

# Neighborhood Planning Program & Southeast Strong Community Plan

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# Neighborhood Planning Program



**PlanCOS** recommended 6 key initiatives be undertaken in order to implement the plan's vision and goals:

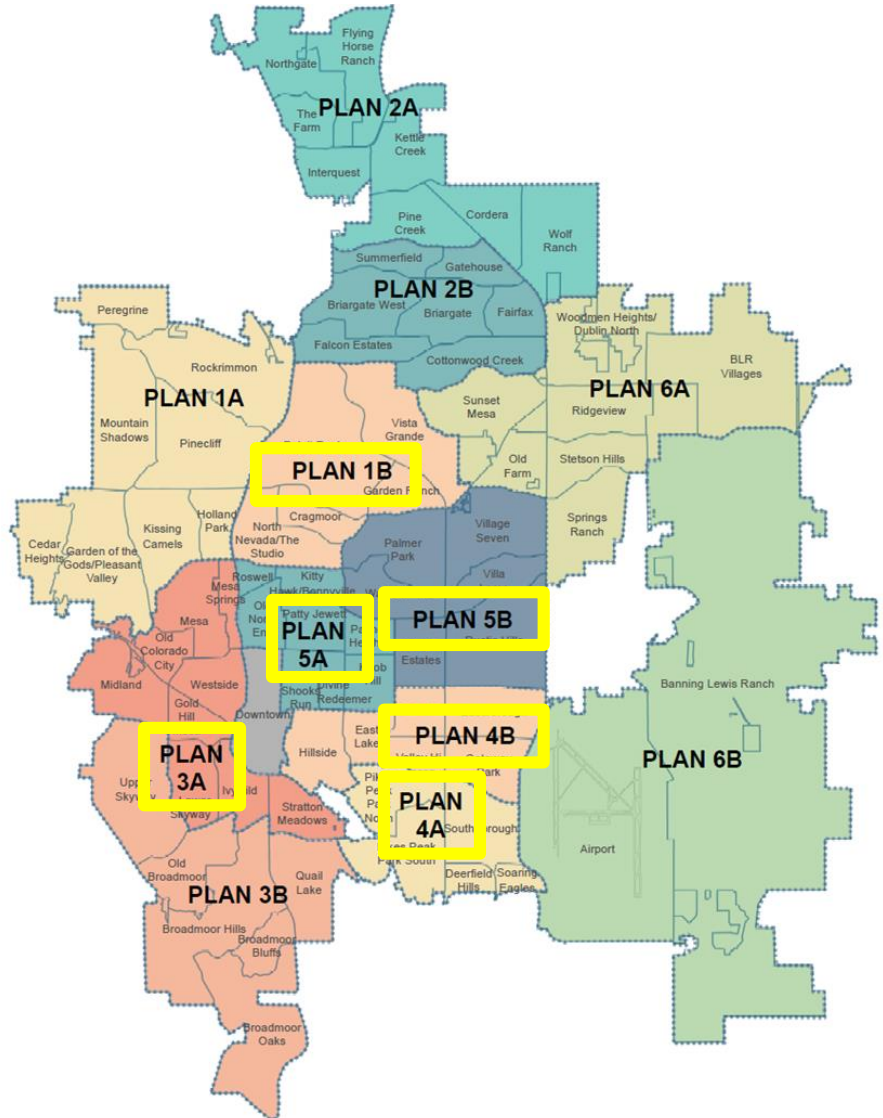
1. Update Zoning & Subdivision Code (RetoolCOS)
2. Intermodal Transportation Plan (ConnectCOS)
3. Attainable Housing Plan (HomeCOS)
4. Smart Cities Initiative (SmartCOS)
5. Annexation Plan (AnnexCOS)
6. **Neighborhood Planning Program**

# Neighborhood Planning Program



Apply larger visions in PlanCOS in a practical, neighborhood-level manner which considers the unique characteristics and needs of different areas within the Plan's boundary.

