

U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)
and Lake Avenue

Phase I Study



Final Public Information Meeting

May 20, 2021

The Public Information Meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M.

Introductions

Village of Wilmette

- Brigitte Berger-Raish, P.E. – Director of Engineering and Public Works
- Dan Manis, P.E. – Village Engineer

Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

- Joel Christell, P.E. – Project Manager
- Jim Tibble, P.E. – Project Engineer

Webinar Information

- Call-in option available (if you are unable to access internet)
 - (312) 626-6799
 - Webinar ID: 879 5195 4743
 - Passcode: 841761

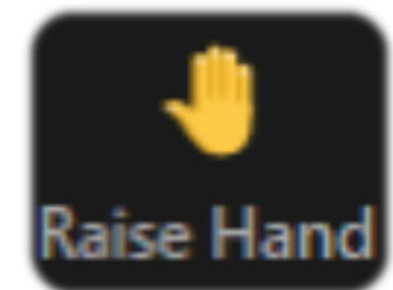
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Agenda

- Project Purpose and Need
- Summary of Public Information Meeting #1
- Project Developments
- Present Preferred Alternative
- Next Steps



Project Location



U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)



U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)
Looking North from Lake Avenue



U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)
Looking South of Illinois Road

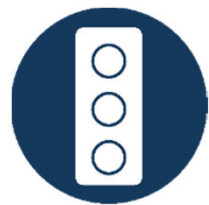
Project Purpose and Need



Improve pedestrian accommodations at U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) and Lake Avenue



Provide pedestrian and bike accommodations along U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) from Lake Avenue to Illinois Road



Modernize the U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)/Lake Avenue and the U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)/Edens Plaza traffic signals



Improve Lake Avenue roadway surface

Public Information Meeting #1

- Public Information Meeting #1 was held July 23, 2020
- 10 attendees
- Introduced the project
- Presented the intersection improvement and pedestrian and bicycle alternatives
- Received public comments and feedback

