

Greensferry River Crossing

Neighborhood Meeting

September 15, 2020



Proposed Project

Post Falls Highway District (PFHD) is proposing to rebuild the Greensferry Road Bridge over Spokane River in the same location as the original Greensferry Road Bridge.



Community Input



- We are here to listen!
- Will determine how the new crossing will function and what it will look like.
- Will determine if the project moves forward to construction through the bond election.





Who have we talked to?

- **Post Falls School District**
 - Superintendent and Busing Supervisor
- **Emergency Service Responders**
 - Kootenai Fire and Rescue
 - Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services Systems
 - Kootenai County Office of Emergency Services Management
 - Kootenai County Sheriff
- **City of Post Falls**
 - Planners & Engineers
 - Mayor
- **Kootenai County Commissioners**





What have we heard?

- **Very much needed! Surprised it took this long.**
 - **Noise mitigation for adjacent property owners may be needed.**
 - **Decreases driving time.**
 - **Redistributes – does not increase traffic.**
 - **Growth is happening regardless, this project will not increase growth.**
 - **No-brainer from an EMS standpoint.**
 - **Speed limit can't increase.**
 - **Piers are navigation/safety issue – jet skis will hit them.**
 - **Must go to the people, they will not come to you! Go door-to-door.**
 - **New bridge will significantly improve busing routes for PFSD.**
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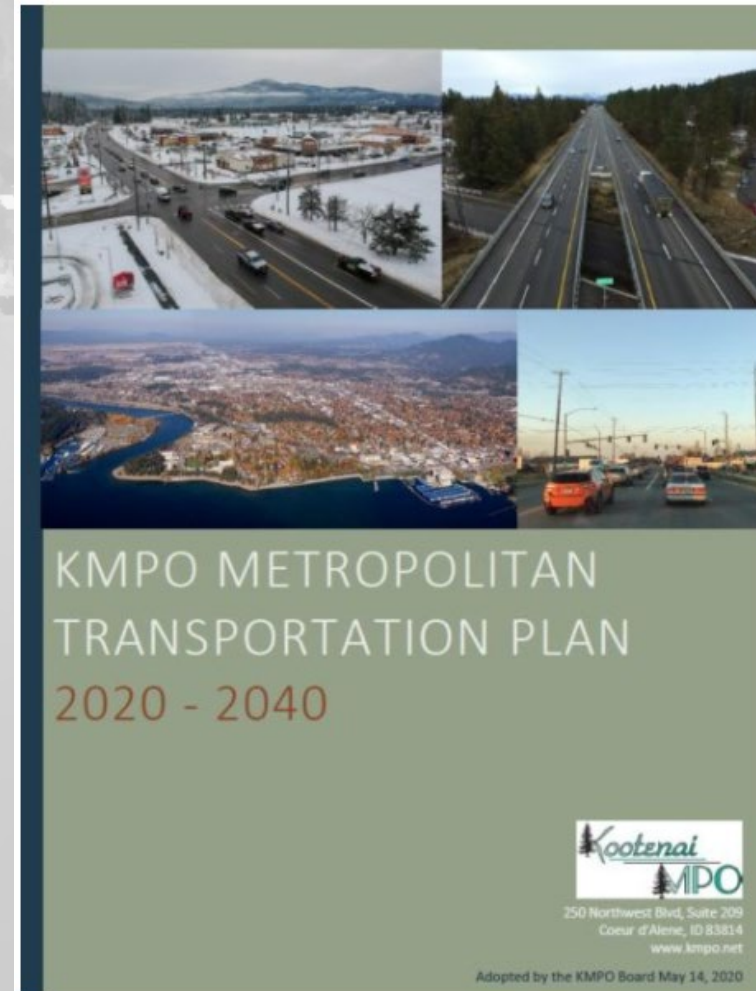
How did we get here?



