



# JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Riverside Church Chapel  
2401 Alcott St. - Northeast side of property  
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30–8:00pm  
All are welcome

### LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Upcoming Meetings on Hold  
All are welcome

### COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, Feb 21,  
11:00am–1:00pm  
CD1 Office 1810 Platte St.

Reserve a spot at: [bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS](https://bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS)

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## REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRT PROGRAM WILL BE AT THE JPUN FEB 11 MEETING TO ANSWER ANY OF YOU QUESTIONS!

# Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit

### Federal Blvd. BRT Project Goals



Improving safety along the corridor and at transit station areas.



Increasing transit reliability and ridership.



Decreasing transit travel times.



Promoting cultural vibrancy and quality of life along the corridor.



Increasing transit accessibility.



Improving connectivity and mobility.

## Big changes are coming to Federal Boulevard that will span multiple neighborhoods.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-capacity, efficient bus service that incorporates elements of light rail such as enhanced stations, all-door boarding, purchasing tickets before riding, and in some locations, dedicated bus lanes (reducing car lanes). The Federal Blvd. BRT project will span almost 18 miles on Federal Blvd. between Dartmouth and 120th avenues, extending to both the Englewood Park-n-Ride on the south end and the Wagon Road Park-n-Ride on the north end. Preliminary design, engineering, and environmental review will be completed in 2025.

Final design will take place through 2027, and construction is expected to start in 2028 (Compare with Colfax west of Capital) with BRT service on Federal Blvd. scheduled for 2030.

The Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project team will attend JPUN's February 11 meeting at Riverside Church and will discuss design plans, including safety improvements, bus operations plans, and most notably, station design.

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The current configuration of Federal Boulevard at 26th Avenue.



Rendering of the improved configuration at Federal Boulevard at 26th Avenue.

**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

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

All copy/photos/advertisements submitted to our Jefferson Park United Neighbors Newsletter will be edited and reviewed by our volunteer staff for style, grammar and content. JPUN reserves the right to refuse publication of any submitted material that does not meet our standards for a positive, educational community newsletter.

**BECOME INVOLVED**

Joining the JPUN community is an excellent way to support the residents and businesses in your neighborhood. There is no cost for membership and all property owners, renters, businesses and business-owners within the boundaries of the Jefferson Park neighborhood are welcome to join.

**Benefits of joining our community:**

- meet your neighbors and better connect with your local businesses
- participate in neighborhood events
- opportunities to plan the future of the area including zoning changes and redevelopment
- engage with others to ensure safety and security within the neighborhood
- easily connect with city government and public safety officials

For more information, please, contact us or sign-up to **become a member.**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

- Police, Fire or Medical—EMERGENCY.....Dial 9-1-1
- Gas Leak or Electrical Emergency—Xcel.....800-895-4999  
select #1
- City of Denver 3-1-1 Help Center.....3-1-1 or  
720-913-1311
- Police—City Non-Emergency Information.....720-913-2000
- Police—District 1 Station Information only.....720-913-0400
- Denver Public Library.....720-865-1111
- Regional Transportation District.....303-299-6000

*CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT SOMEWHERE FOR QUICK REFERENCE!*

**7-11th JULY**

**RIVERSIDE KIDS CAMP**

An elective-based day camp filled with lots of fun and the opportunity to enhance or learn a new activity!

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE

**Basketball - Cooking - Flag Football**  
**Survival Skills - Stem - Dance - Arts & Crafts**

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
 KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE

Register here!

2401 Alcott Street Denver, CO 80211

**RIVERSIDE KIDS CAMP**

Join Riverside Church July 7th-11th for Riverside Kids Camp—a fun-filled, elective-based day camp where kids can explore new activities and grow their skills! Each day, children will rotate through their chosen electives in mixed-gender groups, enjoy exciting large-group recreation games, and engage in Bible Storytime.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for adventure, learning, and friendship.

**Registration Opens  
 March 1st!**

**Registration Here!**



## Winter Bike to Work Day

Nothing says “I love my commute” like riding to work on Valentine’s Day.

**Celebrate Winter Bike to Work Day on Friday, February 14, 2025!**

Even if you’re not commuting to work that day, visit stations throughout the Denver region for hot drinks, snacks, and more.

