

Dhu Varren Road

Sidewalk Engagement Session

October 8, 2025

City of Ann Arbor – Public Services Area – Engineering

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Meeting Etiquette

- Commit to learning and avoiding speculation.
- Please remember the importance of rights and the dignity of others.
 - ◆ Critique ideas, not people.
 - ◆ Use thoughtful language so this is a comfortable and respectful session for all participants.



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Tonight's Agenda

- Recap of Previous Engagement Session
- Feedback Received
- Design Concepts by Segment
- Estimated Project Costs
- Advantages and Disadvantages
- Next Steps
- Breakout Session

Recap of Last Engagement Session





Purpose of the Previous Engagement Session

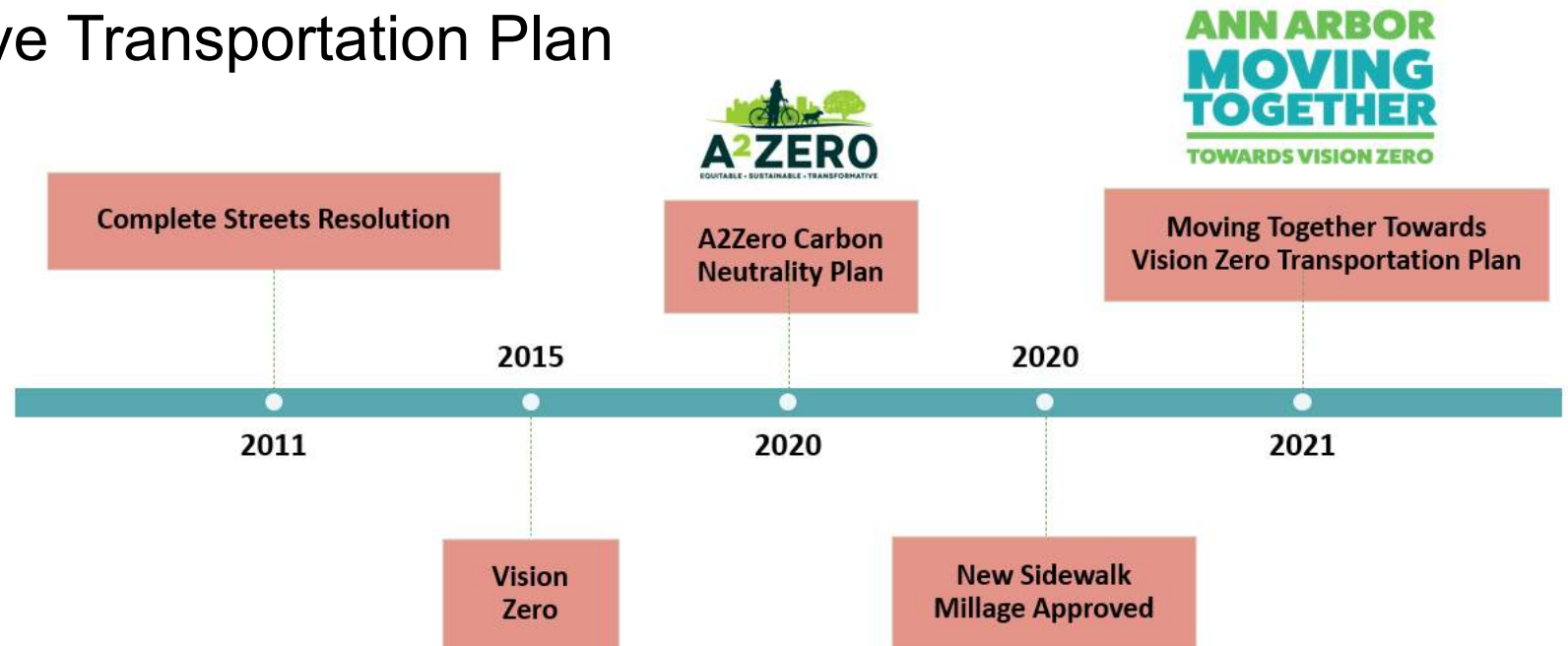
- Last session held on June 30, 2025
- Need for non-motorized accessibility on both sides of the street.
- Desired community feedback on values and concerns.
- Develop a realistic cost estimate for planning purposes.



Transportation Policy Milestones

Highlighted City Council Initiatives and Goals

- Complete Streets
- Vision Zero
- Carbon Neutrality
- Sidewalk Milage
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan



Feedback Received





What You Told Us

What We Heard	What We Reviewed
Most participants favored the north side over the south side if resources were limited to build both sides at the same time.	Estimated project costs and impacts were reviewed along the north and south sides of the road.
Desire for safety enhancements at Carrot Way crosswalk.	Included an RRFB (rapid rectangular flashing beacon) in the cost estimate.
Desire for additional marked crosswalks at existing intersections and bus stops	City embraces additional marked crosswalks where safety is enhanced.
Sight distance is limited when exiting Birchwood Drive to Dhu Varren Road.	Sight distance will be improved by removing auxiliary lanes/tapers at entrance.
Environmental impacts to Dhu Varren Woods	Reviewed concepts with City Parks & Recreation Department.

