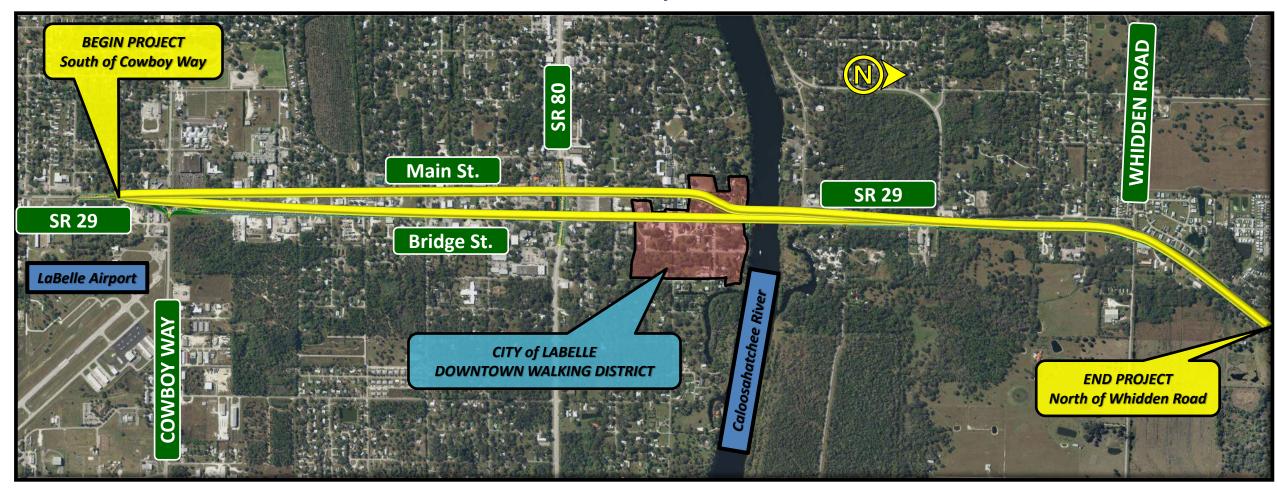
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 The FDOT Team is Committed to Working With Both the City and the County to Enhance LaBelle and meet the growing needs of the SR 29 Corridor

Responding to Frequently Asked Questions

- These are addressed in the following slides
- The FDOT Team will also leave behind a fact sheet
- Addressing items from the Joint City/County Meeting held on July 11, 2023
- Recap the Viable Alternatives



No, historical buildings will NOT be impacted by this project

• Will the SR 29 project remove most of the existing trees?

- No, FDOT will make every effort to evaluate and save existing, healthy trees

• Will improvements create a high-speed facility on Main St. north of SR 80?

- No, proposed posted speed for Main St. north of SR 80 will be 25-30 MPH
- Speed management strategies will be implemented
 - Lane Width Reduction from 12-ft to 11-ft
 - Horizontal Shifts in Road Alignment with Chicanes
 - Speed Feedback Signs
 - On-Street Parking
 - Maintaining/Adding Street Trees
 - Crosswalks at High-Foot Traffic Locations
 - Raised Crosswalks for 25 MPH Posted Speed
- Will add signs for no trucks on Main St. North of SR 80

Can a truck bypass route be added similar to Arcadia, DeLand, Lake Placid and Sebring?

- Feasibility study for a bypass route has been added to the FDOT Work Program
- Bypass routes will have challenges
 - Panther dispersal zones
 - Length of bypass route (eastern bypass options add approx. 13 miles to route)
 - Arcadia, DeLand, Lake Placid and Sebring alternative/bypass routes all add less than ¼ mile to the route

What is the height of the proposed retaining wall south of DeSoto Ave.?

- Estimated to be 3-ft higher than the existing Bridge St. guardrail
- Final height will be determined in final design

• Will access to riverfront, library and city dock be eliminated?

- No, access will be maintained with all concepts

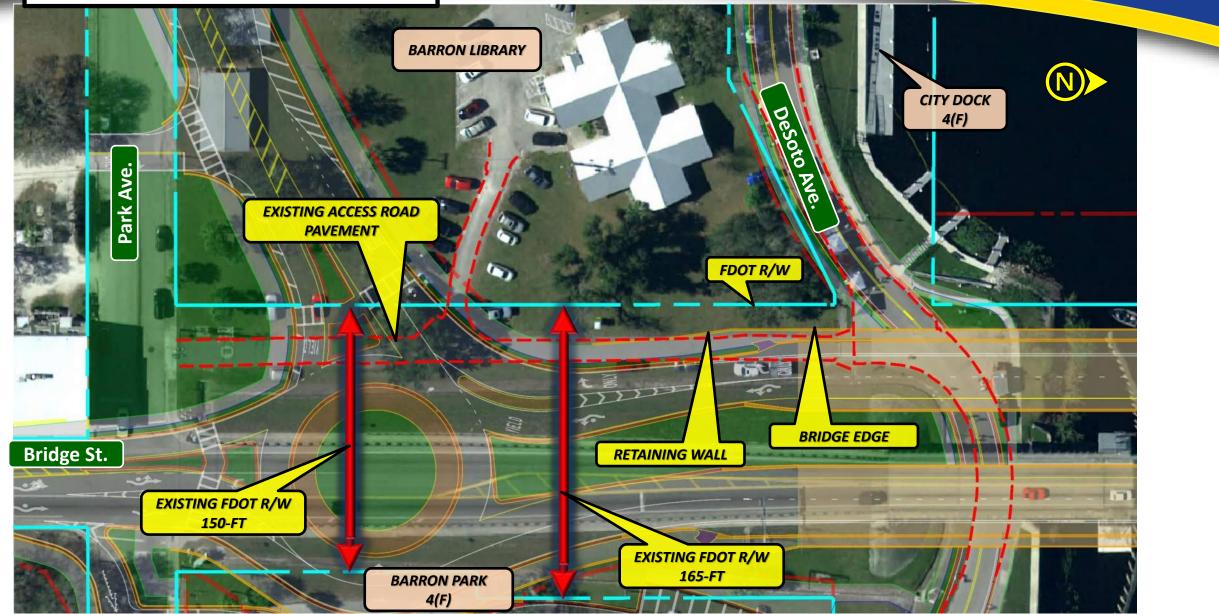
• Will proposed improvements remove green space near library?

- Green space impacts will vary depending on concepts
- Opportunities for compensating green space impacts

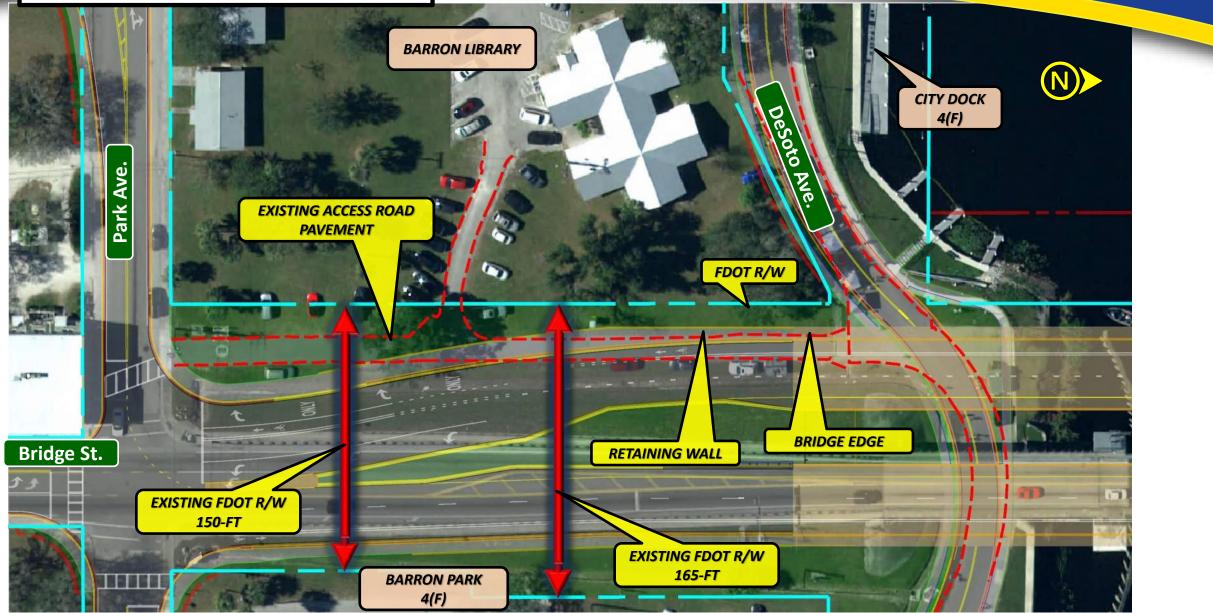
• Will the SR 29 project improvements Remove the Barron Library?

- No, proposed bridges will be located near existing bridge within existing FDOT R/W

SB BRIDGE/RETAINING WALL PROXIMITY TO BARRON LIBRARY (ROUNDABOUT CONCEPT)



SB BRIDGE/RETAINING WALL PROXIMITY TO BARRON LIBRARY (CONVENTIONAL SIGNAL CONCEPT)





• Will the Barron Park Master Plan be impacted by this project?

- No impact with Park Ave. conventional signal concept
- Park Ave. roundabout concept will require additional coordination with master plan
 - Opportunity to provide additional parking via re-shaping parking lot

Barron Park Master Plan

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Proposals

- 1: Relocated Gazebo
- 2: Relocated Hull Memorial
- 3: Julian Keen Memorial (existing)
- 4: Old Jail site with informational plaque
- 5: New stage
- 6: New restrooms and utility space
- 7: Portable restroom area
- 8: New picnic pavilion with barbecue pit

New parking area with 2 lane street, parallel to bridge

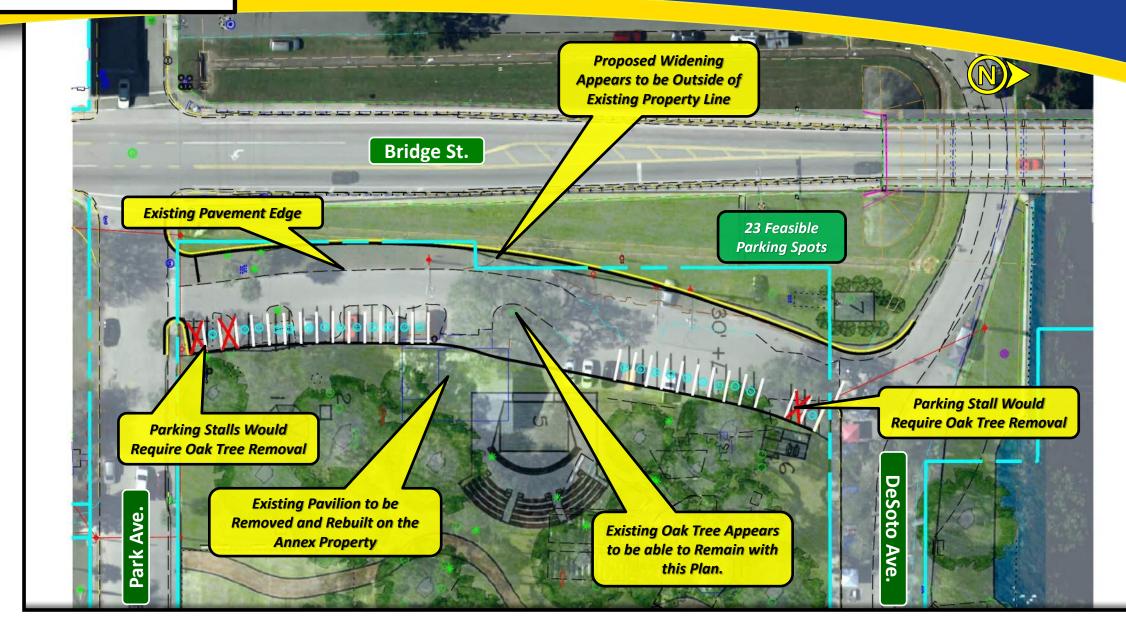
We are proposing the use of drought resistant Florida native plantings and shrubs.

