

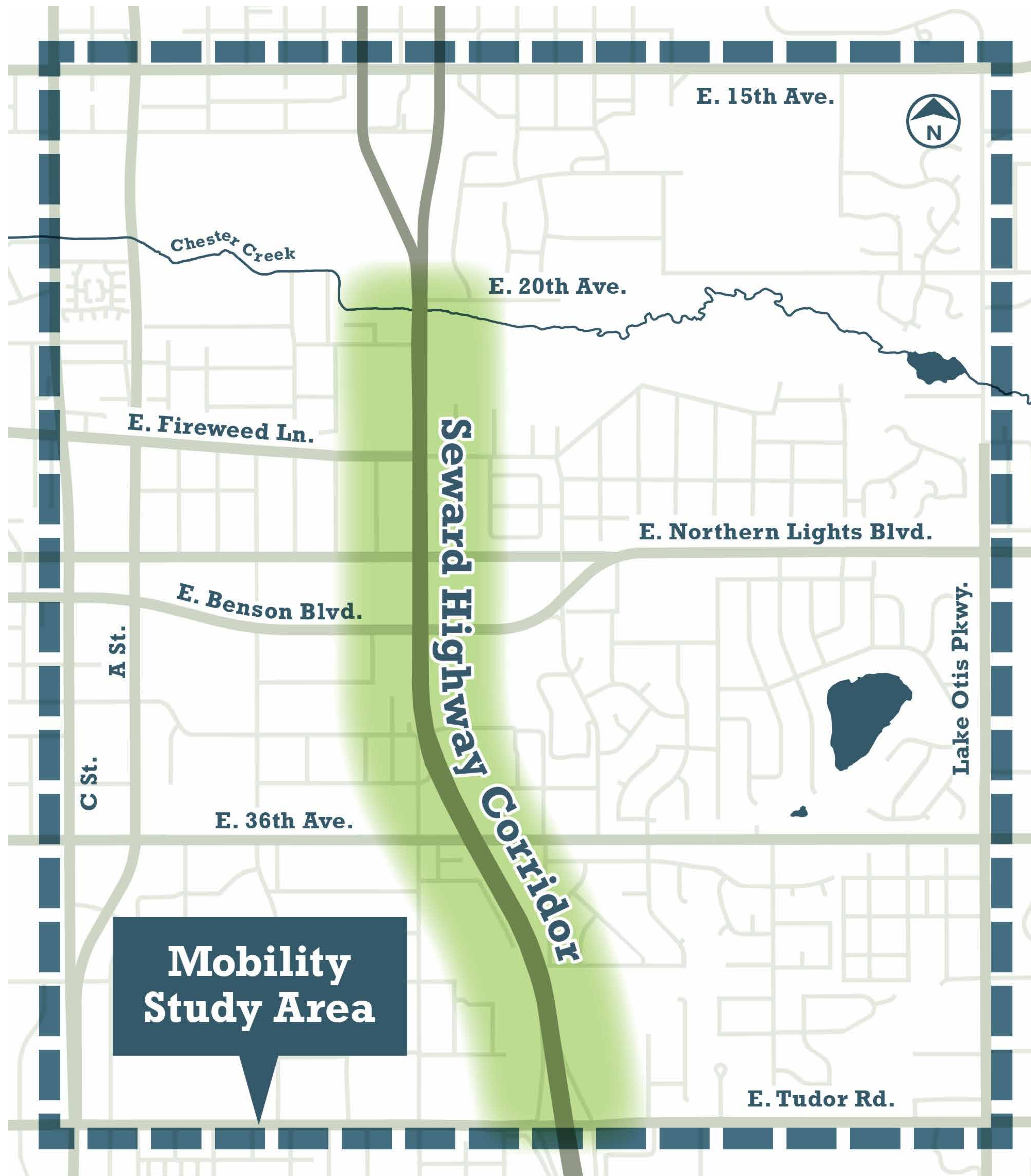
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Mobility Study Area & Key Issues



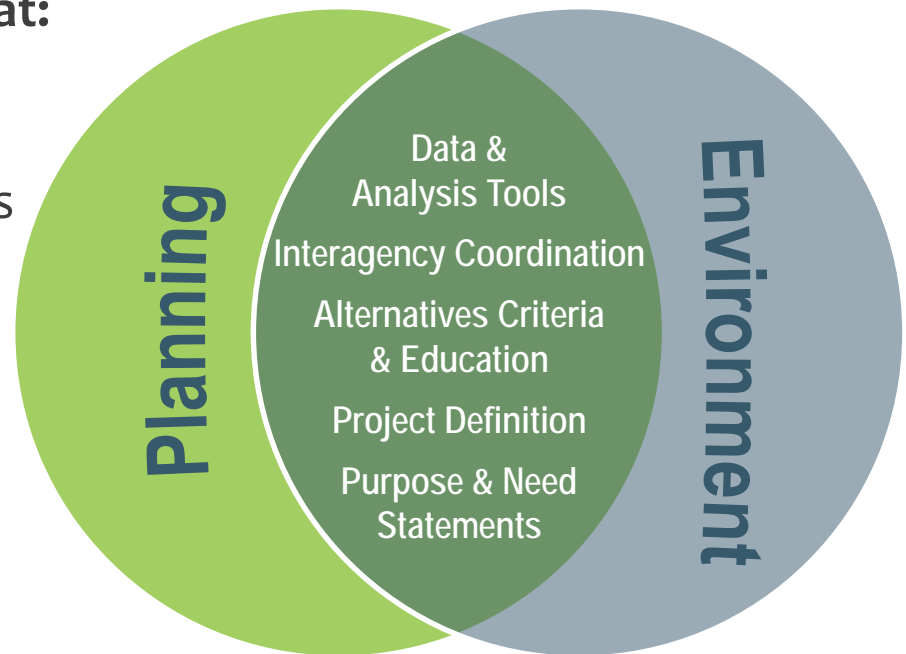
- Safety
- Seward Highway is a barrier to east-west multi-modal mobility
- Congestion
- Transitions from freeway to signals
- Midtown mobility, not just Seward Highway mobility
- Defined vision for Midtown



