

The Transitway/Mall

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PURPOSE OF THE MALL:

- 1. Lessen traffic congestion in the downtown
- 2. Provide **more efficient bus service** to city and suburban neighborhoods
- 3. Create **a new pedestrian environment** in the downtown **a place for people**.

"The proposal has been developed in response to a need to reduce bus congestion along 16th and 17th Streets, and to improve the production of transportation services throughout the six county district, according to [RTD Board Chairman John] Crowley. 'Even with exclusive bus lanes in use during peak hours, congestion is so severe that buses move more slowly than the average person walks' he said. With the implementation of the transitway, and the accompanying efficiency in routing of express buses, more buses will be available for use in productive service . . ."













"The plan provides a full complement of new lighting, benches, fountains, shelters, and other amenities. But here we have stopped, for the plan by choice is a simple one. It is a framework and setting for both the present and future. Filling it initially with an array of podia, playgrounds, or other fixed objects would preempt opportunities for creating new things later on. Ample space is provided for sidewalk cafes, kiosks, vending carts and displays which can evolve into permanent elements or change as different needs emerge"





















Prior Studies

Timeline of Past Studies

Key Conclusions Relevant to Current NEPA Study

1977 I.M. Pei Report 1978 Environmental Assessment **16th Street Mall Opens** 1986 Downtown Area Plan 1987 A National Example of a Successful Pedestrian/Transit System 1998 16th Street Initiative Report 2002: Blueprint Denver 2004: Denver Union Station Master Plan 2005: Downtown Multi-Modal Access Plan 2007: Downtown Area Plan -2008: 16th Street Denver, Building on Success -2009: 16th Street Plan Phase 1: Tech. Assessment 2010: 16th Street Plan Phase 2: Urban Design 2011: 16th Street Mall Pilot Repair Project 2012: 30-year anniversary 2013: Categorical Exclusion for Transitway Rehabilitation 2015: 16th Street Mall "Small Steps to Big Change" 2015: 16th Street Mall Transitway Rehabilitation Study 2016: Civic Center Transit District Plan

Recommendation: Constructed the 16th Street Mall to provide more efficient bus service, lessen congestion, and create a new pedestrian environment downtown.

to meet the goals of sustainability, usability, and respect for the existing design.

- Assess needs and condition of Mall infrastructure. Make recommendations for paver