### STEP ONE: Pledge to Ride

Pledge to ride your bike in honor of Winter Bike to Work Day and earn the chance to win cool prizes, including a Netflix subscription and a year of Spotify! By pledging to ride, you show your commitment to your own physical and mental health AND to cleaner air for our region!

You don’t have to skip your ride even if you’re skipping the office. Visit one of the Winter Bike to Work Day stations organized in honor of participants who brave the cold to take cars off the road and improve our region’s air quality. Pledge to ride at the Bike to Work Day website then check out the Winter Bike to Work Day station map to plan your route!

### STEP TWO: Plan Your Route

Once you’re signed up, start putting together a plan to make the most of your experience. You’ll find warm beverages, breakfast, and giveaways along your way. A map of registered stations is available here.

### STEP THREE: Bundle Up and Enjoy the Ride!

Most stations will be welcoming riders between 7-9 a.m., so the air will most likely be chilly! Be sure to check that unpredictable Colorado forecast to plan appropriately! Don’t forget to tell your friends and co-workers, or ride with your valentine!

All that’s left to do is take in some fresh air and enjoy cruising to work without traffic.

# Editor Wanted

Want to know more about what is going on in and around your neighborhood?

Would you like to play an integral role in helping build community?

JPUN Newsletter plays a vital role in providing residents information on topics that directly affect them.

Help develop monthly newsletter content, coordinate with columnists and advertisers, assign stories, as well as review the final copy.

Please contact [info@jpun.org](mailto:info@jpun.org) to learn more about how you or someone you know can help fill this important volunteer role. Our readers are depending on you.



## DENVER URBAN GARDENS HOSTING A FREE LEGACY PLANNING SESSION

During this no-cost session, you'll learn why it's important to have a will (regardless of your age!), what your options are, who can help you put an appropriate plan in place, and how you can leave a lasting legacy for the causes you care most about.

**They'll dive into questions like:**  
**What happens if you die without a Will?**  
**What is Probate and does it need to be avoided?**  
**How do I establish a legacy by supporting causes that I believe in?**

This hour-long session on Legacy Planning is presented by Richard Hess, attorney at Coan, Payton & Payne (and DUG Board Member!). It's a great opportunity to get practical advice from an estate planning professional! Please note that is a learning opportunity only; no ask or sales pitch will be made.

**This is an open event – please invite anyone you think would benefit from this information!**

### LEGACY PLANNING 101 (In-Person)

Register using the button below (this will also help with breakfast planning!). There is ample street parking as well as a parking lot behind the building you are welcome to use (wheelchair accessible).

Breakfast burritos and fresh coffee will be provided by Snooze, an A.M Eatery!

**Wednesday, March 5th | 8am -9am**

**Posner Center 1031 33rd Street, Denver, CO 80205**

[Register for In-Person Session](#)

### LEGACY PLANNING 101 (Virtual)

If you would like to join the virtual session, please register using the button below. You will be emailed a virtual meeting link in advance of the session.

**Wednesday, March 5th | 12pm -1pm**  
 Zoom (link sent upon registration)

[Register for Virtual Session](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to [give@dug.org](mailto:give@dug.org)

## WEST 38TH AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) launched the West 38th Avenue Corridor Study to improve mobility and safety, plan for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and identify ways to 'green' the corridor. The study intends to build upon public input, findings, and recommendations from previous relevant studies.

West 38th Avenue has been identified as a corridor in need of investment through various previous projects, each with its own community outreach efforts and outcomes. The corridor study will begin by analyzing the feasibility and compatibility of these previous recommendations and current community needs. The study's intended outcome is to create a cohesive plan for the entire corridor that guides future capital improvement projects and adjacent development.

### Over the past year:

#### Completed a Road Safety Audit:

Providing a better understanding of key safety challenges along the corridor.

#### Documented Existing Conditions:

Gathered and analyzed data to create a strong foundation for ongoing work.

#### Completed Phases 1 and 2 of Community Outreach:

Feedback has been invaluable in shaping understanding of the community's needs and priorities.

They're now wrapping up the Alternatives Analysis, where they've carefully evaluated various options for the corridor to identify the best path forward.

