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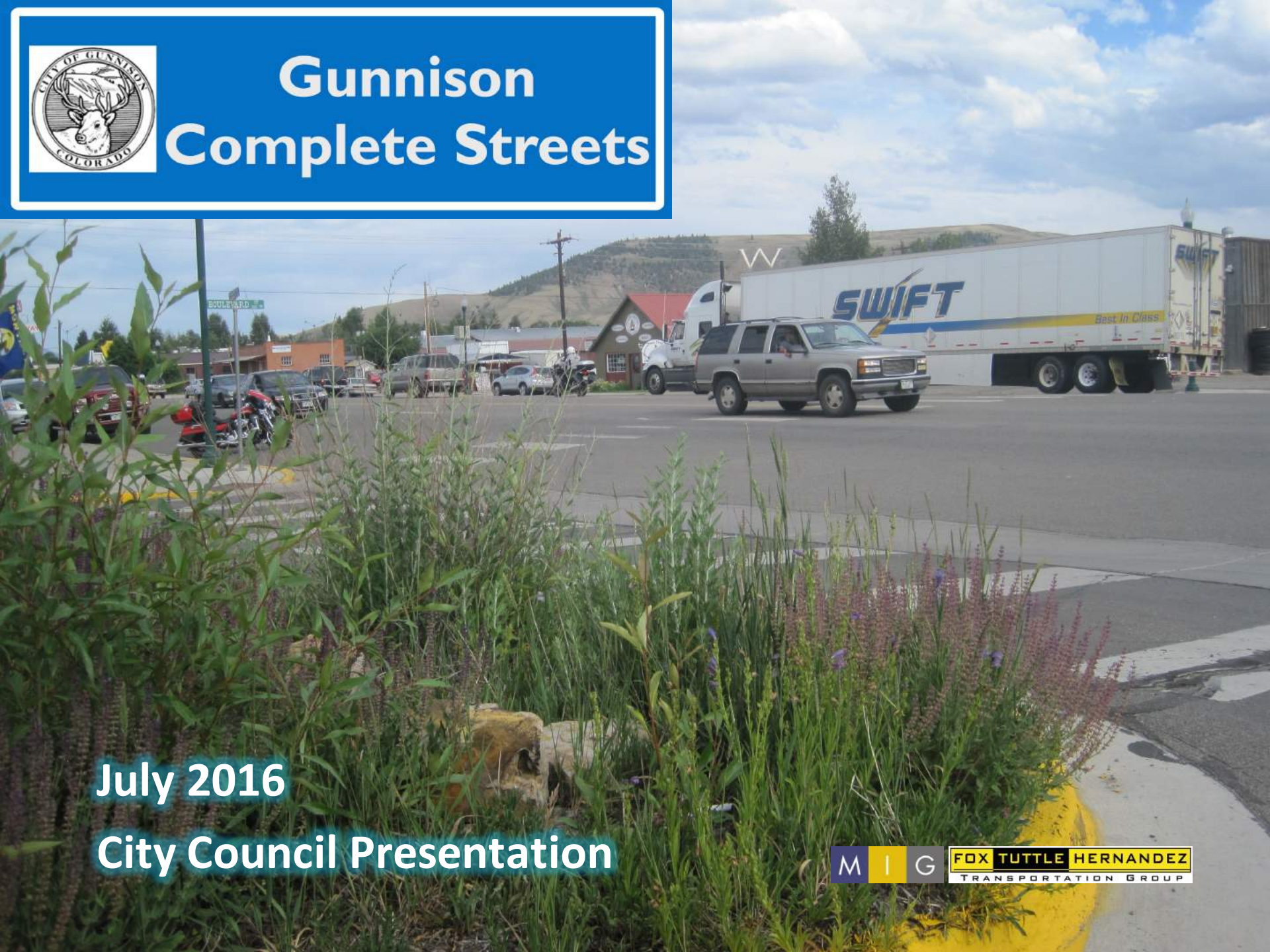

July 2016

City Council Presentation

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Community Input Summary

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WORKSHOP FOR SAFER STREETS

Attendees mark problems they see with the current configuration of Tomichi Avenue.

Drawing out new ideas

PHOTO AND WORDS BY WILL SHOEMAKER

Markers scribbled across Main Street. Citizens marched all over Tomichi Avenue.

Mind you, this was all within the confines of the Ford Field Multi-purpose Building in Gunnison, and the marking and marching were only on maps.

The city hosted a workshop this past Thursday to solicit feedback from residents of all ages on possible improvements to highway corridors. The meeting was the first step of an initiative aimed at improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

Groups each cited their gripes with a specific portion of the city's current configuration — taking markers to large aerial print-outs. The maps were then placed on the floor, as the larger audience gathered around, and each group walked the model corridors from end to end, explaining their observations. The three dozen attendees also were offered a glimpse of other communities' solutions — and given a chance to rate them.

Thursday's workshop was facilitated by consulting firm Fox Tuttle Hernandez Transportation Group. The end goal is the development of a "complete streets" plan in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) that could result in funding from the state agency.

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CHOICE PASS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

NEW IDEAS FOR FUNDIN GUNNISON RISING

Workshop Summary

3 Community Workshops

9 breakout sessions

320 total participants

3,000 comments

15 Right-of-Way games

1,200 poll questions processed

Community Workshop #1
(44 people)

Tomichi Corridor Issues Mapping

Key Themes

- Traffic perceived to be “too fast” and “not yielding”
- Perceived to be dangerous and unsafe for crossing
- Pedestrian signals at major intersections desired
- Ped signal timing perceived to be “too short”

Love this, shows the world we are an open for biz community

PLACES SPACES

Lines

opens space up for people to be downtown

WHY?

