Chestnut - Elm Greenway Study

Online Public Meeting Monday September 20, 2021





Chestnut / Elm Neighborhood Greenway Study - Project Area





Chestnut Street Today

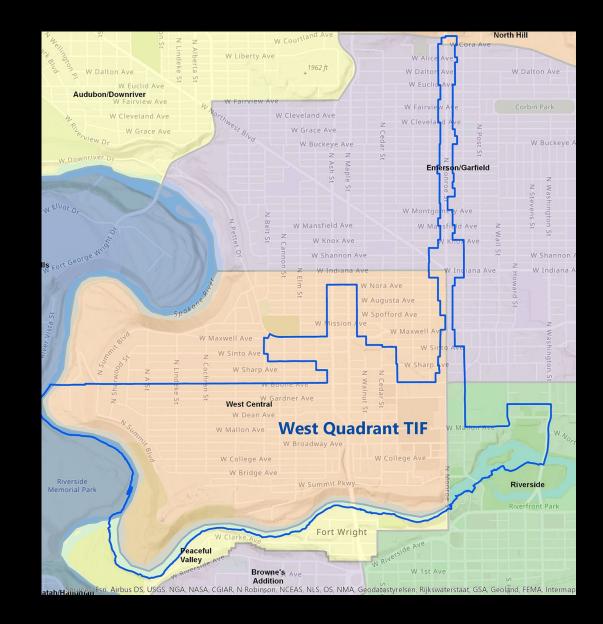
Background

West Quadrant

Tax Increment Finance District

Future Projects:

- Infrastructure and Streetscape Improvements on Elm, Cannon, and Chestnut
- Three blocks: Bridge to Dean



Background

EWU Urban Planning Project

- 2016 Student Project
- Chestnut Corridor Plan
- Appendix to Dutch Jake's Park Plan

Evaluated Design options:

- Neighborhood Greenway treatments
- Safety improvements
- Separated bikeways



Background – 2016 EWU Project



Figure D7 - A diagram showing the three potential vehicle-cyclist conflict points

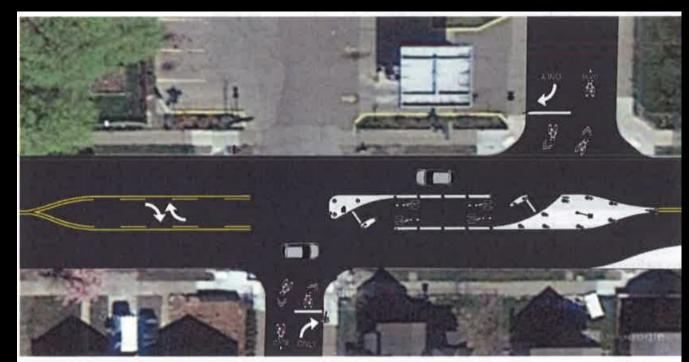


Figure D9 – Top view of a potential re-engineered intersection at N Chestnut St, W Boone Ave, and N Belt St. the route through the protected center median left turn lanes, which are for exclusive use by cyclists.

Background

- 2019 Traffic Calming Program Application
 - West Central Neighborhood Council requested improvements to Chestnut Street to reduce through-traffic and improve the bicycle route
 - \$40,000 allocated to study the corridor and select treatments
 - Chestnut/Belt Street and parallel route on Elm Street identified in Bicycle Master Plan
 - This study evaluates both corridors to determine the appropriate Neighborhood Greenway alignment, in consultation with neighborhood stakeholders

Neighborhood Greenway / Bicycle-Boulevard **Definition**

- Streets with low motorized traffic volumes and speeds, designated and designed to give bicycle travel priority.
- Use signs, pavement markings, and speed/volume management measures to discourage through trips by motor vehicles, AND
- Create safe and convenient bicycle crossings of busy arterial streets

- NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

Design Guidance

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Route Planning

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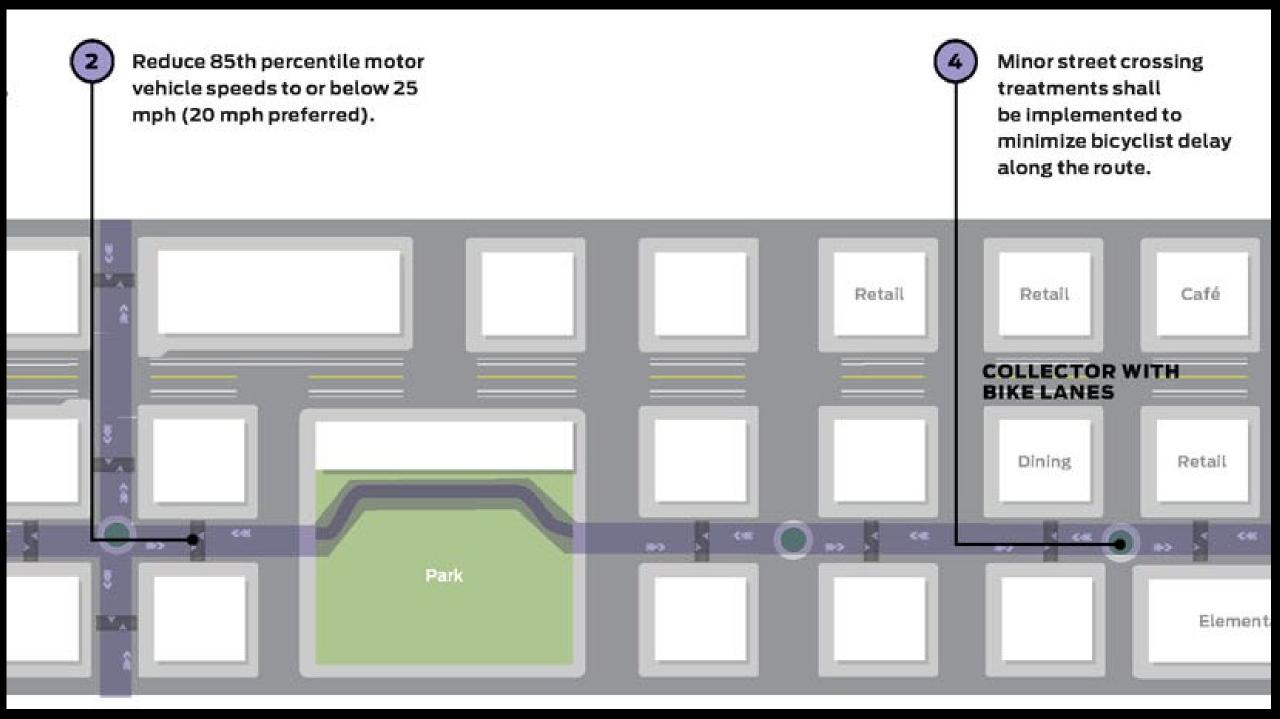


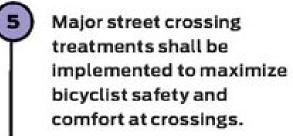
Offset intersection treatments shall be implemented to be obvious and maximize comfort for the bicyclist along the route.

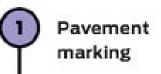


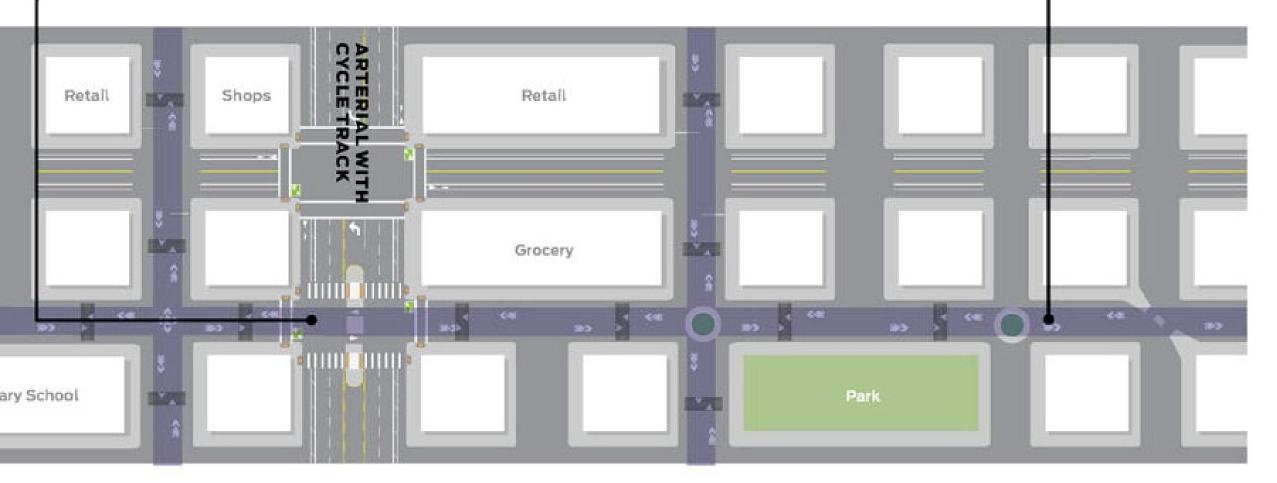
Reduce motor vehicle volumes to or below 1,500 or 3,000 vpd, depending on the roadway characteristics.





