

CONNER CREEK GREENWAY: Existing Conditions from Jefferson

A Conner Street- E. Outer Drive to 8 Mile Road Existing Conditions

Issues:

- A. 2 lane road, 30-50' wide
- B. Existing 6' sidewalk on west side of road
- C. Road will be resurfaced in 2004

Opportunities:

- 1. Bike lanes could be incorporated through the narrowing of lanes.

Summary: Easy Conversion to a High Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor

B Conner Street- 7 Mile Road to E. Outer Drive Existing Conditions

Issues:

- A. 4 lane road, 60' wide, intermittent parking on east side
- B. Existing 6' sidewalk on east side of road
- C. Numerous sideroads and residential driveways

Opportunities:

- 1. Bike lanes could be incorporated through the narrowing of lanes.
- 2. Conflict points make use of sidepath inappropriate.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a Low Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk

Distance traveled in 15 minutes

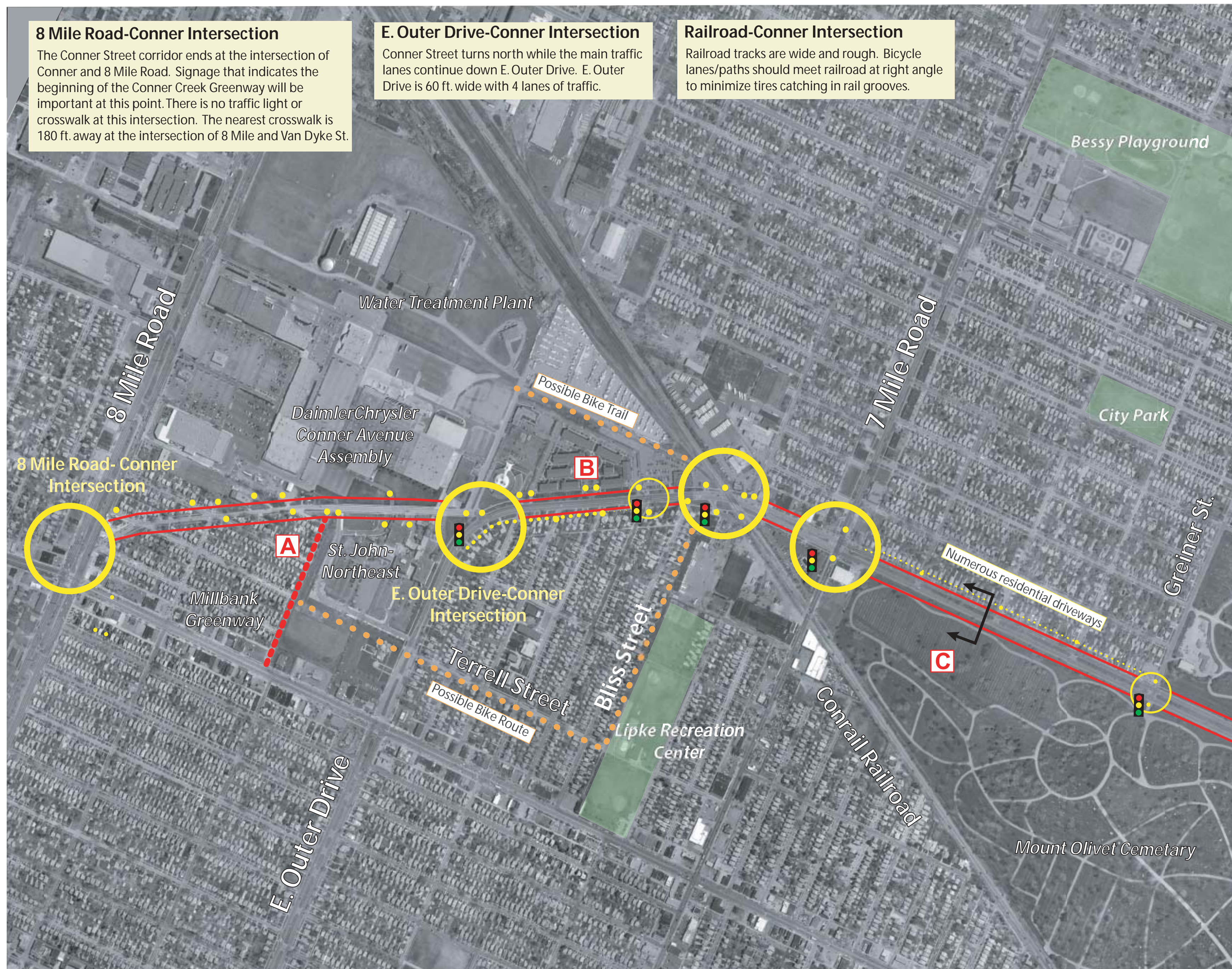


Pedestrian 2-3 miles an hour

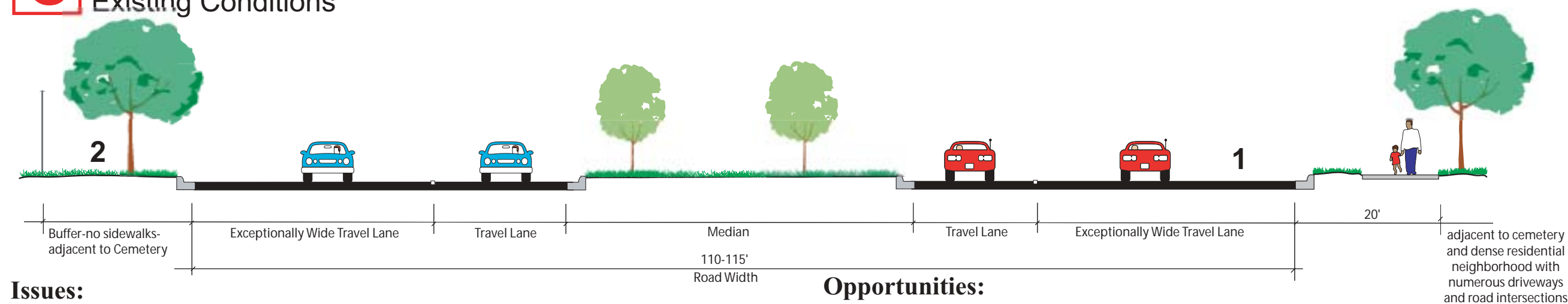


Bicyclist travels 8-12 miles an hour

