

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2024

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

Jenafer F. McCauley, Councilmember – Mayor Pro Tem

David B. Buck, Councilmember

Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember

David W. McGhee, Councilmember

Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember

Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember

ORDER OF BUSINESS

STUDY SESSION

The Study Session of May 13, 2024 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Briton S. Williams at 6:00pm and also streamed online for public viewing at the City Facebook page: “City of North Augusta – Public Information” and City YouTube page: “City of North Augusta Public Information.”

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings was sent out by email to the current maintained “Agenda Mailout” list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meetings was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Buck, Carpenter, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember McCauley.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Chief Junior Johnson, Director of Public Safety; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning & Development; James Sutton, Director of Public Services; Rick Meyer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Karl Waldhauer, Manager of Tourism; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance; Kayla Ferguson, Manager of Human Resources; and Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Administrator Clifford led Council's discussion of items for the May 20, 2024 regular meeting. (See Attachment #1)

ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:

City department directors and managers provided departmental updates. (See Attachment #2)

ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:

(A) FOCUS ITEM(S):

- i. Planning & Development Presentation – Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Access Study

Planning Director Paradise clarified that the City has applied for further financing with the SCDOT for an in-depth study of the intersection of Jackson, Carolina, and Georgia Avenue and that intersection is not included in the following presentation.

Joe Robertson of Kimley-Horn presented on the Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming Study. (See Attachment #3Ai)

- (B) Mayor Williams will share reflections and announcements related to current City events and opportunities

Mayor Williams highlighted on the following:

- Third Thursday Downtown – May 16 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

The Study Session adjourned at 6:50pm

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF
MAY, 2024

Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Paul

Jamie Paul
City Clerk



DRAFT AGENDA: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2024 – 6:00pm – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on www.Facebook.com
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on www.YouTube.com

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council on each item listed on this agenda. The Mayor will call for comments prior to Council’s discussion. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or sign interpreter to participate in the meeting, please notify the Administration Department 48 hours prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular City Council Meeting minutes of May 6, 2024
- Study Session minutes of May 13, 2024

5. PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. National Law Enforcement Week: May 12 – May 18, 2024
- b. Public Works Week: May 19 – May 25, 2024

6. PERSONNEL:

- a. Jason Pearce, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

NEW BUSINESS

7. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2024-24 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Trolley

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. **PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

A. **Citizen Comments:** *At this time, citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council regarding matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers shall give their name and address for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

B. **Council Comments:**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

for May 13, 2024



FINANCE:

- Cycle 1 Disconnect Dates – May 15 & 16
- Cycle 2 Due Date – May 20

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Mosquito Control
- Sanitation Employee Parking Lot & Storage Building

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission meeting on May 15

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- On May 11 a Touch a truck event was held in conjunction with Victory Baptist Church.
- Chief Johnson and Captain Hayes have completed a year class through the Local Government Leadership Institute.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Spring Sports Update
- Wednesday, May 15, Parks & Recreation Night at SRP Park
- Friday, May 31, Splash Day at Riverview Park, 11am-2pm
- Medium size Travel Basketball tournament this weekend at Riverview Park

TOURISM:

- The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce will host a Women in STEM conference on May 15 in the Palmetto Terrace.
- North Augusta Forward will host Third Thursday on May 16 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. The North Augusta Beautification Foundation will be participating this month at Town Square Olive Oil & Wine.
- The North Augusta Cultural Arts Council will be presenting Music in the Park on May 16 at 7:00pm at Maude Edenfield Park featuring The Wayne Hoey Big Band (Big Band era Classics).
- An unveiling of educational panels about the Meriwether Monument will be conducted May 17 at 12:00pm in Calhoun Park.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Reminder: Household Hazardous Waste Collection, May 18 from 10:00am-1:00pm – See Attached Flyer for Details

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Building Standards Inspector II – Building Standards

Grade: 15

Salary/pay Rate: \$24.50 - \$29.40

Closing Date: Until Filled (**July 1, 2024 Start**)

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 16

Salary/Pay Rate: \$23.83 - \$28.59/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Communications Technician I – Public Safety

Grade: 10

Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.65 - \$23.58

Closing Date: Until Filled

Trades Worker – Streets & Drains

Grade: 8

Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.71 - \$21.26/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Engineering Inspector II – Engineering

Grade: 15

Salary/pay Rate: \$24.50 - \$29.40

Closing Date: Until Filled (**July 1, 2024 Start**)

Firefighter – Public Safety

Grade: 4

Salary/Pay Rate: \$13.31 - \$15.97/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker III – Parks and Recreation

Grade: 7

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.75 – \$20.10/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker III – Property Maintenance

Grade: 7

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.75 – \$20.10/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Meter Reader/Service Technician – Public Utilities

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.68 - \$22.42

Closing Date: Until Filled

To apply and to see full job descriptions please visit www.northaugustasc.gov/jobs. You may also contact Human Resources for more information at 803-442-5710 or kferguson@northaugustasc.gov.

The City of North Augusta is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Where:
Kroger Shopping Center, Knox Avenue, North Augusta

When:
May 18, 2024
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First come, first served. Limited space available.

Time to clean out the garage, shed, and cabinets!

MAY 18, 2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

- Acids
- Aerosols
- Caustics
- Engine fluids
- Flammable liquids
- Florescent bulbs
- Herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Cleaning fluids
- Motor oil
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Solvents
- Stains
- Used batteries
- Thermometers
- Other household chemicals



City of North Augusta
Stormwater Management
100 Georgia Ave.
North Augusta, SC 29841
www.northaugustasc.gov

Contact: Michaela Canady
803-442-5711
mdcanady@northaugustasc.gov



No Medicines or Explosives!