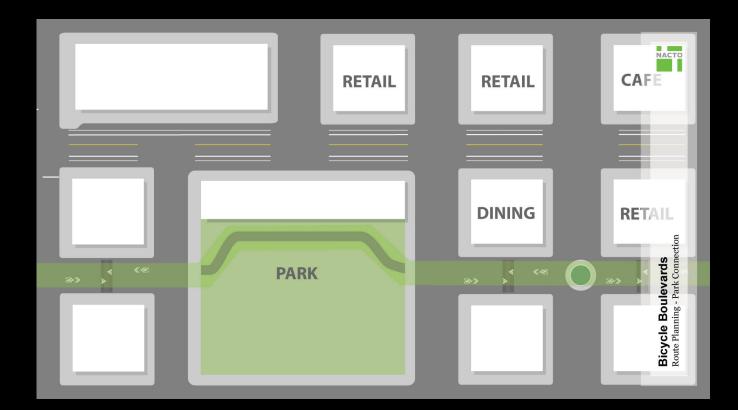




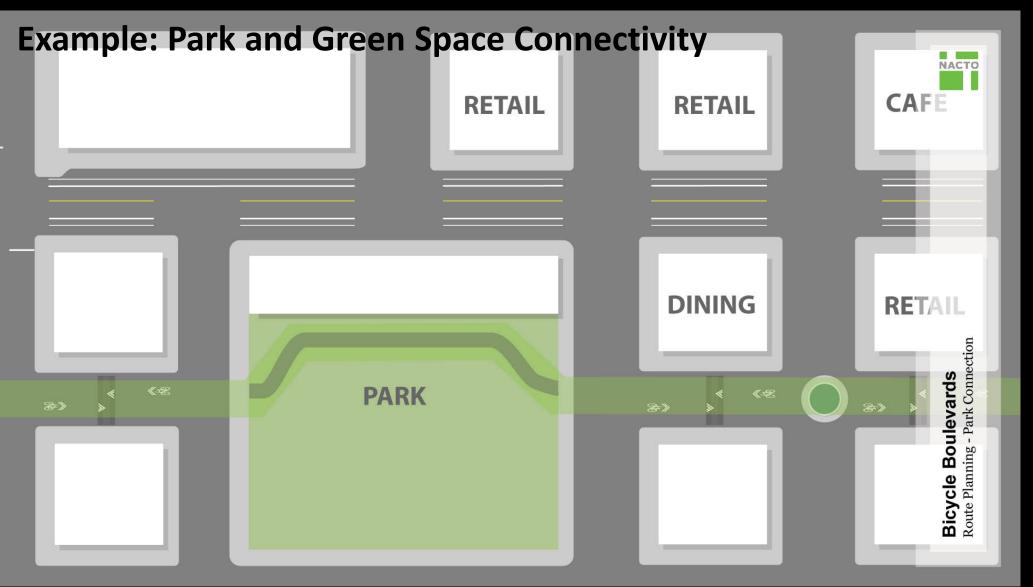


Route Planning Criteria

- Connectivity
- Legibility
- Speeds
- Volumes
- Emergency Vehicle Routes
- Intersection Crossings



Connectivity / Legibility



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Example: Green Space Connection to Centennial Trail

Connectivity / Legibility



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Treatments

- Legibility
- Speeds
- Volumes
- Intersections
- Legibility

Minimize Delay		Maximize Safety
 Uncontrolled intersections Traffic circles Stop-control the cross-street 	 Supplemental signs and markings Geometric design 	- Medians - Beacons - Signals
Increasing Cross Street Complexity		
Increasing speed, volume, number of lanes and decreasing number of crossing gaps.		

Speed Management



Volume Management



Minor Street Crossing Treatments



Major Street Crossing Treatments



Legibility



Timeline Duration ~ 7 MONTHS

Timeframe

June-July 2021

Summer/Fall 2021

Fall/Winter 2021 Winter 2021

Throughout

Existing Condition Review

- Basemap Creation

Task

Kick-Off

- Roadway Data collection and analysis
- Assessment and Report

Conceptual Design

Technical Memorandum

Stakeholder Coordination

- Phase 1: Existing Conditions
- Phase 2: Technical Memorandum

Project Site:

<u>Chestnut and Elm Neighborhood Greenway Study</u> <u>https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/chestnut-elm-</u> <u>neighborhood-greenway-study/</u>

