

5280 TRAIL

Acoma Design Vision





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1 | Introduction

The 5280 Trail is a bold and visionary project that will transform how public right-of-way is used in Downtown Denver to provide an authentic, memorable experience that unites urban life with the outdoor culture of Colorado. It is about health, people, place, and community.

Human beings are creatures of habit. We walk the same paths, frequent the same establishments, and revisit our favorite spaces again and again.

For many of us, the better we know a place, the less of it we see.

The 5280 Trail makes Denver intimate again. It transforms the way we use public spaces, creating more than five miles of urban trails and linear parks to circle the heart of Denver.

It connects people to their city, to their community, and to each other. On the 5280 Trail, residents and visitors alike explore sides of Denver they never knew existed and they meet people they might otherwise never have met.

The 5280 Trail will make locals feel like tourists and tourists feel like locals. It is quintessentially Colorado and distinctly Denver.



LINKS & PLACES

The 5280 is composed of Places and Links.

'Links' are the backbone throughout the entire 5280 Trail. They will create a common language and identity through furnishings, paving and vegetation as it takes users between and through neighborhoods connecting and passing through 'Places'.

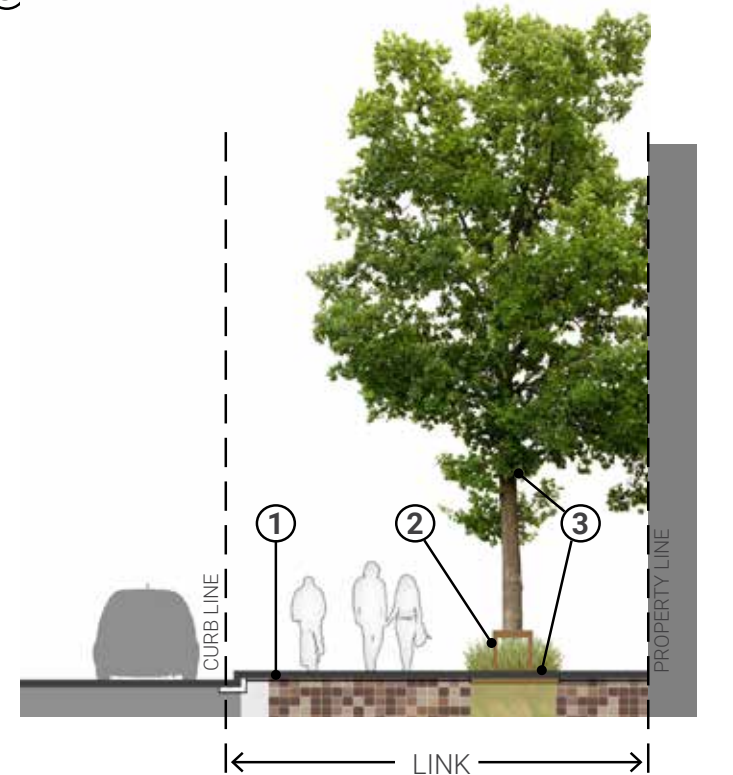
Links are simple but much like a hiking trail that morphs and changes with the conditions and environments around it, the 5280 Link adapts to different streets and neighborhoods taking on a number of different configurations. The elasticity of the Link palette is able to adapt to various urban conditions.

'Places' are destinations on the 5280 that are unique to each neighborhood. These are neighborhood centers, gathering areas, and re-imagined rights-of-ways that build and strengthen the identities of the communities. Each individual neighborhood's character and sense of place shall inform how the 5280 manifests itself as a 'Place'.

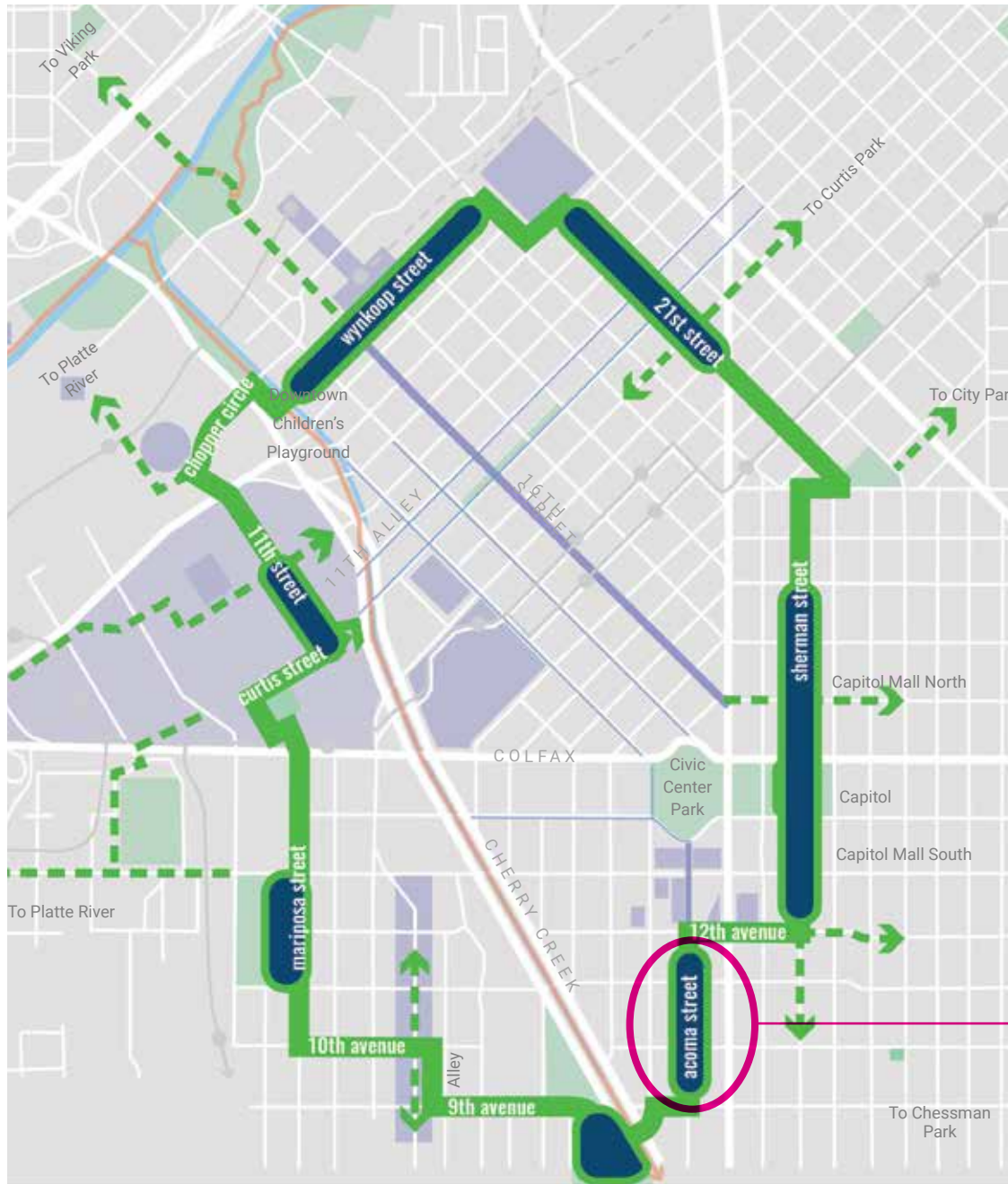
There is a total of 8 'Places' identified along the 5280 Trail. These have been developed in order to create a continuous connection that adapts to neighborhood character, existing tree canopy, available space, transportation needs and changing urban environments.

