

Federal Blvd. /Clear Creek Valley TOD Public Outreach Meeting #2

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Background

- Unincorporated Adams County
 - Overlays are specific to the Plan Boundaries
- Questions/Comments
 - Type in the chat feature
 - Email LBajelan@adcogov.org
- 1st Public Outreach Meeting (06/22)- Introduction
- 2nd Public Outreach Meeting (07/27)- Redline Drafts

Background

May 11th Board of County Commissioners Study Session

- Implement the visions of our Long-Range Plans
 - Welby Subarea
 - Federal Blvd. Framework Plan
 - TOD and Rail Station Area Planning Guidelines (½ mile buffer from 6 Station Areas)
 - Clear Creek Valley TOD Plan
- Use-by-right allowances of outdoor storage in the Industrial-2 and Industrial-3 zone districts
- Creation of Mixed-Use Zone District
- Tiny Home Village
- Safe Parking Regulations
- Empowering the Comprehensive Plan in criteria of approval for land use cases

Empowering the Comp. Plan

- Adoption of Advancing Adams in early 2022
 - Add compliance with Comp. Plan as criteria of approval
 - Empowers Long Range Plans adopted into the Comp. Plan

Outdoor Storage

- Proposed Allowances for Outdoor Storage:

	I-1	I-2	I-3
Existing			
In excess of 100% of building area	Conditional	Permitted/Conditional*	Permitted/Conditional*
*Less than 80% of entire lot or less than 10 acres	-	Permitted	Permitted
*In excess of 80% of entire lot or 10 acres	-	Conditional	Conditional
Proposed			
In excess of 100% of building area	Conditional	Permitted/Conditional*	Permitted/Conditional*
*Less than 25% of entire lot or 3 acres	-	Permitted	Permitted
*Less than 50% of entire lot or less than 6 acres	-	Conditional	Permitted

Outdoor Storage

- **Current Definition:**

- The storage of materials or inventory naturally and normally incidental to the primary use of a property limited to the primary user of the property and located on the same lot with the primary use. Accessory storage shall not include vehicles, which can be driven off the property under their own power and are licensed to be driven on public rights-of-way. Merchandise for sale or lease shall not be considered accessory storage, except storage of gravel, rock, recycled asphalt, or other landscaping materials shall be considered outdoor storage.

- **Revised Definition:**

- The storage of materials for a period greater than 72 hours, including items for sale, lease, processing, and repair (including vehicles) not in an enclosed building.



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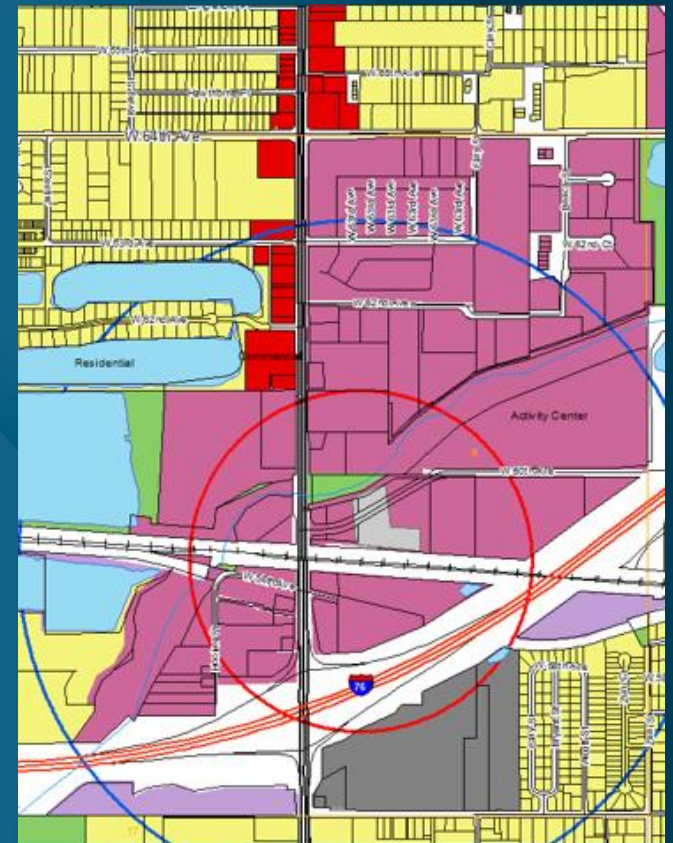


