

MERRIMAC WAY STREET, SIDEWALK, AND BICYCLE FACILITY PROJECT

Neighborhood Meeting

January 31, 2019



Background

- History of speeding complaints
- Low volumes on Merrimac Way
- Proposed improvements include:
 - Multi-use path and cycle tracks
 - Sidewalks on both sides and ADA improvements
 - Street rehabilitation – new pavement and curb/gutter
 - Median realignment and landscape



Background

- City funds for the project design
 - In Concept Design Phase
- Community engagement component
 - OCC
 - City’s Bikeway and Walkability Committee
 - Neighborhood Meeting
- No allocation of construction funds for the project.
 - Submitted Caltrans ATP and OCTA BCIP grant applications.



SCAG Demonstration Project

- “Explore Merrimac” on April 21, 2018
- Project showcased from April 19 to May 17, 2018
- Speed survey conducted
 - **Speeds down to 35 mph from 39 mph**
 - **15 % reduction in speed**
- 93 surveys collected and input via email and calls
- OCC input regarding left turns and U-turns
 - Design will review potential median breaks
- Intersection operations will be evaluated



SCAG Demonstration Project

93 Surveys Collected

100%

want more **open streets events**

79%

support **buffered bike lanes**

98%

support making these **improvements permanent**

96%

think improvements make the street feel **more safe and inviting**

70%

would always or frequently **ride to school/work/play** if they could ride their bike on **protected facilities**



Top 3 Desired **Walking** Improvements

- Improved sidewalks
- Public space/parks
- Street lighting



Top 4 Desired **Bicycling** Improvements

- More bike lanes
- Separated bike lanes
- Traffic enforcement
- More bicycle parking

“This is a really fun way to plan for improvements. The Go Human campaign is great because it’s important for human health both in terms of exercise, our air quality, our energy use, etc. So if we’re looking for a sustainable future, we really want to Go Human!”

– Mayor of Costa Mesa Sandra Genis



PROJECT CONCEPT

Multi-use Path, Class IV Cycle Tracks, New Sidewalk, and Median Realignment Options



