

Staples Mill Road Small Area Plan Alternatives Public Meeting

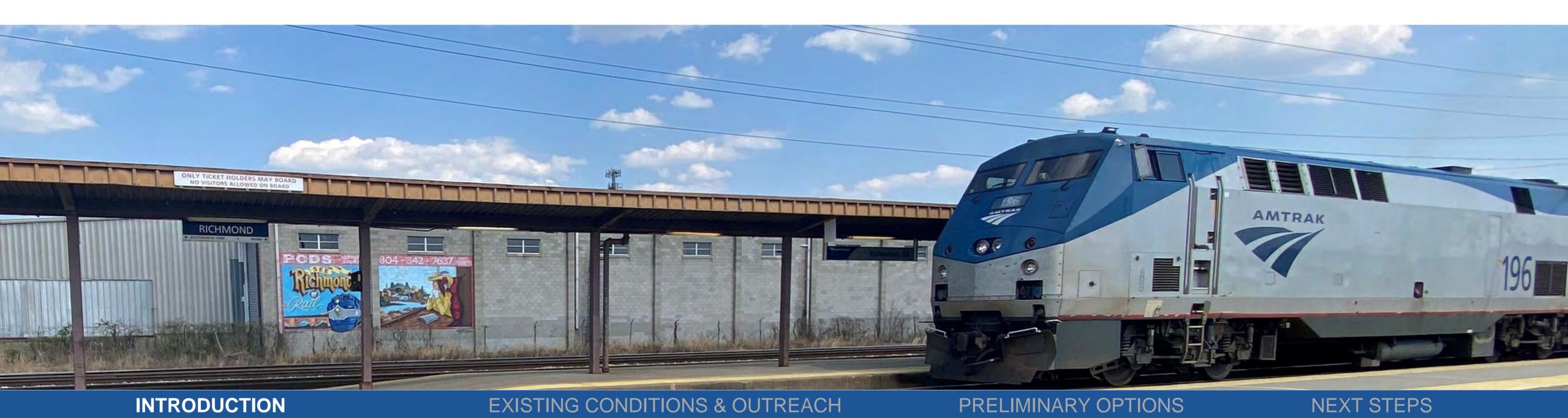
June 30, 2022



Today's Agenda

- 1. Study goals and objectives
- 2. Existing conditions overview
- 3. Public outreach summary

- 4. Preliminary alternatives
- 5. Next steps
- 6. Questions and discussion



Today's Speakers





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Project Manager



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Planner



Kaitlyn Schaffer

Moderator

Agency Stakeholders

- Henrico County
- City of Richmond
- Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO)
- Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- Federal Highway Administration







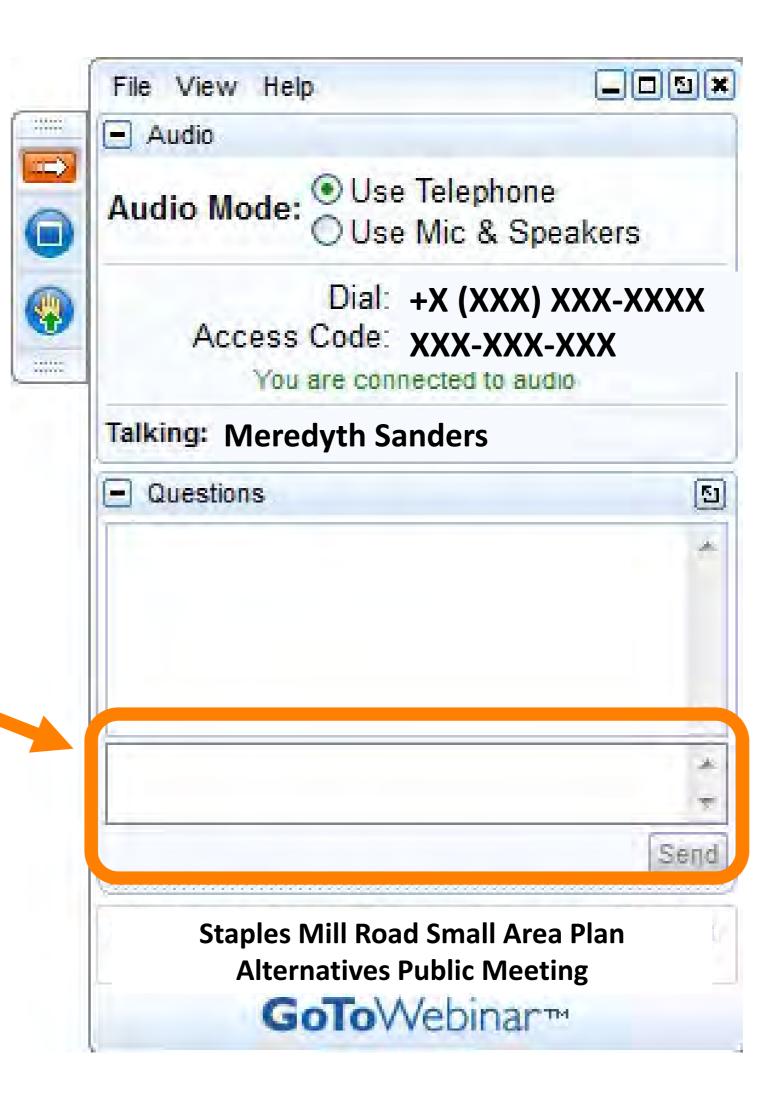






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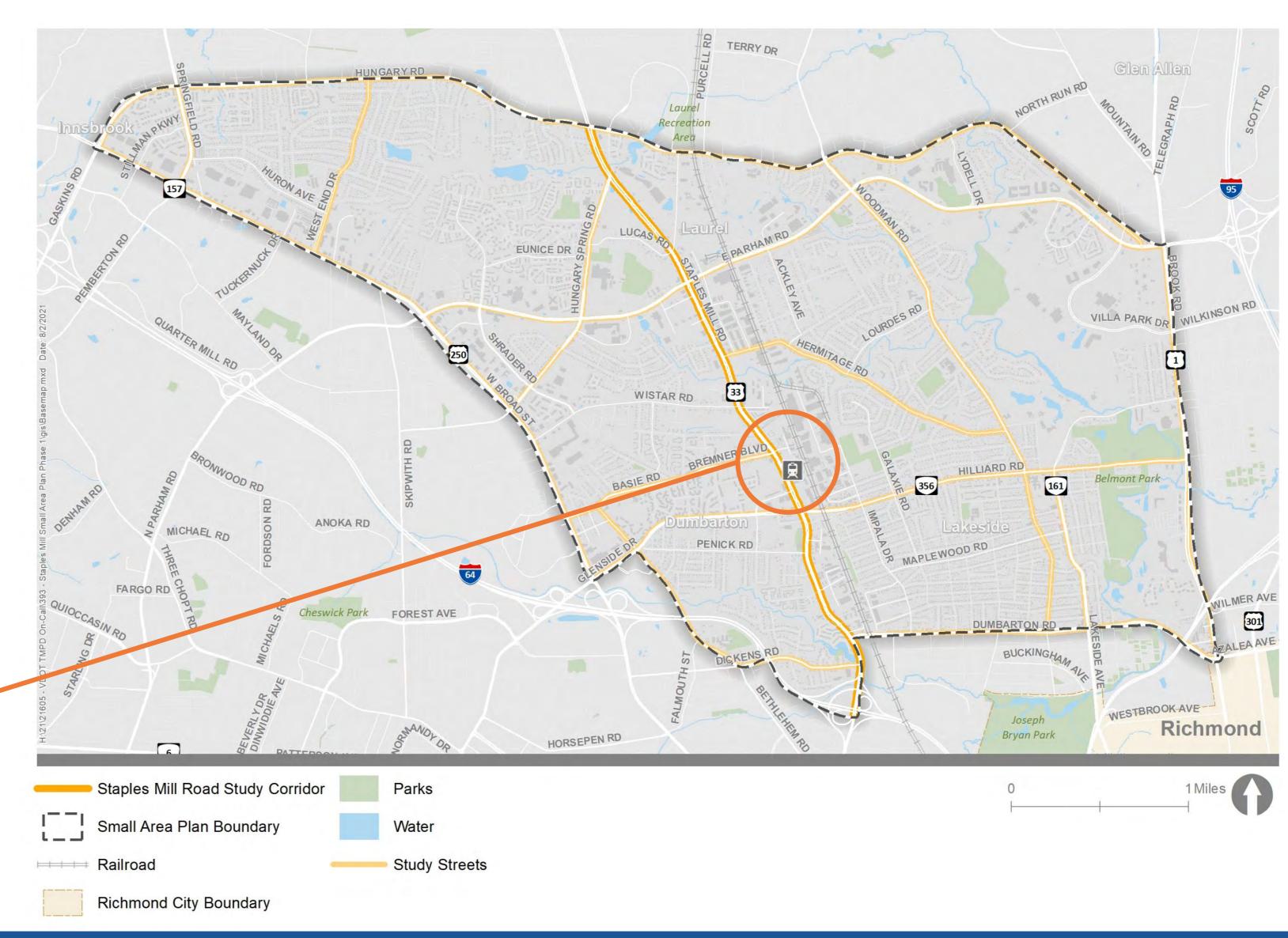


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Study Area

- 3.7 mi of Staples Mill Road
- 12 sq. mi of Henrico County
- Connects Henrico County and the city of Richmond
- Regional crossroads via interchanges with I-64 and I-295
- Staples Mill TOD Concept at the Amtrak Station





Study Purpose

- Evaluate existing automobile, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian conditions
- Assess future travel projections and development patterns
- Generate alternatives
- Evaluate alternatives against goals and through community input
- Recommend a system of investments

Study Vision and Goals

Study Vision:

Staples Mill Road is a *Complete Street* that supports development and provides safe and comfortable travel for all uses and users of the roadway











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Safety and
Comfort

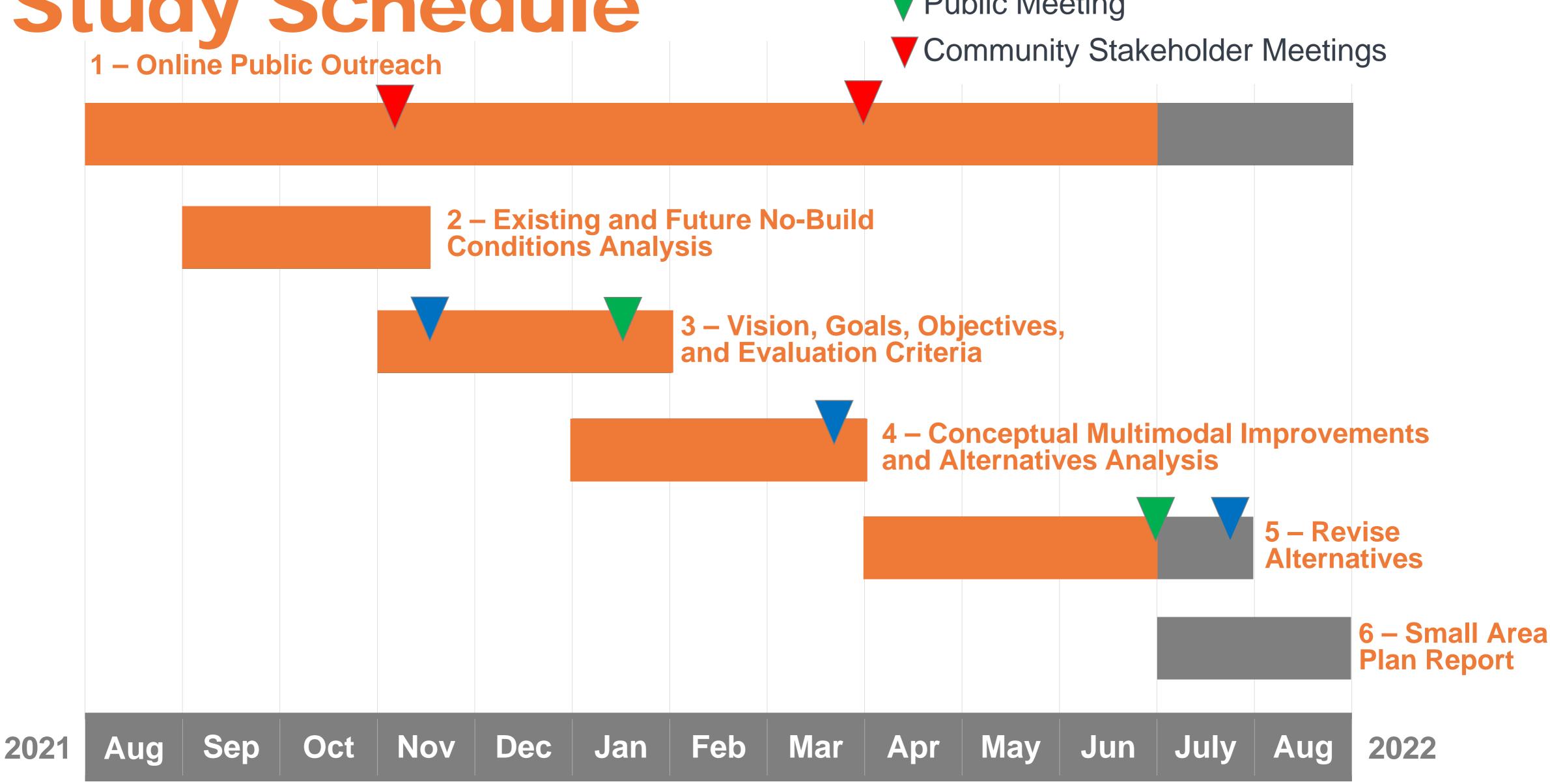
Manage Congestion Support Economic Development Foster
Community and
Environmental
Health

Reflect Community Character

Study Schedule

Public Meeting

Stakeholder Group Meeting



Overview of Existing Conditions & Outreach



Existing Conditions Overview



- Compared to the Greater Richmond Region, fewer people walk and/or bike to work in Henrico County
- Just 2 of 34 study intersections have marked crosswalks



- There are 9 transit routes in the study area
- Long transit commutes (37 minutes on average)



- Intersections experience moderate to high delay during weekday rush hours in future no-build conditions. Primarily located on:
 - West Broad Street, Staples Mill Road, Gaskins/Hungary Road, Dumbarton Road, Parham Road, and Glenside Drive/Hilliard Road

Existing Conditions: Safety

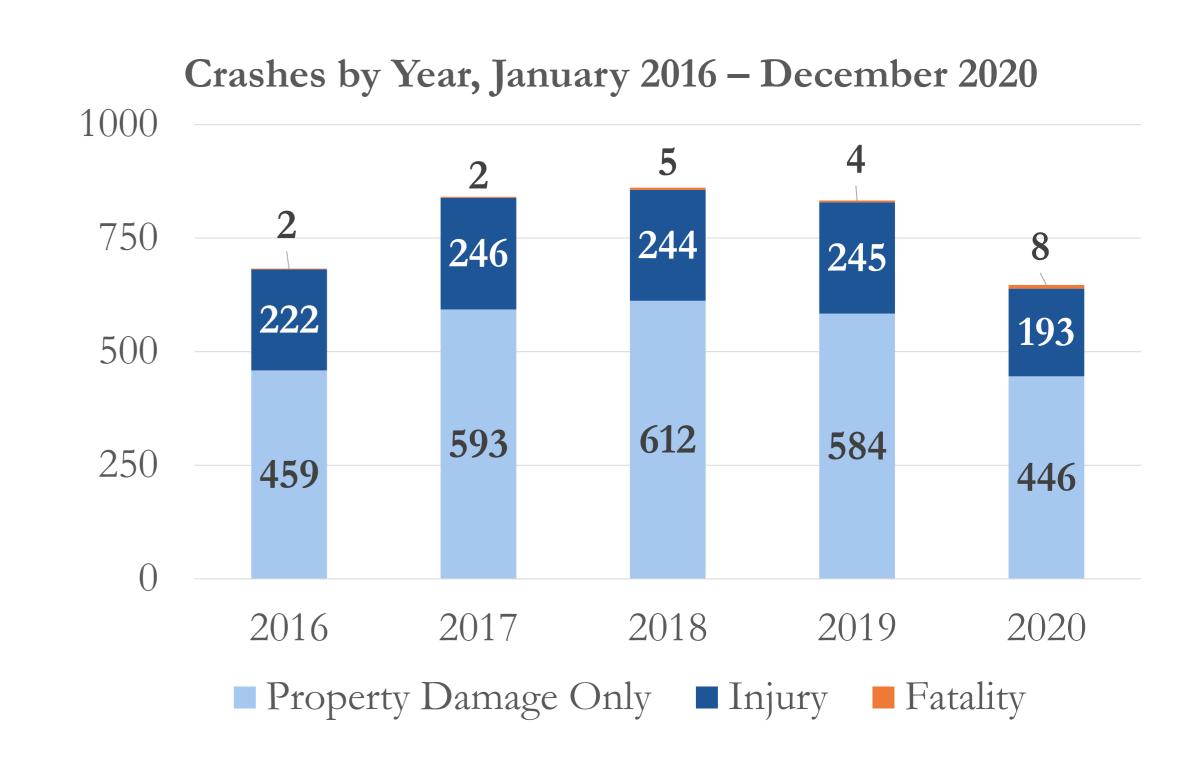
of crashes occur at intersections

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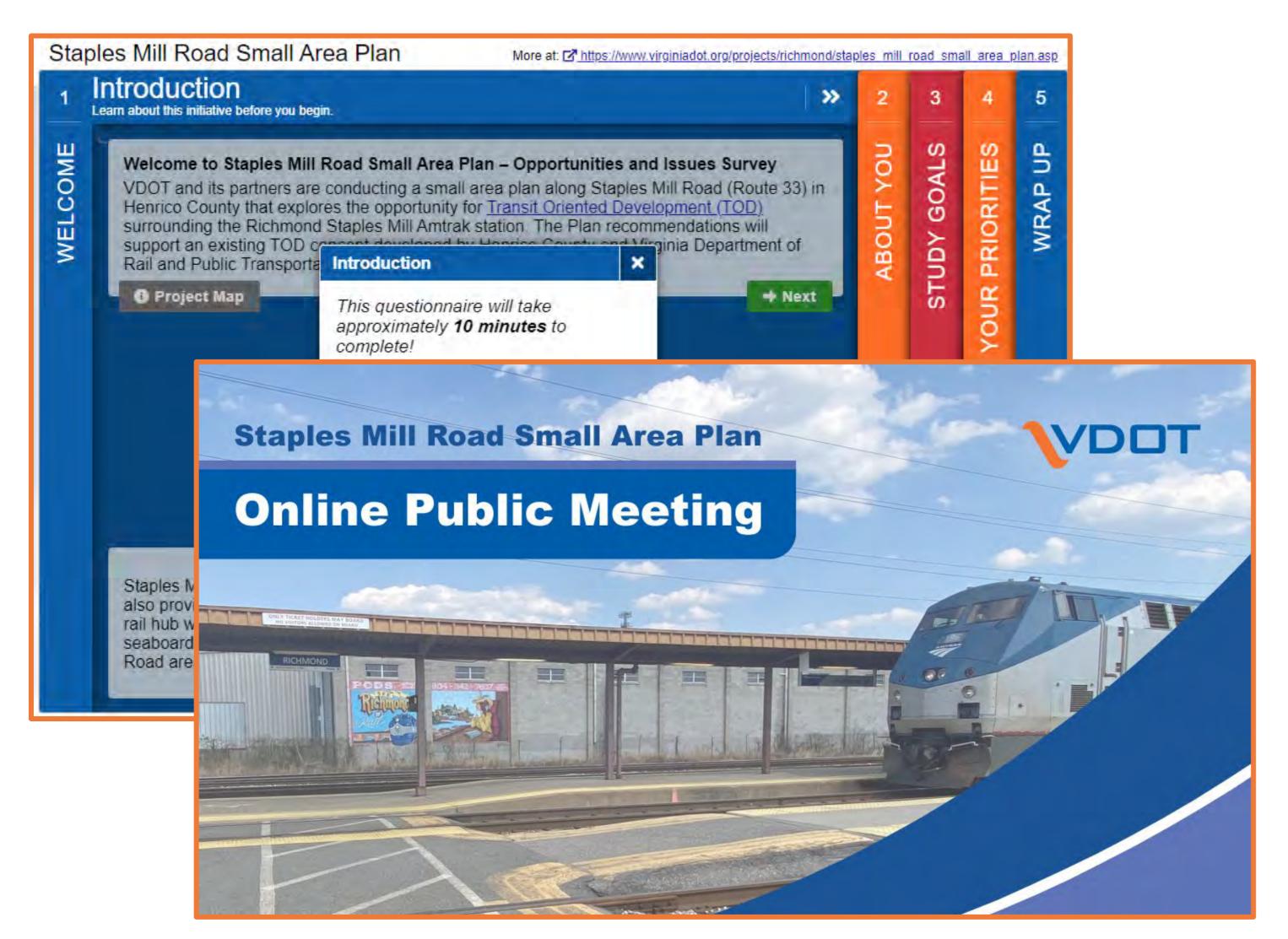
total reported pedestrian crashes

