



# Minneapolis Community Conversation: July 2021



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# Today's Topics

- Schedule
- Potential Station Locations
- Minneapolis LRT Visualizations



# Blue Line Extension

- Connecting communities to fast, frequent, reliable transportation
- Will provide single seat trips to downtown Minneapolis, Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport, and Mall of America



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Future Rapid Transit Network



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# Schedule/Next Steps

We're here 



 Identify community supported route

Blue Line Extension Community Supported Route:

- Best meets the Project Principles and Goals
- Grounded in community feedback through collaboration with stakeholders
- Supported by Project corridor communities and decision-makers

 Environmental review  
*Document benefits and impacts of the project*

Municipal Consent

*Seek city support of the LRT design*

 Engineering  
*Develop construction ready design plans*

 Construction and Full Funding Grant Agreement  
*Federal funding*

 Goal— Line opens in 2028

*Light Rail Transit projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.*

# Potential Station Locations



# Purpose & Timeline

- We are seeking your feedback to advance potential station locations and LRT visualizations to be incorporated in a report released this fall
- Expect ongoing, continued discussion as we refine and further develop these options and design

# How were these potential station study areas determined?

- Previously planned stations
- Stakeholder and community input
- Key destinations
- Transit connections
- ½ to 1 mile spacing
- Overall number of stations

Note: The total number of stations has not been determined, meaning some potential station locations may be consolidated or eliminated.

# Potential Station Study Areas: Minneapolis



# How will these potential station study areas be evaluated?

- Project Principles & Goals
- Public engagement feedback
- Engineering requirements
- Population, connections, destinations, and jobs
- Available right of way
- Existing and future land use

# Discussion

- Are we missing any key destinations?
- Does station placement seem right for today and tomorrow?
- Of the options are there locations of particular importance?
- Any considerations as we work to place station specifically?
- Are we serving and protecting community assets; are we honoring these locations?

# LRT Visualizations



# Minneapolis Design Considerations

- Two route options: Lowry Avenue & West Broadway
- Determine links to main route options
- Parking analysis underway to develop toolbox of mitigation options
  - Examples: district parking, side street options, property specific solutions
- Intersection operations
  - Traffic signals & turn lanes
- To be developed: design details such as landscaping, streetscaping, bike facilities, exact dimensions

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This is a visualization of a section of Lowry Avenue in North Minneapolis as it exists today.



