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**STUDY SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY
March 8, 2022**

ALL TIMES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

11:45 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Heidi Miller
	ITEM:	Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice and Instructing Negotiators Regarding StreetMedia Case
12:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Alisha Reis
	ITEM:	Administrative Item Review / Commissioners Communication
12:45 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Eliza Schultz / Elisabeth Rosen / Alan Morse
	ITEM:	State Lobbyists Update
1:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jenni Hall / Melissa Scheere / Chase Evans / Ric Reed / Ariel Tolefree-Williams / Heidi Aggeler, Root Policy
	ITEM:	Resident Survey Update
2:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jenni Hall / Chase Evans / Katie Keefe / Joshua Epel, Consultant
	ITEM:	Suncor Energy Inc Plant 2 Title V Operating Permit
2:30 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Byron Fanning / Barbara Chongtouna, Mile High Flood District / Robb Berg, Design Workshop
	ITEM:	South Platte River Adams County Coalition Update
3:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Brian Staley / Janet Lundquist / Chris Chovan
	ITEM:	County Regional Transportation Priorities

(AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH MAY ARISE)

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STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: March 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Resident Survey Update from Root Policy Research
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Community & Economic Development
CONTACT: Jenni Grafton Hall, Director; Chase Evans, Deputy Director; Melissa Scheere, Community Development Manager; Heidi Aggeler, Managing Director of Root Policy Research
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: N/A
DIRECTION NEEDED: N/A
RECOMMENDED ACTION: The purpose of the Study Session is to report back to BOCC the results of the relaunched resident survey originally completed for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- On October 27, 2020, BOCC requested Root Policy Research relaunch the resident survey conducted for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.
 - The original survey ended February 28, 2020, and gauges Adams County resident's needs pre-COVID.
 - The survey relaunch was intended to capture COVID impact on the community.
- Root Policy Research will discuss major takeaways from the relaunched resident survey.

Adams County BOCC Study Session

Resident Needs Survey: COVID update

PRESENTED BY

Heidi Aggeler, *Managing Director*

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Methodology & Responses

Resident Survey Distribution Method

Available and promoted through housing providers and supportive service agencies and Adams County.

Used trusted distribution networks (v. a random sample where any individual has the same probability of being selected)

Total respondents:

- 1,700 households in 2020
- 210 households in 2021

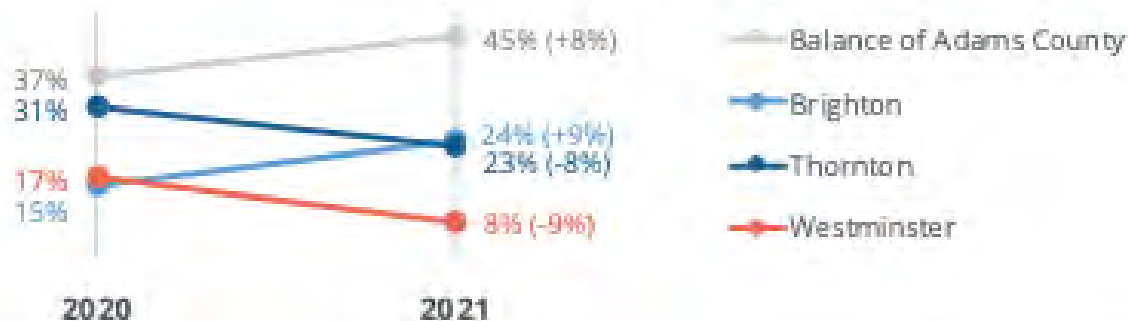
Resident Survey Distribution Method

Virtual Promotion	Virtual Promotion	Hard copy Surveys
9 to 5 Colorado	Pine Lakes Ranch	Adams County Fair
ACCESS Housing	Platte Valley Medical Center	Brighton Senior Center
Adams County Homeless Liaison	Rebuilding Together	Head Start Centers
Adams County Workforce and Business Center	Redwood Estates	Brighton Housing Authority
Adams County Safety and Well Being	Senior Resource Center	Center for People with Disabilities
Almost Home	Services de la Raza	Human Services Center
Brighton Housing Authority	The Grove at Alta Ridge	Community Senior Center
CASA	The Senior Hub	Maiker Housing Partners
Cold Weather Care	Senior Resource Center	
Early Childhood Partnership	Services de la Raza	
Family Tree	The Grove at Alta Ridge	
Friendly Village of the Rockies	The Senior Hub	
Grid Alternatives	Thornton Mobile Estates	
Growing Home	United for a New Economy	
Low Income Family Empowerment	Woodland Hills	
North Metro Community Services		

ADAMS COUNTY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

WHERE RESPONDENTS LIVE



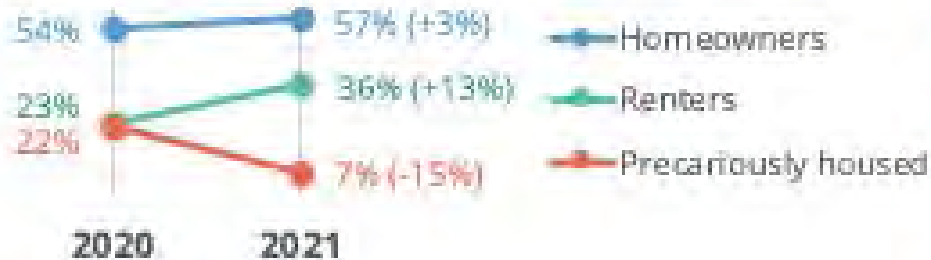
2021 captured more unincorporated county residents



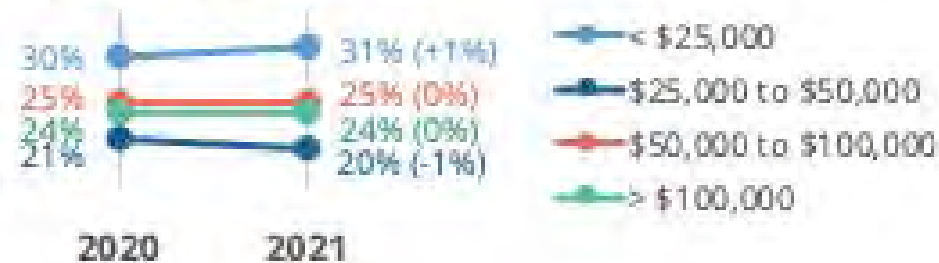
2021 captured more renters and non-White residents

WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY?

HOUSING STATUS



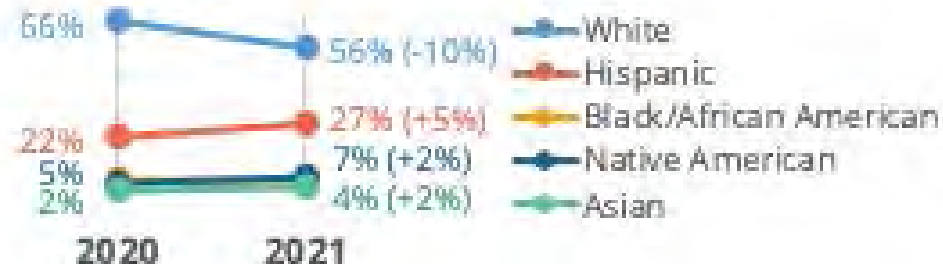
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



HOUSEHOLD SIZE

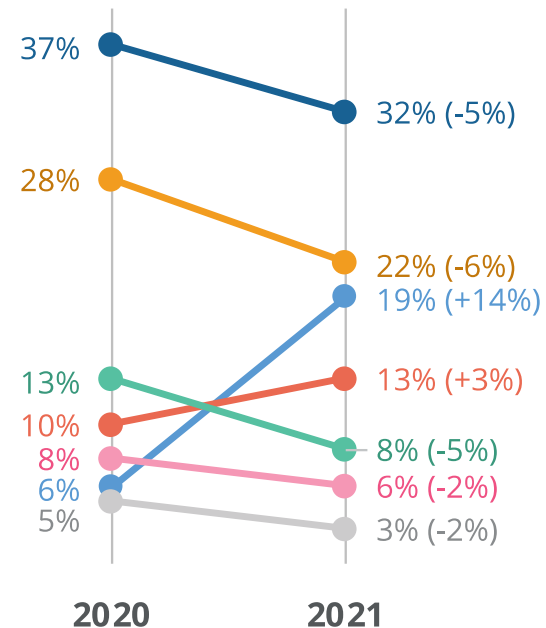


IDENTIFIED AS



2021 captured more public housing and single residents

- Had a child under 18
- Had a household member with a disability
- Live in publicly assisted housing
- Lives alone
- Is a senior (age 65+)
- Are single parents (no other adults in the home)
- Live with roommates/ friends



Survey Findings

Employment Changes

The majority (72%) of Adams County respondents experienced some type of employment change due to the pandemic.

Most commonly:

- Transition to working from home (31%),
- Loss of employment (37%),
- Reduced hours (26%).