100% of pedestrian crashes resulted in injuries/fatalities

reported crashes were injuries or fatalities



Previous Community Engagement



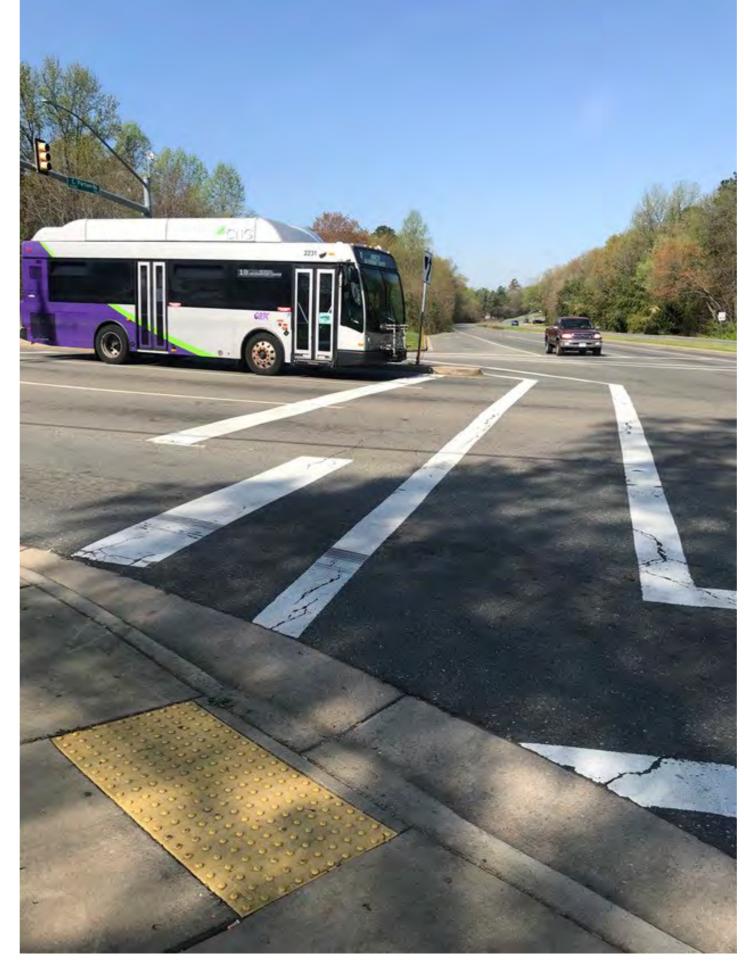
1,200+ Survey Responses

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Virtual Public Meeting

Stakeholder Group
Meetings

Previous Community Engagement

- Top 3 transportation problems and opportunities for investment in the study area are associated with accessibility
 - Complete sidewalk network
 - Complete bicycle network
 - More crosswalks
- Half of respondents said that they would like enhanced connectivity to Amtrak





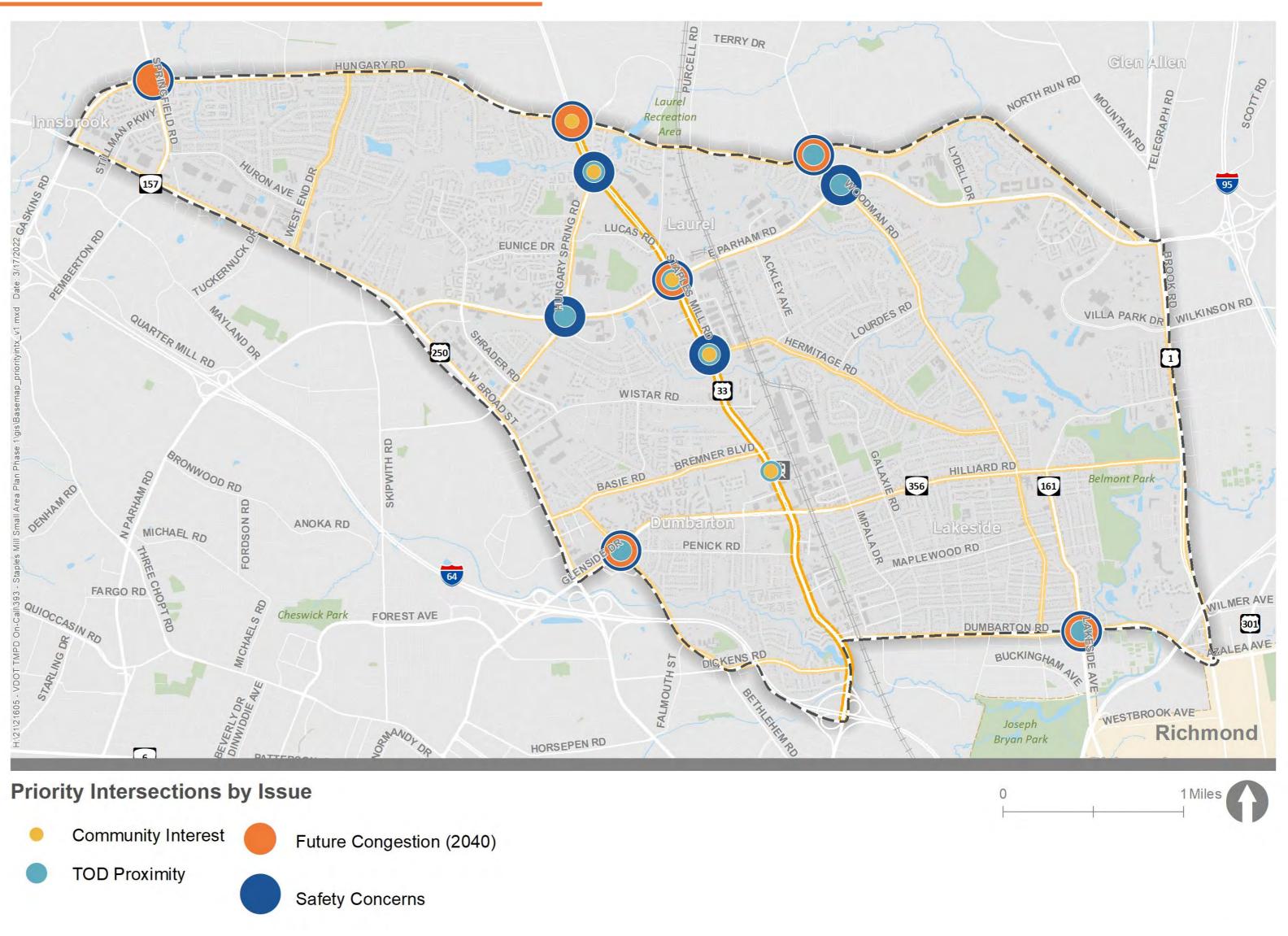
Preliminary Options



Priority Intersections

11 intersections were selected based on:

- Future Congestion
- Safety Concerns
- TOD Proximity
- Community interest



EXISTING CONDITIONS & OUTREACH

Intersection Issues and Opportunities

"Streetlighting is needed badly along this corridor. The bright lights from commercial properties distract and make it hard to see pedestrians along the roadway."

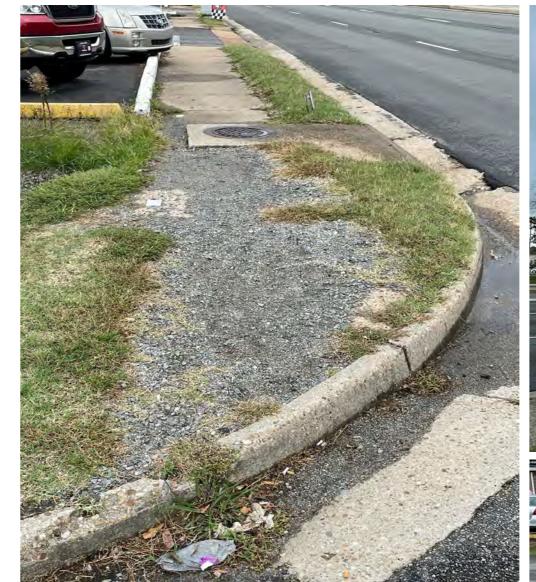
Issues and Opportunities Survey

"There is a lot of foot traffic on this road and there is not crosswalks or crosswalk signals at the intersections. Some of the sidewalks along Staples Mill need to connect to one another."

- Issues and Opportunities Survey

"Connections between the station and buses should be safe and easy. Walking should be possible."

- Issues and Opportunities Survey



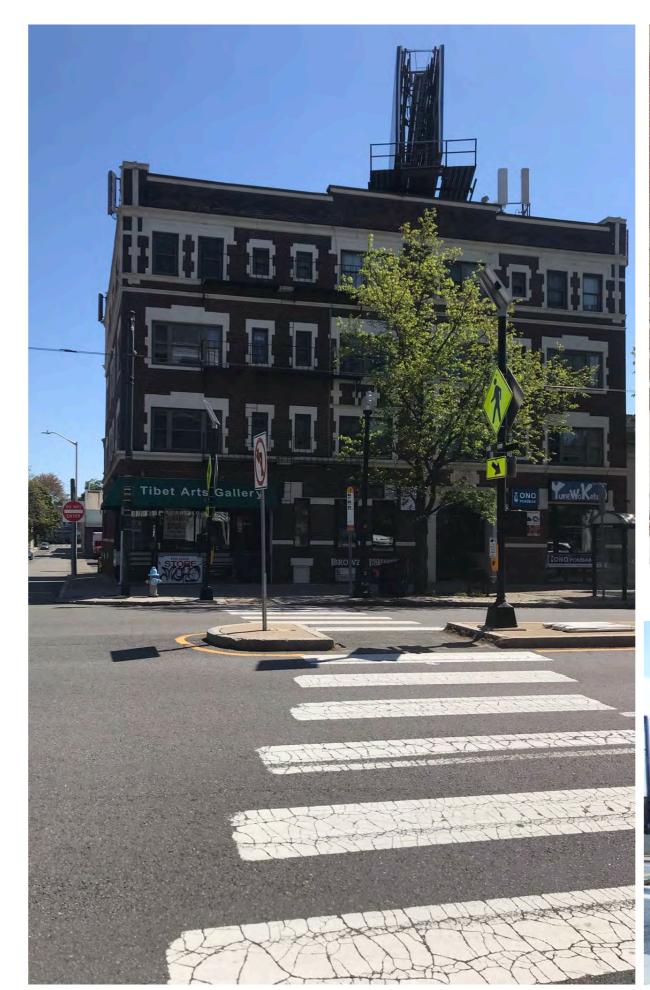






Pedestrian Safety Treatment Options

- Upgrade curb ramps and sidewalks
- Add crosswalks
- Provide pedestrian refuge islands
- Modify signal timing
 - Pedestrian signal heads
 - No right-turn on red
 - Head start with leading pedestrian interval



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Signalized Intersection Safety Treatment Options

- Add intersection lighting
- Improve signal hardware
- Install raised medians on approaches
- Add traffic signal mast arm
- Modify signal timing
 - Provide protected left-turns

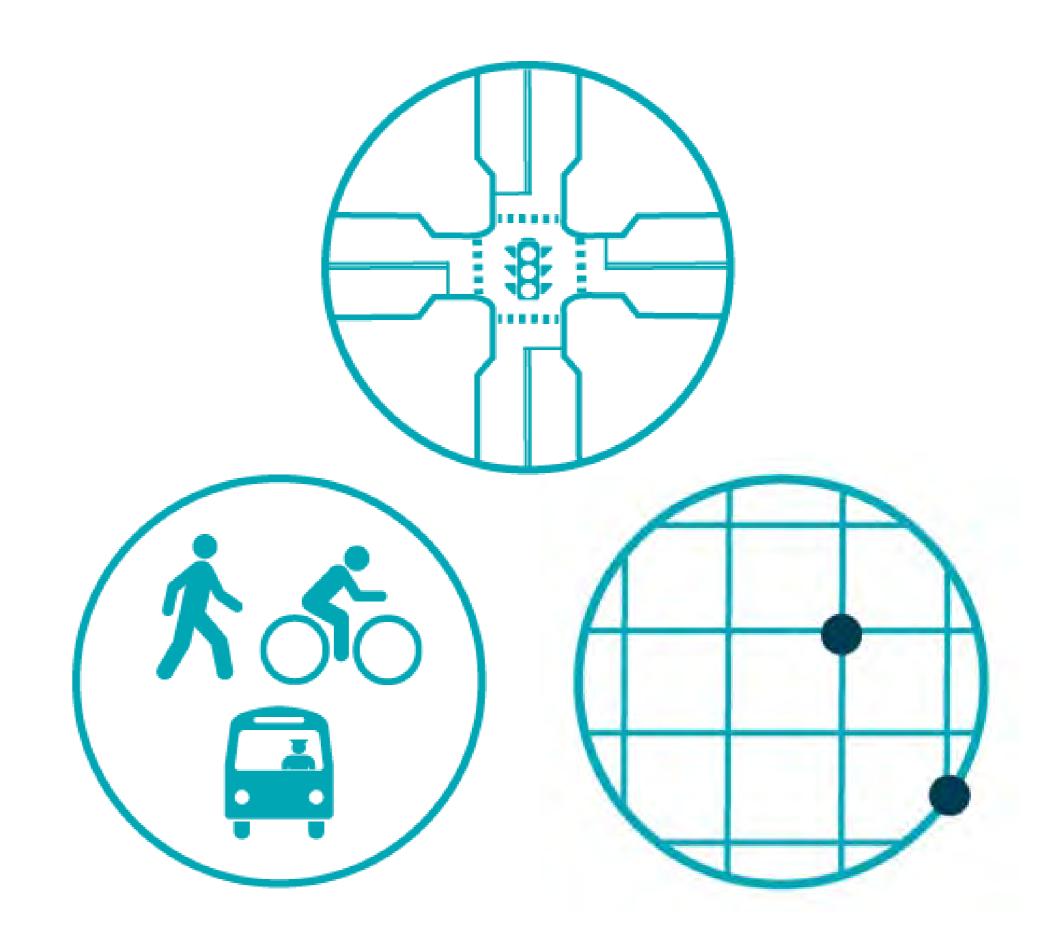




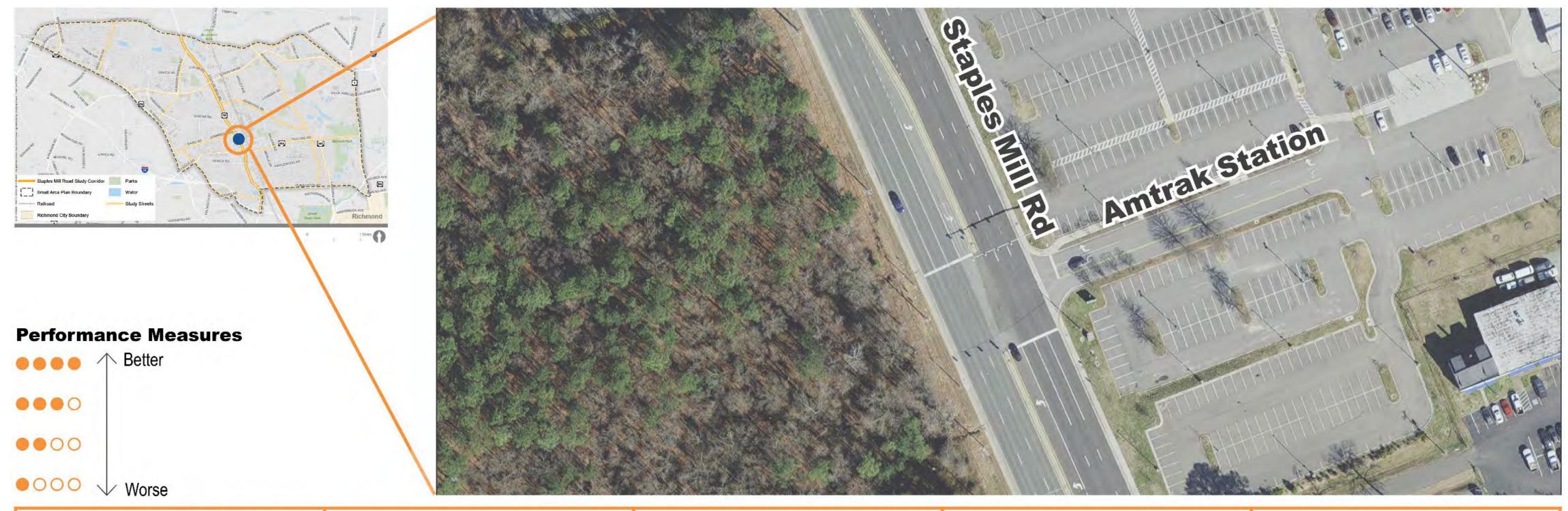


Signalized Intersection Operations Options

- Adjust signal timing
- Realign or add turn lanes
- Encourage mode shift through safety improvements and crosssection options
- Reduce strain on street network