All locations approximate, subject to final survey

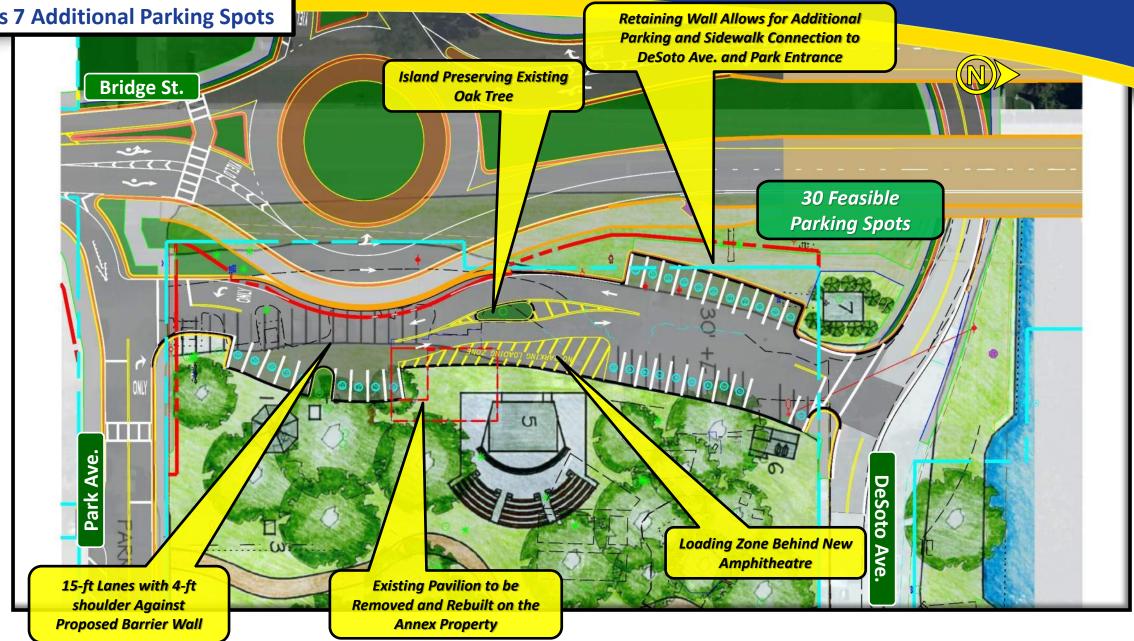
Barron Park Master Plan



Barron Park Master Plan



Barron Park Master Plan Modified with SR 29 Roundabout Provides 7 Additional Parking Spots

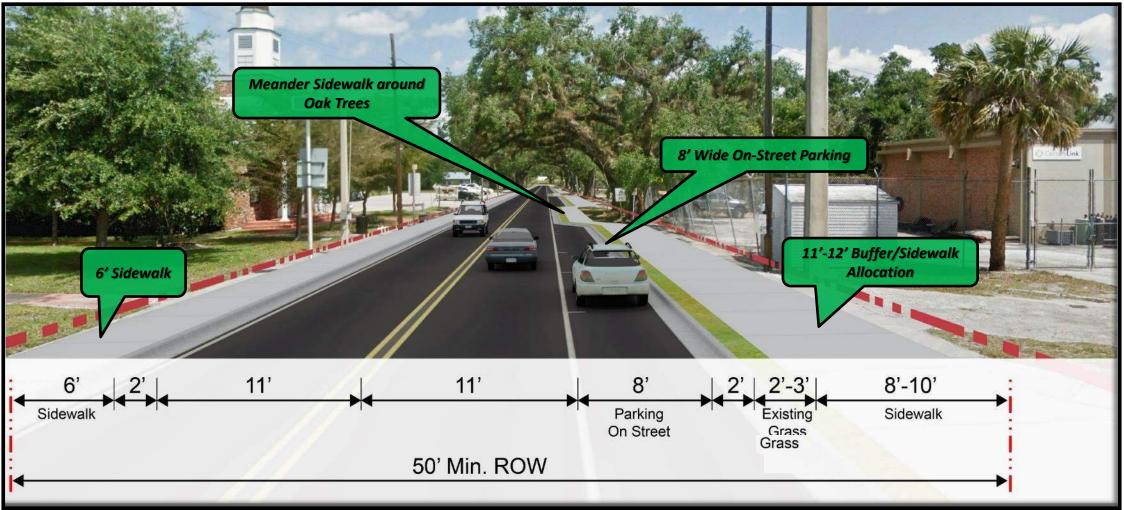




Will R/W impacts along Main St. North of SR 80 cause businesses to lose their parking?

- North of Oklahoma Ave., there are no planned parking impacts
- Between Oklahoma Ave. and SR 80, R/W impacts vary from no impacts to approx. 6-ft wide
 - Depends on alternative
 - FDOT will work with any impacted businesses

Section 3 – Main St. North of SR 80 Option 1





- Will the view under the bridge change after the proposed bridges are constructed?
 - The proposed bridges will have slightly longer spans compared to the existing bridge spans
 - Will open up the view from either side of Bridge St.



EXISTING BRIDGE LOOKING EAST FROM DESOTO AVE (IN FRONT OF BARRON LIBRARY)



PROPOSED BRIDGE LOOKING EAST FROM DESOTO AVE (IN FRONT OF BARRON LIBRARY)



EXISTING BRIDGE LOOKING WEST FROM DESOTO AVE (AT BARRON PARK ENTRANCE)



PROPOSED BRIDGE LOOKING WEST FROM DESOTO AVE (AT BARRON PARK ENTRANCE)



When will FDOT take over Bridge St. south of SR 80?

- Once Construction of this project is complete
- Bridge St. south of SR 80 will become the designated truck route
- FDOT will also transfer ownership/maintenance of Main St. (South of SR 80) to the City of LaBelle
- Bridge St. north of SR 80 (including the bridges) will remain with FDOT



• Can anything be done to improve the signals on SR 80 at Main St. and Bridge St.?

- All concepts will include optimizing the signal timing to help reduce backups and improve flow through intersections
- Shifting the truck traffic to Bridge St. south of SR 80 will also help improve the traffic flow at these intersections

• How will the roundabouts work?

- There are simulations provided on the SR 29 Project Website for all roundabout concepts
 - https://www.swflroads.com/project/417878-8

Project Documents

FAQ Alternatives Public Workshop

Alternatives Public Meeting Boards FDOT Title VI Board Statutes Board Welcome_Board

Exhibit Boards

SR 29 CR 731 (Whidden Road) Intersection SR 29 CR 78 (Nobles Road) Intersection SR 29 CR80A (Cowboy Way) Intersection SR 29 Park Avenue Intersection SR 29 Project Area Board SR 80 at Main Street and Bridge Street Intersection SR29_MATRIX_BOARD

Forms

417878-8 SR 29 Comment Form

Handout 417878-8 SR 29 Project Handout

Presentation

SR29 Alternatives Public Workshop Presentation

Project Videos

SR 29 Concept Re-evaluation Study Presentation



City Requested the FDOT Team Confirm Side-by-Side Vehicles' Ability to Traverse Cowboy Way Roundabout

See the following slides and simulations

Vehicle Paths Large Semi-Truck Alongside School Bus

- Roundabout will easily accommodate a side-by-side approach for a large WB-62FL truck and a large School Bus
- See Simulation Video



Vehicle Paths 2 School Buses Side-by-Side

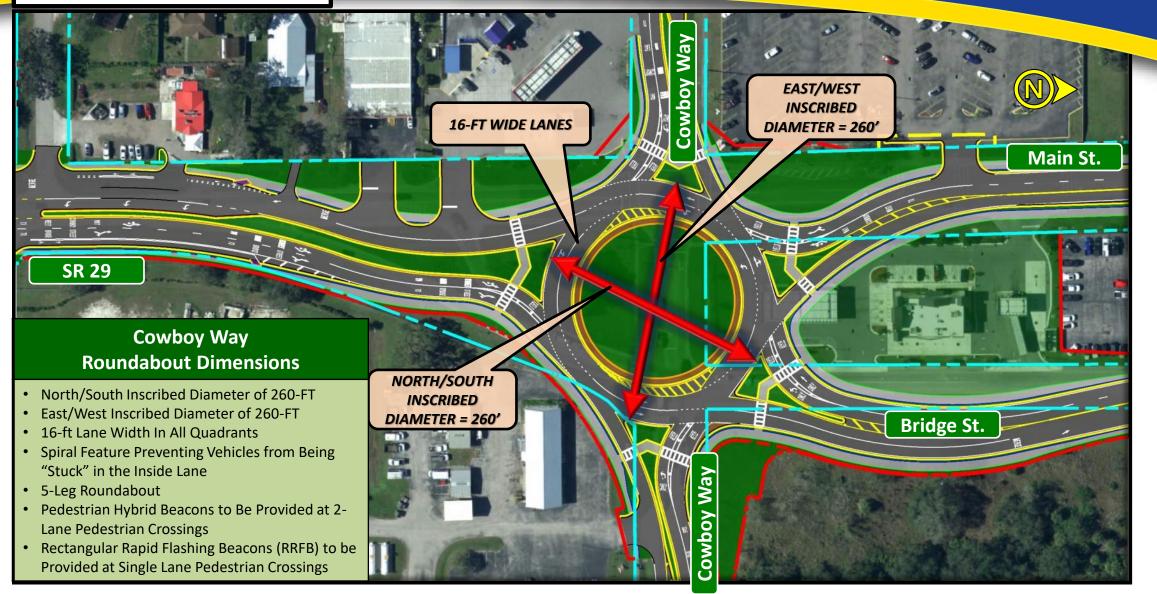
- **Cowboy Way** SCHOOL BUS Main Su **VEHICLE PATH** TILL SCHOOL BUS **VEHICLE PATH** Bridge St. Cowboy Way
- Roundabout will easily
 accommodate two school
 busses side-by-side
- See Simulation Video



County Requested a Size Comparison Between the Cowboy Way Roundabout and the SR 82 Roundabout

- Cowboy Way Roundabout
 - Inscribed Diameter = 260-ft
 - Lane Widths = 16-ft
- SR 82 Roundabout
 - Inscribed Diameter = 196-ft
 - Lane Widths = 16-ft

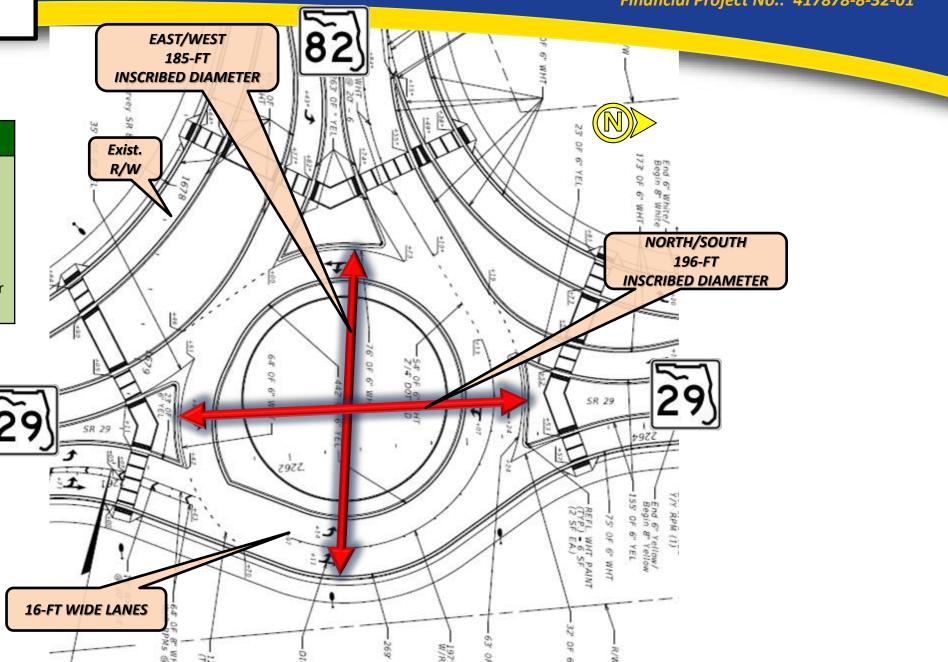
Cowboy Way Intersection Roundabout Dimensions

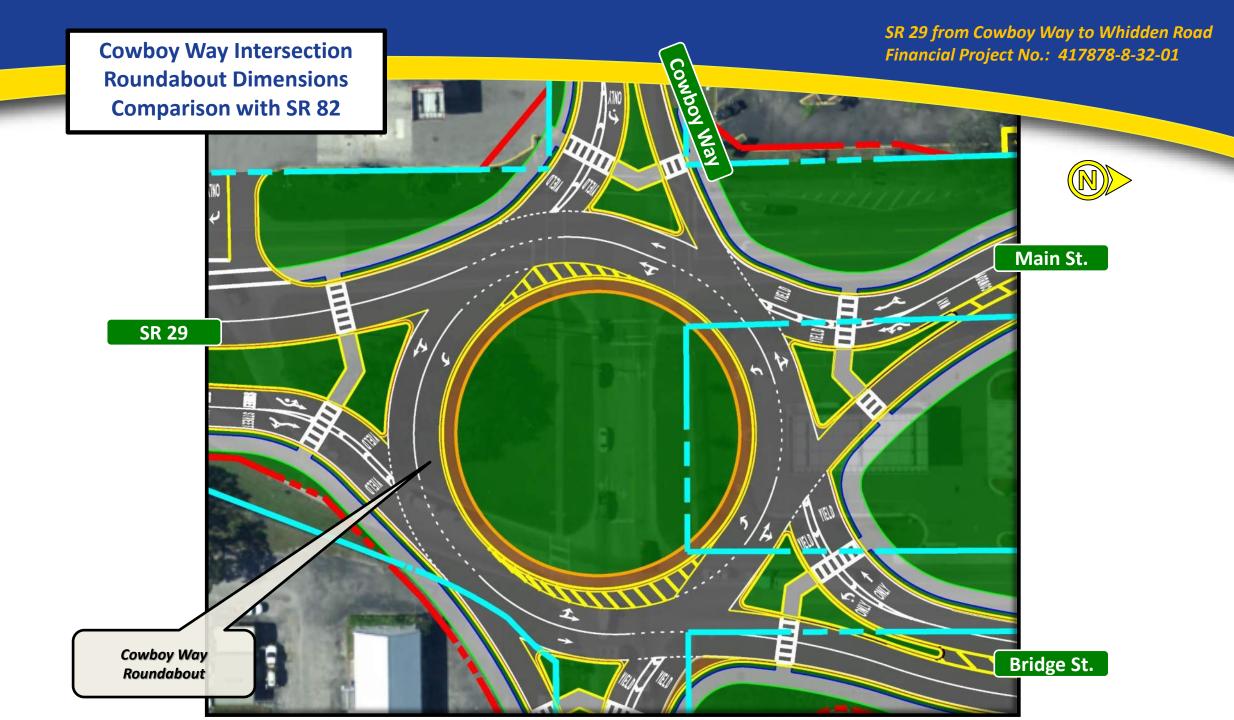


SR 82 at SR 29 Roundabout Dimensions

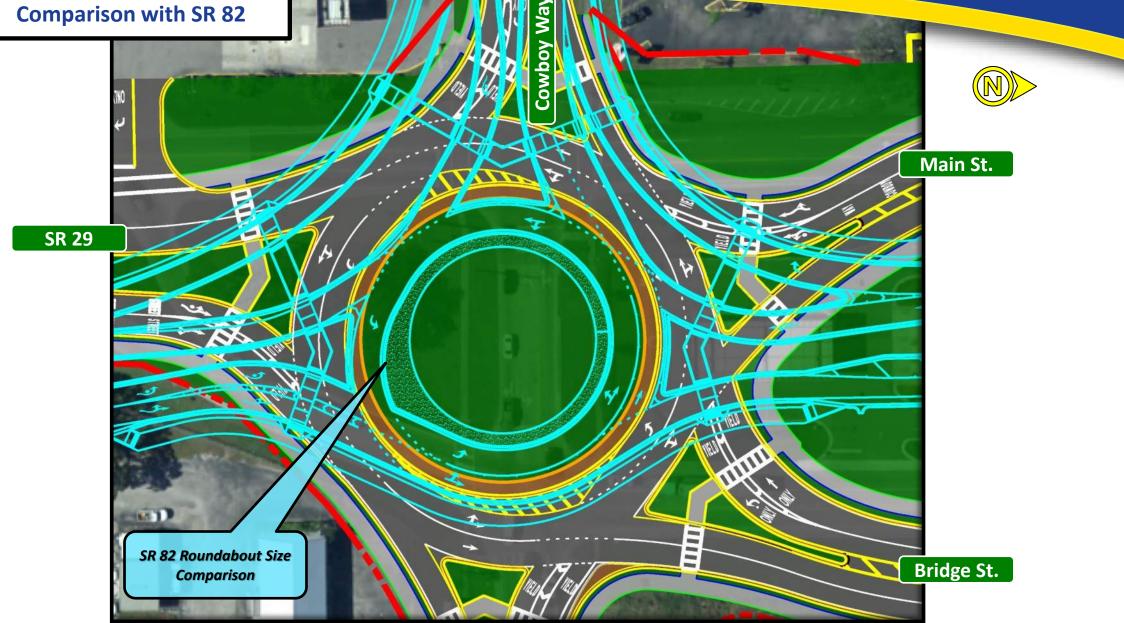
SR 82 Roundabout Dimensions

- North/South Inscribed Diameter of 196-FT
- East/West Inscribed Diameter of 185-FT
- 16-FT Lane Width In All Quadrants
- Spiral Feature Preventing Vehicles from Being "Stuck" in the Inside Lane
- 3-Leg Roundabout
- No Pedestrian Crossing Signals/Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)





Cowboy Way Intersection Roundabout Dimensions Comparison with SR 82





County Requested Capacity Metrics for the Cowboy Way Roundabout

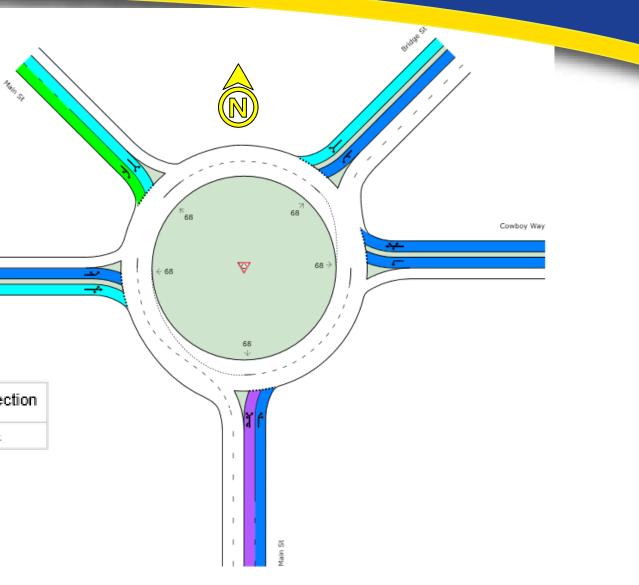
– FDOT Team has Analyzed Projected Level of Service for Cowboy Way Roundabout

Cowboy Way Intersection Roundabout Traffic Analysis

Level of Service

Approach Level of Service for
 Cowboy Roundabout overall is a C for
 2040 traffic

		Intersection				
	South	East	Northeast	Northwest	West	Intersection
LOS	С	С	В	В	В	С



Colour code based on Level of Service									
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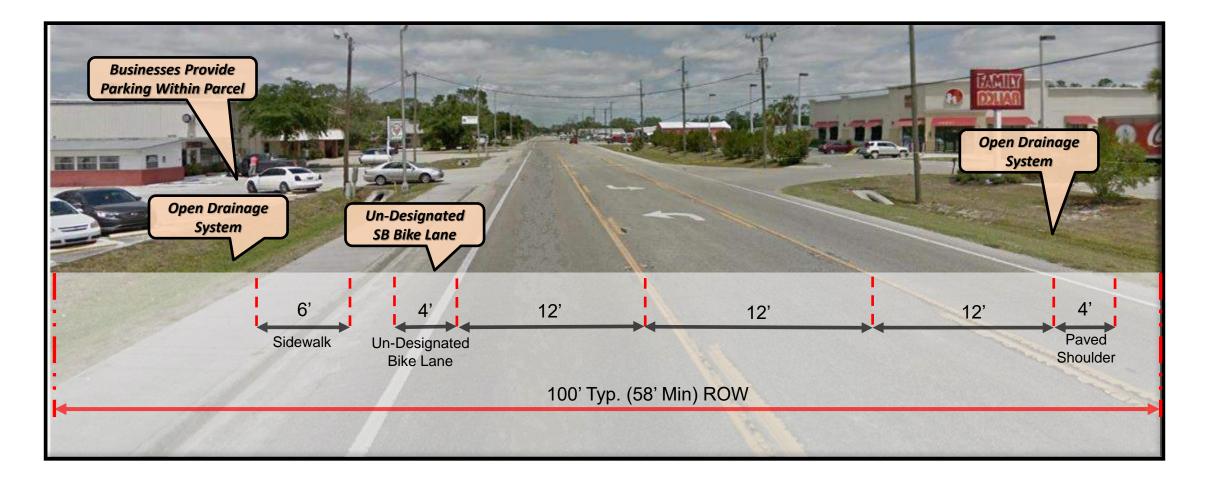
Cowboy Way



City & County Requested Keeping Two-Way Left Turn Lanes on Bridge St. and Main St.

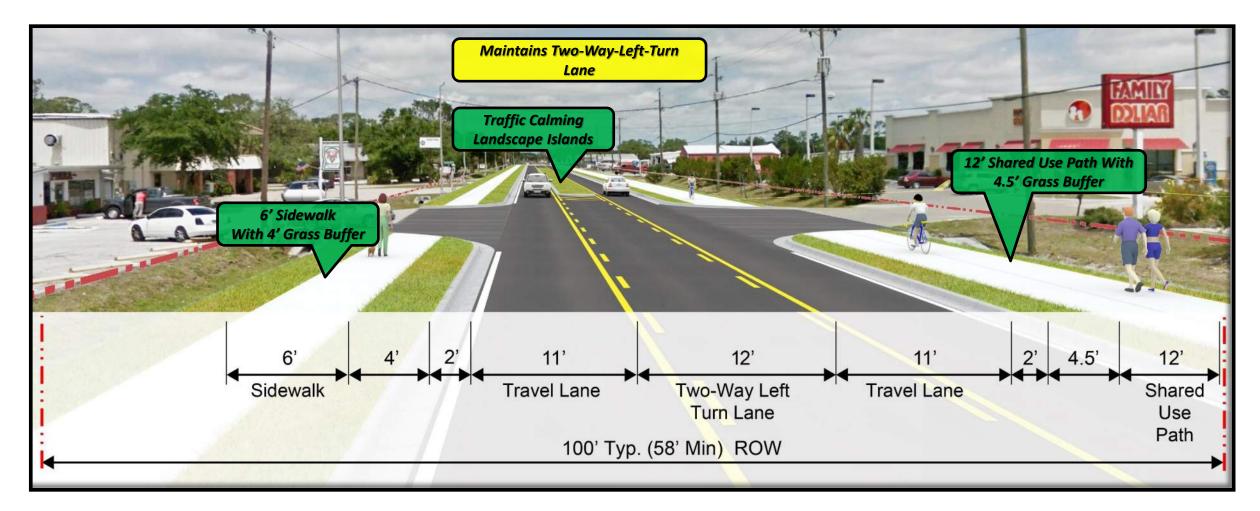
- FDOT team has agreed to providing Two-Way Left Turn Lanes as a Viable Alternative

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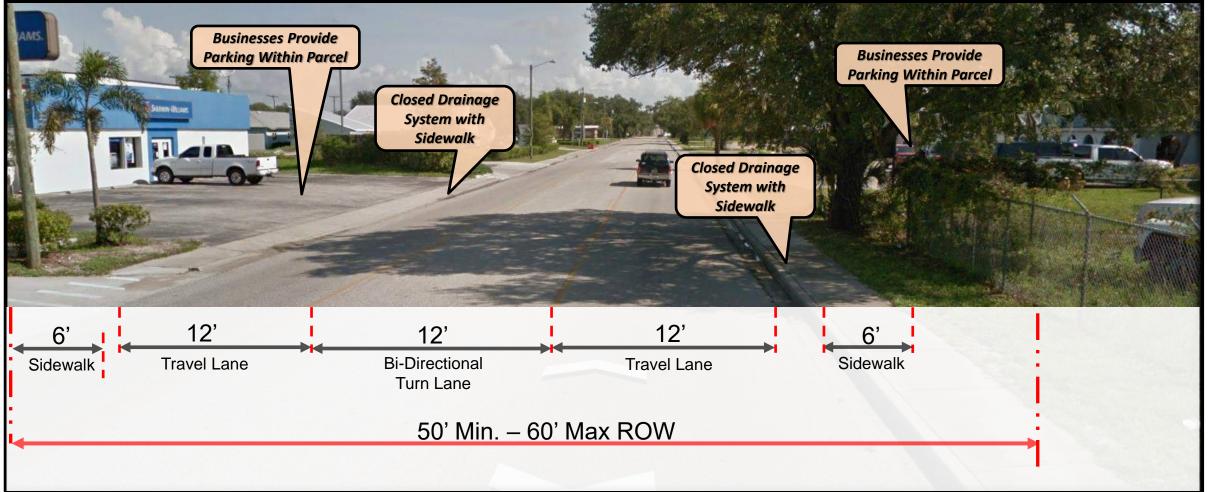




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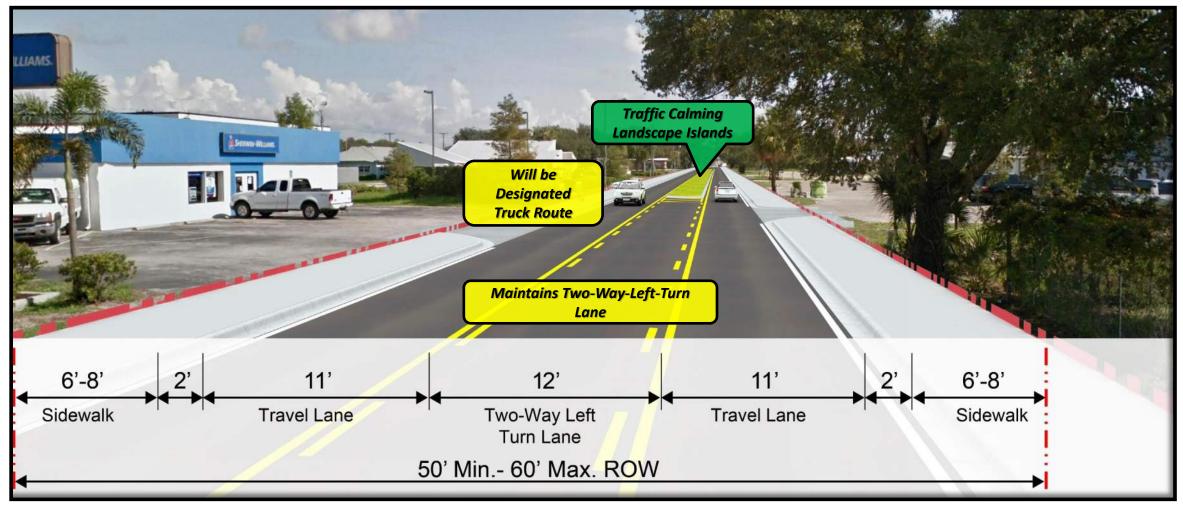


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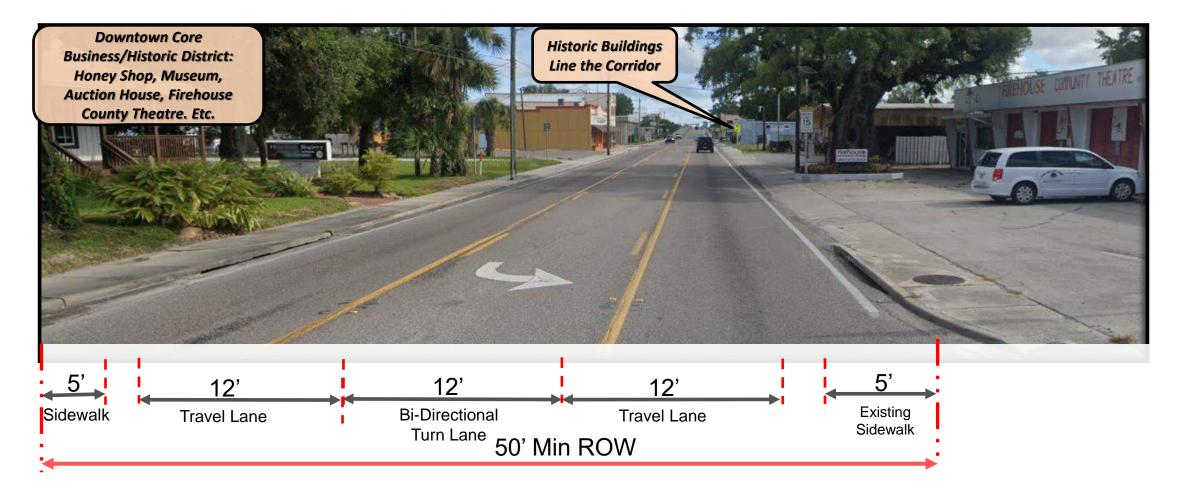




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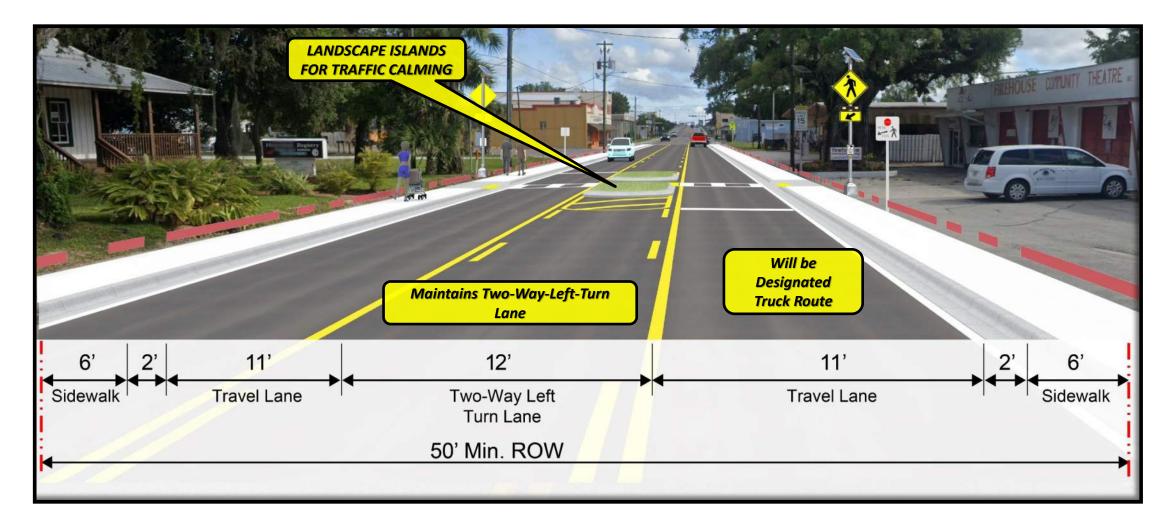


Section 4 – Bridge St. North of SR 80 Existing Typical





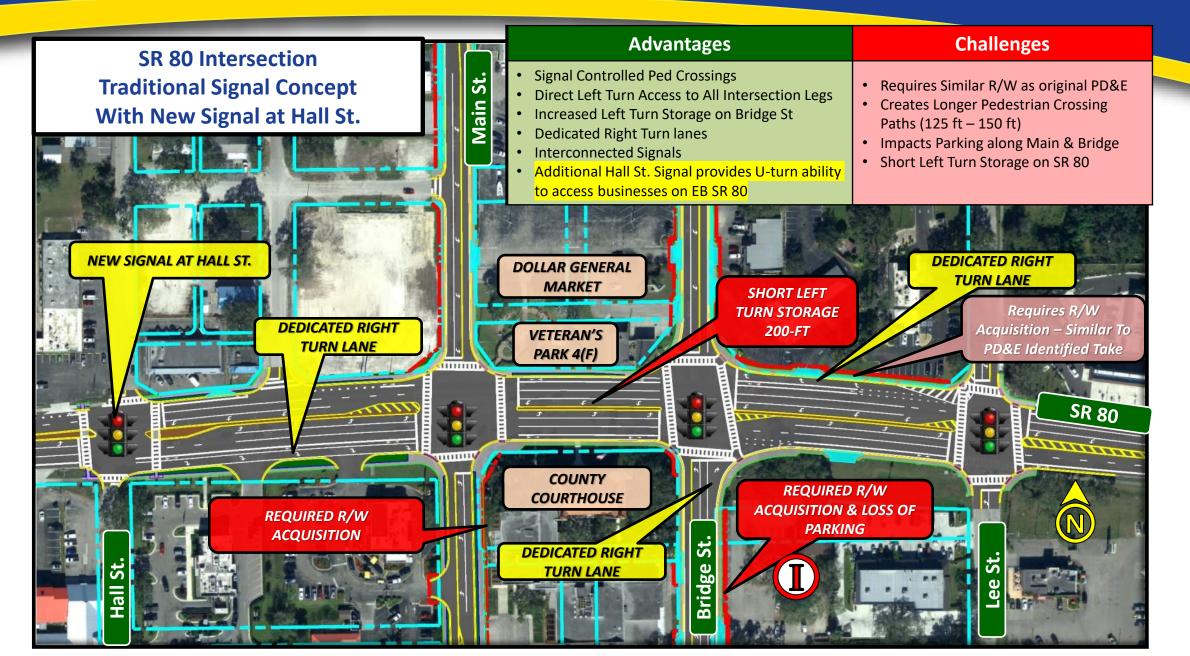
Section 4 – Bridge St. North of SR 80 Option 3





- City & County Requested the Signal Option as SR 80 Preferred Concept and Requested a 4th Signal be added to Hall St with Interconnected Signals
 - FDOT team has developed a concept
- City & County Requested Mast Arms for Signals Instead of Span Wires
 - Will require a Local Funding and Maintenance Agreement

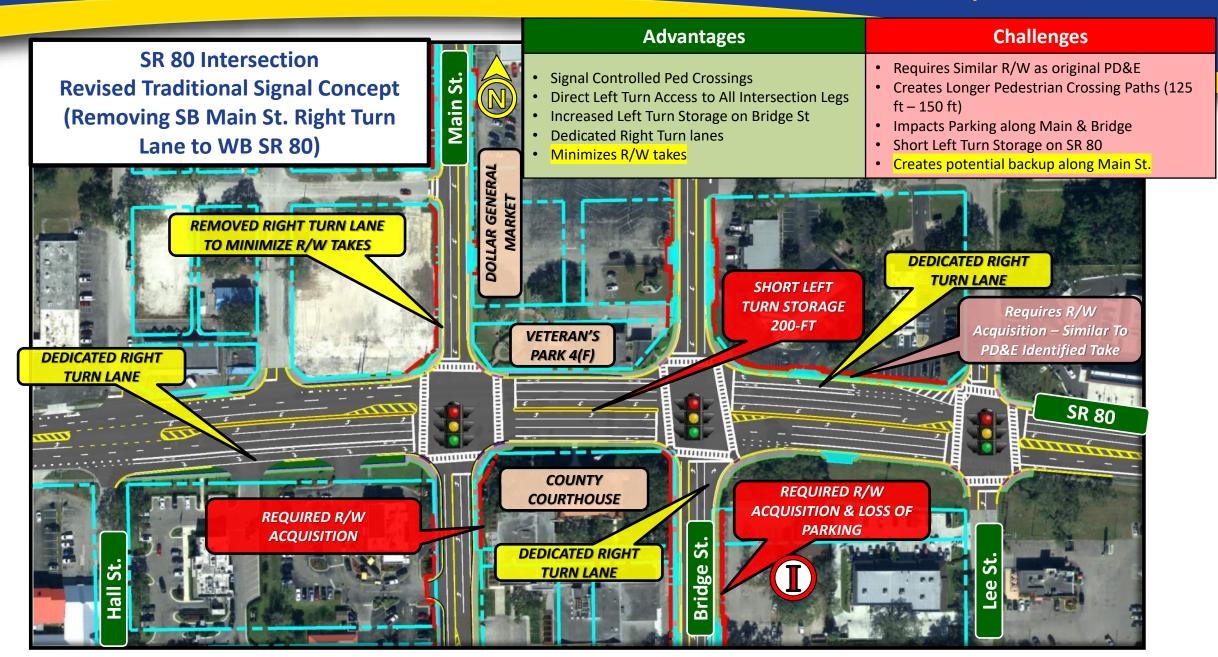
New Intersection Concept 🔀





City Requested Removing SB Right Turn Lane on Main St. North of SR 80 to Avoid R/W Impacts

FDOT can remove right turn lane but will still require a small 2-ft +/- wide R/W strip



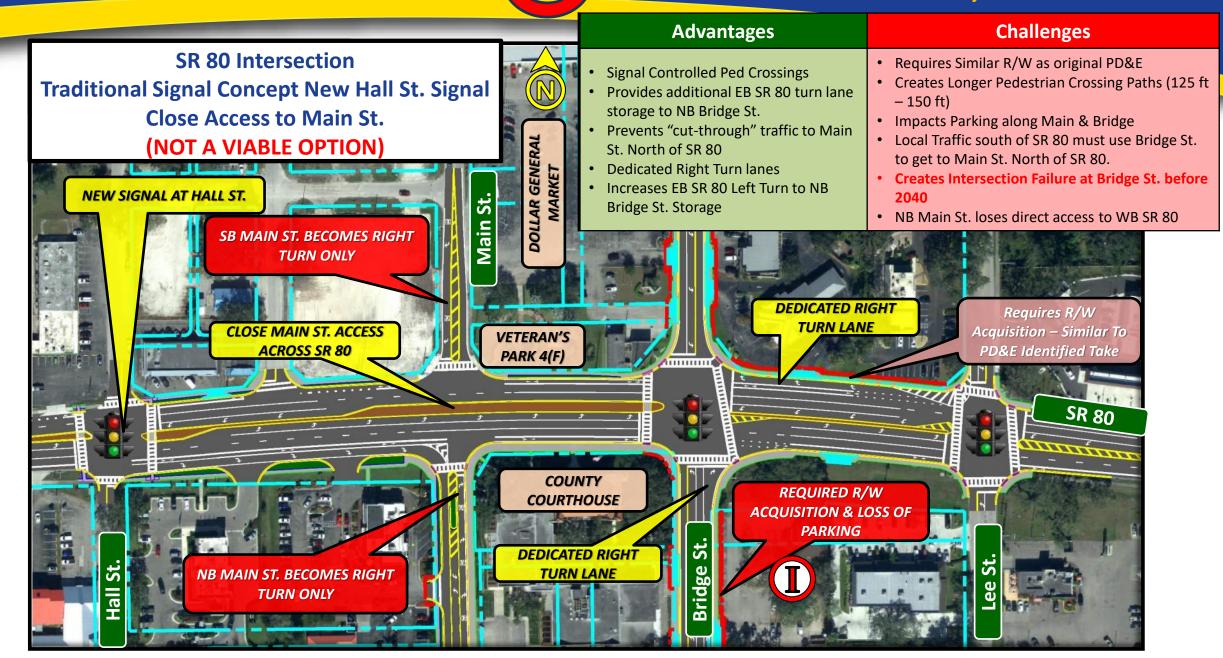


City Requested Another SR 80 Concept with a New Signal at Hall St. and Closing off the Main St. Through Movement Across SR 80

FDOT team has developed a concept for this request

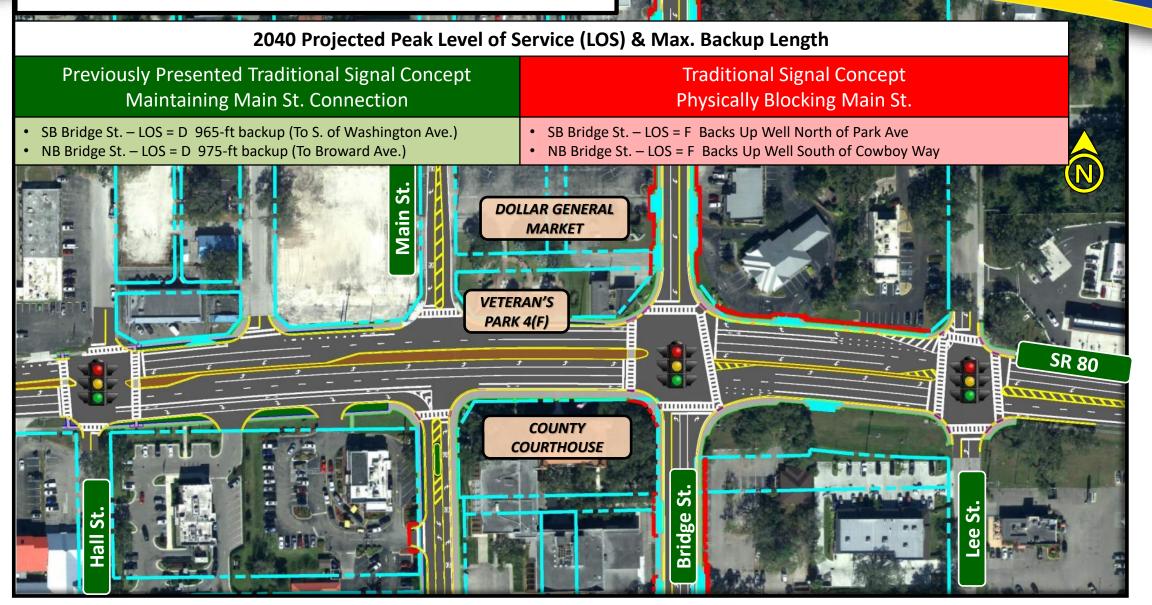


New Intersection Concept



SR 80 Intersection Traditional Signal Concept With Closing Access to Main St. Traffic Analysis NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT





• City Requested Additional Parking on Main St. Between SR 80 and Oklahoma Ave.

- NOT FEASIBLE to provide parking between SR 80 and Oklahoma Ave.
- On-street Parking is Feasible North of Oklahoma and along Oklahoma with ADA Sidewalk connectivity to businesses on Main St.



