



WELCONE

HISTORY OF LOOP 360 IMPROVEMENTS



Loop 360 construction was started in March 1962 and completed in December 1982 with the opening of the Pennybacker Bridge.



The current Loop 360 program takes into account the recommendations from the feasibility study by upgrading multiple intersections along the corridor, improving mobility and safety.

In 2016, TxDOT completed the Loop 360 feasibility study which identified and evaluated potential short- and long-term transportation solutions for the corridor.

LOOP 360 TRAFFIC SUMMARY



Currently takes
approximately 70%
longer to travel on
Loop 360 during peak
periods than during
free-flow conditions.



If nothing is done by 2040:
Morning peak travel times could further increase by an average of 46%.

Evening peak travel times could be nearly double the off peak/ free-flow travel times.



Loop 360 from RM 2222 to RM 2244 is ranked #7 on the 2018 Texas Congestion Index (TCI), which measures how much longer a trip takes during peak periods vs. free-flow.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD





Improve mobility and safety along Loop 360 for all users



Minimize impacts to the environment



Balance the needs of through traffic with local access



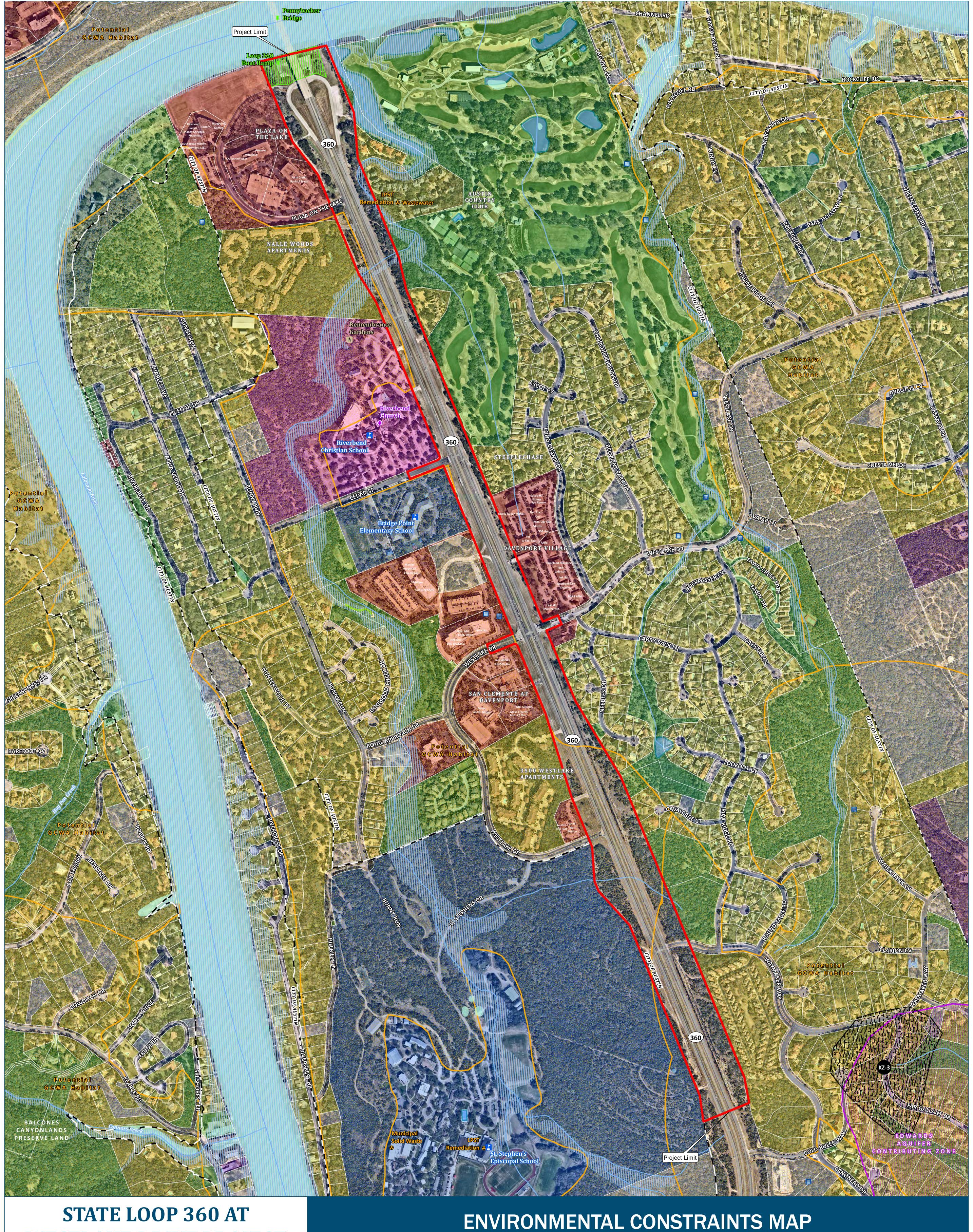
Reduce cut-through traffic in neighborhoods



