Colchester Avenue: Bikeways, Parking, and Intersection Safety Study

Alternatives Presentation



January 11, 2021





Agenda



(Re)Introductions



Review Updated Purpose and Needs



Brief Project Refresher



Review and Discuss Corridor and Intersection Concepts

Conceptual Plans Cross Sections Evaluations



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Discussion & Feedback



Project Team

Advisory Committee

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- NPA Representative | David Cawley
- City Council | Jack Hanson

Project Purpose

The purpose of the **Colchester Avenue: Bikeways, Parking, & Intersection Safety Study** is to **identify and prioritize improvements** that align with the City's vision for sustainable transportation infrastructure and enable a continuous, connected, and livable multimodal transportation corridor. Specifically, the study will evaluate improvements:

- along Colchester Avenue in its entirety which will enhance mobility and safety and include solutions for parking demand of businesses, employers, and residents;
- at the intersection of Colchester Avenue and East Avenue which will **improve safety** for all modes of transportation.



Project Needs

- Improve Intersection Safety
- Improve Corridor Safety
- Enhance Mobility for Bicyclists
- Solutions for Parking Demand of Local Businesses, Employers, and Residents



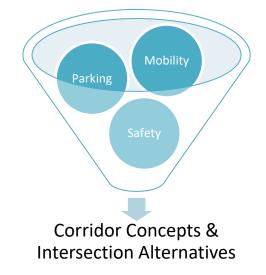
Project Refresher | Meetings



- Local Concerns Meeting
 - December 2019
- Advisory Committee Meetings
 - January 2020
 - March 2020

Project Team Meetings

- November 2019
- February 2020
- November 2020



Project Refresher | Concepts Considered

Improving User Safety

- Separating modes
- Defining user spaces

Enhancing Bike Mobility

- Maintain existing curb-to-curb
- Shared use paths on both sides
- Two-way cycle tracks
- On-street separated bike lanes
- Raised, separated bike lanes
- Shared use paths and separated bike lanes

Intersection Safety

- Equipment Upgrades
- Geometry Improvements and Realignment
- Roundabout
- Solutions for Parking
 - Discuss parking needs with businesses
 - Identify solutions off corridor
 - Identify concept enhancements for parking on corridor

