THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

# CAMPUS BICYCLE PLAN

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# Project Scope

- Develop routes/facilities to improve on-campus bicycle circulation, including reduction of conflicts with pedestrians
- Provide parking recommendations for quantity, siting, type and design
- Review programs and policies for bicycling and provide recommendations for improvement
- Assess new bike share opportunities to replace *recycles* upon phasing out

# Bicycle Friendly University Program

- BFU designation given to applicants by the League of American Bicyclists

- BFUs fall in to four categories:
  - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum

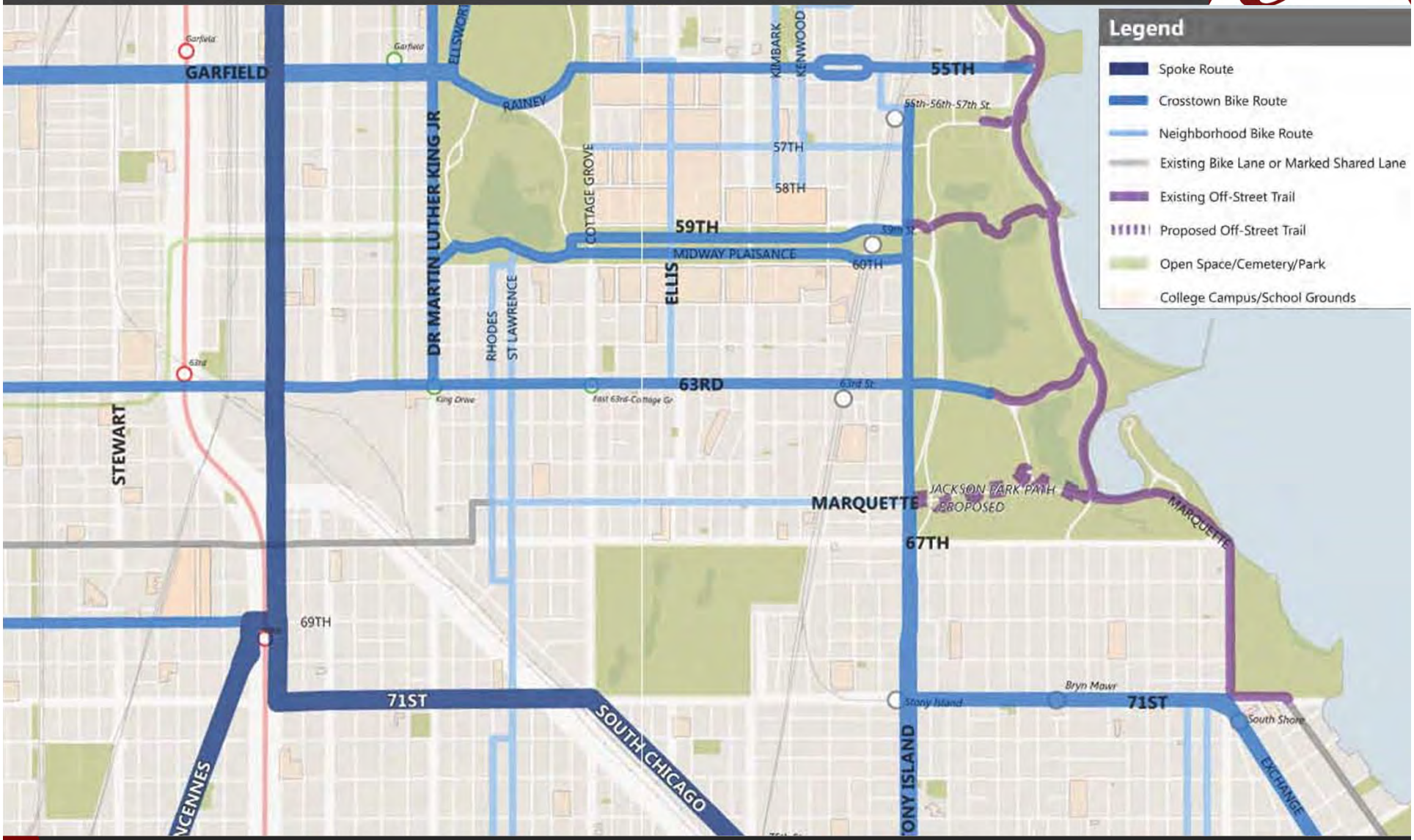
- Universities evaluated in five areas:
  - Engineering
  - Education
  - Encouragement
  - Enforcement
  - Evaluation and Planning

# Engineering

- Creating safe and convenient places to ride and park

- Project team will assess:
  - Bicycle-pedestrian and bicycle-automobile conflict areas
  - Through campus and connecting bicycle routes
  - Parking supply, location, type

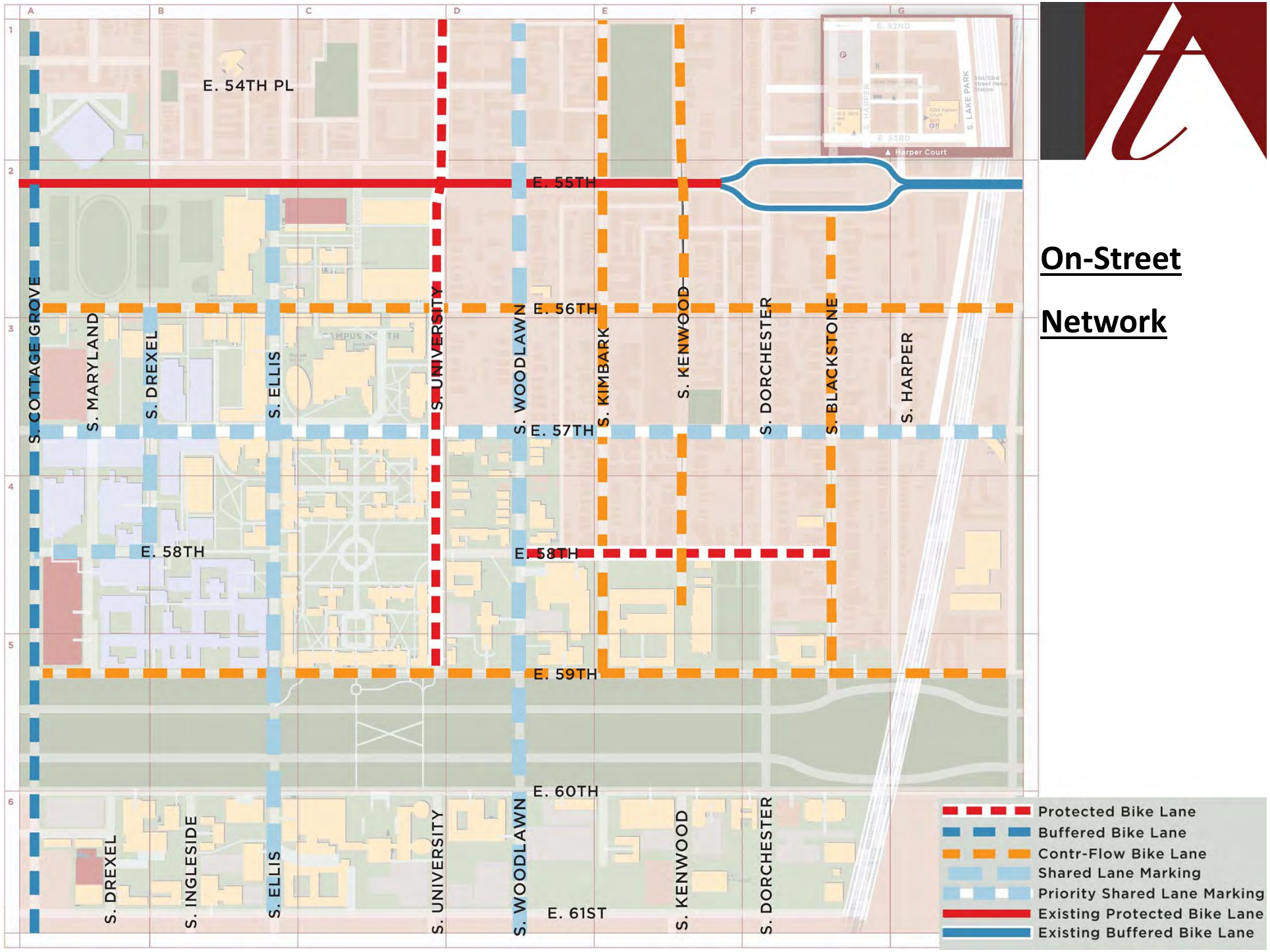
# Project Context



# Facility Toolkit: On and Off Street

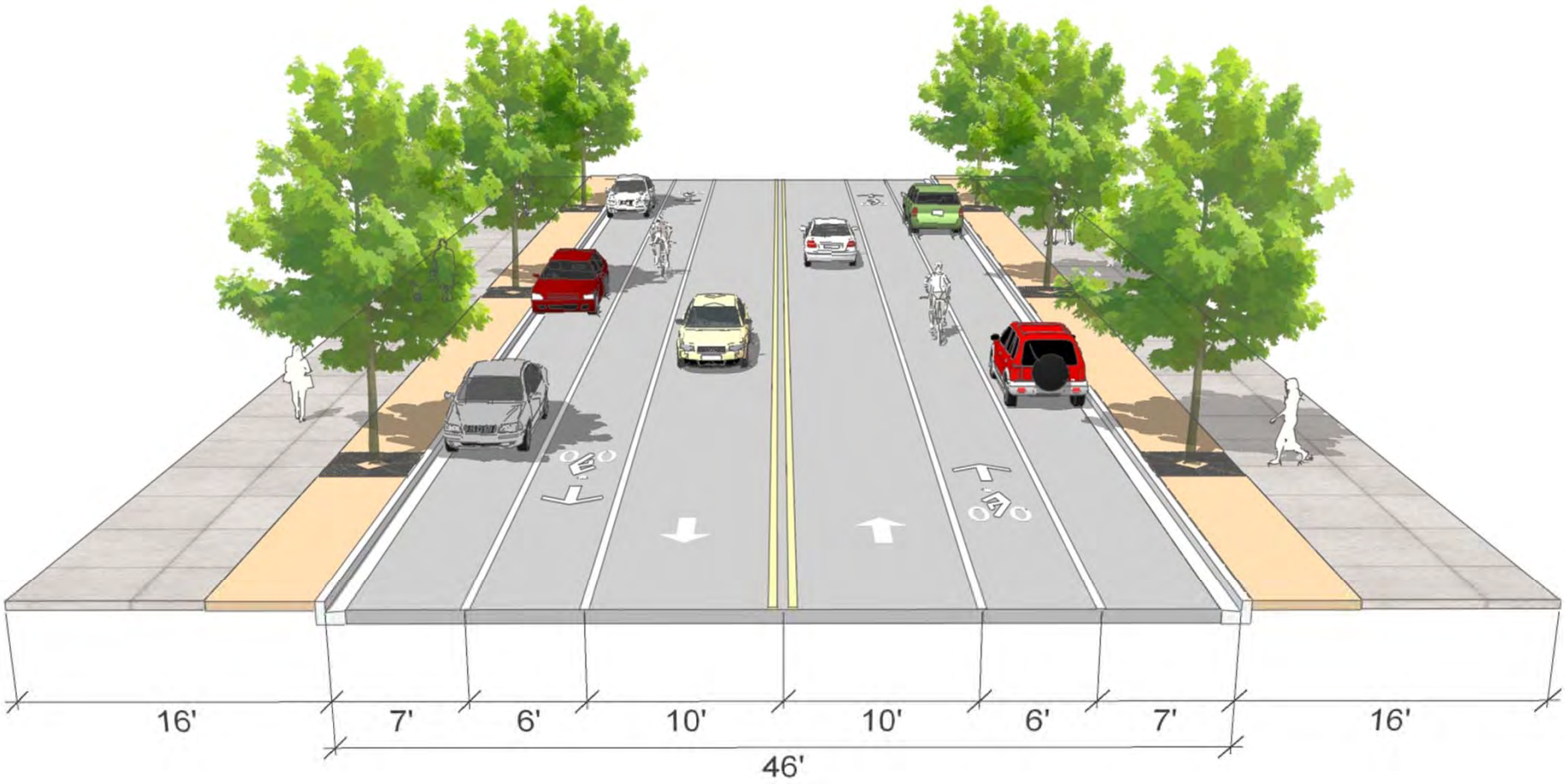
# On-Street Facility Approach + Principles

