West 38th Avenue Corridor Study
Public Meeting

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Spanish-language and ASL interpretation is available today

Interpretación en español y ASL está disponible hoy
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Project Overview

Study Area

3 miles
**Project Overview Continued**

**Timeline**

- **Step 1**: **UNDERSTAND** existing conditions and previous plans
  - January - March 2024

- **Step 2**: **ANALYZE** gaps and alternatives
  - March - June 2024

- **Step 3**: **DESIGN** near-term recommendations
  - June - September 2024

- **Step 4**: **DEVELOP** final plan and corridor vision
  - September - December 2024

- **Step 5**: **IMPLEMENT** near-term recommendations
  - 2025 - on

**OUTREACH**

- **PHASE 1**
- **PHASE 2**
- **PHASE 3**

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DOTI Values

Denver Moves: Everyone 2050

Establish a Clear Community Vision

Improve Safety

Enhance Public Transit

Promote Biking, Walking & Rolling

“Green” the Corridor
Project Priorities
West 38th Avenue Corridor Study

- Establish a Clear Community Vision
- Improve Safety
- Enhance Public Transit
- Promote Biking, Walking & Rolling
- “Green” the Corridor

Opportunities for near-term interventions (2024-2025)
Priority 1: Establish a Clear Community Vision

Past planning efforts recommended the following for West 38th Avenue:

**Bus Rapid Transit** - Denver Moves Transit
- Dedicated bus lanes and signals
- Enhanced stations
- 15-minute all-day frequency

**Main Street Arterial - Blueprint Denver**
- Connected and comfortable walking/rolling environment
- Wide sidewalks with amenity zones
  - Improved intersection crossing safety

**Connected Bikeways**
- Clear, safe bike connections
- More bike parking, including at transit stops
- 38th needs further study

**Green Priority – Denver Moves Everyone**
- Street trees / landscaping
- Stormwater and water quality improvements
  - Address urban heat island

**Celebrate History & Culture – Near Northwest Area Plan**
- Blend residential and commercial as always
- More community gathering places
Priority 2: Improve Safety

Crash Map
September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2023

- 6 fatal crashes
- 23 severe crashes
- 26 Pedestrian-involved crashes

Notes: Includes data within the City and County of Denver only
Priority 2: Improve Safety Continued

Community concern
Key Takeaways

- **Rear-end crashes** comprise 29% of all crashes (2 severe injury)
- **T-bone crashes** caused 10 fatal/severe injury incidents
- **Pedestrians** were involved in 26 crashes (13 caused by left-turning vehicle)
- **Drugs or alcohol** were involved in 31 crashes

Example Interventions

- **Pedestrian protection**
- **Protected left turn**
Priority 3: Enhance Public Transit

Route 38 Daily Weekday Ridership
January – May 2023

Sheridan and Federal Stops with highest ridership
Route 38 On-Time Performance

- Weekdays: 60% On-time, 30% Late, 10% Early
- Saturday: 70% On-time, 20% Late, 10% Early
- Sunday: 80% On-time, 10% Late, 0% Early

Source: RTD, January – May 2023
Route 38 On-Time Performance

Weekdays
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 60%
- Late (> 4 min): 40%

Saturday
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 70%
- Late (> 4 min): 30%

Sunday
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 80%
- Late (> 4 min): 20%

AM Peak
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 60%
- Late (> 4 min): 40%

Midday
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 70%
- Late (> 4 min): 30%

PM Peak
- Early: 0%
- On-time: 80%
- Late (> 4 min): 20%

Source: RTD, January – May 2023
What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is an **opportunity** to provide **frequent and efficient** transit and **transform** the corridor. BRT corridors can include:

- **Travel Lanes**
- **Dedicated Bus Lane**
- **Enhanced Stations**
- **Bike Lane**
- **Trees**

*East Colfax BRT (Rendering)  
Source: DOTI

*Maryland BRT  
Source: justupthepike.com*
Priority 4: Promote Walking, Biking, & Rolling

Previous Bicycle Facility Planning & Implementation

**2011**

Denver Moves Bikes recommends neighborhood bikeways on W 35th and 41st Aves.

**2015**

**DENVER MOVES BICYCLES 2015**

Denver Moves Bikes update adds recommendation for further study of a bike facility on W 38th Ave.

**2017**

Denver installs first ever neighborhood bikeway on W 35th Ave.

**2020-2023**

Northwest Community Transportation Network program evaluates, plans, and designs a connected bikeway network. DOTI installs neighborhood bikeways on W 35th and 41st Aves.

**2024**

Near Northwest Area Plan recommends analyzing W 37th or W 39th Ave between Federal and Inca as parallel bike facilities instead of 38th.

Image Sources: DOTI, 5280.com
Priority 4: Promote Walking, Biking, & Rolling Continued

Current Issues

- Inconsistent Sidewalks
- Limited Crossings
Priority 5: “Green” the Corridor

Lack of drainage contributes to flooding during large storm events

W 38th Ave Underpass (Source: Denverite)

Limited tree canopy – 2 trees per block
What is Green Infrastructure?

Living infrastructure that uses vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage stormwater and create healthier urban environments. Site scale applications include stormwater planters or rain gardens.
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Next Steps

Project Website: bit.ly/West38thAvenue

- Online survey open through March 31
- Public Meeting #2 to gather your input on design alternatives
- Public Meeting #3 to present final near- and long-term recommendations

SPRING  SUMMER  FALL/WINTER
Open Discussion