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Green Line LRT Extension



Bassett Creek Valley Working Group

October 4, 2017



Today's Topics

- Introductions
- Overview of Design Teams (P+W and WSP) Expertise
- Working Group Roles and Responsibilities
- Schedule & Community Engagement Overview
- Overview of Corridor Protection Wall
- Aesthetic Design Framework
 - Section 106 Review
 - Opportunities Discussion
- Next Meeting/Next Steps



Introductions

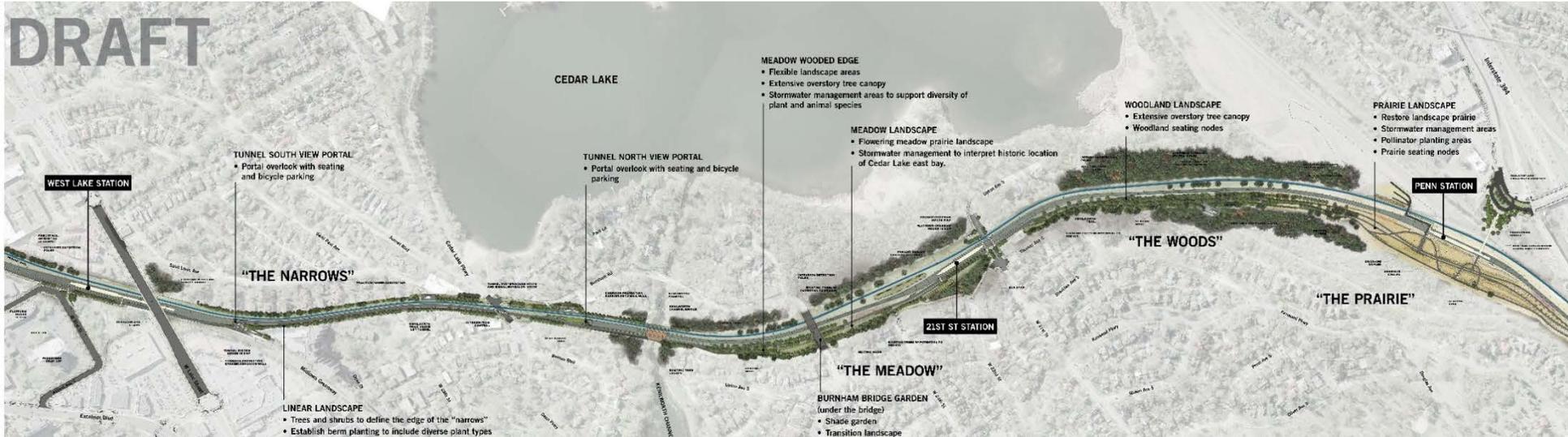
Overview of Design Teams



P+W: BUILT EXPERIENCE



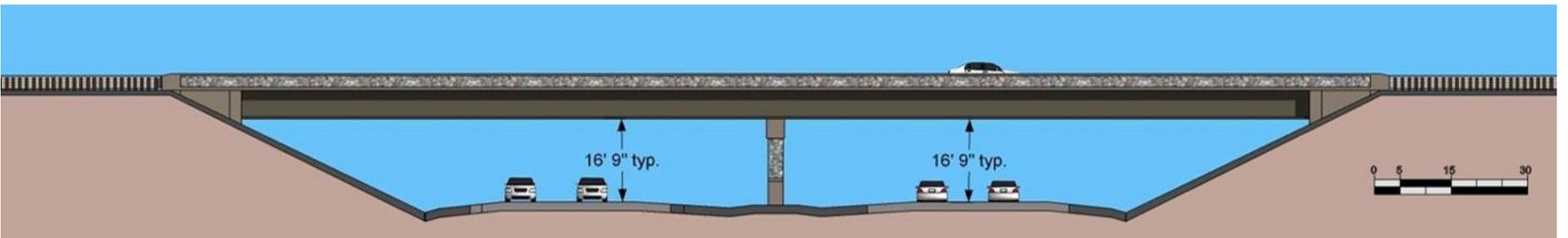
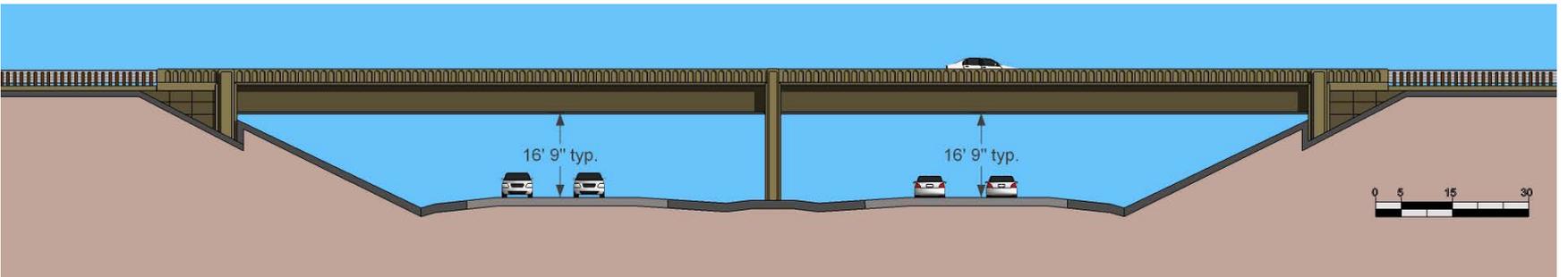
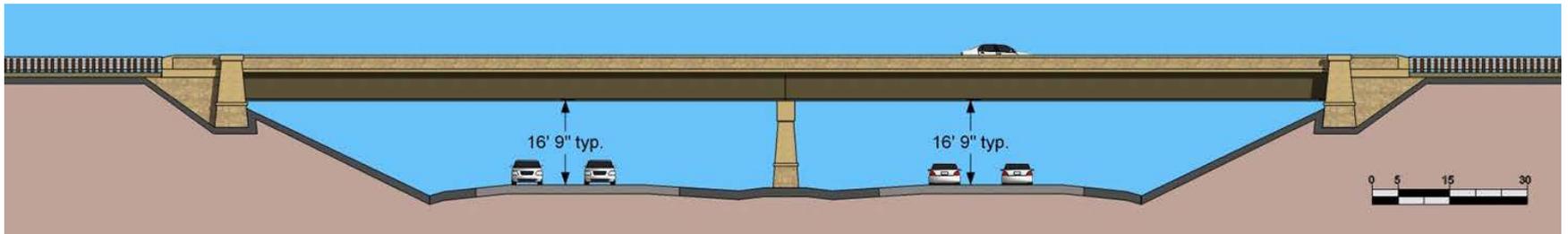
Perkins+Will: Kenilworth Corridor Final Landscape Plan



