

A VITAL 88TH AVENUE: CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE THROUGH STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

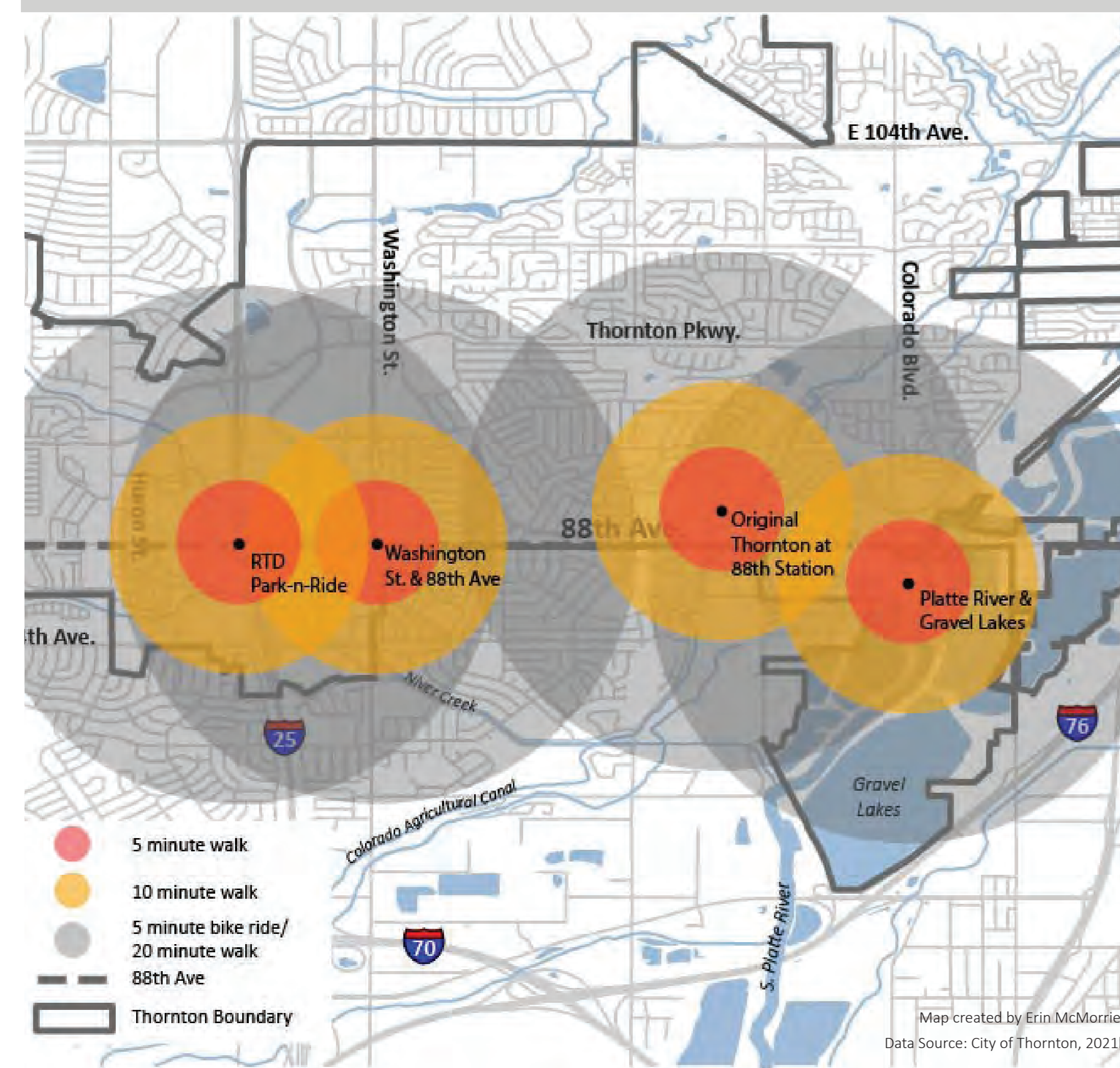
OVERVIEW

The 88th Avenue corridor in Thornton, Colorado currently faces challenges of disinvestment, aging infrastructure, and auto-oriented land uses. Despite these challenges, the corridor boasts many existing assets and nodes of opportunity. The goal of this project was to identify a catalytic project to revitalize the corridor.

