Complete Streets Policy Update

City Council Work Session

3/17/2025

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 & Quality of Life

- Safe spaces for users of all ages and abilities
- Network approach – different facility types for different street types (land use, functional classification)
- Longer trips – bike connections to transit
- Shorter trips – mode shift
- Promote connected communities for people without access to own or operate a vehicle
- Streets that enable people to participate in community – social capital
- Accessibility & connections

Complete Street Example

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

- ## Key Features:
  - **Multimodal:** Supports walking, cycling, driving, and public transit

Public Transit

Driver Friendly

Walkable

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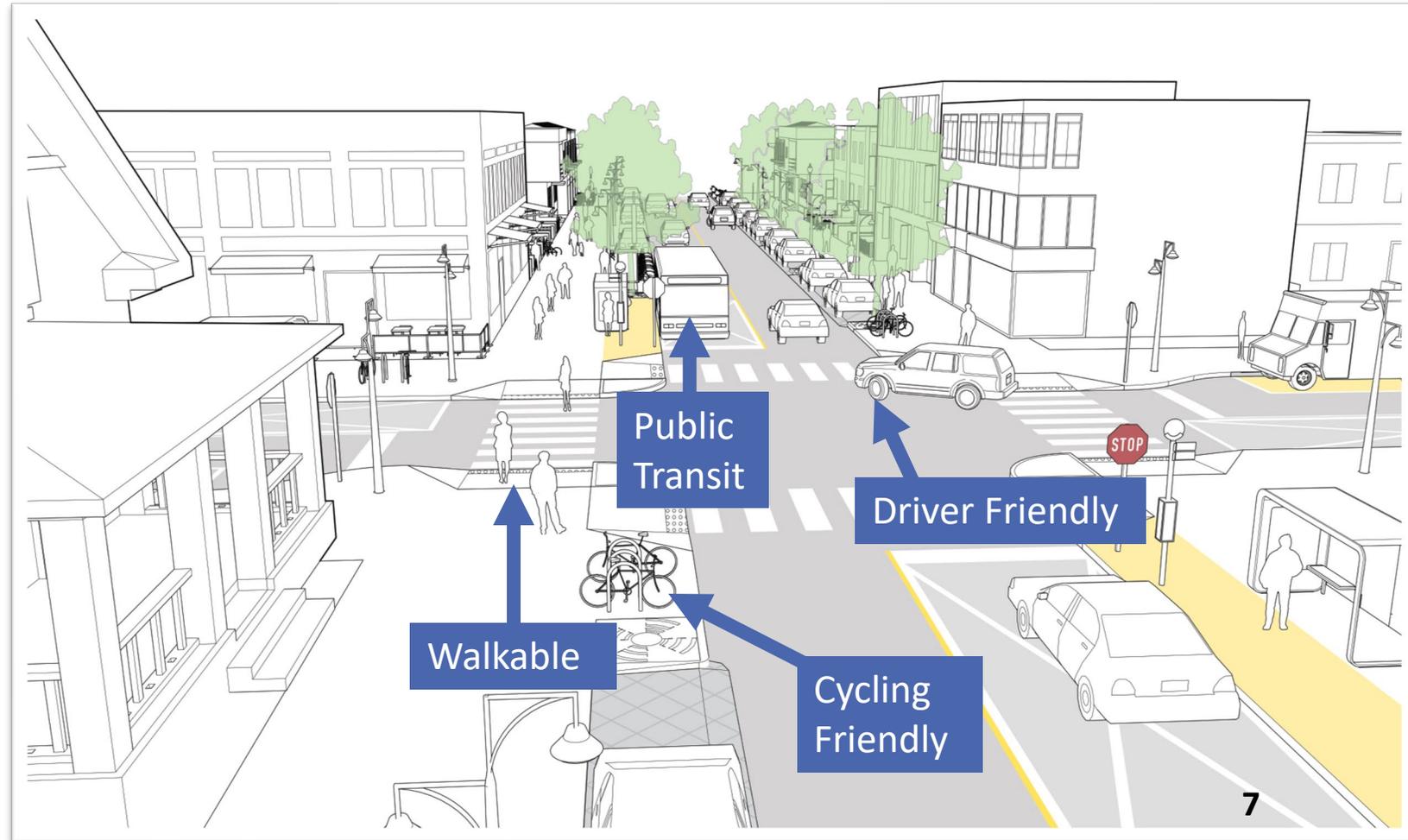
What is a Complete Street? (Slide 2 of 3)

