

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: 145th Street Corridor Study
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Kurt Seemann, Senior Transportation Planner

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Planning Commission with an update on the progress of the 145th Street Corridor Study (a project schedule is attached to this staff report as Attachment A). It is appropriate to provide an update now because the project team has refined the information into four draft concepts (Attachment B). These include a “no action” concept (Study Concept 1) and three study concepts (Study Concepts 2-4). Staff will review the three study concepts, go over potential property impacts, and outline next steps in the process.

The 145th Street corridor runs 3.2 miles from 3rd Avenue NW on the west to SR-522 (Lake City Way/Bothell Way) on the east side of the city and is the border between the City of Shoreline and the City of Seattle. 145th Street experiences significant traffic and safety issues and lacks a sidewalk system that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Traffic volumes are anticipated to increase with regional growth and the future light rail station at 145th and I-5. Upgrades are needed to accommodate future development of the corridor as well as to improve safety for bicycles and pedestrians and to provide adequate speed and reliability for transit.

BACKGROUND

The 145th Street Corridor Study began in early 2015 by defining project goals and evaluation criteria and analyzing existing conditions. Currently, City staff and CH2M, the City’s consultant team, have developed study concepts that are meant to “bookend” the range of concepts that would improve how the corridor addresses pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicular mobility, while considering impacts to right-of-way and potential project costs.

Staff has engaged in ongoing robust community outreach, including holding an open house and conducting ongoing monthly meetings with a Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) as well as ongoing local agency coordination with the Inter-jurisdictional Technical Team (ITT).

PROPOSAL & ANALYSIS

The three current study concepts represent a range of design options that could be applied to the corridor. Each study concept is composed of two components, a roadway

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component (curb to curb) and a non-motorized component that includes sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and multi-use paths. These non-motorized elements could be “mixed and matched” between roadway concepts to arrive at a preferred design alternative for the corridor. All proposed study concepts show a typical mid-block section with the roadway and overall widths shown. The alternatives would typically be wider at the intersections to accommodate left, right, and U-turns.

For the purposes of this study, the corridor has been divided into three segments:

- 1) 3rd Avenue NW to Greenwood Avenue N,
- 2) Greenwood Avenue N to Aurora Avenue N, and
- 3) Aurora Avenue N to SR-522.

The most westerly segment from 3rd Avenue NW to Greenwood Avenue N is the shortest segment. The proposed study concepts are similar, and include two travel lanes and improvements to the non-motorized elements (for pedestrians and bikes). Generally, the study concepts proposed for this segment could be constructed within the existing right-of-way with minimal impacts to adjacent properties.

The existing corridor segment from Greenwood Avenue N to Aurora Avenue N is typically four lanes, 44 feet from curb to curb. The concepts proposed for study for this portion of the corridor range from adding sidewalks to the construction of a five lane section.

The segment from Aurora Avenue N to SR-522 includes three distinct segments (Aurora to I-5, the I-5 interchange (on-ramps/off-ramps and interstate bridge), and I-5 to SR-522). These three segments within this larger segment have similar components and have been combined for simplification in this presentation. The interchange design requires that Shoreline work closely with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to identify constraints and opportunities. The three concepts for this section of the corridor range from a four lane section with sidewalks to a six lane concept that includes dedicated bus lanes.

Bicycle Facilities

Bicycle facilities are proposed and shown in each of the non-motorized components of the concepts. As previously discussed, the non-motorized concepts could be “mixed and matched” with any of the proposed roadway sections. In addition, the City has been looking at using parallel bike corridors that could provide bike connectivity for 145th Street without actually using the 145th Corridor (Attachment C). This concept has generally received support as long as the route was direct. This approach could make use of existing local streets and could provide a safe route for bicycles while reducing right-of-way.

Potential Property Impacts

For much of the corridor, the existing right-of way is 60 feet. Study Concept 2 generally keeps the roadway within the existing 60' corridor and provides sidewalks along the roadway. Intersections would typically be widened to accommodate turn lanes and therefore would require additional right of way. Other properties could potentially be impacted when differences in grades require retaining wall or driveways to be reconstructed.

As the study concepts (Study Concepts 3 and 4) add more lanes and more substantial non-motorized facilities, the potential property impacts are greater. Because of the number of buildings close to the existing right-of-way, any widening could affect a significant number of properties.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Stakeholder outreach includes an open house held in May and two additional open houses planned before the end of the year. Staff continues to have ongoing coordination with local agencies.

The first open house for the 145th Street Corridor Study was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Attendees viewed materials that described the study process, discussed project goals, and shared thoughts about existing conditions along the corridor. The open house was very well attended, with approximately 150 people participating. A wide variety of citizens attended, from people who lived along the corridor to others from the community, including residents from both the City of Shoreline and the City of Seattle. Many views were shared, including strong support for improved pedestrian facilities, transit, and safe bicycle facilities either on the corridor or adjacent to it. Safety was mentioned as a prime concern. Also, residents were looking for improvements to vehicular mobility, including adding turn lanes at intersections and improving the I-5 interchange.

As well, the CATF continues to provide valuable input into the process. This eleven-member group consists of residents representing adjacent Shoreline neighborhoods (Briarcrest, Parkwood, Ridgecrest, and Westminster Triangle), Seattle neighborhoods (Broadview, Haller Lake, Olympic, and Pinehurst), a local business representative, a representative from the Lakeside School, and a representative from the North King County Mobility Coalition.

The ITT also continues to meet. This group consists of representatives from WSDOT, Sound Transit, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), King Country Metro, and the Cities of Seattle, Bothell, Kenmore, and Lake Forest Park.

To date staff has held five CATF meetings and five ITT meetings. Staff will continue to meet with these groups throughout the corridor study process. Additionally, staff has met with the Cascade Bicycle Club and Feet First.

This study has a total budget of \$596,000, with revenues of \$246,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the balance from the City of Shoreline Roads Capital Fund. There is no immediate financial impact associated with the continued design work on 145th.

TIMING AND SCHEDULE

Staff and the consultant team are currently evaluating each concept against the project objectives and criteria. Generally, each study option will be evaluated to see how well it benefits pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and vehicles. In addition, we will look at how consistent each concept is with existing plans, as well as evaluate the environmental

benefits and potential impacts of each plan. Staff and the consultant team will look at potential tradeoffs, including potential property impacts, and overall project costs.

Finally, staff and the consultant team will develop a preferred alternative based on how well it addresses all the benefits while taking into consideration potential project tradeoffs. Once the preferred concept is selected, design and environmental work could begin on the Aurora to I-5 portion of the corridor, as there is funding for the final design of this section. (As mentioned above, see Attachment A for project schedule.)

