

# 7th Street Connection Project

Reconnecting West Oakland and Downtown for people walking, biking, and taking the bus



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## About the Project

7th Street from Mandela Parkway to Market Street is set to be repaved in 2022/23. As part of this paving project, the City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) will remove one lane of vehicle travel and install buffered bike lanes as called for by the West Oakland Specific Plan and the 2019 Bike Plan Update.

The 7th Street Connection Project is an effort by the City to target State or Local Grant funding to go above and beyond what is planned as part of repaving. OakDOT is conducting outreach to the West Oakland community to gather input on potential improvements to the full 7th Street Corridor from Mandela Pkwy to MLK Jr. Way, including sidewalk widening, new trees and lighting, and safety improvements for people walking and biking. *These improvements would only be possible through a State or Local transportation grant application.*



## Project Goals

- Create a welcoming and accessible pedestrian environment with wider sidewalks
- Reduce pedestrian crossing distances and improve safety at major intersections for people walking and biking
- Improve street lighting and visibility at nighttime
- Create a separated lane for people biking that is comfortable for all ages and abilities
- Provide urban greening and carbon-capturing street trees
- Improve the reliability of transit and the efficient flow of goods to and from the Port of Oakland

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## SITE PHOTOS

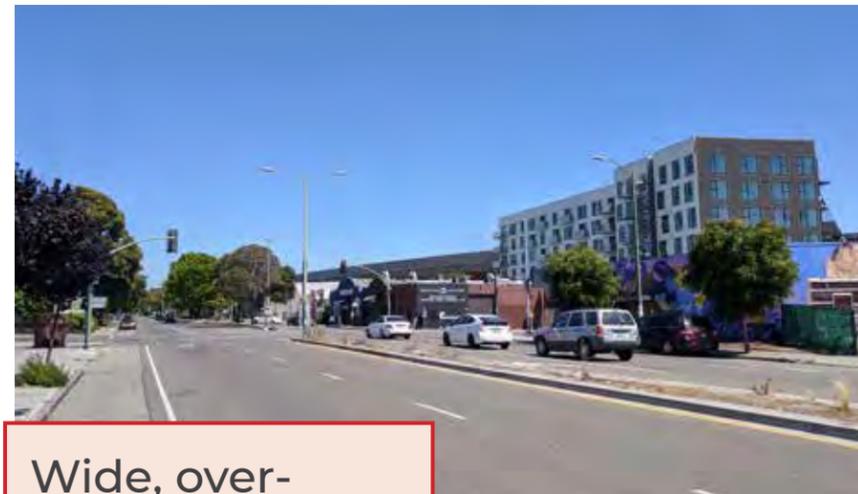


High-speed traffic,  
empty lanes

Crosswalk improvements  
with temporary materials

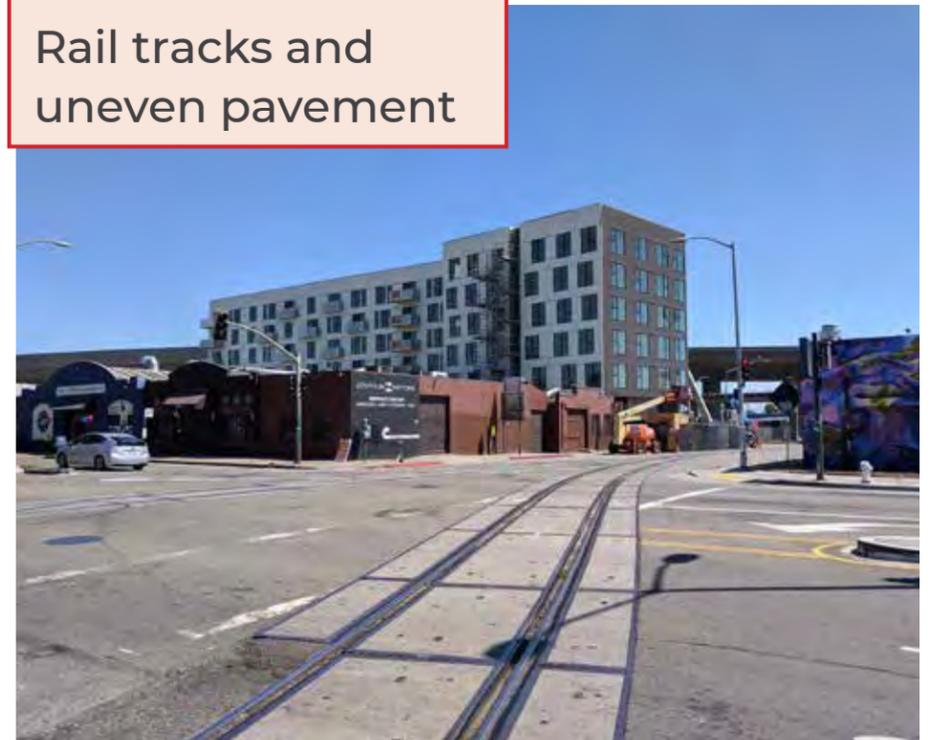


Narrow, overgrown  
sidewalks



Wide, over-  
capacity streets

Rail tracks and  
uneven pavement



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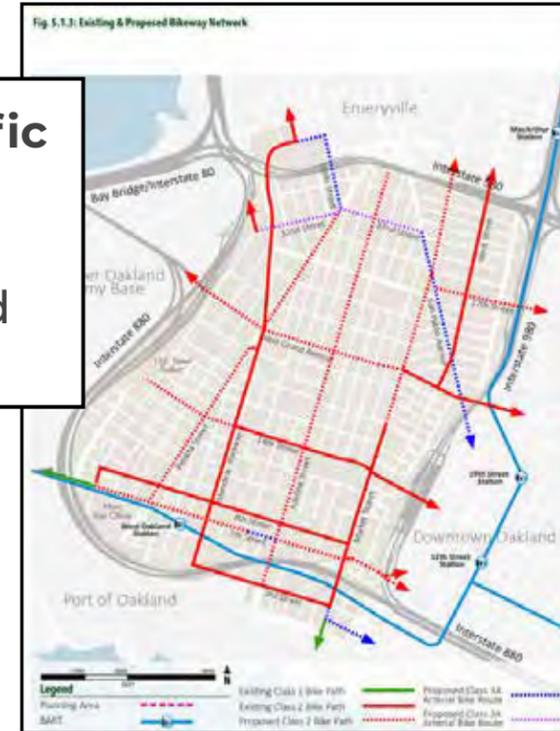
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## WEST OAKLAND PLANS AND POLICIES

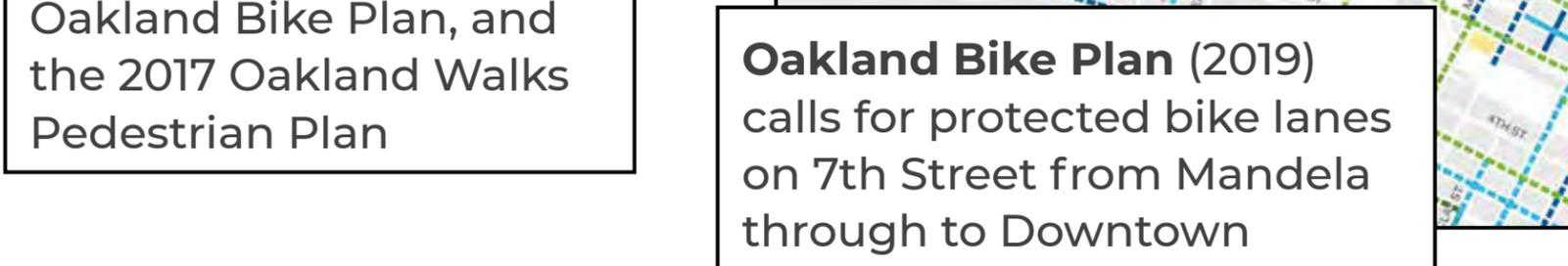


**West Oakland Community Action Plan (2019)** calls for the City to implement the bicycle and pedestrian improvements identified in the West Oakland Specific Plan, the 2019 Oakland Bike Plan, and the 2017 Oakland Walks Pedestrian Plan

