

#### **2018/2019 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- Update the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy
- Develop an I-70/Kipling Corridor Strategy to Address Crime, Aesthetics, Redevelopment Opportunities
- Finalize Design of 38th Avenue Streetscape
- Work with the Colorado Department of Transportation to prioritize I-70/Kipling Improvements
- Set a Policy on "Shared Housing" (e.g. Airbnb, VRBO)

#### 2035 VISION

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#### WHEAT RIDGE IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND INVITING CITY WITH:

- Well-maintained streets, rights of way, sidewalks, and streetscapes that support walkability and the transportation and commercial needs of residents.
- Attractively designed commercial areas with directional signs that encourage people to stop, shop, and enjoy.
- Inviting and well-maintained public buildings, facilities, and parks that invite residents and visitors to engage in the community
- Distinctive and consistent gateways that signify the entrance to, and exit from, Wheat Ridge and celebrate the City's unique brand.
- New residential, commercial, and landscape developments that are designed for visual appeal, architectural timelessness, and financial sustainability.
- Residences and landscapes that positively add to the character of the community.

#### WHEAT RIDGE IS A COMMUNITY FOR FAMILIES, IN WHICH:

- All generations are valued and have the opportunities that they desire to live, play, shop, and invest in the town, including a choice of diverse and inclusive amenities.
- Services encourage families to feel safe and secure.
- Public, private, faith-based, and charter schools draw families to Wheat Ridge due to the quality of education and unique programs.
- Families have access to resources for physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.



# **2035 VISION**

#### WHEAT RIDGE HAS GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS, SUCH THAT:

- Each neighborhood has a sense of identity and pride, with neighbors sharing responsibility for appearances and safety.
- Neighborhoods are pedestrian friendly.
- Residents invest in Wheat Ridge by buying and maintaining homes, and homeowners have the opportunity to upgrade their residences.
- There is a diversity of neighborhood types available to residents, with different housing types, amenities, and other characteristics.
- Neighborhood commercial businesses are walkable and serve the needs of residents.

# WHEAT RIDGE OFFERS A CHOICE OF ECONOMICALLY VIABLE COMMERCIAL AREAS, INCLUDING:

- A wide range of offerings, such as local and chain restaurants, recreational centers, small and large retail businesses, residential opportunities, professional offices, and commercial links to agriculture through nurseries and local food initiatives.
- Several commercial and manufacturing anchors throughout the City that offer employment and other retail opportunities.
- A business-friendly environment that encourages businesses to thrive and evolve.

#### WHEAT RIDGE HAS DIVERSE TRANSPORTATION, SO THAT:

- Residents and businesses have convenient access to major highways and the interstate system.
- Residents have access to multiple modes of public transportation, with the highest level of service possible.
- Residents have convenient parking and easy access to centers and commercial businesses.
- Residents have access to a multi-use bike and pedestrian system and trails that create regional linkages and connect Wheat Ridge's neighborhoods, parks, and commerce centers with one another and with the surrounding communities.

### WHEAT RIDGE IS COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SO THAT:

- Residents have opportunities to recycle, to compost, to reduce air pollution, emissions, litter, and water waste, and to pursue urban agriculture.
- Innovation on sustainability is supported and encouraged so that the City can continue to promote a safe and healthy environment and stewardship.



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### WHEAT RIDGE RESIDENTS ENJOY AN ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THROUGH:

- Recreation programs and services that are responsive to the unique needs of each generation.
- Trails that are used for biking, walking, and jogging.
- City support of personal fitness, as well as City/hospital partnerships that promote personal and community wellness.
- Top-quality parks that provide a variety of venues and are integrated into our neighborhoods and active centers.
- Programs that support the pursuit, maintenance, and restoration of residents' physical, mental, and emotional health.

