

An aerial photograph showing a dense urban area on the left and a large green park area on the right. A multi-lane highway runs horizontally across the middle, with a river or canal flowing alongside it. The park area features winding paths, trees, and some buildings. The overall scene is a mix of urban development and natural space.

Forest Lawn Drive Safety & Mobility Project

Memorial Dr. to Zoo Dr.

What's Happening on Forest Lawn?

- Forest Lawn Dr is getting resurfaced from Memorial Dr to Zoo Dr in early 2025
- Fresh paint and pavement markings mean an opportunity to redesign the street and make additional safety improvements
- Proposed Project Area: 1.05 miles on Forest Lawn Drive between Memorial Drive and Zoo Drive



LADOT Project Goals

- Improve traffic safety and reduce frequency and severity of collisions
- Encourage safe speeds by reconfiguring the roadway, including adding a center turn lane
- Upgrade existing bike lanes to encourage ridership through more comfortable bike infrastructure
- Improve active transportation connectivity to Griffith Park and to future projects like the LA RiverWay pathway extension and the DWP Headworks Project

Engagement

Survey conducted August, 2023:

- 728 survey responses
- 42% of respondents use Forest Lawn Drive once a week or more
- 83% say cars are too close to cyclists
- 82% say driving speeds are high

“This road is used as a freeway bypass. Please slow it down.”

“Cars treat Forest Lawn like a freeway ...there is no margin for error. ...Currently, the area where we bike is just this tiny nub of the road... The cars go so fast it's scary.”

Stakeholder meetings in 2023 and 2024:

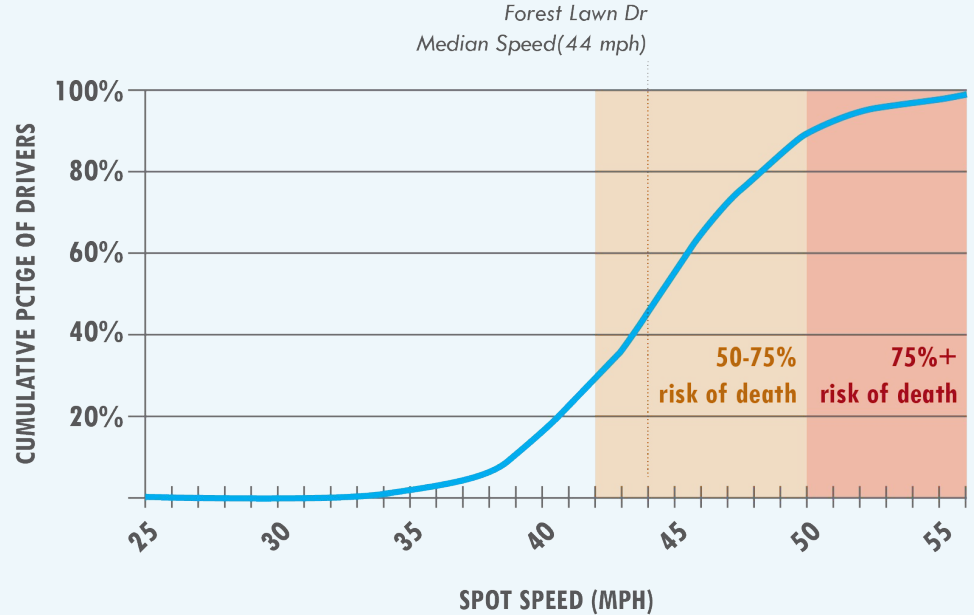
- 13 meetings with various stakeholders including private entities, govt agencies, and neighborhood councils

Speed Matters

Why does speed matter?

