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LINCOLN AVENUE

NILES CENTER ROAD TO HOWARD STREET – PUBLIC MEETING

July 2025



PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

- ☐ Improve Safety
- ☐ Improve Operational Deficiencies
- ☐ Improve Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities



STUDY AREA

- Lincoln Avenue from Niles Center Road to Howard Street
- Located in the Village of Skokie, Cook County
- Approximately 0.5 mile
- 35mph
- ADT 9,100 vehicles per day

IDOT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

WE ARE
HERE

PHASE I

Preliminary
engineering and
environmental
study

PHASE II

Contract plan
preparation
and land
acquisition

PHASE III

Construction

This project is not included in IDOT's FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

STUDY CONSIDERATIONS

 **Existing
Roadway
Condition**

 **Safety
Issues**

 **Sensitive
Environmental
Resources**

EXISTING CONDITIONS —

Lincoln Avenue

- ❑ Four lanes divided minor arterial
- ❑ Lane widths: 10 feet
- ❑ Signalized intersections at:
 - Niles Center Road
 - Howard Avenue
- ❑ The surrounding land use is primarily residential on the south side and schools on the north side, with commercial areas near Niles Center Road and Howard Street.
- ❑ On-street parking



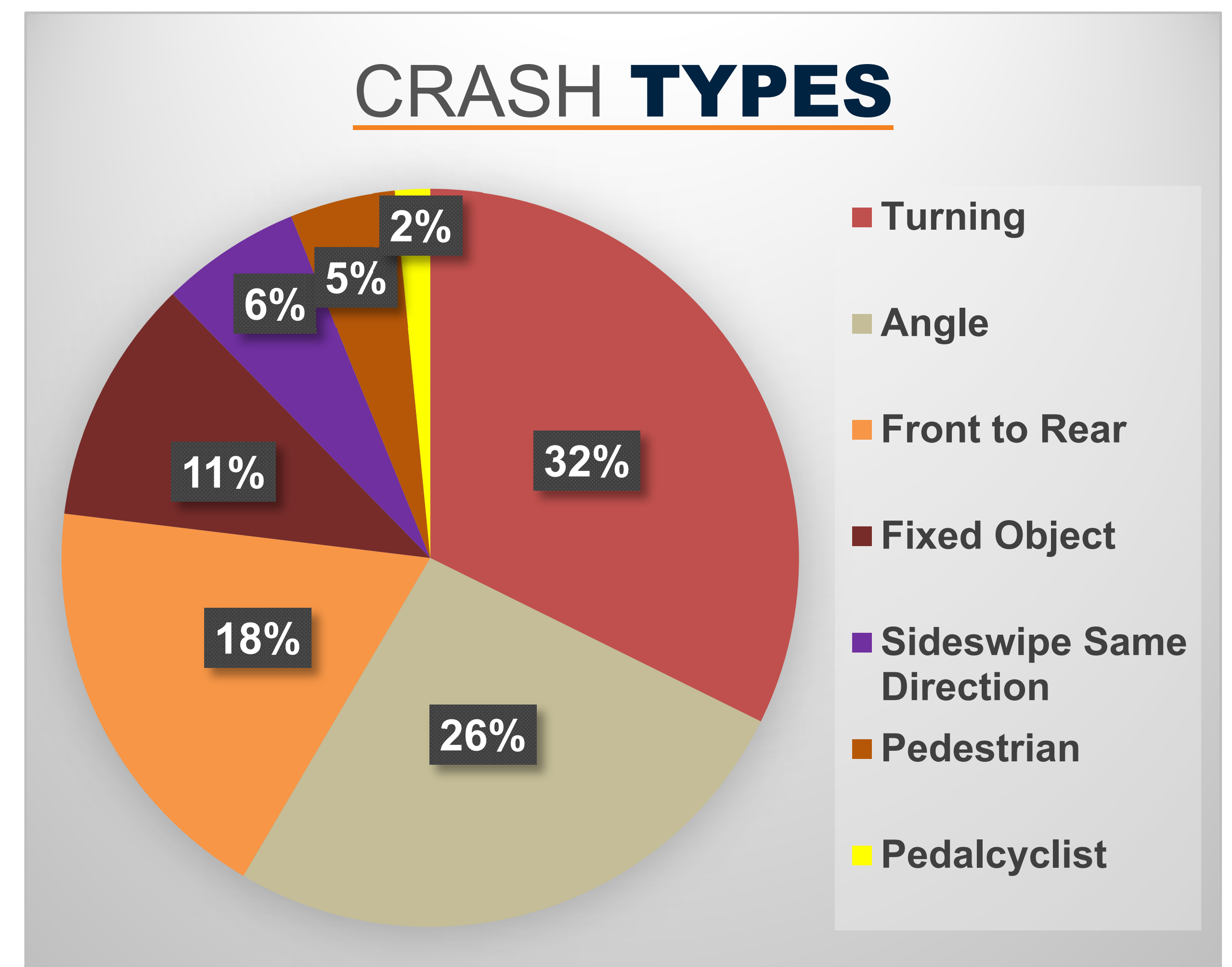
CRASH ANALYSIS

Lincoln Avenue: Niles Center Road to Howard Street

65 reported crashes (2016-2020) within road diet project limits (Niles Center Road to Howard Street)

Injury Types	Severity	2016-2020 Crashes with Injuries
K	Fatal	0
A	Incapacitating	2
B	Injury Evident	13
C	Injury Possible	16
O	Property Damage Only	34

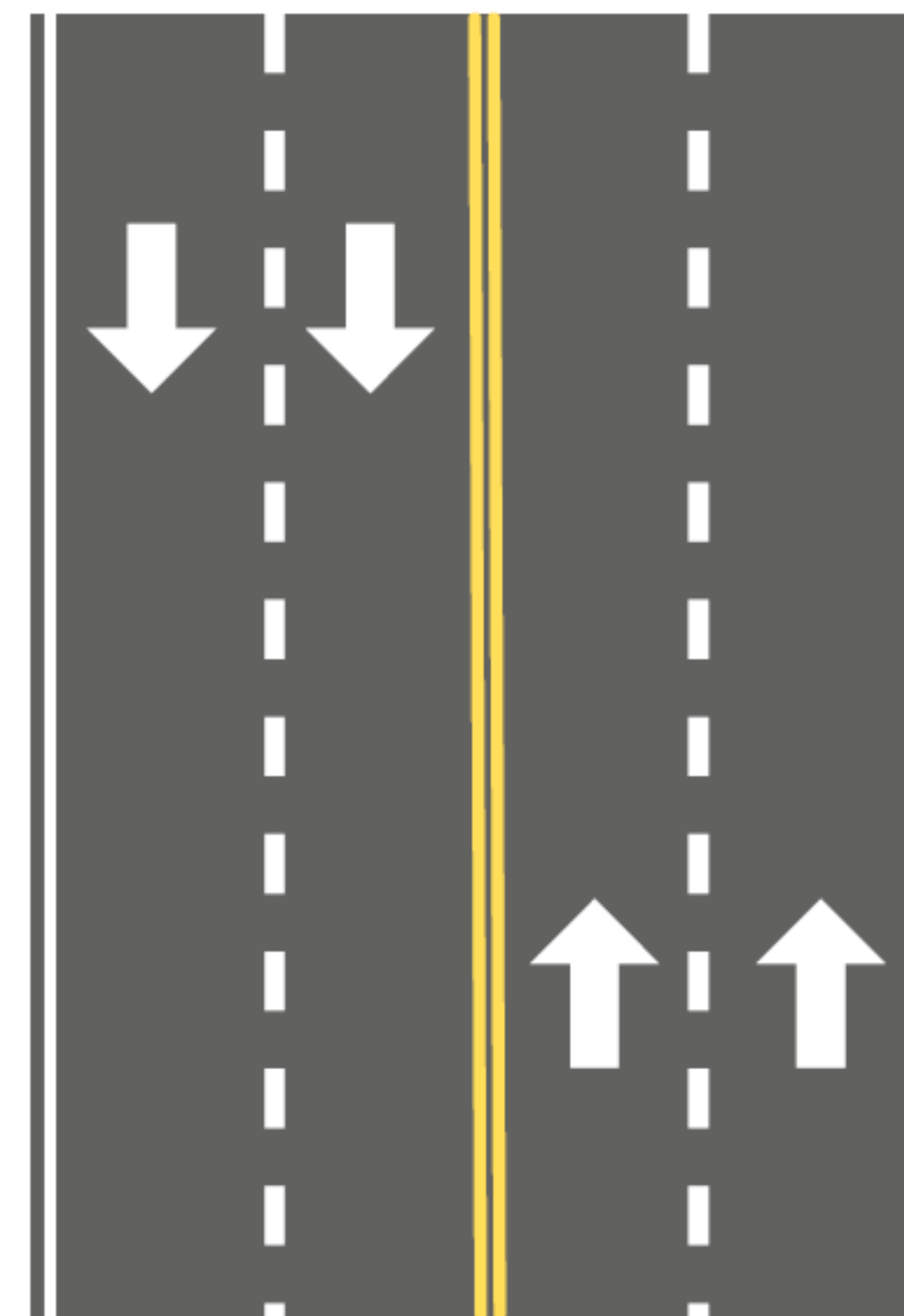
11 (17%) crashes on wet pavement
46 (71%) crashes during daylight hours



