



Hennepin County Minnesota

# Corcoran Southeast District Plan & Design Guidelines



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# Bringing Public Works and Public Health Together

- Active Living Hennepin County Partnership – 2016 is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- 3 SHIP-funded staff work for Public Works.
- Integrate health into transportation, economic development, environmental projects, etc.





# Project background

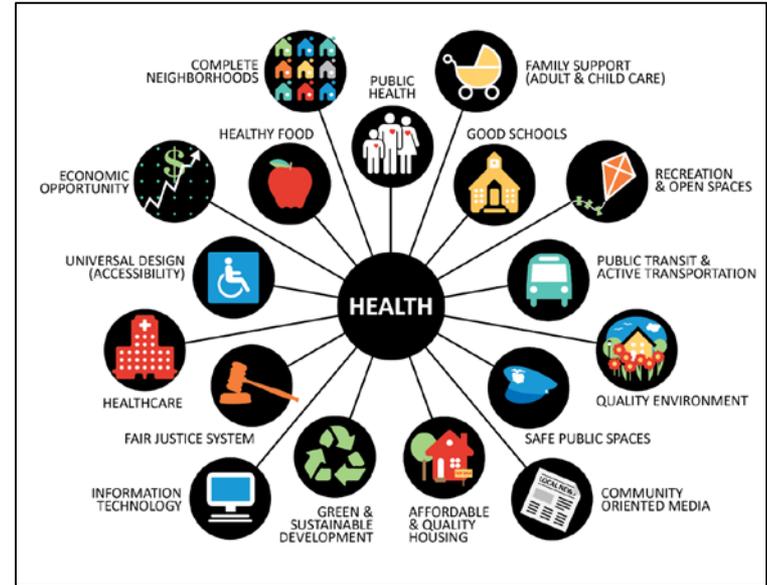
- Future Growth
  - 400 new homes
  - Extension of water and sewer lines
  - Possible site of new charter school
- Unique opportunity to create a downtown
- Opportunity for cross-departmental partnership
- Prioritize walking, biking, health in development

# Engage the Community

- Developed a community engagement plan
- Small town relationships and institutions
- Focus on residents 65+
- Community Advisory Team
- Community Meetings
- Two survey tools
  - Information Gathering
  - Visual Preference Survey

# Bringing health into the plan

- Corcoran is an active community
  - “I want to bike to more places” was a common refrain.
- Kicked off community workshops with a health framework
- Trained Community Advisory Team (CAT) members in social determinants of health
- Considering needs of seniors, people with restricted mobility
- Provided an evaluation tool as we filled in the final plan



# Bring Health Into the Design:

## “But, really, *how* do we DO that?”

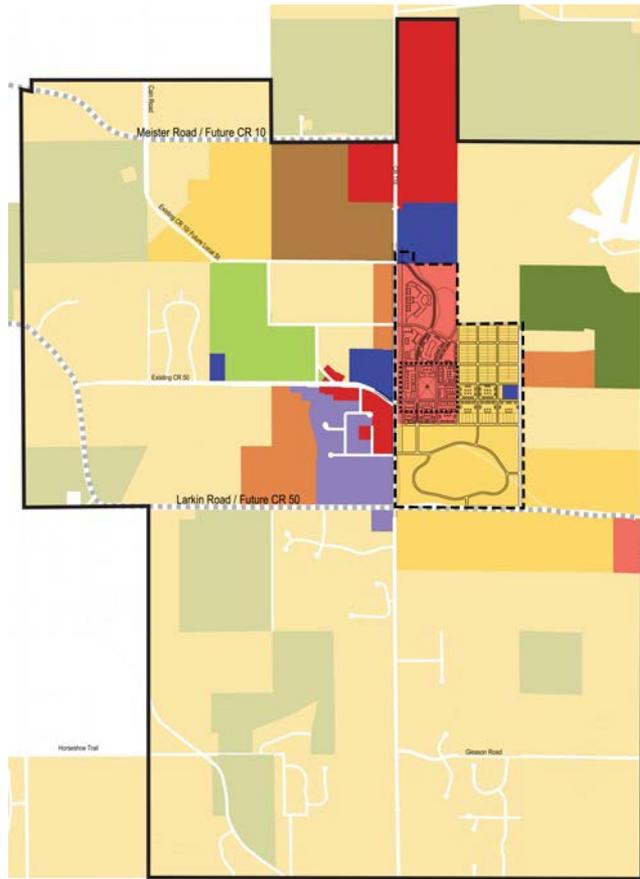
- Adopt land use regulations that prioritize needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.
- Support health-oriented transportation options
- Encourage high-density, multi-use neighborhoods.
- Improve connectivity with grid-like street patterns, greater intersection density, and limits to block size.
- Design streets to serve the needs of all transportation modes.
- Implement transit-oriented development.
- Expand green space.
- Incorporate communal gathering spaces into community design to strengthen social capital.
- Mitigate roadway noise.
- Locate residential and community facilities away from transportation-related emissions.

