

# CENTRAL AVENUE & UNSER BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - INTERSTATE 40 TO CENTRAL AVENUE

OPEN HOUSE

PROJECT #438391  
CONTROL #A300302

The City of Albuquerque, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the New Mexico Department of Transportation, is proposing various improvements to Unser Boulevard between Central Avenue and the I-40 Interchange.

## Purpose and Need for the Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve operational performance, safety, and multimodal connectivity within the corridor between Central Avenue and the I-40 Interchange. The proposed project would address traffic congestion and safety concerns resulting from the anticipated growth and economic development in the project area; connect the gaps in the existing pedestrian and bicycle facility network; and would address storm drain deficiencies in the corridor.



## Project Description:

The proposed project would reconstruct Unser into a six-lane facility between Central Avenue and I-40. Intersection improvements would include the addition of turn lanes and thru lanes, sidewalks and buffers, median refuges, as well as traffic signal and pedestrian crossing enhancements. Improvements throughout the project area would include storm drain improvements, possible water/sewer improvements, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) modifications, bike lanes, sidewalks, a multi-use trail, street lighting, access control, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

## Project Funding and Schedule:

An initial cost estimate for the project is approximately \$ 8.9 million. This is more money than the City currently has programmed. To address this funding gap, the City is developing the corridor as two separate and independent projects. Project 1 will extend from just south of Central Avenue up to Sarracino Place and Project 2 will extend from Sarracino Place to the I-40 interchange. Project 1 is currently estimated to cost \$ 4.2 million and Project 2 is estimated to cost \$4.7 million. The City has enough money, from local and federal funding sources, to construct Project 1 and construction is planned for the spring of 2017. The City is currently searching for additional funds for Project 2 and a construction schedule is not available at this time.



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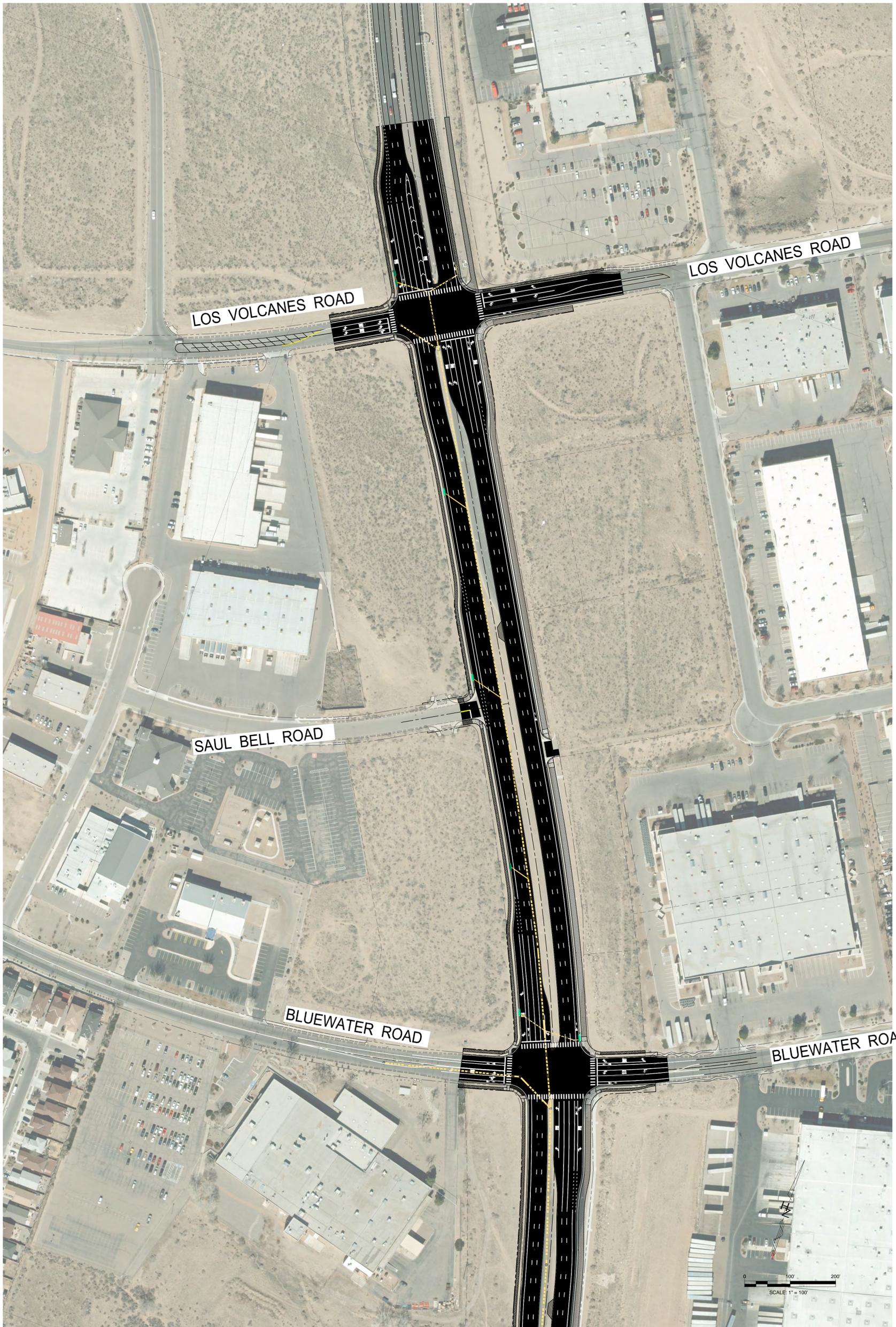
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PROJECT 2

