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TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY, AND CONNECTIONS

This chapter provides an overview of Westminster's transportation network including services and infrastructure, with a more detailed evaluation of the current and future conditions of Westminster's transportation network included in the Transportation & Mobility Plan (TMP). This chapter also includes transportation-supportive goals and policies relevant to the Comprehensive Plan; additional goals policies, and strategies are established in related plans including the TMP, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Plan, and Sustainability Plan. The most current transportation-related data, goals and actions included in the Comprehensive Plan will be reflected in the TMP, superseding those listed in the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be updated periodically to reflect the current TMP.

4.1 GOALS & POLICIES

WESTMINSTER'S TRANSPORTATION VISION

Westminster is supported by an inclusive and equitable multimodal transportation network that provides safe and well-connected transportation and mobility choices to connect all people to local and regional destinations.

This transportation vision was developed as part of the Transportation & Mobility Plan.

The following seven goals were created through the development of the TMP, using elements of existing transportation plans, Westminster's Strategic Plan, community and staff input, and transportation industry best practices.

The goals will help guide the development of policies, recommendations, and implementation. The goals will also be used to inform the prioritization of projects and resources.

- **Connect:** Develop a comprehensive multimodal transportation network that includes convenient, safe, and accessible transportation options for all and integrates land use.
- **Thrive:** Support the community's economic resilience, environment, public health, and quality of life for all community members.
- **Protect:** Reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries by improving the safety and comfort for all modes of transportation.
- **Maintain:** Maintain the city's transportation assets and optimize the use of the transportation network.
- **Fund:** Pursue revenue resources to build, maintain, and operate new and existing transportation infrastructure and services.
- **Collaborate:** Identify and utilize opportunities to coordinate projects and funding with local, regional, state, and private partners.
- **Innovate:** Apply creative, sustainable, and cost-effective solutions to address transportation and mobility needs.

The Comprehensive Plan will be updated periodically to mirror any revisions to the goals or policies in the TMP.

This section provides comprehensive planning policies to move each TMP goal forward, in addition to the policies, strategies, and actions established in the TMP. Goals are defined as desired ideals and a value to be sought. Policies in this Comprehensive Plan articulate a course of action that guides governmental decision making to meet the goal. To further define how to achieve the goals and how policies can be implemented in the short- and long-term, specific strategies can be found in the Implementation Action Plan, a companion document to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

CROSS-CUTTING TOPICS



Education



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



Health



Resilience



Safety



Climate



CONNECT



Goal TM-1 Develop a comprehensive multimodal transportation network that includes convenient, safe, and accessible transportation options for all and integrates land use.

- 1.1 Implement safe and connected access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of travel, as described in the Complete Streets policy in the TMP.
- 1.2 Continue development of a multimodal transportation network that supports the movement of people, goods, and services.
- 1.3 Develop a safe, comprehensive, and connected on- and off-street bicycle network consistent with the TMP recommendations.
- 1.4 Create and enhance a safe and accessible pedestrian network that ensures walkability and connectivity within the city and to adjacent communities.
- 1.5 Build new development and retrofit existing infrastructure and services to accommodate all modes of transportation to ensure accessibility, connectivity, and safety.
- 1.6 Recognize the importance of regional and local partnerships to connect adjacent communities.
- 1.7 Ensure private partners support access to transit, sidewalk and trails through implementation of first and last mile connections and services.
- 1.8 Continue corridor planning efforts to correlate existing community needs, future development and the functional integrity of the key travel corridors.

THRIVE



Goal TM-2 Support the community's economic resilience, environment, public health, and quality of life for all community members.

- 2.1 Link new development to safe and accessible sidewalks that connect to adjacent bus stops and community destinations and amenities.
- 2.2 Provide a transportation network that supports the reliable movement of goods and services.
- 2.3 Incorporate transit stops into the design and function of adjacent land uses and through other placemaking opportunities.

