



BUS 51, Grand Avenue Public Involvement Meeting

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Schofield City Hall

December 10th, 2025

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Presentation Overview

- Project Information
- Project Need
- Proposed Improvements
- Traffic Impacts
- Real Estate Impacts
- Schedule
- Questions & Comments



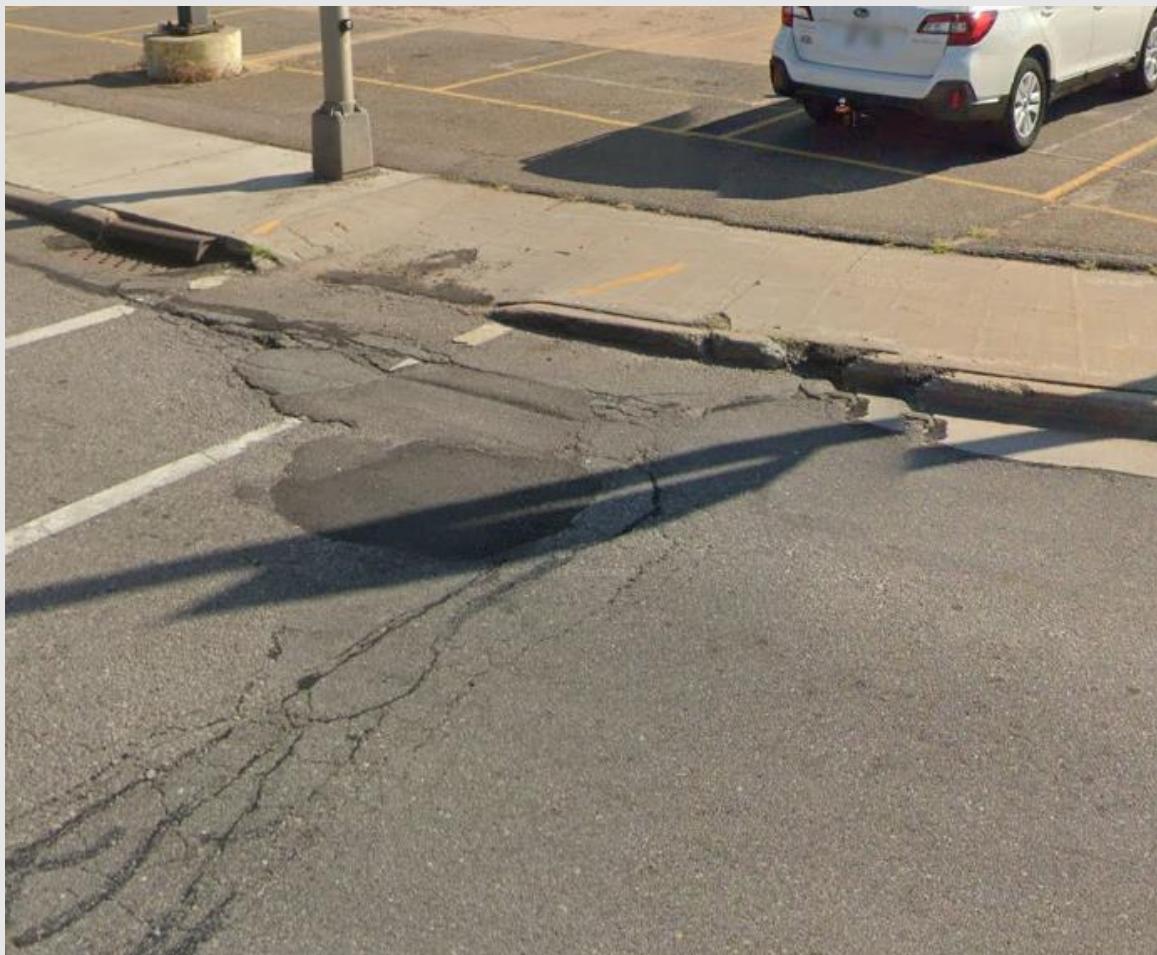


Project Need

- Existing pavement is showing signs of distress (spalling, cracking, joint failure)
- Existing curb ramps are not ADA compliant
- There has been 6 bicycle crashes in the past 7 years that involved bicycles riding on the sidewalk that struck or were struck by vehicles leaving businesses.
- Bicycle accommodations do not meet current standards
- Existing street lighting, traffic signals, and street signage do not meet current standards



