Project overview



Project Location

Sunset Drive (County Road 51) between Shoreline Drive (County Road 15) and Shadywood Road (Country Road 19)



Sunset Drive today

Sunset Drive serves 2,750 cars per day and has roadways and underground utilities nearing the end of their service lives. Sunset Drive lacks curb and gutter to manage stormwater and is not well suited for people walking, biking, and rolling. Sunset Drive also provides access to recreational spaces like Dakota Rail Trail and Thor Thompson Park.



Project Goals

- Update aging roadway and underground utilities
- Improve traffic flow and roadway function at key intersections
- Enhance features for people walking, biking, and rolling, including traffic calming at key crossing locations
- Improve trail access for present and future needs



Project Partners

Spring Park, Orono, and Three Rivers Park District





Anticipated project schedule



We are currently at the end of the third phase of the project. Beginning this fall, the engineering team will begin to build out construction plans. In fall 2024, we will select a contractor. Construction will begin in 2025.

Fall 2021
Collect existing conditions feedback

Winter 2021-22
Share improvement tools

Spring-Summer 2023
Gather concept
feedback and
refine design

Fall 2023-Fall 2024
Create
construction
plans

Spring 2025
Construction
begins



Engagement to date

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Oct. 28, 2021

Pop Up #2: Lunds and Byerlys
100 flyers

Nov. 8, 2021: Email blast

Nov. 10, 2021: Facebook Post

Welcome to the Sunset Drive open house!

November 15, 2021

The meeting will begin shortly...

Nov. 15, 2021

Open House #1
Zoom
~30 attendees
60+ comments

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Nov. 22, 2021: Email blast

Feb. 8, 2022: Sunset Series begins! *Topic: Introduction*

Feb. 23, 2022: Sunset Series *Topic: Existing conditions*

Mar. 9, 2022: Sunset Series Topic: What's under my street?

