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West Park Avenue Traffic Calming Design

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WELCOME &
PRESENTATION



QUESTION & ANSWER



OPEN HOUSE

Agenda

This is a call to honor and respect Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. As residents and visitors of Durango, we are called upon to educate ourselves about the history and cultural heritage of the land we inhabit. The City of Durango is situated on the ancestral homelands and territories of the Nuuchiu (Ute), Jicarilla Apache (Apache), Pueblos of New Mexico, Hopi Sinom (Hopi), and Diné (Navajo) Nations. The original stewards of this land were forcibly removed and exposed to countless atrocities by the United States government, including repeatedly broken treaties, forced assimilation, the tragic legacy of Indian boarding schools, and the loss of ancestral homelands. We recognize lasting generational trauma exists within native communities today. We affirm the continuing importance of ancestral sites to descendant communities as integral to the living cultural landscape.

This acknowledgment only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed actions. May this serve as a step towards inclusion and reconciliation.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

MEETING PURPOSE

Present project goals, limits and scope

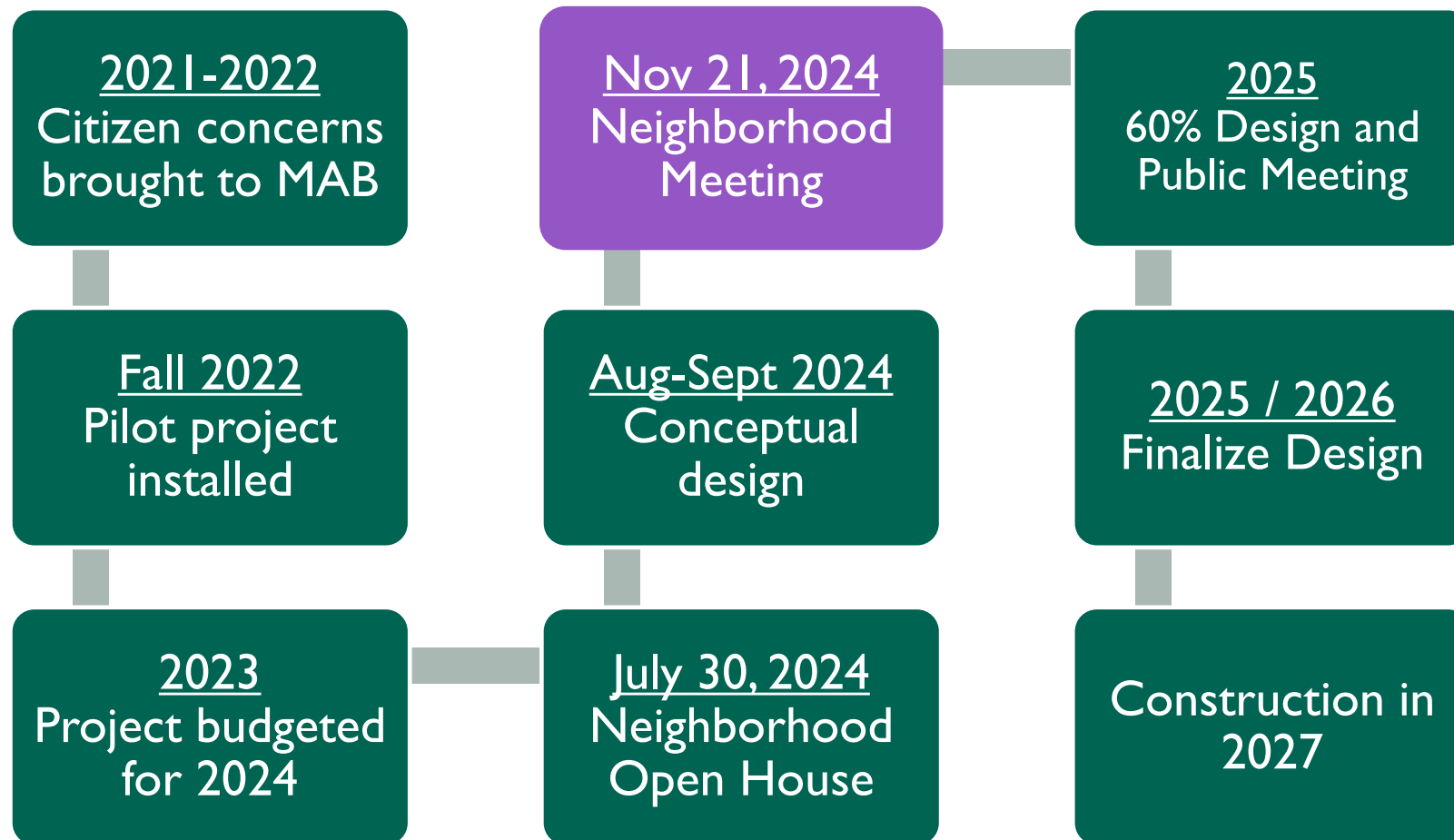
Analysis of comments from July Open House