The Link typically encompasses the entire space between the face of curb and adjacent property line. It is made up of 3 main elements.

- ① TRAIL
- ② FURNISHINGS
- ③ VEGETATION & AMENITY ZONES



EXCERPT FROM THE 5280 DESIGN GUIDELINES SHOWING A TYPICAL 'LINK'



Acoma Street is a 'Place' in the Golden Triangle neighborhood connected by 'Links' on 12th Ave and 9th or 10th Aves.



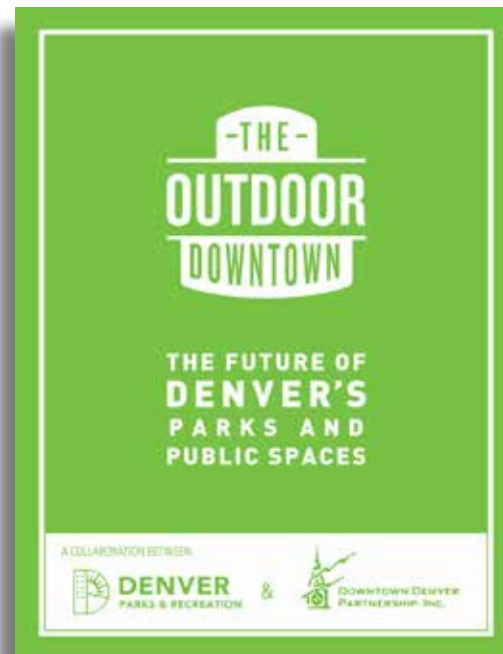
2| Planning for the 5280: Acoma Street

There is a long lineage of planning projects that have led to the concept and proposed alignment of the 5280 Trail. The ideas and visions from existing neighborhood plans and mobility efforts have been linked to create the connected 5 mile urban trail through Downtown Denver Neighborhoods.

In the Golden Triangle Neighborhood, years prior to the 5280 Trail Vision Plan, the neighborhood created a vision for the future of development, streets and open spaces they wanted to see. The community input, ideas and principles from the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan were incorporated into the 5280 Trail Vision Plan and Guidelines after additional community



2014
[Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan](#)



2017
[The Outdoor Downtown Plan](#)



2019
[The 5280 Vision Plan and Design Guidelines](#)

outreach and input.

The strong ideas and concept developed with the community for The 5280 concept is now integrated into the Downtown Urban Design Standards and Guidelines and supportive design standards for shared streets and neighborhood greenways are outlined in the

Complete Street Guidelines. Both of these subsequent planning documents give the city and community more tools to begin implementing this project to make Downtown a more human scaled and pedestrian friendly environment.



2020
[Complete Streets Design Guidelines](#)



2021
[Downtown Urban Design Standards and Guidelines](#)



2021
[Voter approved Bond Measure for 5280 Trail along Acoma](#)

Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan (2014)

In the 2014 Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan, a vision for Acoma Street was laid out as the Acoma Neighborhood Greenway, with the goal of “creating a green, attractive, dynamic and multi-use street that is a community social space and neighborhood identifier”.

Through the community led planning process it was identified that Acoma Street is an important street for the future of the Golden Triangle. “It has the potential to create a special “slow” street designed for pleasant, easy walking and biking for everyone.”

A number of design scenarios were laid out for 3 blocks of Acoma street and incorporated ideas such as a Festival Street, Public Art, more spaces for outdoor seating and gathering, safer intersections and integrated park space.



CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR ACOMA STREET
2014 GOLDEN TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Neighborhood Plan Recommendations for D2. Acoma Neighborhood Greenway

D2a. Create a specially-designed, green, “slow” street that prioritizes active transportation enhancements such as bulb-outs, improved intersections, and bike facilities for safe, pleasant, easy walking and biking along its length.

2b. Encourage bold and forward-thinking design for the Greenway, using best practices and including the most advanced and innovative features available, potentially including:

- Parklets and pocket parks
- New plaza space in the right-of-way
- Community gardens
- Pavement features that are flush with street, creating a curbsless environment
- Swales, rain gardens, and other advanced stormwater management design features
- Programmed activities such as art festivals and farmers markets

- A portion of the Arts and Culture Trail, including permanent and/or temporary art

D2c. Capitalize on the opportunity to link and activate the street’s mix of residential, retail, dining, small offices, neighborhood-oriented goods and services, and arts and culture facilities.

D2d. Use the Greenway as the catalyst for a new community focal point and space for both formal, programmed events and informal gathering.

D2e. Leverage public investment to boost private development on potential Catalytic Development Sites along and near the Greenway.

D2f. Create a flexible design that respond uniquely to current programmed uses and evolves as new uses and development occurs.



The Acoma Neighborhood Greenway could include promenade-like features



Acoma Street could incorporate flush-curb, slow street concepts to promote play and activity

EXCERPT FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The Outdoor Downtown Plan (2017)

A 20-year master plan to provide visionary and actionable policies, programs, and projects to make downtown Denver's parks and public spaces world-class destinations. This plan was the first published mention of today's vision of the 5280 Trail, then called the "Downtown Loop"

The Downtown Loop (ie. 5280 Trail) was identified as one of four iconic projects to be prioritized for implementation.

Goal statement in plan:

"In order to provide enhanced recreational trail connections across Downtown Denver, the master plan recommends the creation of a dedicated bike and pedestrian loop to create a safe and stimulating route for residents and visitors to get outdoors and use active transportation as they engage in the many cultural and civic facilities and open spaces around Downtown."

As the City of Denver moves away from an auto-dominated transportation system, infrastructure is needed to provide **safe and comfortable movement** across and through Downtown Denver for cyclists and pedestrians.

The Downtown loop should consider the following:

- The loop should be located on public property to the extent possible, with collaboration between City departments and Downtown stakeholders to negotiate routing and maintenance.
- The loop should be distinctly branded and incorporate wayfinding so as to be easy to navigate and to reflect unique aspects of the Downtown Denver cityscape.
- The loop should be separated from parallel vehicular traffic or incorporated into shared streets designs. Street crossings should emphasize the safety and comfort of cyclists and pedestrians.
- Opportunities abound in the organization of the loop and subloops that relate to specific social and cultural districts and development.

In the second public meeting, 95.2% of attendees agreed that a **Dedicated Bike & Pedestrian Loop** would positively contribute to Downtown. This initiative received the most support of those proposed.

EXCERPT ABOVE FROM THE OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN PLAN

5280 Vision Plan + Design Guidelines (2019)

In 2017, the Vision Plan for the 5280 Trail kicked off with an in-depth outreach process and a deep dive into understanding who would use this new trail, what could it bring to the neighborhoods and where exactly should the 5 mile route be located.

The design team held meetings specifically for each of the five Downtown neighborhoods including the Golden Triangle.

