

McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project

County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors

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Project Objectives

- Enhance safety and connectivity for people walking, biking, and accessing transit between McKinleyville and north Arcata.
- Identify feasible concepts.
- Incorporate industry best practices.
- Define implementation actions.
- Provide next steps to increase active transportation travel.
- Refine recommendations based on robust public engagement and measurable targets.
- Deliver a range of benefits to existing and future residents in the community.

2019-2024 County of Humboldt

Strategic Plan, Supporting Core Roles:

1. Provide for and Maintain Infrastructure
2. Create Opportunities for Improved Safety and Health
3. Protect Vulnerable Populations
4. Strengthen Climate Change Resiliency

Project Task Force

- A Project Task Force (PTF) was formed to provide feedback throughout project development.
- PTF stakeholders were local community members interested in supporting multimodal enhancements in McKinleyville.

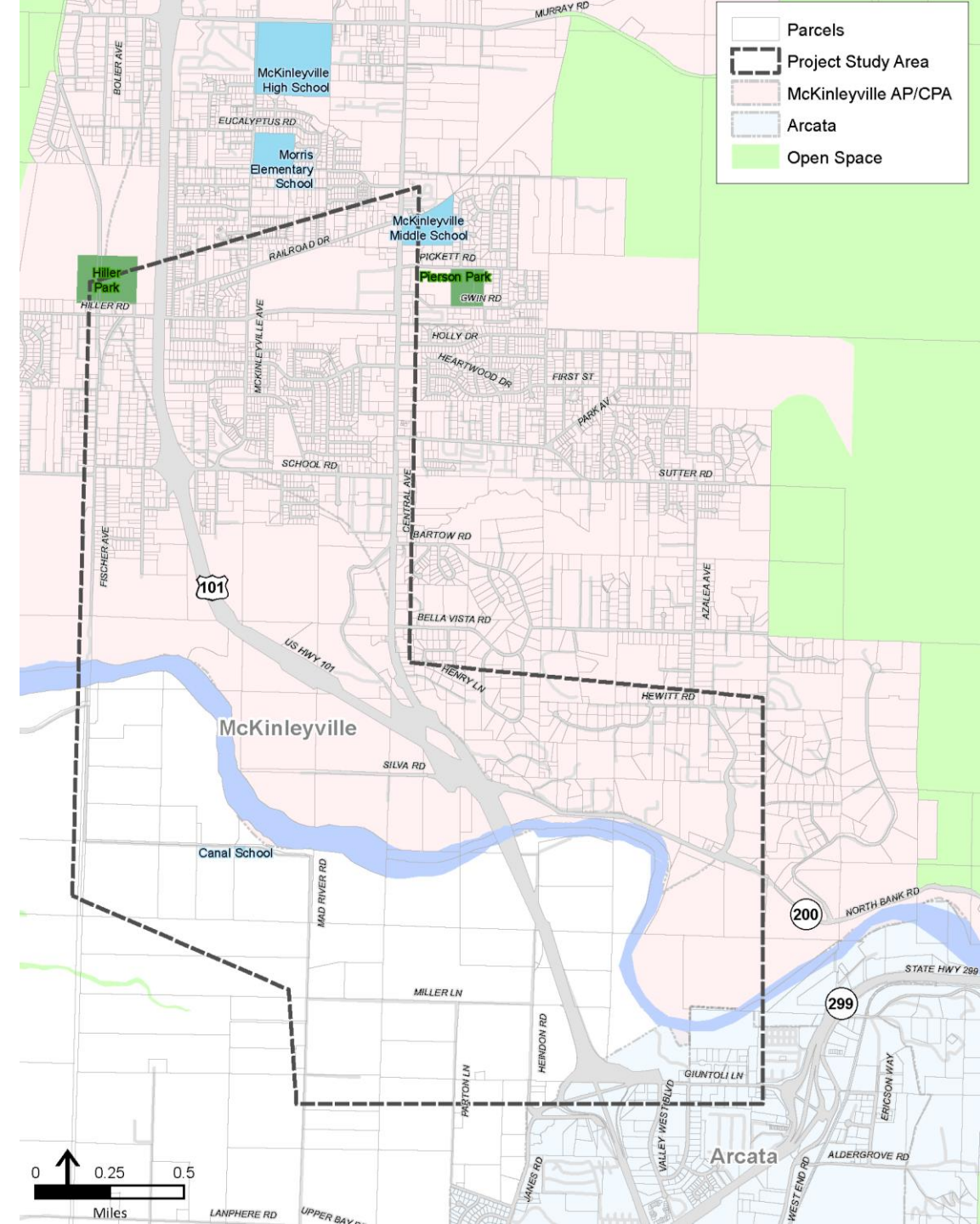
The PTF included representatives from agencies and organizations including, but not limited to,

