

# Maynard Downtown Street Improvement Workshop



**May 26, 2016**

# Agenda

- Icebreaker
- Presentation
- Site Walk
- Discussions
- Report-Out

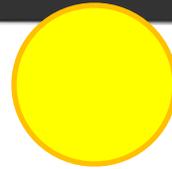
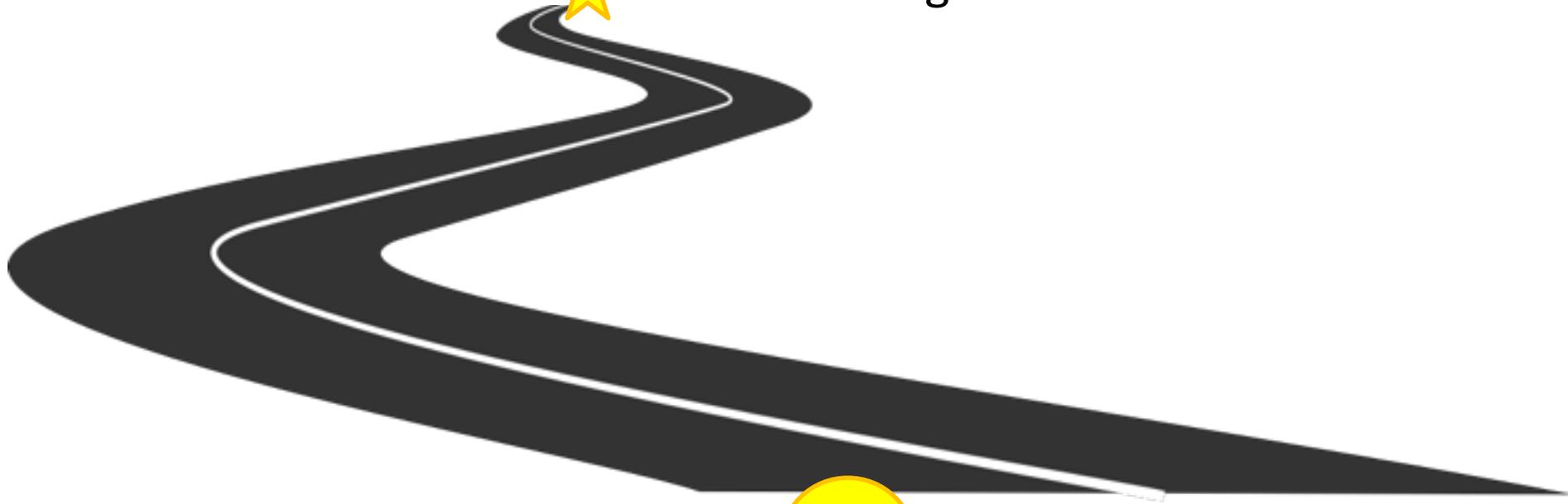
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Let's get the juices flowing...