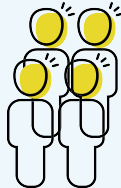
- Pedestrian and bicyclist fatality rates increase at higher speeds
- 1 out of 2 people walking/biking are killed when struck by a car going 42 mph
- **On Forest Lawn 74% of vehicles are driven 42 mph or faster**

Speed Survey of Forest Lawn Dr

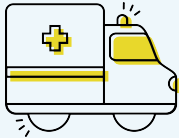


Safety on Forest Lawn

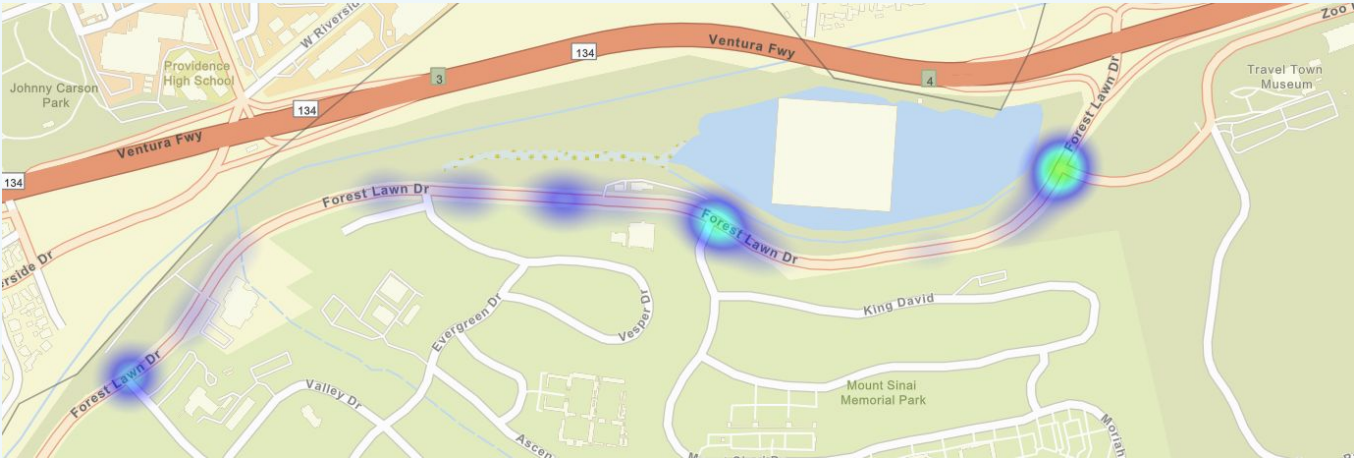
10 Year Crash Data (2013-2023)



95 collisions

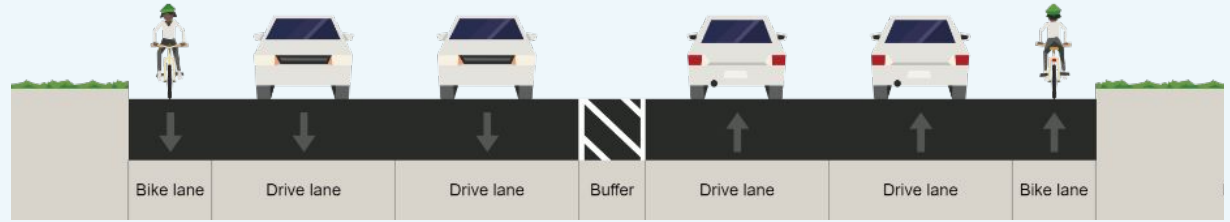


3 people were severely injured or killed



Forest Lawn Proposed Street Design

Current Conditions: Two travel lanes in each direction, bike lane in each direction with no protection for cyclists and pedestrians



Proposed Design: Remove one travel lane in each direction, provide a center turn lane, and upgrade bike lanes to protected bike lanes, ensuring greater safety for ped and cyclists



Current Conditions



- Bike lane on the shoulder
- No sidewalks mean people running on the corridor are also using the bike lane
- No center turn lane: little protection between vehicles traveling in opposite directions and left turns are more challenging



