

Alternative I



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BENEFITS:

- Wider sidewalks for people walking
- Direct connection to University Avenue and American River Parkway shared use path
- Direct connection to American River bridge crossing

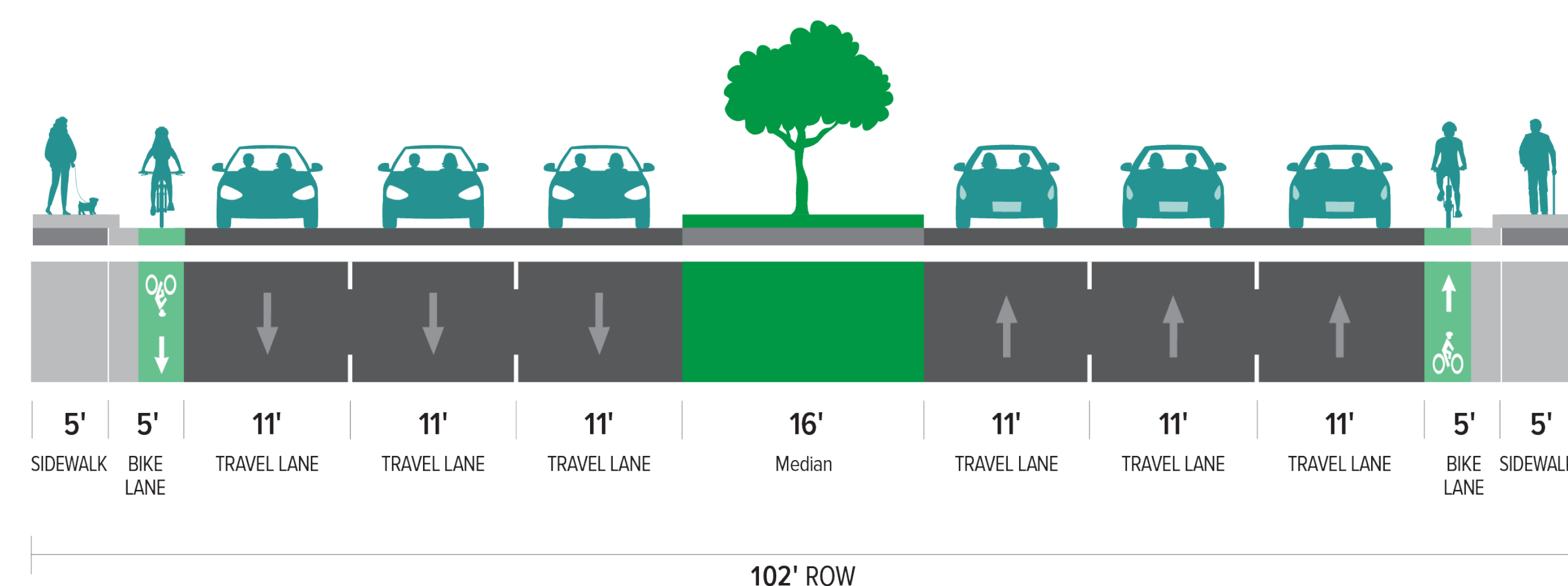
CHALLENGES:

- No bikeways on Howe Avenue
- No traffic calming infrastructure
- No new lighting
- No available space for trees

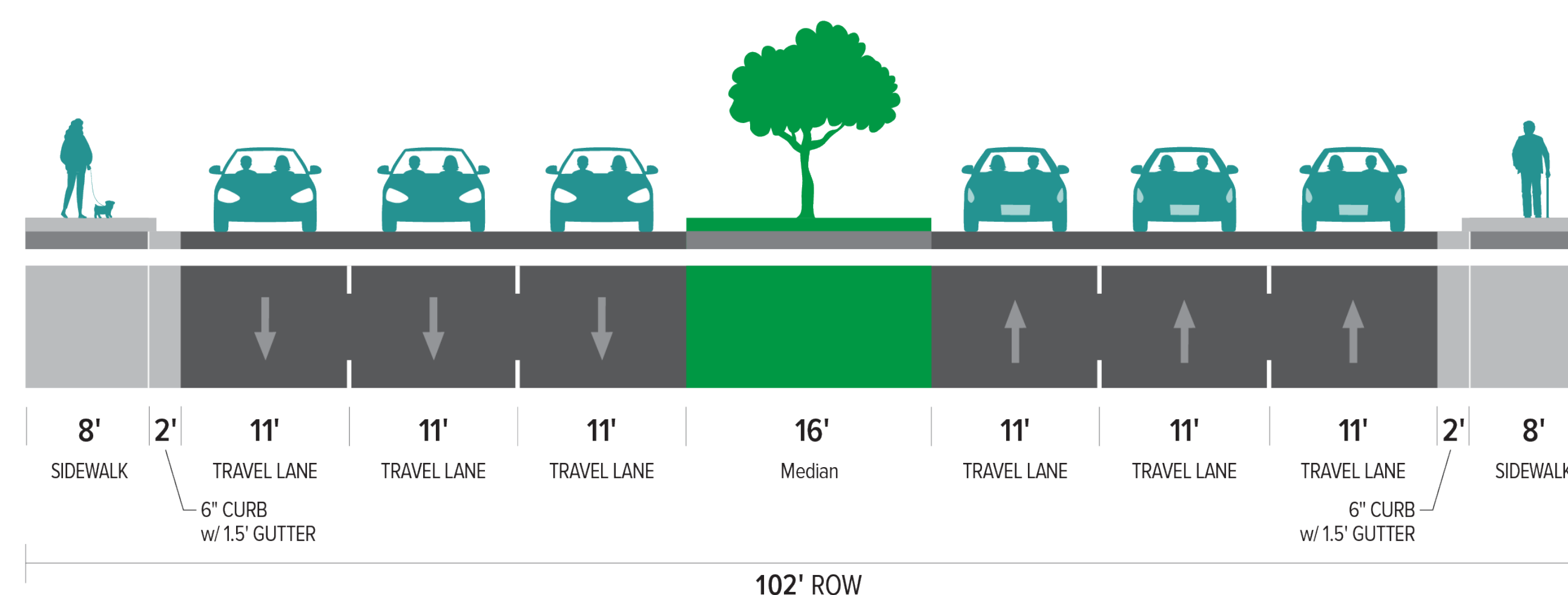
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HOWE AVENUE ROADWAY CONFIGURATION

BEFORE:



AFTER:



IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

SIGNALIZED CROSSING



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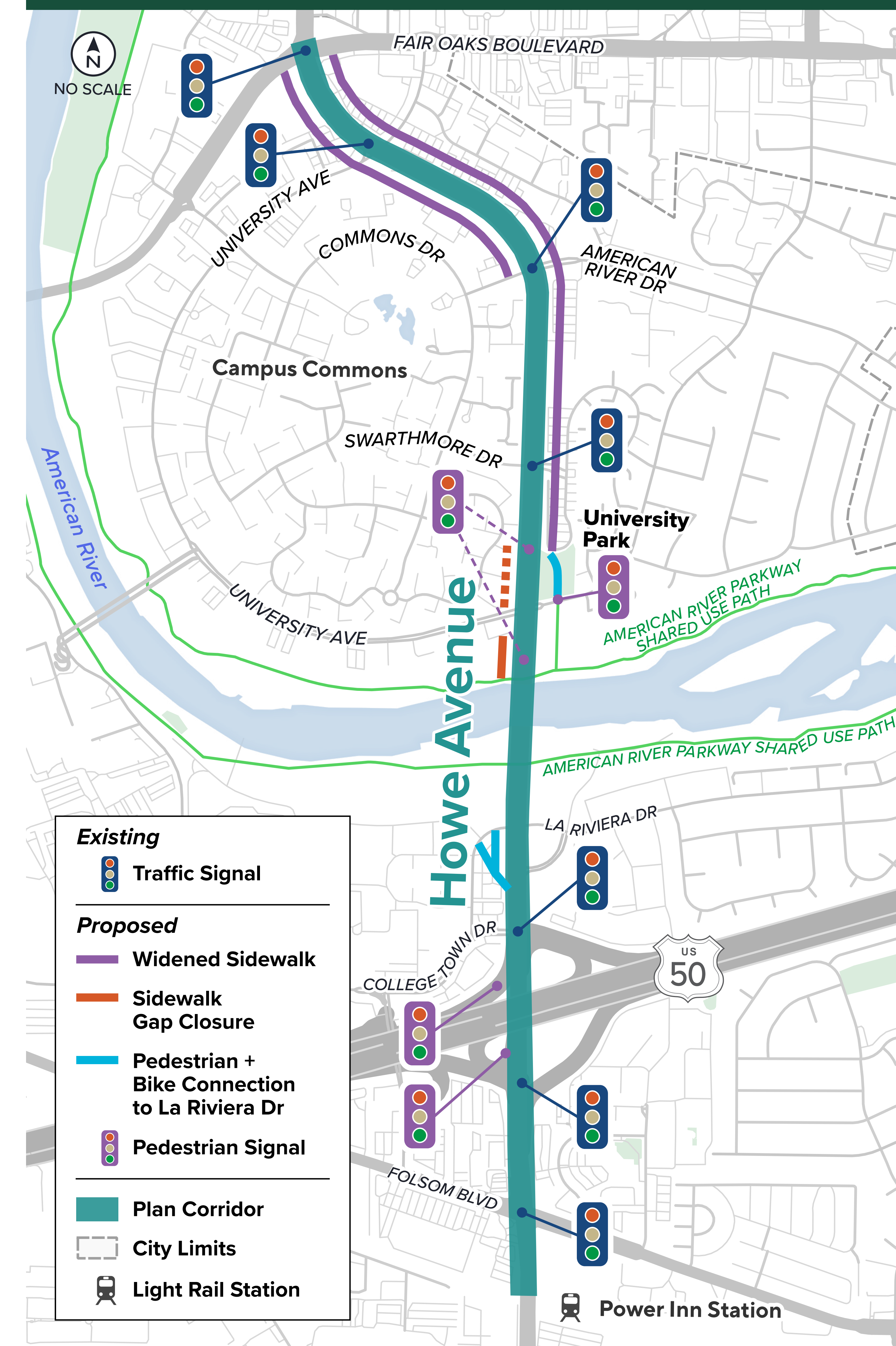
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Alternative 2



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- Add a landscaping buffer with shade trees and lighting

BENEFITS:

- Provides a dedicated space for people walking and biking and connection to regional shared use path
- Landscape buffer and lighting provide separation from traffic and improved comfort

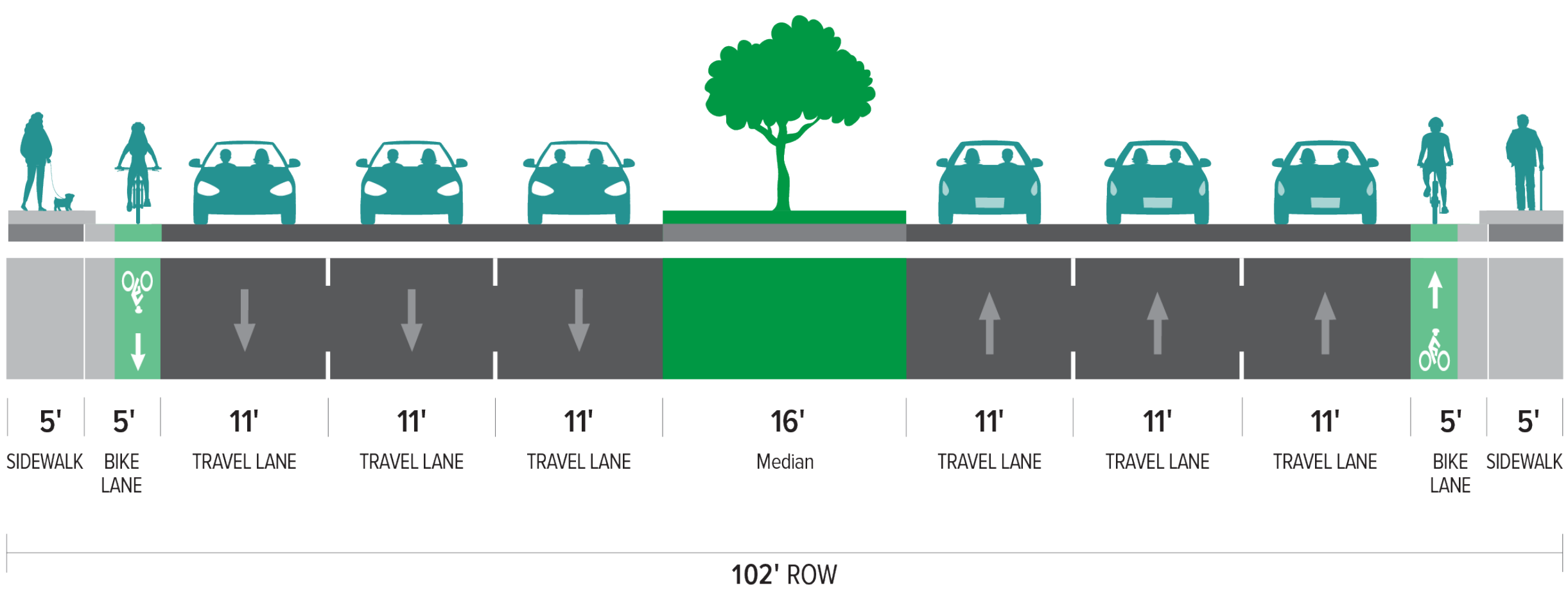
CHALLENGES:

- Right-of-way acquisition will be needed
- The cantilevered path over the freeway would require coordination with Caltrans

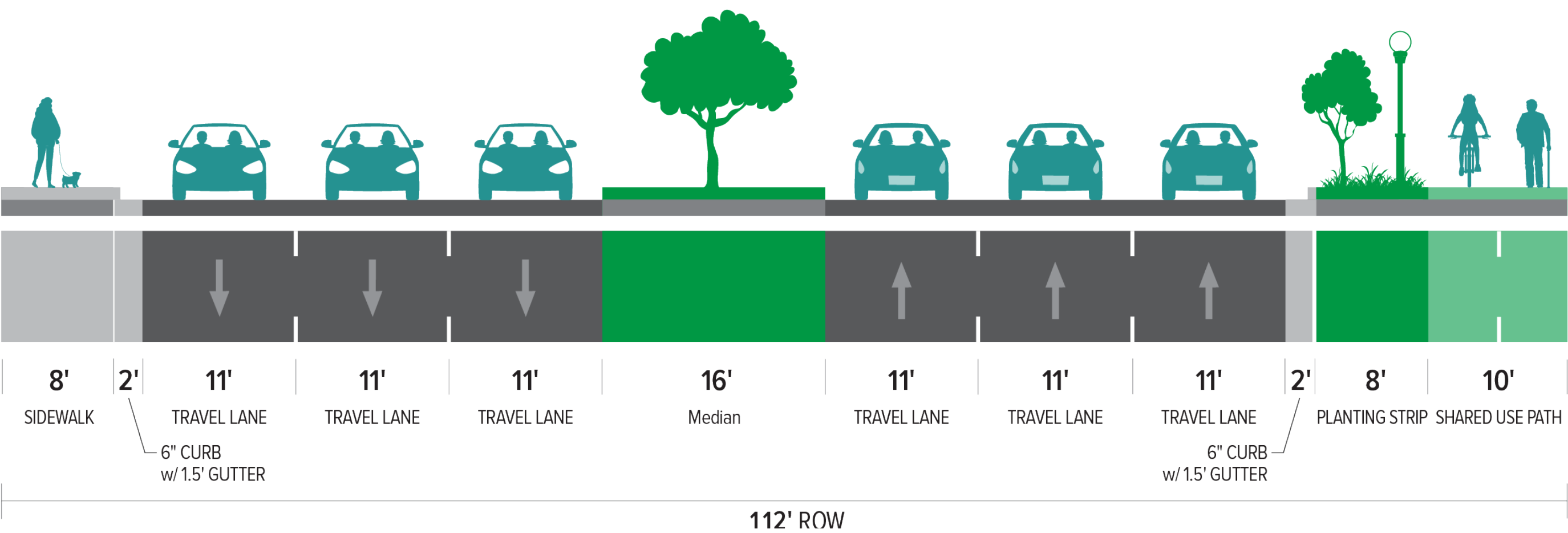
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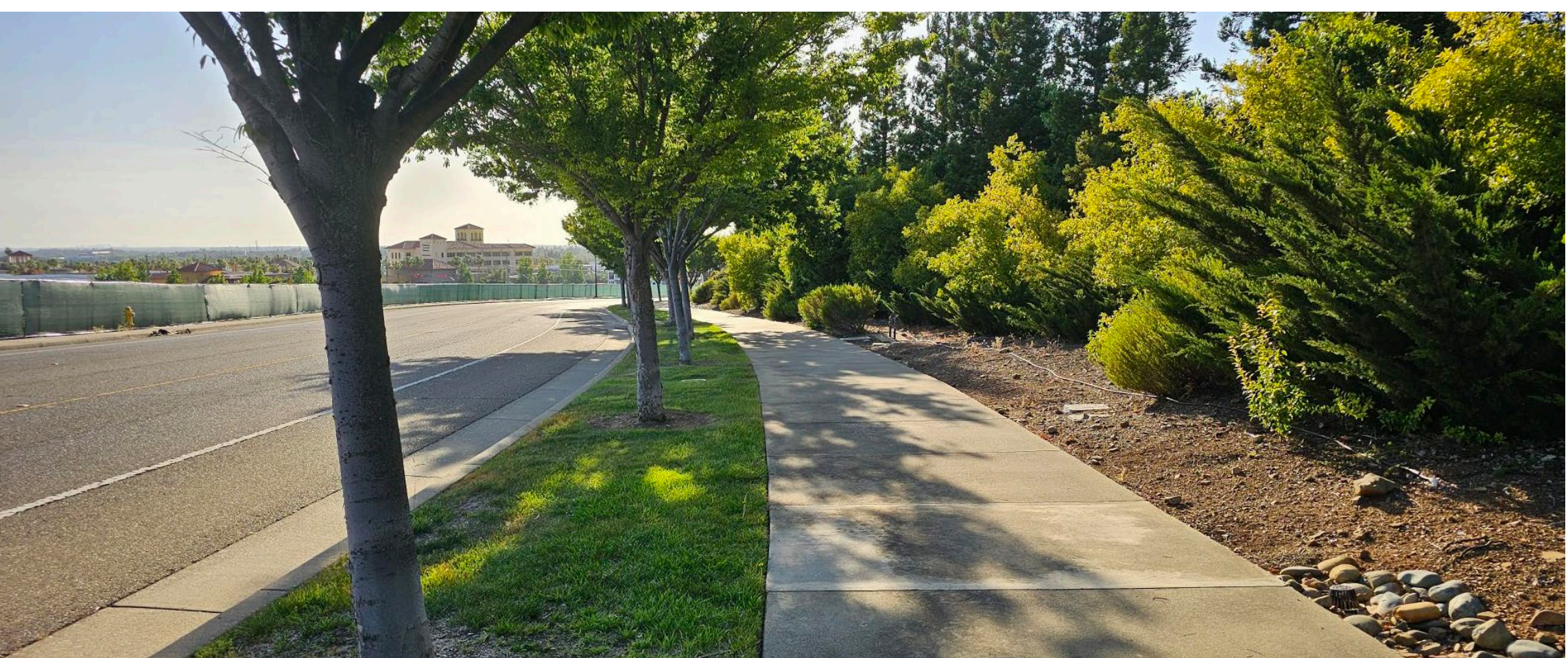


