

# Alternatives Development

# Alternatives Development Discussion

- Review purpose and need
- Best practices for alternatives development
- Review corridor “segments”, or “portions”
- Alternatives concepts
  - Strategy Table
  - Cross Section
  - Concept layout
- Other concepts
- Collect input per corridor segment

## What's the problem?

- Bad and deteriorating traffic congestion
- Deficient pedestrian and bike environment
- Few buses (few bus routes exist on the corridor due to congestion and poor pedestrian facilities)
- Light rail station coming but people can't get there easily
- Collision records show unsafe conditions for cars, bikes, and pedestrians



# What are the main goals for the project?

Ensure we can walk, bike, bus, or drive safely and reliably along and across the corridor.

And:

Develop transportation improvements that:

- Support the local economy
- Protect the environment
- Support a vibrant community

# “Best practices” for developing alternatives

- Should be directly responsive to the problem statement
- Use purpose and need statement to test reasonableness
- Consider all viable transportation modes and technologies
- Consider design and operational/policy solutions
- Commit to develop and assess multiple meaningful alternatives

# Evaluation Criteria

# What is important to you?

## Evaluation criteria define how improvement concepts are measured against other concepts

How well does the alternative ...

- support safer travel by all modes and alleviate existing problems?
- improve transit performance in the corridor?
- support pedestrian and bike connectivity?
- improve traffic flow?
- provide benefits to freight-related system users?
- integrate with other capital projects including the proposed light rail station and future improvements to the I-5 interchange?
- provide for opportunities to upgrade facilities to manage stormwater runoff and upgrade stormwater quality?
- support the community's vision for adjacent neighborhoods?

How well does the alternative ...

- provide for opportunities to improve existing utilities?
- minimize impacts to critical areas or mitigate unavoidable impacts?
- reduce air pollutants including greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants?
- encourage and support private reinvestment in the corridor through improvements such as landscaping, upgraded utilities and enhanced aesthetics?
- minimize impacts to property and business owners?
- support the ability to compete for grant funding or secure direct funding?