Photo Preference Survey

98% support for “green” medians

98% support for “signalize” mid-block crossings

80% support for some type of protected bike lanes

Community Workshop #2
(38 people)

The community worked together to redesign Tomichi

They collaboratively worked with elected officials

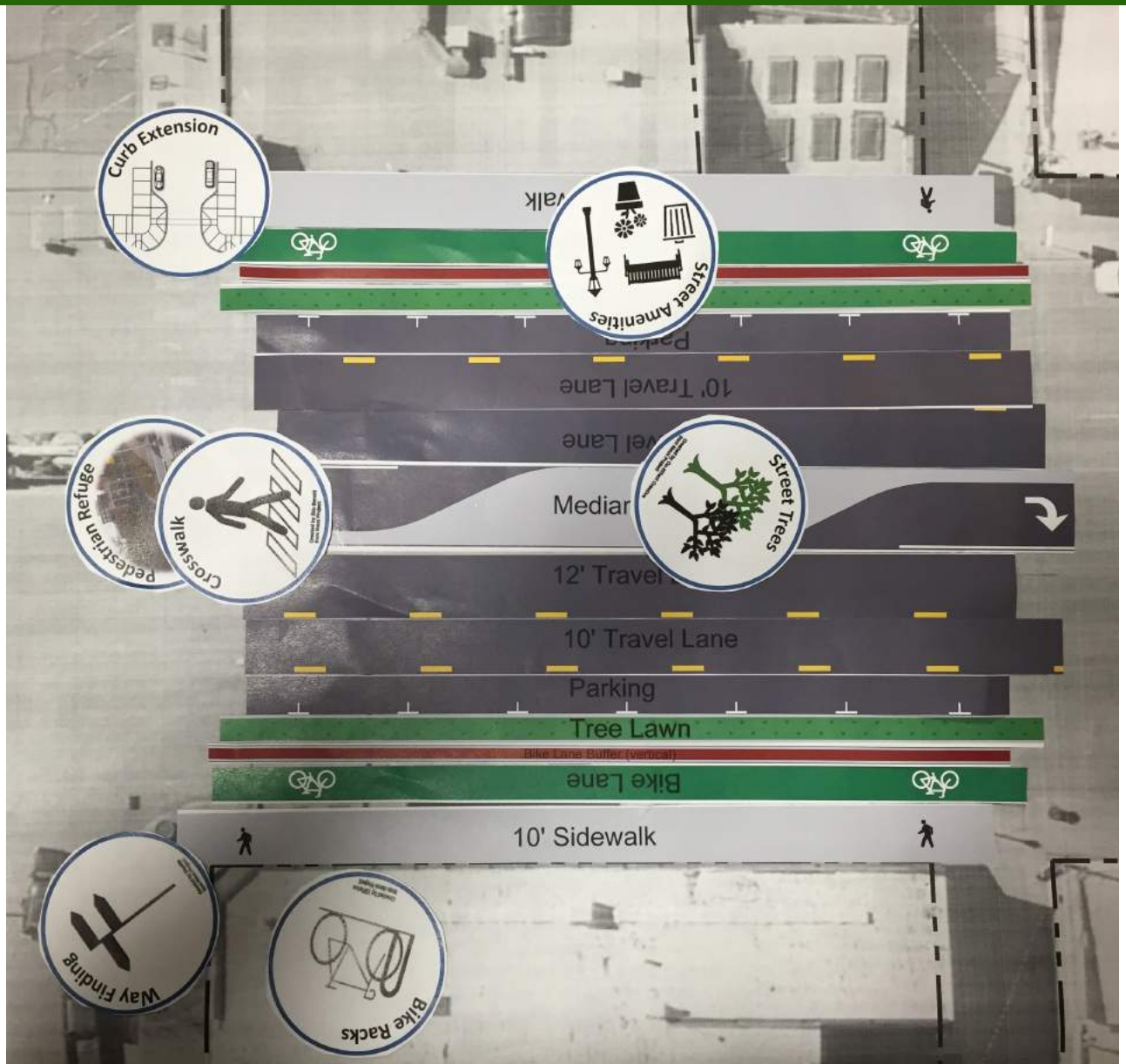
The community evaluated alternatives

We talked about buffered bike lanes

We talked about protected bike lanes

We talked about protected bike lanes

What did we hear?

