



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS

COMMUNITY MEETING ON JANUARY 31, 2024; 6 – 8 PM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

Hosted by:

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With support from:

Olga Rodriguez, Project Manager, City of Berkeley



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WELCOME & AGENDA

- Introductions, Purpose, & Housekeeping
- Overview of Projects
- Review of Concept Sketches
- Public Comments & Questions





WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS INTRODUCTIONS

- **David Hoffman**
Planner, Parametrix
- **Olga Rodriguez**
Project Manager, City of Berkeley

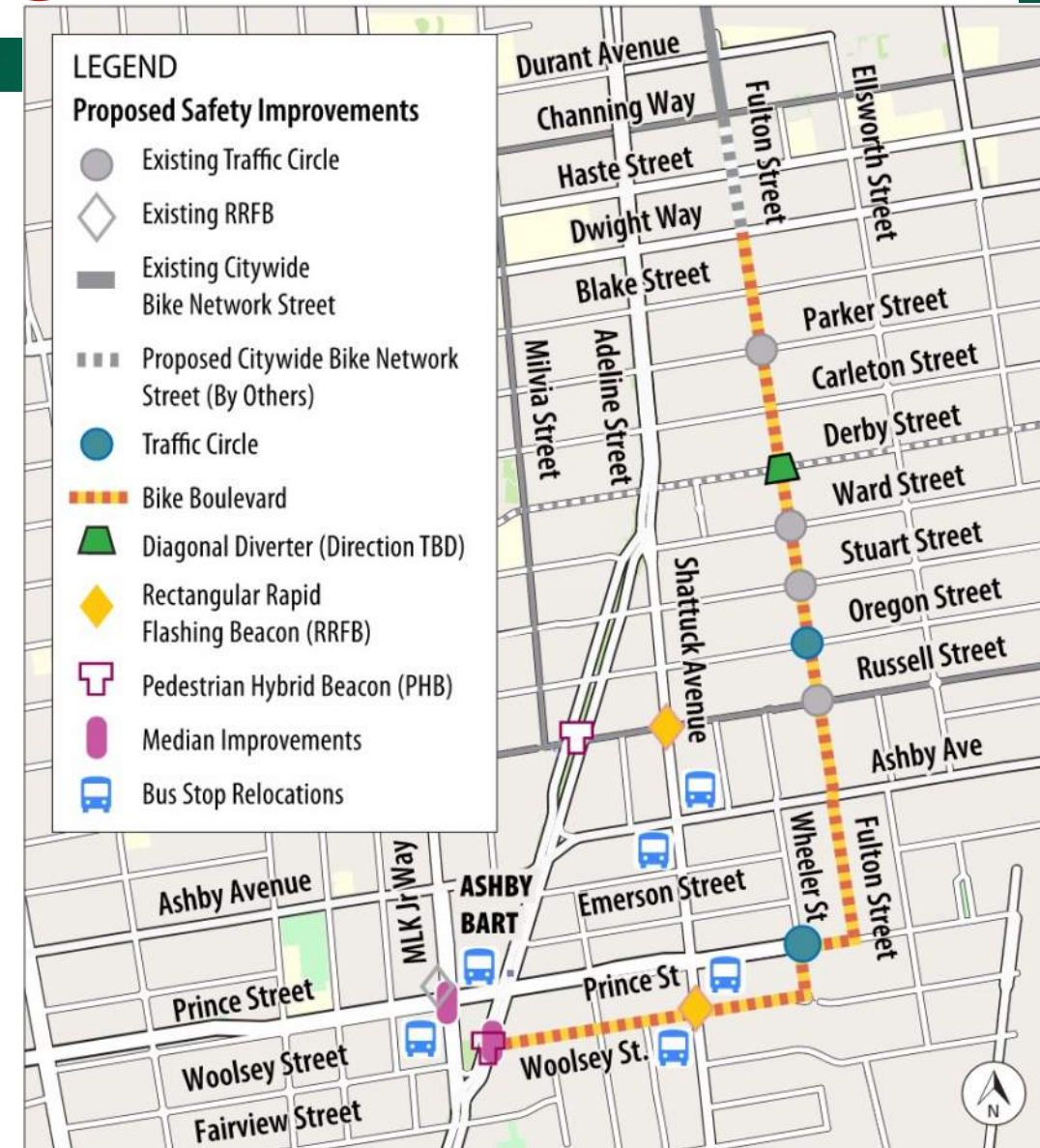




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PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

1. Explain rationale and considerations in preparing proposed concept sketches
2. Solicit input from the public to finalize the concept sketches





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GROUND RULES & HOUSEKEEPING

- Meeting will be recorded
- 2-hour meeting: 6 – 8 PM
- City will present first, then open to public comments and questions
- To speak: raise hand. When called upon, un-mute your microphone.





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OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

- Safety improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders
- Fills gap in Citywide bike network
- Bus stop relocations to improve vehicle conflicts and sight lines
- Coordination with other projects:
 - Ashby BART bike access improvements
 - Private development projects at Woolsey/Shattuck & Ashby/Shattuck

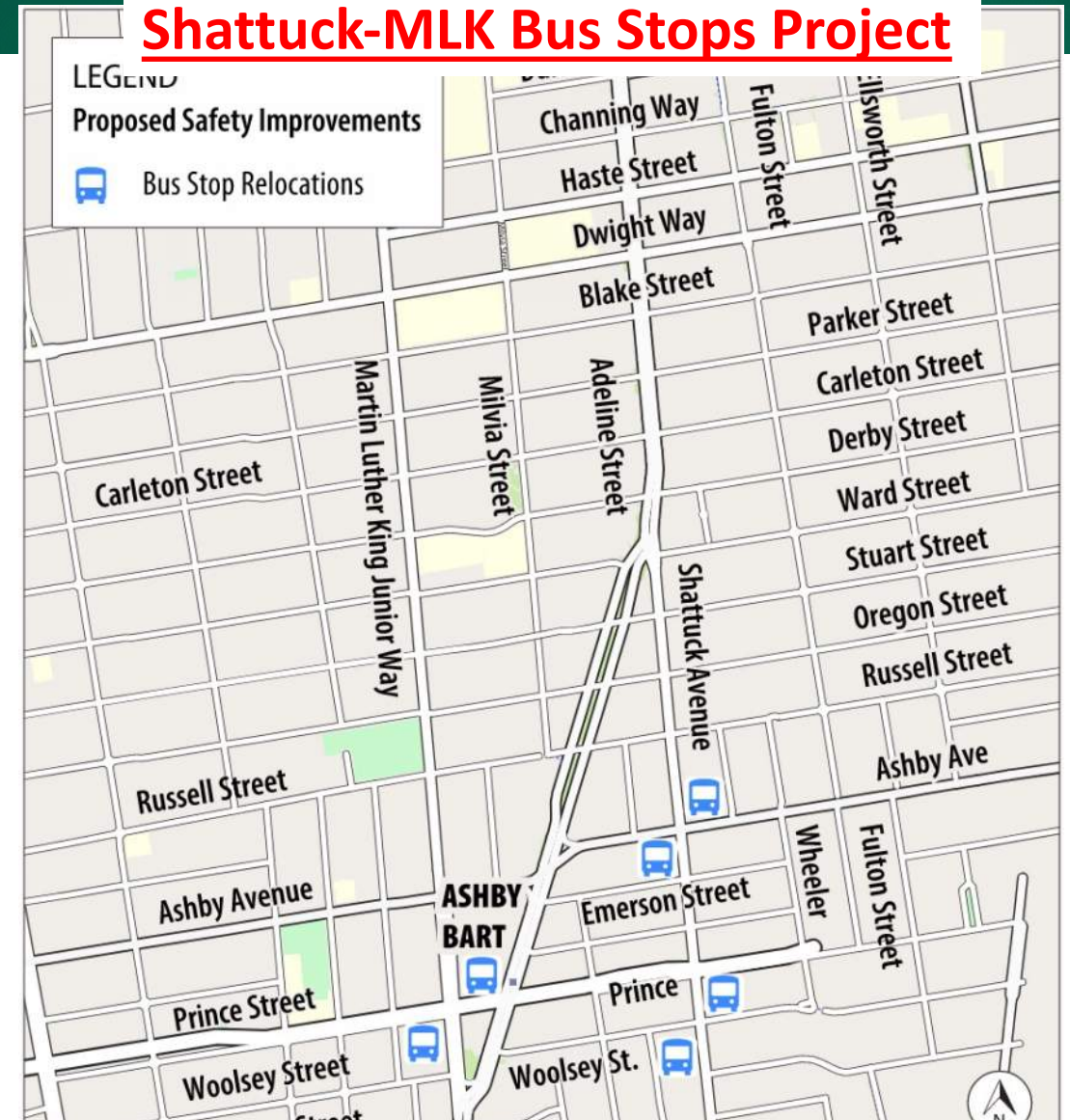


WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

Woolsey-Fulton Bike Boulevard Project



Shattuck-MLK Bus Stops Project





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DESIGN ELEMENTS



Bicycle Boulevard



Diagonal Traffic Diverter



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DESIGN ELEMENTS



Traffic Circle



Rectangular Rapid
Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)



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DESIGN ELEMENTS



Pedestrian Hybrid
Beacons (PHBs)



