

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011
5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES (Correct or Approve) July 12, 2011
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - Informational Items:
 - 1. Residential Permit Parking Update (Randy Bowman)
 - 2. Planning Study Update – Stelzer Road (Gary Wilfong)
 - 3. Bicycle Subcommittee Update (Nick Popa)
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

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TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011
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Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Moore, Simonds, Stephens

Advisory Member: Mull

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Keeran, Lewis, Moorhead, Popa

Guests: David Dockett

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

Changes in Commission Membership

Chairman Stephens recognized changes in the Commission membership. He expressed appreciation for Marc Conte's service and welcomed new voting member Brent Simonds and advisory member Brent Mull.

Minutes

Motion to approve June 14, 2011, minutes: Moore; 2nd, Carr. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Request to Expand Existing Residential Permit Parking Areas "B" and "P"
– Neil Avenue and 6th Avenue

Randy Bowman gave a brief background on the City's Residential Permit Parking program.

Keith Keeran gave a PowerPoint presentation on this issue; copies of slides are available upon request.

Staff recommendation: Staff received valid petitions to extend existing permit parking areas "B" and "P." The requested restriction is "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except City Permit "B" and/or "P." The requested area includes: both sides of Neil Avenue from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue; the west side of Neil from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue; both sides of 6th Avenue from the first nameless alley west of Neil Avenue to Neil Avenue; and, the south side of 6th Avenue from the first nameless alley east of Neil Avenue to Neil Avenue. All criteria are met; approve requests.

David Docktor spoke in support of requests. He further requested the permit parking signs on Neil Avenue have both letters “B” and “P” on them. This would allow residents from both permit areas to park on either side of Neil.

Discussion.

Motion to accept staff’s recommendation to approve expansion of Residential Permit Parking Areas “B” and “P” to include both sides of Neil Avenue from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue; the west side of Neil from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue; both sides of 6th Avenue from the first nameless alley west of Neil Avenue to Neil Avenue; and, the south side of 6th Avenue from the first nameless alley east of Neil Avenue to Neil Avenue; and, that staff and the Public Service Director consider granting, as they deem appropriate, the dual permit request for both areas “B” and “P”: Moore; 2nd, Carr. Motion carried.

Sharon Woods Bike Facility

Nick Popa gave a PowerPoint presentation on this issue; copies of slides are available upon request. He reviewed the recommendation of the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan, parking available, parking usage, public outreach conducted in June, results of on-line survey, and completion of bikeway network.

Staff recommendation: The Bicentennial Bikeways Plan recommends bike lanes on Sharon Woods Boulevard from SR-161 to Schrock Road. Staff is able to install bike lanes this year in coordination with a resurfacing project. The roadway, now, has parking on both sides and two travel lanes. The City is proposing to remove a parking lane and replace that space with two bike lanes. The proposal calls for two 10’ travel lanes, a 6 ½’ bike lane adjacent to the curb, an 8’ parking lane, and a 6’ bike lane adjacent to the on-street parking lane. This will remove parking on one side of the street, so the City proposes to alternate on-street parking from side to side. The proposal is to have on-street parking on the west side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between SR-161 and Arbor Hill Drive; on the east side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between Arbor Hill Drive and Hearthstone Avenue; and then alternate it back to the west side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between Hearthstone and Schrock. If approved, staff anticipates pavement markings will take place in late July to early August.

Discussion.

Motion to accept staff’s recommendation as presented for the installation of bicycle facilities in the resurfacing project on Sharon Woods Boulevard: Simonds; 2nd, Moore. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Stelzer Road Planning Study Update

Patti Austin informed the Commission that the public meeting for Stelzer Road is taking place this evening. Gary Wilfong and Commissioner Croasmun are attending that meeting. She reported staff just today received preliminary alignments from the consultant and will provide this information to Commissioners prior to next month’s meeting.

Valet Parking Policy Final Update

Randy Bowman reported the new policy went into effect July 1. The policy is available on the City's Public Service website. Mr. Bowman indicated the City has given allowance for current permit holders to adjust their contracts with private property owners. Current permit holders have until September 1 to submit renewal applications.

Discussion.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Daniel Moorhead reported as follows on issues discussed at the June 29 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

Resurfacing Plan

The list of streets being resurfaced this year is being compared to the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan to see if recommendations from the Plan can be implemented during the resurfacing projects. Sharon Woods Boulevard was the first street selected. Dexter Falls and Henderson were also discussed; they are still in the conceptual phase. The Subcommittee overviewed the remainder of the streets, as resurfacing had not yet been scheduled at the time of the meeting.

