



# Documentation of Public Meeting

## **Project Location**

Harris County

Shepherd Drive and Durham Drive  
0912-72-607

## **Project Limits**

IH-610 to IH-10

## **Meeting Location**

Historic Heights City Hall and Fire Station  
107 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77008

## **Meeting Date and Time**

May 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM

## **Translation Services**

None requested

## **Presenters**

Councilmember Ellen Cohen  
MHRA Board Chair Ann Lents  
MHRA President Sherry Weesner  
Jones and Carter staff (engineering)  
SWA Group staff (landscape architects)

## **Elected Officials in Attendance**

Councilmember Ellen Cohen, District C

## **Total Number of Attendees (approx.)**

61

## **Total Number of Commenters**

26

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## A. Comment/response matrix

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Design</i>  Is there pressure on the neighboring community in reducing the number of lanes from four to three?	Thank you for your comment.  No. The determination was made based on the impact of traffic counts, and the streets have enough capacity, except at the intersections.
2		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Existing Conditions</i>  Do Shepherd and Durham have thru-truck lanes?	Thank you for your comment.  At this time, the presenters are not sure if there are thru-truck lanes, but there are delivery trucks that access the roads.
3		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Schedule</i>  What is the timeframe of completion?	Thank you for your comment.  Grant applications are due this summer with availability beginning 2023-2024. We are anticipating a 16-month construction duration. Construction phasing is to be determined with more public meetings in the future to better discuss details.
4		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Design</i>  Is this a proposal or an actual set of plans?	Thank you for your comment.  This is a proposal for applying to federal grants.



5		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Schedule</i>  Will there be hard deadlines for construction and completion incentives?	Thank you for your comment.  A firm answer cannot be provided at this time, but the schedule would be based on past experience with similar projects.
6		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Design</i>  Does this include a landscape plan?	Thank you for your comment.  Yes, SWA has designed a hardscape plan for pedestrian access. There is not a management district for detailed maintenance. There will be a more detailed plan later for soft scape and trees.
7		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Design</i>  What are the widths of the lanes?	Thank you for your comment.  There are 11-foot lanes, per City of Houston Guidelines. There are no plans at this time to reduce the current lane width.
8		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Project Design</i>  What happens to the bike lanes past IH-10?	Thank you for your comment.  Coordination with the City of Houston is ongoing. Crossover at this location is a big source of discussion and continues to be in progress.
9		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<i>Safety</i>  Has there been a safety comparison of Cross Section Options 1, 2, and 3?	Thank you for your comment.  The data is in progress.

10		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<p><i>Project Design</i></p> <p>Have you considered making both streets two-way to help with economic development on Durham?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>This option has not been considered in detail.</p>
11		5/2/18	Question asked at public meeting	<p><i>Project Design</i></p> <p>Right now, east-west access is like playing the game "Frogger." How will this design help?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Reducing the design to three lanes better improves east-west access, in conjunction with improving signals at the intersections for pedestrian access. Reducing the roadway cross section to three lanes decreases the crossing distance for pedestrians.</p>
12	Megan Koudelka	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Improving safety for pedestrians and bikers is essential. The redeveloping of shopping and restaurants is an asset to the neighborhood but it needs to be walk/bike safe from people's homes.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>One of the goals of the project is to improve pedestrian and bike safety with new/improved amenities.</p>
13	Pedro Ayarzagortia	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Project Design</i></p> <p>When building medians, curbs, corners, or anywhere where people can stand and panhandle, please do not lay down smooth concrete, pavers, or sod with landscaping where panhandlers can loiter. Use an</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>These design details have not been finalized, but your comment will be taken into consideration.</p>

				alternative of sharp/edged rocks that make it difficult for one to stand on for a period. Take a look at the intersection of Airline and 610 that was recently redone. The intersection is filled with panhandlers because medians were expanded and smoothed over with concrete and pavers. Thank you.	
14	Elizabeth Carlson	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Stakeholders</i></p> <p>The Arabic Immersion Magnet School (27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Durham) and other elementary schools on Durham are key stakeholders. You may want to meet with school/administration and PTAs.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>There will be on-going opportunities for public involvement.</p>
				<p><i>Flooding</i></p> <p>Concern: flooding impacts? Our school floods, level of street maybe?</p>	<p>Although this is a transportation project, drainage improvements are an additional benefit. This project will improve drainage within the right-of-way of the corridor but is not intended or able to provide for a sub-regional drainage solution.</p>
				<p><i>Construction Impacts</i></p> <p>Concern: Construction, noise, dust, heavy equipment. Access, entrance</p>	<p>This project will incorporate best management practices such as a traffic control plan to mitigate construction related impacts to the greatest extent possible.</p>

				and exit on Durham. Traffic increase with construction, people cutting through school zones.	
				<i>Safety</i>  Opportunities: kids can access school via pedestrian or biking-any cross walks? School zone speed limits. Improved safety crossings.	One of the goals of the project is to improve pedestrian and bike safety with new/improved amenities.
15	Letha Allen	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<i>Project Design</i>  I think Durham and Shepherd should both be two-way streets. People drive faster on one-way streets and it is less safe to cross. I frequently see someone driving the wrong way on both of the streets. One-way streets also require more turning and drive to get to your intended direction. From an economic development standpoint, Durham is disadvantaged because it has little drive-by traffic later in the day. Both streets have poor connectivity south of 11th.	Thank you for your comment.  A redesign of that magnitude is not being considered for this project.
16	Daniel Blasingame	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<i>Safety</i>  I think something about Shepherd and Durham being one-way streets makes it harder for people at perpendicular streets to remember that left turns must yield to	Thank you for your comment.  While the project does not propose to change Shepherd or Durham to two-way streets, the intersection of Shepherd and 14 <sup>th</sup> will be improved.

				oncoming cars. I have seen several accidents occur at Shepherd and 14th.	
17	Kelsey Walker	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>It is important to prevent conflicts between pedestrians and bikes and turning vehicles at intersections.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Improvements related to pedestrian and bike safety are a major component of the project.</p>
18	John Siegel	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Very excited about this project. This corridor is ugly, dangerous for car traffic, and unsuitable for pedestrians and bikes. One major improvement the options offer is giving better sight line at intersections (W.15th/Durham). In considering assets, please incorporate what crossings (both streets and paths) offer and how those could be enhanced.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Improvements related to pedestrian and bike safety are a major component of the project.</p> <p>The project will include work on several cross streets between Durham and Shepherd.</p>
19	Idalia Guerra	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Create a safe cross walk to cross over Shepherd and Durham. Low Impact Development design.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Improvements related to pedestrian and bike safety are a major component of the project.</p>

20	Elizabeth Boston	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Probably not your domain to address but intersection at 23rd and Lawrence is dangerous due to bad visibility (Lawrence does not have a stop sign). This problem will get much worse with HEB opening and the current parking of gym members with inadequate parking.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>This intersection is outside of the project limits.</p>
21		5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Project Design</i></p> <p>Provide bike lanes that are in front of the curbs and have priority right of way. Investigate consolidation of driveway curb cuts.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>The proposed roadway includes six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes (five feet with three-foot buffers or six feet behind the curb) on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drives.</p> <p>The redesign of private driveways is outside the scope of this project.</p>
22	Anne Smith	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Need traffic light at 23rd and Shepherd due to new HEB. Need improved pedestrian crossings at all traffic light intersections.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Improvements related to pedestrian safety are a major component of the project. While a new traffic light is not proposed for 23<sup>rd</sup> and Shepherd, there will be bike and pedestrian safety improvements.</p>

23	James Llamas	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>I'm a transit rider in the corridor. The 27 Shepherd is a frequent bus route with 60+ trips per day in each direction and hundreds of boardings in the potential project area. Please consider consolidating bus stops and moving them to the far side of the intersection to expedite bus service. Also consider transit signal priority and upgrade bus stop infrastructure (shelter, lighting, information, raised boarding platforms) to provide a pleasant transit experience. Sidewalks should be 8 feet wide. Option 3 is best for minimizing bus/bike conflicts. I strongly support the reductions in lanes.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Redesign of bus stops and transit amenities is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>The proposed roadway includes six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes (five feet with three-foot buffers or six feet behind the curb) on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drives.</p>
24	Donna Bennett	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Shepherd Drive Option 1 two-way cycle track is dangerous. Vehicles will not be watching for cyclists traveling against traffic.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>The proposed roadway includes six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes (five feet with three-foot buffers or six feet behind the curb) on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drives.</p>

25	Robin Holzer	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Include far-side bus stops for METRO frequent routes. Minimize curb cuts. Work with owners to consolidate driveways. Make sure this bike facility is in front of the curb and require driveway users to yield. Side paths are not appropriate for urban streets with many curb cuts.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Redesign of bus stops and transit amenities is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>The redesign of private driveways is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>The proposed roadway includes six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes (five feet with three-foot buffers or six feet behind the curb) on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drive.</p>
26	Mark Covington	5/2/18	Public Meeting Comment Card	<p><i>Safety</i></p> <p>Cars expect slow traffic/cyclist to be on the right. There is an inherent conflict with cars turning right across a cycle lane that goes straight. With a bidirectional bike path, cars do not expect bikes to be going against traffic. My experience with the downtown bike lanes has taught me to be careful with drivers turning across the bike lanes.</p> <p>Consider minimal landscaping between roads, sidewalks, and surface lots. Reference the bike path through the Target and Sawyer. A</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>The proposed roadway includes six to ten-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Shepherd and Durham Drives and bike lanes (five feet with three-foot buffers or six feet behind the curb) on the east sides of both Shepherd and Durham Drive.</p>



				<p>hedge blocks the view of drivers so they can't see crossing bike traffic. They typically pull up on the edge of the curb and stop in the middle of the bike lane leading to several "near misses." This will be a challenge as the east/west streets will have drivers stopping at the edge of the curb waiting to turn/cross and will block the cycle path.</p>	
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B. Notices provided

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# **Distribution List for Notice**

City of Houston Office of the Mayor

City Councilmember Cohen

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MEMORIAL HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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*Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 5*

*The Authority is applying for grants to rebuild Shepherd and Durham from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to I-610.*

*The Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority will be hosting a meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss these potential capital improvement projects in the district.*

*Please come to learn about the projects and tell us about special areas or issues that should be considered in the design of the corridor*

May 2, 2018

6:30 PM

Heights City Hall and Fire Station

107 W. 12<sup>th</sup> @ Yale

Houston, Texas 77008

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

**MEMORIAL-HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEMORIAL-HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Memorial-Heights Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") will hold a special meeting on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018, at 6:30 P.M.**, at the Houston Heights City Hall and Fire Station, 107 West 12<sup>th</sup> at Yale, Houston, Texas 77008, open to the public, to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Receive presentation on proposed Shepherd/Durham improvements [CIP Project T-0523];
2. Receive comments and questions from the public;
3. Adjourn.



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SKLaw, Attorneys for the Authority and the Zone

# Public Workshop on Shepherd/Durham Improvements

This event has passed.



**May 2, 2018 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

The Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 5 is applying for grants to rebuild Shepherd and Durham from 6th Street to I-610, and the Board of Directors of MHRA will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at the Houston Heights City Hall and Fire Station to discuss these potential capital improvements in the district and receive comments and questions from the public. Please come to learn about the projects and tell the TIRZ about special areas or issues that you think should be considered in the design of the corridor. Open to all!

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## C. Sign-in sheets

**Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ No. 5)  
Shepherd Drive and Durham Drive Reconstruction  
Public Meeting, May 2, 2018**

First Name	Last Name	Do you live or own property in the area?	Address & Zip Code	Email
PEDRO	AYARZAGOTIA	YES		
Mark	Williamson	Yes		
Elizabeth	Boston	YES		
Allie	Isbell	YES		
Megan	Koudelka	Yes		
Gay + John	Wells	Yes		
CHRIS	BZOWIE	YES		
Daniel	Blasingame	Yes		
Kelsey	Walker	yes		
Joe	Hood	YES		
RANNY	WILE	Yes		
Oni	Blair	yes		
Angela	DeWree	yes		
Paige	Barnett	Yes		
Timothy	Macalino	<del>yes</del> NO		



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First Name	Last Name	Do you live or own property in the area?
Jim	Bennett	yes
Joanna	Covington	yes
Traci Flores		no
Daniel	Boston	Yes
Idalia	Guerra	yes
Josh	Koehn	Yes
John	Long	yes
Charlotte	Martinez	yes
Gred	Reaylien	yes
Greg	Servick	Yes
Robin	Holzer	no
Kevin	Barnard	yes
KATE	Hood	yes
Elizabeth	Carlson	yes
P	B	Y
Carra	Moroni	yes
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First Name	Last Name	Do you live or own property in the area?		
Tara	WEEMING	yes		
Letha	Allen	yes		
KURT	HILL	"		
LIBBY	VANN	YES		
JEFF	FLEISHER	yes		
MARK	COVINGTON	YES		
Terry	O'Connor	"		
Charlie	Smith	✓		
ELAN	PETERSON	NO		
PATRICIA	BROOKS	YES		



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First Name	Last Name	Do you live or own property in the area?
LISA	GRAFF	YES
Kevin	McColloch	Yes
Raul	Nicosint	Yes
Mike	Van Pussen	No
CUC	Lam	<del>Yes</del> yes
Kam	Bergeron	Yes
ROY	VARNON	Yes
JAMES	Phillips	Yes
JOHN	SIEGEL	Yes
Sean	Merino	Yes
DONNA	BENNETT	Yes
LOUIS	DANNA	Yes
ABDUL	SIRAJ	NO
Tom	Goff	Yes
<del>James</del> Aaron	Flowers	Yes
Stuart	Young	NO
James	Llomas	NO



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## D. Comments received

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Concerns -

- flooding impacts? our school floods - level of street.
- construction - noise, dust, heavy equipment
- access - entrance exit on Durham
- traffic - increase with construction, people cutting through school zone

Opportunities

- kids can access school via pedestrian or biking - any crosswalks?
- school zone speed limits
- improved safety & crossings

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IMPROVEMENT THE OPTIONS OFFER IS GIVING BETTER SIGHT LINE @ INTERSECTIONS (eg. W 15/DURHAM)

IN CONSIDERING ASSETS, PLEASE INCORPORATE WHAT X'INGS (BOTH STREETS AND PATHS) OFFER AND HOW THOSE COULD BE ENHANCED

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LID Design !!  
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note current traffic light  
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Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ No. 5)

Shepherd Drive and Durham Drive Reconstruction

Public Meeting, May 2, 2018

Comment Form

Please use this form to provide any further input regarding the reconstruction of Shepherd Drive and Durham Drive.

Comments on 3 options.

I recommend Option 2

2 vs 3: cars expect slow traffic / cyclists to be on the right.

There is an inherent conflict with cars turning right across a cycle lane that goes straight, but this applies to both options 2+3 known as "right hand cross" as a typical bike accident

On Option 1: with a bidirectional bike path cars don't expect bikes to be going against traffic.

My experience with the downtown bike lanes have taught me to be careful w/ drivers turning

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across the bike lanes. Bike Houston can provide more input on this issue.

Consider minimal landscaping between roads, sidewalks, and surface lots.

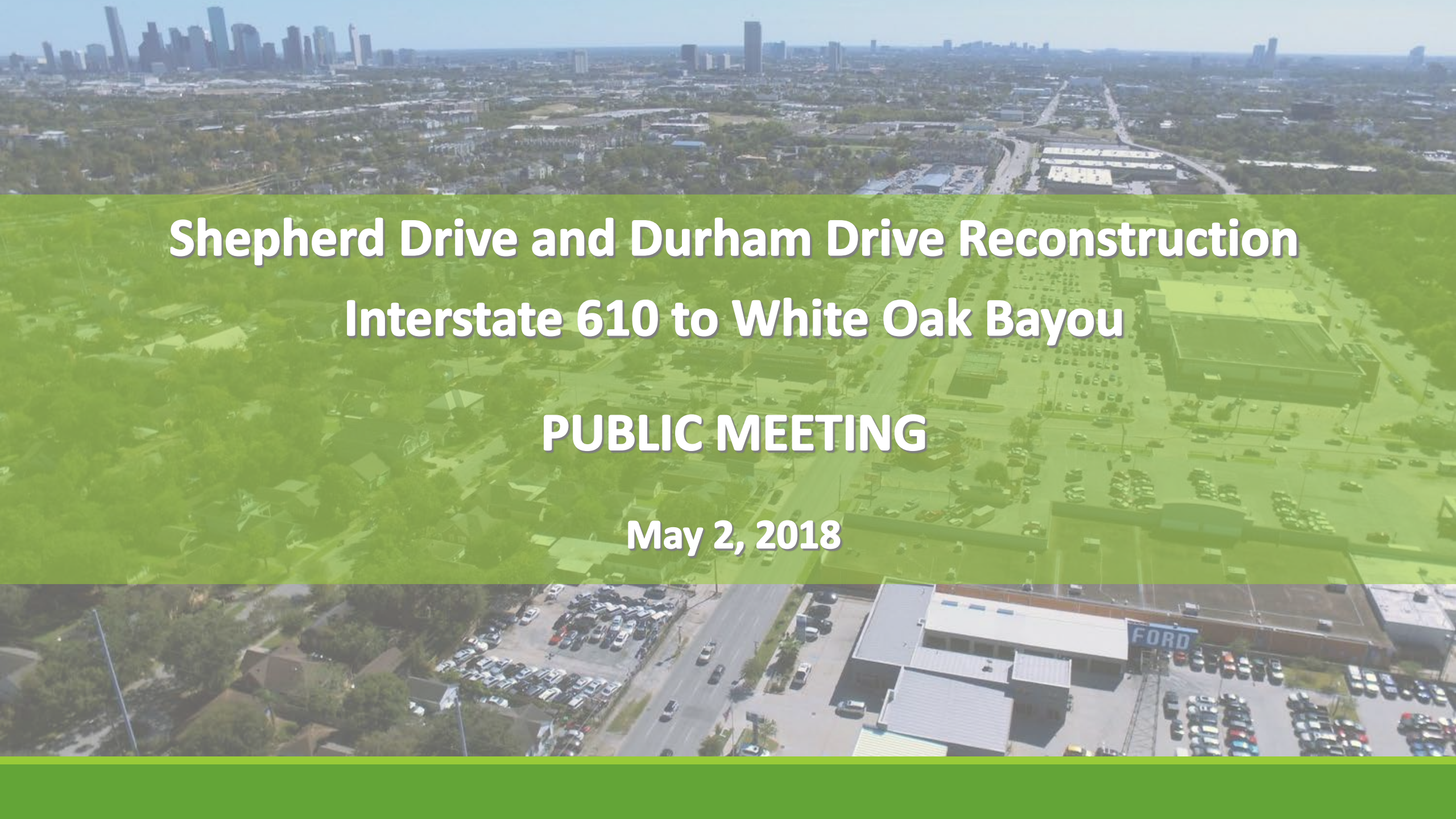
Reference the bike path through the ~~target~~ Target at Sawyer. A hedge blocks the view of drivers so they ~~pull up~~ can't see <sup>crossing</sup> bike traffic. They typically pull up to the edge of the curb and stop in the middle of the bike lane leading to several "near misses".

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This will be a challenge as the E/W streets will have drivers stopping at the edge of the curb waiting to turn / cross and will block the cycle path.

## E. Figures



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Houston, with a green semi-transparent overlay. The skyline is visible in the background. The text is centered on the green overlay.

# **Shepherd Drive and Durham Drive Reconstruction Interstate 610 to White Oak Bayou**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**May 2, 2018**



# Introductions

- Council Member Ellen Cohen
- MHRA Board Chairman Ann Lents
- MHRA President Sherry Weesner
- Design Team

