

4th Ave S Safety Project Briefing

Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting
March 17, 2026

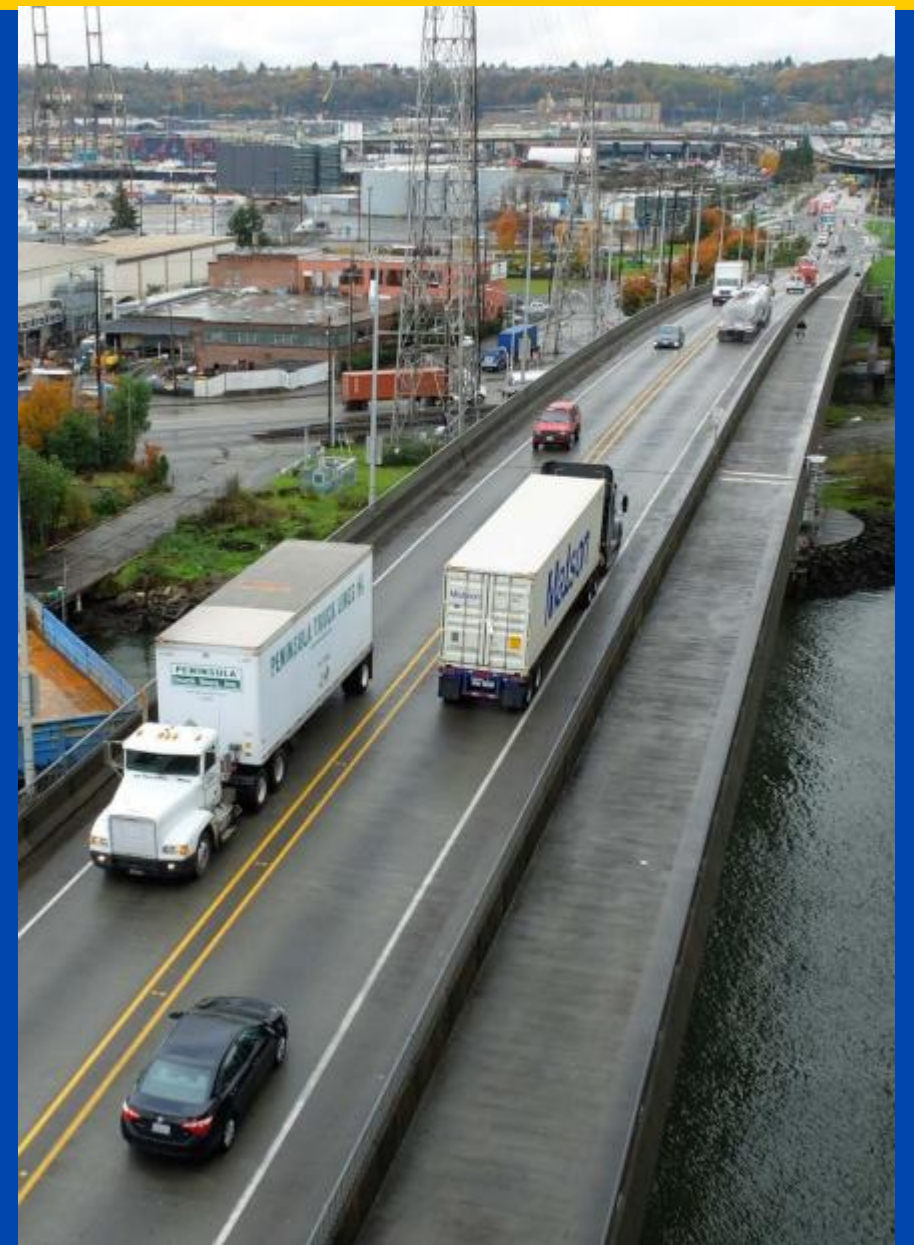


Our Vision

Seattle is an equitable, vibrant, and diverse city where moving around is safe, fair, and sustainable. All people and businesses can access their daily needs and feel connected to their community.

Values & Goals

- Safety
- Equity
- Sustainability
- Mobility & Economic Vitality
- Livability
- Maintenance & Modernization
- Excellence



Agenda

- Existing Conditions
- Timeline
- Project Goals
- Project Overview
 - 4th Ave S and S Walker St
 - 4th Ave S and S Forest St
- Outreach/engagement
- Next Steps



Project Vicinity



Existing Conditions

- **4th Ave S**

- Crucial north-south principal arterial
- High-speed, high-crash, high-injury corridor (Tier 1 in High Injury Network)
- Major Freight Route / Truck Street
- 2 lanes Southbound, 3 lanes Northbound, center turn lane
- Tier 1 deficient sidewalks

- **4th Ave S and S Walker St**

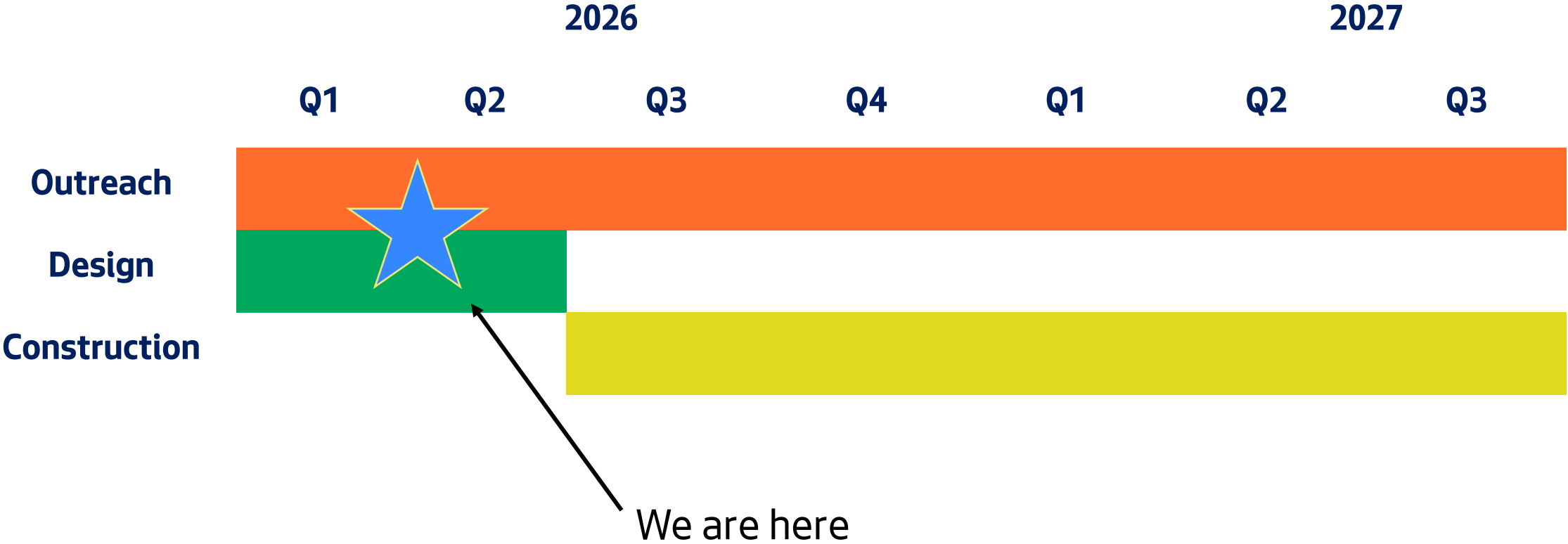
- Dated bus stops serving Metro Routes 131 and 132
- Currently unsignalized intersection
- Unmarked crosswalks, no trees or pedestrian scale lighting

