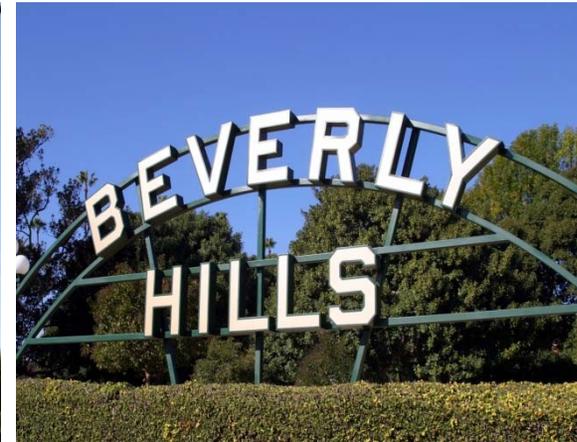


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## Blue Ribbon Committee

November 7, 2013

City of Beverly Hills

North Santa Monica Blvd Reconstruction

# Meeting Outline

- Introductions
- Select Committee Chair & Vice Chair
- Background Information
- Project Goals
- Preliminary Alternatives
- Discussion

# History of Santa Monica Boulevard

- Route 66
- State Route 2
- Beverly Hills Freeway
- Caltrans Relinquished to City in 2005
- Pavement Deterioration and Drainage Problems



# Context in Adjacent Jurisdictions

- West Hollywood Reconfigured Santa Monica Boulevard
- Los Angeles Combined North and South Santa Monica Boulevards
- Both projects include bicycle lanes, landscaped medians, enhanced sidewalks, and art elements



Courtesy of George Bungarda, Gruen Associates



## Project Goals

- Rehabilitate the physical infrastructure along the corridor, including pavement, drainage, sewer and water lines, and street lighting
- Consider a “**Complete Streets**” policy to enhance safety and promote transit and non-motorized modes (bicycling and walking).
- Respect the character of the corridor; including preservation of green space
- Maintain access to the Beverly Hills Business Triangle
- Minimize construction impacts on businesses and residents
- Maintain vehicular flow along the corridor

# Blue Ribbon Committee Assignment

- Receive public input and provide conceptual design recommendations to the City Council for the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project
- Traffic & Parking Commission to address construction traffic mitigation

# Complete Streets



## Elements

- Vehicle Lanes
- Bicycle Lanes
- Parking Lanes
- Transit Lanes
- Sidewalks
- Parkways
- Pedestrian Amenities

Complements Active Transportation & Healthy Cities Initiatives

# Complete Streets



# Benefits of Complete Streets

- Enhanced safety for all users
  - Increased non-motorized mode split
  - Reduced emissions & greenhouse gases
  - Health benefits of physical activity
  - Economic benefits
  - Increased access, mobility and choice
  - Support livable communities
  - Employ sustainable design principles
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- *Complete Streets Implementation Action Plan*, Caltrans, Feb. 2010
  - The Complete Streets Act of CA (AB 1358)

## IT'S A SAFE DECISION



## COMPLETE STREETS in CALIFORNIA

National Complete Streets Coalition  
Local Government Commission

# Types of Bicycle Facilities



- Class 1 Bike Path
- Class 2 Bike Lanes
- Class 3 Bike Routes
  - Signs
  - Sharrows

