

February 15, 2024

# West 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Study

Public Meeting



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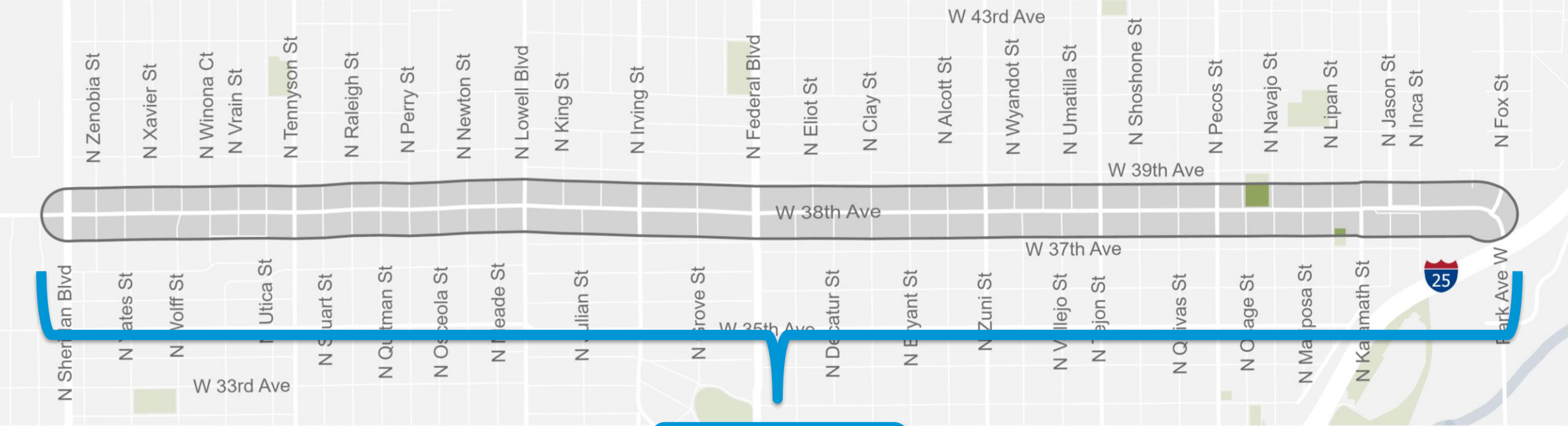
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# Project Overview