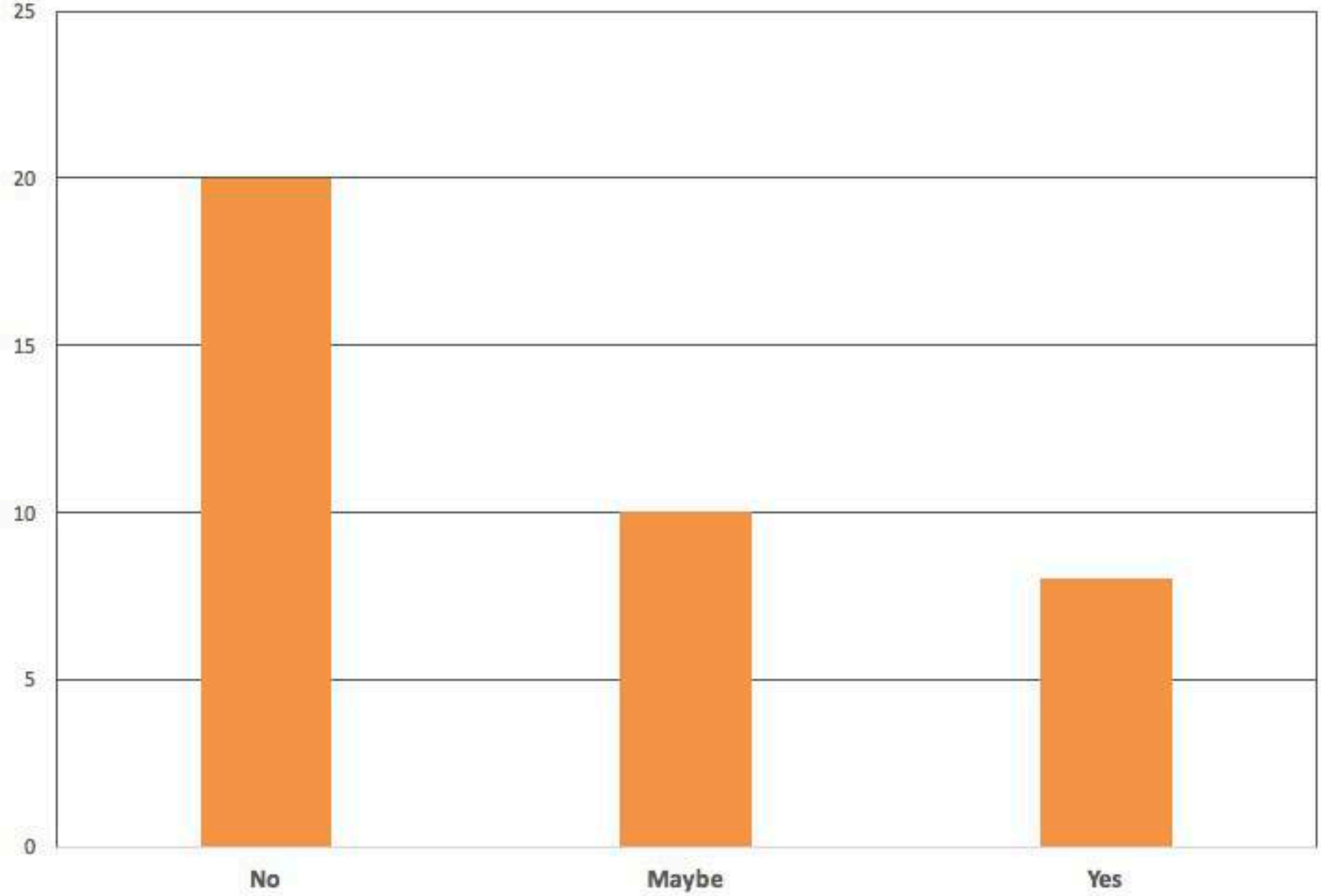


Tomichi Right of Way Game

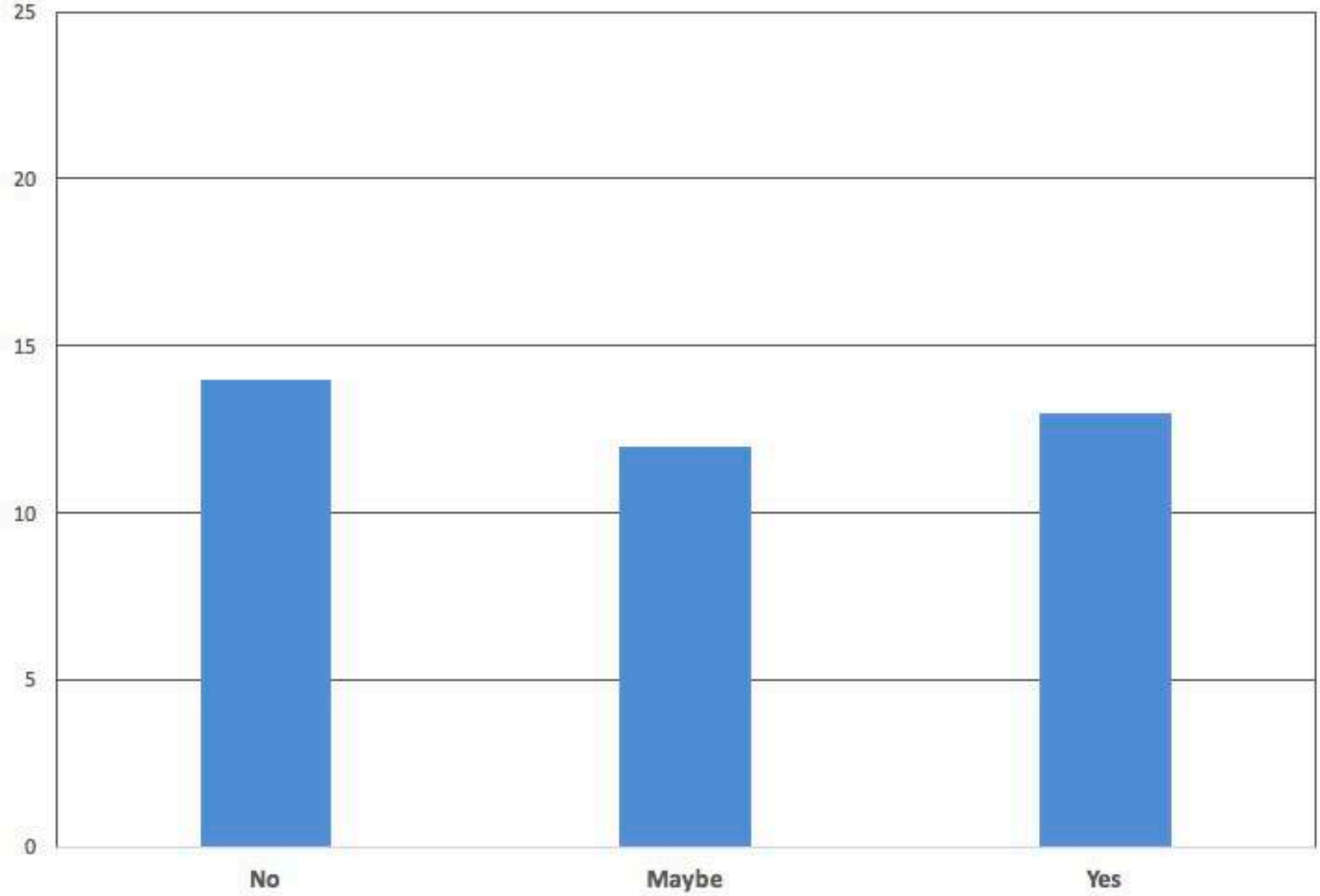
<u>6 new design options submitted at Workshop #1</u>

- 100% kept parking
- **100% had raised medians with turn lanes**
- **66% had protected bike lanes**
- 50% added tree lawns
- 50% utilized narrower travel lanes
- 0% deleted travel lanes

OPTION #1: BUFFERED BIKE LANES ON TOMICHI



OPTION #2: PARKING PROTECTED ON TOMICHI



We obtained groundbreaking CDOT support

Goal 2: Make strategic investments in regional infrastructure and facilities that supports quality of life and economic prosperity.

OBJECTIVE 2.1:
Create a highly connected, multimodal transportation system.

ACTION:
Collaborate on the revitalization of highway corridors, which serve as key transportation facilities, gateways to the region and "Main Street" in Gunnison.

