

Complete Streets Policy Update

Planning & Zoning

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Complete Streets Overview
- Columbia's Need for Complete Streets
- Project Scope & Goals
- Timeline & Next Steps
- Discussion & Q&A



Introduction



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What is a Complete Street?

- Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable **safe**, **accessible**, and **comfortable** travel for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation.

Complete Streets & Planning

- Align site development interfacing with public ROW for users of all transportation modes
- Shared goal of a built form that supports multimodal transportation
- Considering the needs of all people, a Complete Streets approach can improve access to essential services, destinations & public transportation

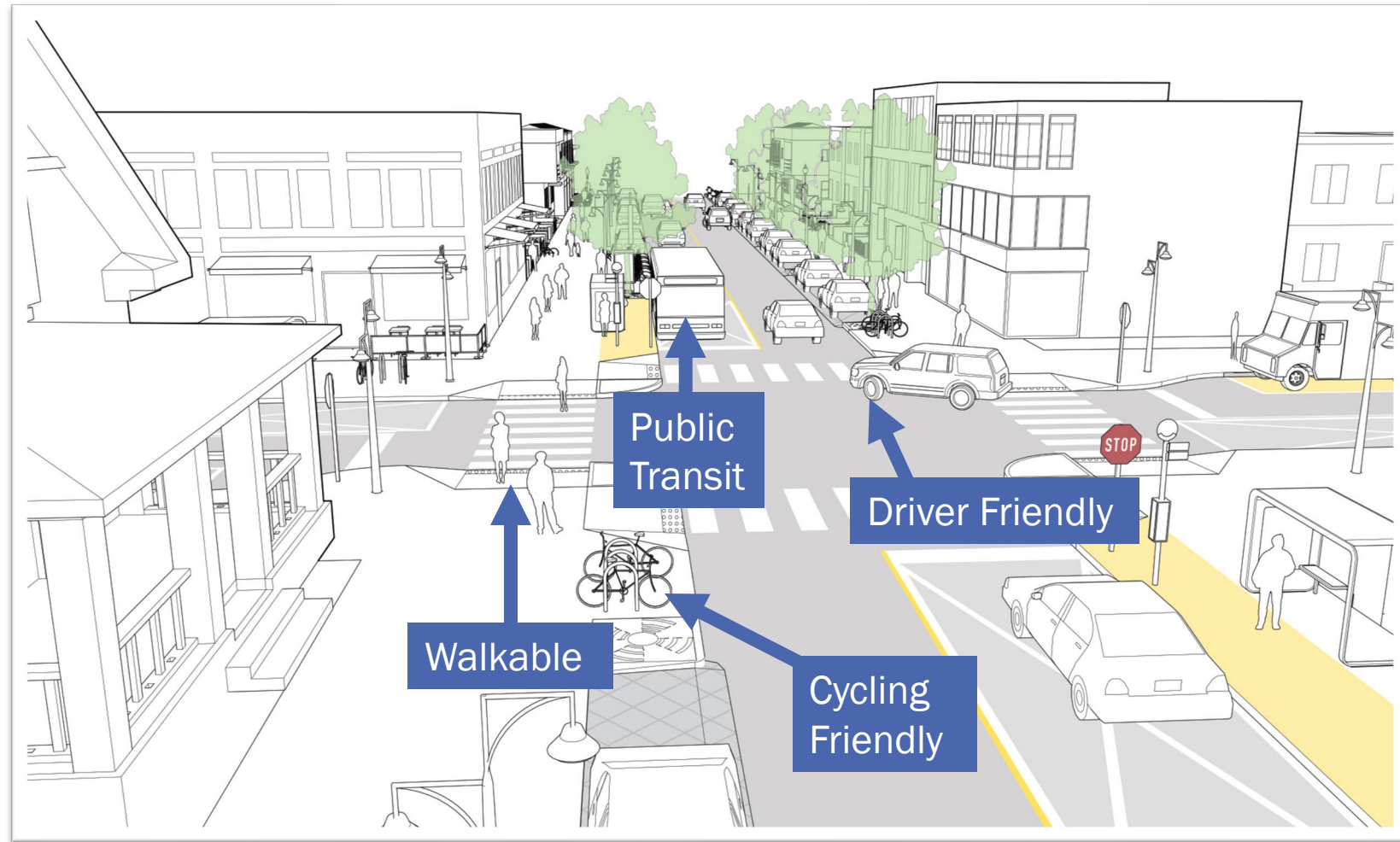


Complete Street Example

What is a Complete Street? (Slide 1 of 3)

