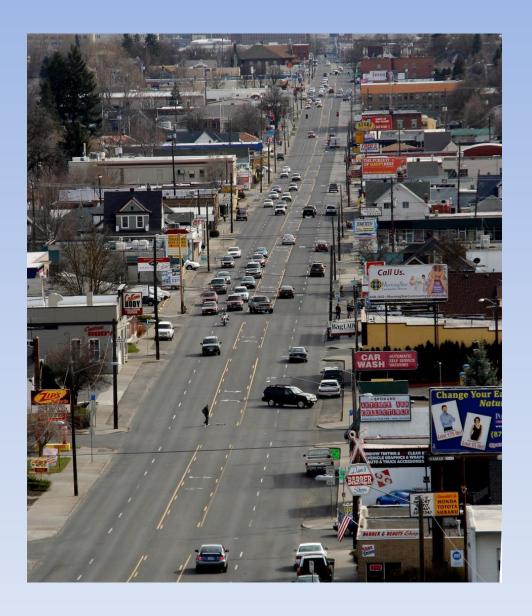
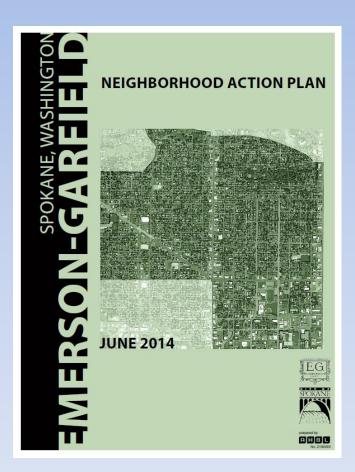
# Monroe Street Project

July 13, 2016





#### Where did this idea come from?







#### Prior Public Involvement

- Workshop #1 10/10/13
- Workshop #2 11/14/13
- Business Outreach Event 4/17/14
- Final Plan presentation 6/12/14
- Planning Commission Workshop— 7/9/14
- City Council adoption of Plan
   – 7/28/14
- Community Meeting (Businesses and Residents) –
  Spring of 2015

#### Three Grant Awards

- 1. 2014 Highway Safety Improvement
  - \$3,773,200
- 2. 2014 WA State Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
  - \$326,800
- 3. 2015 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (Travel Demand Management)
  - o **\$474,444**

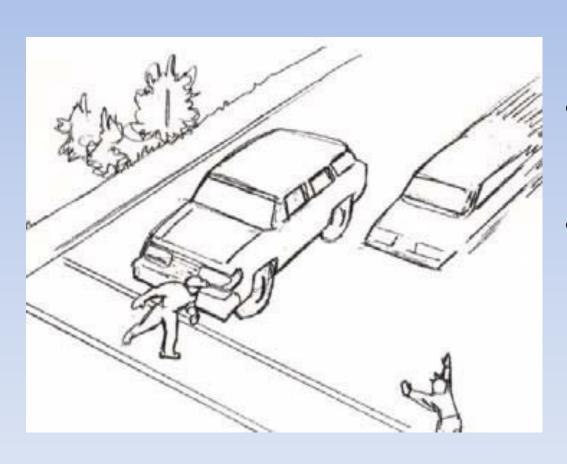
# **Total Award = \$4.6 million**

# Why did it receive safety funding?

WSDOT awarded grants on the basis of benefit vs. cost.

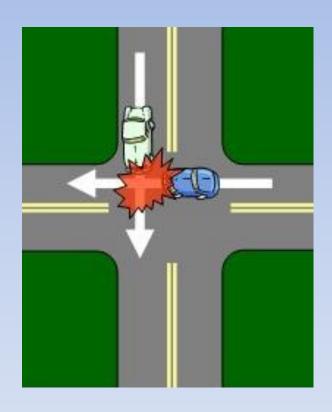
This project, although costly, improves upon safety by eliminating or greatly reducing known patterns of conflict.

### **Pedestrian Collisions**



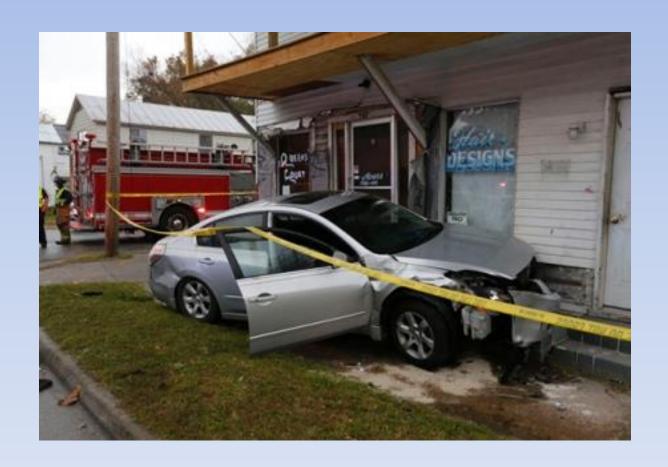
- 5 collisions in 5 years
- <u>all</u> resulted in injuries or fatalities