PRESENTATION

**Georgia Avenue
Traffic Calming
and Pedestrian
Access Study**

Recommendations

May 13, 2024

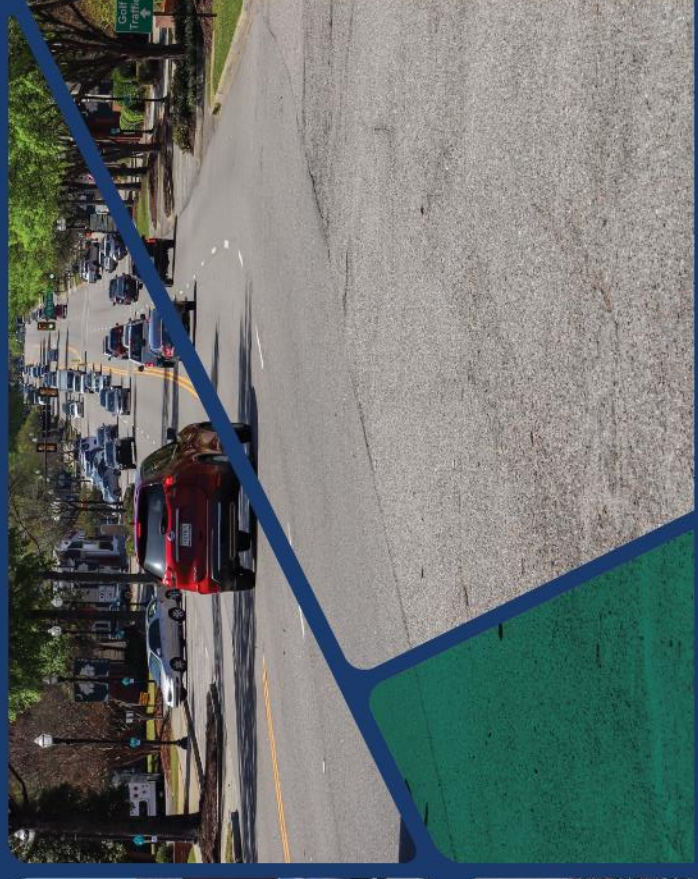


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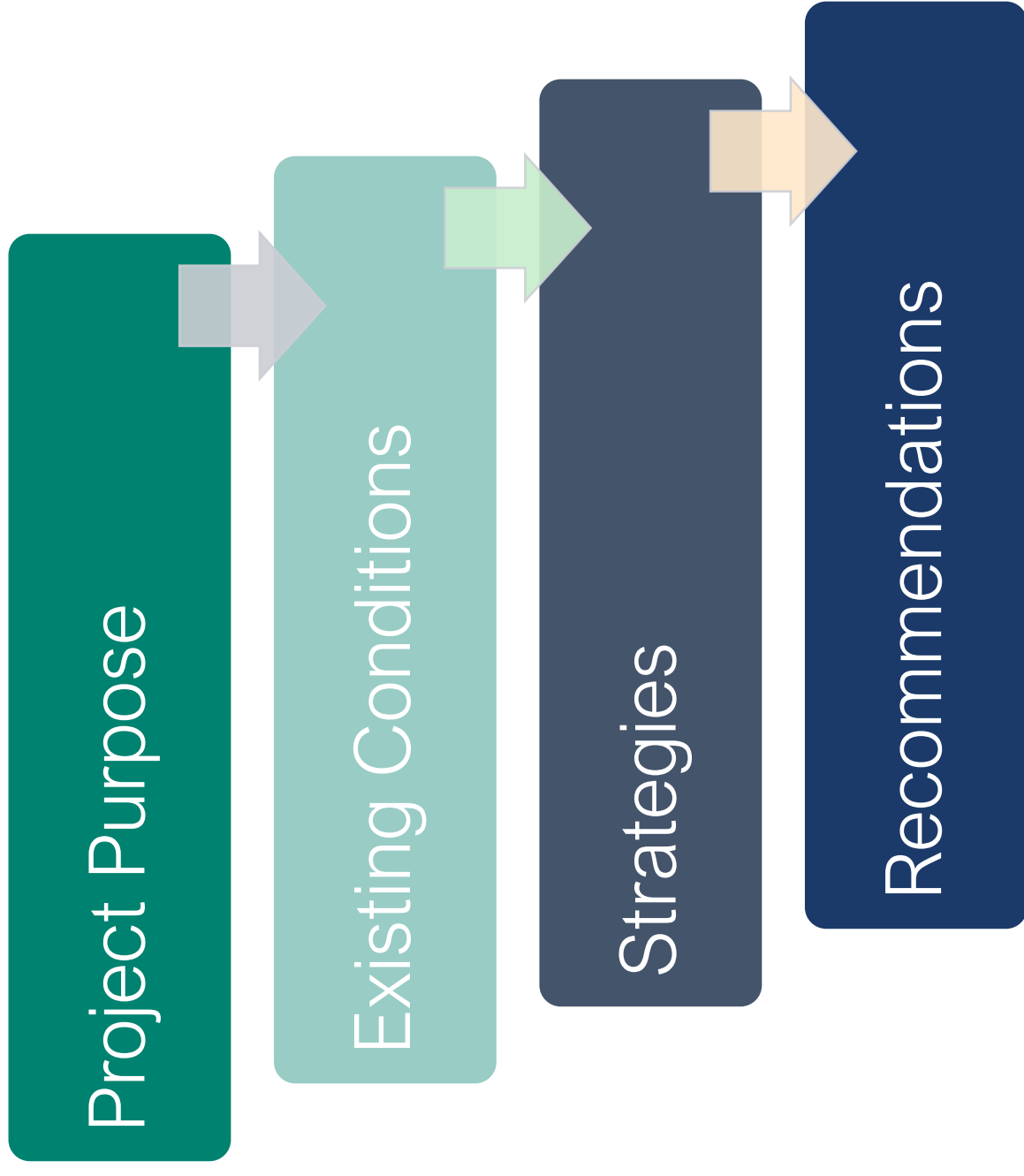


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GEORGIA AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING
NORTH AUGUSTA

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Presentation Overview



Project Purpose

Develop a long-term vision and strategy for Georgia Avenue to function as North Augusta's vibrant, pedestrian-oriented "main street"

- City of North Augusta 2021 Comprehensive Plan

Identify and recommend specific improvements along Georgia Avenue related to pedestrian, bicycle, and other alternative transportation methods

Project Goals

Ranking of projects based on cost, effort, impact, and feasibility

Identification of alternate funding sources

Georgia Avenue (US 25) Existing Traffic Control



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Georgia Avenue (US 25) Speed Data (8/23-8/24 2022)



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Georgia Avenue Weekday Average Daily Traffic (August 2022)



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Georgia Avenue Estimated Future Traffic Year 2033