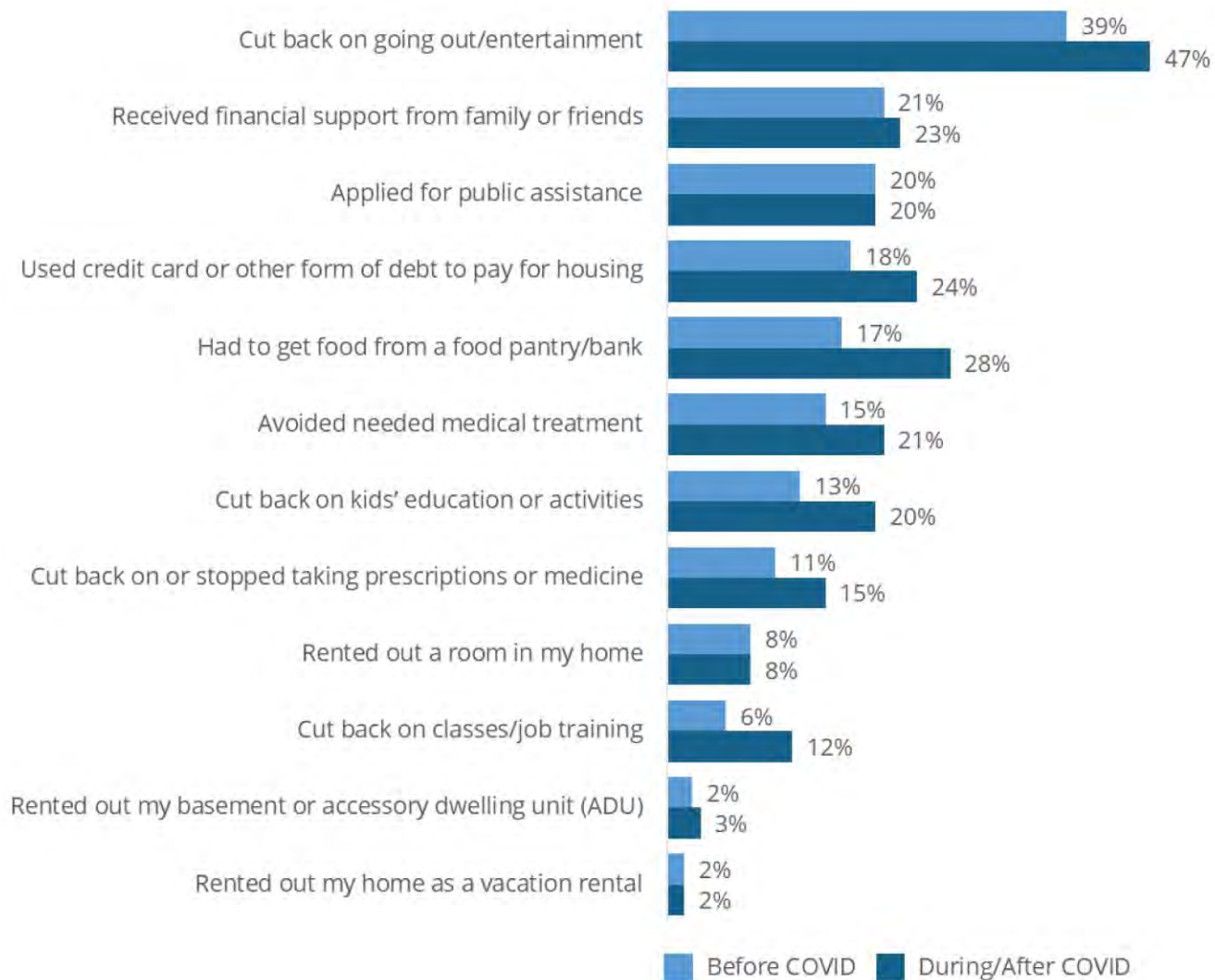
Reducing (15%) or quitting paid work to care for children (7%) were more common among low income households than the general household population.

Employment Changes from COVID

Higher than Region (>7 percentage points)
 Lower than Region (<7 percentage points)

	Household Income ≤\$25,000	Respondents of Color	White Respondents	Homeowners	Renters	Overall
N/A, My employment situation has not been affected by COVID-19	19%	30%	25%	31%	24%	28%
Started working from home	22%	27%	36%	38%	22%	31%
Lost job, became unemployed	37%	33%	19%	22%	32%	26%
Filed for unemployment	15%	22%	20%	18%	22%	21%
Hours decreased/cut	26%	18%	20%	22%	17%	19%
Hours increased	0%	10%	12%	11%	10%	11%
Furloughed or put on temporary leave	7%	8%	14%	13%	7%	11%
Found a new job	4%	5%	10%	6%	10%	8%
Had to reduce work hours in order to care for school-aged children	15%	7%	7%	6%	10%	7%
Had to quit job in order to care for school-aged children	7%	7%	5%	3%	12%	6%

Spending Changes from COVID



Spending Changes from COVID

	Renters			Homeowners			Overall After COVID	
	Before COVID	After COVID	Difference	Before COVID	After COVID	Difference		
Cut back on going out/entertainment	43%	53%	9%	34%	43%	9%	47%	
Had to get food from a food bank/pantry	38%	47%	10%	7%	16%	9%	28%	
Used credit card or other form of debt to pay for housing costs	22%	34%	13%	14%	20%	7%	24%	
Received financial support from family or friends	27%	42%	15%	14%	11%	-3%	23%	
Avoided needed medical treatment	16%	21%	5%	12%	18%	5%	21%	
Applied for public assistance	46%	39%	-6%	7%	11%	4%	20%	
Cut back on kids' education or activities	19%	26%	7%	9%	18%	8%	20%	
Cut back on or stopped taking perscriptions or medicine	8%	21%	13%	11%	14%	3%	15%	
Cut back on classes/job training	8%	13%	5%	4%	14%	9%	12%	
Rented out a room in my home	0%	8%	8%	12%	9%	-3%	8%	
Rented out my basement or accessory dwelling unit	3%	3%	0%	3%	4%	1%	3%	
Rented out my home as a vacation rental	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	2%	

Housing Changes

More than half of respondents indicated that they received COVID relief from the federal government.

Overall, 39% of respondents' housing was unaffected by the COVID pandemic.

- 11% of owners received government assistance v. 21% of renters
- 21% of homeowner respondents were behind on their mortgage payments, 3.7 months on average and owing a median of \$2,900.
- 30% of renters indicated they were behind on rent, 2.5 months on average and owing median value of \$3,000.

Housing Changes

Nearly half of respondents experienced a housing cost increase during 2021 (similar to 2020).

Median monthly increase = \$100/mo

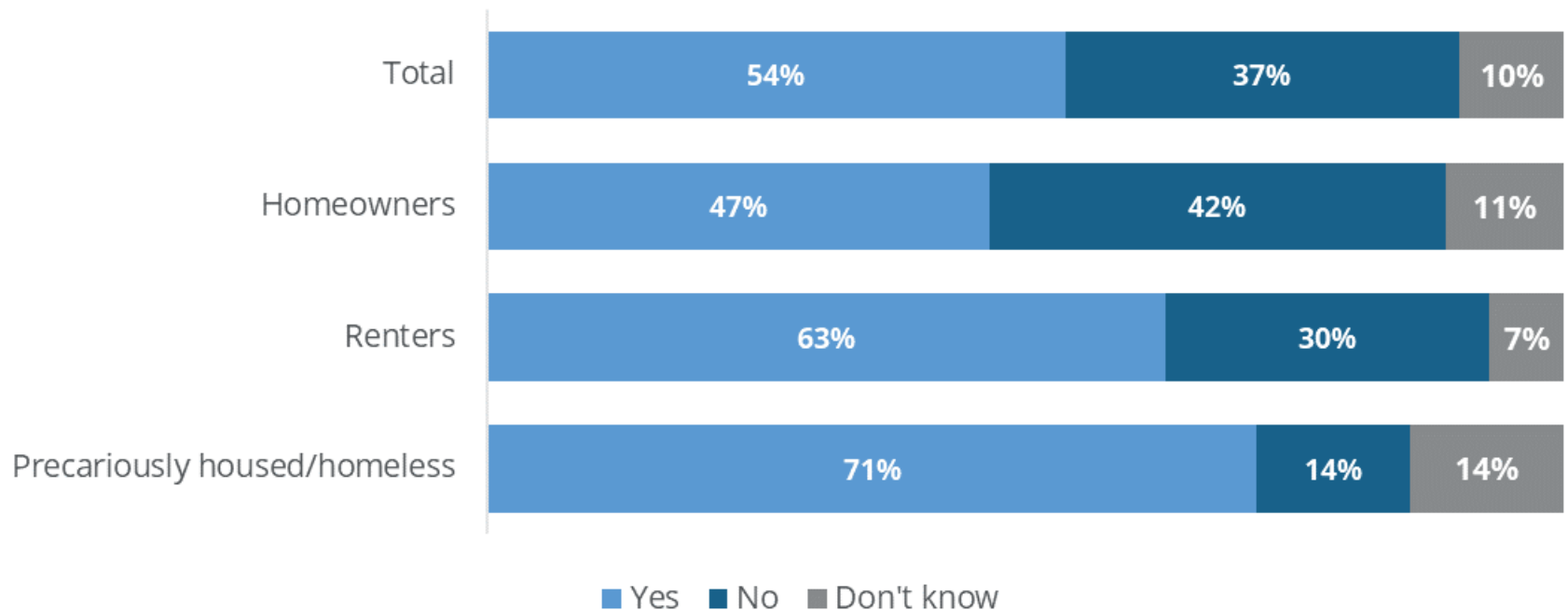
Increases in utilities costs were less likely (61% in 2020 v. 55% in 2021)