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

Street parking

Protected bus stops

Bump-outs/ accessibility ramps
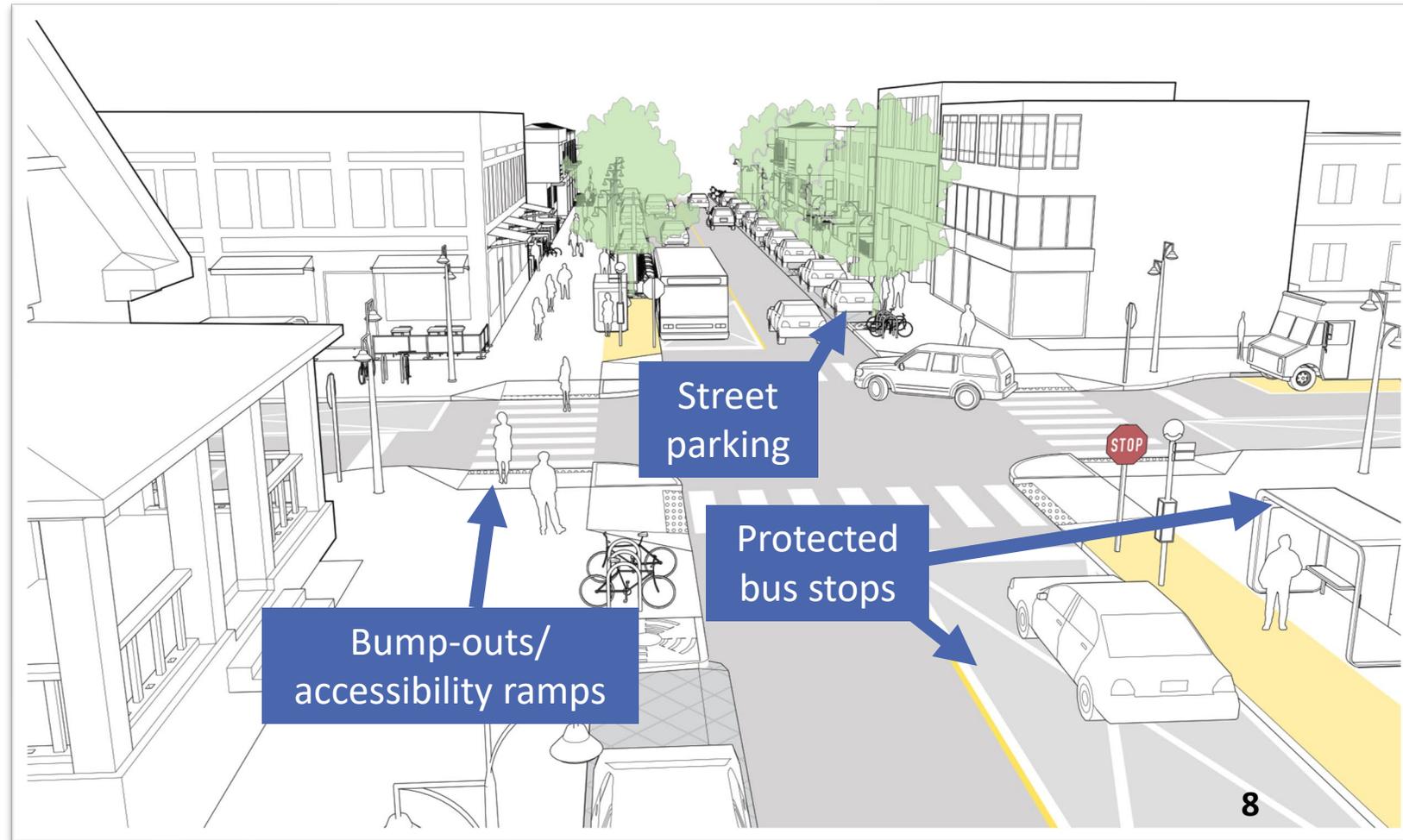
What is a Complete Street? (Slide 3 of 3)