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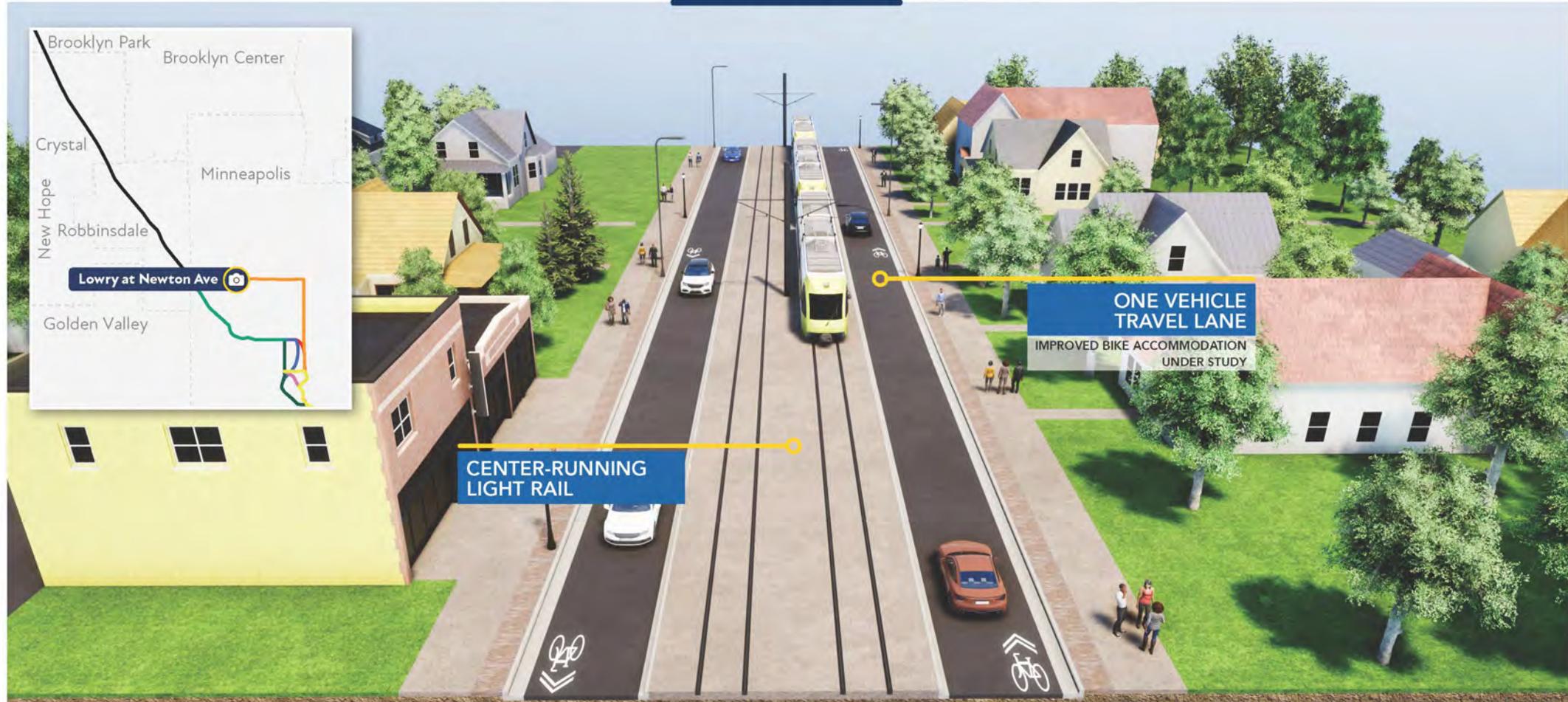
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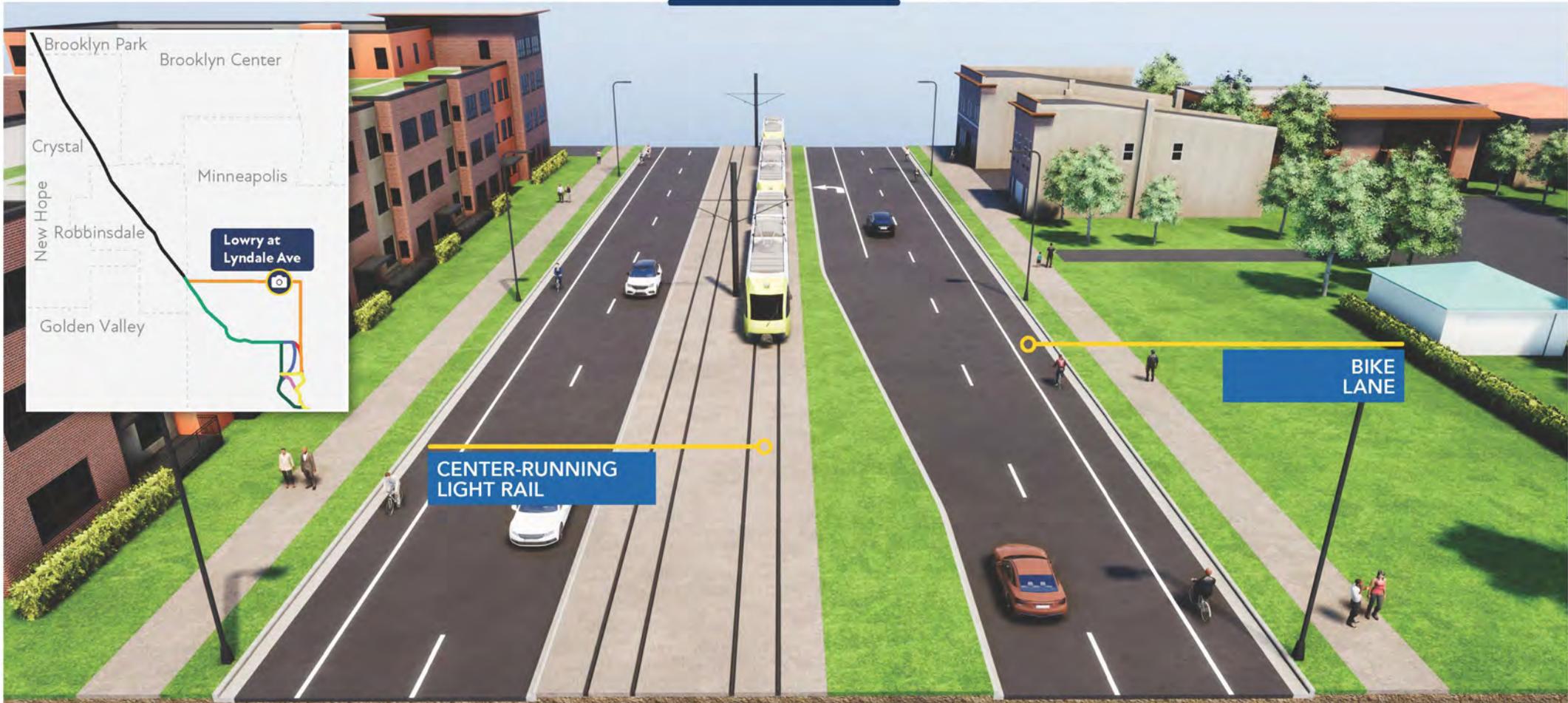
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# 📍 LOWRY AVE AT LYNDALE AVE, MINNEAPOLIS: CONCEPT

