

Salmonberry Trail Rockaway Beach Segment



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Presentation Outline

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- **Presentation of Project to Date**
 - Outreach
 - Pathway Plans & Sections
- **Presentation of the South 3rd Section**
- **Open discussion of the South 3rd Section**

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Project Overview & Scope

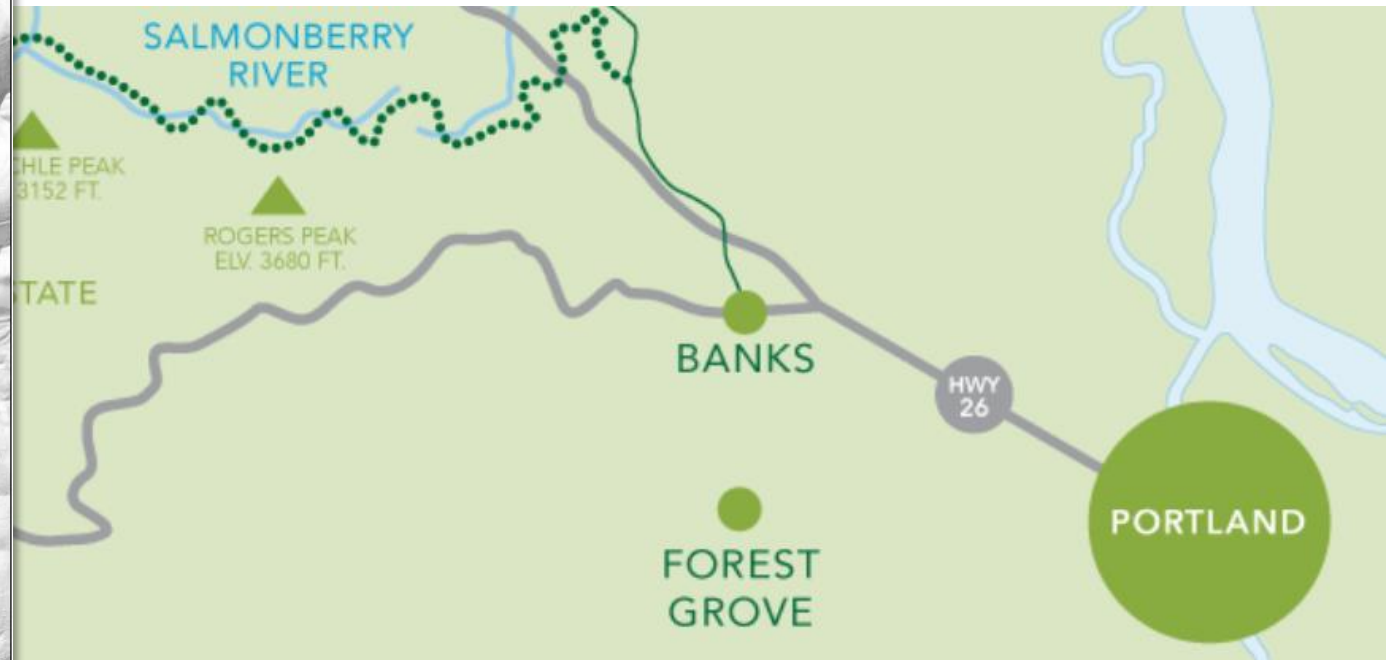
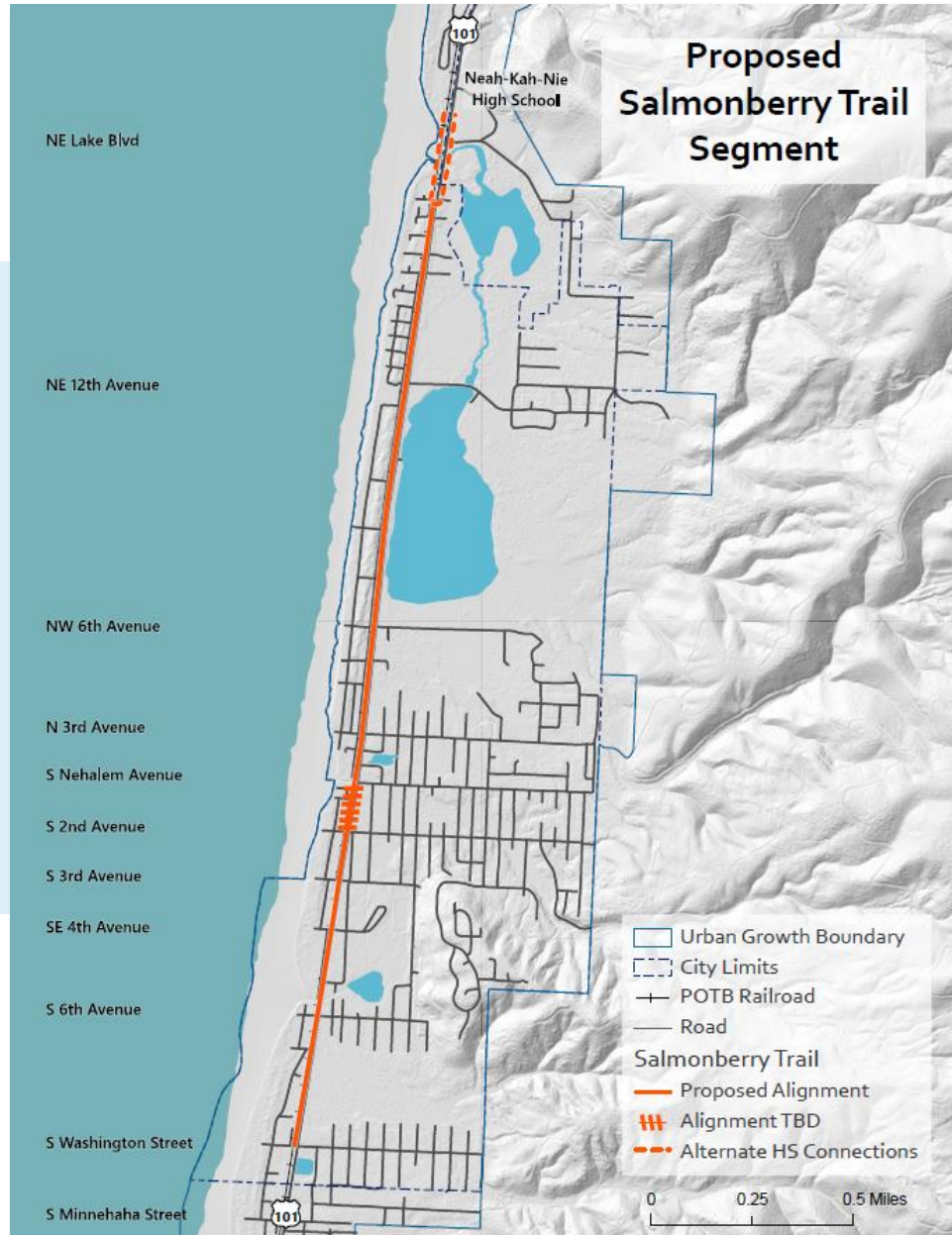


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Scope of Work

Planning Phase (Phase I)

Existing Conditions Summary

Review past planning documents, right of way, identify opportunities and constraints etc.

Public Engagement

2 Public Events, Public Advisory Committee, Public Survey

Alternatives Analysis

Evaluate Design Options

10% Design Drawings

Develop 10% plans to use for cost estimating

Cost Estimate

Cost to Construct

Scope of Work

Design Phase 30% Drawings (Phase II)

Topographic Survey

Hydraulic Modeling

Archeological Study

Geotechnical Study

Environmental Study

30% Design Drawings

Develop 30% Plans

30% Cost Estimate

Cost to Construct

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Public Outreach and Feedback



Public events

Rockway Beach Summer Picnic, June 27th

Rockway Beach Pathway Segment Project

How would you or your family plan to use the pathway? (Select all that apply or come up with your own answer!)

