



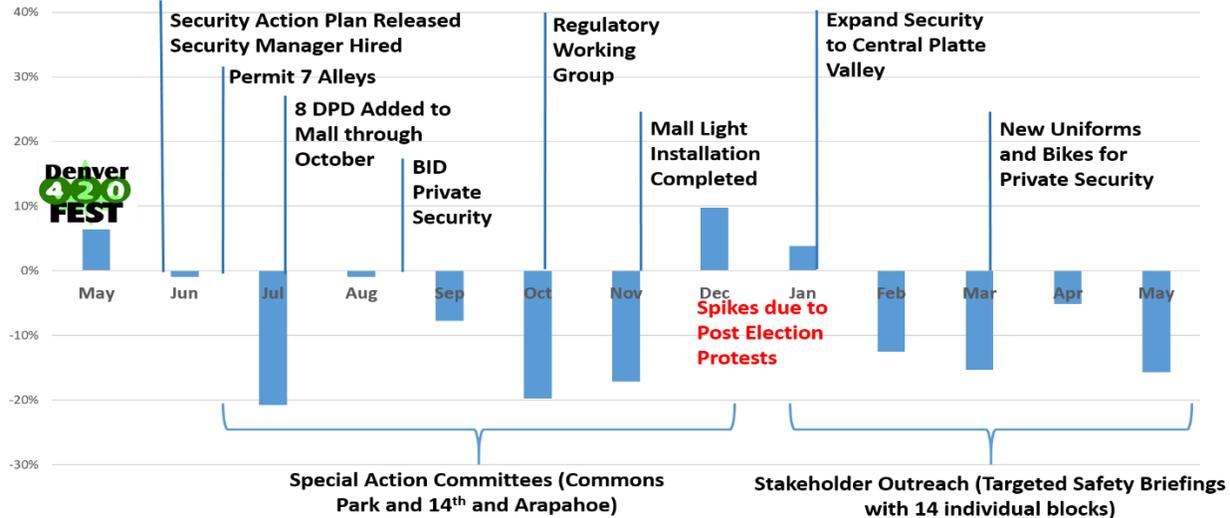
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Safety in Downtown Denver, June 2017 Report

Statistics show we are being successful at improving the safety of Downtown Denver. From June 2016 to May 2017 crime rates have decreased 9% Downtown and 3% Citywide. The chart below shows the impact of the Security Action Plan on crime in Downtown, every month seeing a decrease (*Exception: December and January rises attributed to record number of protests after the Presidential election*).



The Downtown Denver Partnership leads the implementation of the comprehensive Security Action Plan to create a culture of safety and security downtown. This \$1M investment is funded by the Downtown Denver Business Improvement District with support from Visit Denver. Since June 2016, we have initiated the following parts of the plan:

- Creating Safe and Secure Alleys** - In June, the BID secured master permits for seven alleys in Downtown Denver. These alleys were identified as having the greatest potential to impact the overall feeling on the Mall as illicit behavior was moving from the alleys onto the Mall. This master permit created an environment where only permitted uses are allowed – such as business and tenant deliveries, emergency services, and trash collection – and the alleys have seen significant improvement since they were secured. The BID anticipates expanding this program in 2017.
- Key Stakeholder Outreach** – We have made a significant impact in the community by advocating for regulatory and enforcement issues in areas like Commons Park, Cherry Creek Trail, issues with local residents, and discussions with key Downtown Businesses regarding how we can all play a role in creating a safe and welcoming Downtown Denver.



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- *New Pedestrian Lights* – Partnership successfully advocated for new LED lights to be placed on the 16th Street Mall. Crews are all but done with the installation of 187 new street lights along the Mall to improve aesthetics and enhance the pedestrian experience. The new fixtures use LEDs to distribute light more uniformly across the Mall, resulting in a more inviting, safe space.



- *Additional Police Resources* – From July through October, the Partnership advocated for additional officers on the 16th Street Mall, resulting in 8 additional officers on the Mall from July through October. As a result of the Partnership’s leadership and these discussions, the City approved the 2017 budget which will add 16 permanent officers to downtown Denver, including the 16th Street Mall in 2017.
- *Regulatory Working Group* – In October, the Downtown Denver Partnership launched a regulatory working group, a group of community leaders working under our leadership to review key policies affecting how we utilize and regulate our public spaces.
- *Implementation of Private Security Team* - Funded by the BID, [Downtown’s private security team \(contracted through Allied Universal Security Services\) began their role on the Mall in August.](#) The team of 16 officers is on the Mall 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and patrols public spaces, including alleys and Skyline Park. The team has made over 5,000 outreach touchpoints since they started their role in August 2016. The work of the private security team includes:
 - Engaging with parties violating City ordinances or State statutes to inform them of the law and seek voluntary compliance and working with the Denver Police Department for enforcement.
 - Directing individuals in need of social services to the appropriate resources.
 - Providing an ambassador role for visitors in conjunction with the BID’s ongoing Ambassador program.
 - Supporting increased communication among business and property owners, and coordination with other private security personnel Downtown.



But we are far from done. In 2017, we will continue to build consumer confidence by

- Educating stakeholders on how they can actively contribute to the safety and security of downtown through expansion of our Block Captain, Safety, and Security Committees
- Permitting additional alleys that have a history of criminal and health violations
- Advocating for additional infrastructure improvements to positively activate our spaces