



Meeting: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Time and Date: August 22, 2023, 2:30 PM-4:00PM

Location: Southeast Community Services

Attendees:

Name	Organization & Role	Name	Organization & Role
Bruce Colville	Rethink Coalition	Laura Hilden	INDOT –Director of Environmental Services
Charlie Richardson	Rethink Coalition	Drew Passmore	INDOT – Environmental Planner
Gina Christofaro	Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood	Cindy Mauro	INDOT – Environmental Planner
John Kinsella	Rethink Coalition	Terri Fair	INDOT
Jordan Ryan	North Square Neighborhood Association	Kari Carmany-George	FHWA
Kurt Bokelman	Garfield Park Neighborhood	Jay DuMontelle	FHWA
Mark Russel	Indianapolis Urban League	Anna Wainscott	Parsons – Public Involvement Specialist
Marjorie Hennessey	Health by Design	Berry Craig	Parsons – Public Involvement Specialist
Meg Storrow	Rethink Coalition	John LaBlonde	Parsons – Deputy Project Manager
Paula Brooks	Hoosier Environmental Council	Mindy Peterson	Parsons – Public Involvement Director
Andy Dietrick	INDOT Major Projects Division		
Brian Shattuck	INDOT		

Meeting Purpose: The meeting provided an update on the I-65 Safety and Efficiency project, summarized the role of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and allowed for discussion of more detailed improvements and other project items.

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. Mindy Peterson (MP), Parsons public involvement director, welcomed the group.
 - b. Self-introductions were made.
2. Project Presentation
 - a. The project presentation was led by John LaBlonde (JL), Parsons project manager, and MP. It was interactive with discussion throughout the presentation.





- b. Topics included the role of the CAC committee, project overview, anticipated improvements to bridges and sidewalks, an overview of noise analysis underway, next steps and project contact channels.
- 3. Role of CAC/Meeting Preferences
 - a. CAC members serve as liaisons between their organization and the Project Team. They share their views and identify items for discussion with the Project Team.
 - b. The group prefers a hybrid meeting option.
 - c. Meeting minutes and materials will be shared with all invitees.
- 4. Project Overview
 - a. I-65 Safety and Efficiency includes added capacity mainly using the existing inside shoulder, bridge widening/replacement, pavement work and drainage improvements.
 - b. The 5-mile corridor stretches from the I-465 interchange to Fletcher Avenue in downtown Indianapolis.
 - c. Most of the work is happening within existing right of way (ROW), and no changes are expected for vehicular access to on and off ramps.
 - d. Environmental analysis and preliminary design work are underway with construction expected to begin in 2025 and last up to two years. I-65 will remain open during construction.
- 5. Anticipated Improvements
 - a. The project is expected to result in four travel lanes in each direction from I-465 to I-70 with the majority of project limits using existing pavement/inside shoulder for added capacity.
 - b. The Hanna Avenue bridge will be replaced.
 - c. The northbound bridge over Morris/Prospect Street is expected to be rehabilitated and widened.
 - d. The northbound bridges over Naomi Street and E. Pleasant Run (North and South) parkways are expected to be widened.
 - e. An auxiliary lane will connect Raymond to Washington at Morris/Prospect.
- 6. Hanna Avenue Bridge Replacement
 - a. There will be six-foot sidewalks added on the north side of the new bridge.
 - b. A 10-foot shared-use path is being added to the south side of the bridge.
 - c. The shared-use path accommodates a future pedestrian pathway, in coordination with DPW plans.
- 7. Sidewalk and Other Improvements
 - a. Pavement patching and resurfacing will be completed along the corridor.
 - b. Work will improve pavement and bridge conditions while minimizing the need for future repairs.
 - c. Drainage improvements will be made.
 - d. Sidewalk improvements have been added to the project throughout the corridor:
 - i. New lighting throughout the area
 - ii. New sidewalks in select areas
 - iii. Broken sidewalks replaced





- iv. Sidewalks leveled throughout the area
 - v. ADA ramps evaluated and improved
 - e. See attached presentation for details of sidewalk improvements at specific areas.
8. Noise Study
- a. Noise analysis will be completed soon. The analysis compares current and expected traffic volumes and noise levels.
 - b. The need for noise abatement measures is based on a high increase of noise levels. INDOT's noise policy follows FHWA policy. The full noise policy is available on INDOT and project websites.
 - c. Abatement measures must be reasonable and feasible. Barriers must achieve a 5 dB(A) reduction in noise for the majority of impacted receptors.
 - d. Measures are based on engineering standards and cost effectiveness is based on costs divided by number of benefited receptors. It must meet cost-benefit analysis and desired by the majority of receptors.
 - e. Outreach to benefitted receptors is expected to begin this fall. A response rate of more than 50%+ is required and a second survey will be sent, if needed.
9. Next Steps
- a. A public hearing is expected in spring 2024. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2025.
 - b. Two public meetings will be held next week. The in-person meeting is August 29 at SENSE Charter School, 5:30 to 7pm with a 6pm presentation.
 - c. The virtual meeting will be held August 30th at 6pm. Meeting fliers have been posted in several locations. The fliers have directions for Spanish speakers.
10. Contact Channels
- a. The project website, I65SafetyandEfficiency.com has project information, FAQs, maps and more. CAC and public meeting materials will be posted there. Sign up for project updates via email (on the project website or text "INDOT I65SandE" to 468311).
 - b. INDOT4U contact channels are used with all feedback shared with the Project Team. Mention I-65 Safety and Efficiency.
11. Closing Remarks
- a. Closing Remarks from MP and JL.
12. Group Discussion/Questions and Answers (Received throughout the meeting)

Comment: Meg Storrow (MS), Rethink, noted concerns about project improvements possibly hindering the planning study Rethink has underway/Reconnecting Communities grant.