ONE VALLEY
PROSPERITY PROJECT

OVPP and CDOT supported plans

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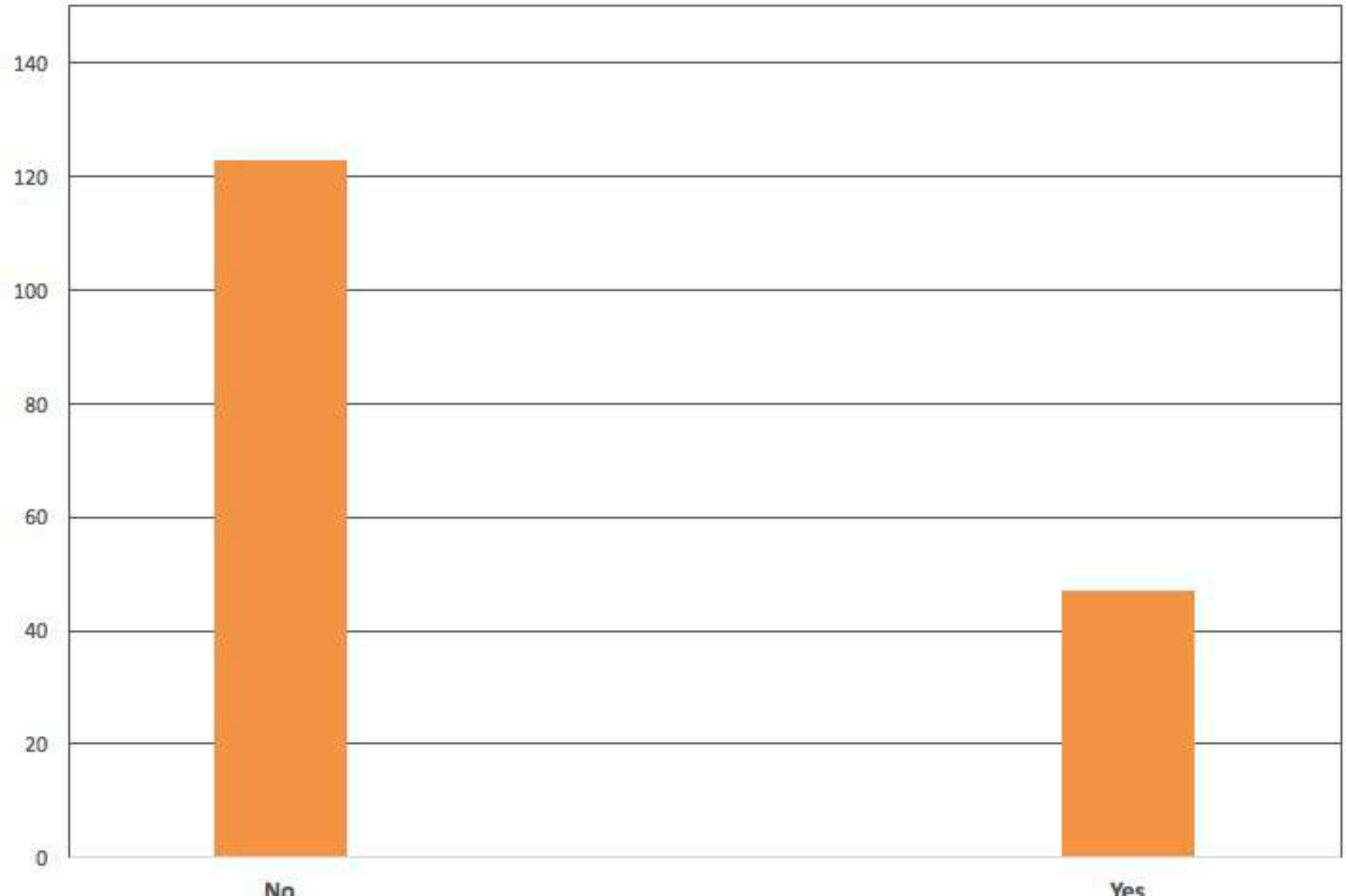
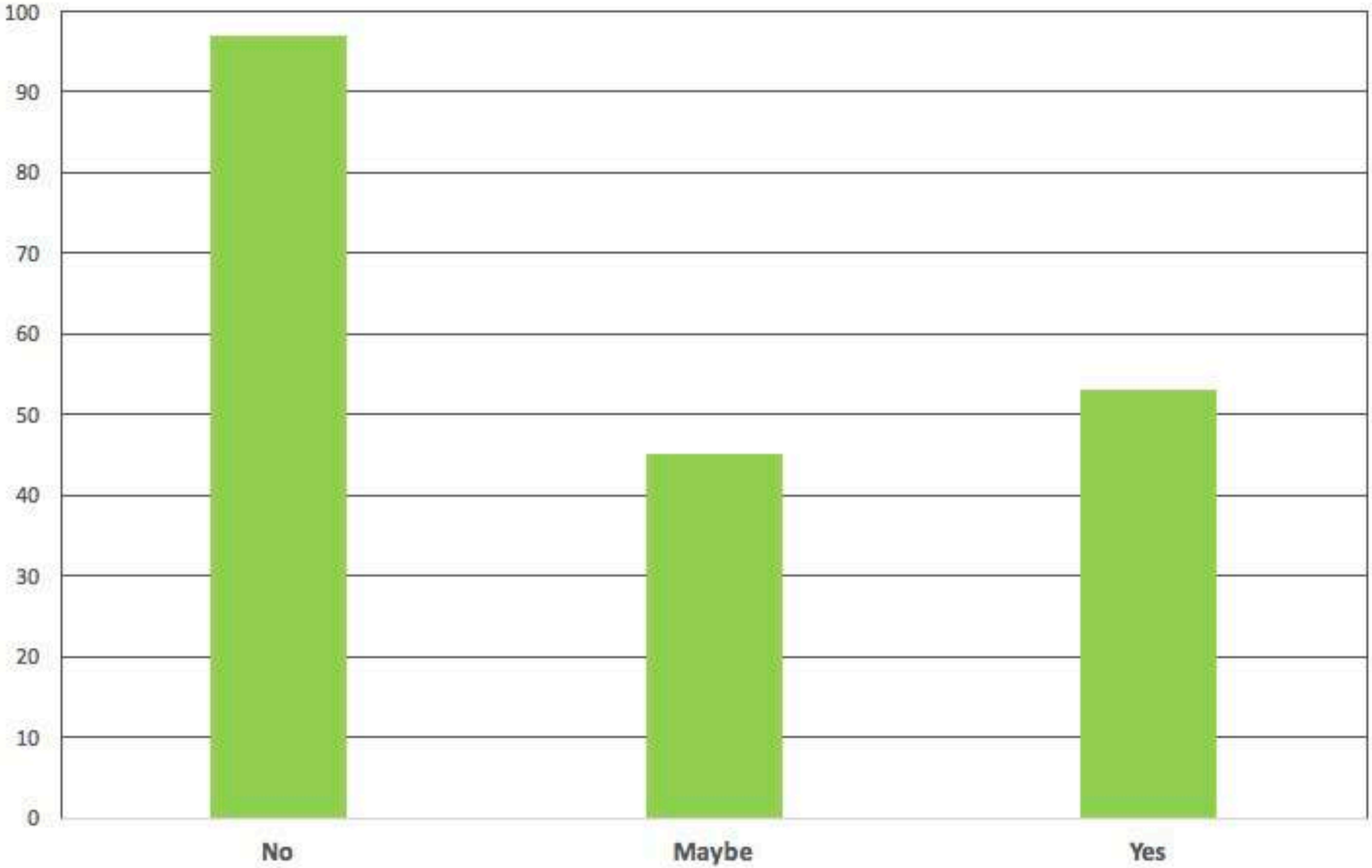
Community Workshop #3
(224 people)