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)

Destination Connections
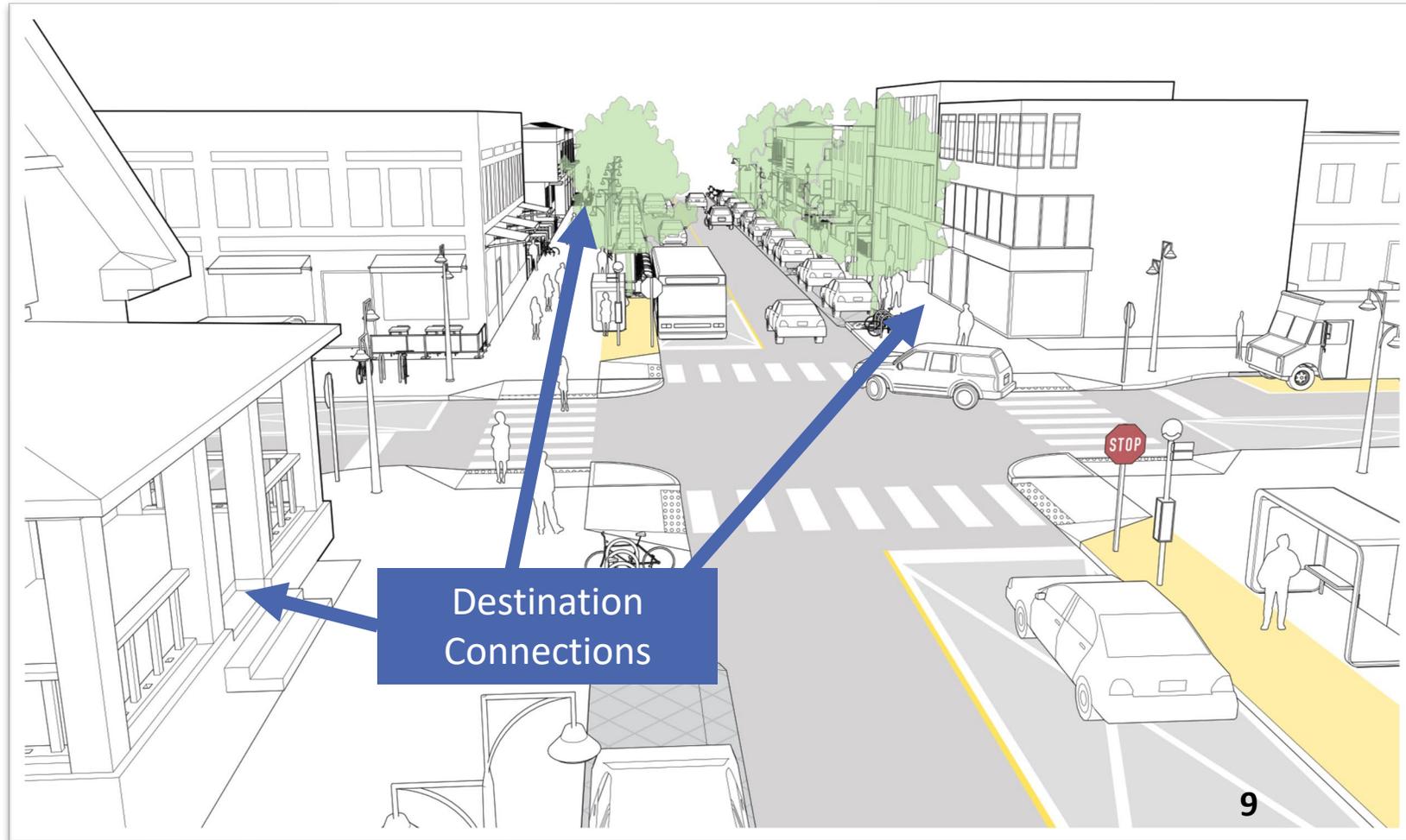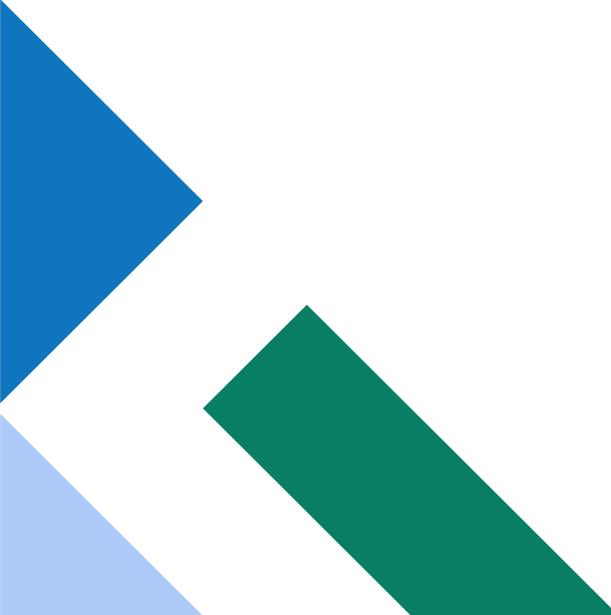
Complete Streets Values – Question & Discussion