WSP: Infrastructure Aesthetics



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Aesthetic Concepts Study: Illiana Tollway - Cross Street Overpass Concepts

Working Group Roles and Responsibilities

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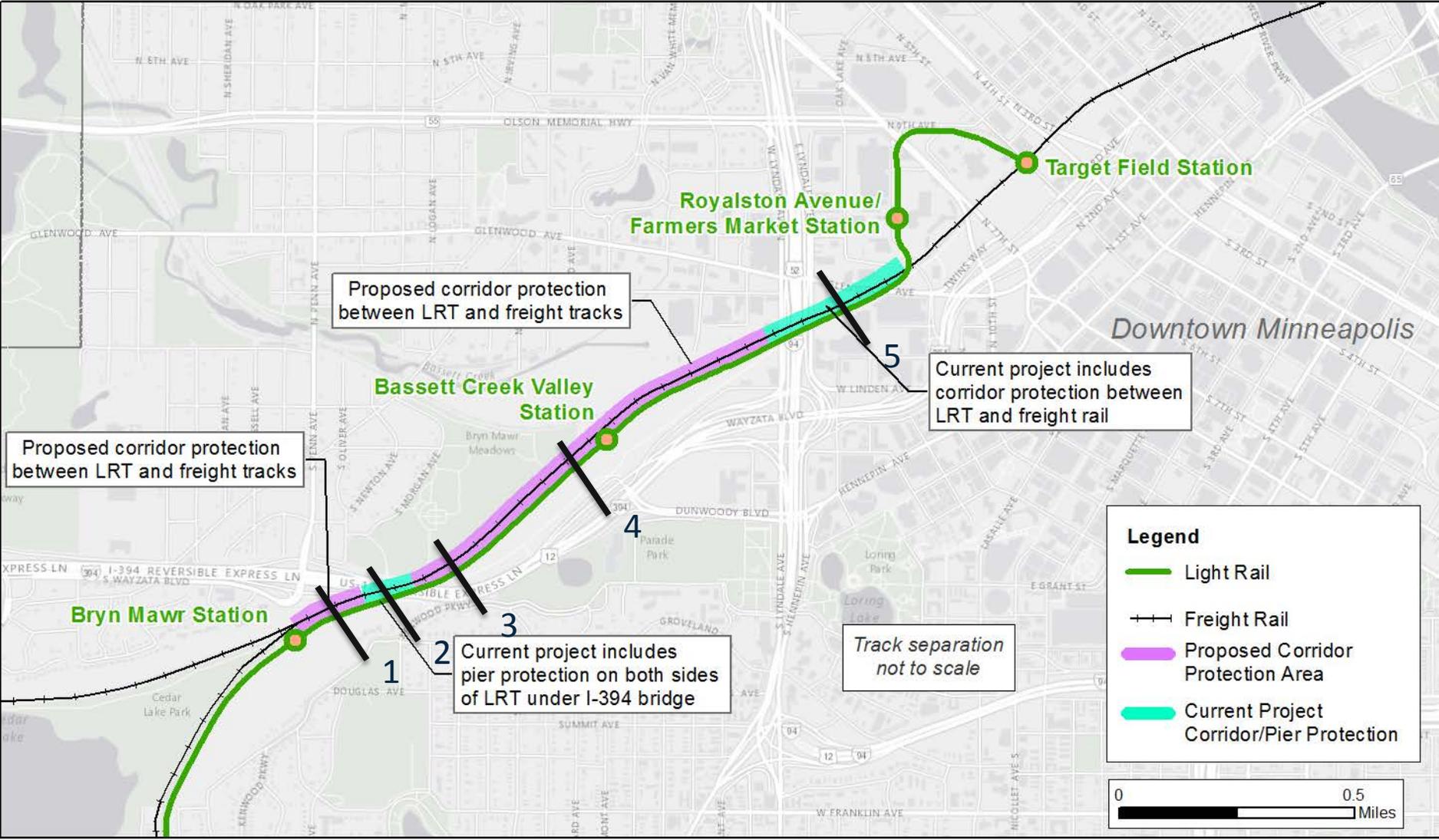
- September: Initiate design and aesthetic input process
 - Check-in with property owners & neighborhood groups
- October 4: Working Group Kick-off & initial input discussion
- Late October: Review concepts with Working Group, 106 consulting parties and City of Minneapolis
- November: Hold open house, solicit feedback from neighborhood groups and other stakeholder

