## WELCOME to our Public Meeting!













## Why Are We Advancing Lincoln Avenue?

#### Lone Tree and Douglas County are growing.

- New residential developments will bring new people
- New commercial developments will bring more jobs
- Since 2007, interim improvements have been implemented. It's now time for a long-term solution
- Lone Tree and Douglas County are planning for 2050















## Timeline and History

The Lincoln Avenue interchange was built in the 1950s, eventually spurring growth within the Meridian business park. By 1998, Lone Tree was incorporated, and in the early 2000's RidgeGate was under construction. By 2007, transportation improvements were needed.

#### **2010-2013: IMPROVEMENTS**

Agencies implemented most of the immediate and near-term improvements recommended in the 2007 study, including new turn lanes at Park Meadows Drive, Havana Street, and Peoria Street; widening I-25 ramps; and restriping of Lincoln Avenue to increase capacity.

#### **TODAY**

Kickoff of the Advancing Lincoln Avenue study to develop and evaluate alternatives for corridor improvements.

#### 2007: INITIAL STUDY

Initial Lincoln Avenue Corridor Improvements study recommended various immediate, near-term and ultimate improvements to address safety, mobility and congestion issues.

#### **2020: FUTURE VISION**

The City of Lone Tree and Douglas County secured funding through the Denver Regional Council of Governments to evaluate long-term improvements.

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### **Current Project Timeline**



#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

#### **SPRING 2022 – WINTER 2022**

Execute NEPA process and evaluate recommended alternative for impacts and mitigation in developing NEPA decision document.

#### 2024-2025

Pending funding, final design of a chosen alternative.

#### **TODAY – SPRING 2022**

Project initiation and scoping, collect various types of data to define Purpose and Need statement, and develop conceptual designs to achieve consensus on recommended alternative.

#### **WINTER 2022 - FALL 2023**

Preliminary design of improvements, utility and right-of-way investigations and agency approvals to develop 30% plans.

#### 2026 (ESTIMATED)

Pending funding, begin construction of recommended improvements.

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### Data Collection

#### DATA WILL HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LINCOLN AVENUE

#### **Traffic Data:**

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) Volumes
- Traffic counts per lane (AM/PM peak)
- Speed data
- Travel times
- Turning movement count
- Queue length
- Signal timing
- Origin/Destination data

#### Safety

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Data** 

Survey



**Utilities** 

**Land Use** 



#### **Existing Plans, Studies and Reports:**

- Previous alternative designs
- Future development plans
- Pedestrian, Bike and Transit assessments







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**Environmental Conditions** 



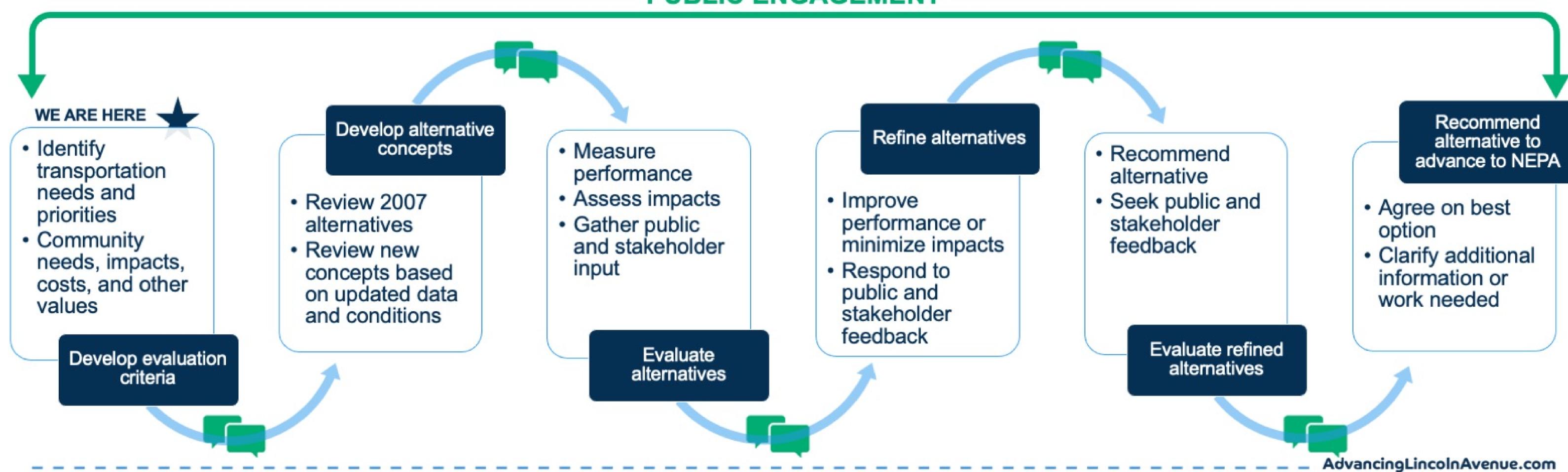
## Alternatives Analysis Process

The study will follow a systematic process to analyze and recommend project alternatives. The public plays an important role in helping us understand priorities and develop a project that fits community context and travel needs.

#### Help us understand:

- What problems do you observe?
- What ideas do you have to fix problems or improve travel issues?
- What social or environmental values do we need to consider and honor?
- What mode of travel do you currently use to travel the corridor and what will you likely use in the future?

#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**











## Project Purpose and Need (Draft)

The City of Lone Tree and Douglas County are conducting the Advancing Lincoln Avenue study to develop and implement a long-term vision for Lincoln Avenue to ensure those who work in, live in, and commute through the area have safe and reliable travel options. Lincoln Avenue is a key regional arterial in Douglas County and is a critical travel corridor for the communities of Lone Tree, Parker, and Highlands Ranch.

#### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Advancing Lincoln Avenue project is to maintain regional mobility along Lincoln Avenue and provide safe, reliable, and sustainable multimodal travel within the corridor, between Park Meadows Drive and Oswego Street, including the I-25 interchange. Improvements are needed to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety and multimodal connectivity, and integrate travel options for both local and regional users of this segment of Lincoln Avenue.

#### **PROJECT GOALS**

- Improve Safety
- Address Existing and Projected Traffic Congestion
- Improve Operations on Lincoln Avenue and through the I-25/Lincoln Avenue interchange
- Enhance Multimodal Travel and Connectivity











# Study Process and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Approval Steps

## Define Project and Alternatives

FALL 2021 – SPRING 2022

#### **MILESTONES**

- Initiate study, review and collect data
- Develop purpose and need
- Develop and evaluate improvement alternatives
- Document recommended alternative and proceed to efficient National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process

GOAL: Clarify transportation issues and priorities and develop a recommended alternative

## NEPA Process

**SPRING 2022 – WINTER 2022** 

#### **MILESTONES**

- Public and Agency Scoping
  - Confirm purpose and need, alternative recommendation, environmental and social conditions, and impacts
  - 2. Develop NEPA and public involvement schedule
- Preliminary engineering
- Environmental impact and mitigation analysis
- Complete preliminary design and identify funding for final design and construction
- NEPA Documentation
- Public and agency review and comments
- Response to comments and NEPA decision

GOAL: Refine recommended alternative and complete required federal environmental review

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