A New Approach

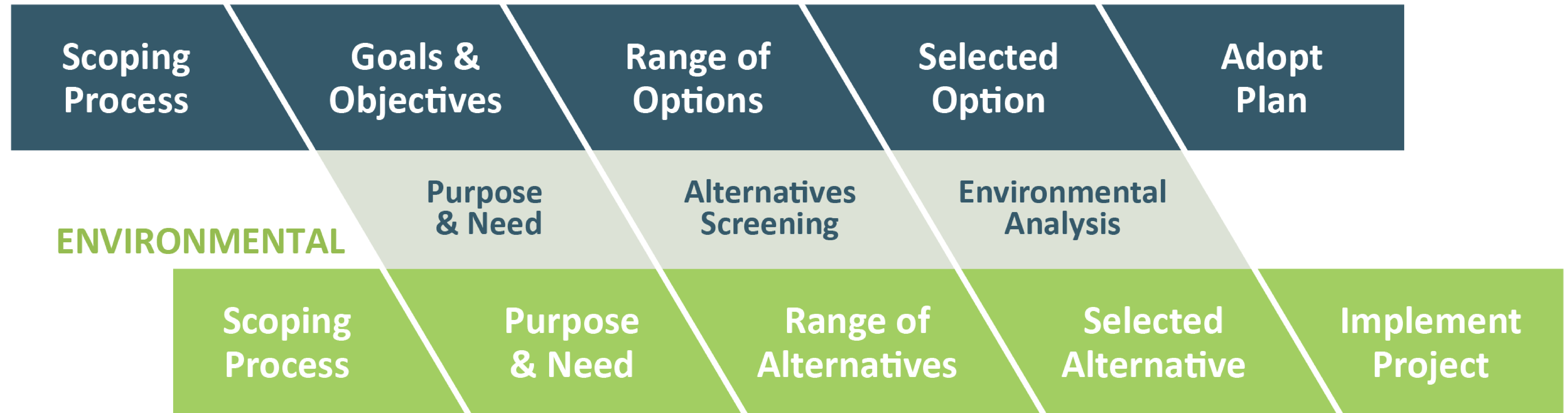
Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision making that:

1. Considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process
2. Uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process



PEL Process & Outcomes

PLANNING



- Broad consensus on corridor vision, goals, and objectives
- Identify and implement individual projects that have:
 - Independent purpose and need
 - Logical termini
 - Independent utility



What is a PEL Study?

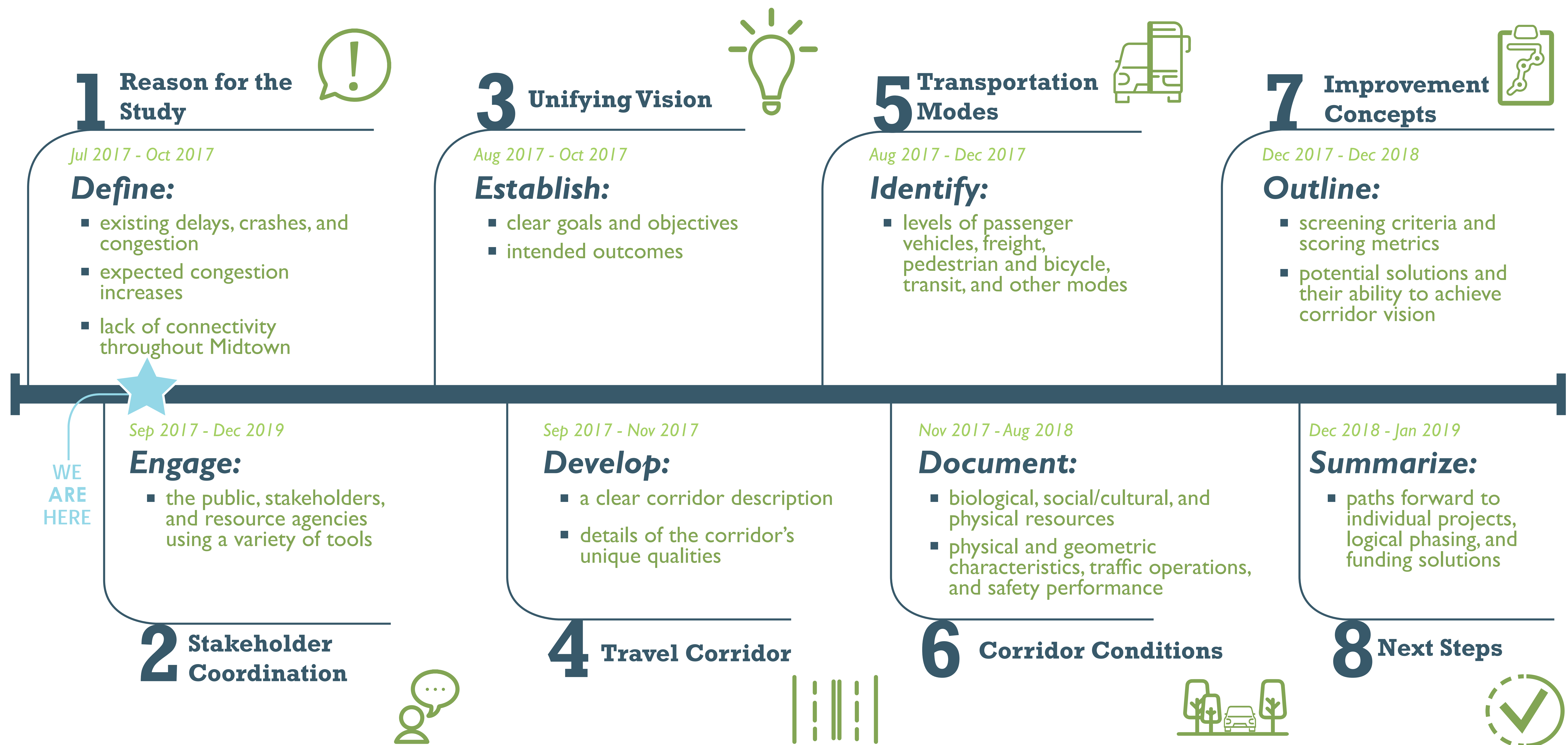
A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGE (PEL) STUDY IS:

“a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that consider[s] benefits and impacts of proposed transportation system improvements to the environment, community, and economy during the transportation planning process. PEL uses the information, analysis, or products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).”

- FHWA PEL Questions and Answers, November 2016. <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/guidance/pel/pelqa2016.pdf>

THE PEL PROCESS:

- Facilitates seamless decision making between planning and project development
- Minimizes duplication of effort
- Promotes environmental stewardship
- Streamlines project delivery



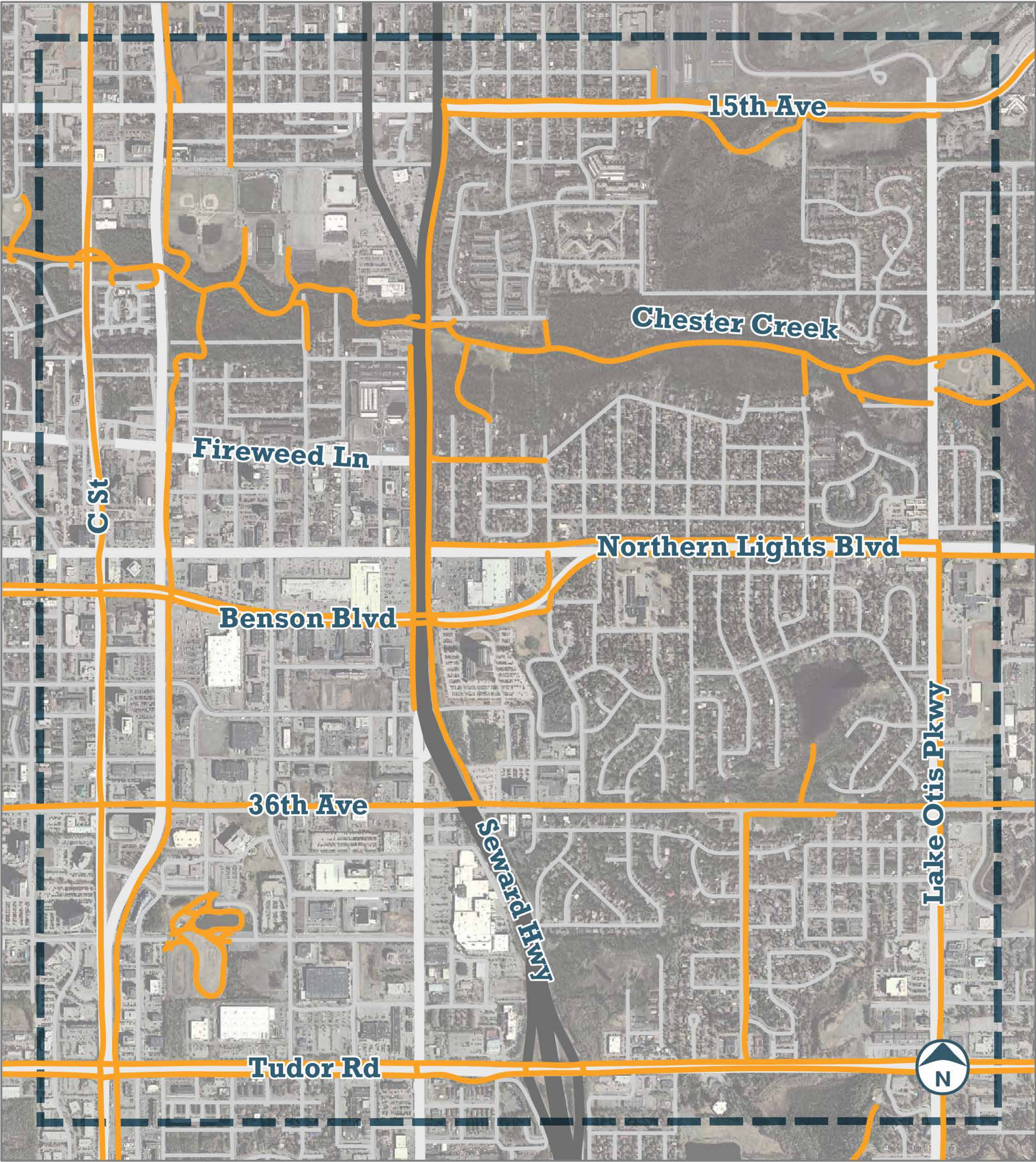
Draft Study Goals

- Fresh look at area concepts and vision for mobility
- Connect commerce and community
- Improve multi-modal transportation efficiency
- Improve safety
- Align with city and state planning documents
- Avoid and minimize impacts
- Flexibility to fund recommended improvements in response to needs

