

# EI CAMINO REAL/DOWNTOWN VISION PLAN

## Oversight and Outreach Committee Meeting #2



City of Menlo Park | March 27, 2008



DESIGN, COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

- ◆ Well-attended
- ◆ Discussed issues and opportunities in the following categories:
  - Traffic, Transportation and Parking
  - Economic Development
  - Open Spaces, Parks and Other Public/Recreation Spaces
  - Housing
  - Re-use on El Camino Real



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### Supported Comments

- ◆ “Density to support amenities” and “Garner public benefit from any upzoning”
- ◆ Several versions of improving bicycle, pedestrian, transit facilities
- ◆ “Maintain diversity of small businesses”
- ◆ “Bridge connection along Alma”
- ◆ “Underground Caltrain/Use space above”
- ◆ “Consider undergrounding El Camino/use space above”



## VISION AND GOALS: TOPICS

- ◆ Bicycle connections (north-south and east-west).
- ◆ Pedestrian amenities and safety on El Camino and Santa Cruz Avenues.
- ◆ Local-serving businesses.
- ◆ Recreational facilities.
- ◆ Identity for Downtown.
- ◆ Downtown parking.
- ◆ Tax base to support services.

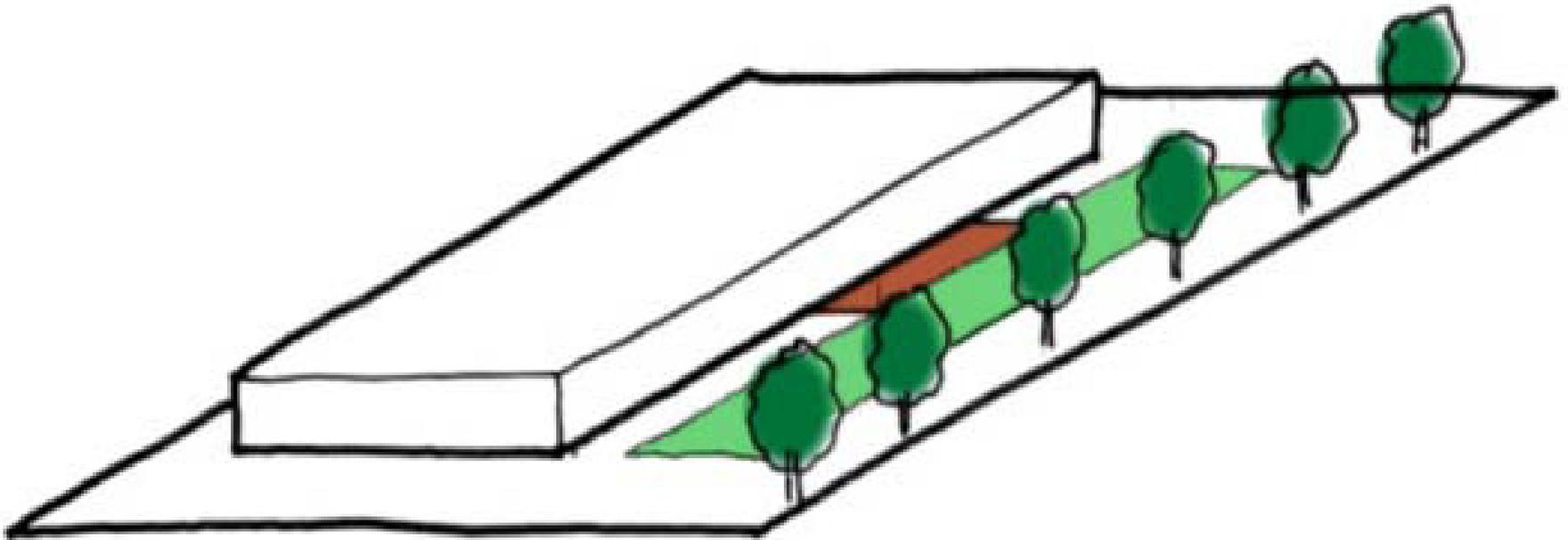
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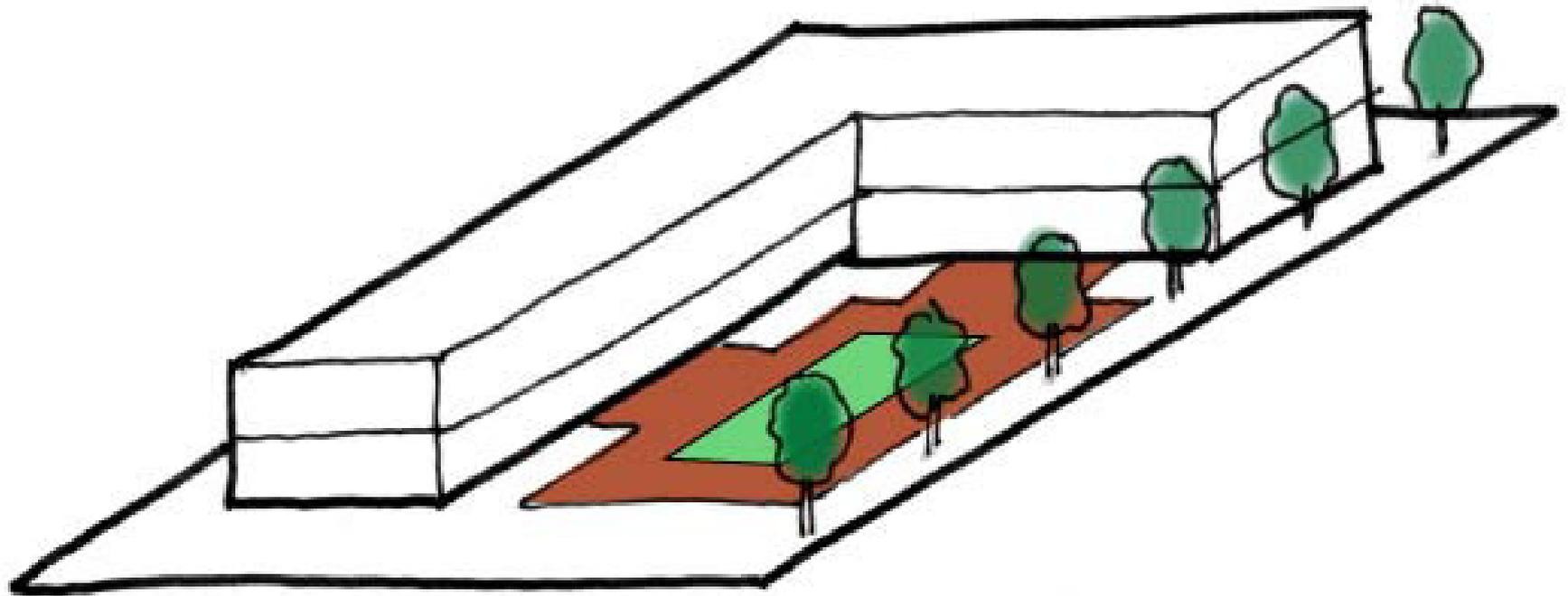
Based on input so far:

- ◆ Mobile tour
- ◆ Walking tours
- ◆ Surveys
- ◆ Community Workshop #1
- ◆ Stakeholder interviews