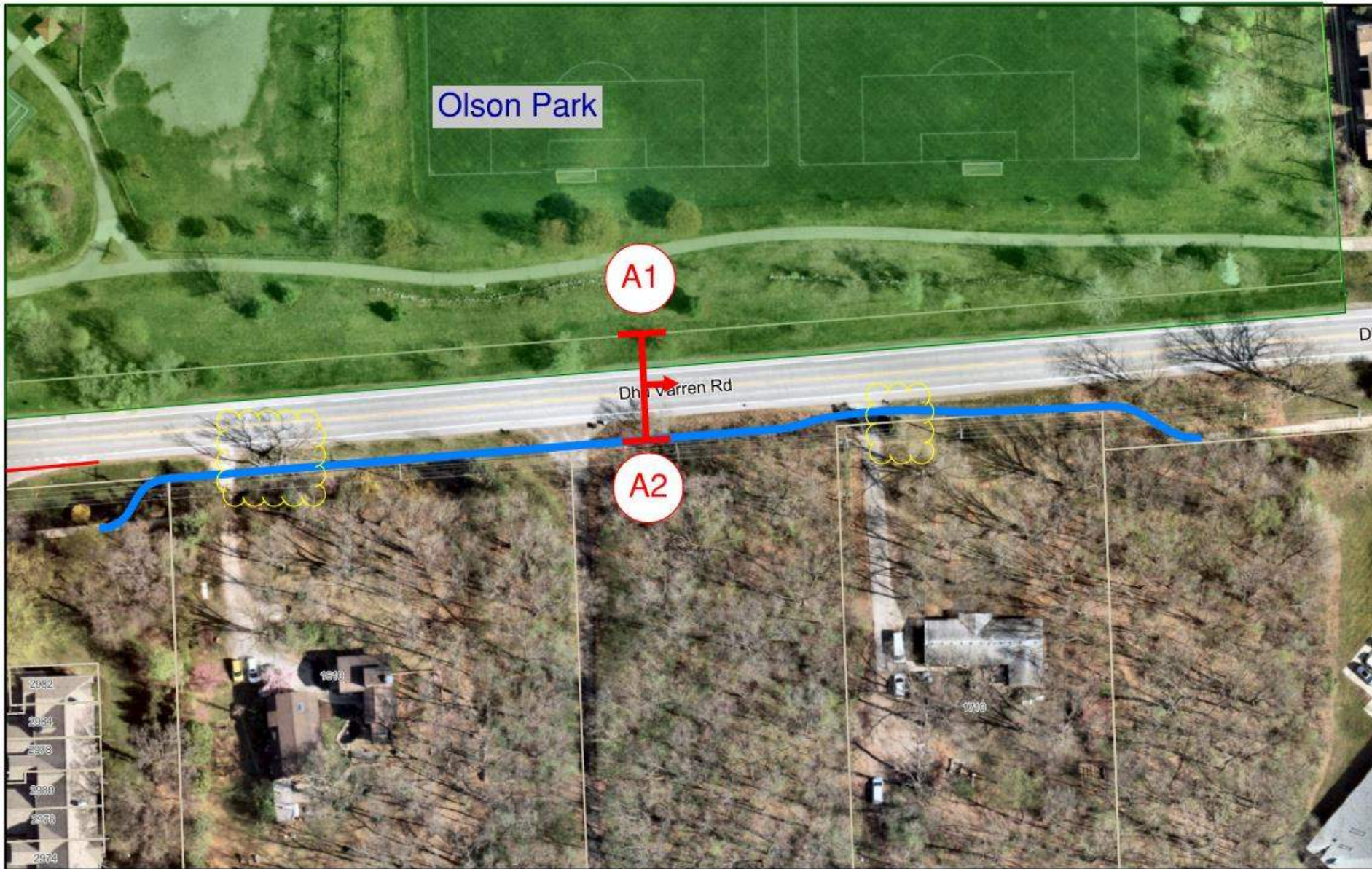
Design Alignment Alternatives





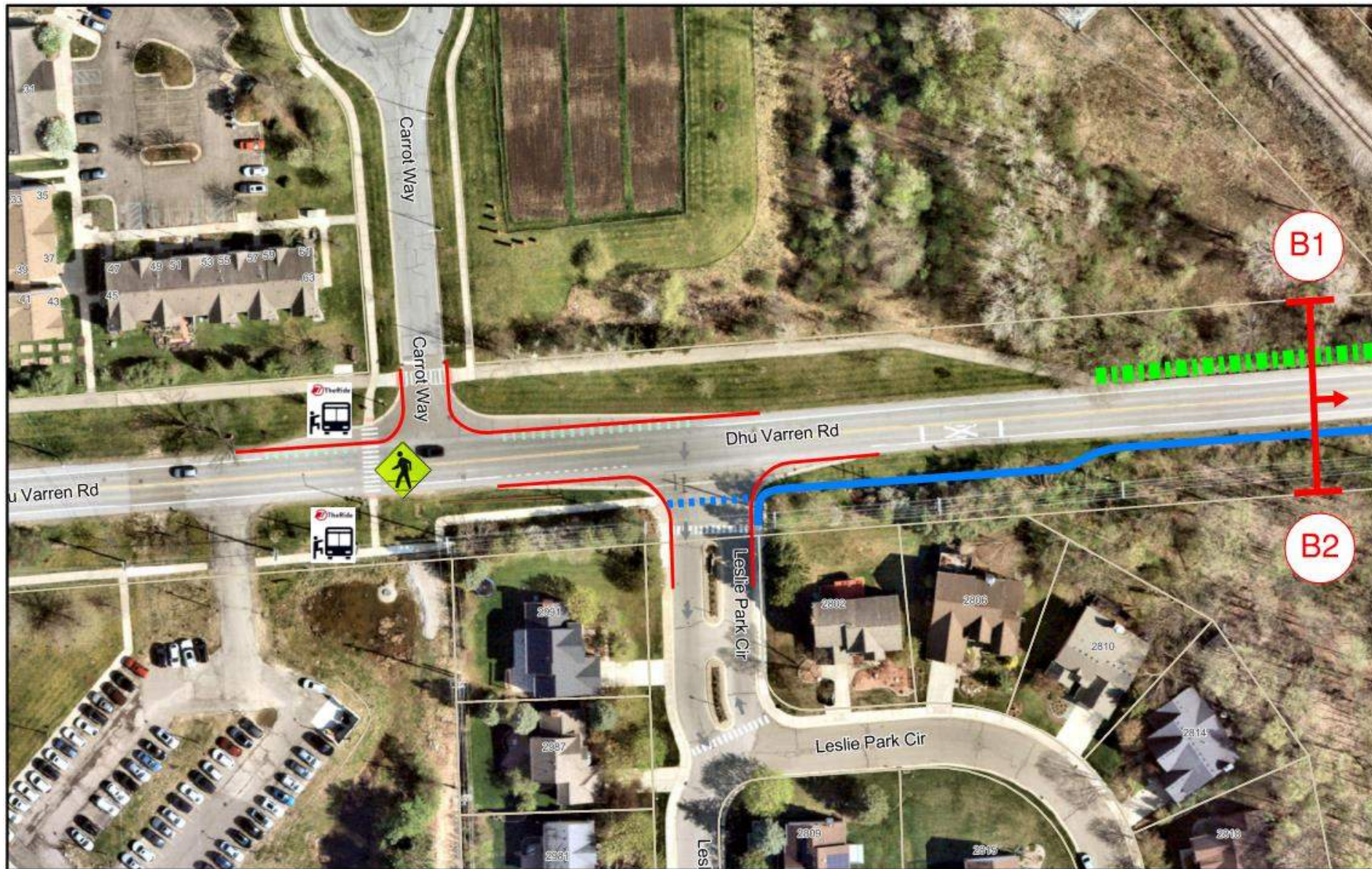
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- Existing