

# Belle Meade Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

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# Exploring Safety on Belle Meade Boulevard

The City of Belle Meade completed the Belle Meade Together Master Plan in October 2021, which focused on 5 major elements:

**Safe Spaces for People**

**Security Camera Program**

**Traffic Calming and Management**

**Representing Belle Meade's Brand**

**Managing Stormwater.**

# Opportunities for Input:

**Kickoff started in late 2020  
with 13 meetings**

**Spring 2021: Plan  
Two Virtual Town Hall**

**Four Listening Sessions**

**A dedicated project website**

**On-site Events:**

**Meet the Team Day**

**Election Day**

**St. George's Farmers Market**

**Walk the Boulevard**

**City Hall Open House**

**Youtube Project Update**

**Feedback Survey**



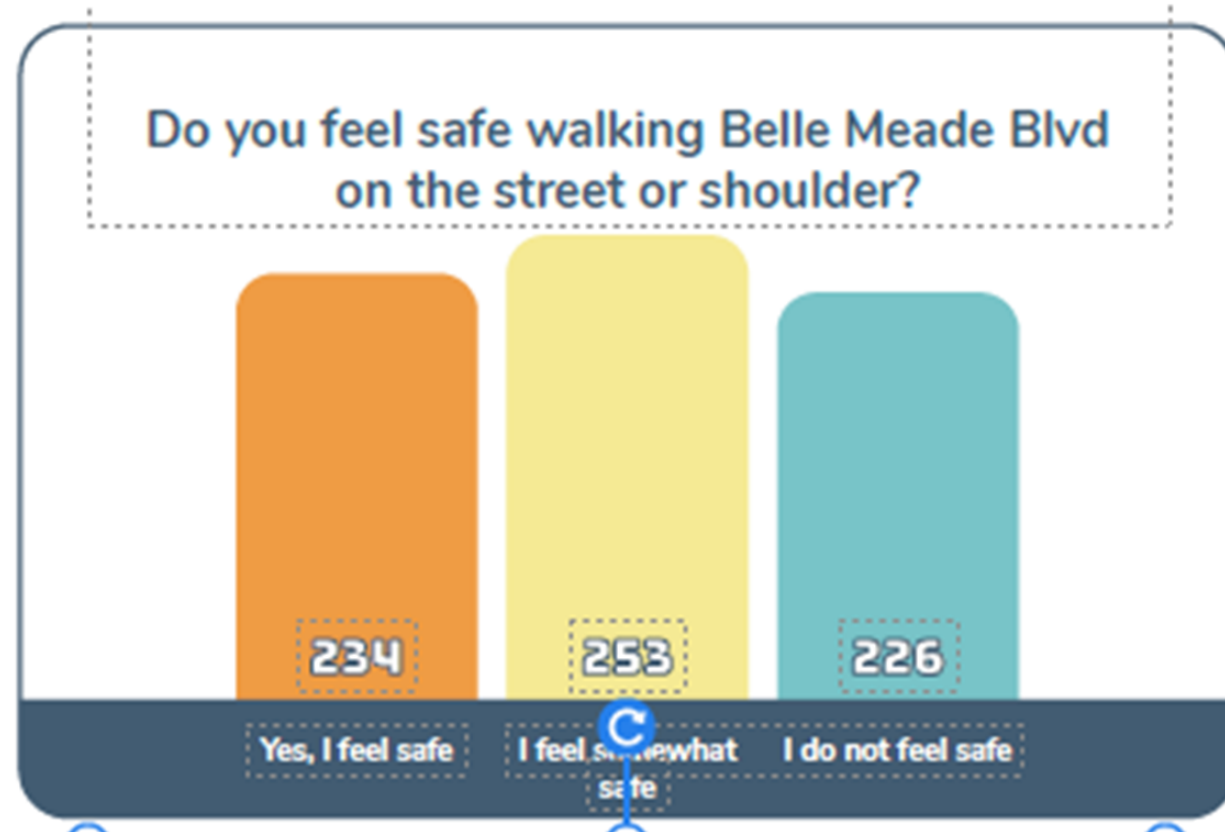
*Walk the Boulevard*

# Civic Design Center Findings:

- The current streetscape only allows for a small space on the inside left lane for people to **walk/bike single file**.
- This makes it increasingly **unsafe for two people to walk side by side or to travel with a stroller/pets**.
- An indirect effect of prioritizing pedestrian safety is to **increase vehicle safety by requiring more drivers to use the road as designed**.
- **This is a public safety problem for the City.**

# Community Survey Results:

- The first major finding was that **about two thirds of respondents indicated that pedestrian safety could be enhanced** on the Boulevard.



# Many options were considered:

- Go to single driving lanes
- Construct sidewalks on each side of Belle Meade Blvd
- Create pedestrian pathway down middle of median
- Prohibit pedestrians/walking on the Boulevard

