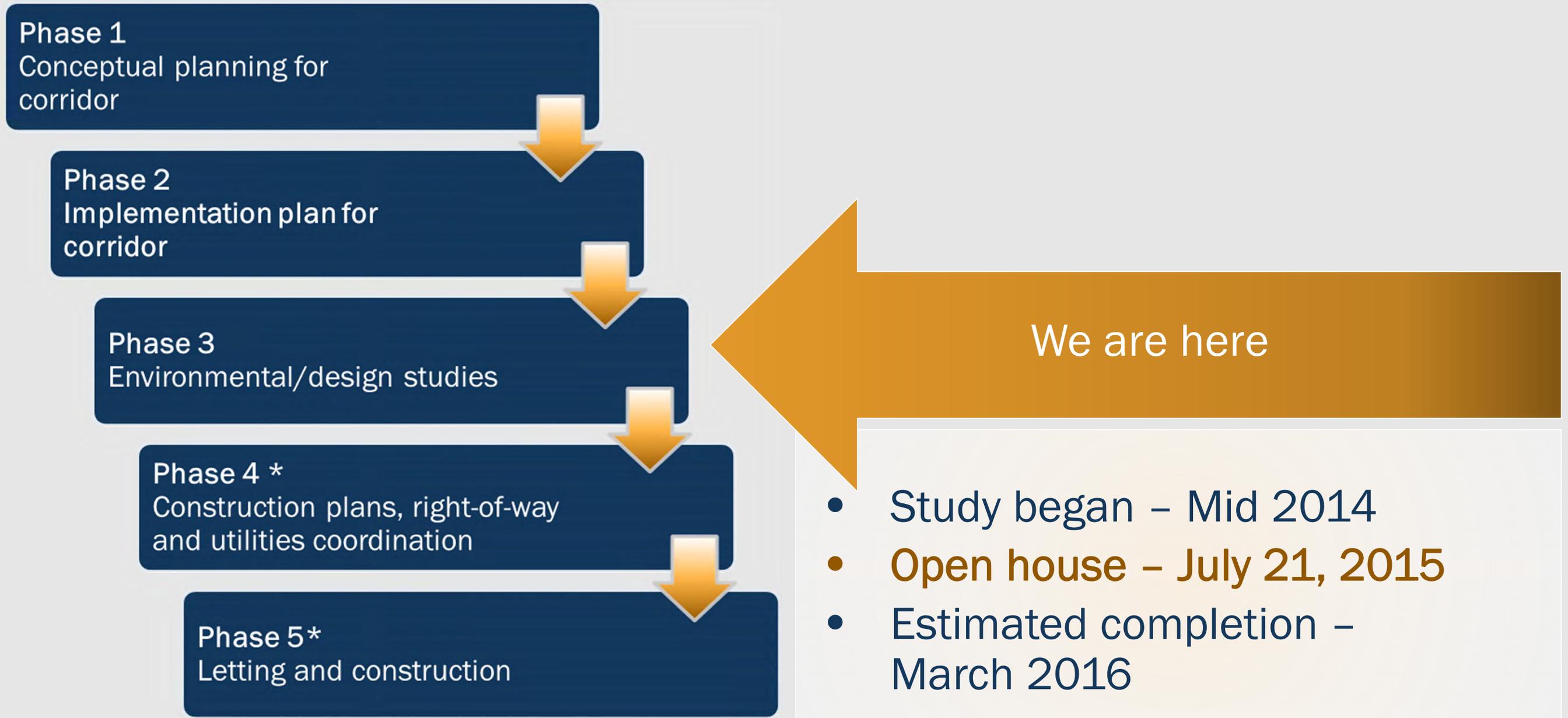




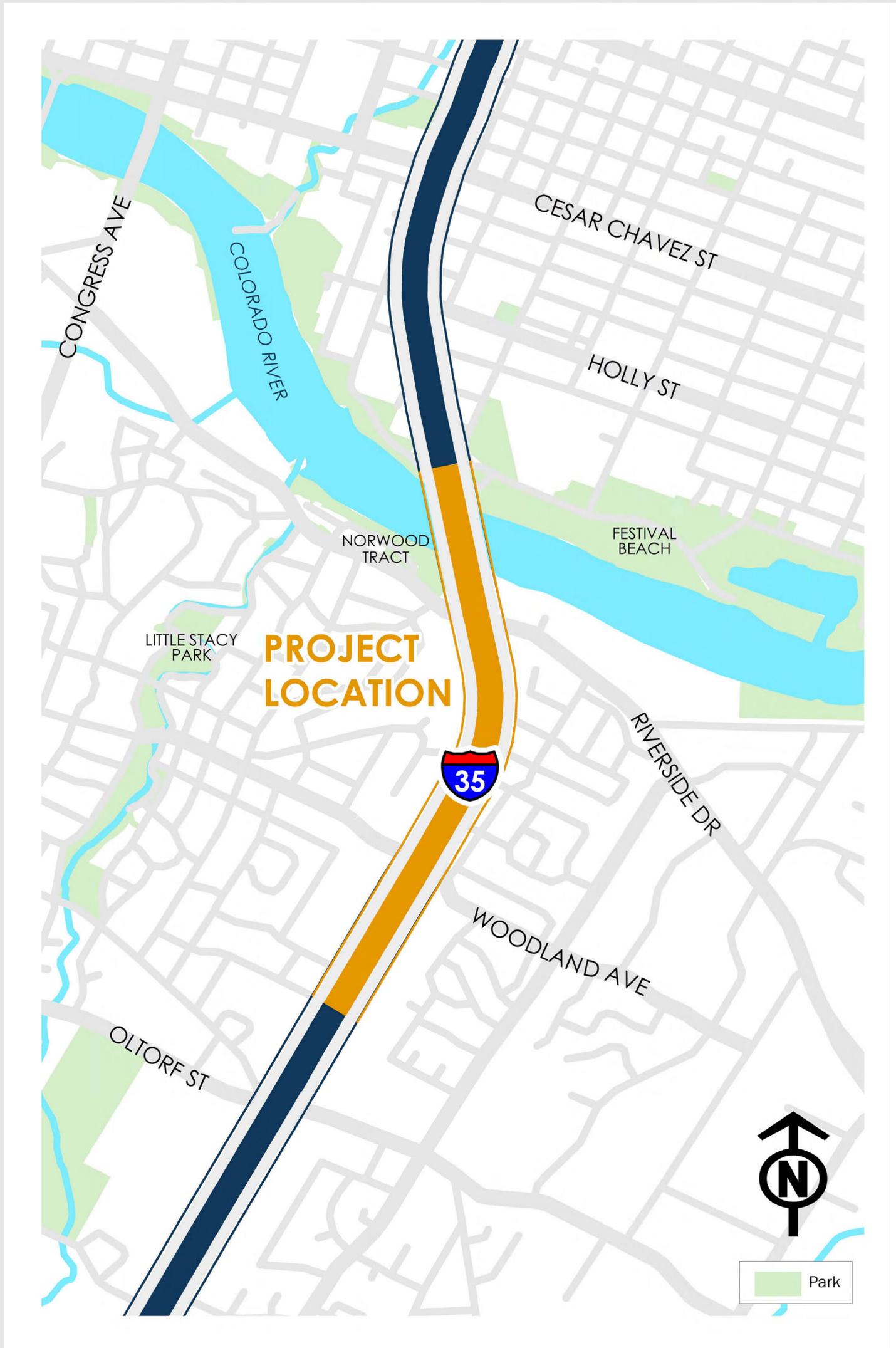
Project Phases



*As funding is identified



Project Location



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Purpose and Need

What are we trying to do?

- Improve safety and mobility for all traffic, including bicycles, pedestrians, and transit

What are we trying to improve?

- Traffic flow during peak hours
- Sight distance on the mainlanes south of Riverside Drive
- Intersection operations

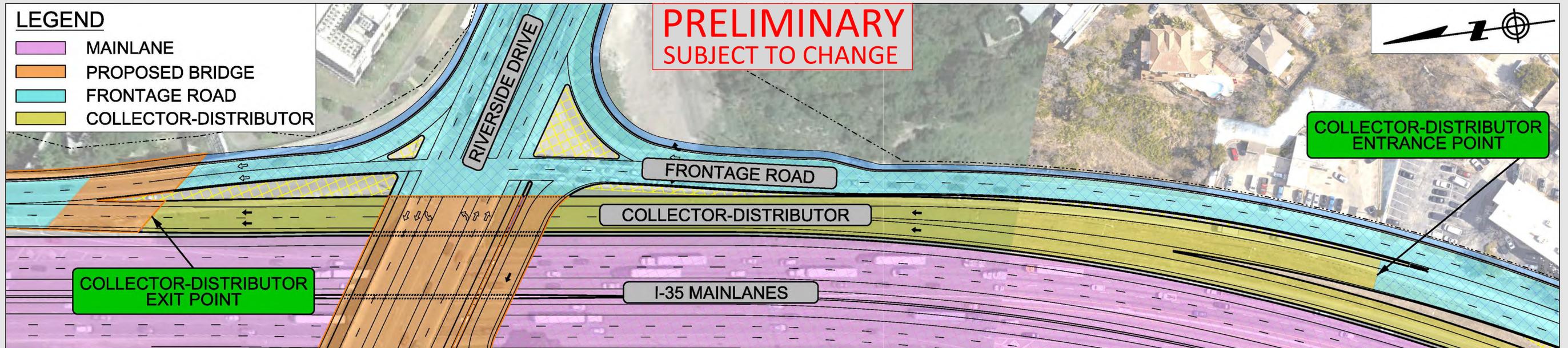


Improvements Under Consideration

- Reconstruct I-35 mainlanes and frontage roads to improve sight distance
- Add collector-distributor lanes under Riverside Drive to allow north and south through-traffic to bypass signals
- Replace bridge crossings at Riverside Drive and Woodland Avenue
- Widen I-35 bridges over Lady Bird Lake to accommodate collector-distributor lanes and widened shoulders
- Reconfigure intersection lanes
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities along I-35 frontage roads, Woodland Avenue and Riverside Drive



What is a collector-distributor?



Collector-distributor basics:

- Allows traffic entering/exiting the highway to safely merge without disrupting travel on the mainlanes
- Improves traffic flow by allowing vehicles to bypass traffic signals on the frontage road
- Reduces congestion at intersections
- Already in use in Austin on:
 - Northbound I-35 at Parmer Lane (shown right)
 - Southbound I-35 at MLK Blvd
 - Northbound I-35 at 51st Street

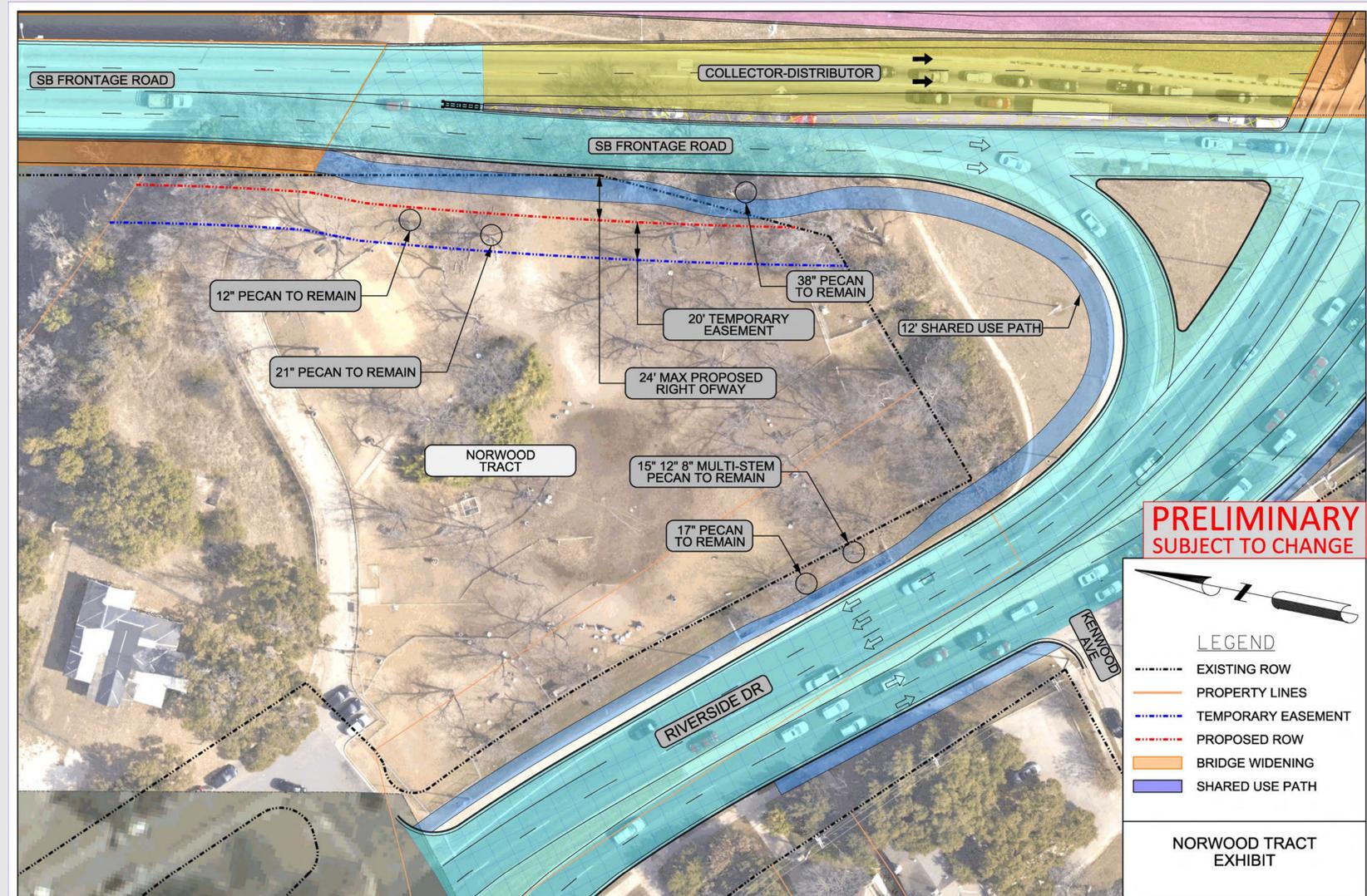




I-35 Improvements at Norwood Tract

Proposed Current Design

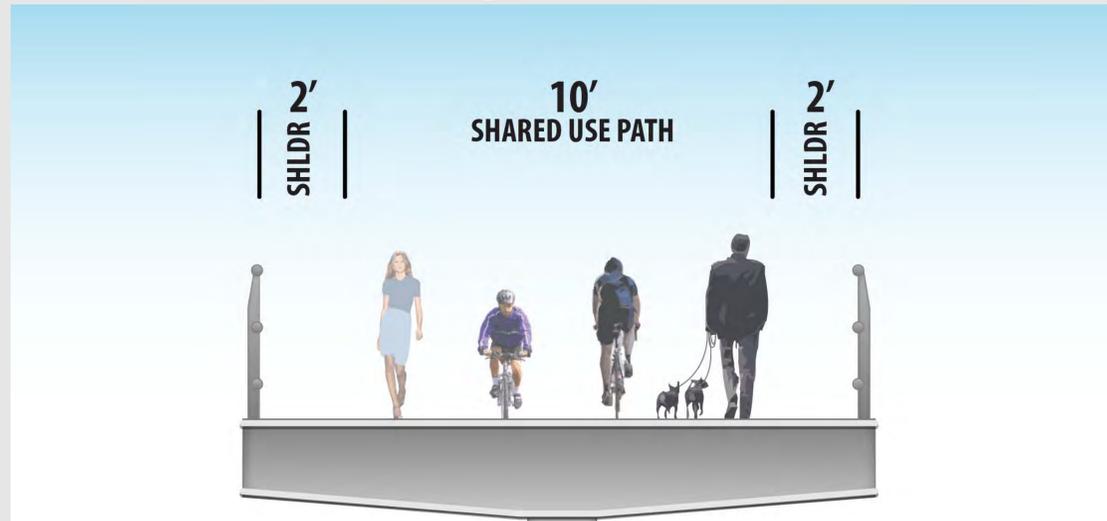
- 12-foot shared use path
- Path buffered 5 feet from traffic
- Path route selected to minimize impact to trees
- Retaining walls to minimize right-of-way
- Shared use path configuration consistent with city of Austin plan
- Requires right-of-way and temporary easement



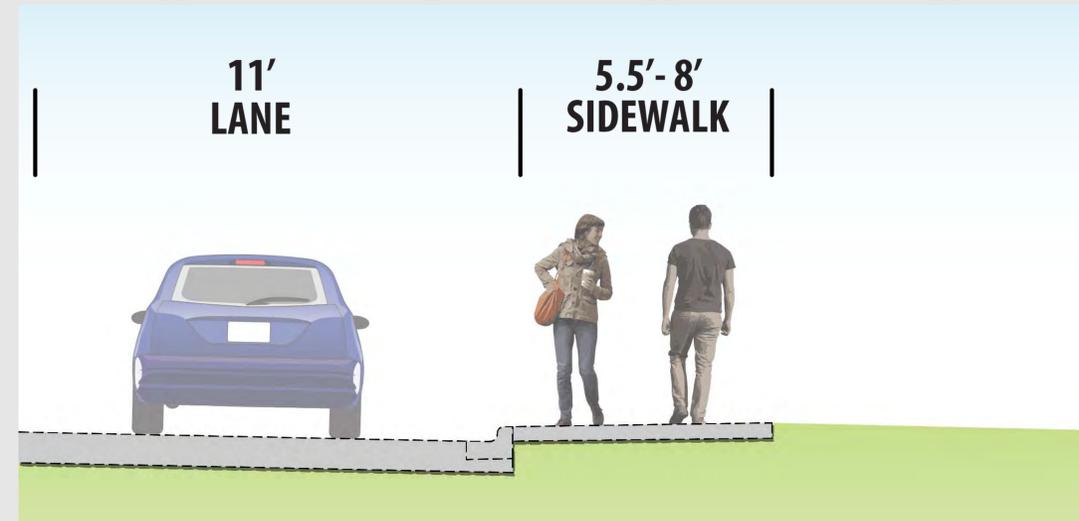


Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

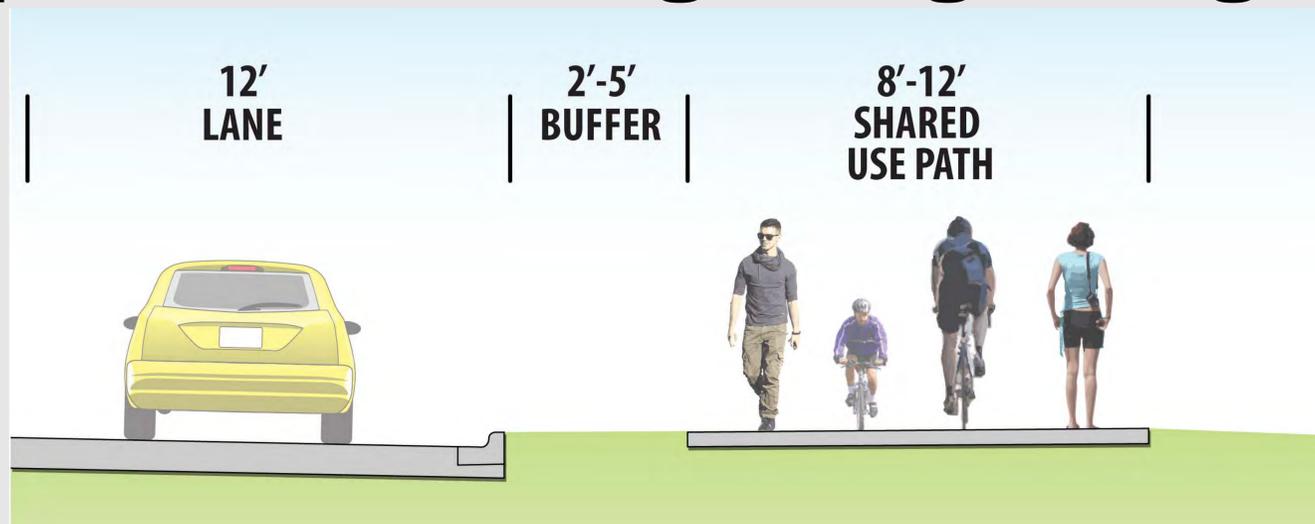
Existing boardwalk



Existing facility along frontage road



Proposed current design along frontage road

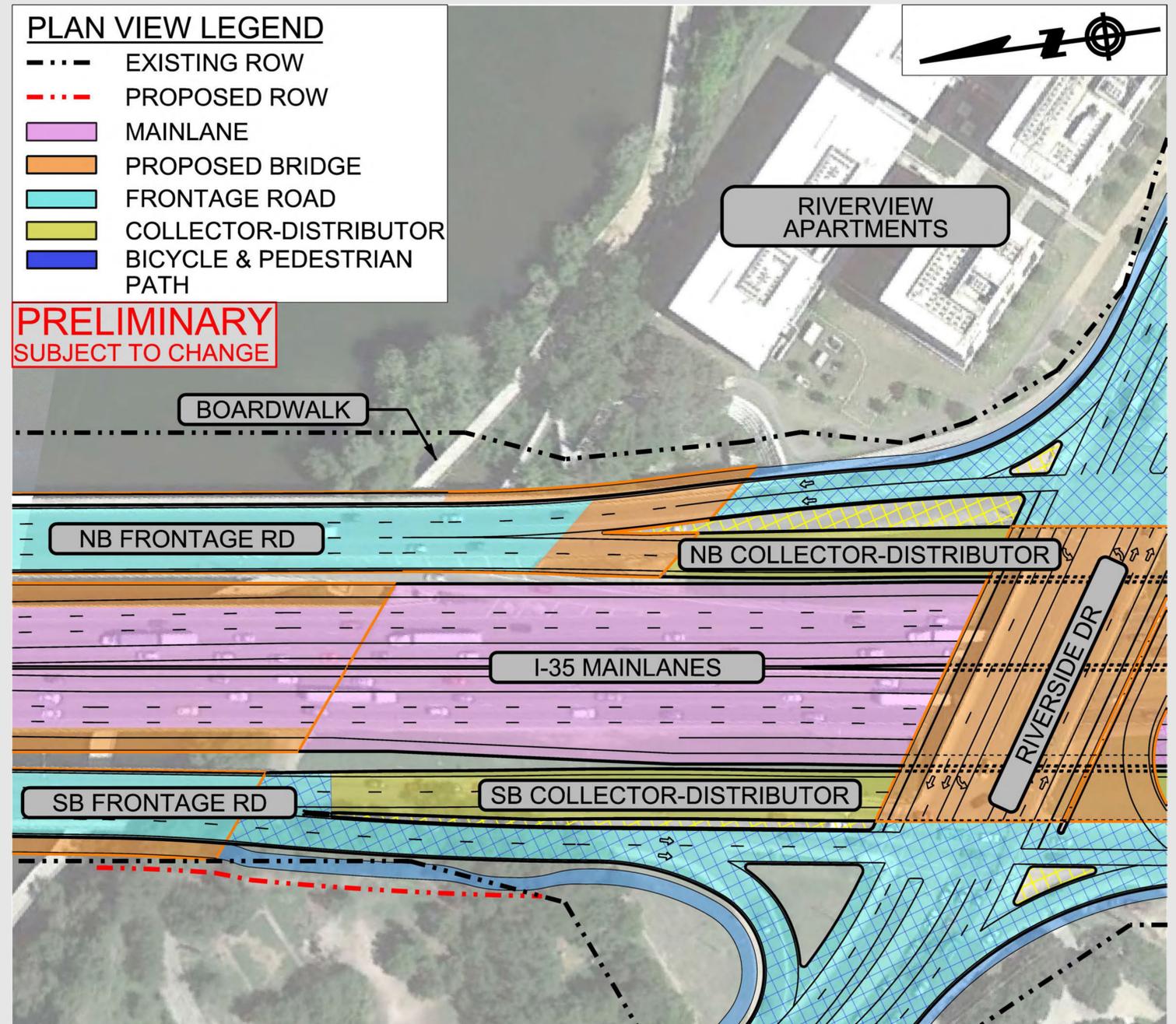




Boardwalk Considerations

Current status:

- Exploring options to minimize impacts
- Temporary short-term closures during bridge construction
- Potential modifications to the boardwalk within TxDOT's right-of-way may be necessary

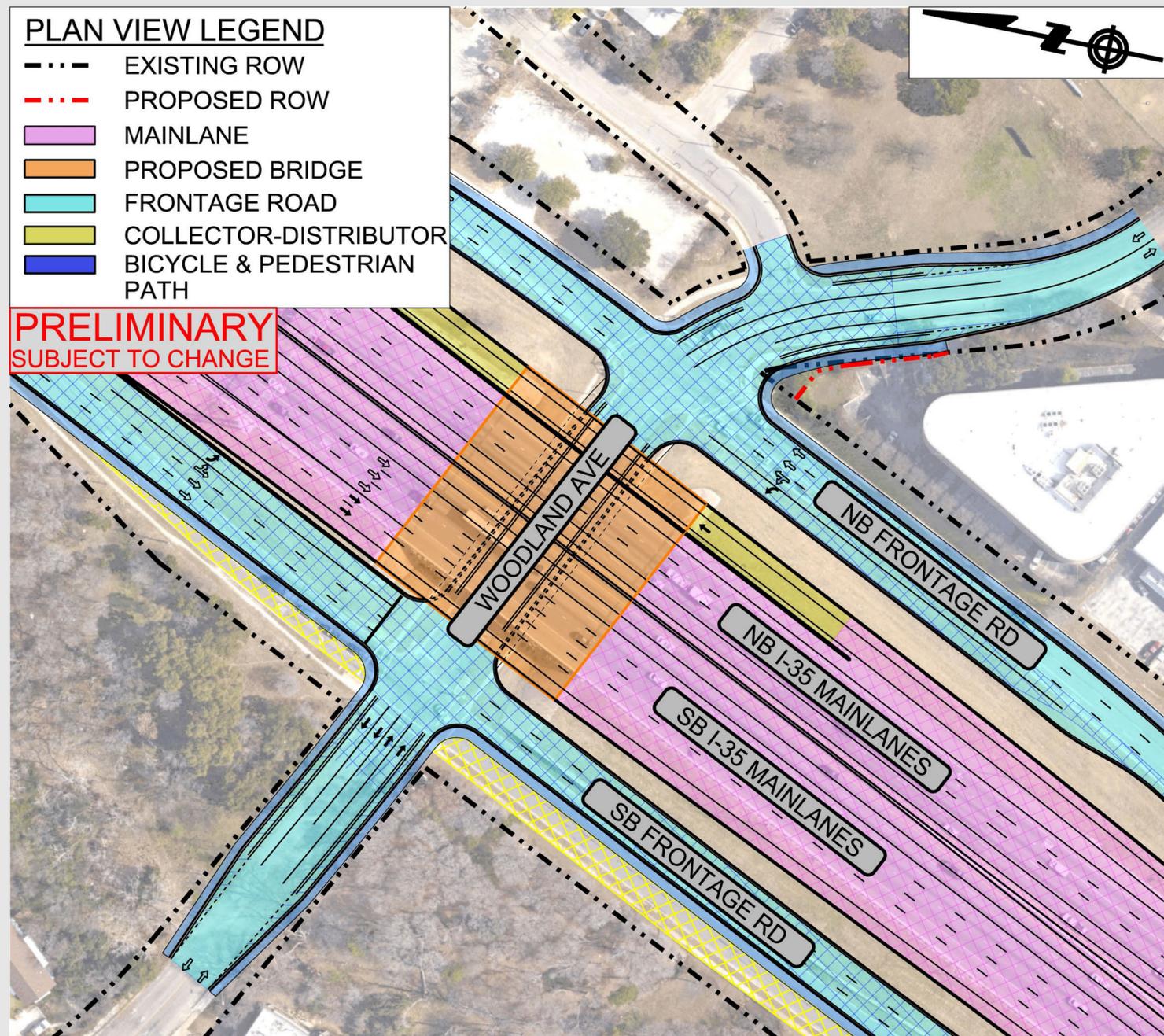




Woodland Avenue

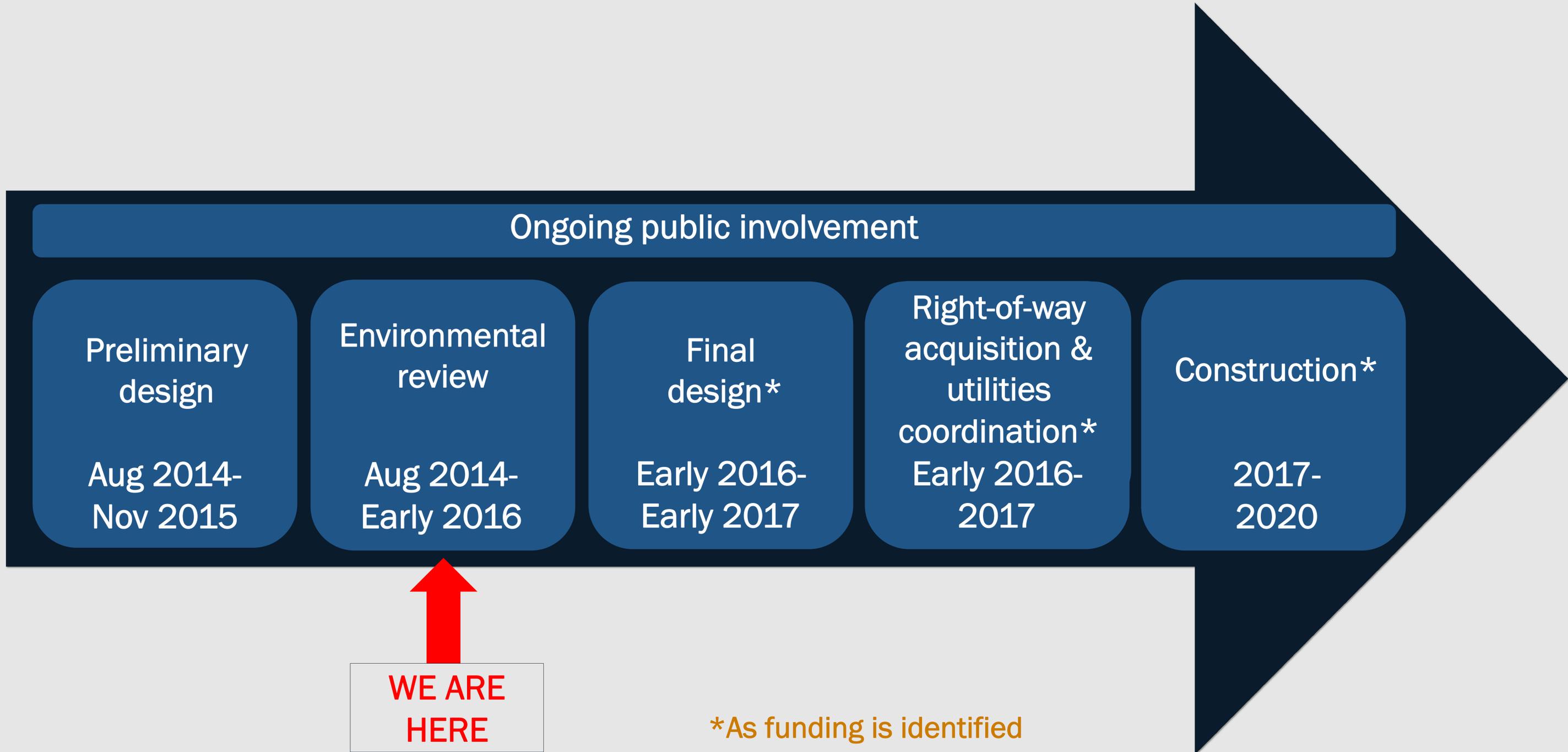
Proposed improvements:

- Improve East-West access
- Construct additional left-turn only lane on northbound and southbound frontage roads
- Construct additional sidewalks along Woodland Avenue





Anticipated Schedule





Next Steps

- Continue to engage the community
- Compile and consider community input
- Complete the environmental documentation and review process
- Conduct a public hearing