Commuting to and from work ●	Traveling to and from school
Running regular errands (ex. market, library, etc.) ●●	To access the beach or other recreation locations ●●●
For exercise or relaxation ●●●●●	

Other ideas? Please leave them here!

A place to visit w/ out-of-town guests on the weekend

U.S. Cross country team training

To get to and from church (on 3rd Ave)

To go jogging

Dog walking

KEY

- = Rockway Beach residents
- = Visitors, etc. nearby residents

What would encourage you to use the pathway?

- Good connections to transit.
- Paving it!
- "straight shot" w/ as few jogs as possible
- Benches
- SAFE CROSSINGS! (w/ lights)
- Wheelchair/ADA accessible!
- Nice + wide
- Having cool interpretive/creative projects along the trail (ex. poetry in Braille)
- Engage [tactile, collaborative... little libraries, geocaching, scavenger Hunt]

What (if any) concerns would limit your use of the pathway?

- Gravel = hard to run on
- If it's on Pacific, I would not use it bc I'd have to change directions/travel out of my way.

Rockway Beach 4th of July Celebration

Rockway Beach Pathway Segment Project

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More coffee shops

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What would encourage you to use the pathway?

Not wanting to use/got in my car

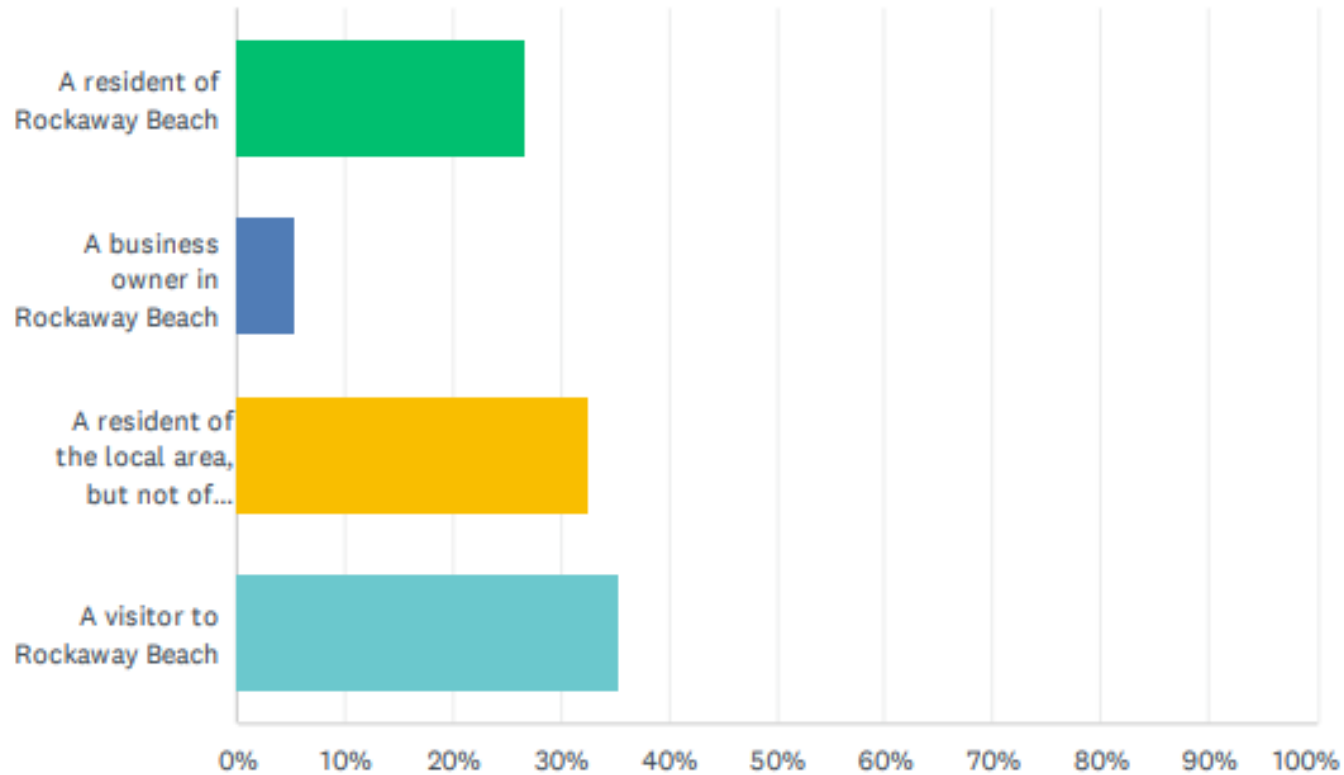
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Weather



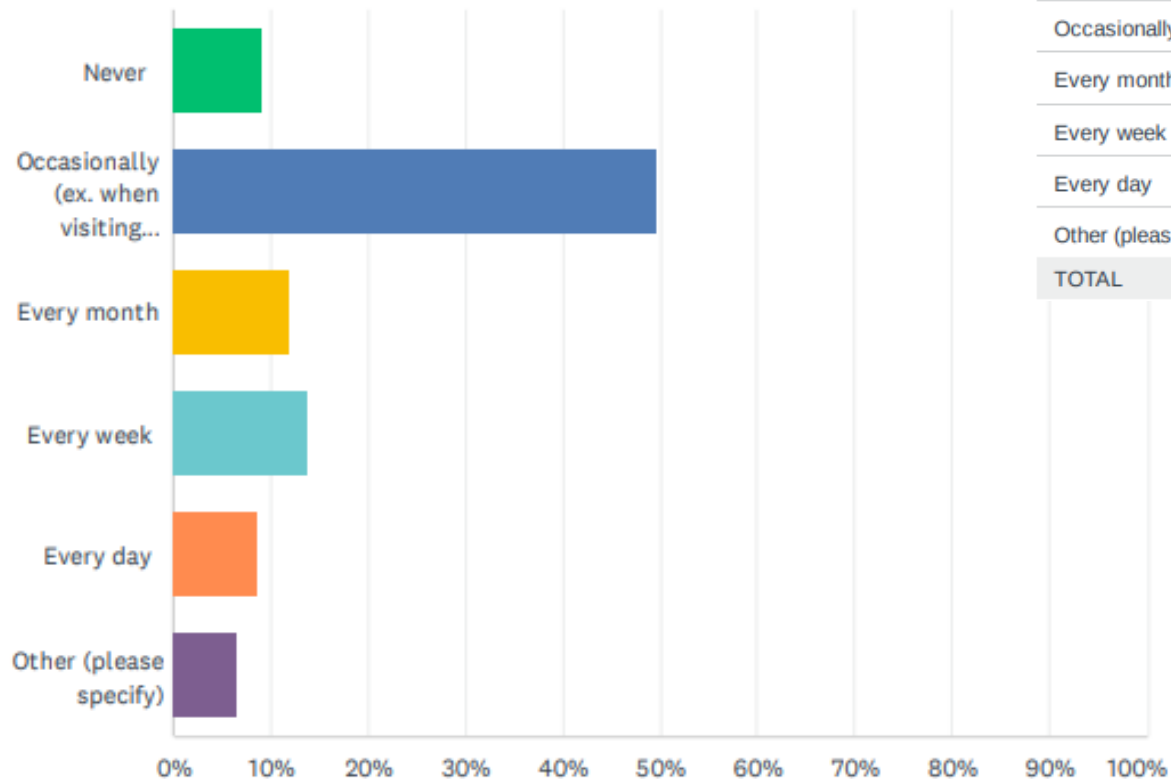
Survey Results

- 153 responses total



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A resident of Rockaway Beach	26.67% 40
A business owner in Rockaway Beach	5.33% 8
A resident of the local area, but not of Rockaway Beach	32.67% 49
A visitor to Rockaway Beach	35.33% 53
TOTAL	150

Q1: How much do you think you or your family would use this pathway once it was built?