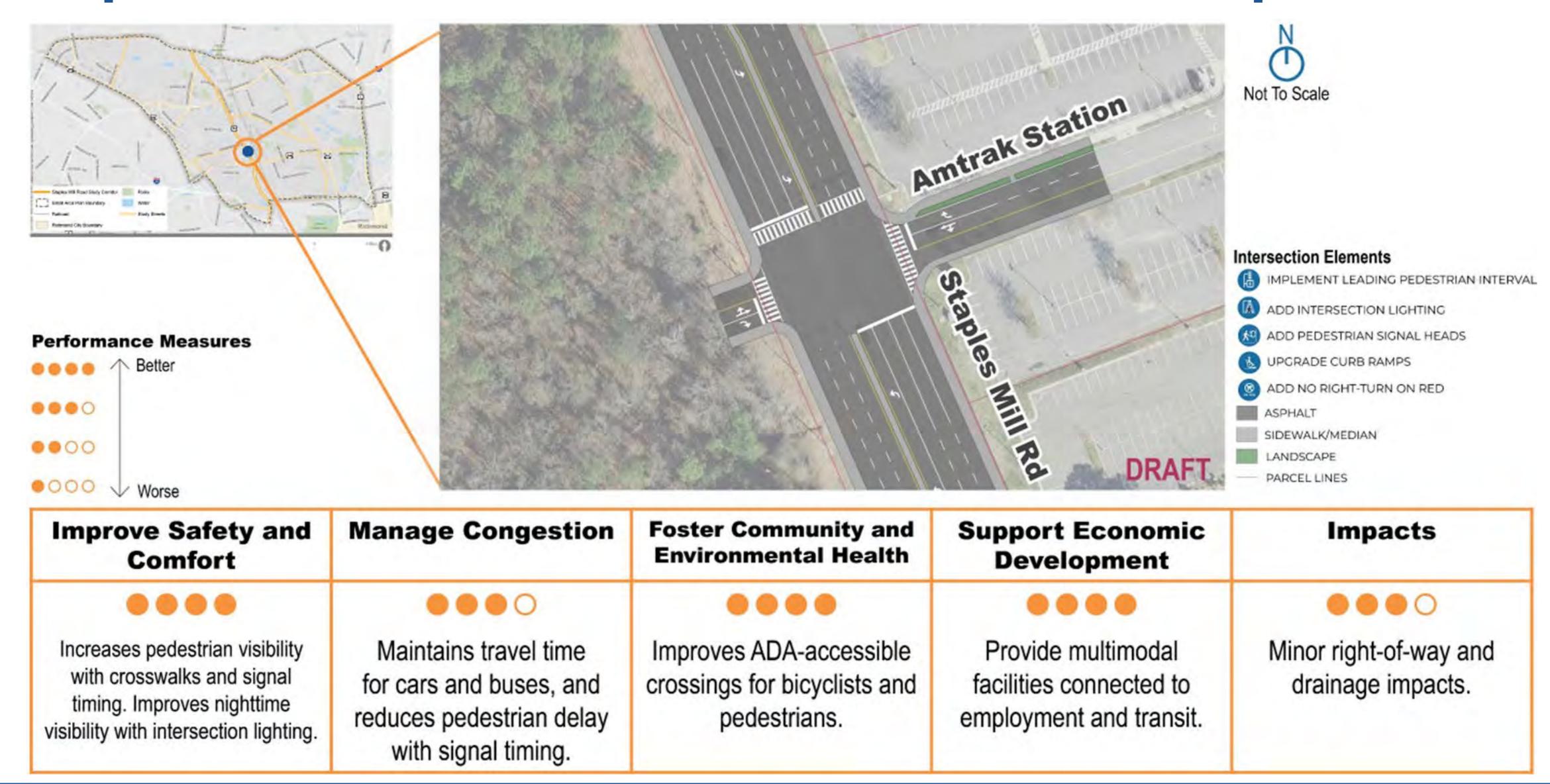


Staples Mill Road and Amtrak Station: Existing





Staples Mill Road and Amtrak Station: Concept



Staples Mill Road and East Parham Road: Existing



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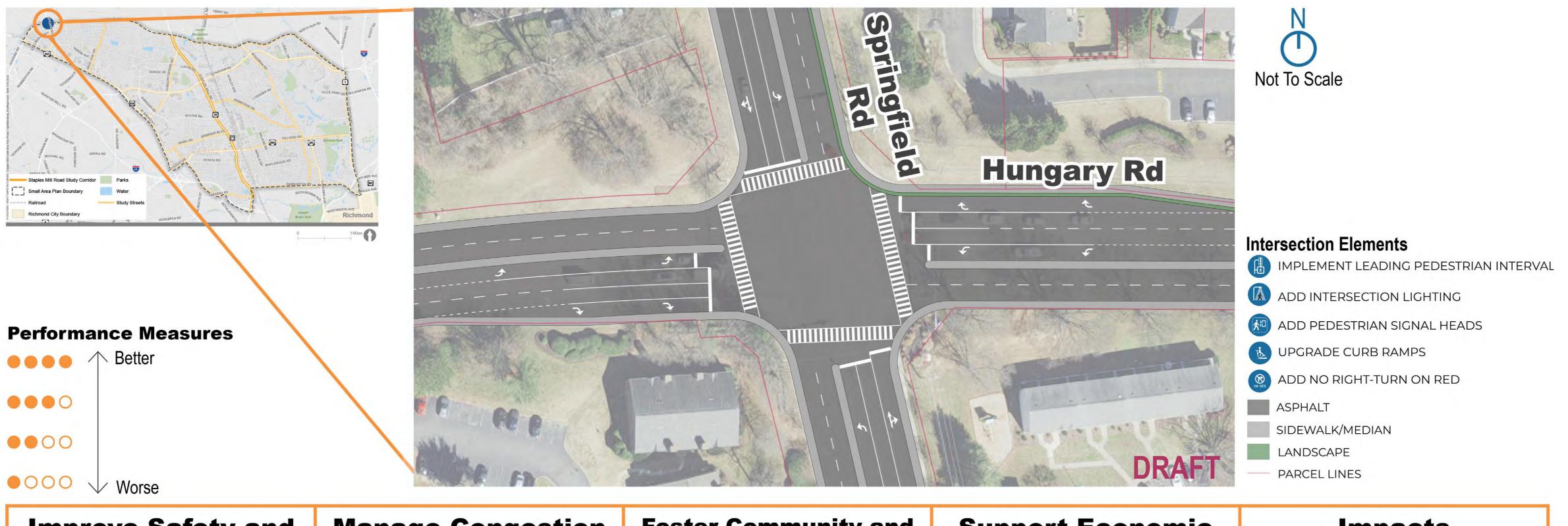
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Springfield Road and Gaskins Road/Hungary Road: Existing



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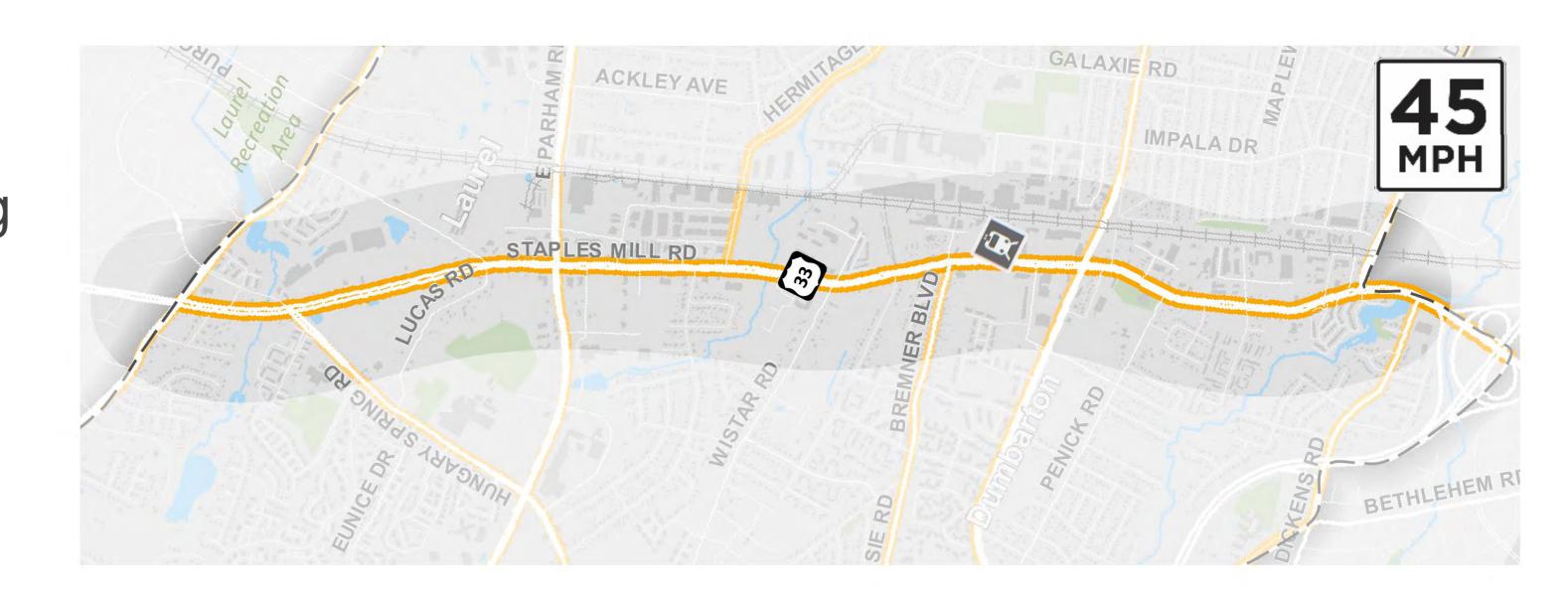


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Staples Mill Road Corridor

Corridor alternatives were developed based on:

- Land use context
 - Existing land use and zoning
- Transportation context
 - Functional class
 - Speed limit
 - Daily traffic volumes
 - Existing and recommended walking and biking facilities
- Available space
 - Right-of-way
 - Utilities and drainage





Corridor Issues and Opportunities

"It is extremely unsafe to walk to Broad Street or Staples Mill where some of the buses are. Should be sidewalks along these roads or some type of multi-use trail to get around."

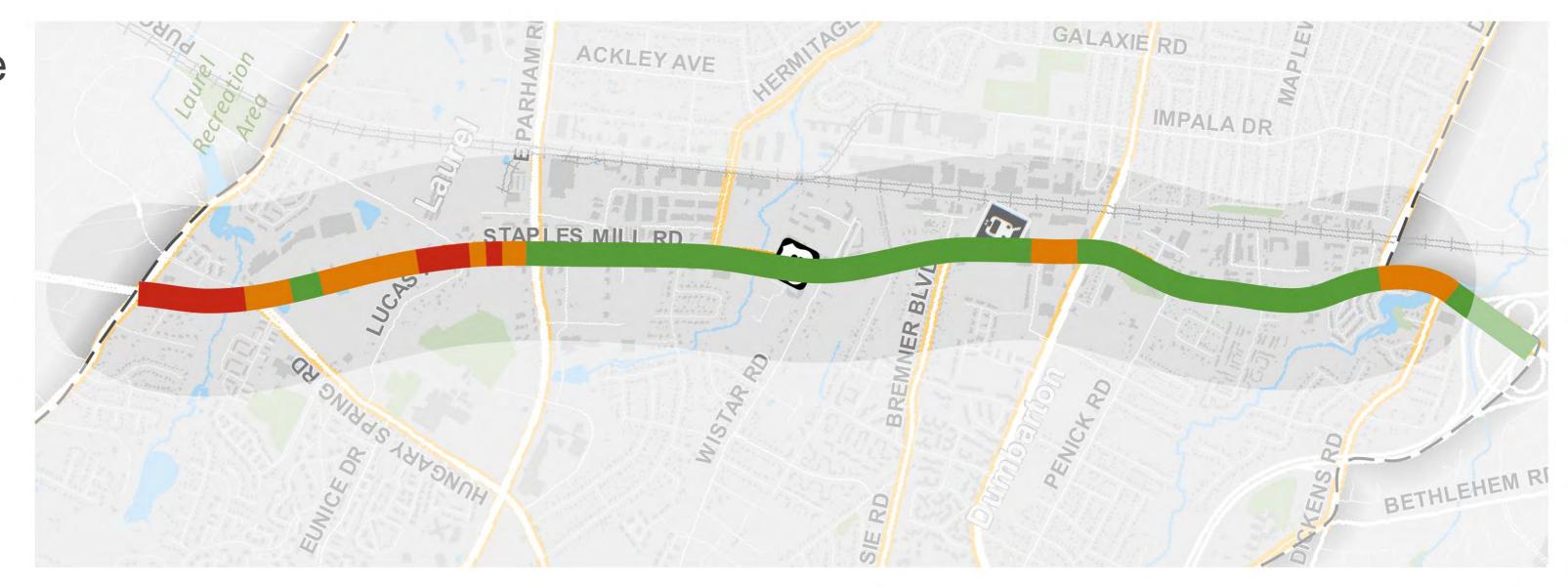
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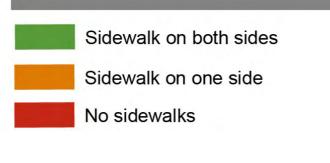
"Current community character lacks actual community. This area is built for cars, not people."

Issues and Opportunities Survey

"Creating a safe connection for bike/ped users would improve job access..."

Issues and Opportunities Survey





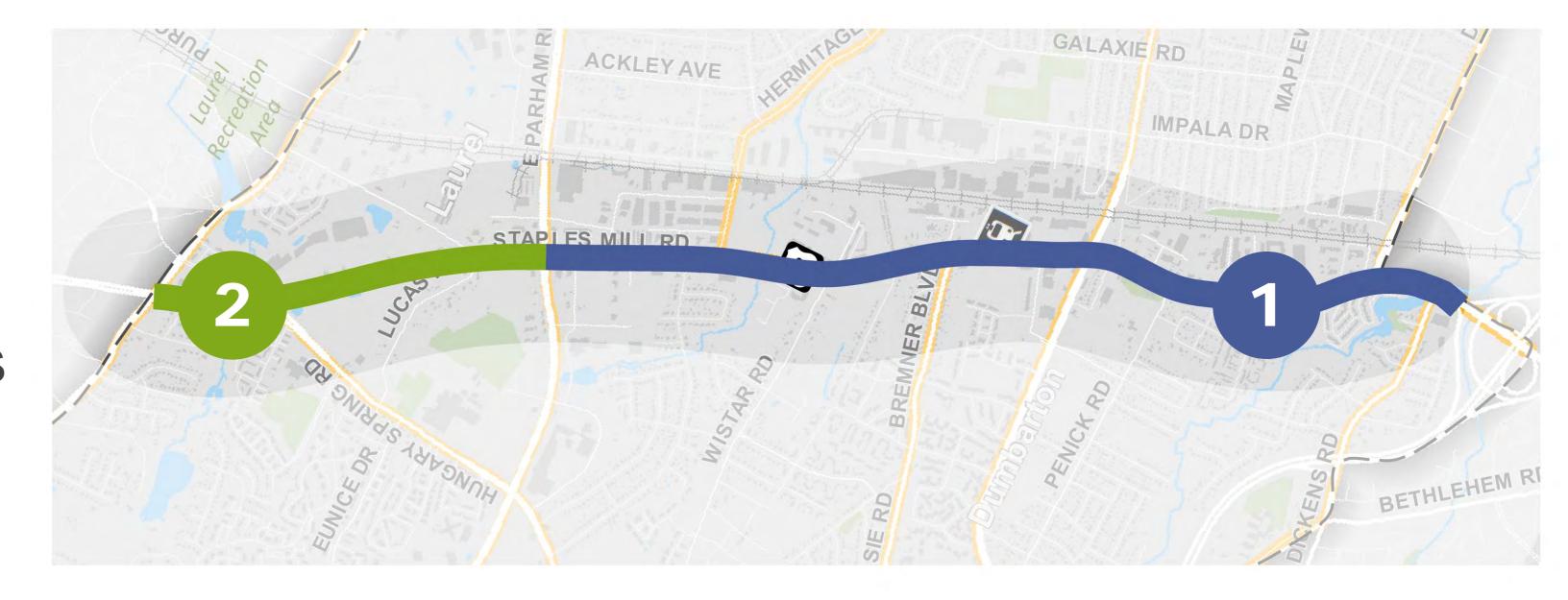


EXISTING CONDITIONS & OUTREACH



Cross Sections: Existing

- 1. South of E Parham Road: Three through lanes with median separation.
- 2. North of E Parham Road: Two through lanes with median separation.
- Turn lanes are provided at intersections and major driveways.







Cross Section Options: Curbside Transit (South of E Parham)

1. Curbside Transit

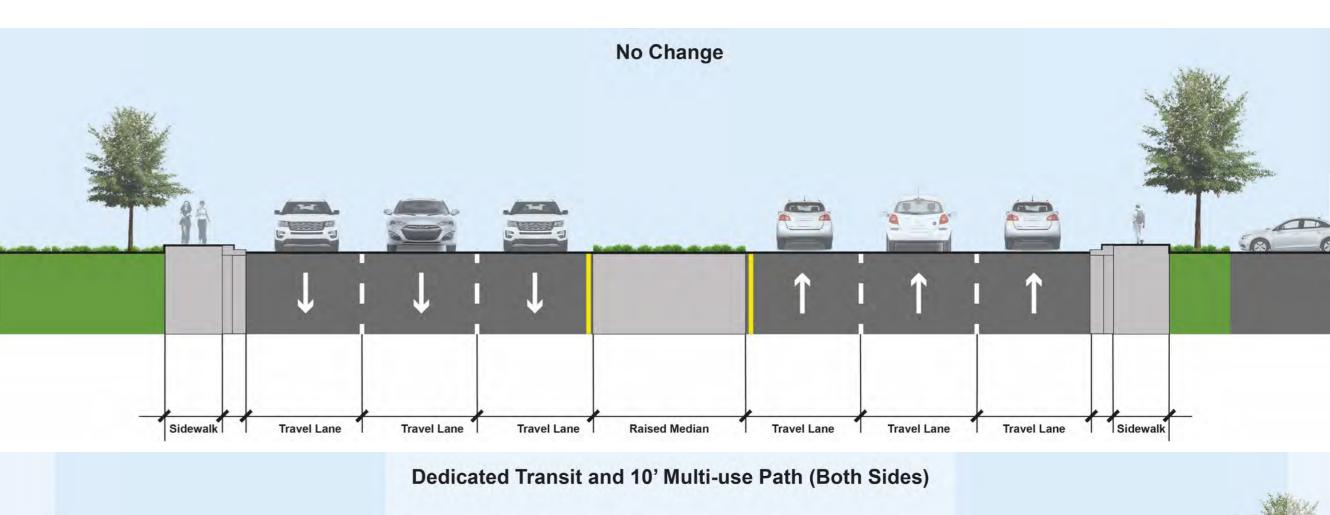
- Reallocate through travel lane to bus-only lane
- Maintain median, turn lanes
- 11' Vehicle travel lanes