Multi-Use Path Example

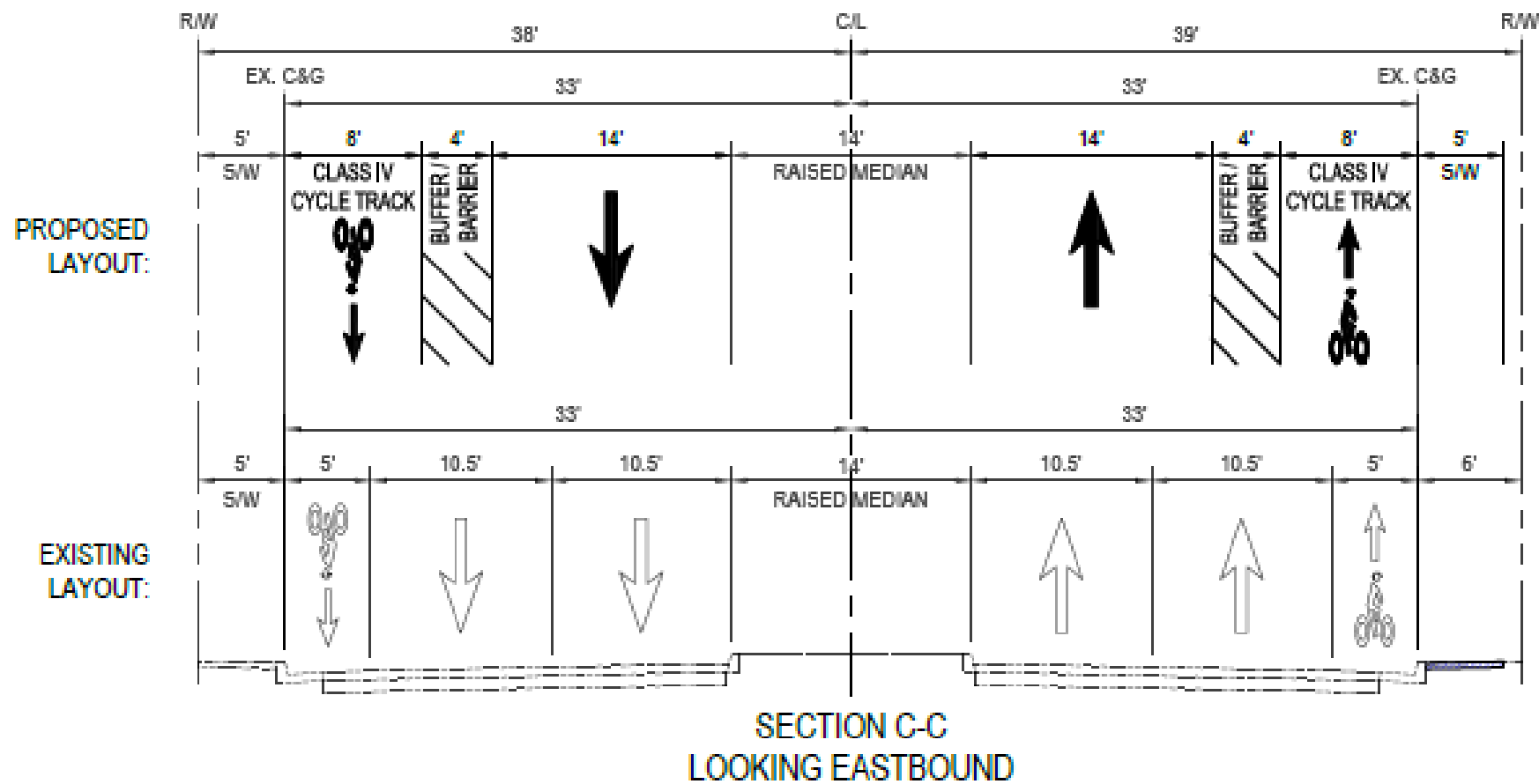


Class IV Cycle Track Examples



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Cycle Tracks Cross-Section

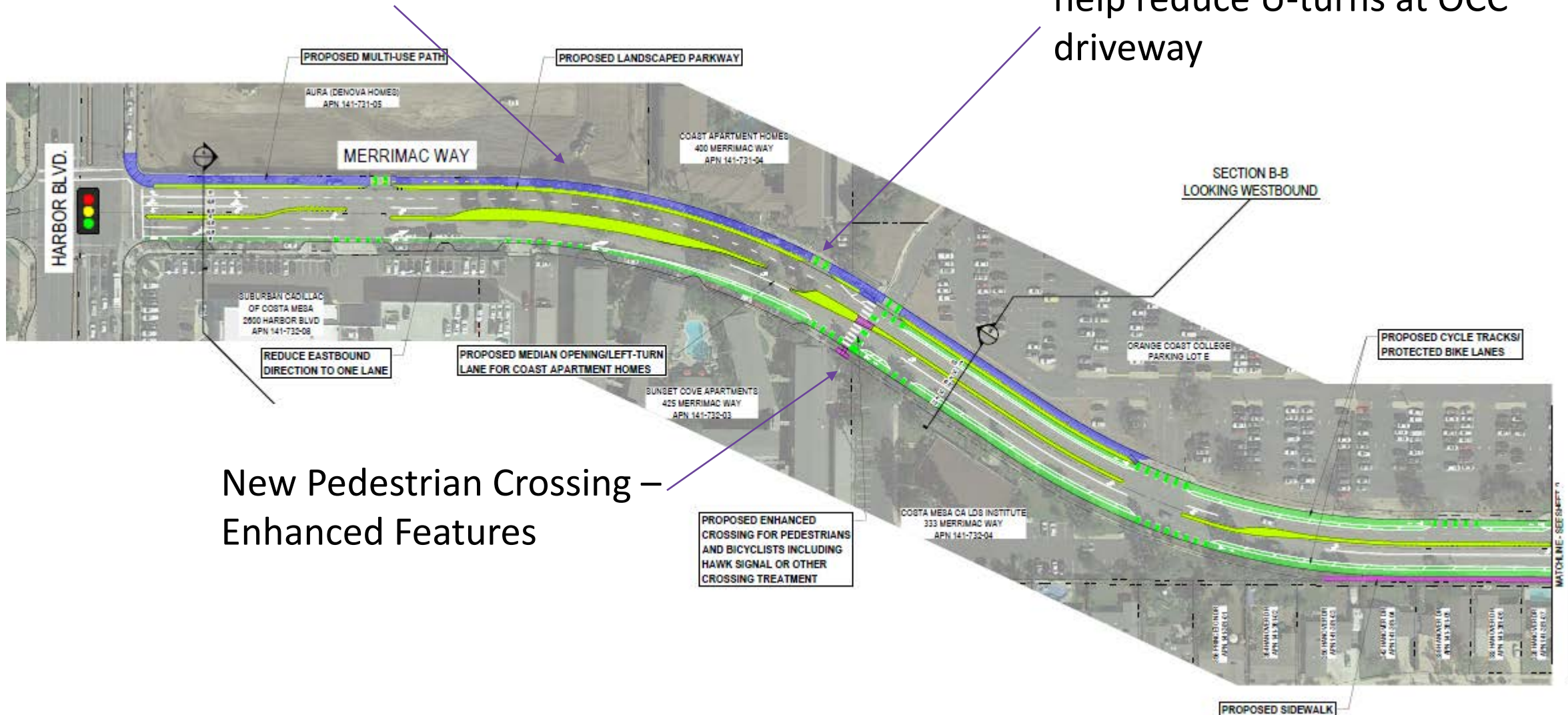


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Multi-Use Path, Pedestrian Crossing Options, and Median Realignment Options

Proposed Multi-Use Path

Potential new opening into Coast Apartment Homes to help reduce U-turns at OCC driveway



New Pedestrian Crossing – Enhanced Features

