



# Denverright.

Your Voice. Our Future.

Comp Plan and Blueprint Denver Briefing

INC ZAP – August 25, 2018



**Parks & Recreation**  
Fun Activities in Beautiful Surroundings



**Transit**  
Creating an Easily Traversable City



**Land Use & Transportation**  
Neighborhood Character and Quality of Life

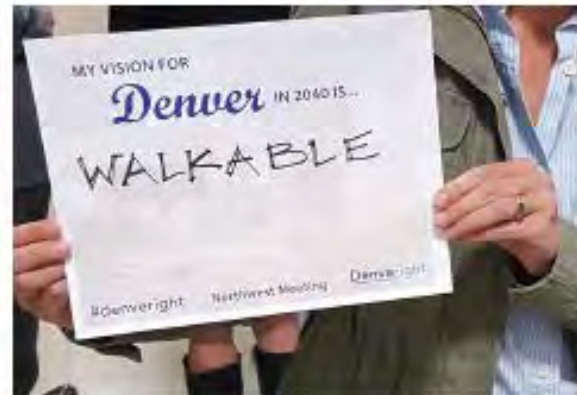
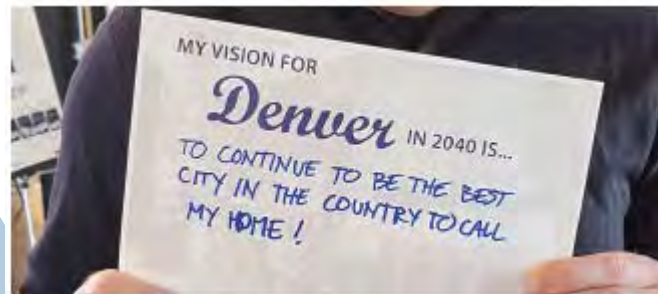
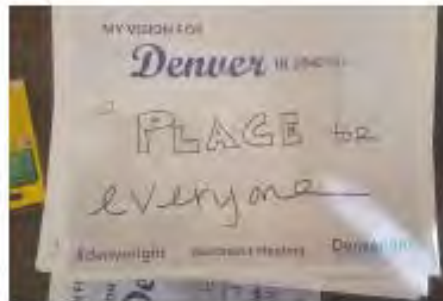
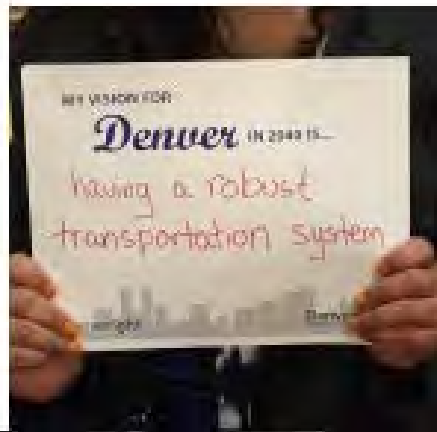


**Pedestrians & Trails**  
Connecting People and Neighborhoods



**Denveright.**  
Comprehensive Plan 2040

# The community's vision for 2040...



# THE *Vision* FOR DENVERIGHT IS:



## WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A holistic and sustainable vision to guide the future of Denver

*Comprehensive Plan 2040* creates a **vision** and **goals** to tie together the city's plans and policies



### CITYWIDE PLANS



- Generated by multiple departments
- Contain detailed goals, objectives and strategies

- Reflect the vision and advance the goals established in the comprehensive plan

## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver is an equitable, inclusive community with a high quality of life for all residents, regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, gender, ability or age.

## GOALS

- 6-10 per vision element
- Broad, long-term and often require multiple disciplines to achieve

## STRATEGIES

- Key actions to help achieve the goal

## VISION ELEMENT



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## GOAL 2

**Support housing as a continuum to serve residents across a range of incomes, ages and needs.**

- A.** Create a greater mix of housing options throughout the city for all individuals and families.
- B.** Ensure city policies and regulations encourage every neighborhood to provide a complete range of housing options.
- C.** Foster communities of opportunity by aligning housing strategies and investments to improve economic mobility and access to services.

## VISION ELEMENT



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## WHERE TO FIND MORE

Other plans with content that is relevant to the goals and implementation for that vision element

### WHERE TO FIND MORE . . .

#### **BLUEPRINT DENVER • 2019**

Denver's citywide land use and transportation plan.

#### **GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY • 2019**

Denver's citywide plan for parks and recreation.

#### **HOUSING AN INCLUSIVE DENVER • 2018**

Denver's comprehensive housing plan.

#### **DENVER MOVES: TRANSIT • 2018**

Denver's transit vision and implementation plan.

#### **AGE MATTERS ACTION PLAN • 2018**

Denver's plan to address the needs of its aging population.



## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver is an equitable, inclusive community with a high quality of life for all residents, regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, gender, ability or age.

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Affordable housing
- Affordable and equitable access to basic services and amenities
- Mitigating involuntary displacement
- Highlighting equity, defining it, and integrating it into city policies, processes and plans

## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver's neighborhoods are complete, unique, diverse and economically strong.

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Complete neighborhoods
- Urban design
- Historic preservation
- Neighborhood-scale economic development
- Improving citizen involvement in planning
- Equitable neighborhood planning processes
- Public Safety

## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver is connected by safe, high-quality, multimodal transportation options.

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Multimodal network
- Improve equity, accessibility and affordability of multimodal options
- Safety (support for Vision Zero)
- Use public streets to create great places
- Innovative parking and other transportation technologies

## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver is a global city with a robust economy that reflects the diversity of our community.

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Economic mobility and access to opportunity
- Authentic neighborhood businesses
- Diversified economy
- Arts, culture and creative placemaking
- Innovative economy

## VISION ELEMENT



### **In 2040...**

Denver is a thriving, livable city connected to nature and resilient to the forces of climate change.

