

# FOSTER ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND STREETSCAPE PLAN

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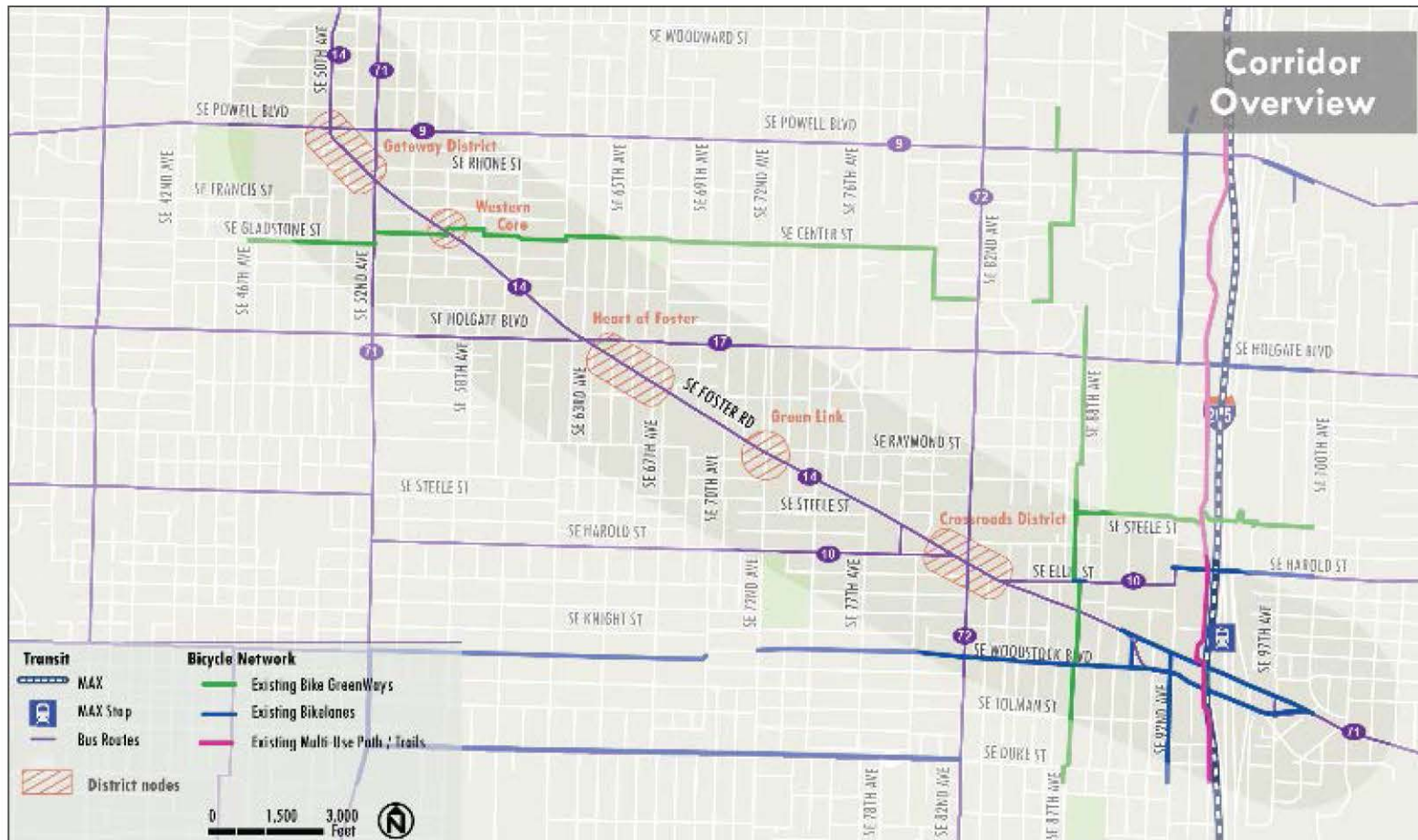
*Adopt the recommendations in the Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan*

- Project Context
- Public Involvement
- Plan Recommendations
- Prioritization and Funding



*Foster Road Now Widest Street In City.*

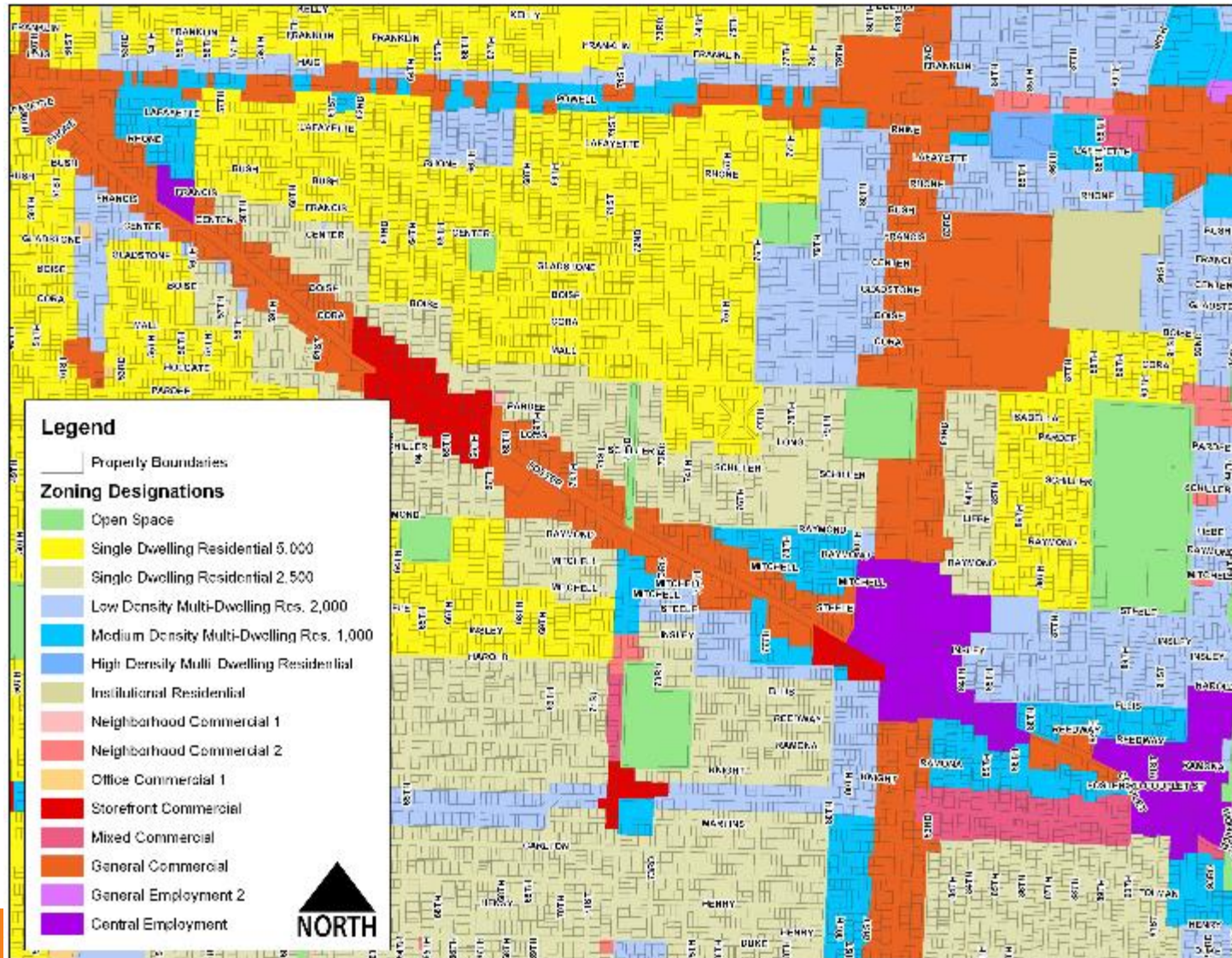
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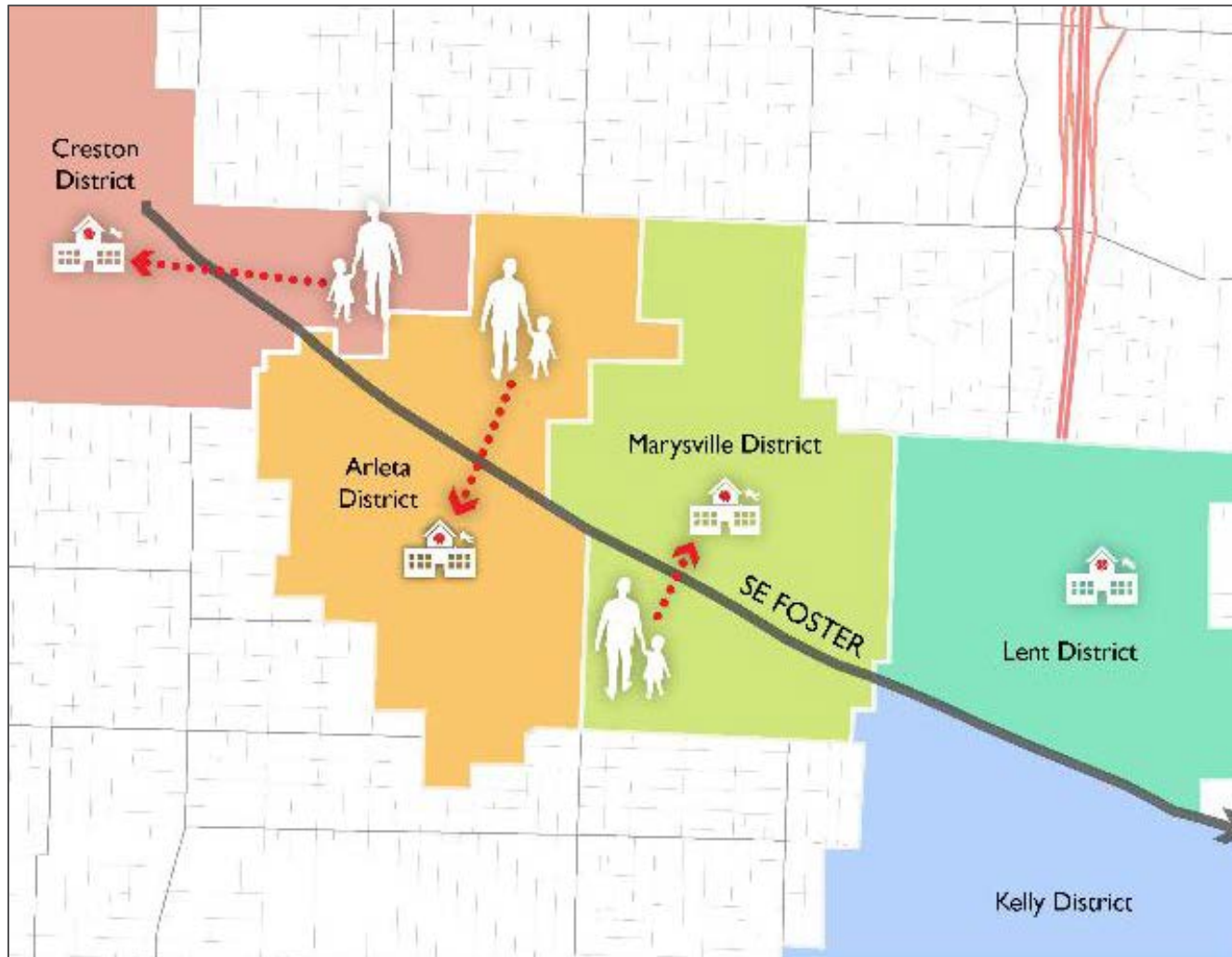
# Policy Context

- Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan (2003)
- Streetcar System Concept Plan (2009)
- Bicycle Plan for 2030 (2010)
- Foster Road High Crash Corridor Safety Plan (2012)
- PBOT awarded \$5.25 million to implement safety and streetscape improvements (\$2.25 million from Lents Urban Renewal District funds that leveraged \$3 million in regional grant funds)

# Land use and Zoning



# School Attendance Areas



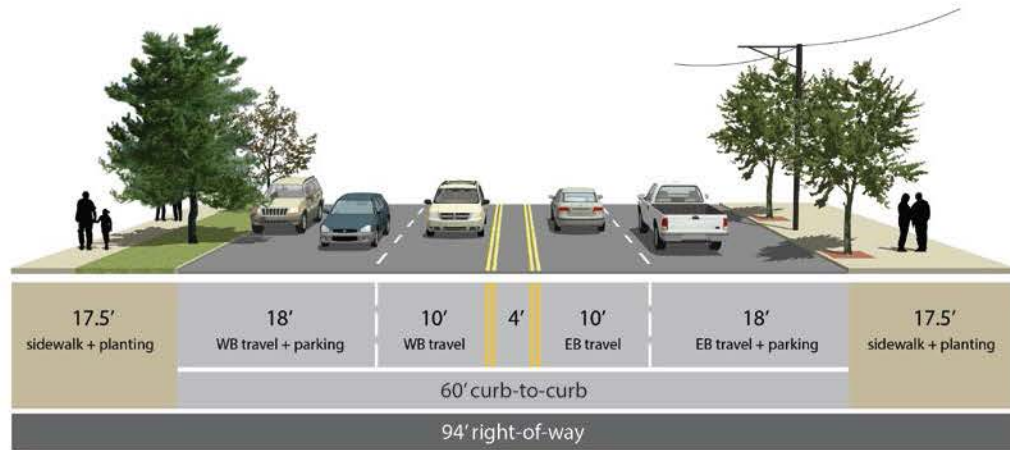
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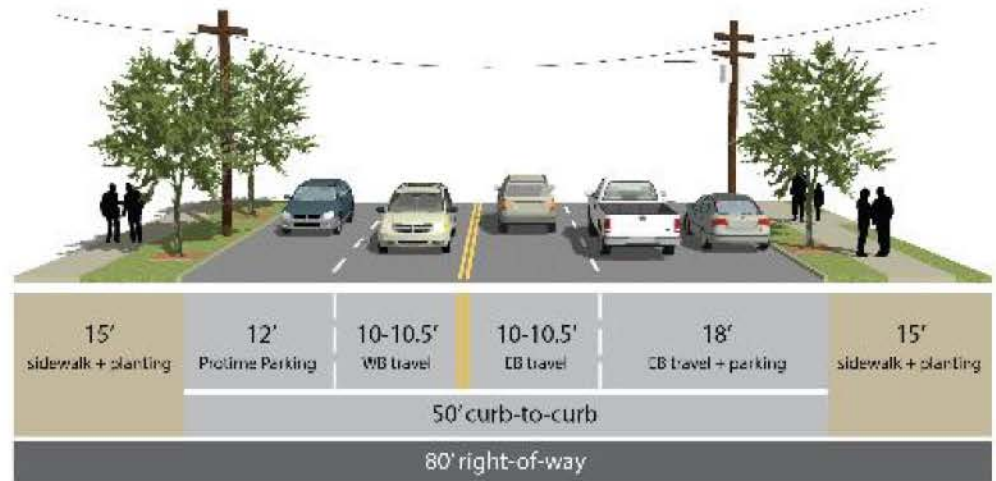


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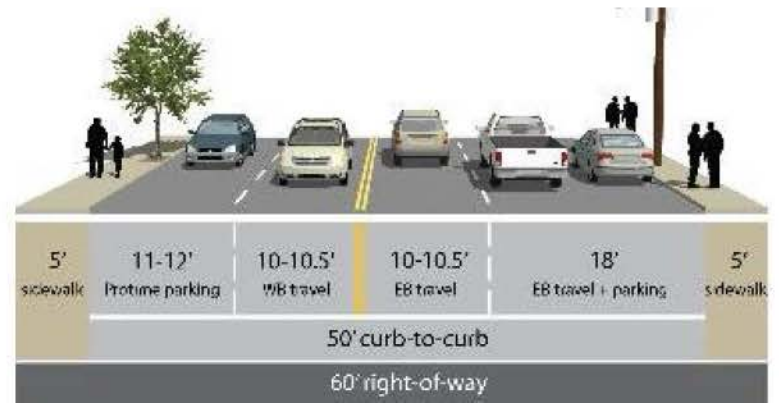
## Powell Boulevard to SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue



## SE 72<sup>nd</sup> to SE 80<sup>th</sup> Avenues



## SE 84<sup>th</sup> to SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues



# Cycling Conditions

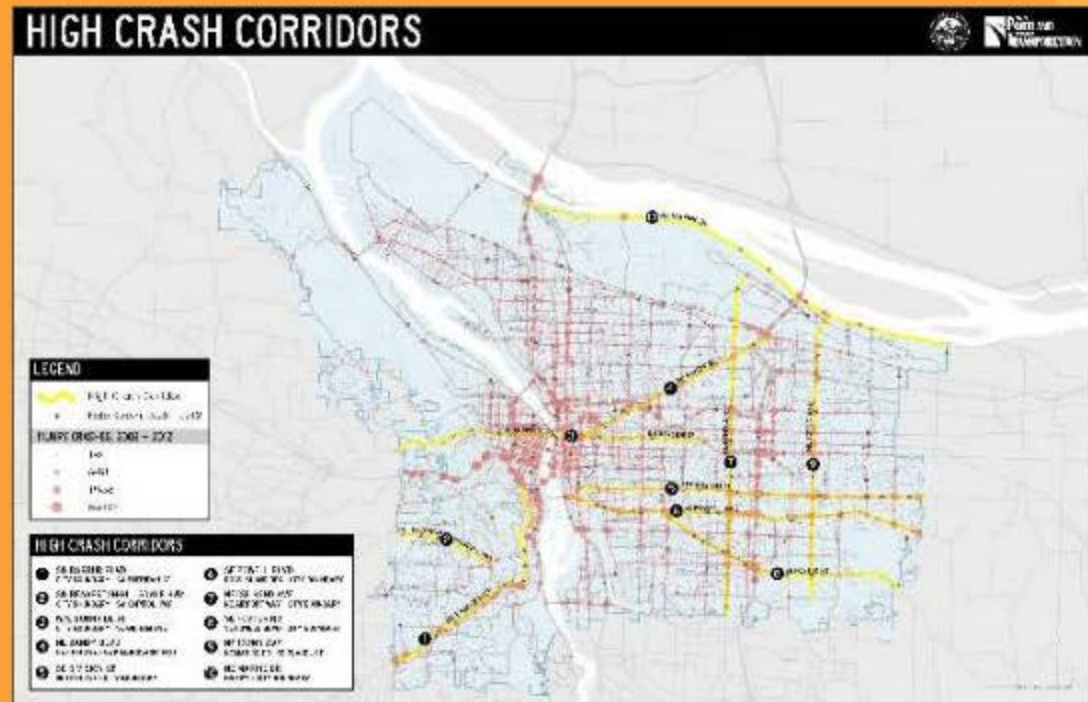


# Pedestrian Conditions



# Foster Road: A High Crash Corridor

- Over 1,200 total crashes in the last 10 years
- 537 crashes involving injuries
- 8 fatalities
  - 5 pedestrians
  - 3 auto riders
- Speeds along corridor exceed the posted 35 mph



# Public Involvement

- 12 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings
- 5 Open Houses > 450+ attendants
- 20+ meetings with stakeholder organizations in the area
- 500+ responses to several surveys (written and online)
- 15,000 flyers sent twice to households and businesses
- Language specific outreach to minority communities
- Media and blog coverage



# Plan recommendations

1. **Goals**
2. **Crossings**
3. **Cross section**
4. **Transit**
5. **Streetscape**



