



THE COLFAX CLOVERLEAF

...is adjacent to an
**ACTIVE TRANSIT
NETWORK +
PARK SYSTEM.**

...is a major safety
**HAZARD FOR
PEDESTRIANS
+ BICYCLISTS**
that impedes the
movement + flow
of people.

...is
NOT NECESSARY
for vehicle
volumes.

...consumes 29 acres
of land in a
**GROWING URBAN
COMMUNITY.**

WHAT IS IT?

The current Colfax and Federal Boulevard Interchange consists of a large, grade-separated “cloverleaf” design, which community members will tell you creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders, who must deal with high-speed traffic, unsafe crossings, and difficult-to-navigate connection points.

OVER THE COLFAX CLOVER

Over the Colfax Clover is an effort to bring together community members, local technical experts and those who have control over the intersection to develop short and long-term design solutions for an intersection that is safer and easier to navigate for all users.

“ A SHORT-TERM AND
LONG-TERM DESIGN
FOR THE CLOVERLEAF
INTERSECTION. ”

KEY OUTCOMES

COMMUNITY VISION

Work with the community to build community capacity and awareness

COLLABORATION

Bring all of the stakeholders to the table to work together on solutions

DESIGN

Build consensus around redesign principles and test design option feasibility

PRIORITIZE

This has long been identified as a barrier for the communities it bisects. It’s time to tackle this challenge and identify creative funding solutions

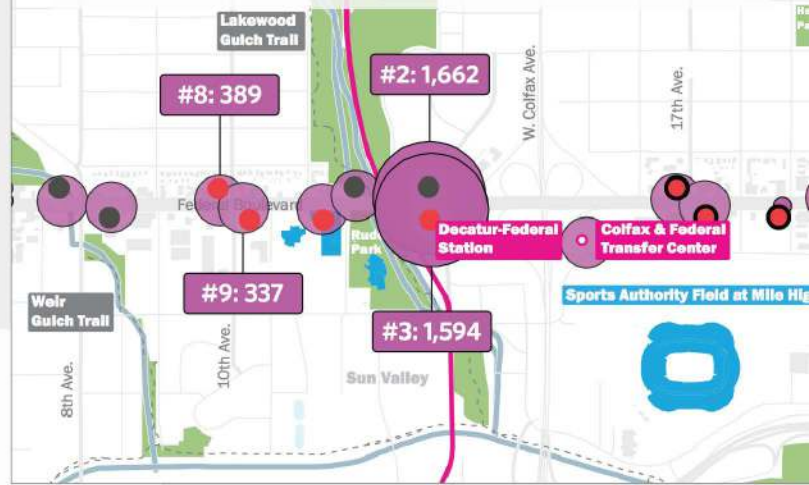


WHAT DO WE KNOW?

HIGH USE + DEMAND

THE CLOVERLEAF IS AN AREA OF SIGNIFICANT PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACTIVITY. WITH MAJOR TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT, MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION IS A TOP PRIORITY.

The 2nd + 3rd busiest transit stops on the Federal corridor are at the Decatur station, with over 3,000 daily boardings + alightings



Average pedestrian activity is high — particularly on Broncos game days

Average daily vehicle loads do not require cloverleaf infrastructure - the intersection of Colorado Blvd. & Colfax carries 8,000 more vehicles on a typical workday than Federal & Colfax

Pedestrian + Bike Injuries | 2012—2017



Source: Vision Zero Crash Dashboard, 2012-2015 + Federal Blvd. Corridor Study

SAFETY + COMFORT

THE INTERSECTION HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS A PROBLEM AREA FOR RESIDENTS.

Narrowest sidewalks and loudest section along Federal Blvd. corridor with limited crossing infrastructure

Most exposed section of Federal Blvd. — very little tree cover or shade

Over a three year period, there were 250 vehicle crashes at the intersection

There have been 37 broadside crashes at the intersection of 14th & Howard, including a pedestrian fatality in January 2017

Vehicle speed is a significant challenge — in 50% of injury crashes, the driver was speeding

“ THE CLOVER IS NOT NECESSARY FOR VEHICLE VOLUMES. ”

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY THINK?



NEARBY ASSETS

THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT ASSETS + DESTINATIONS WITHIN A HALF A MILE FROM THE CLOVERLEAF – INCLUDING A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, PARKS, TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE, THE RUDE REC CENTER, CORKY GONZALES LIBRARY + BRONCOS STADIUM.

Significant development is happening in the communities surrounding the cloverleaf, including *Sun Valley* and *West Colfax*.

Average daily pedestrian counts are high at the north and west sides of the Cloverleaf with *about 200 pedestrians per day*. This number drops significantly on Colfax in the middle of the Cloverleaf *roughly 60 pedestrians per day*.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS HAVE IDENTIFIED THE INTERSECTION AS "A CAR-CENTRIC AREA" + NAVIGATING IT ON FOOT/BIKE IS "SUICIDAL."