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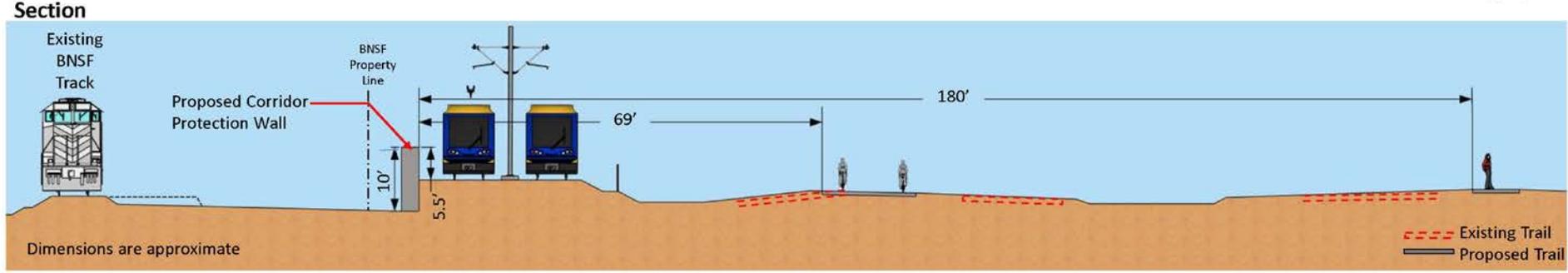
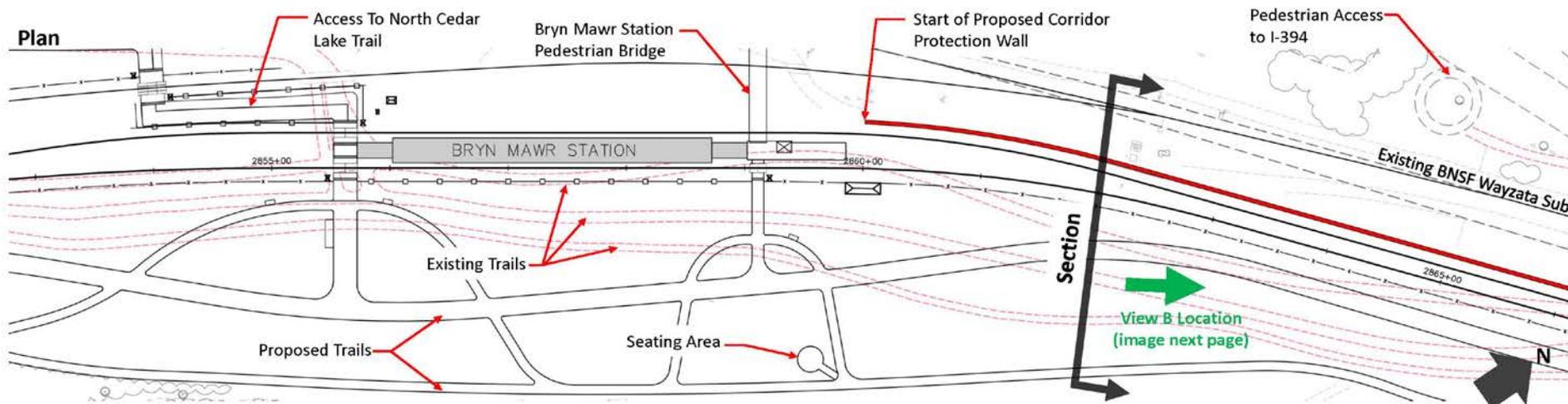
- December: Final design and environmental review, hold last Working Group meeting and check-in with stakeholders

Overview of Corridor Protection Wall

Proposed Corridor Protection Wall



Bryn Mawr Station Area



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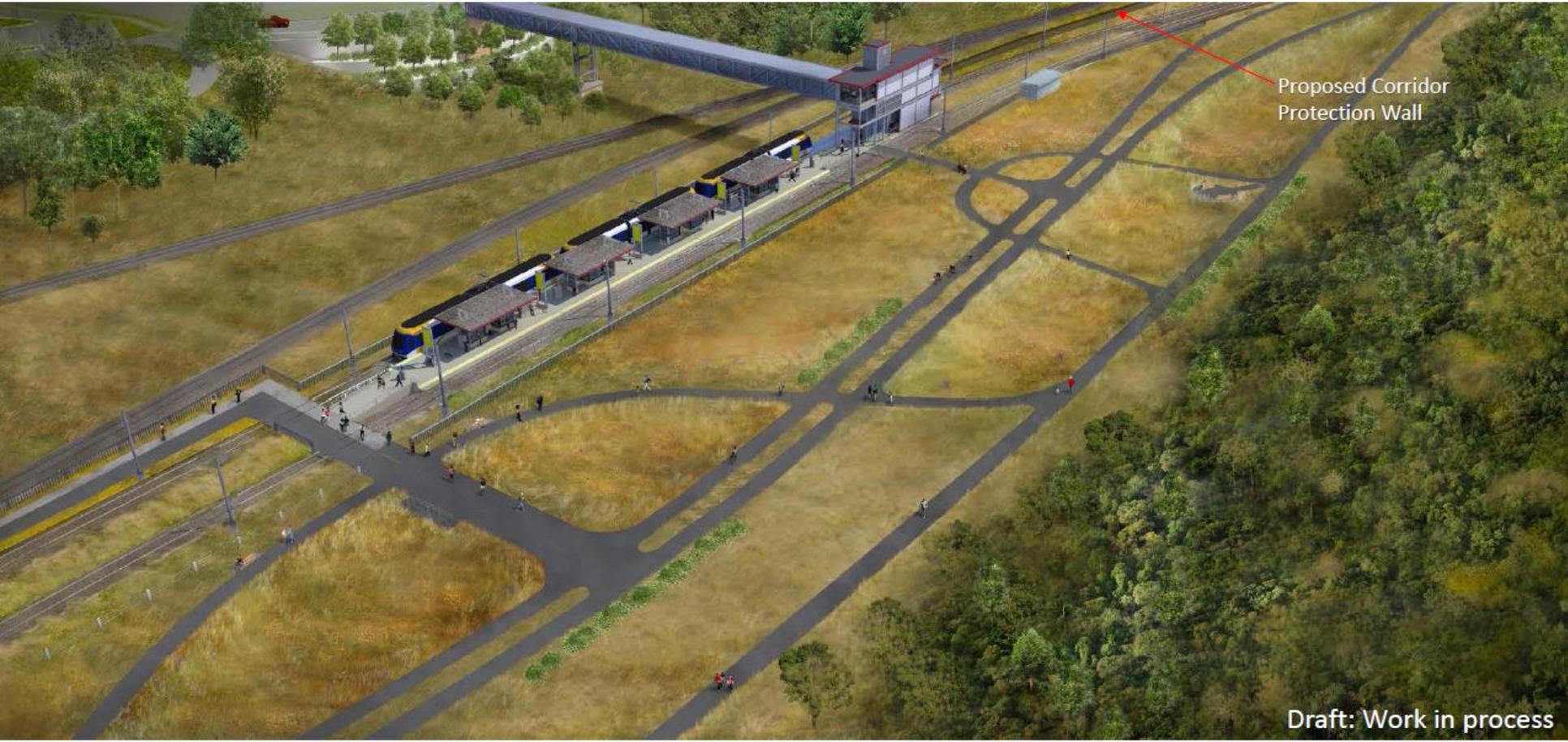