Median Improvements

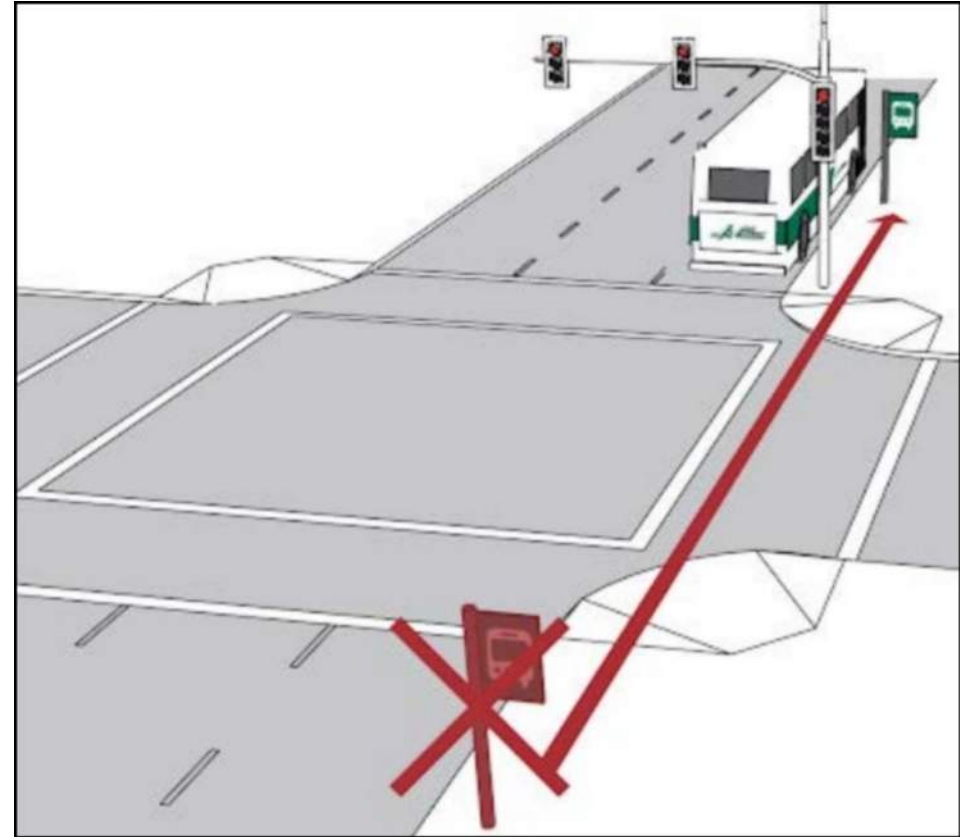


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DESIGN ELEMENTS



Sidewalk Bulb Out



Bus Stop Relocation



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Fire Department

- Minimum lane width
- Roadway clear space
- Emergency access routes
- Response times
- Vehicle turning/maneuverability

Access for other large vehicles

- AC Transit buses
- Waste collection trucks
- School buses





WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS

PROJECT ORIGIN

2020 PEDESTRIAN PLAN

CITY OF BERKELEY

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**BICYCLE
PLAN**

Approved May 2, 2017 by Berkeley City Council

CITY OF BERKELEY
VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

*Approved March 10, 2019
by the Berkeley City Council*

Berkeley Strategic
Transportation Plan

Project origins can be found in the City's:

- Bicycle Plan
- Pedestrian Plan
- Strategic Transportation Plan
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Transit-First Policy



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SAFETY

- Pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements are generally achieved by implementing traffic calming measures (traffic circles, diverters), warning signals (RRFBs), and traffic controls (PHBs, traffic signals, and STOP signs) at intersections.
- These projects utilize the aforementioned design elements to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS FUNDING

- \$2.612M grant from State of California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program
 - Linked to funding for affordable housing private developments at San Pablo/Blake and Adeline/Ashby.
- Alameda County Measures B& BB discretionary funds





WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS SCHEDULE

- Currently in **Conceptual Design** phase



Schedule is subject to change

- Finalize **concepts** in February 2024
- City Council approval of **concepts** in March 2024
- Complete **design** by end of 2024
- Begin **construction** in 2025



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Map shows combined work:

- Woolsey-Fulton Bike Boulevard Project
- Shattuck-MLK Bus Stop Project





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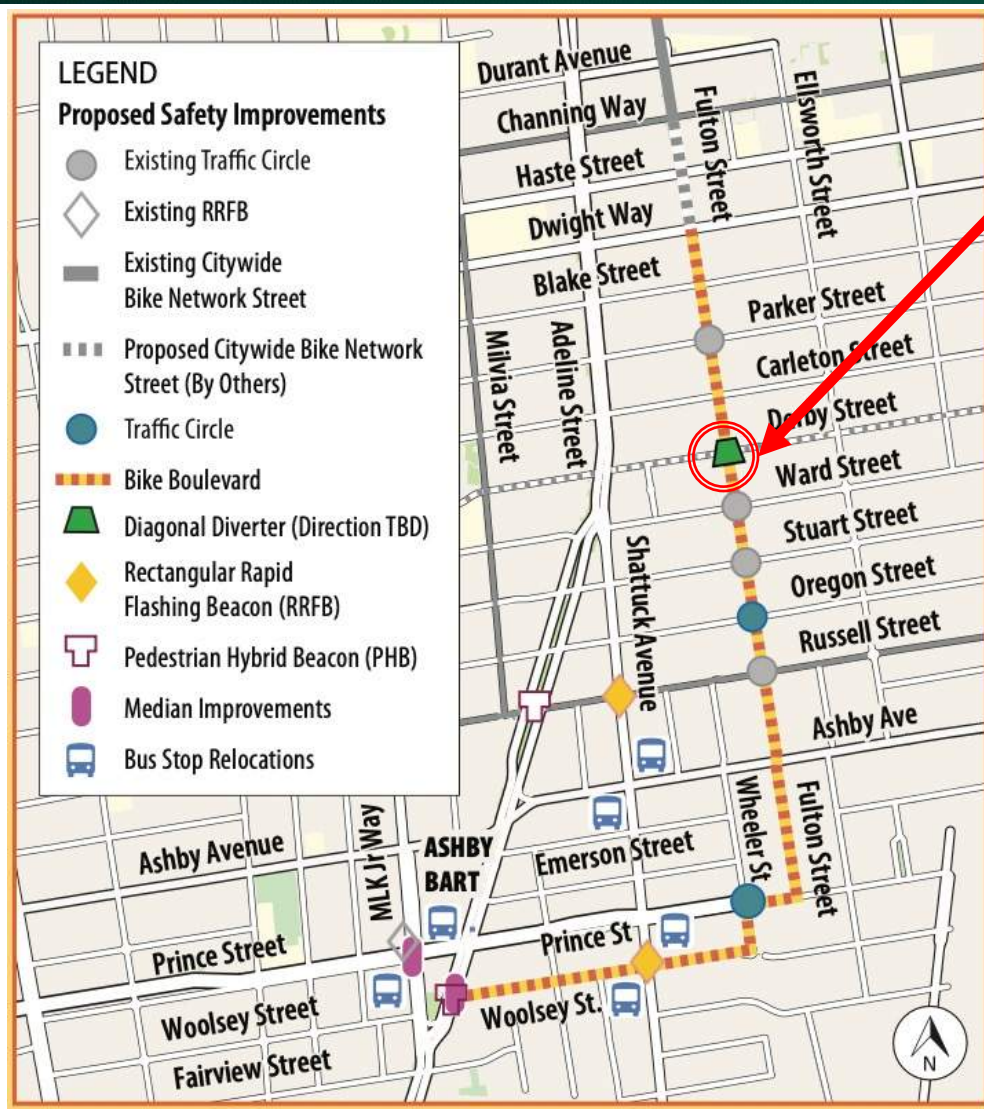


- Bike Boulevard
 - Traffic calming
 - Diagonal diverter (lower vehicle volumes)
 - Traffic circles
 - Pavement markings
 - Wayfinding signage



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FULTON STREET CORRIDOR – FULTON/DERBY



- Diagonal Diverter at Fulton/Derby intersection
- Fulton and Derby are planned Bike Boulevards per the Bicycle Plan
- Diverter recommended in Bicycle Plan
- Traffic evaluation performed



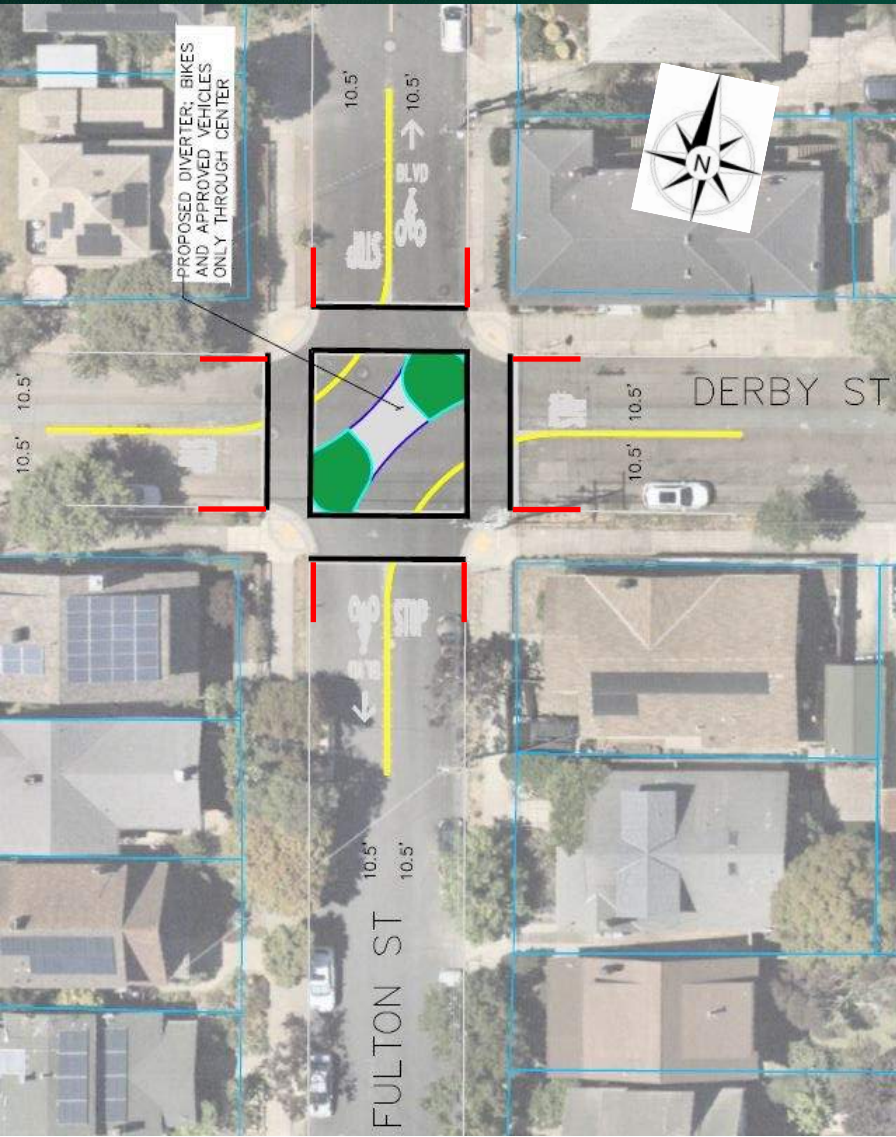
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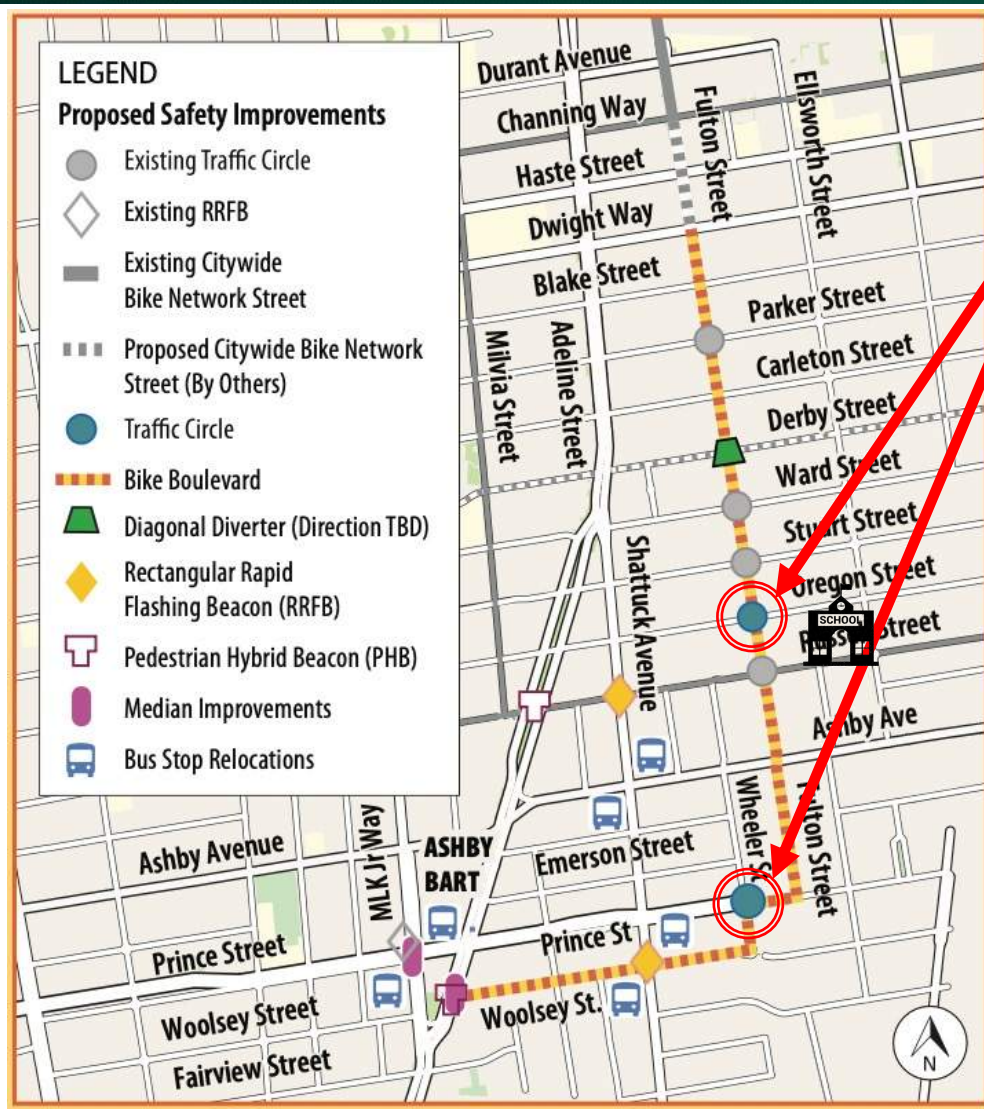