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Climate change and adaptation
- Water conservation
- Stormwater and green infrastructure
- Protecting waterways and the river
- Solid waste reduction

## VISION ELEMENT



**In 2040...**

**Denver is a city of safe, accessible  
and healthy communities.**

## MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Healthy and active environments
- Parks and recreation
- Nutritious and affordable food
- Increase access to health services
- Integrate health analysis into city policies, plans, and processes

# A Living Document

- Annual reporting after adoption
- Cross-department collaboration to implement and track progress
- Utilize metrics to help measure success

## Next Steps

- Public review for three months with other Denveright plans
- Adoption immediately before Blueprint Denver in early 2019

Comprehensive Plan

Land Use  
& Transportation

Parks & Recreation

Denver Moves:  
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## About the Comprehensive Plan

One plan brings together all the voices we heard in two years of asking Denverites all across our city, "What's your vision for Denver?" Comprehensive Plan 2040 is the 20-year vision for Denver and its people, and reflects the voice of thousands who have shared their hopes, concerns and dreams for the future. City leaders will use its recommendations to guide the decisions that shape our city over the next 20 years.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040: DRAFT

- Comprehensive Plan 2040 is the 20-year vision for Denver and its people, and reflects the voice of thousands of Denverites who have shared their hopes, concerns and dreams about the city's future.
- The plan is a concise, high-level set of goals and recommendations. Its key concepts can be found in the four other, more detailed plans in the Denverright family.
- City leaders will use its recommendations to guide future decisions, plans and policies that shape our city over the next 20 years.

[Read the Executive Summary \(PDF\)](#)

[Read the Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[Take the Survey](#)



# Blueprint Process Update



Comprehensive Plan

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## About Blueprint Denver

Blueprint Denver is a citywide land use and transportation plan for the next 20 years that calls for growing an inclusive city through: complete neighborhoods and complete transportation networks; a measured, common-sense approach to new growth; and for the first time, land-use decisions through the lens of social equity.

## BLUEPRINT DENVER DRAFT PLAN

The Blueprint Denver update is a land use and transportation plan for growing an inclusive and authentic city. The plan is about:

- Creating complete neighborhoods and complete networks everywhere in our city, to meet the needs of all Denverites.
- A measured, common-sense approach to where growth should go and how it should fit in.
- For the first time, considering social equity factors so we can tailor solutions to each neighborhood's unique needs -- so changes that occur benefit everyone.

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*Visit the downloads page for printer-friendly and high-resolution plan downloads, maps and appendices.*

# Denverright.

## Blueprint Denver

Please use this survey to provide feedback on *Blueprint Denver*, part of the Denverright citywide planning effort.

First, [review the plan](#).

You may also visit [Denverright's website](#) to learn more about *Blueprint* and other related plans. We will be collecting feedback through October 31, 2018.

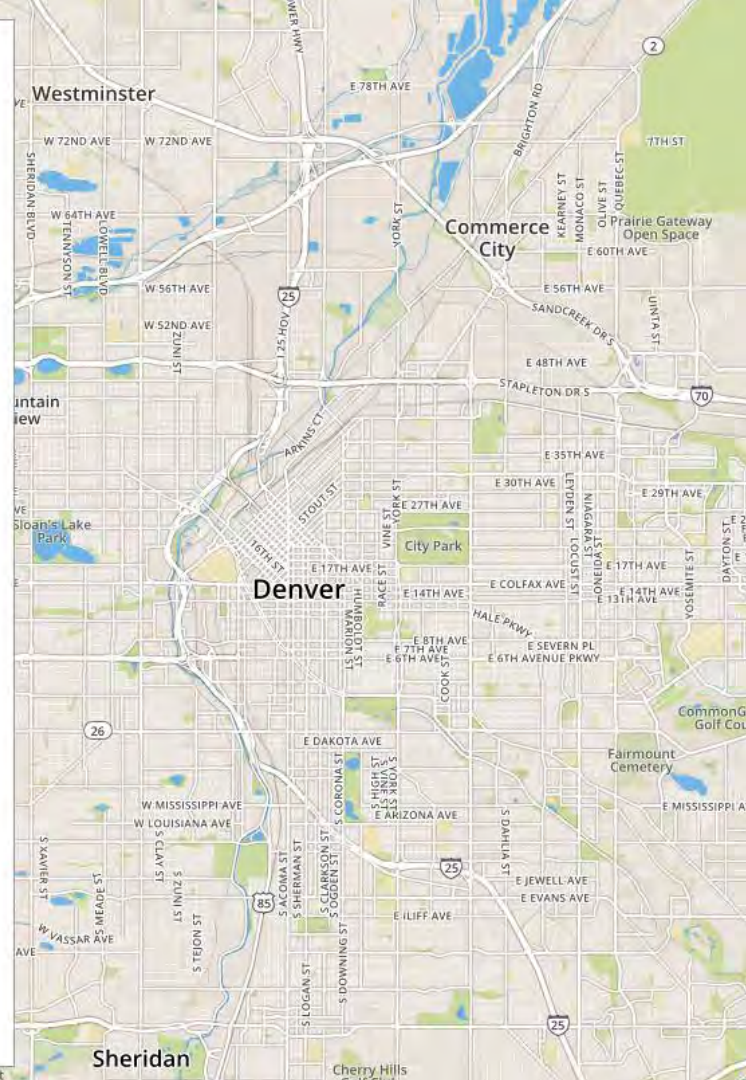
Survey time: 10-15 minutes

\*This survey is computer, tablet, and smartphone compatible; however, map-pinning questions will work best on a computer.

Note: If you are submitting consolidated feedback on behalf of a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) or advocacy group, [visit our website](#) for additional options.



**DENVER**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING  
& DEVELOPMENT



# Download Blueprint Denver Draft Plan

The [Blueprint Denver survey](#) is available share your thoughts on the plan.