Forest Lawn - Proposed



Travel Lane Changes

Current Conditions

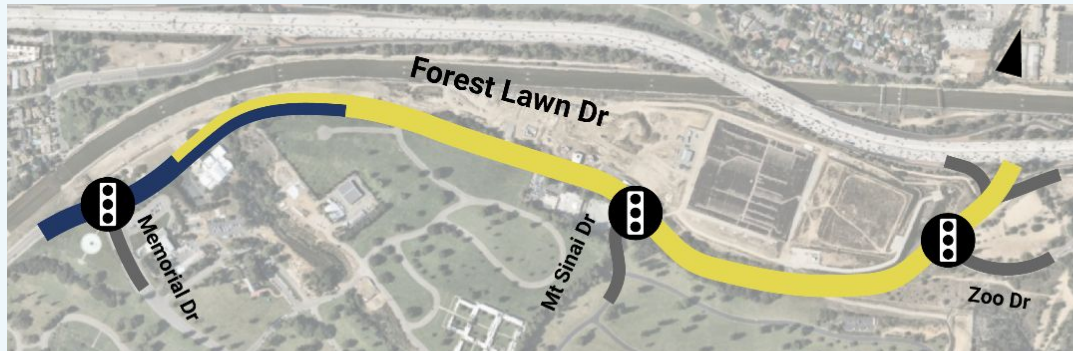


-  Two Travel Lanes in Each Direction
-  One Travel Lane in Each Direction with Center Turn Lane throughout majority of the corridor

Benefits of center turn lane include:

- Extended left turn queuing space for Mt. Sinai and Forest Lawn cemeteries
- New, safe turning space for Junior Achievement Center

