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What to expect tonight & how you can participate

The purpose of this meeting is to help our team learn about the Woodside Boulevard corridor from those who live, drive, walk and bicycle along the corridor regularly.

What are your thoughts about improving Woodside?

There are several ways to participate in tonight's meeting:

- Talk with project staff to learn more
- Look at the project maps and identify areas of concern
- Fill out a comment card so the team can follow up on your suggestions and concerns as the project progresses
- Sign up for project email updates

Project information

- Woodside Boulevard is Hailey's second-busiest street, after Main Street (SH-75)
- Woodside has deteriorating pavement conditions, inconsistent bicycle lanes and sidewalks, and school safety issues
- The City of Hailey was awarded a \$3.5 million grant through the TIGER II Discretionary Grant program to make improvements that will safely accommodate all types of users (motorists, transit passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, etc.)

This project will follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process:

- NEPA requires review of federally-funded projects
- The process examines how projects might affect the surrounding natural, human and built environment
- We will evaluate all reasonable alternatives and impacts to natural, human, and built environment
- We invite public involvement



Project scope

The purpose of improvements to Woodside Boulevard is to:

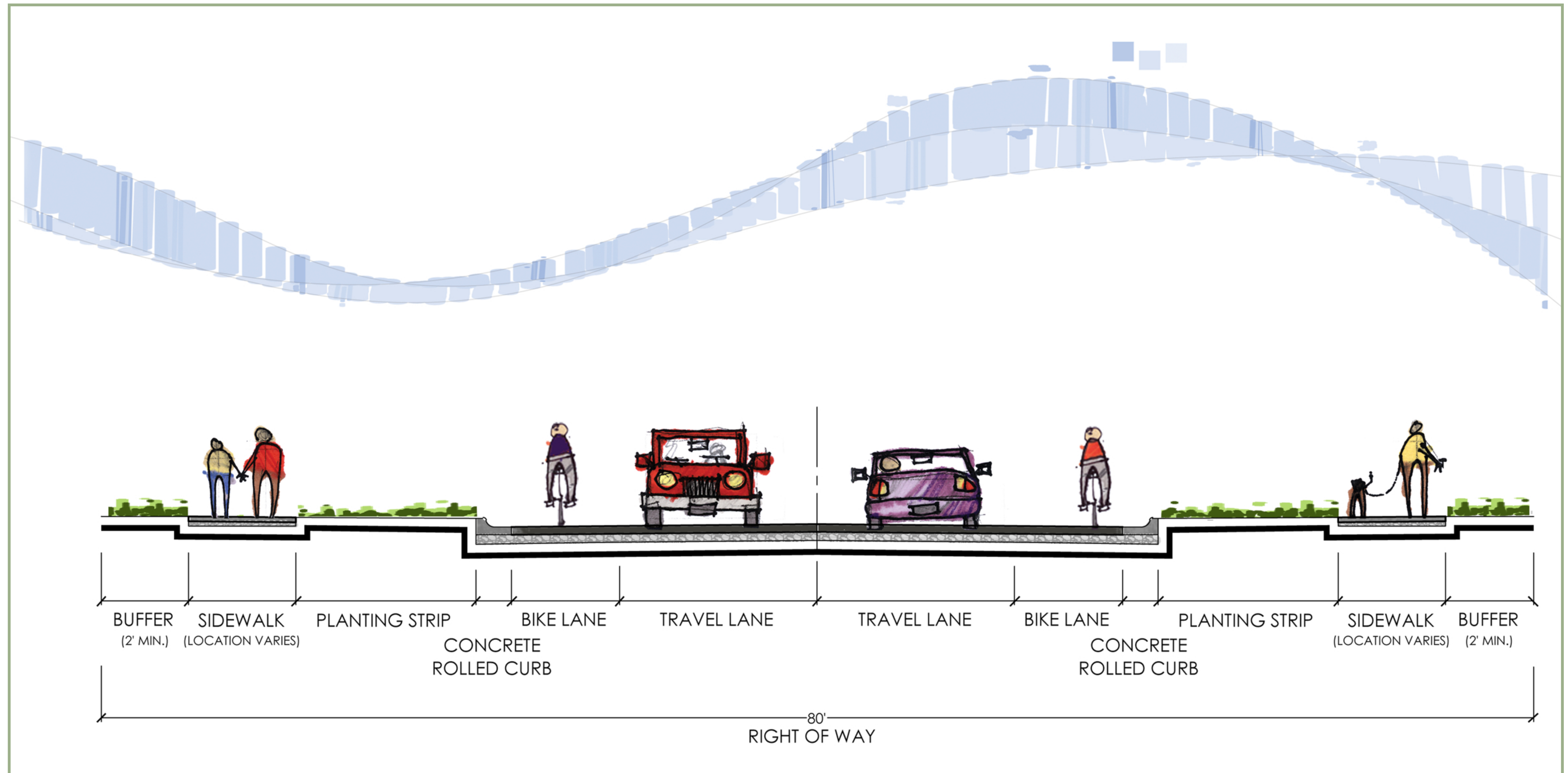
- Slow traffic on the corridor
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Repair an aging and deteriorated roadway

