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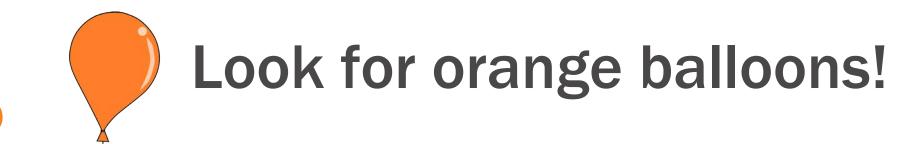
# West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan RECOMMENDED DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

## Stations to Explore:

- Corridor Understanding Review
- Recommended Design



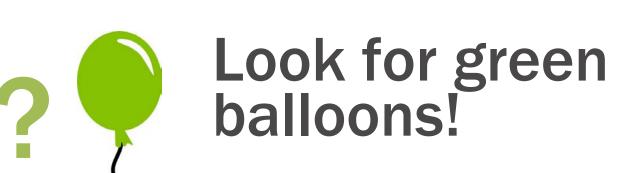
Proposed 2016 Improvements



• Interim Improvements



• What if Campus West Redevelops? balloons!



- Network Considerations
- City-CSU IGA Agreement

Please help yourself to refreshments and feel free to explore the Recommended Design Open House as you like. Project Team members are here to help with activities, answer questions, and hear your ideas!

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# CORRIDOR UNDERSTANDING: WHAT WE'VE HEARD



## Highest ridership in the city: ~5,000 riders a day!

- Overcrowded buses, people left behind
- Not enough amenities at bus stops (e.g., shelters, benches, bike parking)
- Not enough service (e.g., late-night, weekend, summer)



# About 100 crossings during peak hours at signalized intersections in Campus West

- Inconsistent facilities, lack of sidewalks
- Many segments (36%) not ADA compliant
- Many sidewalks not comfortable
- Hard to cross north-south across Elizabeth



## 4,400 cars per day near Overland – over 18,000 near Shields

- Perceived speeding, especially in western segments
- Challenges making left turns at driveways
- Sight distance issues
- Conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists



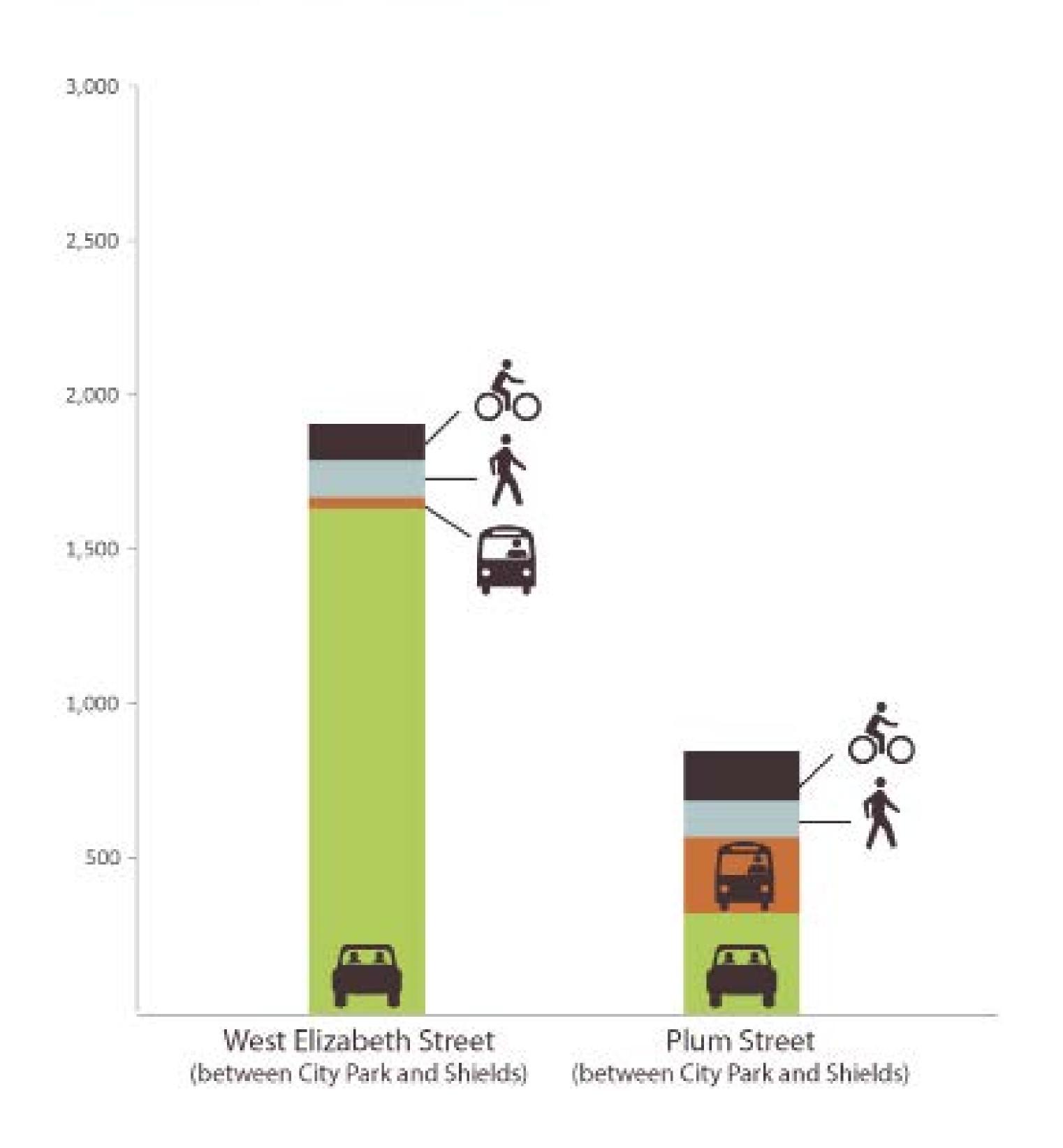
## Over 2,000 cyclists per day in Campus West!