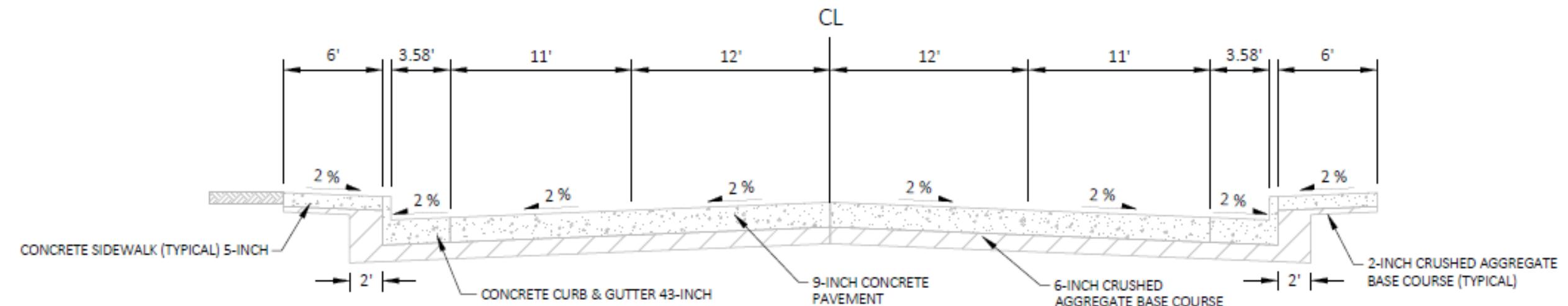




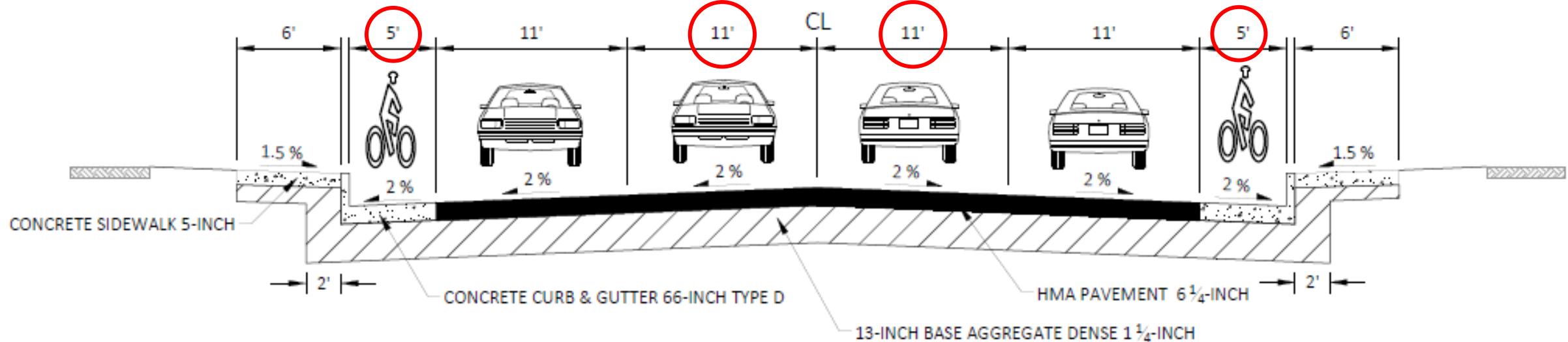
Proposed Improvements

- Replace concrete pavement with 6.25" asphalt and 13" base aggregate
- Replace concrete curb & gutter with a wide gutter pan
- Reduce the inside lane width from 12-foot to 11-foot from the Eau Claire River bridge to Lakeview Drive
- Provide a five-foot bicycle lane from the Eau Claire River bridge to Kent Street
- Replace concrete sidewalk.
- Adjust or replace existing inlets and manholes
- Remove and replace traffic signals to provide a signal head per lane.
- Install curb ramps that meet ADA standards.
- Adjust street lighting as needed.





