

Street Design Standards Amendment

Community Meeting #1

Project Overview

Vision & Values

Thursday, June 27, 2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm



Street Design Standards Amendment

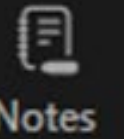
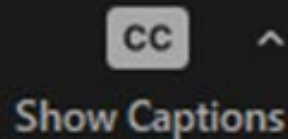
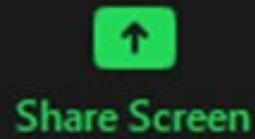
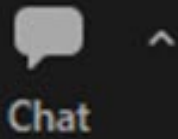
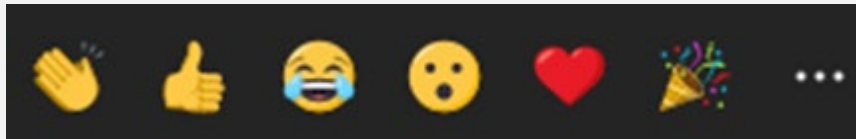
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- Starting with everyone on **"listen only"** mode
- This meeting is being **recorded**
- During **breakout groups** everyone will be video on and be able to unmute
- Engage throughout the webinar by **commenting in the chat**
- Ask questions using the **Q&A Box**
 - We will answer as many questions as we can during the Q&A Session

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Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
1. Welcome & Introductions	10 min
Zoom webinar protocols	
Community Introductions	
2. Project Background & Goals	20 min
What are Street Design Standards? How do we use them? Why amend them?	
What is the project motivation? What are the project outcomes and limitations?	
Project schedule and opportunities for engagement	
3. Q&A	10 min
4. Breakout Activities: Vision & Values	40 min
Activity #1: Streets that Reflect Our Values	
Activity #2: What Does Safer, More Comfortable, Climate Friendly Street Design Look Like?	
5. Key Takeaways & Next Steps	10 min
	<i>Total Time</i> 90 min



Community Introductions





Introduce Yourself!

Go to **mentimeter.com** on your phone or desktop and enter the code: **9451 9963**

Question 1: Which options best describe you? (choose as many as you'd like)

Question 2: In 8 words or fewer, what interests you about his project?

HIT SUBMIT!



Project Background and Goals

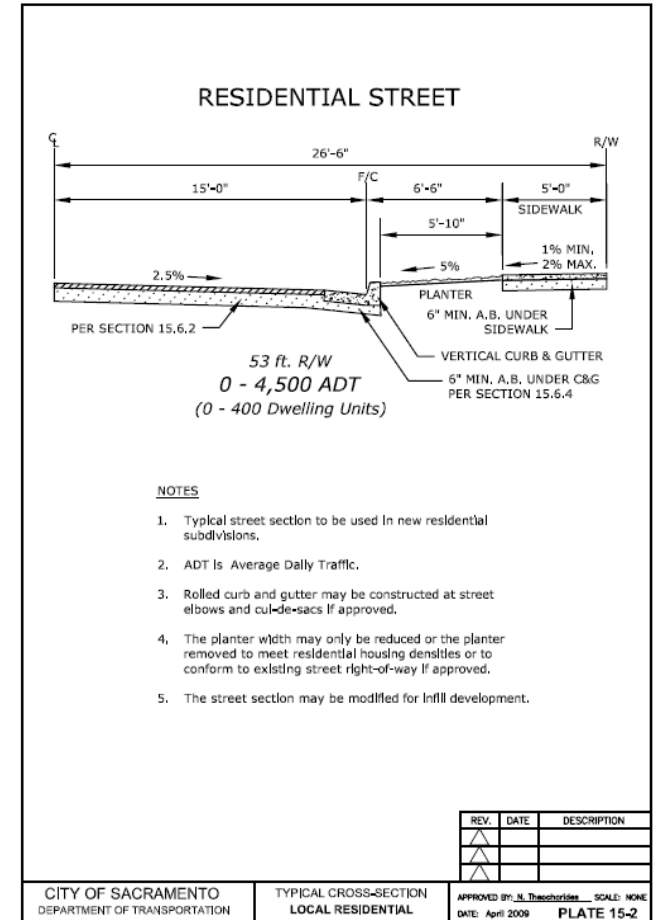


What are the Street Design Standards?

Section 15 of the City's Design and Procedures Manual



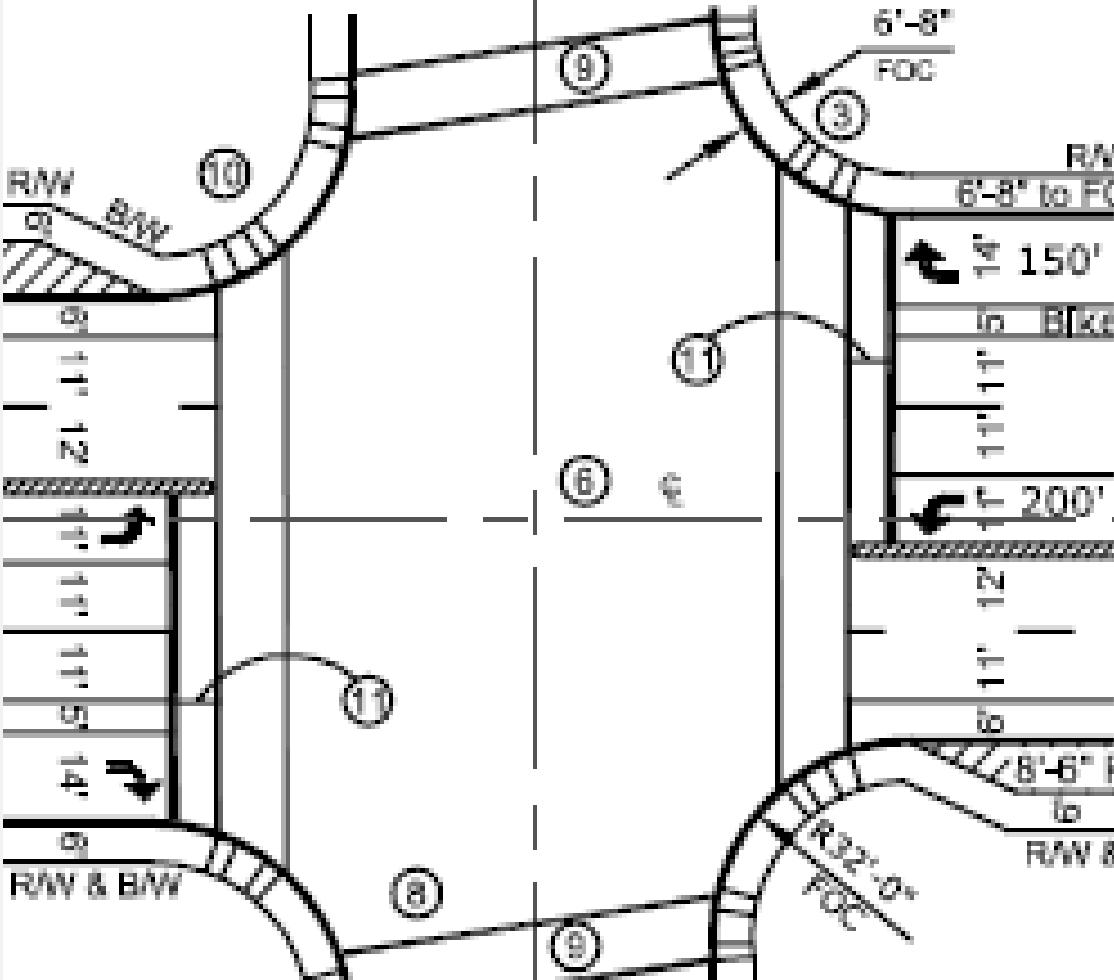
Design and Procedures Manual
Section 15 - Street Design Standards



July 2009



How do we use the Street Design Standards?



Del Paso Rd @ NP3 Elementary and High Schools





Why update the Street Design Standards? (1/2)

- People are dying and being seriously injured on our streets
- Climate change will negatively impact Sacramento
- Our current Design Standards don't provide enough guidance to address safety and climate change
- Our City policies and plans dictate that we must update our standards in order to meet our goals.



Why update the Street Design Standards?

Safety: People are dying
and being seriously
injured on our streets.