Pop-up events, community meetings and stakeholder interviews led the design to move the 5280 Trail route to Acoma Street and become a part of the Acoma Neighborhood Greenway established in their neighborhood plan just a few years earlier.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS GOLDEN TRIANGLE

- *Preferred route here is Acoma:
Connection to Civic Center Park, Art Museum Plaza.
Opportunity for transformational statement
Leave Bannock as 'Bannock' – a great bicycle commuter connection into Downtown*
- *Crossings at Acoma need to be improved; this plan could help facilitate this*
- *Preferred connection to La Alma Lincoln is across Speer at Bannock/9th for Sunken Gardens access*
- *Art, museums, and culture are defining characteristics in Golden Triangle. Loop can continue to reinforce this*
- *Designs should be able to accommodate festivals, final Friday events, restaurant patios, and include art installations*
- *Reveal the history of the area through loop design (automobile, music / pawn shops, Byers-Evans, History Colorado)*

GOLDEN TRIANGLE COMMUNITY COMMENTS FROM THE 5280 VISION PLAN

Complete Streets Design Guidelines 2020

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) has laid the groundwork for the transformation of the cities right-of-ways to safer, pedestrian focused, shared environments.



EXCERPT ABOVE FROM THE DOWNTOWN URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Shared Streets

A shared street is a street that includes a shared zone where pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles mix in the same space. They can be one- or two-way streets. They prioritize pedestrian mobility over motorist mobility and frequently feature design elements that encourage low motor vehicle speeds and volumes. Shared streets are appropriate where pedestrian activity is high and motor vehicle and transit demand along the street is low. In downtown or mixed-use areas, shared streets often include café space, gathering areas, seating, art, and landscaping.

Shared street environments can be challenging for pedestrians with vision disabilities, because they often lack navigational cues such as curbs and defined crossings. Similarly, stormwater drainage on shared streets do not include curbs. Care must be taken to design shared streets that are accessible for all users, and designers should consult the Federal Highway Administration's 2017 *Accessible Shared Streets* guide.

The content in this section pertains to streets that are permanently designed to be shared. The Regular Closure and Festival Streets Overlay describes streets that are meant to be shared temporarily.

Downtown Urban Design Standards and Guidelines (2021)

Recognition of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan and the intent of the 5280 Trail have been incorporated into the Downtown Urban Design Standards and Guidelines

Golden Triangle Acoma Street

The Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan of 2014 recommends establishing green corridors along key streets with a focus on Acoma Street as a neighborhood greenway and an extension of the arts and cultural campus created by the Denver Art Museum, Clyfford Still Museum, Kirkland Museum, and Denver Public Library. Acoma Street is envisioned to have enhanced pedestrian amenities and the ability to host programmed events and informal gatherings, especially in the area between 11th and 12th Avenues that is also home to the Denver Historic Landmark Evans School.

As a neighborhood greenway, the vision for Acoma Street includes enhanced landscaping, public art, open space, seating areas, and outdoor space for retail and dining uses. The proposed 5280 Trail is anticipated to further support the goals of the neighborhood greenway.

The following design standards and guidelines apply to Acoma Street between 12th and 8th Avenues.

Intent Statements

- 5.S To promote a pedestrian focused greenway along Acoma Street**
- 5.T To encourage additional space for pedestrian activity and related amenities**
- 5.U To encourage arts and cultural elements along Acoma Street**
- 5.V To support distinctive placemaking along Acoma Street**

EXCERPT ABOVE FROM THE DOWNTOWN URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

3| Voter Approved Bond Funding

The Denver voters through the 2021 Denver RISE Bond have fully funded the construction of the first segment of the 5280 Trail in the Golden Triangle neighborhood. The Denver RISE Program stands for Rebuilding an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy and was meant to help to city's economy recover from the pandemic. The RISE priorities were to bring back, enhance, and create jobs; to strengthen small-business and nonprofit growth and resiliency; to revitalize Denver's neighborhoods through targeted community support; and to accelerate public investment.

A key RISE priority is to "revitalize Denver's neighborhoods through targeted community support," and this document outlines the key understandings of what the 5280 Trail in Golden Triangle is to date. In order to continue the broad coalition of support on these economic recovery efforts, it is imperative that this first implementation of the 5280 Trail stays true to the community's grass roots vision of a place that links neighborhoods and connects people through the great urban outdoors.

DENVER GO BOND

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

5280 TRAIL DEVELOPMENT ACOMA STREET SEGMENT

PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project will support the development of a two-block segment of the 5280 Trail on Acoma Street from 10th to 12th avenues. It will connect and provide safe travel between neighborhood destinations and open spaces. This development will also provide a central green space for recreation, relaxation and community events.

PROJECT INFORMATION	ECONOMIC BENEFITS
Location: Acoma St. from 10th to 12th avenues	Approximately 104 jobs (created and continued)
District: 10	\$6.4 million in wages to workers
Neighborhood: Golden Triangle	\$14 million in economic output (sales activity to businesses)
RISE Denver Funded Amount: \$7 million	
Designer: TBD	PROJECT BENEFITS
Contractor: TBD	Increased accessibility and safety
	Better connected bike network to encourage multimodal travel
	Improved comfort by providing tree canopy and green space in urban heat island and park desert

Learn more about the program and projects in your neighborhood at denvergov.org/2021DenverGOBond.

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issue without improvement. Homelessness and homeless camps are worse than they have ever been, in spite of the campaign to "end homelessness in Denver" more than a decade or two ago. That campaign backfired by more homeless people moving to Denver to take advantage of the programs here. A recent report from a group here in Denver reports that \$104,000 is spent each year PER PERSON on homelessness. Ballot issue 2B is asking more of your money in property tax on homelessness. Where is the money that has already been spent? Don't drive up your property tax bill even higher! Vote NO on ballot issue 2B.

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE

November 2, 2021, 7AM-7PM
Denver Elections Division, 200 W 14th Ave, Ste 100,
Denver, CO 80204 720-913-VOTE (8683)

A 'yes/for' vote on any ballot measure is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances and a 'no/against' vote on any ballot measure is a vote against changing current or existing circumstances. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

Denver Transportation and Mobility System Bonds Ballot Measure 2C

SHALL THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER DEBT BE INCREASED \$63,320,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF \$109,048,000, WITH NO EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE CITY'S CURRENT RATE OF TAXATION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE BASED ON THE CITY'S PROJECTED ASSESSED VALUE, THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO BE USED FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DENVER TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY SYSTEM, WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

voter information: DenverVetes.org/VeterInfo

- EXPANDING DENVER'S SIDEWALK NETWORK BY FILLING SIDEWALK COVERAGE GAPS; AND
- IMPROVING BICYCLE SAFETY AND MOBILITY BY RENOVATING EXISTING BIKE LANES AND CREATING NEW PROTECTED BIKE LANES AND

CONSTRUCTING A SEGMENT OF AN URBAN TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IN DOWNTOWN DENVER.

