

# JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

WOODMERE STREET  
COO#1

MARCH 19, 2026



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## PROPOSAL

Joe Louis Greenway: Woodmere Street Walking-Biking Paths

### OUTREACH DETAILS

#### Meeting 1 (online)

March 19, 5:00-6:00pm

District 6 Community Meeting Zoom

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>

#### Meeting 2 (online)

April 16, 5:00-6:00pm

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

The goal of this presentation is for the General Services Department to share updates on the design of the Joe Louis Greenway on Woodmere Street. This route was previously selected through a community-led process and will create a biking/walking connection between Fort Street and Vernor Highway.

The design for this 1-mile segment includes an off-street shared use path, road resurfacing, lighting improvements, and street safety interventions. Total costs will be \$10.2m and are fully grant funded. Construction is planned for 2027.

## ONLINE FEEDBACK

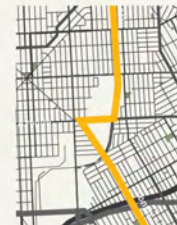
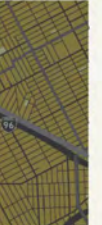
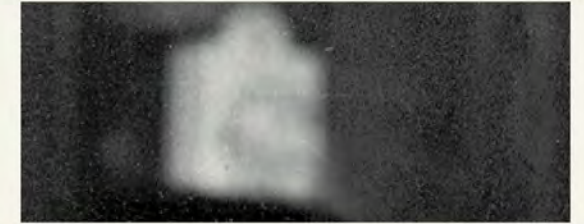
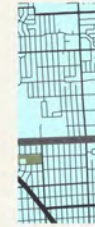
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# FRAMEWORK PLAN

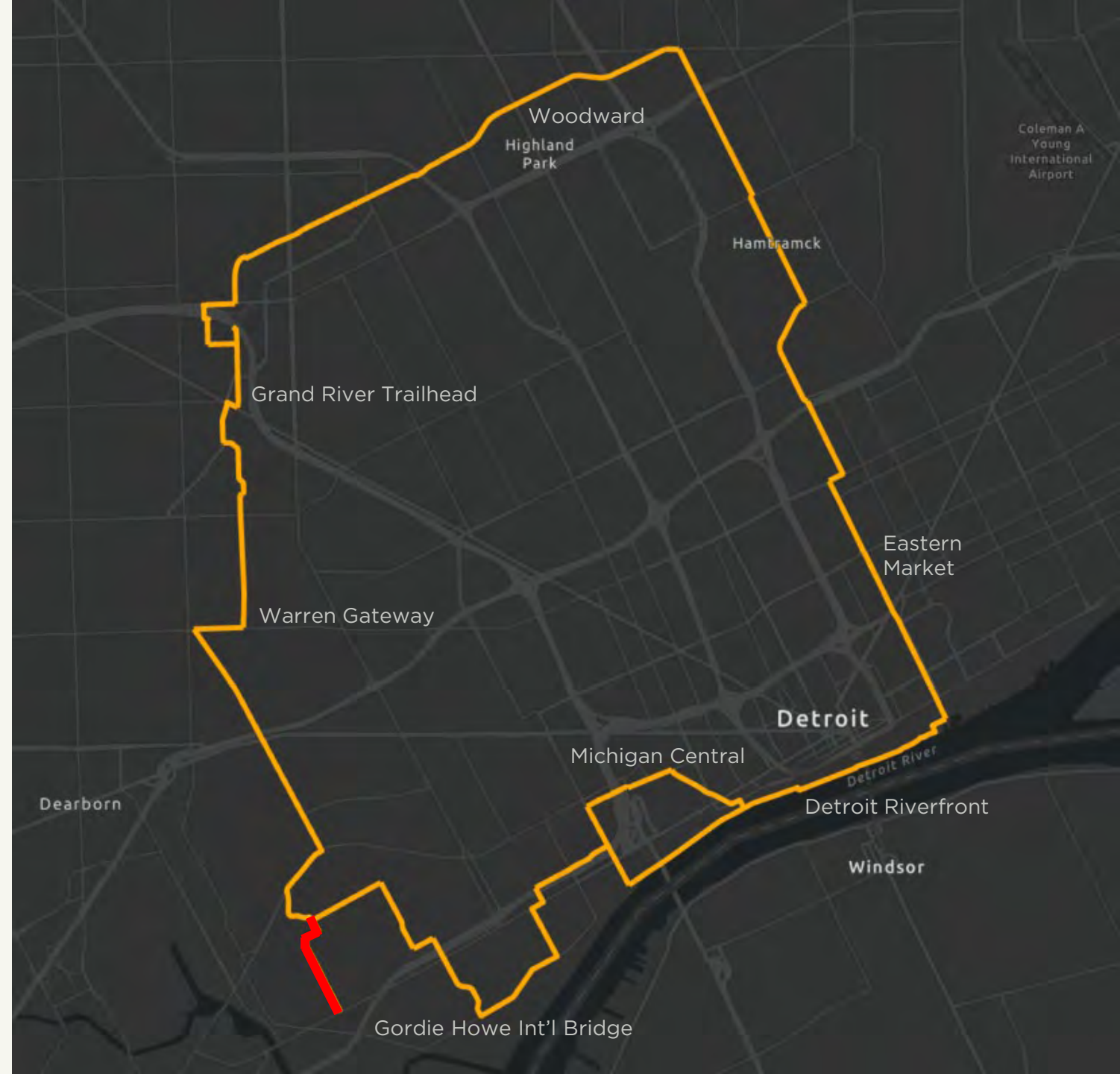
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# THE VISION

## The Joe Louis Greenway will:

- Enhance residents' quality of life
- Promote community development
- Connect people and places
- Foster equality and equity through arts, programming, and economic opportunities for all.



# RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION



Photo credit: Earthscape





# ARTS

# ENVIRONMENT



# PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNITY



The Partnership

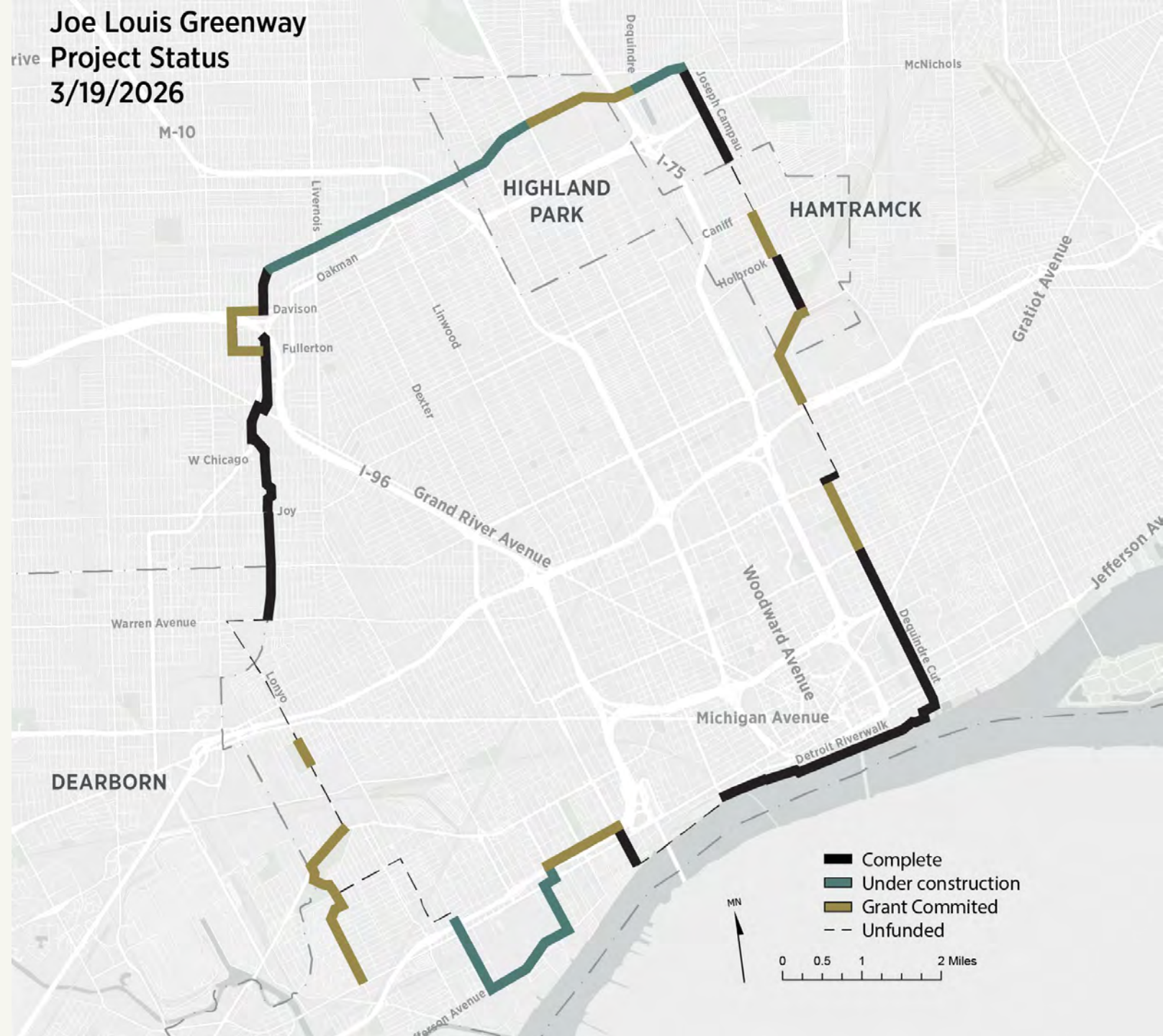
ON THE JOE LOUIS GREENWAY



Joe Louis Greenway  
Project Status  
3/19/2026

# PROJECT STATUS

- Complete - 9.9 Miles
- Under Construction - 5.8 Miles
- Grant Awarded - 7 Miles
- Unfunded - 6 Miles



# IMPACT

**600,000 tons** of mixed debris removal

**31,000 tires** removed

**1,155 trees** planted

**106,054 trips** since 2023 at Warren Gateway Trailhead



# WOODMERE SEGMENT

Vernor Highway to Fort Street

Funded through \$10.2m of 2024  
federal RAISE grant

Expected start Summer 2027



- Iron Belle Trail
- - - Joe Louis Greenway
- Woodmere Segment

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Community meetings and presentations

06/20/2024 – Springwells Virtual meeting

5/08/2024 – JLG Springwells Meeting #2

3/18/2024 – Springwells Stakeholder Meeting

2/21/2024 – Springwells Community Meeting #1  
– Woodmere and Alignment

11/14/2023 Toole Design Field Visit -  
Stakeholder Feedback

8/31/2023 Springwells Community Meeting #2

8/28/2023 Patton Park Meeting 3 (Viva Patton  
Park)

7/20/2023 Springdale Woodmere Block Club

07/12/2023 Patton Park Master Plan Community  
Meeting #2

05/19/2023 Urban Neighborhood Initiatives -  
Healthy Bodies and Communities Series

5/11/2023 Patton Park Master Plan Community  
Meeting #1



# NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

- Speeding/Dangerous Driving
- Drag Racing
- Street greening
- Iron Belle trail connection
- Connection to Patton Park, Weiss Playlot and Higgins Park
- Safe connections to commercial areas

