

West Central Area Plan



Stakeholder Committee

Meeting #2
July 16, 2014

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Welcome

Welcome to Stakeholder Meeting #2! Thank you for your continued commitment to the West Central Area Plan process. We are currently wrapping up the Visioning phase of the planning effort.

This packet provides a summary of the work completed on the West Central Area Plan since the first Stakeholder Committee meeting (May 2014), including the results of **Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1**, the **Visioning Events**, and the **Visioning Survey**.

The focus of this meeting will be on the draft vision statements and vision maps for the updated plan. We would like your feedback on the vision and direction for the plan prior to developing policies, action items, and other recommendations for the draft plan.

As a reminder, these packets will also be made available online others can participate in the process and provide additional input. We highly encourage you to talk with your neighbors, friends, family, and colleagues about their ideas for the future of the West Central Area.

Meeting Guidelines

Creating a forward-looking plan requires a commitment to the process and respect for other participants. Please keep in mind the following “ground rules” during meetings:

This is about what you collectively want for your community

City staff and consultants are here to listen

*These meetings should be less about the past
and more about the future*

Focus on being proactive, not reactive

There are some ‘givens’ that we must work within

We must show respect for private property, present & future neighbors, & the West Central Area as a whole

Listen to understand

Allow everyone an opportunity to participate

Process & Schedule

Planning Phase	Date	Stakeholder Committee Activities	Public Activities & Events
Phase 1: Evaluate Existing & Future Conditions	Mar - June 2014	Stakeholder Committee Selection	Listening Sessions; Walking Tours; WikiMap
Phase 2: Update Vision	Apr - July 2014	Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1 (<i>May</i>)	Visioning Events; Online Survey
Phase 3: Framework Plans & Prospect Design Options / Preferred Alternative	July - Nov 2014	Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2 (<i>July</i>)	Framework Plan Workshops; Prospect Design Workshops; Online Survey
		Stakeholder Committee Meeting #3 (<i>September</i>)	Community Presentations / Listening Sessions
Phase 4: Develop Policies, Action Items & Draft Plan	Oct - Dec 2014	Stakeholder Committee Meeting #4 (<i>November</i>)	Draft Plan Open Houses; Online Survey
Phase 5: Plan Adoption & Implementation	Dec 2014 - Mar 2015	Stakeholder Committee Meeting #5 (<i>January</i>)	City Council Adoption Hearing

Community Outreach to Date

Project Start-up

- **Listening Sessions**

Four listening sessions were conducted in March and April, with 175 attendees in total. A postcard mailing to all property owners and residents was used to announce the meeting, in addition to other notification methods.

- **Walking Tours**

A total of 20 neighborhood walking and bike tours were held in April and May to directly observe concerns and opportunities in the neighborhoods and commercial areas throughout the West Central Area.

- **Online WikiMap**

The online WikiMap was used to collect input on specific issues and ideas in addition to the public events. More than 90 people used the WikiMap.

Visioning

- **Visioning Workshops**

Two Visioning Workshops were held at the Drake Centre and Senior Center in late May. In total, 74 people attended the events and participated in keypad polling and discussion activities on the vision and priorities for the West Central Area. A second postcard mailing notified residents of the events and the online survey.

- **Visioning Survey**

There were 337 respondents (either online or in person) to the Visioning Survey in May and June. The survey complemented the Visioning Workshops and was targeted at those who were unable to attend the events.

- **Drake Road Farmers' Market**

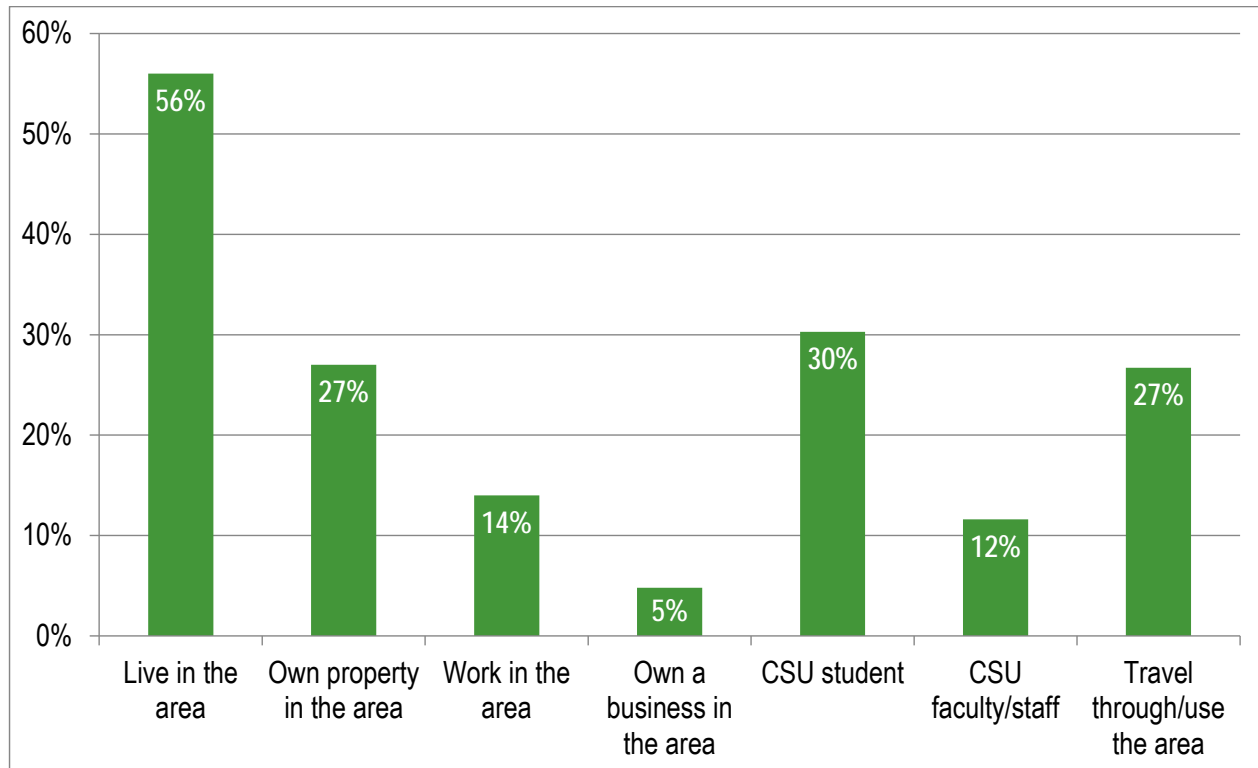
Planning staff attended the Drake Road Farmers' Market on two Saturdays in May and June to provide information on the planning effort and collect additional surveys.

- **CSU Lagoon Concert Series**

Planning staff attended one of the CSU Lagoon Concerts in June to provide information on the planning effort and collect additional surveys.