City Requested FDOT Evaluate Utilizing Existing R/W Currently in Use by Dollar General Parking Lot

Due to the close proximity to SR 80, this is NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT

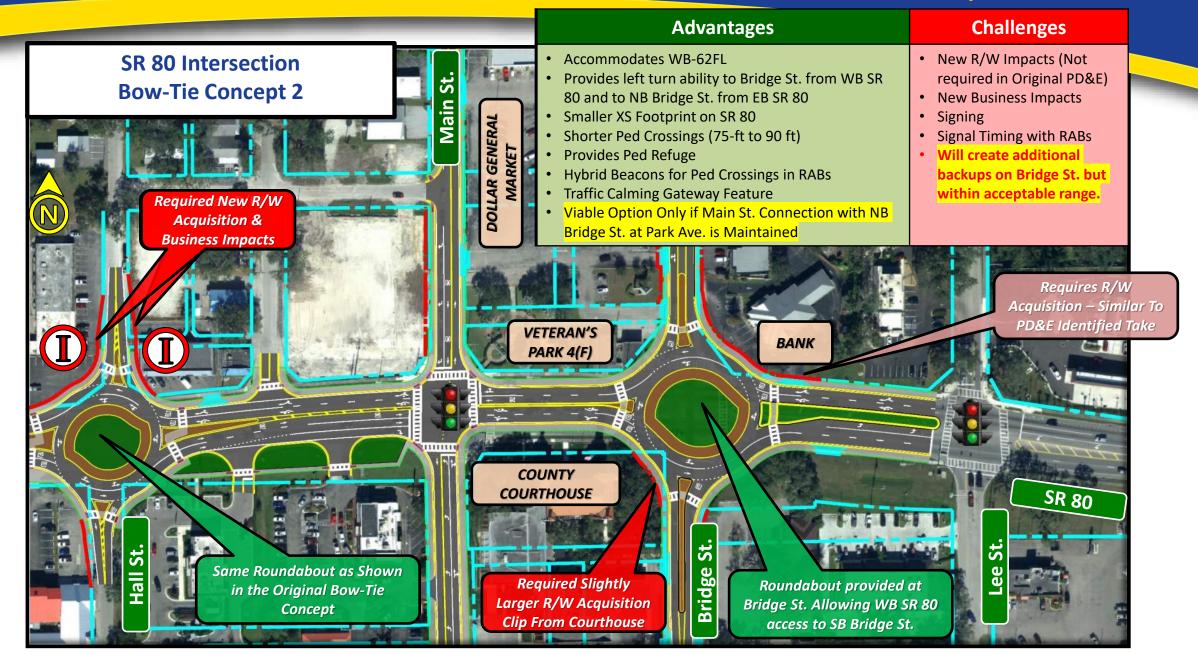




County Requested FDOT Evaluate Placing a Roundabout at Intersection of SR 80 and Bridge St. Instead of at Lee St.

- FDOT team has evaluated and developed this concept
 - Traffic backups are expected to be longer than Conventional Signal and Bow-Tie Concepts, but are within acceptable Level of Service

New Intersection Concept 🗡





- City & County Requested FDOT Remove NB Main St. Access to NB Bridge St. at Park Ave. Intersection to remove "Cut-Through" Traffic on Main St.
 - Removing the Connection will force all through traffic to Bridge St.
 - Will cause SR 80 intersection to Fail creating Backups along Bridge St. beyond Park Ave. and Cowboy Way



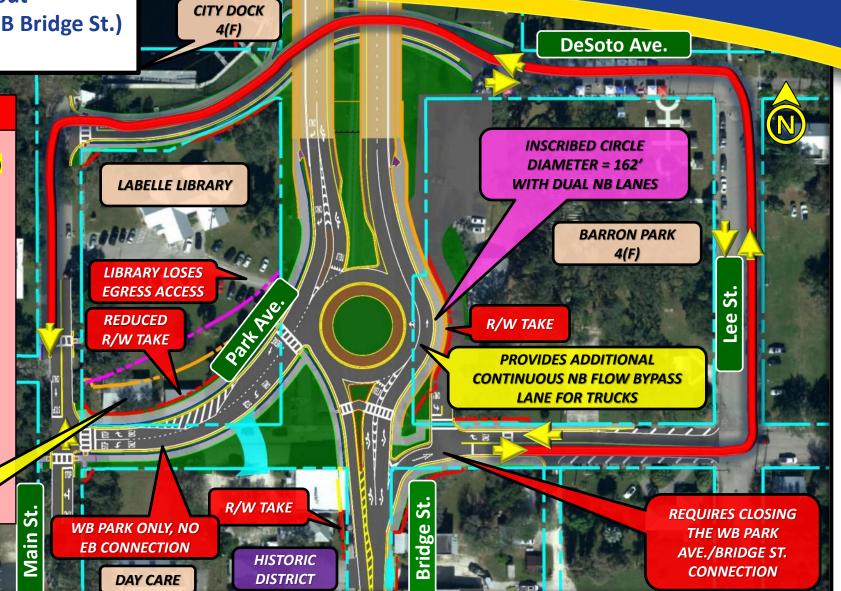
New Intersection Concept

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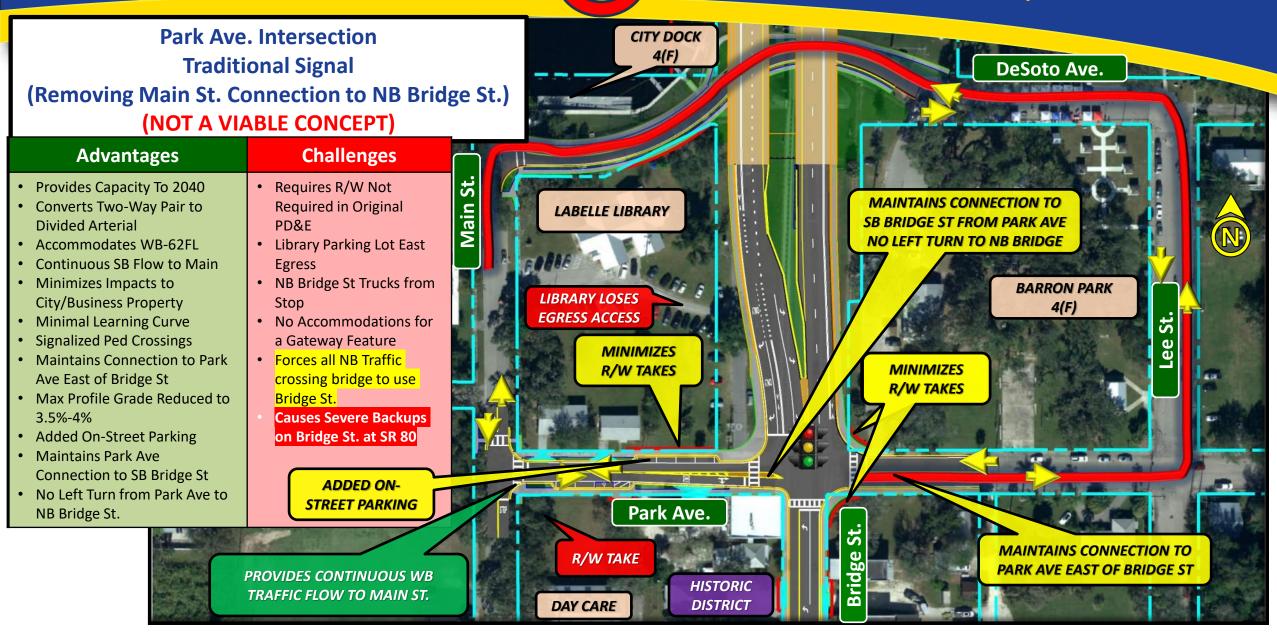
Park Ave. Intersection Roundabout (Removing Main St. Connection to NB & SB Bridge St.) (NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT)

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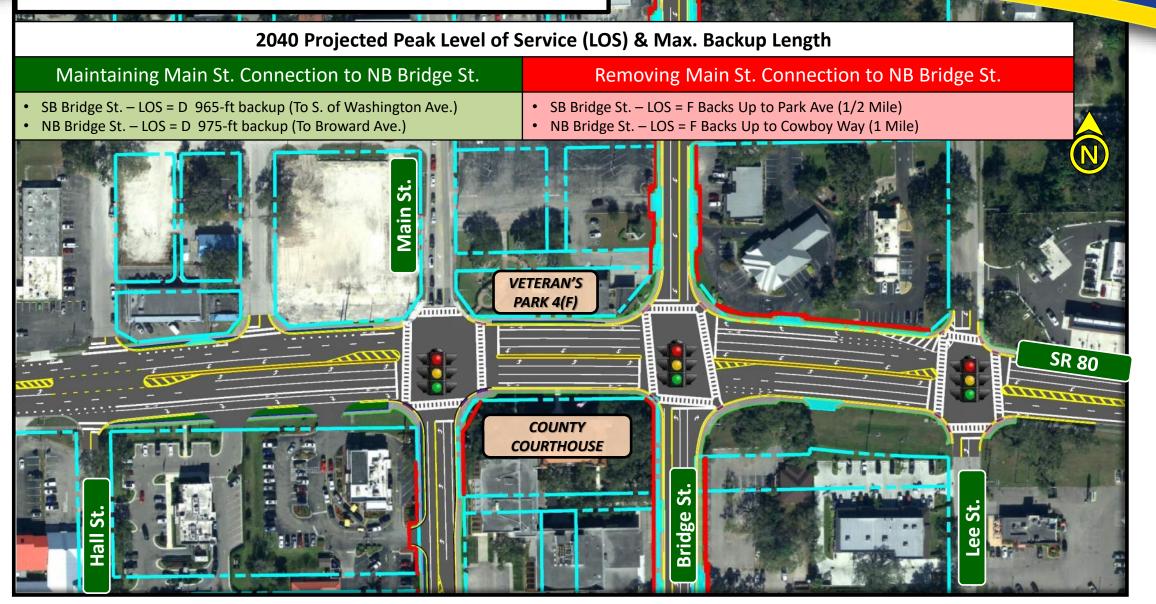
Challenges Advantages Profile Grade at Provides Capacity Well Roundabout (3.5% to 4%) Beyond 2040 • R/W Take from Library Converts Two-Way Pair to **Divided Arterial** (Not Required w/current Accommodates WB-62FL PD&E) Cuts off Westbound Park Hvbrid Beacons for Ped Crossings Ave. East of Bridge St. Continuous SB Flow to Main • Library Eastern Egress Impacts Barron Park SB Bypass Lane to Park Ave. (Within Allowable 4(F) REDUCED Traffic Calming & Gateway Tolerance) R/W TAKE • Forces all NB Traffic Feature Library Access from Main St. crossing bridge to use and Bridge St. Bridge St. No Main St. "Cut-Through" Causes Severe Backups access to RAB on Bridge St. at SR 80 Provides Right Turn Access to Park Ave. East of Bridge St. Saves western City Building on Park Ave. in Main SAVES WESTERN CITY BUILDING DAY CARE



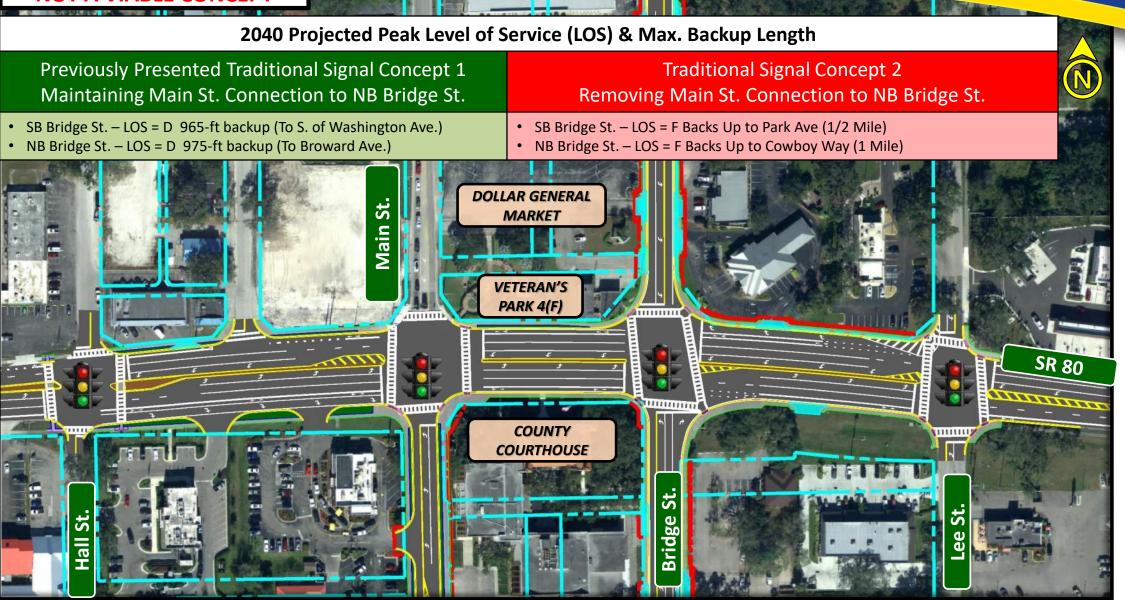
New Intersection Concept



SR 80 Intersection Revised Traditional Signal Concept 1 (Removing Main St. Connection to NB Bridge St.) NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT



SR 80 Intersection Traditional Signal Concept 2 Traffic Analysis NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT



SR 80 Intersection Revised Bow-Tie Concept 1 (Removing Main St. Connection to NB Bridge St.) (NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT)



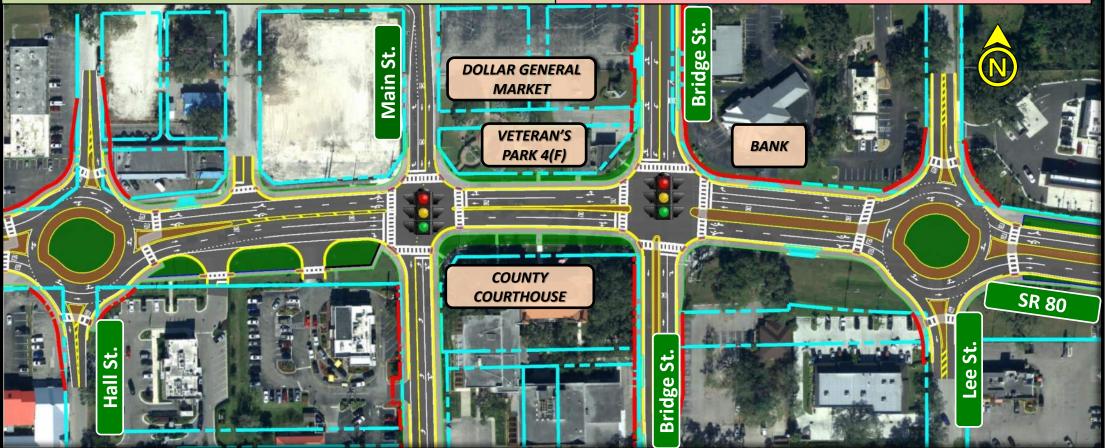
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Previously Presented Bow-Tie Concept 1 Maintaining Main St. Connection to NB Bridge St.

