

District 5 Community Cabinet Meeting
Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Noon-1:05 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Councilmember Amanda Sawyer (Council District 5), Nicole Aviles (District 5), Owen Brigner (District 5), Juan Sipion (District 5) Ashely Denault (Denver Water), Besty Rubner (Driving Park HD), Mickey Greenberg (WDCA), Linda Barker(CCNA), David Halterman (WDCA), JD Chism (Denver Fire), Andrew Latson (Montclair Rec Center), Norman Chandler (South Hilltop), Lou Raders (CCNNA), Meredith Levy (PRAB), Kelsey Gano (Mayfair Neighbors) Judy Baxter (Historic Montclair), Cari O'Shea (Historic Montclair), Lisa Voss (CCNBID), Alice Sanaberg (CCHN), Kathy Head (LUN), Christie Mochoruk (DPD3) Officer Matt Grimsley (DPD3) Officer Mike Borquez (DPD2) Joe Levi (DOTI AB)

*Others may have joined during the meeting

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

CW Sawyer welcomed everyone, led introductions, and then introduced guest speaker: Nora Kern from the Denver Council of Regional Governments (DRCOG)

GUEST SPEAKER: Denver Council of Regional Governments

Nora Kern (Presentation Attached)

Contact information: Nkern@drcog.org

What does the Denver Council of Regional Governments do?

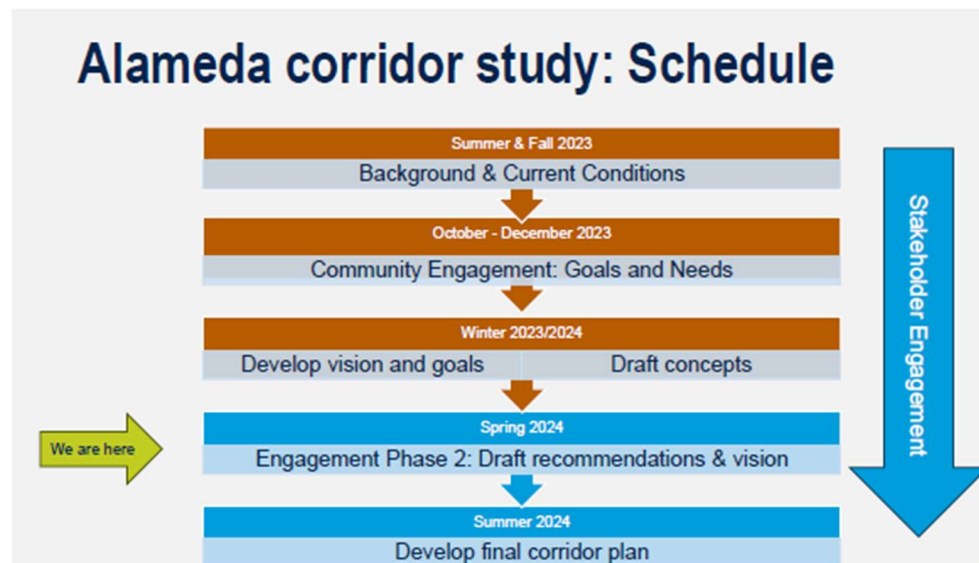
- Functions as a regional planning commission
 - Per Colorado state statute
 - Prepares the plan for the physical development of the region.
- Is the federally designated Area Agency on Aging
- Serves as the region's metropolitan planning organization.
- Help allocate resources to different projects in the region

The Alameda Corridor Study team is comprised of:

- Lakewood
- Denver
- Aurora
- Glendale
- CDOT
- RTD
- Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
- Nelson Nygaard

The Alameda Corridor Plan Core Goals:

- Connectivity
- Safety
- Improved Transit
- Accessibility
- Mobility
- Vibrancy



Public Engagement Overview

- There are three main phases
 - Vision & Values (Oct – Nov 2023)
 - Choices & Priorities (April – May 2024) Current stage
 - Refined Plan (June 2024)
- A mix of in-person and virtual strategies
 - Interactive project website
 - Hybrid public events
 - Pop-ups
 - Focus groups
 - Social media content

Phase 1 Engagement:

- Focus groups
- Steering Committee
- Website & Survey
- Reach
 - 42 focus group attendees across all six corridor segments

