



# West Tampa Alleyway Action Plan

Community Workshop – January 25, 2024



# Agenda

- Presentation
  - *Project Overview and Goals*
  - *Inventory and Field Collection*
  - *Best Practices*
  - *Alleyway Typologies*
  - *Priority Alleyways*
  - *Schedule/Next Steps*
- Open House & Workshop Activities





# Project Overview and Goals

- Create a **comprehensive inventory of alleyways** in the CRA
- **Develop a long-term vision** for the alleyway system in the West Tampa CRA
- Update City Standards and Code to help **provide clear standards and improvements for alleyways** in the CRA



# Benefits of an Alleyway Network

- **Increased walkability and pedestrian safety**
- **More on-street parking spaces**
- **Place for green infrastructure**
- **Spaces to avoid busy streets**
- **Additional store frontages**
- **Back of house/service activity**
- **Space for community activities**
- **Placemaking/placekeeping opportunity**
- **Improves access to private property**

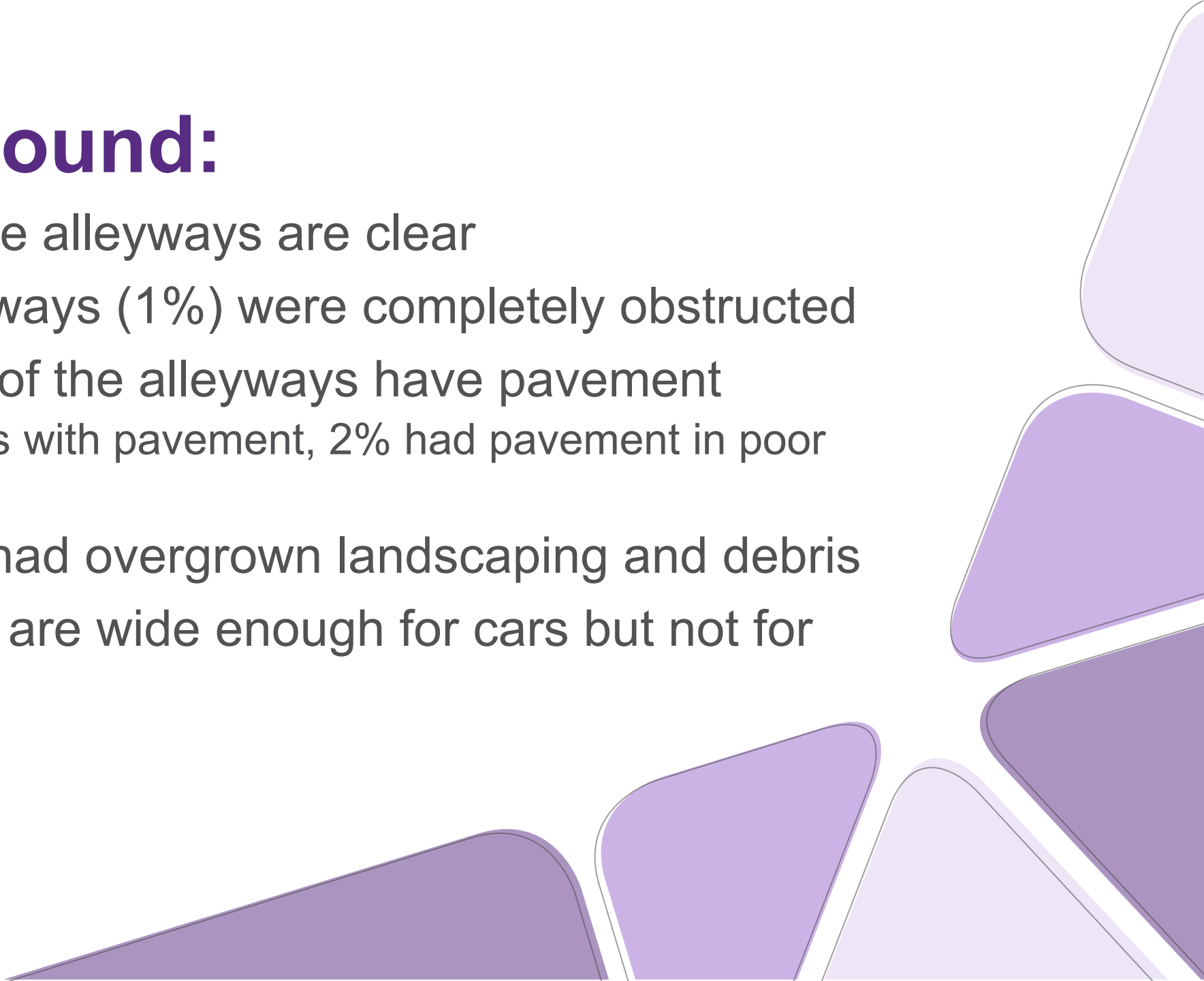


# Inventory and Field Collection

- 143 non-vacated alleyways (13.41 miles)
- Inventoried existing conditions such as:
  - General alleyway condition
  - Alleyway width
  - Surface type
  - Surface condition
  - Presence of utilities
  - Obstructions/debris/landscaping



# What We Found:

- Most (82%) of the alleyways are clear
  - Only a few alleyways (1%) were completely obstructed
  - Over half (57%) of the alleyways have pavement
    - Of the alleyways with pavement, 2% had pavement in poor condition
  - Most alleyways had overgrown landscaping and debris
  - Some alleyways are wide enough for cars but not for trash collection
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# Clear Alleys