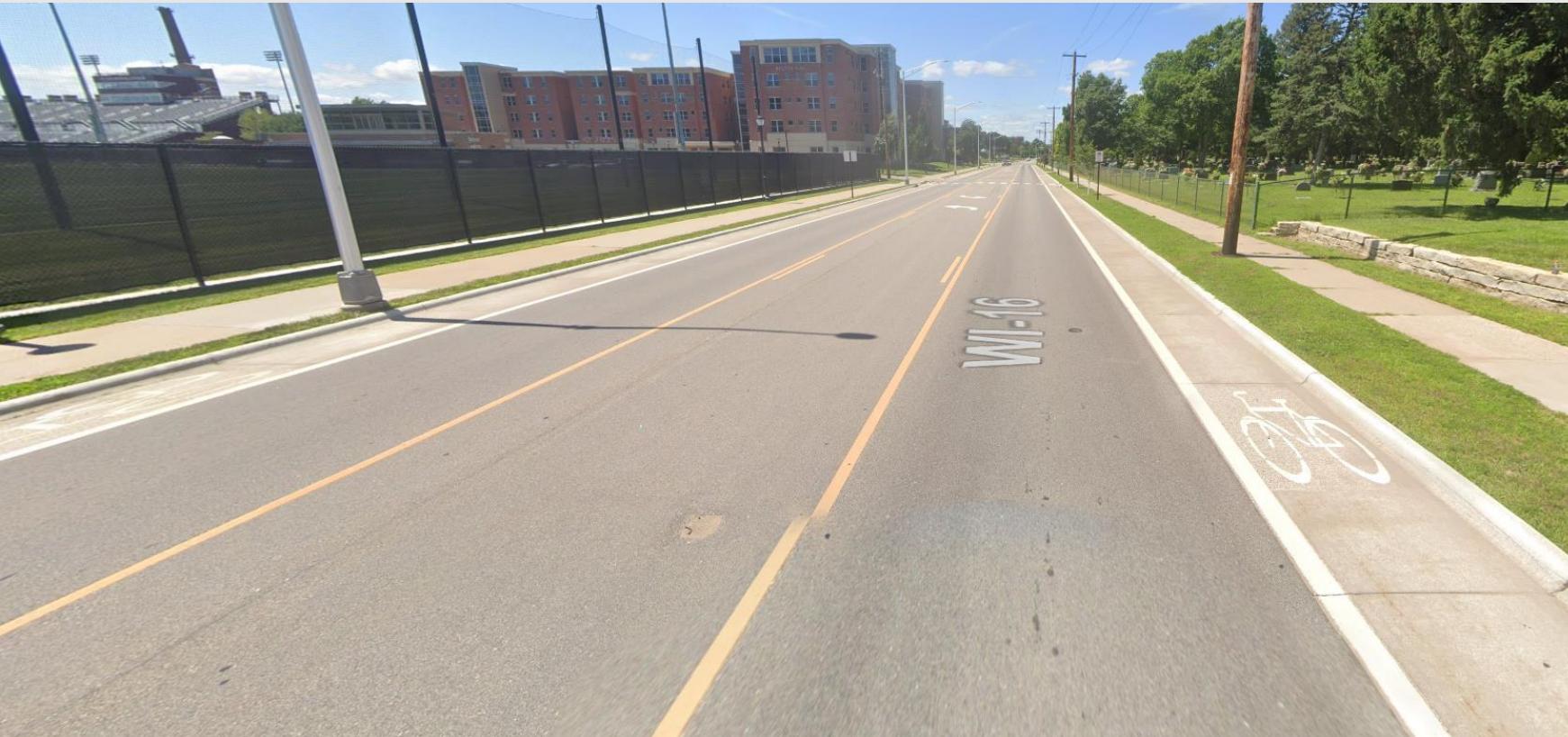
EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION - BUSINESS 51