- **Key Features:**

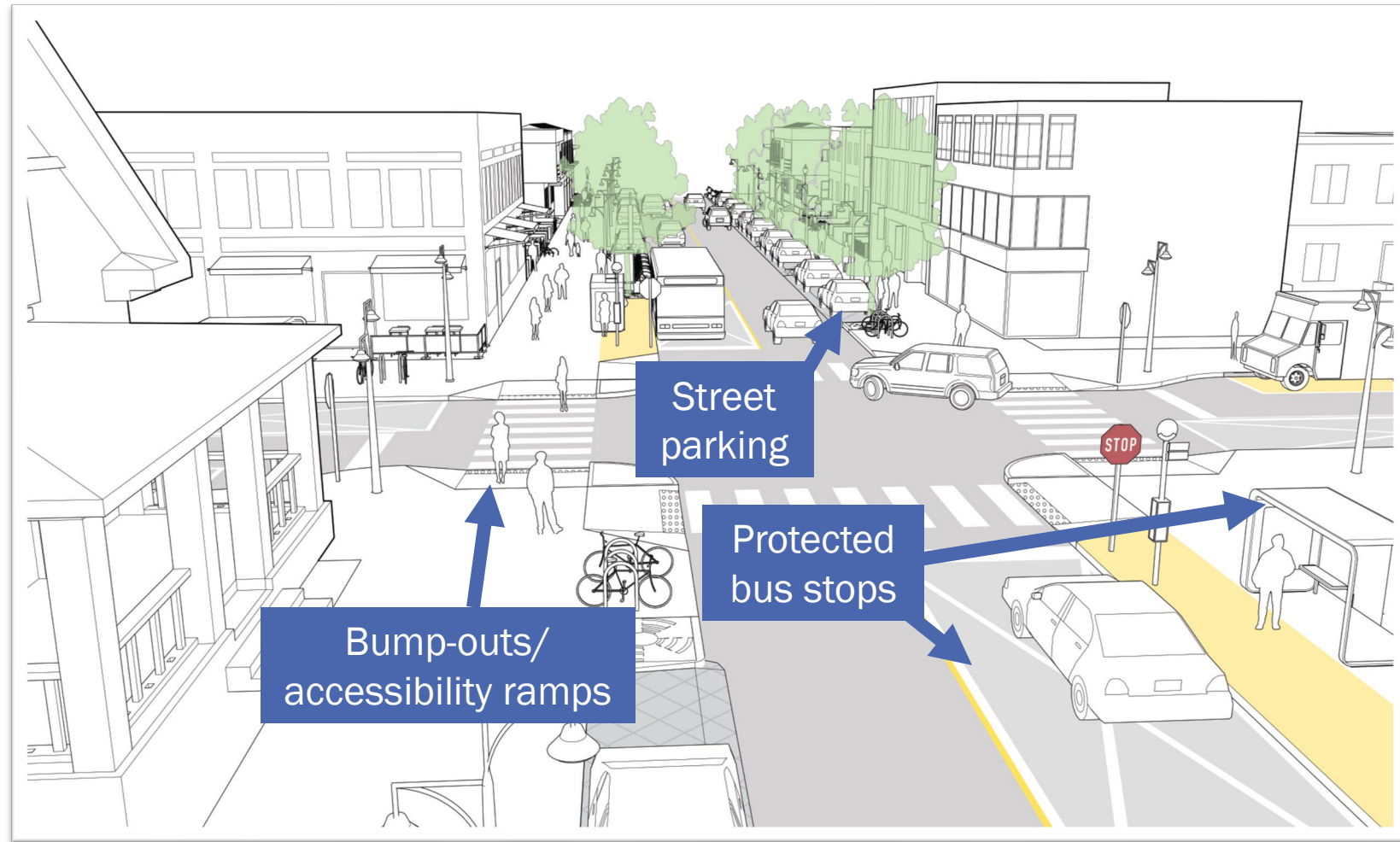
- Multimodal: Supports walking, cycling, driving, and public transit