**Post Falls Highway District
Transportation Plan**
September 2018



Prepared by:



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Event	Date
Request for Proposals (RFP)	May 2020
Consultant selection	July 2020
Key Stakeholder Interviews	August/September 2020
Neighborhood Meeting	TONIGHT!
Bridge Concept Report	December 2020
Community Working Group	Winter/Spring 2021
Public Open House	Spring 2021
Preliminary Design/Public Feedback	Summer 2021



Why at Greensferry Road?



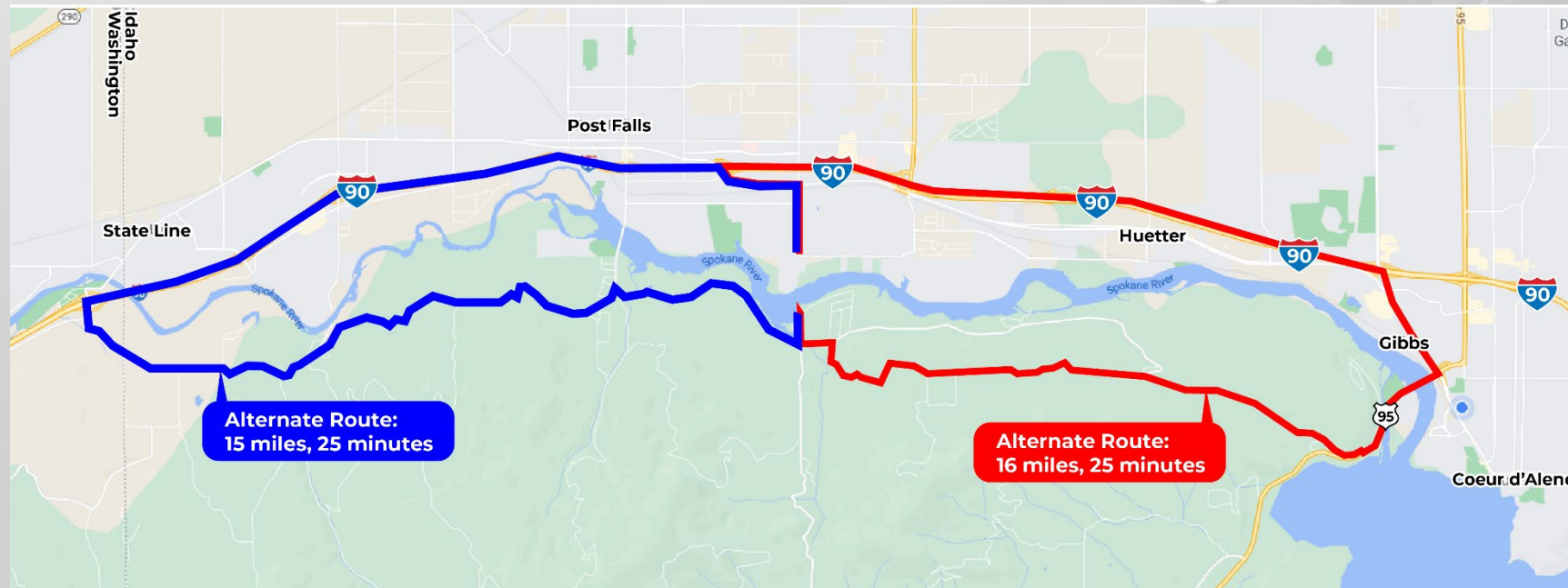
- **PFHD owns 50 ft. of right-of-way in this location.**
 - This ultimately saves taxpayer dollars.
- **It is close to the main population center in a location that best serves growth in the area and provides close access to services.**
- **Connects to a main north/south arterial, which provides access across I-90 and connects to many other regional routes (Poleline, Prairie, Hayden, Wyoming, SH-53).**
- **Widening Spokane Street Bridge does not solve mobility problems in the area.**





Benefits of Greensferry Crossing

- Improves both mobility and safety.
- Provides an additional route in the event of an emergency.
- Improves service response times for secondary emergency response teams.
- Will redistribute area traffic, reducing congestion.



