

TexITE Summer Meeting

Upper Valley Traffic Study El Paso, Texas

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Introduction

- **Background**
- **Methodology**
- **Public Outreach**
- **MPO Forecasts**
- **Analysis**
- **Recommendations**
- **Q & A**

BACKGROUND

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Background

- **City of El Paso needed to upgrade Country Club Road to repair utilities**
- **Country Club Road also had operational issues**
- **City wanted to review mobility of the general area**



Purpose of Study

- **Determine existing traffic conditions**
- **Determine traffic conditions for 2017, 2025, and 2035**
- **Determine improvement options to**
 - **Maintain acceptable levels of mobility**
 - **Provide context-sensitive solutions**

Context Sensitive Solutions

- **The Seven Principles of CSS:**
 - **Satisfy the purposes and needs of stakeholders**
 - **Provide a safe facility**
 - **Are in harmony with the community**
 - **Exceed expectations**
 - **Involve an efficient and effective use of resources**
 - **Are designed and built with minimal disruption**
 - **Add lasting value to the community**

From Context Sensitive Solutions in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities, Institute of Transportation Engineers, 2006.

METHODOLOGY

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Methodology

- **Data Collection**
- **Public Outreach**
- **Regional Planning (TransCAD)**
- **Analysis (Synchro)**
- **Simulation (VISSIM)**
- **Cost Estimates**
- **Recommended Improvements**
- **Agency Meetings**
 - **City of El Paso**
 - **Texas DOT**
 - **Sun Metro**
 - **El Paso MPO**
 - **New Mexico DOT**
 - **Doña Ana County**
 - **City of Sunland Park**
 - **Verde Group**
 - **BNSF**
 - **Utility Companies**

PUBLIC OUTREACH

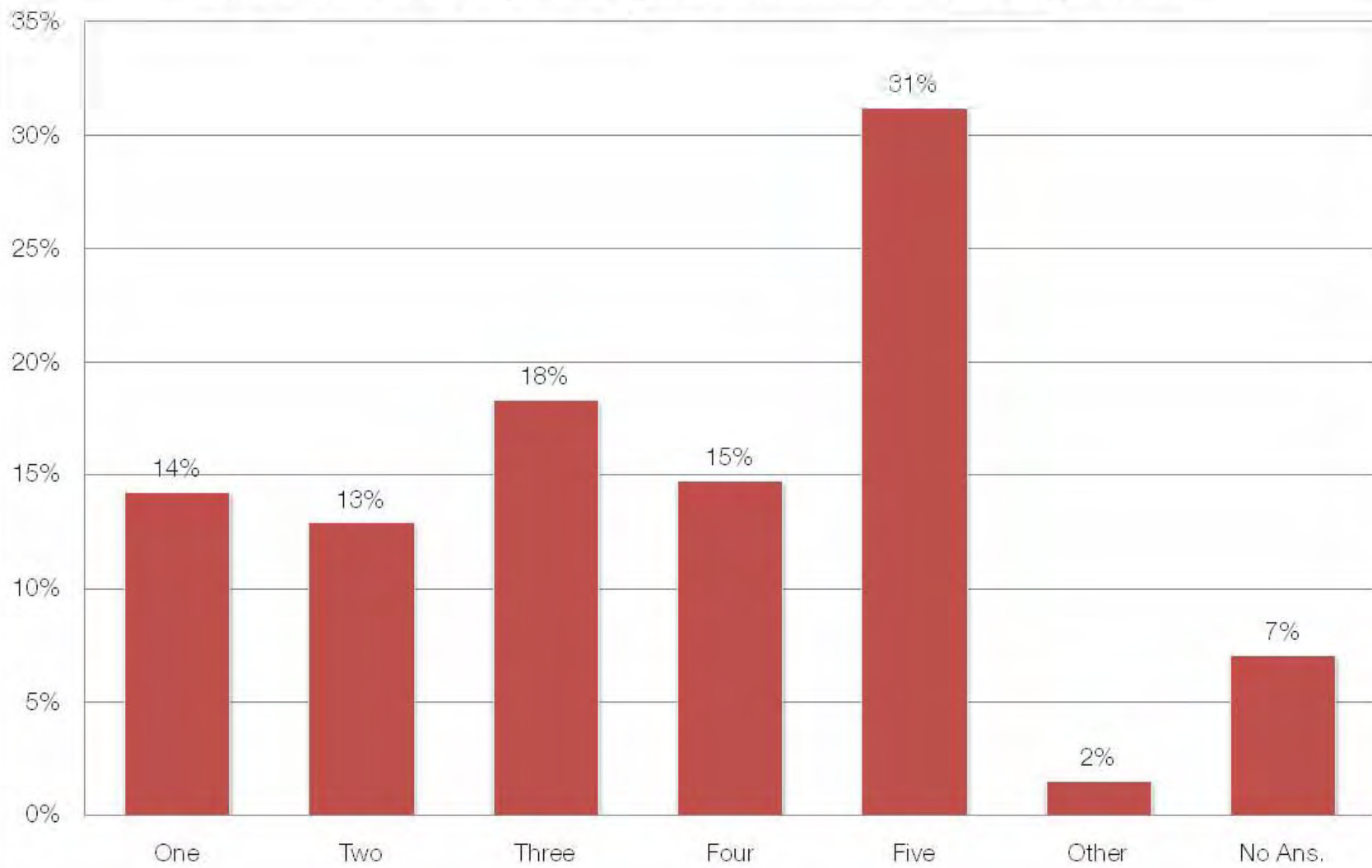
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Public Outreach

- **Mailed Survey**
 - **Learn community's perceptions of traffic conditions**
 - **Identify issues and concerns**
 - **Determine any trends in comments about traffic conditions that should be addressed in the study**
- **7,500 surveys mailed to two zip codes**
- **1,745 surveys (23%) returned**
- **68 households contacted by phone to verify authenticity**

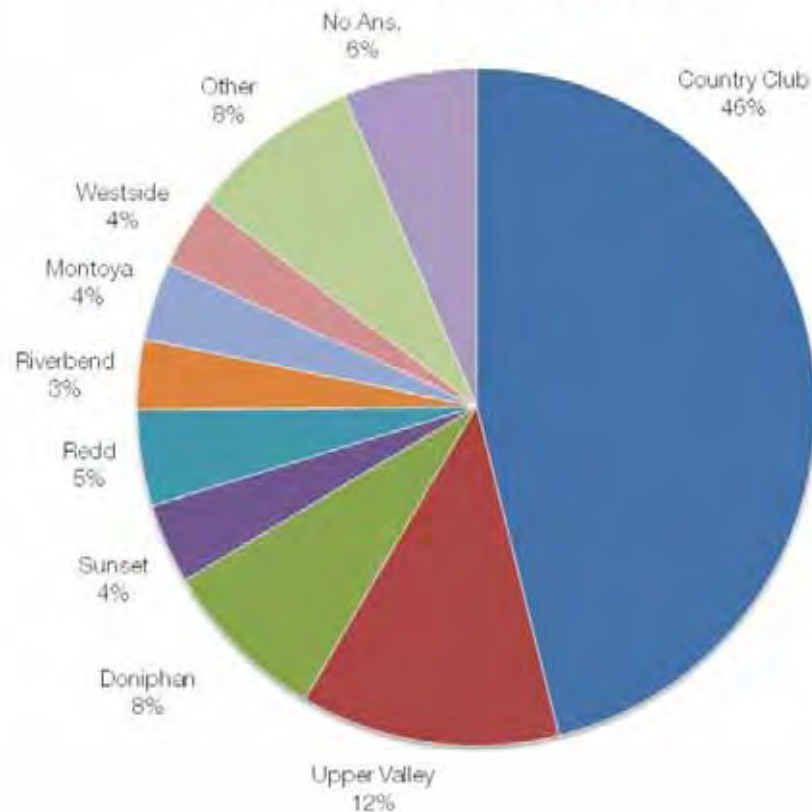
Survey Results

On a scale from 1-5, how big of a concern is traffic congestion?

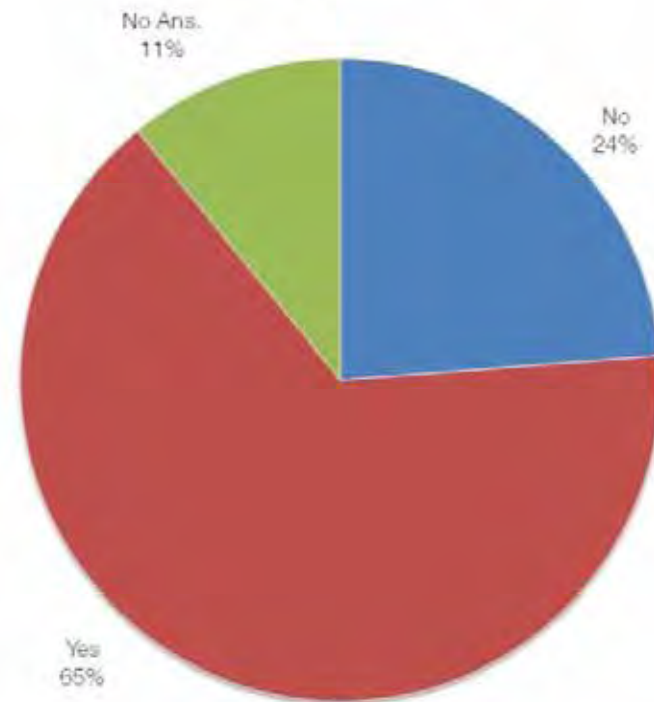


Survey Results

What roads should be widened?