### WHEAT RIDGE RESIDENTS ARE PROUD OF THEIR HOMETOWN, AS DEMONSTRATED BY:

- A City government that is relied upon to be transparent, honest, and responsive to its residents.
- Residents taking ownership of and engaging in our governance process.
- Neighborhoods that physically facilitate a cohesive community, where residents are given the opportunity to communicate openly and develop relationships with each other.
- Neighbors who know and help neighbors and contribute to our community.
- History and heritage that are respected, valued, and celebrated.
- Professional services from businesses and government.
- New and long-standing residents are welcomed in our community.

#### WHEAT RIDGE - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!





2035 VISION TOPIC 1: Wheat Ridge is an attractive and inviting city						
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020	
GOAL 1: Develop a visual art pre	esence in the City					
Strategy 1.1.1: Define the best place for an art presence through a public engagement process and support the Cultural Committee in creating a master art plan	The Cultural Commission developed a Cultural Vision for the City. They received public input through 2015 citizen survey and attended Wheat Ridge City Council study session for additional input and are requesting adoption of the Cultural Vision by resolution at April 9 City Council meeting. Still to do: update site map (appendix to Public Art Management Plan) for possible public art projects locations.	Cultural Commission, Parks and Rec Dept.				
GOAL 2: Ensure that the City has	s attractive and inviting open space and parks					
Strategy 1.2.1: Renovate Prospect Park	Phase I construction in process – completion spring of 2018. Phase II Design and construction documents in process – Construction begins in summer of 2018. Phase III includes the renovation of the Berbert House and new restroom at north end of park – not currently funded or in process. GOCO grant awarded for Phase II - \$350,000	Parks and Rec Dept.				
Strategy 1.2.2: Renovate Anderson Park	Consultant contract awarded for design development and construction drawings. Contract award for preconstruction services are completed. Construction begins September 2018, completed by June 2019.	Parks and Rec Dept.				
	es in commercial corridors to improve streetscapes					
Strategy 1.3.1: Plan, assess, and prioritize options to underground utility lines	Staff has been working extensively with XCEL Energy and property owners to underground overhead utility lines at two locations: Youngfield Street and 38th Avenue (adjacent to the Applewood Shopping Center) and 38th Avenue between Kipling Street and approximately Lena Gulch. These projects are being pursued in conjunction with redevelopment activities at those two locations. Staff and property owners jointly have been successful in getting XCEL to move in a timely fashion on both projects, and undergrounding/utility work is expected to commence in the spring of 2018. The City intends to tap its 1% XCEL fund to assist in paying for this work. However, the actual cost is not yet known, pending the receiving of bids/estimates for the work from XCEL.	Public Works				

ONGOING =

COMPLETED =



	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
OAL 4: Expand proactive code enforcement							
Strategy 1.4.1: Update and create stricter	Staff would like further direction from city council on the areas of the nuisance enforcement	Police					
and more proactive code enforcement	code that need to be updated, as well as what city council means by the term stricter. The						
	department has been proactive in three areas to address neighborhood issues: the						
	administrative citation model, education and marketing and the TLC (Traffic, Life Quality						
	and Crime) Program. The administrative citation process has greatly assisted in expediting						
	nuisance code issues and resolving them. The TLC program is used by the Patrol Operations						
	Division and Community Services Team to identify neighborhoods and commercial areas as						
	project areas. It is very much a community policing model to address citizen concerns. The						
	Community Services Team surveys the area in an effort to identify the specific problems or						
	issues. A neighborhood meeting is held to provide information to the property owners on						
	the problems/issues identified, as well as listen to feedback from the property owners on						
	what they feel are challenges. Other city departments and Localworks participate in these						
	meetings. We then enter into a response phase that includes extra-patrols related to the						
	issues presented, bicycle patrols, and providing dumpsters for clean-up efforts. After this						
	process is completed, we enter an enforcement phase, which can include abatement if all						
	other options fail. Our efforts to date have been successful; however they are time						
	intensive. The department utilizes print and social media, as well as the city website to						
	promote education in the areas of nuisance code and animal control. The police						
	department and community development are currently exploring options to address the						
	issues in the I70 and Kipling corridor, which may include recommendations for new						
	ordinances. Reviewing the current code and determining what needs to be updated will						
	require a consultant to assist the department. The department has not begun the process to						
	review the current code due to other significant projects in the Police Department.						
Items not associated with a spo	ecific goal				I		
Strategy 1.X.1: Update the sign code	Limited updates are scheduled for City Council hearing first reading: April 9 second reading:	Community					
	April 23	Development					