What is a Complete Street? (Slide 2 of 3)

• Key Features:

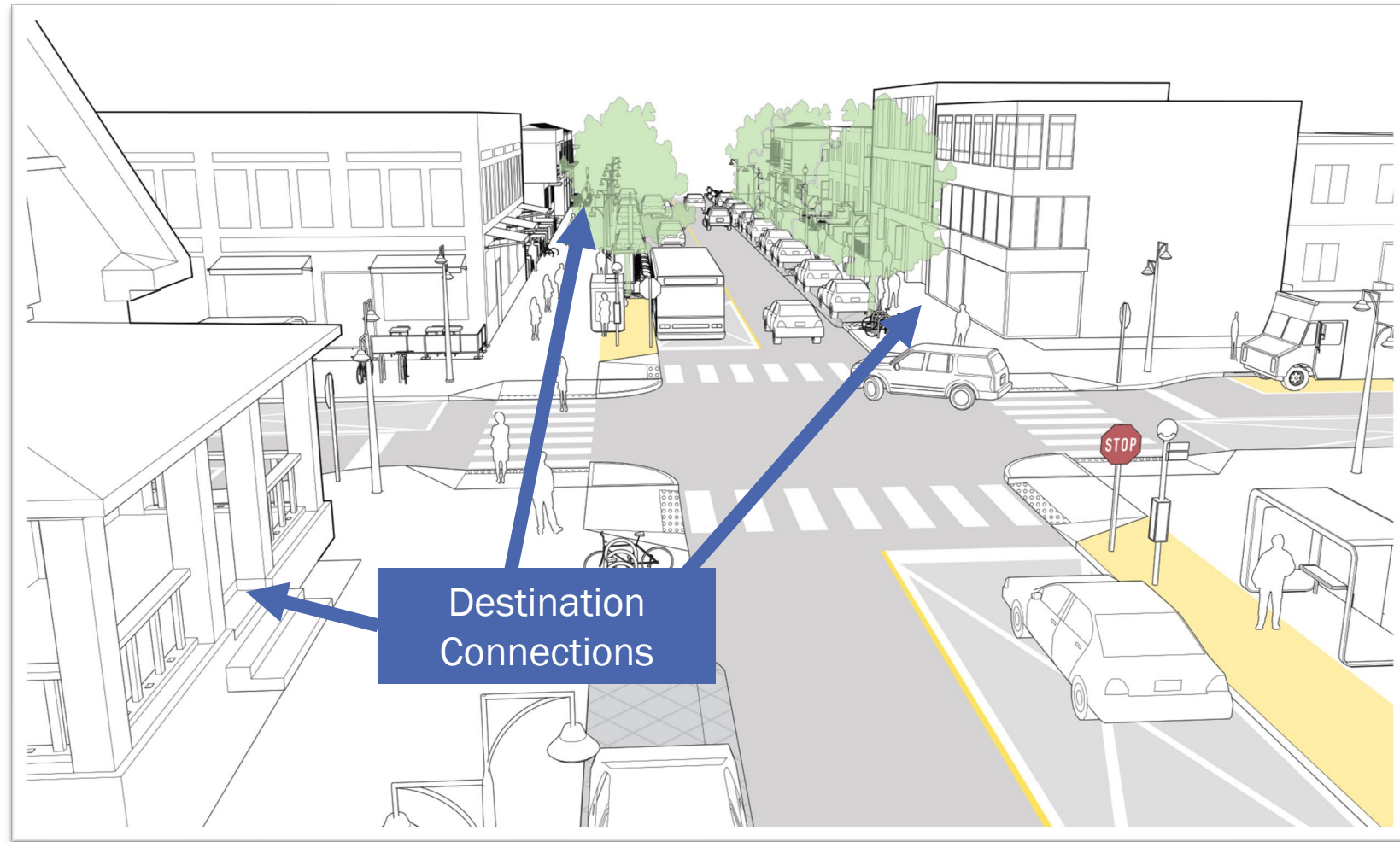
- **Safe & Accessible:** Prioritizes safety for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities



What is a Complete Street? (Slide 3 of 3)

- **Key Features:**

- **Integrated Design:** Considers the needs of the community, connecting key destinations such as schools, parks, and commercial areas; also supports adjacent land uses (consider industrial uses as well)



Columbia adopted its first Complete Streets policy in 2004, aiming to improve **accessibility, safety, and multimodal connectivity.**

The policy is now being updated to align with modern best practices and address current mobility challenges.



Complete Streets in Columbia - Background

Complete Streets in Columbia- Current Focus Areas

- **Equity:** Addressing gaps in infrastructure to ensure safe access for all, including underserved communities & people with disabilities.
- **Innovation:** Incorporating new design standards to enhance safety and efficiency.
- **Sustainability:** Supporting active transportation modes to reduce congestion and environmental impact.

Complete Streets in Columbia- Current Advocacy

- The CoMo Livable Streets campaign, led by Local Motion, aims to update Columbia's Complete Streets policy and enhance safety for all users, not just drivers.



Complete Streets in Columbia – Key Themes

Streets designed for all modes of transport lead to **safer conditions**, **better health outcomes**, and **efficient use of city resources**.

The campaign is **backed by community engagement** and **seeks to advise city officials**, not dictate changes.



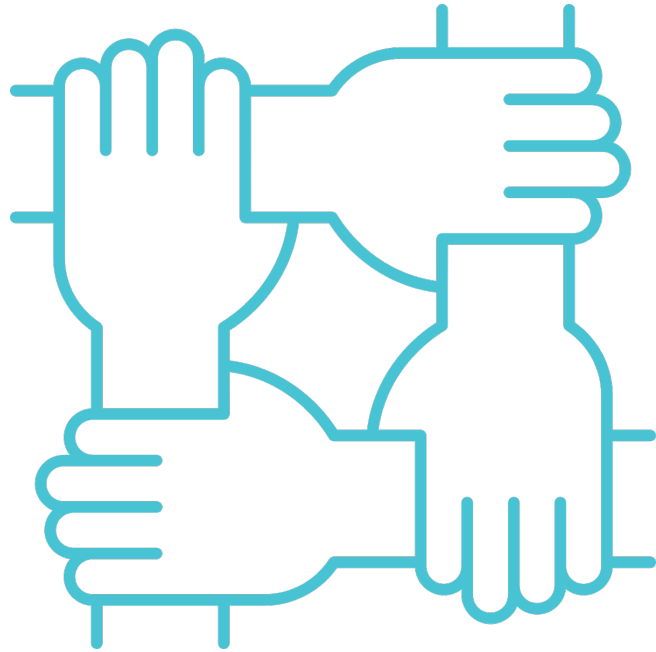
Complete scope

- Project administration
- Community Relations
- Existing Policy Review & Scoring
- National Best Practice Research
- Draft Policy Update & Ordinance Revisions
- Final Complete Streets Policy & Ordinance Revisions



Task 1 CMT Project Administration

- Kickoff Meeting
- Monthly Coordination
- Grant Compliance
- Invoicing & Reporting



