

# East Yale Avenue Corridor Study FAQ

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## ■ **What is the purpose of the East Yale Corridor Study?**

- The Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is studying the East Yale Ave corridor from Downing Street to the High Line Canal connection to recommended multimodal mobility improvement projects that put *people first*. The East Yale Ave corridor needs a comprehensive planning effort to evaluate potential infrastructure improvements for people walking, biking, taking transit, using mobility devices, and driving. Through community engagement and coordination, the study will identify, prioritize, and conceptually design improvements to the Yale corridor to help people move safely and comfortably throughout the area.

## ■ **What are the goals of the study?**

- DOTI will work closely with stakeholders and community members to develop a comprehensive vision for the future of this vital transportation corridor and identify key multimodal transportation improvement projects to help achieve that vision, including improving mobility, connectivity, and safety. Goals will be developed in spring and early summer 2020.

## ■ **How will safety be improved along the corridor?**

- Safety is the top priority when planning improvements for this corridor. DOTI is dedicated to improving the infrastructure so that everyone, regardless of mode, feels safe traveling to and from their destination. The project team will use data and community input to develop draft recommendations for infrastructure improvements that improve safety and reduce speeds.

Focus areas include:

- Infrequent north/south signalized crossings
- Access to McWilliams Park and the Harvard Gulch Trail
- Yale Way
- Yale Ave/Colorado Blvd intersection
- Access to the RTD Yale Light Rail Station
- Yale Ave from the Yale Light Rail Station to the High Line Canal
- Existing sidewalk connectivity and conditions

## ■ **Will an underpass be built for the High Line Canal at Yale Ave/Holly St?**

- In 2017, voters approved the Elevate Denver Bond Program which includes funding to improve the High Line Canal connection at Yale Ave and Holly St. Design has yet to begin for that project which will determine its ultimate configuration. Providing a safe connection to, from and along the High Line Canal Trail will be a top priority once design begins. The eastern boundary of the East Yale Corridor Study was specifically set at the High Line Canal crossing to link study findings and recommendations into this important regional multimodal asset.

## ■ **How will access to the RTD Yale Light Rail Station be improved?**

- Access challenges to RTD's Yale Station will be improved by the installation of a signal at East Yale Circle. Further potential improvements to the station will be developed and evaluated later in the study process with the community's input.

- **How will walking be improved through the corridor?**
  - With the community's input, this study will explore recommendations to improve the safety and comfort for people walking. Existing sidewalks are narrow and, in some cases, disconnected along the corridor. Based on this data, and with your help, we will identify projects to improve conditions for people walking. Potential recommendations may include traffic calming measures, locations for new crossings, improved access to McWilliams Park and the trail system, and improved conditions for walking under Interstate 25.
  
- **How will biking be improved along Yale Ave?**
  - Through this planning process, improving safety and connection for people biking will be a priority. We've heard from the community that accessing the Harvard Gulch Trail, High Line Canal, and Yale Station are high priorities, as well as improving the crossing at Colorado Blvd. As we develop recommendations, we will work with the community to improve bike access to and along the corridor.
  
- **Some intersections, like Yale Ave/Holly St involve both Arapahoe County and Denver. How will that partnership come together to address safety concerns at those intersections?**
  - The City is working closely with Arapahoe County and the City of Englewood to ensure both entities are engaged in the process. Representatives from both agencies are part of the Stakeholder Working Group and we will continue to leverage our long-standing relationships with these agencies.
  
- **How will drainage along this corridor be improved?**
  - Addressing drainage concerns is outside the scope of this study. Drainage concerns should be reported to the City by calling 3-1-1 or entering them at [www.pocketgov.org](http://www.pocketgov.org).
  
- **What can I expect next for the East Yale Ave Corridor Study?**
  - **Summer 2020:** We will work with stakeholders and the local community to establish goals and guiding principles. Additionally, we will begin to draft recommendations for the community to review in the fall
  - **Fall 2020:** Develop and vet multimodal improvement recommendations with the public
  - **Winter 2020:** Share findings with the community