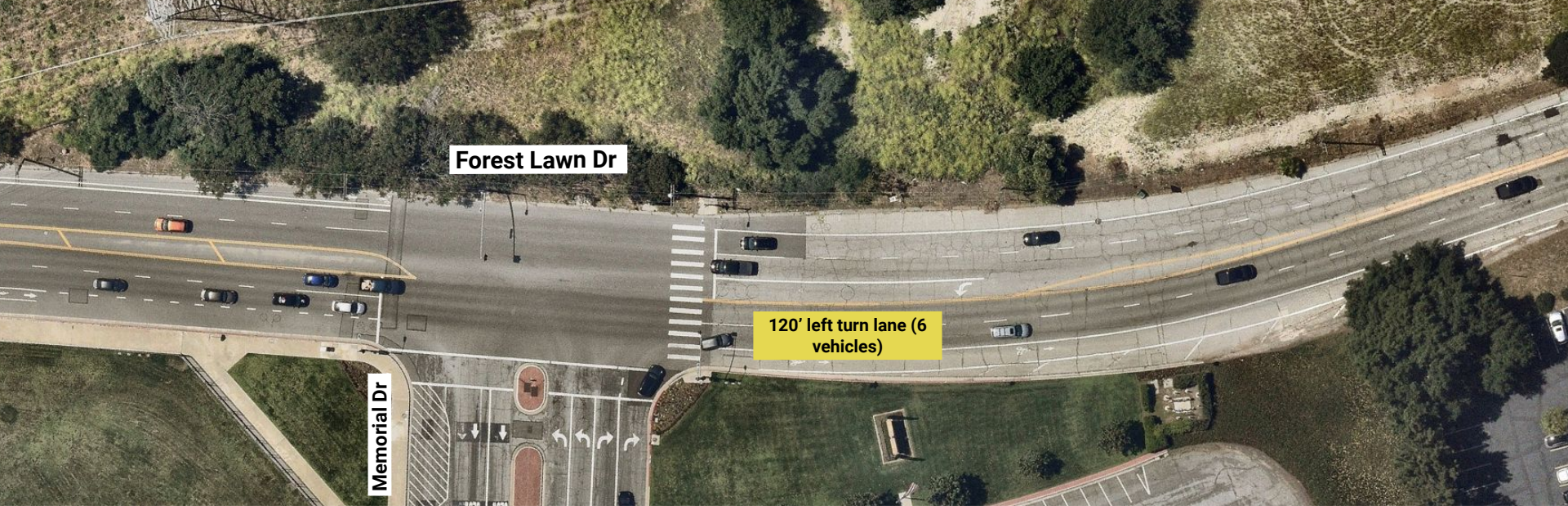
Proposed Conditions*



**Note Memorial Dr, and Zoo Dr intersection configurations remain the same as current conditions*

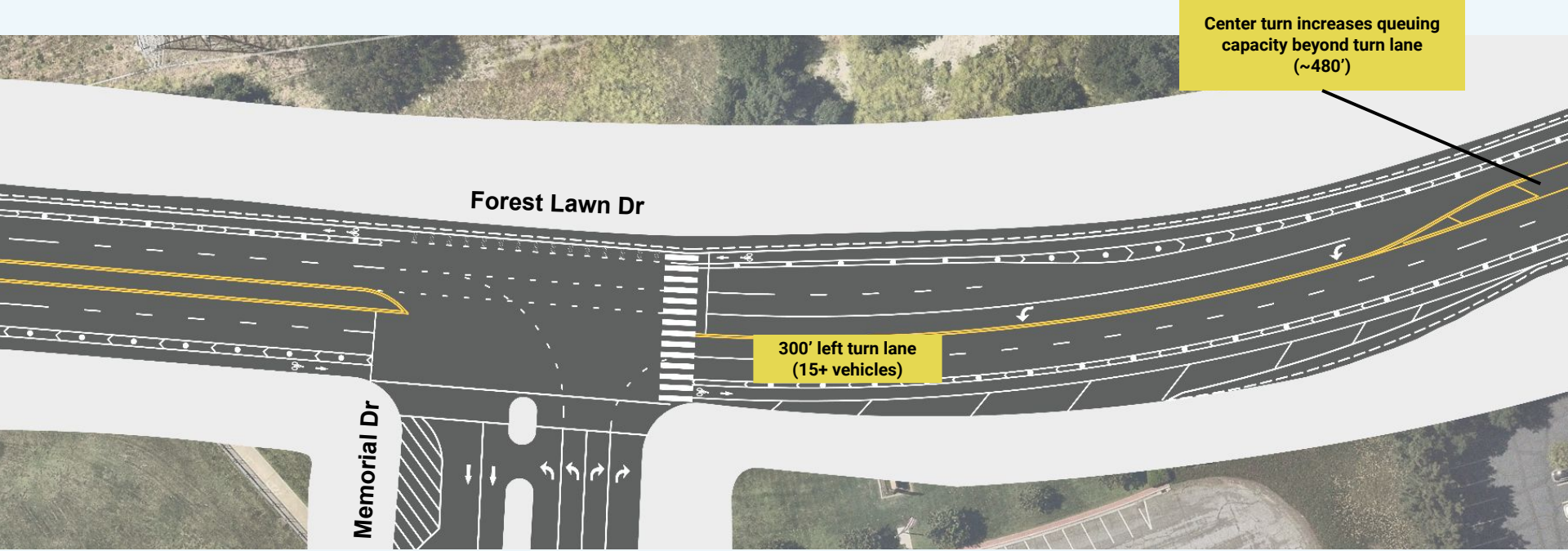
Memorial Dr & Forest Lawn Dr Intersection

Current Conditions



Memorial Dr & Forest Lawn Dr Intersection

Proposed Conditions



Center turn increases queuing capacity beyond turn lane (~480')