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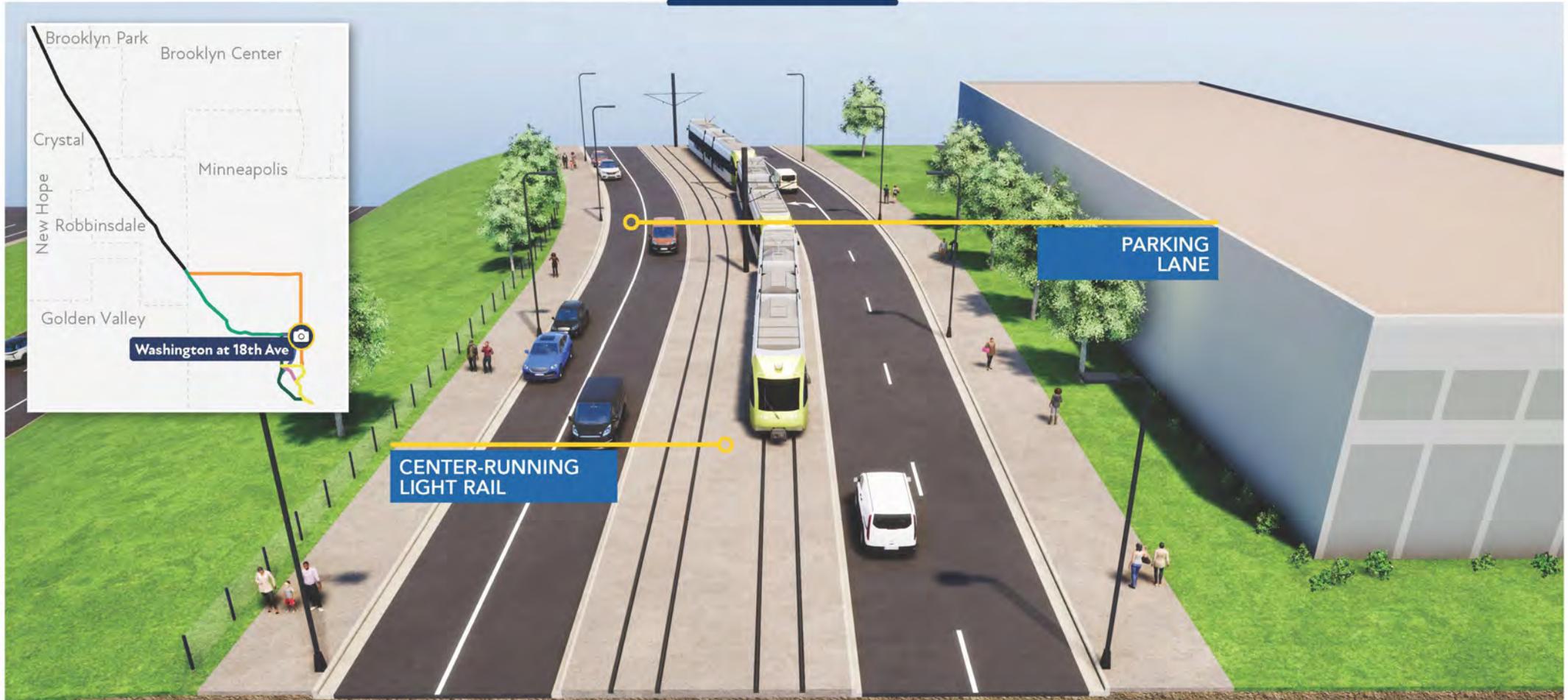
📷 Location (looking northbound)