**West Oakland Specific Plan (2014)** calls for Class II Bike Lanes on 7th Street from Wood to MLK Jr Way



The 7th Street Connection Project seeks to implement the projects and policies put forward over decades of Planning work in West Oakland



**Oakland Bike Plan (2019)** calls for protected bike lanes on 7th Street from Mandela through to Downtown



**Howard Terminal Outreach (2019)** identified a need for upgraded bicycle and transit facilities on 7th

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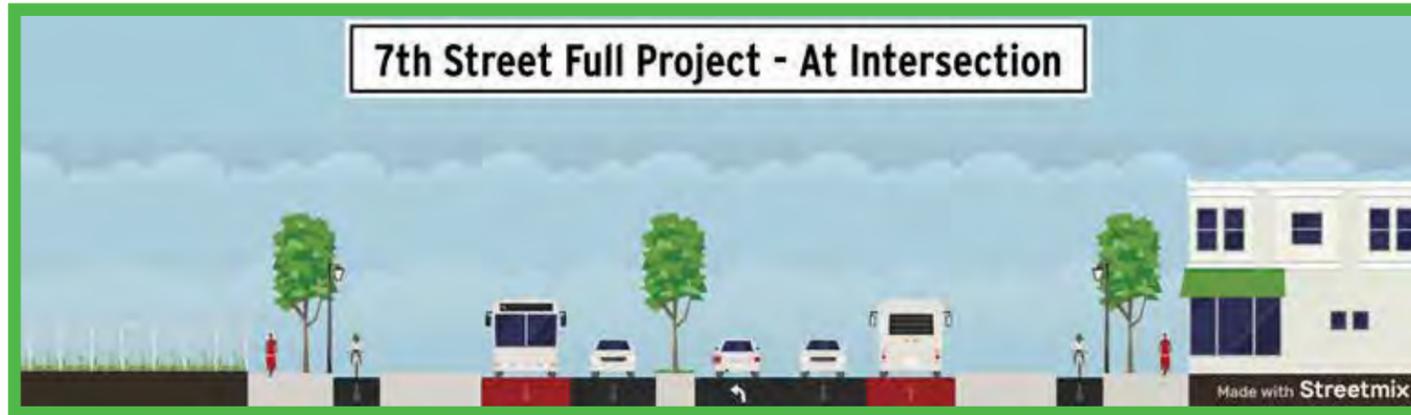
## EXISTING CONDITIONS\*



## CITY PAVING PROJECT (2022-2023)\*



## POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS\*



- Shorter crossing distances at major intersections
- Protected bike lanes
- Wider sidewalks, buffered from vehicle traffic
- New sidewalk lighting



- More sidewalk and median trees
- Bus- and truck-only lanes
- Reduction from 3 to 2 lanes of motor vehicle traffic
- Parallel parking retained at midblock

*\*All street sections are representative of 7th Street between Adeline Street and Market Street*