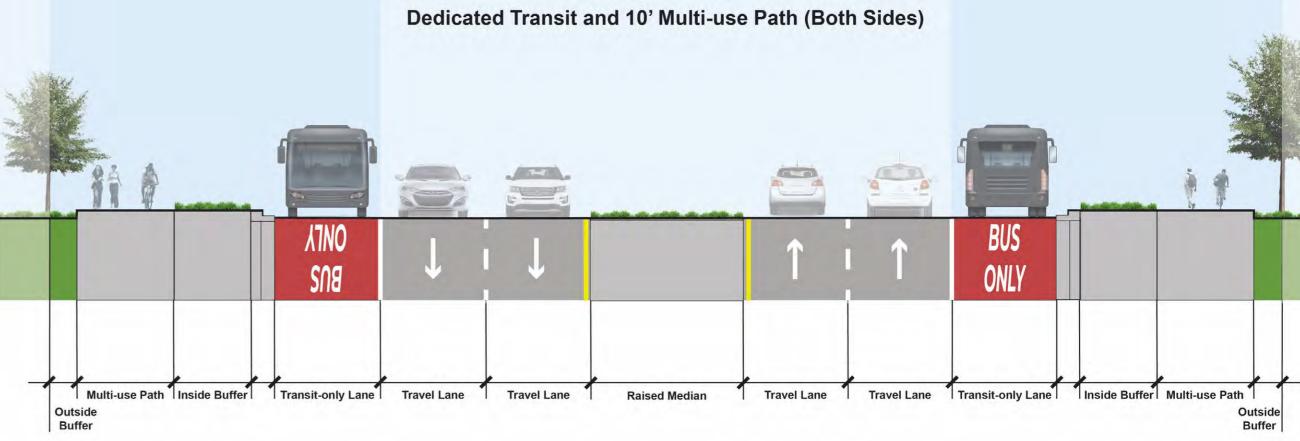
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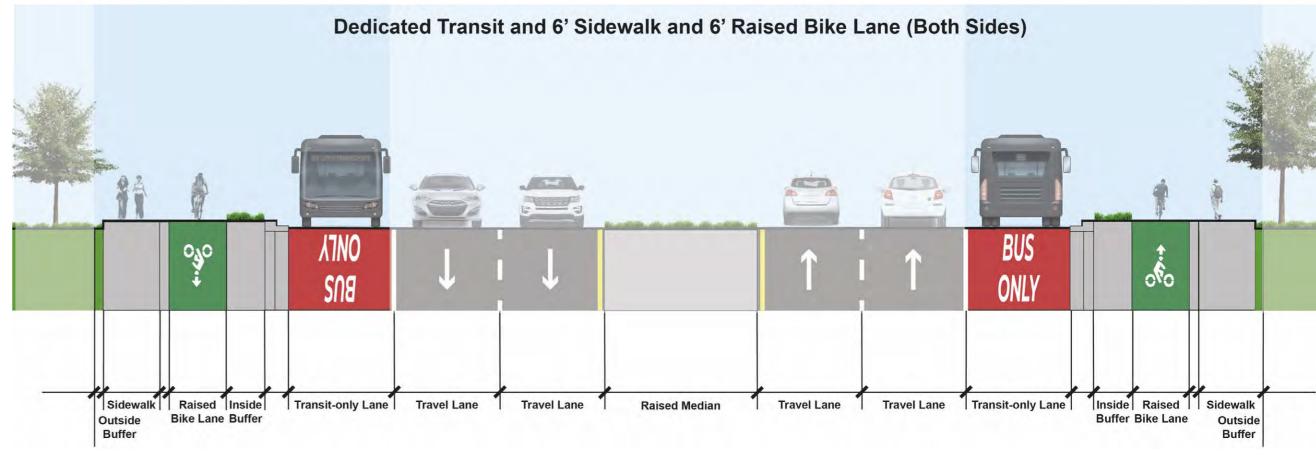
A. Shared use path

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B. Raised bicycle lane and sidewalk





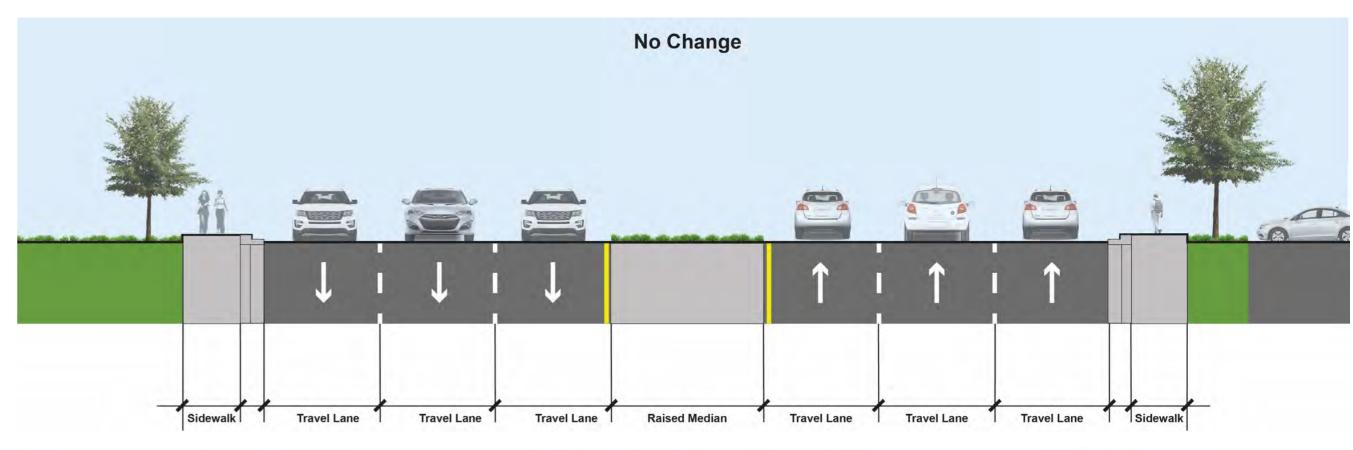


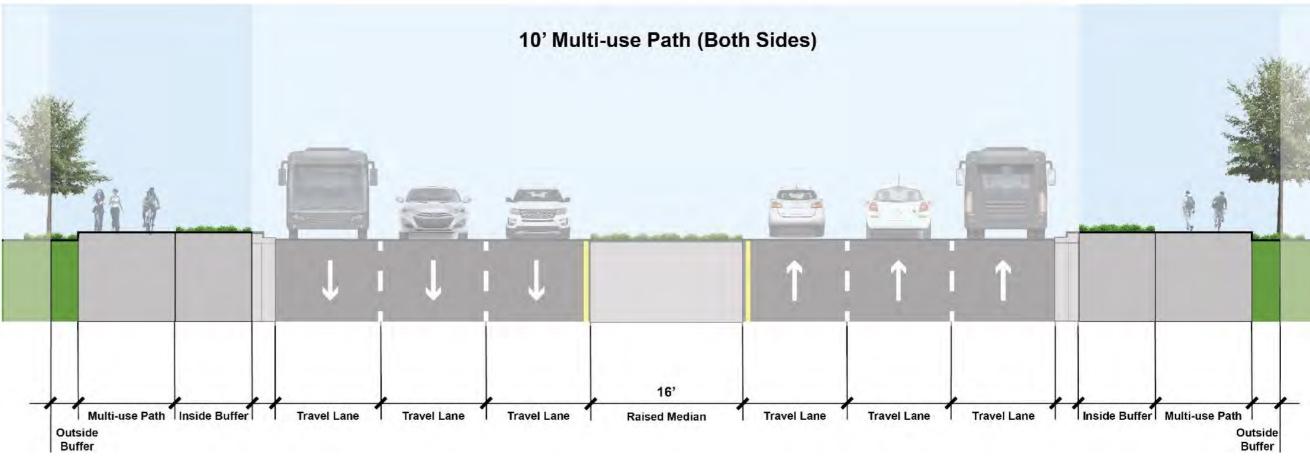
Cross Section Options: Mixed Transit (South of E Parham)

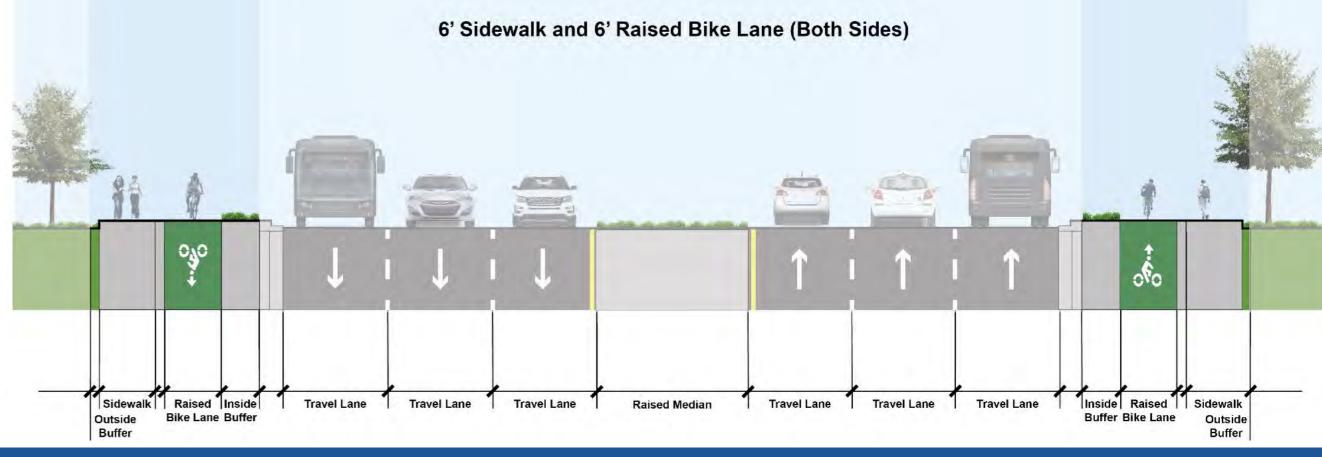
2. Mixed Transit

Bicycle and Pedestrian:

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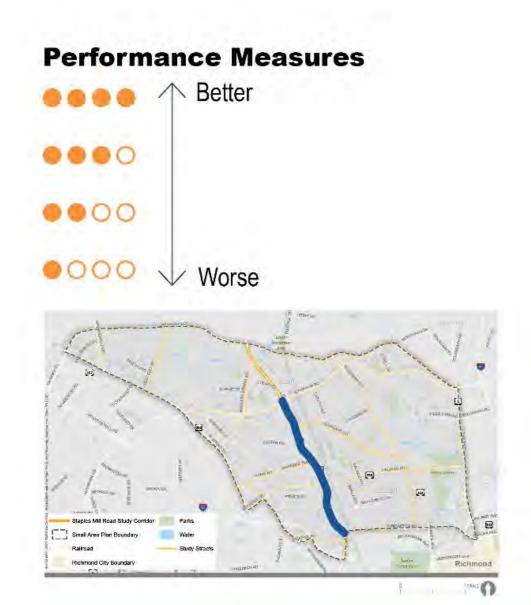


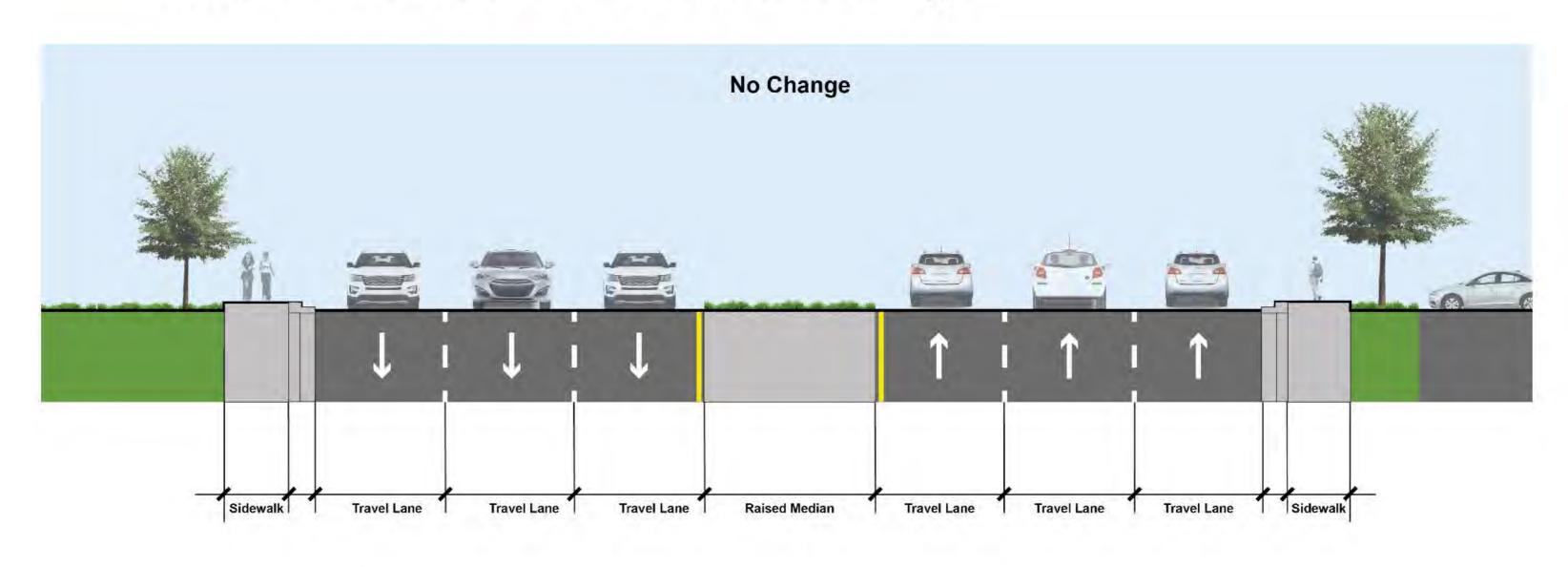


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Cross Section Option: No Change

South of E Parham Road: Existing

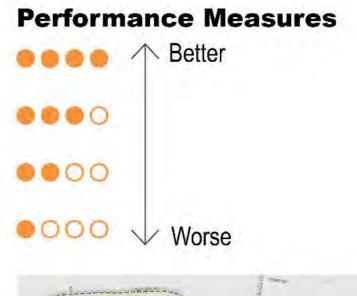


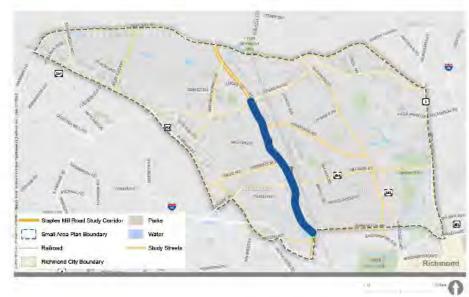


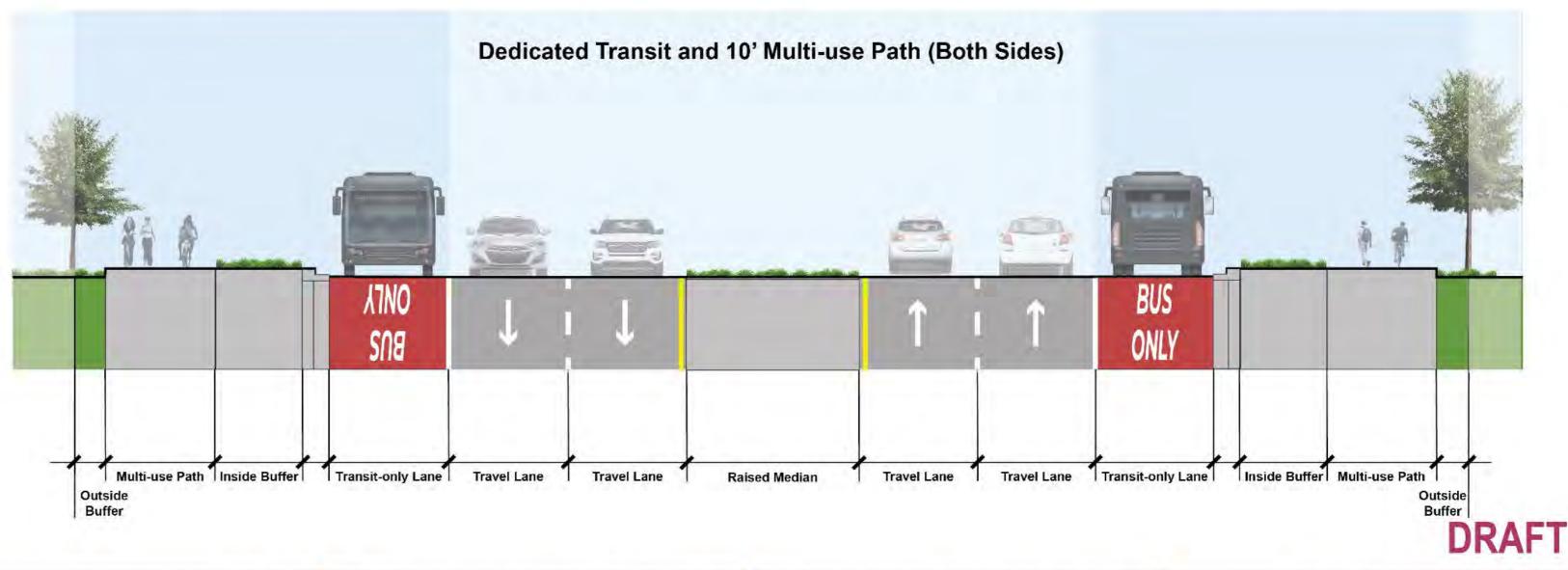
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No buffer between non-motorized users and motorists.	Buses experience slower travel times in general purpose lanes.	ADA-accessible facilities are missing on one or both sides of the street.	Sidewalk is disconnected from employment and transit.	No right-of-way impacts or drainage impacts

Cross Section Option 1A: Curbside Transit

South of E Parham Road: Shared Use Path and Curbside Transit Lane







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Exclusive curbside transit lane separates non-motorized users from motorists.	Buses experience reliable, faster travel times in dedicated lanes, and motorists experience increased travel times during rush hour.	ADA-accessible facilities are present on both sides of the street.	Shared-use path is connected to employment and exclusive curbside transit lane in both directions.	Minor right-of-way and drainage impacts.