A: JL, Parsons, noted that the work as part of I-65 Safety and Efficiency is needed and doesn't impact future projects proposed by Rethink or the ProPEL Indy study underway.

Comment: Charlie Richardson (CR), Rethink, indicated Rethink has concerns about the additional lane near Morris/Prospect.





A: JL, Parsons, noted that bridge widening is needed for the additional capacity at Morris/Prospect and traffic counts support the improvement.

Q: Andy Dietrick (AD), INDOT, asked Meg Storrow about the timeline of the Rethink study and project.

A: MS, Rethink, noted their plan is in development and construction timing is anticipated in the next few years.

Q: Bruce Colville (BC) Rethink, asked about the added capacity at Morris/Prospect.

A: JL explained the project aims to increase mobility and improve safety. Ramp traffic from Raymond does not have enough gaps between motorists. Allowing a longer transition for cars to merge will improve safety.

Comment: MS expressed concerns for the project not accounting for other planned projects.

A: MP, Parsons, reassured that nothing that is happening as part of I-65 Safety and Efficiency will constrain the PEL study or any other studies being conducted.

Comment: MS, Rethink, indicated the group would like to stay as engaged as possible. Any way they can be more involved in the project is appreciated.

A: MP, Parsons, noted that the Project Team will continue to collaborate.

Q: BC, Rethink, asked what happens if the Project Team continues to not reach 50% regarding noise outreach after multiple attempts.

A: JL explained if this is the case, INDOT will look at the responses they have received and determine next steps.

Comment: Kurt Bokelman (KB), Garfield Park Neighborhood Association, shared an idea for the Raymond Interchange. He believes it fits within the scope of the project—search “Rethink Raymond” on YouTube to find the video.

A: JL, Parsons, thanked him for his efforts and said the Project Team would review.

Comment: Jordan Ryan, North Square Neighborhood Association, thanked the Project Team for widening the scope to improve underneath overpasses.

Q: MS, Rethink, asked if there was a way for Rethink to post their report on the project website.

A: Brian Shattuck (BS), INDOT, said because it is a government website, that’s not possible.

Q: MS, Rethink, asked if Rethink could add a link to their website onto the public meeting flier.





A: MP, Parsons, noted that adding that may confuse the public. The Project Team needs to keep messaging as clear as possible.

The above-summary and attached PowerPoint Slides represent our recollection of the pertinent discussion points, decisions, and action items from the meeting. Please contact the preparer, Berry Craig, at Berry.Craig@Parsons.com, within thirty (30) days from your receipt of this document if you wish to make any additions or corrections. If revisions are made, the updated summary will be re-sent to all the attendants. Otherwise, this summary shall stand as the official record of the meeting.





Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

August 22, 2023



PRESENTERS



John LaBlonde

Project Manager, Parsons



Mindy Peterson

Public Involvement Director, Parsons



- 1. Role of CAC Committee**
- 2. Project Overview**
- 3. Anticipated Improvements**
- 4. Noise Study**
- 5. Community Outreach**
- 6. Next Steps**



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- **Discuss** project-related issues or concerns
- **Serve** as liaison between community or organization and Project Team
- **Share** views and identify local concerns in two-way communications with Project Team
- **Serve** in an advisory role and share project information with others

- Consistent communication
- Better understanding of project issues
- Detailed discussion of key issues
- Opportunity to hear differing views
- Opportunity for collaborative problem solving



- Kick-off meeting held in October
- Introduced I-65 Safety and Efficiency
- Discussed role of the CAC
- Discussed corridor needs
- Meeting minutes shared with group



- **Meeting format preference?**
Virtual? In-person?
- **Meeting time preference?**
Morning? Midday? Evening?
- **Contact preference?**
Email? Phone?



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



- Meetings are Aug. 29 and Aug. 30
- Learn more about improvements.
- Review maps, boards and information.
- Ask questions and share feedback.
- Complete a comment form.
- Help us spread the word.





