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**URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N 5<sup>th</sup> STREET**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

**Call to Order/Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. September Minutes

**Action Items**

1. UTC Elections
2. Walkshop planning - Proposed special workshop for 10/23
3. Request for Support - Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative
4. Proposal for a UTC Roadmap Subcommittee

**Discussion Items**

1. 7th Street Feasibility Study

**Updates**

1. Living Streets subcommittee

**Other Business/Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

**Attendees:** Athena F., Julia W., Steve M., Kristen B., Lori B., Diana R., Brooke C., Mike H., Jason N.

**Staff/Ex-Officio:** Trent Prall, Eric Mocko, Henry Brown, Anita Sheetz, Andy Gingerich

**Guests:** Tony (CMU student), Macy (CMU student), Tara (Mobility Manager, RTP)

## Minutes

**Call to Order/Announcements:** Lori introduced herself as the newest Committee member. Committee members gave general introductions including their interest in serving on UTC.

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. August Minutes

Diana moves to approve updated August minutes. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

## Action Items

### 1. Request for support – Mesa County – Reconnecting Communities

Steve shared the request from the County for a letter of support on the Clifton project. Diana provided more context and detail. Brooke moves to submit a letter of support. Julia seconds, unanimous approval.

## Discussion Items

### 1. Core Arterial Network

Henry shared again the draft Core Arterial Network. Diana recommended including Hwy 340 and a new N/S connection near Rhone. Anita asked about Gunnison versus Grand and why we are targeting higher volume streets versus nearby lower volume streets. Diana mentioned wanting to see more about existing ATCs along canalways. Henry mentioned the small additions and corrections to the ATC map. Andy recommended trying to get it adopted into the circulation plan for actually getting easements established.

### 2. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Feasibility Study

Henry and Trent shared briefly about the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Feasibility Study, invited the Committee to come to Monday's City Council Workshop and will plan to present in more detail next month.

### 3. MCPH – Community Health Public Needs Assessment

Anita presented the data from MCPH from the slides in the packet. The full report is available on mesacounty.us. While this is county-wide, there is direct relation to walkability and bikability for UTC's relevance. Anita challenged the committee to include a more comprehensive view of what the community needs as a whole.

## Updates

### 1. Living Streets Subcommittee

Steve shared an update on the murals and historical display at USPS. Henry shared about bike racks on order.

### 2. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Eric shared the updated designs and schedules for 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Neighbors have shared that it's quieter and safer. Eric got "before" data on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> for speed, volume, and classification. Once things settle, "after" data will allow for a comparison. Trent shared that so far, City Council has heard 13 against and 11 for in public comment across two hearings. UTC advised on parking buffer in 2021.

### 3. Impact Fees

Discussion tabled for a future month, when there is more to share about transportation and mobility.

4. Elections

Diana reminded the Committee that next month is UTC elections. Please consider if you are interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair. Athena and Steve each, respectively, have another term of eligibility.

[Public Comment](#)

[Adjournment](#)

Julia moves to adjourn at 7:07.

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Walk Audit Proposal  
23 October 2024



5:00 PM – Meet @ City Hall

5:10 PM – Walk to new bus stop on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, north of White Avenue

5:15 PM – Catch #7 bus to the West Transfer Facility

5:40 PM – Arrive at West Transfer Facility

**\*\*Alternate Start Time\*\***

5:45 PM – Regroup and depart from West Transfer Facility

Cross Patterson Road, continue west to Leach Creek Trail

Continue north to Four Canyons Parkway (F ½ Road)

Option A: continue east to 24 ½ Road and back down to GVT

Option B: continue east to Regal Cinema parking lot, cross through to F 3/8 Road and back down to GVT, crossing at O'Reilly Auto Parts path

Route 7 or Route 11 buses depart at 6:45 PM

Return to City Hall shortly after 7:00 PM

9 October 2024

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Colorado Department of Natural Resources  
313 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203



**Subject: Support for RiversEdge West’s Water Plan Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Strum,

On behalf of Grand Junction’s Urban Trails Committee, we are pleased to express support for RiversEdge West and their application for funding from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to advance the Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative. The River Corridor Initiative has the potential to unite the visions of various jurisdictions and non-governmental organizations with a stake in the sustained health of the Colorado River.

As an advisory committee to Grand Junction’s City Council, the Urban Trails Committee is tasked with guiding elected officials and City Staff on programming, policy, and physical infrastructure to ensure our entire community has access to safe, comfortable, and right-sized transportation options to meet their daily needs. Since the Riverfront Trail is the backbone of our region’s Active Transportation system, it is vital that the Grand Valley River Corridor (spanning from De Beque to the Utah state line and including lower portions of the Gunnison River) remains accessible, clean, and healthy.

The River Corridor Initiative has made significant headway in garnering support for the project and in preparing to represent the collective interests of the community:

- All associated jurisdictions have provided letters of support, demonstrating a unified commitment to moving forward with a river corridor master planning process.
- A comprehensive flows assessment has been completed, providing essential data to inform future planning.
- Fluvial hazard zone mapping has been conducted to better understand and mitigate flood risks in the region and identify opportunities for river dynamism and restoration.
- A strong and consistent Advisory Council meets quarterly to ensure continuity and progress.
- A concrete list of riparian restoration projects and an associated action plan will be completed soon, which will serve as a roadmap as the RCI moves towards implementation.

As a result of the hard work of RiversEdge West on developing the River Corridor Initiative, the Urban Trails Committee is pleased to express our support of the project, and we appreciate your consideration of their proposal.