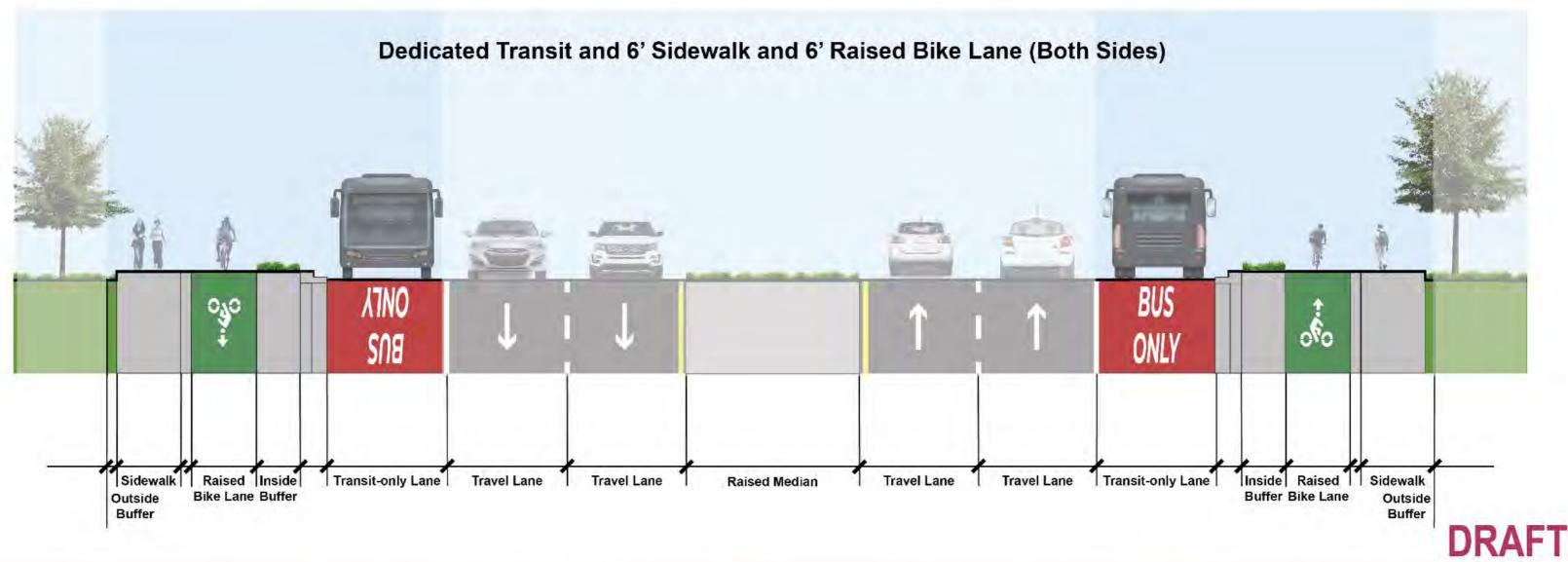
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Cross Section Option 1B: Curbside Transit

South of E Parham Road: Sidewalk, Bike Lane, and Curbside Transit Lane

Performance Measures Better Worse



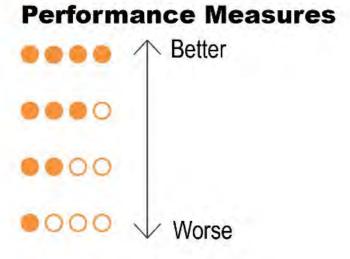


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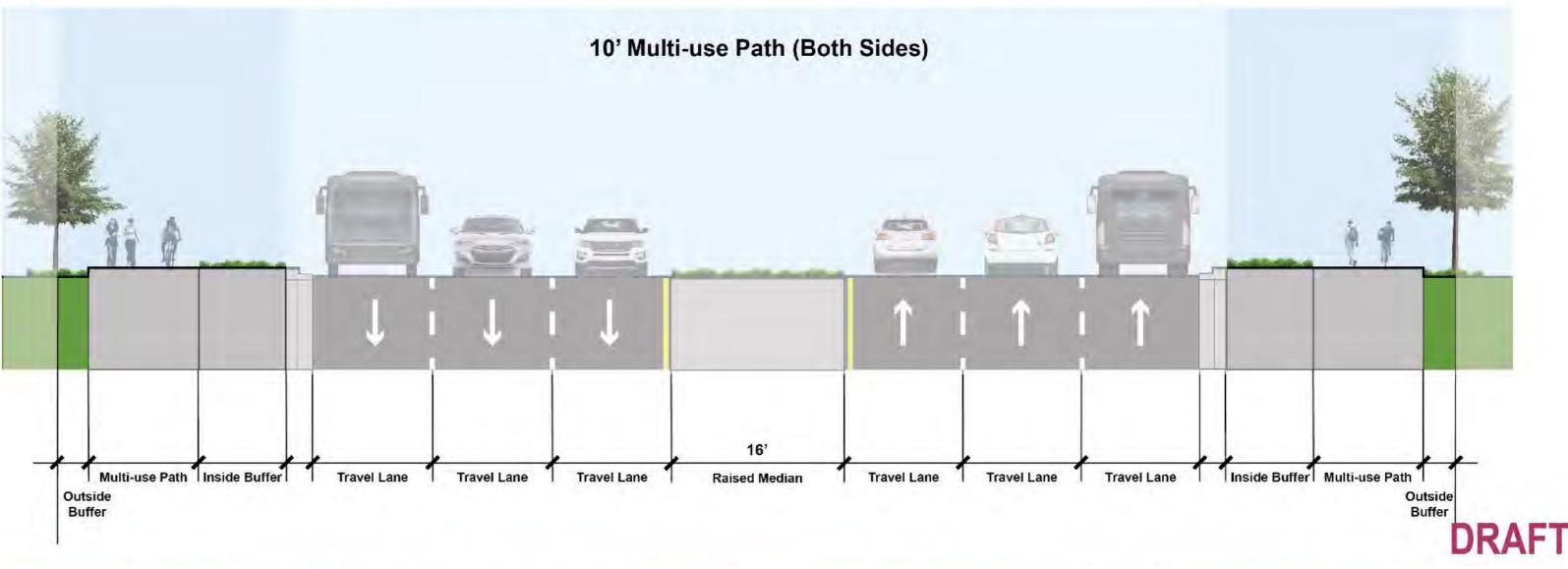
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Cross Section Option 2A: Mixed Transit

South of E Parham Road: Shared Use Path and Mixed Transit Lane







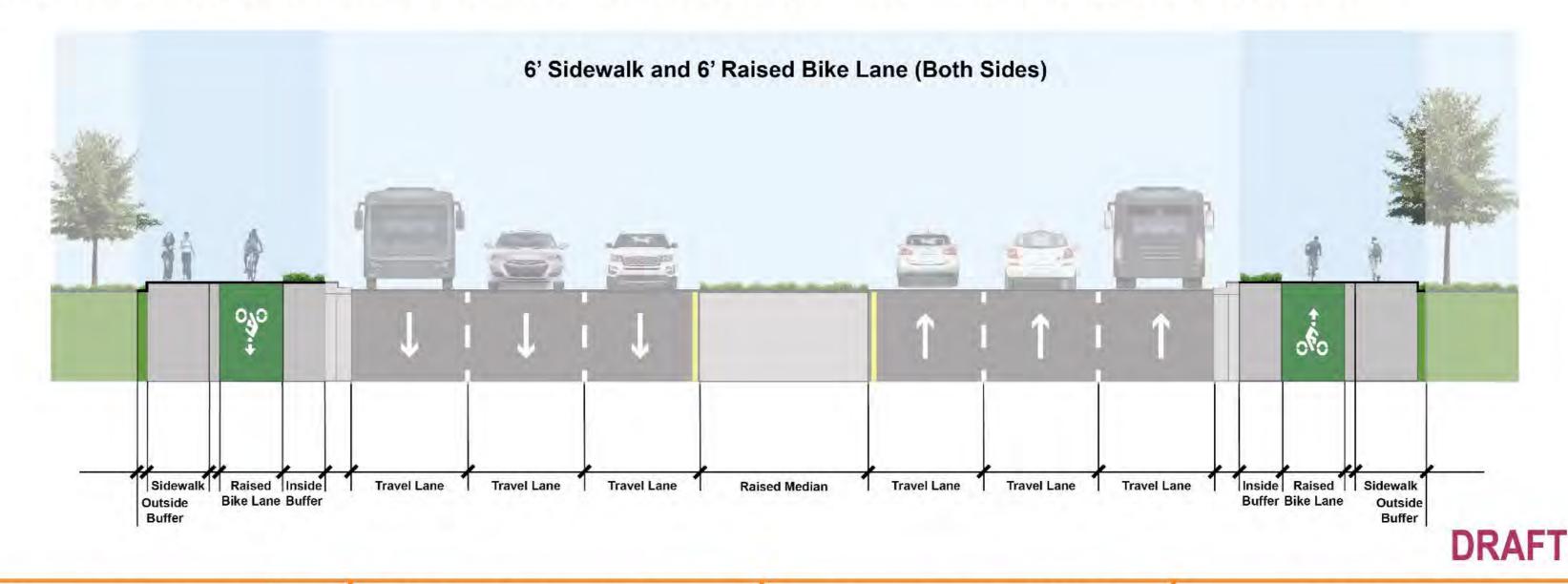
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Buffer between non- motorized users and motorists for some of street segment.	Shared-use path encourages bicycle and pedestrian use.	ADA-accessible facilities are present on both sides of the street.	Shared-use path is connected to employment and curbside mixed bus-traffic lane in both directions.	Minor right-of-way and drainage impacts.

Cross Section Option 2B: Mixed Transit

South of E Parham Road: Sidewalk, Bike Lane, and Mixed Transit Lane







Improve Safety and Comfort

Buffer between non-motorized users and motorists for some of street segment.

Manage Congestion

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Continuous sidewalk and separated bicycle facility encourage bicycle and pedestrian use.

Foster Community and Environmental Health



ADA-accessible facilities are present on both sides of the street.

Support Economic Development



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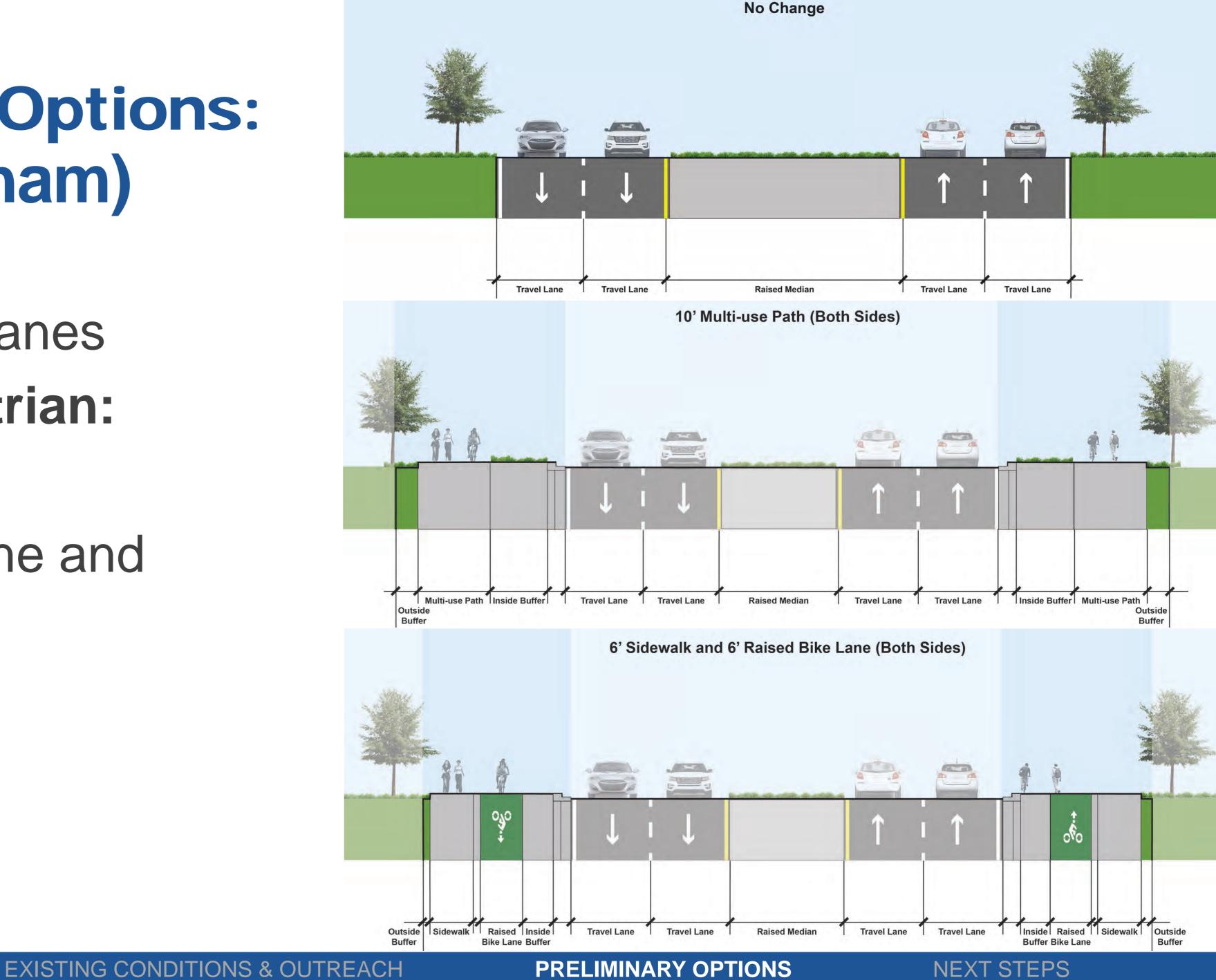
Minor right-of-way and drainage impacts.

Cross Section Options: (North of E Parham)

• 11' Vehicle travel lanes

Bicycle and Pedestrian:

- A. Shared use path
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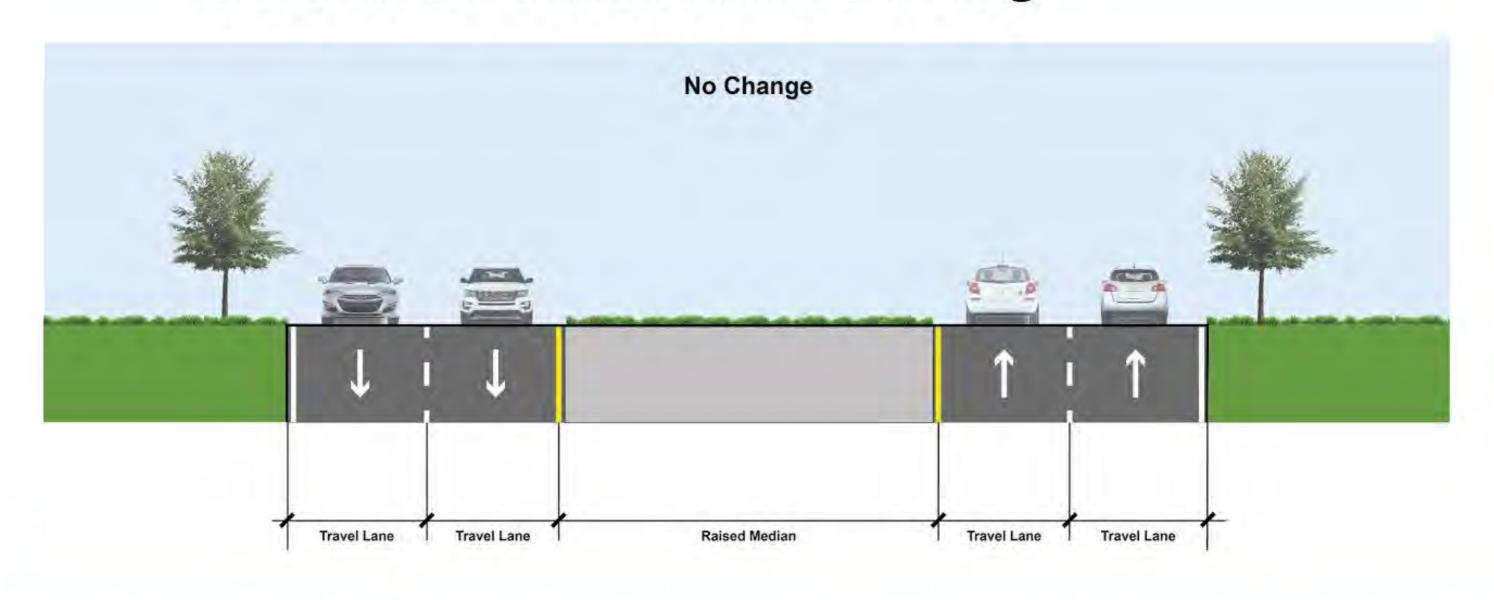


Cross Section: No Change

North of E Parham Road: Existing







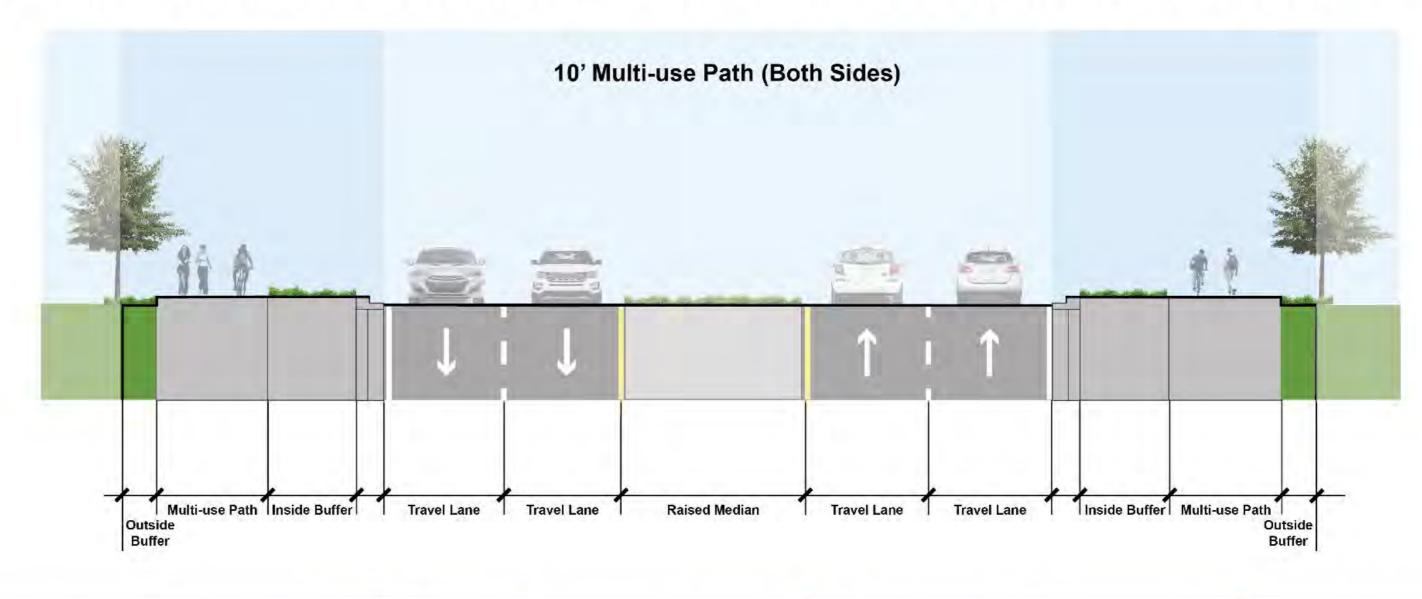
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Cross Section Option A

