Please join the APA Colorado Sustainability Committee and special guests to participate in a virtual design workshop to explore how to (re)design our streets for a sustainable recovery from the pandemic. Your design ideas will be developed in real-time to enhance and adjust one of Denver’s current shared streets, Larimer St from 29th to 30th in the heart of Five Points & the River North Arts District, to explore scenarios including a non-motorized street or limited vehicular/transit access. The online workshop agenda:

- Introduction of the street from the perspectives of a local business owner, staff from the RiNo Art District, and the City and County of Denver;
- Interactive breakouts using Sketch-Up models and your design ideas to implement design concepts in real time;
- A chance to share the designs with the event attendees

Final designs will be shared with the greater APA Colorado Membership. Later in the summer a site visit and happy hour will include a discussion of possible next steps and an appreciation of the local businesses and art district character.

Shared streets represent a strong sustainability nexus of environmental, social, and economic factors, and one of particular interest for planners and related professions. With aspects to consider ranging from infrastructure to equity, mobility to economic vitality, they can present a change to the current car-centric paradigm as well as opportunities and challenges from a practical standpoint. The pandemic response emphasized the need for our public spaces, including our streets, to better serve our health, social, and economic needs through that time and into the future. The design interventions are rapidly evolving, and this is a chance to be involved in that discussion in a practical and meaningful way.