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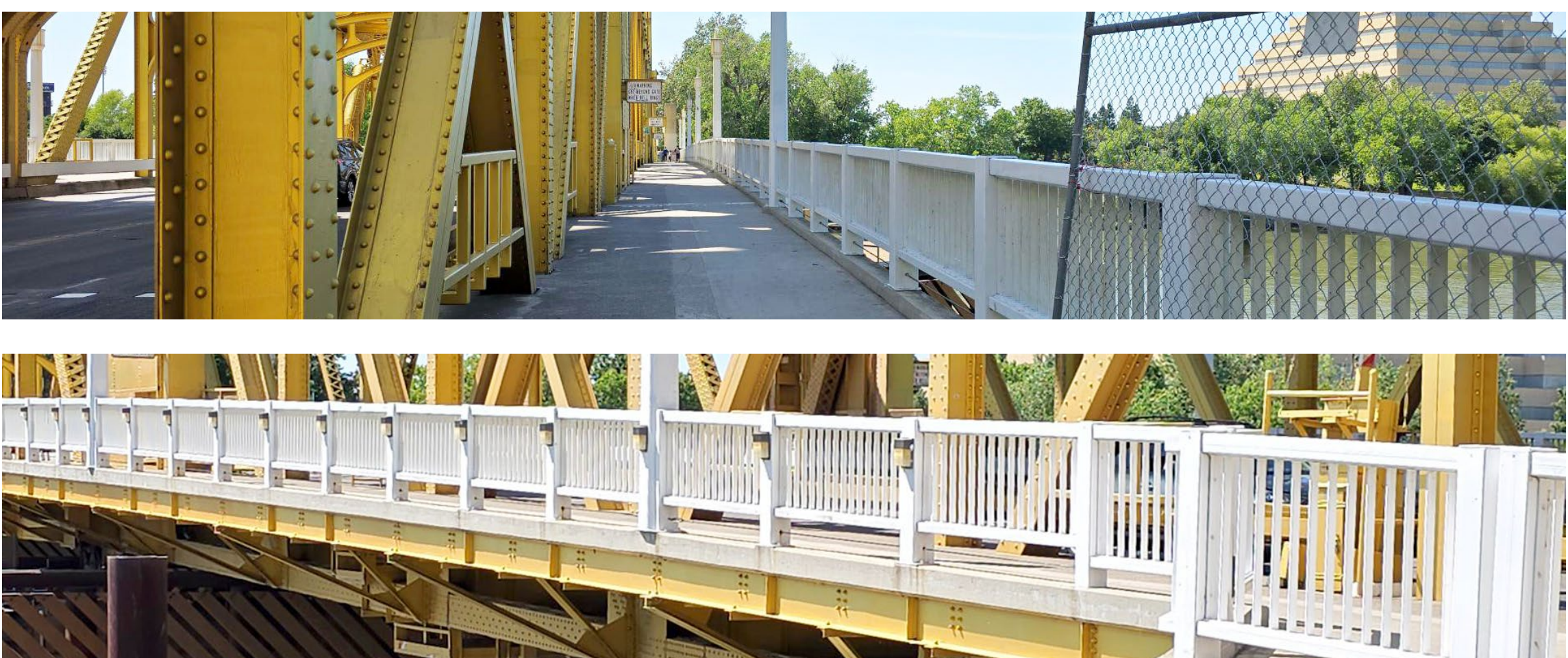


IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

SHARED USE PATH WITH SHADE TREES



CANTILEVERED SHARED USE PATH



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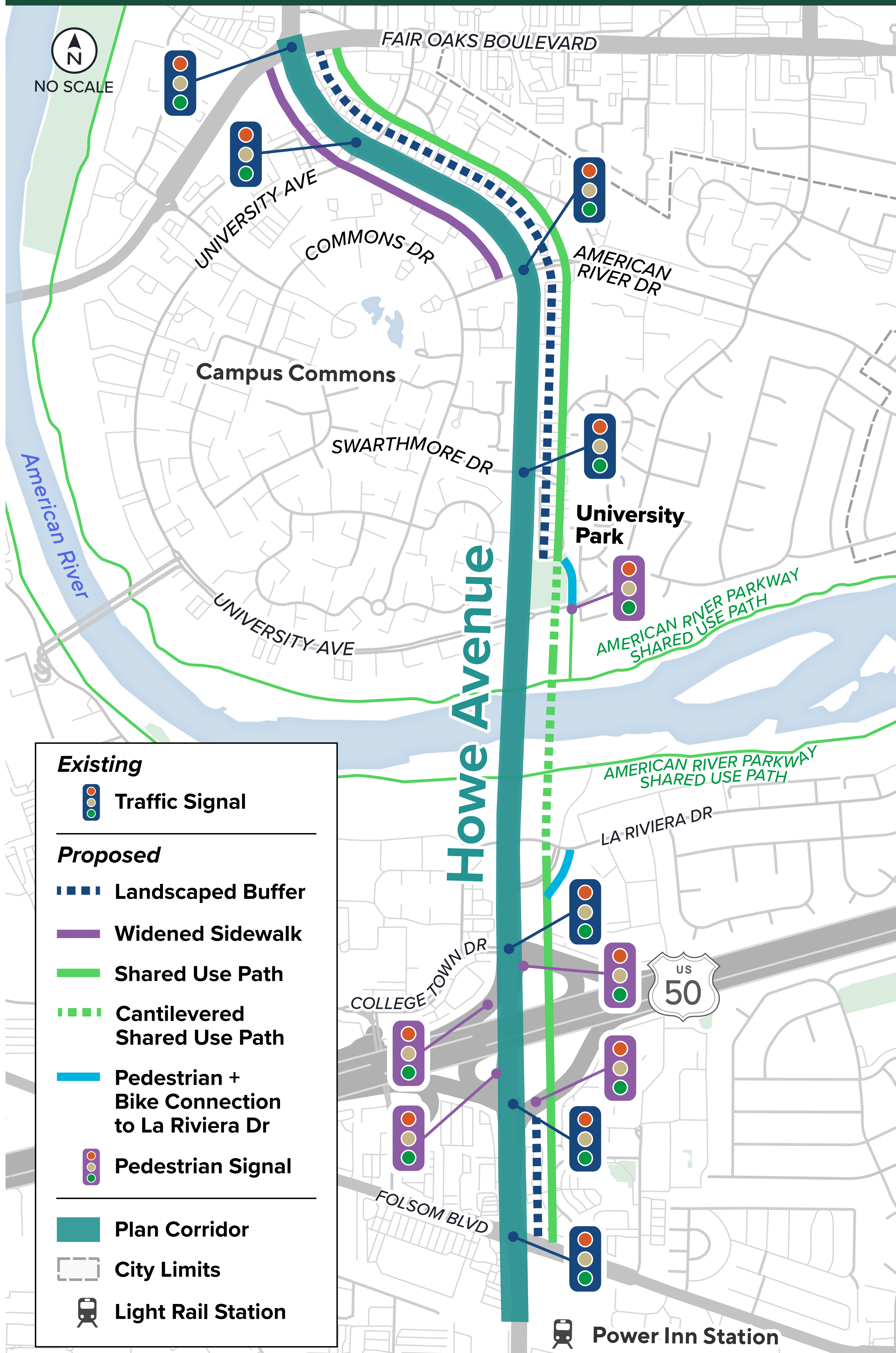
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Rank the Alternatives



How does each Alternative meet community priorities?

Use one dot for each alternative to let us know if it meets or doesn't meet your expectations.

Community Priorities:	Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
1 Improve corridor safety, particularly by slowing car speeds and increasing driver awareness	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS
2 Remove barriers for people walking, rolling, and biking to key destinations	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS
3 Create low stress facilities that improve safety for people biking	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS
4 Create low stress, accessible travel paths for people walking, rolling, and bicycling to reach transit	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	DOESN'T MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS



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Phase 2: Alternatives Review

***ATC Presentation
August 21, 2025***

Project Team

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Agenda

- Why Howe Avenue?
- Planning Goals
- Alternative Concepts
- Community Engagement & Next Steps



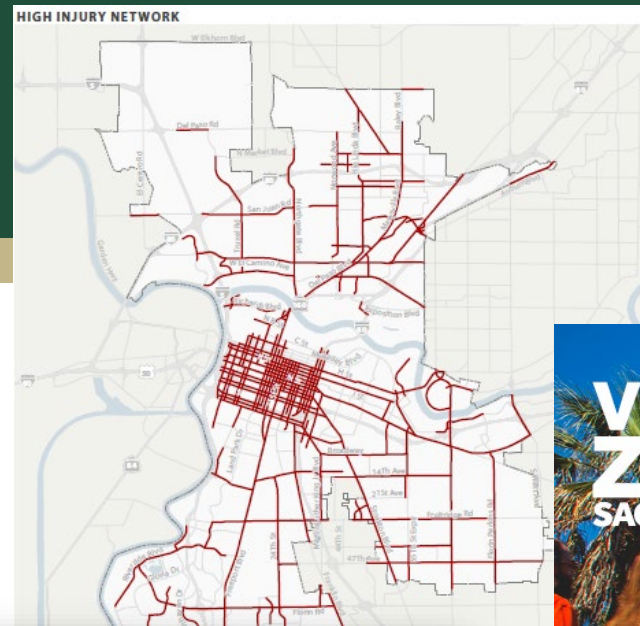
Why Howe Avenue?

Why Howe?

TOP 10 CORRIDOR WITH THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF FATAL AND SEVERE INJURY
CRASHES.

Critical corridor serving:

- Residents and Communities
- Sacramento State
- Students
- Businesses



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Planning Goals



Plan Goal:

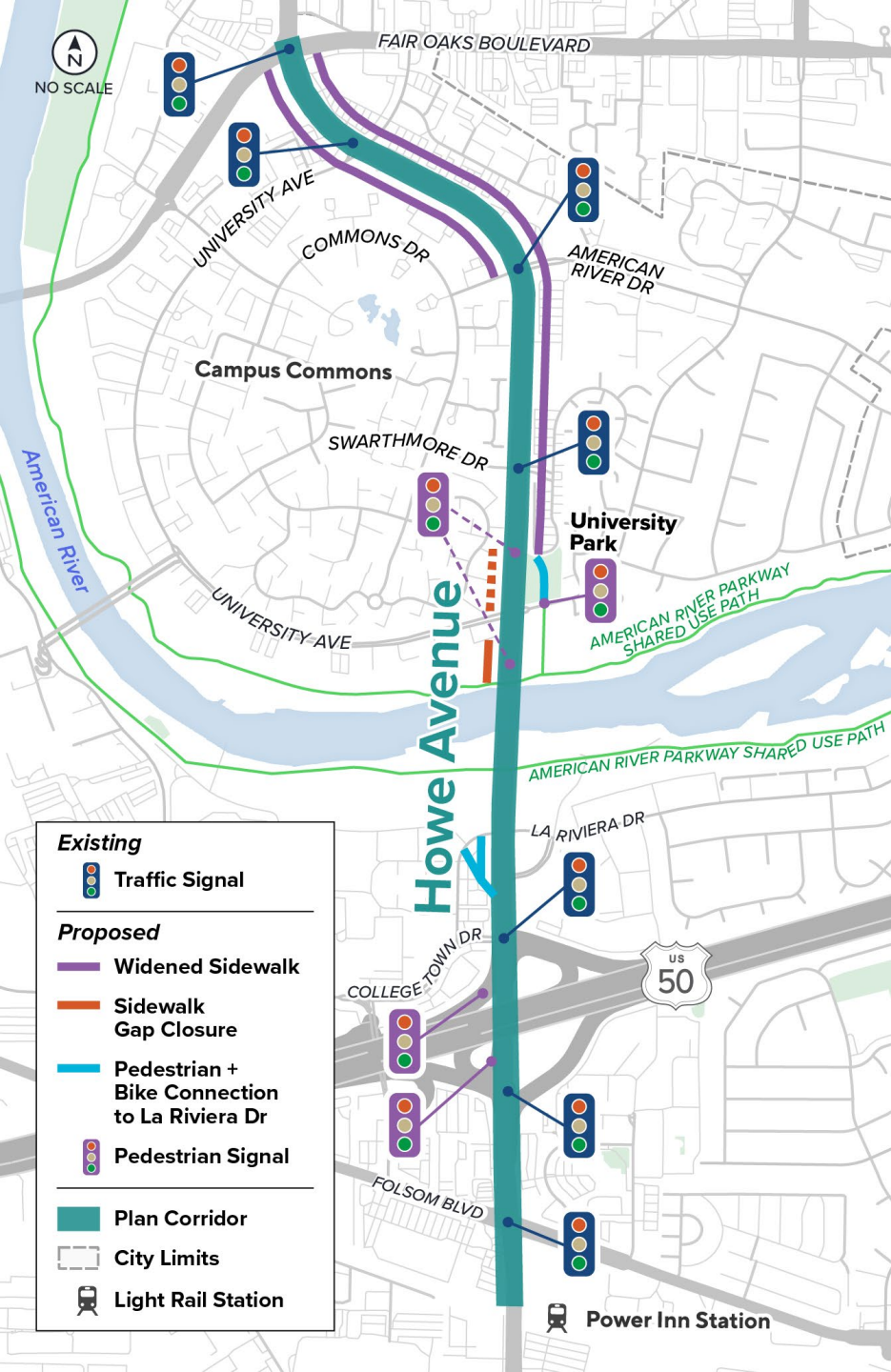
To identify a data-driven, community-supported plan for a future Howe Avenue to improve safety and mobility.

This presentation will:

- Present alternative concepts for the corridor
- Help us refine concepts to align with community priorities

American River DR
2300

Alternative Concepts

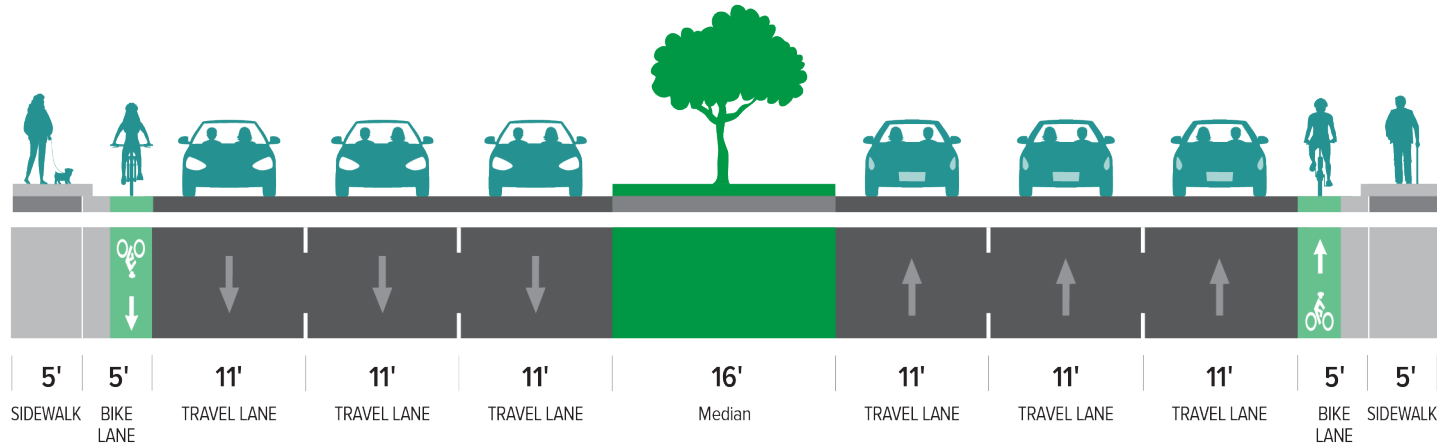


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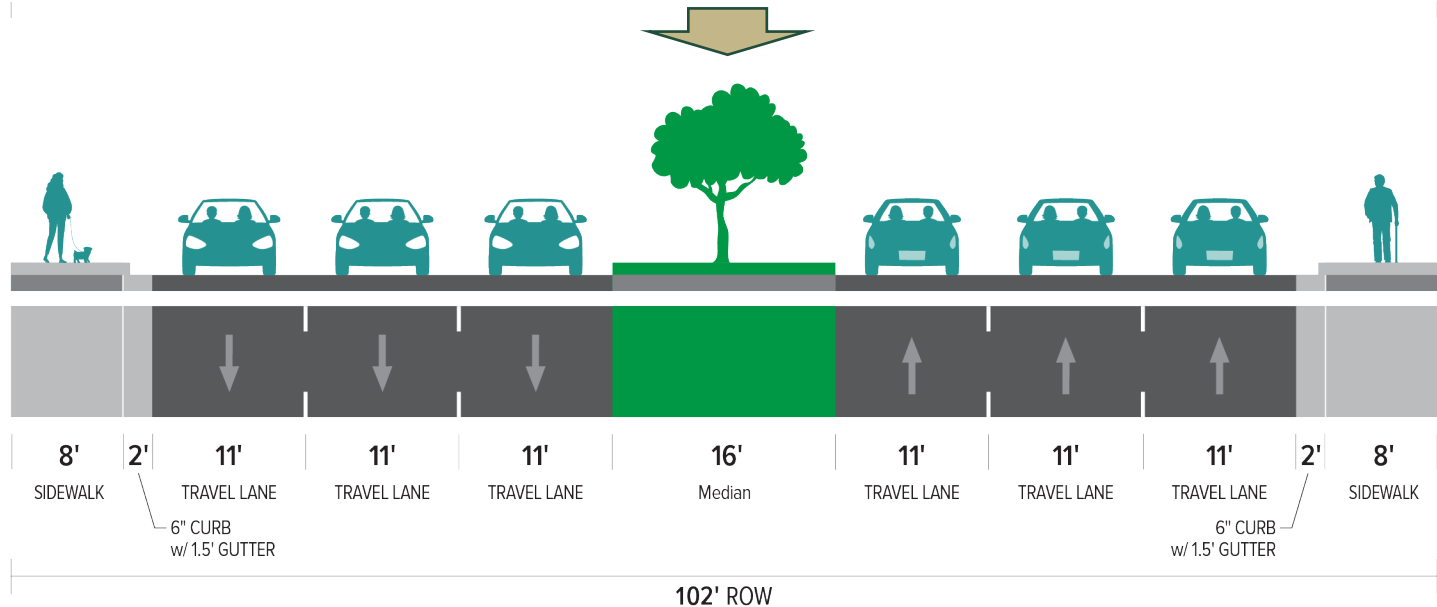
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Existing

