



ADAMS COUNTY

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**STUDY SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY
January 17, 2017**

ALL TIMES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

10:30 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Ben Dahlman / Kim Roland / Julia Ferguson
	ITEM:	Update / New Purchasing Policy
11:00 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Heidi Miller
	ITEM:	Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice Regarding Proposed Legislation
11:30 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Kevin Doran / Jeanne Shreve
	ITEM:	Legislative Working Group
12:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Todd Leopold
	ITEM:	BOCC Boards and Commissions Appointments
1:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Norman Wright / Suncor Representatives
	ITEM:	Suncor Discussion
2:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Abel Montoya / Rachel Bacon
	ITEM:	Invest Health
2:45 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Todd Leopold
	ITEM:	Administrative Item Review / Commissioner Communications
3:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Heidi Miller
	ITEM:	Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) for the Purpose of Discussing Potential Purchase of Real Property

(AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH MAY ARISE)

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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE: January 17, 2017
SUBJECT: Update/New Purchasing Policy
FROM: Benjamin Dahlman
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Finance Department
ATTENDEES: Benjamin Dahlman, Kim Roland, Julia Ferguson
PURPOSE OF ITEM: Discuss changes to Appendix A – Emergency Procurement Card Levels and add a Sustainable Non-Asset Property Disposal Policy
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Direct staff to submit proposed changes to Department Directors and Elected Official for review prior to future BOCC approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Finance Department has been evaluating our purchasing policies as part of our effort to continuously improve while keeping in place adequate internal controls to protect the integrity of the process. We listen to feedback and several changes to the policies have been identified. Our policies include a provision to review the policy for potential changes once every three years. We are looking at the following changes within that timeframe. Staff has prepared amendments to one existing policy and proposes the creation of one new policy.

The Current Purchasing Policies and Procedures have a policy that addresses the disposal of County assets. Our interpretation and the current policy was written specifically for assets and is not written to address items that do not qualify as a County asset.

County assets are generally capital items that have a useful life of more than a year and have a value greater than \$5,000.

The County has also the need to reasonably dispose of items that do not reach the asset classification dollar level. The Office of Performance, Innovation, and Sustainability, Information Technology, County Manager's Office and the County Attorney's Office have participated in the drafting of this proposed policy.

The Finance Department would also like to also propose changes in the Purchasing Policies and Procedures Appendix A – Emergency Procurement Card Levels to account for changes the names of certain departments and assign emergency p-card levels for Emergency Management operations that no longer has a director level staff.

Should the BOCC direct staff to proceed, changes to purchasing policies and procedures require proposed changes to be sent to the Department Directors and Elected Officials for a 10 day review period.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

County Manager's Office
Office of Performance and Sustainability
Information Technology
Finance Department
County Attorney

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Proposed Sustainable Non-Asset Property Disposal Policy
Appendix A – Emergency Procurement Card Levels

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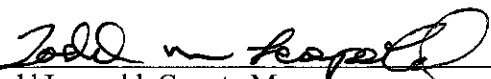
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Future Amendment Needed: YES NO

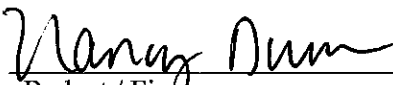
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 ADAMS COUNTY COLORADO	SUSTAINABLE NON-ASSET PROPERTY DISPOSAL POLICY DRAFT	Approval Date
	Related to Centralized Purchasing Policy 1110 (Asset Disposal Policy) DIVISION AND POLICY NUMBER PURCHASING – 1112	Revision Date

PURPOSE:

To define the Adams County (County) process for disposing of excess and surplus, non-asset items in a fiscally and environmentally reasonable manner. Priority shall be given first to find a dedicated reuse for the item within County offices, departments, and divisions, then to finding a dedicated reuse for the item within approved school districts, governmental agencies, and non-profits. Lastly, items not having an alternative reuse option available will be disposed of through auction or other responsible disposal mechanism (i.e. items that are recyclable are to be recycled properly). This policy supports the Sustainable Adams County 2030 Plan and provides an opportunity to further achieve the goals set forth in the Plan.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Adams County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) that whenever an item or piece of equipment is no longer needed by an End User, and the item is not deemed an asset, or was at the time of purchase deemed an asset but no longer qualifies as an asset (i.e. due to depreciation, as determined by the Finance Department), the County Manager's designee shall work with the End User to find the next best use for the non-asset items, with priority given to reuse by county offices or departments, followed by reuse by approved outside agencies, followed by auction, and finally proper recycling or disposal. Any funds received from the disposition of non-assets are to be deposited into Adams County General Fund or other funds as appropriate at the direction of the Budget Office.