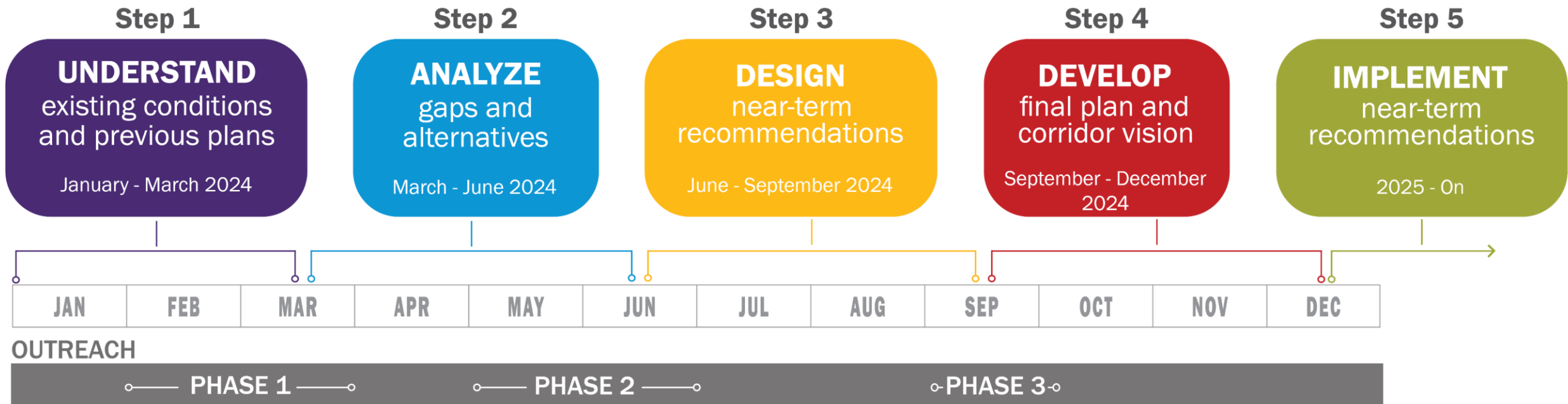
## Study Area



3 miles

# Project Overview Continued

## Timeline



# DOTI Values

## Denver Moves: Everyone 2050



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# Project Priorities

## West 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Study



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*Opportunities for near-term interventions (2024-2025)*



# Priority 1: Establish a Clear Community Vision

Past planning efforts recommended the following for West 38th Avenue:

## Bus Rapid Transit - *Denver Moves Transit*

- Dedicated bus lanes and signals
- Enhanced stations
- 15-minute all-day frequency



## Main Street Arterial - *Blueprint Denver*

- Connected and comfortable walking/rolling environment
- Wide sidewalks with amenity zones
- Improved intersection crossing safety



## Connected Bikeways

- Clear, safe bike connections
- More bike parking, including at transit stops
- 38th needs further study



## Green Priority - *Denver Moves Everyone*

- Street trees /landscaping
- Stormwater and water quality improvements
- Address urban heat island