1. Facilitate safe/comfortable/legal bi-directional travel
2. Work within existing curb lines
3. Narrow travel lanes to calm traffic and provide space for facilities
4. Provide solutions that do not preclude any future, ultimate designs for the streets
5. Use minimum 2’ buffers, 6’ bike lanes, 8’ bi-directional lanes
6. Use parking removal as last resort

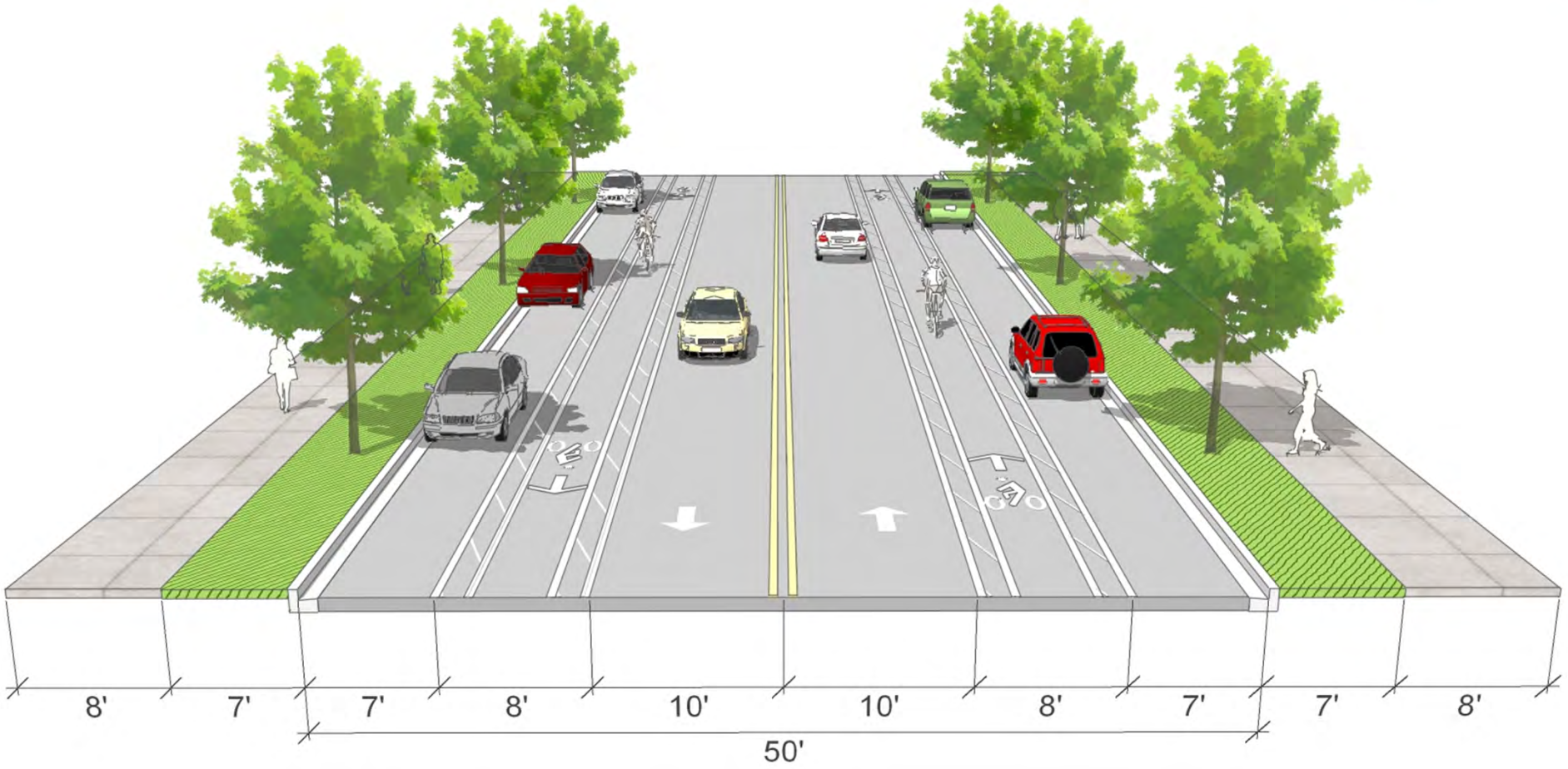


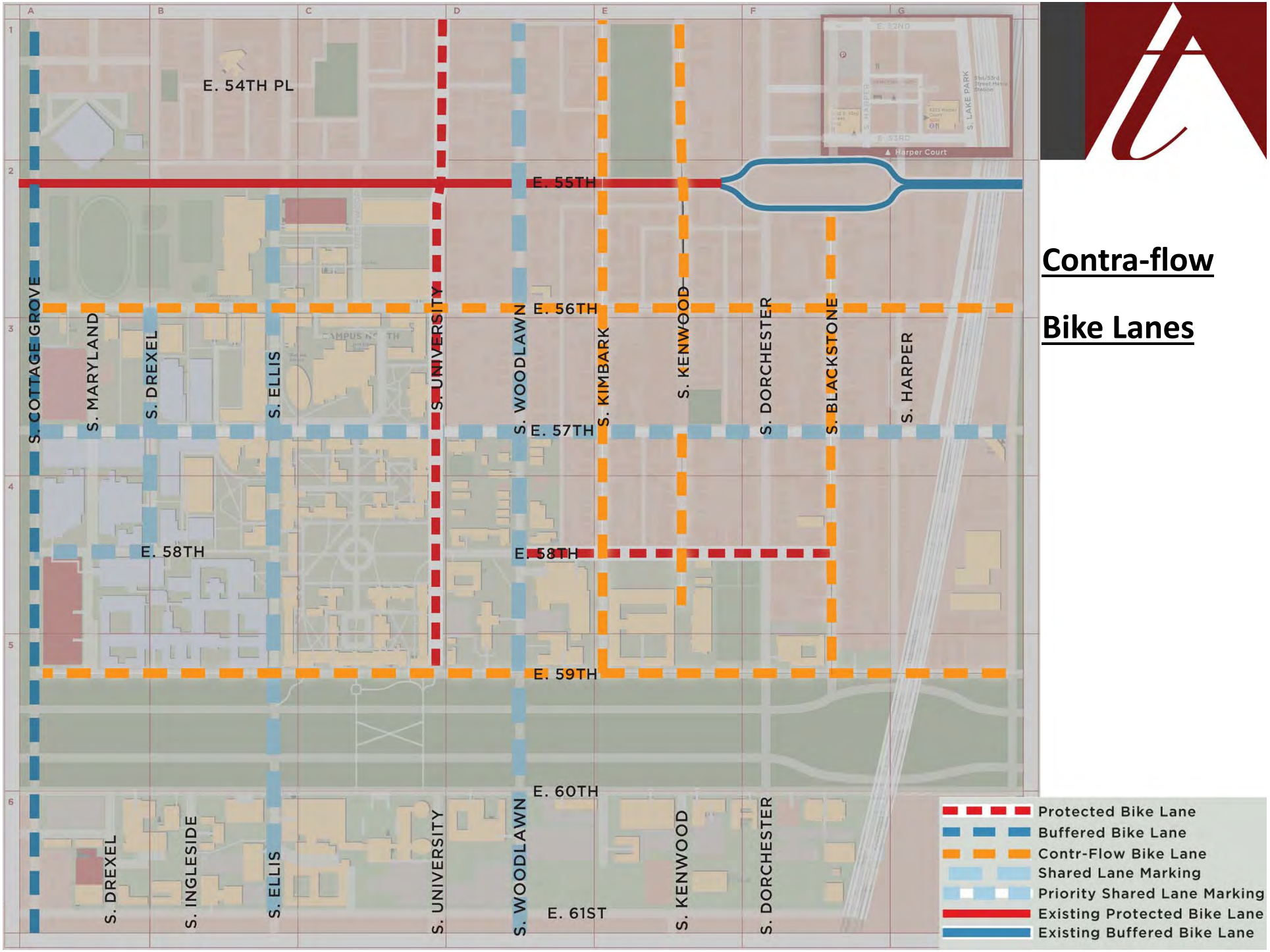