Sincerely,  
The City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee

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Athena Fouts  
Chair, Urban Trails Committee

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Dr. Stephen Meyer  
Vice Chair, Urban Trails Committee



# 7<sup>th</sup> Street Active Transportation Corridor Study

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Engineering and Transportation &  
Community Development

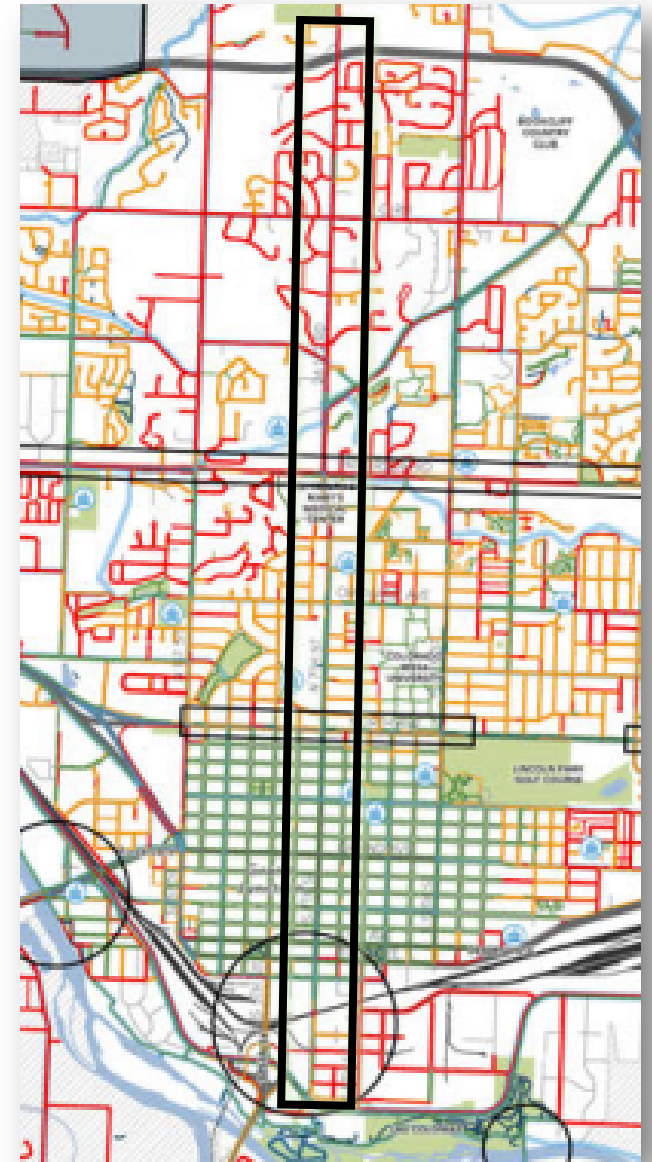
# Active Transportation

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- Council Strategic Framework: Placemaking
- 2020 One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan
- 2023 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

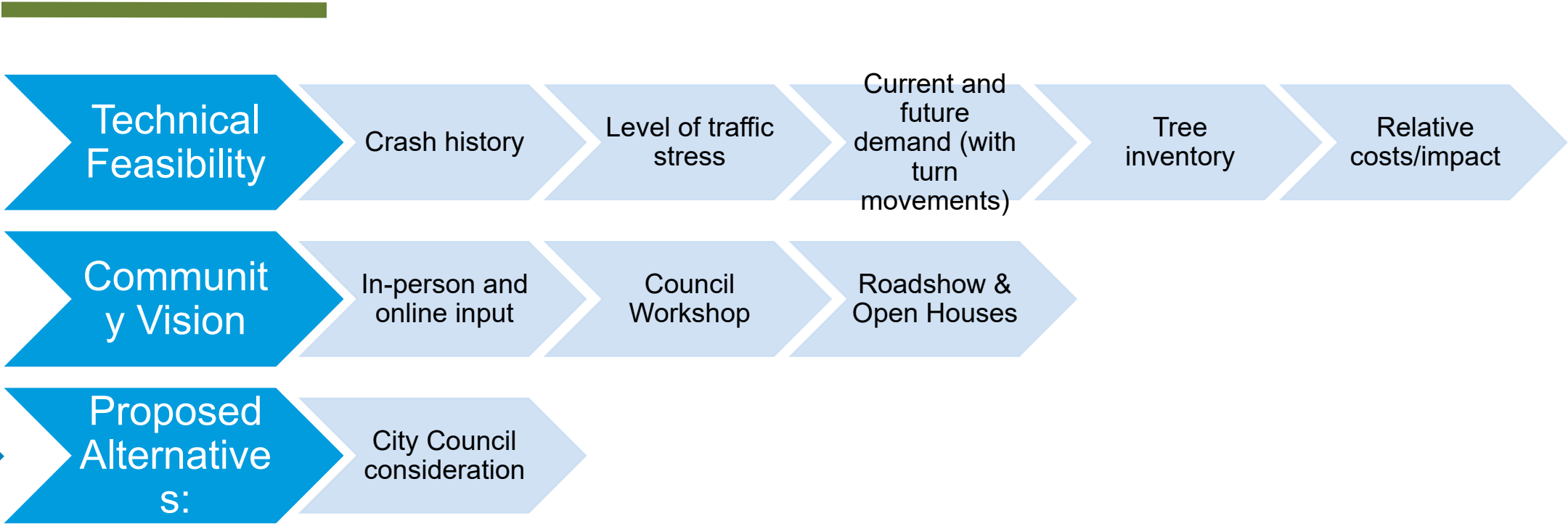
# Why 7<sup>th</sup> Street?

- Crash History puts 7<sup>th</sup> Street on the High Injury Network
- Maximize existing investment north of Horizon Drive
- Prioritized by the Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan
- High Demand Corridor:
  - Riverfront Trail and Downtown access
  - Tope and Juniper Ridge Elementary, Grand Junction High School, and Colorado Mesa University
  - Intermountain Health St. Mary's Regional Hospital
  - Commercial and Employment centers
  - High residential proximity

