

Austin Avenue Corridor Study



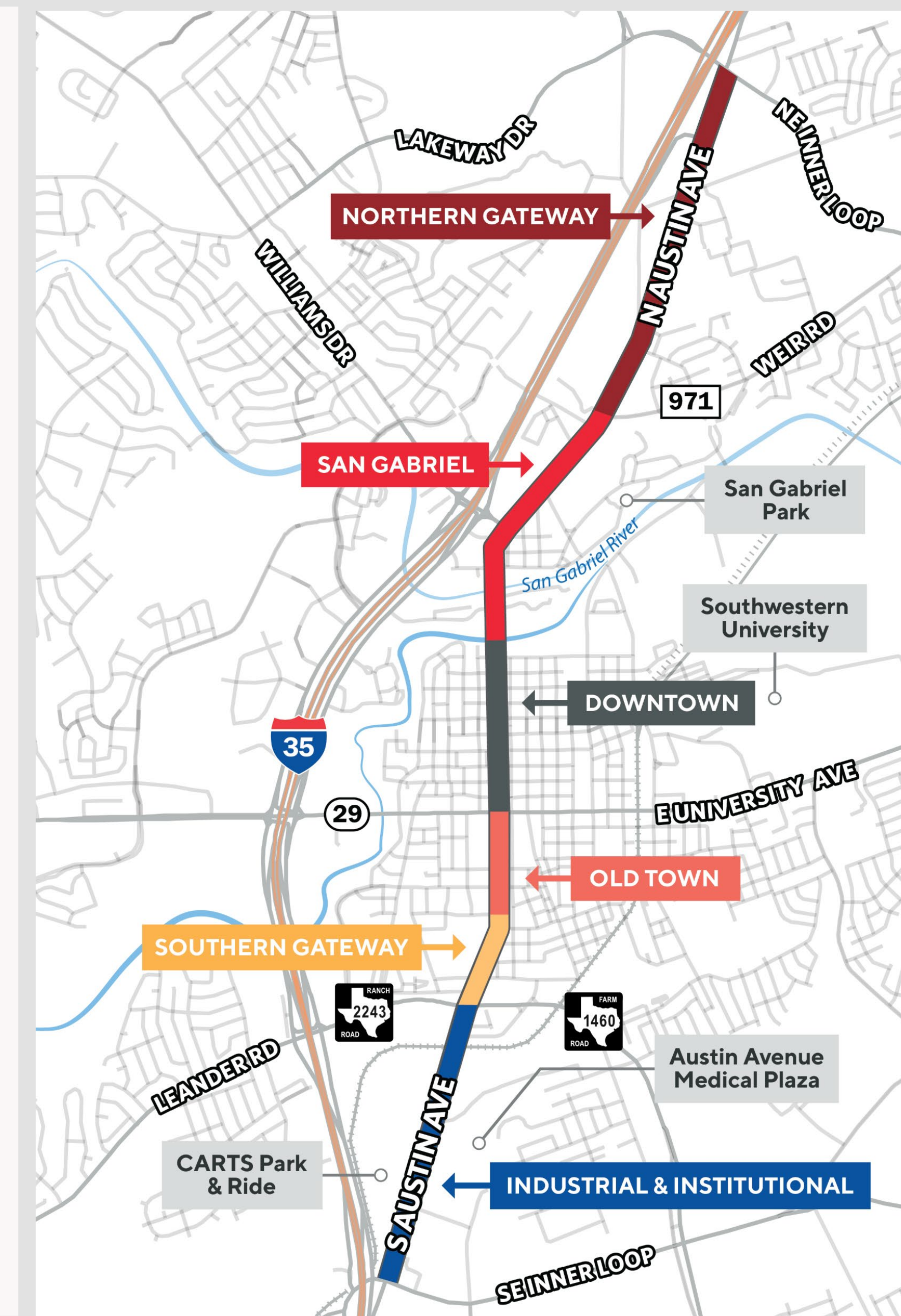
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the City of Georgetown are conducting the Austin Avenue Corridor Study between Southeast Inner Loop and Northeast Inner Loop. The study considers various transportation modes and will encompass land use recommendations and opportunities for placemaking.

Study Goals

- Further the goals and priorities of existing plans including the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, specifically the Future Land Use Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and Future Mobility Plan
- Enhance multimodal movement, operations, and safety
- Enhance the corridor character and pedestrian experience
- Support economic development along the corridor

Recommendations will be categorized into topics like transportation and placemaking, with a further breakdown into short-, mid-, and long-term improvement projects.



LEGEND

- Northern Gateway (NE Inner Loop to FM 971)
- San Gabriel (FM 971 to South Fork of the San Gabriel River)
- Downtown (South Fork of the San Gabriel River to SH 29)
- Old Town (SH 29 to 18th St.)
- Southern Gateway (18th St. to Leander Road)
- Industrial & Institutional (Leander Road to SE Inner Loop)

SPRING 2023

Assess Current and Future Conditions

FALL 2023

Develop Concept Plan

WINTER 2023/2024

Draft Recommendation and Project Prioritization

SPRING 2024
WE ARE HERE

Final Report and Implementation Plan

Austin Avenue Corridor Study

GOALS & OBJECTIVES



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Further the goals and priorities of existing plans including the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, specifically the Future Land Use Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and Future Mobility Plan.

Objectives:

- Apply solutions that address immediate and future multimodal transportation needs as they relate to the land use patterns and other priorities encouraged in existing plans.



Enhance multimodal movement, operations, and safety.

Objectives:

- Balance transportation needs for all users of the corridor.
- Improve safety throughout the corridor for all modes of transportation.
- Improve access to alternative modes of transportation, prioritizing connections with adjacent neighborhoods.
- Enhance access to existing and planned amenities such as parks, retail, and other community centers.

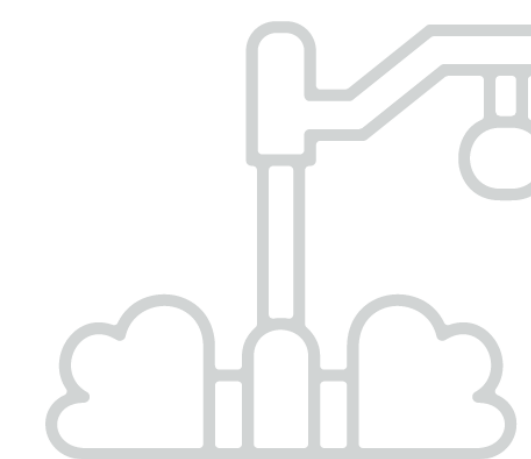
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Enhance the corridor character and pedestrian experience.

Objectives:

- Consider roadway designs that incorporate median and pedestrian landscaping and lighting.
- Prioritize sidewalk improvements to enhance walkability and increase connections to off-street trails.
- Improve aesthetics consistent with the character of each sub-area. Support local businesses by creating a streetscape that attracts customers through pedestrian-scaled lighting, landscaping, and visible access to businesses.
- Create a sense of place and arrival/departure for the sub-areas and overall study area.



Support economic development along the corridor.

Objectives:

- Improve traffic operations to create a reliable and consistent network for the movement of persons and goods along the corridor.
- Plan for anticipated economic redevelopment activity along the corridor through multimodal connections to businesses and surrounding neighborhoods and by envisioning potential catalytic development.

