

## MEMORANDUM

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To: Bertrand Hauss, City of Edmonds  
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Subject: **SR 99 Access Management and Cross Section**

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The City conducted a focused assessment of the SR 99 corridor in 2006. This study identified several multi-modal and safety projects. One of the key projects, the 228<sup>th</sup> Street connection between SR 99 and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will be constructed in 2016.

As part of the current transportation plan update, the City further examined traffic safety along SR 99. It identified the need to add a center median and left turn pockets (from 238<sup>th</sup> St. SW to 212<sup>th</sup> St. SW) to provide safer access management throughout the corridor. This memorandum summarizes these recommendations. The ongoing SR 99 Gateway/Revitalization project will seek to provide additional safety and urban design improvements.

### **Analysis Assumptions**

The examination of design treatments along SR 99 included a number of assumptions that the project team developed in consultation with city staff. These include the following:

- The options on Highway 99 for "streetscape" opportunities within the right-of-way constraints are limited. The existing right-of-way width is typically 100' and the existing back of sidewalk to back of sidewalk width is roughly 99'.
- Pedestrian improvements should include looking for opportunities for more pedestrian crossing points and increased non-motorized connections to adjacent trail system.
- Addition of bicycle lanes on Highway 99 is not feasible.
- There is minimal room to install planter strips on the corridor (unless potentially provided in conjunction with redevelopment)



### **Access Management**

**Exhibit 1** shows the proposed access management treatments along SR 99. These conceptual designs provide a tradeoff between safety and accessibility along the corridor. The proposed treatments start at the north, from 212<sup>th</sup> St SW, extending south to 240<sup>th</sup> St SW. The specific channelization and property access treatments will be determined during the project design phase, including substantial input from adjacent property owners, motorists, and pedestrians.