You want to get here



You are here

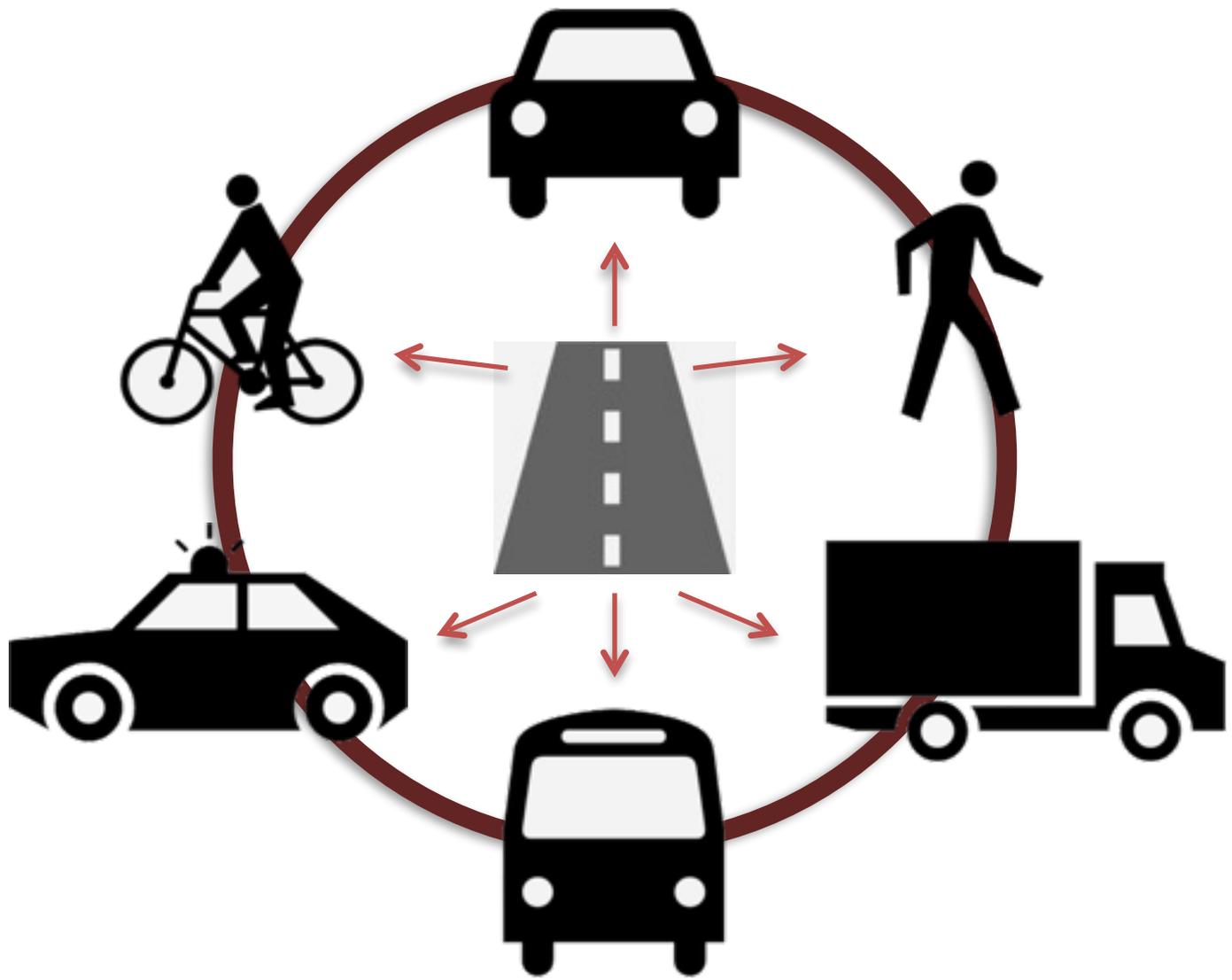
# Complete Streets

Roadways that are safe, comfortable, and accessible for users of all ages, abilities, and income, regardless of how one travels