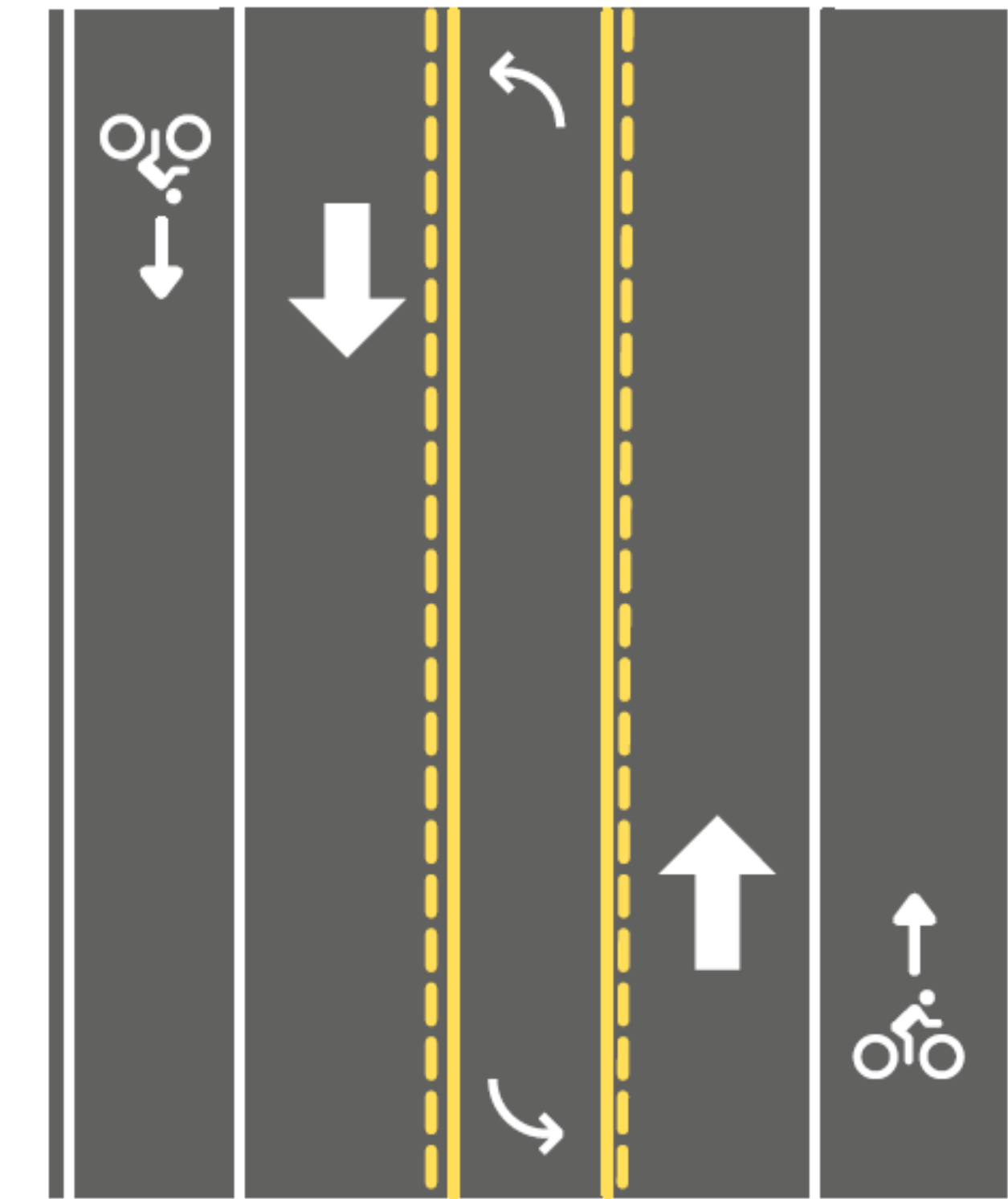
BENEFITS OF PROPOSED ROAD DIET

- ❑ 19-47% reduction in rear-end, left-turn, angle crashes and sideswipe crashes due to added turn lane
- ❑ Reduction in bicycle and pedestrian crashes due to reduced number of lanes
- ❑ Improved traffic flow
- ❑ More consistent speeds

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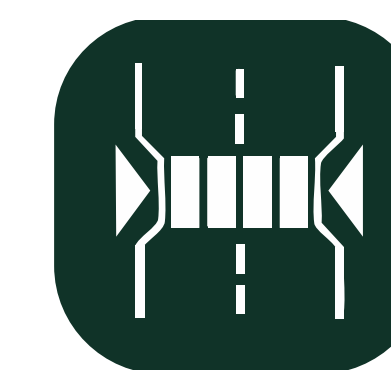
BEFORE