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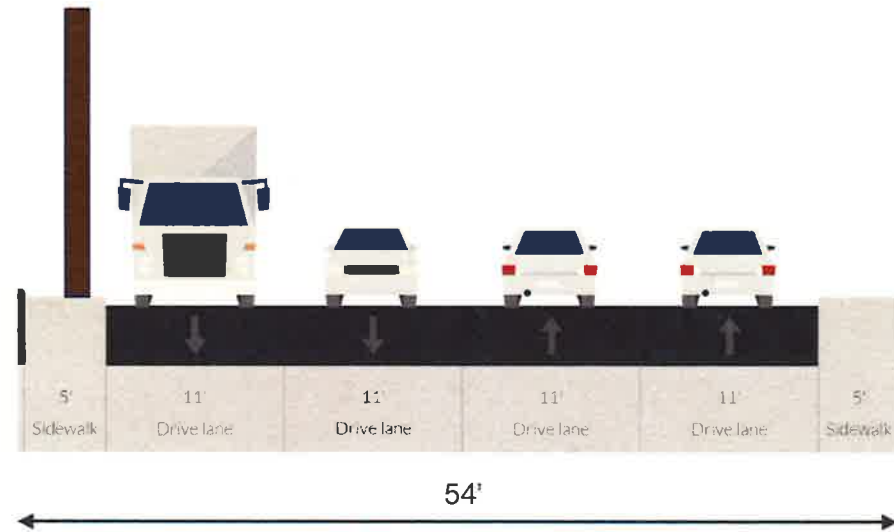
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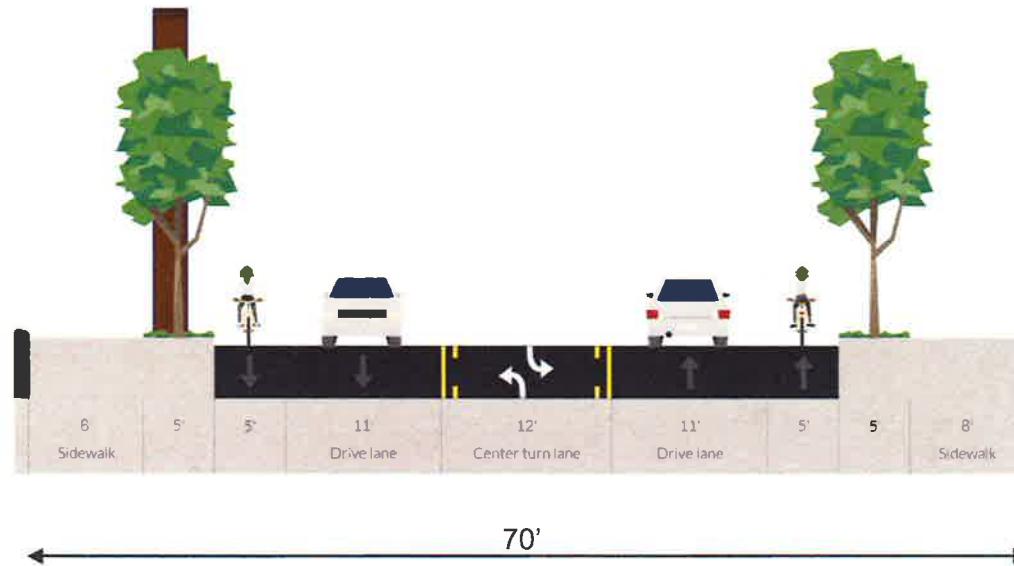
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- No bike facilities
- Non-accessible sidewalks
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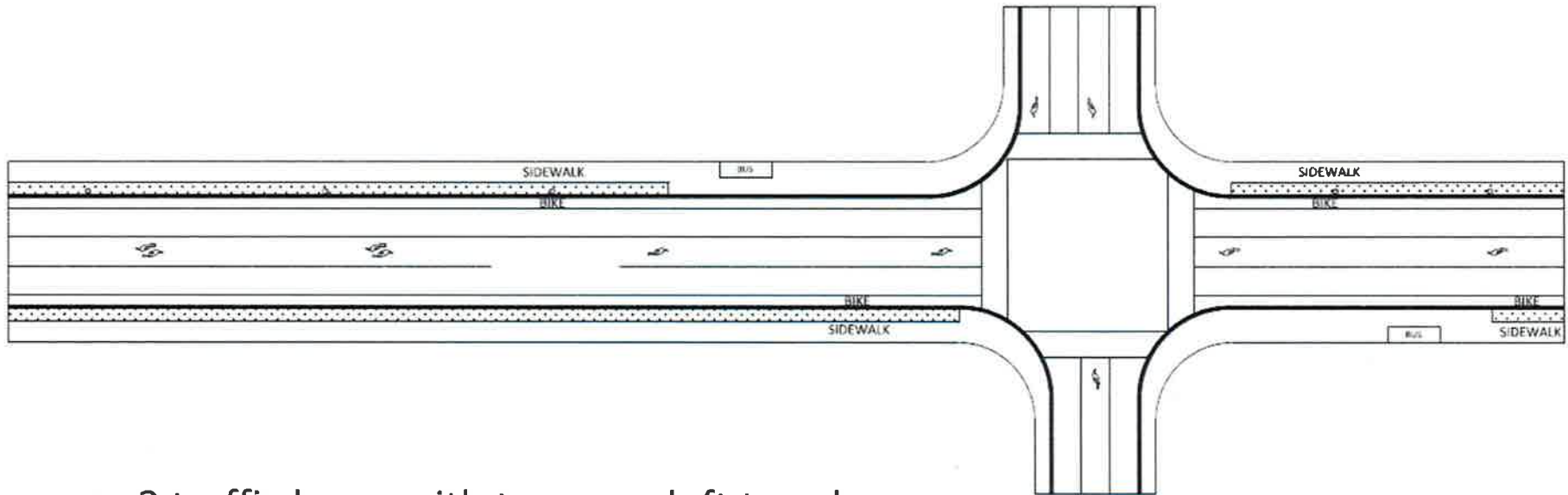
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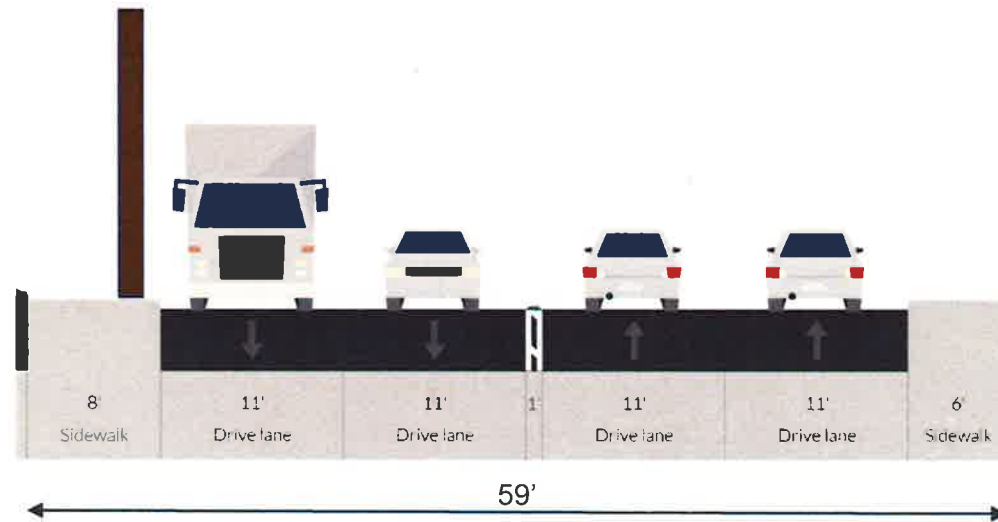