12 total plans  
Priority based on need



# Neighborhood Planning Program



- Land use and built environment focused plans that also consider:
  - Transportation, housing, economic development, public safety, etc.
- Healthy Community Planning:
  - Establishing a set of healthy community indicators which will focus on resident health, food access, and climate resiliency
  - A health assessment of the plan area may be conducted to better understand a plan area's context
- Highly replicable, but with room to customize based on area's unique characteristics
- Hired MIG to assist following a competitive RFP ranking and interview process

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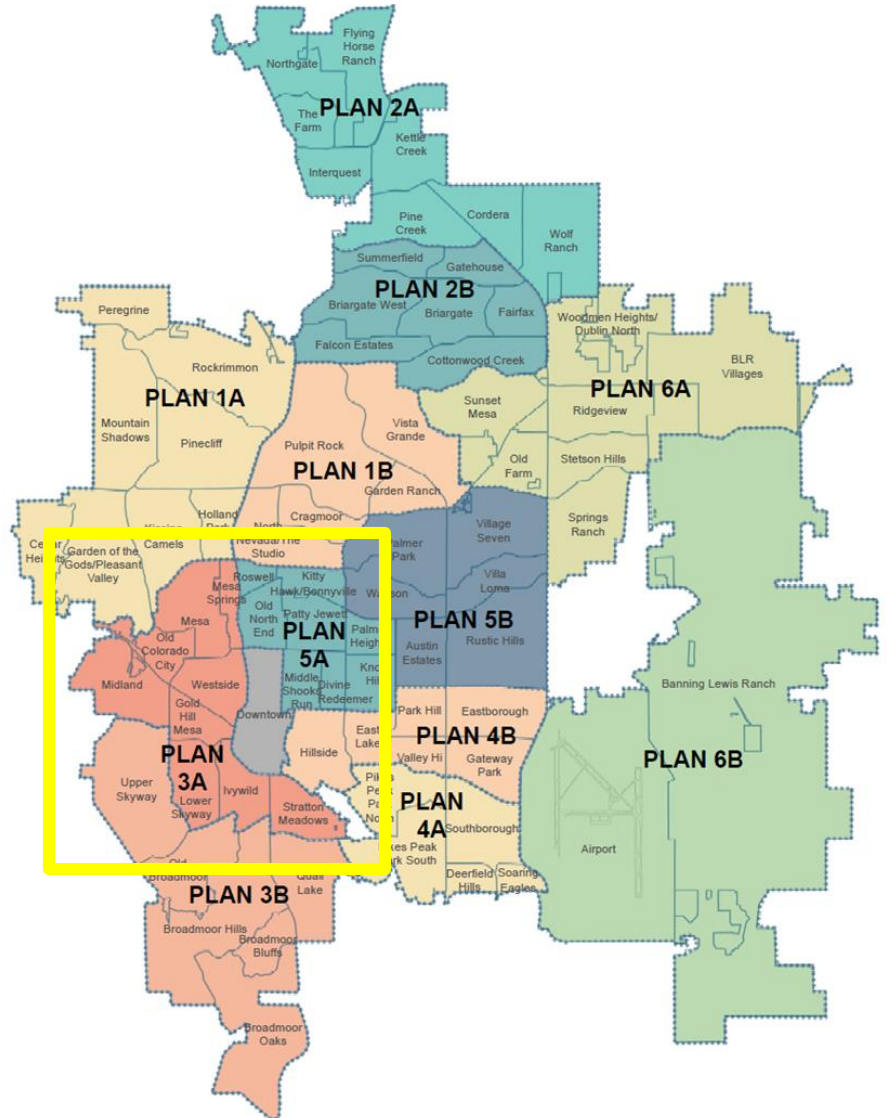
- Collaborating closely with CONO and will utilize CONO's new Neighborhood Network Boards, in conjunction with the City Council representative(s), as the 'steering committee'
  - Neighborhood Network Boards will ensure a resident-lead process and provide valuable expertise and lived experiences