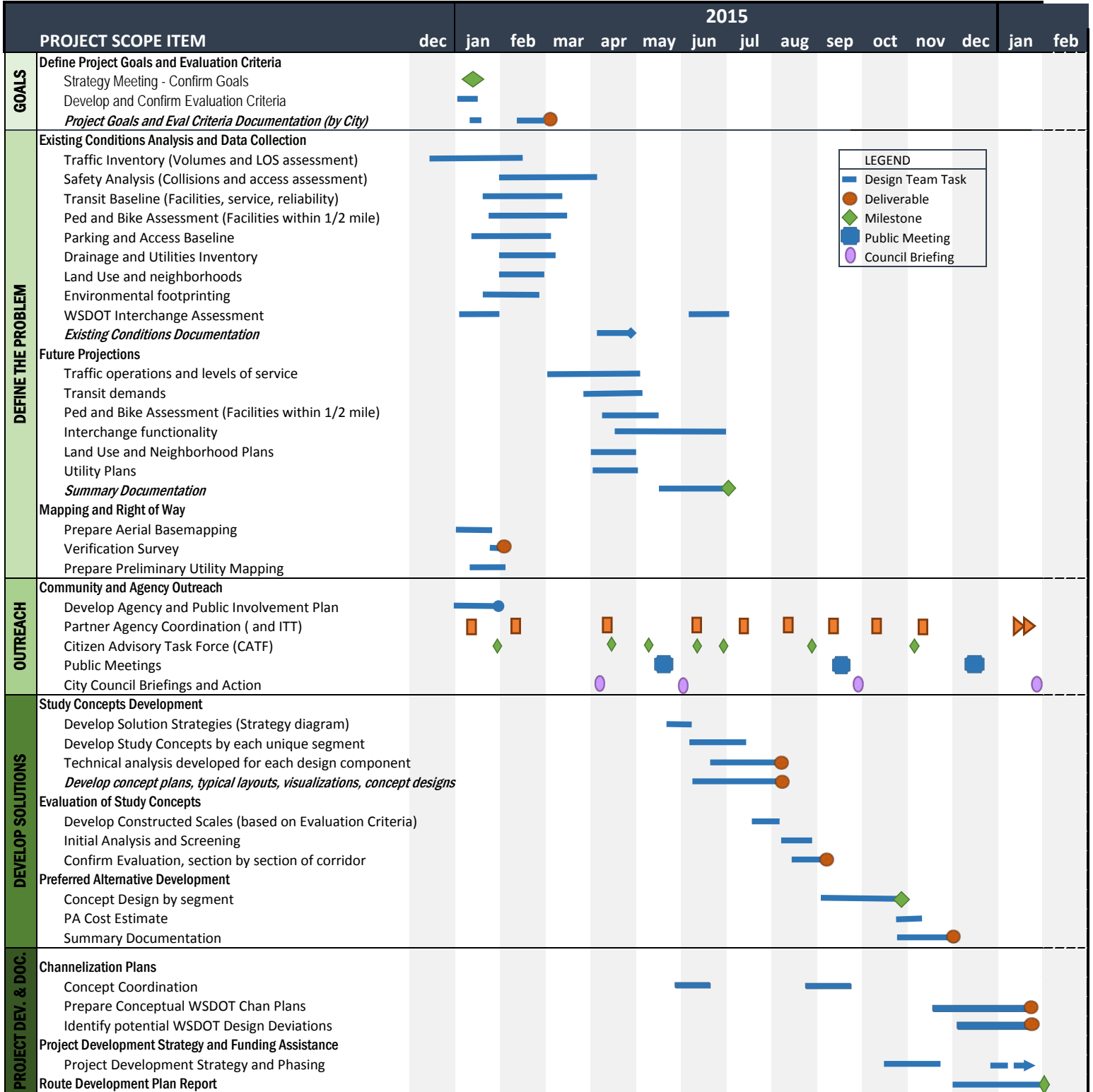
RECOMMENDATION

No formal action is required at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – 145th Street Corridor Study Project Schedule
Attachment B – Corridor Study Concepts
Attachment C – Off-Corridor Bike Network Study Concept

PROJECT SCHEDULE



LEGEND

- Design Team Task
- Deliverable
- ◆ Milestone
- Public Meeting
- Council Briefing

NOTE: PSRC Funding for design and environmental work for portion between Aurora and I5 must be obligated by June 2016.

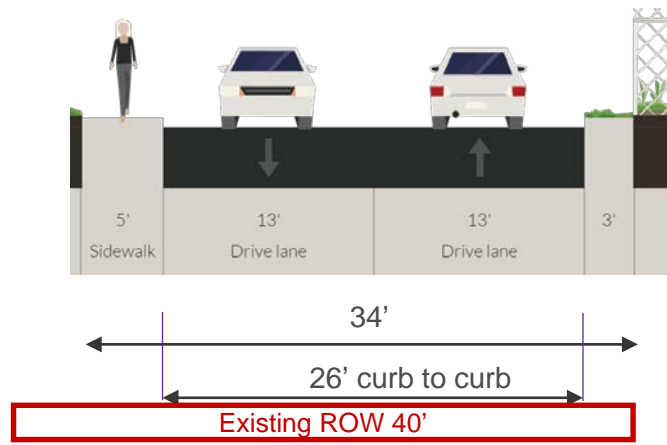
Study Concepts

August 6, 2015

Study Concept 1 – No Action/Existing Conditions

3rd Ave W to Greenwood

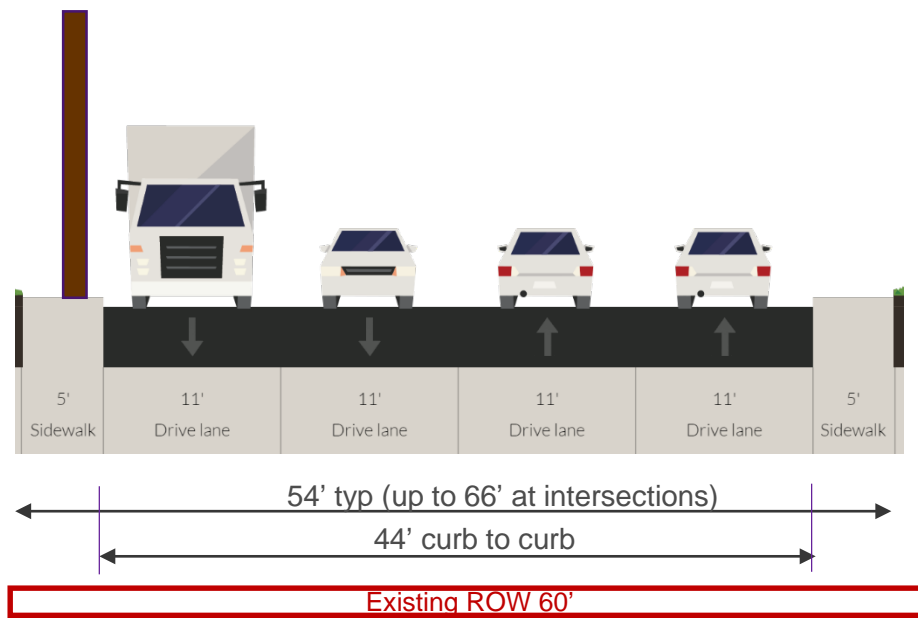
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- 2 traffic lanes
- 5' sidewalk south side