- 1,685 project webpage visitors
- 348 contributions to a digital comment map
- 251 survey responses

Public Engagement – Phase 1 Input

- Majority of map comments focus on bicyclists, pedestrians, and/or safety
- Majority of survey respondents primarily drive along and across Alameda but are interested in riding transit, walking, and/or biking more

Phase 2 Engagement: Upcoming through May

- Phase 2 Community Survey: Draft recommendations & prioritization
- Social media campaign
- In-person pop-ups
 - Bus stops
 - Libraries
 - HOA meetings
- Partner Agency Coordination
 - PIOs & Elected Official Staff
 - Signs at 10 RTD bus stops

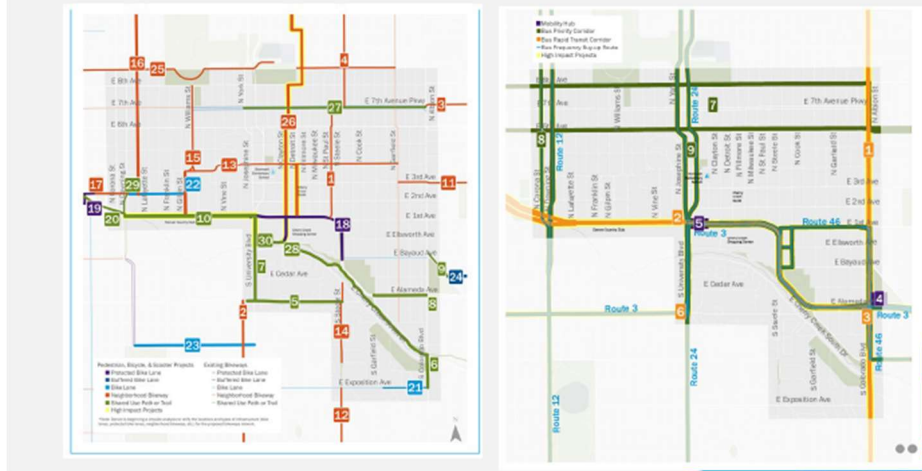
Segments 4 & 5

- Concerns about speeding and pedestrian crossings through Cherry Creek
- Support for improved walkability
- Desire to maintain and build upon existing neighborhood
- Support for enhanced transit service & amenities, with some concerns about future traffic impacts of bus lanes

Corridor Improvement Categories and examples

- Transit
 - Examples: Bus Rapid Transit, Mobility Hubs
- Safety
 - Examples: Intersection improvements, medians, speed mitigation
- Pedestrians
 - Examples: Sidewalk improvements, pedestrian crossings
- Bicycles and Mobility
 - Examples: Bicycle crossings, shared-use paths, bike lanes
- Vibrancy
 - Examples: Wayfinding, Public Art, Streetscape amenities
- Other
 - Truck Routing, Railroad Crossing

Denver Moves: Cherry Creek Recommendations



Next Steps will be:

March 2024: Refinement of draft corridor recommendations with local agency staff

April 2024: Presentation of refined draft corridor recommendations for public review and input

May 2024: Development of draft corridor plan and implementation strategies

June 2024: Finalization of corridor plan

Denver Office of Regional Governments website: Drcog.org

Weblinks in the presentation shared today:

- <https://engage.drcog.org/alameda-avenue-study>

Q&A:

- A question was asked about the Alameda corridor study segments on the presentation, the BRT, and Denver Moves Cherry Creek
 - Nora clarified that they are dividing lines to distinguish between segment, there are three main corridors that will be meeting in this area.
- Kelsey asked if DRCOG will be working in conjunction with the Colfax BRT
 - Nora: We've formed a regional partnership to do just that with other cities and agencies.
- Lou Raders announced the Transportation Solutions "The Road Ahead" meeting would be taking place soon, focusing on BRT around the region. Those who are interested in attending: https://urlisolation.com/browser?clickId=DE7259E4-661C-425B-B8CF-56BCB20FF3E3&traceToken=1712360905%3Bdenvergov_hosted%3Bhttps%3A%2Fr2.0.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3F%3D001h&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fthe-road-ahead-2024-tickets-843481795757%3Faff%3Doddtdtcreator