Gather feedback on concept design options

Receive feedback on proposed design elements

Answer community questions and discuss concerns

BACKGROUND AND TIMELINE



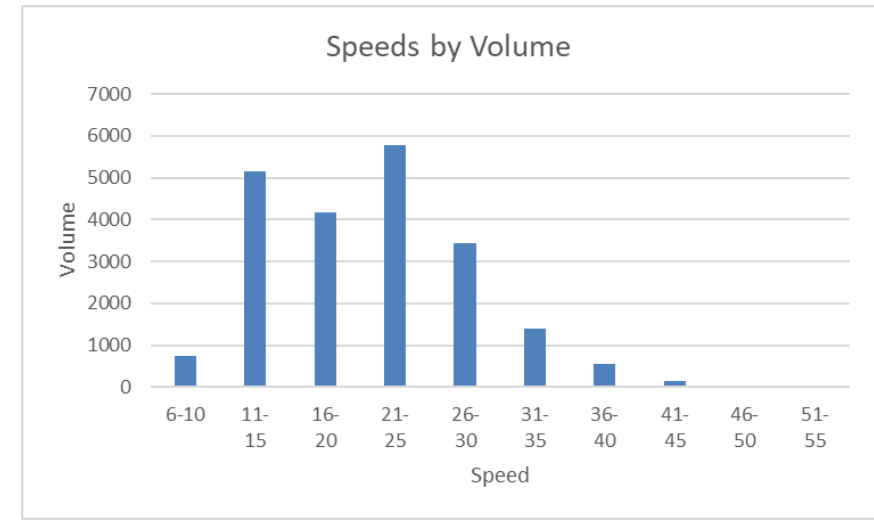
STREET CHARACTERISTICS

- Posted speed is 25 mph
- Two travel lanes with no centerline
- 8-ft parking lanes
- Collector Street
- DFPD primary response route
- One crosswalk on corridor
- Sidewalks with landscape buffer
- Fassbinder Park



NEED

- Slower speeds
 - 2022 speeds
 - 26% over speed limit (higher speeds southbound)
 - 85th percentile was 28 mph
 - Volume 3,000 ADT (1,400 in 2023)
- Pedestrian and cyclist connectivity
 - Lack of sidewalk connectivity (sidewalks and crosswalks)
 - Major cycle connection, but no infrastructure



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- July 31, 2024 Neighborhood Meeting at Fassbinder
- What We Heard
 - Feedback on Pilot Program (both for and against)
 - Vertical calming measures (speed humps / bumps / tables)
 - Concerns with parking
 - Enforcement and regulatory suggestions
 - Request for traffic restrictions and one-way alternatives
 - Opposition to roundabout(s)
 - Desire for bike lanes

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING RESPONSE

Vertical calming measures (speed humps / bumps / tables)

- Corridor is a primary emergency response route

Concerns with parking

- Maintaining majority of parking with design

Enforcement and regulatory suggestions

- Proposed conceptual design adds stop sign for southbound traffic on E 2nd Ave
- PD is investigating automated speed enforcement