Source: Shelby Materials

Mixed-Use Zone District

- Mixed-Use added Fall 2020 as a Conditional Use Permit in C-5 district
 - Dimensional Standards for Zone District
- Called for by the 2012 Comp. Plan and Subarea Plans

- Mixed Use Employment
- Mixed Use Neighborhood



Mixed-Use Zone District

- Purpose: To create a flexible approach to land uses and enhance the character of Adams County's commercial corridors and centers by promoting development that:
 - Creates a balanced mix of land uses;
 - Facilitates quality mixed use development that is consistent with the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan;
 - Supports a sustainable and resilient local economy;
 - Provides unique places for people to live, work, shop, and play;
 - Improves the public realm through high quality design;
 - Promotes use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, in addition to automobiles;
 - Encourages active lifestyles; and
 - Maintains the character and integrity of adjacent residential neighborhoods
- Only available to properties facing an arterial or collector street
- Site plan approval required

Tiny Home Villages

- New use
- **Purpose:** to grant flexibility in building form and site design requirements for providers of transitional housing for people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.
- Conditional Use Permit only in Residential Zone Districts
 - Neighborhood Meeting, Conceptual Review, Public Hearing
- **Proposed Regulations:**
 - Minimum lot size: ½ acre
 - Density: 1 home/2,100 sf
 - Responsible Agent Required
 - Parking provided
 - Common facilities provided
 - No outdoor storage allowed, but private storage is provided



Beloved Tiny Home Village
Source: Denverite

Safe Parking Sites

- New use
- Purpose: to provide for the establishment and operation of safe parking sites at existing commercial and institutional uses that assures the compatibility of safe parking site activities with the surrounding uses.
- Accessory use to existing commercial and institutional uses
- Administrative Review Process
 - Site plan and site management plan submittal; community meeting
- Proposed Regulations:
 - Minimum lot size: 1 acre
 - Parking on approved surfaces only
 - Setbacks to adjacent residential uses
 - Hours of operation: 7 pm – 7am (Quiet hours: 10 pm – 7 am)
 - Hygiene and waste facilities provided






