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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC)

Q3 Meeting – July 30, 2025





AGENDA

- ▲ **Welcome and Introductions**
- ▲ **Technical Assistance Program Community Updates**
 - ▲ City of Hilliard, Trails Towns and Wayfinding
 - ▲ City of Grove City, US-62 Corridor Study
 - ▲ City of Gahanna, CIP Digitization & Coordination Tool
 - ▲ Village of Galena, Complete Streets Safety Audit
- ▲ **Dublin Speed Management Program Update**
- ▲ **ODOT Walk.Bike.Ohio 2.0 Update**
- ▲ **Central Ohio Greenways Studio Updates**
- ▲ **Member Roundtable**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES



GREENWAYS PLANNING STUDIO



CITY OF HILLIARD TRAIL TOWNS & WAYFINDING STUDY *A 2025 MORPC Technical Assistance Project Progress Update July 30, 2025*



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Hilliard Trail Wayfinding and Trail Town Visioning

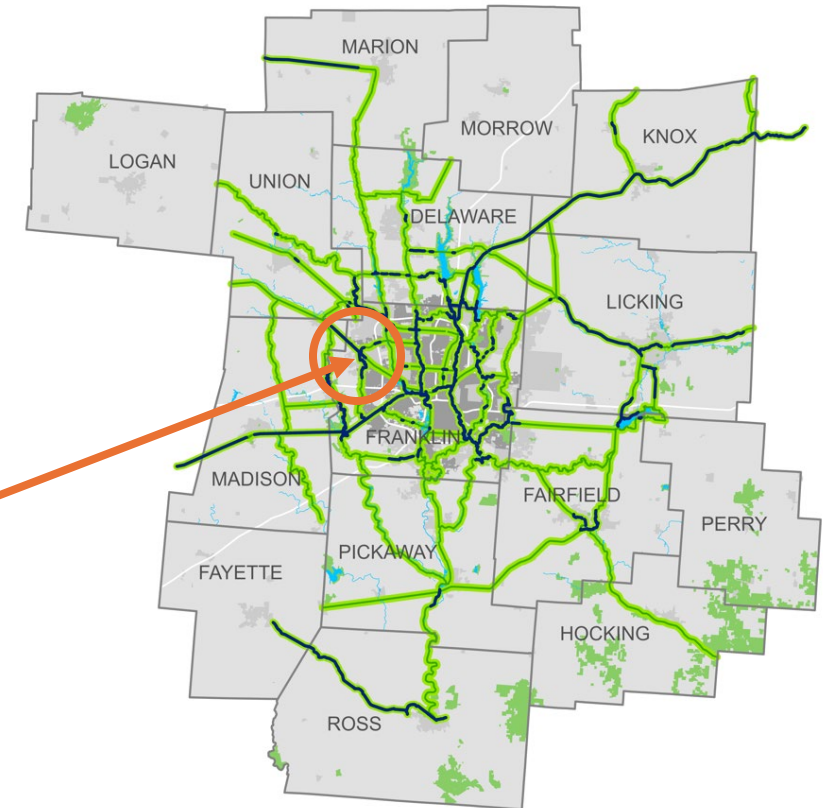
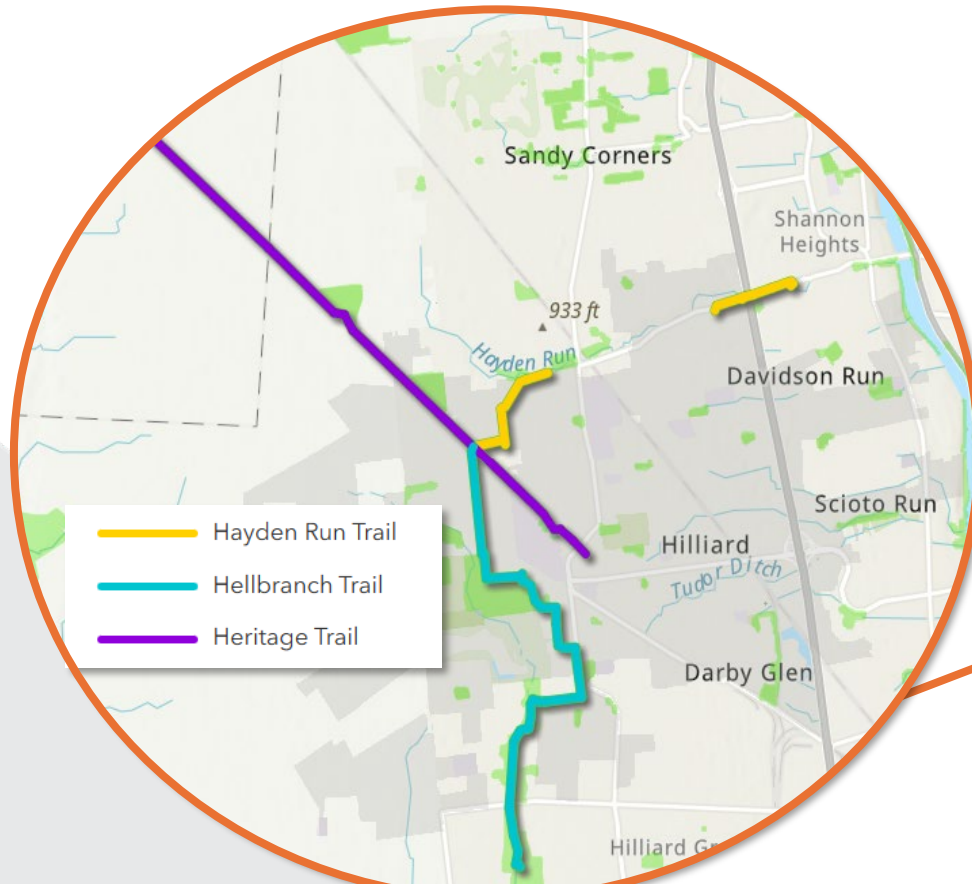
Blind Cycling Tour & Audit

Signage &
Wayfinding Design
Recommendation

Wayfinding
Destination Matix

Sample Signage
Location Plan

Trail Town
Visioning



SCOPE OF WORK

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Observations

- Inconsistent branding and signage
- Limited acknowledgement of major points of interest and trail names
- Limited signage & pavement marketing
- Safe crossings

Opportunities

- Acknowledge major amenities: Metro Park, Downtown, Food Pantry, and Park & Ride
- Identify access from neighborhoods
- Celebrate Natural Spaces
- Celebrate the intersection of three trails



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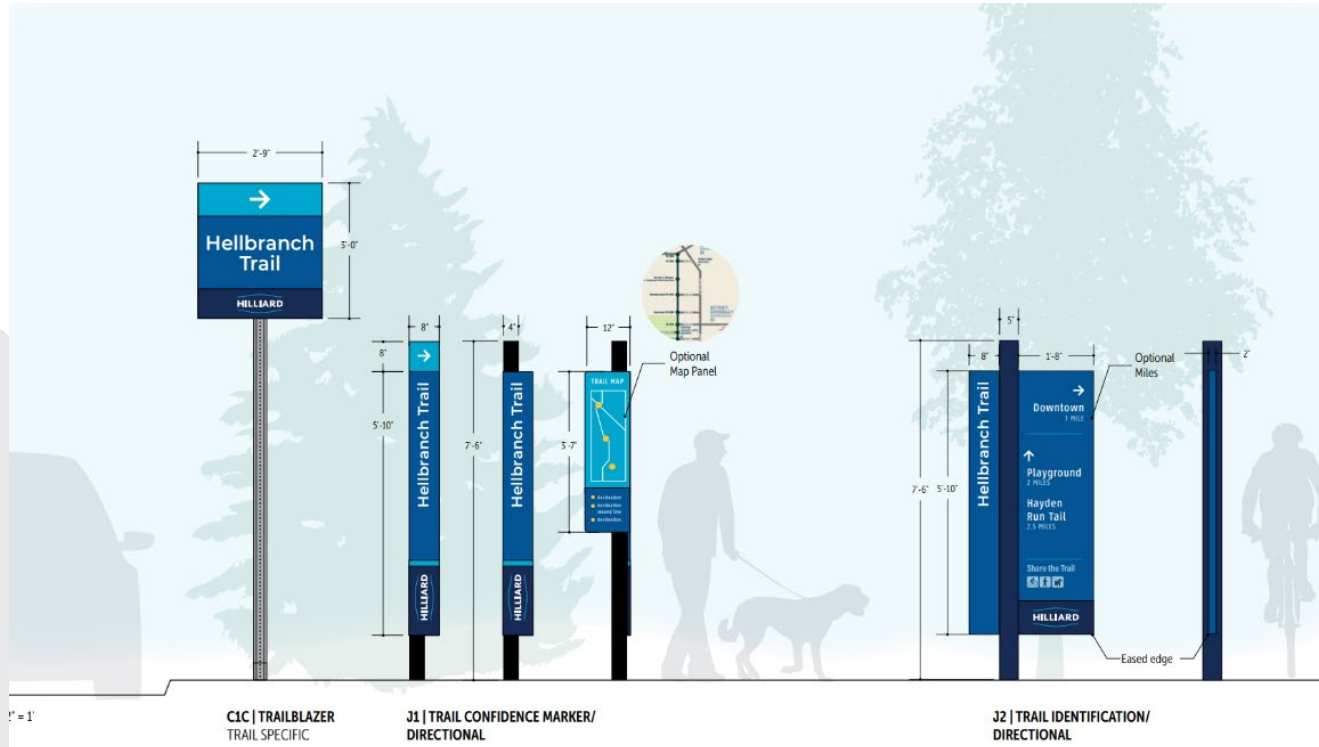
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Reviewed Signage Package

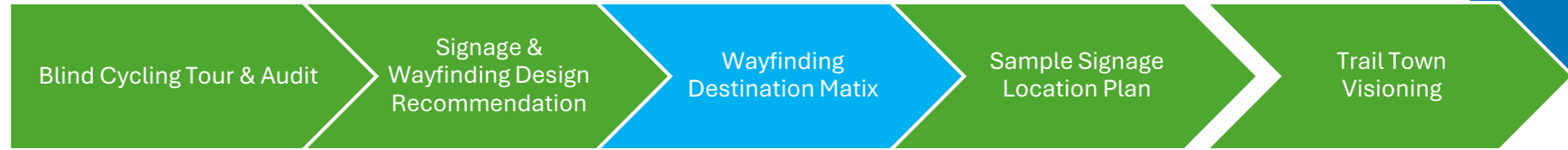
Recommend Wayfinding Elements including:

- Colors – 
 - Blues PMS 7703 | PMS 2945 | PMS 2767
- Mile Marker – every ½ mile
- Logos – Hilliard and COG
- Creative pavement markings where trails cross parking lot drives



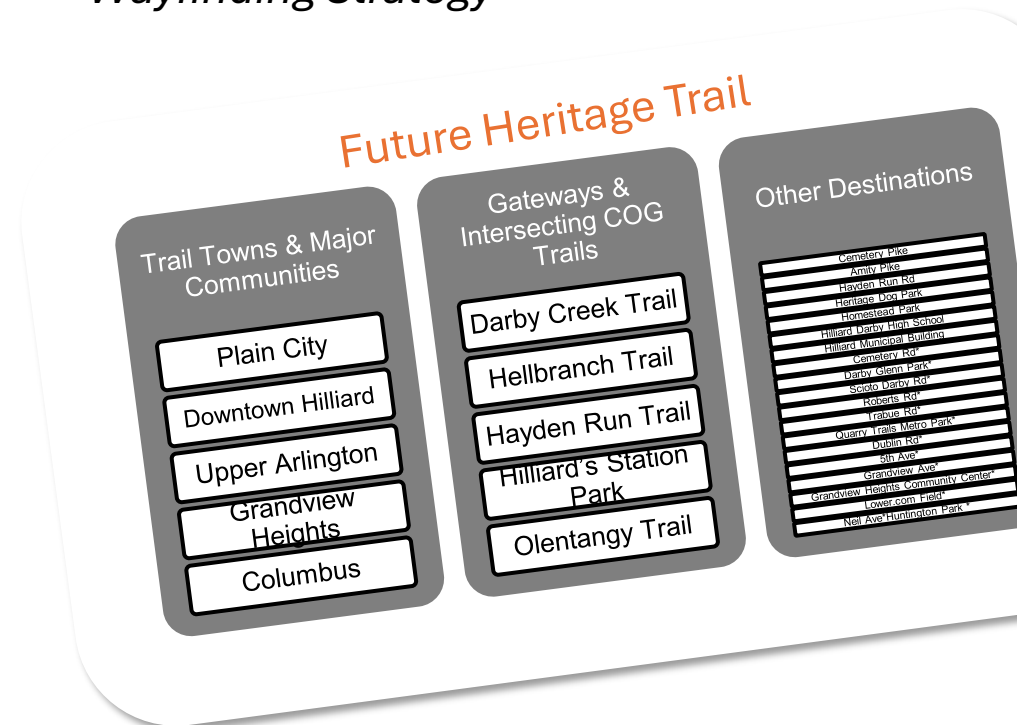
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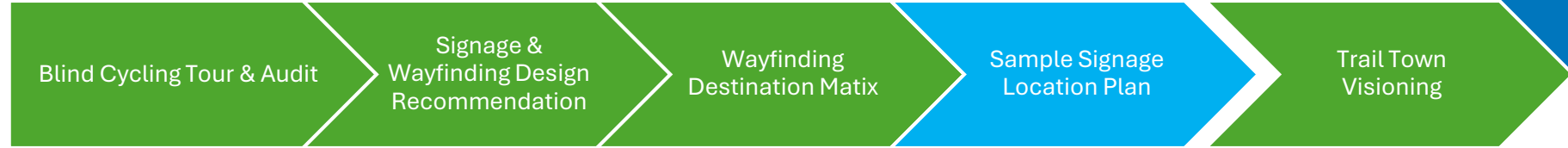


	Trail Towns & Communities	Gateways & Intersecting COG Trails	Parks & Other Destinations
Sign Frequency	<p>up to 3x beginning at 10 miles out.</p> <p>Upon passing a trail town, the next 2 trail should always be signed</p>	<p>once at up to 1 mile out</p> <p>At destination</p>	<p>signed once at their location</p>
Heritage Trail Destinations Existing	Downtown Hilliard	<p>Hellbranch Trail</p> <p>Hayden Run Trail</p> <p>Hilliard's Station Park</p>	<p>Cemetery Pike</p> <p>Amity Pike</p> <p>Hayden Run Rd</p> <p>Heritage Dog Park</p> <p>Homestead Park</p> <p>Cosgray Rd</p> <p>Leppert Rd</p> <p>Athletic Fields</p> <p>Hilliard Darby High</p> <p>Merchant Park</p>

