

# Today's Agenda

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- **Comprehensive Plan**

- Future City overview
- Newest Future Land Use and Character map
- Where does this get us?

- **Transportation Master Plan**

- Draft plan overview
  - Street Types
  - Critical Corridors
  - Next Steps
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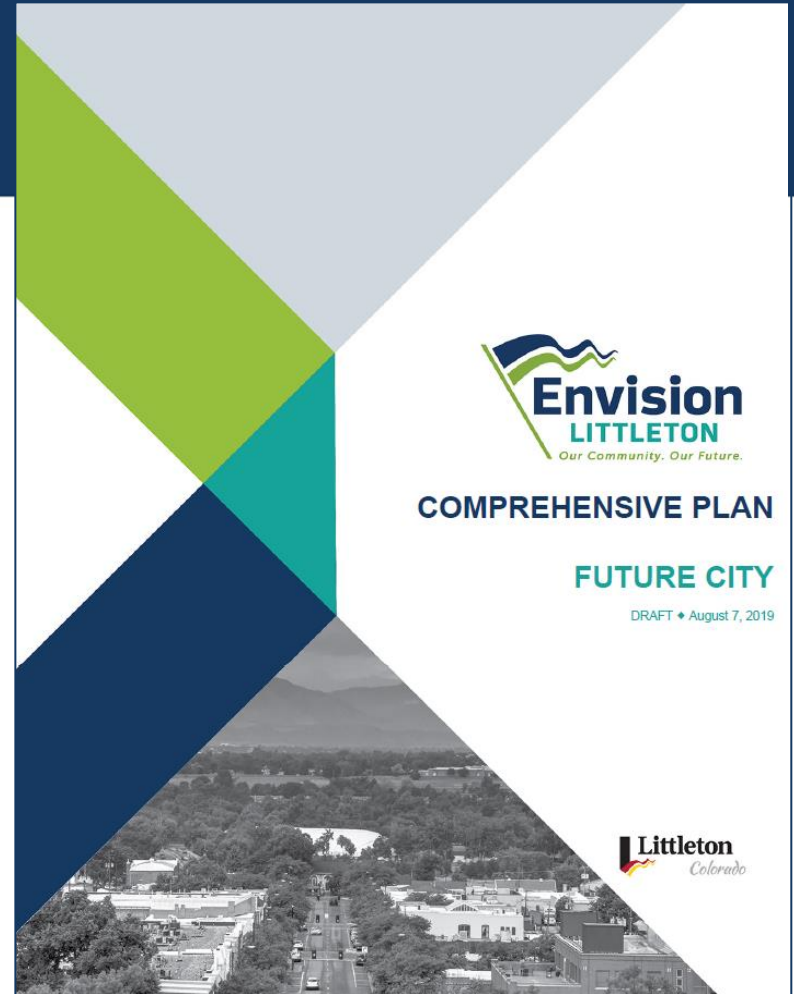
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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Future City – Review Draft

# Future City Elements

- Introduction
- Existing City
- Unifying Vision and Guiding Principles
- Land Use and Community Character
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Transportation (TMP link)
- Infrastructure and Services
- Economy and Tax Base
- Recreation and Amenities
- Environment
- Special Areas and Design
- Implementation



# Core Plan Elements

- Legacy of Past Planning
- Key Issues and Considerations
- Framework for Action
  - Goals
  - Policies
  - Actions
- Potential Partners

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## RECREATION, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM

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## POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Partners for implementation of plan priorities related to Recreation, Heritage, and Tourism include:

- Neighboring jurisdictions and Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties
- Aspen Grove
- Colorado Tourism Office
- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- High Line Canal Conservancy
- Hudson Gardens
- Littleton Public Schools
- Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
- South Platte Working Group
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation District
- Tri-County Health Department

# Pathways to ACTION



Capital Investments



Programs and Initiatives



Regulations and Standards



Partnerships and Coordination



Targeted Planning / Study

## Roles and Responsibilities

### City Council

As the leader of plan implementation, the key responsibilities of the City Council are to decide and establish priorities, set timeframes by which each action strategy will be initiated and completed, and determine the budget to be made available for implementation efforts. In conjunction with the City Manager, the City Council must also ensure effective coordination among the various groups that are responsible for carrying out the plan's action strategies.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council based on plan principles. The Commission should prepare an Annual Progress Report to ensure plan relevance.