Registered neighborhood organizations and other organizations who wish to submit consolidated feedback may do so using one of the following options:

- To submit consolidated written comments, email planners directly: [blueprint@denvergov.org](mailto:blueprint@denvergov.org)
- To submit feedback on the maps, download and print maps (see below), write comments directly on the maps and hand them in at any of our upcoming events or drop them off at the Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave. At the Webb, maps may be dropped off at the Records Desk on the second floor, which is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

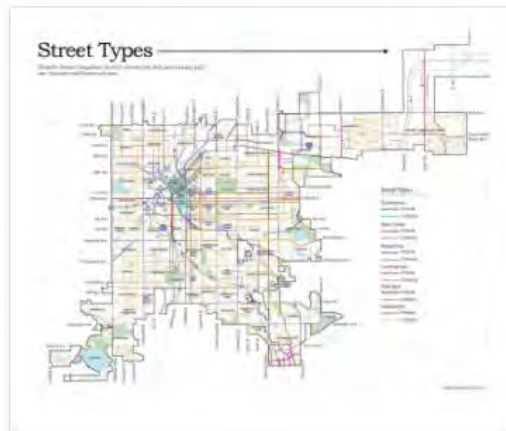
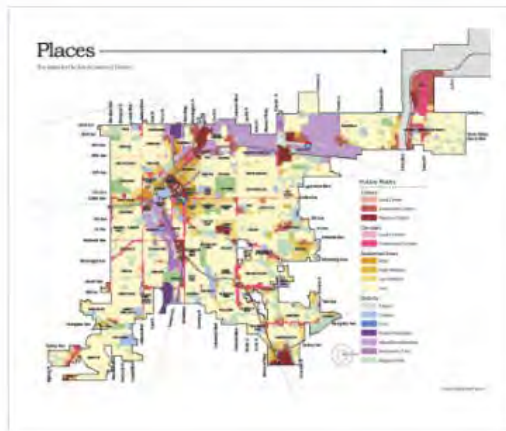
Full plan, low resolution PDF, 45 MB

Full plan, high resolution PDF, 95 MB

Full plan, printer-friendly PDF, 40MB

## Download Blueprint Denver Draft Maps

The following links are to high resolution PDFs of the key maps contained in the plan. Once downloaded, they may be opened on a computer or printed up to 40"x32" in size on a large format printer.



# JOIN US!

## DENVERIGHT COMMUNITY EVENT

August 28, 5:30 p.m.

City Park Pavilion

[denvergov.org/denveright](http://denvergov.org/denveright)

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**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

# Denveright.

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For two years, thousands of Denverites shared their ideas, concerns and dreams for the future to ensure the Denver of tomorrow is even better than the city we love today.

Your voices created a set of citywide plans that will make Denver a more inclusive, connected and healthy city for the people who live here now, as well as our neighbors of tomorrow.

These plans are your plans! Take a few minutes to learn more about them and tell us what you think.

**Review the plans and provide feedback by October 31, 2018!**

## EL FUTURO ESTÁ AQUÍ.

Durante dos años, miles de personas en Denver compartieron sus ideas, inquietudes y sueños para el futuro, para asegurar que el Denver del mañana sea aún mejor que la ciudad que amamos hoy.

Sus voces crearon un grupo de planes para toda la ciudad, los cuales harán de Denver una ciudad más inclusiva, mejor conectada y más saludable para todos los que vivimos hoy en ella, así como para nuestros vecinos del mañana.

Estos planes son tus planes. Toma unos minutos para aprender más sobre ellos y ¡coméntanos qué piensas!

**Revisa los planes y compártenos tus comentarios a más tardar el 31 de octubre de 2018.**

### Online

[denvergov.org/denveright](http://denvergov.org/denveright)

### In-Person

#### Denveright Community Event!

*Celebrate & learn about the plans*

August 28, 2018 | 5:30 p.m.

City Park Pavilion

1700 N. York St.

#### Community Office Hours

All meetings are from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 26

Green Valley Ranch

Recreation Center

4890 Argonne Way

Oct. 3

Cook Park Recreation Center

7100 Cherry Creek S. Drive

Oct. 9

Woodbury Branch Library

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Oct. 17

Harvey Park Recreation Center

2120 S. Tennyson Way

Oct. 24

Wellington Webb Municipal Building

201 W. Colfax Ave, Room 1.B.6

### En línea

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### En persona

#### Evento de Denveright en la comunidad

*Celebra y aprende sobre los planes*

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#### Horario de atención de la oficina en la comunidad

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# Community Values

- Access to Amenities and Service
- Access to Opportunity
- Active and Vibrant
- Access to Quality Education, Training and Lifelong Learning
- Affordable Housing and Transportation
- Business-Friendly and Entrepreneurial
- Diverse Employment Options
- Diverse, Friendly and Open
- Engaged Community
- Environmental Stewardship
- Equity
- Great Parks and Open Spaces
- Outdoor Lifestyle with Connection to the Mountains
- Quality Design
- Safe and Inviting
- Sense of History and Cultural Heritage
- Transportation Choices
- Walkable, Bikeable, Accessible and Transit-Friendly