- Hierarchy of Destinations
- Frequency of Destinations
- Consistent Nomenclature
- Existing and Future Destinations
- Reference *Central Ohio Greenway Wayfinding Strategy*



SCOPE OF WORK



Sign Type	HRK1
Travel Direction (of trail users) side A	NW Bound
	Downtown Hilliard (0.0 mi)
	< Hilliard's Station Park
	^ Hellbranch Trail (1.3 mi)
	^ Hayden Run Trail (1.3 mi)
	^ Plain City (6.4 mi)
Travel Direction (of trail users) side B	SE Bound*
	* Downtown Hilliard (0.0 mi)
	* < Hilliard Station Park
	* ^ Upper Arlington (XX mi)
	* ^ Grandview Heights (XX mi)
	* ^ Downtown Columbus (10.0 mi)

- Sign Types:
 - Kiosk, Simple, or Pavement Marking
- Sign locations
- Directionality of traveler
- Sign content from Destination Matrix provided in an excel document



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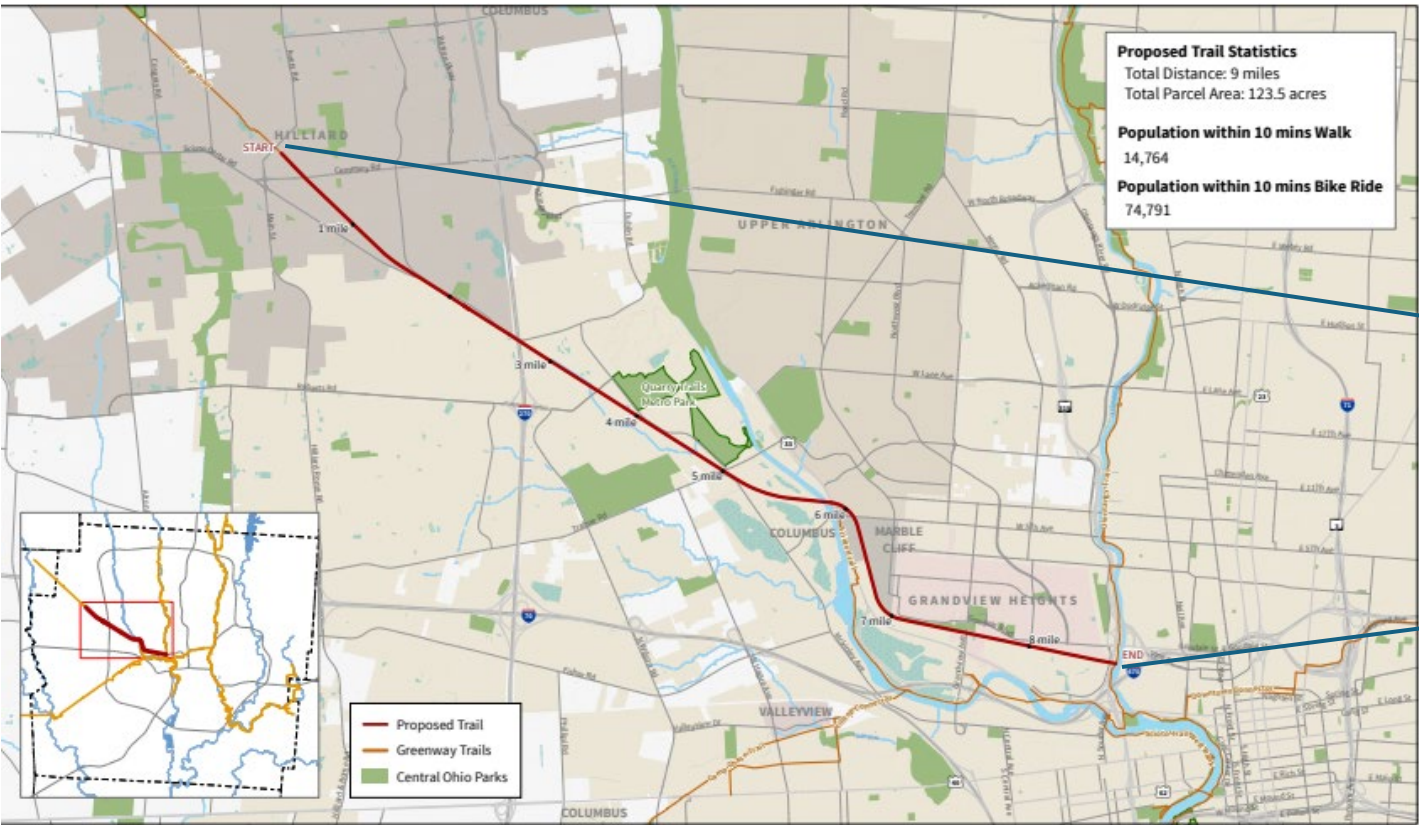
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Mile 10

Mile 0



Columbus and Franklin Co Metro Parks
Norfolk Southern Rail Trail Map

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles



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Next Steps: Trail Towns

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- Alignment with Central Ohio Cycling Guide and the development of the Trail Town Story Map.
- Trail Town Readiness Assessment
- Trail Town Placemaking Workshop



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QUESTIONS?



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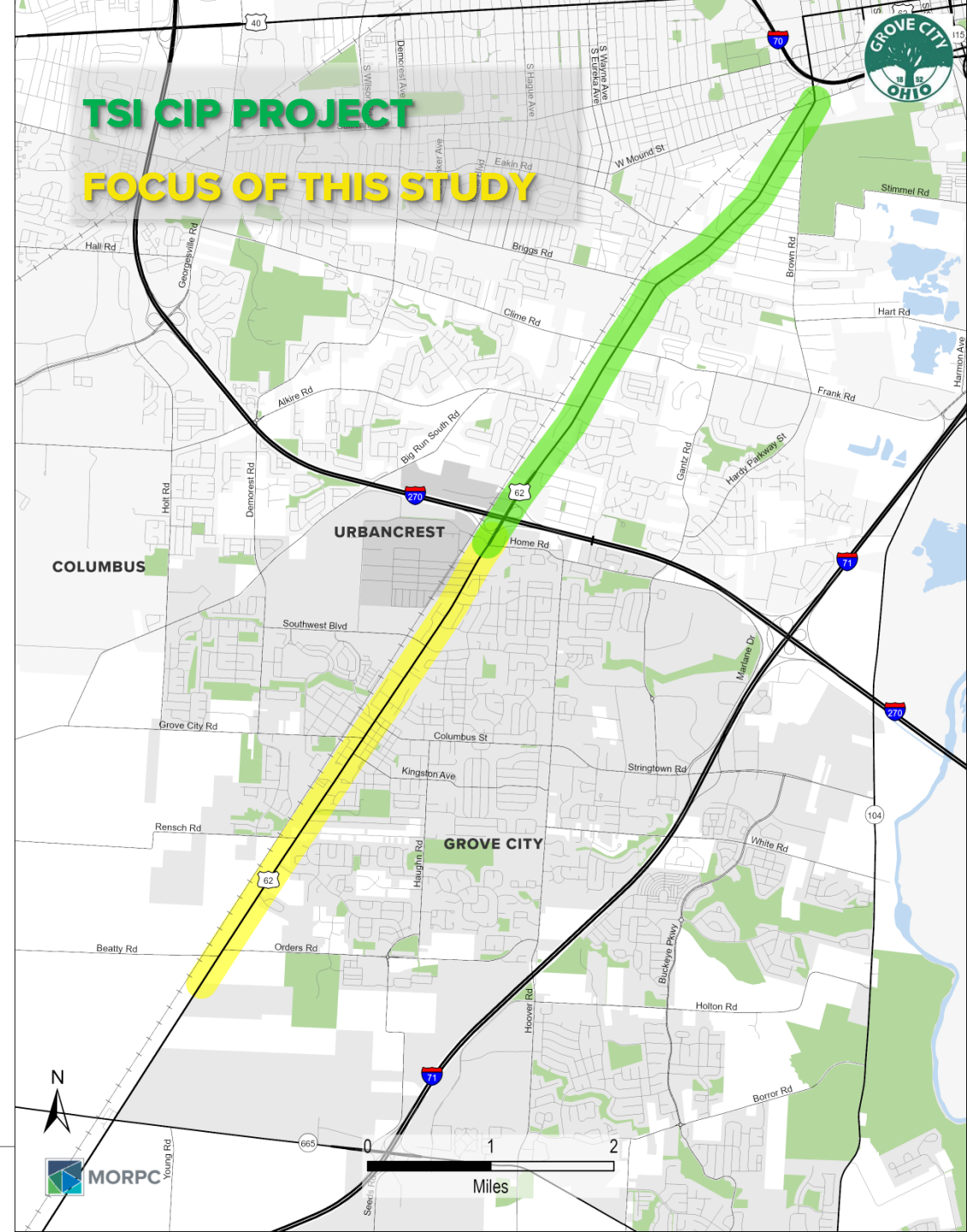


City of Grove City: **US-62 Corridor Study**

Terry Barr, Development Planner

Purpose & Goals

- ▲ **Safe multimodal transportation options along US-62**
 - ▲ Enhanced pedestrian facilities & crossings
 - ▲ Improved transit access
 - ▲ Separated / protected bikeways
- ▲ **Develop feasibility study alternatives**
 - ▲ Existing plan recommendations
 - ▲ Existing conditions analyses
 - ▲ NCHRP Cross-Section Reallocation research guidance
- ▲ **Scope of work for engineering study**
 - ▲ 2026 / Near future



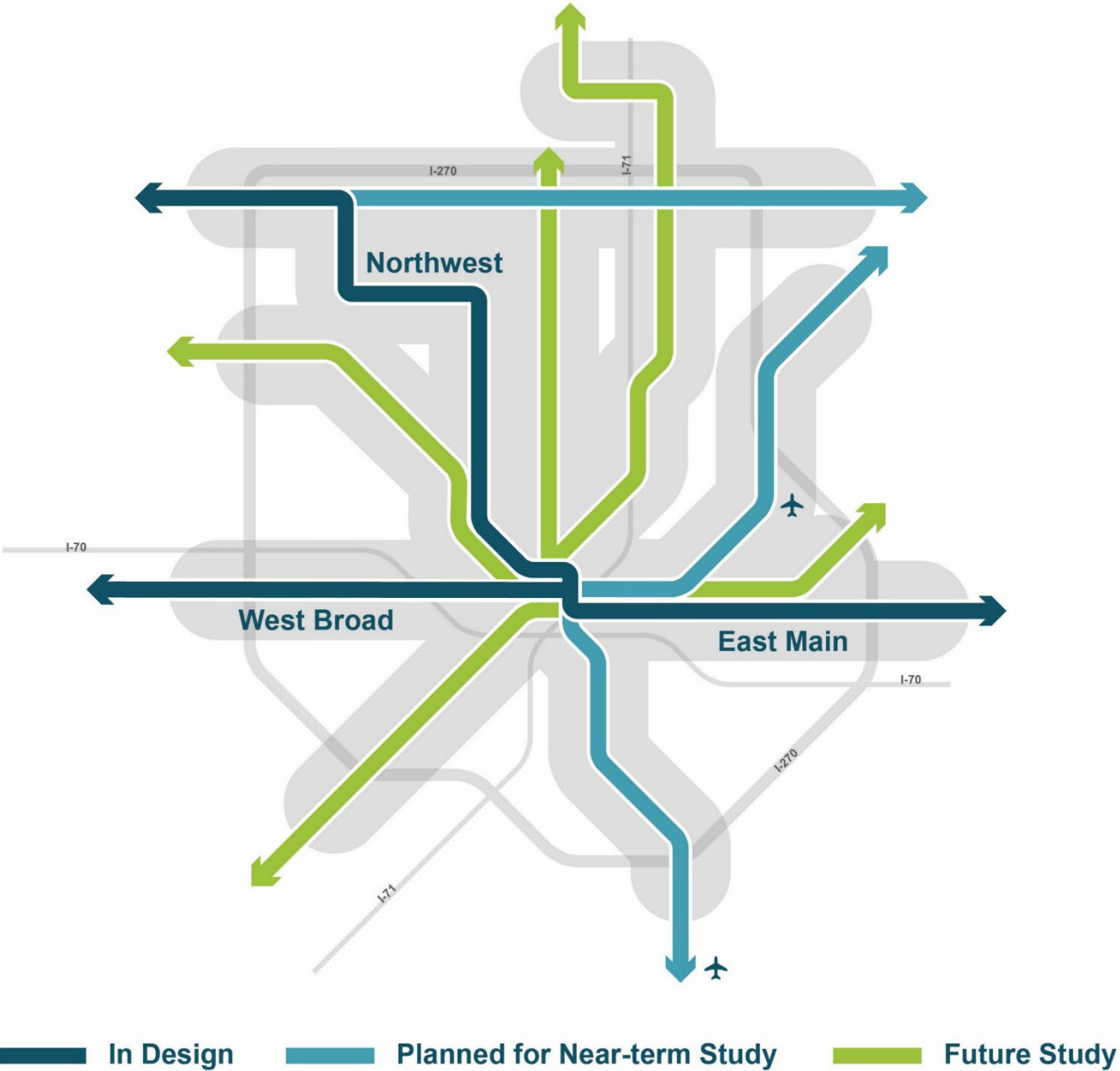
Existing Recommendations

- ▲ Review of existing local, regional plans
- ▲ Whole Corridor
 - ▲ Dedicated bikeway, connect to Downtown Cbus
 - ▲ High-capacity transit
 - ▲ Enhanced appearance
- ▲ Segment-Specific
 - ▲ Transit stop improvements
 - ▲ High-vis., Mid-block crossings
 - ▲ “Neighborhood Main Street” design



Source: NACTO, referenced in Grove City's Town Center Conceptual Framework (2021)