North of E Parham Road: Shared Use Path and Mixed Transit Lane

Performance Measures Better Worse



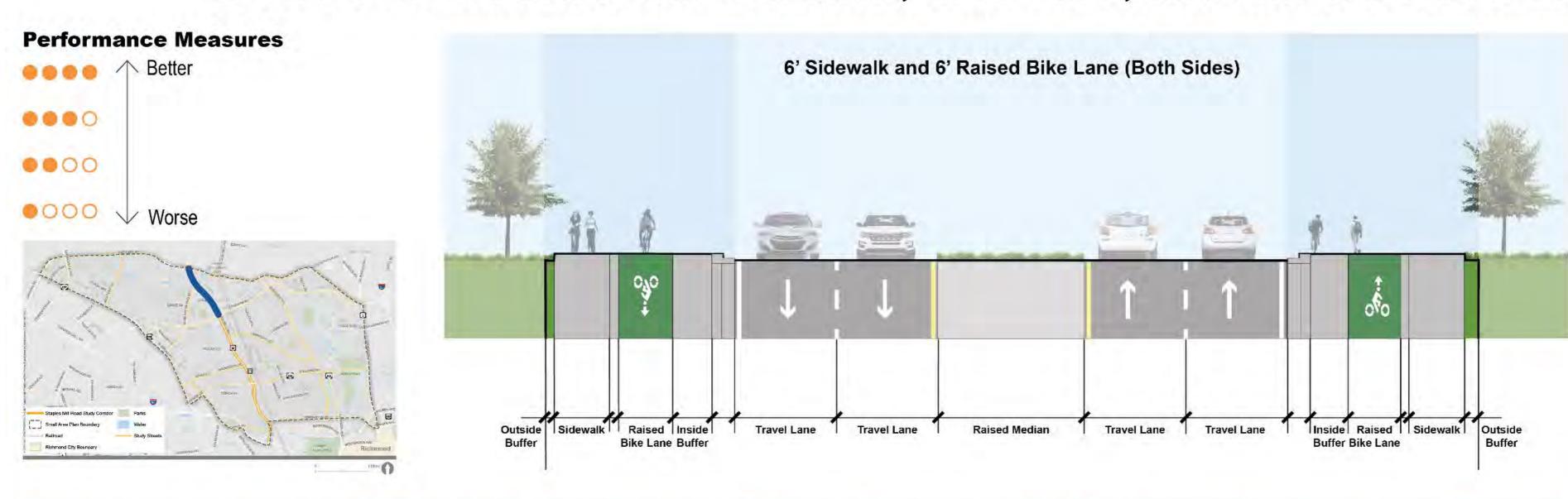


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Cross Section Option B

North of E Parham Road: Sidewalk, Bike Lane, and Mixed Transit Lane



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Next Steps

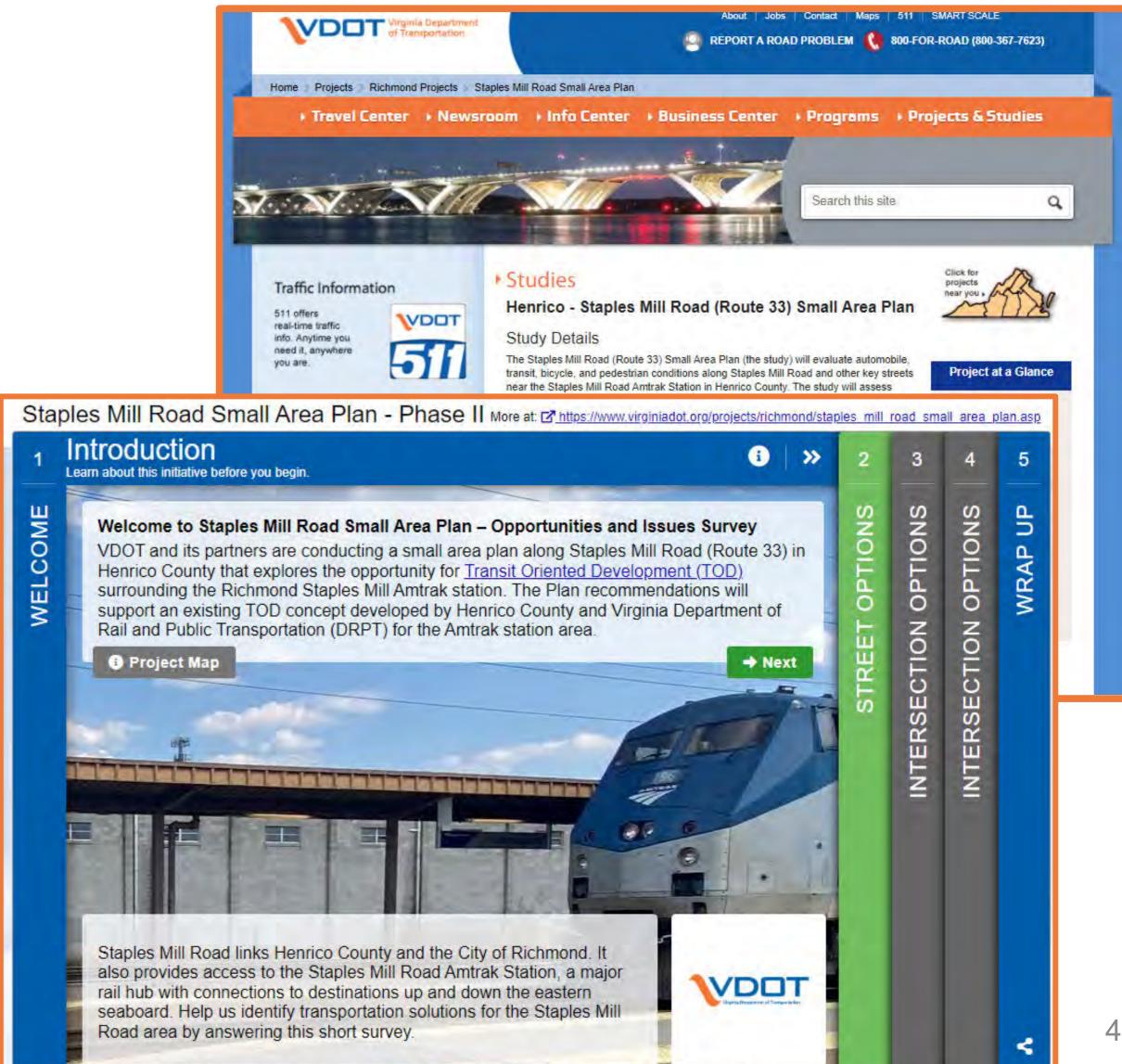


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 Download and read study documents

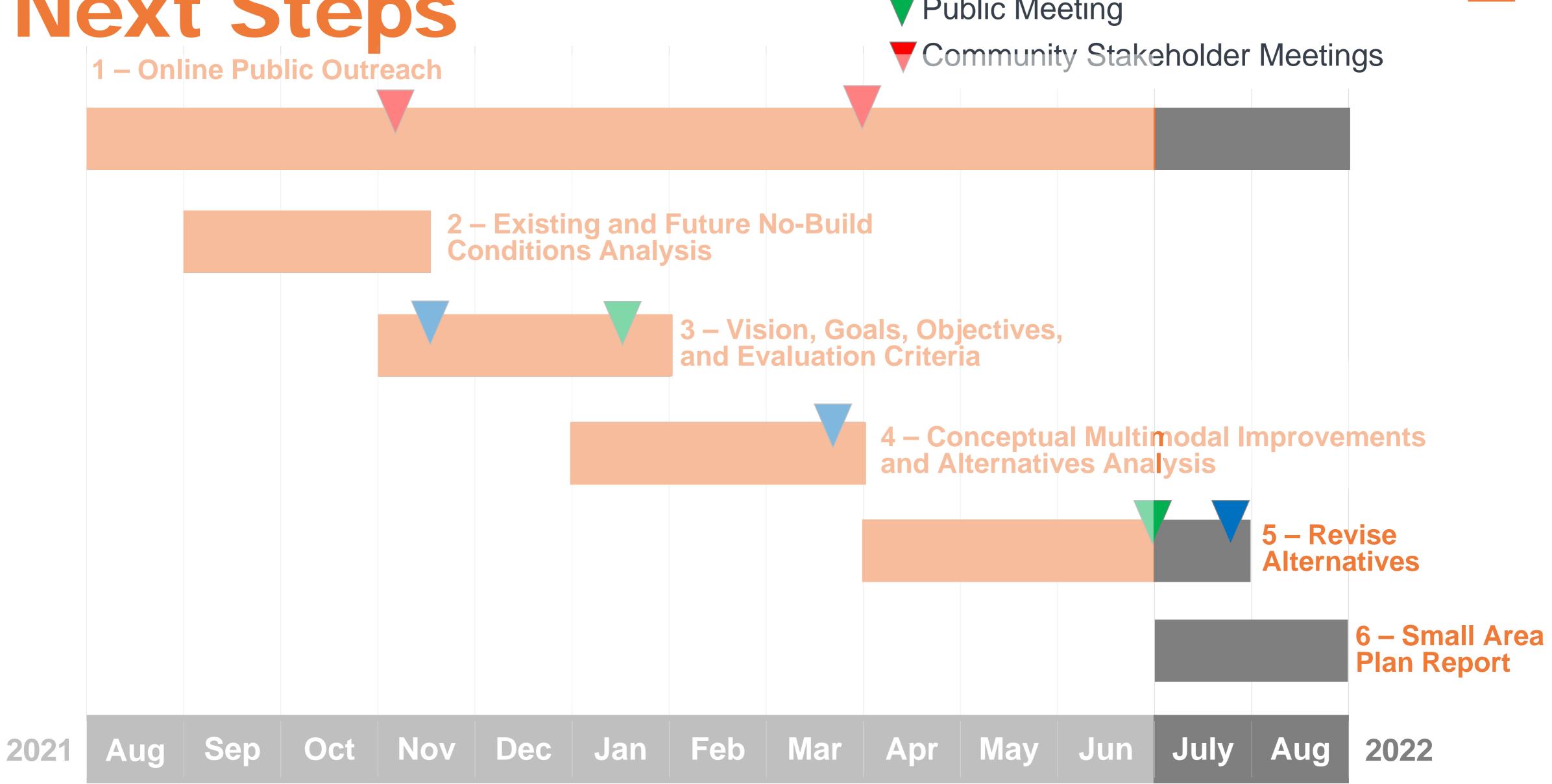






Public Meeting

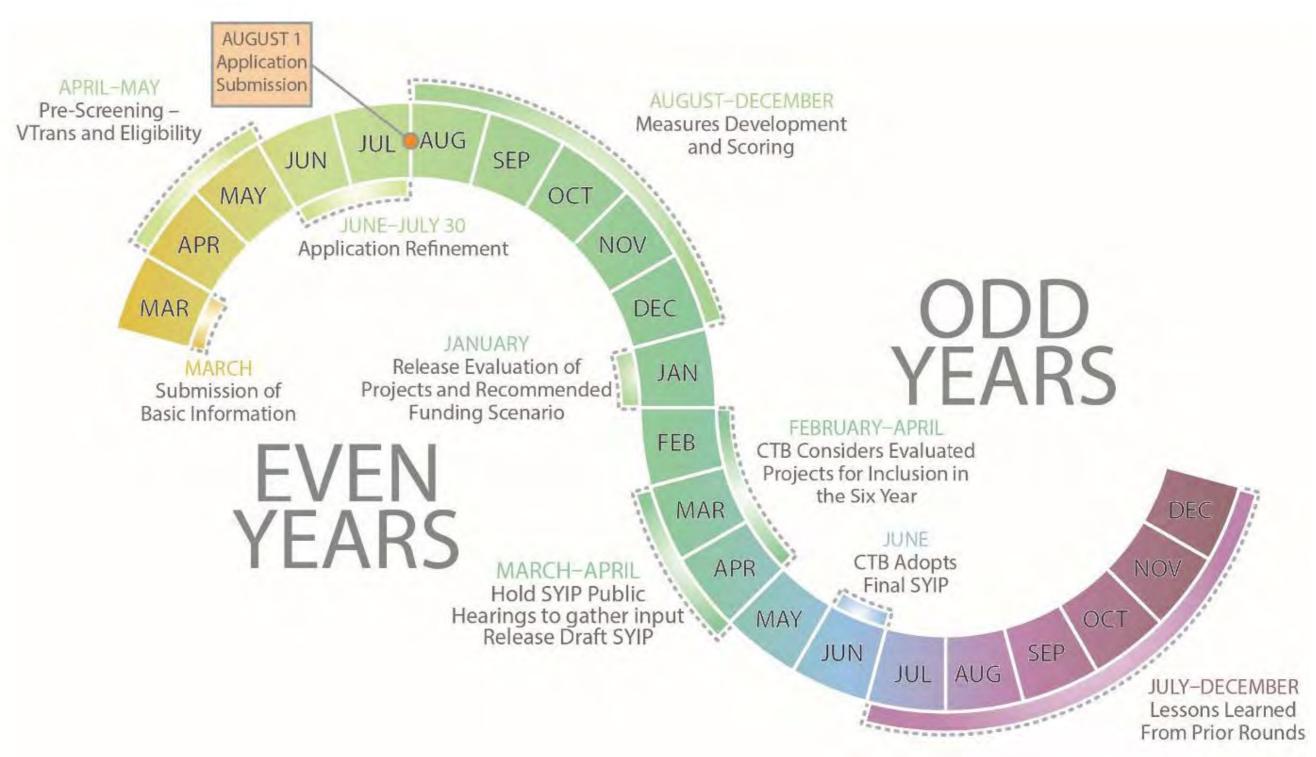
Stakeholder Group Meeting



After the Study

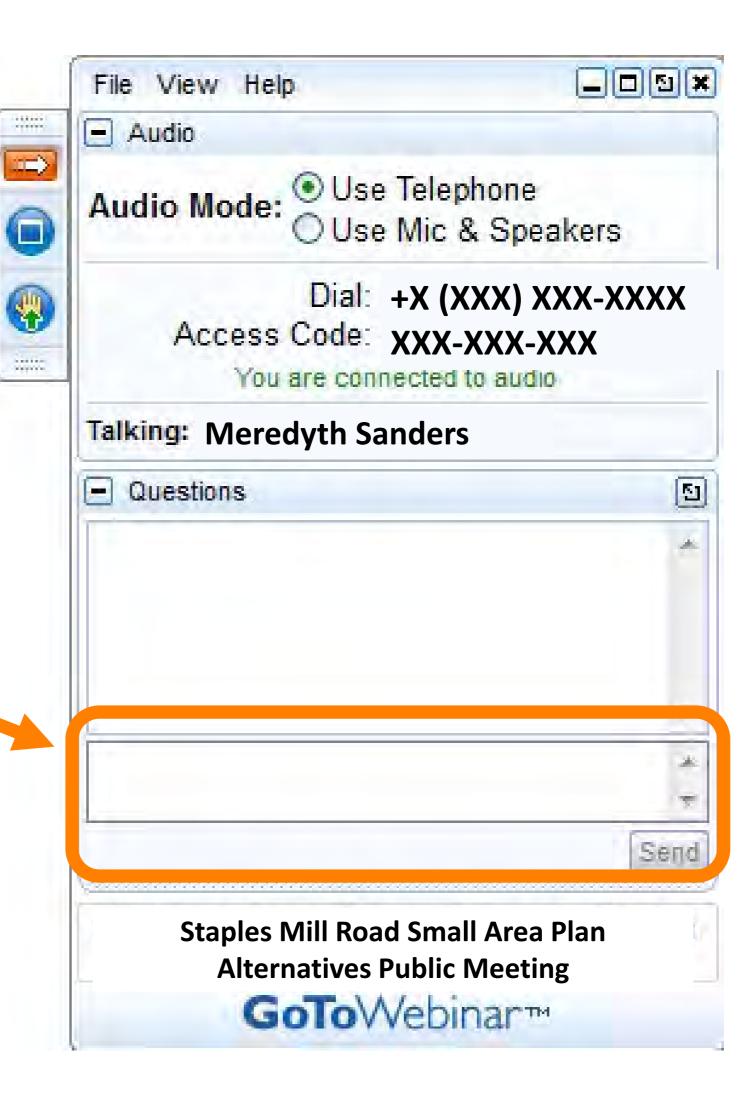
- 1. Secure funding for project(s)
 - Available VDOT funds
 - SMART SCALE program
- 2. Alternative refinement
 - Design
 - Environmental analysis
 - Community engagement
- 3. Construction (timeline varies)

SMART SCALE Biennial Cycle



Question & Answer

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Q&A Discussion



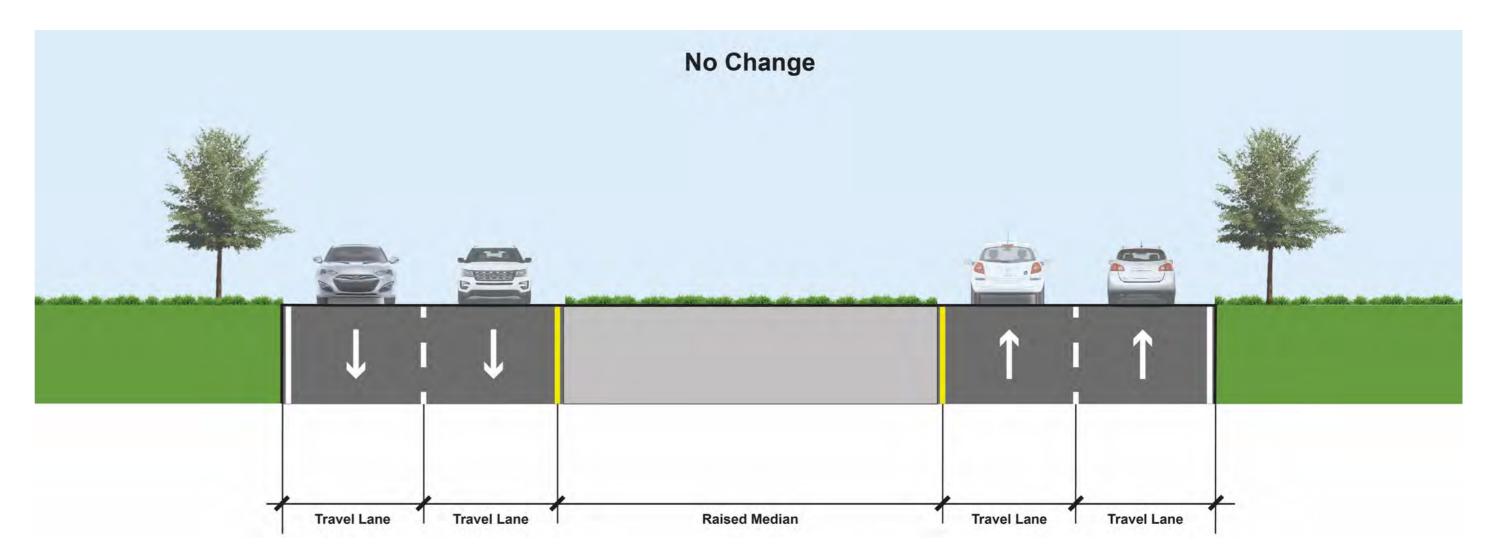
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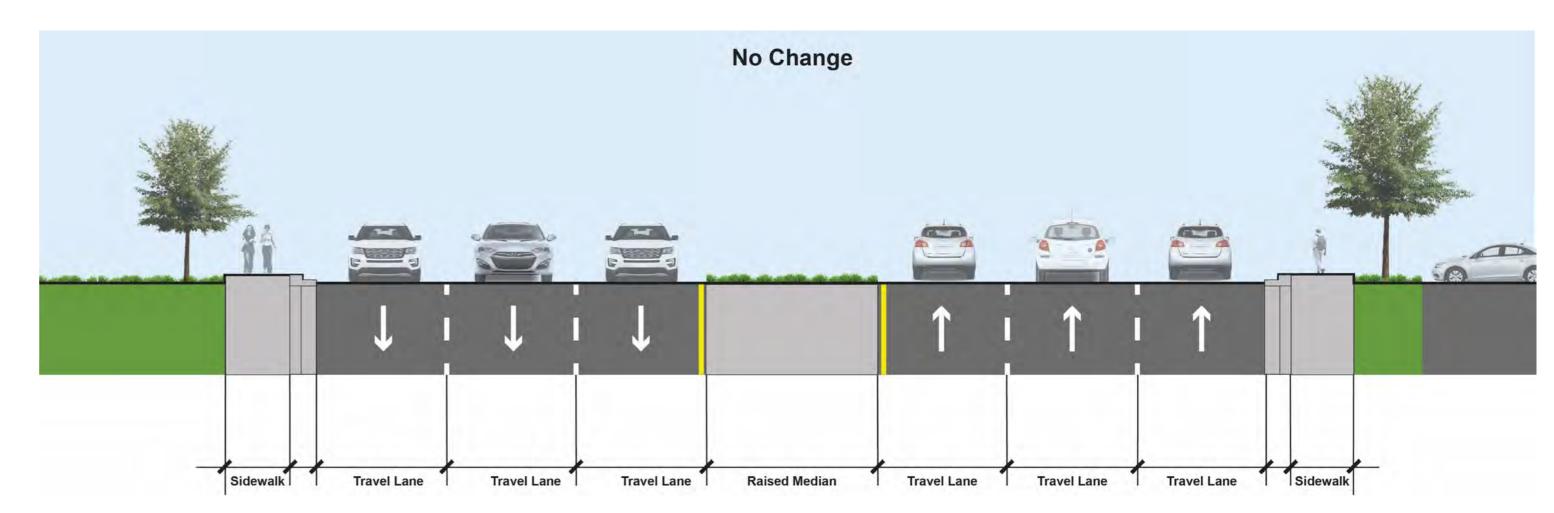
North of E Parham Road