NORTHWEST RAIL

The first section of the Northwest Rail, known as the B Line, currently operates between Denver and Westminster Station. RTD continues to identify options to extend Northwest Rail up to 35 miles through Broomfield, Louisville, and Boulder to Longmont. A station is planned at 88th Avenue adjacent to Downtown Westminister and a station has been studied in the vicinity of Church Ranch. The timing to establish this service as well as the frequency of operations will determine when and what types of land use changes may be appropriate around these stations to support the goals of this and other chapters of the Plan.

FIRST AND LAST MILE

Travel to/from a transit stop or station is just as important as the transit trip. If potential transit riders are unable to access a stop or station due to poor infrastructure quality or missing pedestrian or bicycle connections, transit becomes ineffective. More communities, including Westminster, are focusing on ways to improve the first and final mile transportation options for transit users to ensure they can easily access stops and stations. RTD, in coordination with agencies and jurisdictions, including Westminster, developed a First and Last Mile Strategic Plan which identifies way to improve first and final mile trips.

- 2.4 Create a strong sense of entry into and passage through the city at key locations and along key corridors identified on Map 7-1.
- 2.5 Develop and maintain enhanced, cohesive streetscaping along major corridors, with consideration of the visual and physical character.
- 2.6 Provide and improve transportation options that protect the environment, support public health, and enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses.
- 2.7 Explore and identify partnerships to implement strategies that ensure socially equitable transportation.

PROTECT



Goal TM-3 Reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries by improving the safety and comfort for all modes of transportation.

- 3.1 Implement street design and improvements that enhance safety and comfort for all users.
- 3.2 Ensure existing and future transportation improvements support accessibility for all users by meeting or exceeding standards including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 3.3 Coordinate within the city and with other agencies to reduce and eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries across all modes, as identified in the TMP and Vision Zero plans, goals, and initiatives.

MAINTAIN



Goal TM-4 Maintain the city’s transportation assets and optimize the use of the transportation network.

- 4.1 Invest in the maintenance of the city’s transportation system and supporting infrastructure and technology.
- 4.2 Incorporate Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and strategies that maximize existing transportation infrastructure (including the power and broadband utilities within rights of way), as part of development plan review and implementation, capital improvements programming, and preparation of specific and area plans and corridor plans.
- 4.3 Ensure development is supported by appropriate vehicle and bicycle parking requirements as defined in city plans and standards.



FUND



Goal TM-5 Pursue revenue resources to build, maintain, and operate new and existing transportation infrastructure and services.

- 5.1 Leverage existing partnerships and pursue new opportunities to maximize funding to improve transportation infrastructure, programs, and services.
- 5.2 Pursue new, sustainable, and innovative revenue resources for transportation infrastructure, programs, and services.
- 5.3 Require new development to provide multimodal transportation improvements necessary to accommodate trips generated by the project.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) refers to strategies, policies, and programs that help people use the transportation system more efficiently, while reducing traffic congestion, vehicle emissions, and fuel consumption. By providing transportation options and amenities, TDM can encourage the use of modes of transportation other than single-occupant vehicles.

COLLABORATE



Goal TM-6 Identify and utilize opportunities to coordinate projects and funding with local, regional, state, and private partners.

- 6.1 Coordinate with other agencies, such as CDOT, RTD, DRCOG, and adjacent communities, to implement a seamless and safe multimodal transportation network and reduce congestion, as identified in the TMP.
- 6.2 Coordinate with public and private partners to support access to transit through implementation of first and last mile connections and services.
- 6.3 Pursue partnership and funding opportunities to expand and improve the transit network and service.