EXEMPTIONS: This policy does not apply to computers, electronics, and other items managed by the County IT Department who will be responsible for disposing the items through a reputable auction firm or a company that process such items.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: All

PROCEDURE: Non-Asset Items for Reuse, Repurposing or Recycling:


- End User verifies whether or not the item is recorded as an asset by Finance.
 - If the item is recorded as an asset but the End User and Finance determine that item is no longer an asset, the Purchasing Manager will inform General Accounting and the Director of Finance of the condition of the asset, and the asset will be removed from the Adams County capital asset system (See Appendix I-Asset/Equipment Disposal Form).
- End User contacts County Manager's designee at sustainability@adcogov.org regarding appropriate placement options for the item
 - County Manager's designee will work with the End User to find best use for the non-asset item using the following priorities:
 - Furniture and larger equipment will first be offered to be re-sold at auction
 - Internal reuse or repurposing by posting on MyAdams (or equivalent)

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- Items will be stored in the Sustainability Supply Area or other applicable area as space is available
 - Items will be posted on the 'Office Supplies' tab on MyAdams
 - Offices and Users interested in items listed on the 'Office Supplies' tab of MyAdams will contact sustainability@adcogov.org to request said items
- Reuse or repurposing within the County's school districts, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations
 - Notice of available items will be sent to a distribution list of organizations that have indicated interest; notice will also be posted on the Adams County website
 - Recipient organizations will receive a receipt identifying the nature of the donation and releasing Adams County from any liability or indemnification associated with the use of the donated item(s)
 - At no time is the receiving organization to re-sell the item for profit
- Recycle
- Landfill
- The County Manager's designee will host a Supply Swap event on an annual or bi-annual basis to offer an opportunity to relocate and repurpose items across the County offices and divisions.
 - During this multi-day event, offices, departments, and divisions will be invited to bring old office supplies and furniture to a central location to drop off, and will be allowed to shop from the surplus for new items the department or division may require.
 - On the last day of the Supply Swap event, school districts and agencies that have been pre-approved by the BOCC for donations from the County will be invited to take surplus items that no longer have use to the County. These transactions will be done in accordance with the [Adams County Ethics Policy](#).
 - The remainder of the items will be properly discarded via auction, recycling or other disposal means.
- The County Manager's designee retains discretion on the best way to repurpose/reuse the item and will coordinate with the appropriate entities as required.

Items that are deemed assets must be disposed of following Centralized Purchasing Policy 1110 (Asset Disposal Policy) and Property Disposal Procedure/Work Instruction.

	APPENDIX A – EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT CARD LEVELS	Approval Date 11/01/12
	DIVISION AND POLICY NUMBER PURCHASING	Revision Date N/A

In the event of a disaster the following Procurement Card Temporary Spending Limits are in effect:

Facilities-Facility Operations

Director	\$150,000
Supervisors	\$100,000
Administrative Assistant	\$100,000

Office of Emergency Management

Director Neighborhood Services Manager	\$100,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$100,000

Public Works-Transportation

Director	\$150,000
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Finance/Purchasing

Director	\$150,000
Manager	\$150,000
Contract Managers	\$150,000
Purchasing Agents	\$150,000

Information Technology and Telecom

Director	\$250,000
Supervisors	\$250,000

Health and Human Services

Director	\$150,000
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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE:	1/17/17
SUBJECT:	Legislative Working Group (LWG) – General Assembly Legislative Review
FROM:	Kevin Doran, Legislative Liaison
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	Intergovernmental Relations Office, County Manager’s Office
ATTENDEES:	Kevin Doran, Jeanne Shreve, LWG
PURPOSE OF ITEM:	Brief BoCC on previous week’s General Assembly legislation of relevance to the County, and obtain County stances on said legislation
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Review, discussion, and obtain County stances on legislation

BACKGROUND:

The First Regular Session of the Seventy-first Colorado General Assembly convened on January 11, 2017. These Study Sessions will review, with the BoCC, the pertinent legislation introduced the previous week in order for the BoCC to take official County positions on each piece of relevant legislation.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Intergovernmental Relations Office, Legislative Working Group, County Manager’s Office

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

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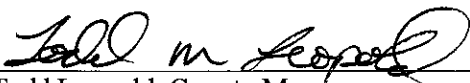
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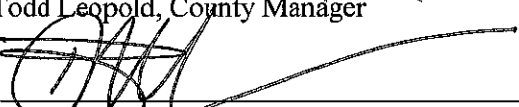
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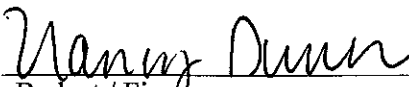


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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE: January 17, 2017
SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners 2017 Reorganization
FROM: Todd Leopold, County Manager
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Manager's Office
ATTENDEES: Todd Leopold
PURPOSE OF ITEM: Discuss the 2017 Board Assignments for the Commissioners
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the Board of County Commissioners discuss their board assignments during Study Session and will formally approve them during a Public Hearing.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

2016 Board Assignments

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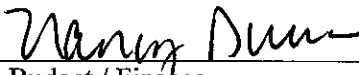
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Commissioner Representative