# THE *Vision* FOR DENVERIGHT IS:



# Community Themes

**EQUITY**



**URBAN DESIGN**

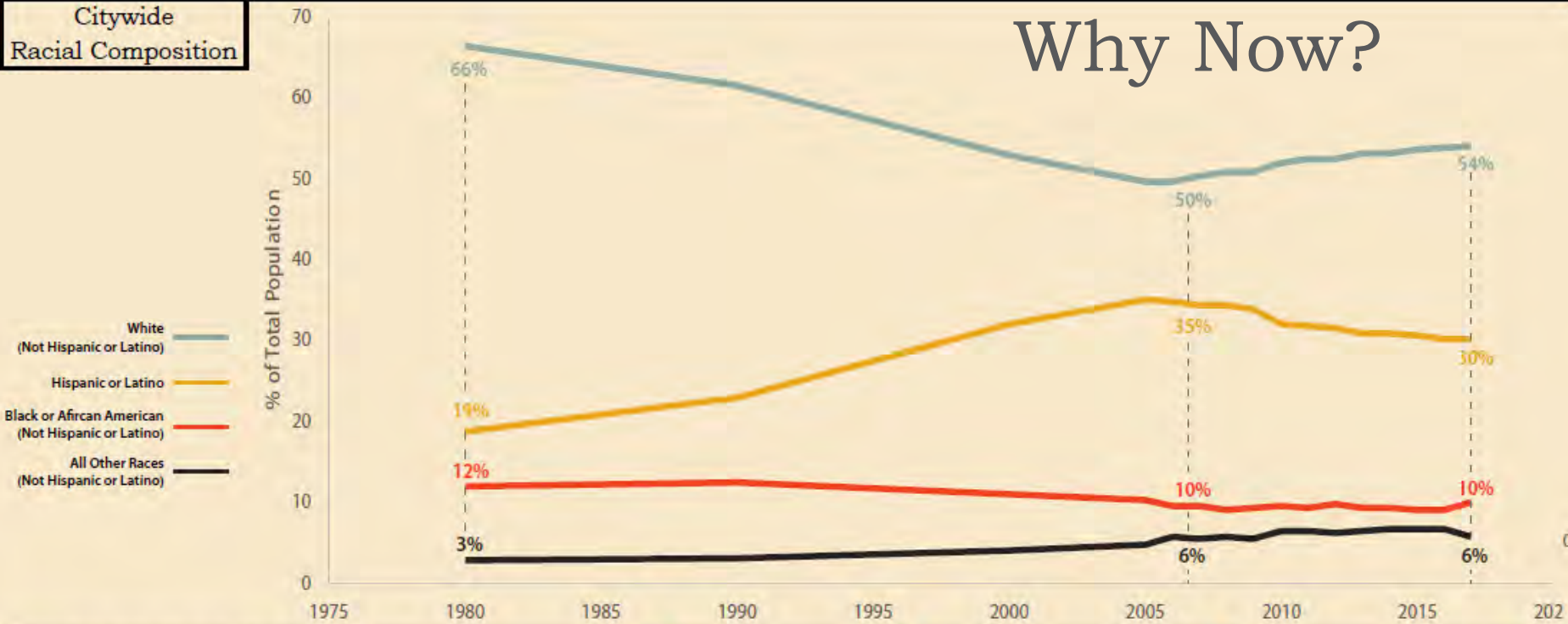


**WATER AND CLIMATE**

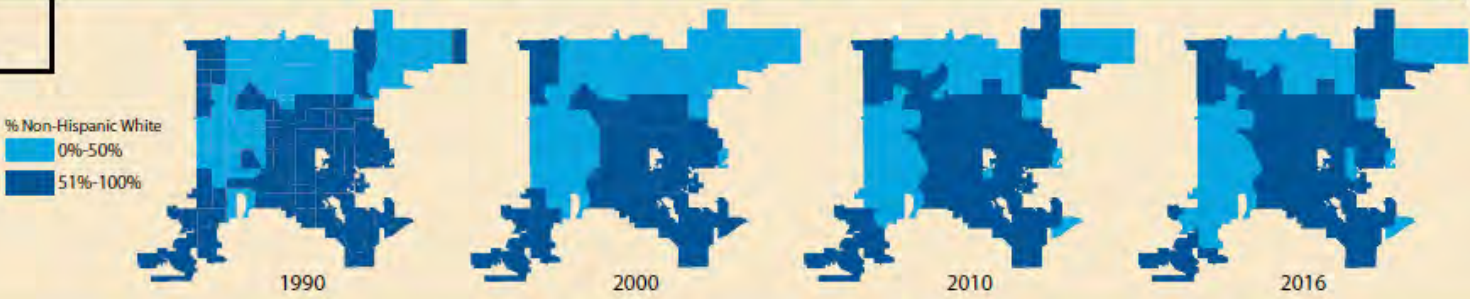


**Citywide  
Racial Composition**

# Why Now?



**Neighborhood Shifts  
in Racial Composition**



# Blueprint Denver Public Review Draft

Land use and transportation plan for growing an inclusive city:

- Creating complete neighborhoods and networks
- Measured, common-sense approach to growth
- Consideration of social equity factors to tailor solutions by neighborhood



# Complete Neighborhoods and Networks

Complete Neighborhoods

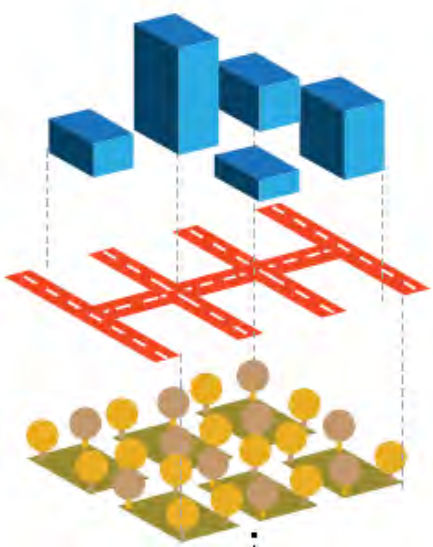
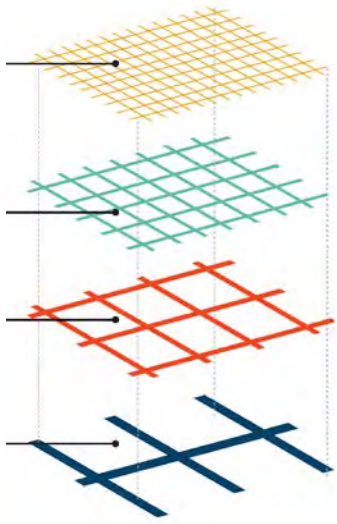
Complete Networks