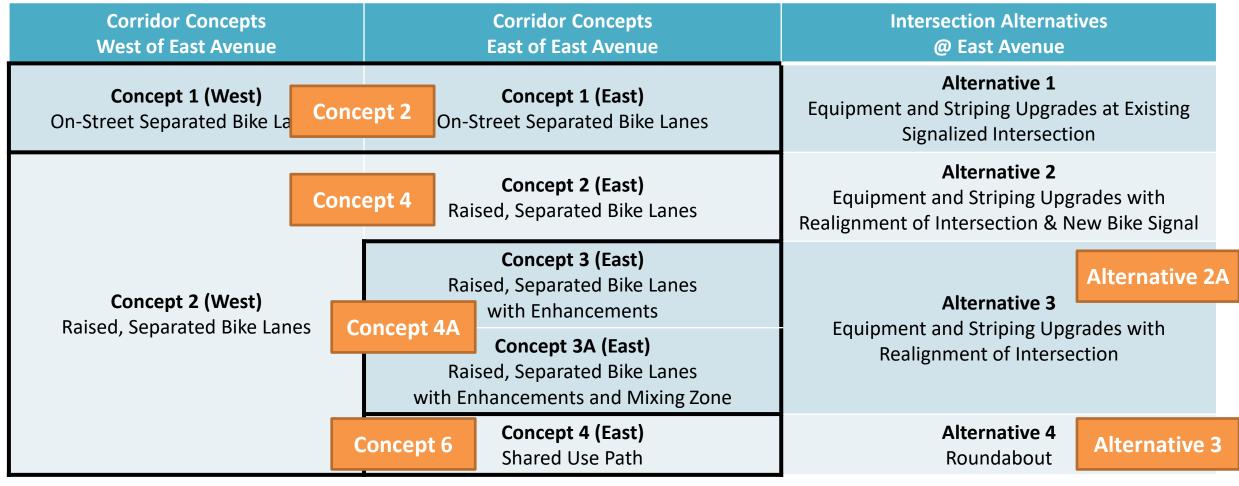
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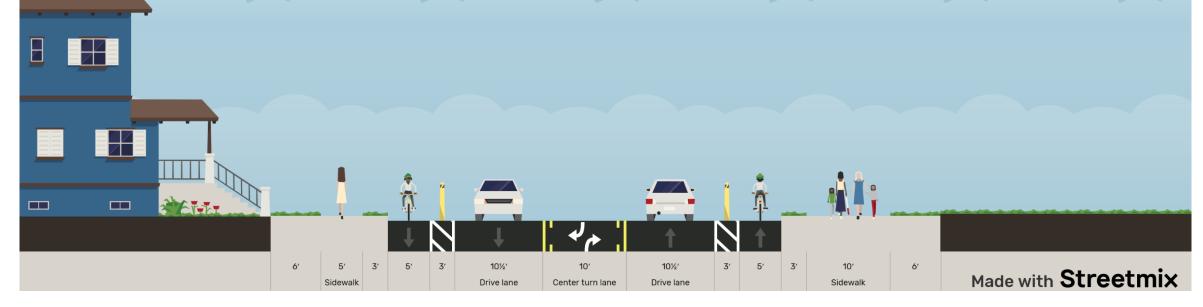
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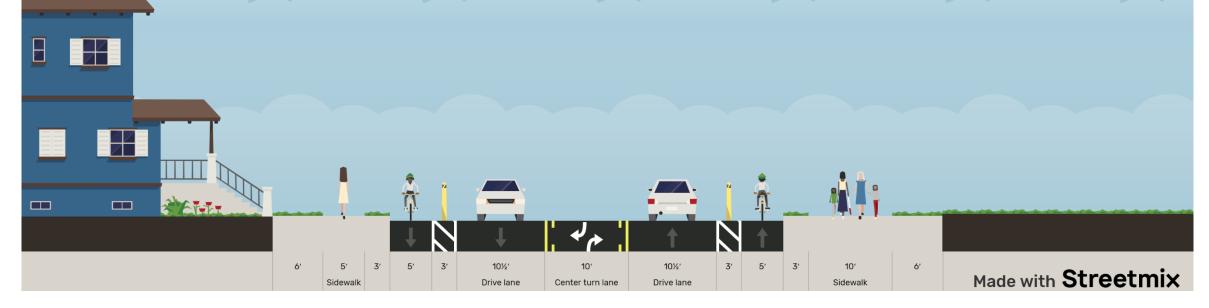








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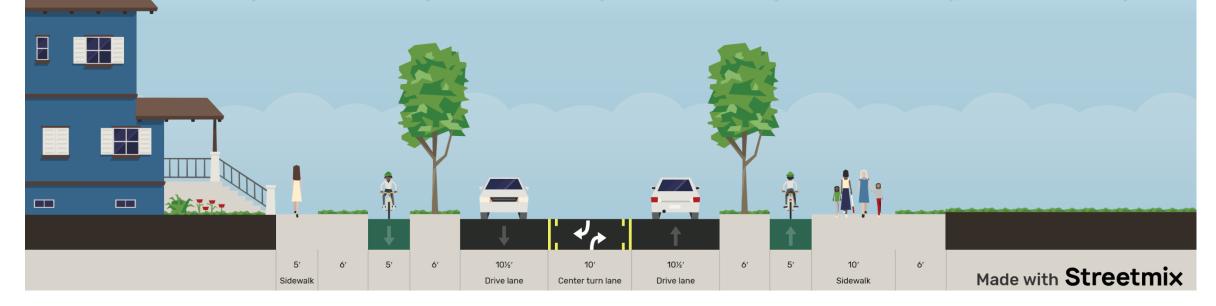
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Impacts			
Community Character			

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Community Character				

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Impacts			
Community Character	Aesthetics	No Change	Improved
	Satisfies Purpose & Need	Yes	Yes

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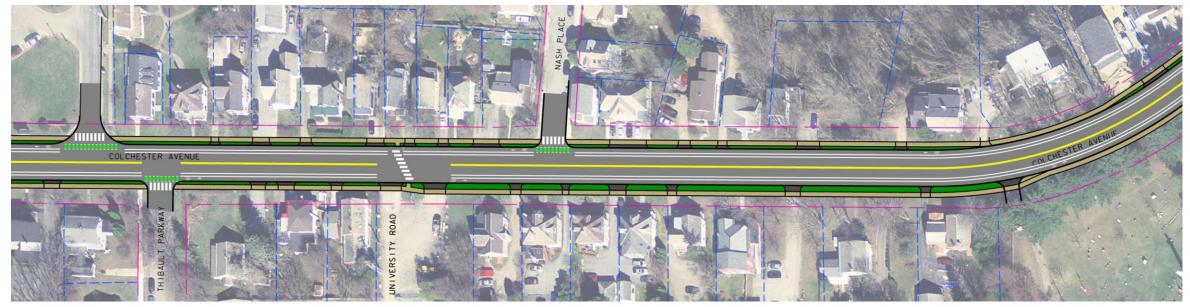


