

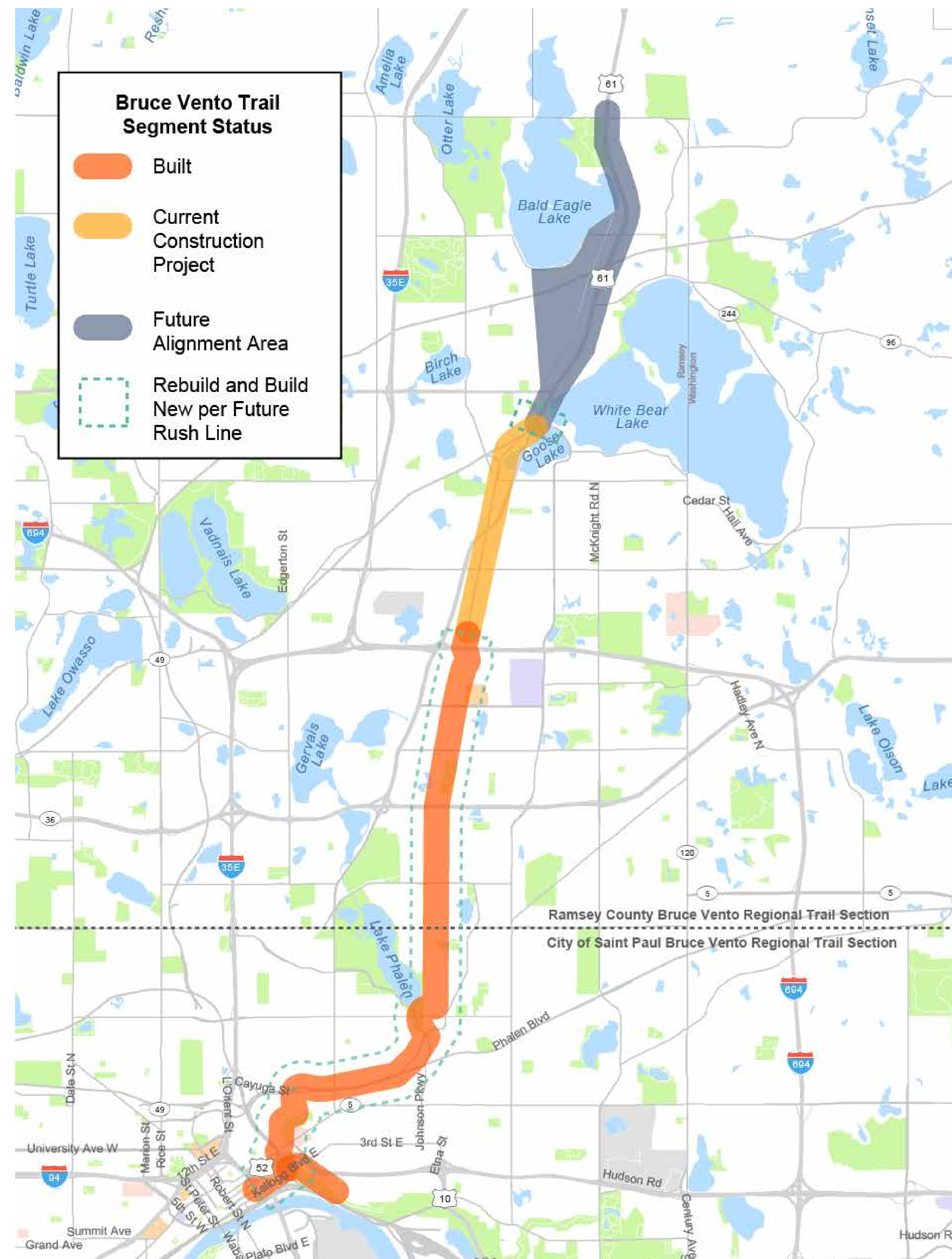
BRUCE VENTO REGIONAL TRAIL EXTENSION WELCOME



GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Thank you for attending the community meeting.
There will be a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m.
Staff will be available throughout the evening to
discuss open house materials.

PROJECT CONTEXT



The Bruce Vento Trail is an important community asset, and the new trail connections will benefit residents and businesses in the adjacent neighborhood while also drawing new audiences to the trail system.

Ramsey County is re-envisioning the Bruce Vento Regional Trail as a 13.3 mile trail from downtown Saint Paul to the county boundary in White Bear Township. This phase of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail extension will stretch the last 3.5 miles of the corridor between Whitaker Street and County Road J.

PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Phase 2 extension will run 3.5 miles from Whitaker Street to County Road J in White Bear Lake and White Bear Township.

The Phase 2 extension will connect to the previously planned Phase 1 extension.

The map shows the recommended alignment for the 3.5 mile extension, following Bald Eagle Avenue, Bald Eagle Boulevard, Taylor Avenue and Hugo Road to County Road J.

PROJECT HISTORY

1993: Master Plan for Bruce Vento Trail Completed

2018-19: Ramsey County initiates three design projects including Phase 1 Trail Final Design, Feasibility Study to evaluate alternate corridor for Phase 2 including a public engagement process, and initiate a master plan amendment for the Bruce Vento Regional Trail

2020: Preferred trail alignment for Phase 2 of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail determined

2020: Ramsey County prepares a Draft master Plan Amendment for long-term improvements to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail

January 2021: Begin Phase 2 Predesign

May 2021: Draft Amendment approved by Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

May 2021: Draft Amendment submitted to Metropolitan Council

October 2021: Open house and community survey to gather input and inform develop the preliminary design of an extension to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.

PROJECT GOALS



Provide trail connections to downtown White Bear Lake, the Highway 96 Regional Trail, the Lake Avenue Trail, and the White Bear Lake Marina.



Prepare for final design, construction, and future grant requests.



Conduct community engagement to gather input on regional trail improvements.



Design high quality community spaces for all people, all ages and all abilities.



Provide a regional trail facility, amenities, and site components that incorporate sustainability and green infrastructure for long-term resiliency.

TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

- Develop schematic design options and 20 percent preliminary plans.
- Conduct additional community engagement to seek input on design options.
- Predesign complete by mid 2022.

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



HOW DID WE GATHER FEEDBACK?

In the summer and fall of 2021, project partners hosted a pop-up event, virtual engagement, public open house and community outreach to present initial design concepts and gather community feedback. These in-person and virtual public input opportunities were promoted broadly, including mailed meeting notifications, social media promotion, a press release, email notifications, and updates to the project website to share digital copies of meeting materials.



WHAT ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED?

135+ Engaged at WBL MarketFest pop-up event (July 1, 2021)
2 virtual public meetings (lunch / evening) on July 14, 2021
90+ Attendance for public meeting on Oct. 21 2021
135+ Survey responses. Survey open for public input from Oct. 21 - Nov. 10
70+ Interactive map comments



WHAT SUGGESTIONS AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS DID WE RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY?



Pedestrian safety concerns with trail crossing at Hwy 96.



Property and environmental impacts are significant community concerns. Project partners have heard a range of opinions about the potential route of the Bruce Vento Trail extension. We are working to address these community concerns.



Suggested to **route trail on lakeside** of Bald Eagle Avenue.



Project **planned in coordination** with White Bear Lake, White Bear Township and White Bear Lake School District.



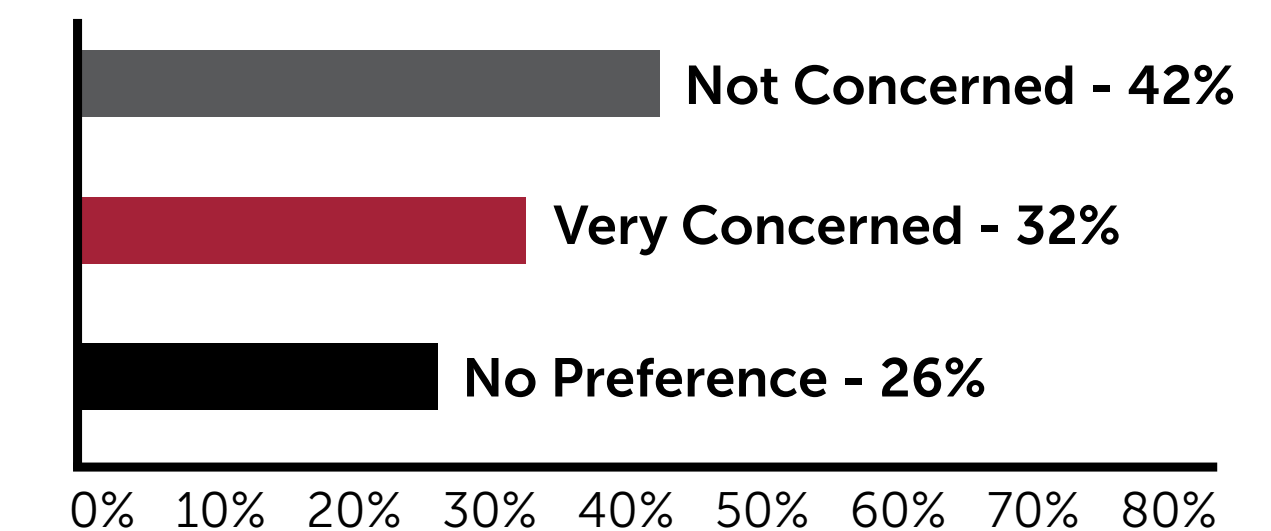
Suggestion to consider **potential one-way roadway** on portions of Bald Eagle Ave. and/or Hugo Road.



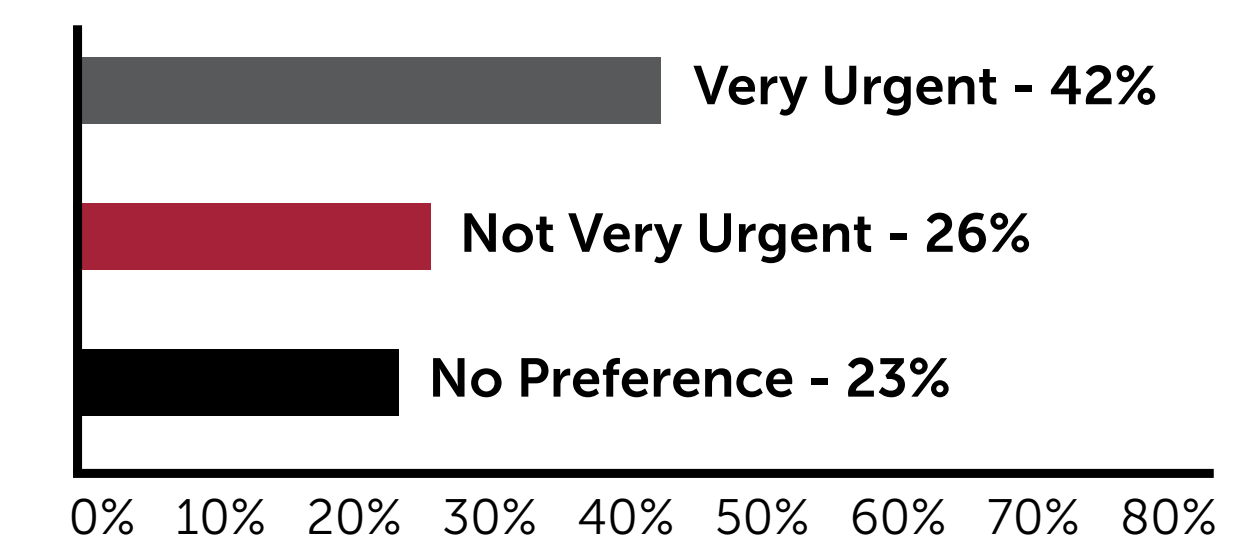
WHAT DID WE HEAR?

In October 2021, Ramsey County conducted a survey to better understand community preferences for several design considerations for the Phase 2 Extension of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail. The survey received more than 135 responses and below is a summary of community feedback provided on the survey.

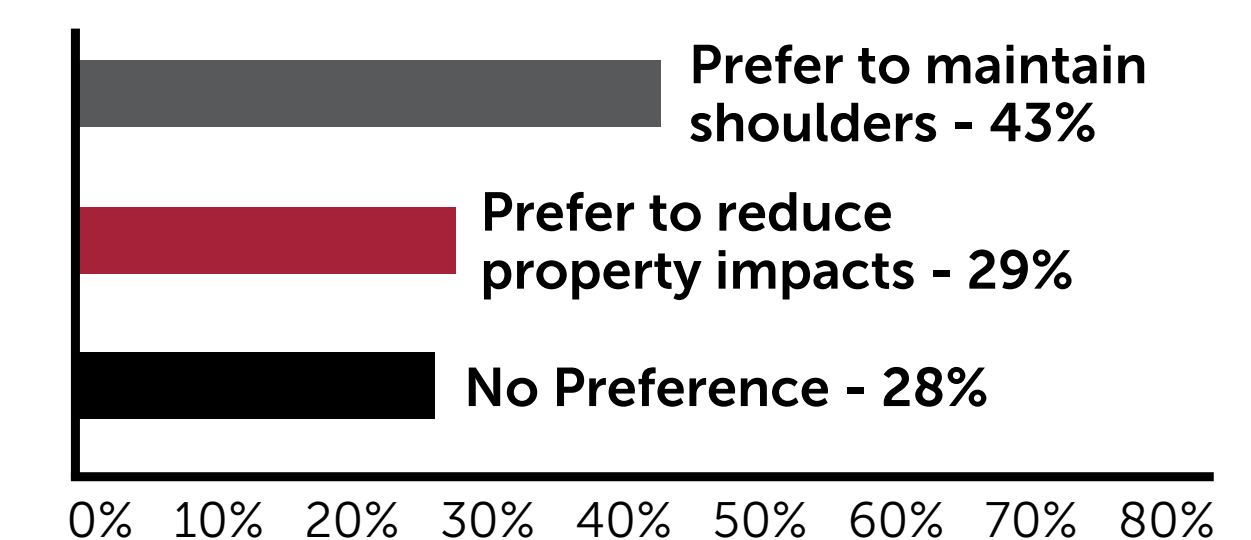
1) Would you be concerned about the narrowing of Lincoln Ave. and the potential loss of on-street parking?



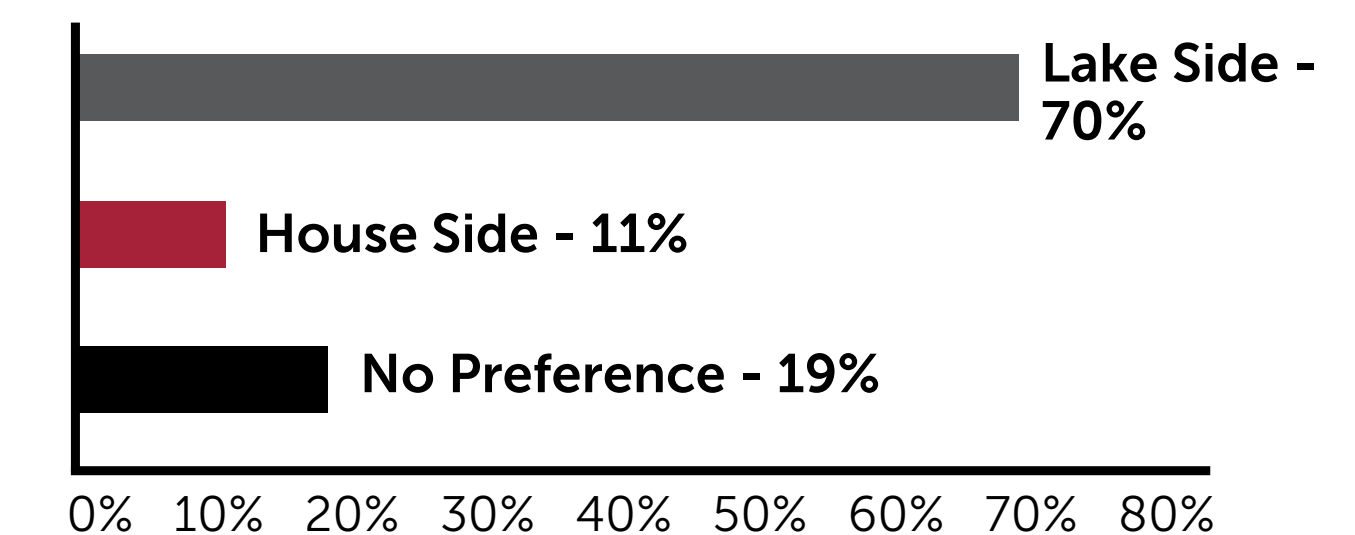
2) In your opinion, if safe bicycle and pedestrian access can be accomplished with improvements at road-level, is a pedestrian bridge over Highway 96 still urgent?



3) How important is it that existing road shoulders north of the high school remain in place once the project is constructed?



4) Do you have a preference for which side of the road a trail would be located along Bald Eagle Blvd.?

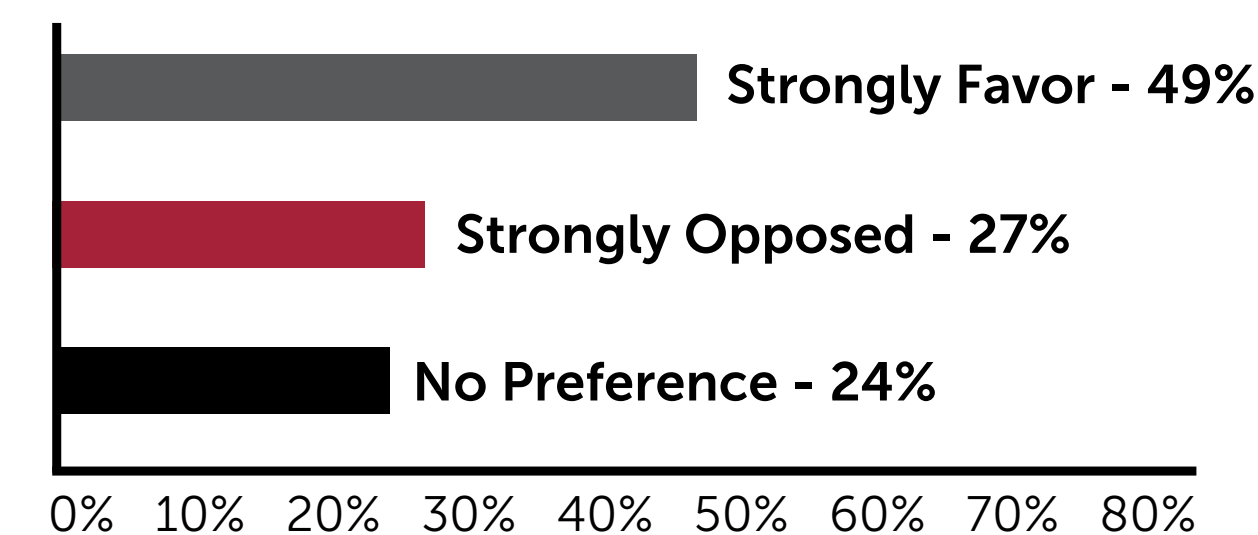


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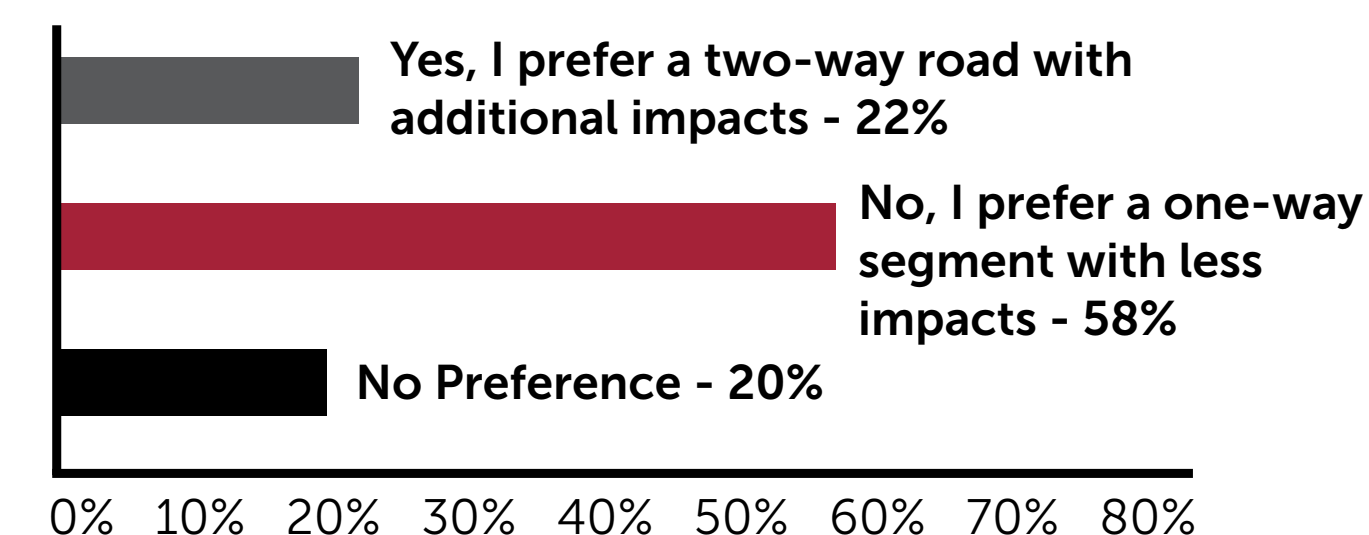


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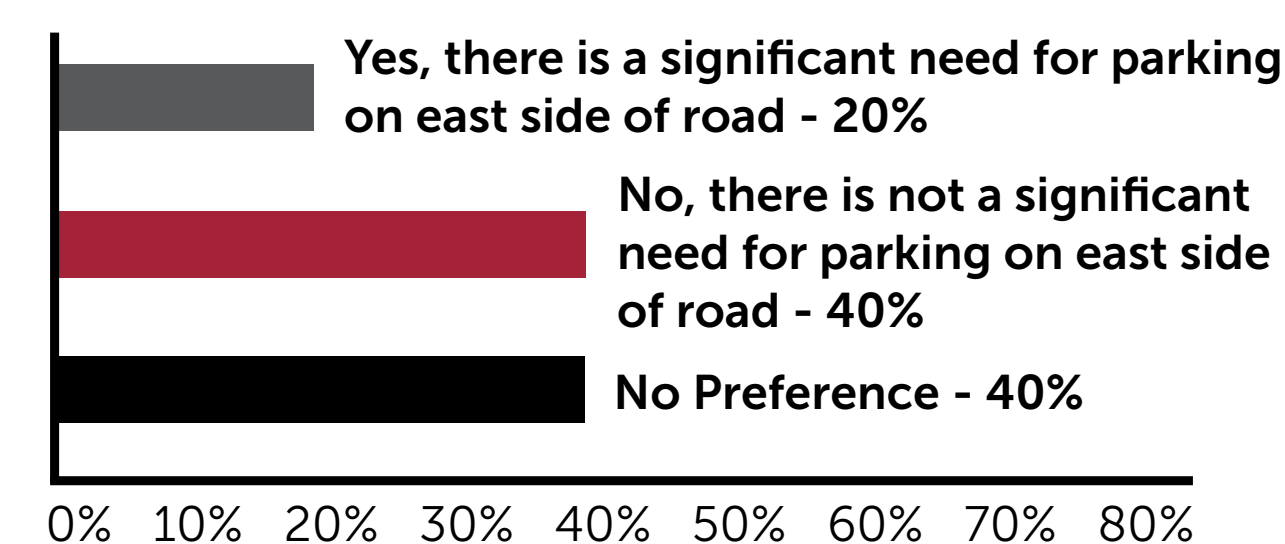
5) How do you feel about converting a portion of Bald Eagle Blvd. to one-way? (Park Ave. to Taylor Ave.)



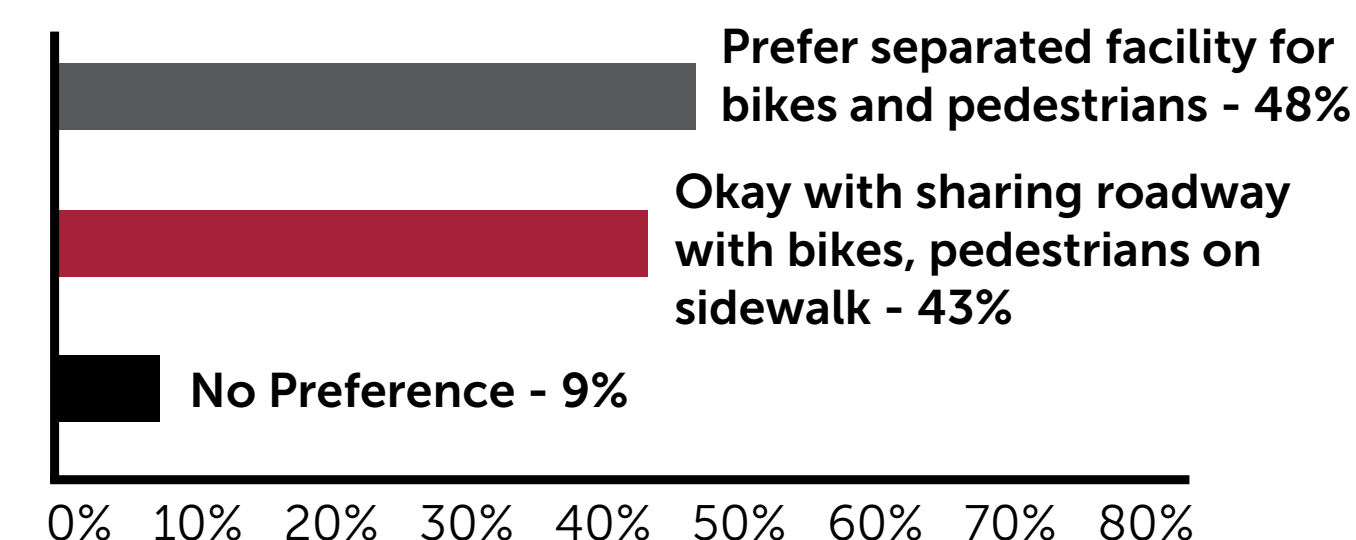
6) Do you prefer that Bald Eagle Blvd. remain a two-way road with trail if that means impacts such as acquiring more road right of way to fit a trail will occur?



7) In your opinion, is there a significant need for parking on the east side of Hugo Road, between Taylor Ave. and the Bald Eagle picnic area?

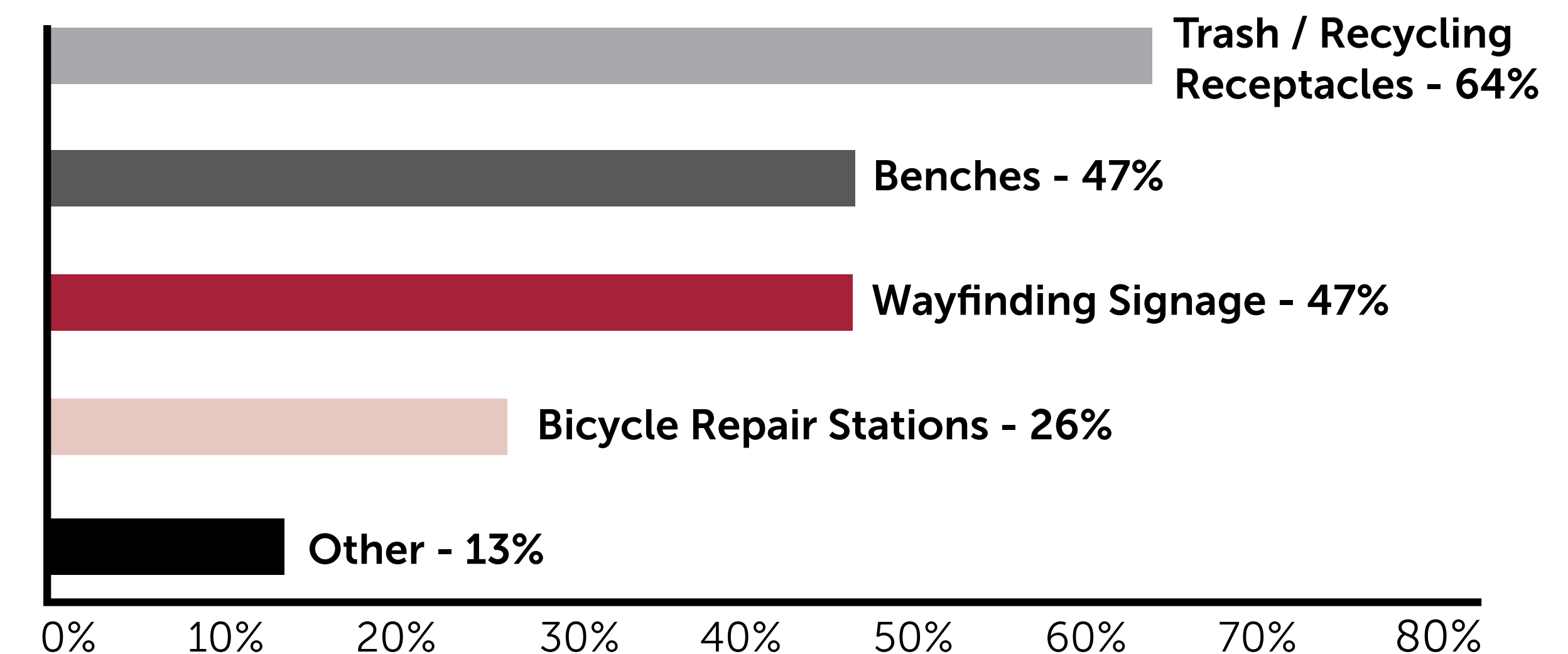


8) How do you feel about sharing the roadway with bikes along Hugo Road, between Taylor Ave. and the Bald Eagle picnic area?



WHAT DID WE HEAR?

9) What amenities would you like to see along the trail? Check all that apply.



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Community Survey

Visit the project website to take the community survey.



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Visit the project website to learn more
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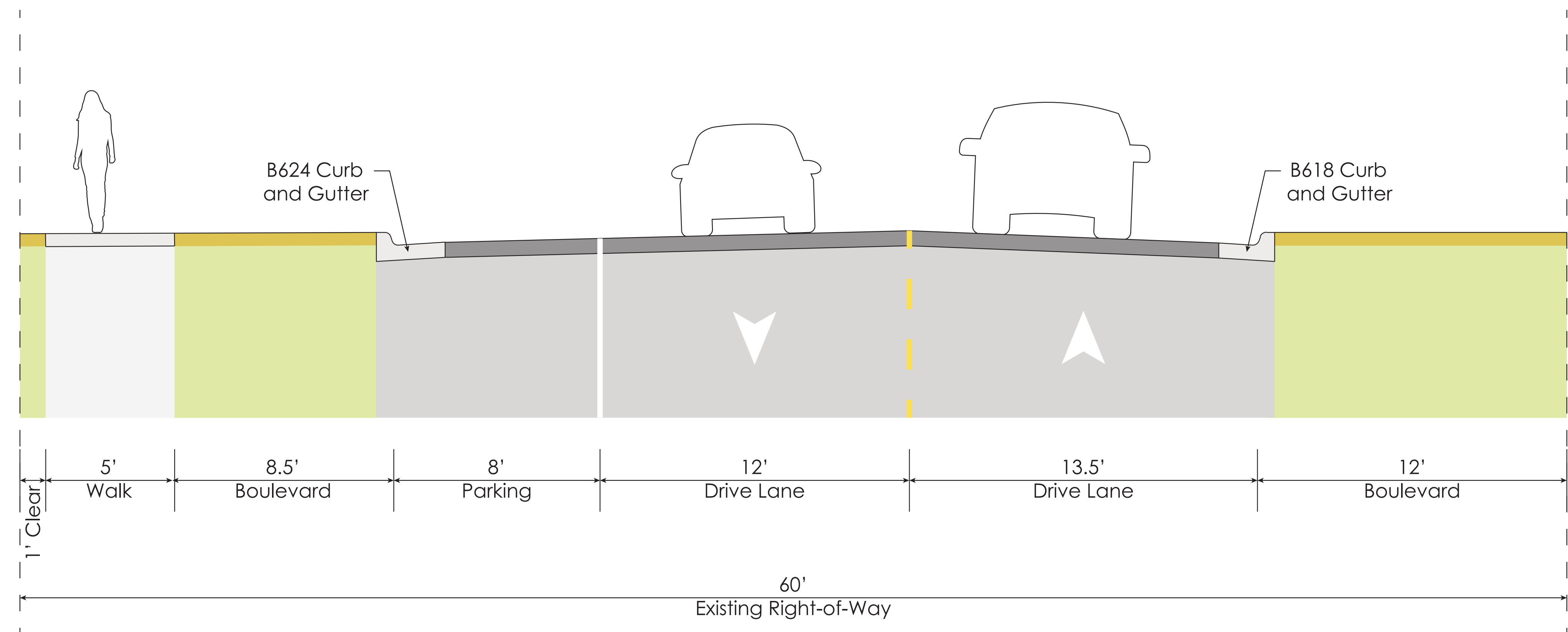


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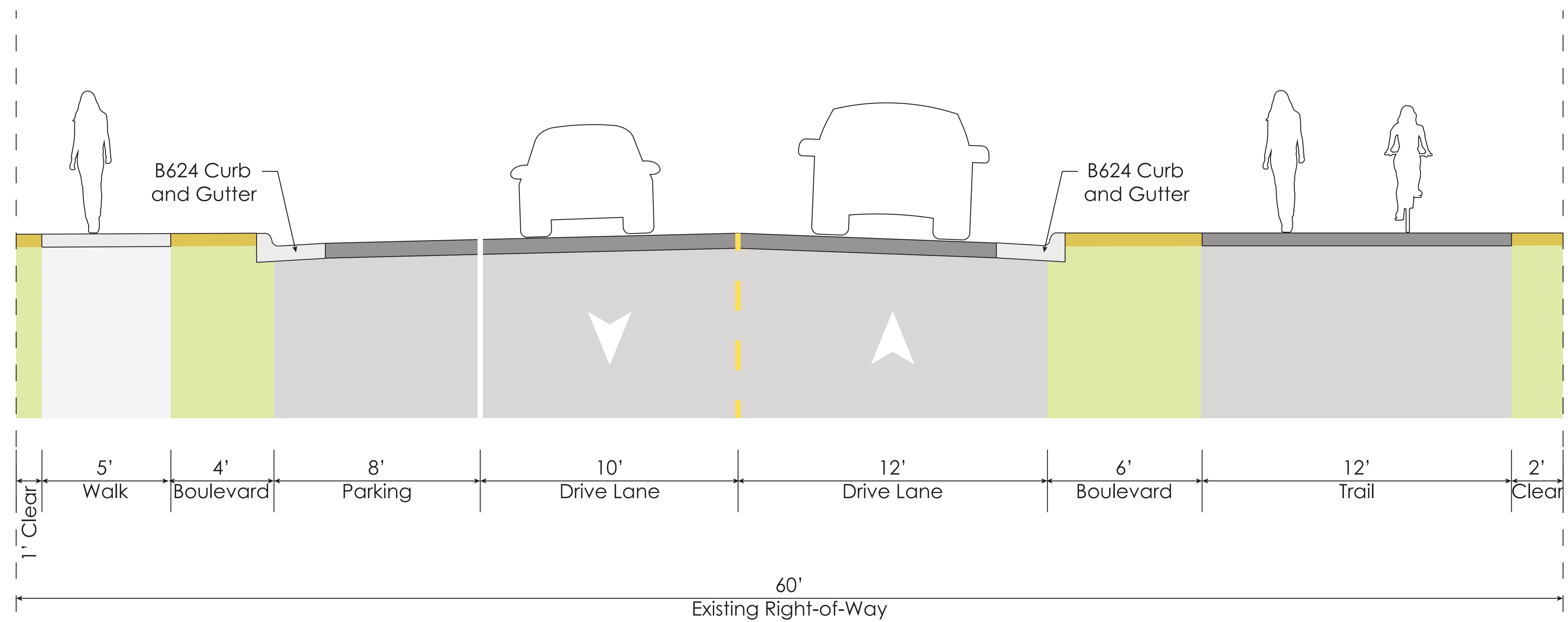
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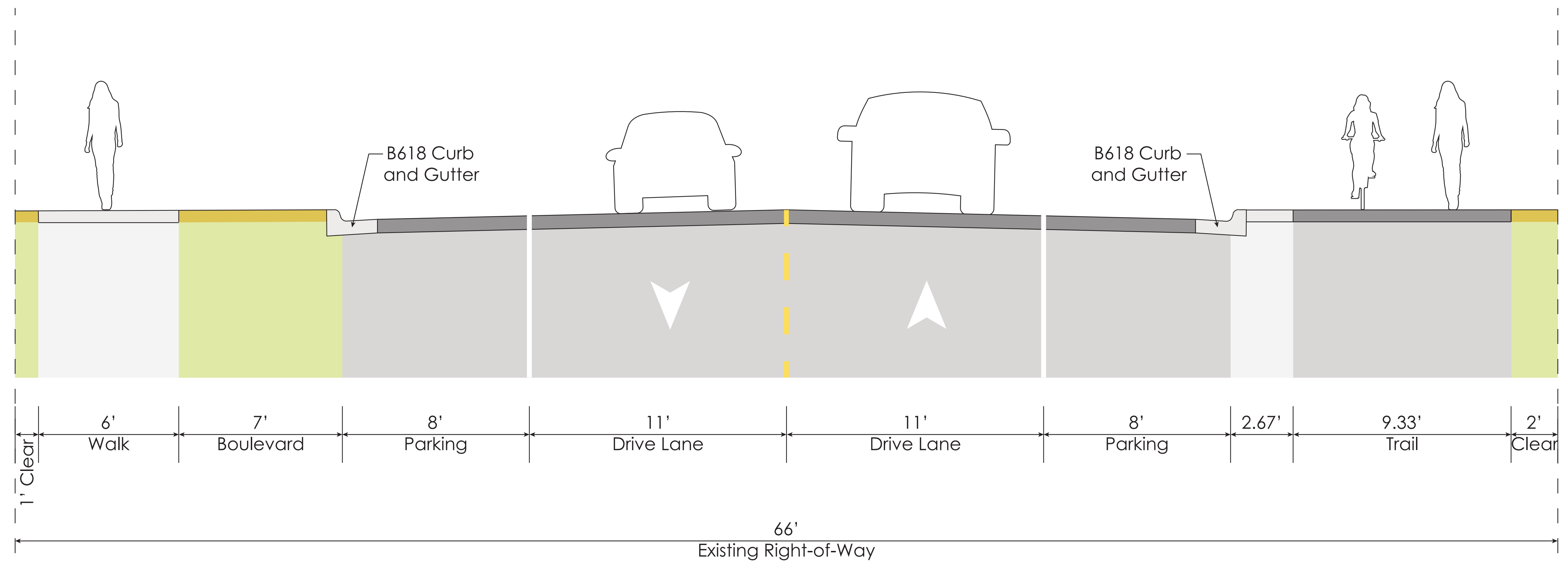
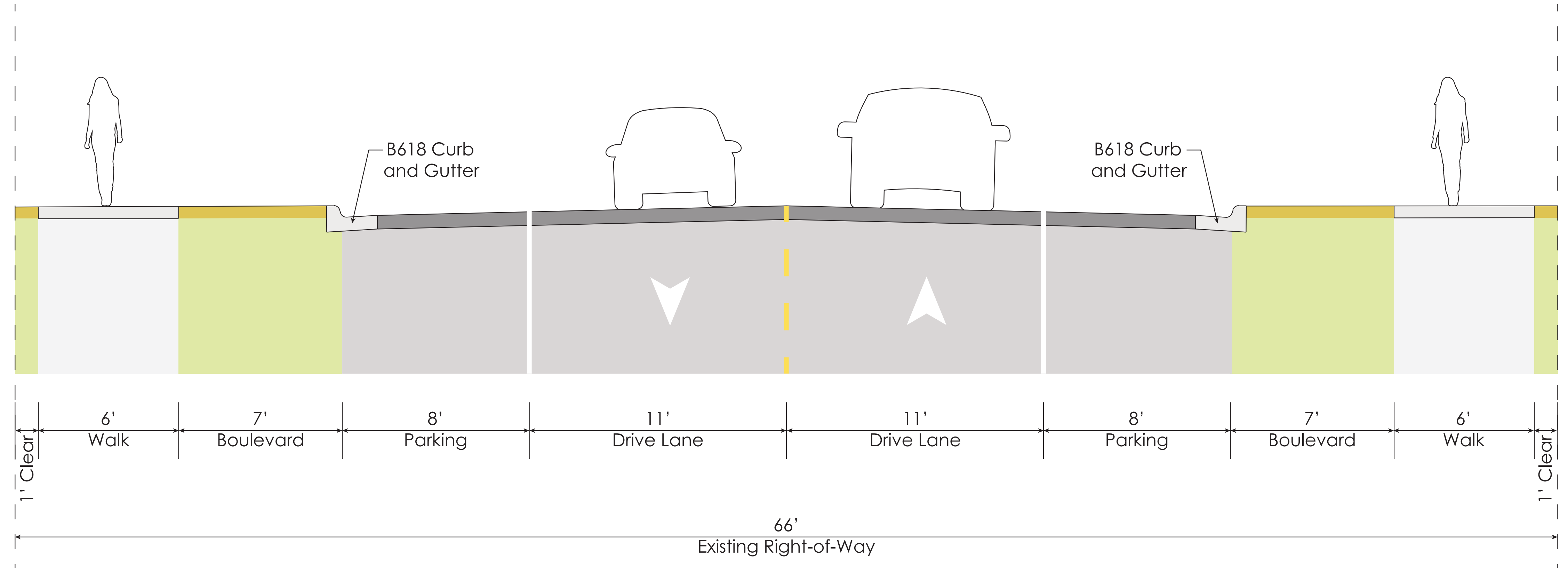


LINCOLN AVE: PROPOSED

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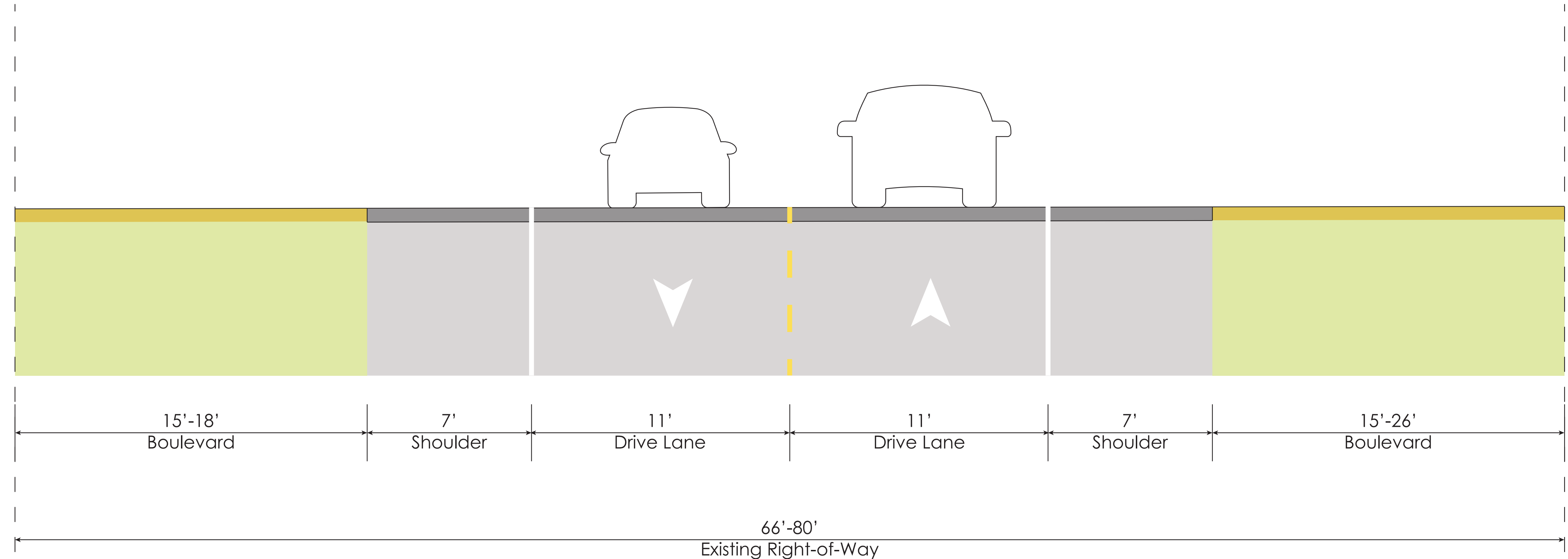
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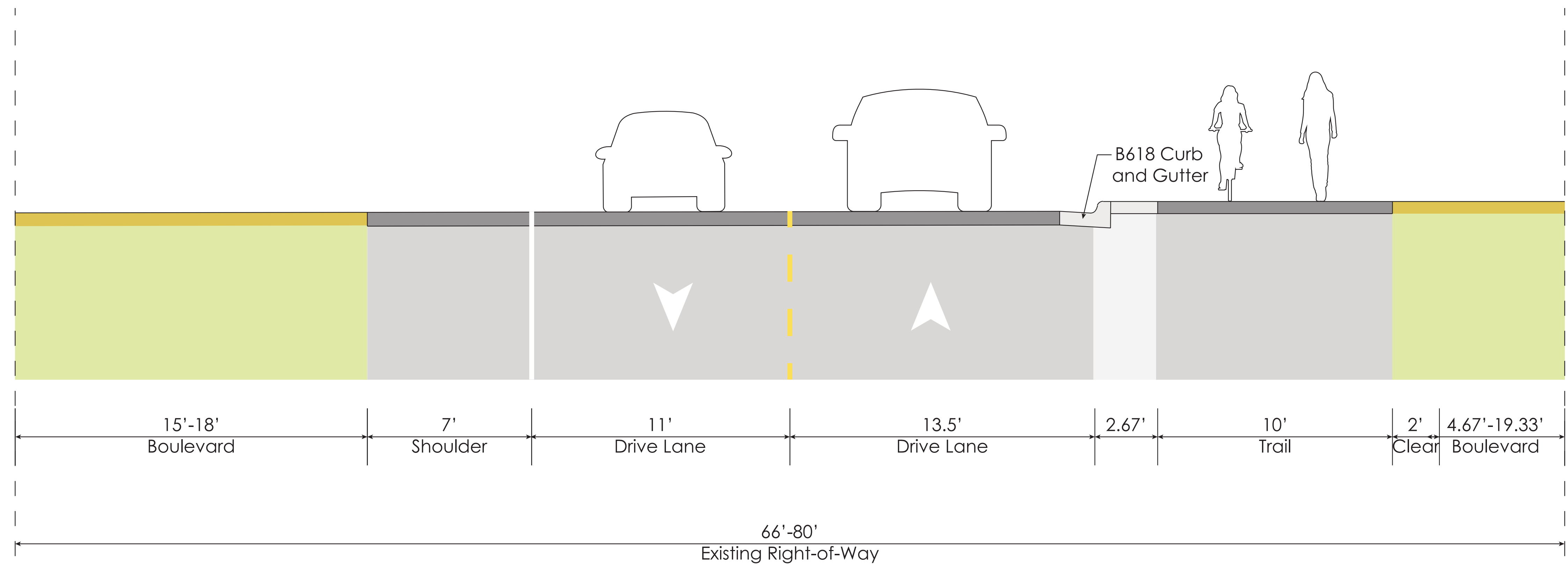
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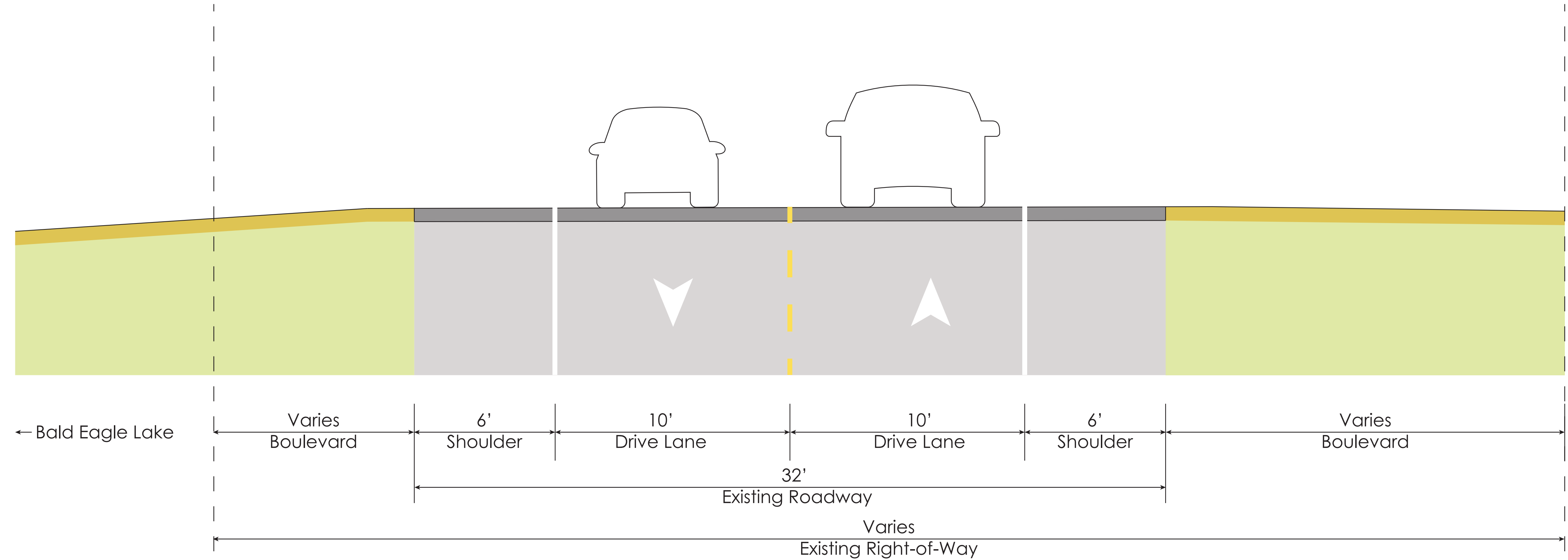


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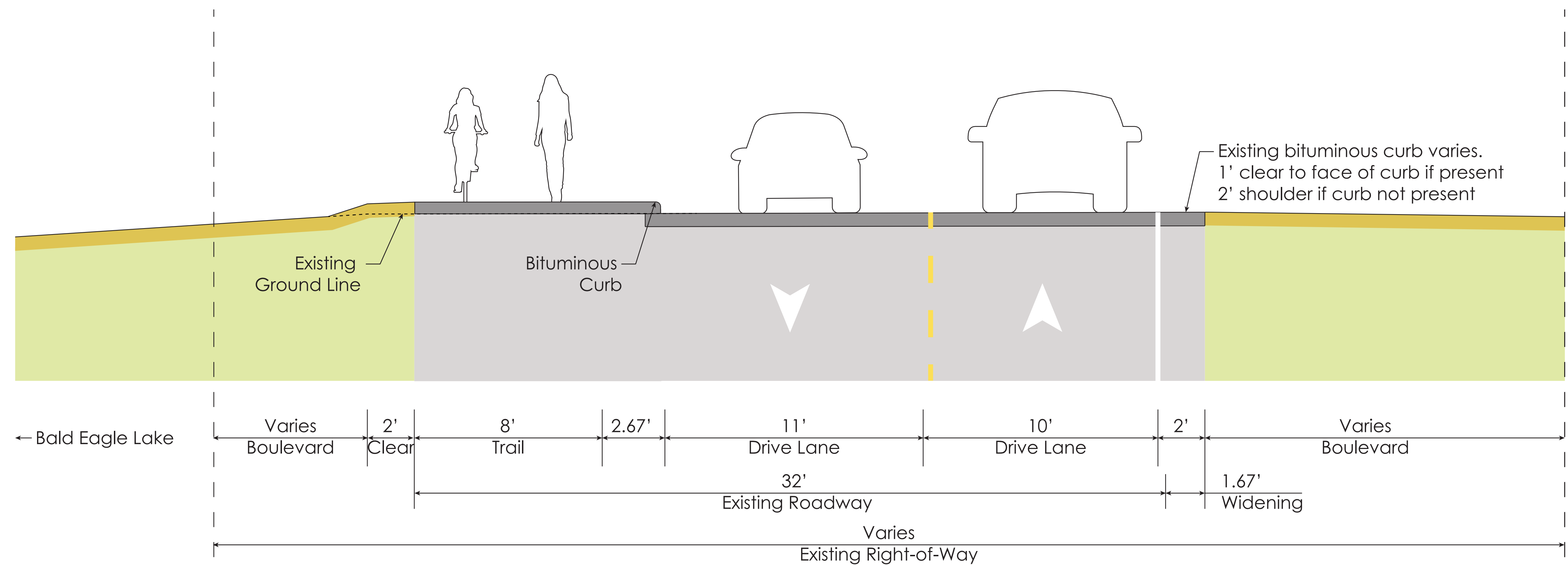
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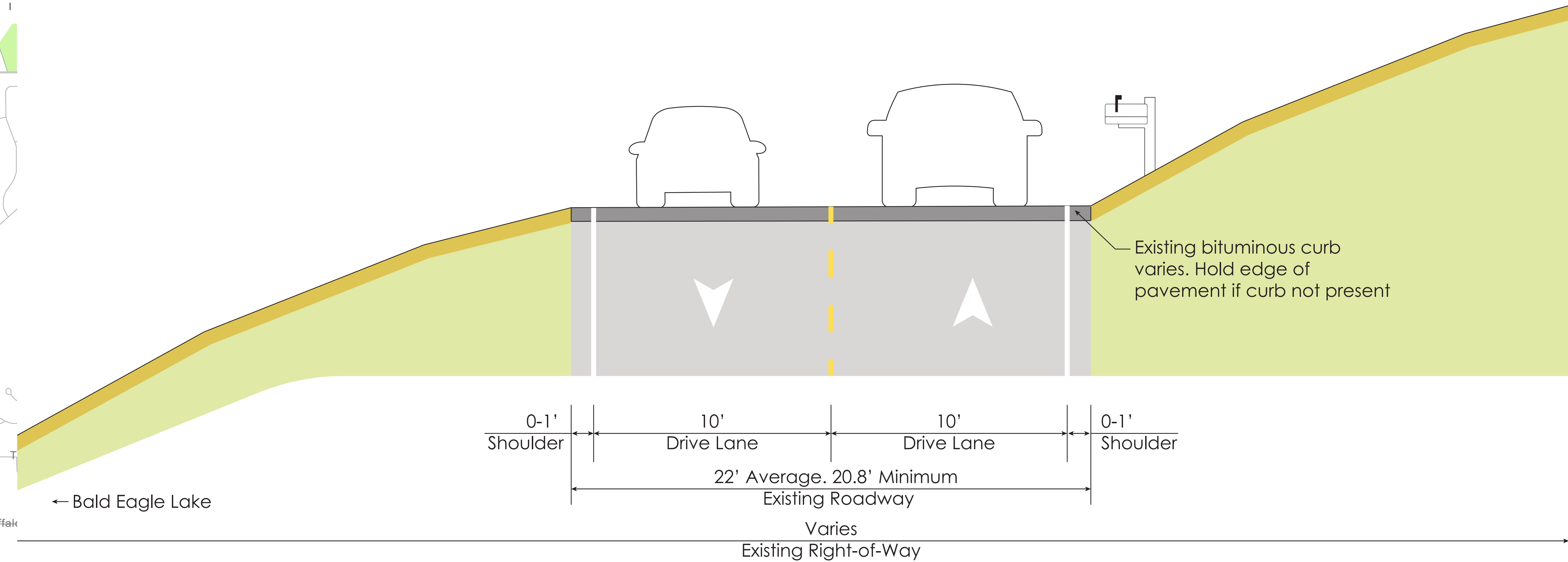


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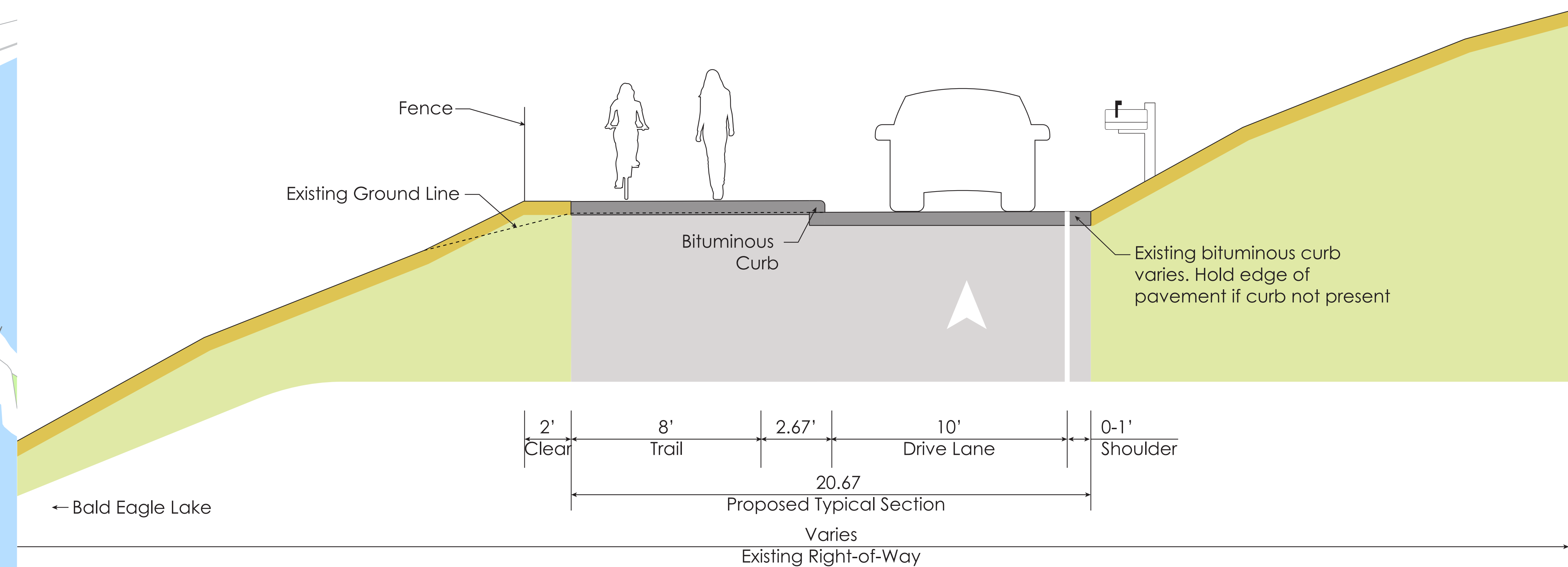
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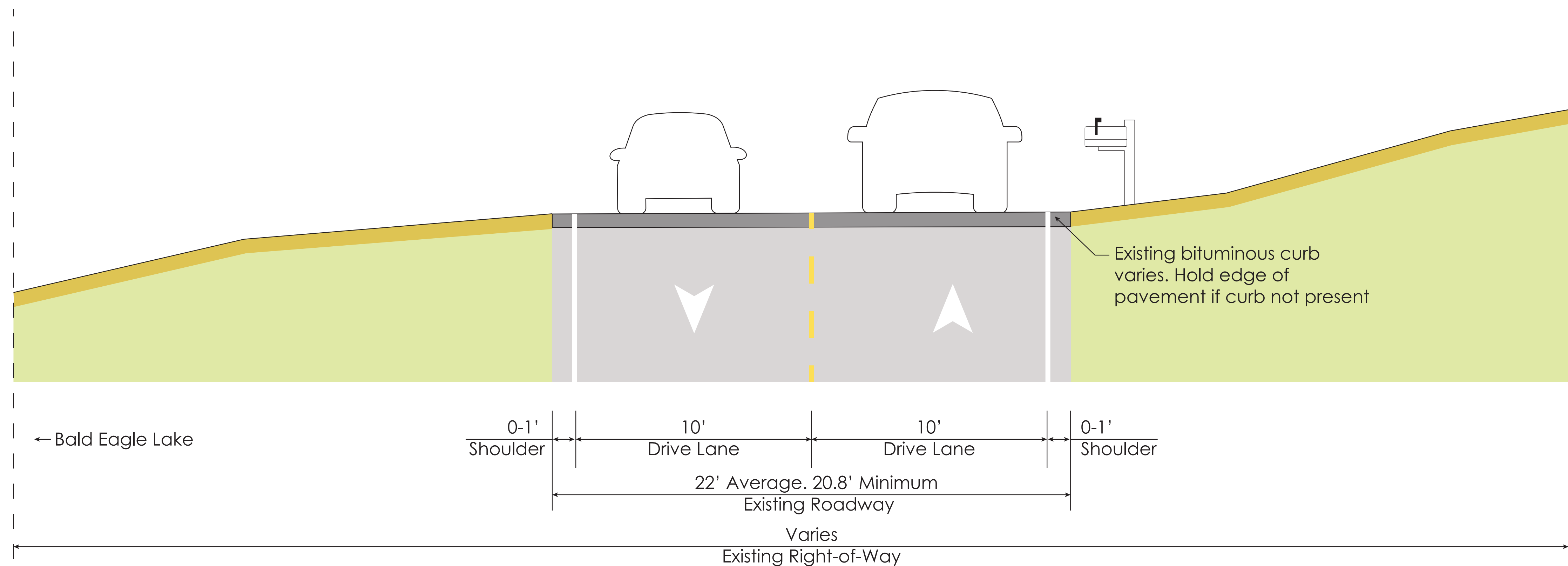


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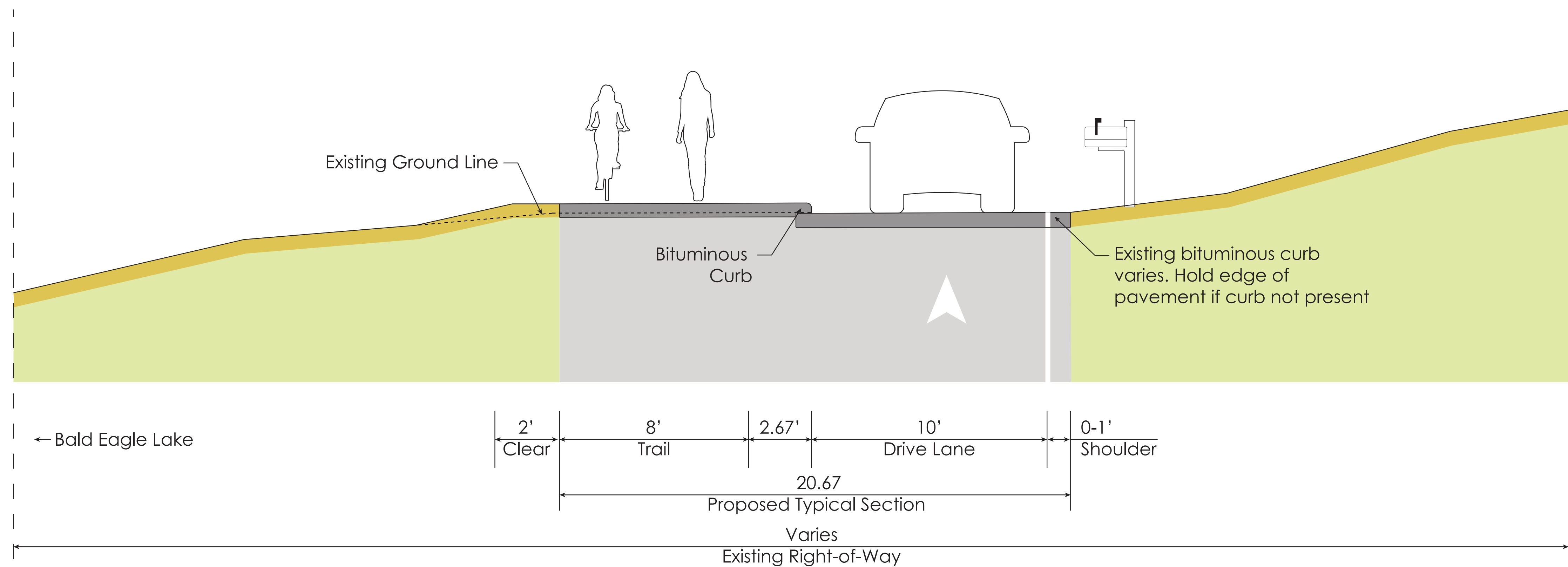
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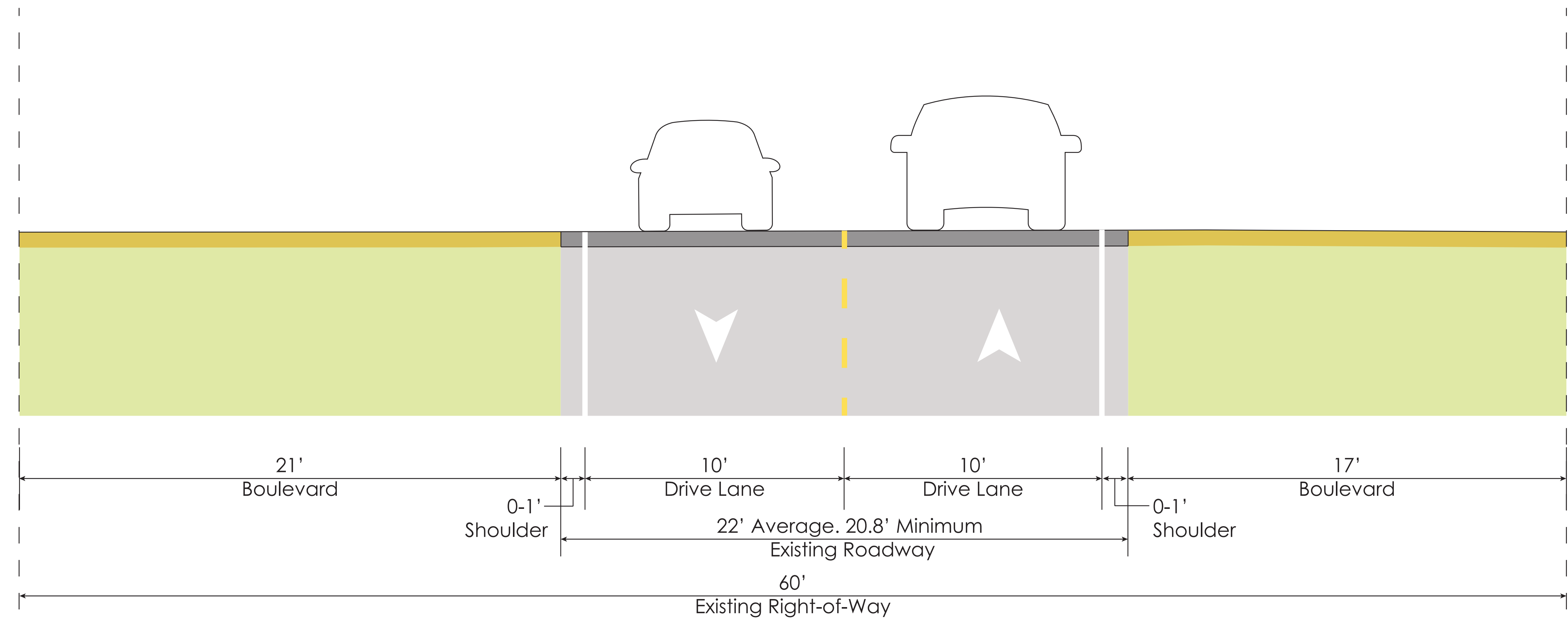


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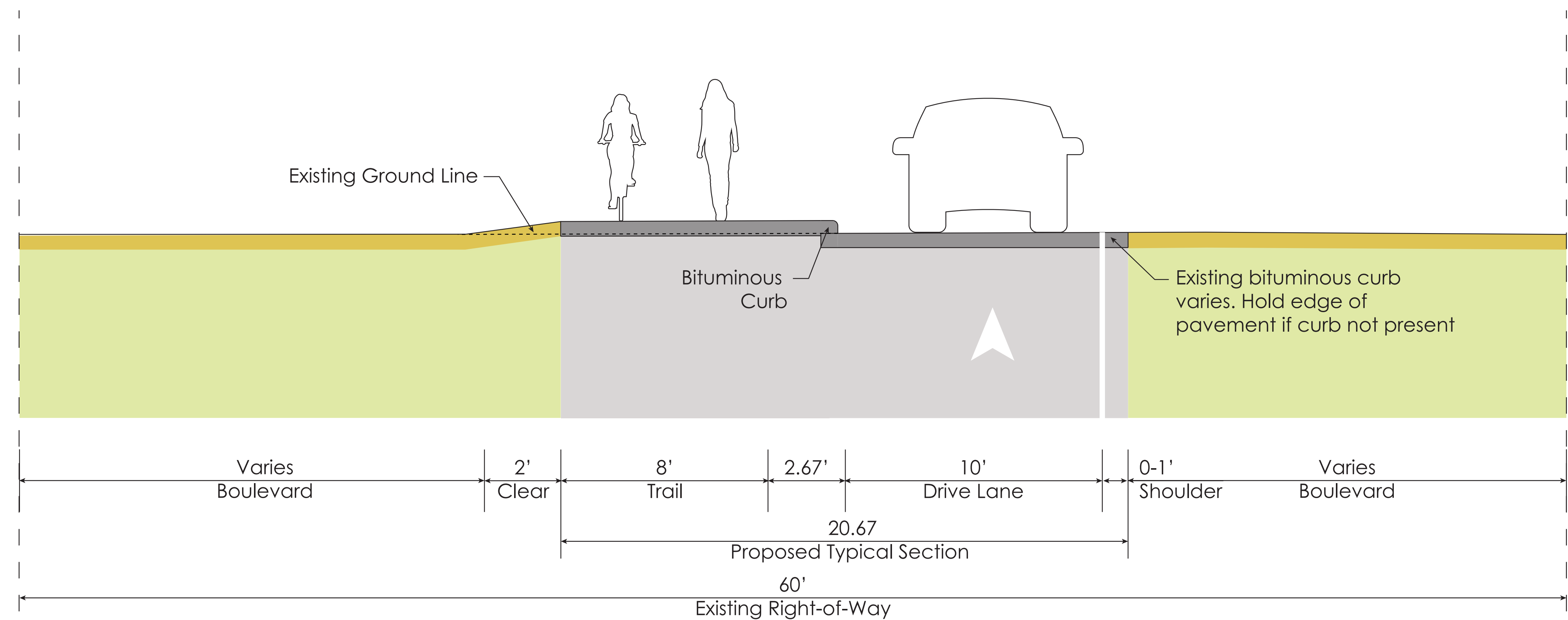
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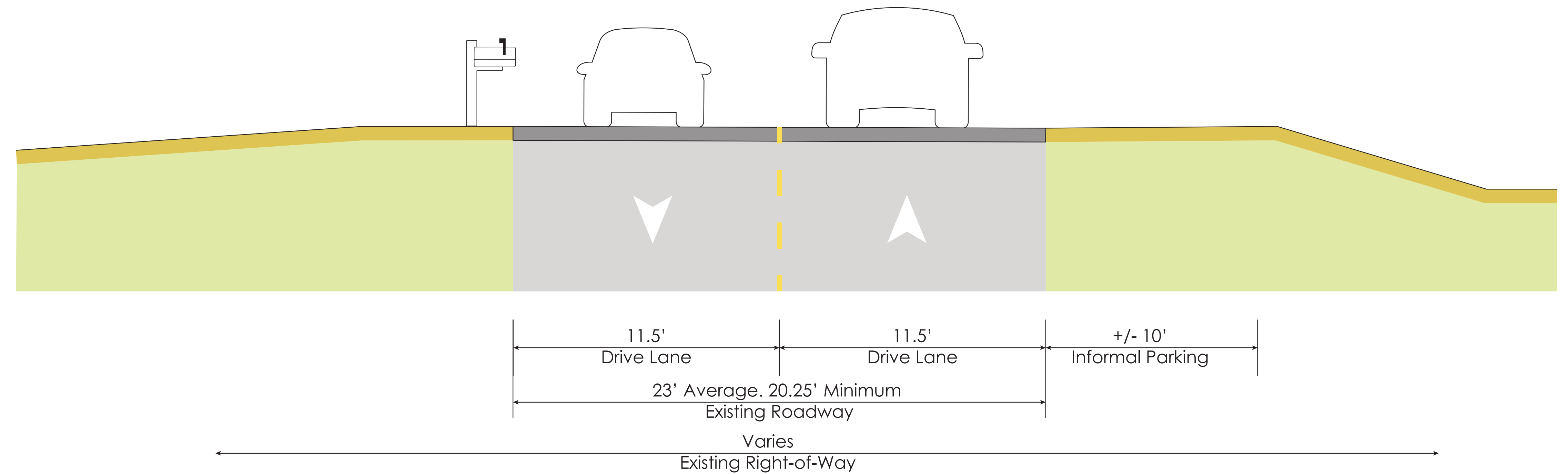


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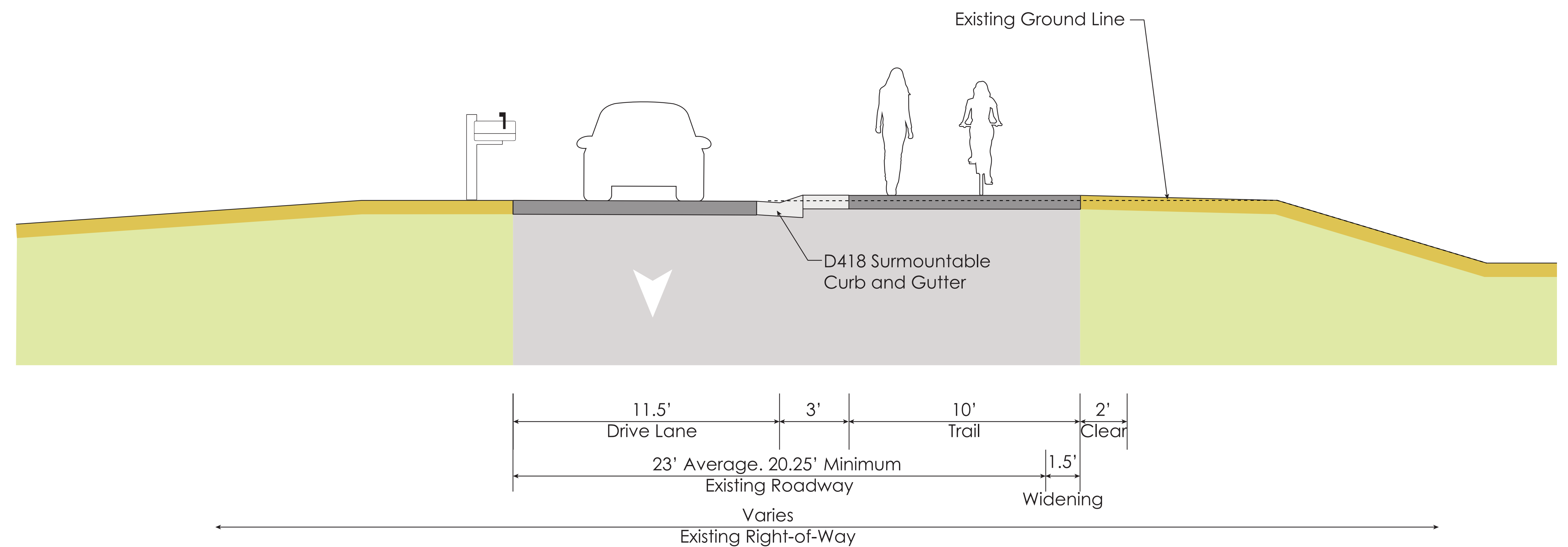
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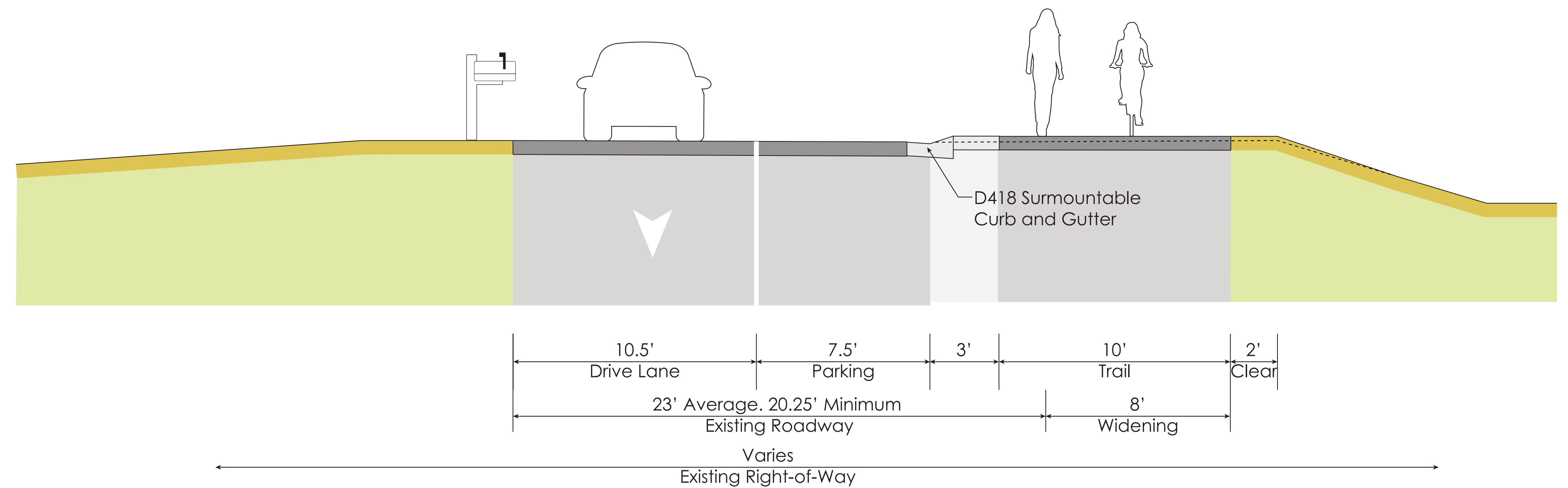


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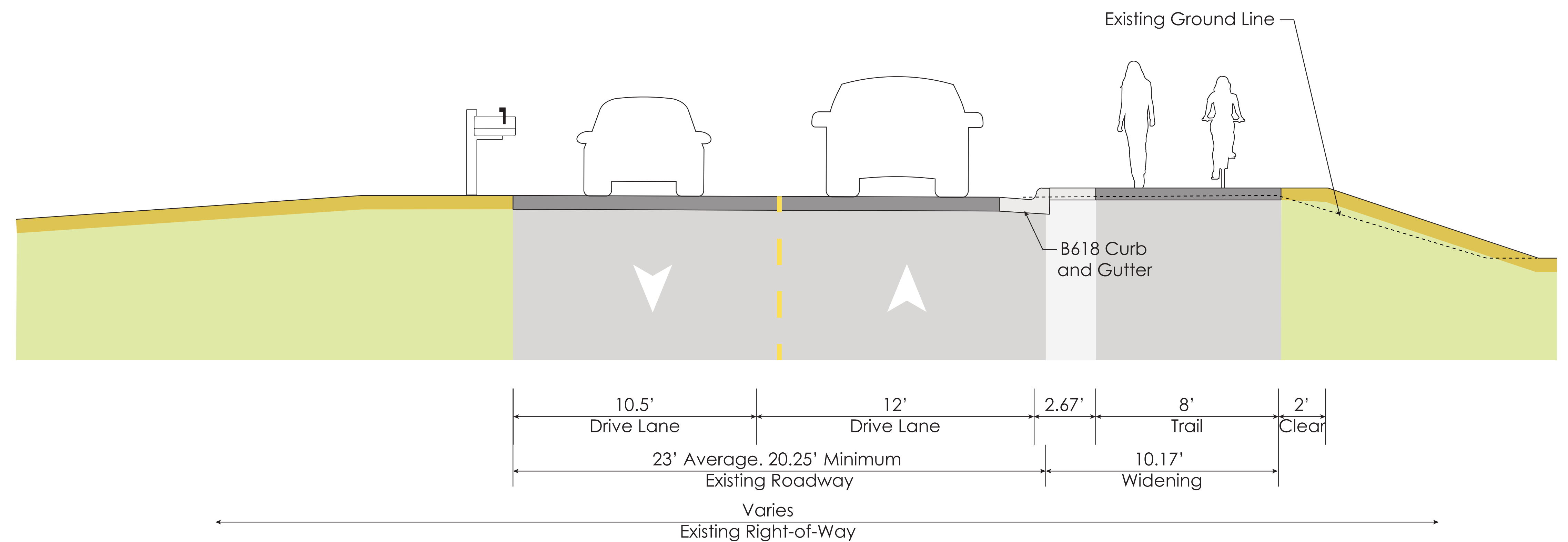
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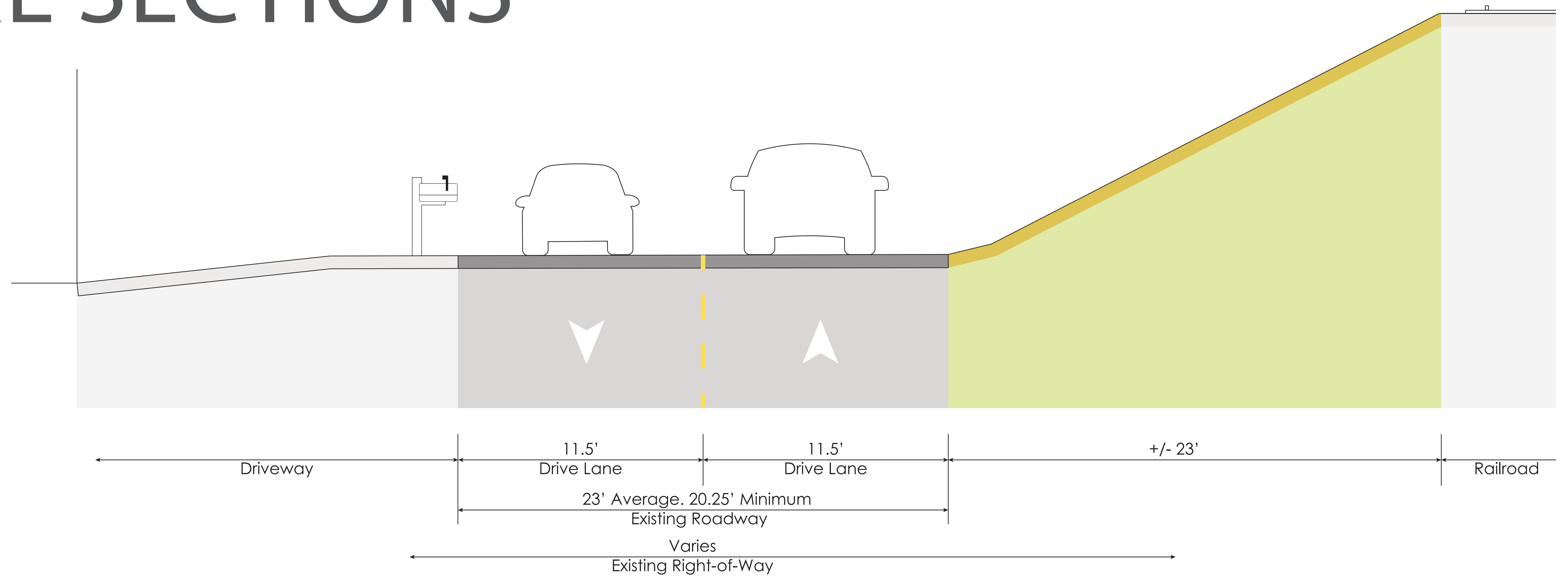


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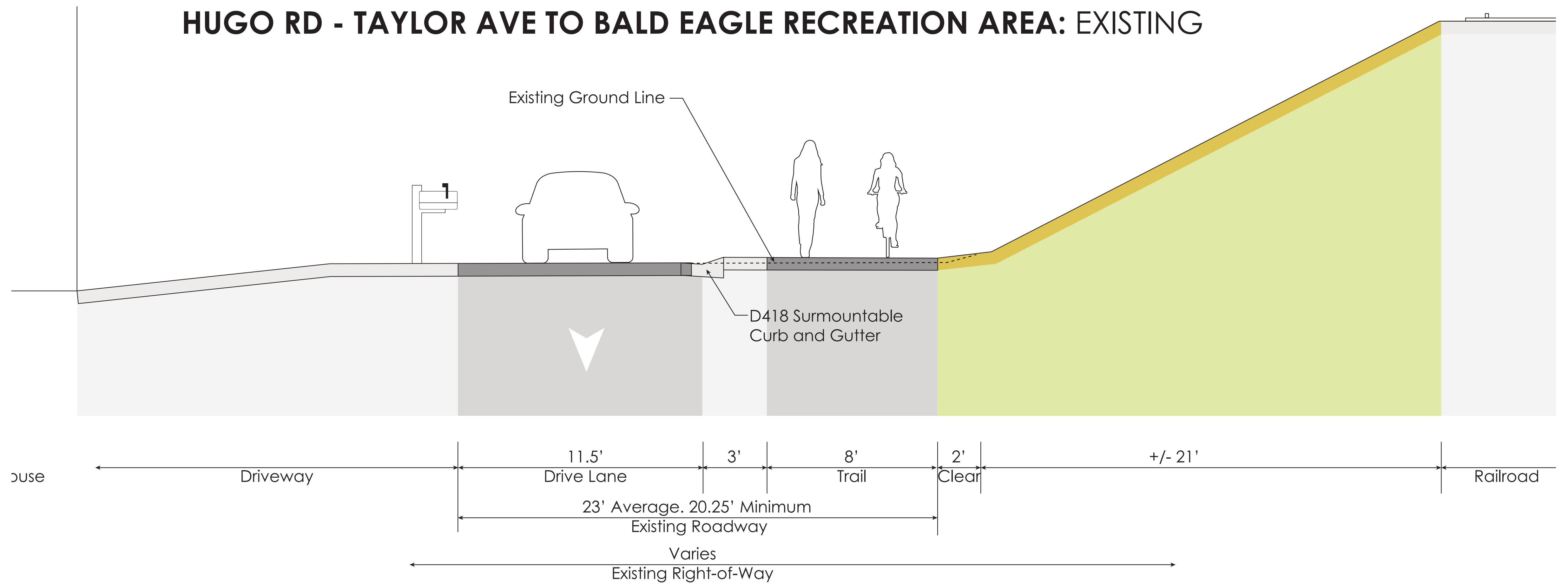
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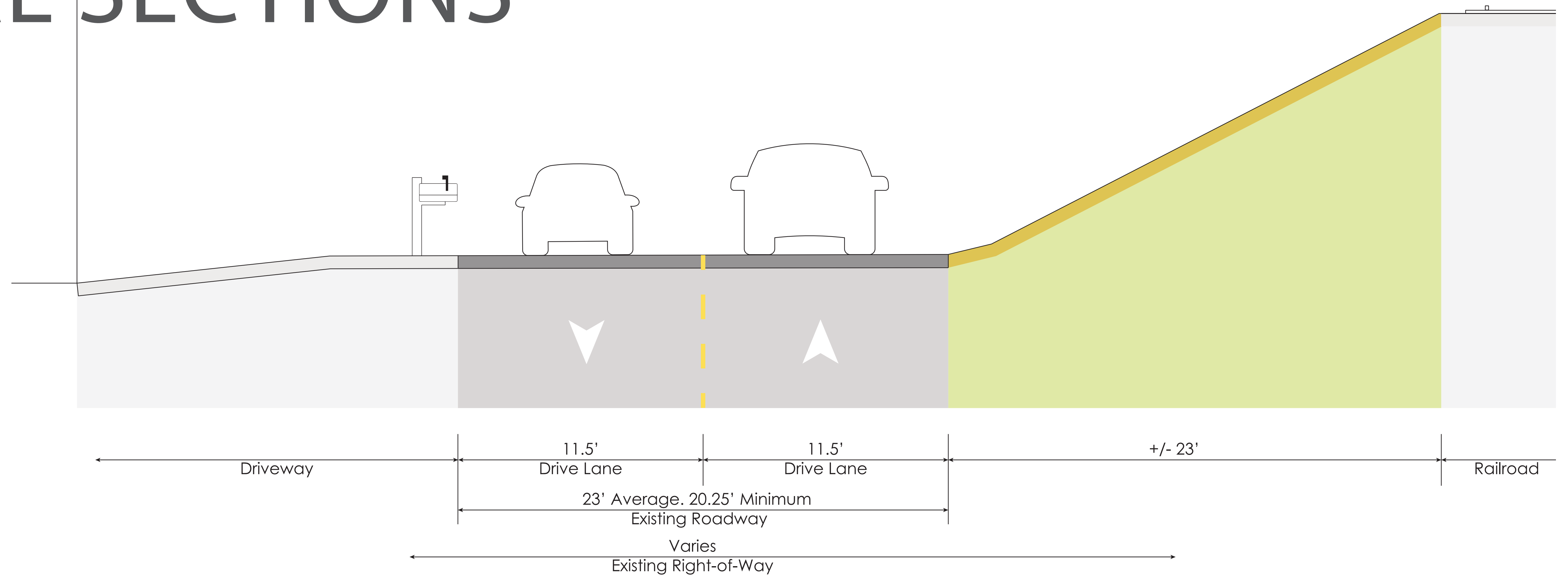