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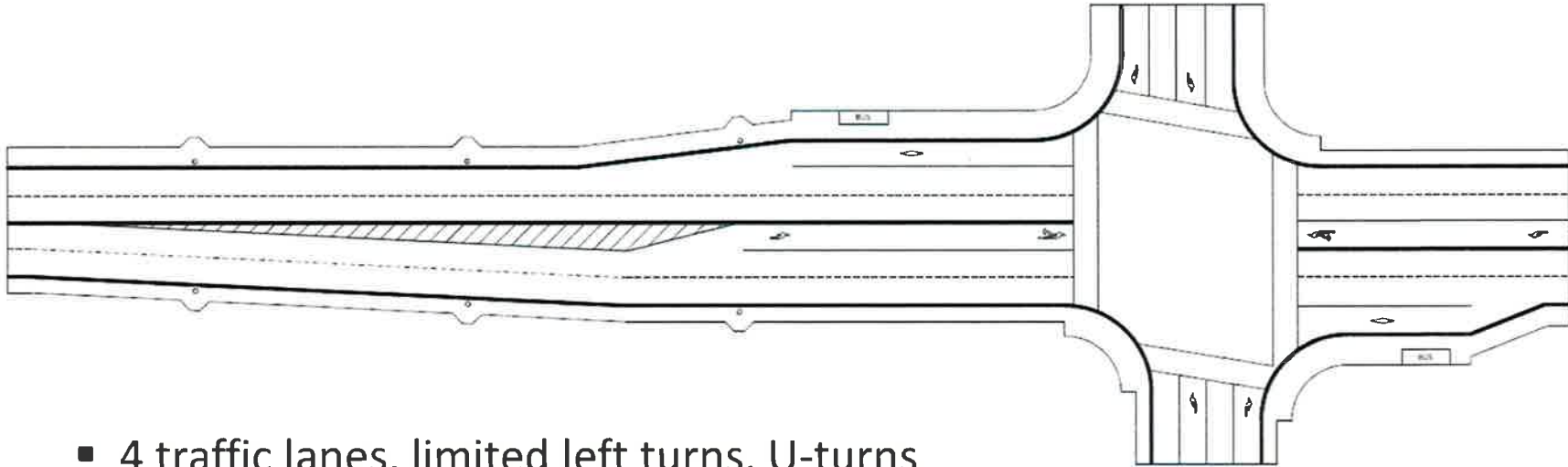
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# 145<sup>th</sup> Station Subarea DEIS Green Network Concept

