businesses.

displacement of residents and

Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive

- Added goal with three strategies about education
 - Includes libraries and life-long learning
 - Includes improving affordability and availability of childcare
- Refined definition of equity to be clear and consistent across plans

Public Review Draft #2 - 1/7/19 VISION ELEMENTS: EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE

GOAL 6

Integrate equity considerations into city policies, processes and plans.

STRATEGIES

- A. Adopt strategies to ensure that city plans and processes, including budget decisions, incorporate equity.
- B. Track the information and measure the data needed to understand disparities and to evaluate the equity impacts of public programs and projects.

GOAL 8

Increase housing options for Denver's most vulnerable populations.

STRATEGIES

- Expand investments in housing options and services for people experiencing homelessness.
- B. Partner with organizations to develop permanent and transitional housing affordable to very low-income populations.
- C. Ensure that city regulations enable a range of flexible housing options to meet the needs of those experiencing or transitioning out of homelessness.
- D. Expand the supply of housing accessible to seniors and people with disabilities, including more housing choices for seniors to age in place.

GOAL 7

Make neighborhoods accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

- STRATEGIES

 A. Encourage the integration
- of age-friendly community features into public and private development.

 B. Prioritize infrastructure
- improvements that allow for residents of all abilities to access and live in any neighborhood. C. Design and program public
- Design and program public spaces and recreation centers to accommodate people of all ages

GOAL S

Improve equitable access to quality education and life-long learning opportunities.

STRATEGIES

- A. Support Denver Public Schools in its efforts to eliminate barriers to success and to provide high-quality eduction for all students regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender status, religion or economic status.
- B. Improve the quality, availability and affordability of early childhood care, education and child development services.
 Promote and encourage use
- C. Promote and encourage use of the Denver Public Library system, community centers, schools and other resources that provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

Review Note:

- Revised Strategy A to be more direct about the need to incorporate equity into city plans and processes,
- including budget decisions

 Added "and measure the data needed" to Strategy B
- Revised Strategy D to mention
 housing options for seniors to age in
- place
 Added Goal 9 and Strategies A-C about education
- Under "What Does Equity Mean For Denver?"
- · Under "Fauity Defined" made a clearer definition for equity that aligns with the definition of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The first paragraph used to start "Equity is about access to opportunity. It means giving everyone what they need to be successful." Also added the final sentence to the paragraph under "Equity Defined" about how we advance equity as a city Under "What does inequity look like?" added language to acknowledge the inequities of marginalized communities that are now experiencing gentrification

EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND INCLUSIVE IN ACTION COMPACT COMPA

EQUITY DEFINED vulnerable to involuntary displacement (when the

Equity means everyone, regardless of who they are or where they come from, has the opportunity to thrive. Where there is equity, a persons' identity does not determine their outcome. Equitable, inclusive communities are places of value that provide access to resources and opportunities for all people to improve the quality of their life. As a city, we advance equity by serving individuals, families and communities in a manner that reduces or eliminates pensistent institutional bases and barries based on race, ability, gender identity and sexual orientation, age and other factors.

GUITY IS ABOUT PROCESS AND OUTCOMES

It takes accountability to achieve equity, It is necessary for all citzens and communities to fully participate in

WHAT DOES INFOURTY LOOK LIKE?

In Deriver, many neighborhoods do not have access to basic amenities and opportunities including parks, a clean environment, affordable transportation options and quality education. Residents in these areas tend to have more health problems and lower incomes as a result of fewer opportunities.

These inequities conflict with our values of fairness and providing everyone an opportunity to succeed. They mean that residents are not able to access the resources needed to improve their quality of life. They are less likely to build wealth and stability, making them more

EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

way to advance planning for shared growth.

Equitable development is an approach to meeting the property of the property of the property of the property of the programs that reduce disparities, while fostering places that are healthy and vibrant. Truly equitable development leads to greater choice and opportunities and improves everyone's quality of life.

and influence public decision-making in order to achieve

equitable outcomes. Engaging community members who

are most directly affected by inequity is the most effective

EQUITY VERSUS EQUALITY

Equalify means treating every person the same. Equity means giving everyone access to opportunities for what they need. Equity acknowledges that treating each person or place exactly the same may not result in fair opportunities to succeed. The diagram below illustrates this concept. With equality, everyone receives the same bicycle. The result is that many people do not have what they need to succeed. An equitable approach recognizes the unique needs of different people and gives each person an option to reach their full potential.





COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040[31

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Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods

- Changed "2040" vision statement to include "our city's diverse history"
- Added more language about existing historic assets throughout
- Added civic buildings to urban design recommendations
- Added culture to urban design recommendations



- D. Encourage quality infill
- development that is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood and offers opportunities for increased amenities.
- C. Create people-oriented places that embrace community character with thoughtful
- Use urban design to contrib to economic viability, public health, safety, environmental well-being, neighborhood culture, and quality of life.
- Ensure civic buildings and public spaces enhance and contribute o the design legacy of Deg

Preserve the authenticity of Denver's neighborhoods and celebrate our history, architecture

- A. Create a citywide preservation plan to preserve the diversity of historic places, and complete Discover Denver, the citywide building survey identifying
- B. Increase public awareness of the benefits of historic preservation through education and outreach
- Ensure city policies and regulations support historic preservation and eliminate barriers in city processes to help all neighborhoods preserve what matters most. Expand resources to preserve and enhance neighborhood
- Support the stewardship and reuse of existing buildings. including city properties.

GOAL 4

Ensure every neighborhood is economically strong and dynamic.

STRATEGIES A. Grow and support neighborhood-serving

husinesses. B. Embrace the international nature of our neighborhoods through support of immigrant-

owned businesses.

C. Make city-led catalytic investments in neighborhoods to advance community goals.

GOAL 6

Empower Denverites to be involved and collaborative in city government.

STRATEGIES

- A. Continue to strengthen trust and communication between the city and all neighborhoods.
- B. Provide proactive communication and public safety, processes and
- C. Improve the engagement and representation of all Denverites including communities of color, in neighborhood groups and city processes.
- D. Build the capacity of underrepresented citizens and provide resources to increase their involvement in decisionmaking.