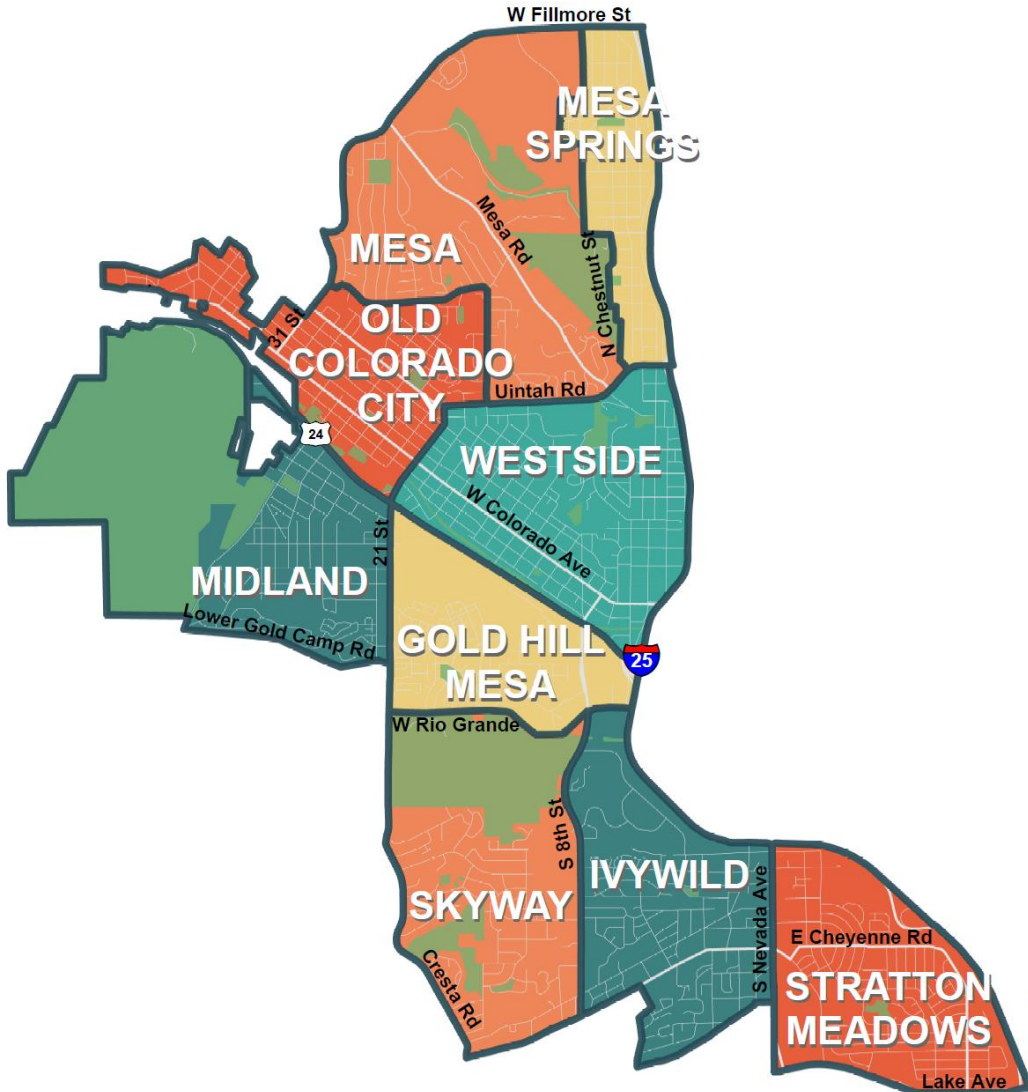
# Neighborhood Planning Program



Kicking off  
“Plan 3A!”