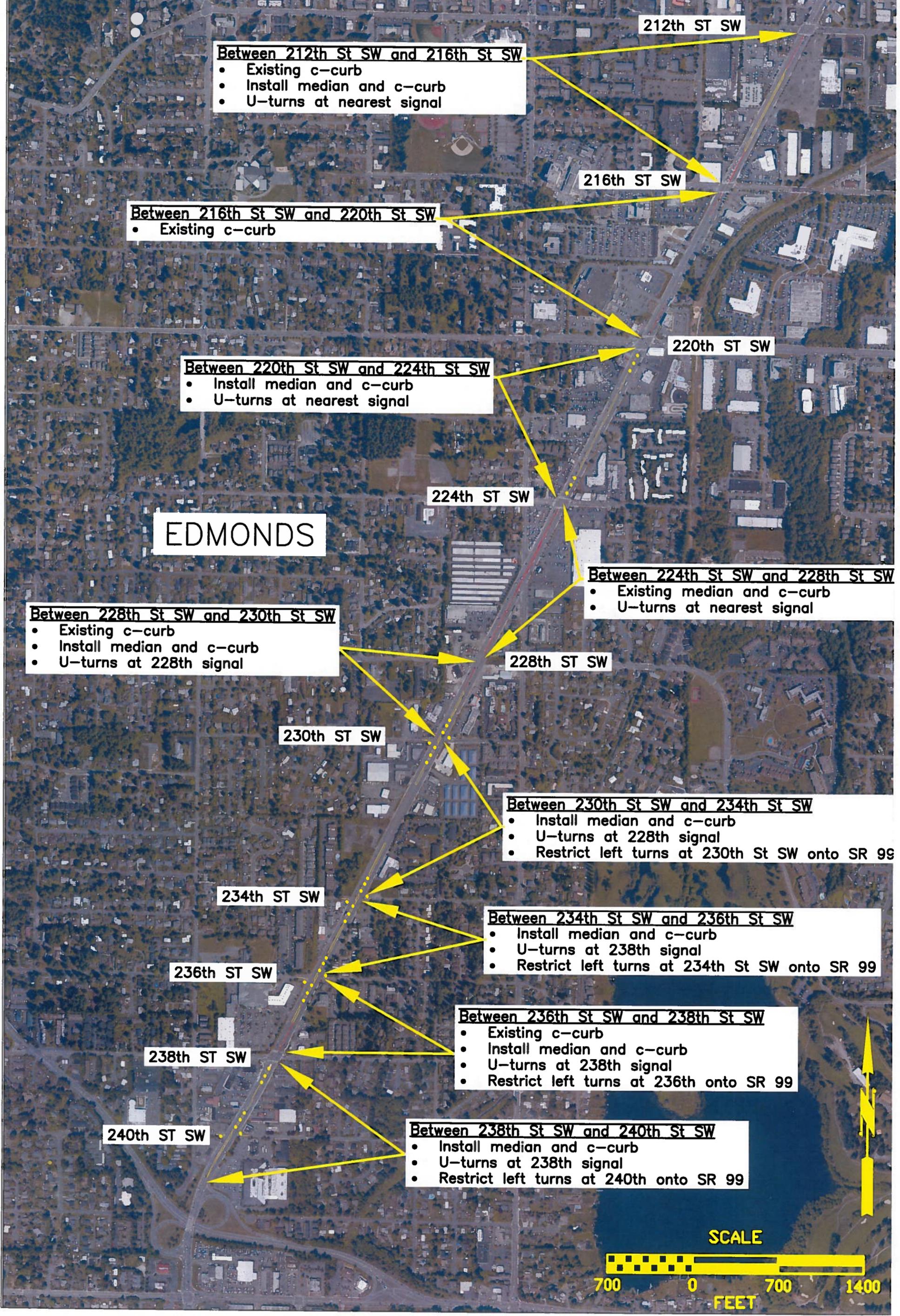
### **Roadway Cross Section**

**Exhibit 2** shows a typical existing cross-section on SR 99, followed by a proposed cross-section once the corridor master plan is implemented. The primary differences relate to the pedestrian treatments. The proposed cross-section adds a planter strip between the sidewalk and travel lines, providing a buffer for pedestrians walking along the corridor. This treatment would require approximately 6 extra feet of right-of-way on each side of SR 99, which could potentially be provided with property redevelopment along the corridor. While it is possible to reduce the widths of traffic lanes to provide more width for pedestrians, the high traffic volumes, prevalence of bus rapid transit and turn-lane safety indicates that the existing lane widths should be retained, subject to further analysis.



## Exhibit 1- Proposed SR-99 Projects for Edmonds Comprehensive Transportation Plan

PROPOSED SR 99 PROJECTS FOR EDMONDS COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN





212th ST SW

SIGNAL

EXISTING C-CURB

PROPOSED MEDIAN

TEXACO

McDONALD'S

216th ST SW

SIGNAL

EXISTING C-CURB

SCALE





216th ST SW

SIGNAL

EXISTING C-CURB

EXISTING C-CURB

220th ST SW

SIGNAL

SCALE

100 0 100 200  
FEET



220th ST SW

SIGNAL

PROPOSED C-CURB

PROPOSED MEDIAN

PROPOSED C-CURB

224th ST SW

SIGNAL

SCALE

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224th ST SW

SIGNAL

EXISTING C-CURB

EXISTING MEDIAN

EXISTING C-CURB

228th ST SW

SIGNAL

SCALE



EXISTING C-CURB

228th ST SW

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PROPOSED MEDIAN

230th ST SW

PROPOSED MEDIAN

SCALE



230th ST SW

PROPOSED MEDIAN

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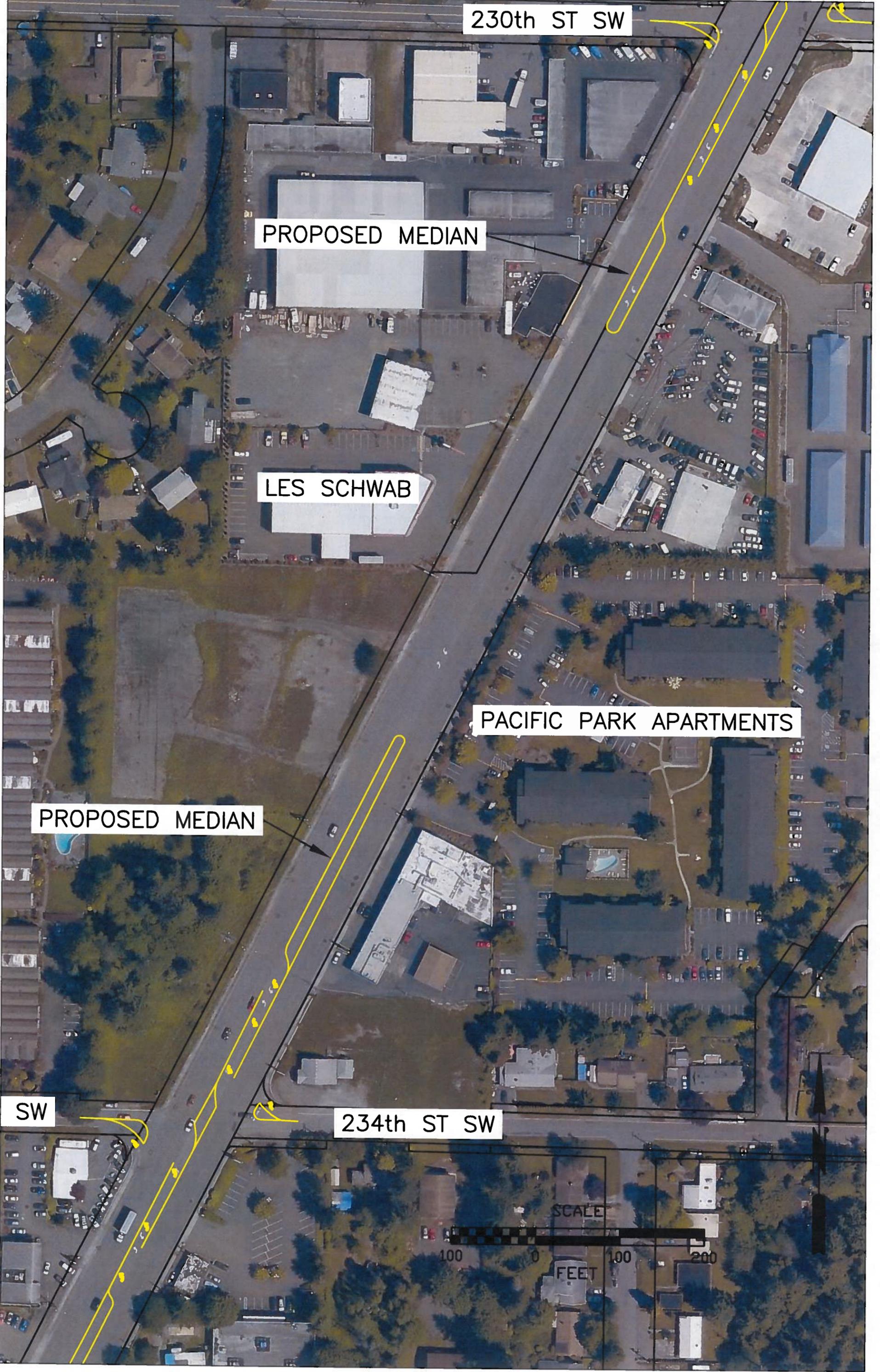
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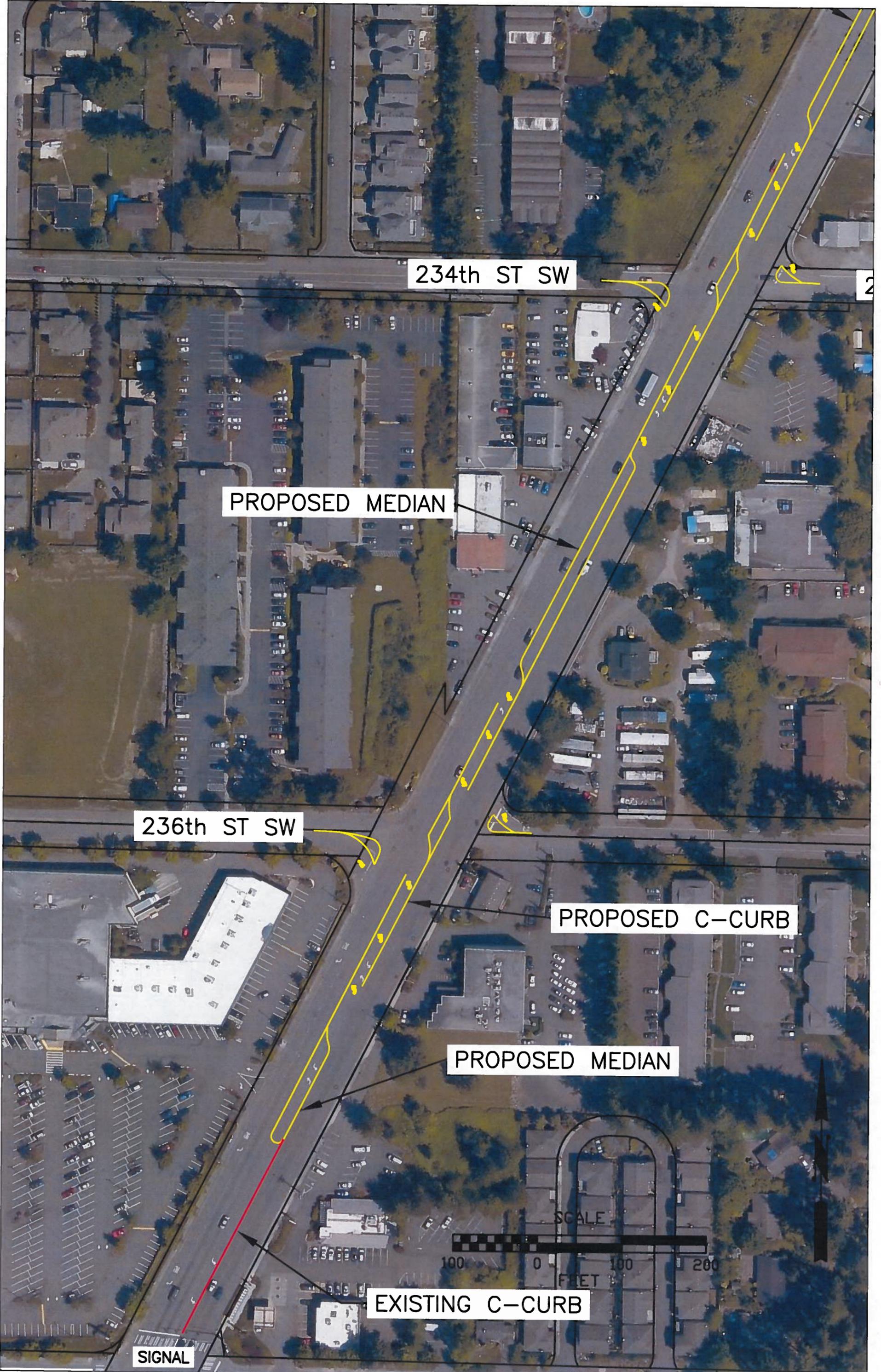
PROPOSED MEDIAN