FINISHED TYPICAL SECTION - BUSINESS 51

Example

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Traffic Impacts

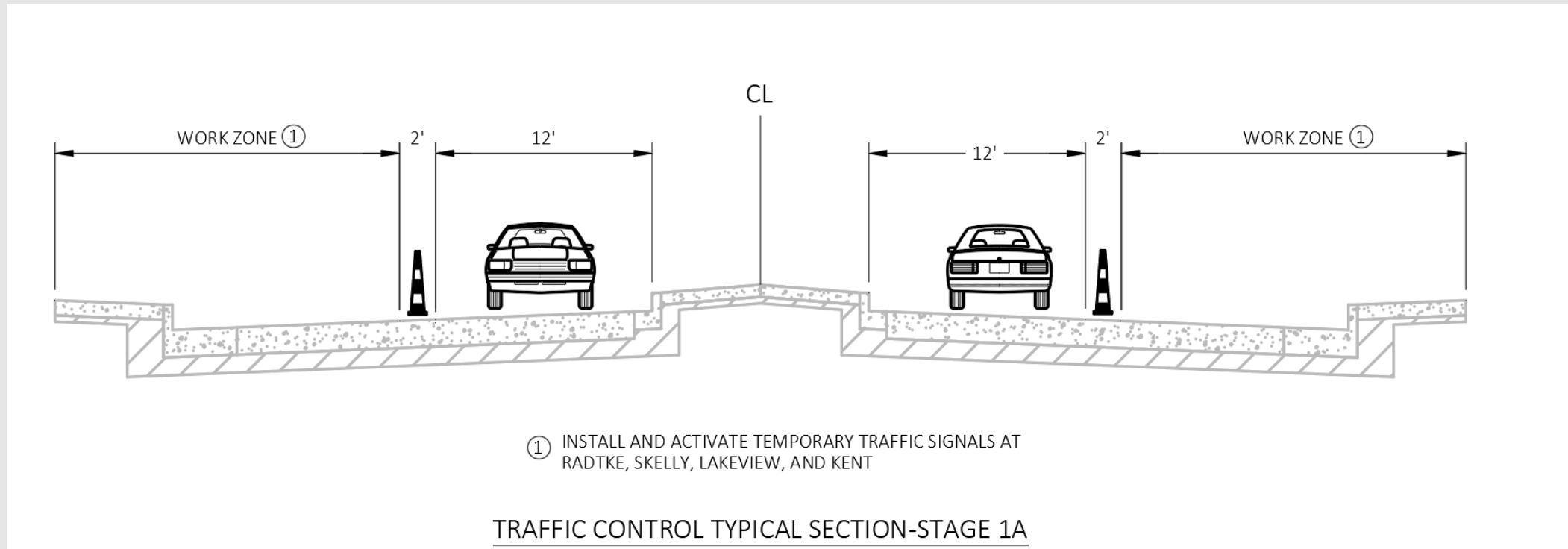
- Project will be constructed with single lane closures with bidirectional traffic
- Access will be maintained to business and residences during construction
- Sidewalks will be closed
- Free pedestrian shuttle service
- Kent Street will be closed for approximately 3 weeks to reconstruct the intersection. Bus Route A will remain operational and will be rerouted during the closure.