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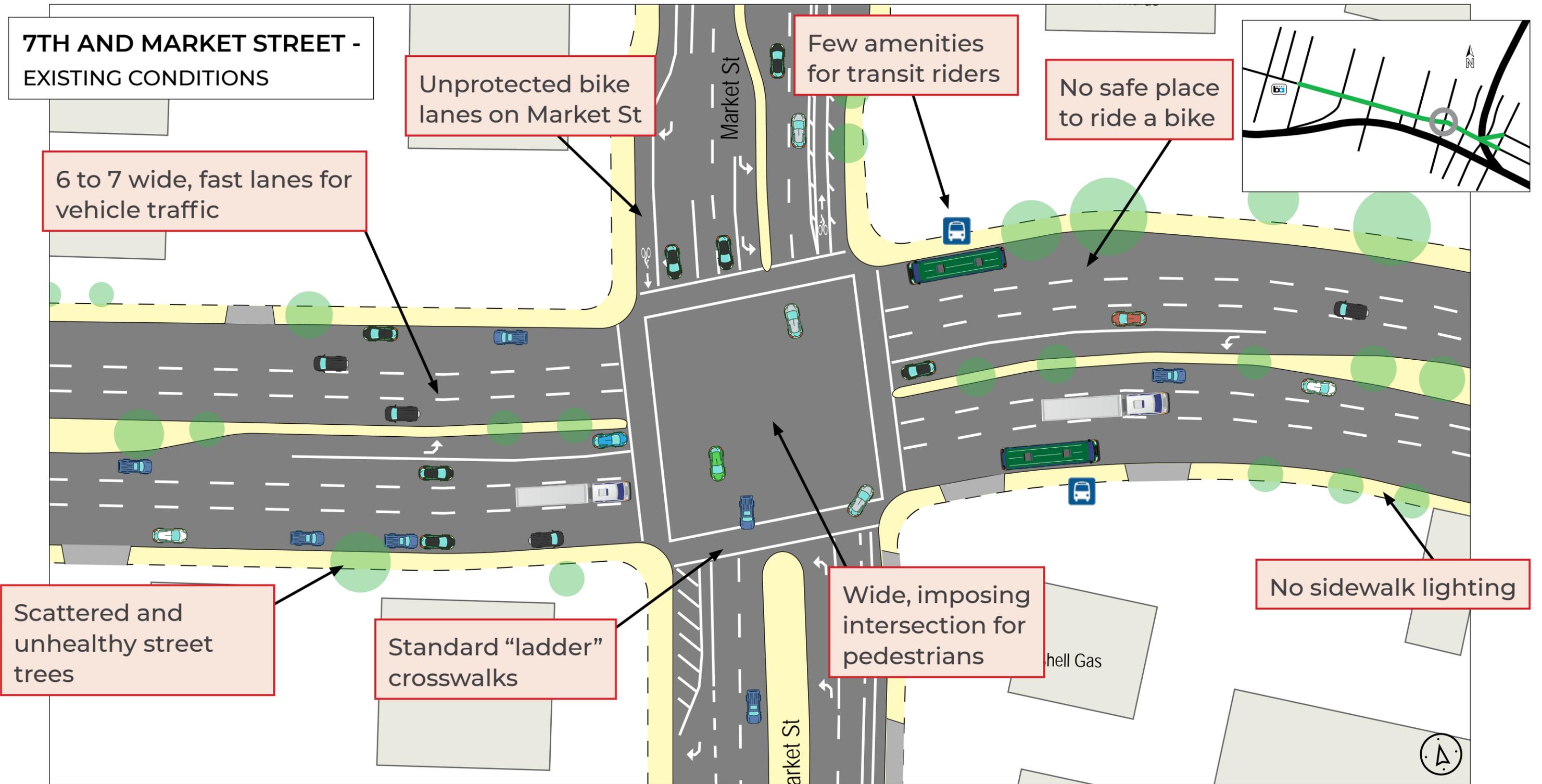
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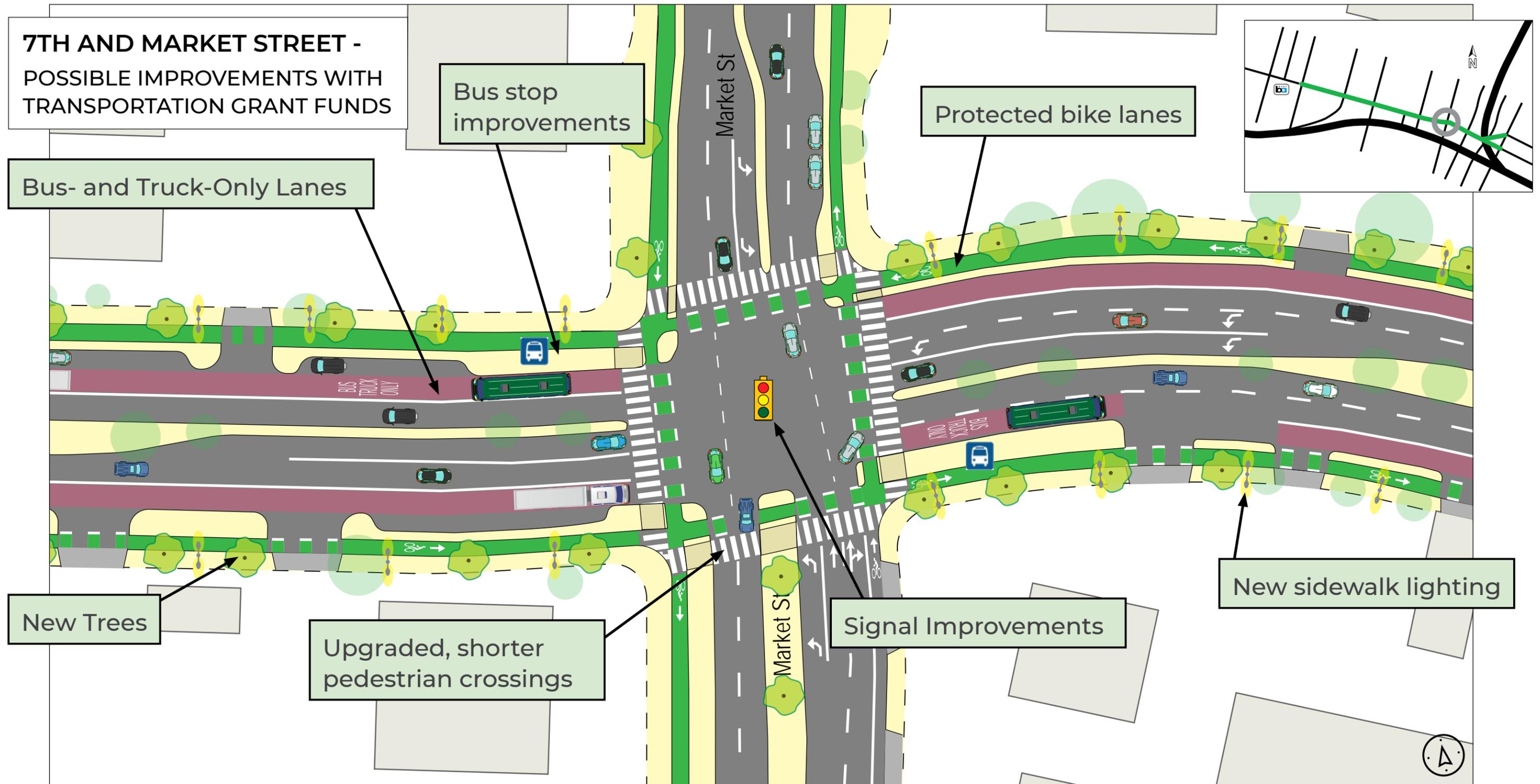
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