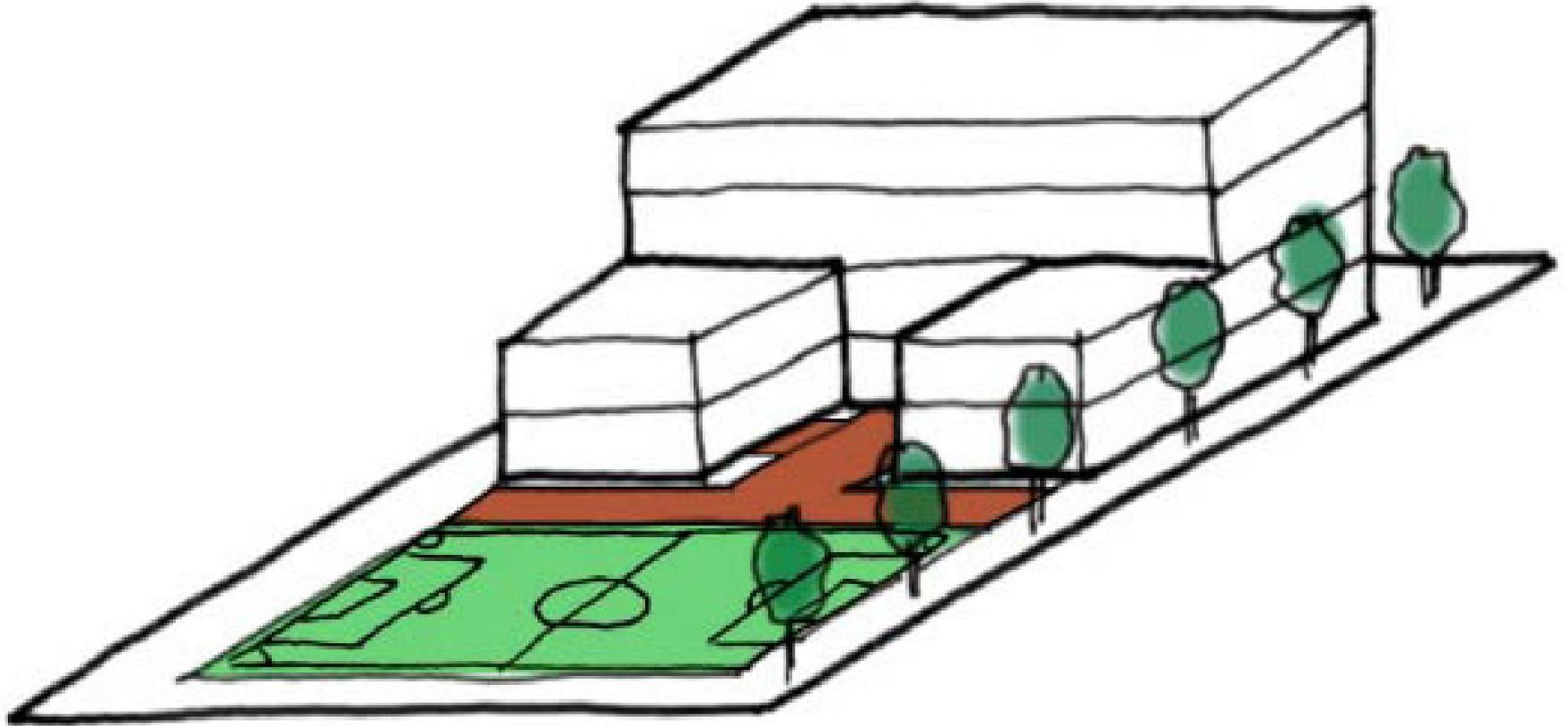
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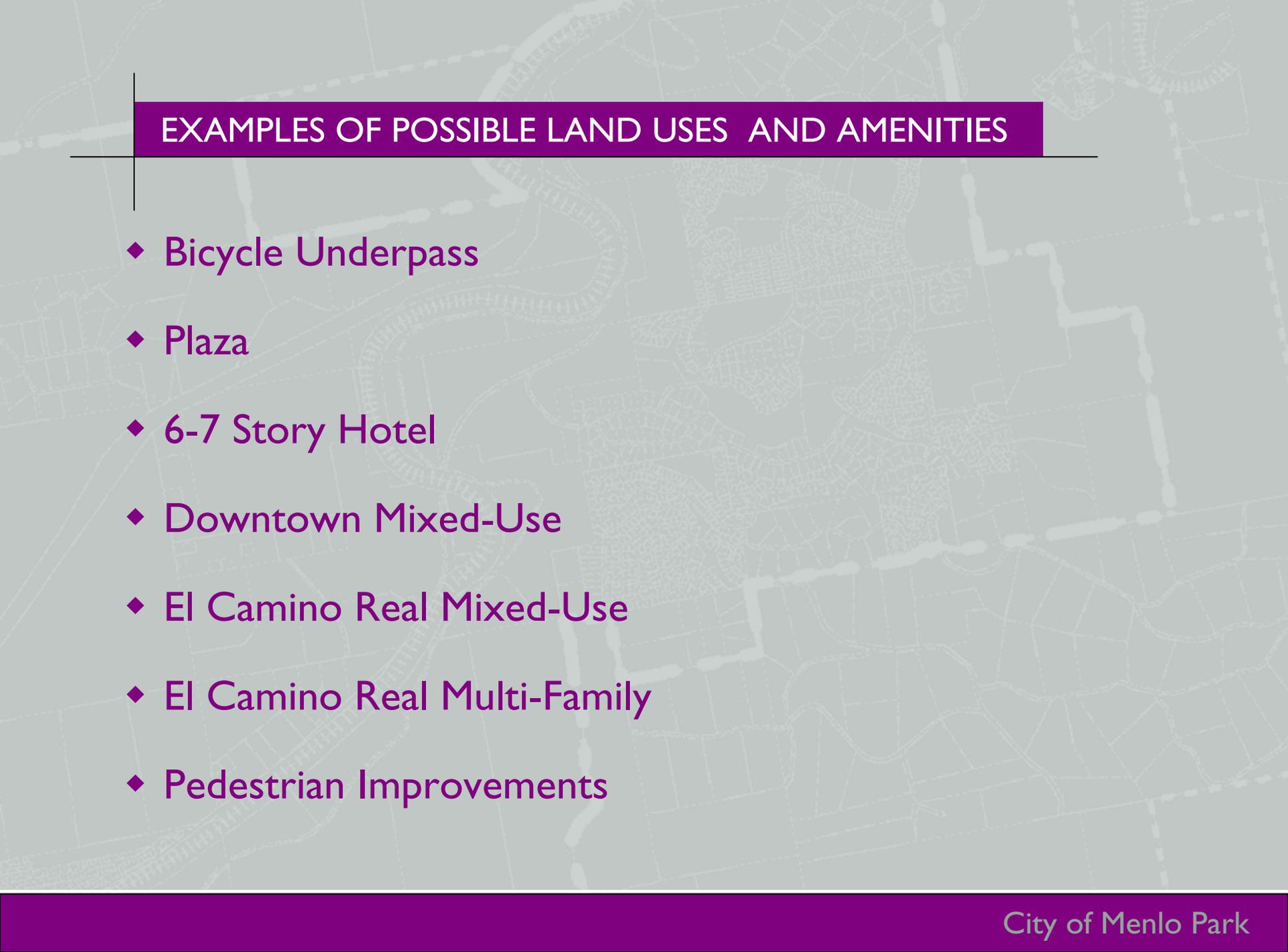


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## EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE LAND USES AND AMENITIES

- ◆ Bicycle Underpass
- ◆ Plaza
- ◆ 6-7 Story Hotel
- ◆ Downtown Mixed-Use
- ◆ El Camino Real Mixed-Use
- ◆ El Camino Real Multi-Family
- ◆ Pedestrian Improvements

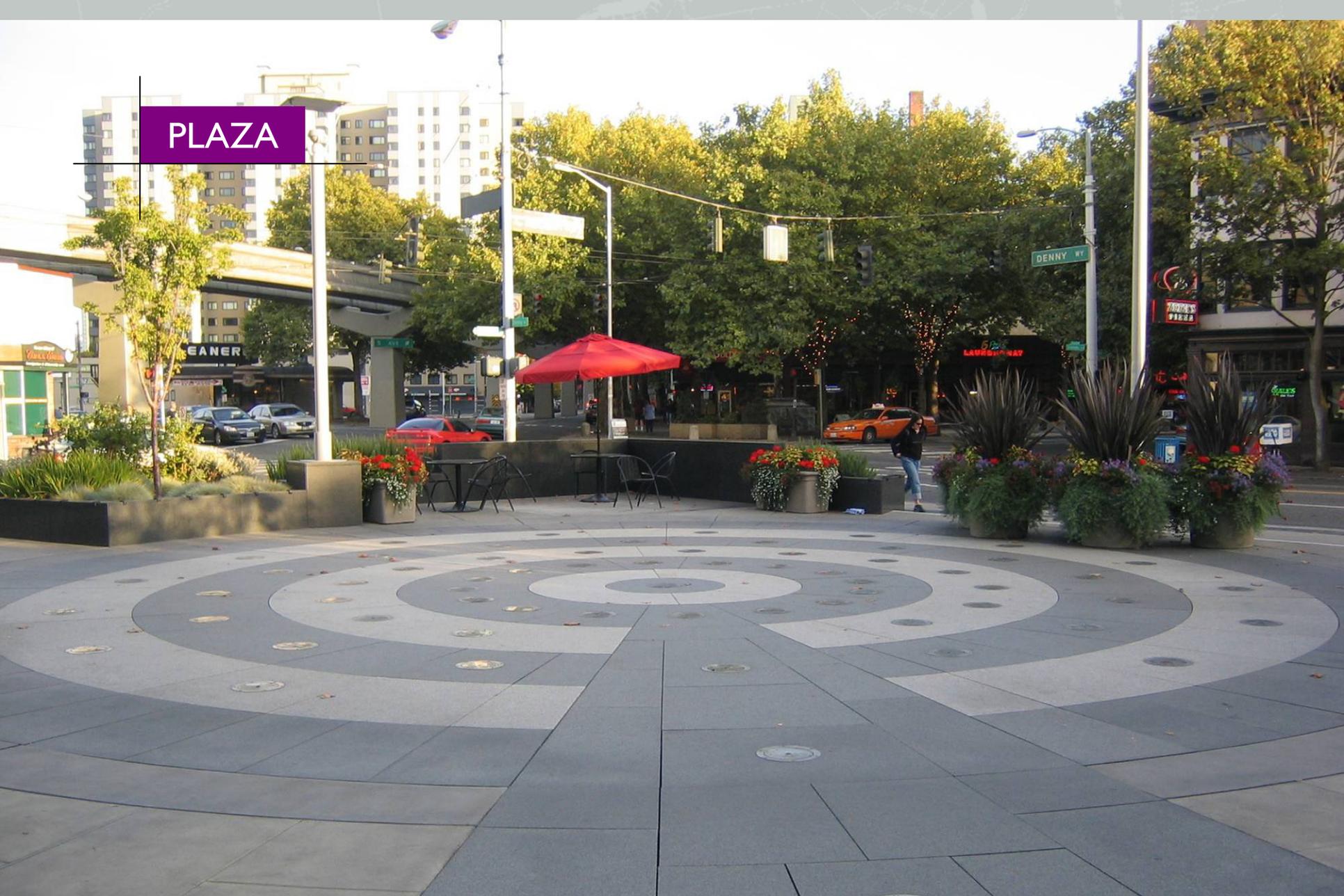
# BICYCLE UNDERPASS



PLAZA



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6-7 STORY HOTEL



# DOWNTOWN MIXED-USE



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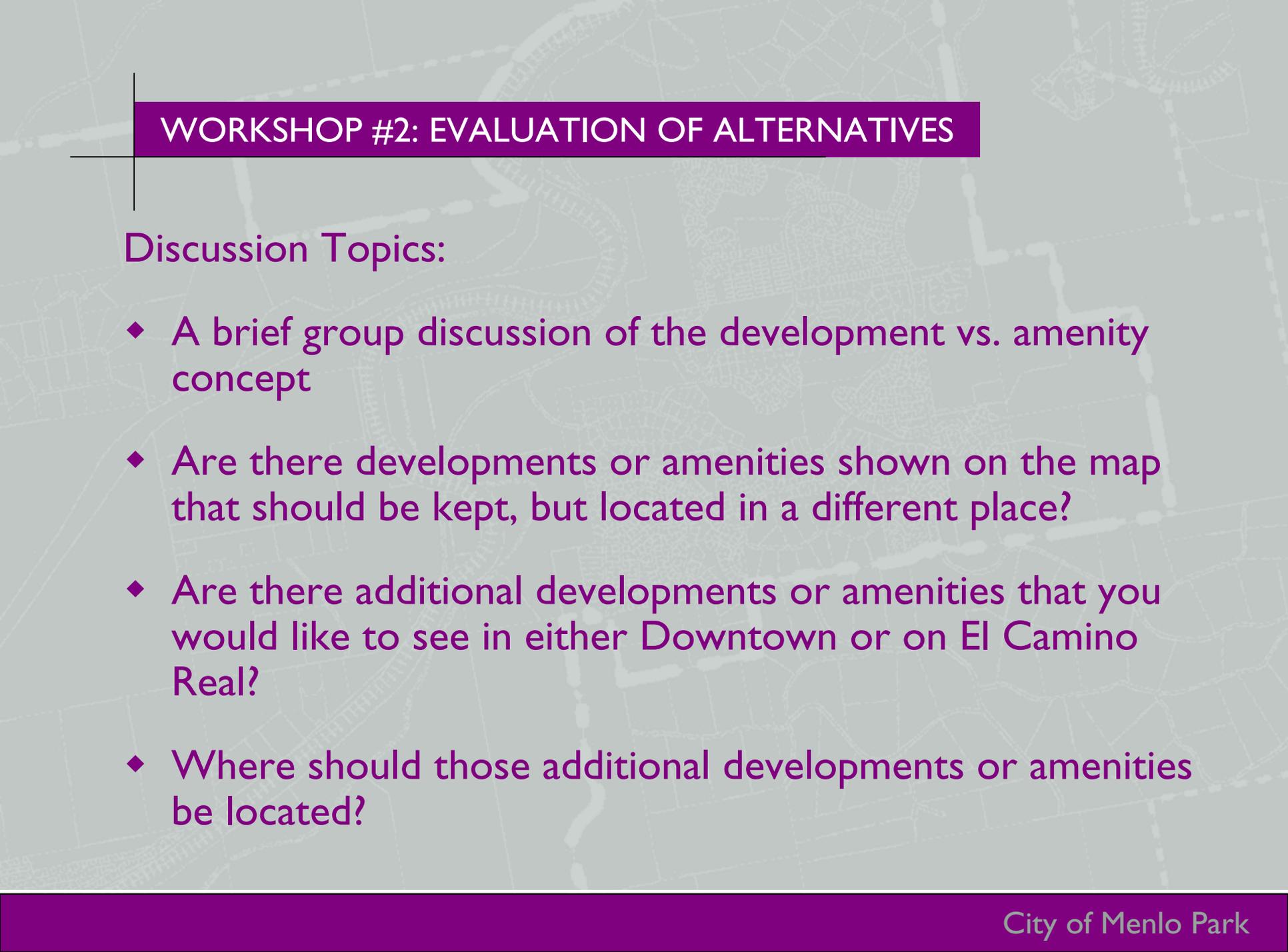