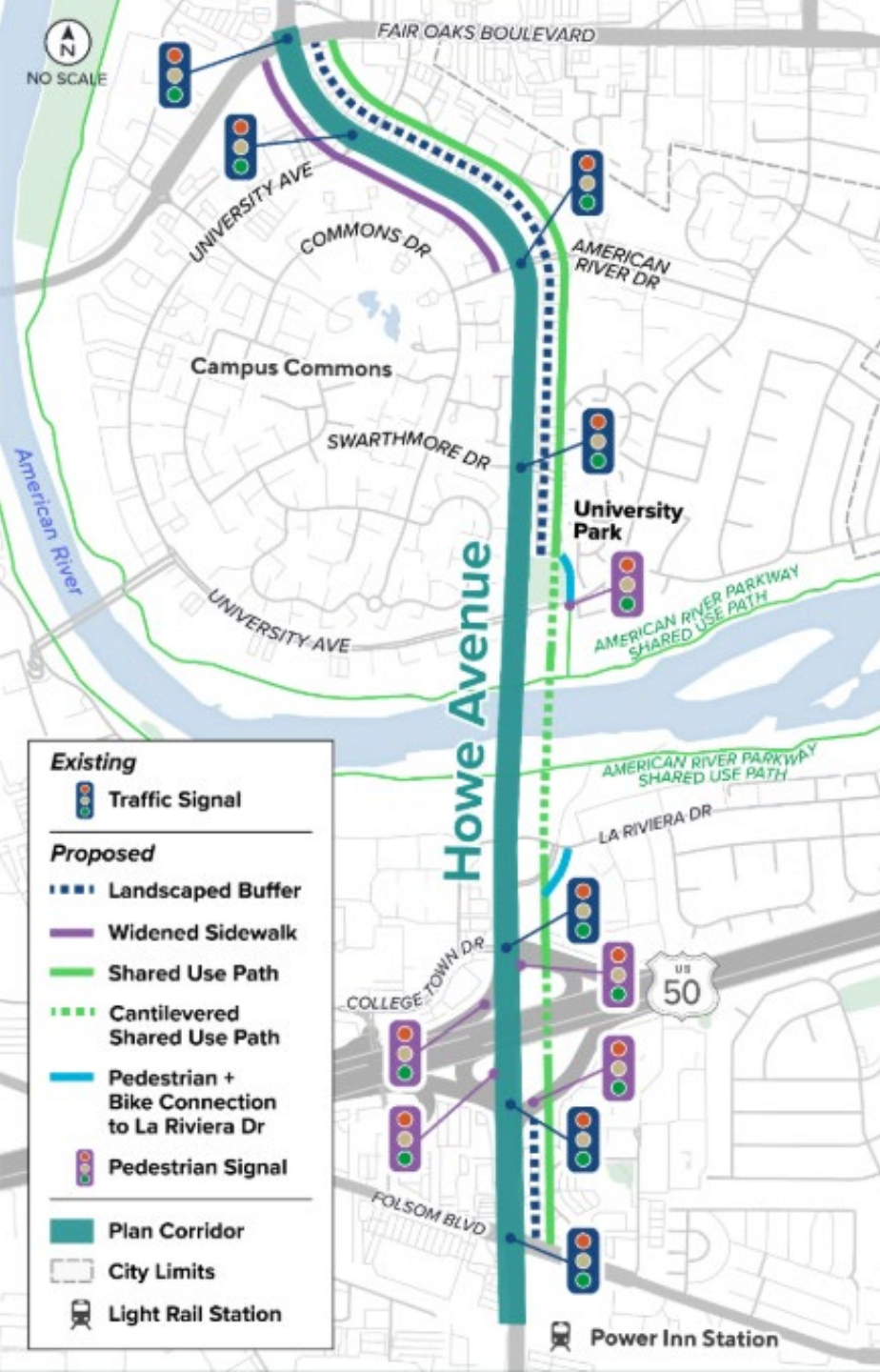


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Alternative 2



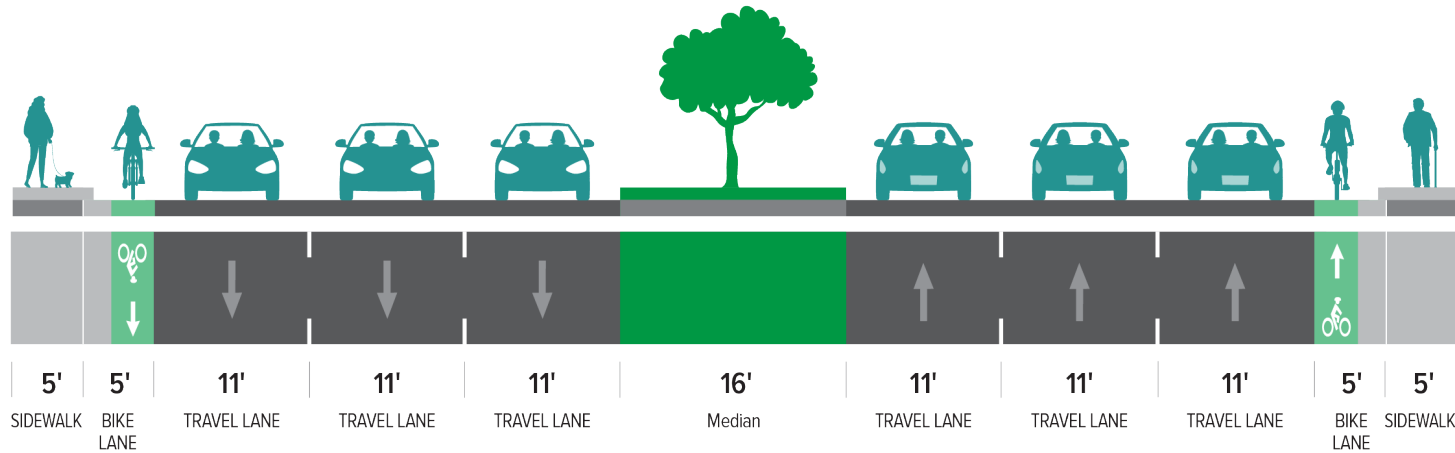
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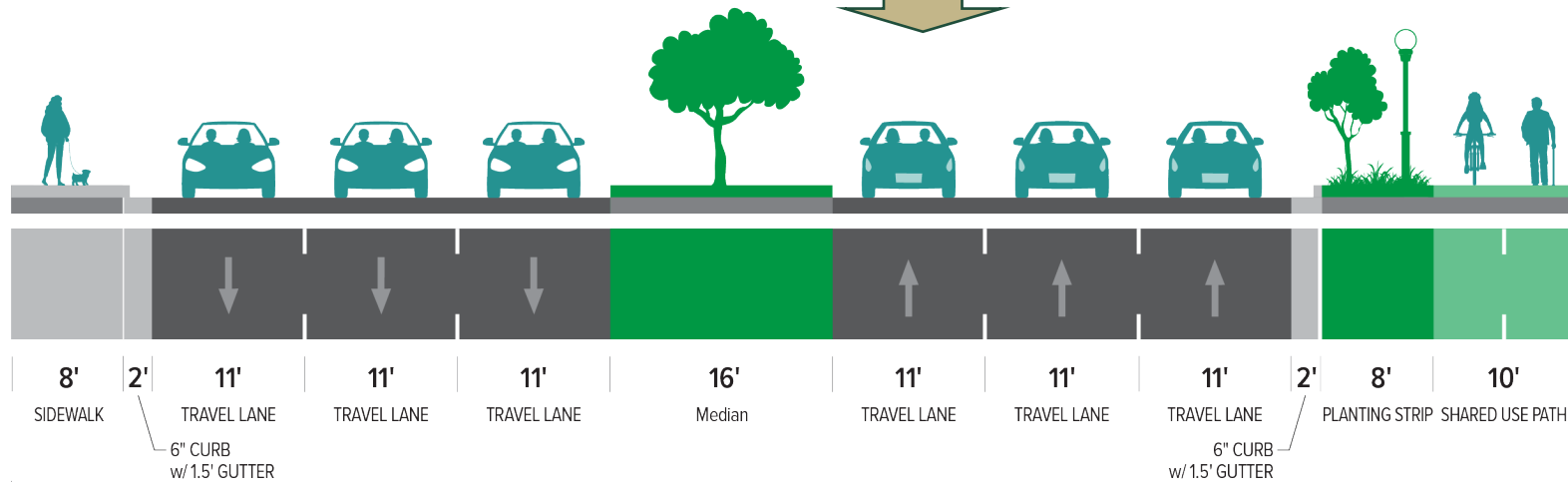
Alternative 2

Existing



102' ROW

Alternative 2



112' ROW



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Community Engagement

Phase 2 engagement was
June 17 through July 21

Public Engagement Included:

- Social Pinpoint interface hosted on the project website
 - Overview of Alternatives
 - Surveys
 - Overall feedback questionnaire
- Community Pop-ins
- Multiple City hosted virtual and in-person workshops