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Bicycles

Transit

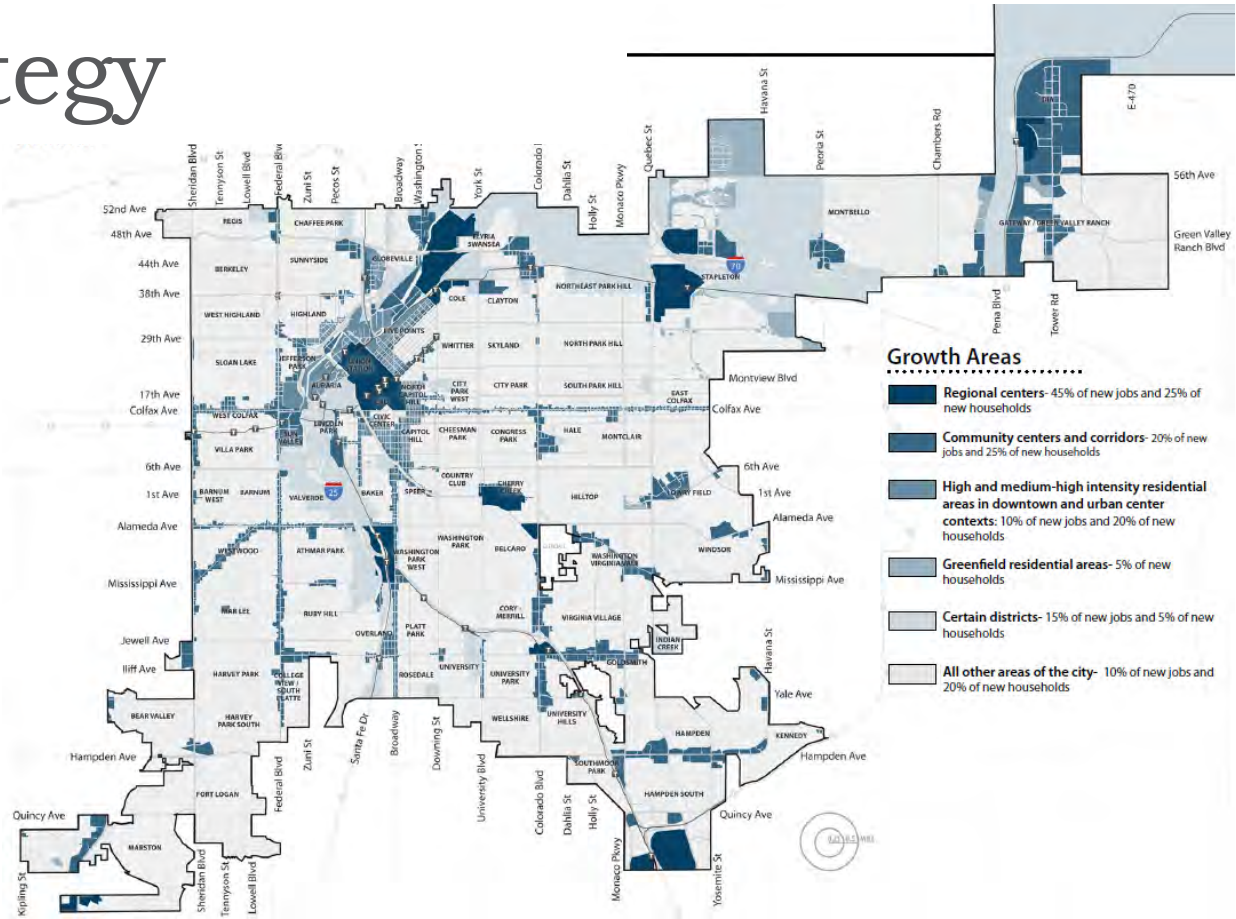
Auto and Goods Movement



# Growth Strategy

Measured, common-sense approach to growth

- Guide most growth to:
  - Regional centers
  - Community centers and corridors
  - High intensity residential areas in downtown and urban centers

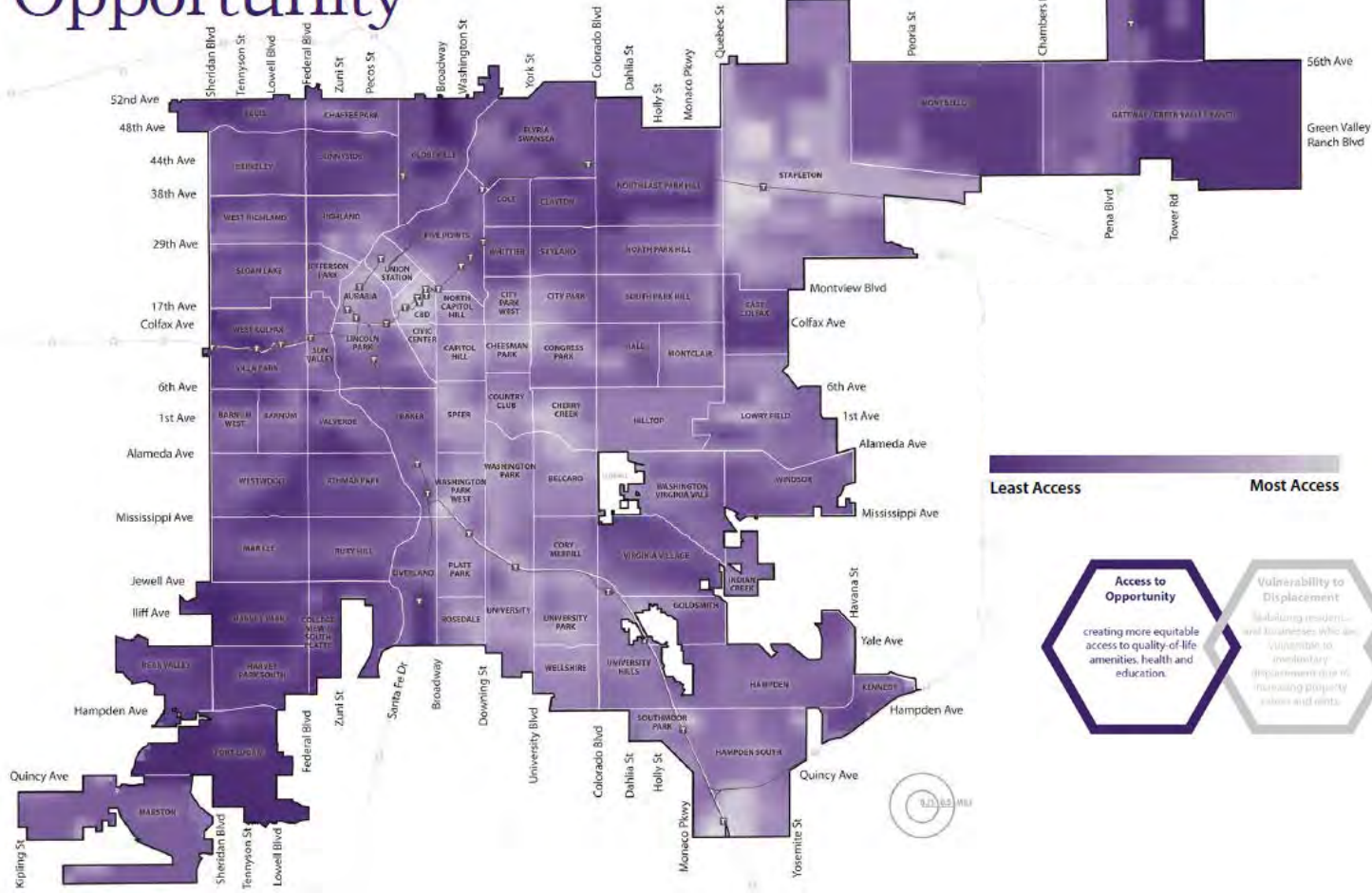




# Key Equity Concepts



# Measuring Access to Opportunity



Least Access

Most Access

### Access to Opportunity

creating more equitable access to quality-of-life amenities, health and education.