PROJECT OVERVIEW



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- I-65 Safety and Efficiency in **southeast Indianapolis** will **reduce congestion** and **improve safety**.
- The nearly 5-mile project corridor stretches from north of the **I-465 interchange** to just north of **Fletcher Ave.** in downtown Indianapolis.
- The project includes **added capacity, bridge improvements** and **pavement patching and resurfacing**.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



- Project Team **identifying needs** and **developing solutions**
- **Public feedback** considered throughout the project
- Project Team **evaluated sidewalks** throughout the corridor
- **Ongoing coordination** with various groups and agencies



EXPECTED IMPROVEMENTS



- Added capacity
- Bridge improvements
- Pavement resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalk improvements



ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS



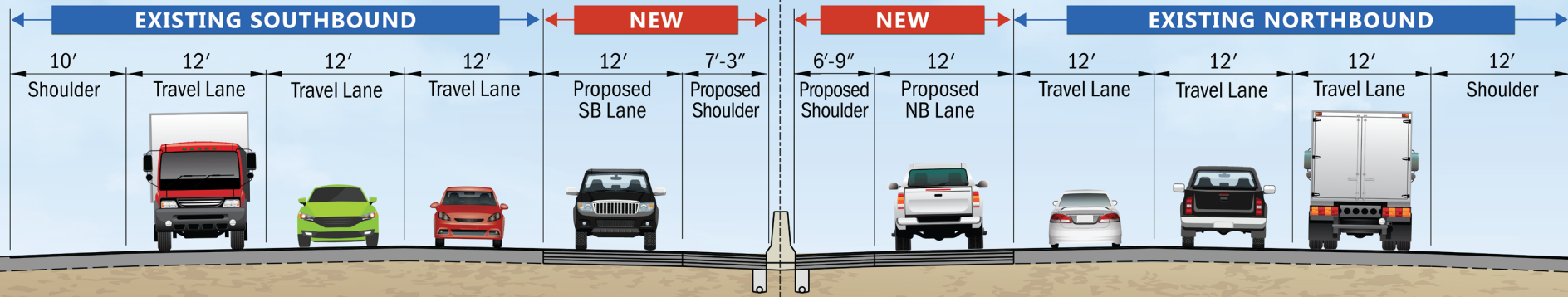
- Added lane between I-465 and I-70
- When complete, four lanes in each direction
- Most widening uses existing inside shoulder
- Widening to the outside for southern 1/3 of project



ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS



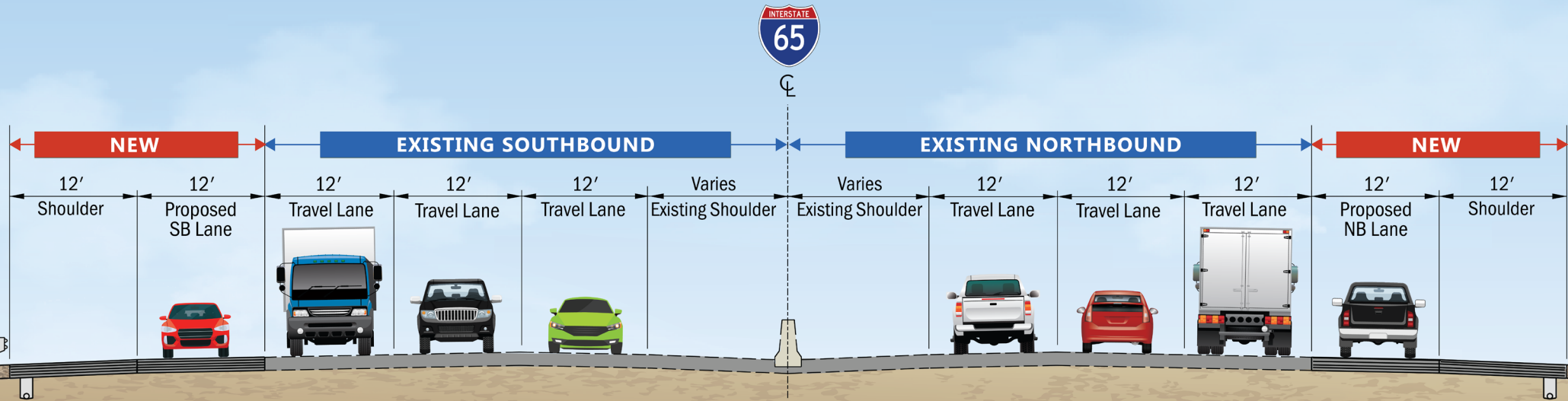
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I-65 FROM KEYSTONE AVENUE TO RAYMOND STREET



