



General Plan Update Steering Committee – 11/15/23





## Agenda

### I. Call to Order:

### II. Meeting Objectives:

- Review Draft Goals/Policies/Actions for Circulation, and Conservation and Environmental Safety Elements.

### III. Opening Public Comments

### IV. Discussion Items: GPU: Draft Circulation, Conservation and Environmental Safety Goals, Policies and Actions. Housing Element process update.

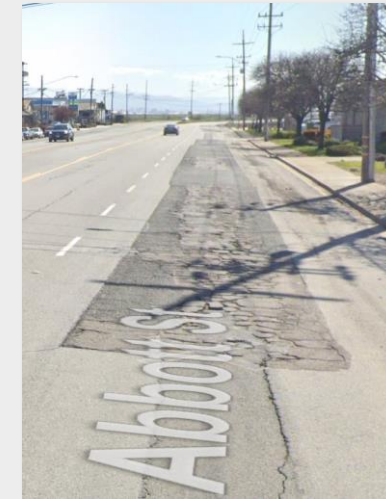
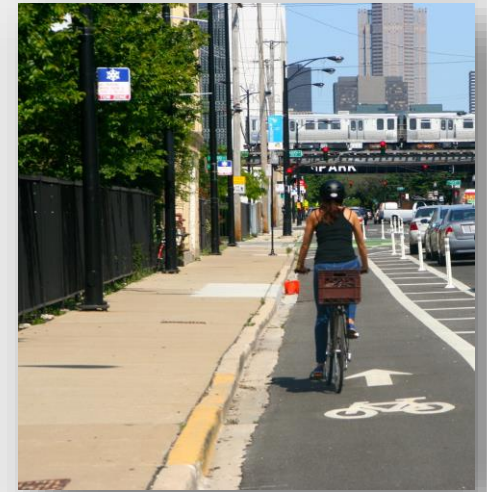
### V. Future Agenda Items: Wrap up initial Goals/Policies/Actions discussion. CAP

### VI. Adjournment



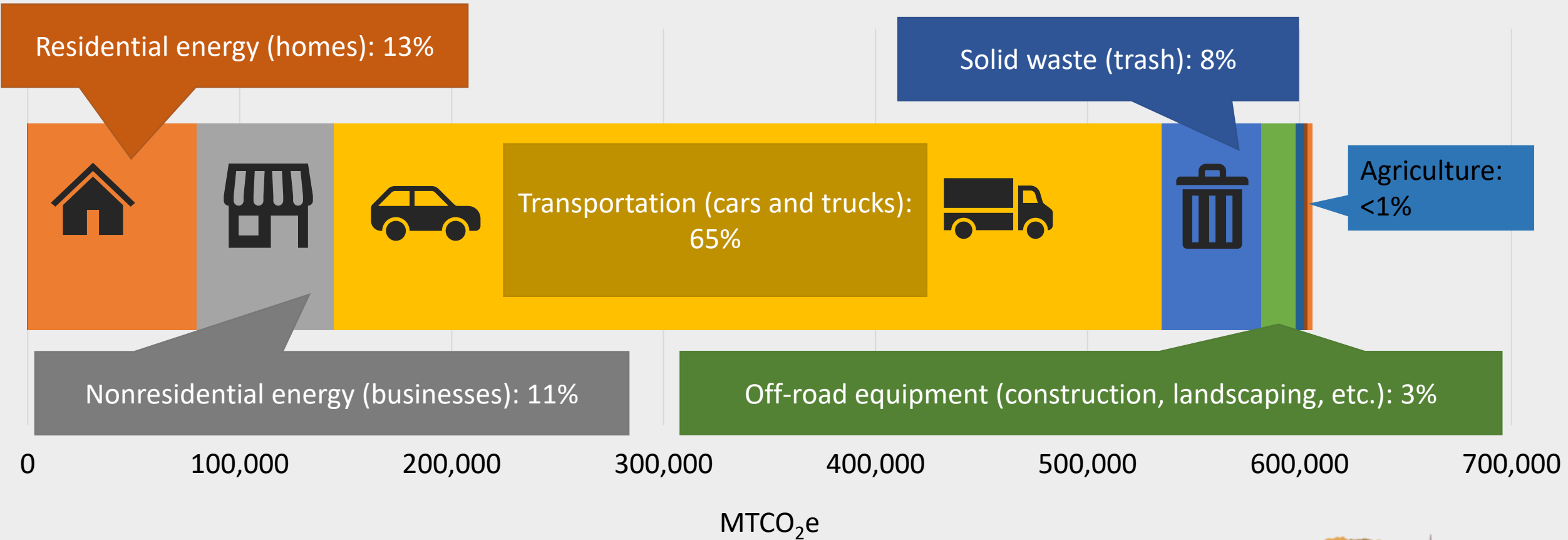
## Circulation recurring themes

- Significant road and sidewalk maintenance needs throughout the city.
- Safety for all modes.
- Traffic congestion lowering quality of life.
- Need to make it more convenient and safer to use alternative modes of transportation.
- Circulation and freight movement is a major infrastructure concern for ag industry, particularly Abbott Street condition and 101 access.





