#### WASATCH BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS FORT UNION BOULEVARD TO NORTH LITTLE COTTONWOOD ROAD

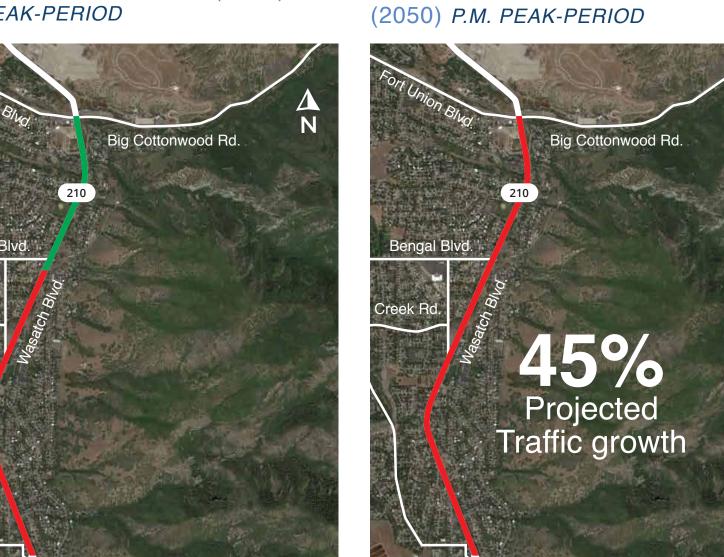
# Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental IMPACT STATEMENT Wasatch Boulevard to Alta

#### INITIAL EVALUATION FOR IMPROVING WASATCH BOULEVARD

Wasatch Boulevard Screening Criteria	Measure
Reduce delay and improve capacity (improve regional mobility)	Achieve a level of service D or better on Wasatch Boulevard and intersections in 2050
Consider the Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan Corridor Study	Meet the overall objectives identified in the master plan corridor study while addressing UDOT's safety and mobility requirements
Improve safety	Meet UDOT's safety standards (such as lane and shoulder widths, access and sight distance) for all roadway users including passenger and freight vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and recreational users

#### IMPROVING MOBILITY AND SAFETY FOR WASATCH BOULEVARD

P.M. PEAK-PERIOD



FUTURE NO-ACTION CONDITIONS LEVEL OF SERVICE

A NO DELAYS Highest quality of service. Free traffic flow with few restrictions on maneuverability or speed.

#### B NO DELAYS

Stable traffic flow. Speed becoming slightly restricted. Low restriction on maneuverability.

## C | MINIMAL DELAYS

Stable traffic flow, but less freedom to select speed.

# UDOT Goal

Traffic flow becoming unstable. Speed subject to sudden change.

### E | CONSIDERABLE DELAYS

Unstable traffic flow. Speed changes quickly and maneuverability is low.

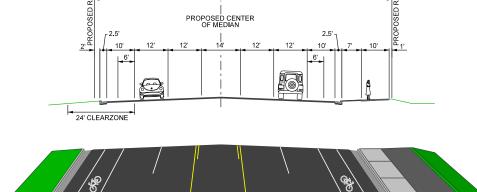
## F CONSIDERABLE DELAYS

Heavily congested traffic Demand exceeds capacity and speed varies greatly.

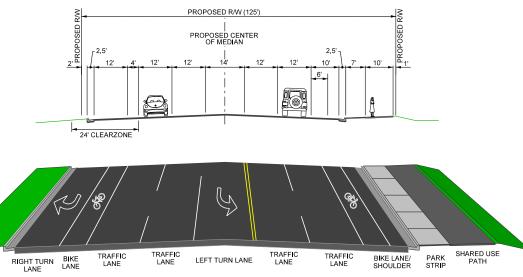
#### **DESIGN NEED ELEMENTS**

- Blind intersection at Kings Hill Drive
- Short merge at High-T
- The standard shoulder width for this segment is 8 feet (The current shoulder width varies from 4 to 10 feet, with 4 feet being the typical width)
- The length of the deceleration lane for the center left turn at Golden Hills Avenue is substandard
- Unprotected hazards within the clear zone including substandard barrier end treatments, trees and steep slopes
- No pedestrian sidewalks or trail

# BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON Park and Ride FUTURE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (ESTIMATED FOOTPRINT) OCATION MAY VARY. FUNDING TO BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY. **WASATCH BLVD: 5-LANE** 2.5 12' 12' 12' 12' 12' 12' 12' 10' 7' 10' RIGHT TURN BIKE TRAFFIC TRAFFIC LEFT TURN LANE LANE LANE BIKE LANE, PARK SHARED USE LANE LANE LANE LANE SHOULDER STRIP PATH 5-LANE ARTERIAL W/SHARED USE PATH CONCRETE MEDIAN AND GRASS PARK STRIP INTERSECTIONS 5-LANE ARTERIAL W/SHARED USE PATH CONCRETE MEDIAN AND GRASS PARK STRIP **WASATCH BLVD: 5-LANE** PROPOSED CENTER OF MEDIAN \[ \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{12'}{4} \quad \frac{12'}{2} \quad \frac{14'}{2} \quad \frac{12'}{2} \quad \frac{12'}{2} \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \frac{7'}{2} \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \quad \frac{10'}{2} \quad \quad \q







5-LANE ARTERIAL W/SHARED USE PATH STRIPED MEDIAN AND CONCRETE PARK STRIP INTERSECTION



#### APRIL 2019 (PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS: SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

# LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON SNOWSHED LOCATIONS

WHITE PINE CHUTES, WHITE PINE AND LITTLE PINE



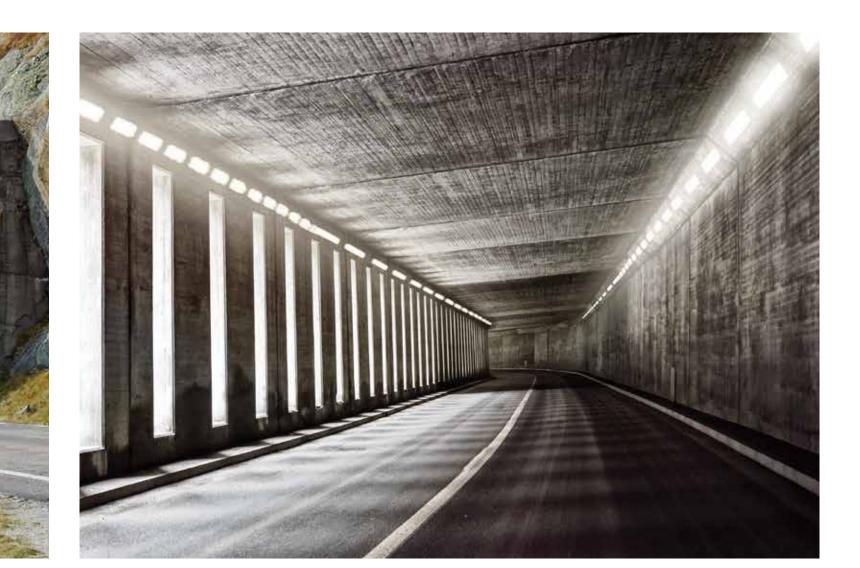
# YEARLY LCC CLOSURE HOURS DUE TO AVALANCHE MITIGATION 120 108.24 106.06 98.06 98.06 88.55 71.48 72.18 62.45 40 32.3 20 19.12 14.03 19.12 14.03 Closure Time - - - Average (56.3 hours per year)

## INITIAL EVALUATION FOR IMPROVING CANYON ROADWAY RELIABILITY

## Avalanche Mitigation Screening Criteria

Improve avalanche related roadway reliability and safety in 2050

- Substantially reduce number of hours and/or days that avalanches delay users
- Substantially reduce the avalanche hazard for roadway users