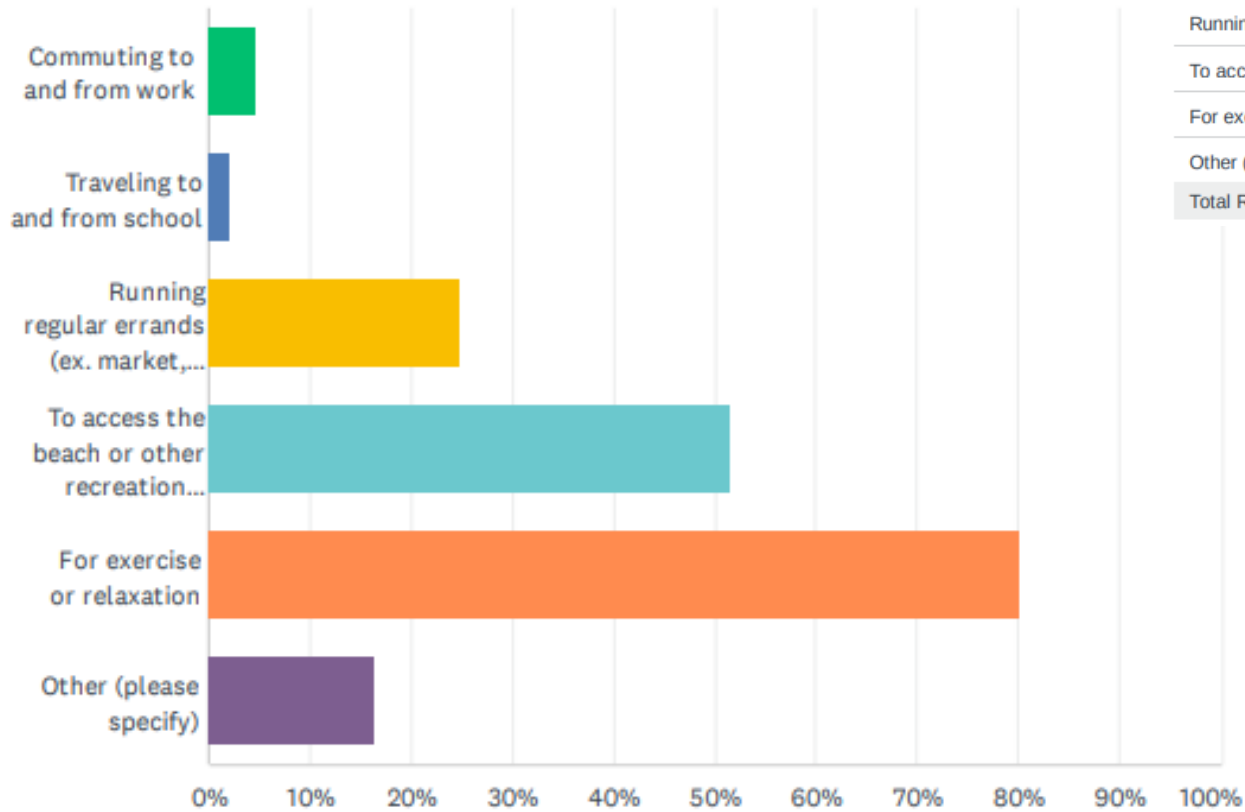


ANSWER CHOICES	PERCENTAGE	RESPONSES
Never	9.27%	14
Occasionally (ex. when visiting Rockaway Beach, on vacation, on occasional weekends, etc.)	49.67%	75
Every month	11.92%	18
Every week	13.91%	21
Every day	8.61%	13
Other (please specify)	6.62%	10
TOTAL		151

Other responses:

- Annually, during annual backpacking trips
- Yearly, if not quarterly
- A few times a week
- 3-4 times a week

Q2: How would you or your family plan to use the pathway? (Select all that apply)

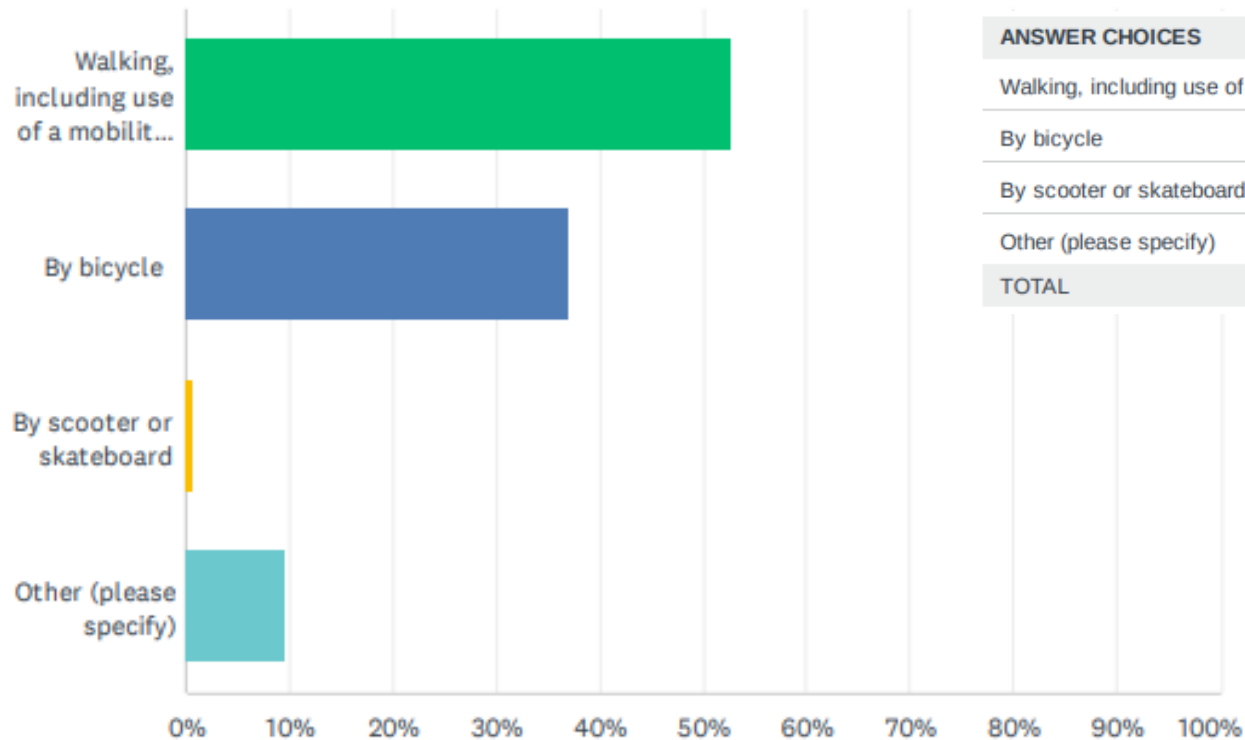


ANSWER CHOICES	PERCENTAGE	RESPONSES
Commuting to and from work	4.79%	7
Traveling to and from school	2.05%	3
Running regular errands (ex. market, library, etc.)	24.66%	36
To access the beach or other recreation locations	51.37%	75
For exercise or relaxation	80.14%	117
Other (please specify)	16.44%	24
Total Respondents: 146		

Other responses:

- Birding
- Exercise with wheelchairs
- See the country
- Better access to the city
- Getting to Tillamook or Portland
- Bicycling
- Dog walking
- Go to church, meetings, and volunteer work
- Hiking Oregon Coast Trail

Q3: What travel methods would you and your family be likely to use on this pathway?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking, including use of a mobility device	52.74% 77
By bicycle	36.99% 54
By scooter or skateboard	0.68% 1
Other (please specify)	9.59% 14
TOTAL	146

Other responses:

- None / not using
- Walking and biking equally

Q4: What would encourage you to use the pathway?