## Celebrate History & Culture - *Near Northwest Area Plan*

- Blend residential and commercial as always
- More community gathering places

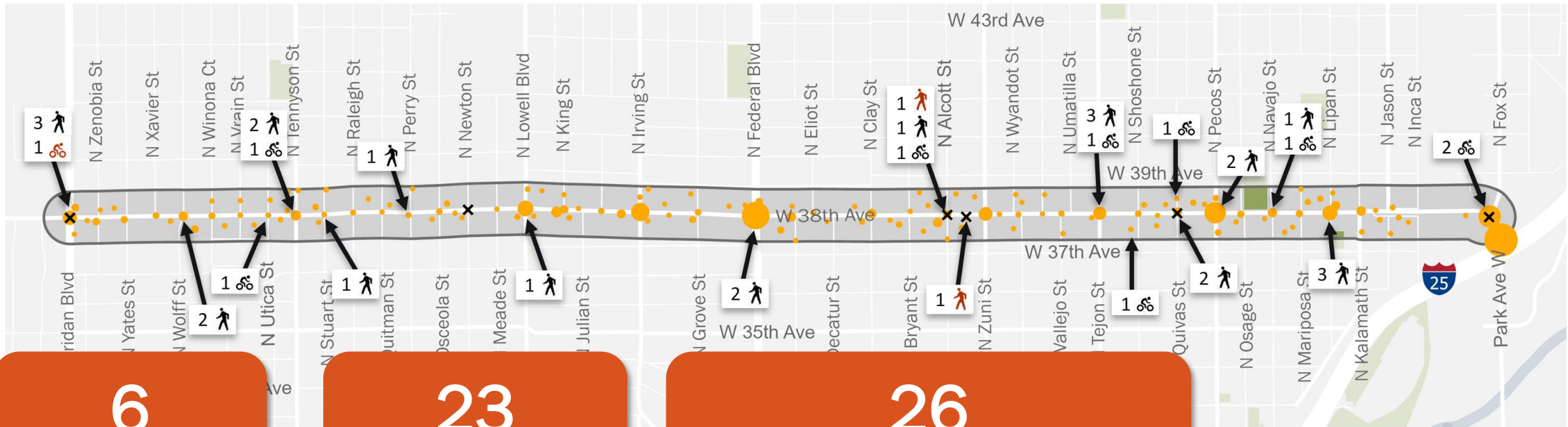




# Priority 2: Improve Safety

## Crash Map

September 1, 2018– August 31, 2023



**6**  
fatal crashes

**23**  
severe crashes

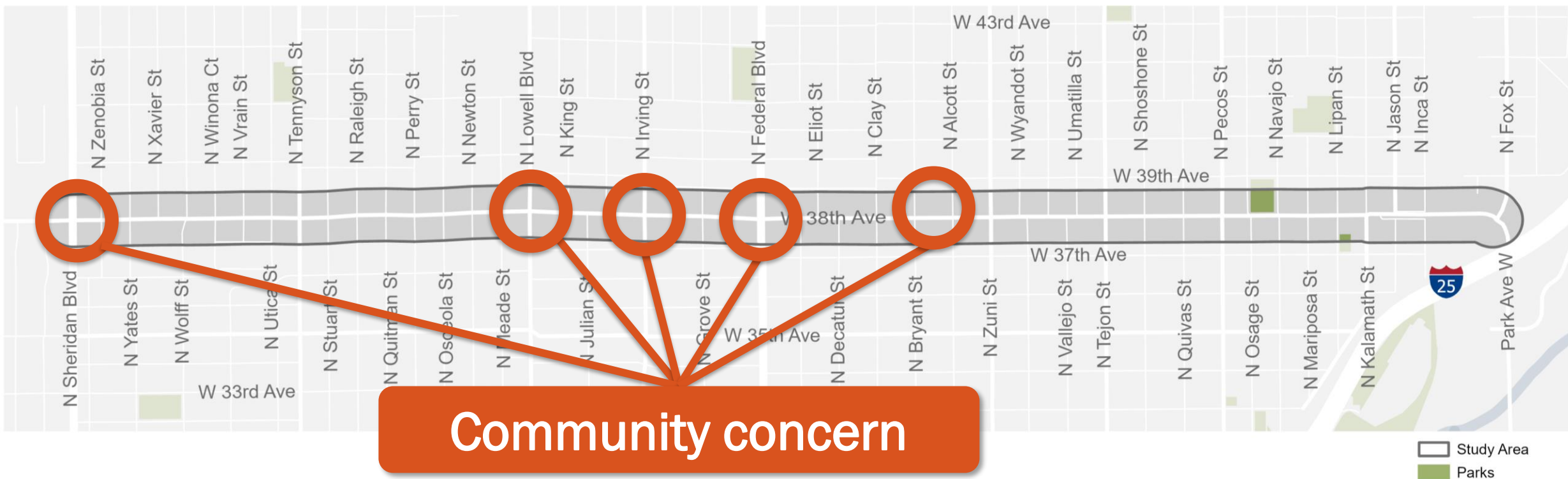
**26**  
Pedestrian-involved crashes