Minimize impacts to the community



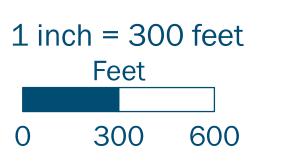
Address delays at signalized intersections



WESTLAKE DRIVE PROJECT

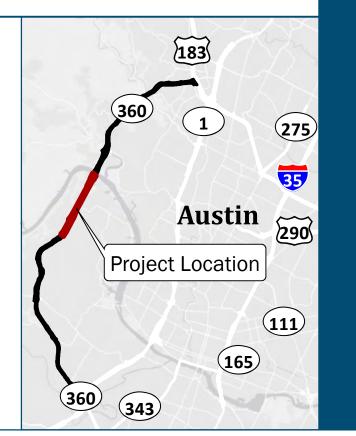
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Existing Right of Way

City Limits

- School
- Place of Worship
- Cemetery
- Other Point of Interest (labeled on map)
- Potential HazMat Site
- City/County Park

<u>Land Use</u>

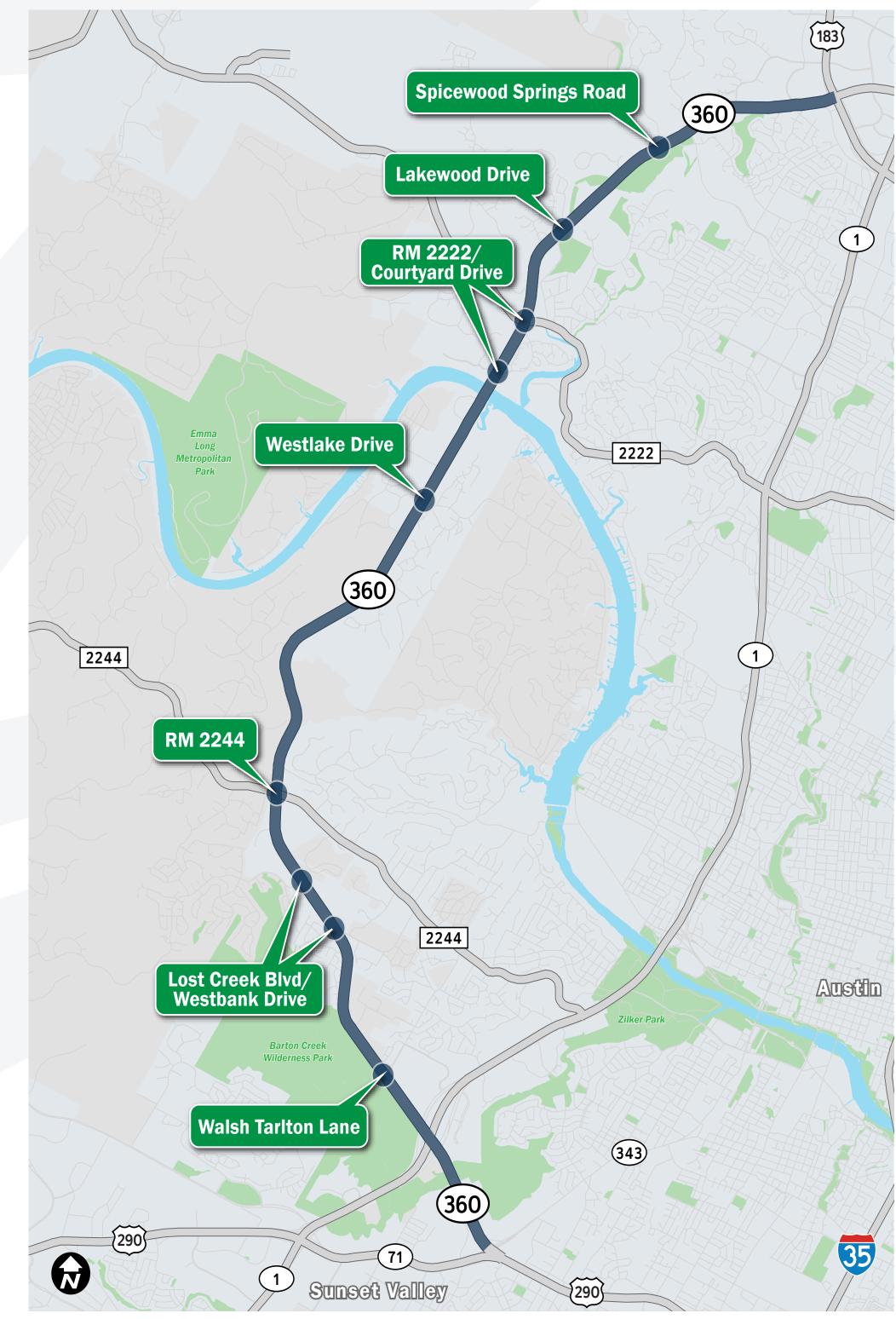
- Residential
- Retail/Office
- Educational Facility Place of Worship
- Park, Preserve, Open Space, Golf Course
- Industrial
- Undeveloped
- Spring
- National Hydrography Dataset (KZ-#)
 (NHD) Waterbody
- 100 Year Floodplain
- City of Austin Wetland Potential Wetland (National Wetlands Inventory)
- Canyon Rimrock/Bluff
- National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Flowline Potential Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA) Habitat

 - Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone









PROJECT PROCESS







Utility
Relocation
(Approximately
1 year)





Purpose and Need

Identify the problem we are trying to solve



Environmental Analysis of Alternatives

Thoroughly analyze alternatives for potential impacts



Draft Documentation/ Public Involvement

The draft environmental document is prepared and reviewed



Final Documentation Review

The final environmental document is completed



Environmental Decision

Either the preferred build alternative or the no build alternative

WEARE HERE

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH



PENNYBACKER BRIDGE

The current Loop 360 projects will not impact the Pennybacker Bridge. The bridge will remain intact as built.

TxDOT has plans for routine maintenance work on the bridge in summer 2019.



WHAT'S NEW





In September 2018, TxDOT presented three options for improvements at Westlake Drive to the community.



Based on community input, TxDOT is recommending moving forward with the underpass option.



The proposed improvements replace the traffic signals on the Loop 360 mainlanes with underpasses at Westlake Drive and Cedar Street.

In response to community input, some changes have been made to the recommended underpass option.

1 - Cedar Street:

Added a second left-turn lane from eastbound Cedar Street onto the northbound Loop 360 connector road.

Westlake Drive:

- Added a dedicated U-turn lane on the Loop 360 connector roads in both directions.
- Added dedicated right-turn lanes to and from the Loop 360 connector roads and Westlake Drive.
- Added one lane in each direction on Westlake Drive east of Loop 360.



WHAT'S NEW

TXDOT PARTNERED WITH AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION, EANES ISD, AND THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS.

Share your feedback about the changes.

- To provide a safe crossing between the east and west sides of Loop 360, a shared-use path (SUP) was added on the Cedar Street bridge.
- To provide connectivity to Bridge Point Elementary School, the sidewalk was extended on the south side of Cedar Street.
- To provide connectivity with the Pennybacker Bridge, the SUP was extended on the north end of the project limits.