# “Plan 3A”



39,836 residents

7,741 acres

*505 vacant*

20,213 housing units

*13,664 single-family*

*6,549 multi-family*

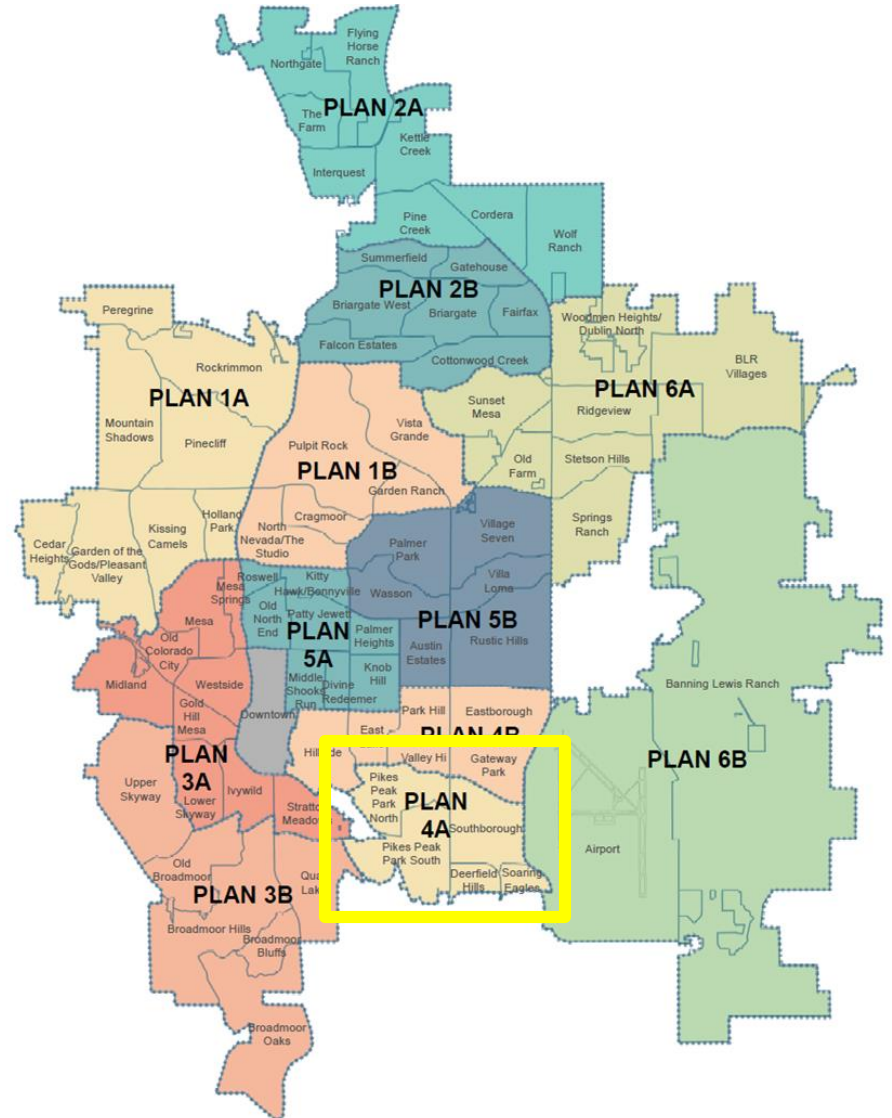
*9,462 owned*

*9,916 rented*

# Neighborhood Planning Program



## Update on Southeast Strong Community Plan





# Southeast Strong Community Plan



- Kicked off mid-2020
- Formed Steering Committee chaired by Councilor Avila
- Held 10 meetings discussing key topics
  - Economic development, health equity, transportation planning and traffic safety, parks and trails, and land use
- Southeast Colorado Springs has “plan and survey-fatigue”
  - Heavily influenced the plan to be action/implementation-oriented, and to be very purposeful with public engagement
  - “Survey of surveys”