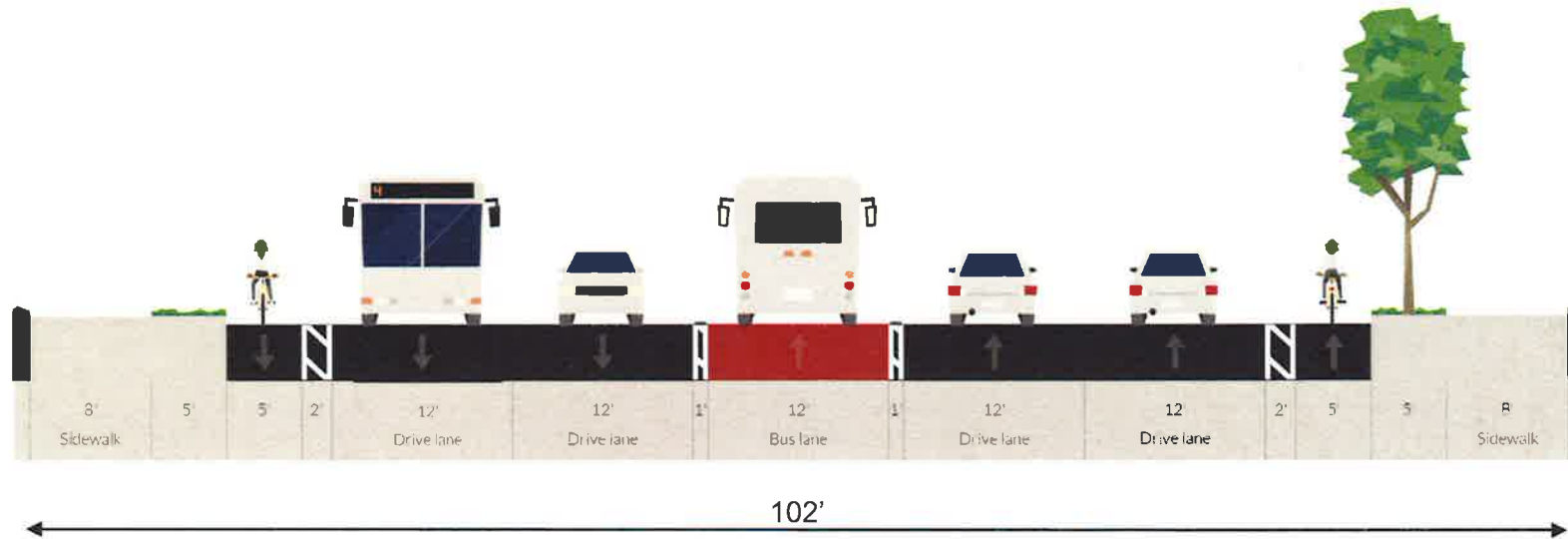


- Green network concept will be expanded

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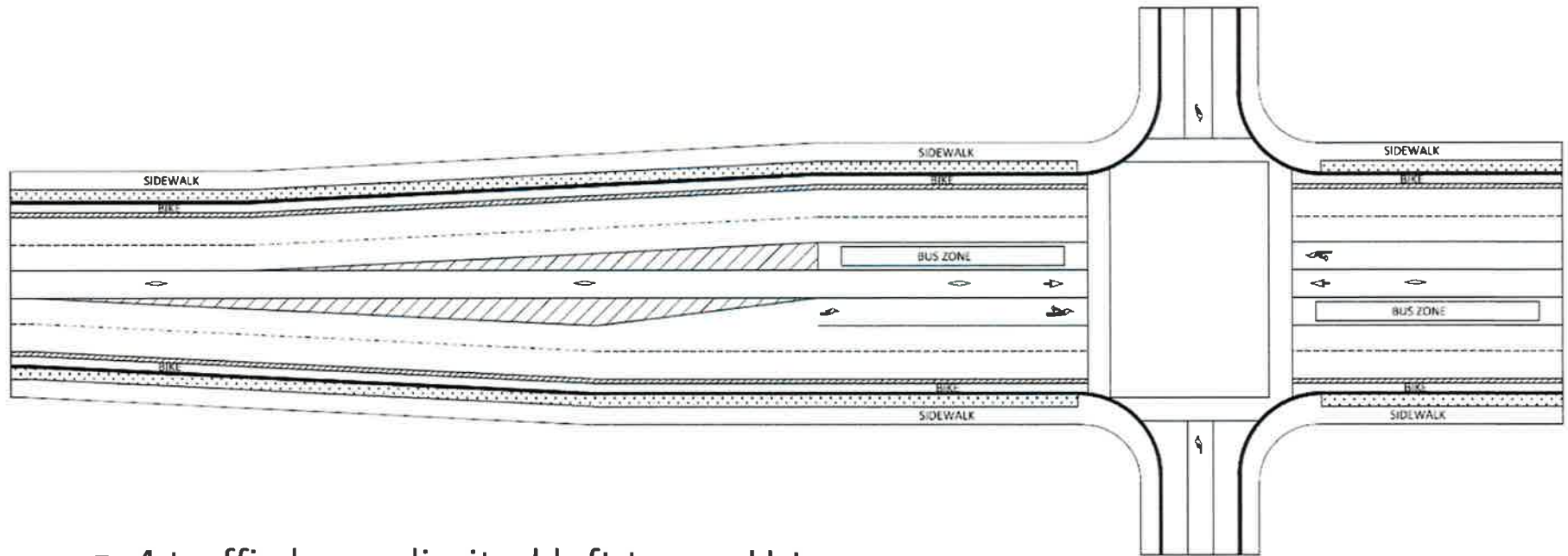
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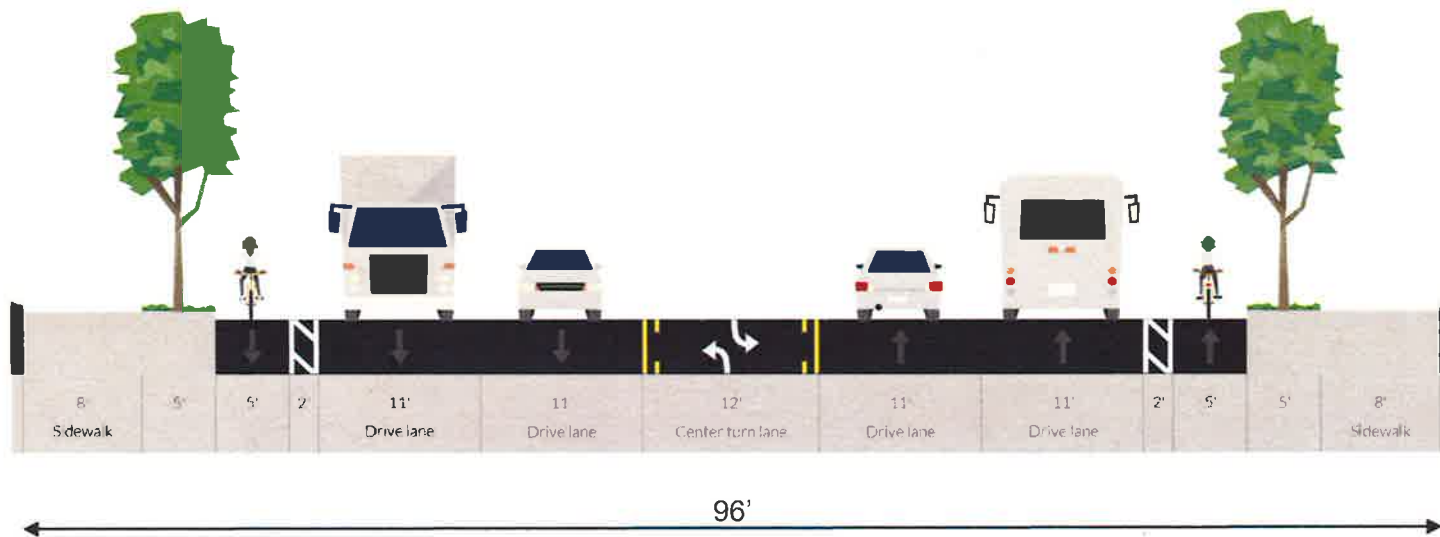
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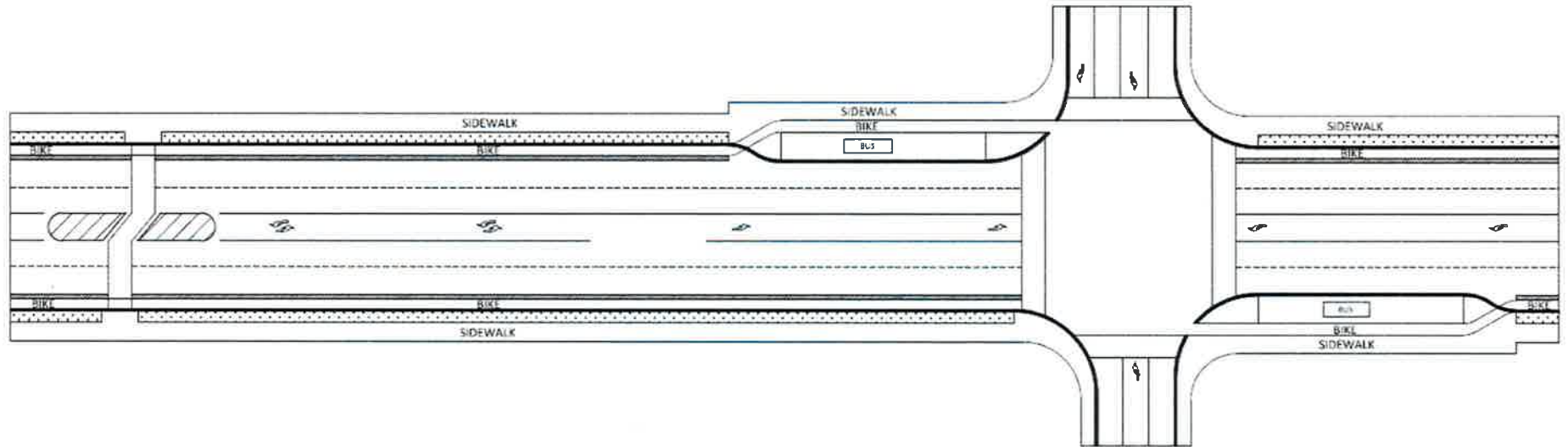


