

# **Activate Delgany Bridge Report**

November 16, 2024

Our next meeting will be 12/4/24 @ 4pm.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a November meeting; the result of a busy election cycle for me and lack of availability of others.

I felt like my work at the Election Division left me little time for the Delgany Bridge Project. However, as I write this report, it is clear that every month we are getting closer to our goal. The project has momentum!

## **The Greenway Foundation**

The Greenway Foundation will host fundraising for the project. With funds hosted by Greenway, most cash donations over \$250 may be eligible for a generous state Enterprise Zone income tax credit of 25%. Hosting by TGF and eligibility for EZ tax status is independent of whether TGF owns the bridge for any phase of the project. It is still possible that another entity will assume ownership for the repair phase, the final phase or both.

## **KSE**

KSE arranged a meeting with representatives of the Activate Delgany Bridge committee.

Attendees:

Matt Mahoney, KSE Senior Vice President, Development Chris

Shears, Architect, SAR+

Dan Craig, Architect, SAR+

Melyssa Hartzell, Civil Engineer, Martin Martin Consulting Engineers Jerry

Orten, LoDoNA President

Brenda Roy, LoDoNA Activate Delgany Bridge Chair Jim

Theye, Activate Delgany Bridge member

Matt shared that KSE does desire to see Delgany bridge reopened as part of their focus on improving neighborhood connections. We shared with them our progress and the obstacles we are working to overcome. We also shared documents we have related to ownership, and engineering reports from DOTI, TGF and Wahid Enayat. Matt will connect with his contacts at Central Platte Valley Metropolitan District to discuss Delgany Bridge ownership, repairs and ongoing maintenance costs.

Melyssa will review the engineering studies to draft a current design concept and cost estimate.

KSE is prepared to engage with this project and hopefully after they have done some due diligence they can define their desired level of participation. Certainly, we will all welcome their involvement.

## **City Officials**

I have followed up on September/October emails to my contacts regarding the proposal to have the city take ownership after repairs. There has been no further response so I think it is safe to say that the city has no intent to assume ownership of Delgany Bridge after it is repaired.

### **Ownership**

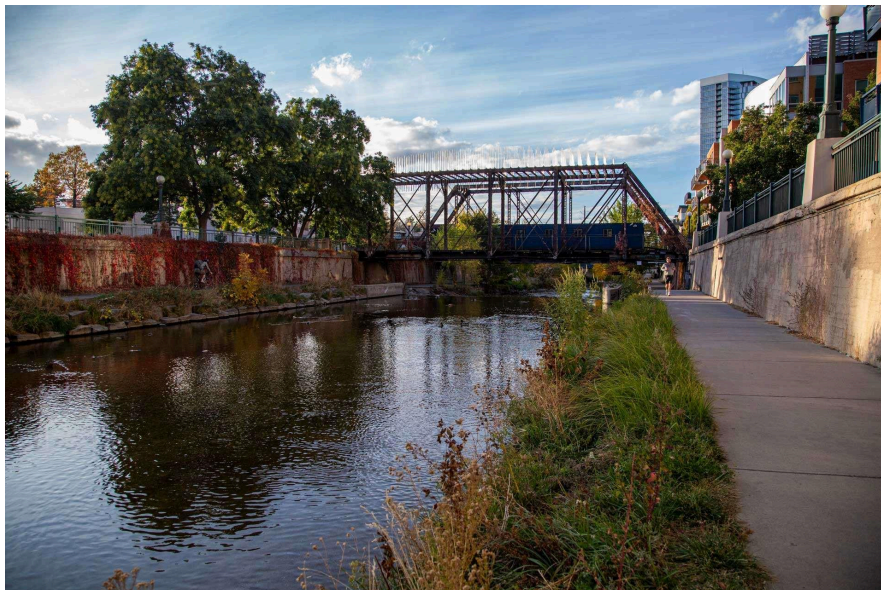
Greenway is still supporting the bridge project both as host for fundraising and willingness to own it during the repair phase if needed. The need to confirm a funding source for ongoing annual expenses outside of TGF makes long-term ownership by them unrealistic. The city seems unwilling to consider our post-repairs ownership proposal. I am hopeful that Matt's discussion with CPV MD will be successful.

### **Fundraising**

Greenway will be hosting the funds. TGF will need a public document detailing what the funds will be used for, who has authority to approve the project design/scope and who has authority to authorize use of the funds. I hope to create a document that can leave some of the authorized people TBD as ownership is determined. This could allow us to open fundraising with spending possible after ownership is resolved.

### **Website/Social Media**

This did not get much attention this past month as I was working at the Denver Election Division. Still, Jack D has created a great site for us and Diane Huntress has produced some wonderful photos for us to use. We do need volunteers for Social Media and to create additional website content. If you or someone you know might enjoy this project please have them contact me.



*Courtesy of Diane Huntress 2024*