PARTNER UPDATES

Denver Parks and Recreation, Meredith Levy, meredithprab@gmail.com

- The Crestmoor Park survey is up until April 15. Denver Parks and Rec will be in the park doing pop up events to get feedback. <https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Planning-Community-Engagement/Park-Facility-Projects/Crestmoor-Park>
- Montclair Park playground CIP design has not kicked off yet.
- Denver Parks and Rec has received bids for the work that needs to be done in Mayfair Park and are hoping to have this work completed by the fall.
- District 5 Spring parks clean-up day is April 21st
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8AA29AAFFC70-47419645-district#/>
- Spring registration for swim classes and youth sports summer programs is April 16 at noon. There is a reduction in services across the board in activities.
- Denver Parks and Rec is hiring for lifeguards and the aquatics team.

- Learn more about current and planned DPR projects here:
<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Planning-Community-Engagement/Park-Facility-Projects>
- Next PRAB meeting is: Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn more here:
<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Planning-Community-Engagement/Parks-and-Recreation-Advisory-Board-PRAB#:~:text=Regularly%20scheduled%20meetings%20are%20open,.,gilkinson%40denvergov.org>.

Denver Water, Ashley Denault, Ashley.Denault@denverwater.org

- Colfax BRT work will start 4-6 weeks from now, she will send out more information once the date has been finalized.
- Lead reduction areas are coming down the pipe in fall/winter.

- For more information, contact Denver Water Customer Care at 303-893-2444, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or visit denverwater.org/Pipes

Links to information about the Lead Reduction Program:

- General info: <https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead>
- See if you have a known or suspected lead service line (the line from the main in the street to the house):
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ef02d8aa213c471c81ed834be3f0d056/>

- Community meeting information and recordings of past meetings:
<https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead/events-outreach>
- As a reminder, folks who received a water filter should use their filter for drinking, cooking foods where water is absorbed into the food or is a base ingredient, and when preparing infant formula, and should continue to use the filter for *six months* after their LSL replacement.

**DPD District 3: Officer Grimsley, Matthew.Grimmsley@denvergov.org
Christie Mochoruk, Christie.Mochoruk@denvergov.org**

- There will be a Crime Prevention Tune-up event on Saturday, April 13th from Noon – 2:00 p.m. People can come register bikes, scooters etc. with the DenverTrack program on site.

DPD District 2: Officer Borquez, Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org

- There is a Dress for Success event coming up for females.
- They are working on starting a program geared towards middle schoolers. This will be a grant funded program that will be partnering with rec centers and the Boys and Girls Club. Lunch will be provided for children.
- The next DPD 2CAB meeting is May 1st at 3921 N Holly Street, Denver, CO, 80207.

Denver Fire Department, Captain JD Chism, John.Chism@denvergov.org

- The Community risk reduction team has been active in schools doing education for kids, fire extinguisher trainings and other engaging events.
- We received a grant and got a smoke trailer; we are expecting it in 6 months.

Joe Levi, DOTI Advisory Board, jlevi@ozarch.com

- Concentrating on vision zero
- DOTIAB wants to implement red light monitoring. Safety is priority.
- Sidewalk ordinance update are forthcoming with a focus on cost equity and more mobility. They would like to make it more equitable.

CW SAWYER UPDATES

- Street sweeping is back, starting this month
 - This is a reminder to move your cars
- Spring Parks Clean-up Day
 - April 21st at Montclair Rec Center
 - You can sign up below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8AA29AAFFC70-47419645-district#/>
- Traffic Study
 - Exposition Traffic study meeting is May 21st at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Q&A:

- Cari asked about flowers, tree maintenance, and Denison Park
 - CW Sawyer: We are significantly reducing services in those areas; the service reductions will remain in place it's unclear what is coming next. Maintenance will continue as of now. If you see graffiti in our parks, please report that to us or the City.
- Norman asked about high taxes in Denver and the budget crisis. Asked about where the money is going.
 - CW Sawyer: Only 11 % goes to the City, 64% goes to schools, and the rest goes to the wastewater/sewer enterprise fund.
- Mickey asked about ramps on Monaco and why they go to nowhere
 - CW Sawyer: The City previously got sued and part of them complying was installing those ADA ramps.

The next Community Cabinet meeting will be on June 4, 2024, at noon.

Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.