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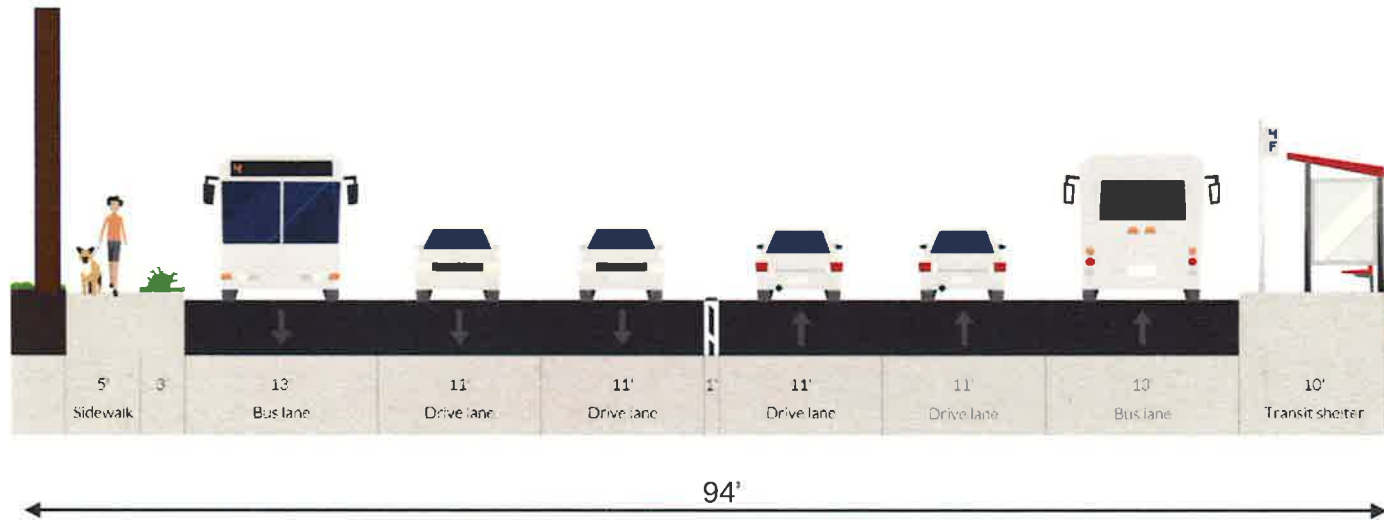


