WEST COLFA克斯 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING & TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Community Open House

June 25th, 2019
BACKGROUND

- Elevate Denver Bond Program approved by voters in 2017 to enhance roads, sidewalks, parks, recreation centers, libraries, cultural centers, public-owned buildings, health and safety facilities.

- Included: Funds to construct pedestrian crossing enhancements on West Colfax, and funds to improve speed and reliability of transit along the corridor.
PROJECT AREA

Sloan's Lake Park

W 17th Avenue

West Colfax Avenue

W 14th Avenue

Sheridan Boulevard

Irving Street

Paco Sanchez Park
West Colfax has been identified as needing pedestrian safety and transit improvements in various studies and initiatives.
2015 REIMAGINE WEST
COLFAK COLLABORATIVE

• Community led outreach, data collection, and collaboration
• Included one-day pop-up demonstration of pedestrian and bicycle enhancements along West Colfax
What three elements of today’s demonstration do you think would have the most positive impact on West Colfax if they were made permanent?
WHY?

SAFETY

DENVER VISION ZERO
ACTION PLAN

DENVER TRAFFIC FATALITIES OVER TIME


59 PEOPLE DIED IN 2018

VISION ZERO
NO MORE TRAFFIC DEATHS

DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY
DRAFT July 2017
DENVER’S HIGH INJURY NETWORK

• High Injury Network includes Colfax
  • Corridors with the highest number of fatal and injury crashes.
  • 14% of all crashes between a motorist and pedestrian occurred on Colfax between 2011-2015.
WHY?

IMPROVED TRANSIT EXPERIENCE

- Denver Moves Transit
- RTD West Colfax Study
- High RTD ridership corridor
  6,000 daily weekday RTD riders
CURRENT CONDITIONS
Considerations that went into our analysis:

- Crash Data
- Speed Data
- Parking Data
- Existing Roadway Width
- Vehicle Traffic Counts
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
- Land Use Data
- Existing Signal Spacing
What can we do to improve safety and transit speed and reliability on West Colfax?
MEDIANS

• Discourage speeding
• Provide safer crossings
PEDESTRIAN BULBOUTS (CURB EXTENSIONS)

• Decrease crossing distance
• Make pedestrians more visible to vehicles
• Slow down turning vehicles
SIGNALIZED & MARKED CROSSINGS

• Requires vehicles to fully stop to allow for pedestrians to cross
IMPROVE TRANSIT SPEED & RELIABILITY

- Bus Bulb-outs
- Consolidated stops
- Transit Signals
Construction is dependent on bond funding and availability, and is to be determined.
THANK YOU!

• **Ask questions** of any people wearing a badge around the room
• **Provide input** at the map and board activity stations
• **Learn more** about the project by reading the boards
• **Share this information:**
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