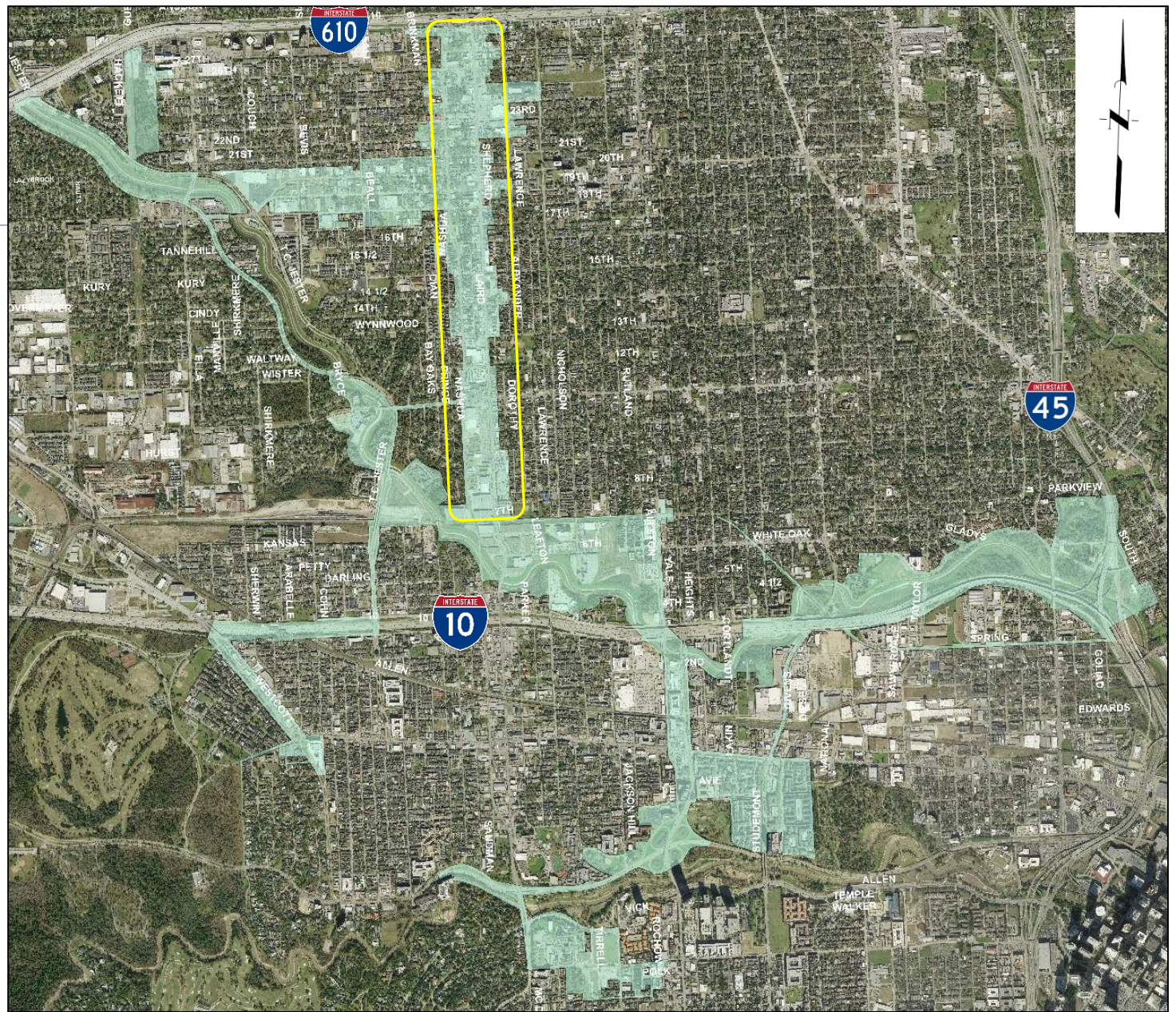
Engineer: Jones | Carter

Landscape Architect: SWA Group



# Project History

- TIRZ No. 5
- CIP Projects





An aerial photograph of a city street, likely in a residential or urban area. The street runs vertically through the center of the image, flanked by houses, trees, and some commercial buildings. The image is in grayscale, with a green overlay at the bottom containing text and logos.

# Agenda

- Project History
- Project Basis
- Map Activities
- Gallery Activities
- Closing