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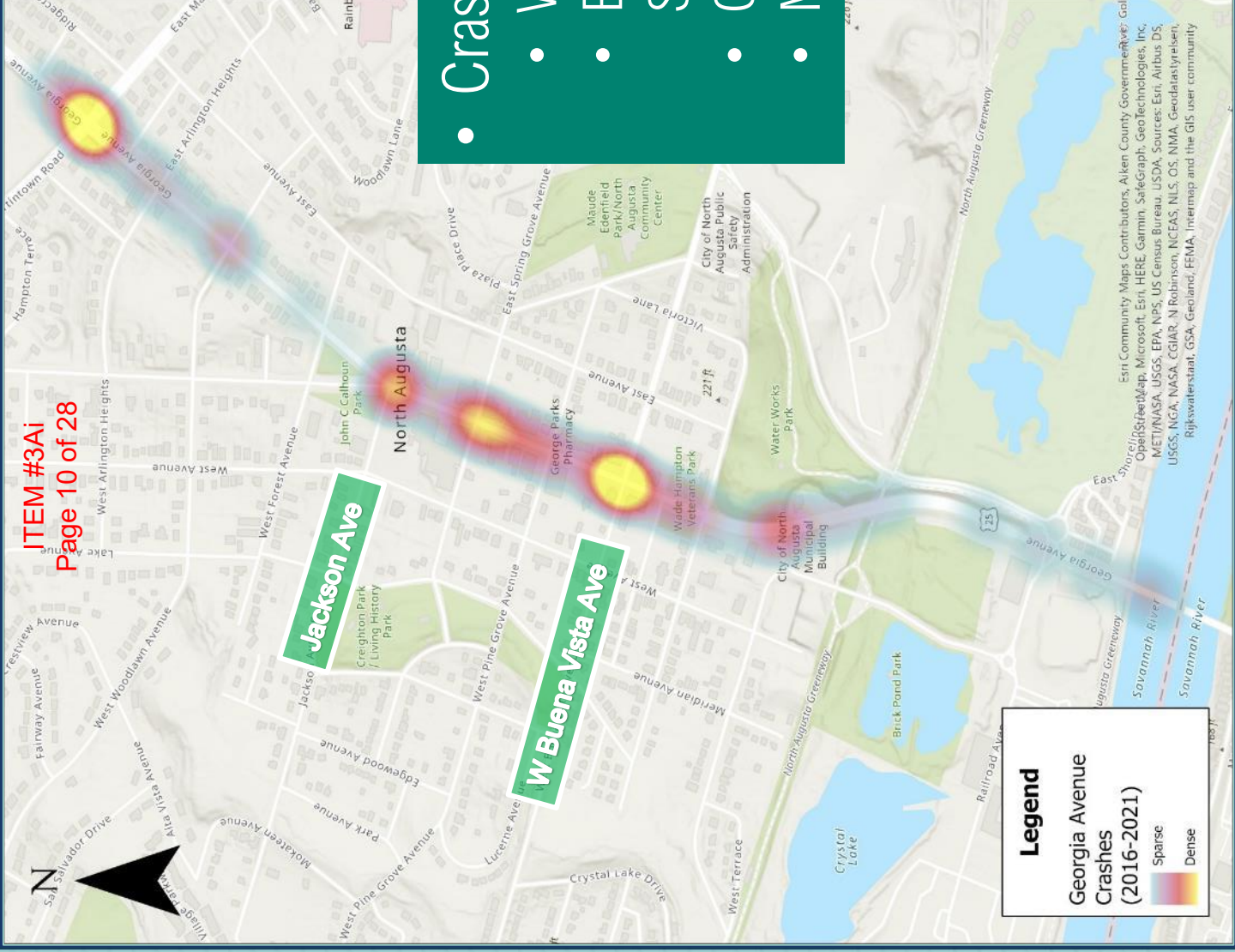
Crash and Safety Analysis (2016 – 2021)



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- Average of 50 crashes per year
- Severity:
 - 75% of crashes were property damage only
 - 25% involved an injury
 - No fatal crashes
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crashes
 - 1 Bicycle (Injury) crash in 2018 at intersection of Carolina Ave
 - 1 Pedestrian (Injury) crash in 2019 at intersection of Buena Vista Ave
 - 1 Pedestrian (Injury) crash in 2021 at intersection of Martintown Road

Crash and Safety Analysis (2016 – 2021)



- Crash Hot Spots:
- W Buena Vista Ave
- Block of Pine Grove Ave to Spring Grove Ave
- Carolina Ave/Jackson Ave
- Martintown Rd



GEORGIA AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING
NORTH AUGUSTA

2022 Existing Peak Hour Traffic Operations



Property/Business Owners Workshop October 2022



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- Concerns regarding on-street parking
 - Angled parking difficult to back out into oncoming traffic
 - Potential reduction of parking based on project recommendations
 - Delivery trucks occupying on-street parking
- Desire for improved pedestrian crossings and streetscapes
- Perceived speeding issues



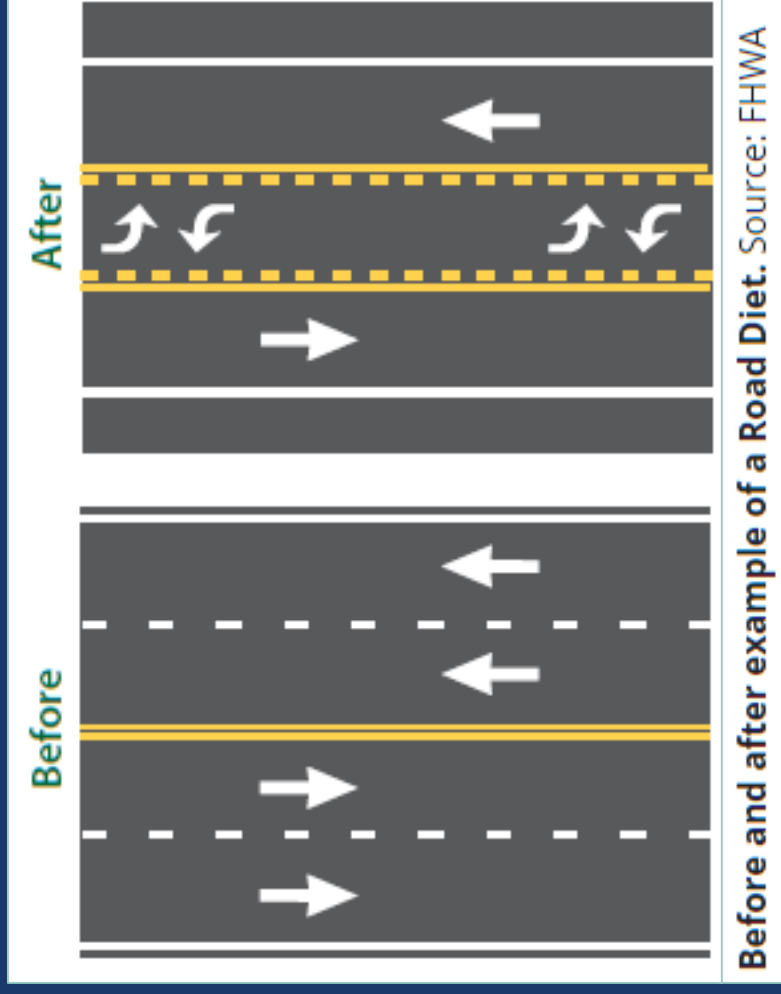
Public Engagement Workshop November 2022

- Concerns regarding traffic and congestion
- Perceived speeding issues
- Improved walkability and more distinct crosswalks
- Explore opportunity to shift traffic to West Avenue
- Streetscape and beautification improvements