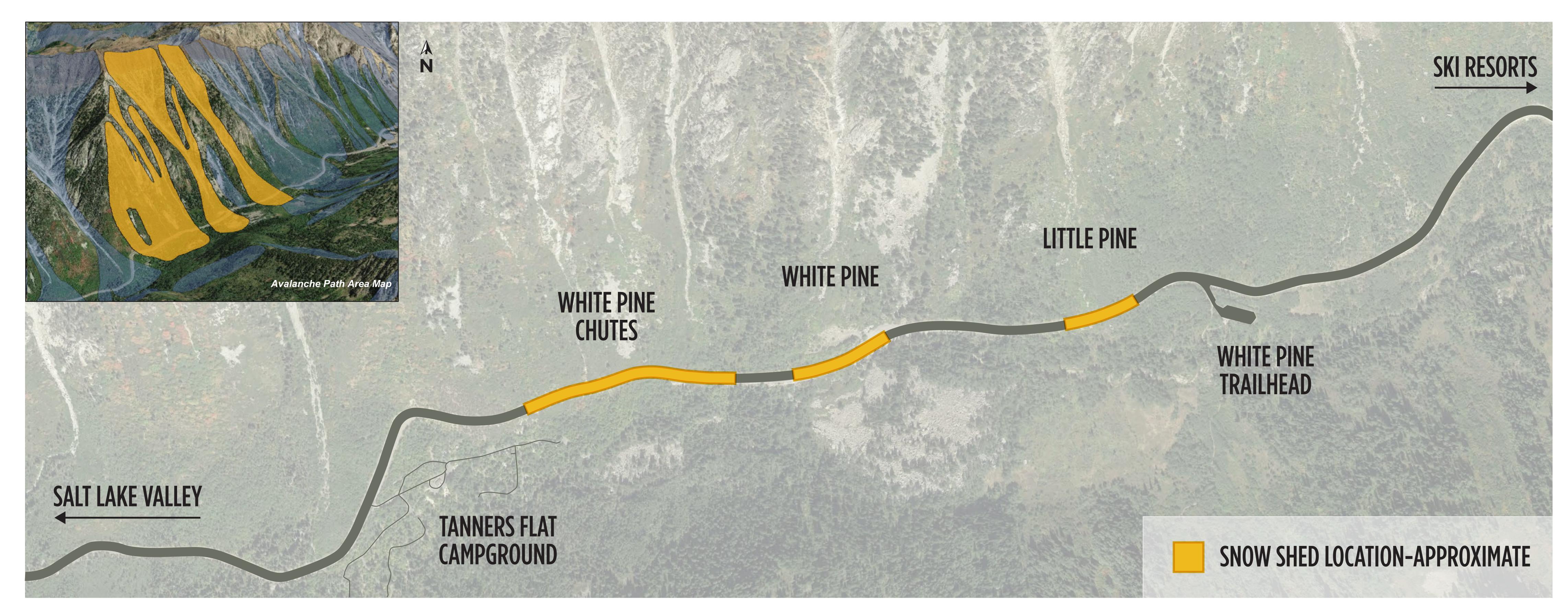


AVALANCHE HAZARD INDEX (AHI):
NUMERIC EXPRESSION OF THE POTENTIAL
THREAT OF AN AVALANCHE

# CURRENT AVALANCHE HAZARD INDEX

Hazard Category	AHI	
Very Low	Less than 1	
Low	1 to 10	
Moderate	10 to 40	
High	40 to 150	LCC AHI=90 (Mitigated)
Very High	Greater than 150	LCC AHI=7,304 (Unmitigated)