# Project Basis: Improve Safety

## Durham

Nearly double  
statewide crash rate

## Shepherd

More than double  
statewide crash rate



# Project Basis: Ease Congestion

Problematic  
Intersections

Turn lanes and access  
management

# Project Basis: Improve Pavement Condition

Shepherd: Lowest Condition  
Durham: Low to Medium Condition

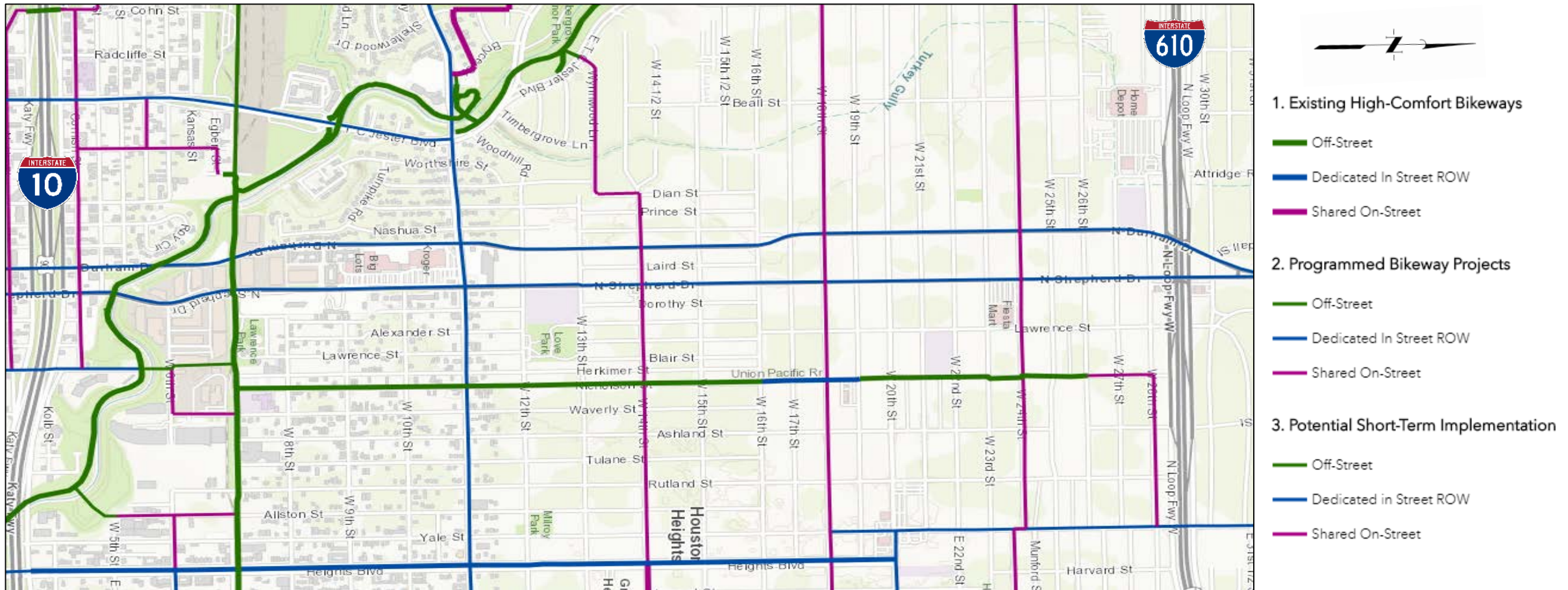


# Project Basis: Outdated Storm Water System

Storm System Does  
Not Meet Current City  
Code

Consider Subsurface  
Detention

# Project Basis: Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists





# Project Basis: Summary

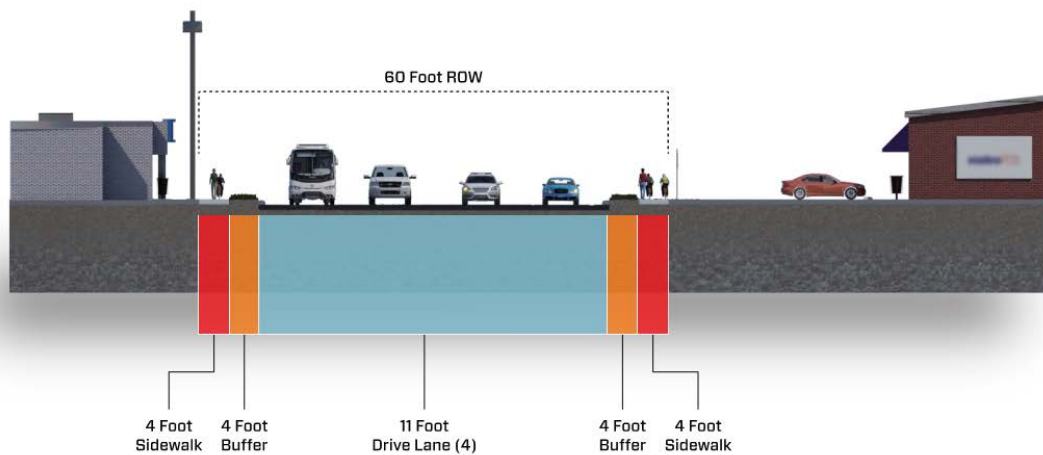
- Infrastructure Project
- 4.4 Miles
- Opportunity to Redesign

Overall Budget: \$84M

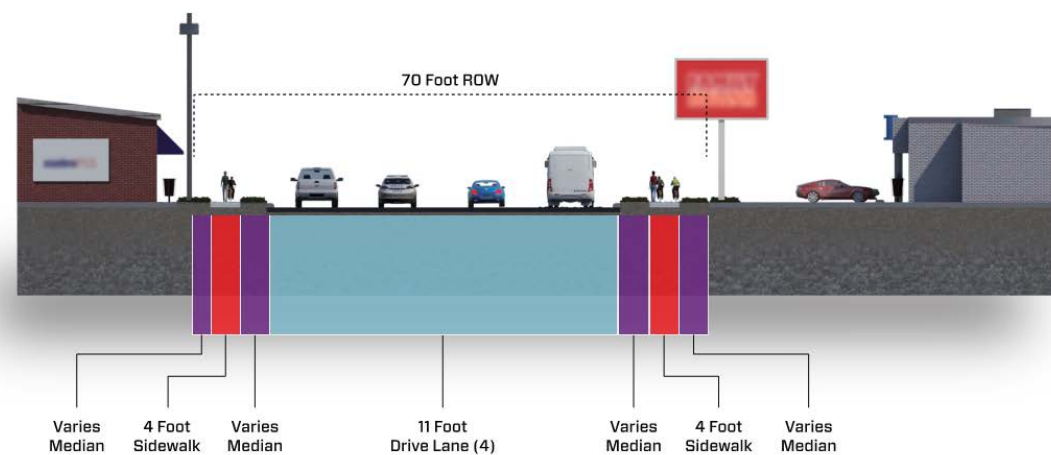


# Cross Sections Existing

## DURHAM DRIVE (EXISTING)

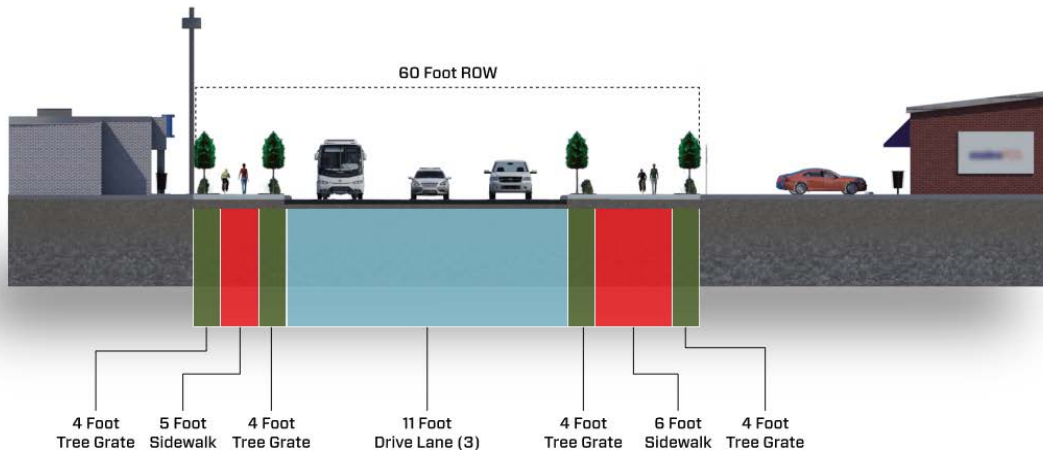


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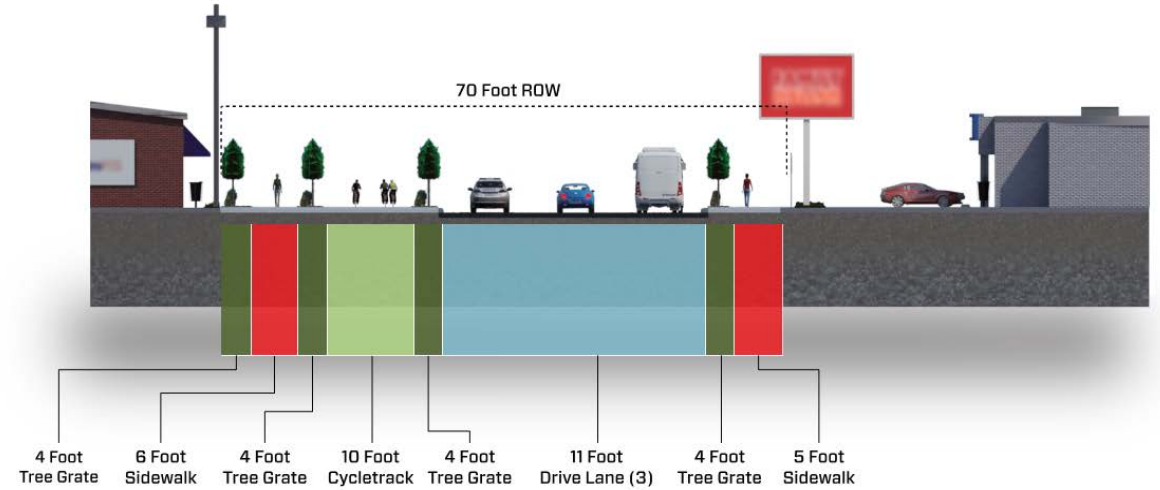