# Southeast Strong Community Plan



- Data shows a 16-year life expectancy disparity between residents of southeast Colorado Springs and residents of other neighborhoods and an urban heat island effect
- Staff hired a consultant to produce a health assessment of the Southeast Strong plan area
- Data compared the plan area to the rest of the city, using the city's average as the baseline.
- Some data sets affirmed what we already knew, but others left us with questions

# Southeast Strong Community Plan

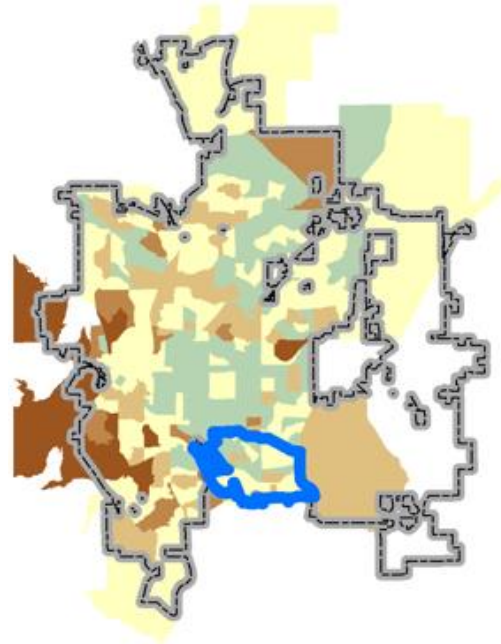


- Group interpretation with the Steering Committee to determine the findings of the health assessment.
- Asked:
  - “Does this data match your perception or lived experience?”