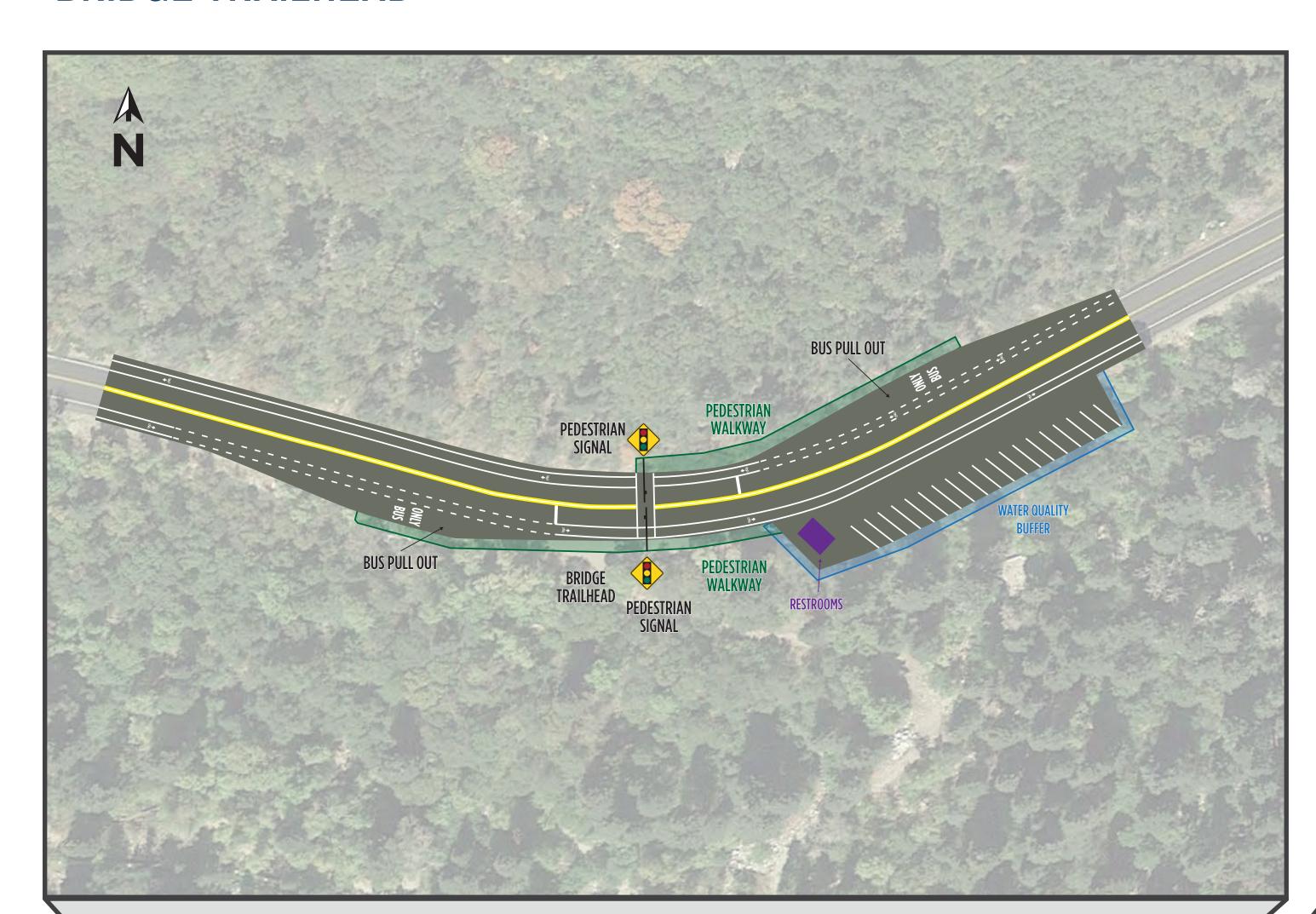
Source: Dynamic Avalanche Consulting 2018