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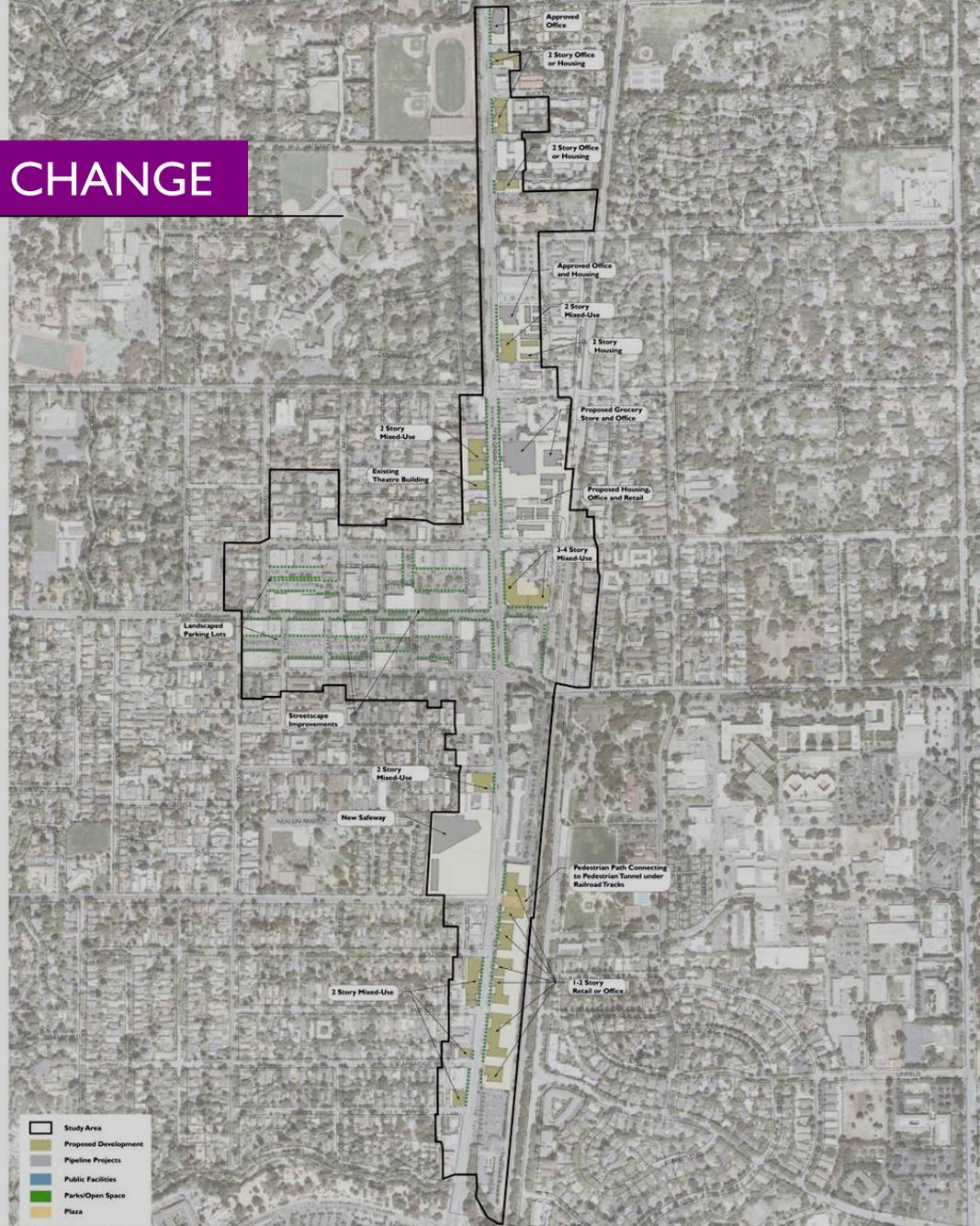


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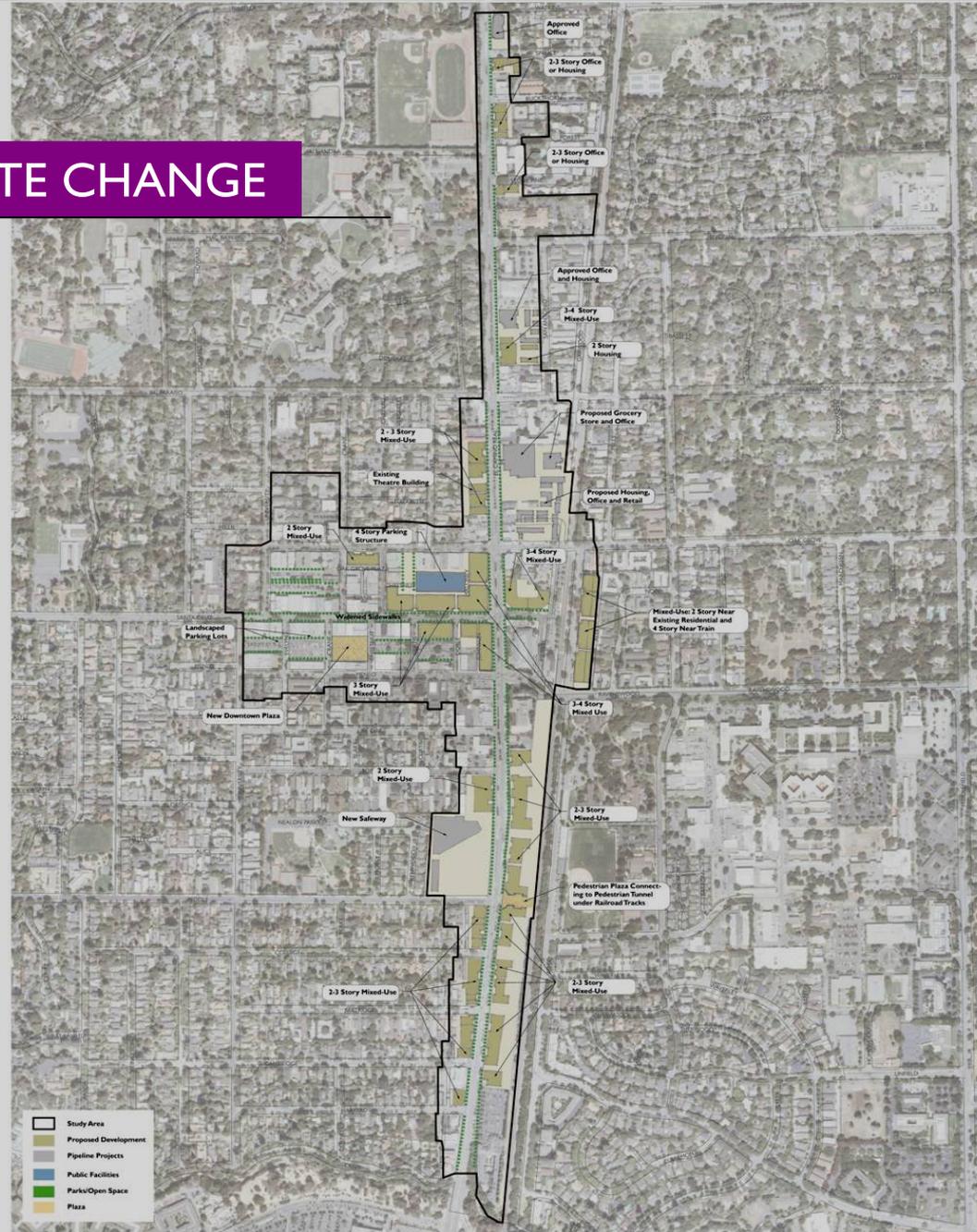
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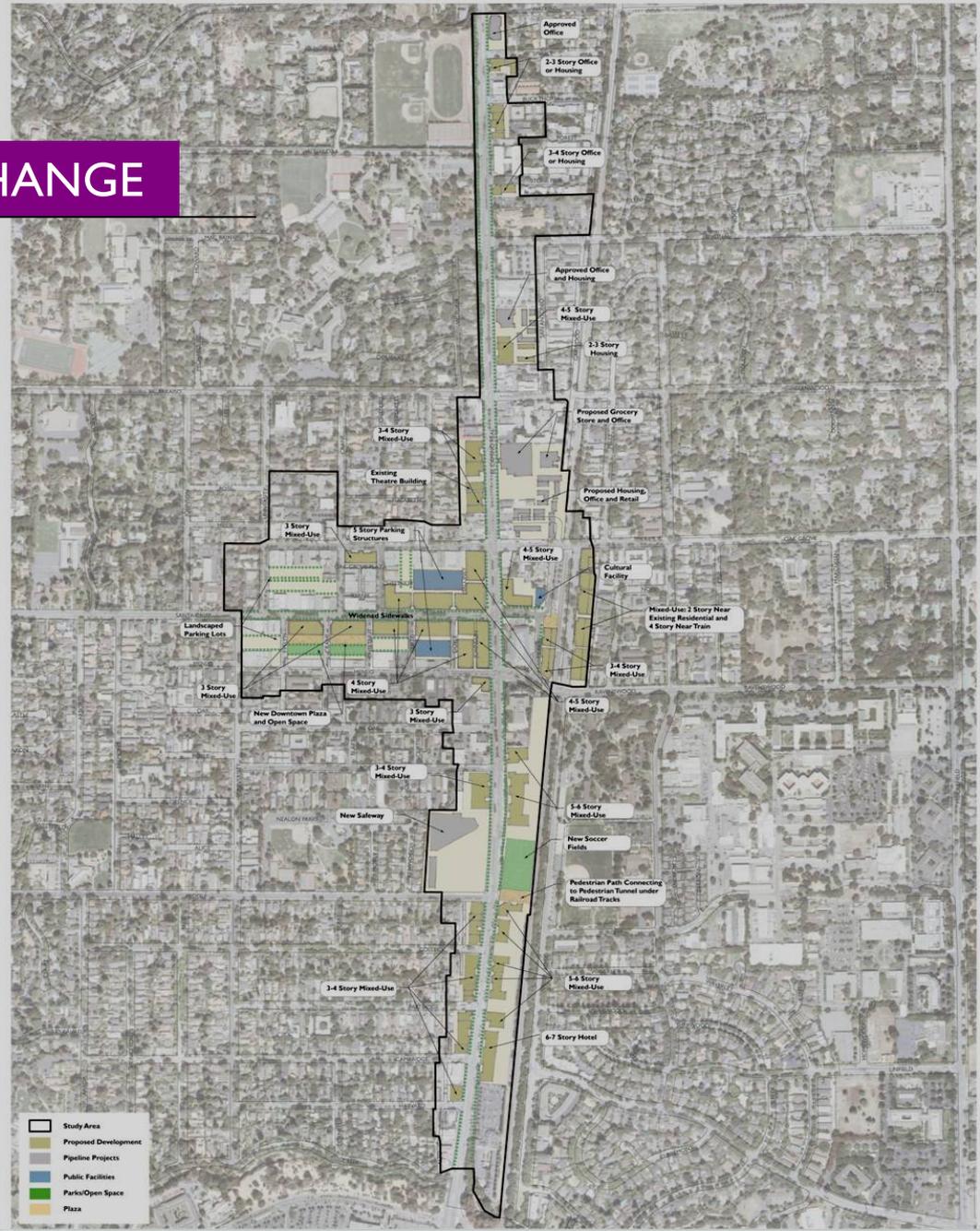
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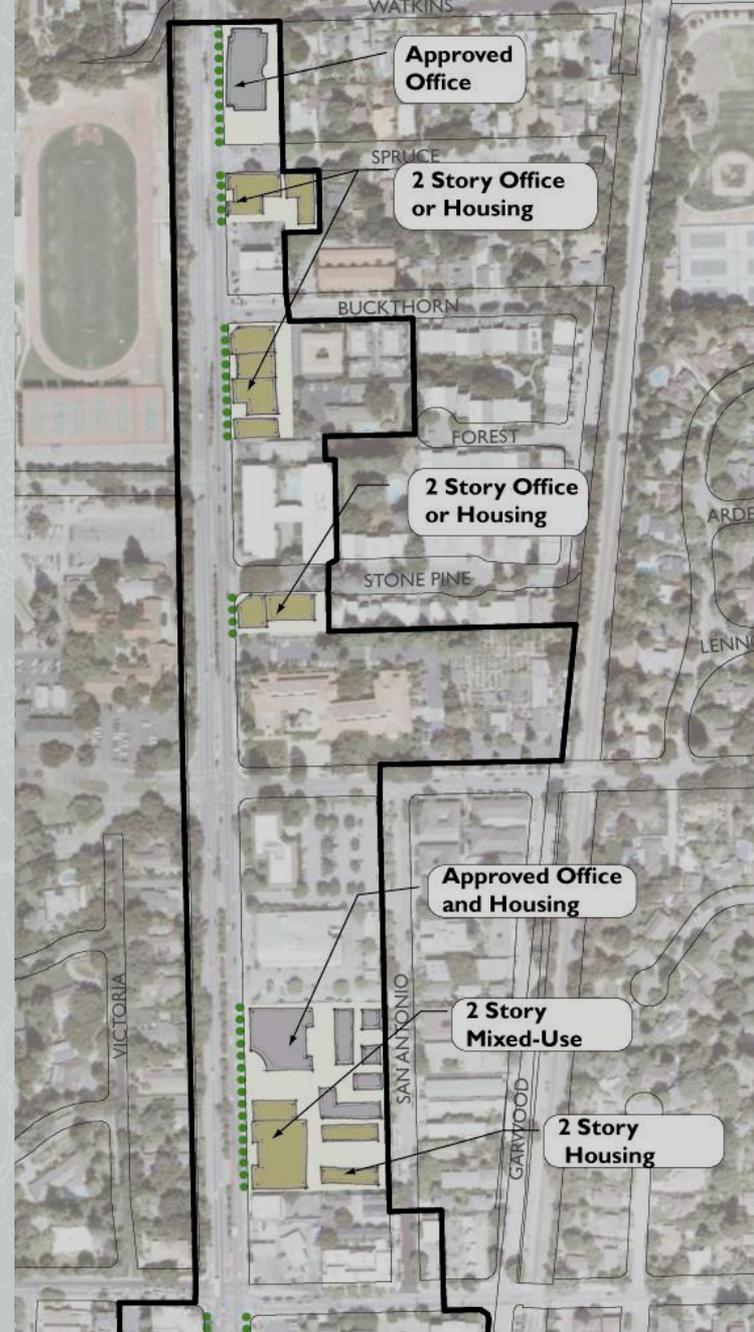
# ALTERNATIVE 2: MODERATE CHANGE