Proposed improvements include:

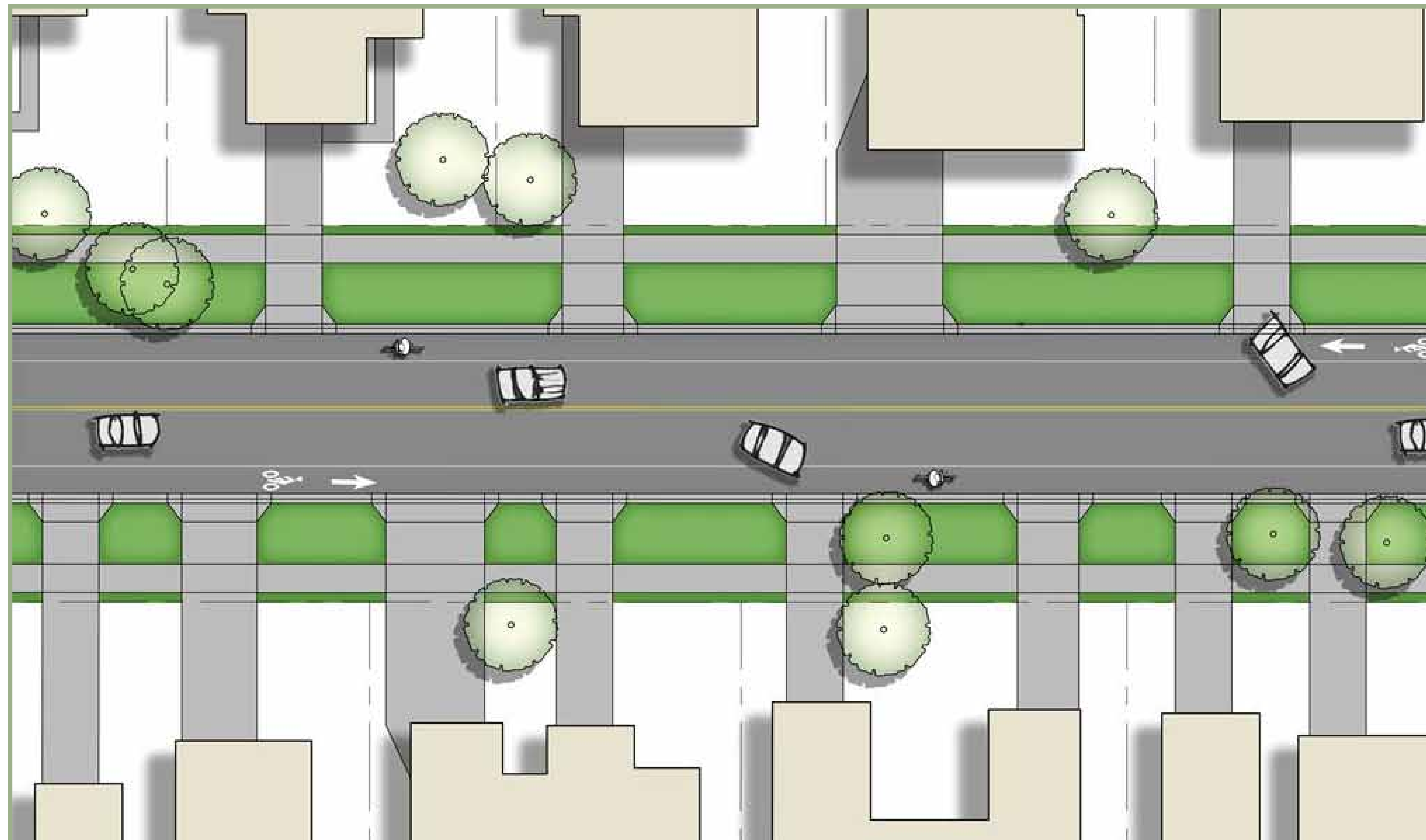
- Sidewalks
- Bicycle lanes
- Landscaping between the sidewalk and road
- Rolled curb
- Bus pull-outs and shelters (some bus stops and shelters may be consolidated or relocated)
- Roundabout at the intersection of Fox Acres Road and Woodside Boulevard
- New traffic signal at the intersection of Woodside Boulevard and SH-75