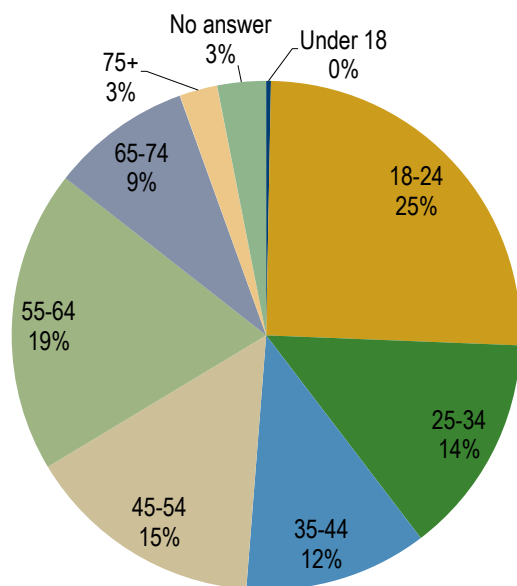
Visioning Survey Results

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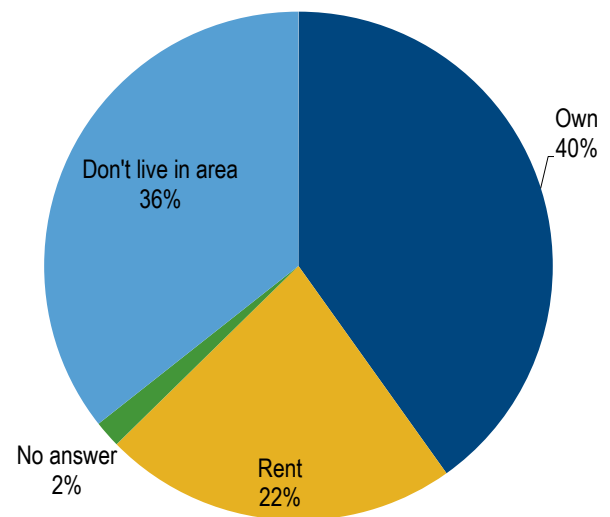


Note: Respondents could select more than one answer, so percentages add to more than 100%.

Age

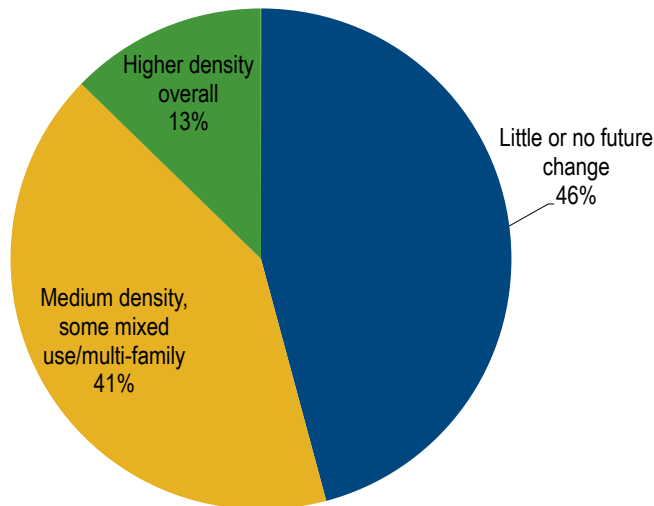


Own vs. Rent

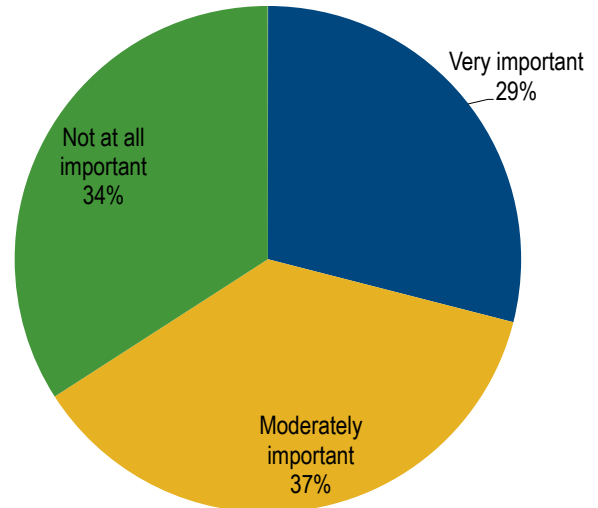


Visioning Survey Results

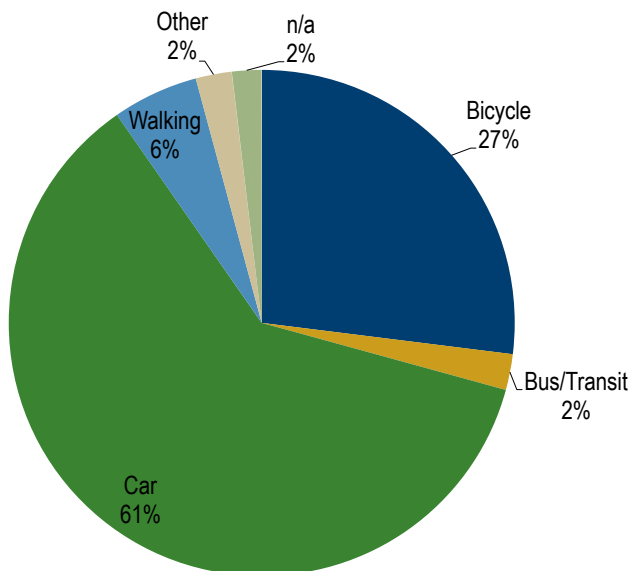
Preference for Future Density



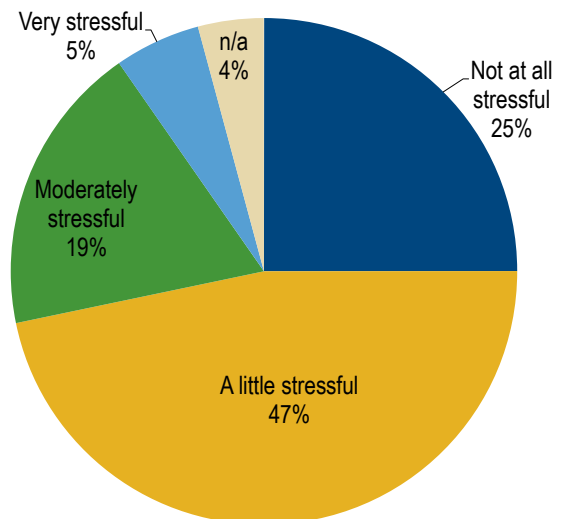
Need for Neighborhood Commercial Center



Primary Travel Mode

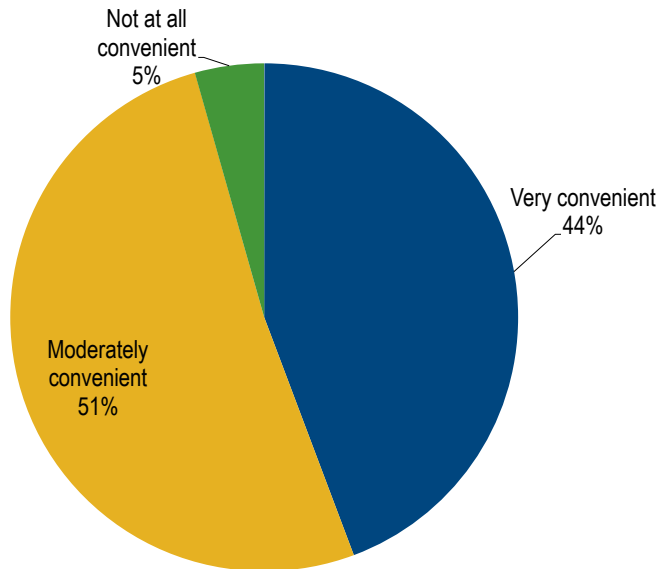


Daily Level of Stress (Commute)