## CAP - 2019 GHG Emissions Inventory





## Measuring environmental impacts of transportation

- SB 743 (2013)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - Change from level of service (LOS) → Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Statewide Implementation July 1, 2020
- City adopted an Interim VMT Policy in fall of 2020

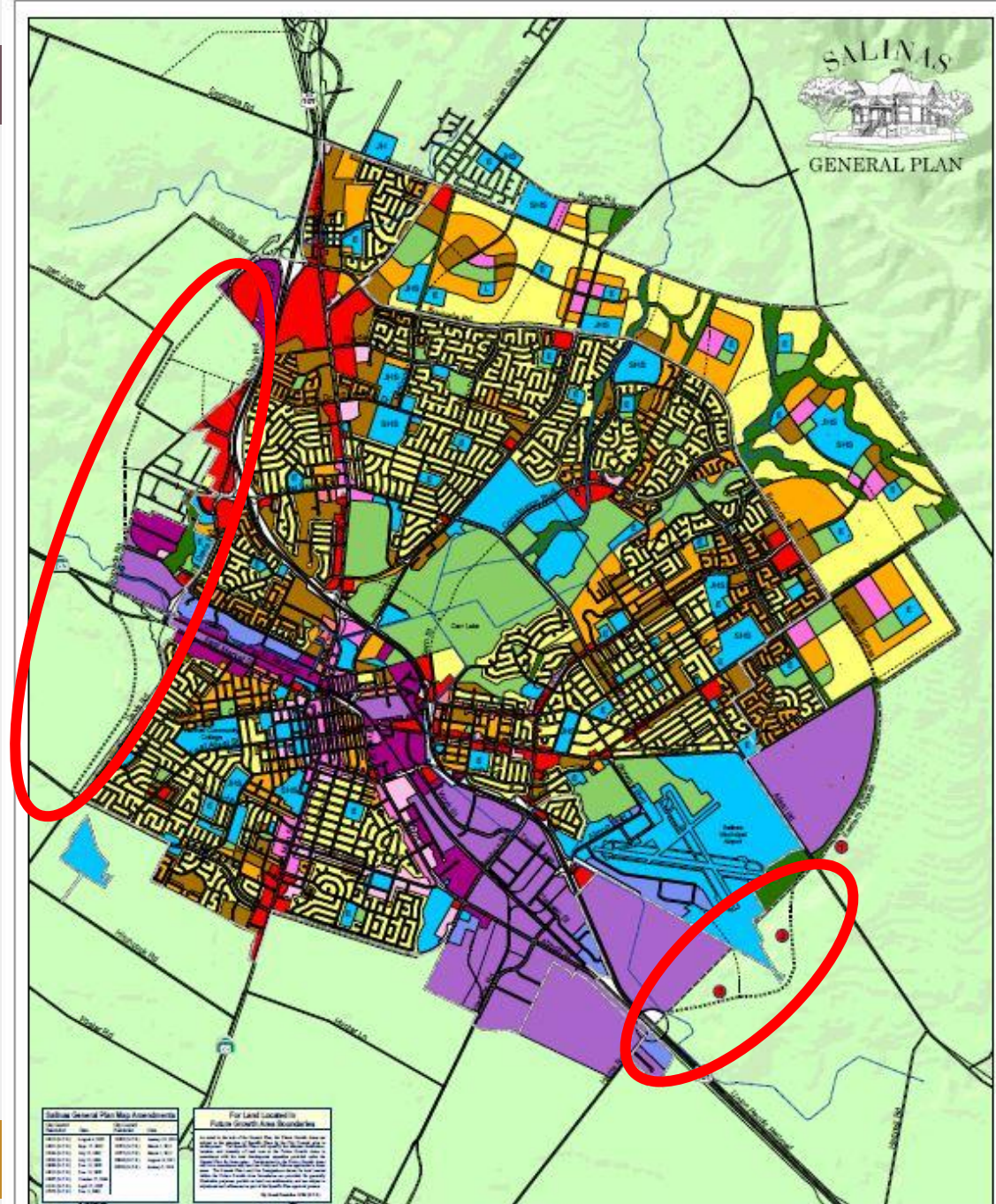




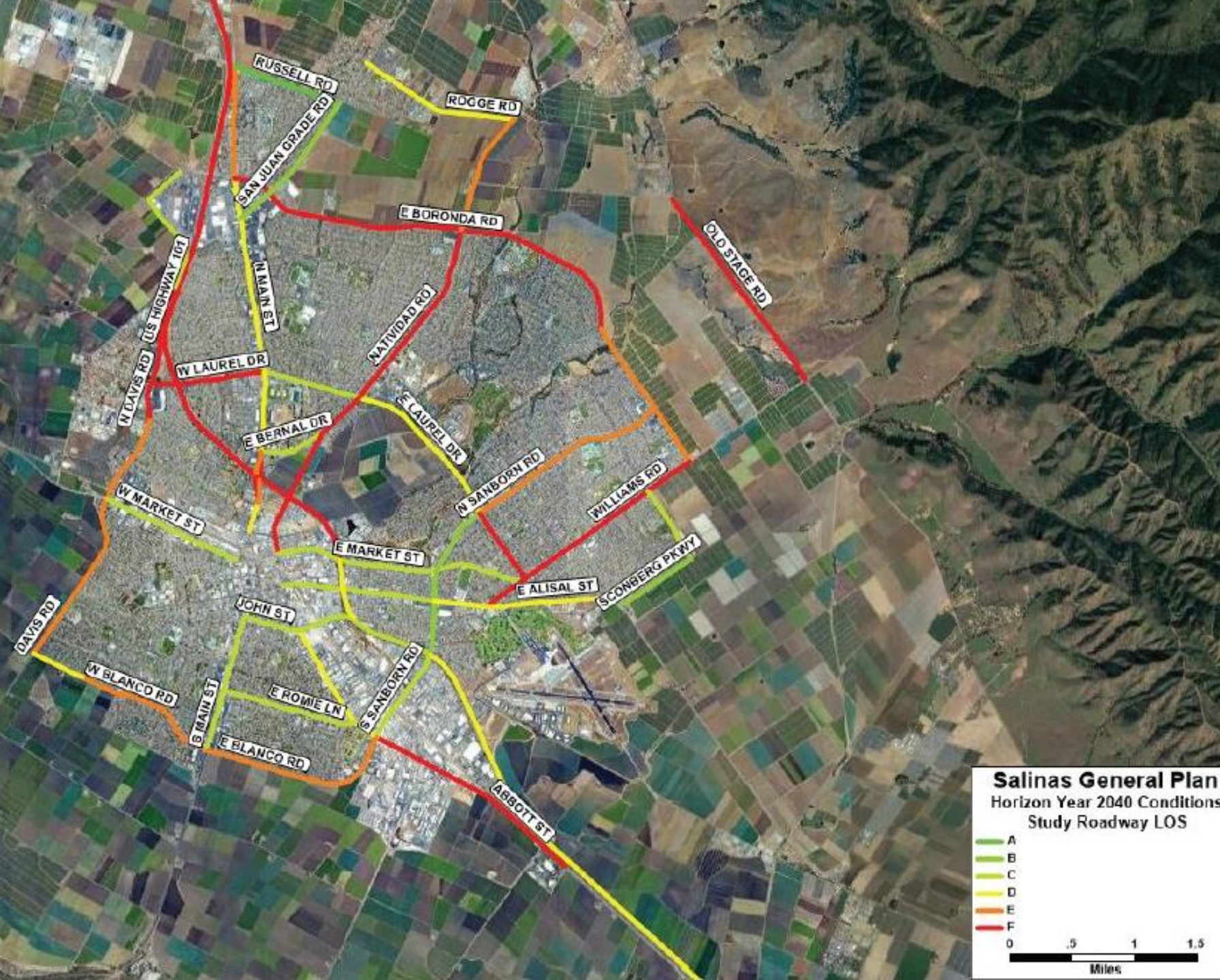
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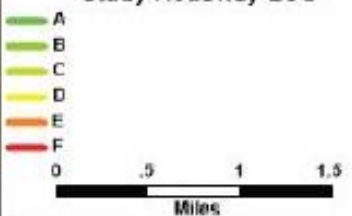
- Bypasses infeasible financially and sustainably
  - Mitigation costs nearly equal to construction
  - Outside of current boundaries
    - Land acquisition costs/additional mitigation for loss of farmland
    - Politically would have to get land owners, County, LAFCO, TAMC, and state on board
  - CalTrans not pursuing new Harris/101 interchange at this time
  - Environmental harm



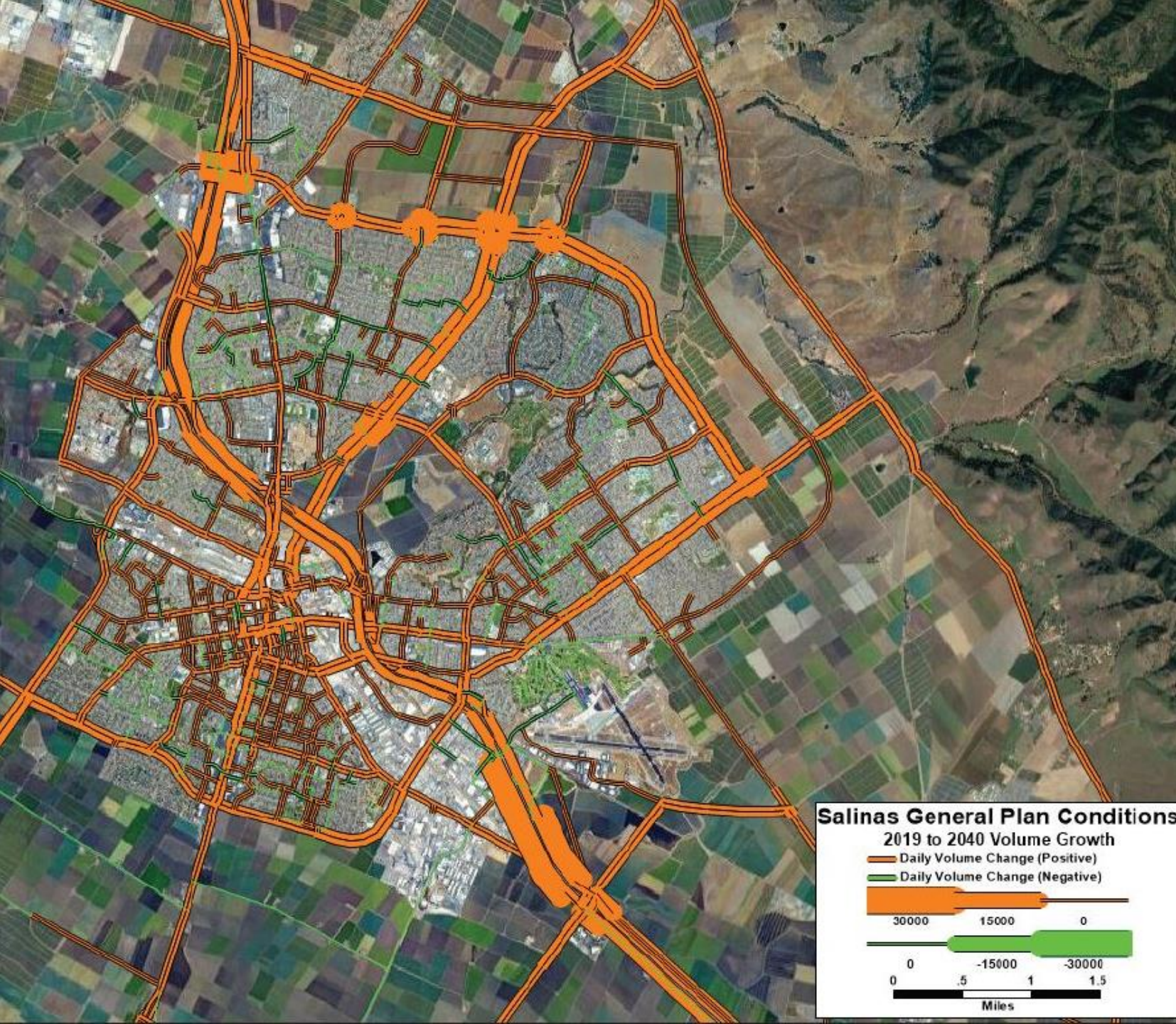




**Salinas General Plan**  
 Horizon Year 2040 Conditions  
 Study Roadway LOS

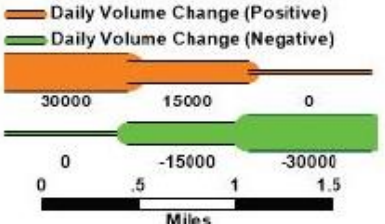






**Salinas General Plan Conditions**

2019 to 2040 Volume Growth



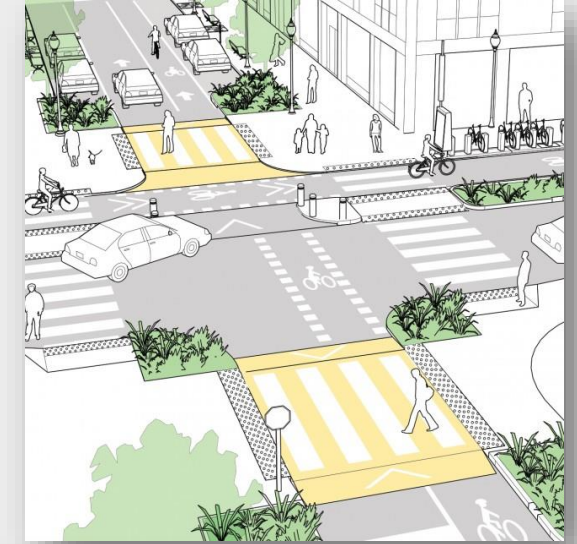




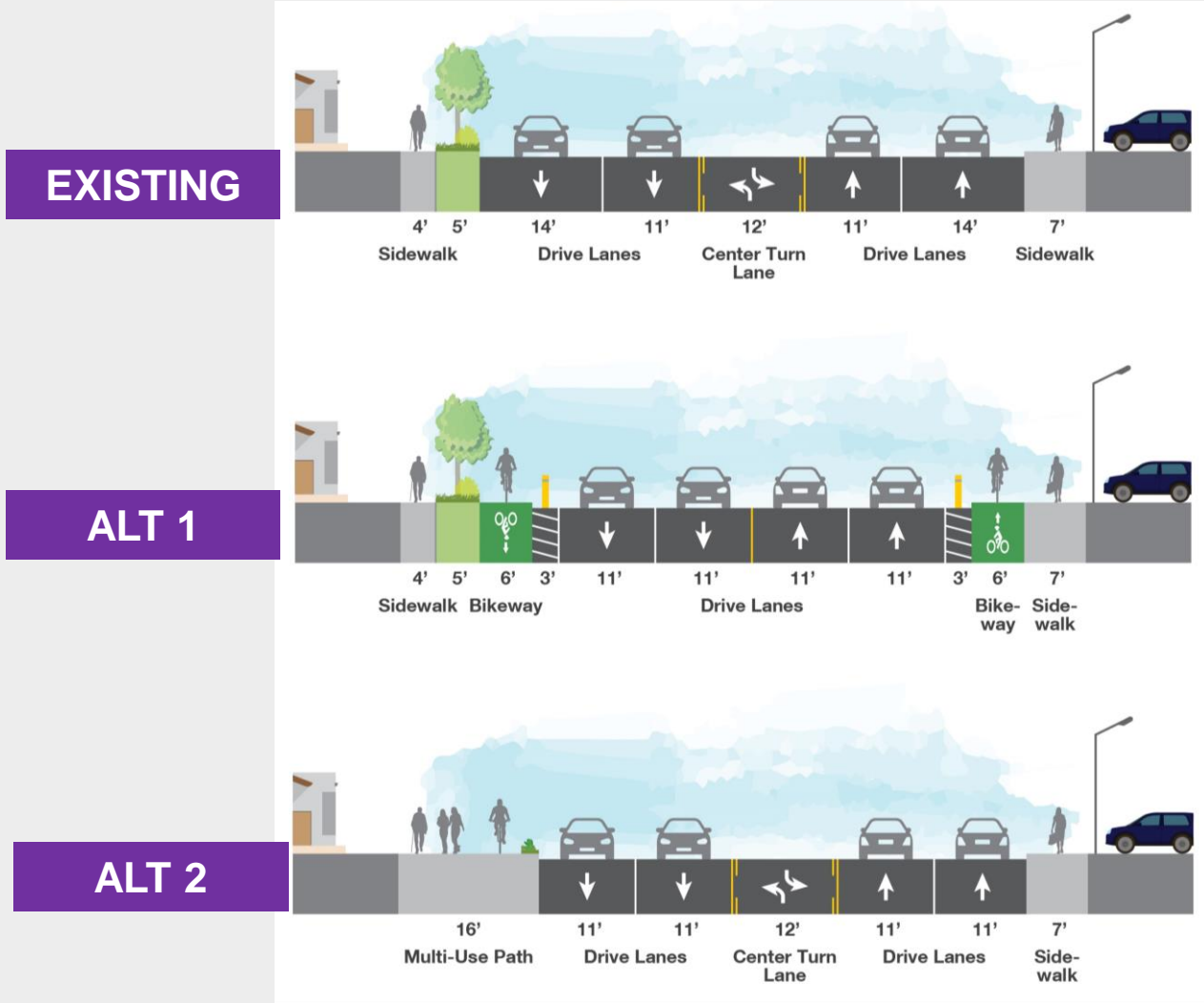
## Mitigation options

- Active Transportation
- Transit (MST)
- Travel Demand Measures – (car/vanpool, transit passes, remote work)
- Implementation of Vision Zero, ATP, other documents.