What Woodside Boulevard might look like

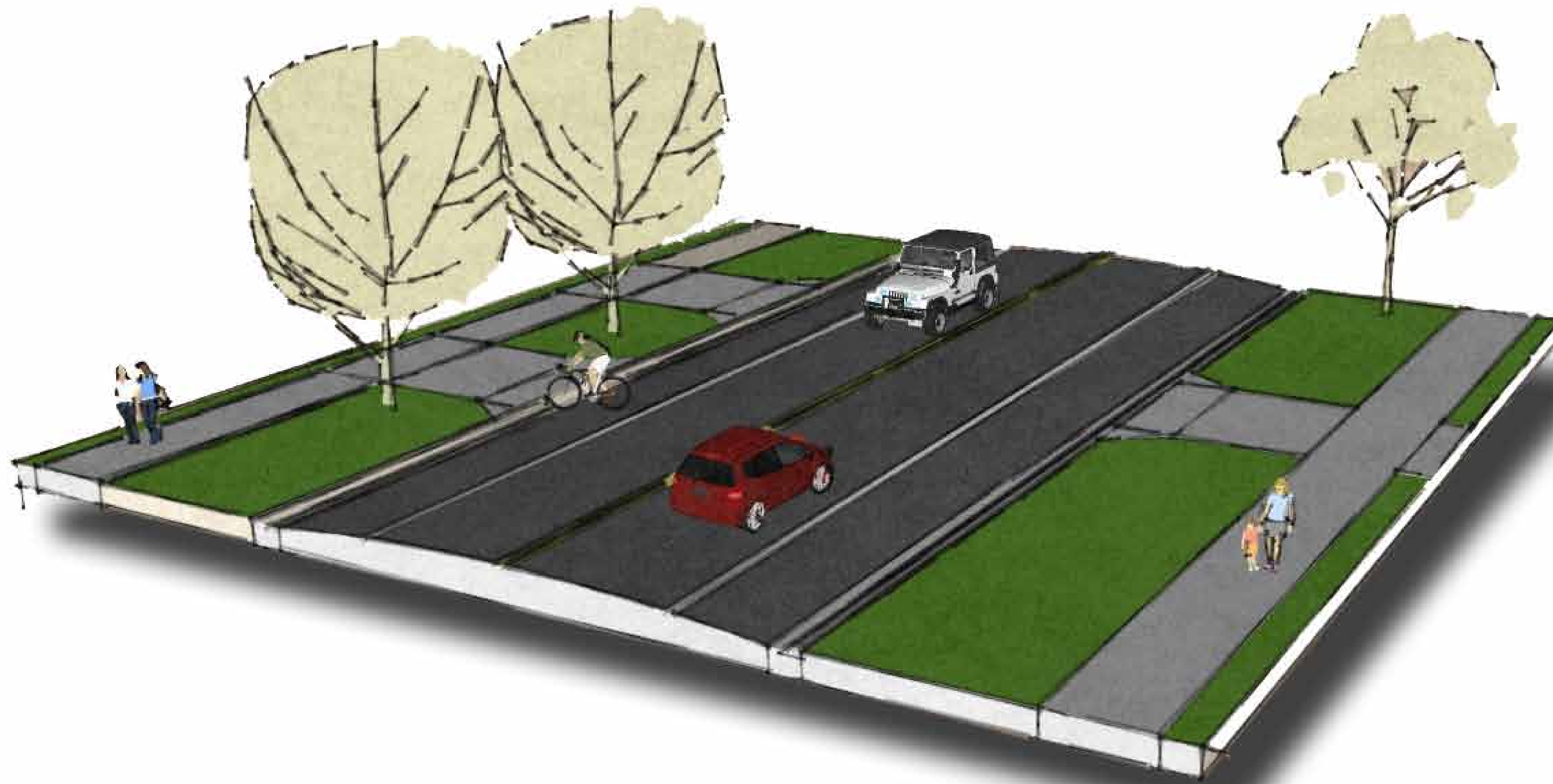


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Street view looking from above

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How improvements were identified

- The City and residents have recognized the importance of making this a safe transportation corridor
- Improving Woodside has been in the City's Capital Improvement Plan for many years
- Woodside was identified as the #1 priority for residential street improvements by citizens responding to a community-wide survey completed in 2009
- The goal of these improvements is to provide a safe corridor for all types of users on Woodside, using "Complete Streets" design principles – which means safely accommodating motorists, transit passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians



Landscaping

Landscaping is planned between the sidewalk and road

- Drivers instinctively slow their speed when landscaping is part of the streetscape
- Landscaping provides a buffer between pedestrians and traffic

Possible planting options might include:

- Trees
- Mix of native grasses and wildflowers
- Grass
- Xeriscape (landscaping with drought-tolerant plants)

Irrigation & maintenance

- If you live on Woodside Boulevard, would you be willing to help maintain landscaping?
- Do you have a sprinkler system or other way to water the landscaping?
- What do you think?



Roundabout at Fox Acres

Benefits of a roundabout:

- Slows all traffic
- Safest type of at-grade intersection
- Accommodates daily changes in directional volumes

Studies by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show that roundabouts improve safety at similar intersections:

- 90% reduction in fatal crashes
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
- 10% reduction in bicycle crashes

What other alternatives have been considered

- All way stop controlled – existing lane configurations
- All way stop controlled – addition of right turn lanes on all legs



Landscaping and structures in the right-of-way

- Prior to construction, right-of-way lines will be visibly staked
- Property owners may want to relocate landscaping and irrigation lines (where possible) prior to construction
- Improvements to Woodside are expected to be done within existing City right-of-way