# On-Street Network

# 53rd Street – Proposed – Bike Lanes



# Cottage Grove Avenue – Proposed – Buffered Bike Lanes

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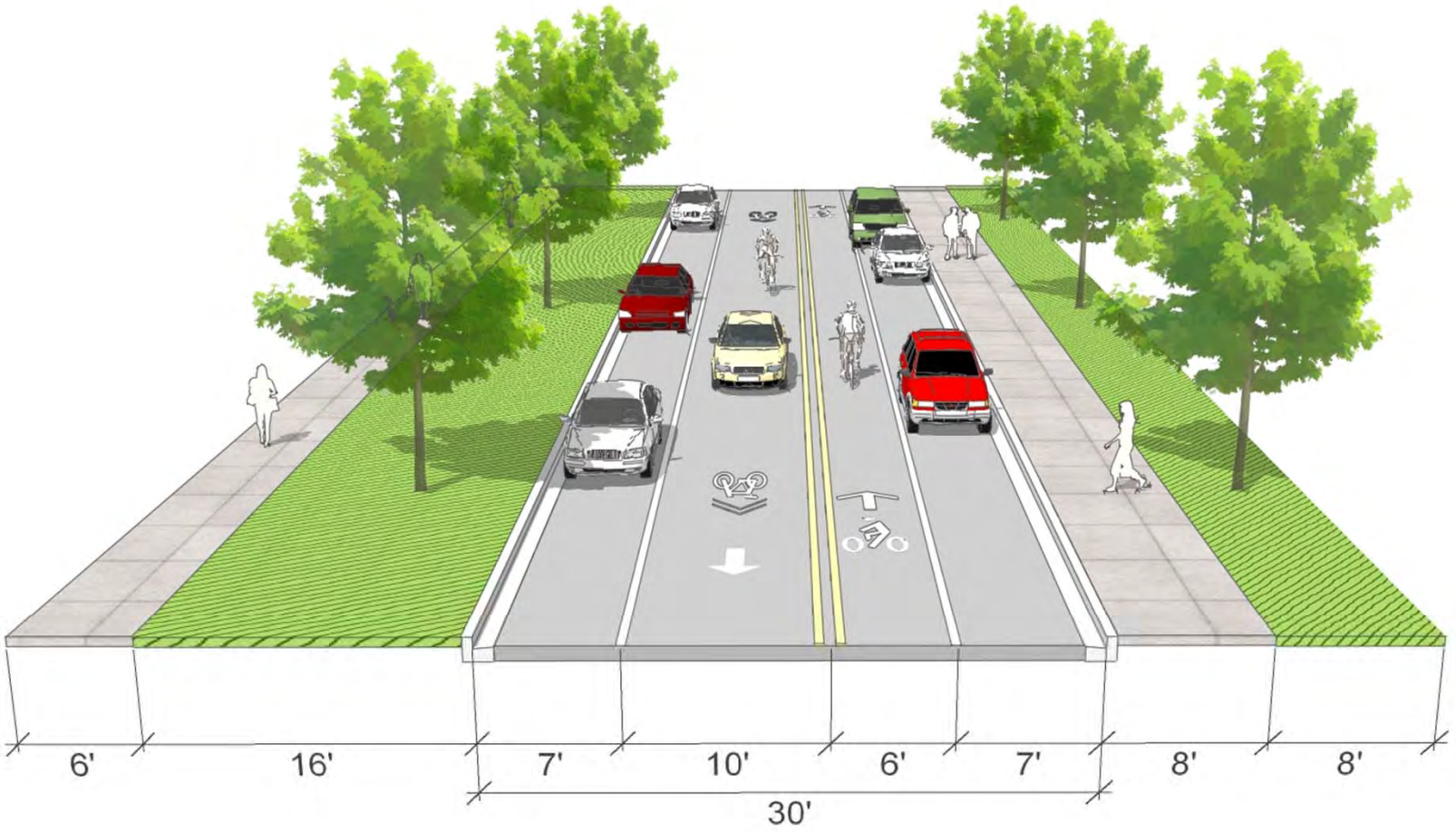
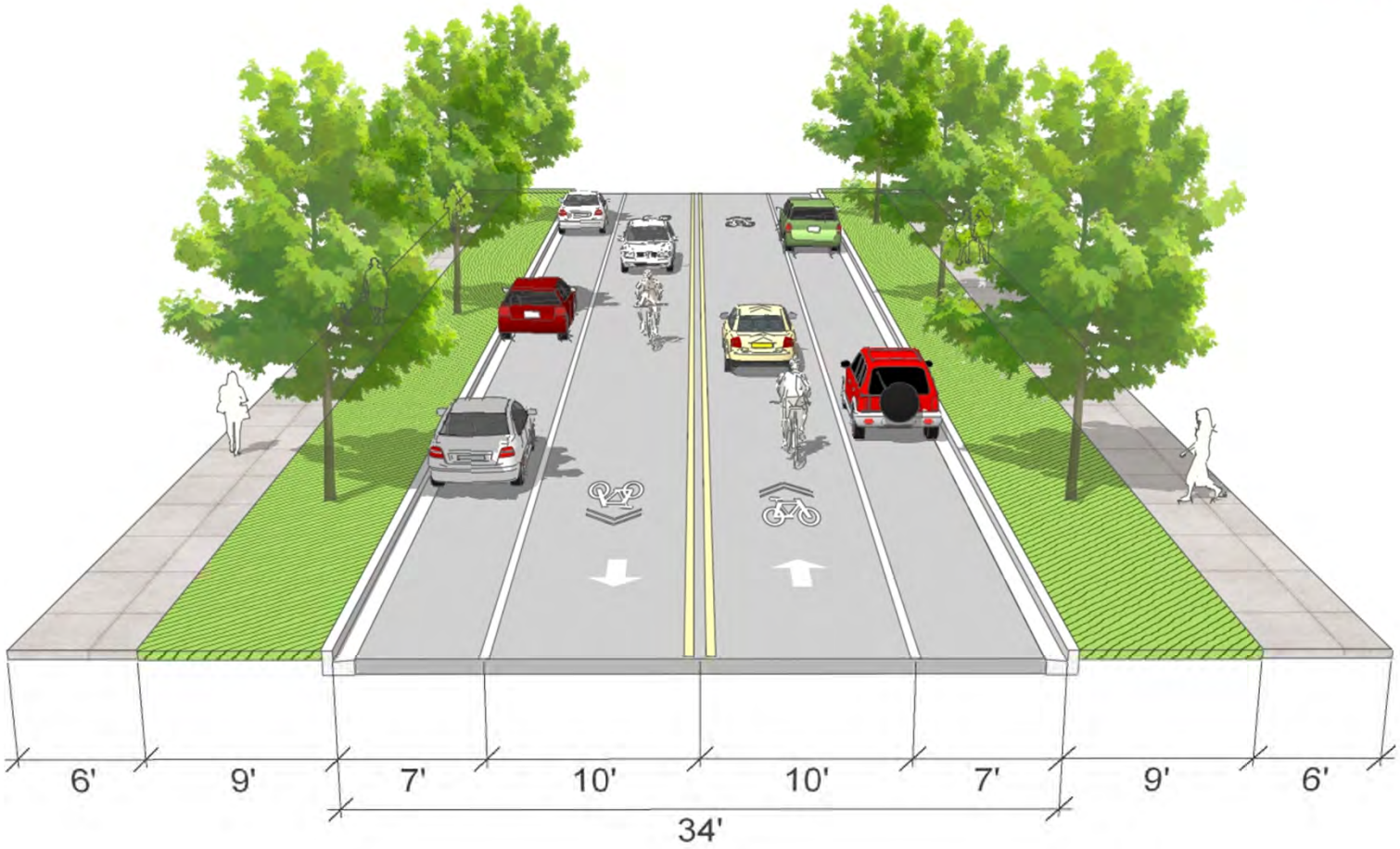
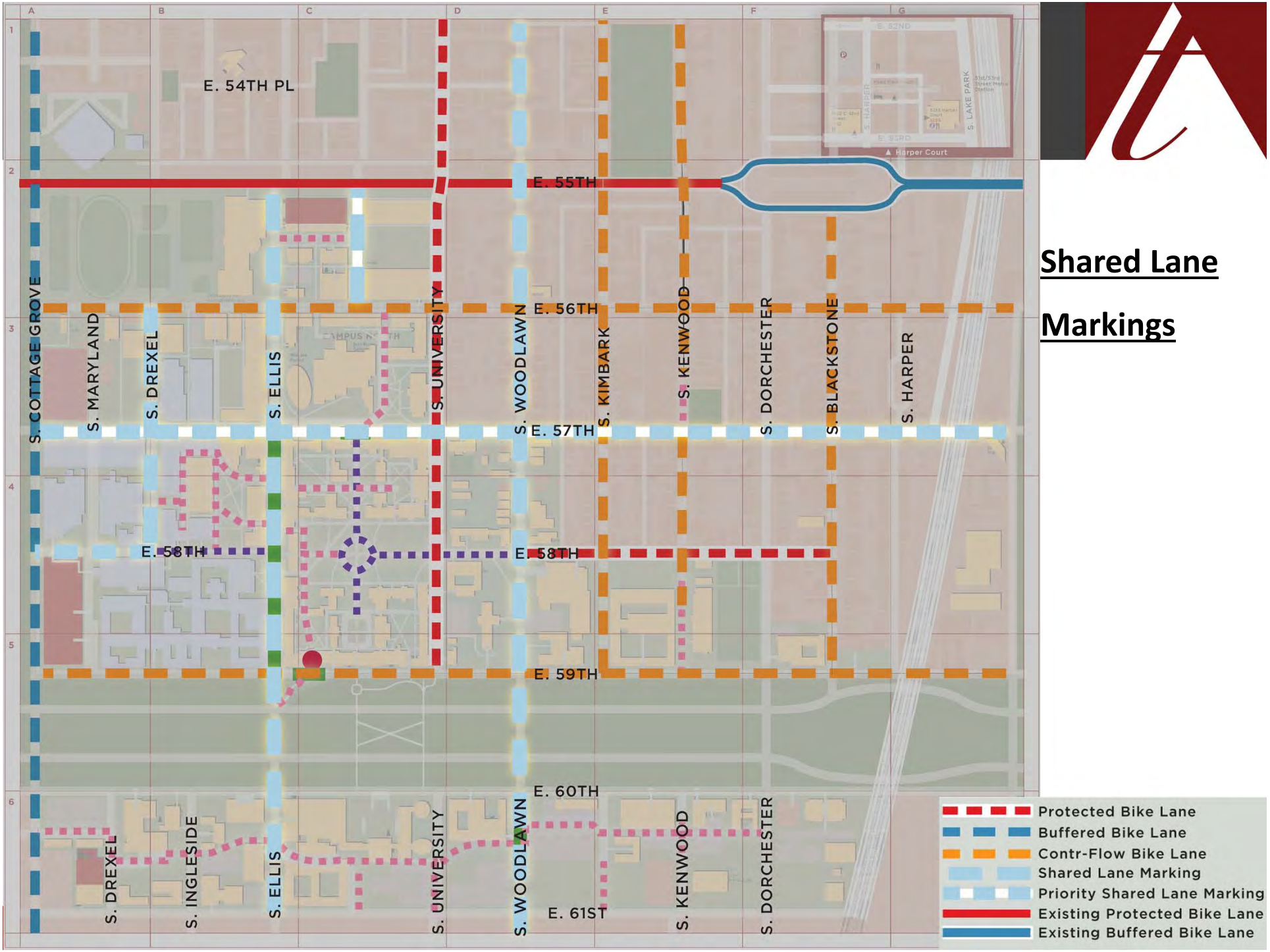
# Contraflow Bike Lane

# 56th, 59th, Kimbark, Kenwood, Blackstone – Proposed – Contra-flow Bike Lane



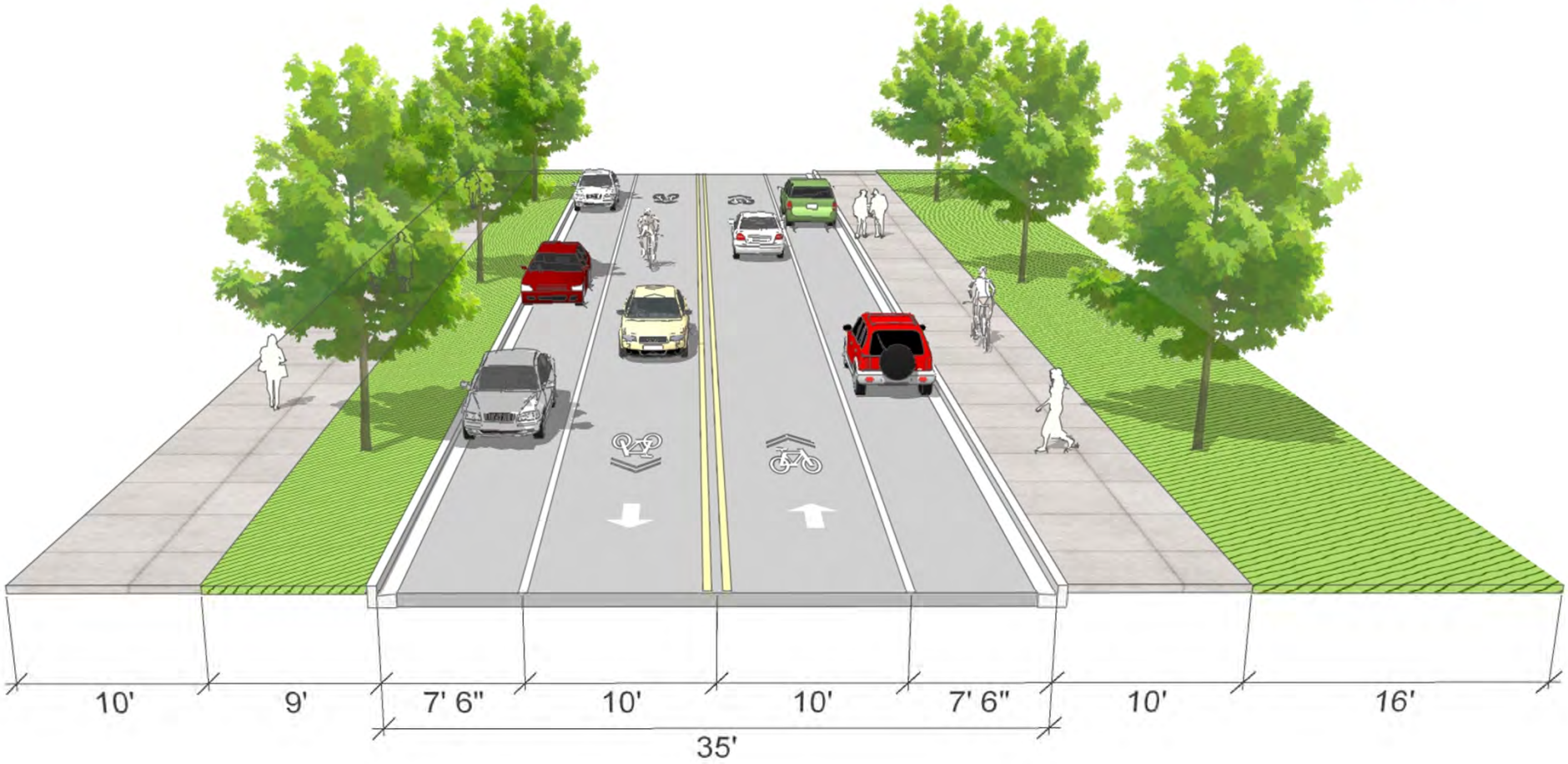
# Blackstone, Kenwood and Kimbark Avenue
# Potential 2-way Restoration