GOAL 8

Conduct intentional, equitable and measurable neighborhood planning.

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Create and preserve parks and public spaces that reflect

STRATEGIES

- A. Ensure that parks and recreational programs reflect the unique context and cultural identity of the neighborhoods they share.
- B. Design public spaces to facilitate social connections and enhance cultural identity.

GOAL 7

- transparency about city policies,

STRATEGIES

- A. Create diverse and inclusive opportunities for communities to participate in planning.
- B. Ensure all neighborhoods have a future vision that is both community-driven and long-
- C. Ensure neighborhood plan recommendations are consistent with the local vision and with this comprehensive plan.

GOAL 5

the identity of Denver's neighborhoods.

Leverage the arts and support creative placemaking to strengthen community.

STRATEGIES

GOAL 9

STRATEGIES

- A. Infuse arts, culture and creativity into all aspects of community planning and design.
- B. Embrace existing communities and their cultural assets. C. Integrate community-inspired art and artistic expression into the public realm.
- D. Use city-owned facilities to expand arts and cultural

Ensure all neighborhoods are safe.

development to improve public

mental health, substance abuse,

fear of crime and traffic-related

responds to the unique needs of each neighborhood.

deaths through policing that

C. Actively involve communities in

strategies to promote safety.

A. Encourage design and new

B. Address social harms such as

health and safety.

Added "neighborhood culture" to Strategy D Added Strategy E about civic

Review Note

Goal 2

WHERE TO FIND MORE

2019

BLUEPRINT DENVER • 2019

GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY

DENVER FOOD VISION • 2017

IMAGINE 2020 • 2014

buildings and public spaces Goal 6: revised Strategy C to be clearer

A from "Support" to "Build"

about improving the representation of all Denverites in neighborhood groups and government processes

Goal 1: changed the first word of Strategy

Changed the first word of Strategy

C from "Encourage" to "Create"

- Goal 9: revised Strategy B to reflect strategic plan of the Department of
- Goal 9: revised Strategy C to emphasize involving the community in safety

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Connected, Safe and Accessible Places

- Changed all references to walking to "walking and rolling" for inclusivity
- Added strategy about historic parkways, boulevards, and greenways



In 2040, Denver is connected by safe, high-quality, multimodal transportation options.

Our future rests on a safe, equitable and sustainable multimodal transportation network. As Denver continues to grow, we need to shift how we plan and build our mobility system. Transitioning from a carcentric culture and making it easier to choose walking, rolling, biking and transit will strengthen our economy, improve safety, protect our climate and advance public health. Every Denver resident—regardless of age, ability, income or neighborhood—must have access to more transportation options. Achieving this vision entails bold actions and committed investments, especially when it comes to providing quality, reliable transit service. Denver must embrace the same spirit of ingenuity and collaboration that led to the Transcontinental Raliroad, Denver International Airport, and FasTracks in order to create an affordable, safe and convenient 21st century transportation network.



GOAL 1

Deliver a multimodal network that encourages more trips by walking, rolling, biking and transit.

STRATEGIES

- Prioritize transportation projects that will advance Denver's mode share goals.
- Use transportation demand management (TDM) strategies to reduce trips by singleoccupant vehicles.
- C. Measure roadway capacity by person trips, rather than auto trips, and prioritize projects and programs that achieve the most efficient levels of moving people.

GOAL 2

Provide a safe transportation system that serves all users.

STRATEGIES

- Implement the city's Vision Zero Action Plan to achieve zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2030.
- B. Build streets that are safe for everyone, especially for the most vulnerable, including the elderly, those with disabilities and children.
- Create a transportation system to serve all ages and physical abilities.

GOAL 3

Maximize the public right-of-way to create great places.

STRATEGIES

- Create streets to foster economic activity, contribute to great urban design and accommodate green infrastructure, including street
- Develop tools, such as street design standards, to prioritize how valuable right-of-way is allocated among various demands including mobility, utilities green intrastructure,

Protect, enhance and expand Denver's legacy pathways: its historic parkways, boulevards, greenways and trails. Public Review Draft #2 - 1/7/19

Ensure the development of

a frequent, high-quality and reliable transit network.

of frequent transit service

-including buses-that is

reliable, safe and accessible to

Transit, including the frequent

transit network and transit

C. Explore the city's legislative,

Expand funding options for

multimodal infrastructure.

Explore new and long-term

increased investments in

continue to make significant increases in the city's annual

investment in mobility

and increase budgets for

mobility projects and service

budget allocation for capital

maintenance and operations.

funding tools to enable

transit service.

GOAL 7

capital investment corridors.

organizational and financial

capacity to supplement, own,

and/or operate high-quality

users of all ages and abilities.

B. Implement Denver Moves:

GOAL 5

STRATEGIES

A. Promote a citywide network

GOAL 4

Create an equitable and connected multimodal network that improves access to opportunity and services.

STRATEGIES

- Ensure focused transportation investments—on streets as well as neighborhood trails—in areas with populations more dependent on walking, rolling and transit.
 Use the multimodal network to
- connect vulnerable populations to employment, education, parks and health services.
- C. Support efforts to enhance service and reduce fares for low-income and young transit

GOAL 6

Build and maintain safe bicycle and pedestrian networks.

STRATEGIES

- Create a citywide network for bicycling, walking and rolling that is safe and accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- B. Implement the bicycle network, including facilities easy to use, recommended in *Denver Moves: Bicycles*.
- C. Implement the complete network of pedestrian infrastructure recommended in Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails

Review Note:

- Changed the beginning of Strategy A to "Create" from "Promote the role of"
 Added Strategy C
- Goal 4: added "parks" to Strategy B
 Goal 5: changed beginning of the goal from "Develop" to "Ensure the development
- Goal 7: added "long-term" to the description of funding tools in Strategy A

WHERE TO FIND MORE .

BLUEPRINT DENVER - 2019

Denver's citywide land use and transportation plan.

GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY •

Denver's plan for the vibrant parks network that forms the backbone of the city's green infrastructure system.

DENVER MOVES: PEDESTRIANS & TRAILS - 2018

Denver's long-term plan for walki rolling and trails.

DENVER MOVES: TRANSIT • 2018 Denver's vision and quiding framewo

r transit.

VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN - 2017

Denver's plan to reach the goal of zero traffic-related deaths and serio

DENVER MOVES: BICYCLES • 2011

Denver's long-term plan for a comple bicycle and multi-use network. This includes the 2016 Enhanced Bikeway Study

STRATEGIC PARKING PLAN - 2010

A plan for parking management i Denver.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Denver's vision for moving people.

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Economically Diverse and Vibrant

- Added strategy about a range of jobs that meet skills of local residents
- Added goal with three strategies about developing and supporting the local workforce, including all skill and job levels
- Added access to quality education to goal about youth

VISION ELEMENTS: ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE AND VIBRANT

In 2040, Denver is a global city with a robust economy that reflects the diversity of our community.

Our vision calls for a diverse, well-rounded economy and a world-class city known for innovation, creativity, natural beauty and culture, Realizing our city's economic potential means that all Denver residents —even the most vulnerable—have the opportunity to benefit from the city's economic success. This entails strong career development, a commitment to support local businesses and creative industries, connecting residents to quality local jobs, and educating Denverites so that they can participate in the global economy.



- Goal 2: added Strategy D
- Added Goal 4 and Strategies A-C
- Goal 6: Added "to access quality education" to the goal
- Goal 7: changed first word of Strategy B to "Advance" from "Enhance" and "expand" from "promote"

GOAL 1

Ensure economic mobility and improve access to opportunity.

STRATEGIES

- A. Improve economic mobility through workforce training. career development, quality education and wealth creation.
- B. Build the capacity and strength of businesses owned by women and people of color.
- C. Support business development and grow the talent necessary to compete in the global economy

GOAL 2

Grow a strong, diversified economy

STRATEGIES

- A. Broaden the tax base with a focus on fiscal activity that is resilient to changes over time.
- B. Facilitate the growth of a diverse business sector that serves as the foundation for a global, innovative economy.
 - C. Leverage Denver's community assets, outdoor lifestyle, quality parks and recreation amenities and natural environment to

nsure a broad range of job to align with the skills and interests of local residents.

GOAL 3

Sustain and grow Denver's local neighborhood businesses.

STRATEGIES

- A. Promote small, locally-owned businesses and restaurants that reflect the unique character of
- B. Target investments and small business support to the most underserved or distressed neighborhoods.
- Address the needs of culturallyrelevant businesses that are most vulnerable to involuntary displacement.

Ensure Denver has a product educated, competitive and knowledgeable workforce.

STRATEGIES

- A. Develop a highly trained local workforce with the skills and knowledge to effectively compete for a diverse range of local jobs.
- B. Provide training and programs to connect Denverites to high quality jobs at a range of skill
- C. Encourage businesses to work with local workforce training and education organization t better prepare residents and career opportu

Strengthen Denver as a global

GOAL 5

city that will be competitive in the economy of today and tomorrow.

STRATEGIES

- A. Deepen global connections and attract an appropriate balance of foreign, direct investment. Create a business environment that supports new investment
- and that values cultural diversity. Promote Denver International
- Airport as the gateway between Denver and world.

WHERE TO FIND MORE .

BLUEPRINT DENVER - 2019

DENVER FOOD VISION - 2017

IMAGINE 2020 - 2014

Enable Denver's youth to acces quality education and compet the global economy.

STRATEGIES

GOAL 6

- A. Create partnerships between employers and educators to directly connect students to entrepreneurs and business
- B. Support Denver Public Schools to address achievement gaps and ensure equitable access to quality education.

GOAL 7

Accelerate Denver's economic vitality through arts, culture and creativity.

STRATEGIES

- A. Encourage the development of creative districts.
- B. Advance cultural tourism and expand the city's diversity of innovative industries
- C. Grow public-private partnerships and create tools to support creative businesses and

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Environmentally Resilient

- Added language throughout about natural resources
- Added green roofs to strategy about green building design
- Added strategies about restoring and enhancing waterways and the river



VISION ELEMENTS: ENVIRONMENTALLY RESILIENT

In 2040. Denver is a thriving, sustainable city connected to nature and resilient to climate change.

Denver is committed to grow more sustainably and adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. This includes promoting sustainable development patterns and restoring valuable natural habitat. Through these commitments, the health and overall quality of life for our residents will greatly improve. Denverites value their connection to nature and envision a citywide network of green infrastructure including parks. public spaces, trails and creeks. Our vision for 2040 rests on a bold commitment to significantly reduce green house gas emissions and build a sustainable city where future generations will thrive. It is our responsibility to the global community and the future of the planet to embody sustainability and build a smarter, greener city.



GOAL 1

Mitigate climate impact by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

STRATEGIES

- A. Embrace clean and local energy that comes from renewable
- Reduce energy use by building and advance green building design, including green and cool roofs.
- transportation and support a clean, carbon-free transportation system.
- D. Become a leader in smart technologies that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

GOAL 2

Prepare for and adapt to climate change.

STRATEGIES

- A. Prepare for the impacts of climate change including increased temperatures, loss of tree canopy, infrastructure damage, increased frequency of extreme weather events and reduced snowpack and earlier snow melt.
- Plan for climate change through collaboration, innovation and special attention to the city's most vulnerable populations. who are disproportionately impacted by climate change.

GOAL 3

Conserve water and use it more efficiently.

STRATEGIES

- A. Encourage requirements for for private development and publicly owned land.
- B. Support Denver Water's Integrated Resource Plan, including strategies to reduce water use, ensure use of metering or submetering in multi-tenant buildings, increase water recycling and efficiency and promote alternative water

Public Review Draft #2 - 1/7/19

WHERE TO FIND MORE .

BLUEPRINT DENVER • 2019 Denver's citywide land use and transportation plan.

GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY -

Denver's plan for the vibrant parks network that forms the backbone of the city's green infrastructure system.

80x50 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - 2018 Denver's plan to mitigate climate

change through strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

80 x 50 CLIMATE GOAL STAKEHOLDER

Denver's approach to achieve its 80x50 greenhouse gas reduction goal.

DENVER FOOD VISION - 2017 Denver's long-term strategic plan for

CLIMATE ADAPTION PLAN • 2014 Denver's plan to prepare for the risks and impacts of climate change.