Committee	Number of Appointments	Commissioner	Frequency
Airport Coordinating Committee	Commissioner (5)	Hansen Henry Hodge O'Dorizio Tedesco	Varies
Adams County Economic Development Executive Board	Commissioner (3)		Monthly
Adams County Youth Initiative	Commissioner (1)		Monthly
Adams County Water Quality Association	Commissioner (1) Alternate (1)		Quarterly
Aurora Economic Development Board of Directors	Commissioner (1) Alternate (1)		Monthly
Boundary Control Commission	Commissioner (1)		As Needed
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee	Commissioner (1)		Monthly
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Commissioner (1) Alternate (1)		Monthly
Interstate 36 Corridor	Commissioner (1)		Monthly
E-470 Highway Authority	Commissioner (1) Alternate (1)		Monthly
<i>Highline Canal Conservancy</i>	Commissioner (1)		Monthly
<i>Highway 7 Coalition</i>	Commissioner (1)		Monthly

<i>Highway 85 Coalition</i>	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
Housing Authority	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
North Area Transportation Alliance	Commissioner (1) Alternate (1)	Monthly
North Metro Chamber of Commerce Development Council	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
<i>Progressive 15</i>	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
Regional Economic Advancement Partnership	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
<i>Small Business Development Center Advisory Board</i>	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
School District 27J Capital Facilities Fees Foundation	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
Urban Drainage & Flood Control District	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
Urban Renewal Authority - C.C. Dog Track	Commissioner (1)	Monthly
	Tedesco	

Committee Status:

Smart Commute - Appointments made by Smart Commute Executive Board per their bylaws
Arapahoe House - Termination of Detox Program (currently an Ex-Officio Member appointment)



STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE: January 17 th , 2017
SUBJECT: Suncor Incident Review
FROM: Norman Wright, Community and Economic Development Director
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development
ATTENDEES: Norman Wright, Eric Guenther, Richard Atkins, Representatives from Suncor
PURPOSE OF ITEM: To provide an exchange between Suncor representatives and the Board regarding the Suncor Incident
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No recommendations offered in this session

BACKGROUND:

On October 14th, 2016, the Suncor Refinery suffered a power loss event that resulted in a visible cloud of gas escaping a smoke stack and forming over neighborhoods in Adams County. Over the course of several hours, emergency responders reacted to the incident and engaged in protocols to manage the situation. Adams County Emergency Management monitored the situation and waited, on standby, for any necessary action. After the incident, Emergency Management worked with the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and Suncor in an after-action meeting held on October 25th. For this session, findings from that meeting and improvements or lessons learned from further review will be shared from the standpoint of Suncor and its representatives.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

No attached documents

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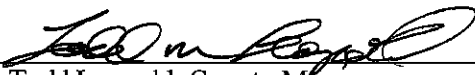
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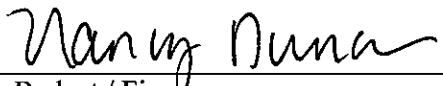


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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE:	January 17, 2017
SUBJECT:	Invest Health
FROM:	Abel Montoya, Director
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	Long Range Strategic Planning
ATTENDEES:	Abel Montoya, Rachel Bacon, Lori Wisner, Rebecca Zamora, JR Clanton, Sheila Lynch, Kate Skarbek, Tom Butts, Emma Pinter, Paldretti Consulting
PURPOSE OF ITEM:	Update on Invest Health - Information
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Update on Invest Health - Information

BACKGROUND:

Provide an update on the Invest Health progress.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Tri-County Health, City of Westminster

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

PowerPoint, self-guided tour information update, Invest Health schedule and Making Connections

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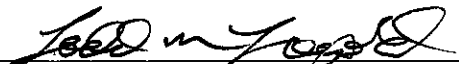
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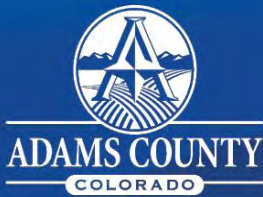


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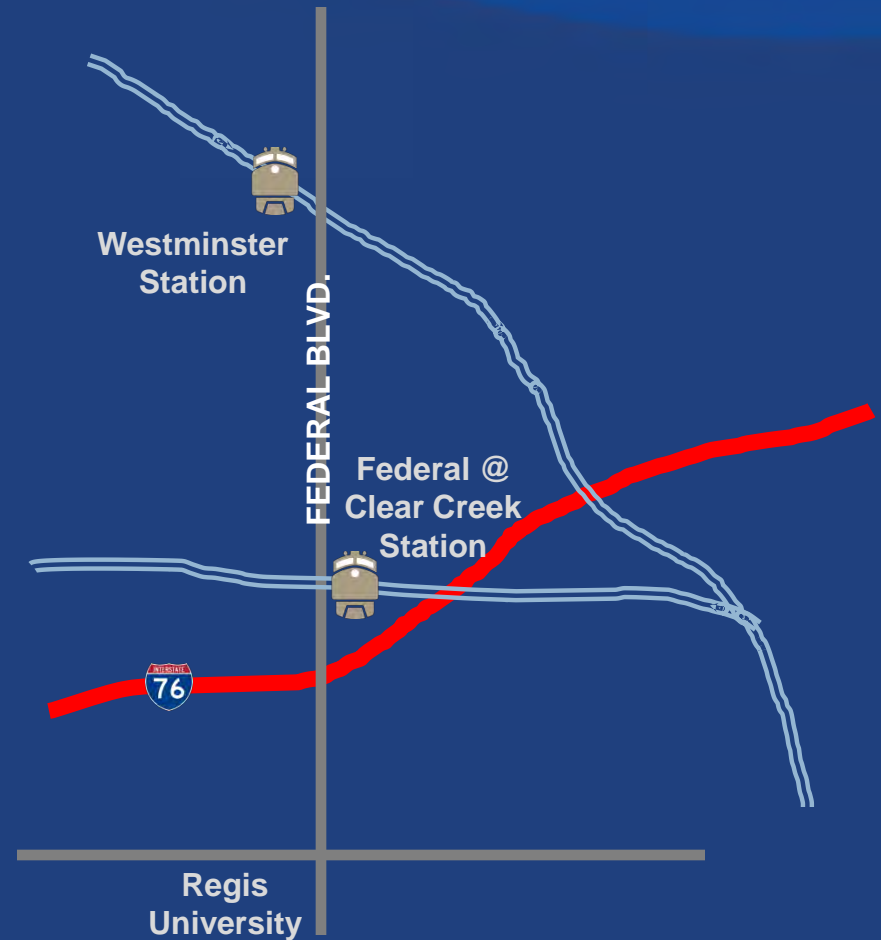
INVEST HEALTH GRANT UPDATE