- **4th Ave S and S Forest St**

- High local business use – Republic Recycling located one block west
- Currently unsignalized intersection
- Unmarked crosswalks, no trees or pedestrian scale lighting



Schedule



Project Goals

- Improve safety
- Maintain critical access needs for adjacent businesses
- Enhance freight reliability, especially for larger trucks, WB-67's and WB-50's, turning on and off 4th Ave S
- Improve transit travel time and reliability
- Create better conditions for people waiting for buses and access to transit



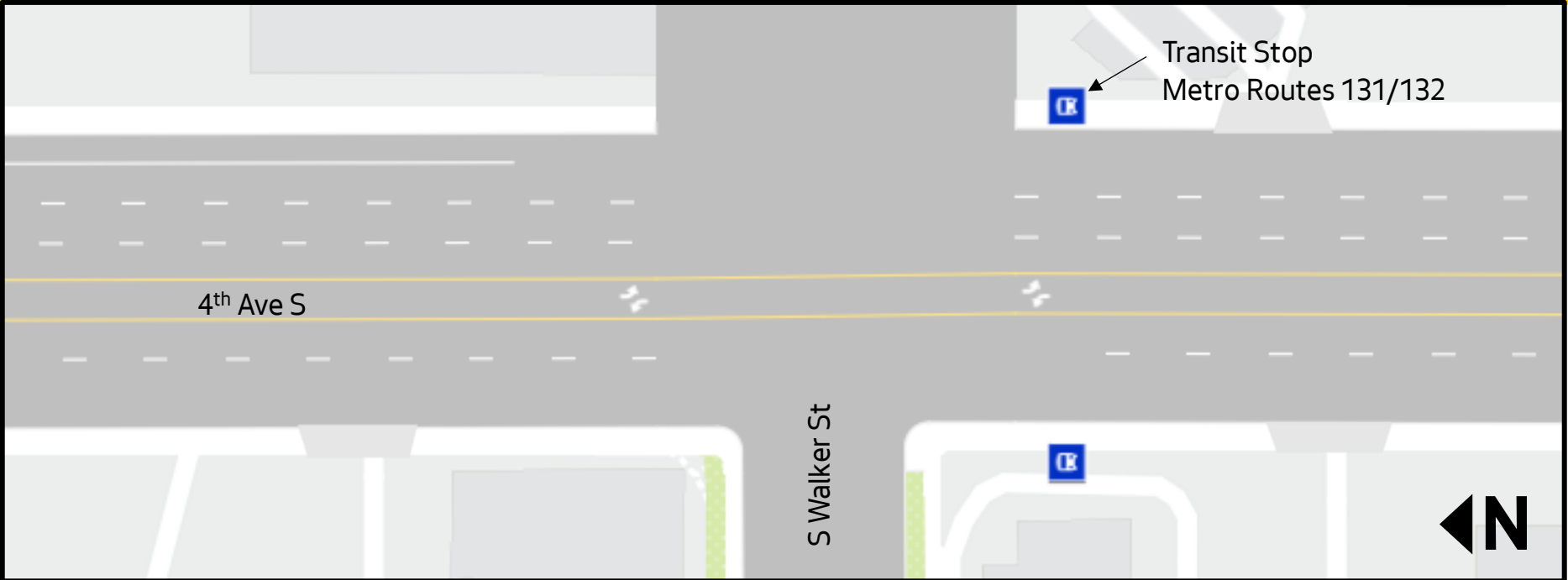
4th Ave S & S Walker St - Scope

- Full signal
- Marked crosswalks and ADA ramps
- Curb and bus bulbs
- Move northbound bus stop to north side of S Walker St, update stops
- Lighting (where feasible)
- Trees (where feasible)
- Channelization modifications
 - No parking in new curb bulb locations
 - Addition of left turn lane at signal