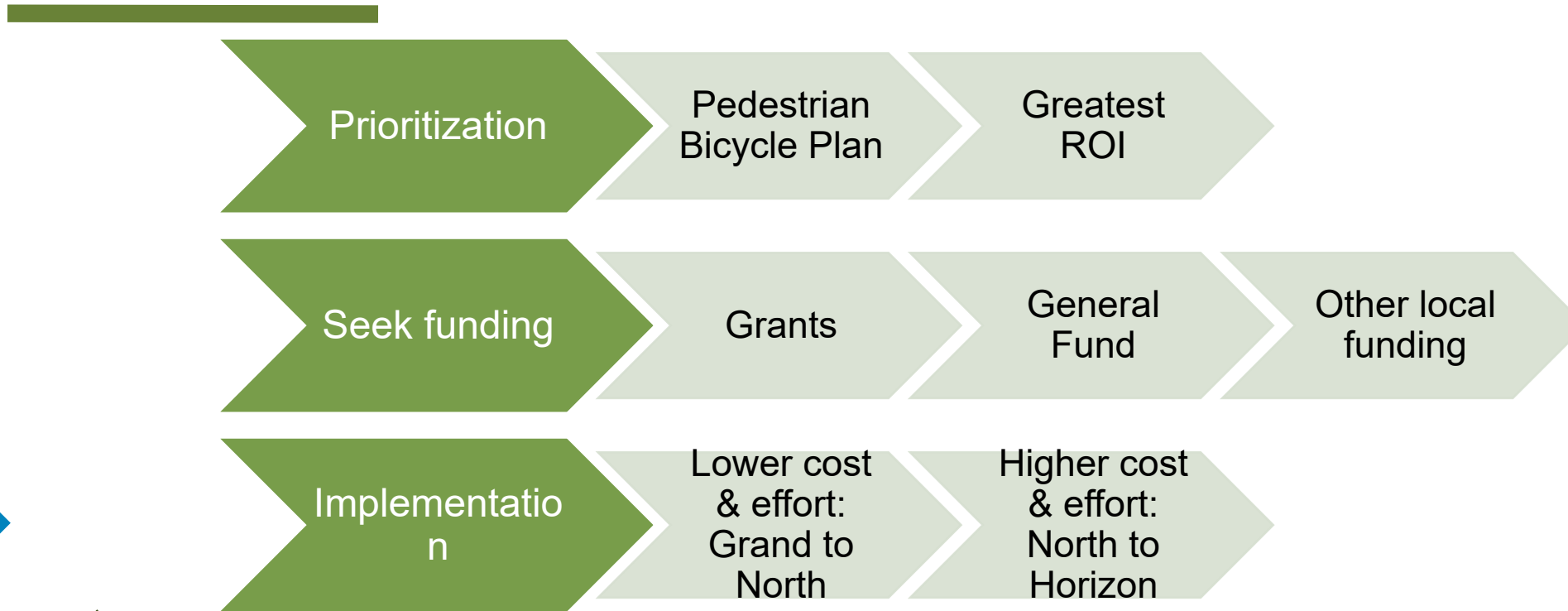




# 2024 Timeline



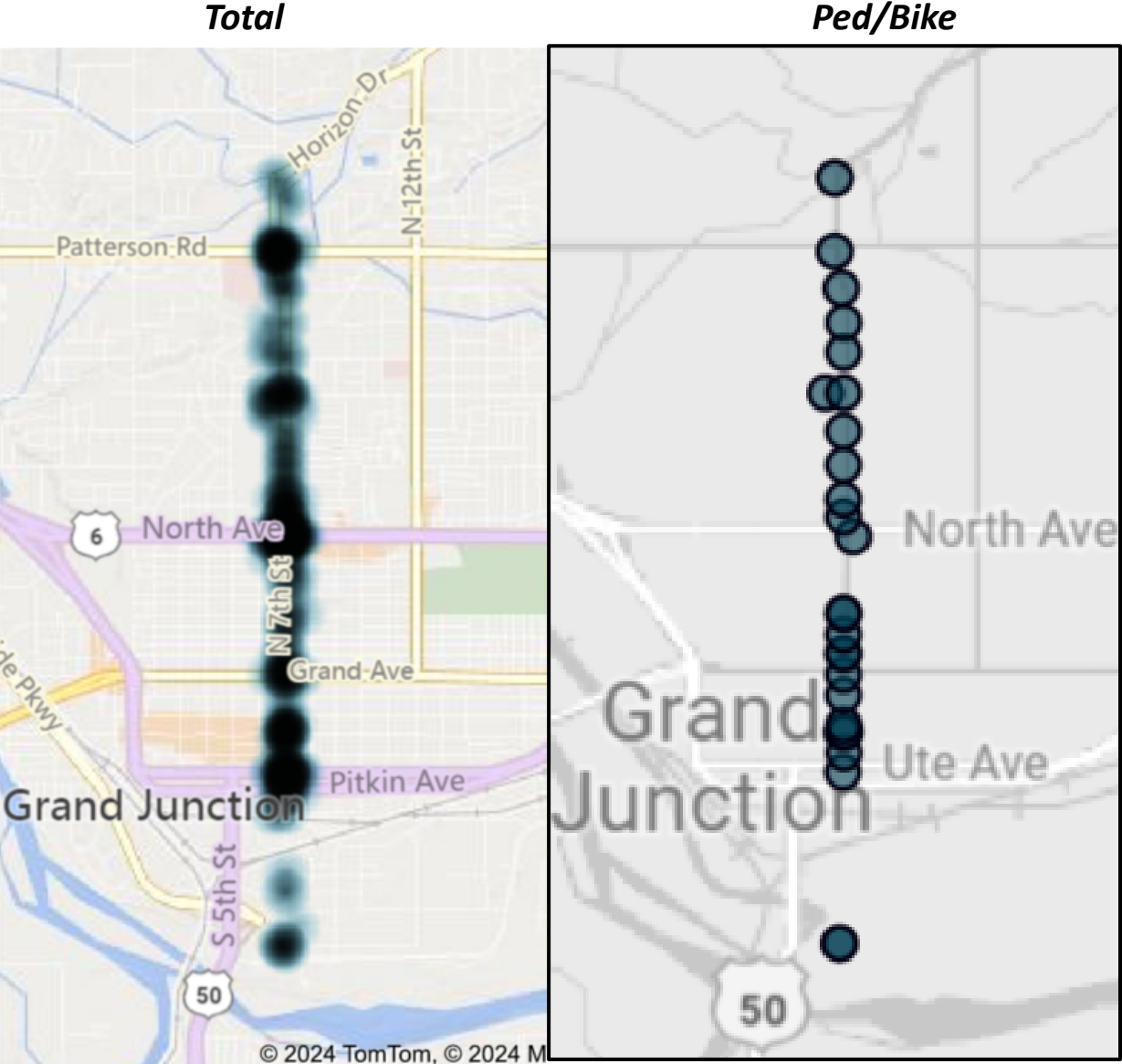
# Future Timeline



# Crash History

- 694 total crashes (2016-2022)
  - 3 fatalities
  - 15 Pedestrian crashes
  - 24 Bicyclist crashes (one fatality)