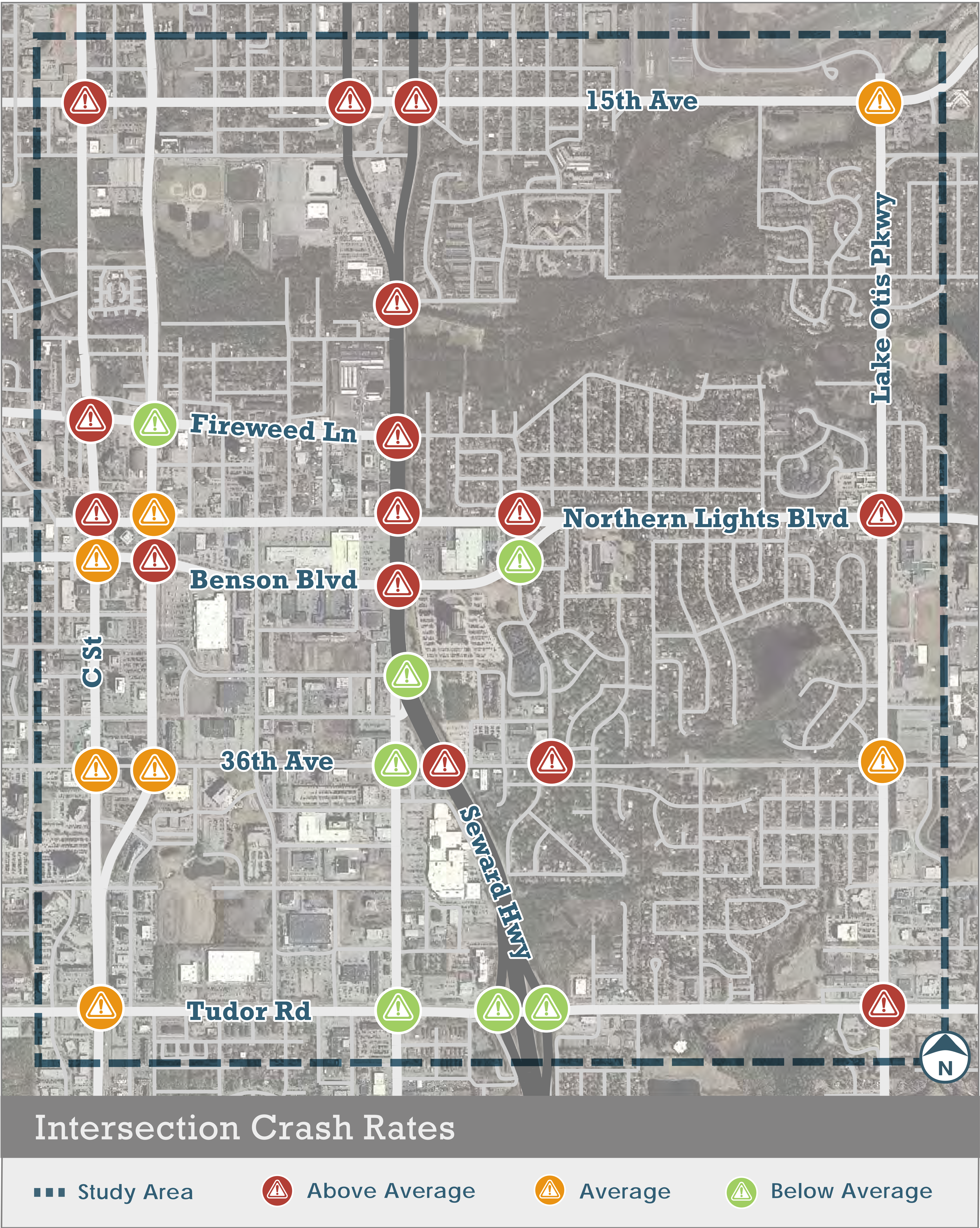
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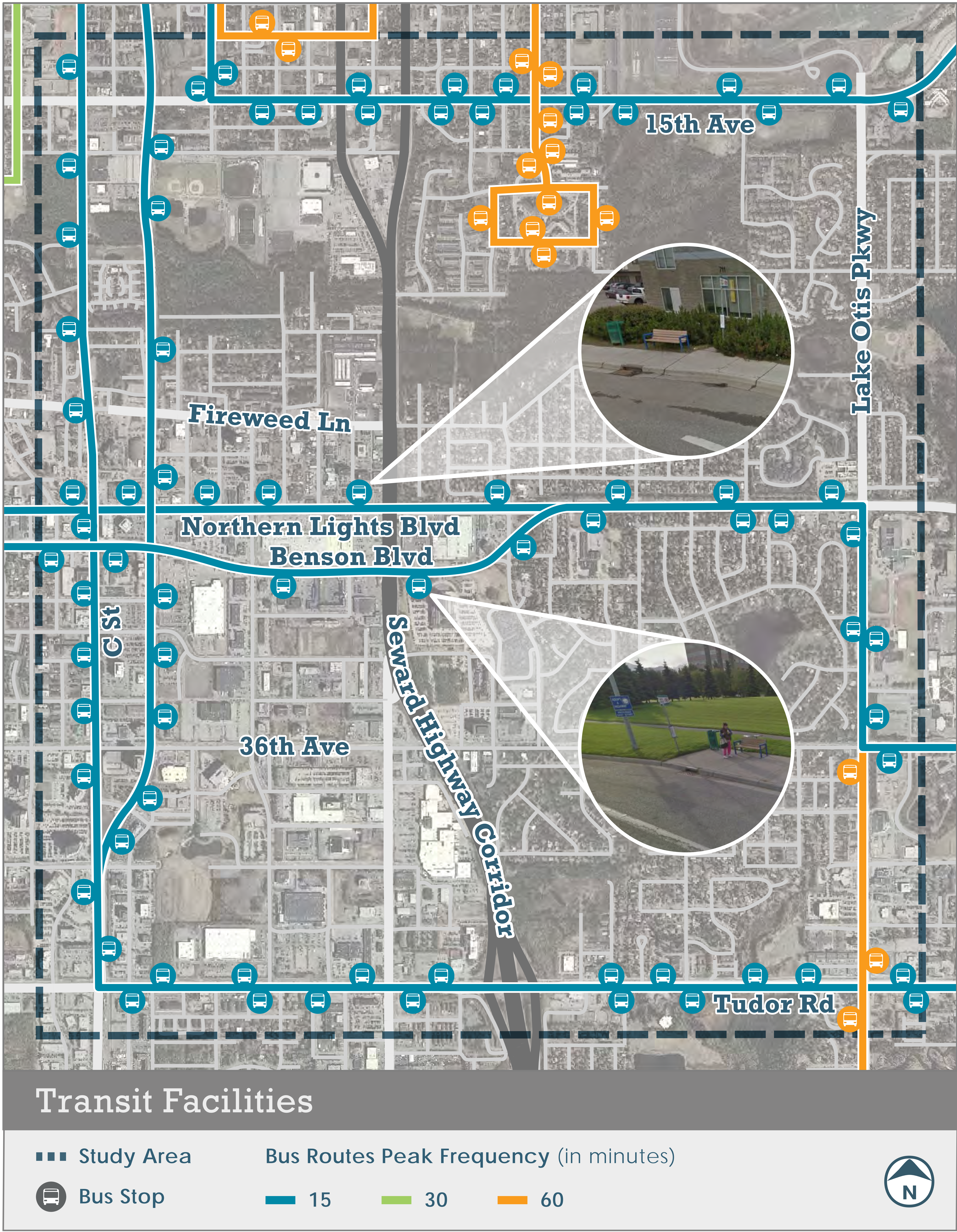
Non-Motorized Facilities: Paths & Trails



