

Active Living Plan

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Athmar Park Neighborhood Association

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Introduction

The Active Living Coalition:

A group of community members and partners committed to improving public health by promoting and improving the conditions for walking, biking, and wheelchair-rolling.

Goals:

1. Increase access to safe and accessible routes to the places we work, play, gather and shop
2. Encourage community members to walk, bike, and wheelchair-roll for transportation
3. Raise awareness of the connection between the neighborhood's physical design, infrastructure and the health of community members
4. Promote physical activity and increase healthy choices among community members

Subcommittee Roles

Emphasis on engaging monolingual Spanish speakers

Events and Education Subcommittee

Hosted/collaborated 30 events

Yoga in the park, resource fair, nature walks, bike rides

Neighborhood Study Subcommittee

Built Environment Assessment

Feedback, adult and youth surveys

Active Living Plan Subcommittee

Recommendations

Brainstormed implementation strategies, potential partners, timeline

Built Environment Recommendations



A.1. Create a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across South Platte River to connect to Broadway Station.



A.2. Increase lighting along streets.



A.3. Improve streetscape and safety on South Federal Boulevard and West Alameda Avenue.



A.4. Install traffic calming measures on streets surrounding Huston Lake Park.



A.5. Improve bicyclist and pedestrian access along the Alameda underpass to Alameda Station.



A.6. Add tree lawns, widen sidewalks, and plant trees on residential streets. Install sidewalks and curb ramps where none exist.



A.7. Extend Exposition Avenue between Lipan Street and Jason Street for pedestrian and bike access.



A.8. Add bike lane on Mississippi Avenue from Federal Boulevard to South Platte River.



A.9. Traffic calming for slower speeds on Tejon Street.



A.10. Traffic calming for slower speeds on Lipan Street, with an emphasis on an improved pedestrian access at the railroad crossing at West Virginia Avenue and South Lipan Street.

Strategies 1 - 5

Objective 1: By winter 2018, the ALC will have completed advocacy for bicycle and pedestrian bridge

Objective 2: By spring 2020, increase lighting so that Athmar Park community members feel comfortable walking, biking and wheelchair rolling at night and less than 15% report lighting as a barrier to active transportation

Objective 3: By spring of 2020, improve streetscape and safety on S Federal Blvd and W Alameda Ave

Objective 4: By spring 2020, install traffic calming measures on streets surrounding Huston Lake Park

Objective 5: By spring 2020, improve bicyclist and pedestrian access along the Alameda Ave underpass to Alameda Station

Strategies 6 - 10

Objective 6: By spring 2020, add tree lawns, widen sidewalks, and plant trees on residential streets; install sidewalks and curb ramps where none exist.

Objective 7: By spring 2023, extend W Exposition Ave between S Lipan St and S Jason St for pedestrian and bike access

Objective 8: By spring 2023, add bike lane on W Mississippi Ave from S Federal Blvd to the South Platte River

Objective 9: By fall 2020, implement traffic calming for slower speeds on S Tejon St

Objective 10: By fall 2023, implement traffic calming for slower speeds on S Lipan St, with an emphasis on improved pedestrian access at the railroad crossing at W Virginia Ave and S Lipan St

Future Steps & Sustainability

Maintain the Active Living Coalition

Maintain and promote affordable active living opportunities for youth and adults

Form an Advocacy Subcommittee to advocate for the adoption of the Active Living Plan and the implementation of its recommendations

Tejon Street Demonstration

- Beginning phase of planning
- Objective: To test out various traffic-calming measures that could potentially be implemented permanently
- Location: S Tejon St between Alameda and Mississippi (~1-mile strip)
- Dates: Saturday, September 8 (setup) – Friday, September 14 (breakdown)
- Volunteers needed throughout summer and during/after event (sign-up sheets)
- Poster/Event name contest
- Material donations (tires, cones, ropes, plants/planters/soil, etc.)

Discussion & Community Feedback

Which Built Environment Recommendations do you think are most important to address?

Do you foresee any obstacles with any of these projects?

What are your major concerns?

You can also email me if you would like to sign up to volunteer or give feedback:

rosie@athmarpark.com

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water in the middle ground, surrounded by lush green trees and a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a grassy area with a paved path leading towards the water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Thank You!