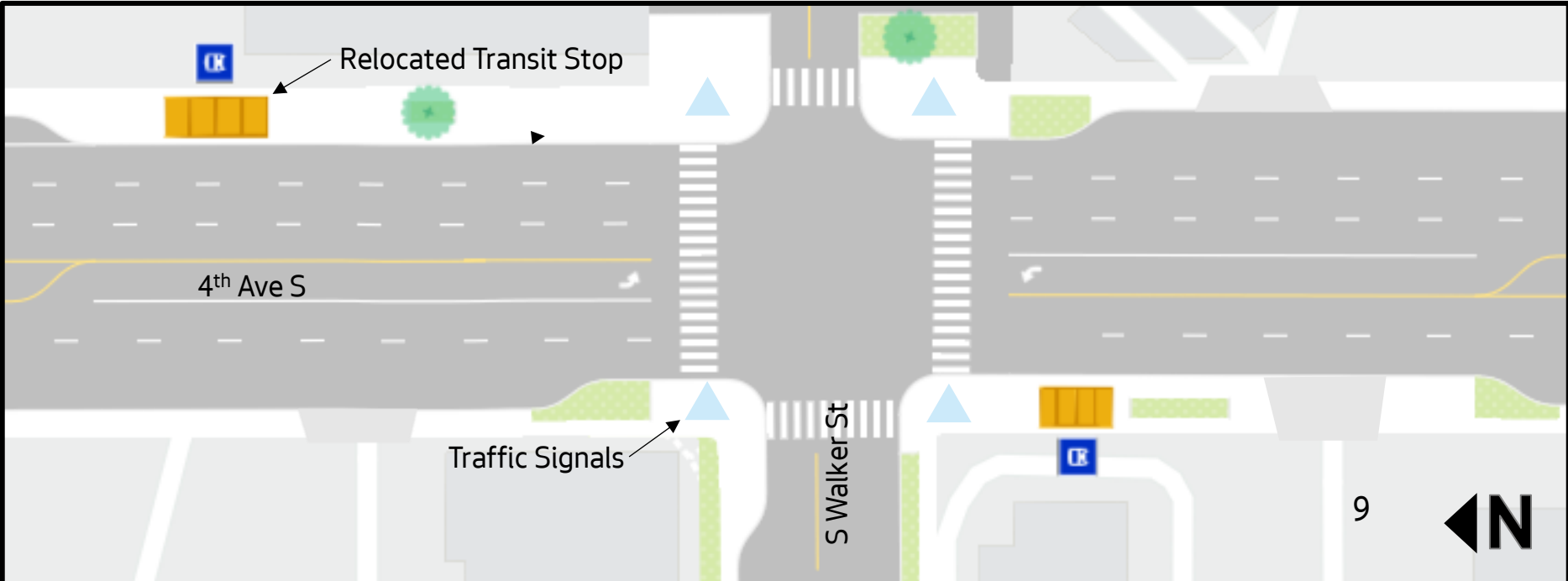


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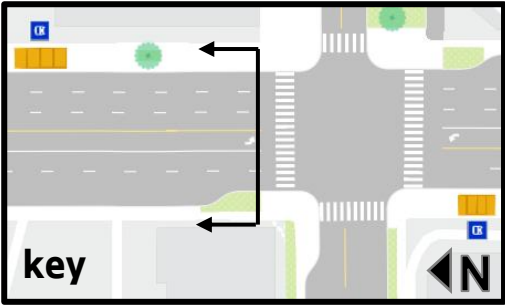
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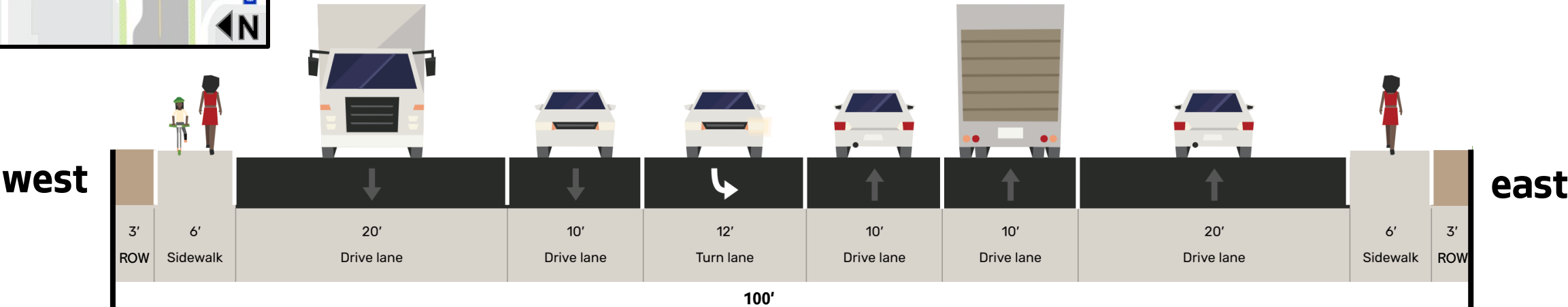
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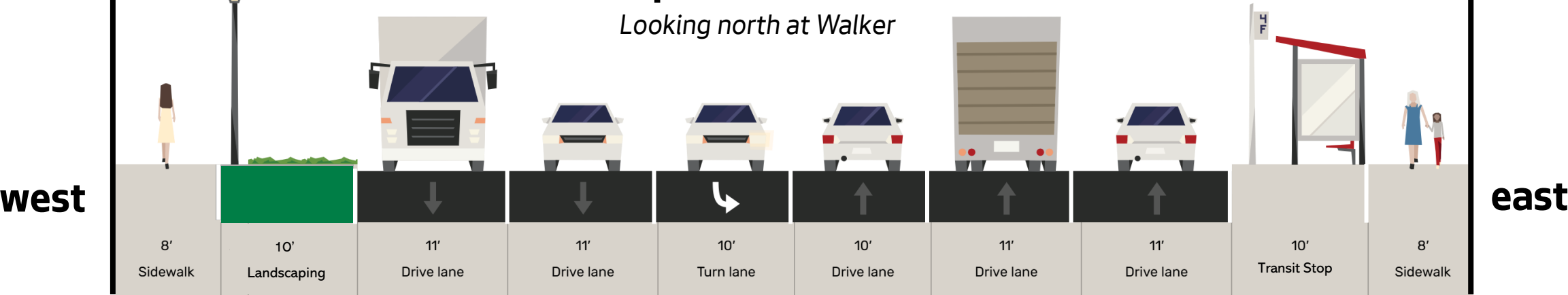
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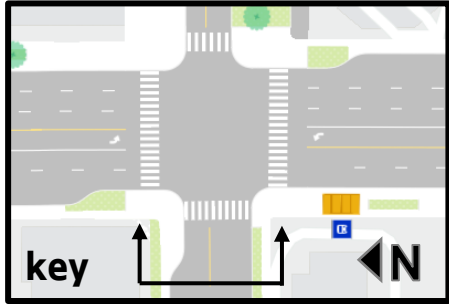
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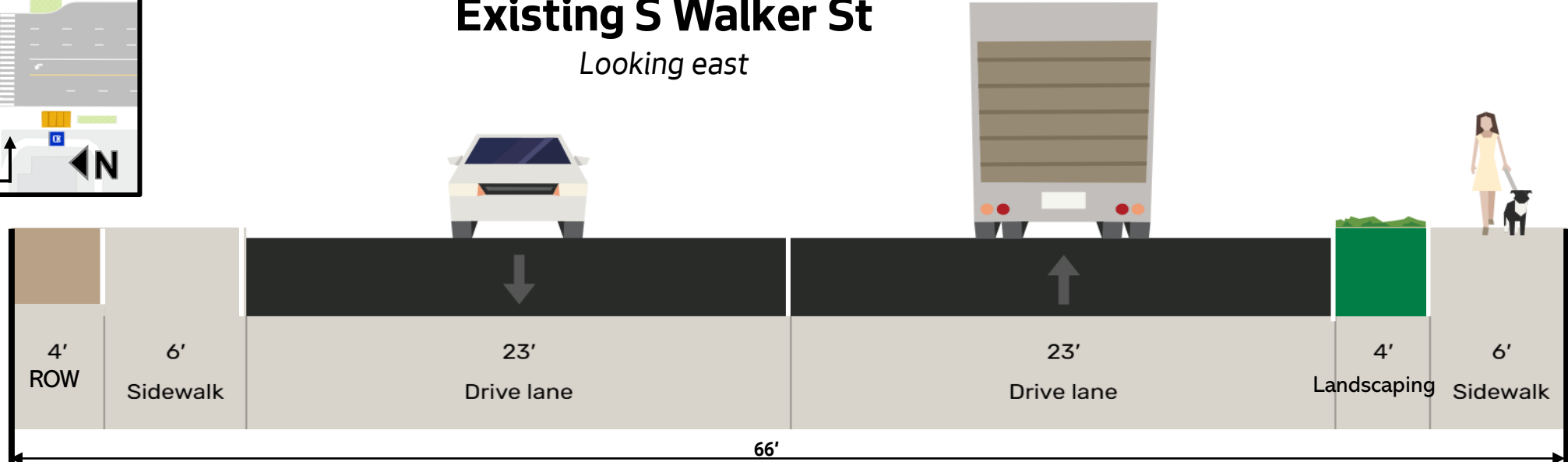
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Existing S Walker St

Looking east

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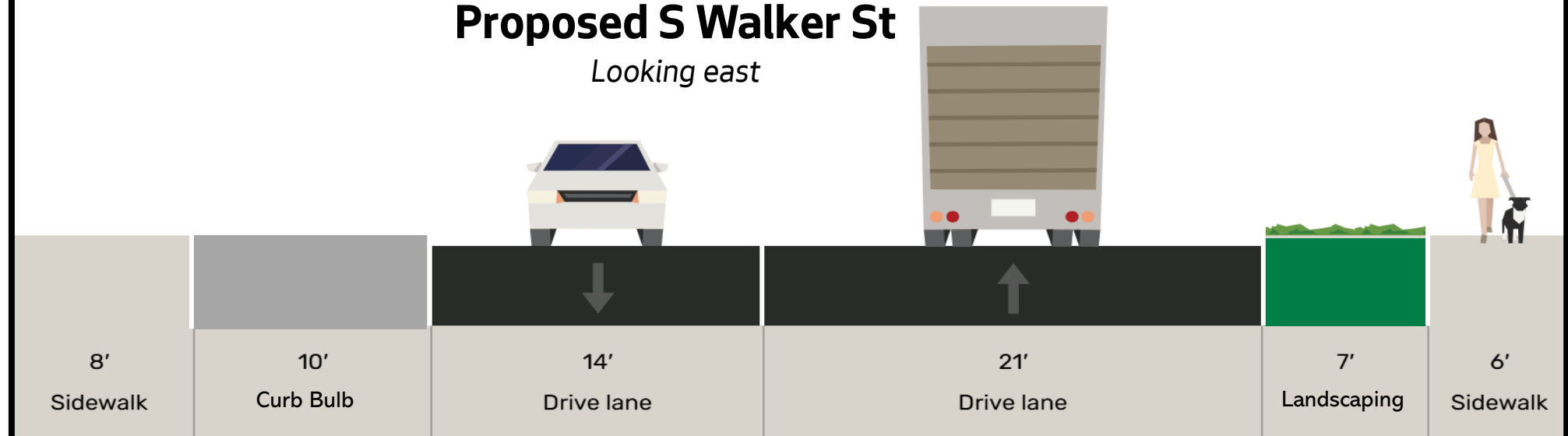


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Proposed S Walker St

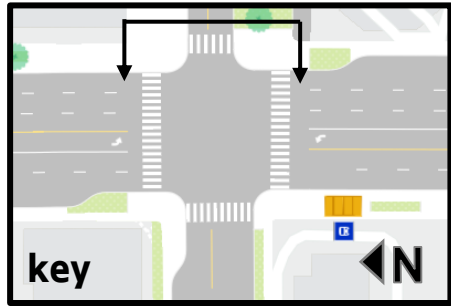
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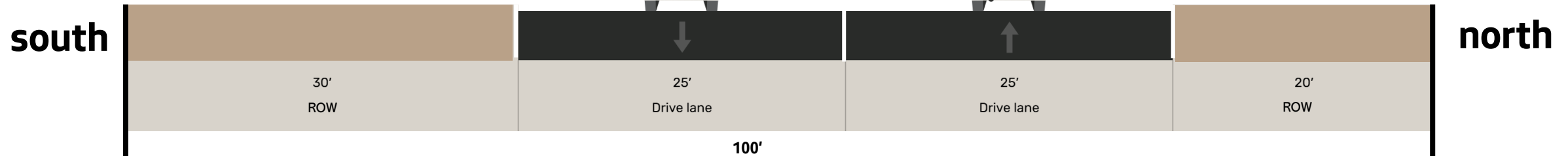
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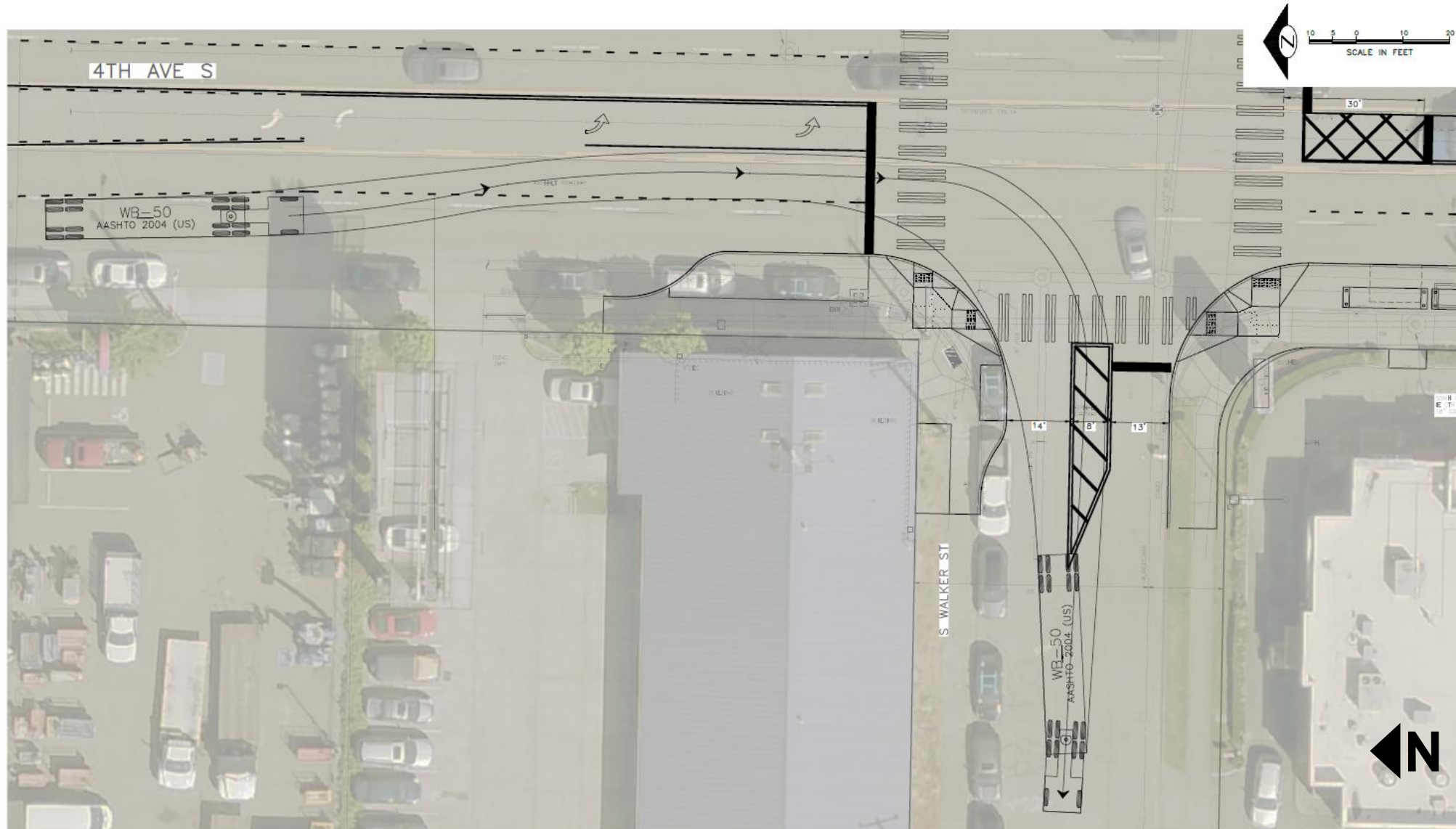


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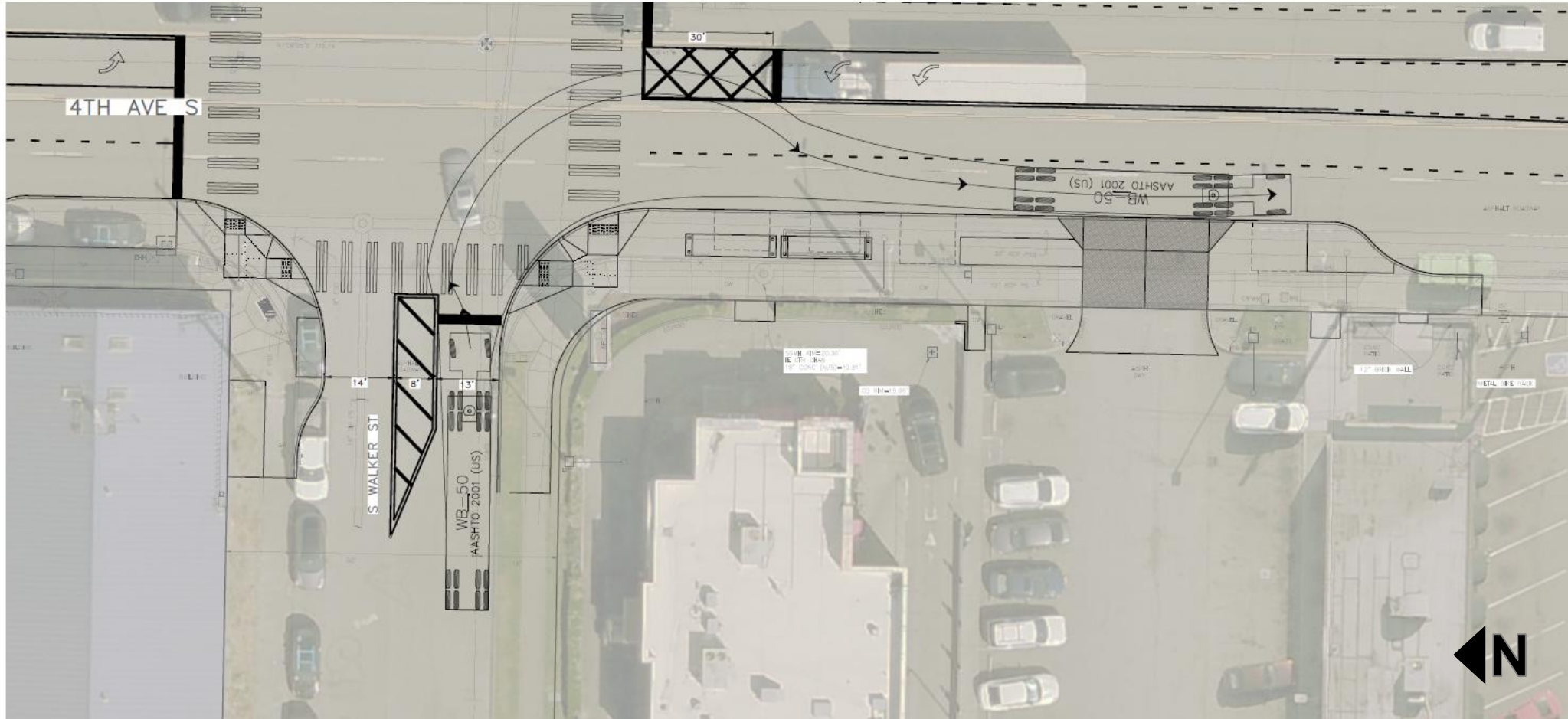
Southbound 4th Ave S to Westbound S Walker St



SB 4TH AVE S TO WB S WALKER ST

DESIGN VEHICLE: WB-50
DESIGN SPEED: 3 MPH

Eastbound S Walker St to Southbound 4th Ave S



EB S WALKER ST TO SB 4TH AVE S

DESIGN VEHICLE: WB-50

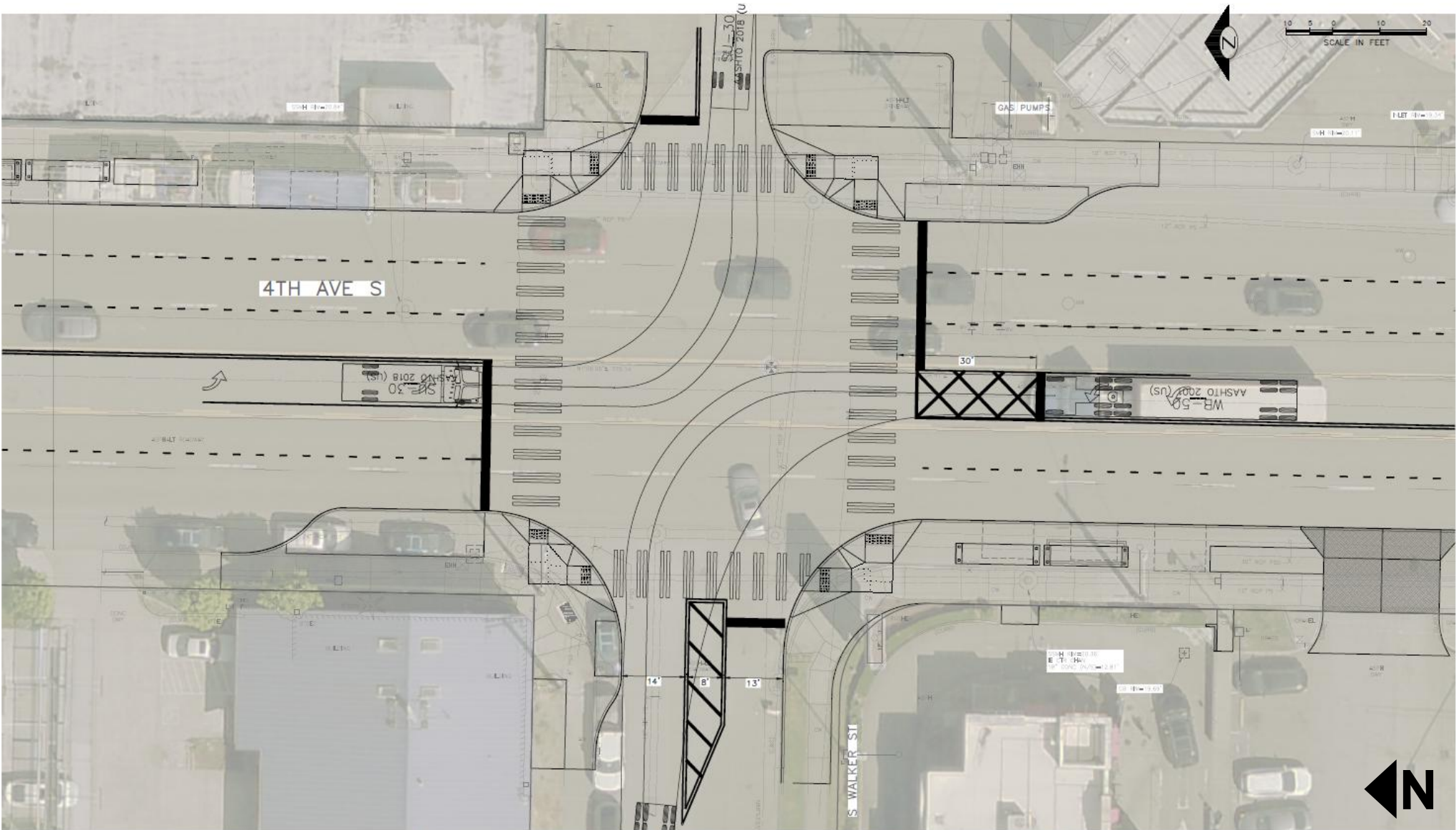
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TURNING MOVEMENTS
4TH AVE S & S WALKER ST