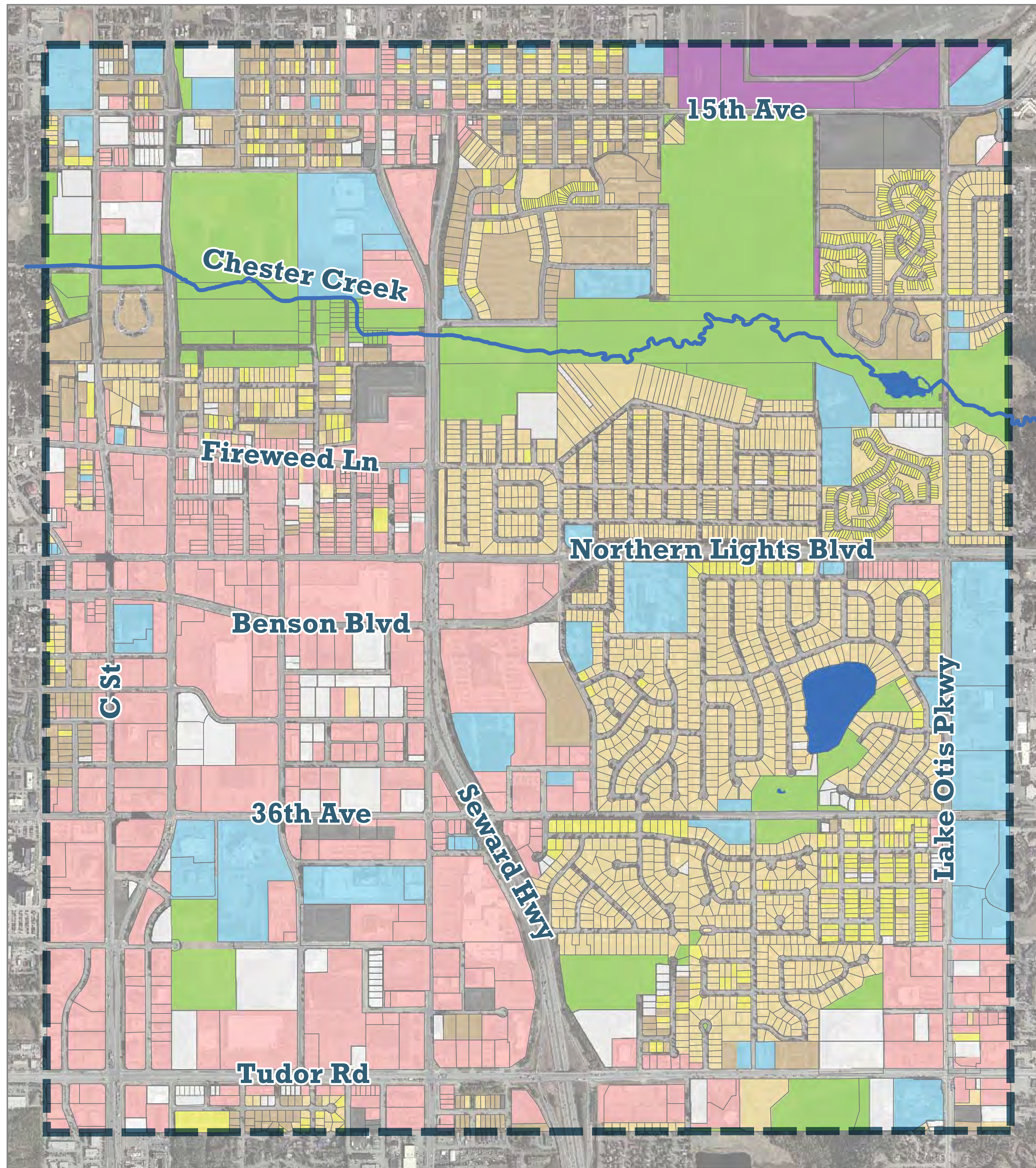
Motorized Facilities: Intersection Crash Rates