Road Diet Feasibility

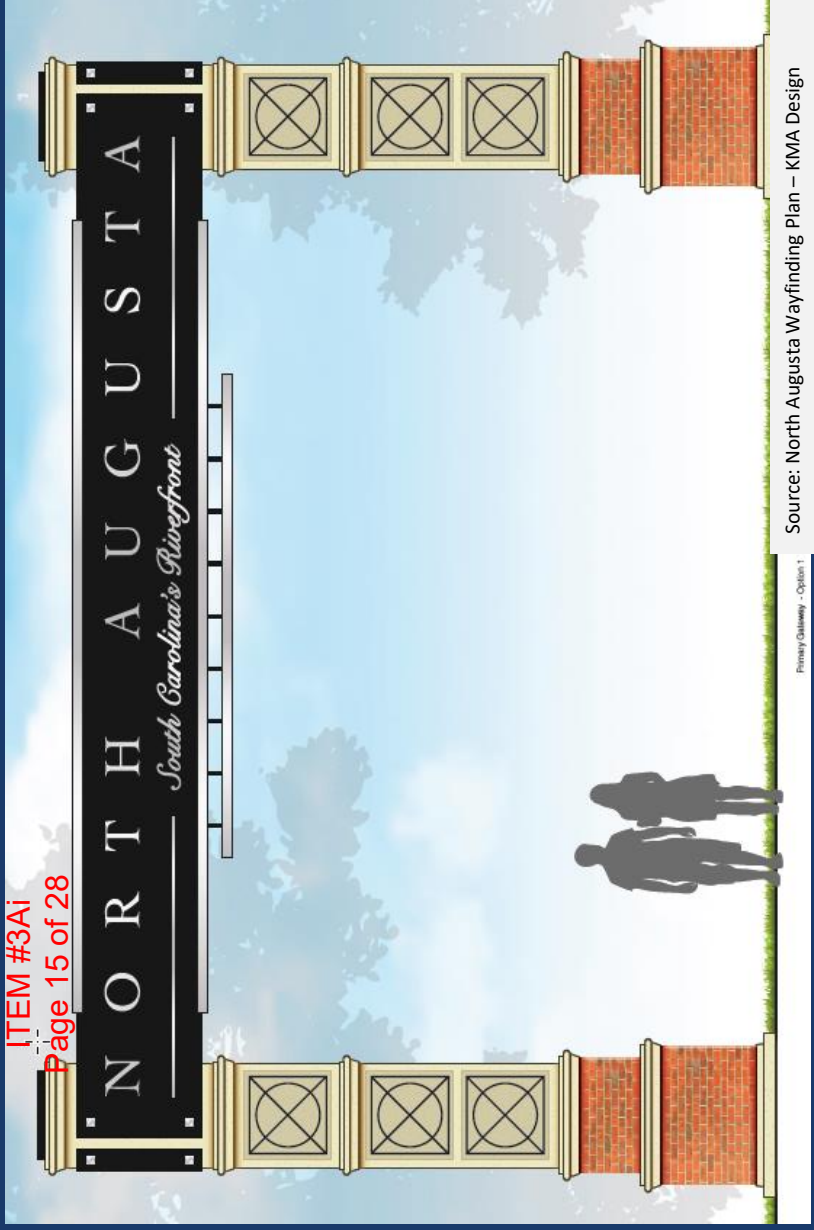
- In preliminary discussions with City staff and the public, there was interest in exploring the feasibility of a Road Diet along Georgia Avenue
- FHWA guidance indicates that a road diet is typically implemented on a roadway with a current and future average daily traffic of 25,000 or less
- Based on estimated future daily traffic increasing over 25,000 in the next few years, a road diet was not considered to be a viable long-term option for Georgia Avenue



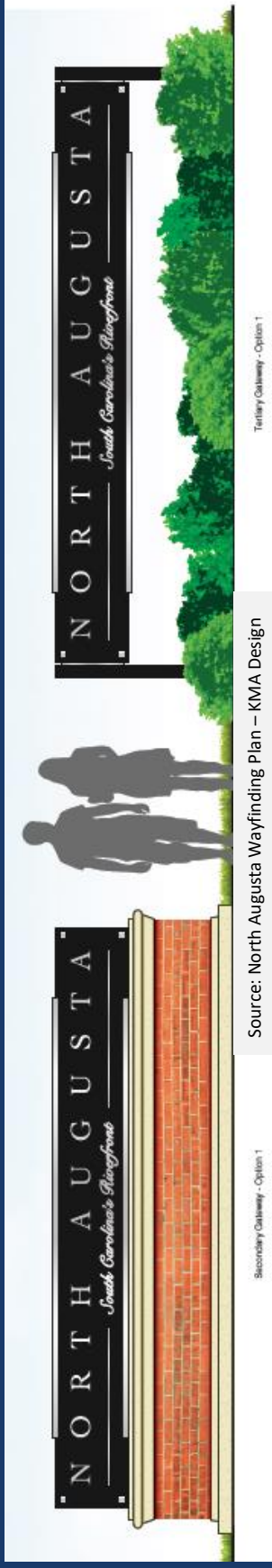
Traffic Calming Strategies



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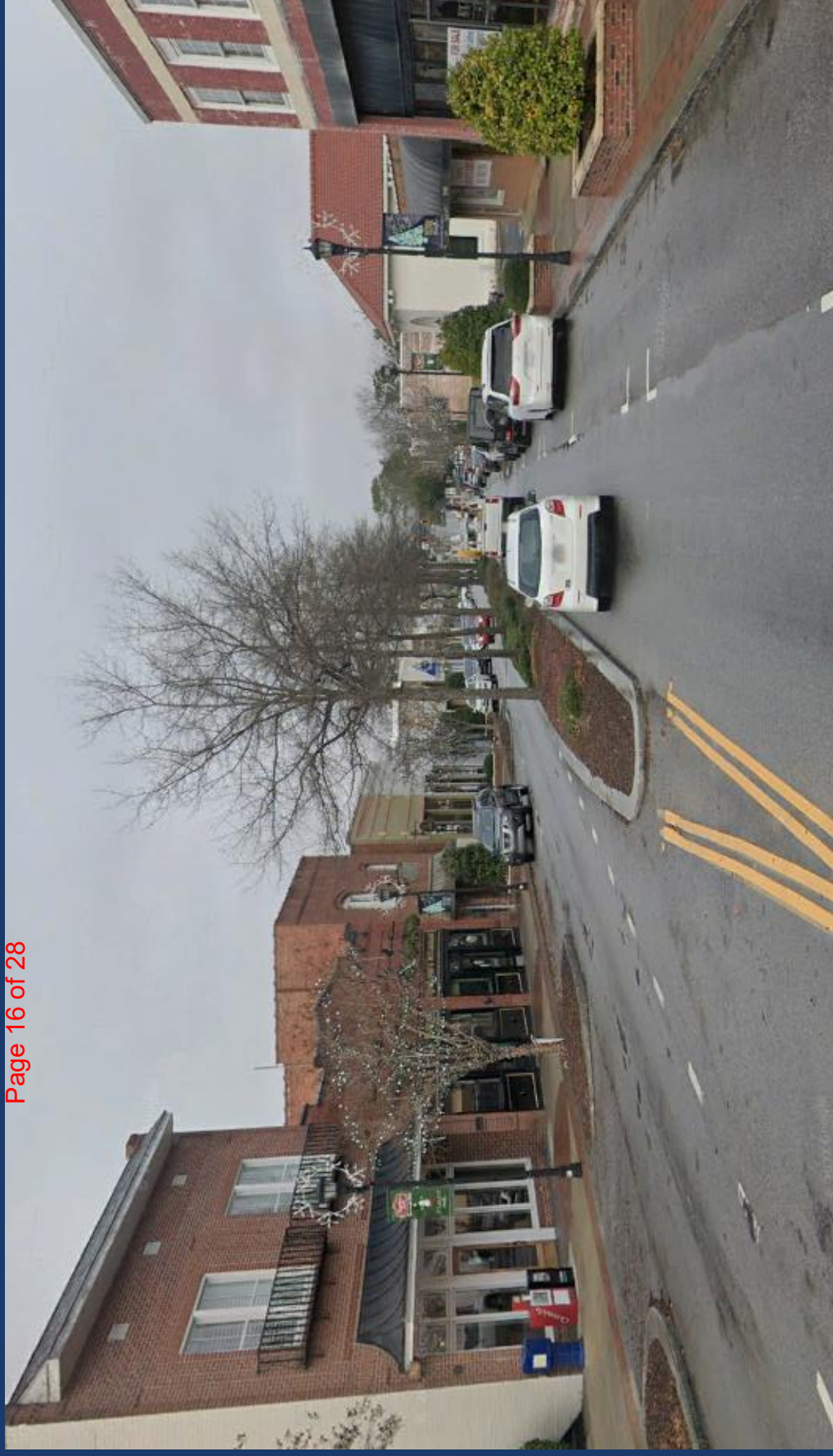