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IMPROVED VEHICULAR SAFETY



TRAFFIC CALMING



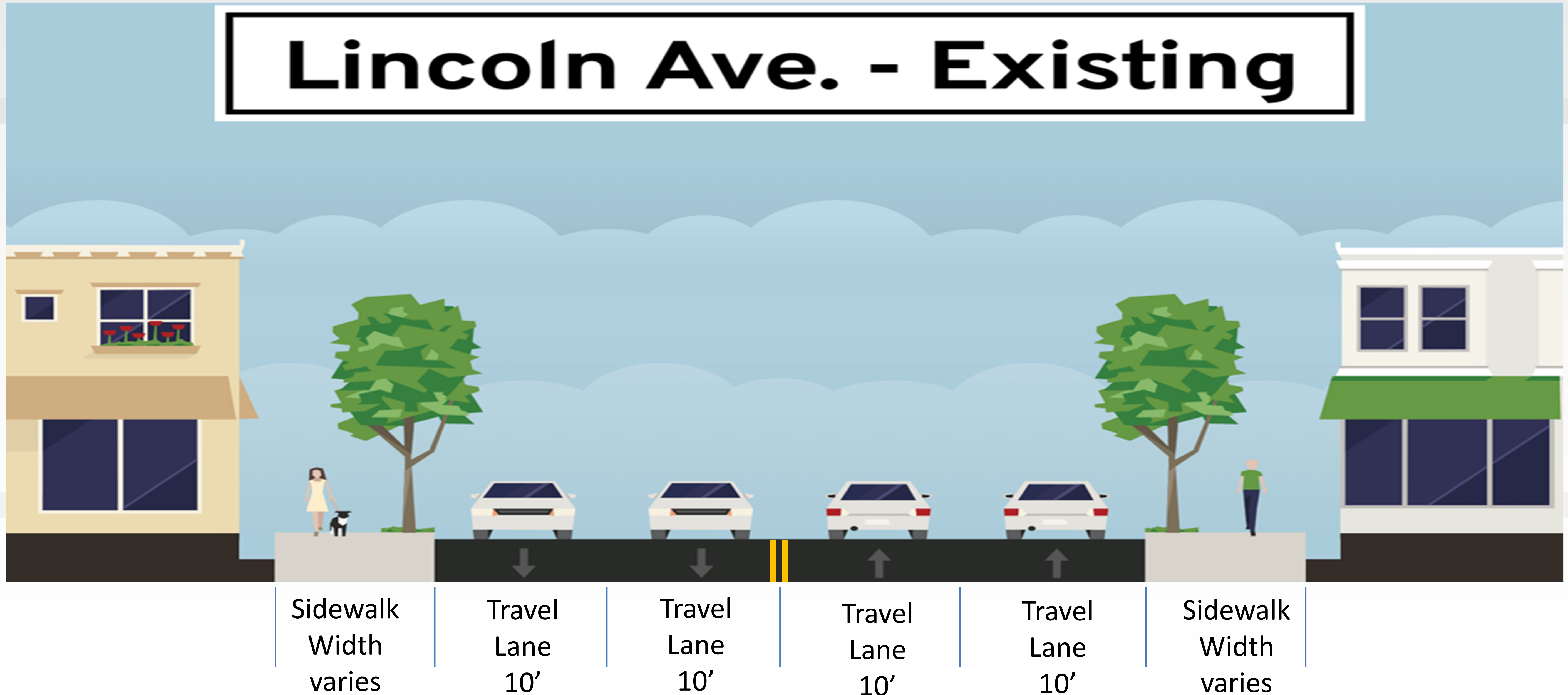
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MULTI-MODAL ACCOMMODATIONS

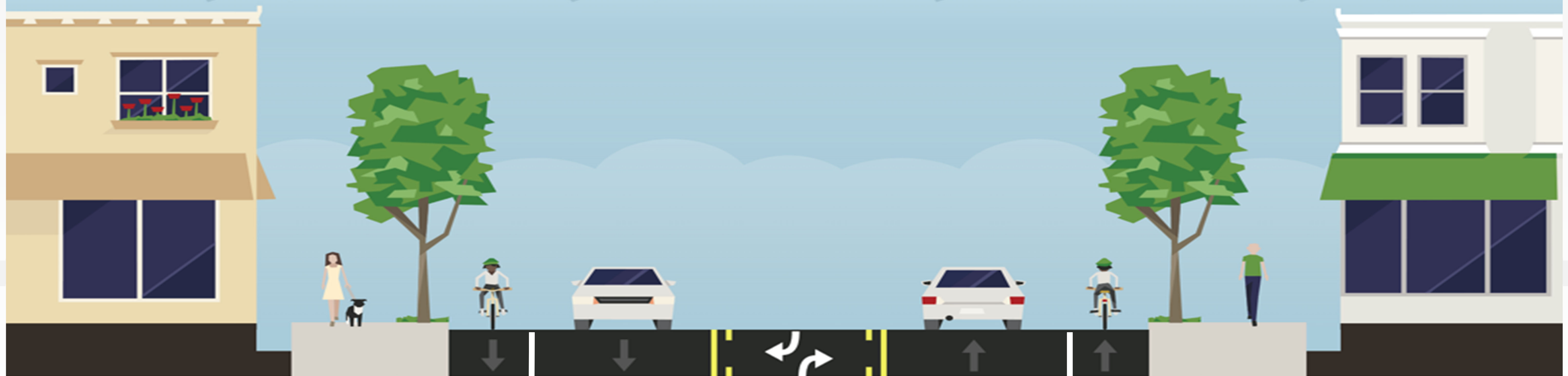
EXISTING **TYPICAL SECTION**

Lincoln Ave. - Existing



PROPOSED **TYPICAL SECTION**

Lincoln Ave. - Proposed



Sidewalk
Width
varies

Bike
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5'