Greenwood to SR522

Length = 2.95 miles

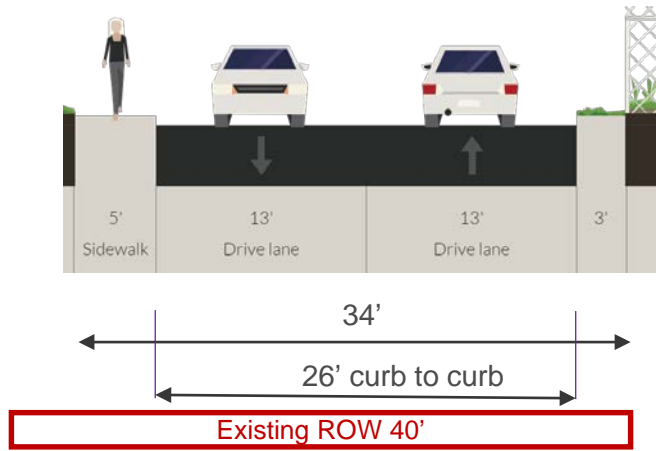


- 4 traffic lanes
- No bus lanes
- Non-accessible sidewalks
- No bike facilities
- Utility poles exist on both sides of roadway

Study Concept 2

3rd Ave W to Greenwood

Length = 0.25 miles

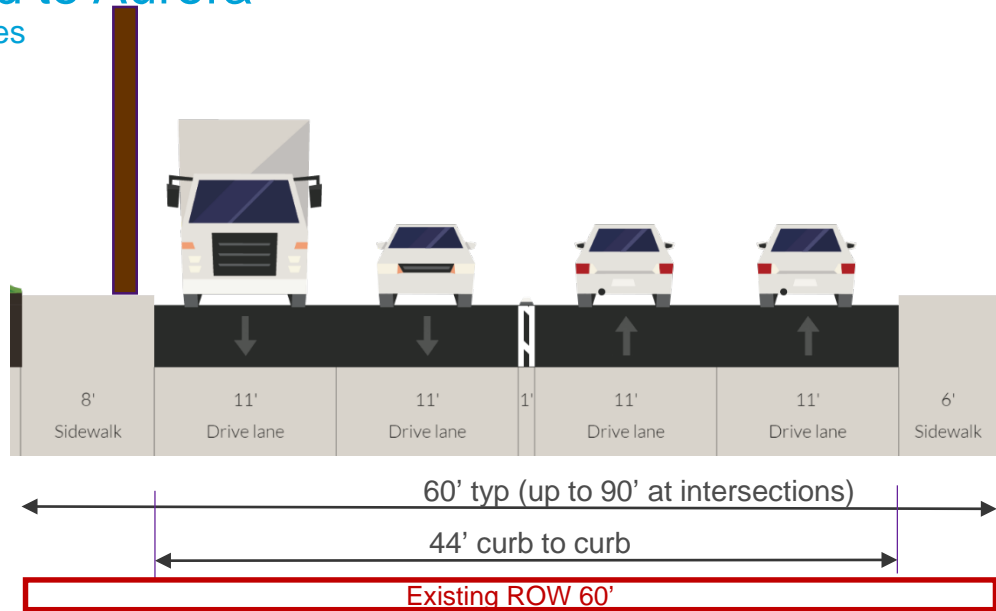


- 2 traffic lanes
- 5' sidewalk south side
- No improvements except at traffic signal

ROW Impacts (ft ²)	1,770
Full Acquisitions	0 (0%)
Parcel Impacts	1 (6%)
Total Number of Parcels	16

Greenwood to Aurora

Length = 0.50 miles

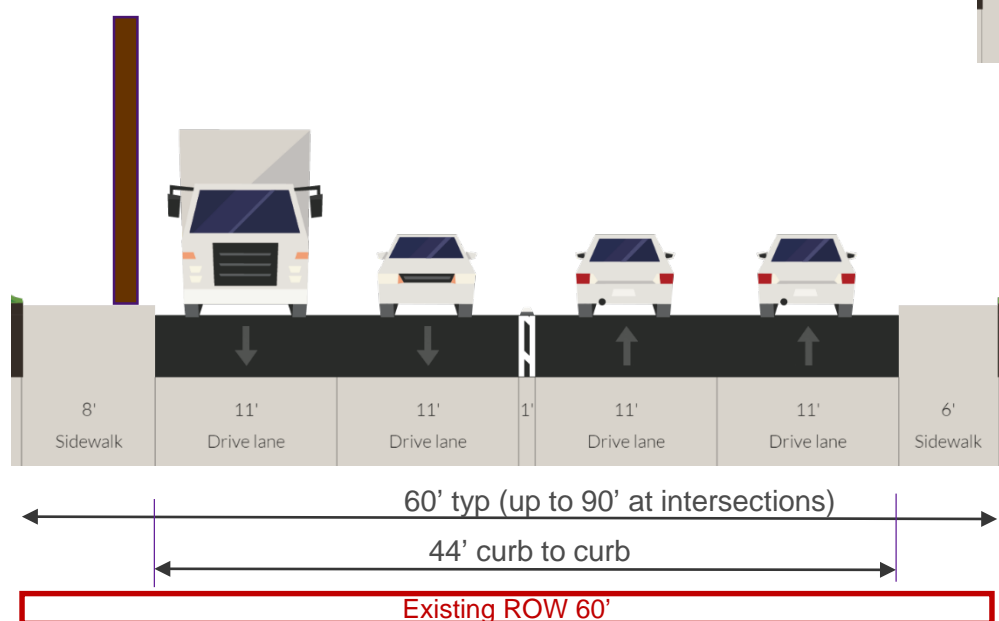


- 4 traffic lanes, limited left turns, U-turns
- No bus lanes
- Minimal ADA accessible sidewalks
- Off-corridor bike facilities, "greenway"
- Utility poles on both sides of roadway. Sidewalk will vary based on presence of utility pole.

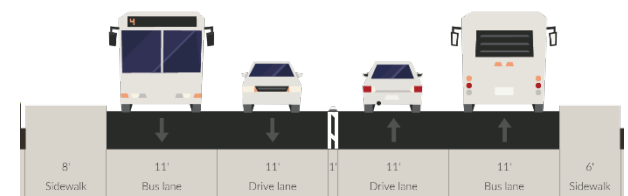
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	29,000
Full Acquisitions	3 (9%)
Parcel Impacts	25 (71%)
Total Number of Parcels	35