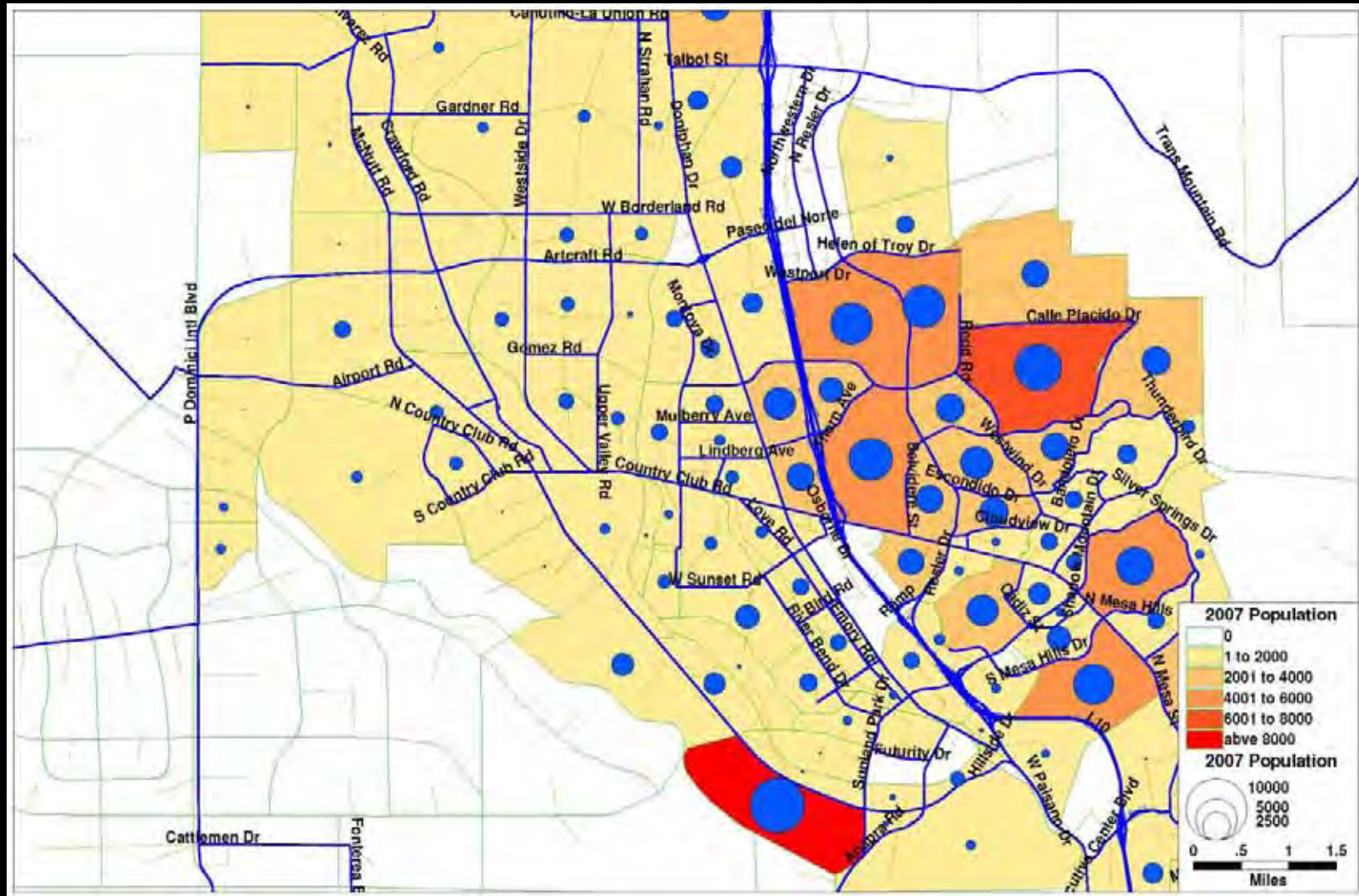
Providing additional routes by extending/adding roads to alleviate congestion?



MPO FORECASTS

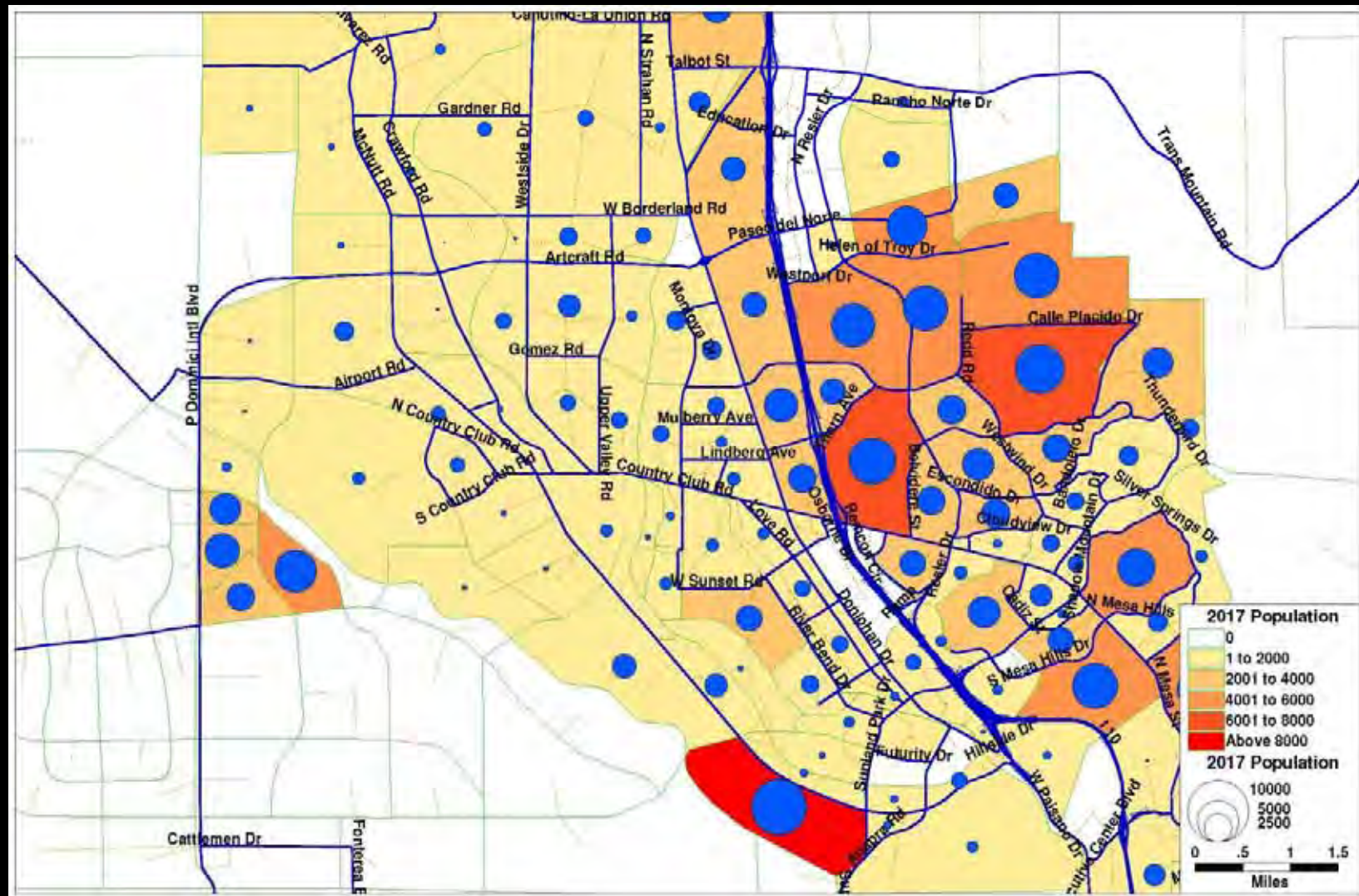
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Upper Valley Region 2007 Population Estimates



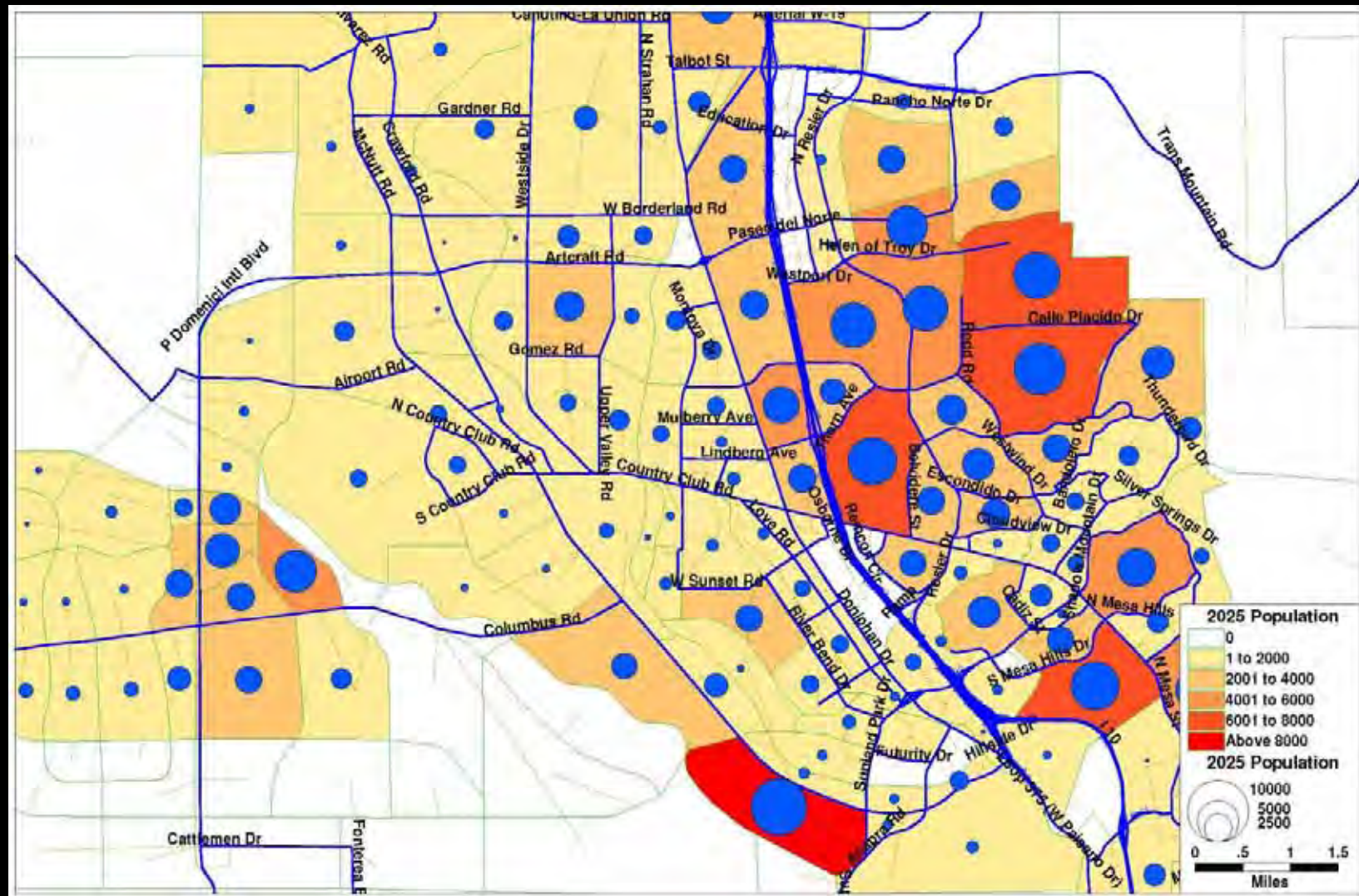
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Upper Valley Region 2017 Population Estimates