Values Term Bank

Accessibility –Connections
Providing strong transportation connections between quality-of-life amenities and basic necessities

Accessibility – People with Disabilities
People with disabilities and the elderly should feel safe and comfortable traveling

Comfort
Regardless of how people travel, they should feel comfortable and welcome in public space

Choice
People should be able to decide how they travel

Resilience
Building a flexible, long-lasting transportation network that adapts to growth and changing needs.

Engagement
Incorporating regular feedback from Columbia residents in the transportation decision-making process; building trust

Environmental Sustainability
Promoting transportation options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions as a viable way of traveling.

Equity
Providing people with the resources they need to succeed

Healthy Neighborhoods
Neighborhoods should connect with multi-modal networks and emphasize transportation choices

Innovation
Embracing new technologies and adapting to changing trends in the industry

Place
Streets are public spaces that should do more than move vehicles

Maintenance
A transportation system equipped to respond to major events, with a regular maintenance and operations plan in place.

Safety
People should be able to travel without risking serious injury or death

Trust
Building community confidence in local government

Economy
Promoting economic growth through transportation

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**
- **Regular Coordination**
- **Grant Compliance**
- **Invoicing & Reporting**
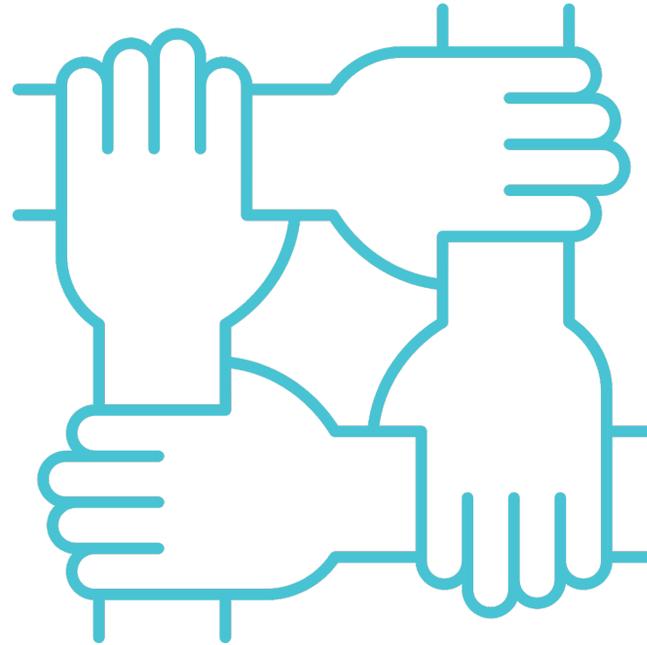
Online & Intercept Surveys

Open House & Pop-Up Events

Walk & Bike Audits

Community Meetings

Field Demonstration

Engagement Summary

Inclusive Outreach

Task 2 Community Relations

Discussion – Specific Groups/ Community Partners we should reach out to?