Traffic Impacts

Stage 1A

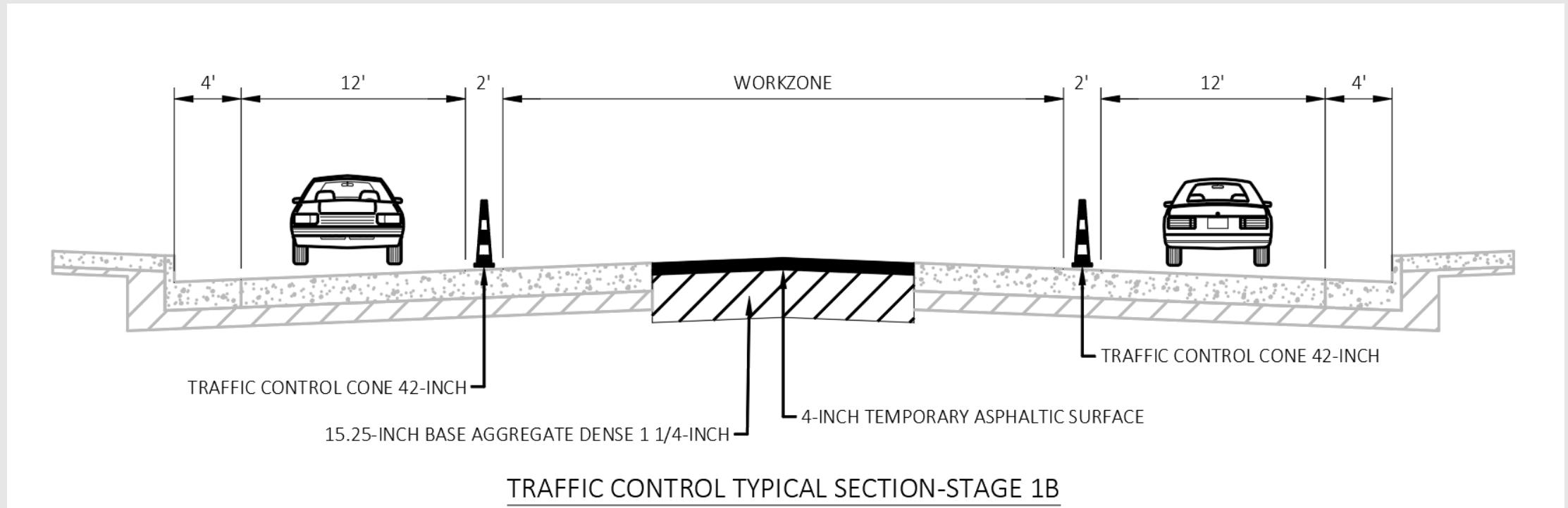
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Traffic Impacts