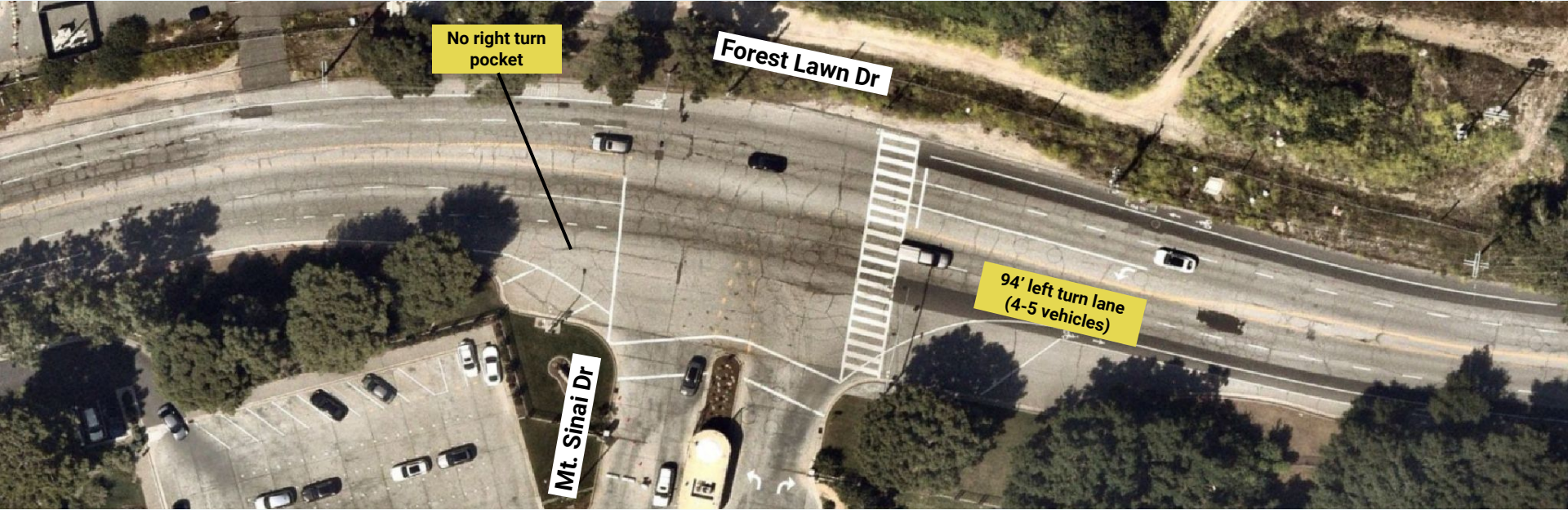
300' left turn lane (15+ vehicles)

Memorial Dr

Forest Lawn Dr

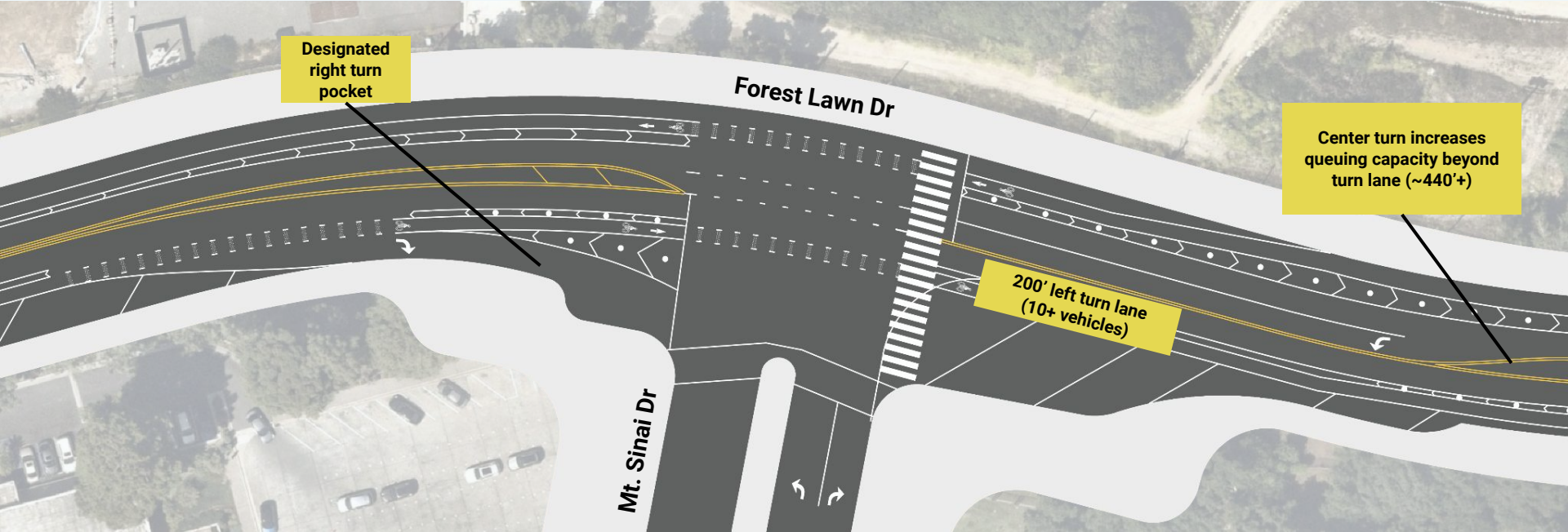
Mt Sinai Dr & Forest Lawn Dr Intersection