82%

(11.18 miles)  
are  
Clear Alleys





# Semi-obstructed Alleys

**17%**

(2.05 miles) are  
Semi-  
obstructed  
Alleys



# Obstructed Alleys

1%

(0.18 miles) are  
Fully Obstructed  
Alleys

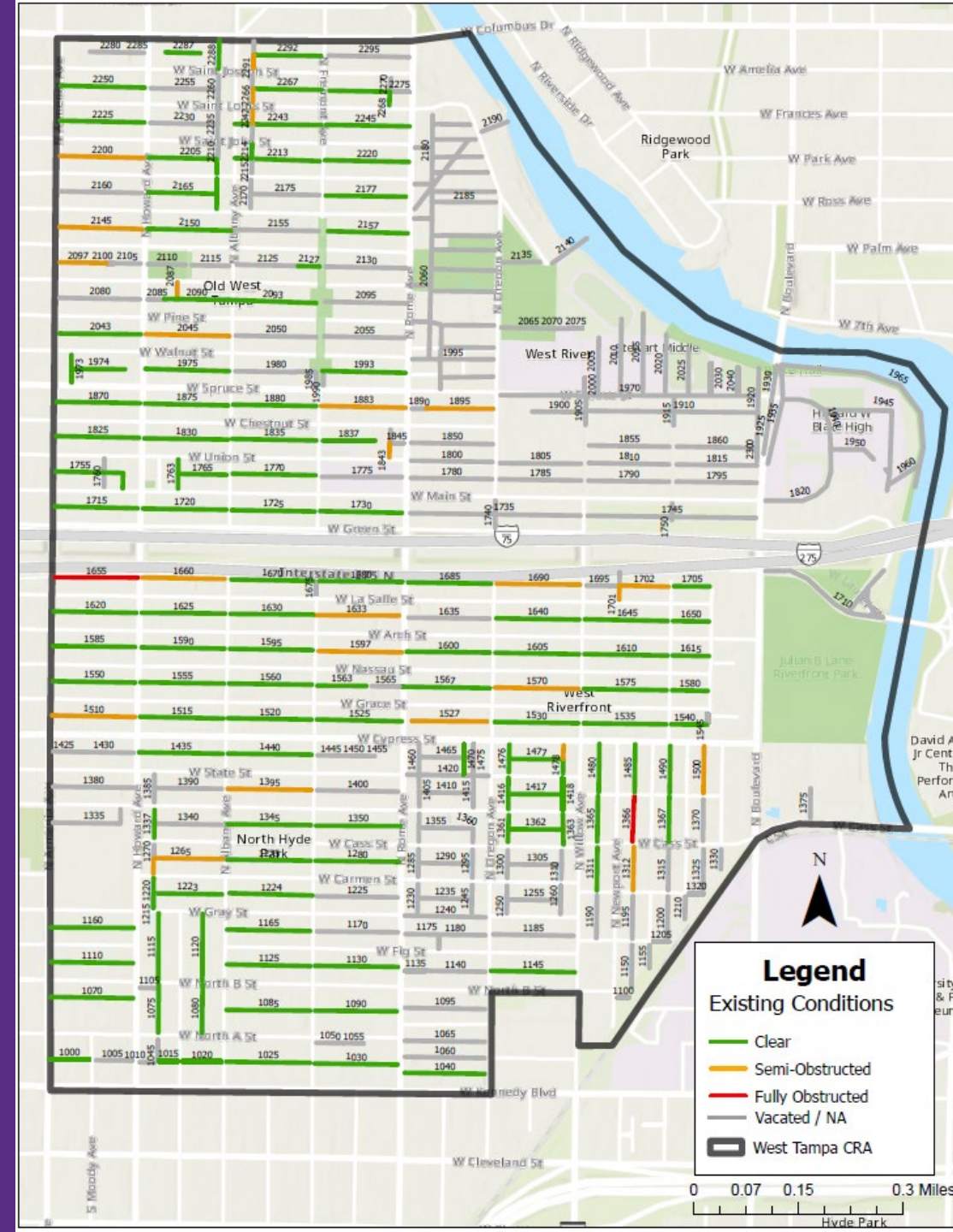


# Key Takeaways from the Inventory

- The original alleyway network is largely intact
- Most alleyways need improvements to become useable
  - Remove trash and debris
  - Trim and maintain overgrown vegetation
- Many alleyways are in use today



*Stop by the Alleyway Inventory station for more details!*



# Alleyway Best Practices Research

- Design standards and improvement alternatives
  - Surface materials
  - Stormwater management
  - Green infrastructure
- Prioritization and funding for improvements
- Regulatory processes and code language



# Best Practices Findings

- Update the City's code and design standards for alleyways for better clarity
- Update standards to include specific pavement types and alternative improvements
- Develop alleyway typologies for a range of options for improvements



# Proposed Alleyway Typologies

**COMMERCIAL**



**RESIDENTIAL**



**NON-MOTORIZED**



# Typology - Commercial

## Purpose

- Vehicle access to commercial and multifamily development
- Accommodate larger commercial vehicles and solid waste trucks

## Potential types of improvements:

- Asphalt, concrete, or permeable pavers
- Delivery/loading access
- Decorative lights, destination wayfinding, planters, murals, seating



**31%**

(4.45 miles)

**Commercial  
Alleys**

# Typology – Residential

## Purpose

- Vehicle access to residential properties
- Surface type should accommodate residential vehicles

## Potential types of improvements:

- Asphalt, ribbon pavement, stabilized surface
- Lighting, low maintenance landscaping, rain gardens



**57%**

(7.91 miles)  
**Residential  
Alleys**



# Typology – Non-motorized

## Purpose

- Primarily used by pedestrians and cyclists
- ADA compliant connections
- May serve as connection to larger trail system or access to a neighborhood

## Potential types of improvements:

- Trails/Paths
- Signage/Public Art/Murals
- Decorative lighting
- Seating
- Landscaping/Gardens



**12%**

(1.05 miles)

**Nonmotorized  
Access/Pathway  
Alleys**

# Additional Non-motorized Alleyways

- **Public Space**
  - Used for any public use other than motor vehicle access
  - Intended to function as a linear public space
- **Passive Alley**
  - Not intended for general public access
  - Provide maintenance access
  - Used for environmental purposes if feasible (green infrastructure)



# Alleyway Typologies

- The typologies will guide design and construction for future improvements to alleyways