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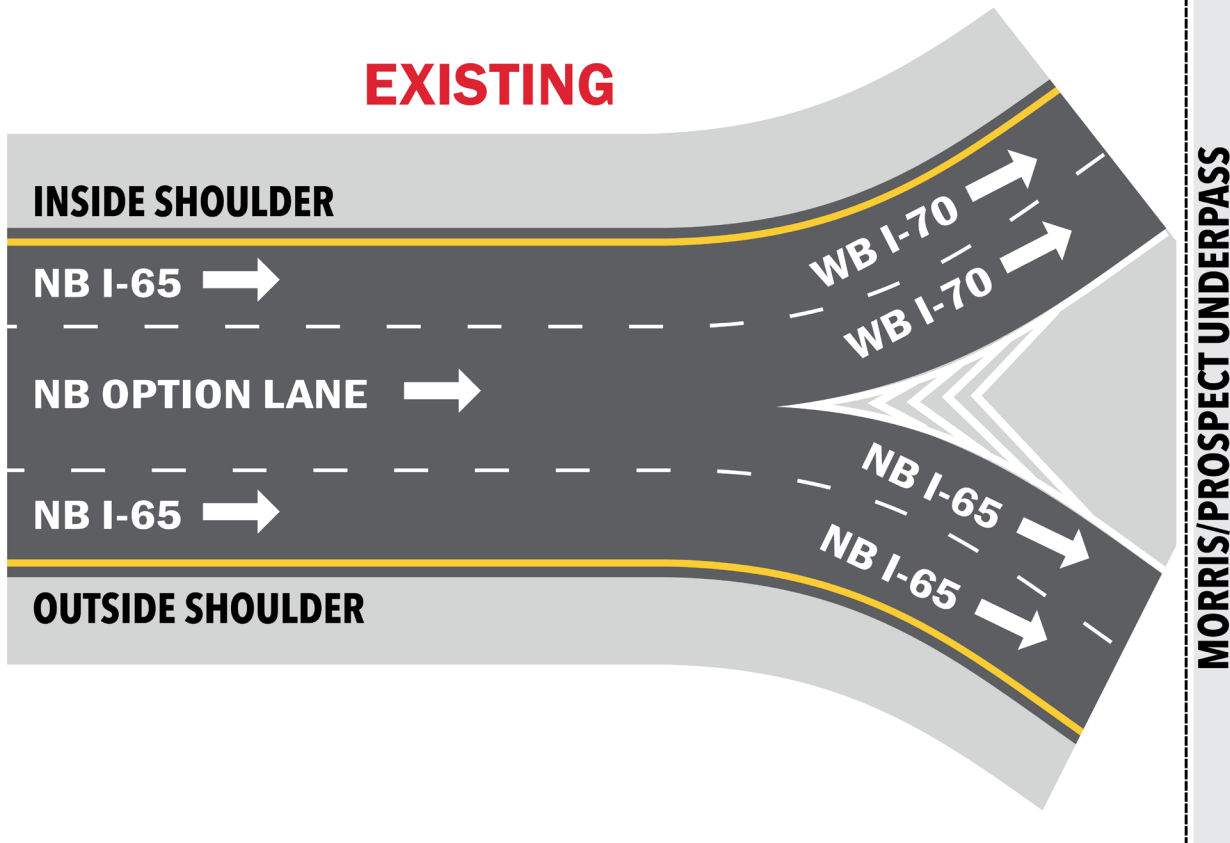
I-65 FROM I-465 TO KEYSTONE AVENUE