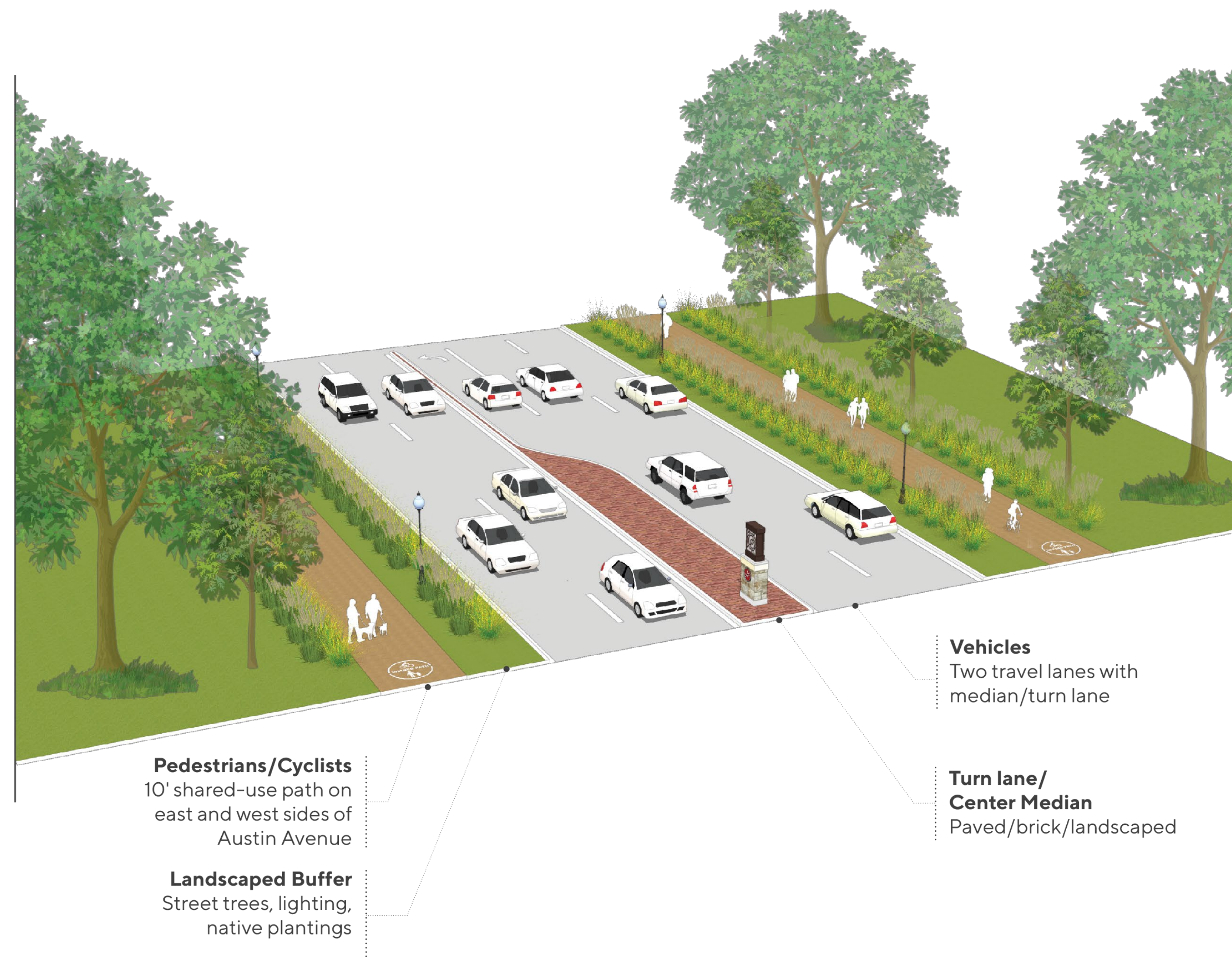
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Vision for Northern Gateway

NE INNER LOOP TO WEIR ROAD/FM 971



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)



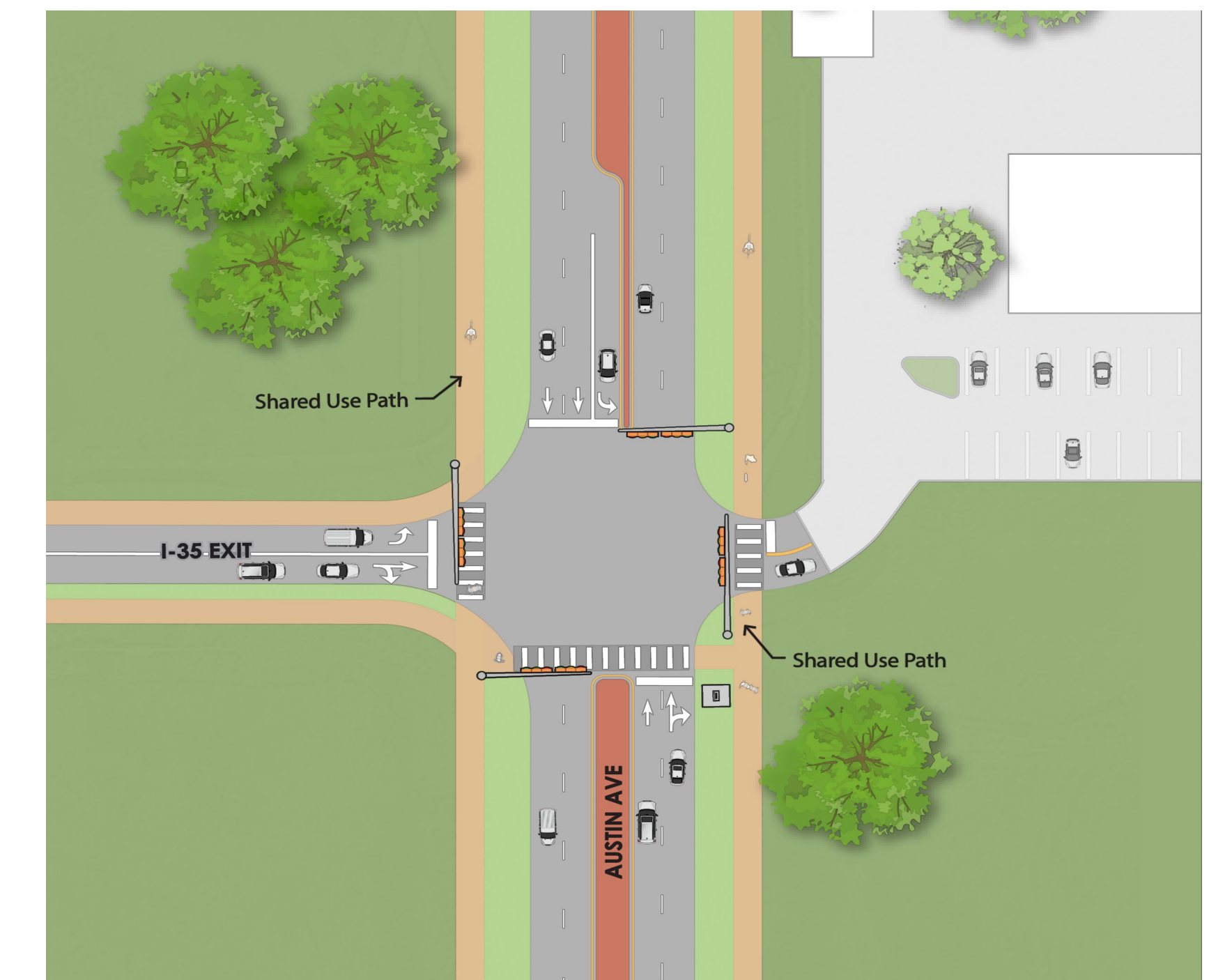
Pedestrians/Cyclists
10' shared-use path on east and west sides of Austin Avenue