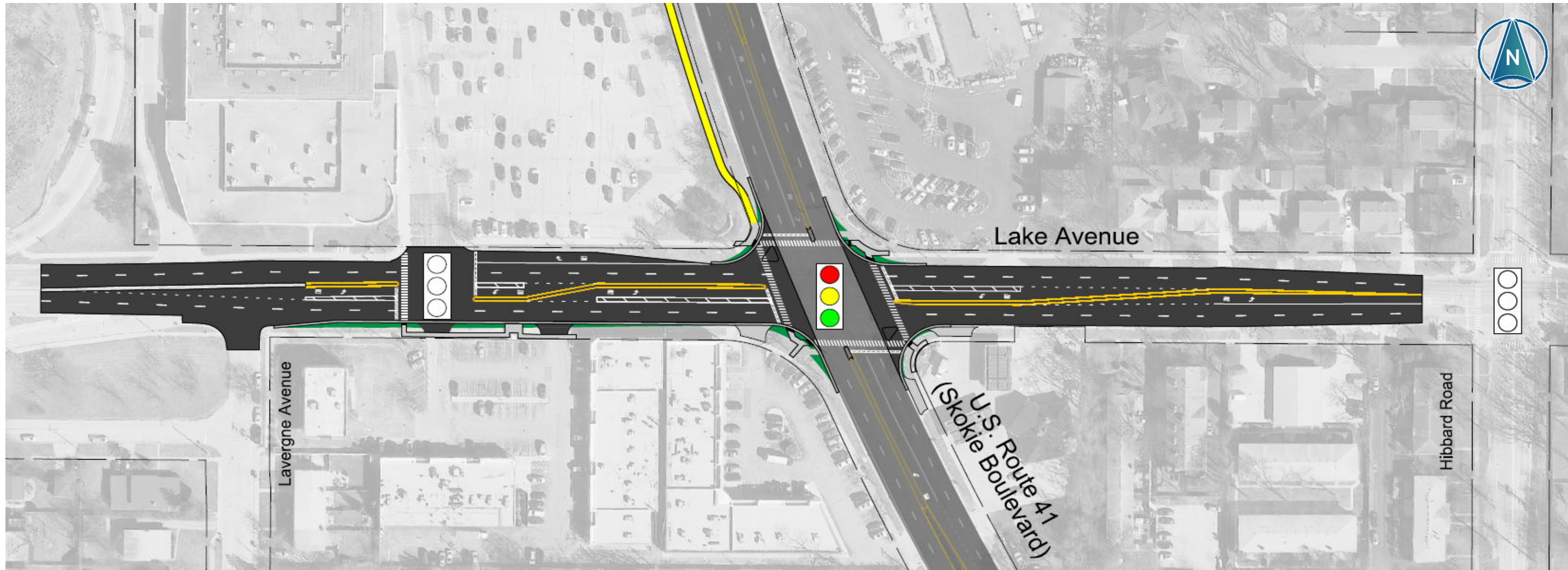


Project Developments

- Received Environmental Clearances
- Selected Preferred Alternative
- Coordination with Cook County and IDOT
- Received concurrence from MSC (11/16/2020)