# Crossings - Curb Extensions



# Crossings - Marked Crossings

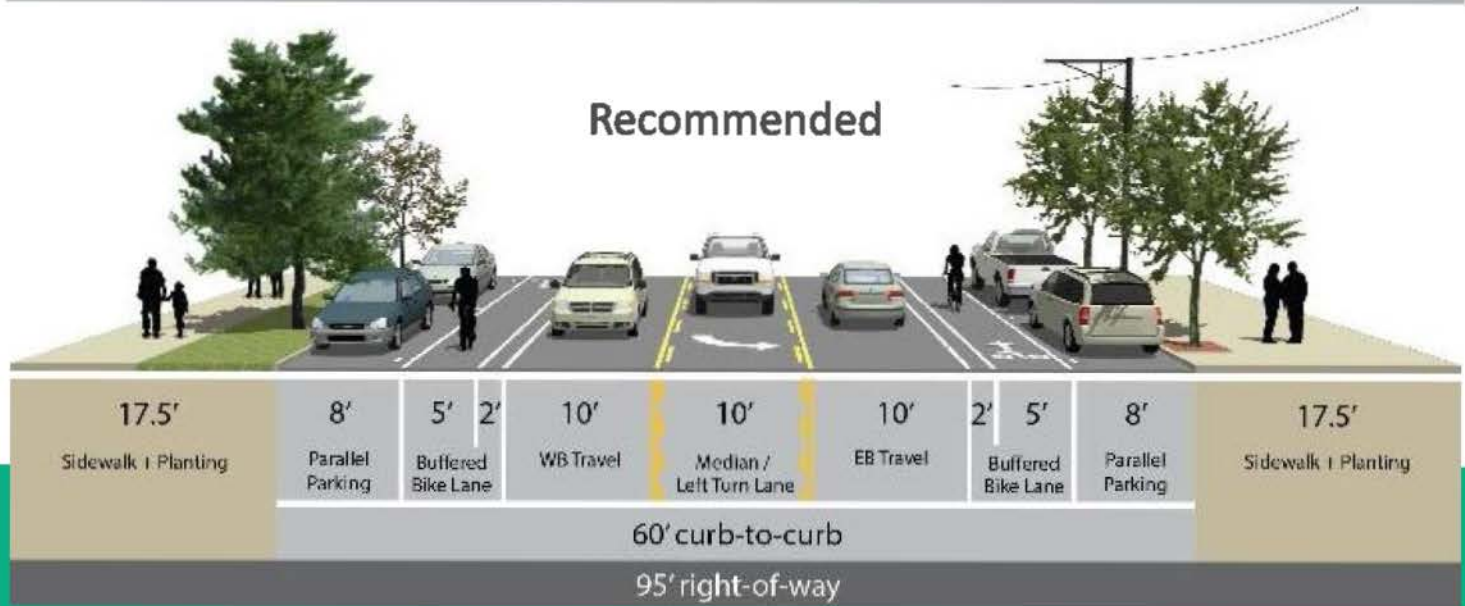




# Crossings - Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons



# Cross Section SE 52nd Avenue to SE 72nd Avenue



# Cross Section SE 72nd Avenue to SE 80th Avenue

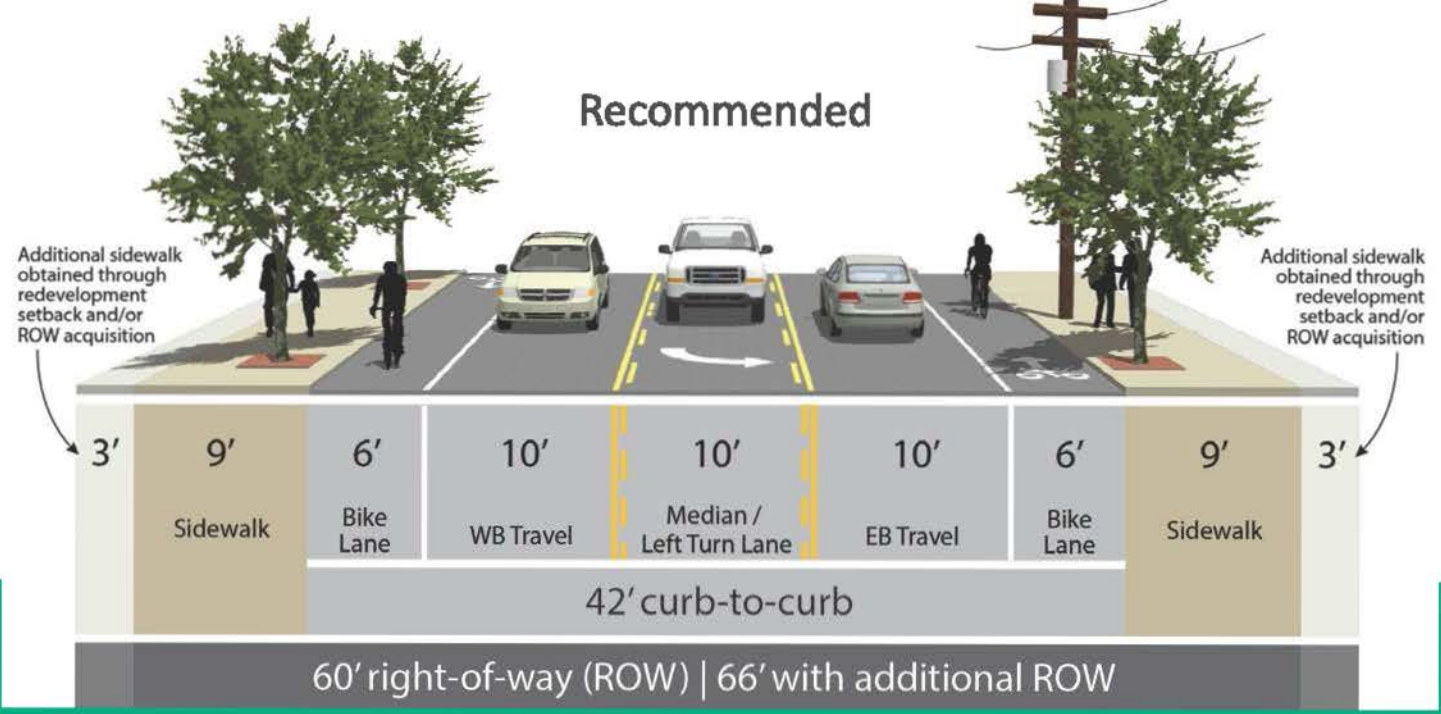


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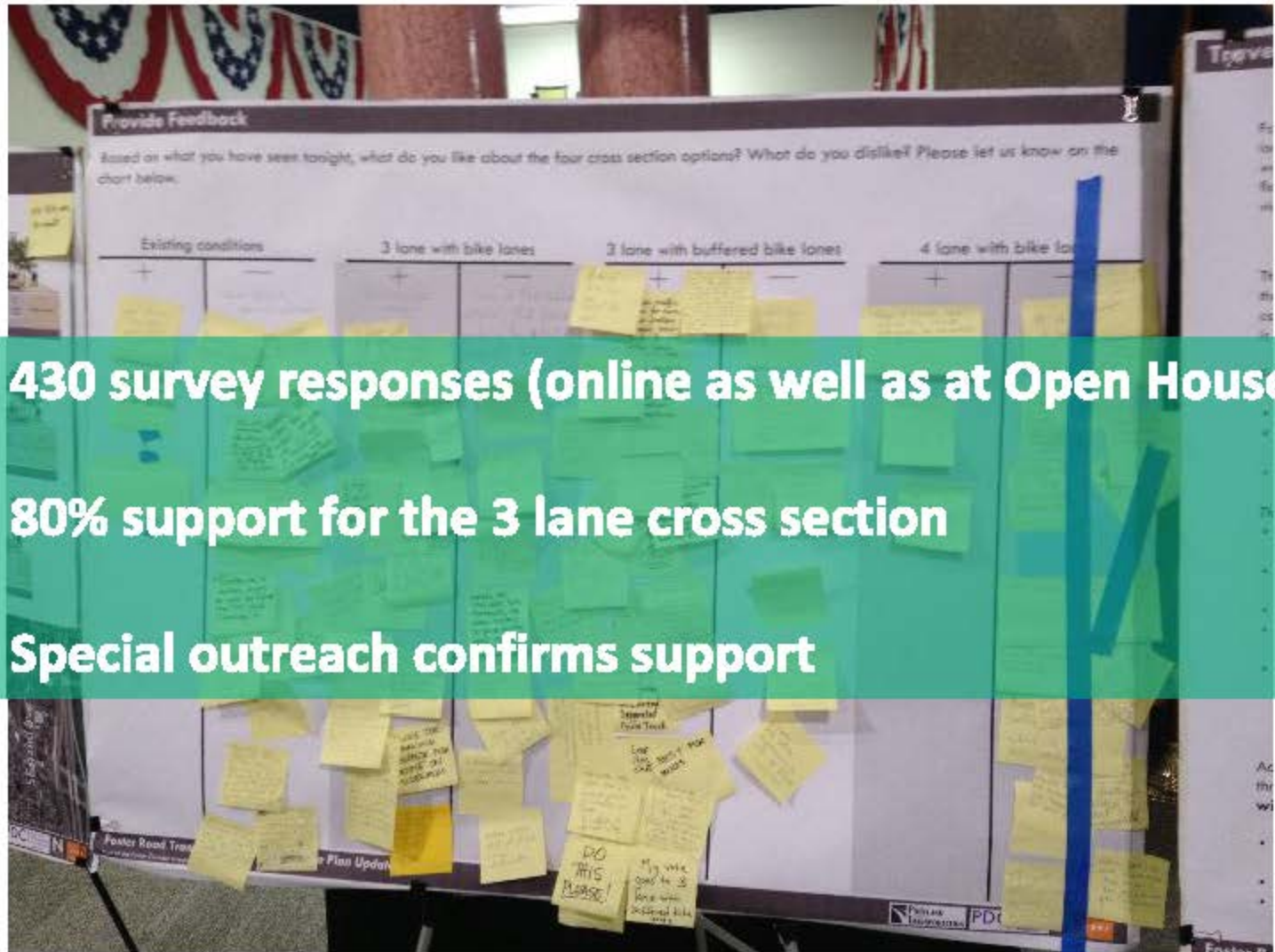
## Existing



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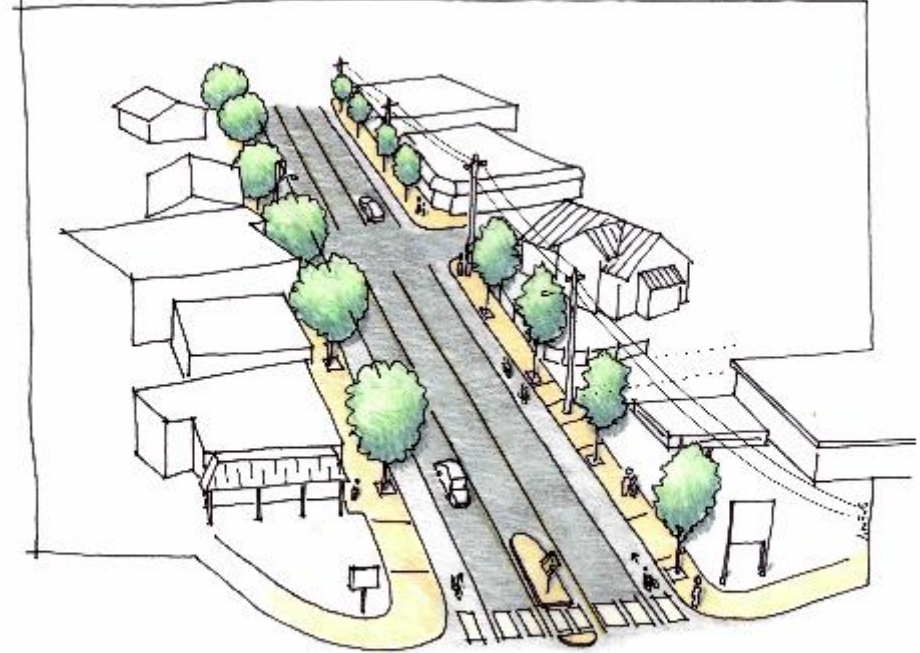
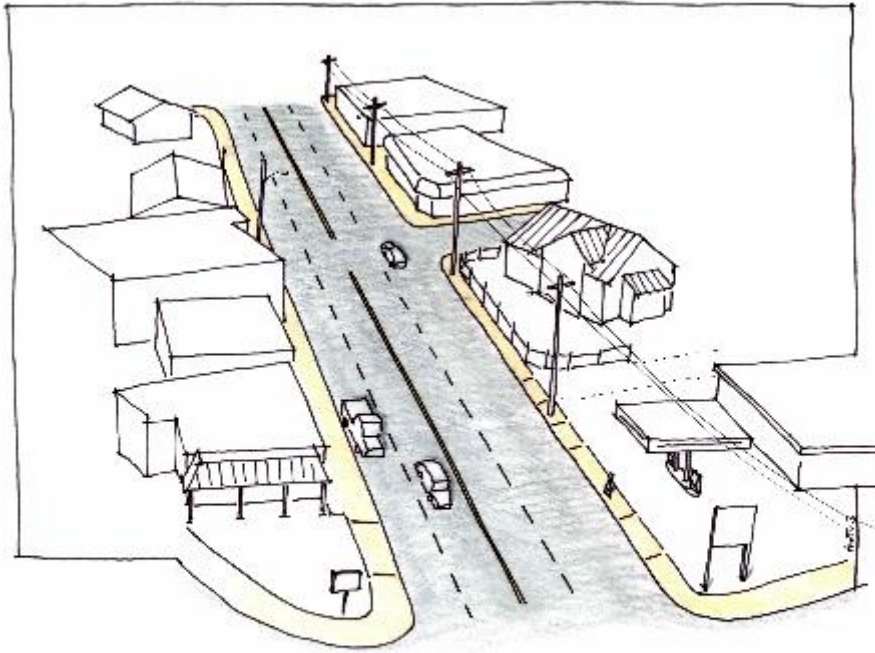