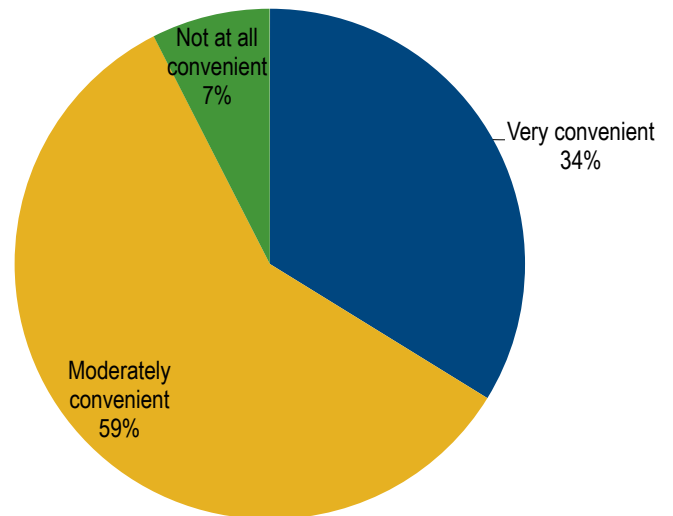


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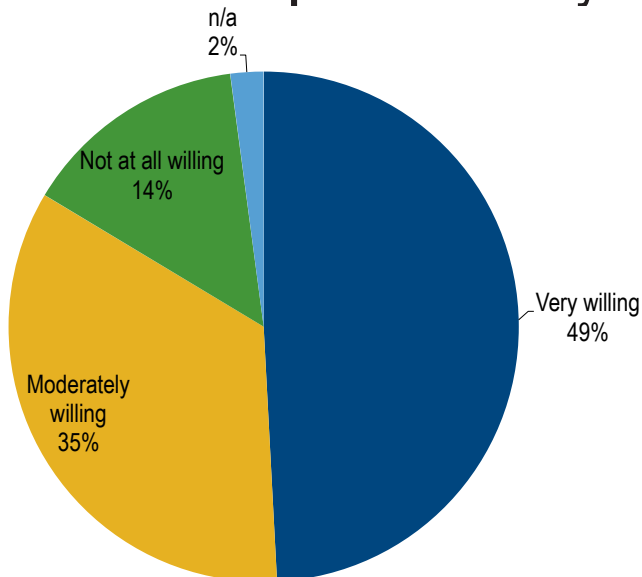
Access to Parks & Recreation



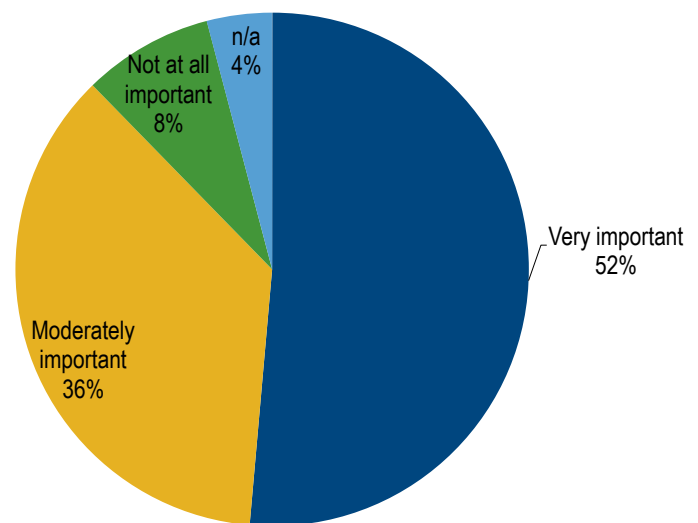
Access to Natural Areas & Open Space



Prospect Rd: Willingness to Spend 2 More Min. in Traffic to Improve Safety



Prospect Rd: Importance of New Connections & Crossings



Other Project Updates

Existing & Future Conditions Analysis

City staff and the consultant team are currently reviewing and finalizing an analysis of the existing and future conditions related to land use, transportation, open space, and the Prospect Corridor. This analysis includes the review of previously completed plans, data collection and analysis, mapping, and review of future growth projections. Much of this information has been incorporated into the vision maps and will be considered throughout the plan update.

CSU Stadium

The consultants for the proposed CSU stadium recently released draft studies documenting the potential noise, lighting, traffic, and parking impacts of the stadium. City staff from various departments are currently reviewing the draft studies as they relate to City policies and regulations, the West Central Area Plan, and other planning efforts. As the West Central Area Plan process continues, the potential impacts of the proposed on-campus stadium will be used to evaluate alternatives for the Prospect Corridor and will be addressed in the Plan.

Activity: Draft Vision Review

Draft Vision Statements

Based on input from the Stakeholder Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Visioning Survey, and other community outreach, four vision statements have been developed for the West Central Area Plan. Please review the vision statements and supporting materials on the following pages.



Land Use & Neighborhood Character

Vibrant and diverse neighborhoods that provide a high quality of life.



Transportation & Mobility

A connected network that supports people safely walking, biking, or using public transit as a primary way to travel.



Open Space Networks

A balanced, connected network of public & private lands for healthy wildlife, plants, and people.



Prospect Corridor

An attractive and functional, well-integrated, mixed-use corridor that serves the mobility needs of nearby neighborhoods, CSU, and the community.

Key Questions

Keep in mind the following questions as you review the draft vision materials. Please provide any additional thoughts or comments at the meeting or on pages 22-23 of this packet.

1. Is the vision ***understandable***?
2. Is the vision ***complete*** (is anything missing)?
3. Are the maps ***legible and meaningful***?
4. Do the maps ***reflect the vision***? Is anything missing?