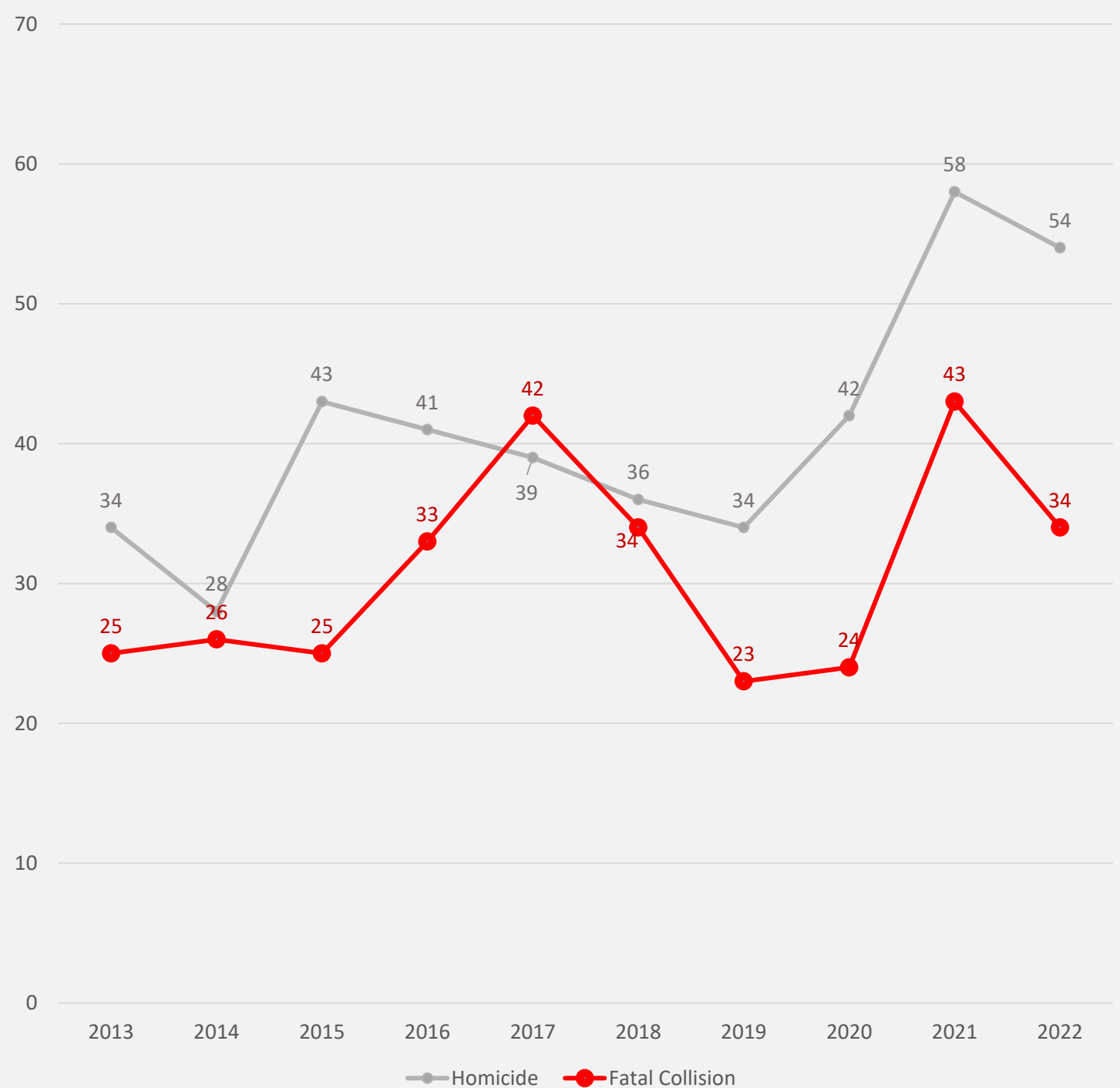


Why? (1/7)

Between 2013-2022

309

people were killed
on Sacramento
streets

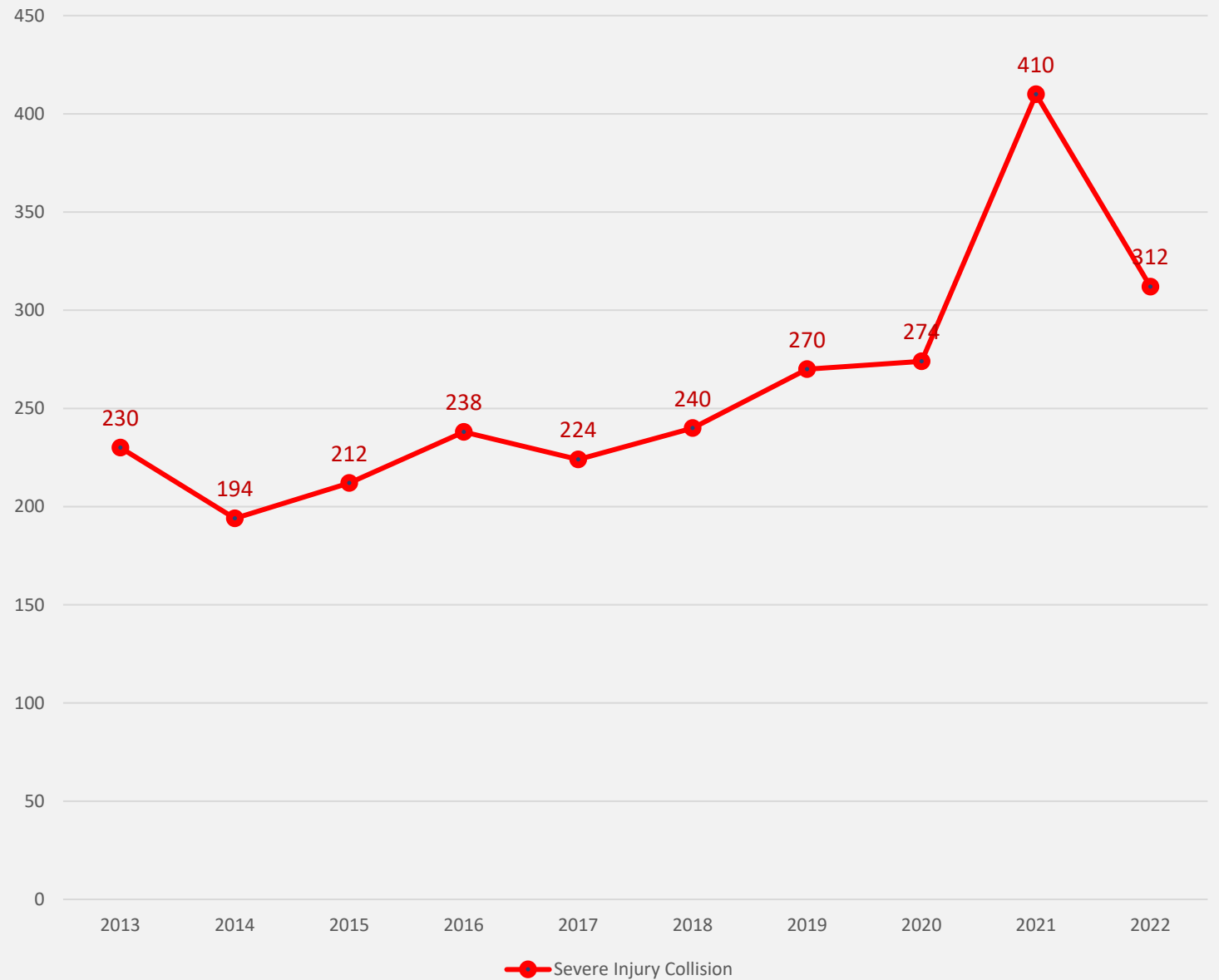


Why? (2/7)

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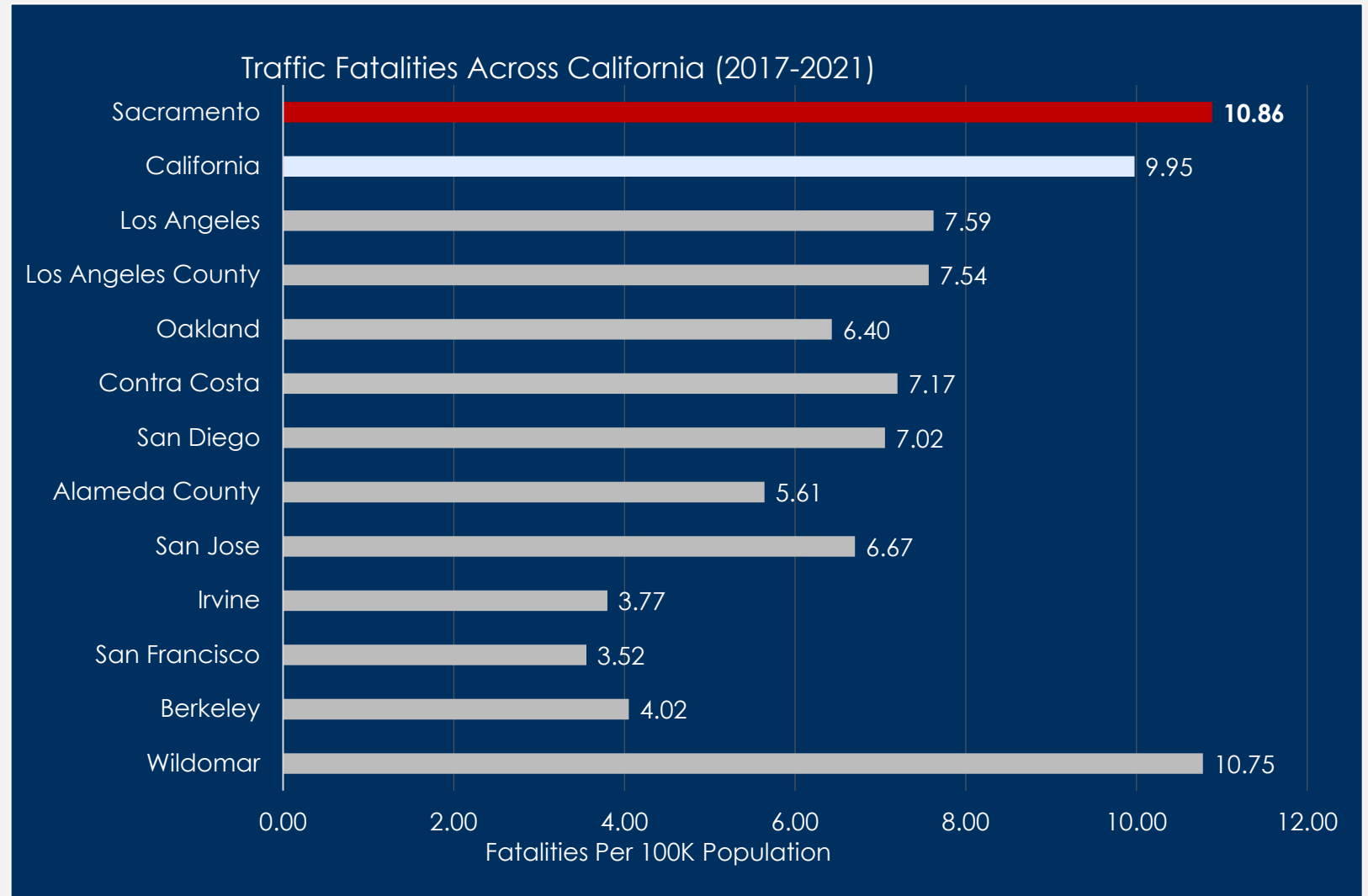
2,604

people were
severely injured on
Sacramento streets



Why? (3/7)

Most fatalities per capita in California



Why? (4/7)

Act on policy direction:

Vision Zero Action 2.1:

*“**Update City street design standards** to reflect complete streets and designs reflective of **crash reduction factors.**”*



Why update the Street Design Standards?