Storm Sewer
- Public Land
- Proposed Retaining Wall
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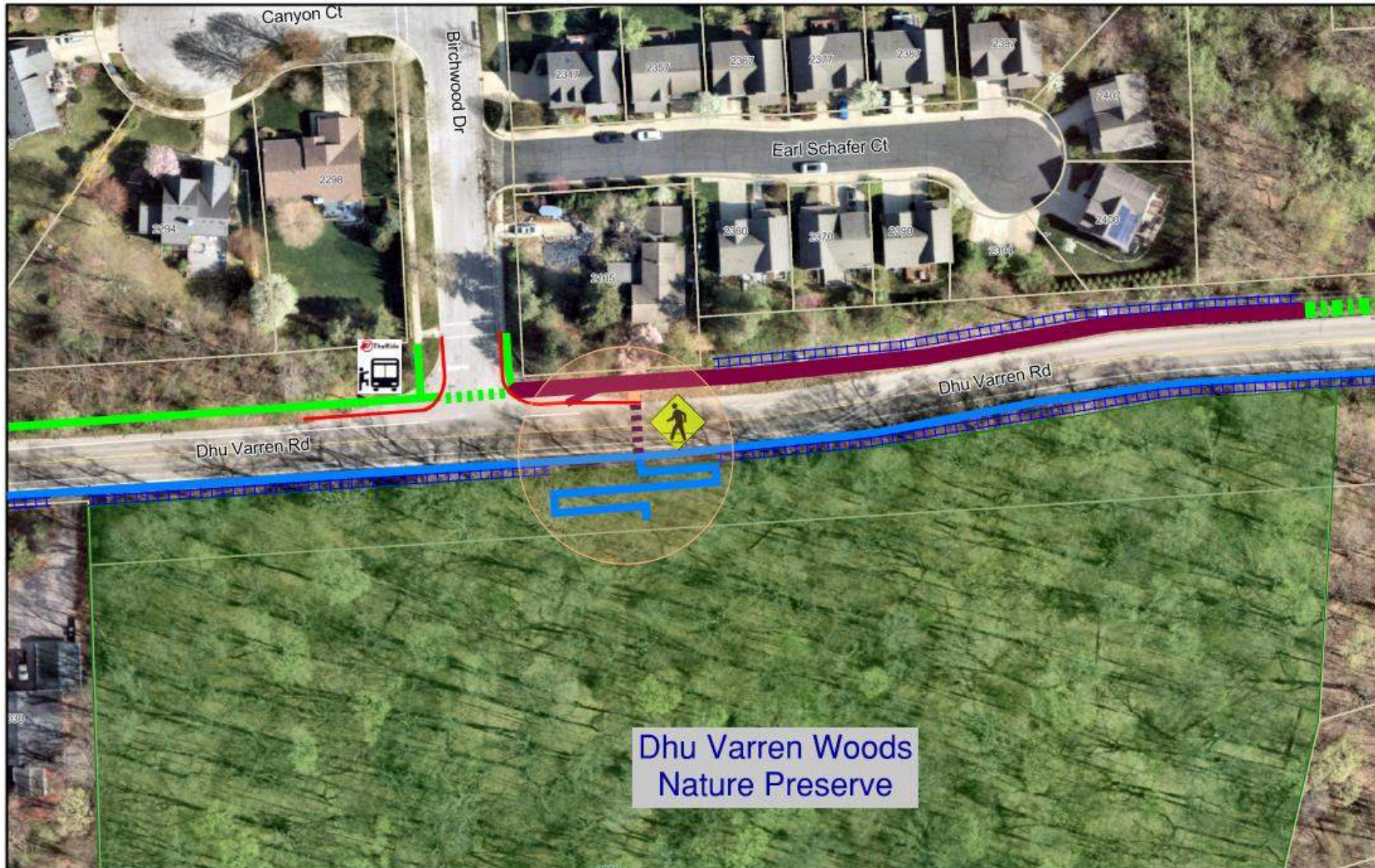
