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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Call-In: 312-626-6799
Tuesday, February 8, 6:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, March 8, 6:30-8:00pm
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
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Thursday, Feb 3, 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday, March 3, 6:30-8:00pm
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COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, Feb 4, 11:00am-1:00pm
Friday, Feb 11, 11:00am-1:00pm
Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS

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Relax. Gather. Connect.

MUSIC at JEFFERSON PARK

Meeting Wednesday,
February 16th
6pm at Sexy Pizza

Email info@jpun.org with any questions.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR 2022 CONCERT!

For ten years JPUN has brought summer concerts to Jefferson Park that showcase music and community. After Covid, we're excited to bring these concerts back in 2022 but we need your help!

Join friends, meet your neighbors and have fun doing something good for your community.

We're having our first volunteer meeting for the 2022 Summer Concert Series at Sexy Pizza on February 16 at 6pm. These concerts are for our neighbors and put on by our neighbors. Any support you can provide is welcomed.

Sexy Pizza is graciously providing pizza—the go-to food of any concert roadie crew. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARKING CODE VIOLATORS FACE INCREASED FINES STARTING FEB 1

People who park illegally in Denver will face increased fines starting in February. This comes after Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) asked People who park illegally in Denver will face increased fines starting in February. This comes after Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) asked the Denver County Court to review the fee schedule for parking code violations and consider increases to encourage compliance with rules that support safety and mobility in Denver.

It has been 15 years since DOTI completed a comprehensive review of parking fines and found median citation amounts for violations were below peer cities.

Denver is increasing fines by \$10 for most parking violations with the exception of a few that directly tie to the City's goals for safety and mobility for residents and visitors.

For example:

- Parking in/blocking a bike lane is going from \$25 to \$65
- Parking in/blocking a sidewalk is going from \$25 to \$65
- Parking in/blocking a crosswalk is going from \$25 to \$65

The fine for parking illegally in an accessible parking space is going from \$150 to \$350, to deter people from illegally using parking areas dedicated to people with disabilities.

Another notable increase deals with large vehicle parking, which is going from \$25 to \$250. The City has seen a rise in large vehicles, such as semitrucks and large business trucks, using residential neighborhoods to park. Not only does this take up valuable curbside space, but it also interferes with the quality, enjoyment, and safety of the people who live in those neighborhoods.

Denver anticipates an additional \$6.4 million in 2022 will be collected under the new fine schedule and placed into a DOTI special revenue fund for mobility and safety improvements.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at:
newsletter@jpun.org

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Free Trees!

Denver Digs Trees focuses on providing medium and large sized shade trees for planting within the City of Denver. ALL Denver residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools are eligible to apply. This unique program provides Denver residents with free and low-cost trees for planting on both private and public property. They offer a variety of species carefully selected for Colorado's climate and the urban environment.

Jefferson Park has a lower tree canopy and is considered a 'Focus' Neighborhood

Preview the 2022 Tree Species Apply for Trees!

Over the past 38 years, this special program has provided more than 60,000 trees to Denver residents, helping to enhance quality of life in our community. Trees combat climate change and reverse the urban heat island effect by shading and cooling our homes and streets. They lower utility costs, beautify our neighborhoods, encourage slower traffic speeds, improve air and water quality, and much more...

Volunteer for Denver Digs Trees!

Canvassing is the most effective tool we have to spread the word about free and low cost trees to all Denver neighborhoods. They organize group canvassing events in low canopy neighborhoods with a trained leader.

We'd love to have you join us!



The Denver Police Department presents

LOCK OUT CRIME SAFETY TIPS FOR GARAGES

- Install a timer that closes the garage door after a predetermined amount of time.
- Never leave your garage remote inside your vehicle.
- Replace your clip remote with a keychain version.
- Help keep crime down in your neighborhood by telling your neighbors if you see their garage door has been left open. Open garage doors are an invitation to burglars.
- Always secure access doors to the interior of your home from the garage.
- Report any suspicious activity or persons in your neighborhood to the police.

Please report all suspicious activity immediately
 Denvergov.org/Police
 Emergencies: 911
 Non-emergencies: 720.913.2000

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Police, Fire or Medical—EMERGENCY.....Dial 9-1-1
- Gas Leak or Electrical Emergency—Xcel800-895-4999
select #1
- City of Denver 3-1-1 Help Center 3-1-1 or
720-913-1311
- Police—City Non-Emergency Information720-913-2000
- Police—District 1 Station Information only.....720-913-0400
- Denver Public Library720-865-1111
- Regional Transportation District303-299-6000

CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT SOMEWHERE FOR QUICK REFERENCE!



