

# Near Southeast Area Plan

Community Workshop 2

Mobility and Parks

March 10, 2022



# Zoom Meeting

- *Please keep yourself muted until we get to the breakout sessions*
- *Use the Q&A function to ask questions*
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# Councilmember Welcome

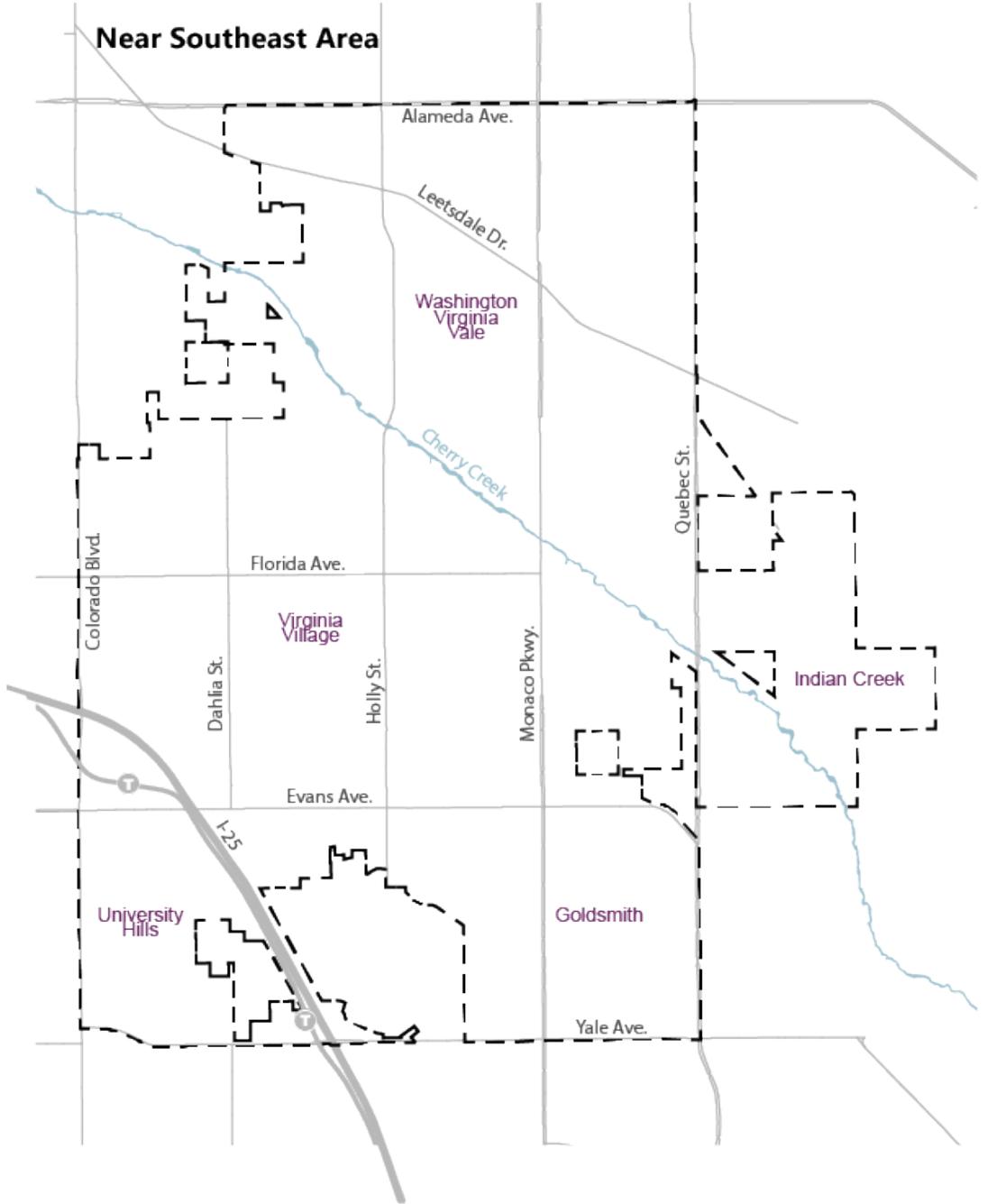
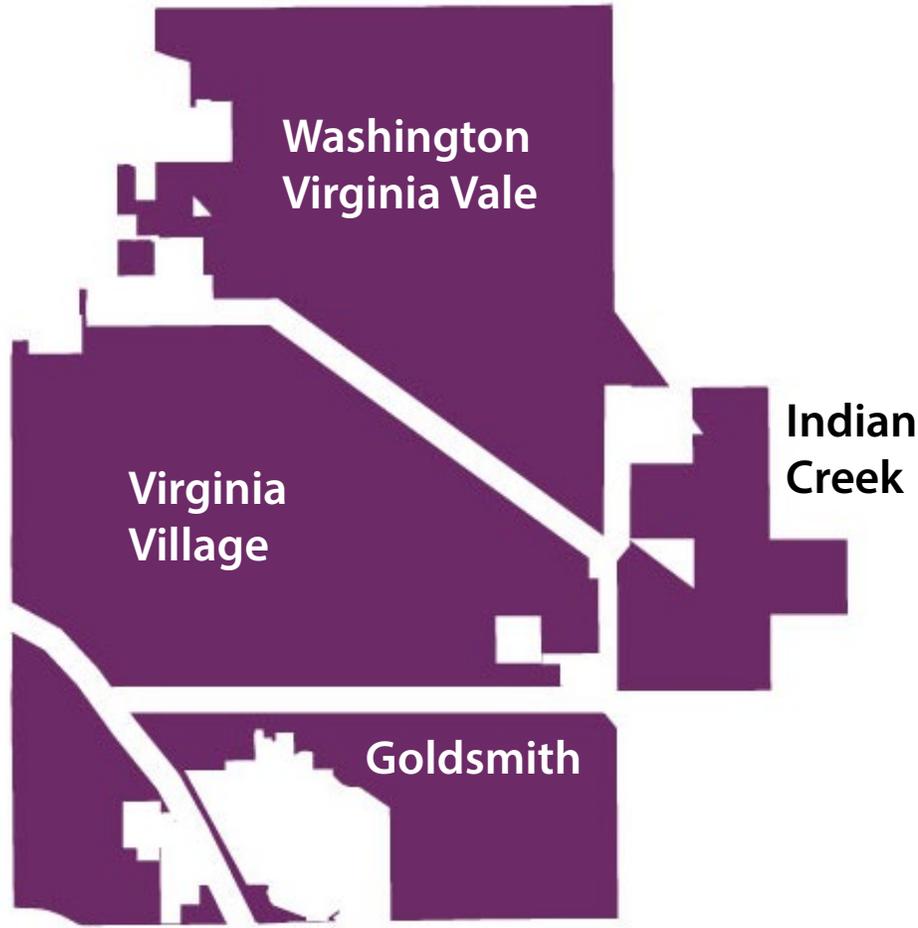


