



To: Edina Transportation Commission

Agenda Item #: VI. B.

From: Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

Action

Date: July 16, 2015

Discussion

Information

Subject: 2016 Tracy Avenue Reconstruction Update

Action Requested:

Feedback regarding the preliminary layout of Tracy Avenue from Benton Avenue to TH-62 Ramps.

Information / Background:

Tracy Avenue from Benton Avenue to approximately Highway 62 is scheduled for reconstruction in 2016. Please recall Tracy Avenue from Vernon to Benton Avenues was reconstructed in 2012. This segment of Tracy Avenue is designated as a Municipal State Aid Roadway (MSA). The 2016 project involves the reconstruction of approximately 3,300 linear feet of road, utility improvements as determined after evaluation, and installation/improvement of pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and bike lanes.

The project will be funded by a combination of MSA funds, special assessments, PACS and utility funds. By using MSA funds, the project must meet MSA design standards or it must receive approval by variance if necessary. That the curves (both existing and as proposed) between Highland Rd and Olinger Blvd will not meet MSA standards; thus, a variance will need to be approved by MnDOT. Please also note the following design considerations:

- The proposed typical cross sections of the roadway follow the design similar to phase I (2012 Tracy Avenue reconstruction north of Benton Ave). The only difference is that parking will only be allowed at certain locations on the west side.
- The Project Layout shows the proposed improvements. The existing curves currently meet 20 mph design standards; this layout is designed to meet 25 mph design standards (to minimize impacts). Additional signage will be installed to alert drivers of the curves.
- The second layout sheet shows the curves if they were revised to meet MSA 30 mph design standards (the green lines indicate the impacts to properties if we did so). The north curve would move the roadway 20 feet closer to the house at 6020 Tracy Ave, and the south curve would move the sidewalk 17 feet closer to the house at 6109 Tracy Ave.
- Parking will be added at Countryside School (lengthening the parking lane) and adjacent to Countryside Park to accommodate parking associated with activities there. A sidewalk will be added adjacent to this parking lane.

- Existing sidewalk will be maintained on the east side. Areas will only be replaced if they do not meet ADA requirements or are impacted by the roadway construction.
- Staff and the consultant are considering adding flashing warning signs near Fire Station 1. We will be meeting with the Fire Department regarding this on July 8.

Staff held a meeting regarding the project with Tracy Avenue residents on June 22, where we solicited comments on a draft layout. We received very positive feedback on the layout and will continue to use this information during the design process. Additionally, staff is currently receiving input from residents regarding speed limits on Tracy Avenue, and whether they feel that the current 25 mph speed limit north of Benton Ave should be continued south to TH-62 or changed back to 30 mph.

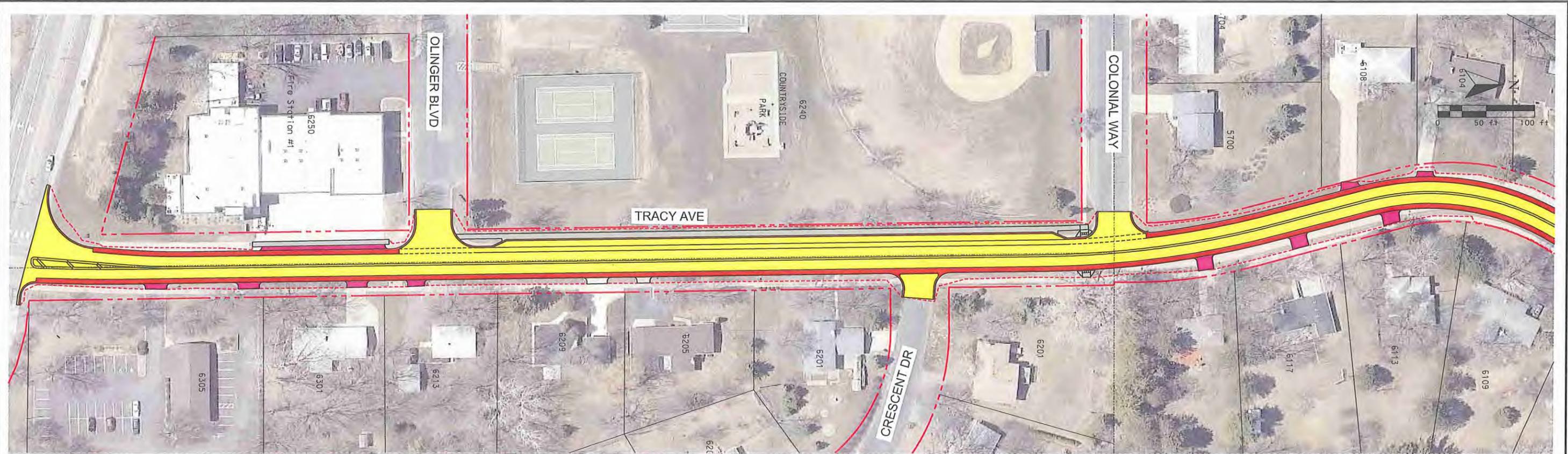
Andy Plowman of WSB & Associates will be present to discuss the preliminary layout and to answer commissioners' questions regarding the project.