Meow Wolf Introduces Party Portal, a Series of Immersive Concerts

Meow Wolf Denver has created Adulti-Verse: twice-a-month kid-free nights that have been so successful they've been extended through April. And now Meow Wolf has responded to requests for more immersive concerts by introducing the Party Portal, a series of shows that will take place throughout the facility, offered in partnership with Live Nation.

Concerts at Meow Wolf had been confined to the first-floor PerplexiPLEX venue. Party Portal will kick off Saturday, February 26, with a midnight-to-4 a.m. dance party that will spill throughout Convergence Station. The event, called Danceportation, will showcase nine DJs, including local acts Collin McKenna, L.A. Zwicky and Peer Review.

All full list of concerts can be found [here](#).

MEOW WOLF AUDIO DESCRIPTION TOUR

Meow Wolf Denver has created a groundbreaking two-hour Audio Description Tour, Highlights of the Convergence. Explore the Convergence through the descriptive narration of expert guides, detailing key visual elements and action that might not be seen by someone with limited vision.



This Audio Description Tour is designed specifically for audience members who are Blind or have low vision, allowing for a more inclusive experience of the exhibition by means of description, storytelling, touch exploration and play.

Click the link below to request a [Highlights of the Convergence Tour](#).





What is redistricting?

Redistricting is a process that legislative bodies undertake every ten years after the release of the decennial US Census. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure every individual's vote counts in accordance to the Voting Rights Act by evenly adjusting district boundaries based on population and the number of districts without diluting minority voices.

In Denver the goal of redistricting is to create eleven districts that are as evenly-populated and as geographically compact and reasonable as possible to uphold the one-person-one-vote standard in the US Constitution.

Sec. 3.1.2 of the Charter provides guidance for redistricting. The Charter requires Denver to have eleven districts; that districts to be as compact as possible; that districts contain contiguous territory; that districts contain as equal a population as practical based on the most recent US census data; that districts consist of whole voting precincts; and that district boundaries be changed at least once every ten years.

Why is it important?

Redistricting ultimately shapes the political landscape in Denver, and is an important process to make sure the People have the opportunity to choose who represents them. Denver has changed over the past 10 years with an increase in Denverites, new buildings, and amenities. Our council boundaries need to be altered to reflect these changes and how they are represented at the municipal-level. These new boundaries will remain in effect for 10 years, determining representation on important issues until 2035.

If you would like to learn more about this important process and get more involved, please follow the link below.

[DENVERITE.COM](https://denverite.com)

Link for Public Access to Maptitude for Redistricting (Beginning Jan. 1)

- <https://redistricting.denvergov.org/Redist/>
- This link is also available on our website along with our PII disclosure language (Starting Jan. 1)
 - o Maptitude for Redistricting software requires the collection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and will only be used for redistricting purposes. All copies of the PII data provided to City Council must be destroyed by 04/01/2022, at the end of the redistricting process. City Council members have been trained on data privacy and protection, especially pertaining to personally identifiable information and use constraints.

Those who submit redistricting plans are required by City Council to verify that you live in the city and county of Denver. This enables City Council to contact you if they have questions about the plan you submitted. This information will be used explicitly for redistricting and all copies will be destroyed by April 2022, with the City and County of Denver's Technology Services securing a copy for legal reasons. If constituents do not wish to provide this information, please contact your city council representative at redistricting2022@denvergov.org or attend a public meeting to share your thoughts on redistricting.

Click on the link below to read an article by the Denverite on the importance of redistricting.

JEFFERSON PARK IN THE NEWS

Jefferson Park has long borne the ill effects of companies' concepts (Slohomes, Airbnb) until Denver slowly reacts with regulations. Turo becomes the latest company to show how bad actors can exploit their business model to the detriment of Jefferson Park residents.

The following is an excerpt from a story aired on 9news on December 21, 2021

For months, Kevin Hesla struggled to find a parking spot on his street near Empower Field at Mile High. "If you came home after a certain time at night, people were literally parking in the alley," he said. "There was nowhere to park." After a while, Hesla said he started to see people wandering around 21st Street across from his condo. They appeared to be searching for vehicles. "There were just people walking around, people going back to the airport, people standing on our lawn," he said. "I just asked them what app they were using, and they said Turo." Turo is a car-sharing app meant to let people rent their vehicles temporarily using a concept similar to Airbnb.

Hesla said he soon found a profile for a man named Ryan who was listing more than 30 vehicles on the app. He looked through the vehicles listed on Ryan's page, and realized those same vehicles were parked on his street. "Basically, our whole street was turned into a rental car lot," Hesla said.