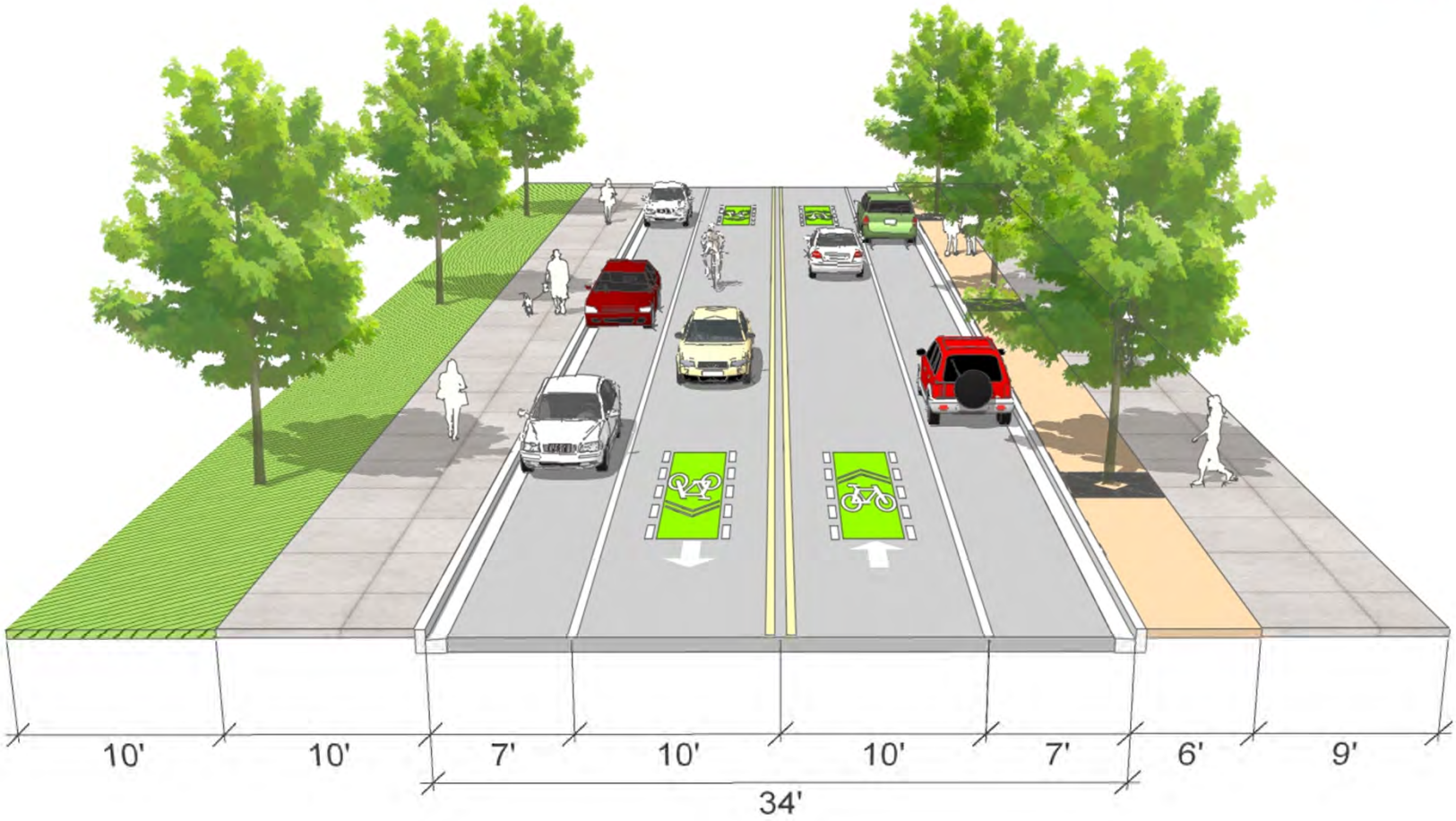


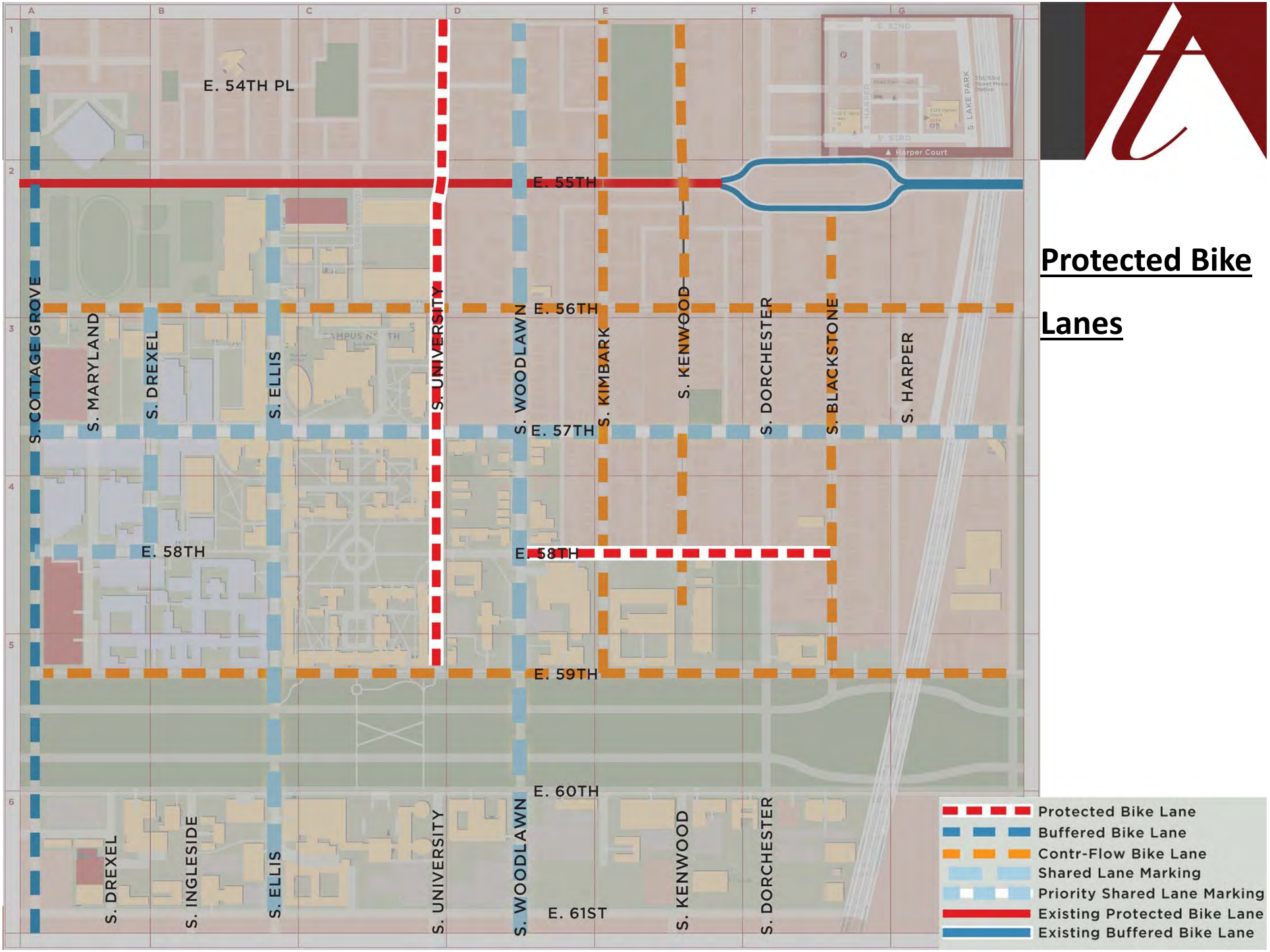

# Shared Lane Markings

# Woodlawn and Ellis - Proposed – Shared Lane Markings



# 57th Street – Proposed – Priority Shared Lane Marking