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Gateway Signage

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Landscaped Medians

Pedestrian Safety Strategies

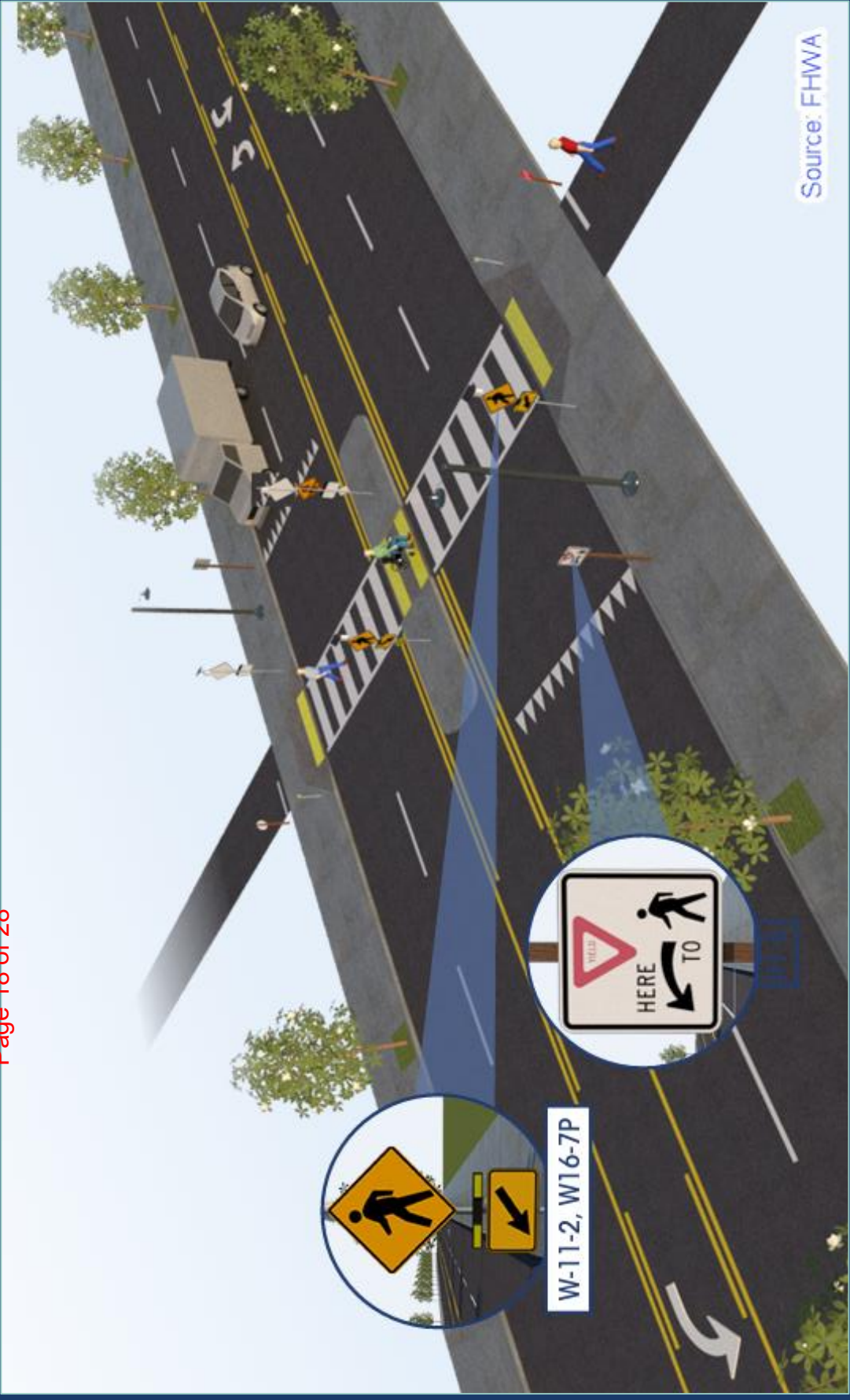


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Intersection Improvements

Pedestrian Safety Strategies



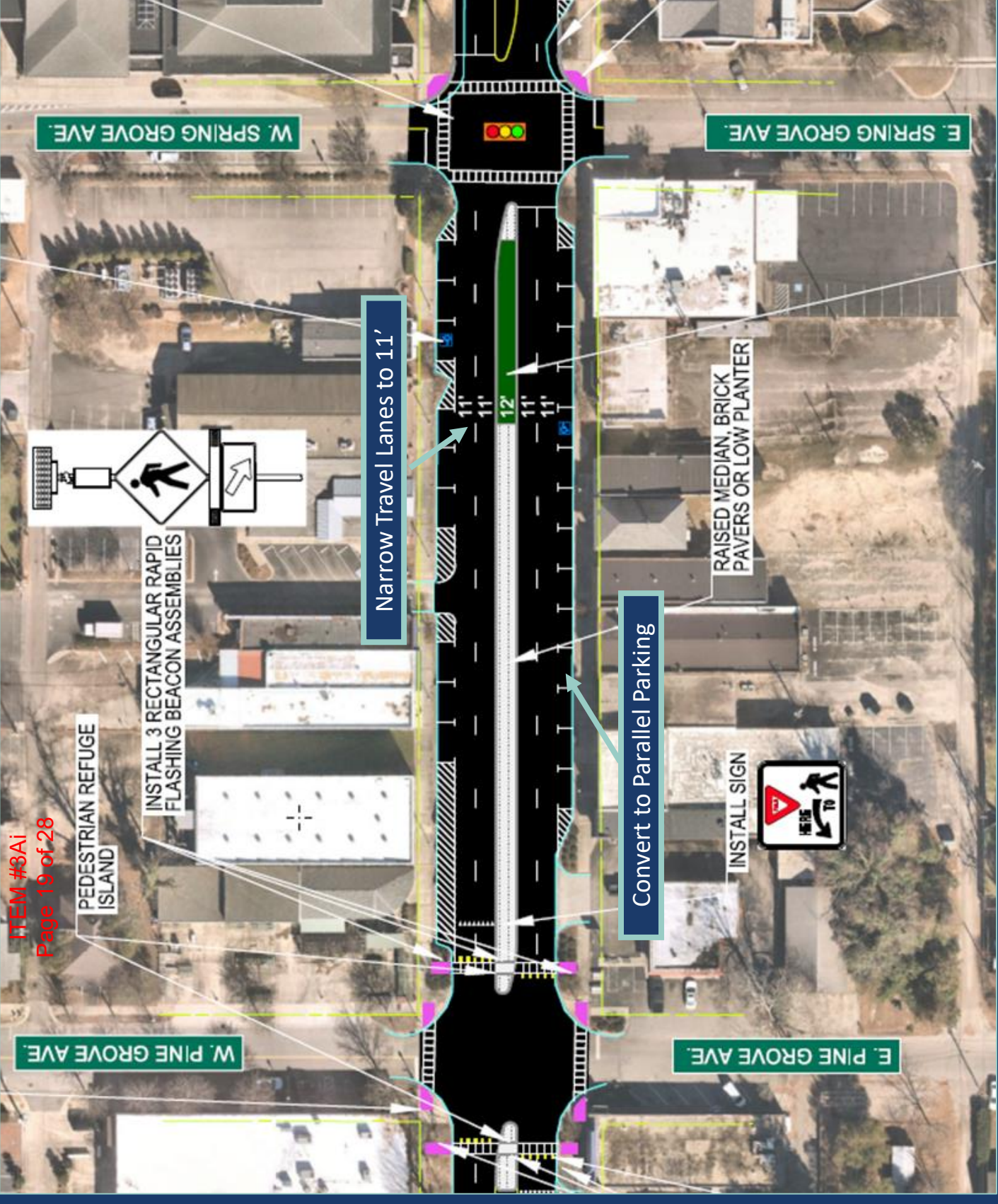
Improved Mid-Block Crossings

Recommendations Pine Grove Ave to Spring Grove Ave \$1,190,000