He began to keep track of the cars by license plate, snapping pictures of them and logging where they were parked in a spreadsheet.

Hesla contacted the city about the issue, but said he was told there wasn't much the city could do since Jefferson Park is zoned for mixed use. Both Hesla and Councilwoman Sandoval contacted Turo to see if the issue could be resolved.

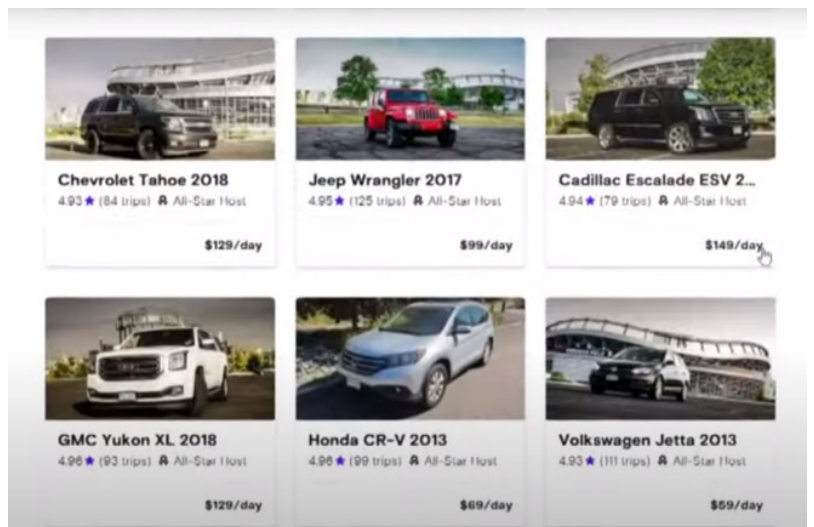
It took several months, Turo admitted the host was in violation of the company's Good Neighbor Policy,

which requires car hosts to park vehicles on private property, so to not take away public parking.

"Any complaints regarding host parking and vehicle storage are taken seriously and violations may result in restricted vehicles and accounts," a representative for the company said in a statement to 9NEWS. "When Turo's Trust and Safety team received the complaint, the team took swift action to work with the host and local government to enforce the Good Neighbor Policy and resolve the issue." Hesla said the person who contacted him from Turo said the host had been told to move his vehicles to private property. He said the representative told him if the host violated the policy again, he would be removed from the Turo platform.

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, which manages the public right of way, told 9NEWS the city may create a new policy to manage this issue.

"DOTI is reviewing its policies that regulate the public right of way and how, if at all, these types of businesses are governed by existing policies," spokeswoman Vanessa Lacayo said in a statement.



Good neighbor policy

We encourage our hosts to be good neighbors. Be mindful of parking and other restrictions in your neighborhood. Some communities prohibit street parking for cars engaged in commercial activity. We encourage all hosts to park their vehicles on private property, so as to not create parking problems for their neighbors.

Turo reserves the right to restrict vehicles and accounts if we receive complaints regarding host parking and vehicle storage.

[Join Turo Talk today to connect with other hosts. Discuss the host experience, get answers to questions, and find additional resources.](#)

West Colfax Viaduct Update

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.

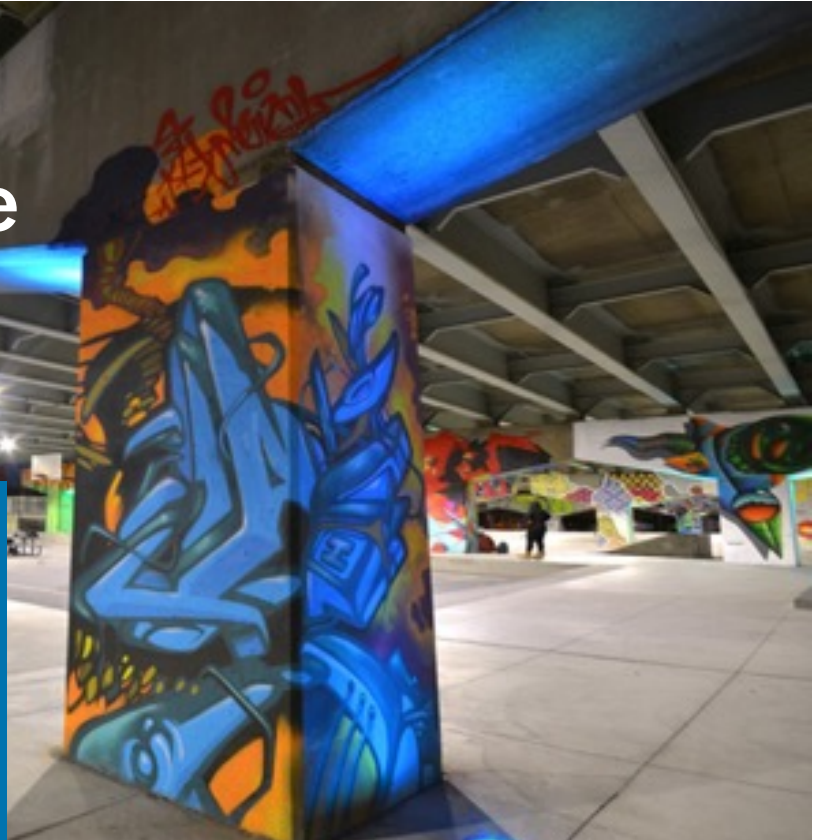
The current conditions are jersey barriers separating active transportation users from traffic and transit, no opportunities for vertical connections, no protection from natural elements and exposure to unsafe crossings and a jarring sensory experience.