Overlay Districts

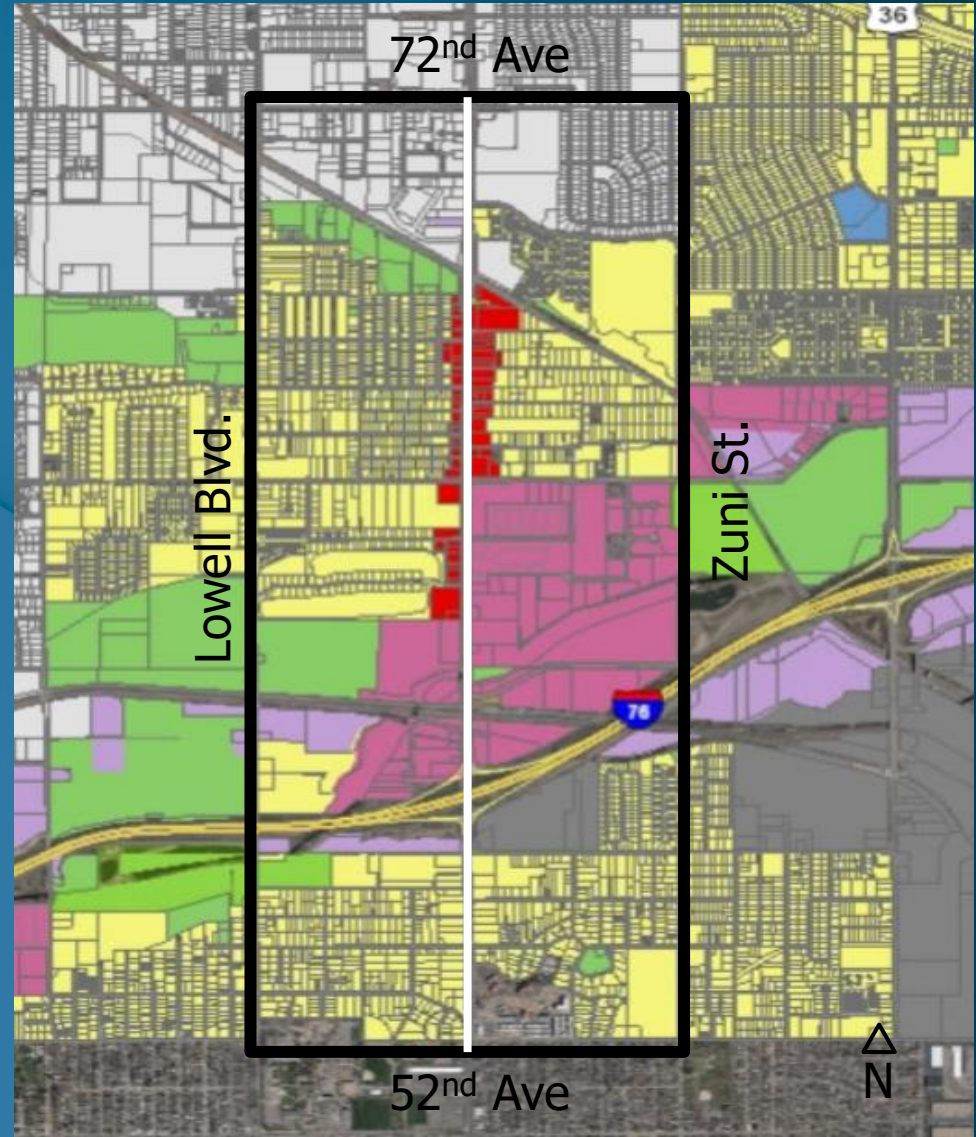
- **Federal Blvd. Framework Overlay**
- **Transit-oriented Development (TOD) Overlay**
- The provisions of an Overlay District are in addition to the requirements of the underlying zoning district for a subject property and may supersede the zoning district requirements.
- Where 2 or more overlays overlap, all sets of requirements apply to the subject property.

Federal Blvd. Framework Plan

- Adopted in 2014
- Two new light rail stations

Future Land Use Map

-  Commercial
-  Urban Residential
-  Activity Center
-  Parks and Open Space
-  Municipal Center

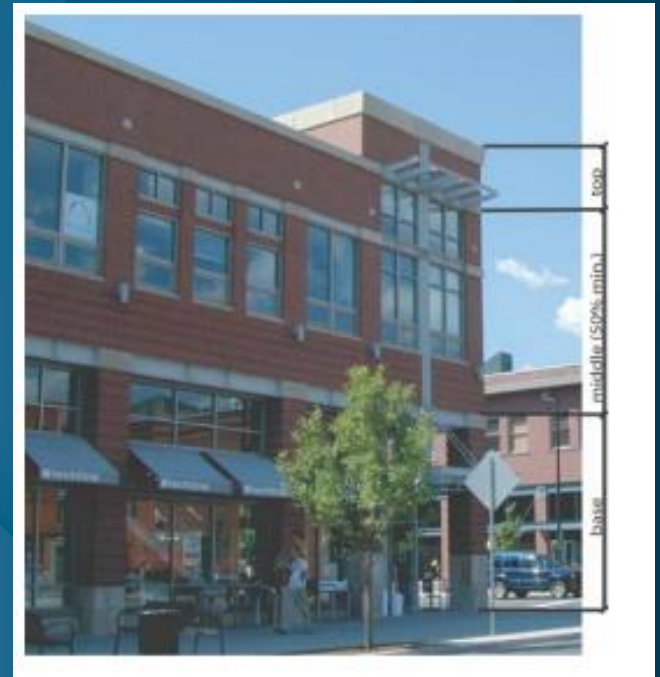


Proposed Federal Blvd. Overlay

- Purpose: To modify the underlying zone districts to encourage land uses, density, and design that enhance the Federal Blvd. Corridor.
- Improved Pedestrian Environment:
 - Sense of Place: Enhanced landscaping and open space required between sidewalks and buildings
 - Building Orientation: Commercial and multi-family buildings shall face streets, connecting walkways, parks, or similar outdoor spaces (prioritize facing Federal Blvd.)
 - Off-Street Parking: No parking allowed between the street and front or side of building (single-family and duplexes exempt)
 - Pedestrian-scale building fronts: street-level development must incorporate typical commercial shopfront dimensions to allow conversion to more active uses

