

West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Project Update

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- Project Overview
- Current Status
- Project Budget
- FTA Small Starts Application
- Next Steps
- Questions

Plan Highlights

High frequency focus

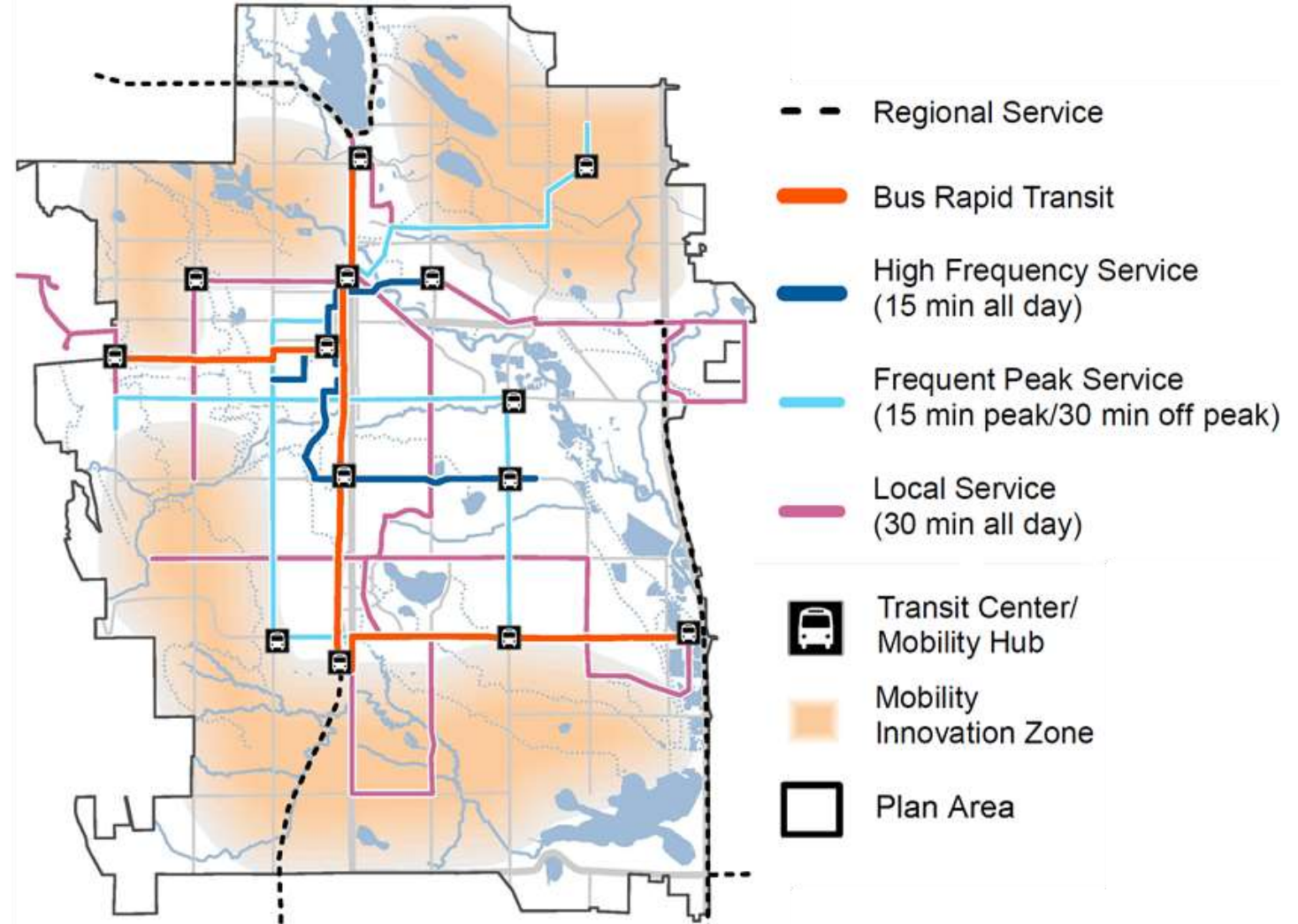
- 3 new Bus Rapid Transit routes
- 30 minute service or better throughout the system (other than BRT routes)

▪ Regional connections

▪ Mobility Hubs

▪ Innovation Zones

(on- demand service)





Issues to be Addressed:

- Unable to support travel demands
- Inadequate transit and multimodal facilities
- Safety concerns
- Challenges connecting between modes

Project Mission:

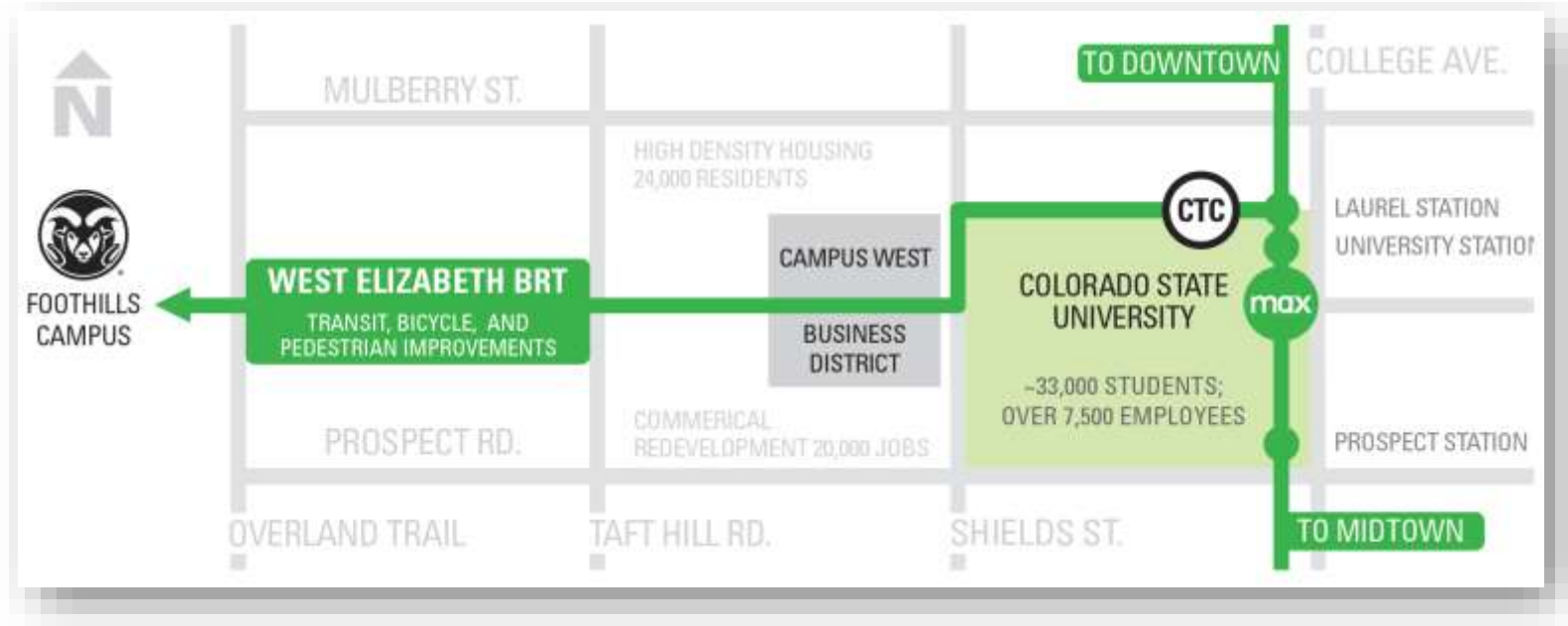
- Increase transit ridership
- Vision Zero
- Lower vehicle speeds
- Increase connectivity all modes
- Protected bike and pedestrian facilities

Indicators of Success:

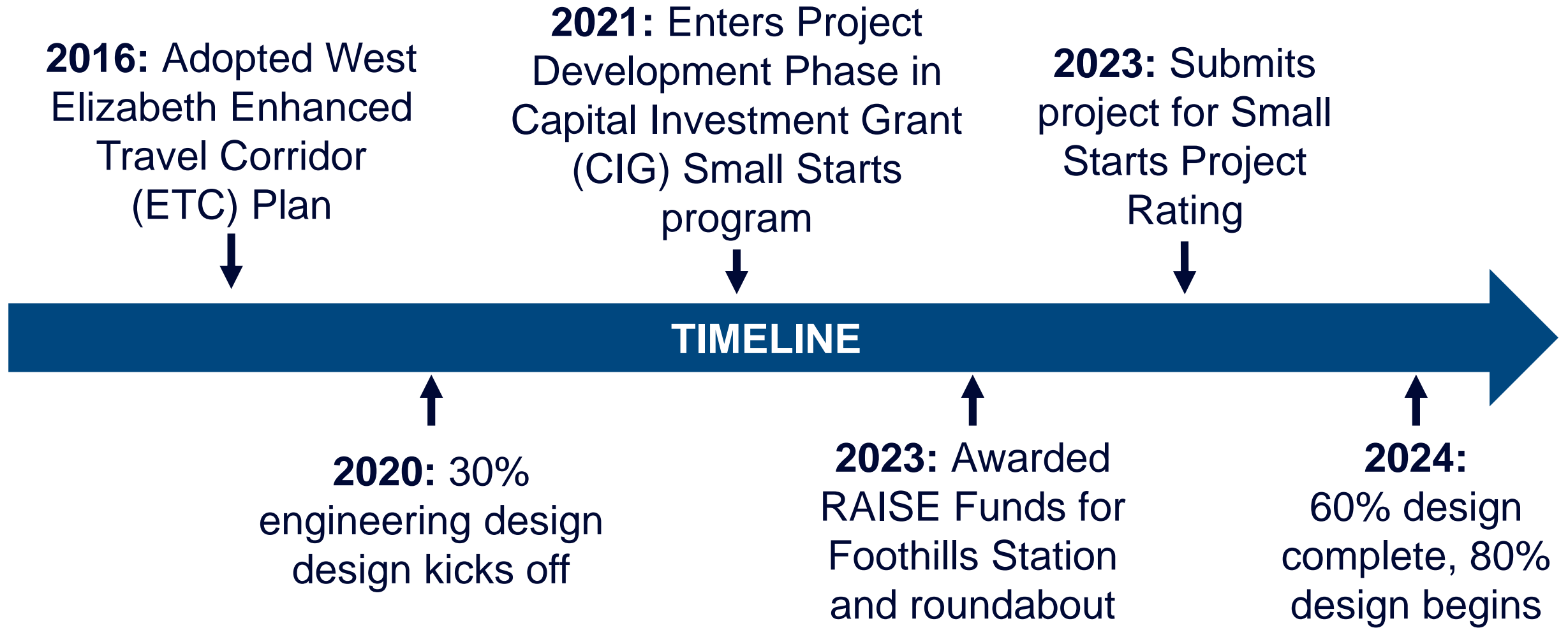
- Increased transit ridership
- Reduction in crashes
- Increased multimodal activity
- Reduced vehicular speeds along corridor

Project Features

- 3 miles connecting CSU campuses and to MAX
- Increased frequency along the corridor (AM peak: 7.5 minute)
- Raised, protected bike lanes
- ADA compliant sidewalks
- Floating bus stops (separating bike lanes from traffic)
- Protected intersections
- Protected roundabouts
- Electric Buses



Timeline of Project Milestones



Total Project Cost

COST CATEGORY	COST ESTIMATE
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	\$ 71,626,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION	\$ 2,041,000
VEHICLES & VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ 12,247,000
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	\$ 14,096,000
CONTINGENCY	\$ 13,690,000
*CAPITAL COST TOTAL	\$113,700,000
*ANNUAL OPERATIONAL INCREASE	\$ 2,000,000

**COST ESTIMATES BASED ON 30% DESIGN, MAY ADJUST AS 100% DESIGN PROGRESSES*

DESIGN AND CAPITAL COSTS FUNDING SOURCES– FULL PROJECT		
FTA CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT (SMALL STARTS)	\$ 65,650,000	TBD
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 32,350,000	TBD
RAISE GRANT	\$ 10,700,000	FUNDED
MULTI-MODAL OPTIONS FUND GRANTS	\$ 4,000,000	FUNDED
IN-KIND LAND (CSU FOOTHILLS CAMPUS)	\$ 1,000,000	FUNDED
TOTAL	\$113,700,000	

Overall Project Rating

- High
- Medium-High
- Medium
- Medium-Low
- Low

Project Justification
(50% of Overall)

Local Financial Commitment
(50% Overall)

Mobility Improvements (16.66%)

Environmental Benefits (16.66%)

Congestion Relief (16.66%)

Cost-Effectiveness (16.66%)