SW

234th ST SW

SCALE





234th ST SW

PROPOSED MEDIAN

236th ST SW

PROPOSED C-CURB

PROPOSED MEDIAN

EXISTING C-CURB

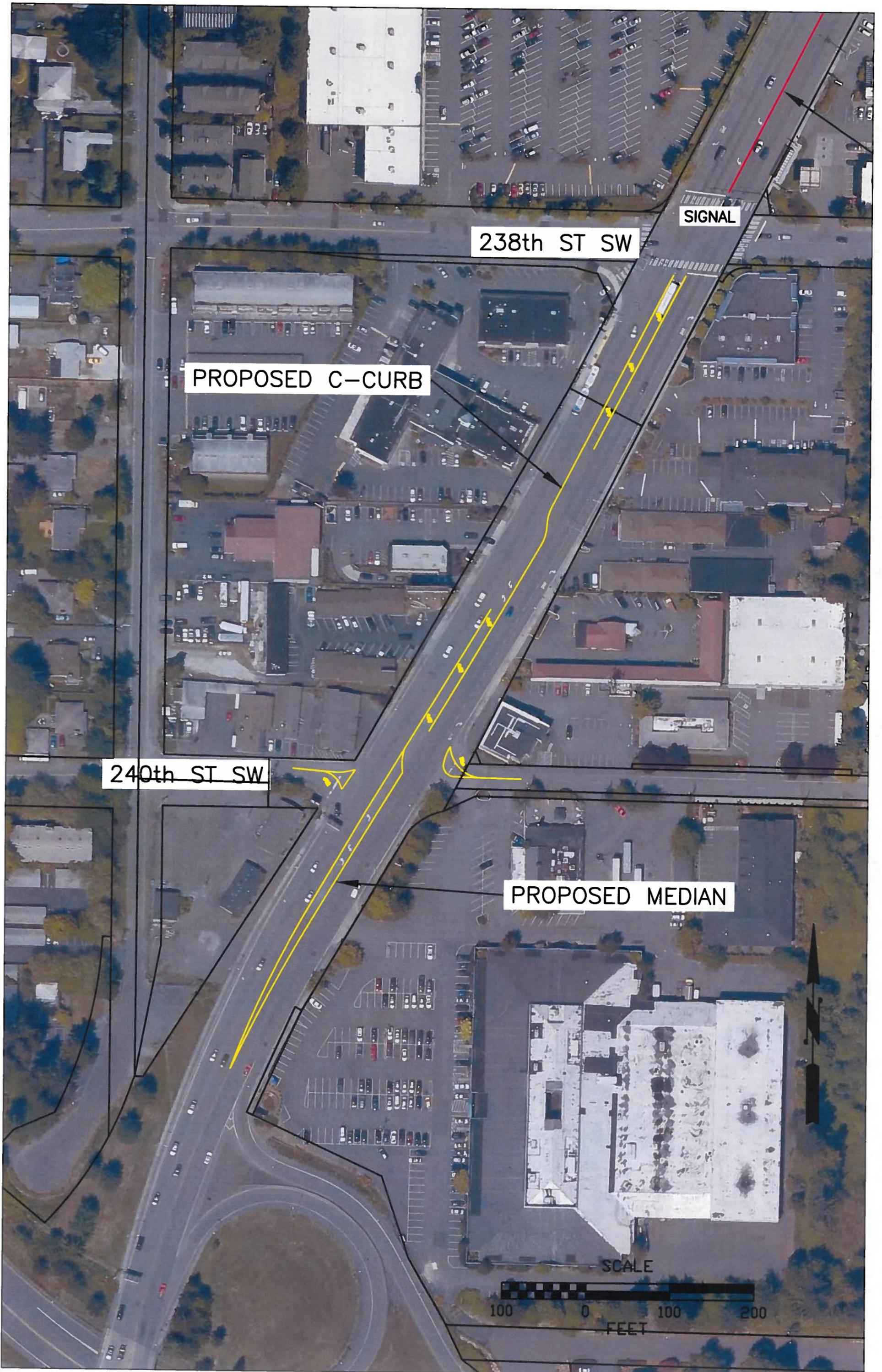
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SCALE