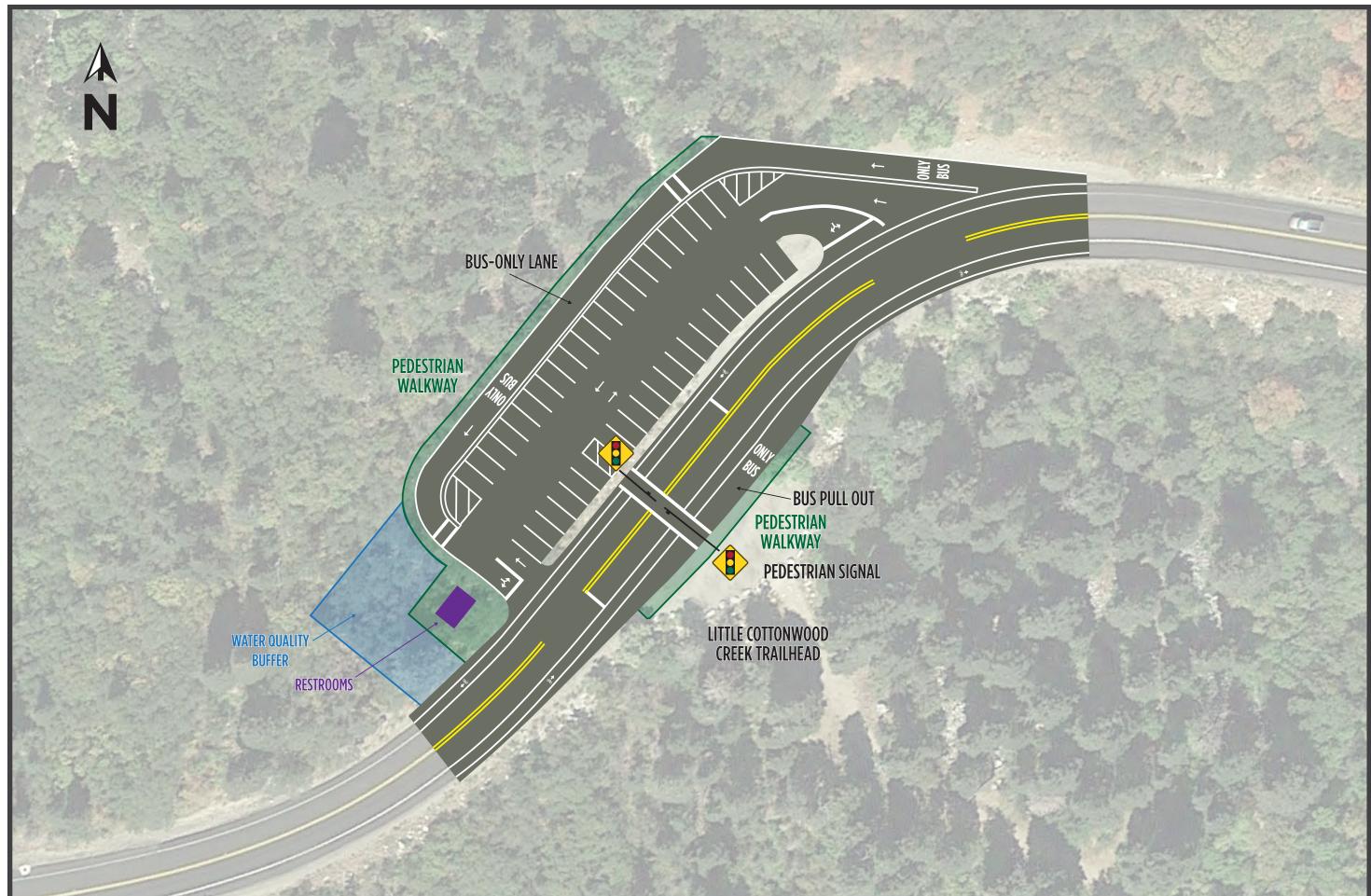


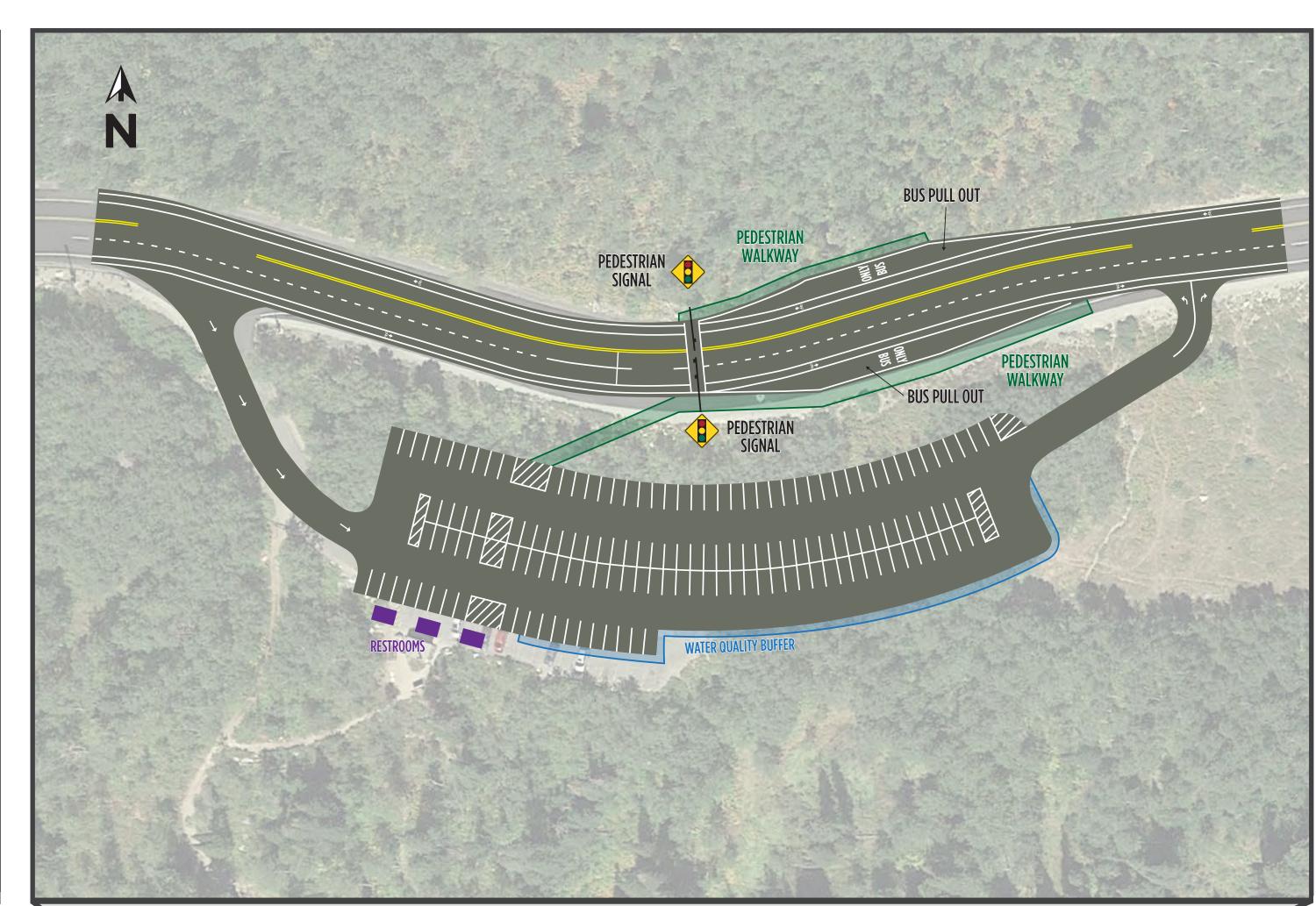
# PARKING CONCEPT BRIDGE TRAILHEAD

# PARKING CONCEPT LISA FALLS TRAILHEAD

# PARKING CONCEPT WHITE PINE TRAILHEAD









# NEED TO IMPROVE TRAILHEAD PARKING

- Pedestrian conflicts from parked cars on side of the road
- Cars parked on roadway shoulder force bicyclists into the travel lanes
- Increases sedimentation into watershed from damaged roadway shoulder
- Creates informal non-designated trailheads
- Informal trailheads contribute to erosion, mineral soil loss, the spread of weeds and loss of native vegetation

# INITIAL EVALUATION FOR IMPROVING TRAILHEAD PARKING

## Trailhead Parking Screening Criteria

- Improve roadway safety by reducing conflicts
- Reduce parkingrelated congestion
- Improve parking at existing trailheads to support travel modes while improving safety
- Reduce traffic conflicts at existing trailhead locations
- Keep parking levels at year
   2000 levels

