Mile High Connects (MHC) is a multi-sector collaborative ensuring the Denver region’s transit system helps people access opportunity by connecting to affordable housing, healthy environments, quality education, and good-paying jobs.

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- Influencing Policy
- Leveraging Resources
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AccessiBle Transit

RESULTING IN:

$600,000 in directed grants invested in 14 local nonprofits

$180,000 in responsive grants invested in 14 local nonprofits

100 jobs supported in new community facilities near station area

15 residents newly employed in developing station area

4 development opportunities near transit receive new investment

1 local ordinance updated to strengthen ability to preserve affordable housing

EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

100 organizations advocating for affordable bus and light rail fares

7 existing housing developments prioritized to retain affordability

1 regional plan prioritizing affordable housing, health and economic vitality

RESULTING IN:
While our policy focus and partners work across the region, in 2015, Mile High Connects will focus its place-based work in these geographies.