A HIGH COMMUNITY PRIORITY

WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE AS THE KEY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CLOVERLEAF?

- ✓ Increase use of active transportation — improve safety and access along desired routes, connect residents to amenities, and support the shift away from a car-centric culture.
- ✓ Tap into existing community assets — arts, culture, downtown views, the Lakewood Gulch Trail, community interest in health, environmental issues, etc.
- ✓ Leverage the 29 acres — an opportunity for attracting investment, public private partnerships, and innovative design.

“ AN ANGRY INTERSECTION. ”

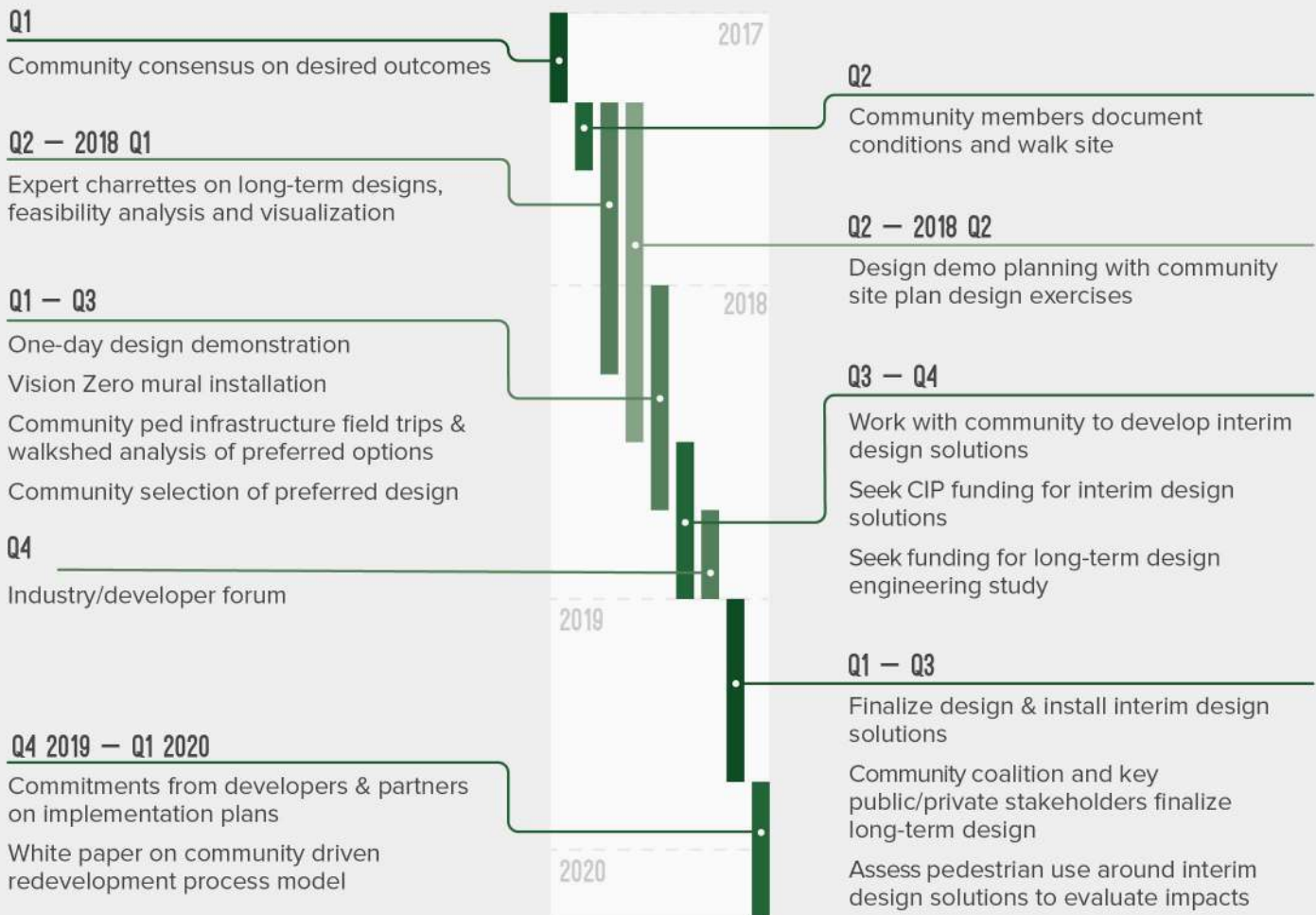
WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?



DESIGN DEMONSTRATION + INTERIM INSTALLATIONS

The design team and the community will be hosting a pop-up, tactical design demonstration in the Cloverleaf this coming spring to help envision what is possible. As part of this effort, we will be installing interim design solutions aimed at making walking and biking safer and more accessible. These interim solutions will help set the stage for future efforts and help drive both short and long-term solutions for multi-modal, active transportation in the area

COLFAX CLOVER TIMELINE



TO GET INVOLVED

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