



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final-revised

### Major Projects & Smart Government

*Chairperson Greg Landsman  
Councilmember Chris Seelbach  
Councilmember David Mann  
Councilmember Wendell Young  
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney*

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Tuesday, September 28, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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## PRESENTATIONS

### City Traffic and Safety Measures at CPS Schools

City Administration

#### Complete Streets

Nathan Alley

#### Voter Registration

Jasmine Coaston, Urban League

#### City Manager Review

Harry Kangis

## AGENDA

1. [202102846](#) **PRESENTATION** dated 9/24/2021, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, regarding voter registration.  
**Sponsors:** Landsman  
**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)
2. [202102847](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated 9/28/2021, regarding City Response to Bus Route Changes for Schools.  
**Sponsors:** City Manager  
**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Presentation](#)

3. [202102857](#) **PRESENTATION** dated 9/27/2021, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, regarding Complete Streets.

**Sponsors:** Landsman

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

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# Voter Engagement & Voter Access

Presentation before City of Cincinnati  
Major Projects Committee



**Expect to Learn**



- **2020 Election by the numbers**
- **Importance of Accessibility**
- **Recommendations**





# 2020 ELECTION by the Numbers

**In Hamilton County, Cincinnati**

**Registered voters 600,386**

**Ballots Counted 434,956**

**Voter Turnout 72.45%**

# Access to the Ballot in times of Covid-19

Consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to voting administrators across the United States, Ohio offers a wide variety of voting options, including more days and hours for voting than most states and significantly more than the national average, and gives voters options for reducing the number of voters within a polling location at the same time, including drop boxes at each county board of elections and curbside voting. According to the CDC, this makes for “lower risk election polling settings.”





# Accessibility

## **Available Drop Boxes for Absentee Ballots**

Currently there are 3 drop boxes for absentee ballots in Hamilton County. One outside for drive up access and two inside of the building. These drop boxes allow for the easy return of absentee ballots

## **28 Days of early voting**

Almost a month of opportunity for voters to cast their ballots at the BOE allows greater access for the many different schedules people have.

## **Accessible Identification Requirements**

- Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check
- Payroll Check
- Government Document
- Military ID Issued by Dept. of Defense



# Recommendations

- Providing paid time for city employees to vote during the Early voting timeframe or on Election Day
- Access to transportation for voters who need it
- Sending Voter Registration Information to eligible voters within city proactively
- Work with BOE to provide mobile vote centers that can travel to neighborhoods and assist people with voting information
- Including voter registration information on city marketing materials and mailers including website
- Using city buildings as polling locations



Let's talk

# Get In *Touch*

Don't hesitate to reach out.



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## Website

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Date: September 28, 2021

To: Members of the Major Projects and Smart Government Committee 202102847  
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager  
Subject: Presentation – City Response to Bus Route Changes for Schools

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Attached is the presentation for the City Responses to Bus Route Changes for Schools for the Major Projects and Smart Government Committee.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director  
Department of Transportation and Engineering



# City Response to Bus Route Changes for Schools

**DOT Presentation to Major Projects and Smart  
Government Committee**

**Sept. 28, 2021**

## How the City is Helping

- Regular coordination with Metro and CPS
- Action Items
- Holistic Approach
- Observations
- Positives



## Background

- July 28, 2021: SORTA announces end of “XTRA” bus service for Cincinnati Public School students
- July 29, 2021: DOTE reaches out to CPS and SORTA
  - Details about the new plan
  - Request data
  - Begin to identify potential issues within city’s control



## Early Action and Coordination

City meeting regularly with CPS and SORTA to:

- Share observations
- Discuss requests
- Identify action steps

The group initially identified several high schools and student transfer points for possible improvements

Specific recommendations began to take shape

- School year started
- Real time movement
- Additional information



## **CPS and SORTA Requests**

- Updated signs
- New crosswalks
- Road closure/reconfiguration
- Convert travel lane to on-street parking



## Action Item 1: Northside Transit Center

### New signage

- “No Turns Except Bus”
- At Blue Rock and Spring Grove Ave
- Reduce private vehicles using transit center as cut through

### Status

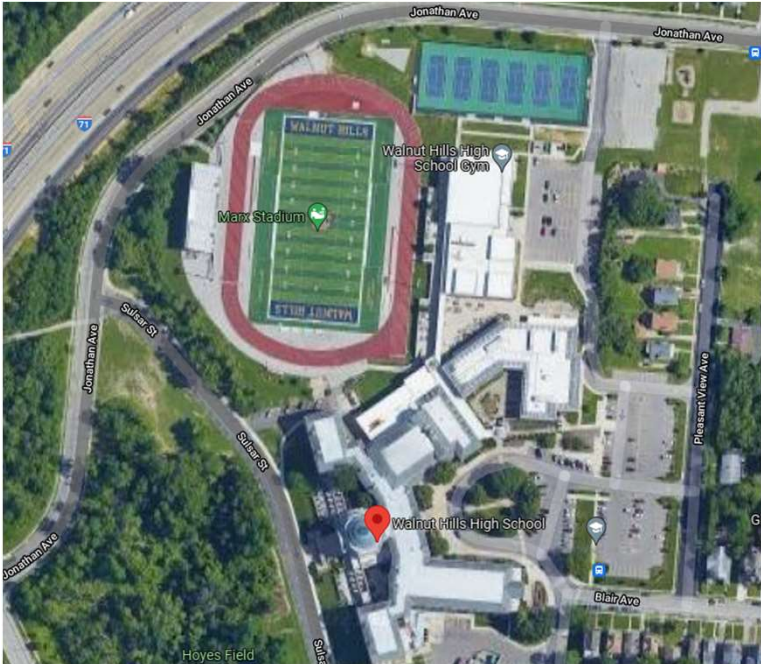
- In process with DOTE
- Expect to give work order DPS asap



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- “Right Lane Bus Only 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.”
- At Jonathan Street
- Keep parent vehicles out of the right lane
- Allow buses to continue their stops

- In process with DOTE
- Expect to give work order DPS asap



## Action Item 3: West High/Dater High

### Road Closure

- Evaluate closing Ferguson between Glenway and Shirley to through traffic
- Only allow buses to proceed
- Relocate parent pickup

### Status

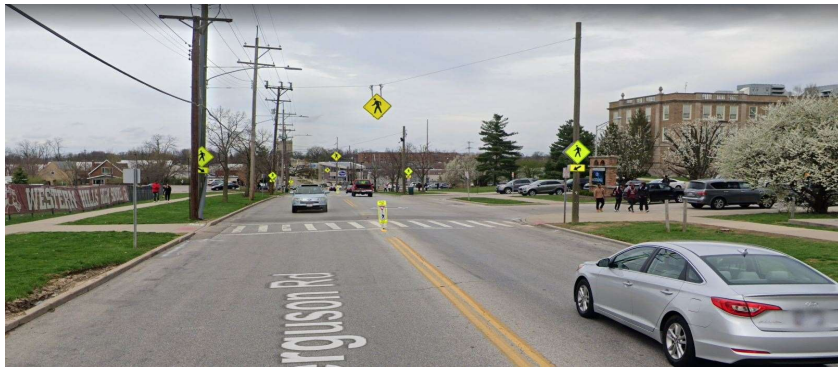
- Discussion, further planning
- Requires significant CPS and city infrastructure modifications