- Diverter oriented from southwest corner to northeast corner
- Traffic analysis:
 - Traffic counts
 - Strikes balance in diverting vehicles
 - Opposite orientation would divert more vehicles and imbalance vehicles volumes
 - Discourage use of Fulton as vehicle route to Sylvia Mendez Elementary School



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FULTON STREET CORRIDOR – TRAFFIC CIRCLES



- Traffic Circles at Fulton/Oregon and Wheeler/Prince intersections
- Recommended in Bicycle Plan
- Note location of Sylvia Mendez Elementary School on map



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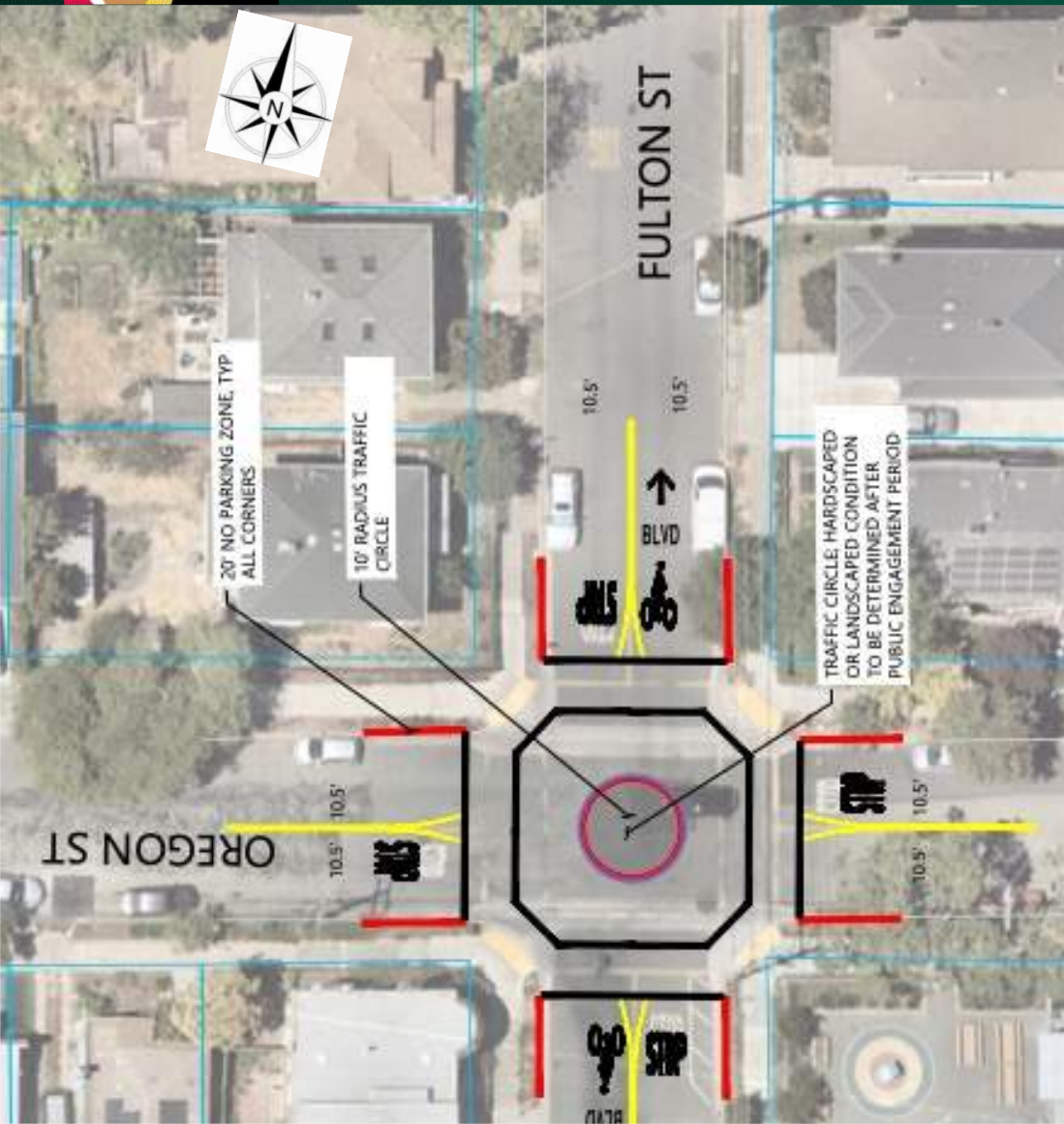
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- Fulton/Oregon Traffic Circle
- Traffic calming of vehicles on school bus route to/from Sylvia Mendez Elementary School



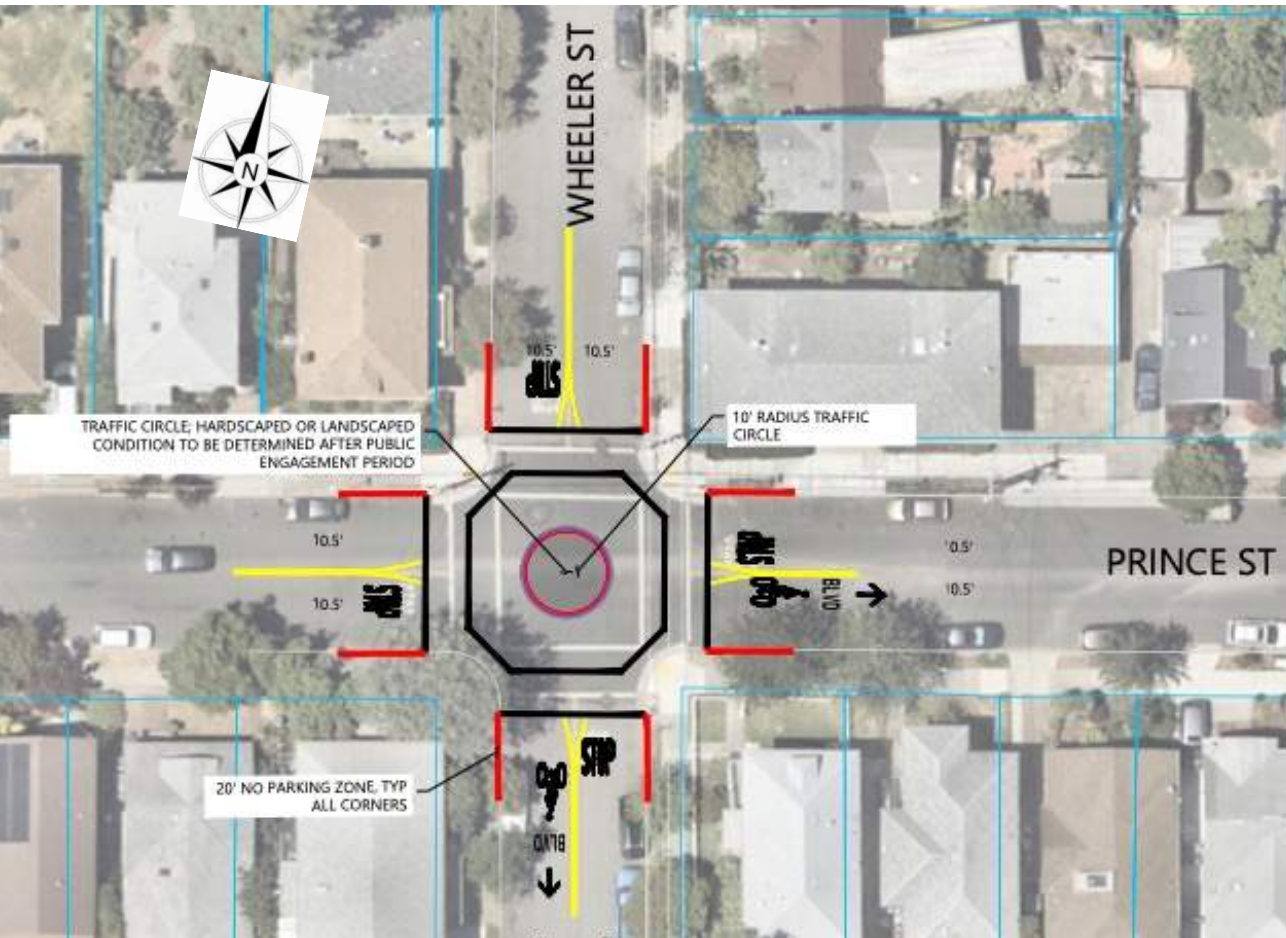
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WHEELER/ PRINCE TRAFFIC CIRCLE