Traffic Impact Fee program shifts from funding things like lane additions to funding infrastructure and programs for these kind of options.



# D Laurel Dr (E/O Parkside) Proposed

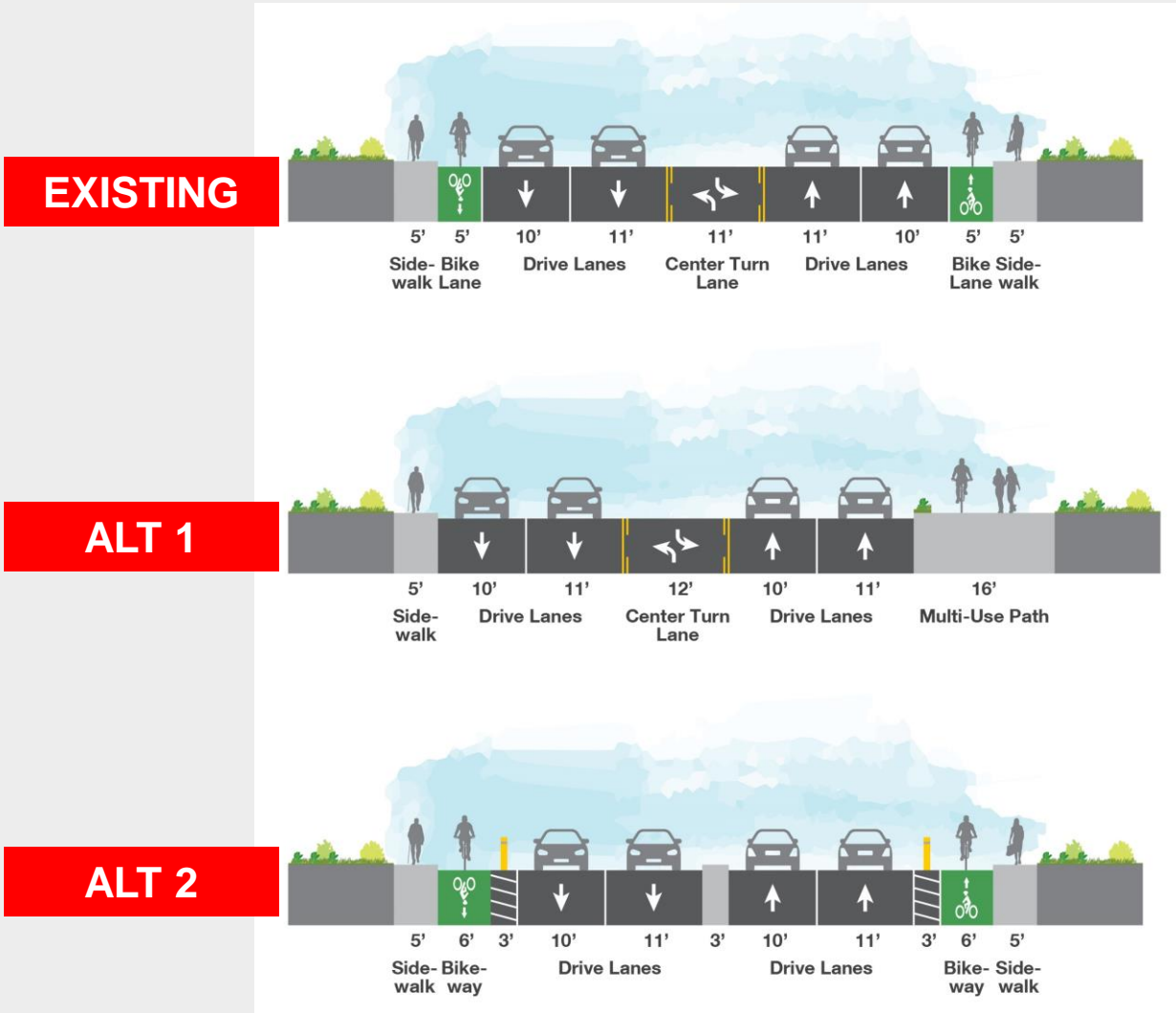


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# **E** Sherwood Dr Proposed



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## Questions and Considerations

- How do we balance VMT reduction, safety, and congestion management?
- What should happen in Carr Lake?
- How do we still support business/industry growth?
- Transportation planning involves more agencies – DOT, CalTrans, TAMC, MST, etc.





## Circulation Goals

- C-1: Provide and maintain a safe and integrated circulation system that meets the current and future needs of the community for all modes of travel.
- C-2: Create and support sustainable and healthy transportation options that encourage a reduction in single-occupancy vehicle commuting and overall Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).



