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Rocky Mountain West:*
FROM ASSESSMENT
TO IMPLEMENTATION

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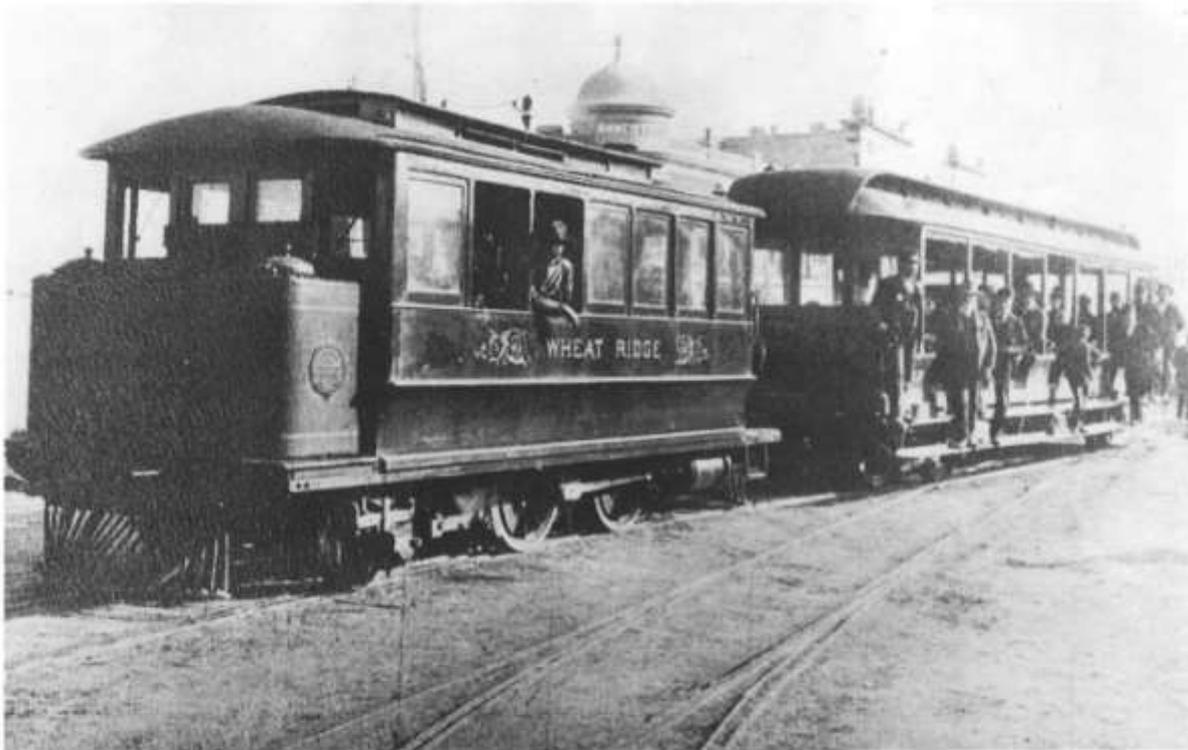
History of Wheat Ridge



Agricultural Heritage



Multi-modal Transportation



"Jimmy"

Repositioning Wheat Ridge

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS)

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

- Adopted in 2005
- Identified areas of concern in Wheat Ridge
- Recommendations
 - Update Comprehensive Plan
 - Update Zoning Codes and Land Use Regulations
 - Height and Density regulated in City Charter
 - Budgeting for Capital Investments
 - Low property taxes compared to Metro Area (1.830 Mills)
 - Economic Development & Urban Renewal
 - Creation of Wheat Ridge 2020

Wheat Ridge Goals 2017



FINANCIALLY SOUND CITY
PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE

Financially Sound City Providing Quality Services



ECONOMICALLY VIABLE
ACTIVITY CENTERS

Economically Viable Activity Centers



CHOICE OF DESIRABLE
NEIGHBORHOODS

Choice of Desirable Neighborhoods



MORE ATTRACTIVE
WHEAT RIDGE

More Attractive Wheat Ridge

Action Agenda

Top Priorities

- Ten-year infrastructure plan
- Service Priorities and Funding
- Diverse Housing Plan
- 38th Avenue Corridor Plan
- TOD/Ward Station Plan
- **Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan**

Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan

Wheat Ridge
is ahead of
the curve.

Population 60+ 2010		
US	57,085,908	18%
Colorado	818,905	16%
Jefferson County	100,535	19%
Arvada ** whole	21,468	20%
Bow Mar ** whole	202	23%
Edgewater	731	14%
Golden	2,814	15%
Lakeside	4	50%
Lakewood	28,860	20%
Littleton ** whole	8,981	22%
Morrison	209	49%
Mountain View	85	17%
Westminster ** whole	15,066	14%
Wheat Ridge	7,424	25%

Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan

Key Issues

- What service needs do older adults have?
- What needs are not being met?
- Identify community strengths regarding aging population services.
- Identify areas for collaboration, efficiencies and enhancements.
- Identify barriers to providing services.

Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan

- Research
- Participation in local and regional projects
 - Jefferson County Aging Well
 - Health, Mental Health, Wellness and Prevention
 - Social and Civic Engagement
 - DRCOG Boomer Bond
 - Community Engagement Team
 - Pilot Community, Community Assessment Tool

DRCOG Community Assessment Survey

Community Design

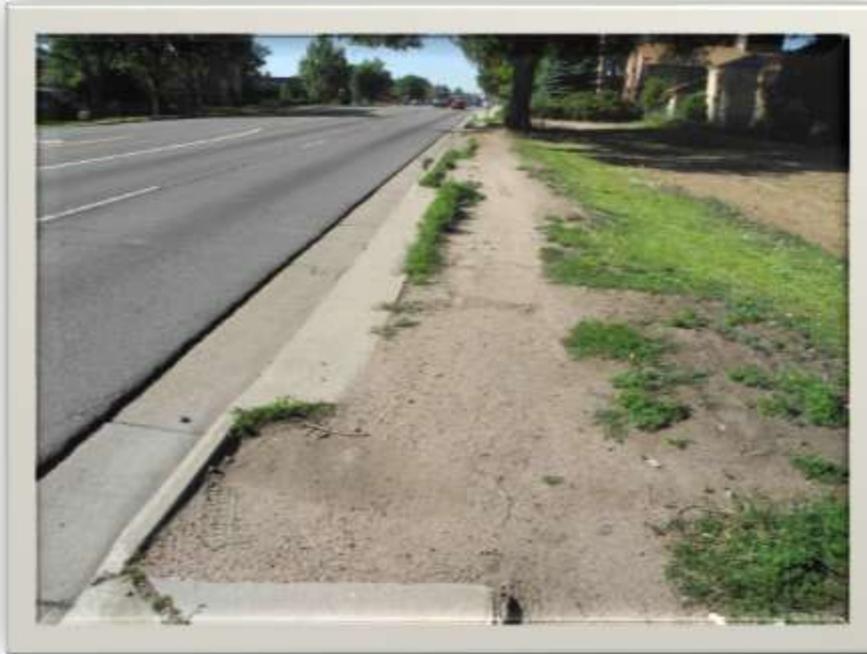
Inconsistent Sidewalks



DRCOG Community Assessment Survey

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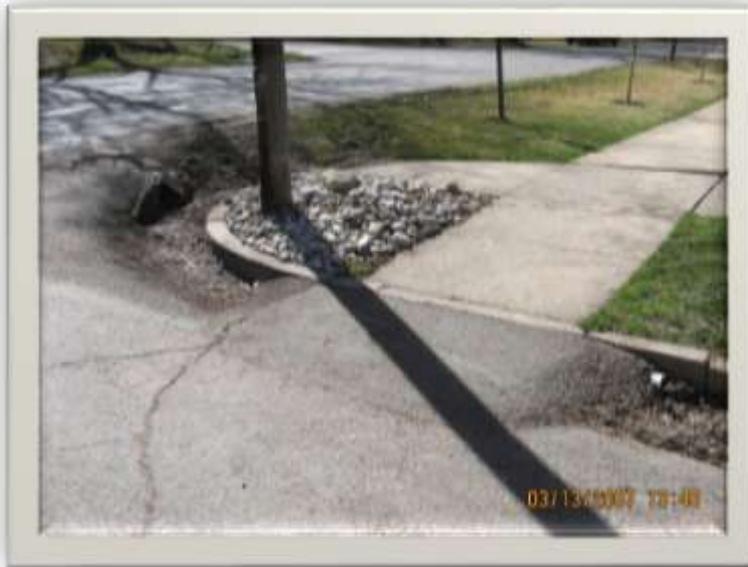
No ordinance regarding snow removal



DRCOG Community Assessment Survey

Community Design

Crosswalks and Wheelchair Access Sub-par



DRCOG Community Assessment Survey

Housing

Need for diverse housing stock



Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan

Wheat Ridge Aging Needs Stakeholder Committee

- Citizens, Elected officials, Staff, Service Providers
- Data
 - 2010 CASOA
 - DRCOG Community Assessment
 - 2012 Citizen Survey
- Developing action plan for presentation to City Council
- Creating community bonds around aging issues

Lessons Learned

- Start the conversation
- Impact on decision making
- Need for community input
- Areas for collaboration

Next Steps

- Presentation of action plan
- 2014 Budget process
- Implementation
- Stakeholder Committee

Thank you!

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