

# Denver Region Sustainable Communities Initiative



## Agenda

### SCI Spring Symposium Housing and Transit: Moving Toward Opportunity

Thursday, May 29 – 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Denver Housing Authority Mulroy Opportunity Center  
3550 W. 13th Ave., Denver, CO 80204

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**  
Jim Taylor, Chair, SCI Executive Committee
- 8:35 a.m. **Taking a Regional Perspective on Housing Opportunity**  
Jack Hilbert, Board Chair, Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- 8:45 a.m. **Regional Housing Opportunity: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Cris White, Executive Director and CEO, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority  
Chuck Perry, Managing Member, Perry Rose LLC
- 9:15 a.m. **Integrating Housing into Regional Planning**  
Brad Calvert, Senior Planner, DRCOG
- 9:30 a.m. **Housing Opportunity in the Transit Corridors: Where We Are**  
Brad Weinig, TOD Program Director, Enterprise Community Partners  
Jennifer Newcomer, Director of Research, The Piton Foundation
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Housing and Transit: What Does Success Look Like and How Do We Get There?**  
Interactive discussion
- 11:00 a.m. **Next Steps: Identifying Existing Efforts and Gaps**  
Interactive discussion
- 11:25 a.m. **Closing Comments**  
Jim Taylor
- 11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

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## Presenter Bios

### **Cris A. White**

*Executive Director/CEO, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority*

Cris White has been with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority for 25 years serving in various capacities related to affordable housing and economic development. He was promoted to Executive Director/CEO in 2010. Cris has served on the Executive Committee of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, Mayor Hickenlooper's Denver Housing Plan Task Force, the Housing Committee of the Downtown Denver Partnership, the Colorado Legislature's Long-term Fiscal Stability Commission and the SCI Executive Committee. He currently serves on Mayor Hancock's Housing Task Force, the Board of Directors for the National Council of State Housing Agencies, and the Board of Directors for Housing Colorado.

### **Charles J. (Chuck) Perry, Ph.D.**

*Managing Partner, Perry Rose LLC*

Chuck Perry is recognized as an authority in community-based planning and mixed-use, mixed-income real estate development. He has an extensive background in creating visions for new sustainable communities, developing catalytic projects to transform housing and commercial markets, and overseeing the financing necessary to project implementation. As managing partner of Perry Rose in Denver, Chuck directed the development of the award-winning Highlands' Garden Village (HGV): the HGV PUD, served as a model for Denver's mixed-use zoning code. Prior to joining Perry Rose, he served as the assistant director of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA), and as a senior housing planner for the Denver Planning Office (DPO). Chuck holds a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with specialization in citizen participation, housing and environmental planning. He serves on the boards of the West 32nd Ave. Pedestrian District and the Historic Elitch Gardens Theatre Foundation.

### **Brad Weinig**

*TOD Program Director, Enterprise Community Partners*

Brad Weinig joined Enterprise Community Partners in June 2011. Enterprise is a national non-profit organization that concentrates on bringing affordable housing expertise and investment to low-income communities. In his role as the Program Director for Transit Oriented Development, Brad is focused on creative financing solutions to ensure affordable housing and community facilities are developed and preserved near public transportation. Prior to joining Enterprise, Brad spent five years with Citi Community Capital in San Francisco, where he underwrote over \$600 million of loans to finance the development or acquisition/rehabilitation of low-income apartment communities nationwide. Brad is a LEED Green Associate and an active member of ULI Colorado's Workforce Housing Council.

### **Jennifer Newcomer**

*Director of Research, The Piton Foundation*

Jennifer Newcomer is the Director of Research at The Piton Foundation, where she manages the team charged with the coordination, development and analysis of information to support Piton's decisions on its philanthropic investments. She also directs Piton's Data Initiative, which focuses on providing neighborhood level data and analytic reports to support organizations working to support community change. The focus of her applied work is conducting research on social and built environment issues impacting child wellbeing. Jennifer's current projects include the development of a built environment measure for child wellbeing; investigating new methodologies for supporting socially responsible investment decision-making tools in real estate applications, and supporting and managing the development of community information tools such as the Denver Regional Equity Atlas and an upcoming regional community facts tool. Both tools are powered by Piton's open data platform, the Colorado Data Engine ([codataengine.org](http://codataengine.org)).