Landscaped Buffer
Street trees, lighting, native plantings

Vehicles
Two travel lanes with median/turn lane

Turn lane/Center Median
Paved/brick/landscaped

Austin Ave. at I-35 Concept



Community Concerns

Safety concerns at the NE Inner Loop intersection

Unauthorized turning onto Austin Ave. at I-35 exit

Safety concerns near Georgetown High School

High Priority Improvements

Modify signal and improve intersection to increase safety and improve traffic flow

Build traffic signal with protected pedestrian crossings

Improve Georgetown HS driveways multimodal access and pedestrian crossings

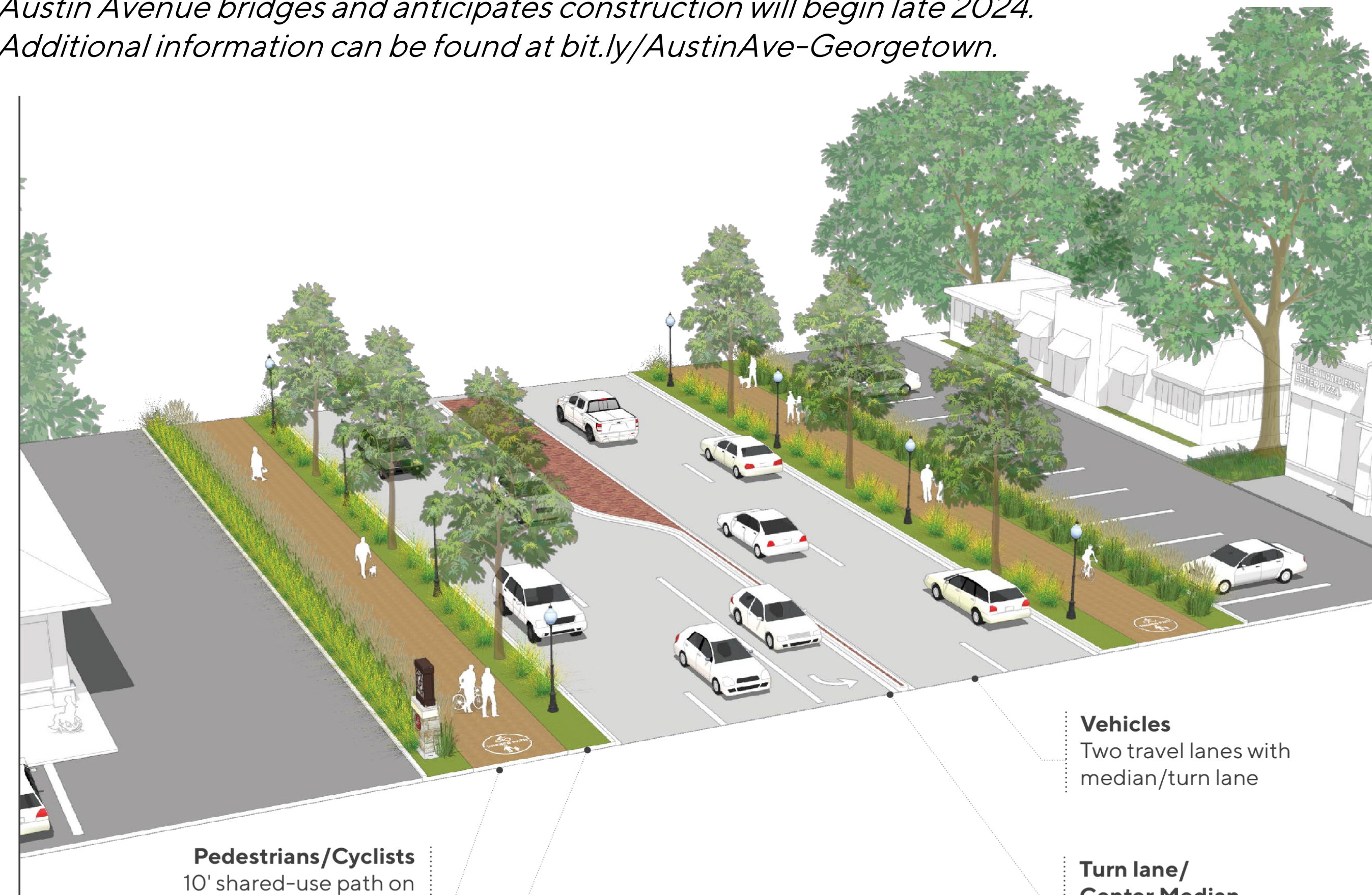
Vision for San Gabriel

WEIR ROAD/FM 971 TO SOUTH FORK OF SAN GABRIEL RIVER



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)

Note: The City of Georgetown is currently planning improvements to the historic Austin Avenue bridges and anticipates construction will begin late 2024. Additional information can be found at bit.ly/AustinAve-Georgetown.



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Vehicles
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Community Concerns