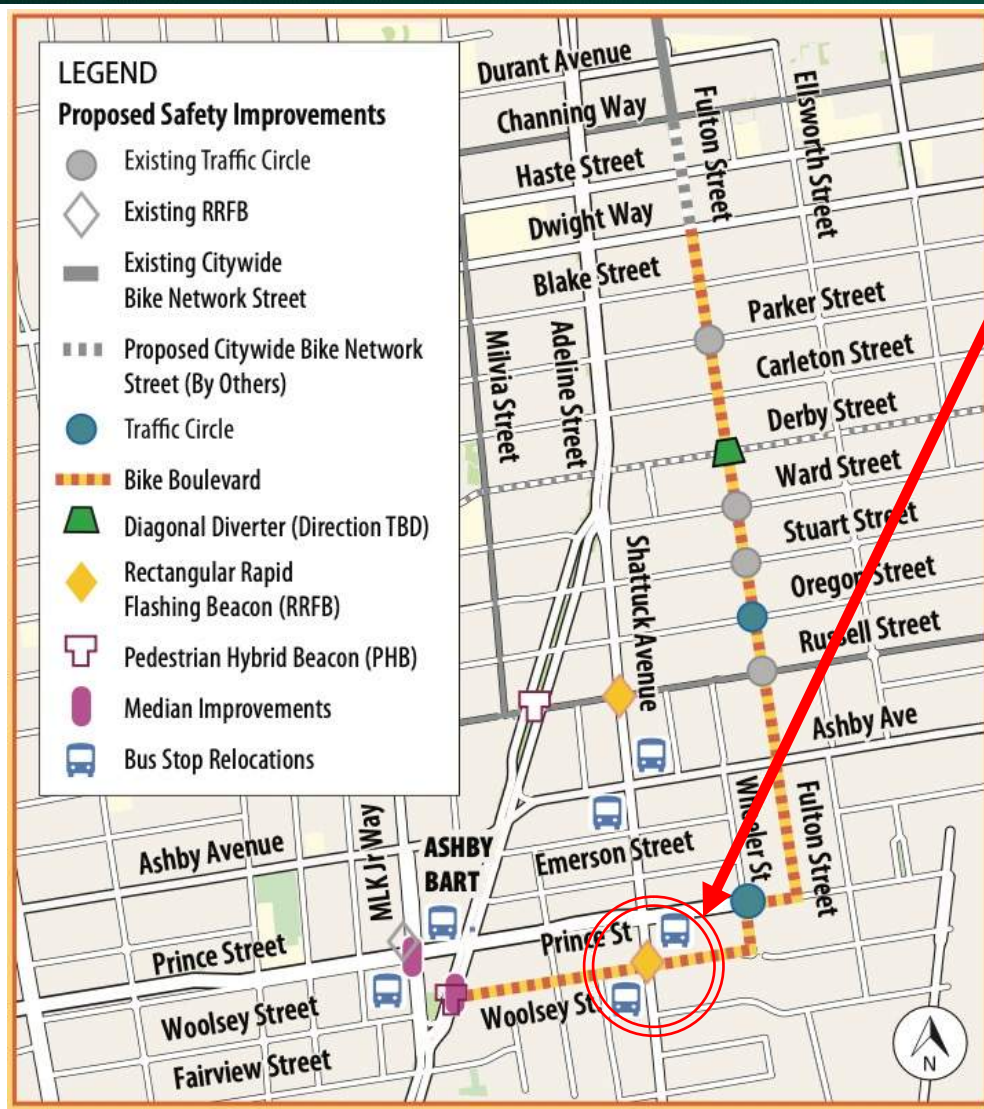


- Wheeler/Prince Traffic Circle
- Prince St. is a proposed Bicycle Boulevard between Wheeler St. and Fulton St.
- Neighborhood interest in selecting and maintaining plantings in traffic circles?



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WOOLSEY STREET CORRIDOR – WOOLSEY/SHATTUCK



- RRFBs and sidewalk bulbouts at Woolsey/Shattuck intersection
- Woolsey St. is a proposed Bicycle Boulevard
- Bus stop relocations to far sides of intersection



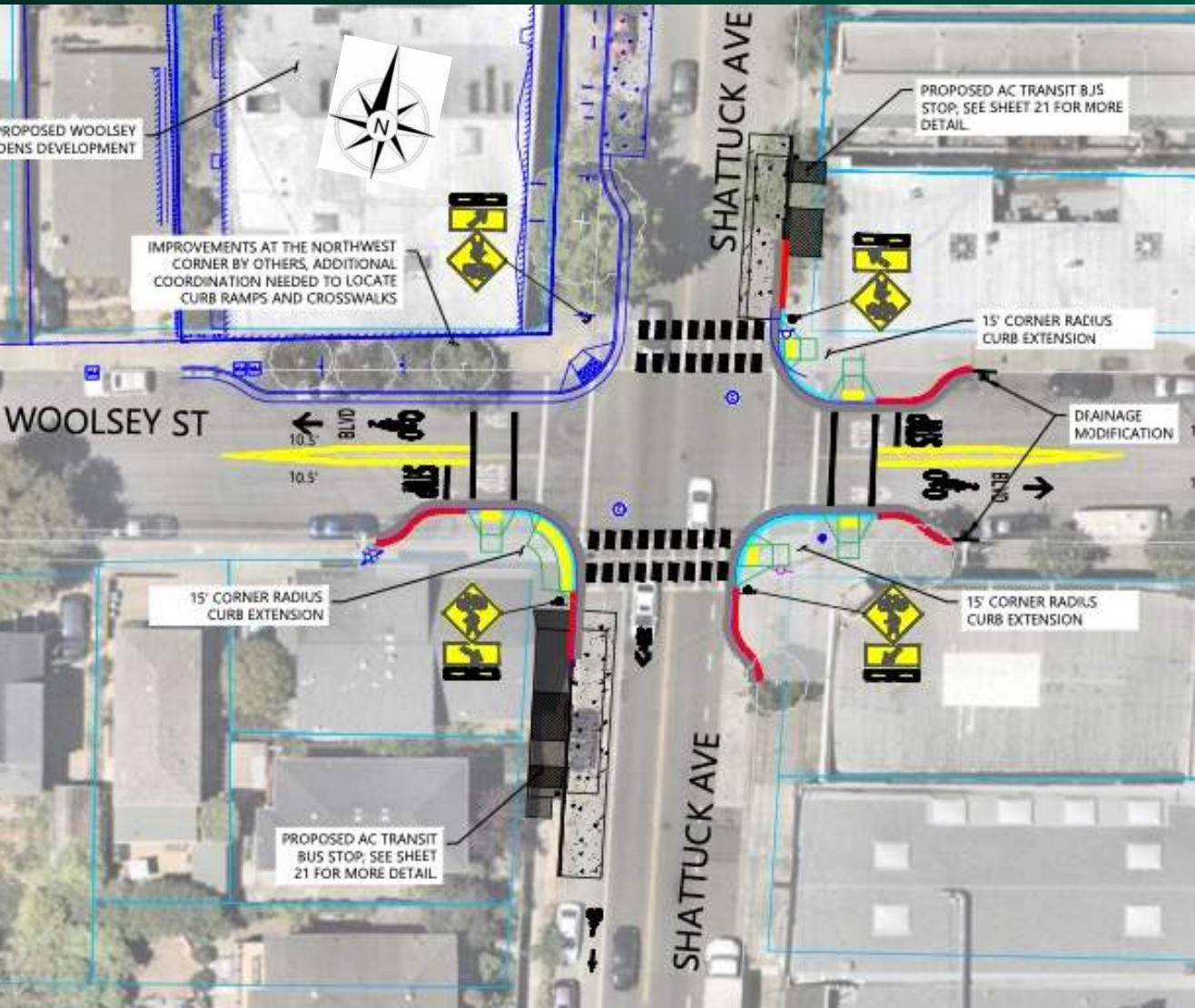
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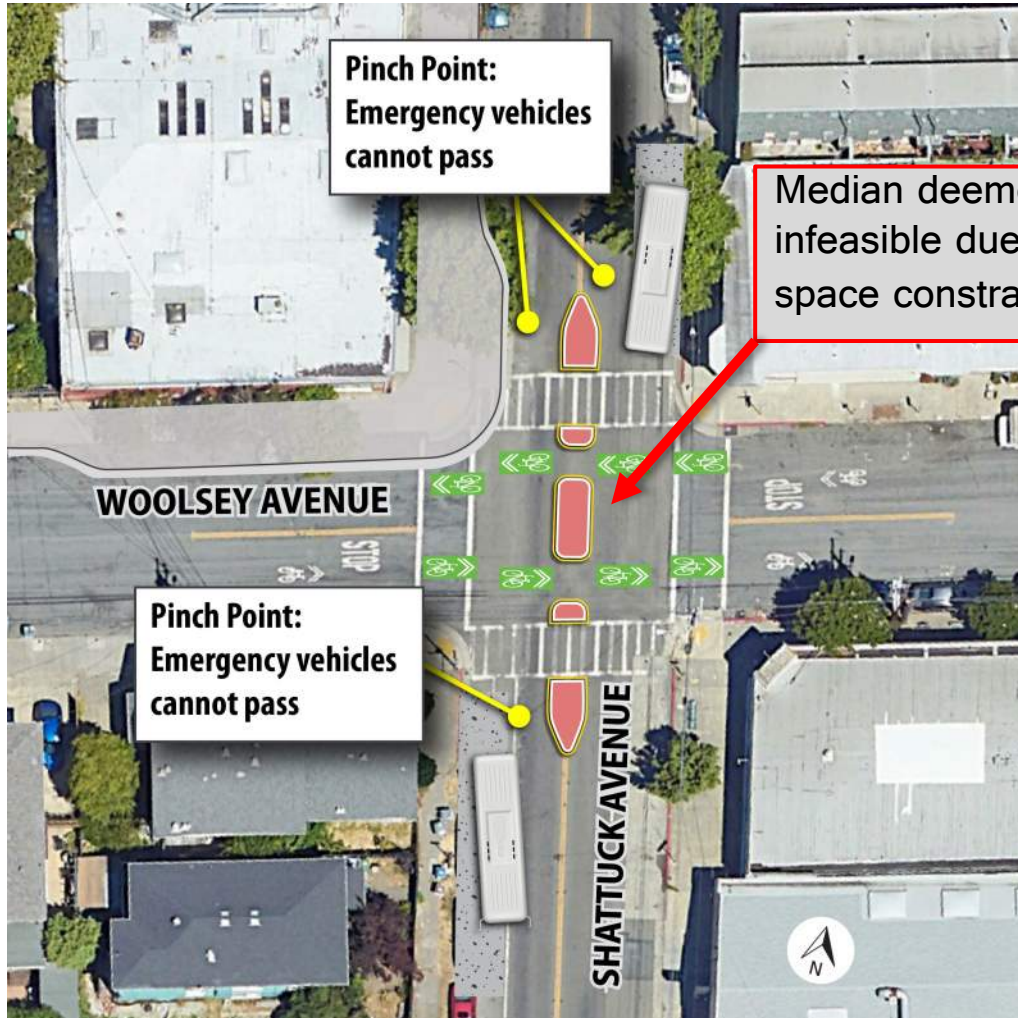
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- RRFB buttons at curb ramps and reachable by bicyclists
- Bus Stops move to far sides of intersection on Shattuck Ave.
 - Bus stop amenities TBD depending on available space
- Coordinating with development project at northwest corner
- Differs from recommendation in Bicycle Plan