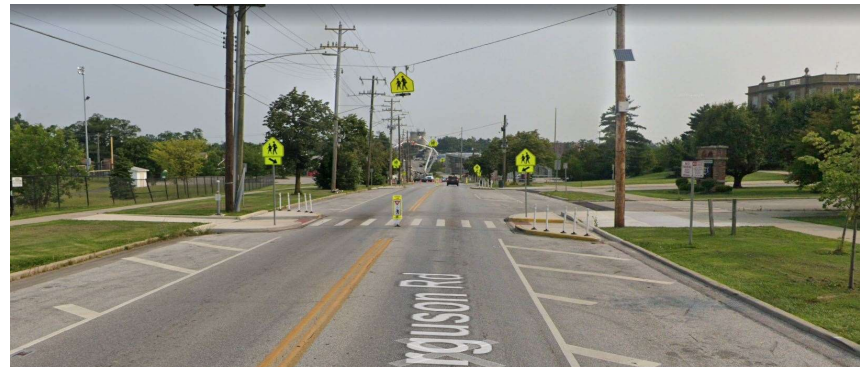
# Ferguson Road at West High Improvements

## Pre-Construction



44-foot-wide pedestrian crossing

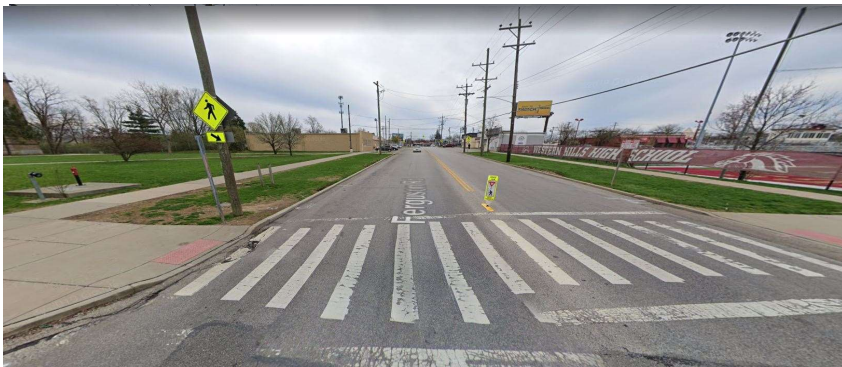
## Post-Construction



- 22-foot-wide pedestrian crossing
- Bump outs to shorten travel distance  
Allow pedestrians to “see” around parked cars and buses
- Installed flashing beacons to increase visibility of pedestrians in the crosswalk
- Approx. cost – \$180,000

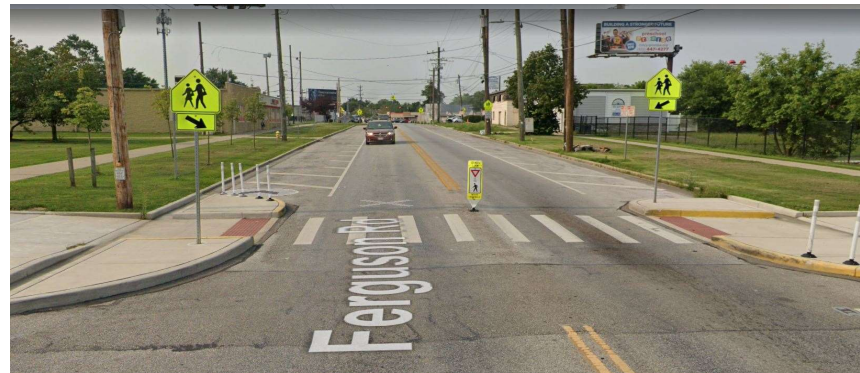
# Ferguson Road at West High Improvements

## Pre-Construction



44-foot-wide vehicle travel way

## Post-Construction



- 22-foot-wide vehicle travel way
- Add pavement markings and signage
- Narrows the vehicle travel way “calms” traffic by reducing vehicle weave
- Approximate Cost - \$15,000

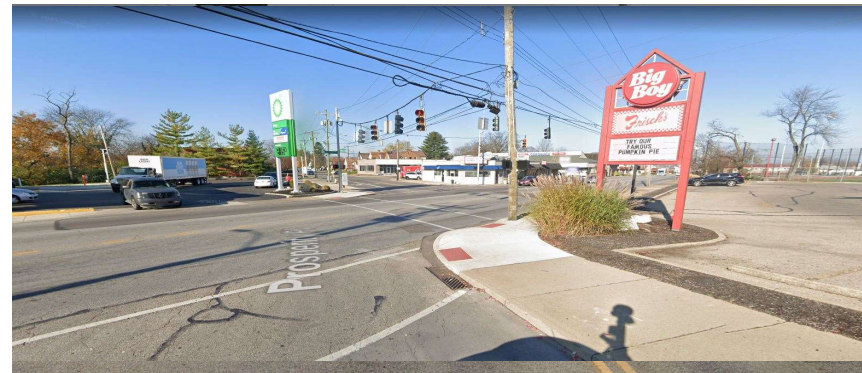
# Glenway at Sidney Improvements

## Pre-Construction



Pedestrians crossed Glenway Ave at an unmarked crosswalk

## Post-Construction



Pedestrians can now cross Glenway Ave at a **marked** crosswalk including ADA compliant curb ramps.

Approximate Cost - \$15,000



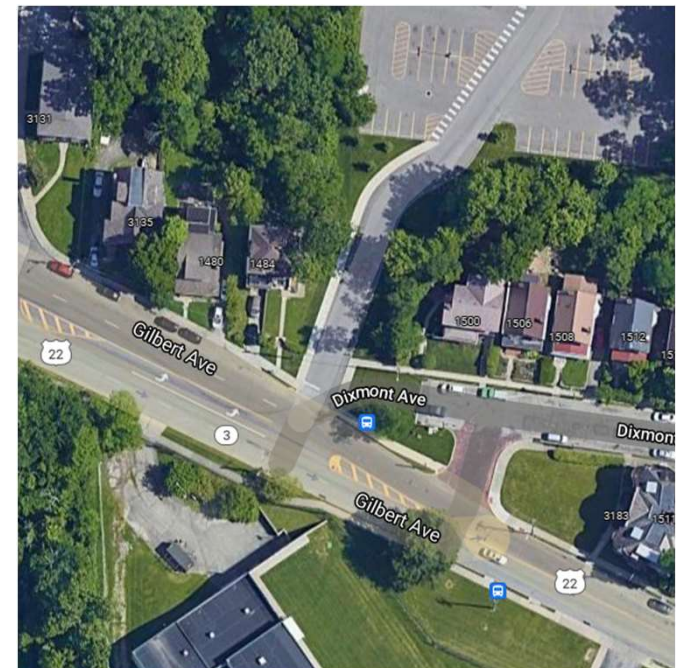
## Action Item 4: Walnut Hills High School