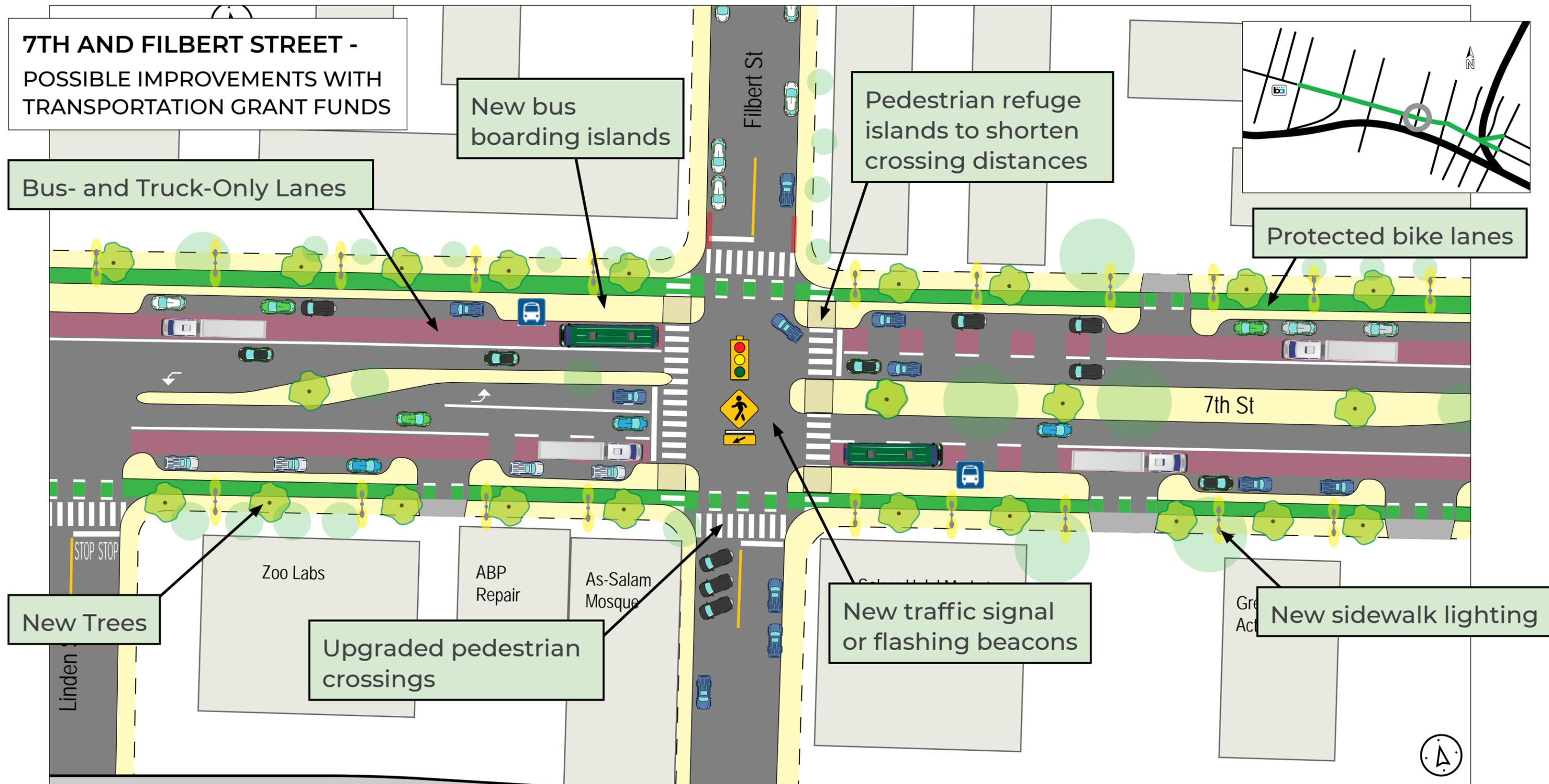
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## SCHEDULE/NEXT STEPS

- Summer 2020 - Outreach to West Oakland community
- Fall 2020 - Potential ATP Grant Application
- 2021 - Community Design Process (Art, placemaking, culture-keeping)
- Summer 2021 - ATP Awards announced
- 2021 and onward - Continue outreach, design, and funding/grant process
- Possible Construction ~5 years from today