- A. Shared use path
- B. Raised bike lane and sidewalk

South of E Parham Road

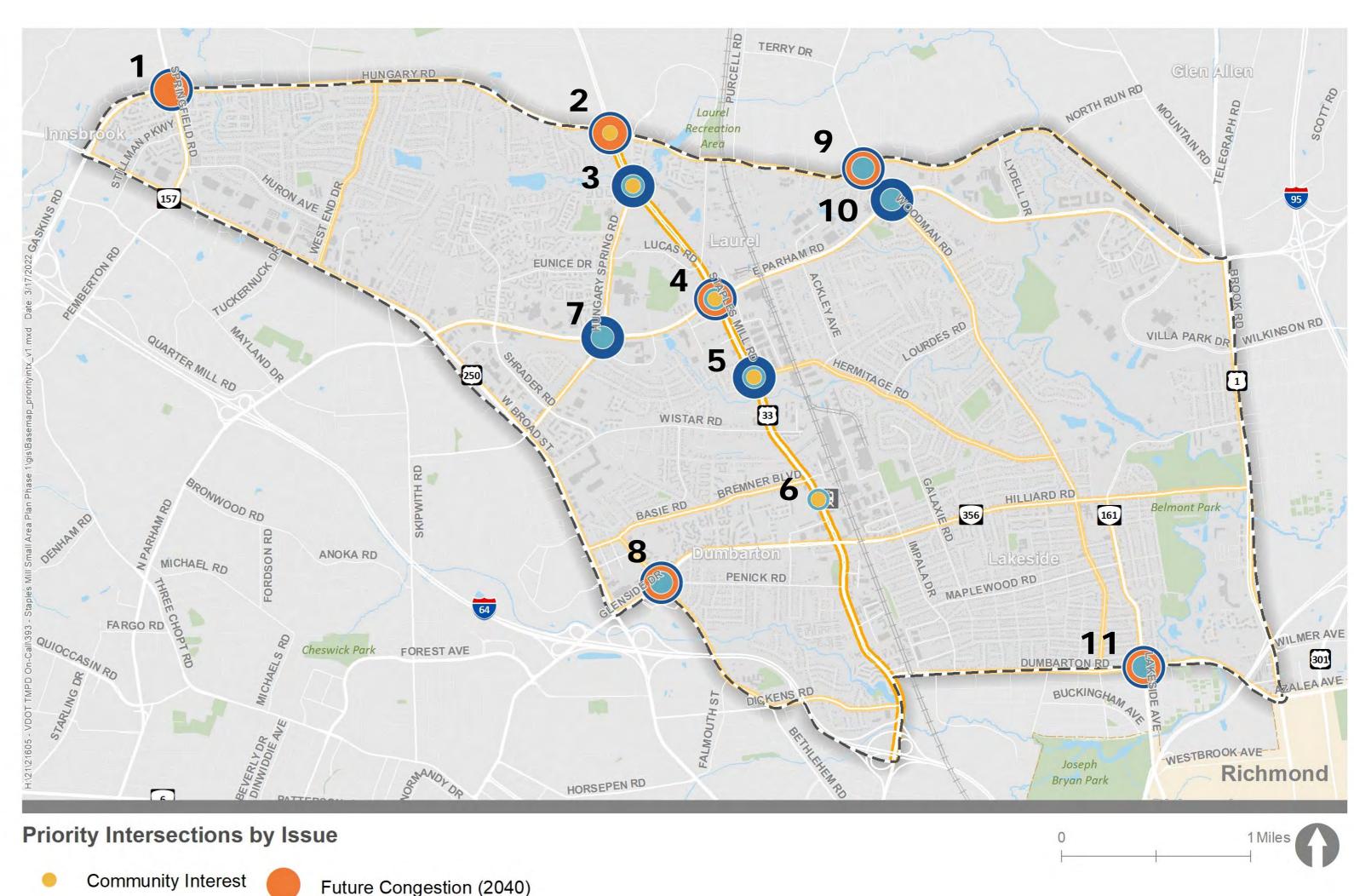
- 1. Curbside Transit
 - A. Shared use path
 - B. Raised bike lane and sidewalk
- 2. Mixed Transit
 - A. Shared use path
 - B. Raised bike lane and sidewalk





Intersection Options - Feedback & Discussion

- Springfield Rd and Gaskins Rd/Hungary Rd
- 2. Staples Mill Rd and Hungary Rd
- 3. Staples Mill Rd & Hungary Spring Rd
- 4. Staples Mill Rd & E. Parham Rd
- 5. Staples Mill Rd & Hermitage Rd/Commercial Ent.
- 6. Staples Mill Rd & Amtrak Station
- 7. E. Parham Rd & Hungary Spring Rd
- 8. Glenside Dr & Bethlehem Rd
- 9. Hungary Rd and Woodman Rd
- 10. E. Parham Rd and Woodman Rd
- 11. Lakeside Ave and Dumbarton Rd



TOD Proximity

Safety Concerns

Thank you!

For more information

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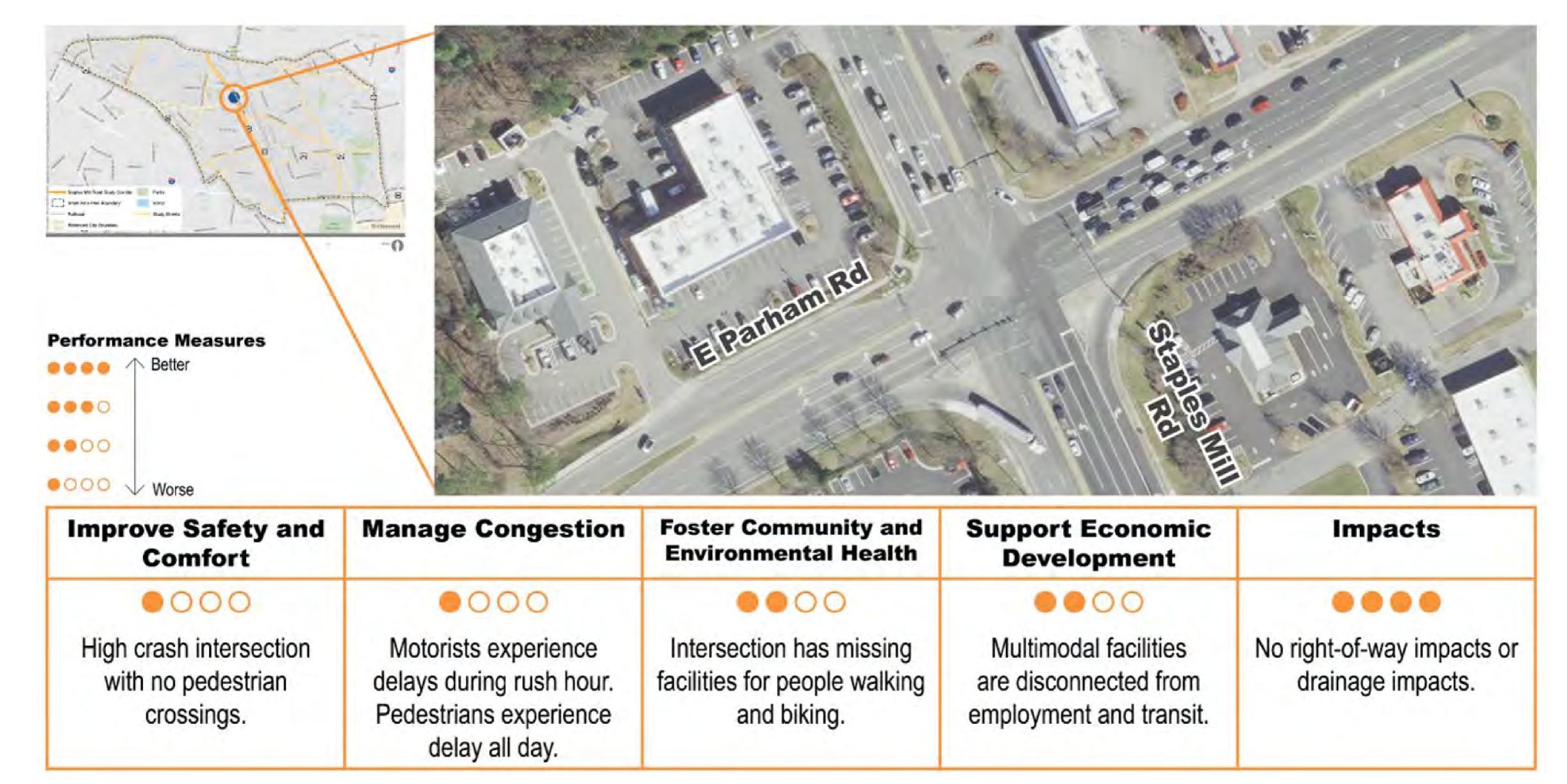
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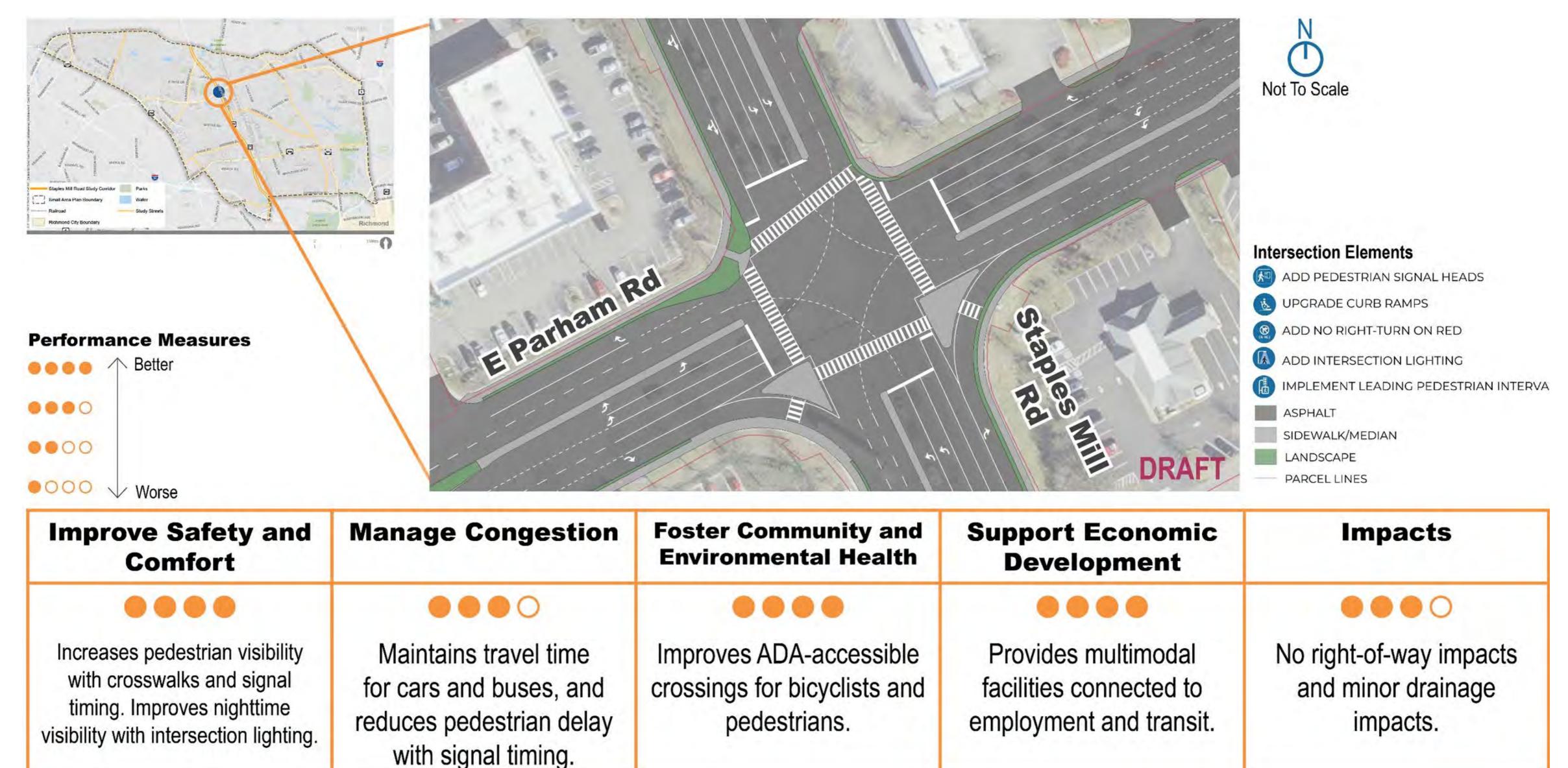
Intersection Options



Staples Mill Road and East Parham Road: Existing



Staples Mill Road and East Parham Road: Concept

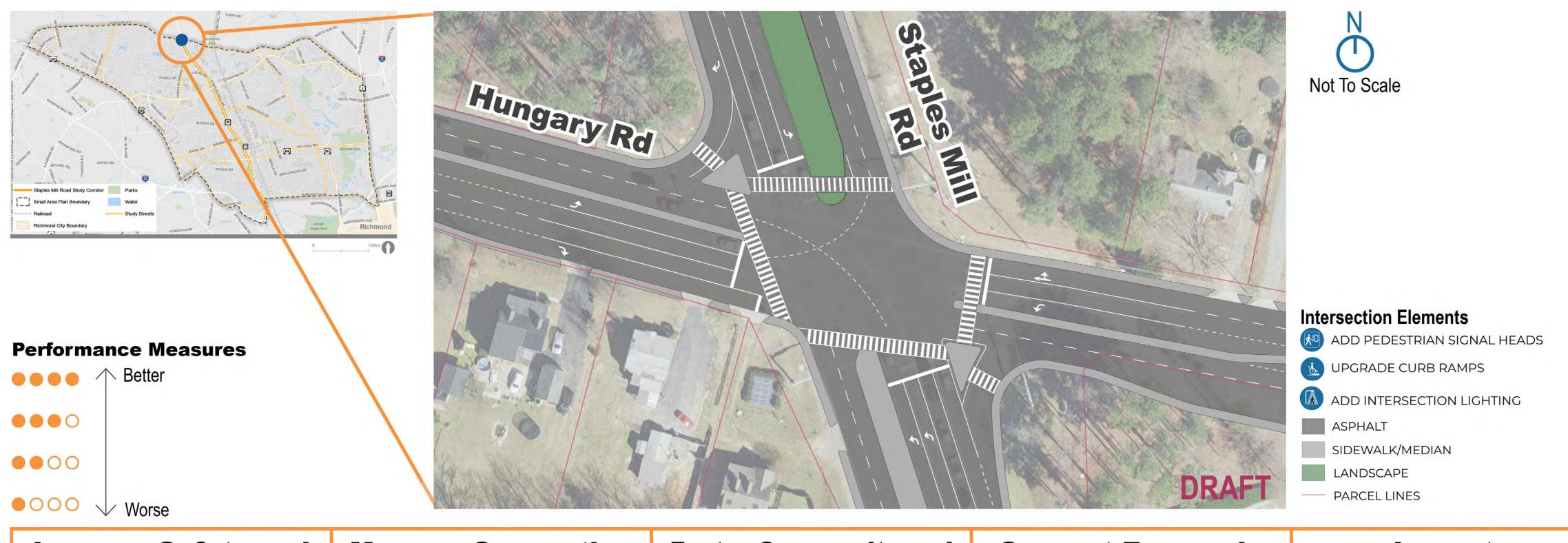


Staples Mill Road and Hungary Road: Existing



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Staples Mill Road and Hungary Road: Concept



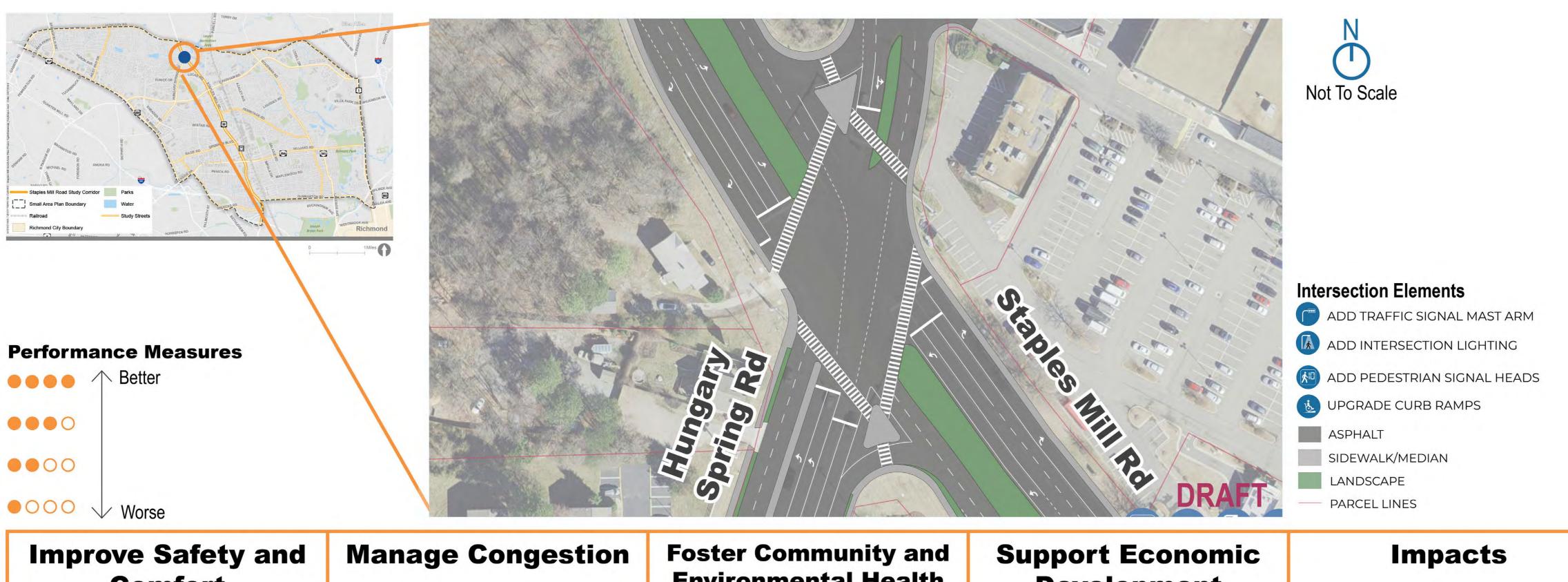
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Staples Mill Road and Hungary Spring Road: Existing