Notes: Includes data within the City and County of Denver only



# Priority 2: Improve Safety Continued



Community concern



# Priority 2: Improve Safety Continued 2

## Key Takeaways

Rear-end crashes  
comprise 29% of  
all crashes  
(2 severe injury)

T-bone crashes  
caused 10  
fatal/severe  
injury incidents

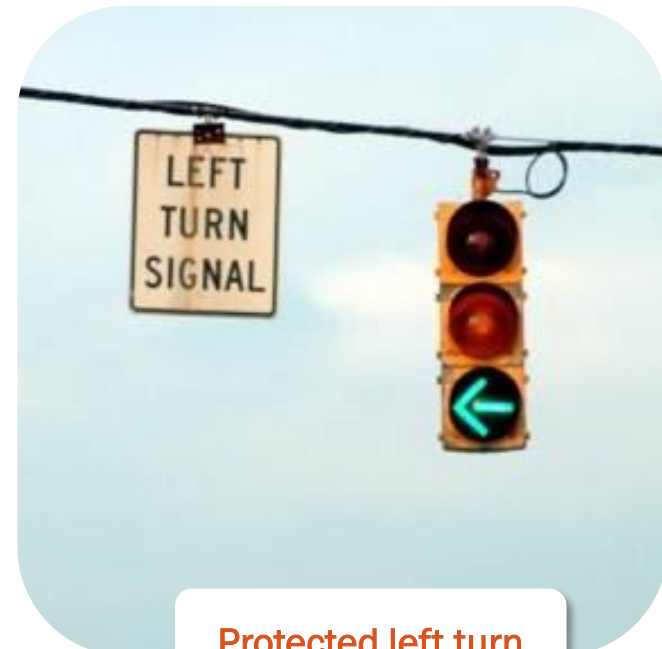
Pedestrians were  
involved in 26  
crashes (13  
caused by left-  
turning vehicle)