Request for traffic restrictions and one-way alternatives

- One-way options were considered but impacts go far beyond scope

Desire for bike lanes

- Bike lanes were evaluated but require removal of landscaping or parking

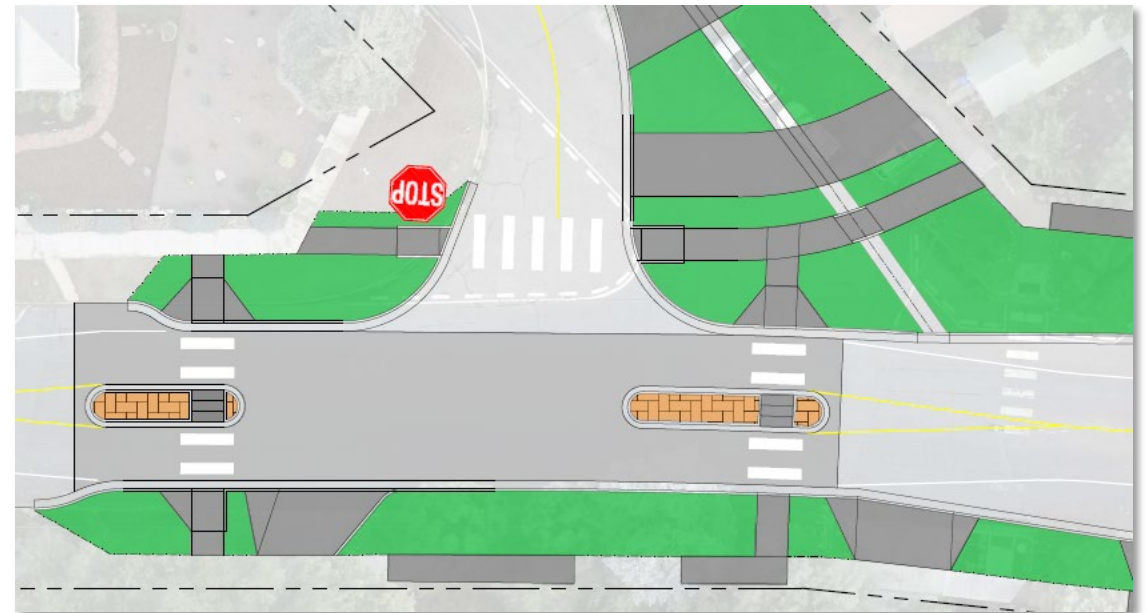
WEST PARK AVENUE AT WEST 3RD AVENUE

- Reconstruct paved median with potential water quality feature
 - Discourage cut-through traffic
- Provide connection to ART extension (proposed with Roosa Connect project)
 - Removes cyclists from intersection
- Add crosswalk aligned with walkway to Swinging Bridge, with median
 - Provides a connection for pedestrians
- Optional curb extensions on added crosswalk across 3rd Avenue
 - Traffic calming on 3rd and pedestrian connections



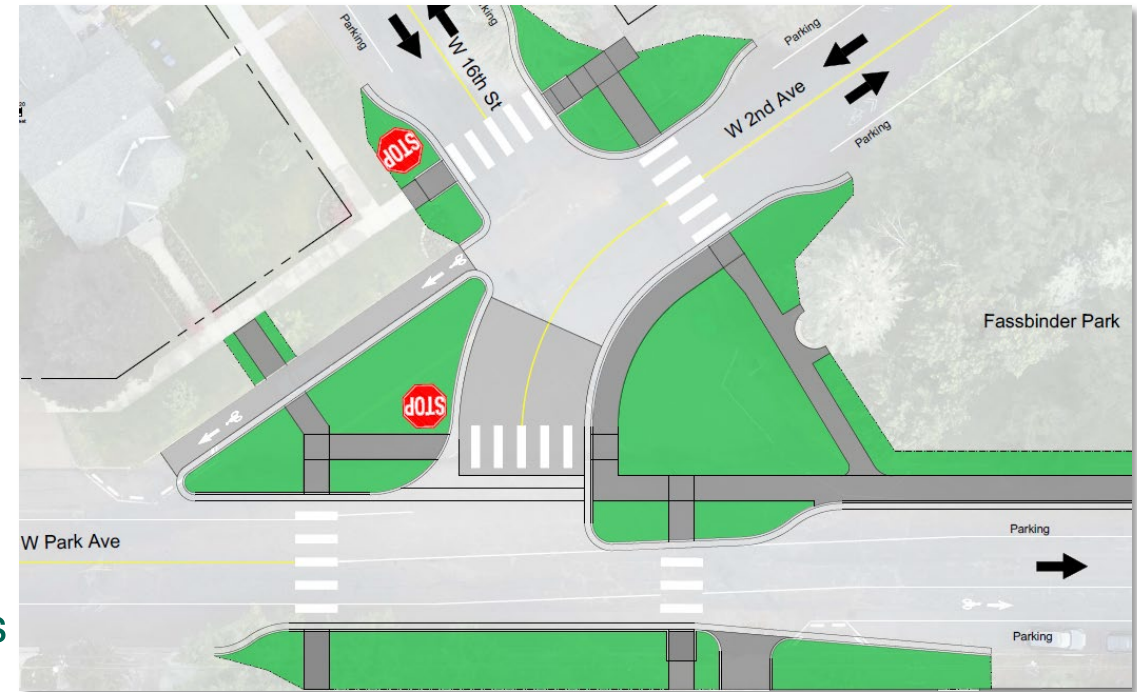
WEST PARK AVENUE AT ALAMO STREET

- Realign and narrow Alamo Street approach
 - Improve sightlines for vehicles
- Add traffic calming and pedestrian enhancements. Options include:
 - Curb extensions
 - Chicane
 - Raised island
 - Traffic Circle
- Maintain existing surface drainage with addition of landscaping / stormwater management features