(For example, if the path were paved, fewer railroad crossings, navigational signage, amenities such as water fountains or bike racks, etc.)

*“Comfortable and easy rolling.
Good surface quality and
separation between people
walking and biking.”*

*“Easy access for walkers
and places to stop and
enjoy the view. Places to
eat packed meals.”*

*“Our family likes to bike and walk
together in a group, so a path that
allows for that would be great. Also
trash cans and solar lighting.”*

*“Bike racks, paved. Signage is important
for those who don’t live here. We do.
Directional signage is critical and
interpretative signage would add
tremendously to the experience.”*

*“A paved path would be the
biggest factor. Bike racks and
water fountains near public
destinations would be nice.
Signs to public beach access
would be good.”*

*“The route, it’s all about the
route connections for me. If the
trail connects the high
school/Nedonna to the wayside
and downtown and all the way
down to the big tree walk, I’ll
be using it all the time.”*

Q5: What concerns or conditions would limit your use of the pathway?

(For example, if the path were not paved, railroad crossings, proximity to the railroad tracks / highway, etc.)

"My only concern is it not being built. This could be a catalyst for more of these types of projects in Tillamook County, which currently has virtually none."

"Crowded or interrupted with tourist making it hard for bikes to use. Would not use as much or by bike if not paved."

"Homelessness, drug use, mentally ill folks pitching a tent on their way from the valley to the coast."

"An unsafe path might limit use and create more frequent maintenance. If crossings were not well/marked or signed, that would be discouraging."

"Things that pose dangers for little kids would keep us from using it. Paving would make it easier with strollers and getting kids to and from places safer."

"I would be concerned about people behaving badly. Skateboarders or bikers taking up too much space and going too fast... Walkers staring at their phones, oblivious to everything until they run into someone."

Q6: What preferences or concerns do you have about the future alignment / route of this pathway?

(ex. That it travels along the west/east side of the railroad tracks in a particular area, etc.)

"Private property rights. I think you are just giving criminals another access point. And giving homeless another camping spots to vilify."

"Path of least resistance - where it will provide the best, most accessible and safest route."

"Removing parking would negatively impact tourism as tourists just drive on to the next town if they can't easily access parking."

"No concerns, others than switching from west to east side of tracks could prove dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists, would like to have flashing crosswalks at busy intersections."

"We are concerned about parking and people being dumped into the neighborhood at the end of the trail looking for parking and beach access."

"None other than it gets done before I die."

"Safety is the single most important factor."

"It is more important to proceed with something that functions well, but not get delayed by trying to please everyone, because that will never happen."

Q4: What would encourage you to use the pathway? – Business Owners

(For example, if the path were paved, fewer railroad crossings, navigational signage, amenities such as water fountains or bike racks, etc.)

“Going for a walk.”

*“Water fountains,
benches, bike racks at
beach access points,
paved paths .”*

*“Smooth paving (not brick), goes
to/from the high school.”*

“Paved pathway .”

*“If it connects to a longer trail
north of Rockaway.”*

*“I don't see this pathway being
done in my lifetime. It's just a
way for certain few to make
lots of money.”*

Q5: What concerns or conditions would limit your use of the pathway?

-Business Owners

(For example, if the path were not paved, railroad crossings, proximity to the railroad tracks / highway, etc.)

*"If it is not paved I would not use it.
As you get older you need a
smooth surface for walking."*

*"Pathway not paved. No
amenities, close proximity to
the railroad tracks."*

*"if it was right on the highway
without a guardrail."*

*"If not paved, or if
not a level pathway."*

"Trash and homeless people."

Q6: What preferences or concerns do you have about the future alignment / route of this pathway? – Business Owners

(ex. That it travels along the west/east side of the railroad tracks in a particular area, etc.)

“Parking sounds like we may lose a lot of parking. We can not afford to lose our parking.”

“Concerned that already limited parking availability will be compromised and/or eliminated.”

“Switching from west to east side of tracks could prove dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists, would like to have flashing crosswalks at busy intersections.”

“Concerned about the high traffic area from South 2nd thru the wayside area. Concerns about congestion especially in the summertime and also loss of parking on Miller street for residences and businesses.”

“As long as it’s separated from 101 then it’s good.”

“No parking for Rockaway Beach.”

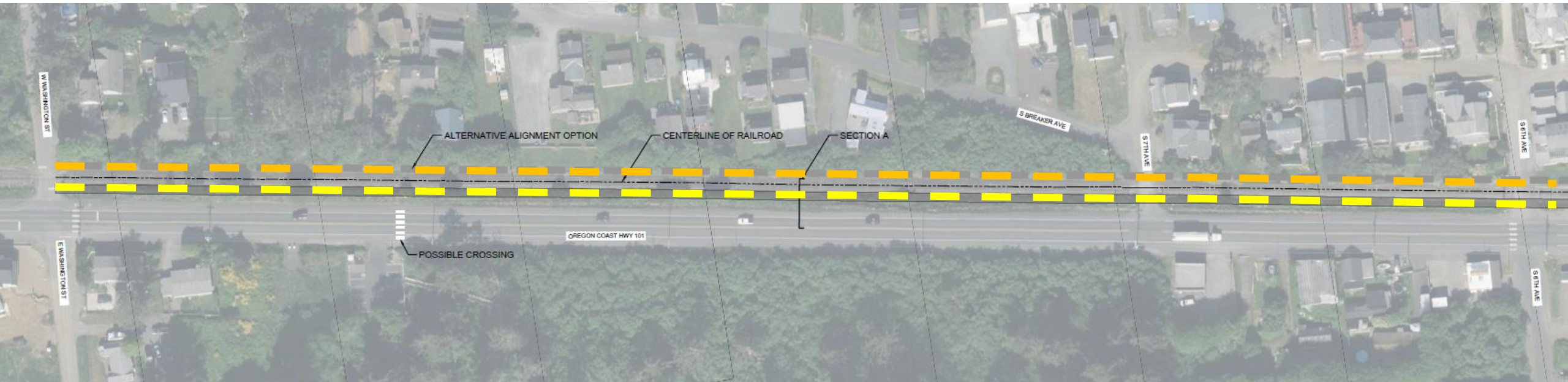
“least amount of disruption to parking.”

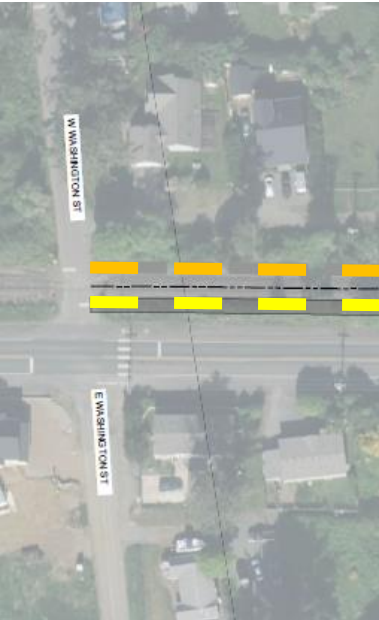
“...We have little to no parking on summer days and to reduce it further will have huge impacts on businesses.”

