Adams County is working with the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF), the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study Federal Boulevard from 52nd Ave. to 72nd Ave. as part of the Building Healthy Places initiative which launched in July 2015.

Through this public/private partnership, the county’s Long Range Strategic Planning Office has identified 40 items in the impacted area that will address needed infrastructure, make connections to trails and revitalize this important community center. Working with CHF and ULI staff, the goal was to find the 10 most essential improvements within the southwest portion of the county that align with the Building Healthy Places initiative by collaborating with the cities of Denver, Westminster, Federal Heights, community members and other stakeholders.

Results from the study, including recommendations from CHF and ULI, were discussed at a national conference in San Francisco attended by planners, developers and commercial real estate professionals.

The Federal Boulevard Framework Plan was adopted by Adams County Commissioners in the fall of 2014 following a process that included extensive community involvement.

Click the link below to view a video featuring Adams County’s Healthy Corridors work on Federal Blvd. The video was shared and discussed with a national audience at the ULI Fall Conference to help integrate great planning through a health and economic lens. The hope is that this work will lead to a national model that can be implemented across the country as a best practice.

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