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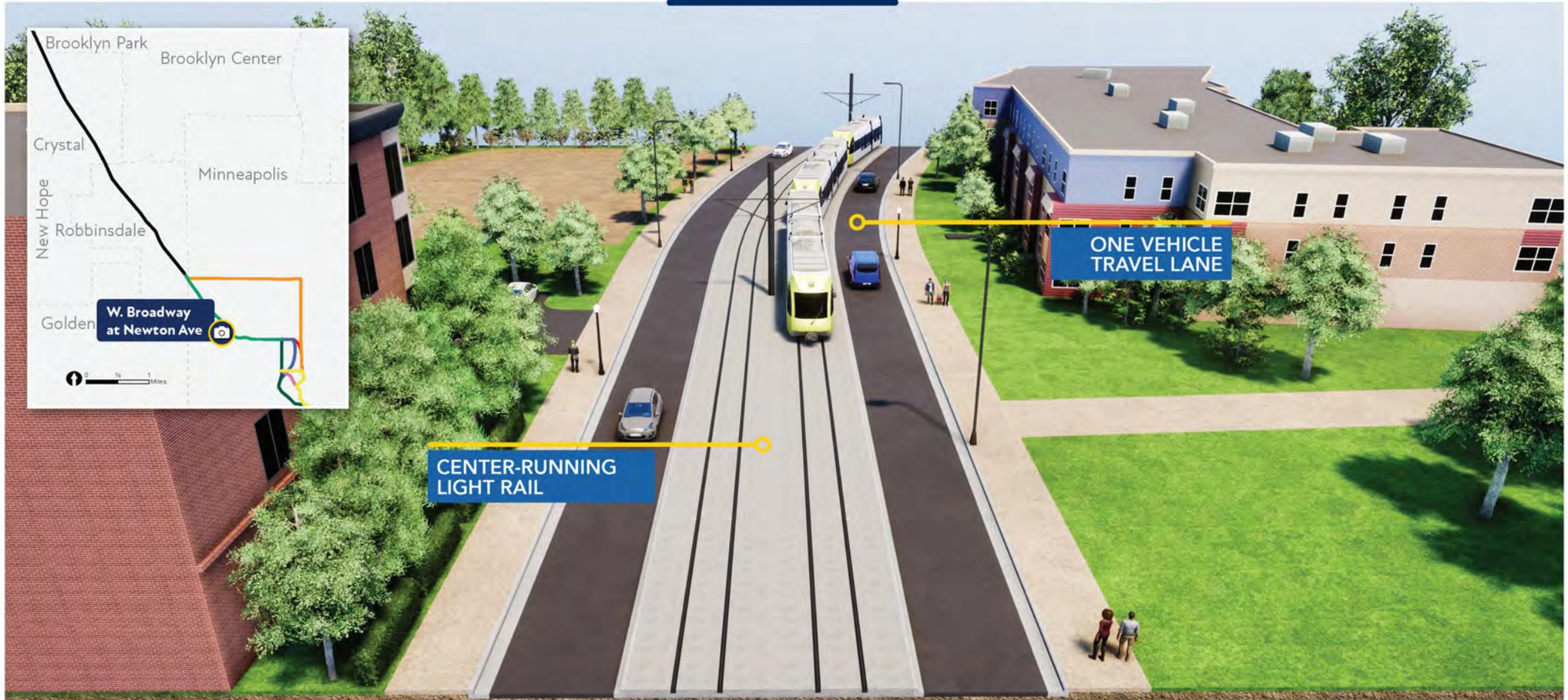
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# Other Options Evaluated

- Elevated
- Side running

# 📍 WEST BROADWAY AT EMERSON AVE, MINNEAPOLIS: ELEVATED CONCEPT

This visualization represents how elevated (aerial) light rail could fit along West Broadway Avenue in North Minneapolis. The picture uses the typical width of West Broadway.