- RECONSTRUCTING SECTIONS OF THE MORRISON ROAD CORRIDOR TO CREATE A CULTURAL AND ARTS DISTRICT; AND
- CONSTRUCTING A SEGMENT OF AN URBAN TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IN DOWNTOWN DENVER;

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES, LOAN AGREEMENTS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, WHICH SHALL BE ISSUED OR INCURRED IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith AS THE CITY MAY DETERMINE (THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO BE PUBLICLY REPORTED BY THE CITY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS); AND SHALL CITY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE BUT BY NOT MORE THAN A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$11,716,000 ANNUALLY IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SAME; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO REFUND OR REFINANCE SUCH FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH REFUNDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL LIMITS OR REPAYMENT COSTS AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION?

voter registration & updates: GoVoteColorado.gov

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Fiscal information on Ballot Measure 2C:

The estimated or actual total of the City's fiscal year spending for the current year and each of the past four years is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2021	\$3,418,205,746 (estimated)
2020	\$2,947,971,695
2019	\$2,857,531,603
2018	\$3,017,686,356
2017	\$1,982,548,073

The overall increase, as a percentage and dollar amount, in the City's fiscal year spending from 2017 to 2021, inclusive, is 72% and \$1,435,657,673, respectively. The increase in fiscal year spending is primarily due to increases in capital project spending on voter approved bond projects and

Information on total bonded debt:

Maximum annual increase for the first five years: \$11,716,000
Estimated 2022 City proposed tax increase:

Information on total current City bonded debt:

Principal amount: \$737,460,500
Maximum annual repayment cost: \$113,554,865
Total repayment cost: \$958,006,861

Written Comments FOR Ballot Measure 2C

Denver 2A through 2E will deliver infrastructure improvements that power our economic recovery and help the people who need it the most. Vote yes on 2A through 2E to create good paying jobs, provide shelter for people experiencing homelessness, and invest in

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historically underserved neighborhoods.

And we can do all of this while keeping your tax rates the same.

Measures 2A through 2E will address critical issues facing Denver and help get the city back to work. The ballot measures will fund 88 specific projects that target the most pressing concerns of Denver residents in the neighborhoods that need it most, as identified through a public input process that engaged thousands of Denver residents. By funding these projects, 2A-2E will create more than \$1 billion of economic impact and 7,500 jobs and will save taxpayer money by repairing and improving Denver's infrastructure before it breaks.

Measure 2C will address improvements to the city's transportation and mobility network to help reach the objectives of Vision Zero. Measure 2C will:

- Build out Denver's bicycle infrastructure in

• Spur the development of the 5280 Urban Trail in the heart of Denver. The Trail will provide residents and visitors alike a unique, accessible path through the many different neighborhoods in Downtown Denver, creating a space for small businesses, local artists, and more to help link Denver's urban life with its outdoor culture.

• Fund the reconstruction of Morrison Road and multi-modal improvements along Peoria. These improvements will improve access to commercial and residential spaces for residents and workers, which will in turn increase economic output in these communities.

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Measures 2A-2E are a result of input from residents across Denver, reflecting the need to address critical

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4 | Community Engagement

A timeline of community engagement:

2017-2019 | 5280 Trail Vision Plan + Design Guidelines

Thousands of community touchpoints and meetings were held over an 18-month process with 700+ community surveys, 5 public events, 14 public workshops, and numerous stakeholder interviews. This process outlined the vision and design guidelines for the future 5280 Trail.

2021-present | 5280 Trailblazers

Trailblazing Phase kicked off spring 2021, with 3 key goals:

1. Mark the Trail - temporary wayfinding signage and stencils outlining the future footprint of the 5280 Trail.
2. Elevate Community Voices - Establish neighborhood groups and champions to lead programming, activation, and community engagement.
3. Activate the 5280 Trail - Fund community-led activations, programming, art and moments of joy along the future trail.

2022 | Evans School Community Open House

Community Trailblazers led an open house at Evans School to highlight additional development of the Acoma Street segment and updated designs + renderings from private development adjacent to Acoma Street.

2022 | The Wheel Deal

Golden Triangle Neighborhood block party hosted by Councilman Hinds on Acoma Street to discuss the upcoming 5280 Trail Acoma Bond Project.

2023 | City Scouts - Indianapolis Cultural Trail Trip

The Downtown Denver Partnership organized a trip to Indianapolis with local Denver Professionals and City of Denver leaders to learn more about the Indianapolis Cultural Trail and the Monon Trail in neighboring Carmel.

2023 | Rolling Rendezvous

A public community event was hosted on Acoma Street in late June. Sponsored by Councilman Hinds and Golden Triangle Trailblazers, this event offered the opportunity to showcase the 5280 Trail concept on Acoma Street and demonstrate a linear park in the Golden Triangle neighborhood. The event had an estimated 600 attendees!

Planned Future Engagements:

DEC 2023 | Golden Triangle Urban Design Committee

DEC 2023 | GTCD Board Meeting



EVANS SCHOOL COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE 2022



5280 TRAIL - GOLDEN TRIANGLE COMMUNITY MEETING 2018



ACOMA STREET - ROLLING RENDEZVOUS 2023



VISION PLAN COMMUNITY KICK-OFF 2017



VISION PLAN COMMUNITY KICK-OFF 2017



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 2018



CITY SCOUTS EXPLORING THE INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL AND MONON TRAIL 2023



FEEDBACK FROM EVANS SCHOOL COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE 2022



FLYER FROM THE WHEEL DEAL EVENT 2022

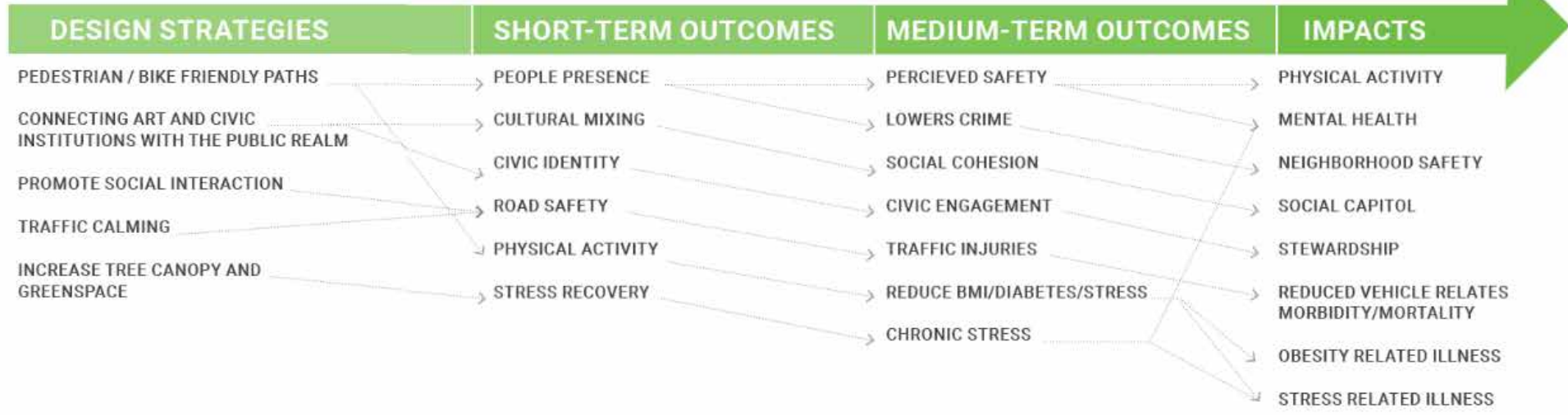


MARKING THE TRAIL IN 2017

5 | 5280 Vision Plan

For the Golden Triangle and Acoma Street, The 5280 Vision Plan brought together the ideas from the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan, laid out a clear Strategy and Character of the Trail through the community, reinforced the importance of Acoma Street as a Civic Axis and Neighborhood Greenway, illustrated the potential short and long term health impacts, and explored potential layouts for the neighborhood greenway.