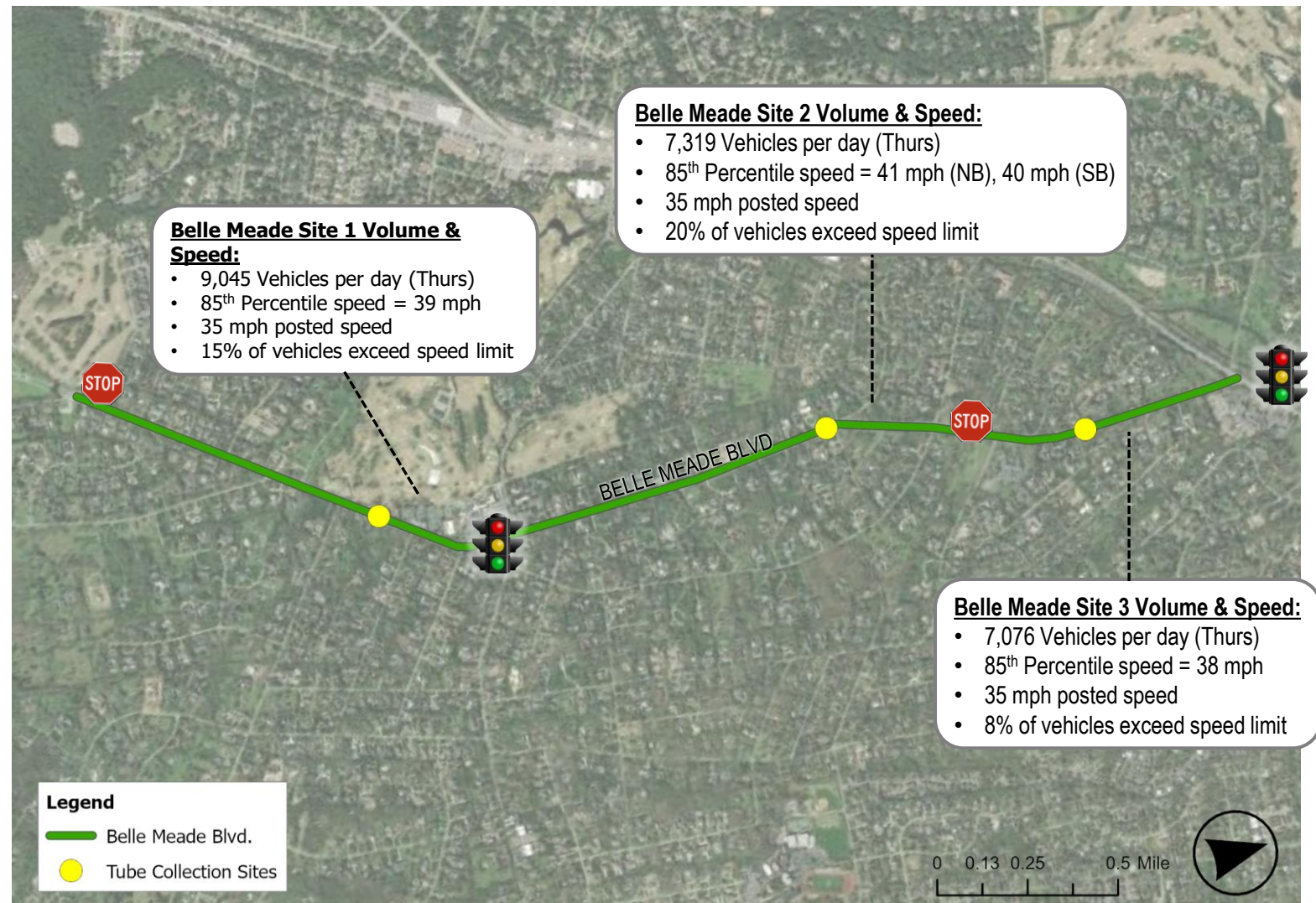
## **Our preferred option:**

**Safer and limited design change that preserves