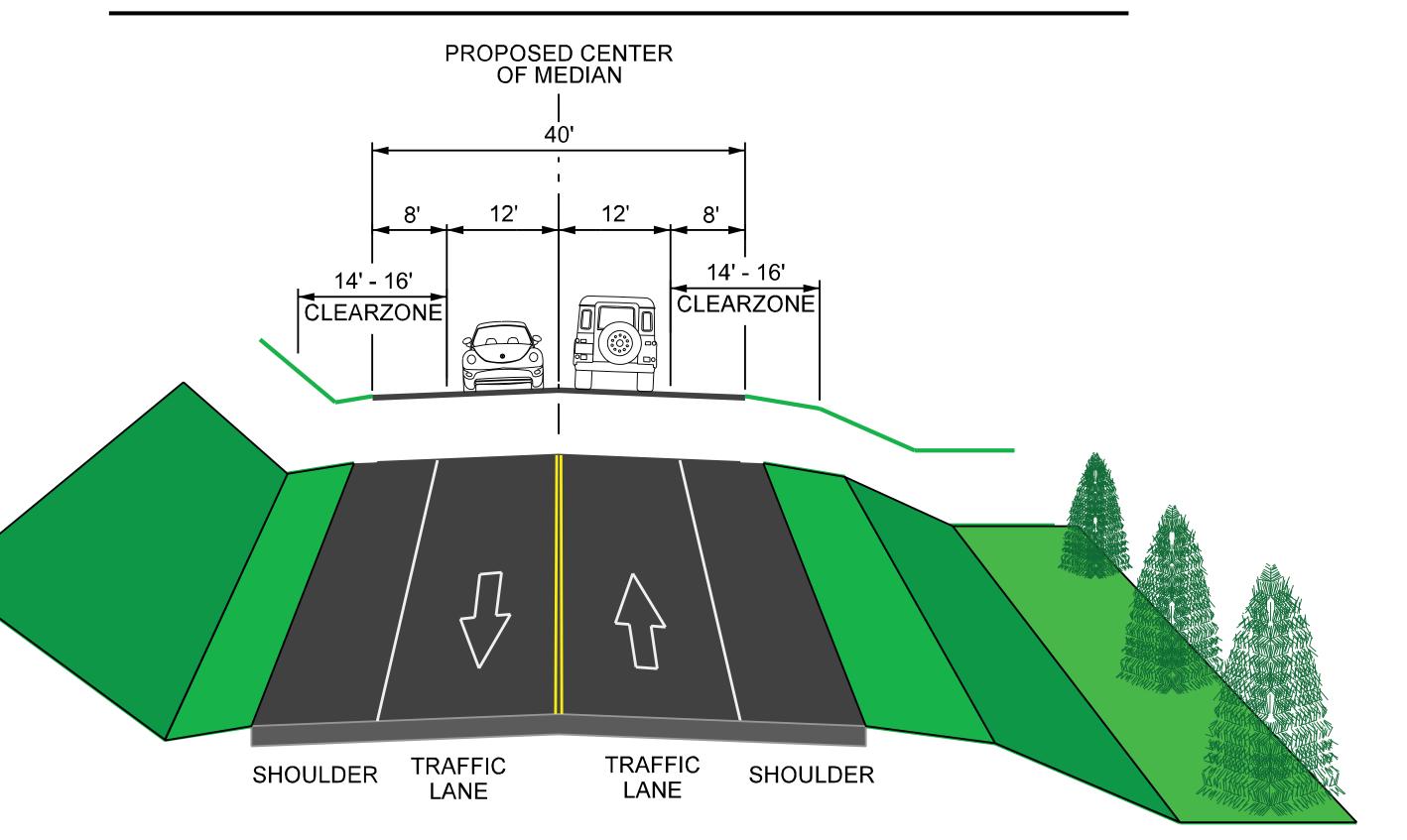
## WHAT TRAILHEAD OPTIONS WOULD YOU CONSIDER?

Alternative	Eliminate On-Road Parking?	Transit Stops?*	Changed Trailhead Parking?	
No-Action	No	No	No	
Alternative 1	Yes, within ¼ mile radius of trailheads	Yes	No	
Alternative 2	Yes, within ¼ mile radius of trailheads	Yes	Yes, trailhead parking will accomodate the on-road parking eliminated within a ¼ mile radius of the trailheads	
Alternative 3	Yes, from canyon entrance to Snowbird Entry 1	Yes		