LinkUS Vision



EXISTING FACILITIES

Grove City Town Center

Existing Bikeways

Multi-use Path

Bicycle Lane

Bicycle Boulevard

Sidewalk Inventory

Sidewalk

Multi-use Path

Marked Crosswalk

Unmarked Crosswalk

None

US-62 Facilities

Shared-Use Path & Sidewalk

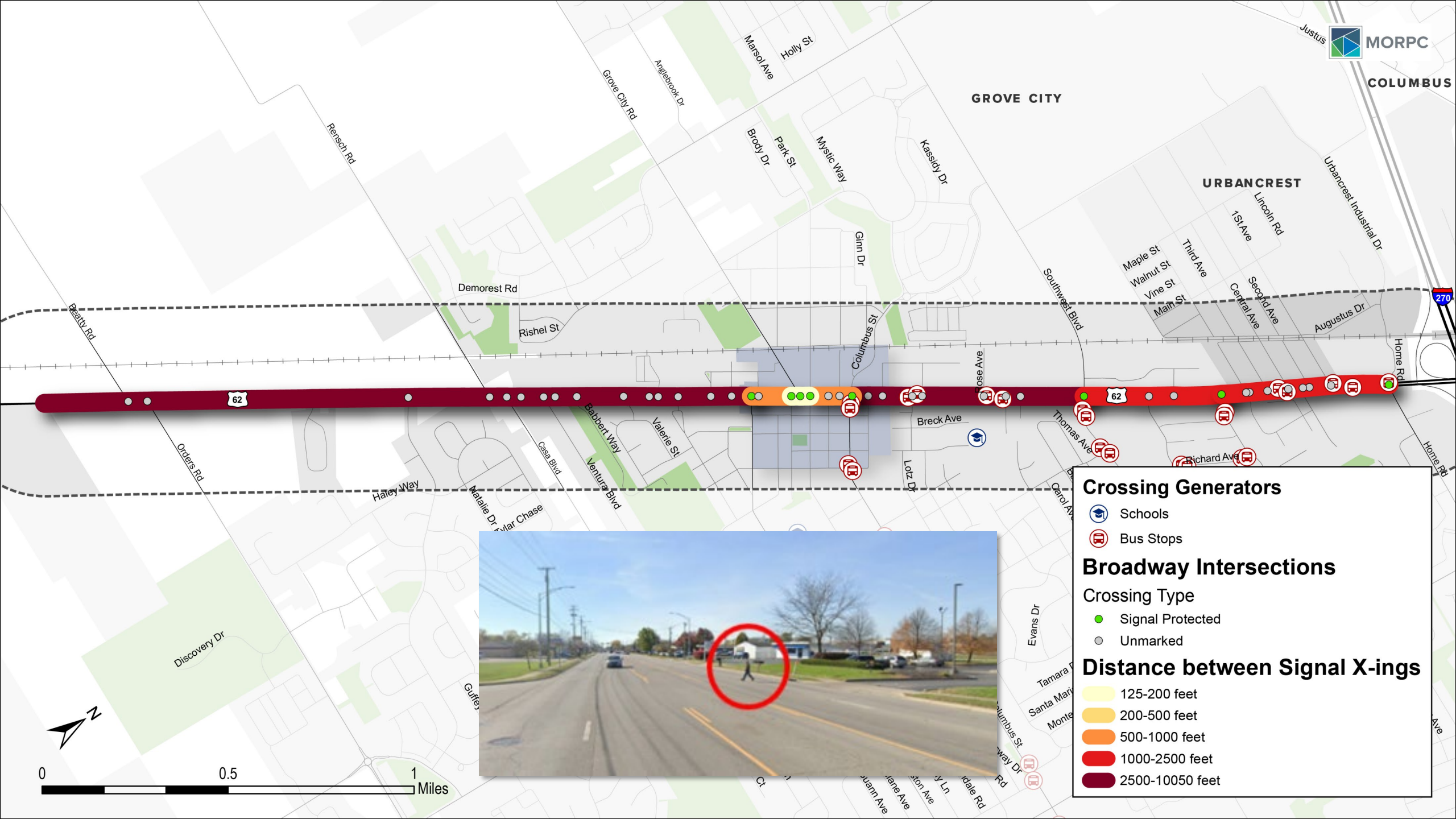
Shared-Use Path -- SW Side

Sidewalks -- 4-5', Both Sides

None



0 0.5 1 Miles



Crossing Generators

- Schools
- Bus Stops

Broadway Intersections

Crossing Type

- Signal Protected
- Unmarked

Distance between Signal X-ings

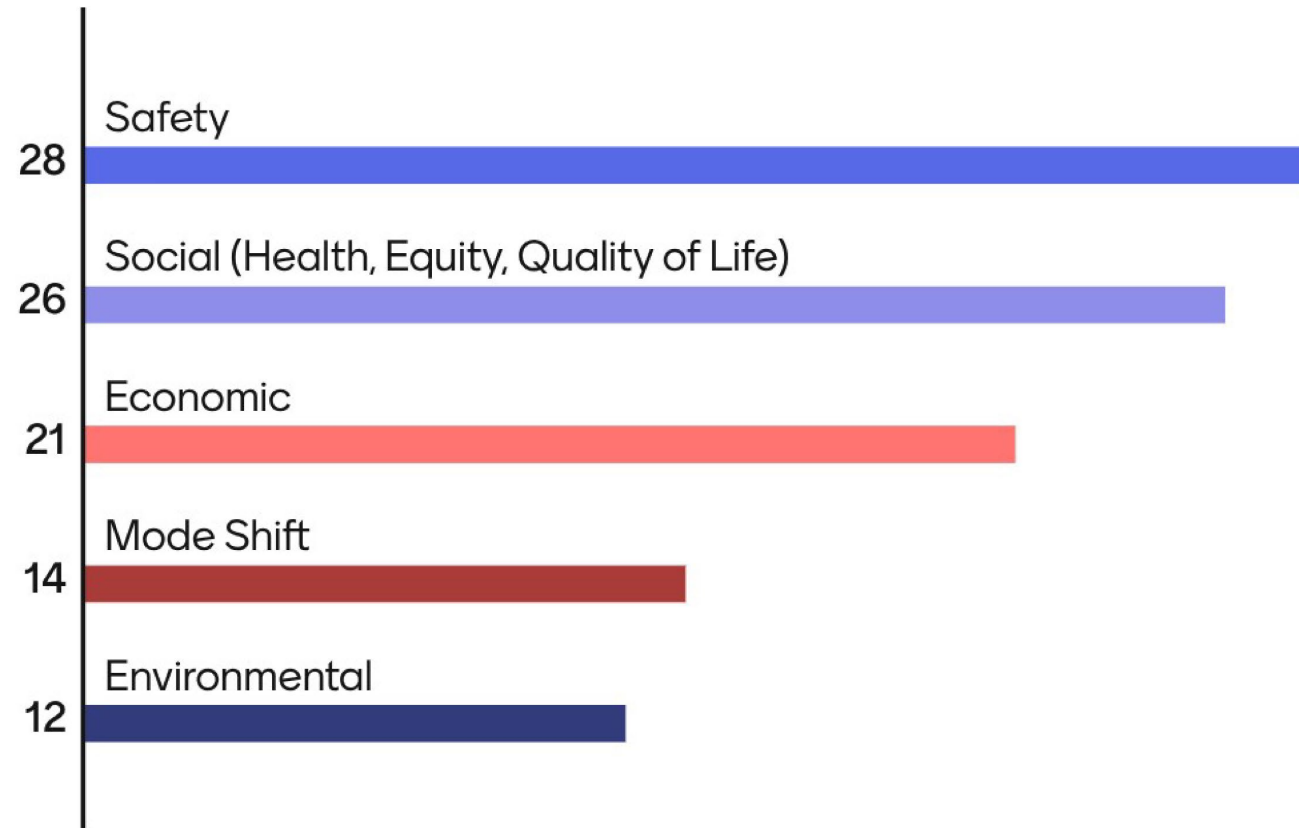
- 125-200 feet
- 200-500 feet
- 500-1000 feet
- 1000-2500 feet
- 2500-10050 feet



Stakeholder Workshop

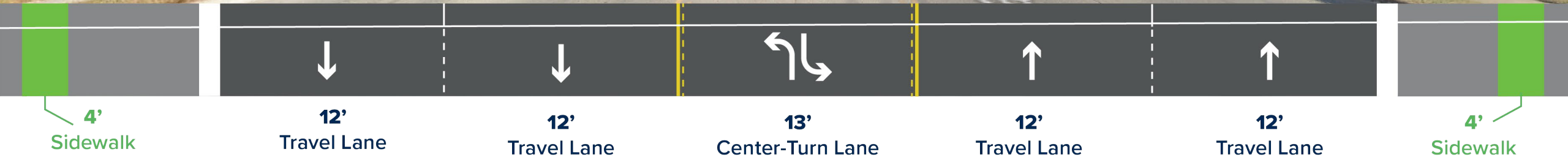
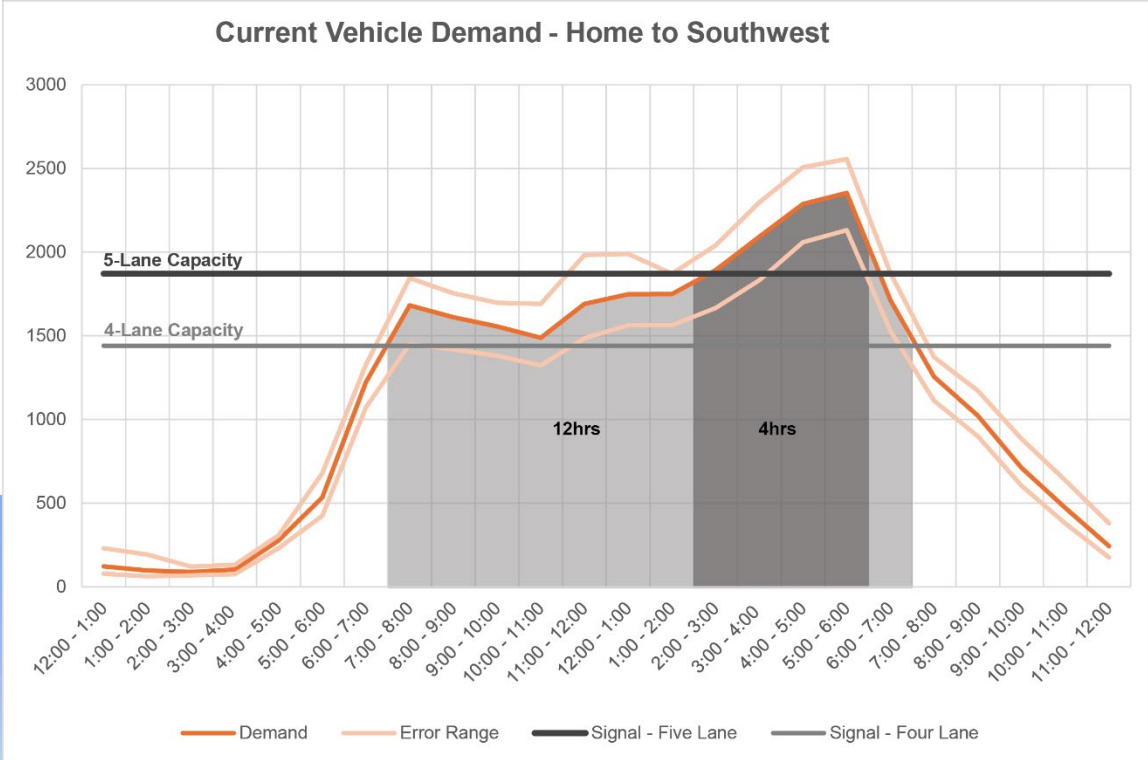


What are the priority outcomes for the Broadway corridor? Distribute 100 points across each outcome according to priority