# Cross Section - Selection Process



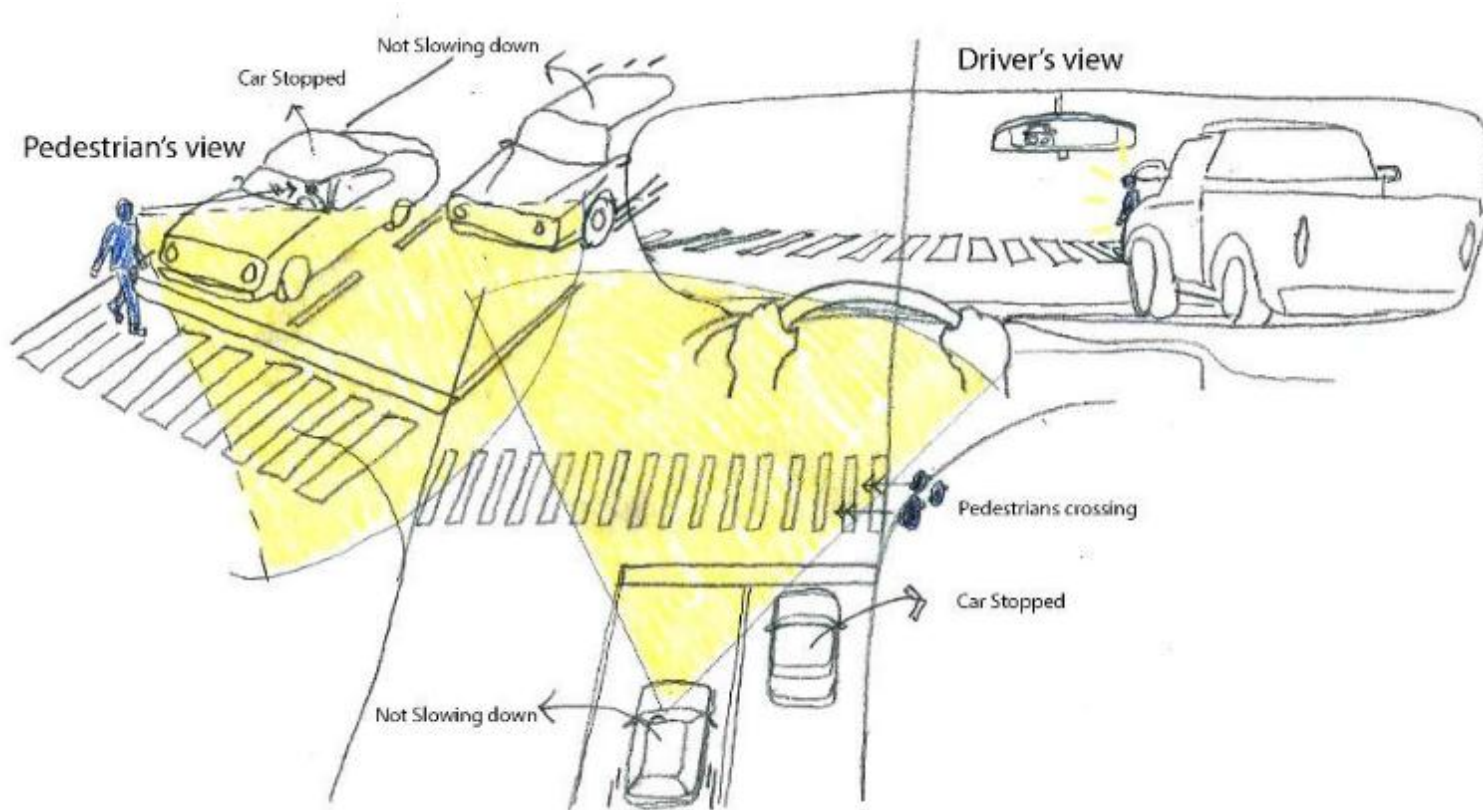
- **430 survey responses (online as well as at Open House)**
- **80% support for the 3 lane cross section**
- **Special outreach confirms support**

# Benefits - Pedestrians



Wider sidewalks (9 feet) with trees from SE 84<sup>th</sup> to SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues

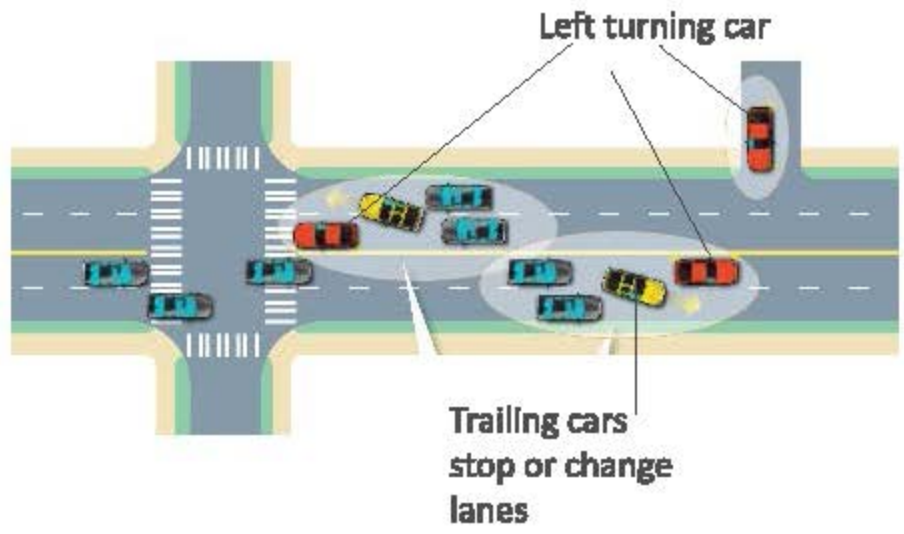
# Benefits – Pedestrians – Motorists



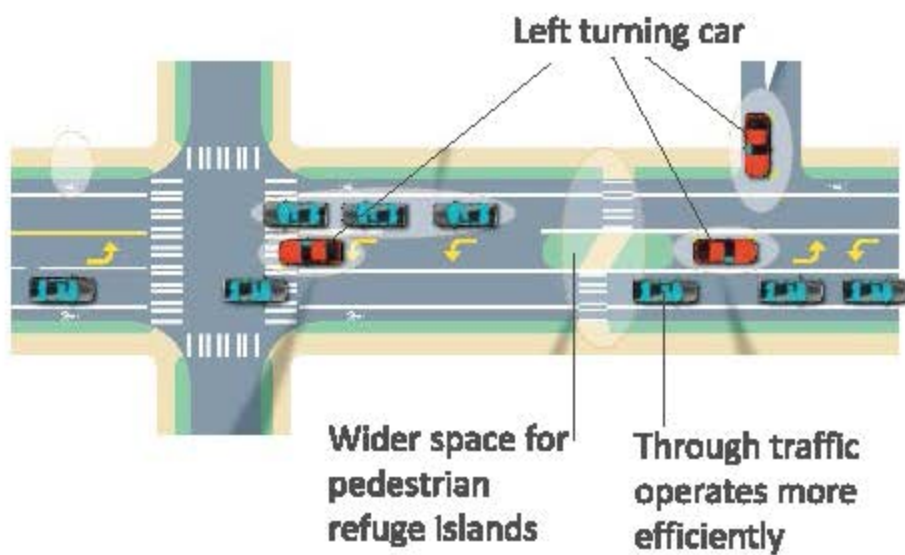
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# Benefits - Motorized Vehicle Safety

