



## SCI East Corridor Working Group – Meeting #3

### Discussion on Corridor Vision and Goals

*The group was asked to identify key components of a vision statement based on input from the Stakeholder Committee and their insights.*

### **Key Vision Components**

- Placemaking with high density development, destinations that impact more than the immediate surroundings of stations, community centers, etc.
- Multi-modal connectivity -- Last mile infrastructure to connect people to the station by walking, biking and driving
- Job creation and retention
- Economic development
  - Consider intersection of other travel modes (e.g., how the volume of traffic on I-70 impacts retail destinations)
  - Consider proximity to key services that draw a range of people (e.g., hospitals)
  - May include commercial/light industrial, which is an important component of overall economic development
- Diverse housing opportunities
  - A need is rental housing near the airport
- Services available to communities – healthy food, basic services
- Respect history/culture of neighborhoods
- Need to highlight that the station serves downtown and the airport
- Potential goal – balance of development with displacement
- May need to include a statement about the differences of commuter rail somehow

### **Opportunities**

- Connections to large employment centers
- Connection to recreational areas (e.g., Rocky Mountain Arsenal)
- Development underway to build from

### **Challenges**

- Very different communities with different needs
- Connections at stations – they are not all easily accessible by walking, riding a bike or driving a car
- Community infrastructure needs, such as healthy food and retail



*CDR Associates and Reconnecting America developed the following draft East Corridor Vision and Goals, based on initial input shared at the June 12<sup>th</sup> East Corridor Working Group meeting.*

### **Draft Corridor Vision**

The East Corridor is a regional gateway connecting the unique, diverse neighborhoods of Denver and Aurora with the metro area and the world. From downtown Denver to Denver International Airport, the East Rail Line links large employment centers, neighborhoods with a range of housing opportunities, and diverse destinations that build upon the history and culture of established communities. All stations are easy to access by walking, biking, transit, or driving, and the line provides access to places with healthy food, retail, recreation, and education services to support sustainable communities.

### **Draft Goals**

- Connect the East Rail Line to current employment centers and leverage market momentum to create new jobs
- Improve infrastructure around the stations to provide easy multi-modal access
- Preserve and enhance the supply of a range of housing choices, with a focus on neighborhood stability and preventing displacement
- Provide housing affordable to workers at large employment centers along the corridor, including the Airport and Anschutz/Fitzsimmons Medical Campus.
- Provide services such as healthy food, retail and recreation opportunities, especially to areas where these community resources are missing. Develop regional destinations that build upon the history and culture of neighborhoods