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS COMPLIANCE WITH BICYCLE PLAN

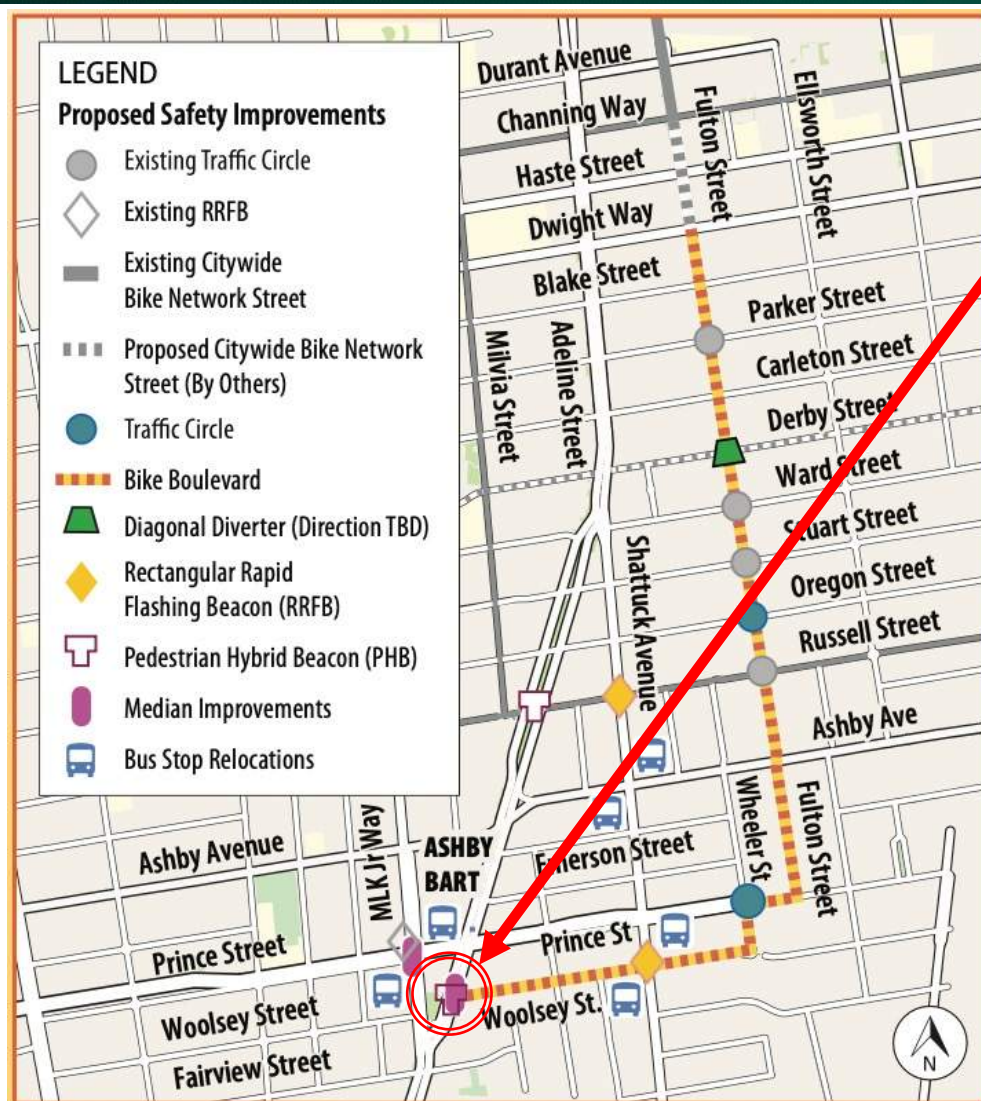


- It is infeasible to install a sufficiently wide median and in this case the Plan recommends consideration of curb extensions as a way to shorten crossing distance and improve visibility (see page 5-14 of City of Berkeley Bike Plan)



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WOOLSEY STREET CORRIDOR – WOOLSEY/ADELINE



- PHB and median improvements at Woolsey/Adeline intersection
- Connection to Ashby BART station
- Coordinating with upcoming BART bicycle access improvements work at Ashby station