Mar. 25, 2022: Sunset Series
Topic: Traffic calming

Apr. 19, 2022: Sunset Series ends! *Topic: Complete streets*

Feb.10, 2023: Facebook Post



Feb. 23, 2023

Open House #2 Zoom ~50 attendees 60 comments

May 22, 2023: Postcard

June 14, 2023: Postcard

June 22, 2023: Email blast



June 24, 2023

Open House #3
Dakota Rail Regional Trail
~30 attendees
8 comment cards

Sep. 2021

Oct. 20, 2021: Email blast

Oct. 21, 2021

Pop Up #1: Lord Fletchers 30 flyers



Nov. 4, 2021: Postcard

Nov. 12, 2021
Yard signs installed



Nov. 15, 2021: Email blast

Nov. 15, 2021: Comment map released

Nov. 15, 2021: Facebook Post

2022

2023

Feb. 10, 2022: Facebook Post

Feb. 15, 2022: Facebook Post

Mar. 1, 2022: Facebook Post

Mar. 29, 2022: Facebook Post

Apr. 19, 2022: Facebook Post

Feb. 14, 2023: Email blast

Feb. 14, 2023: Postcard

Feb. 21, 2023: Facebook Post

Feb. 24, 2023: Design options survey released

Mar. 1, 2023: Email blast

Mar. 31, 2023: Survey closed. 39 responses

City Council voted to recommend design option 1

June 6, 2023

Neighborhood Meeting
Thor Thompson Park
~40 attendees
36 comment cards



Sept. 21, 2023: Postcard

Sept. 22, 2023: Email blast



Engagement to date



6 pop-ups/open houses with over 170 comments



Installed project signage at kickoff in 2021



13 email updates, 4 mailed postcards



1 survey, 33 responses



5 Sunset Series educational topics



150+ Online comment mapping comments, 300+ visits to design options website



6+ months of local advertisement and 9 Facebook posts