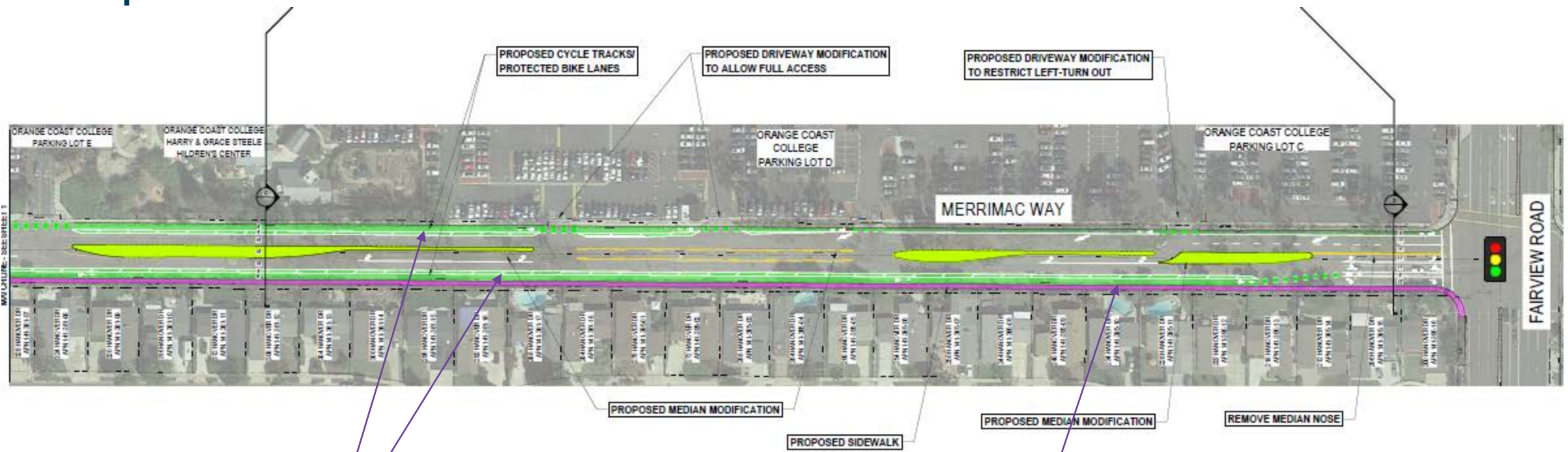
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Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing - Illustration



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Cycle Tracks, New Sidewalk, and Median Realignment Options



Cycle Tracks on both sides

New Sidewalk on south side



Next Steps

- Neighborhood Meeting – early 2019
- Refine Design
- City Council for Project Concept Approval – 2019
- Final Design