### Crash Heatmaps

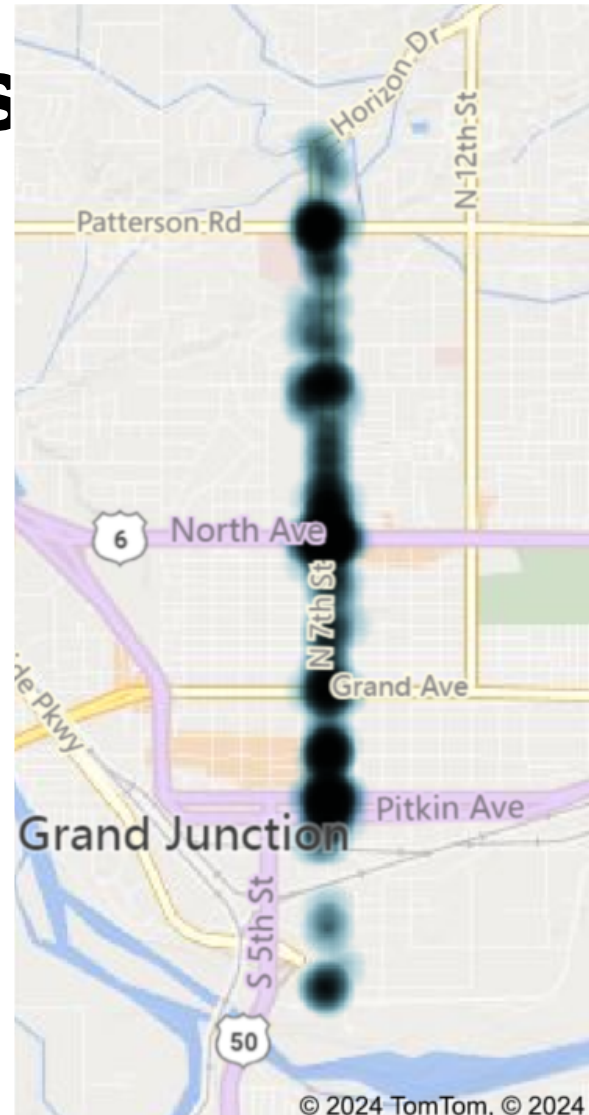


# Level of Traffic Stress

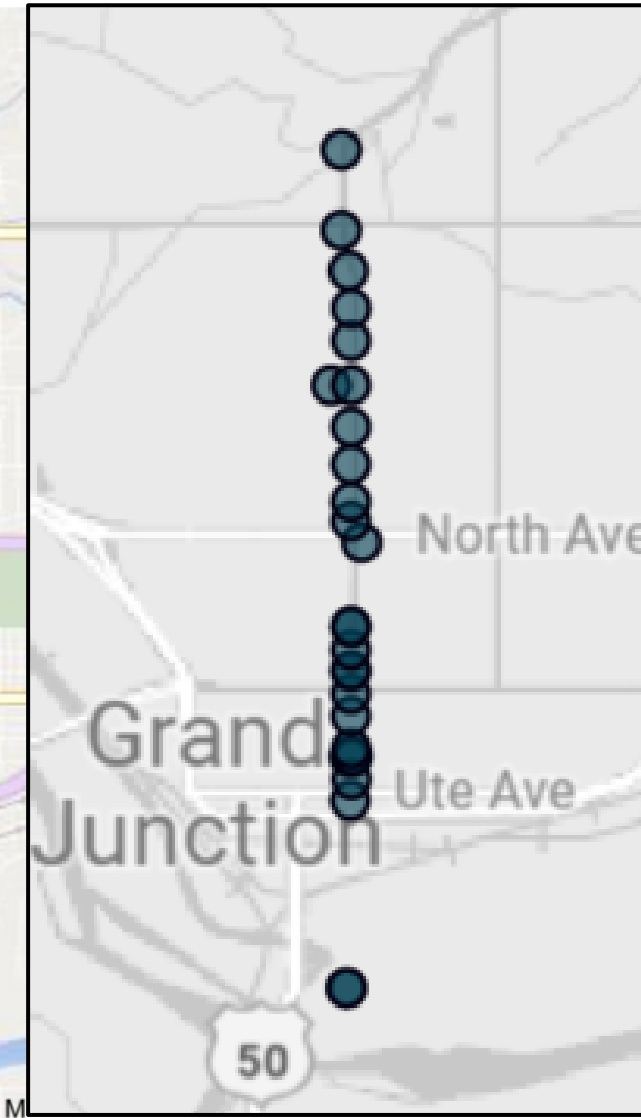
- Level of Traffic Stress
  - Highest
    - Horizon Dr. to Patterson Road
    - Patterson Road to Orchard Ave.
  - Moderate
    - Orchard Ave. to North Ave.
    - North Ave. to Grand Ave.
  - Lowest
    - Grand Ave. to Ute Ave.
    - Ute Ave. to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Struthers Ave.

## Crash Heatmaps

Total



Ped/Bike



# Community Outreach

- Market on Main – July
- EngageGJ.org – Ongoing
- Targeted Focus Groups – October
- In-Person and Virtual Open House – November/December