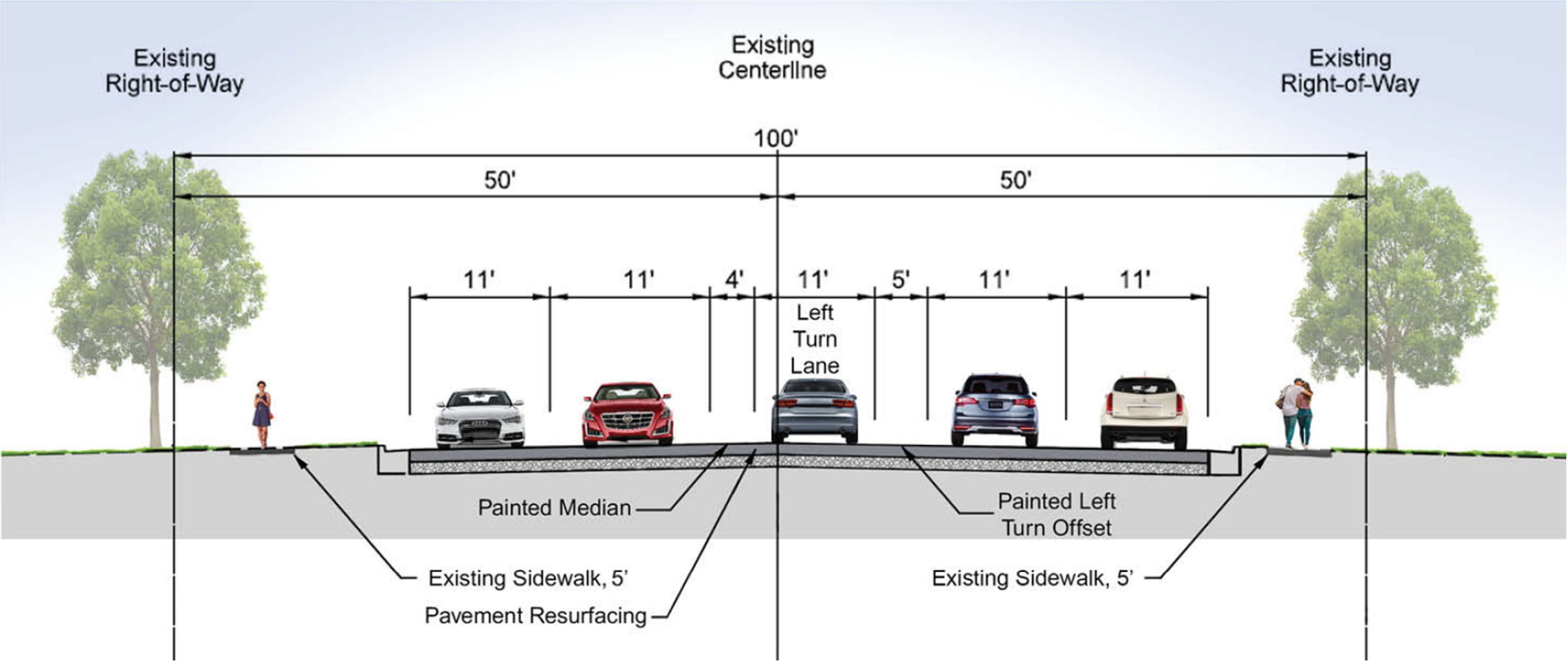


Proposed Lake Avenue Improvements

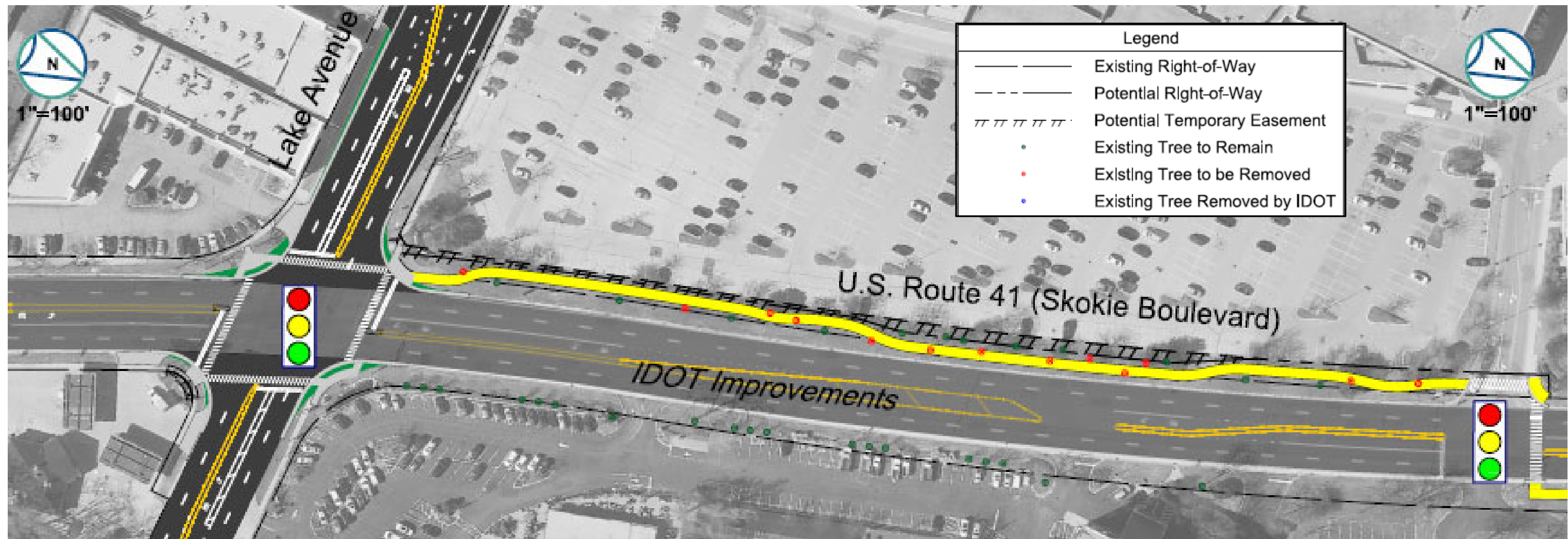


- Resurface Lake Avenue
- Reduce northeast and southwest corner radii
- Reduce lane width - eastbound curb lane
- Remove northwest and southeast corner islands
- Reduce crosswalk distances and provide one straight crossing
- ADA compliant crossings
- Modernize traffic signal