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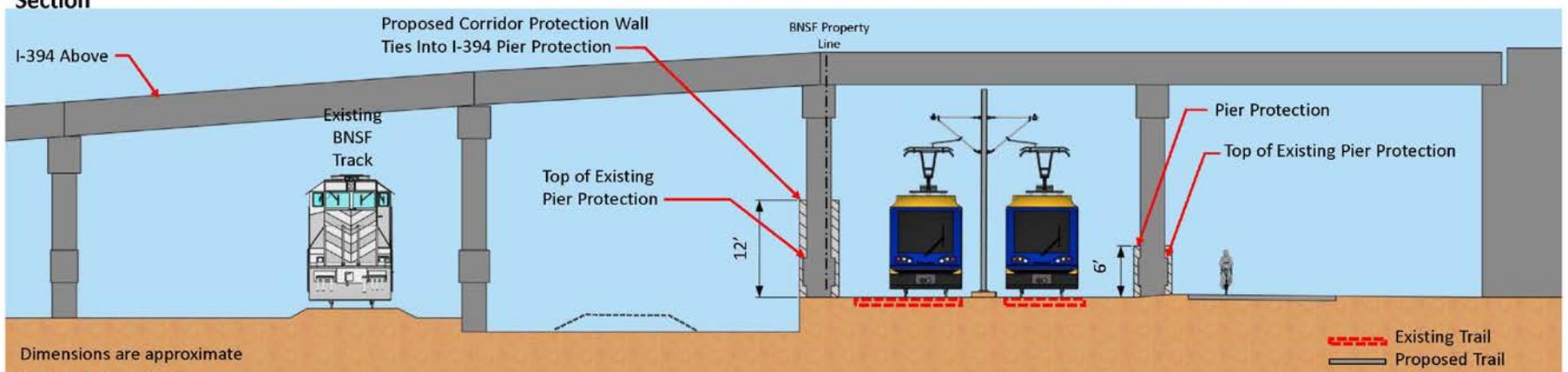
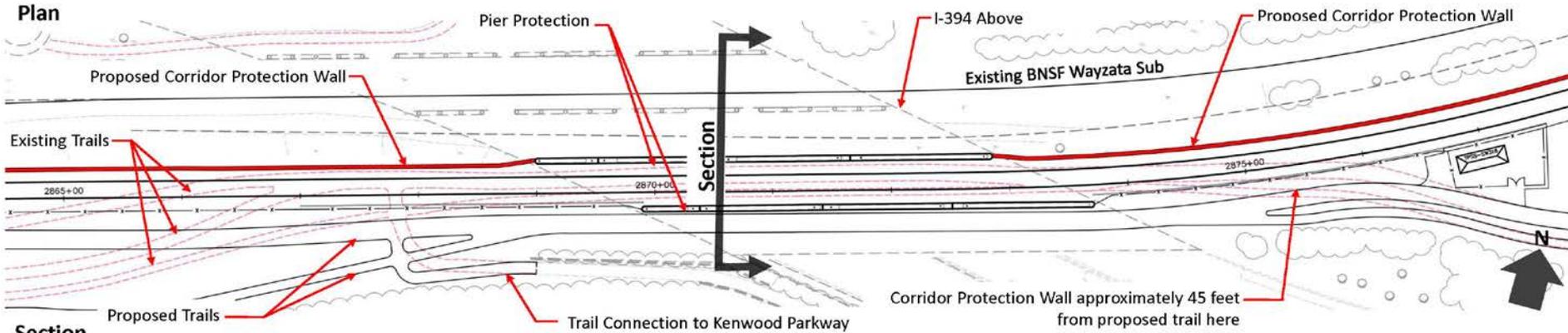


Proposed

Bryn Mawr Station & Landscaping



I-394 Underpass Area



Current project design includes pier protection on both sides of the LRT under I-394

Bryn Mawr Meadows Area

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Proposed Corridor Protection Wall Behind Existing Vegetation (top of wall dashed)