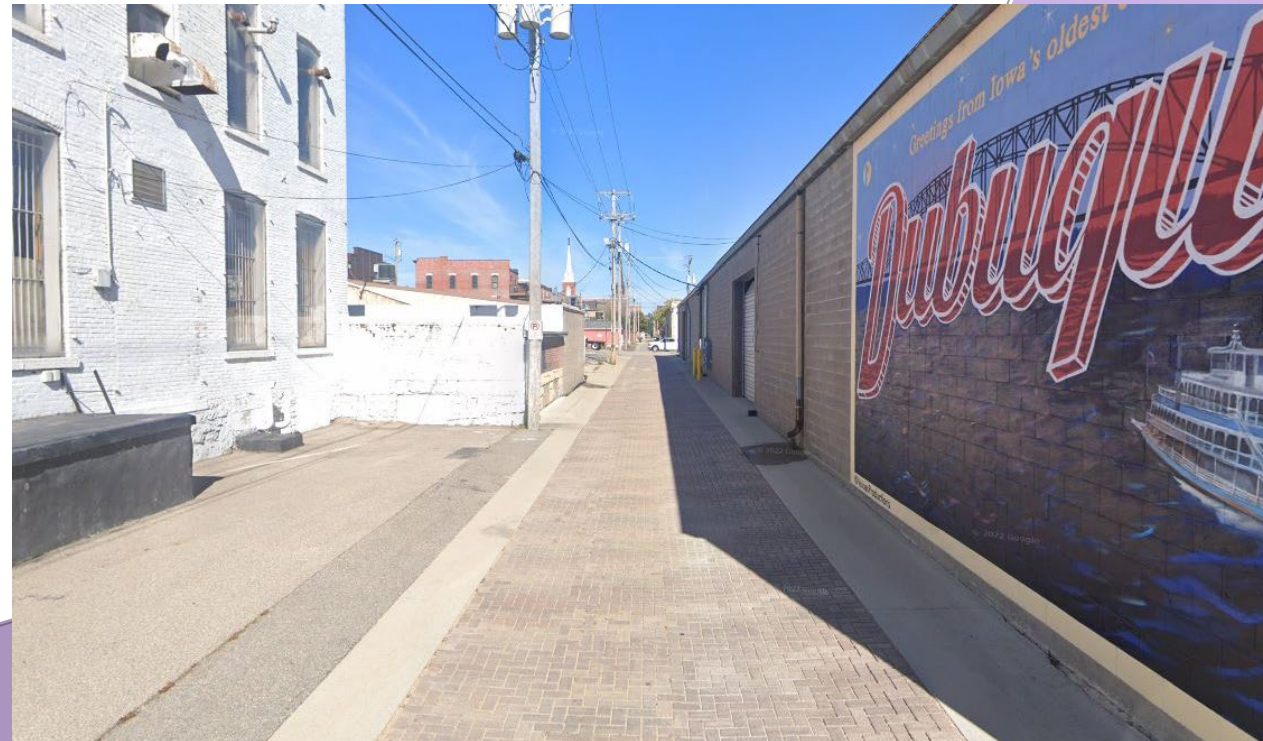


*Stop by the Alleyway Typology and One Word station to tell us your vision!*



# Pilot Projects

- CRA is looking for alleyways to construct a pilot project
- Project may use creative and forward-thinking designs
- Project may include:
  - Permeable pavers
  - Public area
  - Public space



# Alleyway Pilot Project Locations

- Which alleyways should we consider for improvements?
- What features would you like to see in a new alleyway?



*Please stop by the Study Area and Priority Alleyways station to tell us!*

# Schedule and Next Steps

- Schedule
  - Project is anticipated to be completed in the Summer/Fall of 2024
- Next Steps
  - Finalize the alleyway typologies
  - Update City code and standards to reflect the vision
  - Identify and prioritize alleyways for Pilot Project Areas

# Workshop Activities

- **Station 1** – Project Overview and Live/Work/Play Map
- **Station 2** – Alleyway Inventory Summary
- **Station 3** – Proposed Alleyway Typologies
- **Station 4** – Priority Alleyway Identification
- **Station 5** – One Word Vision Wall
- **Station 6** – City Information
  - Capital Improvement projects in the area
  - Information on alleyway maintenance

# WEST TAMPA ALLEYWAY ACTION PLAN

*A blueprint for the future of alleyways in West Tampa*

## **Contact Information (Optional)**

*If you would like to add your input to the study, please send your comments to Andy Mikulski or Melisa Martinez*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Which group do you identify with? Check all that apply:**

- Resident, Homeowner
- Resident, Renter
- Small Business Owner
- Property Owner
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**If you live or work in the West Tampa area, do you currently use an alleyway to access your driveway or business?**  Yes  No

If so, use the map on the back of this paper to identify the alleyway ID number. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently have any issues or concerns with the alleyways in your area?** *Please include the alleyway ID number(s) if different from the above.*

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**Are there alleyways we should prioritize improving and consider for a pilot project? If so, what types of improvements would you like to see?** *Please include the alleyway ID number(s) if there are specific alleyways you would like to see prioritized and improved.*