Current Conditions



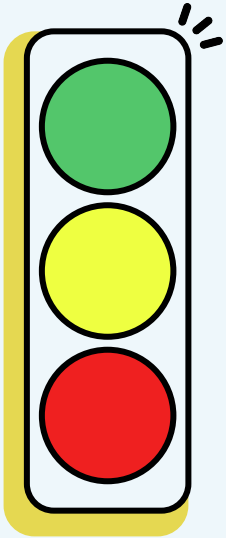
Mt Sinai Dr & Forest Lawn Dr Intersection

Proposed Conditions



LADOT Guidelines for Lane Reconfiguration

According to LADOT guidelines, if traffic modeling for the proposed project shows:






Less than 2 minutes/mile increase: Proceed with project

2-5 minutes/mile increase: Proceed with caution

Greater than 5 minutes/mile increase: Only in special circumstances

Potential Changes in Travel Time

Across the corridor

	Net Change	Guideline
Weekday AM Peak 7-10 AM	<0.1 minutes/mile	
Weekday PM Peak 3-6 PM	0 - 0.2 minutes/mile	
Weekend Peak Sunday 11:30-12:30	<0.1 - 1.6 minutes/mile	

Potential Changes in Travel Time

Forest Lawn from Zoo Drive to Memorial Drive

	Direction	Net Change Minutes	Guideline
Weekday AM Peak 7-10 AM	→ EB	<0.1	●
	← WB	<0.1	●
Weekday PM Peak 3-6 PM	→ EB	0.2	●
	← WB	0	●
Weekend Peak Sunday 11:30-12:30	→ EB	1.6	●
	← WB	<0.1	●

Potential Changes in Travel Time

Northbound Forest Lawn Dr & Mt Sinai Dr Intersection

	Direction	Net Change Minutes	Guideline
Weekday AM Peak 7-10 AM	↑ NB	0.1	●
Weekday PM Peak 3-6 PM	↑ NB	0.3	●
Weekend Peak Sunday 11:30-12:30	↑ NB	0.9	●

