



# Community Based Transportation Planning Program Update

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# Community-based transportation planning

- **Goal:** improve mobility options for low-income and historically disadvantaged communities in DRCOG region.
- **Project elements:**
  - Extensive community engagement.
  - Center low-income or historically marginalized communities.
  - Implementation orientated.





# Program Structure

- Two pilot projects 2022-2023.
- \$2.5 Million in 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Projects nominated by local or regional agencies.
- Projects, funds, and procurement managed by DRCOG.
- Focus on community-engagement.



# Pilot Projects



# Edgewater School Transportation Plan

- Safety and traffic plan for Edgewater Elementary and Lumberg Elementary.
- Increased school trips after closure of nearby Molholm Elementary.
- Study concluded in 2024.
- Recommendations included safe routes to schools, infrastructure safety improvements, one-way conversion at Lumberg.

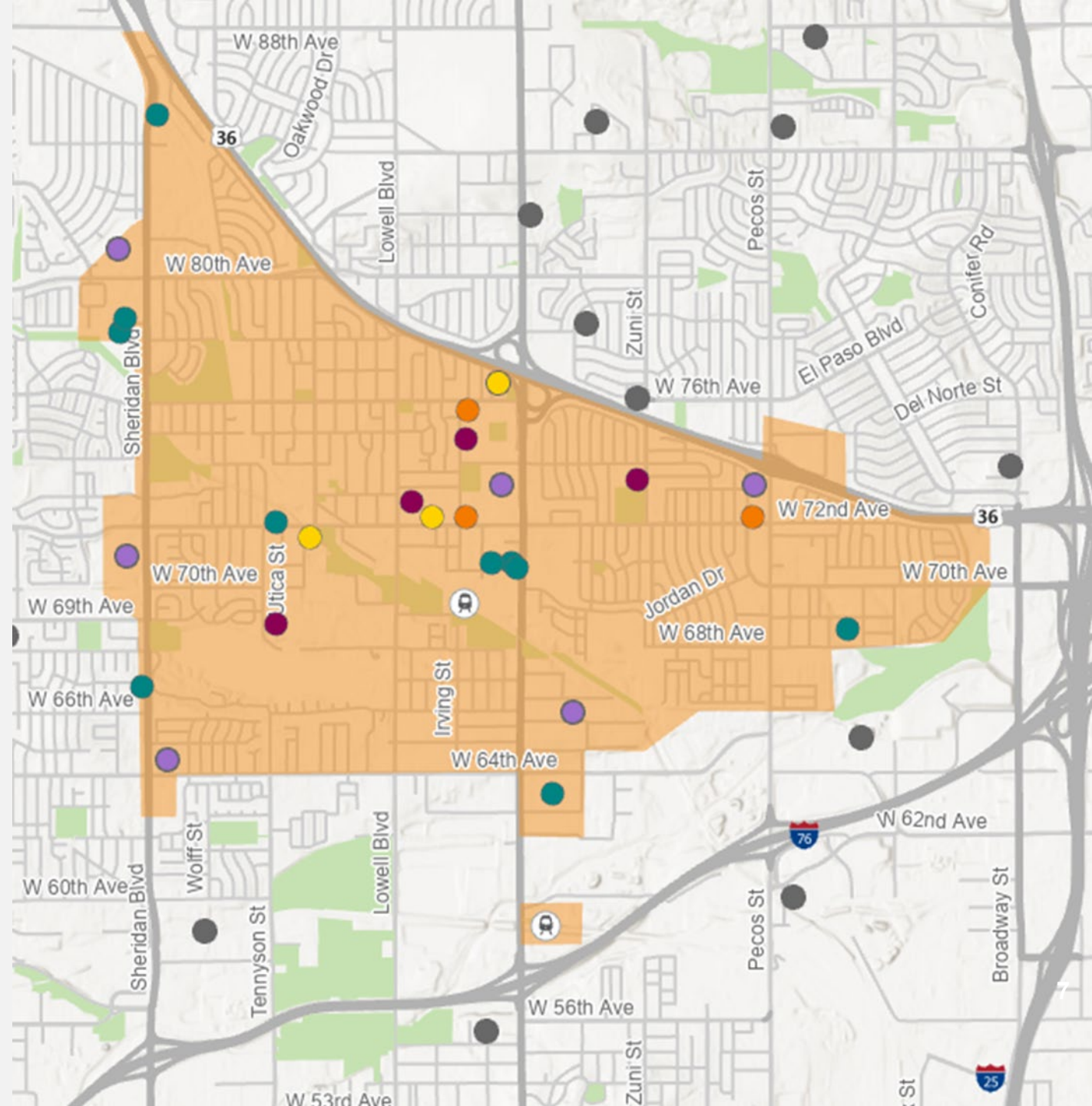


# North Federal Community Transportation Plan

- **Partners:** Adams County, Westminster, Growing Home, Fehr and Peers.
- **Goal:** Identify transportation solution for low income and underserved residents in southwest Adams County.
- **Origin:** Food and pharmacy desert due to closure of Walmart.

# Recommendation

- **Lead Agency:** Adams County.
- **Model:** Zone Based Microtransit.
- **Types of Vehicles:**
  - SUV or Van.
  - 1-2 ADA Accessible Vehicles.
- **Span of Service:**
  - 6am-8pm.
  - 7 days/week.
- **Ride Request Options:**
  - Mobile App.
  - Call-in Option.
  - English and Spanish.





# 2024-2027 Projects

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- 92nd Corridor Study in Federal Heights.
- 303 Artway and Montbello Loop Implementation Plan in Denver.
- Brighton Core City Circulation Plan.
- Pecos Corridor Study.
- Commerce City Microtransit Plan (starting soon!).

# Common Challenges



- Focus on marginalized communities limits effectiveness of traditional engagement.



- Funding for implementing recommendations is a challenge.



- Strong desire for shorter term solutions, in addition to long term recommendations



- Most transportation challenges cross jurisdictional boundaries and require regional collaboration.

# Common Opportunities



- Non-profit partnerships.
- Engaging people in community.
- Incentives, child-friendly events, food and other accommodations.
- Engaging non-traditional community partners.
- Pop-up infrastructure and quick wins.



# Next call for projects

- October 2025 Call for Projects
  - Due by mid-November.
  - February 2026 DRCOG Board approval.
- Likely combined call with Livable Centers and Innovative Mobility.



# Questions?

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