It takes 3- 4.5 hours to walk from the Detroit River in Maheras Park along Conner Boulevard to 8 Mile Road and 45 minutes-1.5 hours to ride the corridor on a bike.



C Conner Street- McNichols Road to 7 Mile Road Existing Conditions



Issues:

- A. 4 through lanes, a center median, and intermittent parking lanes
- B. No sidewalk on west side of road
- C. Outside travel lanes are exceptionally wide
- D. Road runs through Mount Olivet Cemetery. No sideroads or driveways entering along western edge.
- E. Large trees in buffer along west side of road.

Opportunities:

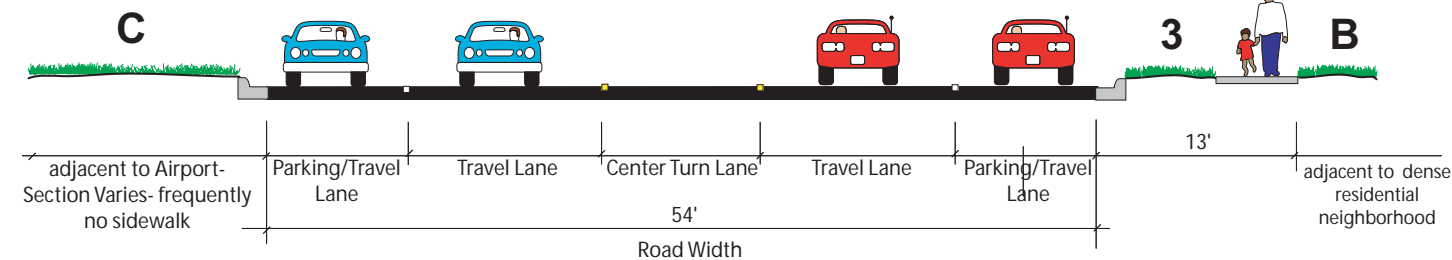
- 1. Bike lanes could be incorporated through the narrowing of lanes. A substantial buffer between the bike lane and the right through lane could be included. This buffer could be painted or a raised median.
- 2. A sidewalk or shared-use path could be added along the west side of the road, preferably in the road corridor to avoid the large trees in the buffer.

Summary: Easy Conversion to a High Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor or Shared-Use Path on west side.

