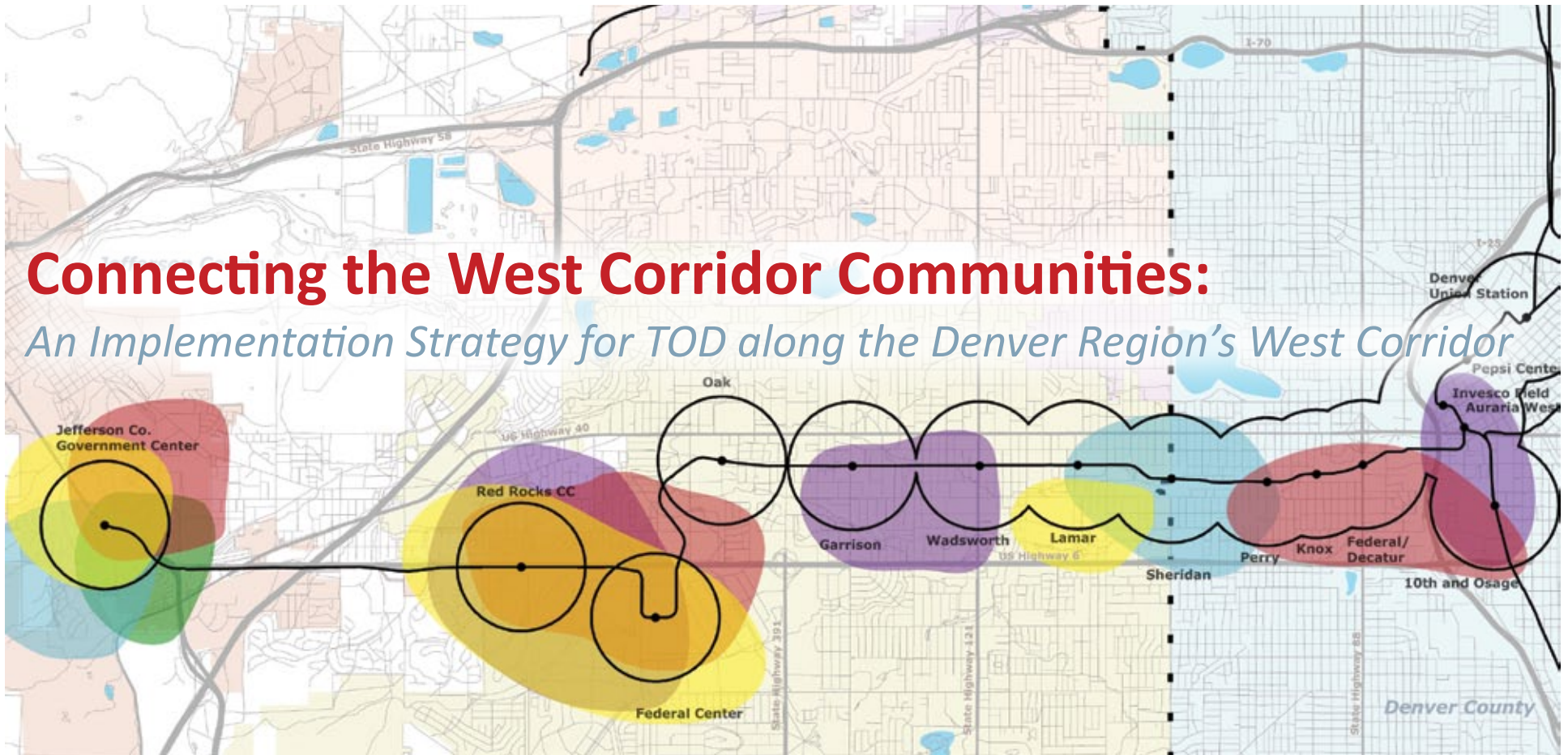


Connecting the West Corridor Communities:

An Implementation Strategy for TOD along the Denver Region's West Corridor



About this Report

This report was created as part of a collaboration between the City and County of Denver, the City of Lakewood, the Denver Housing Authority and Metro West Housing Solutions. The Center for Transit-Oriented Development (CTOD) worked with these entities to create a strategy for implementing successful transit-oriented development (TOD) along the West Corridor light rail line of Denver's transit network, operated by the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

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Primary Audience

This report provides recommendations to the West Corridor Working Group (WCWG) as it moves forward with implementation activities for transit-oriented development along the West Corridor. The primary audience is WCWG members and their respective agencies: the cities (Denver and Lakewood), their housing authorities (Denver Housing Authority and Metro West Housing Solutions, respectively), and the U.S. General Services Administration, which oversees the Federal Center site in Lakewood. The goal is for the WCWG to use the information, analysis and recommendations contained in the report to strategically prioritize investments, funding sources, and development opportunities to benefit the West Corridor as a whole. The report also serves as evidence of the tremendous amount of work already done by the various agencies along the corridor to make TOD a reality along the West Corridor.

This report will also be a resource to:

- The internal staffs at both cities (planning, economic development, parks & recreation, etc.).
- The development and investment community, both private and nonprofit, looking to invest in station areas along the West Corridor.
- The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and its Board of Directors.
- The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).
- Potential government and foundation grantors.
- Other cities, housing authorities, transit agencies, and regional governing bodies around the U.S.
- Citizens of Denver and Lakewood.

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