# Cross Section Concepts

## DURHAM DRIVE (OPTION 1)



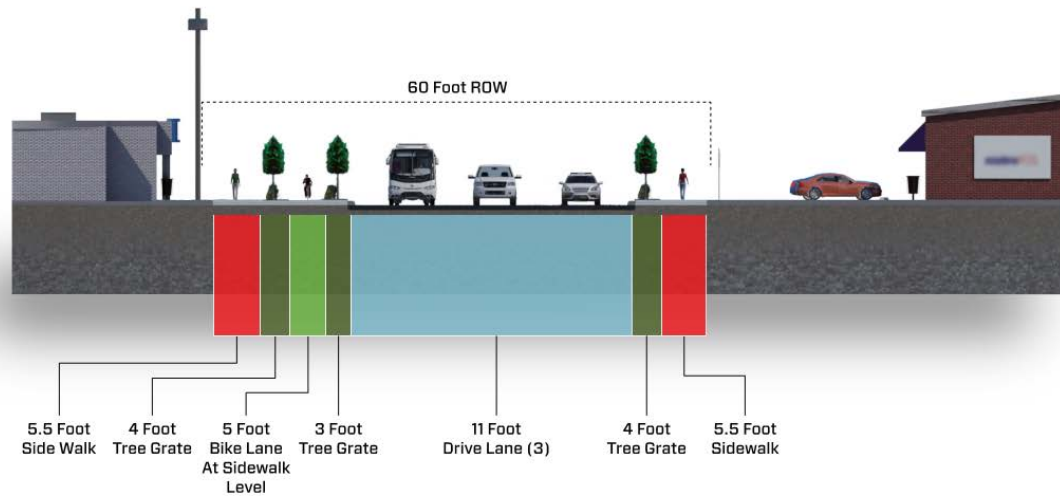
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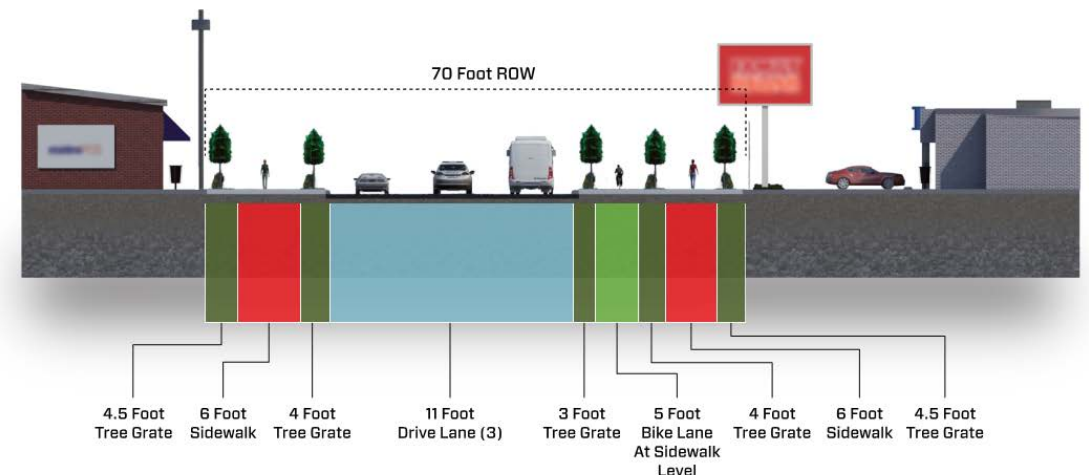


