## How does simplification of the zoning code help Denver?

- The complexity of the current zoning code makes it difficult for property owners to easily identify what is allowed to be built on a given property.
- Unnecessary complexity can add cost to development, lessen design quality and make Denver less competitive.

## Linking Plans to Regs MS

East Colfax Plan: Enhance the relationship of the corridor to the city

Colfax Avenue
City Park

Cherry
Creek
Colorado

## Urbanism THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DISTRICT, AND CORRIDOR

The neighborhood, district, and **corridor** are the essential elements of development and redevelopment in the metropolis. They form identifiable areas that encourage citizens to take responsibility for their maintenance and evolution.

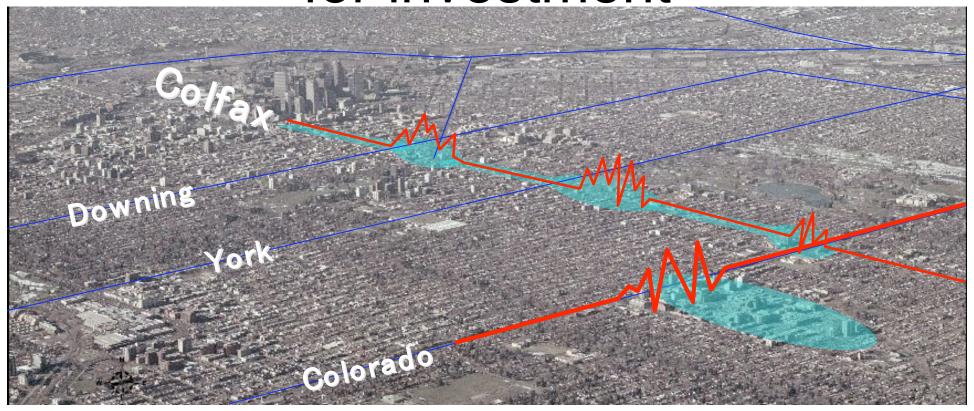
"The New Urbanism reaffirms the neighborhood as the basic building block of all residential districts."

#### Urbanism THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DISTRICT, AND CORRIDOR

Neighborhoods should be compact, pedestrian-friendly, and mixed-use. Districts generally emphasize a special single use, and should follow the principles of neighborhood design when possible. Corridors are **regional connectors of neighborhoods and district**; they range from boulevards and rail lines to rivers and parkways.

"Neighborhoods mass together to form towns and cities. A single neighborhood isolated in the landscape is a village" Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk

## East Colfax Plan: Identify pulse points or catalyst sites for investment



#### Vision: Restore a sense of



#### What can be built under B-4?









#### What can't be built under B-4?











The primary task of all urban architecture and landscape design is the **physical definition** of street and public spaces as places of shared use.

"Build-to lines reestablish the principle of frontality and make buildings parts of larger ensembles defining the public realm."

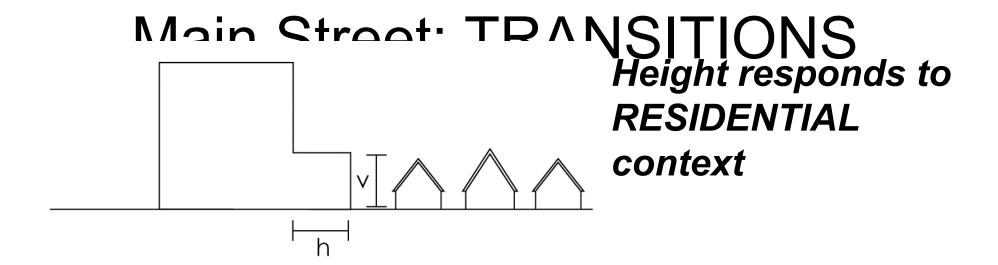
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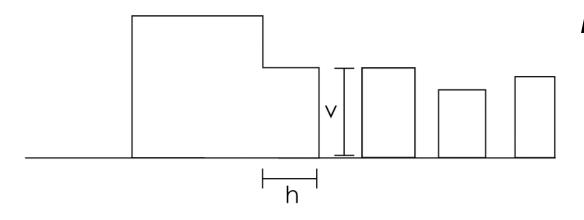
#### Urbanism THE STREET, THE BLOCK, AND THE BUILDING

Streets and squares should be safe, comfortable, and interesting to the pedestrian. Properly configured, they **encourage walking** and enable neighbors to know each other and protect their communities.