2011 Share the Road Campaign

The Subcommittee discussed the survey that was a part of the campaign as the engagement portion of the Plan. The Subcommittee will be a part of that. After the survey is complete, the City will review results. They discussed the organizing meetings that will begin in August and also the process of the campaign. After the organizing meetings, the City will decide the best implementation practices based on the meeting discussions and budget. COTA and the Police will be consulted and part of the process.

Covered Bike Parking/Bike Shelters

There are two projects underway. An update on the process was given.

Bike Racks

Staff gave monthly update on back rack installation.

"Bikes May Use Full Lane" Signs

It is expected that the use of these signs will be approved in the December update of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The Subcommittee is beginning to develop criteria for where signs would be placed. The Subcommittee will give feedback on what they would want; the City will proceed with drafting a policy.

“Parking Lot”

This is a list of items the Subcommittee will take for advisement that may eventually be incorporated into the next round of the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan. The Subcommittee discussed how to prioritize these items.

Linden Area Community Mobility Plan

Randy Bowman reported the City made the decision to remove the traffic calming devices on Maize and Norris. Council approved the construction contract modification last night. It will go to construction next month. Devices will probably be removed by October.

Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED; RECORDING IS ON FILE
AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET

July 12, 2011
Stelzer/James Road Corridor
Public Meeting
Handout



Stelzer Road between Broad Street and Johnstown Road is currently under study for possible changes that will improve traffic flow and safety for all travel modes. Two corridor long concepts have been developed for consideration besides the "No Build" or "do nothing" concept to accommodate bicyclists.

Concept 1 – Bike Lanes

Concept 1 adds on street bike lanes along the corridor with the exception of the southern section of James Road between and Broad. This section of the corridor is residential and the introduction of on street bike lanes would encroach onto front lawns. Bike lanes allow for a five foot wide lane designated for bikes alongside the curb.



Concept 2 – Sharrow Lanes

Concept 2 adds sharrow lanes the corridor. Sharrow lanes are 14 foot wide travel lanes adjacent to the curb which allow for both vehicles and bikes to "share" the travel lane. Sharrow lanes reduce the pavement width by a total of four feet which can be used for other purposes such as wider sidewalk or additional tree lawn. Sharrows also reduce the street crossing distance for pedestrians.



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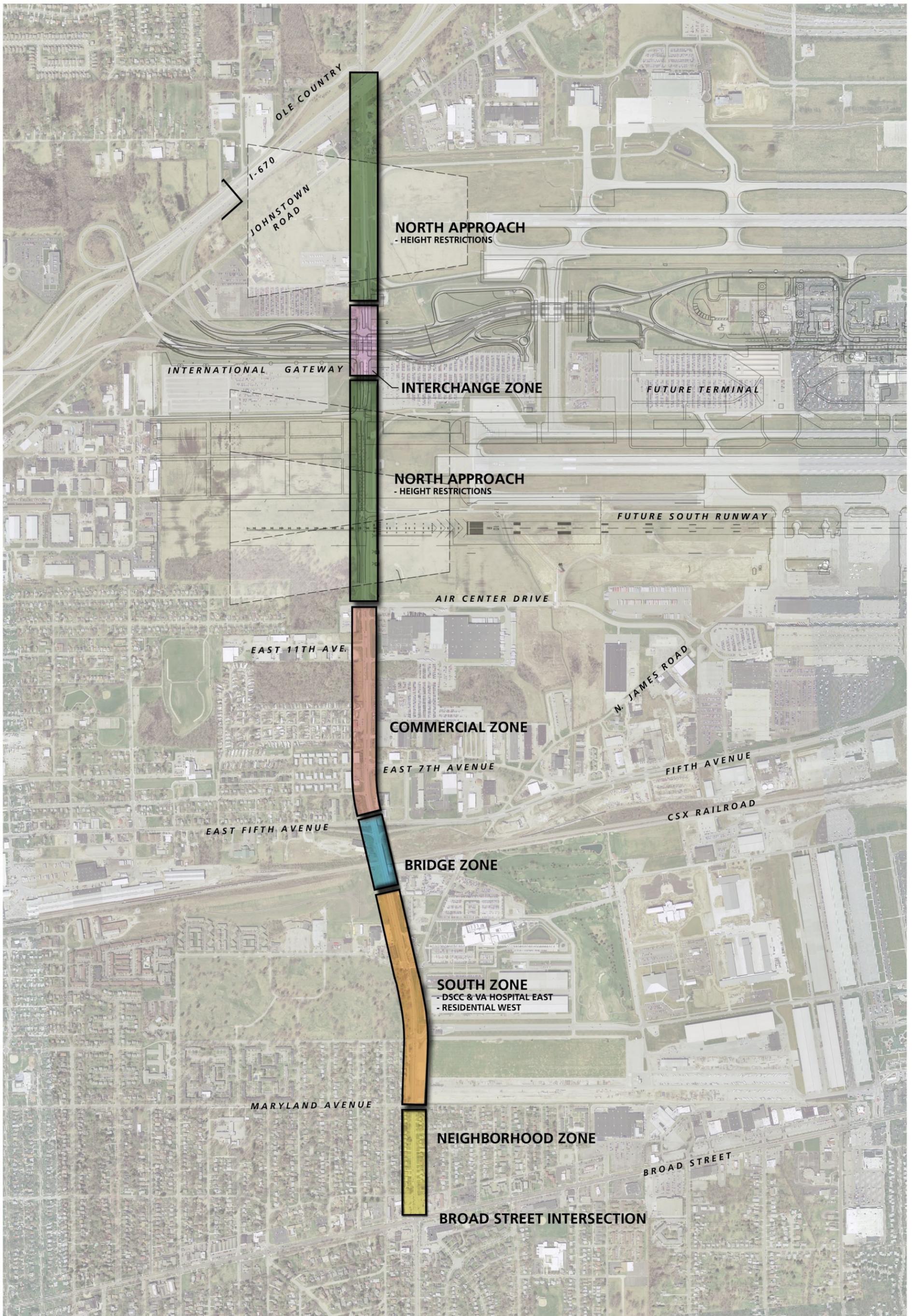
Both of the above concepts include the following improvements:

- Improved sidewalk on the east side of the road
- Shared use path on the west side of the road (north of Fifth Avenue)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps
- Pavement resurfacing and new curb and gutter
- Traffic signal and sign upgrades
- Landscaping and gateway features
- Access Management Improvements

Every attempt has been made to keep the improvements within the existing road right of way. Please review the concept information and fill out the comment form noting your concept preference and any other input you would like to provide.

Questions may be directed to:

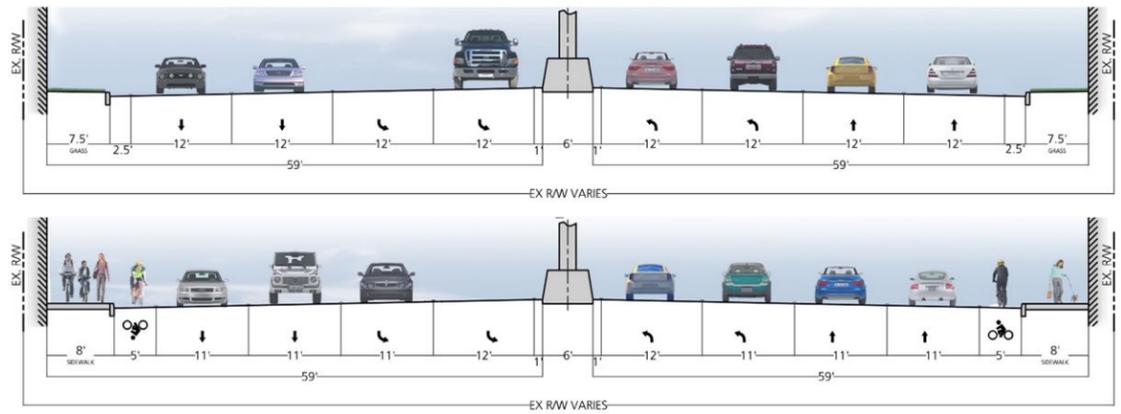
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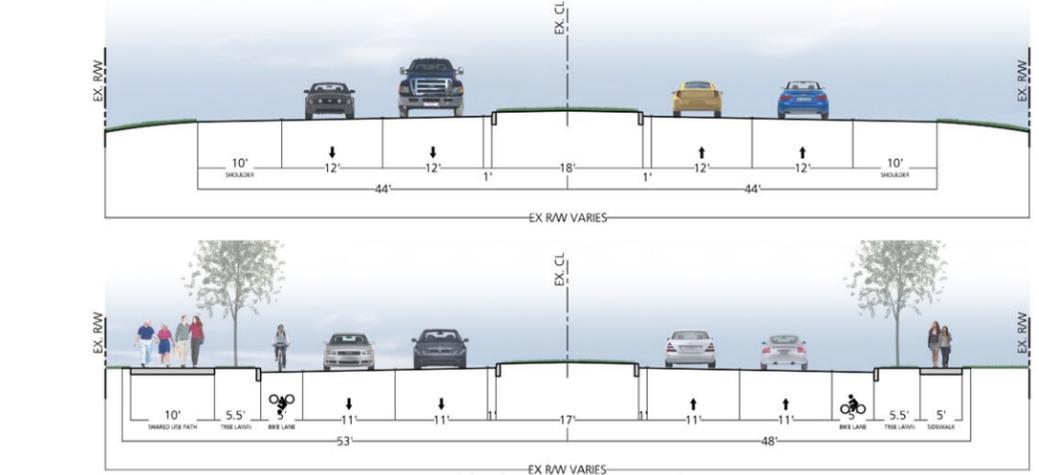
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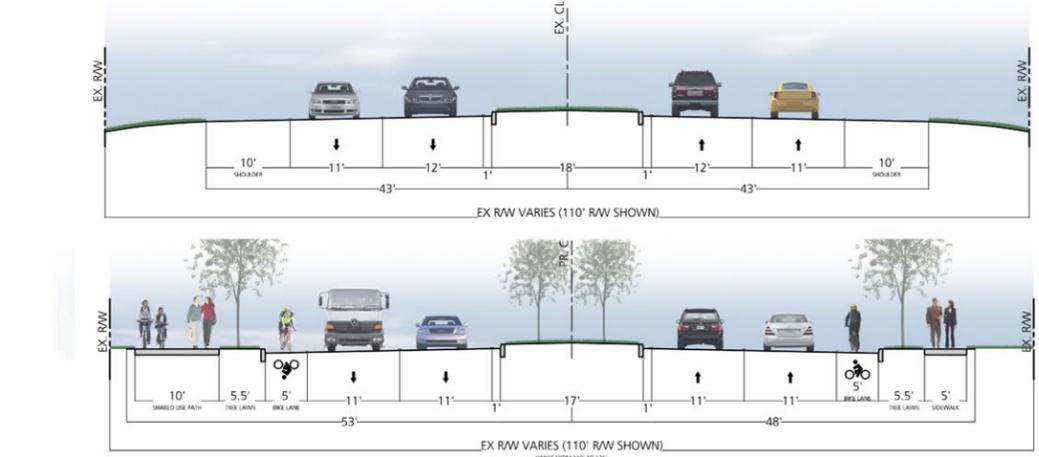
