

# W. Mulberry Street Improvements Overview

## Project Overview

Building on the recommendations adopted in the 2017 Old Town Neighborhoods Plan and 2014 Bicycle Master Plan, the City will be improving W. Mulberry Street between Jackson Ave. and Overland Trail in 2018. This project will restripe Mulberry to add a center turn lane while also piloting protected bicycle lanes. The lower traffic volumes in this section of Mulberry Street means traffic can continue to flow smoothly with one travel lane in each direction, while the new center lane allows for safer and more convenient left turns to residential driveways and local streets. Space gained from the reduction in lanes will be utilized to enhance bicycle mobility, while also increasing the buffer between the sidewalk and travel lanes. Bicycle and pedestrian crossing improvements are also planned at the following locations along the corridor: Mulberry at Impala / Ponderosa, Mulberry at City Park, and N. Shields at Magnolia.

## Project Goals

- Improve **safety and comfort** for all users traveling along Mulberry Street
- Increase bicycle ridership
- Provide **consistent and dedicated bicycle facilities** between Overland and Jackson
- Test and evaluate new designs for protected bike lanes along a higher speed, higher traffic volume corridor
- Continue to develop best practices for protected bike lane maintenance

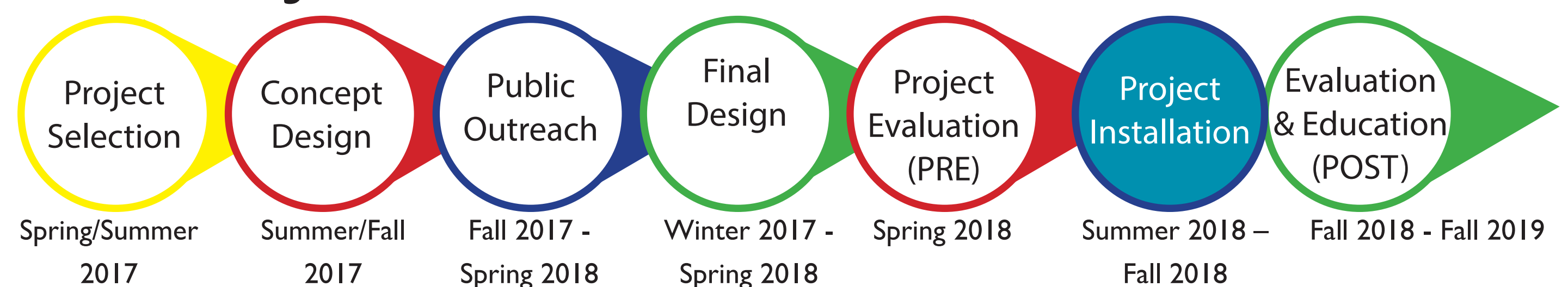
## Protected Bike Lane Pilot Project

The 2014 Bicycle Master Plan recommends implementation of a Protected Bike Lane Pilot Program. Laurel Street was the first of what is intended to be a series of pilot projects aimed at increasing bicycling, improving safety, and developing best practices for protected bike infrastructure in Fort Collins.

The Fort Collins City Council approved funding (\$300,000) for the implementation of a second protected bike lane pilot project in 2018. W. Mulberry Street was selected as the pilot project for several reasons, including:

- Deficient bicycle infrastructure
- Included in the City's Big Jump focus area
- Recommended for improvements in adopted plans
- Lacks parallel low-stress bicycle route alternatives
- Provides access to City Park, Poudre High School, and other destinations
- Known safety issues
- Opportunity to test protected bike lanes on a higher speed, higher volume arterial
- Opportunities to improve the corridor for motorists, pedestrians and transit users

## Project Timeline



## Project Scope