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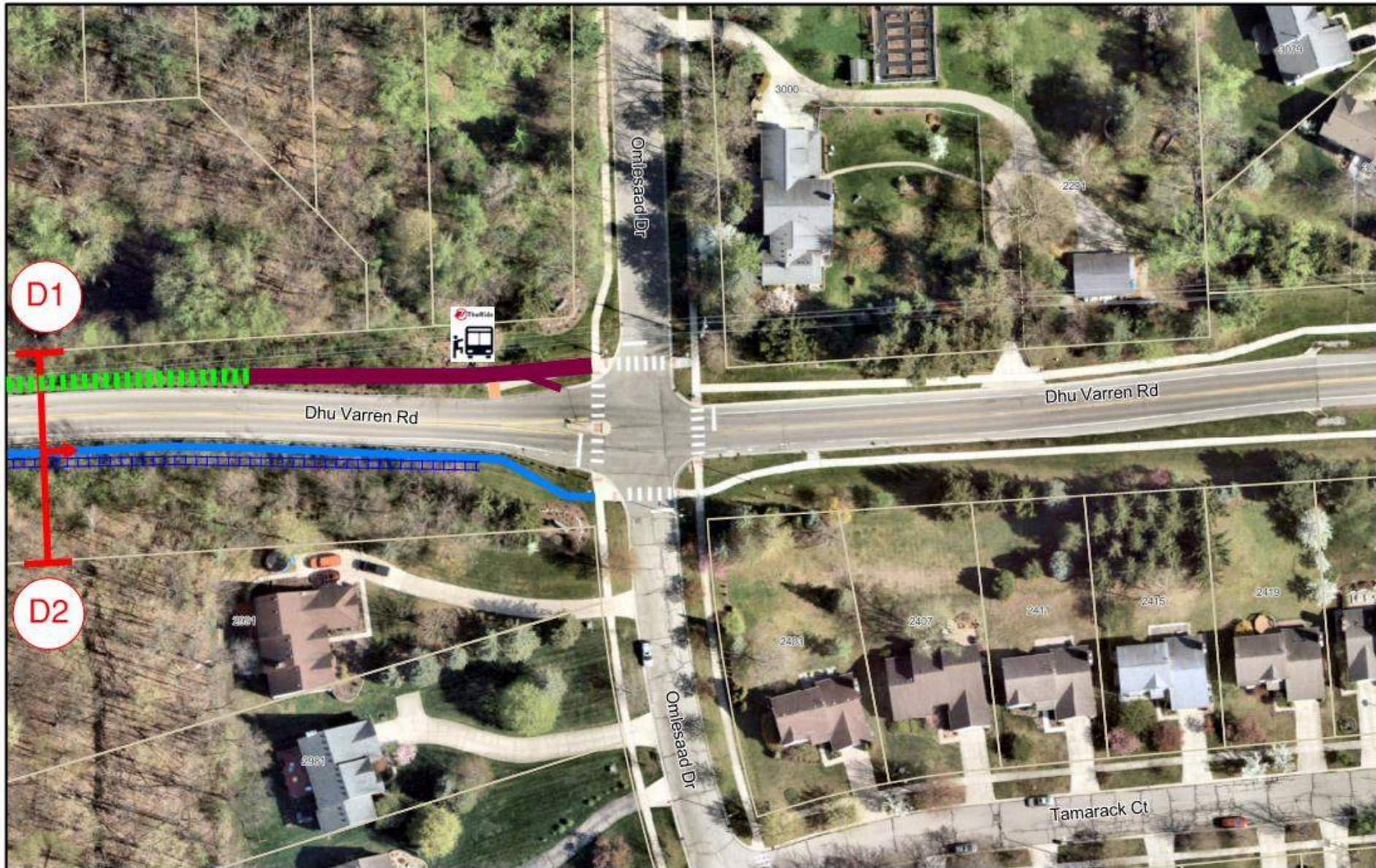
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