

DENVER EAST NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

June 1, 2022

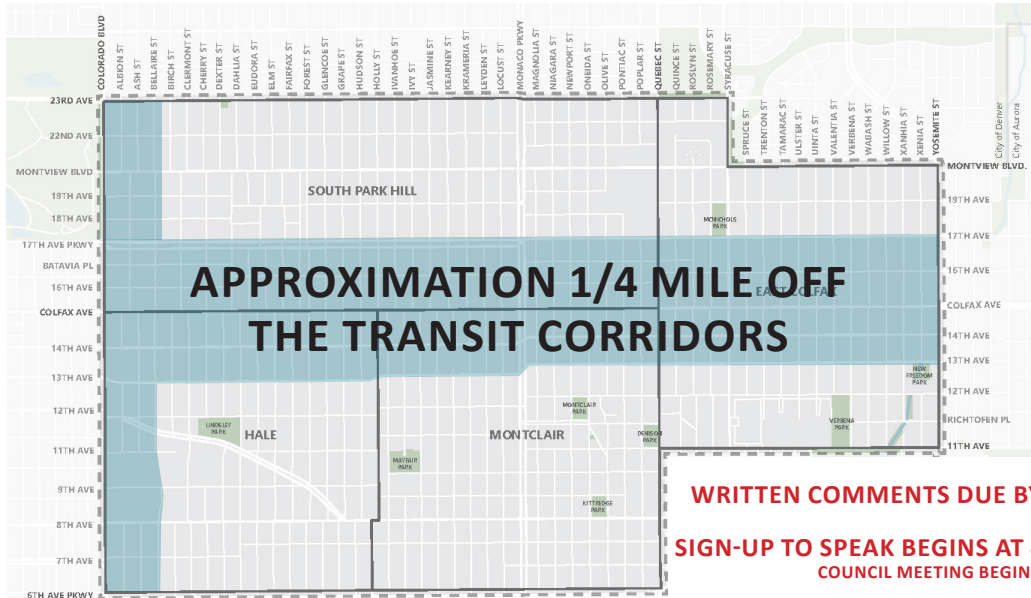
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FOR SUSTAINABLE, THOUGHTFUL, INCLUSIVE PLANNING

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE NO OR AMEND THE Expanding Housing Affordability Proposal ON JUNE 6, 2022 to address the following:

#1 REASON to VOTE NO or to AMEND. The decision on April 26 to eliminate parking requirements in high and mid capacity corridors disregarded the public engagement process and community planning recommendations to eliminate parking only at rail stations.

The “rail language” was a specific and intentional provision that the residents and city compromised on. The addition of eliminating parking at “high/medium capacity transit corridors” runs afoul and contributes to the destruction of the community engagement process and impacts all residents of Denver.



WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE BY 3PM JUNE 6, 2022.

SIGN-UP TO SPEAK BEGINS AT 4:30PM JUNE 6, 2022.
COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS AT 5:30PM.

YEARS OF PUBLIC INPUT AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED. The current amendment, which if approved by City Council on June 6th, 2022 allows elimination of all parking requirements within a 1/4 mile on high/medium capacity transit corridors if a developer exceeds certain mandates. Colorado and Colfax Blvd. qualify as high-capacity transit lines. **RETURN** to the original proposal to eliminate parking requirements at rail stations only.

BAIT and SWITCH of the Language at the 11th hour from elimination of required parking spaces only at “rail stops” to “rail stops and High/Medium capacity transit corridor” fails to meet the Goal of Blue Print Denver that the future of Denver be an inclusive process with community input.

ADOPTED EAST AREA PLAN calls for commensurate community benefits for any upzoning which includes addressing the diminished park space (332 acres in 2018) and tree canopy already existing and due to the increase with additional residents, flood mitigation, and heat island affect. Removing parking spaces is not a stated community benefit of EAP.

UPZONING WITHOUT COMMUNITY INPUT IGNORES THE ADOPTED EAP. There does not appear to be any “good neighborhood agreements with teeth” with upzoning which East Area Residents specifically asked for during the EAP process.

SAFETY OF THE TRANSIT/ABUTTING CORRIDORS. Residents reject the continued push of only certain aspects of Blueprint Denver. Safety in established neighborhoods is not being considered.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. Blueprint Denver calls for Type Four neighborhoods to be preserved not developed. Proposal does not make exceptions for this but does allow for a developer and the City to enter into negotiations over the implementation of the Affordable Housing Amendment. The least expensive homes located along the corridors will be lost and impacts the “diversity of housing that the City seeks to obtain/retain.”

APPROVAL OF THE Affordable Housing Amendment without amending for these issues in the adopted EAP will only serve to instill distrust and encourage Denverites to disengage in any request for community input.

WASTE OF TAX DOLLARS. Blueprint Denver calls for Area Plans to refine the goals of Blueprint Denver as “One size does not fit all.” If this proposal ignores the adopted East Area Plan then we should stop the monies committed to in-progress and future area plans.

VEHICLES WILL ALWAYS BE NEEDED EVEN IF WE DECREASE OUR USAGE OF THEM. Average car ownership is 2 cars per household. The 2022 Elevate Denver marketing campaign promotes our outdoor recreation to future Denverites/Employers. We do not campaign to grow our economy by stating “Come and don’t bring your cars.” People use cars for everyday living.

THE PROPOSAL FAILS TO REQUIRE THE MAXIMUM FEES THE CITY COULD CHARGE PER THE CITY’S OWN FEASIBILITY STUDY.



Written comments due by 3pm June 6. Sign-up to speak at 4:30pm June 6, 2022.



Written comments to dencc@denvergov.org. Please cc denvereastneighborhoodsfirst@gmail.com

WE NEED YOU TO SPEAK - Sign-up opens on June 6 at 4:30pm: [Click Here](#) to Sign-Up for the [Monday Night Council Meeting](#)

Sample Letters will be available on June 6. Questions? Email us at denvereastneighborhoodsfirst@gmail.com