6 | 5280 Design Guidelines

The 5280 Trail is where the City meets the mountains and plains.

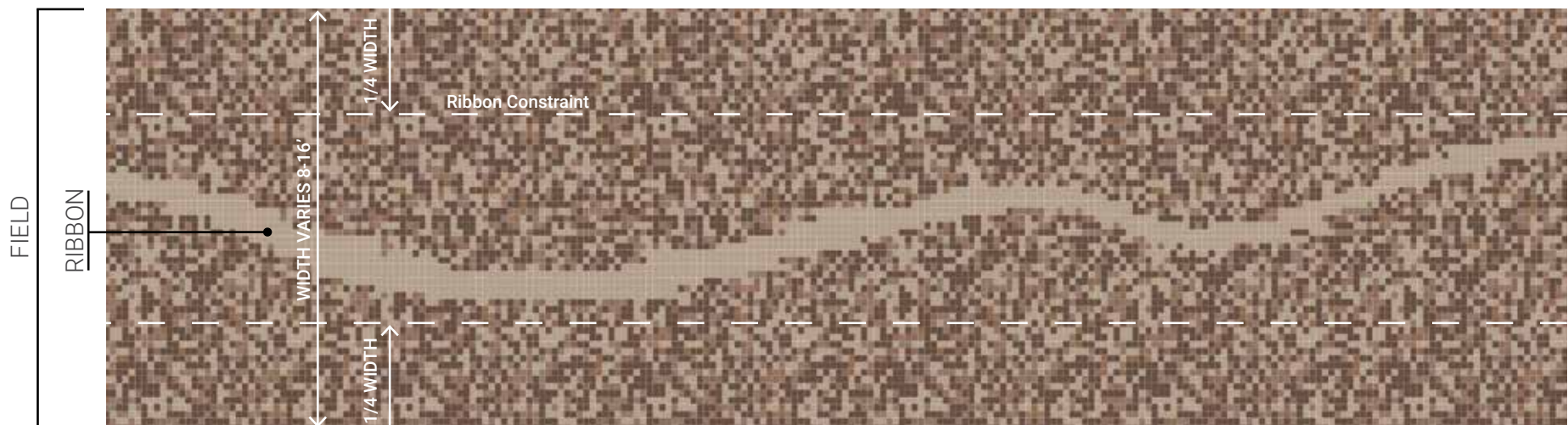
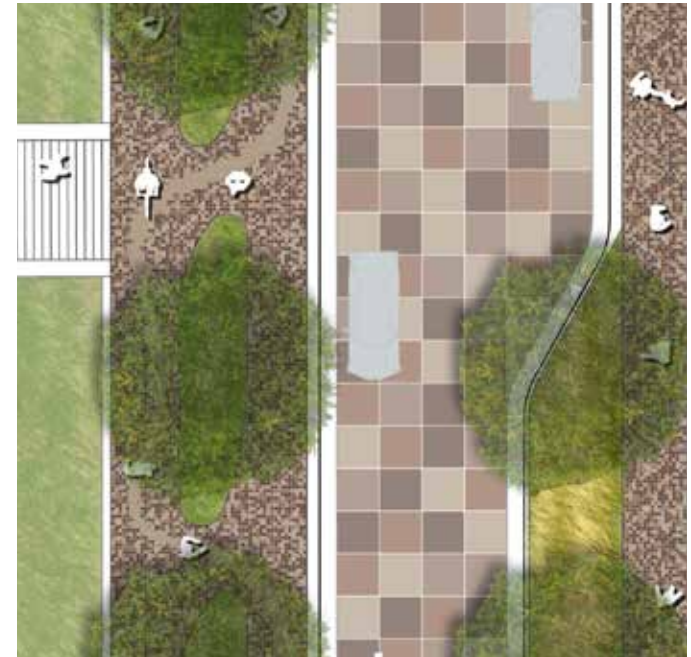
Denver is located where the Rocky Mountains meet the High Plains. These beautiful and majestic landscapes captivate residents and visitors alike. The 5280 Trail will embody these native landscapes and ecologies to create a stronger connection with Downtown Denver's urban environment.

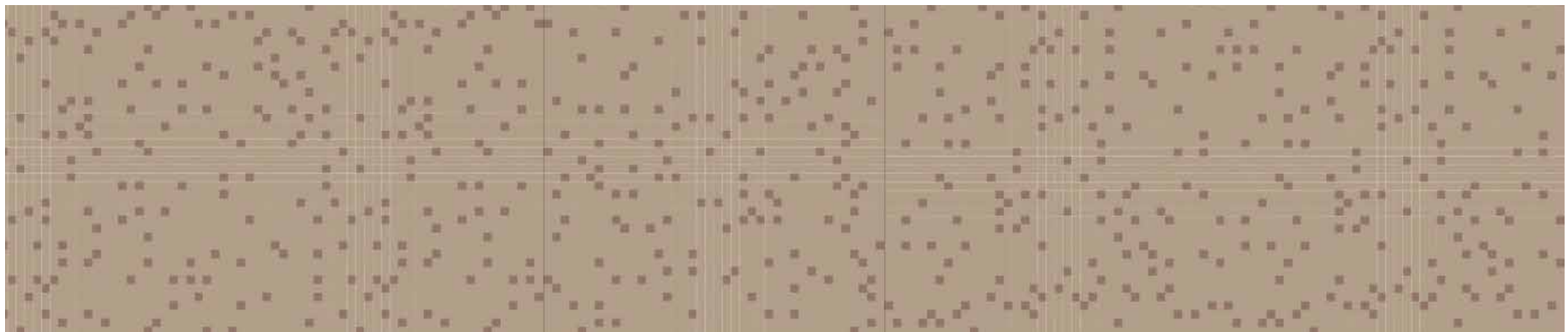
The challenge is to create the character and experience of a hiking trail in the confines of Downtown's public realm which is built to satisfy the many demands of an urban environment.

When you are on a hike, the trail guides you through different environments. The trail is the exposed and hardened earth

of the place. You follow the trail, knowing it is taking you where you are going. Direction is straightforward and simple. Definition is dictated by the elements that make up its edges. Moments of decision are marked with symbols and information made with materials 'of the place'; carved from stone and built from wood.

The 5280 Trail evokes these elements to create the experience of taking a hike through Downtown Denver, an easy way through the city, a means to discover the intricacies, grandeur, and richness of Downtown's neighborhoods.





7 | Acoma

Design Vision

Since the completion of the 5280 Trail Vision Plan and Design Guidelines the implementation of the project has yet to happen, however, the interest in the Golden Triangle only continued to grow. There has been continued conversation and design refinement driven by the neighborhood residents and stakeholders.

Design principles for Acoma Street have been developed with the community, stakeholders and civic leaders over the last couple of years (see:Section 4 Community Engagement)

In 2021 voters decided to fund the Acoma Segment of the 5280 Trail with \$7 million in taxpayer dollars.

Imagine Acoma Street as a “Shared Park” that prioritizes people and placemaking.