### Crosswalk

- New marked crosswalk on Gilbert near Dixmont

### Status

- DOTE work order completed
- Work order sent to DPS for installation



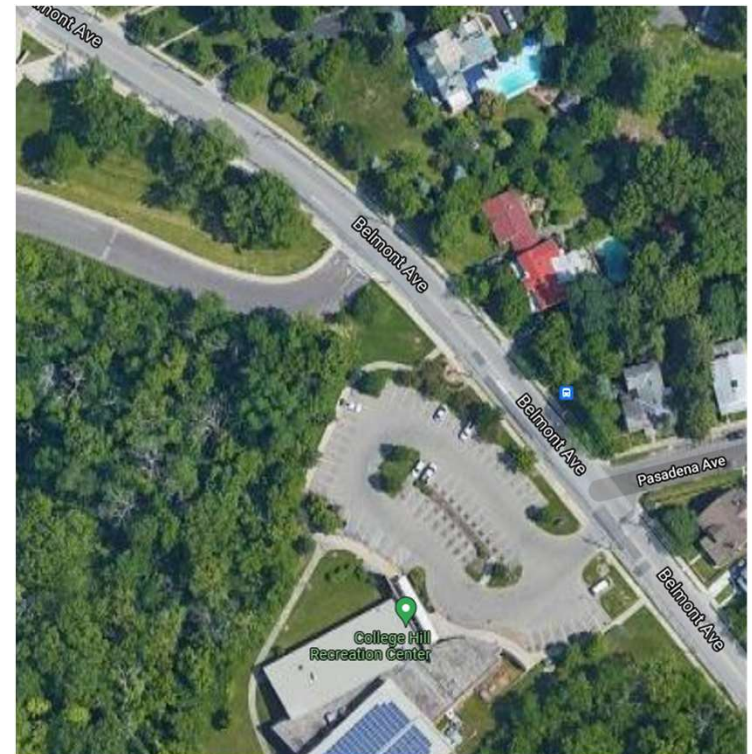
## Action Item 5: Aiken High School

### Crosswalk

- New marked crosswalk on Belmont near driveway to school
- Large volume of students walking on Belmont from bus stops on Hamilton Ave.

### Status

- DOTE work order completed
- Work order sent to DPS for installation



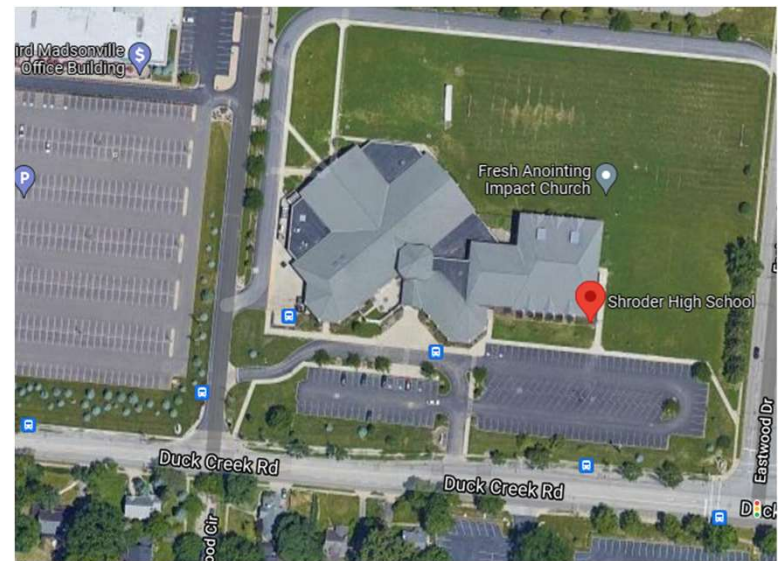
## Action Item 6: Schroeder High School

### Crosswalk

- New marked crosswalk on Eastwood Circle and Duck Creek to allow students to get to bus stops

### Status

- Discussed with Metro
- Bus stop locations moved to the signalized intersection of Eastwood Drive and Duck Creek





## Action Item 7: Withrow High School

### Conversion to on-street parking lane

- Evaluating conversion of WB curb lane on Madison Road to on-street parking to protect student groups waiting for bus

### Status

- Under review by DOTE



## DOTe's Observations?

- More parents driving children to school
  - Bigger back up on City streets
  - Clark Montessori HS.
- SORTA continuously evaluating routes/stops
  - Making changes, as necessary
- Have addressed many concerns quickly
  - But caused city to chase a moving target
- Each school has unique challenges, particularly for pedestrian and vehicular traffic management during dismissal



## Positives

**Quick collaboration between the City, CPS, and SORTA allowed a high degree of advance visibility.**

- Potential areas of high student and vehicle conflict were jointly identified and communicated
- Key staff stayed up-to-date on rapidly changing information to respond quickly

**Continued collaboration between the City, CPS, and SORTA will allow for a quick response to concerns.**

- Staff continues to check in with stakeholders to address questions or concerns
- CPS evaluating transportation survey results and will publicly share this information which may result in further recommendations



# Questions?

# Let's make moves.



**TRI STATE  
TRAILS**



# What We Do



## EXPAND

advocate for connecting  
and expanding the regional  
trail and bikeway network



## LEARN

collect and maintain  
data on trails locally



## ASSIST

provide technical assistance  
to local governments  
and community groups



## CONNECT

convene trail planners, managers,  
advocates, and users to  
share best practices



## PROMOTE

promote and  
celebrate existing  
trails in the tri-state





# Benefits of Trails & Bikeways



encourage  
economic  
development



attract &  
retain talent



expand  
transportation  
options



enhance  
neighborhood  
connectivity



improve  
public health



increase  
transportation  
equity



promote  
environmental  
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connect  
recreation  
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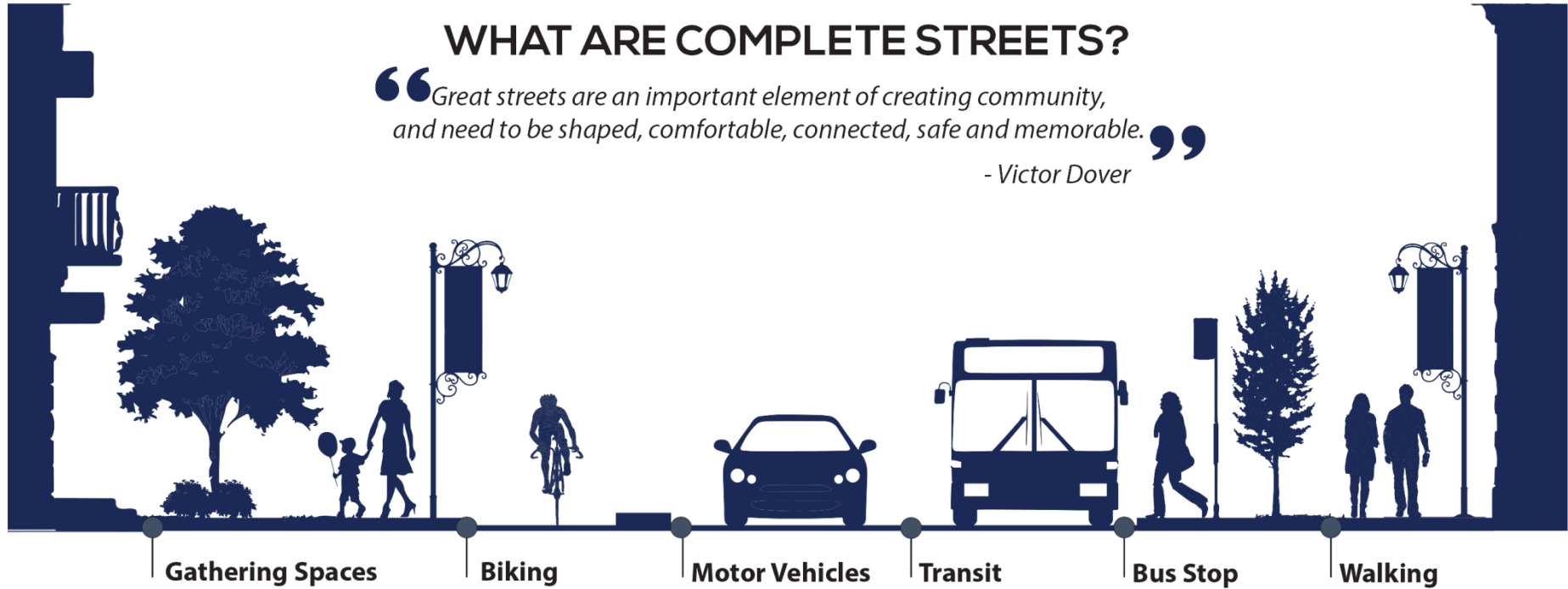
# ***Complete Streets are streets for everyone.***