### The Preferred Alternative will be shared sometime in February-March 2025.

This will be a chance for DOTI to hear from residents and discuss how the preferred alternative will enhance safety, mobility, and the overall experience of West 38th Avenue.

[VIEW PROJECT ONLINE](#)

[SIGN-UP FOR UPDATES](#)

## TREEFORCE IS NOW RECRUITING FOR OUR SPRING '25

The TreeForce team is growing, and looking for a Field Crew Assistant to join for the next two cohorts to lead crews in the field and assist with other Park People stewardship efforts in between.

TreeForce graduates are prioritized but applications are accepted from other qualified candidates. Who do you know who's good with people, organized, and knowledgeable about tree planting and care?

Community Forester is a 20+ year old Park People program training skilled volunteers in the basics of urban forestry.

This 5-part workshop series in partnership with Denver Parks and Recreation's Office of the City Forester is a great way to get your hands dirty making a difference in the health of the city.

The dates for our next cohort are March 17-May 14, 2025. Anyone interested in becoming a pre-apprentice must go through an application process: 1) apply via an online application, 2) interview via video chat, 3) meet eligibility requirements, and 4) complete a workability assessment.

If you are wondering if a client meets eligibility requirements, they prioritize historically underserved individuals (justice involved/impacted [non SO]; opportunity youth; low income; those identifying as BIPOC, women, and/or non-binary; and/or NEST neighborhood residents) looking to begin a career in urban forestry or the tree care sector.

As a workforce development program, they work hard to help connect pre-apprentices with job opportunities after our program and will be prioritizing candidates looking to become hired or begin an apprenticeship in the industry.

## TREEFORCE

PAID PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

An 8-week Workforce Development Program in Urban Forestry

### SKILLS & COURSES

Tree Biology & Soil  
Pruning  
Planting  
Tree Health & Diseases  
Tree Identification  
Climbing  
Knot Tying

OSHA-10, Industrial Athlete, CPR Trainings

Resume and Cover Letter writing & Interview Training  
Networking Opportunities with Industry Employers

STARTING PAY

\$20<sup>hr</sup>



COHORT BEGINS MARCH 17

To Apply: [jane@TheParkPeople.org](http://jane@TheParkPeople.org)

303.722.6262 | [TheParkPeople.org](http://TheParkPeople.org)



## LAKWOOD GULCH CONSTRUCTION START NOTICE

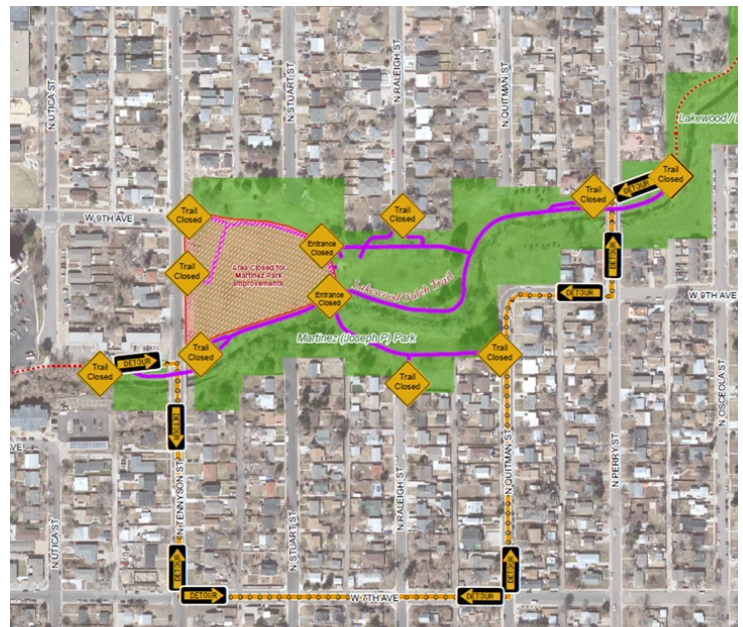
All trails within Joe P. Martinez Park will be closed beginning the last week of January for construction taking place along Lakewood Gulch. Improvements include erosion control, bank stabilization and new plantings along the gulch.