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Discussion of Alignment Options

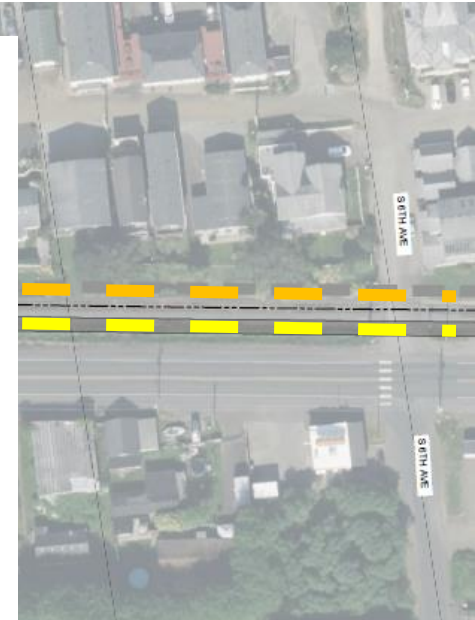
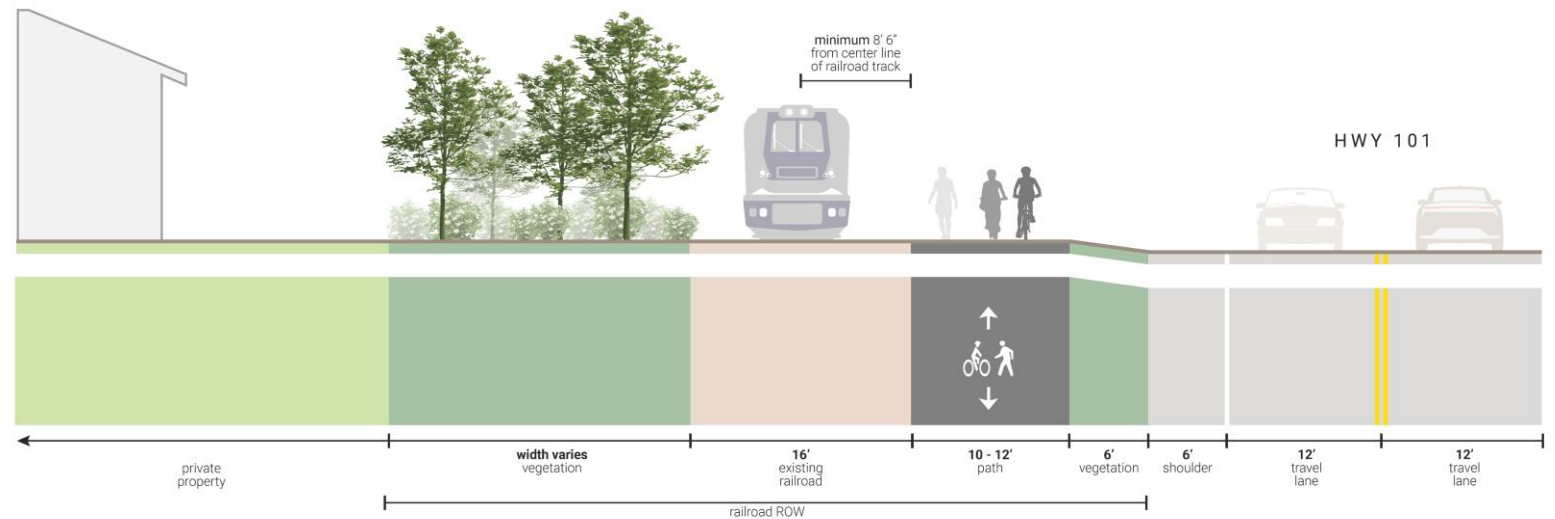






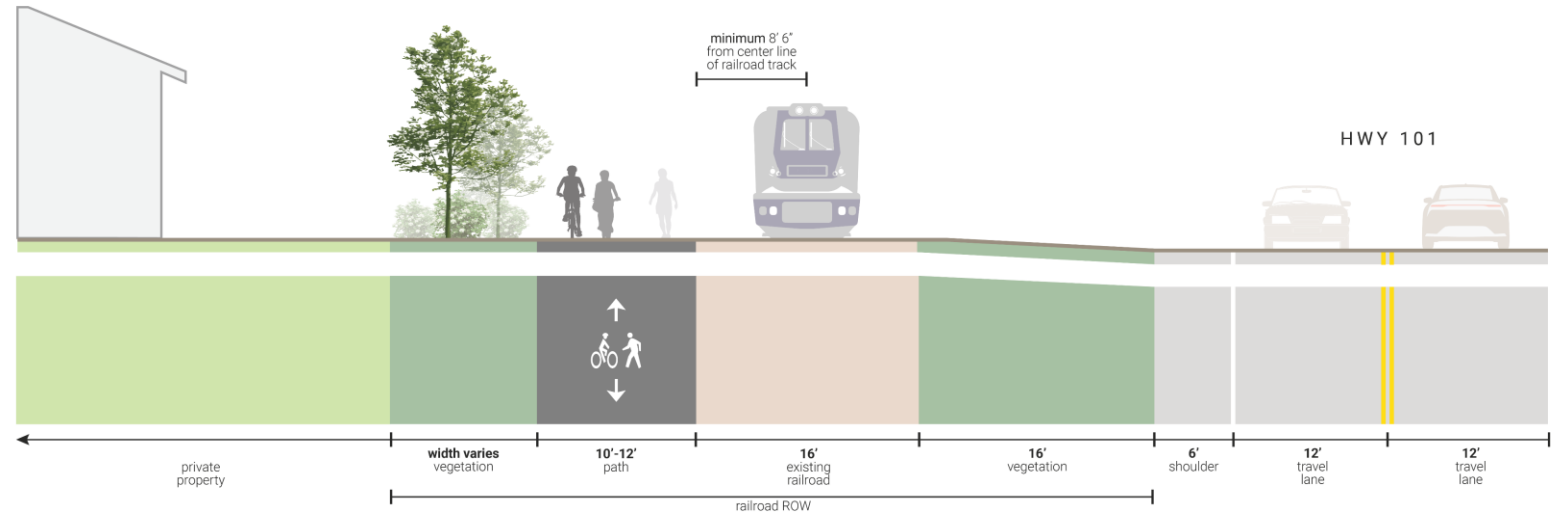
S 3RD AVE TO W WASHINGTON ST CROSS SECTION

OPTION 2 - PATH ON EAST SIDE OF TRACKS



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OPTION 1: PATH ON WEST SIDE OF TRACKS