Bike Network Treatments

Bike/Walk Path



Bike Lane



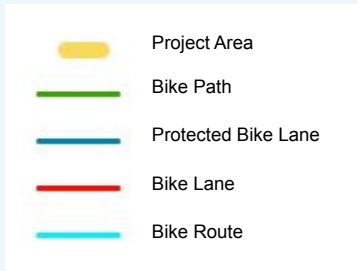
Protected Bike Lane



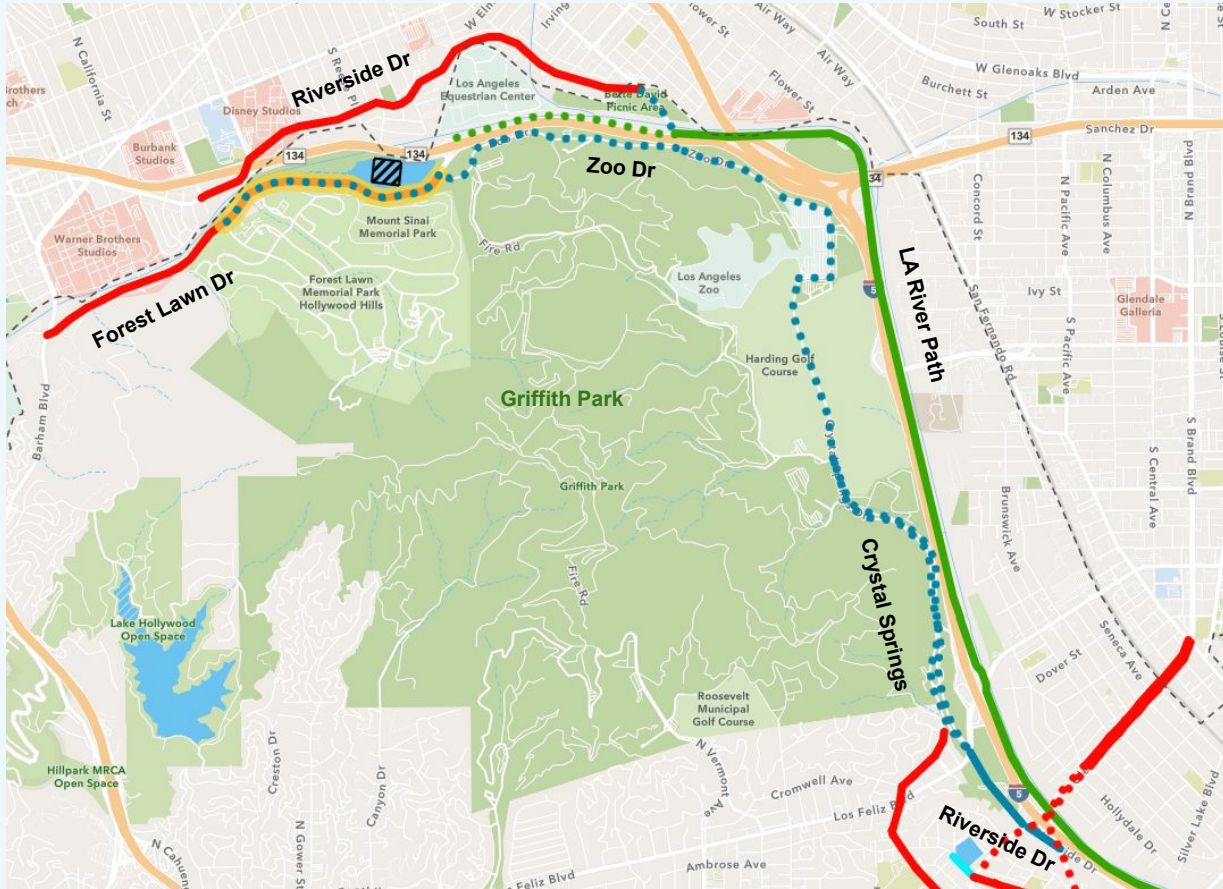
Bike Route (no lane)