Closures of trails is expected to go through April 2025. Please follow all detour signage.

Trail users will be detoured through the neighborhood south of the trail. See detour map for details.

The park will remain open during trail closures with the exception of the area currently closed for another park improvement project.

For more information, please visit [denvergov.org/traildetours](http://denvergov.org/traildetours).



# FREE TREES!

To promote a greener Denver, each year The Park People provide trees to Denver residents.

Residents of Jefferson Park are eligible for \$10 street and yard trees but you need to apply by February 15th! Applicants experiencing financial hardship can apply for a “Treeship” for free trees. All Denver residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, & schools are eligible to apply with tree pickup commencing in April.

## Denver Digs Trees Release of Liability Eligibility:

**RESIDENCY:** You must plant your Denver Digs tree within the City and County limits of Denver. Planting locations can include public and private property plantings at residences, businesses, non-profits, places of worship, schools, and more. You may apply to plant a street tree or a yard tree.

**Street Trees:** For planting along the street (in the public right-of-way). These trees may be planted either in the ‘tree lawn’ (area between the sidewalk and the curb) or, in the absence of a tree lawn, at a distance of 10 feet from the curb.

**Yard Trees:** For planting in your yard (on private property). These trees may be planted in front, back, or side yards. At a site without a ‘tree lawn’ these are any trees planted 11 feet or more from the curb.

**SPACING:** Trees need room to grow. Your planting site(s) must meet the following spacing requirements:

**Medium to Large Trees:** shall be spaced thirty-five (35) feet apart and may be varied from 25-40’ if consistent with the canopy width at maturity per the species descriptions and if such spacing allows for avoidance of other requirements such as streetlights or utilities.

**2025 especies de árboles en español.**

**Ornamental (Small) Trees:** shall be spaced twenty (20) feet apart and may be varied from 15-25’ apart if consistent with the canopy width at maturity per the species descriptions and if such spacing allows for avoidance of other requirements such as existing/proposed infrastructure, including streetlights and utilities. **2025 especies de árboles en español.**

## Measure your site before beginning your application!

### Cost:

Each tree costs over \$175 to provide. Generous sponsors and donors offset this cost through their contributions.

- **Jefferson Park is in a Focus Neighborhood: \$10 per tree**
- **‘Treeship’ Fee Waiver: Applicants facing financial hardship may apply to receive all trees FREE**
- **Choose your pickup day when you apply: Thurs April 24, Fri April 25 OR Sat April 26. Tree pickup is at City Park Greenhouse.**



### Got questions?

You’ll have questions. They know as they’ve been doing this for 40 years, Their Frequently Asked Questions page has answers to most of them - check it out.

- [Denver Digs Trees Application](#)
- [Tree Species List for 2025](#)
- [FAQ on Denver Digs Trees](#)
- **Need a paper application?**  
Email [Jess@theparkpeople.org](mailto:Jess@theparkpeople.org)  
or call 303.722.6262



Your Denver Police Department (DPD) continues conducting street racing operations with the goals of preventing street racing and locating and arresting any individuals engaging in illegal street racing activities. On December 22, 2024, Denver Police officers taking part in the operation observed two separate instances that involved drivers involved in a speed contest or speed exhibition.

A 17-year-old male was stopped in the area of E. 56th Avenue and N. Uvalda Street after officers observed him engaged in street racing with another motorist. He was cited for Speed Contest, Driving Without a Driver's License and No Insurance.

A 29-year-old male was stopped in the area of W. 52nd Avenue and N. Tennyson Street after officers observed him rapidly accelerating at a high rate of speed causing the tires to squeal. He was cited for Speed Exhibition and No Insurance.

### DENVER POLICE CITE DRIVERS INVOLVED IN STREET RACING

Officers impounded both of those drivers' vehicles (a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado and a 2015 Ford Mustang, respectively) in accordance with Denver's Public Nuisance ordinance.

Other traffic stops conducted during the operation resulted in citations for violations ranging from driving with expired license plates, driving without a valid driver's license, and open container containing alcohol in a vehicle.