ADDED CAPACITY: MORRIS/PROSPECT



EXISTING

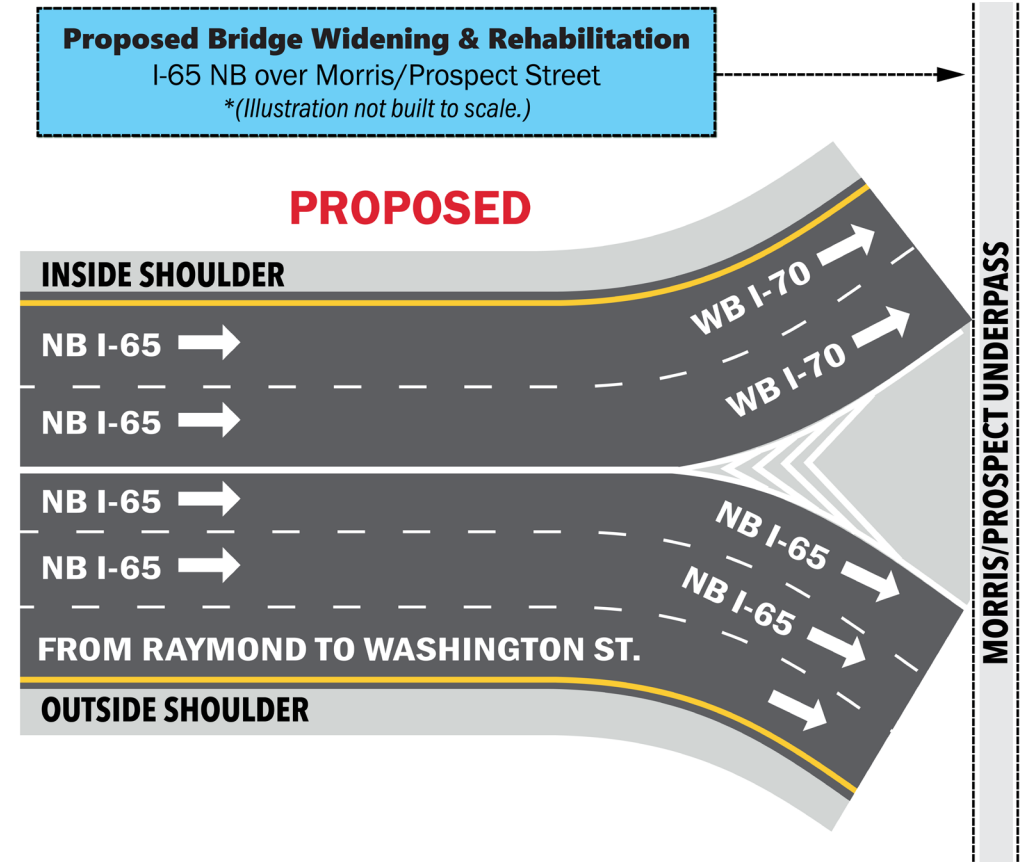


Proposed Bridge Widening & Rehabilitation

I-65 NB over Morris/Prospect Street

**(Illustration not built to scale.)*

PROPOSED



BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS



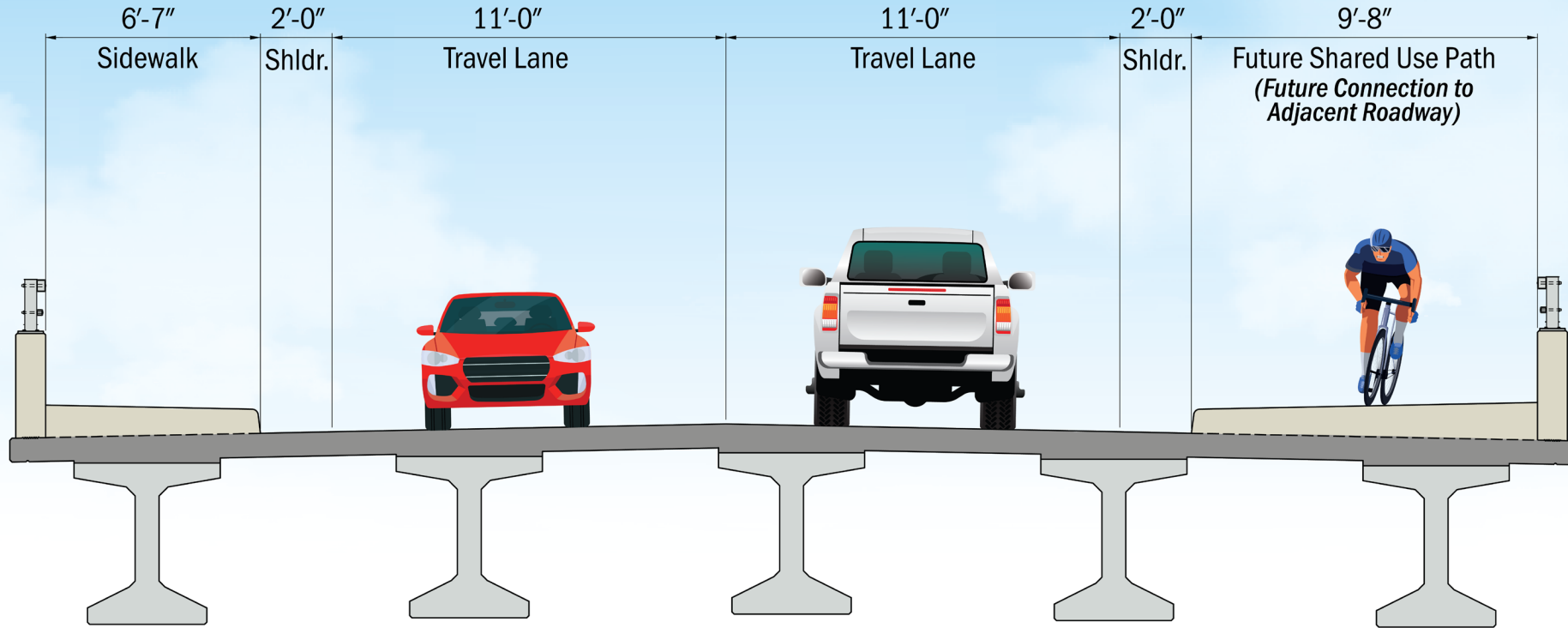
NEW BRIDGE AT HANNA AVENUE



- New, replacement bridge at Hanna Avenue
- Six-foot sidewalk being added on north side of bridge
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- Shared-use path accommodates future pedestrian pathway



NEW BRIDGE AT HANNA AVENUE



BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS



- Northbound bridges at three locations are being widened.
- They are Naomi Street, E. Pleasant Run and Morris/Prospect.
- The wider bridges will accommodate a fourth travel lane.
- Improvements will extend the life of all of the bridges.



BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS



- The Morris/Prospect bridge is also being rehabilitated.
 - This includes replacing the bridge superstructure.
 - It includes the deck and beams for the bridge.
- In addition, overlay work will extend the life of 19 other bridges along the corridor.



OTHER IMPROVEMENTS



PAVEMENT & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



- Pavement patching and resurfacing along corridor
- Work will improve pavement and bridge conditions; minimize the need for future repairs
- Improvements to multiple drainage structures



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



- New lighting throughout the area
- New sidewalks in select areas
- Broken sidewalks replaced
- Sidewalks leveled throughout area
- ADA ramps evaluated and improved



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



Throughout the Corridor

All underpass lighting will be updated.



Hanna Avenue

New replacement bridge will have a shared-use path on the south side of the bridge to accommodate a future pedestrian pathway. New, 6-foot sidewalk on the north side of the bridge.



Keystone Avenue

All ADA curb ramps are being updated and pedestrian push buttons will be added.



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



Troy, Nelson, Southern & Bradbury Avenues

Broken sidewalk panels will be replaced.



Raymond Street

All sidewalks within INDOT right-of-way are being replaced. ADA ramps are being evaluated.