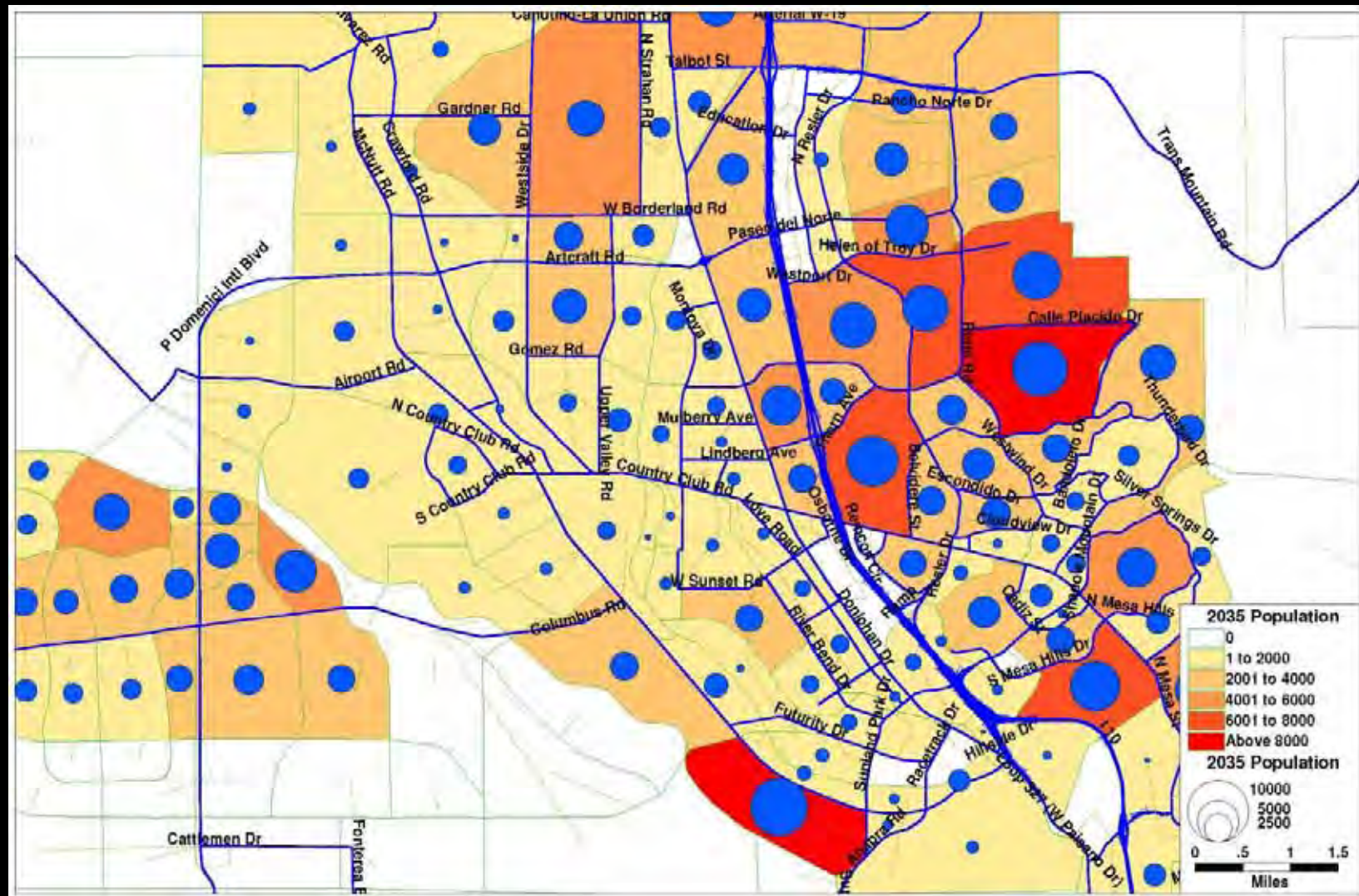
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Upper Valley Region 2025 Population Estimates