- McKinleyville High
- Humboldt Bay Bike Commuters Association
- Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
- Humboldt Transit Authority
- Area 1 Agency on Aging
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services
- Morris Elementary School
- Two Feathers
- McKinleyville Community Services District
- Humboldt County Association of Governments
- County Board of Supervisors

Study Area

- Discussion with PTF and community feedback focused the project recommendations on nine corridors:

1. Azalea Avenue
2. Central Avenue
3. Hiller Road
4. Mad River Road/Miller Lane/Heindon Road
5. McKinleyville Avenue
6. North Bank Road
7. Ocean Avenue
8. School Road
9. Washington Avenue



Community Engagement Phase 1

- Spring-Summer 2021
 - MMAC Presentation
 - PTF Meeting
 - Walk Audits
 - Community Workshop
 - Public Survey
- Fall-Winter 2021-2022
 - Public Survey (continued)
 - PTF Meeting
 - Photovoice Activity
 - MMAC Presentation



Community Engagement Phase 2

- Spring-Summer 2022
 - Temporary Pop-up Demonstration Event
 - Community Workshop
 - Public Survey
 - PTF Meeting
- Fall/Winter 2022
 - MMAC Presentation
 - Small Group Outreach
 - 1-on-1 Outreach



Recommendations

Types of Recommendations



Bicycle Lane



Buffered Bicycle Lane



**1-way or 2-way Separated Bikeway
with Median Barrier**



**Multi-Use Trail/Widened
Sidewalk Trail**



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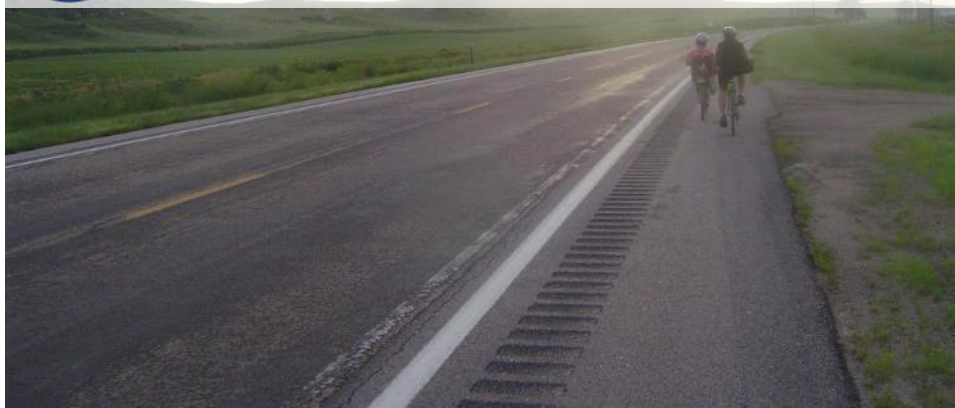
Advisory Lanes



Lane Reduction



Shoulder Widening



Sidewalk Gap Closure



Recommendations by Corridor

Corridor	Bike Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Bike Lane + Median	Off-Street Trail	Advisory Lanes	Lane Reduction	Shoulder Widening	New Sidewalk
Azalea Avenue								
Central Avenue								
Hiller Road								
Mad River Road, Miller Lane, & Heindon Road								
McKinleyville Avenue								
North Bank Road								
Ocean Drive								
School Road								
Washington Avenue								

Evaluating Alternatives South of School Road

7 Alternatives Evaluated; Top 3:

Alternative 2

- Off-Street Trail (Class I) serving people walking and biking behind barrier. Locate along east side of Central Avenue.