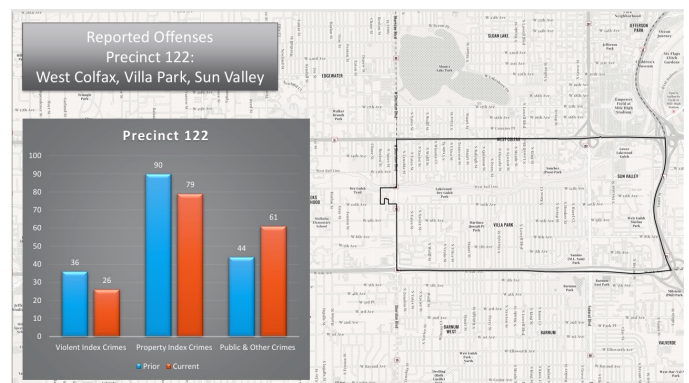
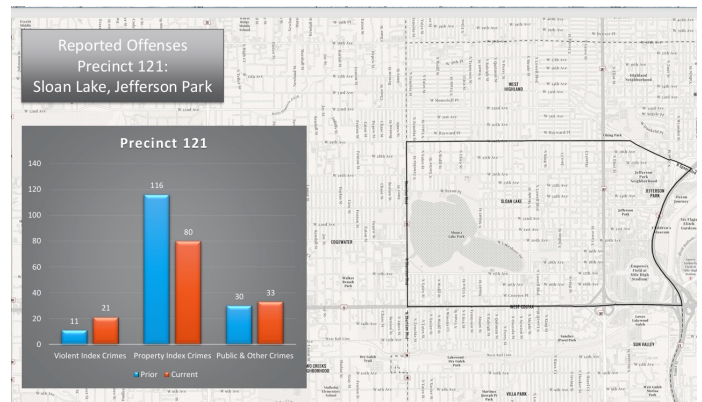
Street racing is not only dangerous for the involved drivers, but also creates the potential to harm or kill others who are not involved. Potential penalties the driver faces are jailtime and court costs, along with the potential to have their vehicle seized.

To report street racing or planned events that organize illegal street racing, visit [ReportStreetRacing.com](http://ReportStreetRacing.com). Also, to report street racing or reckless driving by phone, witnesses should **call 720-913-2000 or call/text 911 for emergencies.**

# How to REPORT CRIME in Denver

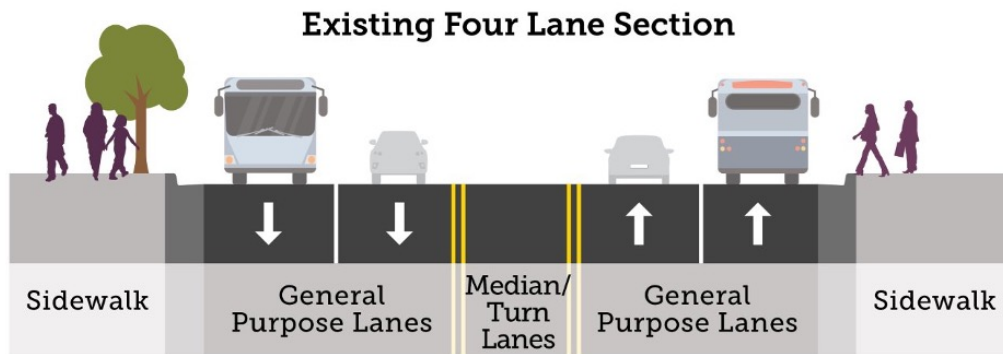
- CALL OR TEXT 911 FOR EMERGENCIES**  
Call if you can, text if you can't.
- CALL 720.913.2000**  
Call the non-emergency line to report crimes that are not in-progress, such as property crimes where the suspect is no longer on scene.
- VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
Some non-emergency police reports can be filed online -- visit [denvergov.org/police](http://denvergov.org/police) and click "report crime now."
- WALK-IN TO A STATION**  
File a police report in person by walking in to any one of our six district stations.
- SUBMIT TIPS ANONYMOUSLY**  
You can submit tips anonymously by calling Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at 720.913.STOP (7867) or online at [metrodencrimestoppers.com](http://metrodencrimestoppers.com).