### City Management and Staff

City staff manage the day-to-day implementation of the plan. In particular, City staff are responsible for supporting the City Council, Planning Commission and other City boards/commissions.

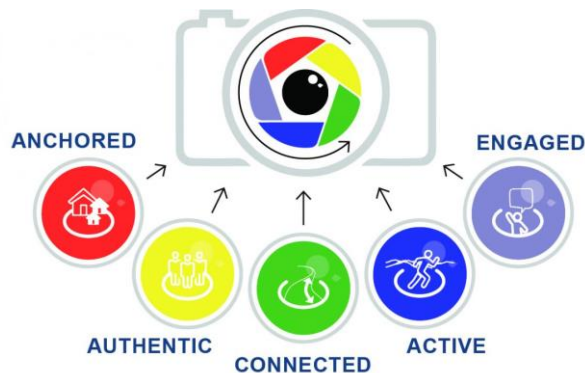


# Vision Phase Integrated

## Vision 2040

From What We Treasure Today ...  
... To What We Strive For Going Forward

## Guiding Principles



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### UNIFYING VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### VISION 2040

##### From What We Treasure Today ...

Littleton will continue to be a hometown community that is widely known and envied as a city with "strong bones." Among the features that earn Littleton this reputation are its historic and vibrant downtown, its light rail transit link to the Denver region, and its distinguishing yet often unseen natural asset, the South Platte River. Along with the highly utilized greenway, trails, and preserves that frame the Platte, residents and visitors also prize the High Line Canal Trail that weaves through the city.

Littleton will especially be held up as the "real thing" when it comes to maintaining a sense of community among its residents and managing the essential physical traits that define community character, neighborhood by distinct neighborhood.

It will remain a place where nature and city living intersect, can both be enjoyed, and are guarded with a fierce sense of stewardship.

##### ... To What We Strive For Going Forward

We recognize that our vision for Littleton's future is framed differently than many communities as we are a largely built-out city. As we focus on managing change amid this reality, we envision a Littleton in 2040 that has:

- Maintained the integrity of its established neighborhoods and historic areas.
- Protected its cherished natural setting in harmony with new development and redevelopment.
- Ensured that reinvestment in the community, whether in Littleton's legacy housing stock or along its commercial corridors, has met local expectations for quality and compatibility with its surroundings.
- Made itself even safer and more accessible for all the ways that people navigate through and within Littleton.
- Achieved a higher standard for cleanliness and burnished its appeal as a place with strikingly beautiful vistas.
- Secured the long-term sustainability of city finances to continue providing its citizens the best in public services.

#### VALUES

In listening to stories and memories about Littleton, along with residents' desires and concerns for its future, the following values came through consistently. The bulleted items under each are examples of how those expressing such values related them to their own experience of or pride in Littleton. Many communities share common values, issues, and priorities (e.g., to be a safe place). Littleton's core values include a passion for and/or commitment to:

##### Local History

- Preserve and celebrate it.
- Highlight and tie it to our identity and events
- Origin as own town, rural and later suburban heritage
- Build on accomplishments of past eras and leaders

A Vision is a broad statement of what a community hopes and intends to be in the future. With words and images, it offers a picture of that future to provide inspiration, motivation, and a framework for more detailed planning and decision-making.

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#### Safety

- Pedestrian/cyclist/driver safety
- Security from crime
- Child protection

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Even in the face of potentially significant demographic change ahead, Littleton will remain ANCHORED by a firm belief among its residents and leaders of what makes this a truly special place. These features include Littleton's traditional downtown, established neighborhoods, and the literal "river that runs through it" in the South Platte. Littleton also has a longstanding reputation as a community of choice for quality schools and is home to the Arapahoe Community College main campus. Serving as the Arapahoe County seat, a destination for health care, and a hub for cultural and lifestyle amenities also keeps a consistent conception of Littleton in the minds of residents and visitors. Although stable in these various ways today, Littleton will approach its future with a sense of dynamism, looking to draw upon a culture of innovation and boldness inherited from earlier generations.