Aurora to SR522

Length = 2.45 miles



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Concept 2A – with BAT lanes

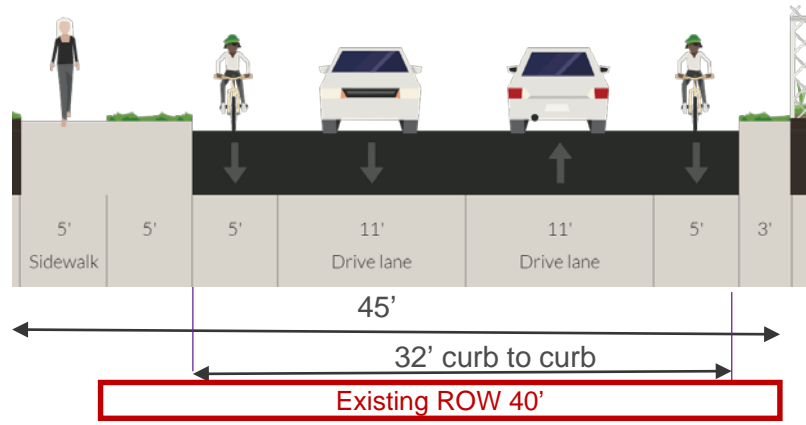
	Aurora Ave to I-5
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	38,400
Full Acquisitions	23 (24%)
Parcel Impacts	63 (66%)
Total Number of Parcels	96

	I-5 to Lake City Way
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	65,300
Full Acquisitions	17 (14%)
Parcel Impacts	82 (69%)
Total Number of Parcels	120

Study Concept 3

3rd Ave W to Greenwood

Length = 0.25 miles

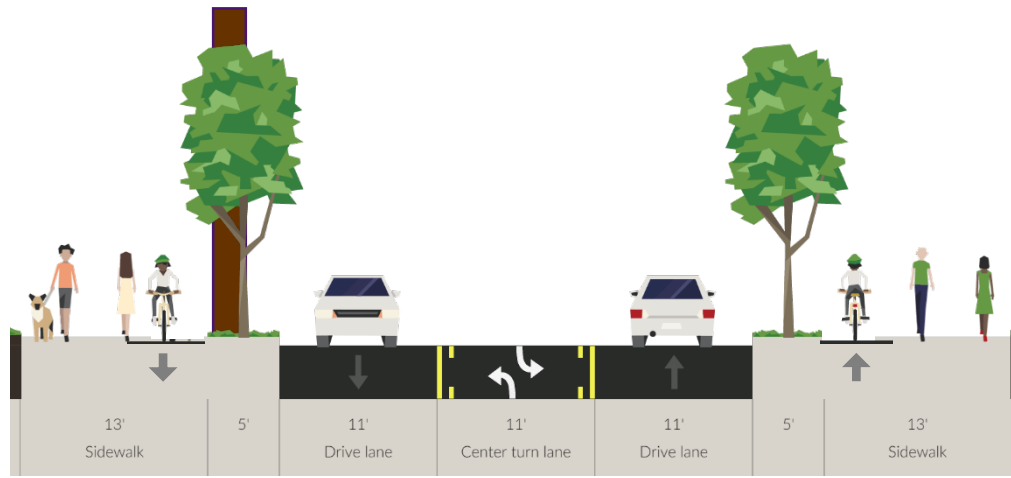


- 2 traffic lanes with bike lanes
- 5' sidewalk south

ROW Impacts (ft ²)	8,450
Full Acquisitions	0 (0%)
Parcel Impacts	15 (94%)
Total Number of Parcels	16

Greenwood to Aurora

Length = 0.50 miles

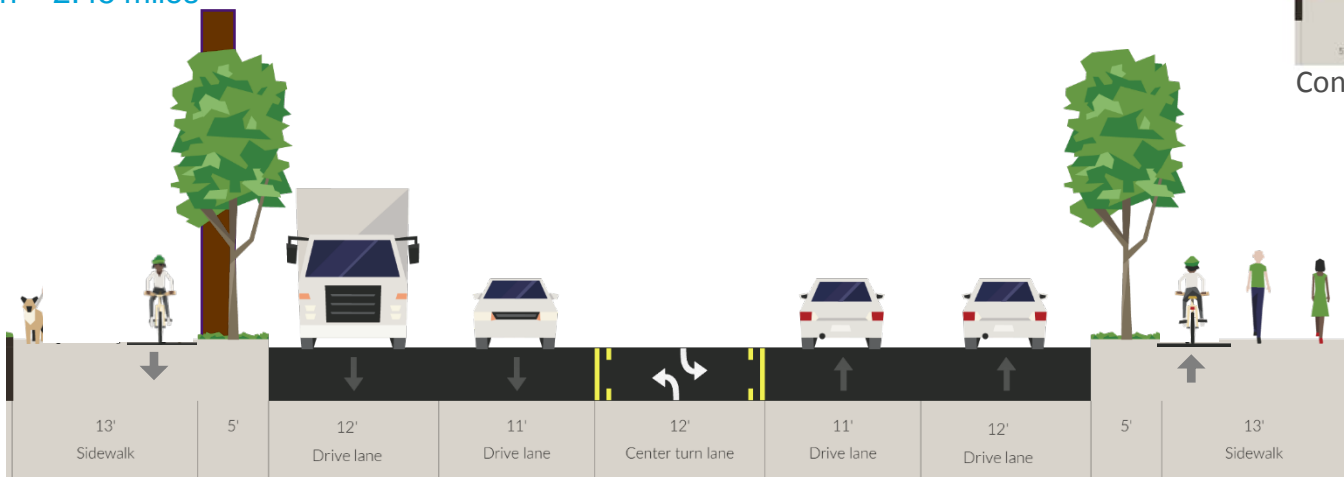


- 2 traffic lanes with two-way left turn lane
- No bus lanes
- 5' amenity zones/planter
- 13' sidewalks includes 5' striped directional bike lane each side
- Utility poles in amenity zones

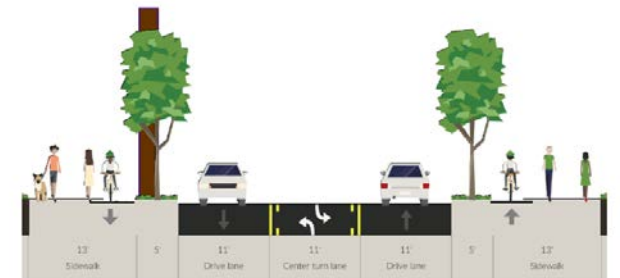
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	31,350
Full Acquisitions	6 (17%)
Parcel Impacts	34 (97%)
Total Number of Parcels	35

Aurora to SR522

Length = 2.45 miles



- 4 traffic lanes with two-way left turn lane
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Concept 3A – “Road Diet”

	Aurora Ave to I-5
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	124,200
Full Acquisitions	40 (42%)
Parcel Impacts	96 (100%)
Total Number of Parcels	96
	I-5 to Lake City Way
ROW Impacts (ft ²)	221,500
Full Acquisitions	55 (46%)
Parcel Impacts	120 (100%)
Total Number of Parcels	120

