

# JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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## VIRTUAL MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID:  
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Password: jefferson  
Call-In: 312-626-6799

Tuesday, March 9,  
6:30–8:00pm

Tuesday, April 6,  
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

### LAND-USE VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545  
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Thursday, April 1,  
6:30–8:00pm

Thursday, May 6,  
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

### COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, March 12, 11:00am–1:00pm  
Friday, March 19, 11:00am–1:00pm  
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## COLFAX VIADUCT TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

VIRTUAL MEETING – APRIL 14th

### West Colfax Viaduct



The West Colfax Business Improvement District (WCBID) is seeking to revitalize the West Colfax Viaduct to reconnect the structure to its historical roots and serve as a safe means of mixed-use passage for residents, commuters and tourists in one of Denver's busiest transportation corridors.

**The Colfax Viaduct is a critical piece of infrastructure for area connections, and at the same time acts as a barrier to access for active transportation users.** The current conditions are jersey barriers separating active transportation users from traffic and transit, no opportunities for vertical connections, no protection from natural elements and exposure to unsafe crossings and a jarring sensory experience.

#### Unbalanced Infrastructure

While to the east and west of the viaduct there are two through lanes of traffic for cars and buses, this span has three lanes. Vehicle speeds increase dramatically with wide lanes and highway like conditions. By re-balancing this space, we can decrease speeds, plan for dedicated bus space in the future, provide active mobility users with a safe and comfortable experience, add in vertical connections and create a piece of infrastructure that is iconic and that the community can be proud of.

#### A 360-Degree Opportunity for Improvement

The Colfax Viaduct is owned by the CDOT, runs through the City and County of Denver and right by Meow Wolf and touches down near Empower Field and the Auraria Campus, Denver's biggest educational campus. While trails, entertainment, services and amenities are plentiful at both ends and underneath the viaduct, most users would not choose to utilize it in its current state.



Colfax is one of Denver's busiest thoroughfares & the **PRIMARY EAST-WEST ARTERIAL** in Denver  
One of **America's longest** commercial streets

#### Current Conditions:

Loud fast moving traffic, uncontrolled pedestrian crossings; cyclists & pedestrians have to share the sidewalk

#### Project's Overall Goal:

Creating better pedestrian and bicycle connections between downtown, the Auraria Campus and West Denver

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## Empower Field at Mile High to host University of Colorado and Texas A&M on Sept 11



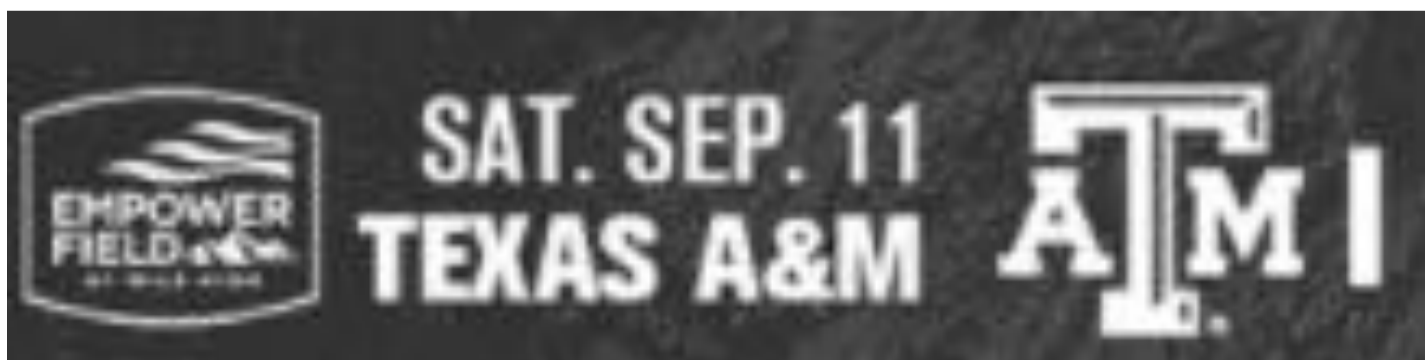
Empower Field at Mile High will play host to the University of Colorado's home football game against Texas A&M University on Saturday, Sept. 11. Since the building opened in 2001, Empower Field at Mile High has hosted 17 Division I college football games—all of which previously involved Colorado and Colorado State University in the Rocky Mountain Showdown. The game on Sept. 11 will mark the first time a team from the Southeastern Conference has played in the stadium.