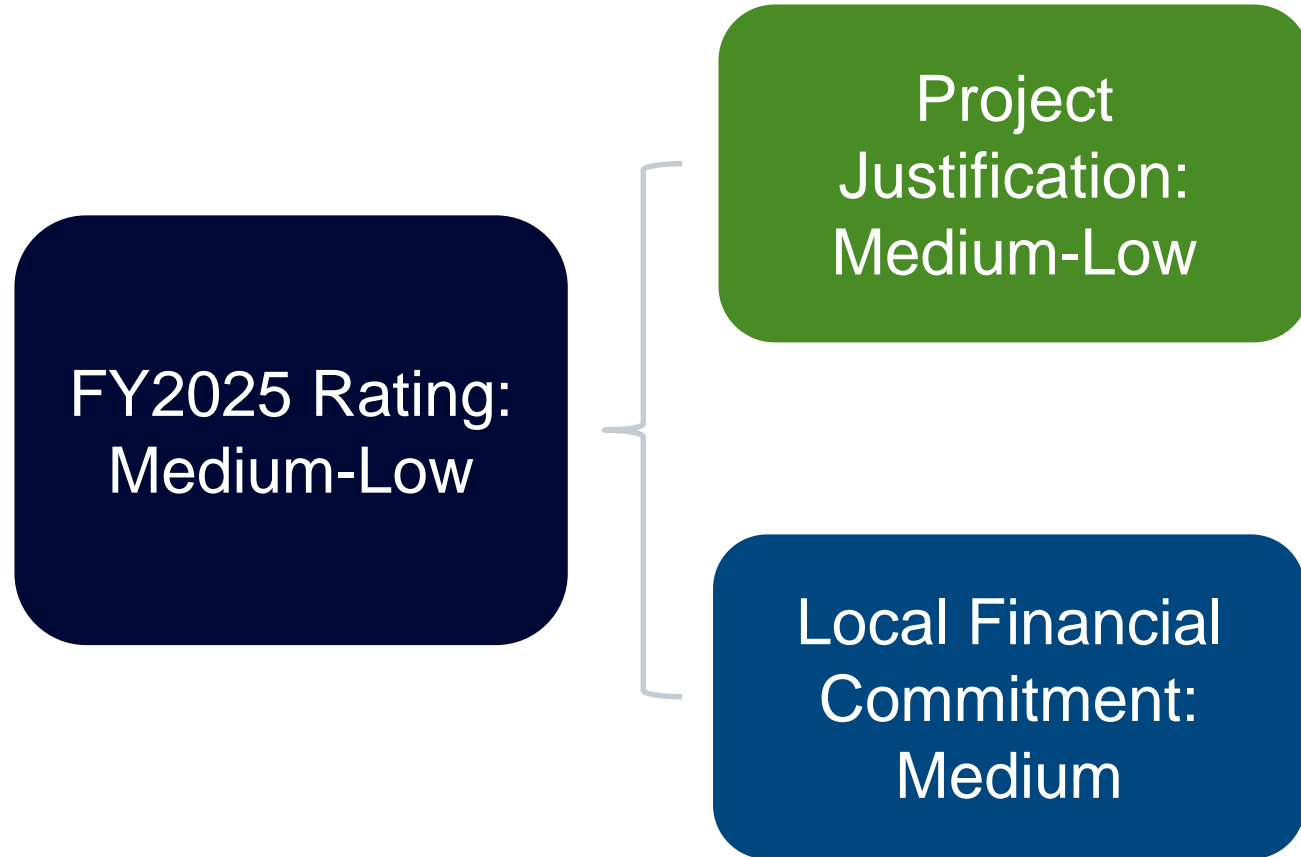
Economic Development (16.66%)

Land Use (16.66%)

Current Condition (25%)

Commitment of Funds (25%)

Reliability/Capacity (50%)



Feedback from FTA on FY2025 Submittal

- Reassess ridership and update ridership model
- Increase local match amount to decrease federal funding request
- Review affordable housing data
- Review transit-oriented development plans and policies

FTA FY25 Funding Recommendations (Small Starts)



Project	Total Project Cost (Millions)	Overall Project Rating
Monterey SURF! BRT	\$ 66	Medium-High
Minneapolis Metro F BRT	\$ 98	Medium
Salt Lake, Midvalley Connector	\$103	Medium-High
<i>*Fort Collins W. Elizabeth BRT</i>	<i>\$113</i>	<i>Medium-Low</i>
Rochester Link BRT	\$143	Medium-High
Madison N/S/BRT	\$151	Medium
Raleigh Wake South BRT	\$174	Medium-High
Chapel Hill N/S BRT	\$183	Medium
Denver E. Colfax BRT	\$255	High
San Antonio E/W BRT	\$289	Medium-High
Indianapolis, Blue BRT	\$372	Medium-High

The average Small Starts funding was 55% of total project cost

**Not recommended for funding, shown for comparison*

Foothills Transit Station

- On-route chargers for Battery Electric Buses
- ADA compliant sidewalks
- Real time bus information
- Driver relief station
- Funded with \$10.7M FY2023 RAISE award



WEST ELIZABETH DESIGN & CAPITAL COSTS (EXCLUDING FOOTHILLS STATION & ROUNDABOUT)	
SMALL STARTS	\$ 65,650,000
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 31,350,000
DESIGN (Awarded)	\$ 4,000,000
TOTAL	\$101,000,000

FOOTHILLS STATION & ROUNDABOUT - CAPITAL COSTS	
RAISE GRANT	\$ 10,700,000
CSU'S IN-KIND LAND MATCH	\$ 1,000,000
LOCAL (incl.\$400k State)	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 12,700,000

COMBINED TOTAL: \$113,700,000



- 1. What questions or feedback do Councilmembers have about a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CIG Small Starts application?**
- 2. What questions or feedback do Councilmembers have about moving forward with the Foothills Transit Station/Roundabout independently of the rest of the project?**