2035 VISION TOPIC 2: Whea	t Ridge is a community for families				
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020
GOAL 1: Improve the quality of V	Wheat Ridge's public schools				
Strategy 2.1.1: Increase enrollment in neighborhood schools; identify problems that are specific to those schools and research how other cities have addressed similar problems	No action to date	Wheat Ridge Education Alliance			
<b>GOAL 2: Provide options for ser</b>	niors are to age in place				
Strategy 2.2.1: Conduct a needs assessment of current senior programs		Admin. Services			
Strategy 2.2.2: Develop a plan to initiate a senior crime prevention program	The police department provides crime prevention training to seniors when it is requested.  Current staffing limits our ability to add a specific program without additional staffing. The department will be looking at federal grants in 2018, which may be able to address this specific objective in 2019 and beyond.	Police Dept.			
Strategy 2.2.3: Resolve the status of accessory dwelling units (ADUs)	ADU public meetings were held in Spring 2016 and discussed at City Council Study Session June/July 2016. Efforts are currently on hold pending NRS update and resident survey results. Research was done in 2016 and could be restarted in 2018 depending on how much additional outreach City Council desires.	Community Development			
<b>GOAL 3: Support residents in ta</b>	king an active role in community policing				
Strategy 2.3.1: Assist residents in setting up a neighborhood watch program	The police department promotes the Neighborhood Watch program at various community events. Currently, the police department has 23 neighborhood watch programs throughout the community, with several more working to earn the designation. The police department has proactively promoted the Dog Walker Watch program in 2017/2018, which has had a great response from community members.	Police Dept.			
1	The police department has one officer assigned to crime prevention efforts and multiple programs related to crime prevention. To further develop and expand our efforts in this area will require additional staffing. The department is awaiting the announcement of the 2018 federal grants from the Department of Justice, to try to determine if there will be opportunity to augment additional staffing through federal grants to enhance community policing and crime prevention citywide. The current staffing situation in the department limits our ability to provide more robust services in this area.	Police Dept.			



2035 VISION TOPIC 2: Wheat Ridge is a community for families							
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
GOAL 4: Build a new library in W	/heat Ridge						
Strategy 2.4.1: Identify funding source and	The Mayor and City Manager met with the Jefferson Library District in January 2018. The	City Manager					
potential location	District has inititated a facilicites study to determine future needs. Intitailly the District has						
	identified the need for two additional libraries and over 150,000 of additional square						
	footage. The District recently increased its mill levy and therefore has more capacity to						
	provide additional services. A City funding source or a new location in Wheat Ridge has not						
	been identified at this time.						



2035 VISION TOPIC 3: Wheat Ridge has great neighborhoods								
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020			
GOAL 1: Set a clear policy to ac	hieve diverse housing options							
<b>Strategy 3.1.1:</b> Update the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy	Negotiating scope of service with consultant, will brief City Council on scope at the April 2, 2018 study session. Initiate contract and start work May/June 2018, estimated 9-12 month process.	City Manager, Community Development						
Strategy 3.1.2: Set policy on "shared	Including question on this topic in resident survey. Staff research completed in 2017. Could	Community						
housing" (e.g., AirBnB, VRBO)	initiate public outreach process in 3rd/4th quarter of 2018.	Development						
GOAL 2: Facilitate neighbor-to-r	neighbor relations							
Strategy 3.2.1: Market Localworks neighborhood programs	Ongoing - meet with Executive Director of Localworks monthly to discuss programming and areas where the City and Localworks can work together.	City Manager, Community Development, Police Dept.						