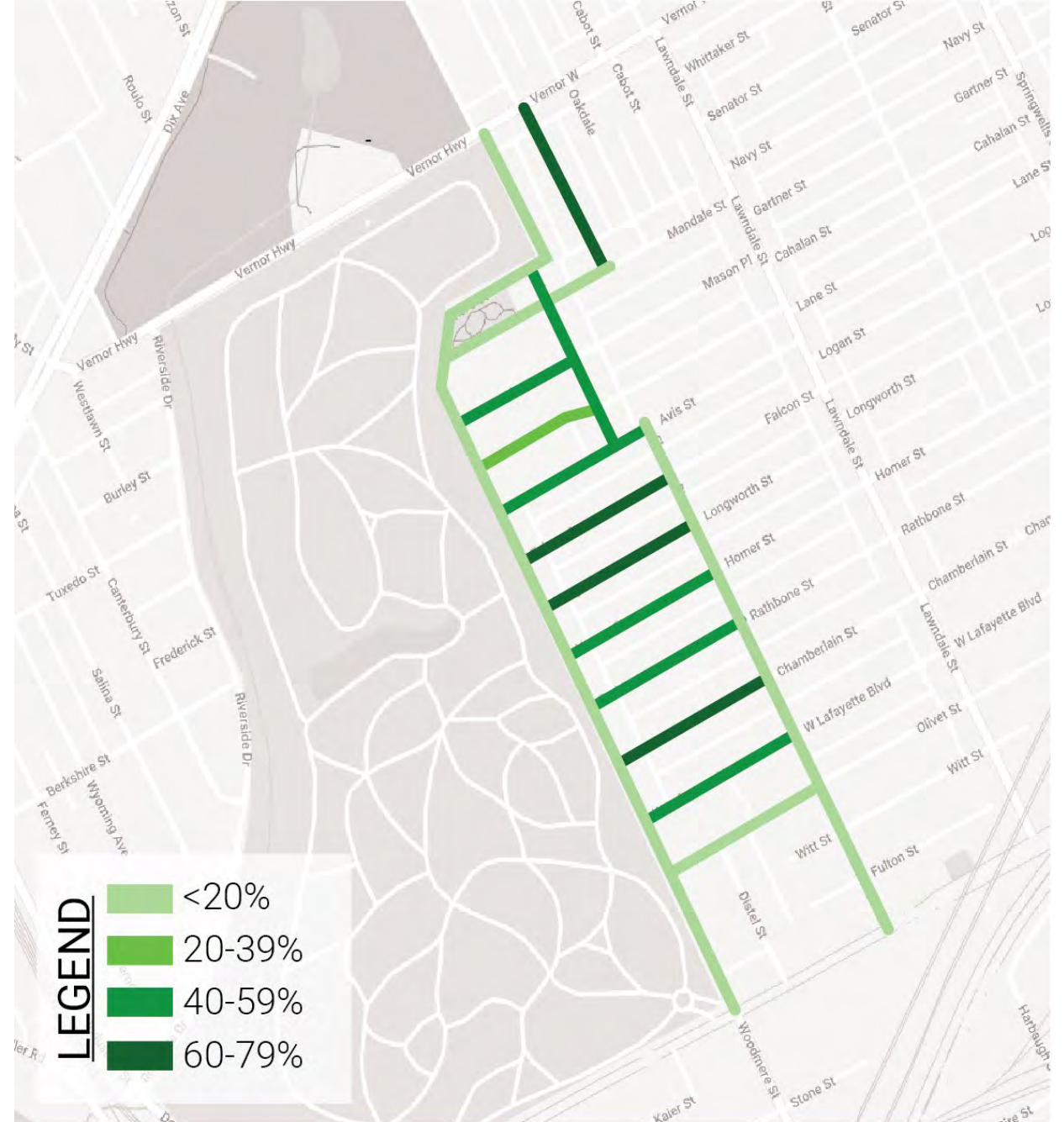


# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS AND PARKING STUDY

Design team collected bike, pedestrian, vehicle, truck and parking counts

There are approximately 313 parking spots along Woodmere Street. On average, there are 39 vehicles parked along Woodmere daily (12% of the total parking available).

Fall 2023 at 5 AM, 3 PM and 7 PM



## PARKING UTILIZATION

# SURVEY RESULTS

209 responses

71% preferred the proposed configuration

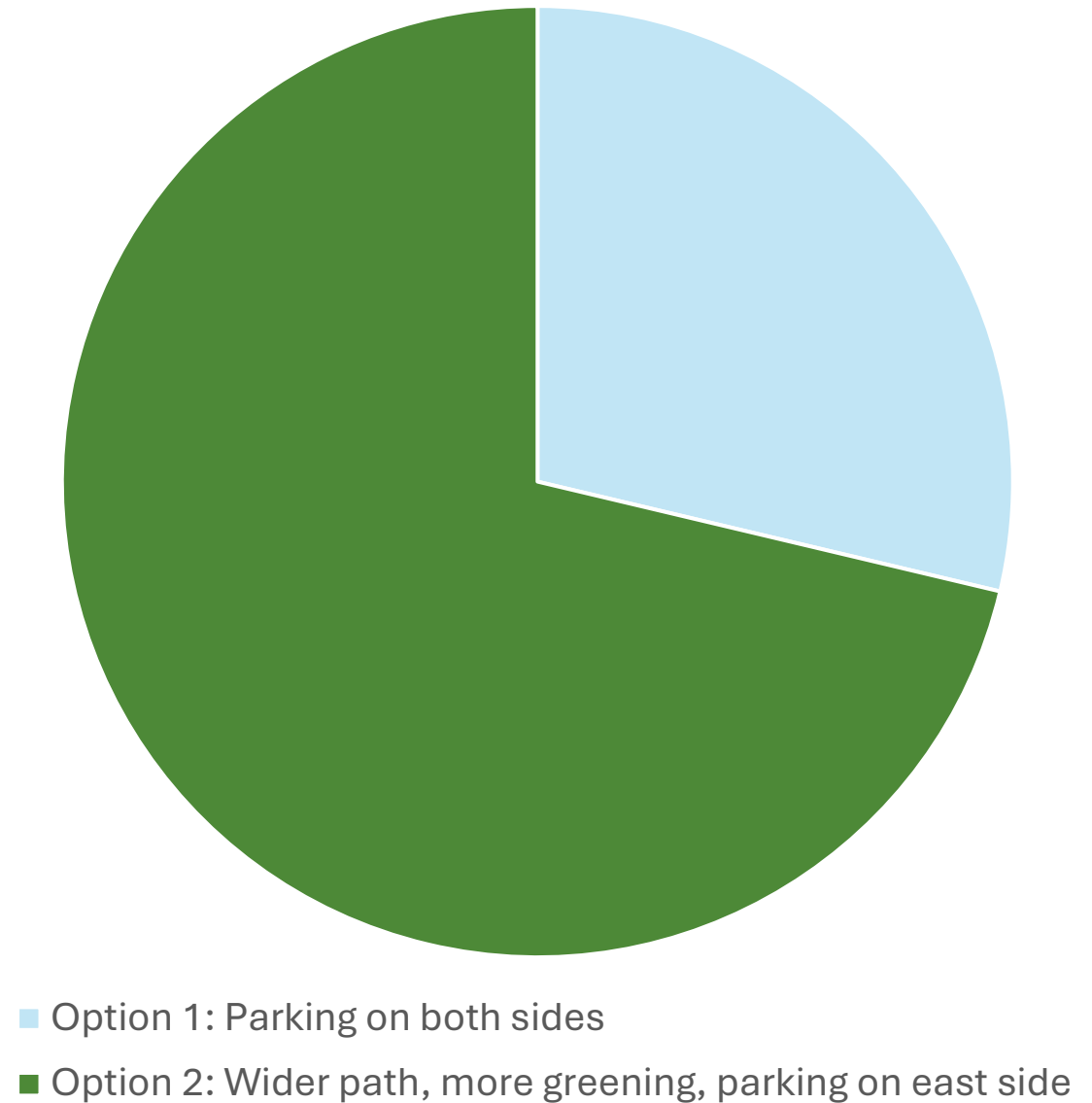
Comments:

- More trees/greening
- Reduced speeding, focus on safety
- Better lighting
- Separation between cars and users

Survey:

- In English and Spanish
- Closed June 2024
- 119 votes from 48209

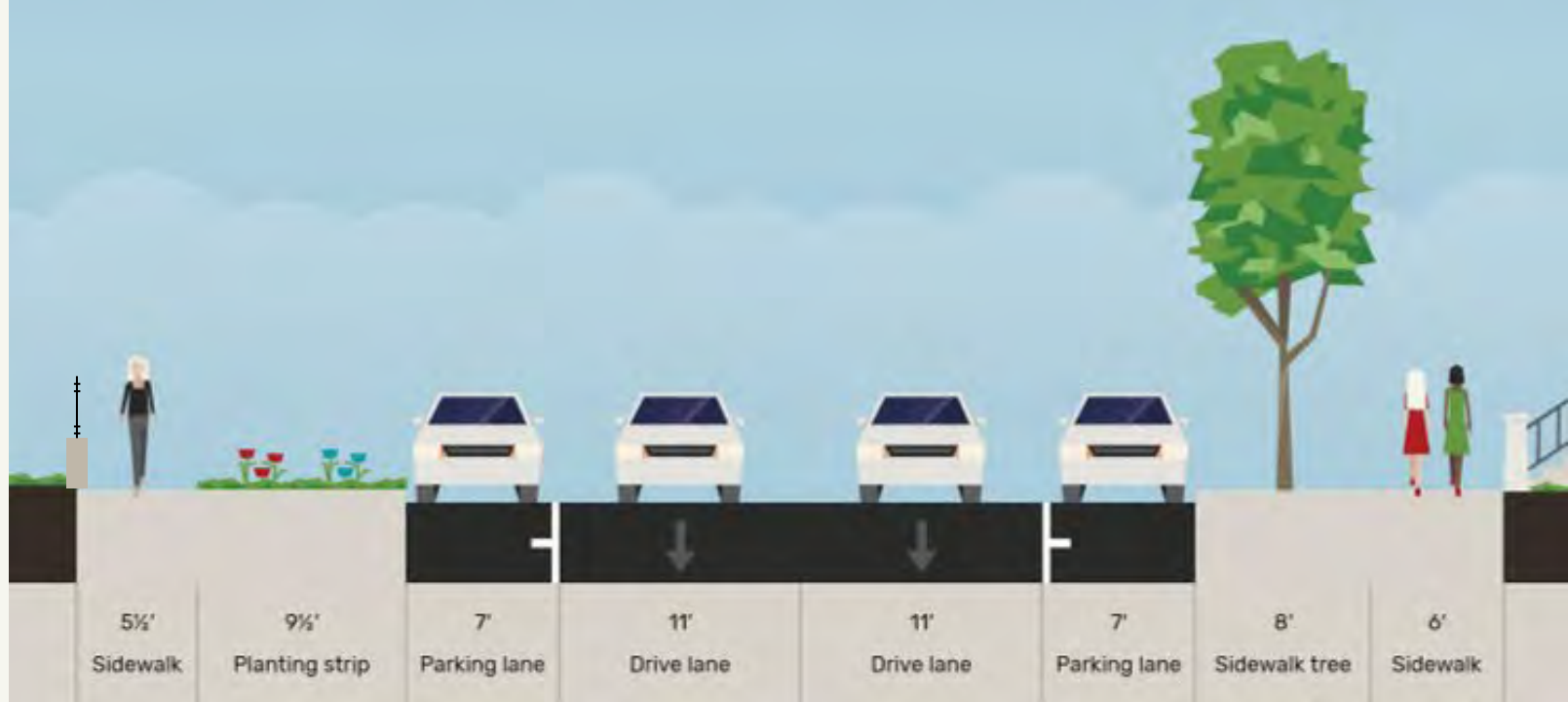
Woodmere Street Preference



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

Parking lanes are often empty

Wide street encourages speeding



# PROPOSED

Move curb and create shared-use path along Woodmere Cemetery