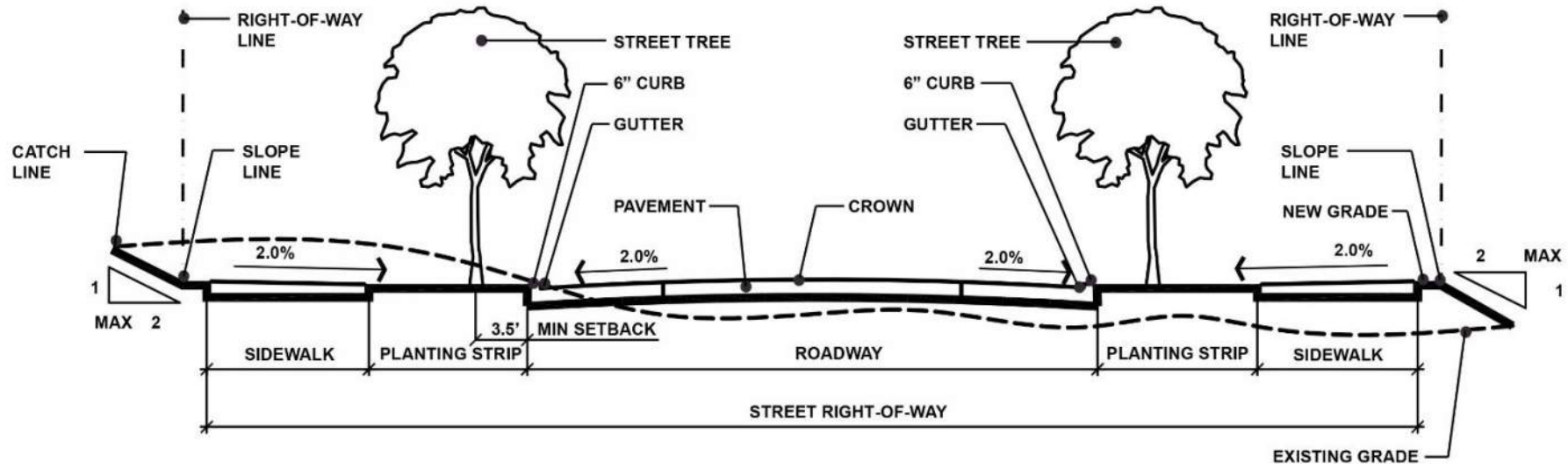
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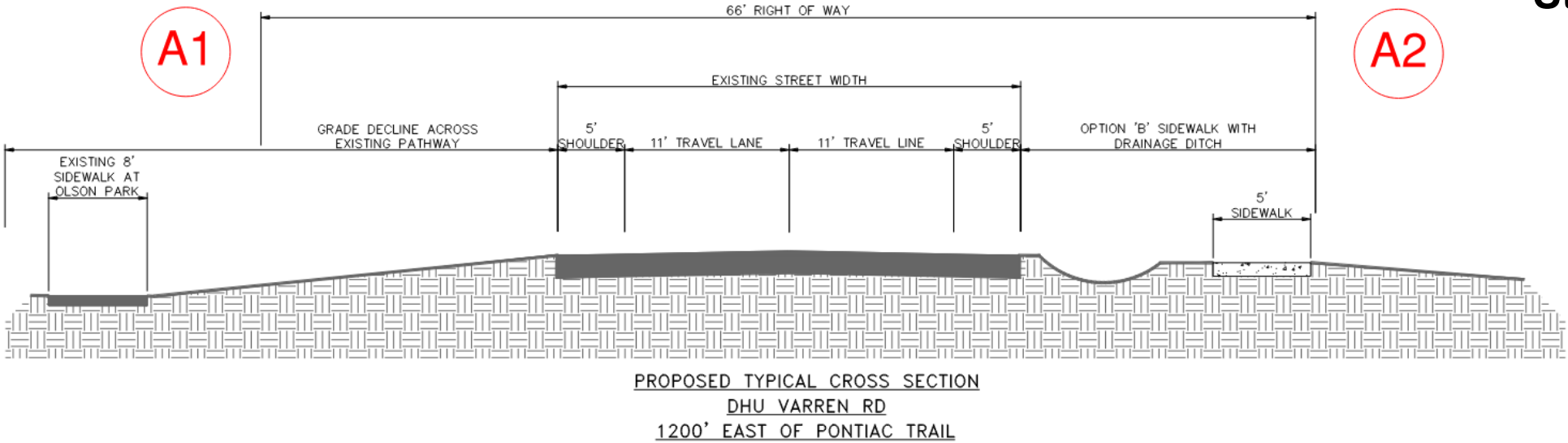
Cross Sectional Views