# Proposed Alternatives



**Horizon Dr to Patterson Rd**  
*Raised Cycle Tracks*



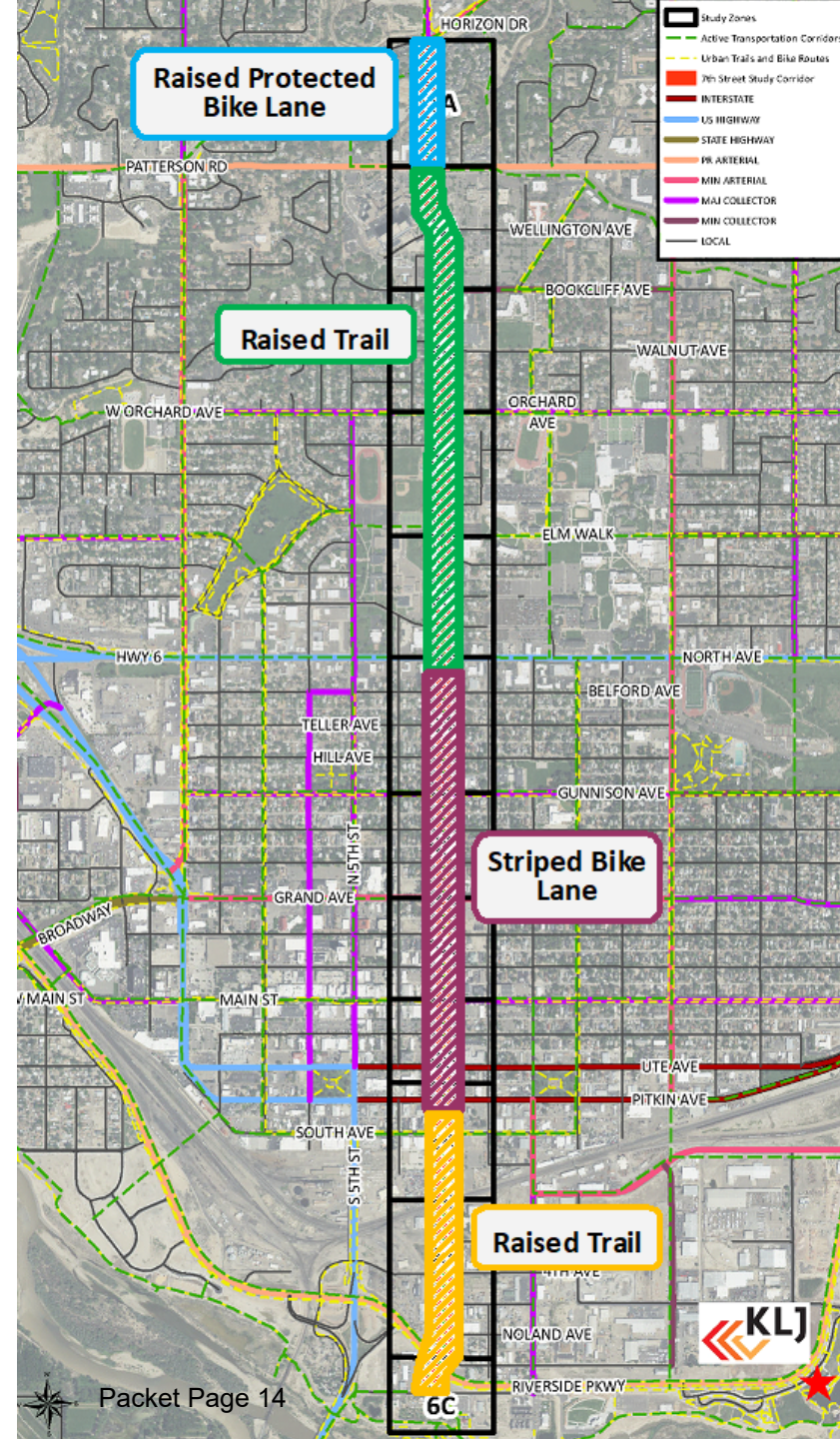
**Patterson Rd to North Ave**  
*Multi-use Trail*