# West Broadway at Emmerson: Side-Running Concept

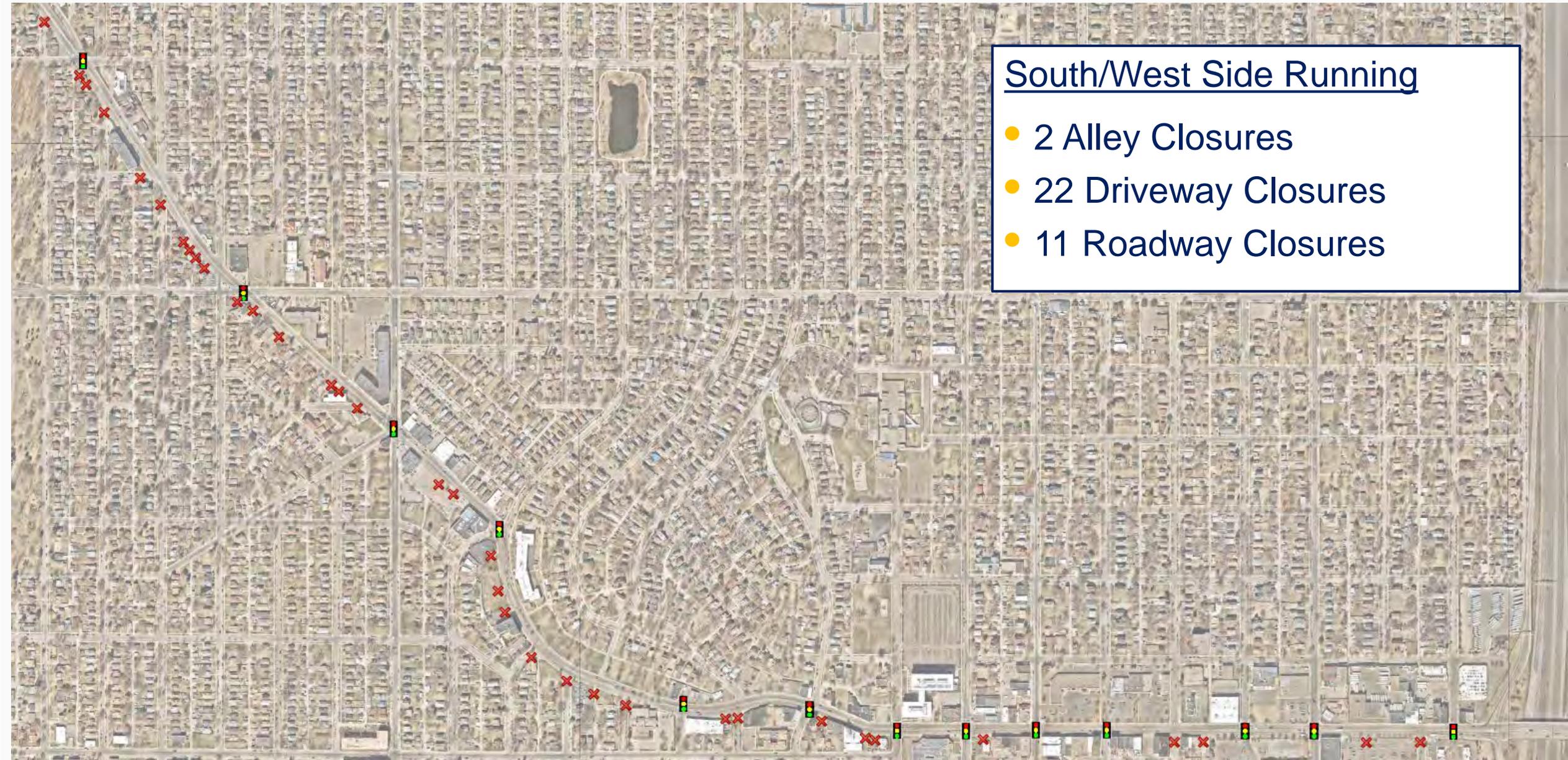


This visualization represents how a side running LRT could fit along West Broadway Avenue.