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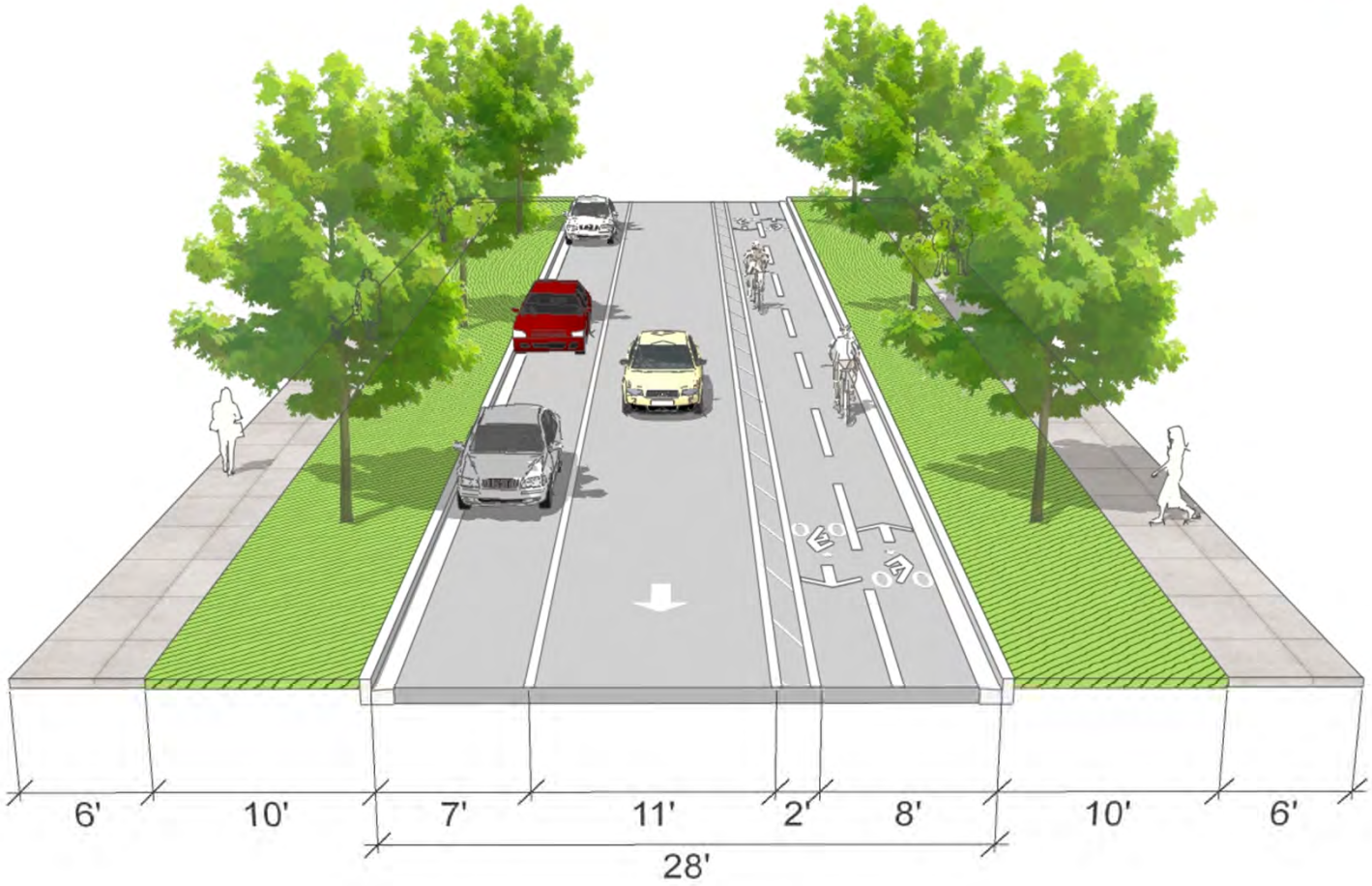
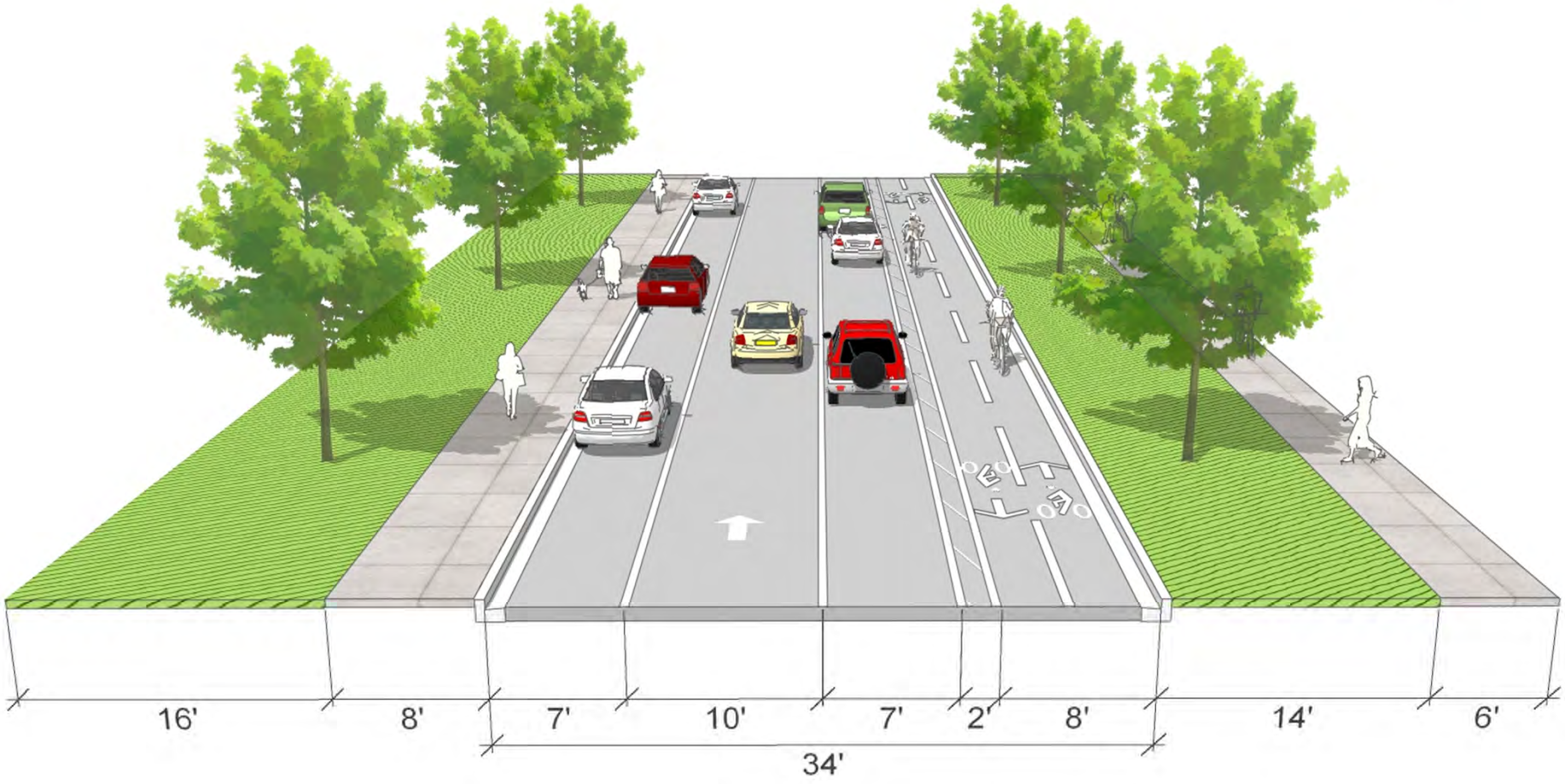
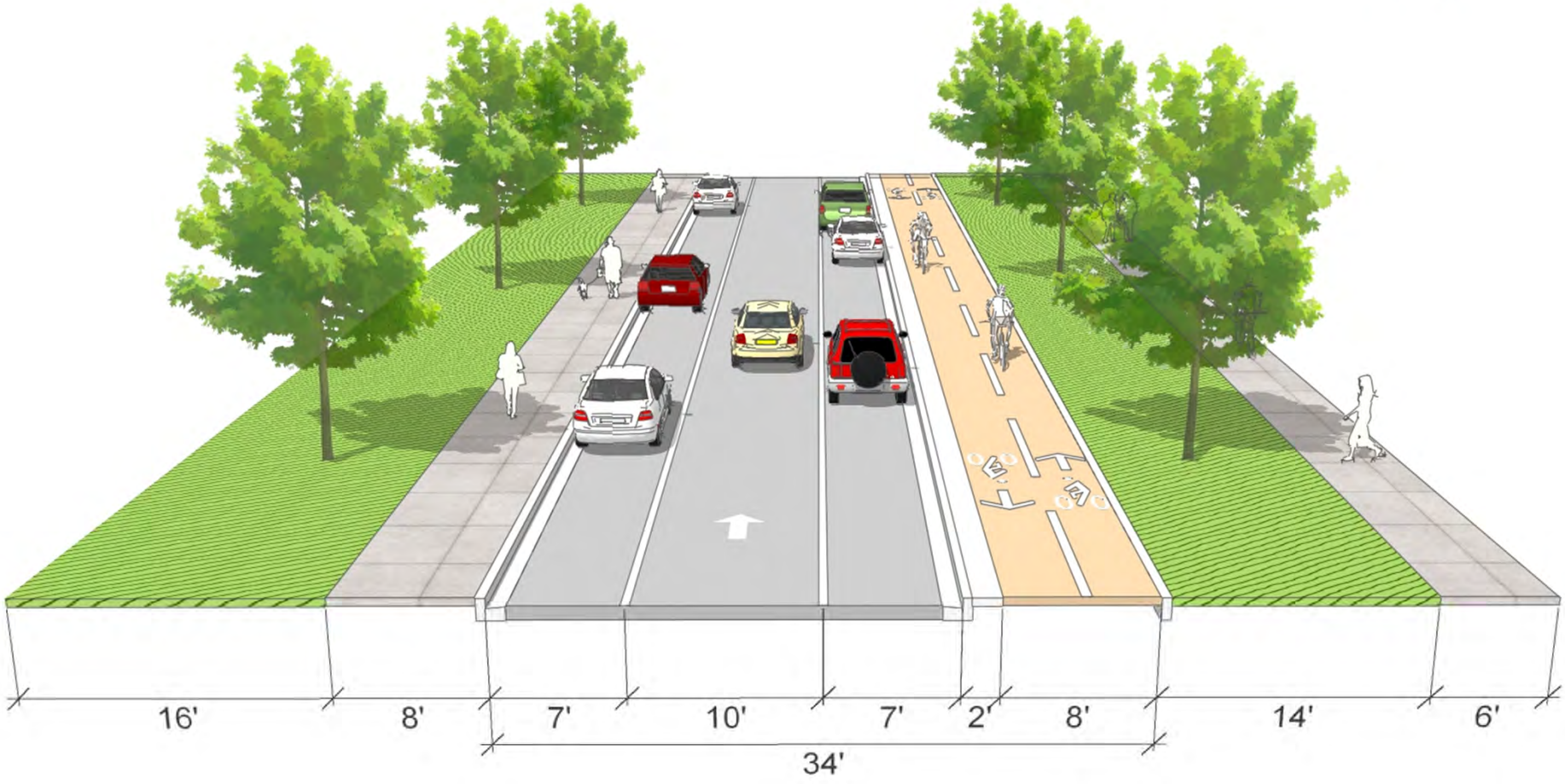
# 58th Street – Proposed – Buffered Bi-Directional Bike Lane



# University Avenue – Proposed A – Protected Bi-Directional Bike Lane



# University Avenue – Proposed B – Raised Cycle Track

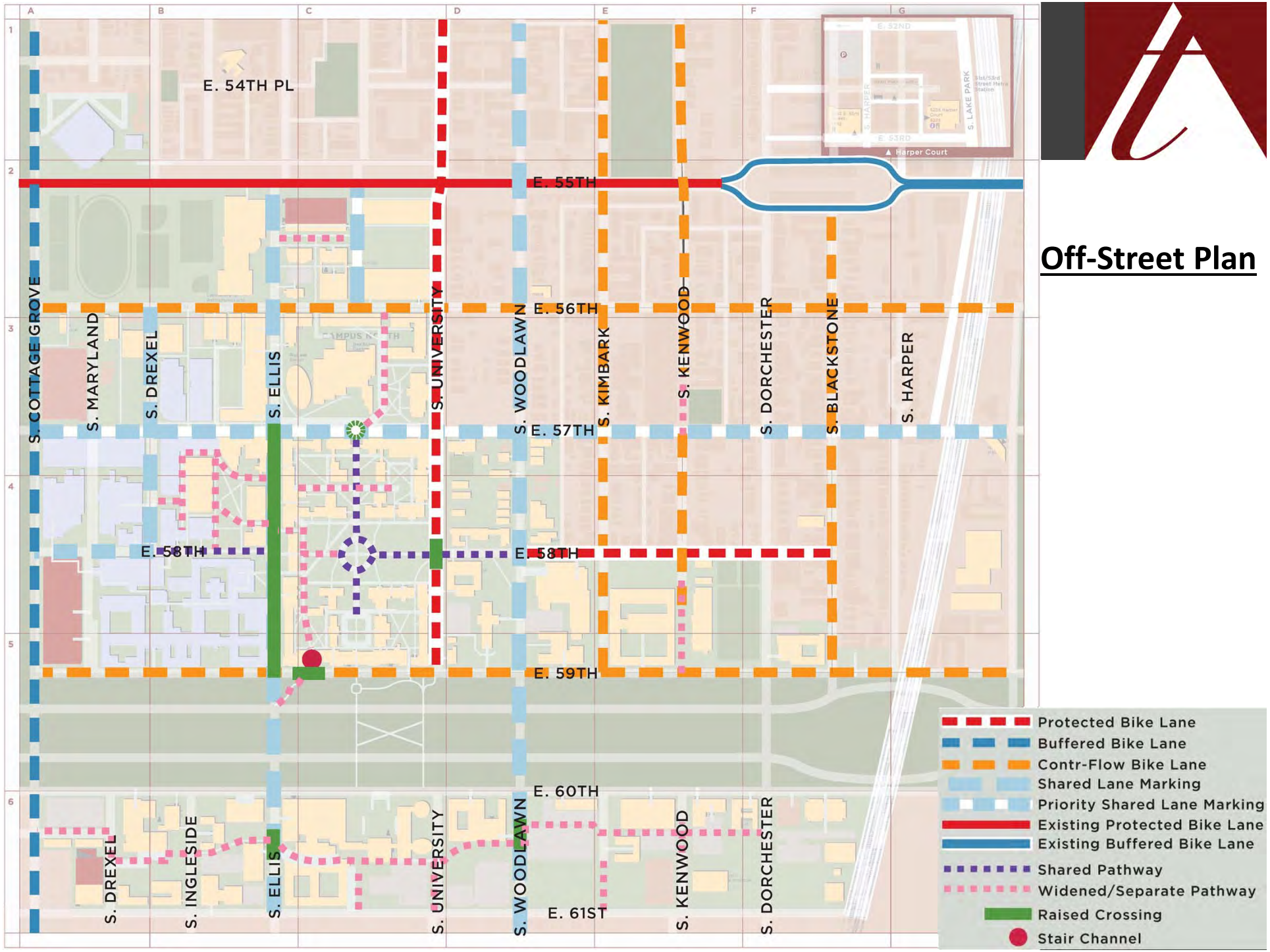


# Off-Street Facility Approach + Principles

1. Routes to connect on-street facilities

2. Routes to connect major destinations

3. Locate where enough width is available to avoid conflict with pedestrians




# Off-Street Plan

# Main Quadgrangle

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# Purdue University

# MIT

# Colorado State University

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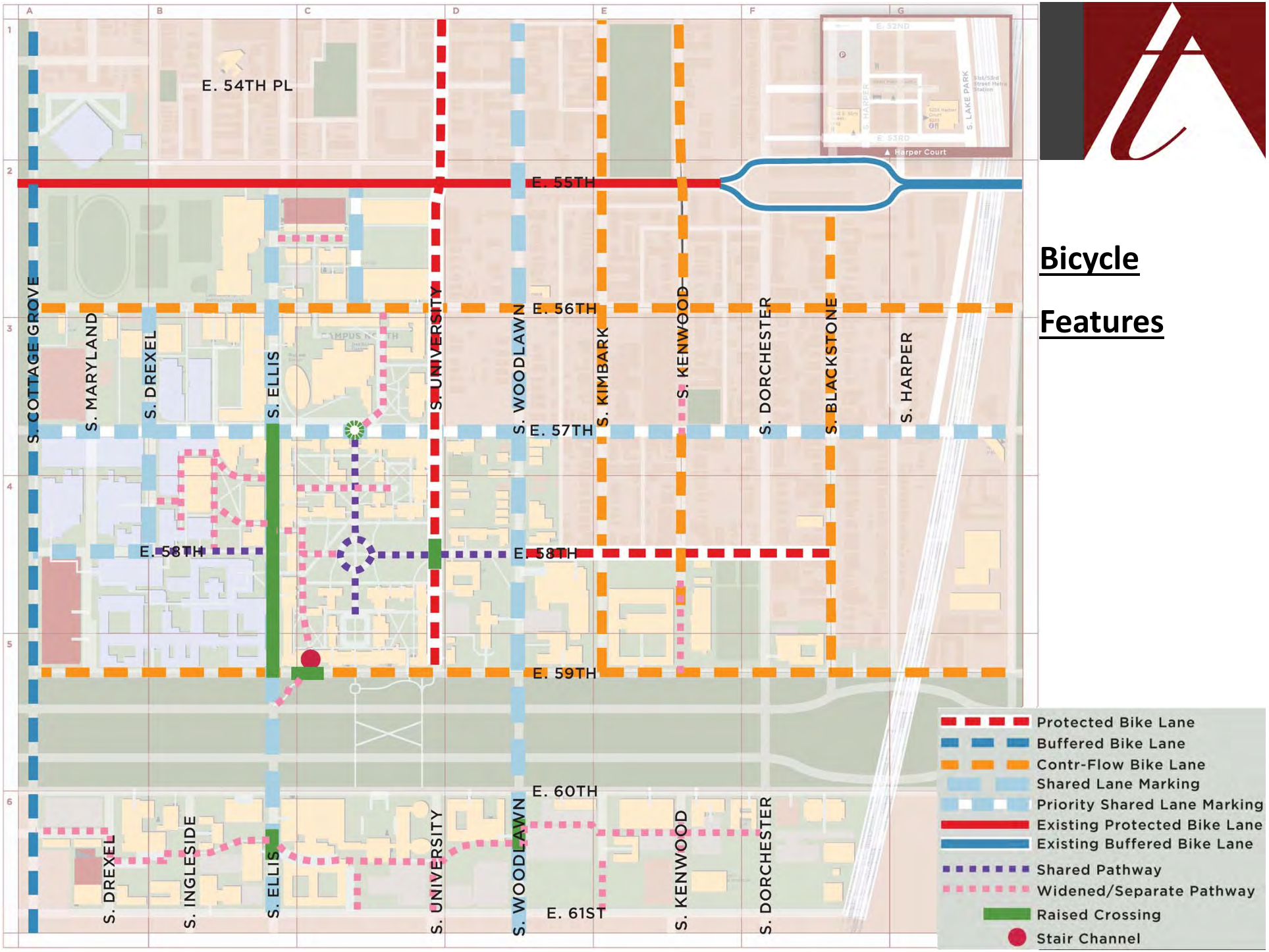
# Hudson River Greenway, NYC




# Bicycle Features

# Chicago Bike Station

# University of Toronto

# Orlando, Fla.

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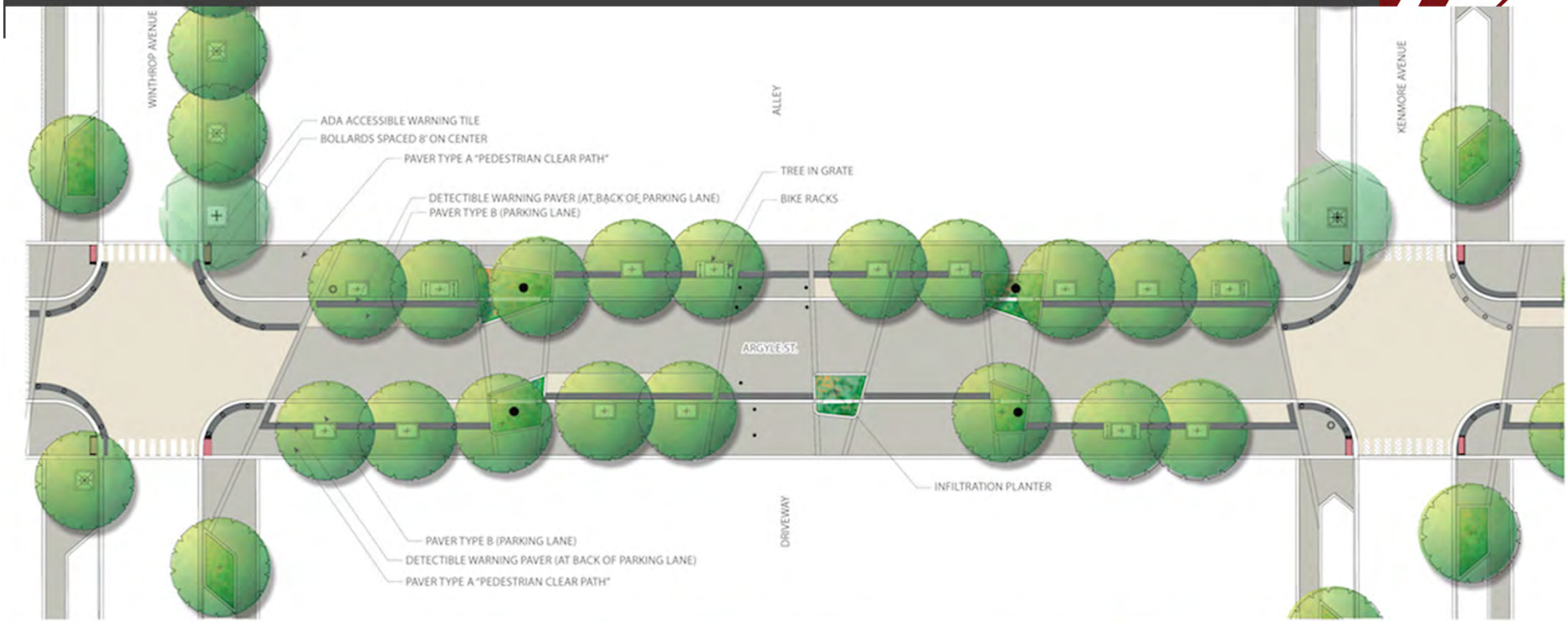
# University of Central Florida

# Argyle Street, Chicago

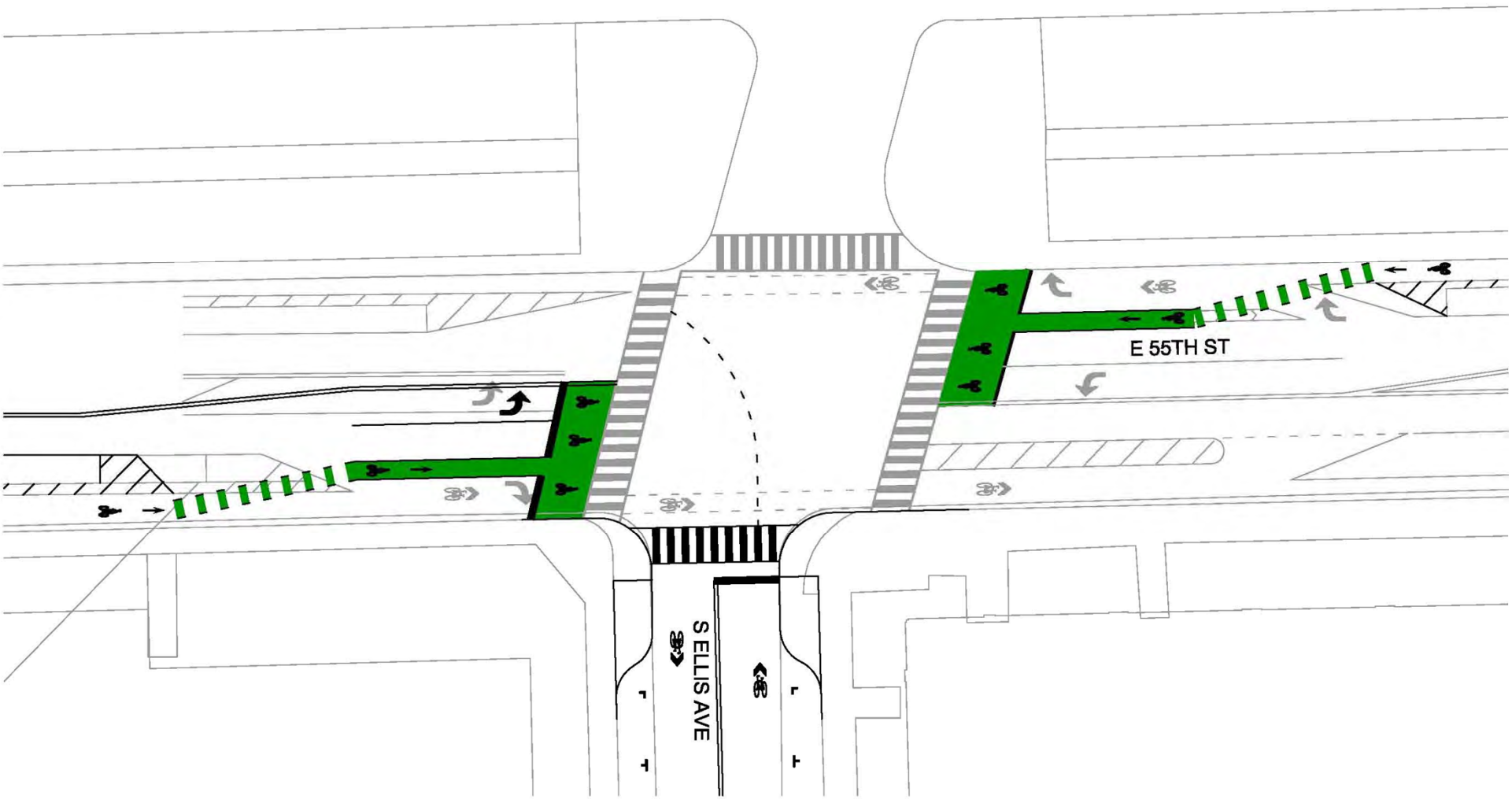




University of Chicago Campus Bicycle Plan

# 55th and Ellis: Existing Conditions

# 55th and Ellis: Proposed Design



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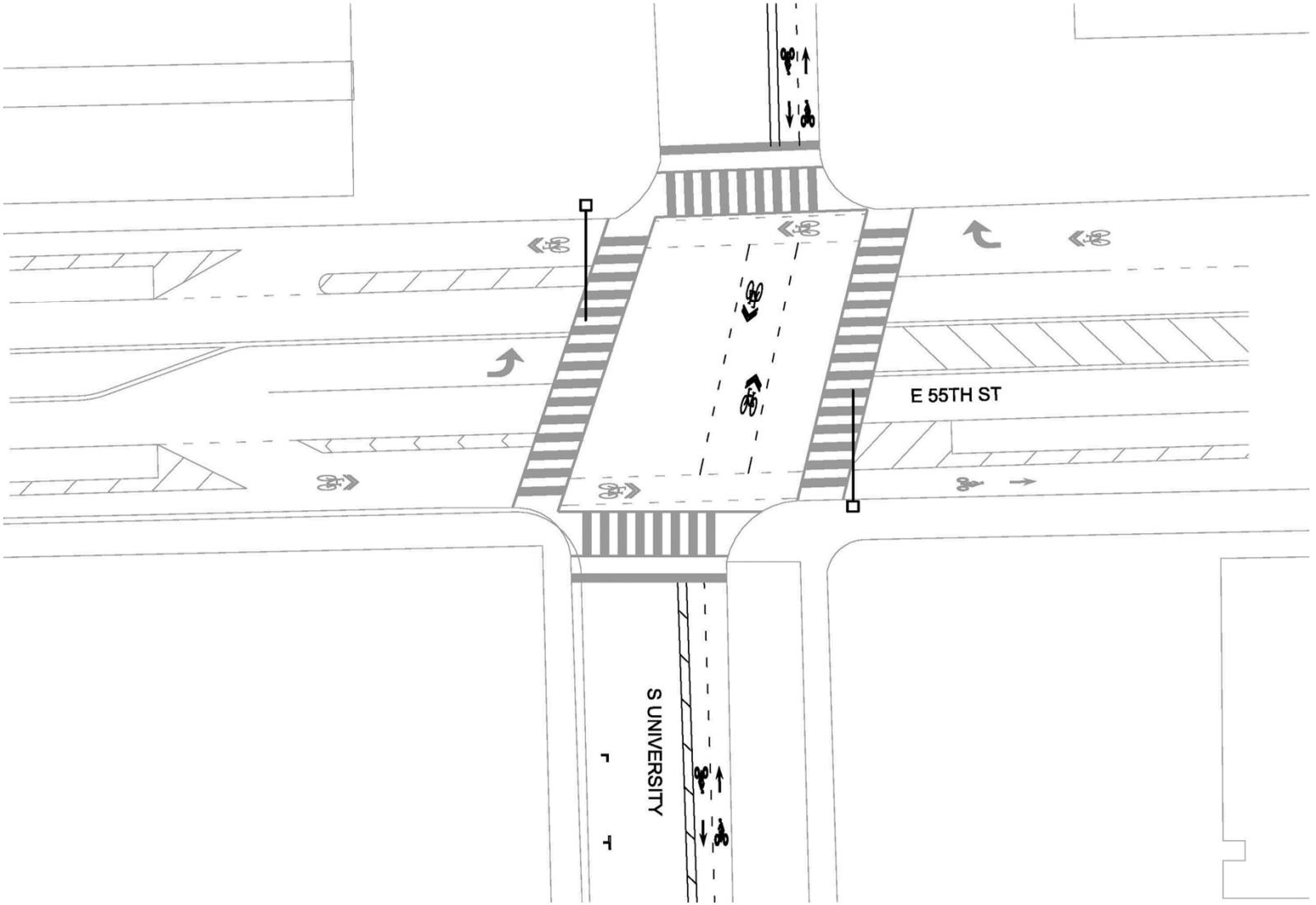