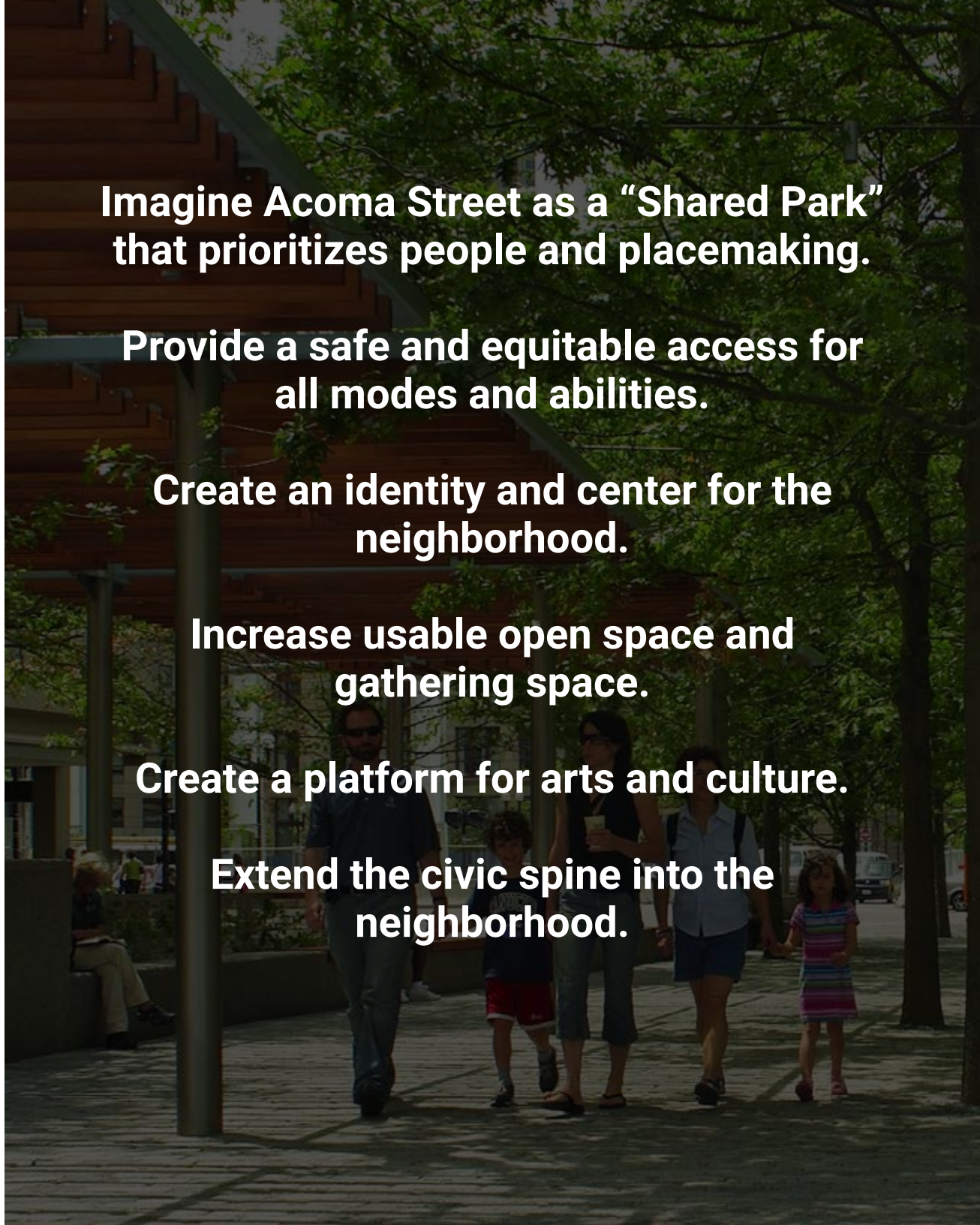
Provide a safe and equitable access for all modes and abilities.

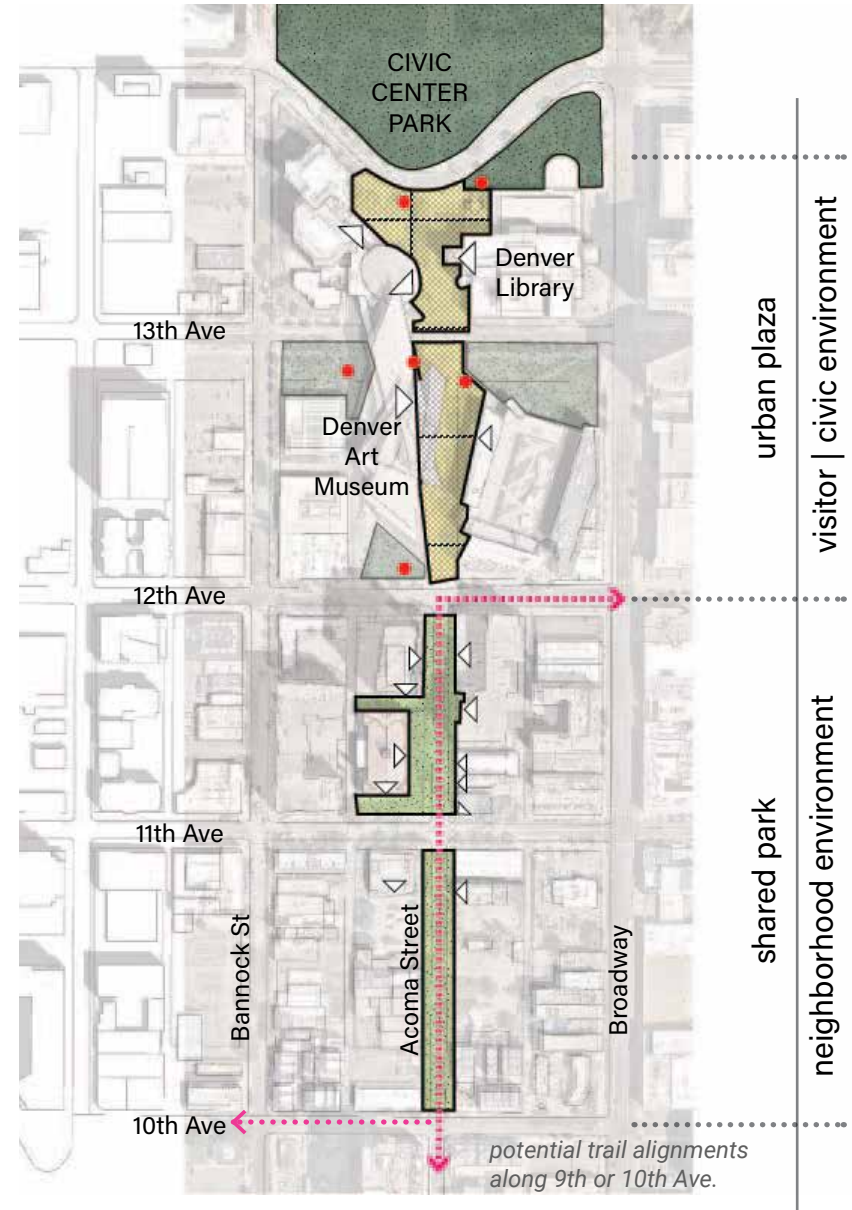
Create an identity and center for the neighborhood.

Increase usable open space and gathering space.