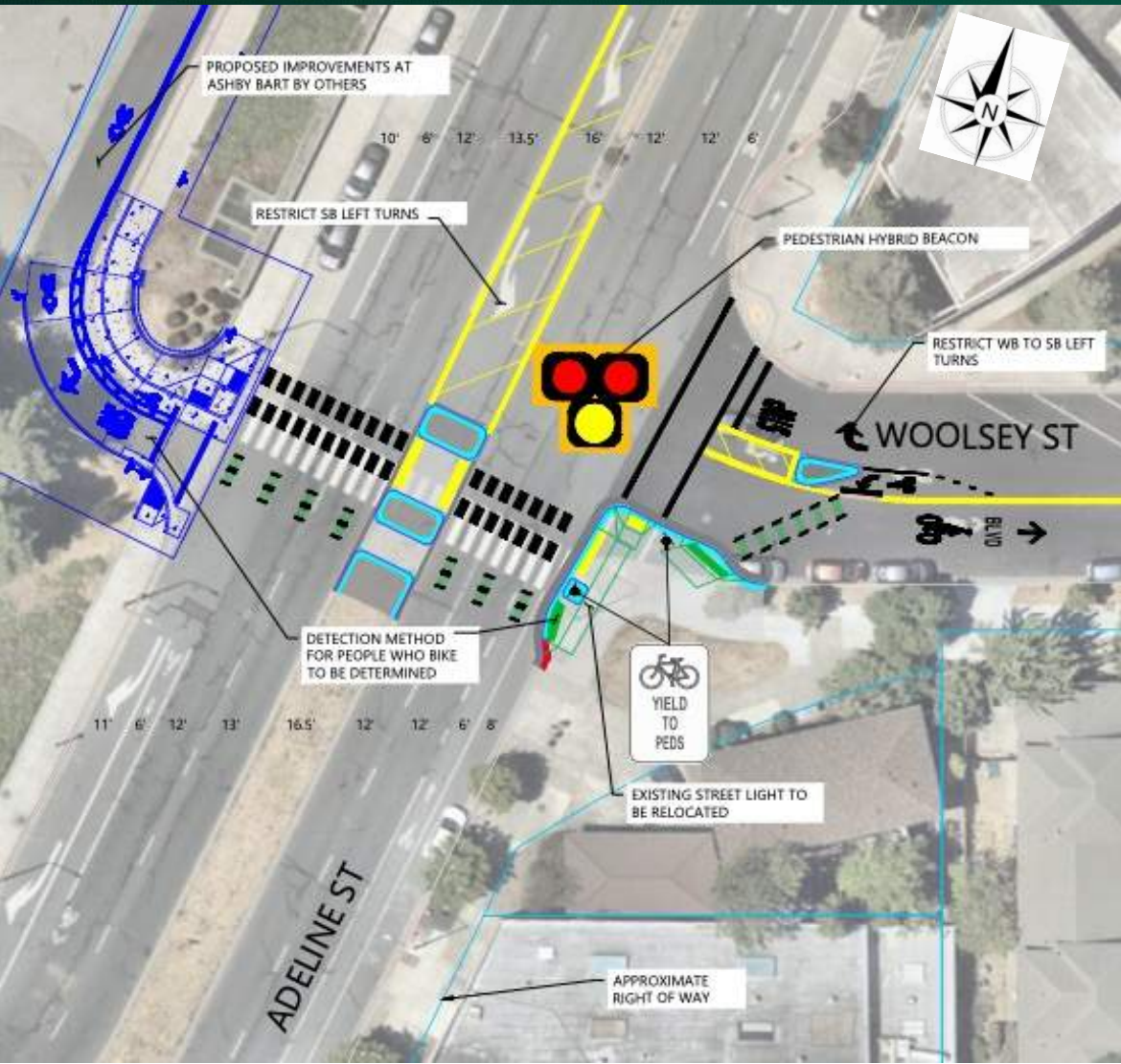


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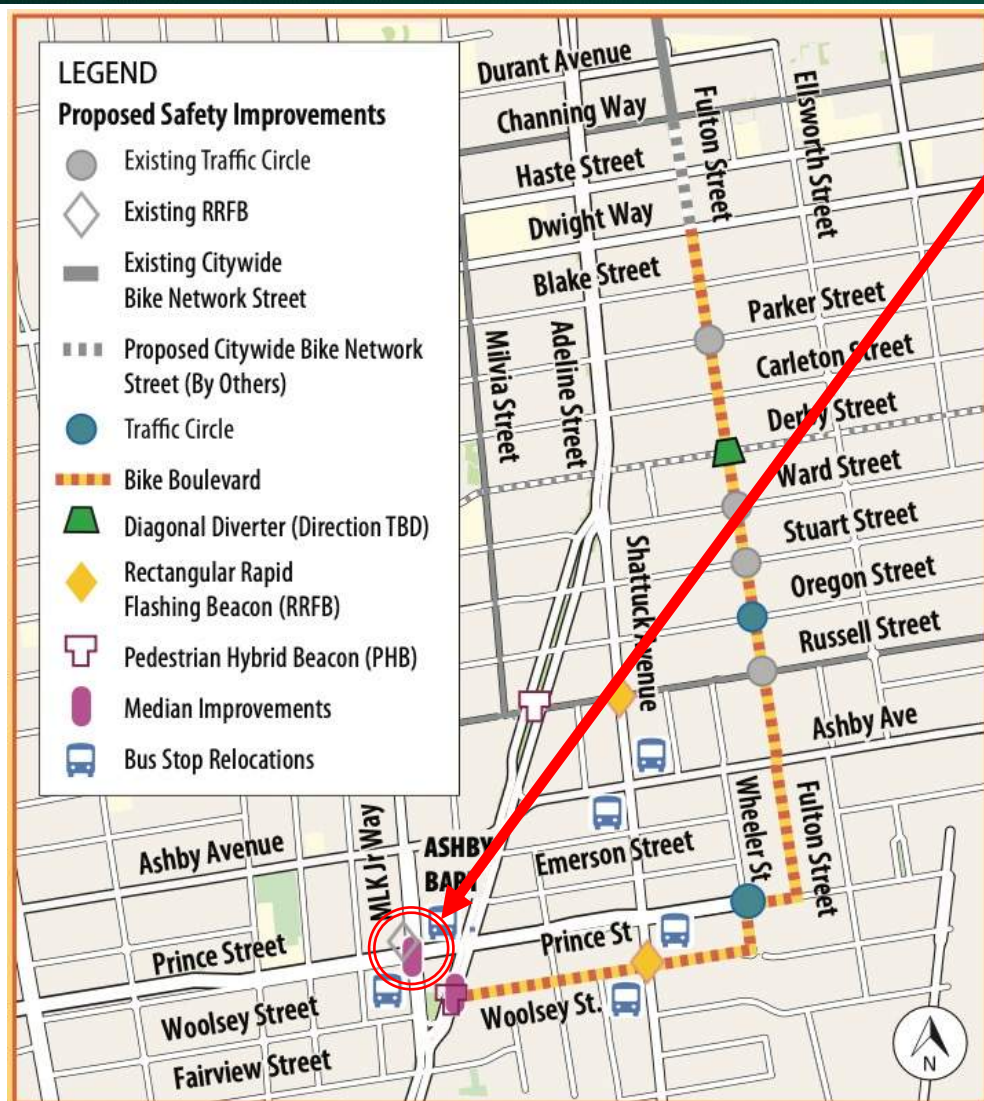


- PHB is per recommendation in Bicycle Plan
 - Evaluated for suitability at this intersection
- Left turn restrictions on southbound Adeline and westbound Woolsey
- Separated pedestrian and bike crossing across Adeline



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MLK/PRINCE INTERSECTION



- Reuse existing RRFBs
- Median improvements and sidewalk bulbouts
- Connection to Ashby BART station
- Bus stop relocations to far sides of intersection



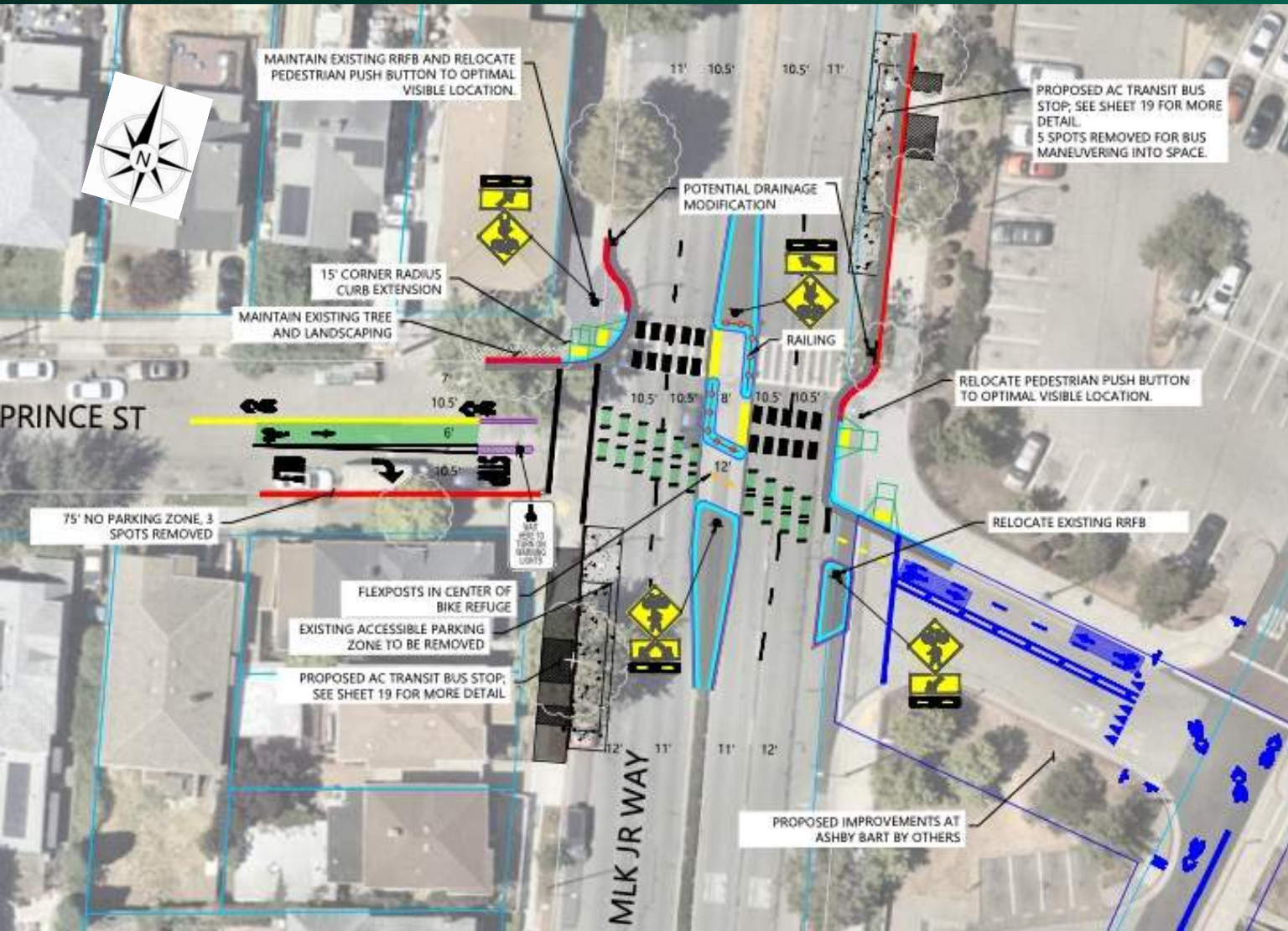
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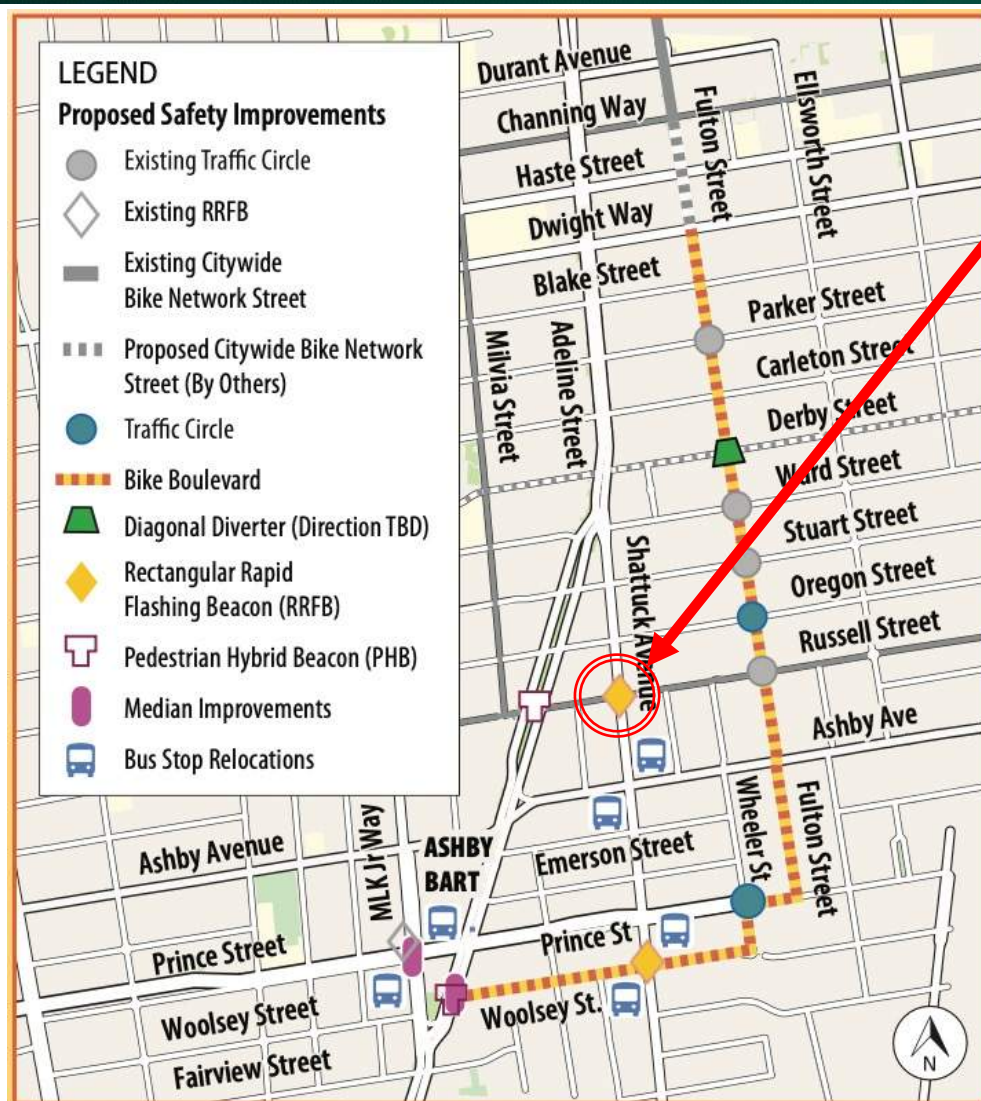