Littleton will continue to be AUTHENTIC and comfortable for both residents and guests. The often-cited "small town feel" and sense of community dates to our origin as a "Little Town" separate and apart from Denver. Littleton will continue to stand out in the region for its distinctive identity. Its genuine sense of place will always be contrasted with the look and feel of cities that came along much later or were master planned from scratch. The essential threads that will continue to sustain this community fabric include Littleton's historic character and architectural heritage, its varied neighborhoods and residential options, a robust and service-oriented faith community, and an inviting and safe atmosphere.



Littleton will be an increasingly CONNECTED and accessible place. From a physical and mobility standpoint, it will continue to have regional ties via highways and arterials, transit services, long-distance trails, and the Mary Carter Greenway. Evolving technology and network speeds will link it even more to the nation and world. It will be an inclusive and neighborly community that provides opportunities for youth, seniors, and residents in need to thrive, including through more mobility options. Littleton will also remain a fun and wonderful locale throughout the year, bringing residents together for leisure and volunteer activities, and drawing visitors from near and far.



Littleton will always be a community of ACTIVE people who make the most of their city's cultural and natural resource abundance. It will support its residents' efforts to be fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It will embrace their desire to gather for live performances and other local happenings. And it will appreciate and build on the value of a lively downtown. Littleton will always seek to elevate its position as a dream community for outdoor recreation and nature enthusiasts – and a destination for visitors wishing to share in these local amenities.



Littleton will remain ENGAGED and civic-minded in all matters affecting the direction and priorities of city government and the community. Stakeholders will participate in transparent processes and take responsibility for maintaining a respectful and productive dialogue. Meaningful interactions must involve committed elected officials, informed residents, and other partner organizations and agencies interested in Littleton as it is today and will be tomorrow.

Guiding Principles describe the values identified by the community and serve as the foundation for the Vision. The Guiding Principles provide a reference point for Littleton to consider when making decisions. The guiding principles reflect major themes, or areas of focus, for achieving the desired vision that emerged based on analysis of input by stakeholders.

# From Input and Vision ...

"Littleton is a great city to live in. It has a nice small-town feel and great amenities, including parks and local shops."



INPUT

CORE VALUE

## The Outdoors

Stewardship  
of river and  
open space  
assets



## Active

Support its  
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Guiding Principle

# ... to Plan and ACTION

## Recreation, Heritage, and Tourism

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


















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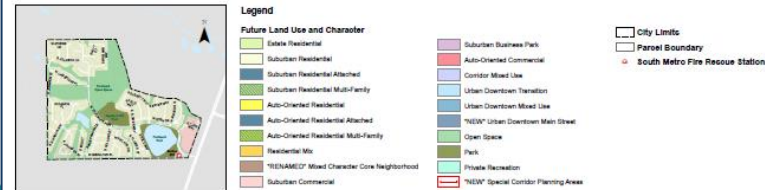
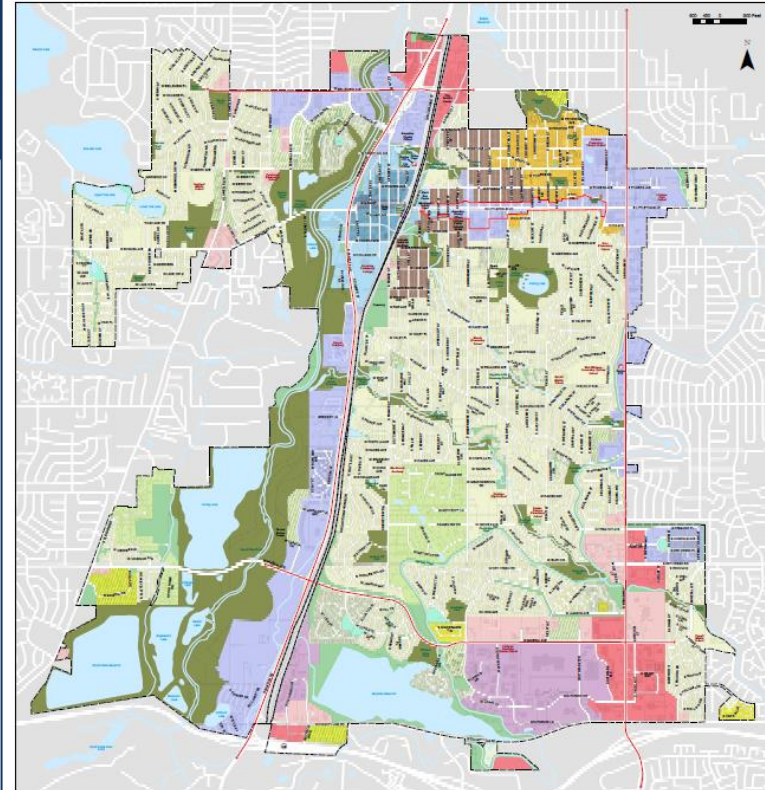