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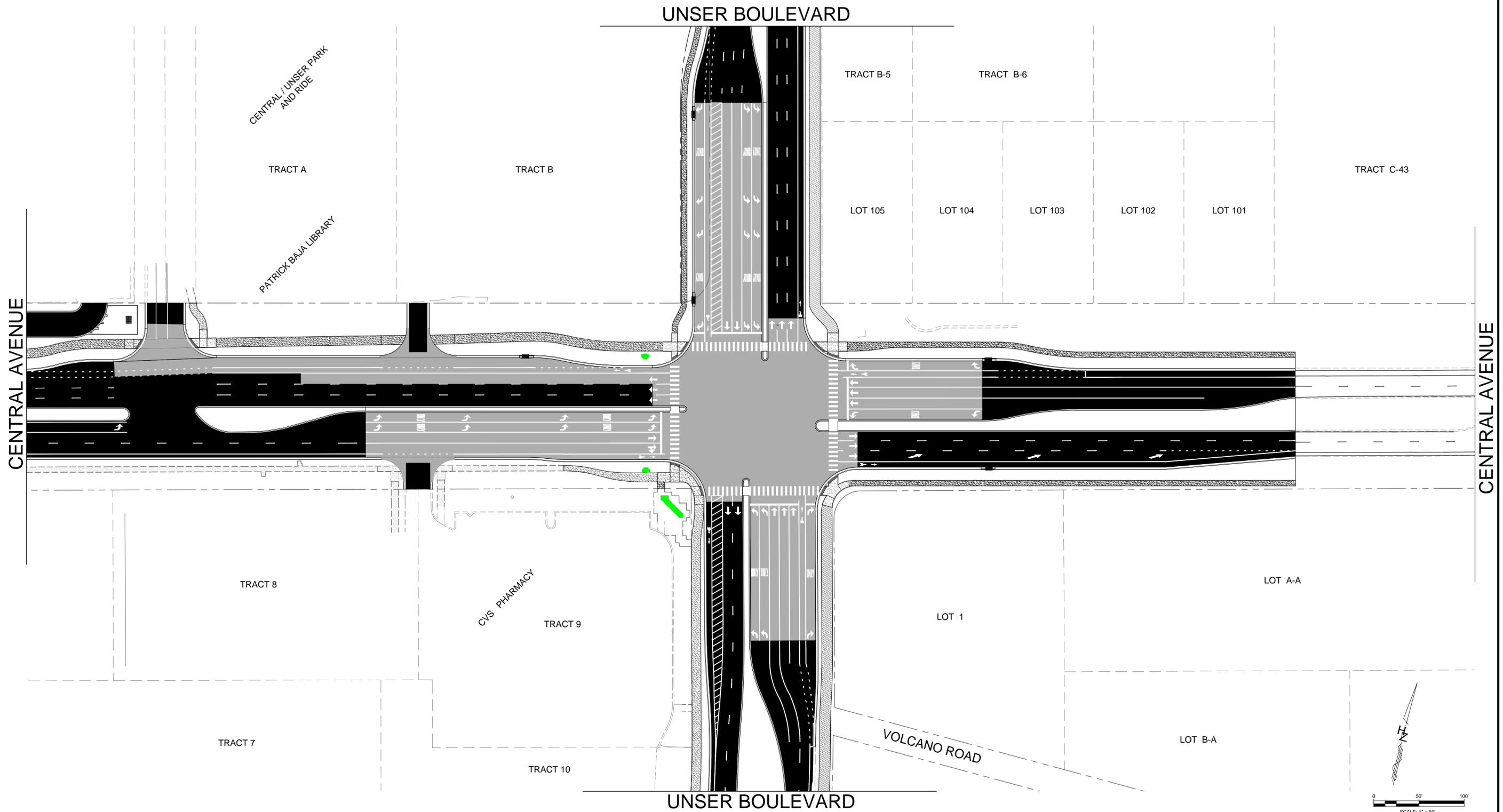