Stage 1B

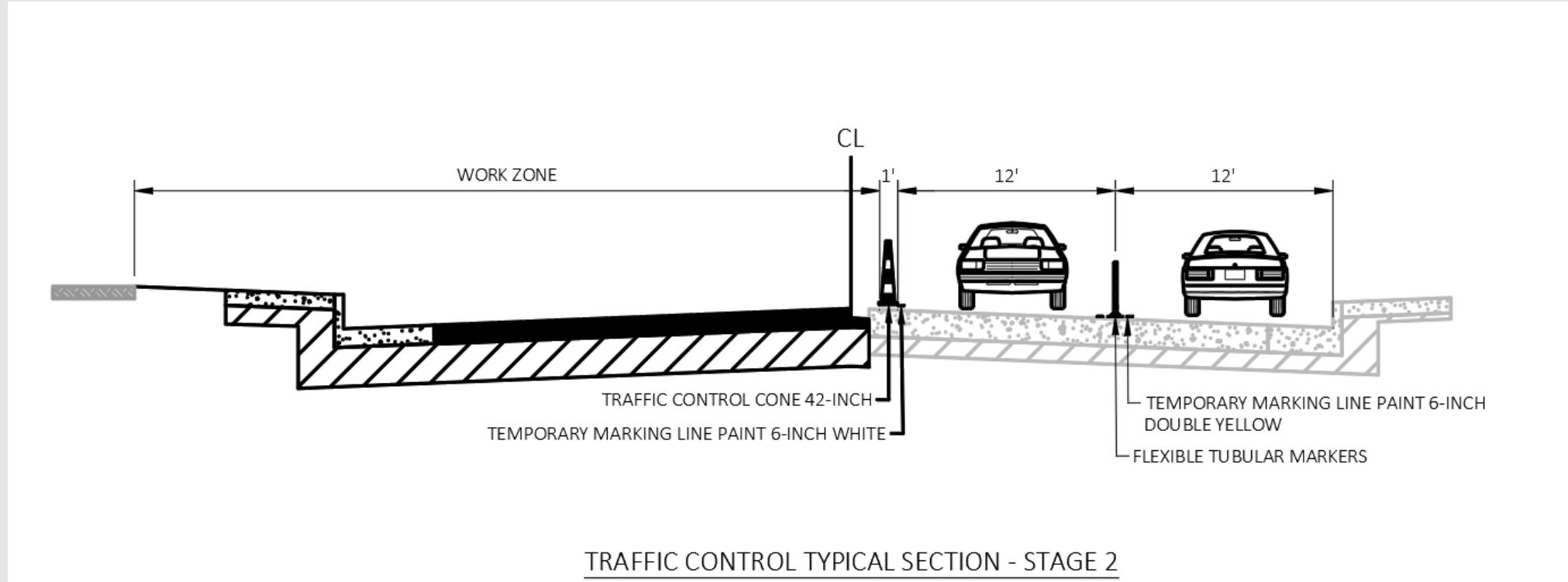
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Traffic Impacts

Stage 2

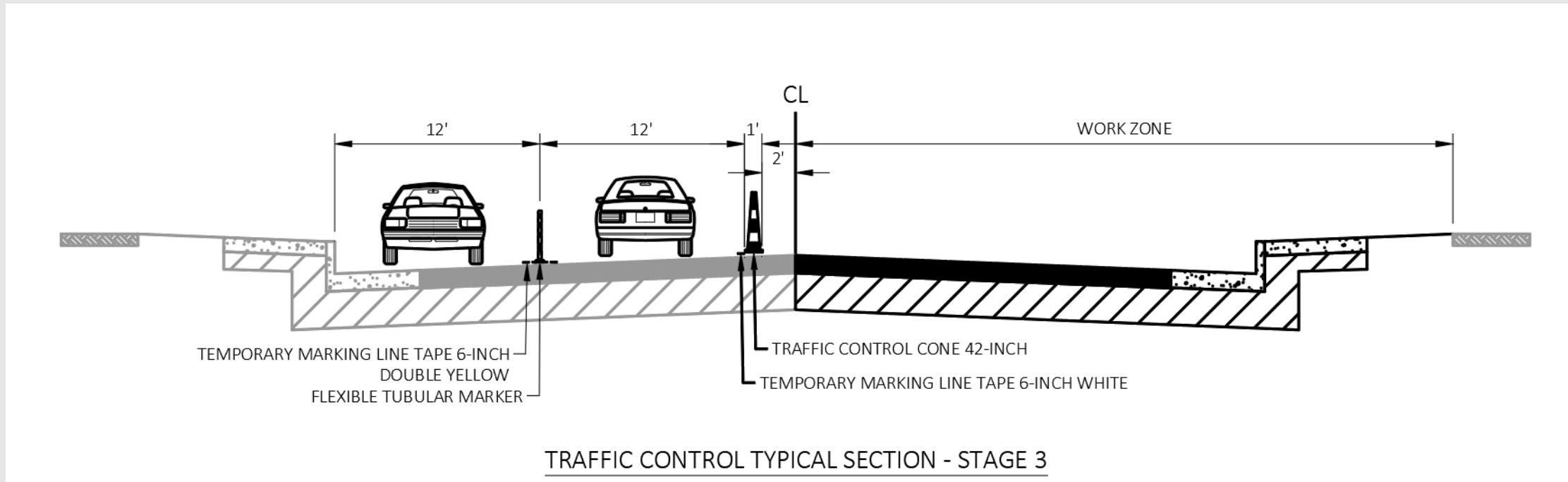
Close BUS 51 SB, bidirectional traffic on BUS 51 NB