As design comments are reviewed expect more activation of the area in 2022.

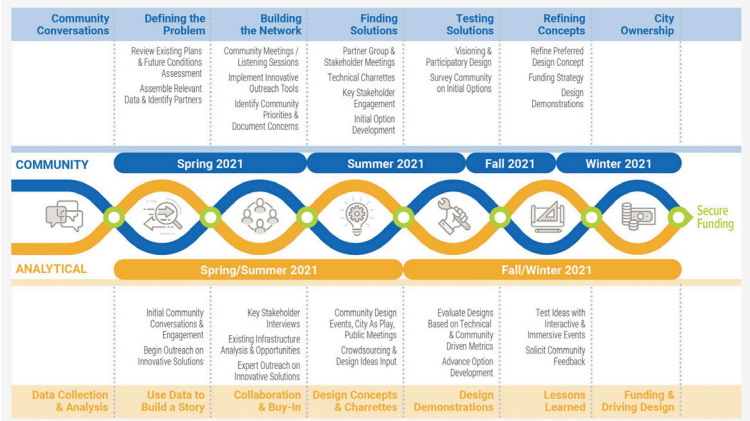
A series of international night markets are planned for the Spring. To activate the space they are partnering with the Westside Stadium Community Coalition, the Denver Streets Partnership and the Latino Cultural Arts Center to install murals and lighting art.

Please see this WCBID Call to Mural & Lighting Artists for more details on the project.

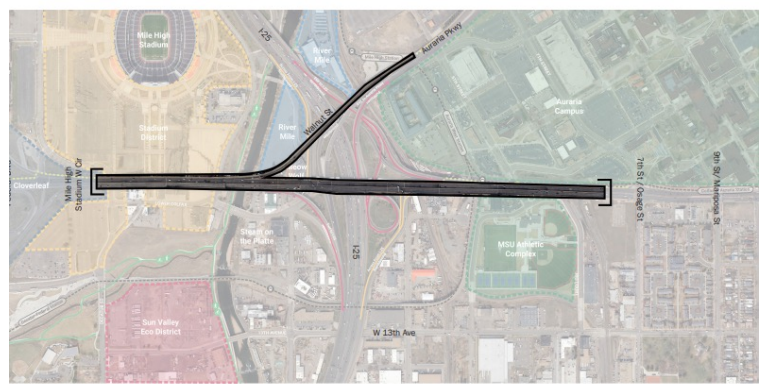
You can find at the viaduct project page [here](#).



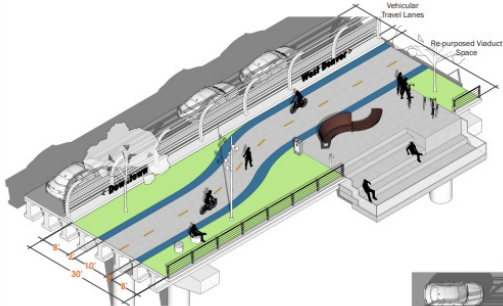
Project Timeline



Tell us where you would like to see vertical connections (stairs, ramps, elevators) between neighborhoods and the viaduct. Place a dot at your top two choices!



