



**General Public Meeting
September 21, 2011**



Take Back the Boulevard is a partnership between community stakeholders and the office of Councilman José Huizar.

What will we accomplish tonight?



- Introduce “Take Back the Boulevard” and the steering committee
- Present some big ideas
- Get initial feedback from you
- Set an agenda for working together

Who Is Take Back the Boulevard?



Broad coalition of Eagle Rock organizations

- The Eagle Rock Association (TERA)
- Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce
- Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
- Eagle Rock Community Preservation and Revitalization Corporation (ERCPR)
- Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful

Assistance from:

- Office of Councilmember José Huizar
- Civic Enterprise Associates, LLC

Why we are here



- Eagle Rock is a **wonderful, vibrant** community.



Why we are here



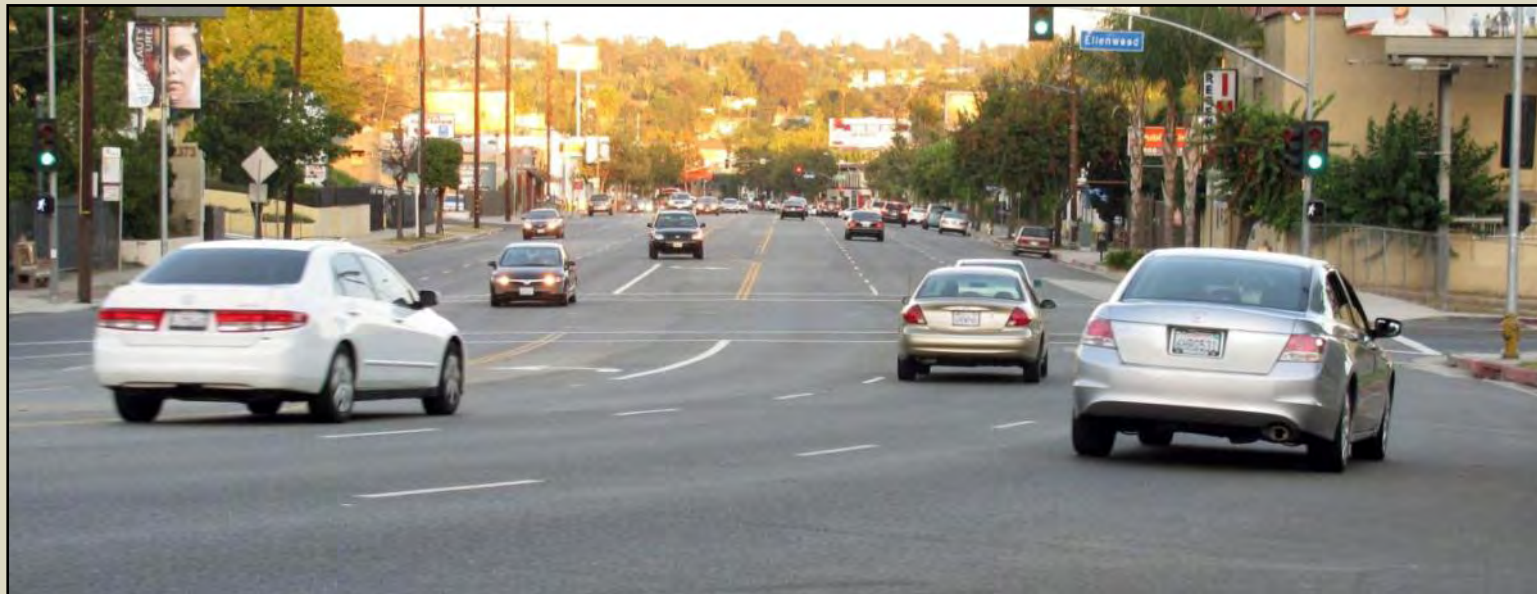
- Colorado is our **main street**.



Why we are here



- Our main street could work **better for residents, businesses and visitors.**



Why we are here



- There is a range of things we can do to make Colorado work better as a “Main Street.”



Paul Chinn / The Chronicle

Why we are here



- The City does street projects from time to time.
- There is also some special funding for special projects.
- If we agree on **community priorities**, we can **guide those projects** to shape Colorado to our **community vision**.

Why we are here



- What do you want?
- How do you want to be involved?