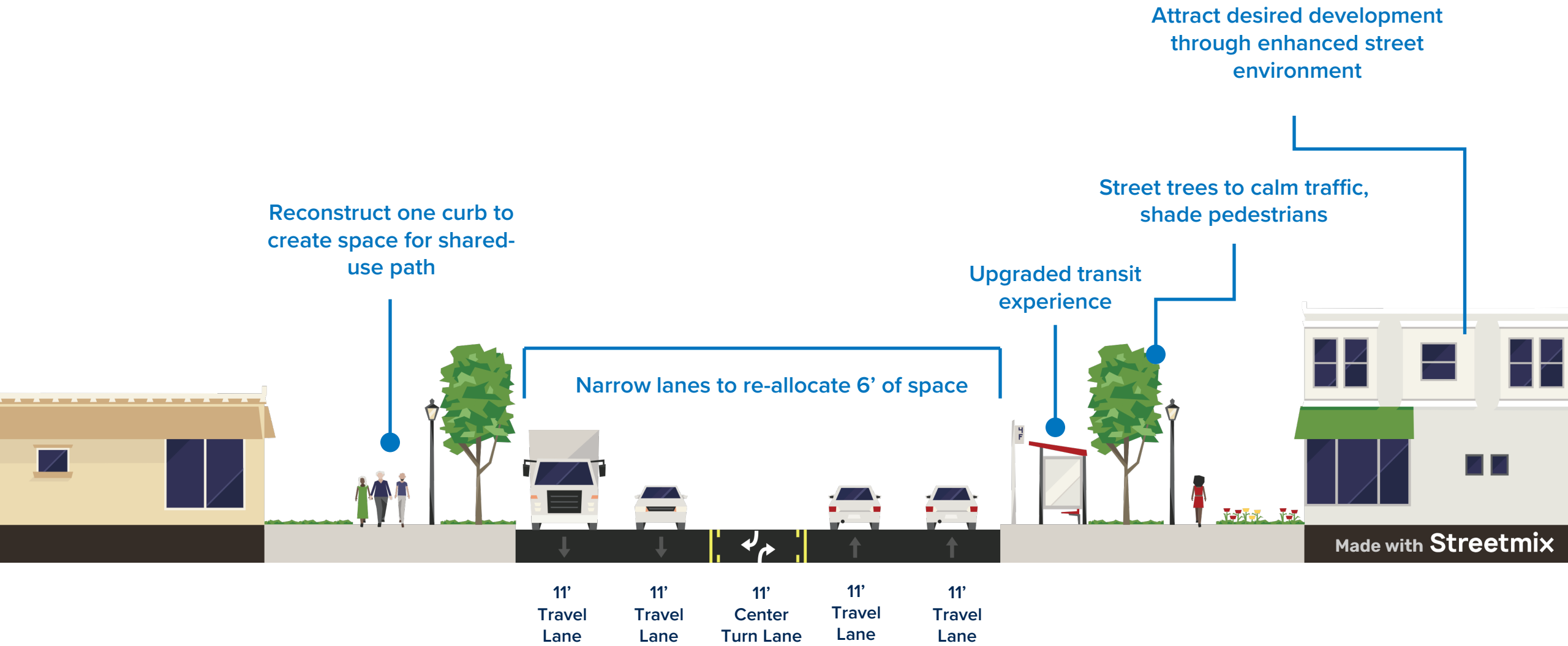


Home Rd – Southwest Blvd

AADT: ~28,000
16hr Efficiency: 88%
16hr Avg. D/C: 86%



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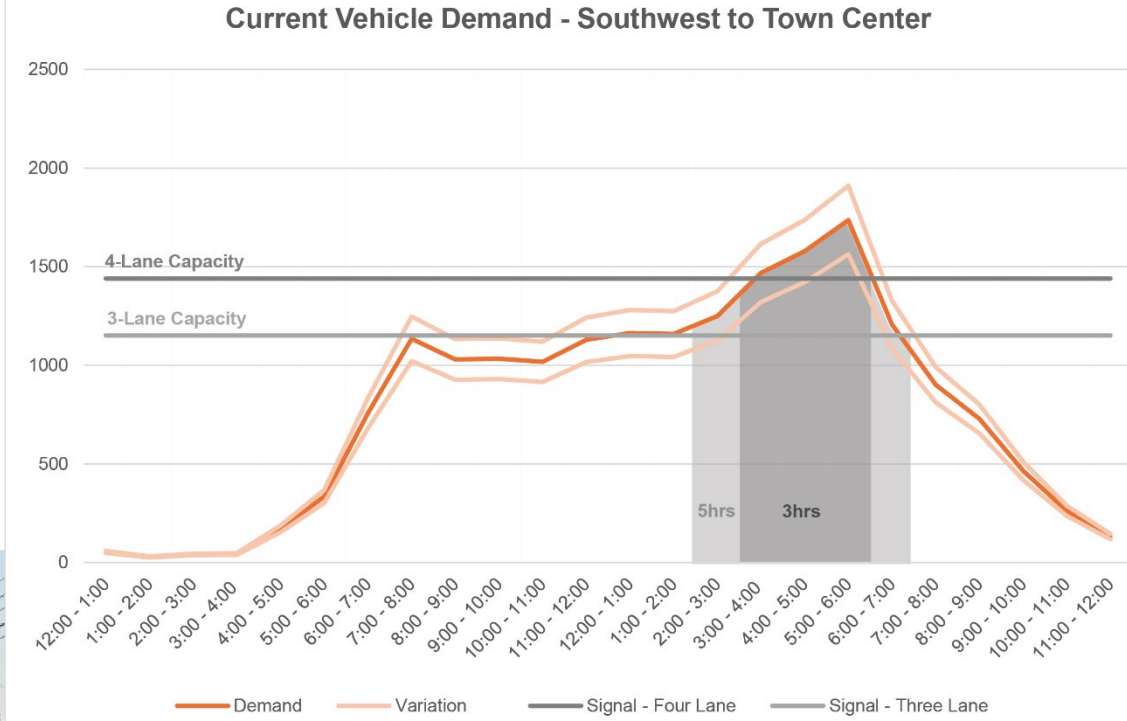


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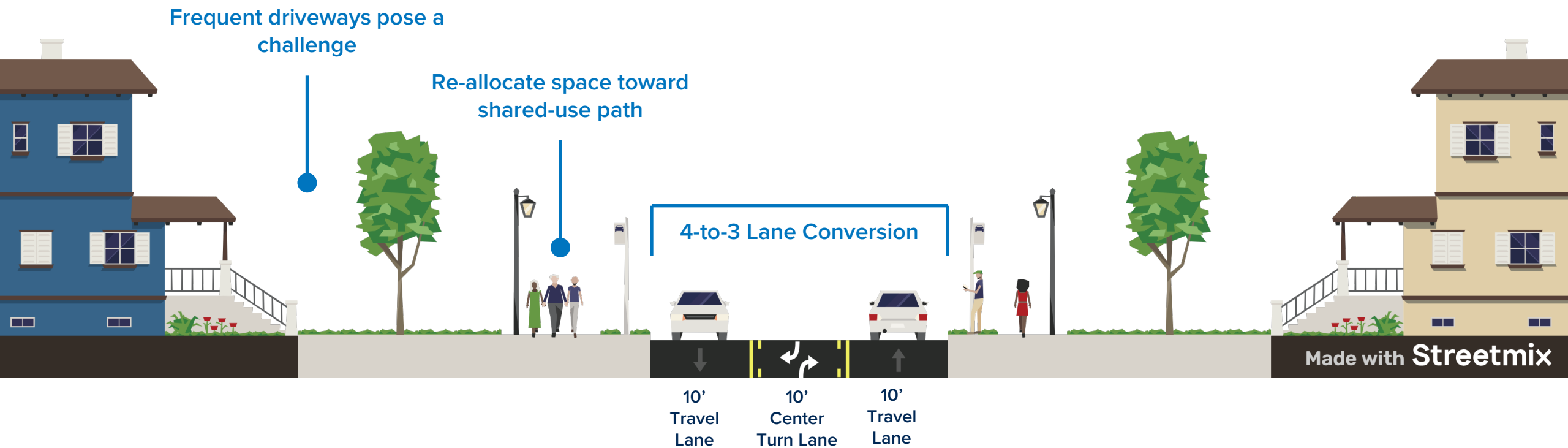
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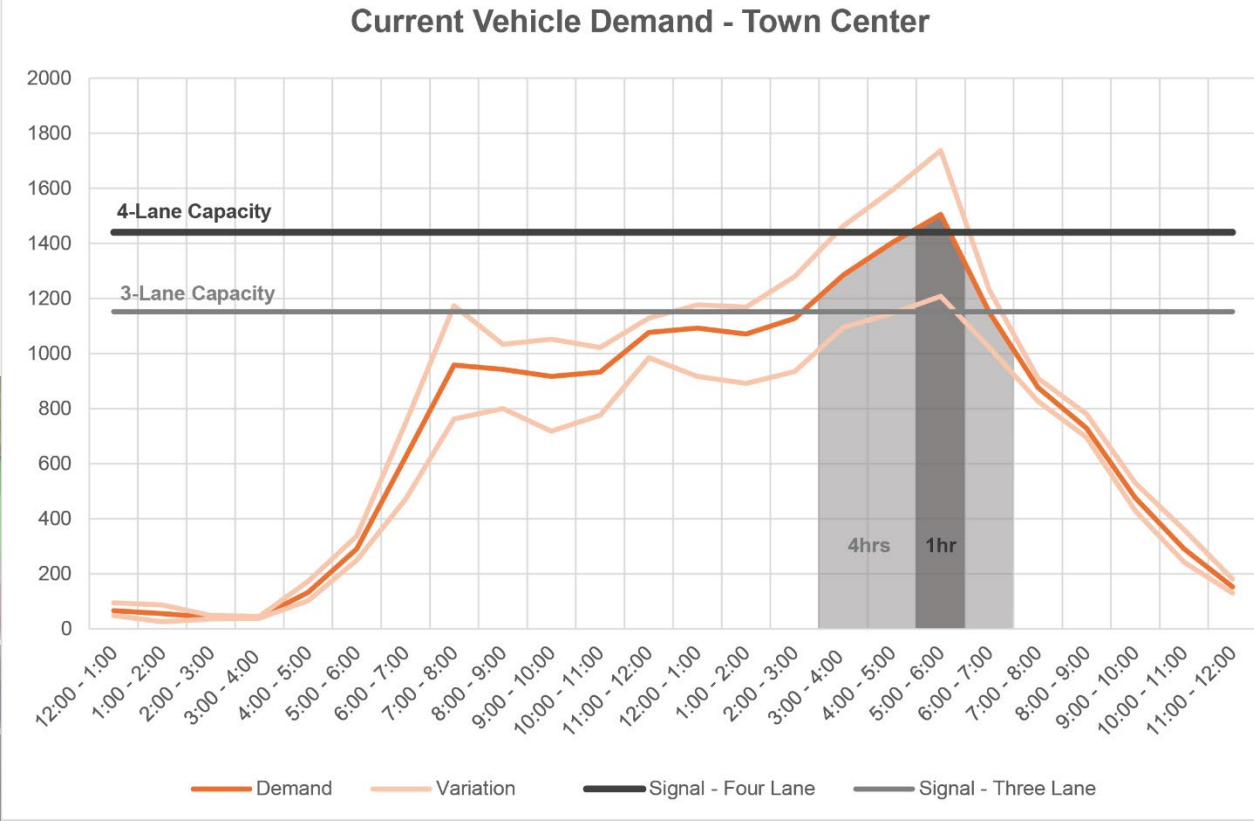


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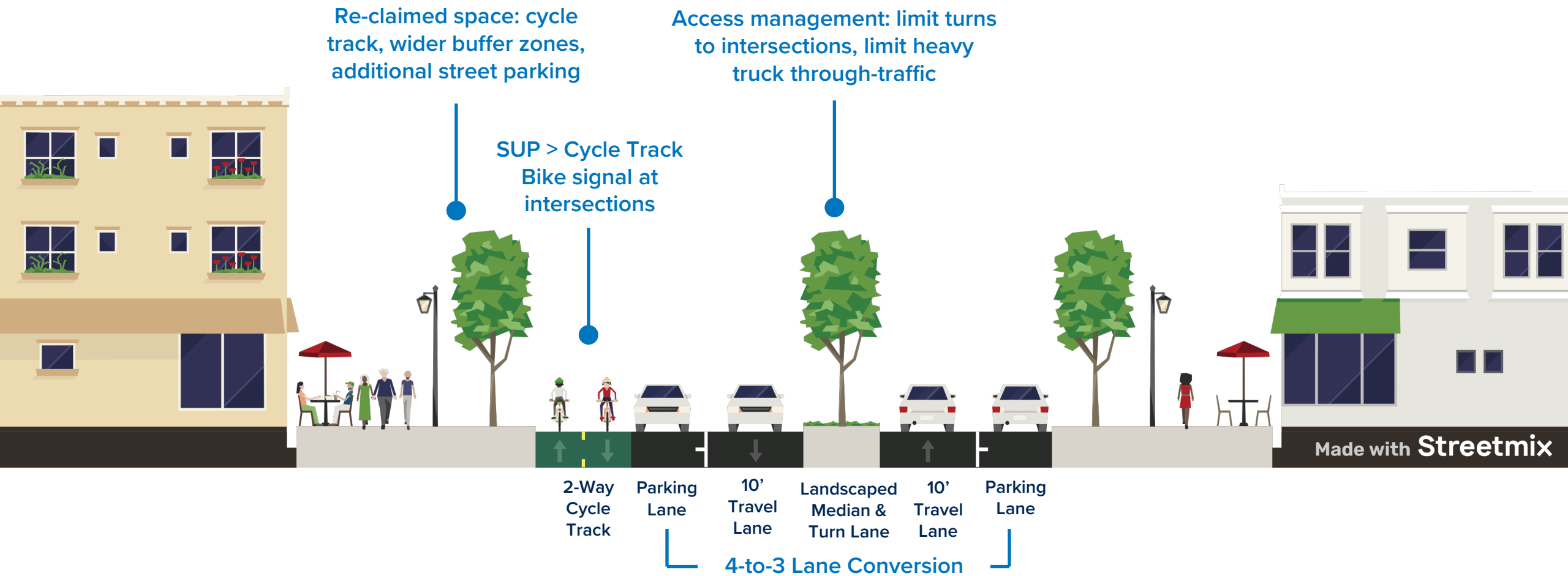
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Town Center

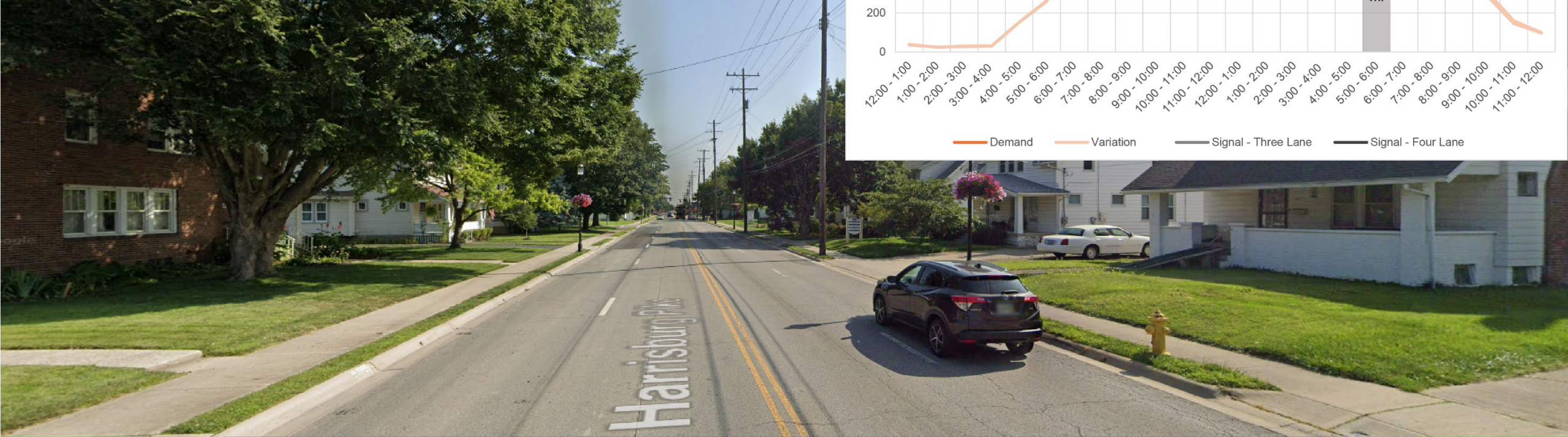
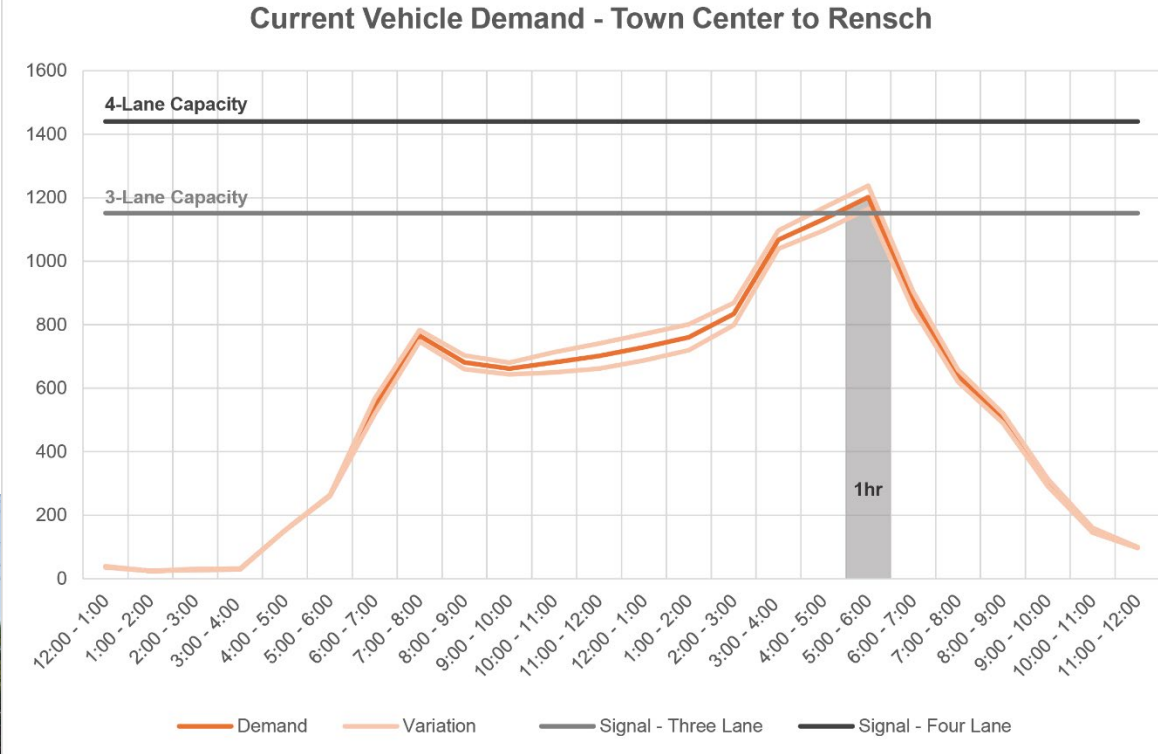