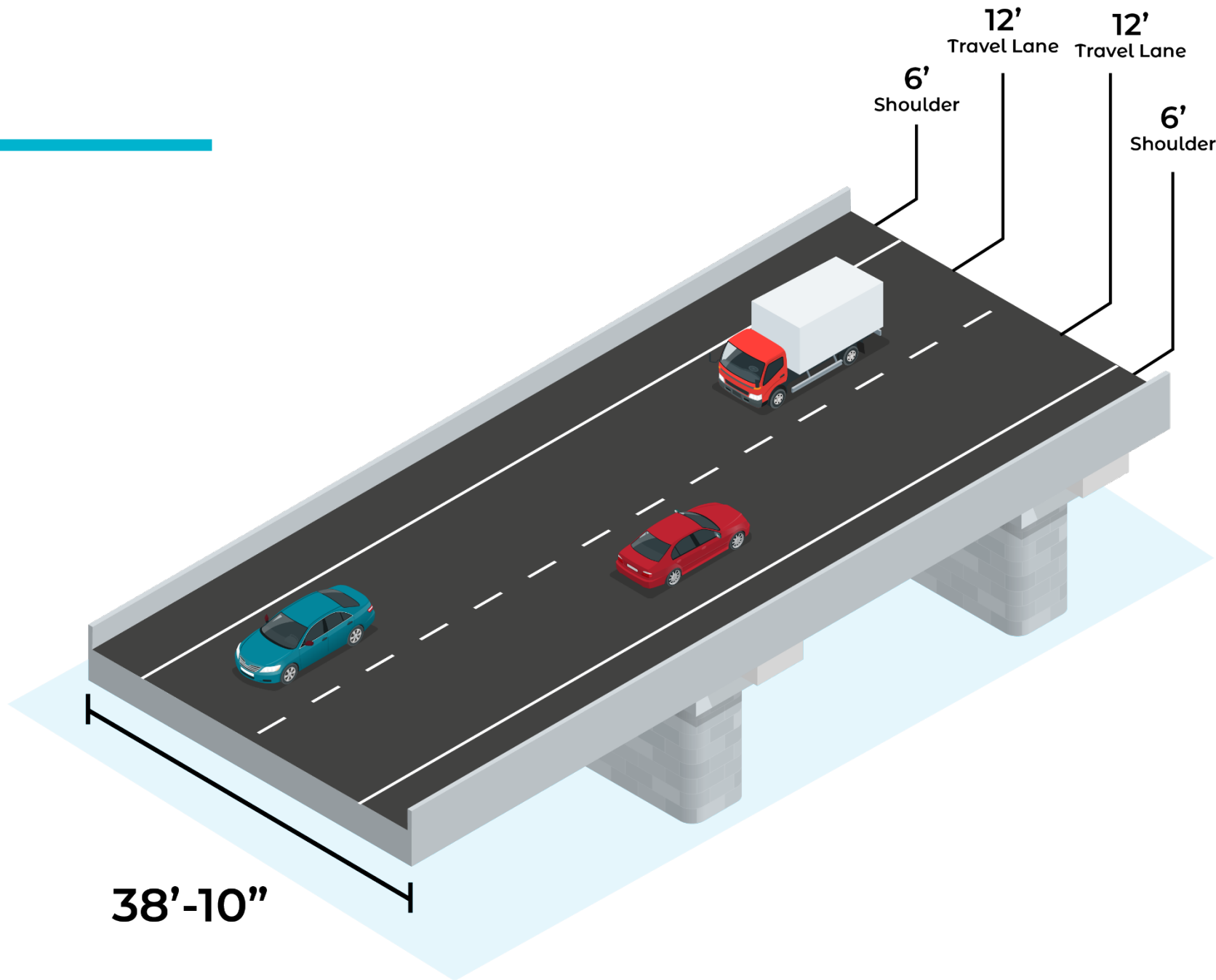
Challenges of Greensferry Crossing



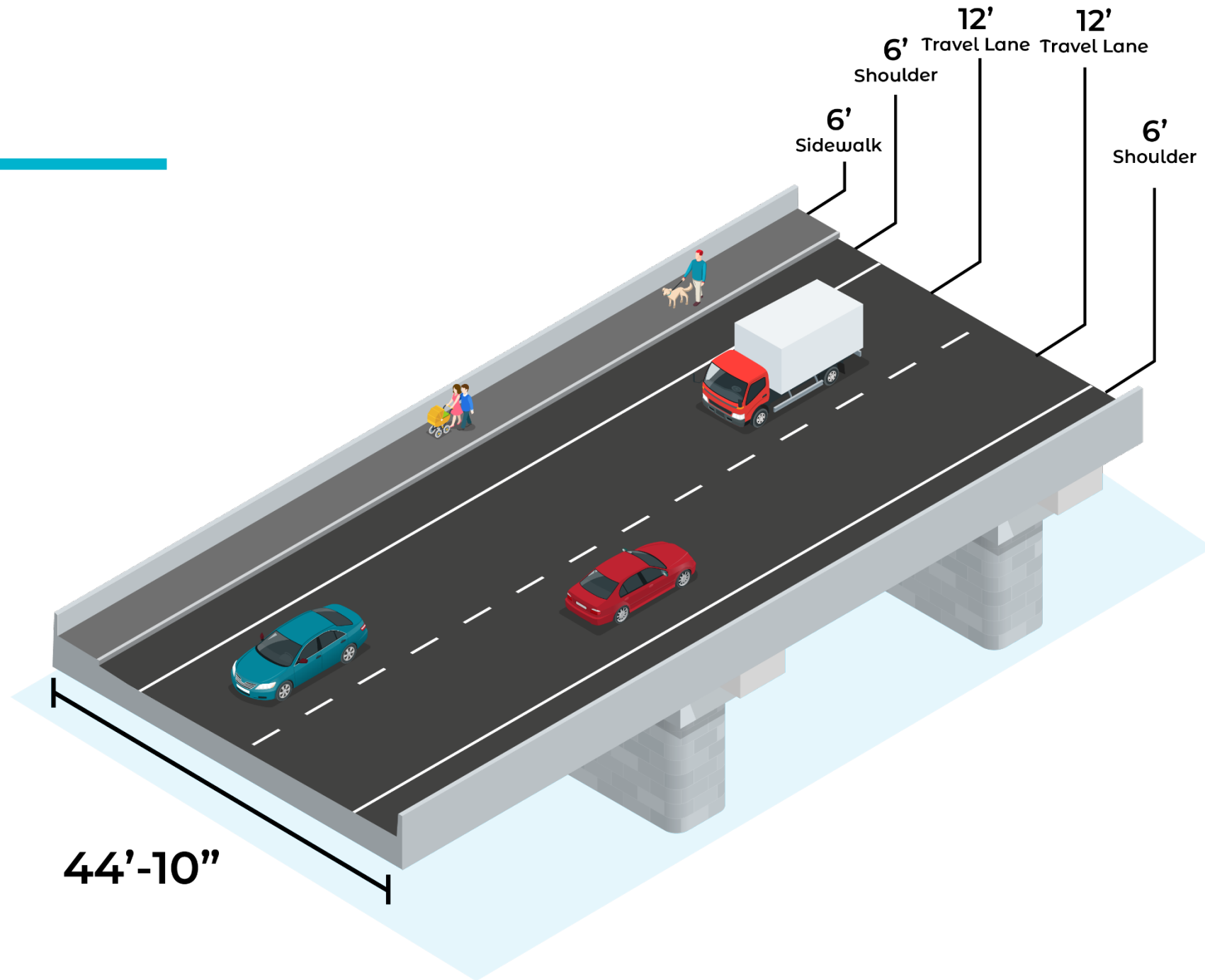
- **Potentially requires property acquisition to add to PFHD's existing right-of-way.**
- **Changes existing traffic patterns and noise levels.**
- **PFHD plans to fund the project through a bond election.**
 - No state or federal funds are planned for this project.