130 flyers and 44 comment cards

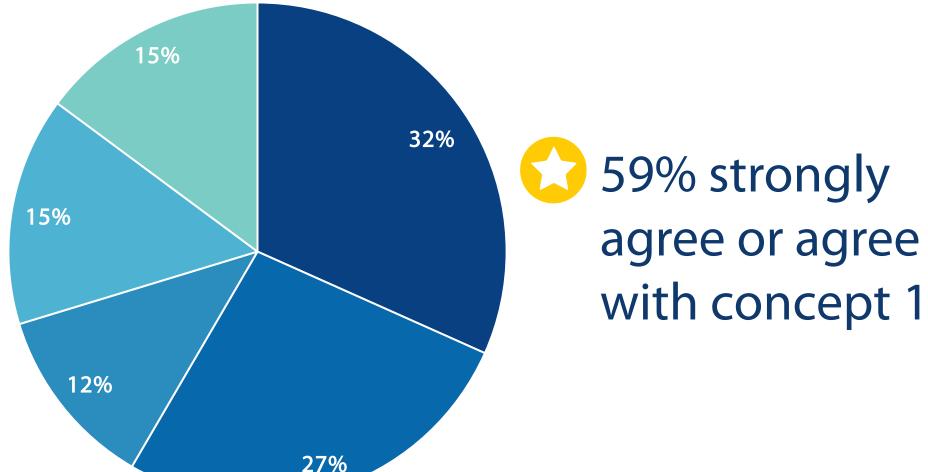


Survey results - design concepts

Concept #1

Multi-Use Trail and Two Bikeable Shoulders

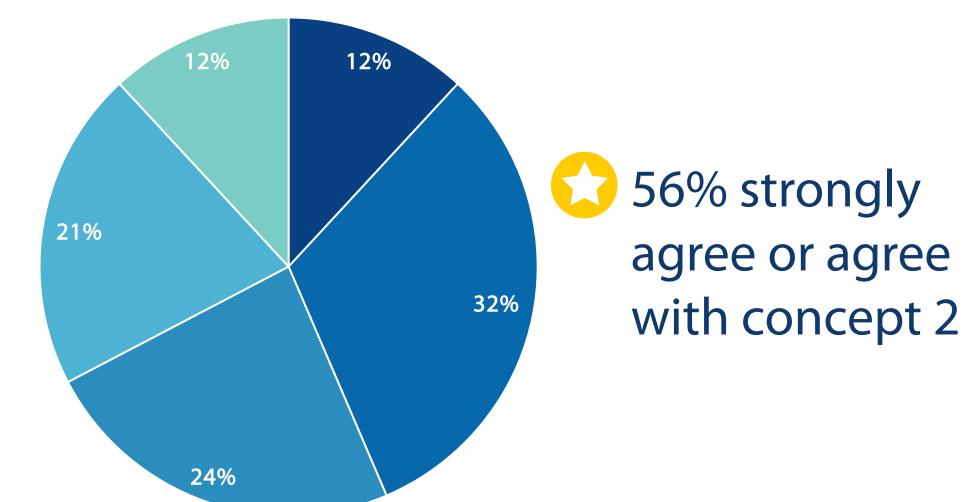




Concept #2

Multi-Use Trail and One Bikeable Shoulder



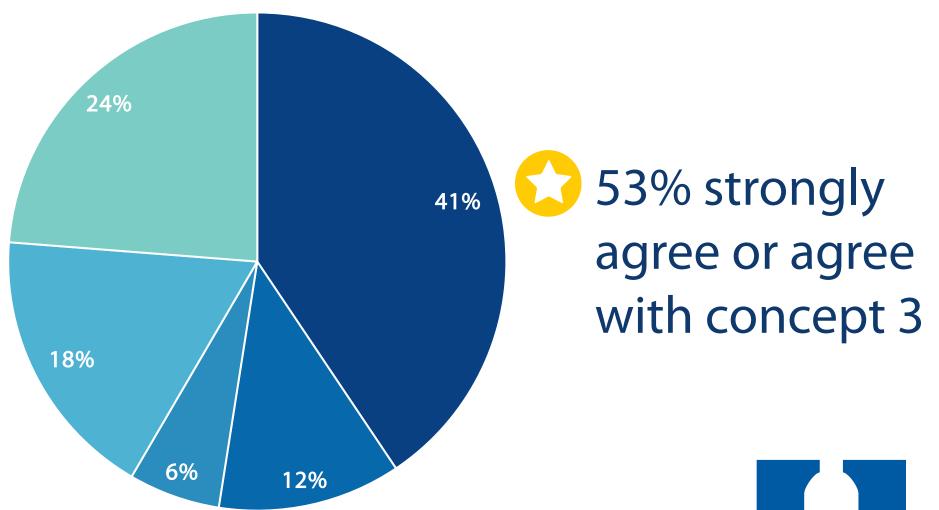


Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Concept #3

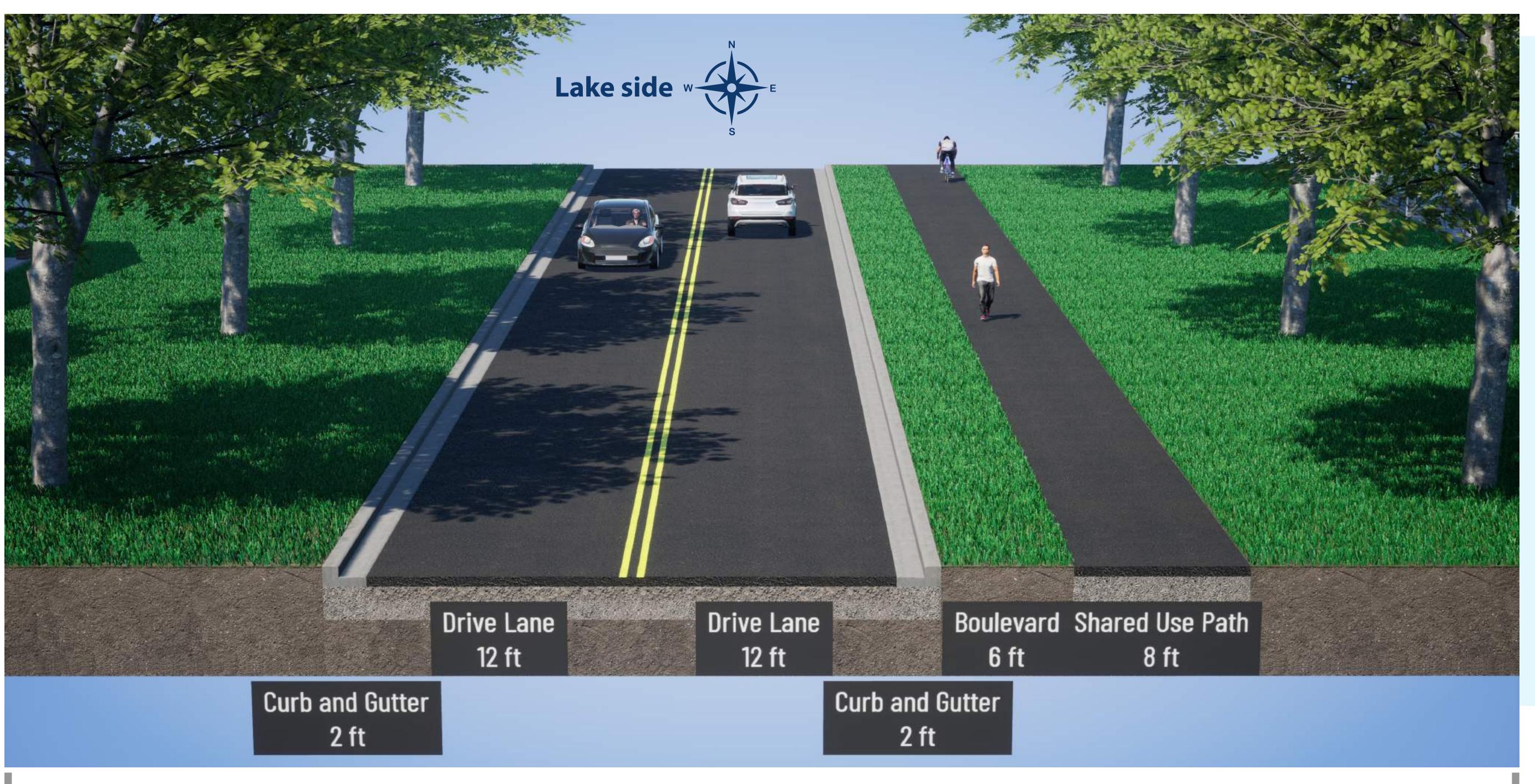
Trail, Sidewalk, No Shoulders







Revised recommended concept

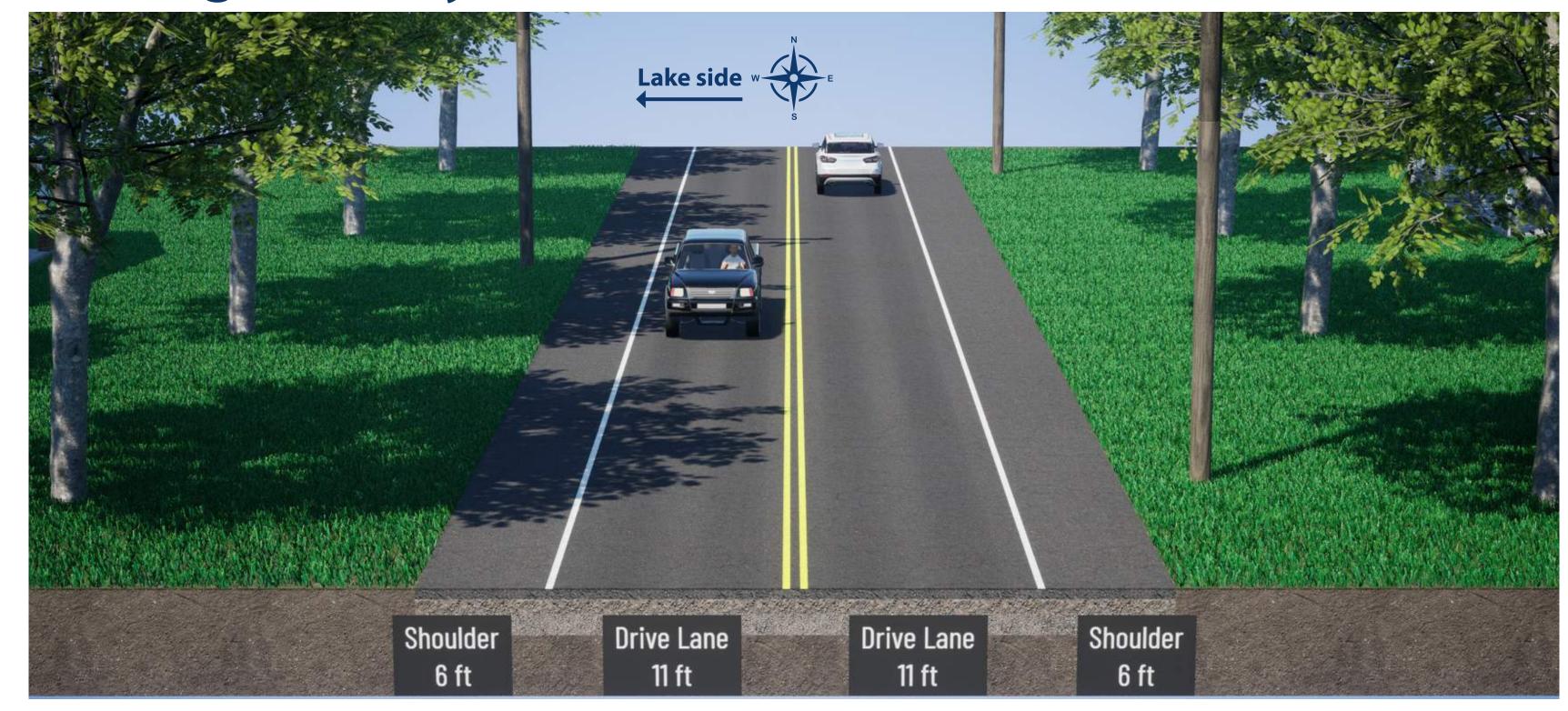


- •Removed the bikeable shoulders
- •Reduced the road width by 6 ft (original: 34 ft, revised: 28 ft)
- •Reduced boulevard by 1 ft (original: 7 ft, revised 6 ft)
- Reduced shared use path by 2 ft (original: 10 ft, revised: 8 ft)