- Higherthan expected number of crashes
- Challenging intersections
- Inconsistent facilities
- Lots of driveway conflicts in Campus West

## CORRIDOR UNDERSTANDING: DATA

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE BY MODE PM PEAK HOUR

WEST ELIZABETH STREET & PLUM STREET

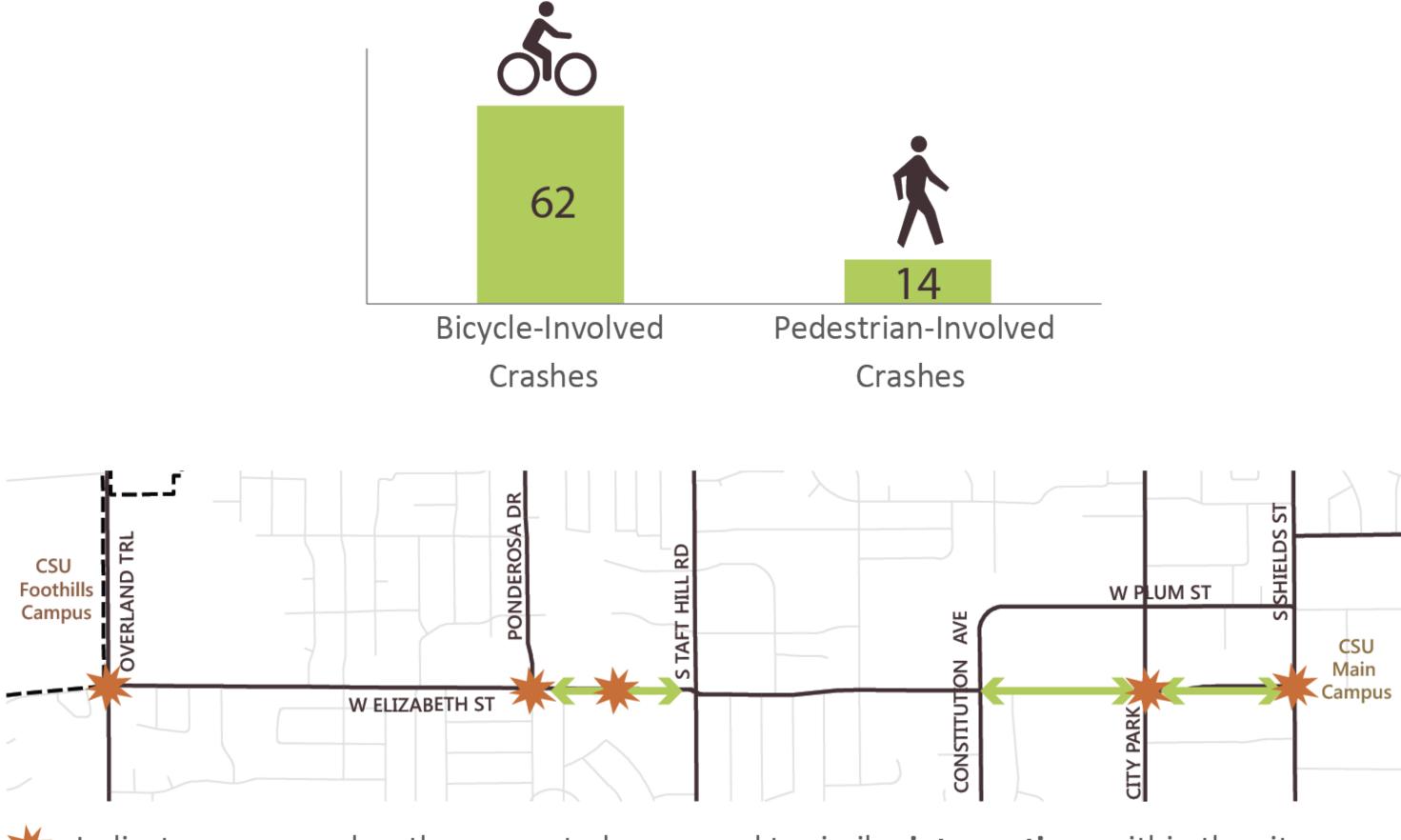


#### **SAFETY**

CRASHES ON WEST ELIZABETH STREET BETWEEN 2010 & 2014



Average of 1 crash every 4 days.



