

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

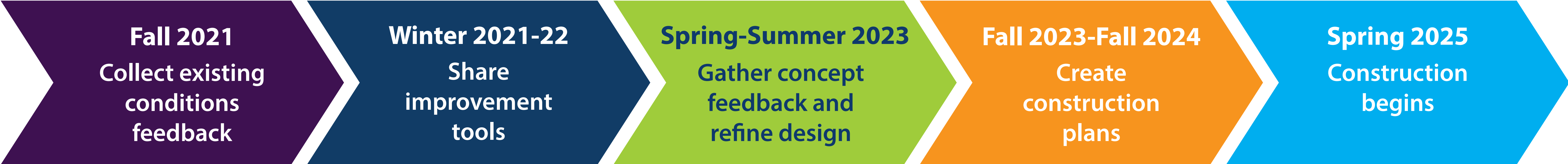
Project Partners

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.



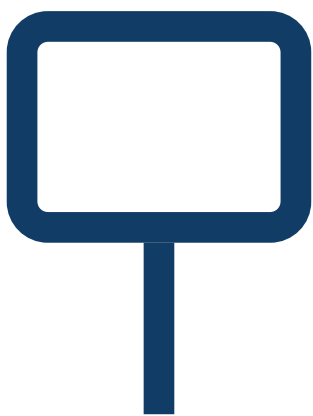
Engagement to date



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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



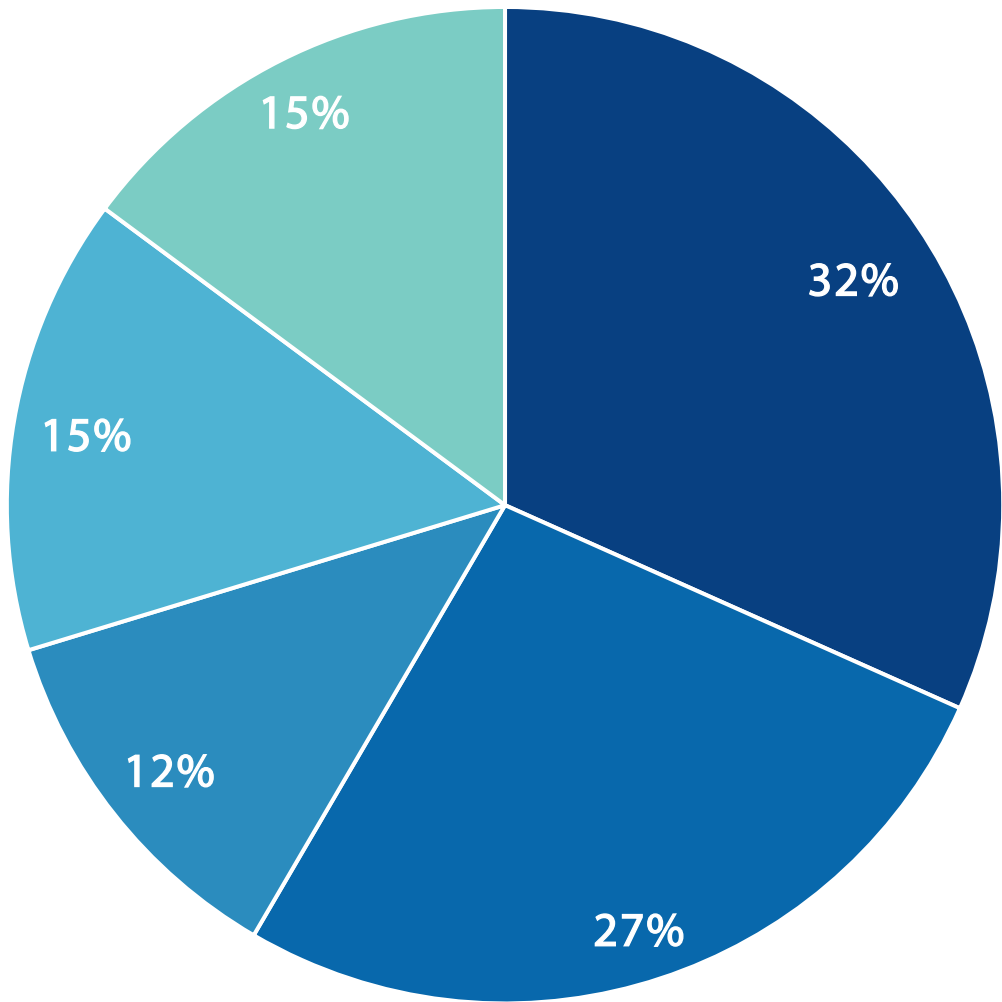
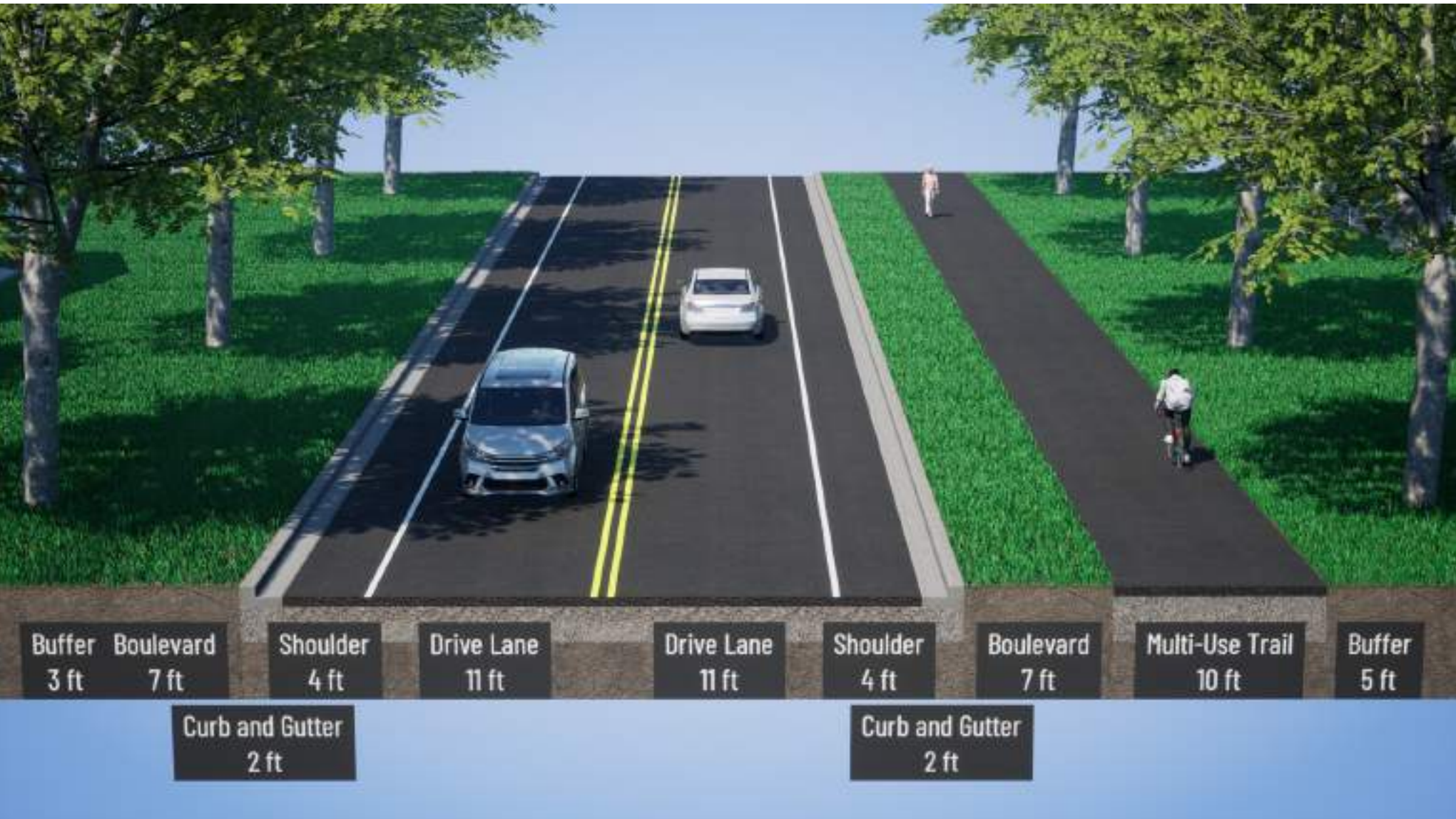
6+ months of local advertisement and 9 Facebook posts