Focus of the project



The public right of way: everything between the private property lines

- Street
- Sidewalks
- Parkways
- Medians



Other programs focus on private property (e.g., Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan; façade improvement program)

Creating a plan



- Gather public input
 - Meetings, surveys, etc.
- Collect data
- Develop initial design concepts for Colorado
- Additional community meetings to develop plan
- Action plan: mid-2012 target date

Action Plan



Our goal:

- Achievable
- Phaseable
- Community-based



Photo: Sergi Larripa



- **Key Question:**

What simple changes can we make to Colorado Blvd to make it work better for all users?

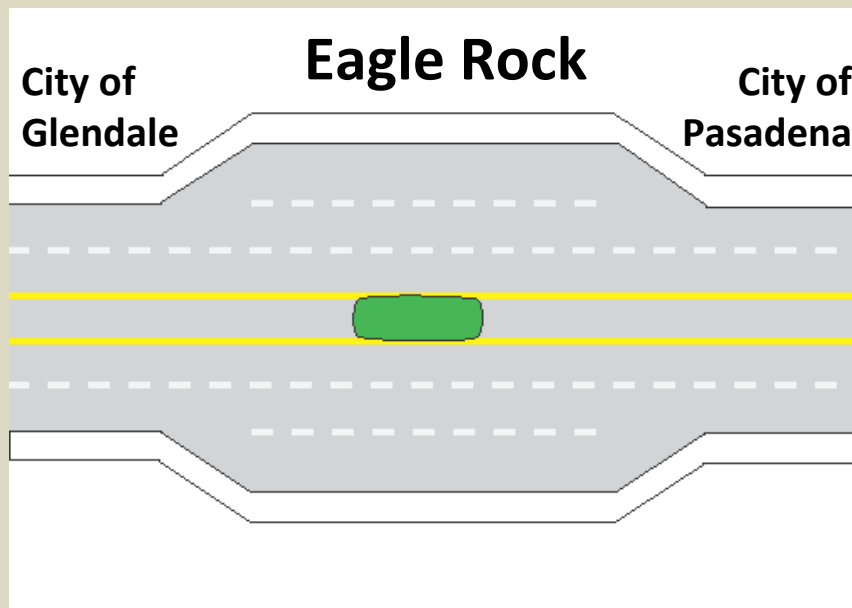
Big Ideas



Make Colorado's width more consistent.



Eagle Rock is an anomaly



Eagle Rock (2 Freeway to just west of Figueroa)

- 3 lanes in each direction
- Center turn lane/median

City of Glendale:

- 2 lanes in each direction
- Center turn lane/median

West of Figueroa/

City of Pasadena:

- 1-2 lanes in each direction

Lots of space for cars



Big Ideas



Use some of roadway width to make Colorado more of a main street?

- LADOT traffic study

Big Ideas



Street design makes a difference.



Big Ideas



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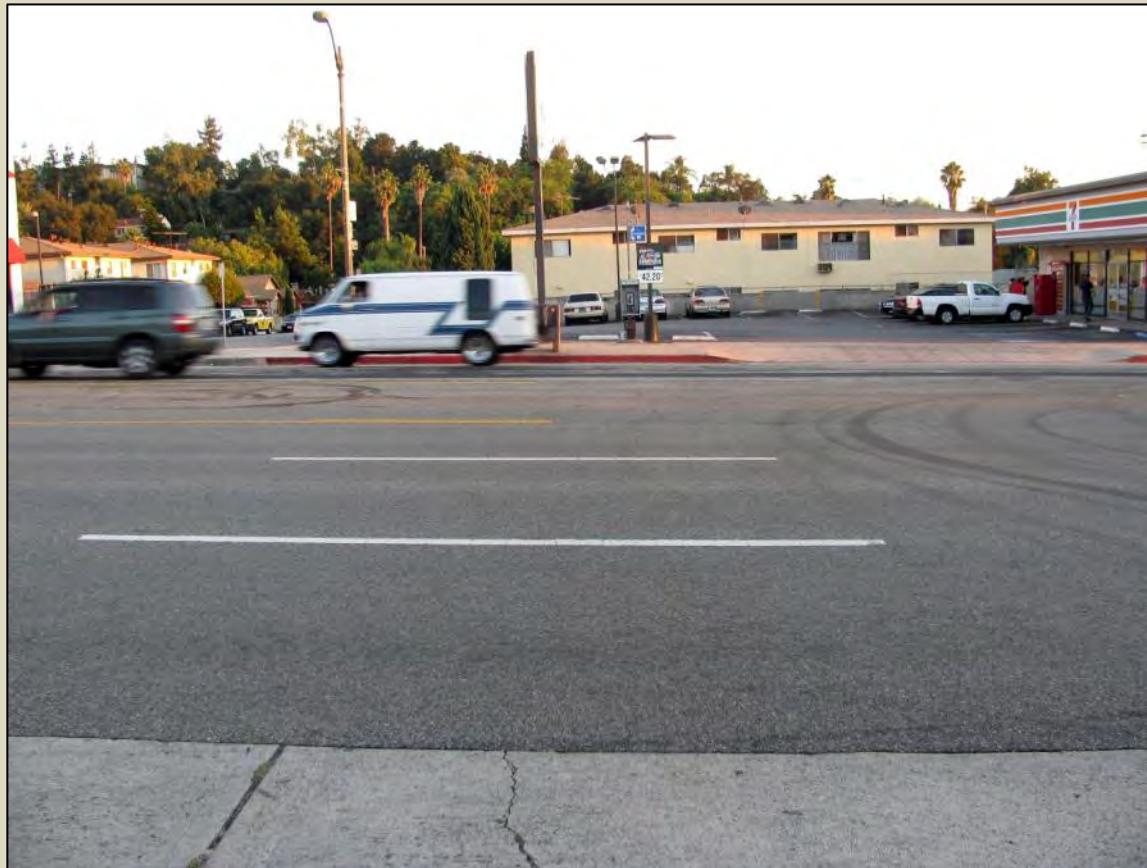