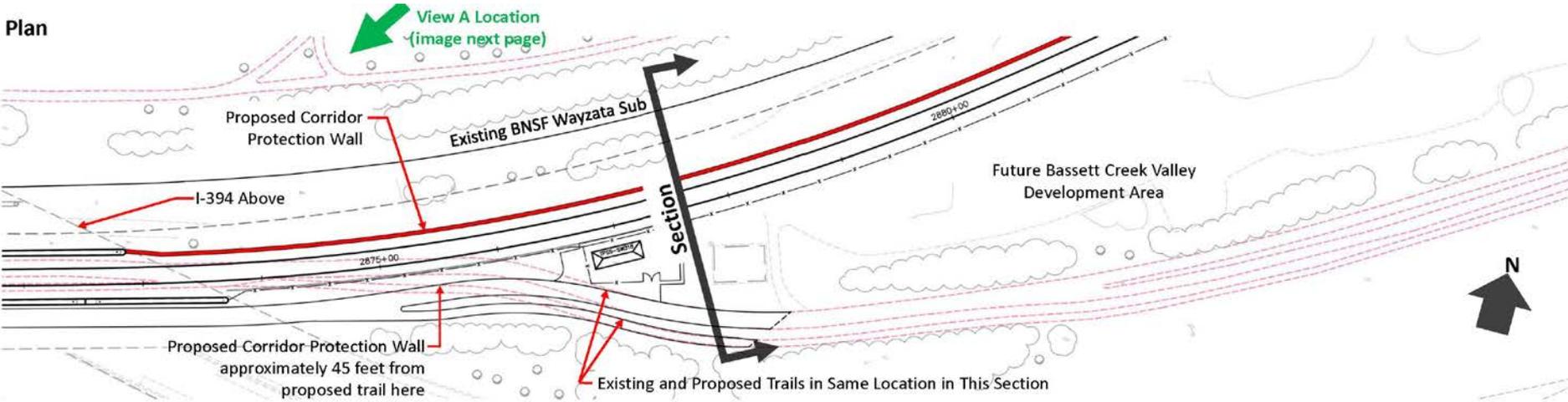
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I-394 Pier Protection

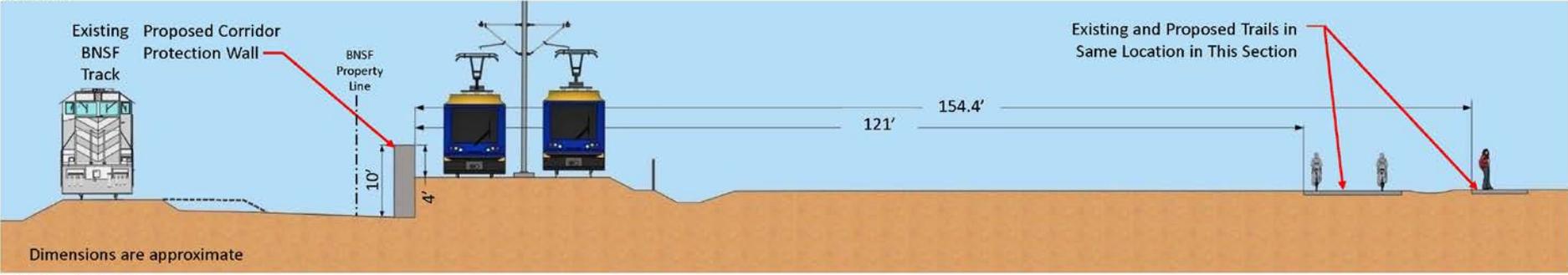
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Plan

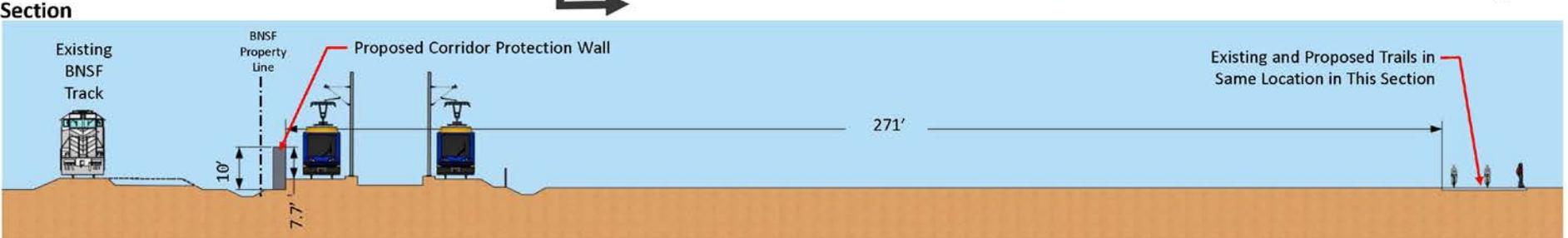
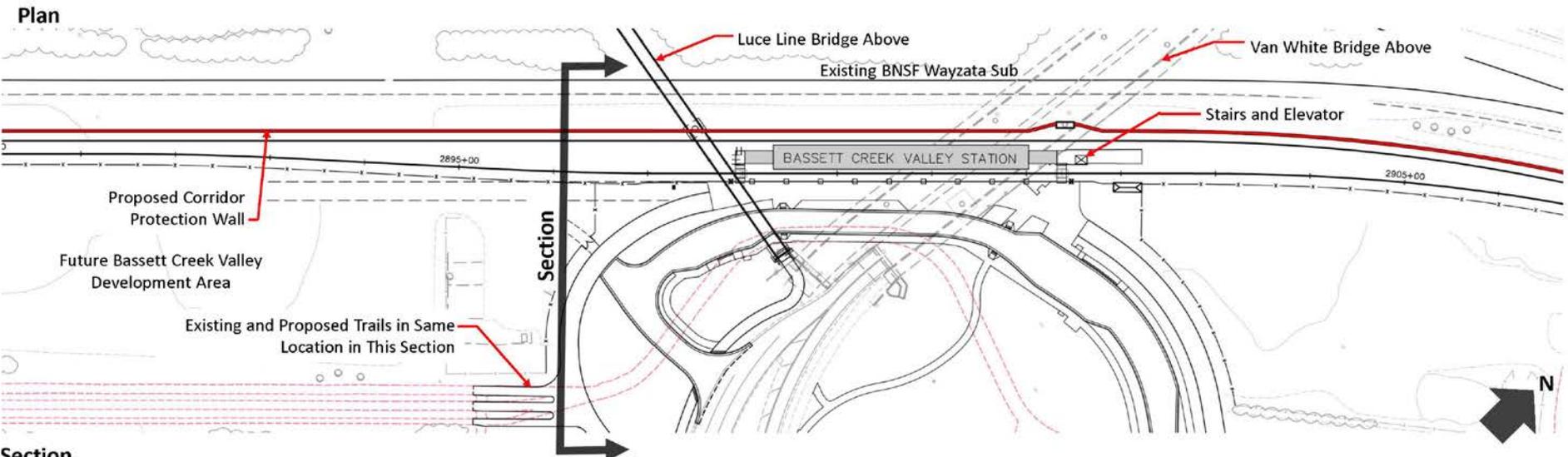