Courtesy MDH Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger

# Results – Updated Design Guidelines

- Active transportation infrastructure and connections
  - Plan for realignment of two county roads
- Park network and open space
- Mixed-use and higher density near downtown
- Placemaking
  - Buildings should reflect unique character of the city
  - Places for people to gather downtown

# Southeast District Plan - Corcoran



## LEGEND

— Southeast District Boundary

- - - Town Center

..... Downtown Core

### Retail Uses

Commercial

Mixed Use

### Residential

High Density Res.

Medium Density Res.

Mixed Residential

Low Density Residential  
Existing and Future

### Public

Public / Semi-Public

Golf Course

Parks / Open Space

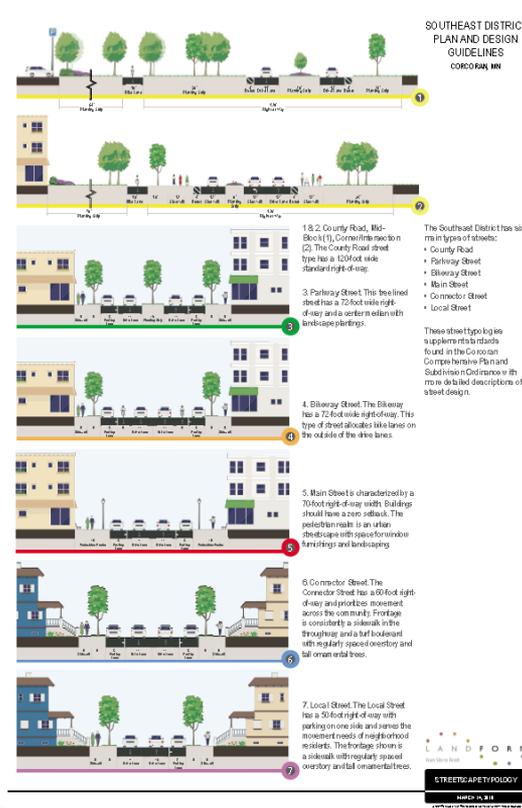
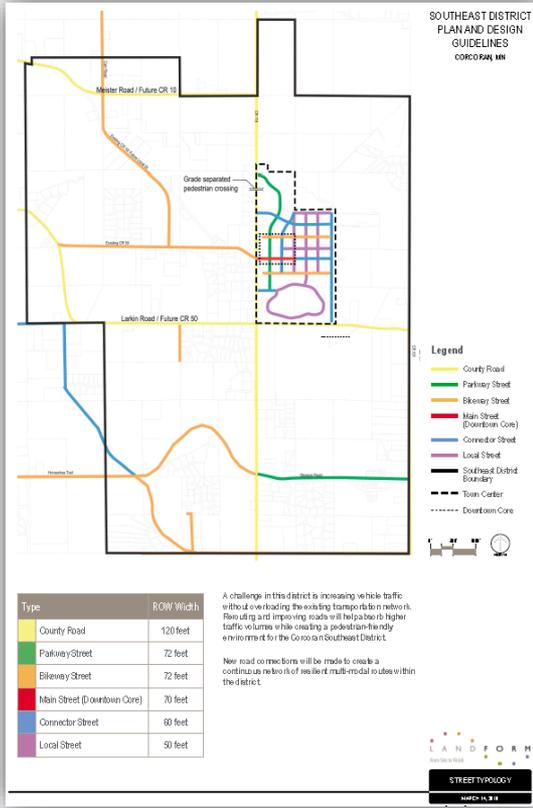
### Agriculture

Agricultural Preserve

# Downtown Core - Corcoran



# Transportation Plan – Corcoran SE District and Downtown Core



# Next Steps for Corcoran



- Corcoran City Council adopted guidelines on May 26, 2016
- The design will influence the upcoming comprehensive plan
- Community and Economic Development funding Market Study
- Result – future development in Corcoran will be walkable and bikeable

# Activity – it's your turn!

- Put on your Planner Hat and design a healthy, livable street
- Review the goals and guidelines provided and design a street that is safe and inviting for people biking and walking.



# More information?

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