Drugs or alcohol  
were involved in  
31 crashes

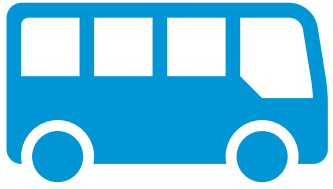
## Example Interventions



Pedestrian protection



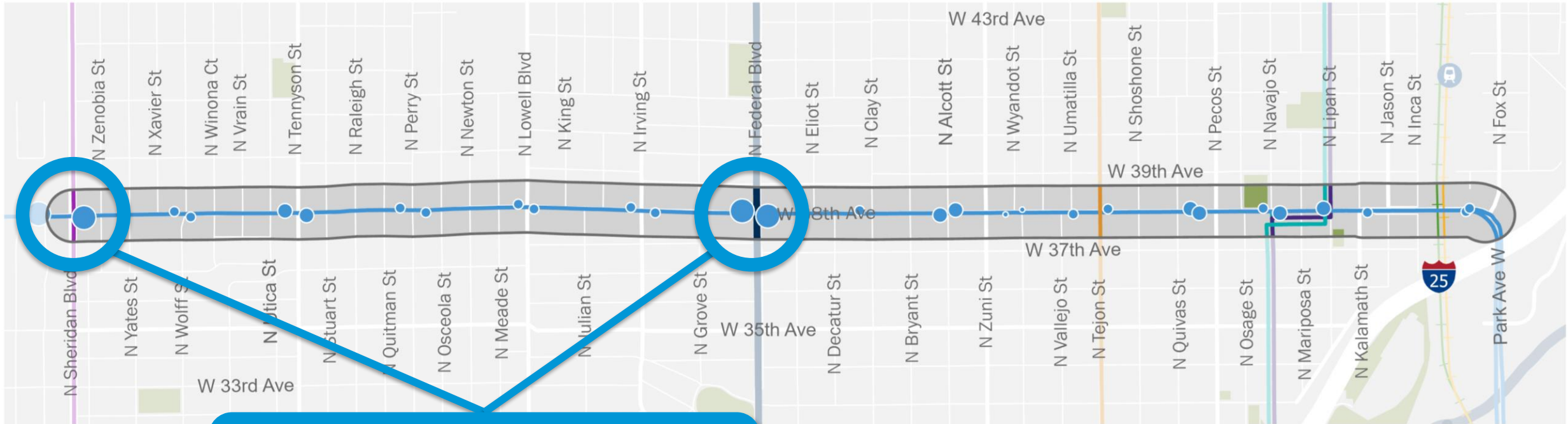
Protected left turn



# Priority 3: Enhance Public Transit

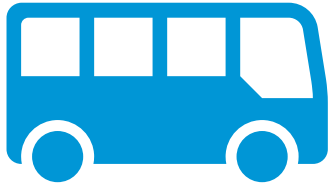
## Route 38 Daily Weekday Ridership

January - May 2023



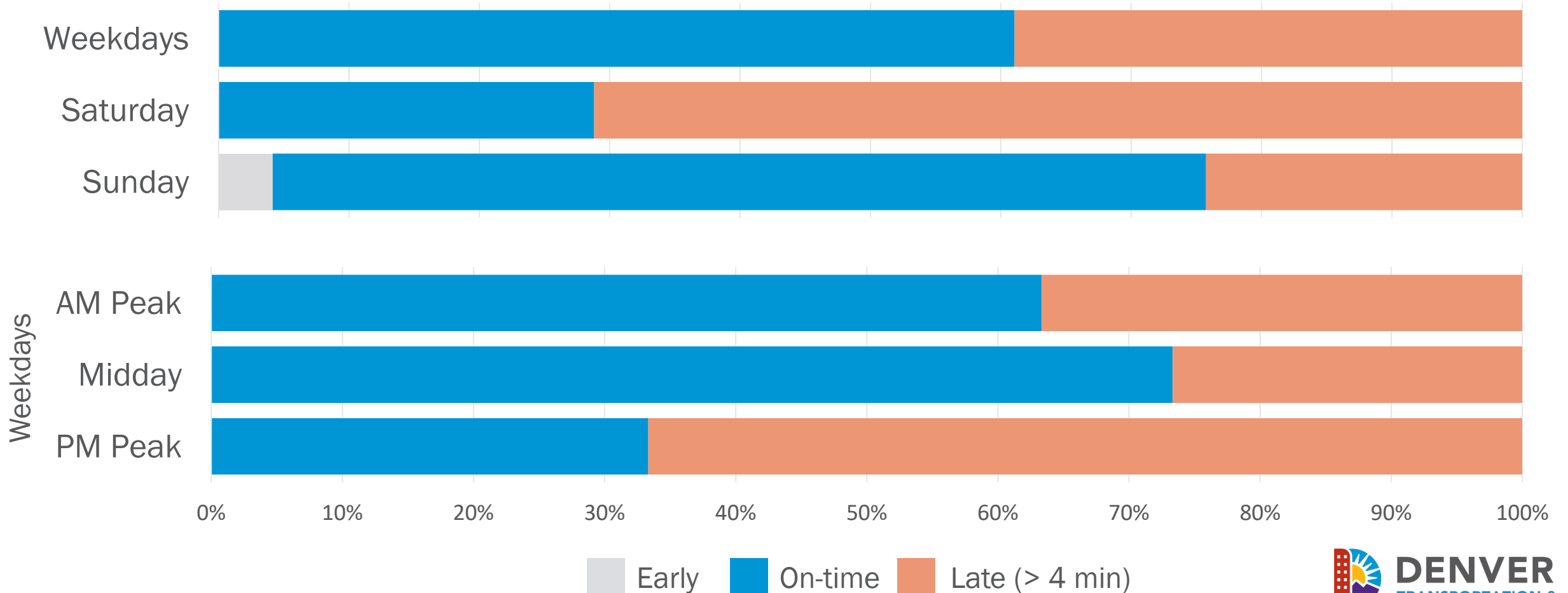
**Sheridan and Federal  
Stops with highest ridership**

<b>Daily Boardings + Alightings</b>	<b>RTD Routes</b>	<b>51 Bus Route</b>	Rail Station
<10 Passengers	38 Bus Route	52 Bus Route	Study Area
10 - 20 Passengers	19 Bus Route	B Line Commuter Rail	Parks
21 - 50 Passengers	31 Bus Route	G Line Commuter Rail	
51- 108 Passengers	44 Bus Route		