Long Range Strategic Planning Department
January 17, 2017



Overview

- **Invest Health Partners:**
 - Adams County
 - City of Westminster
 - Mile High Connects
 - Tri-County Health Department
 - Regis University
- Partnership awarded a **\$60,000 Invest Health Grant** to leverage resources and build capacity for policy, program initiatives and projects to affect health outcomes in a meaningful way in SW Adams County



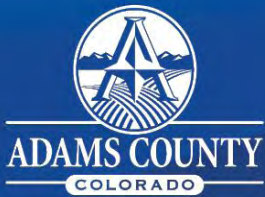


About Invest Health

A new initiative to empower mid-sized cities across the U.S. to develop strategies for increasing and leveraging private and public investments to improve neighborhoods facing the biggest barriers to better health. Grantee coalitions receive professional coaching, training, and matching with peer cities.

Granting Organizations:

- The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** funded the Federal Blvd. Framework Plan Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in 2015. The Foundation funds a variety of initiatives geared towards cross-sector collaboration to promote health through transportation, the built environment, planning, and the intersection of the social determinants of health.
- The **Reinvestment Fund** works with cities to better use data to understand and address at-risk neighborhoods with health, transportation, housing, education and other initiatives.
- **Coaching services provided by Bennett Midland:** Management coaching and consulting firm specializing in governments and non-profits



Team Vision

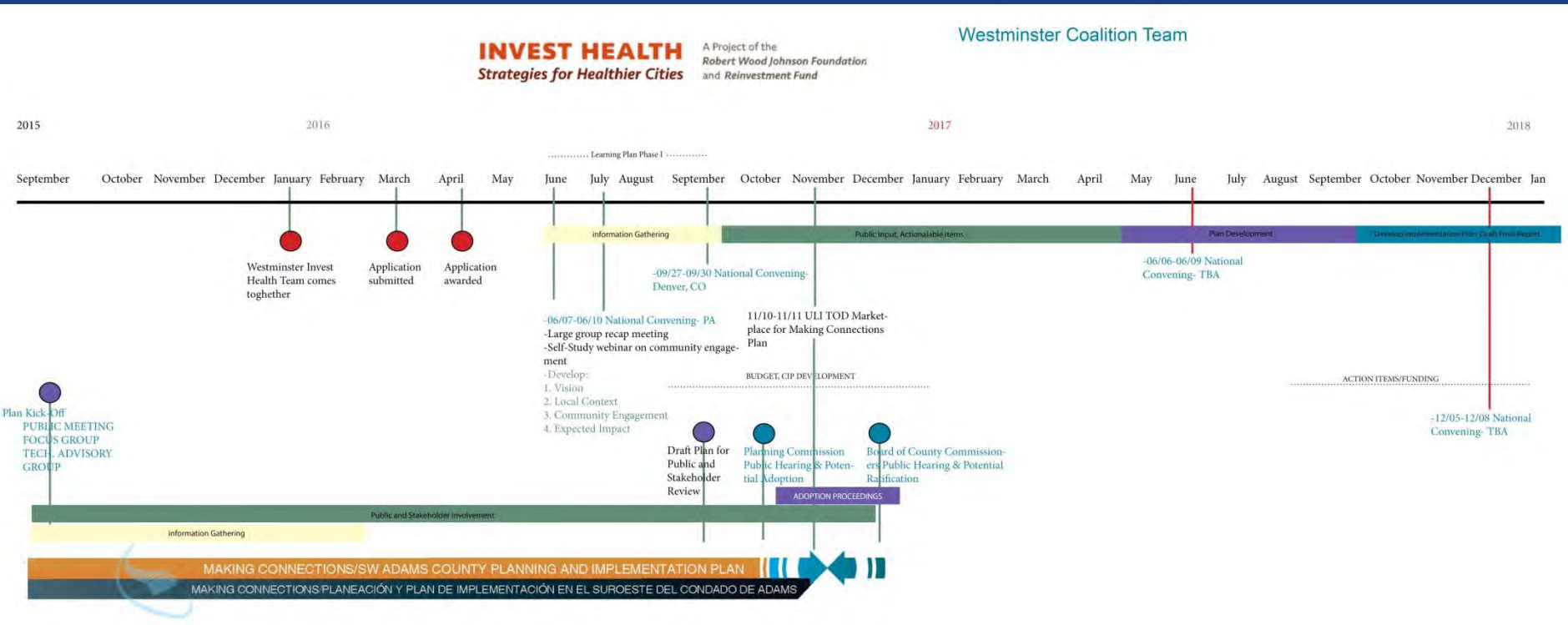
“To create an infrastructure and program collaborative to attract community investment increasing economic opportunities, improving health, and enhancing transit accessibility for all the people served by the two transit stations in Southwest Adams County, Colorado.”