Make it easier and safer to cross the street.

Colorado today



- Difficult to cross Colorado Boulevard



Colorado today



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Colorado today



- Long walks to traffic signals



Make it easier and safer to cross the street



- **Bulbouts:**



Make it easier and safer to cross the street



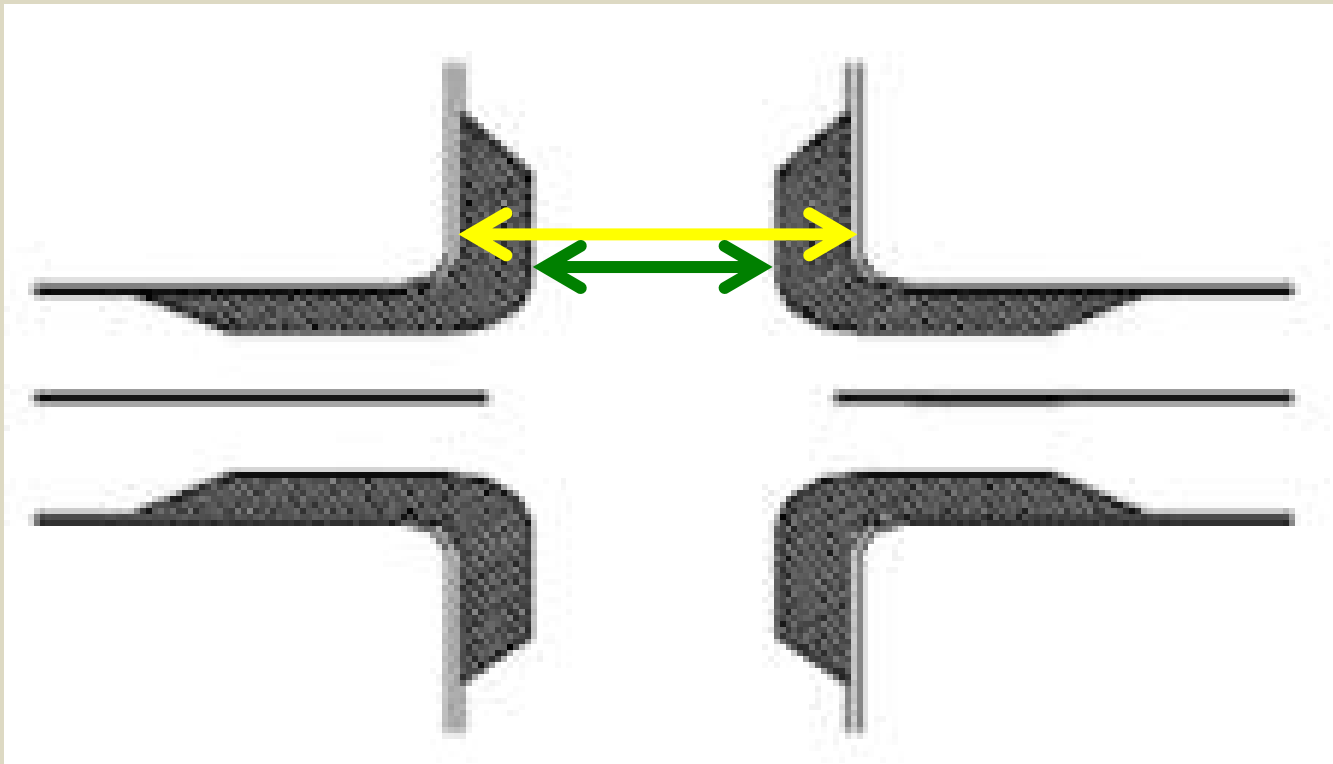
Bulbouts: increased visibility



