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Connecting Neighborhoods: 47th and York Safe Crossing Project Denver's Rail Safety Grant Application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

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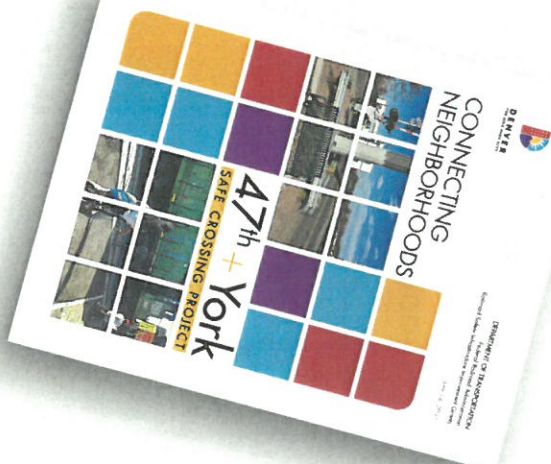
Purpose:

On June 14, 2016, the City and County of Denver submitted a grant application to the Federal Railroad Association requesting nearly \$5 million to help fund construction of a ped-bike bridge over the Union Pacific (UP) railroad tracks near the 47th Avenue and York Street intersection in the Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods. The problem of Swansea Elementary School students crossing the tracks to get to school has been articulated for over a decade. The **Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan** prioritizes this project, and the concept of ped-bike bridge emerged as a feasible and desirable solution during a **Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis** performed by the City in 2016.

The proposed bridge would meet ADA requirements and be convenient for pedestrians and cyclists. It would significantly reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities, greatly improve the east-west connectivity between the Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods and ease mobility during I-70 reconstruction. Perhaps most importantly – Swansea students will no longer be delayed by a (generally) unscheduled, slow-moving train as they walk to school. Kids reliant on the free breakfasts at Swansea Elementary will no longer miss their first meal of the day.

Project Schedule:

- June 2016: FRA Application submitted
- Summer 2016: Complete Feasibility Study
- Sept 2016: FRA Announces Award
- Fall 2016: NEPA & 30% Design
- January 2017: FRA Funds available
- 2017-2019: Final design
 - ROW Acquisition
 - Aerial Easement Acquisition
 - Utility Relocation
 - Bridge Construction



★ Intersection of 47th Ave, York St and UPRR – Proposed Safe Crossing

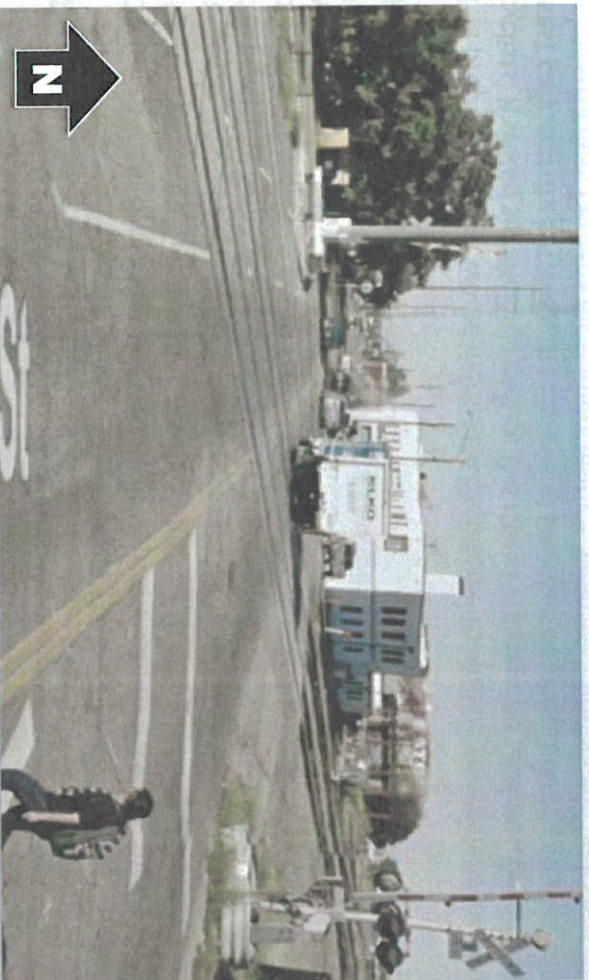


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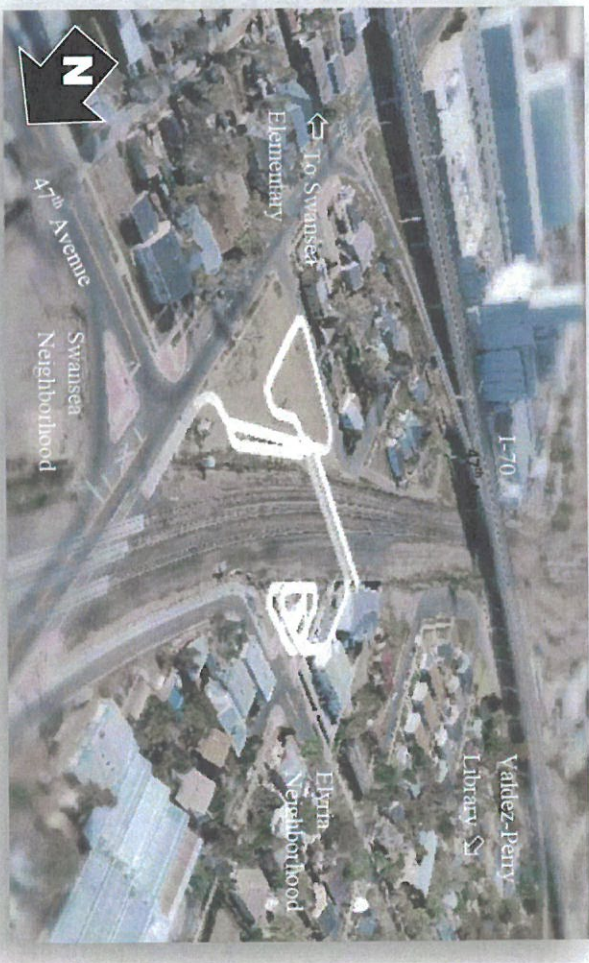
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Project Benefits:

- ✓ Increases public safety
- ✓ Improves connectivity
- ✓ Enhances accessibility
- ✓ Upgrades railroad crossings
- ✓ Improves community cohesion
- ✓ Lowers rail accident risk
- ✓ Eases impacts of I-70 construction
- ✓ Facilitates access to commuter rail
- ✓ Increases active transportation
- ✓ Creates safe routes to school
- ✓ Eliminates a barrier to education
- ✓ Revitalizes neighborhoods



Existing crossing of Union Pacific Rail Road over York St. at 47th Avenue



Proposed location of grade separated, multi-modal crossing