Additional business owners and residents participated

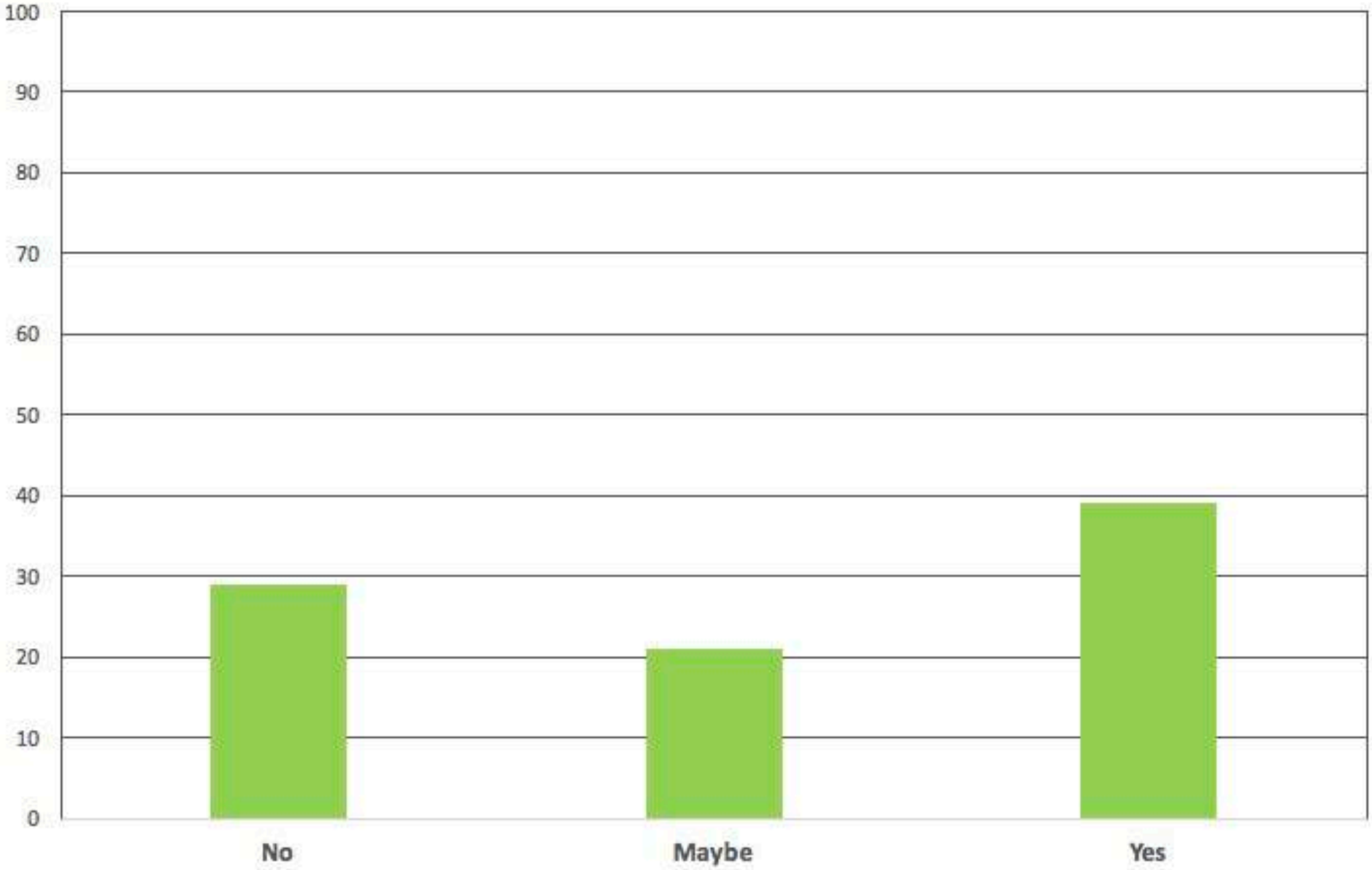
1. I participated in a prior workshop



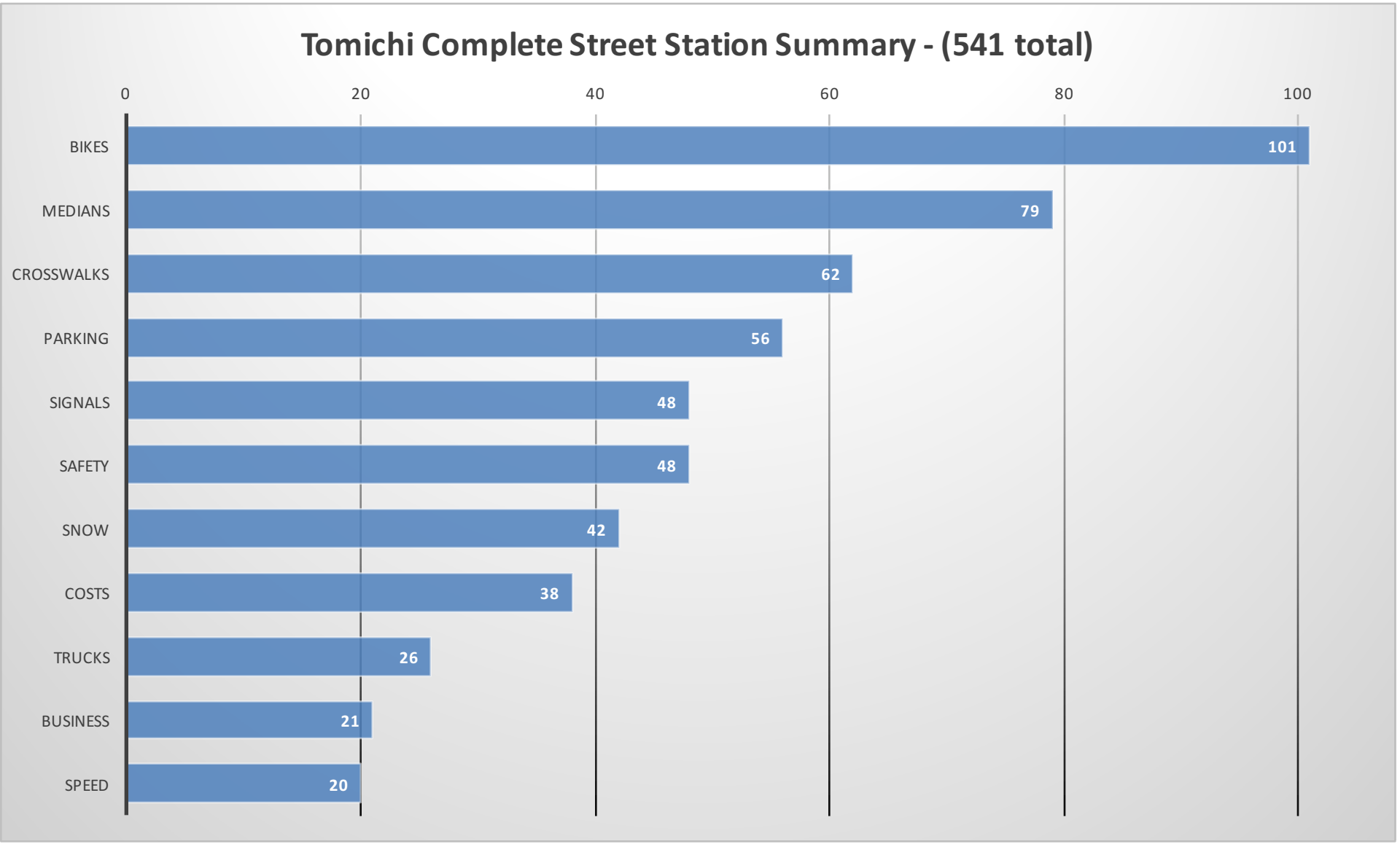
2. I support the installation of the Tomichi Complete Street Project



I would be willing to support it with minor changes