Progress & Next Steps

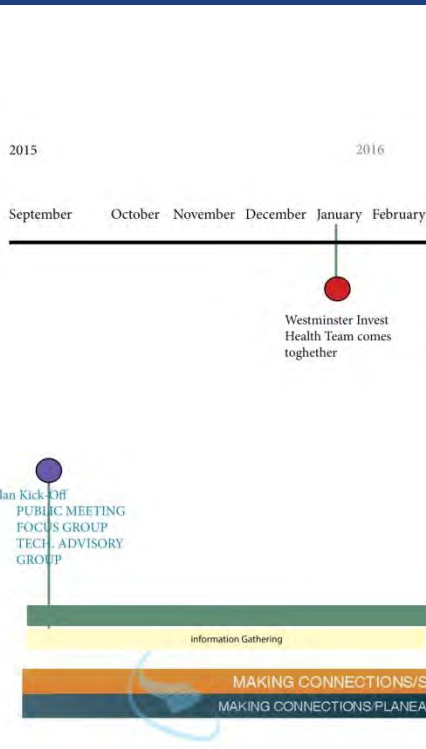
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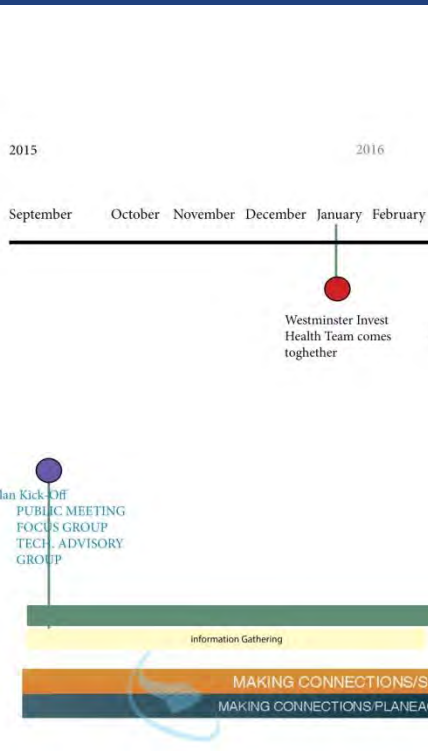
- National recognition: ULI Healthy Corridors Program & ULI TOD Forum
- DRCOG MetroVision Award for Federal Framework Plan & HIA
- 20+ team meetings since December 2015
- High engagement in each other's plans & programs
 - Making Connections in SW Adams County Planning & Implementation Plan (adopted 10/27/16/ratified 12/06/16) & Invest Health are highly integrated and informed by one another
- First two of four national convenings attended
 - Denver hosted second convening Sept. 2016
 - Team hosted successful tour: 22 participants toured SW Adams County opportunities
- Identified existing conditions & health metrics
- Developed Vision; Identified Goals and Priorities





Next Steps

- Engage community stakeholders
 - Develop 2-3 “Actionable Items” including a Pipeline of Projects
- Additional Education/Training:
 - Site visits to peer cities
 - Two additional national convenings
- Develop implementation plan & draft final report
- Develop sustained partnership structure
- Continue to seek innovative investment and partnership opportunities
- ULI Developers Forum in Feb. 2017
- RailVolution (National TOD Conference) case study & tour in Sept. 2017



Westminster Invest Health

A cross-sector planning effort focused on improving transportation, safety and the health of residents in low-income neighborhoods adjacent to two planned Transit Oriented Developments (TODs)

Why health matters

Societal and environmental factors - housing stability, educational quality, economic vitality, walkability, environmental exposure to pollutants, etc. – play a large role in determining the health of communities. By building communities that promote healthy behaviors, we can improve quality of life, mitigate health disparities, and reduce the burden of chronic diseases. The Westminster Invest Health area is changing rapidly due to the addition of light rail and TOD development, which comes with both challenges and opportunities. Westminster Invest Health aims to capitalize on the change by promoting projects that will improve the built environment while mitigating negative consequences of redevelopment, including displacement.

Why this community

The southwest Adams County community is more economically challenged and ethnically/racially diverse than either Adams County or Colorado. These populations are disproportionately affected by social and environmental factors, putting this community at a higher risk for many health outcomes, including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke.