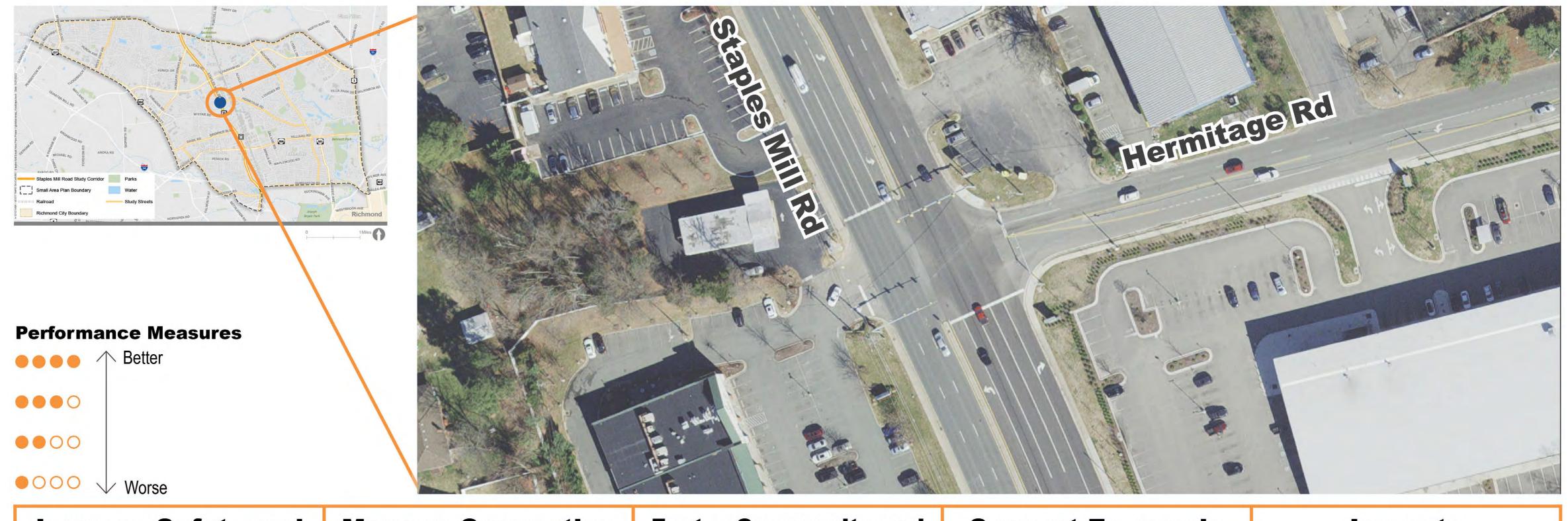
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Staples Mill Road and Hermitage Road: Existing



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Staples Mill Road and Hermitage Road: Concept

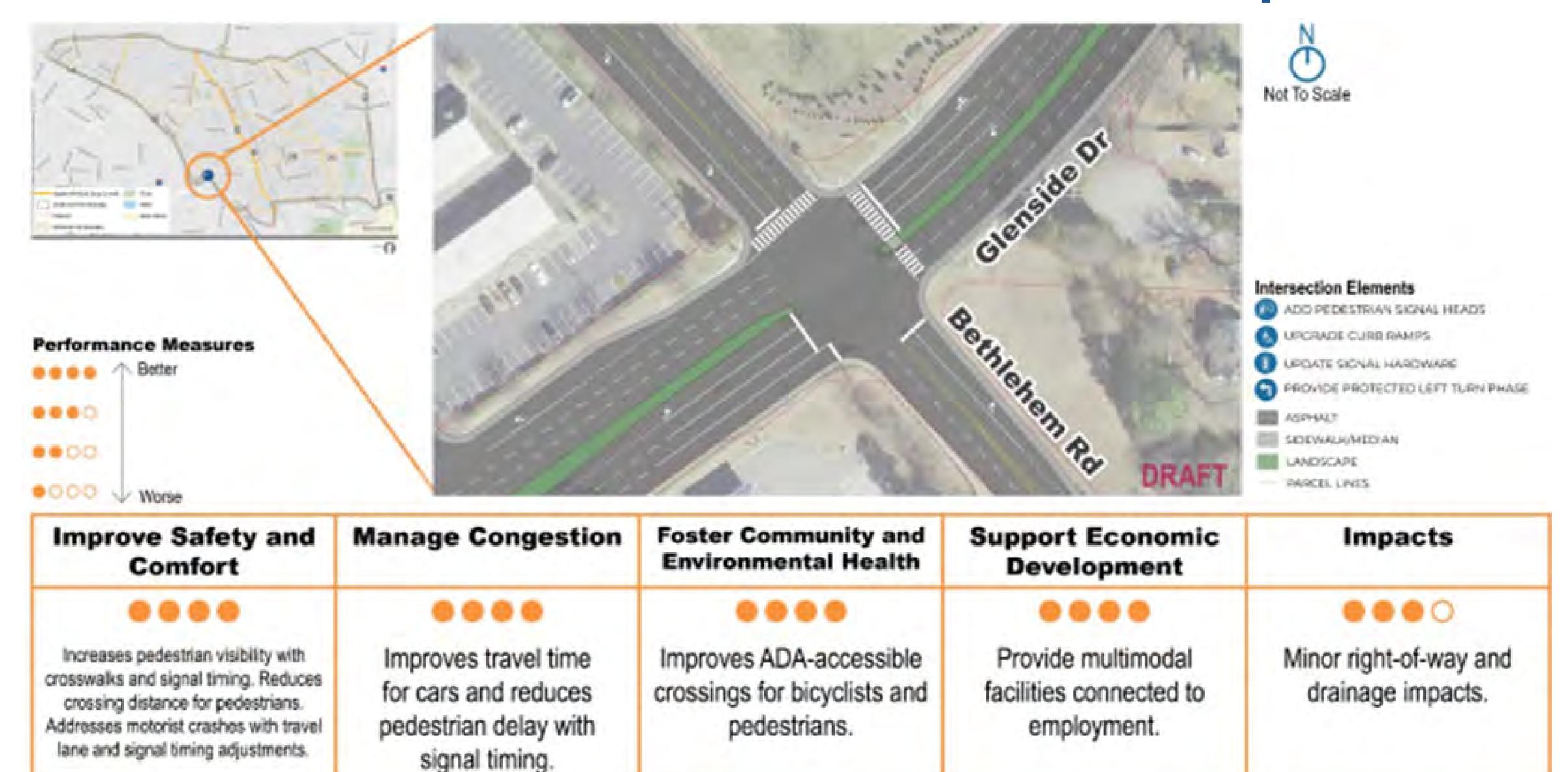


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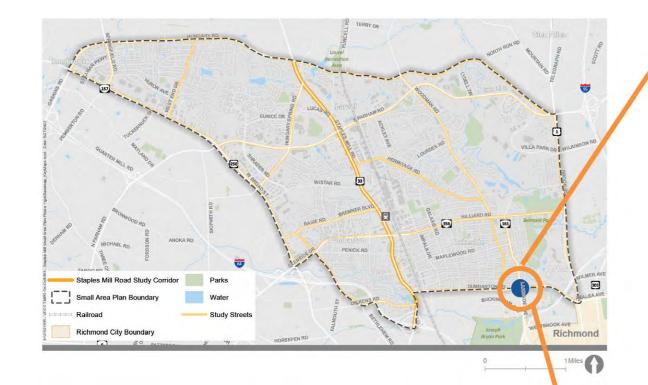
Glenside Drive and Bethlehem Road: Existing



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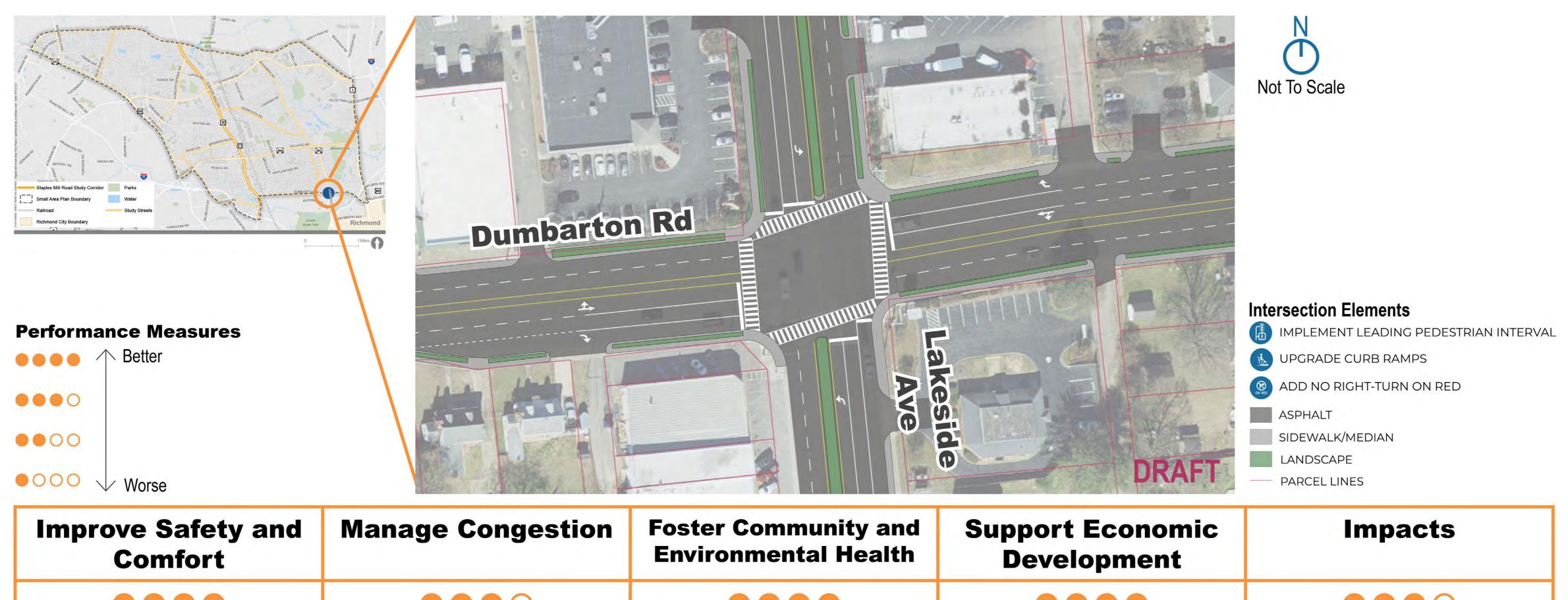
Lakeside Drive and Dumbarton Road: Existing





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High crash intersection.	Motorists experience delays during rush hour. Pedestrians experience delay all day.	Intersection has missing facilities for people walking and biking.	Multimodal facilities are disconnected from employment.	No right-of-way impacts or drainage impacts.

Lakeside Drive and Dumbarton Road: Concept



Increases pedestrian visibility No right-of-way impacts Maintains travel time Improves ADA-accessible Provides multimodal with enhanced crosswalks and crossings for bicyclists and for cars and reduces facilities connected to and minor drainage signal timing. Reduces crossing pedestrian delay with employment. pedestrians. impacts. distance for pedestrians. signal timing.

Staples Mill Road and Amtrak Station: Existing



Improve Safety and Comfort	Manage Congestion	Foster Community and Environmental Health	Support Economic Development	Impacts
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No pedestrian crossings.	Motorists generally don't experience delays. Pedestrians experience delay all day.	Intersection has many missing facilities for people walking and biking.	Multimodal facilities are disconnected from employment and transit.	No right-of-way impacts or drainage impacts.

Staples Mill Road and Amtrak Station: Concept



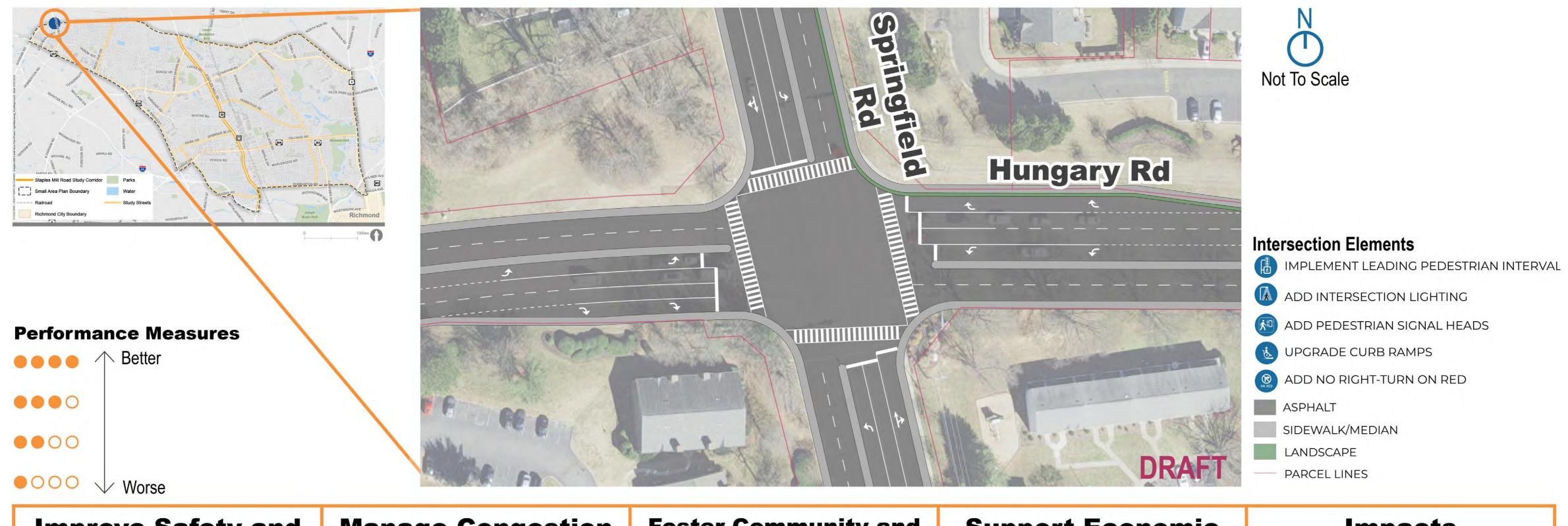
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Springfield Road and Gaskins Road/Hungary Road: Existing



Improve Safety and Manage Congestion Foster Community and Support Economic Impacts Environmental Health Comfort **Development** 0000 000 000 High crash intersection Multimodal facilities No right-of-way impacts or Motorists experience Intersection has many missing facilities for people delays during rush hour. drainage impacts. with no pedestrian are disconnected from Pedestrians experience walking and biking. crossings. employment. delay all day.

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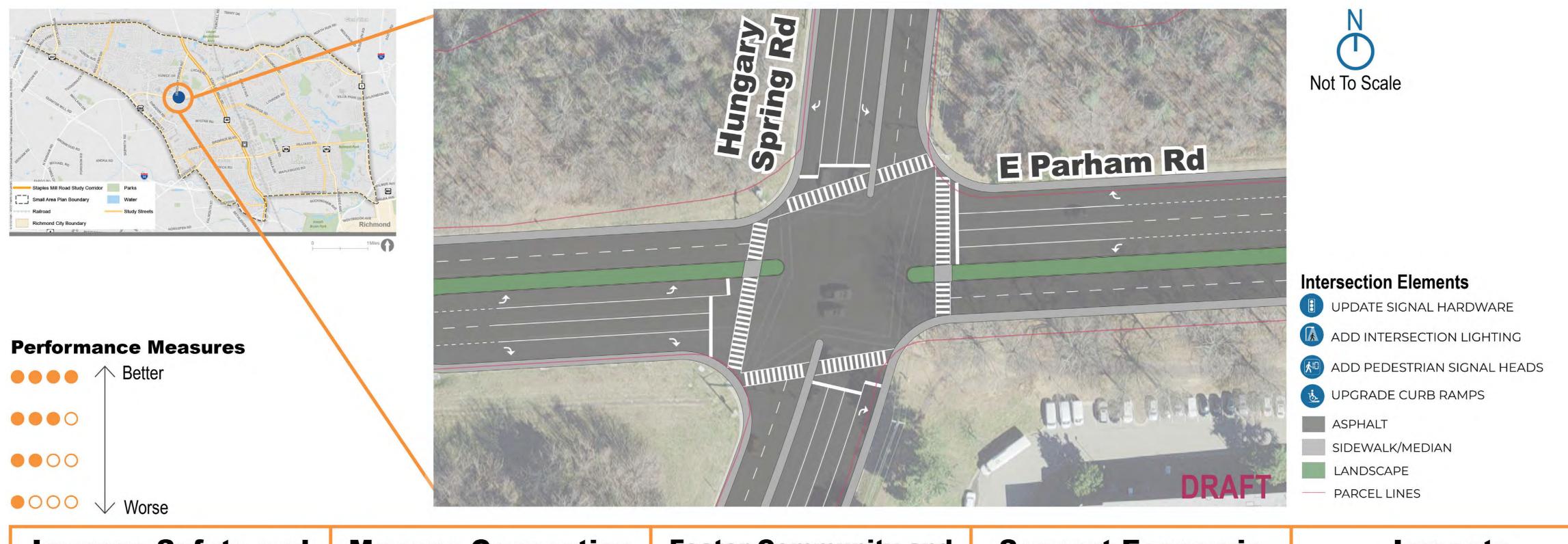
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East Parham Road and Hungary Spring Road: Existing



Improve Safety and Manage Congestion Foster Community and Support Economic Impacts Environmental Health Comfort **Development** High crash intersection Motorists generally Multimodal facilities No right-of-way impacts or Intersection has missing and outdated pedestrian are disconnected from don't experience delays. facilities for people walking drainage impacts. Pedestrians experience and biking. employment and transit. crossings. delay all day.

East Parham Road and Hungary Spring Road: Concept



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East Parham Road and Woodman Road: Existing



Foster Community and Improve Safety and Manage Congestion Support Economic Impacts Environmental Health Comfort **Development** 000 000 000 No right-of-way impacts or High crash intersection Motorists generally Intersection has no No multimodal facilities multimodal facilities for connected to employment. with no pedestrian don't experience delays. drainage impacts. people walking and biking. crossings. Pedestrians experience delay all day.

East Parham Road and Woodman Road: Concept