# ALTERNATIVE 3: MOST CHANGE



# ALTERNATIVES— EL CAMINO REAL NORTH



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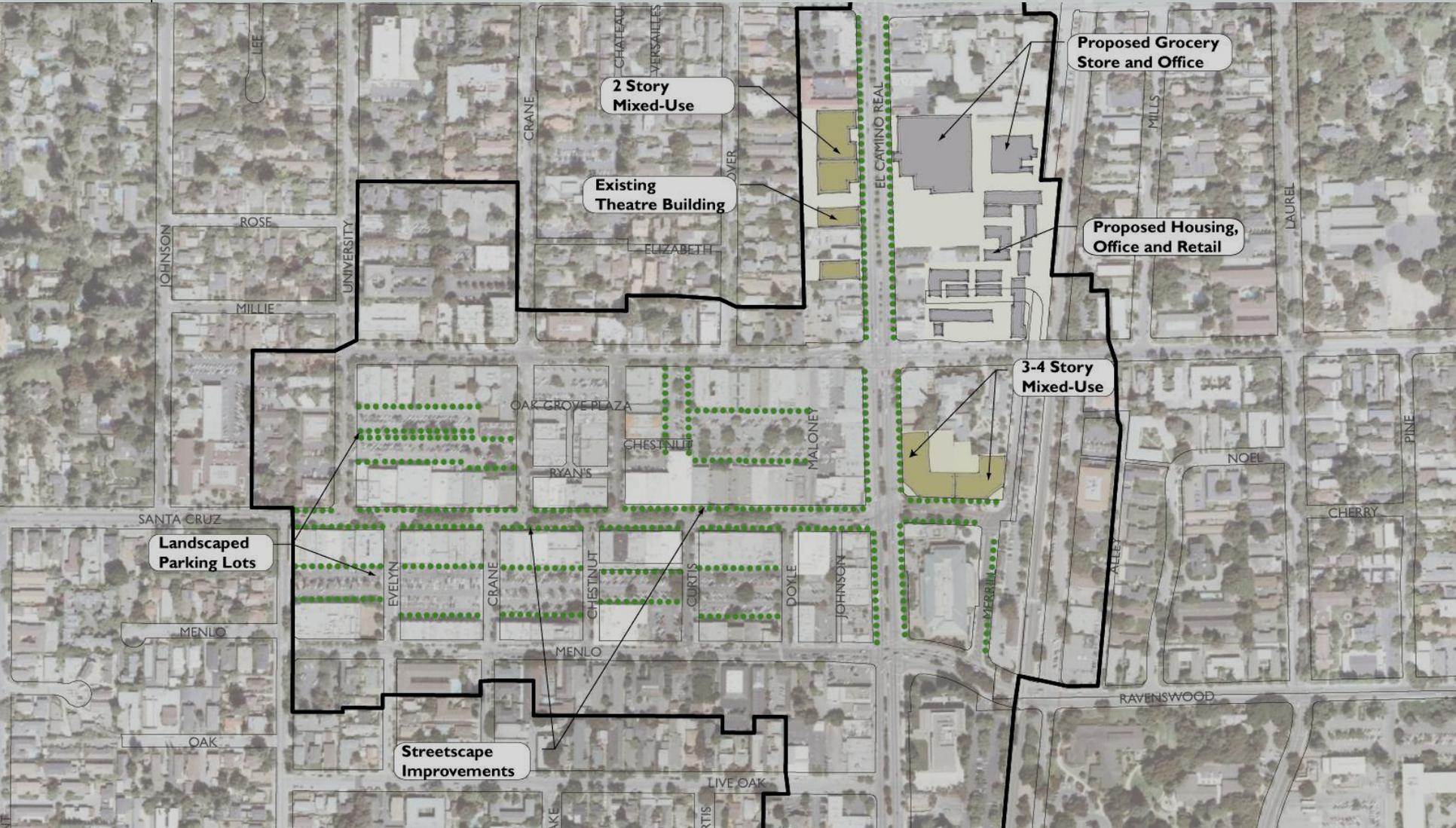
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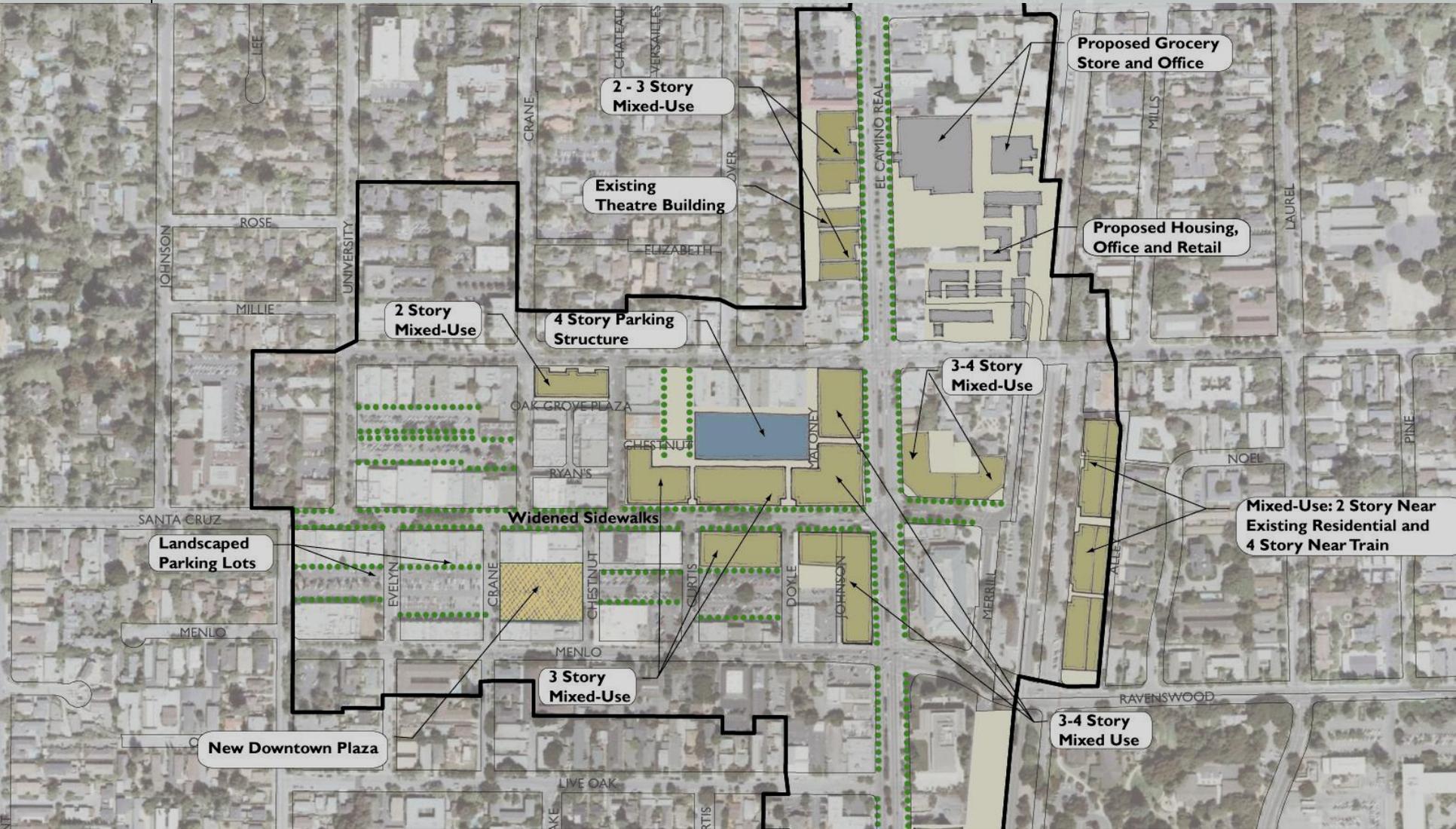