# Agenda

- *Welcome*
- *What is the Near Southeast Plan?*
- *Near Southeast Plan so far*
- *What's next*
- *Breakout discussions*

# What is the Near Southeast Plan?

# Near Southeast Area





## *Why Plan?*

- Create a shared vision that addresses the diverse needs and concerns of the community

## *What Do Plans Do?*

Plans inform how things should evolve in the future for the benefit of the community

- Define a vision and recommend strategies to achieve it
- Inform decision-making (public & private)

## *What Plans Don't Do...*

- Change regulations (zoning, historic districts, etc.)
- Establish budgets for implementation
- Provide detailed design/engineering of infrastructure projects



# Neighborhood & Small Area Plans

- *Detailed recommendations that apply to specific areas*
  - *Ex: neighborhoods, corridors, transit station areas*
- *Address many topics and show how systems inter-relate at the local level*
- *Adopted as supplements to the Comprehensive Plan and must be consistent with citywide plans*
- *Provide detailed guidance for use in rezonings & other policy decisions*
- *Recommend capital projects and facilities*



# What's in the plan?

## Always Topics

[Appear in Every Plan]

### Introduction

- Vision
- Planning for Equity

### Framework Plan

- Land Use and Built Form
- Housing
- Economy
- Mobility
- Quality of Life (health, parks, environmental quality)

### Neighborhoods

### Implementation

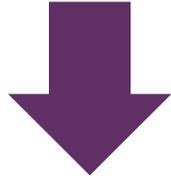
## Focus Topics

[Selected with the Community]

- Community prioritizes
- Plan focuses on top priorities
- Put communities in touch with relevant agencies

# Timeline

We are here



# Icebreaker

# Near Southeast Plan So Far

Phase 1 – Understanding the Area

# Goals

- *Understand how the community views the area and what they like and dislike*
- *Learn what they would like the area to be like in the future*
- *Identify major issues that need improvement*
- *Improve engagement strategy*

# Overview

*July – September 2021*

- *Community kickoff meeting*
- *Online survey*
- *Pop-up events*
- *Intercept events*
- *Focused engagement*
- *Stakeholder interviews*
- *Neighborhood meetings*

# Participation

- *128 attended the Virtual Community Kickoff meeting*
- *523 took the online kickoff map-based survey*
- *228 took the youth-focused survey*
- *331 community members met planners at 9 community events*
- *20 community partners participated in stakeholder interviews*
- *Intentional outreach and participation multiple partners*

# Existing Conditions

- *Briefing book*
- *Neighborhood pattern analysis*
- *Historic contexts*
- *Mobility study*
- *Market and housing study*

# Key Takeaways

- *Desire for improvements to commercial corridors, particularly Evans Avenue, with better design, walkability, and shopping, dining, and entertainment options*
- *Better and safer mobility options for all modes*
- *More diverse and affordable housing options*
- *Preserve and improve parks, trails, green spaces, and landscaping*

# Mobility Vision

## ***In 2040, Near Southeast:***

- *Is a place where residents and visitors can safely walk, roll, bike, and take transit to an abundance of local amenities and regional destinations*
- *Has well-maintained sidewalks, trails, and quality streets that equitably serve the neighborhood*
- *Prioritizes pedestrians with wider sidewalks, safer crosswalks, and sustainable landscaping*
- *Has easy bicycle access for all ages and riding levels*
- *Has affordable, reliable, and frequent transit options that serve the area*
- *Has innovative mobility options reducing reliance on a single-occupancy vehicles*
- *Has eliminated serious traffic-related injuries and fatalities have and emissions and climate impacts have decreased*
- *Has a complete street network that provides vital connections within and between neighborhoods*

# Key Mobility Issues

- *How should travelling through neighborhoods be made safer?*
- *How should biking be made easier?*
- *What types of travel should be prioritized on major corridors?*

# Quality of Life Infrastructure Vision

## *In 2040, Near Southeast:*

- *Has residents who are healthy, safe, and enjoy a high quality of life and a resilient environment*
- *Has clean and safe parks and recreation easily accessible to all with a variety of amenities*
- *Has trails that provide mobility connections, opportunities to exercise and to experience nature*
- *Has climate-appropriate landscaping and growing tree canopy*
- *Manages storm water, uses water and energy responsibly, and has clean air*
- *Is welcoming to all with community-based safety and access to healthcare and fresh, local food*
- *Has reduced its impact on the climate and adapted to the consequences of climate change*

# Key Quality of Life Infrastructure Issues

- *How should park access and amenities be improved?*
- *Where should landscaping be improved?*
- *How can we make Near Southeast more resilient?*

# What's Next?

*Phase 2 – Define the Issues and Develop Initial Recommendations*

# Phase 2 Goals

- *Confirm vision statements*
- *Develop recommendations for identified issues and opportunities*
- *Develop alternatives*
- *Identify focus areas and transformative projects*
- *Identify neighborhood-specific issues*
- *Convey how phase 1 was used and how phase 2 will be*