Climate and Air Quality:
The majority of
Sacramento's GHGs are
from transportation

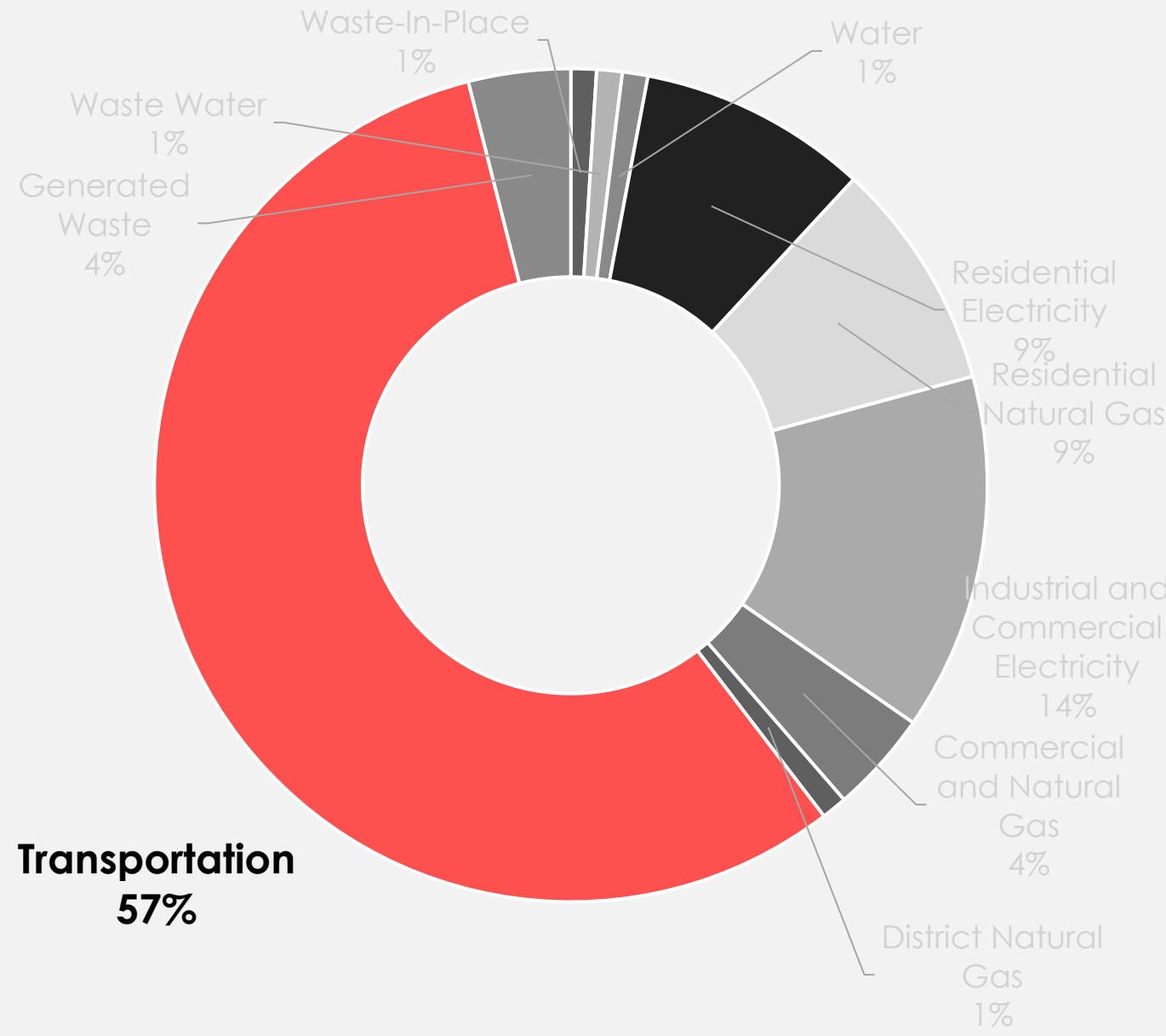




Why? (5/7)

Council directed goals include:

- Achieve 6% active transportation mode share by 2030 and 12% by 2045
- Achieve 11% public transit mode share by 2030 and maintain through 2045



Why? (6/7)

Street design affects how people travel.

If people do not feel comfortable walking, bicycling, or taking transit, they will likely drive.



Why? (7/7)

Act on policy direction:

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan:

*“To accomplish climate friendly travel choices, the City must **update our Street Design Standards** to ensure there are real options for Sacramentans to travel on **complete, low stress, all ages and abilities streets by walking, biking, and transit use.**”*



Why update the Street Design Standards? (2/2)



2040 General Plan Policies

M-1.2 User Prioritization. The City shall prioritize mobility, comfort, health, safety, and convenience for those **walking**, followed by those **bicycling and riding transit**, ahead of design and operations for those driving.

M-1.5 Street Design Standards. The City shall **maintain street design and operations standards** that prioritize comfort and travel time for walking, bicycling, and transit, while managing vehicle speeds and traffic volumes, **updating them as best practices evolve.**

MRC-3.2 Tree Canopy Expansion. The City should strive to achieve a **25 percent urban tree canopy cover by 2030 and 35 percent by 2045.** Prioritize tree planting and tree maintenance in areas with the lowest average canopy cover and explore strategies to reduce barriers to tree planting in disadvantaged communities and improve tree health.



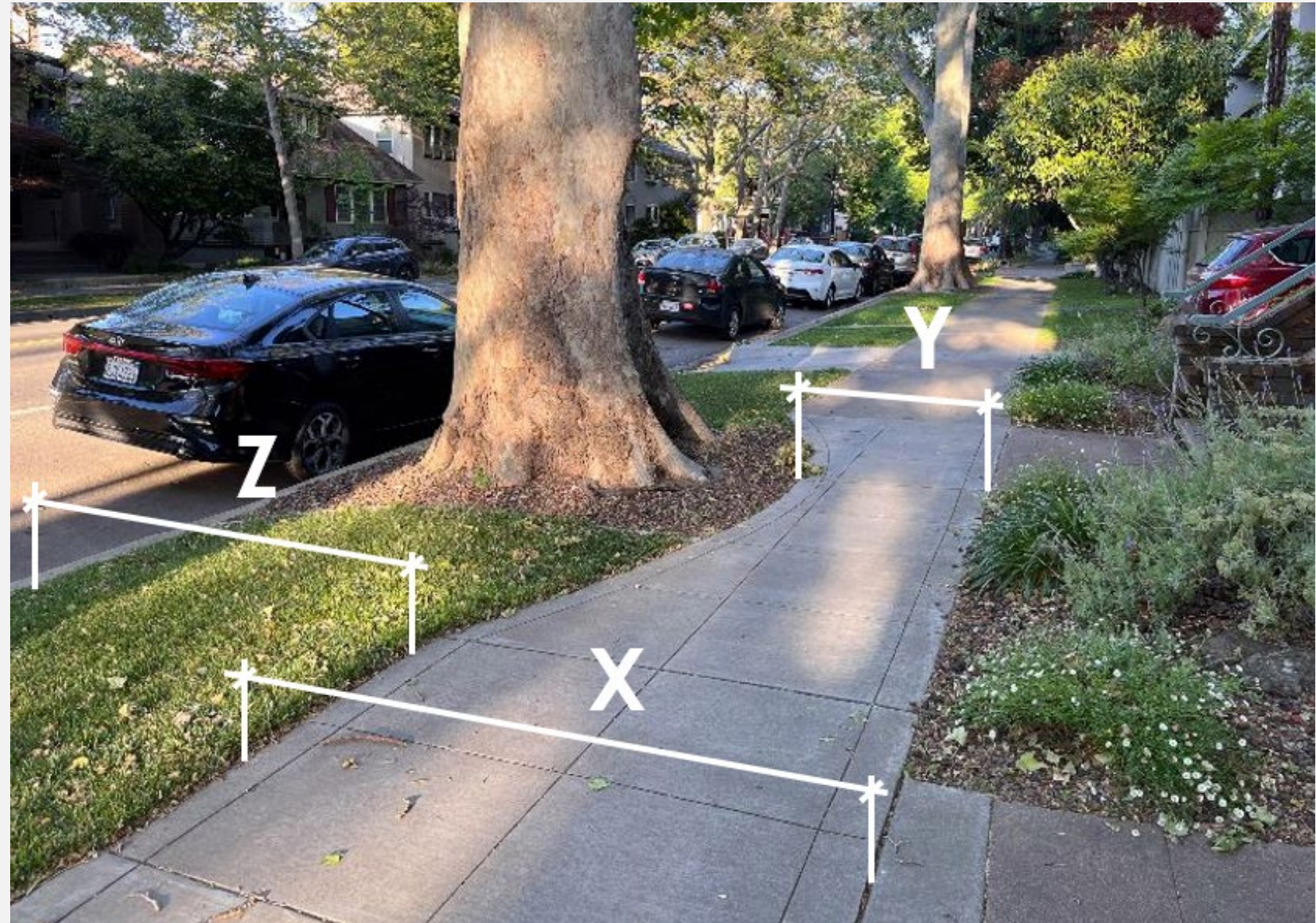
What will this amendment do?