- City email and blog newsletter articles

Help us develop a plan
to **improve safety and
access** on Howe Avenue!



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For more information, visit our
website at:
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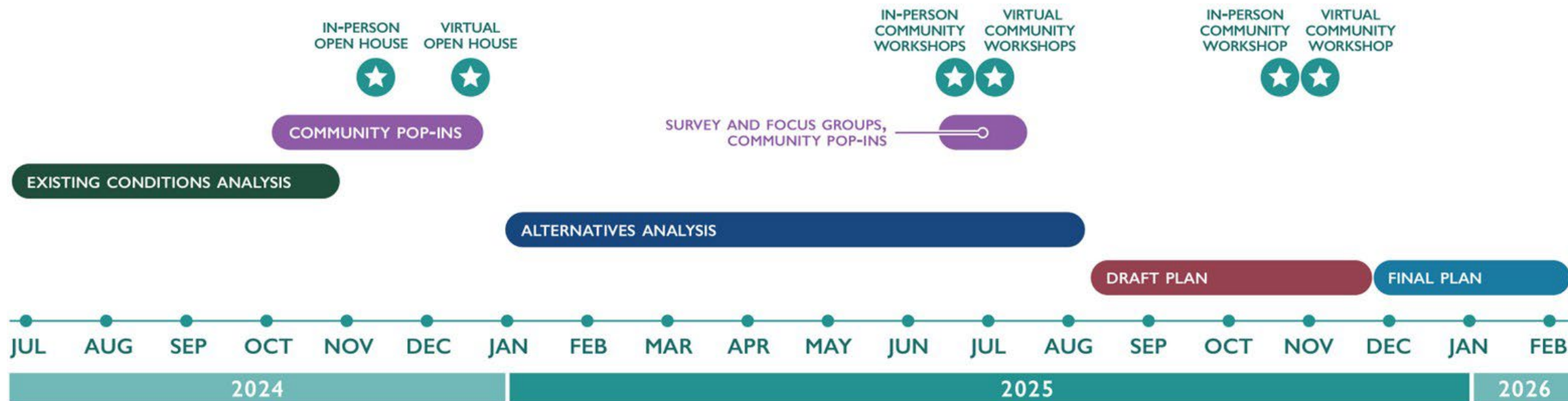
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Next Steps



Fall 2025: Public Draft Plan/ Community Engagement

January 2026: Final Draft Plan to ATC

February 2026: Final Draft Plan for Council adoption



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Thank you!

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