They are designed and operated to prioritize safety, comfort, and access to destinations for all people who use the street, especially people who have experienced systemic underinvestment or whose needs have not been met through a traditional transportation approach, including older adults, people living with disabilities, people who cannot afford or do not have access to a car.

*- Smart Growth America*

## WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?

“Great streets are an important element of creating community, and need to be shaped, comfortable, connected, safe and memorable.”  
- Victor Dover







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QUALITY  
IS OUR RECIPE  
WE'RE HIRING  
TEXT MUY TO  
25000

PLAZA



PLAZA

ONE WAY











"Capacity" of a Street

Lockwood

Here are 200 people in 177 cars



Hit by a vehicle traveling at

**20**  
MPH



9 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at

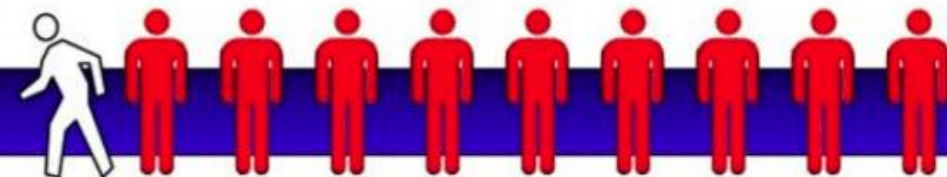
**30**  
MPH



5 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at

**40**  
MPH

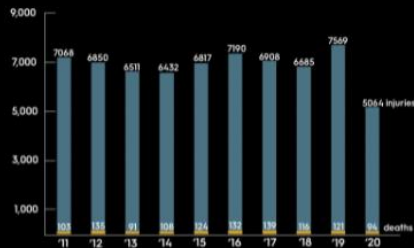


only 1 out of 10 pedestrians survives.





ALL TRAFFIC RELATED INJURIES AND DEATHS

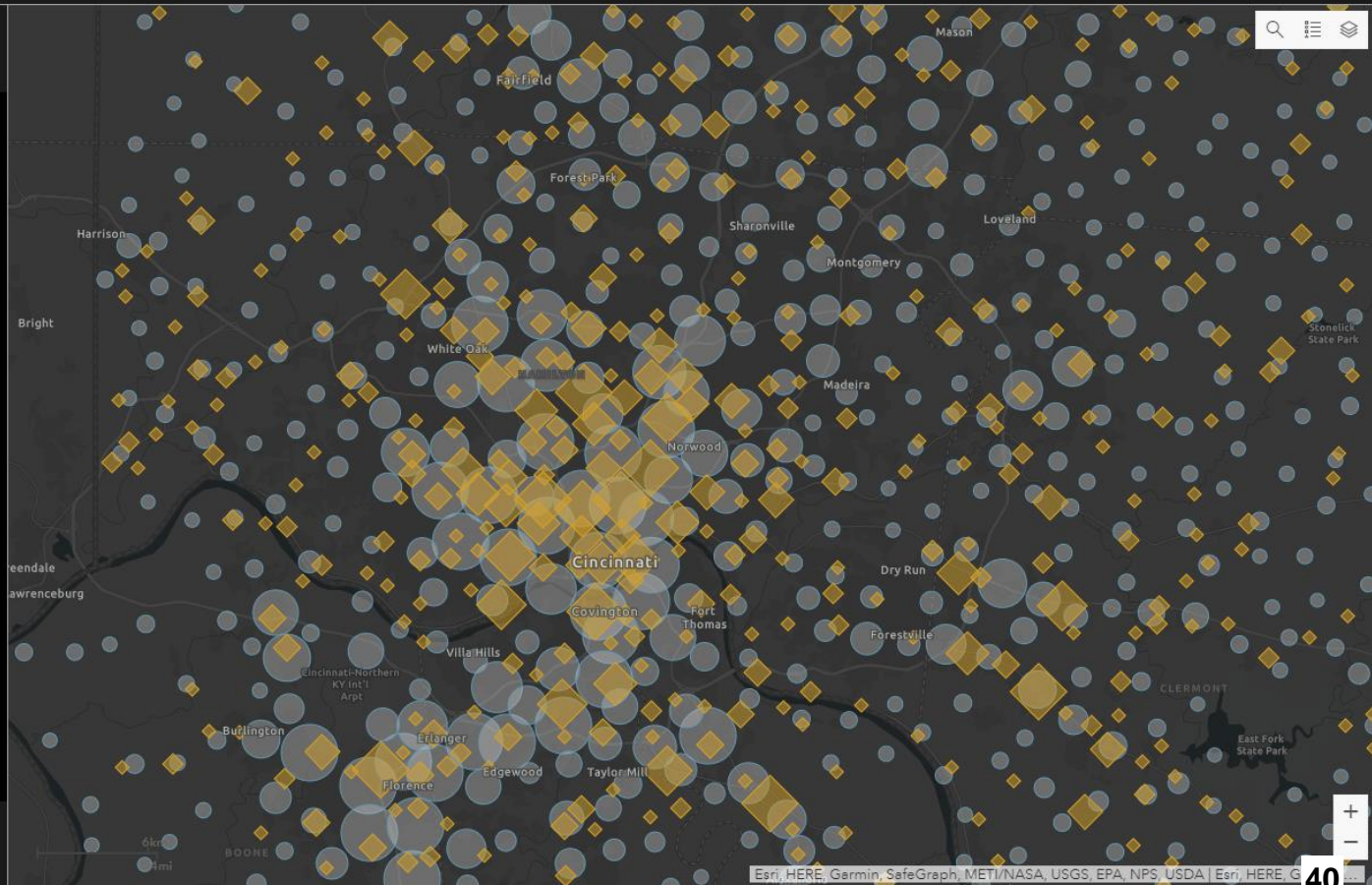


The following graph and map indicate all persons killed or injured in traffic collisions. Clicking on clusters will display information regarding the number of deaths or injuries resulting from crashes between 2011-2020. Zooming in will explode the clusters showing each collision location. Interstate highway crash data has been excluded.