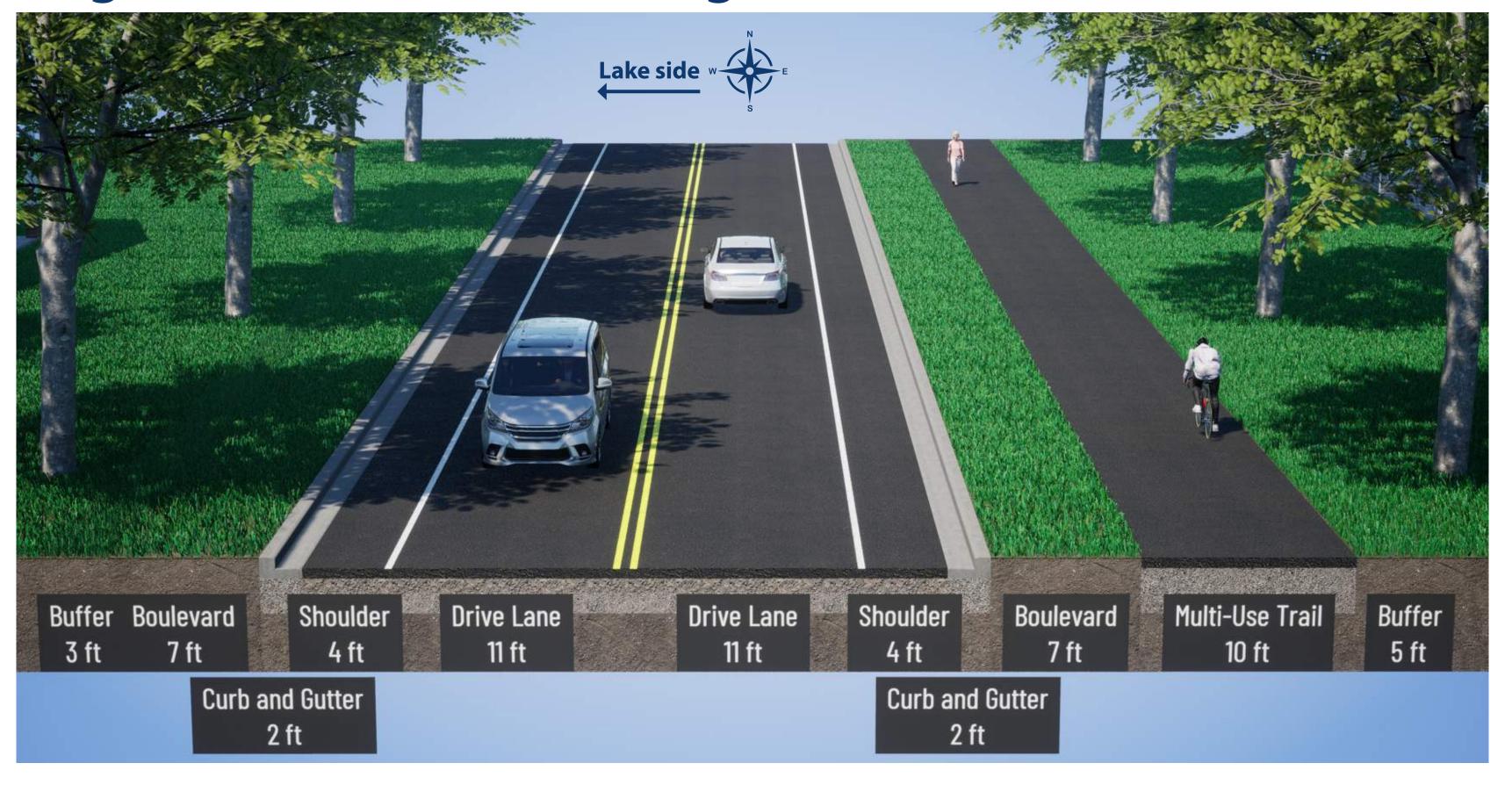
Revised recommended design

Existing roadway width



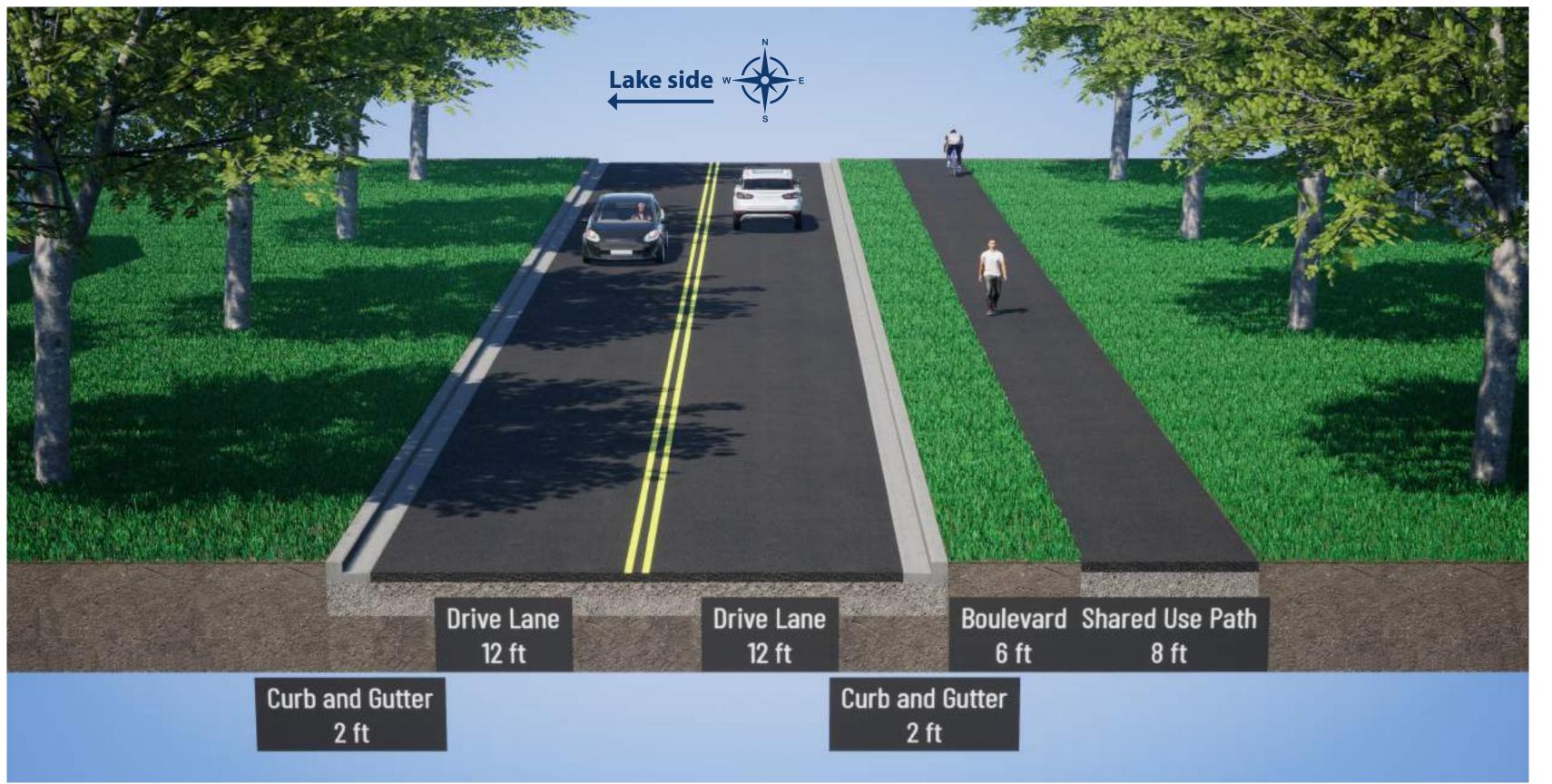
Existing roadway: **34 ft** wide

Original recommended design - June 2023



June 2023