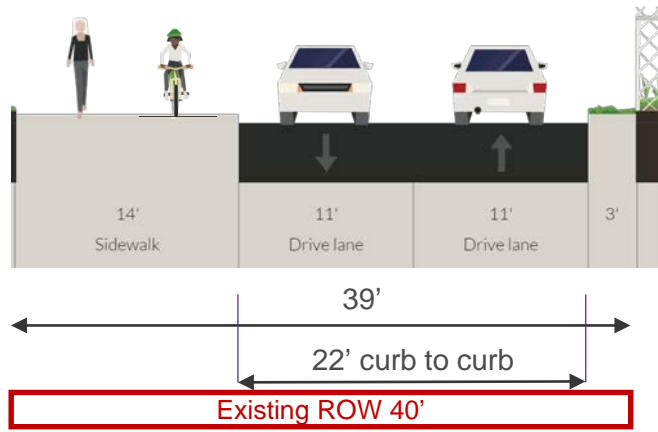


Concept 3B – with BAT lanes

Study Concept 4

3rd Ave W to Greenwood

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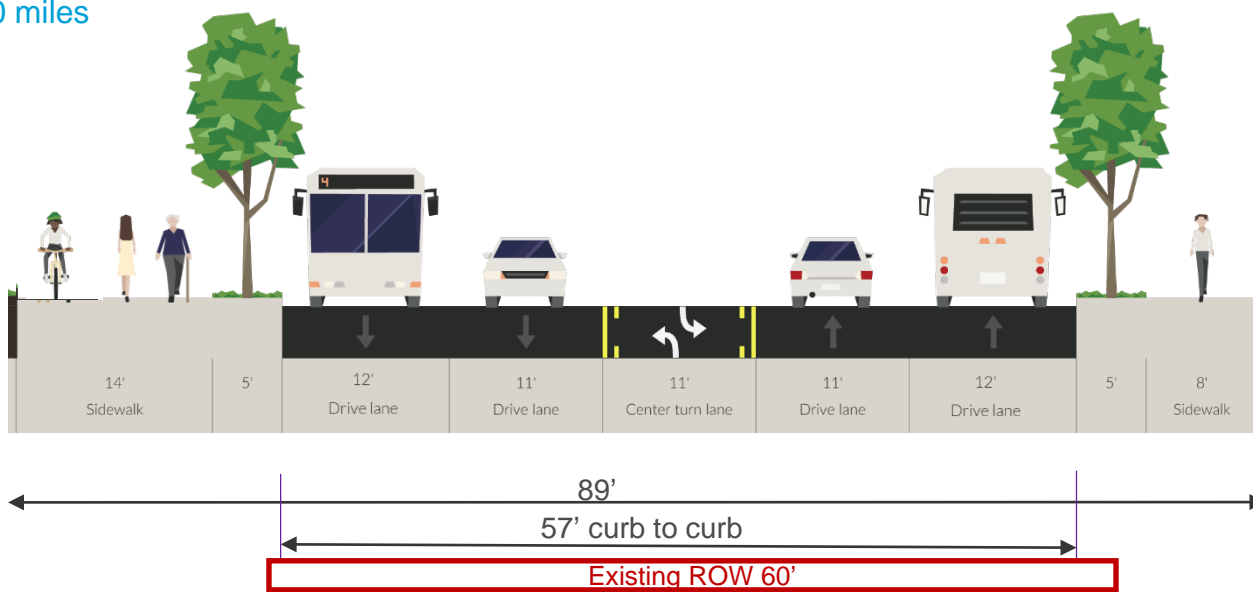


- 2 traffic lanes
- Shared path on south side

ROW Impacts (ft ²)	4,720
Full Acquisitions	0 (0%)
Parcel Impacts	8 (50%)
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Greenwood to Aurora

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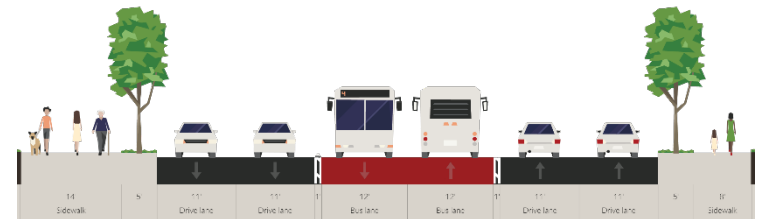


- 4 traffic lanes with two-way left turn lane
- No bus lanes
- Sidewalk and amenity zone
- Shared path on north side
- Utility undergrounding

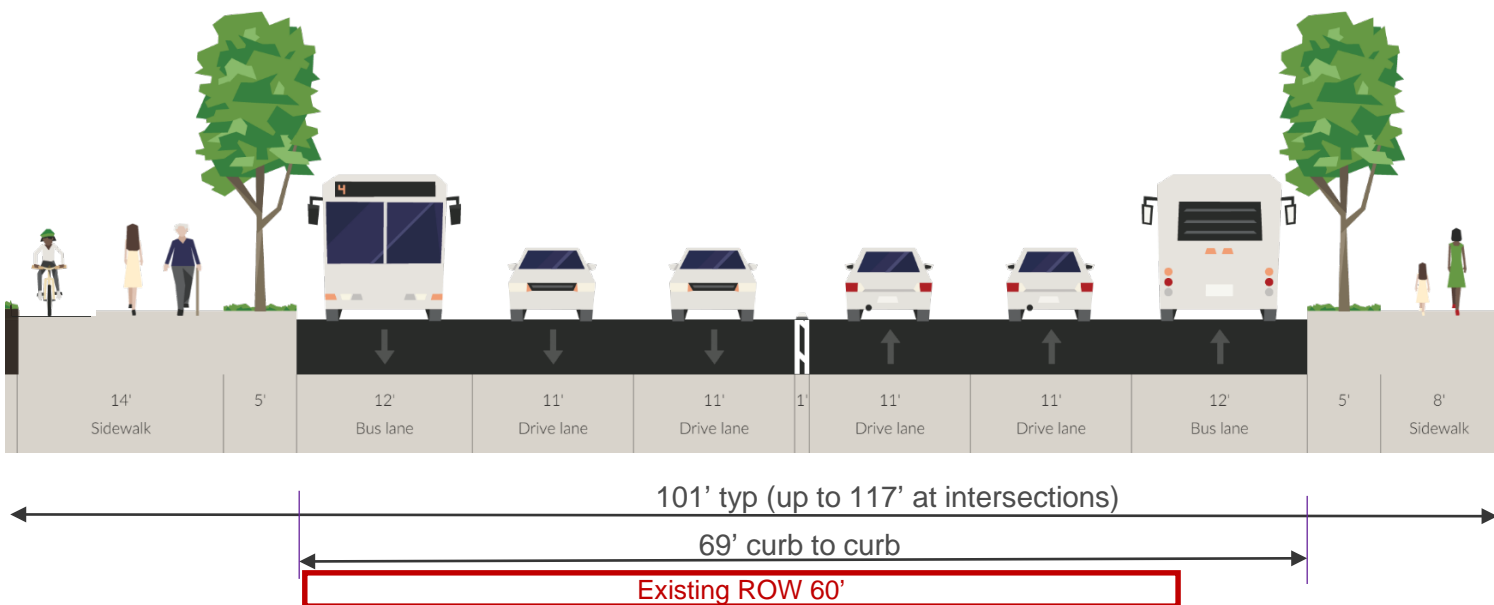
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Concept 4A –Center Two-lane Bus way