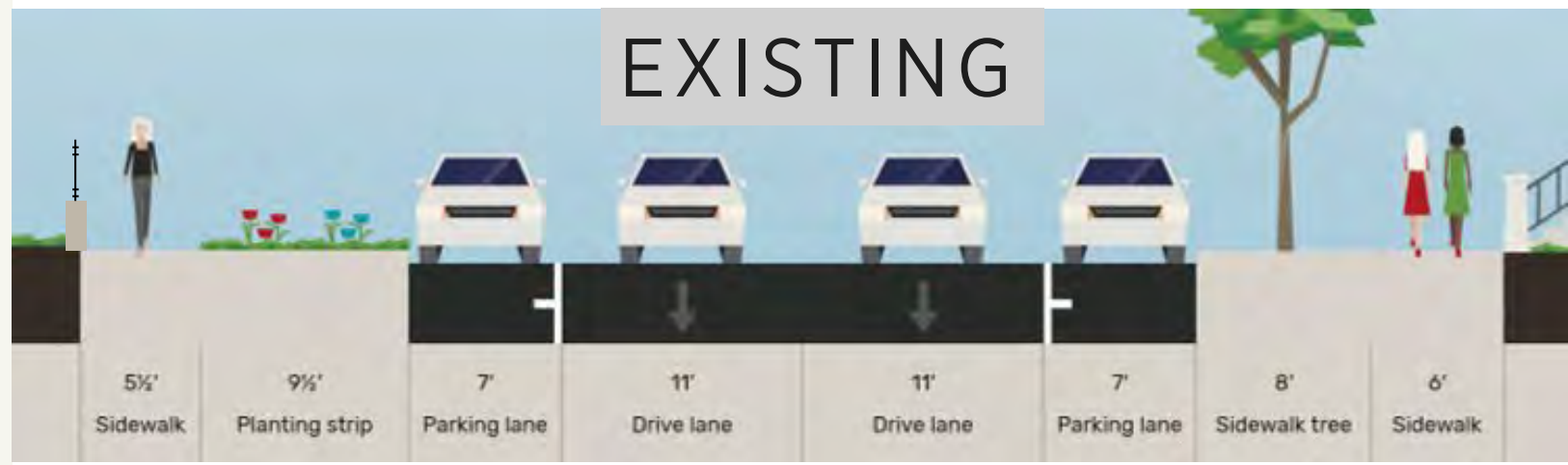
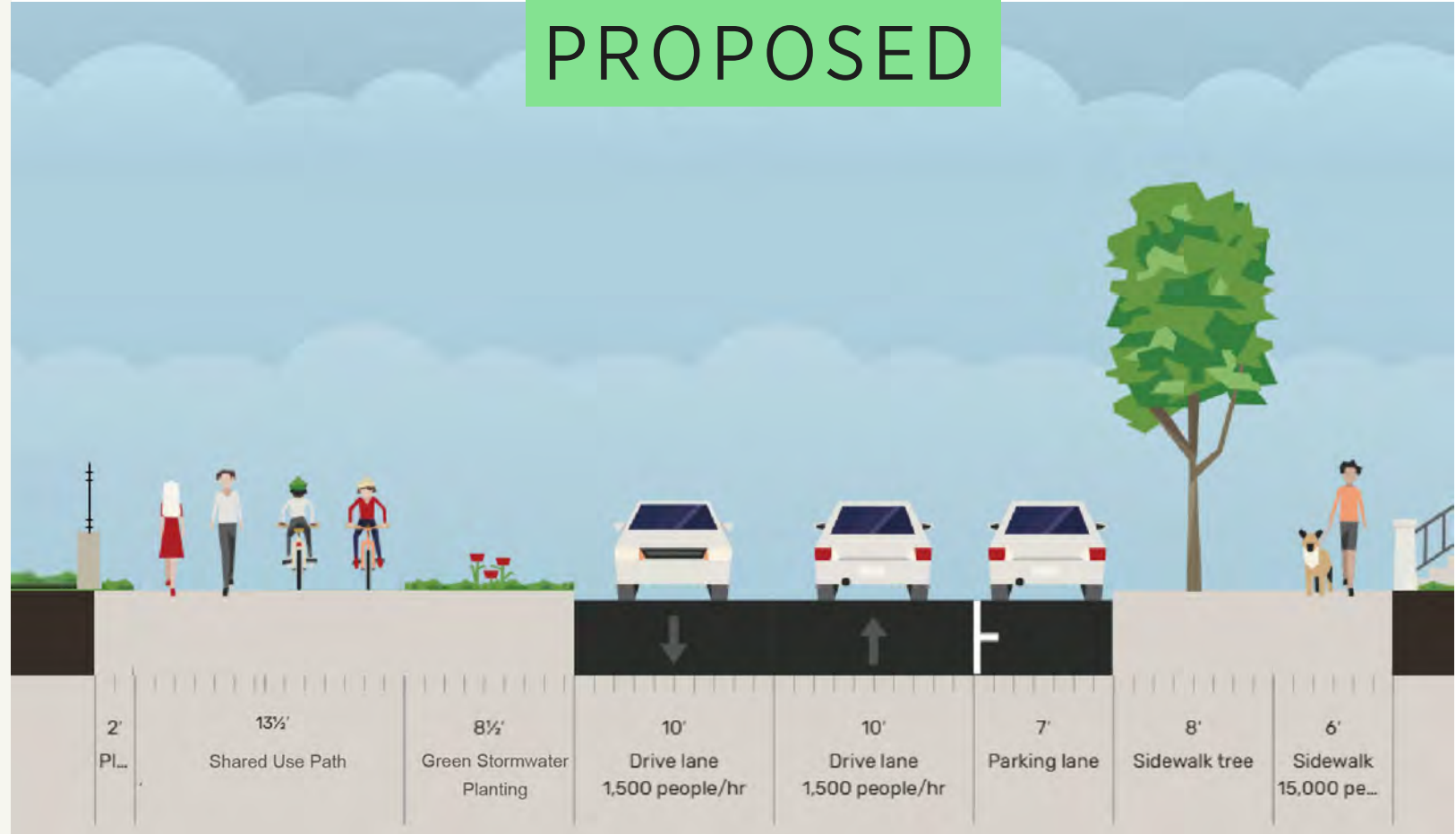
Preserved east side parking

Green stormwater infrastructure

Improved street and pedestrian lighting

Road resurfacing

Speed & safety interventions



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

AKA: Green Stormwater  
Infrastructure or GSI

“Landscaped depressions  
designed to capture, treat, and  
infiltrate stormwater runoff”