Median monthly increase = \$100/mo

Housing Changes from COVID

	Household income <\$25,000	Respondents of color	White respondents	Homeowners	Renters	Overall
N/A, My housing situation has not been affected by COVID-19	19%	42%	35%	52%	25%	39%
I have skipped payments on some bills in order to pay for housing costs	26%	11%	23%	11%	27%	16%
I have taken on debt to pay housing costs	11%	13%	19%	13%	15%	16%
I received help to pay me rent or mortgage payment from the housing authority or county	26%	14%	11%	10%	21%	13%
I am paying the full rent or mortgage late when we have the money	7%	8%	11%	8%	13%	10%
Family of friends moved in with me/us	19%	11%	8%	14%	4%	10%
To pay for housing costs, I have paid less than the minimum amount due or skipped other bills such as heat, water, internet	11%	6%	13%	5%	15%	9%
I moved in with friends or family	4%	7%	6%	4%	4%	7%
I moved to nicer/more desirable housing	0%	4%	10%	7%	6%	6%
I am paying part of the rent or mortgage payment	7%	8%	11%	7%	4%	6%
I am still living in an unsafe family situation	15%	4%	6%	1%	10%	5%
I am still living in housing in poor condition	4%	4%	5%	2%	6%	4%
I moved to cheaper/less desirable housing	0%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%

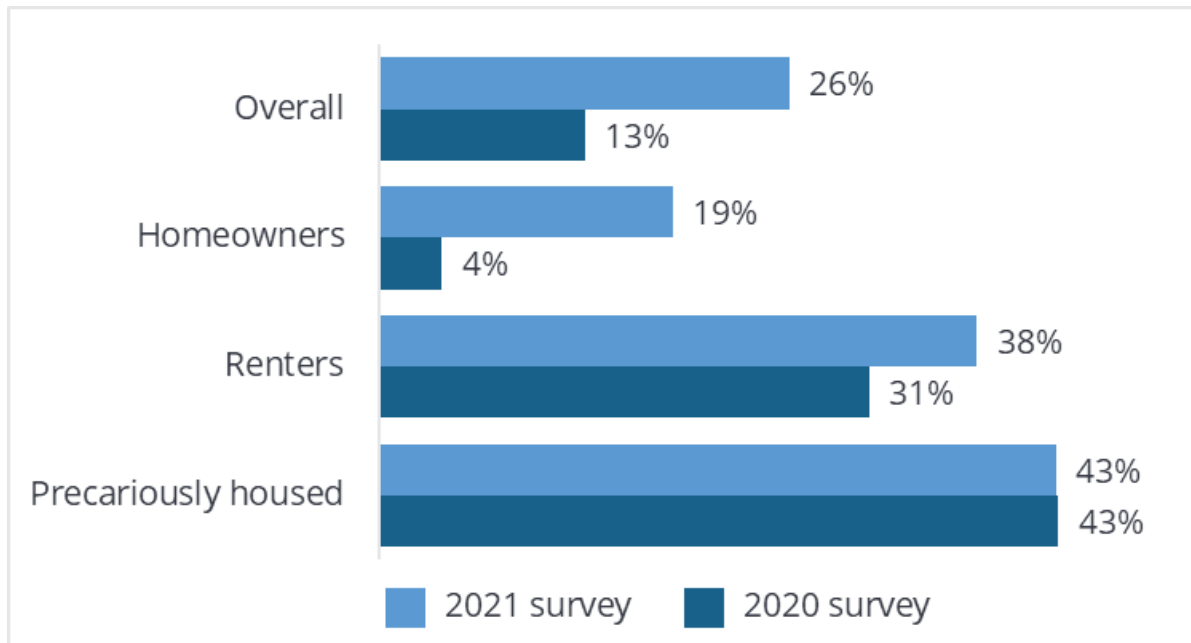
Did you receive COVID-related assistance from the government?



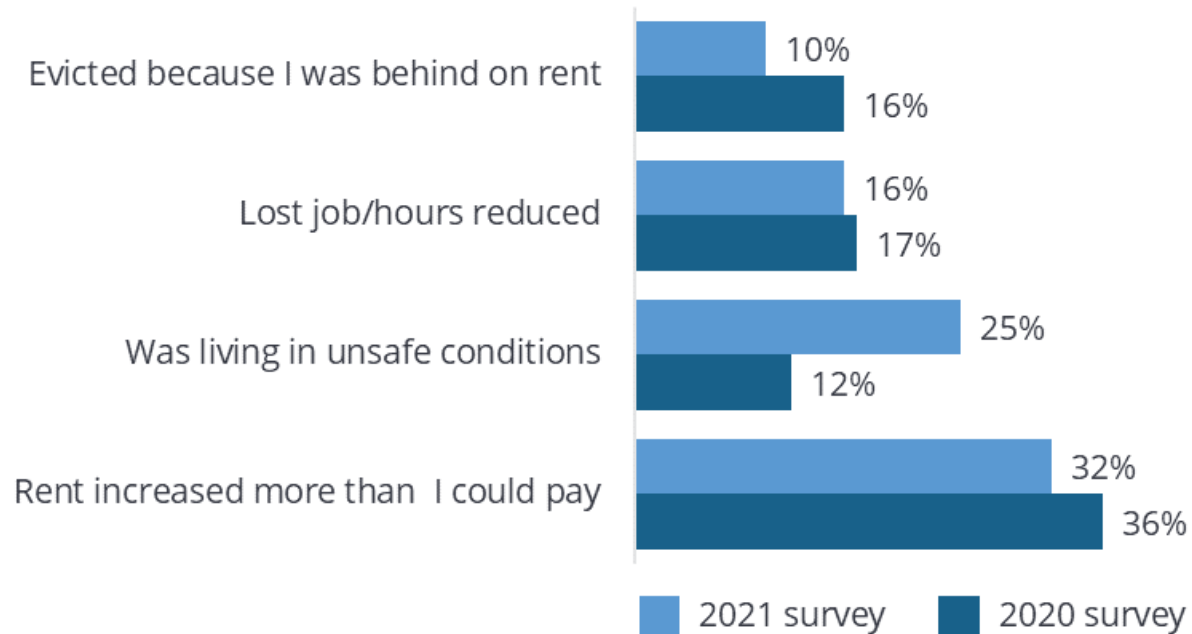
Did your landlord offer accommodations?



Displacement during COVID



Displacement during COVID



Questions & Discussion



STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: March 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Air Pollution Control Division's response to comments provided on the Suncor Plant 2 Title V Permit
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development
CONTACT: Katie Keefe, Environmental Program Manager; Chase Evans, Deputy Director; Jenni Hall, Director
FINACIAL IMPACT: N/A
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: Chair Signature pending Board direction
DIRECTION NEEDED: Board direction regarding the submittal of formal comments to EPA Region 8
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board accepts Staff's professional guidance for County-recommended changes to Suncor's draft Title V permit and authorizes submission of a formal letter to EPA Region 8

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Air Pollution Control Division's response to the County's written comments on the draft Title V permit for Suncor Plant 2
- Challenges to the Division's conservative interpretation of their statutory authorities per federal and state statutes with staff's professional recommendation
- Title V Operating Permit issuance and current timeline
- Focus topics for possible comment letter to EPA Region 8 disputing Division's response to the County's prior comments on the draft permit



STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: 3/8/22
SUBJECT: South Platte River Adams County Coalition Update
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Arts
CONTACT: Byron Fanning
FINACIAL IMPACT: None at this time
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: Informational Update
DIRECTION NEEDED: N/A
RECOMMENDED ACTION: N/A

DISCUSSION POINTS:

This study session is an update to provide the BOCC with information on the ongoing planning effort for the South Platte River in Adams County with coalition members, Commerce City, Brighton, Thornton, Mile High Flood District and the Greenway Foundation. We are currently in the needs assessment phase of the study which will lead to recommendations from the consultant, Design Workshop and their team for next steps and projects.