# Priority 3: Enhance Public Transit Continued

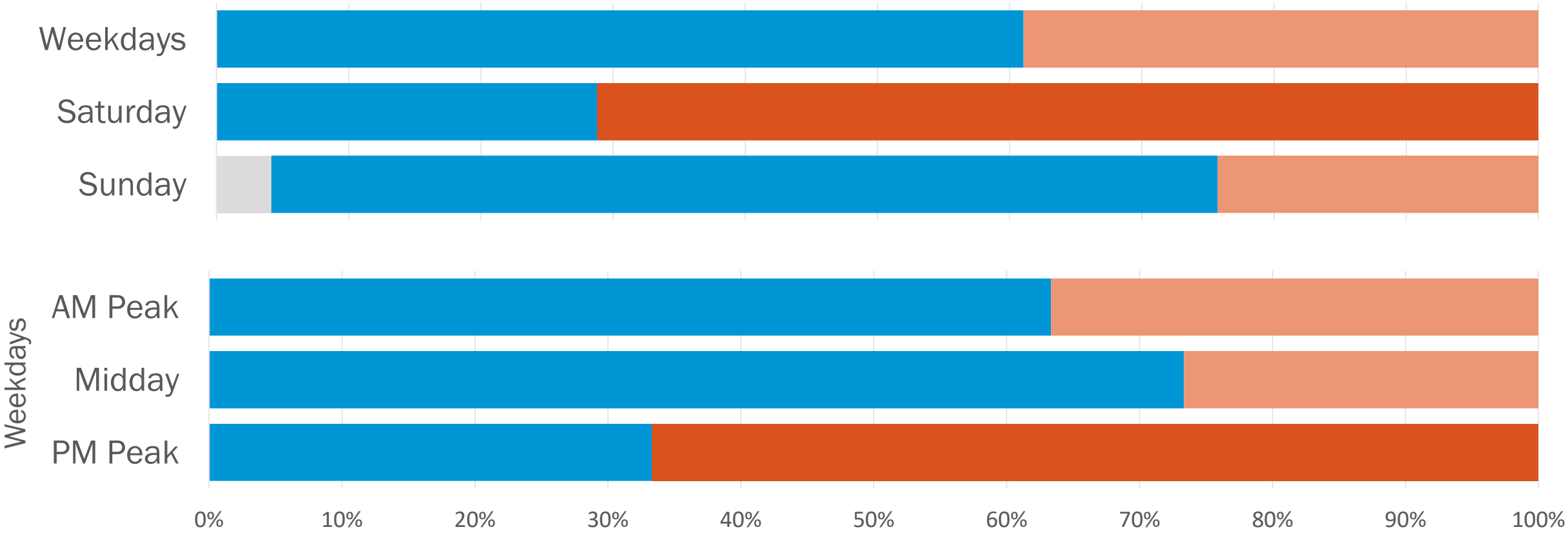
## Route 38 On-Time Performance





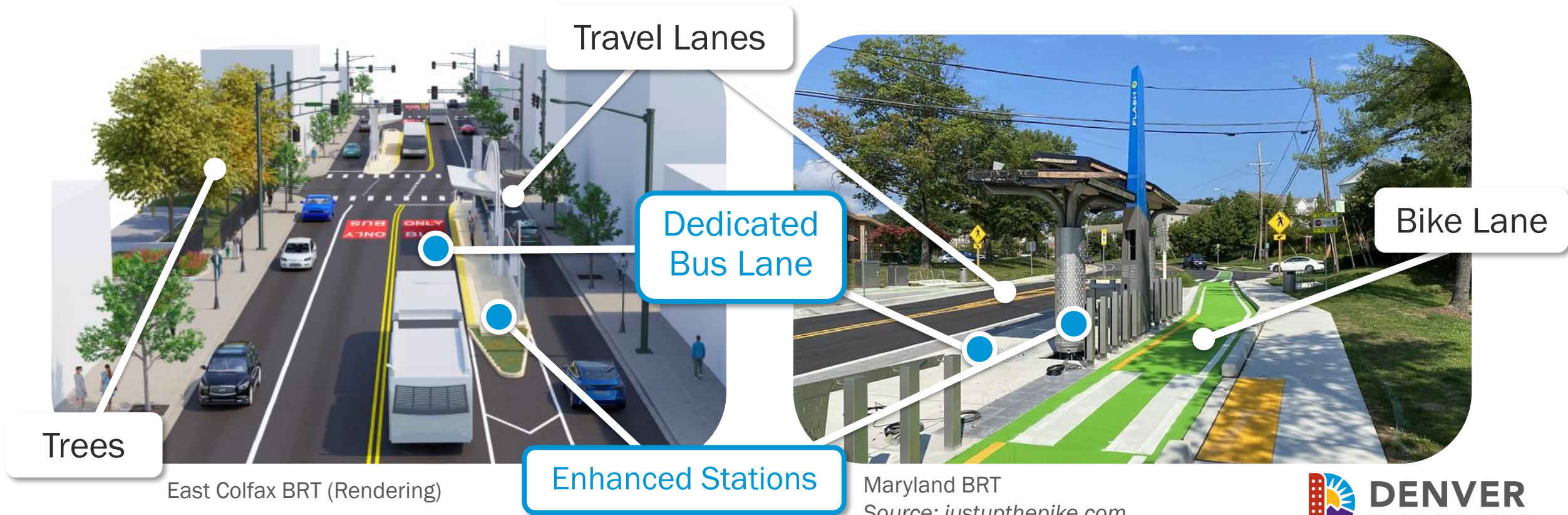
# Priority 3: Enhance Public Transit Continued 2