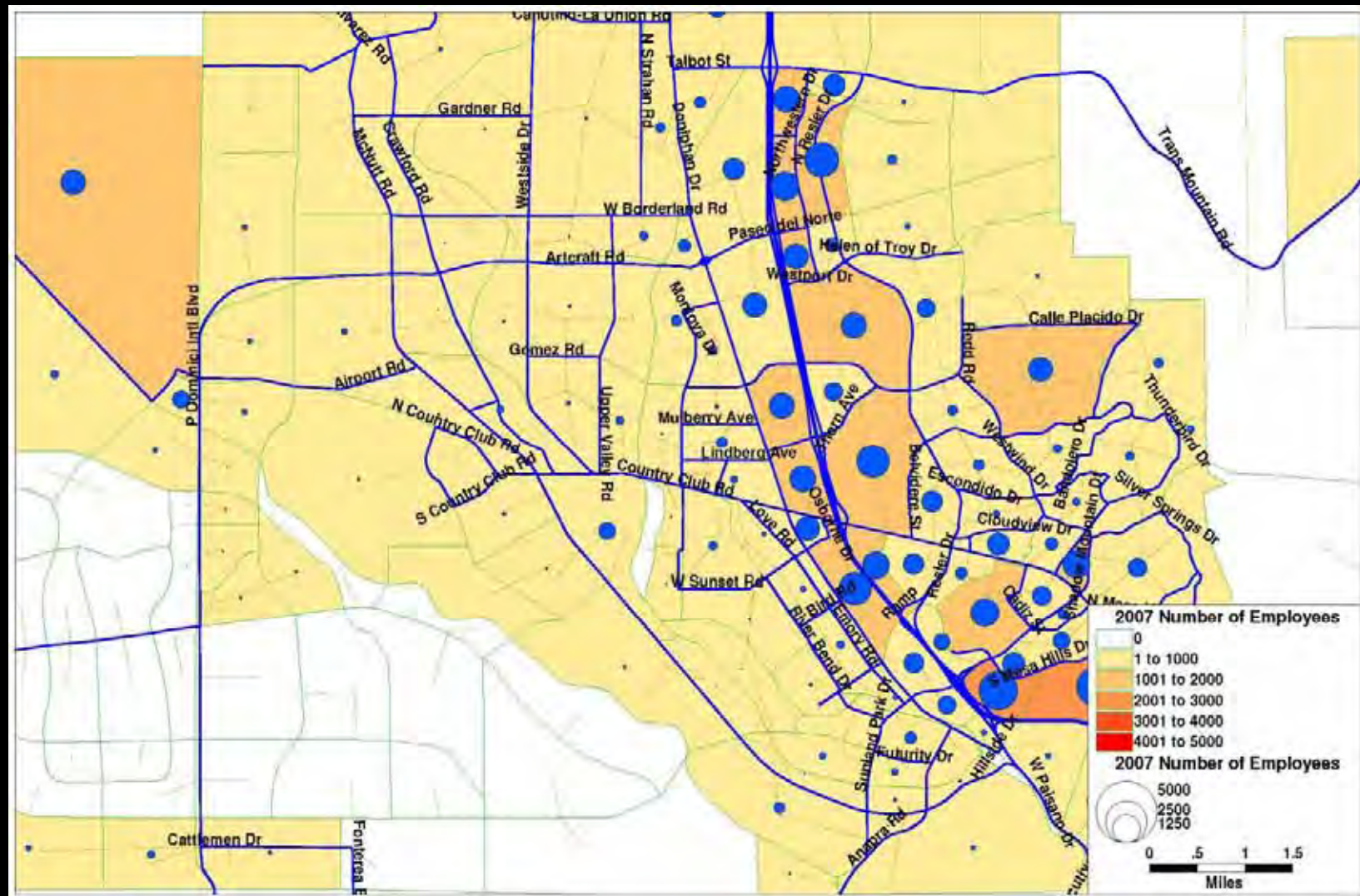


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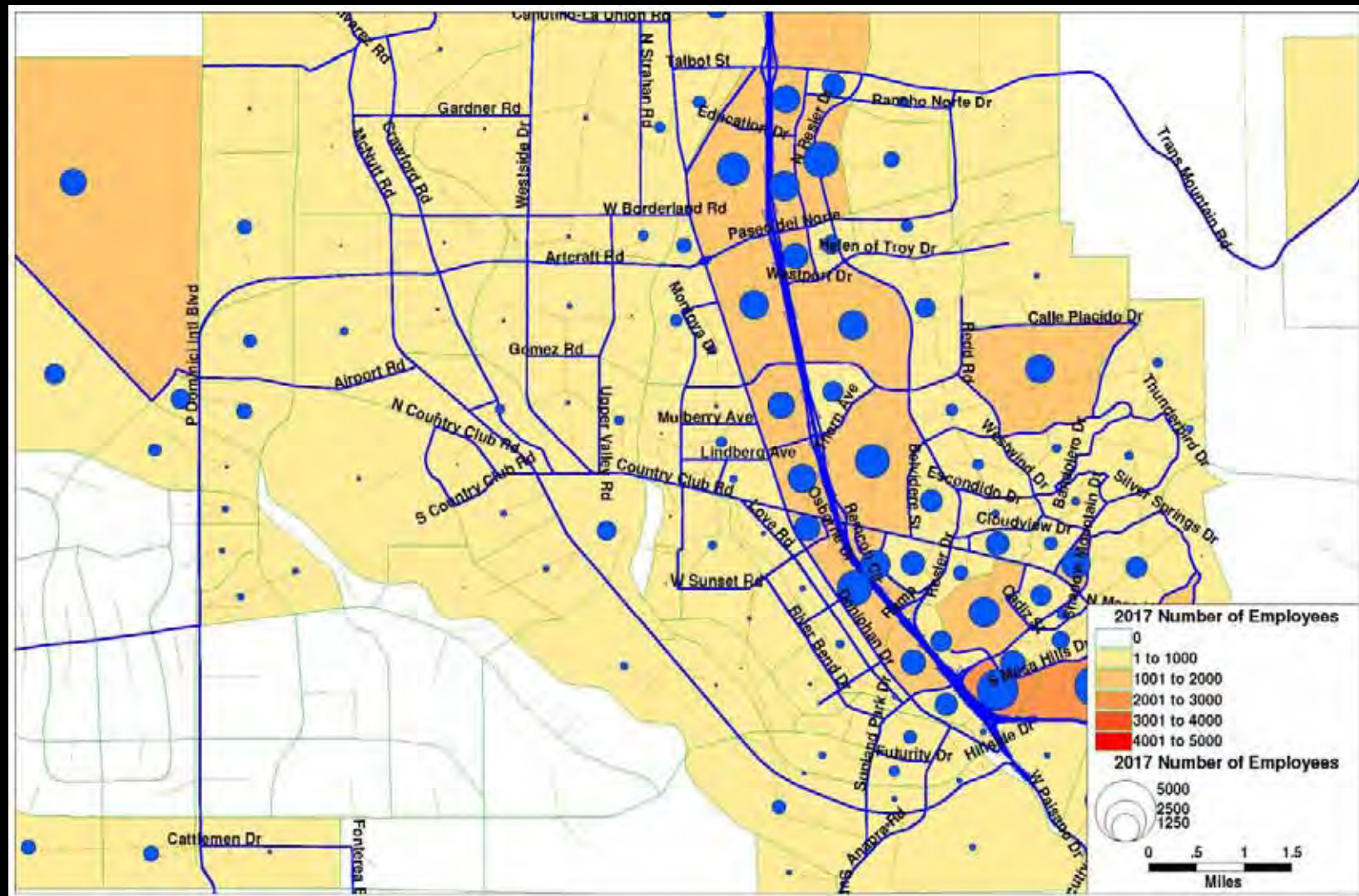


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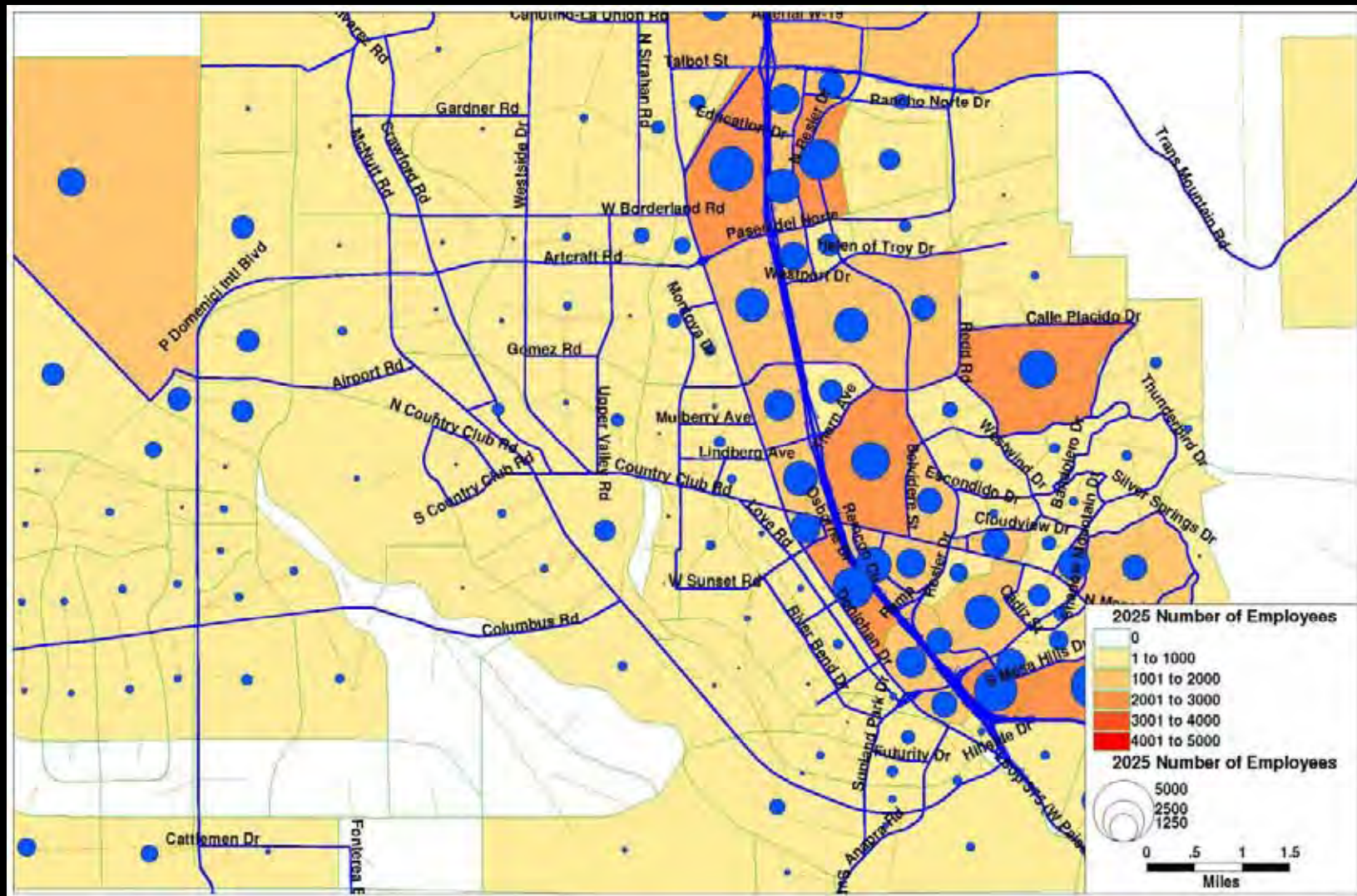


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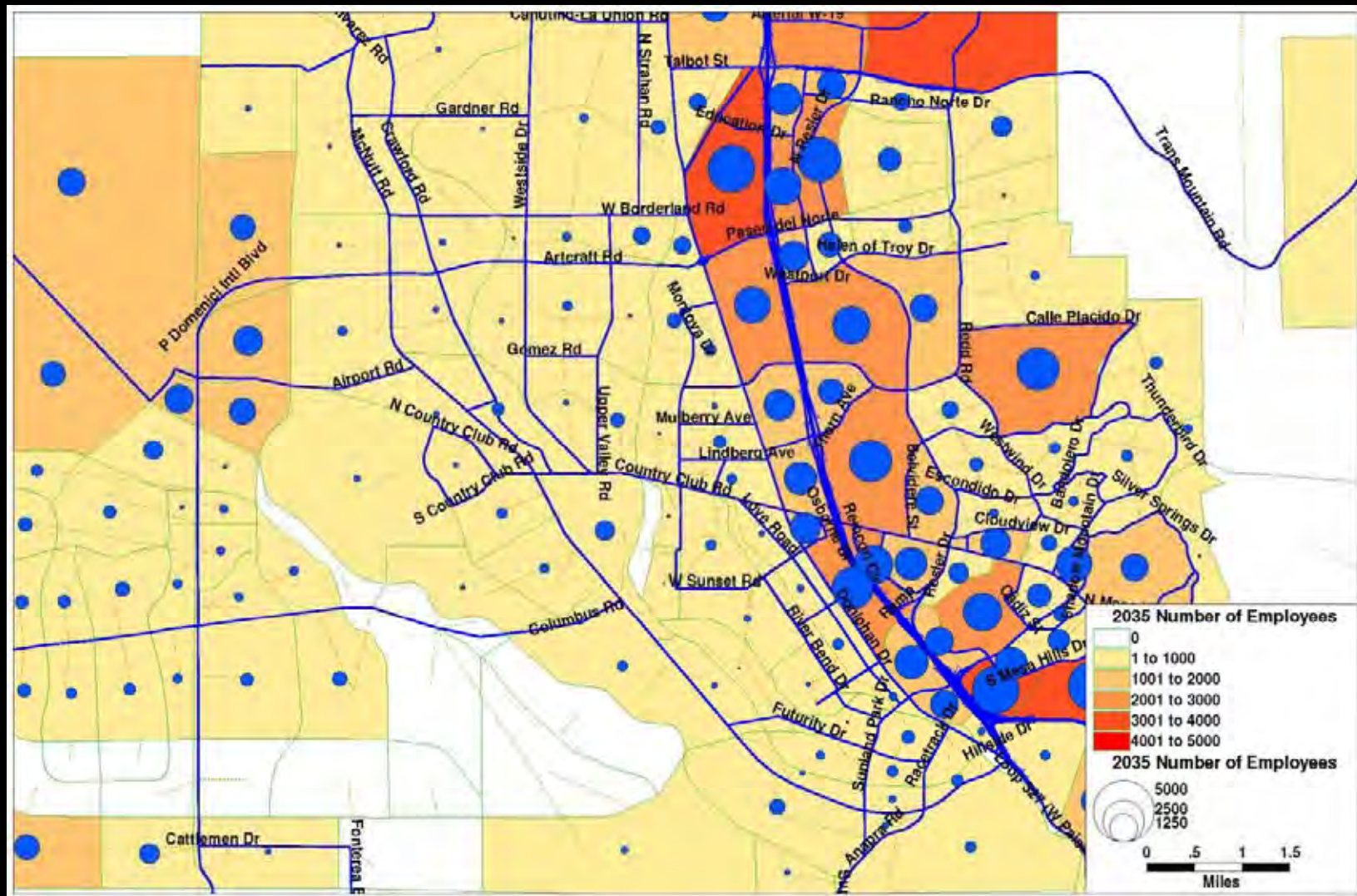
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Upper Valley Region 2025 Employee Estimates