2035 VISION TOPIC 4: Wheat Ridge has a choice of economically viable commercial areas						
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020	
GOAL 1: Build out key developm	nent sites along I-70 corridor by 2025					
Strategy 4.1.1: Work with CDOT to prioritize I-70/Kipling improvements	CDOT is moving forward with completion of an environmental assessment (EA), anticipated for completion in late spring 2018. Upon completion of this document, CDOT intends to pursue funding to proceed with completing construction plans. At this time, there is no funding identified or a construction year or schedule established. Staff has been supportive of CDOT through this process, including working with CDOT and adjacent property owners to identify ROW and access issues and potential redevelopment opportunities.	City Manager, Public Works				
Strategy 4.1.2: Develop an I-70/Kipling Corridor Strategy to address crime, aesthetics, redevelopment opportunities	Met with strategy consultant in February and March 2018. Kipling is budgeted for a corridor plan in 2018 but a complete corridor plan, including robust public input, may be delayed to allow staff to work on the NRS update.	City Manager, Police Dept., Community Development				
Strategy 4.1.3: Market sites to the development community	Ongoing - an Economic Development newsletter is distributed to the development community monthly which include development opportunities in Wheat Ridge. Staff created a marketing flyer and are working on a marketing video for the WR - Ward Station area.	City Manager				
GOAL 2: Provide support to exis	ting commercial areas	l				
<b>Strategy 4.2.1:</b> Finalize design of 38th Ave streetscape	Completed the Cre8Your 38 public outreach processs to identify future streetscape improvements to 38th Avenue. City Council has postponed final decision on how to proceed.	City Council				
Strategy 4.2.2: Provide funding for business area marketing and organized support	City Council annually appropriates funding to assist 38th Avenue, 44th Avenue and 29th Avenue business corridors and other business groups for marketing and economic development efforts.	City Manager				
Strategy 4.2.3: Maintain and expand commercial grant/loan program	City Council annually appropriates \$45,000 for the WRBD grant program and provided an additional \$50,000 in 2017 for the Façade Plus Grant Program.	City Council, Localworks				



2035 VISION TOPIC 4: Wheat Ridge has a choice of economically viable commercial areas							
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
<b>GOAL 3: Proactively identify em</b>	erging redevelopment areas						
Strategy 4.3.1: Create a plan identifying mid and long-term redevelopment sites	l-2018 priority for Economic Development Manger	City Manager, Community Development					
GOAL 4: Become a leader in ted	hnological infrastructure	•					
<b>Strategy 4.4.1:</b> Take ballot question to voters allowing City to create broadband	No action to date						
Items not associated with a spe	cific goal	_					
<b>Strategy 4.X.1:</b> Assess internet sales tax leakage	The City hired a new Accounting Manager in March 2018. This item will be prioritized by late 2018 or 2019.	Admin Services					
Strategy 4.X.2: Educate the community on urban renewal, tax increment financing and enhanced sales tax incentive program	In August 2017, Renewal Wheat Ridge entered into a service agreement with The 27th Letter to provide marketing and public relations services for Renewal Wheat Ridge.	City Manager, Renewal Wheat Ridge					