Proposed Lake Avenue Typical Section

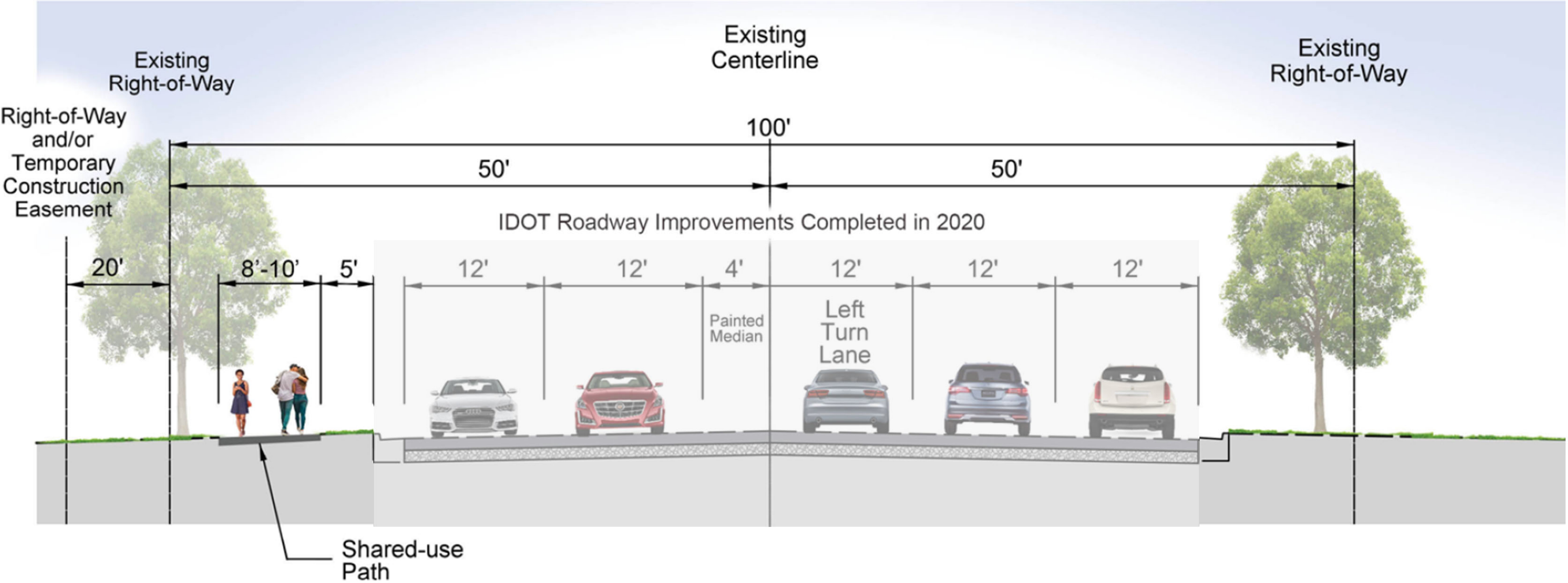


Proposed U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

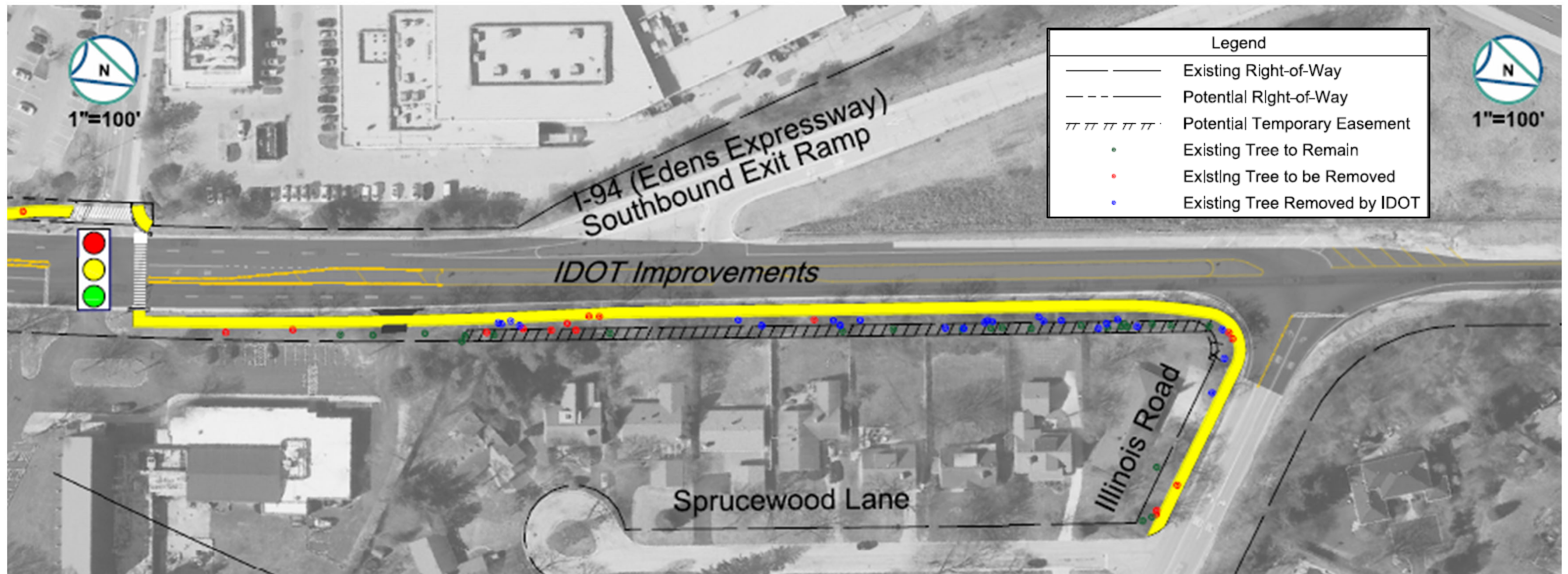


- Proposed 8-ft to 10-ft shared-use path will provide bicycle and pedestrian connection from Lake Avenue to Illinois Road
- Locates crossing at Edens Plaza traffic signal
- Minimum 5-foot separation between path and U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) face of curb
- Impacts up to 20 feet beyond existing right-of-way
- Maintain existing drainage patterns
- U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) roadway improvements limited to pavement marking modifications and ADA and crosswalk improvements