Sample 4-Lane Roadway Section



Sample 3-Lane Roadway Section



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Source: King County



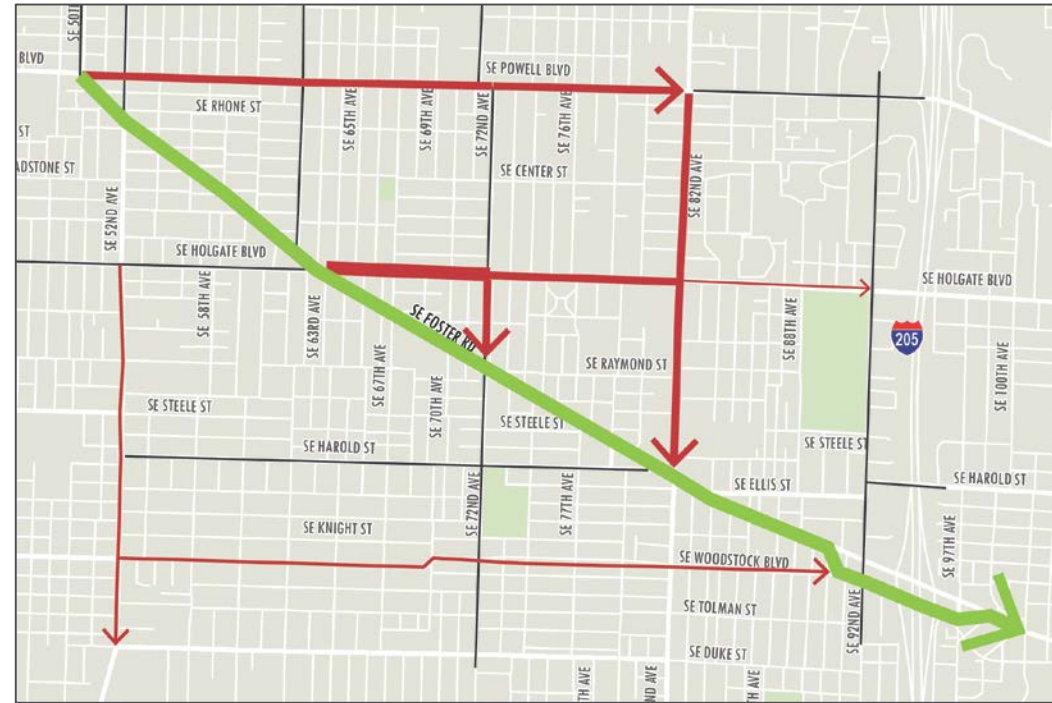
# Benefits - Bicyclists



Bicycle lanes from Lents Town Center to the upcoming “50s Bikeway”

# Traffic impacts

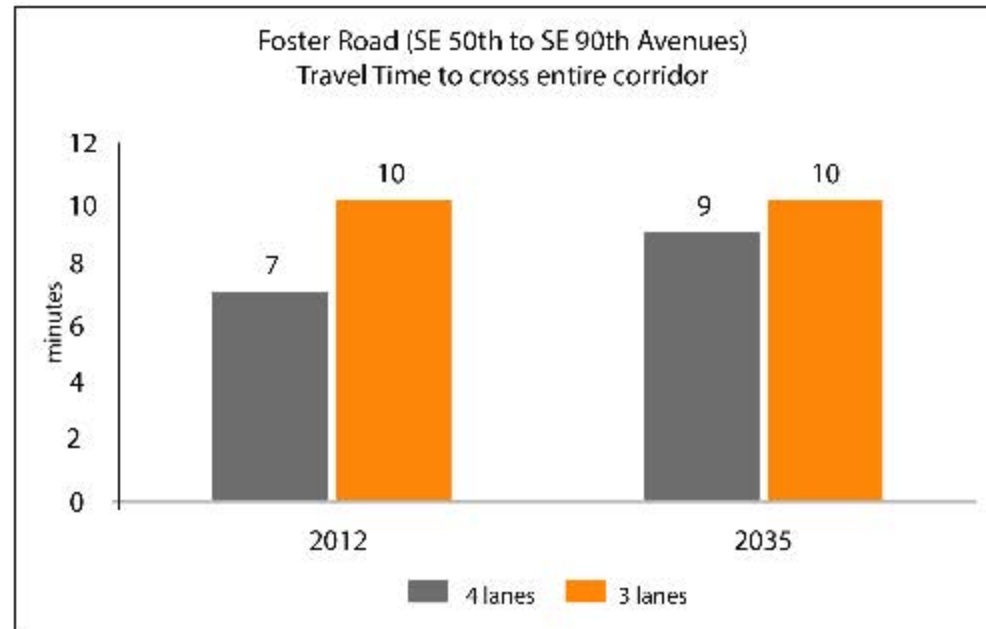
- During most of the day and weekends, no significant change in traffic patterns
- During peak times some traffic will divert
- During PM Peak on weekdays, up to 30 percent of traffic in the peak direction will find other arterials



*PM Peak Traffic pattern changes in peak direction*

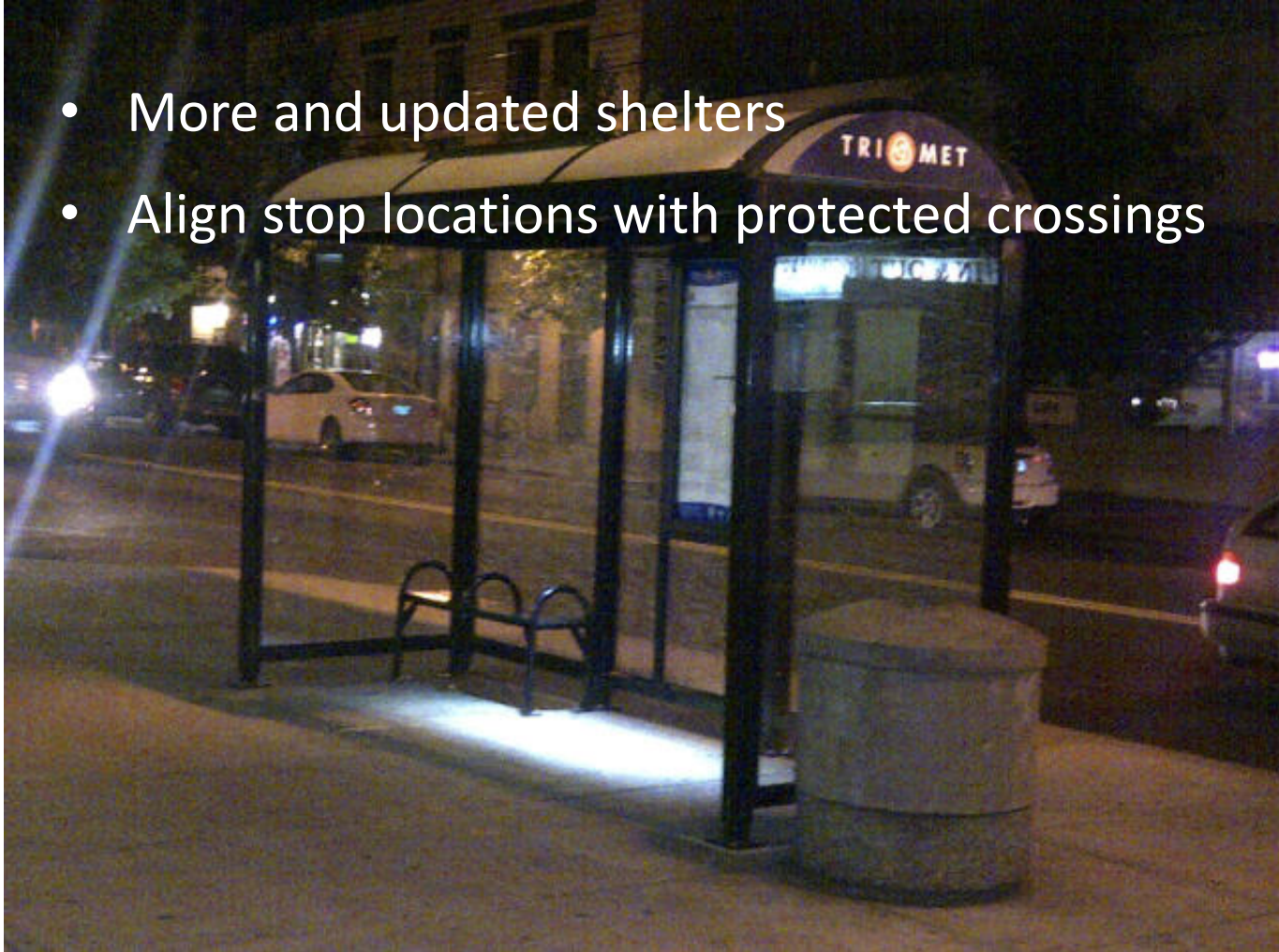
# Traffic impacts

- Up to 3 minutes of additional travel time to cross the **entire Foster corridor** in the peak time peak direction
  - 2 additional minutes for average user (who doesn't travel the entire corridor)
- By 2035, the travel time difference to cross the entire corridor is reduced to 1 minute