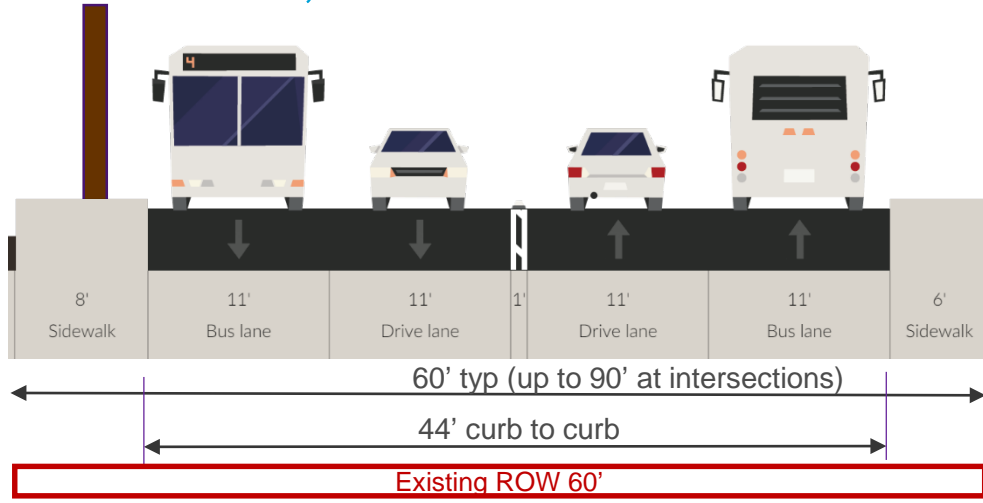
- 4 traffic lanes, limited left turns, U-turns
- Bus lanes / right turn lanes
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- Shared path on one side
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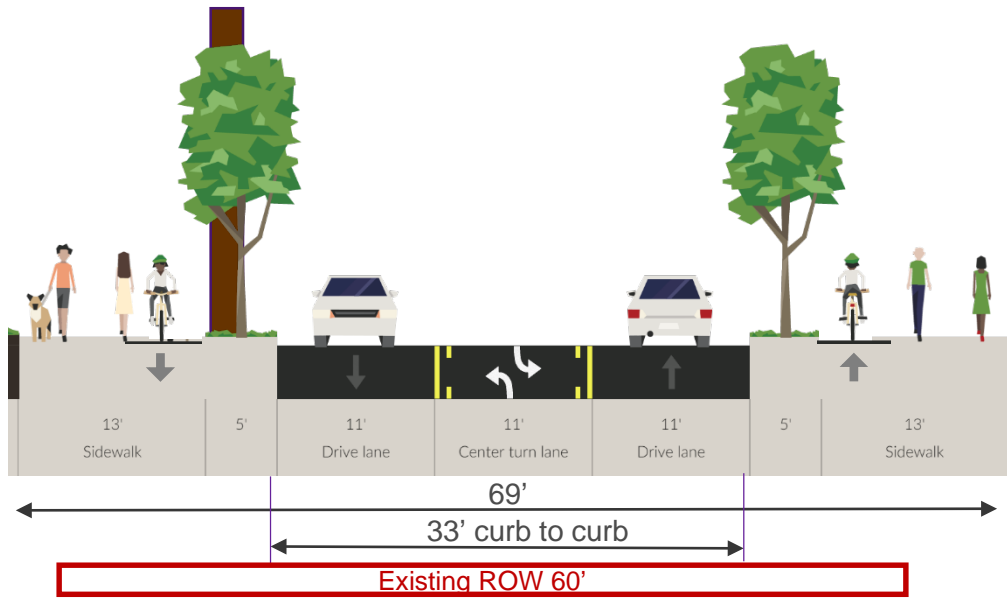
Additional Study Concepts

Concept 2A – BAT Lanes, Aurora to SR522



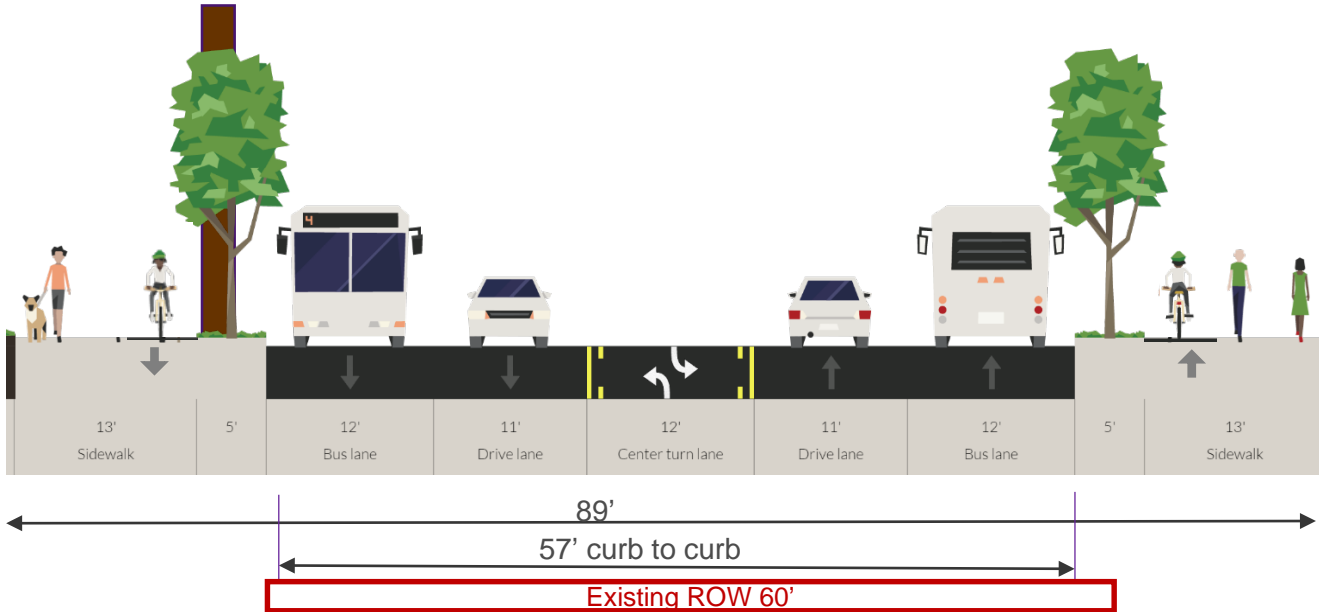
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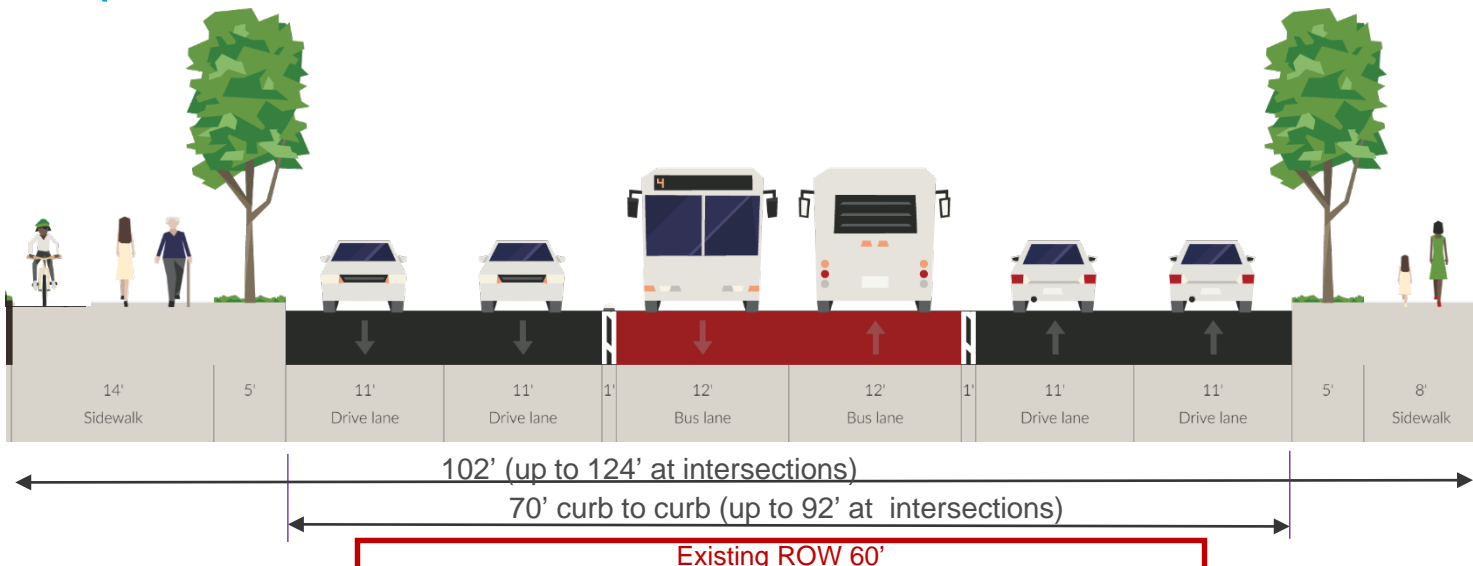
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Concept 3B – with BAT Lanes, Aurora to SR522