**North Ave to Ute Ave**  
*Striped/Buffered Bike Lane*



**Ute Ave to Struthers Ave**  
*Multi-use Trail & Bi-directional cycle track*

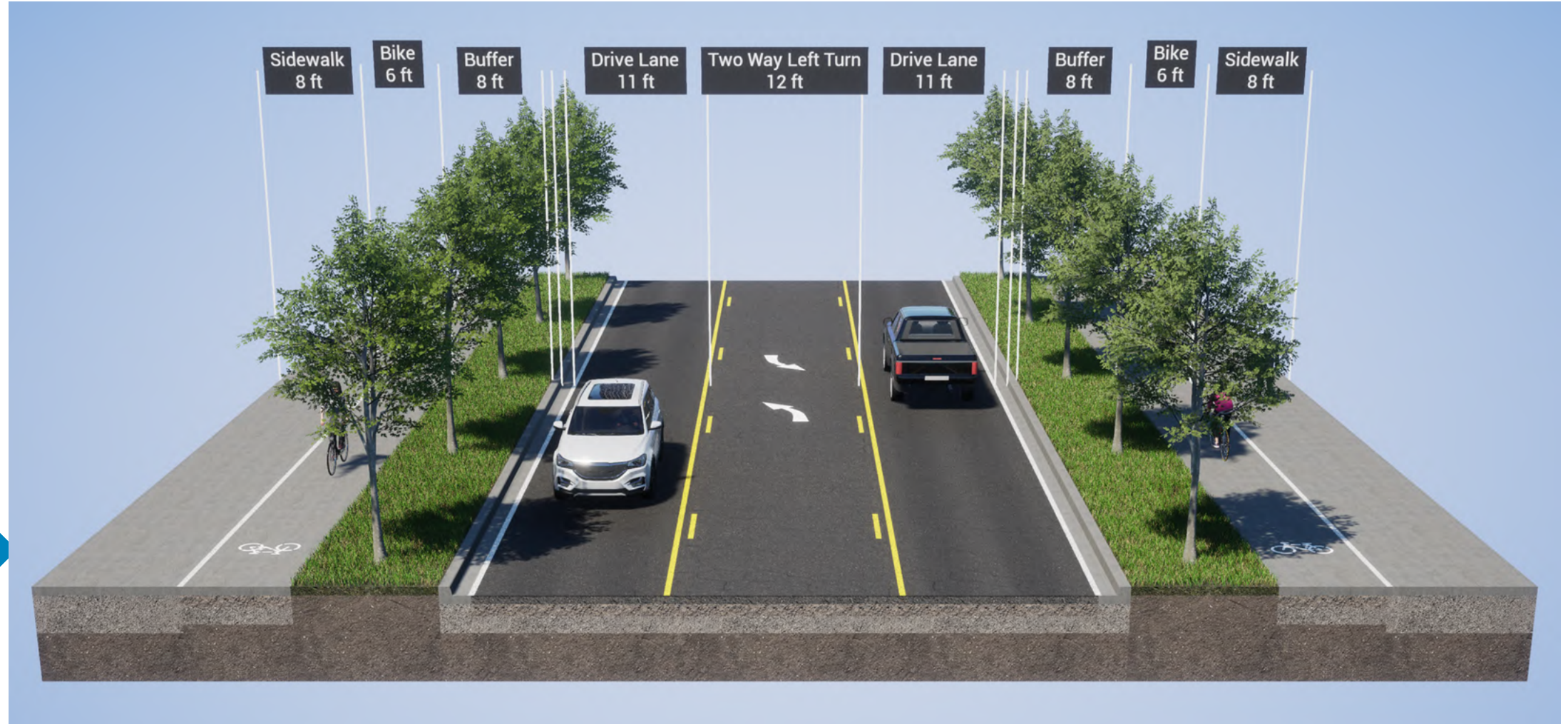


# Crossing Toolbox

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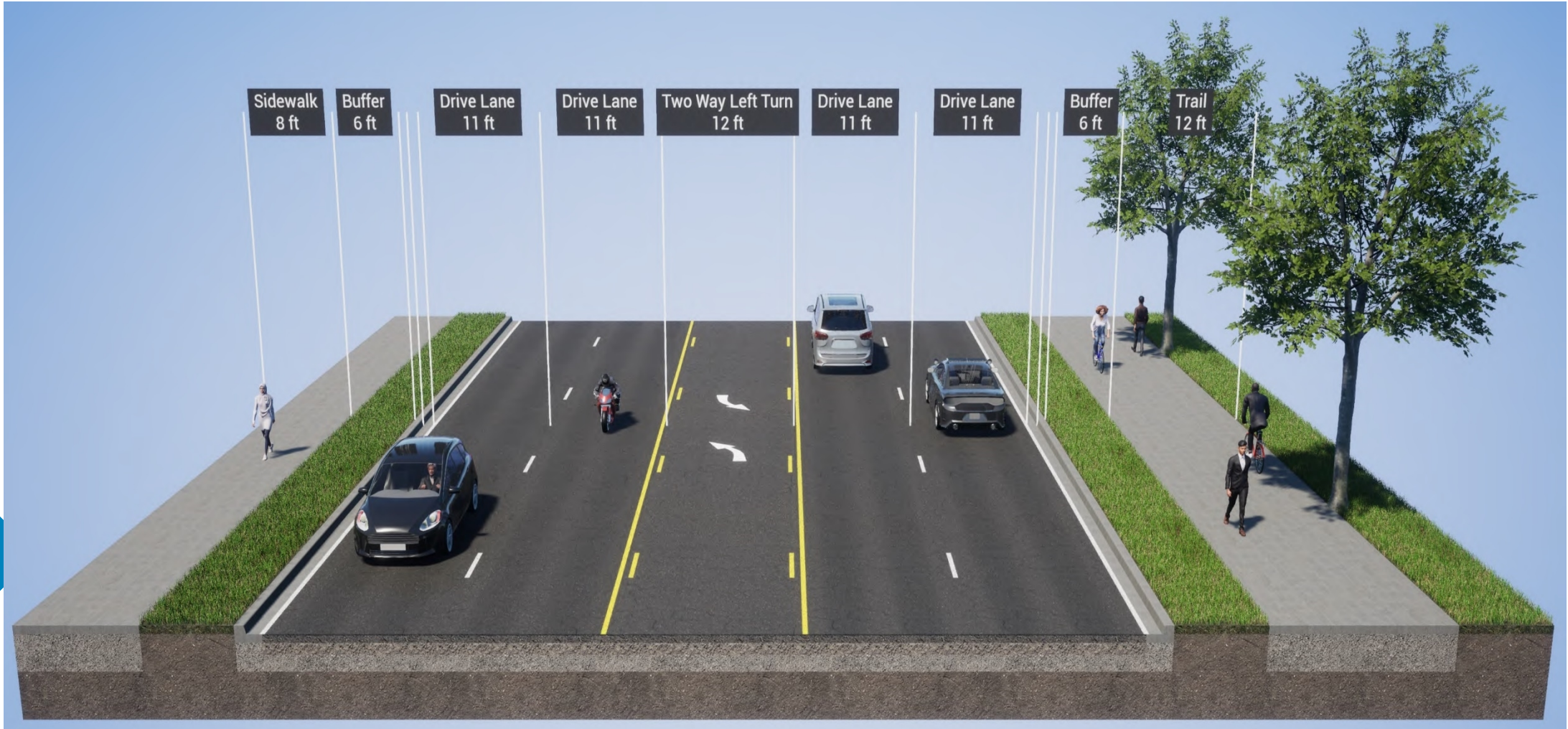
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals
- Cross-bike striping
- Bike ramps
- Right-turn on red limitations
- Raised crosswalks
- Corner bulbouts
- Refuge islands
- Two-stage turn queue box
- Minimized crossing distance