# Transit

- More and updated shelters
- Align stop locations with protected crossings

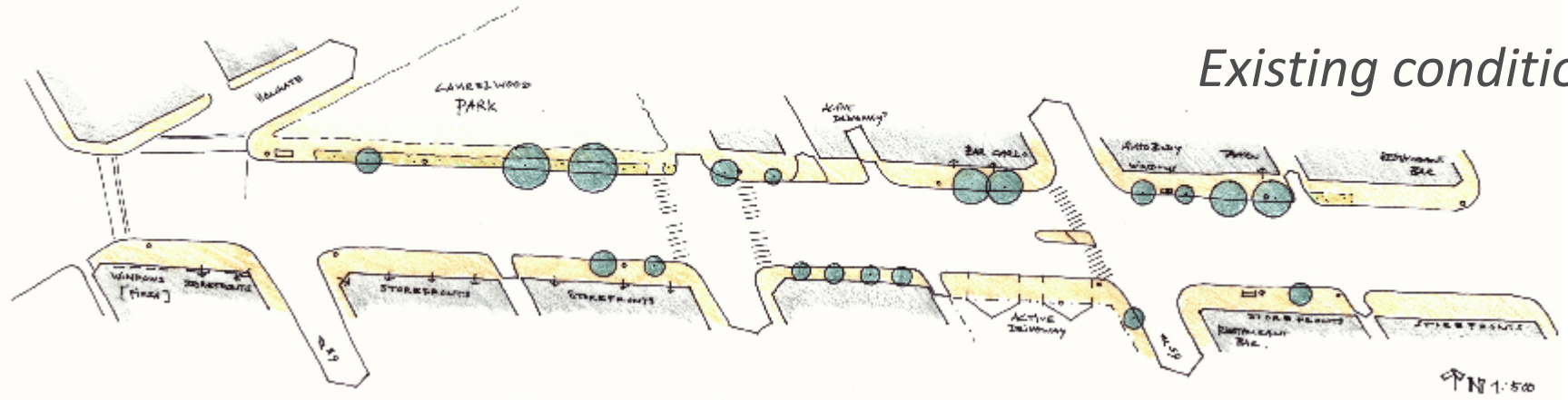


# Streetscape – Ornamental Lights

- Street Light Type: Lumec Z-40
- Complements historic buildings along the “Heart of Foster” and in Lents Town Center

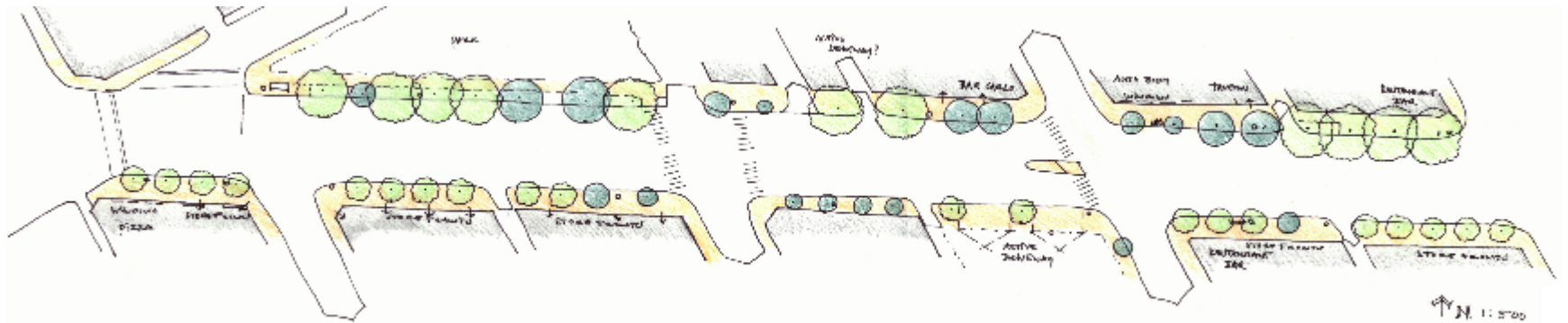


# Streetscape- Street Trees



*Existing conditions*

*Recommended:  
Adding large trees in north side and smaller trees south side*



# Prioritization and Funding

- Plan received strong support from the community
- Plan elements add up to more than the awarded funds to date
- Public and SAC prioritized how to allocate the \$5.25 million
  - Priority for safety improvements for all areas
  - Priority for crossings and cross section with wider sidewalks



*December Open House at SE Works*

# THANK YOU

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# Pedestrian Conditions



# Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan SE 50th Ave. to SE 90th Ave.

**OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, December 5, 2013, 6:00-8:00 PM**

SE Works, 7916 SE Foster Road

Closest TriMet bus lines: #10 on SE Harold, #14 on SE Foster, #72 on SE 82nd  
Drop by anytime between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Light snacks will be provided.

Please join us for an Open House to comment on the recommendations to improve Foster Road. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is recommending much-needed safety and multimodal (pedestrian, transit, bicycle, motor vehicle) improvements to Foster Road, a PBOT-designated High Crash Corridor, from SE 50<sup>th</sup> to SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues. This open house will present the recommendations developed with our citizen committee. The recommendations include the addition of protected crossings and curb extensions for pedestrians, safer access for cyclists via bicycle lanes, more bus stop shelters, more street trees, more street lights, wider sidewalks east of SE 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue which would greatly enhance walking and access to businesses, and the conversion of four travel lanes to three lanes which would lead to fewer crashes for all road users.



Currently, Foster Road between SE 50th Ave. and SE 90th Ave. has 4 lanes for cars, with no bike lanes or center turn lane (a typical block is shown above). Parking is allowed on both sides for much of its length.



The proposal is shown above. While there would be some variation depending on the width of the right-of-way, the proposal would add bike lanes and a center turn lane along this stretch of Foster, while retaining most of the on-street parking.

## Proyecto de Transporte para la Calle Foster

**REUNIÓN PÚBLICA**  
**jueves 5 de diciembre de 2013**  
**SE Works, 7916 SE Foster Rd.**

Venga a ver y comentar a nuestras propuestas mejoras, que incluyen mas cruces protegidos y extensiones de las aceras, ciclovías, la conversion de cuatro a tres pistas, mas refugios para las paradas de buses, mas arboles y luces, y nuevas y mas anchas aceras al este de la calle SE 84.

Línea más cercana de autobuses TriMet: 14 en SE Foster, 10 en SE Harold, 72 en SE 82

Llegue a cualquier hora entre las 6:00 y las 8:00 p. m. para obtener más información.

Para solicitar un intérprete, llame al 503-823-6177 antes del 26 de noviembre.

## Фостер автомобильного транспорта проэкт

**День Открытых Дверей**  
**Четверг, 5 Декабря, 2013**  
**SE Works 7916 SE Foster Road**  
Приходите в любое время между 6:00 вечера и 8:00 вечера

Приходите и прокомментируйте наши предлагаемые усовершенствования, которые включают дополнительные безопасные переходы и расширенные обочины, велосипедные линии, передел четырехлинейного движения в трехлинейное, больше стояночных карманов, уличных деревьев и уличного освещения, и новые расширенные пешеходные тротуары к востоку от SE 84th Avenue.