- Description of the partnership and who is involved
- Outline of study goals and objectives as well as area being studied
- Discussion of categories for measuring river health, neighborhood connections, and the human experience along the river
- Discussion of next steps for the project

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PROJECT PARTNERS



ADAMS COUNTY COALITION

Adams County, Commerce City, Thornton, Brighton, Mile High Flood District & The Greenway Foundation



CONSULTANT TEAM



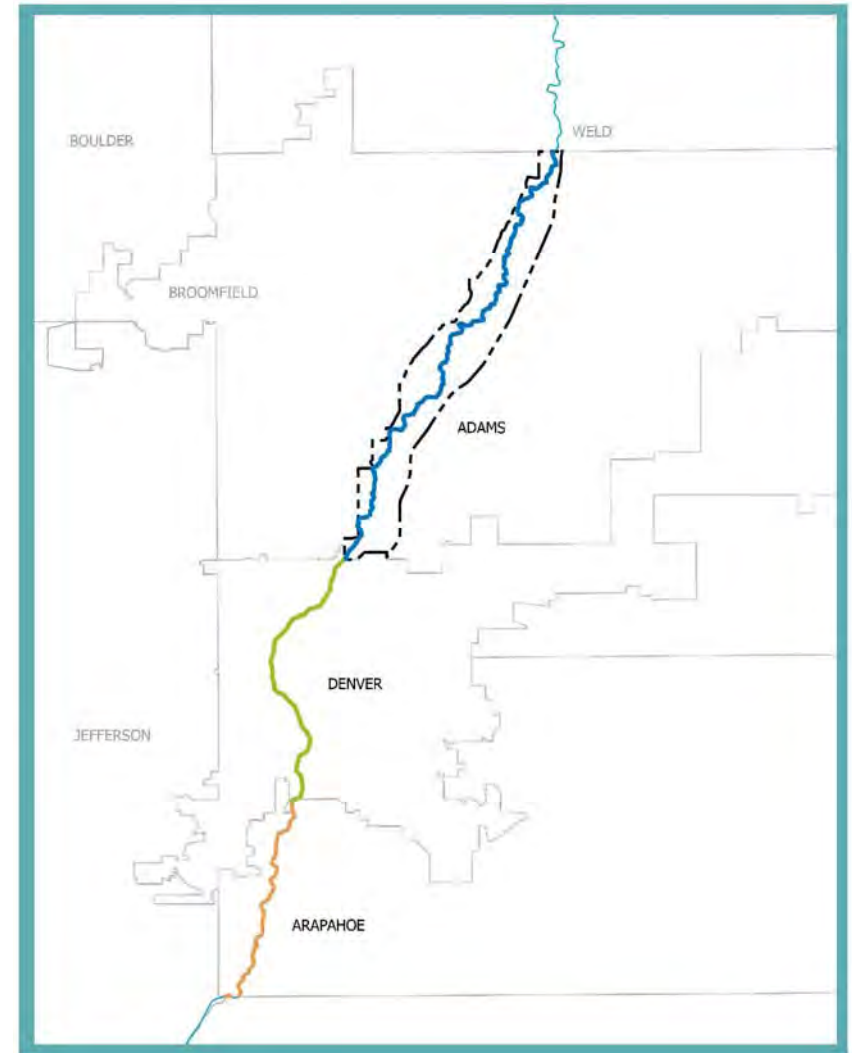
PROJECT BACKGROUND

Adams County Coalition

- Long history of collaboration
- South Platte River Heritage Plan resulted in **3,000+ acres conserved** and numerous successful projects
- Update effort to grow the coalition and form additional partnerships

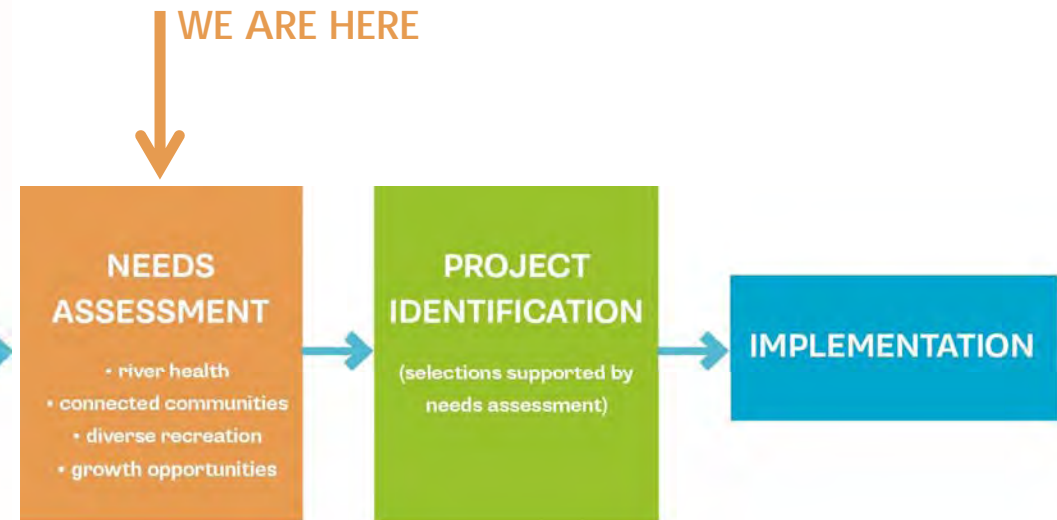
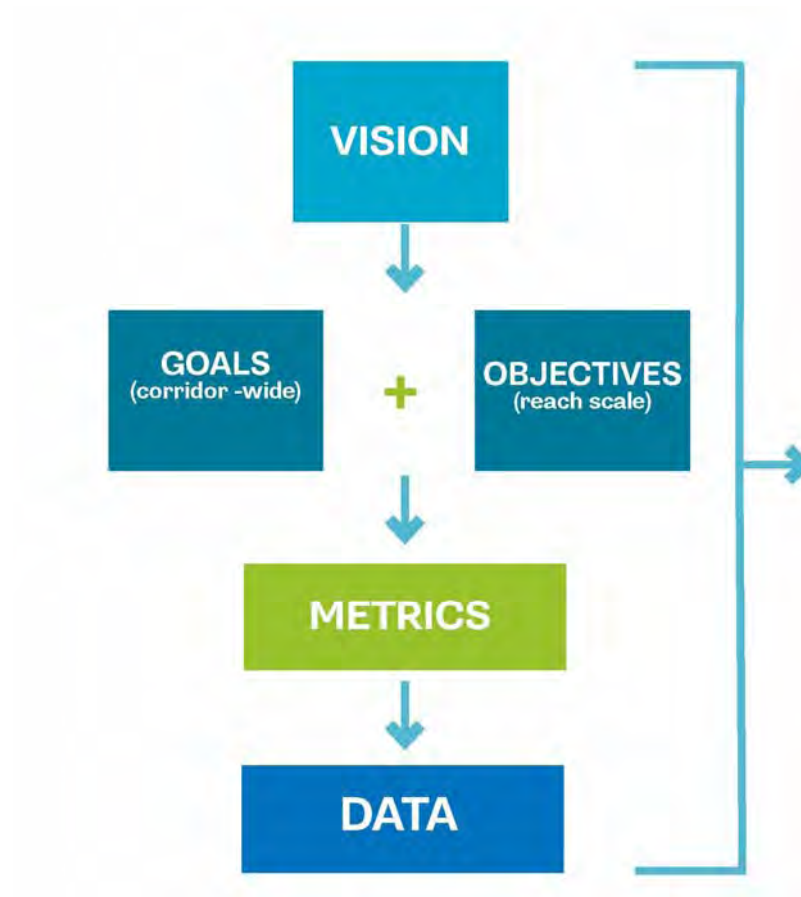
Big Picture

- Tie into MHFD's work on the Arapahoe County and Denver County reaches
- Create a comprehensive dataset for Adams County's reach and contribute to a collective vision for the entire South Platte River Corridor across Colorado



ADAMS COUNTY SOUTH PLATTE RIVER VISION & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PROCESS



PROJECT VISION

A healthy river corridor that is connected, diverse, and sustains growth for future generations

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| Goal | A Healthy River Corridor |
| Objective | Restore the river's ecological and hydrologic function |
| Goal | Connected Communities |
| Objective | Remove barriers and create safe connections to bring people to the river |
| Goal | Diverse Recreation |
| Objective | Reclaim the river corridor for public use and enjoyment |
| Goal | Growth Opportunities |
| Objective | Provide new opportunities for community growth and economic resiliency |