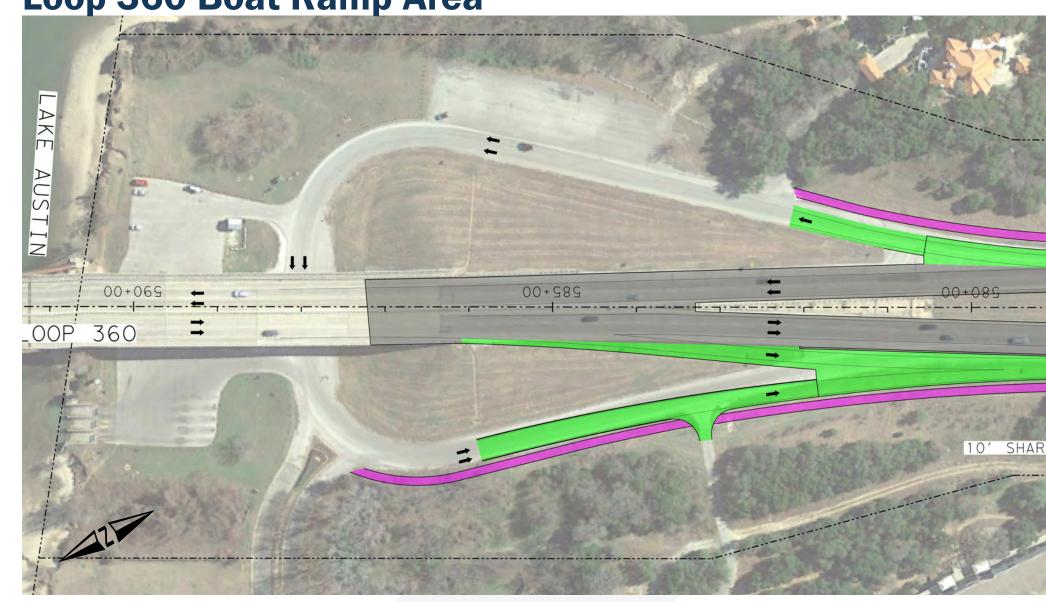


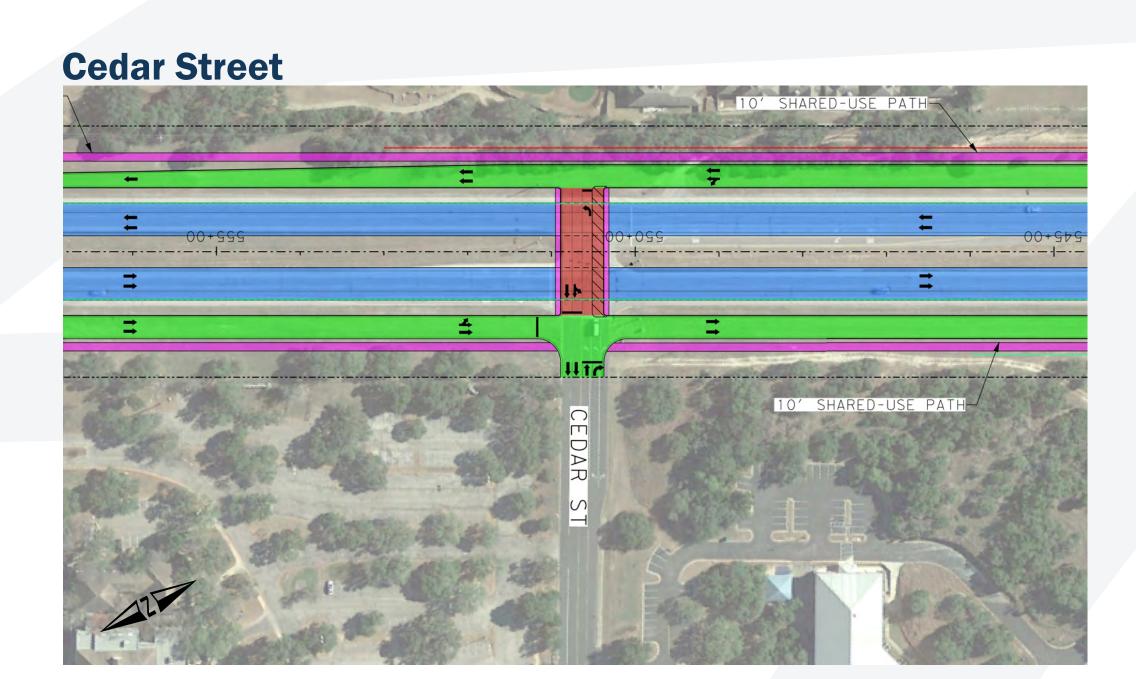
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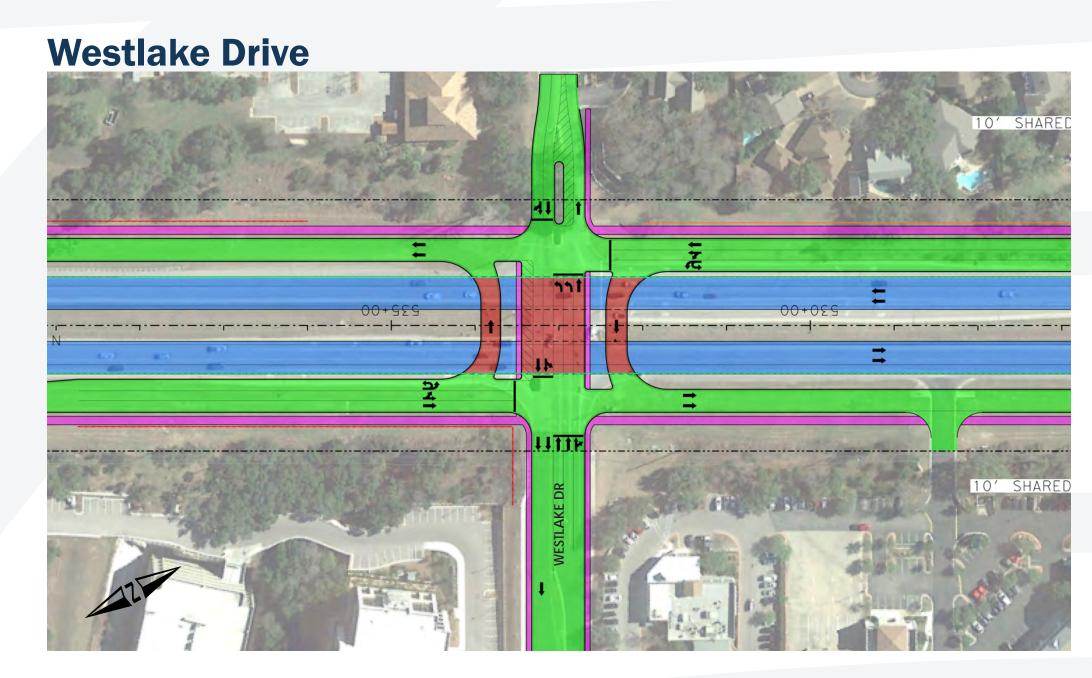