**Crash data sources:**

Kentucky State Police, <http://crashinformation.org/>  
Ohio Department of Transportation, <https://gis.dot.state.oh.us/tims/>  
Ohio Department of Public Safety, <https://ohiotrafficdata.dps.ohio.gov/CrashRetrieval>







Studies have shown that bicyclists and pedestrians shop more often and spend more money in their communities than people who drive.

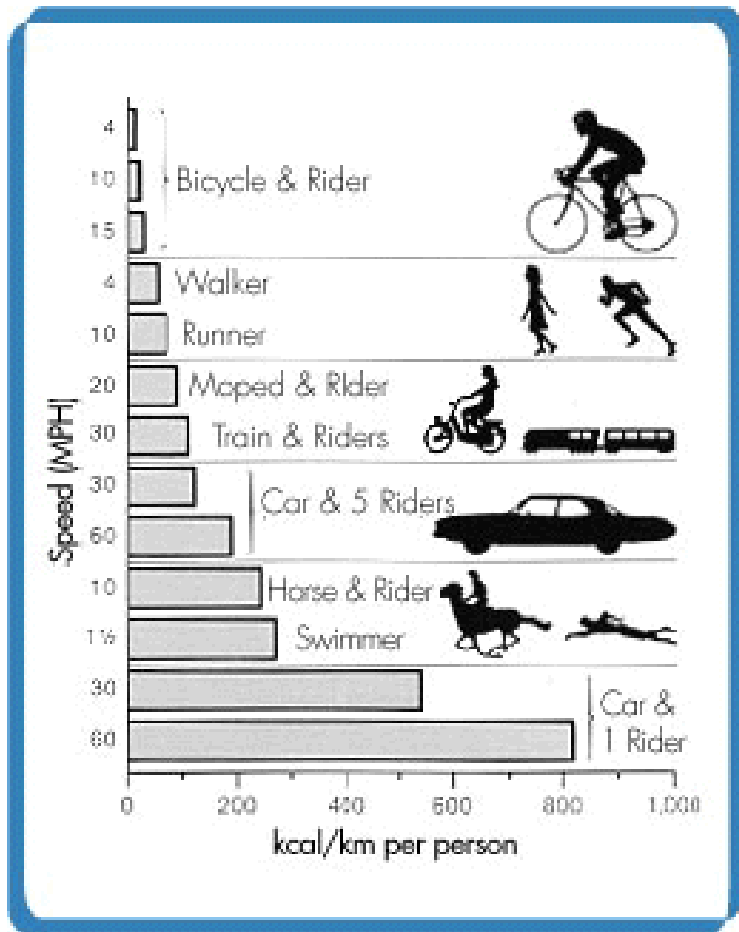
- *Safe Routes to School National Partnership*



## Complete Streets can provide:

- Higher employment levels
- Net new businesses
- Higher property values and private investment

- *Smart Growth America*



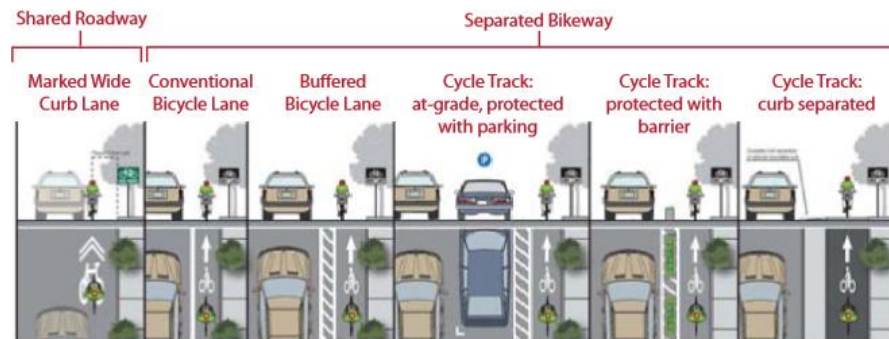
(Science of Cycling)