Proposed U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) Typical Section – Lake Avenue to Edens Plaza

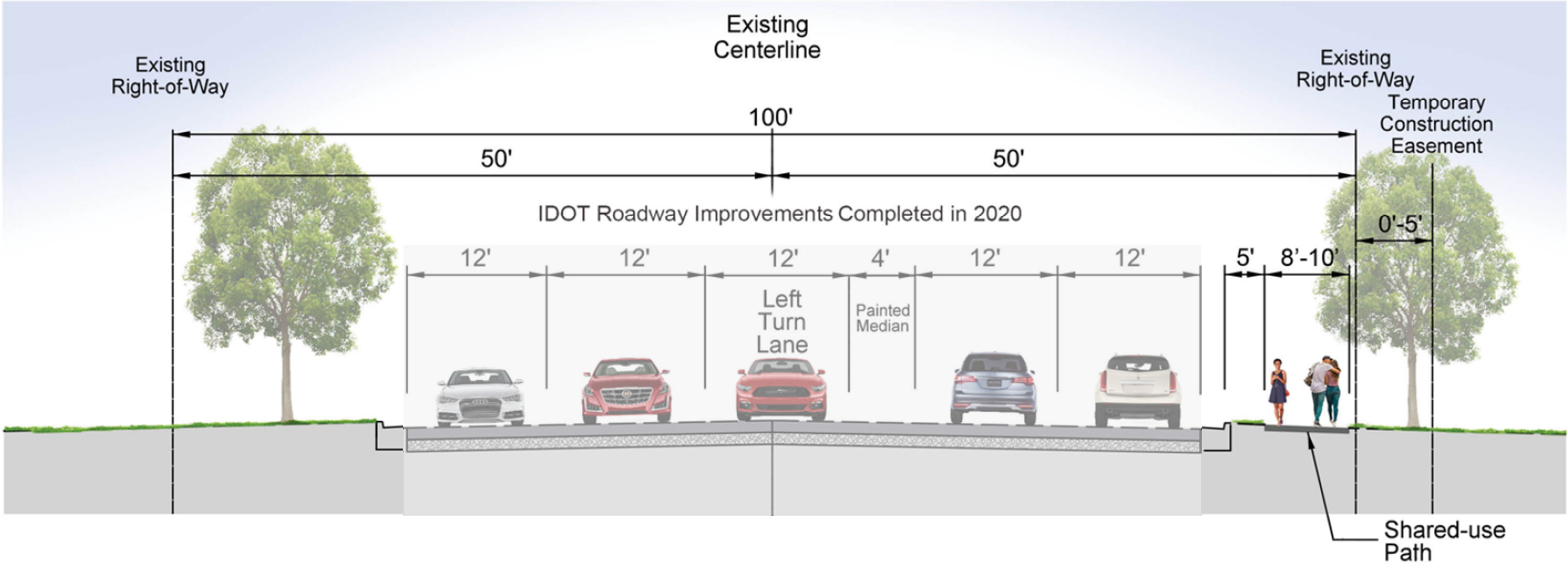


Proposed U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements



- Proposed 8-ft to 10-ft shared-use path will provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations from Lake Avenue to Illinois Road
- Minimum 5-foot separation between path and U.S. Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) face of curb
- Impacts up to 5 feet beyond existing right-of-way/easements
- Storm sewer and drainage swale improvements
- Tree impacts and proposed landscaped buffer adjacent to homes