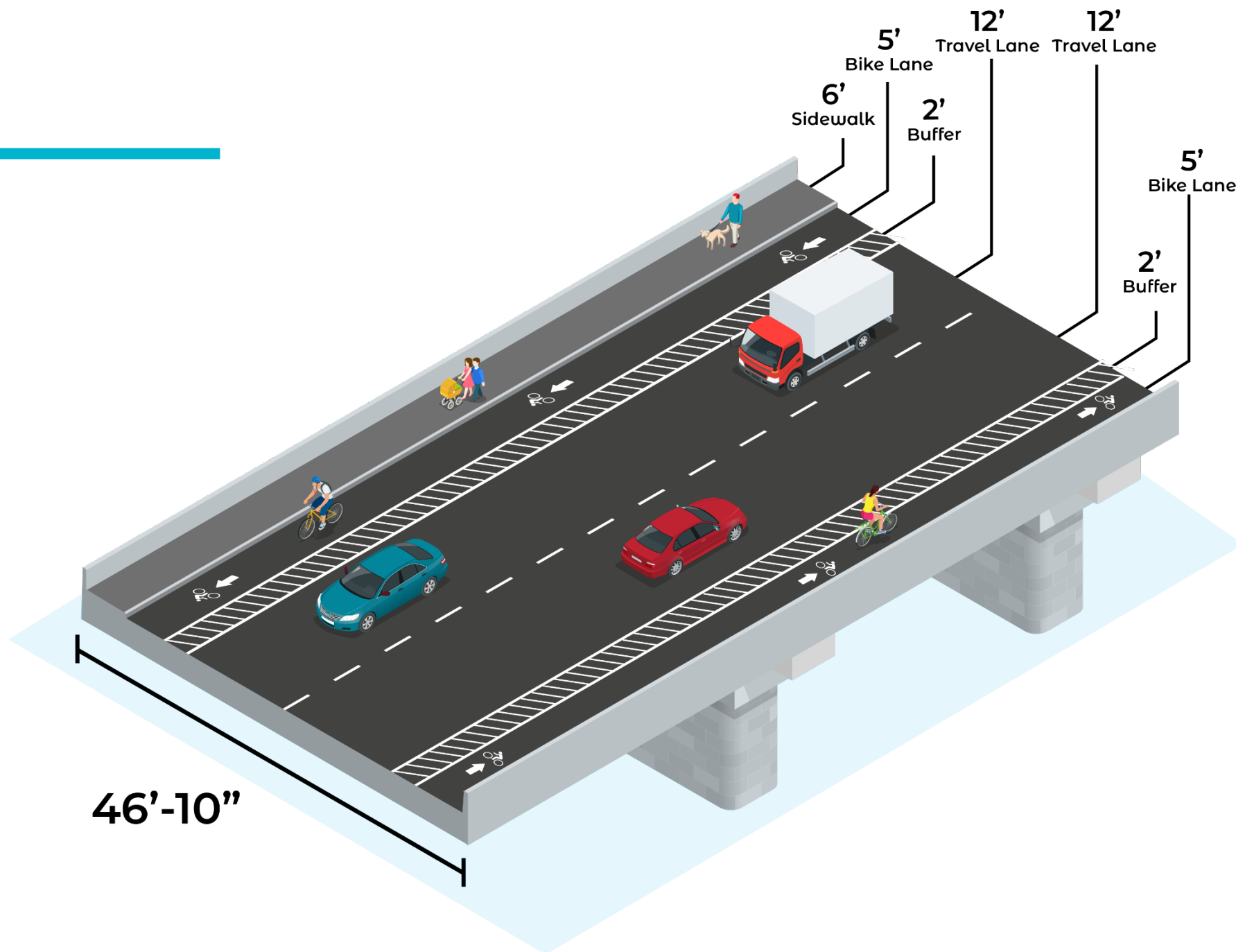
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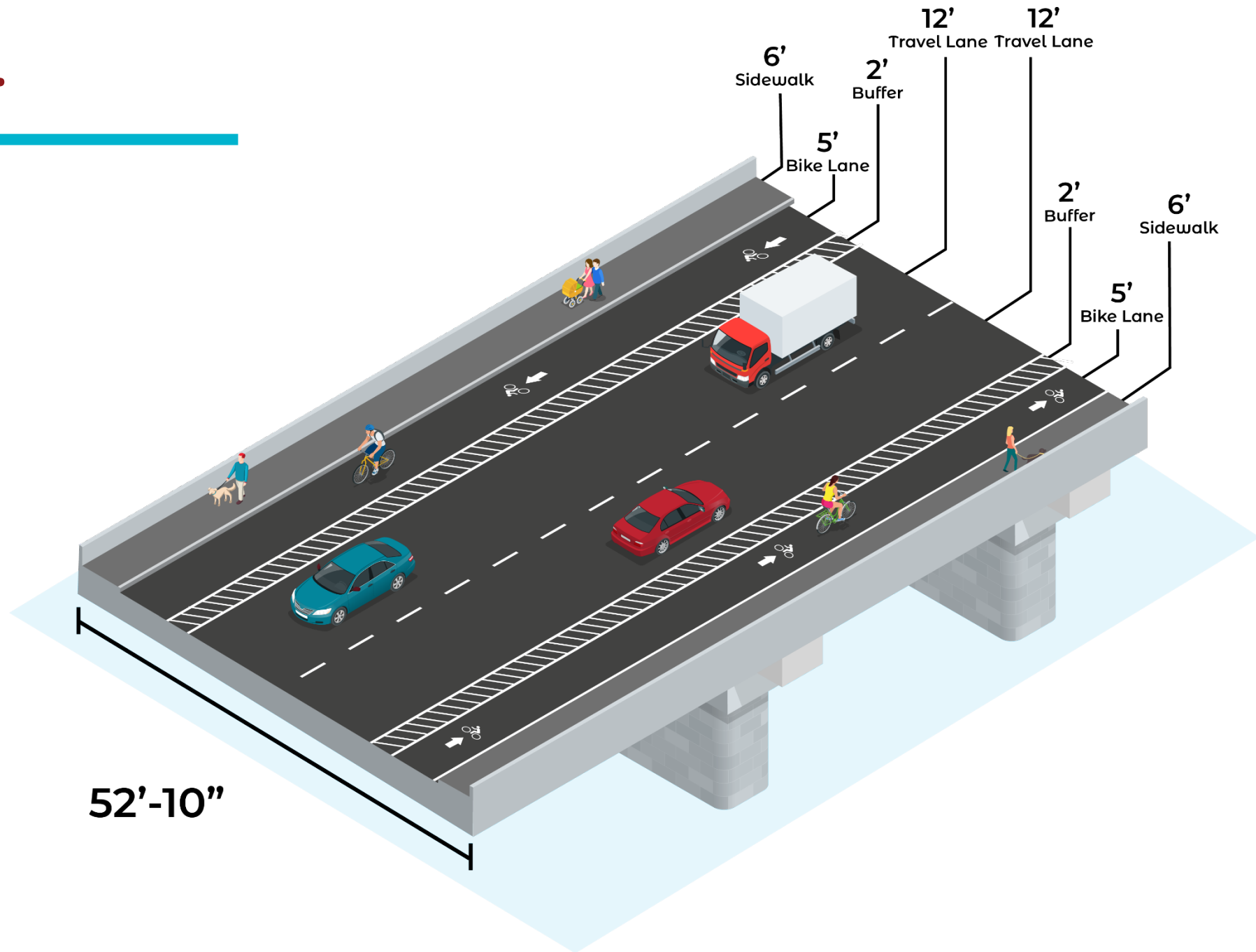
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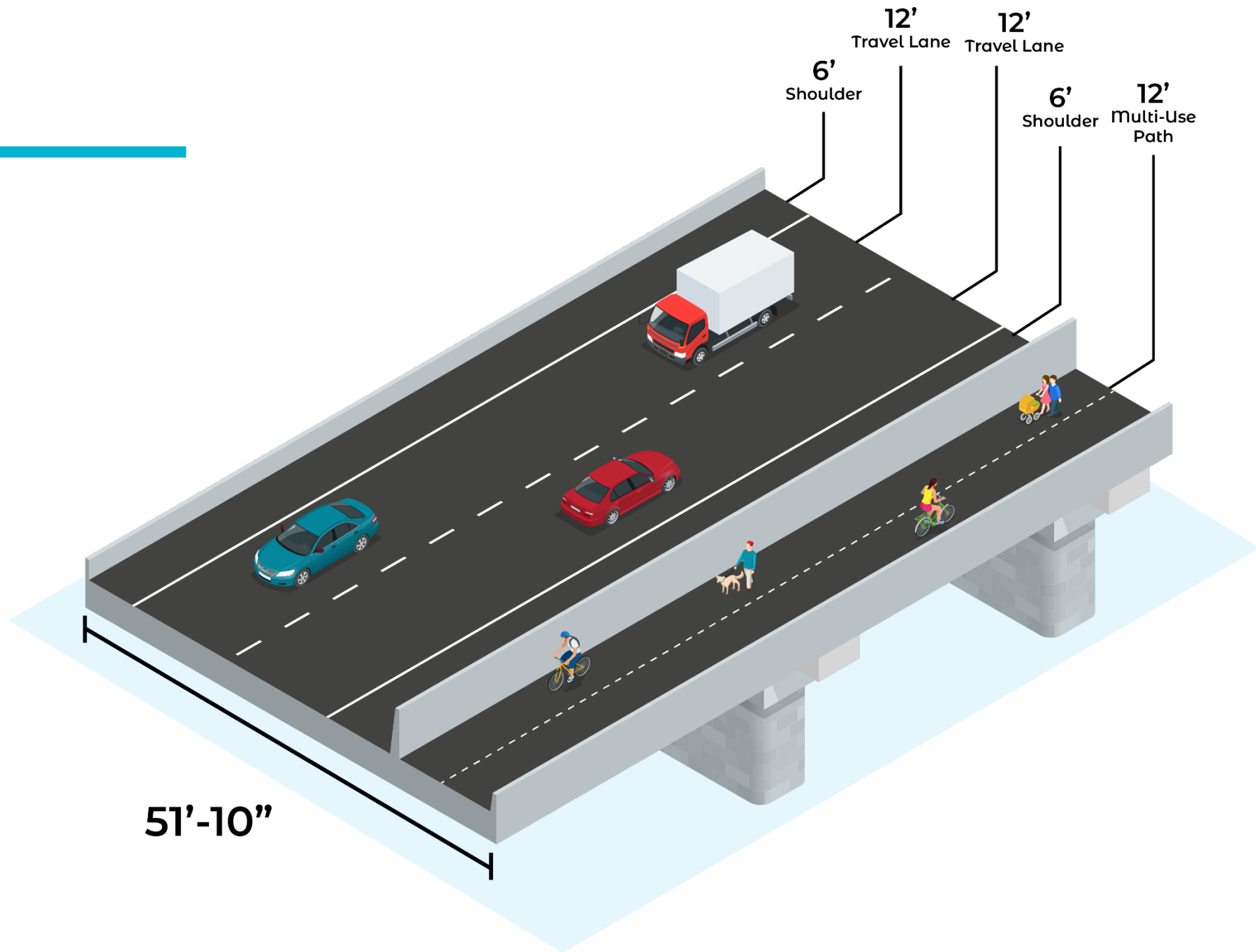