Online & Intercept Surveys

Open House & Pop-Up
Events

Walk & Bike Audits

Community Meetings

Field Demonstration

Engagement Summary

Inclusive Outreach



Task 2 Community Relations

Task 3 Stakeholder Engagement

- City Staff
- Commission Meetings
- Elected Officials
- Multiple touchpoints along the way





Smart Growth America
Improving lives by improving communities

Evaluate Policy

Conduct Department Interviews

Review Scoring with City

Finalize Scoring Memo

Task 4 Existing Policy Review & Scoring

Task 5 National Best Practice Research

- Review Best Practices
- Host Workshop
- Finalize Best Practices Memo



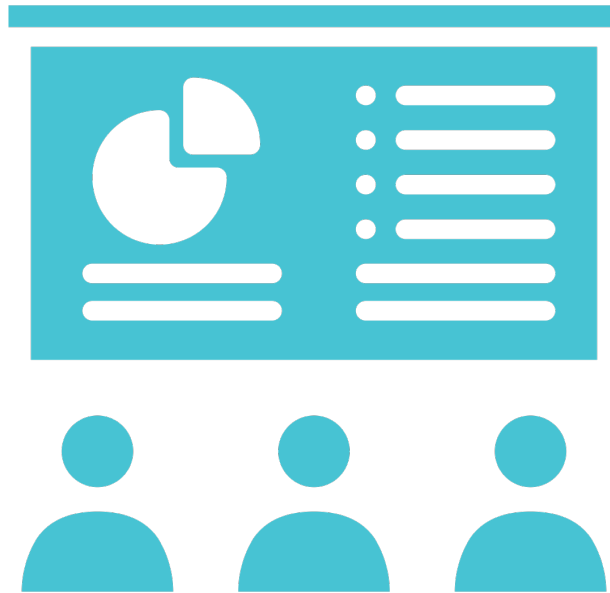
Task 6 Draft Policy Update & Ordinance Revisions

- Draft Complete Streets Policy
- Review with City Staff
- Refine for Presentation