Transit Facilities



Area Constraints



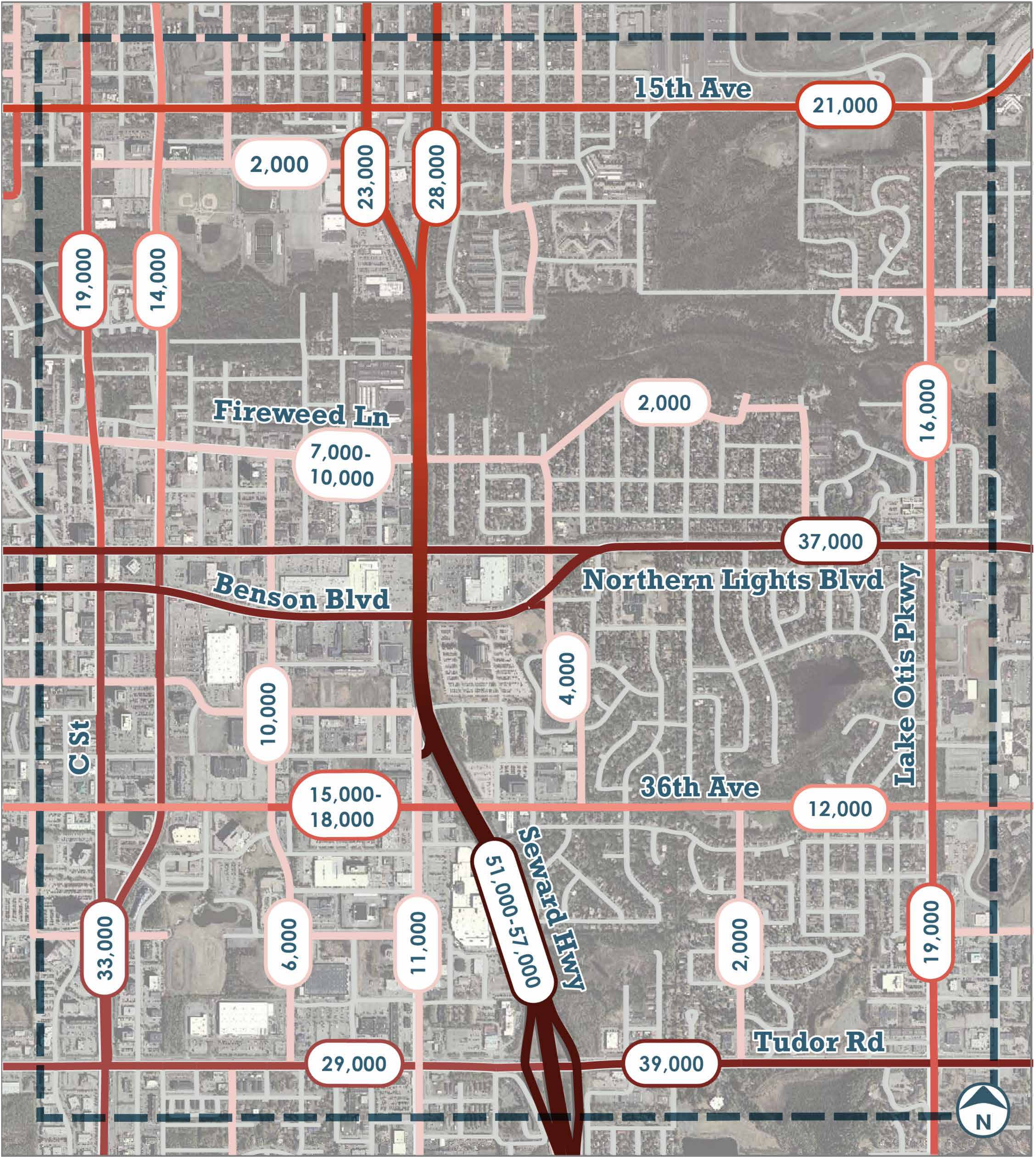
- Urban, highly developed area
- Seward Highway right-of-way ranges from 130 feet to 375 feet
- Some prior property acquisitions in the vicinity of 36th Avenue to help deliver intersection improvements
- Environmental considerations
 - Parks
 - Noise
 - Drainage
 - Wetlands
 - Air
 - Stormwater
- Utilities
 - Major facilities within corridor

Land Use

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| ■■■ Study Area | Park |
| Commercial | Single Family |
| Industrial | Water |
| Institutional | Transportation |
| Multi Family | Vacant |
| Two Family | |