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Concept 4A –Center Bus Lanes, Aurora to SR522



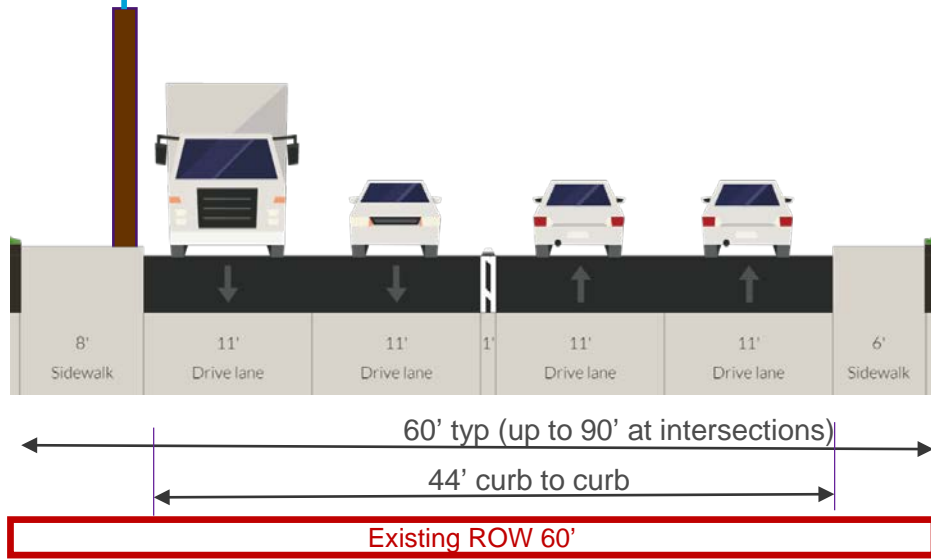
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Typical Sections – Mid-block