Town Center – Rensch Rd

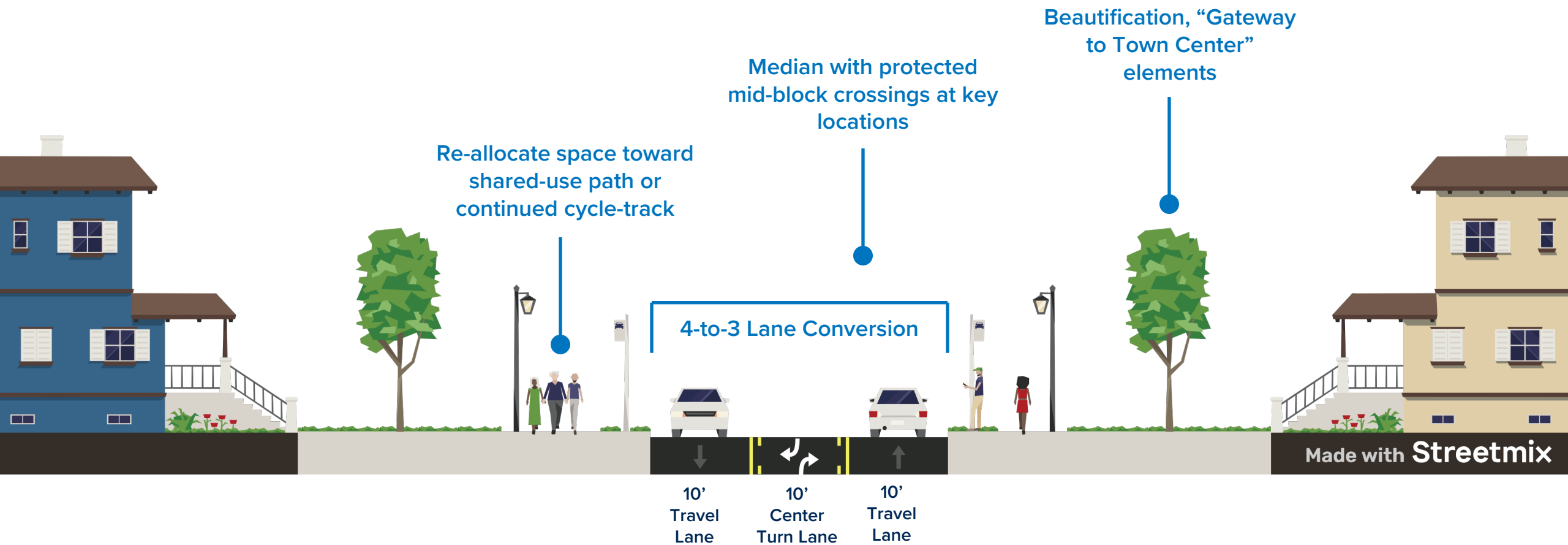
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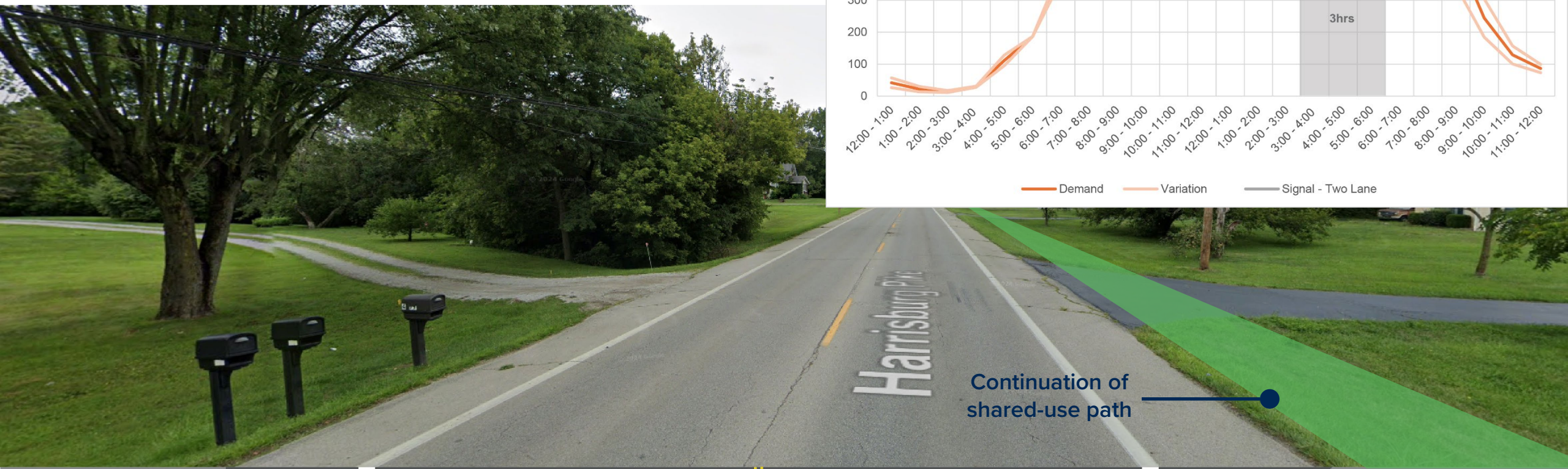
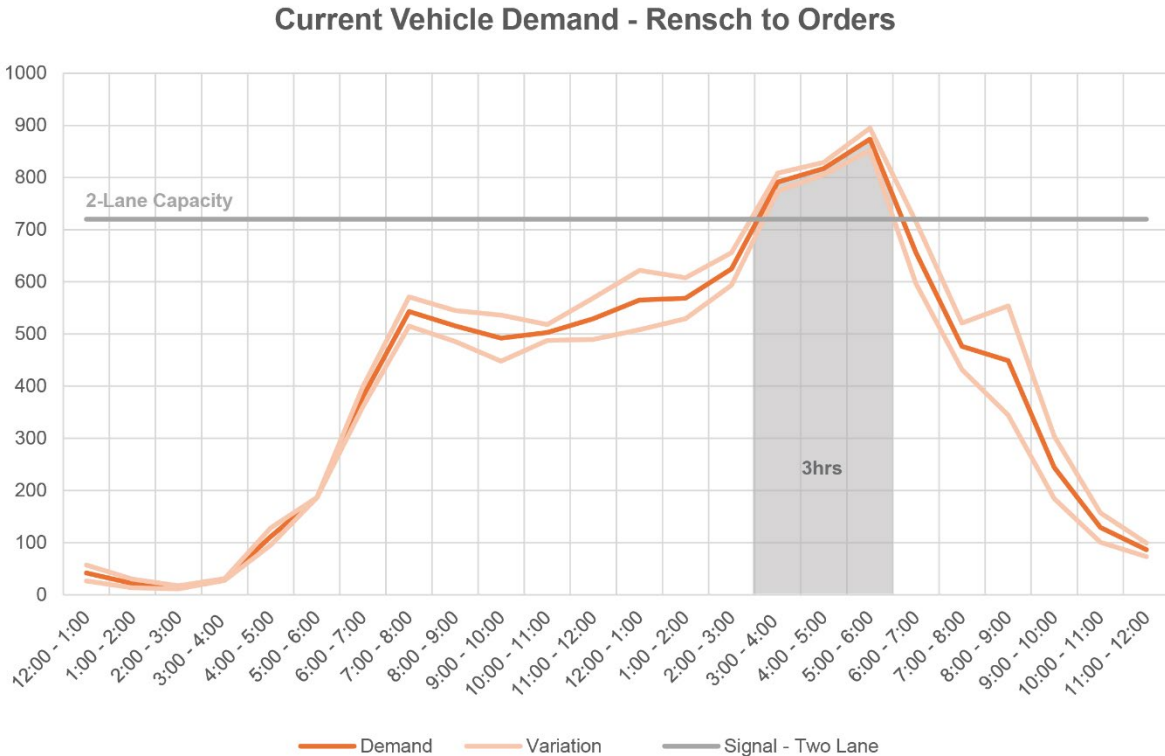


Town Center – Rensch Rd



Rensch Rd – Orders Rd

AADT: ~9,650
16hr Efficiency: 88%
16hr Avg. D/C: 78%



Next Steps

▲ Alternatives Development

- ▲ For further study

▲ Workshop #2

- ▲ Review alternatives
- ▲ Review draft SOW

▲ Final Deliverables

- ▲ Action Plan
- ▲ Feasibility Study SOW



City of Gahanna: **CIP Digitization & Coordination Tools**

Catherine Eichel, Project Manager

TA Grant: Gahanna CIP Dashboard

▲ Capital Improvement Project Program Status

- ▲ Citywide CIP developed in 2023
- ▲ Identified needs for new programs and assessments
- ▲ Annual CIP Budget Cycle



TA Grant: Gahanna CIP Dashboard

▲ The Challenges

- ▲ Limited GIS Resources
- ▲ Coordination across City Departments: Spreadsheets + Plans
- ▲ Limited Capital Funds



TA Grant: Gahanna CIP Dashboard

▲ The Goals:

- ▲ Platform and ability to plan across departments
- ▲ More clear community engagement

Village of Galena:

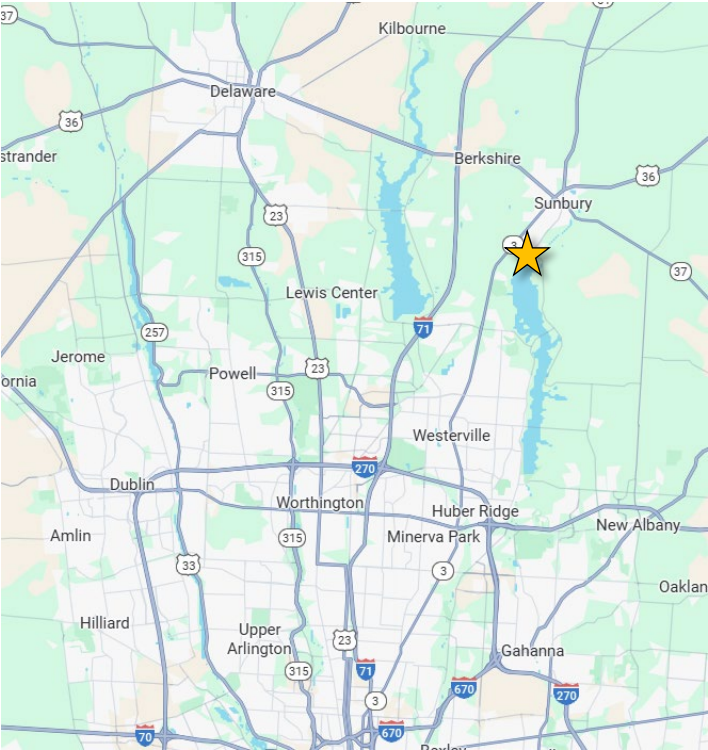
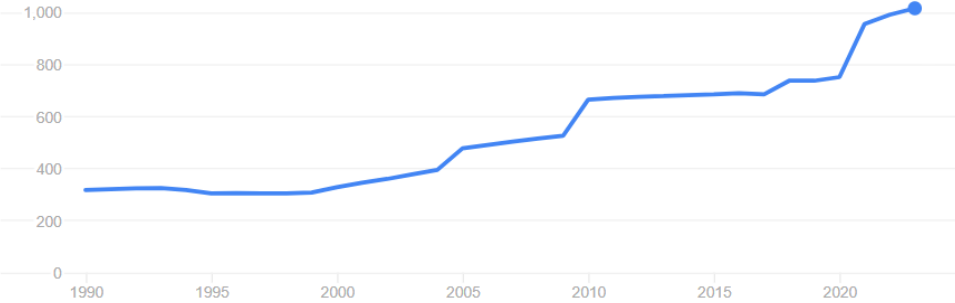
Complete Streets Safety Audit

**Sam Smith, Associate Planner &
Jeff Kinnell, Mayor**

ABOUT GALENA

Galena / Population

1,018 (2023)



SCOPE OF WORK

Existing Conditions Assessment & Crash Data Analysis:

- ▲ Identify priority locations for safety audit, improvements, and further study
- ▲ Facilitate workshop(s) to review existing conditions and safety analysis

Complete Streets Safety Audit:

- ▲ Facilitate safety audit at priority location
- ▲ Develop summary report of audit findings

Implementation Plan:

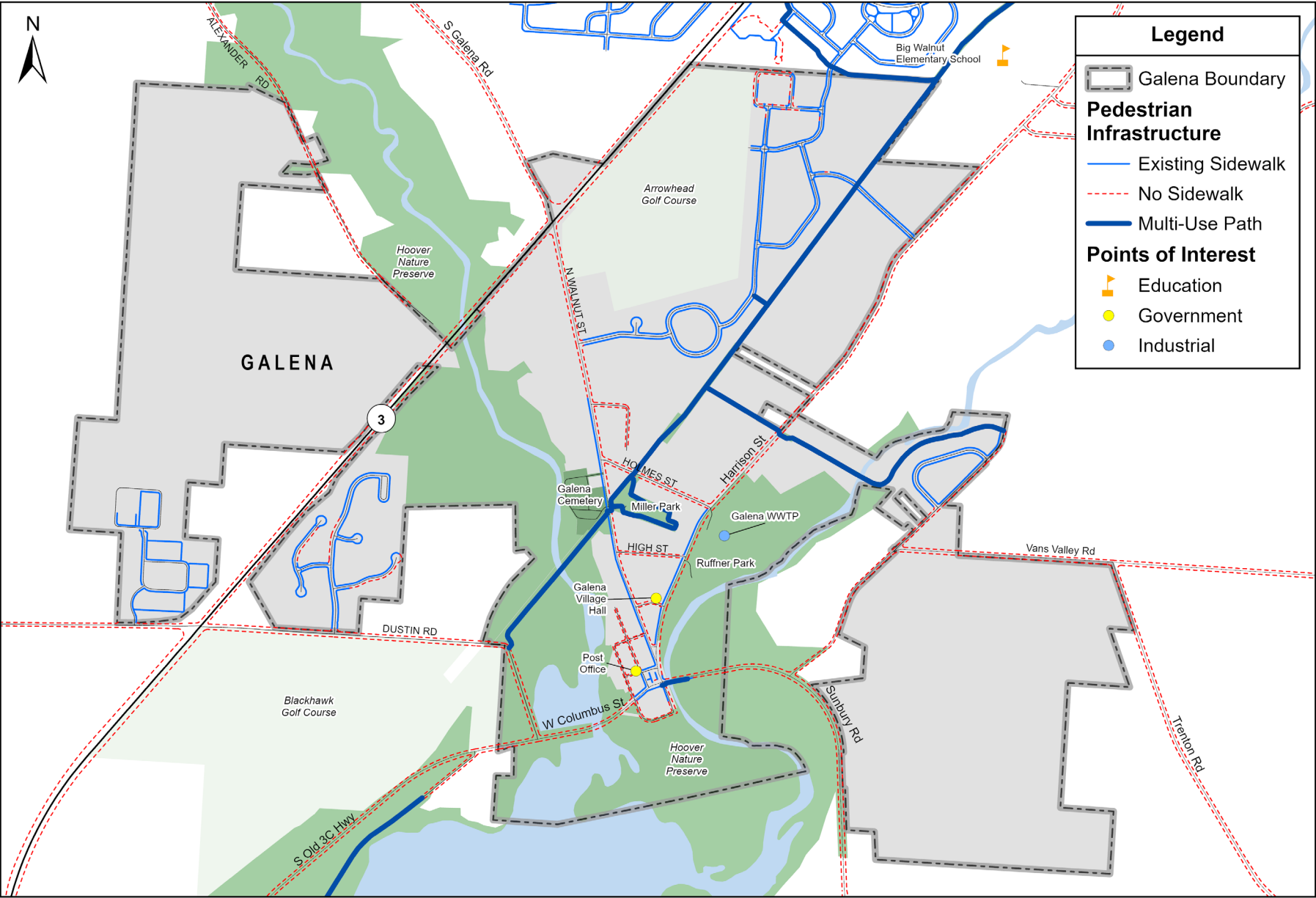
- ▲ Prepare final report
 - ▲ Recommendations to address Existing Conditions and Safety Audit findings
 - ▲ Key best practices information
 - ▲ Potential next steps, including funding resources and opportunities
- ▲ Conduct final stakeholder meeting
 - ▲ Discuss recommendations, next steps and other information in draft report

Existing Conditions

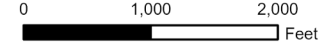


BIKE/PED FACILITIES

- ▲ Sidewalks, Trails:
 - ▲ Ohio to Erie Trail
 - ▲ Newer developments
 - ▲ Village Square
- ▲ Areas of Concern:
 - ▲ Village Square
 - ▲ Ohio to Erie Trail Crossings, Gaps



Village of Galena - Pedestrian
Infrastructure & Points of Interest
2025 Complete Streets Safety Audit

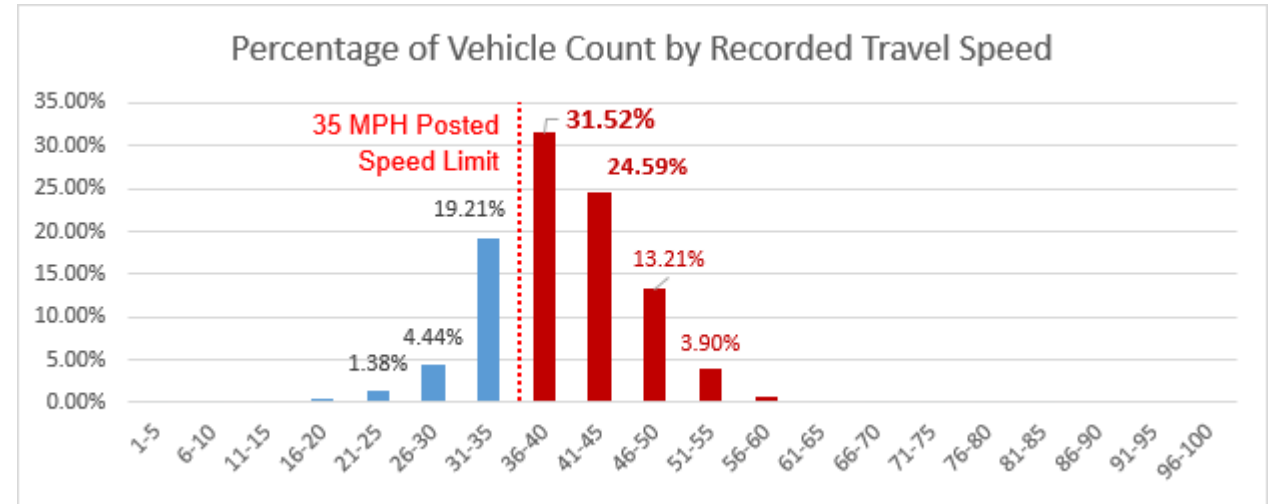


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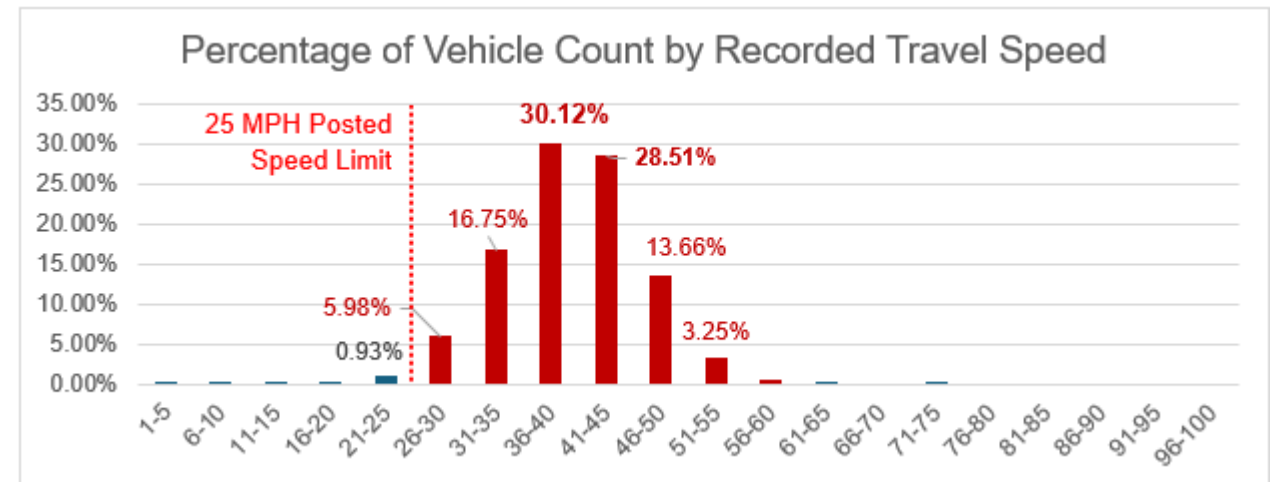
▲ W Columbus St, west of Square, EB travel lane (1/27 - 2/9):

- ▲ Posted speed: 35 MPH
- ▲ Share Exceeding Limit: **74%**
- ▲ Average Speed: 39 MPH



▲ Columbus St, east of Square, WB travel lane (1/27 - 2/9):

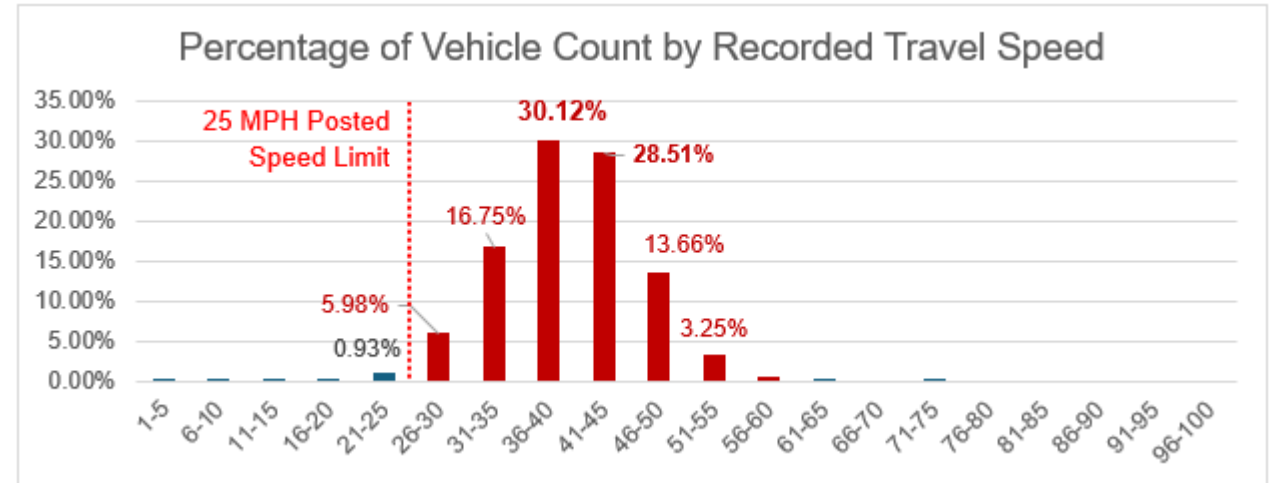
- ▲ Posted speed: 25 MPH
- ▲ Share Exceeding Limit: **99%**
- ▲ Average Speed: 39 MPH



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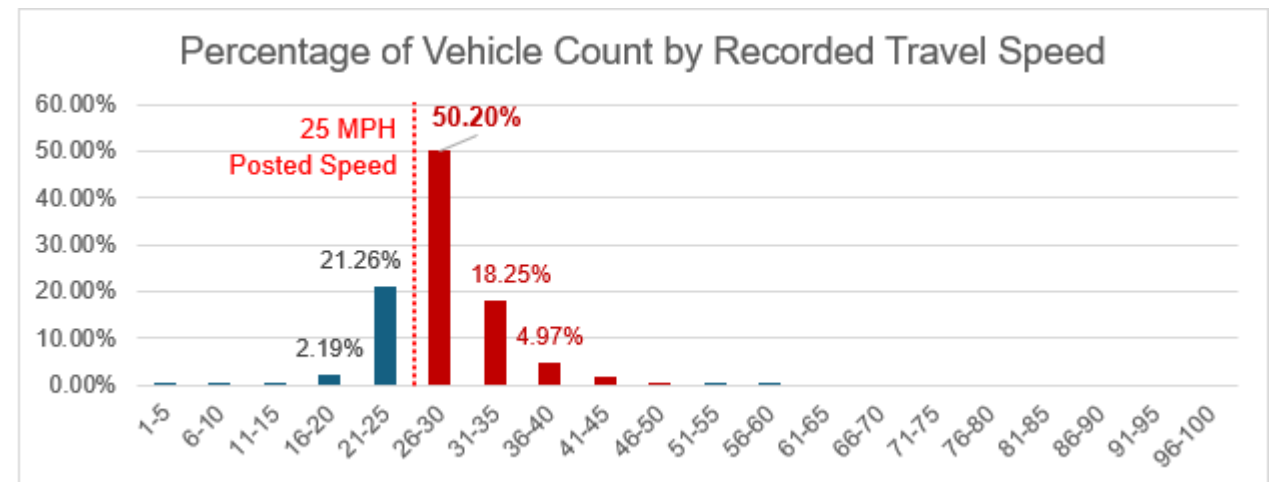
▲ N Walnut St near Holmes St SB travel lane (2/24 - 3/9)

- ▲ Posted speed: 25 MPH
- ▲ Share Exceeding Limit: **75%**
- ▲ Average Speed: 29 MPH



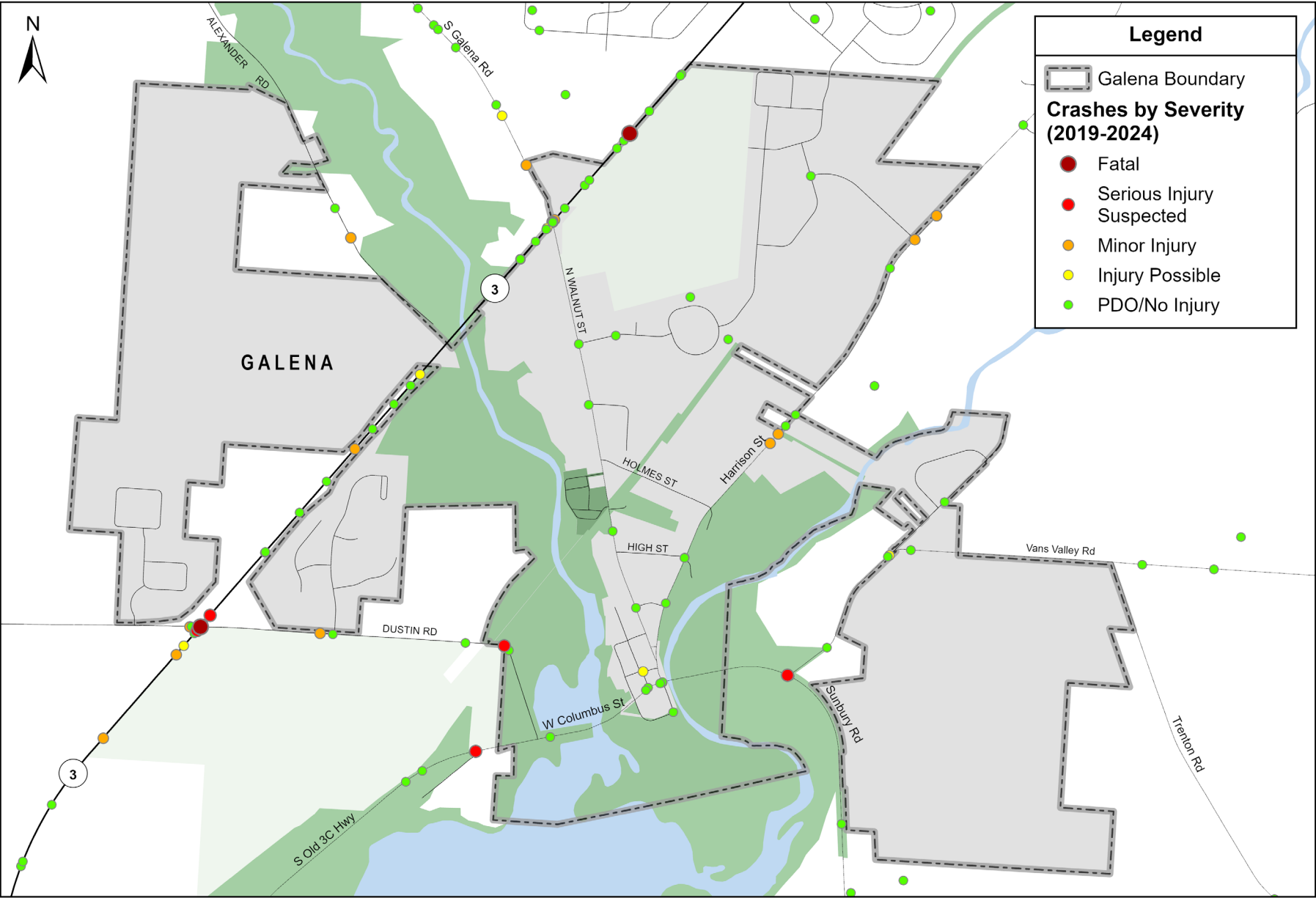
▲ Harrison St near Holmes St ** SB travel lane (2/24 - 3/9):