Traffic Impacts

Stage 3

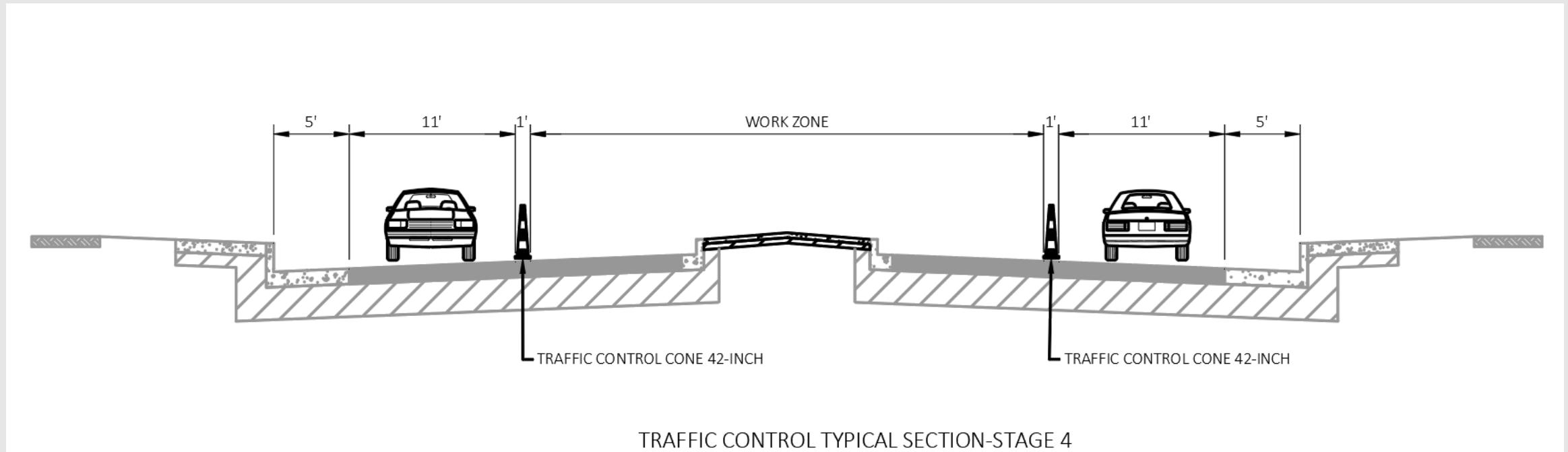
Close BUS 51 NB, bidirectional traffic on BUS 51 SB



Traffic Impacts

Stage 4

Close inside lanes, traffic on outside lanes



Real Estate & Schedule

Real estate

- Minor temporary and permanent real estate impacts are anticipated throughout the Business 51 corridor for sidewalk replacement, upgrading traffic signals, adjusting street lighting, and grading
- For any questions regarding real estate acquisitions, please contact the City of Wausau or the City of Schofield

Schedule

Preliminary Plans: April 2026

Real Estate Begins: August 2026

Final Plans: August 2028

Construction: 2030, but could be as early as 2029



Where to Find Project Information?

Wisconsindot.gov/pages/projects/by-region

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Highway projects and studies

- Visit the pages below for more information regarding study and design of state highway projects.
- The department maintains interactive maps listing projects within the [improvement](#) and [construction](#) programs.
- Go to [511 Wisconsin Construction Projects](#) to view all projects under or scheduled for construction in the current year.
- Citizen input and [business outreach](#) are important elements of any WisDOT project.
- Related resources include the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) and [local assistance programs](#).

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Questions & Comments

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