Task 3 Stakeholder Engagement

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

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**
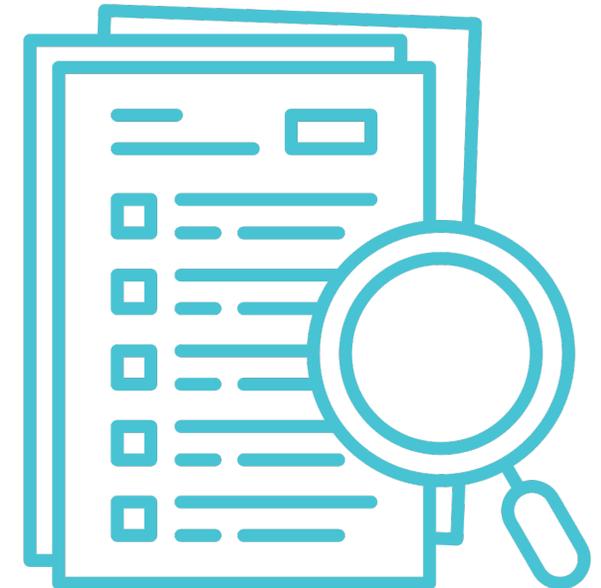
Task 7 Final Complete Streets Policy & Ordinance Revisions

- **Finalize Policy & Ordinance**
- **Present to City Council**
- **Create 2-Page Fact Sheet**
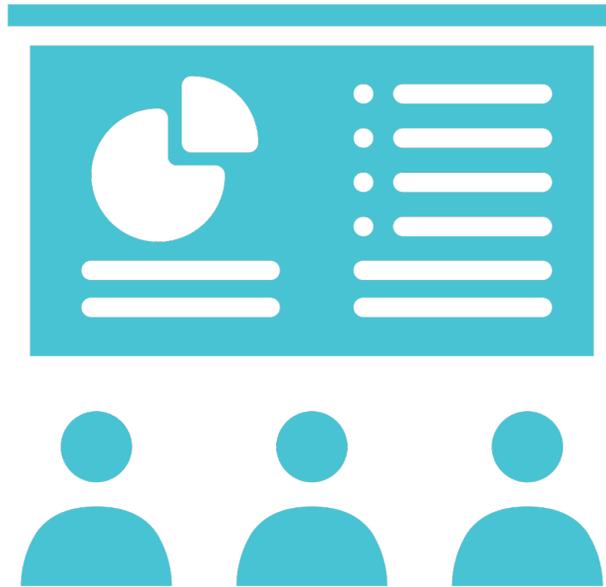
Discussion – Desired Outcomes

Project Timeline: 2024 - 2025

-Project Kickoff

-Stakeholder Engagement begins: Monthly Client Coordination Meetings (continues monthly throughout the project)

Commission Meetings:

- Disabilities (12/12)

Nov. 2024

Oct. 2024

Dec. 2024

Jan. 2025

Goals and Values Workshop

Engagement Meetings:
- Bike & Pedestrian Commission Meeting
- Transit Commission
- Planning Commission

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Project Timeline: 2025

Existing policy & ordinance review starts

City Bus Tour

Existing Policy Review Findings & Score Policy

Draft Scoring Review with City

Workshop on Best Practices

Public Open House – Round 1

March–Apr. 2025

Oct.–Nov. 2025

Feb. 2025

May–Aug. 2025

City Council Work Session

Community events & neighborhood meetings

Walk & Bike Audits

Start Pop-Up Events (continues monthly through Feb 2026)

Stakeholder Engagement: Final Intercept Survey round

Walk & Bike Audits: Conducted for the second time

Project Timeline: 2026

-Review Draft Update with City Staff

-Planning & Zoning Meeting #2

- Public Open House Round 2

-Develop 2-page Fact Sheet

-Project officially concludes

Mar.–Apr. 2026

Jan.–Feb. 2026

May–June 2026

-Engagement Summary

-Complete Streets Policy & Ordinance Revisions finalized

-Presentation to City Council and Planning & Zoning

Pop Up Events

What we have completed so far

- **Project Kickoff**
- **Goals and Values Workshop**
- **Engagement Meetings:**
  - **Bike & Pedestrian Commission Meeting**
  - **Transit Commission**
  - **Planning Commission**
  - **Disabilities Commission Meeting**

Stay engaged!

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

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Interactive Poll: *What are the specific audiences we should target/community groups to reach out to?*

Thank you

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