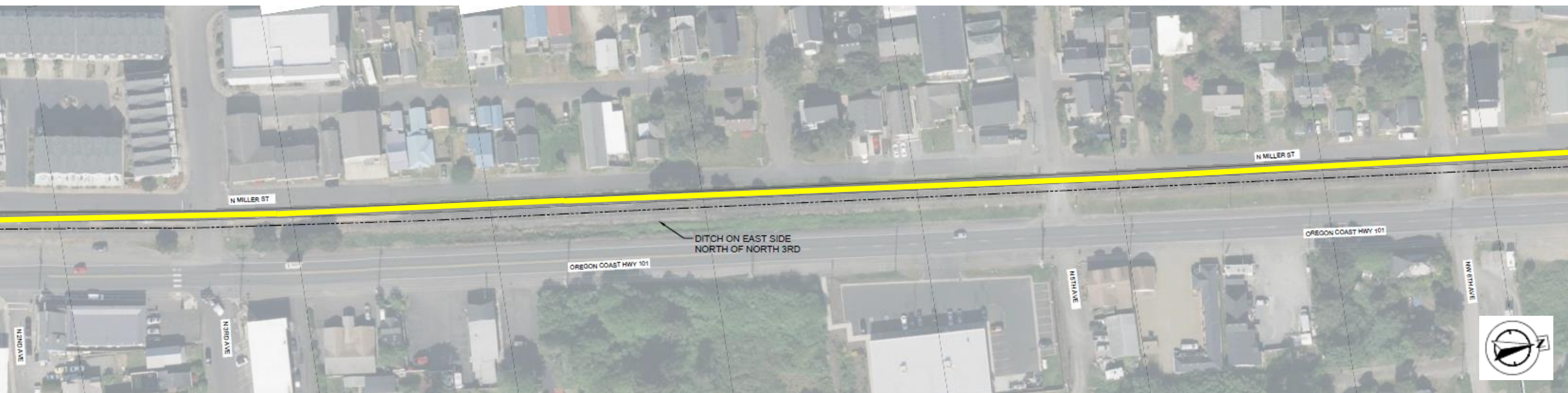
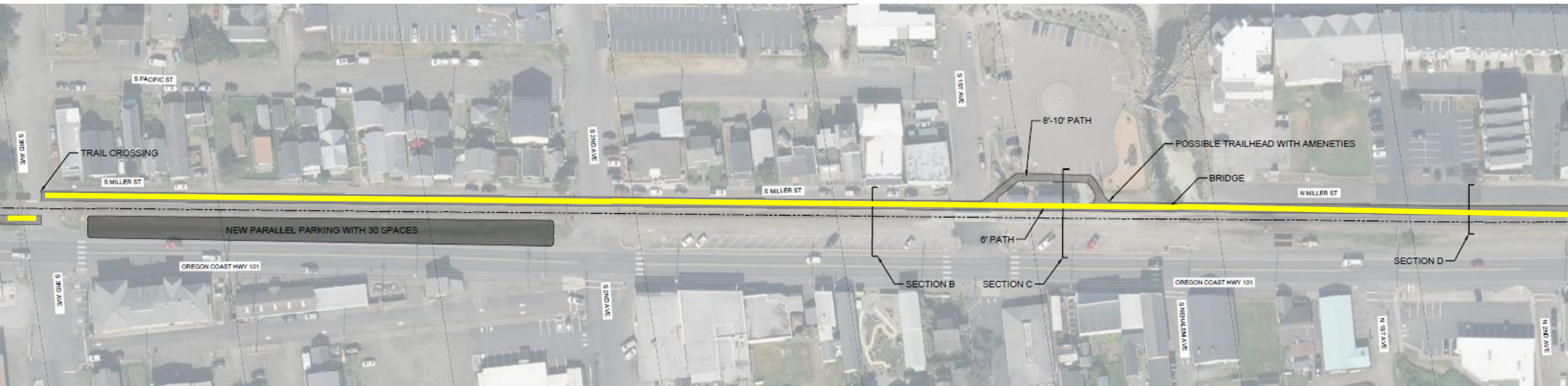


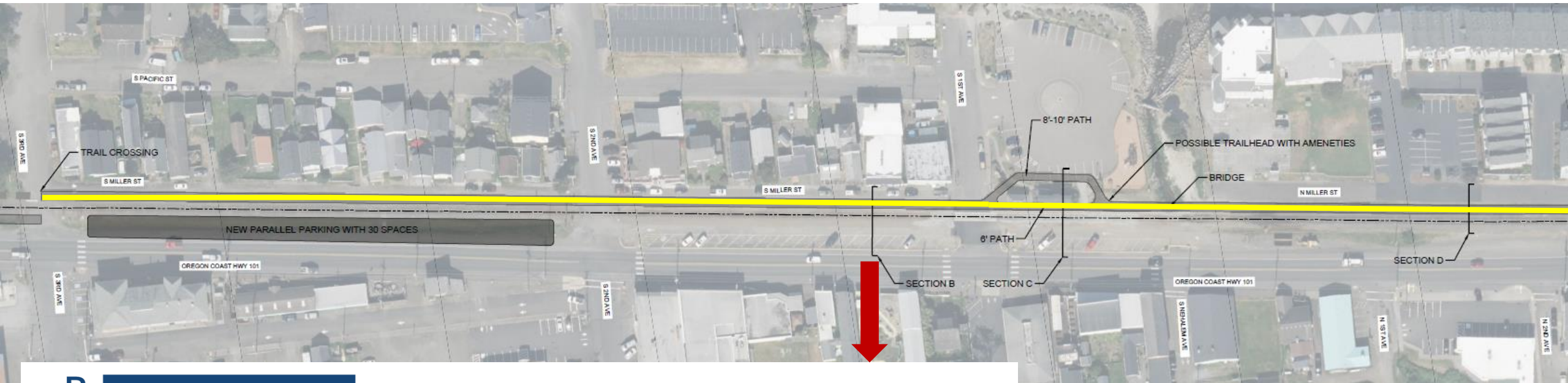


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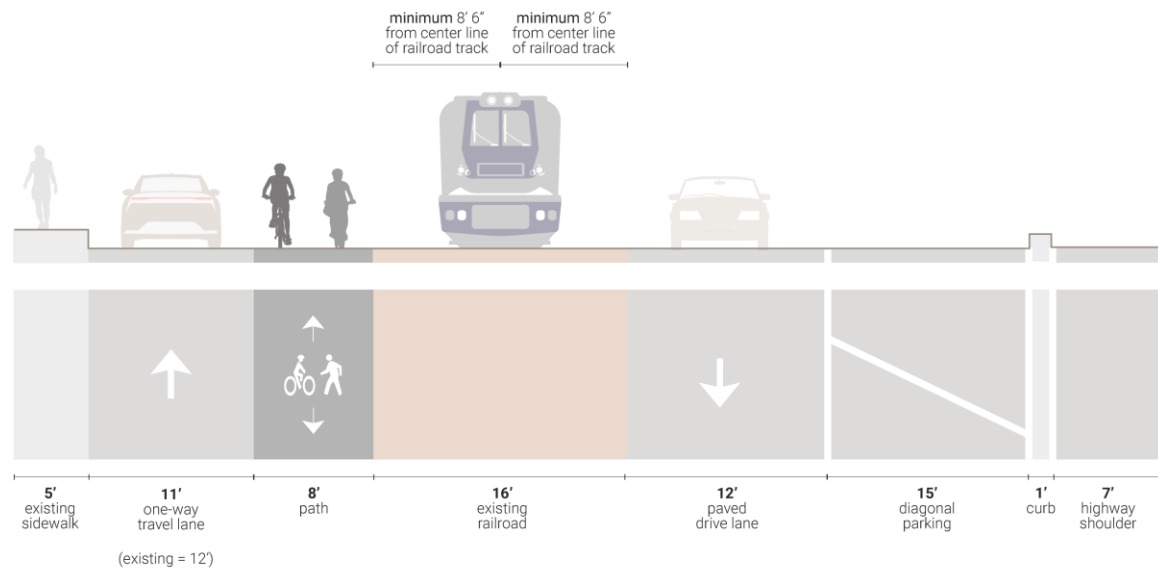
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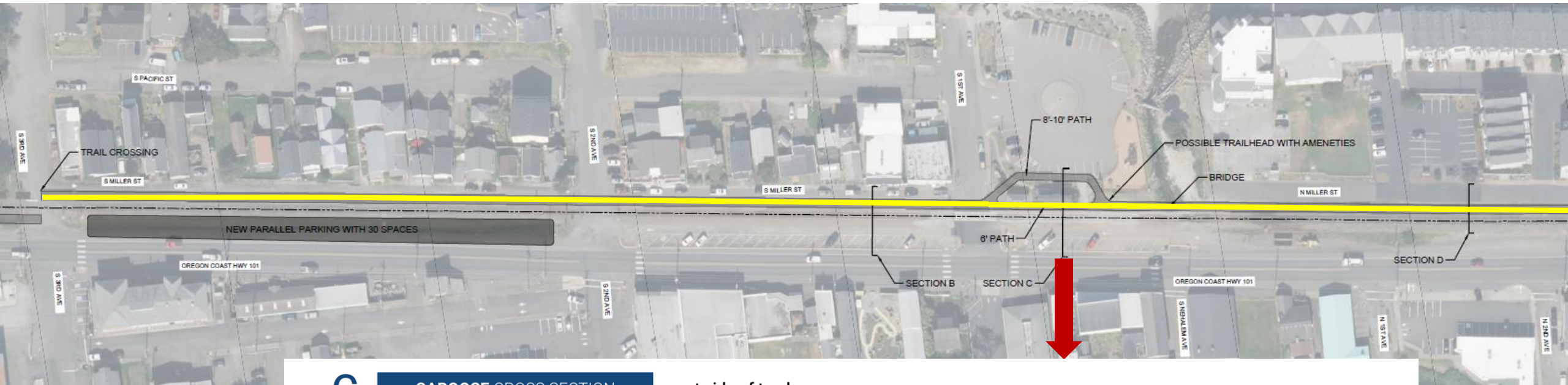