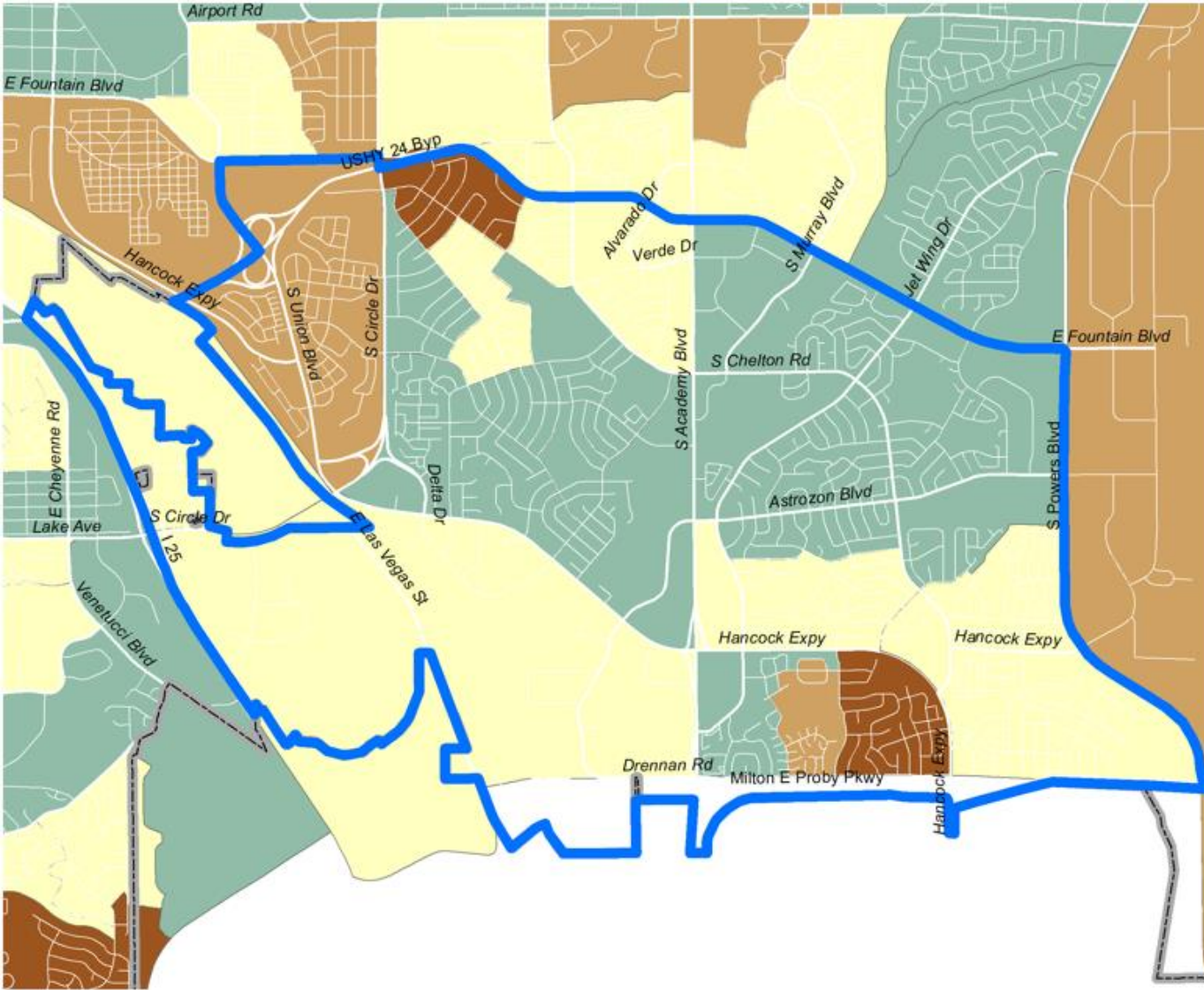
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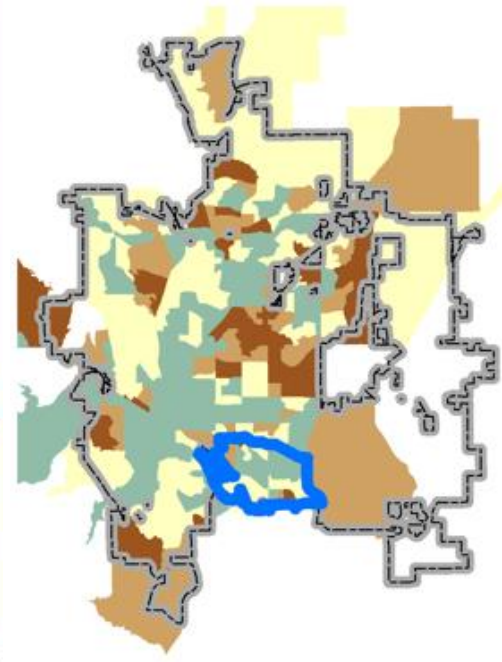
## Sidewalk Connectivity