Land Use & Neighborhood Character

VISION: Vibrant and diverse neighborhoods that provide a high quality of life

LU

Desirable, affordable neighborhoods that are a source of pride



Well-Maintained Properties, Respectful and Quiet Neighborhoods



Community Involvement



Attractive Street Appearance

LU

Conveniently located parks, trails, open space, services, and employment



Neighborhood Market



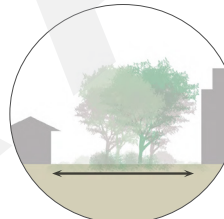
Retail and Personal Services



Parks and Open Space

LU

New development that complements existing development and accommodates future growth



Architectural Transitions and Landscape Buffers



Neighborhood Design Standards



Historically Significant Structures

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Diverse residents and housing options



Multi-Generational and Multi-Family Housing



Single-Family Houses



Affordable Housing

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Well-integrated campus community



Good Neighbor Initiatives



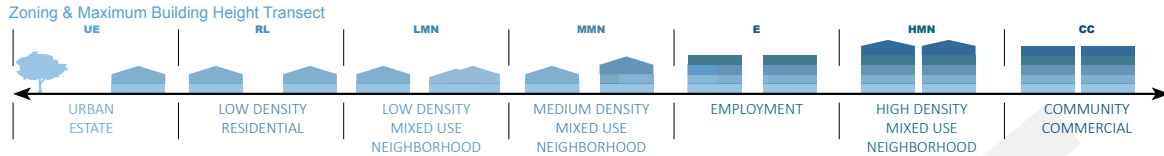
Mixed-Use Development



Parking Solutions

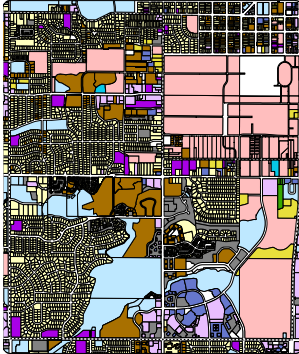
Land Use & Neighborhood Character LU

VISION: Vibrant and diverse neighborhoods that provide a high quality of life



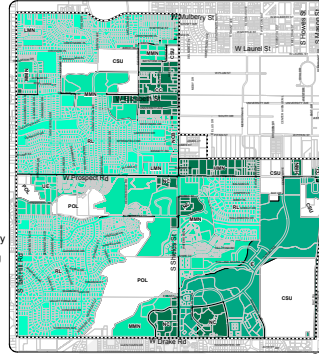
Existing Land Use

- Legend**
- West Central Area Boundary
 - Not Defined
 - All Ag. Uses
 - Charitable
 - Education
 - General
 - Government Facility
 - Group Quarters
 - Hospital
 - Light
 - Mobile Home
 - Multi-Family
 - Oil/Gas
 - Other Tax Exempt
 - Parks/Rec./Open
 - Religious
 - Sand/Gravel
 - Services
 - Single Family
 - Vacant



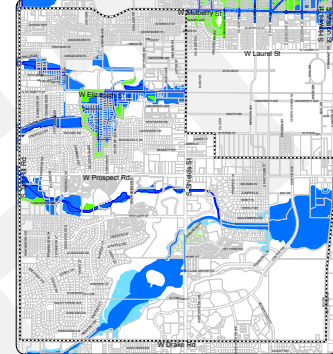
Maximum Building Height

- Legend**
- West Central Area Boundary
 - Maximum Building Height (Stories)
 - 0
 - 2
 - 2.5
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5

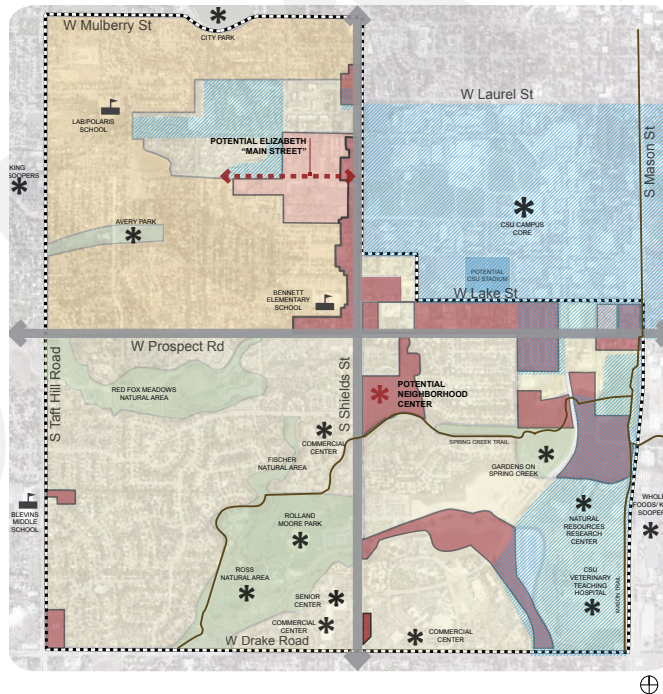


Floodplain

- Legend**
- West Central Area Boundary
 - City Floodway
 - City High Risk Floodplain
 - City Moderate Risk Floodplain
 - FEMA Floodway
 - FEMA High Risk Floodplain
 - FEMA Moderate Risk Floodplain



Areas of Stability, Enhancement, & Development



Legend

Existing Elements

- West Central Area Boundary
- Arterial Road
- Parks & Open Space
- CSU Property
- Major Trails
- Schools
- Key Destinations

Potential Opportunities

AREAS OF STABILITY, ENHANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT:

- OPPORTUNITY AREAS: Significant New Development/Redevelopment
- OPPORTUNITY AREAS: Some New Development/Redevelopment
- OPPORTUNITY AREAS: Neighborhood Enhancements
- Areas of Stability

- Potential Elizabeth "Main Street"
- Potential Key Destinations

Transportation & Mobility

VISION: A connected network that supports people safely walking, biking, or using public transit as a primary way to travel

T

Safe routes to school, CSU and other major destinations



Safe, Comfortable Options



Additional, Safe Mid-Block Crossings



Protected Bike Facilities

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Arterials that are not perceived as barriers



Improved At-grade Intersections and Underpasses



Traffic Calming Measures



Safe Crossing Distances

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Option to live without a car



Walk



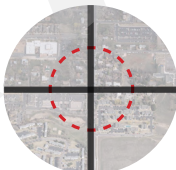
Bike



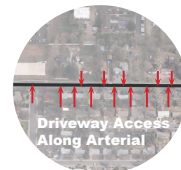
Ride

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Safe, low-stress facilities for all ages and abilities



Intersections Designed for All Modes



Access Control Improvements



Improved Visibility of Cyclists and Pedestrians

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Adequate and convenient parking



Shared Parking Arrangements



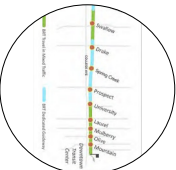
Multi-Family Parking Areas



Neighborhood-Wide Approaches

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Improved transit service and convenient stops



Improved Frequency and Connections



Convenient Access to Destinations



Improved Bus Stops

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Easy access to transit (including MAX)