B SOUTH MILLER CROSS SECTION west side of tracks

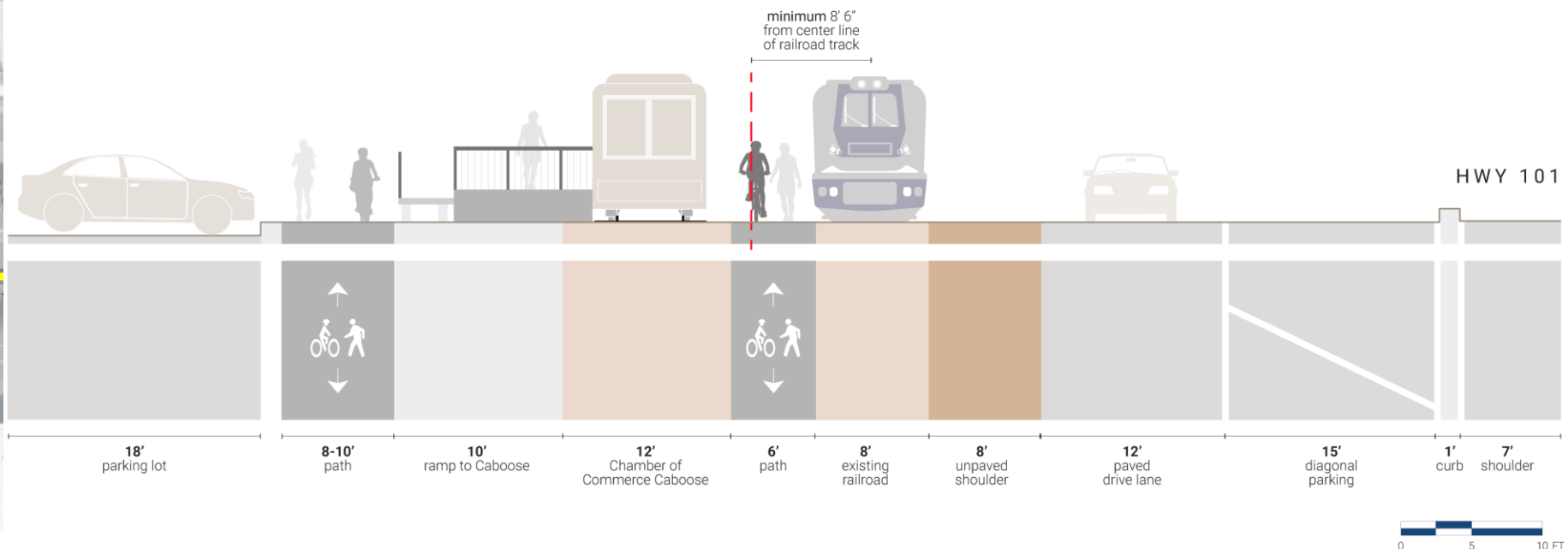


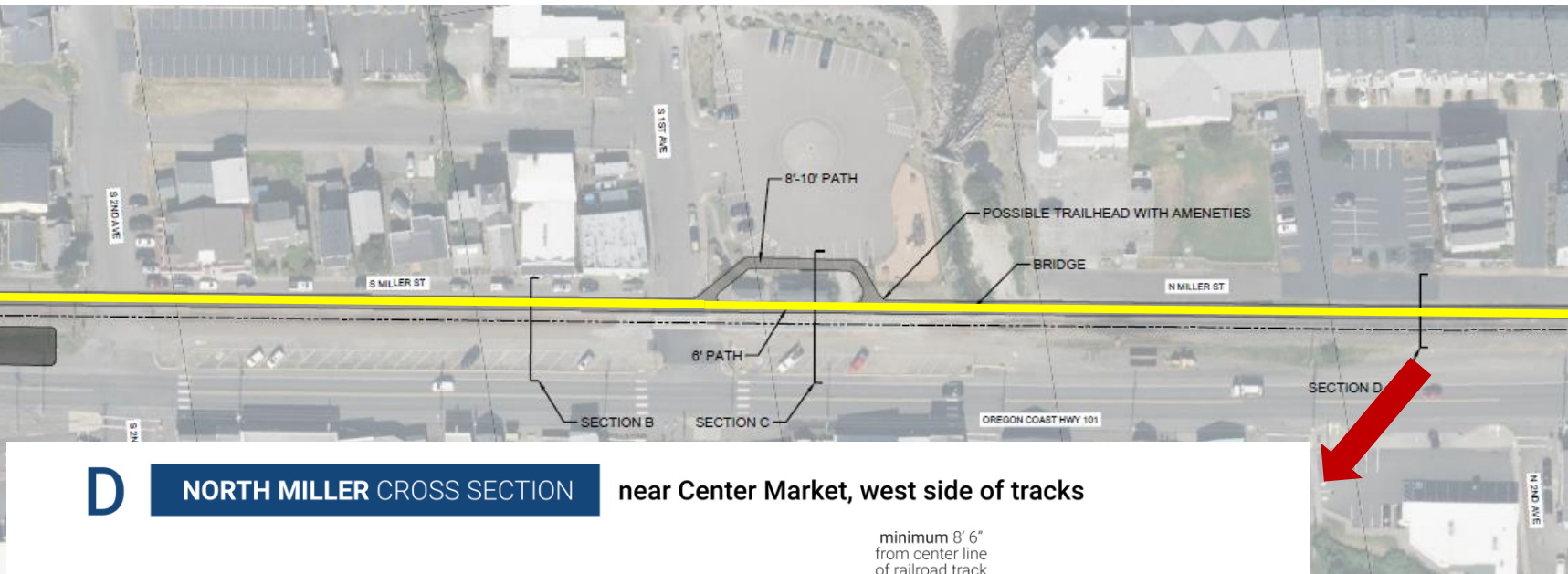
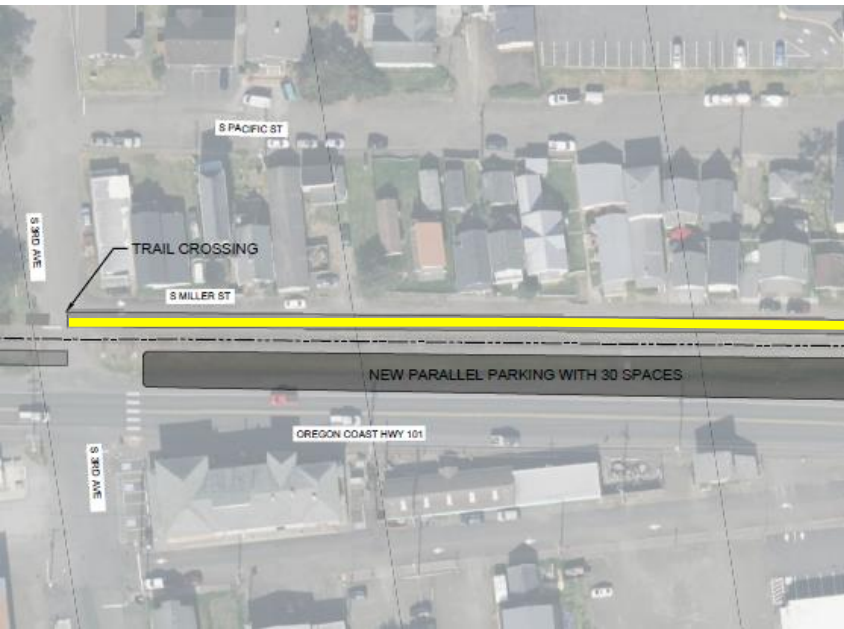
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C CABOOSE CROSS SECTION west side of tracks