- Widen median: pedestrian and bike refuges
- Offset crosswalk
- Sidewalk bulbouts shorten crossing distances
- Coordinating with upcoming BART access improvements at Ashby station
- Bus stop amenities TBD depending on available space



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RUSSELL STREET CORRIDOR – RUSSELL/SHATTUCK



- RRFBs and sidewalk bulbouts at Russell/Shattuck intersection
- Russell St. is a Bicycle Boulevard

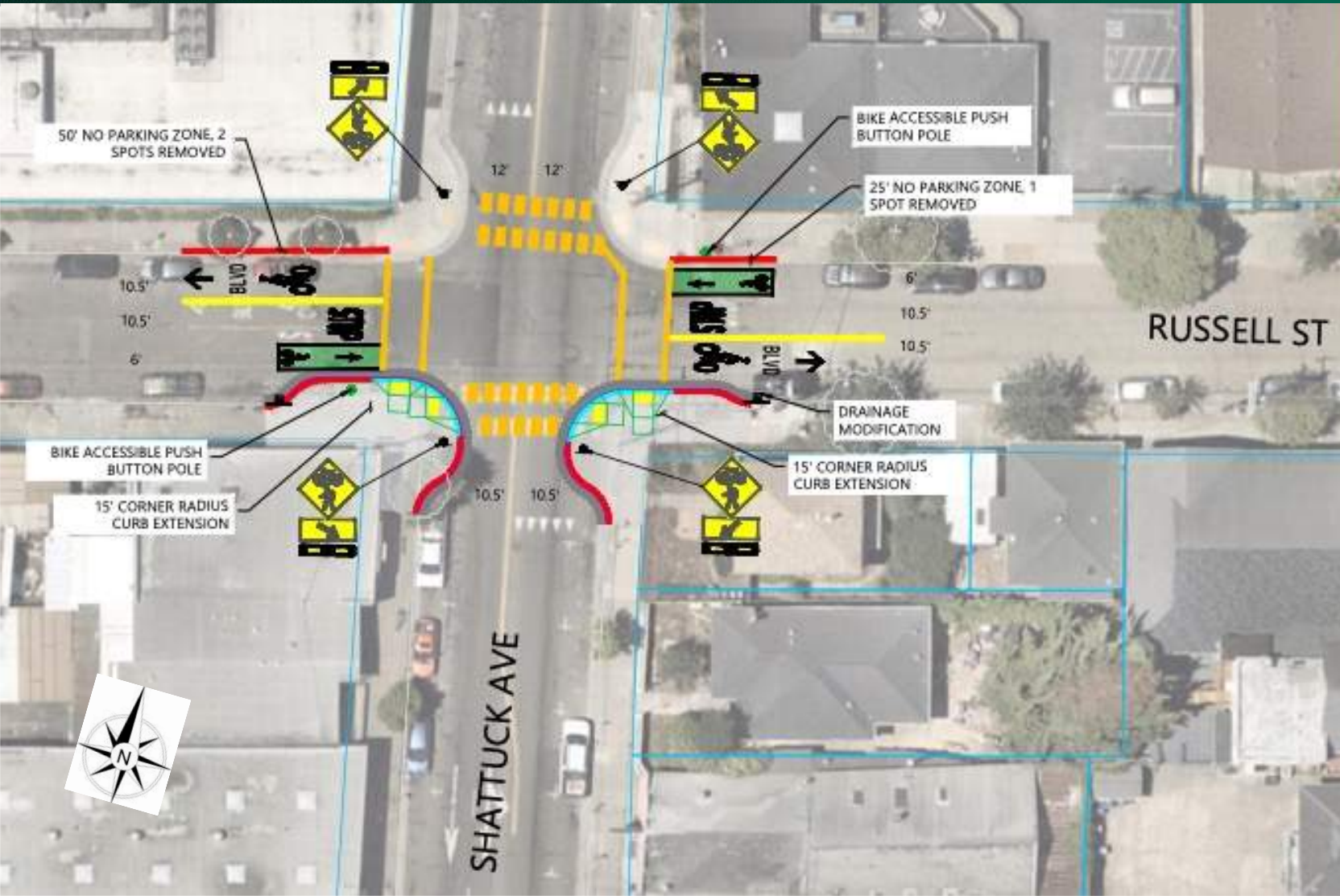


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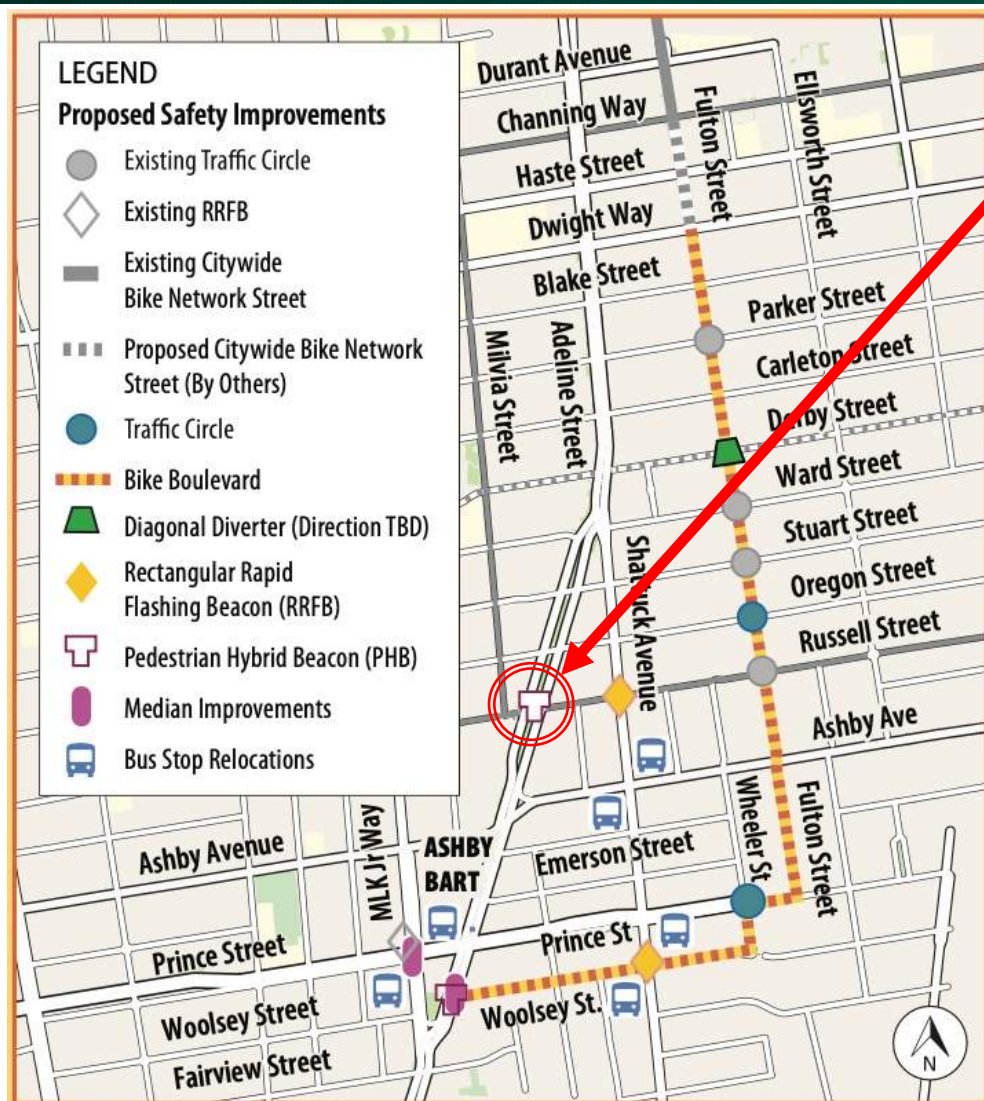


- Existing curb ramps at northwest and northeast corners
- New curb ramps at southwest and southeast corners
- RRFB buttons at curb ramps and reachable by bicyclists
- Differs from recommendation in Bicycle Plan



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RUSSELL STREET CORRIDOR – RUSSELL/ADELINE



- PHB at Russell/Adeline intersection
- PHB is per recommendation in Bicycle Plan
 - Evaluated for suitability at this intersection
- Russell St. is a Bicycle Boulevard