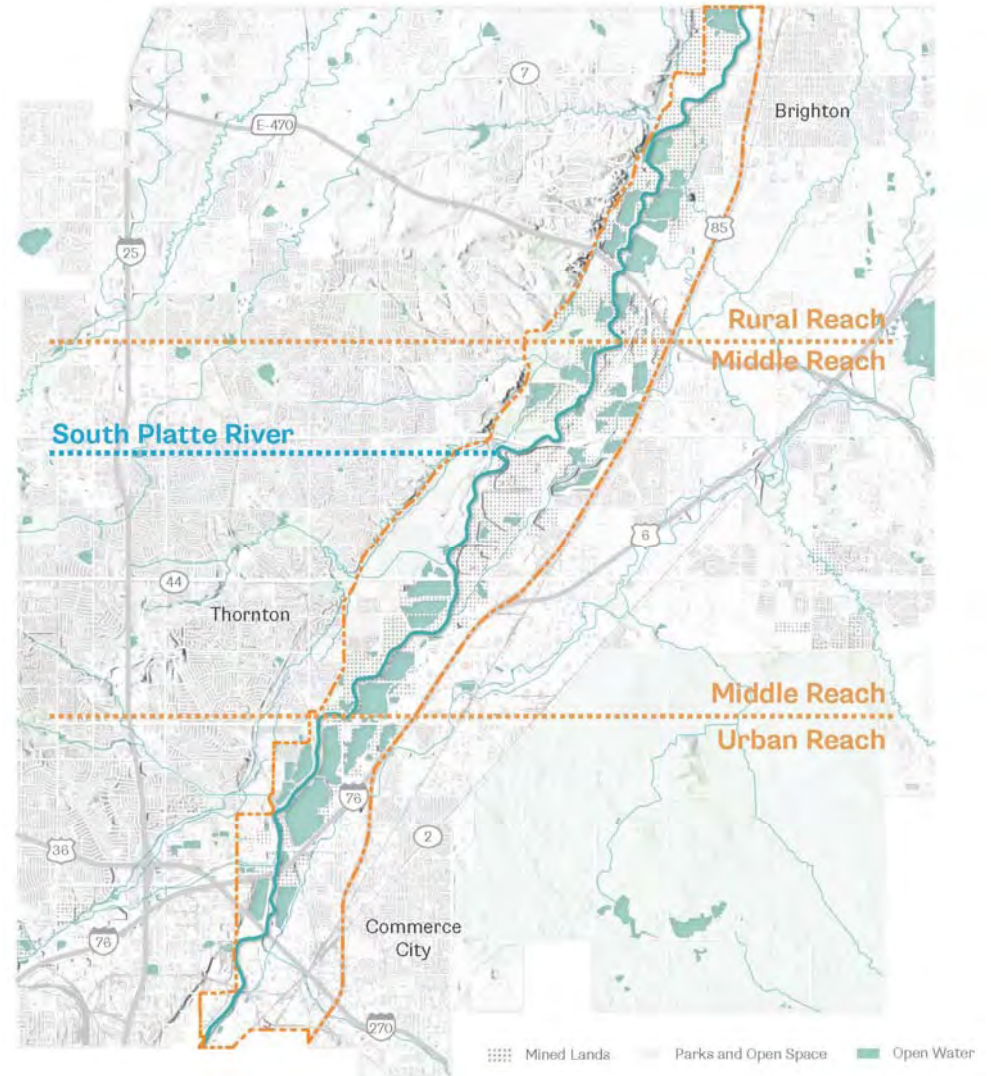
PROJECT INTRODUCTION

AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)

- County boundary to the north and south, I-76 to the east, and Riverdale Road to the west
- South Platte River extends for 17 miles across Adams County
- Franklin Street in Commerce City, northeastward to 168th Avenue in Brighton
- The study is looking at 3 distinct areas based on similar character

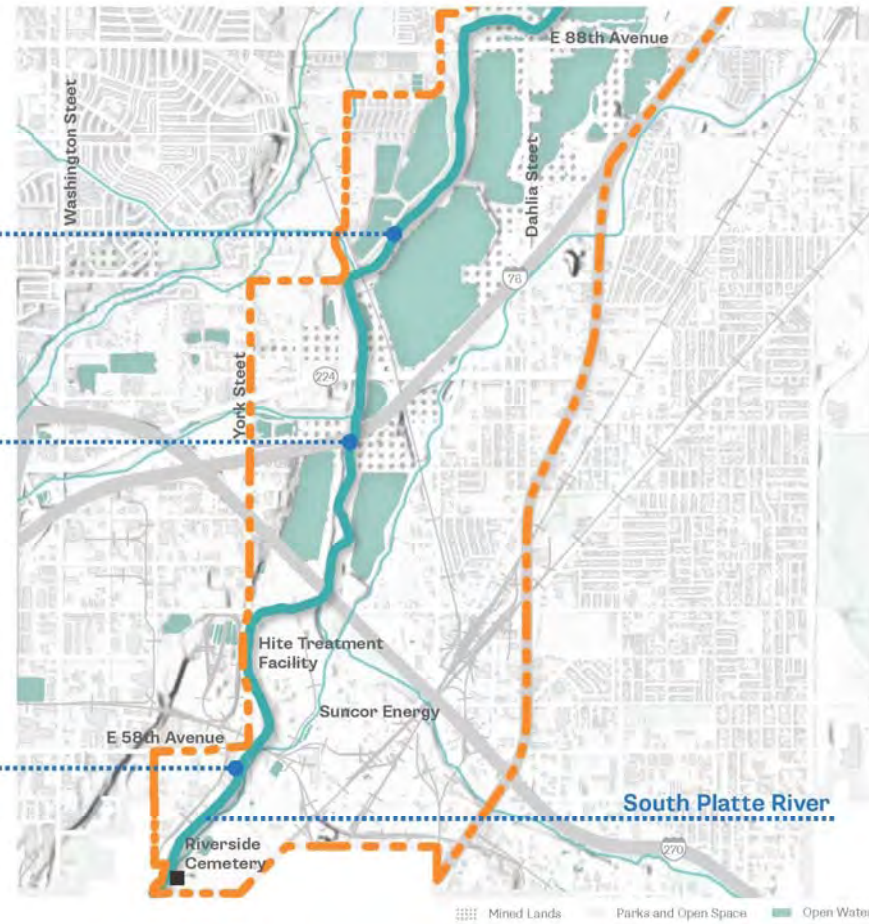


Northern Rural Reach



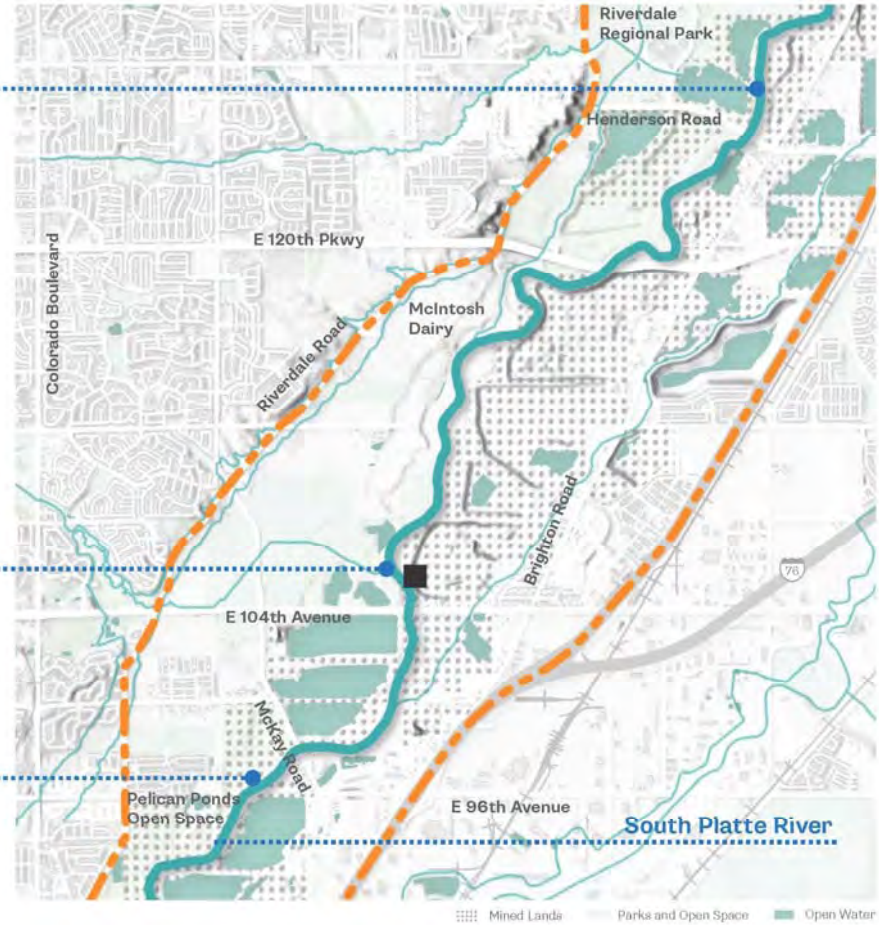
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SITE CHARACTER – URBAN REACH



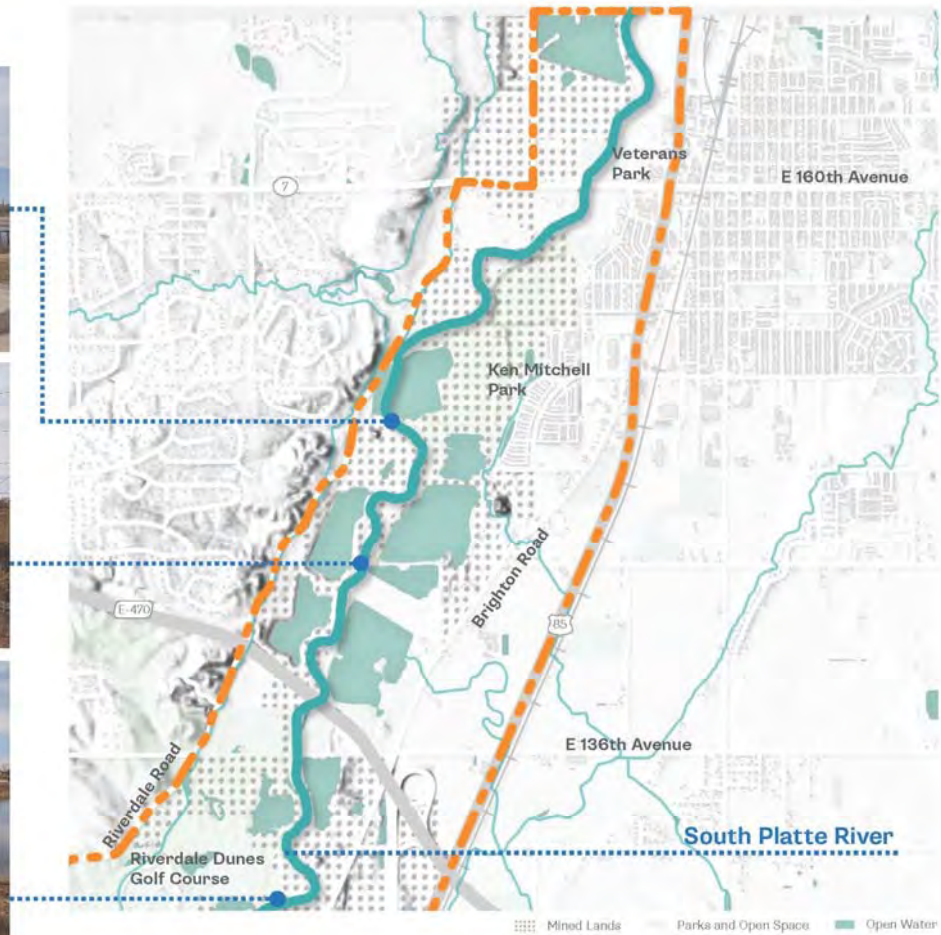
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SITE CHARACTER – MIDDLE REACH



