Mobility 2.3.6 Pedestrian Improvements draft-2 (190910) East Central Area Plan — Section 2: Proposed Contemporary Parkway Retrofit

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SECTION 2: PROPOSED CONTEMPORARY PARKWAY RETROFIT

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STRATEGIES (PRIORITIES IN BOLD)

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE



Develop new Contemporary Parkways that connect the community to open space, parks and recreational assets, as well as serve multiple community functions.

Game Plan for a Healthy City identifies a goal of ensuring that all residents are within a 10-minute walk of a park. In a developed neighborhood with minimal vacant land, new Contemporary Parkways could provide a park-like amenity that also connects bicyclists and pedestrians to the existing parks. While the existing historic parkways are already a community asset, Game Plan for a Healthy City recommends considering contemporary standards for parkways that more effectively leverage our parkway assets. Elements of contemporary standards include the integration of stormwater infrastructure, native or drought-tolerant landscaping, high-efficiency lighting, varied paving systems, and bicycle and transit connections. Additionally, providing other park amenities enable these spaces to serve as an extension of the park and open space network.

- A. Design and build Contemporary Parkways that connect the existing and future elements of the park system with increased mobility options and park-like conditions.
- Reassign portions of the public right-of-way to the function of bike, pedestrian or transit
 mobility, diverse green infrastructure including tree canopy, native vegetation and stormwater
 management, improved lighting, and other amenities on Contemporary Parkways.
- Develop design standards that enable bicycle and pedestrian movement, stormwater
 management and infiltration and the showcase of a native vegetation and that also provide
 flexibility for Contemporary Parkways to range in size and role within the transportation
 network. Projects can range from a multi-faceted redesign of existing arterial right-of-way to
 the reallocation of right-of-way for tree-lined, shared local streets.
- Consider the following roadways for further study as Contemporary Parkways
 - 1 11th Avenue/12th Avenue (Downtown to Westerly Park: 11th Avenue from Downtown to Cheesman Park and 12th Avenue from Cheesman Park to Westerly Park)
 - 1 16th Avenue (Downtown to Colorado Boulevard: connection east of Colorado Boulevard is along 17th Avenue)
- B. Consider Contemporary Parkway standards in the retrofit of historic parkways, where allowable.