

# 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*

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### **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