### Vulnerability to Displacement

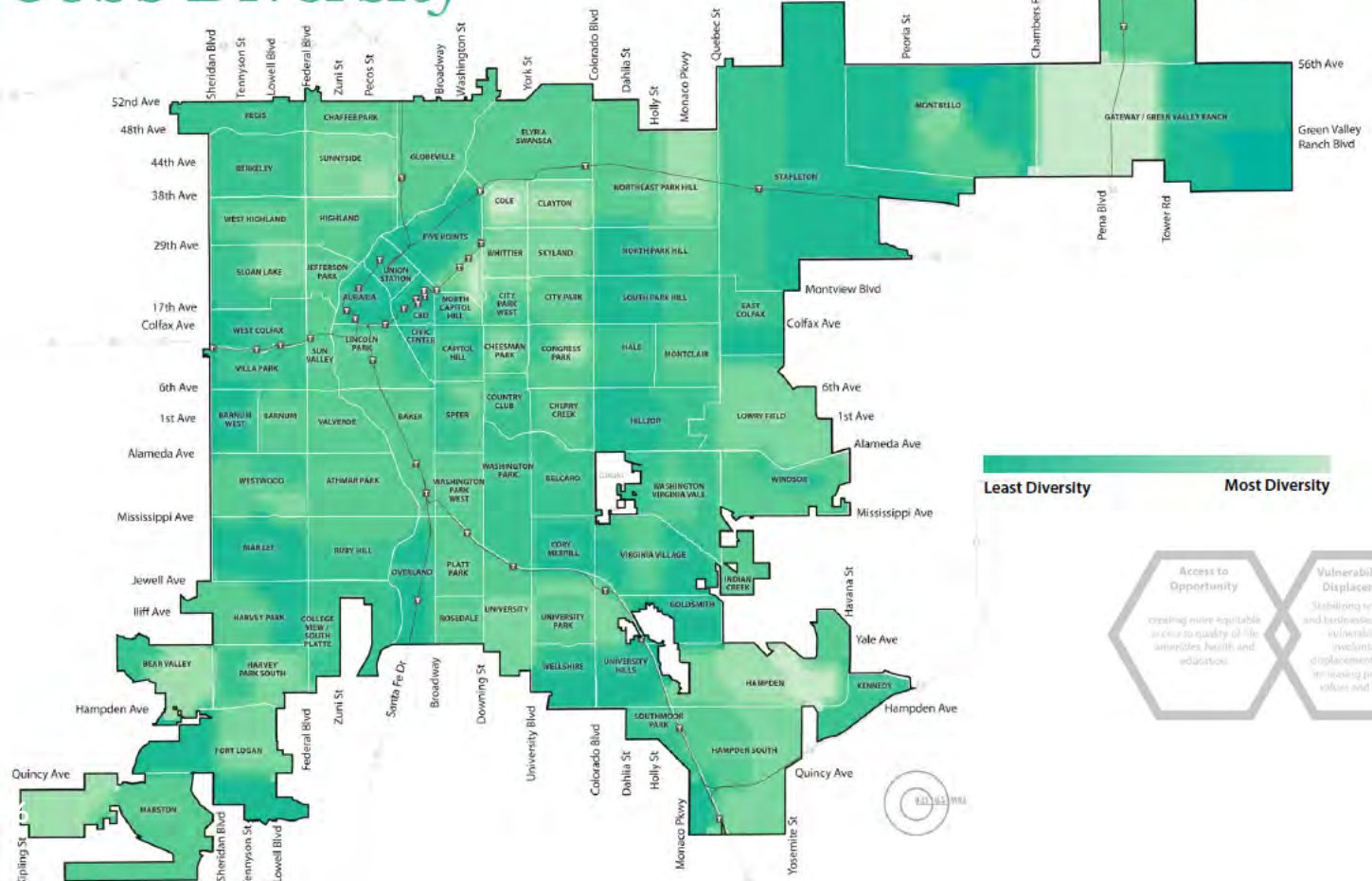
isolating residents and businesses who are vulnerable to involuntary displacement due to increasing property taxes and rents.

### Housing and Jobs Diversity

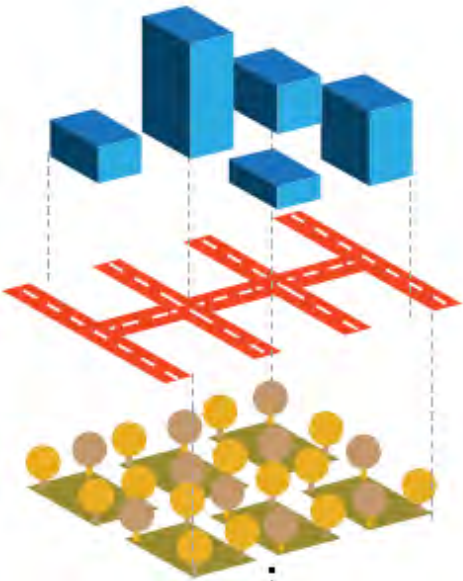
providing a better and more inclusive range of housing and employment options in all neighborhoods.