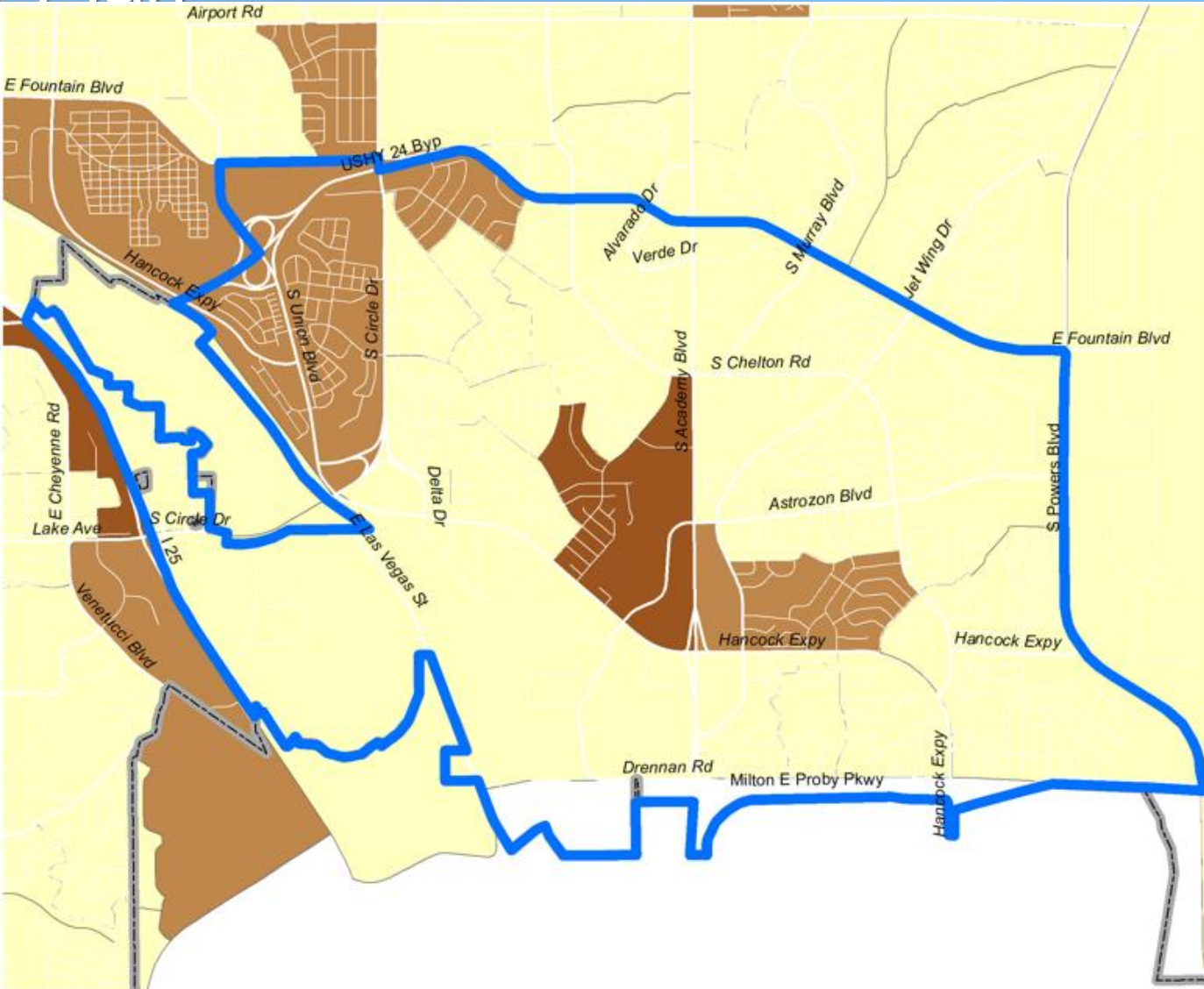
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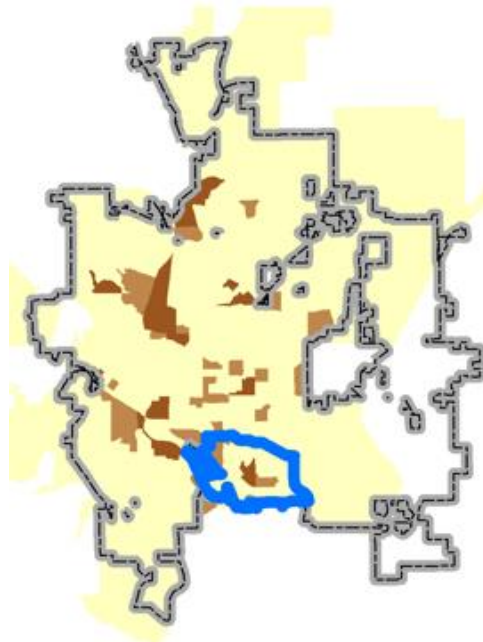
## Bike Connectivity