130 flyers and 44 comment cards

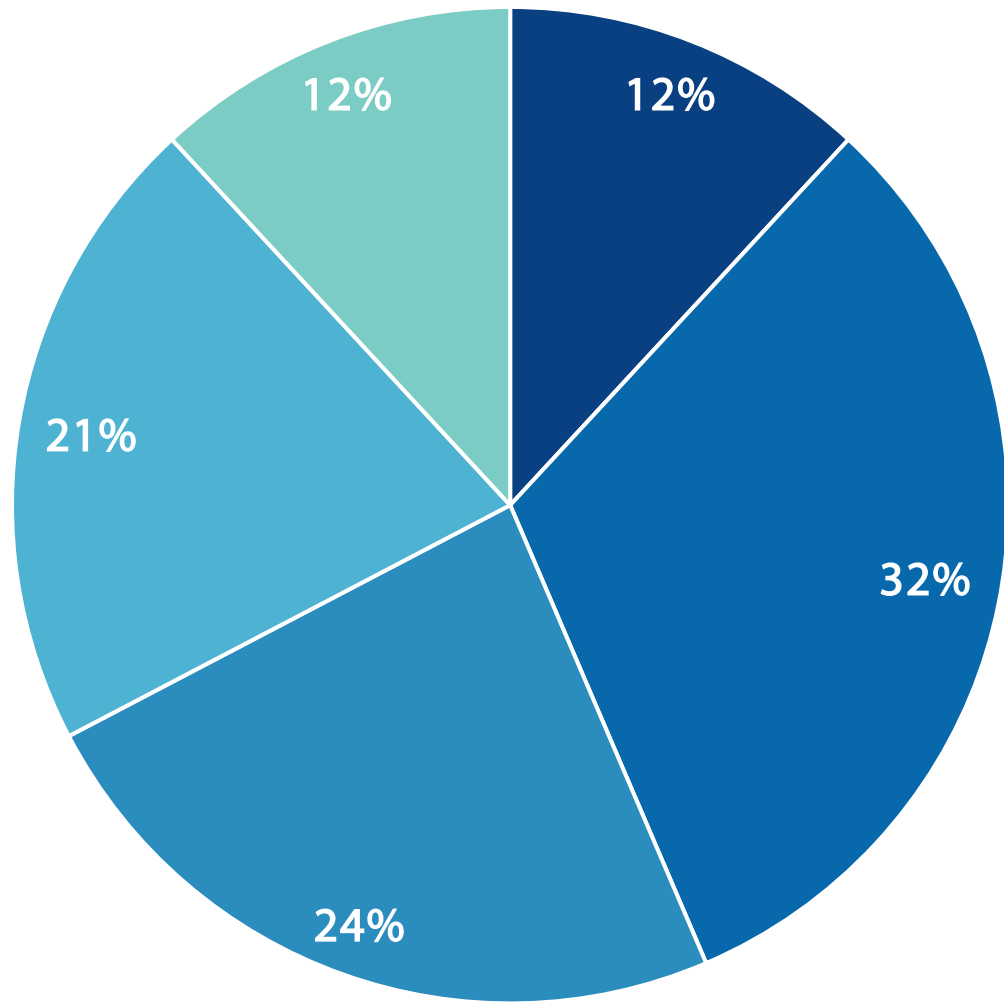
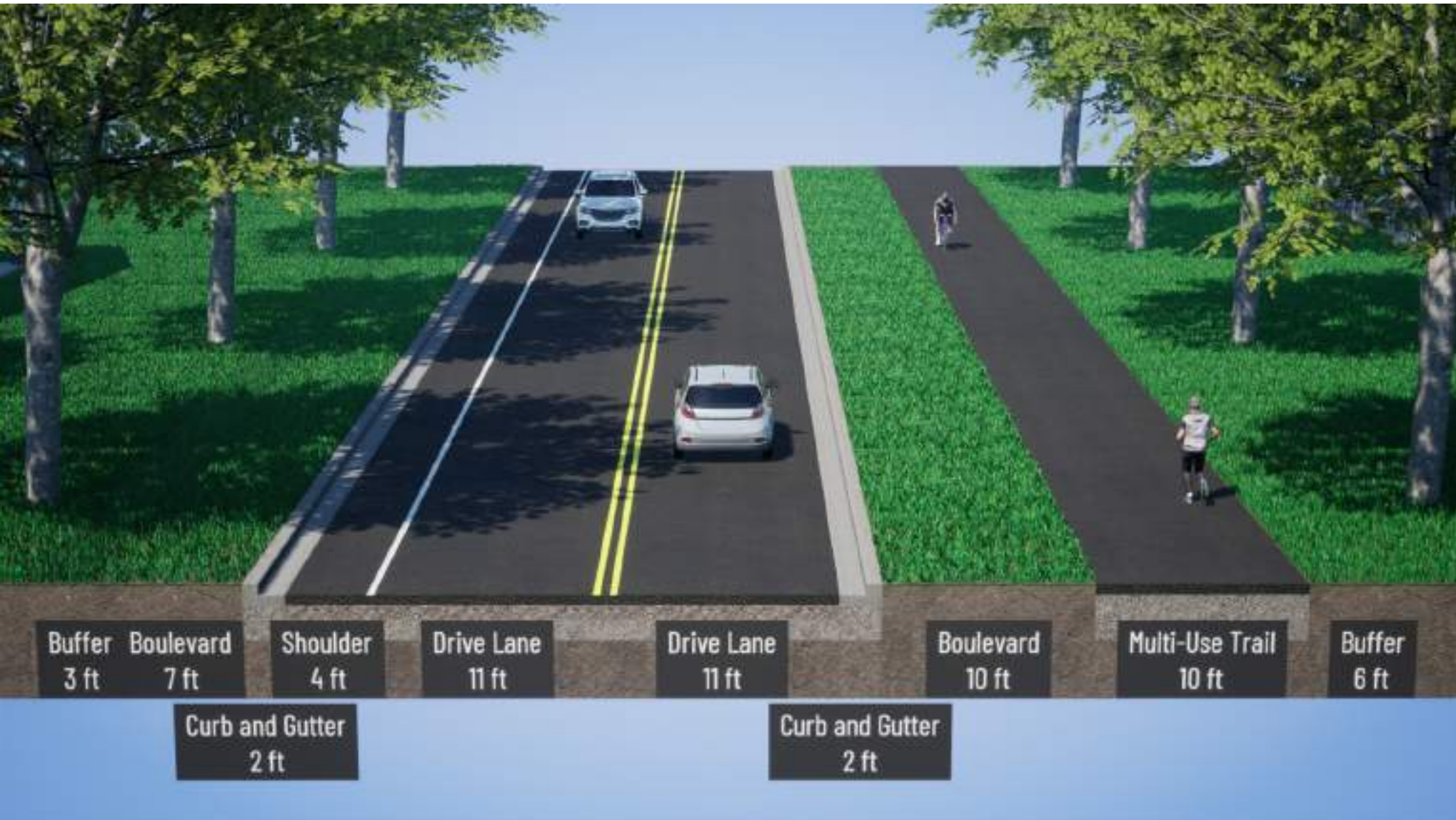
Survey results - design concepts

