

Transportation & Land Use Land Use & Transportation

Forever the Two Shall Meet

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So You're At A Dance Party



The Way It Used To Be







The Way It Can Still Be



But Over the Last 90 Years.....

- Industrial Revolution
- Cars Affordable to the Masses
- Rapid build out of roadway system(s) to support automotive travel
- In simple terms: Build for the Car.





So What Happened to Land Use?

A shift away from condensed mix of uses in / near urban centers to singular, separated uses further away from urban centers.



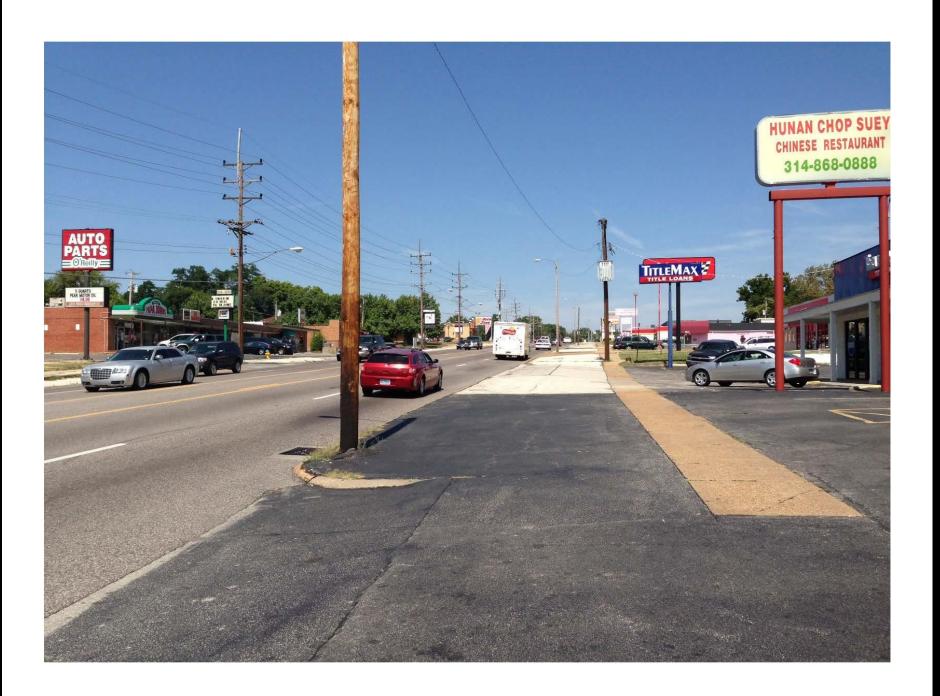
I Can Drive Everywhere Now!



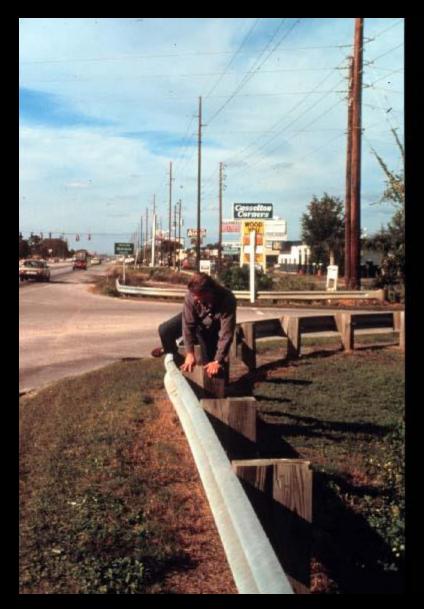








So....if you have to walk.....Good Luck!





Well....We Didn't Think About That!

- Fatalities and injuries
- Congestion
- Air Quality Impacts
- Expense of Roads
- Public / Community Health



Let's Take a Regional Look

More SOV travel

Increased VMT

Bike / Walk Transit
 Mode Share Remains
 Low

 Short trips (3 miles or less) being driven



It Would Seem We're Going in the Wrong Direction

 Increased GHG emissions

 Colorado out of federal compliance for air quality standards over last seven years



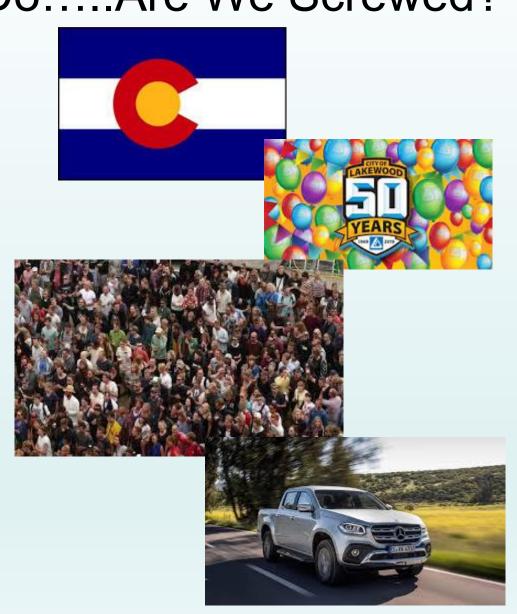
And Have We Forgotten?