# Side Running Impacts: West Broadway

## South/West Side Running

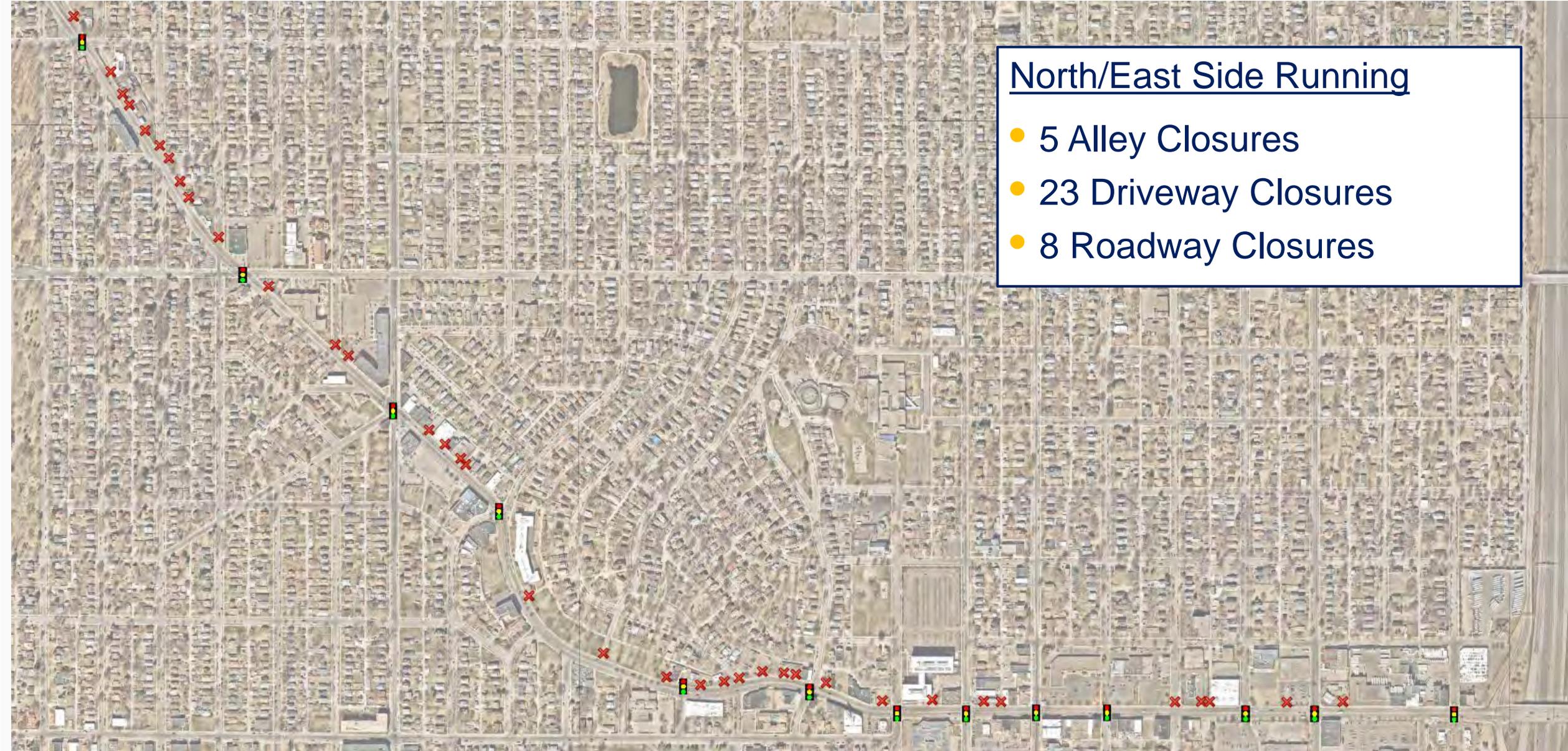
- 2 Alley Closures
- 22 Driveway Closures
- 11 Roadway Closures