### **COLORADO'S HISTORY PLAYING IN DENVER**

According to the University of Colorado, the Buffaloes have a long history of playing games in Denver — non-conference as well as league contests — dating back to when Stanford visited in 1904 with the game played at the long-since demolished Broadway Park (6th Avenue & Broadway). When CU was a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, it played rival Colorado Mines 14 times in Denver, many on Thanksgiving Day. The last of those games was in 1922, and it would be 66 years before the Buffs played a neutral site game there again, the first of 19 against Colorado State.

Colorado is 54-35-3 overall in games played in Denver, 26-11-1 against teams from other cities or states and 28-24-2 versus schools or teams based in the city. The bulk of the games have come against the University of Denver (17-12-2), Colorado State University (13-6), the Denver Athletic Club (3-12) and Colorado Mines (9-4-1).

Kickoff time as well as ticket purchasing information will be announced at a later date.



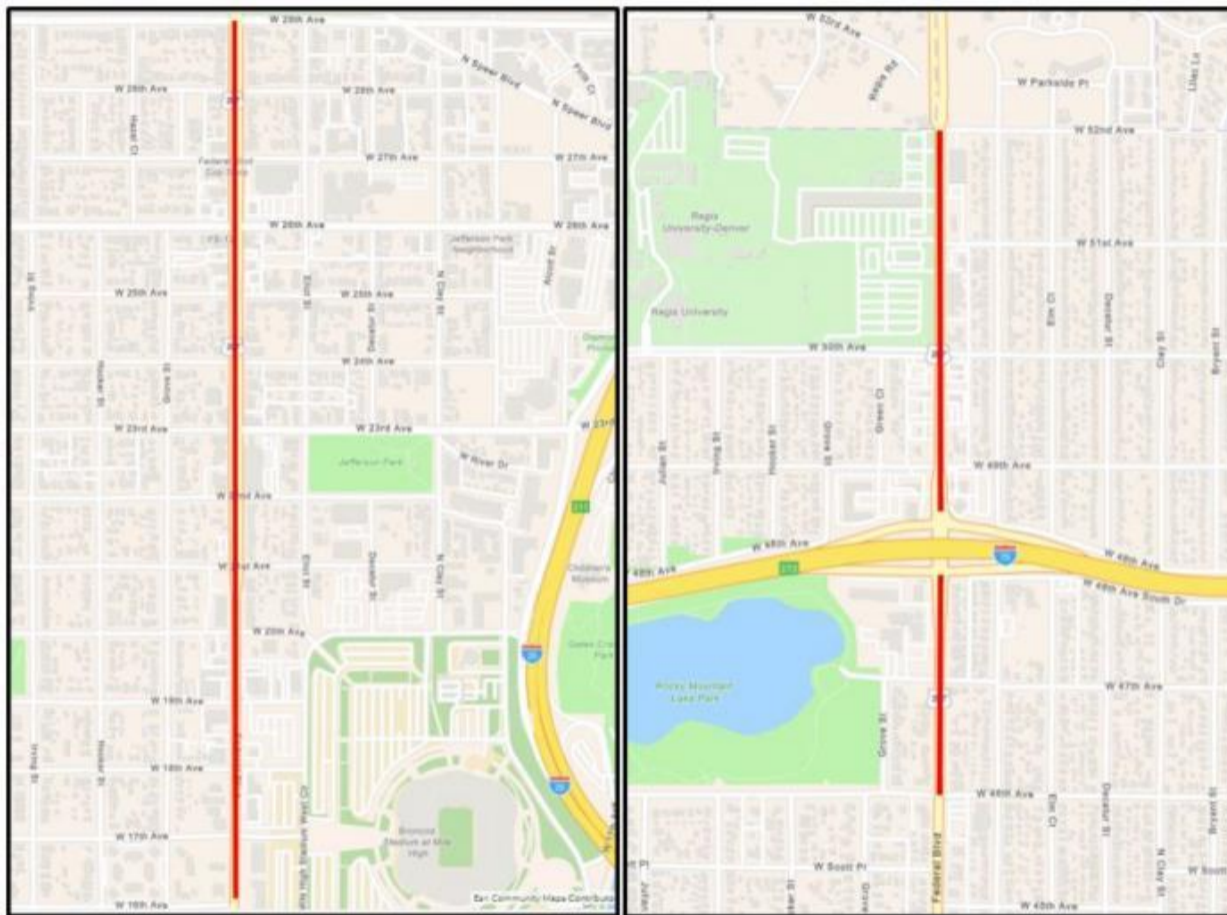
## Federal Boulevard Pipe Replacement

While it's never a good time for road construction, the ability to have the project (new water lines and a smoother road) completed during a pandemic AND before summer is about as good as it could get.

Denver Water has started a water main replacement project on Federal Boulevard that will last until summer 2021. Working hours will typically be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This project will occur in two locations on Federal Boulevard, with two crews working simultaneously to replace the aging water mains underneath the road:

- Federal Boulevard from West 20th Avenue to West 23rd Avenue.
- Federal Boulevard from West 49th Avenue to West 52nd Avenue.



Federal Boulevard from West 16th Avenue to West 29th Avenue

Federal Boulevard from West 46th Avenue to West 52nd Avenue

During construction, there will be daily lane closures on Federal Boulevard in these areas. Motorists should expect delays when traveling through the project areas. Local access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.

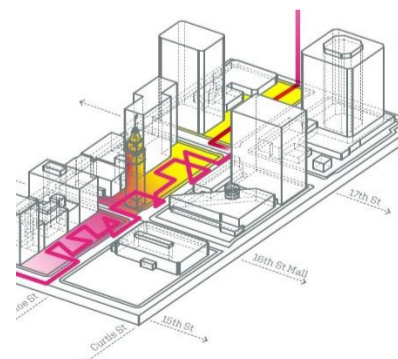
Denver Water will provide updates throughout the project via email and the social media platform Nextdoor. Residents and businesses in the construction zone will receive additional notifications with information about specific impacts they may experience.

To sign up for project updates click [here](#).

## You're Invited: Skyline Park Public Workshop

Skyline Park is located along Arapahoe St between 15 and 17th Streets is a gathering place with unique programs and events for the downtown Denver community and visitors.

The urban park is being reimagined your input is needed! Attend the Skyline Park Virtual Public Workshop #2 on Thurs, March 4, 5:30 - 7 pm [on Zoom](#). Concept options will be provided for public feedback. Don't miss your chance to weigh in! For more information visit [www.denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown](http://www.denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown).



## WHAT DO YOU WANT CIVIC CENTER TO LOOK LIKE?

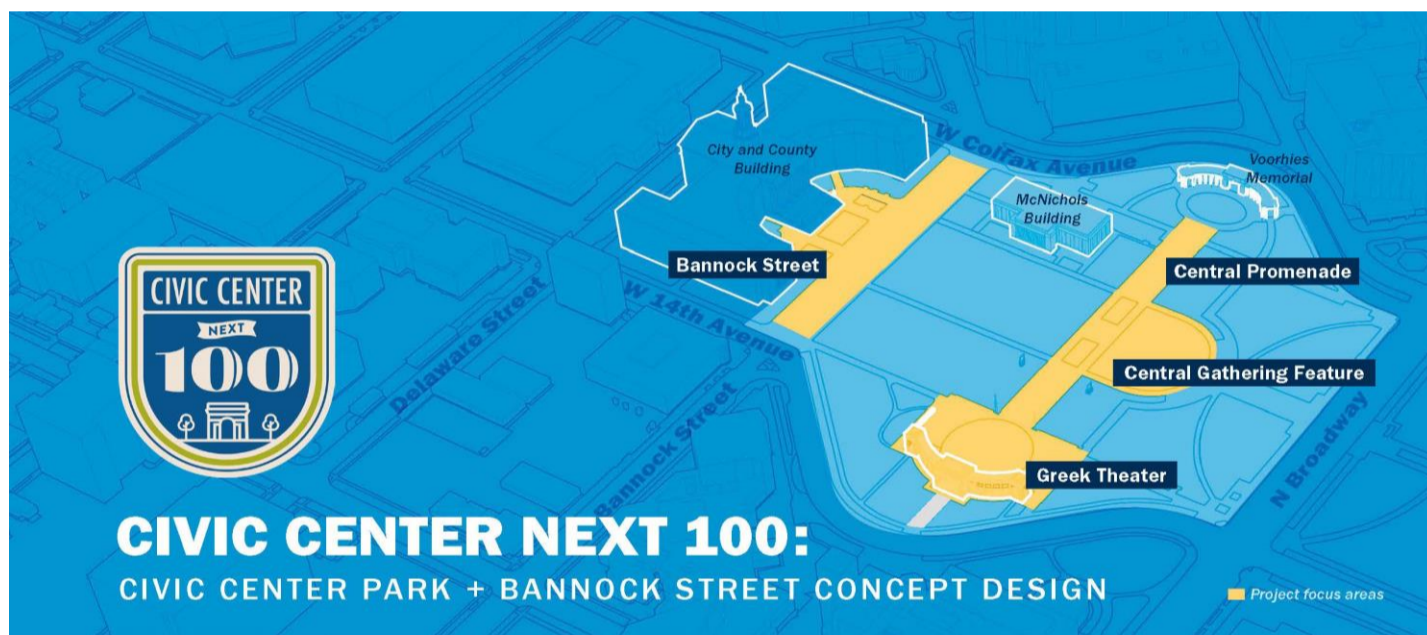
What do you imagine for the next 100 years of Civic Center? Civic Center Next 100 takes the 2005 Civic Center Master Plan and brings it to life for the Denver of today and the generations to come. Located at the heart of the city and surrounded by many of our key civic and cultural institutions, Civic Center has served as Denver’s most significant gathering spot for cultural events, festivals, and First Amendment rallies for over 100 years. It is Denver’s first National Historic Landmark and honoring its history is critical as we envision its future. The project partners are working together to create a vision for key features of Civic Center that will accommodate its traditional uses and also encourage daily active use. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

If you haven’t already , [take this brief survey](#) to help the project team understand the experiences you would like to see in Civic Center Park and on Bannock St.

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### CIVIC CENTER NEXT 100: CIVIC CENTER PARK + BANNOCK STREET CONCEPT DESIGN

#### Public Workshop #1

What do you imagine for the next 100 years of Civic Center?

Please Join us for the first public workshop to learn about the history and current conditions and share your feedback for the future of Civic Center.

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**Thursday, February 11, 2021**  
5:30 - 7:00 PM on Zoom

Scan QR Code with your phone to access the virtual public meeting or visit the link below from your computer



<https://link.livable-cities.com/civic-center-next-100>

Spanish language interpretation services will be provided. La interpretación en español será disponible.