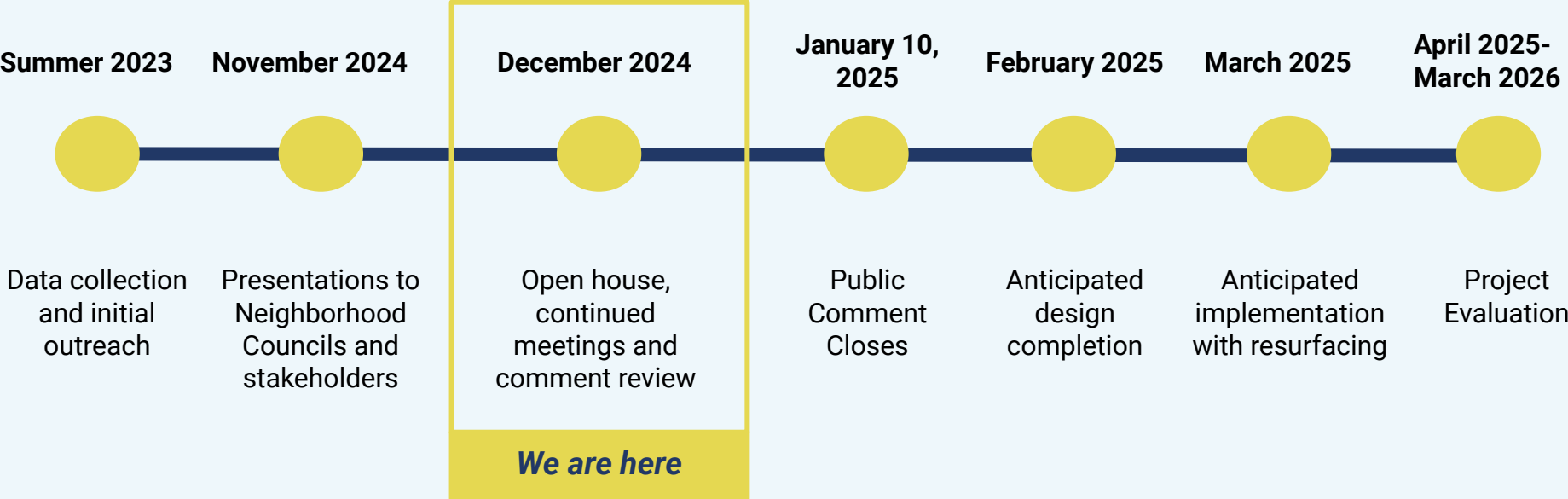
Current Bike Network



Future Bike Network

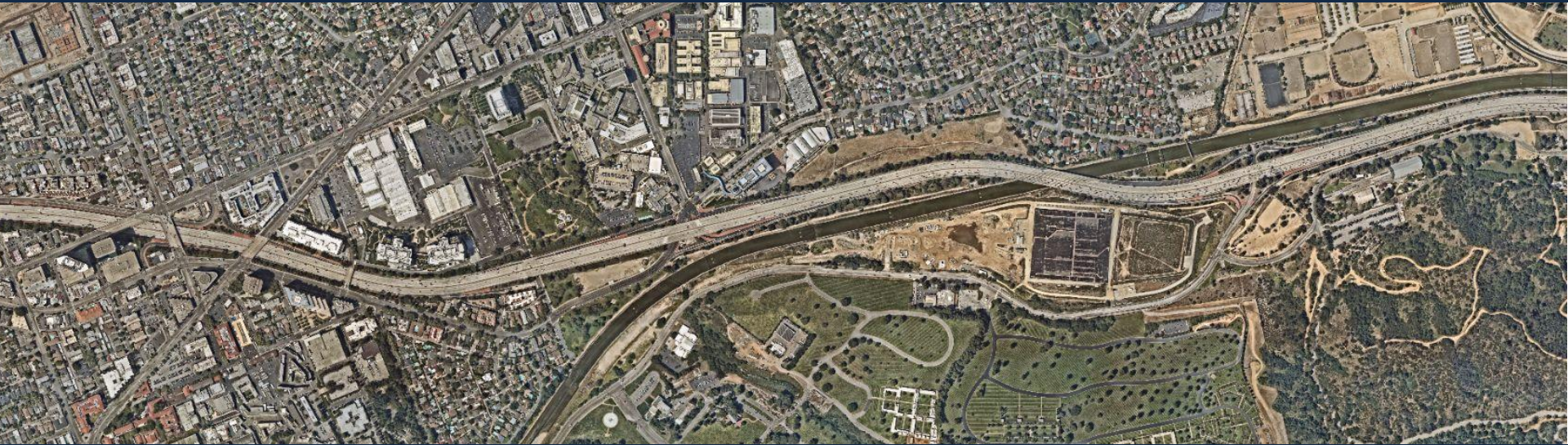


Timeline



Questions?

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