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

SITE CHARACTER – RURAL REACH

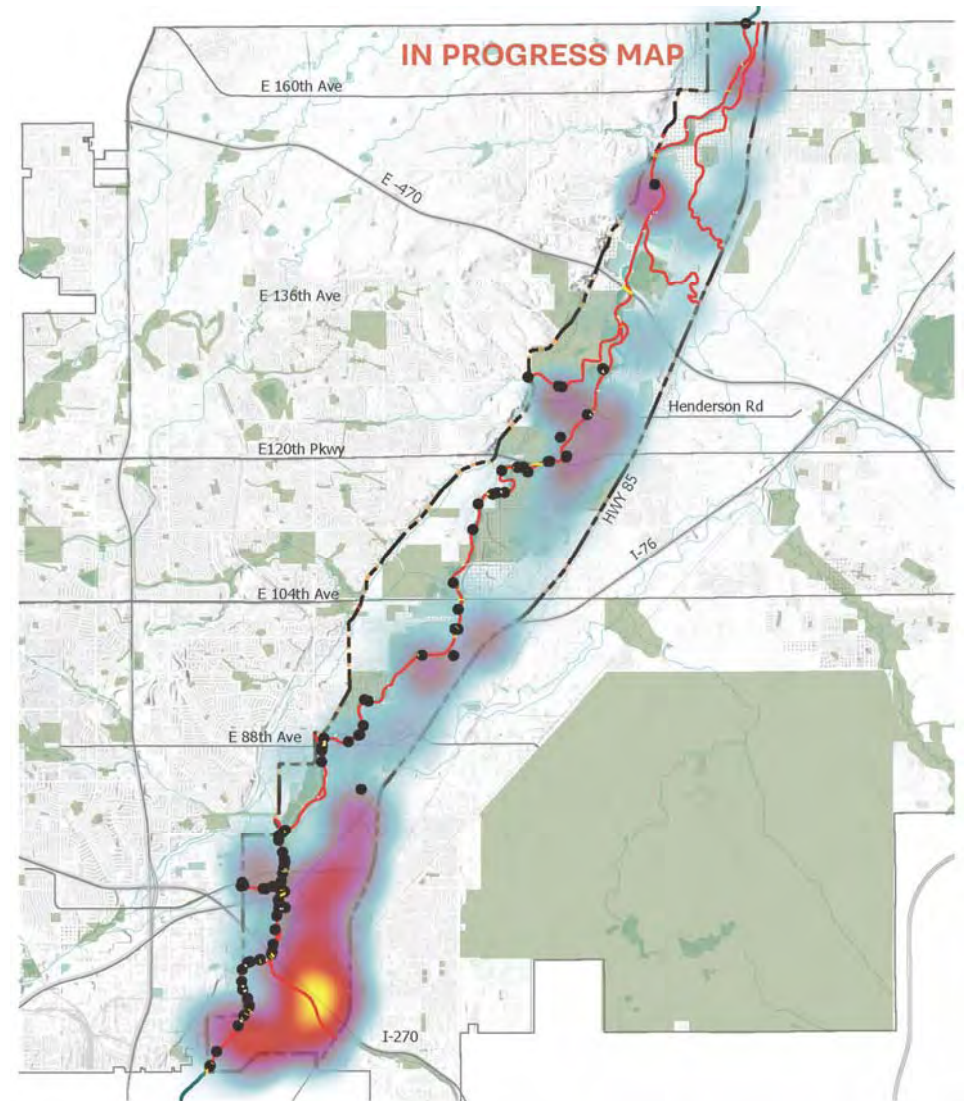


NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RIVER HEALTH

Categories for measuring river health:

- River flows and regional water security
- Existing infrastructure: bridges, drop structures, flow diversions, outfalls
- Water quality impairments: E. Coli, metals (cadmium), sulfates
- Hazards: superfund sites, landfills, spill sites, etc.



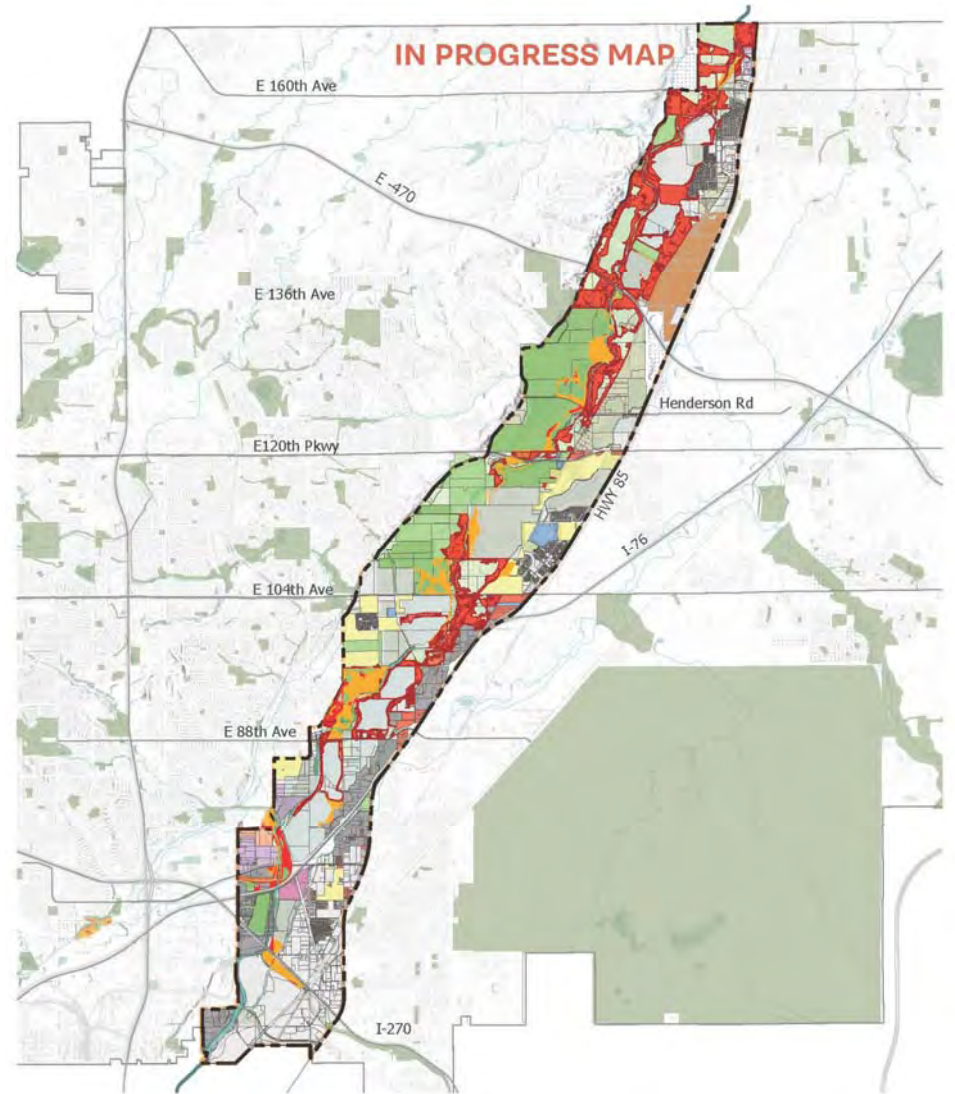
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RIVER HEALTH

Categories for measuring river health:

- Future Land Use (2021)
- Unprotected core habitat patches and connectors
- Landscape typologies (poor & fair rankings)