- Most roads are public assets
- Paid for by sales, property, and fuel taxes, and vehicle registration fees
- Shouldn't they SAFELY serve all those who pay for them regardless of mode?



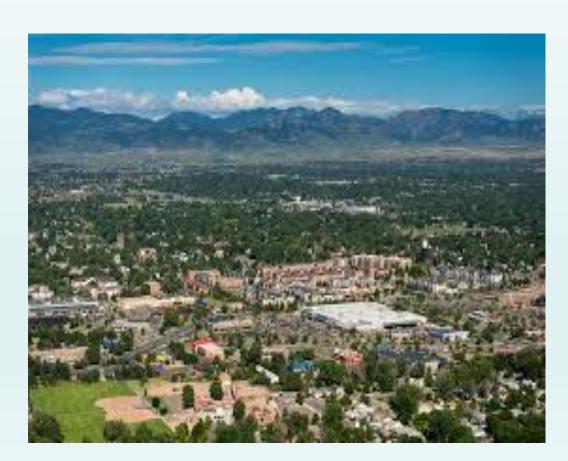
So What Do We Do....Are We Screwed?

- More people coming to Colorado and Lakewood
- "Just build more roads, Damn It"
- Demand for suburban living will persist (i.e. south of Castle Rock)
- Gas Powered Car / Light Truck Sales Steady



In Simple Terms......

Where Coloradans live and work will have a direct effect on how they get around now and in the years to come



Well...cities...counties....what say you?

If our land use / transportation paradigm is leading us to the edge, don't we have to look at and do things differently?



Well...cities...counties....what say you?

Police powers

Health, safety, welfare

Limitations on land use law



Highest and best use

What Do You Think?

- Should cities and counties require more of commercial, retail, residential development?
 - Fewer parking spaces
 - Shuttles b/w nodes
 - Transit passes for all residents / employees?
 - Tree Cover





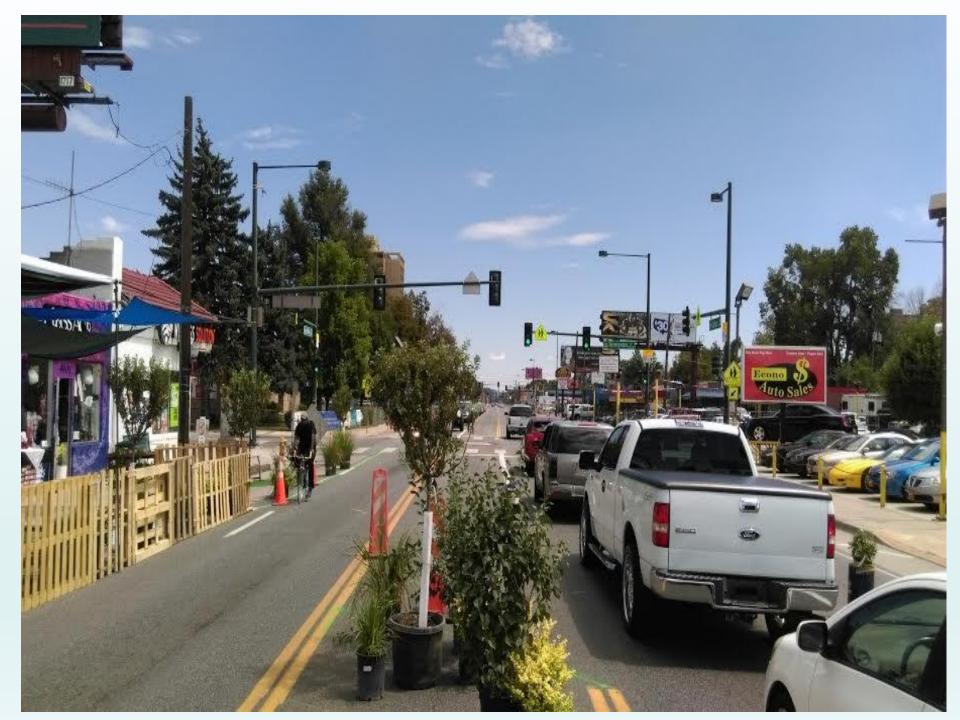
Complete, Walkable Streets











POLICY

[INCENTIVES FOR PROPERTIES]



"Bikeshare is included in our land-use code as an alternative compliance option in place of parking."

- Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes









Bike Facilities



Bike Lanes: 5-6' wide Between vehicle lanes & parking Most appropriate for streets 25-35 mph



Cycle Track: Buffered, 6-11' wide



Shared Lanes: Most appropriate for streets ≤ 25 mph Typically installed in middle of street



"Cyclists Spend \$\$"