Indicates more crashes than expected compared to similar intersections within the city

Indicates more crashes than expected compared to similar segments within the city



### CORRIDOR UNDERSTANDING: DATA

#### WALKING

36%

of sidewalks in the corridor are non-ADA compliant, of which:

are missing sidewalks.

### PEDESTRIAN LEVEL OF COMFORT\* **CORRIDOR-WIDE**







Comfort 30%

Low Pedestrian

Comfort 42%

High Pedestrian Comfort

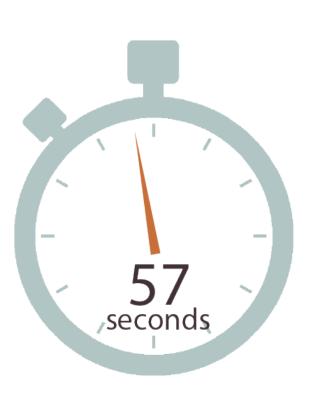
28%

\*Pedestrian Level of Comfort is based on a technical analysis of existing data

#### AVERAGE PM PEAK HOUR PEDESTRIAN DELAY



After 30 seconds, research has indicated that pedestrians partake in more risk-taking behavior.



West Elizabeth Street & City Park Avenue

West Elizabeth Street & Shields Street

\*Bicyclist Level of

(LTS) technical

data sources

Comfort is based on a

Level of Traffic Stress

analysis of existing

#### **BICYCLING**

BICYCLIST LEVEL OF COMFORT | CORRIDOR-WIDE



Low Bicyclist Comfort

Medium Bicyclist

Comfort

High Bicyclist Comfort

#### **TRANSIT**

Almost 5,000 riders a day within the study area (9 routes):

Highest ridership in the city

Over 3,700 passengers left behind on Route 31 from January to April 2015. That's equivalent to over



 $\frac{37}{\text{MAX}}$  buses or  $\frac{75}{\text{standard}}$  Transfort buses.

#### TRANSIT BOARDINGS



#### **DRIVING**

#### **AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC**





## VISION

The vision for the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor is to be an easily accessible and reliable multimodal corridor with an emphasis on connectivity to CSU's Foothills Campus on the west and CSU's Main Campus (including MAX stations) on the east.

The corridor will be well-integrated and well-connected within the city, with a focus on improving transit, walking and biking. The corridor will foster existing business and future infill and redevelopment to accommodate the growing number and diversity of users in the corridor, which include: students, families and seniors.

#### The network shall:

- Be unique and adaptable to the distinctive characteristics of each corridor segment.
- Be safe and comfortable for all users.
- Encourage and prioritize public transportation and active transportation options.
- Support the interconnectivity of all modes.
- Be a beautiful and vibrant environment.



## PHASING SUMMARY

#### PROJECT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Design is based on the following:

- Emphasize high-frequency transit, biking, and walking to help accommodate growth (per the Enhanced Travel Corridor definition)
- Work within the existing Public Right-of-Way (ROW) as much as possible
- Incorporate potential phasing from the beginning of design development
- Learn from the evaluation to understand trade-offs and make further refinements to the design

#### PROPOSED PROJECT PHASING

Project is proposed to be implemented in phases. The intent of this is to:

- Address major deficiencies in the near-term (e.g., gaps in the sidewalk and biking networks)
- Use public funds wisely and efficiently
- Ensure phased improvements minimize throw-away costs (e.g., a near-term sidewalk improvement won't be removed once the longer-term vision is realized)

Proposed for 2016	Interim Improvements	Recommended Design	What if Campus West Redevelops?
Tweaks to improve upon the existing transit service	<ul> <li>Transit service and amenity improvements</li> <li>Completion of the bike network</li> <li>Completion of the sidewalk network (minimum standards)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High-frequency transit service</li> <li>Protected/ buffered bike lanes and protected intersection</li> <li>Enhance pedestrian network (detached sidewalks)</li> <li>Roundabout at Overland and access management improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BRT-like transit service</li> <li>Changes in the Campus West area</li> </ul>
Cost Estimates			
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## NEXT STEPS

Thank you for visitng the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Recommended Design Open House. *Your input is very important to us!* 

Open House materials will be posted online with further opportunity to provide input at the West Elizabeth ETC website: www.fcgov/westelizabeth.

### NEXT STEPS:

- Incorporate feedback from Open House and other outreach
- Develop Draft Plan
- Public review of Draft Plan (June July)
- Finalize Plan
- City Council Adoption Hearing (August 16, 2016)



Visioning Open House August 2015



Alternatives Open House December 2015