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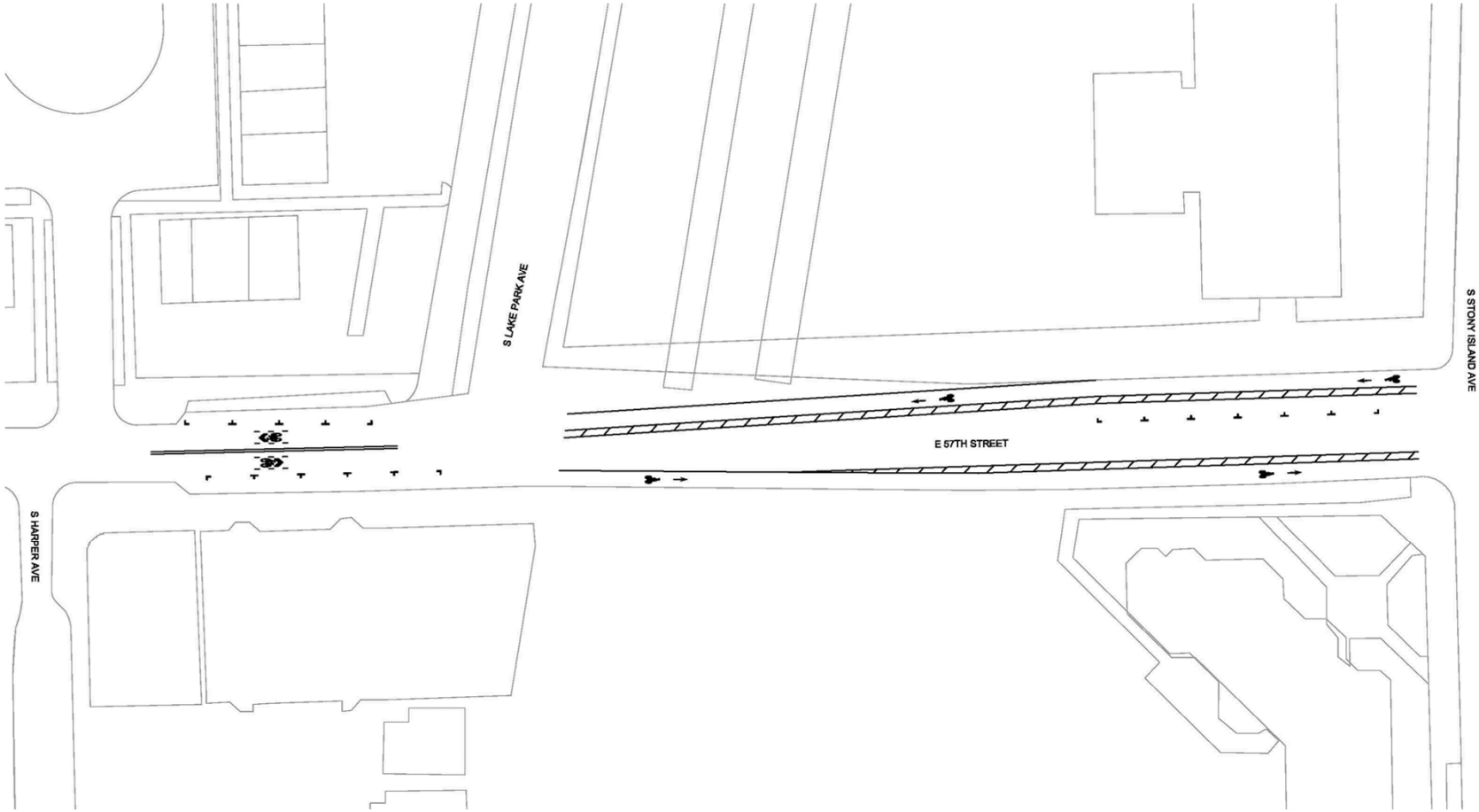


# Bike Parking Needs

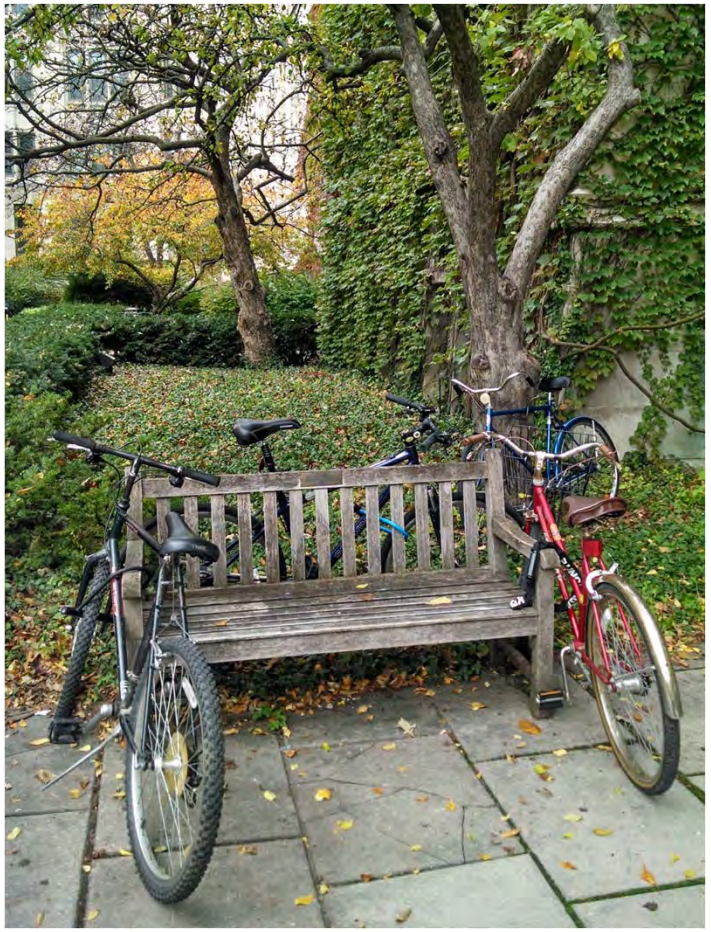
- Parking surveys and field visit indicate several hot spots needing more capacity
- Most bicyclists desire parking as close to destination as possible
- Current "wave" rack standard leads to damaged bicycles, lower capacity and use of poor locks

# Bike Parking Type

- As possible, retrofit existing parking new recommended rack types
- Use new racks for additional installations at high-demand locations

# Bike Parking Location

- Add parking in high-need locations where space exists
- Add covered parking to all three parking garages and gauge interest in secure storage



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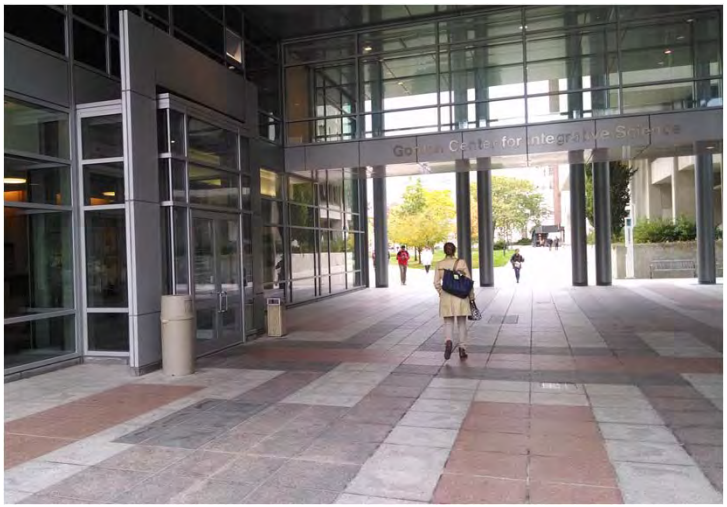
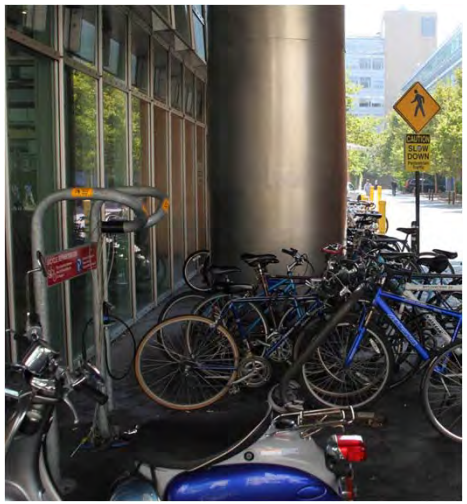
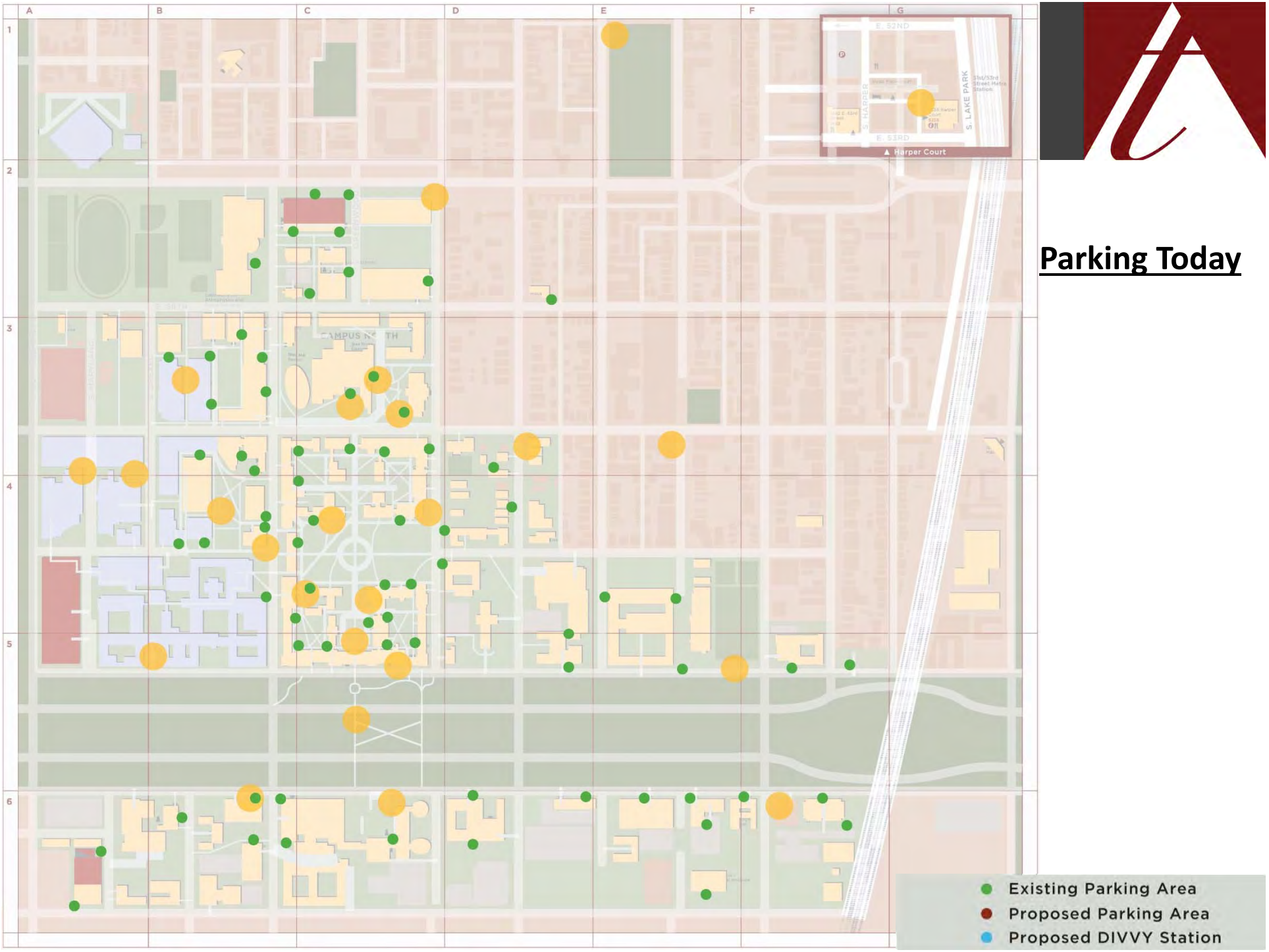
- Take advantage of existing covered spaces to add parking that is sheltered
  - E.g., Gordon Center breezeway