Low Income

- **one-in-four** individuals lives **below the poverty level**
- **93%** of the children attending elementary schools in the area are eligible for **free and reduced lunch**

Large Hispanic/Latino Population

61.9% of the population is **Hispanic or Latino** (any race)

What community conditions contribute to health



Traffic Safety Concerns

- During 2009-2011, 17% of all crashes in the corridor resulted in injury compared to 9% of other crashes on Adams County state highways
- High traffic speeds, inadequate lighting, and high levels of pedestrian collisions along the corridor prevent the neighborhood from being a safe place to walk or bike

Perceived Lack of Safety

- Between 2011-2013, there were 622 reports of “blight” reported to code enforcement
- The high density of bars, liquor stores, and adult businesses along the corridor contribute to safety concerns
- Blighted neighborhood conditions and perceptions of violence can act as a chronic stressor, affecting mental and physical health, and may prevent people from going outside and exercising out of fear

Lack of Physical Activity Opportunities

- 59% of Federal Blvd does not have sidewalks and the surrounding area lacks continuous sidewalks between residential areas and schools
- Options to increase physical activity through alternative transportation like walking and bicycling are very difficult due to the lack of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

Fear of Displacement

- Community members expressed concerns about the potential increased value of real estate with increased demand for transit-oriented development (TOD), making it unaffordable to stay in their current residences
- Redevelopment around the proposed light rail stations may eliminate existing affordable housing options

The Partners

Adams County

Adams County's population is 491,337 (2015 estimate). The 2040 projection is 768,312 (via Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)). The 2040 projection is a 56% increase in population for the County and accounts for 16.18 % of the six-county Denver Metropolitan Area's growth during this timeframe. DRCOG projects Adams County to be the fastest growing county in the Metropolitan Area in both population and employment through 2040.

Southwest Adams County, home to approximately 150,000 people, includes 23,525 acres of land defined generally from Brighton Boulevard on the east, Sheridan Boulevard on the west, 52nd Avenue on the south, and 92nd Avenue on the north. Southwest Adams County has the highest propensity for significant urbanization in all of Adams County.

Mile High Connects

The mission of Mile High Connects (MHC) is to ensure the Metro Denver regional transit system fosters communities that offer all residents the opportunity for a high quality of life. MHC is a broad partnership of organizations from the private, public and nonprofit sectors that are committed to increasing access to housing choices, good jobs, quality schools and essential services via public transit. MHC accomplishes its work by engaging residents, leveraging resources, and influencing policy. It focuses its work in four key areas:

- Affordable Housing and Reduced Displacement
- Community Business Development, Job Creation and Economic Opportunity
- Affordable Fares and Meaningful Service Routes
- Improved First and Last Mile Connections

Regis University

Located in its current campus since 1887, Regis University is in both Denver and Adams counties. Regis employs 275 faculty and 650 staff, serving about 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The current 4,675 campus-based students contribute nearly 140,000 hours of community service annually. The Regis campus is 91 acres, with eight acres along Federal Blvd and 15 more in the community. Additionally, Regis partners with Aria, a development providing affordable housing, community gardens, and health promoting amenities in the area.

Cultivate Health is a partnership among Regis University, Aria Denver, and the surrounding neighborhoods. It is a resident-centered approach to healthy place-making made possible through a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation. Cultivate Health has spurred numerous conversations with residents, and Regis continues building relationships to work on projects to improve the health of the community.

Tri-County Health Department

Established in 1948, Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) leads prevention and population health-based programs with a mission to "Promote, protect and improve the lifelong health of individuals and communities in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties through the effective use of data, evidence-based prevention strategies, leadership, advocacy, partnerships, and the promotion of health equity." In conducting activities and programs in the southwestern Adams County, these principles guide the agency's approach and are reflected in the Federal Blvd HIA completed by TCHD in 2014. The TCHD has made multi-sector, upstream public health initiatives that address health equity a priority through the agency's strategic plan. Addressing health and economic disparities are key to improving community and individual health outcomes.

Westminster

The City of Westminster is home to more than 110,000 residents and 4,000 businesses, roughly half of which are in Adams County. Split almost evenly between two counties, the Adams County side of Westminster includes the oldest incorporated section of the city in the Invest Health grant area. Incorporated in 1911, this section of the city has experienced the longest-ranging development and, of course, the most aging infrastructure compared to the rest of the city.

Planning Efforts

A number of master plans have been developed for this area. The City of Westminster Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2013) and the South Westminster Urban Redevelopment Plan (2006) address affordable housing, mixed use development, attractive streetscapes, and park enhancements in and around the new Westminster station. The Westminster Station Park Master Plan is currently underway as well.



An updated Affordable Housing Study will be completed for the city by November 2016. At the same time, a Balanced Housing Plan and Needs Assessment by Adams County is launching. The Denver metro area is experiencing almost-unprecedented growth resulting in rental rates rising. Within the two quarters of 2016, rental rates in Westminster rose by 13%, with even higher increases for efficiency median rent, from \$619 to \$1,062 per month, a 73% increase. Arguably, the region faces no more pressing an issue than affordable housing.