Заказать услуги переводчика можно по телефону 503-823-7808 До 26 Ноября

## Dự Án Chuyên Chờ cho đường Foster (Foster Road)

**Cuộc Tiếp Tân Cho Tin Tức sẽ được tổ chức**

**Thứ Năm 5 tháng 12, 2013**  
**Ở địa chỉ: 7916 SE Foster Road**

Tới tham dự bất cứ lúc nào từ 6:00 chiều tới 8:00 giờ tối

Tới tham dự và cho chúng tôi ý kiến về những về những cải tiến đã được nêu ra là: thêm những chỗ an toàn để qua đường và thêm lề đường, thêm đường đi cho xe đạp, chuyển 4 đường nhỏ thành 3 đường nhỏ cho xe cộ, thêm những chỗ đón xe buýt, thêm đèn đường và cây cối, và chỗ đi bộ mới, rộng hơn phía đông của đường nam đường Tám Mười Bốn (84th Ave.).

Xin gọi số 503-823-7808 trước ngày 26 tháng 11, để yêu cầu người thông dịch.

# Transportation System Plan (TSP)

## Street Designations

**Bike:** City Bikeway (per *Bicycle Plan for 2030*)

**Emergency Response:** Major Route

**Freight:** Truck Access

**Pedestrian:** City Walkway

**Traffic:** Major City Traffic

**Transit:** Major Transit Priority, potential future streetcar corridor

**Design:** Regional Main Street/Regional Corridor

# Gateways and Public Art

- Gateways: Locations for public art
  - Powell/Foster (Transit island)
  - Heart of Foster (Laurelwood Park)
  - 82<sup>nd</sup>/Foster (TBD)
  - Lents Town Center (completed)
- Public Art: Plan calls for
  - Funding for public art strongly encouraged. Work with RACC on public process to determine type and final location

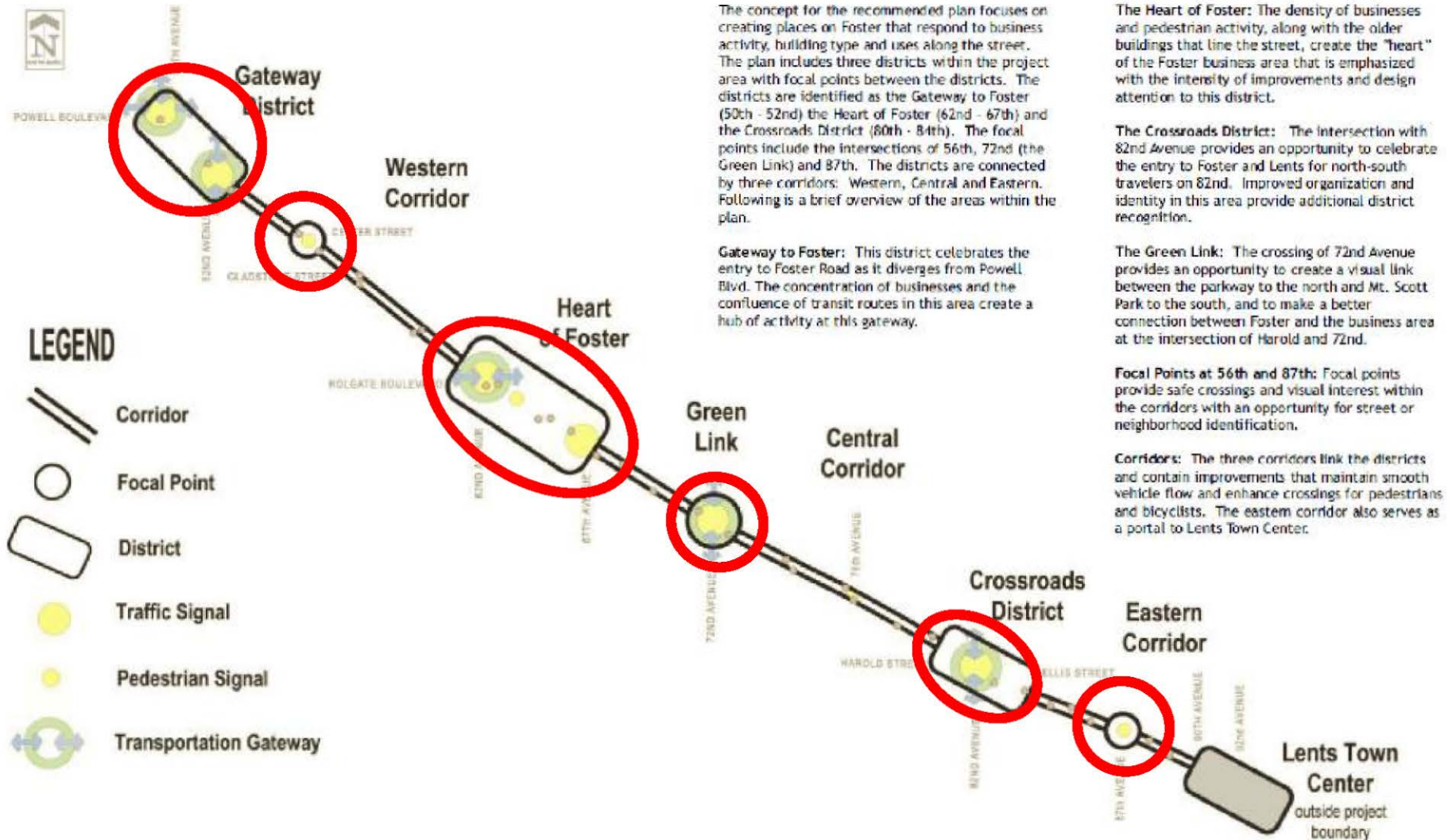
# Street Trees

- Protect existing healthy trees in corridor
- Provide large new trees where possible (north side)
- Balance need for large tree wells with café seating and other streetscape elements
- Develop separate tree lists for districts and corridors
- Work with BES and Parks on tree planting program along Foster Rd



# Ornamental Lights

## PLAN OVERVIEW







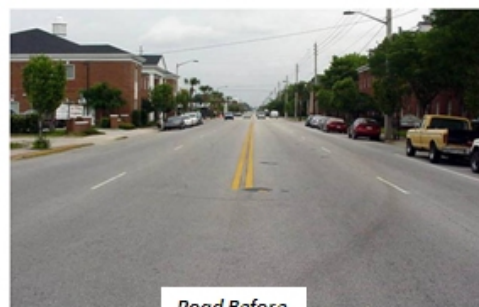
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## Proven Safety Countermeasures

### "Road Diet" (Roadway Reconfiguration)



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration



Road Before



Road After

FHWA-SA-12-013

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The classic roadway reconfiguration, commonly referred to as a "road diet," involves converting an undivided four lane roadway into three lanes made up of two through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane. The reduction of lanes allows the roadway to be reallocated for other uses such as bike lanes, pedestrian crossing islands, and/or parking. Road diets have multiple safety and operational benefits for vehicles as well as pedestrians, such as:

- Decreasing vehicle travel lanes for pedestrians to cross, therefore reducing the multiple-threat crash (when one vehicle stops for a pedestrian in a travel lane on a multi-lane road, but the motorist in the next lane does not, resulting in a crash) for pedestrians,
- Providing room for a pedestrian crossing island,
- Improving safety for bicyclists when bike lanes are added (such lanes also create a buffer space between pedestrians and vehicles),
- Providing the opportunity for on-street parking (also a buffer between pedestrians and vehicles),
- Reducing rear-end and side-swipe crashes, and
- Improving speed limit compliance and decreasing crash severity when crashes do occur.

### Background

Midblock locations tend to experience higher travel speeds, contributing to increased injury and fatality rates. More than 80 percent of pedestrians hit by vehicles



# Existing Conditions

## Crossings

- Lack of protected crossings, and long crossing distances

## Sidewalks

- Wide sidewalks west of SE 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Substandard sidewalks east of SE 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## Bicycles

- Lack of dedicated bicycle facilities (including bicycle parking)

## Transit

- Frequent service on Foster (line #14 Hawthorne)

# Existing Conditions

## Traffic

- Four lanes of traffic, carrying between 22-24,000 vehicles a day

## Motor vehicle speeds

- Speeding occurs; 85<sup>th</sup> percentile about 38mph (speed limit is 35mph)

## Parking

- On-street parking on both sides west of SE 72<sup>nd</sup>, and on one side east of SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- On street parking generally underutilized

## Streetscape

- Lack of street trees and other streetscape design elements (stormwater, benches, lighting, etc.)