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**Do you have any questions or feedback on the initial alleyway typologies?** (Commercial Access, Residential Access, Non-motorized Access/Pathway)

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**Other Comments:**

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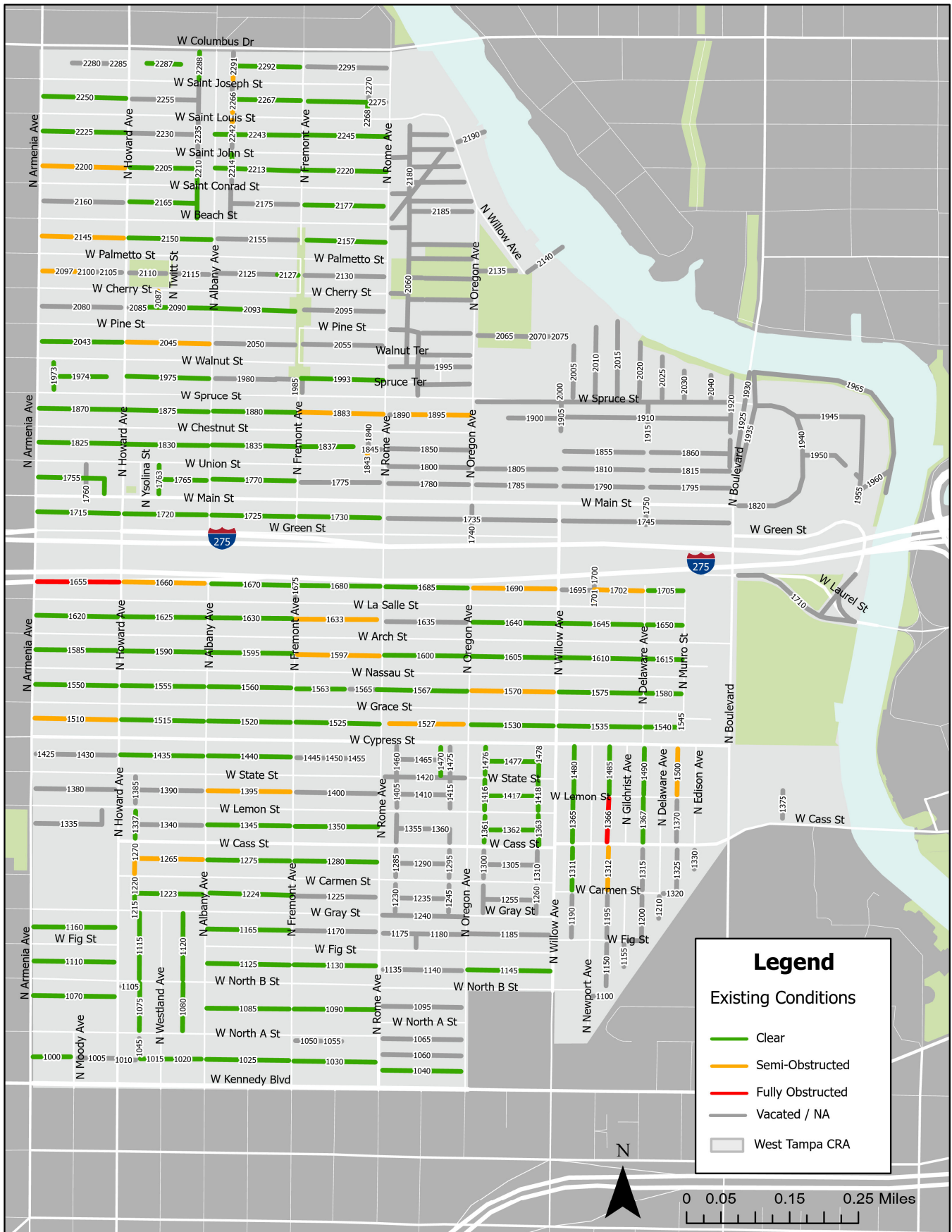
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*A blueprint for the future of alleyways in West Tampa*

Use this map to identify the alleyway(s) you use most frequently.



# Questions?

Please contact Andy Mikulski or Melisa Martinez for questions or more info:  
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