# **Angle Collisions**



23 in past five years

# Fixed Object Collisions

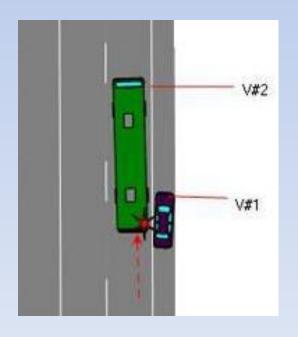


4 in past five years

# Sideswipes

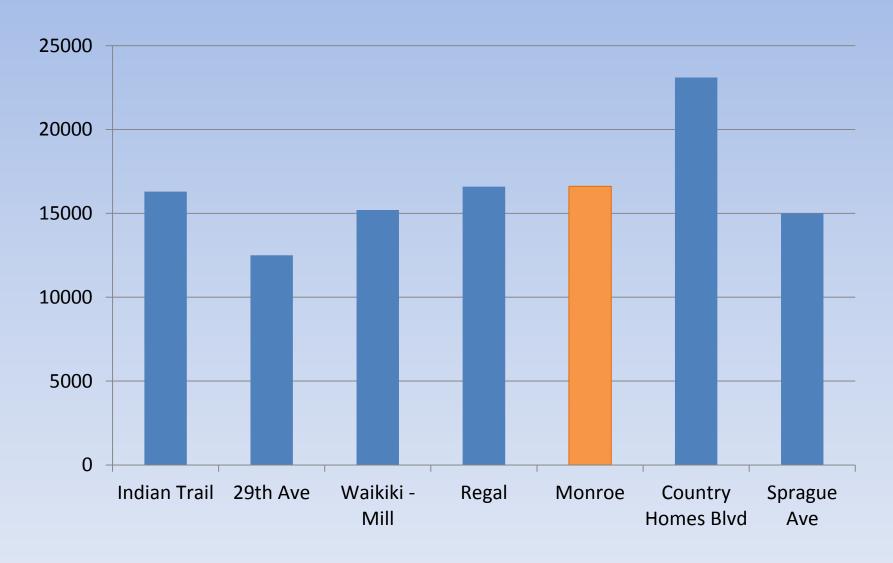


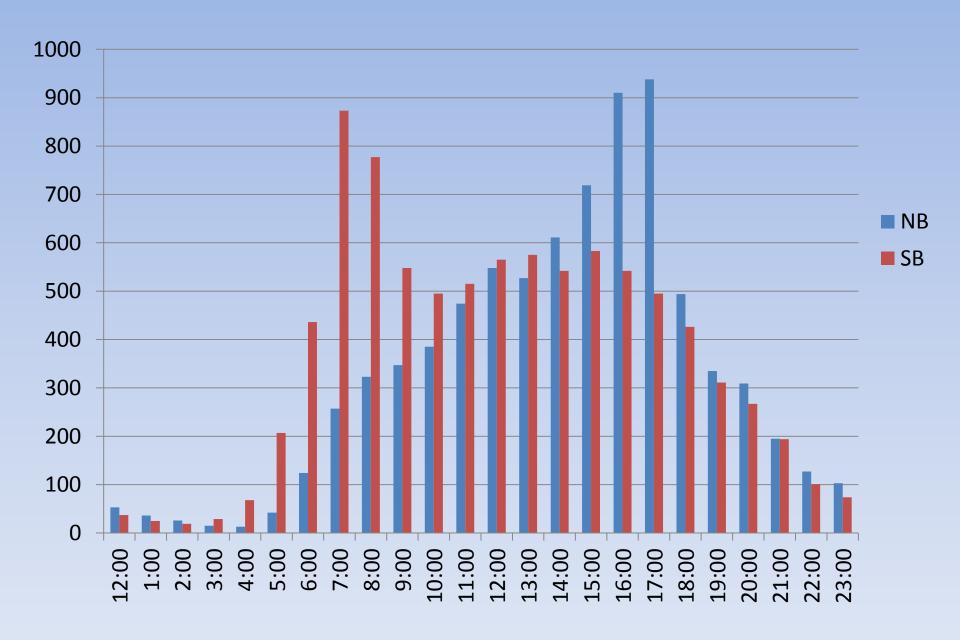




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#### 3-Lane Road Volumes

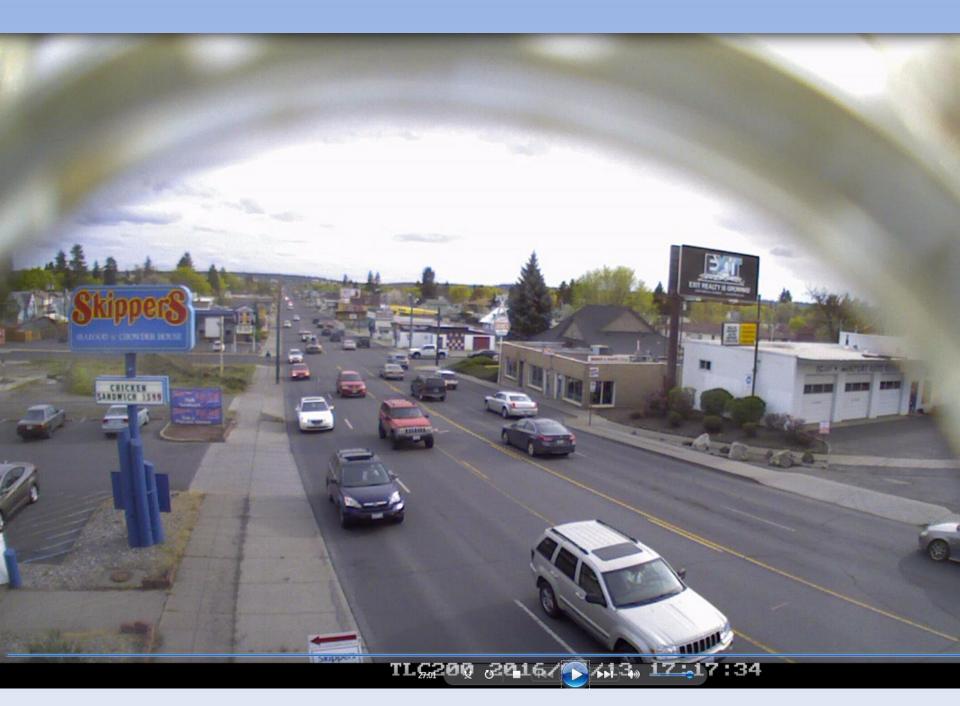




# Video



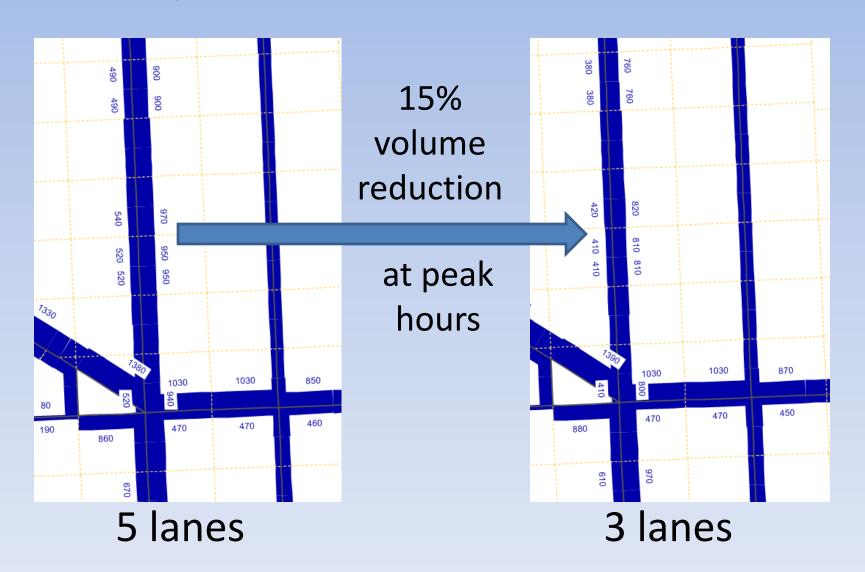




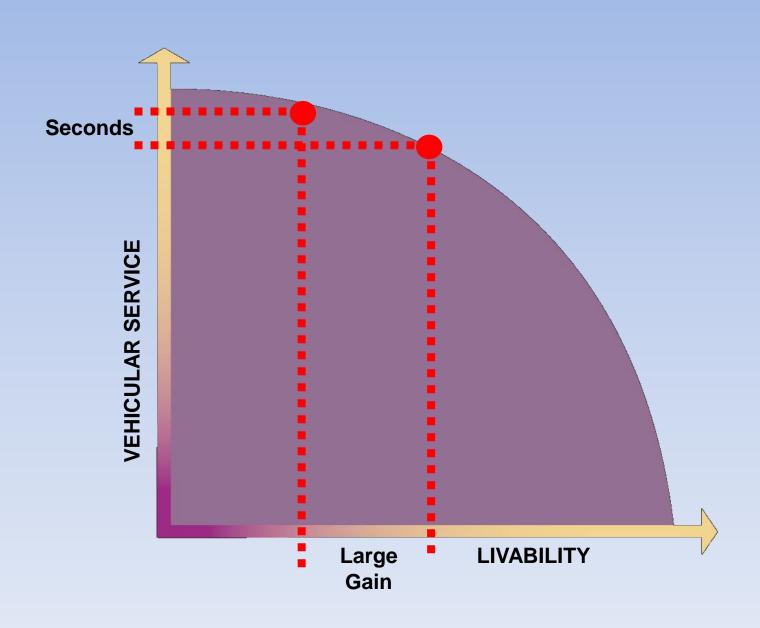




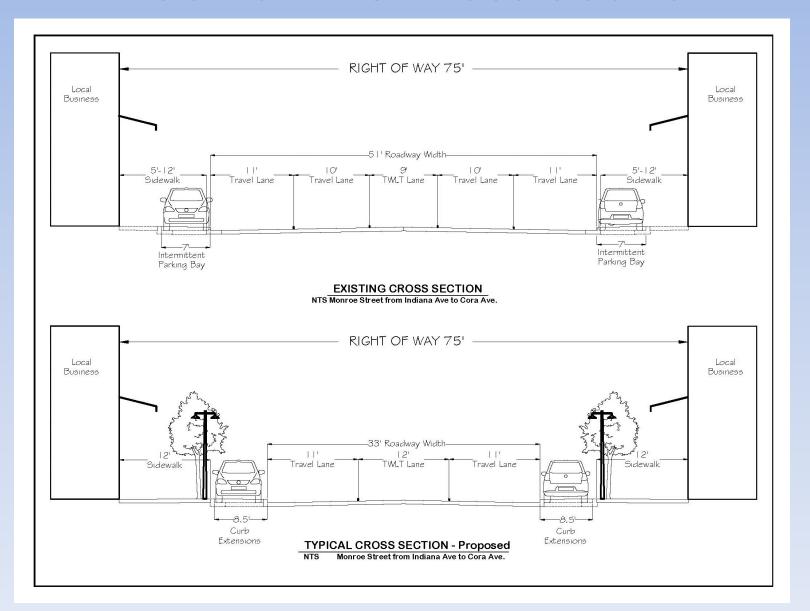
## Impact on Traffic Volumes



#### It's All About Balance in Cities



#### Look at the Cross Section



# **Project Includes**



3-4 Pedestrian Islands



10' sidewalks

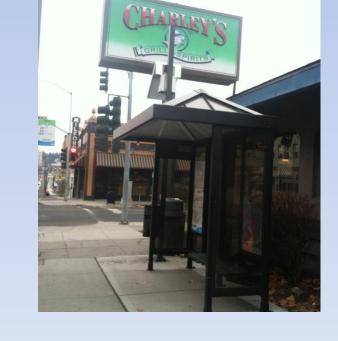
**Street Trees** 

Stormwater management

# **Project Includes**



Decorative pedestrian lighting



Transit shelters

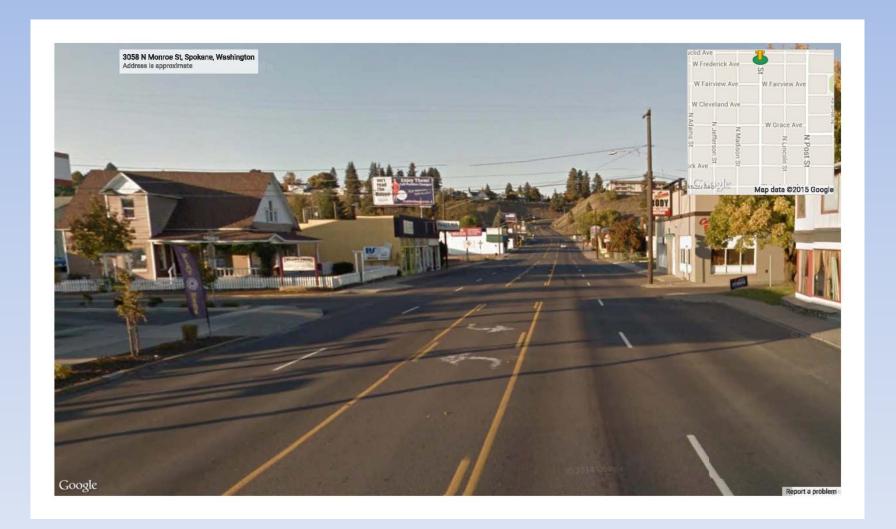


**Benches** 

## **Navigating Construction**

- 2018 Construction Start Date
  - Engineering Design Early 2017
- Try to minimize construction timeframe
- Strategies to maintain business during construction
- Signage & messaging leading to businesses
- Construction ombudsman