## COES recurring themes

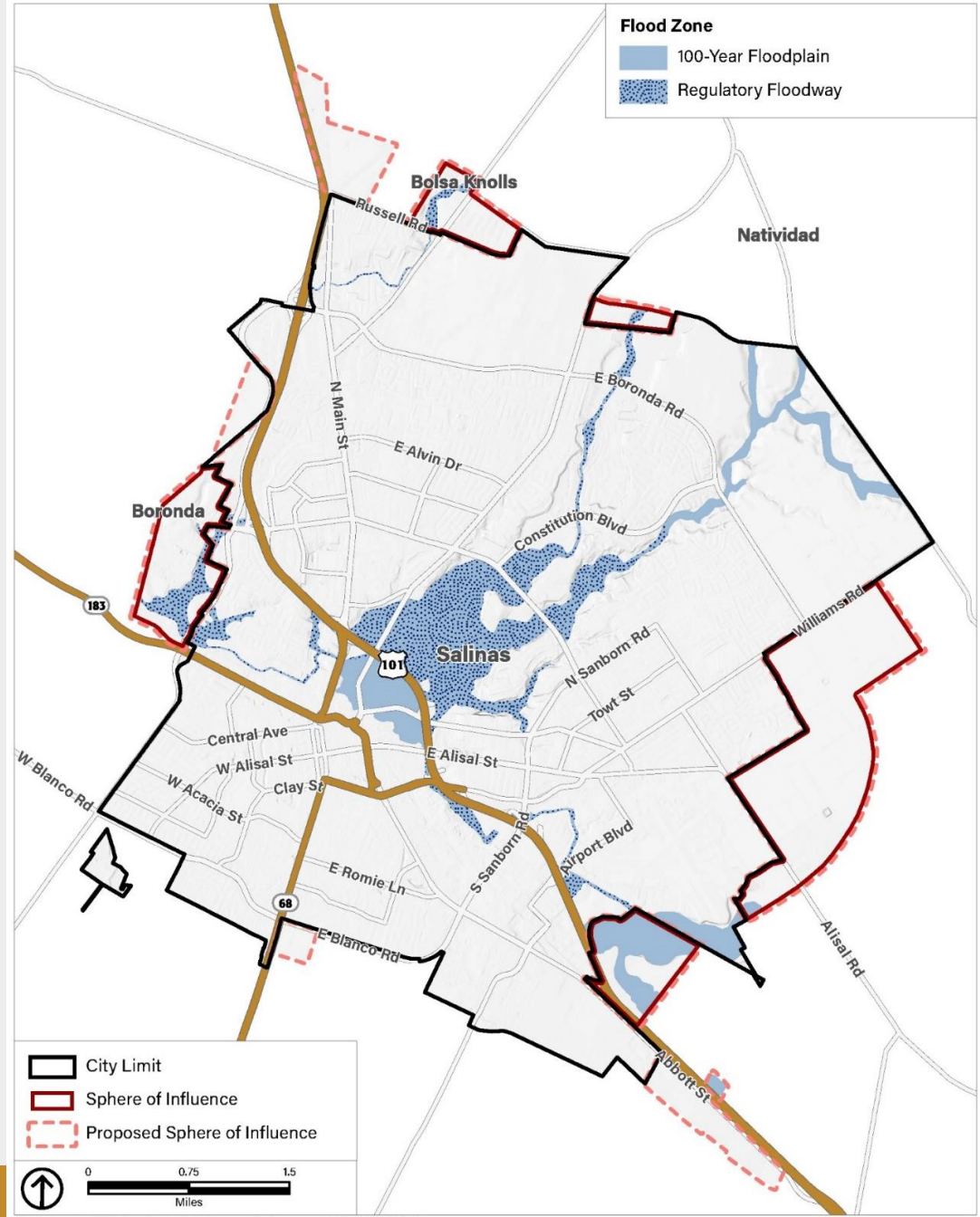
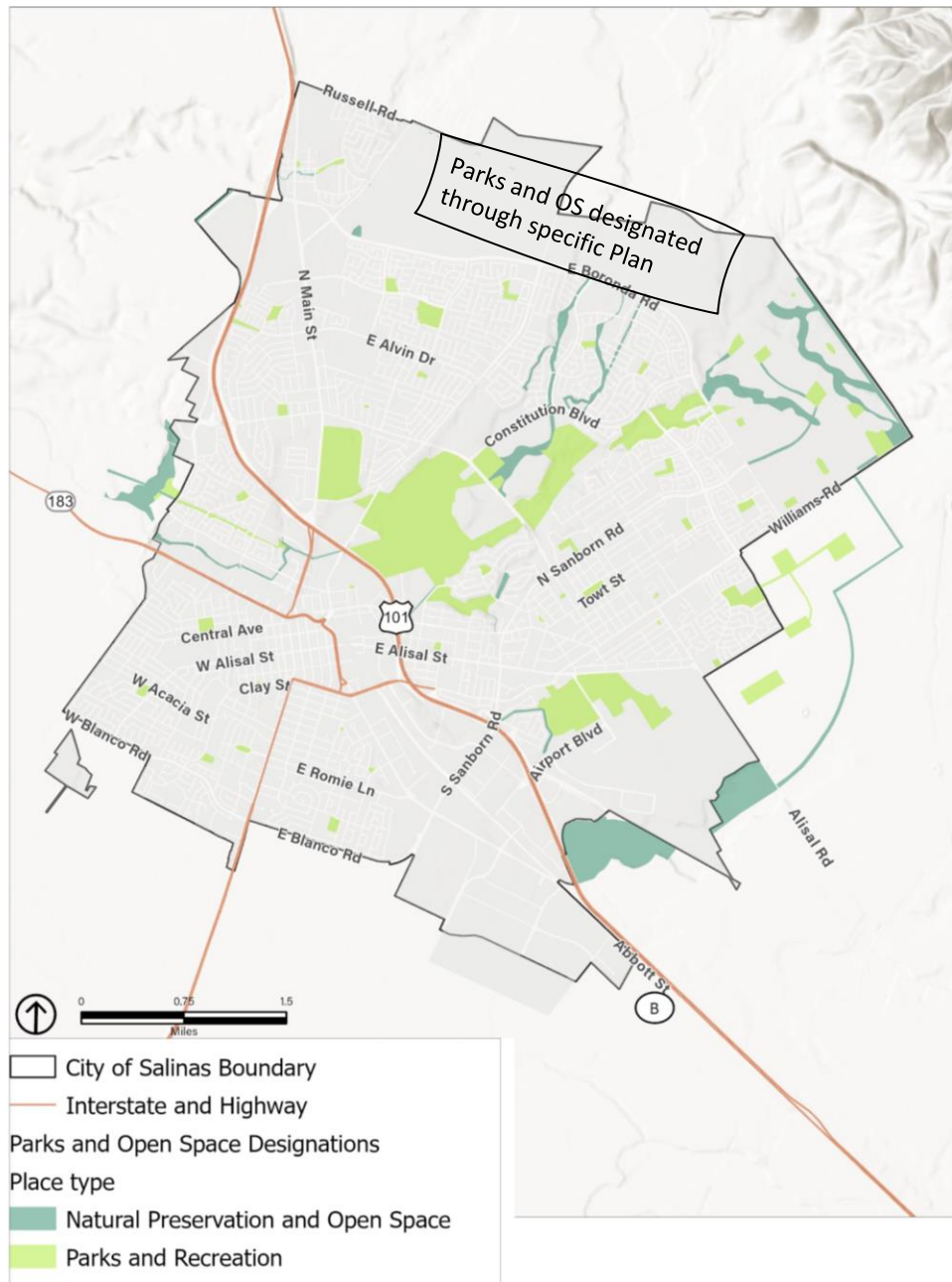
- Protection of water quality and water conservation.
- Protecting air quality and other natural resources.
- Increasing sustainability and climate change adaptation (*also now req. by SB 379*).
- Promote drought-tolerant/low maintenance yards/landscaping.
- Reduce pollution.