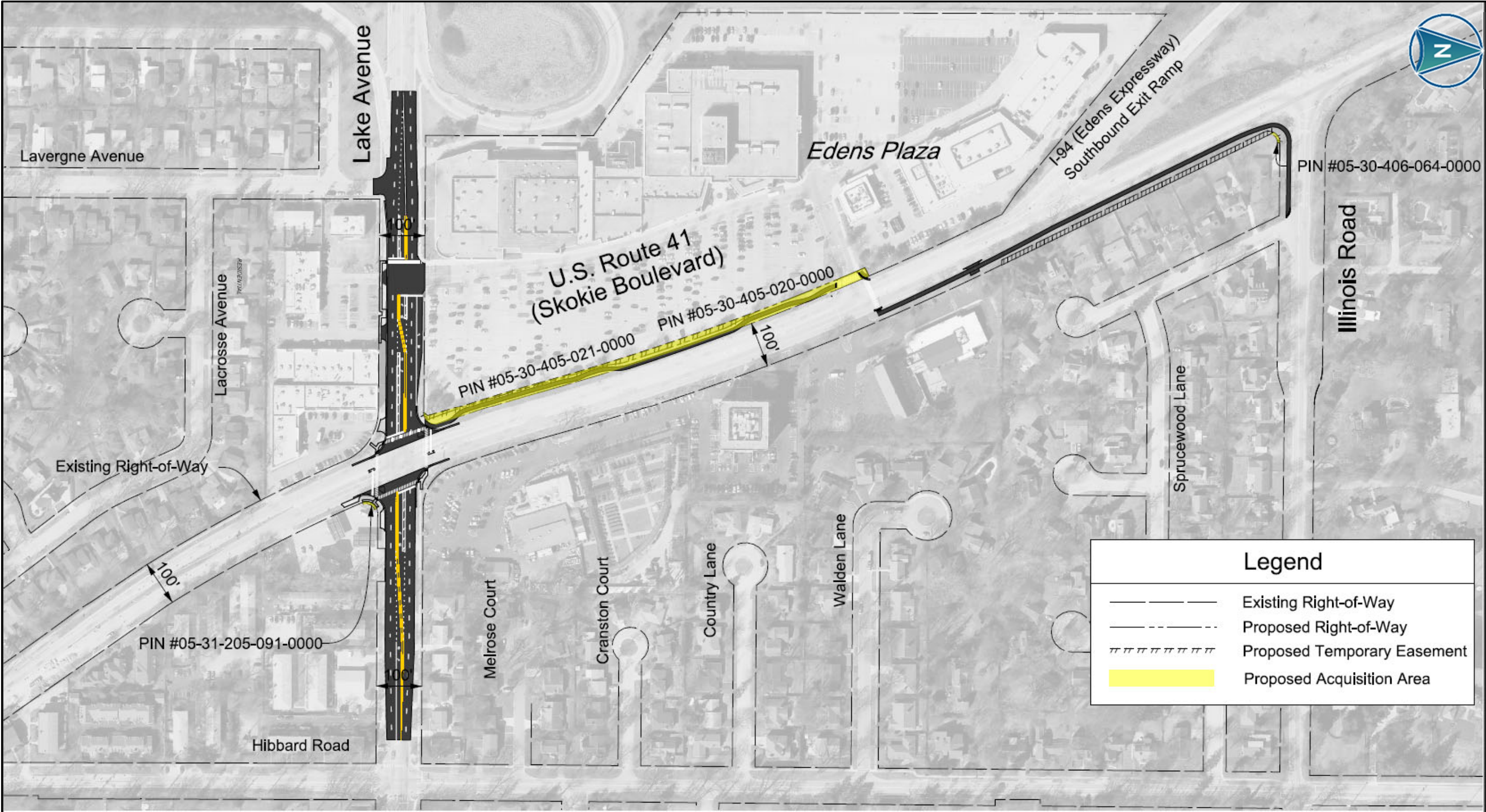
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Proposed Right-of-Way