Aurora to SR522

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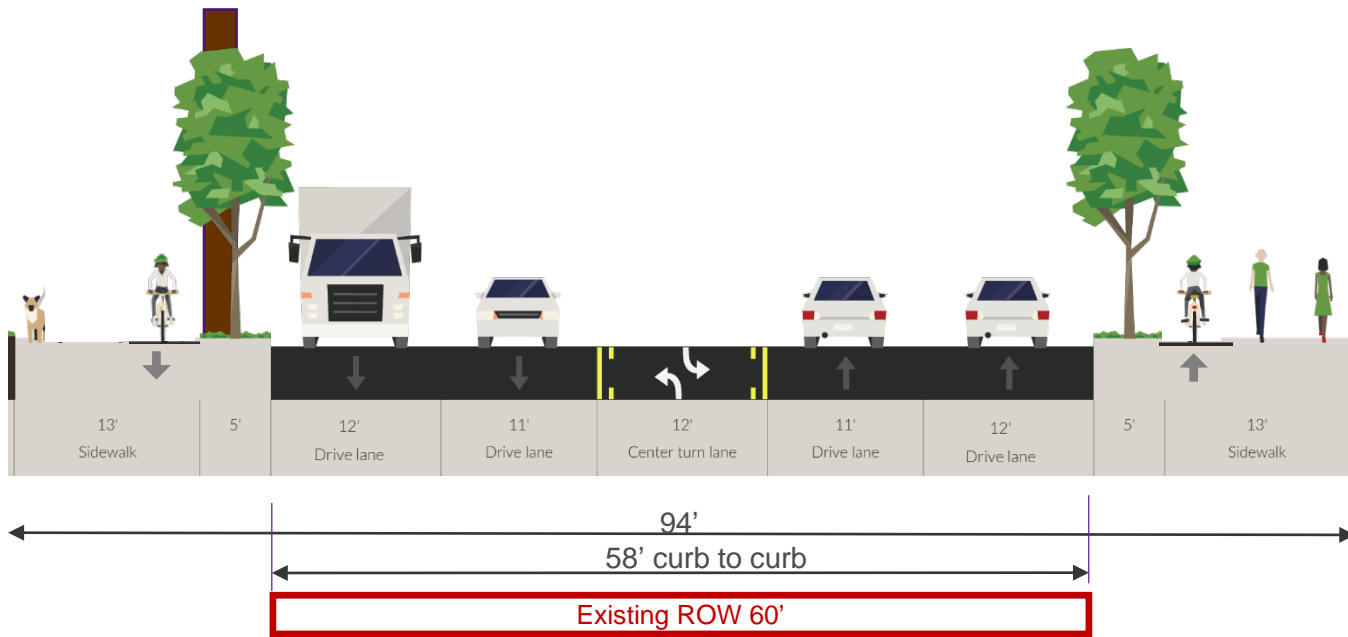
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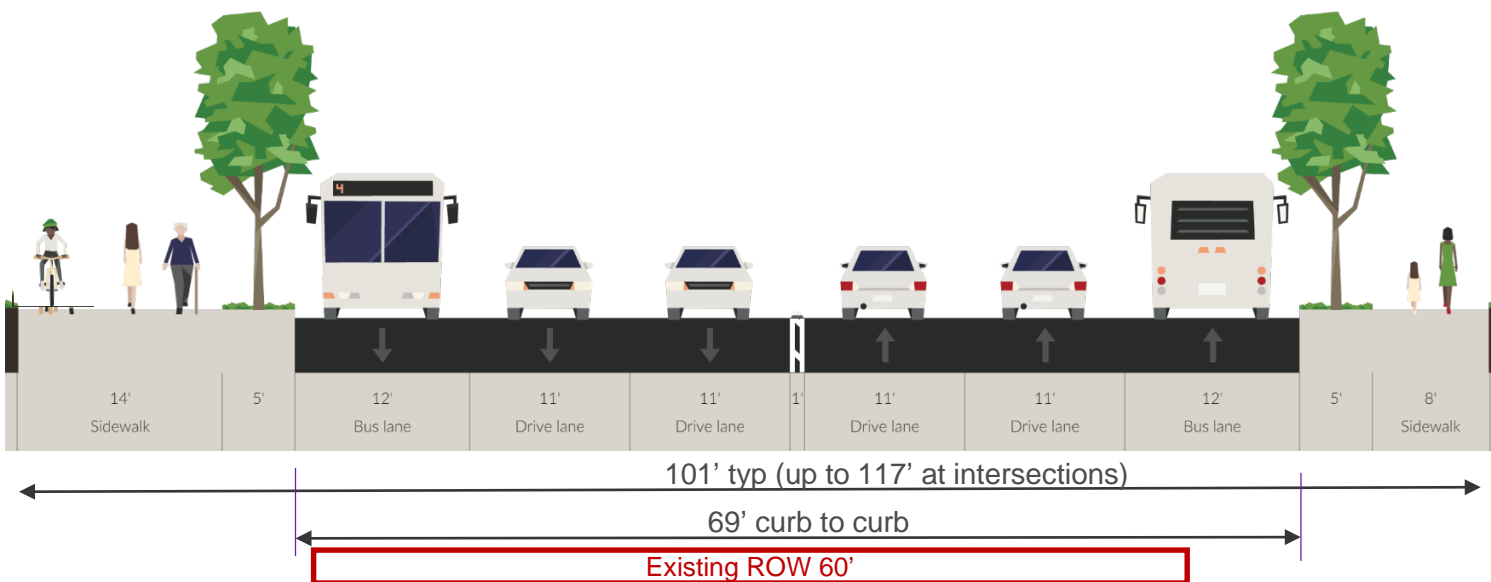
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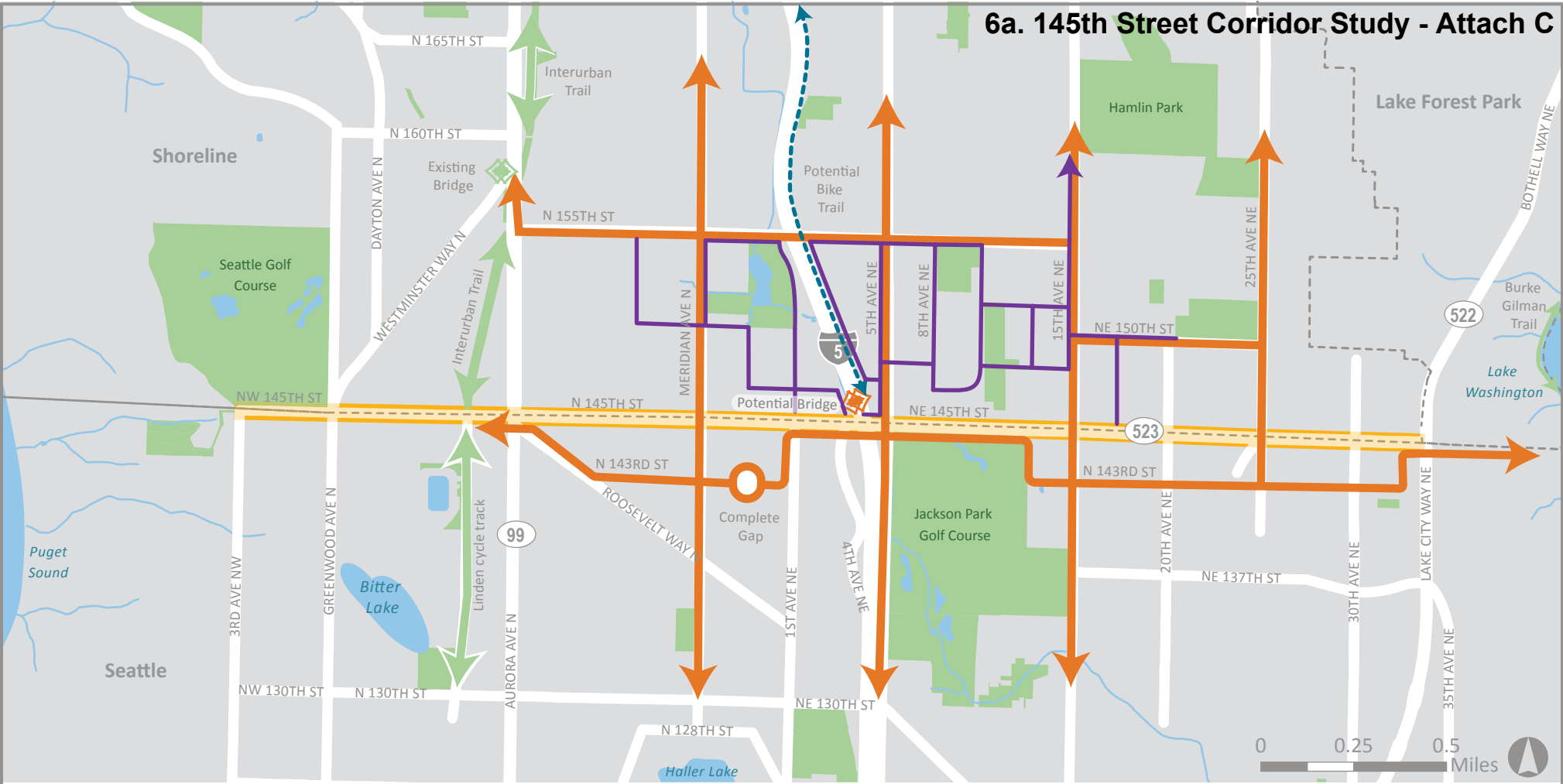
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6a. 145th Street Corridor Study - Attach C



- Study Corridor
- Park/Trail
- Proposed Bike Network
- N 145th St Station Subarea Potential Green Network Concept
- Waterbody
- City Boundary
- Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Potential Bike Trail

**OFF CORRIDOR
BIKE NETWORK
STUDY CONCEPT 2**

145TH STREET
Multimodal Corridor Study