# Phase 2 Activities

- *Online surveys*
- *Community workshops*
- *Pop-up/in-person events*
- *Focus groups*
- *Focused engagement*
- *Community navigators*

# Phase 2 Schedule

- ***Online surveys*** – posted February 25
- ***Community workshop 1 – Development and housing*** – Tuesday, March 1, 6 pm
- ***Community workshop 2 – Mobility and parks*** – Thursday, March 10, 6 pm
- ***Pop-up/in-person events*** – March/April TBD

# Focused Engagement & Community Navigators

*Focus engagement on traditionally underrepresented groups and those we didn't hear from in phase 1*

*Community navigators will serve as liaisons to specific constituencies*

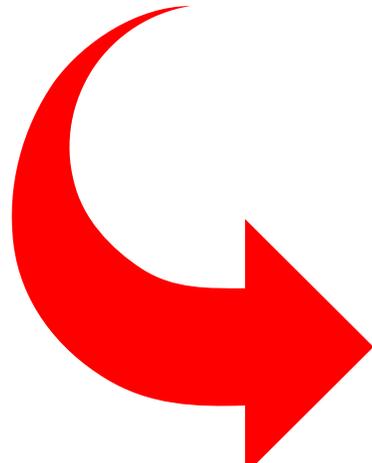
# Online Surveys

- *Four topics*
  - *Land use and built form*
  - *Economy and housing*
  - *Mobility*
  - *Quality of life infrastructure*
- *You can take any or all of the surveys*
- *Cover a wide variety of issues*

# Surveys

- *Open now on the plan website*
- *Take any or all 4*

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## Latest News

### Help refine draft recommendations on neighborhood topics that matter to you

Thanks to community input shared over the last six months, we have a draft vision for how the neighborhoods of Goldsmith, Indian Creek, University Hills North, Virginia Village and Washington Virginia Vale should evolve over the next 20 years. That vision includes improved urban design, safer streets, housing options that are affordable for everyone and addressing the effects of climate change.

The planning team needs your help to develop strategies to make that vision possible. Join your neighbors in the next two months to help create policies that will help meet the needs of your community.

### Register for virtual community workshops in March

Virtual workshops will take place Tuesday, March 1, and Thursday, March 10. Community members who attend will discuss potential recommendations and alternatives for the plan in the areas of housing and how land is used (March 1 workshop) and parks and getting around the area's neighborhoods (March 10 workshop).

[Register for the virtual workshops >](#)

### Share your thoughts by taking our online surveys

Community members can also participate by taking the following surveys, which use maps and visuals to collect information on the community's priorities and potential trade offs. Each survey will take about 20 minutes. Complete the ones that most interest you or all four of them.

- Take the Land Use and Built Form Survey
- Take the Housing and Economy Survey
- Take the Mobility Survey
- Take the Quality of Life Infrastructure Survey



