



# WELCOME TO THE OPEN HOUSE

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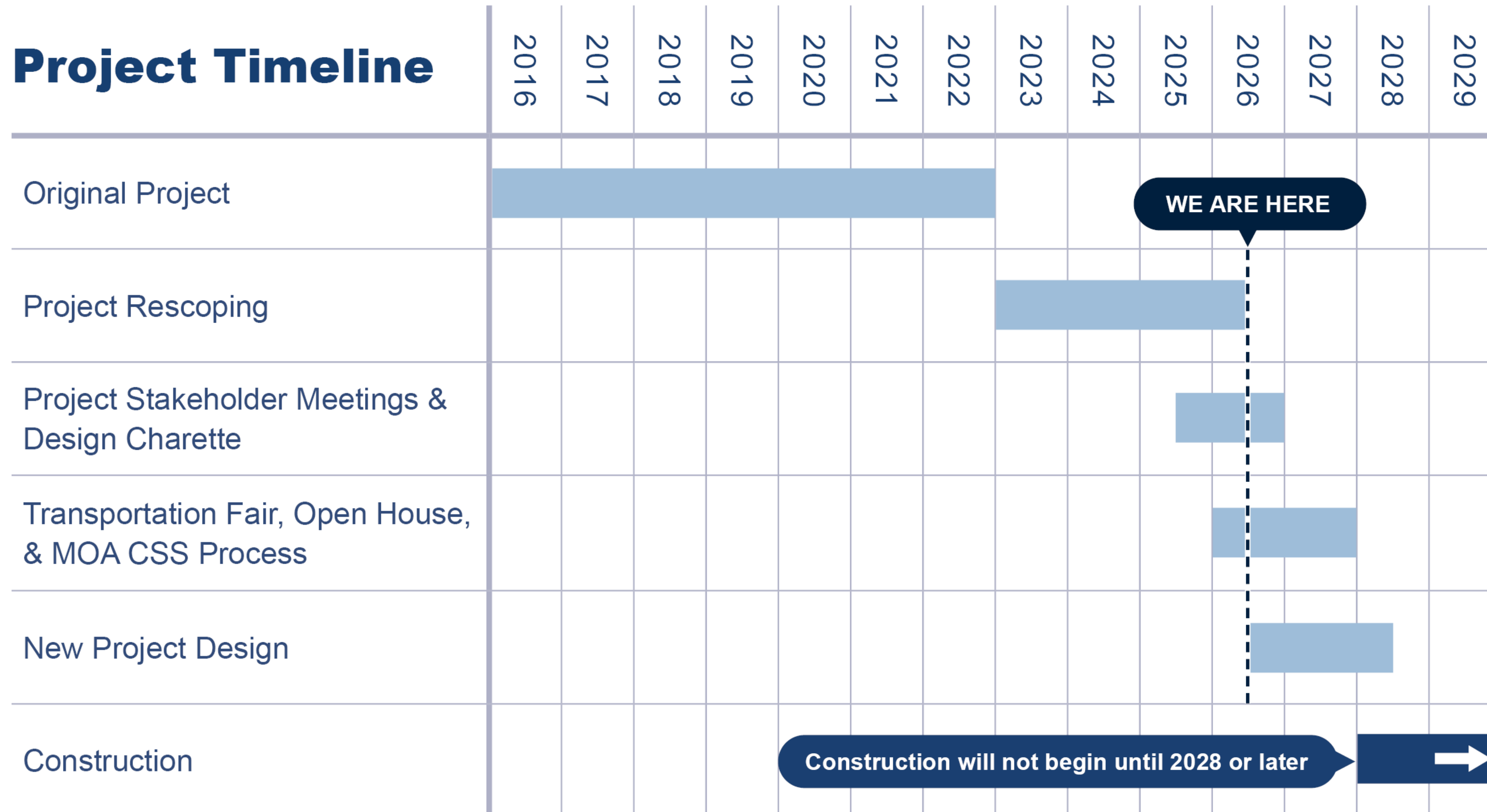
# PROJECT TIMELINE



## SEWARD HIGHWAY

O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard

### Project Timeline



### Funding:

The proposed project is federally funded and is being developed in accordance with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) guidelines. Construction funding has not yet been programmed.



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# AMATS PROJECT SCOPE IN 2027-2030 TIP



## How the Advisory Committee is Aligning with the Project Scope



**Updated project scope in the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) available for public comment:**

Reconstruct the Seward Highway between O'Malley Road and Dimond Boulevard, which may include:

- New undercrossing connecting 92nd Avenue to Academy Drive
- Minor modifications to the existing interchanges within the project limits
- Upgrades to the frontage roads with a focus on non-motorized facilities and multi-modal traffic safety
- Pathway and sidewalk improvements
- Noise walls
- Drainage improvements

# WHY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?



**Fresh start with community representation**



**Separate from the previous design**



**Needs and priorities have changed over the years**



**Listen and identify with stakeholders**

- Key issues within the project limits
- Develop solutions
- Prioritize them
- Confidentiality



**Construct a project with community support**



**We want stakeholder input**

## Government & Planning Agencies



Traffic Department

## Community & Advocacy Groups



Abbott Loop  
Bayshore/Klatt  
Huffman/O'Malley  
Taku/Campbell

Community  
Members

## Education, Business & Transportation



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# WHAT IS A PURPOSE & NEED STATEMENT?



- **Purpose & Need statement is the foundation of a transportation project**
- **Defines WHY a project is proposed and WHAT it aims to achieve**



## **Purpose**

Why a project is being proposed and the positive outcomes intended



## **Need**

The key issues intended to be addressed and explanation of underlying causes of those problems



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# REVISED DRAFT PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED



## Purpose

The purpose of the proposed action is to enhance safety and mobility for all users within the Seward Highway O'Malley Boulevard to Dimond Boulevard project area by improving non-motorized travel conditions, addressing documented collision patterns, and ensuring roadway operations align with intended corridor functions.



## Need

- **Need 1:** Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Concerns
- **Need 2:** Insufficient Non-Motorized Connectivity
- **Need 3:** Misalignment Between Brayton Drive Operations and Its Desired Use
- **Need 4:** Operational, Non-Motorized, and Motorized User-Accommodation Gaps at Interchanges



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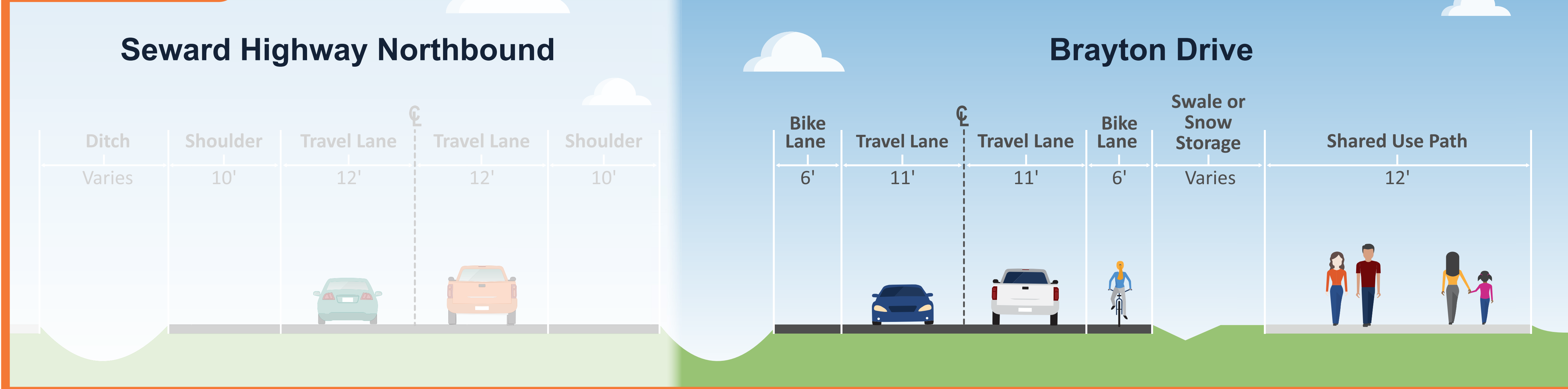
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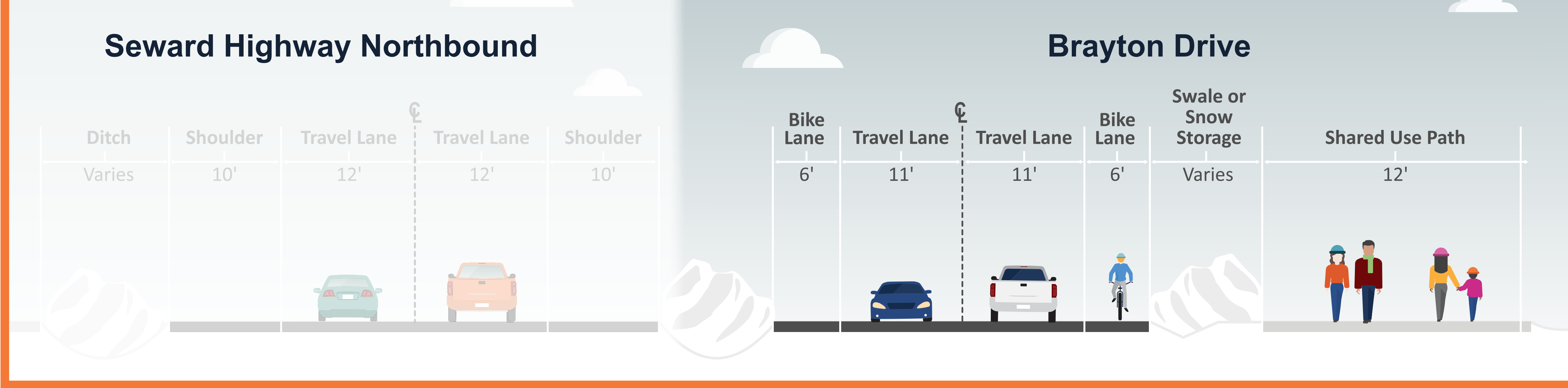
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### Summer



### Winter



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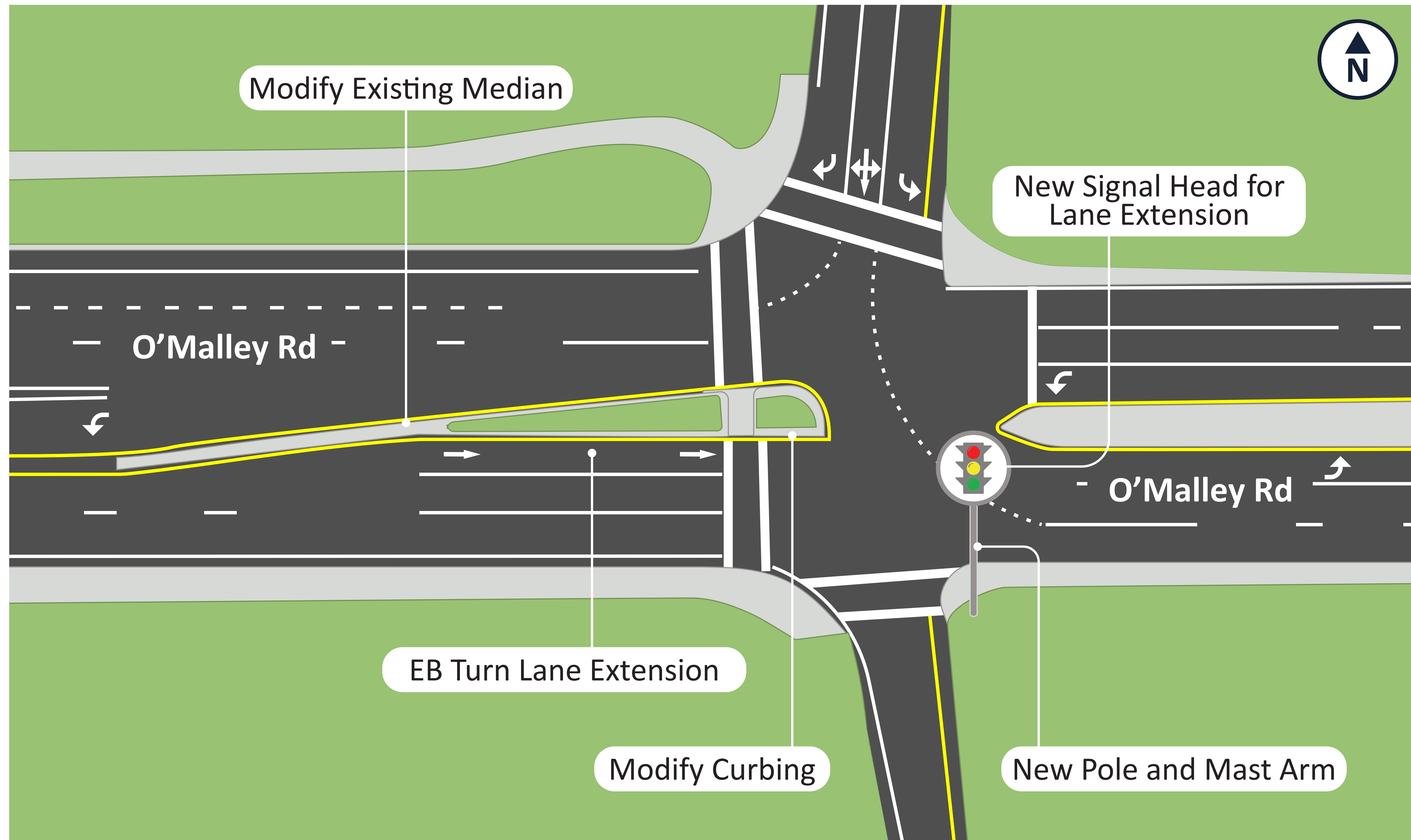
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# O'MALLEY EB TURN LANE EXTENSION



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# SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR NON-MOTORIZED USERS



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## Ramp Terminal Intersections



Slow turning vehicle speeds across crosswalks to lower crash severity risk



Shorten crossings to reduce pedestrian exposure



Improve crosswalk sight distance



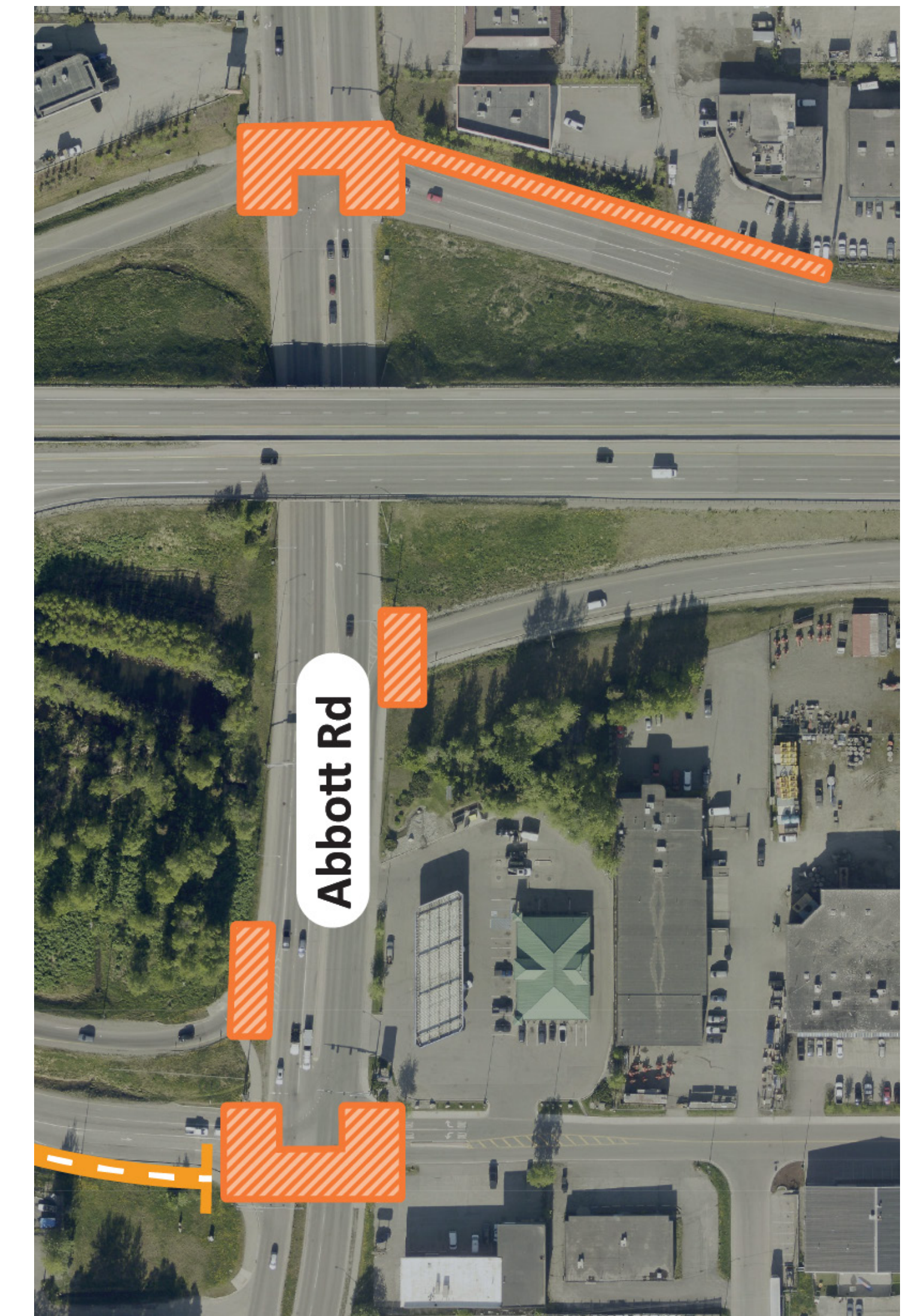
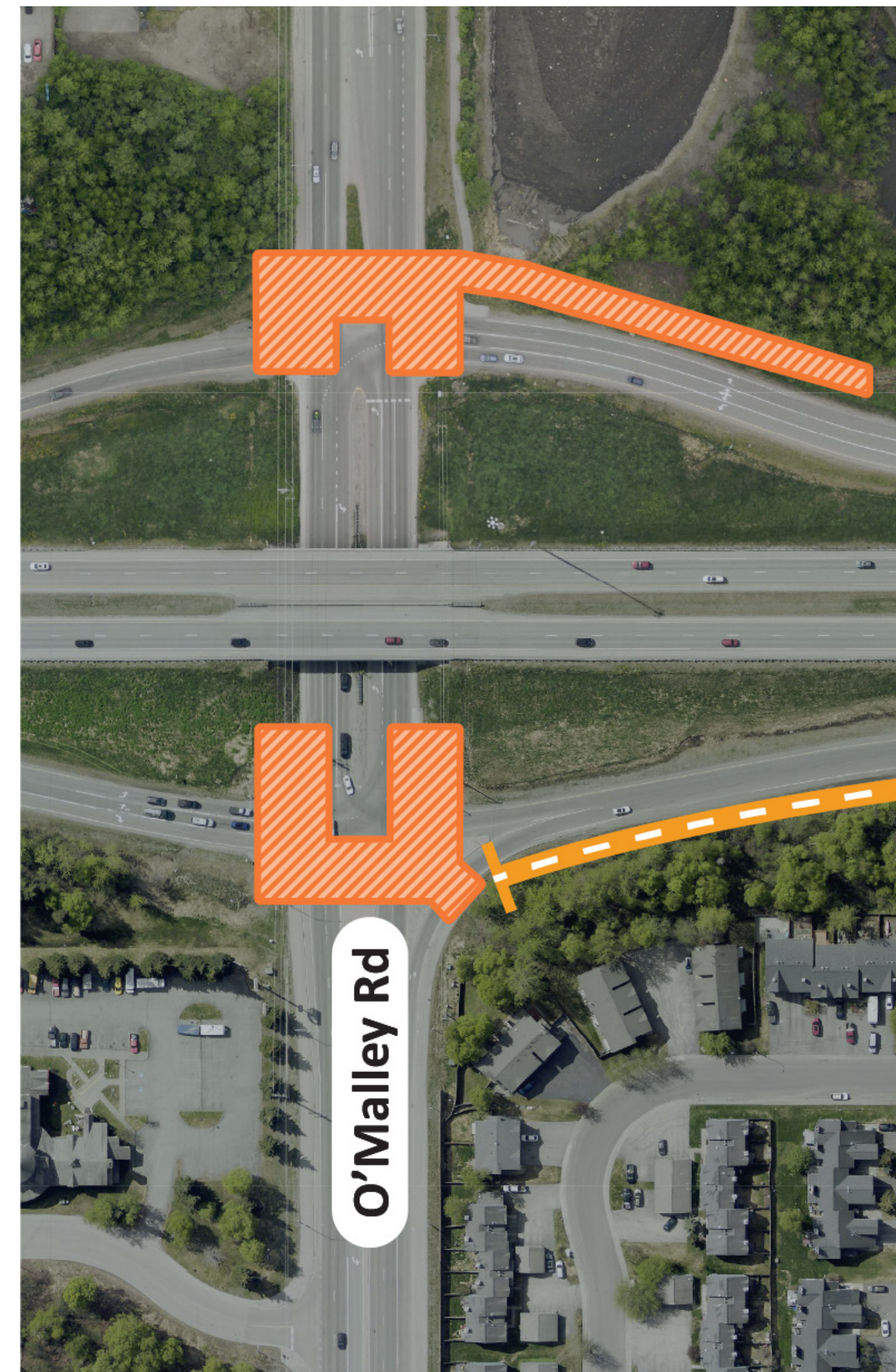
Add crossing refuges to protect people waiting to cross



Enhance signing and striping



Evaluate crossing lighting



 Safety Improvements for Non-Motorized Users

 Shared Use Path



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