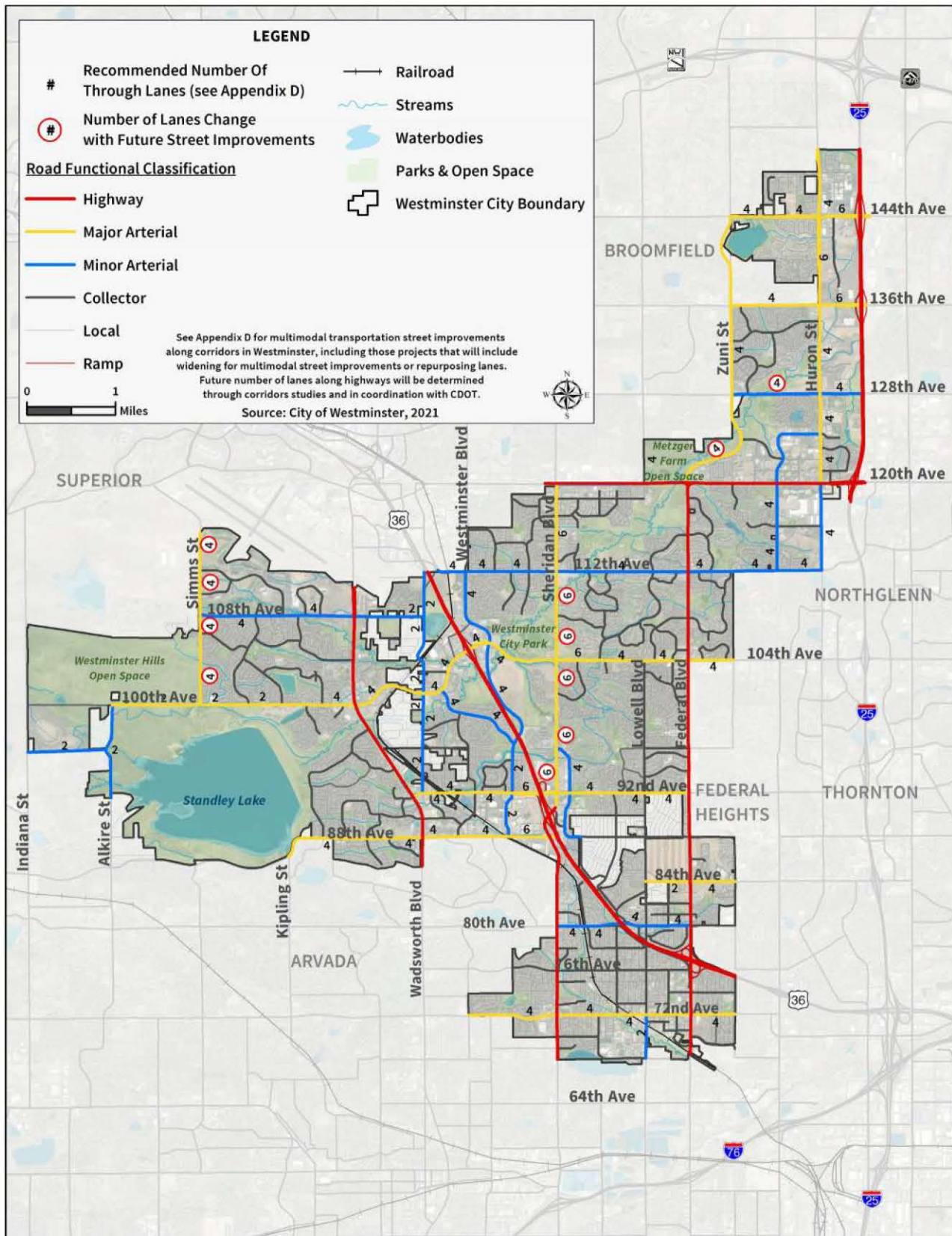
INNOVATE



Goal TM-7 Apply creative, sustainable, and cost-effective solutions to address transportation and mobility needs.

- 7.1 Explore and evaluate emerging technologies and their potential role in advancing Westminster's transportation system and maintenance of assets.
- 7.2 Pursue creative partnerships and funding sources to implement innovative transportation technologies.