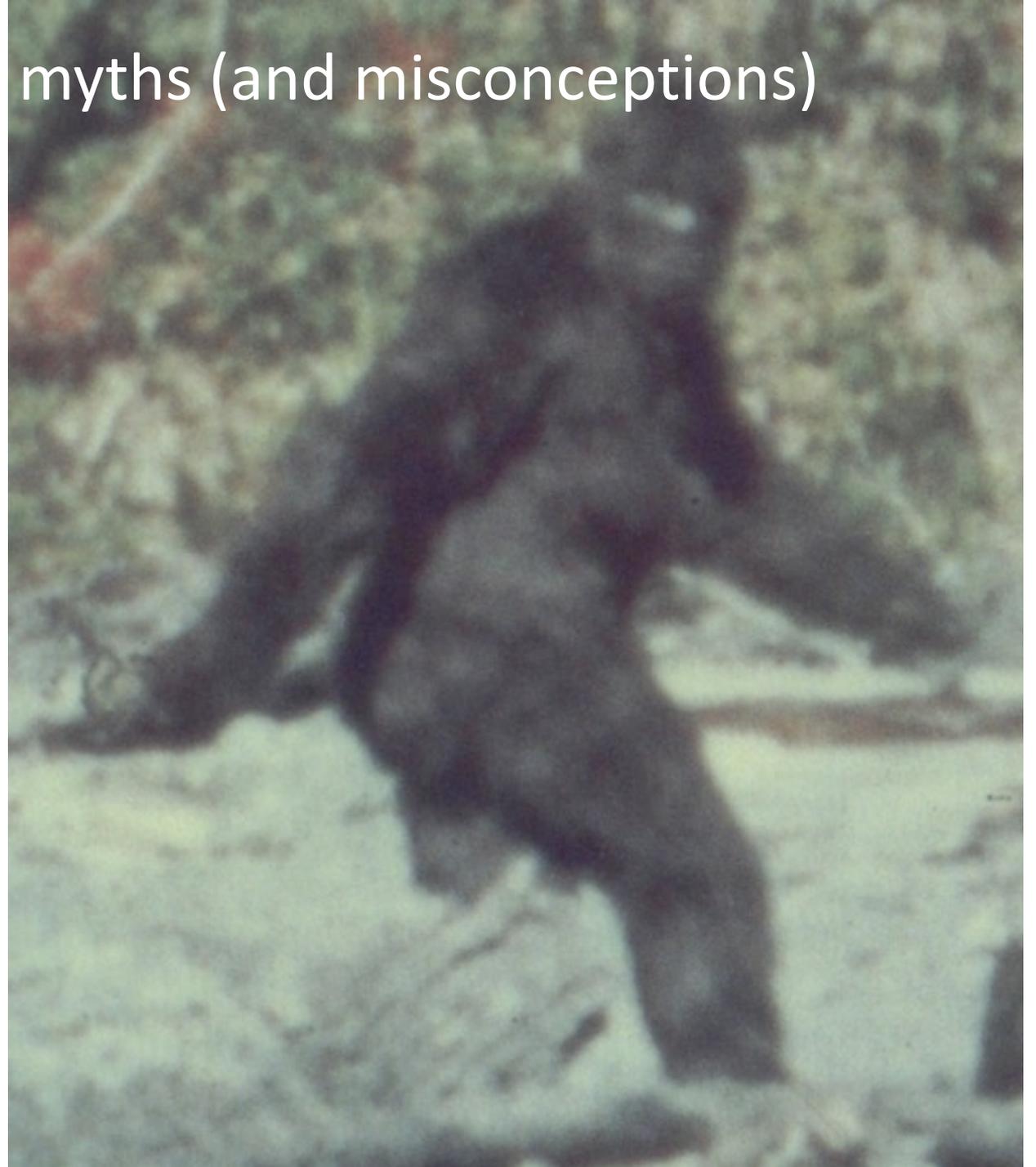
All users



All forms of travel



# Complete streets myths (and misconceptions)



...not only for cities



*They are context sensitive*

...not a “design prescription”



*They are a set of principles*

...not a ban on cars



*They provide choices*

Marshalls

THE BICYCLE CENTER

WORLDWIDE

THE DOG HOUSE

OPEN

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...not a silver bullet



*Land use and other considerations also matter*

Why complete streets?



## Benefits

Improving health

Can making more walkable and bikeable streets really make a difference?

*Yes. Recommended daily exercise is 20 minutes per day, which can be achieved through walking/biking/taking transit.*