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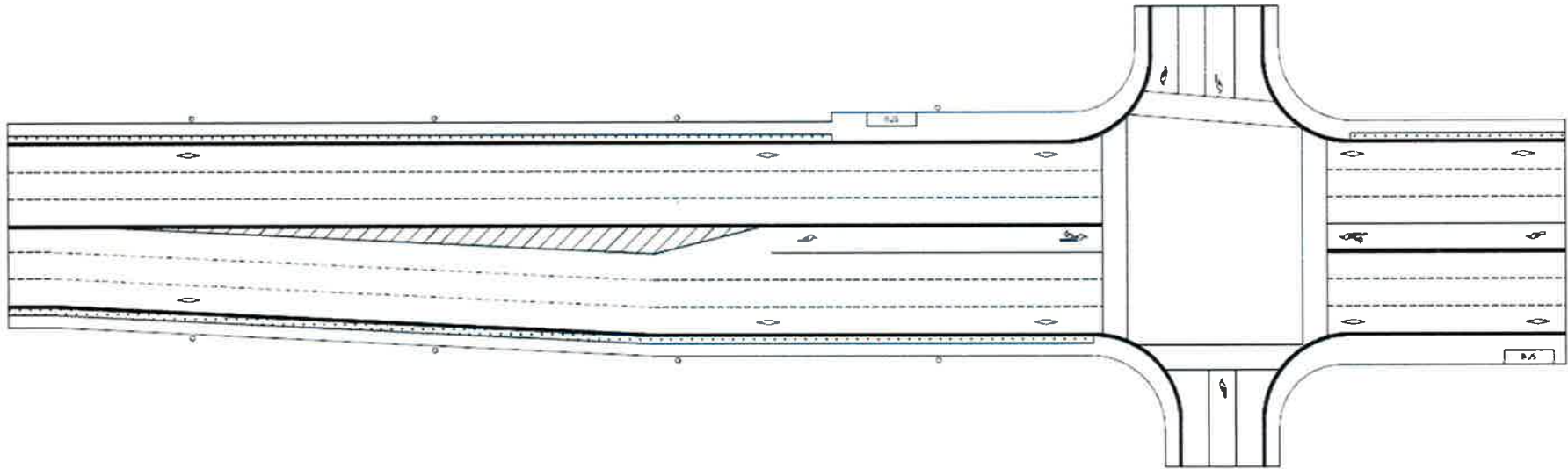