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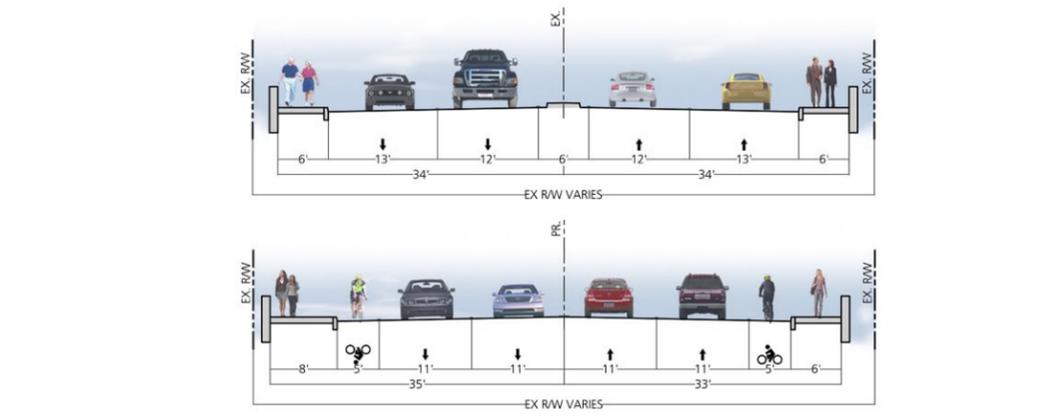
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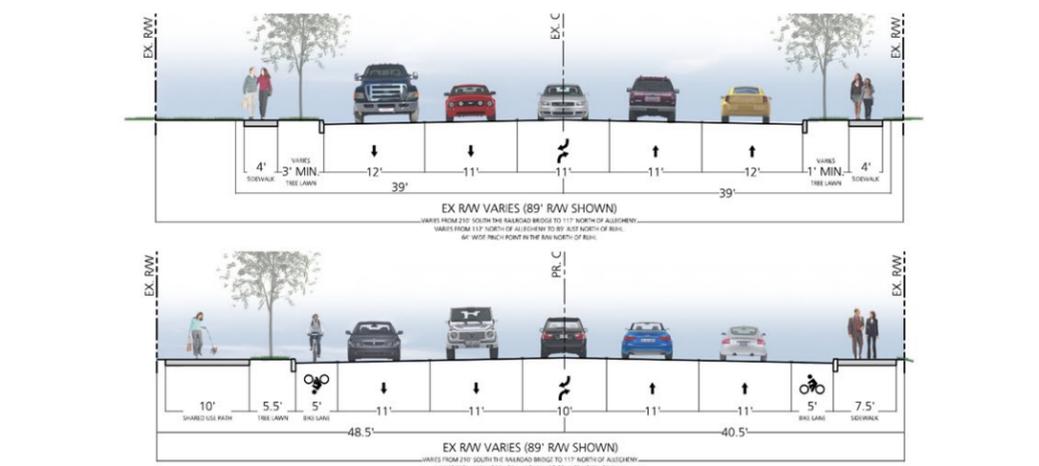
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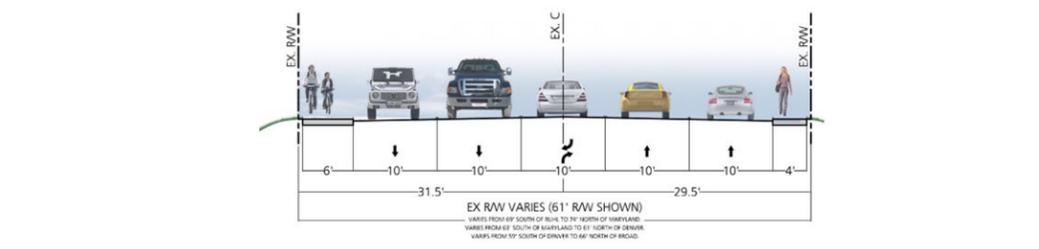
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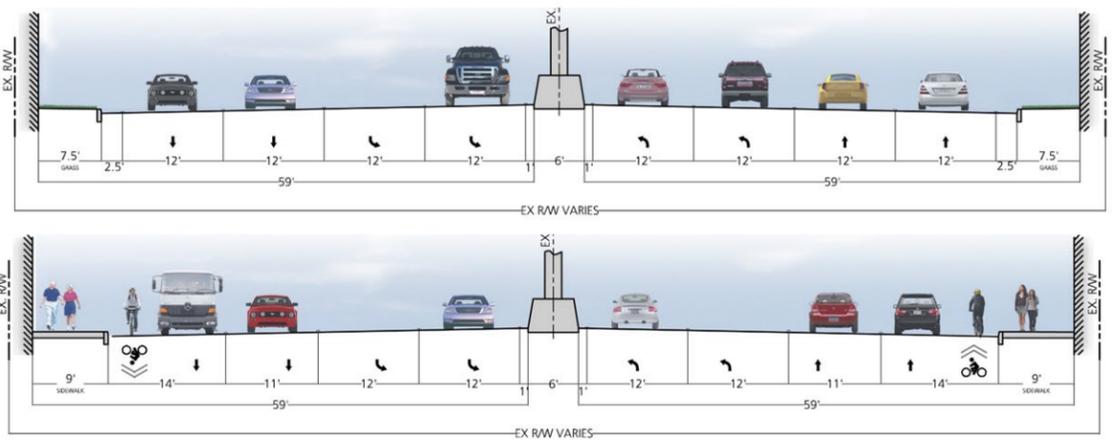


