

Streetscapes Proposed Projects

STREETSCAPES

While the streets in Hickory are designed to carry vehicular traffic through the city, these public spaces serve as key linkages between destinations. With improvements to the streetscape aimed at creating a comfortable pedestrian environment, such as additional plantings, wider sidewalks, street furnishings, and pedestrian-scaled lighting, the streets can also function as linear parks. Such improvements can also improve the aesthetics of the area, enhance the appearance of flanking properties, increase the desirability of a neighborhood and raise property values. Through the planning process, important street segments were identified and classified based on current and potential function as well as proposed cross-section improvements. The description of the typology and examples of typical improvements associated with each type are presented on the pages that follow.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

The following is a summary list of proposed streetscape projects that could be components of the Inspiring Spaces system. Some are recommended in plans previously developed for the City or the County, and those plans are noted in parentheses under those proposed streetscape projects.

- **Type A** - two way conversion / two lane downtown commercial streets
- **Type B** - two lane downtown commercial streets
- **Type C** - two lane commercial street with center access / planting zone
- **Type D** - four lane commercial and residential uses with center access zone
- **Type E** - six lane divided boulevard
- **Type F** - four lane divided boulevard
- **Type G** - four lane divided boulevard
- **Type H** - two lane residential with center access / planting zone

Proposed Project Map

Type A: 2 lane, 2 way commercial and residential

- 1 Main Avenue North Streetscape Improvements/Bridge over NC-127 to Union Square
- 2 Main Avenue North Streetscape Improvements/Union Square to Piedmont Wagon Company Site
- 3 2nd Avenue North Streetscape Improvements/US-321 to 9th Street NW
- 4 2nd Avenue North Streetscape and Conversion to Two Way *(City Center Plan)*
- 5 3rd Avenue North Streetscape and Conversion to Two-Way *(City Center Plan)*
- 6 1st Avenue South Streetscape and Conversion to Two-Way *(City Center Plan)*
- 7 2nd Avenue South Streetscape and Conversion to Two-Way *(City Center Plan)*

Type B: 2 lane commercial and residential

- 8 Main Avenue North Streetscape Improvements/Lenoir-Rhyne University to Bridge over NC-127
- 9 Highland Avenue/9th Avenue NE/ 8th Street NE Streetscape Improvements

Type C: 2 lane commercial street with center / planting access zone

- 10 Old Lenoir Road Streetscape Improvements/ 12th Street Drive NW to 9th Street NW

Type D: 4 lane commercial and residential uses with center access zone

- 11 Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard Streetscape Improvements/Tate Boulevard to US-70 *(Landscape Master Plan)*

- 12 NC-127 Streetscape Improvements/ Cloninger Mill Road to Bridge over Railroad
- 13 NC-127 Streetscape Improvements/ Bridge over Railroad to US-70
- 14 Springs Road Streetscape Improvements/ 9th Avenue NE to Kool Park Road

Type E: 6 lane divided boulevard

- 15 US-70 Corridor Beautification/ Fairgrove Church Road to Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard *(Landscape Master Plan)*
- 16 US-70 Corridor Beautification/ Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard to US-321 *(Landscape Master Plan)*

Type F: 4 lane divided boulevard

- 17 US-321 Streetscape Improvements/ Lake Hickory to 13th Street SW

Type G: 4 lane divided boulevard

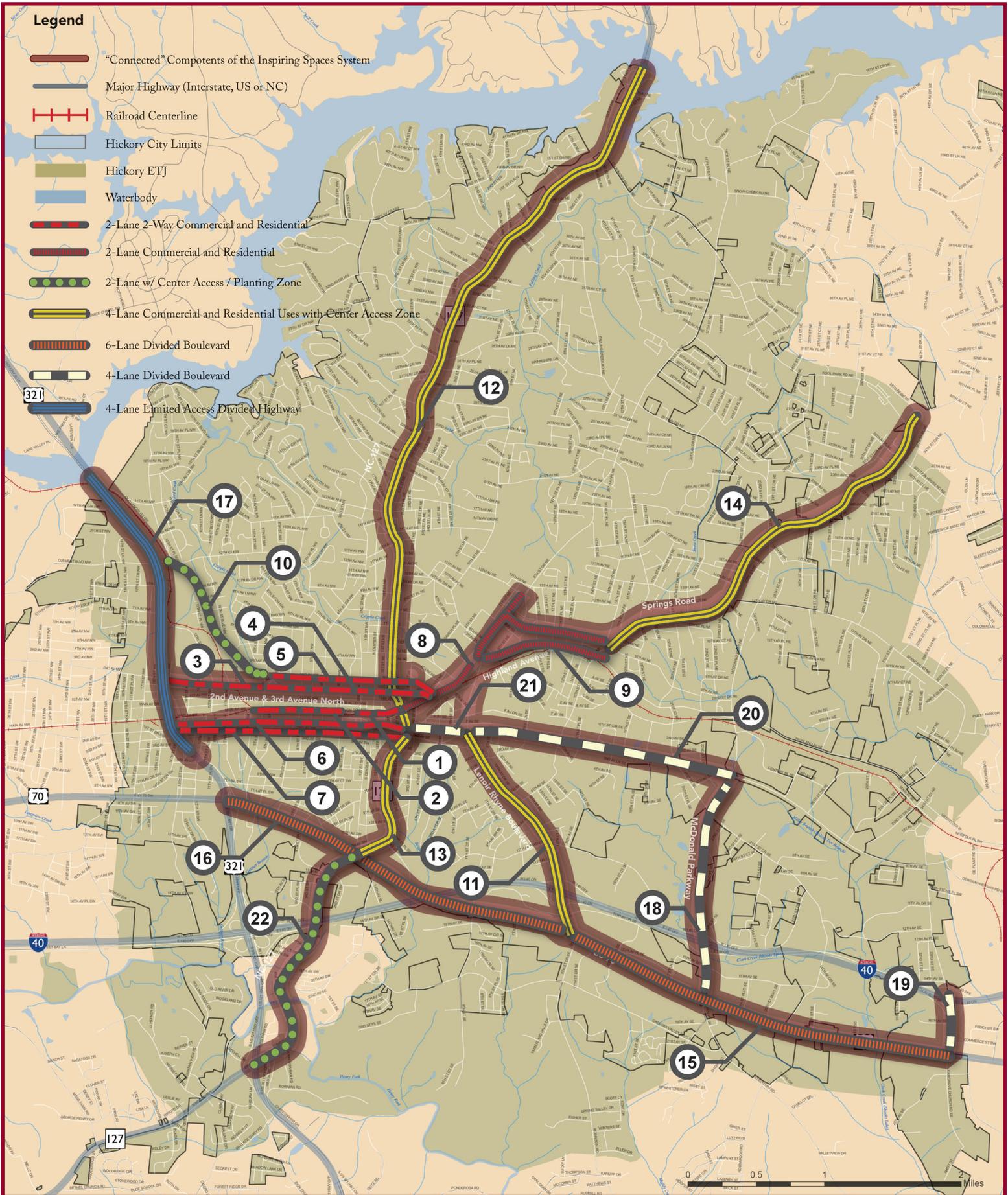
- 18 McDonald Parkway Streetscape Improvements/Tate Boulevard to US-70
- 19 Fairgrove Church Streetscape Improvements/ I-40 to US-70
- 20 Tate Boulevard Streetscape Improvements/ McDonald Parkway to Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard
- 21 Tate Boulevard Streetscape Improvements/ Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard to 2nd Avenue SW

Type H: 2 lane with center access / planting zone

- 22 NC-127 Streetscape Improvements / US-70 to US-321

Legend

-  "Connected" Components of the Inspiring Spaces System
-  Major Highway (Interstate, US or NC)
-  Railroad Centerline
-  Hickory City Limits
-  Hickory ETJ
-  Waterbody
-  2-Lane 2-Way Commercial and Residential
-  2-Lane Commercial and Residential
-  2-Lane w/ Center Access / Planting Zone
-  4-Lane Commercial and Residential Uses with Center Access Zone
-  6-Lane Divided Boulevard
-  4-Lane Divided Boulevard
-  4-Lane Limited Access Divided Highway



