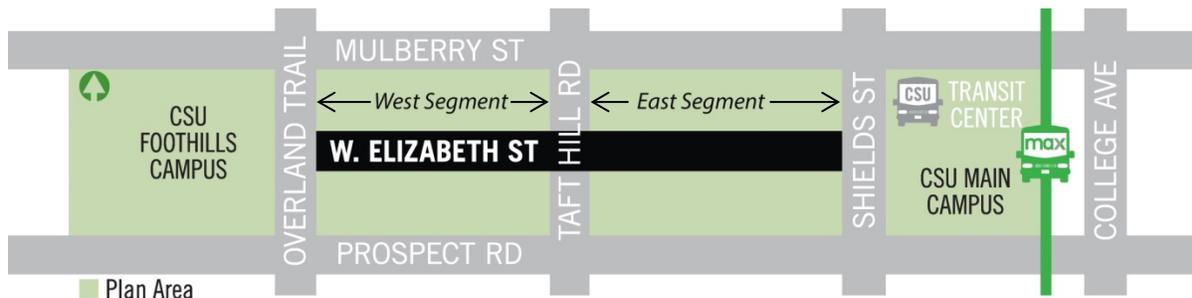


# Neighborhood Walking, Biking, and Transit Tours Summary

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## BACKGROUND

Six tours were scheduled during the week of May 11, 2015. The intent of the tours was for City Staff to experience the corridor with locals who live, work and play in the area. Community members were asked to voluntarily lead or participate in the tours and to identify issues and opportunities from their perspectives. The following table provides the dates, focus and attendees of each tour. The tour comments are summarized primarily by the following group of images as well as geographically by the map that follows.



Date	Time	Tour Detail	Participants
5/11/2015	12:30 – 2 p	Tour 1: Bike Tour of West Segment (between Overland Trail and Skyline Drive)	Josh Weinberg, Leader Andrea Weinberg Susannah Wright Emma Belmont, City Staff Amy Lewin, City Staff
5/12/2015	11 a – 12:30 p	Tour 2: Walking Tour of Campus West Shopping Center (between City Park Avenue and Shields Street)	Justie Nicol, Leader Doug Ernest Kathy Nicol Mike Werner Craig Russell, Consultant Emma Belmont, City Staff Rebecca Everette, City Staff Amy Lewin, City Staff
5/14/2015	10 – 11:30 a	Tour 4: Walking and Transit Tour of East Segment (between City Park Avenue and Taft Hill Road)	Terry Schictling, Leader Aaron Fodge, CSU Emma Belmont, City Staff Rebecca Everette, City Staff Amy Lewin, City Staff Kurt Ravenschlag, City Staff
5/14/2015	5:15 – 6:56 p	Tour 5: Walking Tour of West Segment (Between Hillcrest Road and Andrews Peak Drive)	Carron Silva, Leader Bonnie Michael Mike Werner Emma Belmont, City Staff Amy Lewin, City Staff

\*Tours 3 and 6 were canceled due to low participation

## WHAT WE HEARD – KEY THEMES

### Tour 1: West Segment Biking Tour



Overland and West Elizabeth – residents have difficulty making turning left turn movements from West Elizabeth onto Overland Trail; they would like to see a light added here.



Ponderosa and West Elizabeth Street – residents experience sight distances issues at this intersection because the stop sign is back so far they have to proceed onto West Elizabeth to see oncoming vehicles.



King Soopers Shopping Center at West Elizabeth and Taft Hill - many vehicle, bus pedestrian and bicycle conflicts due to the frequent left-turns into King Soopers.



Common bike path through private development to avoid crossing at Taft Hill and West Elizabeth – signage indicates “Resident Access Only”.



Plum and Taft Hill crossing – frequently used crossing to get to Lab/ Polaris School to the east.



Vehicles crowding the bike lane at Elizabeth and Shields (eastbound travel).



Bike and vehicle interaction as bike transitions through the turn lane into the bike lane at the intersection.



Cyclists using the sidewalk instead of bike lanes. Many bicyclists also ride the wrong way on sidewalks, creating safety concerns.



High volumes of pedestrians crossing Shields at West Elizabeth.



Driveway conflicts with bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles and challenges to accessing businesses.



Concern over vehicles sometimes not yielding at designated mid-block crossing.



Landscape areas not being maintained.



Need for delivery drop-off for many businesses.



Parking challenges exist in the corridor.

Tour 4: East Segment Walking and Transit Tour (between City Park and Taft Hill)



Accessibility issues exist throughout this corridor – some sidewalks are too narrow and are not compliant with ADA regulations.



Taft Hill and West Elizabeth Intersection – the crosswalk pushbuttons aren't accessible for someone in a mobility device to use. Also, bikes and vehicles extend into the crosswalk and make it challenging to cross.



Many bus stops are inaccessible, have limited or no passenger amenities, or amenities are located in a dirt patch.



There is a lot of transit service in this corridor (Route 2 plus Route 2 trailer bus).



Bike and bus conflict as buses stop in the bike lane to drop off passengers.



Bike traveling on the sidewalk, against traffic.

Tour 5: West Segment Walking Tour (between City Park and Taft Hill)



Ram's Crossing at Ram's Point - this location has a heavily used bus stop, but the sidewalk ends less than 100' west of the stop, making it challenging for residents from the western neighborhoods to access the stop.



West of Ram's Crossing at Ram's Point the north side of West Elizabeth Street has inconsistent sidewalk facilities.



Properties on the north side of West Elizabeth have drainage issues; many have a ditch and wells very close to the southern edge of their properties. Muddy conditions often occur.



Bus stop on the north side of West Elizabeth Street – a drainage ditch runs directly behind the stop, residents observe littering and noise especially from late-night bus riders getting dropped off.



South side of West Elizabeth Street – sidewalk facilities are better than the north side of the street, but are still inconsistent.