



Howard Street Improvements Project

PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MARCH 6, 2024

Agenda

- Project Overview & Existing Conditions
- What We've Heard (Sept '23 Workshop & Survey)
- Proposed Improvements
- Questions & Comments
- Next Steps



A street scene with a church in the background and cars parked along the side of the road. The church has a prominent bell tower. The street is lined with trees and utility poles. A speed limit sign for 25 is visible on the right side of the road. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Project Overview

Project Location

1. Howard Street – West Street to A Street (UTILITIES & ROAD RECONSTRUCTION)

- 2. Galland Street – Howard to Central Ave*
- 3. Walnut Street – Galland Street to Oak Street*
- 4. Harris Street – Howard Street to Post Street*
- 5. Post Street – Stanley Street to Western Ave*
- 6. High Street – Stanley Street to end of cul-de-sac*

*Utilities only



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- **Replace undersized and aging utilities**
- **Reconstruct roadway**
- **Improve safety and accessibility**



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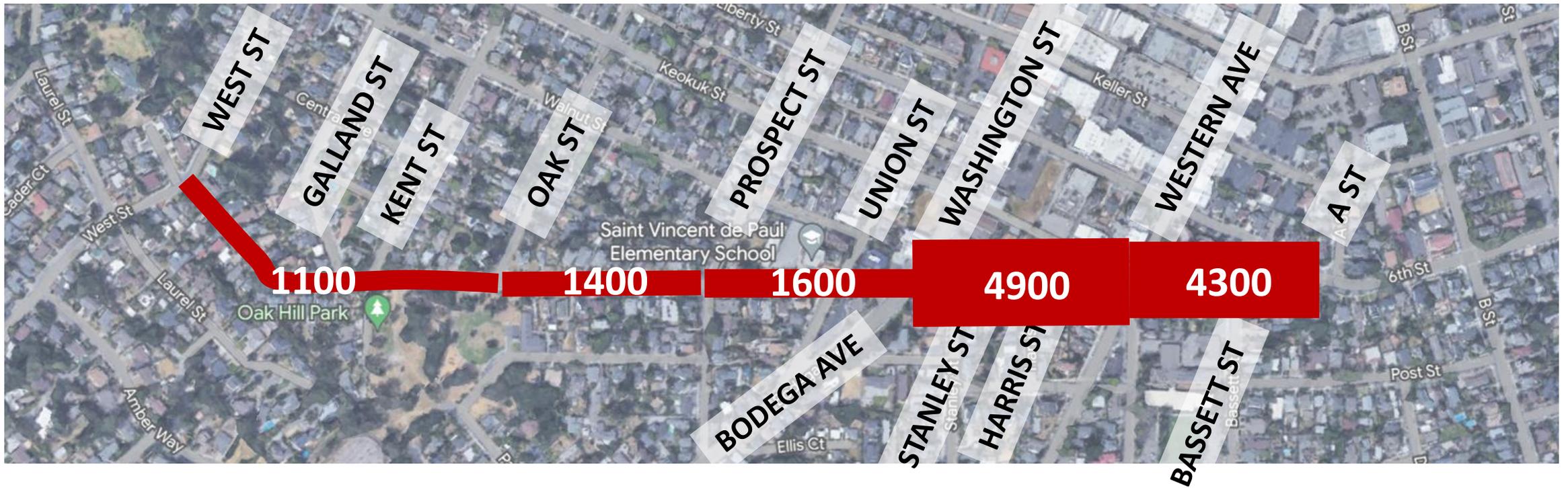
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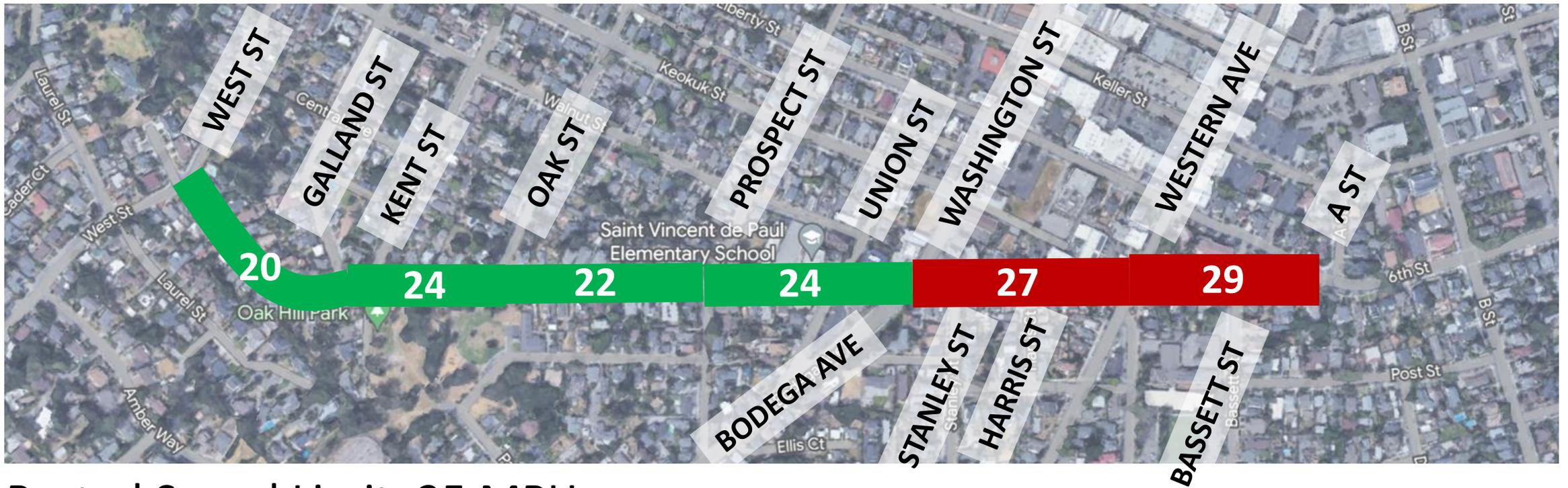
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Vehicles Per Day