  - Information distribution via email
  - Weekly construction meeting

# **Elements Come Together**



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#### **Outreach Goals**

- Objective information comprehension of project and issues
- Collect meaningful input to <u>refine</u> project
- Broad engagement
- Education connections, traffic calming, surviving construction, long term management





# Target Audience

- Citizens of the City of Spokane
- Emerson Garfield Neighborhood
- North Hill Neighborhood
- West Central Neighborhood
- North Monroe Business Association
- North Monroe Businesses & Property Owners
- Residents (both inside and outside of immediate neighborhood)
- Ethnic and racial community
  - Korean

- Slavic
- Other
- Other community groups PTAs, clubs, interest/activity groups
- Religious groups and associations
- Corbin Senior Center
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Corbin Community Center

#### Other Stakeholders

- City of Spokane Elected Officials
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Spokane County
- Emergency First Responders
- Spokane Public Schools

# Messaging Content & Type

- Informing Broad, educational component on project parameters.
- Involving Asking audience to provide input that will affect the <u>defined specifics of the project.</u>

## **Advisory Board Structure**

#### **Spokane Citizens**



Board Members represent various stakeholders in the community and communicate project progress regularly

North Monroe Advisory



#### City of Spokane

- (1) Works to inform Board Members and stakeholders on overall project.
- (2) Works with Board to create Ways to *Involve* community to shape certain project elements



**Advisory Board** 







Community Outreach Round #2



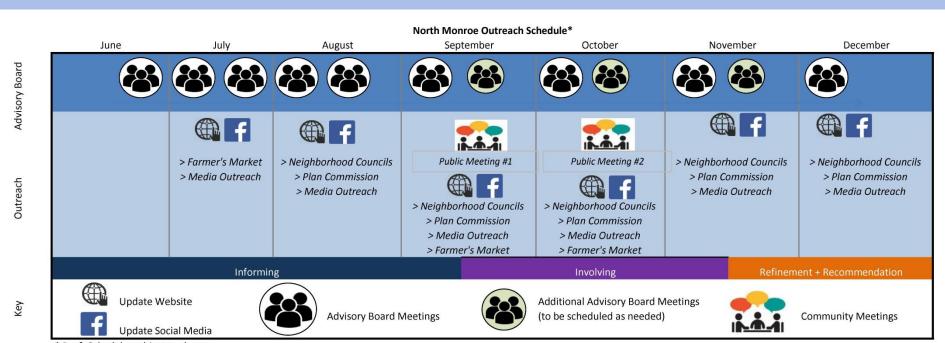


Final Recommendation

Informing

**Involving** 

#### **Draft Schedule**



<sup>\*</sup> Draft Schedule; subject to change

# N. Monroe Advisory Board Ground Rules

- Please come to the meetings on time and prepared
- Review meeting materials before meetings
- Respect the views of other board members and the group/s they represent
- Be willing to talk through difficult issues and compromise where necessary to achieve overall project progress
- Work with City staff to help disseminate information to stakeholders you represent
- Provide feedback loop back to the Board and City staff from the stakeholders you represent
- Have fun!





# Open Government Training

- The Open Government Trainings Act (ESB 5964) was enacted by the 2014 Washington State Legislature, effective July 1, 2014.
- The Act requires basic open government training for local and statewide officials and records officers.
- Training covers two subjects: public records and records retention and open public meetings.
- Training depends on what governmental position you fill.

# Open Government Training

- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) RCW 42.30
- Applies to all <u>multimember</u> public agency boards and commission governing bodies, and their committees.
- Requires meetings to be open gavel-to-gavel unless there is an exception authorized by law.
- OPMA enforced by courts.
  - Court can impose a \$100 civil penalty against each member.
  - Court will award costs and attorney fees to a successful party seeking the remedy.
  - Action taken at an improperly closed meeting can be declared null and void.



Thank you!