A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days’ notice is requested. Contact [SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org](mailto:SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org)

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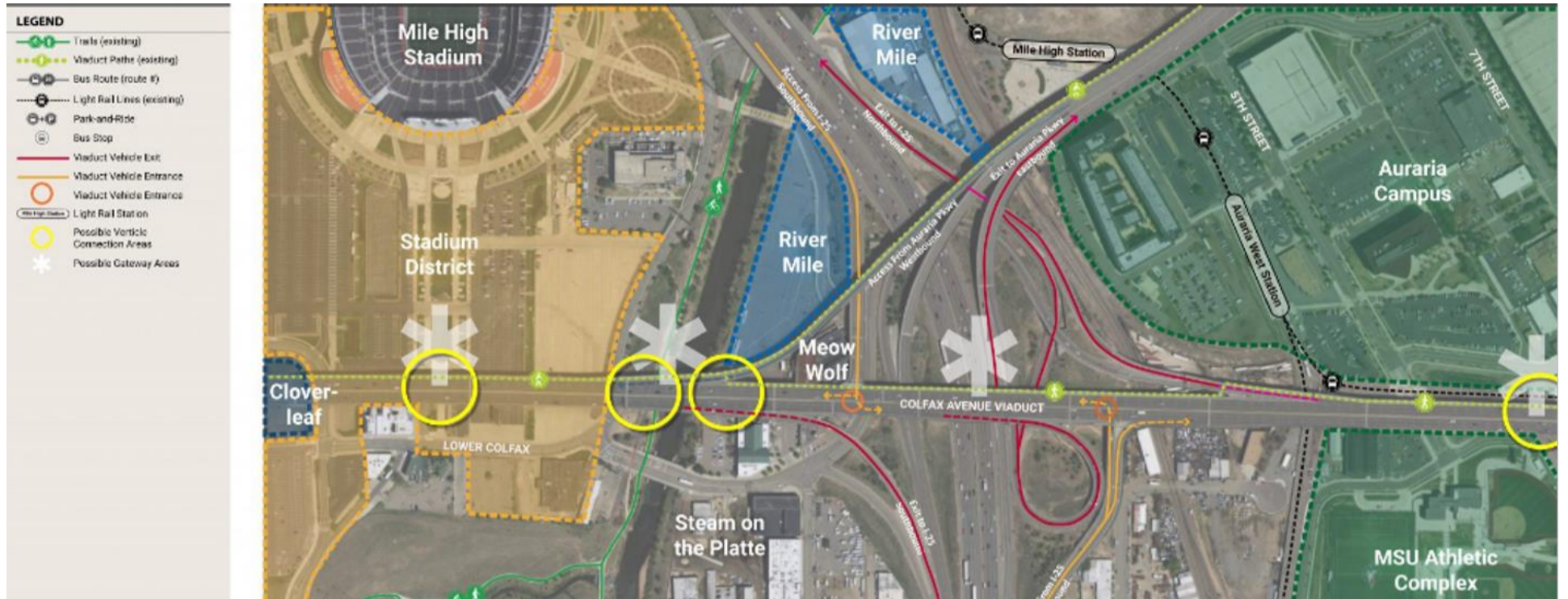
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THE MILE HIGH CITY