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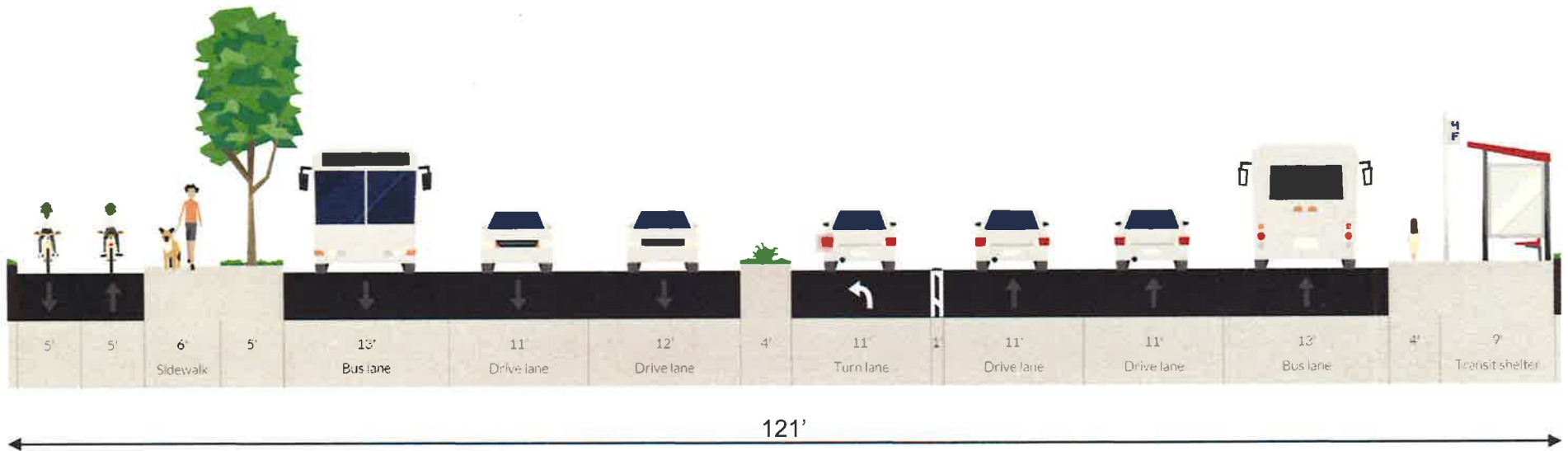
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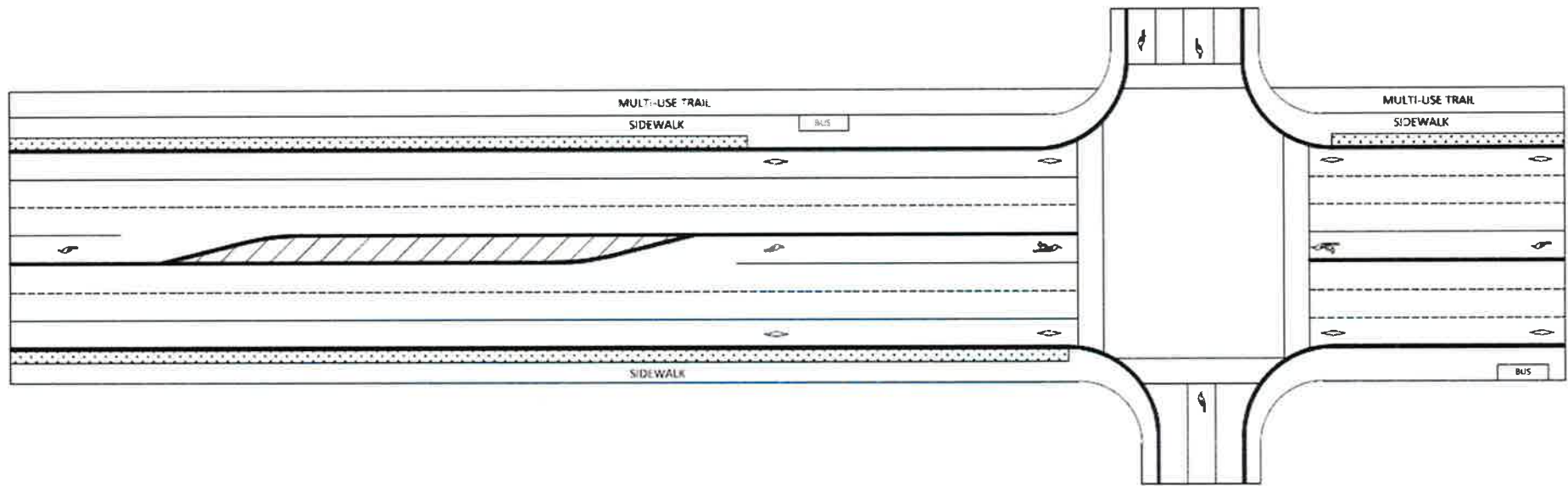
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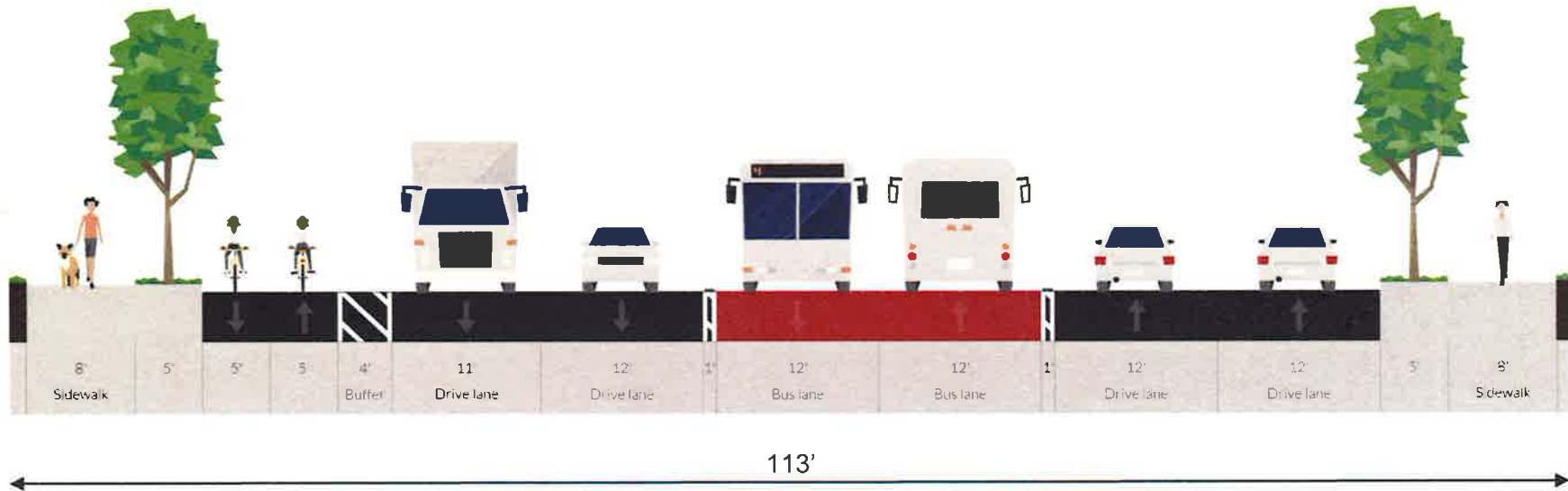
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Widen to add Business Access/Transit Lane WB	Widen to add Bus and Right Turn Lane WB		8' sidewalks and 5' landscape buffer	Widen to accommodate 5' bike lanes		Improve corridor roadway lighting
Reversible traffic lane	Bus pullouts		Multi-use trail along project corridor	Widen to accommodate buffered bike lanes (2' striping + 5' bike lanes) with route behind bus shelters		Special pedestrian scale lighting
Adaptive signals in the network	Median-running bus lanes			Widen to accommodate cycletracks		Surveillance cameras for increased security and/or emergency response.
Widen to add additional traffic lane	Reversible Bus Lane			Multi-use trail along project corridor		
Remove traffic lanes				Develop parallel corridor "greenway" for bikes		