Concept #1 Multi-Use Trail and Two Bikeable Shoulders



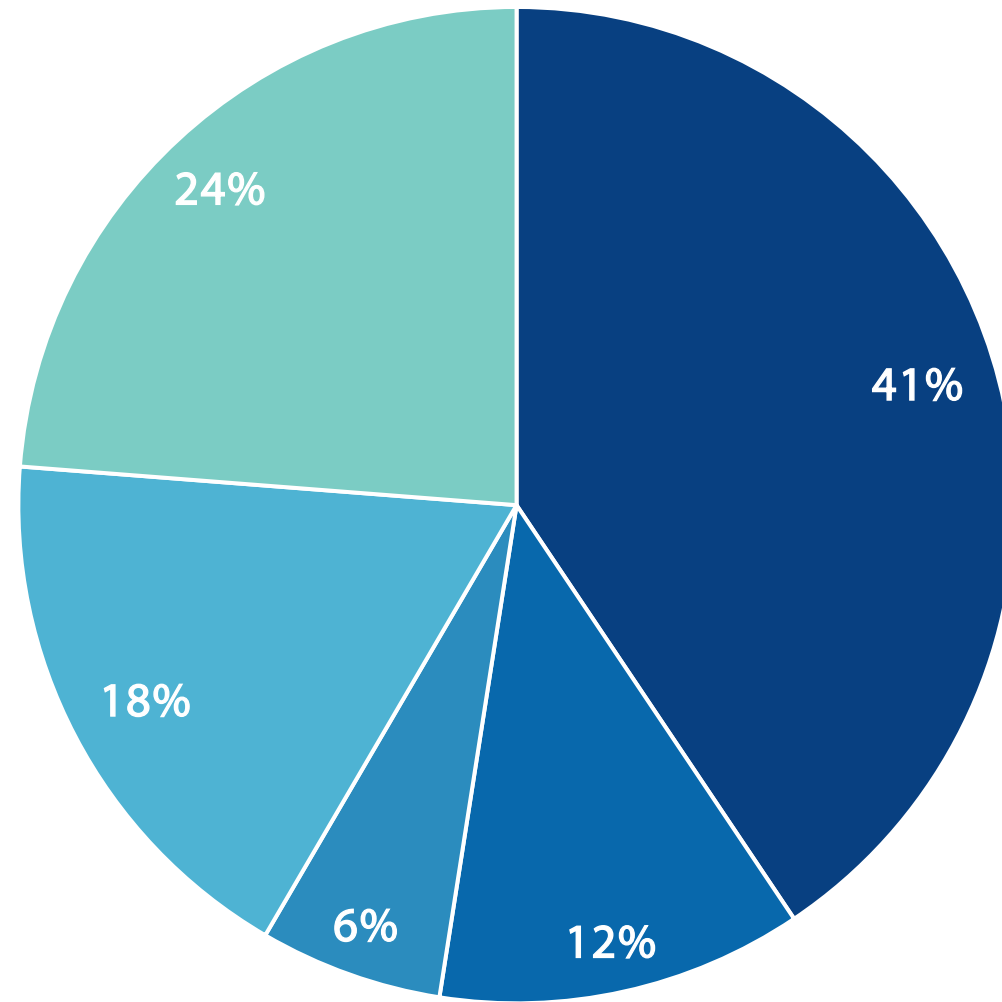
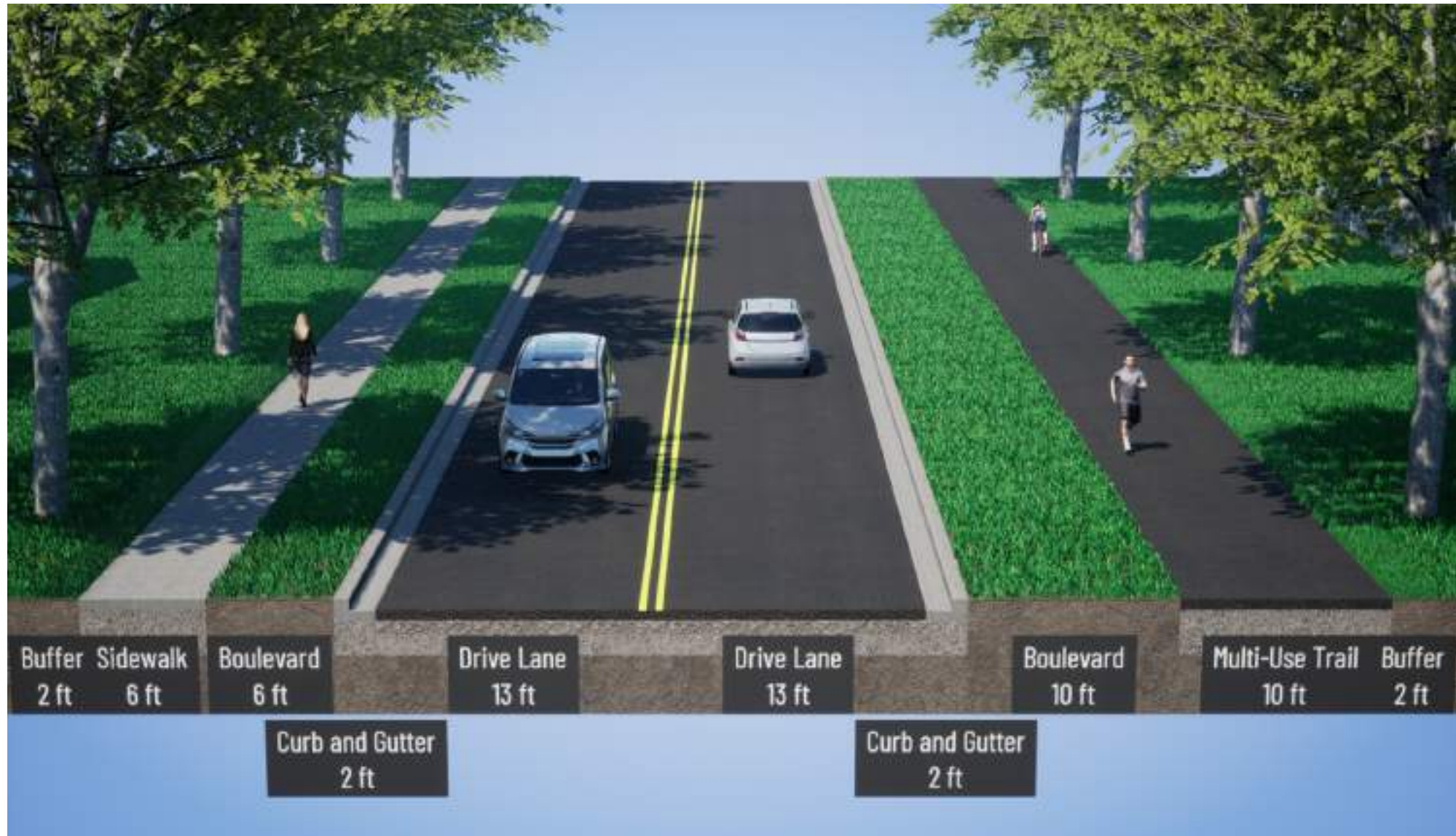
★ 59% strongly agree or agree with concept 1