GOAL 4

STRATEGIES

Review Note:

Goal 4

Added Strategy B

Goal 5: added Strategy B

"multi-disciplinary water plan"

- water-conserving landscaping
 - ighborhoods. Restore and enhance waterways so they serve as community amenities. Improve and protect all of swimmable and fishable and promote life and safety.
 - D. Encourage low-impact development that reduces impervious surfaces and positively impacts community health by using trees, lowwater landscaping and green infrastructure.

A. Embrace stormwater as an asset

and integrate it into the design

E. Prepare a multi-disciplinary water plan that identifies high-need areas, uses innovative best practices and prioritizes both green and gray infrastructure to treat and manage stormwater runoff.

GOAL 5

Integrate stormwater into the Enhance and protect the South built environment by using green Platte River. infrastructure to improve water STRATEGIES quality and reduce runoff.

Intro paragraph: added sentence (after first sentence) about sustainable development patterns and restoring natural

habitat. Also added the city's commitment to greenhouse gas

Goal 1: added "including green and cool roofs" to Strategy B

Strategy E: changed "strategic stormwater plan" to

A. Promote the value of Denver's

- only river and expand its role in creating great neighborhoods. improving flood management Restore the river's ability to provide natural benefits that promote water quality, flood control, ecosystem health and cio-economic growth
- Develop a multi-disciplinary plan to guide the future of the river including its environmental, stormwater, water quality, flood mitigation, recreation and urban design components.

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Environmentally Resilient

- Revised Goal 8 and its strategies to include soil cleaning and advancing healthy communities
- Added a goal with strategies about emergency planning



Improve solid waste diversion

waste diversion rate through

recycling, including multifami

increased composting and

and commercial sectors.

Reduce waste through the

reuse and conservation of

buildings and explore

Prioritize the reuse of existing

incentives to salvage or reuse

materials in the construction of

materials from demolished

D. Promote the use of recycled

new buildings.

and conserve raw materials.

A. Increase Denver's solid

STRATEGIES

materials.

Protect and expand Denver's

green infrastructure network.

STRATEGIES

- A. Recognize parks, public space, trees and plants as vital elements of green infrastructure and ensure that the provision of these elements keeps pace with Denver's growth
- B. Connect parks, open spaces, trails, river corridors, parkways and street trees into an integrated green infrastructure network
- C. Maintain and expand the citywide tree canopy.
- D. Preserve and enhance the city's system of parkland and adapt park landscapes to be more climate and heat resistant.

GOAL 9

Protect and improve air quality.

STRATEGIES

- A. Attain national ambient air quality standards.
- B. Improve Denver's air by reducing the use of singleoccupancy vehicles, advancing renewable energy sources, expanding the use of transit, promoting innovative and alternative technologies and supporting mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods.

GOAL 10

Promote diverse and environmentally responsible food systems.

STRATEGIES

- A. Encourage climate-smart food production practices. Expand and preserve regiona food system assets and
- infrastructure. Reduce food waste to help ensure that today's food systems preserve natural assets for the food systems of tomorrow

an our soils, conserve land and grow responsibly.

STRATEGIES

- A. Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place.
- Encourage mixed-use communities where residents can live, work and play in their own neighborhoods.
- C. Focus growth by transit stations and along high- and mediumcapacity transit corridors.
- Support the redevelopment of brownfields to foster environmental clean-up and advance healthy communities. Identify, remediate and restor contaminated soils.

ivate safe, prepared an esilient communities throuemergency planning.

STRATEGIES

Coordinate emergency planning with regional partners and the state to reduce the impact of emergencies on Denver's residents, businesses and environment. Promote community safety

through outreach and education on emergency preparedness.



Healthy and Act

- Added language intro to recognize community health cuts through all of the vision elements and multiple goals
- Added strategy about mountain parks



Denver and the Region

- Added language about Denver's history and natural resources
- Emphasized Denver's role in regional cooperation

Demor prides itself as the heart of the Bocky Mountain region, serving as Colorado's epicenter of commerce, arts and culture. Situated where the high plains meet the foothills, Denver's identity is tied to its historical legacies—including urban design, parks and parkways—and its connection to nature and the mountains. Largely isolated from other major metropolitan areas, Denver had an intrinsic connection to the transportation systems that connected it to the rest of the country.

Denventes app. wisks the cichness of experiences found in this dynamic city a wisk countrown street, an active city park, a peakeduringmun menigenomous, exit elegion faces rapid growth and urbanization over the next 20 years, strong regional collaboration is necessary to shape a collective future of vibrant, connected, lifelong communities offering a broad spectrum of housing, transportation and employment. Denver has a responsibility to be a regional leader in sustainable land use and transportation practices that enhance the quality of life for all residents. Denver strives to maintain its identity as a city founded on inclusivity, diversity and openness, embracing its unique community characteristics while acknowledging the dynamism that comes with being a world-lass urban certain.

GOAL 1

Be a regional leader in smart growth.

STRATEGIES

- Demonstrate the benefits of compact, mixed-use
 development for the region
- Monitor increases in population and employment annually to ensure Blueprint Denver has appropriate policies and strategies to manage expected future growth.
- Develop a strategic implementation plan and program for regional centers and other key growth areas in Denver.
- D. Protect our natural resources and open space.

GOAL 2

Embrace Denver's role as the center of regional growth.

STRATEGIES

- Direct significant growth to regional centers and community centers and corridors with strong transit
- community centers and corridors with strong transit connections.

 B. Establish growth targets for specific regional centers
- to help the region achieve its goals for directing growth to designated urban centers. C. Add a significant amount of jobs and housing in

Lead the advancement and promotion of regional collaboration.

STRATEGIES

GOAL 3

- A. Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) on key topics including growth, equity, transportation, housing, arts, culture, open space preservation, waste
- Coordinate with RTD, DRCOG and local jurisdictions to lead investments in multimodal regional connections, including transit corridors.
- Advocate for the reduction of physical and social barriers between jurisdictions for the benefit of the region.

leview Note: Modified the intro text to include more historical context and language about Deriver's natural resources Goal 3: modified Strategy 8 to emphasize Deriver's role

GOAL 4

Capitalize on Denver's role as a transportation hub and enhance connections to the region and beyond.