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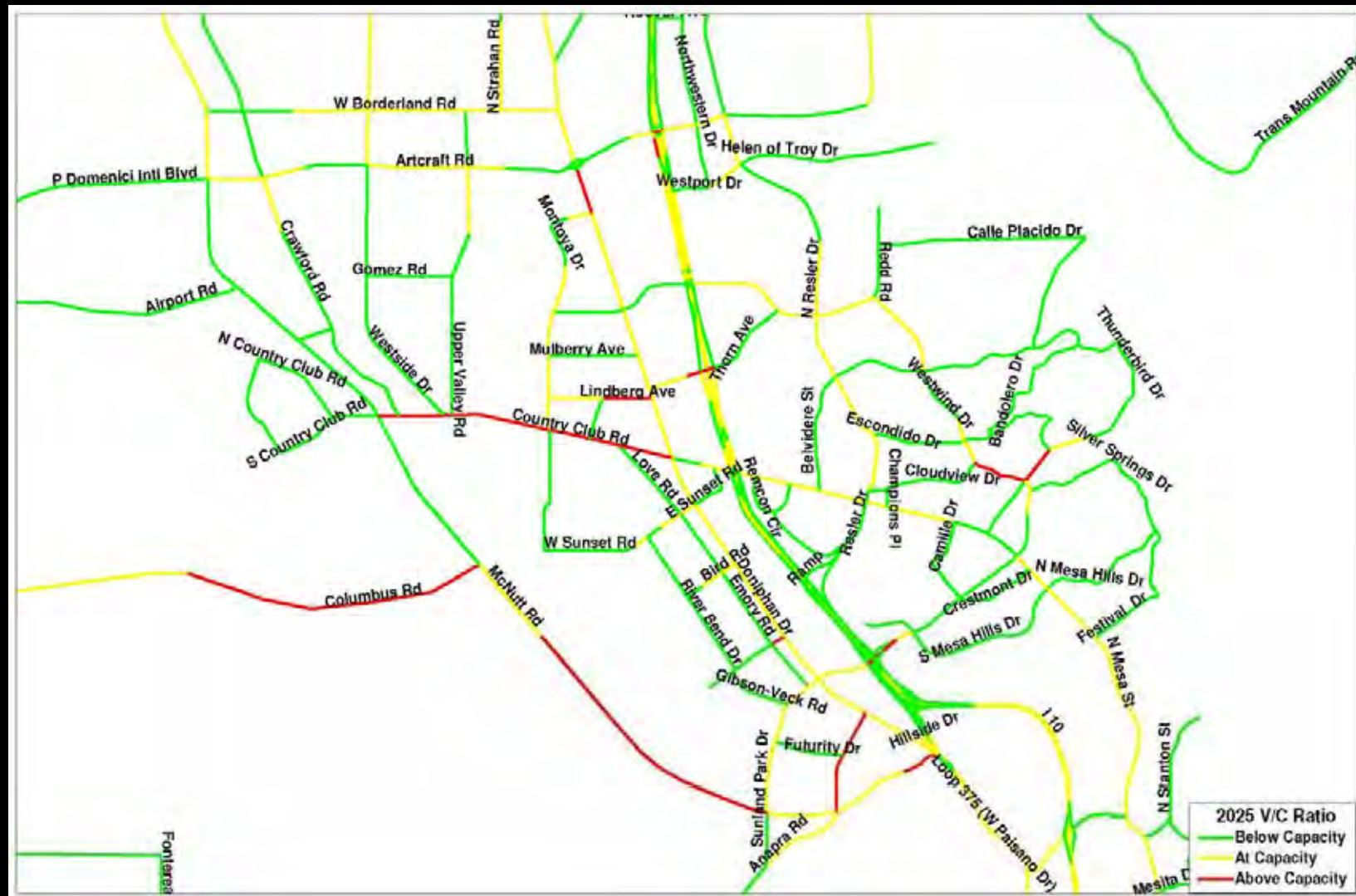
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Upper Valley Region 2017 Traffic Estimates



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Upper Valley Region 2025 Traffic Estimates



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Upper Valley Region 2035 Traffic Estimates



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ANALYSIS

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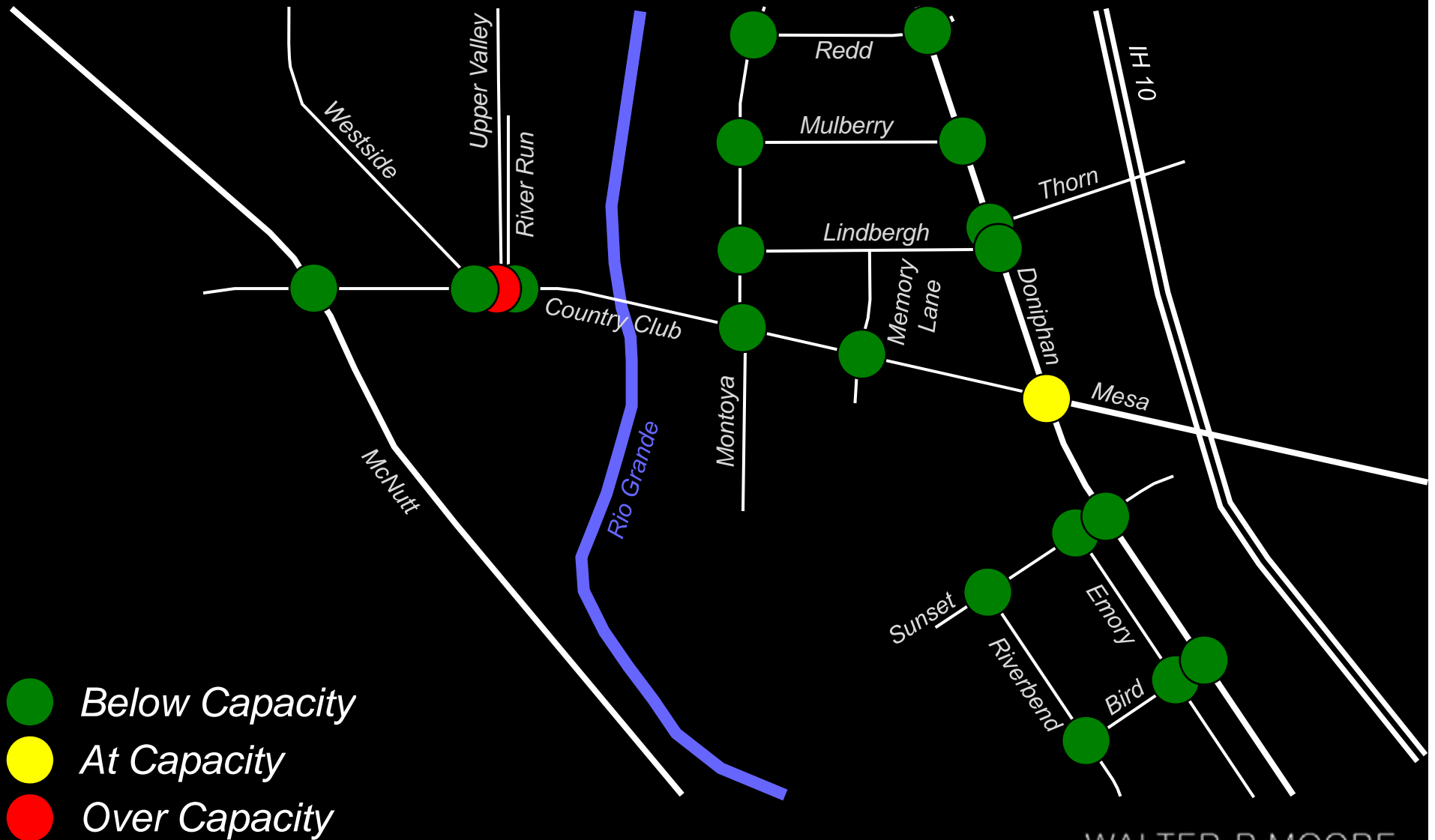
Study Area

- **Traffic Analysis**
 - Northern Third
 - **Central Third**
 - Southern Third

● *Analyzed Intersection*

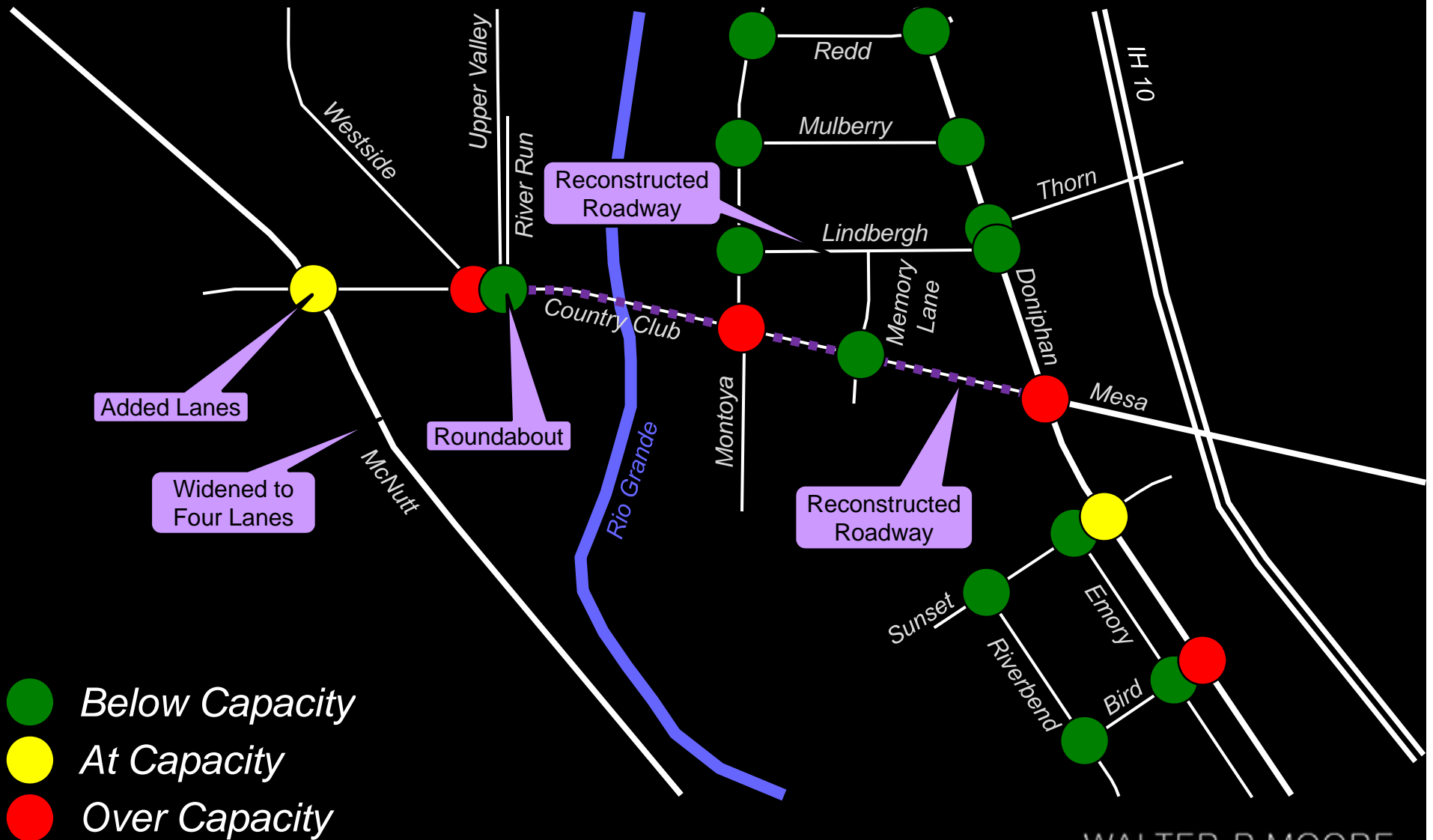


2007 Levels of Service Existing Conditions



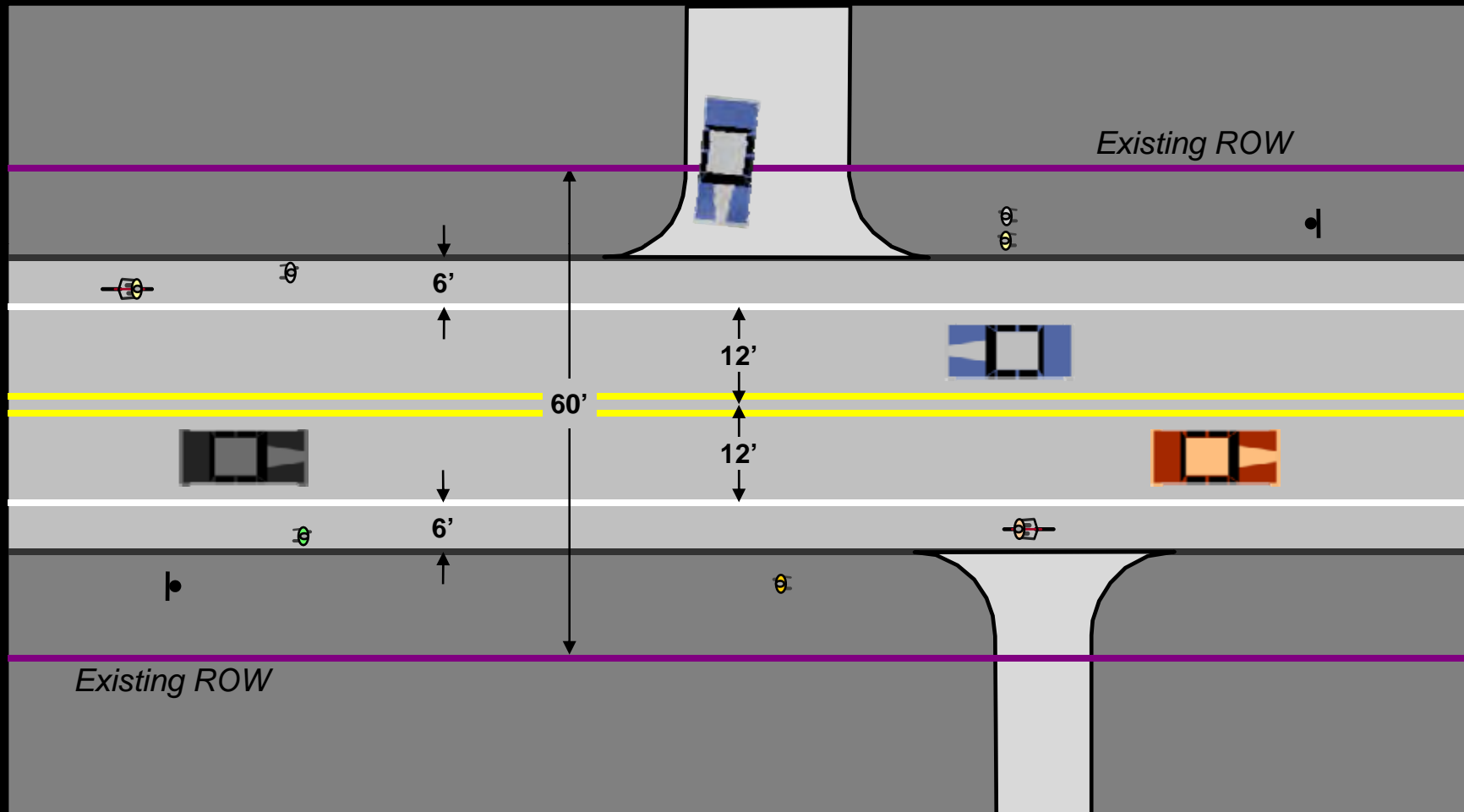
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2017 Levels of Service Forecasted Conditions



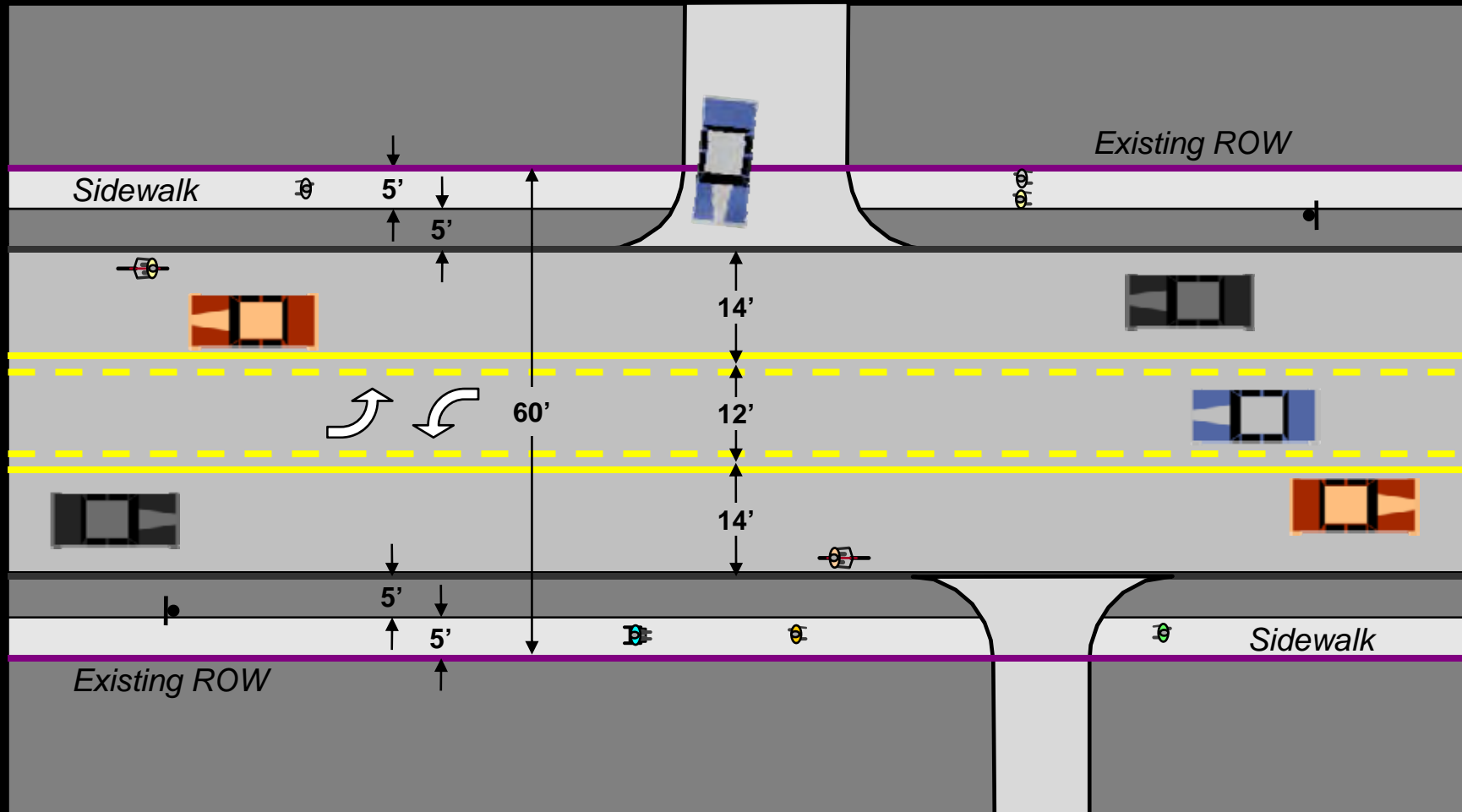
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Existing Country Club Design at Midblock