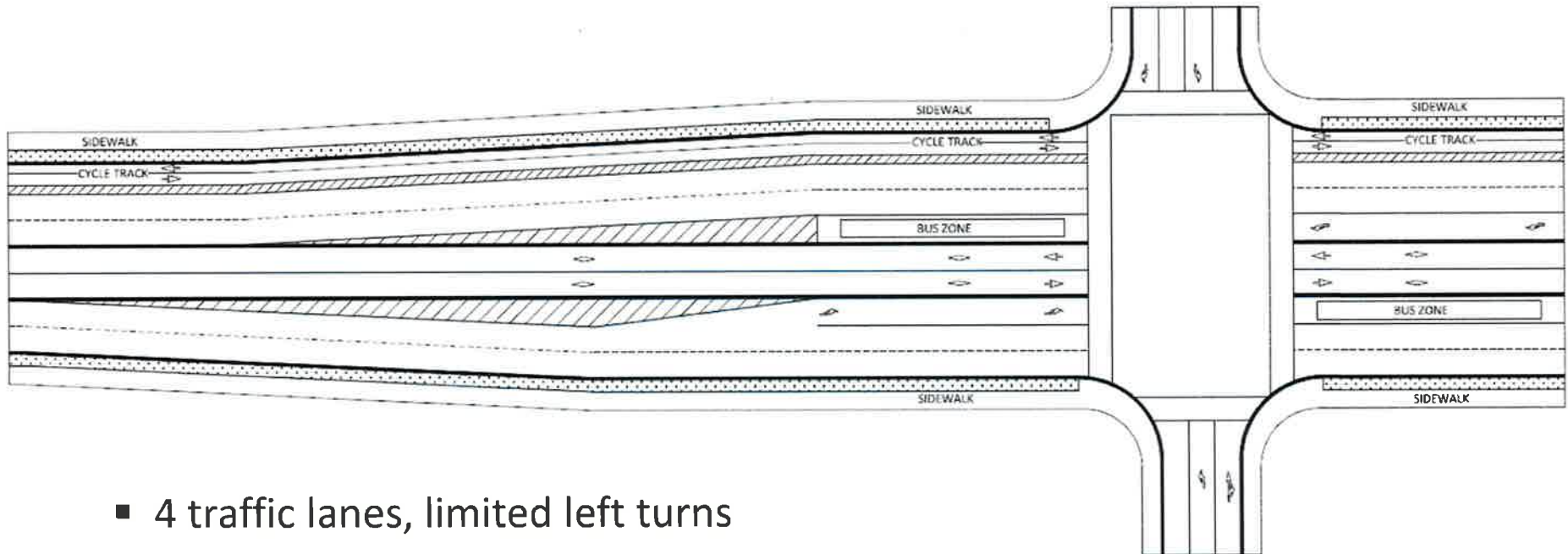
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