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DESIGN VEHICLE: SU-30 & WB-67
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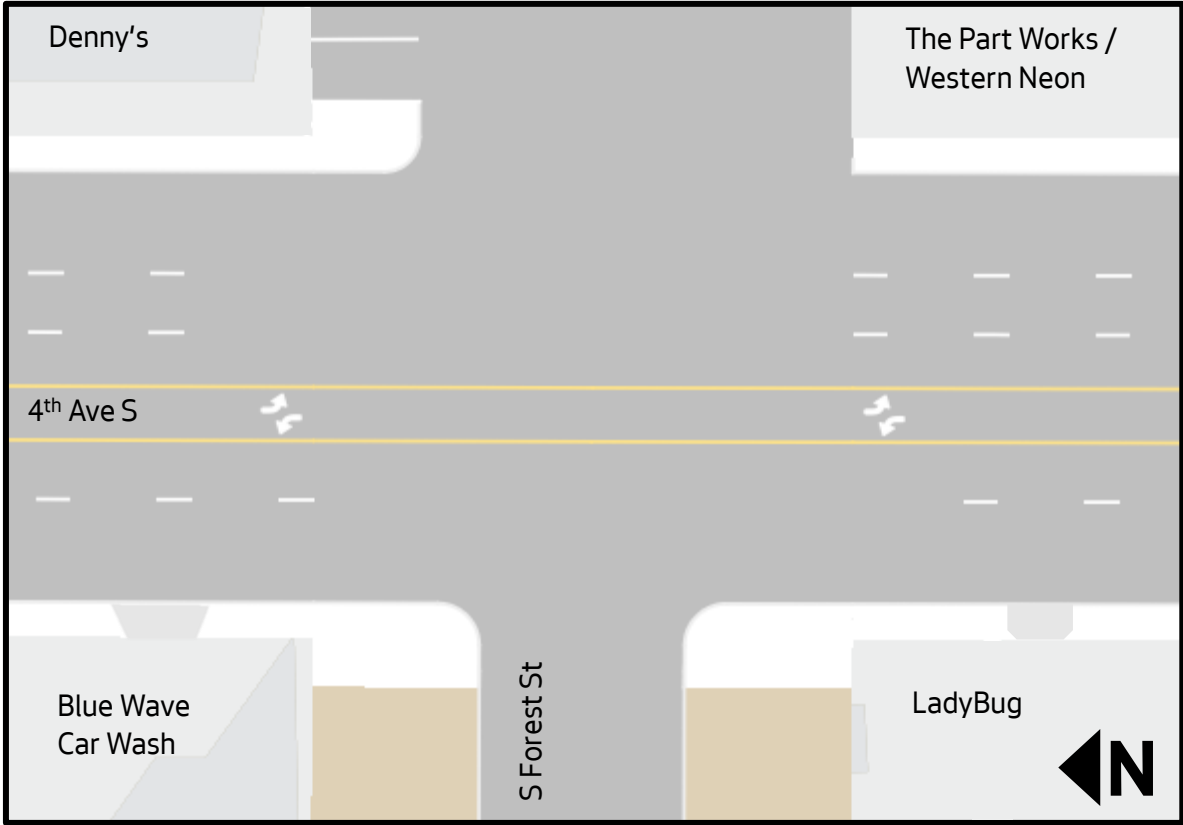
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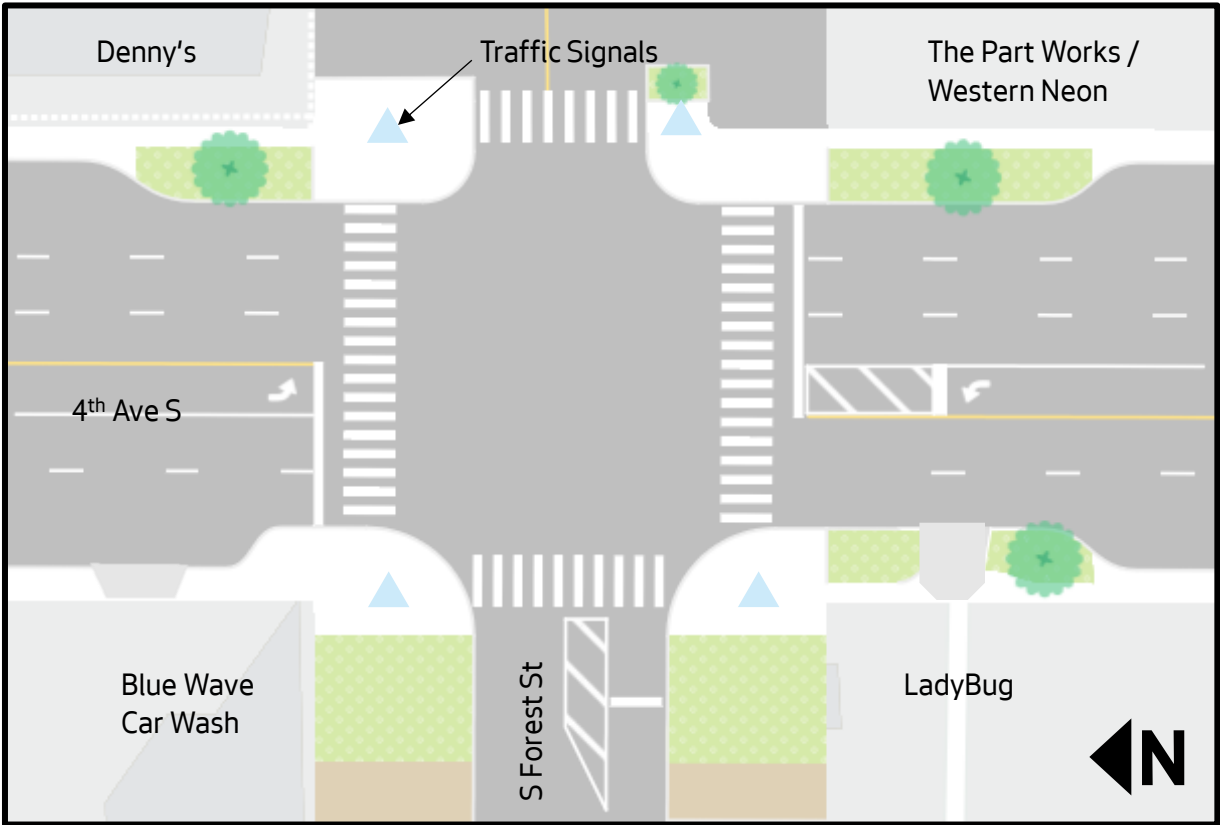


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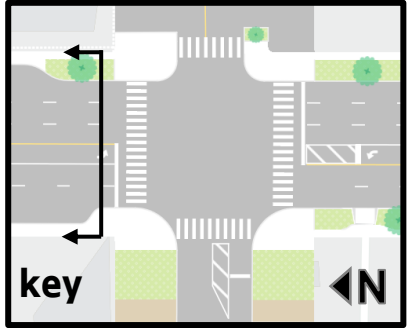


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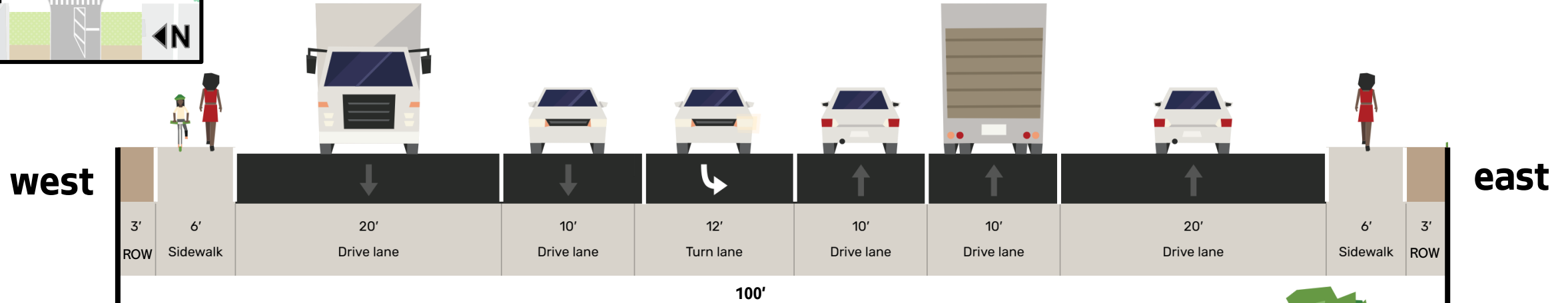
Concept Graphics