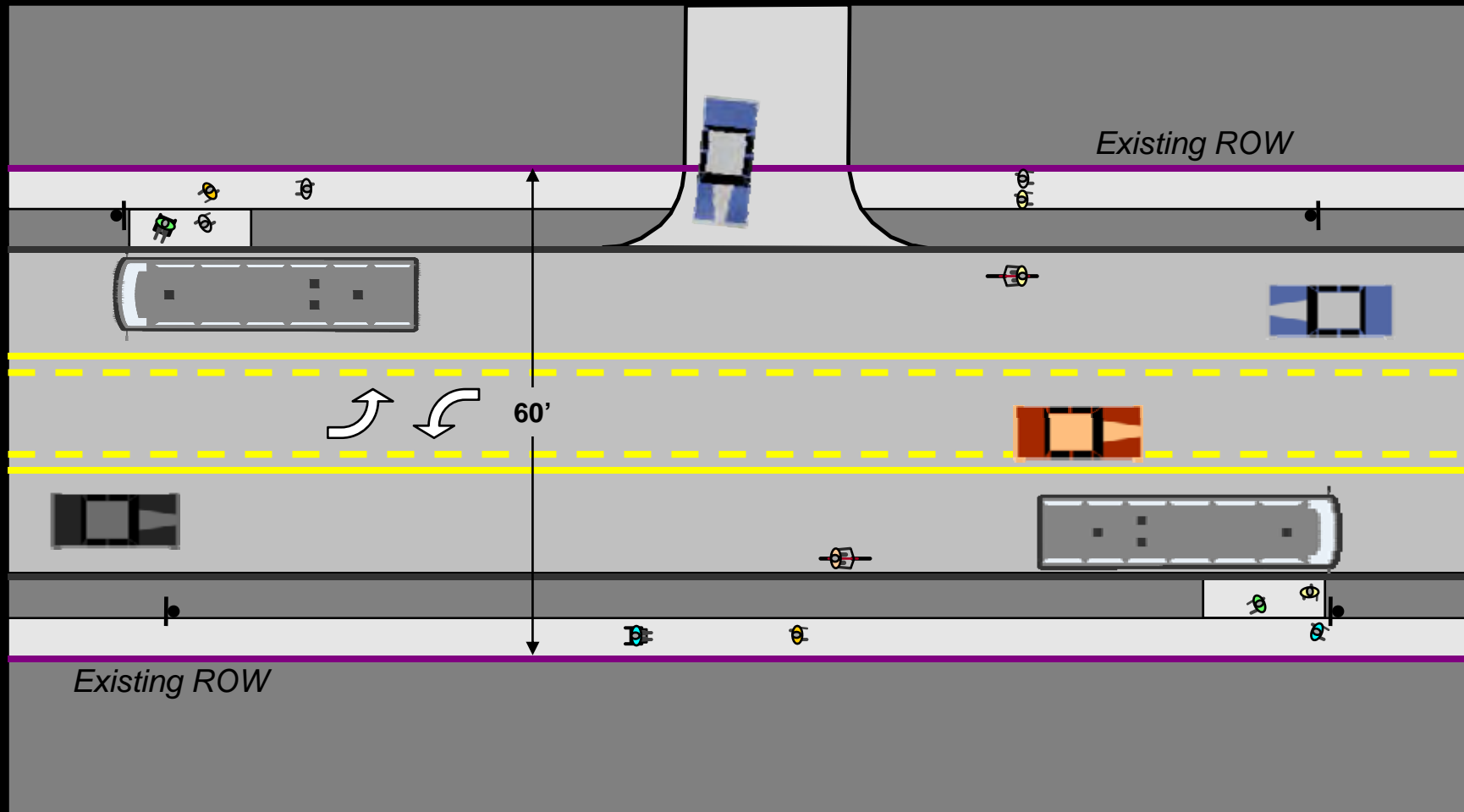


Recommended Option Within 60' ROW

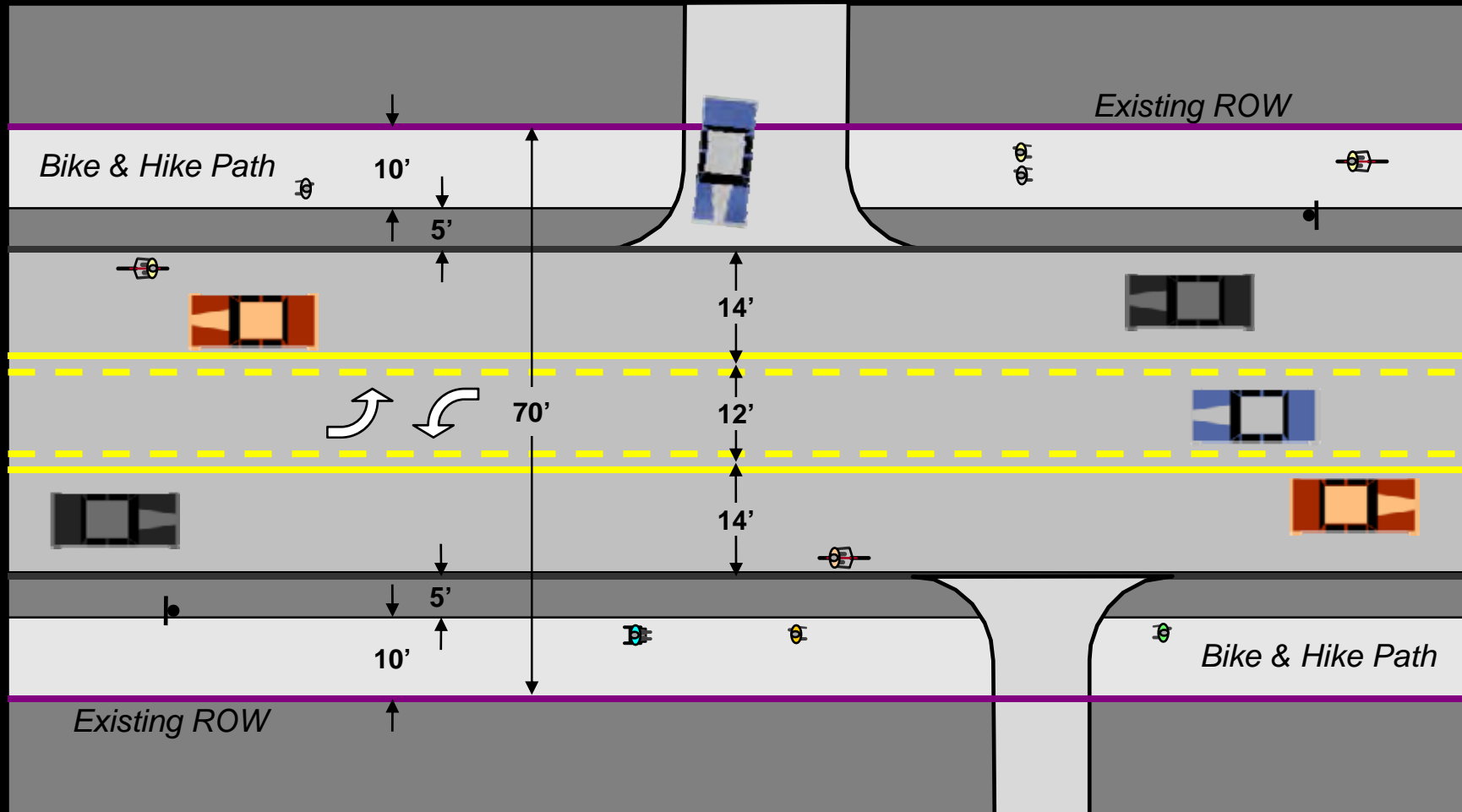
Shared-Use Lanes and Sidewalks



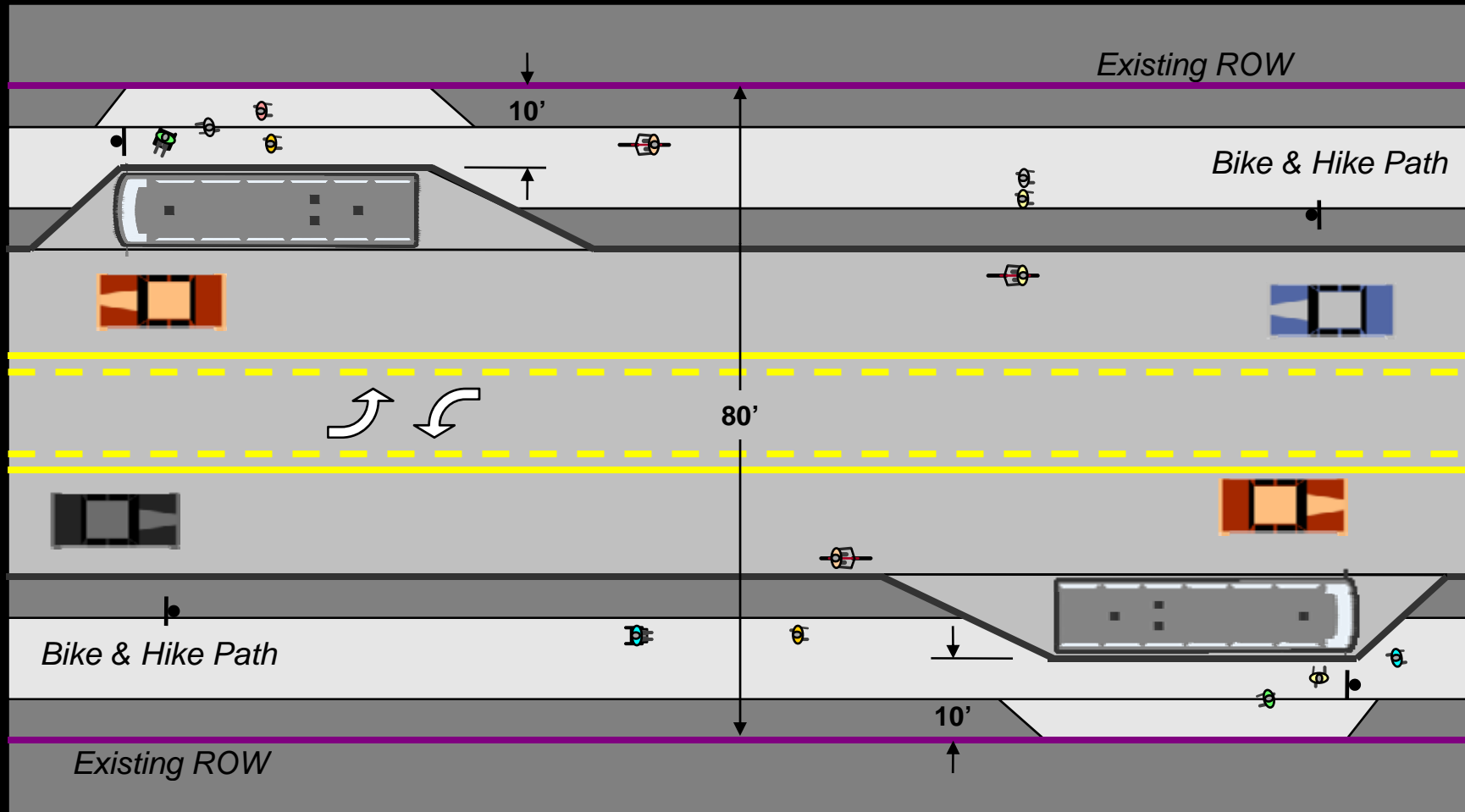
Recommended Option for Bus Stops Within 60' ROW - Curbside Stop



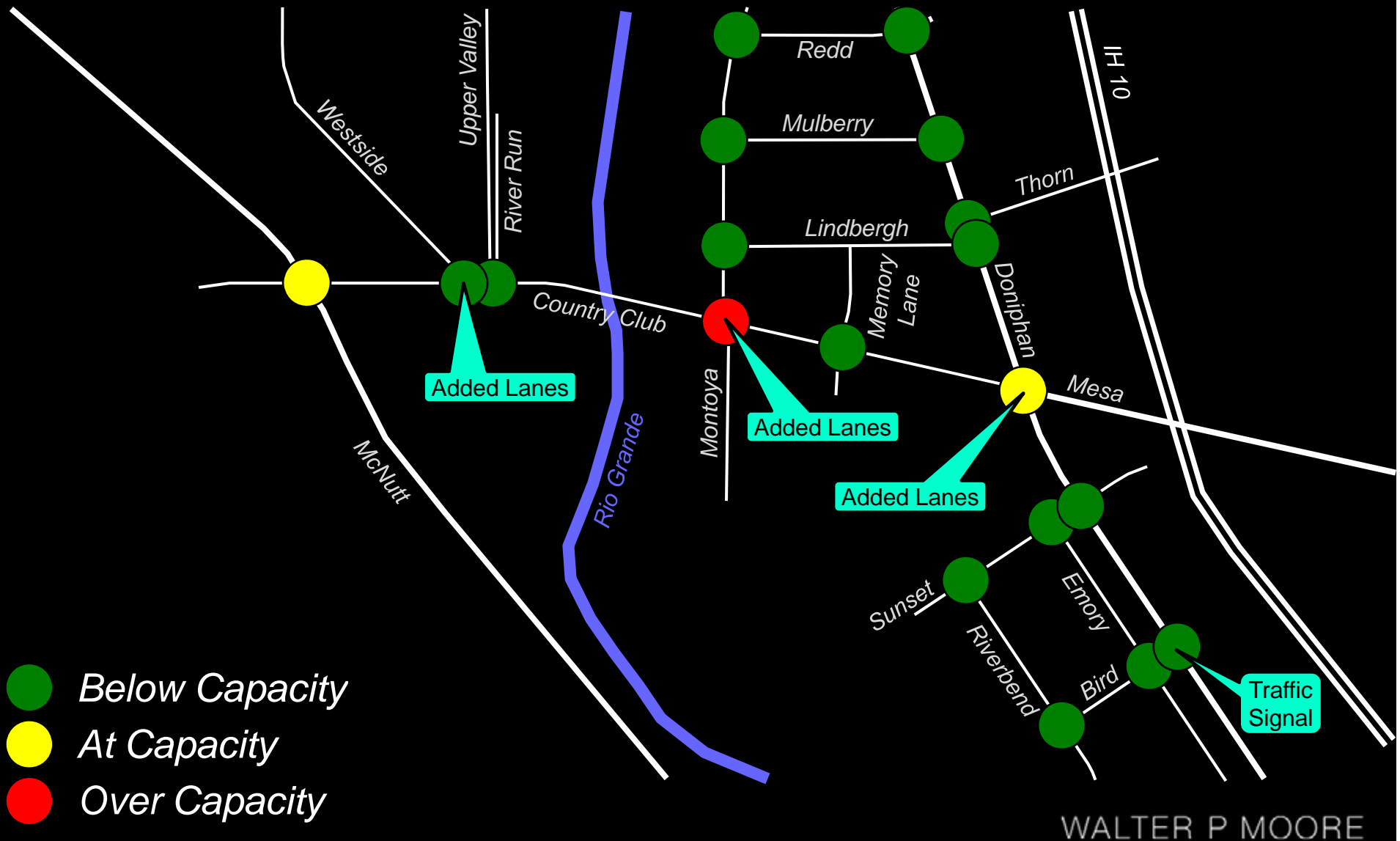