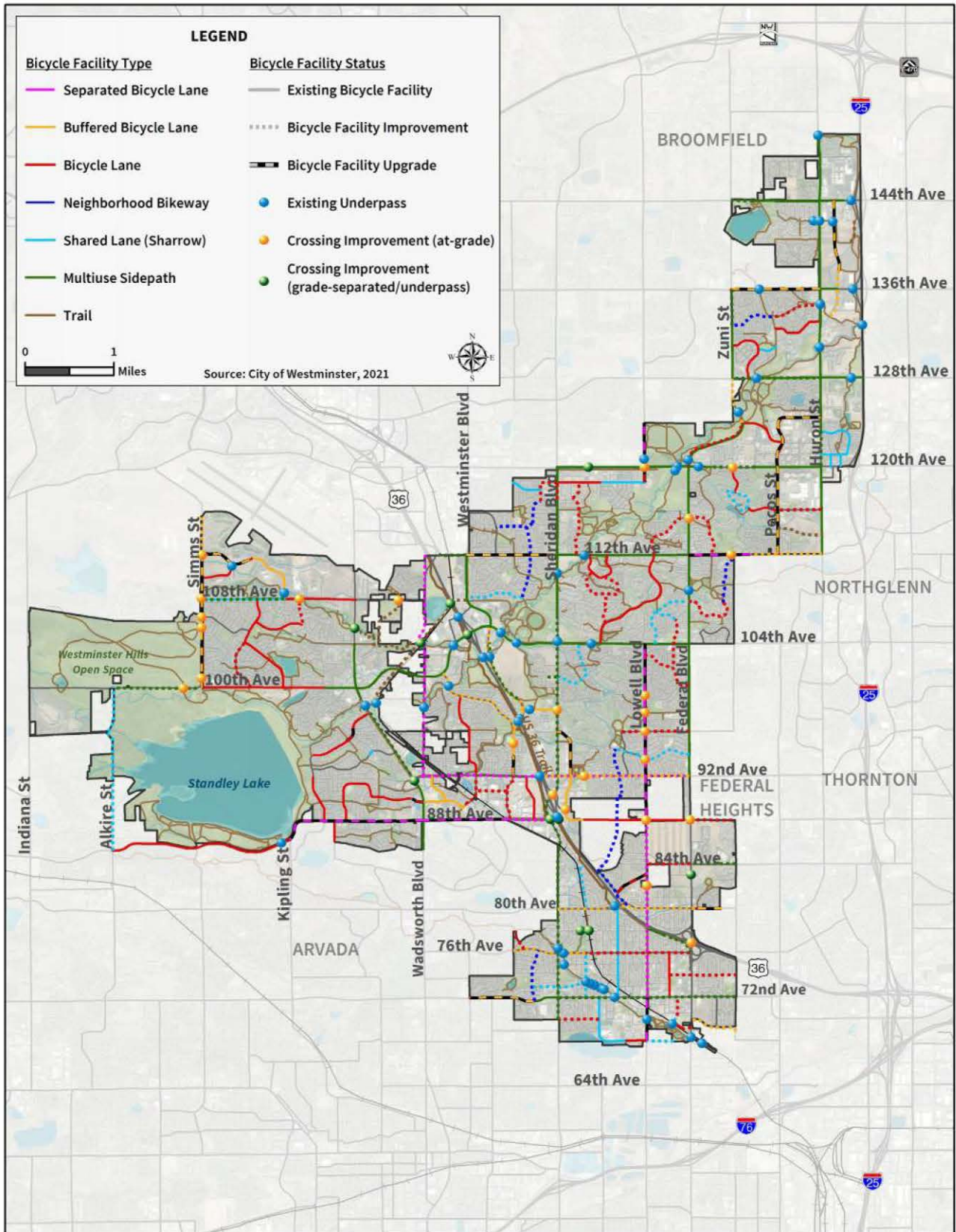
Map 4-1. Westminster’s Master Street Network



Transit, bicycle and pedestrian, other as well as additional details such as lane counts and street cross sections are found in the Transportation & Mobility Plan.



Map 4-2. Bicycle Network and Improvements



Lane counts and street cross sections will be found in the Transportation & Mobility Plan.

Map 4-3. Priority Transit Corridors for Stop and Station Enhancements