- Construction of these improvements will require extensive excavation that may mean removal of landscaping and/or structures (for example, grass, trees, shrubs, fences, driveways) if located within City right-of-way
- If driveways are impacted, the driveway and its “approach” will be reconstructed so that a car can safely drive and park in the driveway



How this project might affect you



Impacts to expect:

- On-street parking will be restricted
- Expect traffic delays during construction activity
- Driveway access may be temporarily blocked off (for example, a few hours or a day at a time) during paving activity
- Right-of-way and temporary construction easements may be required



Long-term benefits:

- Improved safety for pedestrians walking along Woodside Boulevard
- New and continuous bike lanes, sidewalk and rolled curb
- Design features to help slow drivers
- Potential landscaping to create an attractive street
- Curb and gutter to improve drainage along the corridor

Project schedule

December 2010	Informational letter mailed to residents and businesses in Woodside Subdivision
January 26, 2011	Public Open House #1 <i>[emphasis on North section – north of Countryside Boulevard]</i>
January 27, 2011	Public Open House #2 <i>[emphasis on South section – south of Countryside Boulevard]</i>
February 12, 2011	Official comment period closes
February 2011	Preliminary Road Design complete
Spring 2011	City Council Presentation Project design finalized
Summer 2011	Begin construction <i>[Focus on construction of <u>Roundabout</u>, <u>SH-75 signal</u>, and <u>road surface rehabilitation between Fox Acres & Countryside</u>; other elements planned for construction in 2012]</i>



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How you can participate

- Fill out a comment card tonight and leave it in the comment box
- Take a card home for yourself, friends, family or neighbors to complete
- Write your comments on the maps provided
- Email comments to **darla@langdongroupinc.com**
- Project and contact information is available to review and download through the City of Hailey website (haileycityhall.org)

Comments are always welcome, but must be received by February 12, 2011 to be considered in the formal comment period.