Least Protected Most Protected

### Arterial/Highway Bikeway Continuum (without curb and gutter)



### Arterial/Highway Bikeway Continuum (with curb and gutter)





# Shared Use Paths



Purple People Bridge, Newport



Little Miami Scenic Trail, Loveland



# Protected Bike Lanes



Central Parkway, Cincinnati



Summit Street, Columbus



# Bike Lanes



Delta Avenue, Cincinnati



Riverside Drive, Cincinnati

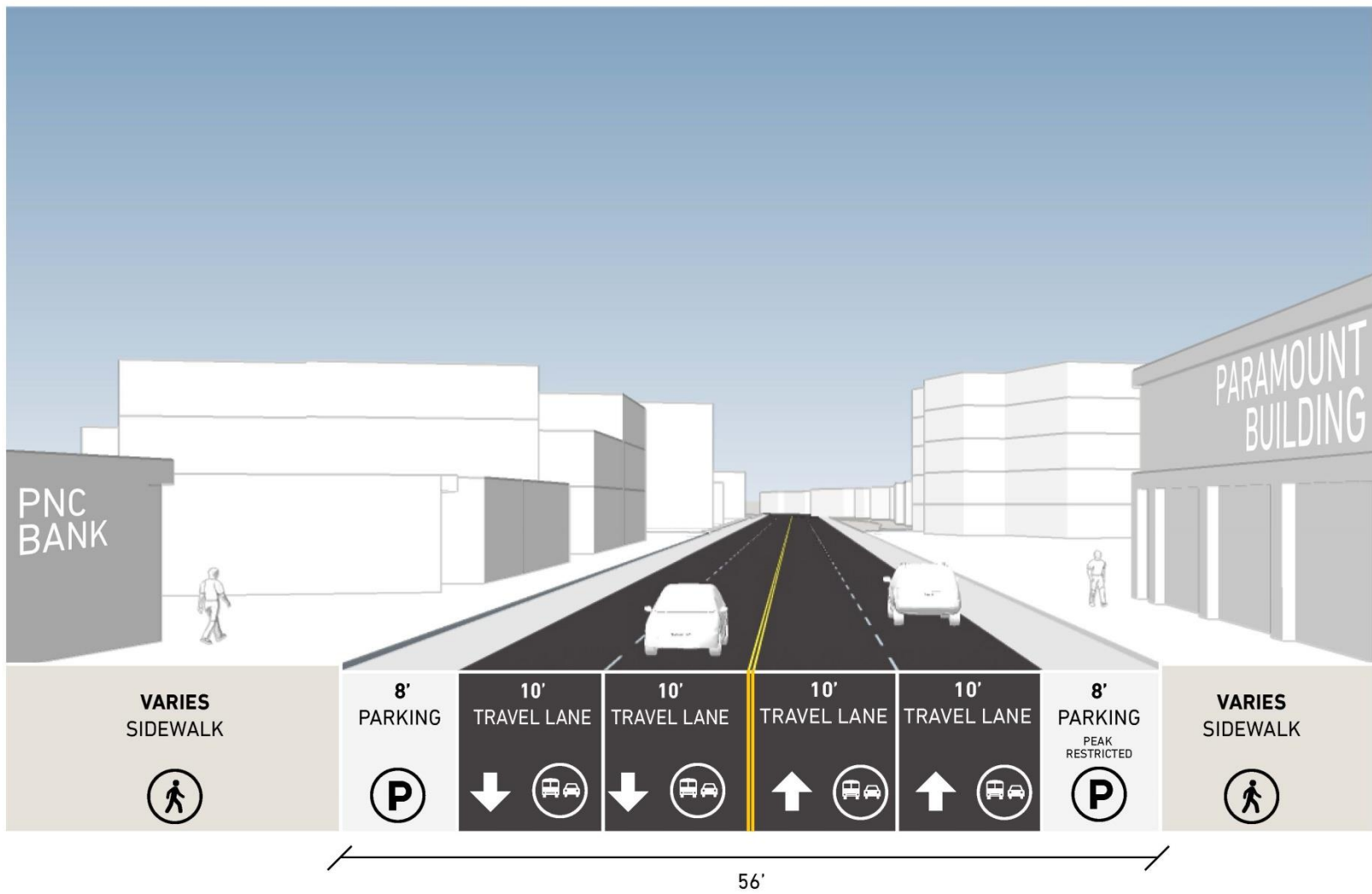
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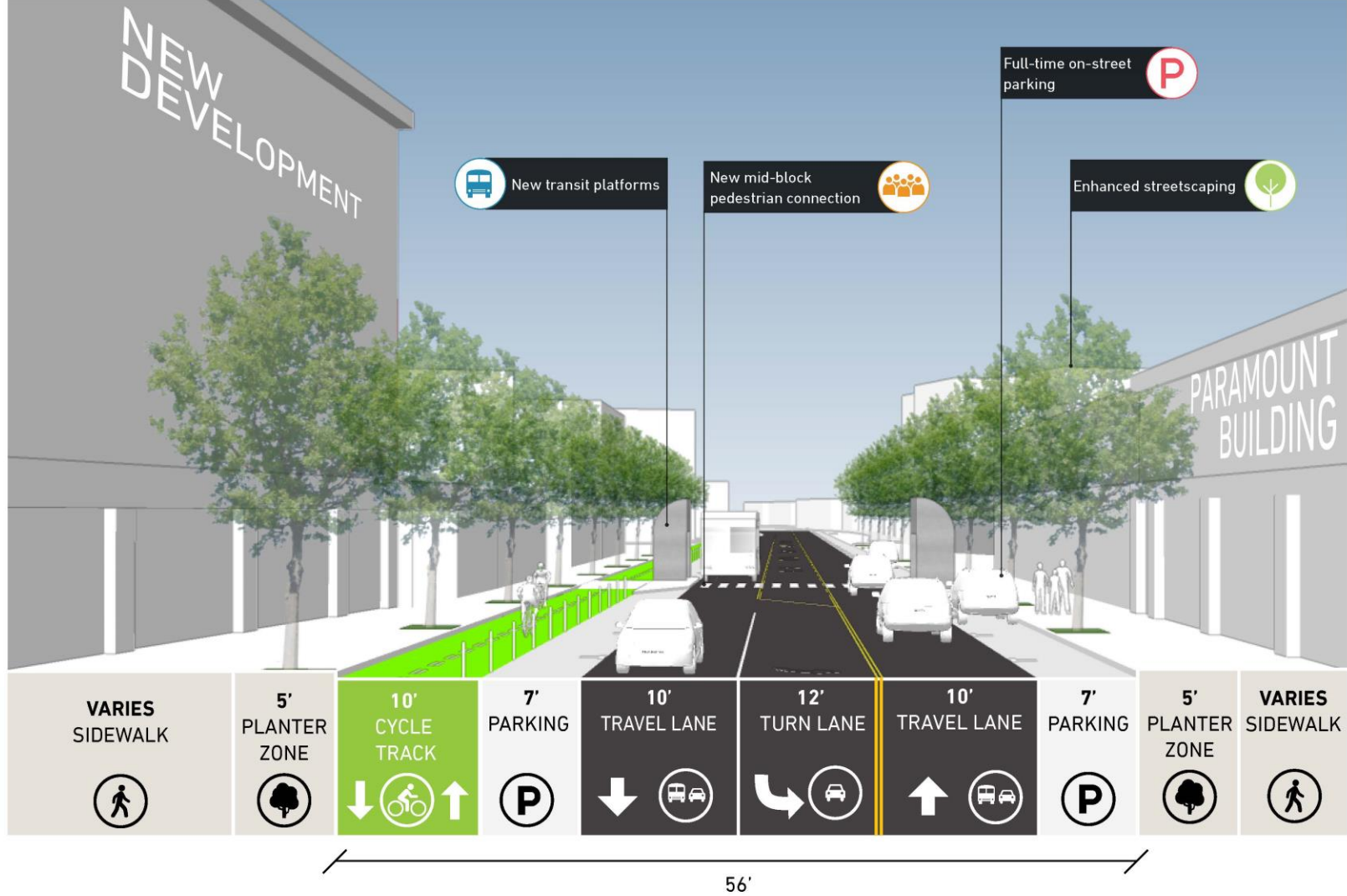
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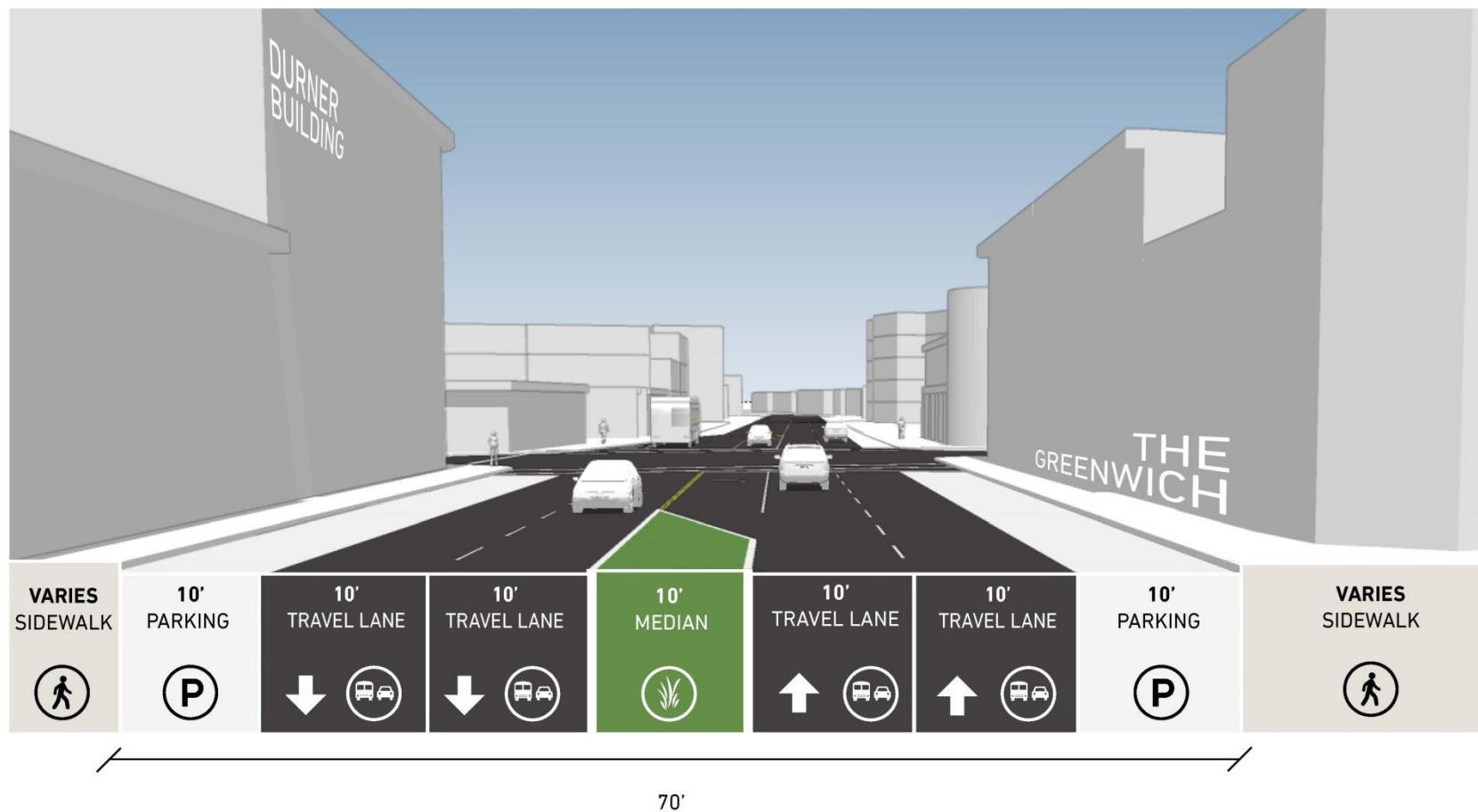