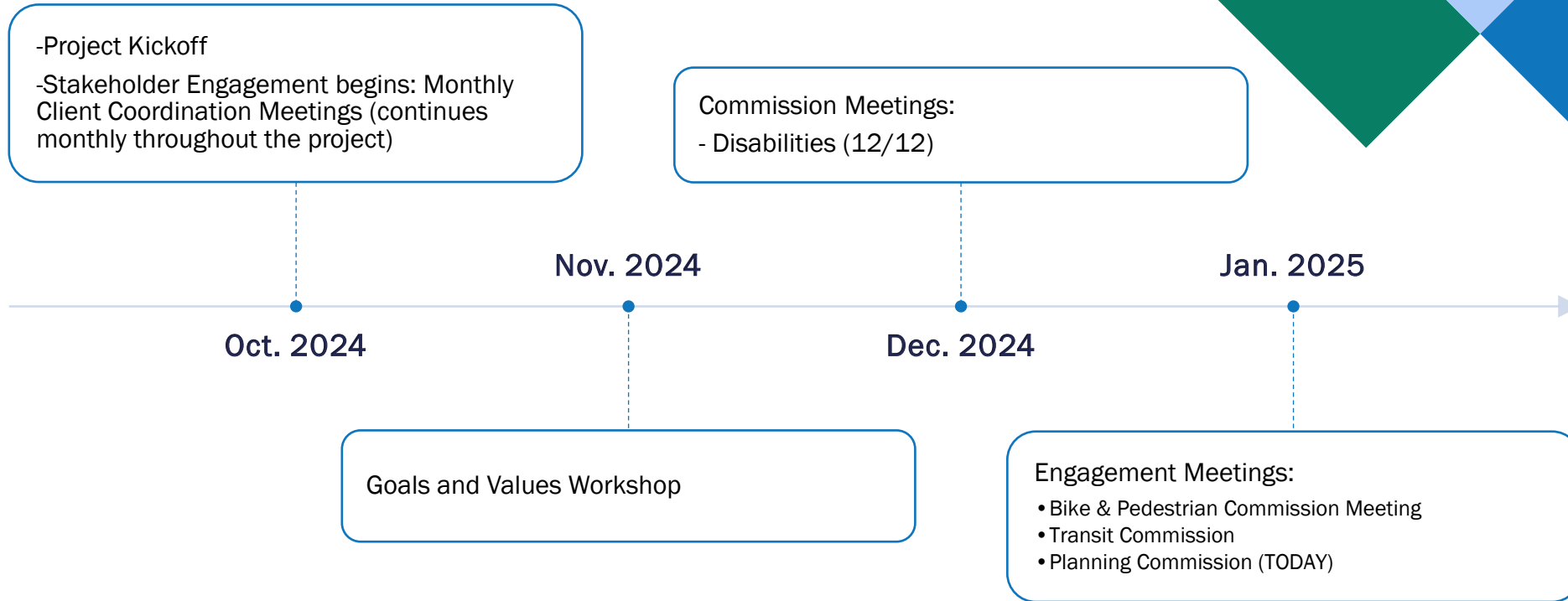


Task 7 Final Complete Streets Policy & Ordinance Revisions

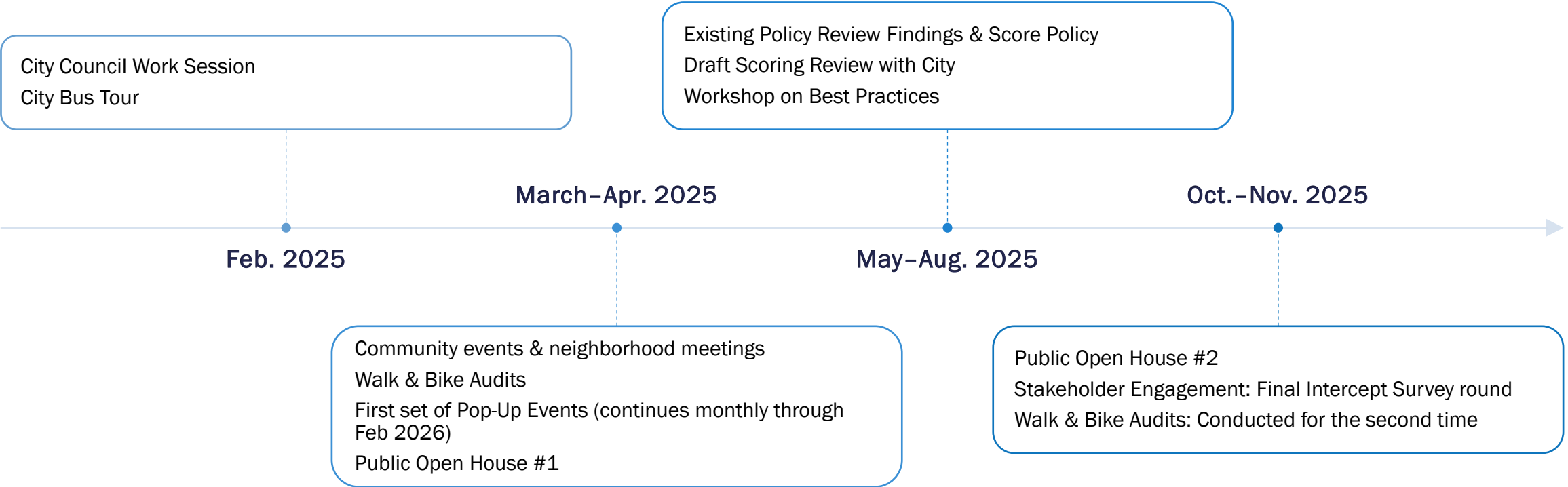
- Finalize Policy & Ordinance
- Present to City Council
- Create 2-Page Fact Sheet



Project Timeline: 2024 - 2025



Project Timeline: 2025



Project Timeline: 2026



Pop Up Events



Stay engaged!

- Future presentations
- Information online
- Public events starting spring 2025
- Contact me!

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Thank you

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