Safe crossing options near the Recreation Center

Turning conflicts between Church Street and Myrtle Street

Safety concerns at San Gabriel Village Boulevard intersection

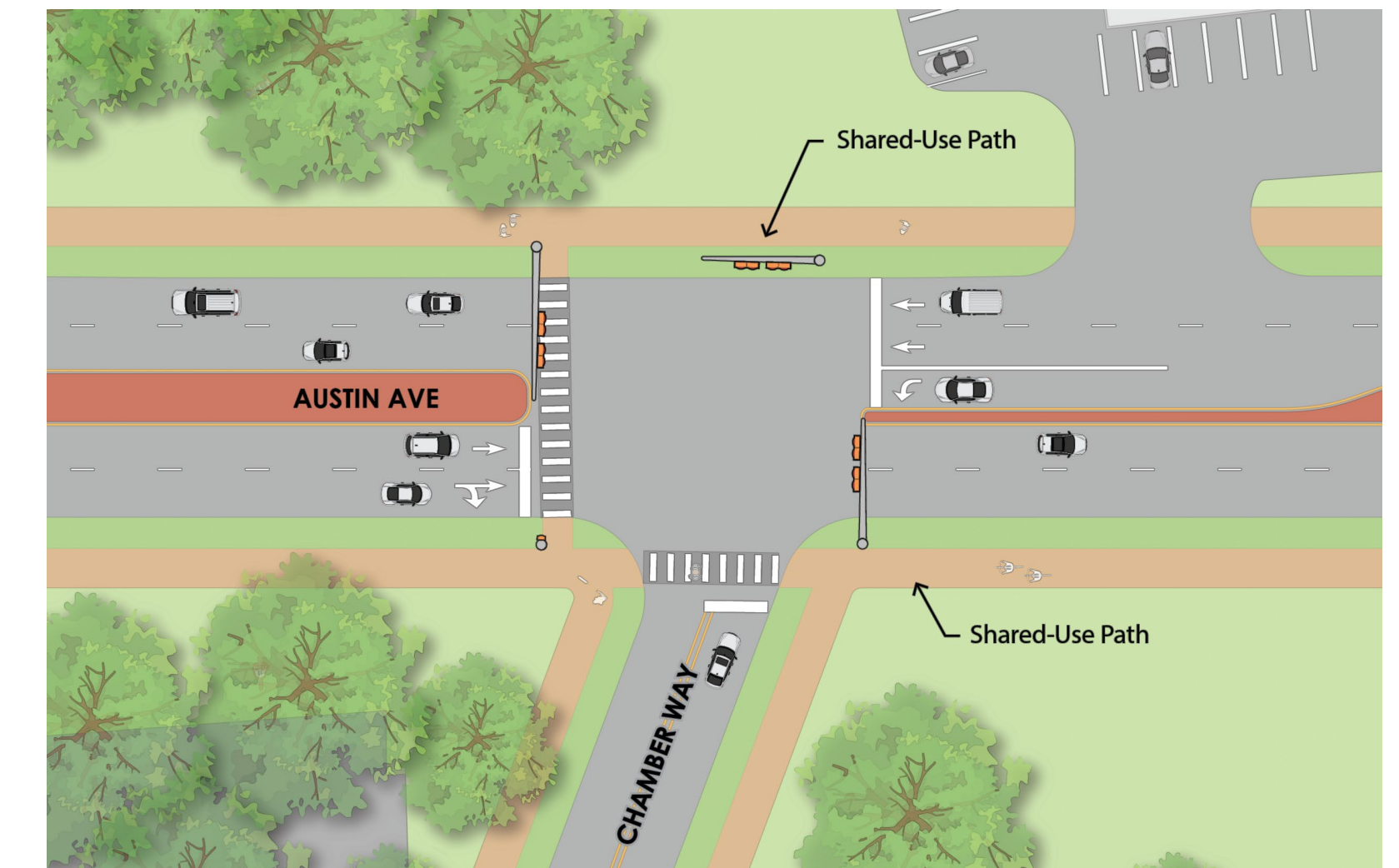
High Priority Improvements

Install signal with protected ADA-compliant crosswalks

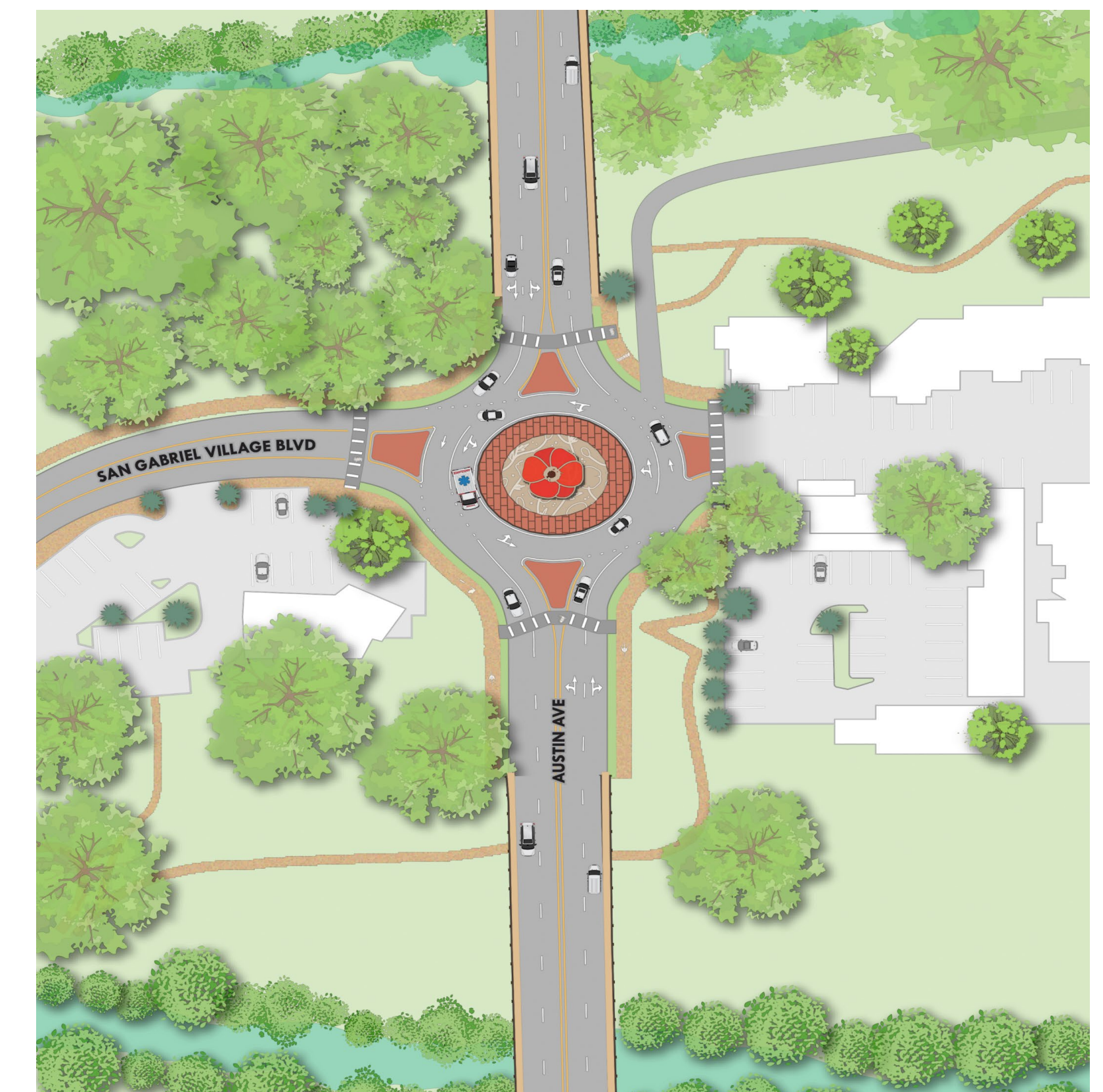
Evaluate driveway consolidation

Incorporate two-lane roundabout to calm traffic and reduce turning conflicts. Include ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings

Austin Ave. at Chamber Way Concept



Austin Ave. at San Gabriel Village Boulevard Concept



Vision for Downtown

SOUTH FORK OF SAN GABRIEL RIVER TO UNIVERSITY AVENUE/SH 29



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)



Downtown Sidewalk Concept

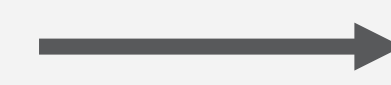


Downtown Crosswalk Concept



Community Concerns

Desire to make Downtown more walkable and pedestrian focused



Unauthorized mid-block crossings on Austin Avenue



Intersection improvements along Austin Avenue at University Avenue and Main Street



High Priority Improvements

Incorporate lane reduction with expanded multimodal amenities

Install additional protected pedestrian crossings with a center median to serve as a pedestrian refuge