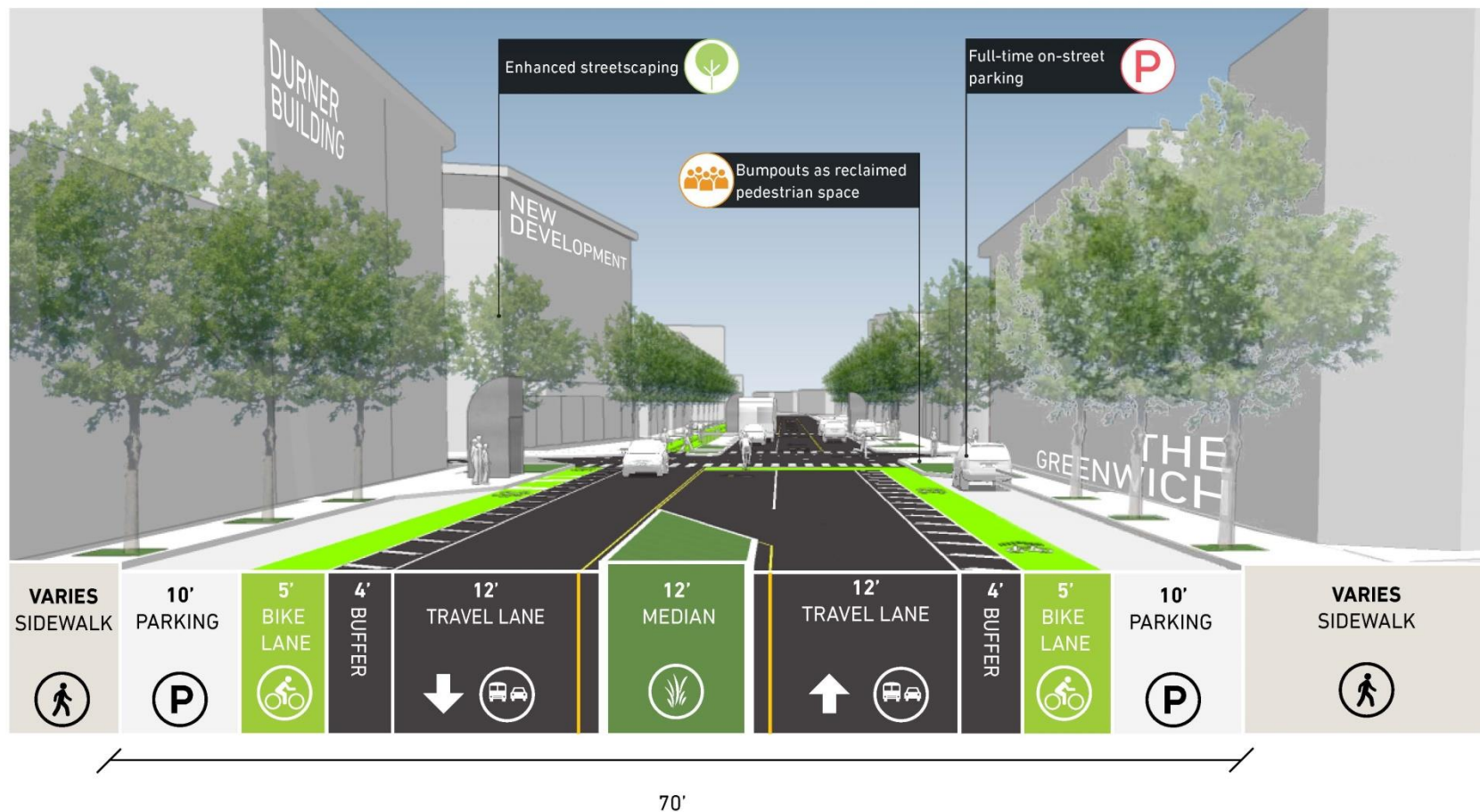
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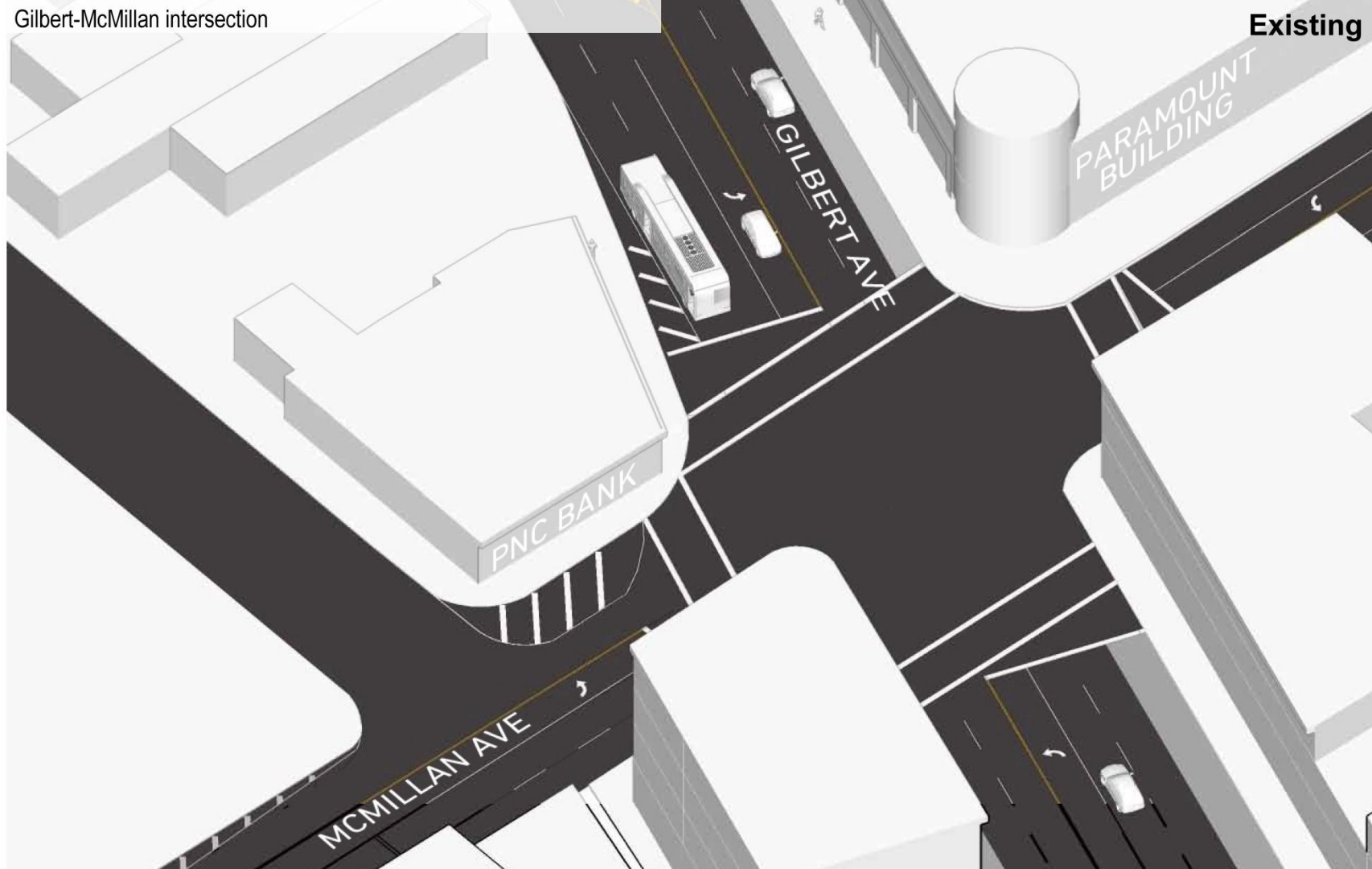