Avenue to 8 Mile Road

D Conner Street- Gratiot Avenue to McNichols Road

Existing Conditions



Issues:

- A. 2-4 through lanes, a center lane and intermittent parking
- B. East side of road has numerous conflict points of intersecting roads and driveways.
- C. Road is too narrow to accommodate bike lanes in the street. It is problematic to create a sidewalk bikeway in this area because of the limited space and frequent driveways.

Opportunities:

- 1. The Detroit City Airport runs the entire length of the western side of Conner Street in this section and varies frequently. An opportunity for a sidepath exists along the airport. See notes below.
- 2. Connect existing sidewalks
- 3. Planting trees in buffer would substantially increase roadway aesthetics and pedestrian comfort.

Summary: Difficult Conversion to an Average Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor
Moderately Difficult Conversion to an Average Sidepath along the west side.

E Conner Street- I-94 Interchange to Gratiot Avenue

Existing Conditions

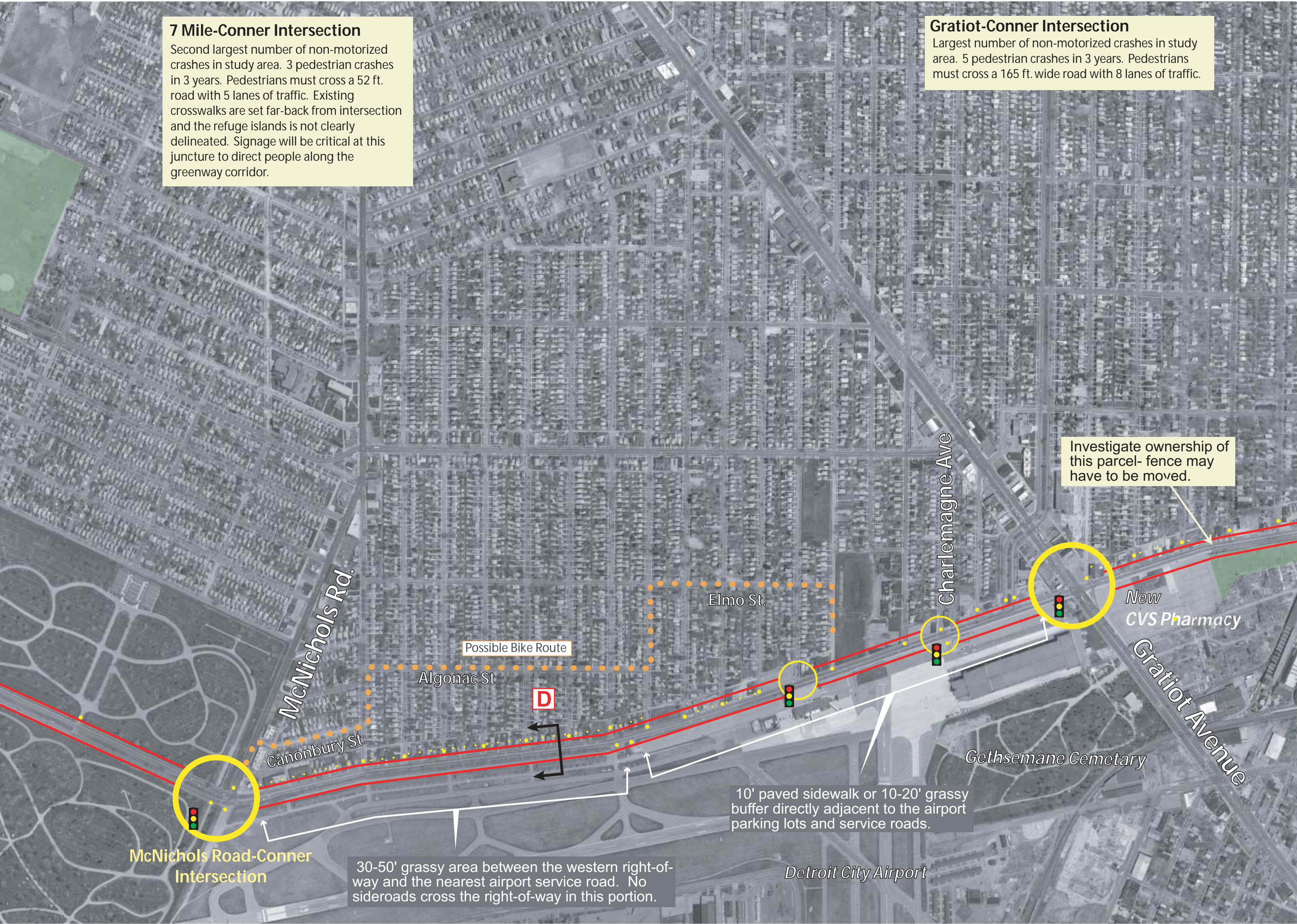
Issues:

- A. 4 through lanes, 1 center turn lane, width varies from 52-60'. Northbound arrows to 1 through lane with intermittent parking lane. 35 mph speed limit.
- B. Existing 6 ft. sidewalks on both sides of road.