Proposed Federal Blvd. Overlay

- Enhanced Design Standards:
 - Horizontal Articulation
 - Building Articulation
 - Composition
 - Entrances
 - Expression
 - Color
 - Building Materials
 - Ground-floor Transparency



Proposed Federal Blvd. Overlay

- Additional Landscape Buffers

	New Commercial Use adjacent to existing residential or agricultural use
Existing:	Bufferyard C*
Proposed:	Bufferyard C + 5 ft of additional bufferyard and 2 additional trees per 80 linear feet of lot line

***Bufferyard C:** Fifteen (15) foot minimum bufferyard width with two (2) trees per eighty (80) linear feet of lot line and six (6) foot high sight obscuring fence or wall located on the interior line of the bufferyard.

- Amending use table:
 - New mobile home parks
 - Outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles, materials, etc.
 - Heavy industrial uses
 - Intense agricultural uses

Guiding Documents for TOD Overlay

TOD and Rail Station Planning Guidelines

- Adopted in 2007
- Policies and Guidelines for development
- 6 Station Areas

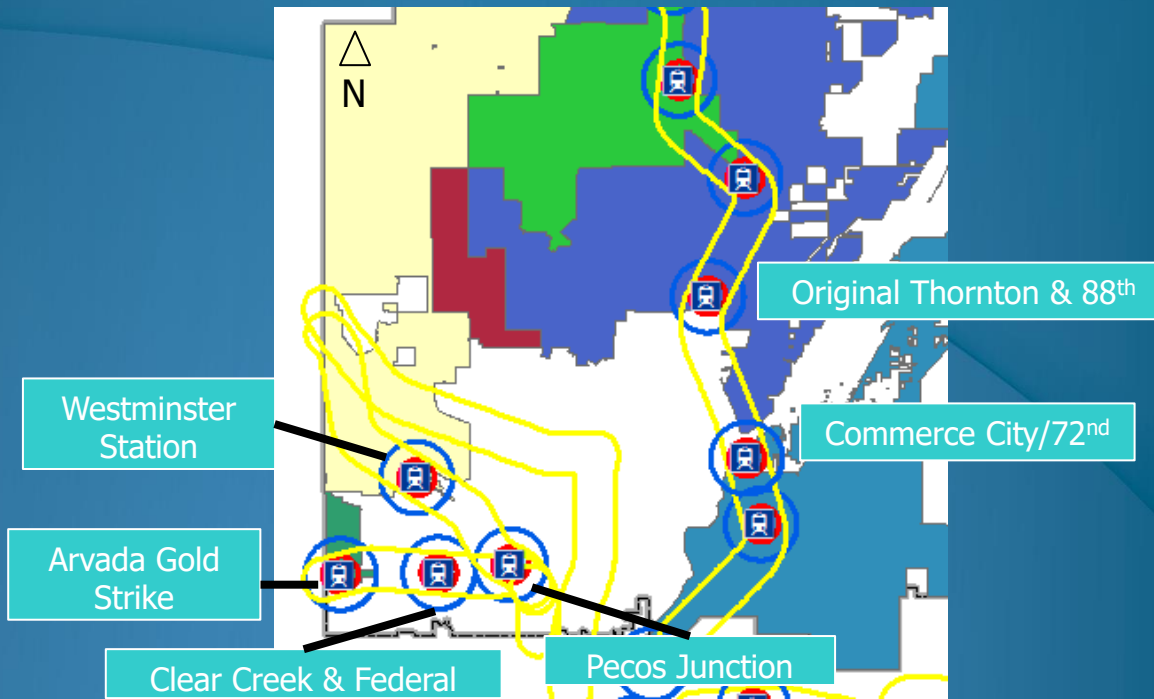
Clear Creek Valley TOD Plan

- Adopted in 2009
- Focuses on Pecos Junction and Federal/Clear Creek Stations
- Policies and Guidelines- Two options

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is a planning approach that calls for high-density, mixed-use business/residential neighborhood centers to be clustered around transit stations and corridors.