Updated Street Design Standards will include guidance for:

- **Sidewalk and street tree buffer widths**





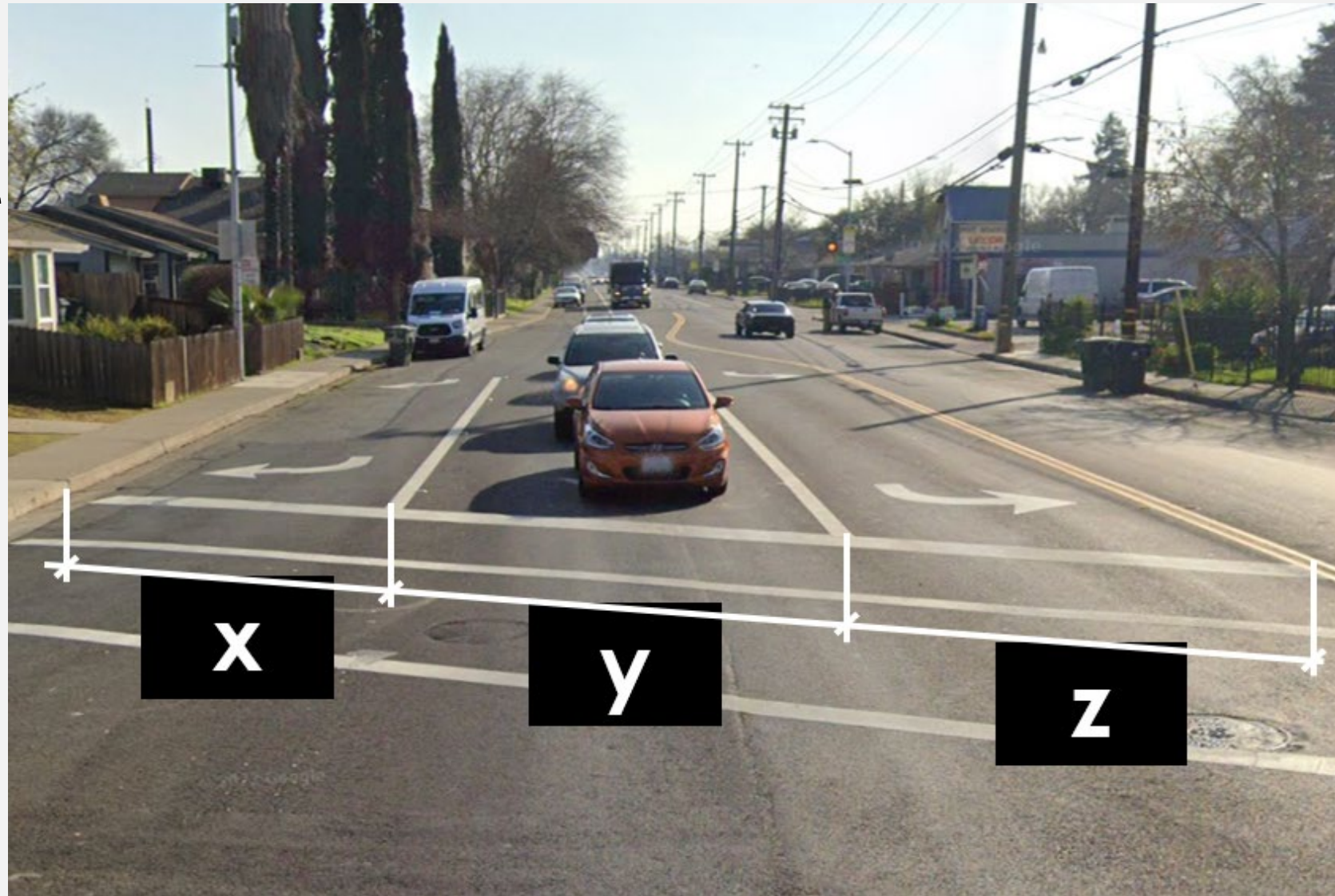
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- Sidewalk and street tree buffer widths
- **Bikeway types and widths**



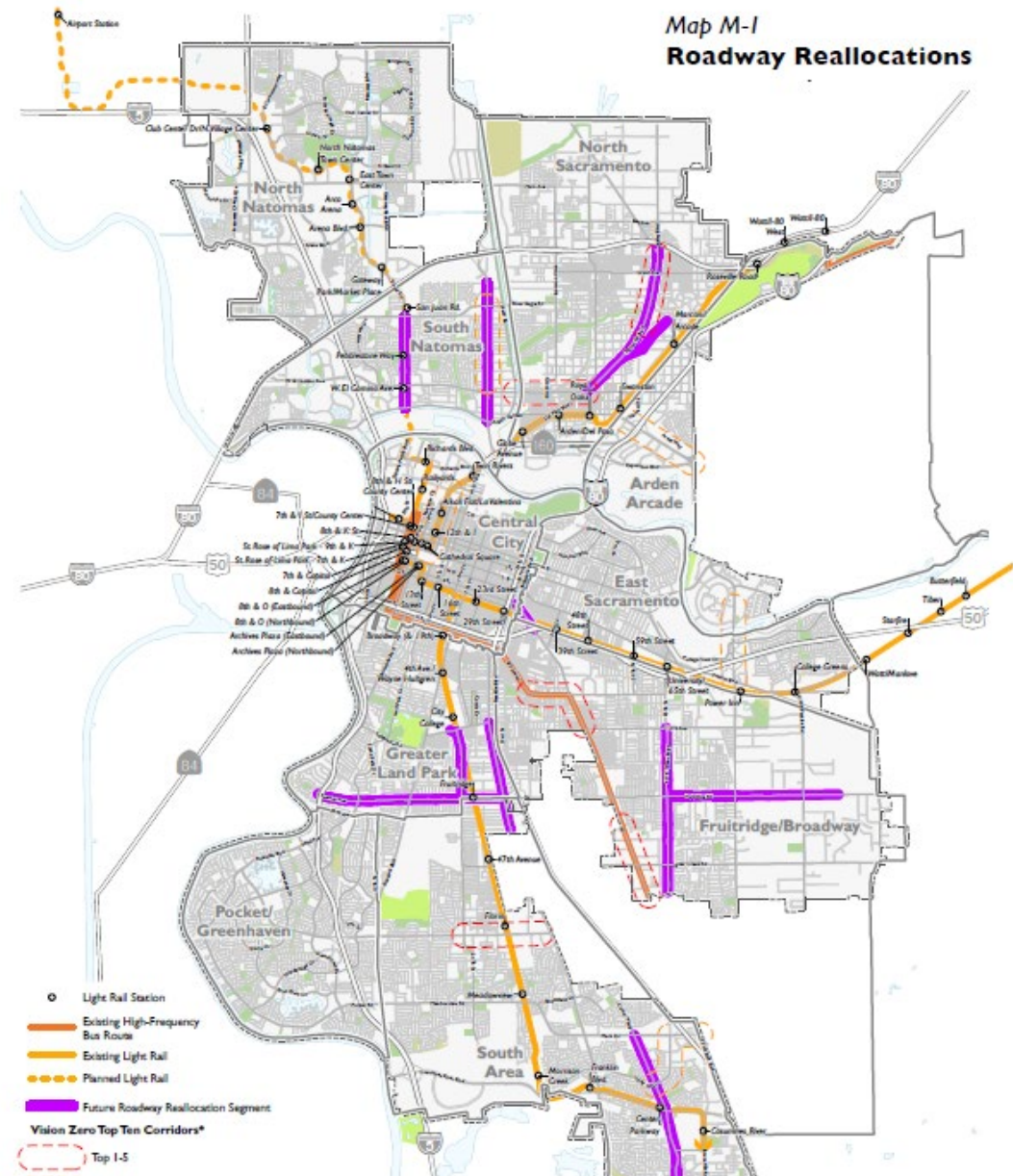
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- Sidewalk and street tree buffer widths
- Bikeway types and widths
- **Travel lane widths**



What will these Street Design Standards *not* include?

- Citywide transportation network decisions, such as:
 - Where to install bike lanes
 - Where to remove vehicle lanes ("road diet")
 - Where to install or upgrade traffic signals
- Recommendations for specific streets or corridors



General Plan
Roadway Reallocations Map



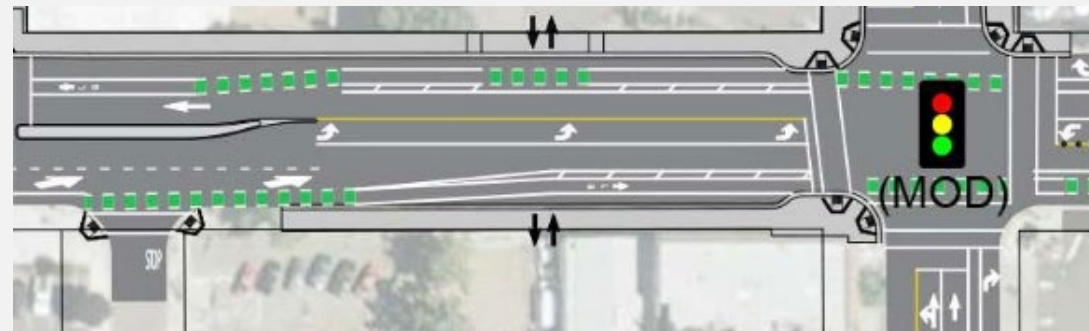
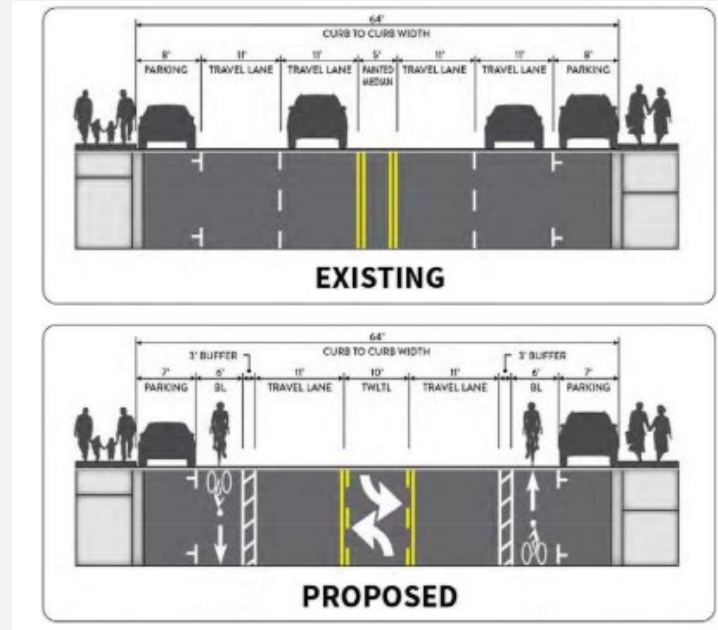
Street Design Standards DO NOT guide...

Where changes are installed



Street Design Standards DO guide...

Designs of approved changes





In Summary: Why are we doing this ?