# Future Land Use & Character

- Eliminated Institutional and Urban Residential Multi-Family categories
- Added Urban Downtown Main Street category
- Changed Urban Neighborhood to Mixed Character Core Neighborhood
- Reduced extent of Corridor Mixed Use
- Highlighted 5 Special Corridor Planning Areas

## Future Land Use and Character

	Estate Residential		Suburban Business Park
	Suburban Residential		Auto-Oriented Commercial
	Suburban Residential Attached		Corridor Mixed Use
	Suburban Residential Multi-Family		Urban Downtown Transition
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# Where Does This Get Us?

## Overarching City Plan

- Links to other levels of planning, budgeting
- Guidance for decisions
- Based on extensive input
- From “Big Picture” to specific actions



## Multiple Timeframes

- 20+ year outlook
- 10-year priorities
- 5-year agenda
  - Immediate actions to pursue

**Aim for wins and results versus a “too full plate”**

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**Action RHT 17:** Lay the groundwork for preparing a holistic historic preservation plan and strategy for ongoing preservation efforts in Littleton, involving broad community engagement to gauge resident, property owner and stakeholder sentiment on the methods and extent to which the City should utilize available preservation tools.

- Use the City's initiatives to update its zoning and development regulations and pursue further downtown-focused planning as precursors to a historic preservation plan.

## POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Partners for implementation of plan priorities related to Recreation, Heritage, and Tourism include:

- Neighboring jurisdictions and Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties
- Aspen Grove
- Colorado Tourism Office
- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- High Line Canal Conservancy
- Hudson Gardens
- Littleton Public Schools
- Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
- South Platte Working Group
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation District
- Tri-County Health Department

# Pathways to ACTION



Capital Investments



Programs and Initiatives



Regulations and Standards



Partnerships and Coordination



Targeted Planning / Study

## Roles and Responsibilities



### City Council

As the leader of plan implementation, the key responsibilities of the City Council are to decide and establish priorities, set timeframes by which each action strategy will be initiated and completed, and determine the budget to be made available for implementation efforts. In conjunction with the City Manager, the City Council must also ensure effective coordination among the various groups that are responsible for carrying out the plan's action strategies.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council based on plan principles. The Commission should prepare an Annual Progress Report to ensure plan relevance.



### City Management and Staff

City staff manage the day-to-day implementation of the plan. In particular, City staff are responsible for supporting the City Council, Planning Commission and other City boards/commissions.



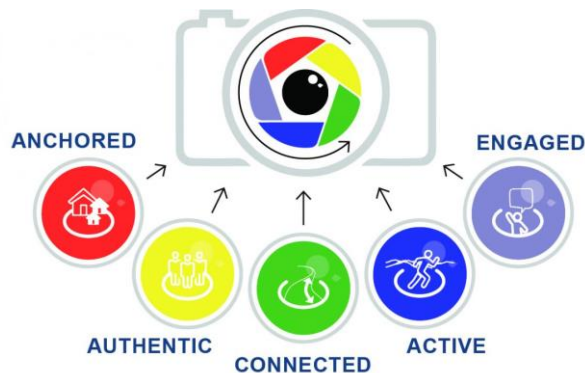


# Vision Phase Integrated

## Vision 2040

From What We Treasure Today ...  
... To What We Strive For Going Forward

## Guiding Principles



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### UNIFYING VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### VISION 2040

##### From What We Treasure Today ...

Littleton will continue to be a hometown community that is widely known and envied as a city with "strong bones." Among the features that earn Littleton this reputation are its historic and vibrant downtown, its light rail transit link to the Denver region, and its distinguishing yet often unseen natural asset, the South Platte River. Along with the highly utilized greenway, trails, and preserves that frame the Platte, residents and visitors also prize the High Line Canal Trail that weaves through the city.

