Alternative 2

CONNECTING HOWE AVENUE
SAFETY & MOBILITY PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

- Improve signal operations, signal visibility, and add signal ahead warning signs
- Add signalized crosswalks at US 50 ramp crossings on both sides of Howe Ave
- Lower speed limits
- Add a shared use path through University Park and an RRFB crossing on University Ave
- Add a shared use path on the east side of Howe Ave with cantilever structure across the University Ave overpass and the freeway
- Add a landscaping buffer with shade trees and lighting

BENEFITS:

- Provides a dedicated space for people walking and biking and connection to regional shared use path
- Landscape buffer and lighting provide separation from traffic and improved comfort

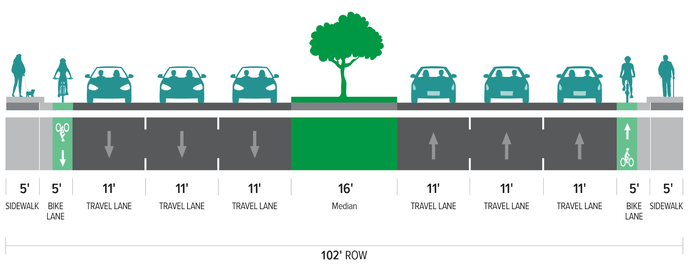
CHALLENGES:

- Right-of-way acquisition will be needed
- The cantilevered path over the freeway would require coordination with Caltrans

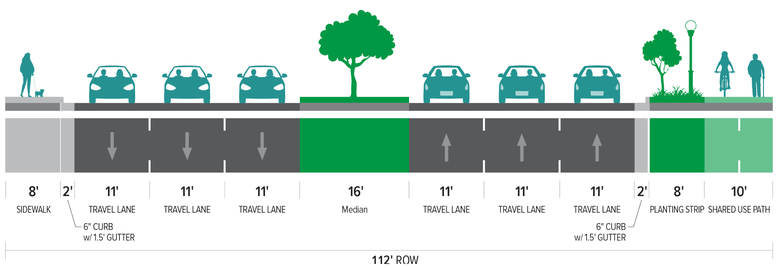
Cost: $ $ $

HOWE AVENUE ROADWAY CONFIGURATION

BEFORE:

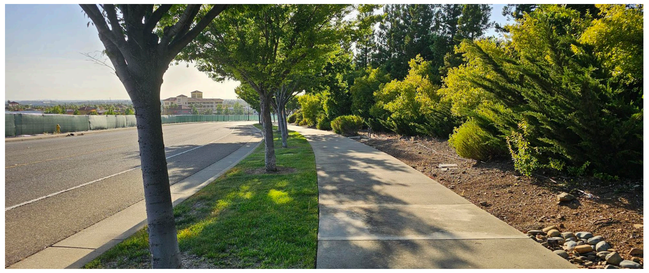


AFTER:



IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

SHARED USE PATH WITH SHADE TREES



CANTILEVERED SHARED USE PATH



COMMUNITY INPUT

"Howe Avenue has essentially become a freeway…fix the speeding."

"Reduce speed limit on Howe Ave. and enforce it!"

"Community and residents would be better served if they could safely and easily walk or ride a bike to the UV shopping area and the newer one across the street. Slow the car traffic, reduce the number of car lanes, and encourage foot and bike traffic."

"Traffic lights aren't triggered by car presence…Some lights feel ridiculously long."

"Howe Avenue…SHOULD have sidewalks, bus stops, and separated bike lanes from end to end…should feel safe for everyone to ride. It would be nice if all utilities were buried the entire length."

"Solve the overpass/free ramps first."

"People don't always make the stop light curve at American River Dr… They just don't pay attention… in the lanes traveling south. They don't anticipate that curve properly and are going too fast."

"Could be a real opportunity for a separated trail of some kind."