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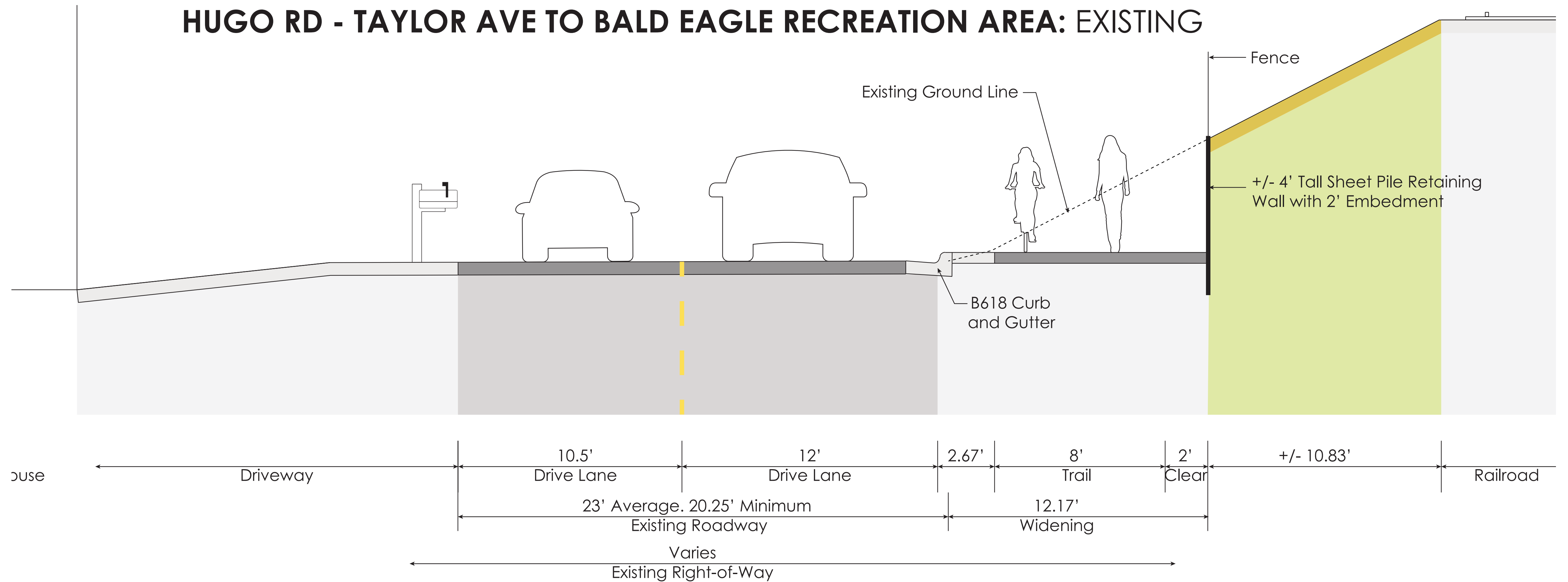
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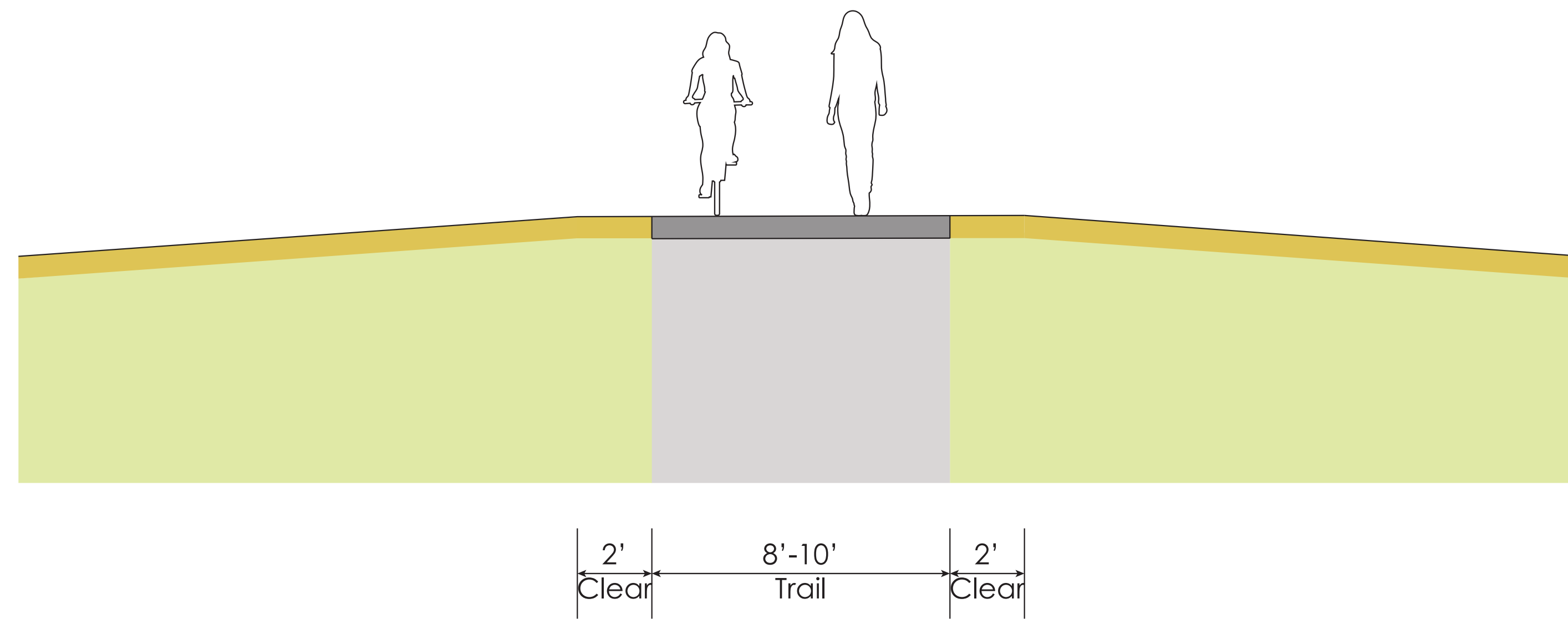


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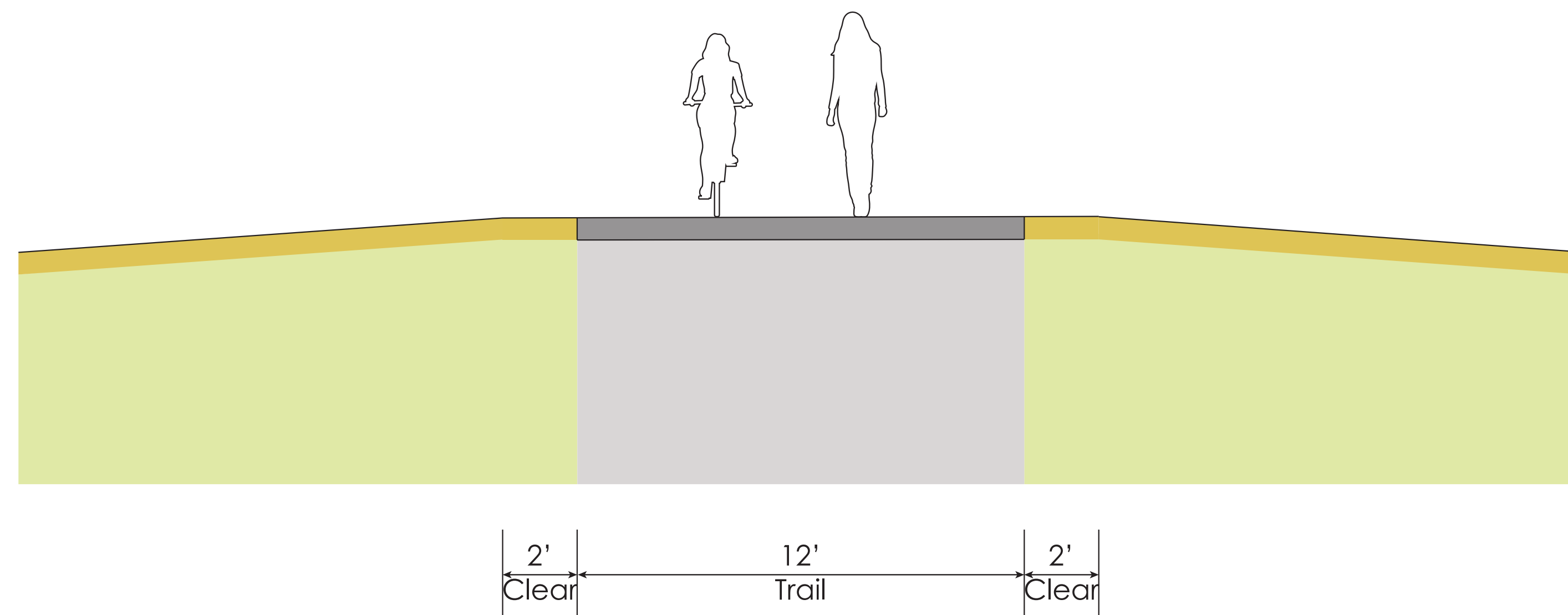
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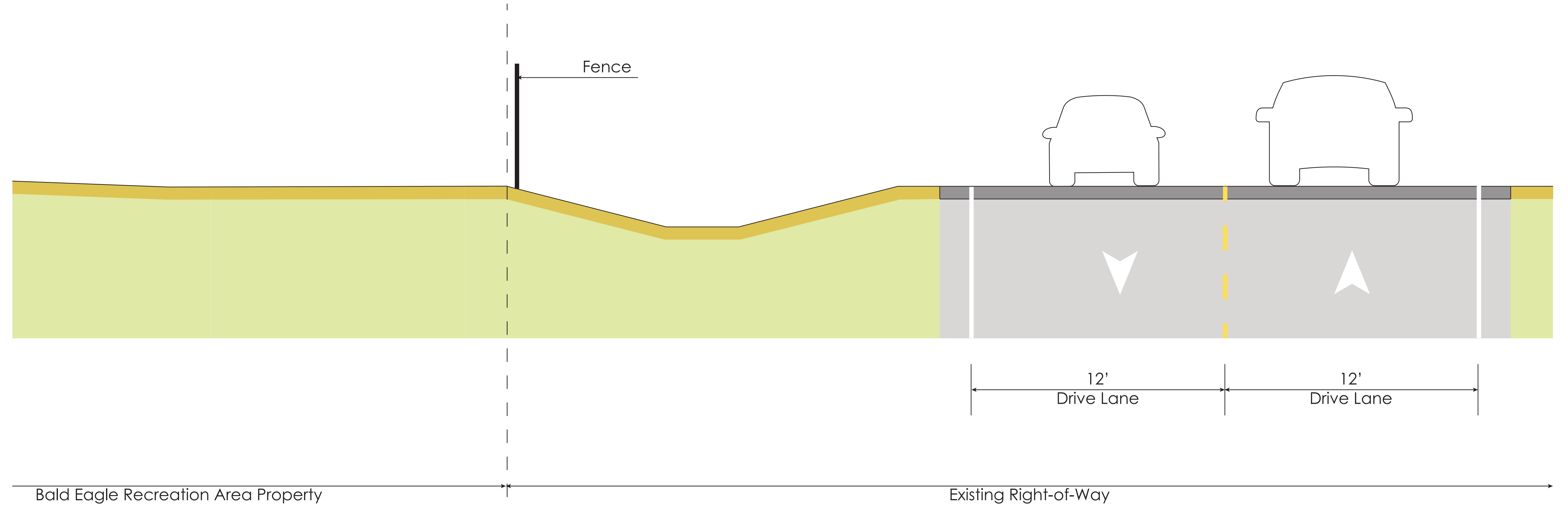


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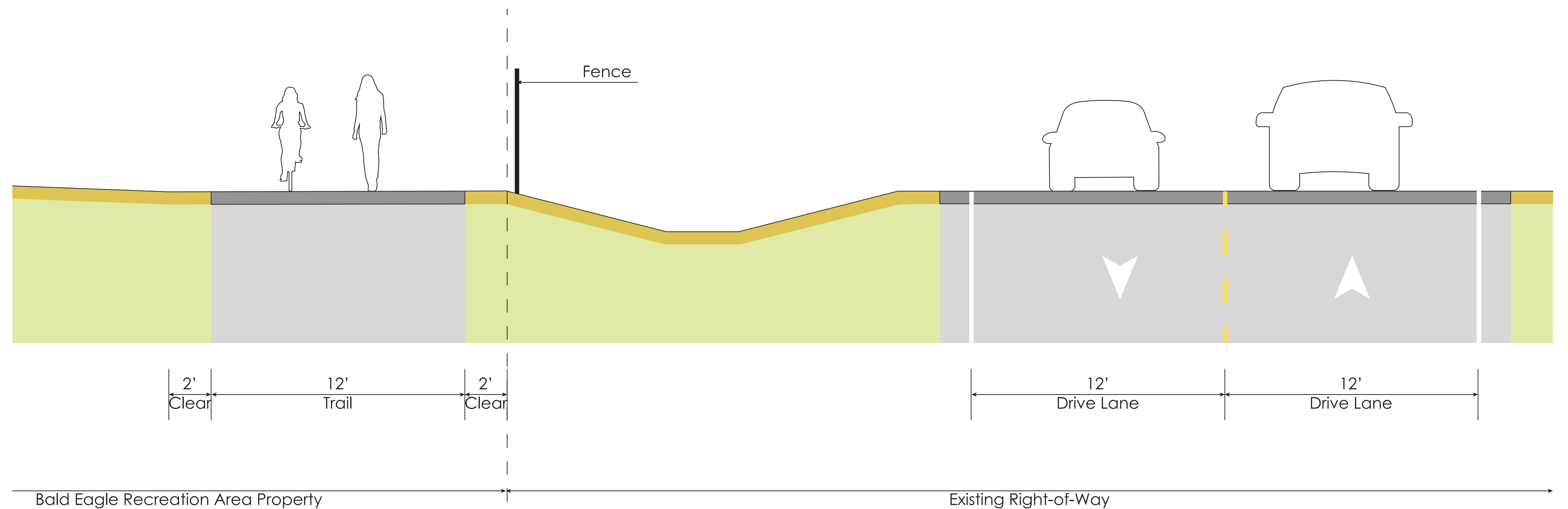


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HUGO RD - BALD EAGLE RECREATION AREA TO COUNTY ROAD J: EXISTING



HUGO RD - BALD EAGLE RECREATION AREA TO COUNTY ROAD J: PROPOSED

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