Create a platform for arts and culture.

Extend the civic spine into the neighborhood.





The importance of Acoma Street goes beyond the neighborhood and the 5280 Trail as it extends an important Civic axis of the city. Creating an activated neighborhood scaled environment along Acoma will also help strengthen and activate the harder edged

urban environment of the Art Museum and Library as well as strengthen the connection from the neighborhood to Civic Center Park.

Elements of a Shared Park

The idea of a Shared Park emerged from the desire to prioritize how the design of “Places” along the 5280 Trail should be prioritized. A philosophy that prioritizes people, culture, placemaking, mobility and equitable access and use of public rights-of-way, and transitions away

from the typical vehicular design focus. Four key elements: Linear Park, Procession, Activation and Identity are identified to create an active Neighborhood Greenway and Avenue of the Arts for the Golden Triangle.

Linear Park



Procession



Activation



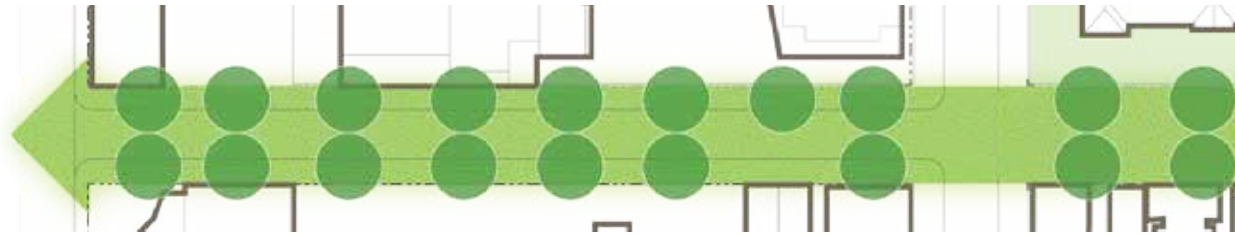
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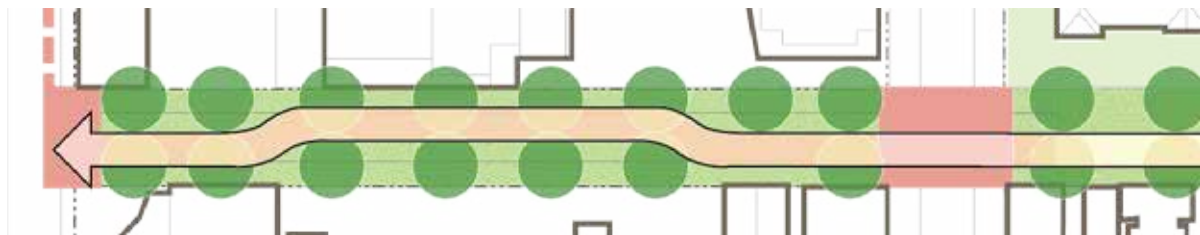
Linear Park

Imagine Acoma as a linear park; a green extension of the civic spine connecting to Civic Center Park.



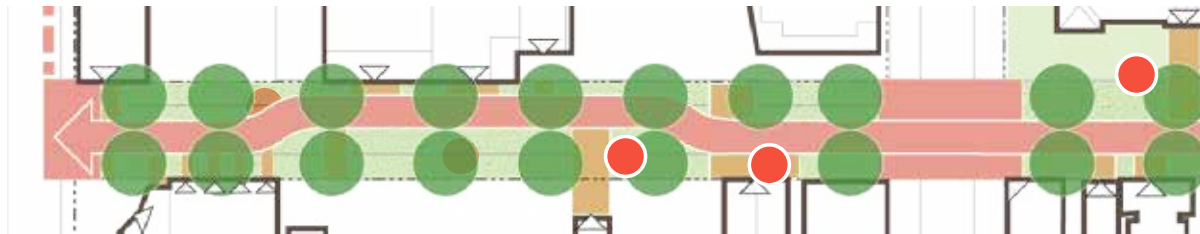
Procession

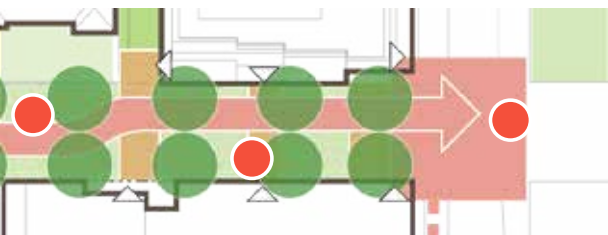
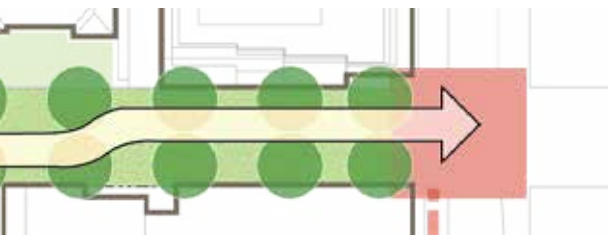
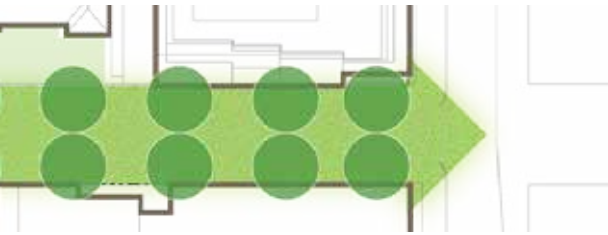
Create a narrow procession that allows all users of all mobility types to experience the park in a safe, equitable manner. This should be no wider than the 20' necessary to accommodate fire safety requirements.



Activation and Identity

Create special spaces and places for art and activation that will encourage people to gather and linger and celebrate the identity of the neighborhood.



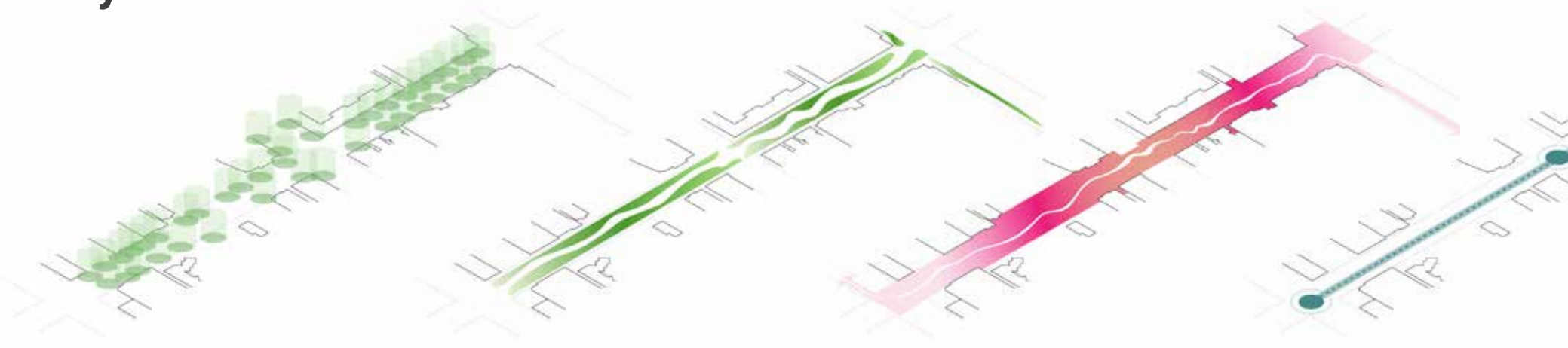


Design Concept

The concept layout allows for a flexibility of use of green space, stormwater infrastructure, events and programming. The main procession allows for the shared space between all users and modes and encourages a slow pace to linger, relax, live, play and gather.



