

BRUCE VENTO REGIONAL TRAIL EXTENSION

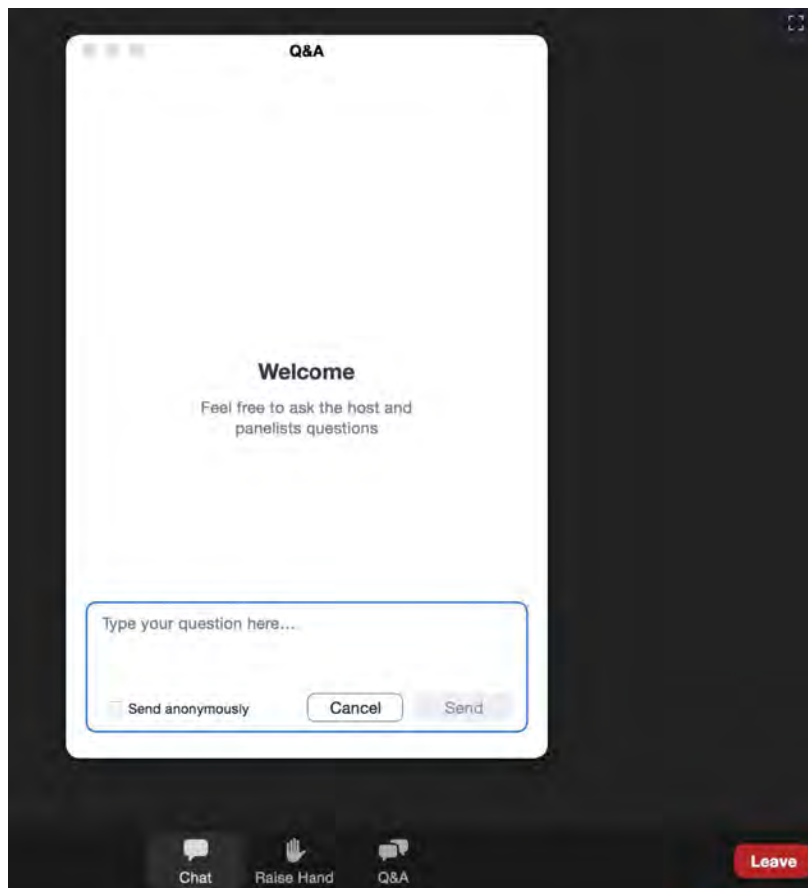
WELCOME



VIRTUAL MEETING BASICS

- During the presentation attendees will be on mute and have their camera disabled.
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PROJECT CONTEXT



The Bruce Vento Trail is an important community asset.

This trail extension project re-envisioned the Bruce Vento Regional Trail as a 13.3 mile trail from downtown Saint Paul to the county boundary in White Bear Township.

PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Phase 2 extension will run 3.5 miles from Whitaker Street to County Road J in White Bear Lake and White Bear Township.

The Phase 2 extension will connect to the previously planned Phase 1 extension.

The new trail connections will benefit residents and businesses in the adjacent neighborhoods, while drawing new audiences to the trail system!

PROJECT HISTORY

1993: Master Plan for Bruce Vento Trail Completed

2018-19: Ramsey County initiates three design projects including Phase 1 Trail Final Design, Feasibility Study to evaluate alternate corridor for Phase 2 including a public engagement process, and initiate a master plan amendment for the Bruce Vento Regional Trail

2020: Preferred trail alignment for Phase 2 of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail determined

2020: Ramsey County prepares a Draft master Plan Amendment for long-term improvements to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail

November 2020: RFP for Phase 2 Predesign

January 2021: Begin Phase 2 Predesign

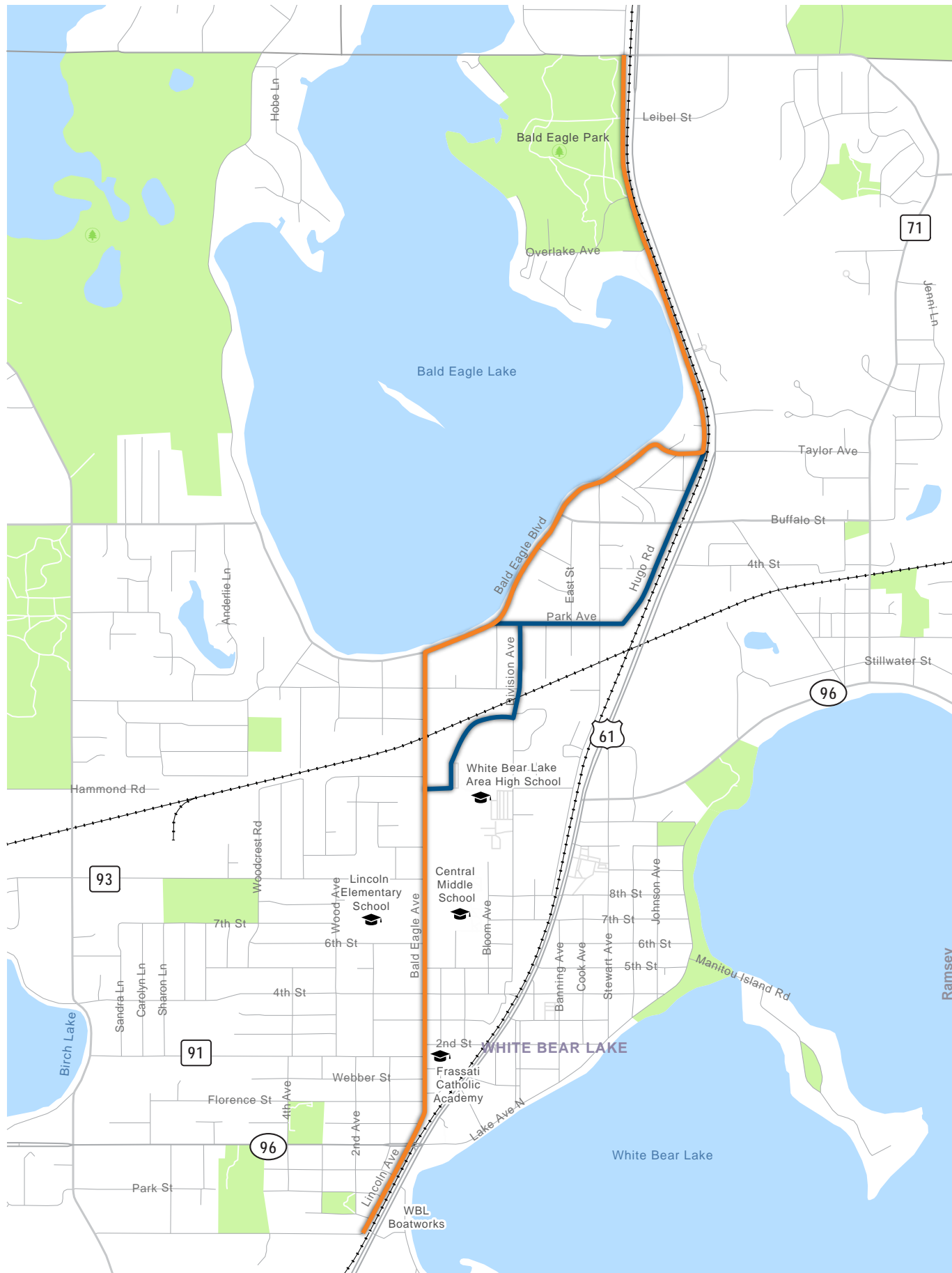
May 2021: Draft Amendment approved by Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

May 2021: Draft Amendment submitted to Metropolitan Council

PROJECT GOALS

- Provide trail connections to Rush Line BRT, downtown White Bear Lake, and other trail systems.
- Prepare for final design, construction, and future grant requests.
- Conduct community engagement to gather input on regional trail improvements.
- Design high quality community spaces for all people, all ages and all abilities.
- Provide a regional trail facility, amenities, and site components that incorporate sustainability and green infrastructure for long-term resiliency.