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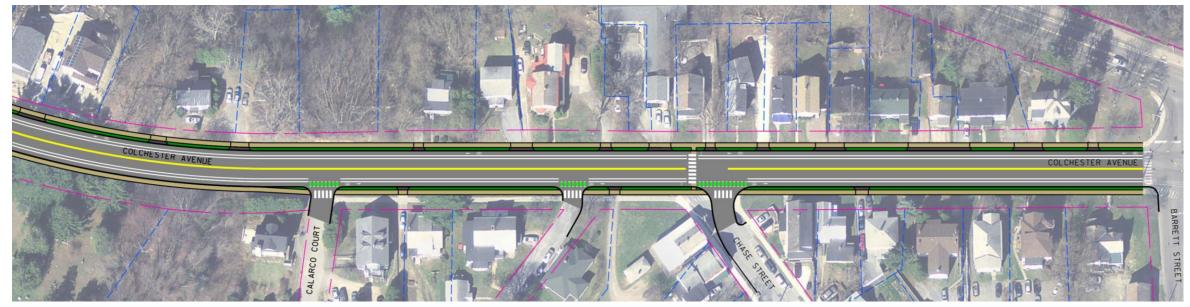
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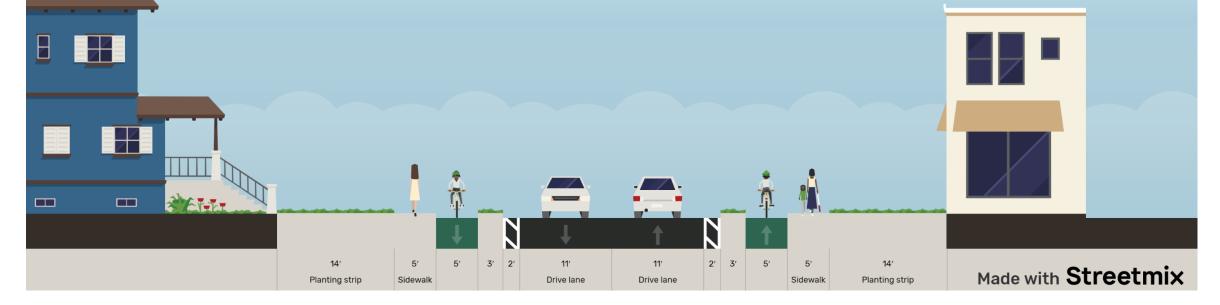