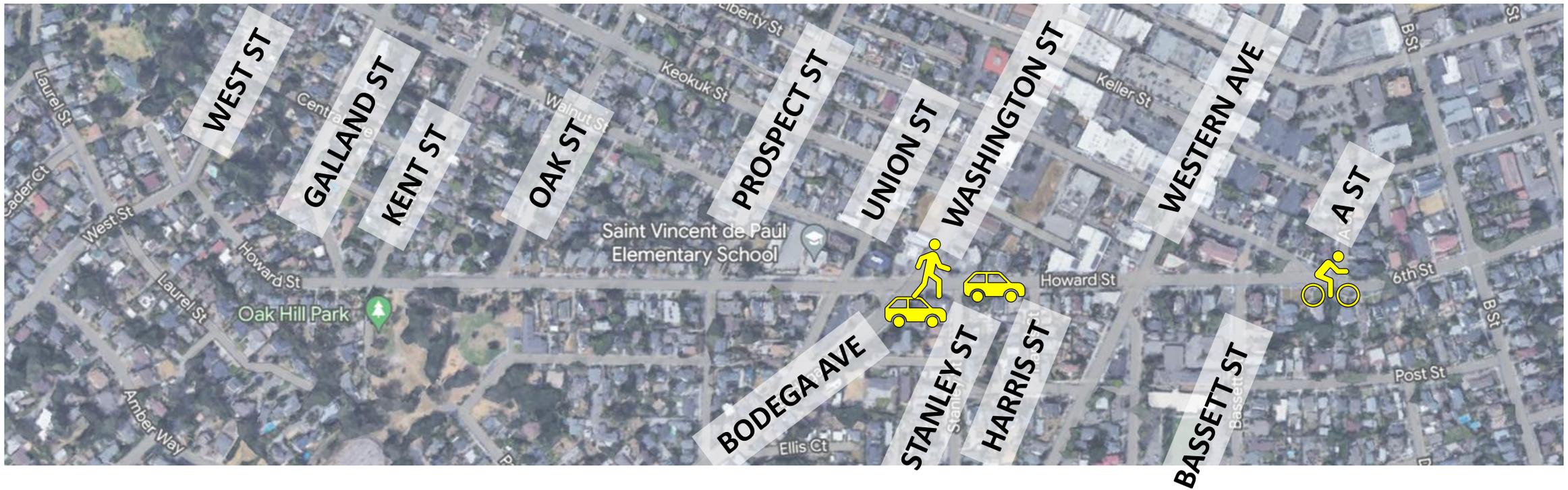


Vehicle Speeds



Posted Speed Limit: 25 MPH

Reported Collisions (2018-22)



Vehicle vs. Vehicle



Vehicle vs. Pedestrian



Vehicle vs. Bicyclist

Tentative Schedule



A more detailed timeline will be provided as the design progresses.

What We've Heard



Survey Feedback: Top Priorities

1. Improve walking conditions
2. Slow vehicle traffic
3. Improve bicycling conditions



What We've Heard

- Improve intersections with Bodega Ave./Washington St., Western Ave., Bassett St., and Liberty St.
- Address accessibility, walking, bicycling, and speeding throughout the corridor
- Address spillover parking and loading impacts of school, church, and Crooked Goat/ACME Burger
- Address narrow conditions (including sidewalk gaps) near West St.

A photograph of a street scene featuring a white church with a bell tower in the background. The street is lined with parked cars and trees. A speed limit sign for 25 is visible on the right. The text "Proposed Improvements" is overlaid in white on a dark background.

Proposed Improvements

Typical Intersection Enhancements



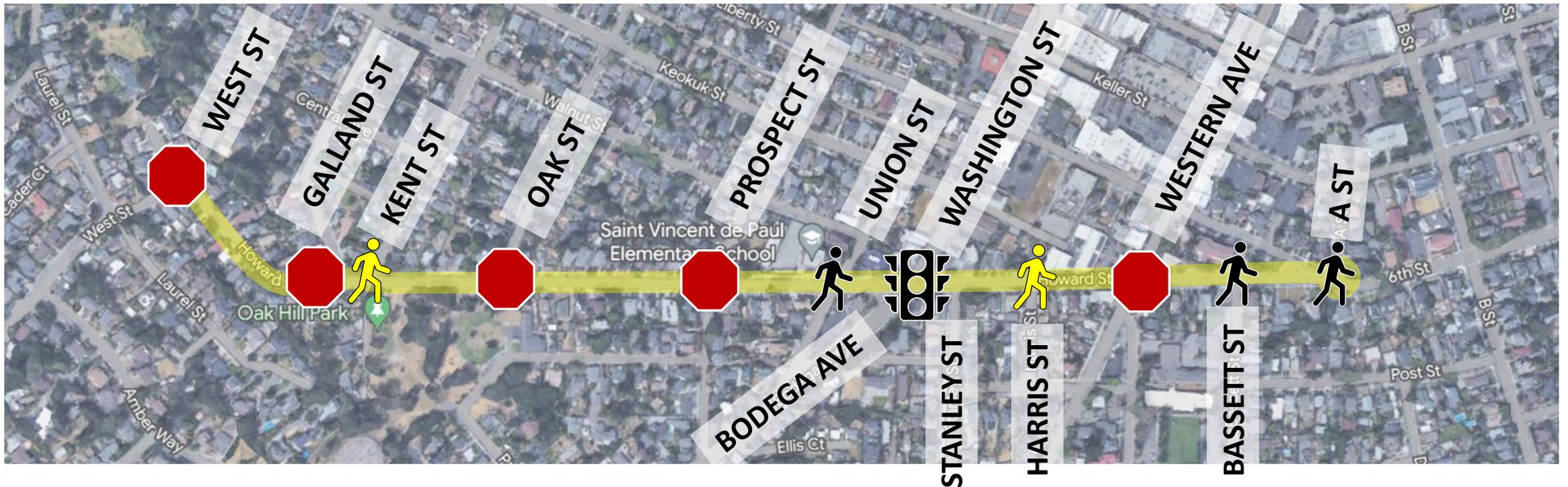
- 1) High-visibility “ladder” crosswalk
- 2) Accessible curb ramp
- 3) Concrete curb extension (“bulbout”) & parking prohibition near crosswalk (“daylighting”)
- 4) Rapid-flashing beacon (at locations without stop signs)