Littleton will especially be held up as the "real thing" when it comes to maintaining a sense of community among its residents and managing the essential physical traits that define community character, neighborhood by distinct neighborhood.

It will remain a place where nature and city living intersect, can both be enjoyed, and are guarded with a fierce sense of stewardship.

##### ... To What We Strive For Going Forward

We recognize that our vision for Littleton's future is framed differently than many communities as we are a largely built-out city. As we focus on managing change amid this reality, we envision a Littleton in 2040 that has:

- Maintained the integrity of its established neighborhoods and historic areas.
- Protected its cherished natural setting in harmony with new development and redevelopment.
- Ensured that reinvestment in the community, whether in Littleton's legacy housing stock or along its commercial corridors, has met local expectations for quality and compatibility with its surroundings.
- Made itself even safer and more accessible for all the ways that people navigate through and within Littleton.
- Achieved a higher standard for cleanliness and burnished its appeal as a place with strikingly beautiful vistas.
- Secured the long-term sustainability of city finances to continue providing its citizens the best in public services.

#### VALUES

In listening to stories and memories about Littleton, along with residents' desires and concerns for its future, the following values came through consistently. The bulleted items under each are examples of how those expressing such values related them to their own experience of or pride in Littleton. Many communities share common values, issues, and priorities (e.g., to be a safe place). Littleton's core values include a passion for and/or commitment to:

##### Local History

- Preserve and celebrate it.
- Highlight and tie it to our identity and events
- Origin as own town, rural and later suburban heritage
- Build on accomplishments of past eras and leaders

A Vision is a broad statement of what a community hopes and intends to be in the future. With words and images, it offers a picture of that future to provide inspiration, motivation, and a framework for more detailed planning and decision-making.

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#### Safety

- Pedestrian/cyclist/driver safety
- Security from crime
- Child protection

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Even in the face of potentially significant demographic change ahead, Littleton will remain ANCHORED by a firm belief among its residents and leaders of what makes this a truly special place. These features include Littleton's traditional downtown, established neighborhoods, and the literal "river that runs through it" in the South Platte. Littleton also has a longstanding reputation as a community of choice for quality schools and is home to the Arapahoe Community College main campus. Serving as the Arapahoe County seat, a destination for health care, and a hub for cultural and lifestyle amenities also keeps a consistent conception of Littleton in the minds of residents and visitors. Although stable in these various ways today, Littleton will approach its future with a sense of dynamism, looking to draw upon a culture of innovation and boldness inherited from earlier generations.



Littleton will continue to be AUTHENTIC and comfortable for both residents and guests. The often-cited "small town feel" and sense of community dates to our origin as a "Little Town" separate and apart from Denver. Littleton will continue to stand out in the region for its distinctive identity. Its genuine sense of place will always be contrasted with the look and feel of cities that came along much later or were master planned from scratch. The essential threads that will continue to sustain this community fabric include Littleton's historic character and architectural heritage, its varied neighborhoods and residential options, a robust and service-oriented faith community, and an inviting and safe atmosphere.



Littleton will be an increasingly CONNECTED and accessible place. From a physical and mobility standpoint, it will continue to have regional ties via highways and arterials, transit services, long-distance trails, and the Mary Carter Greenway. Evolving technology and network speeds will link it even more to the nation and world. It will be an inclusive and neighborly community that provides opportunities for youth, seniors, and residents in need to thrive, including through more mobility options. Littleton will also remain a fun and wonderful locale throughout the year, bringing residents together for leisure and volunteer activities, and drawing visitors from near and far.



Littleton will always be a community of ACTIVE people who make the most of their city's cultural and natural resource abundance. It will support its residents' efforts to be fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It will embrace their desire to gather for live performances and other local happenings. And it will appreciate and build on the value of a lively downtown. Littleton will always seek to elevate its position as a dream community for outdoor recreation and nature enthusiasts – and a destination for visitors wishing to share in these local amenities.



Littleton will remain ENGAGED and civic-minded in all matters affecting the direction and priorities of city government and the community. Stakeholders will participate in transparent processes and take responsibility for maintaining a respectful and productive dialogue. Meaningful interactions must involve committed elected officials, informed residents, and other partner organizations and agencies interested in Littleton as it is today and will be tomorrow.