TYPE A

TWO WAY CONVERSION • 2 LANE, 2 WAY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

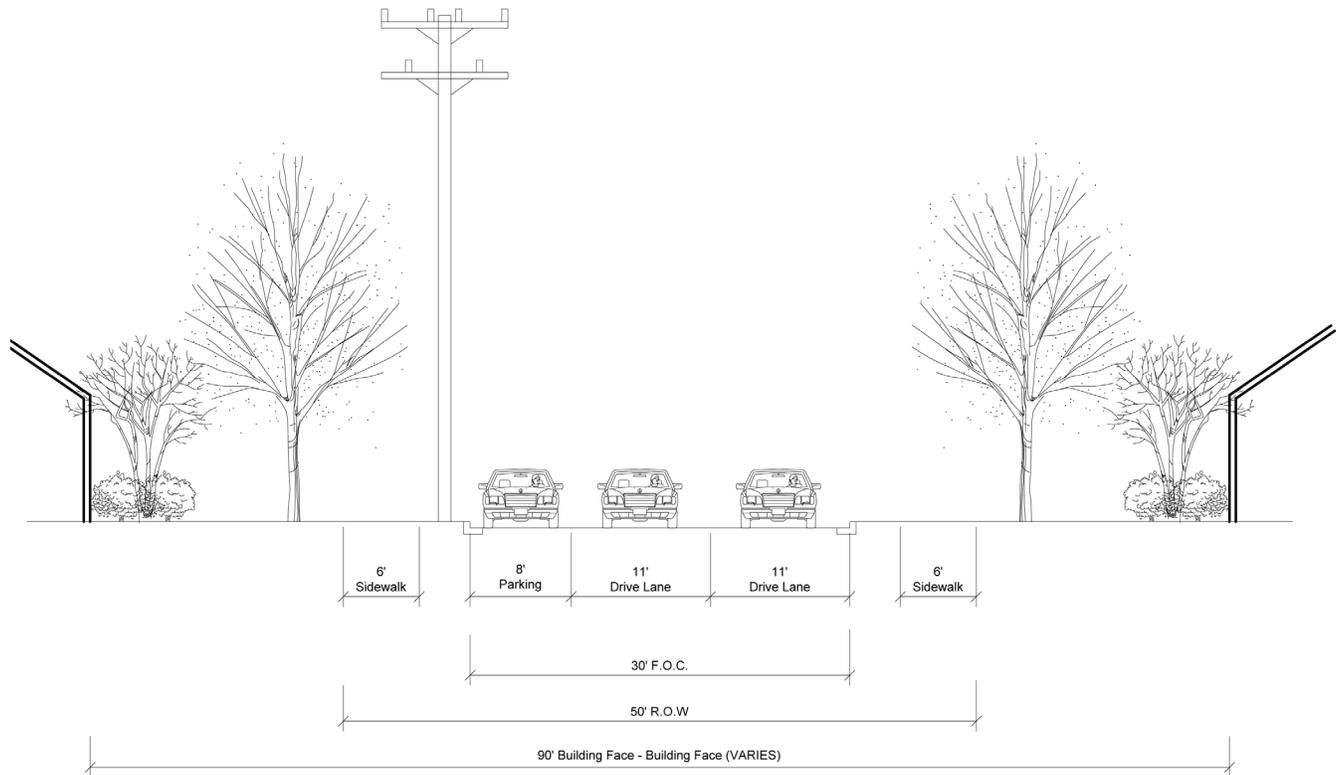
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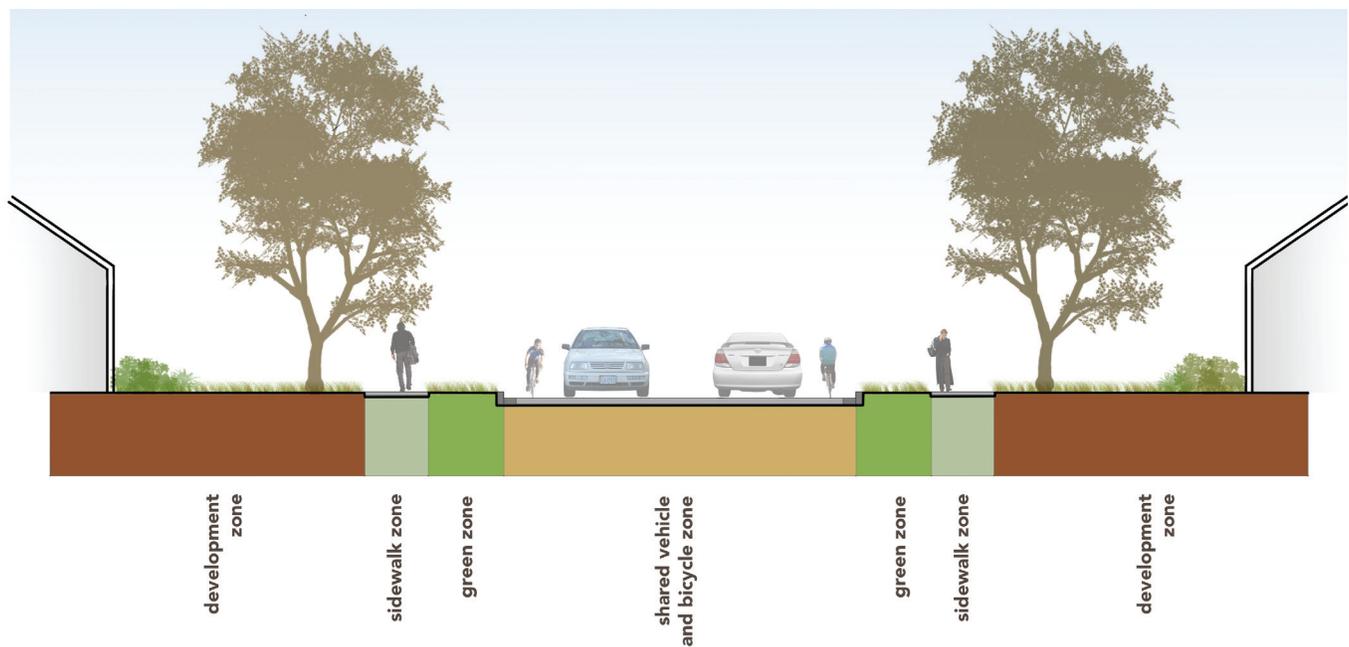
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Example: 2nd Avenue North (one-way pairs)

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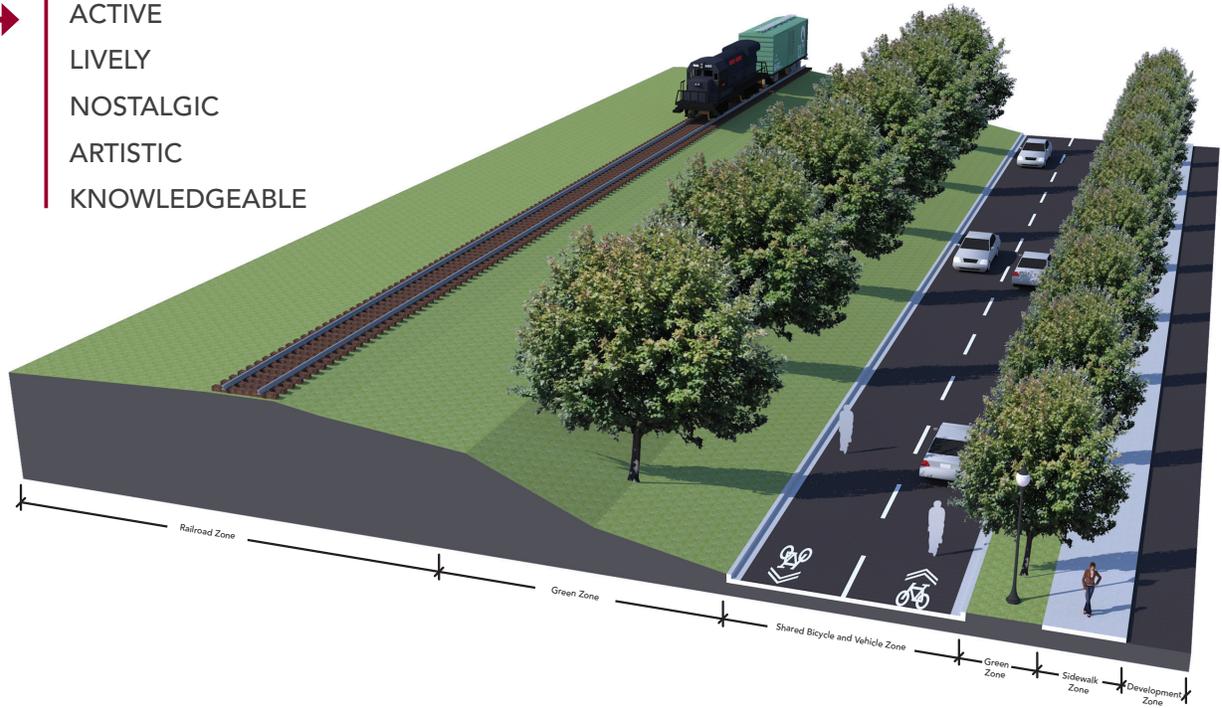
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TWO LANE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

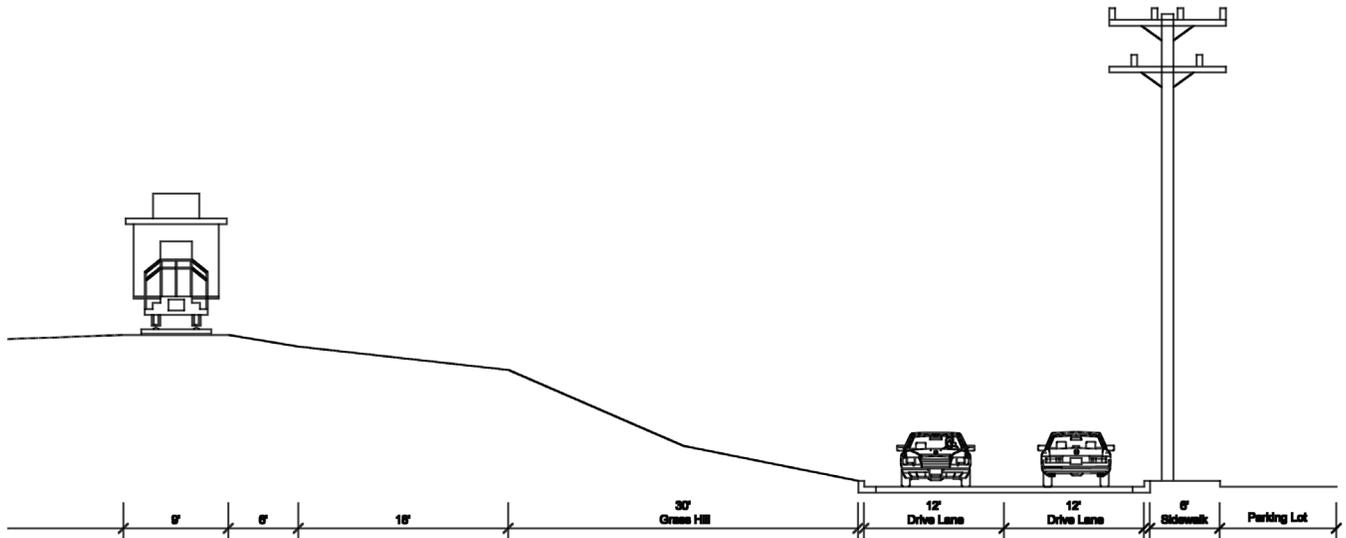
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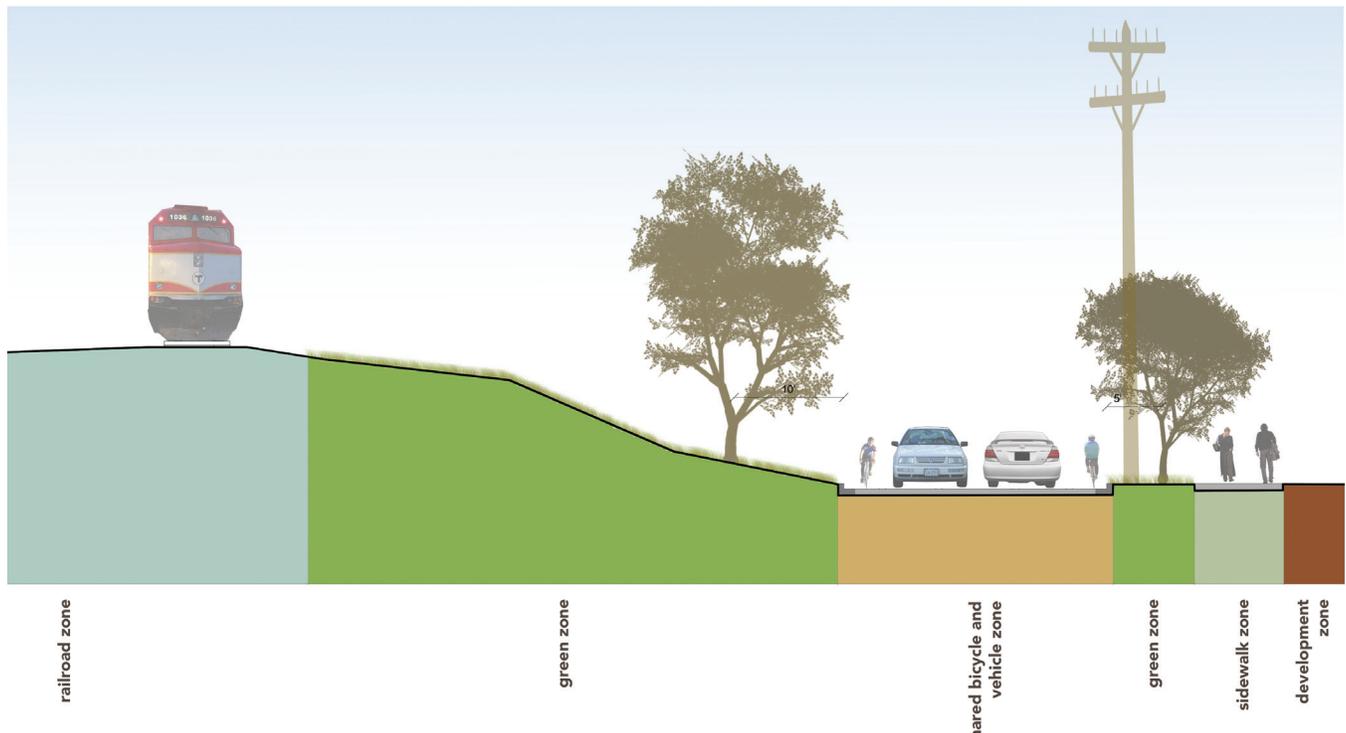
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Example: Main Avenue Northeast (bridge over NC-127 to Lenoir-Rhye)

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TYPE C

TWO LANE COMMERCIAL STREET WITH CENTER / PLANTING ACCESS ZONE

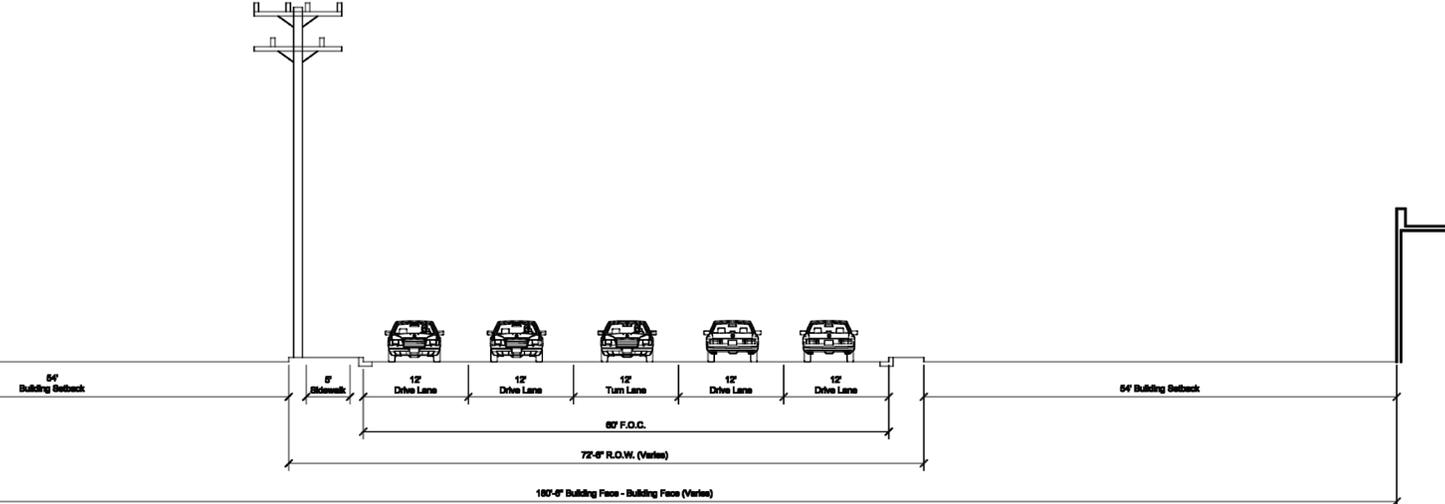
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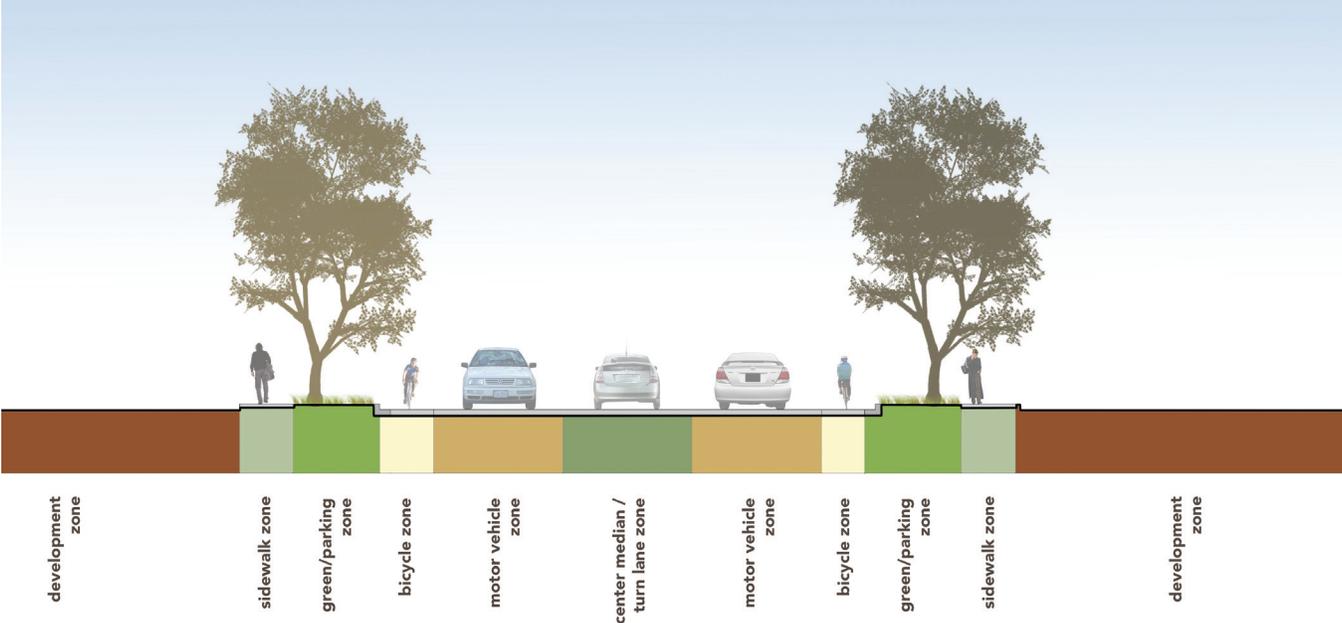
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Example: Old Lenoir Road

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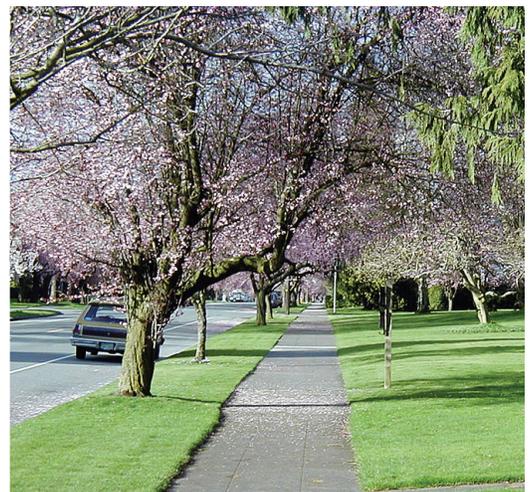
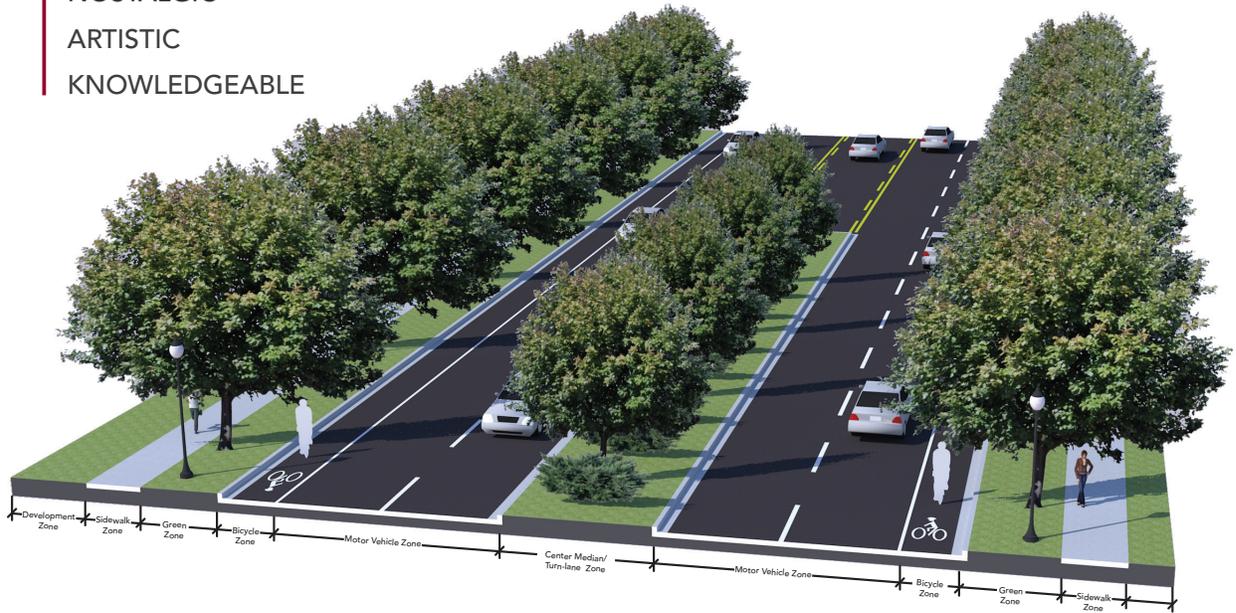
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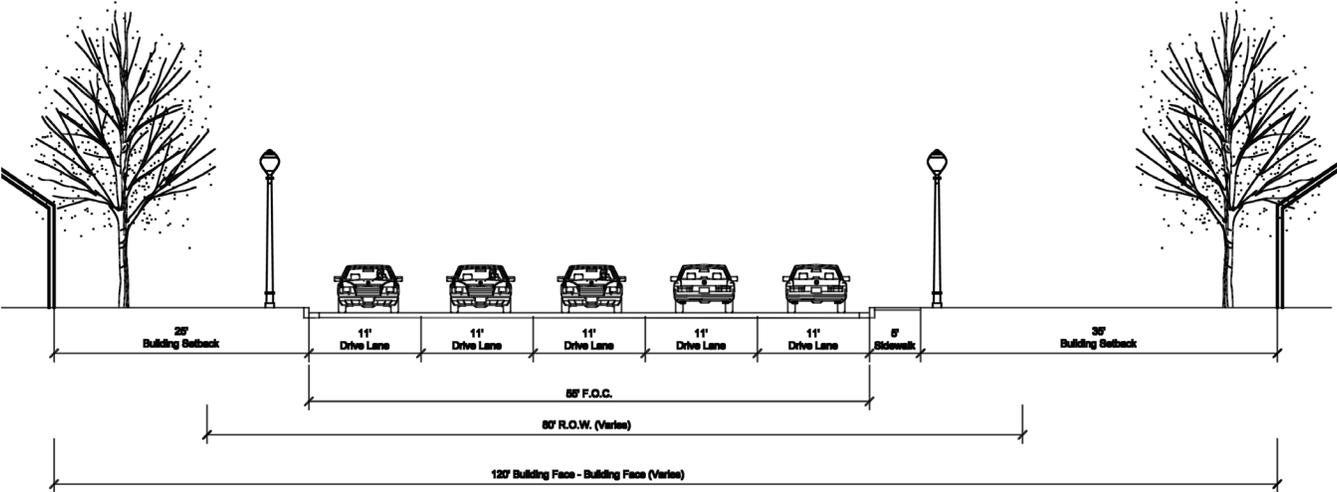
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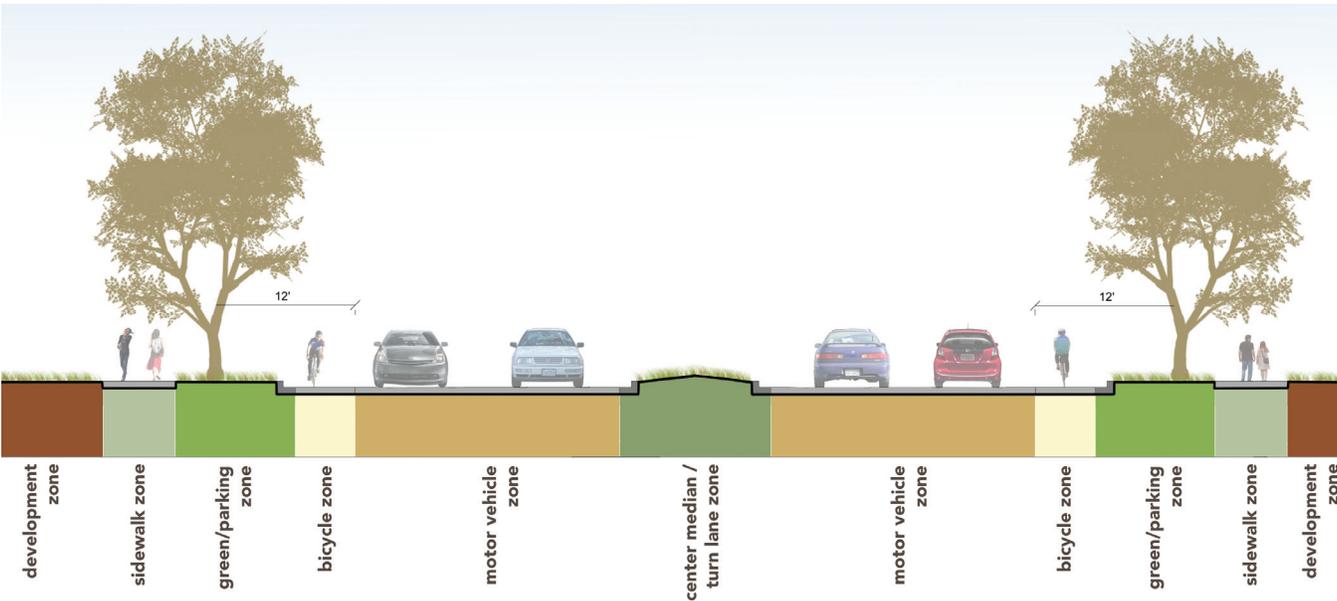


TYPICAL SECTION Example: NC127 (Railroad to Cloninger Mill Road)

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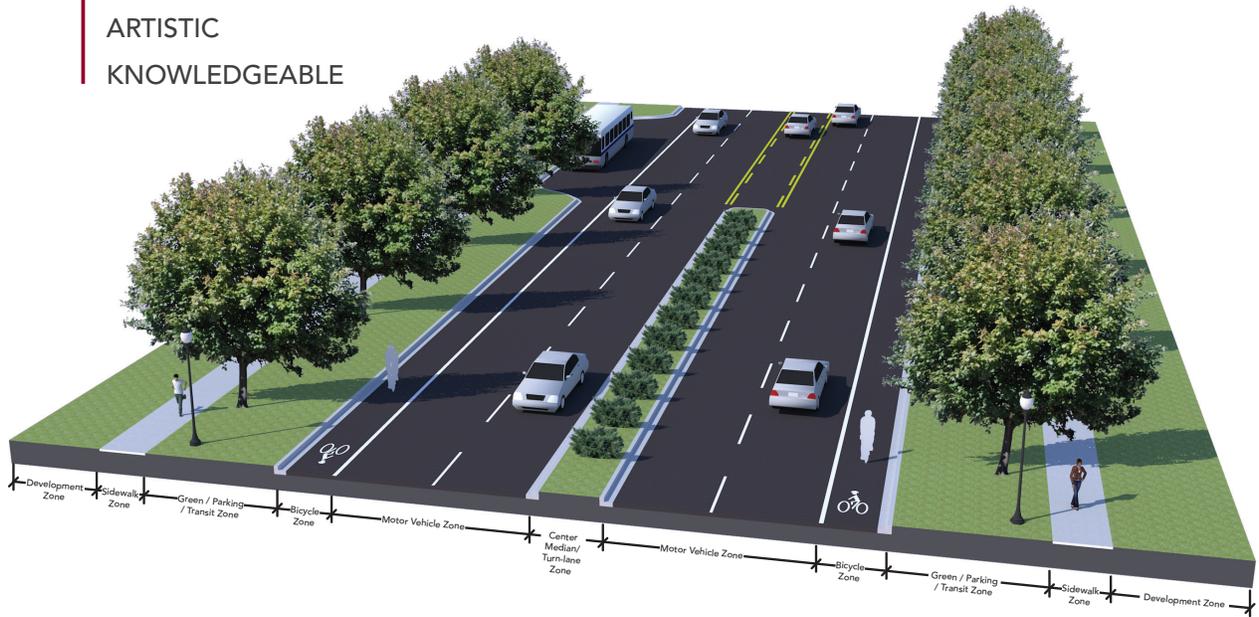
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SIX LANE DIVIDED BOULEVARD

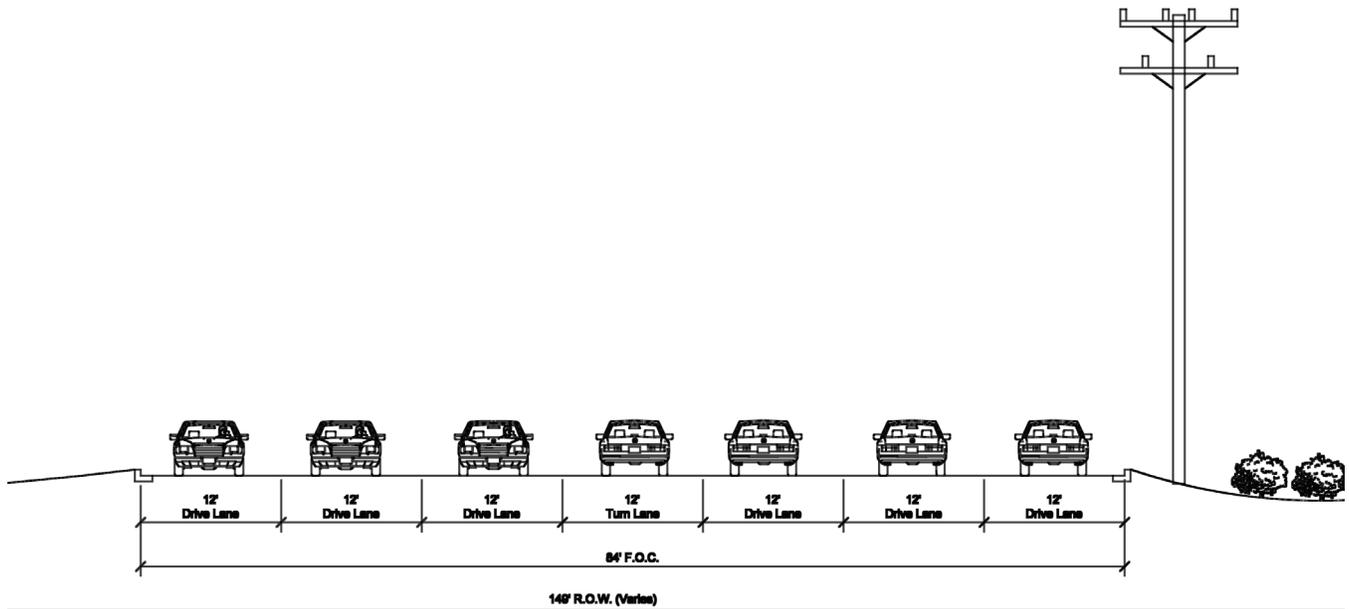
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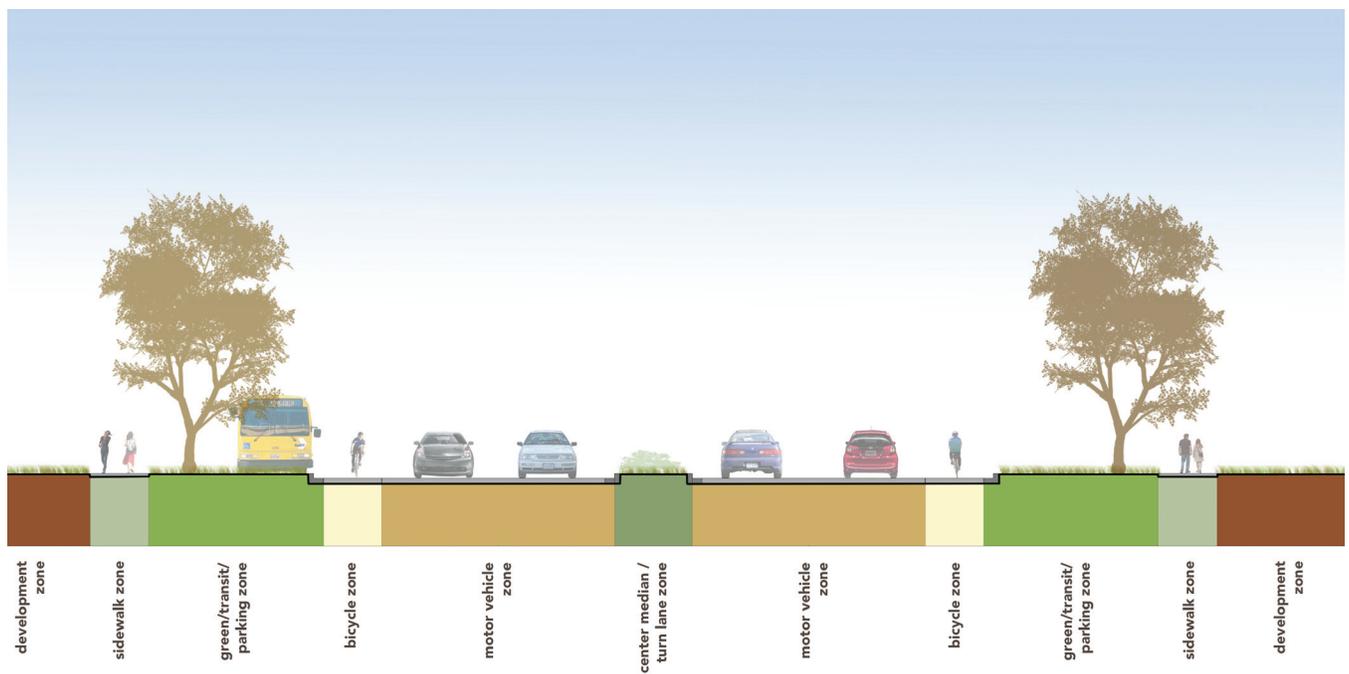
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Example: US-70

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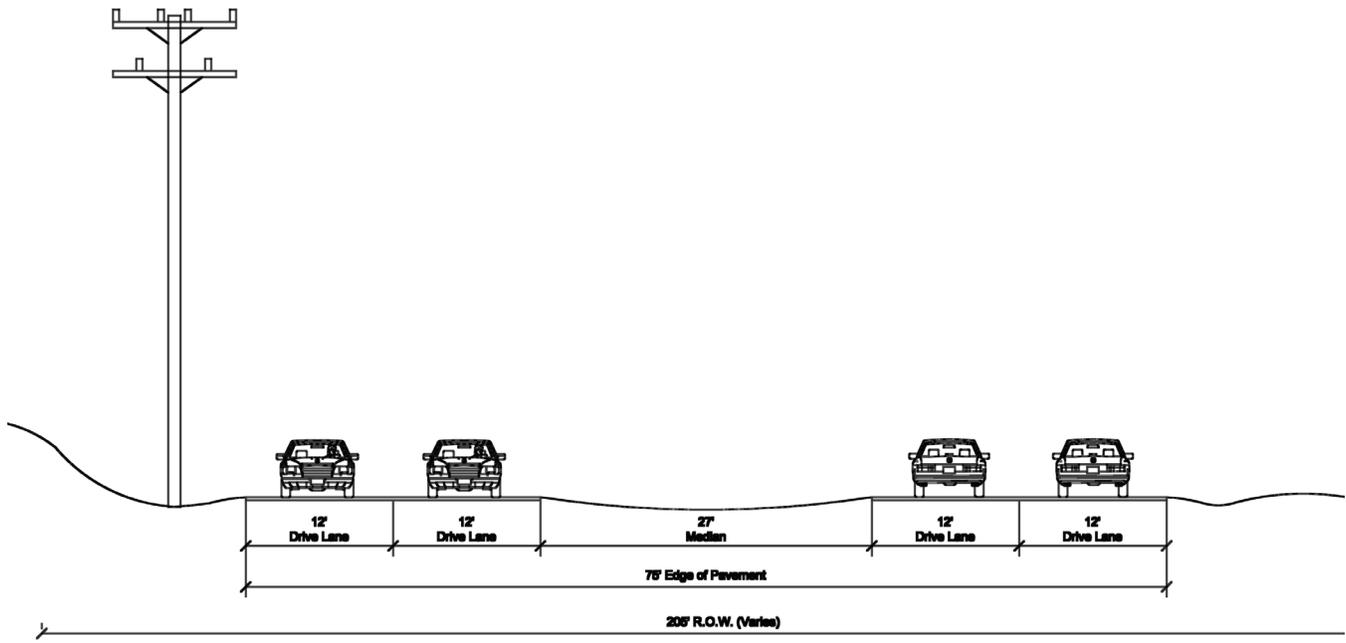
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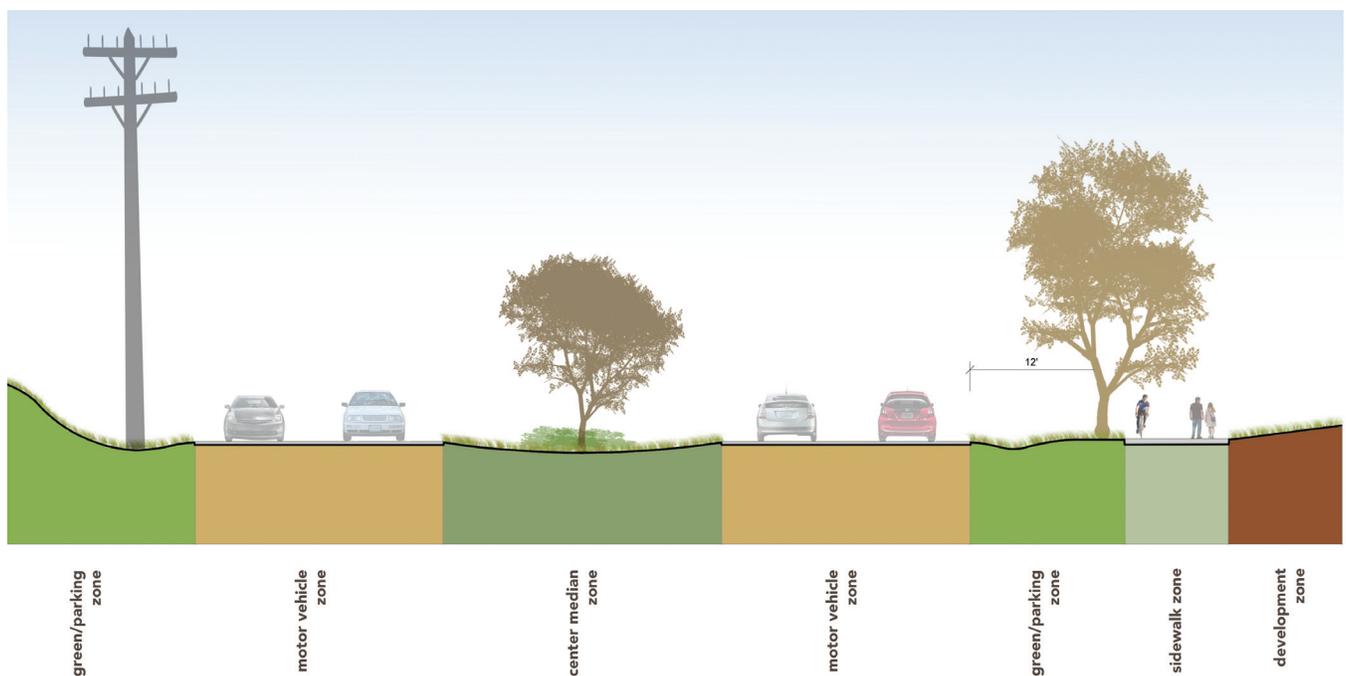


