15th Street Bicycle Connection

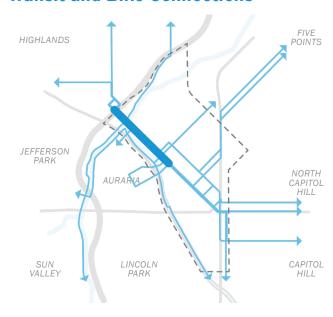
Between Larimer Street and Central Street Includes travel lane reduction. streetscaping, and high-comfort bikeway.

This project completes the 15th Street vision as the key bike corridor through, into, and out of downtown. It creates a greener public realm along an important pedestrian corridor, while remaining a key automobile and transit corridor.

Considerations for implementation include:

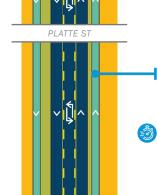
- Implementation in conjunction with transit improvements and potential rerouting of bus routes onto Speer Boulevard to the west.
- Implementation of Central Platte Valley Gondola (proposed between Union Station and Lower Highland).
- Examination of ways to improve speed and reliability for buses on the corridor.

Transit and Bike Connections



15th Street **Corridor**



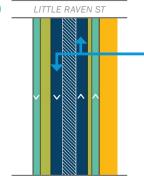


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Pilot Protected Bike Lanes

Between Larimer and Central Street

Pilot using lowcost infrastructure. Consider twoway cycle track on one side.



Remove One Traffic Lane per Direction

To expand multimodal facilities, consider incorporating bus/ bike lanes

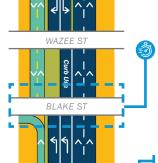






Transition Bike Lane to North Side

Through twostage crossing



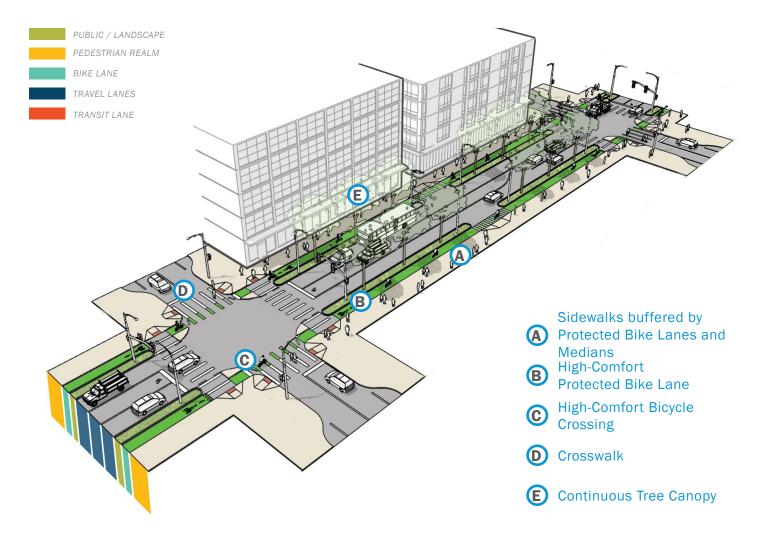
Reconfigure 15th and Blake Intersection

Improves pedestrian and bicyclist safety

Extend Transit Lane

Improves connection for local bus routes that use Blake Street and Market Street

Typical Block Layout



Project Significance

The Highland Connector reshapes one of the most challenging connections in the downtown network for bikes and pedestrians. Between 2013 and 2017, there were more than 20 bike crashes in the one-mile stretch of 15th addressed by this project (including several severe or fatal crashes at the 15th Street intersections of Wazee and Platte). This project also improves a key source of downtown transit congestion.

15th and Blake Intersection>>>

At 15th and Blake, the newly extended bike lane requires the removal of a left turn lane on 15th Street. The intersection is redesigned as a protected bike intersection.



FUTURE BIKEWAY