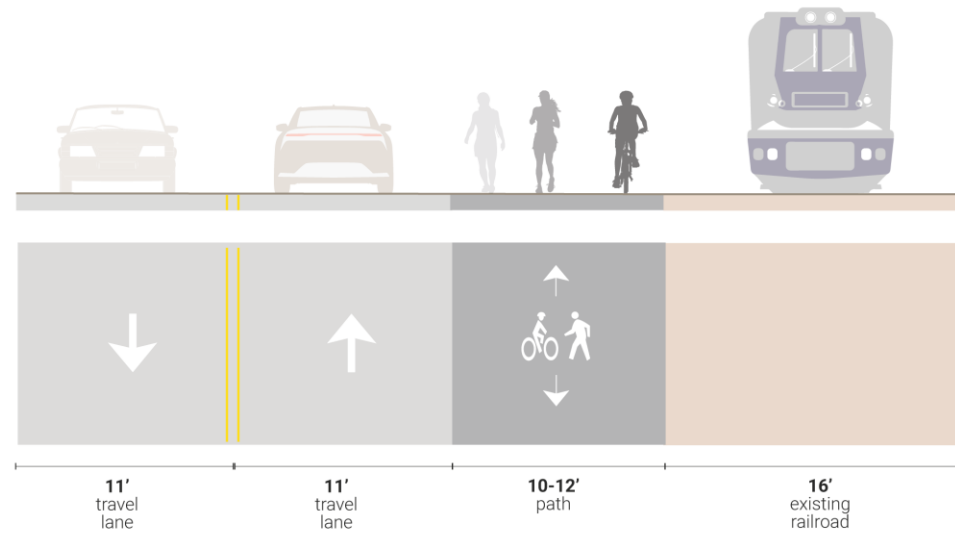


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NORTH MILLER CROSS SECTION

near Center Market, west side of tracks

minimum 8' 6"
from center line
of railroad track



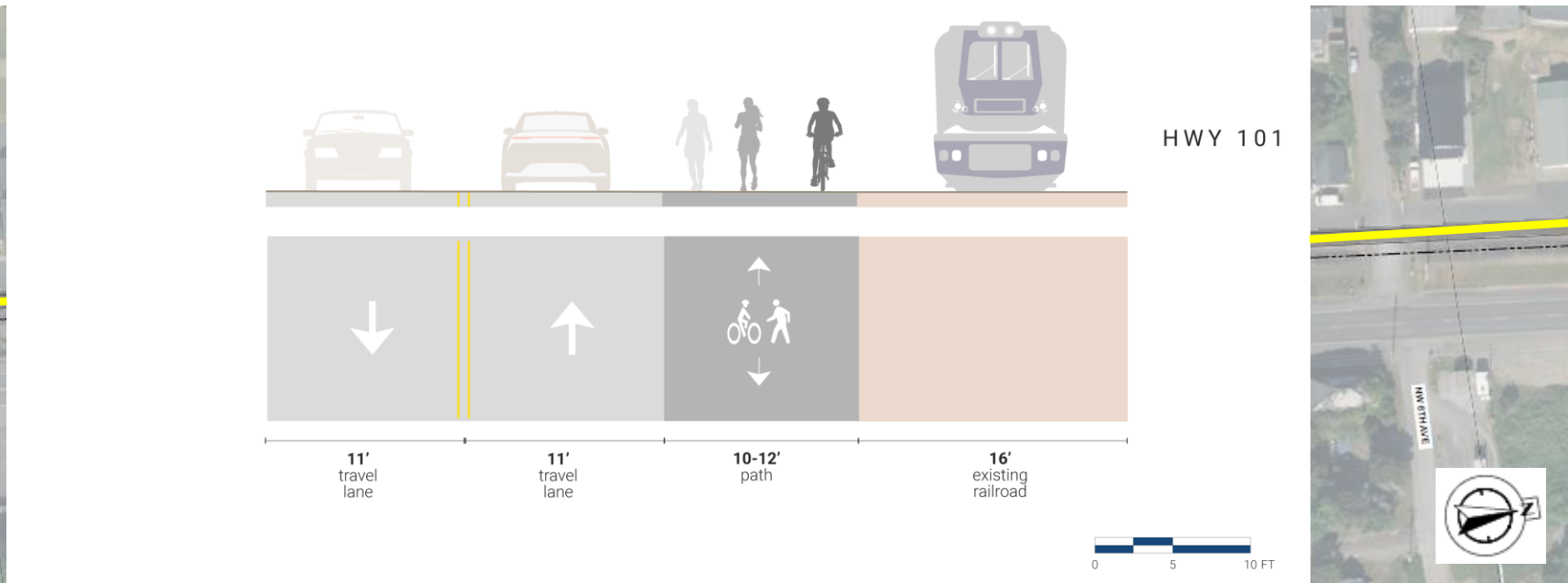
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11' travel lane

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10-12' path

16' existing railroad

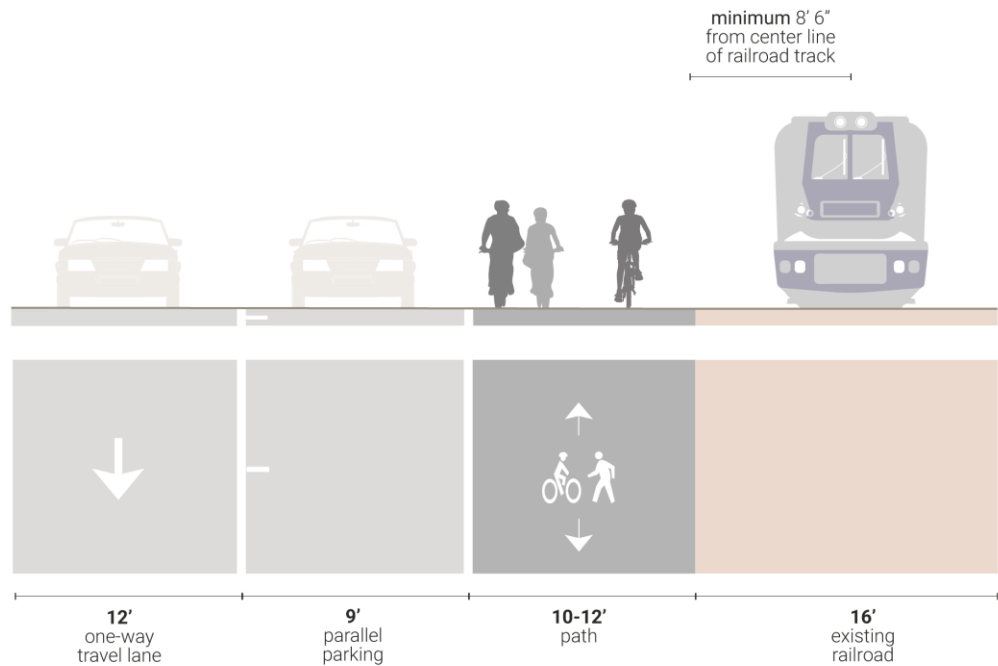




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NORTH MILLER CROSS SECTION

near public fishing dock, west side of tracks



HWY 101

