

Denver Region Sustainable Communities Initiative



Northwest Corridor Stakeholder Committee November 12 Meeting Summary

Meeting Materials

- ❖ Meeting Agenda
- ❖ Overview Presentation

Overview Presentation

- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- DRCOG's Metro Vision
- Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI)
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Northwest Corridor Stakeholder Committee (CSC)
- DRCOG staff has asked that Northwest CSC members think about which stations they are most interested in and will use the most for discussion at coming meetings
- Coming meetings and events
 - Discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each station
 - Possibility of the East, Gold and Northwest CSCs and the corridor academy graduates coming together quarterly for discussion/training

Keypad Polling Activity:

I am often involved in community and/or regional decisions.

- 25% Strongly agree; 50% Agree somewhat
- 13% Neither agree nor disagree
- 13% Disagree somewhat

I know how to find out about decisions that will affect my city or neighborhood.

- 38% Strongly agree; 50% Agree somewhat
- 13% Neither agree nor disagree

I feel that public ideas and input influence planning decisions.

- 44% Strongly agree; 44% Agree somewhat
- 11% Disagree somewhat

I have participated in... (all that apply)

- 30% Neighborhood plan
- 30% Local government (city or county) plan
- 10% Station area plan
- 10% Corridor plan
- 15% Regional plan



- 5% Haven't yet, but looking forward

I am a leader in my community.

- 13% Strongly agree; 38% Agree somewhat
- 38% Neither agree nor disagree
- 13% Strongly disagree

How often do you currently take public transportation?

- 11% Frequently
- 22% Occasionally
- 56% Almost never
- 11% Never
- Notes: NW CSC members reported almost never taking public transit because most services are in their neighborhood or family responsibilities do not allow for use of public transportation

Which form of public transportation do you typically use?

- 50% Bus
- 13% Light Rail
- 38% I don't use public transportation

How often do you think you will use the US 36 BRT line?

- 14% Everyday
- 29% Frequently
- 57% Almost never

How often do you think you will use the Northwest rail line?

- 22% Everyday
- 11% Frequently
- 44% Almost never
- 22% Never

How will you use the Northwest Corridor? – Rail and BRT (all that apply)

- 23% Reach retail/services
- 38% Reach downtown Denver
- 4% Transfer to another line
- 8% Other
- 23% Will not use the line

What are you most looking forward to? (all that apply)

- 24% More transportation options
- 20% New development around stations
- 28% Redevelopment around stations
- 24% New option to get downtown
- 4% I'm uncertain



“I imagine the Northwest Corridor....” Activity

What is your vision for the Northwest Corridor? If the vision came true, what would it look like for your station area or neighborhood?

- Employment
 - High employment
 - Provide employment opportunities
 - More local businesses around
 - More job opportunities
 - Strong retail
- Housing
 - More affordable housing
 - Provide more housing opportunities
 - Increase housing around the stations
 - Low-income housing
- Affordable Fares and Incentives
 - More incentives from the local business around the stations to bring in customers
 - More affordable bus fare
 - More incentives for the public to use public transportation
 - More liberal bus transfer rules
- Placemaking
 - Highlight the uniqueness of each station
 - New and improved placemaking
 - Create inviting opportunities for people to visit, shop, and recreate
 - Increase diversity and density
- Multimodal Transportation
 - Multi-modal connections
 - More people biking
 - More people walking
- Access
 - Easy access to transportation
 - Better coordinated access at and to the stations for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians
 - Buses actually being able to get to developments
- Connecting Communities
 - Enable people living in one part of the Metro Area full access to come and go throughout the area by public transportation
- Other
 - Fewer cars with one person
 - Quality mixed-use TOD and redevelopment
 - More people using transit regularly
 - The US 36 Corridor is a corridor for everyone



Based on the “I imagine the Northwest Corridor” activity, what are some ideas or topics missing?

- Strengthening connectivity
- The environment and sustainability
 - Air quality, traffic, etc.
- Feeder routes, Call-N-Ride, and communities outside the corridor (ex. Lafayette)
- Timing (sooner)
- Last mile challenges
- Car sharing and bike sharing
- Bike cabs
- Future potential
 - Since the vision for the corridor keeps evolving, inclusion of outside communities such as Loveland, Ft. Collins, etc. getting involved

The Northwest CSC may not be able to cover all of the topics listed above; staff will remain flexible as new topics arise and provide resources when applicable

Action Items:

- DRCOG staff encourages Northwest CSC members to think about which stations they are most interested in and will use the most.
- Please email Ashley with any ideas for future meeting locations and any time conflicts with the meeting time of 6:00 pm.
- DRCOG will bring information to the next meeting on the following topics: WayToGo, current planning efforts along all the corridors (Northwest, East, and Gold), and initial goals for the corridor from the Northwest Working Group.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

Broomfield City and County Building, 1 Descombes Drive

Bal Swan and Zang Spur Conference Rooms, Basement floor, access from the elevator in the lobby