# Measuring Housing and Jobs Diversity



# Elements of a Complete Neighborhood



Can vary by:

Place



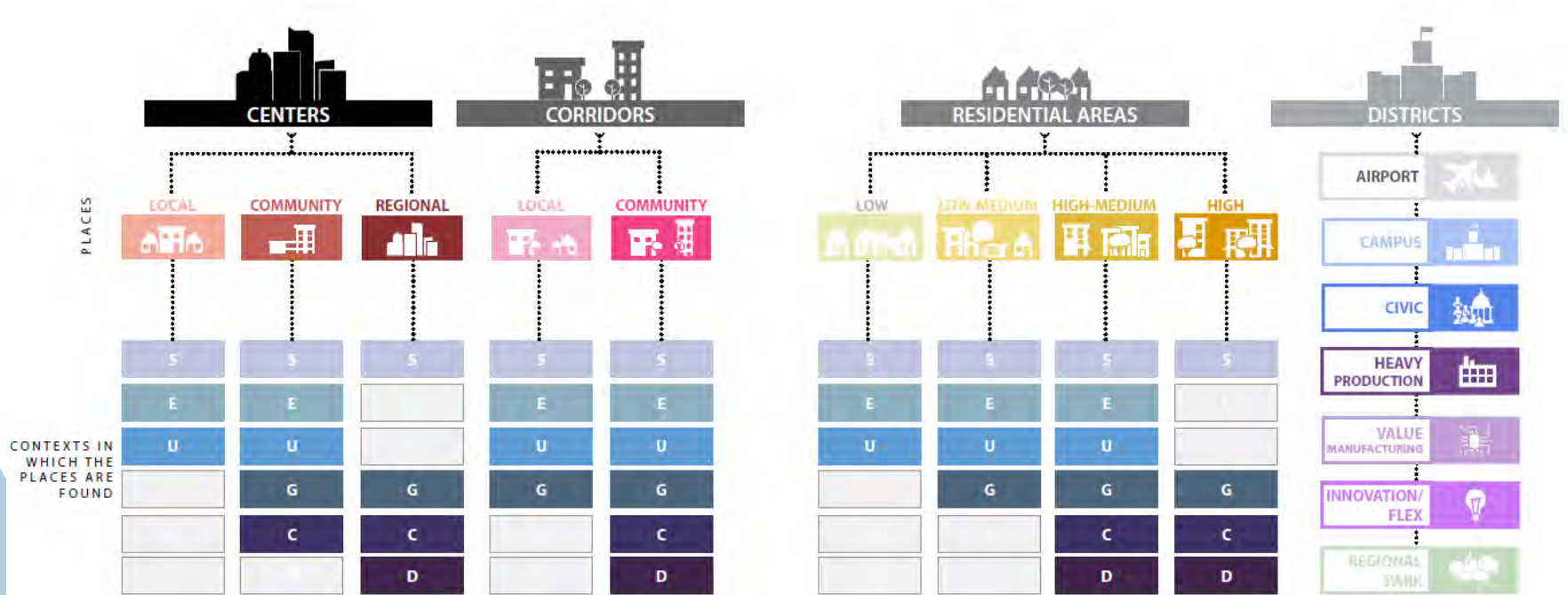
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Neighborhood Context



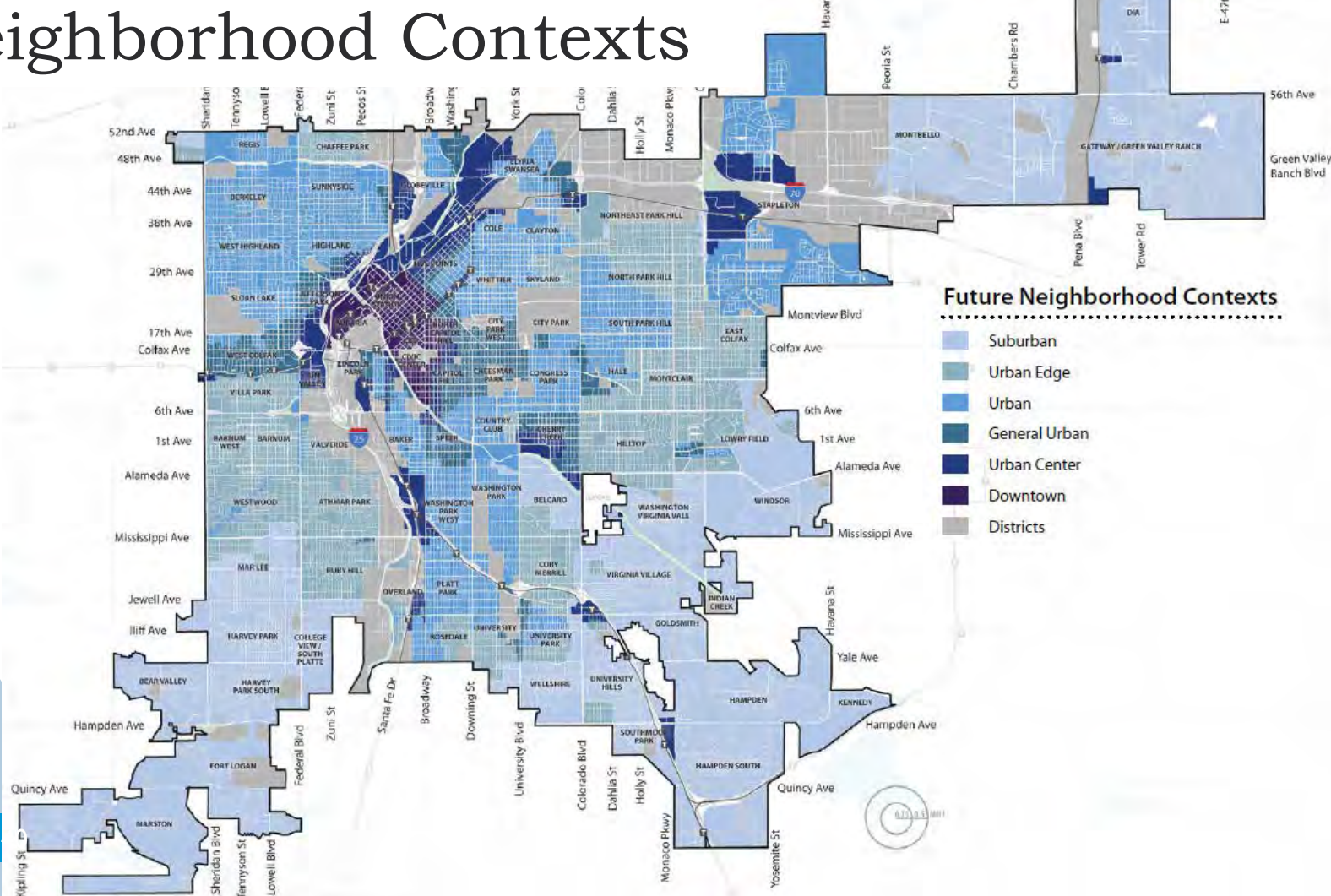
# Places



# Street Types



# Neighborhood Contexts



## Future Neighborhood Contexts

- Suburban
- Urban Edge
- Urban
- General Urban
- Urban Center
- Downtown
- Districts