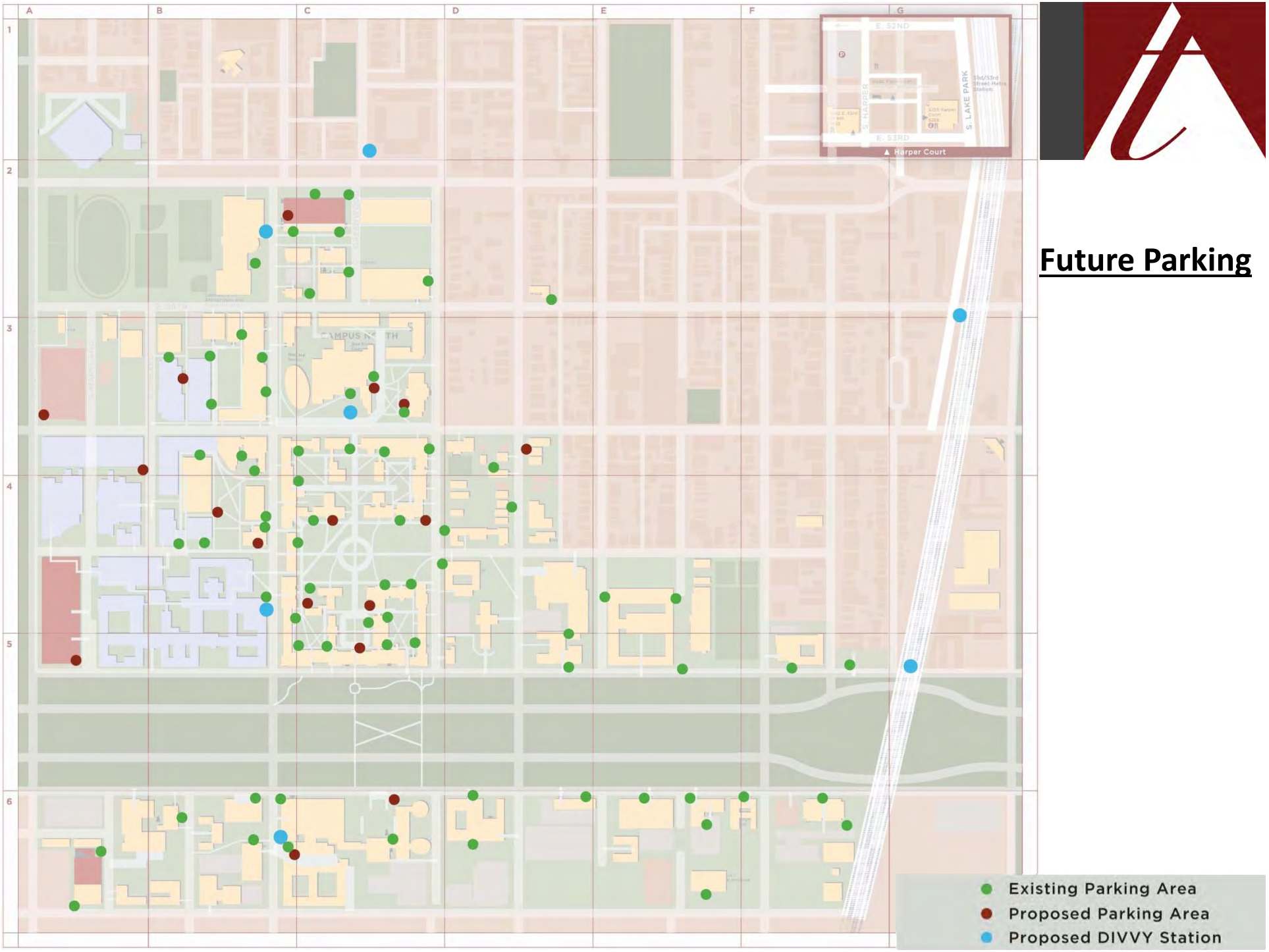






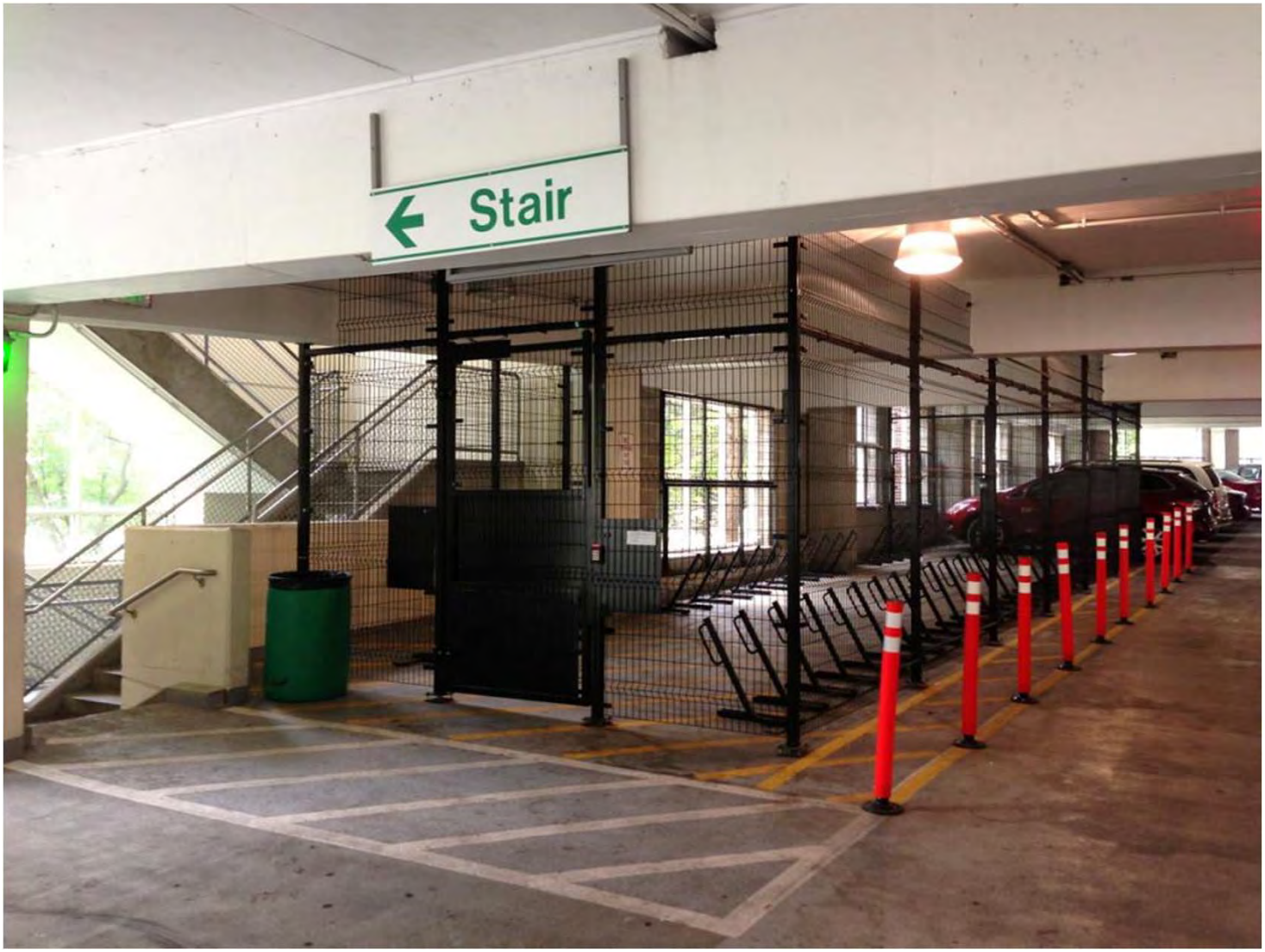

# Parking Today

# Future Parking



# Colorado State University

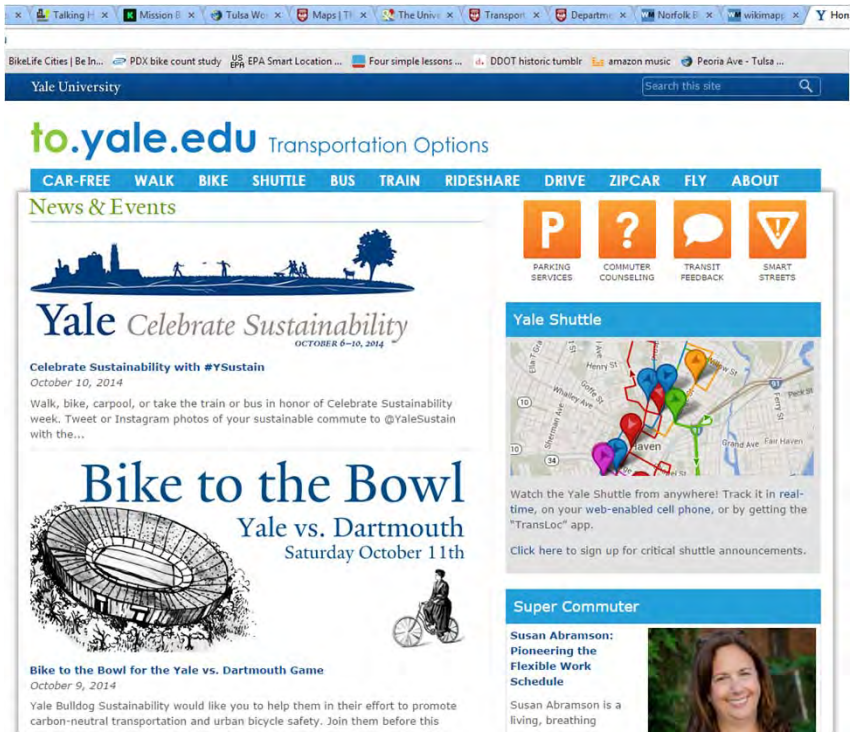
# Michigan State University



# Harvard Law School

# Education Recommendations

- Revise "Bicycles on Campus" brochure and distribute widely
- Create bicycle webpage that includes information on policies, safety, parking, locking technique
- Provide education regarding bicyclist rights and responsibilities to delivery drivers, food truck drivers, other campus visitors



# Encouragement Recommendations

- Include information about biking in SAGE Ambassador training and outreach
- Hold semi-annual fun rides to encourage affiliates to explore by bike and learn traffic laws
- Continue and enhance partnership with Blackstone Bicycle Works and Divvy
- Add bicycle commuters to occasional parker program

# Enforcement Recommendations

- Highlight proper use of new infrastructure that legalizes two-way riding
- Continue campaign to encourage riding in direction of traffic until two-way facilities implemented
- Create reporting system for abandoned bicycles to take burden off grounds staff

# Evaluation + Planning Recommendations

- Consider bicycle accommodations in all future campus development, both landscape and buildings
- Update plan document as bicycling increases
- Measure metrics for transportation included in sustainability plan

# Discussion questions: Network

1. What are the top 3 locations in need of improvement for bicycles?

2. Can automobile parking be consolidated or removed in order to develop a comprehensive bicycle network?

3. Of the bicycle and pedestrian projects completed in the past few years, which do you feel has created the most benefit?

4. Where are 3 priority corridors or connections that should be improved in the next 5 years for bicyclists?

# Discussion questions: Parking

1. Where are 3 locations that should have additional or new bicycle parking added to them?

2. Would you be more inclined to ride a bike on campus if you were provided a protected indoor parking location, even if it meant you had to walk to your destination and not park immediately outside on a rack?

# Discussion question: Other "Es"

1. What's the best way to reach the student (undergraduate and graduate) audience with bike info? Staff and Faculty?

# Questions and Answers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