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PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND

INSTALL 3 RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLIES

Narrow Travel Lanes to 11'

Convert to Parallel Parking

RAISED MEDIUM, BRICK PAVERS OR LOW PLANTER

INSTALL SIGN

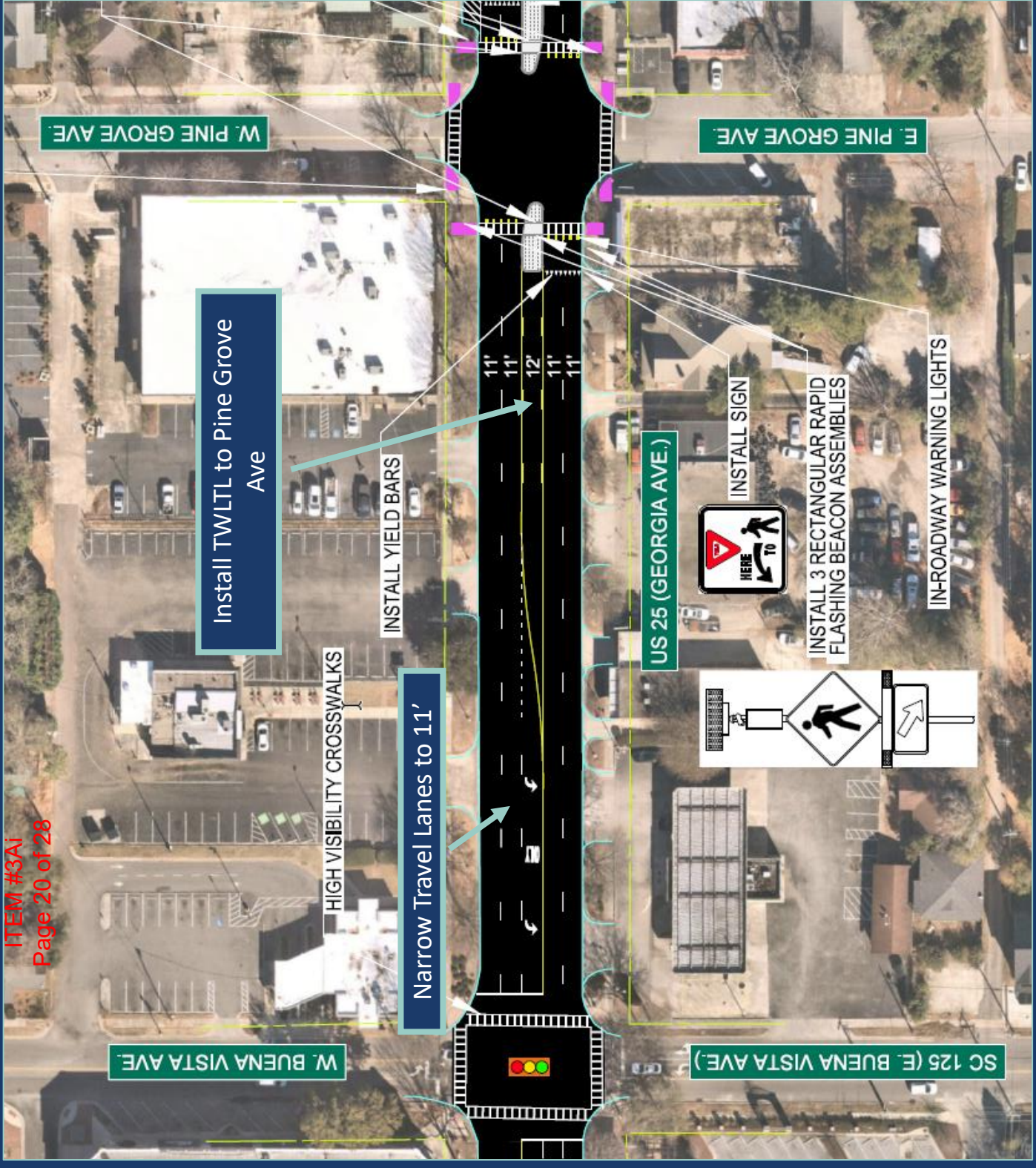


W. SPRING GROVE AVE.

E. SPRING GROVE AVE.

W. PINE GROVE AVE.

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Recommendations Buena Vista Ave to Pine Grove Ave \$260,000