# Concept: Horizon Dr. to Patterson Rd.

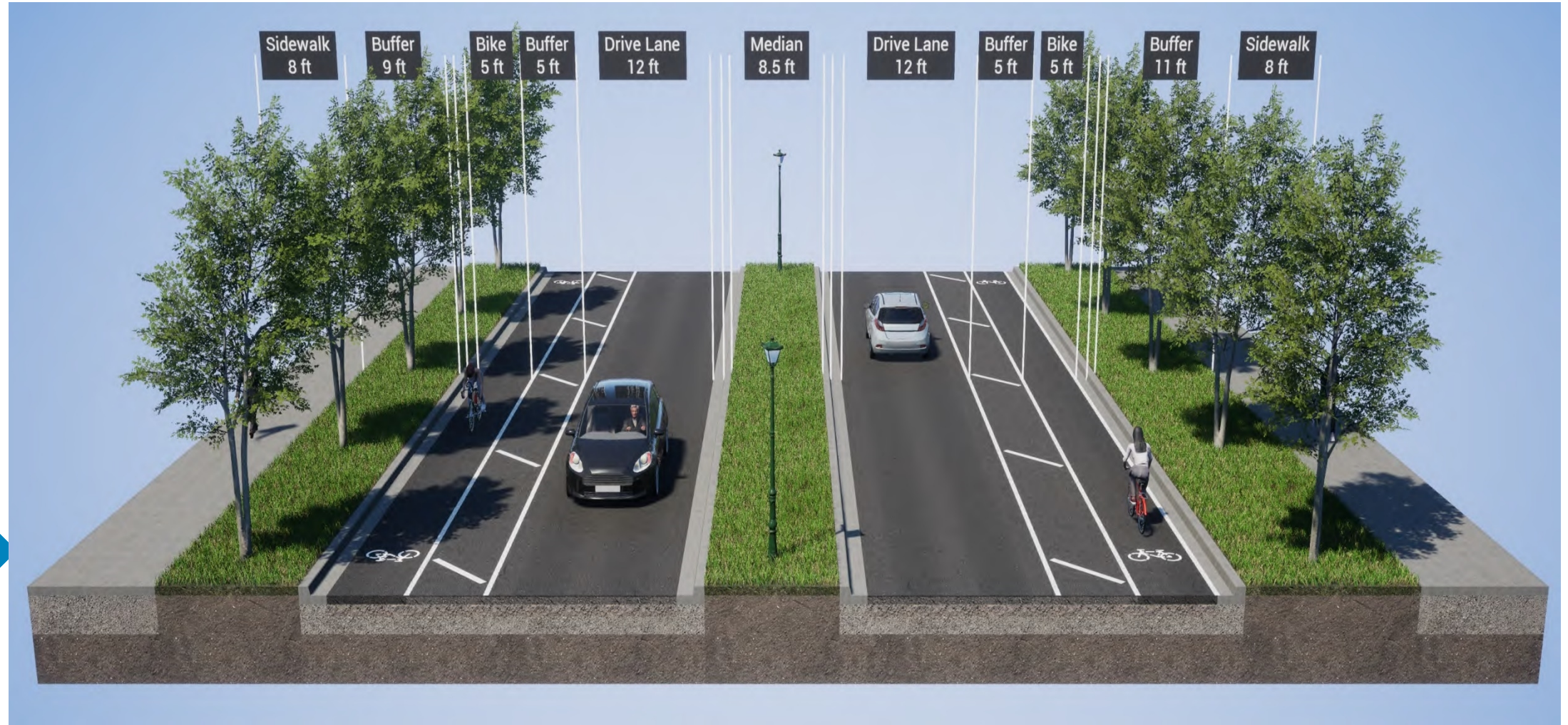




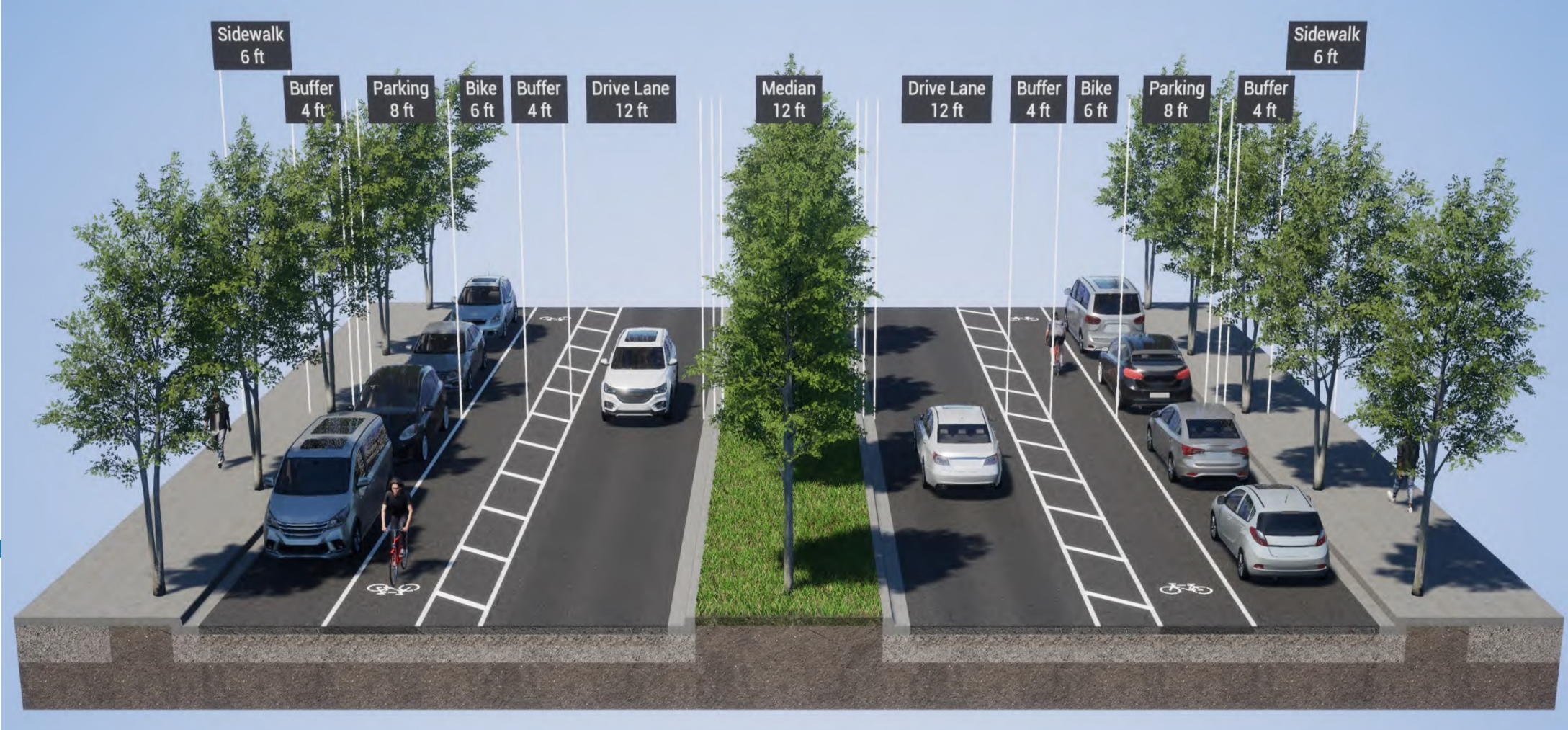
# Concept: Patterson Rd. to North Ave.