Travel
Lane
10'

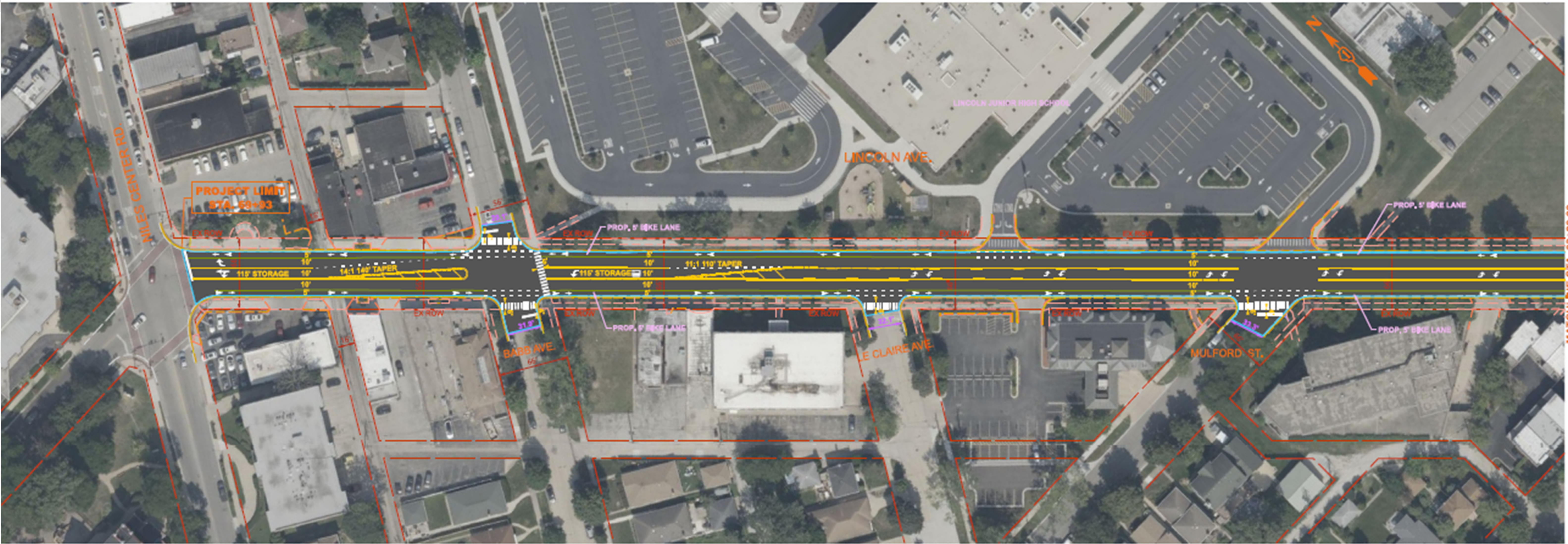
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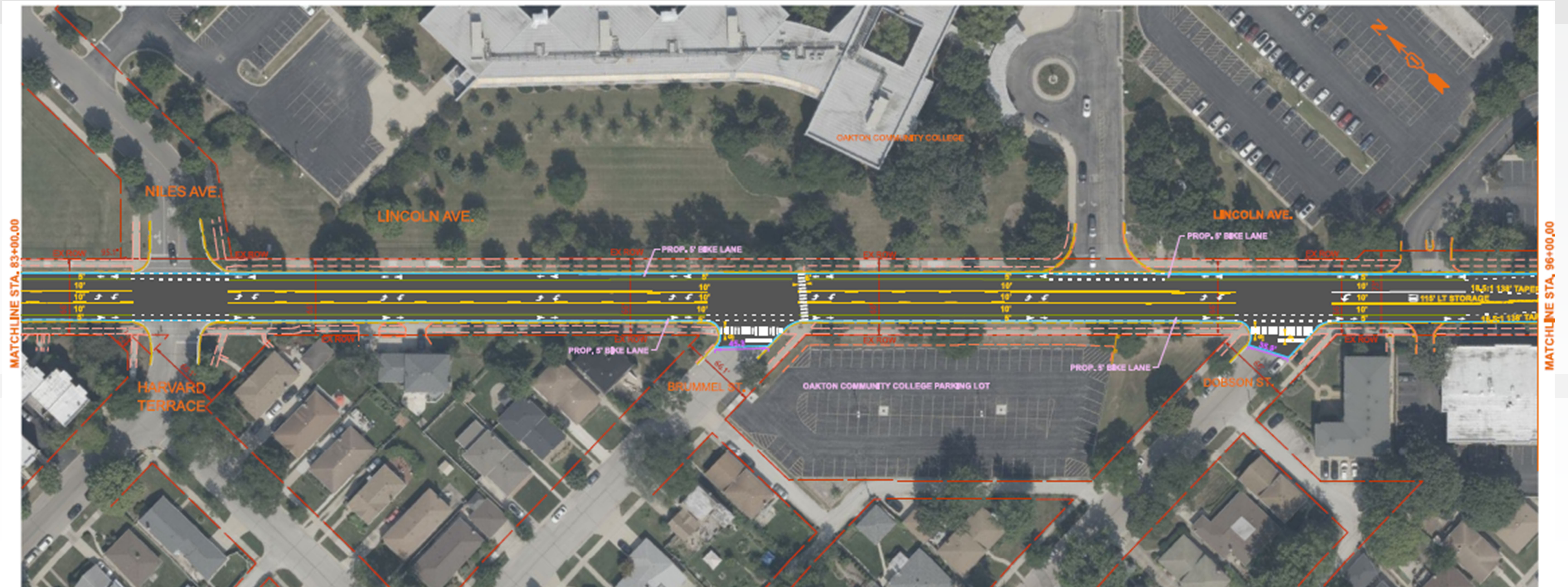