SEPTEMBER 2018 DESIGN

Loop 360 Boat Ramp Area



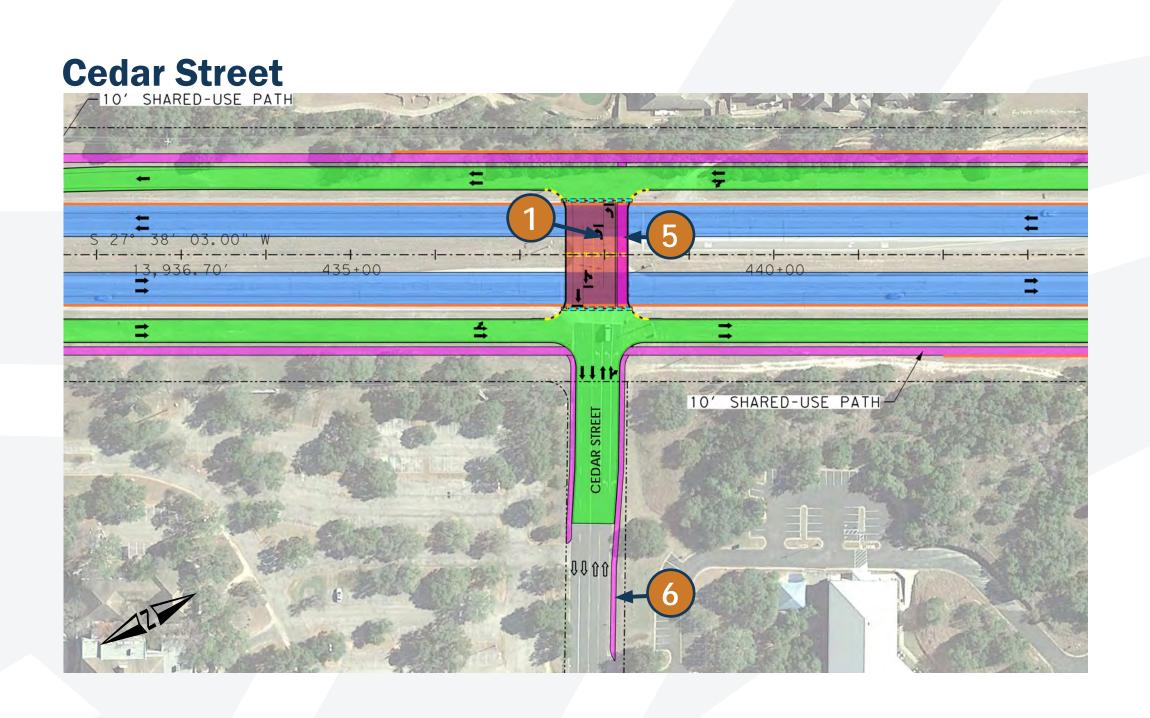


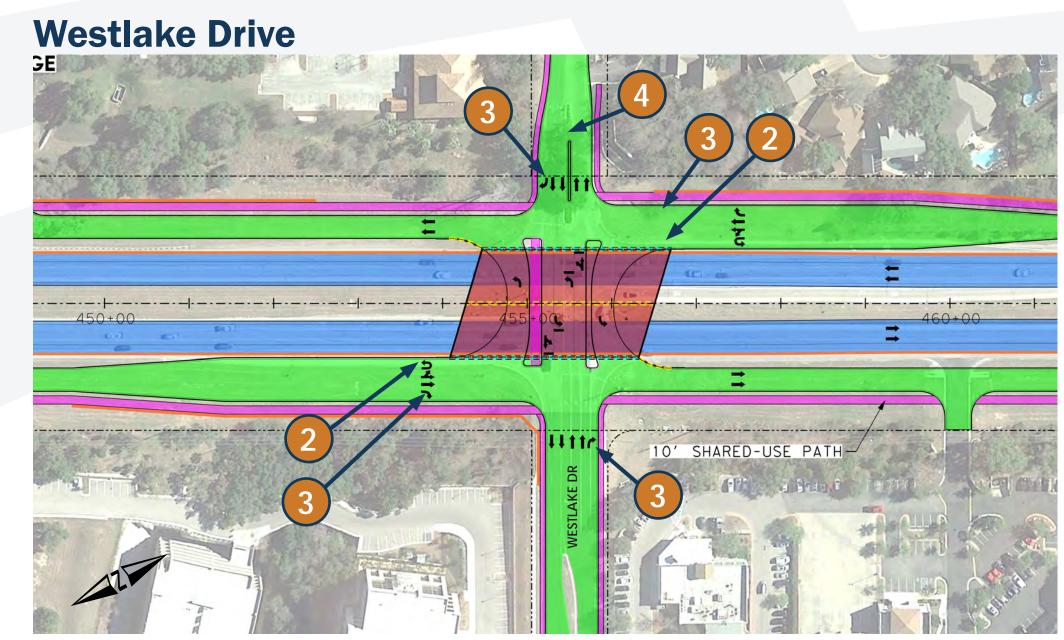


CURRENT DESIGN

Loop 360 Boat Ramp Area







LEGEND

EXISTING MAINLANES AT GRADE

PROPOSED MAINLANES UNDERPASS PAVEMENT
PROPOSED CONNECTOR ROAD, CROSS STREET,