Existing conditions



NODES OF OPPORTUNITY



VISION FOR A VITAL CORRIDOR:

- High quality gathering spaces
- People oriented
- Accessible
- Unique community identity
- Well connected
- Quality and diverse employment opportunities
- Diverse housing and retail options
- Walkable access to various amenities

CASE STUDIES

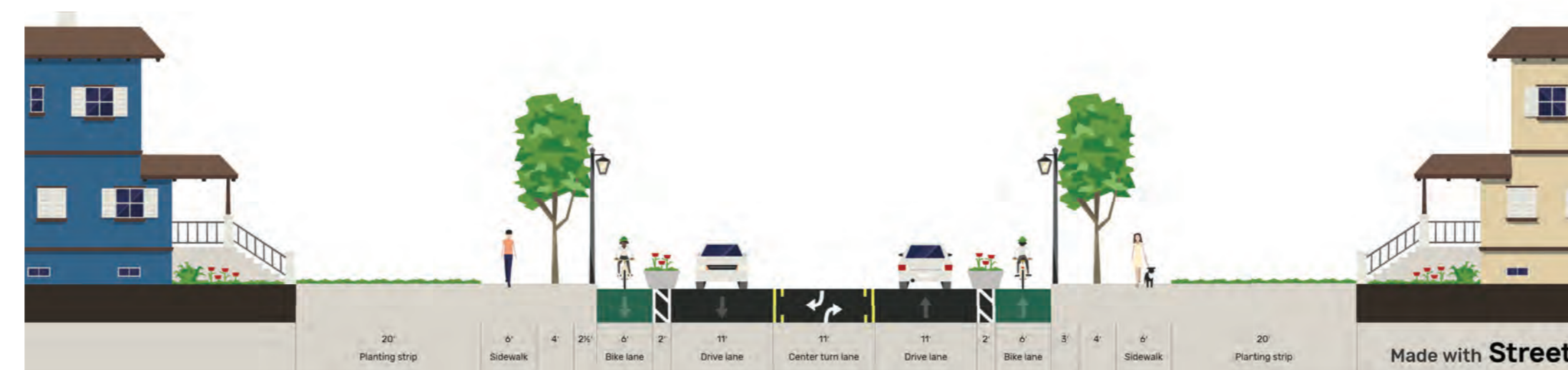
Investments in multimodal infrastructure, “road diets”, and placemaking can catalyze revitalization, establish a unique Main Street, increase safety, and increase property values.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Traffic Calming & Street Space Reallocation	Pedestrian Safety	Bike Safety	Aesthetics & Placemaking
Reallocate existing ROW space towards pedestrians, cyclists, and amenities	Improve pedestrian comfort and ability to cross 88th Avenue	Make 88th Avenue a comfortable place to ride bikes for all users and abilities	Install pedestrian-scaled infrastructure
Change infrastructure and signage to decrease driver speeds	Improve pedestrian comfort while walking along 88th Avenue	Increase awareness of bicycle infrastructure at key locations	Plant additional street trees and water-conscious plantings
		Increase connections to South Platte River Trail, both on and off 88th Avenue	Rebrand nodes along 88th Avenue as unique districts to highlight their significance and unique characters
			Install public art

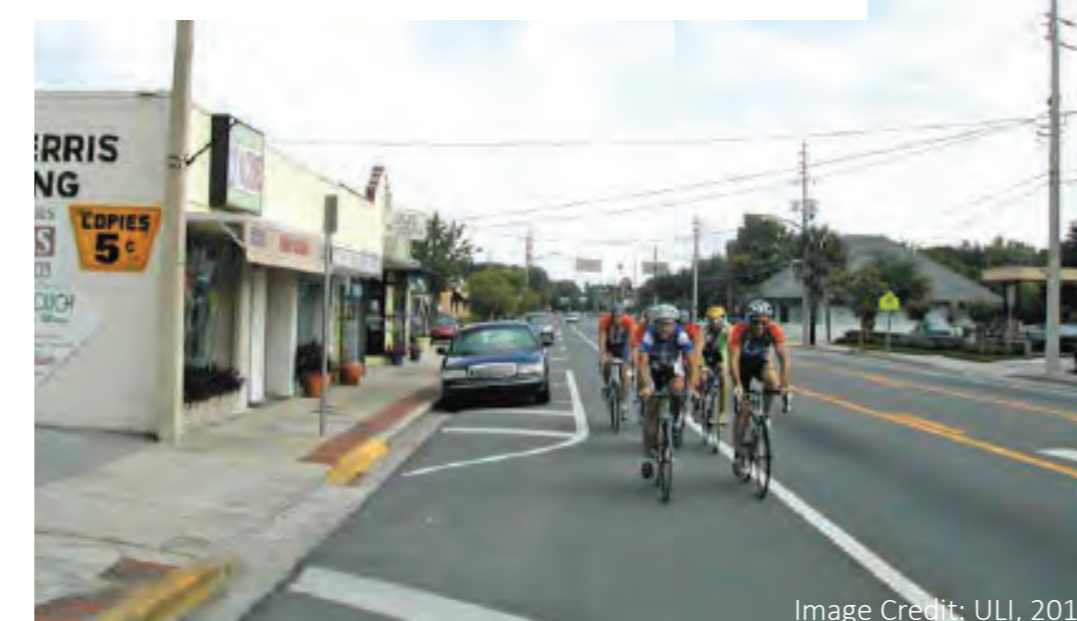
Proposed ROW allocation in narrow segments



Proposed ROW allocation in wider segments



A “road diet” creates room for a bike lane



Pedestrian amenities



Bike amenities



Placemaking