Systems

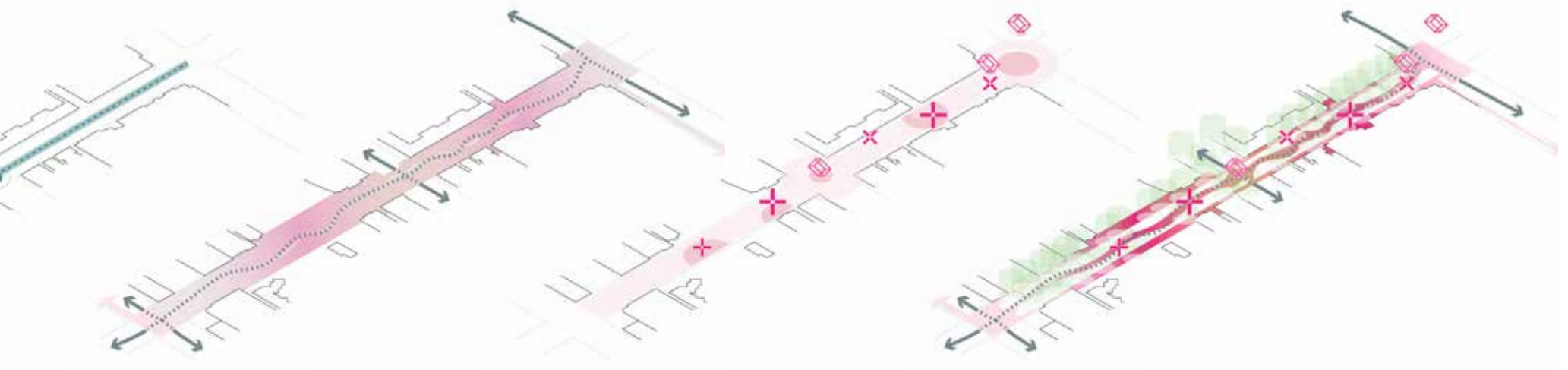


The existing tree canopy is the defining characteristic today and must be preserved.

By making more room for nature and...

creating a distinct unified ground plane, a park-like atmosphere is created!

Stormwater and utilities are integrated below ground to allow maximum flexibility for landscape and placemaking



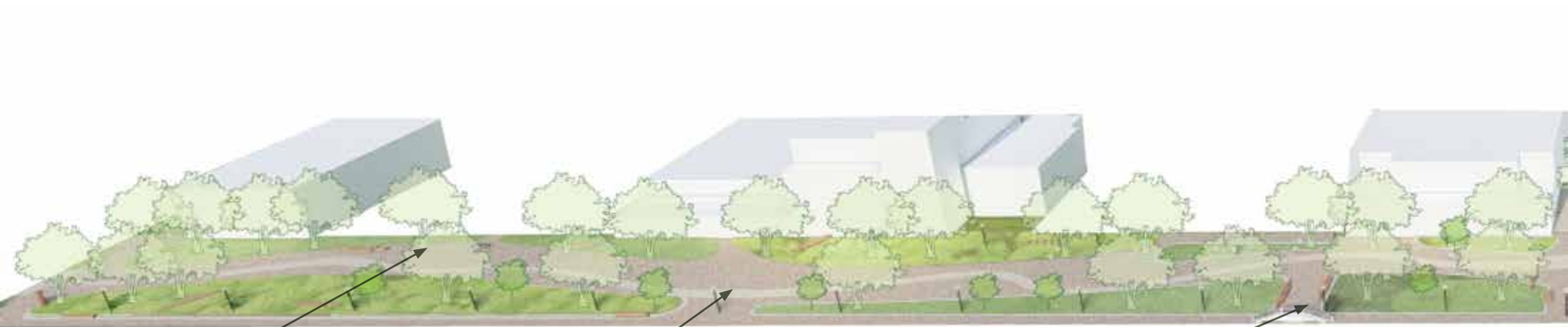
Safety and access are balanced with...

the activation of spaces for gathering, art, contemplation, play and enjoyment...

to create a rich and dynamic neighborhood space for the Golden Triangle!

Design Concept

A neighborhood led vision for the 5280 Trail on Acoma was developed through a series of community, property owner and stakeholder meetings and conversations based upon the principals of creating a 'shared park'.



Canopy

Mature, healthy trees should be preserved to protect the existing canopy today, one of Acoma's distinctive features.

Newly planted trees should be planted with ample root volume through added greenspace and soil cells to form the next generation canopy.

Integrate

A shared access procession down the center of the park is designed in scale and manner that prioritizes pedestrian and micro-mobility while allowing for limited, slow speed vehicular access and the required clearances for emergency vehicles. This space has the flexibility to closed to traffic on weekends and for special events.

Activate

A curbless shared environment creates a flexible space that balances pedestrians, bikes, vehicles, art, and community events.

Space for lawns, gardens, gathering, and play is incorporated into the expanded green space throughout the two blocks.



Safety

The entire concept is designed to slow everyone down and invite them to stay awhile. Raised intersections and/or traffic circles are used at 10th, 11th, and 12th to slow traffic and signify to motorists that Acoma is a special place and that people, not vehicles are the priority.

Identity

A special pattern and mix of pavers, landscape palette, and furnishing family create a distinct and recognizable pedestrian scaled space that identifies Acoma as a special "place" along the 5280 Trail.

Nature

Increased landscape areas with native, drought tolerant planting, increased tree canopy, pollinator and bird species create a much needed green space in the Golden Triangle. The varied specials creates seasonal interest throughout the year, reduces heat island effect and improves mental health by connecting people to nature.

Vision

A new identity is born through the combination of the strength of the Civic Axis and the connectivity of the 5280 Trail. A Neighborhood Greenway is created that brings the needed community space and a grounding center to the rapidly evolving Golden triangle neighborhood.



12th and Acoma is the gateway to the neighborhood portion of the Acoma civic spine. A distinct "Place" along the 5280 Trail, the design realizes the neighborhood's long standing vision for a Neighborhood Greenway and Avenue of the Arts.



Acoma is reimagined as a place for people, placemaking and shared mobility.



Existing



An crowd gathers for an evening show at the Curious Theater.





PROPOSED - Acoma Street
is converted to a weekend
farmers market.

English "Muffin" Breakfast	\$5.95
<small>(includes sausage, bacon, bread, toast, fruit & sweetener, salt, pepper, Sriracha, Chili & hot or cold)</small>	
Toast	\$1.25
Cheese or Ham Toast	\$2.15
Bacon or Sausage Toast	\$2.95
Cheese & Ham Toast	\$2.75
Ham & Sausage Toast	\$3.50
Decadent or just egg/bread on toast	\$3.25
	\$1.50





PROPOSED - A typical morning in the neighborhood along the 5280 Trail along Acoma Avenue.