- ▲ Posted speed: 25 MPH
- ▲ Share Exceeding Limit: **79%**
- ▲ Average Speed: 28 MPH



CRASH HISTORY

- ▲ Village Stats:
 - ▲ 54 total crashes
 - ▲ 14.8% injury rate
 - ▲ 1 serious injury crash
- ▲ Areas of Concern:
 - ▲ Fixed Object (31.5%)
 - ▲ Young Drivers (46.3%)



Walk Audit



VILLAGE SQUARE SAFETY AUDIT ROUTE

- ▲ **MEET** – Park at Village Hall
- ▲ **START** – Walk south along Harrison Street toward Village Square
- ▲ **OBSERVE** – Stop along the route to observe key details, insights
- ▲ **WRAP** – Continue around the square and back to Village Hall for debrief

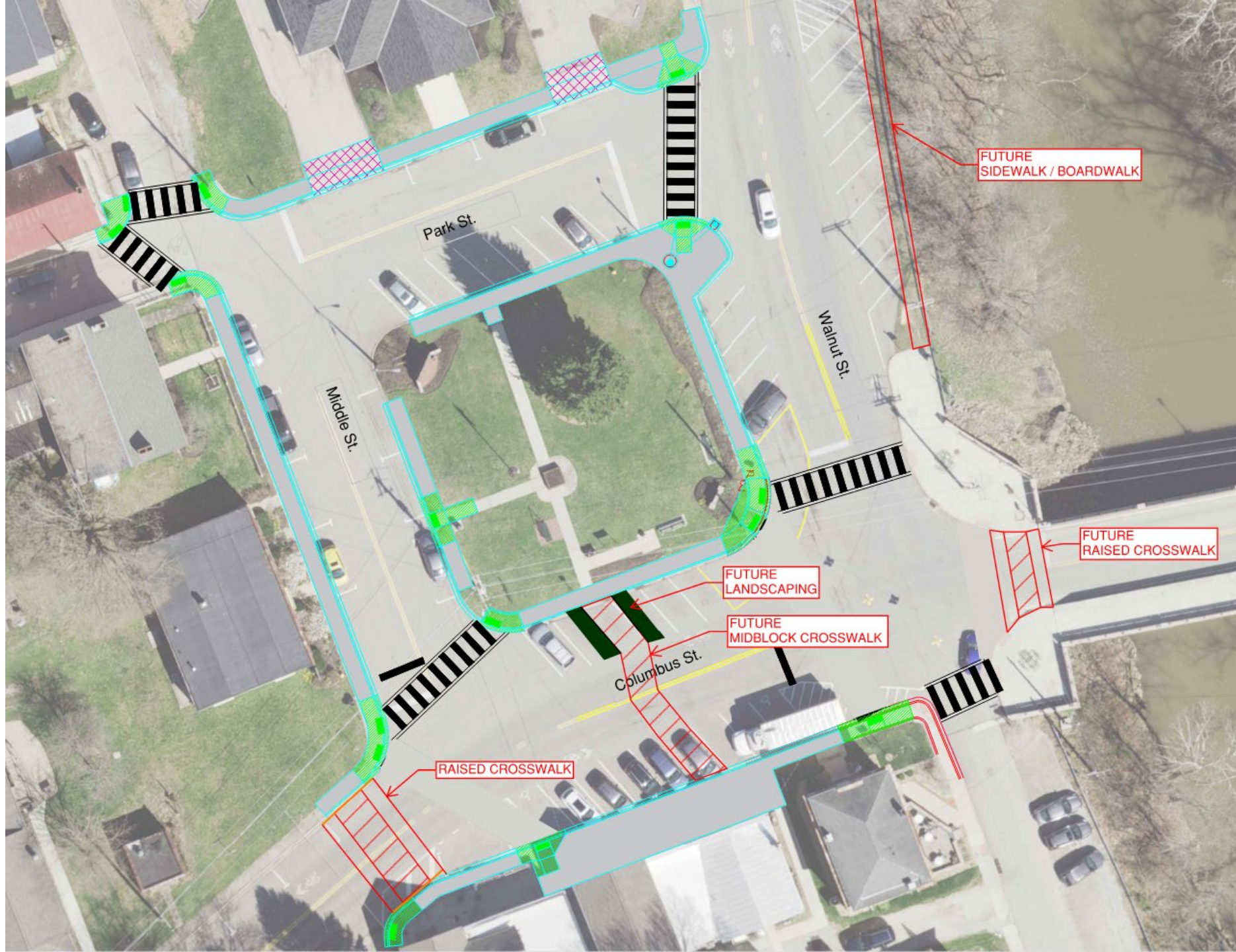


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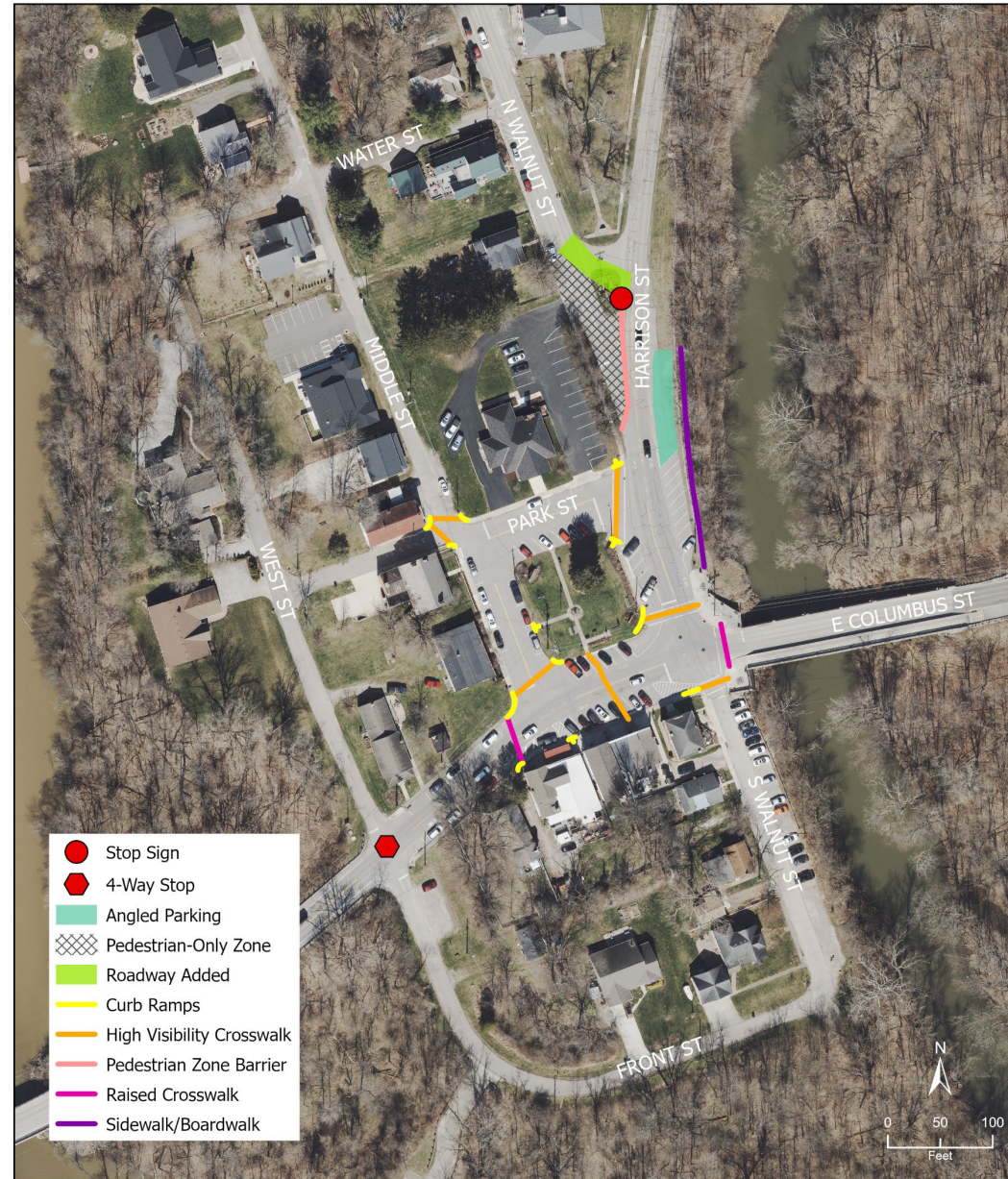
Implementation Plan





Proposed Projects 2025

Village of Galena, OH



Recommendations

- ▲ **Recommendation 1: Reduce Vehicular Speeds Entering the Square from the East, West, and North**
- ▲ **Recommendation 2: Enhance Pedestrian, Bicyclist, and Motorist Safety within the Square**
- ▲ **Recommendation 3: Implement Traffic-Calming Projects**

DUBLIN SPEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



WALK.BIKE. OHIO UPDATE



GREENWAYS PLANNING STUDIO UPDATES



Trail Gateways: Central Ohio Greenway's Summer Forum

Tuesday, August 26 | 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Burgess & Niple – 330 Rush Alley #700 Columbus, OH 43215



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REGISTER NOW

Sponsored By: **BURGESS & NIPLE**

Kayaking Experience Hosted By:



REGIONAL BIKEWAY PLAN

1994

MPO BOUNDARY

PROPOSED BIKEWAYS

1994 BIKEWAYS

2024 BIKEWAYS



10X MILES ADDED

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PROPOSED BIKEWAYS



1994 BIKEWAYS



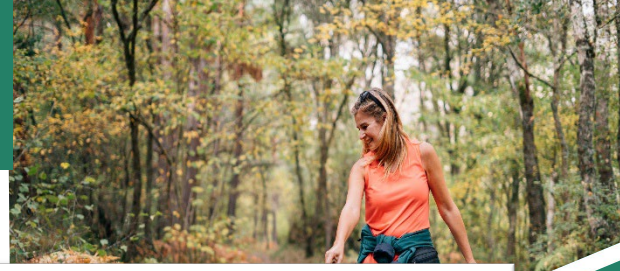
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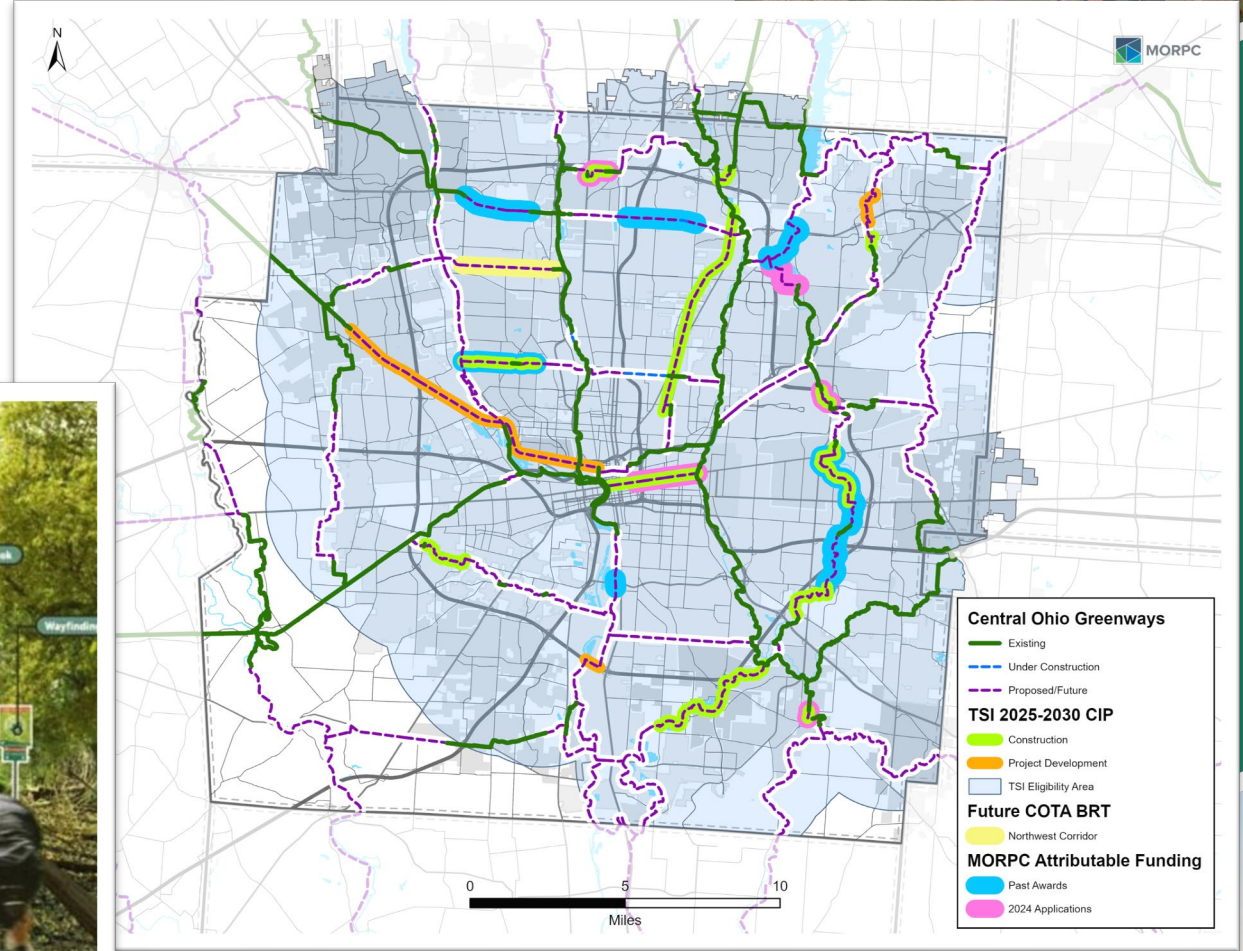
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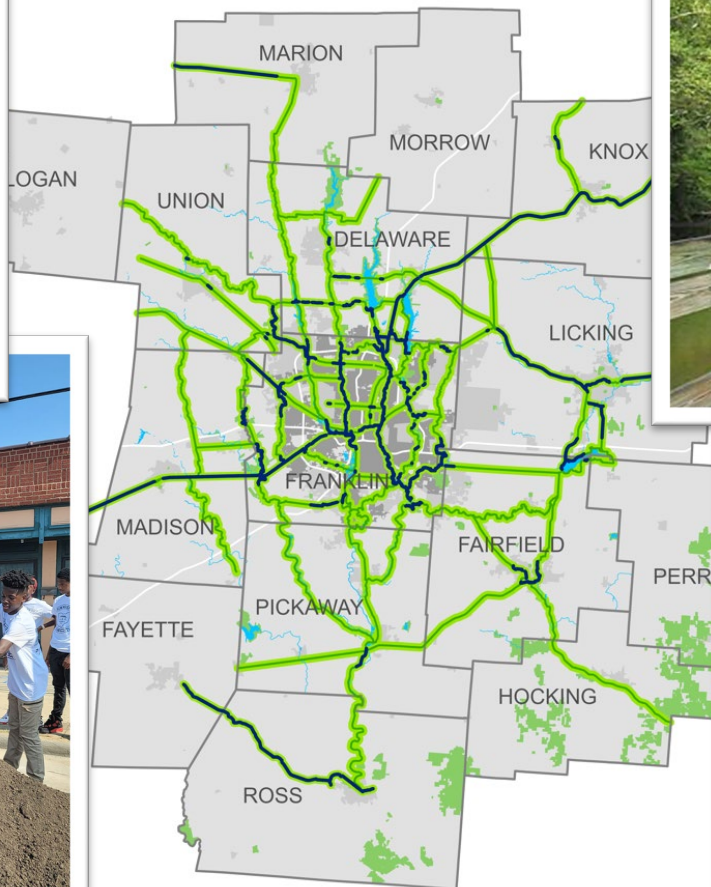
A TRANSFORMATIVE ERA