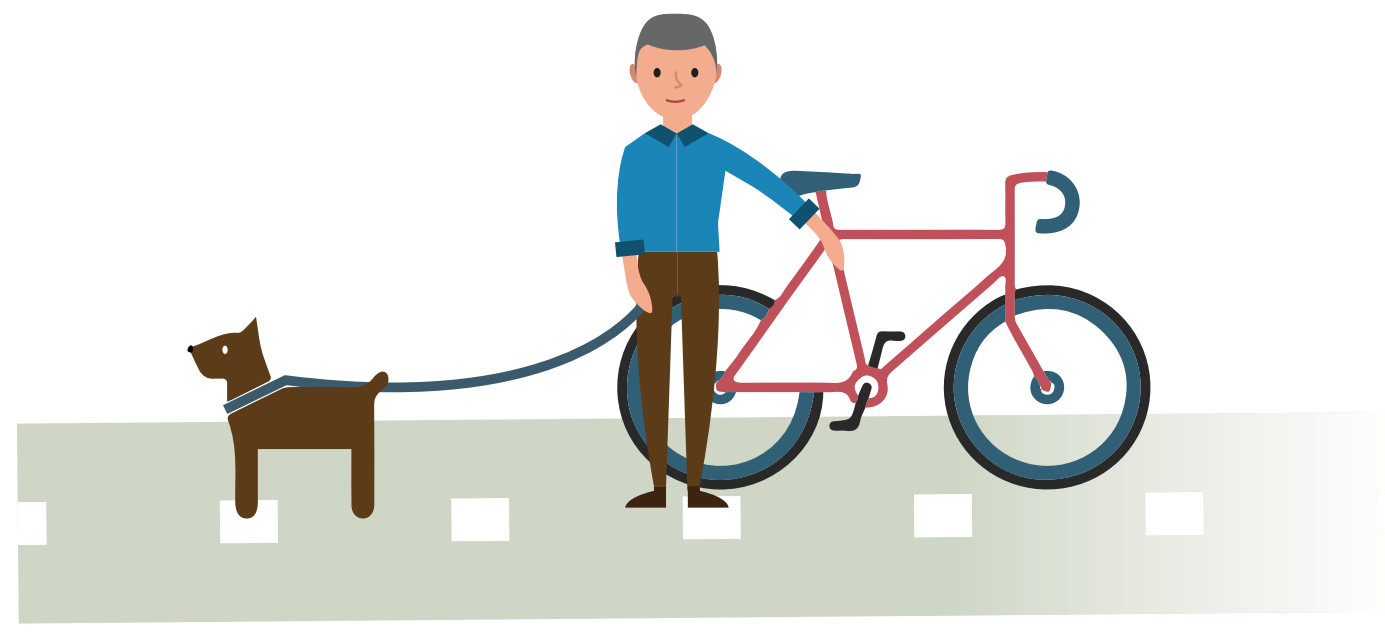


Traffic Operations: Annual Average Daily Traffic



What We've Heard So Far

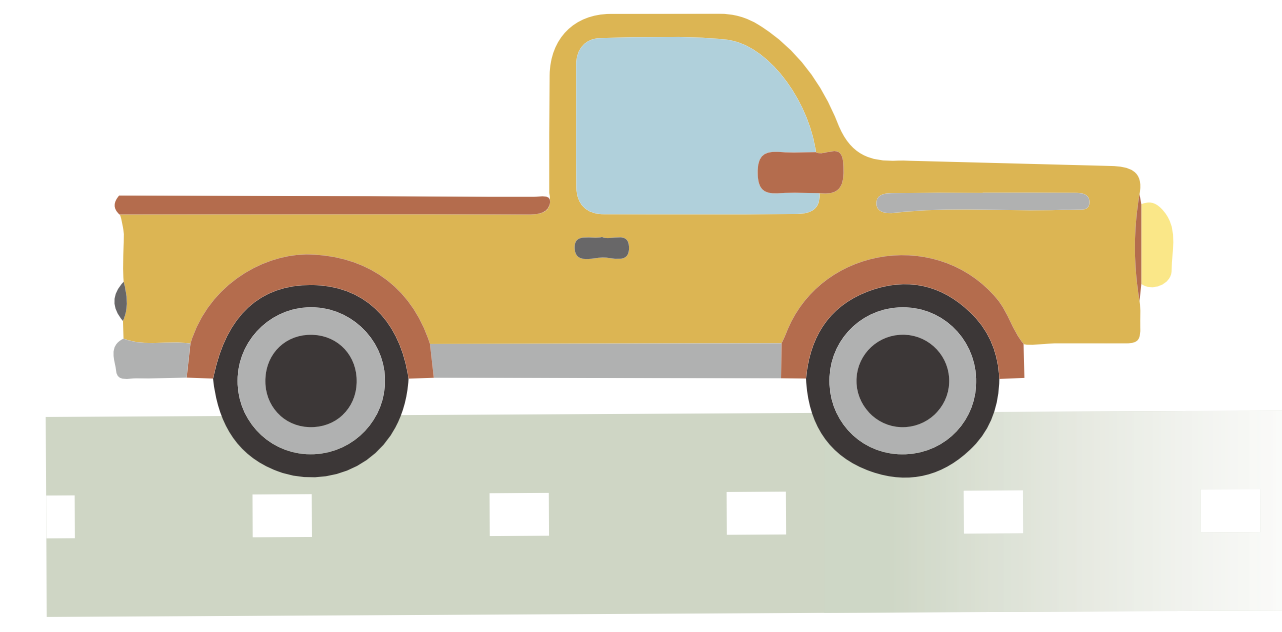
(Most frequent comments from prior projects and recent visits to Community Councils)



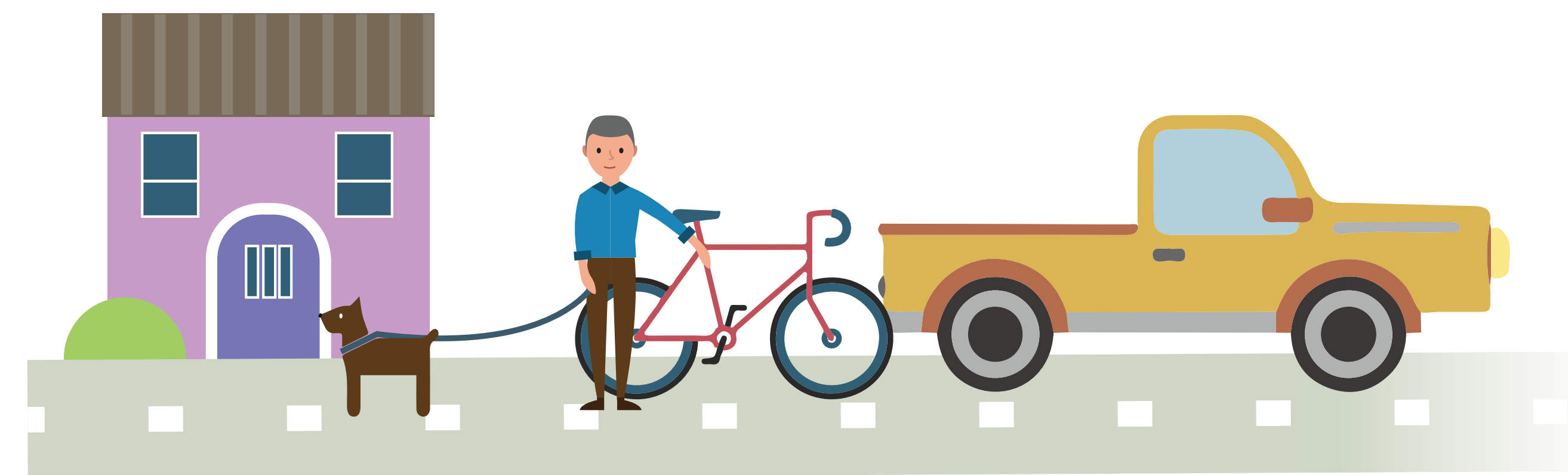
- Improve trail connectivity
- Make paths and sidewalks safer, to increase use