Typical Intersection Enhancements



Median refuge islands

Intersections & Crosswalks



Stop Sign



Traffic Signal

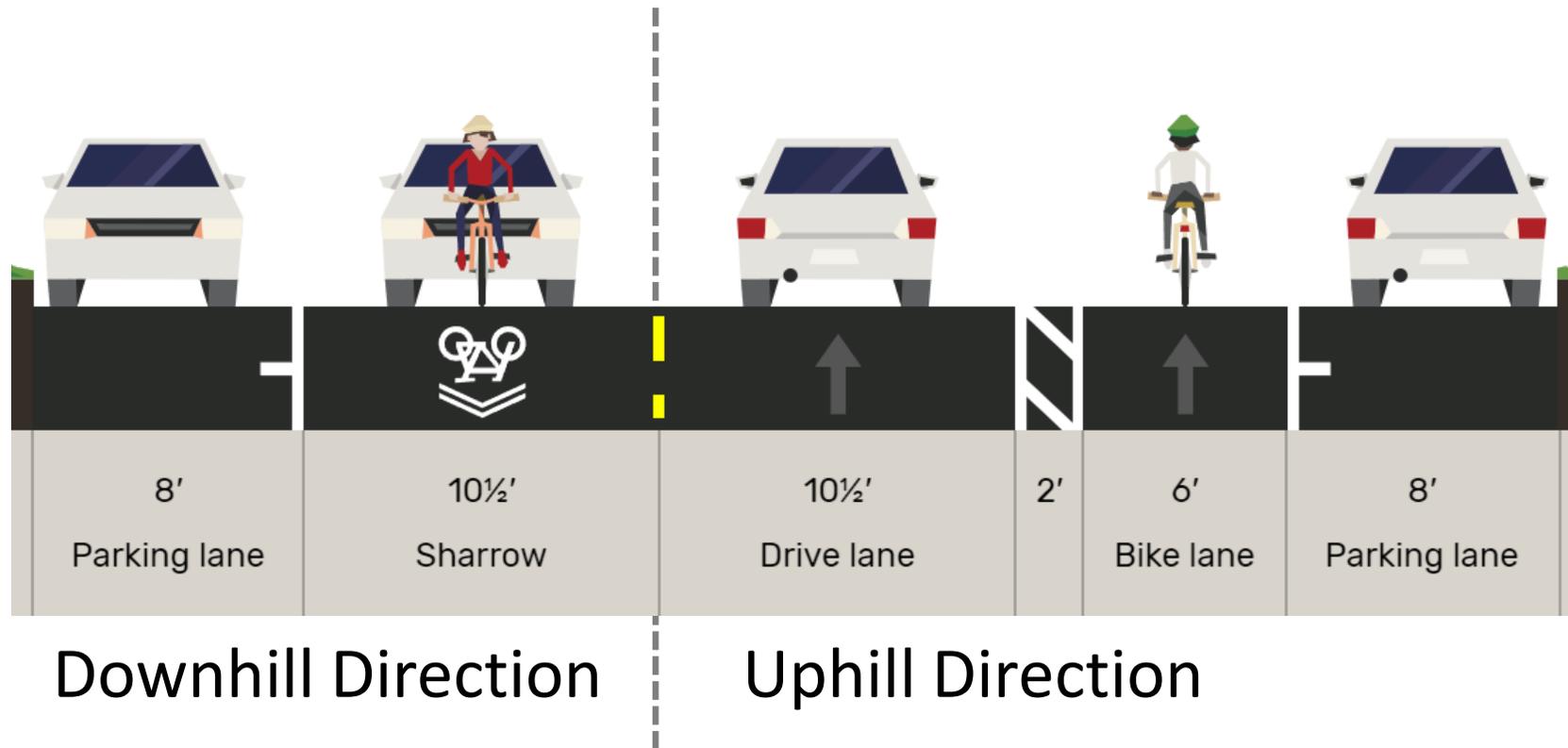


Existing Crosswalk
(w/o Stop or Signal)



Proposed Crosswalk
(w/o Stop or Signal)

Uphill Bike Lanes



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Sidewalk Improvements near West Street