On Paper:

- Update Section 15
- Increase transparency

On the Street:

- Save lives, avoid serious injuries
- Address climate change, air quality
- Make our city street comfortable, and enjoyable to use



Project Process & Opportunities for Engagement



Project Process



We Are Here

- 2-year Project
 - Anticipated Council Nov 2025
- Public Draft Review Fall, 2025



Engagement Process – Project Partners

Public Community Meetings:

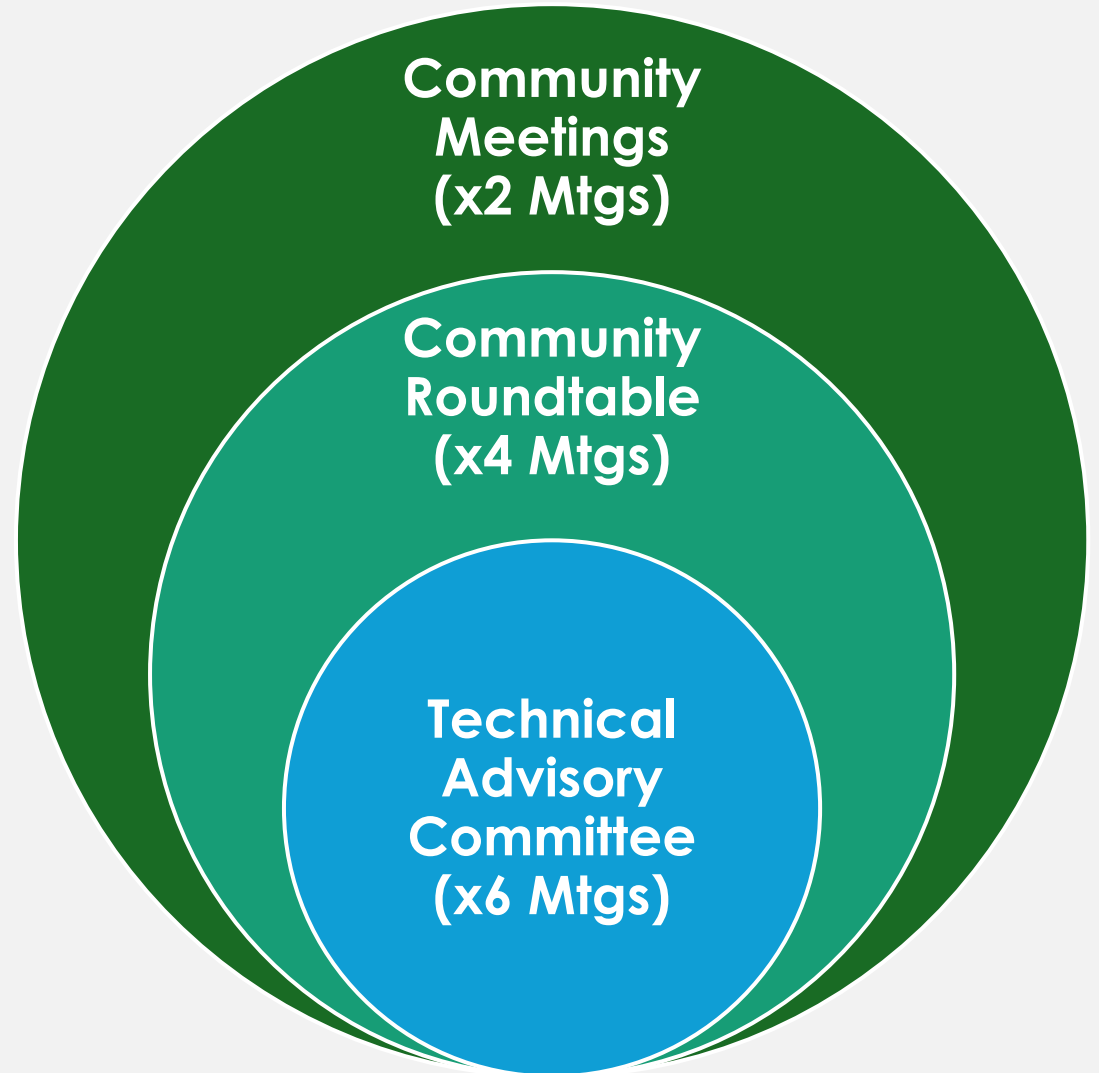
- Now: Project Overview, Vision and Values
- Next Year: Draft Updated Design Standards

Community Roundtable Meetings:

- External partner organizations

Technical Advisory Committee:

- Internal City sections or divisions (e.g., *Utilities, Fire Department, Public Works, Community Development, etc.*)



Stay Informed and Involved! (1/3)

1. Sign up for the City's Transportation Planning Newsletter



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Stay Informed and Involved! (2/3)

2. Visit the project webpage and leave a comment

tinyurl.com/SacStreetDesignStandards

Stay in touch with our project team:

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Questions or Comments?

Please submit the following form to provide comments or questions for the Street Design Standards Amendment

Comment Box

Street Design Standards Amendment Comment Box



Name*

First Name

Last Name

Email*

Zip Code*

Comment / Question*

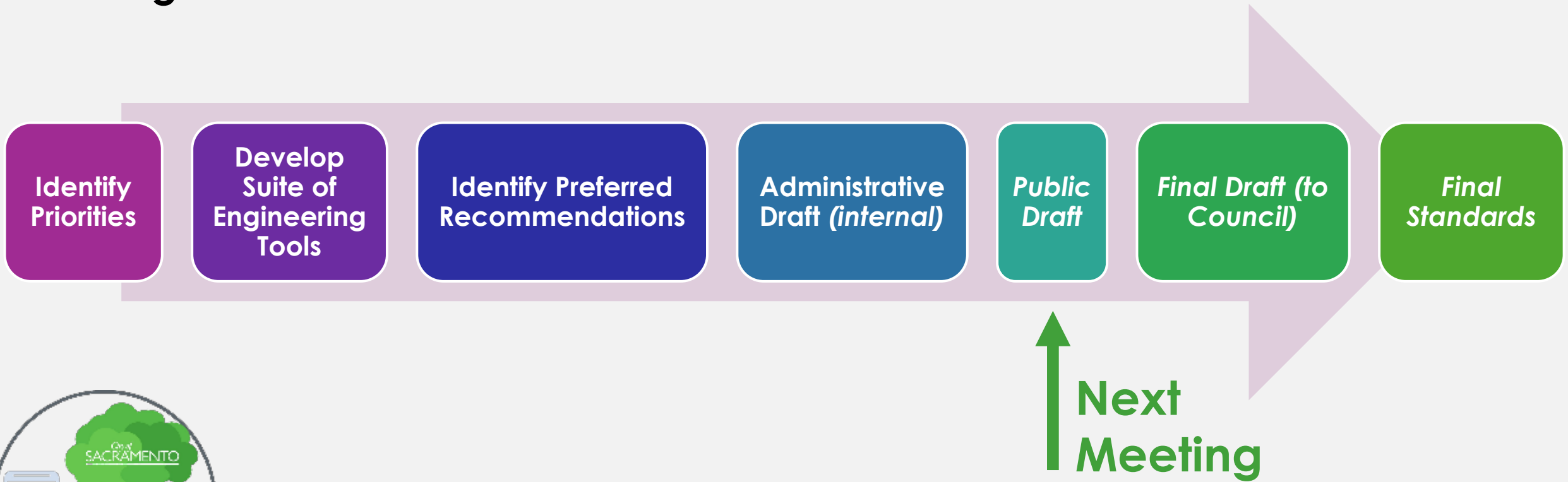
Please enter your comments or questions. (500 characters max)

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Submit Form

Stay Informed and Involved! (3/3)

3. Join us for the next community meeting in 2025





Q&A



Breakout Groups: Vision and Values





Ice-Breaker

What is your favorite street in Sacramento? What does it look and feel like? Share what you enjoy.

Agree with what someone else says? Let them know using the “reactions”



Activity # 1

Streets that Reflect Our Values



Our Values

As documented in City policies and plans



Prioritize people walking, cycling, and taking transit

(General Plan Modal Hierarchy)



Eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries

(Vision Zero Policy)



Address climate change/ protect the environment

(Climate Action & Adaptation Plan)



How well do each of the following streets reflect our values?



How well do you think **Del Paso Road** reflects our values?



NP3 Elementary
and High Schools

Westlake Park

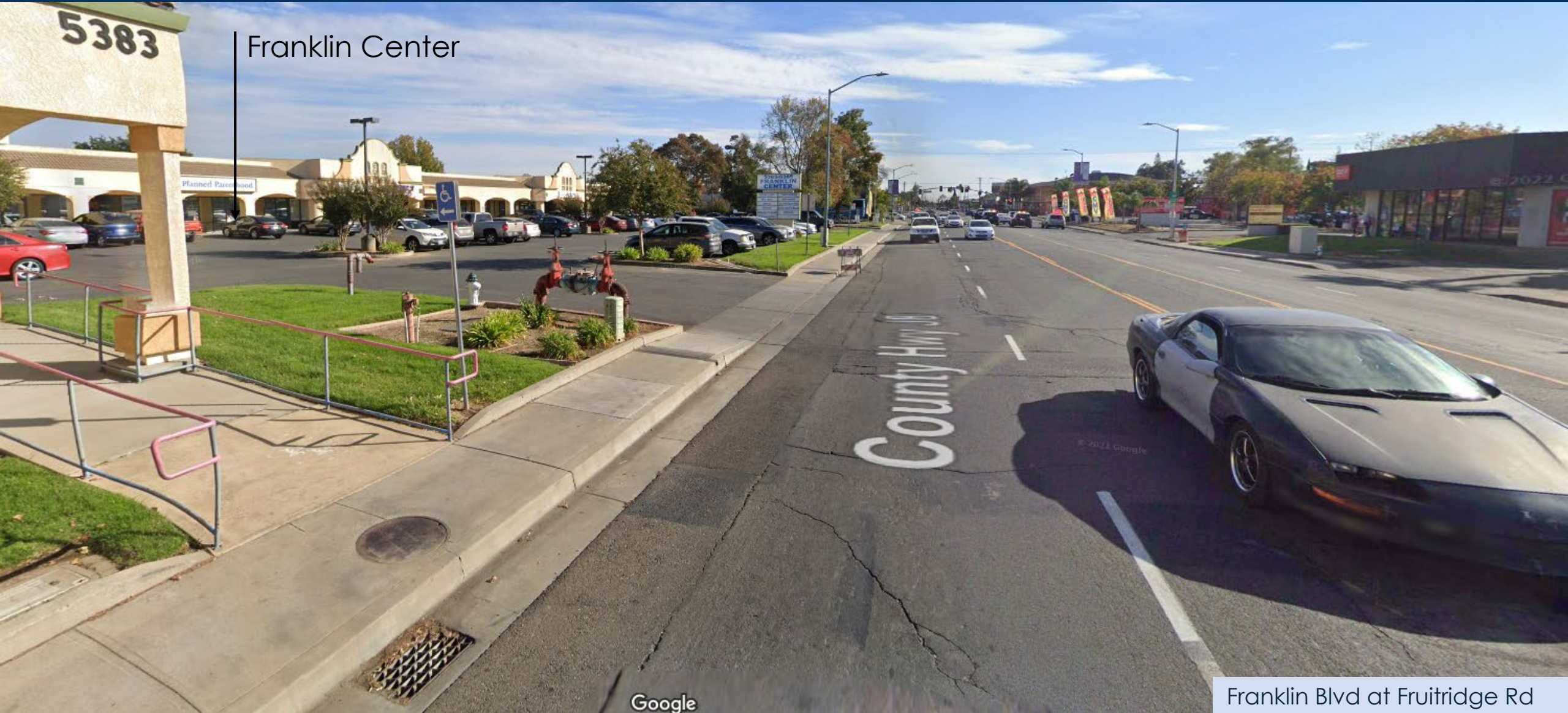
How well do you think **Grand Ave** reflects our values?



