

## 375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MEETING SUMMARY

<b>SUBJECT</b>	375 Improvement Project Advisory Committee Meetings
<b>MEETING SITE</b>	Horatio Williams Foundation, 1010 Antietam Ave, Detroit, MI 48207
<b>DATE/TIME</b>	July 11, 2018 Government Advisory Committee, 2PM - 4PM (EST) Local Advisory Committee, 5:30PM – 7:30PM (EST)

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The fifth set of advisory committee meetings for the I-375 Improvement Project were held on July 11, 2018 at Horatio Williams Foundation. In attendance at the meetings were representatives from the community, churches, businesses, and government. The Government Advisory Committee (GAC) was attended by 12 and the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was attended by 18.

MDOT, the City of Detroit, and the project team were in attendance to present the agenda and project updates. At this set of advisory committee meetings the agenda focused on coordination with stakeholders, refinement of alternatives, traffic, an update on the Environmental Assessment and the City of Detroit’s vision for the corridor.

Since the November GAC/LAC meetings, and a public meeting held on December 5, 2018, the project team has been coordinating with the City of Detroit and other stakeholders to make refinements to the Practical Alternatives. The team presented two sets of refinements, both of a 6-lane boulevard, one with the local road truncating at Monroe and the other further south at Larned. Additional refinements included the replacement of indirect lefts with direct lefts, a reduced median width of 26 ft., sidewalk width extended to 25 ft., truck access to the loading dock at Blue Cross/Blue Shield, preservation of on street parking at Holy Family Church and bicycle facilities to access downtown and the riverfront. Further refinements were made to the Gratiot Connector that include the reconnection of Orleans to Eastern Market, and the facilitation of non-motorized travel with the addition of multi-use paths.

At the GAC meeting, discussion regarding refinements included concern over access to potential development sites, noise mitigation, the process determine use of excess land, and future zoning. At the LAC meeting, discussion included, access to future developmental sites, future zoning of newly developable land, noise mitigation, timeframe of construction, process of selling excess developable land, connecting bicycle facilities to Gratiot and Jefferson, traffic flow through Eastern Market, pedestrian and bicyclist safety at intersections at direct lefts and sidewalk widths.

The next agenda item, traffic analysis, presented the potential reroutes for traffic accessing destinations to the east and west of I-375. The team discussed the ongoing coordination with SEMCOG to update traffic models on a mesoscopic scale as the options are refined for a preferred alternative. LAC/GAC members expressed concern over the number and timing of signals, the resulting traffic congestion and alternative routes.

The last portion of the meeting covered the City of Detroit’s vision for the corridor. City staff presented examples of successful boulevards of similar size and scope that included Congress Parkway in Chicago and the Embarcadero of San Francisco. The team then updated the advisory committees on the status of the Environmental Assessment, including the incorporation of the refinements discussed above.

The meeting concluded with a schedule update that includes a LAC/GAC meeting and public hearing occurring in Fall of 2018.

# **375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**SUBJECT** I-375 Improvement Project Government Advisory Committee Meeting

**MEETING LOCATION** Horatio Williams Foundation 1010 Antietam Ave, Detroit, MI 48207

**DATE/TIME** JULY 11, 2018, 2:00PM-4:00PM

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### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Introductions of Advisory Committee Members**

### **3. Project Updates**

- A. Coordination with Stakeholders
- B. Refinement of Alternatives including Traffic Updates
- C. Environmental Assessment Status
- D. Schedule Update
- E. Next Steps

### **4. Local Items for Sharing**

- A. Advisory Committee members are encouraged to share items of interest from their respective organization(s) that may impact the I-375 Improvement Project or other Advisory Committee members

### **5. Other**

### **6. Next Meeting**

# **375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**SUBJECT** I-375 Improvement Project Local Advisory Committee Meeting

**MEETING LOCATION** Horatio Williams Foundation 1010 Antietam Ave, Detroit, MI 48207

**DATE/TIME** JULY 11, 2018, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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- 7. Next Meeting**



# I-375 Improvement Project

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 11, 2018

# Agenda

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## **Welcome**

## **Introductions of Advisory Committee Members**

## **Project Updates**

- Coordination with Stakeholders
- Refinement of Alternatives, including Traffic Updates
- Environmental Assessment Update
- Schedule Update
- City of Detroit Wrap-up
- Next Steps

## **Local Items for Sharing**

## **Other**

## **Next Meeting**

# Project Purpose

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<b>Address</b>	Address infrastructure condition.
<b>Address</b>	Address obsolete interchange design and deteriorated bridges and roadway.
<b>Address</b>	Address existing and future transportation needs and roadway safety for all users.
<b>Improve</b>	Improve vehicular and non-motorized connectivity to surrounding area and existing and planned transit services (which may result in improved community health).
<b>Enhance</b>	Enhance access to enable future development and other place-making opportunities.

# Project Need

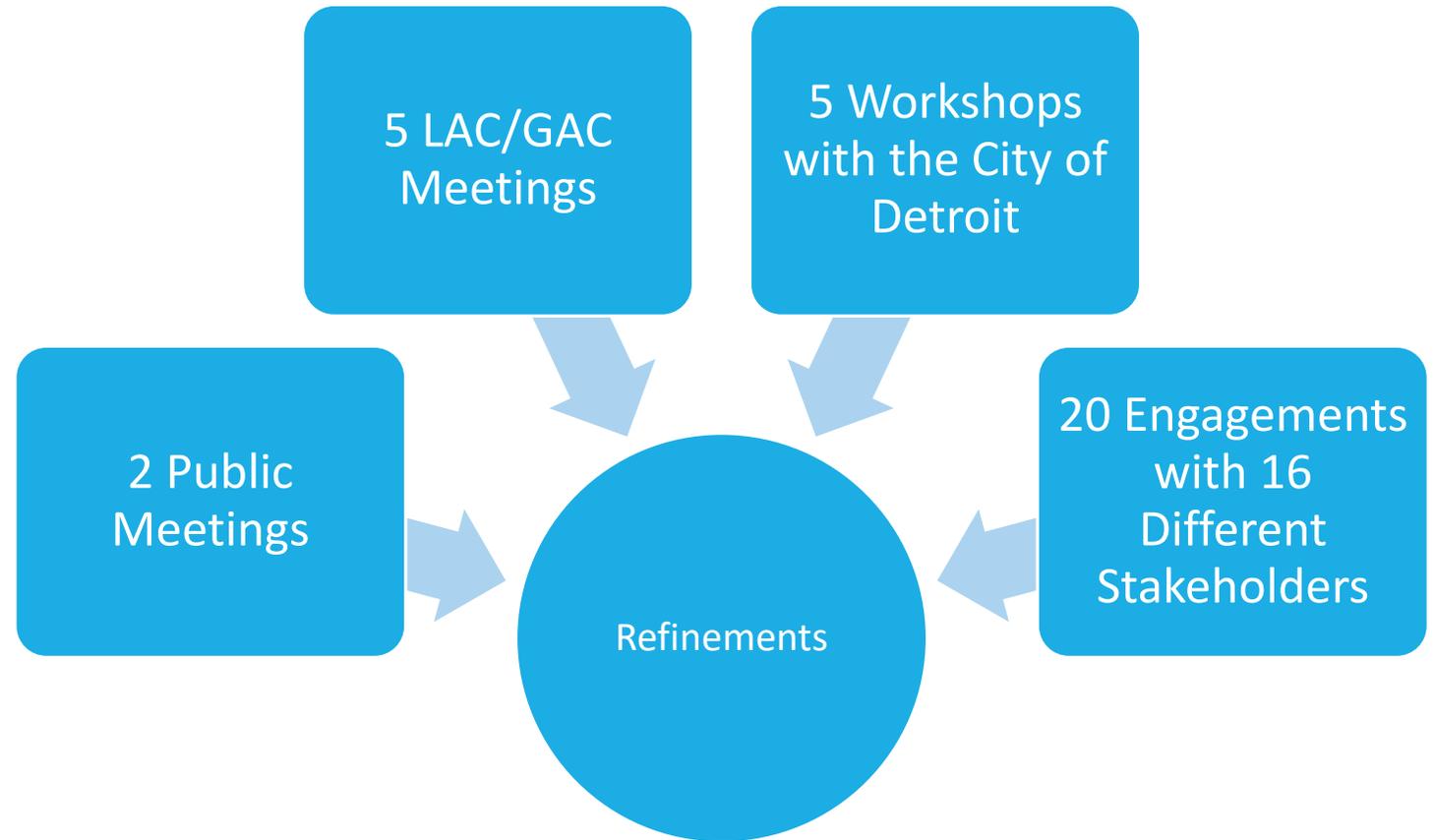
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<b>Deteriorating</b>	Deteriorating bridge and pavement conditions.
<b>Outdated</b>	Outdated geometric conditions, such as ramp widths and curvature, which result in elevated crash rates and congestion.
<b>Lacking Connections</b>	Lacking vehicles and pedestrians connections to the East Riverfront.
<b>Connectivity</b>	Poor connectivity and confusing access to downtown destinations through I-75/I-375 and Gratiot Avenue Connector.
<b>Congestion</b>	Congestion and safety issues along Jefferson Avenue Corridor due to high volumes and inefficient left turning movements.
<b>Poor Environment</b>	Poor environment for transit and non-motorized travel.

# Coordination with Stakeholders

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Over the last year the team has met with numerous business, educational, community, faith-based, and civic stakeholders.