Community provided written comments on draft plans



Summary of written Tomichi comments from Workshop #3

Final Recommendations

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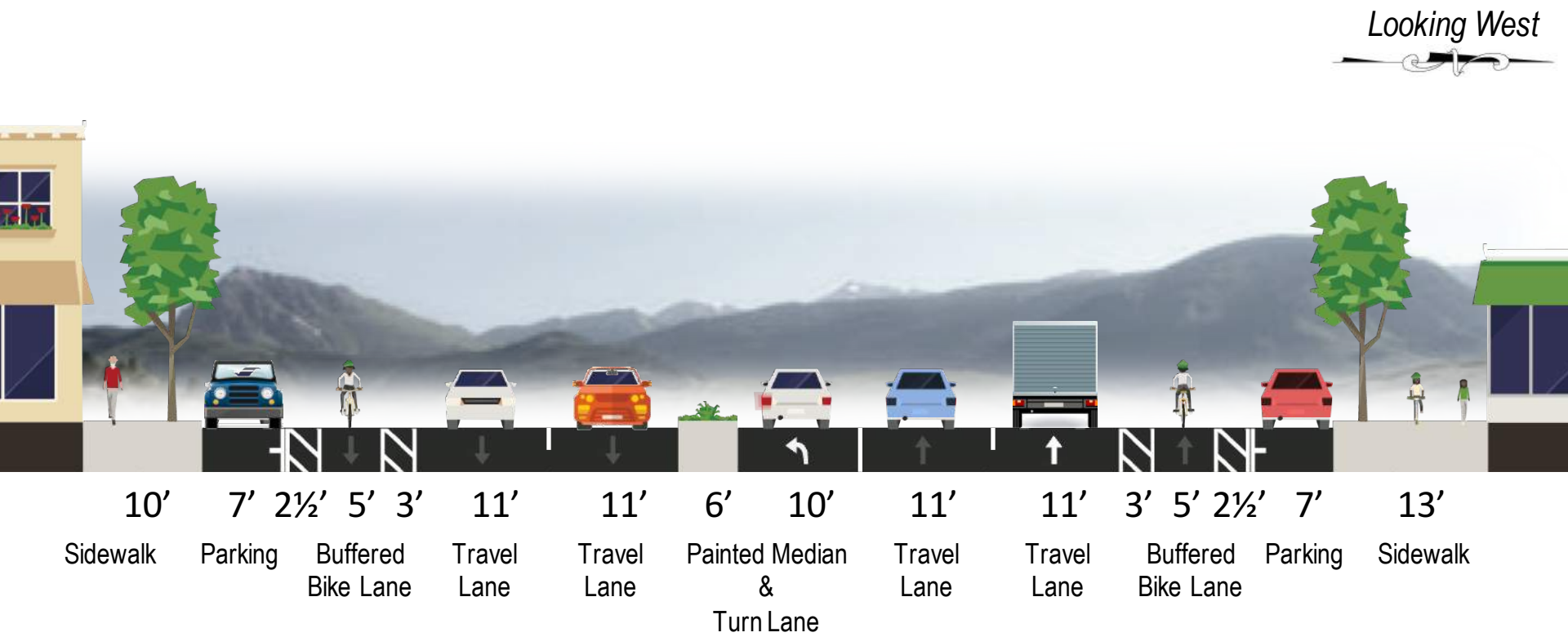
Recommendation #1: Install Double Buffered Bike Lanes on Tomichi for 2 years ($100,000)