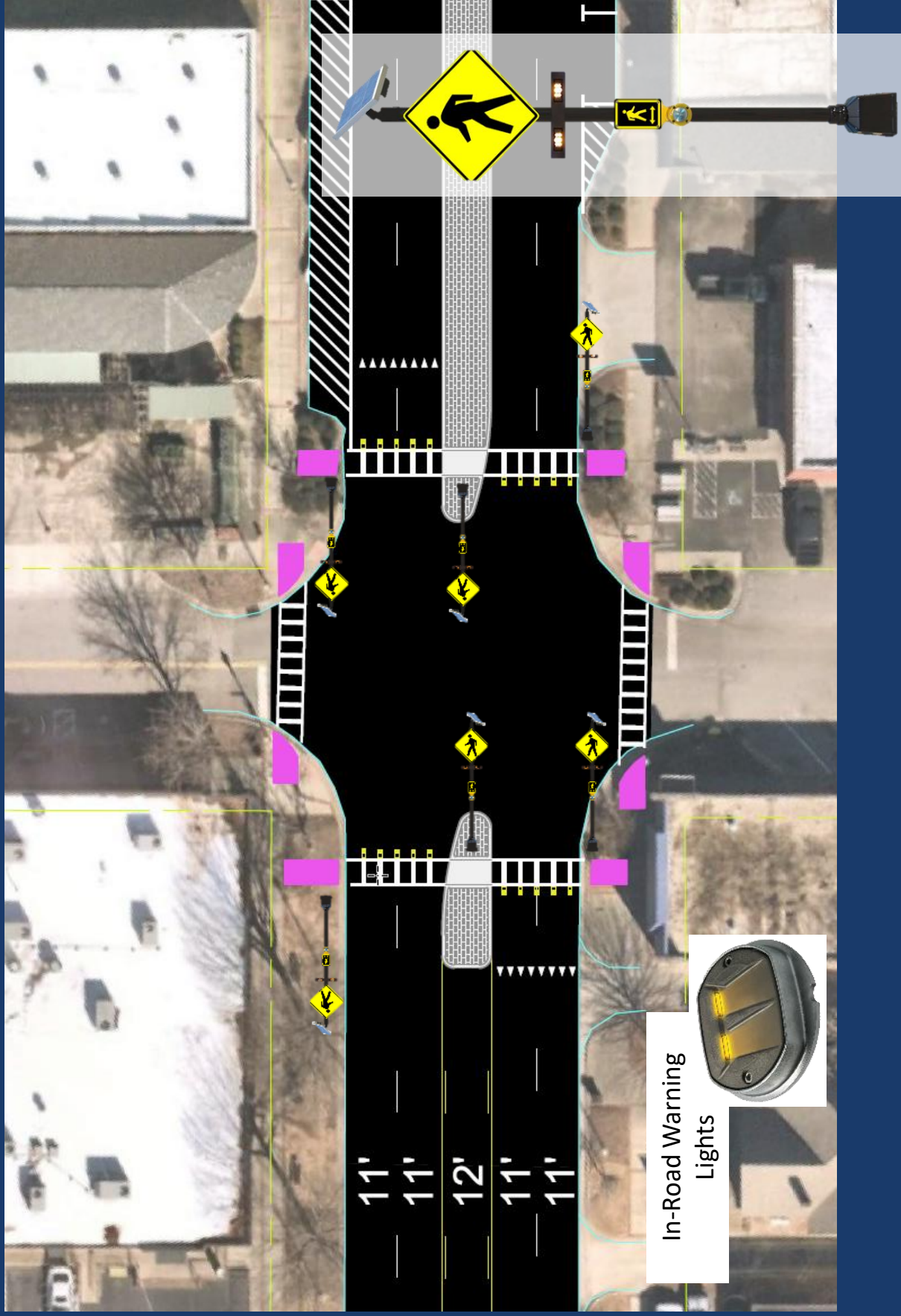


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Recommendations RRFB Crossing with In-Road Lights



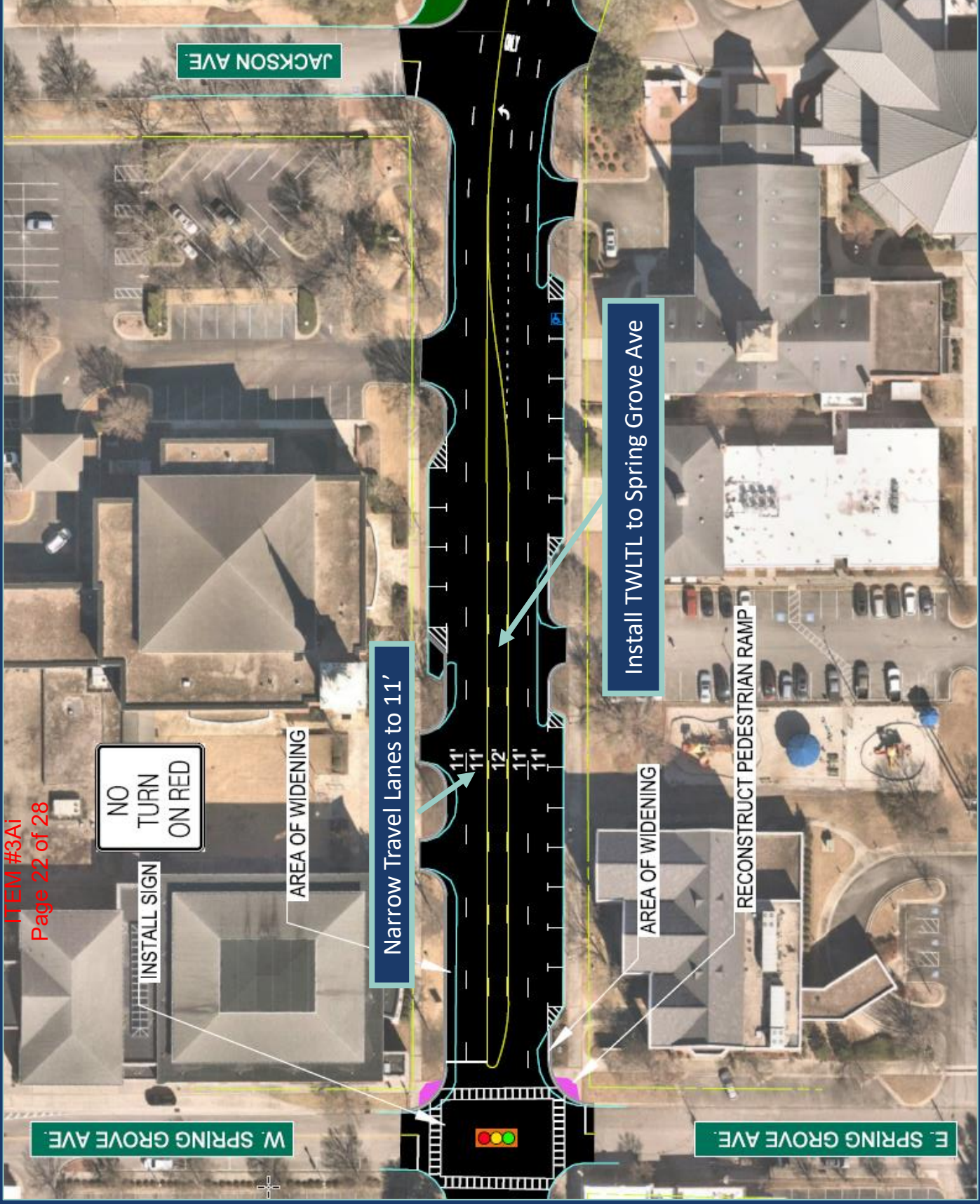
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Recommendations Spring Grove Ave to Jackson Ave \$470,000



