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# ERI-6 Corridor Phase 2 Planning Study

MPO Policy Committee Meeting Presentation

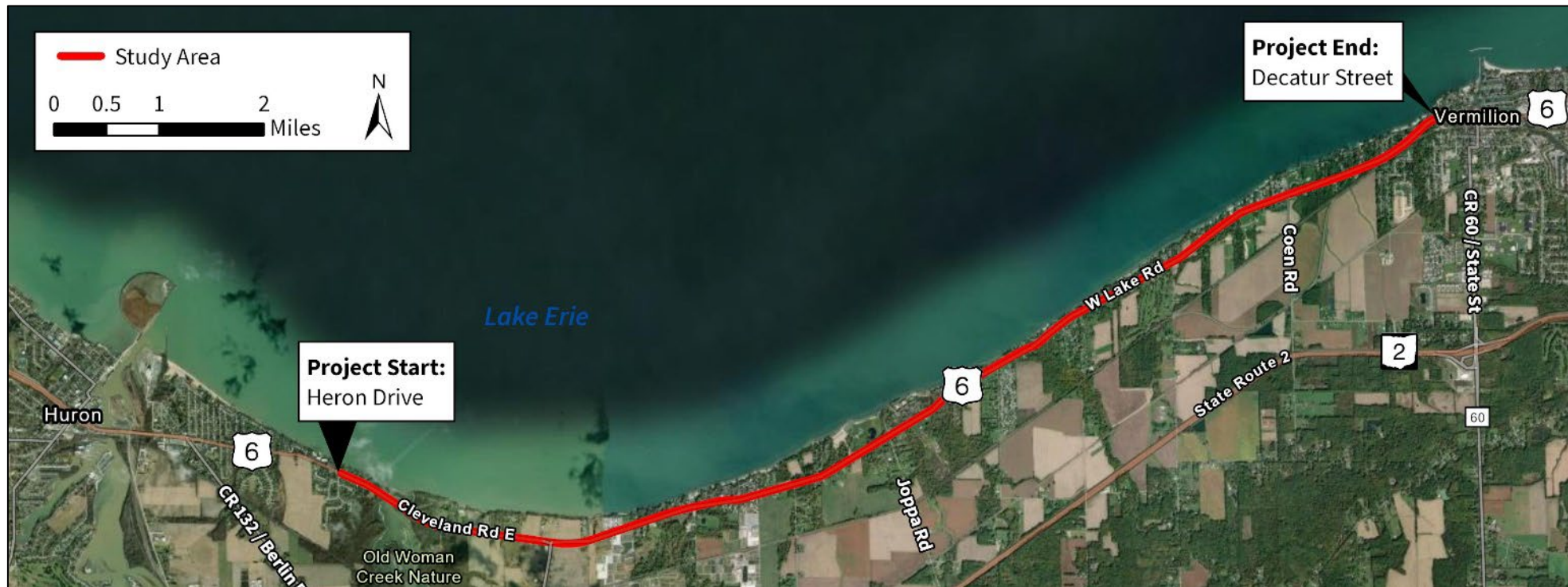
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# STUDY BACKGROUND

## ➤ Project History

- Improve transportation infrastructure, safety, and connectivity on US 6 in Erie County
- Next phase of evaluating improvements, following the Phase 1 study of US 6



# STUDY BACKGROUND

## ➤ Phase 1 Study

- ERPC completed study in 2019
- 6-mile segment of US 6 between Sandusky and Huron
- **8,000-15,000 AADT (2017)**
- **284 crashes (2015-2017)**
- Key Intersections: Sycamore Line/Milan Rd/US 250, Butler St, Remington Ave, Camp Rd, Rye Beach Rd
- **Key Points of Interest: Cedar Point, Sports Force Park, Sawmill Creek Resort**
- NS Railroad adjacent to corridor
- **More Public and Commercial land uses**

## ➤ Phase 2 Study

- Current study by ERPC
- 9-mile segment of US 6 between Huron and Vermilion
- 3,800-6,400 AADT (2023)
- 44 crashes (2022-2024)
- Key Intersections: Ceylon Rd/CR 61, Joppa Rd, Coen Rd
- **Key Points of Interest: Old Woman Creek, Cranberry Creek Marina, WaterWood Community, Beulah Beach, Kingston Residence, Sherod Park**
- **More Agricultural and Residential land uses**