Tomichi Avenue Buffer Bike Lanes

Opportunities

- Installation only requires paint on the roadway
- Lowest installation and maintenance costs
- CDOT pre-approved this alternative
- No parking spaces removed
- Plowed and maintained with existing equipment
- Few conflicts with alleys and driveways
- Traditional, common, and makes a statement

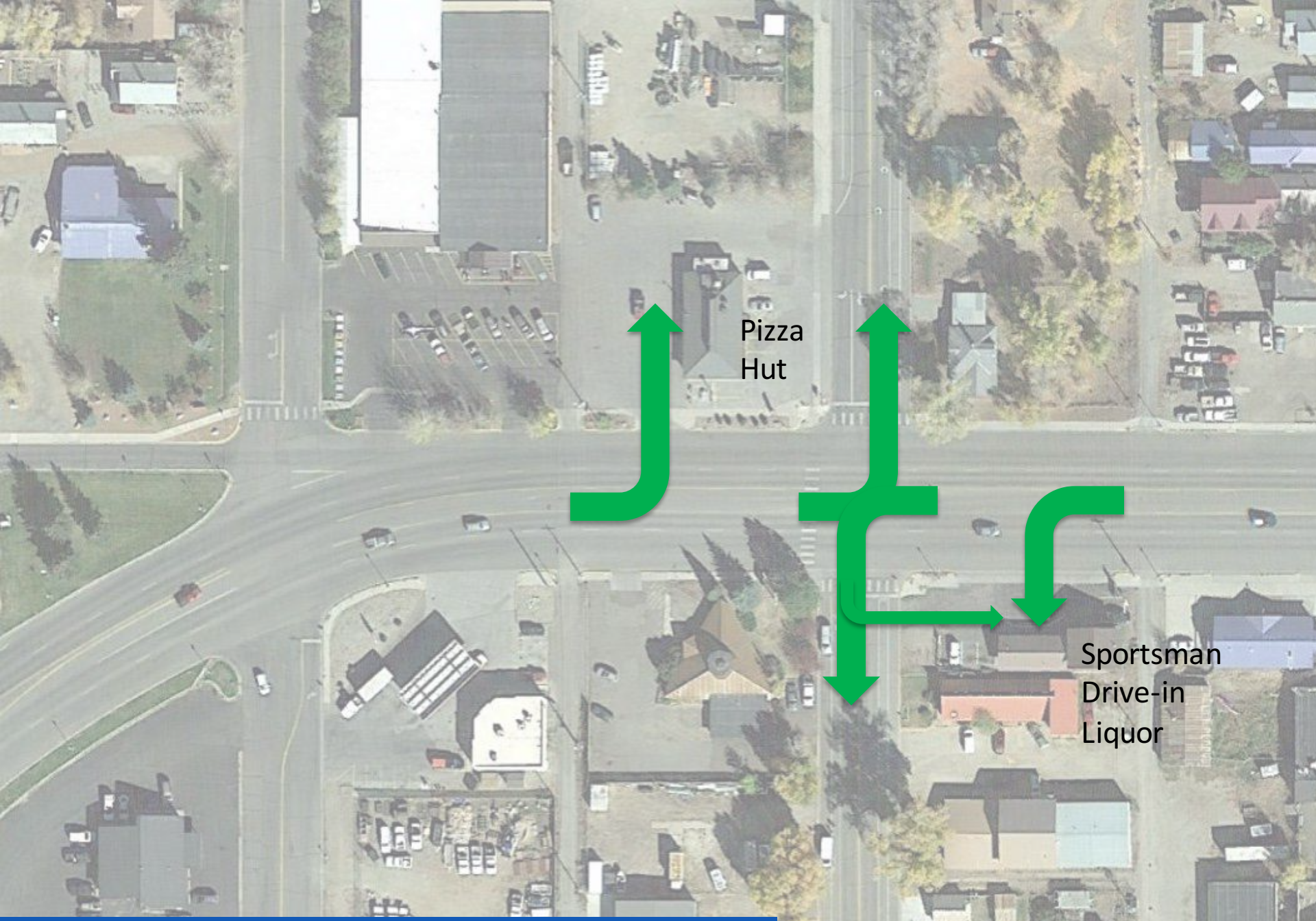
Challenges

- Least separation between moving traffic and bicycles
- Achieving posted vehicle speed limits
- Ground markings covered in snow for extended periods
- Novices and children might still be on sidewalks downtown