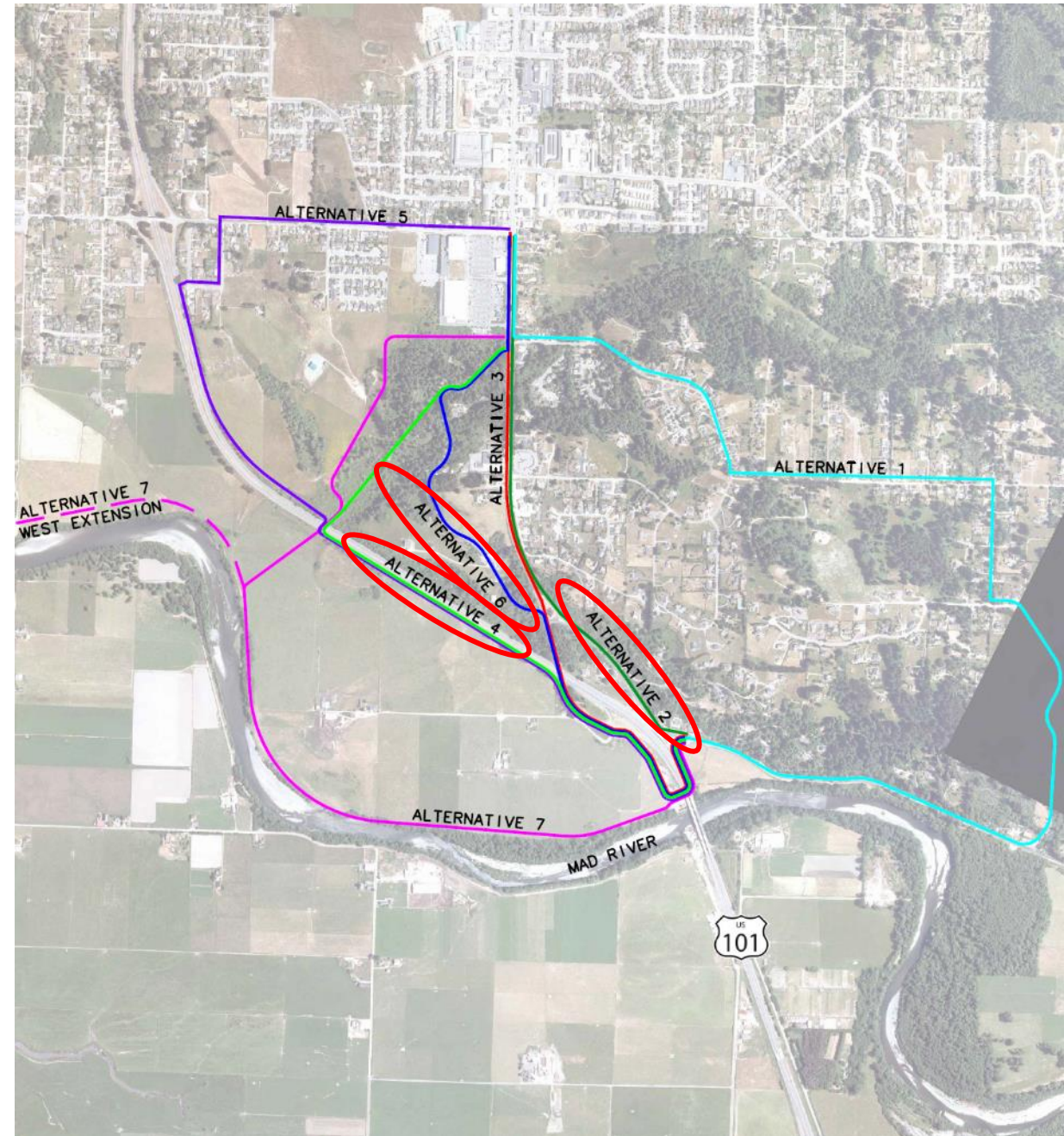
Alternative 4

- Combination of On-Street Bikeway (Class III) and Off-Street Trail (Class I). Locate adjacent Mill Creek, cross over 101, and along west side of 101.