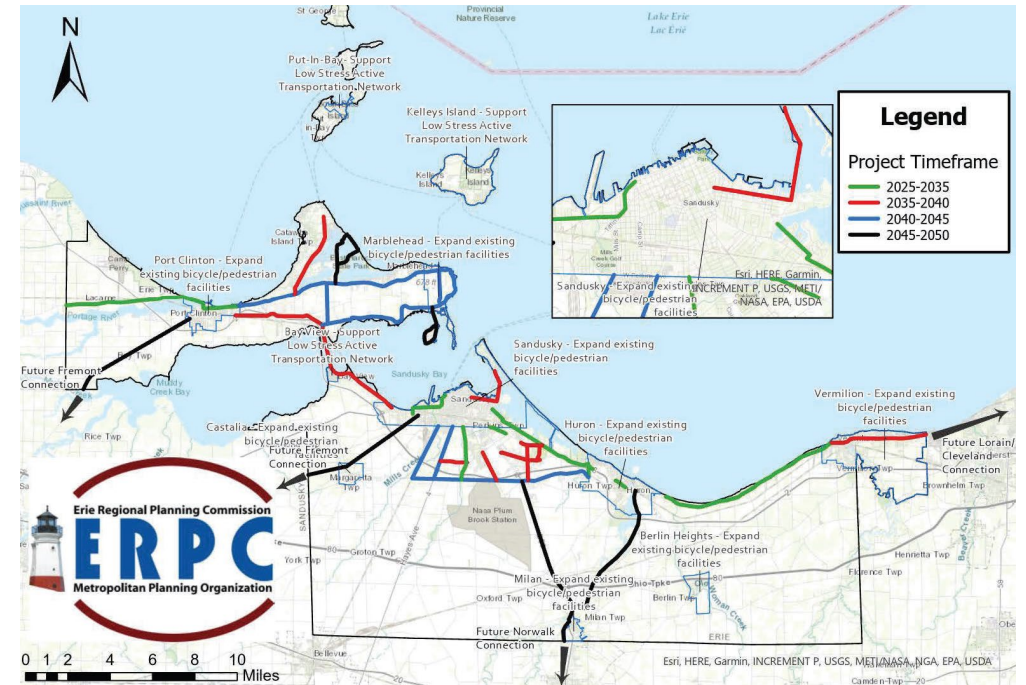
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## ➤ Multimodal Access

- Regional studies/vision to expand trail connectivity
- ERPC 2025 Long Range Plan: Recommended Non-Motorized Projects



Source: Greater Sandusky Partnership



Source: ERPC

# INITIAL FINDINGS

## ➤ Crash History

- 44 total crashes (from 2022-2024)
  - 2 fatalities (1 alcohol; 1 left turn at SR 61) – 1 additional fatality in 2025
  - 5 serious injury
- Vertical sight distance concern at Coen Road (turning conflict crashes)

## ➤ Traffic Data

- Design year traffic does not have capacity concerns in the study area
- Traffic levels on US 6 do not require more than one travel lane in each direction

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Install Shared Use Path along south side of US 6**
- **Implement Road Diet at east end of study area**
- **Install intersection warning signs on US 6 ahead of the Coen Road intersection**
- **No recommendations for Access Management**



Intersection Warning Sign  
(W2-1)

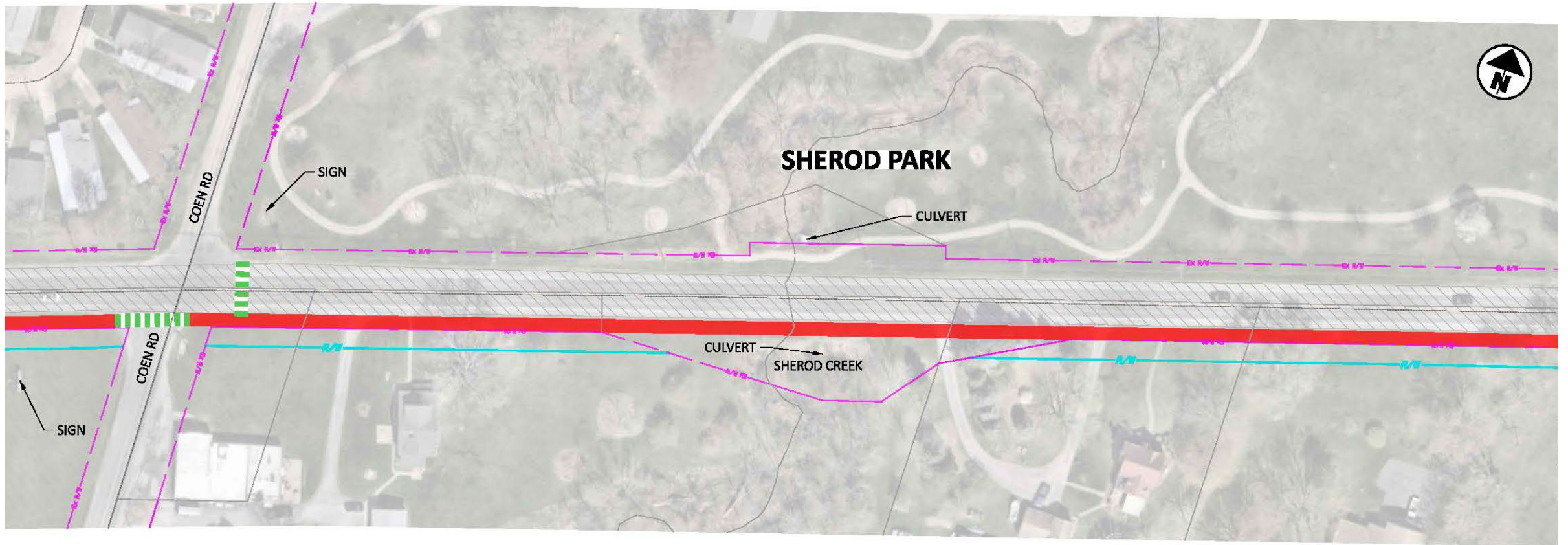
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## ➤ Shared Use Path

- 11-foot shared use path (SUP) with grass median barrier on the south side of US 6
  - Special width considerations will be needed along bridge crossings
  - High-visibility crossings for destinations to the north (locations to be determined)
  
- Benefits of South Alternative (compared to North Alternative)
  - Provides more separation from the roadway
  - Reduced utility relocations and less tree removal
  - Reduced right-of-way acquisition costs
  - Fewer driveway crossings, reducing direct vehicle-path conflict points, but crosses more intersections

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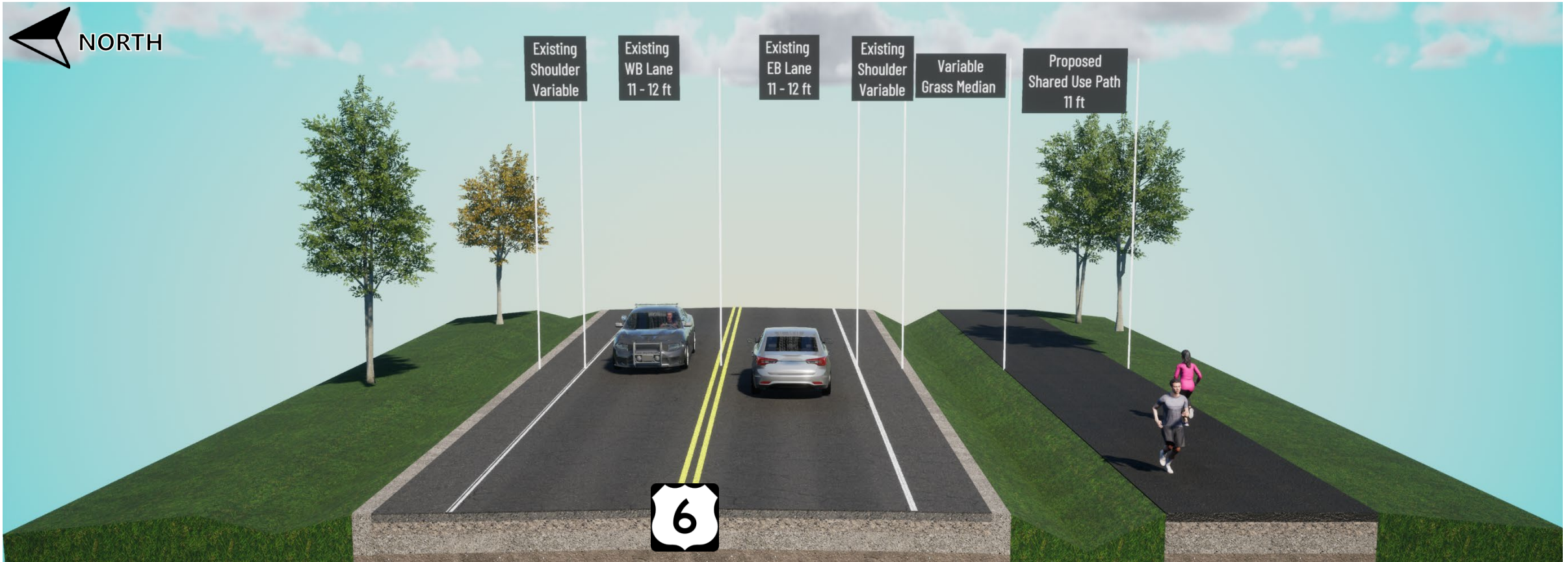
## ➤ Shared Use Path