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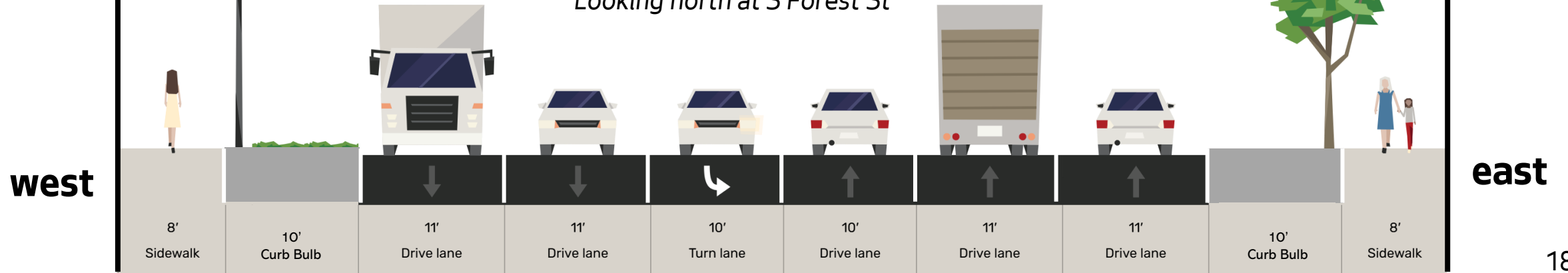
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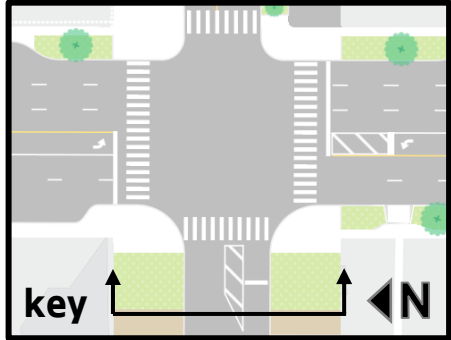


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4th Ave S & S Forest St - Cross Section on S Forest St



Existing S Forest St

Looking east



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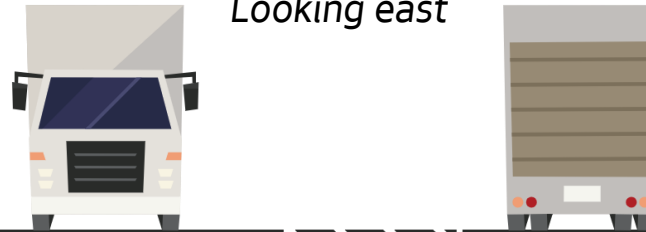


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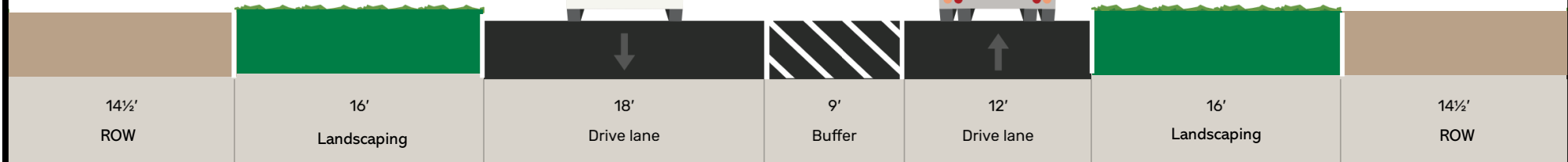
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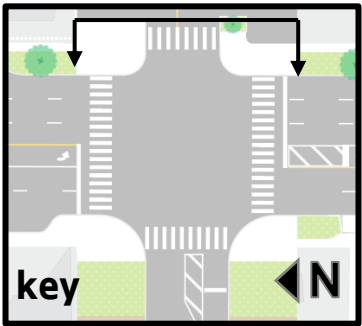


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Existing S Forest St

Looking west



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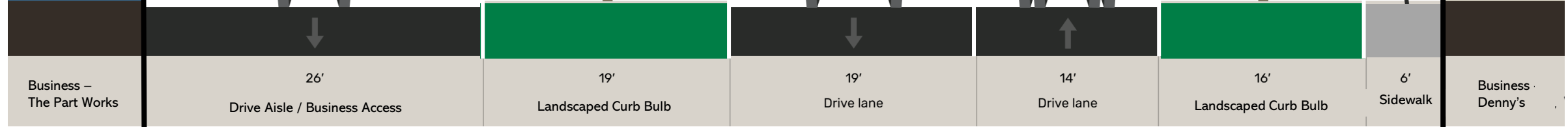
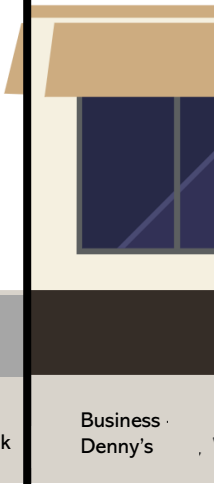
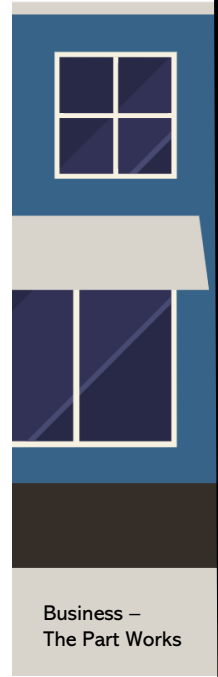
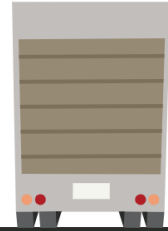
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Proposed S Forest St

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Southbound 4th Ave S to Westbound S Forest St