recommended
design:
51 ft from
edge of curb to
edge of path

Revised recommended design - October 2023

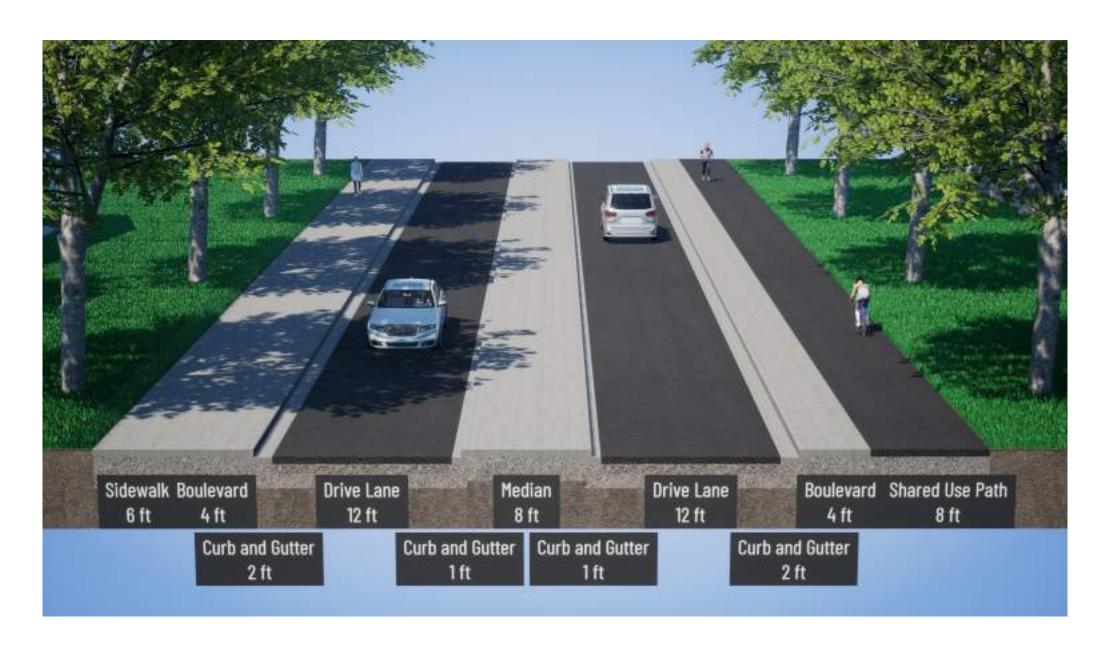


Revised recommended design:
42 ft from edge of curb to edge of path



