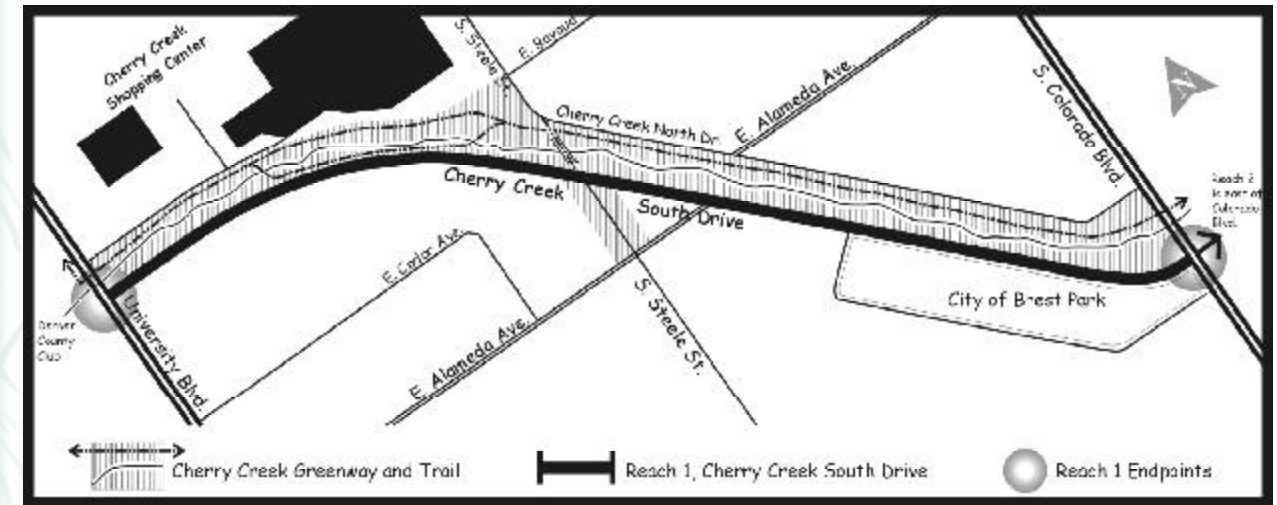


Project Overview

The purpose of the project is to prepare preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Reach 1 of the Cherry Creek South Drive Corridor (from University to Colorado Blvd). The plans are based on the recommendations made in the Master Plan, approved in June 2000, and will improve the movement and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and autos. It is a project priority to protect the corridor's environmental and recreational resources.



Update on Corridor Design Plans

The design of the corridor as presented at the first public meeting includes maintaining a two-lane roadway while improving the safety for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle travel. Based on the suggestions made at the first public meeting, the corridor design plans now include the following elements:

- Adding a continuous sidewalk on the south side of the street
- Enhancing pedestrian crossing areas
- Preserving the natural habitat of the Creek
- Improving the multi-use trail on the north side of the Creek (see page 3 for more details)
- Improving the Alameda Avenue and Steele Street intersection
- Closing Steele Street and creating a stakeholders group to determine future plans for this block
- Providing parking where practical

Project Team Activities

The project team has been working on the following activities since the last open house:

- Researching right of way and property ownership information
- Revising design plans and cross-sections based on public feedback
- Meeting with City and agency departments to discuss regulations and design guidelines
- Coordinating with neighborhood & homeowner groups to schedule presentations
- Determining preliminary construction costs and identifying potential construction priorities
- Evaluating the intersection alternatives at Alameda Avenue and Steele Street
- Evaluating opportunities to enhance the trails along the north side of the Creek

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Coming Soon !!

The second open house will soon be scheduled to occur in Spring 2003. Look for the official notice to be mailed to you at a later date or check in on our website for details.

Summary of Public Meeting #1

An open house was held on October 23, 2002, and 85 people attended. Attendees verified existing conditions in the corridor and provided their comments on the preliminary plans for the Reach 1 reconstruction. The project team presented information on natural resources, property ownership, traffic and environmental data to determine how the elements recommended by the Master Plan could all be implemented. Limited space means that all Master Plan elements will not fit, and concessions will be required in some locations, such as the elimination of some parking spaces.