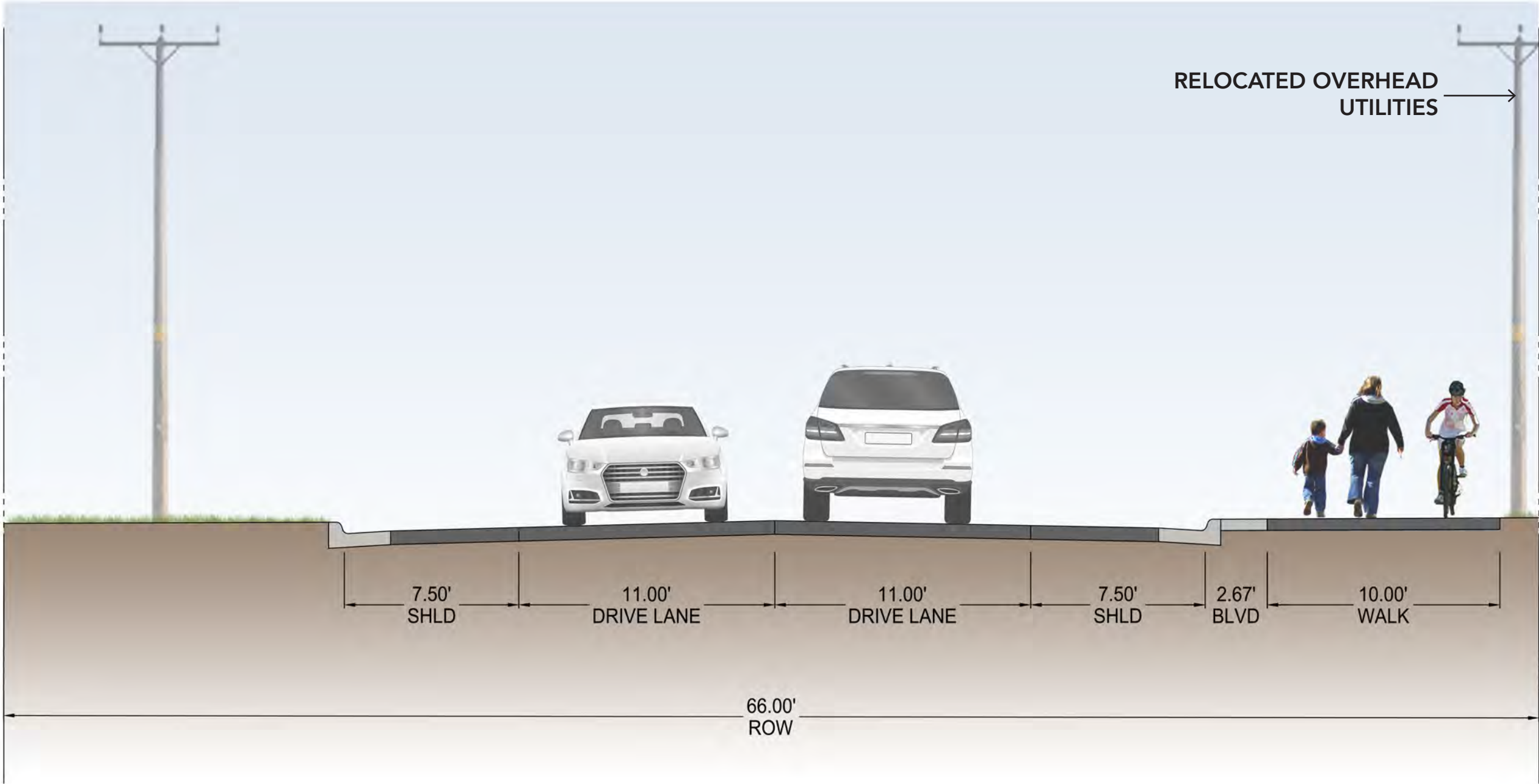
PROJECT ELEMENTS



- Preferred trail alignment
- Alternate alignments*

* Will only be considered if design team cannot develop an alignment that works on Bald Eagle Boulevard.

PROPOSED BALD EAGLE AVE BETWEEN 4TH ST AND BALD EAGLE BLVD

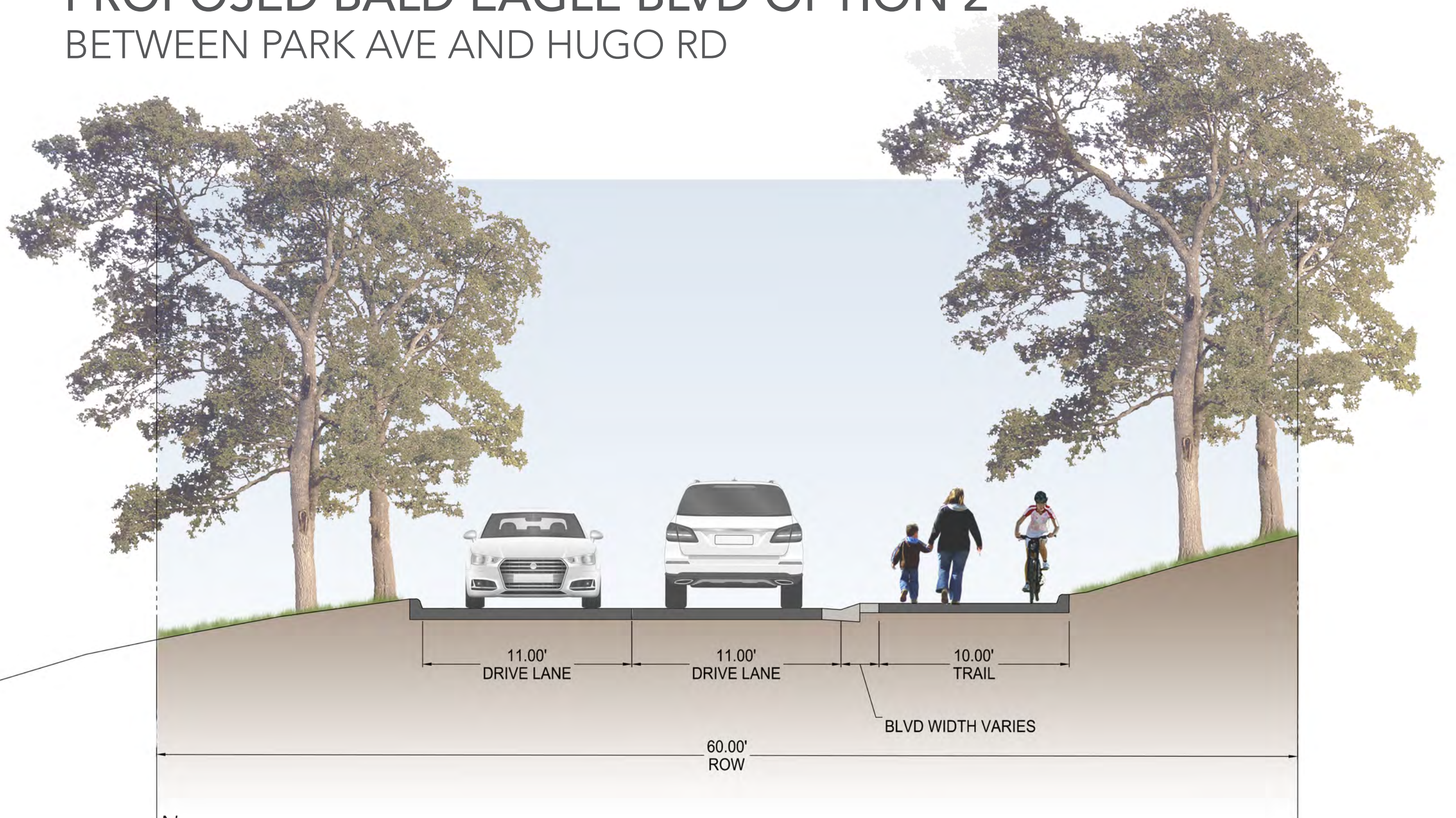


PROPOSED BALD EAGLE BLVD OPTION 1 BETWEEN PARK AVE AND HUGO RD



Note: Road location in ROW varies.