Concept #2 Multi-Use Trail and One Bikeable Shoulder



★ 56% strongly agree or agree with concept 2

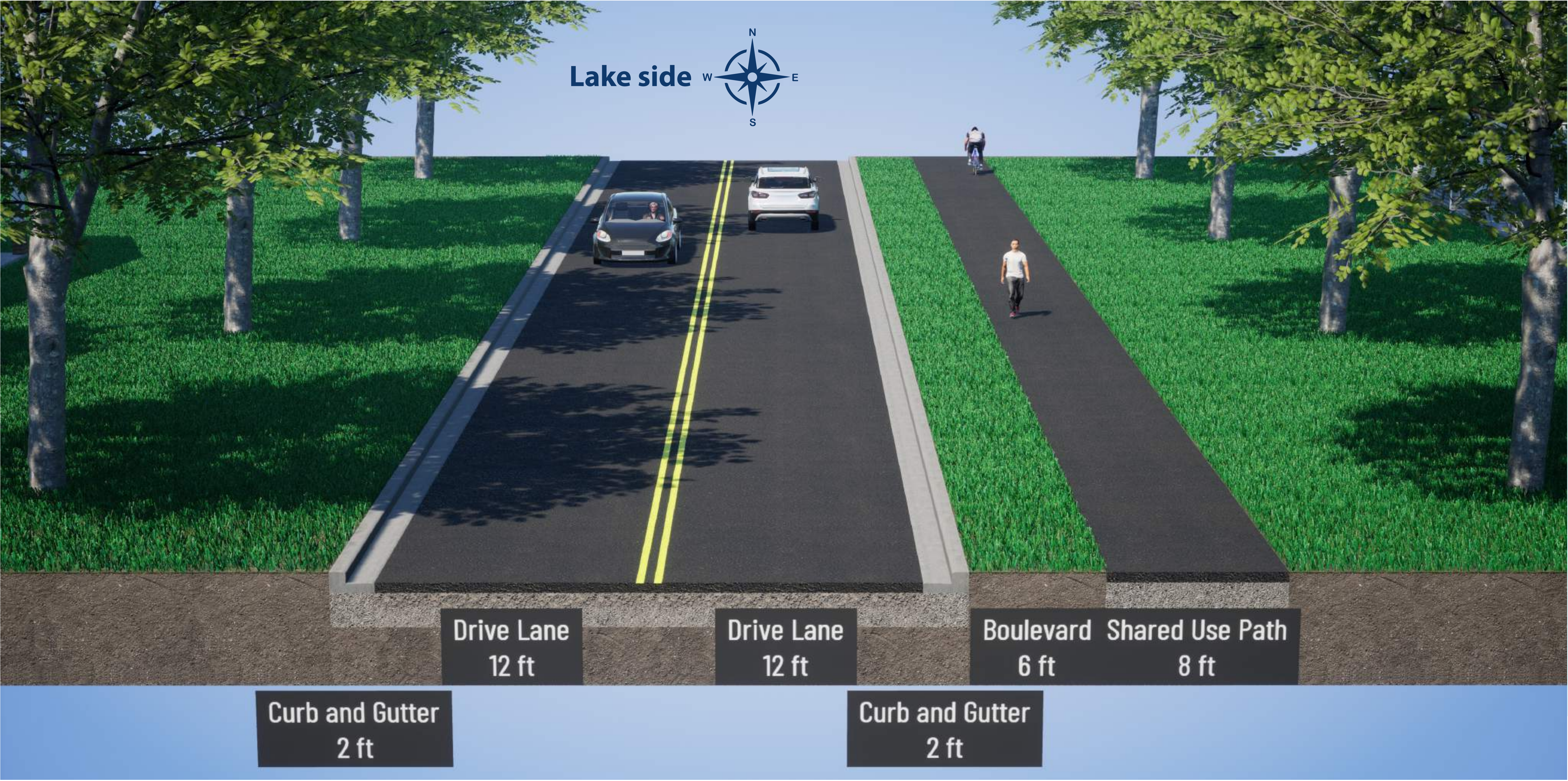
Concept #3 Trail, Sidewalk, No Shoulders



★ 53% strongly agree or agree with concept 3

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Revised recommended concept

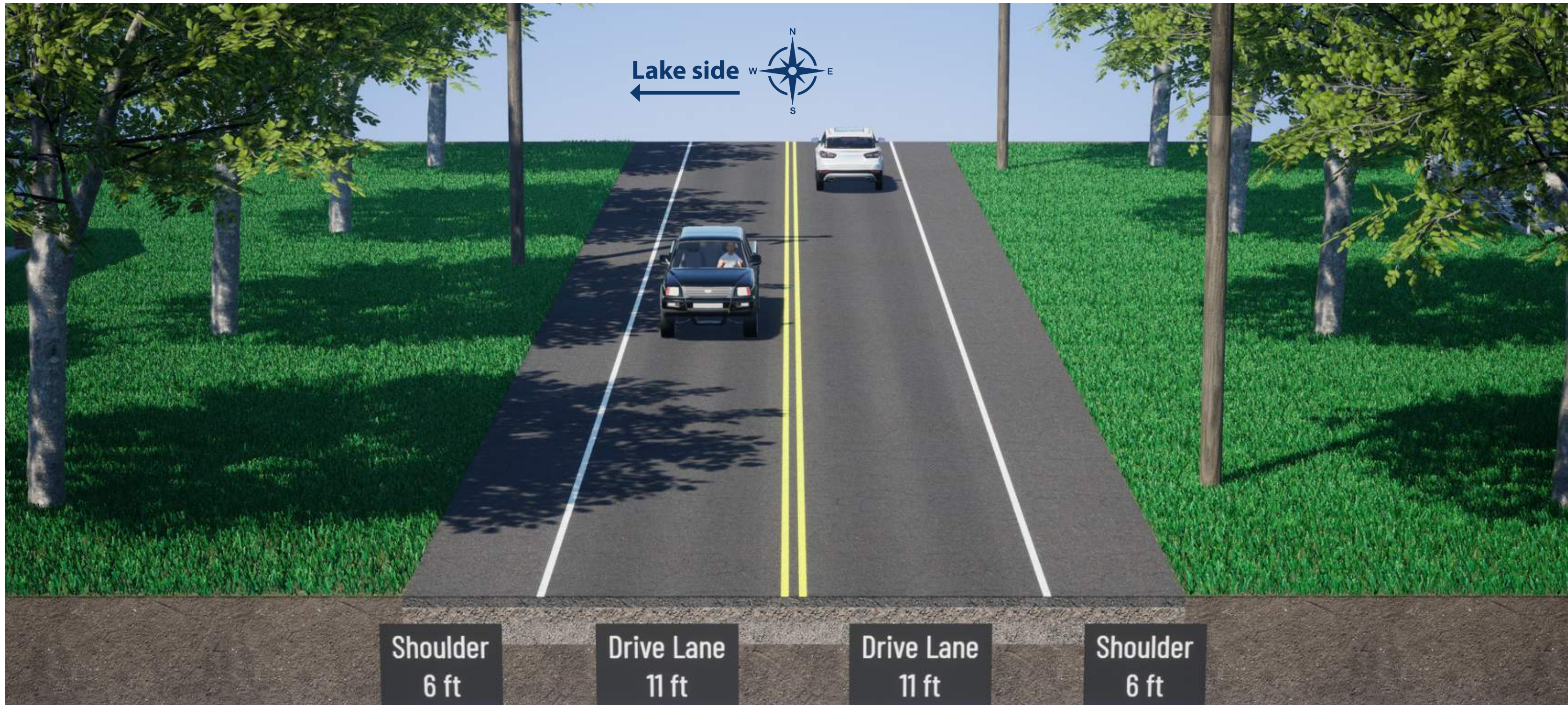


- Removed the bikeable shoulders
- Reduced the road width by 6 ft (original: 34 ft, revised: 28 ft)
- Reduced boulevard by 1 ft (original: 7 ft, revised 6 ft)
- Reduced shared use path by 2 ft (original: 10 ft, revised: 8 ft)

