



Envision East Arapahoe

Issues and Opportunities

The Envision East Arapahoe plan will include recommendations for some or many of the topics identified below. In 2015, the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update may continue to address some.

1. **Placemaking:** Identify places along the corridor with potential to be transformed into more healthy, vertical and horizontal mixed-use, compact and connected places.
2. **Floodplain:** Integrate with mitigation plans that will address flood risk and maintain biodiversity and greenways for Boulder and South Boulder Creek.
3. **Transportation and Mobility:** Improve multi-modal transportation (i.e., local and regional transit, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT); vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle connections along - and across Arapahoe Avenue; identify and pilot locations for mobility hubs.
4. **Connections:** Create a stronger connection to downtown Boulder, surrounding areas (i.e., CU East Campus to the south and Boulder Junction to the north), and the region. Expand sustainable transportation options for employees and residents with tools such as EcoPass, shared, unbundled, managed and paid (SUMP) parking opportunities, and other Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs.
5. **Climate and Energy:** Reduce carbon emissions, increase energy efficiency, and reduce operating costs.
6. **Businesses:** Support the employers and businesses north of Arapahoe Avenue.
7. **Assets:** Recognize existing cultural and community assets.
8. **Housing:** Identify places for workforce housing and healthy, walkable, and complete districts or neighborhoods. Help to alleviate Boulder's in-commuter pressure from non-resident employees.
9. **Coordination:** Coordinate with institutions' expansion plans (e.g., CU East and Naropa). Incorporate CU's new vision for East Campus and connections to Arapahoe Avenue.
10. **Medical-Related Uses:** Address medical-related expansion and amenity needs near Boulder Community Health.
11. **Greening the Area:** Identify potential for pocket parks, urban agriculture, increased tree canopy, reduced heat island effect, cultural amenities, food carts, art, etc. Incorporate low impact development stormwater techniques, improve water conservation, address green infrastructure, district utilities/energy, and potential ecodistrict projects.
12. **Annexation for Industrial Properties:** Address annexation of unincorporated industrial properties.

Existing Land Use Character