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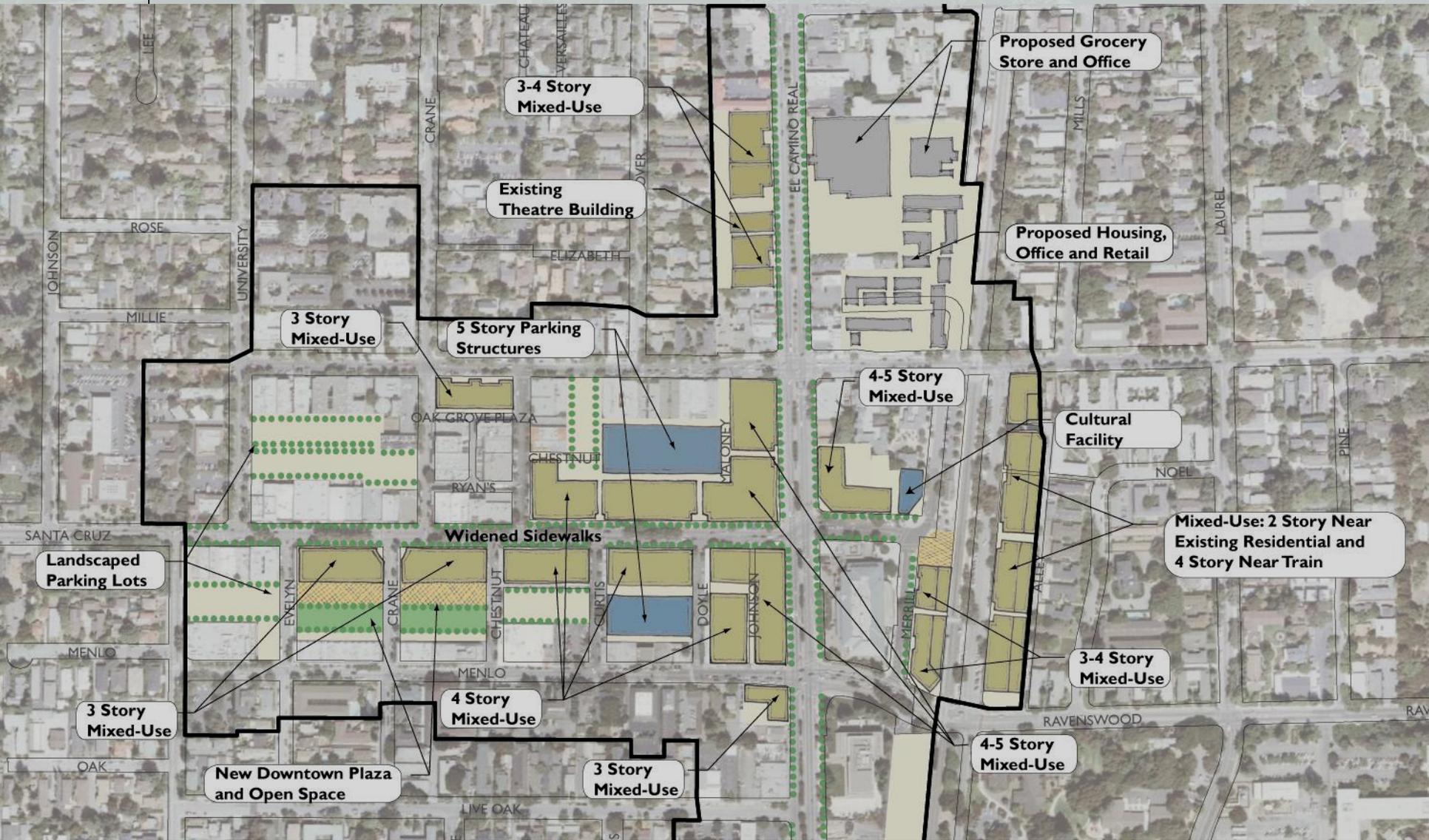
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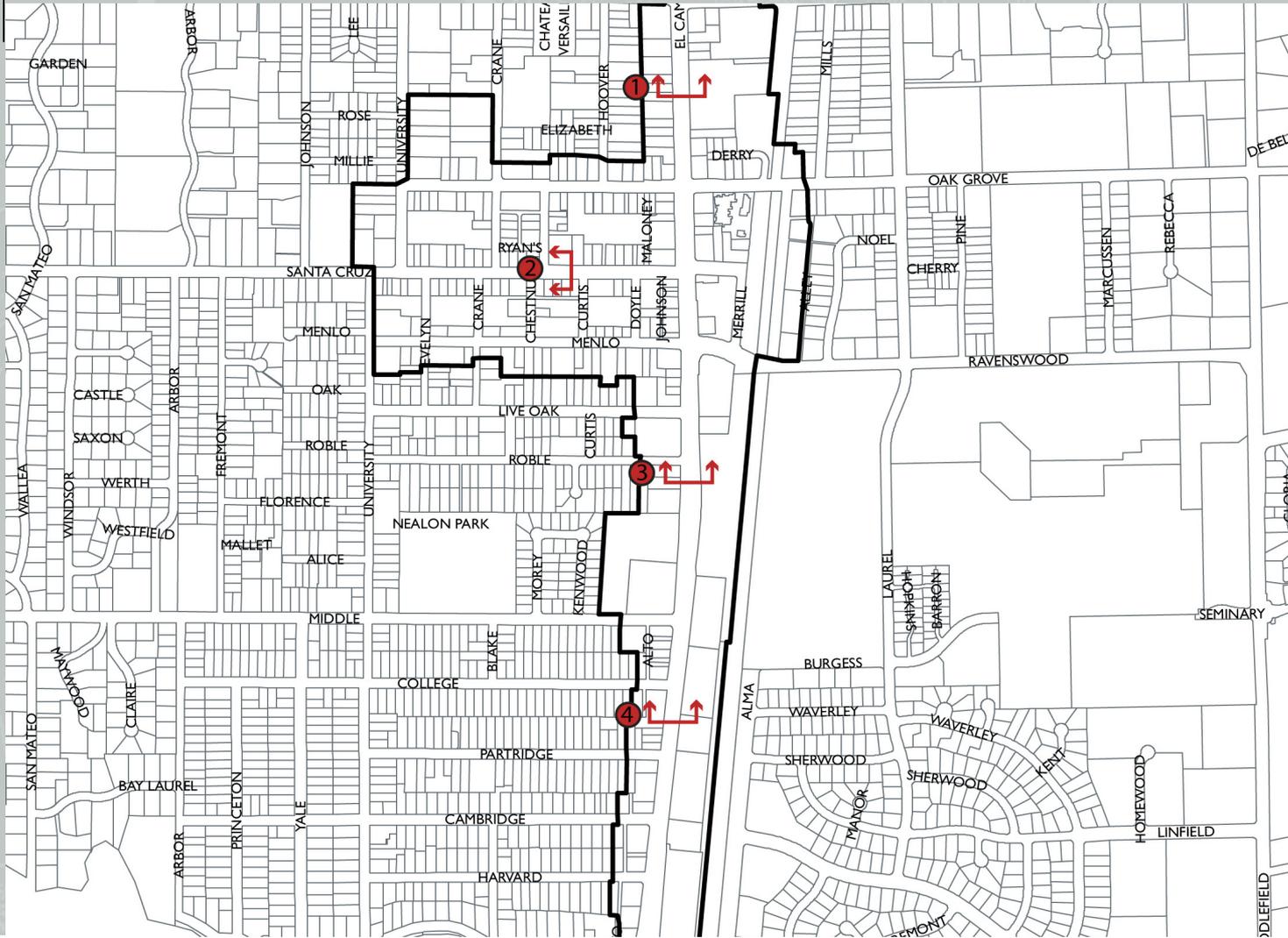
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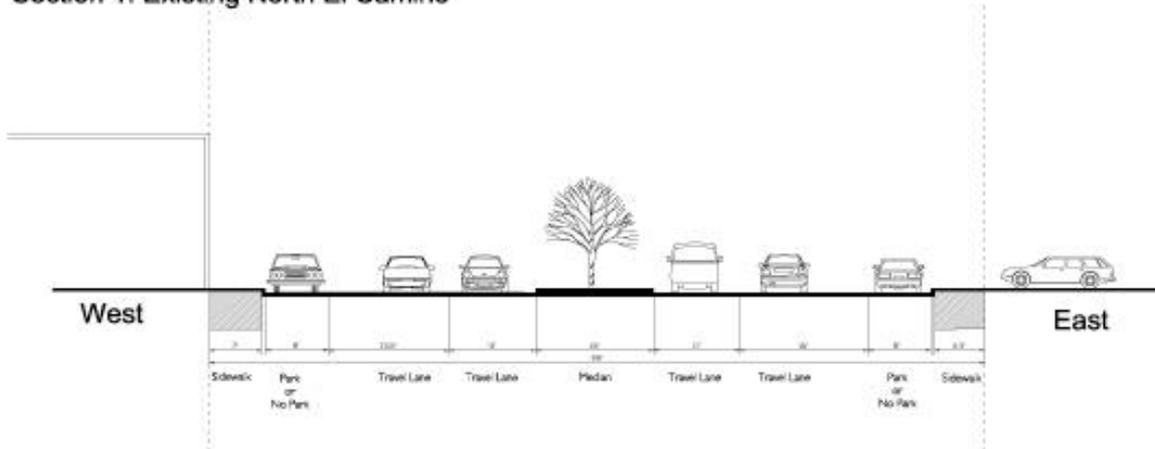