Facing south from West Street

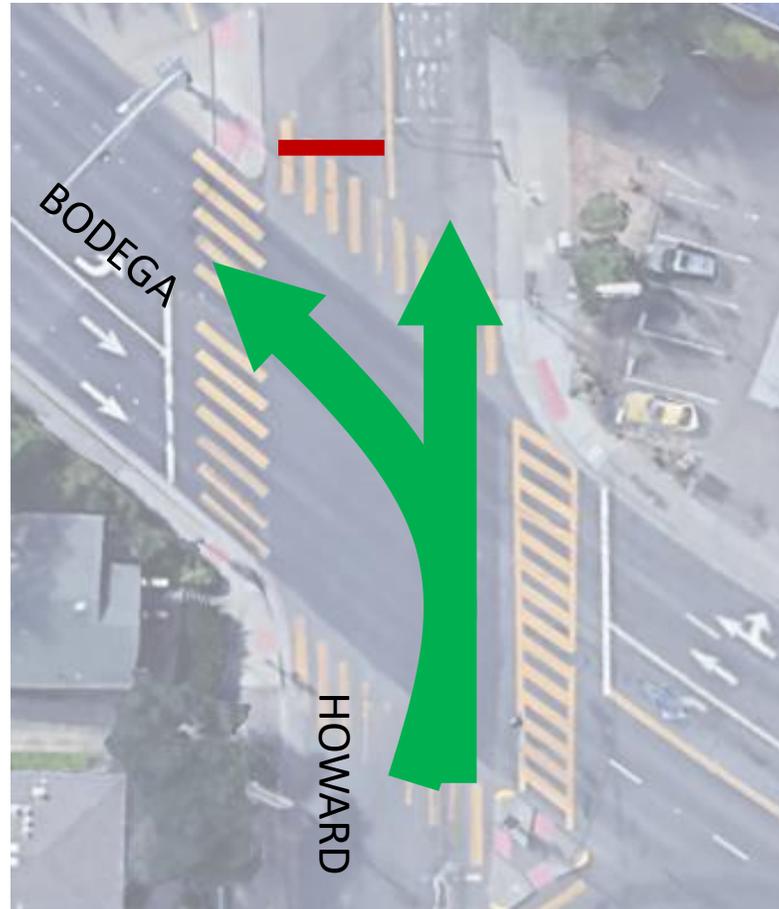
Sidewalk Improvements near West Street



Facing north toward West Street

Signal Improvements at Bodega/ Washington

**Split signal
phases:**
northbound
and
southbound
traffic no
longer share
“green”



Signal Improvements at Bodega/ Washington

Leading pedestrian intervals:
pedestrians receive “walk”
signal 5 seconds before drivers
receive “green”



Signal Improvements at Bodega/ Washington

Bike boxes: create an advanced waiting area for people on bikes so they can establish a more visible position and more easily make left turns

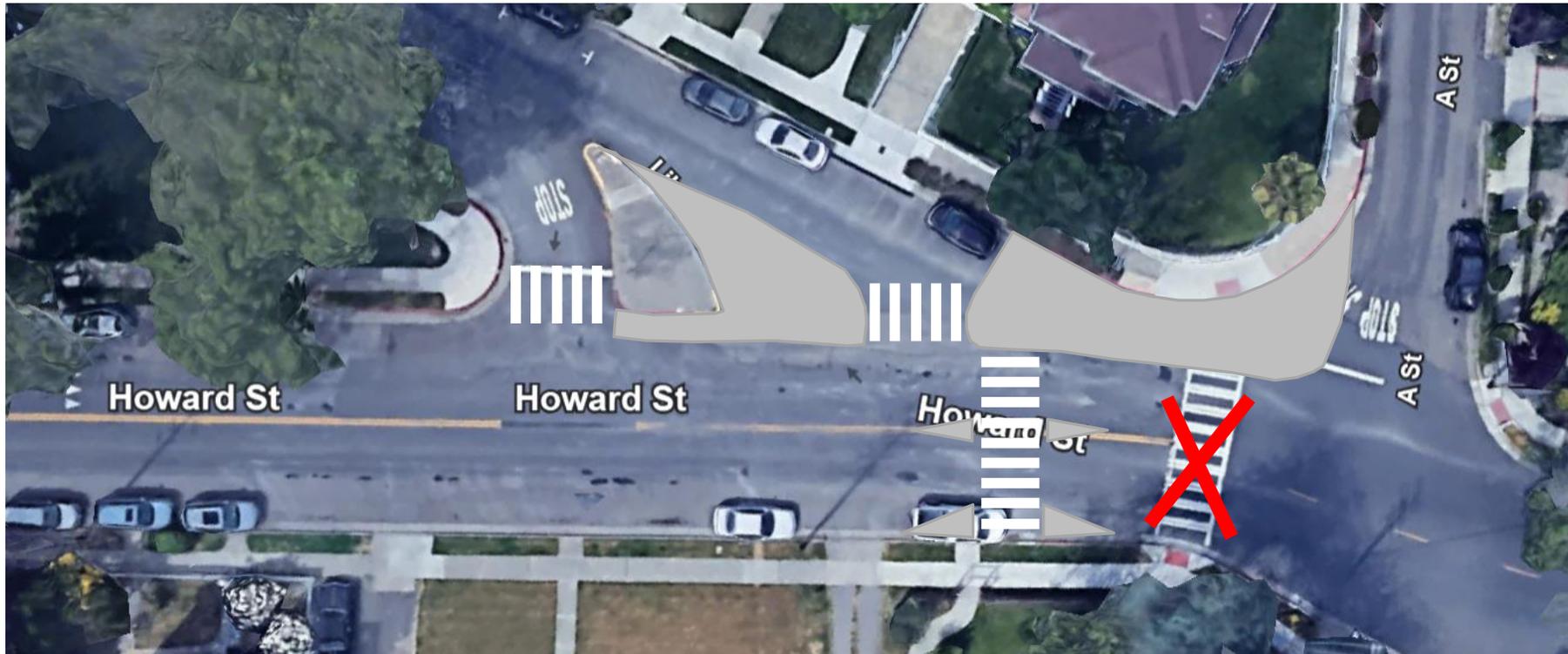
Note: people on bikes may use leading pedestrian intervals



