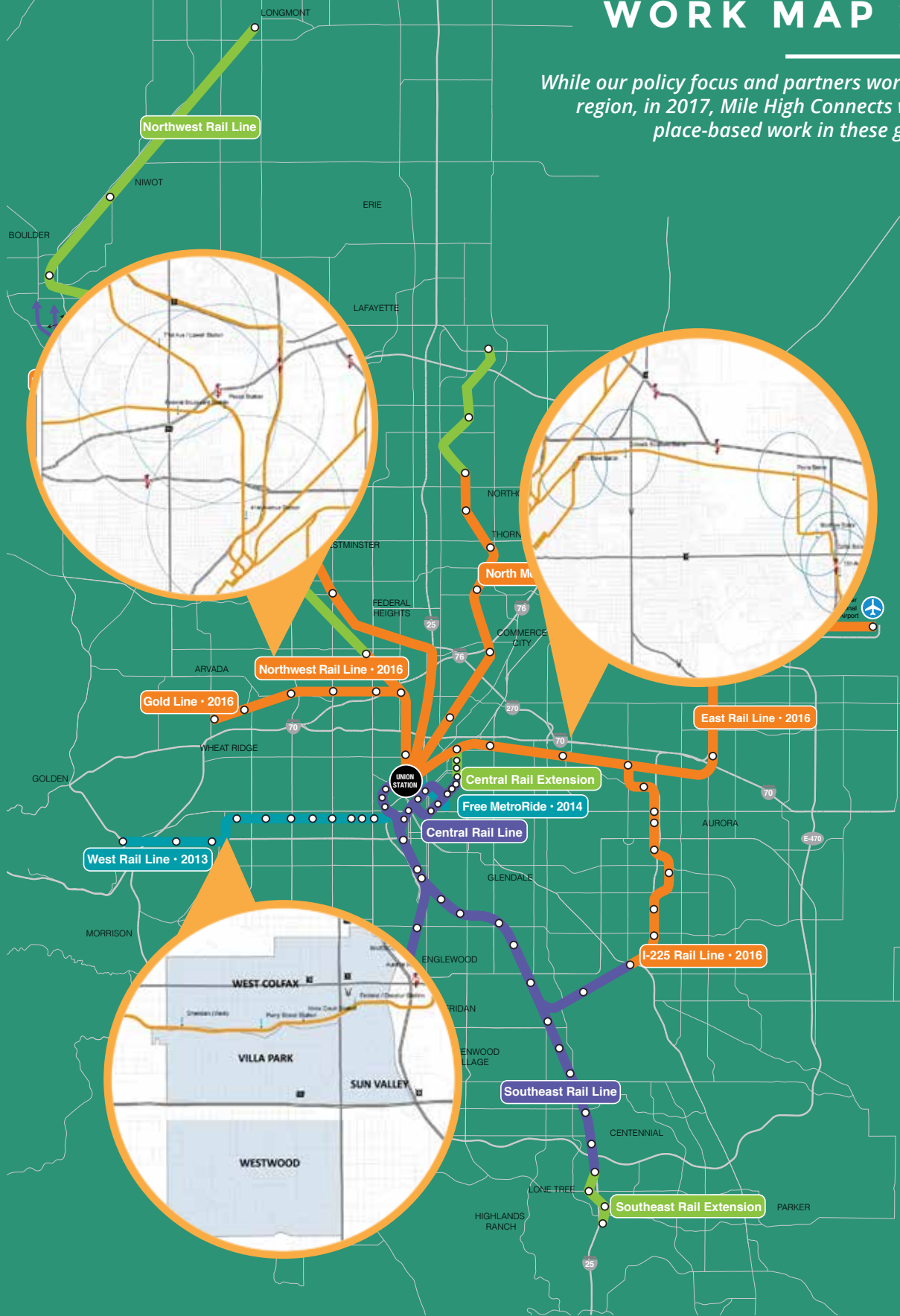


WORK MAP 2017

While our policy focus and partners work across the region, in 2017, Mile High Connects will focus its place-based work in these geographies.



Mile High Connects

Opportunity for all through transit

2017 WORKPLAN

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.

ISSUE AREAS



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Priority Area : **EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Affordable Housing and Community Facilities

- Preserve and create affordable housing and community serving commercial space near transit
- Strengthen and promote renter protections for communities near transit
- Support purchase of homes and land by low-income communities and communities of color
- Increase and align financial resources for affordable housing and community serving facilities

Economic Opportunity

- Connect community to good jobs and procurement opportunities at anchor institutions
- Connect community to middle skilled jobs in the construction industry
- Support and incent businesses providing good jobs and community services to locate near transit

Key Strategies

- Support regional affordable housing preservation goals and work with municipalities to preserve market rate affordable housing
- Work with governments and anchor institutions to identify land and other assets that can be used to build affordable housing
- Identify opportunities and work with developer partners to create affordable housing
- Work with resident and stakeholder coalitions to advocate for local housing policies to prevent displacement and protect renters
- Work toward creation of community land trusts in targeted geographies
- Participate in land use planning processes and housing studies to ensure prioritization of affordable housing and community-serving commercial space
- Deploy Denver Regional Transit-Oriented Development Fund
- Support implementation of sustainable revenue stream for affordable housing in Denver
- Create mechanism to bring impact investment to affordable housing and community facilities deals

Key Strategies

- Survey residents in prioritized geographies to understand needs, interests, and barriers relating to employment and economic opportunity
- Work with anchor institutions and other large employers near transit to support local hire, procurement and investment in community development
- Partner with construction industry and apprenticeship programs to bring enhanced awareness of employment opportunities in construction
- Pass local hire and ban the box ordinances and advocate for developers to include local hire provisions for construction
- Work with partners to explore cooperatives and other community wealth building opportunities in local neighborhoods
- Advocate with and for local businesses at risk of displacement near transit
- Develop financing mechanism to support developers in putting community-serving tenants in transit oriented development

Priority Area : **ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT**

Affordable Fares and Meaningful Service Routes

- Promote affordable bus and light rail fares for low-income riders and students
- Ensure accessible bus service routes for low-income communities and communities of color

First and Last Mile Connections

- Enhance regional understanding of resources and strategies for first and last mile solutions
- Improve first and last mile connections in neighborhoods and job centers
- Increase and align financial resources for first and last mile infrastructure

Key Strategies

- Convene and manage Affordable Fares Task Force
- Work with RTD to build out administration of low-income fare and pass program
- Cultivate and secure investors and support RTD in prioritizing its resources for low-income fare and pass program
- Participate with RTD in broader evaluation of fare and pass discount program interaction and advocate for additional changes to support affordability in all programs
- Participate with City of Denver and Denver Public Schools in incorporating transportation benefit into MyDenver card
- Monitor service changes and support resident-led efforts to preserve or reinstate key service routes

Key Strategies

- Release research on the return on investment and equity analysis of first and last mile investments in the region
- Participate in Denveright and other large-scale planning processes
- Support efforts by RTD and DRCOG to develop policies and strategies to enhance first and last mile investments
- Conduct need and opportunity tours in targeted geographies with decision makers
- Support resident-led campaigns in neighborhoods on first and last mile issues