TRUCK ROUTE

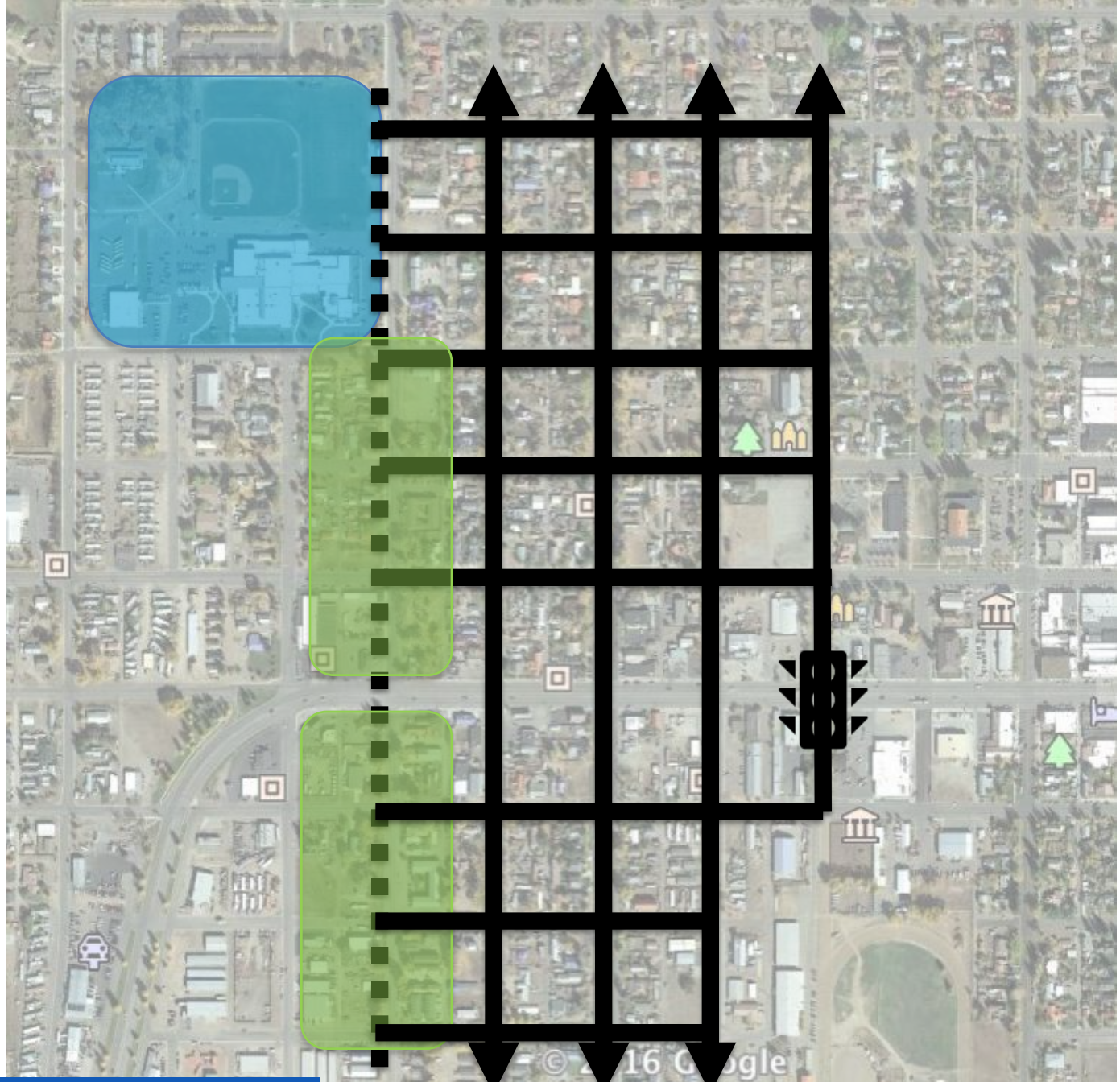
Recommendation #2: Install RRFB crossing at 11th and Tomichi for 2 years ($130,000)

Refuge islands required for safety



Left turns at and near 11th remain

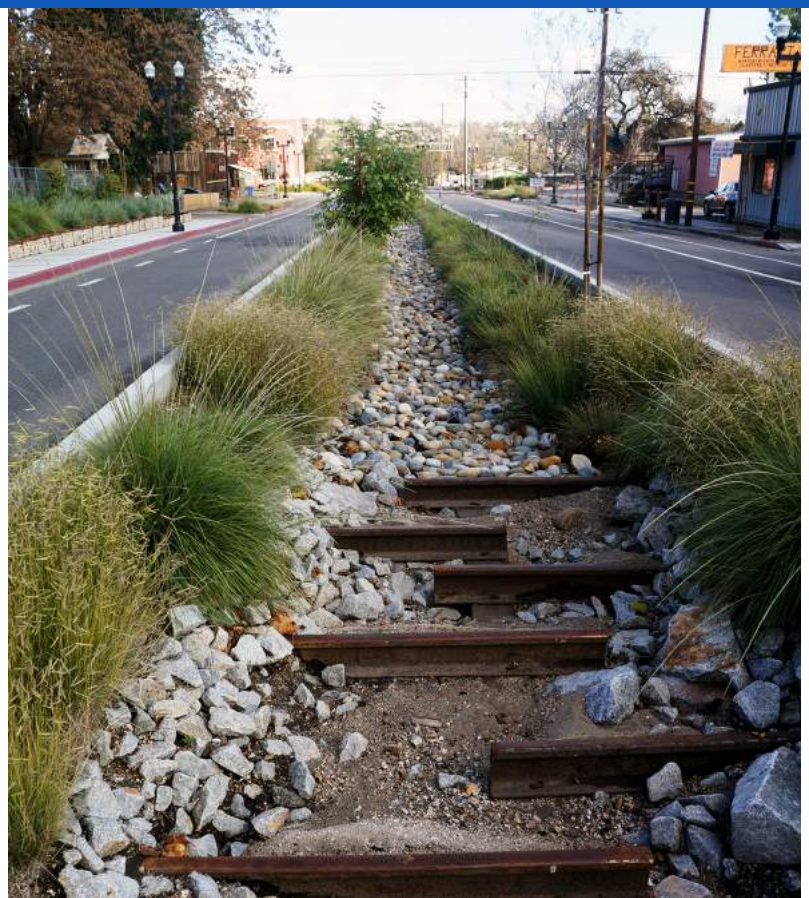
2 Left turns out and thru removed



Grid connections

Recommendation #3: Install Mid Block Crossing at Jorgenson Park ($150,000)

Recommendation #4: Establish a Western Gateway that supports the OVPP Vision ($150,000)



Concepts that require future evaluation

Tomichi Avenue

- Parking protected bike lanes
- Protected intersection at Main Street
- Center roadway medians
- Driveways closures with medians
- Lighting and signage
- Arrival entry features on east and west ends

Main Street

- Lane reductions between Tomichi and Georgia
- Parklet demonstration with CDOT
- Wider sidewalk zone by moving curbs
- Lighting and signage
- Bike parking

3 Year Action Plan

Action in 2016

- All four projects individually submitted in July for CDOT's CPP/TA funding
- Finalize all design plans
- Establish performance measures
- Outline community engagement plan for projects moving forward

Actions in 2017

- Install buffered bike lanes on Tomichi Avenue
- Install new RRFB at 11th and Tomichi
- Install mid-block crossing at Jorgensen Park
- Education and safety campaign
- Revaluate the "future project list"

Actions in 2018

- On-going project evaluation

Actions in Early 2019

- Determine next step projects