# CURB EXTENSIONS

AKA: Bumpouts

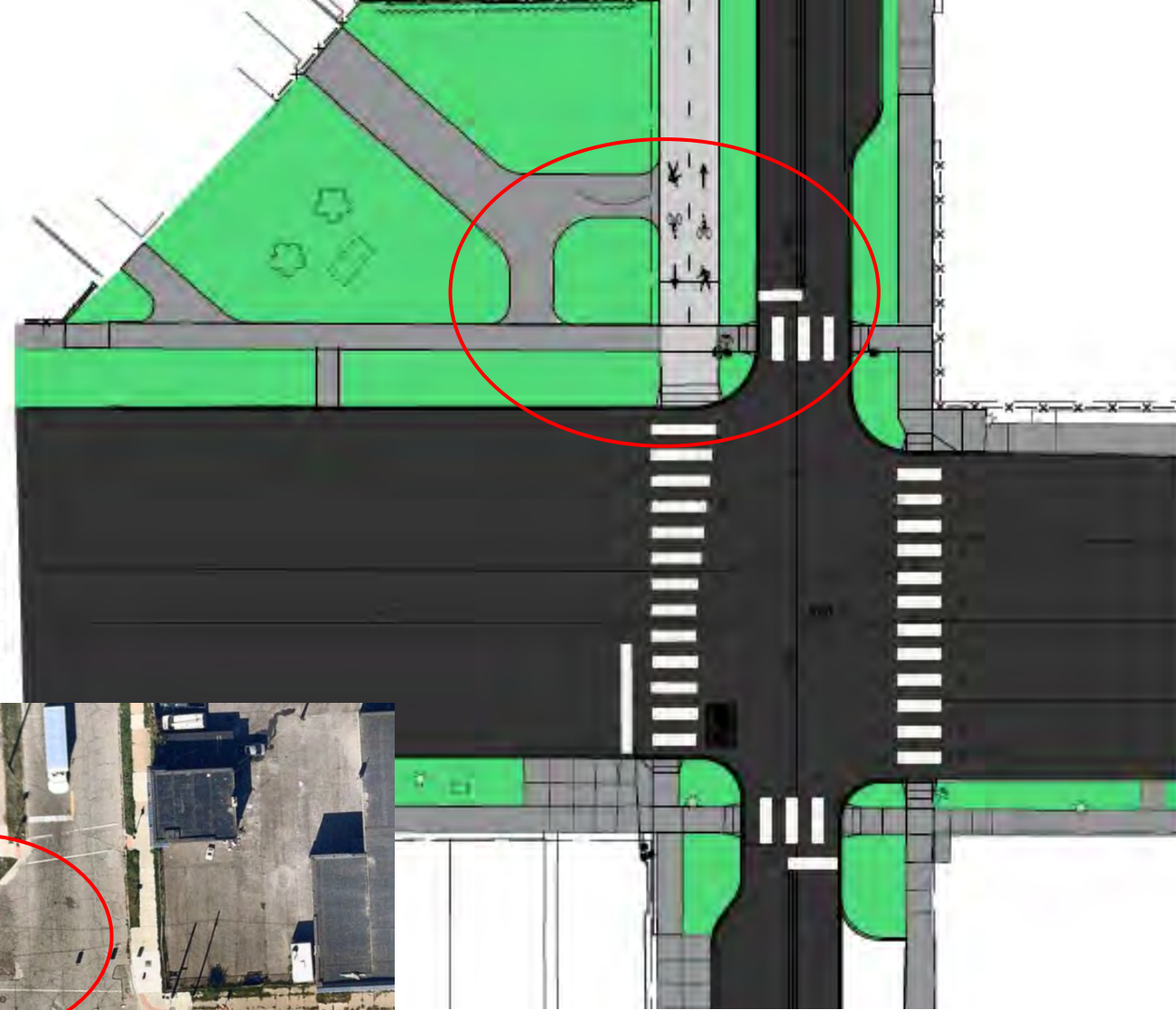
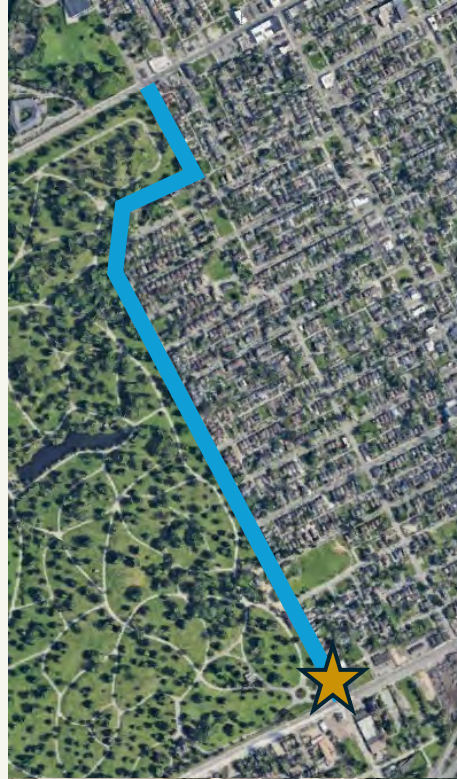
“Visually and physically narrow the roadway, creating safer and shorter crossings for pedestrians while increasing the available space for street furniture, benches, plantings, and street trees.”



# FORT

## Safety

- Historic Woodmere Cemetery entrance becomes pedestrian only with new entrance on Fort
- Fort intersection standardized
- Woodmere crossing narrowed
- Bumpouts on Woodmere



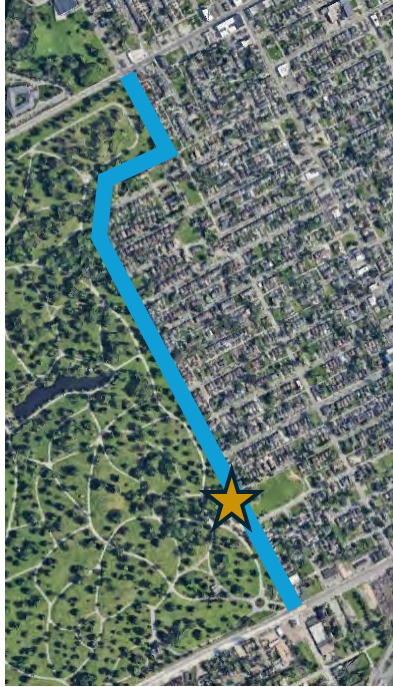
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## Speed and Safety