- Reduce cut-through traffic in neighborhoods
- Consider land use and future development



- Improve traffic flow
- Build grade separated intersections



- Consider "Complete Streets"
- Make connections as direct as possible



Utilities

- Telecommunications
- Water
- Wastewater
- Electrical
- Natural gas
- Storm drain
- Street lighting

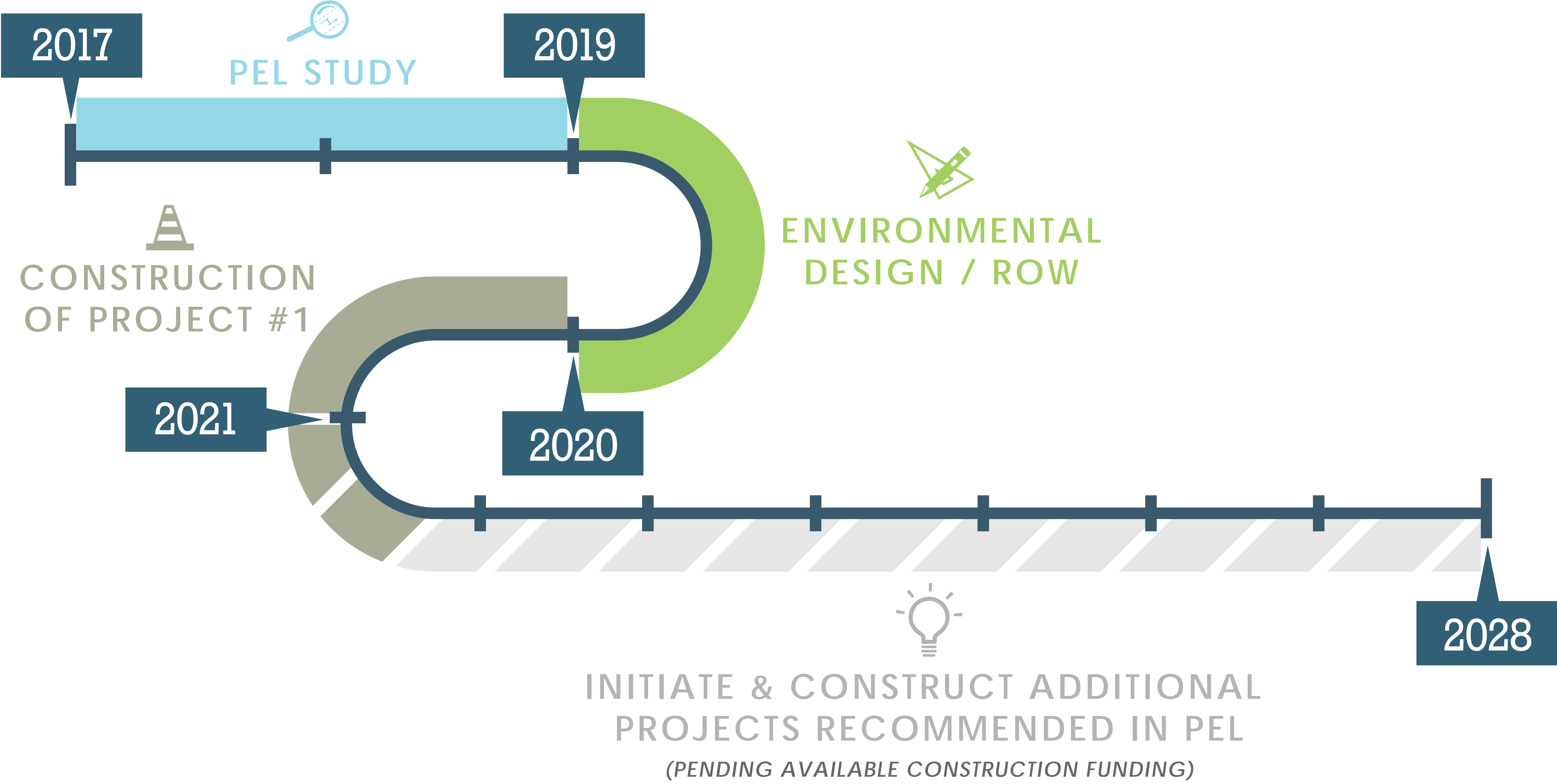


Environment

- Environmental justice
- Noise
- Air quality
- Cultural/historic resources
- Wetlands/hydrology



Project Schedule



Public and Agency Involvement

- Community Council briefings/updates
- 3 Open house meetings during the PEL
- Agency/Stakeholder meetings
- Citizens Advisory Group
- Business and Property Owners Advisory Group
- Transportation Fairs
- Interactive website:
www.midtowncongestionrelief.com

Your Feedback is Important

- Website:

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- Sign up for our contact list and newsletter
- Contact the team:

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