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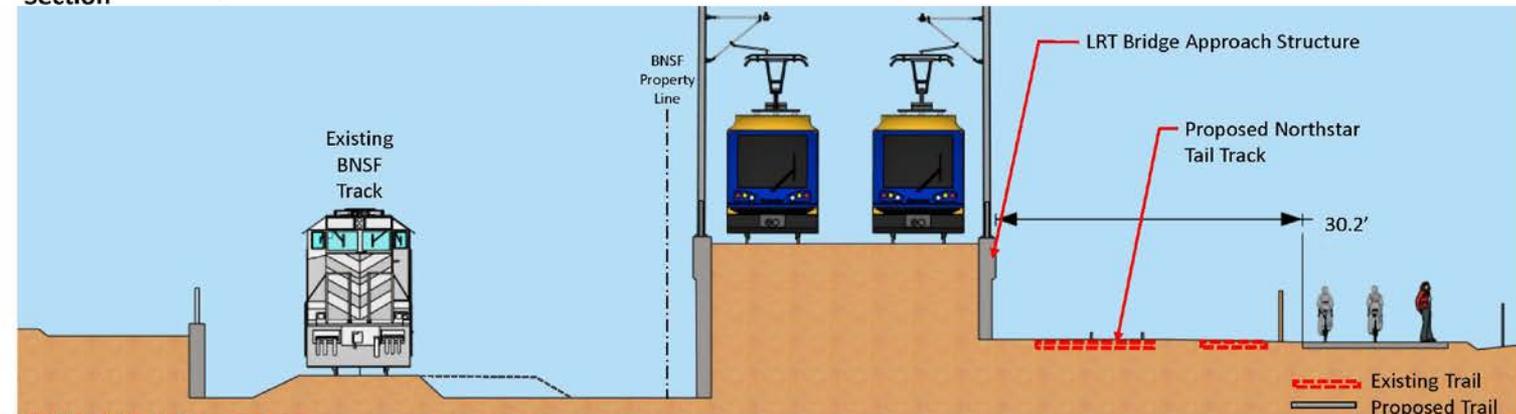
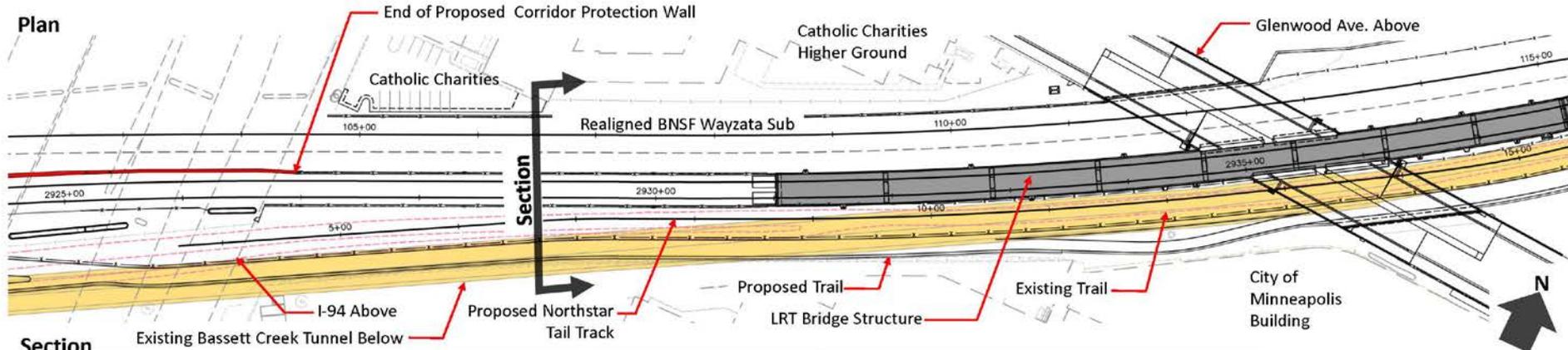
Linden Yards – looking northwest toward the Van White Memorial Blvd bridge

Proposed Corridor Protection Wall



BNSF Corridor – looking southwest from the west side I-94

I-94 to Glenwood Ave.