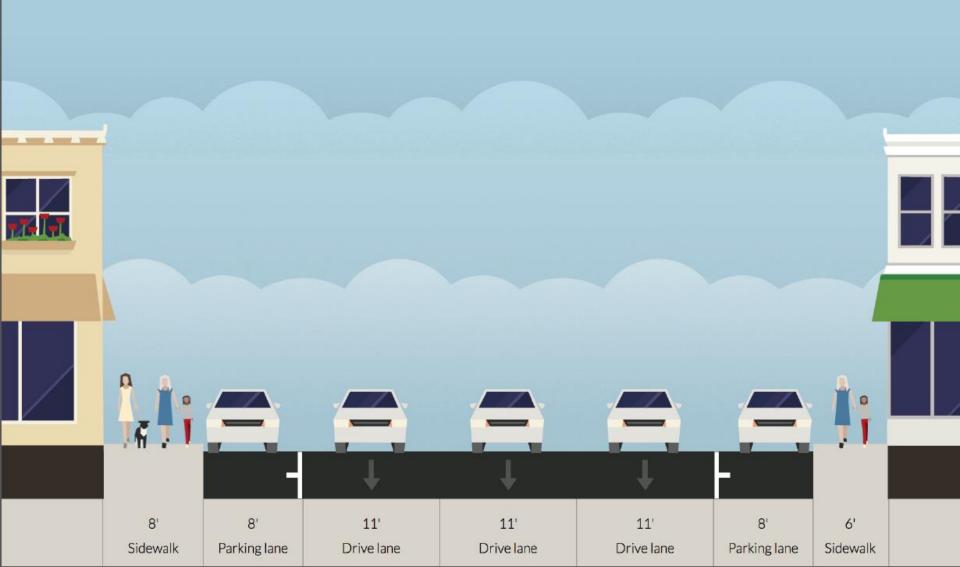








5th Street - Existing



5th Street - Demonstration



Pavements

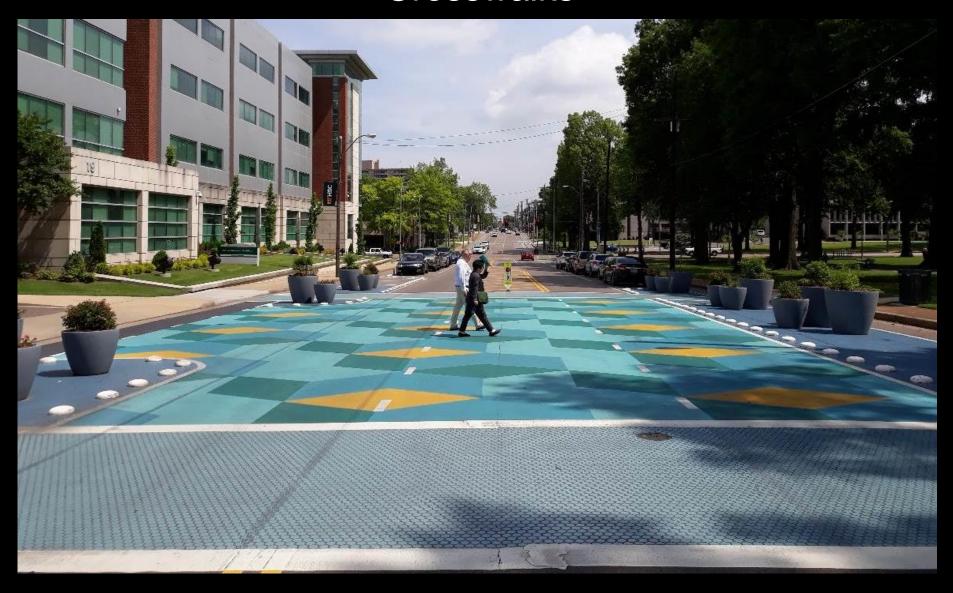








Crosswalks





So....

Can we have our cake and eat it too?

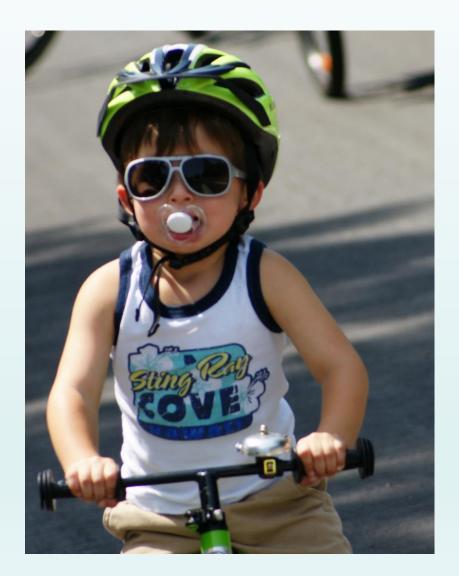






Said Another Way.....

Can we have our cake and leave enough for our kids & grandkids to enjoy?



Let Them Eat Cake!!

- Use Your Transit Options
 - Locally (The W Line / the 28)
 - Regionally (Front Range Flyer)
 - Statewide (Bustang)
- Bike or walk for short trips
- Combine Your Trips



Carpool

So What Can We Do!?

 Live a Car-Lite Lifestyle

 Please don't idle...Yeah I know it's a personal choice!

 Introduce your kids / grand kids to multimodal options!





What Can We Do!?

E-Vehicles

 Battery Powered or Autonomous Shuttles
 / Circulators

 If you have the option, choose where you live selectively.



A Parting Thought....

 Existing Land Uses are Set

 Future Land Uses are Not

How we develop and travel in the years ahead will have a significant bearing on our future.