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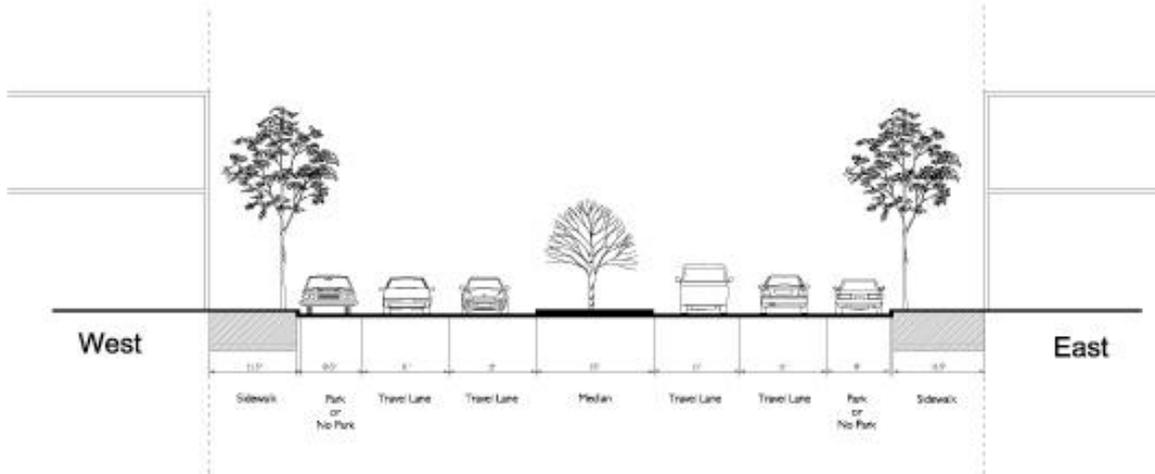


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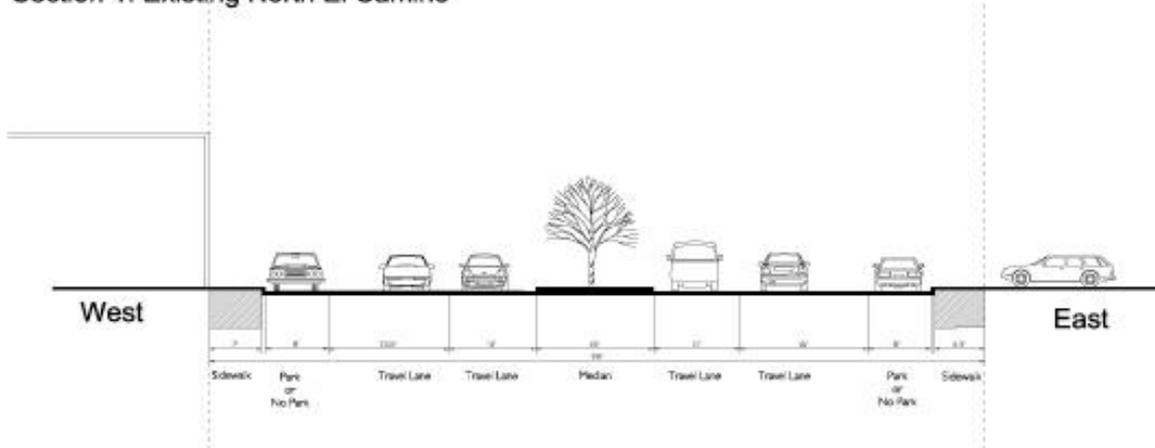


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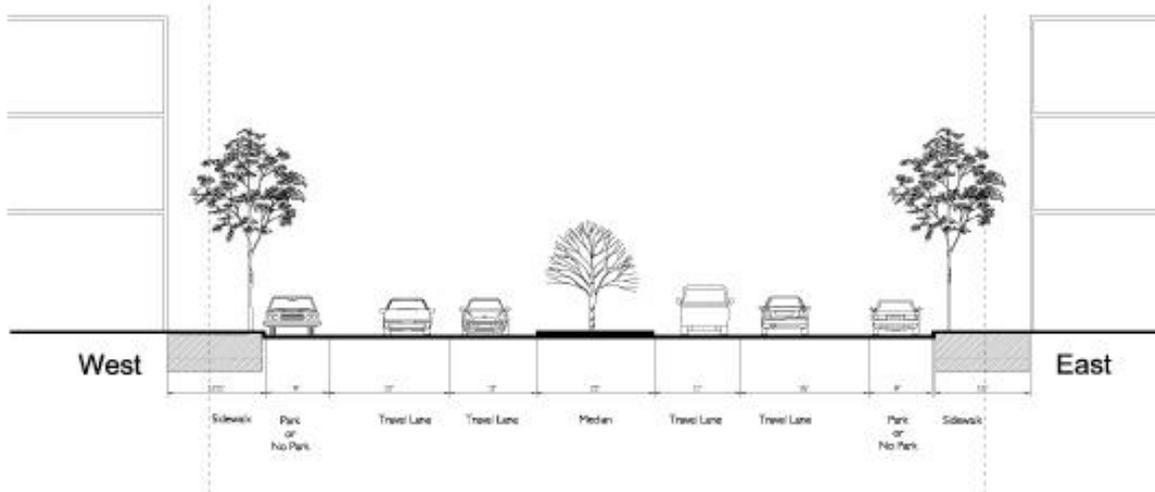


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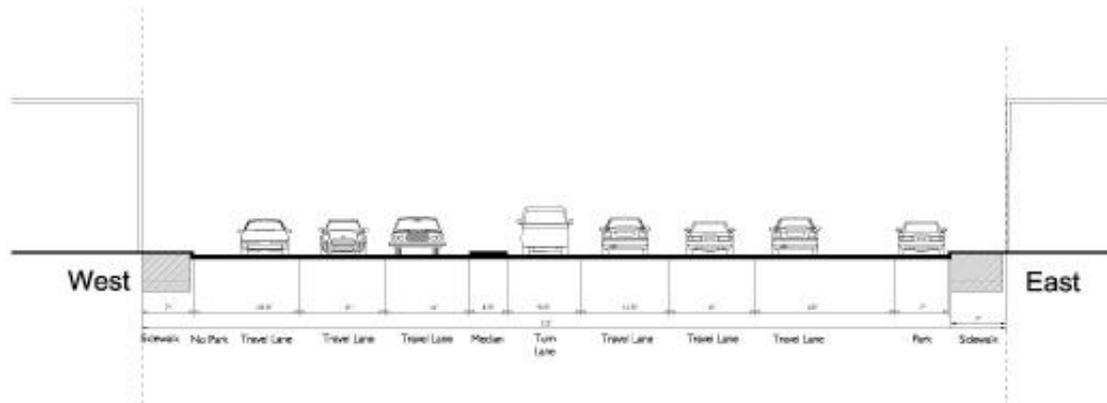
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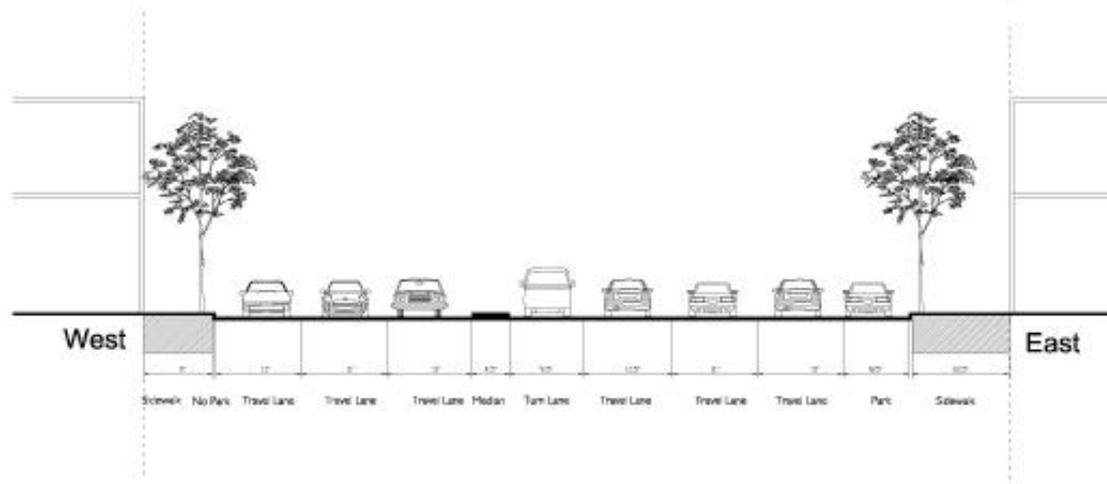


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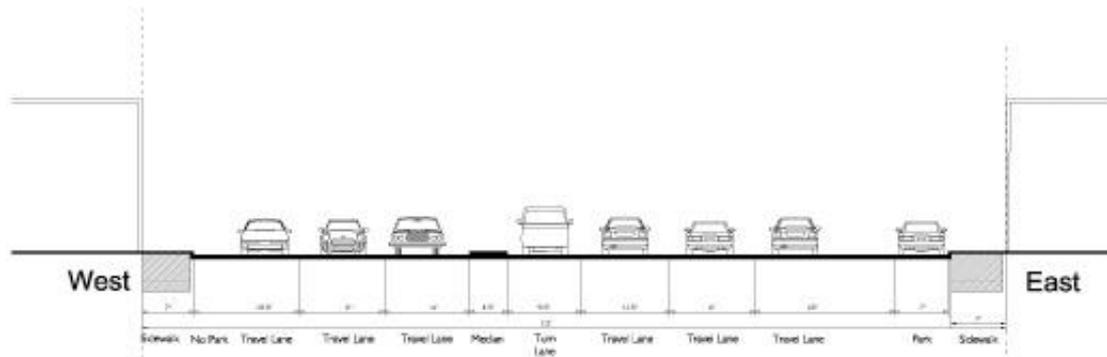