The recommended design will adapt along the corridor

Median



Paved boulevard



Grass boulevard

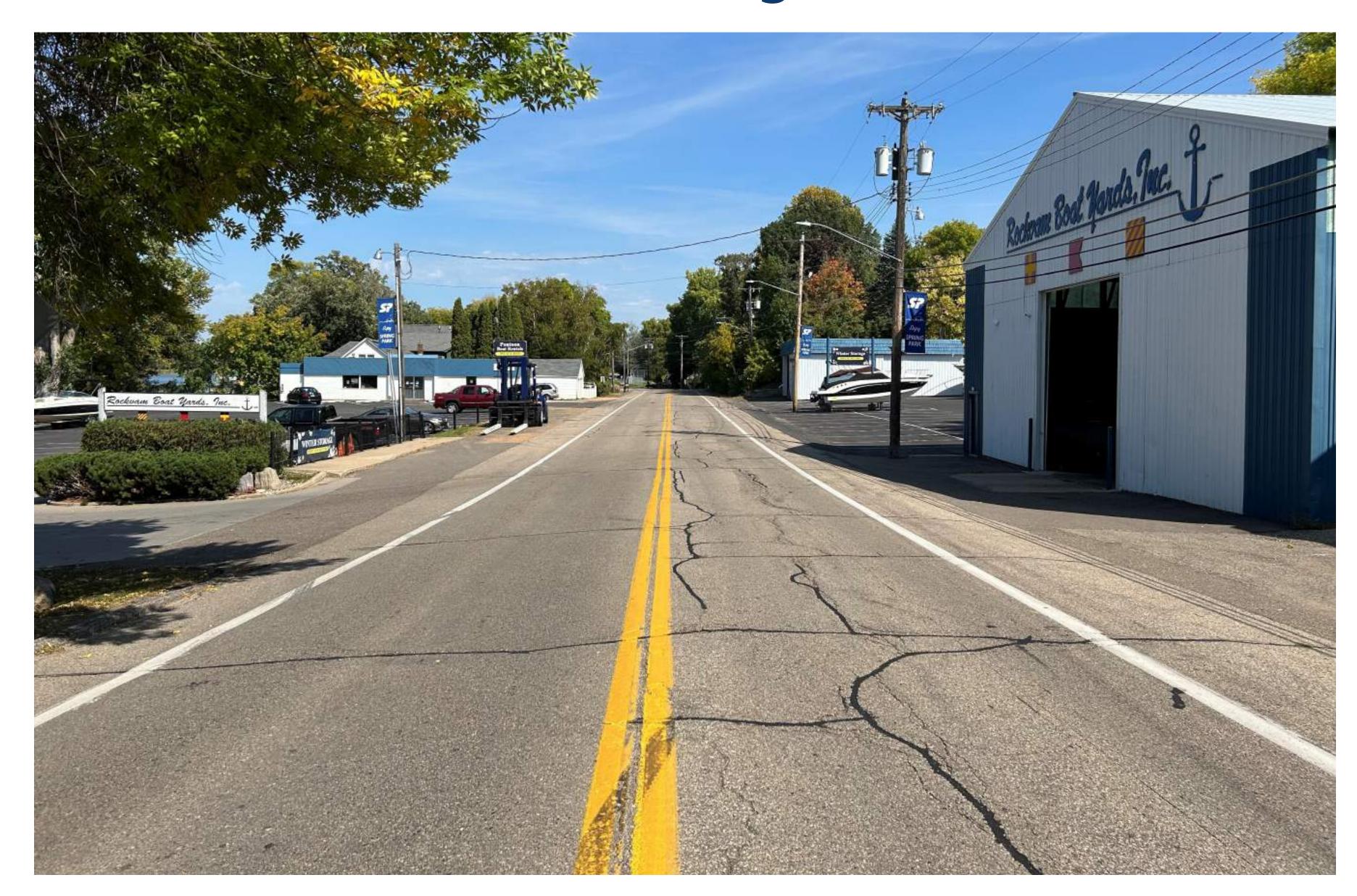






Concept rendering: Rockvam Boat Yards

Existing



Proposed





Concept rendering: Park Lane