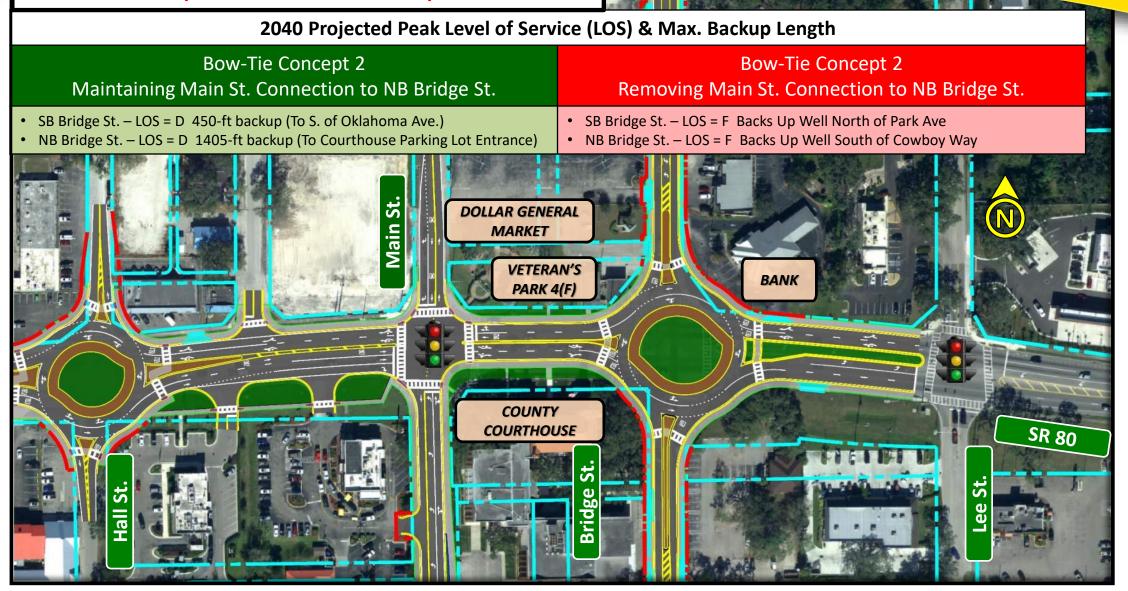
- SB Bridge St. LOS = D 405-ft backup (To S. of Oklahoma Ave.)
- NB Bridge St. LOS = D 525-ft backup (To Courthouse Parking Lot Entrance)

- Bow-Tie Concept 1 Removing Main St. Connection to NB Bridge St.
- SB Bridge St. LOS = F Backs Up to Park Ave (1/2 Mile)
- NB Bridge St. LOS = F Backs Up to Cowboy Way (1 Mile)



SR 80 Intersection Revised Bow-Tie Concept 2 (Removing Main St. Connection to NB Bridge St.) (NOT A VIABLE CONCEPT)







- City & County Requested the Official Designation of SR 29 be Moved from Main St.
 to Bridge St. (Between Cowboy Way and SR 80) as Soon as Possible
 - FDOT team will make designation switch after construction is complete for this project



City & County Requested FDOT Perform a Traffic Count Data Update

- FDOT team is currently collecting traffic count data

Summary

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Additional/New Viable Concepts

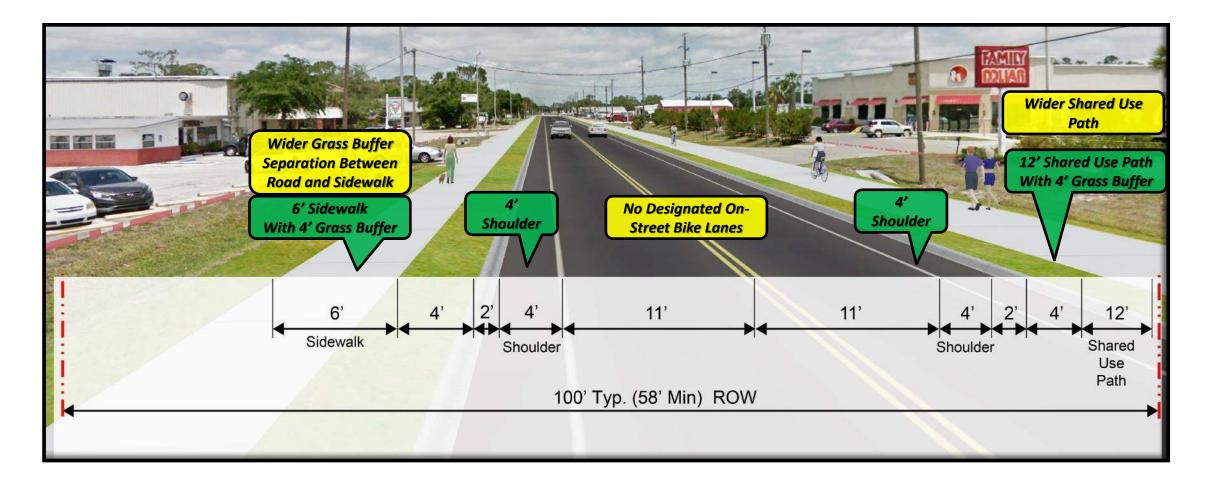
- Two-Way Left Turn Lanes
 - Bridge St. North of SR 80
 - Main St. & Bridge St. South of SR 80
- SR 80 Intersection
 - Bow-Tie Concept with Roundabout at Bridge St. instead of Lee St.
 - Traditional Signal with Additional Signal at Hall St.
- Lengthening Bridge Span to provide a wider opening views from Park and Library

Recap of All Viable Alternatives

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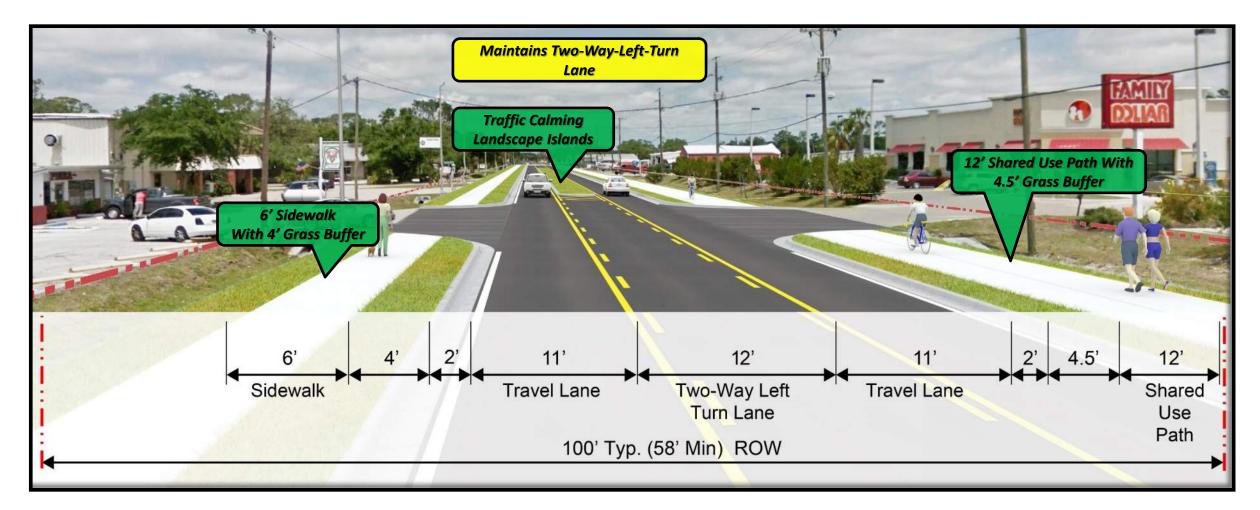
• Viable Typical Section Alternatives

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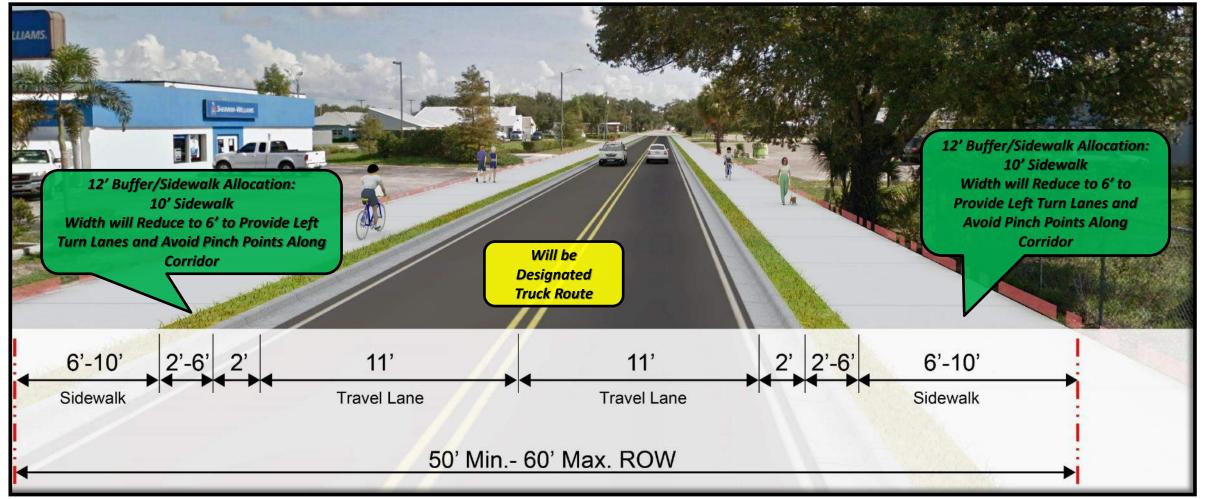




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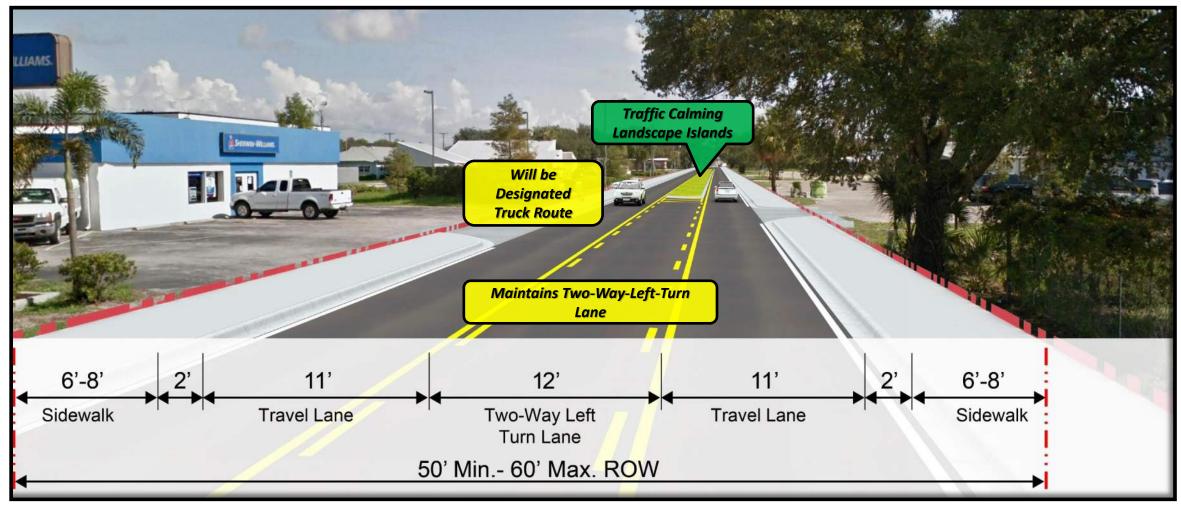


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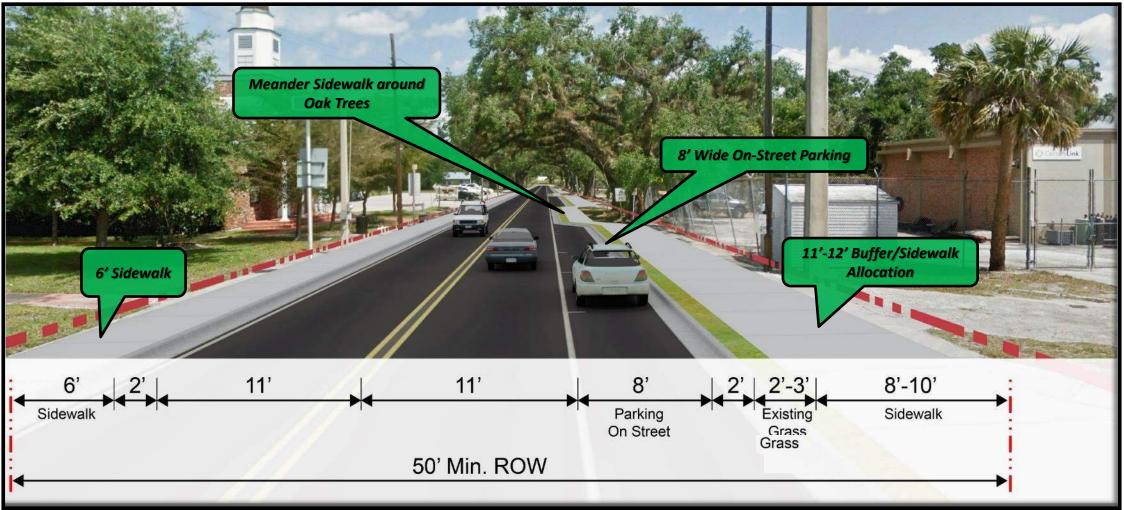