Preliminary Plan View – Proposed Two-lane Segment (Typical)

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Preliminary Typical Section – Proposed Two-lane Segment

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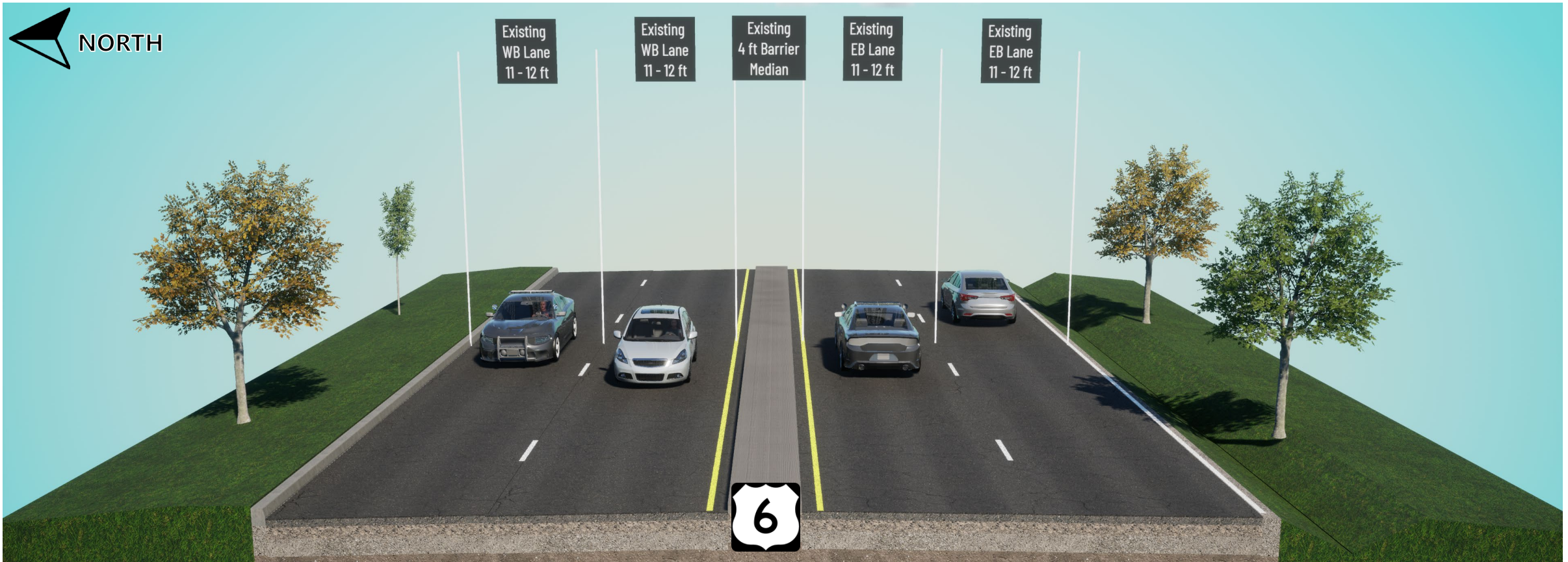
## ➤ Road Diet