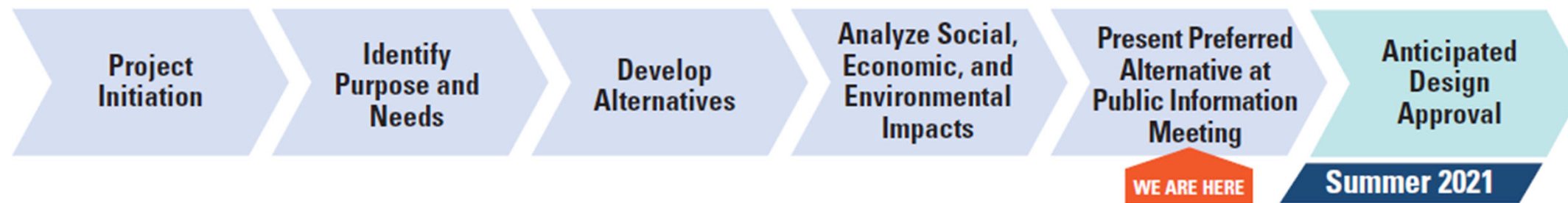
- Construction of the preferred improvement plan will require temporary easement and permanent right-of-way acquisition of private property in some areas.
- Public Law 91-646
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance for all Federal-Aid projects is governed by Public Law 91-646: Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987.
- Purpose of Acquisition Process
To encourage and expedite acquisition by agreement, to avoid litigation and to assure consistent treatment for property owners.
- Law Requires "Just Compensation"
Just Compensation is defined as payment of fair market value for the property taken, taking into account partial takings, damages and benefits to the remaining land.
- 4 Step Acquisition Process
Preparation of Plat of Survey and Legal Description of property to be acquired.
Preparation of Property Appraisal by independent professional appraiser.
Preparation of Review Appraisal by another independent appraiser.
Negotiations with property owners.
- Acquisition Schedule
Negotiations cannot begin until Design Approval is received.
Design Approval is anticipated in Summer 2021.

Right-of-Way Acquisition

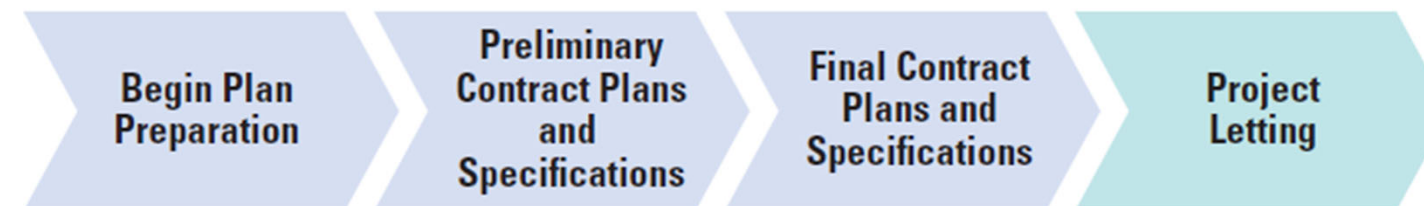


Project Implementation Schedule

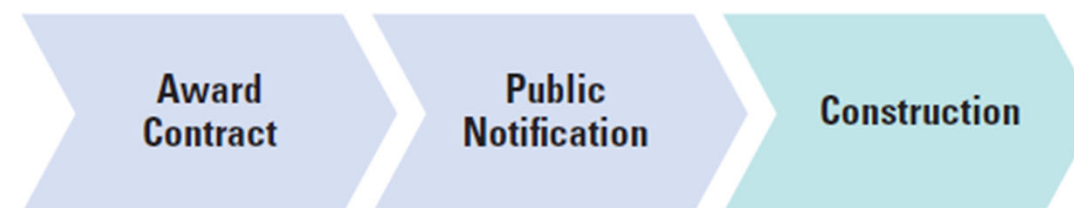
Phase I - Environmental and Design Studies