*Strong connections to Environmental Justice, other elements, and CAP*





Parks and Recreation + Natural Preservation and Open Space Place Types



Source: USA Flood Hazard Areas, ESRI, 2021.



## Conservation and Environmental Safety Goals

- COES 1 - Increase the adaptability and resiliency of Salinas to the effects of Climate Change.
- COES 2 - Ensure a safe and adequate water supply for the community.
- COES 3 – Encourage energy conservation.
- COES 4 - Protect and enhance significant ecological and biological resources in the planning area.
- COES 5 - Reduce the risk to the community from flooding, wildfire, seismic activity, geologic conditions, and other natural hazards.



## Steering Committee Timeline

October

- Land Use & Infrastructure
- Community Design
- Public Safety

January

CAP. Hold for missing topics.

November

- Environmental Safety & Conservation
- Circulation

February/March

Community Review

- **Late Spring**  
Steering Committee Study Session
- **August/September**  
GPU Adoption





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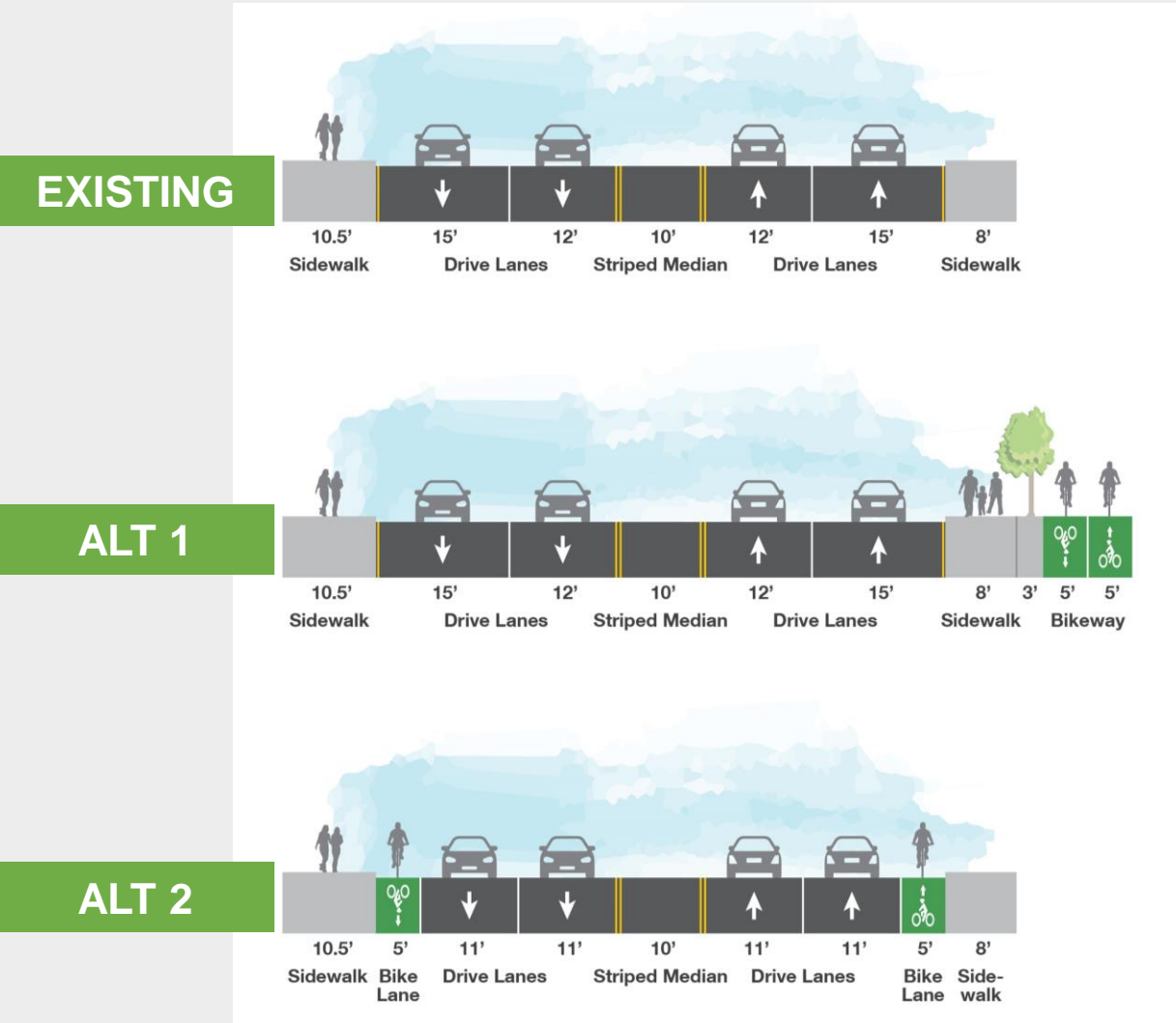
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## Next Steps and Upcoming Material

