

Visual Resource Analysis

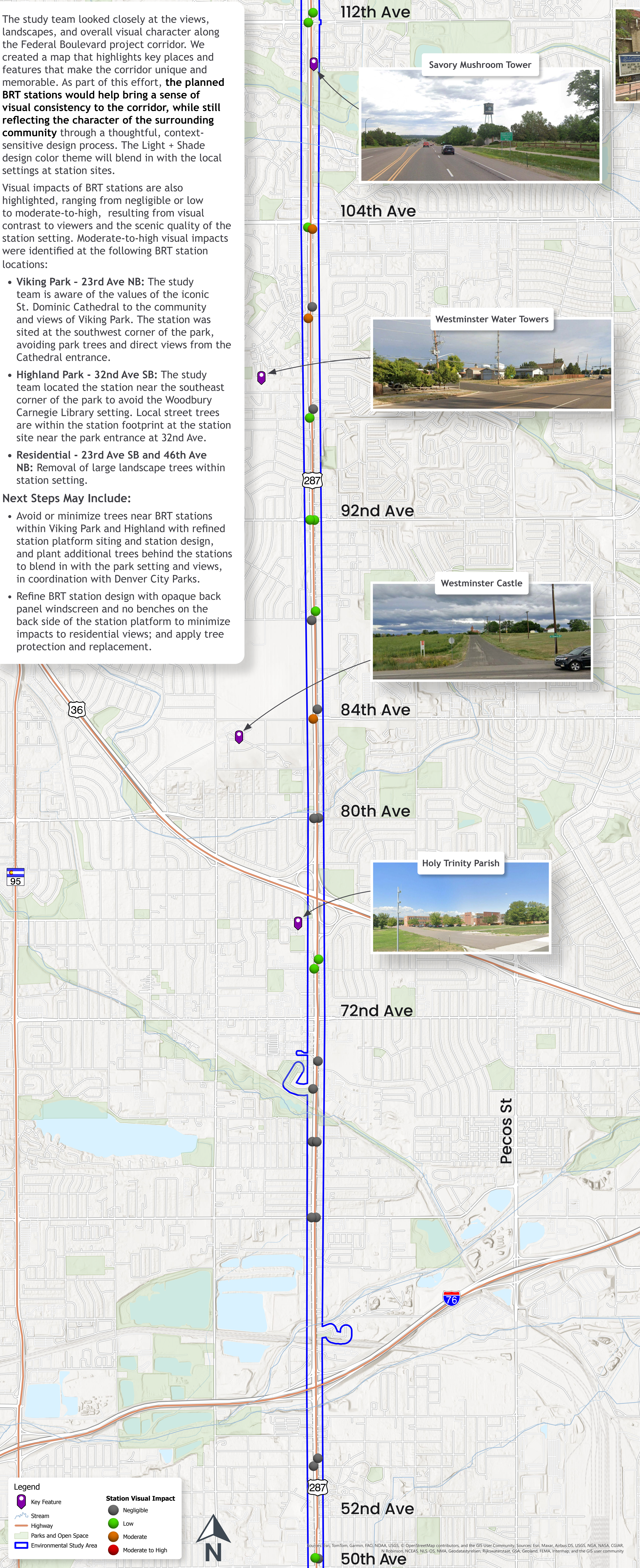
The study team looked closely at the views, landscapes, and overall visual character along the Federal Boulevard project corridor. We created a map that highlights key places and features that make the corridor unique and memorable. As part of this effort, **the planned BRT stations would help bring a sense of visual consistency to the corridor, while still reflecting the character of the surrounding community** through a thoughtful, context-sensitive design process. The Light + Shade design color theme will blend in with the local settings at station sites.

Visual impacts of BRT stations are also highlighted, ranging from negligible or low to moderate-to-high, resulting from visual contrast to viewers and the scenic quality of the station setting. Moderate-to-high visual impacts were identified at the following BRT station locations:

- **Viking Park - 23rd Ave NB:** The study team is aware of the values of the iconic St. Dominic Cathedral to the community and views of Viking Park. The station was sited at the southwest corner of the park, avoiding park trees and direct views from the Cathedral entrance.
- **Highland Park - 32nd Ave SB:** The study team located the station near the southeast corner of the park to avoid the Woodbury Carnegie Library setting. Local street trees are within the station footprint at the station site near the park entrance at 32nd Ave.
- **Residential - 23rd Ave SB and 46th Ave NB:** Removal of large landscape trees within station setting.

Next Steps May Include:

- Avoid or minimize trees near BRT stations within Viking Park and Highland with refined station platform siting and station design, and plant additional trees behind the stations to blend in with the park setting and views, in coordination with Denver City Parks.
- Refine BRT station design with opaque back panel windscreen and no benches on the back side of the station platform to minimize impacts to residential views; and apply tree protection and replacement.



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