Naomi Street

Sidewalk and curb are being replaced under the Naomi Street overpass. Improvements include leveling inconsistent slopes in the sidewalk.



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



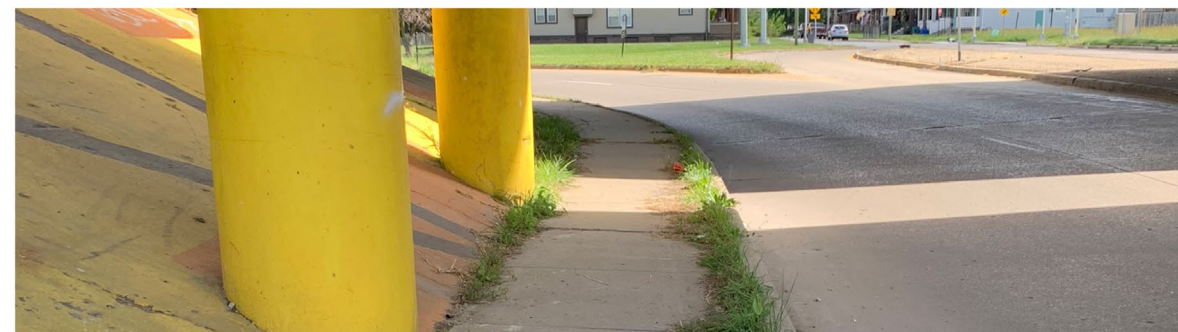
Pleasant Run

A portion of Pleasant Run Trail will be replaced when the Pleasant Run overpass is widened.



Shelby Street

Underpass lighting will be updated; sidewalks were recently updated.



Morris/ Prospect

All sidewalks will be replaced, and ADA ramps will be updated and/or evaluated.





NOISE STUDY



NOISE STUDY: HAPPENING NOW



- **Noise analysis** will be completed soon.
- Analysis compares **current** and **expected traffic** volumes and noise levels.
- **Need** for noise abatement measures is based on a high increase of noise levels.
- INDOT's noise policy follows **FHWA policy**.
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- **Measures must be reasonable and feasible.**
- Barriers must achieve a 5 dB(A) reduction in noise for majority of impacted receptors
- Abatement measures based on engineering standards.
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- Must be wanted by majority of the benefited receptors.

THE OUTREACH PROCESS

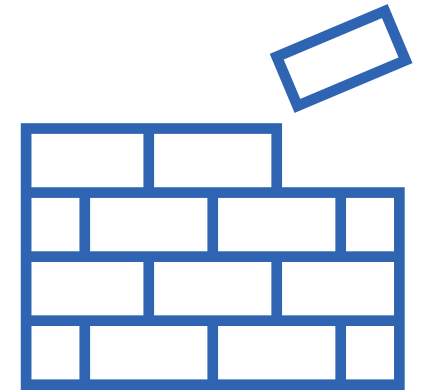


- Outreach to benefited receptors can include mailings, meetings and direct outreach.
- Survey (postcard) will determine desire for noise barrier.
- Both the resident and property owner are surveyed (if they are different).
- Response rate must total more than 50% of benefited receptors and affected property owners.
- Second survey will be sent, if needed.

THE OUTREACH PROCESS



- Significant impacts are expected along the corridor.
- Outreach to residents and property owners:
 - Community events
 - Community locations
 - Meetings for benefited receptors





COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- Public meeting fliers shared with CAC and EJ members.
- Public meeting fliers placed at 2 dozen community locations.
- Locations include schools, churches, community center and public places.
- **Additional locations to consider?**



- Meeting handouts and comment forms will be placed at area locations (*Tentative List*):
 - Fletcher Place Community Center
 - Garfield Park Conservatory
 - Indianapolis Public Library – Garfield Park Branch
 - Salvation Army (Fountain Square)
 - SENSE Charter School
 - Southeast Community Services
- **Additional locations to consider?**





NEXT STEPS



WHAT TO EXPECT



2022-2024: Environmental and final design work

2022

2023



Summer 2023
Public meeting

2024



Spring 2024
Public hearing

2025



Spring 2025 Construction
expected to begin

Early 2025
Project letting



WHAT TO EXPECT



- **Environmental analysis** and **design work** are underway.
- Noise analysis is continuing. Outreach to impacted receptors expected **this fall**.
- Draft environmental document expected **spring 2024**.
- **Public hearing** and **formal comment period** will follow.
- Construction is expected to **begin in spring 2025** and **last up to two years**.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



Share Your Feedback

- **Complete** form at meeting
- **Upload** scanned copy to I65SafetyandEfficiency.com
- **Share** feedback on our website

SAFETY & EFFICIENCY | **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS**
AUGUST 29 & 30
Comments associated with these meetings accepted through September 29.

We want your feedback!

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Zip Code: _____

Do you want to receive updates from the Project Team? Circle one.
Yes | Email Updates Yes | Text Updates Yes | Both No | Neither

What is your interest in the project? Circle all that apply.
Live in the area Work in the area Drive through the area General interest in the project

How often do you drive this portion of I-65? Circle one.
Daily 2-3 times/week Weekly A few times/month Rarely

Please share your thoughts regarding the project, planned improvements and corridor needs.