RAMP, U-TURNS, AND DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT

PROPOSED SHARED-USE PATH/SIDEWALK
PROPOSED BRIDGE

PROPOSED AUXILIARY LANE

— RETAINING WALL

EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

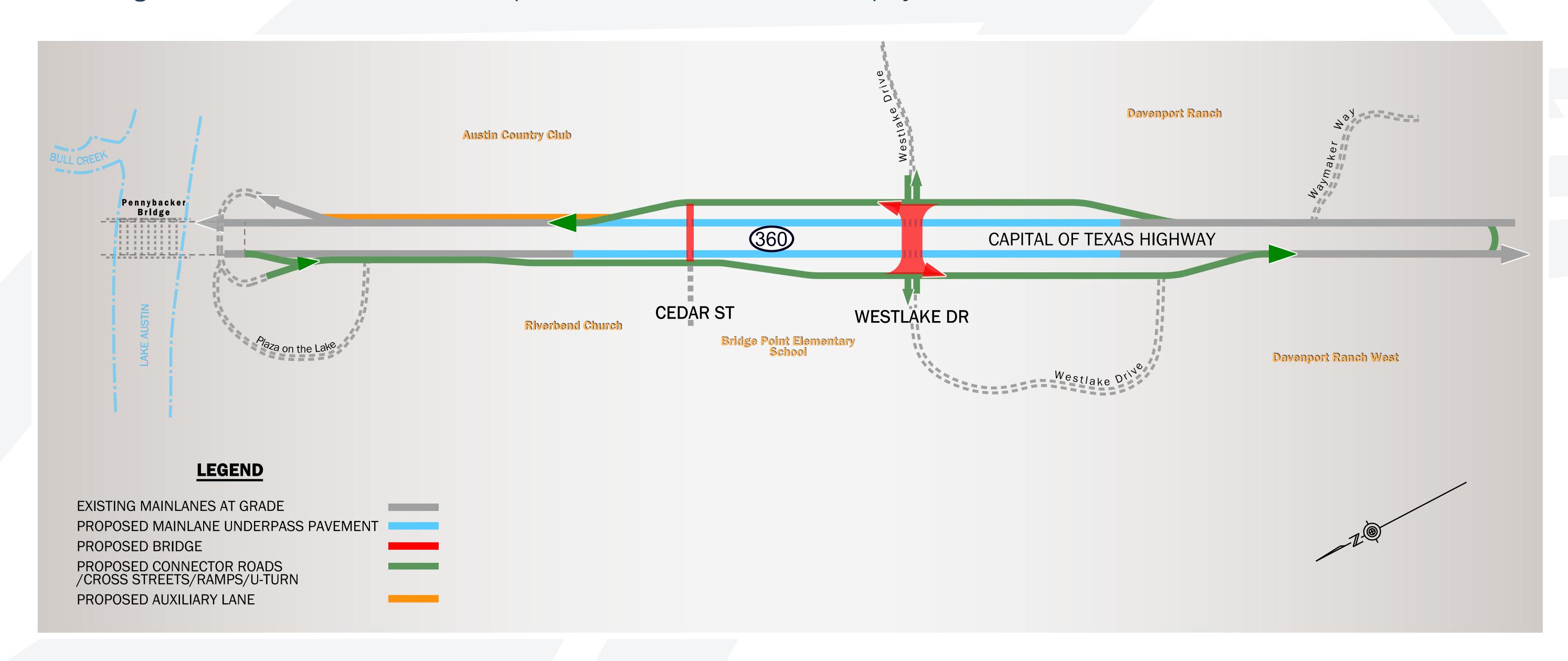
CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT



UNDERPASS AT WESTLAKE DRIVE AND CEDAR STREET

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 1. Existing mainlane signal at Westlake Drive replaced with mainlane underpass with non-signalized U-turns.
- 2. Existing mainlane signal at Cedar Street replaced with mainlane underpass.
- 3. Existing median crossovers removed and replaced with U-turn at the southern project limits.





UNDERPASS AT WESTLAKE DRIVE LOOKING NORTH





UNDERPASS AT CEDAR STREET LOOKING NORTH

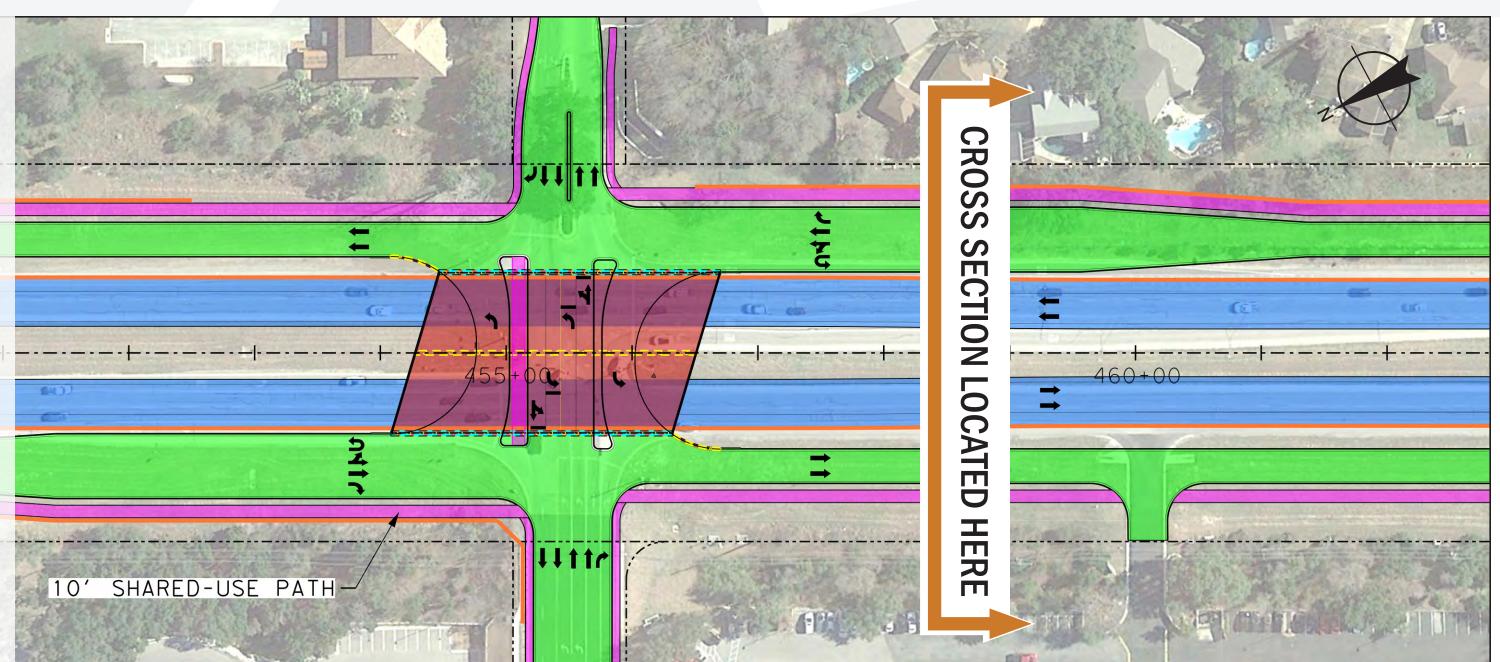


CROSS SECTION WITH PLAN VIEW





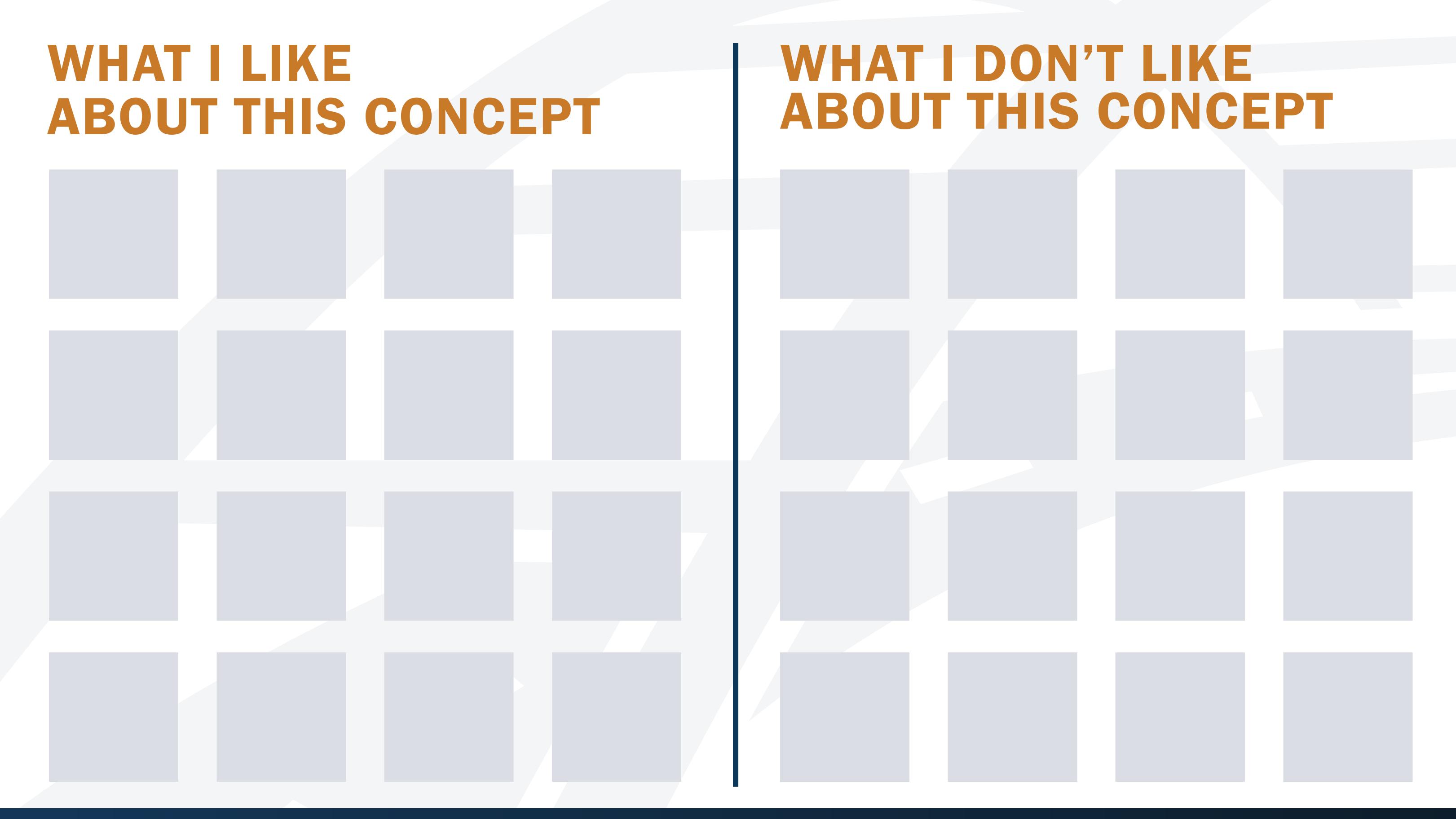
The new configuration of Loop 360 just south of Westlake Drive will include free-flow underpass lanes and connector roads with through and turn lanes to Westlake Drive.



10' SHARED-USE PATH-









HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

For questions or comments, visit the program website or email the project team.



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