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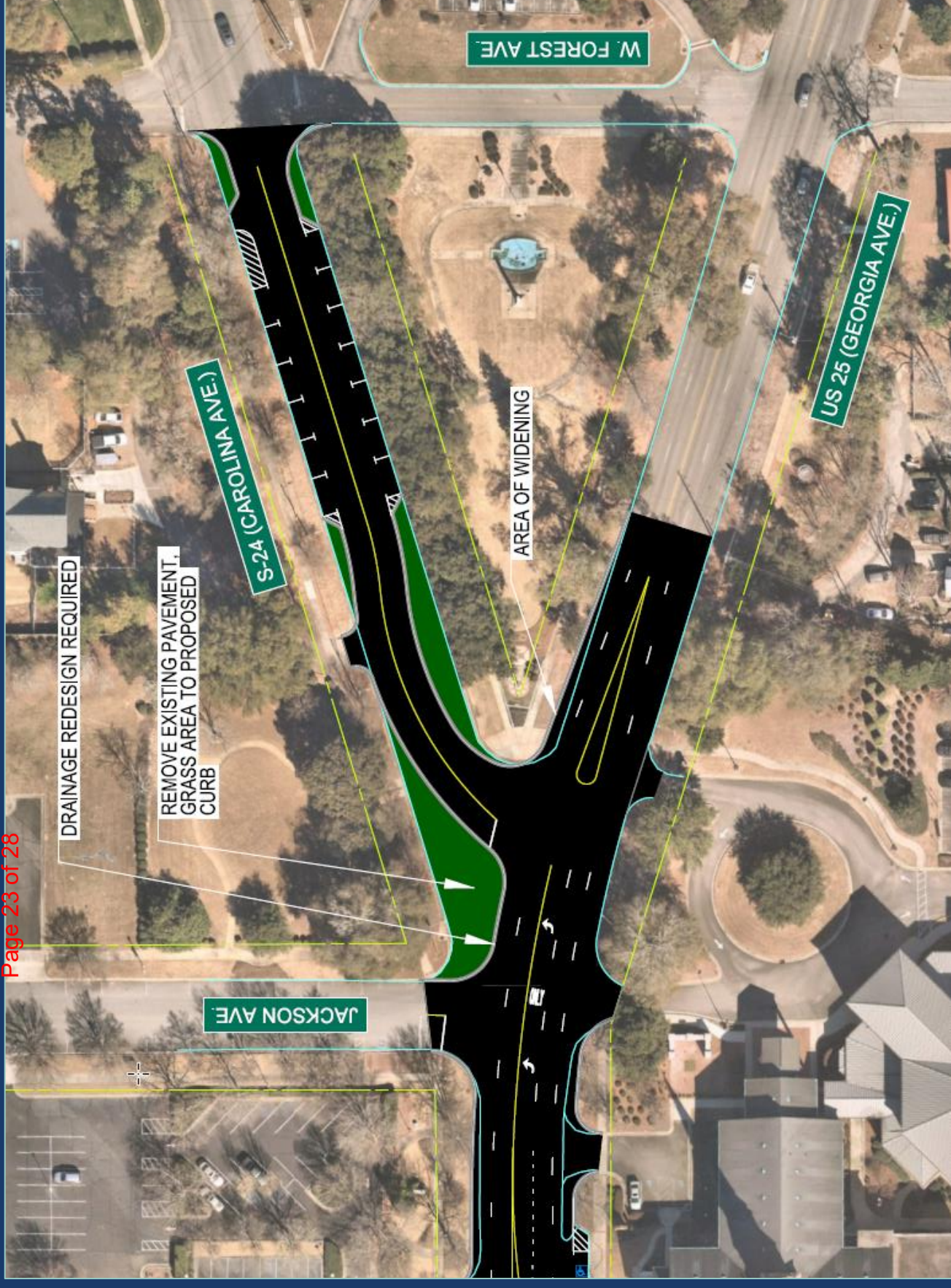


Recommendations Georgia Ave at Carolina Ave/Jackson Ave \$280,000

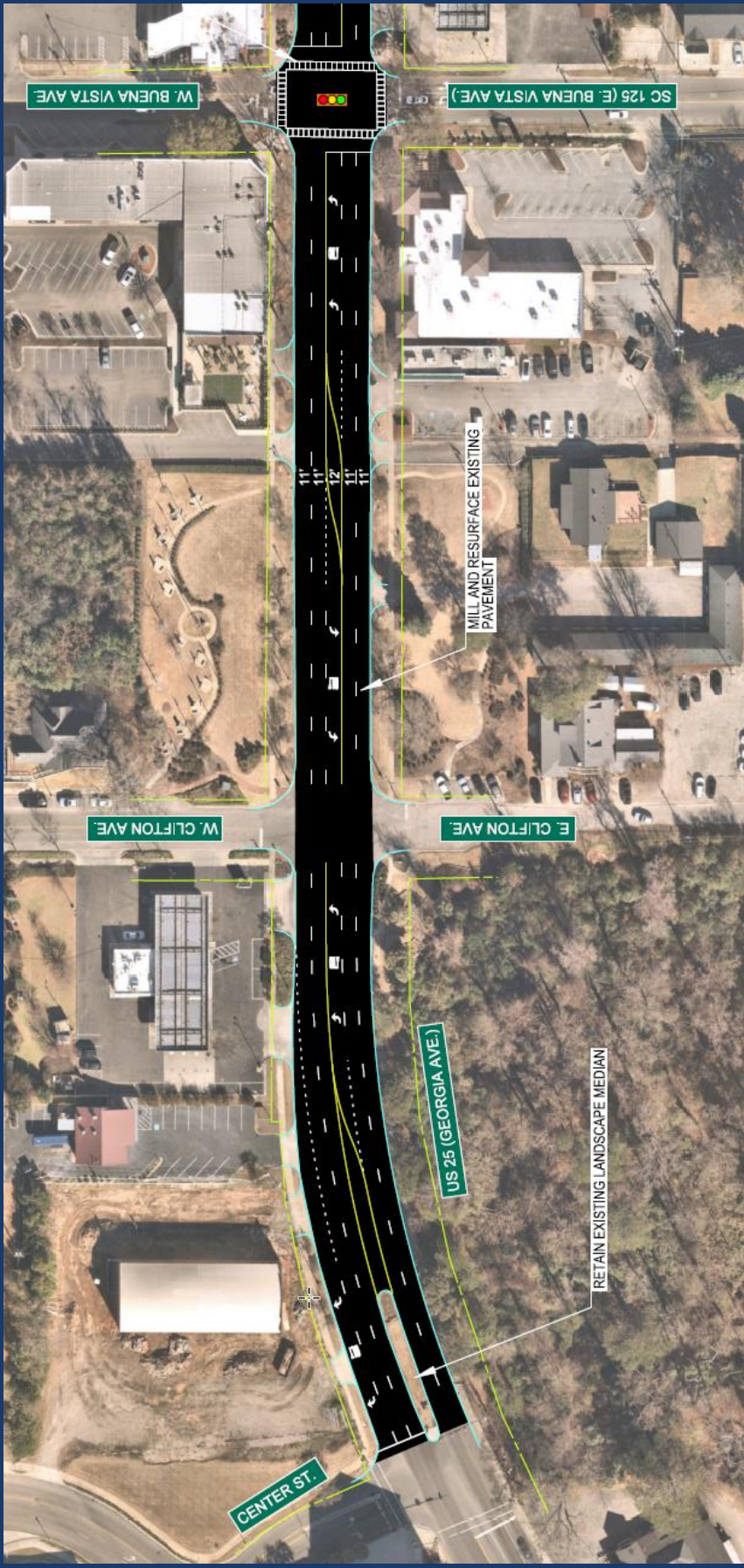


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Recommendations Center Street to Buena Vista Ave \$310,000



Other Considerations:

- Painted median striping north of Carolina Avenue
- Improved alleyways for rear access and circulation



Traffic Calming Strategies



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Potential Funding Sources



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- **SCDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**
- **SCDOT “C” Program/Aiken Co. (CTC)**
- **USDOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A)**
- **Grants**
- **ARTS MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- **Continued coordination with City staff and leadership**
- **Additional analysis at Georgia Avenue/Carolina Avenue**
- **Finalizing report and concepts**



Next Steps



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Thank you!

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