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Proposed Corridor Protection Wall



Cedar Lake Trail – looking north toward the Glenwood Ave bridge

Design Framework: Section 106 Review

Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

- Requires Federal agencies to take into account effects of “undertakings” on historic properties
- MnDOT’s Cultural Resource’s Unit (CRU), on behalf of the FTA, leads the Section 106 review process as outlined in the Project’s Memorandum of Agreement
- Council is local project sponsor and federal grantee, responsible for certain parts of Section 106 process including implementation of mitigation measures

Section 106 Review Background

- The BNSF Wayzata Subdivision is part of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad/Great Northern Railway Historic District
- MnDOT determined this district eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places
 - District extends from Minneapolis to North Dakota border
 - Due to the National Historic Register eligibility, Section 106 review is required for the district
 - Section 106 review considers proposed changes to physical features, context, setting

Section 106 Review Process

- CRU:
 - Determines if there is an adverse effect on the historic district for FTA review and concurrence
 - Informs and engages all consulting parties with jurisdiction over area of potential new adverse impact
 - Shares FTA finding, supporting materials and provides 30-day review and comment period
 - Consults with consulting parties to minimize and mitigate adverse effect
 - Prepares mitigation plan for consulting party review

Post-ROD Environmental Review

- In addition to the Section 106 Process, FTA and the Council are conducting environmental review processes:
 - Address Minnesota Environmental Policy Act and NEPA requirements
 - Evaluate proposed changes to Project design since the Final EIS published
 - Consider changes to impacts and mitigation
 - Determine if additional environmental review is required

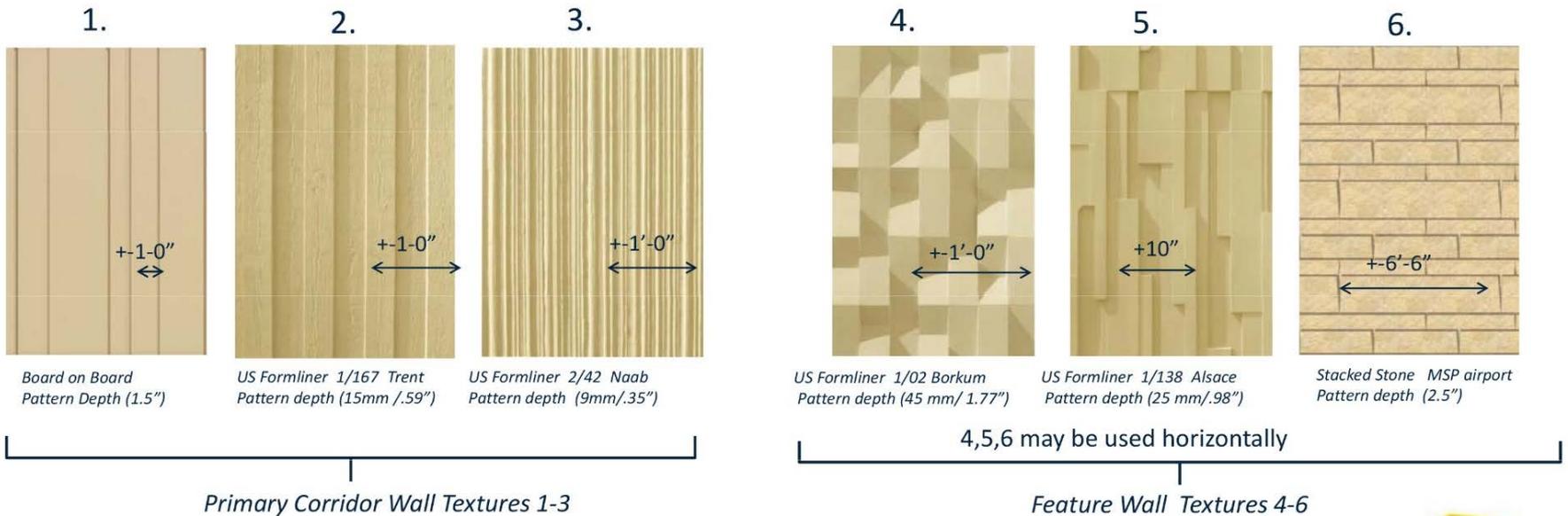
Post-ROD Environmental Review

- Schedule
 - October/November:
 - Complete analysis of proposed corridor protection wall and tail track modifications
 - Incorporate results of Section 106 review and public outreach
 - Include information on Project commitments to resolve adverse effect, where applicable
 - FTA reviews analysis
 - December: FTA issues decision on environmental review