PROJECT CORRIDOR MAP

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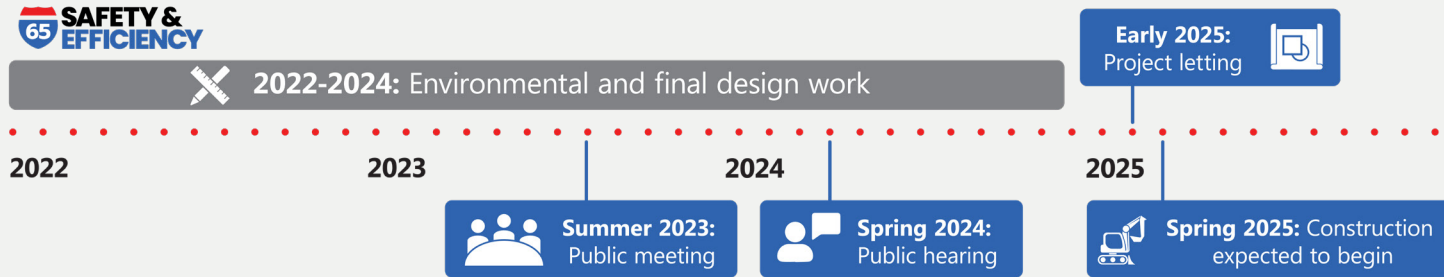
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PROJECT TIMELINE



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65 SAFETY & EFFICIENCY PROJECT CORRIDOR MAP