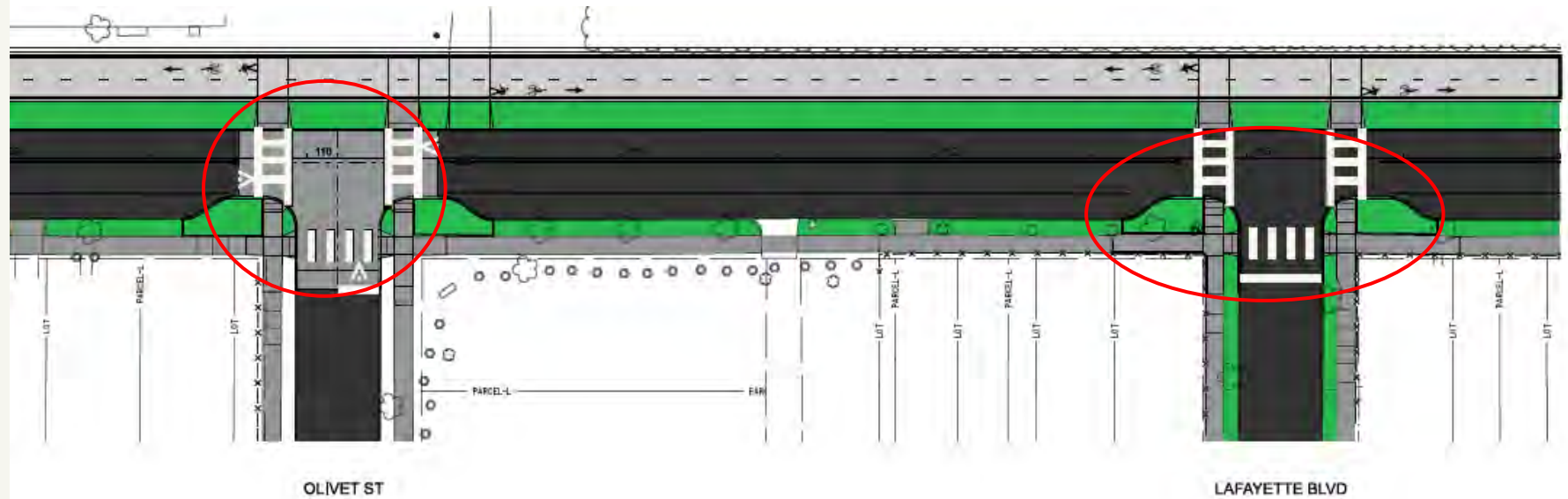
- Narrowed Woodmere width
- Raised Intersection
- Bump outs

## Environment

- Green Stormwater infrastructure
- Street trees



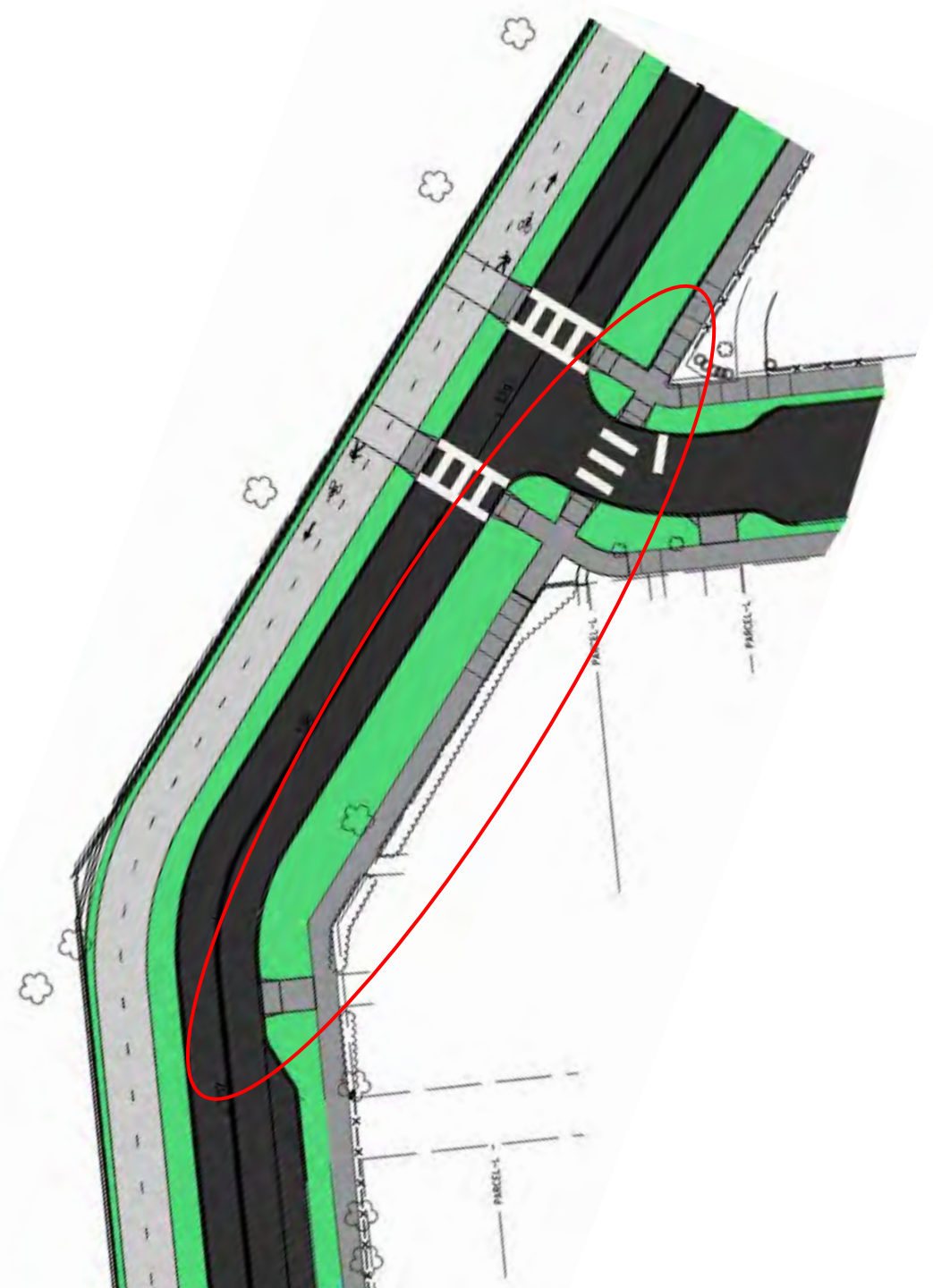
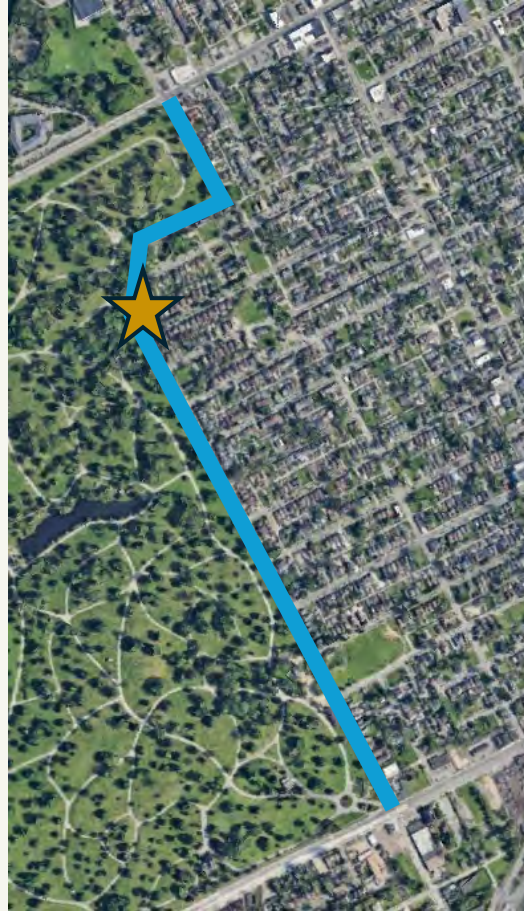
Ex: Clark Park