Make it easier and safer to cross the street



Bulbouts: Decreased crossing distance



Make it easier and safer to cross the street



More marked crosswalks



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Marked crosswalks with refuge area



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Signalized crosswalks



Big Ideas

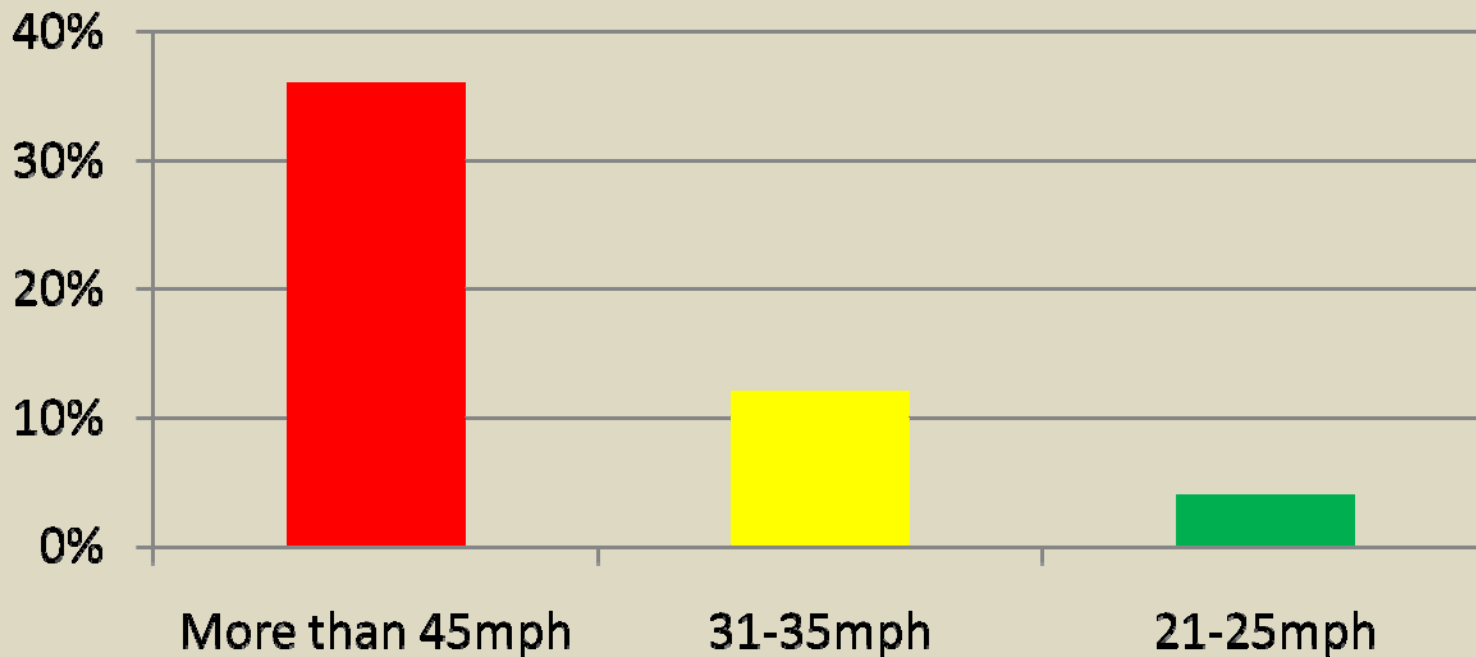


Reduce speeding.