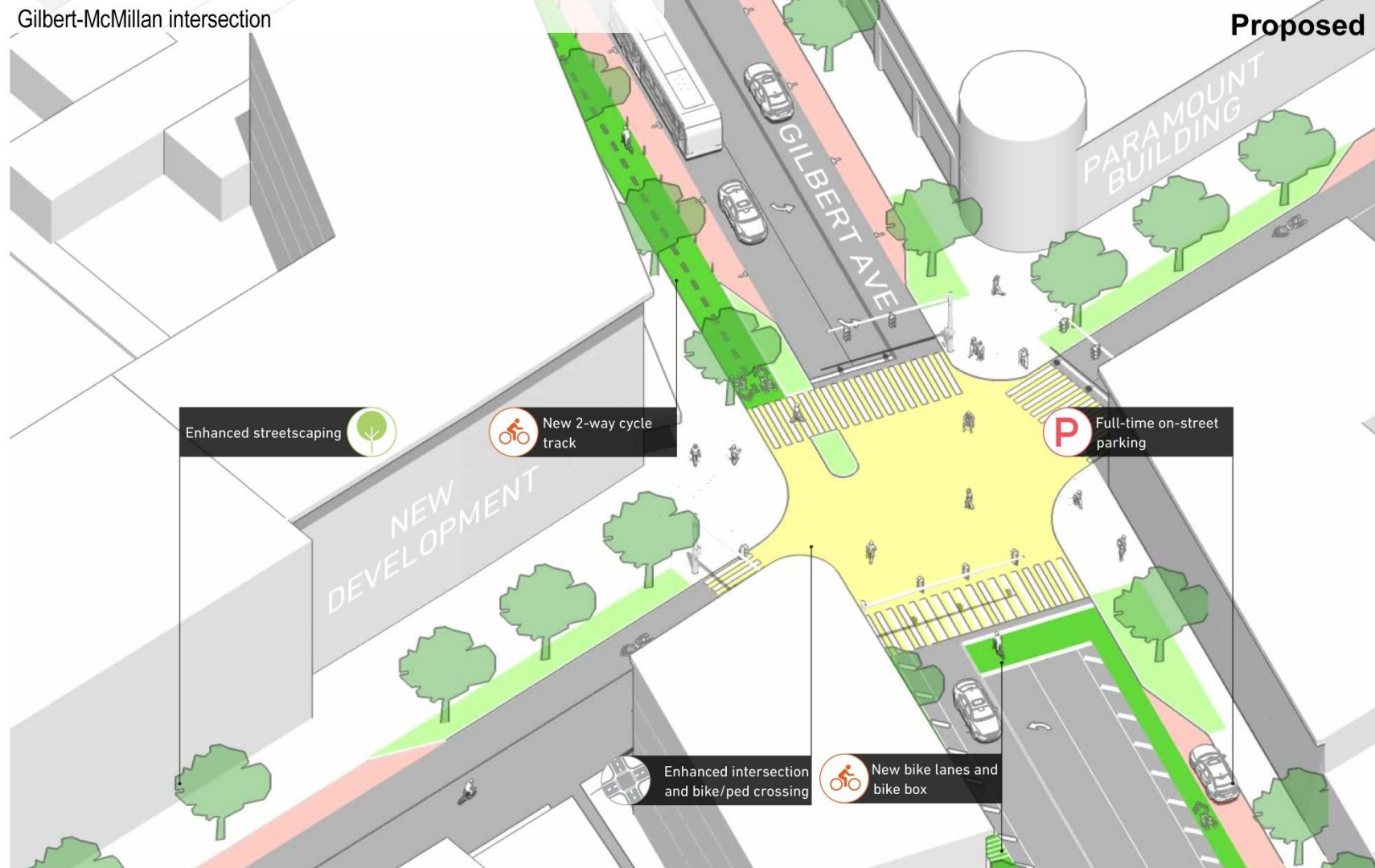














# Central Parkway – Cincinnati, OH





# Summit Street - Columbus, OH



# Indianapolis Cultural Trail, IN





# Connect NKY – Newport, KY





# Clifton Avenue – Cincinnati, OH



# Action Steps

1. Adopt a complete streets policy
2. Audit and amend your zoning, subdivision, and other development regulations
3. Identify opportunities to test ideas quickly and affordably
4. Develop a plan that aligns with your road repaving schedule
5. Pursue grant funding to leverage local dollars

# Thank you!

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[tristatetrails.org](http://tristatetrails.org)



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