STRATEGIES A. Leverage the regional investment in RTD's

FasTacks program to develop a network of transit-oriented centers at rail stations.

B. Utilize Denver Union Station's role as the heart of the RTD system to strengthen downtown's principal role in the regional economy.

C. Promote Denver International Airport as a vibrant, well-connected economic center and leverage its national and international connection to strengthen the regional economy.





3. Blueprint Denver





Blueprint Process Update







What We Heard – Public Review #1

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- Online survey (over 500 responses)
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- Focus groups with populations who are typically underrepresented in the planning process
- Meetings with the Blueprint Denver task force, including a sub-set of the task force who participated in an equity training and performed a 3-day focused analysis of the plan from an equity lens





What We Heard – Public Review #1

Public Comments on Public Review #1

Over 1,400 comments received

Blueprint Denver: Public Comments on Public Review Draft 1		
Comment on Draft Plan	Theme	Source
How are proposed development plans reviewed and amended to ensure that new developments pay their fair share of the costs of implementing the DenverRight plans?	Document Usability	Email
Move equity chapter earlier in plan to prioritize equity and to frame the implementation of Blueprint.	Document Usability	Equity training
Change all references to chapter titles to be consistent with name and number example "Chapter 1, Introduction"	Document Usability	Internal
Add water layer to appropriate maps should be on legend but not as a future place. Could be on the legend as "other" category along with the open space/parks added in row 17		
above	Document Usability	Internal
On each of the maps, can the water bodies be more visible?	Document Usability	Internal
The policy language in the draft is soft. Please replace with language that is clear for legal and decision-making purposes	Document Usability	Letter
Regarding Blueprint and Comp Plan: (1) Merge the documents into one planning document that brings together the six elements of the Comprehensive Plan with the six parallel		
sections of Blueprint. Incorporate all goals, objectives, and strategies into a single document. (2) Alternatively, create two documents that are more distinct companion plans. Bring all		
goals and policies into the Comprehensive Plan, and have Blueprint be the companion action plan with the implementation strategies all in one volume. (I believe this approach would		
recapture the original intent of the Blueprint process.)	Document Usability	Letter
Connect strategies to the CIP and assign responsibilty to agency/dept. add needed cooperation and timelines	Document Usability	Letter
connect strategies to annual budget process and indicate how strategies will be funded	Document Usability	Letter
provide indicators and targets for each strategy and describe process for evaluating and reporting on implementation progress	Document Usability	Letter
include a reassessment strategy for evaluating and revising strategies	Document Usability	Letter
P 255 – what is the point of photo? It doesn't really show anything about a corridor – just one building along a corridor and the reflection in the glass is confusing. Delete and replace		
with another photo. One suggestion would be for someone to stand on the 4th floor outdoor patio of the Art Hotel and take a photo looking either direction on Broadway.	Document Usability	Letter
(4) Page 221 references "pro Ultra-urban green infrastructure" but, we don't know what this means. There is a definition for "green infrastructure" that includes a reference to urban		
heat island effect mitigation and reduced energy demands yet nothing is mentioned about "preserving passive solar access, which would be a cost-effective measure to prevent the		
increase of heating costs for Denver residents.	Document Usability	Letter
There is a lot of information in both of these sections, and a variety of components, some of which seem to overlap (e.g., Community Themes and the Why Now in the Introduction could also be in the Vision section, and the Community Themes component seems to overlap with the Community Values component), which make for a confusing read. In the Vision section, there are individual subsections entitled Blueprint for an inclusive City, Community Values, Vision Elements, Goals, Measuring our Success, Growth in Denver and Growth Strategy. There is a tremendous number of words in each of these subsections, and a lack of a hierarchy or overarching set of priorities that tie them together or rank them. This makes for a very confusing introduction and sets a similar tone for the rest of the Draft. We encourage the authors to simplify, consolidate and clarify the Introduction and Vision		
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There are a variety of maps in the Draft concerned with on aspects of development and demographics, current and future physical and social characteristics, and policy objectives — everything from Places to Growth Strategy to Equity to Street Types to Neighborhood Contexts. In addition, there are numerous categories within many of the maps, which can be overwhelming to comprehend. Almost all of these maps have a remarkable amount of specificity to them, which can imply a level of precision and coordination that may be misleading and can easily be viewed as determinative (as the 2002 Areas of Change and Areas of Stability came to be viewed). There will undoubtedly be conflicts between the recommendations in these maps — what is the rationale for resolving them when they occur? We encourage the staff and consultants to consider first adding language that clearly		
states the purpose for each map and how fixed or aspirational it strives to be.	Document Usability	Letter
We commend the Task Force, staff and consultants for highlighting this issue. However, the section lacks clarity and vision for how to address equity. Within the lack of clarity comes		
uncertainty in how to prioritize and implement the many important goals and policy recommendations contained throughout the document, especially when in some circumstances		
conflicting priorities may arise over the next 20 years. The purpose of the Equitable Planning Section needs to be tied back to our previous comments about establishing hierarchy and		
priorities, and some approach to resolving conflicts.	Document Usability	Letter
a. Examplete Neighborhoods should include a Fourth element: Access to Opportunity, as defined in Chapter 4 on Equity. A complete neighborhood is one that provides the services		
and amenities people need for an equitable quality of life. This should be a fourth layer in the Complete Neighborhood framework.		
	Document Usability	Letter





What We Heard – Public Review #1

Summary of Public Review Draft #1 Document

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Summary of Public Review

Blueprint Denver Public Review Draft #1

Overview

Between August and November of 2018, over 2000 Denverites shared their feedback on drafts of the five Denveright plans, including Blueprint Denver. For Blueprint Denver, community input was received through the following methods:

- An online survey about the Blueprint Denver draft. Over 500 responses were received.
- Five Denveright office hours, where community members could talk with staff and give comments on the draft text and maps.
- Comment letters received from numerous organizations, including Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) throughout the city.
- · Presentations and discussions about the draft map with organizations throughout the city.
- . Focus groups with populations who are typically underrepresented in the planning process.
- Meetings with the Blueprint Denver task force, including a sub-set of the task force who participated in an equity training and performed a 3-day focused analysis of the plan from an equity lens.