Sunset Drive has 66 ft of public right of way

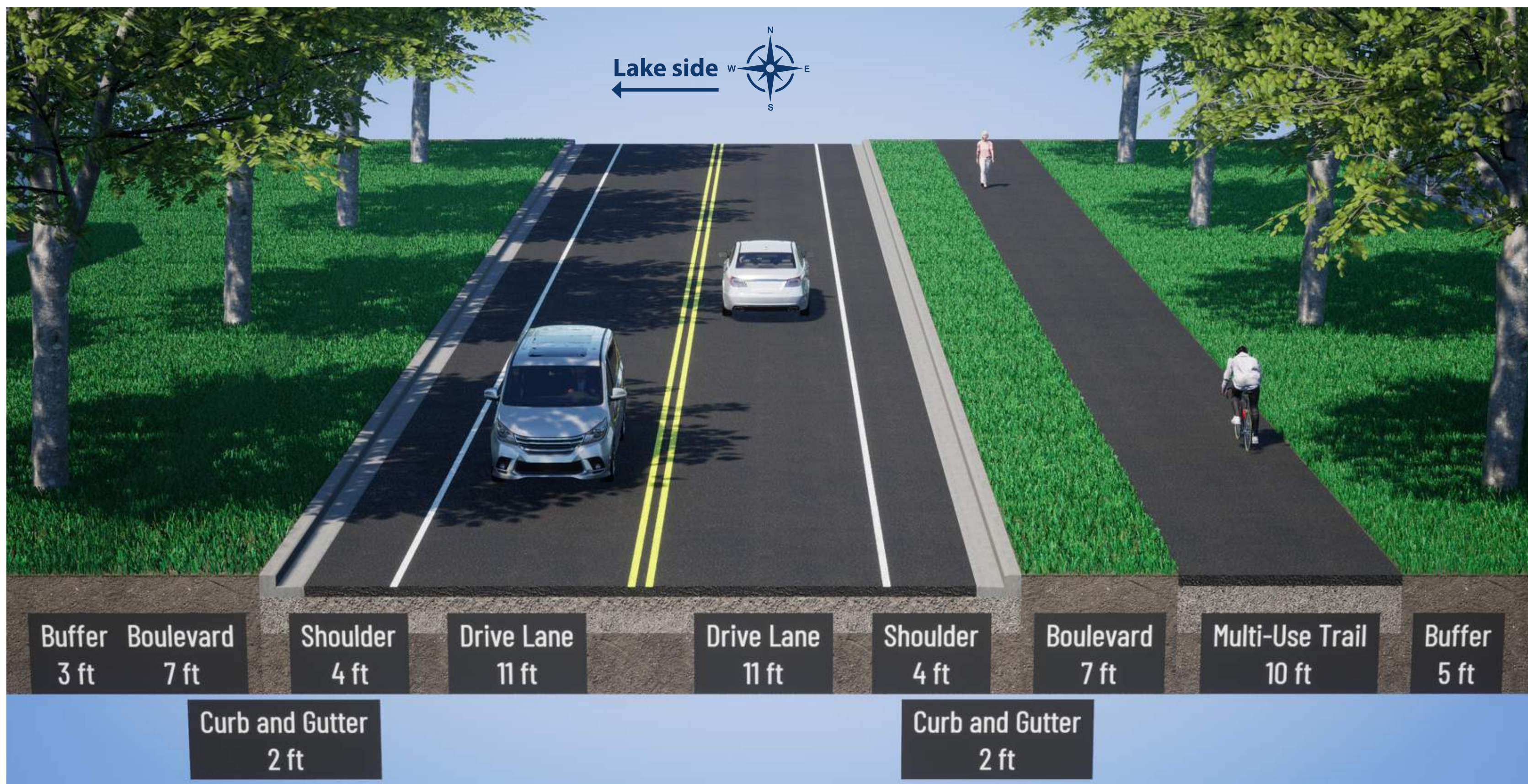
Revised recommended design

Existing roadway width



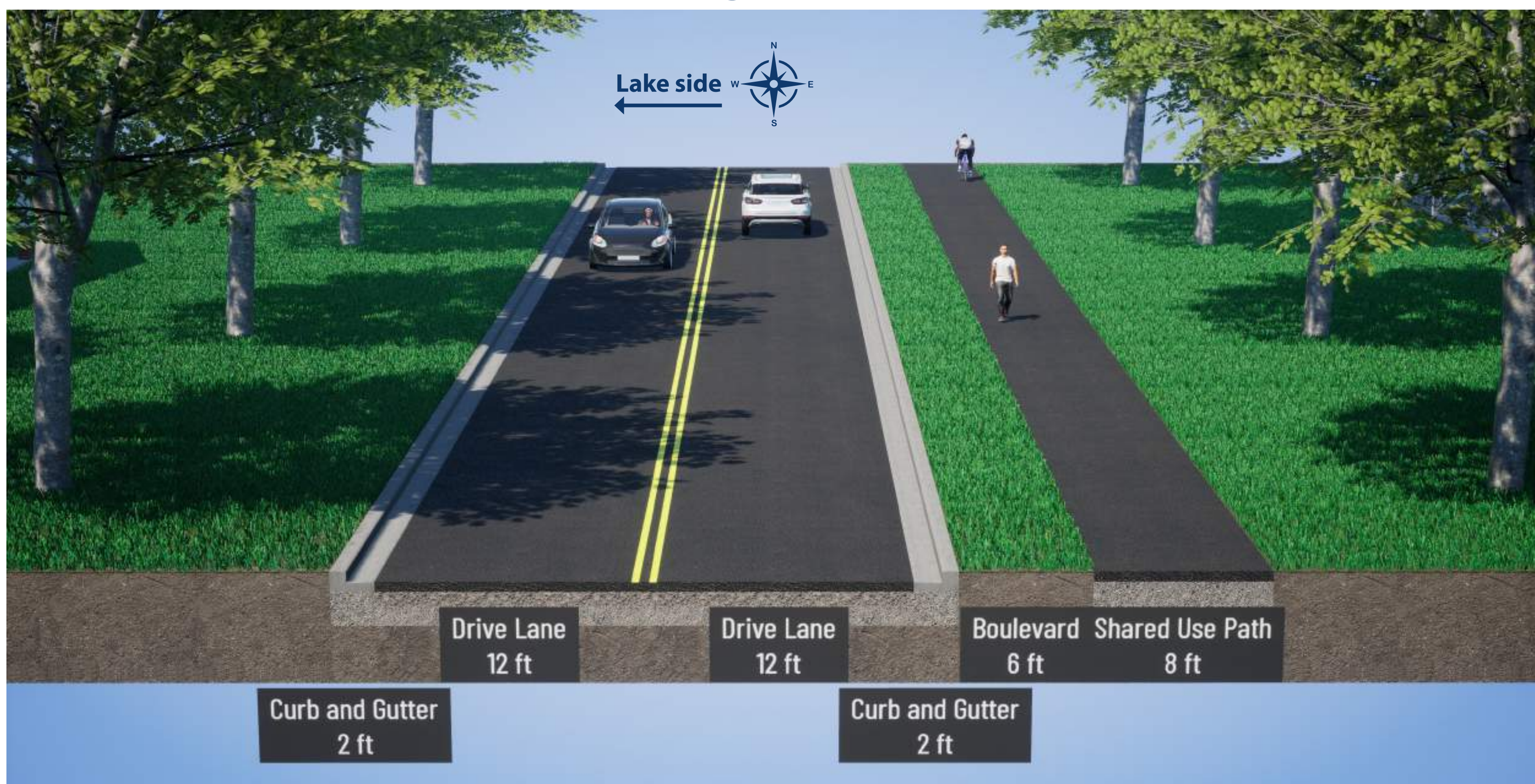
Existing roadway:
34 ft wide

Original recommended design - June 2023



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

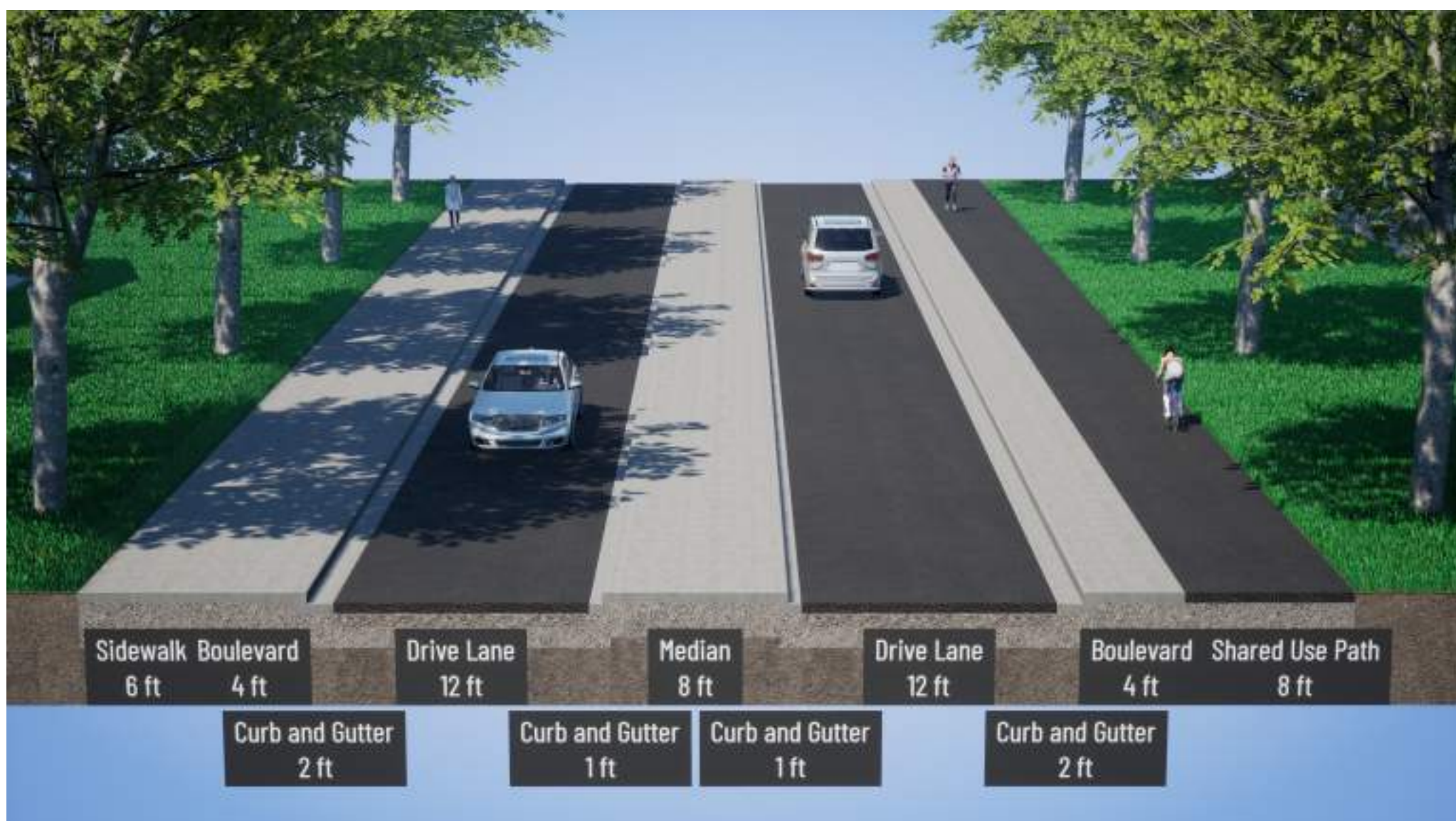
Revised recommended design - October 2023