2035 VISION TOPIC 5: Wheat Ridge has diverse transportation							
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
GOAL 1: Improve and identify a	reas of need for public transportation			•			
Strategy 5.1.1: Work on connections between public transportation and development	Connections and and/or improved access to public transportation is considered and pursued as much as possible on all developments. This includes major redevelopment areas, (such as Clear Creek Crossing, Ward Road TOD area, and Wadsworth Blvd Reconstruction) as well as smaller scale projects where improved pedestrian access to bus stops for example, may be desired. RTD is engaged and included as appropriate and as much as possible on development projects, particularly for larger scale developments such as Clear Creek Crossing and Ward Road TOD where significant opportunities arise, such as improved access to commuter rail, identifying bus circulator/connection opportunities, and improved bike/ped access to public transit opportunities. In addition, staff closely follows RTD bus route service and schedules, particularly where there may be proposed changes to existing routes, times, and services. The maintaining of existing service levels on specific routes through the City has always been identified as a high priority.	Public Works					
GOAL 2: Implement ton three r	riorities of bike/pedestrian plan						
	Both plans were finalized and approved by City Council in 2017	Public Works					
Strategy 5.2.2: Improve pedestrian mobility on 29th Ave	Sidewalks/pedestrian mobility on 29th are being addressed segment by segment as opportunities arise and funding is available. Staff is finalizing plans for the reconstruction of 29th Avenue west of Fenton Street, which includes sidewalks. Per Edgewater's request, the project has been extended to Kendall Street, and will include sidewalks. Construction is expected to commence August, 2018.	Public Works					
Strategy 5.2.3: Determine feasibility of building sidewalks from 32nd to 35th on Wadsworth	Staff has completed conceptual plans and an estimate for the construction of a multi-use trail (similar to recently constructed along Kipling), along Wadsworth from 32nd Avenue to 35th Avenue. Estimated cost at this time: \$1M. Funding will need to be identified before moving forward any further.	Public Works					



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	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
<b>GOAL 3: Increase connectivity t</b>	o surrounding communities and local gathering centers (ten new loc	cations)					
Strategy 5.3.1: Coordinate with other communities on connectivity options between communities	Entered into an MOU with Arvada and Jeffco regarding roads at WR Ward station area in 2 nd Quarter of 2018. Staff consistently engages with our neighbors (Lakewood, Arvada, Jefferson County, and Denver) on a regular basis, as well as other agencies and advocacy groups such as Bike JeffCo, CDOT, RTD, and ATAT. All of these stakeholders were involved with visioning and planning in the Ward Road – TOD area, where staff are presently engaged with Arvada and Jefferson County to address transportation and traffic issues and opportunities in the station area. Staff also reviews and looks at connectivity options internal to Wheat Ridge when opportunities arise, such as private redevelopments, improvements to trails, and leveraging of bike/ped opportunities with other projects as they arise.	Public Works					
GOAL 4: Maintain the level of ex	risting RTD routes						
Strategy 5.4.1: Maintain the level of existing RTD routes	Staff closely follows RTD bus route service and schedules, particularly where there may be proposed changes to existing routes, times, and services. The maintaining of existing service levels on specific routes through the City have always been identified as a high priority.	Public Works					
GOAL 5: Increase multi modal a	ccess to G Line stations			•			
Strategy 5.5.1: Identify and prioritize connectivity options to the G Line	Staff consistently engages with our neighbors (Lakewood, Arvada, Jefferson County, and Denver) on a regular basis, as well as other agencies and advocacy groups such as Bike JeffCo, CDOT, RTD, and ATAT. For example, all of these stakeholders were engaged during the Bike/Ped Master Plan update, and also with visioning and planning in the Ward Road – TOD area, where staff are presently engaged with Arvada and Jefferson County to address transportation and traffic issues and opportunities in the station area. Staff also reviews and looks at connectivity options internal to Wheat Ridge when opportunities arise, such as private redevelopments, improvements to trails, and leveraging of bike/ped opportunities with other projects as they arise.	Public Works					
Strategy 5.5.2: Implement a circulator bus service between the G Line, commercial centers and the Seniors' Resource Center	In summer and fall of 2018 coordinating with RTD to re-locate a bus transfer station within the Clear Creek Crossing Project. Staff consistently engages with our neighbors (Lakewood, Arvada, Jefferson County, and Denver), as well as other agencies and advocacy groups such as Bike JeffCo, CDOT, RTD, and ATAT. Staff also reviews and looks at connectivity options internal to Wheat Ridge when opportunities arise, such as private redevelopments, improvements to trails, and leveraging of bike/ped opportunities with other projects as they arise.	Public Works					



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	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020		
Items not associated with a spec	cific goal						
Strategy 5.X.1: Discuss how to finance the	A 0.5% sales and use tax increase and bonding authority in the amount of \$33M was	City Manager					
Drainage, Infrastructure, Roads, and Trails	approved by the voters in November 2016 for Anderson Park, Wadsworth reconstruction, I-						
(DIRT) Task Force	70 hook ramps and Ward Station TOD improvements.						