PROPOSED BALD EAGLE BLVD OPTION 2 BETWEEN PARK AVE AND HUGO RD

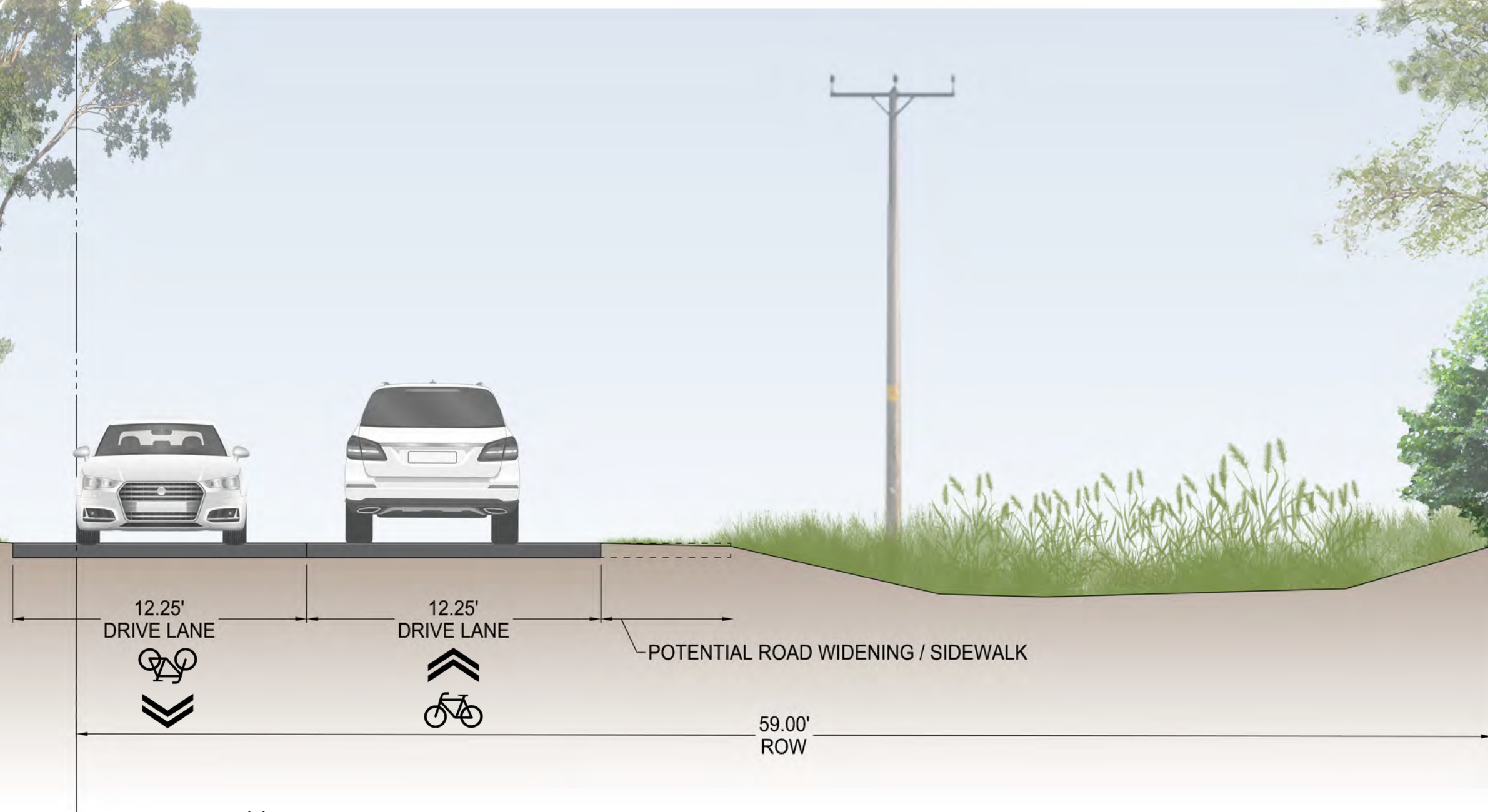


Note:

- Road location in ROW varies.
- Option may require retaining walls in some locations.

HUGO RD

BETWEEN TAYLOR AVE AND BALD EAGLE-OTTER LAKES REGIONAL PARK



Note: Road location in ROW varies.

TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

- Develop schematic design options and 20 percent preliminary plans.
- Conduct additional community engagement to seek input on design options.
- Predesign complete by end of 2021.

INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

LATE SUMMER 2021

Round 2 engagement will seek input on potential trail alignment design concepts.

FALL 2021

Round 3 engagement will seek input on a preferred trail alignment design concept.

ADD TO THE WIKIMAP

BRUCE VENTO REGIONAL TRAIL - PHASE 2 EXPANSION DESIGN



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 ADD** your ideas to the map by clicking "Add Comments" or "Add Routes" to place icons using the menu bar below.
- 2 DESCRIBE** your comment in the text box that pops up.

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!

