



Baker Historic Neighborhood Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Baker Historic Neighborhood Association (BHNA) supports the current draft of the Alameda Station Area Plan, dated 27 February, 2009. In particular, BHNA is pleased to note that this plan:

- helps concentrate development in a way that is strategically important to the sustainability of the city,
- respects the Baker Neighborhood Plan,
- has good proposals for improving pedestrian/bicycle access through the area, and
- has meaningful strategies for lessening traffic and parking impacts on surrounding residential areas.

BHNA also believes that the adoption of this Area Plan prior to the completion of the Denver Design District GDP and its implied rezoning is helpful in rationalizing the handling of major change in a complex area. With the majority of the Alameda Station Area included within Baker's boundaries, we hope ways will be found to engage nearby residents throughout the process of redeveloping this area.

Understanding that this plan is a product of compromise among different interests, BHNA would like to assert two major reservations:

- We believe the Alameda corridor, particularly adjacent to the old railroad overpass, deserves a more comprehensive public study. Plan after plan has avoided directly confronting the problems here.
- Although it is not directly mentioned in the current draft, we do not want to see this planning process used as a way to introduce the "Open Space Streetscapes" concept without a broader public process.

Sincerely,

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President