Alternative 6

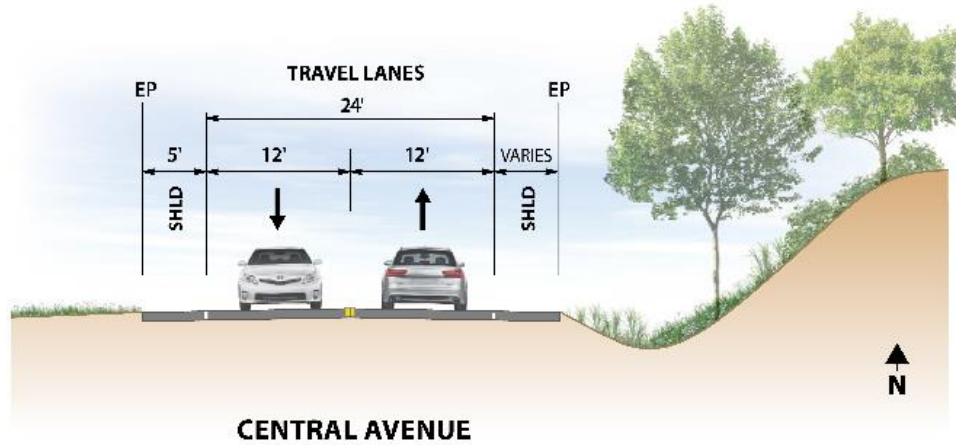
- Combination of On-Street Bikeway (Class III) and Off-Street Trail (Class I). Locate along Turner Road and west side of Central Avenue.

Alternatives explore various on/off-street bikeways.