What We Heard

All of the written comments received from the online survey, emails and letters are available for review in the Blueprint Denver Public Review Draft 1 comment log. The comments covered a wide range of topics. A summary of the major themes from the comments is provided below.

Plan Organization and Usability

- . More clarity on how to use the plan and how the different components of the plan relate.
- Please add stronger language throughout the plan, especially in the recommendations.
- Graphic style of plan and overall format is easy to use and read.

Future Places

- · Hundreds of comments received about how to improve mapping of future places.
- More clarity and consistency about place descriptions, especially for how the building height ranges in the place descriptions will be used to inform future rezoning requests.

Transportation and Mobility

Some appreciated the focus on multimodal and asked for even bolder language and stronger commitments to
implementation. Others commented that there is too much focus on alternative modes of transportation.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Many comments received on how to improve mapping of future street types
- . Strong demand for more connection to the Vision Zero Action Plan and safe streets

Land Use, Housing and Design

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs: many comments in support of ADUs throughout the city and requesting even faster implementation to allow them citywide. Many others expressed concerned about the plan recommendation to expand ADUs throughout the city.
- · Stronger language for every neighborhood to offer affordable housing options.
- Desire to make sure new housing options, especially where adding density, do not detract from neighborhood character.

Equity

- Supportive of the focus on equity throughout the document
- · Concern about gentrification and the involuntary displacement of residents.
- Desire to better understand what the city will measure and track related to equity.

Implementation

- Desire to see a time-frame/prioritization for recommendations, as well as more about who will lead
 implementation for each recommendation.
- . More clarity on Blueprint Denver's ability to inform important budget and resource decisions.

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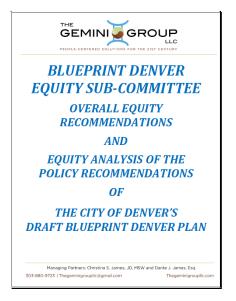
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Blueprint Denver Task Force Equity Subcommittee Three day training and analysis exercise

- Task Force members, city staff (CPD, PW, HRCP, DDPHE) and subject matter experts
- Focus on racial equity and institutional racism lens
- We reviewed the recommendations of BD with equity lens questions. Could the recommendation:
 - benefit or burden communities of color?
 - impact specific communities more than others?
 - have unintended consequences?
 - address historic, systemic or institutional barriers?
- A summary of the findings were to:
 - be clear on the emphasis of equity,
 - be aware of the focus on simply corridors,
 - institutionalizing the community engagement and access, and
 - making it clear who/what is responsible and accountable to racial and social equity







Blueprint Denver Task Force Equity Sub-

committee

Blueprint Draft was amended to respond to the equity subcommittee findings. Examples include:

- Added a spread after the equity section to highlight all of the metrics we are committed to track year to year related to equity (end of Chapter 2)
- Added "our commitment to equity" at the beginning of Chapter 3 (page 58)
- Land Use and Built Form Housing Policy 6 changed the first word of the policy from "Incentivize" to "Increase", changed "study and implement" to "implement" and add a strategy about continuing to advocate for changes to state law to remove barriers to affordable housing tools
- Mobility Policy 3 added strategy about exploring options to assist property owners who cannot afford required improvements

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Implementation

Realizing the recommendations in this chapter will require commitment and collaboration between multiple city departments and community partners.

As the city works to implement the recommendations, it is helaful to think about three different types of actions:

These initiatives result in channes to

city rules and regulations. Examples ■ Text amendments to the

- Denver Zoning Code and large area rezonings to implement the land use and built form recommendations
- A comprehensive undate to the city's street design standards to mplement street types, modal priorities and the vision for complete streets.

Changes to the city's zoning map, called rezonings or map amendments, will also help to implement the plan vision over time Implementation will be most effective through holistic, city-led rezonings, rather than site-by-site applicant-driven rezonings. See more on how Blueprint Denver

Investments Implementing the plan means

These are actions that rely on partnerships, often between aligning city resources and investments, such as the Capital mprovements Program (CIP), with mployers, community groups plan goals, policies and strategies. and other governmental agencies. It also includes creative financing Partnerships to advance Blueprint tools involving the private sector Denver include: Examples of investments important Coordination between multipl o implementing Blueprint Denver

- city agencies on priorities and As a sunnlement to the resource decisions comprehensive plan, Blueprint Partnership between the Denver should inform important budget decisions and priorities. and employers to advance
- including CIP. recommendations related Develop an implementation to affordable housing and plan including funding options mitigating involuntary for the medium- and highcapacity corridor investments Working with RTD, CDOT from the Denver Moves-Transit and DRCOG to implement plan, which are vital for a complete multimoda Deriver's growth strategy

Our Commitment to Equity

importance of city-led rezonings (rathe than applicant-driven)

Under "Partnerships", added bullet

Partnershins

Every implementation action recommended in this chapter-from writing new zoning to building more multimodal infrastructure—must better incorporate all Denverites, especially communities of color and others who have traditionally been nore equitable processes for implementation.

Although there are many recommendations in this chapter intended to advance socia and racial equity, this list highlights some of the most important:

Added modal priority maps to maps to be updated (as Denver Moves plans are updated) Under "Amendments to the text of the plan" clarified that strategies may be updated based on a

A Living Plan

Implementation is most successful when guided by a living document and a data-driven evaluation of our progress. The following approaches will enable Blueprint Denver to evolve and remain relevant over time:

- Annual evaluations and metrics reporting: Every year, Community Planning and Developmen (CPD) will measure outcomes related to the goals, policies, and strategies in the plan. For more on measurements, see the metrics in Chapter 2. CPD will report those findings and share information about progress and overall implementation of the plan This includes working with other agencies to update the equity measurements and maps in Chapter 2 and to update the implementation matrix (Appendix F).
- Updates to the neighborhood context map and future places map: there are two major ways that these maps will evolve over time:
- 1. NPI area plans and other small area plans: during a small area planning process, the future places map may be revised. This would occur at the time that a new or amended small area. neighborhood plan is adopted by City Council as a supplement to the comprehensive plan. These planning efforts, which may include corridor plans, are the main process to link land use compatibility with future transit investments as transit corridors are implemented through
- 2. Consolidated updates: CPD will explore and implement an approach for the future places map to be updated on a regular basis. This could
- Ensure equitable planning processes and include underrepresented community members in plans and plan implementation (Land Use and Built Form: General, ■ Integrate mitigation of involuntary displacement of
- Incentivize the preservation and reuse of existin
- maller and affordable homes (Land Use and Built Form Housing, Policy 3)
- Increase the development of affordable housing and mixed-income housing, particularly in areas near transit, services and amenities (Land Use and Built Form

years, in which staff identifies potential change to the map based on inquiries or requests from property owners and the community. This process would need to include public input and result in an amendment to the map that is approved by Planning Board and adopted by City

- Updates to the future street type map and moda priority maps: similar to the future places map, the future street type map may be updated through a new or amended neighborhood/small area plan, as adopted by City Council. CPD and Public Works will also explore the possibility to update the future street type map through a regular update process; The modal priority maps may be updated to match future changes in the Denver Moves transportation
- Amendments to the text of the plan: Blueprint Denver's vision is for 2040, but amendments to the plan will need to occur before then to reflect changes in our community. Detailed strategies may be updated, based on annual tracking of metrics and implementation progress, to keep the plan relevant A more comprehensive update may be needed as early as 5-10 years after adoption. Amendments to the plan would be approved by the Denver Planning Roard and adopted by City Council.

updates to Blueprint Deriver will be essential to keep the plan relevant to the community over time.

- Improve equitable access to employment areas throughout the city to ensure all residents can connect to employment opportunities (Land Use and Built Form: Economics, Policy 2)
- (Mobility, Policy 7)
- Develop tools to improve environmental health especially in areas that score low for Access to tunity (Quality-of-Life Infrastructure, Policy 9.





Annotated Public Review Draft #2

Annotated
Public
Review
Draft #2







- Added more detail to the table of contents, including section numbers to more easily navigate the plan.
- Reorganized Introduction and Vision to increase clarity
- Combined the "Equitable Planning" chapter into the vision chapter since equity is a key component of the vision.

About this Plan

Blueprint Denver provides the foundation for citywide policies and recommendations related to land use, transportation, design and

Vision for an Inclusive City

Denver will be inclusive by creating where we live, work and play and how

- 1.2 Comprehensive Plan 2040 2.2 An Equitable City
- 1.3 The Community's Plan

Introduction

1.5 How to use Blueprint Denver

Blueprint Denver explores the

we move throughout the city.

1.1 Why Now?

fundamental relationship between

- equitable access to the places services and amenities that make our city great
- 2.1. Vision for an Inclusive City
- 2.3 A City of Complete Neighborhoods and Networks
- 2.4 An Evolving City 2.5 Measuring Our Success 2.6 Measuring Equity
 - The Blueprint Denver Vision:
- An Equitable City
- A City of Complete Neighborhoods and Networks
- An Evolving City

 Combined the "Equitable Planning to Reivew Draft 2 - 1/7/19 chapter with the "Vision" chapter to create the "Vision for an Inclusive City"

Plan in Action

chapter (Chapter 2)

nage number

Added more detail to table of

contents, such all sub-sections and

Putting our vision into action, including holistic recommendations and a

- 3.1 Implementation 3.2 Land Use and Built Form
- 3.3 Mobility
- 3.4 Quality of Life Infrastructure
 - Recommendations



City and County of Denver

This plan is an adopted supplement to Comprehensive Plan 2040. The comprehensive plan's six vision elements provide the basis for the goals, policies and strategies found within Blueprint Denver.

Complete

Neighborhoods

Planning and implementing

neighborhoods with distinct

4.1 Elements of a Complete

4.2 Neighborhood Contexts

Elements of a Complete

a system of complete

identities

Neighborhood

4.3 Future Places

4.4 Street Types

This plan guides where new jobs and homes should go, how our transportation system will improve, how to strengthen our neighborhoods and where and how we invest in our communities with new infrastructure and amenities. Rivenrint Denver is the framework for the city's major land use and transportation decisions, establishing citywide policies and specific strategies to achieve the vision for an inclusive city in

Blueprint Denver supersedes 2002 Blueprint Denver and establishes a framework for adopted small area plans that provide more detailed guidance. Blueprint Denver works in conjunction of other citywide policy documents that provide direction on parks, transportation, housing and economic development, but is not regulatory in nature. Community members, property owners, city staff and decision makers use the plan to manage the evolving city that we have a collective responsibility to invest in, protect and care for.

Network

Complete Networks

Complete multimodal

to moving more people on

Layered Network

Contexts

Neighborhood contexts networks to connect Denver's demonstrate the differences neighborhoods are essential in built environment between Denver's neighborhoods.

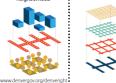
4.5 Elements of a Complete 5.1 Suburban 5.2 Urban Edge

4.6 Pedestrian Enhanced 5.3 Urban

4.7 Bicycle Priority 5.4 General Urban 4.8 Transit Priority 4.9 Auto and Goods

5.5 Urban Center 5.6 Downtown 5.7 Districts

Neighborhood Contexts





Neiahborhood Glossary and Appendices

Background information and other plan materials.

> A Glossary B Community Profile

* C Blueprint Denver 2002 : Diagnostic D Key Equity Concepts

Methodology E Industrial Land Use Study

F Implementation Matrix









 Focused the content on the key components of the Blueprint Denver vision: equity; complete neighborhoods and networks; and a balanced growth strategy.

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A Vision for an Inclusive City

In 2040, Denver is an equitable city of complete neighborhoods and networks. It is an evolving city where growth complements existing neighborhoods and benefits everyone.

The Blueprint Denver vision calls for:

An equitable city: planning for social

equity and guiding change to benefit everyone

A city of complete neighborhoods and complete networks: connecting Denverites to all of their daily needs

An evolving city: a measured, commonsense approach to where growth should go and how it should fit in

Throughout the planning process, the community emphasized the importance of building a city where growth and development contribute to more equitable and inclusive places, rather than increasing disparities and amplifying apps. Residents articulated a strong desire for diverse, mixed income neighborhoods with safe, convenient and affordable access to daily goods and services. Denver must leverage public and private sector investments to avoid becoming a city where some areas show increasing affluence and privilege, while others are

being displaced and not able to enjoy Denver's great quality of life.