- Next Steering Committee meeting: January
- Upcoming material:
  - Missing topics/carryover discussion on Goals/Policies/Actions. CAP.



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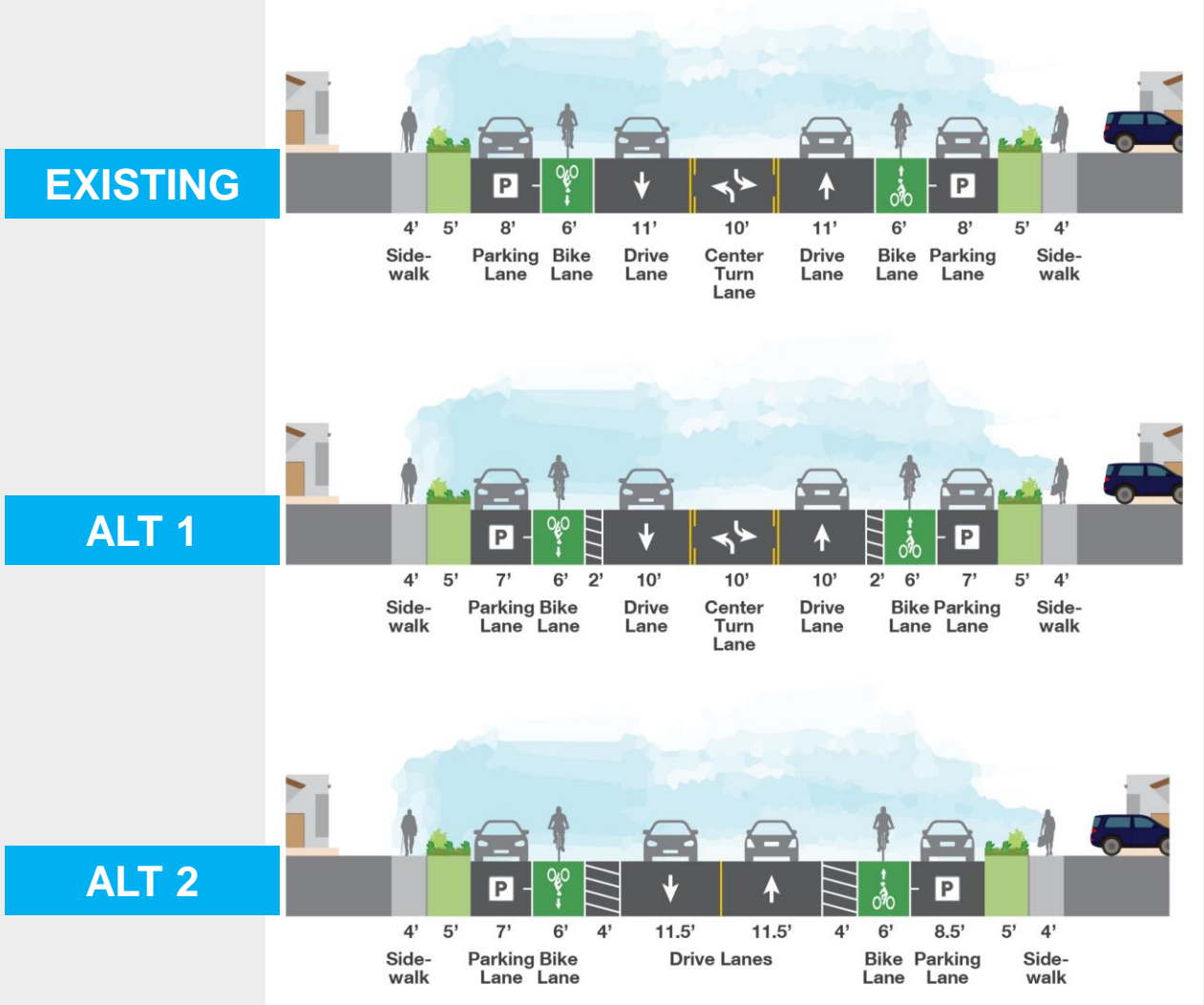


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# B John St (Wood St to Alisal St) Proposed



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# C Laurel Dr (101 Ramps) Proposed

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