Access To and From Neighborhoods



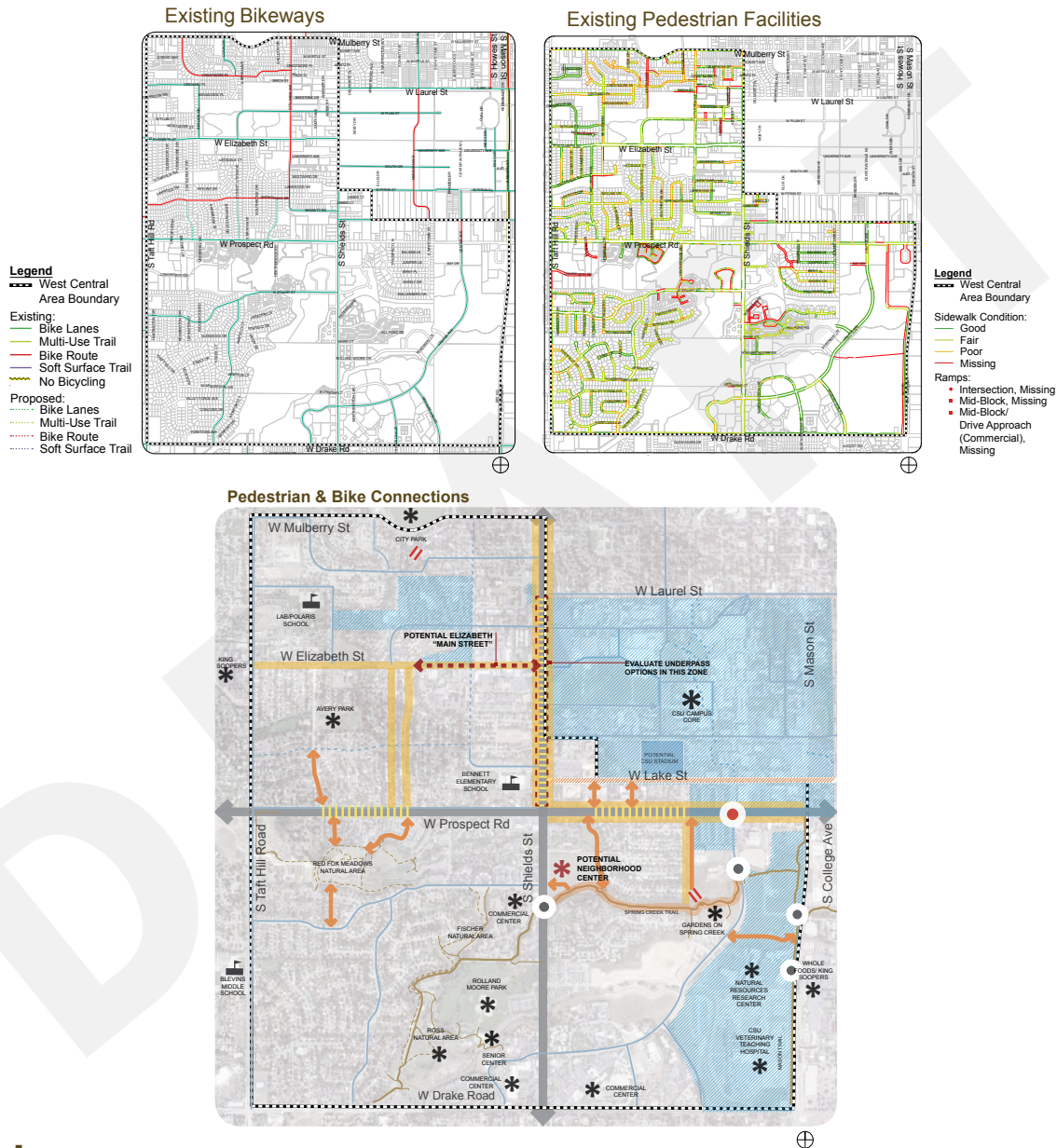
Safe and Effective Infrastructure



Connections Between Modes

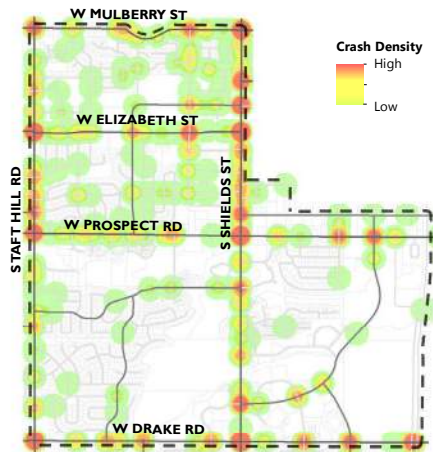
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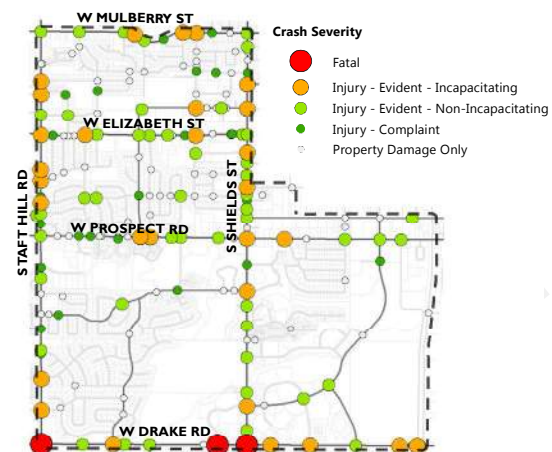


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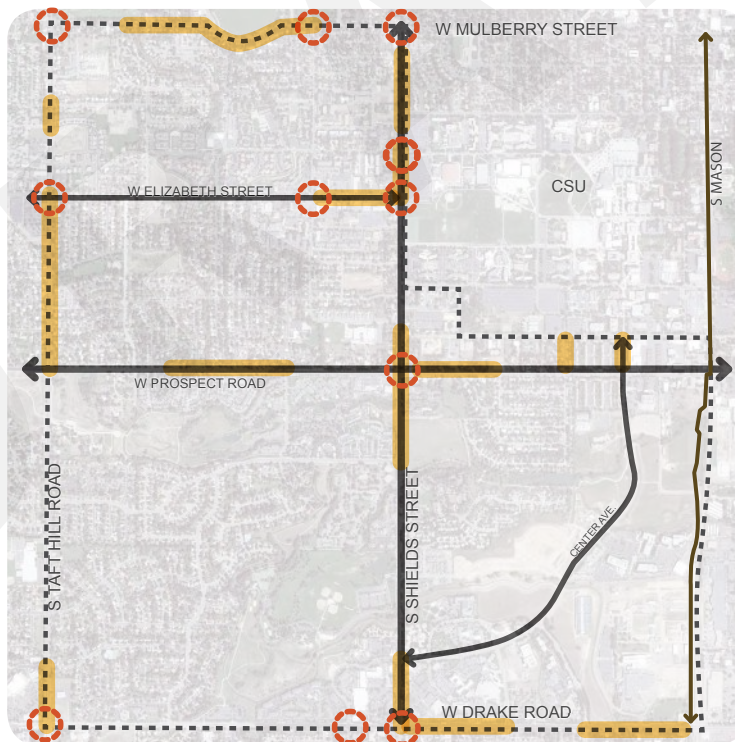
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Crash Density



Crash Severity



Legend

-  Major Arterials
-  West Central Area Boundary
-  Need for Intersection Safety Improvements
-  Need for Roadway Safety Improvements

Open Space Networks

VISION: A balanced, connected network of public and private lands for wildlife, plants, and people

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Access to nature, recreation, and environmental stewardship opportunities



Network of Multi-Use Trails



Educational Opportunities



Neighborhood Parks and Community Gardens

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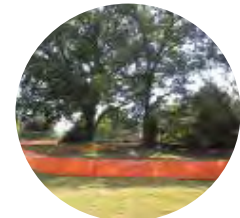
Attractive urban tree canopy that supports habitat, character, and shade