Guiding Principles describe the values identified by the community and serve as the foundation for the Vision. The Guiding Principles provide a reference point for Littleton to consider when making decisions. The guiding principles reflect major themes, or areas of focus, for achieving the desired vision that emerged based on analysis of input by stakeholders.

Values identify what matters most to the community and how it wishes to be viewed by others. Our shared values inform the vision.



# From Input and Vision ...

"East to west connection is an issue for bikes and pedestrians as well as cars. There are significant barriers."



INPUT

CORE VALUE

**Safety**

Pedestrian /  
cyclist / driver  
safety



**Connected**

Littleton will be  
an increasingly  
connected and  
accessible place.

Guiding Principle

# ... to Plan and ACTION

## Recreation, Heritage, and Tourism

### Goal TMP 1

Connected:  
Connect people  
conveniently to the  
community, resources,  
and opportunities

GOAL



### Policy TMP.AT 4

Consider installing an  
all ages and abilities  
bicycle facility for every  
new bicycle project

POLICY



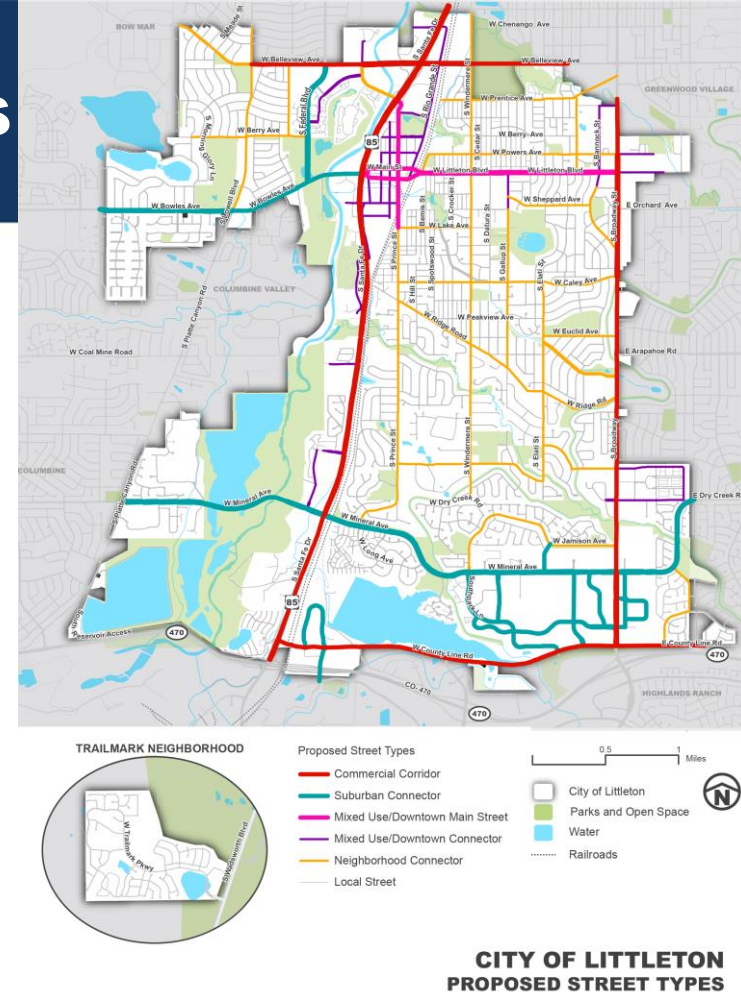
### Action TMP.AT 1

Work with South  
Platte Working Group  
to construct additional  
bicycle and pedestrian  
crossings of Santa Fe  
Drive to the river.

ACTION

# Future Complete Street Networks

- Created a context-sensitive street type classification system
- Institute a Level of Service policy for Auto/Freight, Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian networks
- Incorporate Overlays to identify which streets should receive special treatments for certain mode priorities
- Identify discrete projects designed to quickly and efficiently build out the complete networks




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 City of Littleton

 Parks and Open Space

 Water

 Railroads

 Pedestrian Priority Street





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Bike Priority Street

# Critical Corridors

## Critical Corridor: Santa Fe Drive (US 85)

Santa Fe Drive is a state and federal highway that has long served as Littleton's connection to the rest of the region. Today, it is a mix of limited access expressway and commercial arterial. It carries a massive amount of traffic through the city and serves not just Littleton's north-south travel needs, but also as a primary route for traffic moving through the City. It will continue to serve this function in the future as a state highway.