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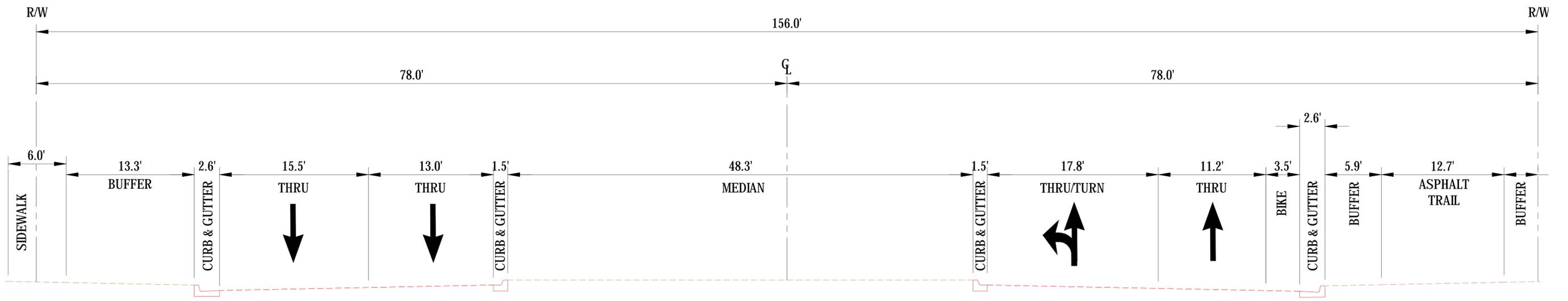
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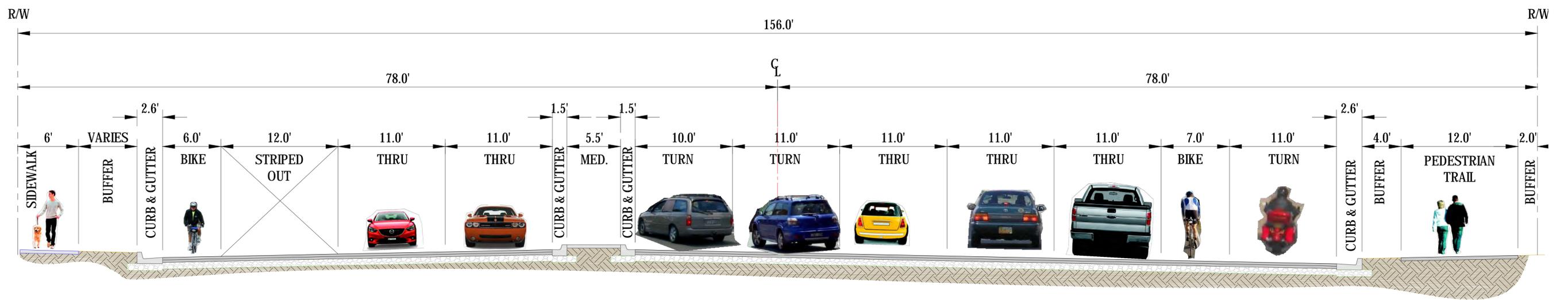
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EXISTING UNSER BOULEVARD @ CENTRAL AVE

156' R/W

1"=5'



PROPOSED UNSER BOULEVARD @ CENTRAL AVE

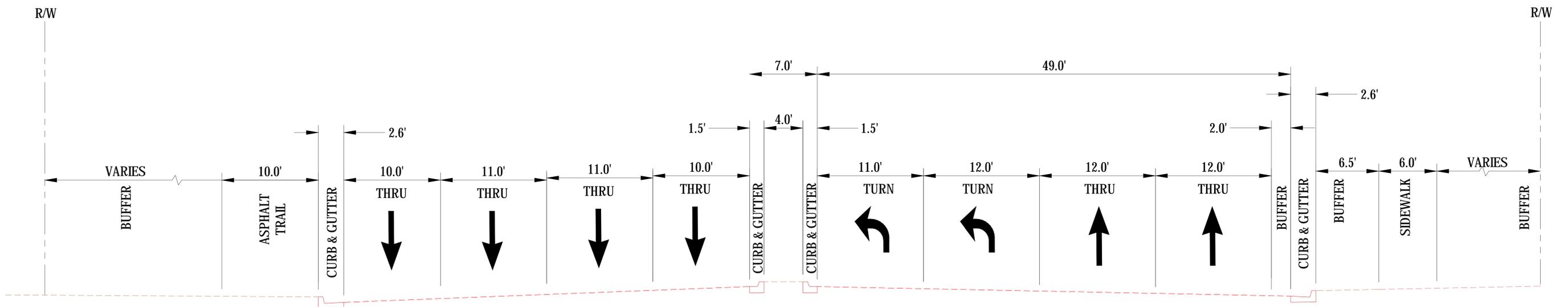
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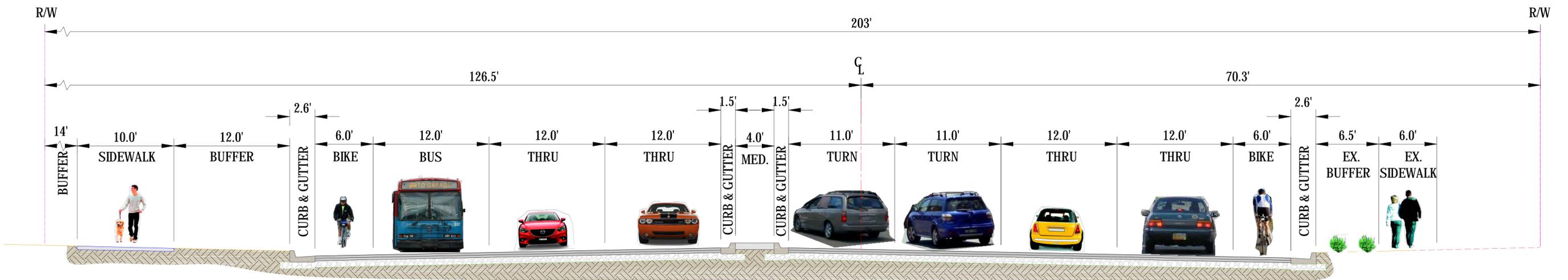
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EXISTING CENTRAL AVENUE @ UNSER BOULEVARD (WEST)