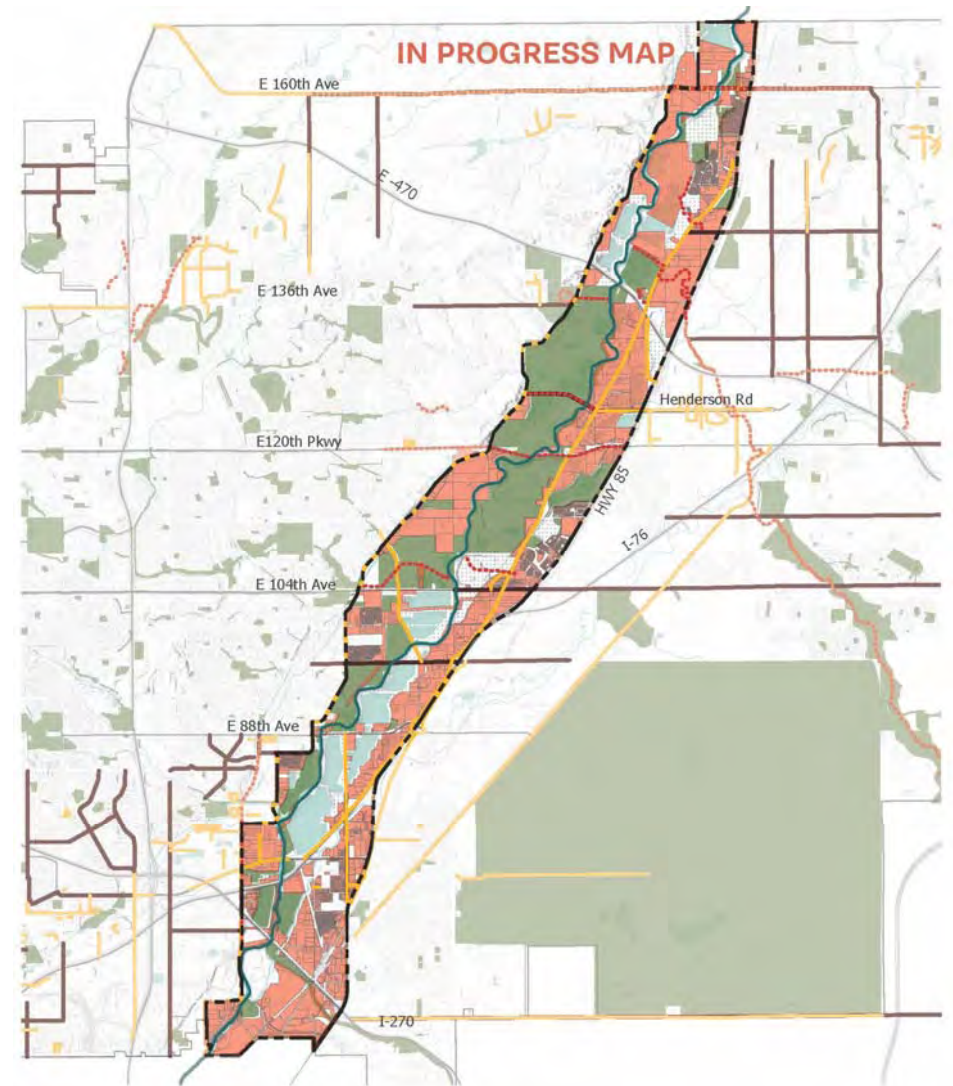
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Categories for measuring connected communities:

- High-priority pedestrian pathways: missing sidewalks
- Planned on-street bikeways
- Priority trails
- Parks and open space
- Private property

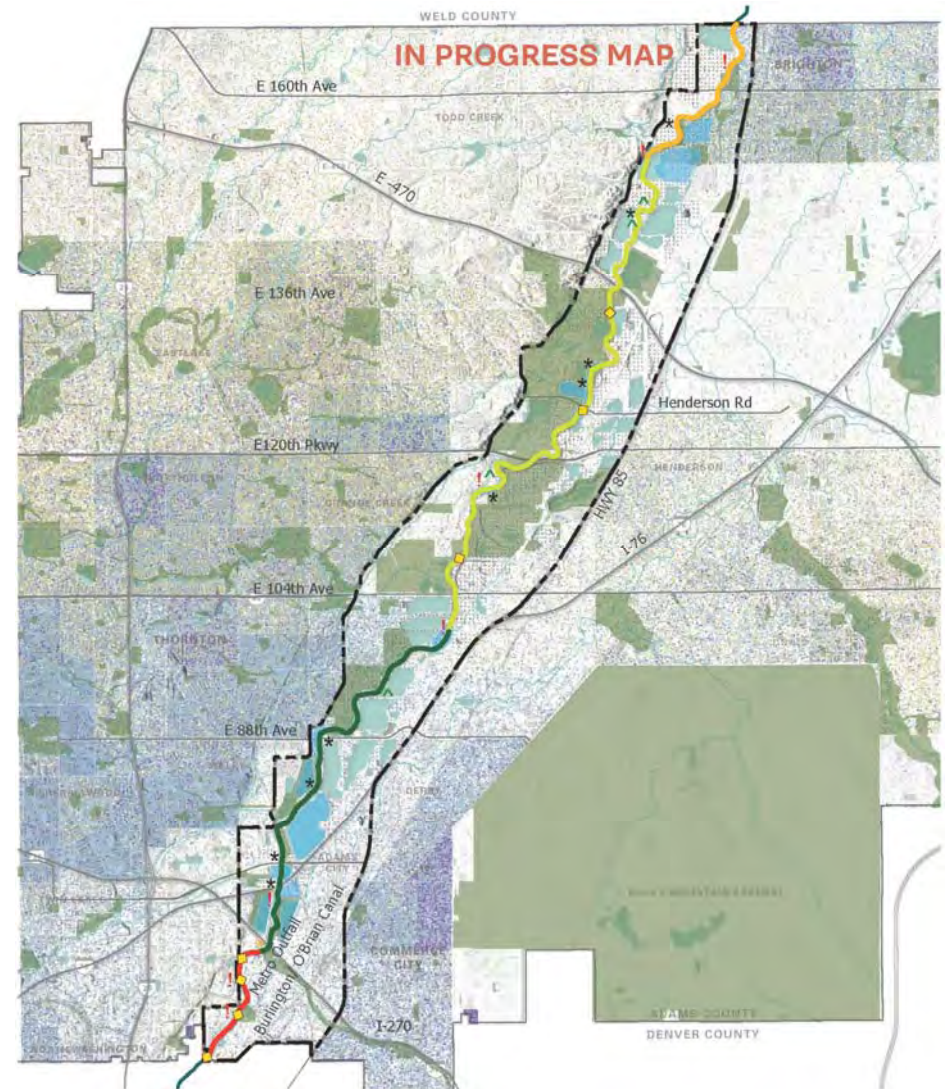


NEEDS ASSESSMENT

HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Categories for measuring human experience:

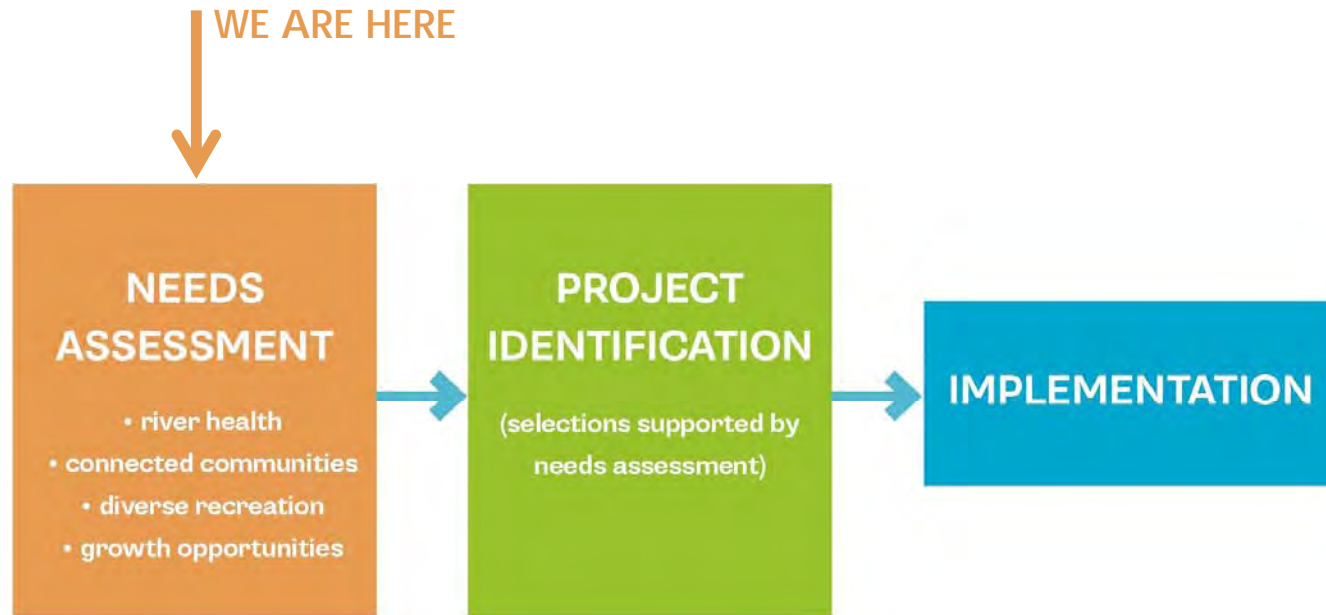
- Population density
- Racial diversity
- Parks and open space
- River recreation potential (based on flow)
- Drop structures (safety ratings)



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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NEXT STEPS



1. Develop Needs Assessment spreadsheet, define metrics, and create data layers to align with metrics.
2. Create scorecards that rate each reach based on the needs for each goal.
3. Identify need priority areas and identify potential projects based on the Needs Assessment ratings.
4. Implement potential projects in areas identified with the highest need.

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Questions?



STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: March 8, 2022
SUBJECT: BoCC Regional Transportation Priorities - Corridors
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Public Works
CONTACT: Chris Chovan; Brian Staley; Janet Lundquist
FINACIAL IMPACT: None
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: N/A
DIRECTION NEEDED: Update of the County Transportation Priorities
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board Discussion and Direction

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Staff is seeking to update the transportation priorities of the County with the Board of County Commissioners. This is the first of two Study Sessions focusing on regional and subregional corridors. The second Study Session (planned for late March) will focus on specific projects.

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Regional Transportation Priorities: Defining Corridors

March 8, 2022

Adams County Public Works

Chris W. Chovan, Senior Transportation and Mobility Planner

Janet Lundquist, Deputy Director

Brian Staley, Director





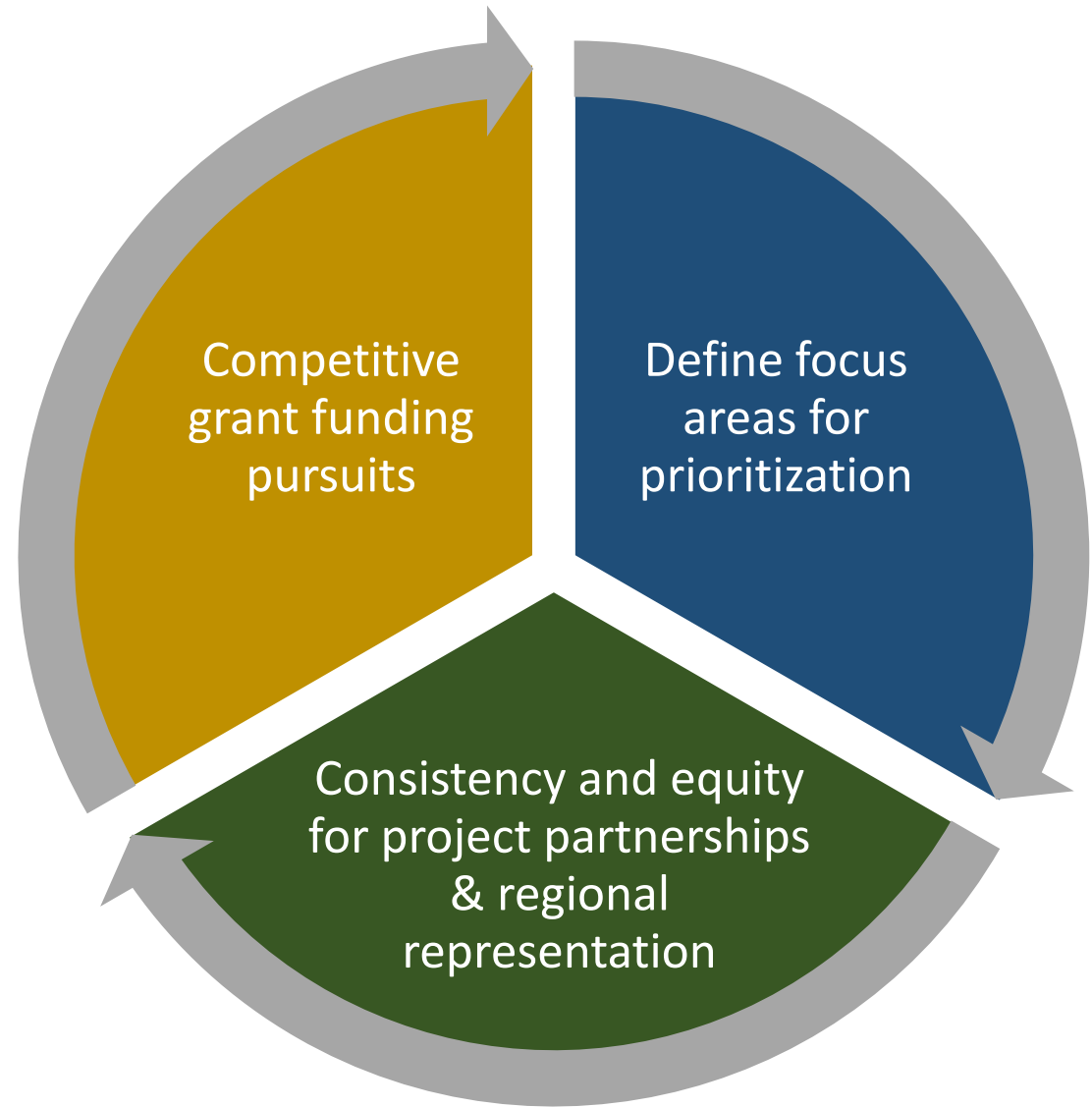
Regional Transportation Priorities



Corridors

Projects

Strategic Planning for Regional Transportation



Identifying Corridors



PLANS

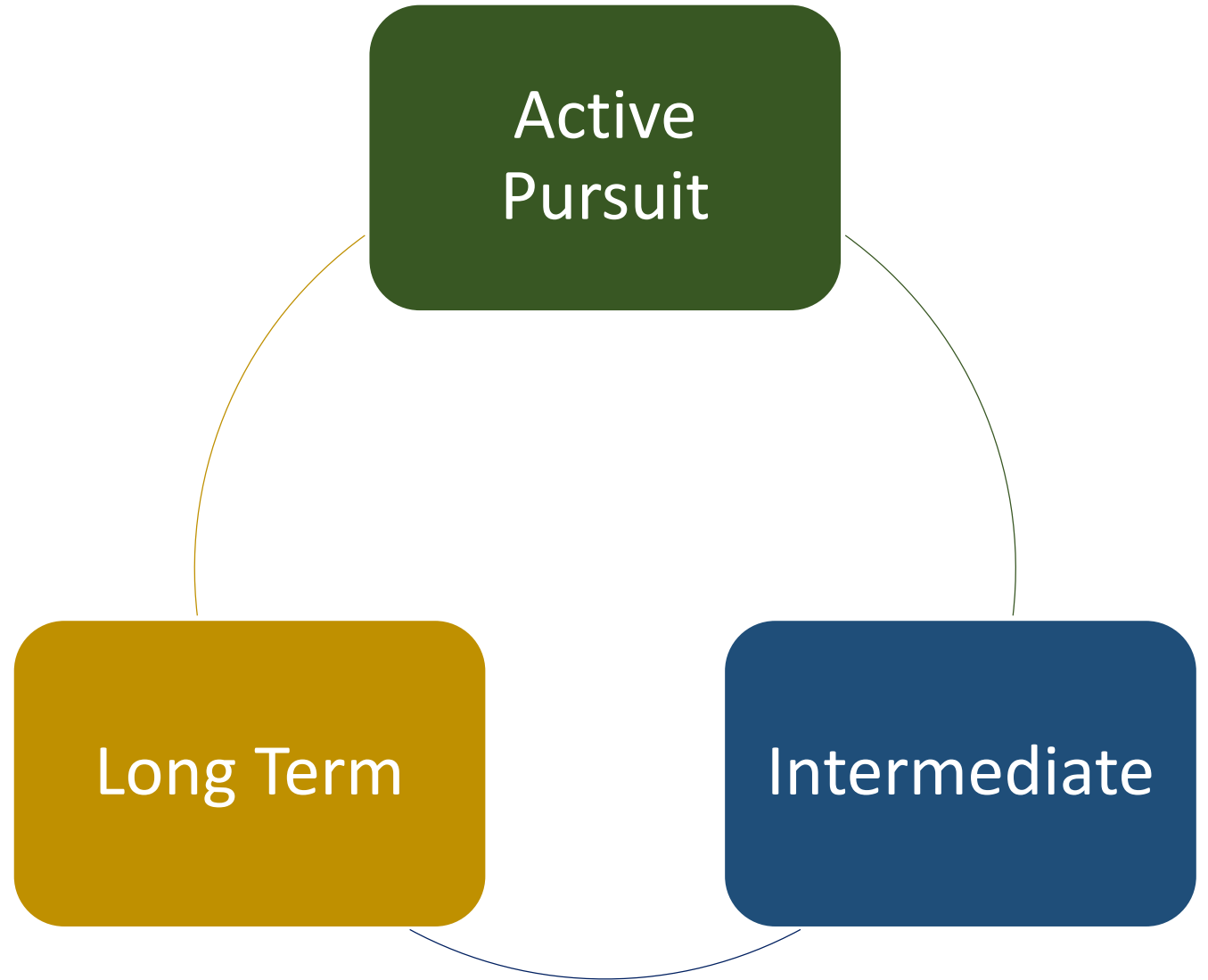


AGENCY PARTNERS



DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Corridor Categories



Consideration/Discussion

- What corridors are missing in the following slides?
- Are the corridors categorized correctly for your priorities?
- Should any of the corridors be removed?
- Should the county focus on county roads only?

Active Pursuit Corridors

I-270

I-25

E-470

US-85

Federal Blvd.

SH-224

E. 104th Ave.

E. 120th Ave.

Intermediate Corridors

SH 7

SH 79

Imboden Rd.

Vasquez Blvd.

Lowell Blvd.

McKay Rd./Monaco St.

Buckley Rd.

Pecos St.

Washington St.

88th Ave.

Long Term Corridors

I-70

I-76

York St.

Sable Blvd.

Sheridan Blvd.

Broadway Blvd.

72nd Ave.

136th Ave.

Brighton Rd.

Havana St.

Riverdale Rd.

Midway Blvd.

Next Steps