**DENVERGOV.ORG/POLICE**



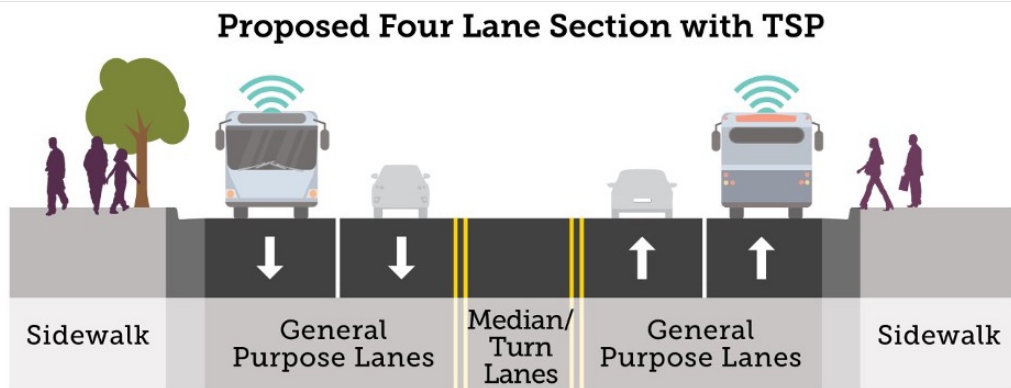
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Currently, a majority of this segment has two general traffic lanes in each direction and a median or left-turn lane in this section of the corridor.



Cross-section showing two general traffic lanes in each direction, with a left-turn lane.

**Proposed improvements between 52nd and 20th avenues include:**



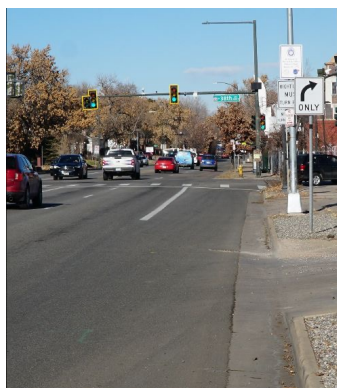
- This section of the corridor will have mixed traffic operation with the bus and general-purpose vehicles. Meaning that the bus will share a lane with general-purpose traffic.
  - Due to the current configuration and constraints of the road between 52nd and 20th avenues, improvements in this section will help improve transit speed and reliability while minimizing impacts to adjacent land uses where right-of-way is constrained.
- Incorporating bypass lanes with queue jump signals at targeted intersections where buses typically experience significant delay. These provide priority to buses to reduce delay experienced.
- Incorporating Transit Signal Priority. This allows the buses to communicate with the traffic signals as they approach an intersection and proceed through an intersection more efficiently.
- Improving stations (near-level boarding, off-board fare collection).
- Implementing transit frequencies of seven and a half minutes.

**Future cross-section:**

Sidewalks, a mixed-use bus/general-purpose lane with Transit Signal Priority, and a general purpose lane in each direction as well as a median/left-turn lane in the center.

**Left:** Photo shows the current configuration of Federal Boulevard at 38th Avenue.

**Right:** Rendering of the improved configuration at Federal Boulevard at 38th Avenue.





## Station Locations

There are currently 73 existing bus stop pairs (one northbound and one southbound) along Federal Boulevard between 120th and Dartmouth avenues.

Bus rapid transit will replace those with a total of 38 pairs of BRT stations. In the section between 52nd and 20th avenues, there will be eight BRT station pairs instead of the existing 13 bus stop pairs today.

By reducing the number of times a bus stops, passengers save time traveling from one place to another.

## Stay Connected!

**Project Webpage:**  
[bit.ly/FederalBlvdBRT](https://bit.ly/FederalBlvdBRT)

**Hotline:**  
 303-335-9587

**Email:**  
[FederalBlvdBRT@gmail.com](mailto:FederalBlvdBRT@gmail.com)

**Road Conditions:**  
[COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org)

**COtrip Planner App:**  
[bit.ly/COTripapp](https://bit.ly/COTripapp)

**Project Travel Alerts:**  
[bit.ly/COnewsalerts](https://bit.ly/COnewsalerts)

**Lane Closures:**  
[bit.ly/laneclosures](https://bit.ly/laneclosures)

### Existing bus stops



### Future BRT stations