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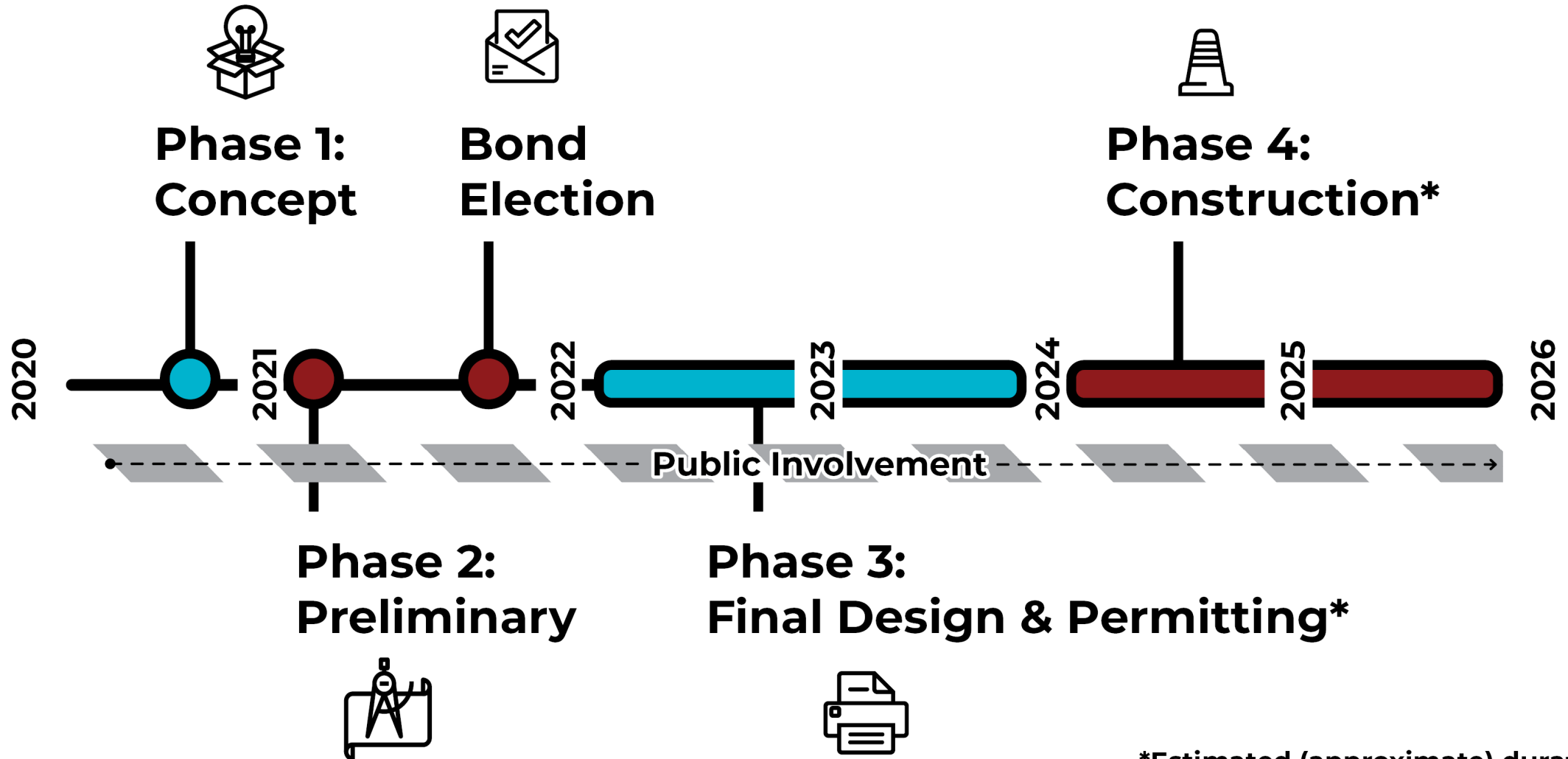
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What's Next



*Estimated (approximate) durations