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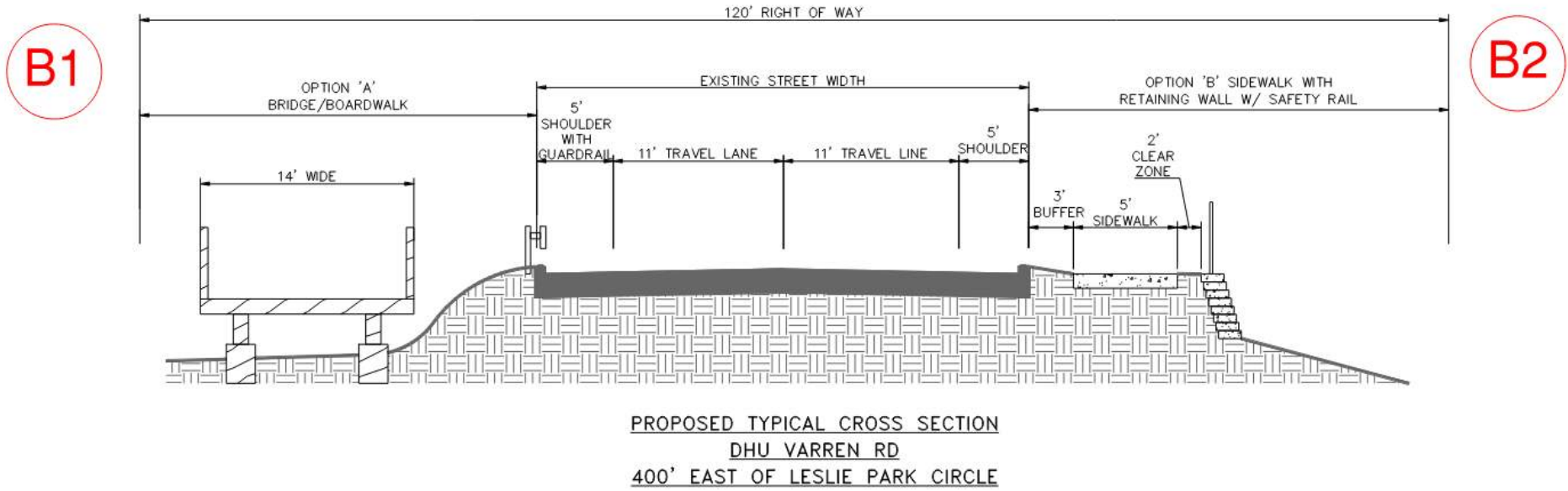
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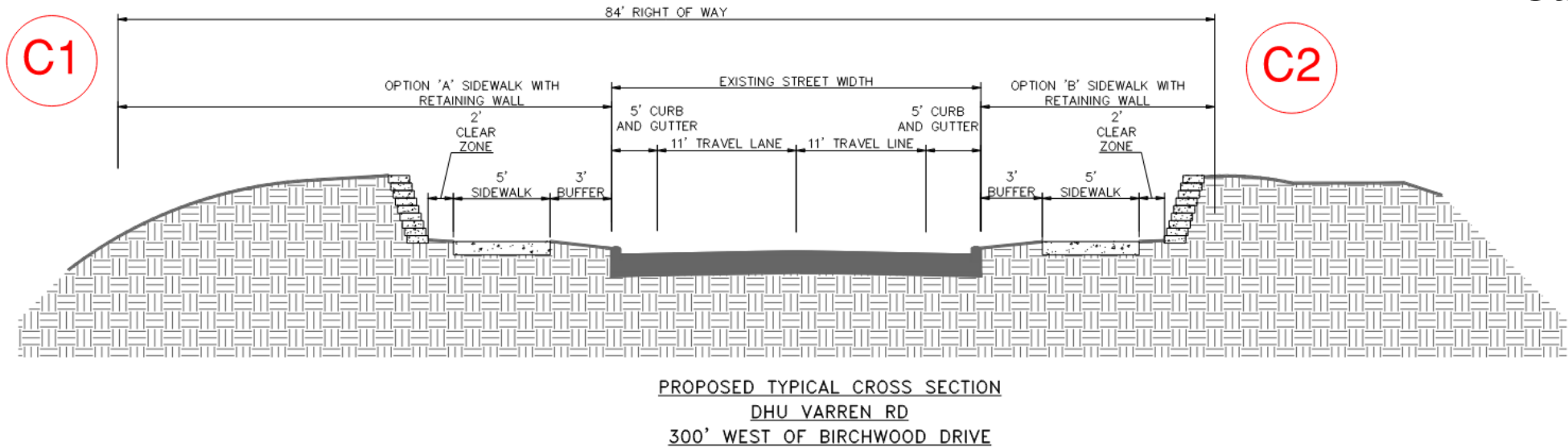
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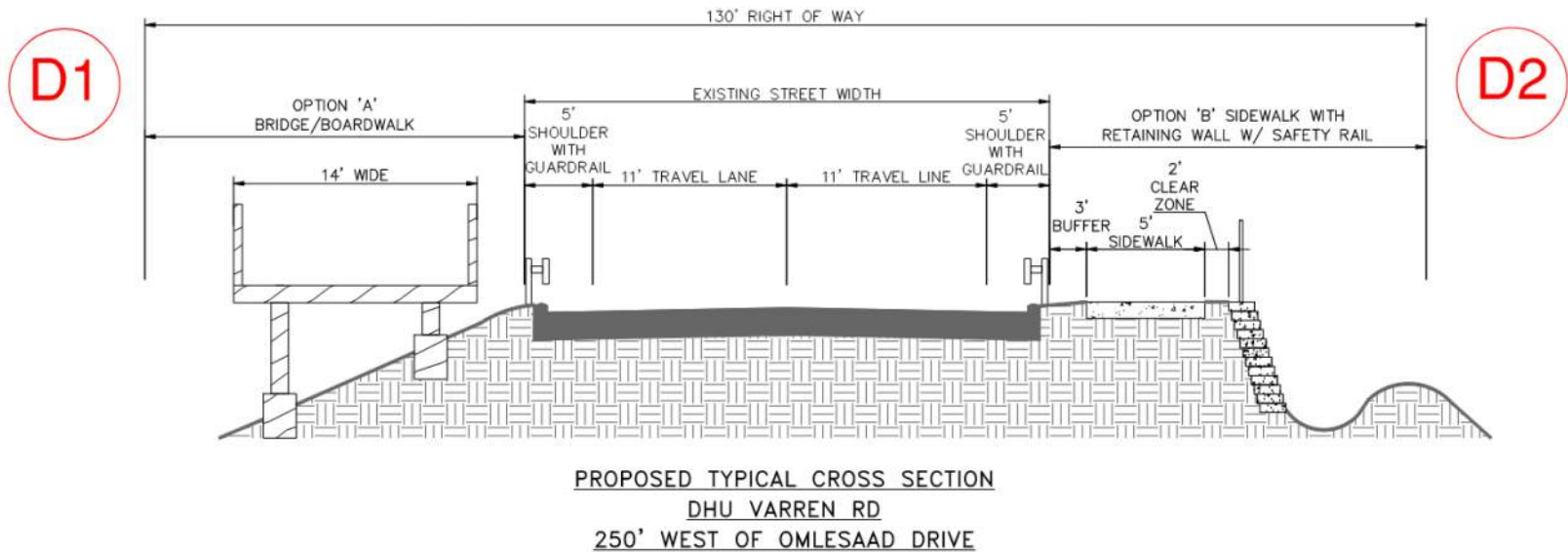
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Estimated Project Costs