Residential Tree Canopy



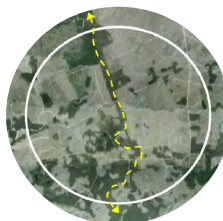
Street Trees and Median Improvements on Major Streets



Tree Preservation

OS

Preserved and enhanced wildlife habitat corridors



Habitat Connectivity



Native Habitat Enhancement and Restoration



Habitat Protection Along Irrigation Canals/Ditches

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Comprehensive and ecological approach to stormwater management



Road-Side Treatments and Medians



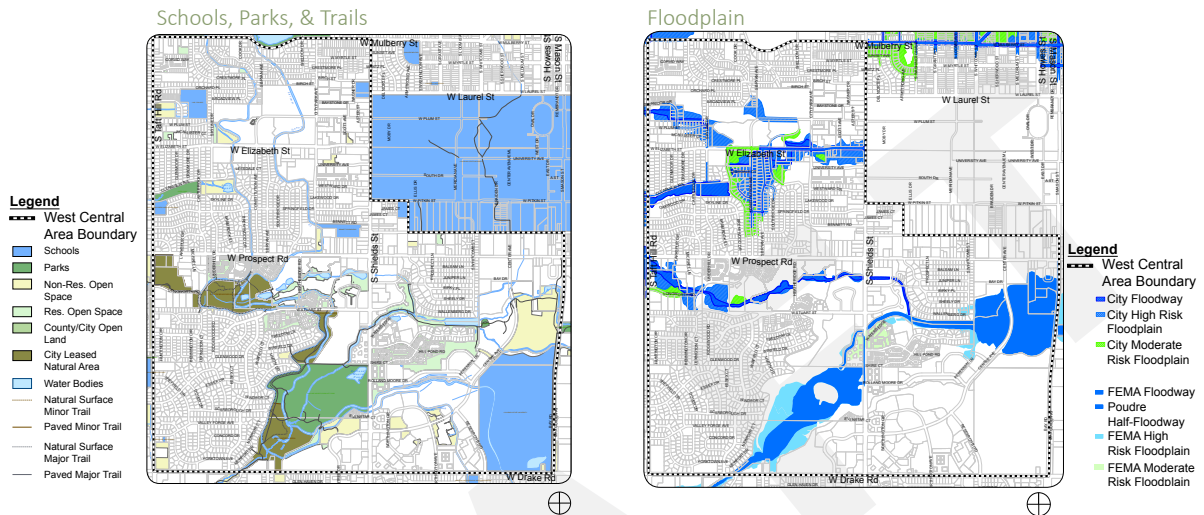
Neighborhood Detention and Habitat



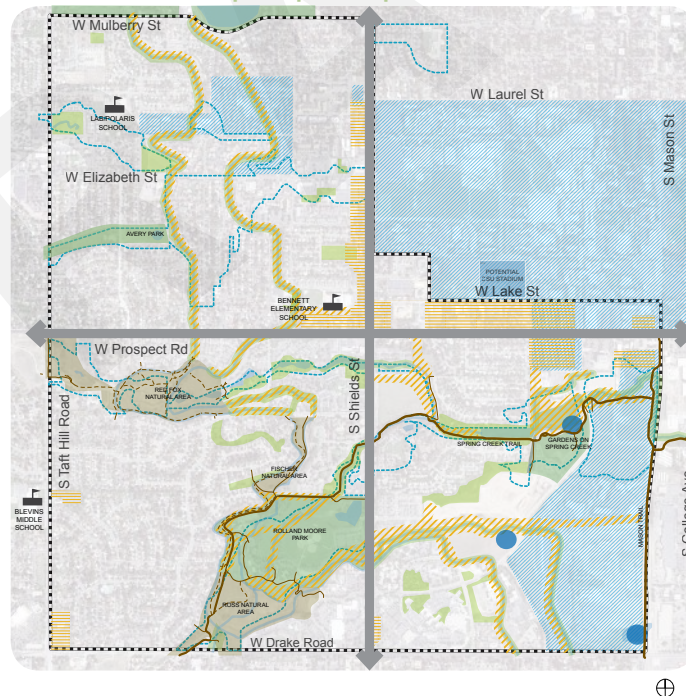
Ecologically Healthy Stormwater System

Open Space Networks os

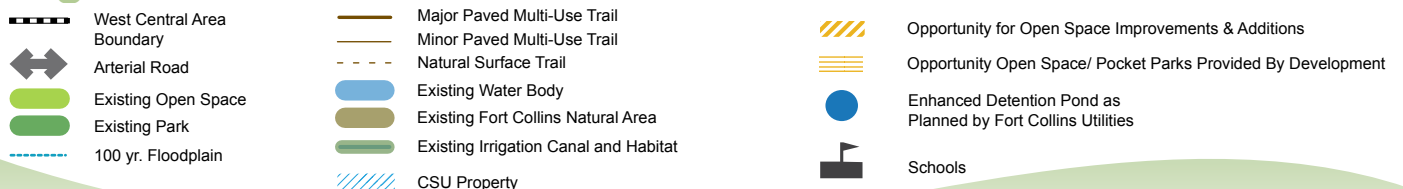
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Areas of Potential Open Space Improvements & Additions



Legend



Prospect Corridor

VISION: Attractive and functional, well-integrated, mixed-use corridor that serves the mobility needs of nearby neighborhoods, CSU, and the community

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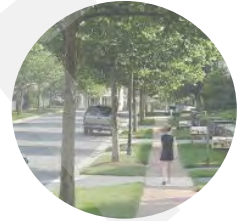
Safe and comfortable corridor for all modes



Well-Marked Bike Facilities



Safe, Low-Stress Environment



Detached Sidewalks

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Safe crossings



Automatic Detection of Cyclists at Intersections



Pedestrian Refuges



Mid-block Crossings

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Attractive gateway to campus, downtown, and midtown