# Cross Section Concepts

## DURHAM DRIVE (OPTION 2)

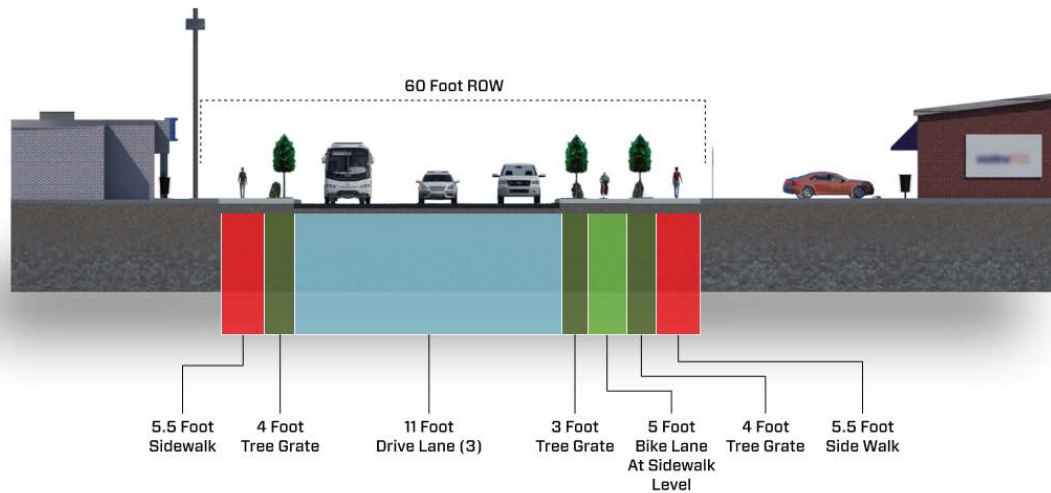


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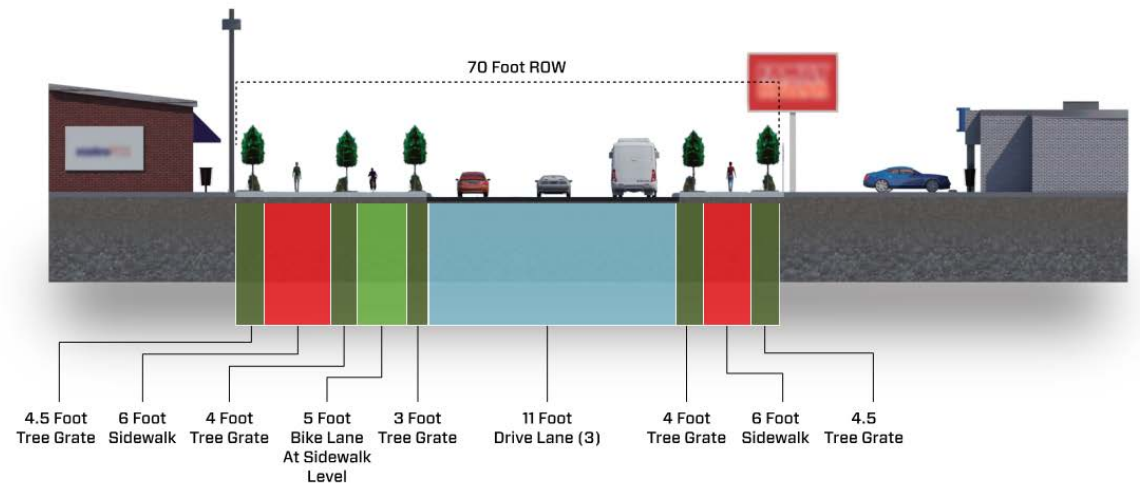


# Cross Section Concepts

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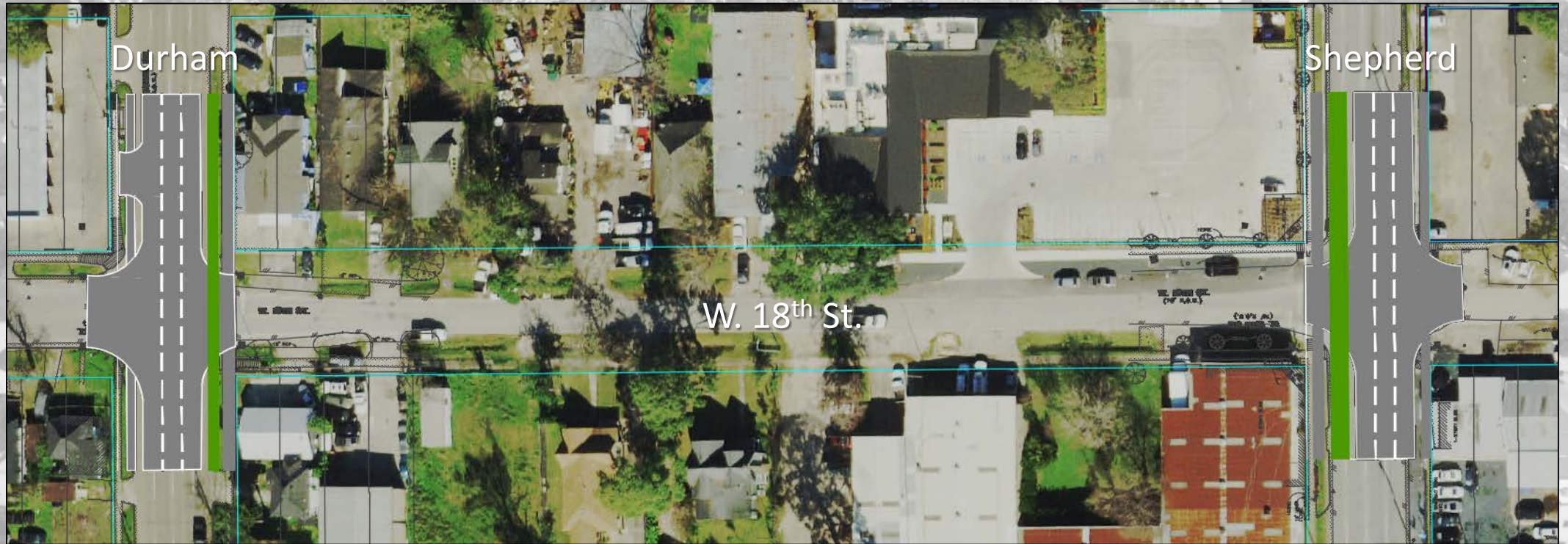


## SHEPHERD DRIVE (OPTION 3)





# Cross Section Concepts



# Map Activities

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Assets




Challenges



Opportunities



# Gallery

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- ✓ Comment on the Conceptual Cross Sections
    - ✓ Fill Out a Comment Card
    - ✓ Talk to a Team Member
  - ✓ Identify Potential Projects
    - ✓ View Overall Map



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Atlanta, with a dense urban landscape and a prominent skyline in the background. A semi-transparent green rectangular overlay covers the middle portion of the image, serving as a background for the text.

**Thank you for contributing your voice to help shape  
Shepherd and Durham!**

*Additional Comments?*

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