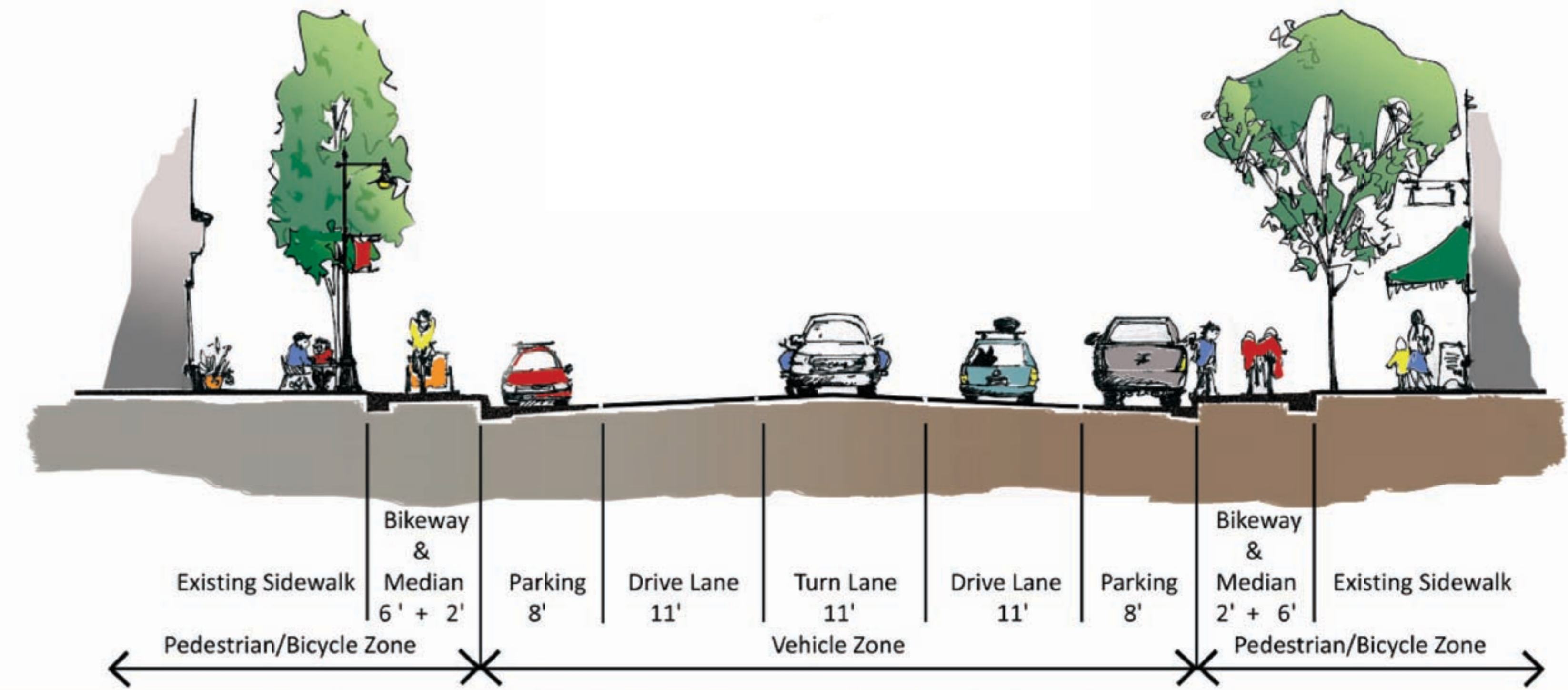


North Higgins Streetscape Improvements



Project Descriptions

The North Higgins Streetscape Improvements project is part of the first phase of implementation of the Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan. The project consists of sidewalk improvements, enhanced street crossings, protected bike lanes, period street lighting, and landscaping on three blocks of North Higgins Avenue between West Broadway Street and Railroad Street.

Project Improvements

Improved Aesthetics and Downtown Character

- Installation of new landscaped planting beds.
- Replacement of marginal street trees with healthy vegetation.

Maintenance and Modernization

- Complete pavement overlay
- New pavement markings
- Storm drainage upgrades
- ADA accessibility improvements

Improved Safety for All Users

- New dark-skies friendly period-style streetlights will improve lighting on sidewalks, crosswalks, bikeways, intersections, and roadways.
- New curb bulb-outs will improve pedestrian visibility and shorten crossing distances.
- Protected bikeways and bike lanes will improve bicycle safety and reduce the number of bikes using the sidewalks.

Left turn lanes will improve vehicle access and operations.

Consolidation of three driveways on Higgins will reduce the number of conflict points between bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles.

Alternate access will be provided using alleys or side streets.

Short Term and Long Term Impacts

Short-term noise and air quality impacts during construction due to heavy equipment and project activities.

Traffic delays and lane closures over duration of construction to ensure safe work environment for contractors and project staff.

A net loss of two to six parking spaces on Higgins to allow room for curb bulb-outs and bikeway.