Grant Union High School



How well do you think **Franklin Boulevard** reflects our values?



Franklin Center

How well do you think **Freeport Boulevard** reflects our values?



How well do you think J Street reflects our values?



J St at 13th St

How well do you think **23rd Street** reflects our values?



Activity # 2

What Does a Safer, Comfortable, Climate
Friendly Street Design Look Like?



Using Street Design To...

Encourage more trips by walking, bicycling, and transit



Save lives and reduce serious injuries



Expand the street tree canopy



Reducing Speeds

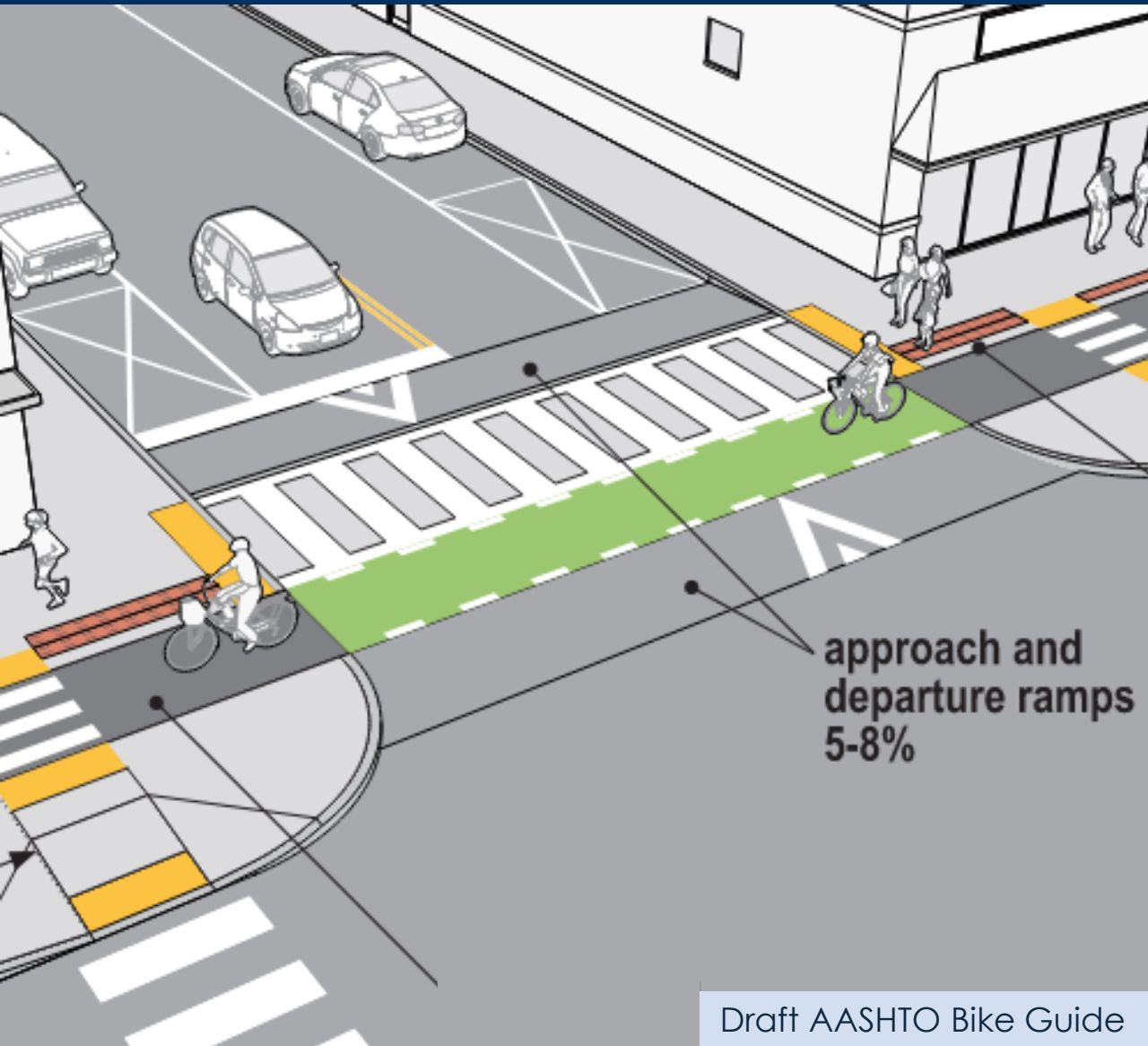
*...helps **reduce** serious and fatal crashes.*
*...helps **prevent** crashes from happening.*