# Elements of a Complete Network

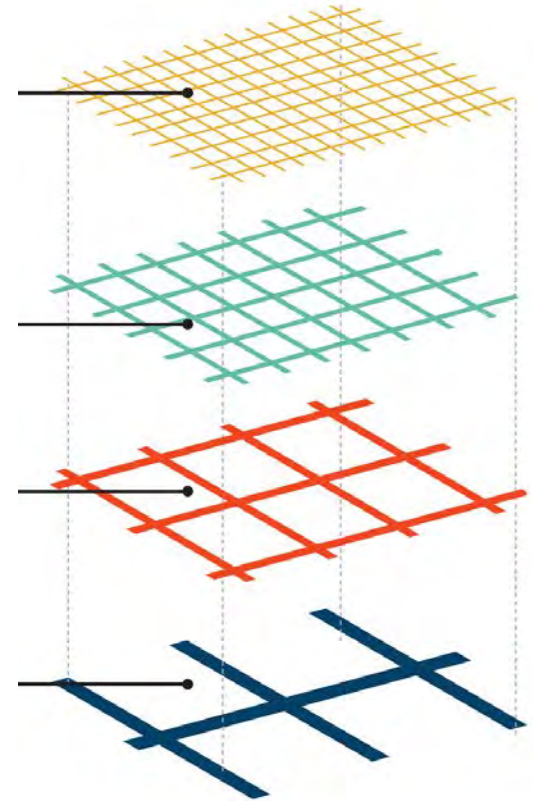
High-quality, continuous transportation networks that prioritize pedestrians, transit, bicycles or cars for seamless mobility throughout the city.

**Pedestrians**

**Bicycles**

**Transit**

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# Pedestrian Enhanced

01 Amenities



02 Lighting



03 Green infrastructure



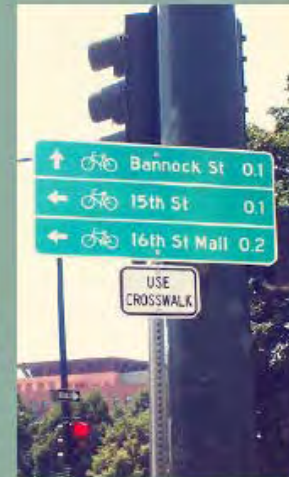
04 Wider Sidewalks

# Bicycle Priority

01 Protected Bike Lane



02 Intersection Treatments



03 Signage



04 Bike Signals/ Detection

# Transit Priority

01 Operational



02 Higher capacity vehicles



03 Dedicated transit lanes or grade separation



04 Enhanced stops/ stations



# Recommendations

The recommendations form a comprehensive list of policies and strategies to guide implementation of the plan. They are organized by the three elements of complete neighborhoods:

## Land Use and Built Form



## Mobility



## Quality-of-Life Infrastructure



EQUITY

Everyone in Denver deserves to live in a complete neighborhood with a range of housing and employment choices. Land use recommendations promote a more equitable distribution of diverse housing and employment options throughout the city.

All residents, especially those who are more dependent on transit and walking, should have access to quality, affordable multimodal options. Promoting affordable housing near transit helps advance equity and access to opportunity.

Building a more complete network of trees, parks and other green infrastructure will enhance quality-of-life for all neighborhoods. This is essential to improving health inequities between neighborhoods and advancing environmental justice.

URBAN DESIGN

The design of buildings is a crucial component to creating great places. Uses at the street level play a large part in how people interact with the building. Form and massing of buildings impacts the character of a place.

The design of our streets is essential to creating great places. Our streets and multimodal network should be inviting, safe and comfortable with amenities to promote social interaction and encourage walking.

Well designed parks and open spaces are inviting and promote social interaction. Green infrastructure and landscaping should be designed to enhance the character of a place and to improve how people experience the public realm.

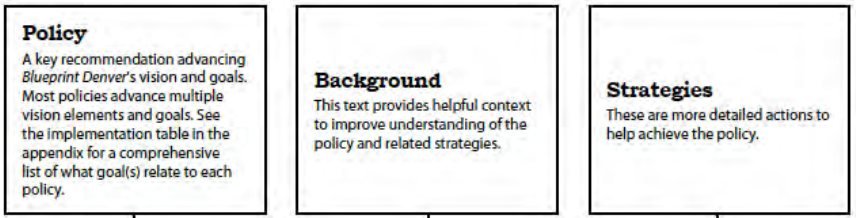
WATER & CLIMATE

Complete neighborhoods where jobs, daily services and recreation are convenient encourage walking, biking and mass transit options. This enables residents to accomplish everyday tasks more efficiently while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Vehicles, especially single-occupancy vehicles, contribute to Denver's greenhouse gas emissions. By supporting mobility options that are climate-friendly like walking, biking and mass transit, emissions are lowered. Mobility recommendations help mitigate climate change.

Increasing parks, open space, trees and plants reduces greenhouse gases and cools our city. Green infrastructure—including green roofs, trees, rain gardens and bioswales—filters stormwater and promotes air quality, water quality and carbon reduction.

## How to Read the Recommendations:



RECOMMENDATION

# Recommendations

PLAN ACTION

**Policy**

Diversify housing choice through the provision of accessory dwelling units throughout all residential areas.

**101**

**Background**

Encourage the development of affordable housing and shared income housing, particularly in areas near transit, services and amenities.

**102**

**Strategies**

Encourage the development of transit-friendly housing through the city.

**103**

**Policy**

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