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238th ST SW

SIGNAL

PROPOSED C-CURB

240th ST SW

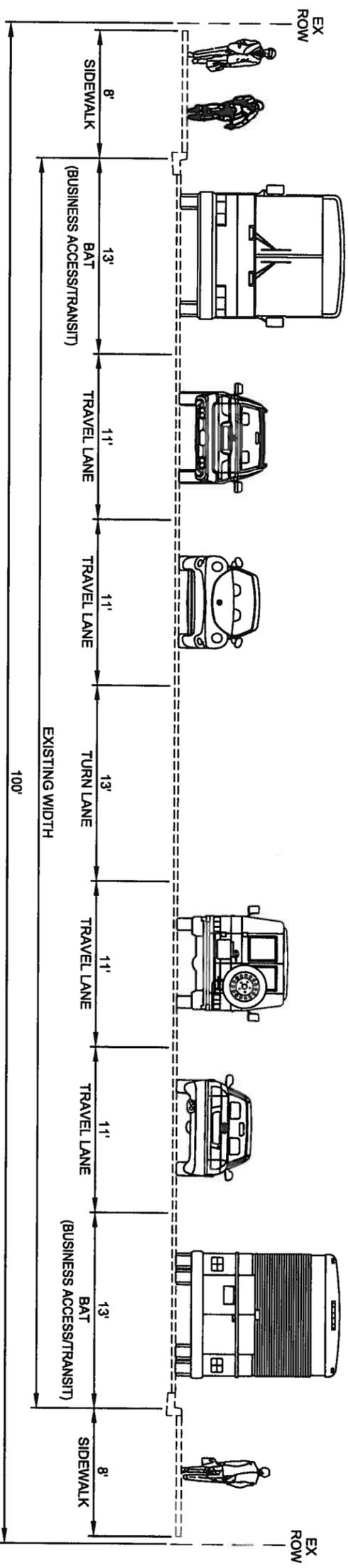
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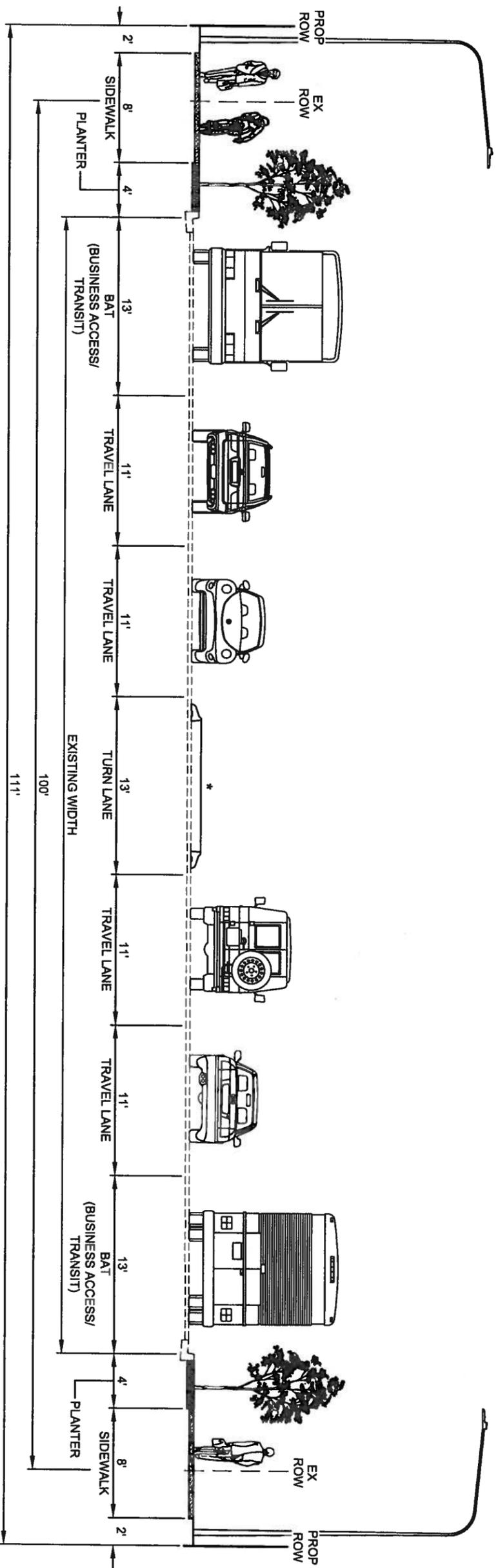


## Exhibit 2 – Typical SR-99 Cross Section



**TYPICAL EXISTING SR99 CROSS-SECTION**

- MEETS CLEAR ZONE REQUIREMENTS PER ECDC 18.70.030
- STREET ILLUMINATION AT BACK OF SIDEWALK



**TYPICAL PROPOSED SR99 CROSS-SECTION**

- MEETS CLEAR ZONE REQUIREMENTS PER ECDC 18.70.030
- STREET ILLUMINATION AT BACK OF SIDEWALK
- \* CENTER OF SECTION VARIES BETWEEN MEDIAN, C-CURB, DEPENDING ON SEGMENT