*In the next 5 years regional funding is going toward either constructing or development over a **25% of the COG Vision in much of Franklin County!***



CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS – 1000 MILES!

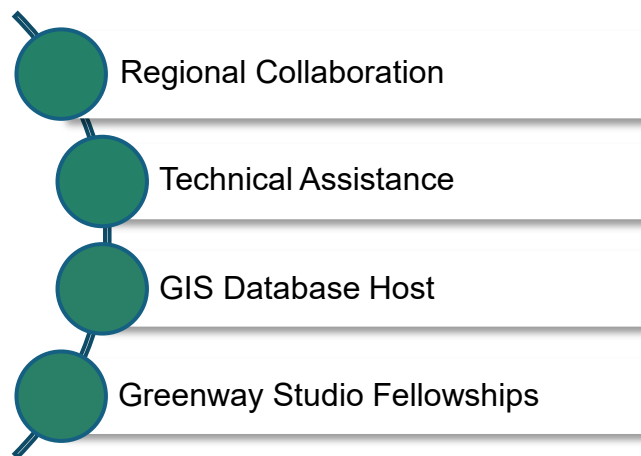


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Building the GREENWAY PLANNING STUDIO

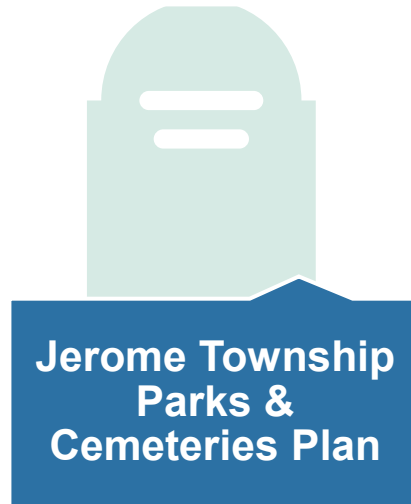
*To inspire our communities to **boldly and collaboratively envision** a vibrant Central Ohio, seamlessly connected by accessible, safe, and welcoming greenspaces—and to develop **actionable pathways** to bring that vision to reality for all Central Ohioans.*



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Other Projects



GREENWAY PLANNING STUDIO FELLOWSHIP

Central Ohio Greenways Public Art Framework

Trail Gateways & Trail Activation in Obetz

Reconnecting People, Nature & Community: A Trail-to-Transit Plan



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GATEWAYS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

A **Gateway of Regional Significance** is a **premier trailhead** located along a **Trail of Regional Significance** that serves as the welcoming entry point into a community from the trail.

It encourages community gathering, offers access to the regional outdoor recreation and transportation network, and safely connects trail users to a nearby **trail town**, activity center, **mobility hub**, and/or multimodal transportation options, including **transit**.

Gateways provide comprehensive amenities that support a **safe**, comfortable, and engaging experience—encouraging **exploration** and **inspiring** trail users of all ages and abilities.

As prominent sites for placemaking, public art, and expressions of community identity, they celebrate the unique character of each place and stand as visible symbols of local pride.

Trailheads meet the definition of a **Gateway of Regional Significance** if they have all the feature requirements associated with a premier trailhead available within a 2-mile low stress walk or bike ride and a variety of amenities that accumulate a total score worth at least 50 points*.



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GATEWAYS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

FEATURE REQUIREMENTS	ACCESS POINTS	TRAILHEAD LEVELS			
		BASIC	ENHANCED	PREMIER	GATEWAYS
Access to Streets & Roadways	✓	✓	✓	✓	Gateways contain all feature requirements while also scoring at least 50 points from the list of amenities.
Information Kiosk/Map		✓	✓	✓	
Bike Parking		✓	✓	✓	
Seating		✓	✓	✓	
Transit Access*			✓	✓	
Sidewalk Access			✓	✓	
Restrooms			✓	✓	
Water Access			✓	✓	
Placemaking Elements				✓	
Shelter(s)				✓	
Facilities Staff				✓	
Unique Design				✓	

AMENITIES	POINTS
Outfitter	
Pharmacy/Medical Facility	
Library	
Visitor Welcome Center	
Post Office	
ATMs	
Laundry	
Air Quality Monitoring Site	
Trail Souvenirs	
Trail Information Kiosk/Map	
Physical Wellness Features (e.g. outdoor exercise equipment)	
Seating	
Shelter	
Placemaking Elements	
Facilities Staff	
Unique Design	
Playground	
Landscaping	
Public Restroom	
Trash Cans	
Lighting	
Bike Shop/Bike Repair	
Other businesses offering basic bike repairs & parts	
Bike Repair Stations	
Bike Racks	
Bike Rental/Bike Share	
Shuttle Services	
Taxi or Car Rental	
Active Ride Community (Lyft, Uber, etc.)	
Trailhead Parking	
Kayak Launch Site (or other water recreation)	
Public Transportation	
Trail Directional Signage	
Access to Streets and Roadways	
Wayfinding to POI	
Food Truck Site (includes dining area, trash bins, etc.)	
Bakery	
Restaurant	
Coffee Shop	
Bar/craft/Brewery	
Grocery Store	
Farmers Market	
Traditional Indoor Lodging	
Private Rentals (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.)	
Camping	



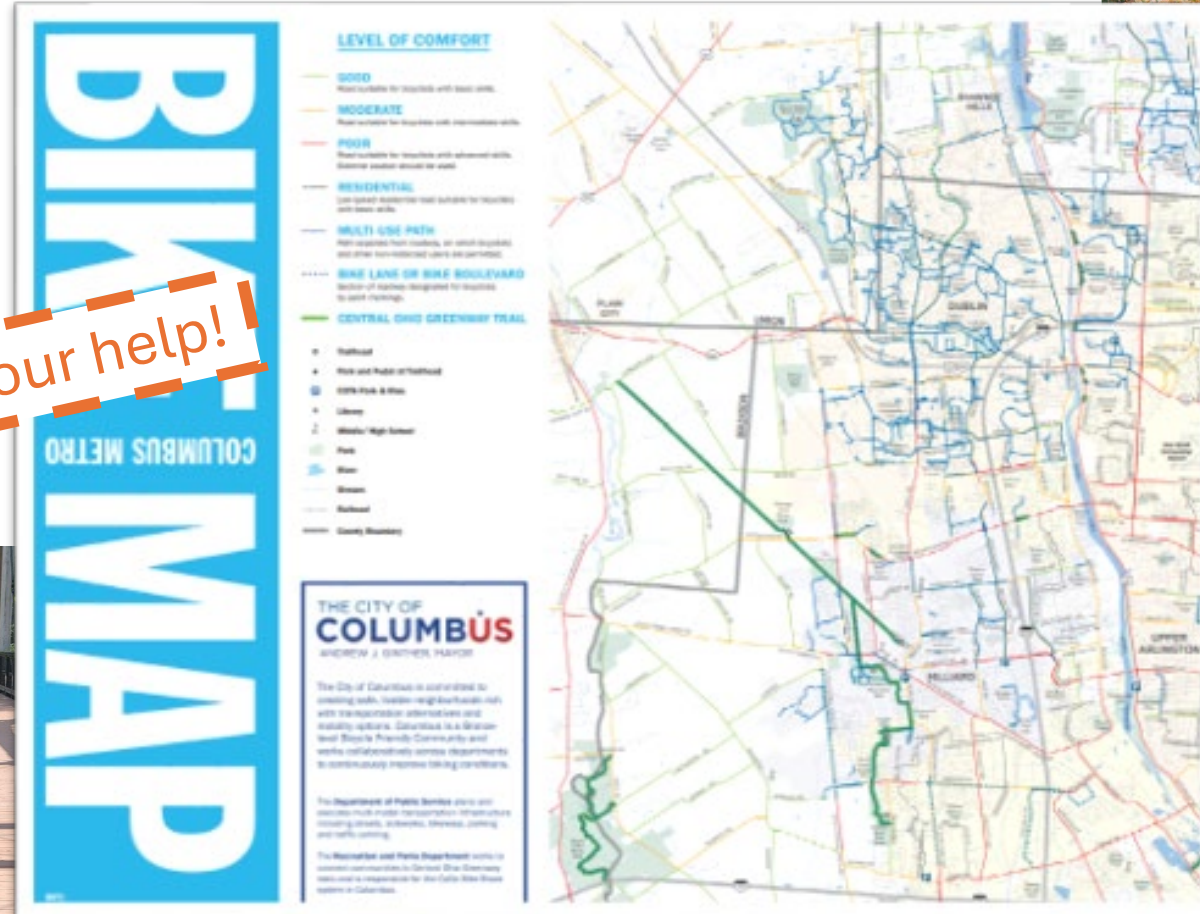
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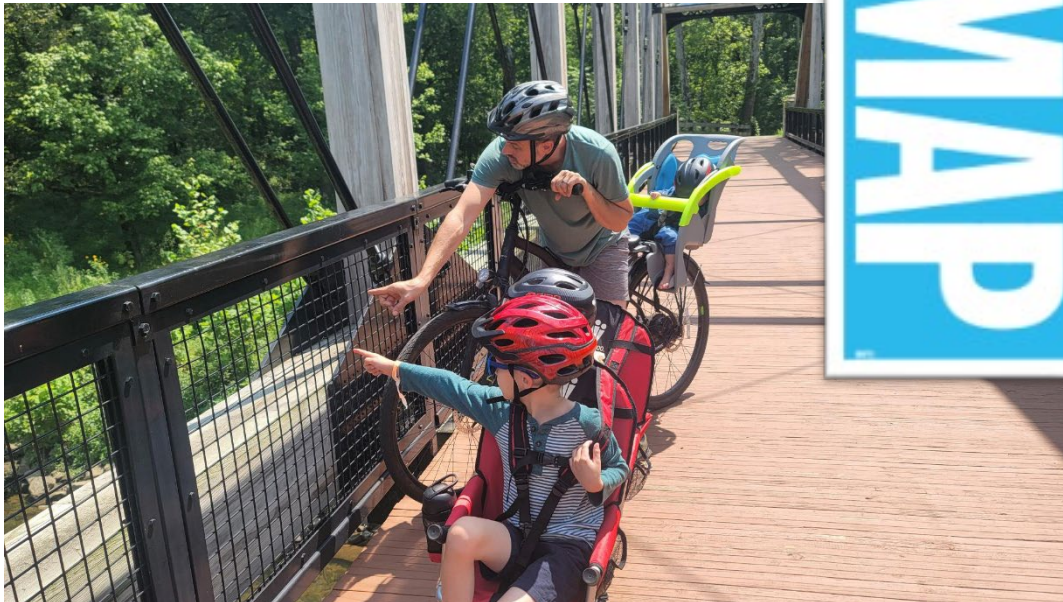
CENTRAL OHIO CYCLING GUIDE

- *Bike Level of Stress Map*
- 15-County *Trail Map*
- A *Trail Town Story Map* Template
- AI Imagery Safety Analysis
 - MORPC
 - Westerville
 - Bexley
 - Grove City

We need your help!



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DRAFT: Trail Town Member Benefit

PILOT MEMBER FEE

- Estimate \$6700 first year
- Estimate \$2500 following years

PILOT INVITATION (4-6 communities)

- Champion identified
- Previous engagement or interest in the effort
- Within a comfortable and safe walk or bike ride from an existing trail.



Member Benefits

Unique Trail Town Badge

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Workshop & Website Template

Trail Town Swag Online Shop

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Ambassador Training Program

Marketing & Promotional
Materials

Trail Friendly Business Program

BLOOM: Building Landscape Of Opportunity & Mitigation

PURPOSE: To create a framework linking environmentally sensitive areas to green infrastructure strategies and funding. Strategies may support conservation, restoration, and mitigation to enhance water quality, access to nature, and economic development.

PHASE 1: an online resource such as a dashboard, story map, or other engaging tool to make environmentally sustainable decision making more accessible to implementation partners throughout the region

PROGRAM GOALS: Technical Assistance and Implementation Program

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Next Meeting: October 29, 2025