

A Bold Vision for an Inclusive, Connected, Healthy City

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In spring 2019, the City and County of Denver debuted new citywide plans that outline a bold vision for an inclusive, connected and healthy Denver. Importantly and for the first time, the plans expressly include social equity factors like vulnerability to displacement, allowing for the tailoring of future programs and policies to meet each neighborhood's needs.

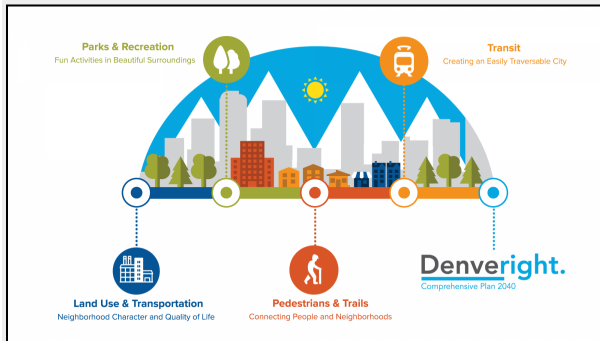
Denveright is a suite of five coordinated plans to promote and ensure equitable growth aligned citywide. Together, these plans reflect the type of city our residents want Denver to be today and in the future. They represent the voices of thousands of Denverites who participated in the three-year planning process.

Creating the Denveright plans involved extensive community engagement and feedback and coordination among multiple city agencies. Denveright challenged residents, neighborhood organizations, local business owners and community leaders in every corner of the city to shape how Denver will evolve in the areas of land use, mobility, parks and recreational resources.

The result was the following five coordinated and inter-connected citywide plans that will chart the course for the Mile High City for the next 20 years:

- **Comprehensive Plan 2040**, a concise, high-level set of goals and recommendations that reflects the voices of thousands of Denverites who have shared their hopes, concerns and dreams about the city's future.

- **Blueprint Denver**, the city's integrated land use and transportation plan, focused on creating complete neighborhoods and complete networks everywhere in our city, and offering a measured, common-sense approach to where growth should go and how it should fit in.
- **Game Plan for a Healthy City**, the city's parks and recreation plan.
- **Denver Moves: Transit**, the city's first-ever transit plan.
- **Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails**, the city's plan for completing/improving sidewalks, street crossings and trails.



Unprecedented engagement

With more than 25,000 pieces of input received from the community throughout the creation of the plans, the Denverright planning effort had an unprecedented level of engagement. A comprehensive mix of grassroots efforts—from small, neighborhood-level events to large-scale community gatherings—digital engagement, traditional meetings, and neighborhood outreach created more than 200 opportunities for Denverites to get involved. Ideas and input collected from the community through these opportunities served as the foundation for draft plans first released to the public in August 2018. The final versions of the plans were adopted by City Council in April and May 2019.

Next steps

With new, bold recommendations in place to pursue a more inclusive, connected and healthy city, Community Planning and Development has already begun implementing recommendations from the plans, including rethinking how zoning can be used to promote and encourage the creation of more affordable housing and community benefits, how we can integrate cultural heritage and movements into our landmark preservation program; how we can update street-design standards for safer, greener, higher-quality streets/sidewalks; and so much more. Comprehensive Plan 2040 has begun serving as a guiding document, ensuring that the community's long-term vision informs policy decisions across the city. Likewise, Blueprint Denver informs our land use decisions, such as rezonings, and other planning processes that take cues from adopted plans, especially at the neighborhood level.

Follow our progress as we implement the community's vision at www.denvergov.org/Blueprint.