Attachments:

Preliminary project layout of Tracy Avenue from Benton Avenue to TH-62 Ramps

Preliminary project layout of Tracy Avenue curves if designed to meet MSA 30 mph requirements

Typical cross sections

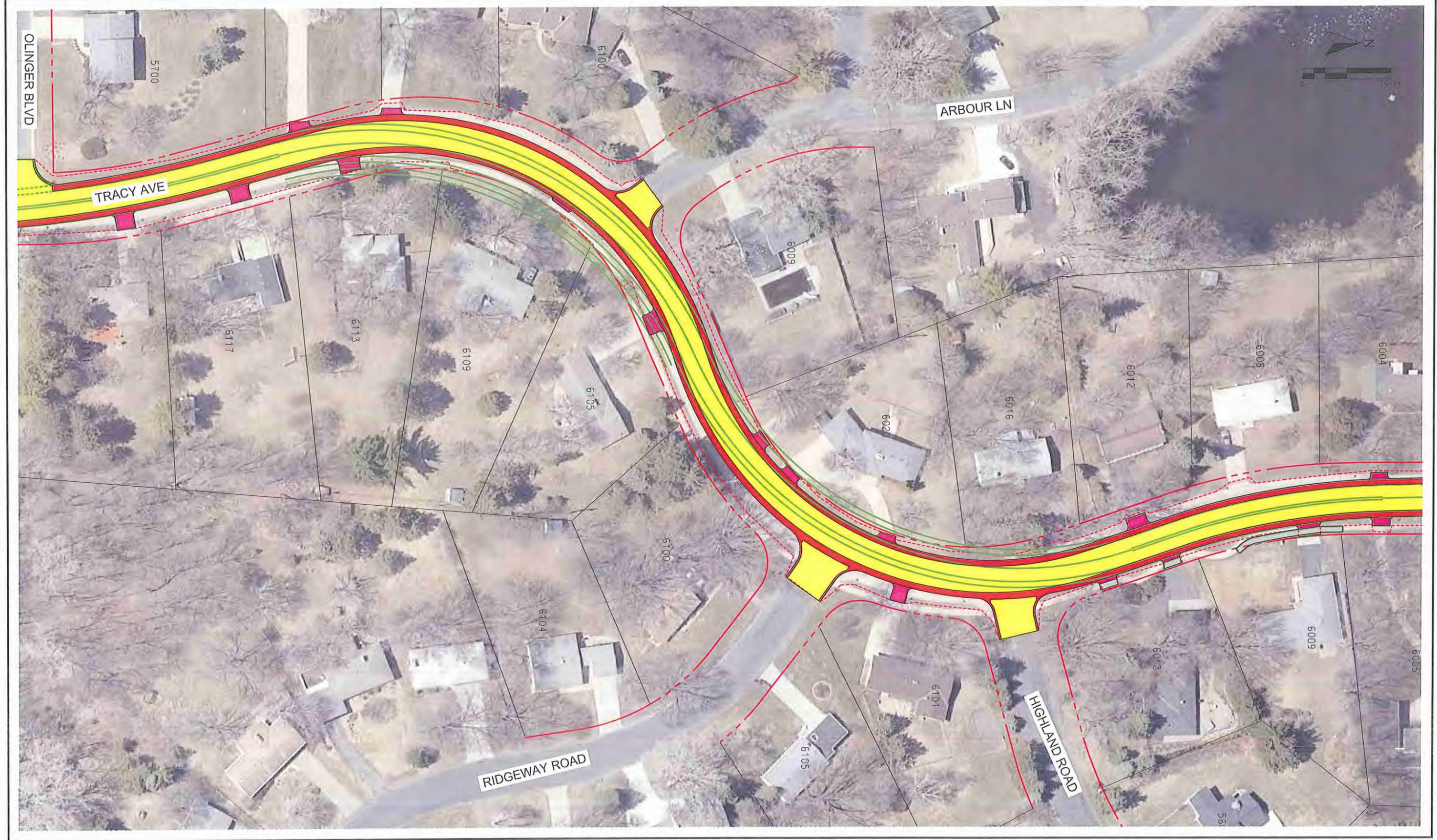


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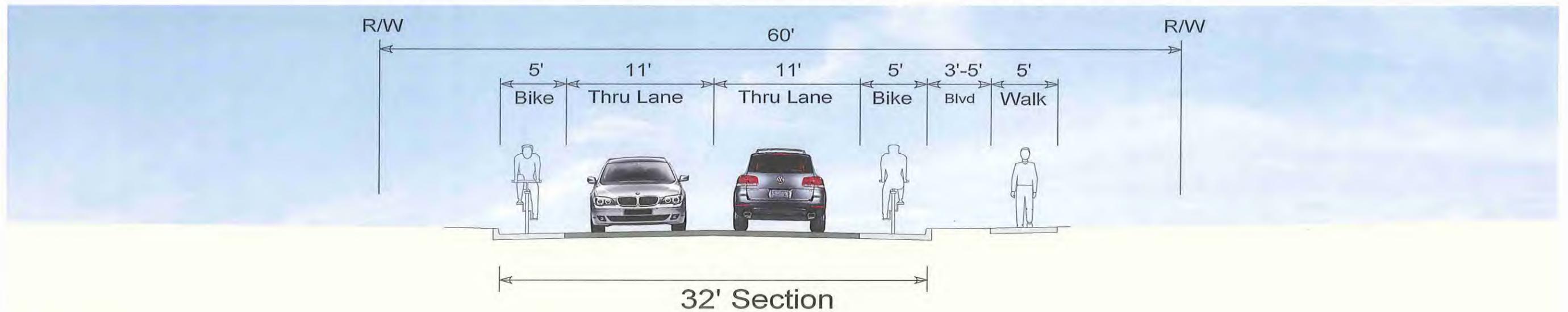
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Proposed 2 Lane Section with Bike Lanes (Looking Northbound)



Proposed 2 Lane Section w/Parking (Looking Northbound)