With the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) \$7.8 billion FasTracks plan, passed by voters in 2004, five new rail lines are opening throughout the metro area in 2016. This includes the B-line from Denver's Union Station to Westminster and the G-line, including the Federal Station, in fall 2016. The new lines add 50 miles to the rail system in the metro area, more than doubling the existing 48 miles at the start of the year.

The Federal Boulevard Framework Plan and HIA (2015), EPA Brownfields Grant, and the recently adopted Adams County Making Connections Plan address land use and development in the unincorporated portions of Southwest Adams County. The Making Connections Plan focuses on the identification of 40 and top 10 list of projects and policies to inform County capital improvement funding in this area.

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) has chosen Federal Blvd. area as a part of its Healthy Corridors Initiative. This designation brings national expertise and technical assistance to the existing planning efforts.

Invest Health provides the opportunity to formally integrate the agencies and efforts to develop a strategic cross-jurisdictional implementation plan. Existing partnerships with City and County Economic Development teams and the ULI will allow Invest Health to engage with the development community.

The Westminster Invest Health Team Vision:

"To create an infrastructure and program collaborative to attract community investment increasing economic opportunities, improving health, and enhancing transit accessibility for all the people served by the three transit stations in Southwest Adams County, Colorado.

The Tour

Start at Westminster Station and Park at 6955 Grove Street, Westminster, CO.

The Westminster Station B line commuter rail opened on July 25, 2016 with a passenger capacity of 170, with 91-seated passengers. A parking garage with over 600 spaces is located on the corner of Westminster Station Drive and Grove Street. The structure can be added to, allowing for expansion to up to six levels when needed. Parking in the garage is free through October 2016 and then a fee will be required.

The North Plaza, between the garage and the rail platform, serves as a park-like area with outdoor stadium seating to allow for community events such as concerts and movies to be held. Artwork will be installed in the tunnel leading from the plaza to the platform, where artwork is already installed at the shelter benches.

A future 40-acre park and open space area along Little Dry Creek will be built south of the railroad tracks between Federal Boulevard and Lowell Boulevard. Ample recreation and open space amenities will include a truly nature-based park on the westernmost segment of the park.



Partnering with Zagster, the city brought Bike Sharing to the north Denver Metro area. Green commuting will promote trail usage in and through Westminster's 100+ miles of accessible trails. There are five existing stations around the city with more coming in the near future. The existing stations are located at St. Anthony's North Health Campus, The Promenade at the Ice Centre, The Westminster Marriott and Westminster Station. Westminster Station provides commuters an additional option for getting around town other than taking the bus.

Development around the Westminster Station

The area around the future Westminster Station consists of 135-acres bound by Federal Boulevard and Lowell Boulevard, from 72nd Avenue and approximately 68th Avenue. The vision for this

area is a vibrant, mixed-use district.

Affordable Housing at 7120 Federal Boulevard

Alto incorporates 70 affordable housing units, services provided by the Center for Career and Community Enrichment (3CE) in assisting families and individuals to local services, which will enhance resident's living experience by minimizing barriers to maintaining or striving for self-sufficiency. In addition, Alto will contain the Adams County Housing Authority Offices, and 16,000 square feet of rentable commercial space when it opens in 2017. Designed by architect Sears Adkins & Rockmore and developed by Gorman & Company with the Adams County Housing Authority, the energy efficient building will include high-speed Internet hook-up, a community room, picnic area and exercise room.

Southbound on Federal Boulevard

Heading south on Federal Boulevard, note the new \$12 million Federal Blvd & 69th Bridge installed by CDOT with:

- Newer, wider pedestrian sidewalks,
- Extensive earthwork and retaining walls,
- Safety improvements,
- Improved storm sewer system for better roadway drainage;
- New lighting for the recreational path under the bridge;
- Decorative fencing and pedestrian railing; and
- Raised median planter with Westminster logo and future sculptures.

Transitions to no sidewalks and no trees with adult business and mobile home parks throughout the remainder of the corridor.

Regis University at 3333 Regis Boulevard (50th Avenue & Lowell Boulevard)

- Present location since 1877, expanding to Federal and beyond in last 40 years.
- Recently ranked in top 25 universities in the western US by US News and World Report.
- Cultivate Health project uniting Regis and its immediate neighborhoods to promote health and well-being in the environments.
- Aims to positively impact health by building places, social connections, activities and health care for the community.
- The campus is an arboretum with more than 1,200 trees.
- Number of students who live on campus: 800
- Number of employees on campus: 864 Faculty and staff
- Overall enrollment: 9,208
- Acres of land: 114 (includes 12 parcels of land in Adams County)
- Number of parking spaces: 1,709 (therefore looking for transit and mobility options)

Aria Development at 2961 W. 52nd Avenue, Denver, CO

Aria Denver is a new north of Highland neighborhood intentionally designed to cultivate life by providing a well-designed community that reduces carbon footprints, provides urban agriculture and supports continued education within one block of Regis University. With intergenerational co-housing, affordable rental apartments, and townhomes, the 400 total units have an anticipated completion date of 2018.