Opportunities:

- 1. Very few conflict points along west side road through Conner Playfield. Sidepath could be utilized.
- 2. Improvements to Conner Playfield will increase the number of mid-block crossings in this area.
- 3. Road could be converted to 4 lanes with a bike lane.

Summary: Easy Conversion to High Quality Sidepath along west side. Could also be converted to a Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor.



I Saint Jean Street- Mack Avenue to I- 94

Existing Conditions

Issues:

- A. 4 lanes changing to 2 lanes north of Shoemaker, 40' wide road with minimal conflict points along west side.
- B. Bordered by vacated city land or Shoemaker Terminal City Yards north of Shoemaker. South of Shoemaker is Mack Avenue Engine Plant.

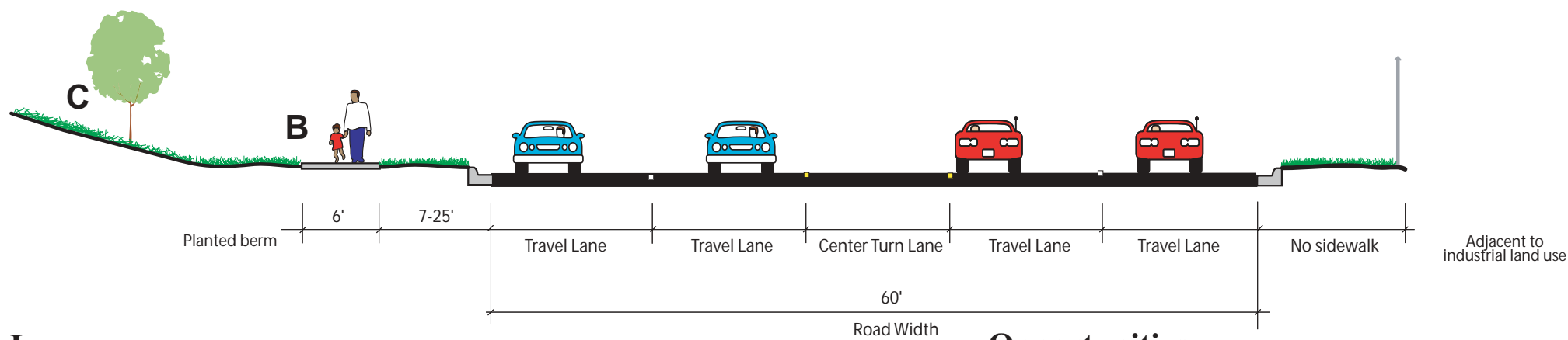
Opportunities:

- 1. Possible to utilize either a bike lane/sidewalk or a sidepath that would require the City to modify some of their yards

Summary: Difficult Conversion to a High Quality Shared Sidepath

J Saint Jean Street- Jefferson Avenue to Mack Avenue

Existing Conditions



Issues:

- A. 4 through lanes, 1 center turn lane
- B. Existing sidewalk
- C. Berm with plantings on south side of road is a nice amenity

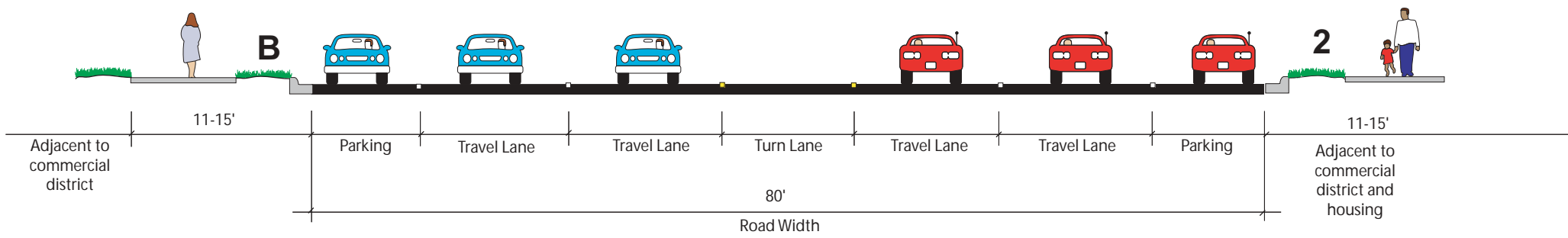
Opportunities:

- 1. Because there are few driveways, bicycle sidepaths could be utilized effectively

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a High Quality Shared Sidepath

F Conner Street- Warren Avenue to I-94 Interchange

Existing Conditions



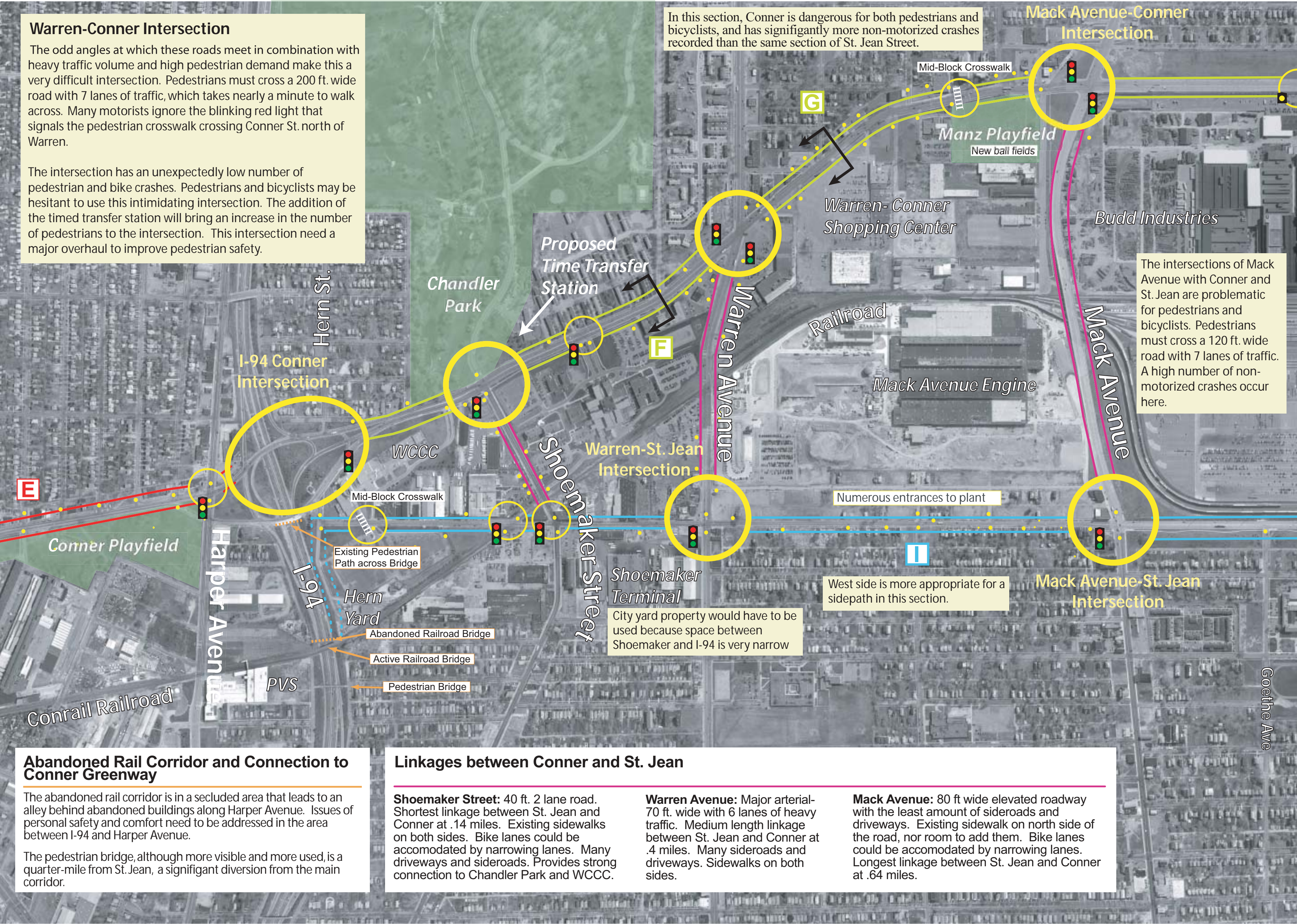
Issues:

- A. 2 lanes northbound, 3 lanes southbound, and intermittent parking on both sides.
- B. Buffer between sidewalk and road is barren of trees
- C. Entrance to Chandler Park along Conner lacks sidewalks

Opportunities:

- 1. Bike lanes could be incorporated through the narrowing of lanes.
- 2. Planting trees in buffer would substantially increase roadway aesthetics and pedestrian comfort.
- 3. Improve pedestrian access to Chandler Park by adding sidewalks along Chandler Park Drive.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a Low Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor.