North Side	South Side
\$4.7 Million	\$5.2 Million

Notes

- Funding sources (sidewalk gaps millage v. park properties)
- Estimate is in 2025 dollars

Advantages & Disadvantages



		High Crash Location *	Addresses Dangerous Behaviors	Sidewalks	Crosswalk Safety	Bike Routes	Intersections for Biking *	Accessability (ADA)	Shared Mobility Options	20 Minute Neighborhood *
North Side		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
South Side		✓	✓	✓			✓			

* Not Applicable





Comparison of Sides

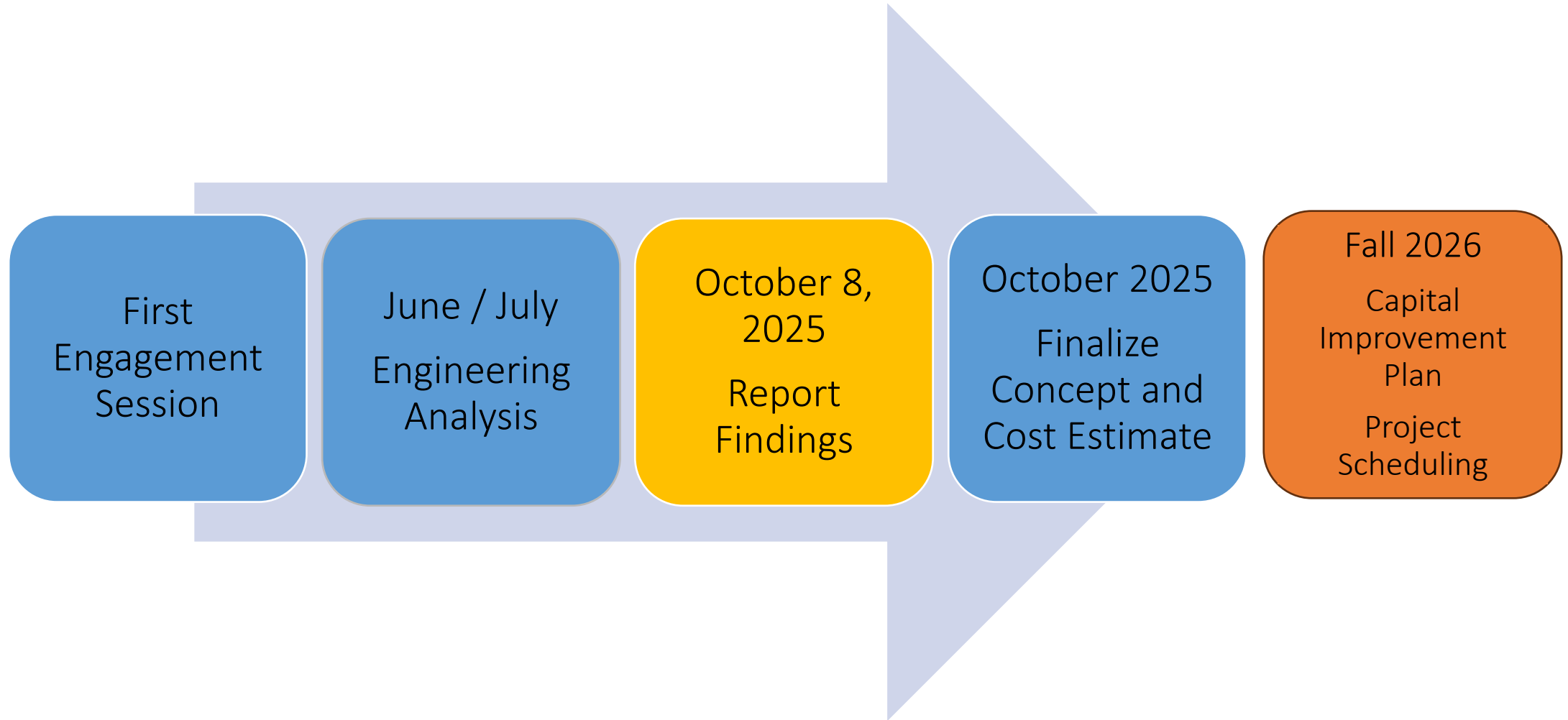
Category	North Side	South Side
Estimated Tree Removals	Less (40)	More (70)
Cost	Lower	Higher
Environmental Impacts	Less	More
Public Lands / Sideway Millage	None	Dhu Varen Woods