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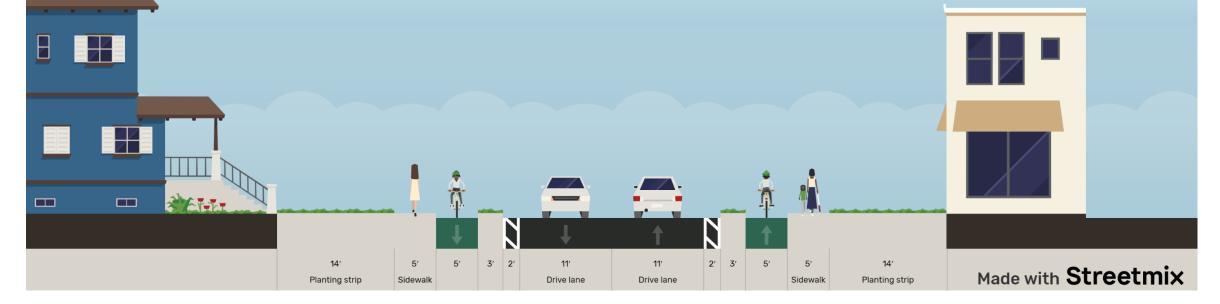
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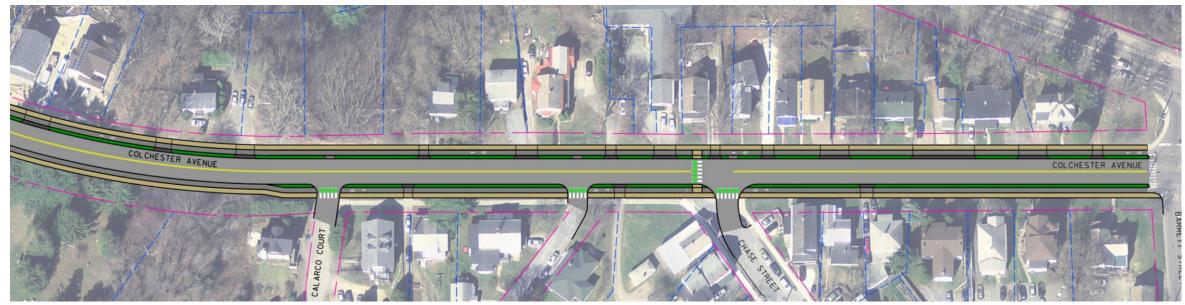
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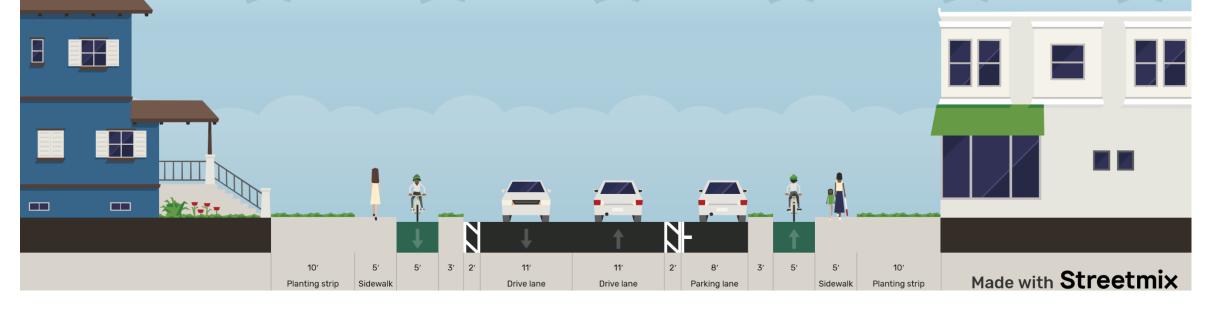
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Concept 3 (East) | Raised, Separated Bike Lanes with Enhancements

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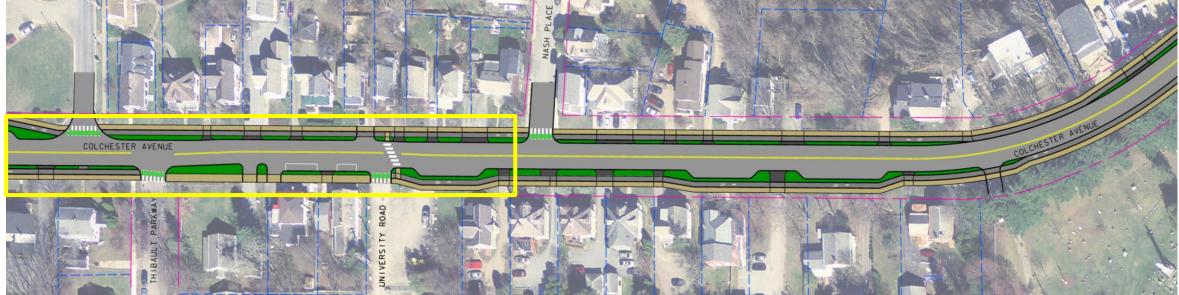
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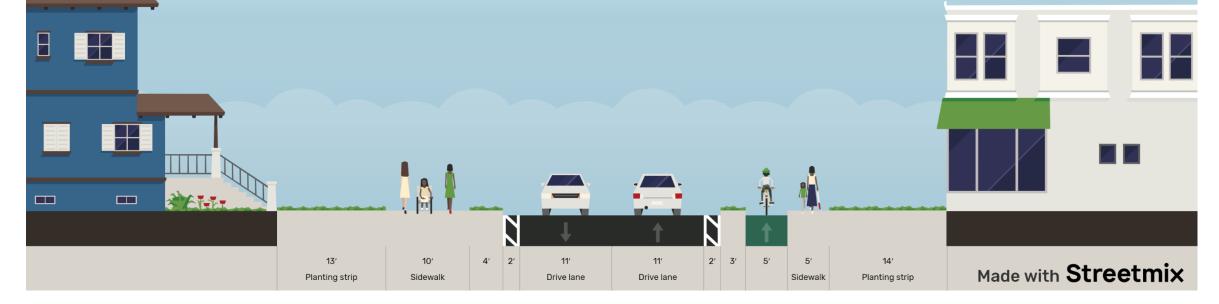
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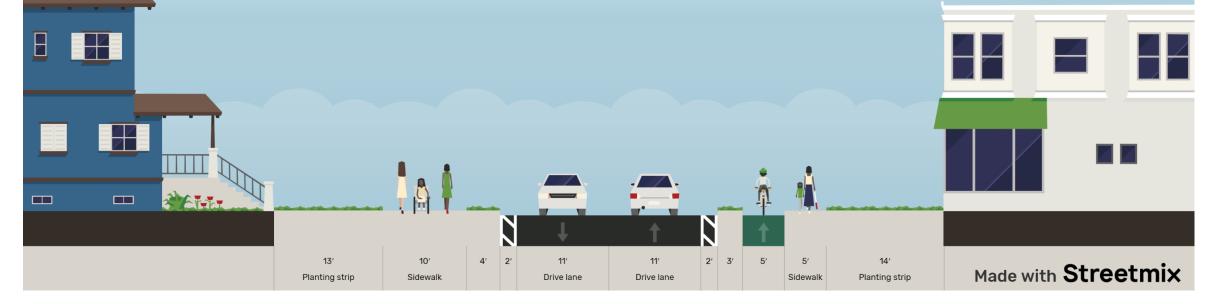