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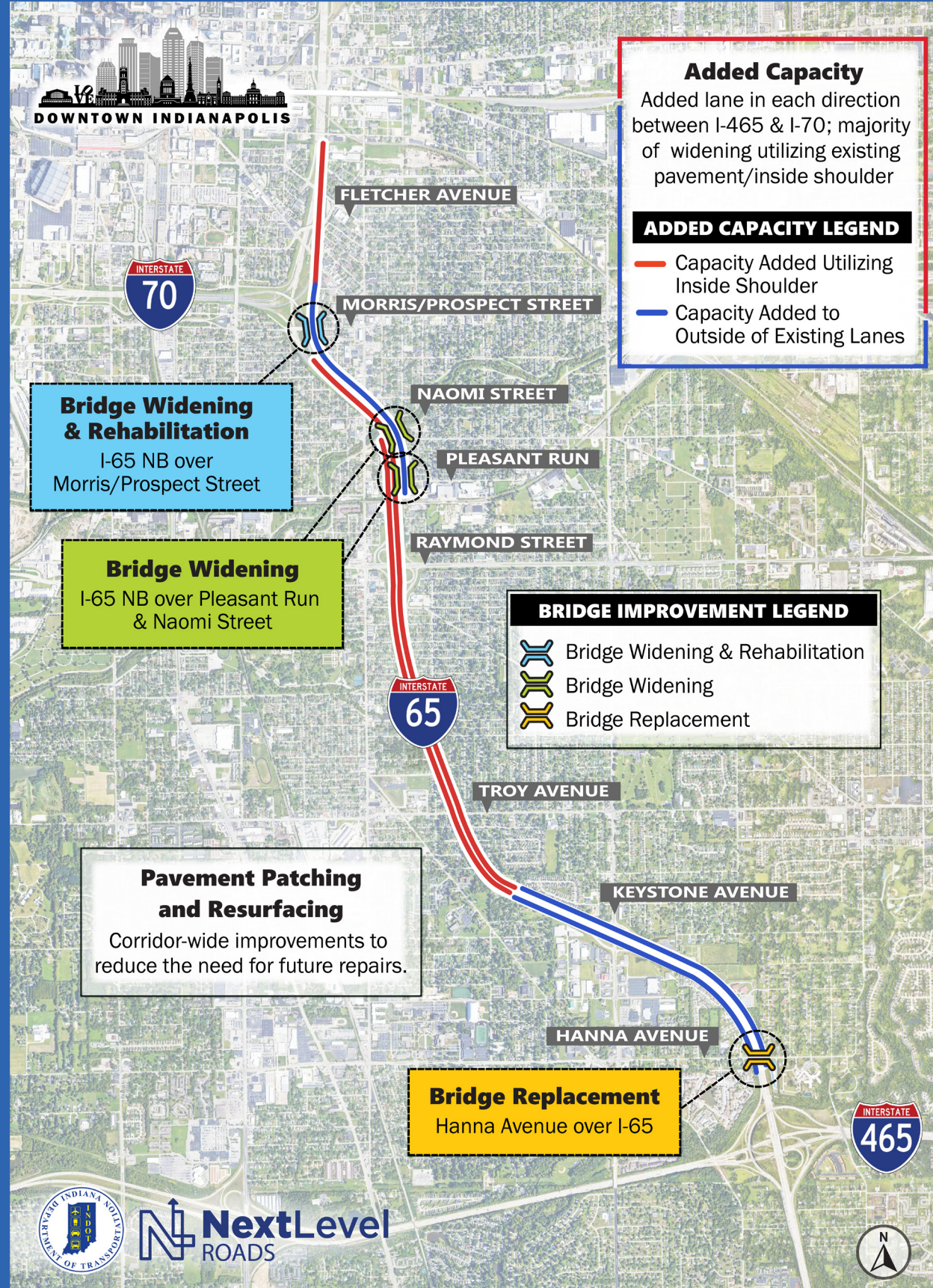
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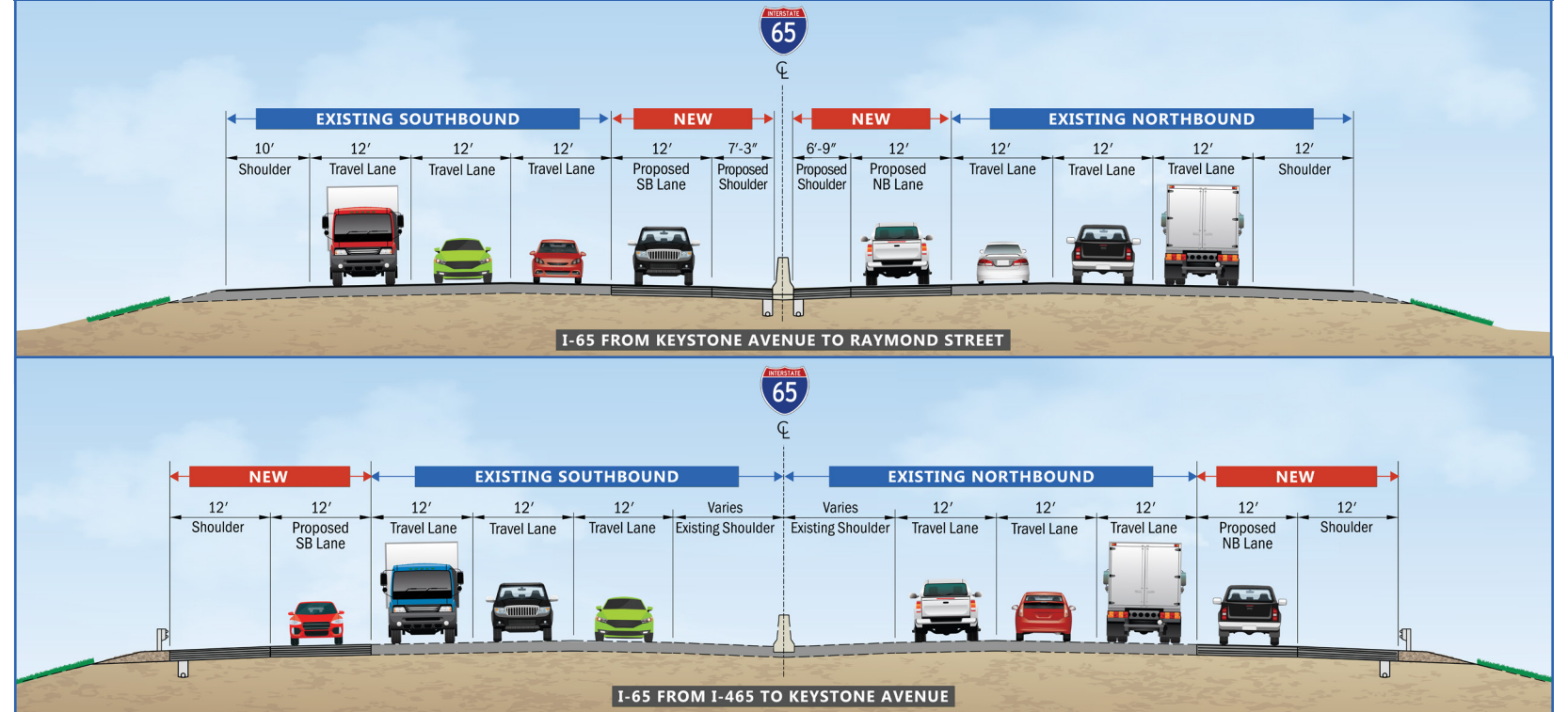
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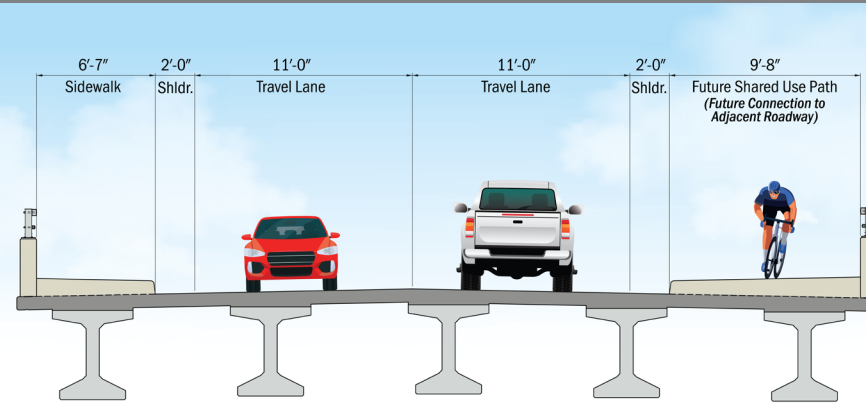


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