The following summary includes the key themes voiced and written by meeting attendees:

- **Safe Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings** - Most attendees agreed that improving the ability to cross Cherry Creek South Drive by foot or bike is critical to access the trail and north side of the Creek. Improving pedestrian facilities, including providing a crosswalk or signal, especially in the vicinity of Alameda to Steele Streets, would help to cross Cherry Creek South Drive.
- **Bicycle/Multi-use Trail** - Bike path and trails on north side of Creek are sufficient; don't need an additional trail on the south side. The north side trails could be redesigned to be more usable.
- **Preservation of Creek & Natural Habitat** - Most attendees want to protect the native riparian habitat and enhance the natural feeling of the corridor. Improvements should not encroach on the Creek.
- **Parking** - Parking is a key concern to many corridor residents living west of Steele Street. Right-of-way limitations in some locations may require the elimination of some parking spaces.
- **Steele Street Closure** - The pros and cons of closing Steele Street in order to promote parkway and recreational opportunities were discussed. Attendees at the public meeting generally supported the closure of this one block of Steele, between Alameda to Cherry Creek South Drive.
- **Roundabout** - Comments were mixed on the provision of this element recommended by the Master Plan to be located at the Alameda and Cherry Creek South Drive intersection.
- **Other** - Most attendees agreed that if something had to be eliminated from the Master Plan in the tight areas, the tree lawns and median elements were the lowest priorities. Adding trees and additional landscaping is not necessary because the corridor already has these natural elements.

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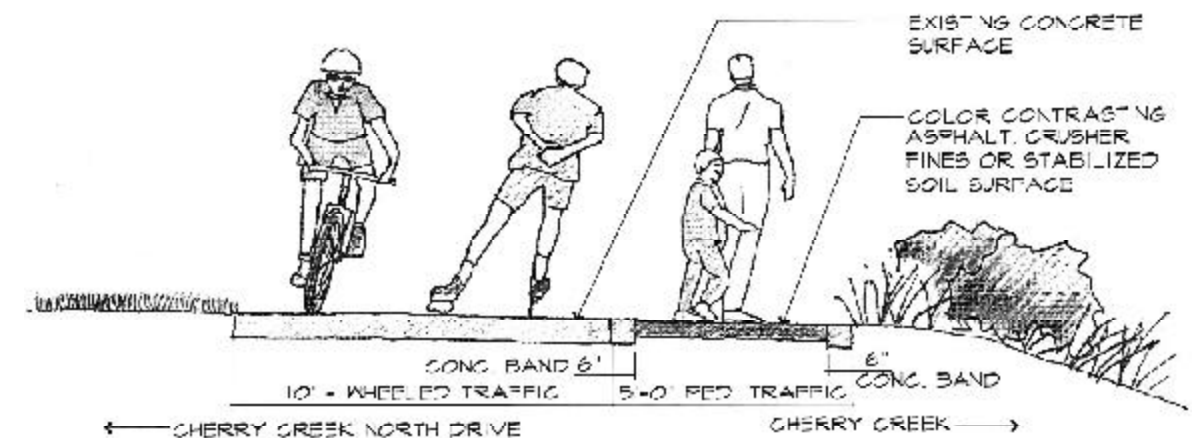
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Steele Street

The Master Plan recommended closing Steele Street between Cherry Creek South Drive and Alameda and converting it into a pedestrian and bicycle amenity with parking. Implementation of the Steele Street closure is a multi-phase process. First, after consideration of the known issues, City officials will determine the closure requirements and basic parameters for reconfiguration of the corridor. The City will then help facilitate a series of meetings with stakeholders to examine the issues surrounding the closure and possible vacation of Steele Street right-of-way. The stakeholders group will address such issues as corridor reconfiguration, the timing and financing of improvements, and the feasibility of the adjacent property owners taking over maintenance responsibilities of the block. The stakeholder group meetings will take place in February and March. Please contact Dennis Ohlrogge if you are interested in participating.

City of Brest Park

The 1998 Neighborhood Bond includes funds to improve parking in the vicinity of City of Brest Park in order to help park users and alleviate impacts to neighborhood residents. The design process will soon begin to determine where to locate safe, efficient parking spaces and improve the use of and features in the Park. A meeting to present design ideas and gather public input will be scheduled in Spring 2003. Contact Ruth Murayama if you are interested.



Corridor Trails

The Master Plan (June 2000) recommends that a separate commuter bike path be provided along the south side of Cherry Creek. At the open house, the public voiced concerns regarding how a south side bike path might connect to the existing bike network and the impacts that the path would have on natural habitat. In response, the project team proposes eliminating the bike path from the south side of the Creek and reconfiguring the path on the north side of the Creek to a multi-use facility, as shown above, to better accommodate the needs of both pedestrians and bicyclists.