Reconfiguration Options: Liberty & A

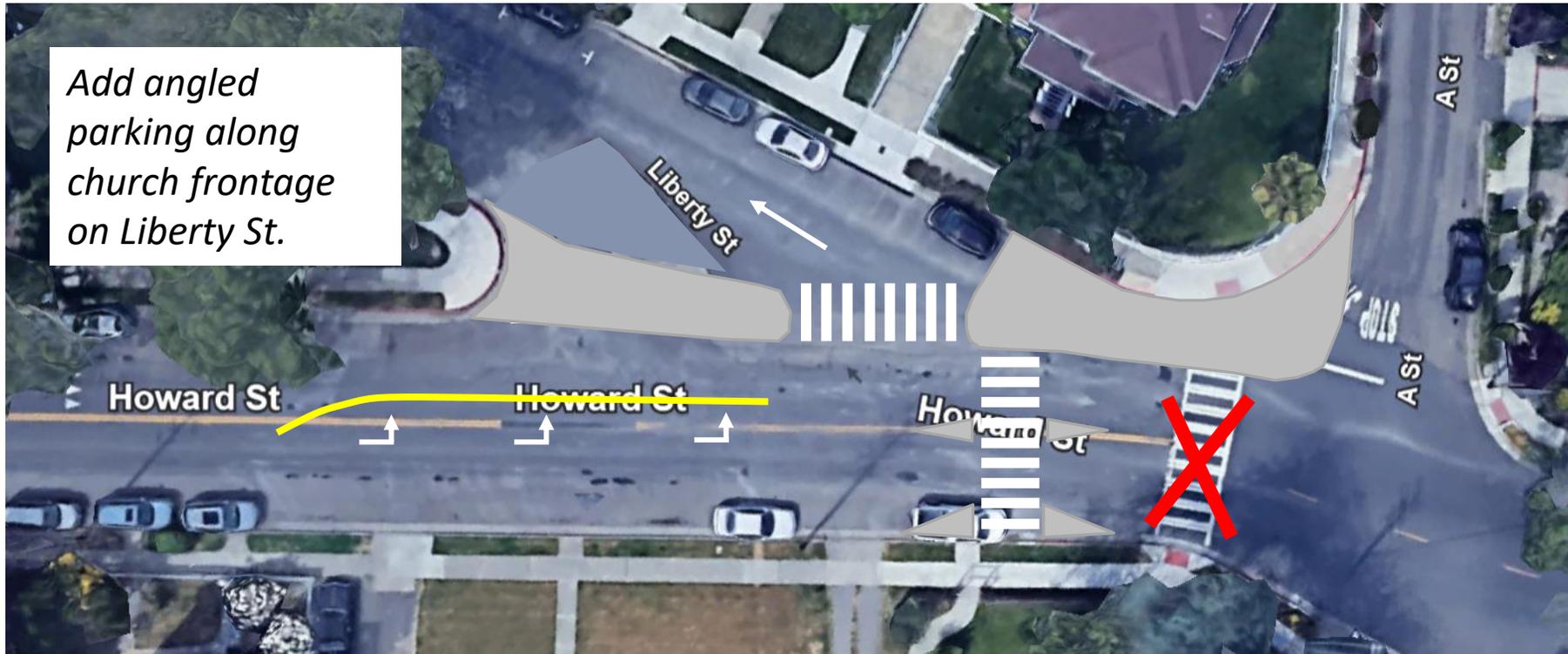


Reconfiguration Options: Liberty & A



Option 1: Sidewalk and median extensions with relocated crosswalk

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Option 2: Convert Liberty Street to one-way (northbound)

Additional Notes

- Reviewing street light coverage and drainage/stormwater issues
- Exploring opportunities for bioswales & street trees
- Considering prohibiting left turns from Stanley Street onto Howard
- Parking Study launching Spring 2024



Discussion





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