Colorado today: Safety issues



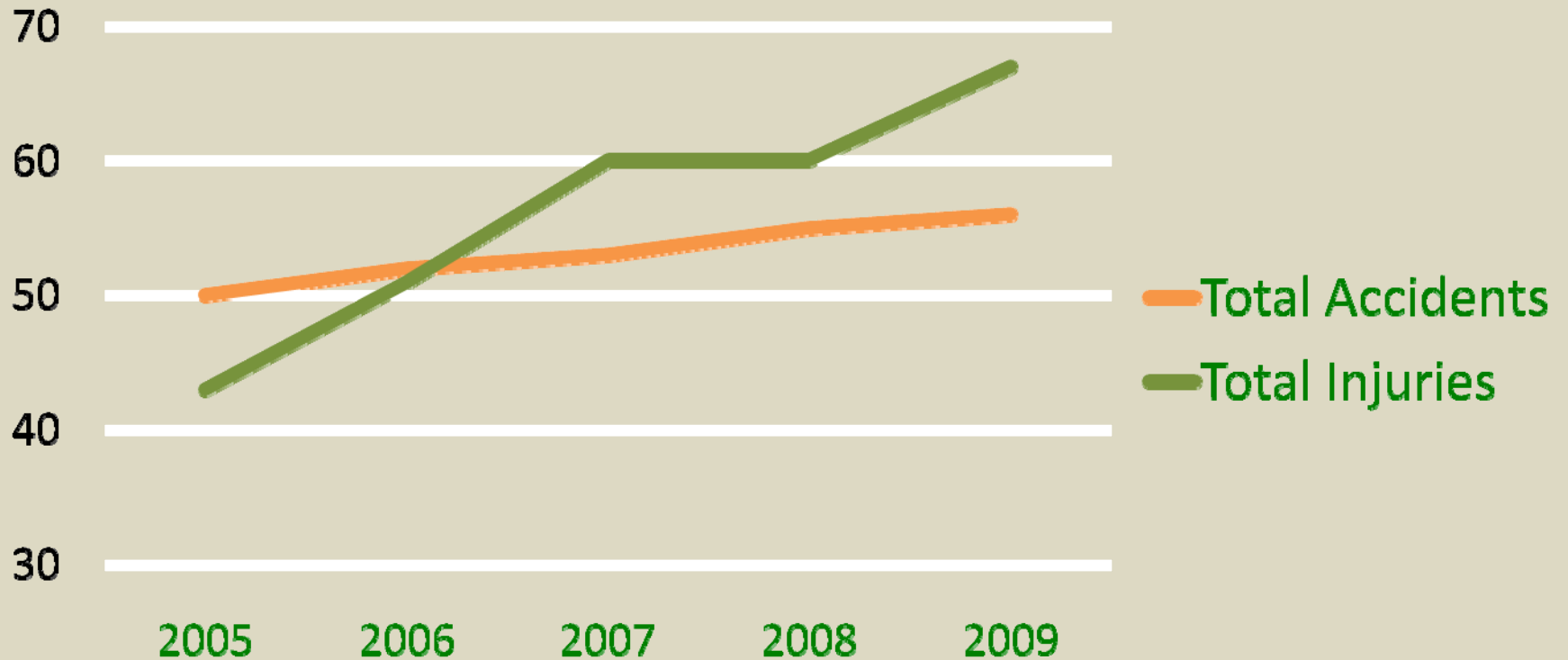
Vehicle Speed and Pedestrian Fatality Rate



Colorado today: Safety issues



Colorado Blvd Reported Automobile Collisions and Injuries



Source: SWITRS; SALT Landscape Design

Colorado today: Safety issues



Accident Statistics for Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock Avenue 64 to Eagledale Avenue — Total Distance 3 miles

Year	Total Reported Accidents	Injury Accidents	People Killed			People Injured		
			Driver/Pass	Ped	Bicyclist	Driver/Pass	Ped	Bicyclist
2005	50	31				37	5	1
2006	52	35		2		47	4	
2007	53	37				57	3	
2008	55	37	5			48	10	2
2009	56	41				56	4	7
TOTAL	266	181	5	2	0	245	26	10