The future of Santa Fe Drive is as the City's main north-south auto and freight route. Santa Fe is in that the corridor is flanked on either side by premium transit (LRT) or active transportation (Greenway) facilities. These adjacent multimodal corridors allow Santa Fe Drive to be an auto mover.



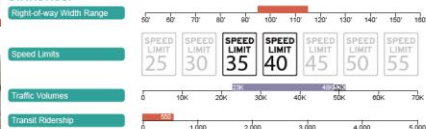
### STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS:

- Implement near-term operational improvement projects:
  - Alternative intersection at Mineral Avenue
  - Safety and operational improvements at Bowles

## Critical Corridor: S Broadway

Broadway currently serves a number of uses. It is the most traveled transit corridor (beside the LRT lines), it serves as a regional automotive and truck route, and it provides direct property access to a mix of general commercial uses and even some single-family residential uses. Broadway is one of the most dangerous places to be as a pedestrian or bicyclist in the City, and its wide footprint and fast speeds mean that those who attempt to cross it are vulnerable to being struck by autos.

### STATISTICS:



### STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS:

The future of Broadway is as the City's eastern transit boulevard. Because the right-of-way is wide, Broadway is a prime candidate for exclusive transit lanes with Bus Rapid Transit service. Repurposing underutilized road space for transit will allow Broadway to evolve into an asset for Littleton, and will generate economic activity. Broadway has been identified as a Tier 1 BRT corridor by RTD and the City should dedicate resources to working with partner municipalities to take transit.

As the transit vision evolves, other modes, past currently carries as many as 48,000 vehicles amount of congestion.

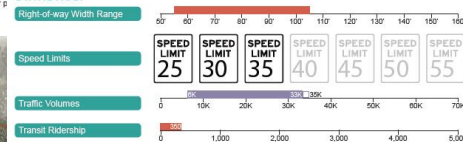
Sacrificing space for transit vehicles will likely which could include alternative intersection technology.

Special attention must be paid to the residents.

- Specific actions include:
- Partner with RTD, Centennial, and Arapahoe
  - Implement quick action projects to enhance
  - Implement quick action safety projects for p

The Comprehensive Plan envisions Littleton Boulevard transitioning to a mixed use corridor and extension of downtown, while respecting its history.

### STATISTICS:



## Critical Corridor: Littleton Blvd / Main St / Alamo Dr / Bowles Ave

### STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS:

The future of this corridor is as Littleton's Main Street. This corridor is many things to many people, but at its core it is the identity of Littleton. Extending the positive aspects of Downtown Littleton and Main Street to the east along Littleton Boulevard and reconnecting civic uses east of the railroad tracks will bring a better sense of connection with the downtown area and the rest of the community. With Littleton High School anchoring the east end of the corridor, the transformation of Littleton Blvd into a mixed use urban arterial will create a place that generates activity and contributes to the City's prosperity.

The corridor has the potential to serve as a true place, not just a place to move cars.

Specific Actions include:

- Conduct a corridor study that builds upon the foundation in this TMP:
  - Create an access control plan to address redevelopment concerns.
- Implement quick action projects to enhance transit speeds and reliability.
- Implement quick action safety projects for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- Advocate for increased transit frequency along the corridor with RTD.
- Enhance bicycle connections to the Powers Avenue bicycle priority street to the north.
- Enhance the pedestrian environment, particularly on the east end.
- Conduct a Downtown Mobility Plan and Streetscape Plan



# Next Steps

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- Prioritized projects to achieve vision of Complete Networks
  - Implementation plan to provide a road map for those projects
  - Incorporation of comments from the public to ensure that the process is transparent and inclusive
  - Continued outreach
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# Wrap-up

- Upcoming Events
  - August 28 – Telephone Town Hall
  - September 12 – Speaker Series #4 – Peter Kageyama
- What's Next
  - September 10 – Fiscal Impact & Implementation Plan
  - October 8 – Final Review & Comments Incorporated
  - October 14/15 – Recommendation & Adoption