K Jefferson Avenue- St. Jean St. to Conner Street

Existing Conditions

Issues:

- A. 6 through lanes and one center turn lane, few intersecting roads
- B. Travel lanes can be narrowed to accommodate bike lanes
- C. Sidewalks existing on both sides of streets

Opportunities:

- 1. Most viable option for linking St. Jean with Clairpointe by a bike lane/sidewalk option.
- 2. Center turn lane can be converted to a median for stretches

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a High Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor

L St. Jean Street- Freud Street to Jefferson Avenue

Existing Conditions

Issues:

- A. 4 lane road, existing sidewalk on west side.
- B. Low volumes of traffic consisting mainly of trucks. Bordered by industrial land use and vacant land.
- C. Room for bike lanes or sidepath.

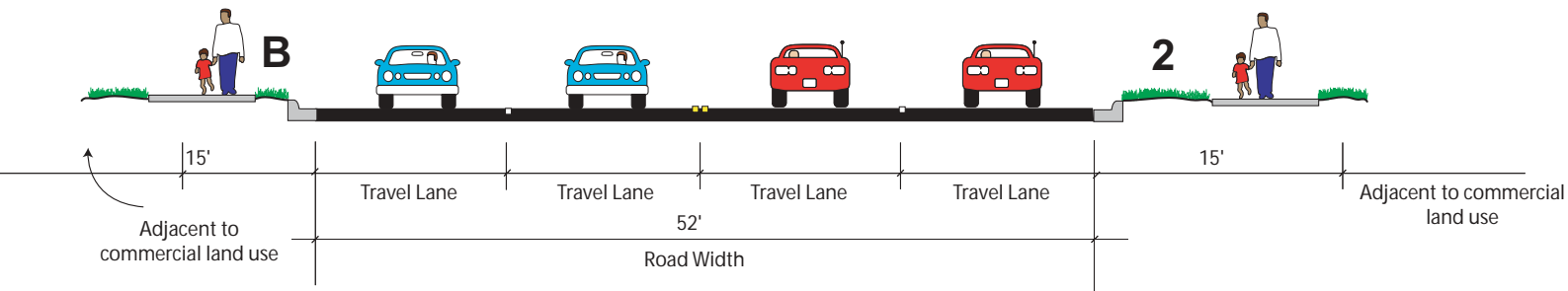
Opportunities:

- 1. Possible to utilize either a bike lane/sidewalk or a side path.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to an Average Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk or Sidepath.

G Conner Street- Mack Avenue to Warren Avenue

Existing Conditions



Issues:

- 4 through lanes
- Buffer between sidewalk and road is barren of trees
- The curbs in this section of Conner are scheduled to be straightened.

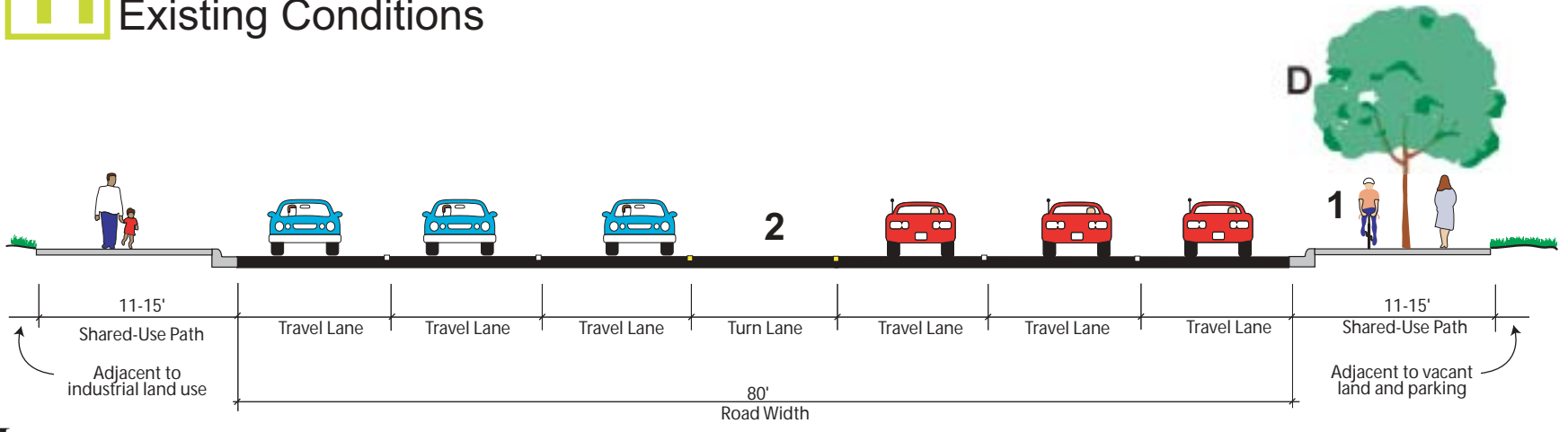
Opportunities:

- Sufficient width for travel lanes to be narrowed to accommodate bikes in the roadway
- Planting trees in buffer would substantially increase roadway aesthetics and pedestrian comfort.
- Scheduled straightening of curbs provides opportunity to widen roads for bike lane.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a Low Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor

H Conner Street-Jefferson Avenue to Mack Avenue

Existing Conditions



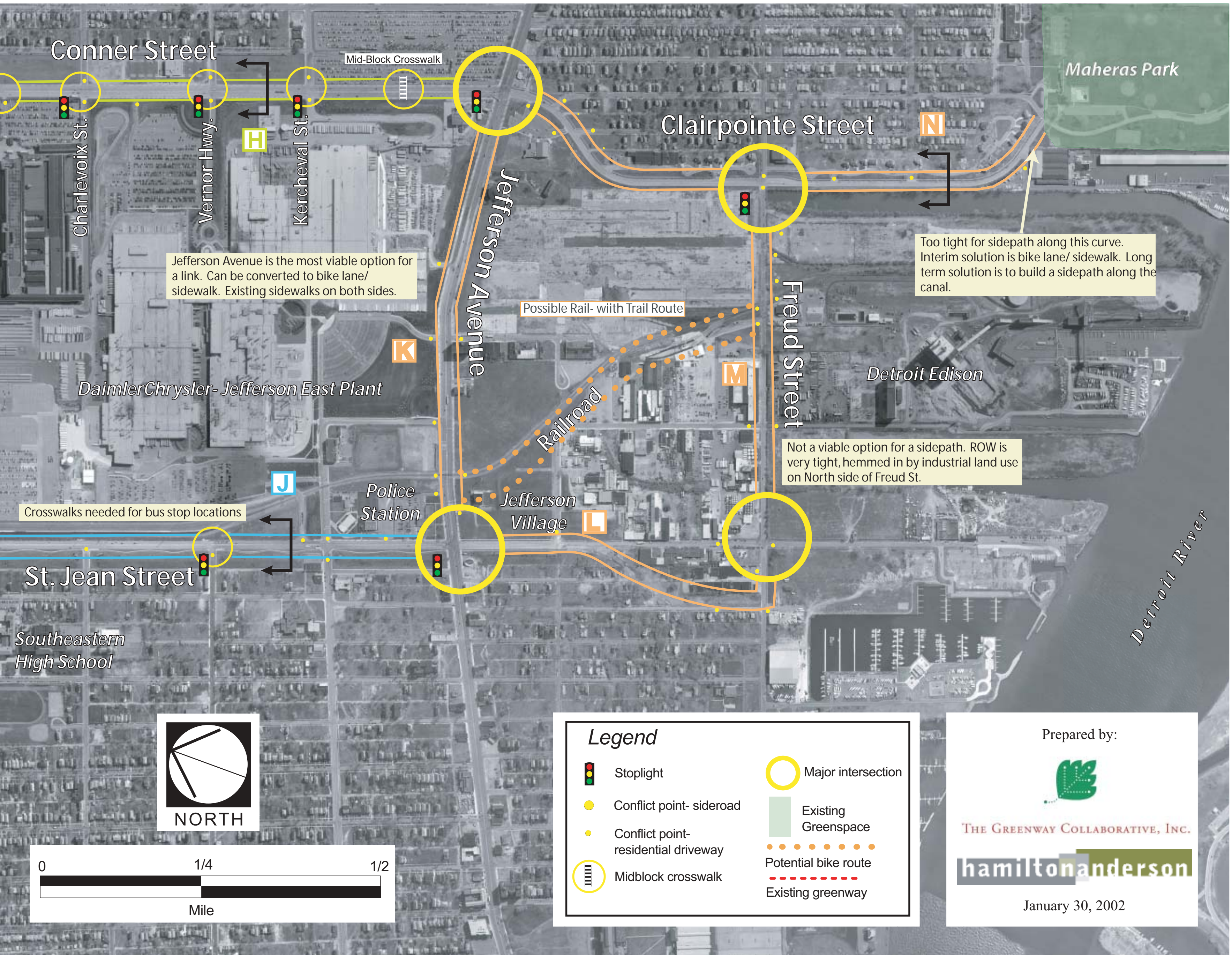
Issues:

- 6 through lanes and one center turn lane
- Difficult to narrow travel lanes any further to accommodate bike lanes.
- Sidewalks generally 11-15 feet wide where they exist
- Plantings are in tree pits spaced intermittently in the middle of the sidewalk.

Opportunities:

- Because there are few driveways and sideroads, bike lane could be on top of curb between trees and sidewalk.
- Center turn lane can be converted to a median for long stretches.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to a High Quality Shared Sidepath



M Freud Street- St. Jean St. to Clairpointe St.

Existing Conditions

Issues:

- 2 lanes, 37' wide.
- The south side of the road has few formal driveways with low volumes of traffic consisting mainly of trucks.
- No existing sidewalks on either side of the road. Very narrow ROW, no room to add sidewalks.
- Industrial development is setback along the riverfront, giving the road a rural feeling.

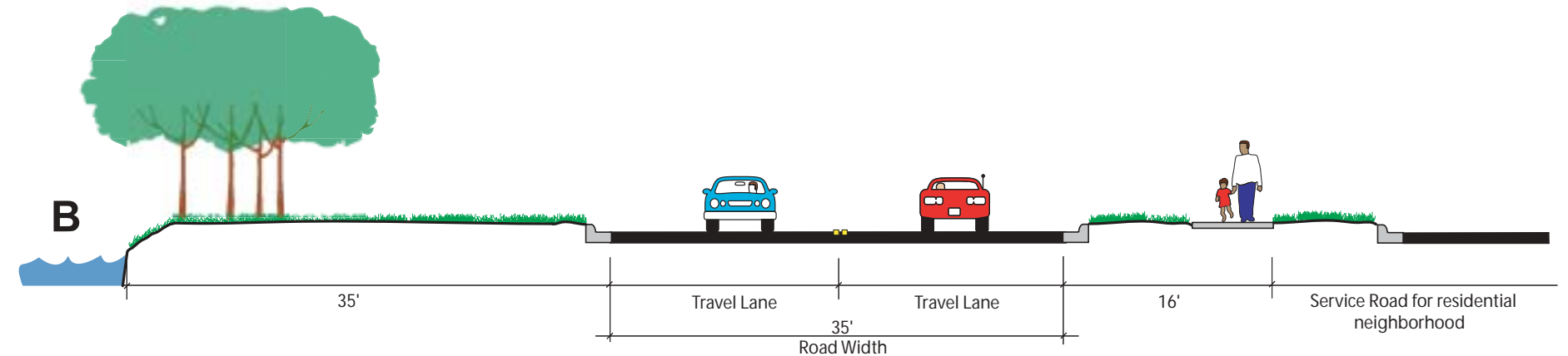
Opportunities:

- Road can be narrowed to accommodate bike lanes.
- Possible to utilize either a bike lane/sidewalk or a sidepath.

Summary: Moderately Difficult Conversion to an Average Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk or Sidepath.

N Clairpointe Street- Maheras Park to Jefferson Avenue

Existing Conditions



Issues:

- 2 through lanes and low volumes of traffic. Widens to 4 lanes north of Freud St. 25 mph.
- Conner Creek runs along west side of road. Few driveways or sideroads along western edge
- ROW is too tight for sidepath at Bayview Marina.

Opportunities:

- Possible to narrow travel lanes to accommodate bike lanes and create pedestrian sidepath along creek until Bayview Marina.

Summary: Easy Conversion to a High Quality Bike Lane/ Sidewalk Corridor