TYPICAL SECTION Example: US 321

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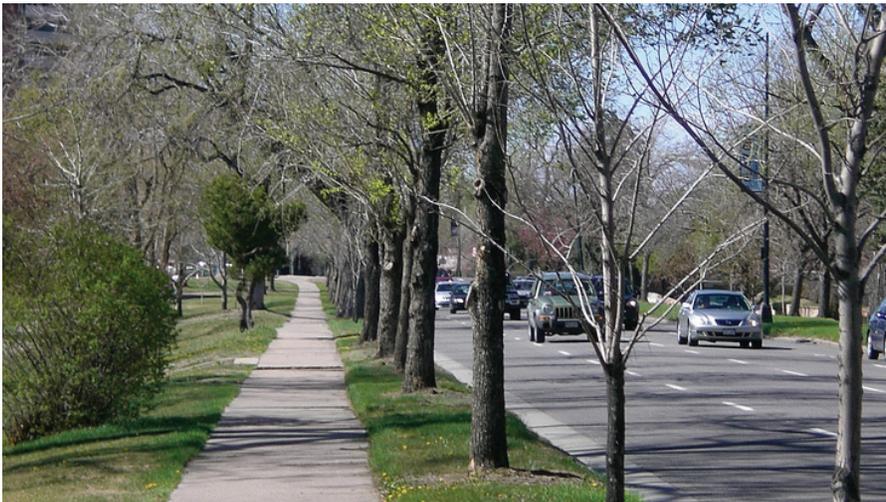
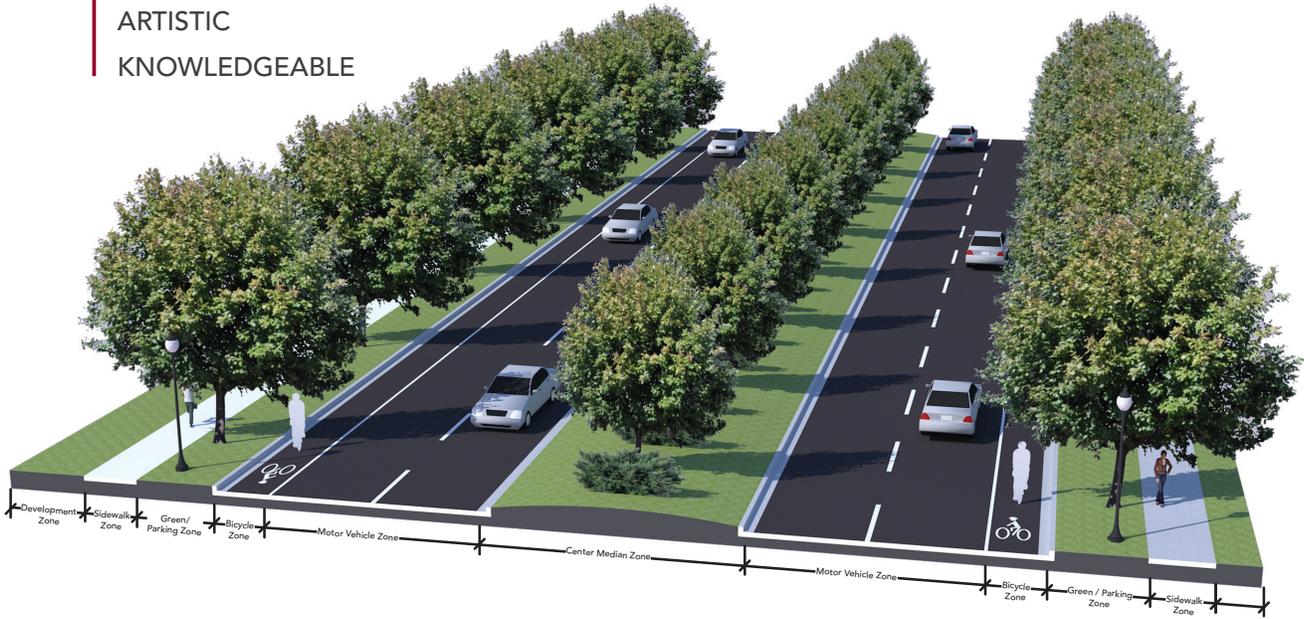
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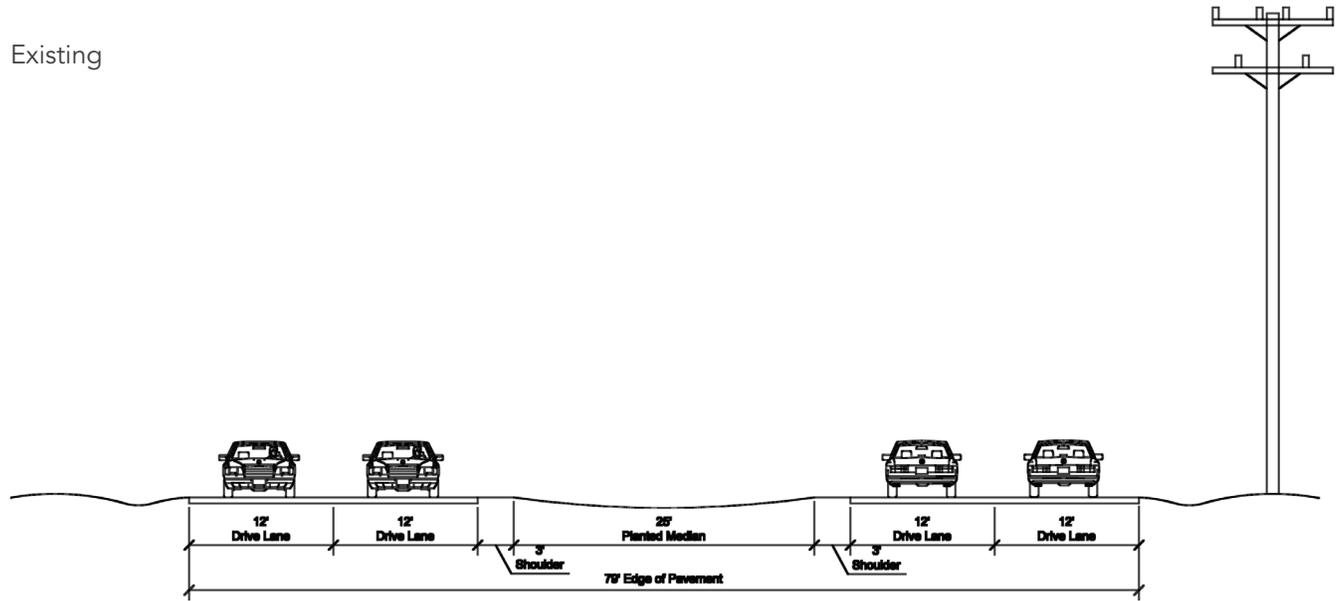
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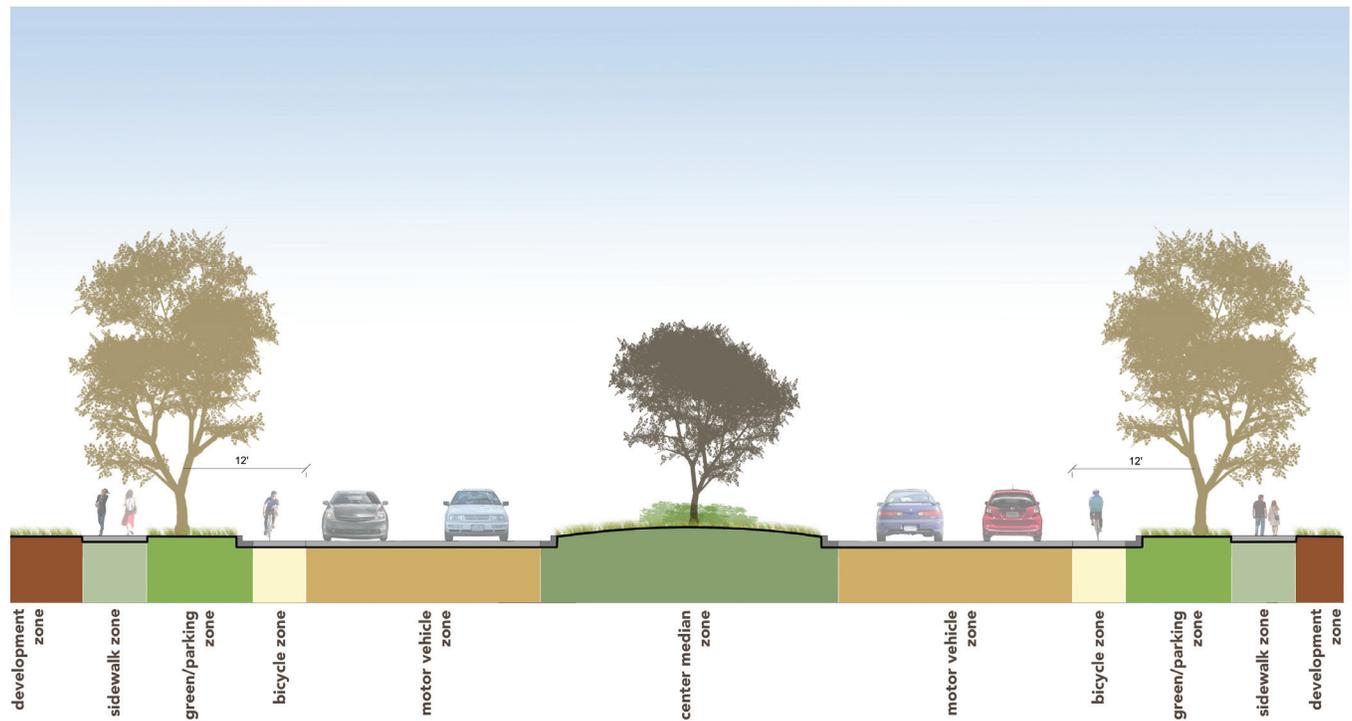


TYPICAL SECTION Example: Tate Boulevard

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TYPE H

TWO LANE WITH CENTER ACCESS / PLANTING ZONE

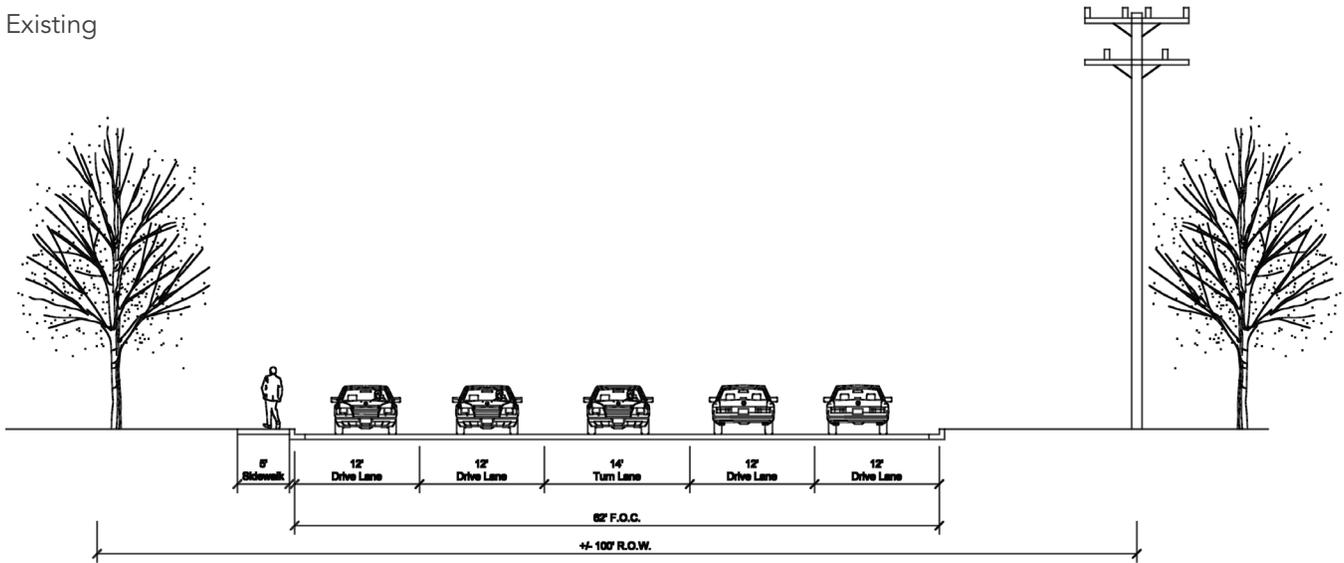
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TYPICAL SECTION

Example: NC-127 South (US-70 to US-321)

Existing



Proposed