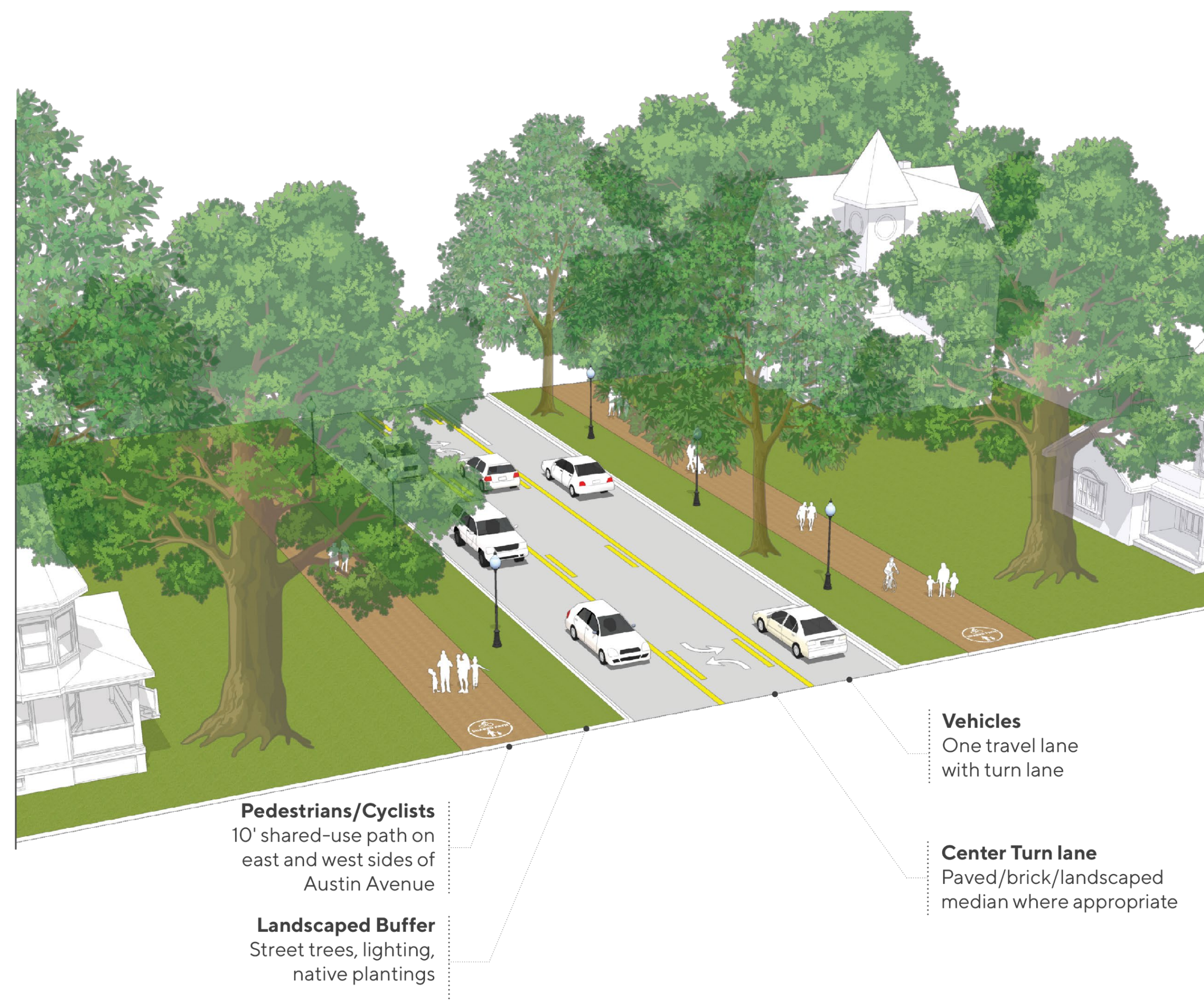
Improve signal operations and provide dedicated left-turn lanes to reduce congestion

Vision for Old Town

UNIVERSITY AVENUE/SH 29 TO 18TH STREET



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)



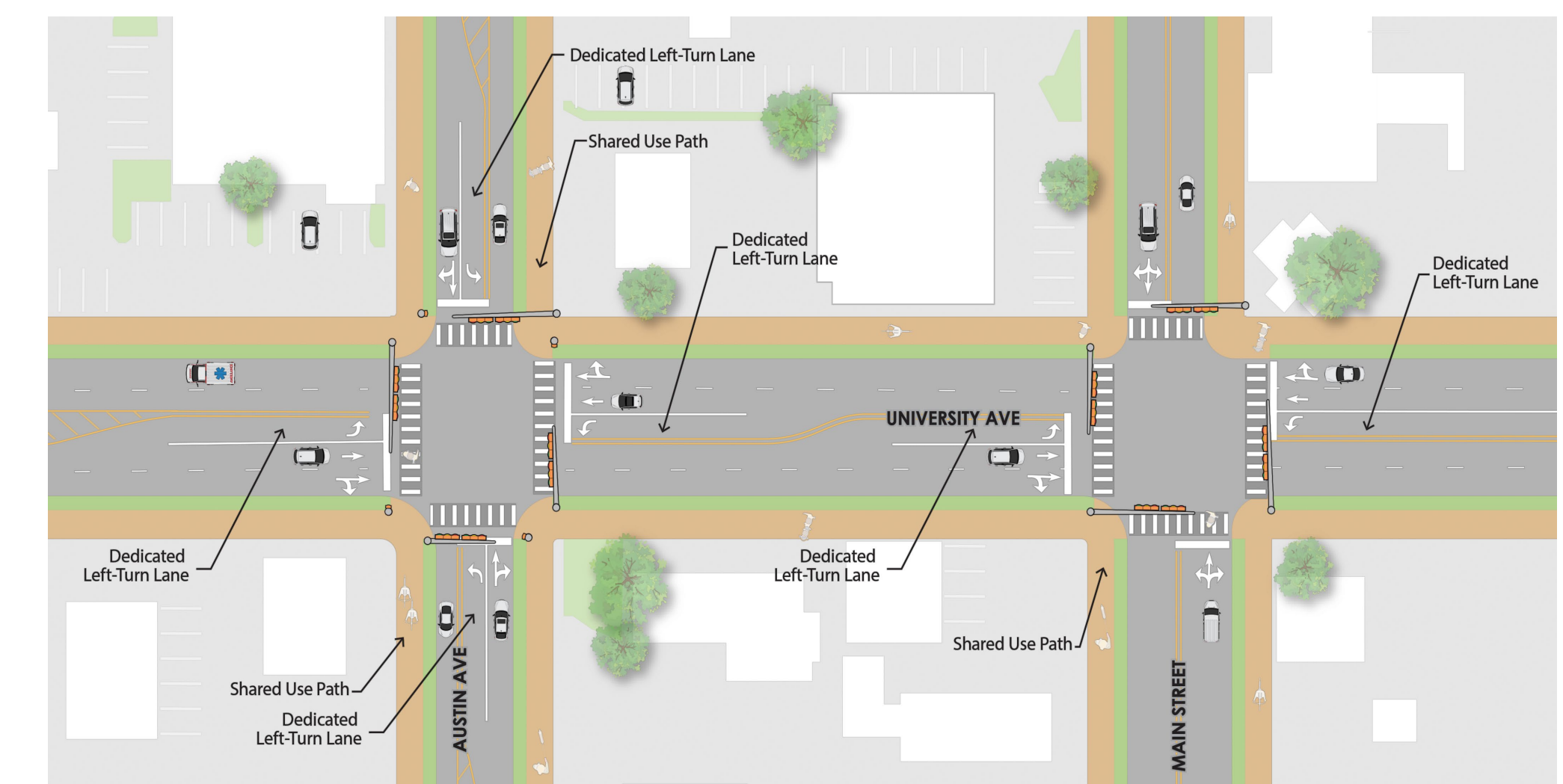
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Vehicles
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Center Turn lane
Paved/brick/landscaped median where appropriate

University Ave./Main Street Improvements



Community Concerns

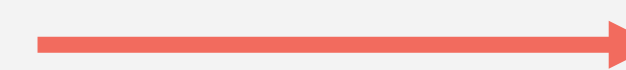
Desire to make Old Town more walkable and pedestrian-focused

Reduce traffic speed

High Priority Improvements

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Implement traffic calming and speed monitoring strategies