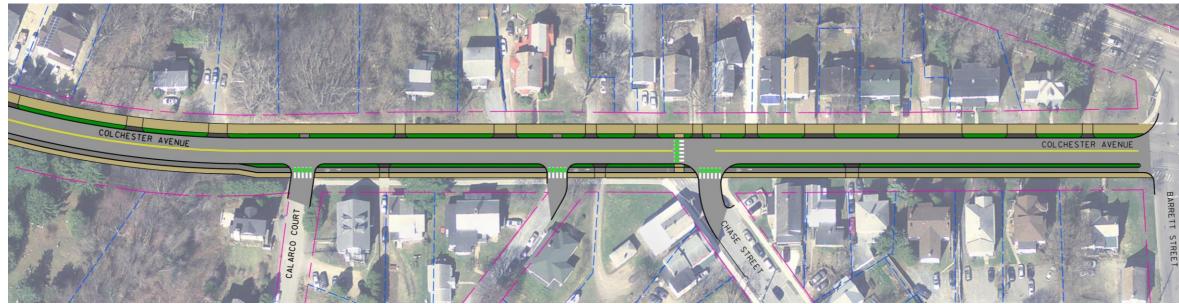






Concept 4 (East) | Shared Use Path





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	Bicycle Safety	Improved Cyclists in separated facility	Improved Cyclists in separated facility	Improved Cyclists in separated facility	Improved Cyclists in separated facility or shared use path	Improved Cyclists in separated facility or shared use path
Safety	Pedestrian Safety	No Change / Slightly Improved Fewer cyclists using sidewalk	No Change / Slightly Improved Fewer cyclists using sidewalk	No Change / Slightly Improved Fewer cyclists using sidewalk	Pedestrians in separated	No Change/Slightly Worse Cyclists and pedestrians in shared path on north side at east end of project
	Vehicle Safety	Slightly Improved Reduce conflicts with cyclists by defining and separating spaces	Slightly Improved Reduce conflicts with cyclists by defining and separating spaces	Slightly Improved Reduce conflicts with cyclists by defining and separating spaces	Slightly Improved Reduce conflicts with cyclists by defining and separating spaces	Slightly Improved Reduce conflicts with cyclists by defining and separating spaces
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Impacts	Parking	Elimination of On-Street Parking (Colchester Ave)	Elimination of On-Street Parking (Colchester Ave)	Maintains Some On-Street Parking (Colchester Ave)	Maintains Some On-Street Parking (Colchester Ave)	Elimination of On-Street Parking (Colchester Ave)	
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Community	Aesthetics	No Change	Improved	Improved	Improved	Improved
Character	Satisfies Purpose & Need	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes*