Existing



Proposed option - Grass boulevard





Concept rendering: Park Lane

Existing



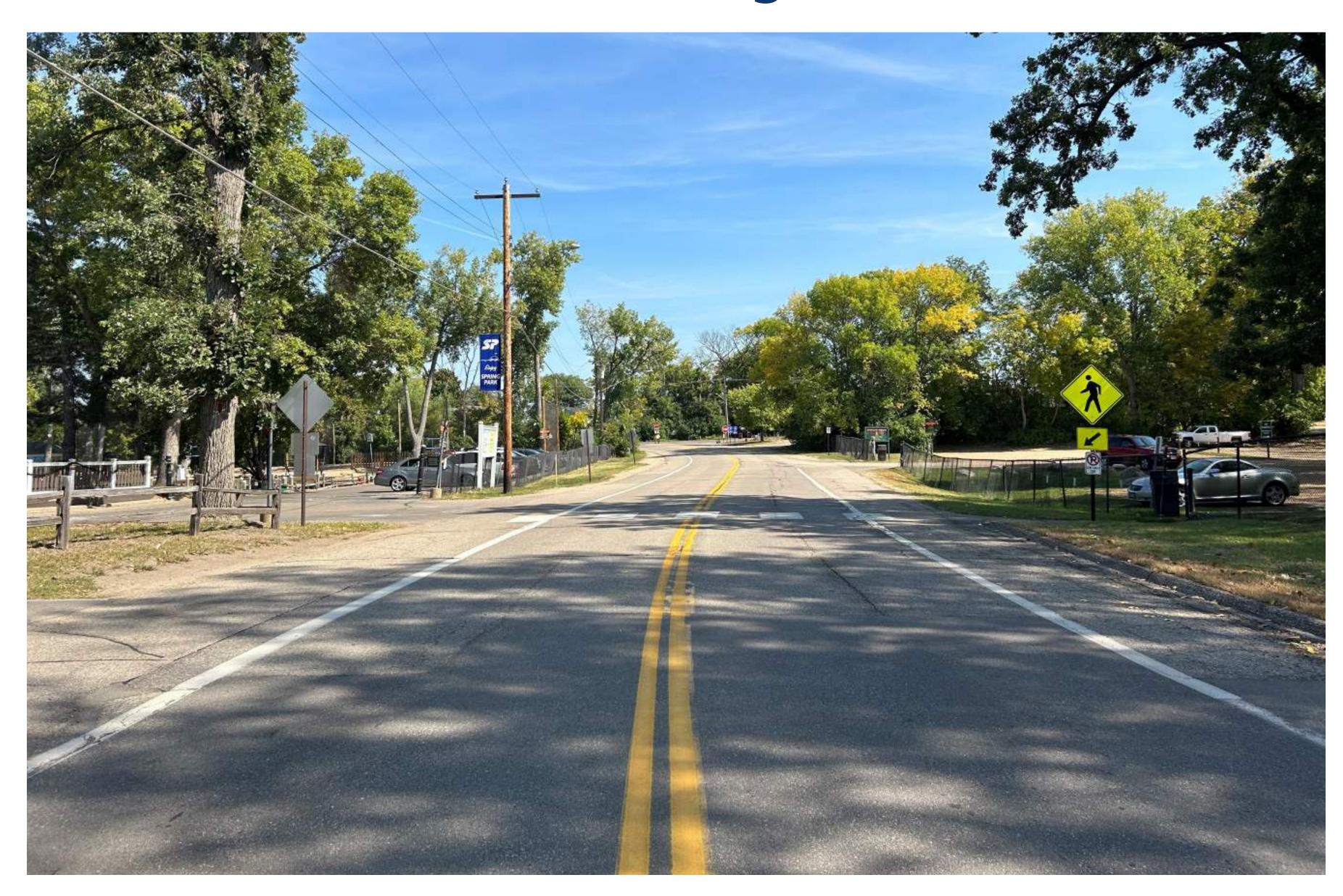
Proposed option - Paved boulevard





Concept rendering: Lord Fletchers

Existing



Proposed