## Route 38 On-Time Performance



# What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is an opportunity to provide frequent and efficient transit and transform the corridor. BRT corridors can include:



East Colfax BRT (Rendering)

Source: DOTI

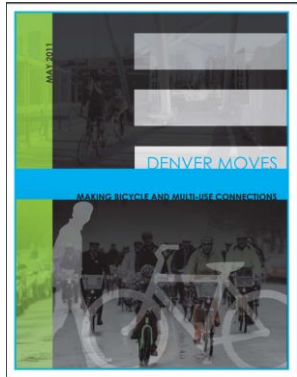
Maryland BRT

Source: justupthepike.com



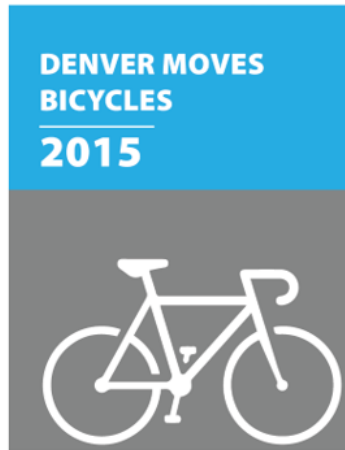
# Priority 4: Promote Walking, Biking, & Rolling

## Previous Bicycle Facility Planning & Implementation



2011

Denver Moves Bikes recommends neighborhood bikeways on W 35<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Aves.



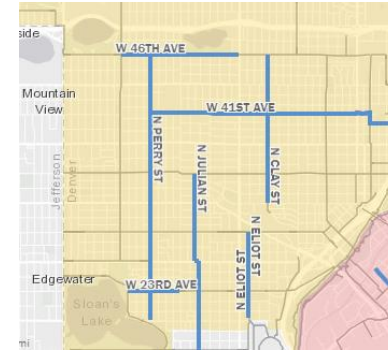
2015

Denver Moves Bikes update adds recommendation for further study of a bike facility on W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.



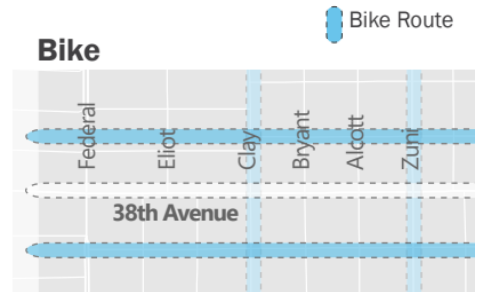
2017

Denver installs first ever neighborhood bikeway on W 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.



2020-2023

Northwest Community Transportation Network program evaluates, plans, and designs a connected bikeway network. DOTI installs neighborhood bikeways on W 35<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Aves.