2035 VISION TOPIC 6: Wheat Ridge is committed to environmental stewardship								
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020			
<b>GOAL 1: Create an Environment</b>	al Sustainability Committee to set priorities for the City for the next	five years						
Strategy 6.1.1: Develop mission and goals	Completed in 2017	Admin Services						
for Committee								
Strategy 6.1.2: Create Committee	Completed in 2017	Admin Services						
membership application and advertise for								
Committee								
Strategy 6.1.3: Select and appoint	Completed in 2017. Committee will provide final report with recommendations to City	Mayor and City						
Committee	Council in June 2018	Council						



2035 VISION TOPIC 7: Whea	nt Ridge residents are proud of their hometown				
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020
GOAL 1: Create a public survey	that captures the quality of resident life, specifically in terms of the	"live, work, play	y" metrics		
Strategy 7.1.1: Conduct Resident survey	City Council approved final formal on biannual survey on February 26, 2018. Survey results will be presented to City Council in June 2018.	Admin Services			
GOAL 2: Create five additional of	pportunities for meaningful citizen engagement				
Strategy 7.2.1:	Additional opportunities have been implemented including the Environmental Sustainability Committee, DIRT Task Force, Outside Agency Contribution Committee, online budgeting tools such as Balancing Act, Tax Receipt and Open Budget, etc.				
GOAL 3: Increase public particip	pation by 20% in all city-wide meetings	•			
<b>Strategy 7.3.1:</b> Create a City 101 course for residents	Plans are underway for a City 101 course in Fall 2018. Researching best format and best options.	Admin Services			
Strategy 7.3.2: Assess current levels of public participation and the needs of residents	Public Information staff measure level of public participation on website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Citizen survey measures public participation rates every 2 years.	Admin Services			
Items not associated with a spe	cific goal				
-	Currently on Tentative Future Council Agendas for study session discussion	City Council			
Strategy 7.X.2: Create a recognition campaign for hometown pride	Planning for 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2019 is underway. Staff will be bringing ideas and funding requests to Council during the 2019 budget process.	Admin Services			



2035 VISION TOPIC 8: Wheat Ridge residents enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle					
	Current Status	Responsible parties	2018	2019	2020
GOAL 1: Increase young family participation in City-sponsored recreation programs					
<b>Strategy 8.1.1:</b> Identify a percentage target for young family participation increase	Currently gathering data on participation, need clarification on what constitutes a young family and how they participate — together or individually, increased youth participation in programs in 2015-2016 by 27%	Parks and Rec Dept.			
GOAL 2: Develop an active relationship with Lutheran Medical Center (LMC) and plan and implement three programs that promote an active, healthy lifestyle					
Strategy 8.2.1: Complete an assessment of	Staff is participating on the Heros of Hope Board to help plan the Heros of Hope Event.	Parks and Rec			
all City programs promoting the vision and	Lutheran has joined the HEAL committee and the City worked with the committee on Heart	Dept., Admin			
identify opportunities for partnerships with	Healthy week. A second event is being planned for this summer. Have reached out to	Services			
LMC	Lutheran with varying degrees of success over the past few years in their participation in				
	proposed programs.				
Items not associated with a specific goal					
Strategy 8.X.1: Update plans and investigate	Requires funding for consultant services – staff capacity late 2018 or early 2019	Parks and Rec.,			
funding for a ballot initiative expanding the		City Manger			
recreation center					