# Benefits

Improving safety

Pedestrian crashes

ê 88% with sidewalks

↓ 69% with hybrid beacon

ê 39% with medians

ê 29% with road conversions

# Benefits

## Economic impact

Example: Washington, DC: Barracks Row/8<sup>th</sup> Street SE



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## Economic impact

**From study of 37 complete streets projects by Kaiser Permanente, the areas had:**

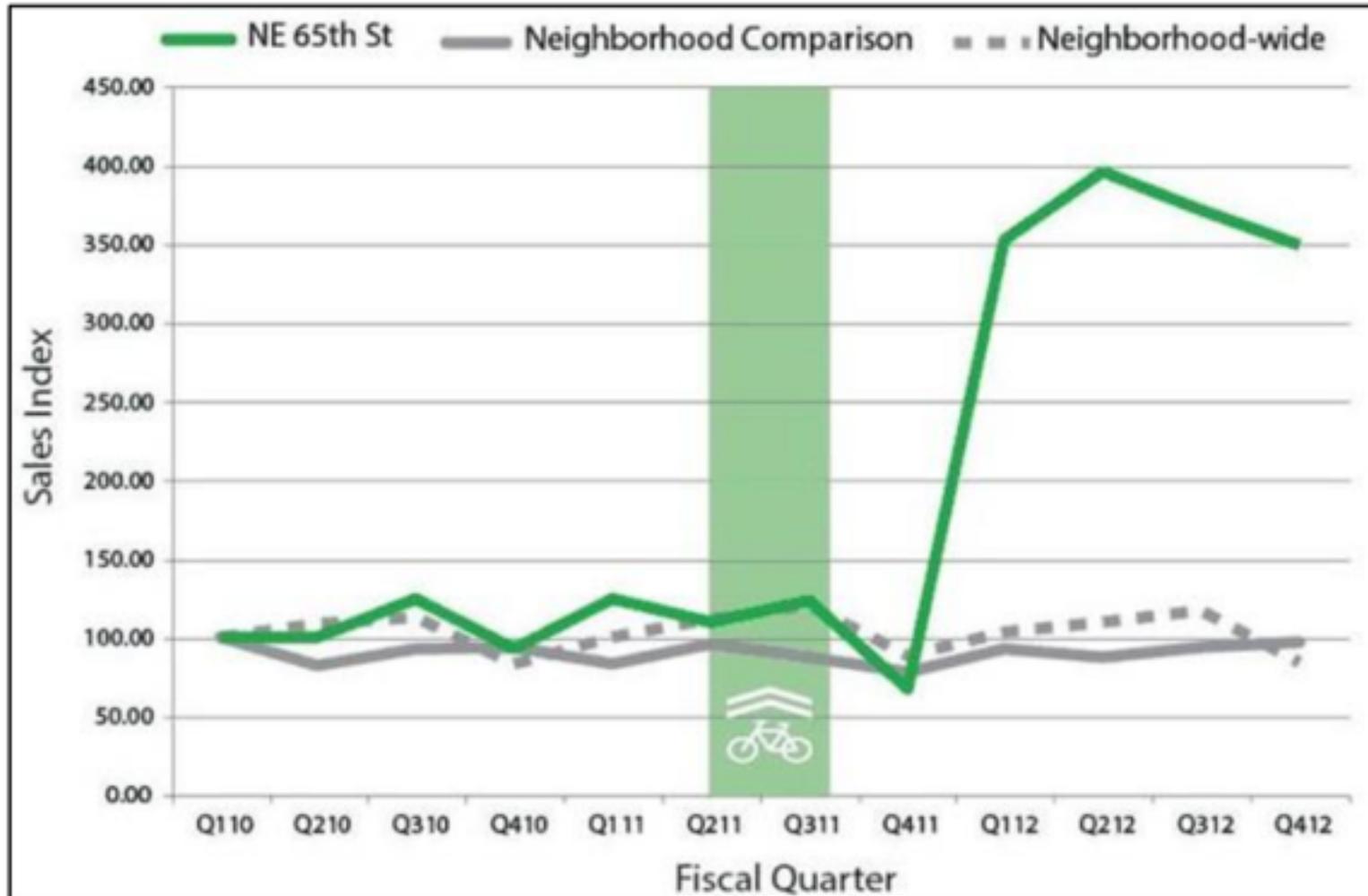
- Higher employment and property values, often outpacing similar unimproved corridors and citywide trends;
- Net new businesses along 6 projects;
- Higher retail sales in 4 projects; and
- Increased private investment along 8 projects.



# Benefits

## Economic impact

In Seattle, removing parking and adding bike lanes on one street saw huge spike in retail sales



# Potential elements of complete streets



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- **Narrower lanes**
- **Tight curb radii**
- **Reduced # lanes**  
Other considerations

# Where do we go from here?

1. Your input
2. Test the ideas
3. Adjust as needed
4. Plan for long-term changes and secure funding