Analyze potential bike facilities along parallel streets on 39<sup>th</sup> and/or 37<sup>th</sup> Avenues

2024

Near Northwest Area Plan recommends analyzing W 37<sup>th</sup> or W 39<sup>th</sup> Ave between Federal and Inca as parallel bike facilities instead of 38<sup>th</sup>.



# Priority 4: Promote Walking, Biking, & Rolling Continued

## Current Issues



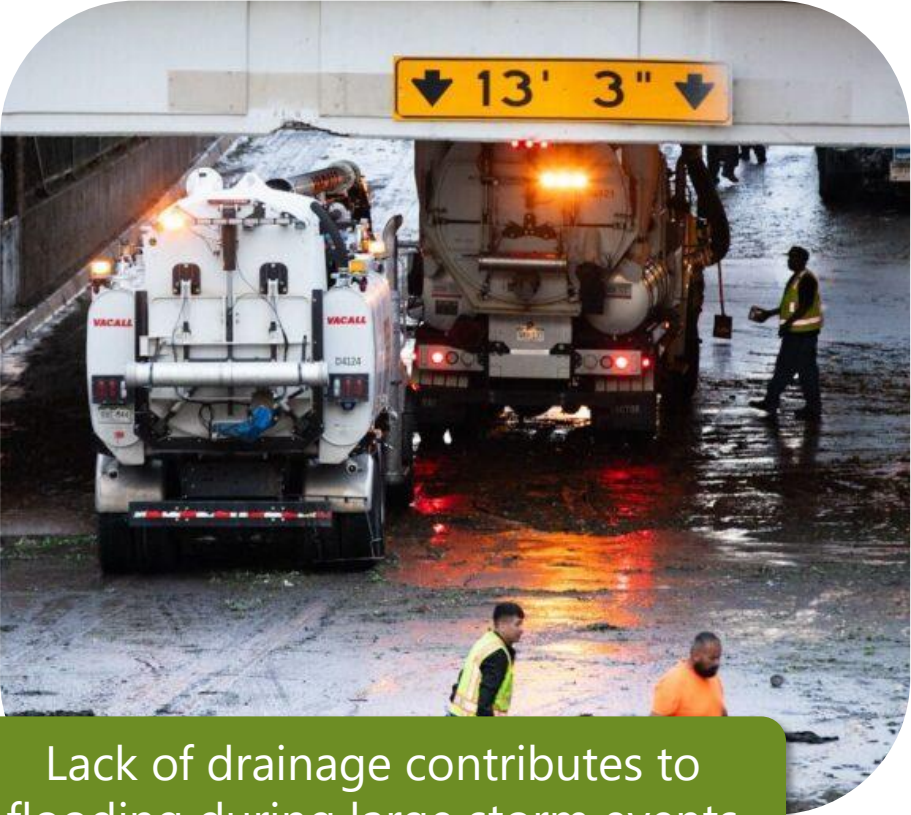
Inconsistent Sidewalks



Limited Crossings



# Priority 5: “Green” the Corridor



Lack of drainage contributes to flooding during large storm events

W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave Underpass (Source: Denverite)



Limited tree canopy – 2 trees per block

# What is Green Infrastructure?

Living infrastructure that uses vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage stormwater and create healthier urban environments. Site scale applications include stormwater planters or rain gardens.



Brighton Blvd  
DENVERGOV.ORG



21<sup>st</sup> & Broadway



Carla Madison Rec Center



# Polling Activity



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# Next Steps

Project Website:

[bit.ly/West38thAvenue](https://bit.ly/West38thAvenue)



Online survey  
open through  
March 31

SPRING



Public Meeting #2  
to gather your  
input on design  
alternatives

SUMMER



Public Meeting #3  
to present final  
near- and long-term  
recommendations

FALL/WINTER

# Open Discussion