*Parking Need

- Existing on-street parking on Colchester Ave reduced or removed in all concepts
 - Concepts 3 and 3A are the only concepts that retain some on-street parking on Colchester Ave
- Identified business parking needs based on discussions with business owners
- Identified potential for additional parking opportunities adjacent to the corridor, including:
 - UVM and City pursuit of public parking in Centennial Lot on University Road (10+ spaces)
 - Neighborhood pursuit of residential on-street parking by area instead of by street (Fletcher Place, Latham Court, Thibault Parkway, and Nash Place)
 - Discussions regarding privately owned lots for residential use

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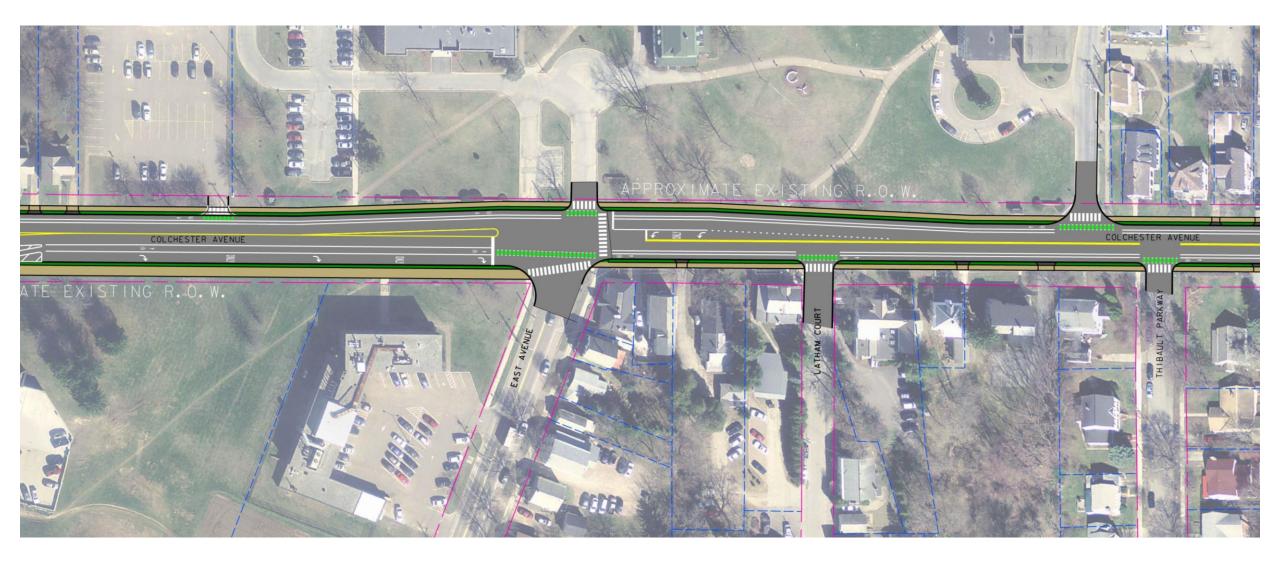
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Alternative 1 | Equipment and Striping

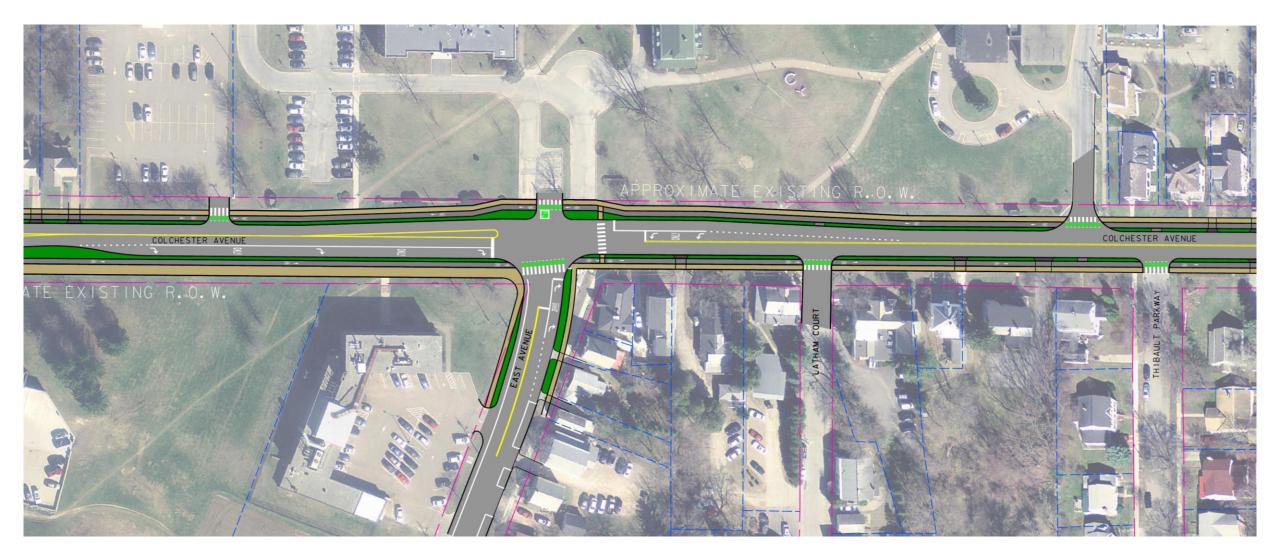
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Alternative 2 | Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection & New Bike Signal

