

## Initiative Guiding Principles

- To **address high-risk corridors** first:
  - Streets near and feeding into area schools (school safety corridors)
  - Streets with high pedestrian and bike usage
  - Streets that lack sidewalks/right-of-way
- To **plan for future growth** now:
  - Streets experiencing significant increases in “cut-through” driving
  - Streets directly impacted by the 9+CO development (notably Ash St. with the new signal & thoroughfare at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- To **identify low-cost, easy-to-implement solutions** within City Transportation parameters:
  - Low or no capital investment/maintenance (e.g., no new traffic lights, flashing cross-walks, extensive signage/barriers, etc.)
  - Do not require dedicated City personnel (e.g., crossing guards, additional enforcement, etc.)
  - Cannot impede emergency response vehicles (i.e., no speed bumps/dips)

**This is a shared neighborhood effort!**

Please help shape our street safety for everyone by making your voice heard and/or by getting involved:

To get involved or receive Initiative updates, please send your email to:

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## Q1 2020 Initiative Update

### Q4 neighborhood traffic meeting: D5 Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer & Department of Traffic representatives outlined traffic assessments and next steps

- Interim traffic studies were completed to assess effectiveness of the 6<sup>th</sup> & Ash north-turn barrier and the 7<sup>th</sup> & Ash traffic circle, both having been put in place in 2018 via collaboration between the Hilltop neighborhood and the City of Denver. **Studies show the intended traffic calming is working**, but *overall traffic volume has increased on Ash as well as surrounding streets (i.e., Birch & Clermont)*, likely attributable, in part, to Denver’s continued growth.
- Feedback received by the Councilwoman and the City indicate **high support for the 7<sup>th</sup> & Ash traffic circle**. Attendees requested more safety signage/road painting to educate and aid drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **The City is *not* planning further calming measures at this time**, as City-assessed volumes/speeds in our neighborhood are “within acceptable guidelines” for traffic flows.
- **Further traffic studies planned after 9+CO opens** (Fall 2020) will help determine the development’s impact and whether new traffic calming/deterrent measures are needed. *Existing calming measures will remain in place for now.*
- **Neighbors expressed strong support for broader traffic studies**. Attendees were vocal in their requests for more calming measures on streets near 9+CO, specifically: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, Birch & Clermont. Neighbors also asked the City to evaluate the impact of Colorado Blvd light timing and resulting volume/speeds on adjacent Hilltop streets used as “cut-throughs” during peak traffic.
- The Councilwoman shared that **the City is reviewing the use of various traffic control measures**. One future possibility is speed bumps, which Denver does not typically install. She highlighted other municipalities have deployed speed bumps with positive outcomes and Denver is assessing feasibility.
- We thank [RISE Collaborative Workspace](#) for hosting this neighborhood event!

### Good to Know: Denver 311 & “Pocketgov” for Reporting Traffic Issues

- ⊗ Denver utilizes its 311 non-emergency line (and the on-line submission/app “PocketGov”) to receive and track complaints and concerns, *including traffic-related issues*
- ⊗ 311 tracking is used as an input to prioritize potential neighborhood projects and funding—more so than individual calls to the Councilwoman’s office or Traffic Division (however, you may also comment on the traffic circle at: 720-865-3198)
- ⊗ Please submit all non-emergency issues, such as observed speed violators, stop-sign runners, etc. The more specific complaints logged, the more data the City can use to identify top issues and the higher the likelihood of action in our neighborhood!

**To use:** Call 311 from your mobile phone OR download the pocketgov mobile app OR submit on-line: [www.denvergov.org/pocketgov](http://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov)