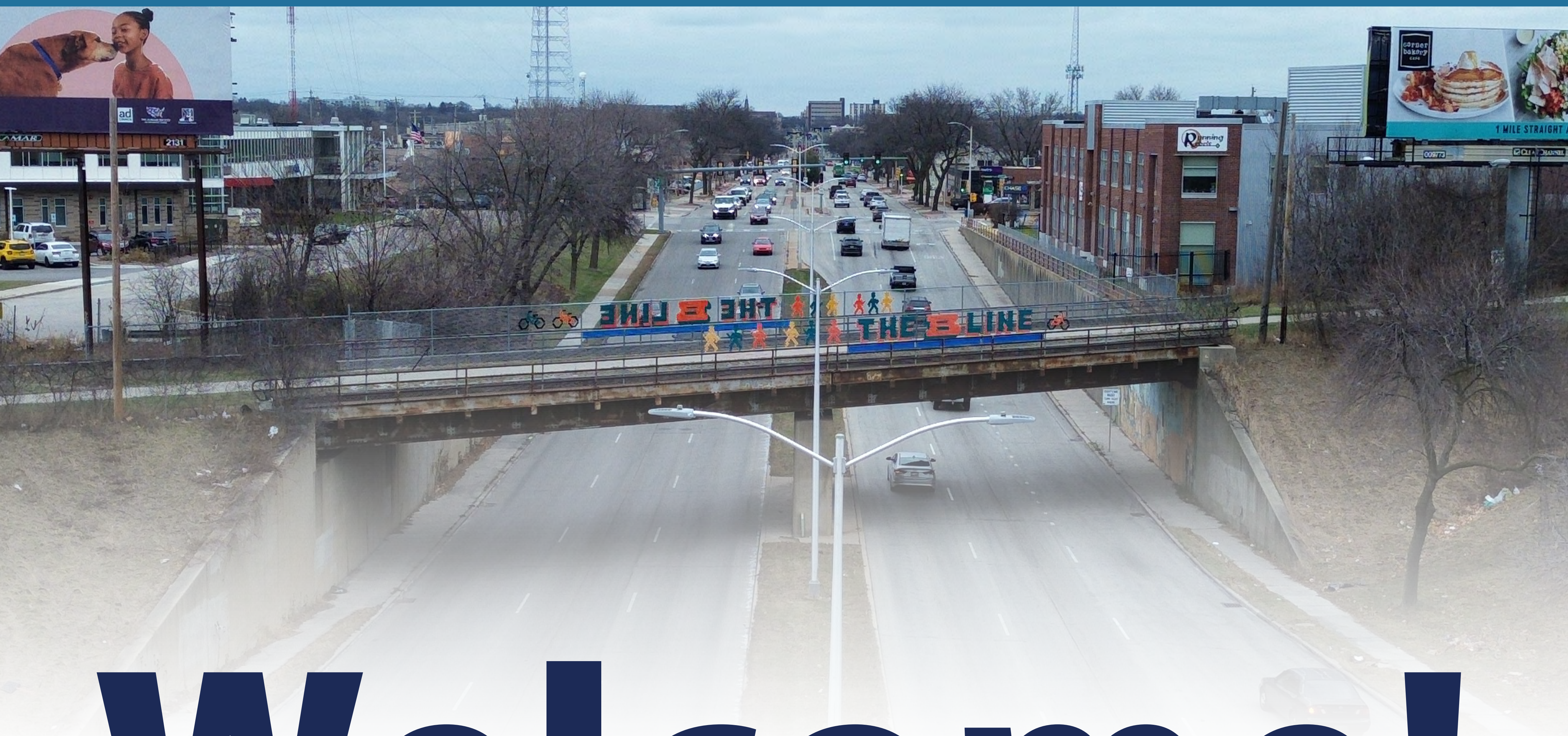




# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the  
**Beerline Trail Extension Project**

**Public Open House**  
**May 4, 2026**



## Project Overview

The City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County are extending the Beerline Trail northwest from Capitol Drive to connect to the new 20th Street Powerline Trail. This 1.8-mile extension will combine an off-street trail with on-street protected bike lanes to create a safe, continuous route that is comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.

## Project Timeline

Data Collection & Existing Conditions

Sept – Oct 2025

Pop-Up Meetings

Design Development

May 2026

Public Meeting

Final Design

Construction is expected to begin in 2027.



## Project Goals

### SAFETY

Provide residents with a comfortable space to bike, walk, and roll by prioritizing safety throughout the design, including features like traffic calming, separated spaces from motor vehicles, and enhanced street crossings.

### CONNECTIVITY

The trail extension will connect the existing Beerline Trail to the 20th Street Powerline Trail, with separated, safe crossings. This closes a trail network gap, linking neighborhoods into Milwaukee’s growing protected bikeway network.

### FUN!

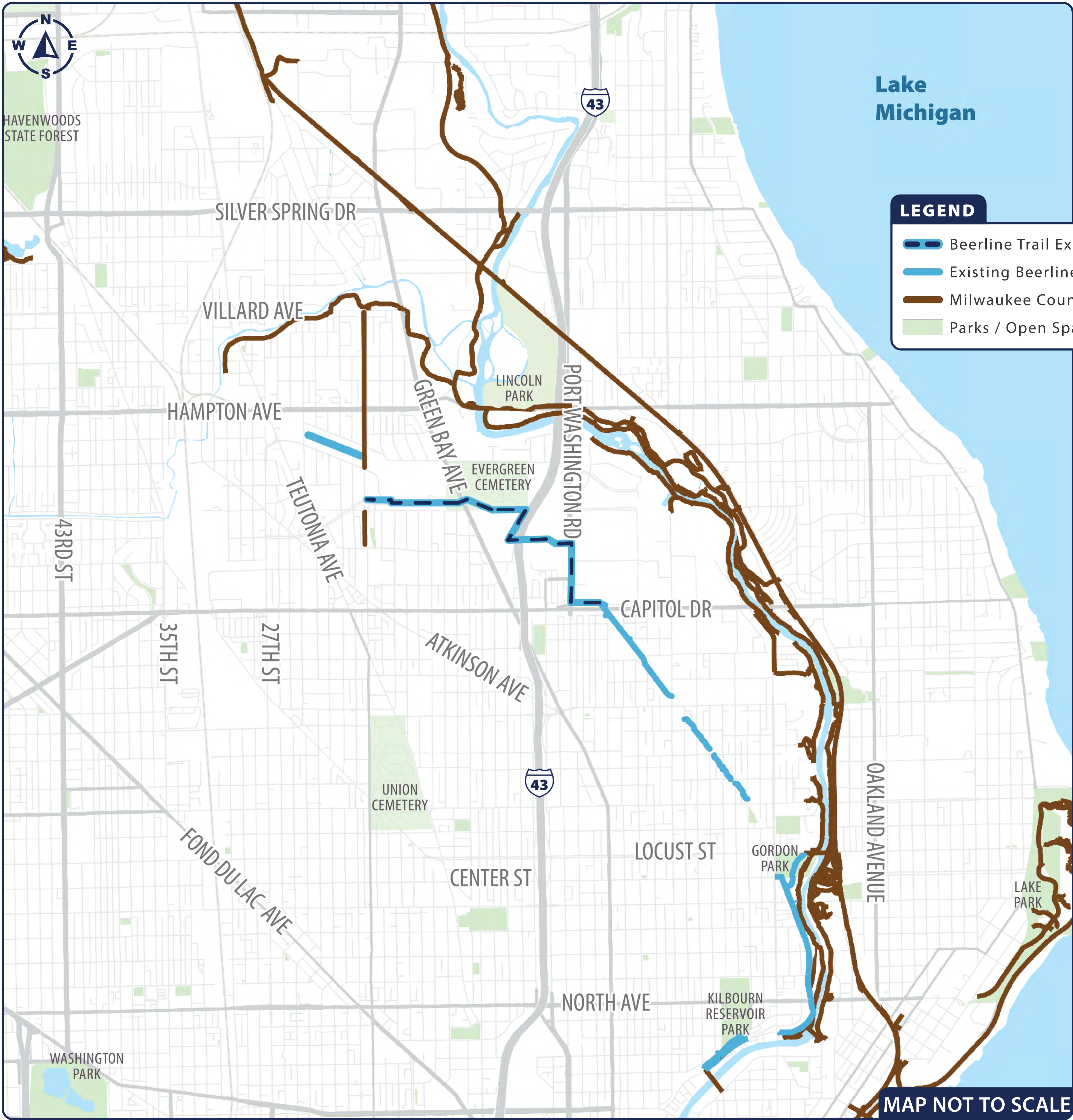
Trails aren’t just useful for travel, they bring joy to everyday life in the city! Trails give people the space to get outside, connect with each other and the places around them, and enjoy the experience of moving along the way.

# REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK

The Beerline trail extension will close the gap between the existing Beerline Trail and the 20th Street Powerline Trail. This will create a more continuous and accessible trail system, allowing residents to connect with the Milwaukee River Line, the Milwaukee River Water Trail, and the Zip Line, making it easier to travel between neighborhoods, parks, and destinations across the city and county.



 The existing Beerline Trail extends from N. Bremen Street to W. Capitol Drive

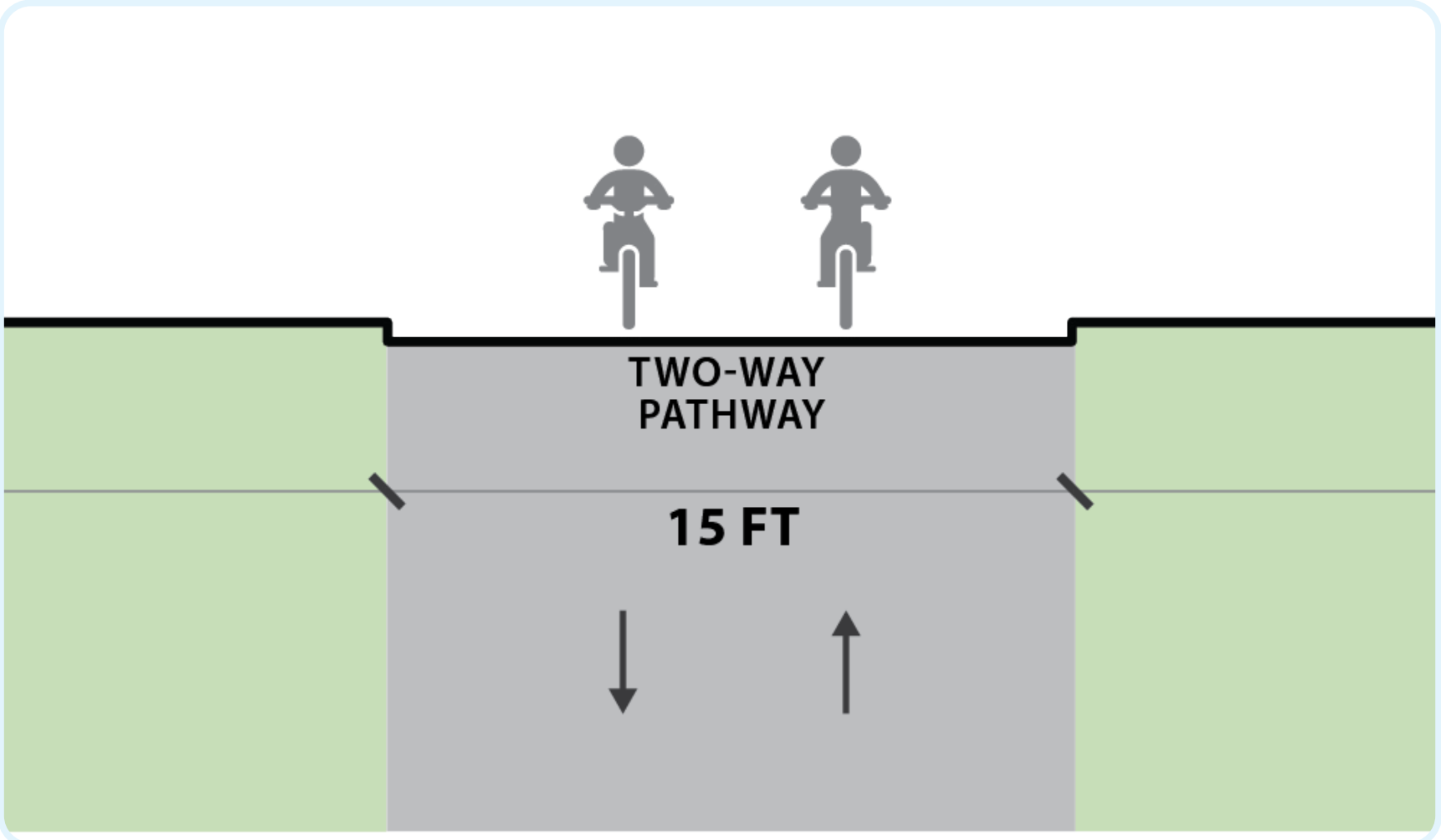


# PROPOSED DESIGN OVERVIEW

The Beerline Trail Extension is designed to provide a smooth and comfortable experience for walking, biking, and rolling. The trail will include a consistent width to support two-way travel, with gentle grades and clear sightlines for users of all ages and abilities. Pavement markings, signage, and wayfinding will help guide users along the corridor, while landscaped buffers and separation from adjacent roadways will be incorporated where feasible to enhance comfort.



## Proposed Off-Street Trail



### KEY QUESTION:

What do you like or think could be improved about entrances to the trail? Leave a sticky note below!



Visit the aerial table map of the trail to see the full design!

This project includes several key crossings that connect off-street trail segments with bike lanes. At key crossings safety improvements will be installed to make intersections safer for everyone. Below is a list of potential safety treatments.



### KEY CROSSINGS:

- Port Washington Road
- Green Bay Avenue

### Protected Bike Lanes

Protected bike lanes are separated from general-purpose travel lanes with both a buffer and a vertical element.



#### Protected bike lanes can:

- Provide a comfortable bike facility for people of all ages and abilities

### Bump Outs

Bump outs are concrete elements that extends the curb into the parking lane. They can be “pinned-on” or “attached” to the curb.



#### Bump outs:

- Encourage slower turning
- Shorten crossing distances and increase pedestrian visibility
- Prevent dangerous passing on the right

### Bus Boarding Islands

Bus boarding islands are detached concrete islands at bus stops.



#### Bus boarding islands can:

- Improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety
- Improve bus operations

### Rapid Flashing Beacons

Pedestrian-activated safety devices featuring yellow LED lights that flash at a high frequency to alert drivers at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks.



#### Rapid Flashing Beacons:

- Alert motorists that pedestrians are present at the crosswalk

### Refuge Islands

Refuge islands are raised islands placed in the middle of a street to allow pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time.



#### Refuge islands can:

- Reduce pedestrian crash risk and improve safety, especially on wide or busy streets

### High Visibility Crosswalks

High visibility crosswalk markings are wide and bright crosswalk markings.



#### High visibility crosswalks can:

- Warn motorists of pedestrian crossings
- Make pedestrians more visible



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# PORT WASHINGTON ROAD

As part of the trail extension, the the route must briefly travel along and then cross Port Washington Road. A two-way bike lane is proposed on the east side of the Port Washington Road, from Capitol Drive to Olive Street. Cyclists will cross Port Washington at Olive Street.

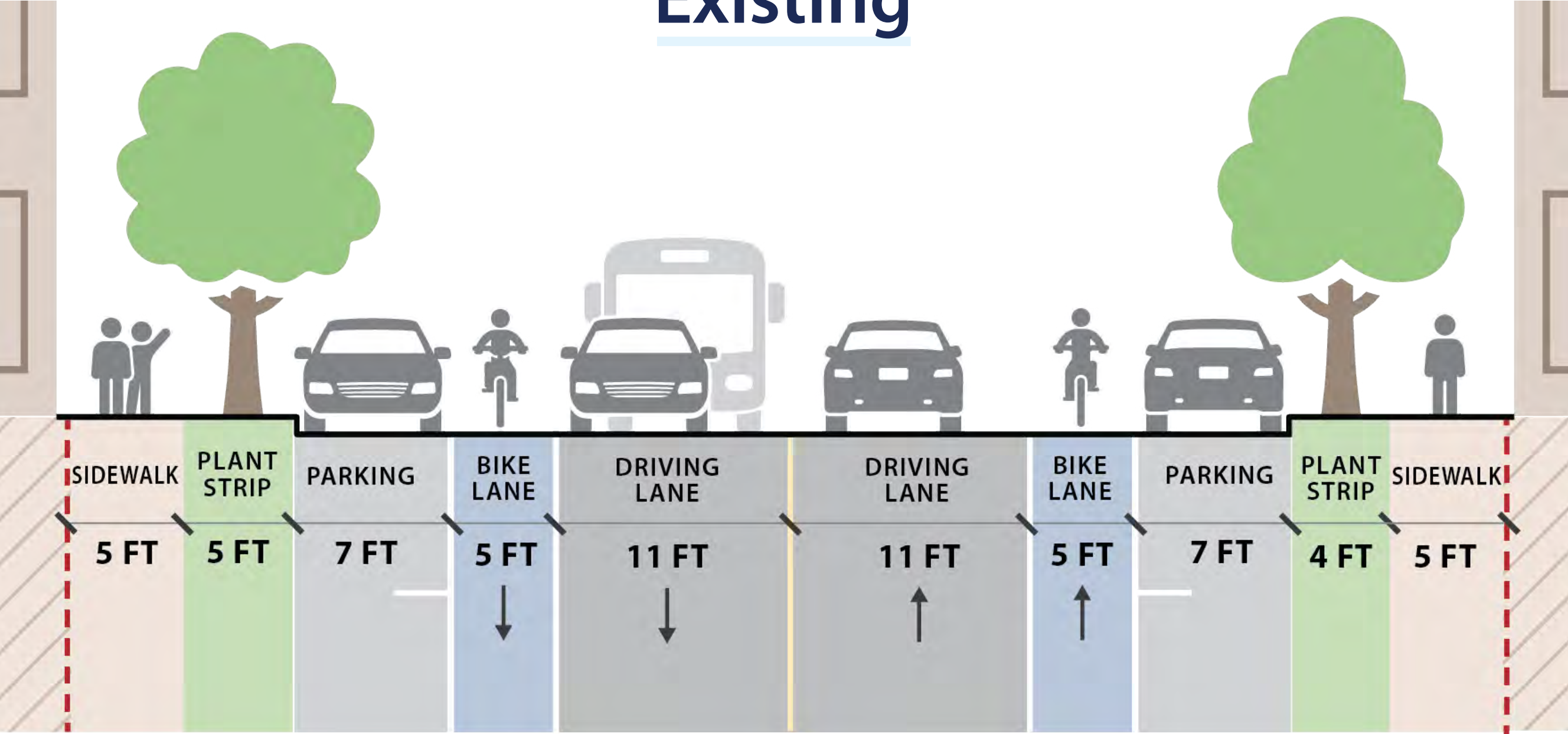


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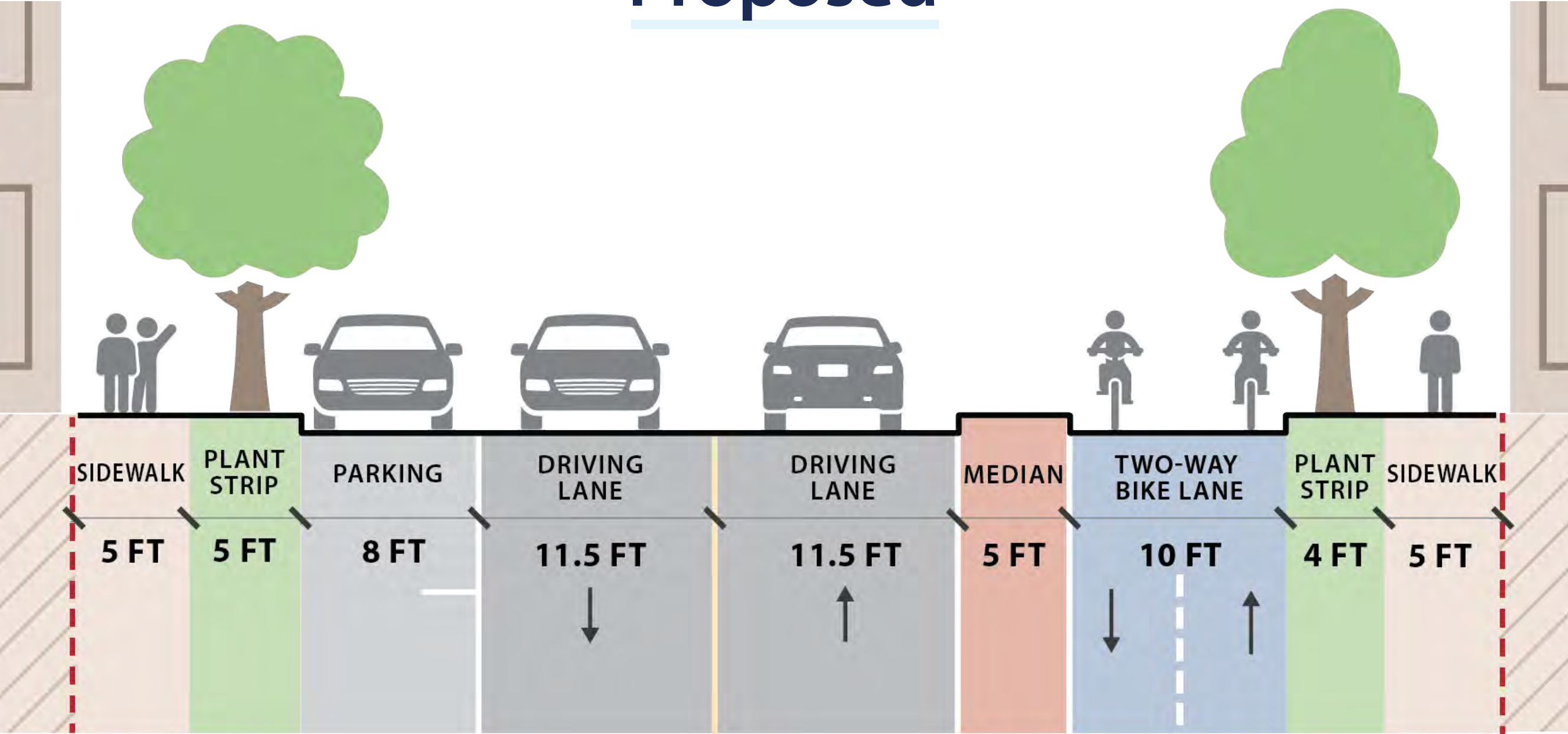
Does a protected bike lane improve your comfort while traveling along Port Washington Road.



### Existing



### Proposed



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# GREEN BAY AVENUE

As part of the trail extension, the route must cross Green Bay Avenue. Two crossing locations are being considered, with **Option 1** on the north side of the street, and **Option 2** on the south side of the street. Your feedback will help determine the final location and design of the crossing.



## KEY QUESTION:

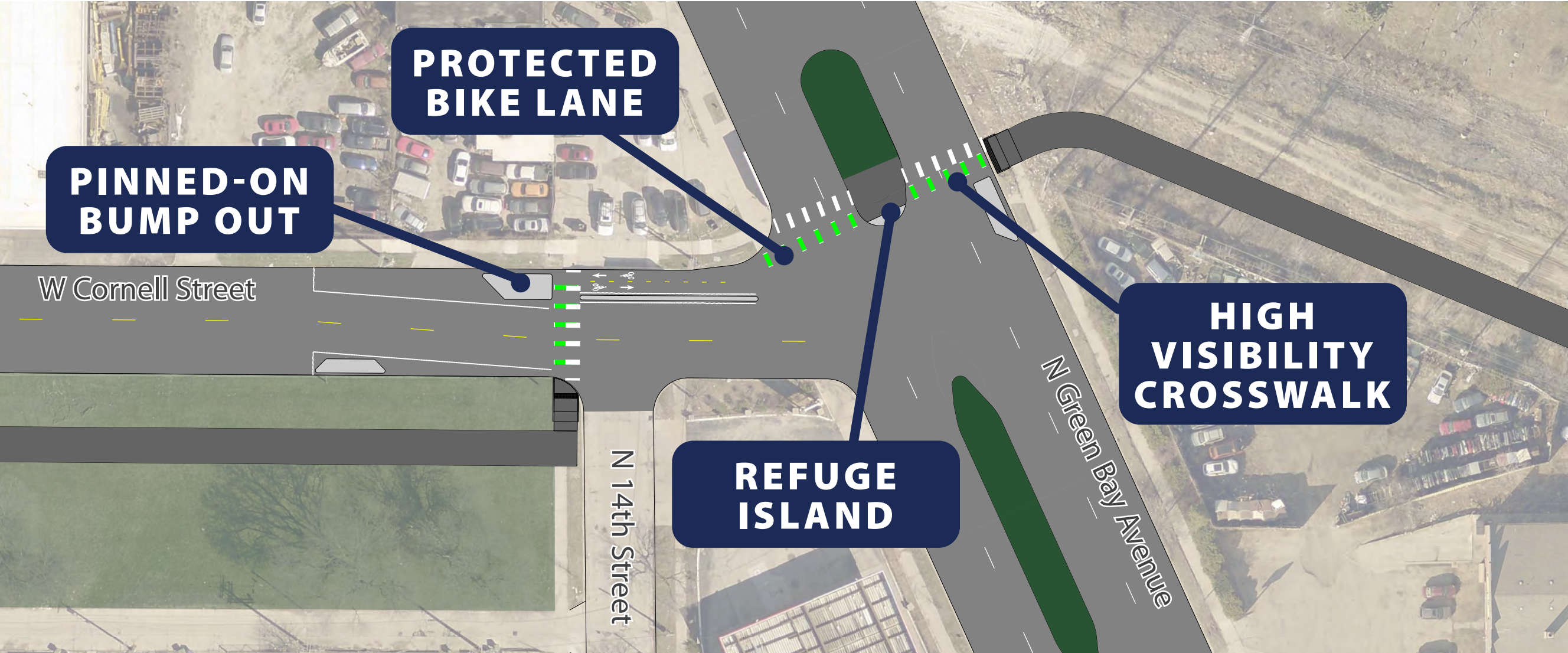
Which option do you prefer, Option 1 or Option 2?

Fill out a comment form to provide your feedback!

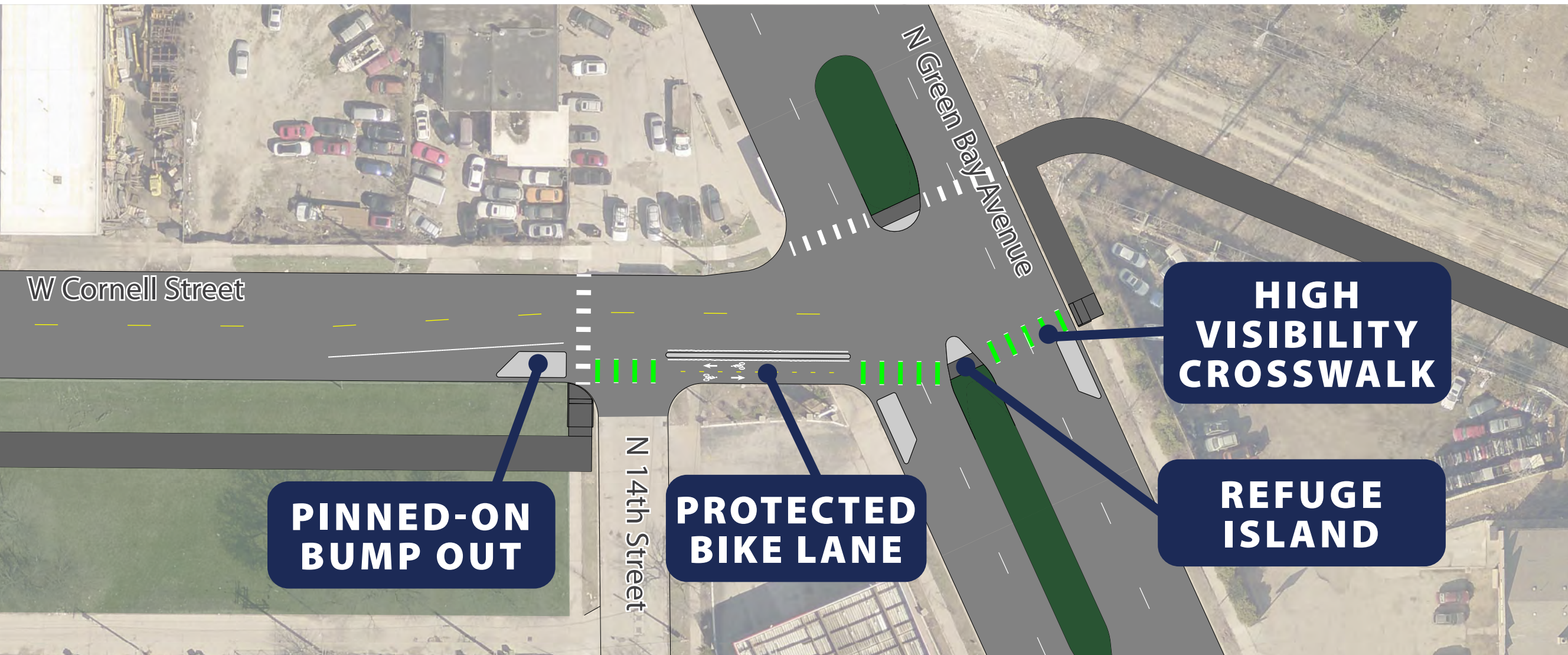
## Existing On-Street Conditions



## Option 1: North On-Street Crossing



## Option 2: South On-Street Crossing



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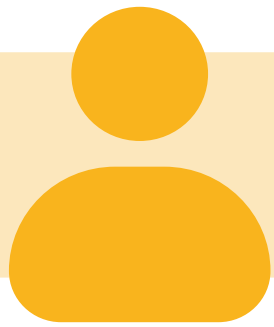


Beerline Trail Crossing at Green Bay Ave



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# Share Your Thoughts!



## CHAT WITH THE PROJECT TEAM

Do you have questions about the project? Project team members are available to answer questions and hear your feedback.



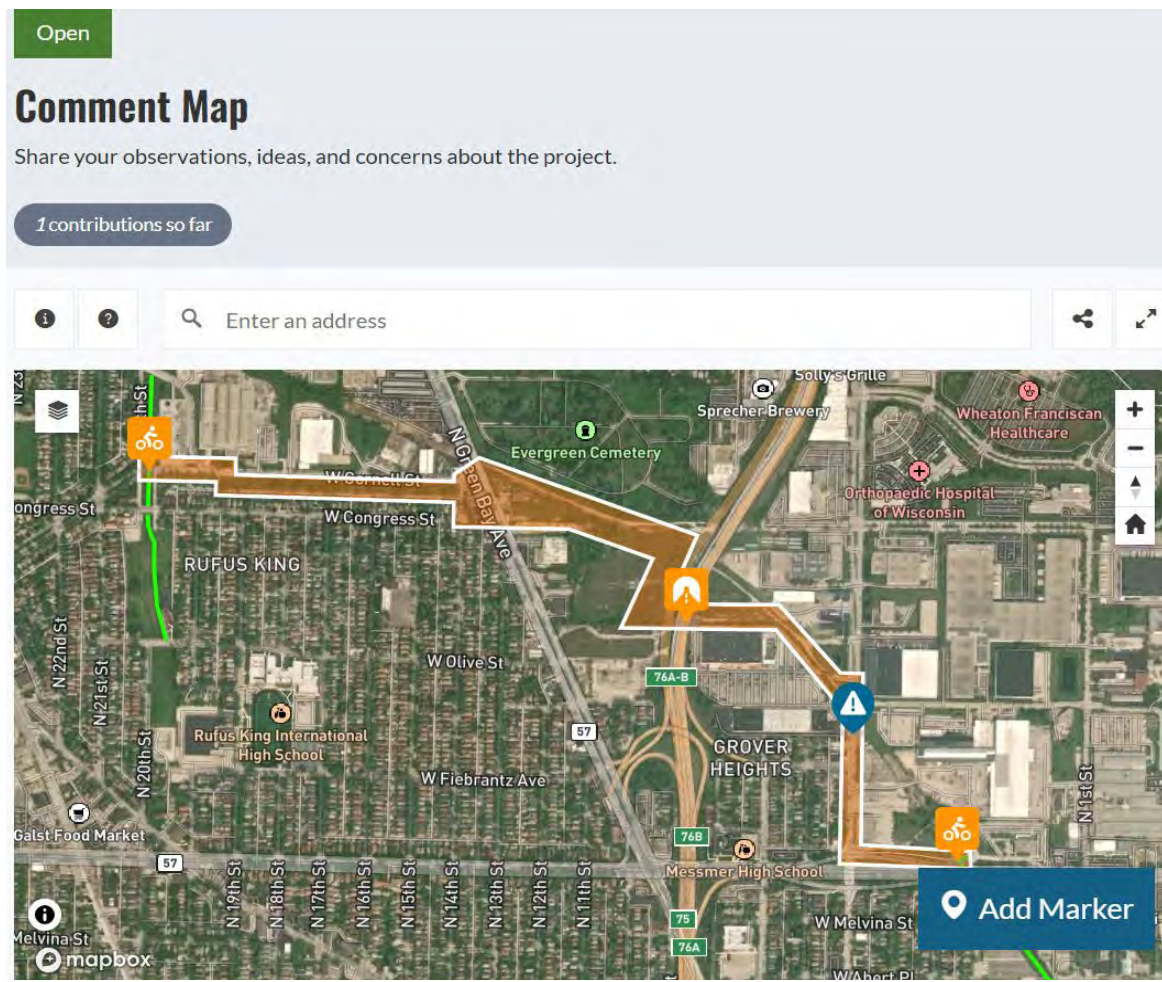
## FILL OUT A COMMENT FORM

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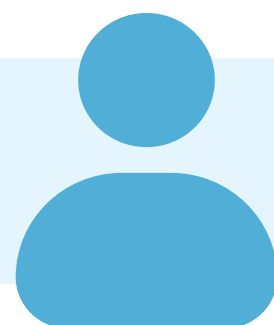


## VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE

Pin your thoughts! Scan the QR code or use the link below to add your comment to the comment map.



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# Thank You!