

Increasing traffic, parking, pedestrian and bicycle safety are growing issues and problems throughout Denver. They are a particular concern for those of us who live in neighborhoods adjacent to the 9+CO development (the former CU Health Sciences Campus). We already have traffic concerns and related issues because school children and families walk along streets with no or limited sidewalks, and are crossing increasingly busy streets, including 6th and 8th Ave, and Colorado Blvd. Drivers who get frustrated with Colorado Blvd. are cutting through our neighborhood residential side streets and speeding by our schools. Once the development at 9+CO opens, there will be increased traffic volume, along with altered neighborhood traffic patterns and the potential for significant traffic, mobility and safety problems in our neighborhoods.

Accordingly, the Colorado Blvd Health District (CBHD)* established a subcommittee with representatives of the neighborhoods adjacent to the 9+CO development, as well as liaisons with area schools, to discuss and try to deal with current traffic issues, and proactively deal with evolving traffic/parking/safety issues. This Subcommittee has had the support of Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman, as well as Crissy Fanganello, Director of Transportation and Mobility, and has been meeting with Denver Public Works Transportation and Mobility staff who were charged with listening to concerns and developing solutions.

The following is the progress to date:

- The Subcommittee identified streets and intersections that were of current and future concern, with emphasis on school traffic, bicycle and pedestrian corridors.
- City employees conducted a baseline Average Daily Trip count of cars, bicycles, and pedestrians on the first wave of high priority streets (see chart). This data will be used to document current problems, as well as used to monitor changes as the 9+CO development evolves.
- City Public Works/Mobility team developed traffic calming/mobility ideas to increase traffic and school corridor safety, included ideas that could be implemented and tested in the immediate term, as well as a few back-up strategies which might be needed as conditions change.
- The Subcommittee is designing and implementing strategies to get broader feedback from neighborhoods that may be impacted by proposed traffic calming/mobility ideas.

**The Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District (CBHD), formed in approximately 1990, is an organization of representatives of neighborhood organizations and healthcare institutions near Colorado Blvd.*

The primary purpose is to enable good communication between neighborhoods and hospitals and other healthcare entities in such issues as land use planning and zoning. Neighborhood members are Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Congress Park Neighbors, Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Association and Mayfair Neighbors.

Since 2004, the major concerns of the CBHD have been 1) the acquisition by National Jewish Health of the former Gove Middle School and planning for the use of that land and 2) planning for the sale and private redevelopment of the 28-acre former campus of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, near East 9th Avenue and Colorado Blvd., into a mixed-use development. (The CU-HSC moved entirely to the former Fitzsimmons campus in Aurora).