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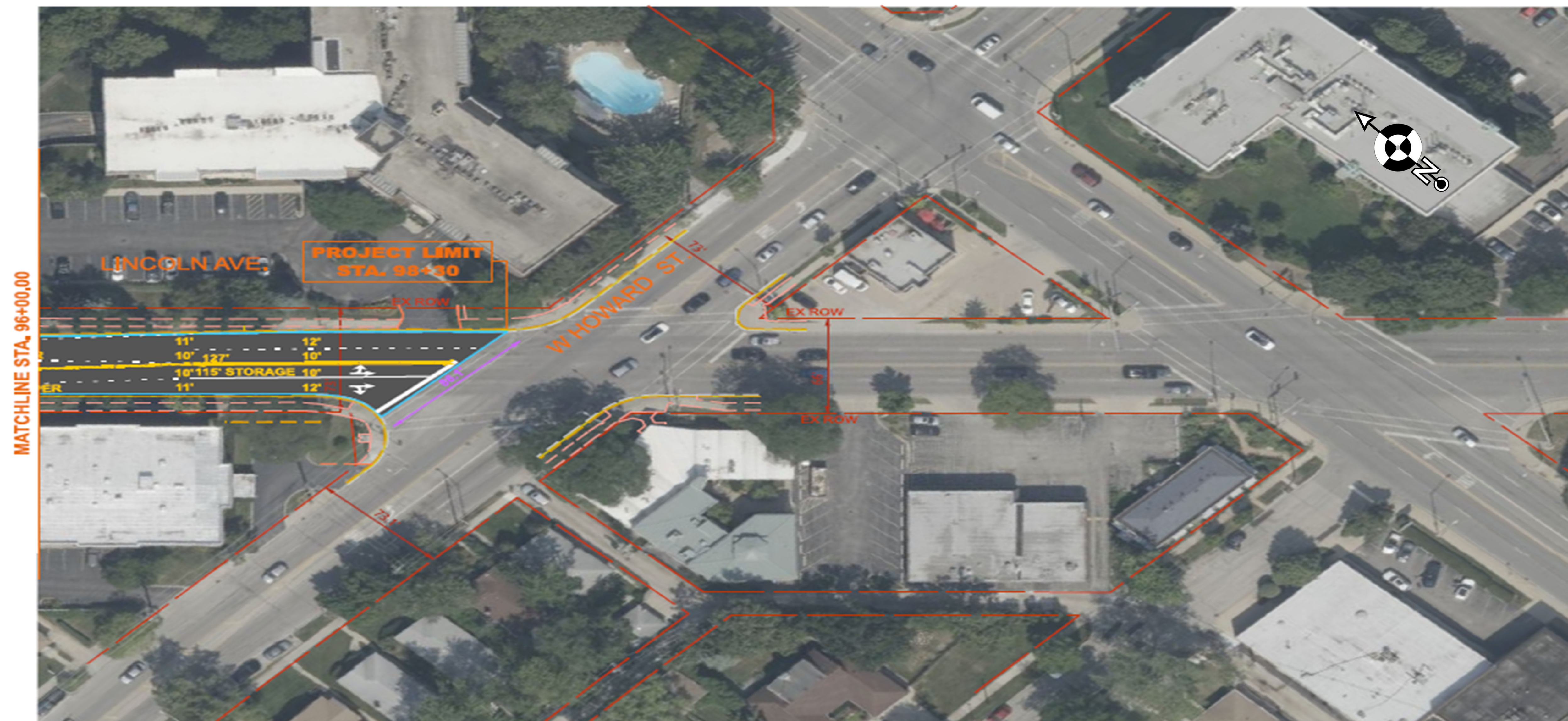
PROPOSED **PLAN VIEW**