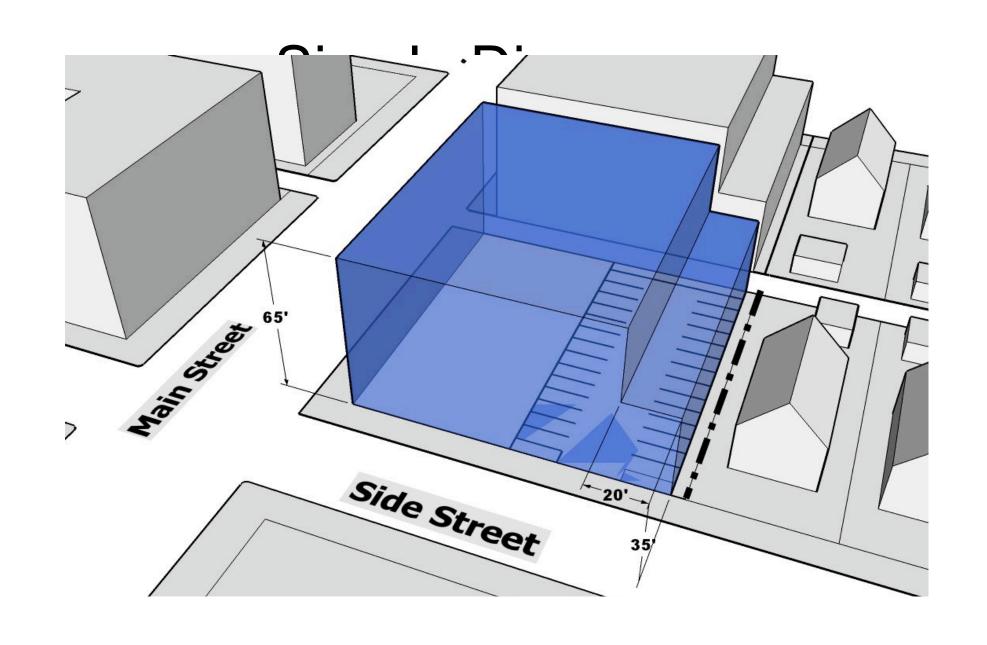
"Our modern urban plazas often suffer from many of the same problems as modern streets...they frequently showcase the building rather than encourage or shelter the pedestrian."







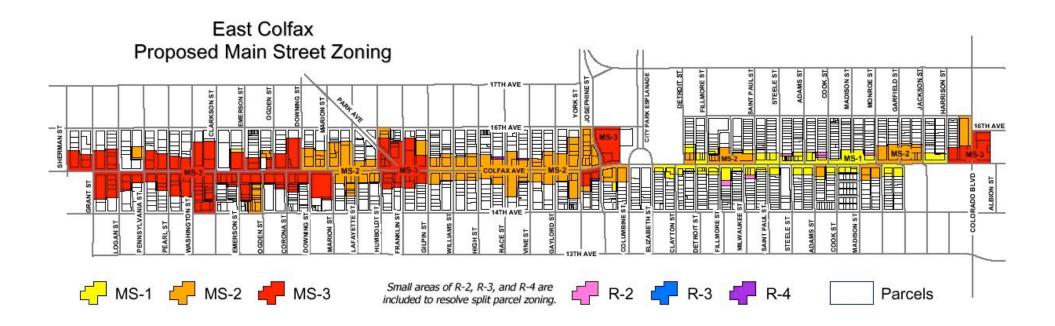
Height responds to MIXED-USE context



Main Street Category	Frontage	Max Height	Min Heigh t	Upper Setk Front	Window s	
MS-1	MS=75% SS=25%	35'	N/A	N/A	N/A	MS= 60% SS= 25%
MS-2	MS=75% SS=25%	65'	24'	N/A	V=35' H=20' unless adjacent bldg > 35'	MS= 60% SS= 25%
MS-3	MS=75% SS=40%	100'	24'	V=65' H=20'	V=65' H=20' Unless adjacent bldg. > 35'	MS= 60% SS= 30%



# Implementing in Broad Strokes



## TOD OPP

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 \$4.7 billion transit expansion

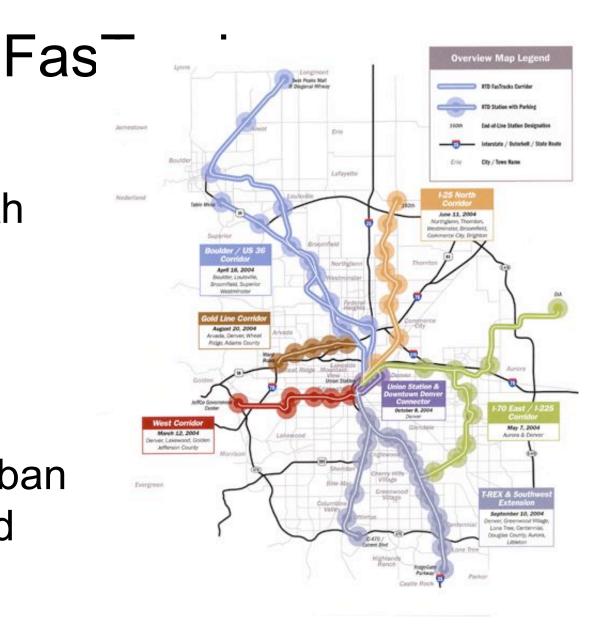
- 6 New Lines,119 Miles
- 70 Stations
- LRT, BRT,
   Commuter Rail
- Denver will have
   40 stations of
   which 30 have