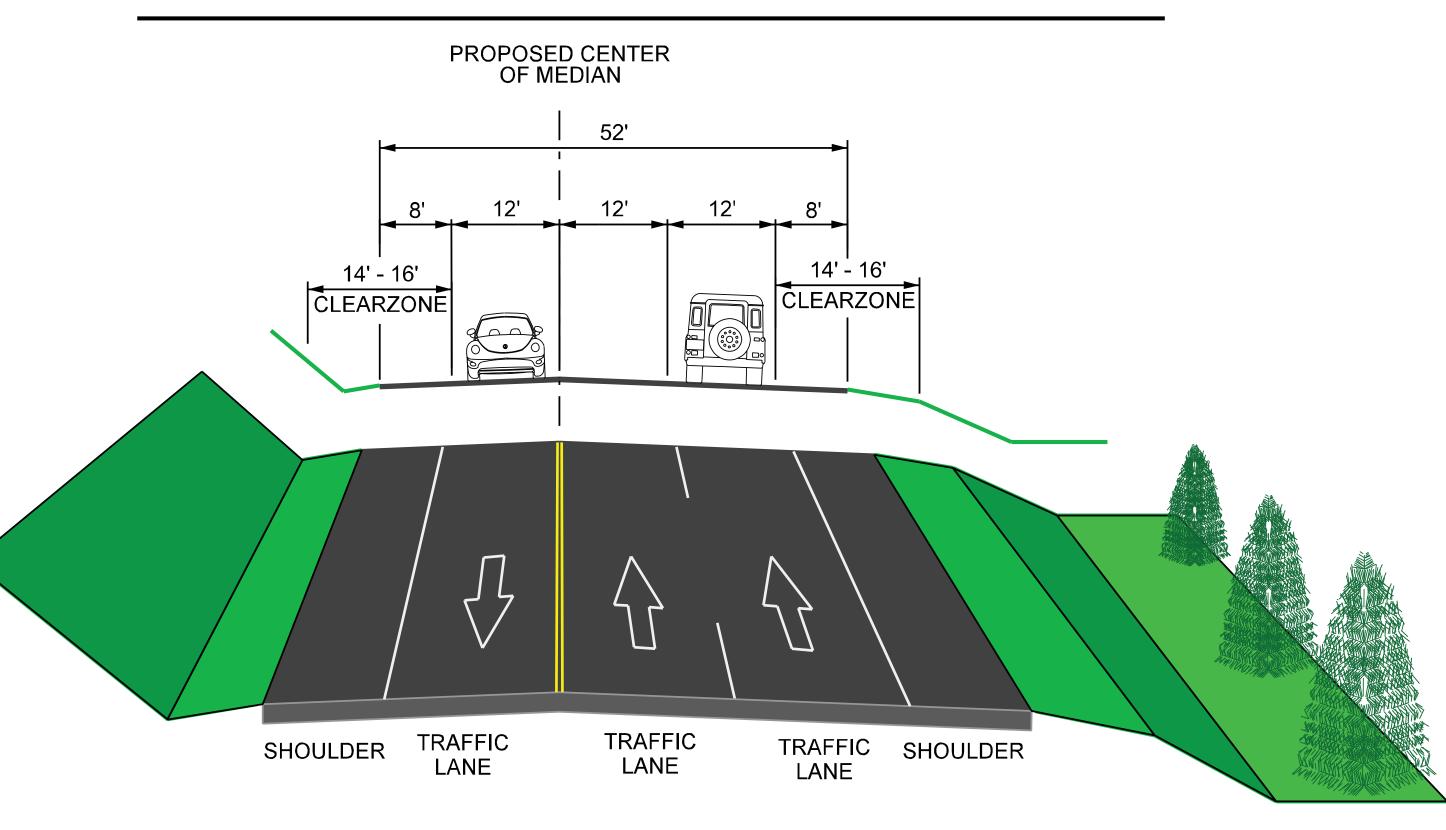
<sup>\*</sup>Transit stops will accomodate future transit



## 2 Lanes W/Standard Shoulder



## 3 Lanes W/Standard Shoulder



# INITIAL EVALUATION FOR INCREASED ROADWAY CAPACITY

## Trailhead Parking Screening Criteria

Improve overall mobility and reduce congestion in 2050

## Measures

- Reduce travel time over 2050 No-Build congested conditions
- Support transit use