COMMENT CATEGORIES

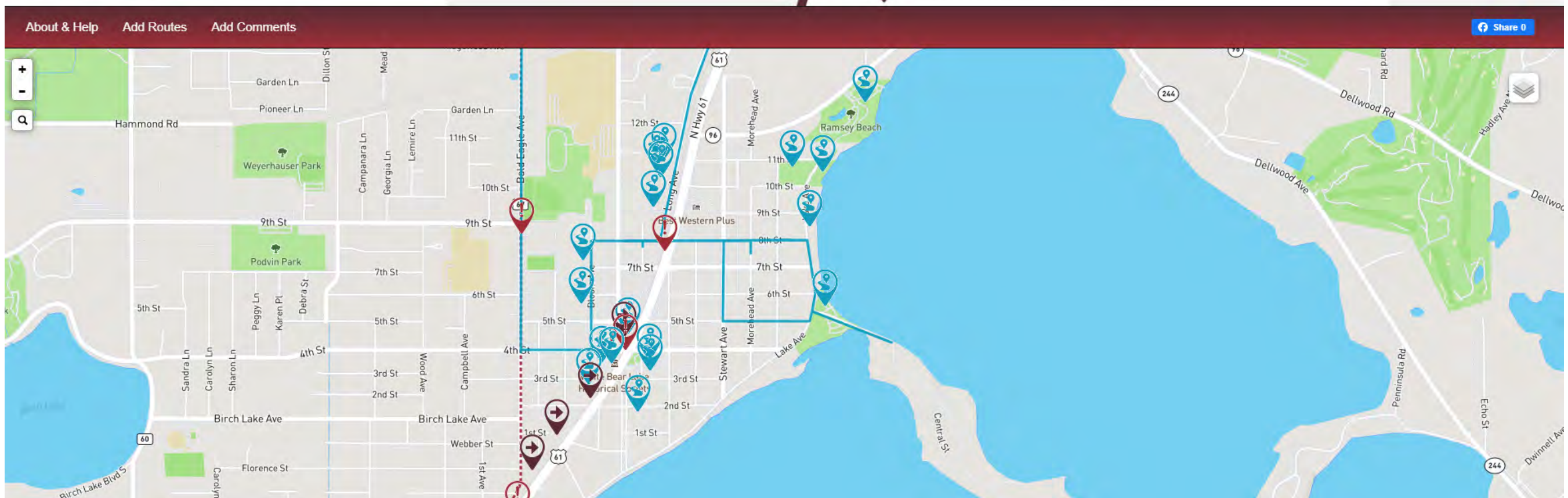
- What community destinations would you use the trail to visit?
- Do you know of any areas of concern or opportunities along the route?
- Where would you like to enter the trail?

ROUTE CATEGORIES

- Where would you go along the trail?

LEGEND

- Preferred Phase 2 Expansion Trail Route



Desired Trail Entrance

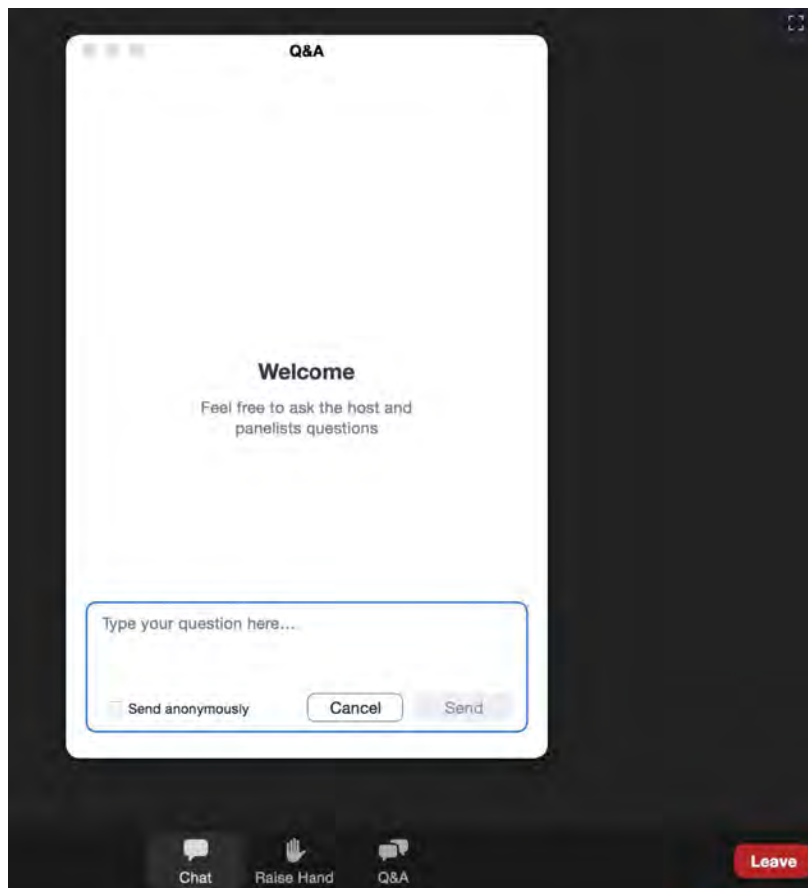


Community Destination



Opportunity or Area of Concern

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