Denver's strengths are rooted in its unique and lasting attributes. Our glorious sunny days, tree-lined streets and diverse network of neighborhoods are some of Denver's defining characteristics. A major challenge facing the city as it continues to experience growth and strives to be more equitable is to retain the diversity and authenticity of neighborhoods that made Denver attractive in the first place. Denver is an amazing city because of its existing neighborhoods. From areas rich in history and architecture, to parks, rivers and open space, to the diversity of culture found in different areas, it is our neighborhoods that define our city. At our best, these neighborhoods are seamlessly weaved together by our streets and transportation system. Improving those neighborhoods to be more complete and better connected-while retaining their unique character and history-is fundamental to the plan vision.

An Equitable City



A City of Complete Neighborhoods and Networks

An Evolving City



Planning for social equity and guiding change to benefit everyone

For more see page 30

Connecting Denverites to all of their daily needs

For more see page 46

A measured, common sense approach to where growth should go and how it should fit in

For more see page 48





- Switched out the standard map legend for a more graphic legend that shows more about the growth strategy
 - Direct growth to regional centers and community centers and corridors

Pages 50-51

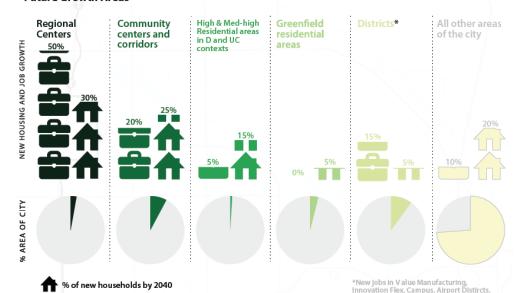
Denver in 2040

Total Projections Population: 894,000 Jobs: 720,000 2017-2040 Growth Projections

Population: 189,000 Jobs: 136,000

Future Growth Areas

% of new jobs by 2040

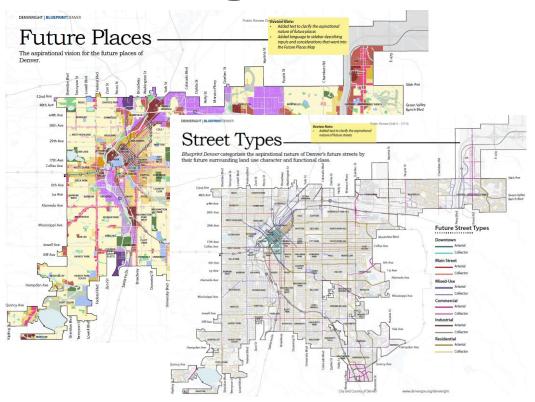






New households in innovation Flex District.

 Hundreds of future places and street type map changes







- P Clarified the intent for Blueprint Denver to inform budget and resource decisions, including the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Commitment to annual reporting and evaluation of progress.



Pages 24-25





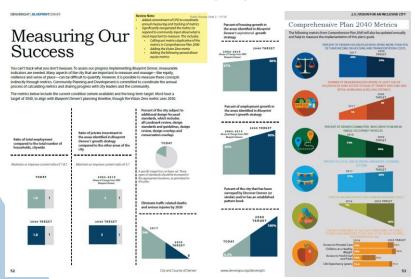
• Created an Implementation Matrix (Appendix F) that contains all policies/strategies with proposed timelines and lead agencies/partners needed to implement that recommendation.

	Land Use and Built Form - Gen	era	al Recommendations						
	Policy		Strategy	Timeframe (Years)	City Lead (s)	City Lead (s)	City Lead (s)	Partners	Partners
	Promote and anticipate planned growth in major centers and corridors and key residential areas connected by high- and medium-capacity transit corridors.	A	Use zoning and land use regulations to encourage higher-density, mixed-use development in transit-rich areas including: -Regional centers and community centers -Community corridors where medium- and high-capacity transit corridors are planned -High and medium-high residential areas in the downtown and urban center contexts.	Ongoing	CPD	OED			
1		В	Implement regulatory land use changes in coordination with transit investments. For example, rezonings to support transit-friendly land uses should be closely timed with the implementation of high- and medium-capacity transit corridors.	Ongoing	CPD				
		С	Support the implementation of Denver Moves: Transit.	Ongoing	PW	CPD		RTD	
		D	Develop a citywide strategic plan to address implementation needs, including infrastructure investments, in regional and/or community centers.	4 - 10	CPD	PW			
		A	In regional centers, urban center community centers and urban center corridors, study and implement requirements or incentives for density. An example of a tool to implement this could include establishing minimum building heights.	4 - 10	CPD				

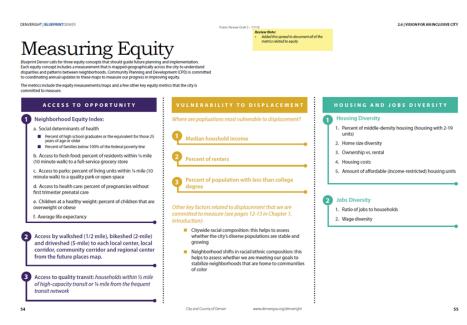




• Revised the metrics to remove duplicate measures with Comprehensive Plan 2040 and added all of the equity metrics that the city is committed to measure.



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4. Next Steps





Public Review Period #2

- January 7th February 27th
- Comprehensive Plan 2040, Blueprint Denver, Game Plan
 - Denver Moves plans complete
- Engagement Opportunities
 - 4 drop-in sessions with planners throughout the city between Jan 10 and Feb 5
 - Planning Board Listening Session on February 27th
 - Online survey and email comment submittal



Anticipated Adoption Schedule

Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Denver

- Planning Board Listening Session Feb 27
- Planning Board Draft March 13
- Planning Board Hearing March 20
- Council LUTI April 2
- Council 1st Reading April 15
- Council Hearing April 22

Game Plan (tentative)

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board March
- Planning Board Info Item March or April
- Planning Board Hearing April
- City Council May or June





Questions?