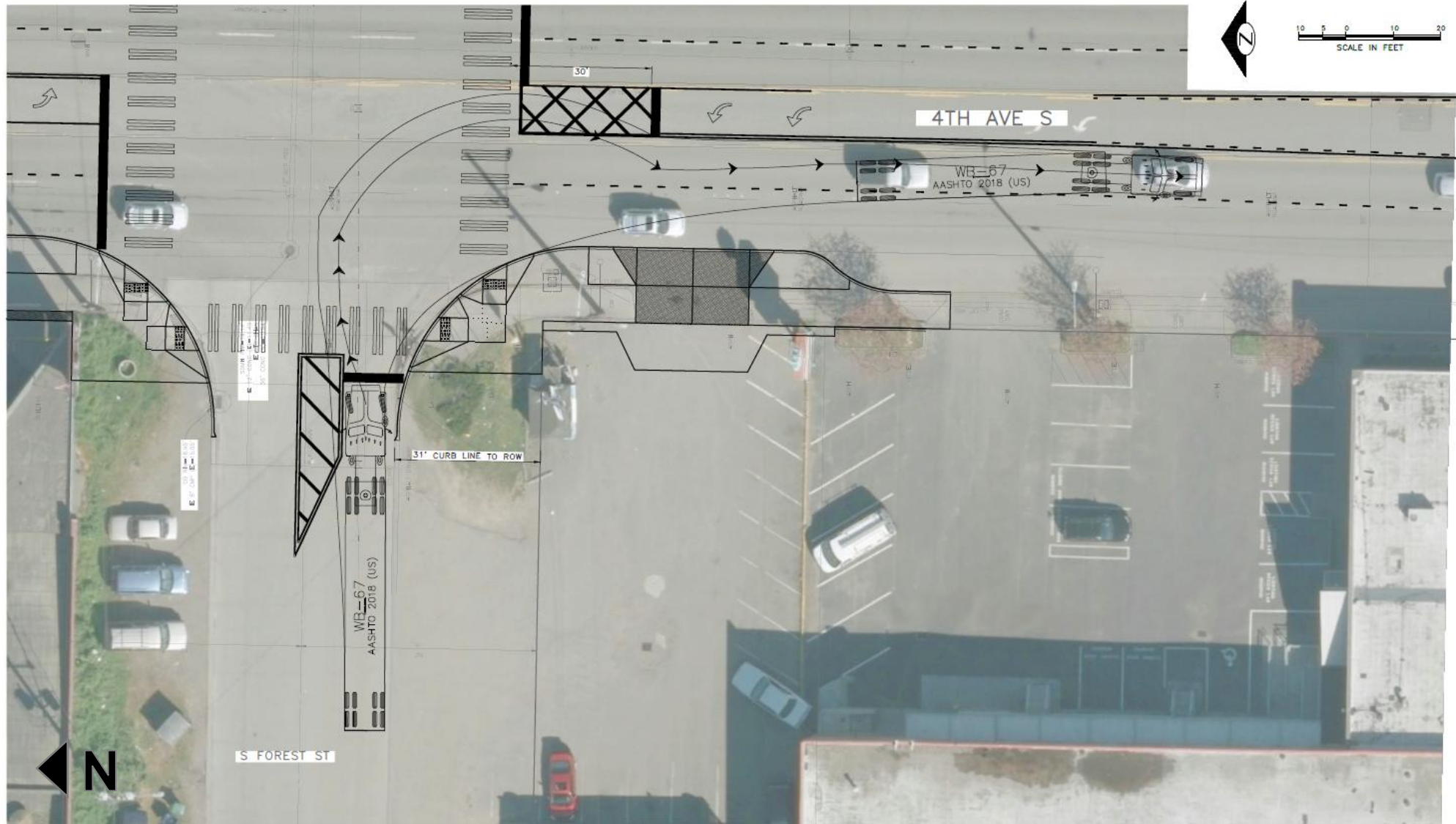
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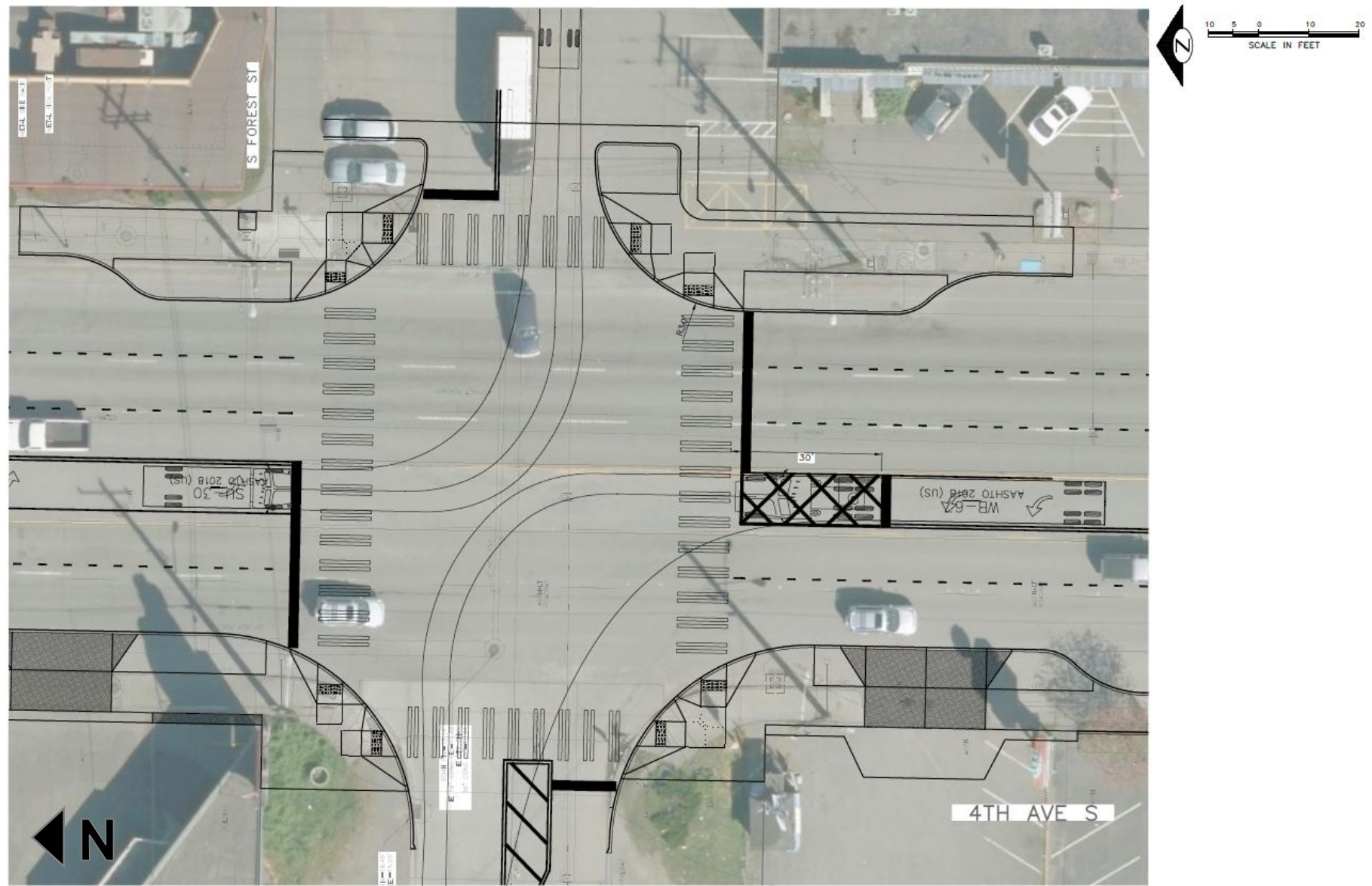
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Outreach and Engagement

- Completed door-to-door outreach along the corridor to inform businesses of the project
- Briefed businesses most affected by the changes as well as other key groups
- Working with adjacent businesses to refine designs
 - Critical access needs
 - Truck turning movements / curb radii



Next Steps

Outreach

- Continue to engage businesses with complex access needs
- Share project info with SDOT modal boards and other interested groups

Design

- Further refine considering adjacent business needs
- Finalized by Q2 2026

Construction / Delivery

- Expected 2026-2027



From the entire SDOT Team
Thank you!

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