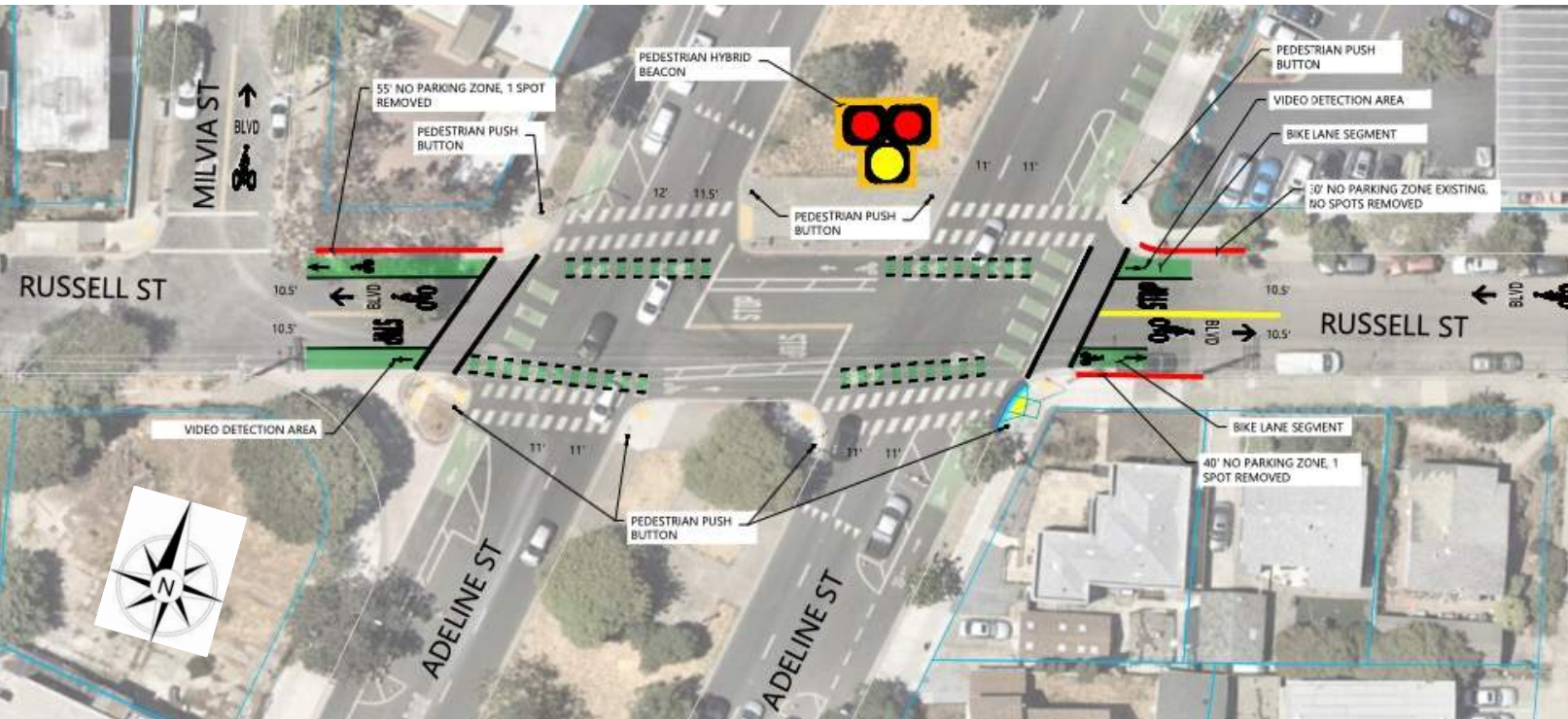
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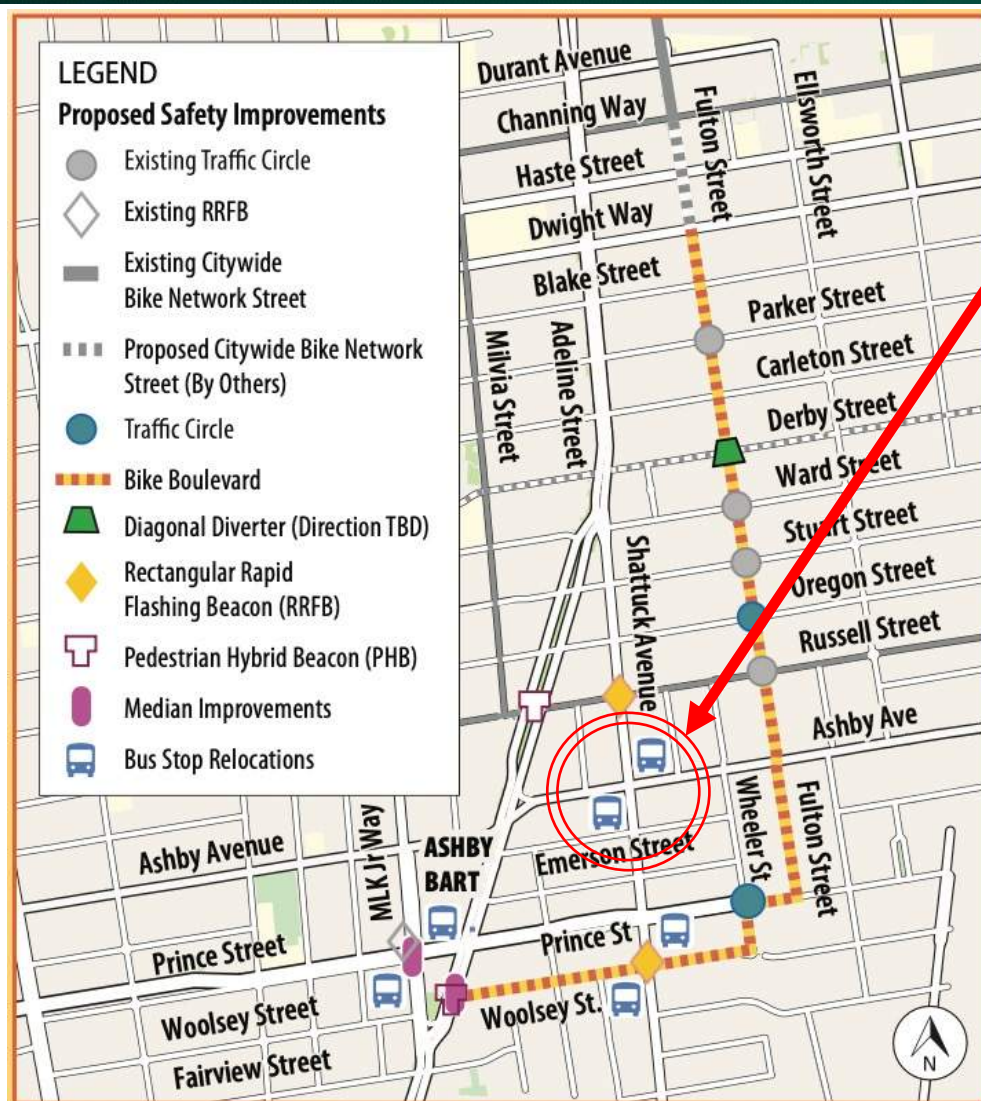


- Install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)
- Long crossing – evaluating one- vs. two-stage PHB activation
- Connects to Milvia St. Bicycle Boulevard and Adeline St. bike lanes



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- Bus stop relocations to far sides of intersection



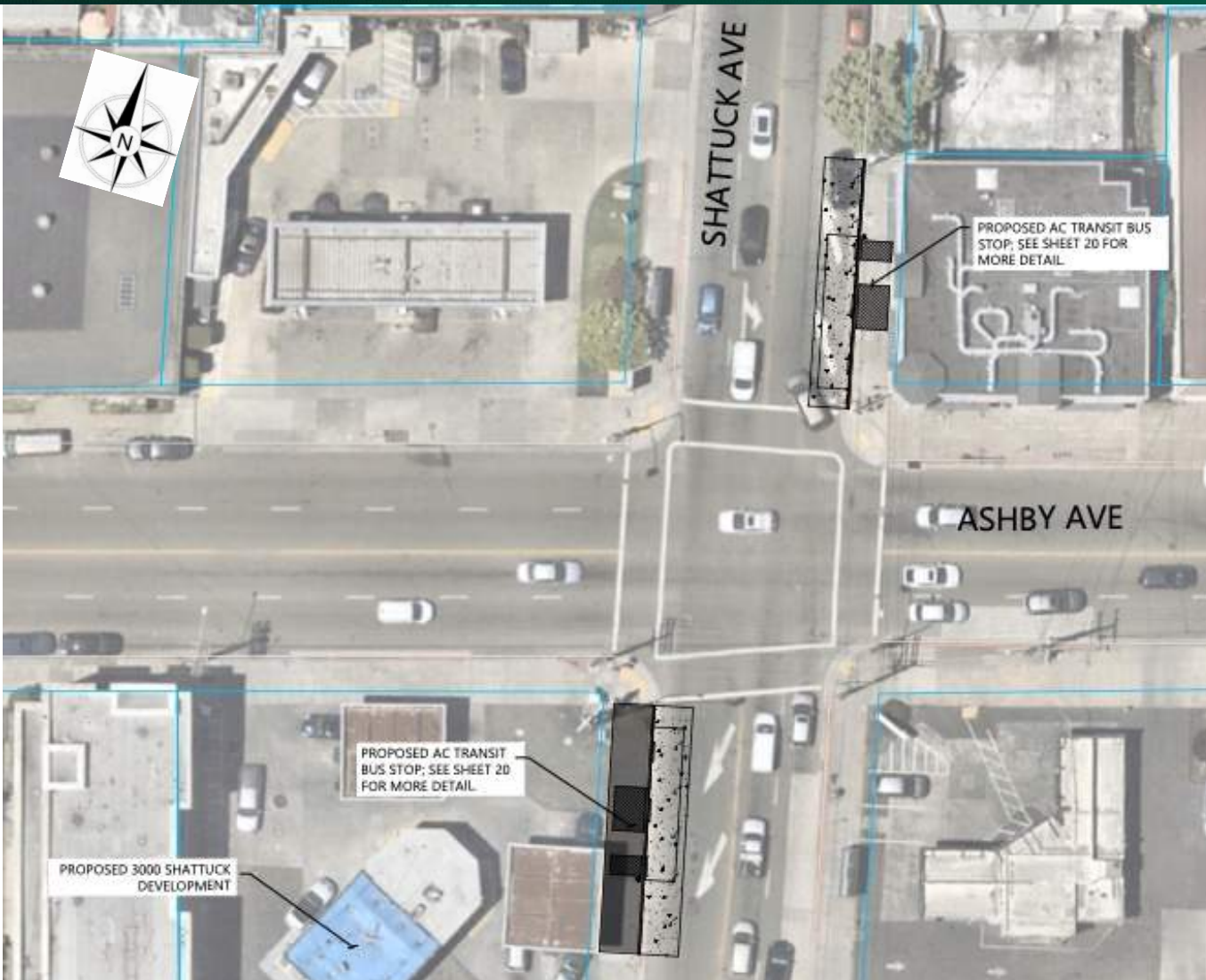
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- Coordinating with development project at southwest corner
- Bus stop amenities TBD depending on available space



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / PUBLIC COMMENT

- To speak: raise hand (on a phone *9 to raise/lower hand).
When called, un-mute (*6 on a phone to unmute/mute) your microphone.
- If you have a comment, please keep it on the topic of tonight's project presentation.
- Time for public comment is limited to XX.
- Additional public comments not received this evening should be sent to dhoffman@parametrix.com by February 14, 2024.



WOOLSEY-FULTON BIKE BOULEVARD & SHATTUCK-MLK BUS STOPS SAFETY PROJECTS **PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

Submit comments by February 14, 2024

Visit the project website:



Thank You !

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<https://berkeleyca.gov/woolsey-fulton-bicycle-blvd>