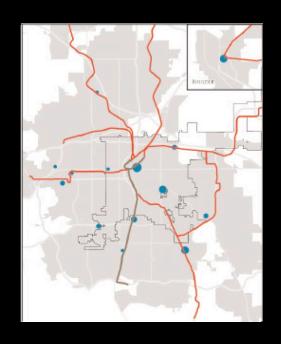
Overview Map Legend

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 Opportunity to fundamentally reshape growth patterns in the metro region

 Opportunity to create sustainable urban centers around multi-modal transportation





Corridor	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
West	S/PE	Final Design/ROW				Construction							
US 36 Rail	EIS/PE	Final Design/R			ROW	OW Construction							
East	EIS/PE			1	Final Design	n/ROW		Const	ruction				
North Metro			EIS/P	Е	Final I	Design/ROW	,		Construct	ion			
I-225			EIS/PE		Final Desig	gn/ROW		С	onstruction				
Gold Line			EIS/P	Е	Final D	esign/ROW			Construct	ion			
Southeast Ext.				EA/PE			F	inal Design		Co	nstruction		
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Southwest Ext					EA/I	PE	Final D	es ign/ROW		С	onstructio	n	-
US 36 BRT	S/PE Final I	Design Slip	Ramps	Final I	Design		5	Station and	HOV Lane	Construction	n		
Union Station	EIS/PE	F	inal Design			Co	onstruction						



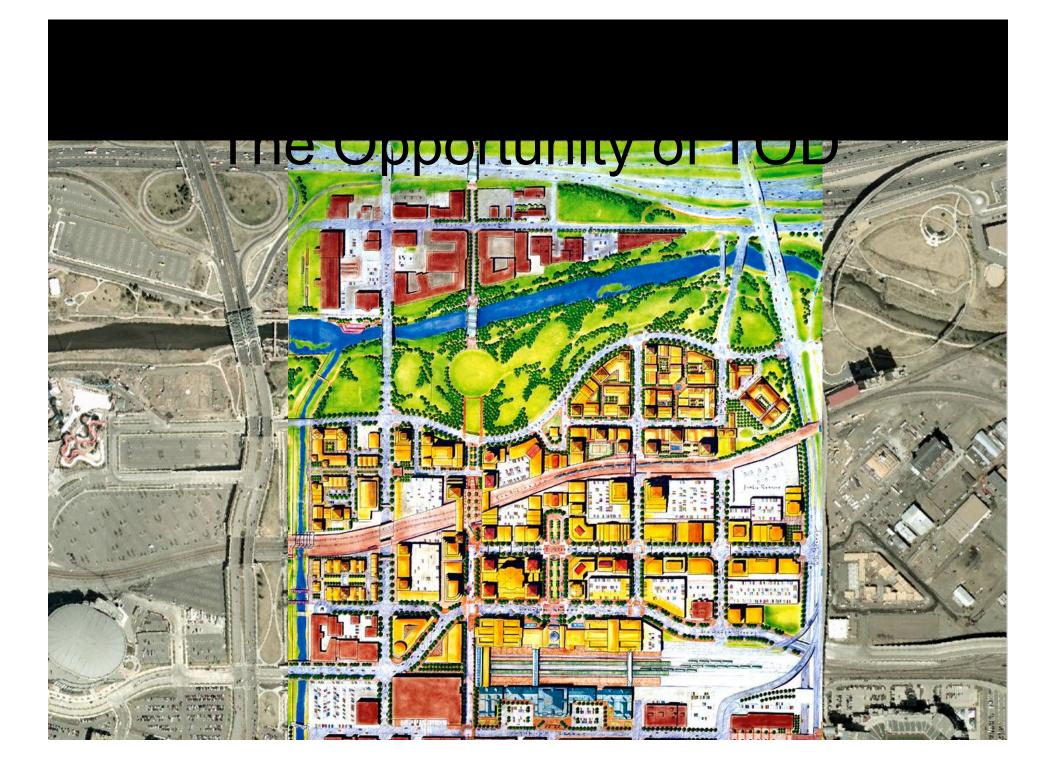






#### The Original TOD







### Urbanism THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DISTRICT, AND CORRIDOR

Transit corridors, when properly planned and coordinated, can help organize metropolitan structure and **revitalize urban centers**.

"To create more diverse transportation networks, cities need more choices on how they may spend their federal highway funds."

Mayor John O. Norquist

### Urbanism THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DISTRICT, AND CORRIDOR

Appropriate **building densities and land uses** should be within walking distance of transit stops, permitting public transit to become a viable alternative to the automobile.

"People will walk a quarter-mile to catch a bus, but when rail transit is available, they'll walk up to half a mile."

William Lieberman

### Urbanism THE STREET, THE BLOCK, AND THE BUILDING

In the contemporary metropolis, development must **adequately accommodate** automobiles. It should do so in ways that respect the pedestrian and the form of public space.

"The New Urbanism is not anticar. It's about civilizing our transportation system." G. B. Arrington

#### The Opportunity of TOD

- 1. Added Investment Value
  - Investment vs. spending
  - Public investment in transit infrastructure catalyzes private investment
  - Fixed station locations create value and certainty