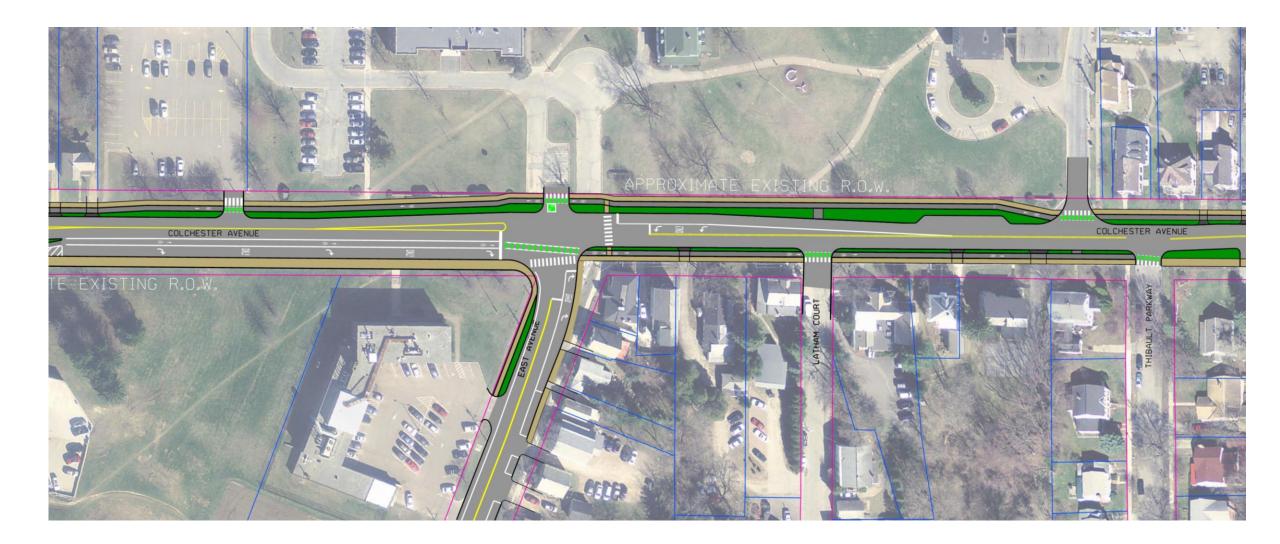
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Alternative 3 | Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection

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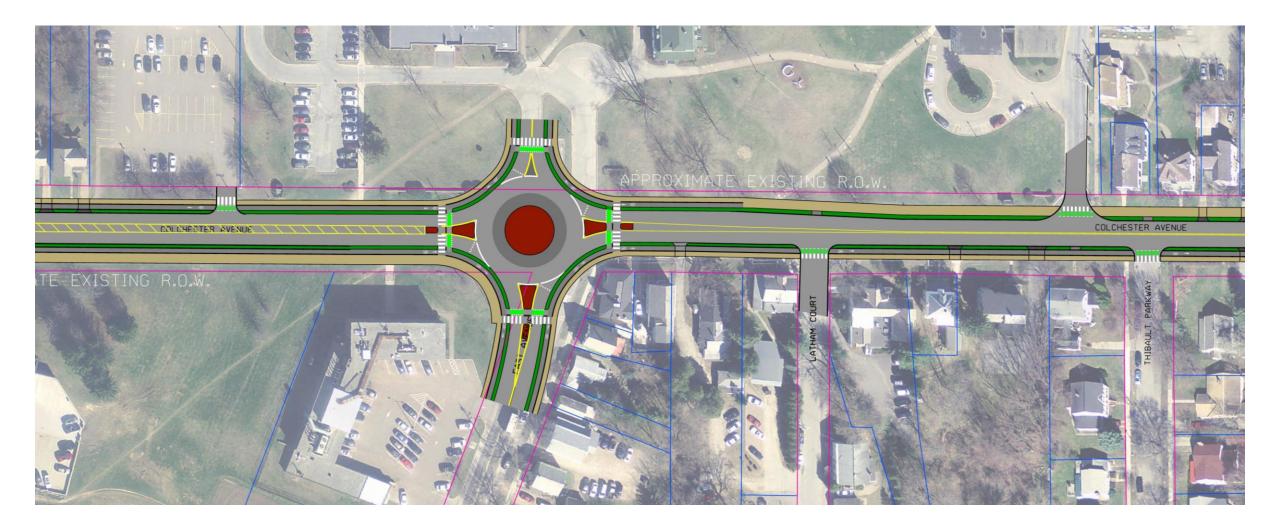
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Alternative 4 | Roundabout

Evaluation Matrix Intersection		Alternative 1 Equipment and Striping Upgrade	Alternative 2 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection & New Bike Signal	Alternative 3 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection	Alternative 4 Roundabout
Costs					
Safety					
Impacts					
Community Character					

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Costs	Total Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
Safety					
Impacts					
Community Character					

			Colchester Avenue / Ea	ast Avenue Intersection	
	tion Matrix section	Alternative 1 Equipment and Striping Upgrade	Alternative 2 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection & New Bike Signal	Alternative 3 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection	Alternative 4 Roundabout
Costs					
	Bicycle Safety	Slightly Improved Bike Lanes provided westbound through signal	Improved Bikes provided protected lane and phase - no turn conflicts	Slightly Improved Cyclists have to travel between thru and right turn lanes, but protected	Slightly Improved Bikes only conflict with single movement at time, but not fully protected; fewer conflict points
Safety	Pedestrian Safety	Improved Protected Crossings with less delay with vehicular phasing	Improved Protected Crossings with less delay with vehicular phasing	Improved Protected Crossings with less delay with vehicular phasing	Slightly Improved Allow additional cross locations, but unsignalized; shorter crossings with lower speed vehicles; fewer conflict points
	Vehicle Safety	Slightly Improved by separating users, proper equipment	Improved by fully separating users, proper equipment	Slightly Improved by separating users, proper equipment	Significantly Improved Lower vehicle speeds and fewer conflict points
Impacts					
Community Character					

Evaluation Matrix Intersection		Colchester Avenue / East Avenue Intersection				
		Alternative 1 Equipment and Striping Upgrade	Alternative 2 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection & New Bike Signal	Alternative 3 Equipment and Striping Upgrades with Realignment of Intersection	Alternative 4 Roundabout	
Costs						
Safety						
	Utility Impacts	Major Impacts	Major Impacts	Major Impacts	Major Impacts	
	ROW Impacts	Minor Impacts	Minor Impacts	Minor Impacts	Minor Impacts	
	Constructability	Minor Effort	Major Effort	Major Effort	Major Effort	
Impacts	Parking	Existing Parking Maintained (East Ave)	Slight Reduction (East Ave)	Slight Reduction (East Ave)	Slight Reduction (East Ave)	
	Trees	No Impacts	Minor Impacts To Existing	Minor Impacts to Existing	Minor Impacts to Existing	
	Historic	No Impacts	No Impacts	No Impacts	No Impacts	
	Archaeological	No Impacts	Additional Review Recommended	Additional Review Recommended	Additional Review Recommended	
Community Character						

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Safety						
Impacts						
Community Character	Aesthetics	No Change	Improved	No Change	Improved	
	Satisfies Purpose & Need	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Next Steps

- Preferred Alternative Refinement
- Advisory Committee Meeting #3
- Preferred Alternative Recommendation to TEUC and City Council









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Questions? Comments?







Supplemental Slides

Raised, Separated Bike Lane Example