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

The recommended design will adapt along the corridor

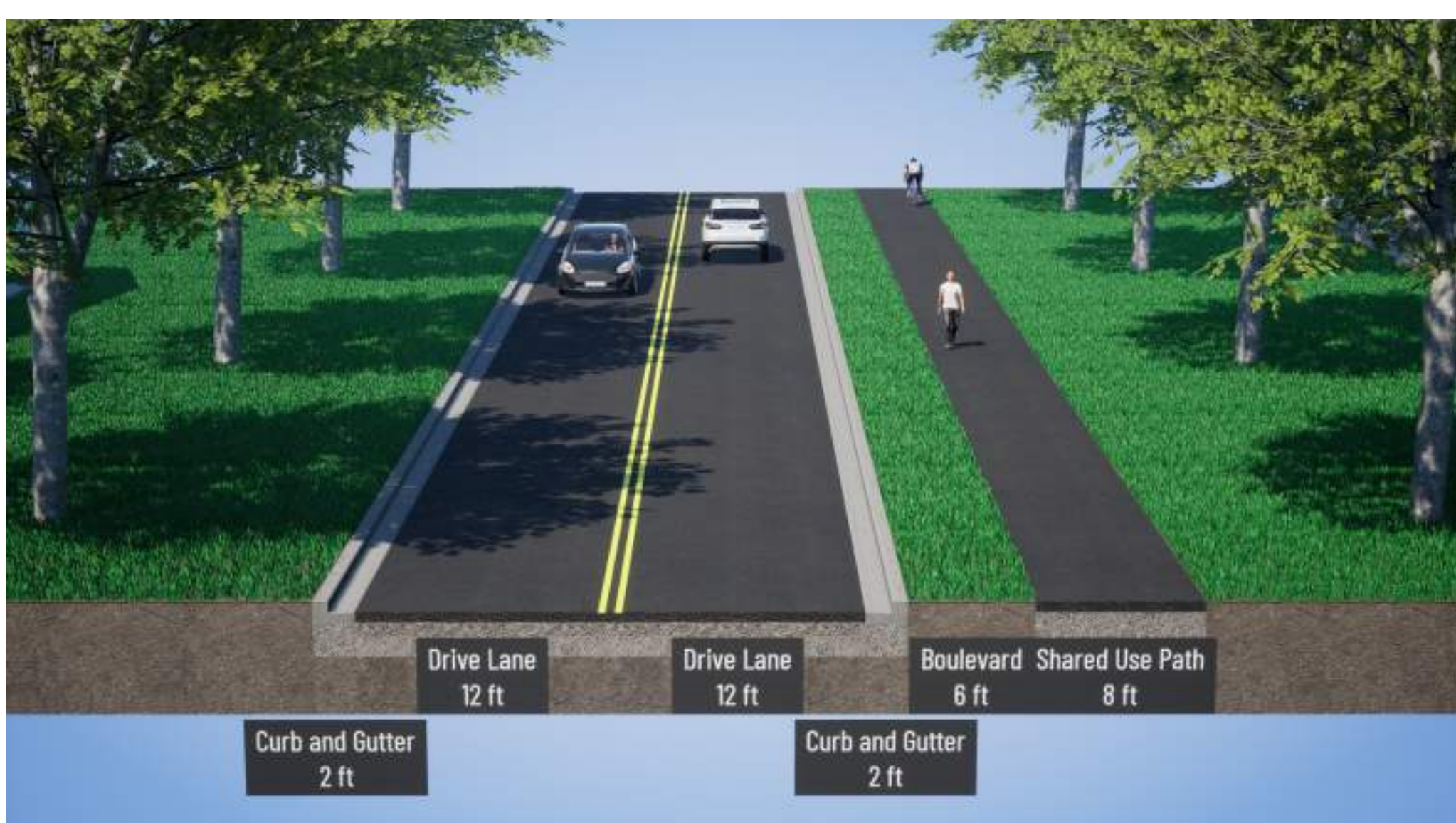
Median



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