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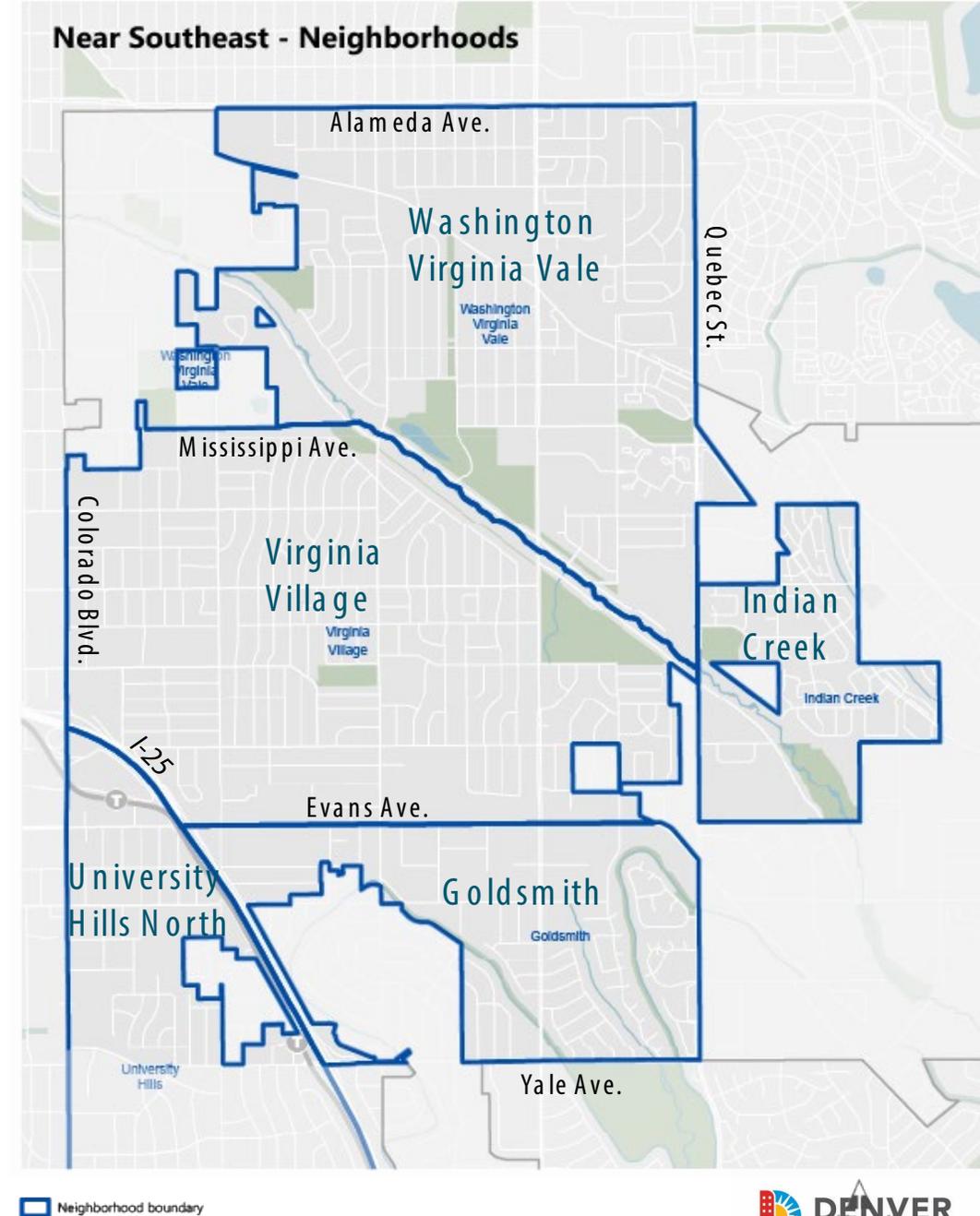
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# Breakout Discussions

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- *Type what neighborhood you want to go to in the chat*
- *Staff will place you in the room*
- *Or you can stay here for an area-wide discussion*
- *Rejoin at 7:30 for a brief recap*



# **Mobility and Quality of Life Infrastructure**

Community Workshop

# What we have heard

- The Near Southeast community wants to see vehicles slow down on major corridors and along neighborhood streets and also wants improvements to make pedestrians and cyclists safer and more comfortable.

# What we are asking

- The following questions will help us understand how to prioritize improvements to transportation safety throughout Near Southeast.

# Quality of Life Infrastructure

## Community Workshop

# What we have heard

- Near Southeast has many great parks, but the current features and amenities in them may not meet all the needs of the community and some residents of Near Southeast do not find it easy to get to them. Landscaping can be improved in some areas and become more resilient.

# What we are asking

- We would like to understand what new amenities in parks would be most valuable, how we can improve access to the existing parks, where landscaping should be improved, and the priorities for resiliency.

# Recap

*What is the most important thing your group discussed?*

*Enter your email for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to Target or a local restaurant:*

# Thank You

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