



**Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer**  
Denver District 5

# Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Traffic Calming Meeting

January 25 at 5:30 PM



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## Agenda

- Project background & process
- What is traffic calming?
- Survey launch
- Community discussion



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## Background

- Study includes 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue has seen significant increases in vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic in recent years.
- Council District 5 has received concerns from constituents regarding the difficulty and perceived safety of crossing 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a pedestrian, on a bicycle, or in a car.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue is designated as a historic parkway.
- Council District 5 has hired an engineering consultant to assist us in analyzing travel patterns and traffic calming strategies, along with the input from a working group of local neighborhood leaders.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Clermont Street currently being addressed.
- Recently completed similar traffic calming study on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (from Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street).



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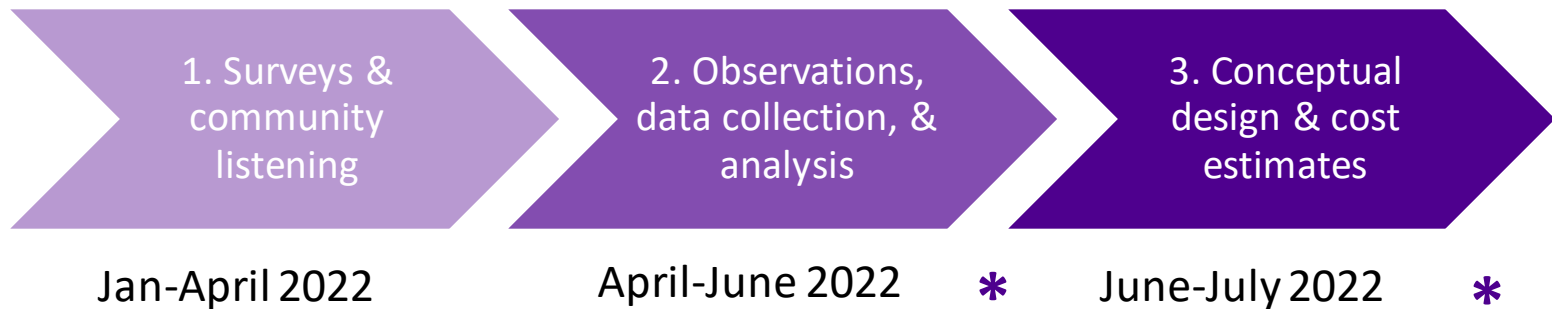
## Working Group Members

- CW Amanda Sawyer
- Felicia Rodriguez (CW Sawyer's Office)
- Dana Hoffman (DOTI)
- Charles Alexander (FP)
- Nikki Silva (FP)
- Rodney Sanchez (DPD2)
- Jennifer Guigli (DPD3)
- Frank Cannon (9+CO)
- Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Association
- Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association
- Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
- Historic Montclair Community Association
- Crestmoor HOA Filing One
- Crestmoor HOA Filing 2
- Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association
- Lowry United Neighborhoods
- Lowry Community Master Association
- Molly McKinley (Denver Streets Partnership)
- Denver Language School
- Steck/Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences
- Carson Elementary School
- Carrie Olson (DPS District 3 Board Member)



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## Process



\* = Community Meeting



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## What is traffic calming?

To ensure our roadways are safe and comfortable for all users, the City implements programs and projects to design and encourage responsible driving and reduce traffic speeds—often referred to as ‘traffic calming.’ Traffic calming measures fit into one of three categories, referred to as the three "E's": (DOTI) engineering, (community) education, and (police) enforcement.





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## What is traffic calming: 3 “E’s”

### Engineering (DOTI)

- Only E that DOTI influences.
- Road narrowing or visual changes that encourage drivers to slow.

### Education

- Generally community led.
- Educate and encourage roadway users to respect safety and the experience of other users.

### Enforcement

- Police Dep. Neighborhood Enforcement team is the front line.
- Effective but must be frequent.

The most effective traffic calming efforts entail measures from all 3 E’s; All traffic control treatments have varying levels of effectiveness, maintenance costs, and downsides.



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## What types of crossing improvements might be identified?

- Painted curb extensions/bulbouts
- Painted pedestrian refuge islands
- Street lighting
- Crossing markings
- Signage
- Flashing beacons



Painted pedestrian refuge island



Painted curb extension/bulbout





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## Is there funding for construction?

- Not currently. This study will identify how much improvements may cost so that a funding source can be identified.
- DOTI may be able to construct some low-cost projects in 2023.



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## Survey

- [bit.ly/6thAveSurvey](https://bit.ly/6thAveSurvey)
- Will distribute via RNOs, Facebook, flyers
- Questions regarding crossing locations, travel speeds, and other safety concerns
- Last day: Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Lets make  
6th Avenue safer.**

**We want to hear from you!**

Help us improve safety by taking our survey. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/6thAveSurvey](https://bit.ly/6thAveSurvey)

And, sign up for our first open house on **January 25, 2022** at 5:30 PM [bit.ly/E6thAveMeeting1](https://bit.ly/E6thAveMeeting1)

*Paid for by Denver Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer.*

The flyer features an illustration of a diverse group of people (a woman on a bicycle, a man with a backpack, a woman with a stroller, and an elderly man with a cane) crossing a street at a crosswalk. In the background, there is a red brick house, green trees, and a street lamp. A pedestrian crossing sign is visible on the street.



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## Ongoing DOTI Projects

- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Colorado Boulevard to Clermont Street (ABC Study)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk gaps
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Claremont Street Crossing
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Monaco Boulevard traffic signal
- Krameria Street neighborhood bikeway



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## Topics for Community Discussion

- What is the nature of crossing activity (who? what time of day? to where?)...
  - From Colorado Boulevard to Clermont
  - From Clermont Street to Holly Street
  - From Holly Street to Monaco Parkway
  - From Monaco Parkway to Quebec Street
  - Other locations?
- What other concerns do you have regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue?



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# Questions & Community Discussion



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## Follow up & next steps

Fill out the survey at [bit.ly/6thAveSurvey](https://bit.ly/6thAveSurvey) by April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Fehr & Peers will study intersections based on survey results, crash analysis and field observations
- Second community meeting to review data
- Based on results, DOTI will evaluate traffic study to determine if treatments are warranted and will begin to identify funding sources for implementation



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