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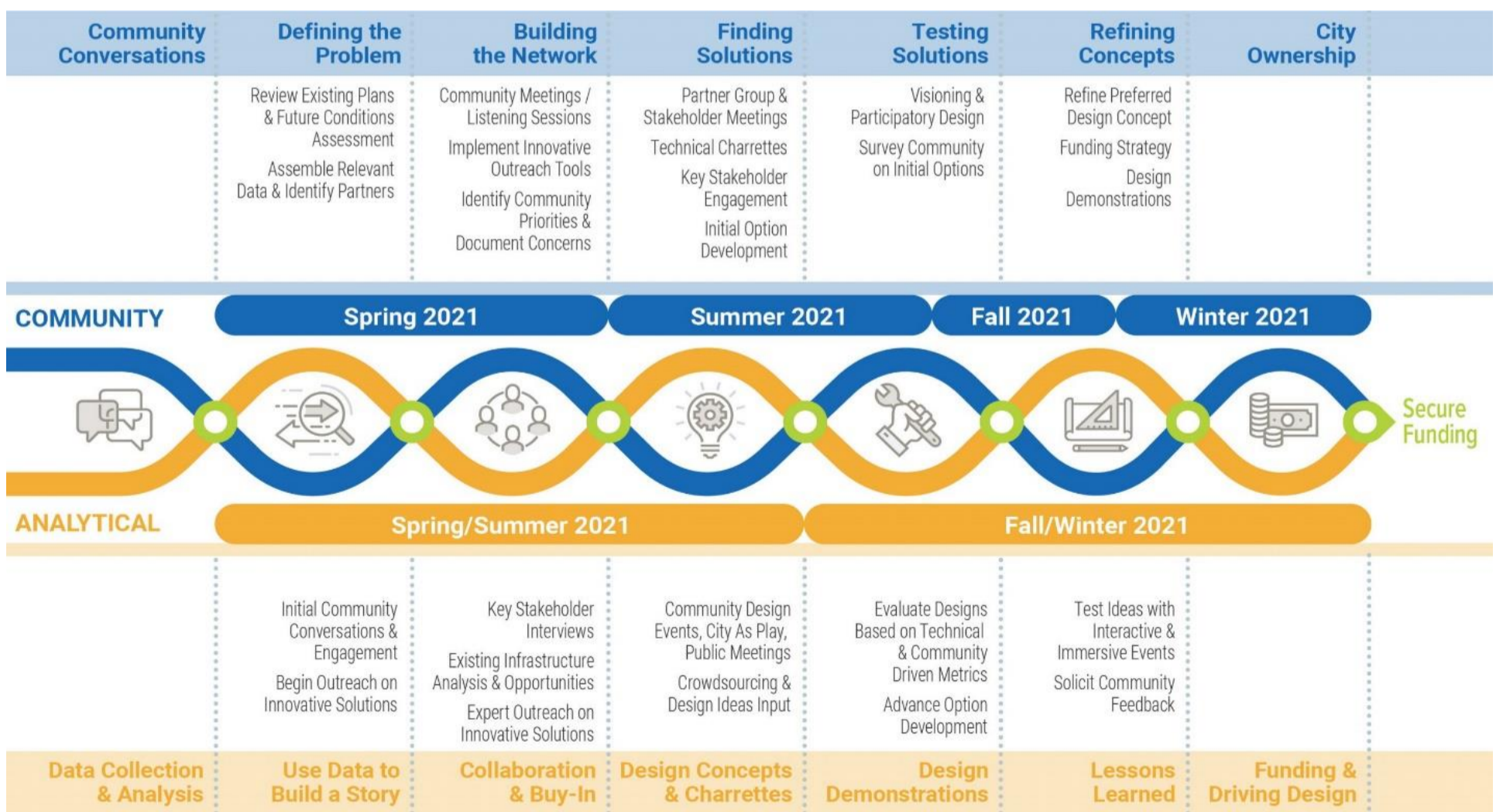
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The project is looking for innovative concepts that inspire both the community and stakeholders to engage in a robust dialogue about dreaming how the Viaduct can become a community asset as opposed to a foreboding barrier that restricts movement and elevates environmental stressors for all users. This approach allows small steps forward, pulling all of the priorities along in bite size amounts for the community and stakeholders to consume, interpret and inform. **This is more than a transportation project, this is a project about creating a safe facility, that integrates into the communities it touches and can connect and support the assets both below, and to the east and west.**



Colfax Viaduct area – Note Yellow Circles as Possible Vertical Connection Areas

WCBID is conducting a virtual meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at their site. Sign up [HERE](#) for information on the virtual meeting and Viaduct Study Newsletter.



Proposed Project Timeline