# Side Running Impacts: West Broadway

## North/East Side Running

- 5 Alley Closures
- 23 Driveway Closures
- 8 Roadway Closures



# Side Running Impacts: Lowry Avenue

## Lowry South Side Running

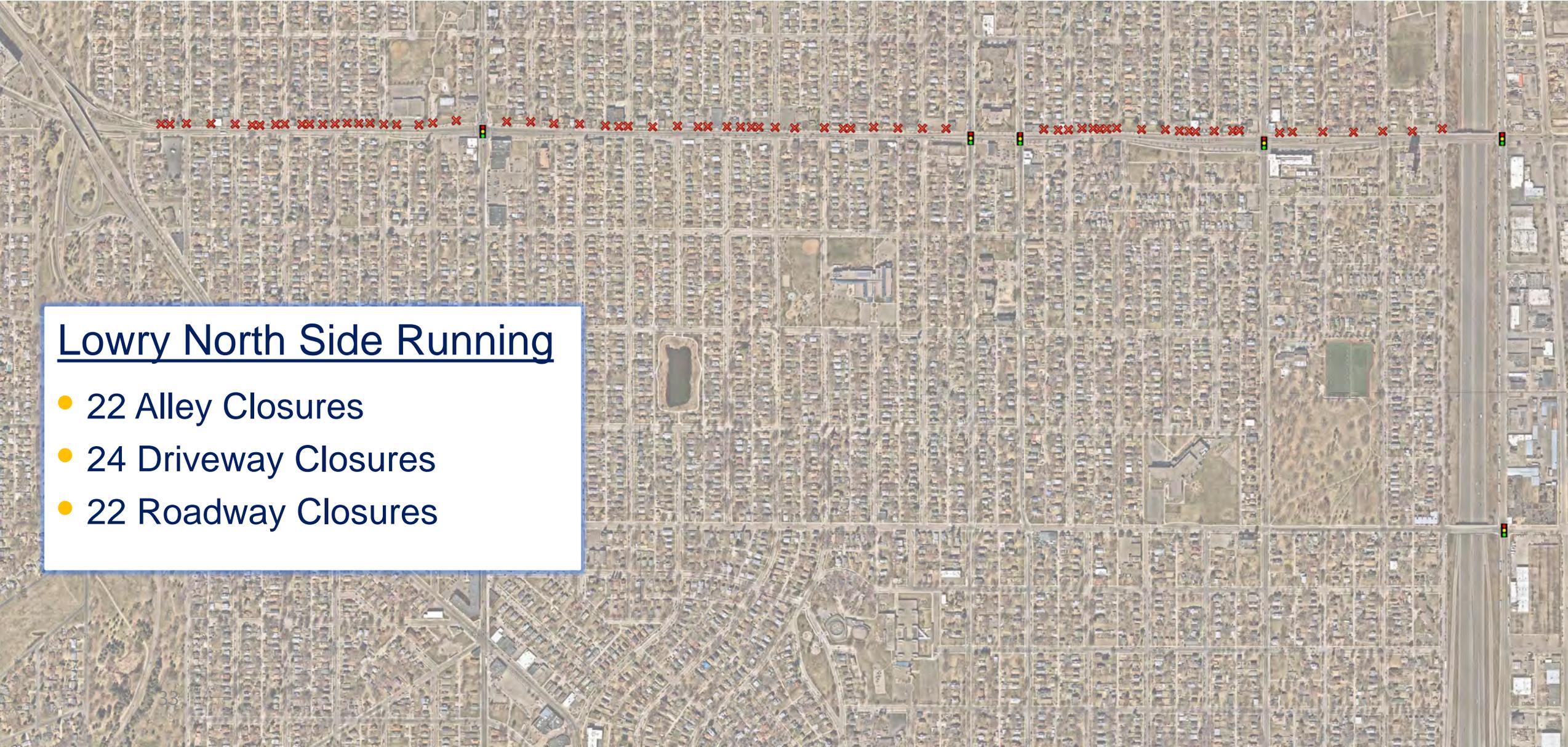
- 16 Alley Closures
- 7 Driveway Closures
- 21 Roadway Closures



# Side Running Impacts: Lowry Avenue

## Lowry North Side Running

- 22 Alley Closures
- 24 Driveway Closures
- 22 Roadway Closures



# Community Wealth Building Through Investment

- Forming an Anti-Displacement Working Group
  - To develop and implement a comprehensive, innovative set of strategies:
    - To ensure this investment builds on, supports, and protects existing community assets
    - Benefit existing corridor residents
    - Provide more opportunities for equitable housing, employment, business development, cultural experiences, and other activities of daily life
  - Request for Proposals was due: July 27
    - Three proposals received

# Stay Connected!

- Project website: [bluelineext.org](http://bluelineext.org)
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