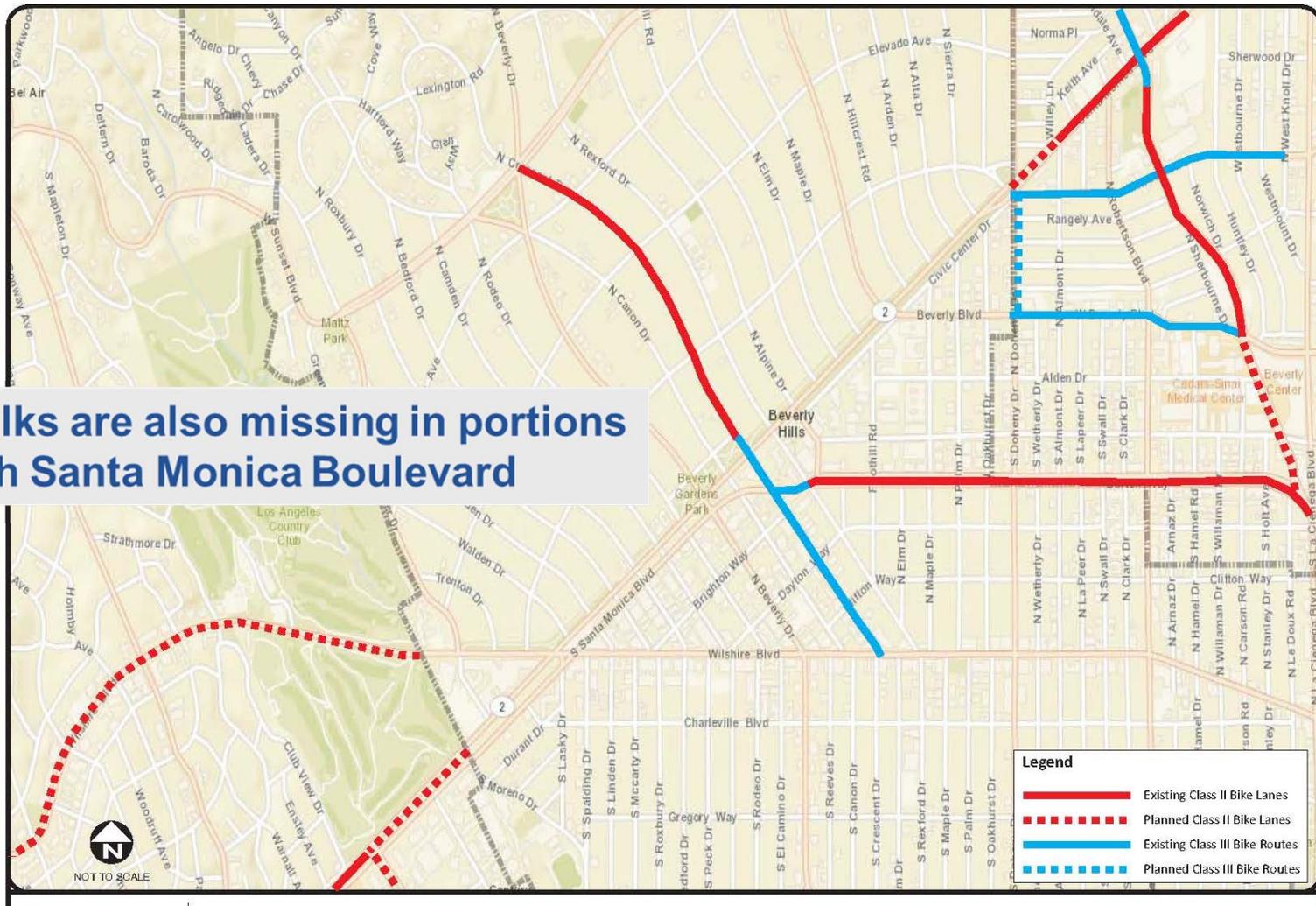


# Beverly Hills Bicycle Routes



# Adjacent Jurisdiction Bicycle Routes

Sidewalks are also missing in portions of North Santa Monica Boulevard



# Examples of Median Islands



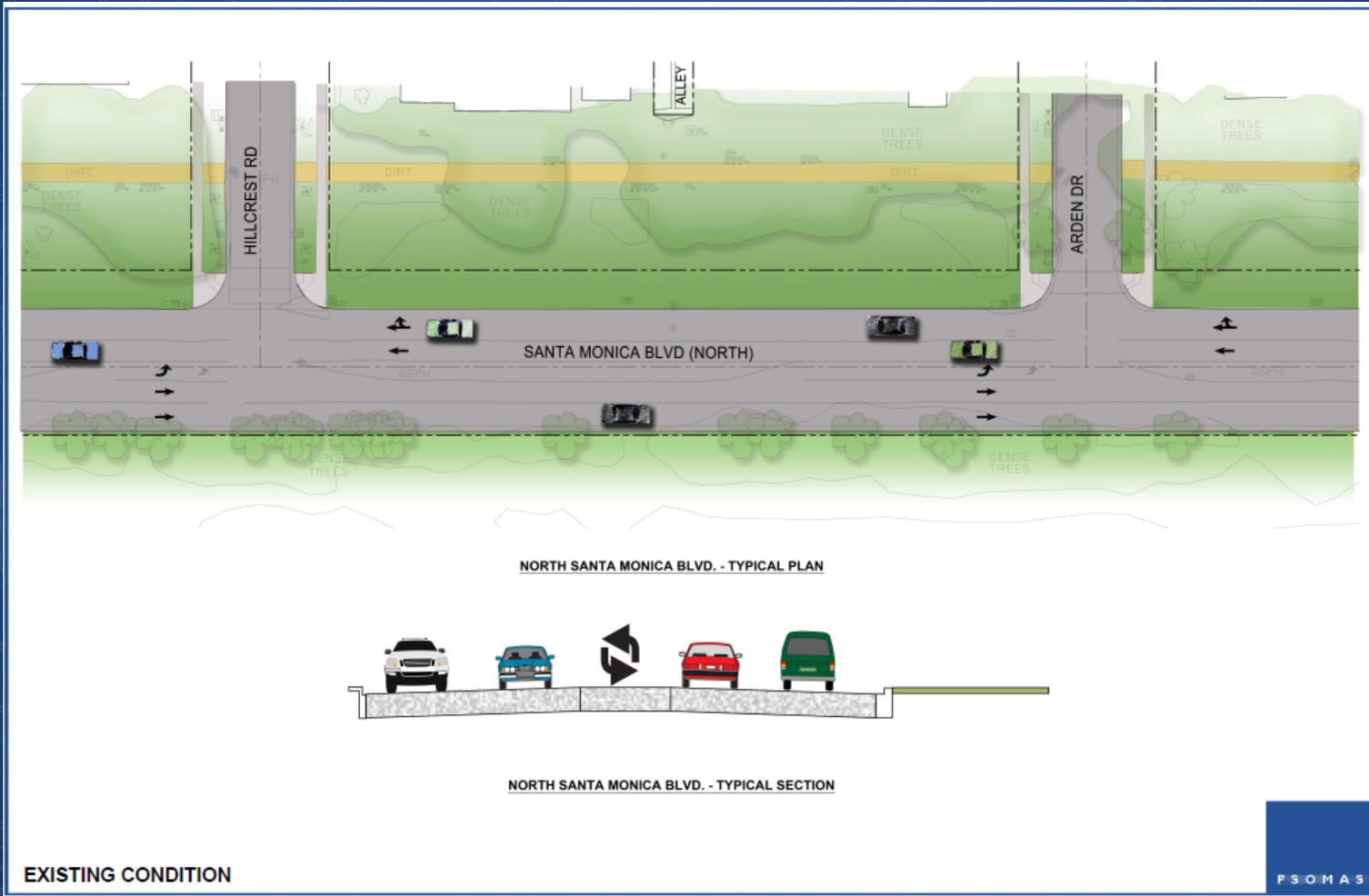
# Examples of Median Islands



# Initial Set of Concept Alternatives

| Alternative                               | Cross Section | 1. Rehabilitate Infrastructure       | 2. Consider Safe Complete Streets | 3. Respect Character, Preserve Green Space | 4. Maintain Access to Business Triangle | 5. Minimize Construction Impacts | 6. Maintain Vehicular Flow | Composite Score | Disposition                    |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Existing                                  |               |                                      |                                   |  |   |                                  |                            |                 |                                |
| 1. Existing Cross Section                 |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Consider                       |
| 2. Eastbound Bike Lane Westbound Sidewalk |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Consider                       |
| 3. Two Bike Lanes                         |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Consider                       |
| 4. Two Bike Lanes with Median             |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Consider (Refinement of Alt 3) |
| 5. Off Street Bike/Ped Pathway            |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Consider                       |
| 6. Two Bike Lanes Eliminate Left Turns    |               | ●                                    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                       | ●                                | ●                          | ●               | Drop                           |
| <b>Legend</b>                             |               |                                      |                                   |  |   |                                  |                            |                 |                                |
| ● - Satisfies Project Goal                |               | ● - Partially Satisfies Project Goal |                                   | ● - Does Not Satisfy Project Goal          |   |                                  |                            |                 |                                |

# Alt I: Existing Cross Section

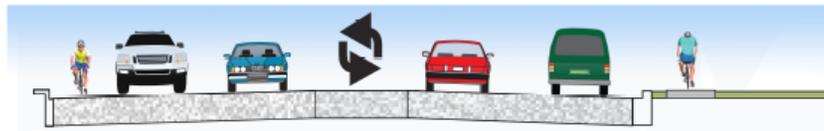


# Alts 2 or 6: Maintain Existing Curb to Curb Width

Alt 2.



NORTH SANTA MONICA BLVD. - TYPICAL PLAN



NORTH SANTA MONICA BLVD. - TYPICAL SECTION

**FEATURES**

- (1) ON STREET (E/B) BIKE LANE
- (1) OFF STREET (W/B) BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK

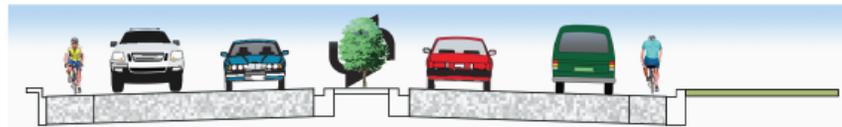
MAINTAIN EXISTING CURB TO CURB WIDTH

# Alts 3,4 or 5: Modified Curb to Curb Width

Alt 3



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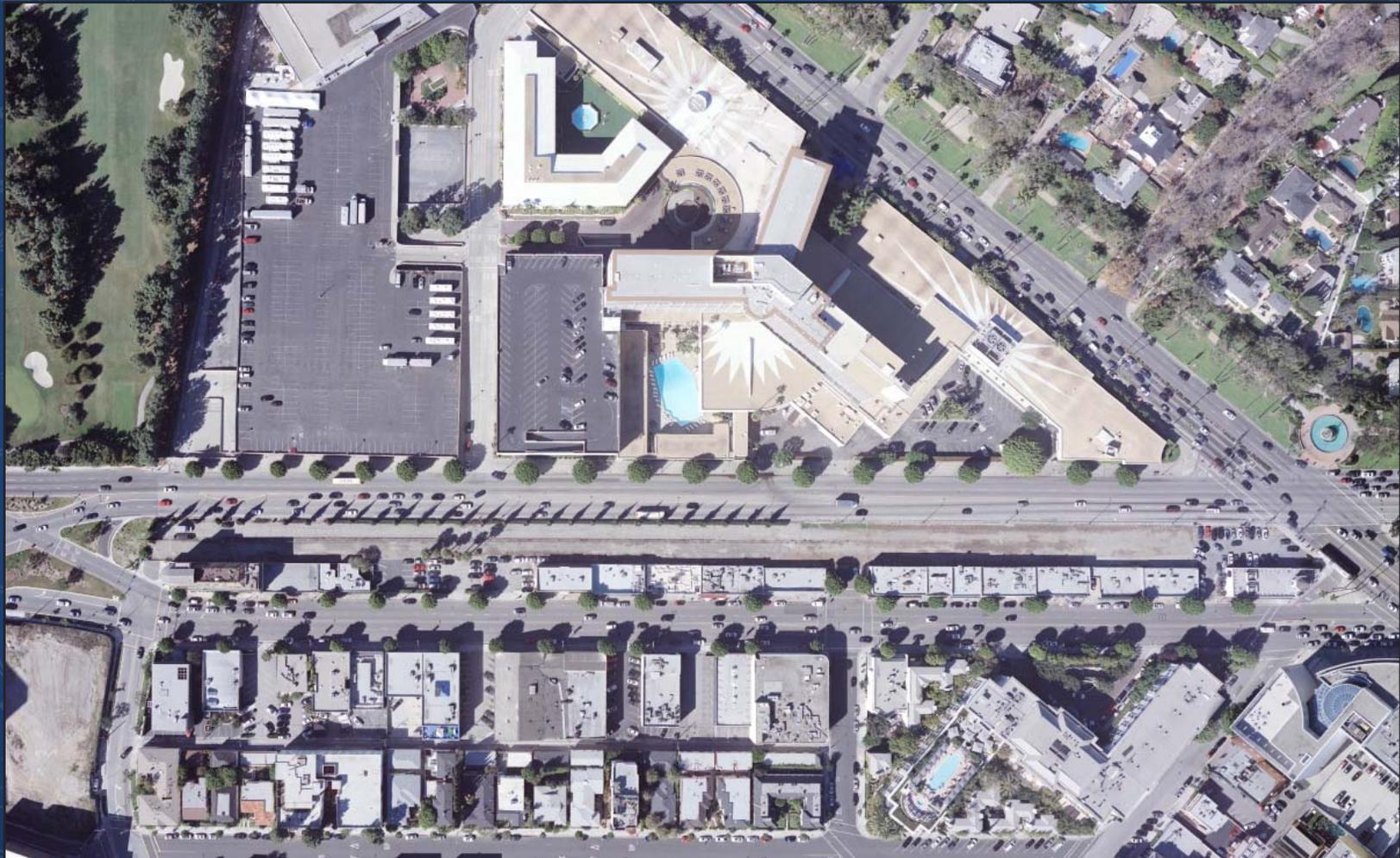
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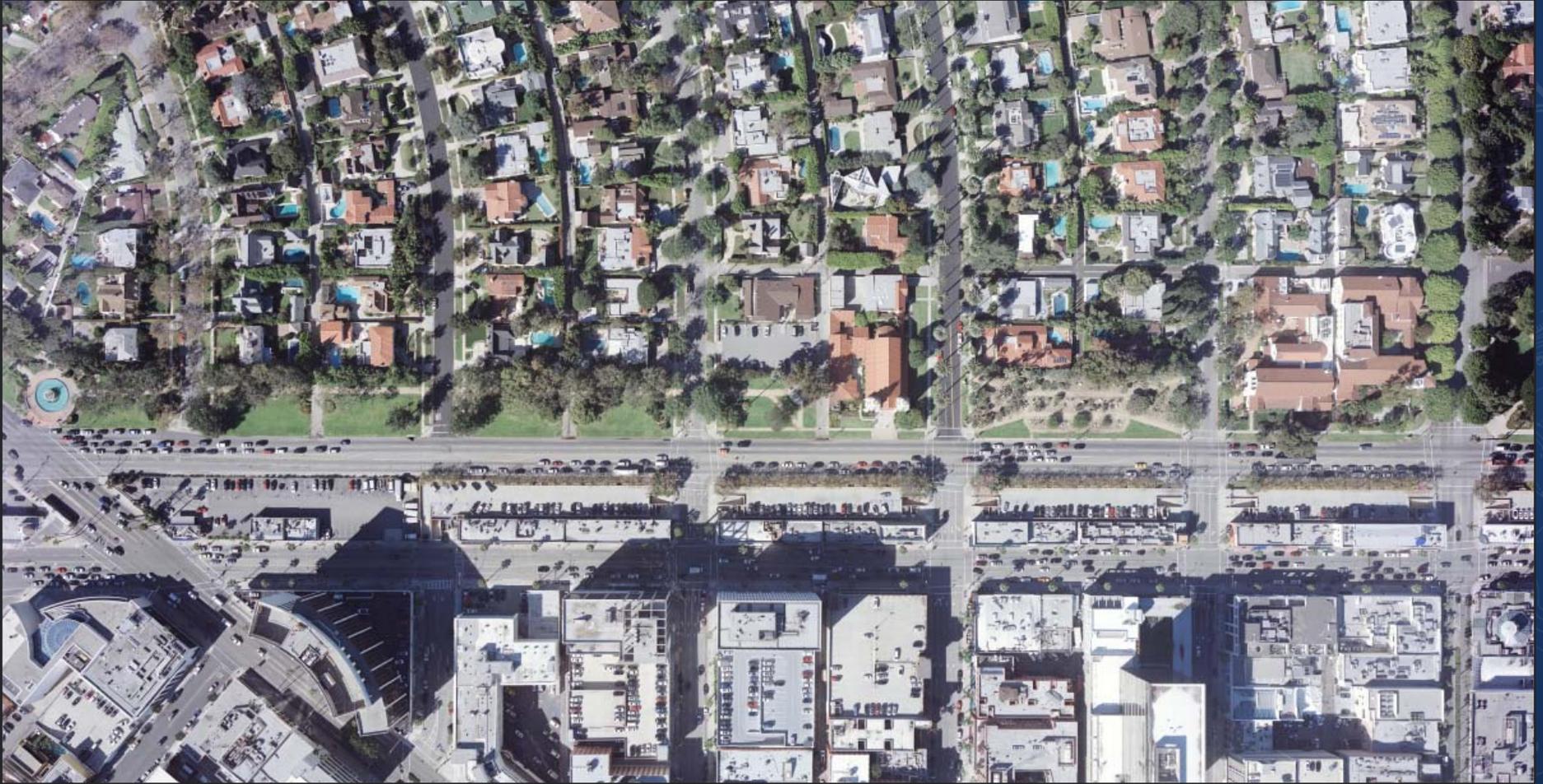
- (2) ON STREET BIKE LANES
- URBAN GREENING / LANDSCAPED MEDIAN