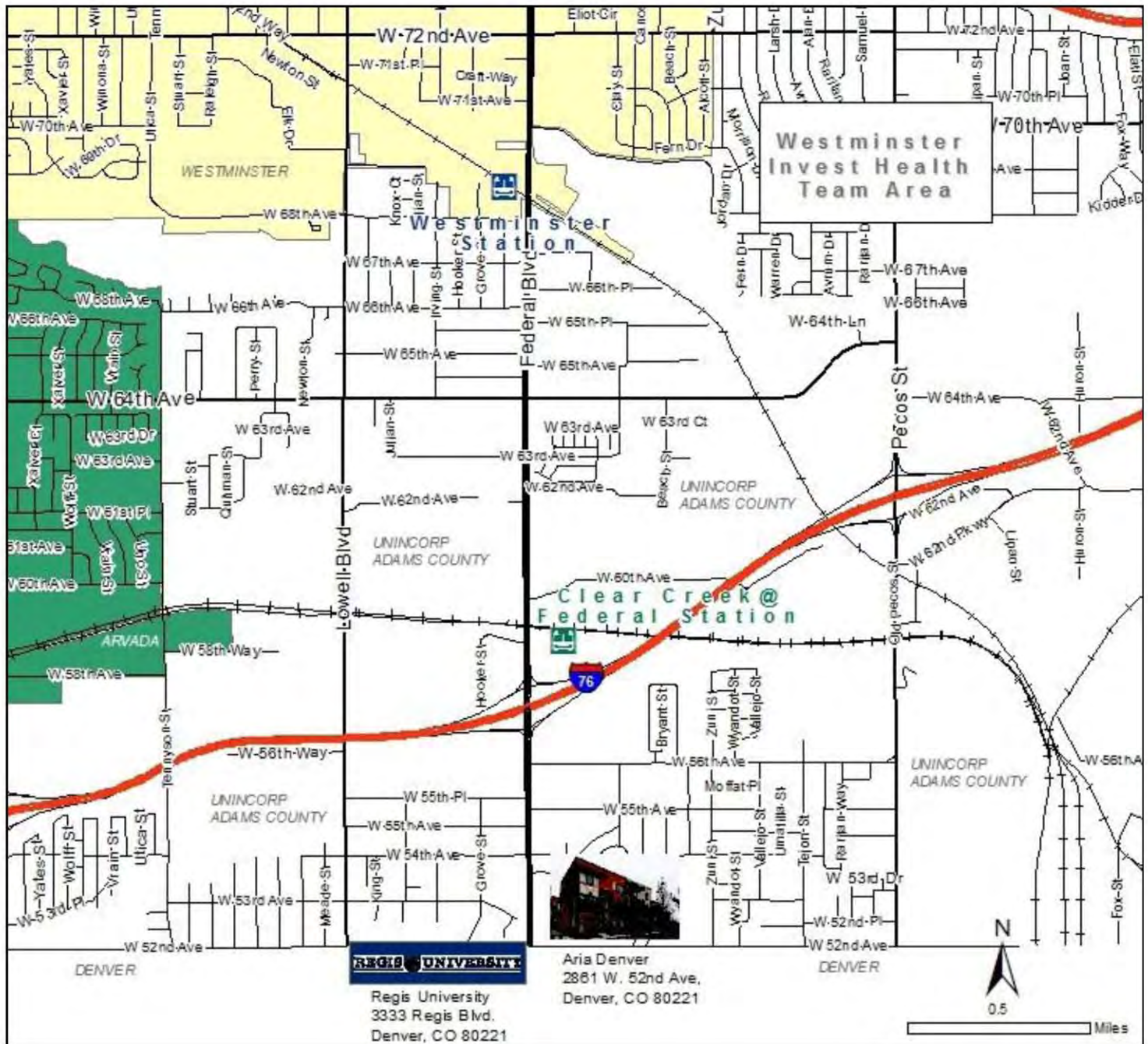
Clear Creek Station and Transit Village on the east side of Federal at 60th Avenue



The Clear Creek/Federal Station, located at W. 60th Avenue and Federal Boulevard, and the surrounding area has a lot of opportunity to promote healthy built environments: As envisioned in the Clear Creek TOD Plan, Mixed-use buildings alongside Clear Creek, looking east from the Federal Station. The new Clear Creek Parkway has a wide median that allows, in addition to the two rows of street trees, two more rows. The roundabout provides an elegant entry to the business park. In the green corridor pedestrian trails are organized around the Clear Creek.

Clear Creek Transit Village, a likely future development on the west side on 60th Avenue. The 20-acre mixed-use site with up to 1,400 residential units and 250,000 sq feet of commercial retail, the 7-story development still needs to be submitted for final approval.

Map of the Westminster Invest Health Area



Information about this 2.5-mile stretch along Federal Boulevard:

- Average number of lanes: 6-8 lanes of traffic
- Average vehicle speed: 35-40 mph
- Bike lanes: 0 miles
- Income data: 53% of residents are low-income
- Corridor population: 13,978

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