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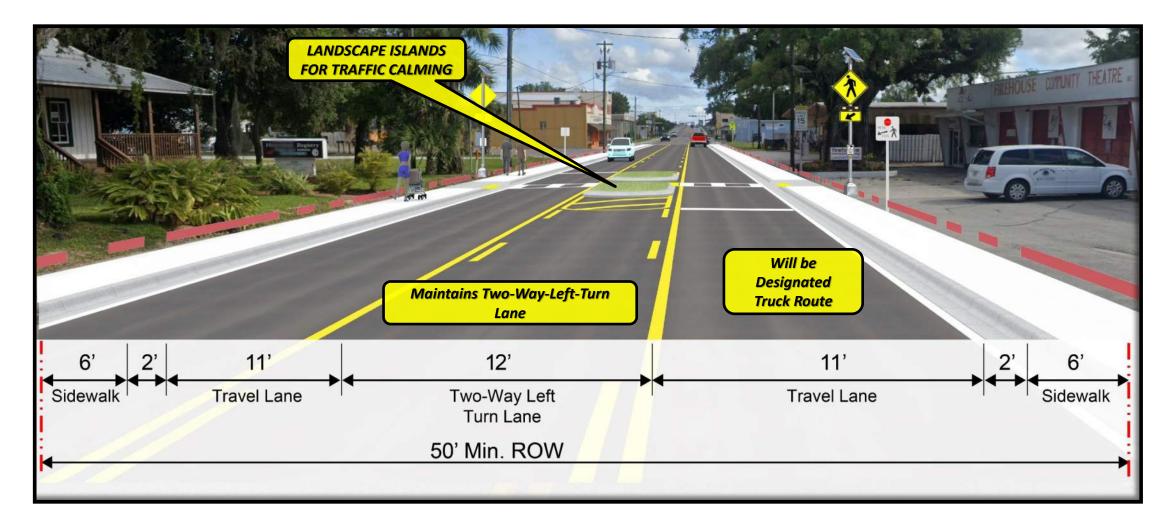


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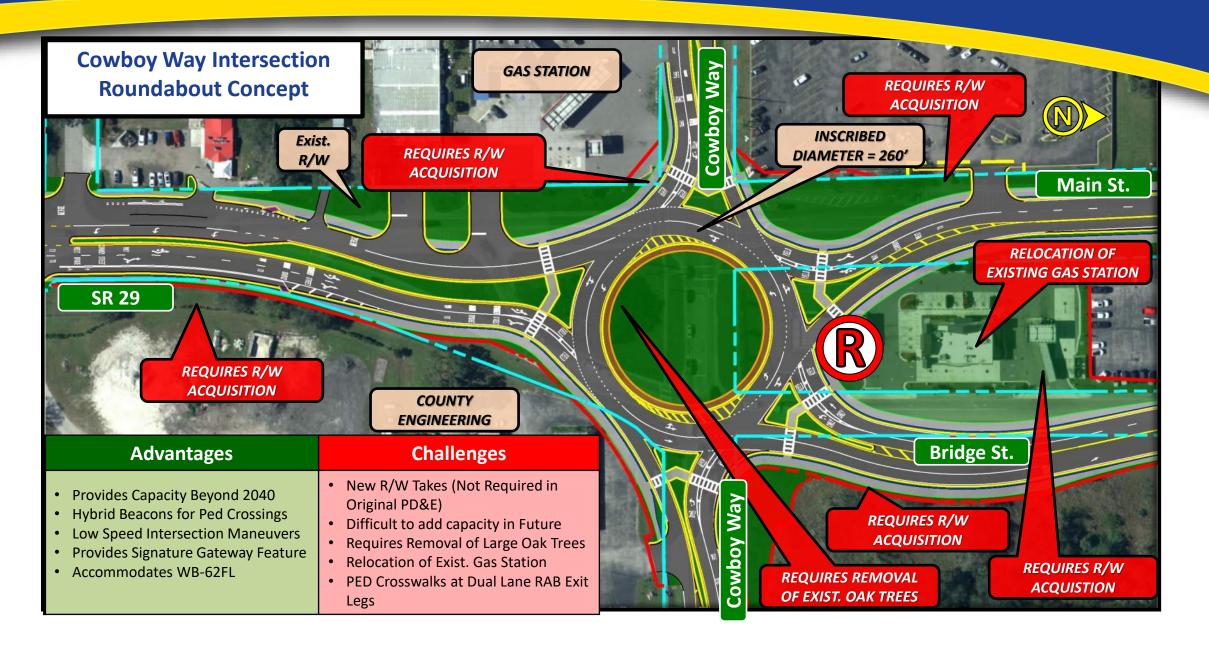
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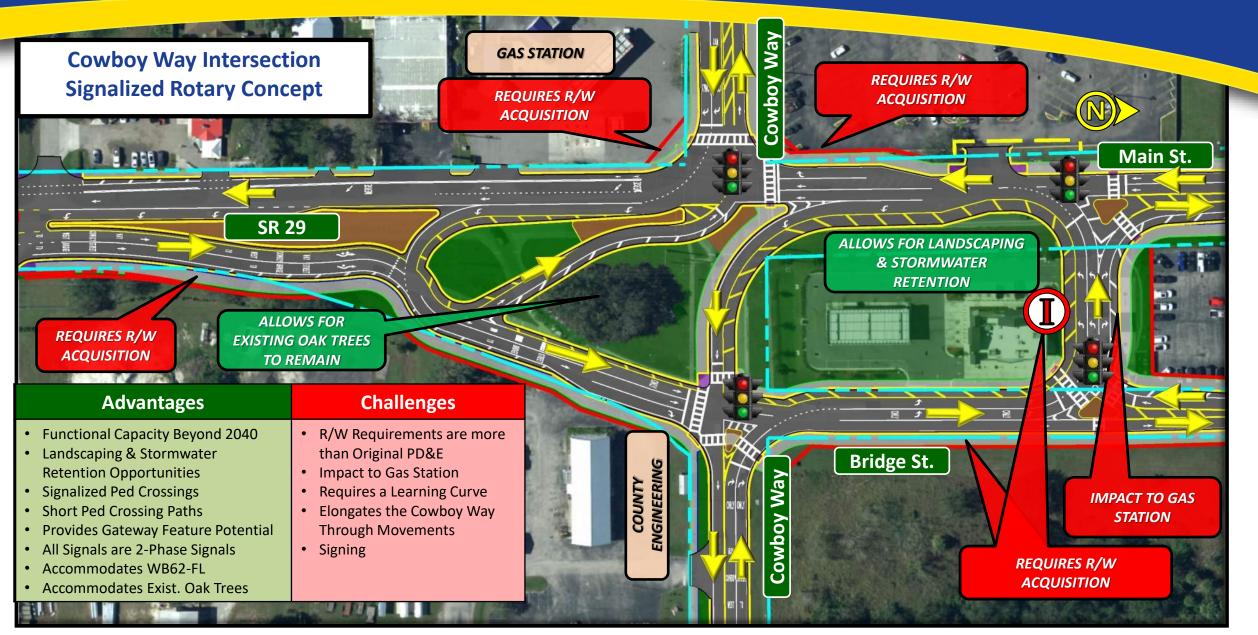


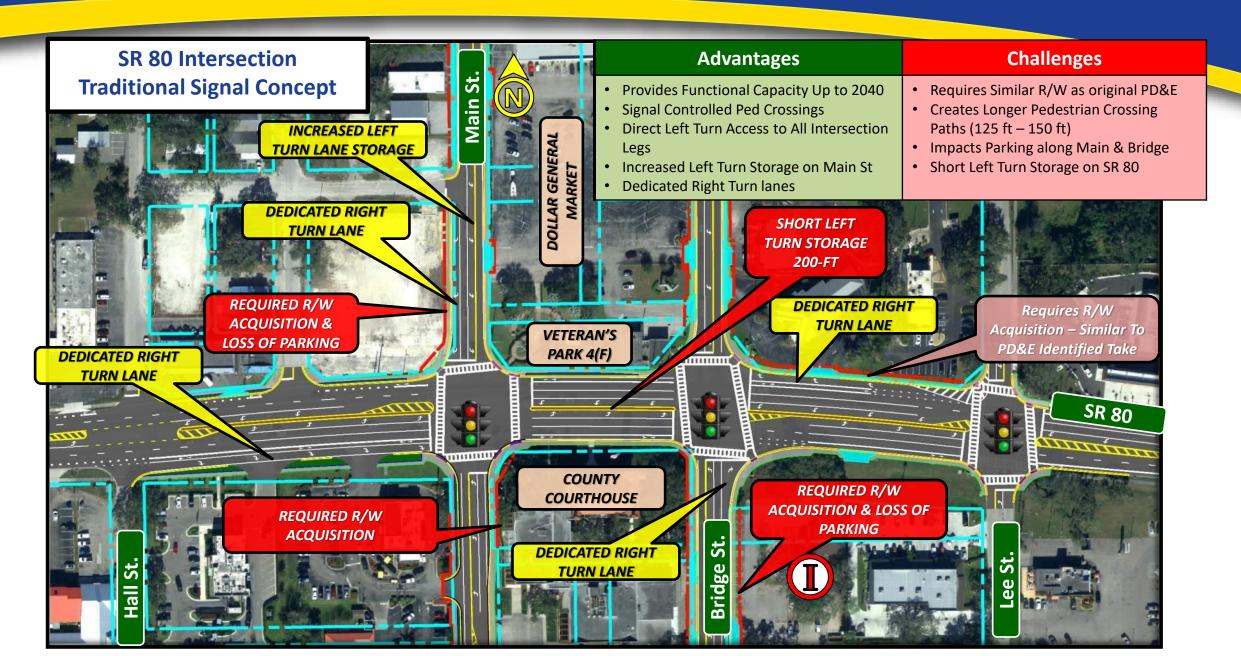
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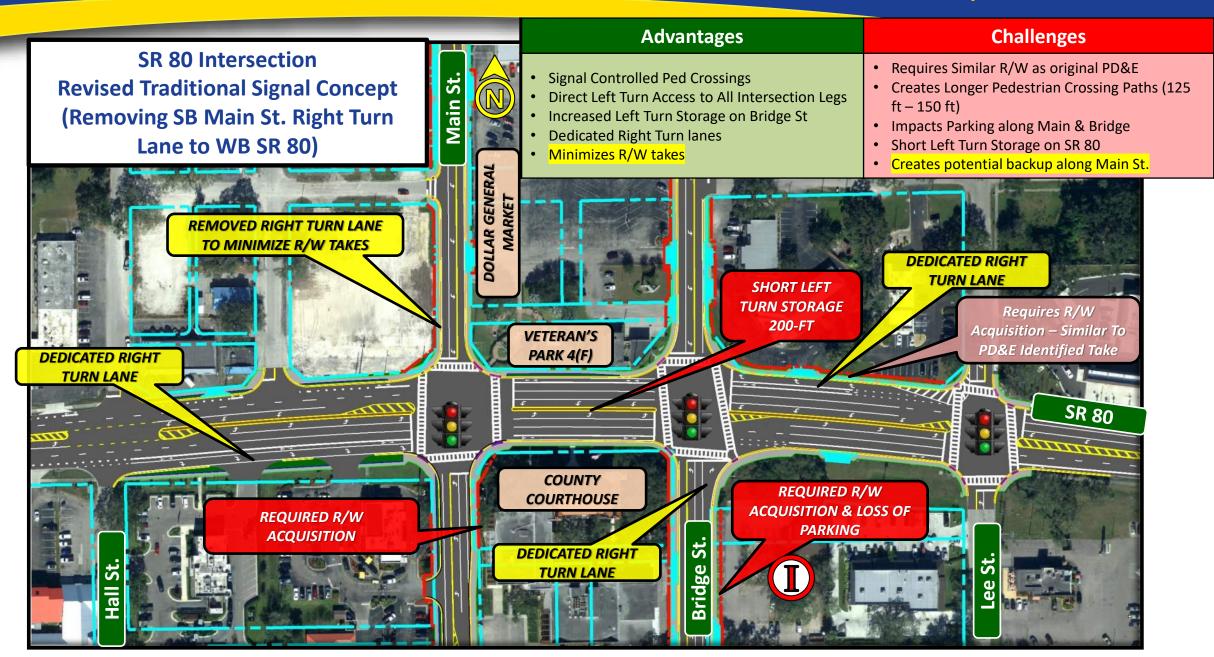
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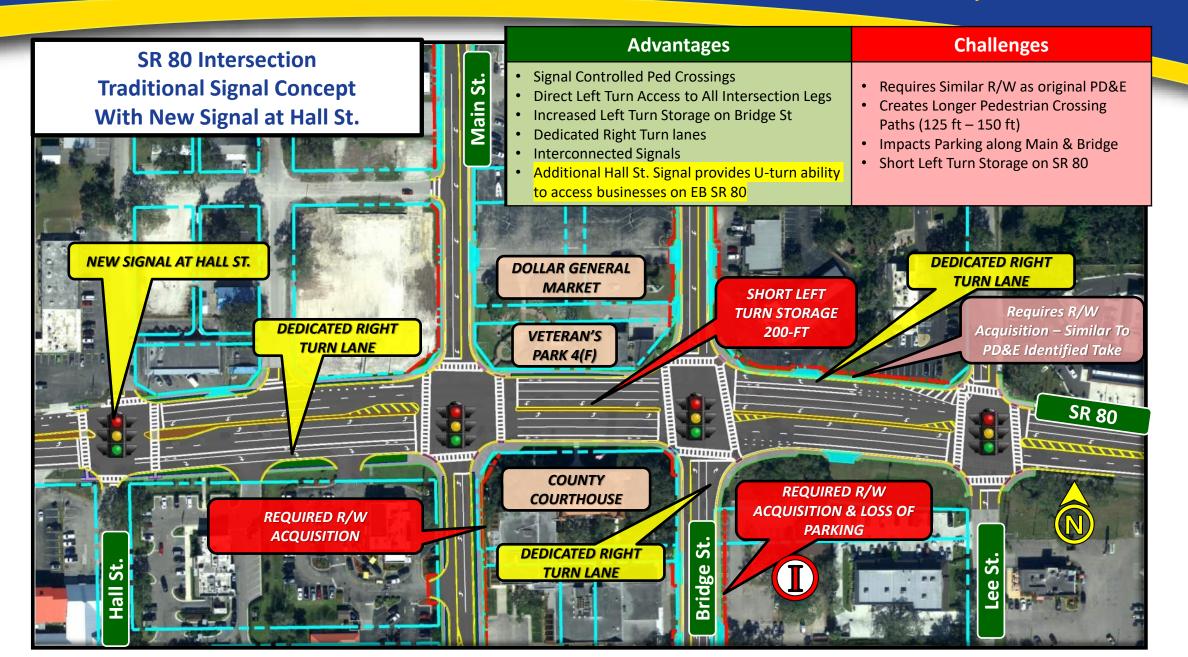


