

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is the purpose of the South Federal Improvements?

The purpose of the South Federal Improvements is to implement several of the recommendations from the 2017 Federal Corridor Report. These recommendations will create safer environments for pedestrian and transit users, improve water quality flowing to the South Platte River, improve air quality, enhance streetscapes, and create a sense-of-place that will benefit local businesses, residents and visitors.

## 2. What kind of improvements will take place on South Federal?

- City and County of Denver will implement Green Infrastructure improvements within the public Rights-of-Way. The project will design and construct vegetated streetside stormwater facilities to improve the quality of storm water runoff before it enters the South Platte River. The improvements will be constructed in the tree lawns, between the curb and gutter and the sidewalk.
- City and County of Denver traffic signal improvements from Virginia to Jewell Avenues. This project includes safety improvements for pedestrians at 5 intersections and major intersection reconstruction at Exposition, Kentucky and Mississippi.
- Colorado Department of Transportation center median construction from Alameda Avenue to Vassar Avenue.
- Colorado Department of Transportation street repaving from Alameda Avenue to Louisiana Avenue.
- Little Saigon Business District – Placemaking Initiative, a community-driven effort to identify key placemaking elements for the Little Saigon “Business District” and explore the formal creation of a Business Improvement District.

## 3. Where are the Green Infrastructure Improvements located?

The South Federal Green Infrastructure Improvements are located on Federal Boulevard, between Alameda and Mississippi Avenue (also known as the Little Saigon Business District).

## 4. Who is involved with this project?

The City and County of Denver Department of Public Works and the Colorado Department of Transportation will be coordinating their respective projects along the corridor. WalkDenver and West Denver Renaissance will be leading the placemaking initiative.

## 5. Why is this corridor being improved now?

In addition to the 2017 release of the Federal Corridor Report that recommends many of these improvements, there are several other reasons the timing is right for implementing projects on South Federal Boulevard. This corridor is partially located in one of Denver’s highest priority basins in most need of stormwater quality treatment. This stretch of South Federal has also been identified as a “Community of Concern” by the 2017 Vision Zero Action Plan due to the high concentration of traffic injuries and fatalities. Finally, there is a lot of momentum along this segment of South Federal to create a Business Improvement District which will significantly benefit from this right-of-way improvements.

## 6. Will the opinions of the project area’s businesses, residents, and stakeholders be considered as part of these projects?

The project team is working hard to implement an effective community outreach process for everyone to be involved and provide input during the design phase of the project. It is important to get involved early in the process as much of the design work will occur from October 2018 to January 2019. The first opportunity for the public to engage in this process is at the upcoming Public Open House.

### OPEN HOUSE

*October 25, 2018*

*All Saints Catholic Church – Parish Hall  
2559 S. Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80219  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm*

Vietnamese and Spanish Interpreters will be available. If you need disability assistance, please call 303-900-7701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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## 7. What kind of impacts should area businesses and residents expect?

There won't be any impacts during the design phase. During construction there may be limited periods of time when access through particular areas will be restricted. The project team's goal is to minimize disruptions.

## 8. How long will these projects last?

There will be multiple phases of construction for the different improvements being made along the corridor. Median construction will begin in Spring of 2019, intersection improvements will occur throughout 2019, and the green infrastructure improvements will begin in Spring 2020.

## 9. Does this project have the support of community leaders and government officials?

The project team has created an Advisory Group which is comprised of local non-profit organizations, community leaders, and government officials that have a significant stake in the future of the project area's green infrastructure.

### ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS:

- Councilman Jolon Clark
- Councilman Paul Lopez
- West Denver Renaissance Collaborative – Renee Martinez-Stone - Director

- Vietnamese American Community of Colorado – True Nguyen - President
- Denver Police Department, District Four – Fr. Joseph Dang – Chaplain & Vietnamese American Community of Colorado Ambassador
- BucuWest – Jose Esparza – Executive Director
- Athmar Park Neighborhood Association – Ken Knoblock – Board President
- Colorado Department of Law – Nga Vuong-Sandoval Vietnamese Community Leader
- Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District – Leslie Twarogowski – Executive Director
- WalkDenver – Jill Locantore – Executive Director

## 10. How can businesses, residents, and stakeholders be engaged and keep informed on these projects?

For additional information on the project, comments, or questions you can visit our website, give us a call, or send us an e-mail.

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