# MANDALE

## Speed and Safety

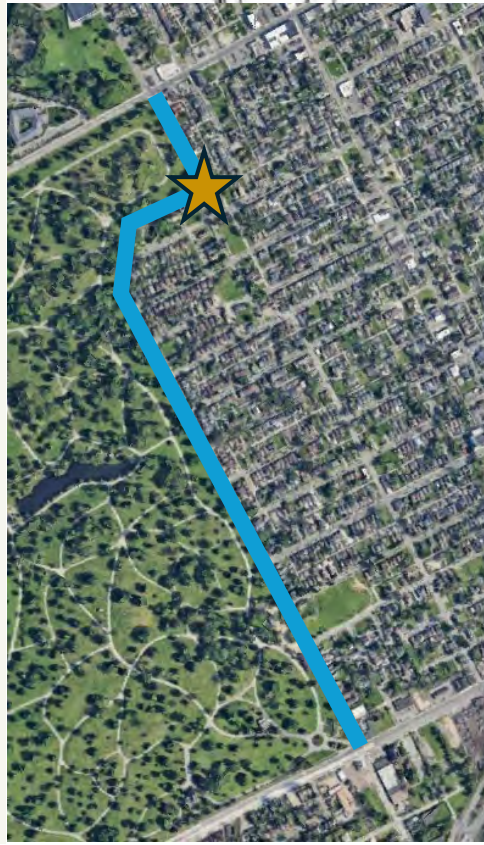
- Narrowed Woodmere width
- Mandale intersection becomes square with Woodmere
- Bumpouts



# ELSMERE

## Speed and Safety

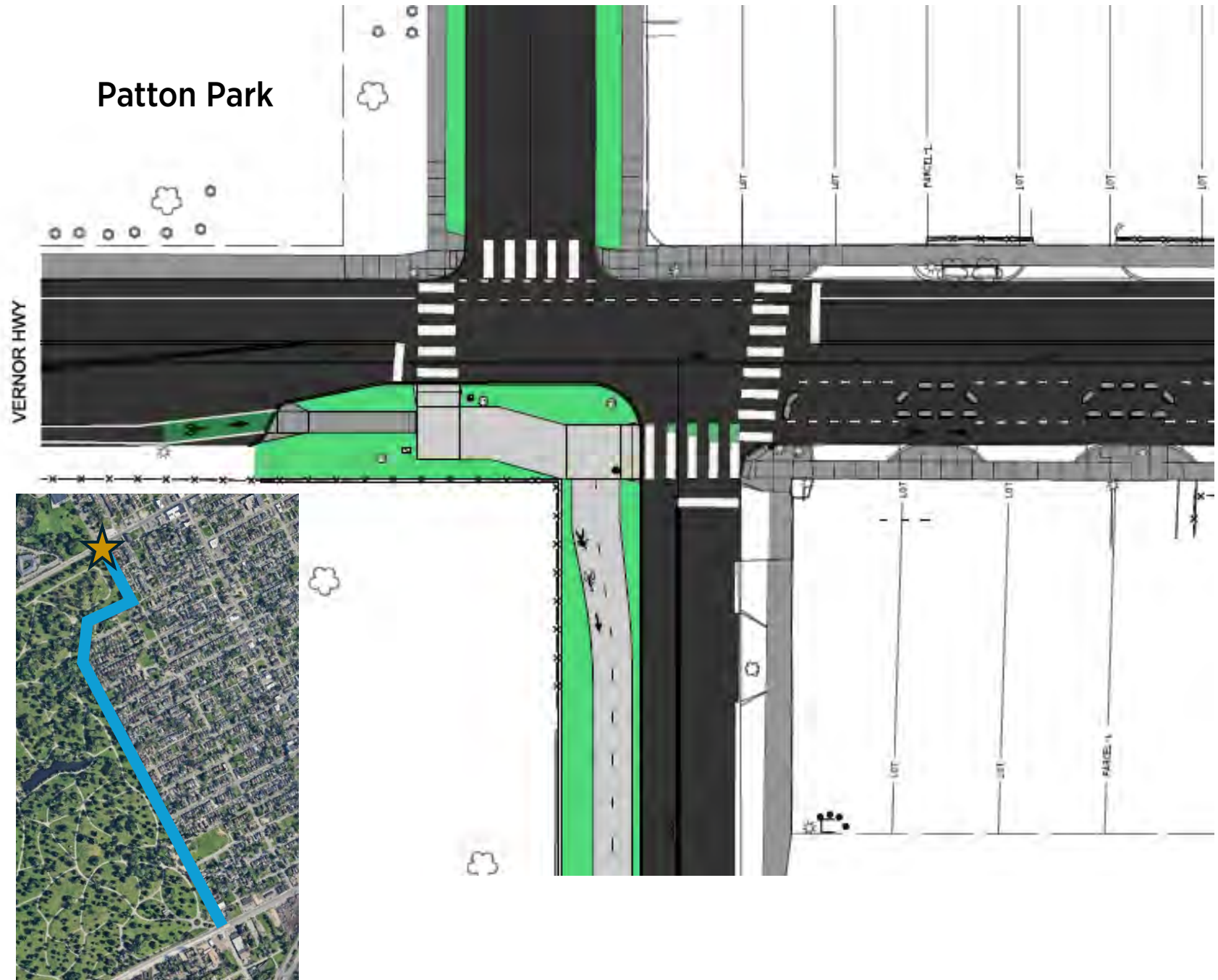
- Narrower turn radius
- Road curvature
- Woodmere narrowed
- Three-way stop at Elsmere



# VERNOR

## Safety

- Shorter Vernor crossing to Patton Park
- Woodmere narrowed



# STAY INVOLVED

## NEXT MEETING

April 16, 2026

5:00-6:00pm

D6 Community Meeting Zoom

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## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS:

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