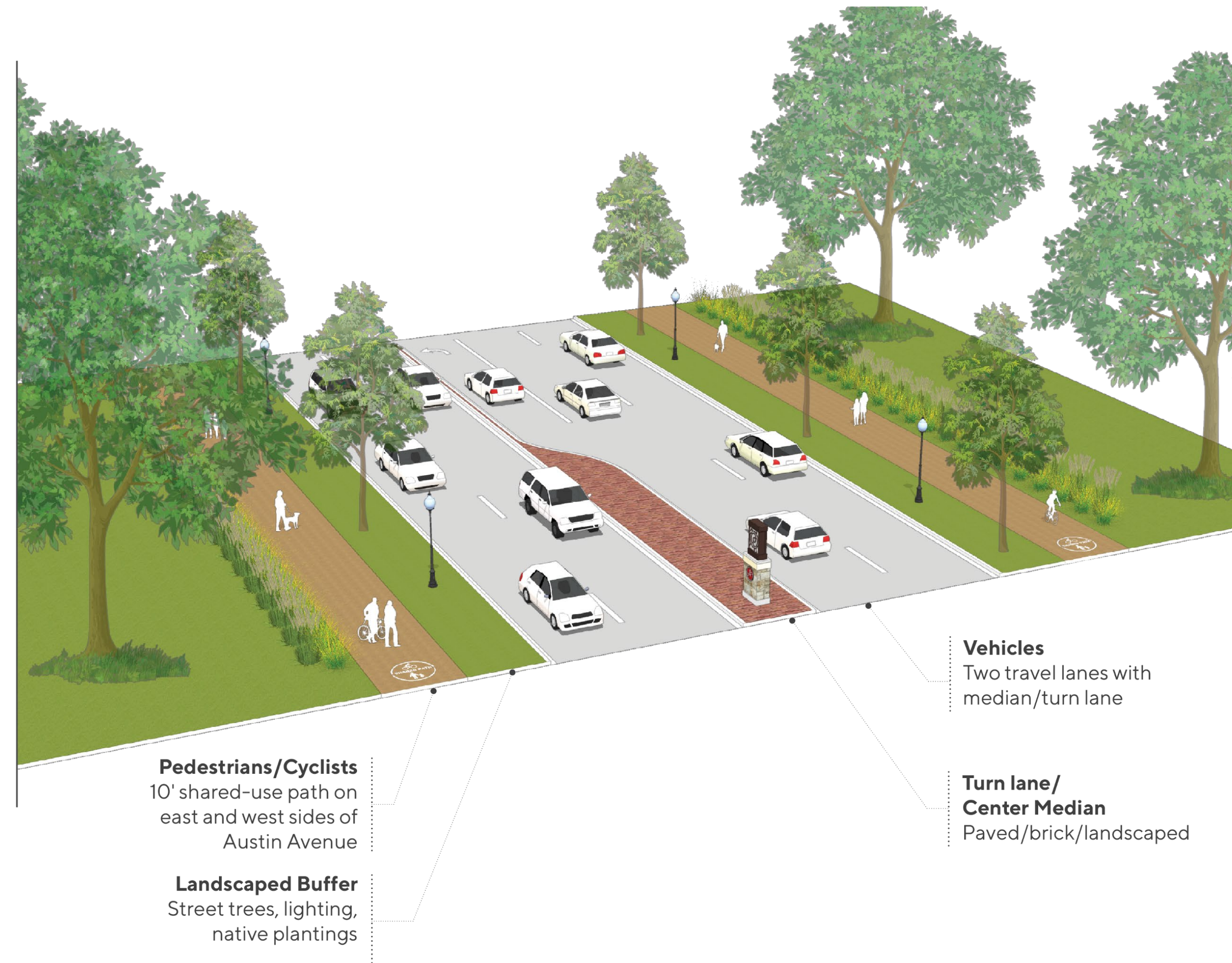


Vision for Southern Gateway

18TH STREET TO LEANDER ROAD



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)