Viaduct Park Concept



Isometric View of Proposed Park Concept

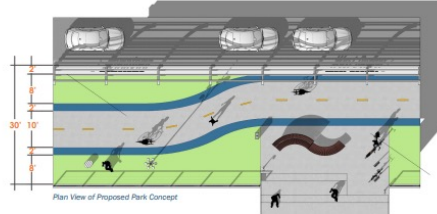
- Buffer From Road and Custom Fencing
- Moments for Pause and Site Seeing
- Two-Way Pedestrian and Bike Path



Example Projects



Eye-Level view of Proposed Park Concept

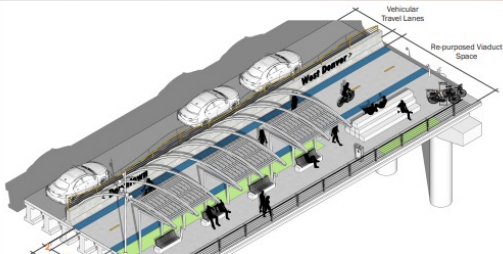


Plan View of Proposed Park Concept

Use a sticky note to share. What do you like about this concept? What would you change?



Viaduct Social Concept

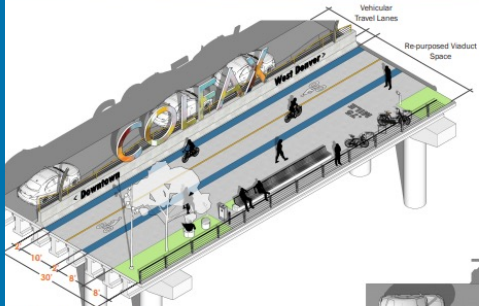


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Viaduct Mobility Concept



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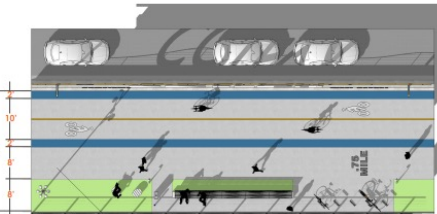
- Two-Way Separated Bike Path
- Modify Jersey Barrier With Visual/ Noise Screening
- Seating and Place-making areas



Example Projects



Eye-Level view of Proposed Mobility Concept

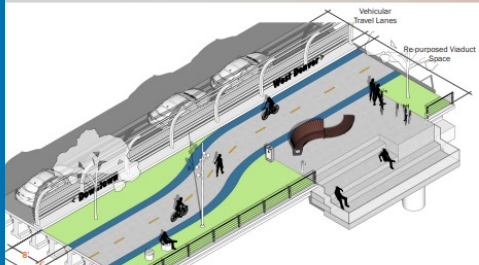


Plan View of Proposed Mobility Concept

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Viaduct Park Concept



Eye-Level view of Proposed Park Concept

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Keep up-to-date on everything that's going on with the West Colfax Viaduct Project

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THINGS YOU CAN WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE A HIKE TO

Earth Illuminated
February 2 - March 25
16th Street
earthilluminated.com



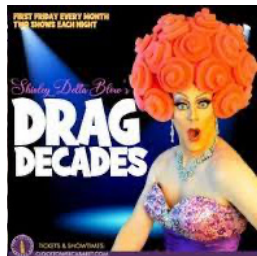
Denver Terrors
February 2 - March 24
200 E Colfax Ave
denverterrors.com



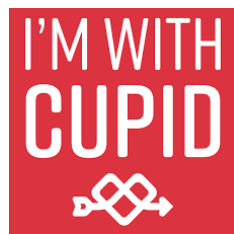
Denver Fringe Comedy Show
February 2- July 6
2301 Blake Street
denverfringe.org



Drag Decades
with Shirley Delta Blow
February 4 - December 2
1601 Arapahoe Street,
Lower Level Denver CO
2301 Blake Street
clocktowercabaret.com



Cupid's Undie Run
February 12
1111 Lincoln Street
my.cupids.org



Denver Jewish Film Festival
February 14 - March 1
350 S. Dahlia St.
jccdenver.org



Mardi Gras Celebration
with No Hands Brass Band
March 1
Dazzle - 1512 Curtis St
dazzledenver.com



Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 12
9 am - 2 pm | Downtown
earthilluminated.com



FlyteCo Brewing Trivia Tuesdays
Tues., February 2 - March 29
7:00pm-9:00pm
4499 W 38th Ave
flytecobeer.com



Free Day Botanic Gardens
Thursday, Feb. 17
Wednesday, March 16
Thursday, April 21 (Earth Day)
1007 York Street
www.botanicgardens.org



Wild West Pub Crawl
Recurring weekly on Saturdays
Golden City Brewery
920 12th St, Golden
goldenhistorytours.com



Monster Energy Supercross
Saturday, April 30
Empower Field At Mile High
empowerfieldatmilehigh.com



Journey: Freedom Tour 2022
with special guest Toto
April 11
Ball Arena
ticketmaster.com