Source: SWITRS; SALT Landscape Design

Big Ideas



**Make it more enticing to walk
along Colorado.**

Make it more enticing to walk on Colorado



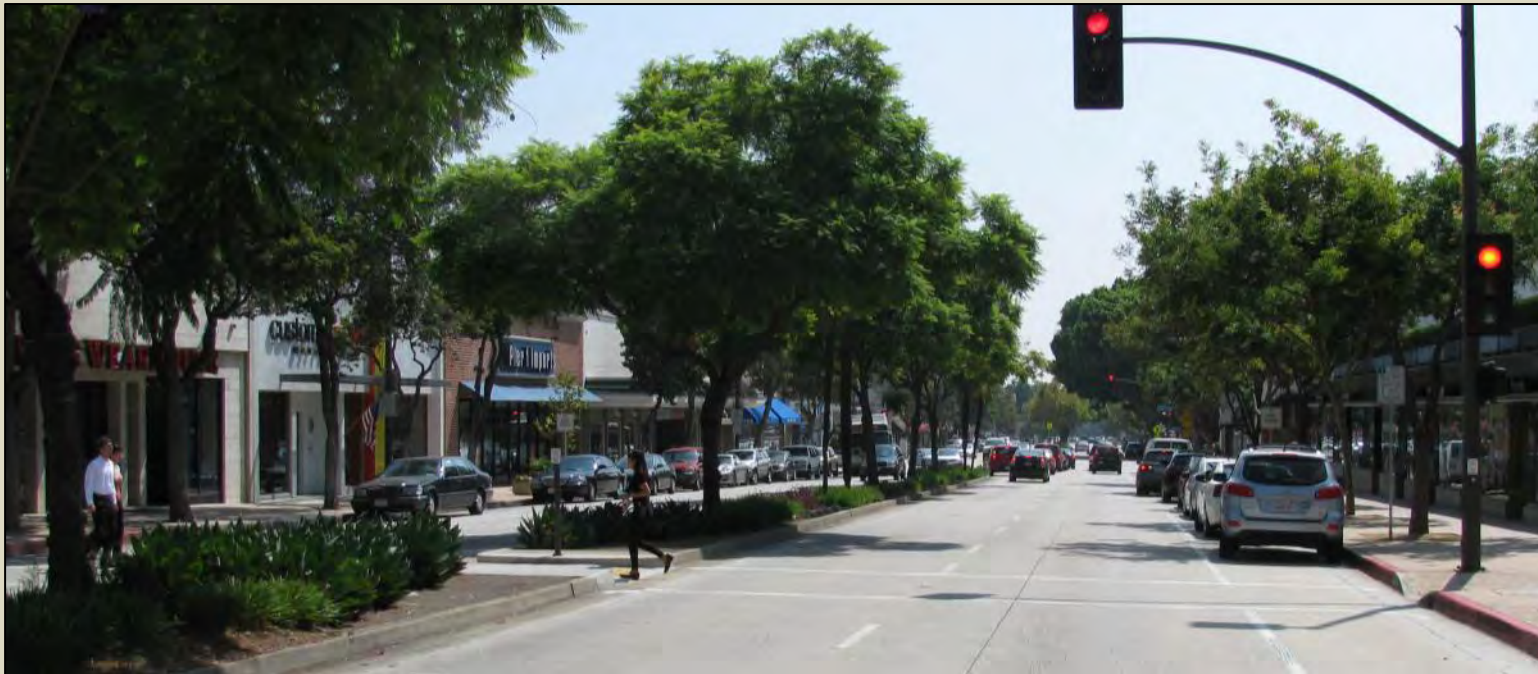
Shade trees and landscaping



Make it more enticing to walk on Colorado



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Make it more enticing to walk on Colorado



- Wider sidewalks:



Benefits of wider sidewalks



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Big Ideas



Make it easier and safer for people to bike.



Make it easier and safer for people to bike



Bike Lanes

- **2011 Bike Plan:** Colorado Blvd bike lanes a high priority
- LADOT studying potential traffic impacts



Bike lanes can fit on major streets



Make it easier and safer for people who bike



Enhanced bike route:

- “Sharrow” markings



Make it easier and safer for people who bike



Bike parking

- Bike corrals
- Sidewalk racks



Photo: Portland Bureau of Transportation

Big Ideas



Address parking concerns.

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- Angled parking



Address parking concerns



- Reverse angled parking



Big Ideas



Interim and low-cost solutions.

Low-cost solutions can work



Low-cost solutions can work



Next Steps



Continued public input:

- Surveys
- Meetings

Next public meeting:

- Early 2012

Take Back the Boulevard



- Thank you!

Take Back the Boulevard



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