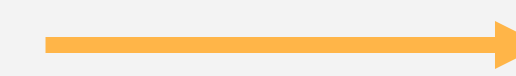


Austin Ave. at Brushy Street Concept



Community Concerns

Safety concerns with the number of driveways



Entry of Brushy Street onto Austin Avenue



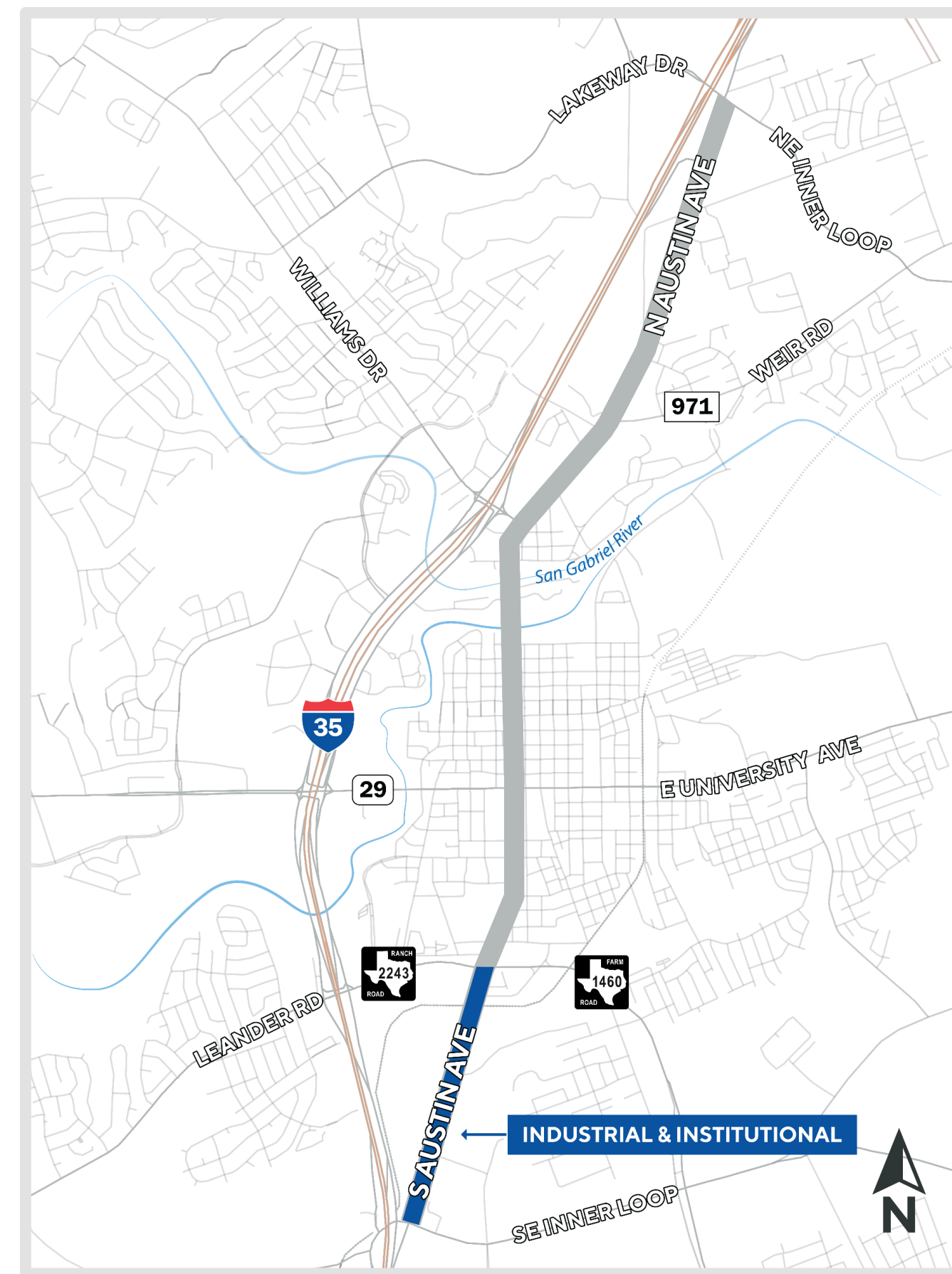
High Priority Improvements

Perform driveway consolidation analysis and improve access management

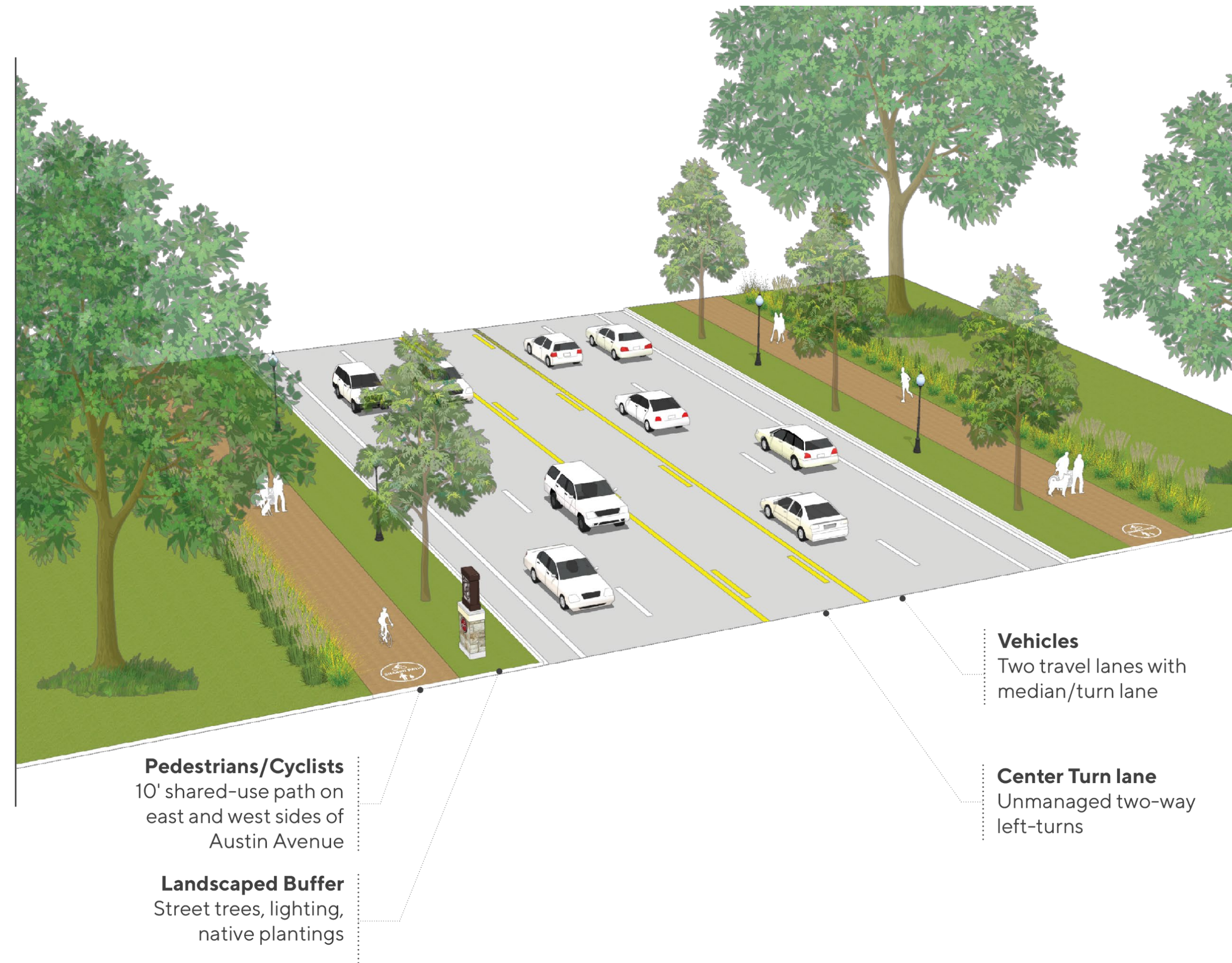
Close Brushy Street at Austin Avenue and evaluate options for commercial redevelopment or potential placemaking

Vision for Industrial and Institutional

LEANDER ROAD TO SE INNER LOOP



Conceptual Cross Section (Northbound and Southbound)



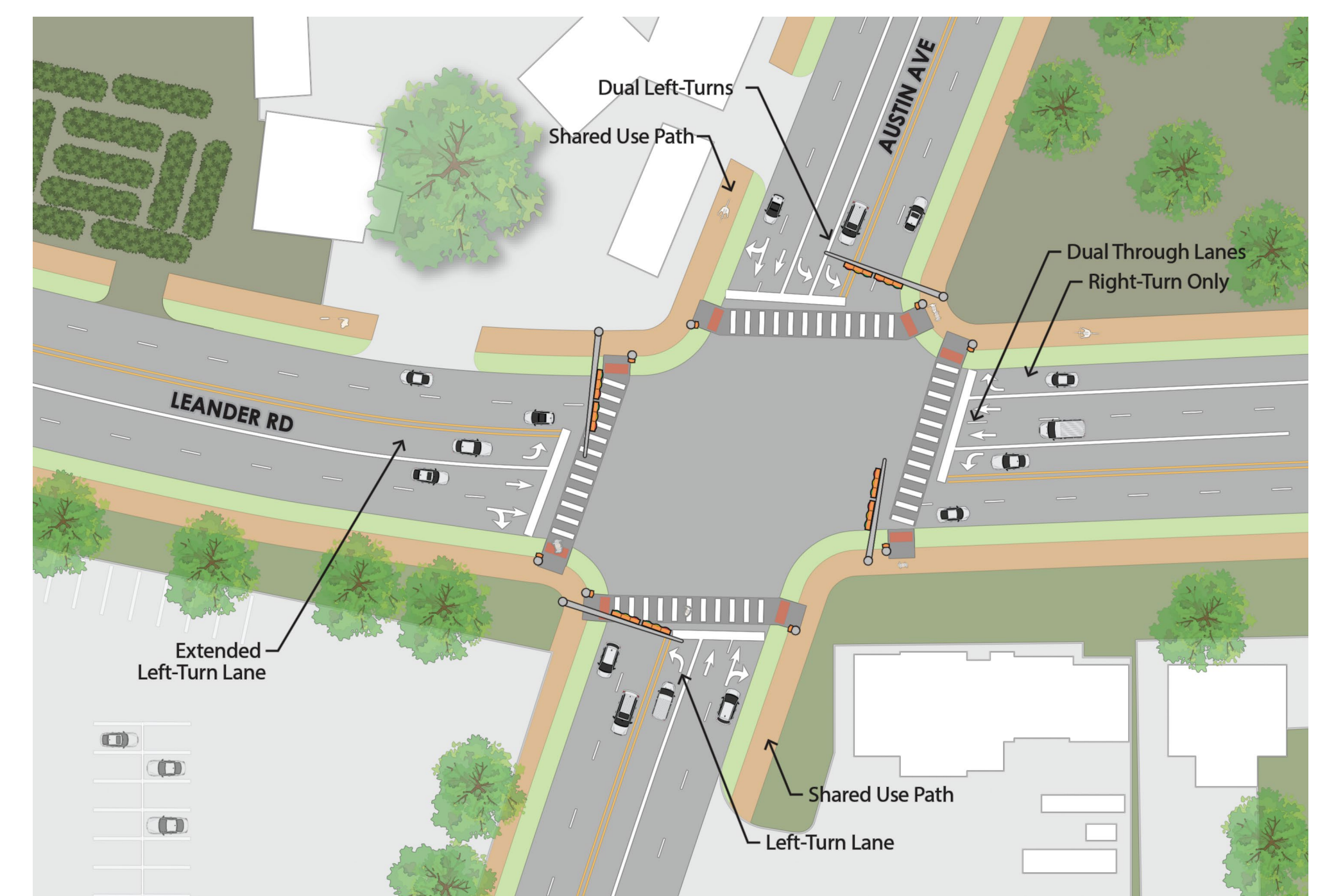
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Center Turn lane
Unmanaged two-way left-turns

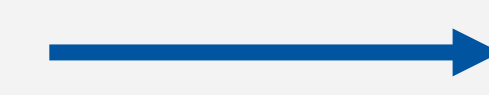
Austin Ave. at Leander Road Concept



Note: TxDOT is currently planning improvements to Austin Avenue between SE Inner Loop and Leander Road

