

Highway Cover and Design January 2016

Background

The construction of a 4-acre cover over I-70 is a defining feature of the lowered highway concept for I-70. There are nearly two dozen similar covers across the nation, including Klyde Warren Park (www.klydewarrenpark.org) in Dallas, Texas and a series of covers built over SR530 outside of Seattle, Wash.

(www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/MedinatoSR202EnvInfo).

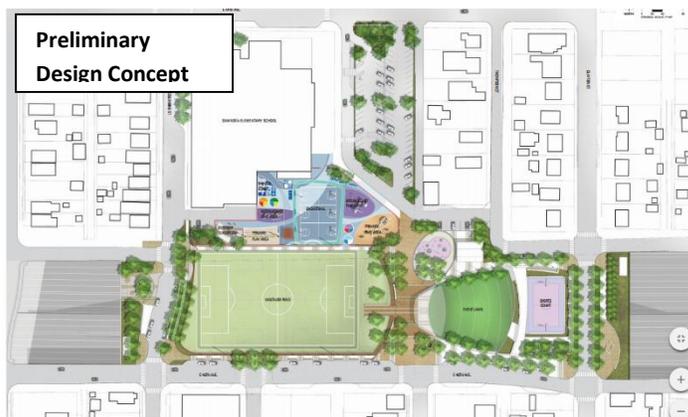
Status and Next Steps

The concept of building a cover over I-70 was originally presented to the public in 2012-2013 along with the introduction of the lowered highway alternative.

Over the last several years, CDOT has been working in partnership with the City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools on a public process to design the public space on the cover.

The overall intent of this community cover is to provide an active and vibrant area with opportunities for sports games, outdoor movies, concerts and farmers markets.

One part of the cover will be a shared-use area with Swansea Elementary School but fully open to community use during all non-school hours and days.



Two public workshops have been held with a third planned for early 2016.

These public meetings have shaped the current design, and additional community input will be sought in 2016 to determine the final design.