Welcoming Intersections



Gateway Treatments



Street Trees and Medians

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Seamless connection to MAX



Walk



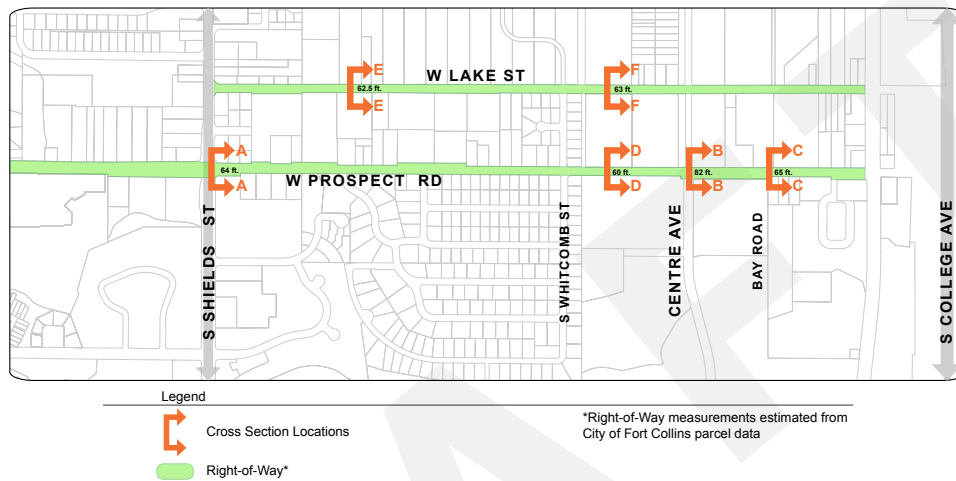
Bike



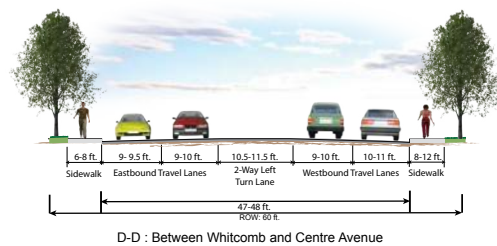
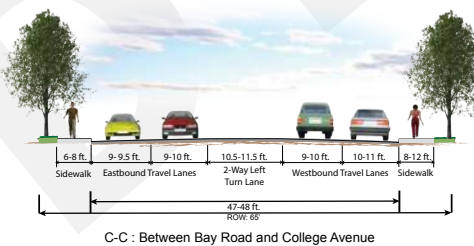
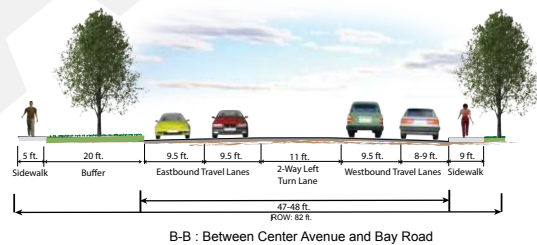
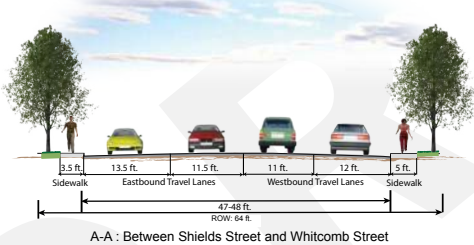
Ride

Prospect Corridor P

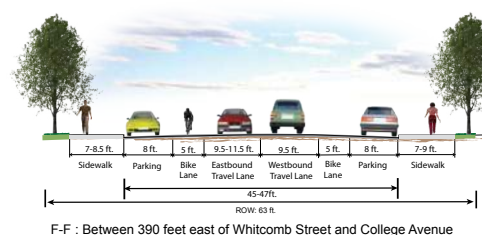
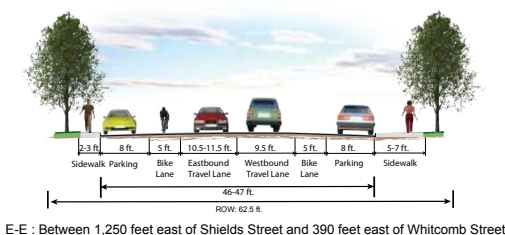
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Prospect Road

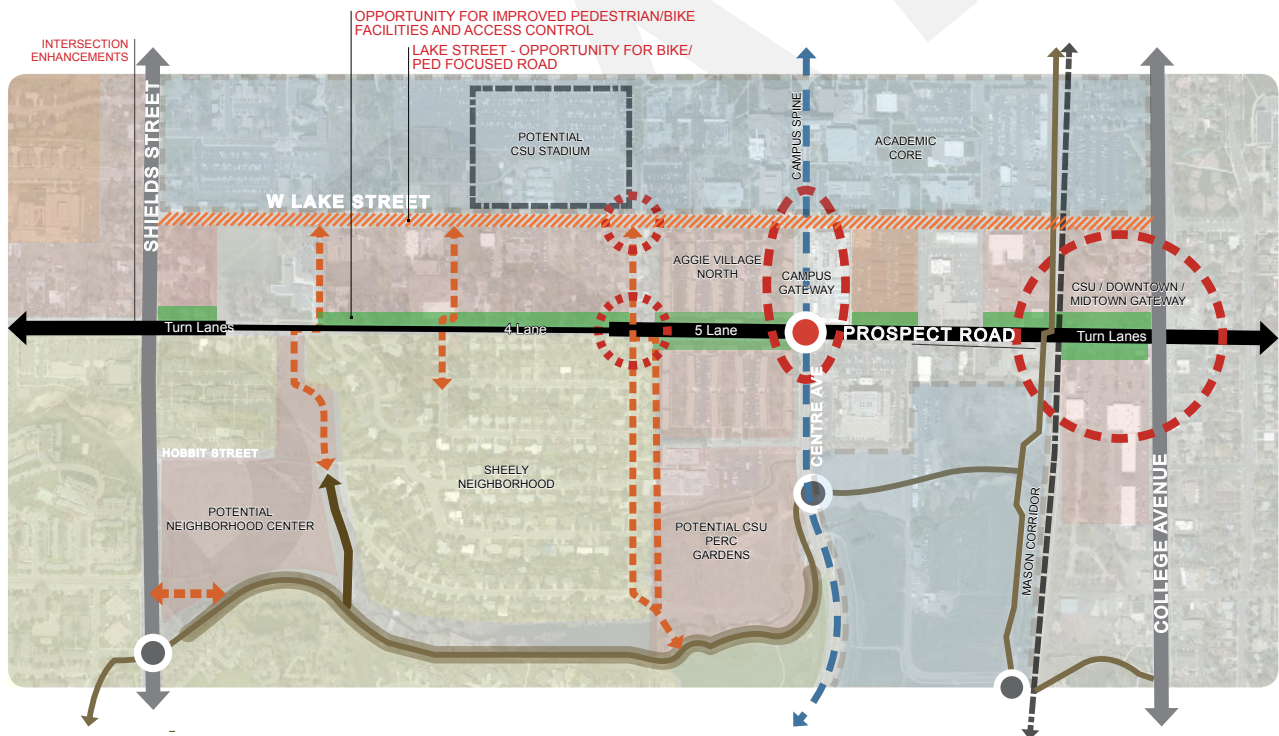
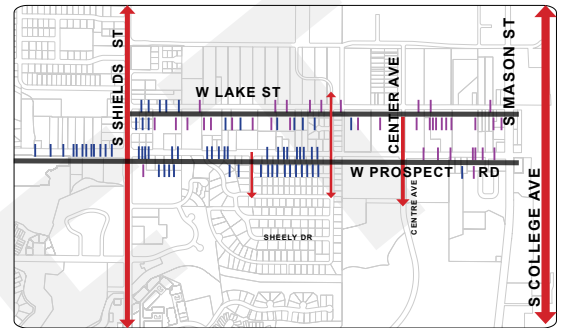
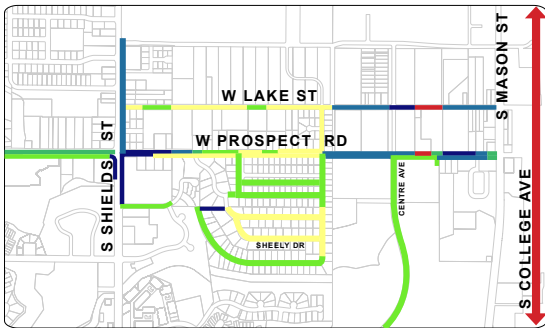