203' R/W

1"=5'



PROPOSED CENTRAL AVENUE @ UNSER BOULEVARD (WEST)

203' R/W

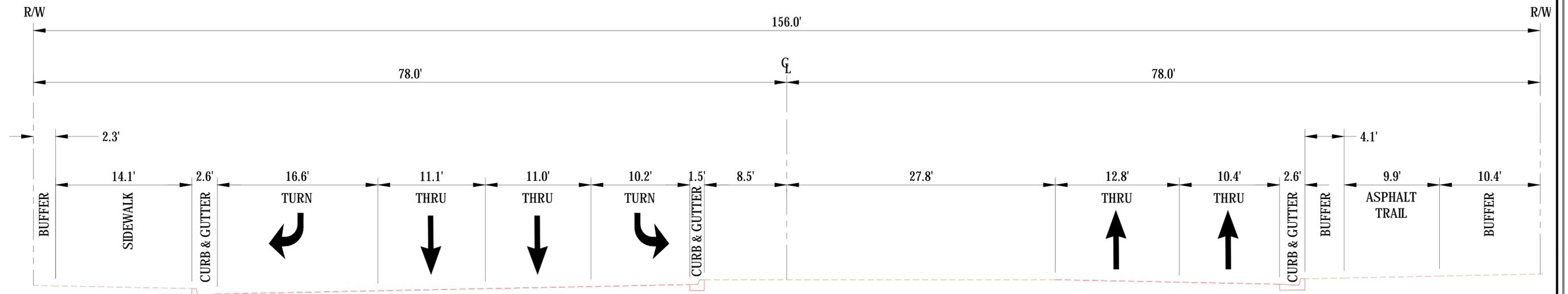
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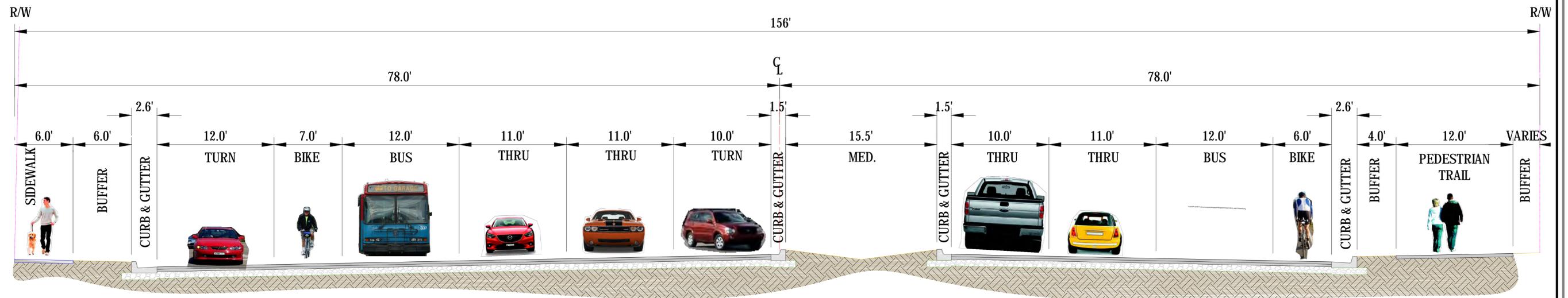
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EXISTING UNSER BOULEVARD @ BLUEWATER RD

156' R/W

1"=5'



PROPOSED UNSER BOULEVARD @ BLUEWATER RD

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