Community Concerns

Safety concerns at Leander Road intersection



High Priority Improvements

Improve signal operations, provide dedicated turn lanes, protected phasing, and ADA-compliant sidewalks

Improve traffic operations at SE Inner Loop intersection

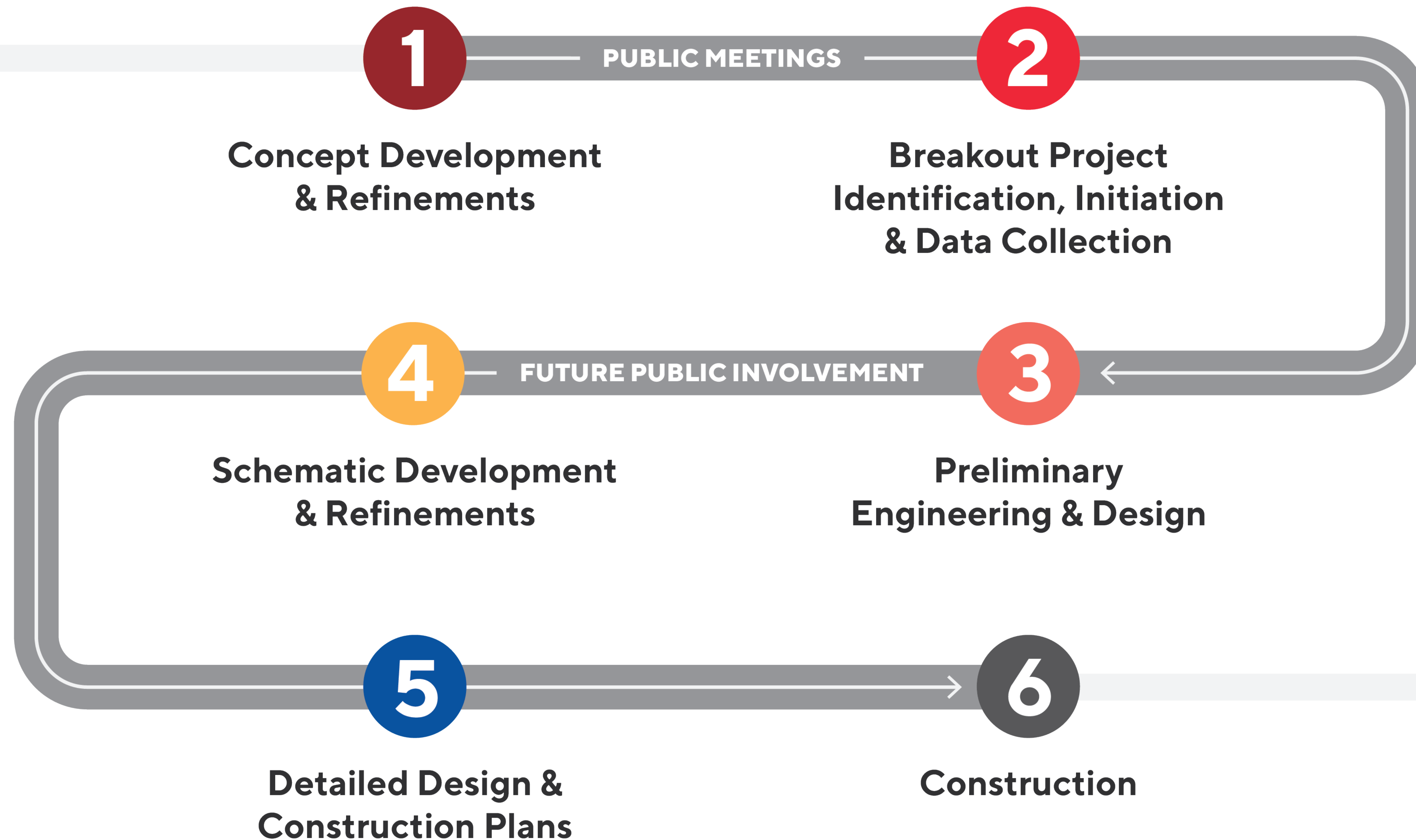


Improve signal operations and provide dedicated turn lanes to improve traffic flow

Next Steps



Future phases, **pending funding**, may include additional community input, performing detailed environmental studies and design, detailed design, right-of-way acquisition, and utility coordination prior to construction.



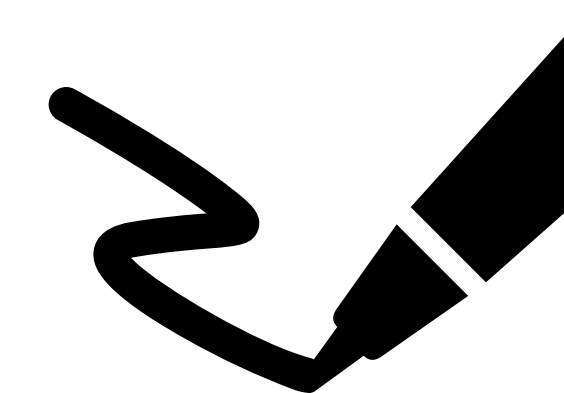
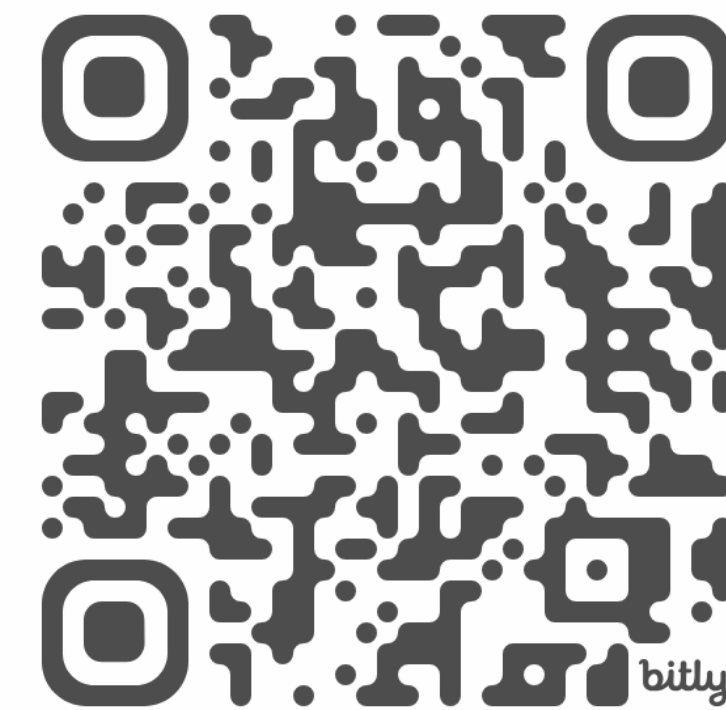
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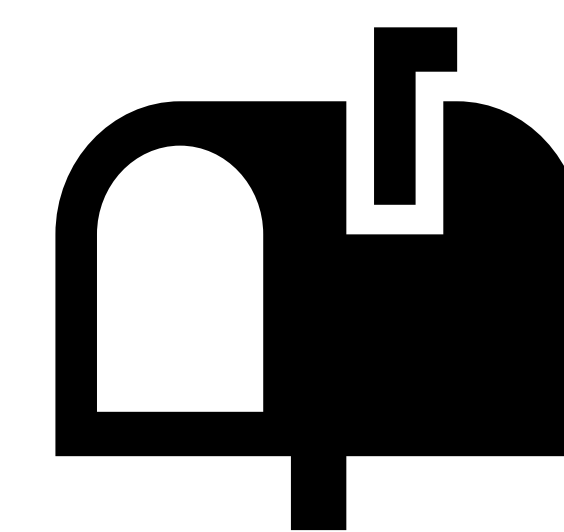
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