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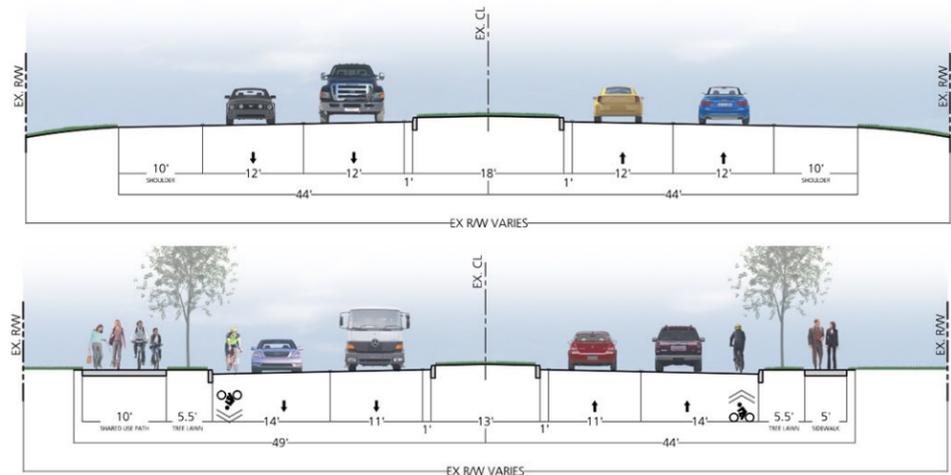
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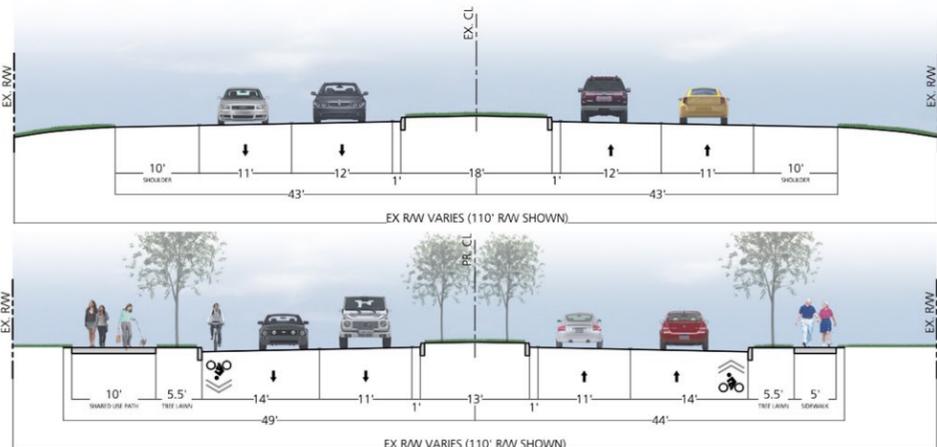
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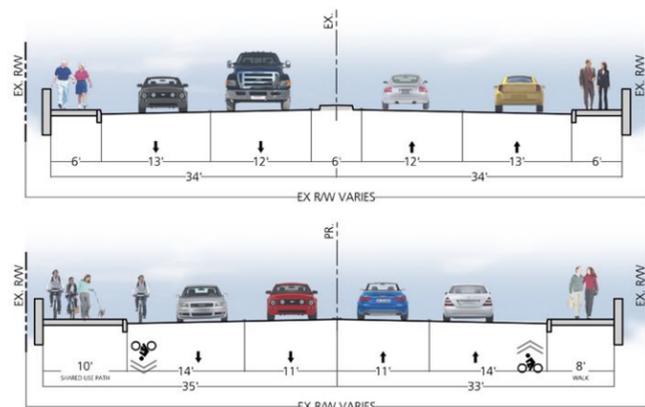
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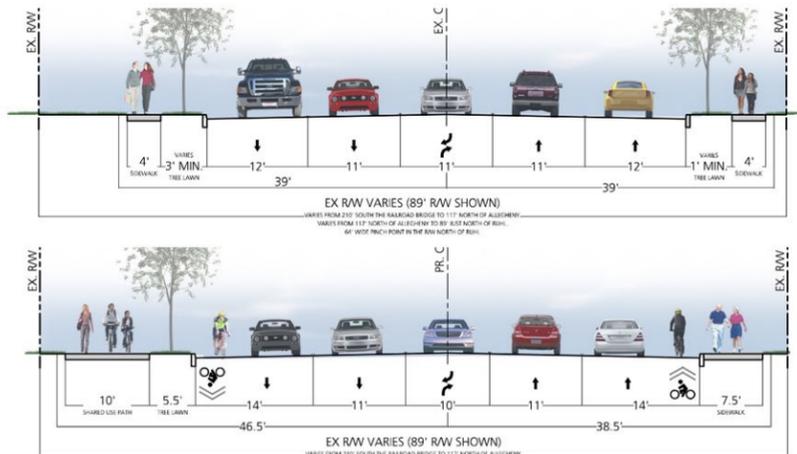
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