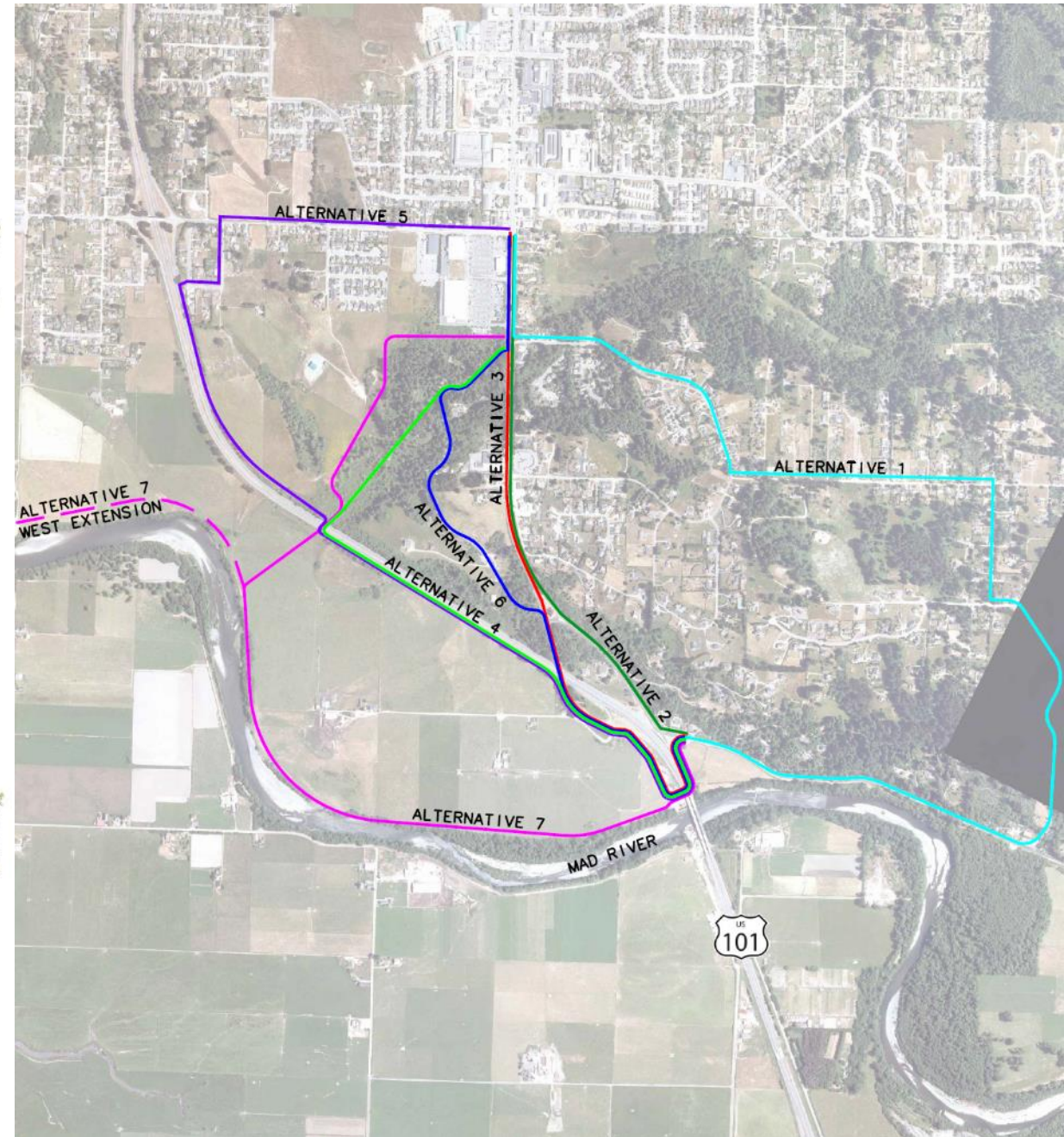
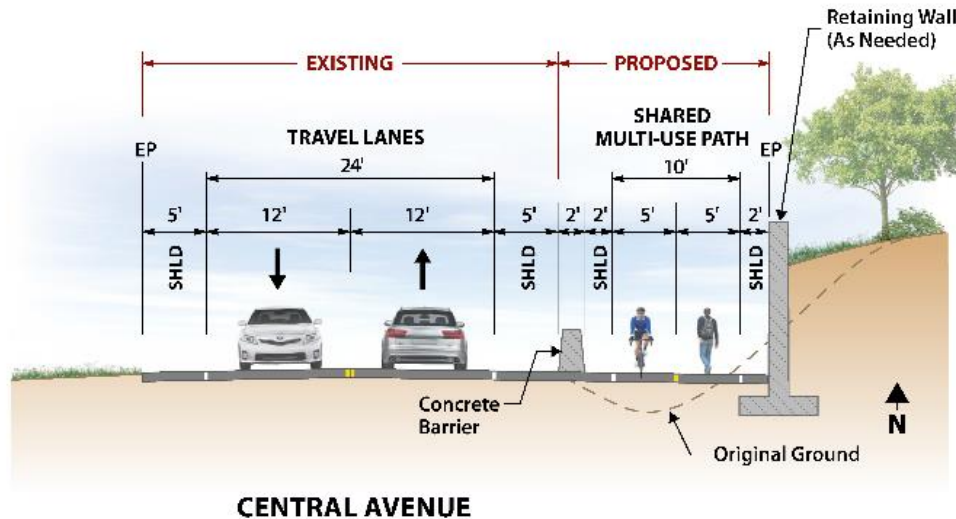


Alternative 2 Cross-Sections

BEFORE



AFTER



Next Steps

The County will continue partnership with stakeholders and public engagement to advance conceptual project designs to enhance multi-modal connectivity throughout McKinleyville.

- **Near-Term Projects**

- The County of Humboldt will coordinate among departments and local organizations as needed to program conceptual project elements into annual maintenance and capital improvement programs.

- **Medium-Term and Long-Term Projects**

- The County of Humboldt will coordinate among departments, organizations, and local, regional, and state agencies as needed to apply or co-apply for funding resources or grant opportunities. Funding may be required to complete preliminary and final design, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and construction.

Thank You

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