Lake Street



Prospect Corridor P

VISION: Attractive and functional, well-integrated, mixed-use corridor that serves the mobility needs of nearby neighborhoods, CSU, and the community



Legend

Land Use & Development

- Opportunity Areas: Significant Redevelopment Anticipated
- Opportunity Areas: Some Redevelopment Anticipated
- Areas of Stability
- Parks & Open Space

Existing Elements

- Major Arterials
- West Central Area Boundary
- Bike/Pedestrian Corridor
- Multi-Use Trail

- CSU Property
- Existing Underpass/ Overpass

Potential Opportunities

- Gateway Areas
- Potential Underpass
- Trail Widening
- Potential Bike/Pedestrian Focused Road
- Potential Bike/Pedestrian Connections
- Opportunity for Improved Pedestrian/Bike Facilities and Access Control

Comments

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Next Steps

Next Steps in the Planning Process

- Finalize vision
- Refine vision maps and develop land use scenarios
- Develop Prospect Corridor alternatives
- Develop initial recommendations for policies, programs, action items, and priorities

Upcoming Outreach Activities

- Memo to City Council (update) - *Late July*
- Planning & Zoning Board Worksession - *August 8*
- City Council Worksession - *August 26*
- Stakeholder Committee Meeting #3 - *Early September*
- Community Outreach Events and Survey - *Early September*
- Requested Listening Sessions/Presentations - *Ongoing*

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1 - Summary

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1

West Central Area Plan
May 7, 2014 – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Present

Sue Ballou
Rick Callan
Susan Dominica
Becky Fedak
Colin Gerety
Carrie Ann Gillis
Per Hogestad
Greg McMaster
Kelly Ohlson
Tara Opsal
Jean Robbins
Andy Smith
Logan Sutherland

Absent

Lars Eriksen
Ann Hunt
Jeannie Ortega
Steve Schroyer
Lloyd Walker
Nicholas Yearout

Staff & Consultants

Ted Shepard, Chief Planner
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager
Amy Lewin, Transportation Planner
Rebecca Everette, Associate Planner
Craig Russell, Project Manager (*Russell Mills Studios*)

Notes

1. Welcome from Gerry Horak (Mayor Pro Tem)
2. Introductions
3. Overview
 - a. Description of the purpose of the Stakeholder Committee (SC)
 - b. Background on the West Central Area Plan
 - c. Planning process and anticipated schedule for SC meetings
 - d. Roles and expectations for the committee
 - e. Meeting guidelines
4. 1999 *West Central Neighborhoods Plan*
 - a. Overview of 1999 Plan
 - b. Vision statement and goals from 1999 Plan
5. *Discussion*: Plan outcomes from the 1999 Plan
 - a. Discussion about whether some of the intended outcomes of the 1999 Plan have actually been achieved, including: preservation of Spring Creek as wildlife habitat; the evolution of Campus West as a commercial center; and the preservation of single family character in neighborhoods

- b. There have been some outcomes since 1999 that differed from what the previous plan envisioned
 - c. The previous plan had great intentions, many of which should be carried forward, but it has not been effectively implemented
 - d. Concerns that West Central Area has not been adequately addressed by City Plan, the citywide Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), and other recent planning efforts – compared to other parts of the city
 - e. Moving forward, the new plan should include an Action Plan with specific code changes and actionable, measurable priorities
6. *Brainstorming Exercise: Future Outcomes*
- a. The committee split into three groups to brainstorm goals for the West Central Area Plan. Each group focused on a different theme: Land Use & Character, Transportation, and Natural Systems. The results of the discussion are presented below.

Brainstorming Exercise Notes

Transportation – Desired Outcomes

- 1. Ability to live without a car
 - Decreasing automobile traffic around Campus West
 - Walkable community with actual sidewalks
 - Should be able to meet daily needs without a car
- 2. Prospect becomes a successful urban corridor
 - Prospect from Shields to College should look like Mountain Ave
 - If a stadium is built, traffic should be reduced in the Prospect area
- 3. Strong transit system that connects to MAX and works for neighborhood use
 - Buses that run regularly or late [at night]
 - Buses that connect to MAX or Drake
 - Bus connection to Mason
- 4. Safe and effective biking and walking
 - Bike and pedestrian crossings on Prospect and Shields
 - Underpass/overpass for bikes across Shields
 - Protected bike lanes on major streets
 - Kids should be able to walk to school unaccompanied
 - Take care of dirt trails (not community trails) in Rolland Moore

Natural Systems – Desired Outcomes

- 1. Wildlife habitat/fragmentation
 - Green infrastructure incorporated into all transportation projects
 - Maintain or increase level of wildlife habitat
 - Enhanced wildlife habitat/biodiversity
 - Wildlife movement corridors (prevent habitat fragmentation)

- Benefits of open space and impact on other city objectives considered in decision making
- 2. Stormwater
 - Operations and maintenance related to stormwater
 - Proper stormwater design
 - Natural restoration of irrigation ditches
 - Open space/stormwater considered in all new/re-development
- 3. Connectivity/movement corridors for wildlife
 - Connectedness of natural areas – not isolated (prevent fragmentation)
 - Natural area that are accessible by bike or foot only
 - Nature in the city
 - Restore and enhance wildlife habitat
- 4. Education
 - Education about benefits and functionality of natural systems

Land Use & Character – Desired Outcomes

1. Prioritize historic houses and preserve valuable buildings
 - Controlled Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) historical designation
 - Important for historical preservation, to be credible, don't over-reach [regarding contributing features]
 - Most houses in 15 years to be potentially eligible
 - Conflict between zoning and historic preservation, needs design
2. Value neighborhood character and fabric
 - Neighborhoods should be:
 - Full service: shopping, recreation, employment
 - Integrated in design: scale, mass, compatibility
 - Connected
 - Preserved
 - Fine grain
 - Code enforcement and strengthening
 - Exterior upkeep
 - Reduce neighborhood graffiti
 - Aesthetically pleasing from design standards with and without parking
 - Incentives for owner-occupied houses
 - Police and city services further strengthened
 - More boulevards
3. Neighborhood diversity
 - How do we develop the diverse character of our area
 - Diversity has diminished since '99
 - Shifted to young adults – change in character
 - Multi-generational access

4. Neighborhood connectivity
 - Safe and effective access to/from CSU
 - More direct bike connection to activity centers
5. Mix of housing
 - Variety of housing stock within West Central Area
 - Achievable land use code from an affordability point of view
 - Land use code review, to allow for maintaining diversity of housing – design review
 - Avoiding barriers between student and other types of housing
 - Ensure health and safety of tenants
6. Mixed-use/commercial development
 - More mixed-use centers @ key intersections
 - Required mixed-use
 - Don't undercut parking requirements because of TOD philosophy
 - Fix dual/mixed zone areas