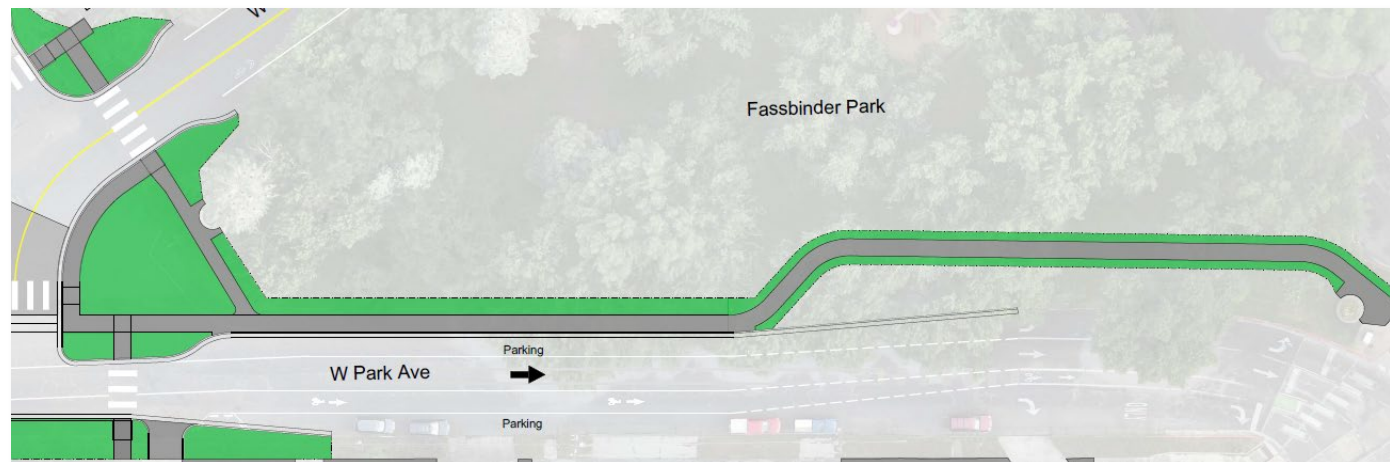
WEST PARK AVENUE AT WEST 2ND AVENUE / 16TH STREET

- Realignment of West 2nd Avenue and 16th Street approaches
 - Reduces intersection ambiguity
 - Discourages cut through traffic
- Add traffic calming and pedestrian enhancements. Options include:
 - Curb extensions
 - Raised island
- Add greenspace for landscaping / stormwater management features
- Option for West 2nd southbound bicyclist bypass
 - Separates cyclists from the intersection



WEST PARK AVENUE ALONG FASSBINDER PARK

- Narrowing of pavement to 36-feet (45-feet existing)
 - 8-foot parallel parking (both sides) – 12-foot through lane – 8-foot bike lane
 - Slow speeds
- Widened bike lane
 - Provides more space for cyclists
- Addition of 6-foot sidewalk
 - Avoiding impacts to lane configuration at Main Ave approach
 - Avoiding impacts to mature trees
- Maintaining existing parking on both sides of roadway



WHAT'S NEXT

Today's public meeting and community input

Online survey for further feedback

Progress 60% Design

60% Public Meeting

Finalize design and potential pilot implementation

QUESTION & ANSWER

- Be respectful of others and time
- Raise hand and we'll provide microphone
- We want to hear your comments! Please save them for the open house.



OPEN HOUSE

- In the back
 - Roll plot of corridor
 - 6 boards of design elements
- Sticky notes available for comments on roll plot
 - Specific comments are preferred
- Green dots available for boards
 - Put green dots on elements you prefer
- Staff is available for feedback and to answer questions
- Virtual attendees can provide comments on the Engage Durango web page linked in the chat



Tell us how
we did!