MODIFIED CURB TO CURB WIDTH

# Western Segment: Moreno to Wilshire



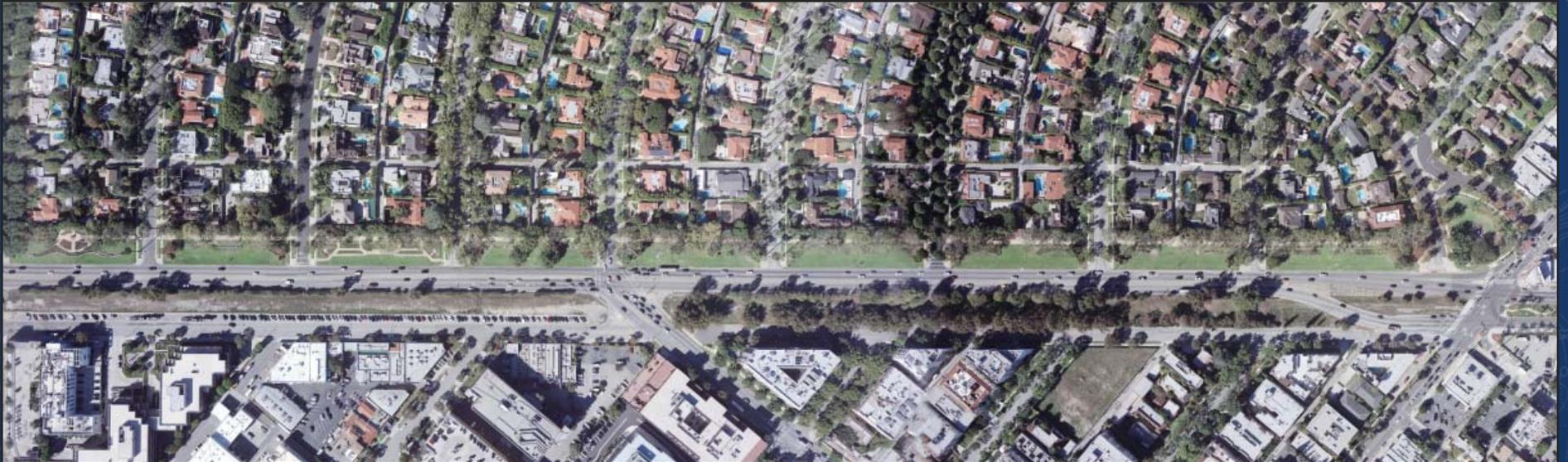
# Wilshire to Rodeo: Churches and Parking Structures



# Rodeo to Civic Center Drive Beverly Gardens Park/Civic Center



# Eastern Segment: Civic Center Drive to Doheny Drive



# Moving Forward

- **Blue Ribbon Committee: Development of Preferred Concept**
  - “Base” cross section will be adapted by segment
- **Traffic & Parking Commission: Construction Mitigation Planning**
  - Sequencing, concurrent activities, and mitigation
- **Community Input**
  - Key determinant for both items

# Community Outreach Meetings

1. Tonight's initial public outreach meeting
2. Trolley/walking tours (Nov 13 & 17)
3. Presentation of conceptual design alternatives (Dec 10)
4. Preliminary evaluation of conceptual alternatives (Jan 8)
5. Blue Ribbon Committee develops recommendations
6. Recommendations presented to City Council