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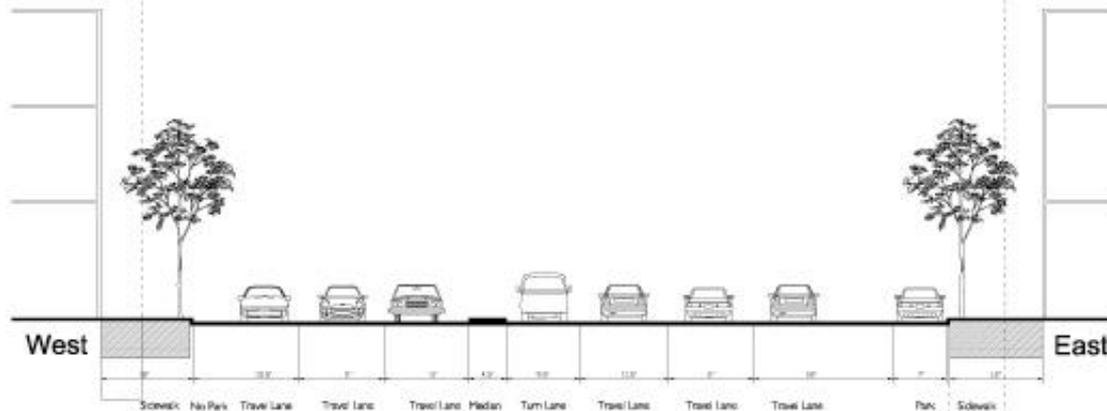


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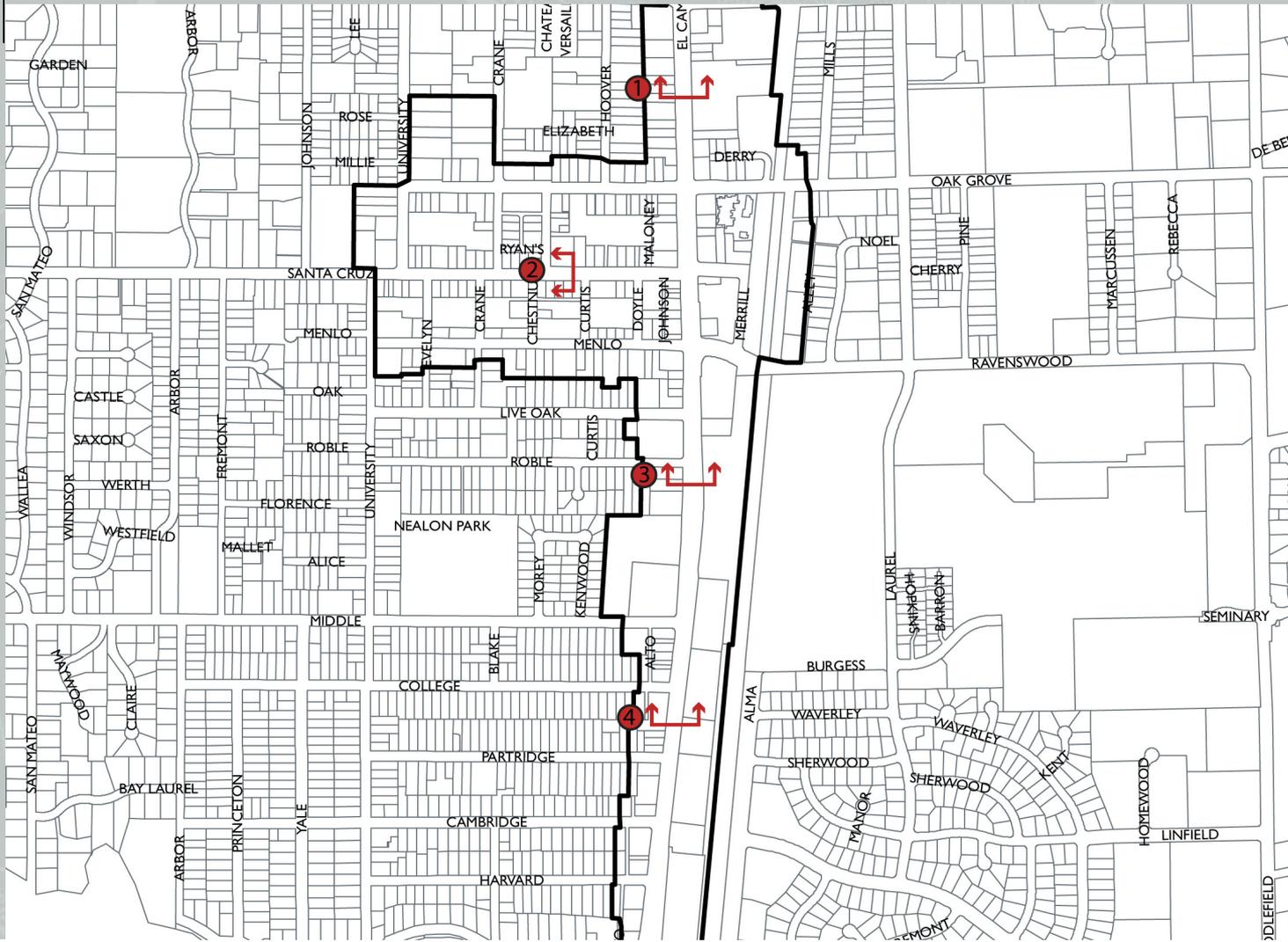
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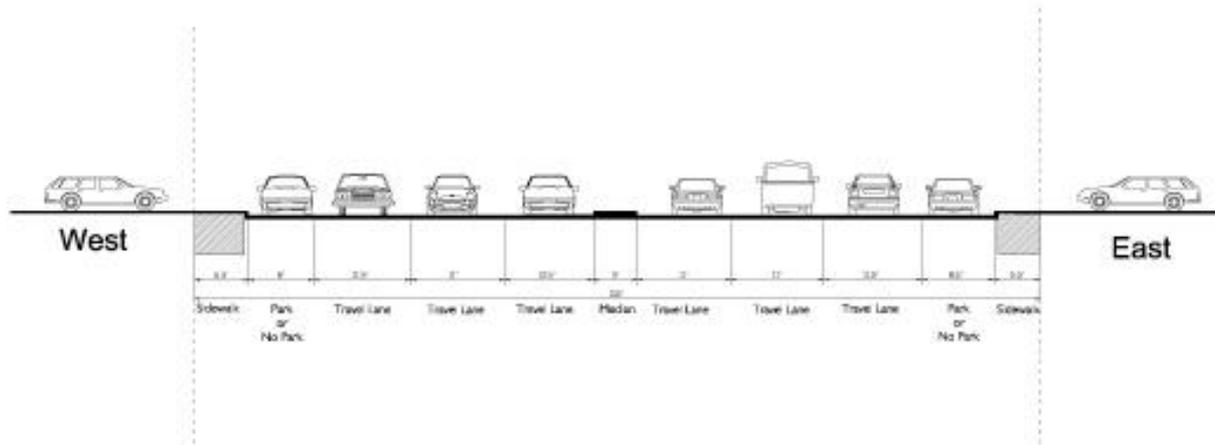


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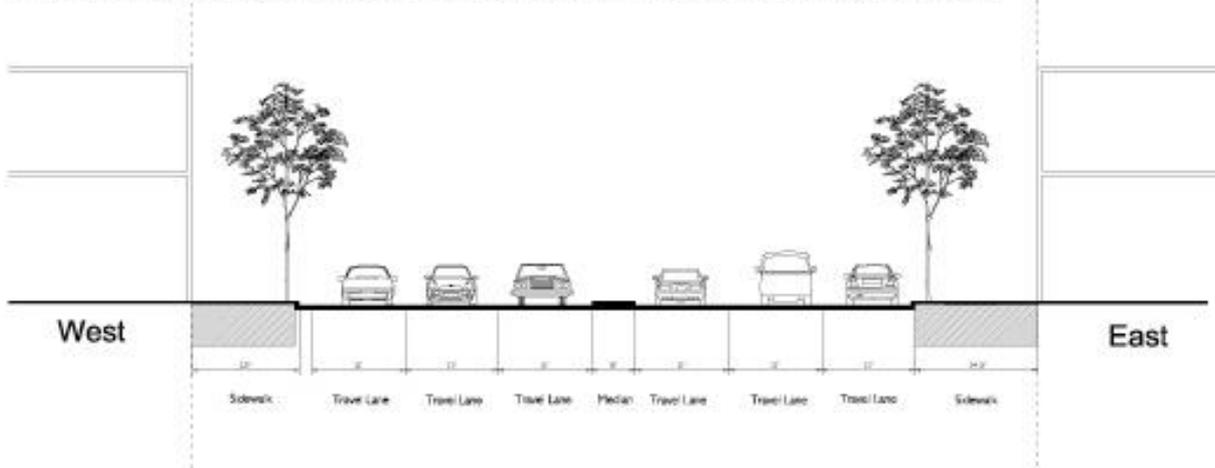


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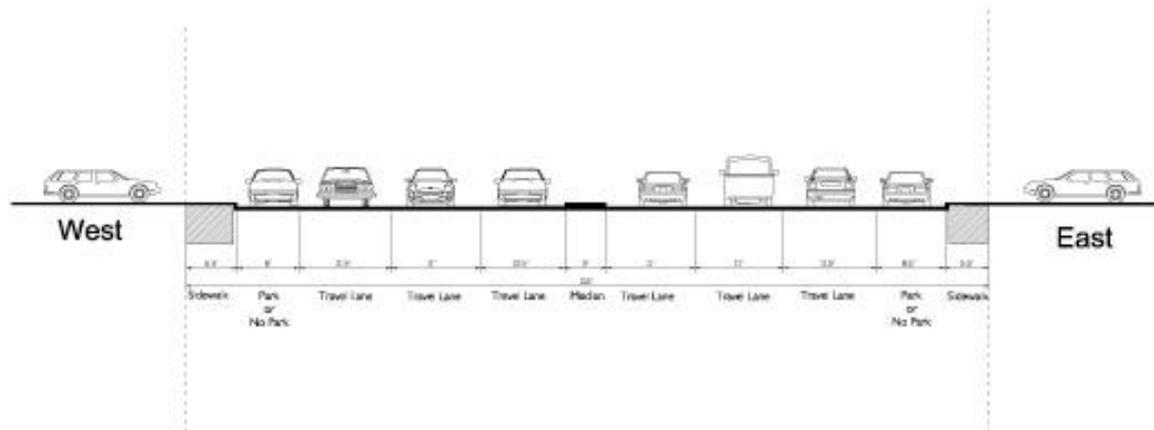


