



Peña Boulevard Transportation and Mobility Master Plan

October 2022 Update

This is the first in a series of monthly updates. The following provide an overview of what the Study team has been working on to date.

Hi Peña Boulevard Users,

Denver International Airport (DEN) and Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) kicked-off in the *Peña Boulevard Transportation and Mobility Master Plan Study including the Gateway Area* (the Study) in May 2022. The Study began with the development of Goals and Objectives aimed to help guide the identification of solutions for the Study area. A draft Outreach and Communications Plan was prepared that outlines the engagement strategy to provide stakeholders and residents with information and receive feedback that will be used to guide the Study's outcomes.

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Site Visit

A site visit was conducted on Monday, August 29, 2022, with the members of the Study's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The goal of the visit was for the TAC to better understand the barriers, opportunities, and evolving land use within the Study area. Some of the key takeaways from the site visit were:

- The size of the Study area and the scale of developments was impactful
- The land-use within the Study area is mixed
- It is noticeable how different land-uses butt up against each other (industrial, residential and commercial, etc.)
- The 40th & Airport and 61st & Peña Stations have different characteristics:
 - 40th & Airport is not very walkable, has a large park-n-ride facility, there are some social trails showing the need for additional connections and it is surrounded by a lot of industrial land-use
 - 61st & Peña is more of a transit-oriented development (TOD) site – more walkable and higher density residential

Site Visit Photos



TAC members on the tour bus



TAC discussing future developments at 61st & Peña Station



Social trail highlighting lack of connectivity at 40th & Airport Boulevard Station

Data Collection

The Study team collected data for the Study area roadways in May 2022 to gather the most recent average daily traffic counts and turning movement volumes for the traffic analysis. Conducting the counts in May ensured that school traffic in the Gateway Area was captured. The following data was collected:

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts with speed and vehicle classifications were collected.
- Intersection turning movement counts (TMC) comprising of vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle counts.

Surrounding Agency Engagement

To better understand how the evolving land use will influence future travel patterns within and around the Study Area, Denver International Airport (DEN) hosted meetings with each of the four jurisdictions (Adams County, City of Aurora, Commerce City and Denver). Through these meetings, the study team was able to gather anticipated or actual growth in households and employment in the study area.

Mobility Surveys

As part of the Mobility Study, DEN is conducting surveys of passengers, employers and employees to understand their transportation needs and challenges when accessing the airport. Over 5,000 passenger responses have been collected and the employee and employer surveys are due to be complete in fall 2022. One role of the Mobility Study surveys is to establish baseline mode share and helping to establish mode shift goals for DEN's passengers, visitors and employees.