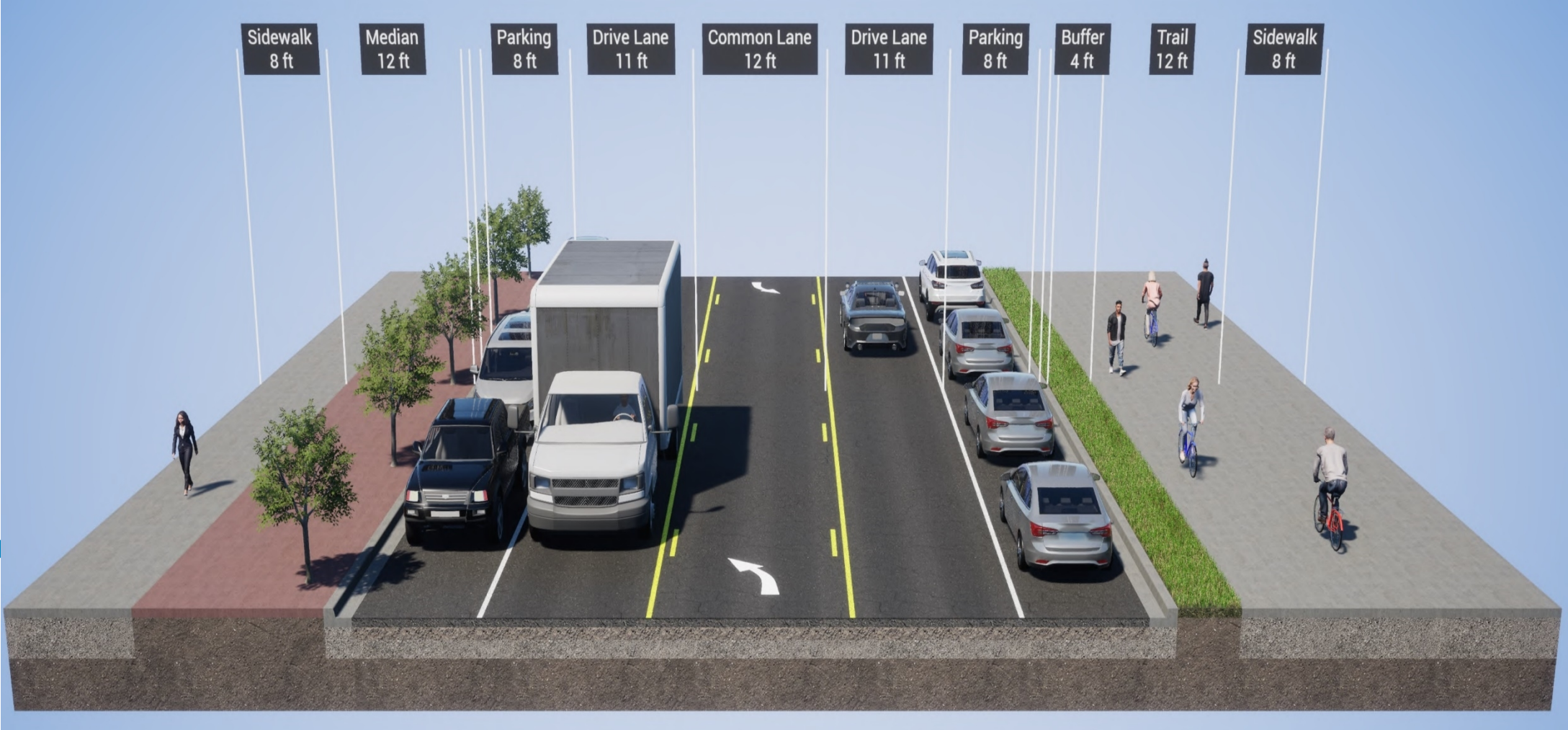
# Concept: North Ave. to Grand Ave.



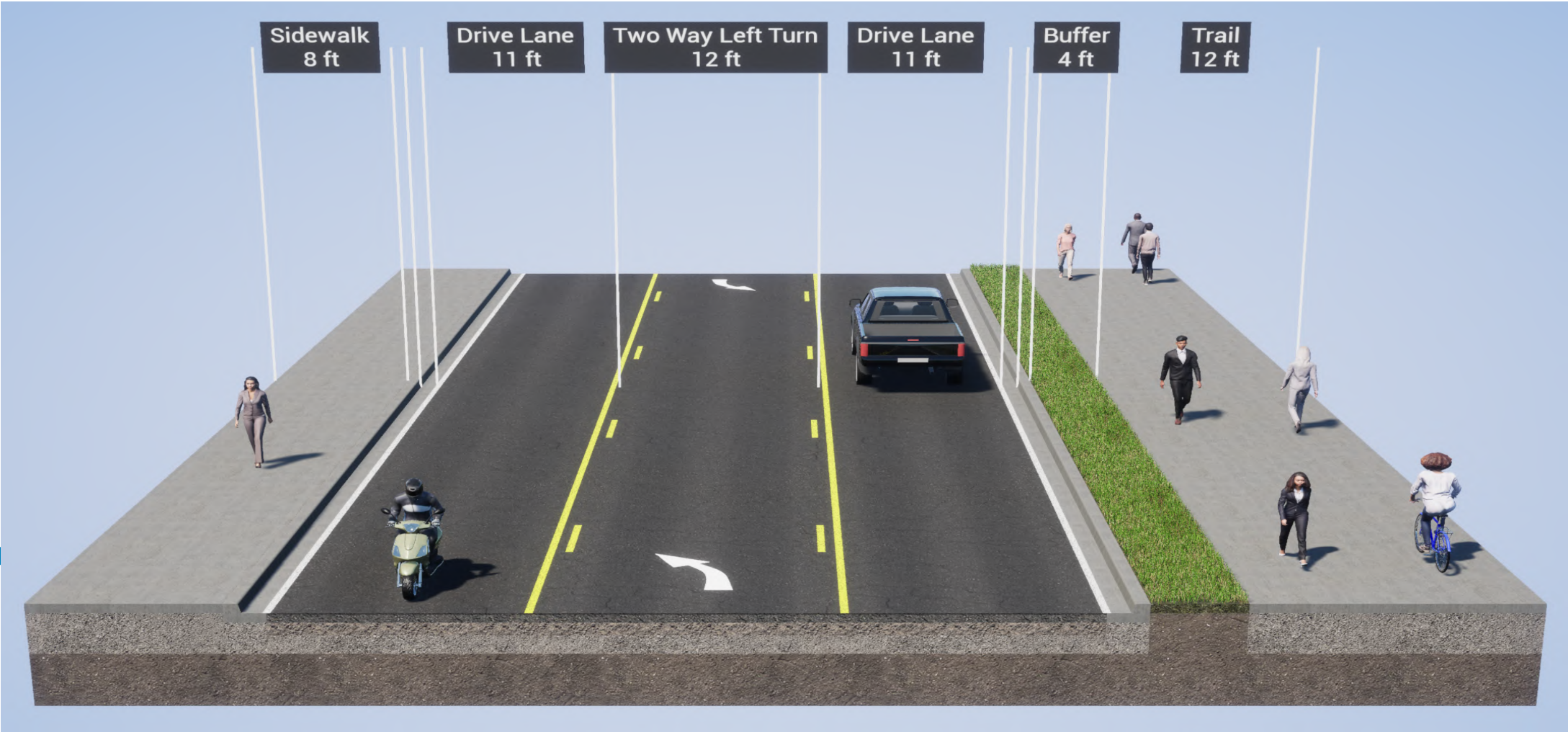
# Concept: Grand Ave. to I-70B



# Concept: I-70B to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.



# Concept: 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Struthers





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