

# Central Platte Valley Gondola

**Between Union Station and Highland Neighborhood**  
*Connects neighborhoods with aerial tram or gondola..*

The Central Platte Valley Gondola is proposed as part of the downtown transit network. It would transform the way people move between the downtown core and these central city neighborhoods. Envisioned as a fast, frequent ride across I-25, the South Platte River, and the railroad tracks, it would reduce the time to walk between Lower Highland and Union Station to approximately 3 minutes and open up walkable access to the Sunnyside and Highland neighborhoods.

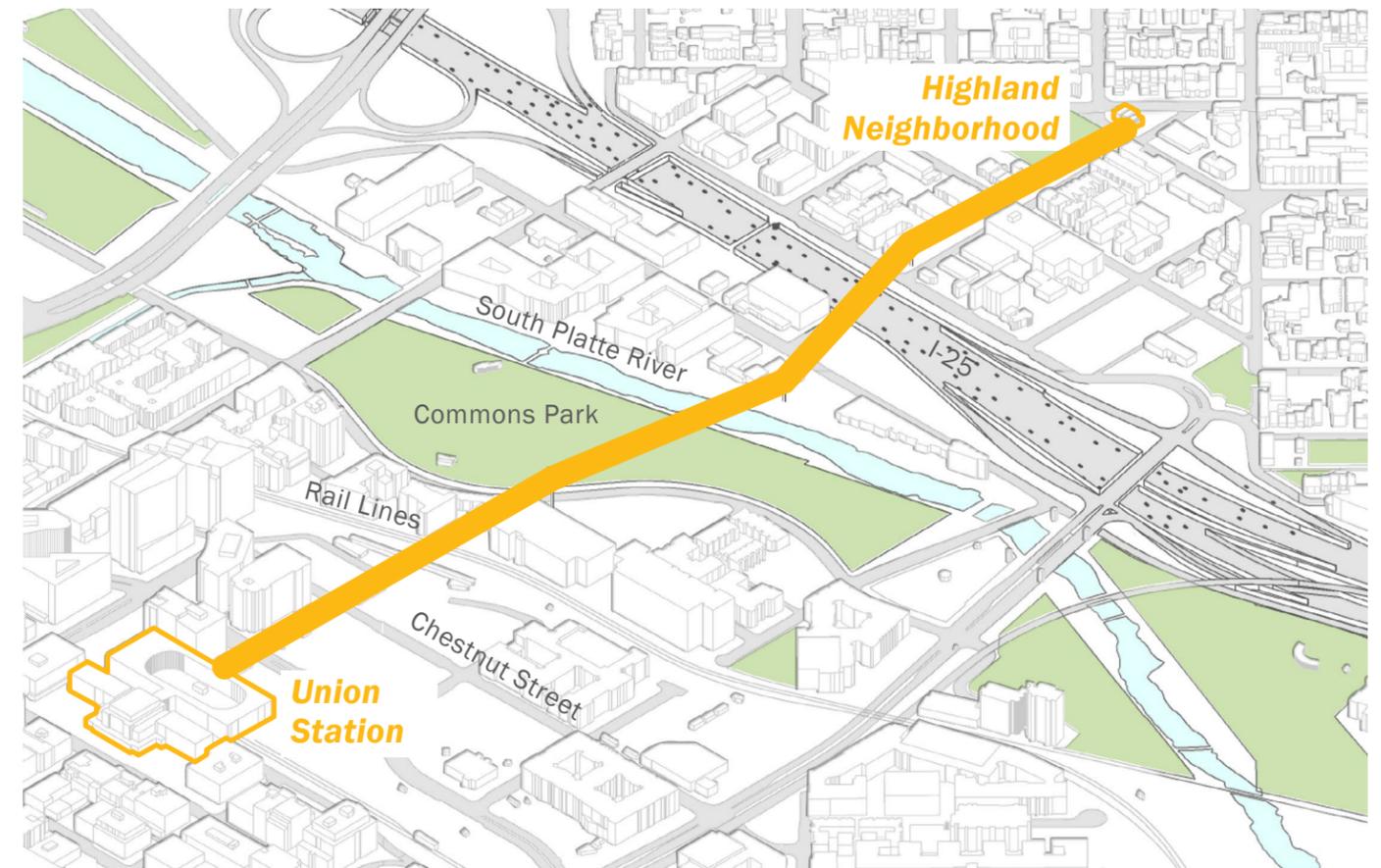
## Project Significance

15th Street is envisioned to transition to more of a multimodal street with bike lanes. Speer Boulevard is envisioned as a transit corridor. 20th Street is a major automobile and bus corridor. The series of three pedestrian bridges along the 16th Street alignment provide great pedestrian connectivity between Union Station and the Lower Highland neighborhood. However, a comfortable 15-minute walk barely gets a person from Union Station across I-25, limiting the usefulness of these bridges for people in the neighborhoods just beyond.

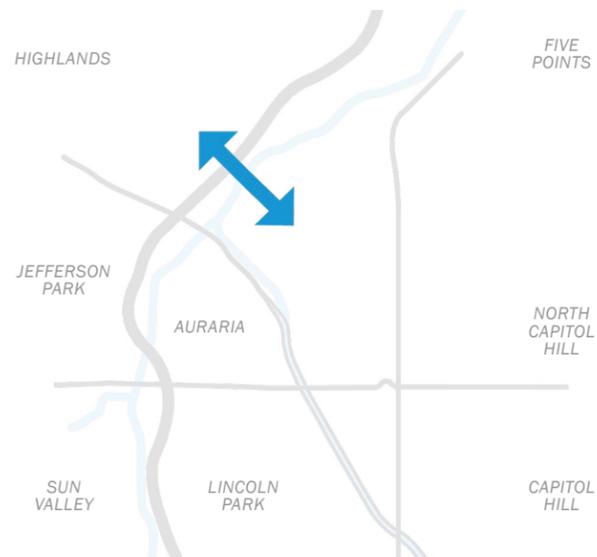
The Sunnyside, Highland, and Lower Highland neighborhoods are important central city neighborhoods that are quite close to downtown but feel like they are much farther away because of physical barriers like I-25, the South Platte River, and the railroad corridors.

The three roadways that cross these barriers between 38th Avenue and 23rd Avenue—Speer Boulevard, 15th Street, and 20th Street—roadways are operating near capacity today during peak periods. Additional roadway crossings may not be feasible in the near-to-medium term and may not be desired.

## Concept Diagram



## Transit and Bike Connections



## Phasing and Potential Early Actions

### Feasibility Study

A feasibility study for the Lift can explore operations, funding, and finance options.

## Operating Gondolas



La Paz, Bolivia



Portland, Oregon