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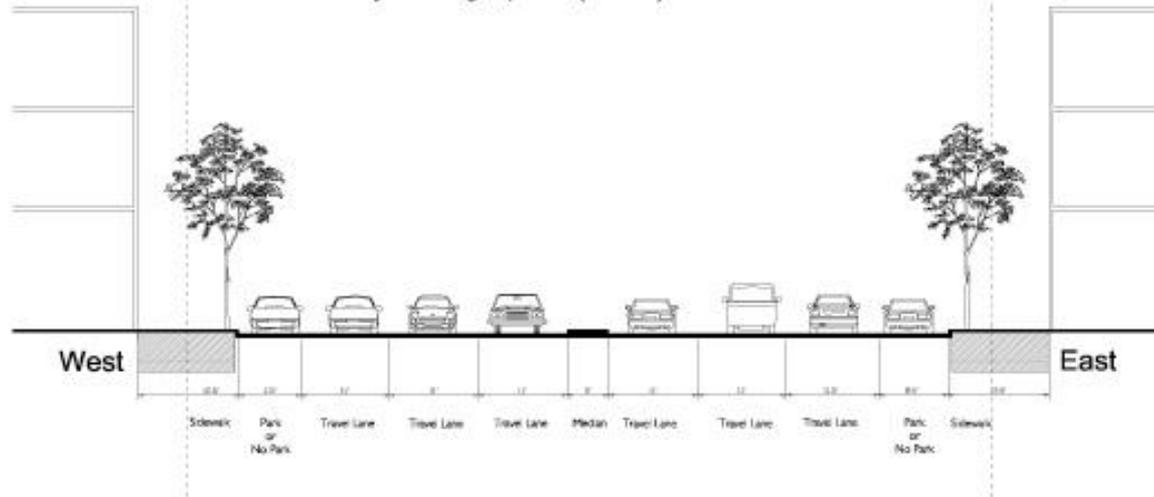


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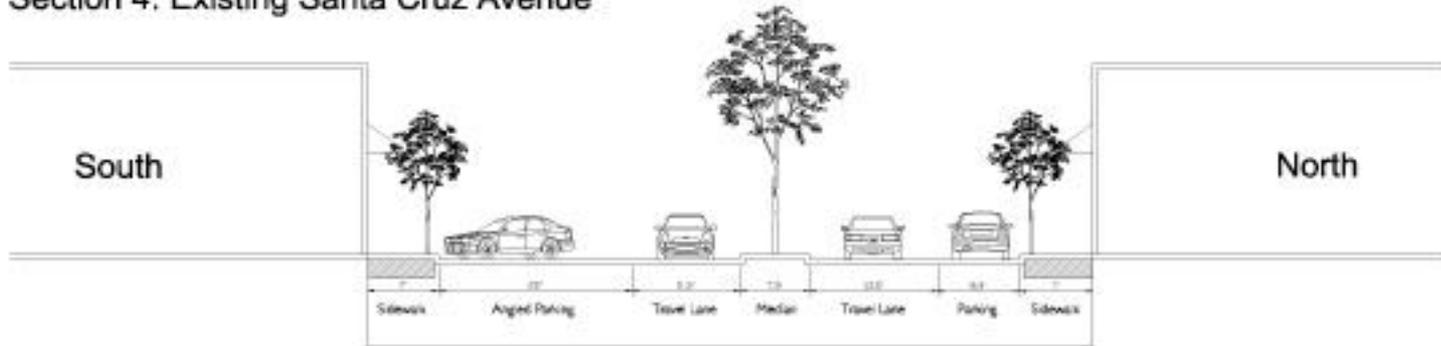
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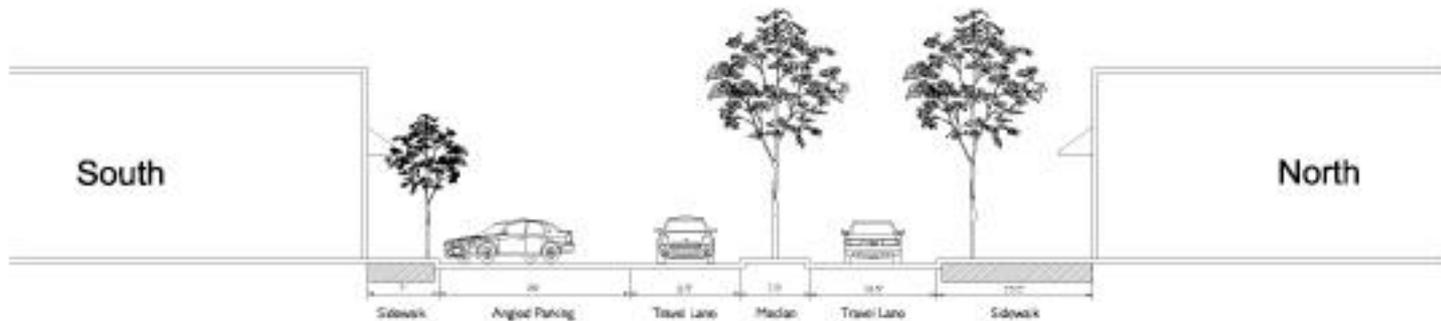


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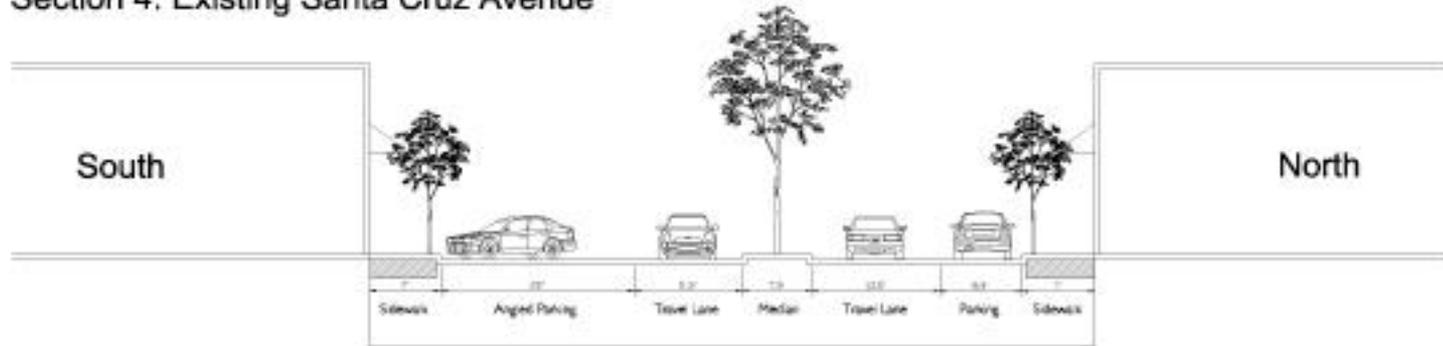


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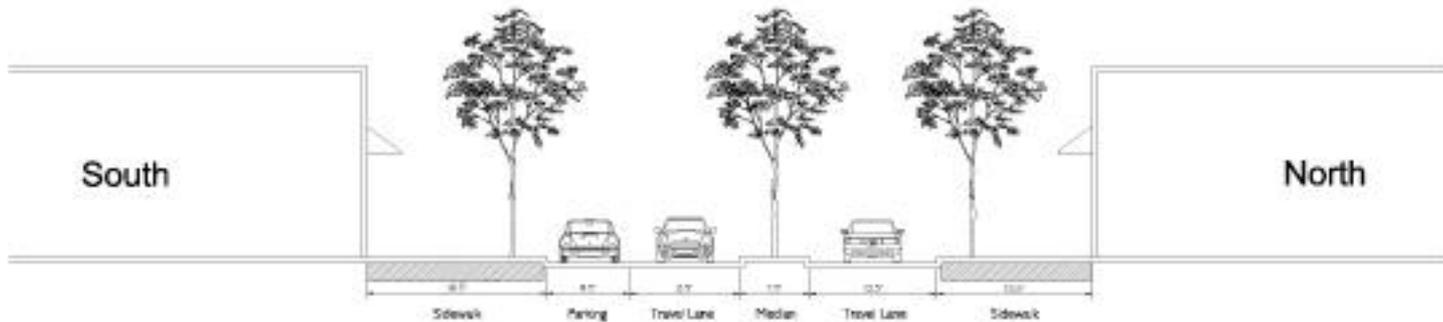


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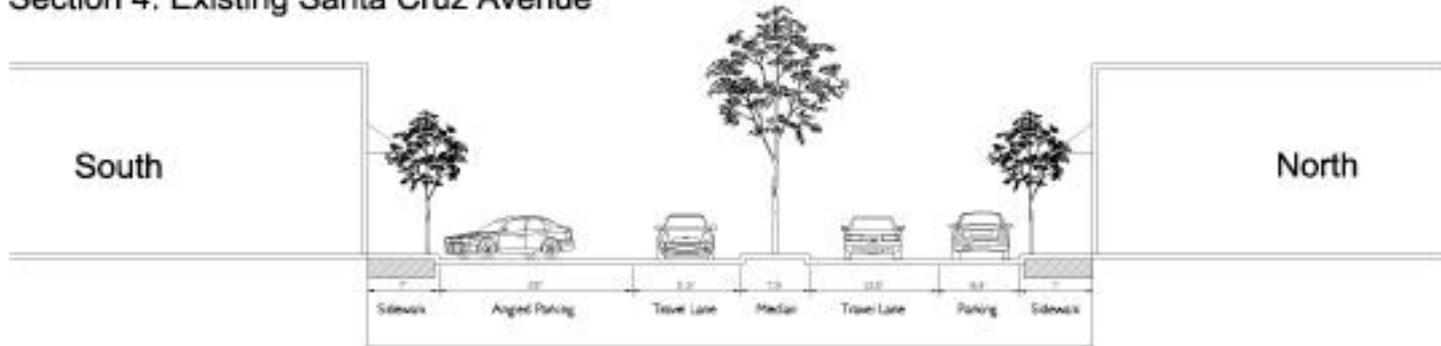


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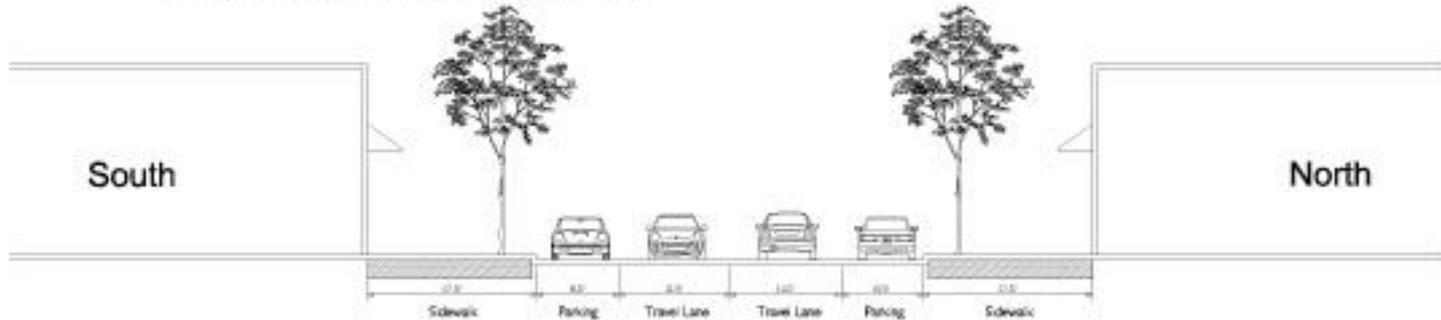


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## NEXT STEPS

- ◆ Community Workshop #2: Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Speaker Series: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.  
Jeff Eichenfield: 12 Ingredients For a Successful Downtown
- ◆ Next Committee Meetings: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, both at 7 p.m.

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