Reducing Speeds: Speed Lumps



Reducing Speeds: Raised Side Street and Driveway Crossings

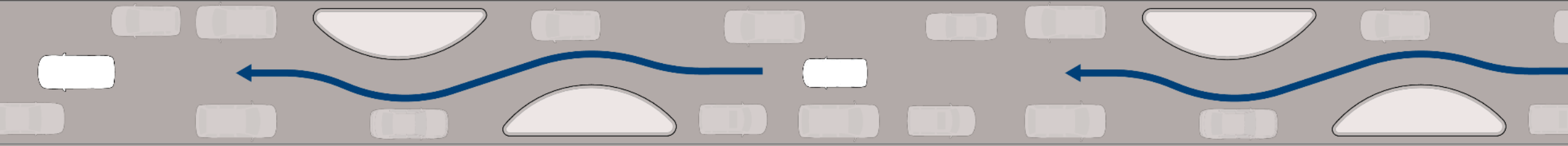


Draft AASHTO Bike Guide

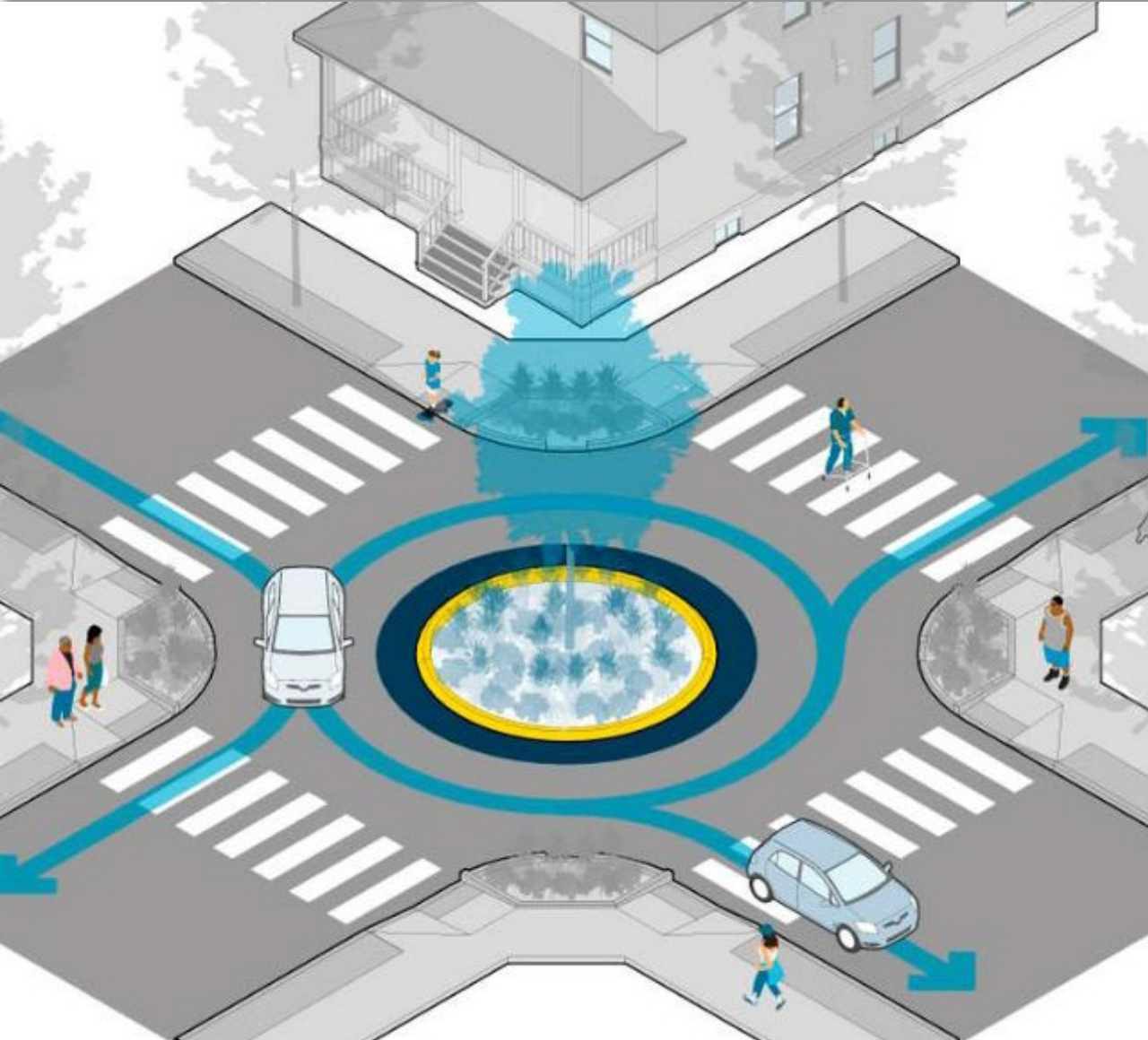


Seattle, WA

Reducing Speeds: Chicanes



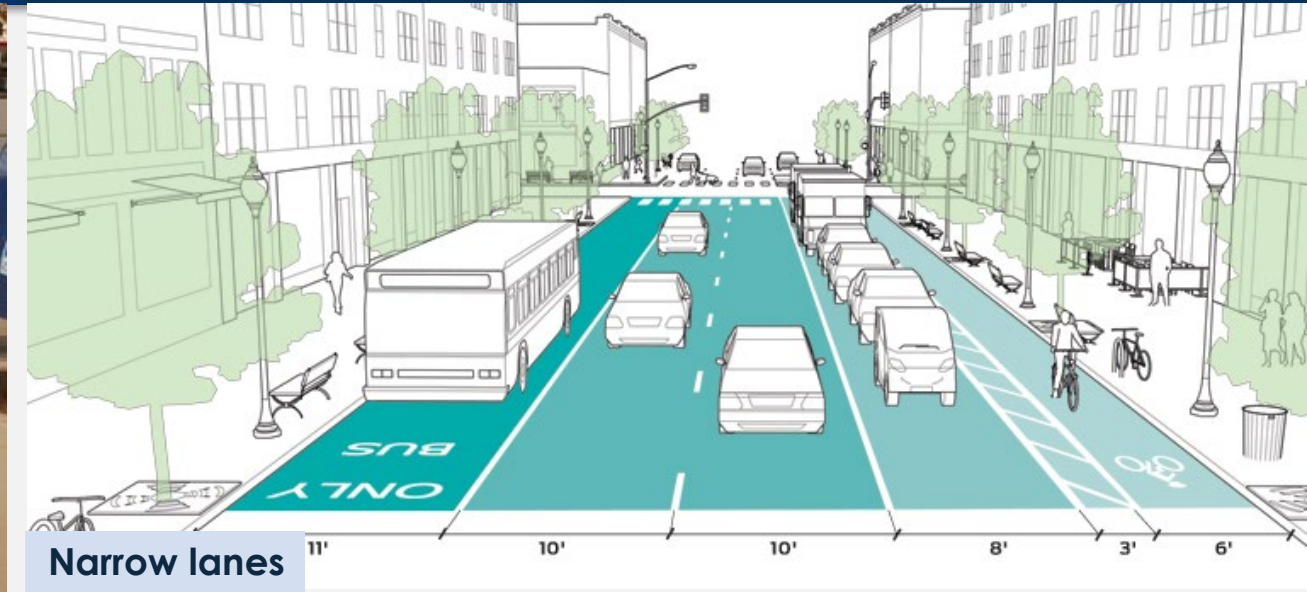
Reducing Speeds: Mini Roundabouts



Arterial Speed Management



Curb Extensions



Narrow lanes

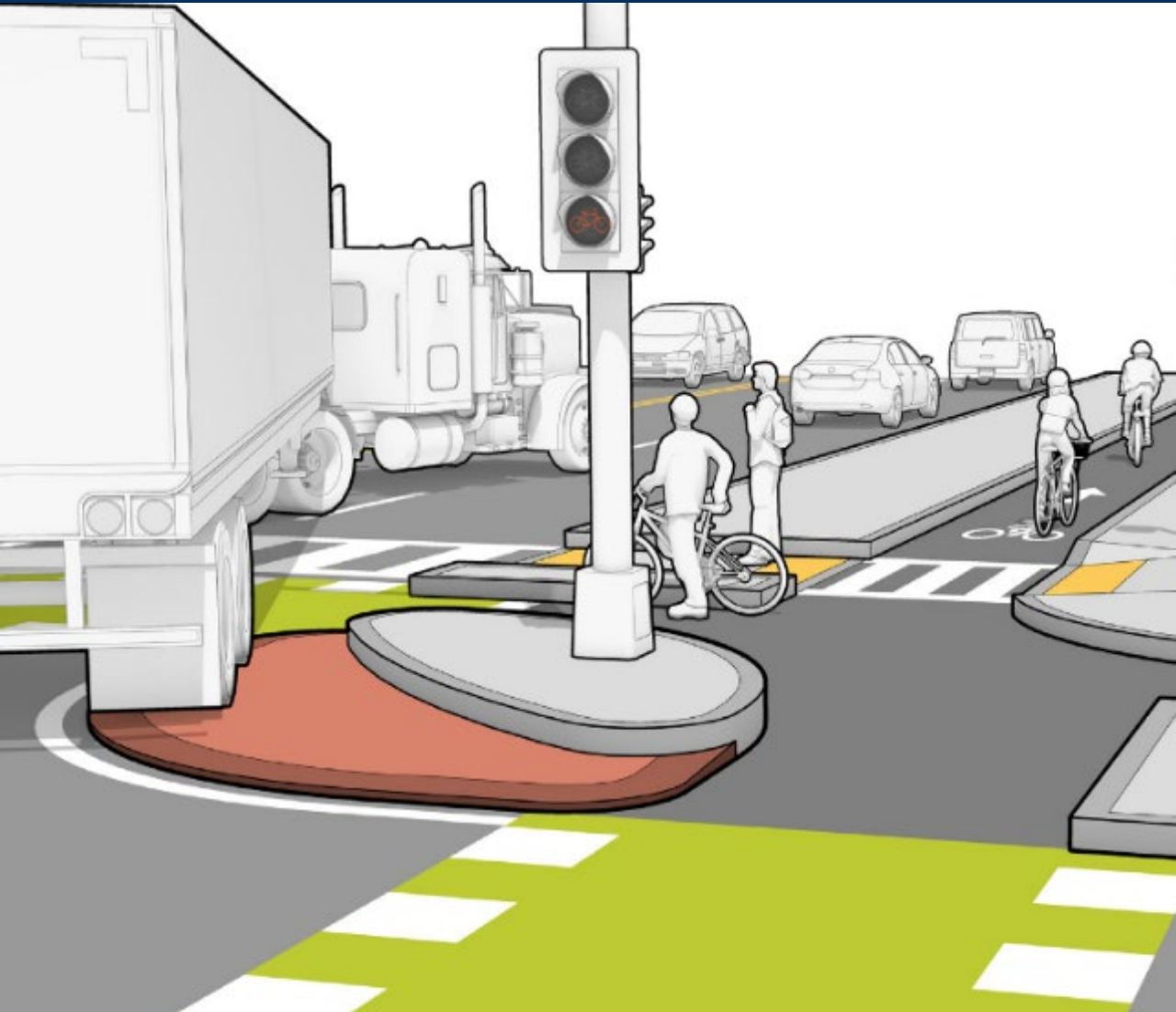


Median islands



Modern Roundabouts

Reducing (Turn) Speeds: Mountable Truck Aprons & Turn Wedges

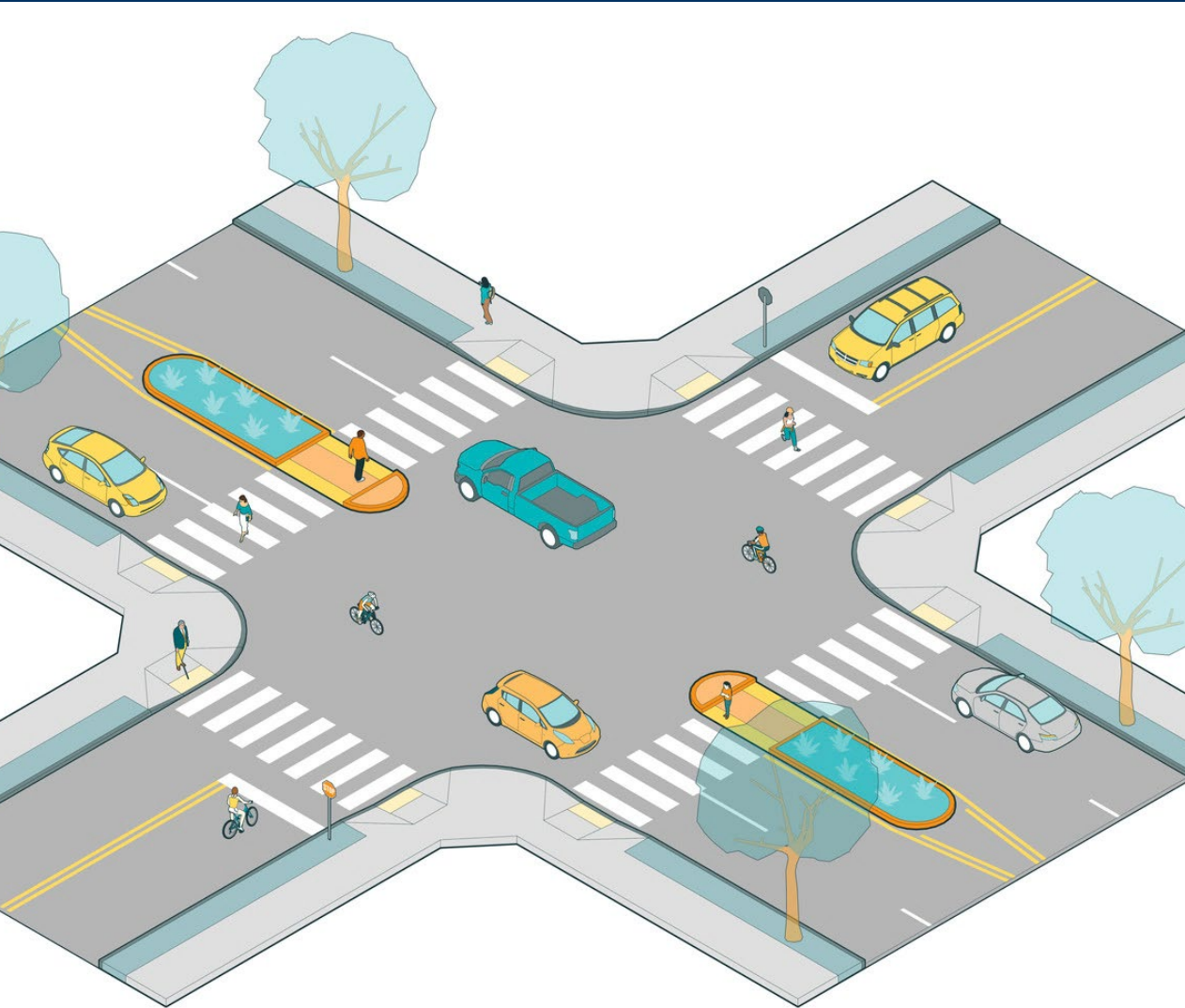


Minimizing Exposure to Vehicles

*...helps **prevent** crashes between people walking and bicycling and people driving.*



Minimizing Exposure: Crossing Islands



Minimizing Exposure: Traffic Diverters

e.g. *Diagonal Diverters, Partial Vehicle Closures*

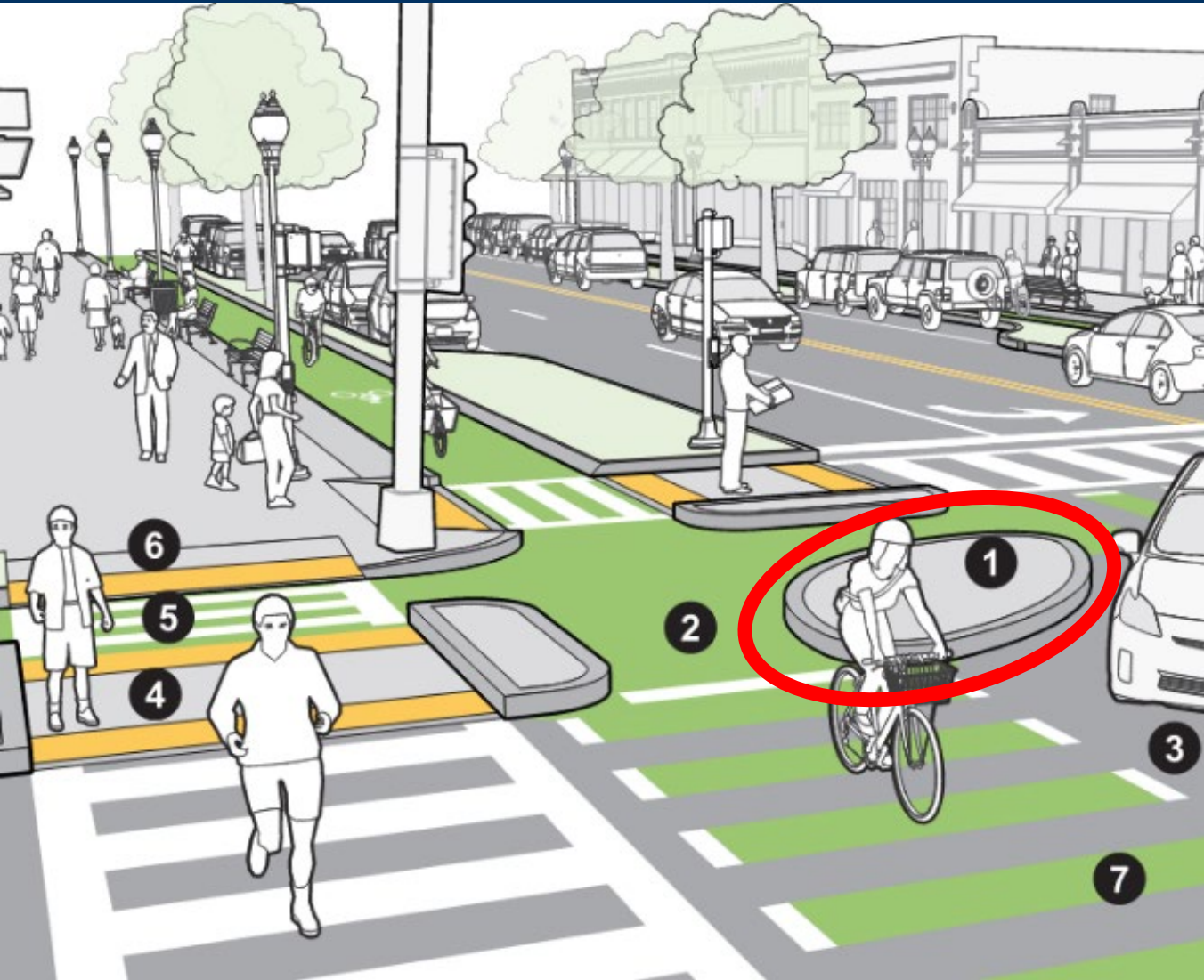


Sacramento (D St & 14th St)



Sacramento (G St)