- Reduce to 3 lanes (1 thru lane in each direction with center turn lane) between Colonial Court to Decatur Street
- Remove median/drainage, resurface/reconstruct & restripe
- No operational concerns – 4400 AADT (2024) in 4-lane segment
- Add SUP with grass median barrier on the south side of US 6



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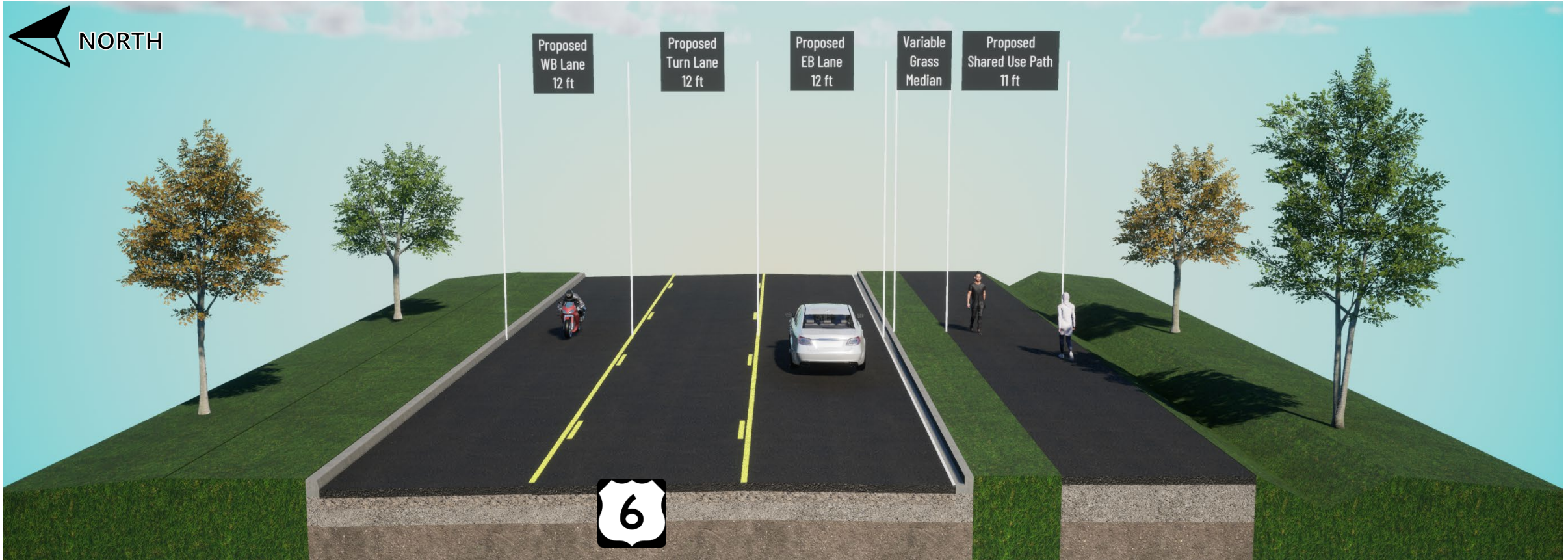
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Existing Typical Section – Four-lane Segment

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Preliminary Typical Section – Proposed Four-lane Segment

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## ➤ Planning-level Cost Estimates

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Estimated Construction Cost (2026 Dollars)</b>	<b>Estimated Right-of-Way Cost (2026 Dollars)</b>	<b>Total Cost (2026 Dollars)</b>
<b>Recommended South Alternative</b>	\$10,700,000	\$2,000,000	<b>\$12,700,000</b>
<b>North Alternative</b>	\$10,700,000	\$5,900,000	<b>\$16,600,000</b>

*\* Costs include 30% construction contingency and a 25% right-of-way contingency.*

## NEXT STEPS

- Today: Policy Committee Meeting Presentation
- ERPC to share final study with County Commissioners and Stakeholders
- Policy Committee to adopt recommendations
- Explore funding sources for next phases of design and construction
  - Local, ODOT, Federal funding opportunities



# Thank You!

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