Aesthetic Design Opportunities Discussion

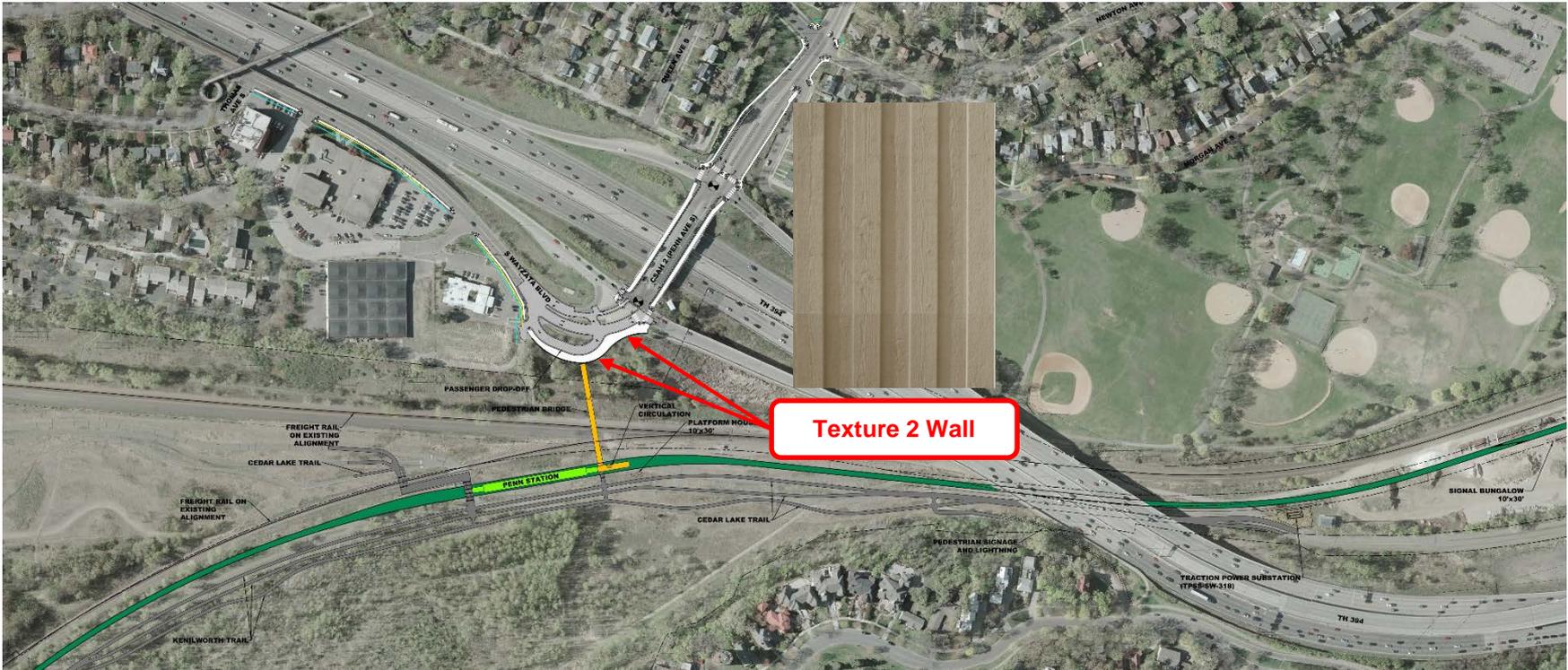
Walls Textures

- Base retaining wall and abutment wall textures (single color only):



Current Wall Texture

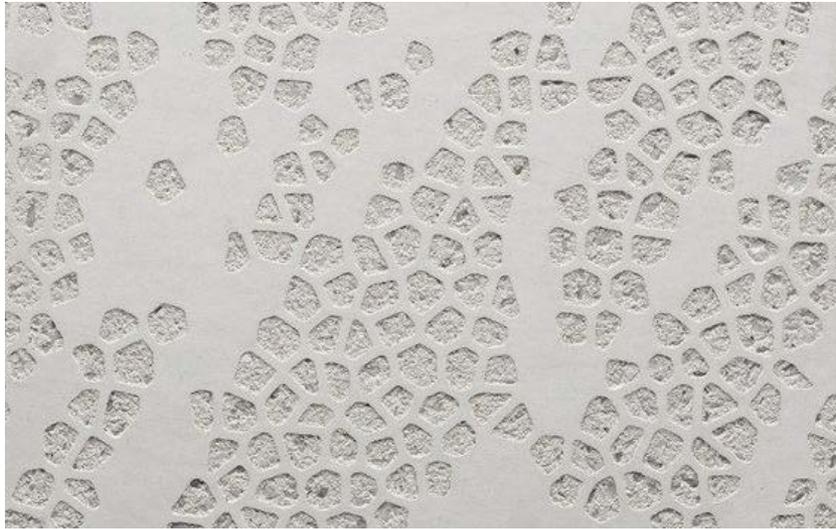
- Wall texture in warm grey (single color):



Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Texture



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Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Reveals



Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Coping, Pilaster, Texture



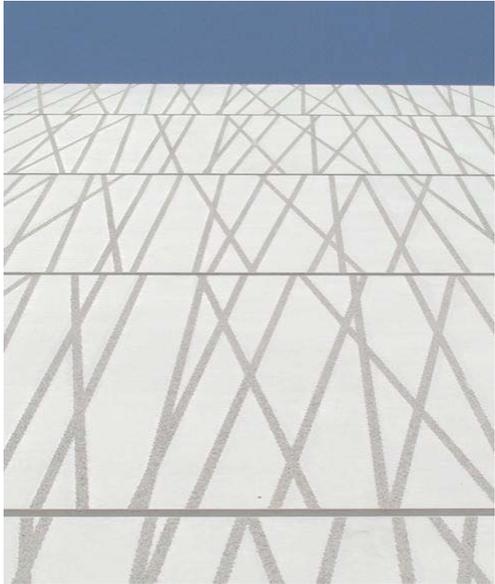
Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Color



Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Graphics



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Aesthetic Design Opportunities: Landscaping



Outside of Scope

- Murals: due to maintenance challenges
- Any use that would require regular access by the public
- Full wall length graphics

Opportunities Discussion

- What are your initial thoughts on the design opportunities?
 - Liked most or least?
- What techniques reflect your desired character of the area?
- What features do you like best about the area today that potential designs could reflect?

Next Steps

Workgroup Meeting Logistics

- Next proposed meeting: Oct 24
- Proposed start time: 5:30
- Workgroup tour, possible dates:
 - Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 AM
 - Thursday, October 12 at 4:30 PM
 - Friday, October 13 at 12:00 PM

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