Minimizing Exposure: Protected Intersections



MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide



Chicago, IL



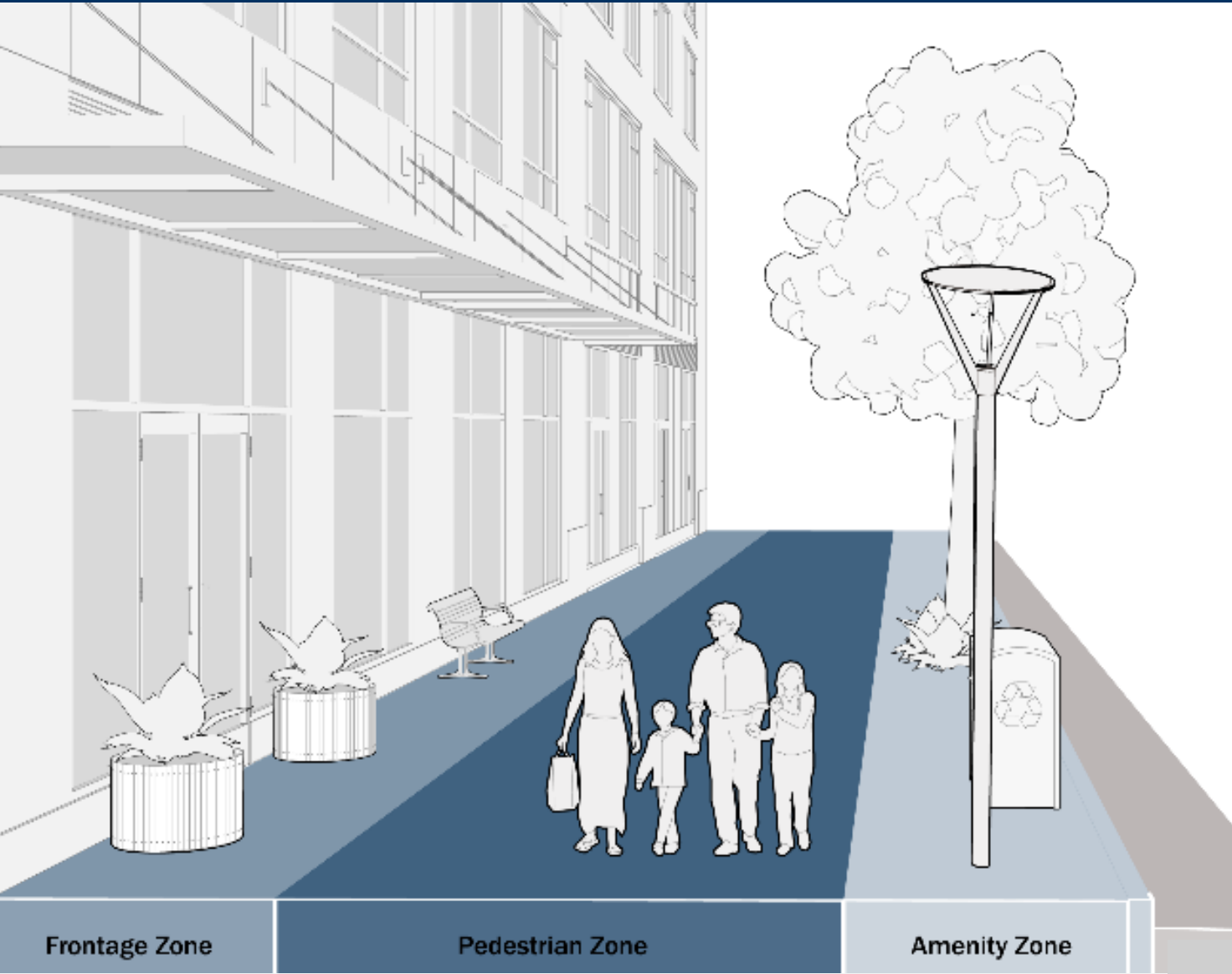
San Jose, CA

Providing Comfortable, Separated Space for Walking & Cycling

*...helps **increase** the number of people **walking and biking!***



Comfortable Walking & Cycling Space: Enhanced Pedestrian Realm



Comfortable Walking & Cycling Space: Urban Tree Canopy



Comfortable Walking & Cycling Space: Separated Bikeways (Class IV)



Sacramento, CA



Cambridge, MA



Discussion Questions

Which of these treatments would you like to see more of in Sacramento? Why? What concerns do you have? Do you want more detail about any of the treatments?

Agree with what someone else says?
Let them know using the “reactions”



Share-out: Key Ideas & Takeaways



Next Steps



Next Steps (2/2)

Public Draft Review Fall, 2025



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