Safe and  
connected  
non-  
motorized  
access

Provide a  
solution that  
suits an  
urban  
corridor

Development  
and place-  
making

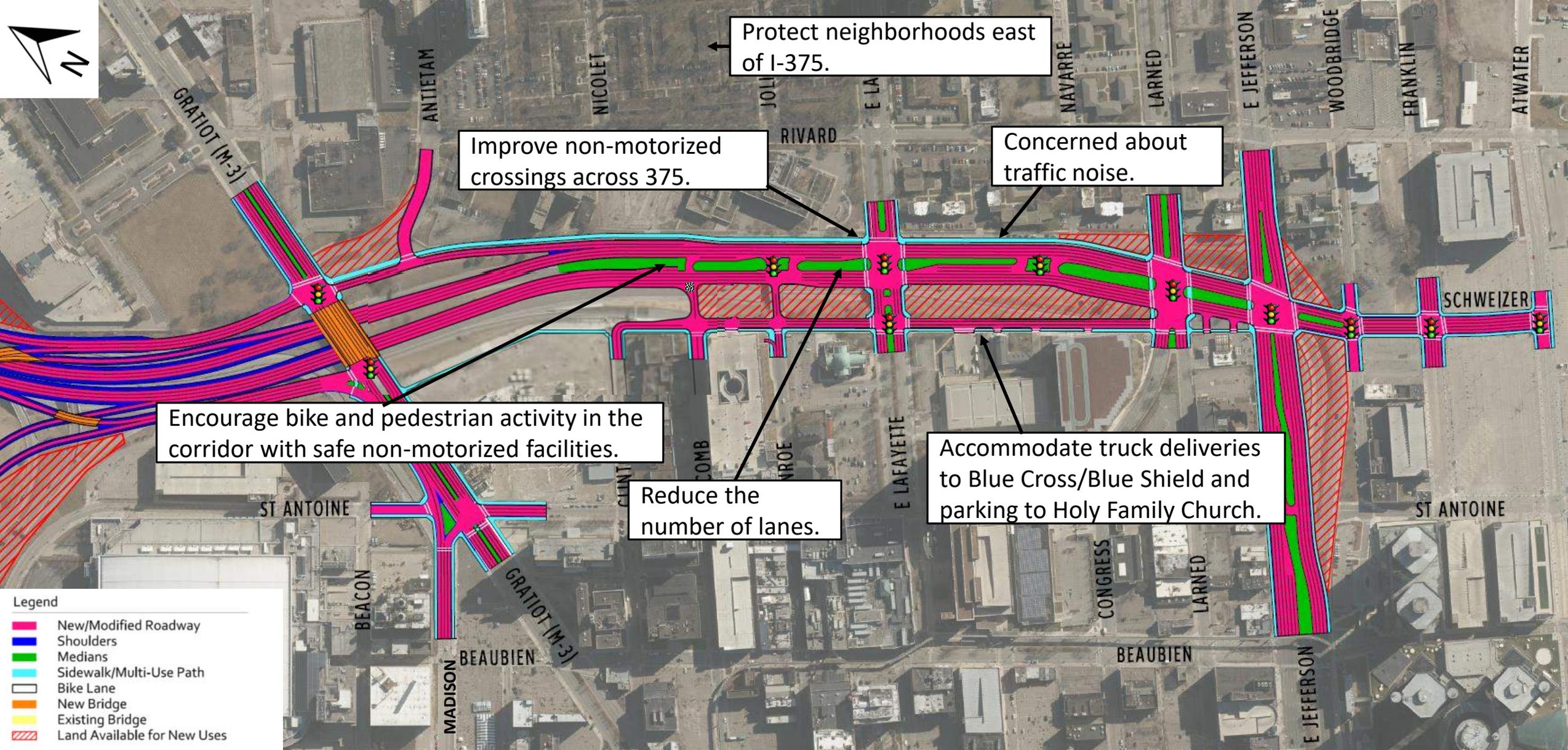
**Preferred  
Alternative**

Connectivity  
to businesses  
and jobs

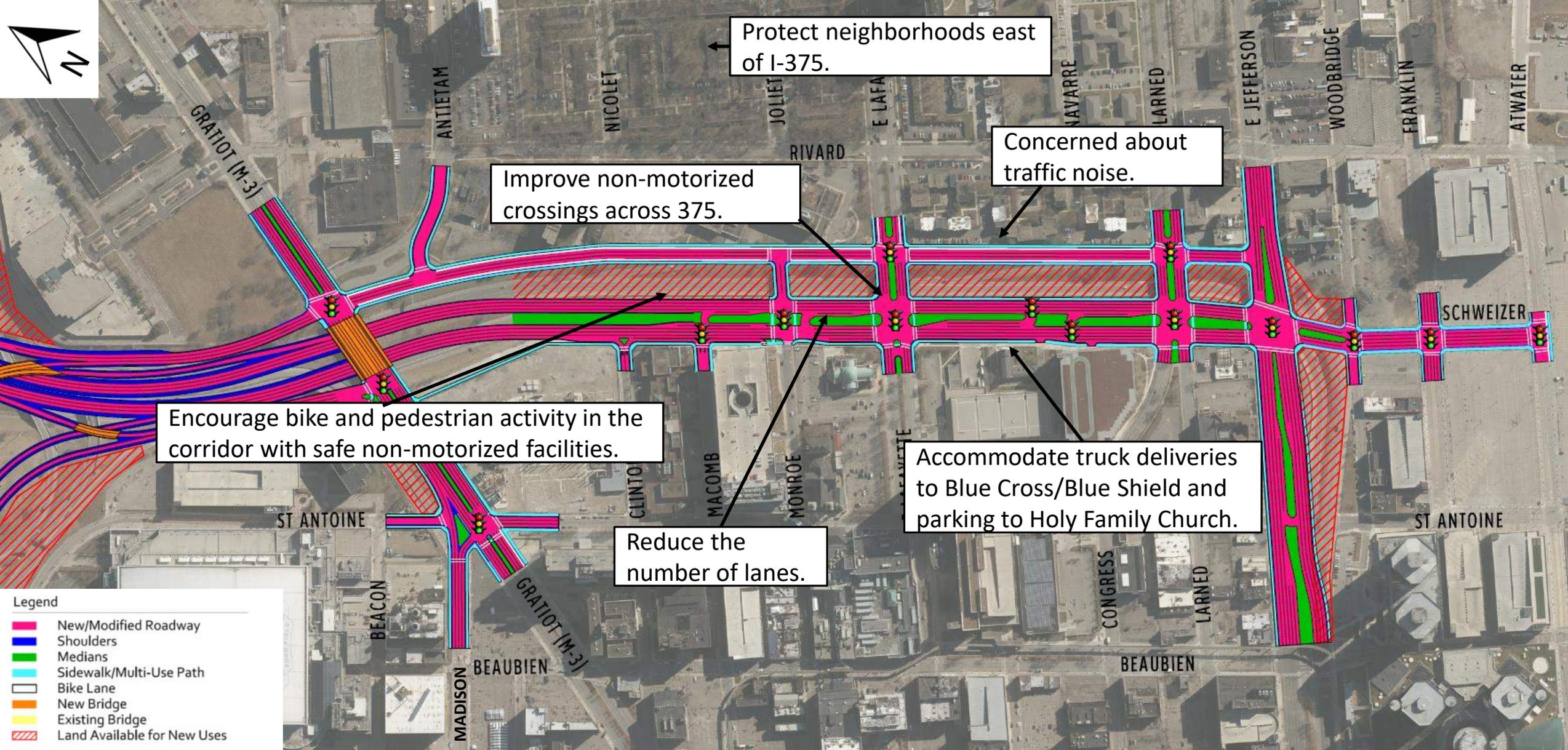
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# Geometric Refinements

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# Practical Alternative 4 – Stakeholder Comments



# Practical Alternative 5 – Stakeholder Comments

# Alternative Refinements – No Local Road Option

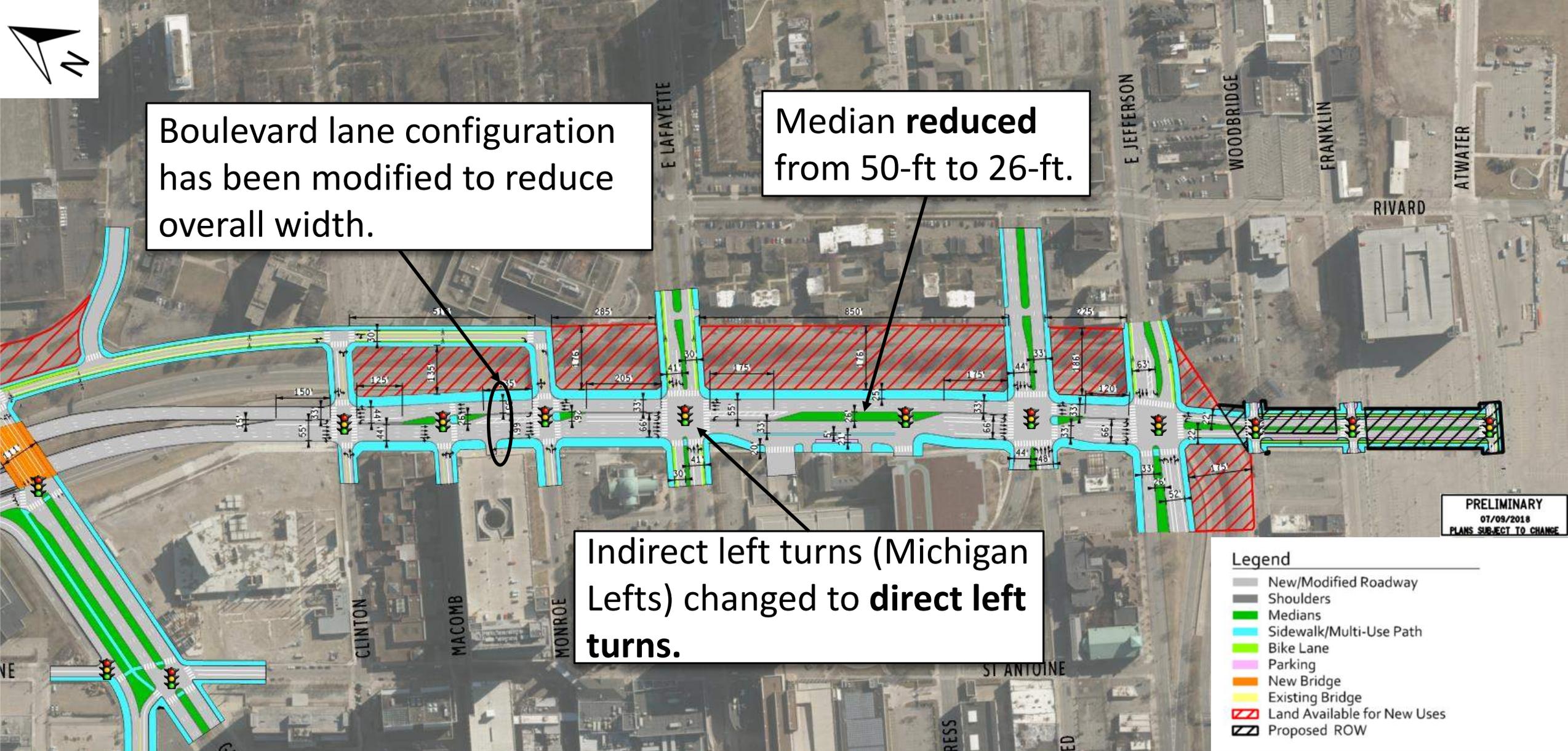
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Boulevard lane configuration has been modified to reduce overall width.

Median reduced from 50-ft to 26-ft.

Indirect left turns (Michigan Lefts) changed to **direct left turns**.



# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – NO LOCAL ROAD



**10-ft sidewalks** proposed along the new local road with **bike lanes**.

A **bicycle facility** along the Boulevard with connection to the riverfront is being evaluated.

**25-ft sidewalks** proposed along the Boulevard.

Existing **Lafayette bike lanes** connected across the Boulevard to downtown.

PRELIMINARY  
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PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – NO LOCAL ROAD

# Pedestrian Experience Comparison

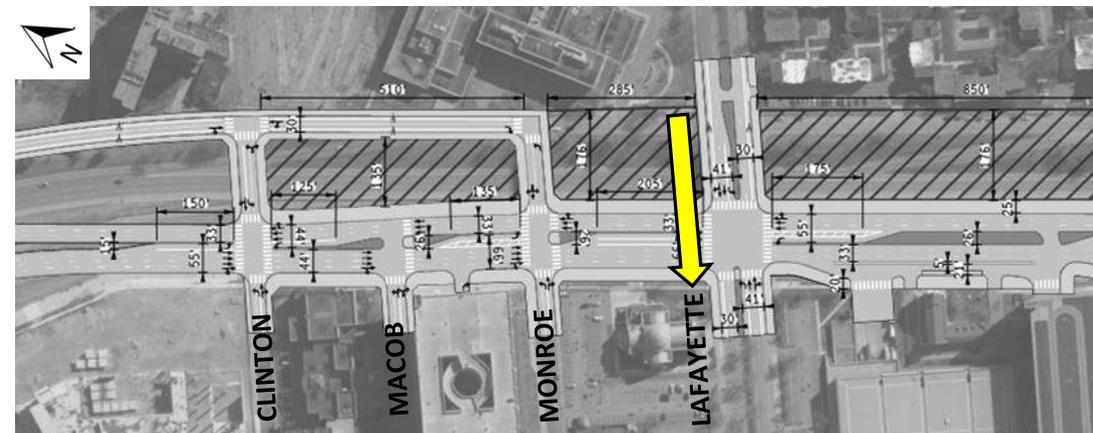
	No-Build	8-lane Boulevard Michigan Lefts	6-Lane Boulevard Direct Lefts**
<b>Total Crossing Time (seconds)</b>	147	238 (+162%)	145 (-2%)
<b>Total Wait Time (seconds)</b>	47	138 (+192%)	45 (-6%)
<b>Total Traffic Crossing (seconds)</b>	17	38 (+120%)	29 (+72%)

## Notes:

\*Travel time taken on Lafayette from Lafayette Park to Downtown (east to west)

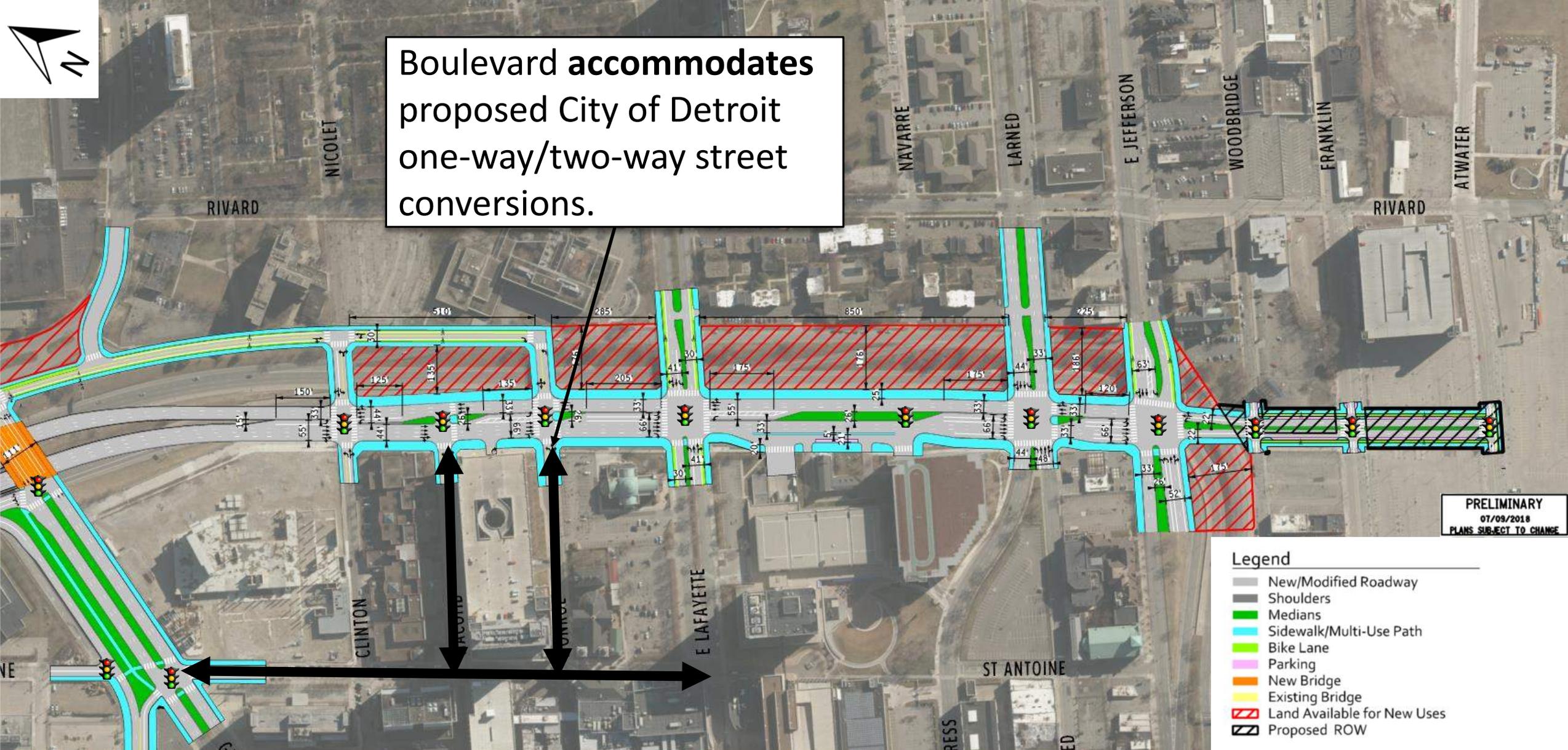
\*\*Assumes no local road

\*\*\*Corridor width is approximately 350-ft





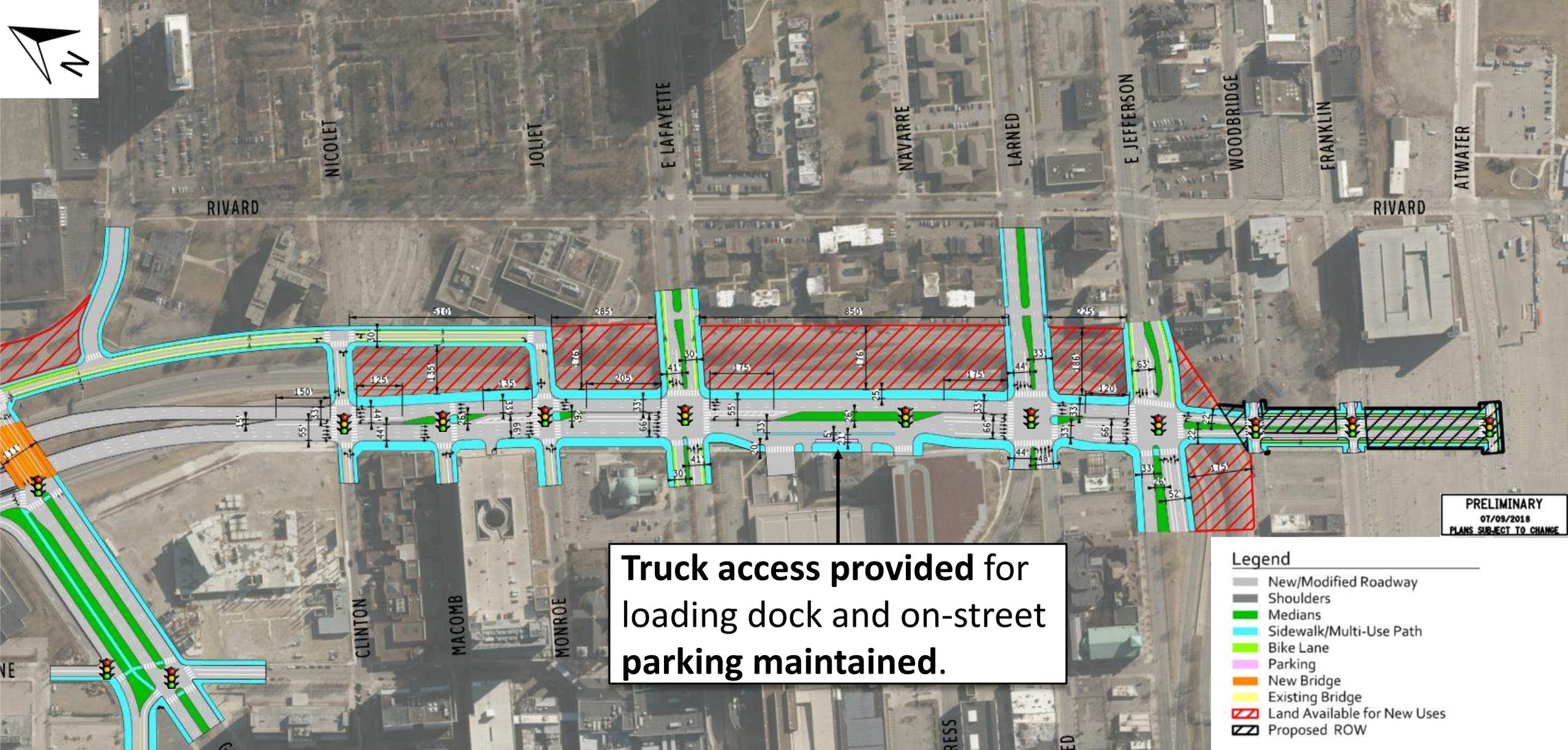
Boulevard accommodates proposed City of Detroit one-way/two-way street conversions.



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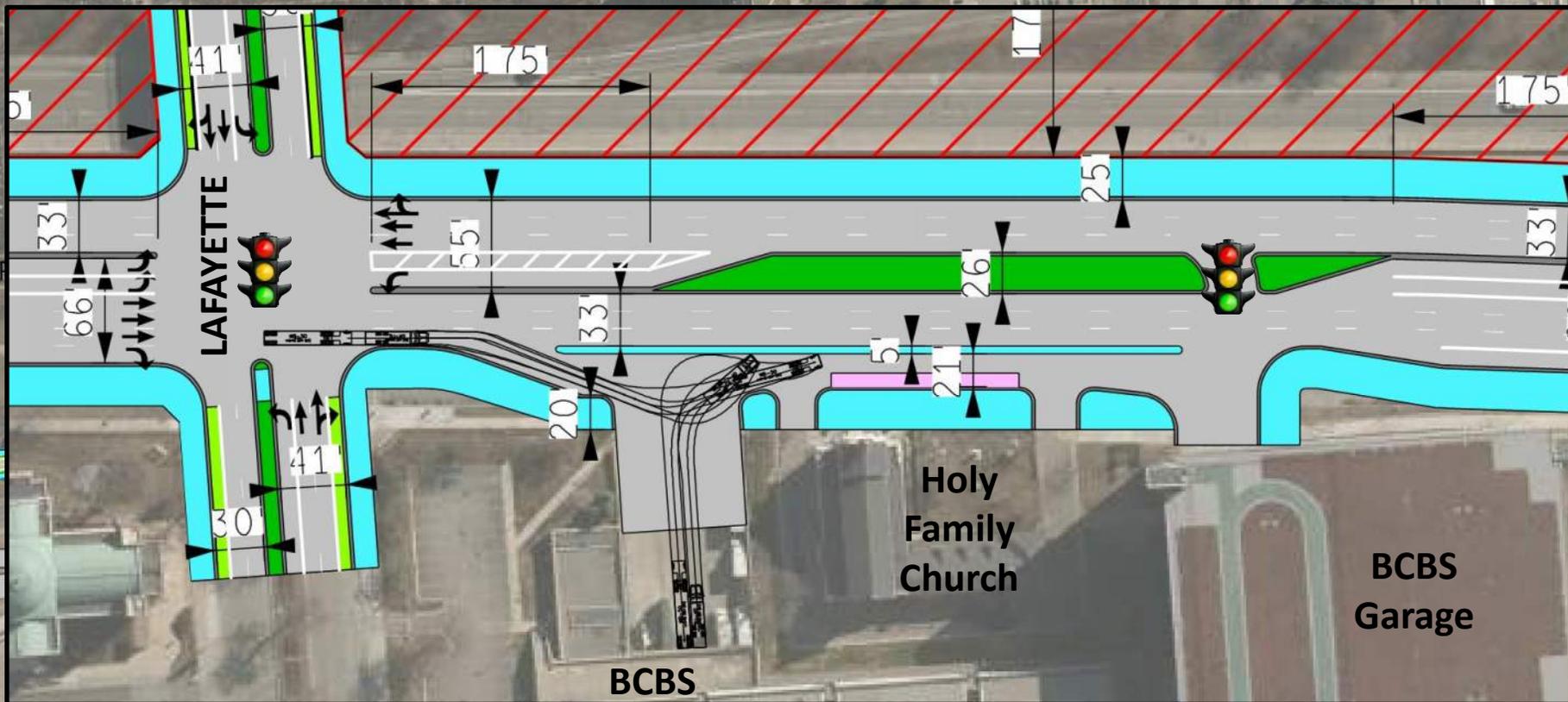


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# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – NO LOCAL ROAD



**New connection** across the Boulevard provided at Clinton to improve connectivity.

Existing access to the residential development modified due to removal of the local road. However, access is maintained on Lafayette and Larned.

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# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – NO LOCAL ROAD



**Less access/connectivity**  
due to removal of the new  
local road south of Monroe.

**Improved** traffic flow along  
cross streets due to removal  
of the new local road.

**Larger space** for potential  
development/placemaking  
opportunity.

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# Alternative Refinements – With Local Road Option

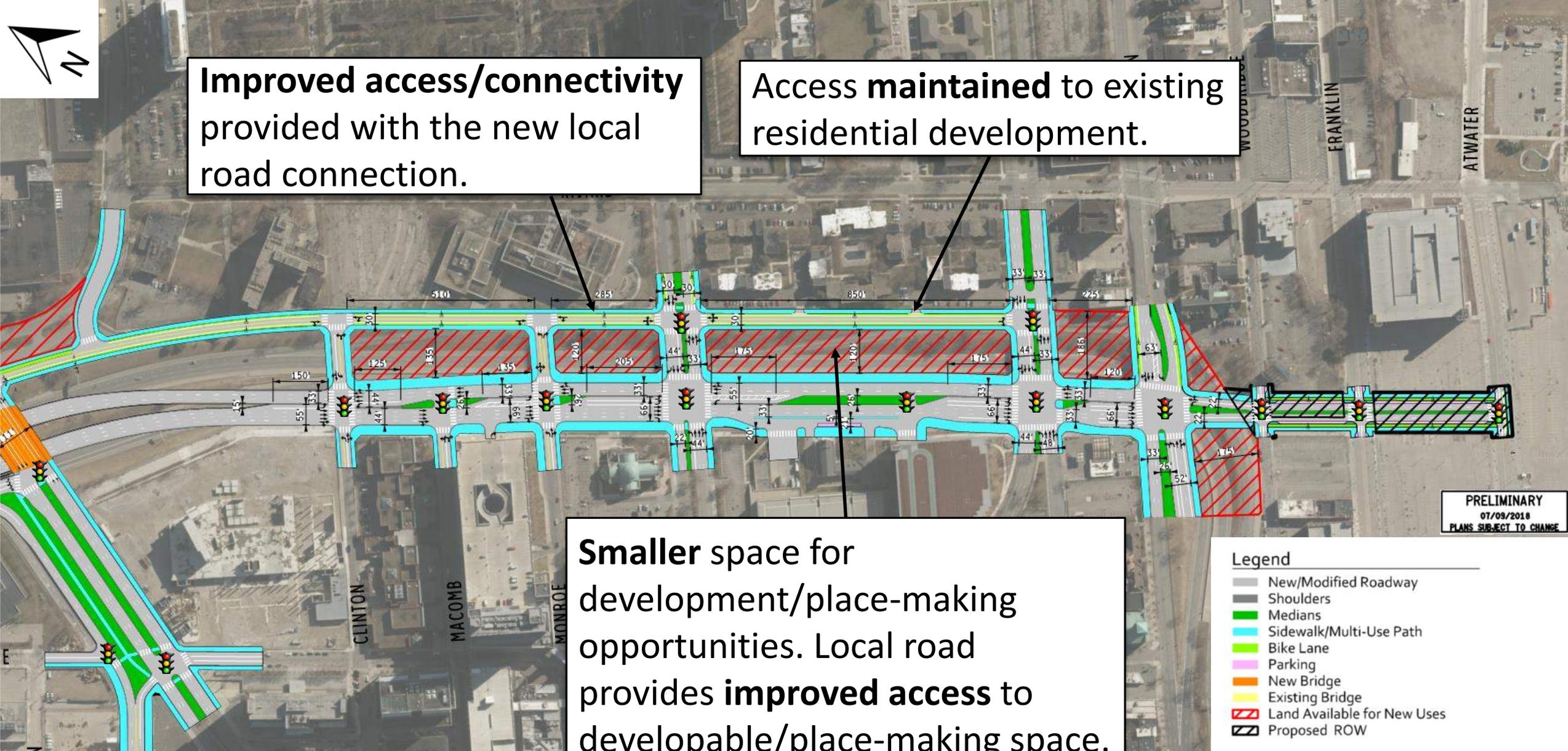
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**Improved access/connectivity** provided with the new local road connection.

**Access maintained** to existing residential development.

**Smaller space** for development/place-making opportunities. Local road provides **improved access** to developable/place-making space.



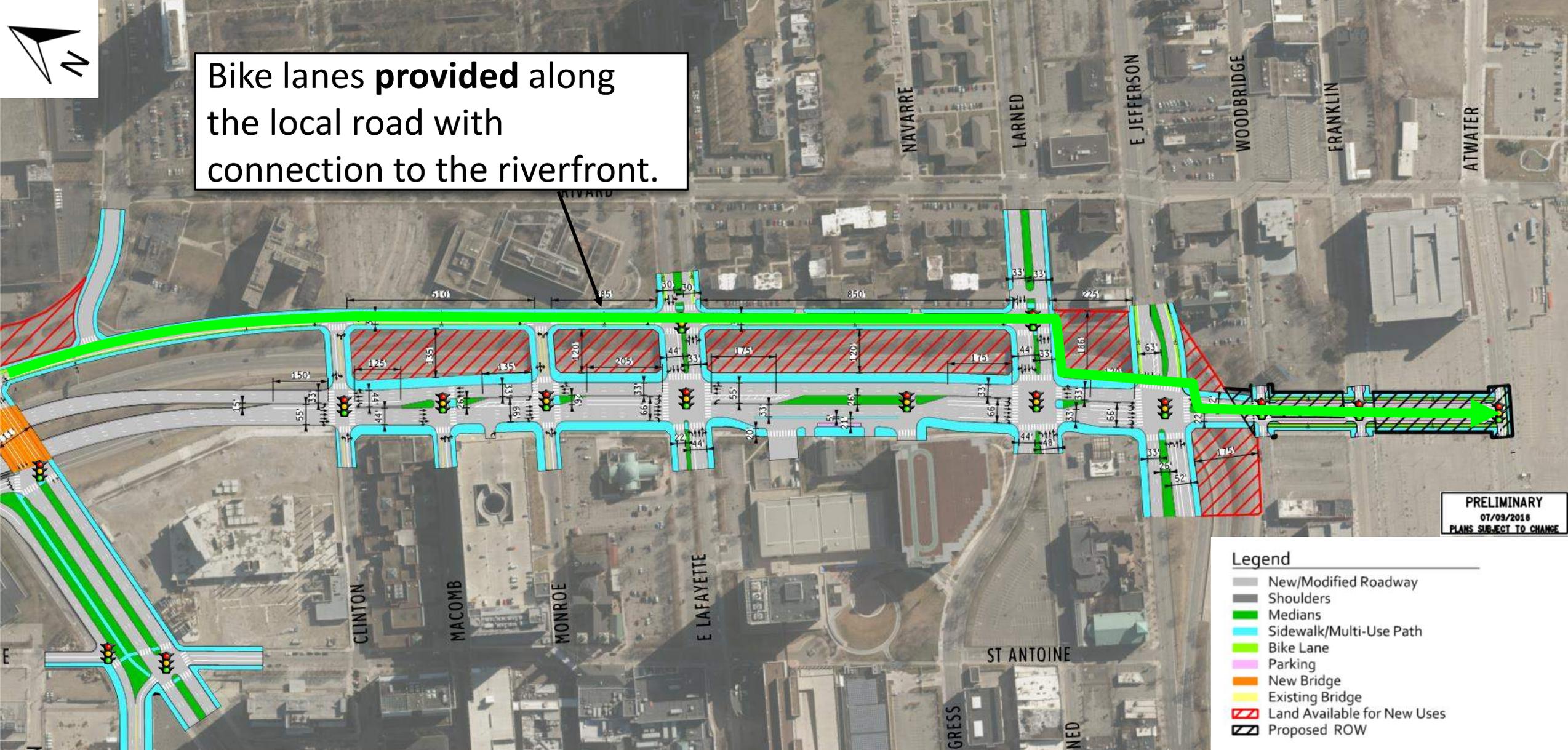
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Bike lanes **provided** along the local road with connection to the riverfront.



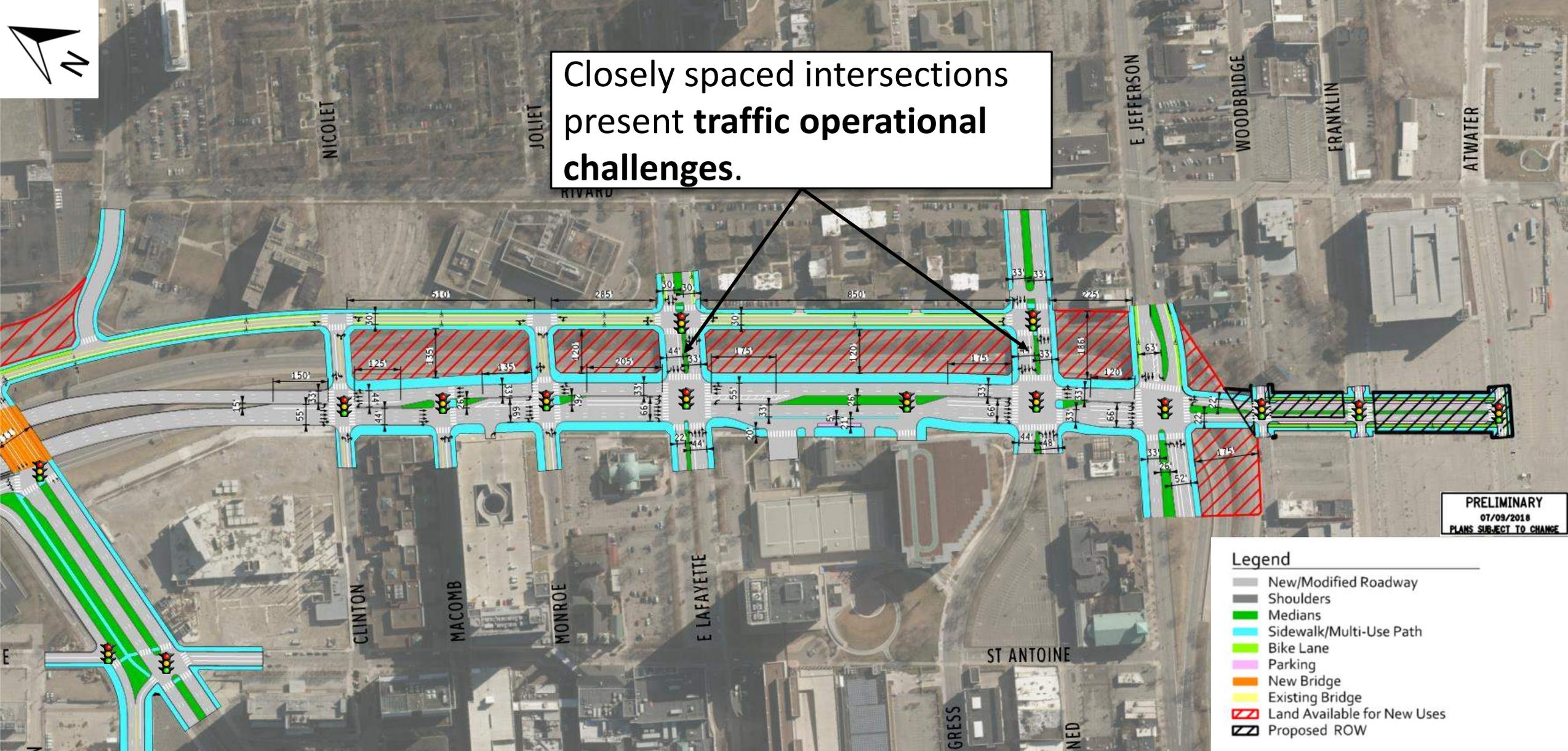
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# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – WITH LOCAL ROAD



Closely spaced intersections present **traffic operational challenges.**



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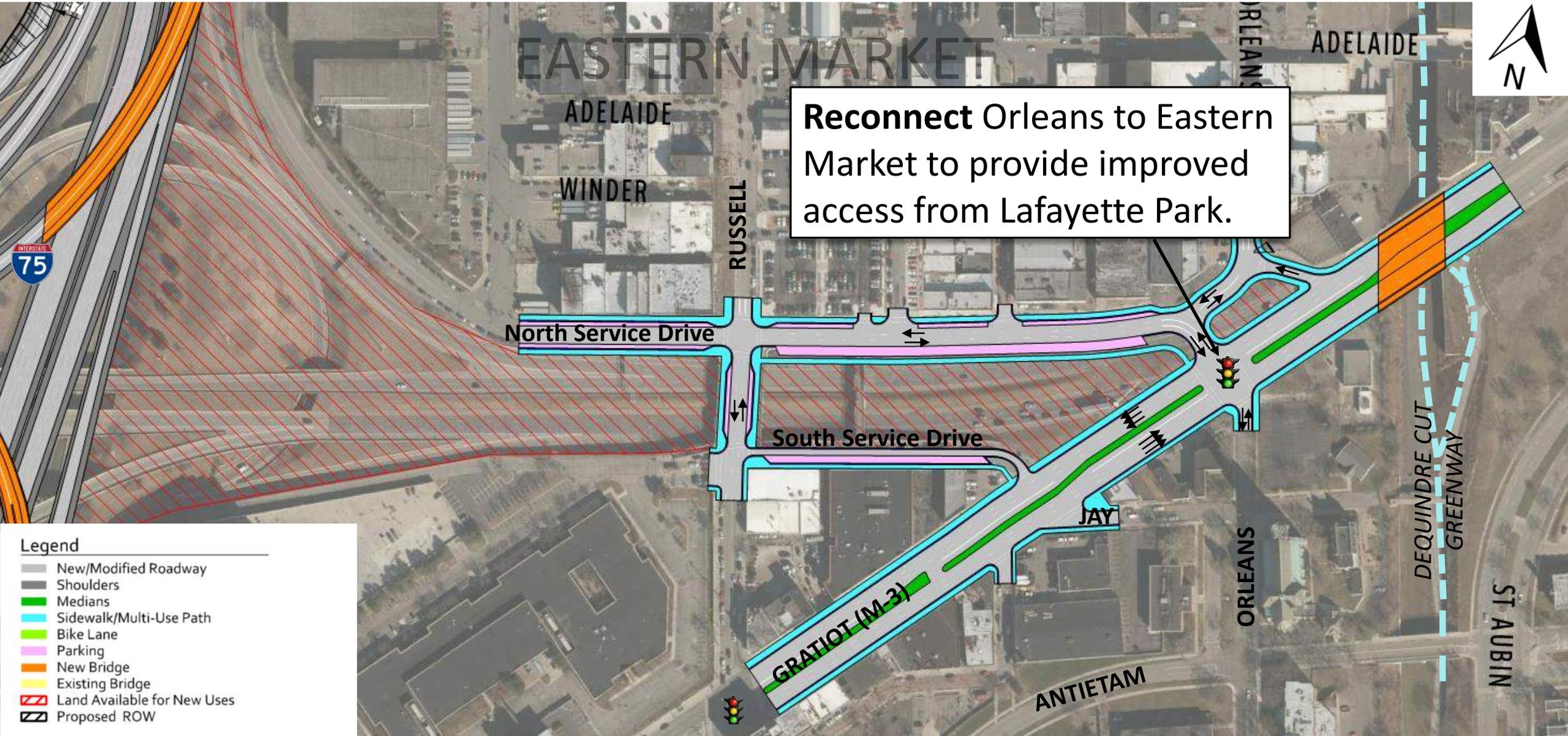
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# ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS – WITH LOCAL ROAD

# Gratiot Avenue Connector Refinements

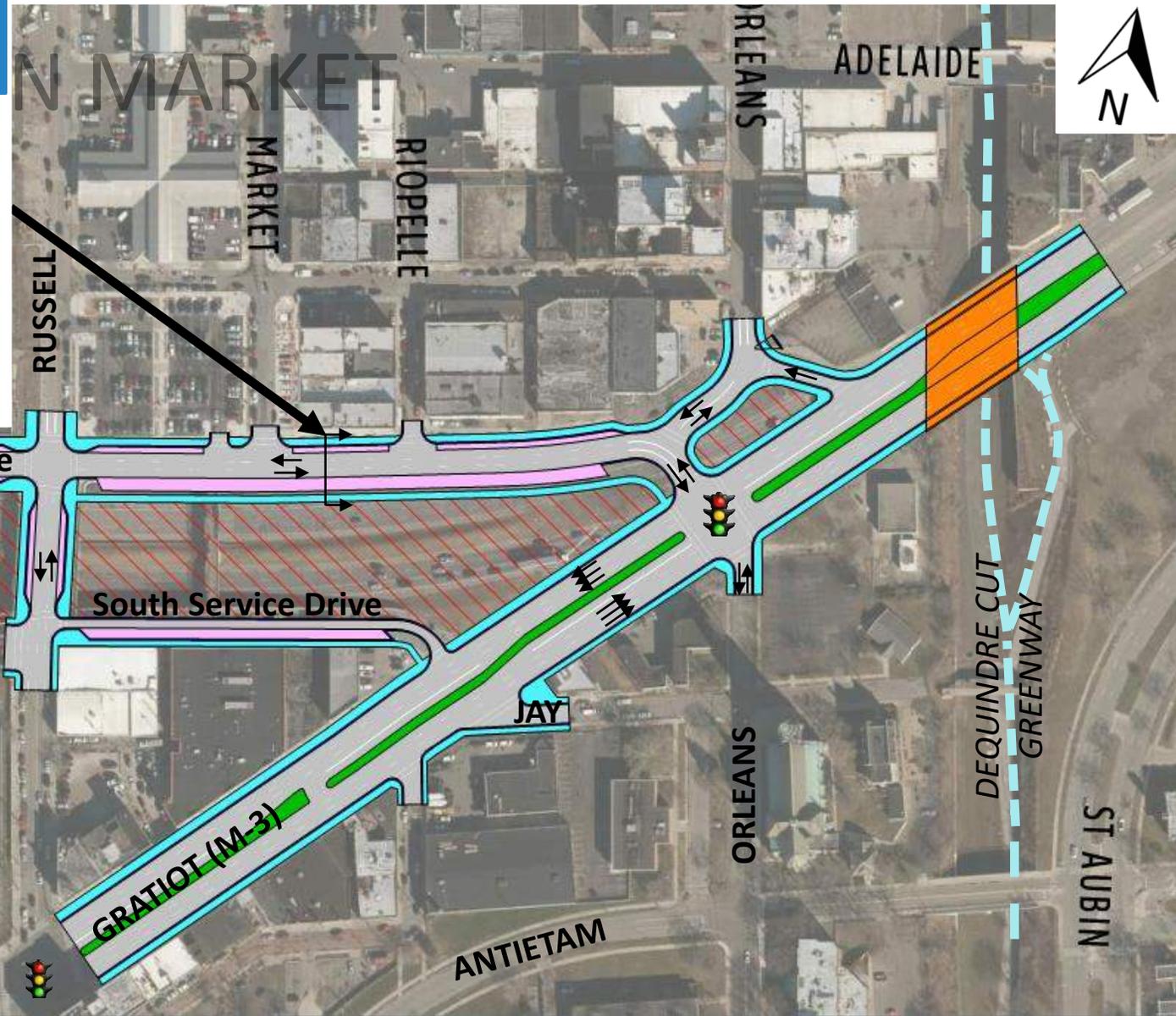
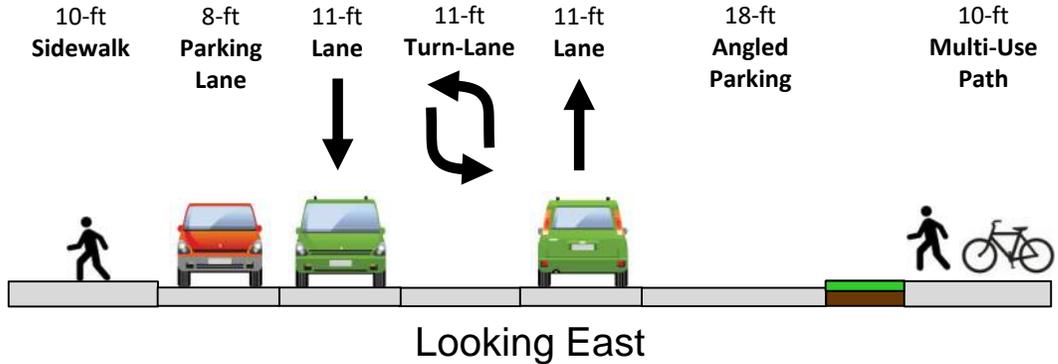
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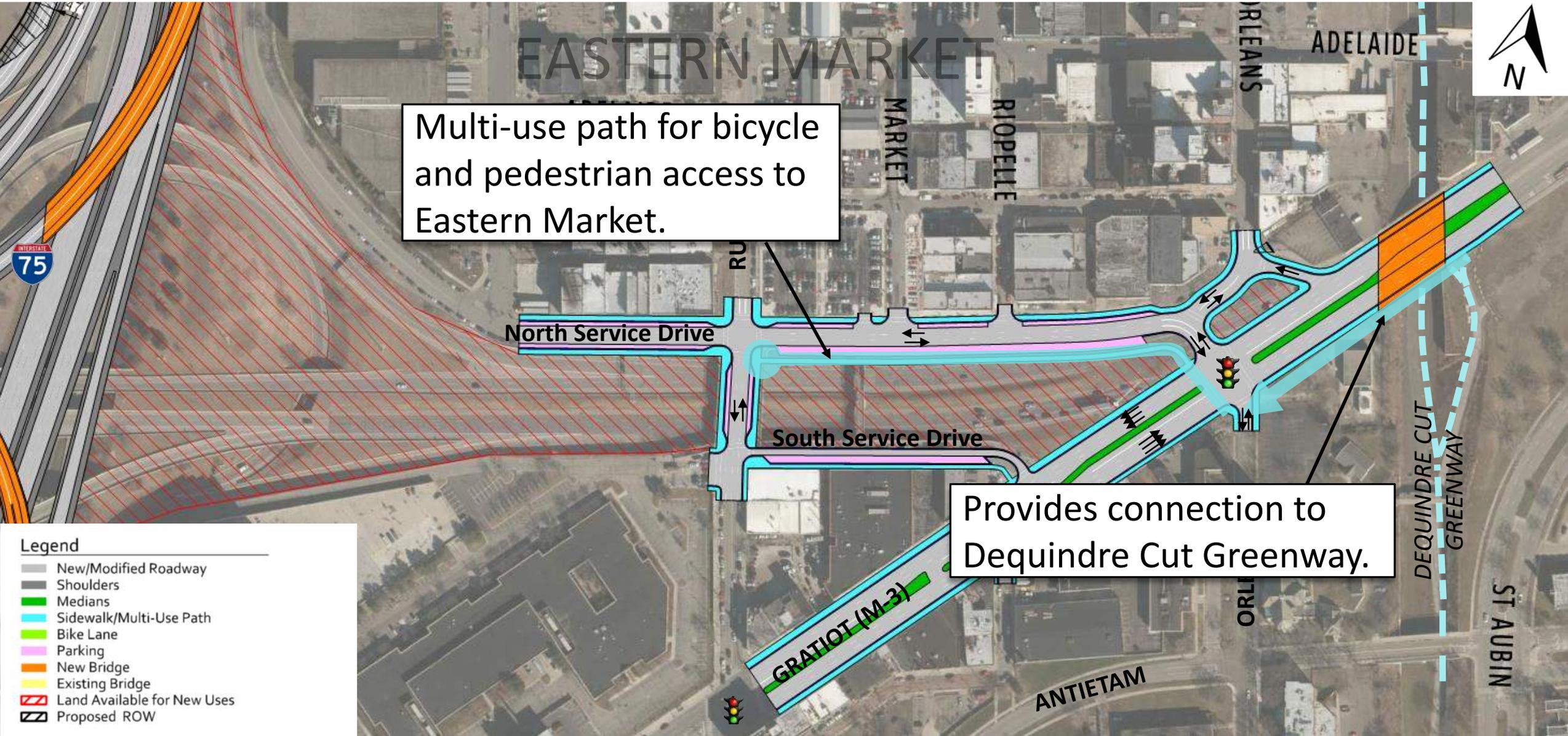
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## North Service Drive – Option (3-lanes, Parking, & Sidewalks)



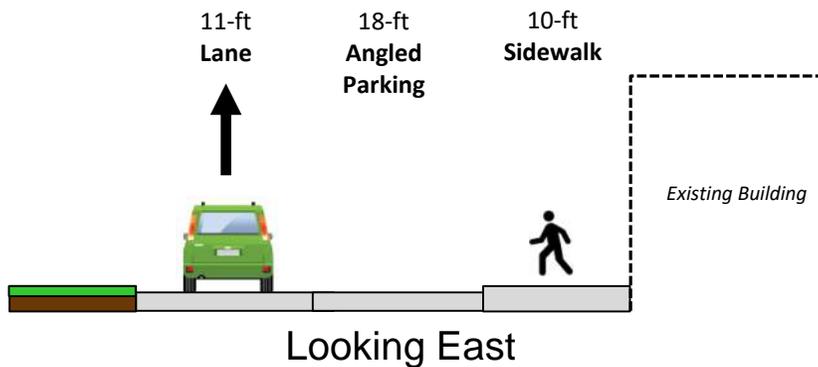
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# GRATIOT AVENUE CONNECTOR REFINEMENTS – OPTION



# GRATIOT AVENUE CONNECTOR REMOVAL – OPTION

## South Service Drive Option (1-lane (one-way), Angled Parking, & Sidewalks)



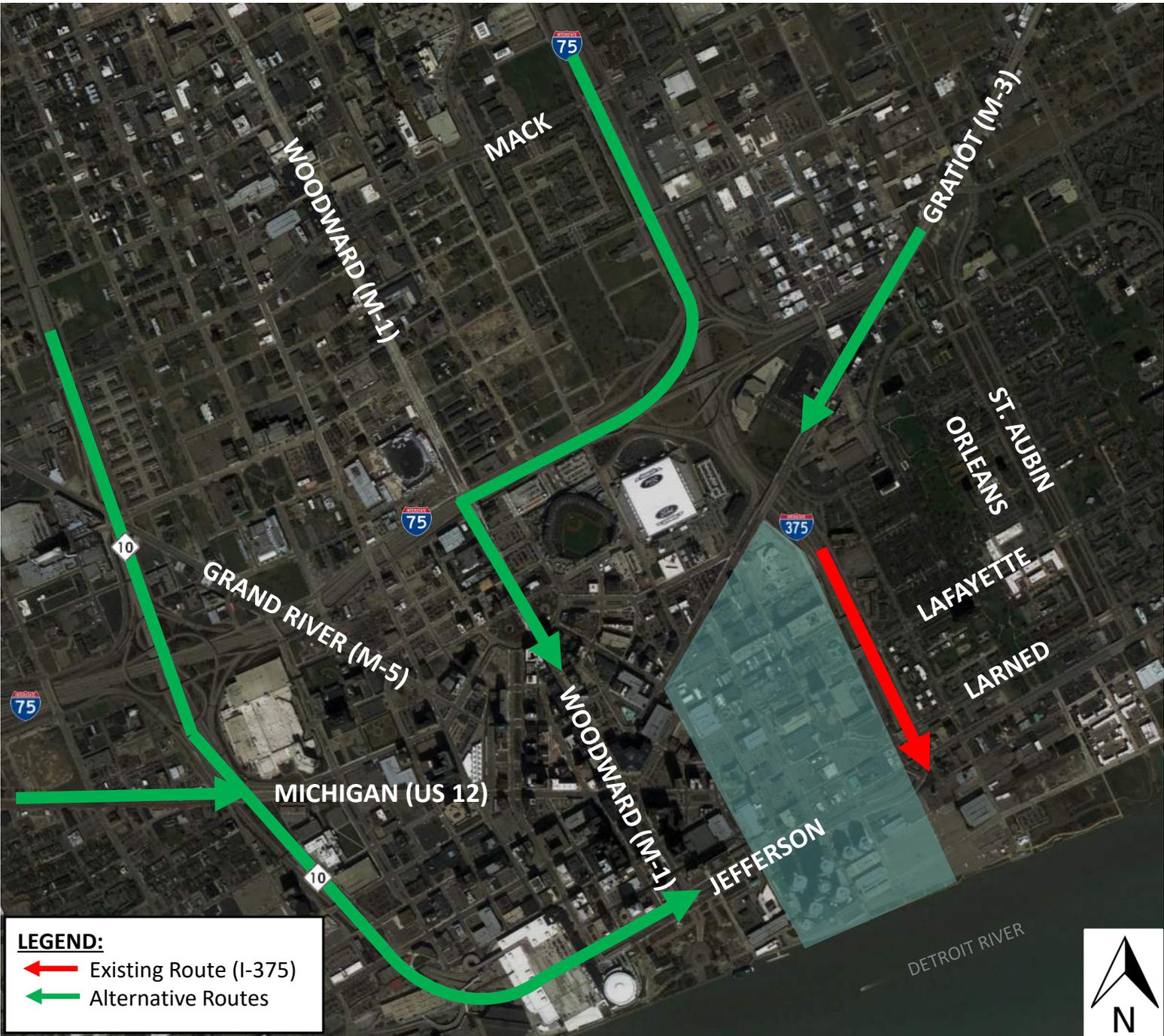
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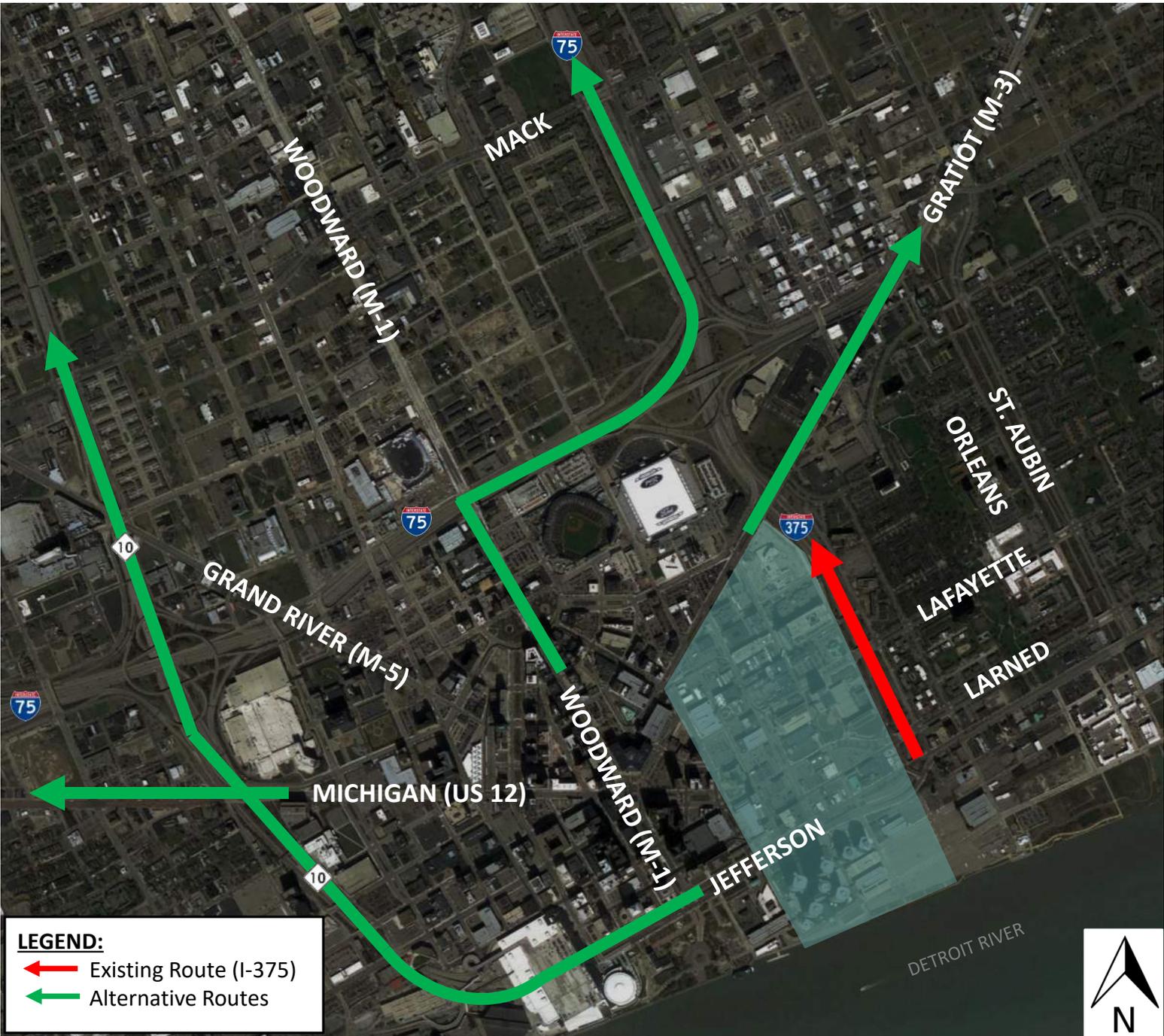
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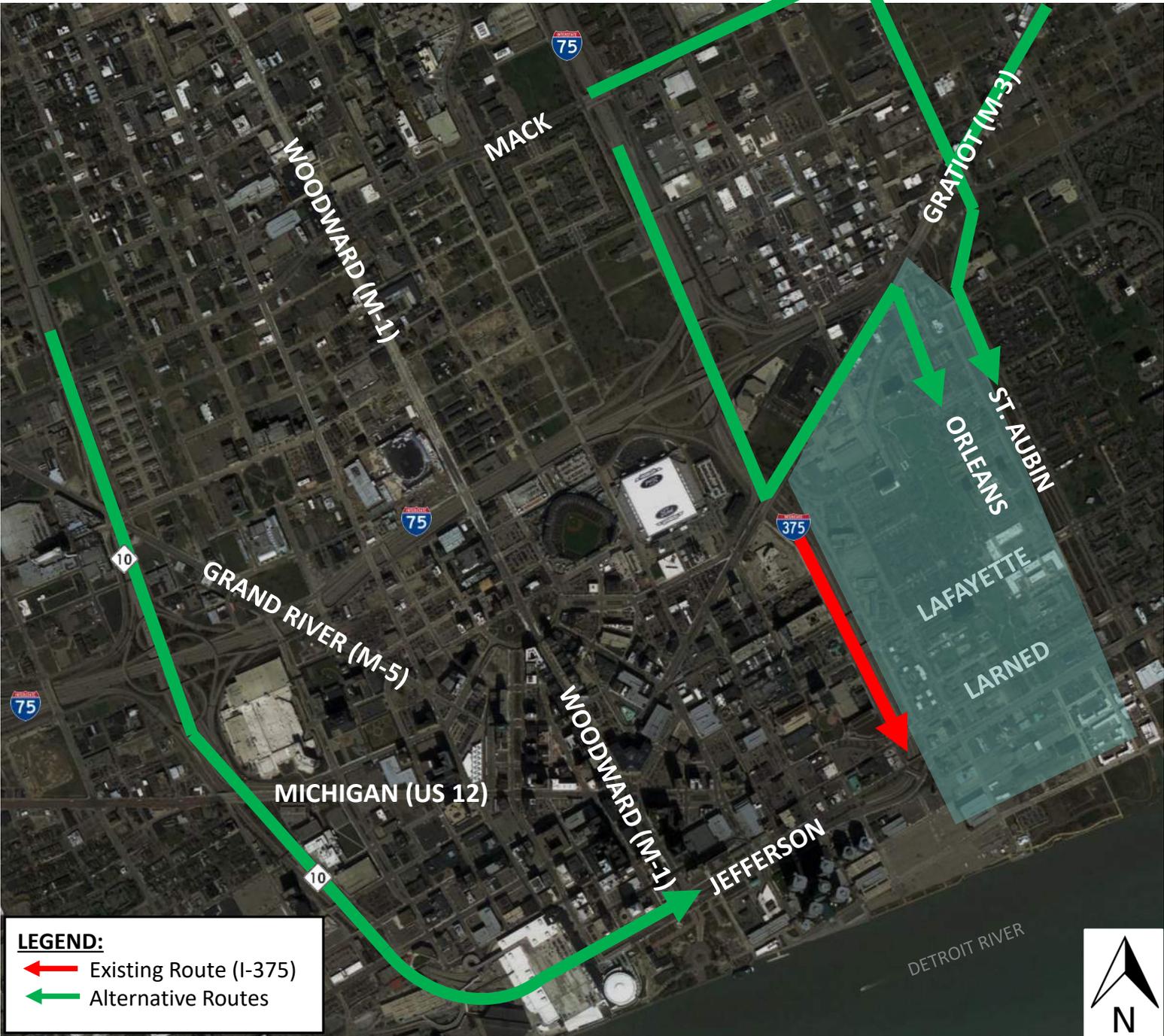
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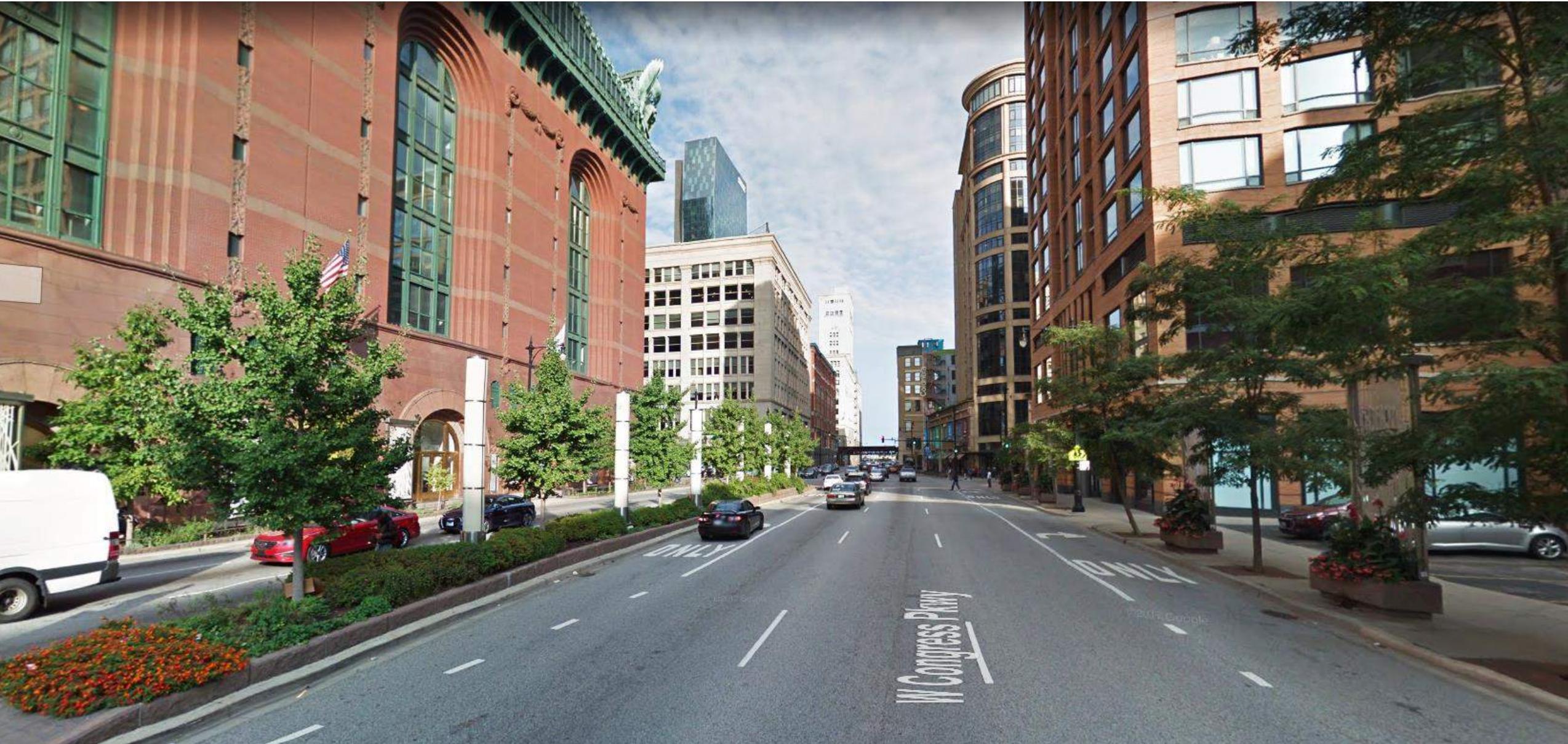


# Potential Reroutes for Traffic Accessing Destinations EAST OF I-375



# City of Detroit Vision

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Congress Parkway, Chicago



The Embarcadero, San Francisco

# Environmental Assessment Update

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- Analysis of Practical Alternatives 4 and 5.
- EA and accompanying documents will be updated to include refinements.
- Refinements are consistent with the Project purpose and need.

# Schedule Updates

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Summer 2018	Traffic and Geometric Refinement Completed
Fall 2018	LAC/GAC Meeting
	EA available for Public Review
	Public Hearing
Winter 2018/2019	FONSI

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# Next Steps

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Update and Finalize over the next 60 days:

- Traffic Modeling
- Non-Motorized Refinement
- Geometric Refinement
- Air and Noise Analysis
- Environmental Assessment and accompanying Technical Memos