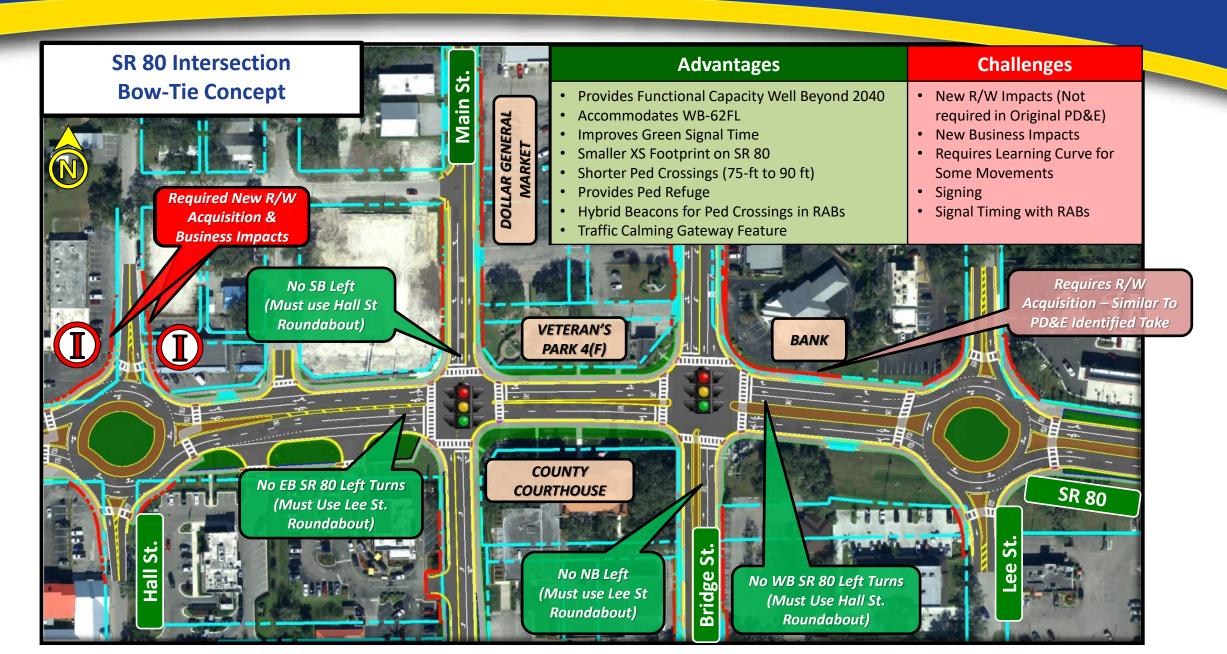


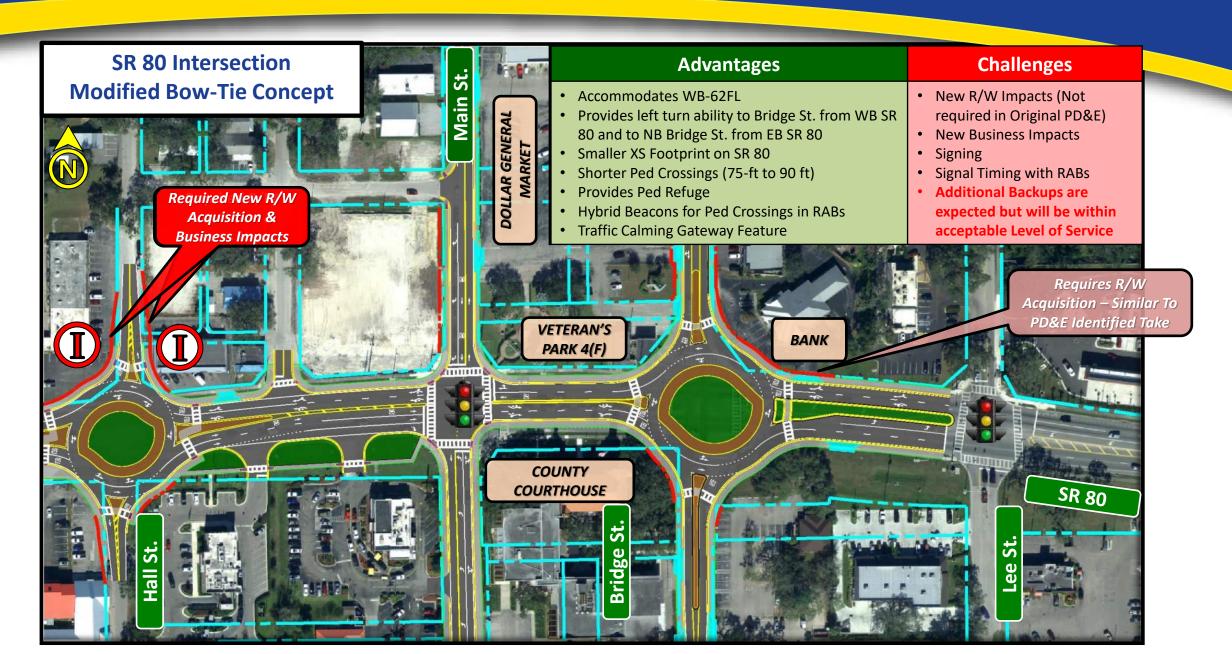


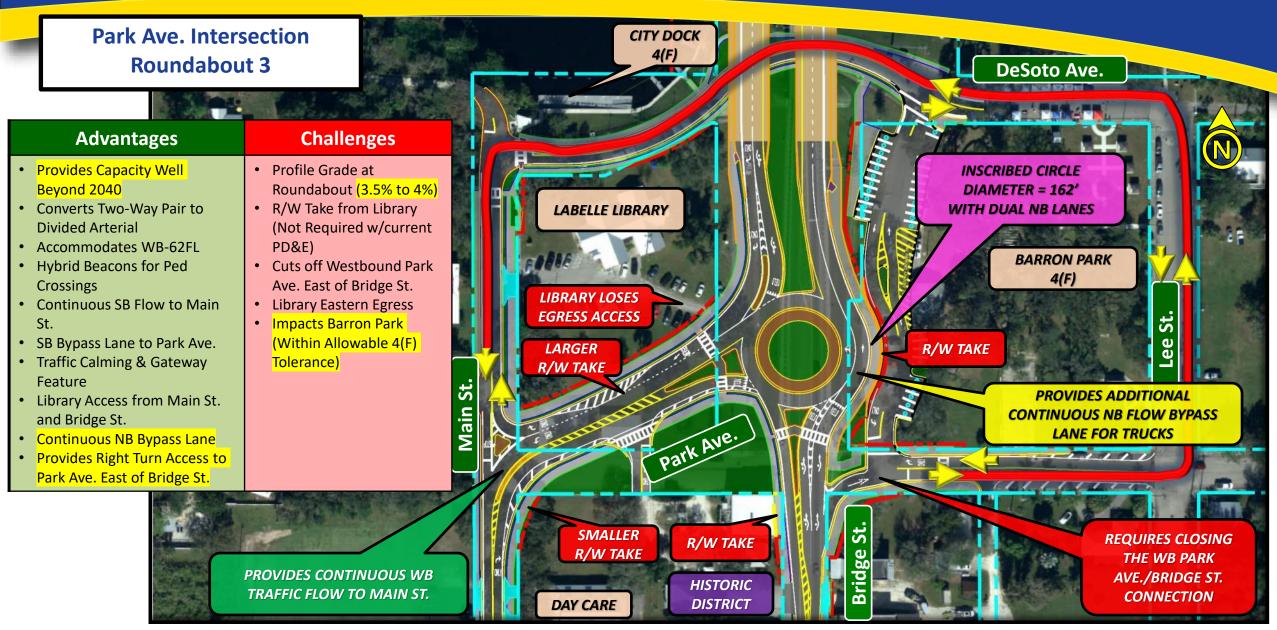


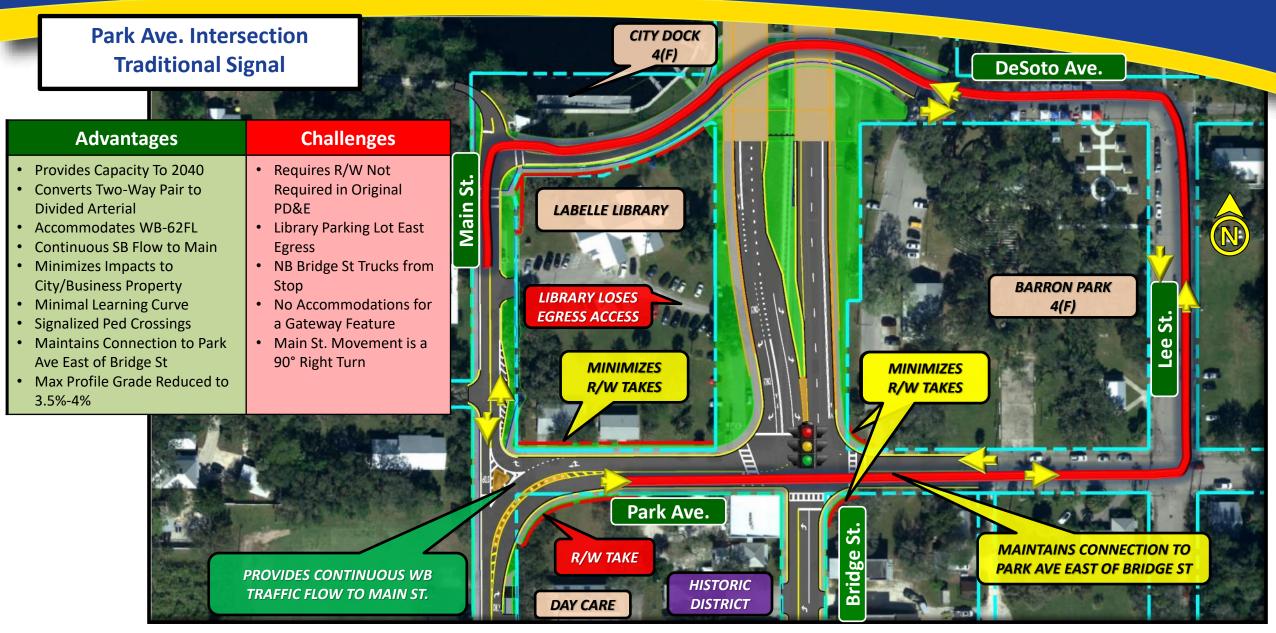
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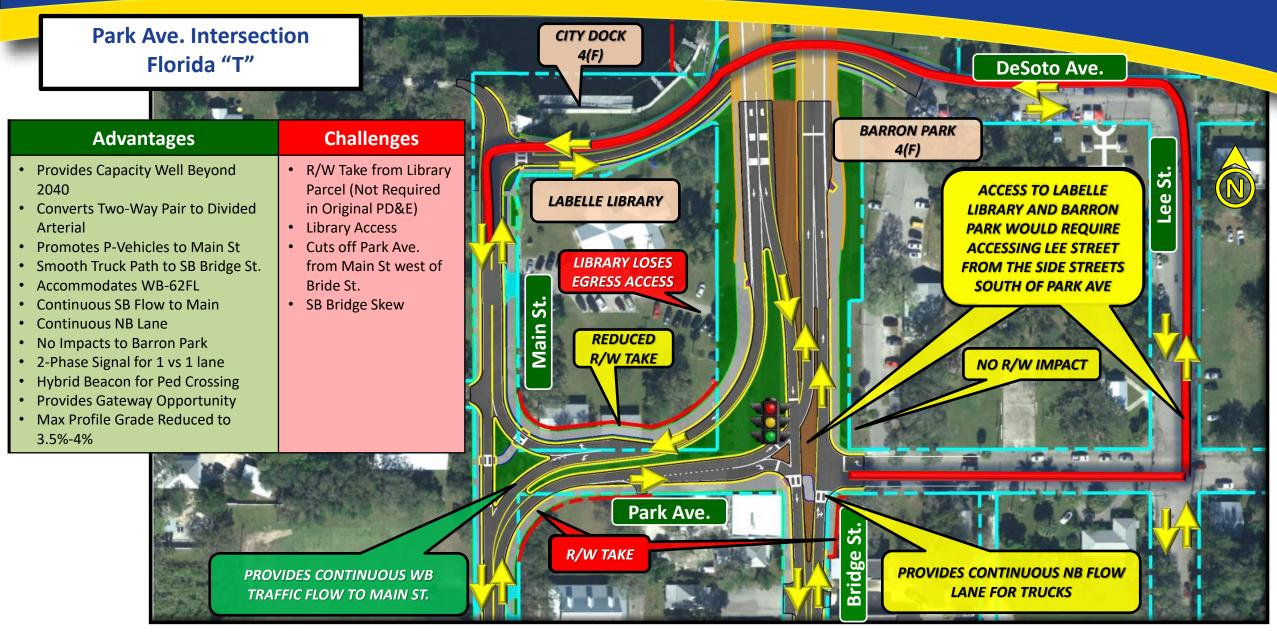












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