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PARKING UTILIZATION STUDY

Lincoln Avenue between
Niles Center Road and
Le Claire Avenue

West Block – Babb Avenue to the
alley to the west:

1. West block on-street parking – **3** available spaces.
2. West block off-street parking – **19** available spaces.
3. Babb Ave on-street parking – **9** available spaces.

East Block – Babb Avenue to
LeClaire Avenue to the east:

4. East block on-street parking – **13** available spaces.
5. East block off-street parking – **28** available spaces.
6. LeClaire on-street parking – **6** available spaces.



PARKING **UTILIZATION STUDY:**

Lincoln Ave: Niles Center Road to Howard Street

SAFETY AND UTILIZATION

- ❑ Low overall utilization rate suggests underused resources.
- ❑ Illegal parking was observed.
- ❑ Safety issues due to existing on-street parking:
 - Narrowing traffic lanes.
 - Obscuring sightlines.
 - Increased risk of dooring incidents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Remove on-street parking on Lincoln Avenue:
 - Off-street lots can accommodate these spaces.
 - No negative impacts to businesses.
 - Improves safety along Lincoln Avenue.



LAND ACQUISITION

FEE SIMPLE

- ❑ Acquisition of all rights and interest

PERMANENT EASEMENT

- ❑ Ownership retained by property owner
- ❑ Agency is allowed permanent use of the property for construction and future maintenance

TEMPORARY EASEMENT

- ❑ Ownership retained by the property owner
- ❑ Agency is allowed temporary use of the property to construct the project

LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS

Ownership Determination

Appraisal

Negotiation

Acquisition

CONTACT **INFORMATION**

GET **INVOLVED!**

Mail or email questions and/or
comments by **August 8, 2025.**



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