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## Food Swamp



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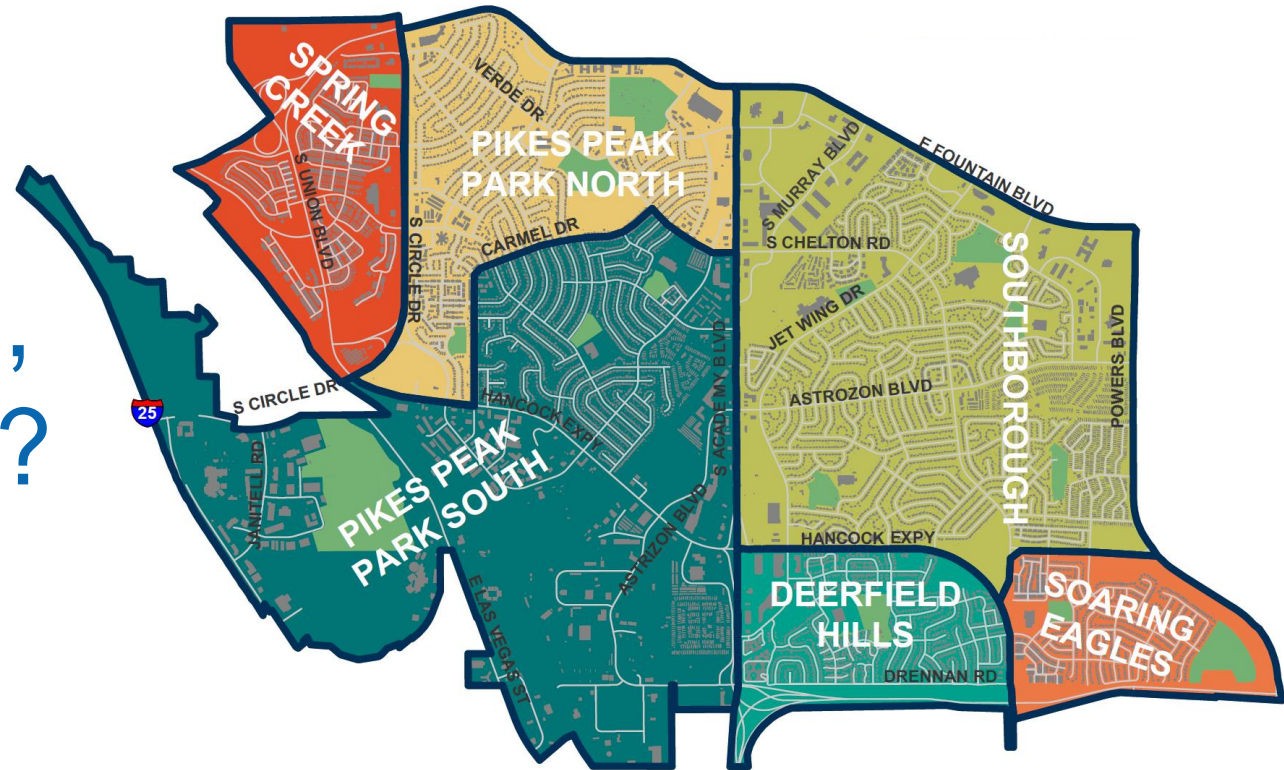


- What else?
  - Kicking off “Design Out Crime” assessment with the Quad Innovation Alliance
  - Return on Investment analysis to show the fiscal impacts of the Southeast Strong Community Plan’s implementation
  - Producing a 2021 Academy Boulevard Progress Report which will support future studies
  - Working on/supporting grant requests for projects in southeast
  - Discovered clear hotspot for crimes against property and upgrade the street light bulbs for better light coverage in hope of discouraging future instances

# Southeast Strong Community Plan



Questions,  
comments?



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