Proposed TOD Overlay

Applies to properties within a ½ mile radius from station:

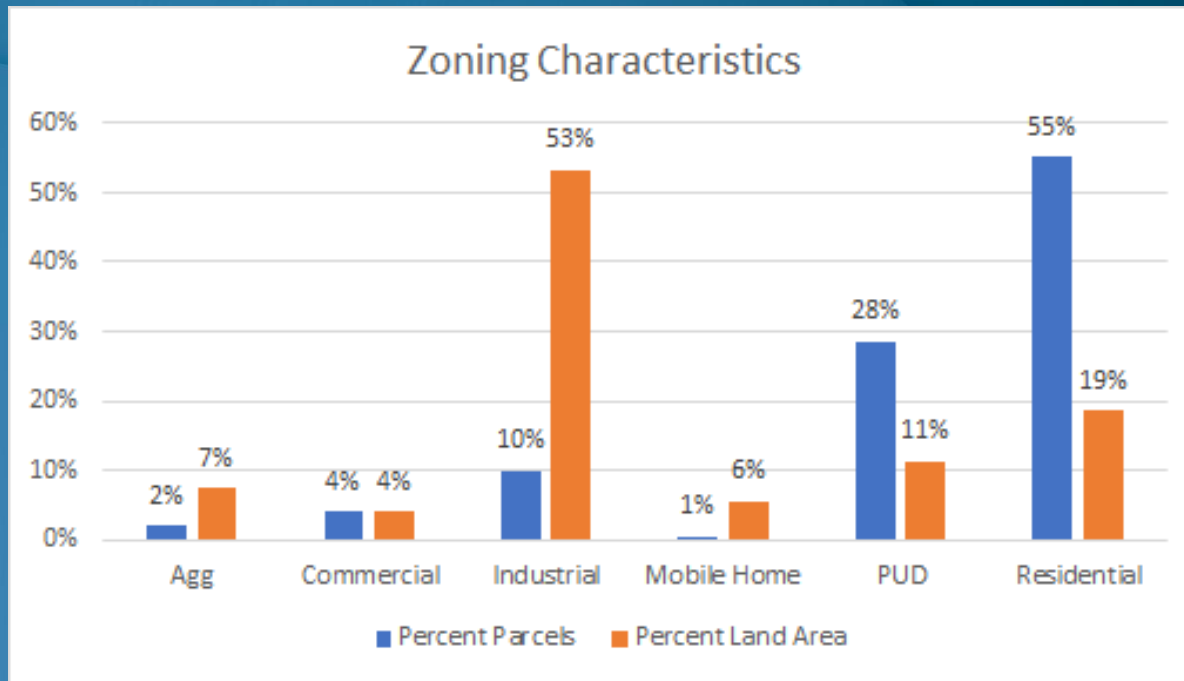


- FasTrack Station
- ½ mile buffer
- ¼ mile buffer
- 1500 ft from tracks

- Thornton
- Federal Heights
- Commerce City
- Westminster
- Arvada
- Northglenn

Proposed TOD Overlay

Zoning characteristics of properties within the 1/2 mile buffer of all 6 stations:



Proposed TOD Overlay

May include:

Existing TOD Zone	Proposed TOD Overlay	Applies to
Modified use table	Modified use table	All zones
Modified parking requirements	Modified parking requirements	All zones
Traffic circulation plan required	Only for large development proposing streets or connections	N/A
Buffer requirements	Buffer Requirements	All zones
No outdoor storage	Modified outdoor storage	All zones permitting outdoor storage
Upper-story stepbacks	Upper-story stepbacks	All zones
Enhanced design	Enhanced design	All zones
Increased height	Incentive based design	All zones

Next Steps

- Refine Draft Amendments
- Share Drafts at <https://www.adcogov.org/regulation-amendments> (Early August)
- Study Session with Board of County Commissioners (Late August)
- Referrals from relevant agencies
- Planning Commission Meeting
 - Thursday, October 28th (tentative)
- Board of County Commissioners Meeting
 - Tuesday, November 9th (tentative)

Questions/Concerns

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Stay informed about the process:

<https://www.adcogov.org/regulation-amendments>

Several other County initiatives moving forward

- County-Wide Update Meeting- July 29th