Next Steps...

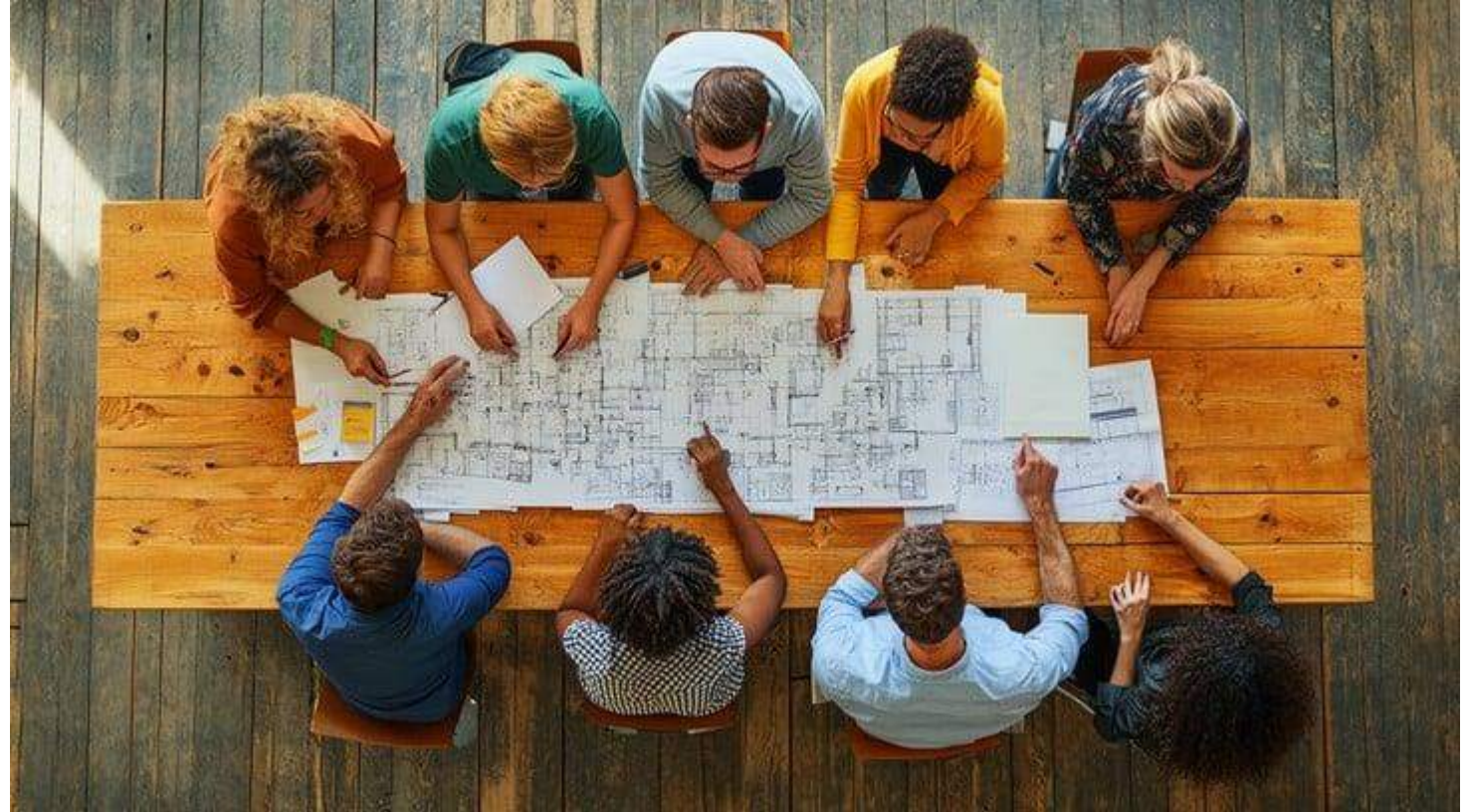




Project Timeline



Breakout





Thank You!

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