Phase II - Preparation of Contract Plans (2021-2022)



Phase III - Construction (2022-2023)



Next Steps



Prepare Final Project Report



Phase II Design Engineering



Obtain Right-of-Way



Identify Funding for Shared-use Path

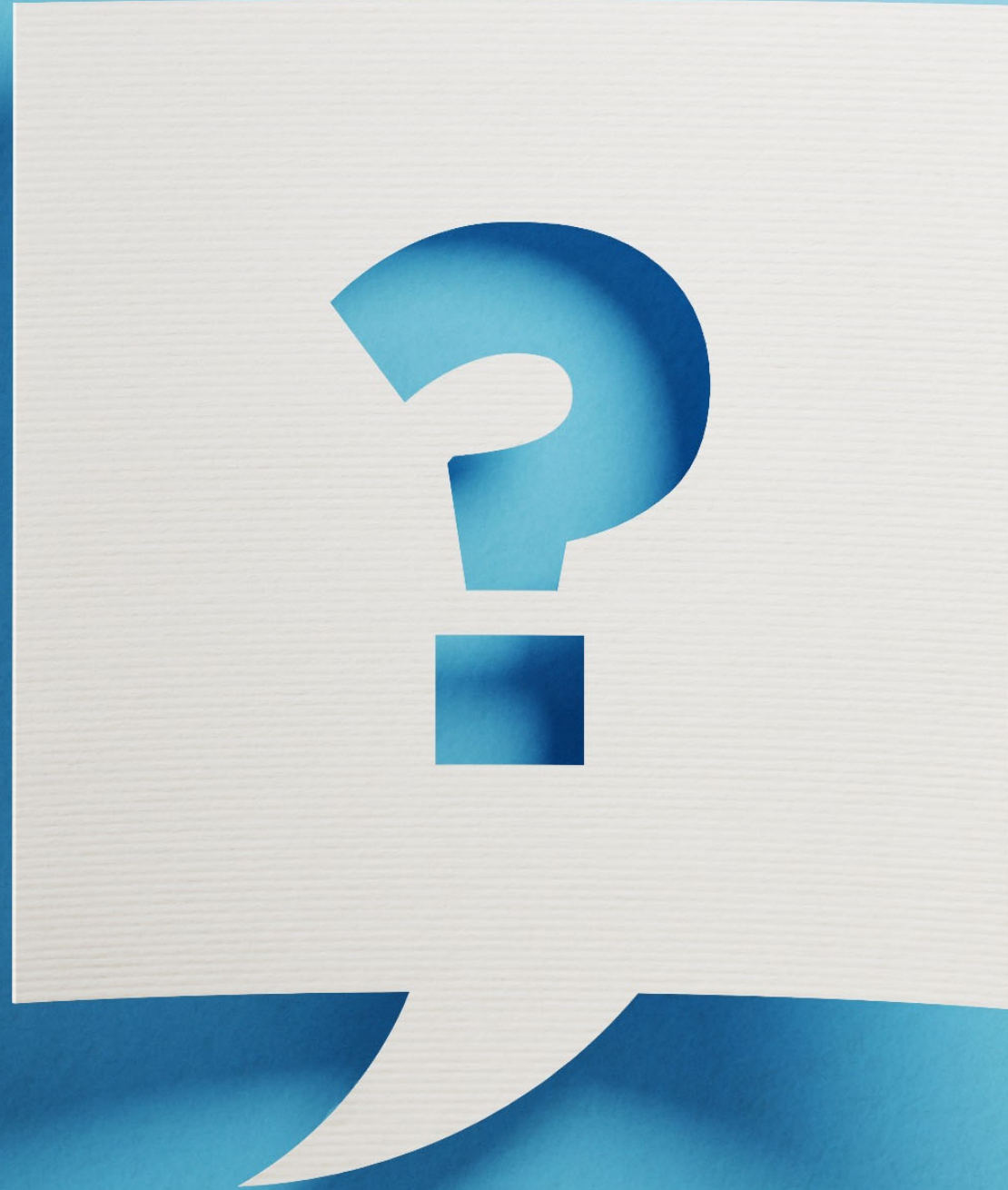


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