the character of Belle Meade**



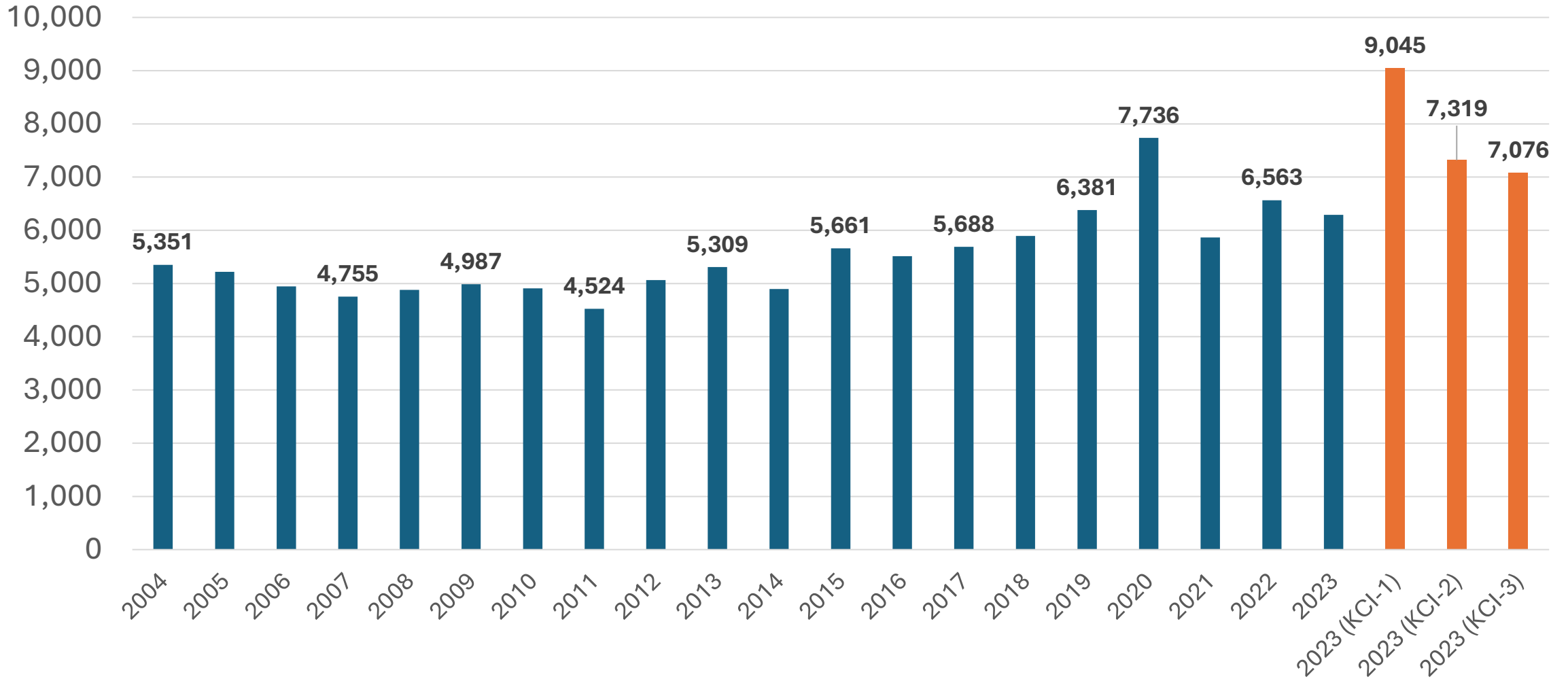
# Traffic Data Collection Overview:

- Daily volumes, speeds, and vehicle classifications were collected at the tube collection sites throughout the study area
- Most counts were collected on an average Thursday and Saturday in May 2023
- All data were collected on days that schools were in session



# ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT)

source: TDOT and KCI traffic study

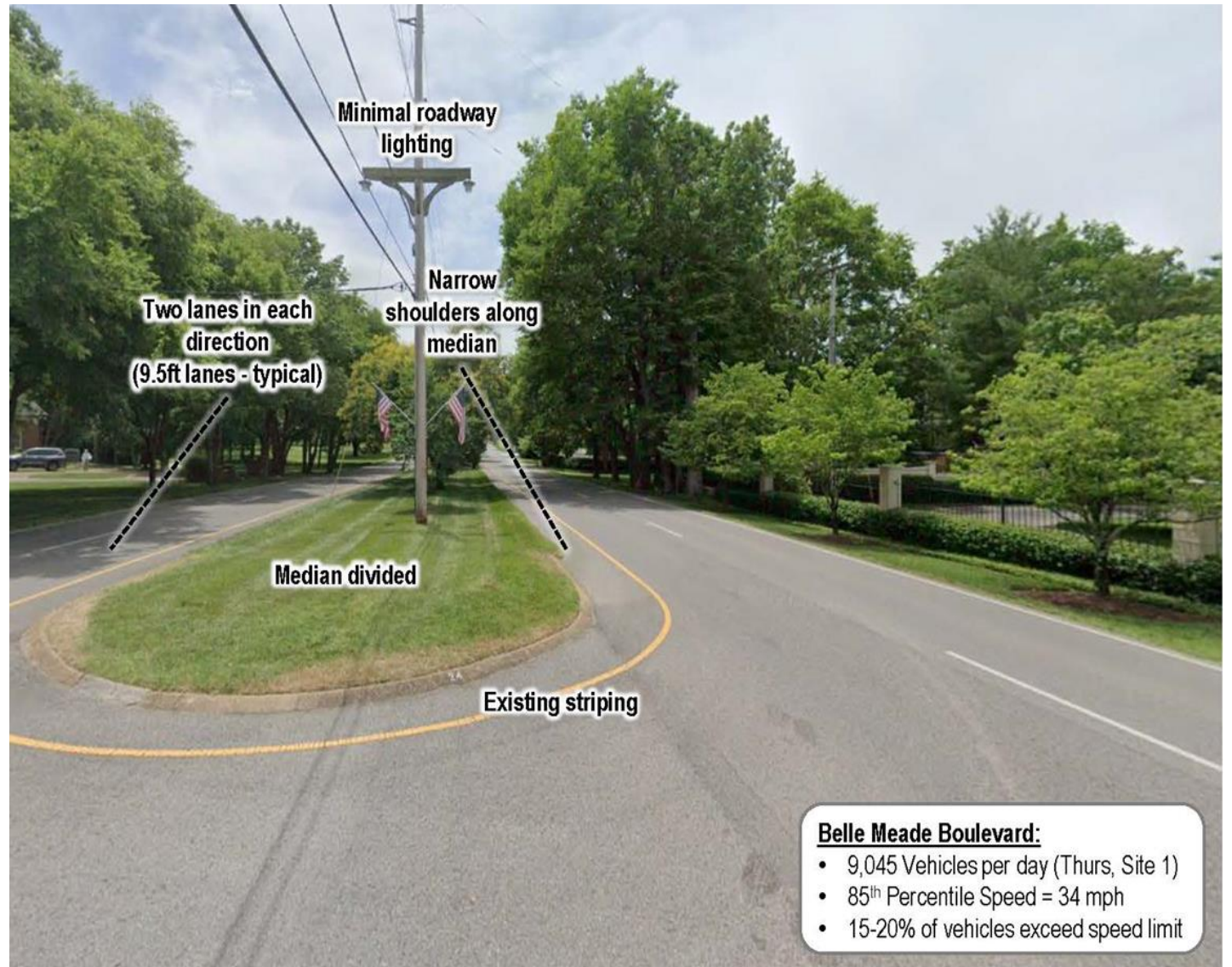




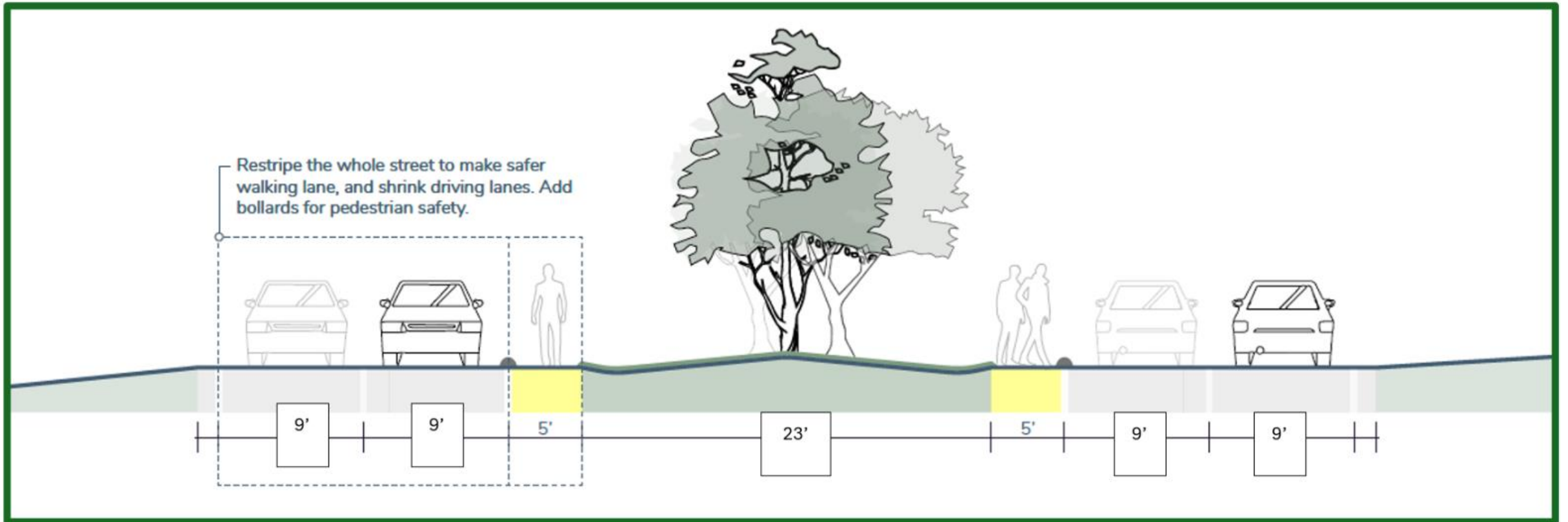
# Existing Conditions

## Characteristics:

- No dedicated walkways
- Walkers/Runners use inside shoulders
- Walking space varies
- Lane widths vary



# Belle Meade Boulevard Project Concept:



<https://citybellemeade.org/capital-projects/>