Recommended Option Within 70' ROW Shared-Use Lanes and Bike & Hike Paths



Recommended Option for Bus Stops Within 80' ROW - Pull-Out Stop



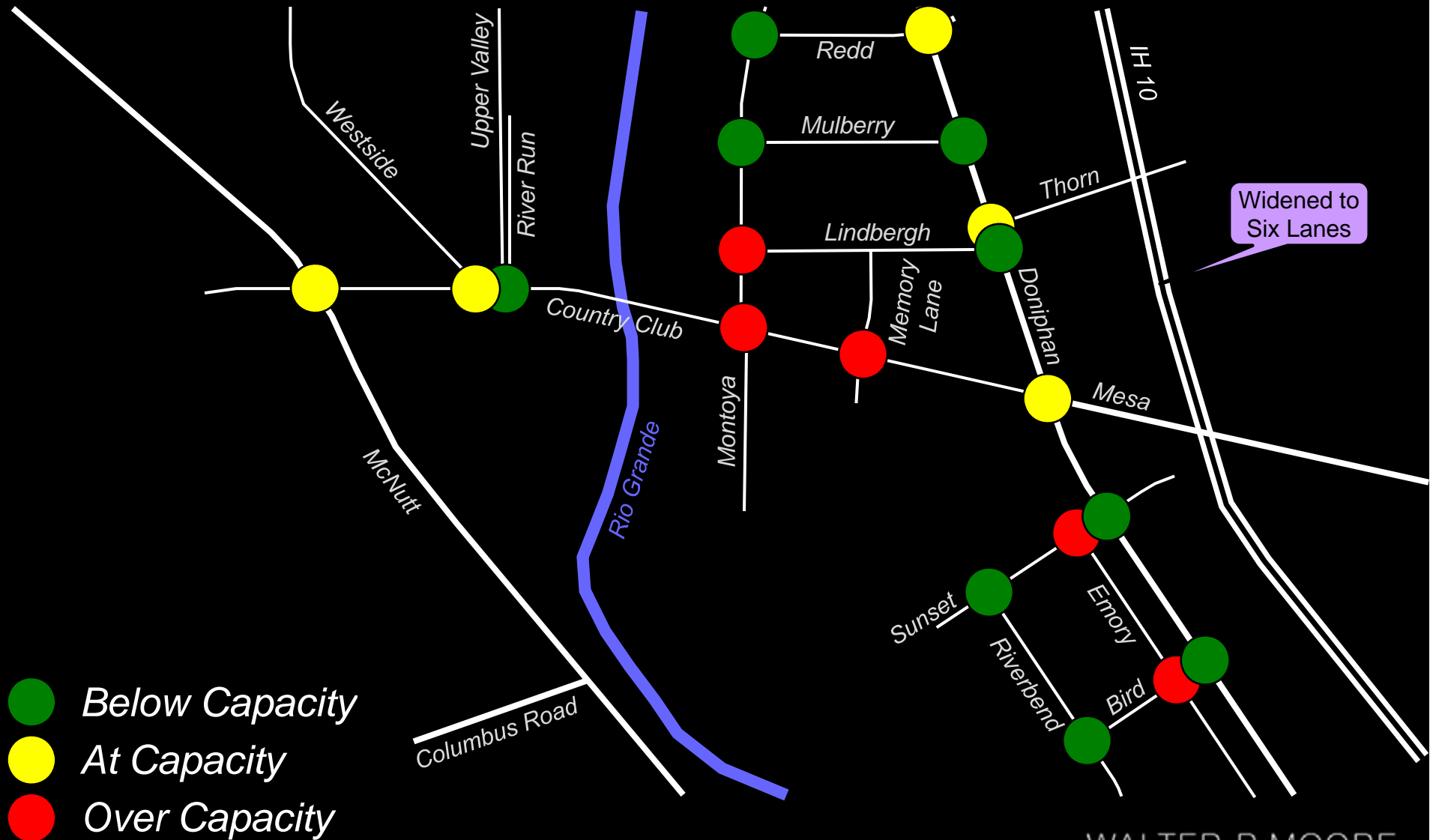
2017 Levels of Service With Additional Improvements



Conceptual Design for Adding Lanes at Country Club and Montoya

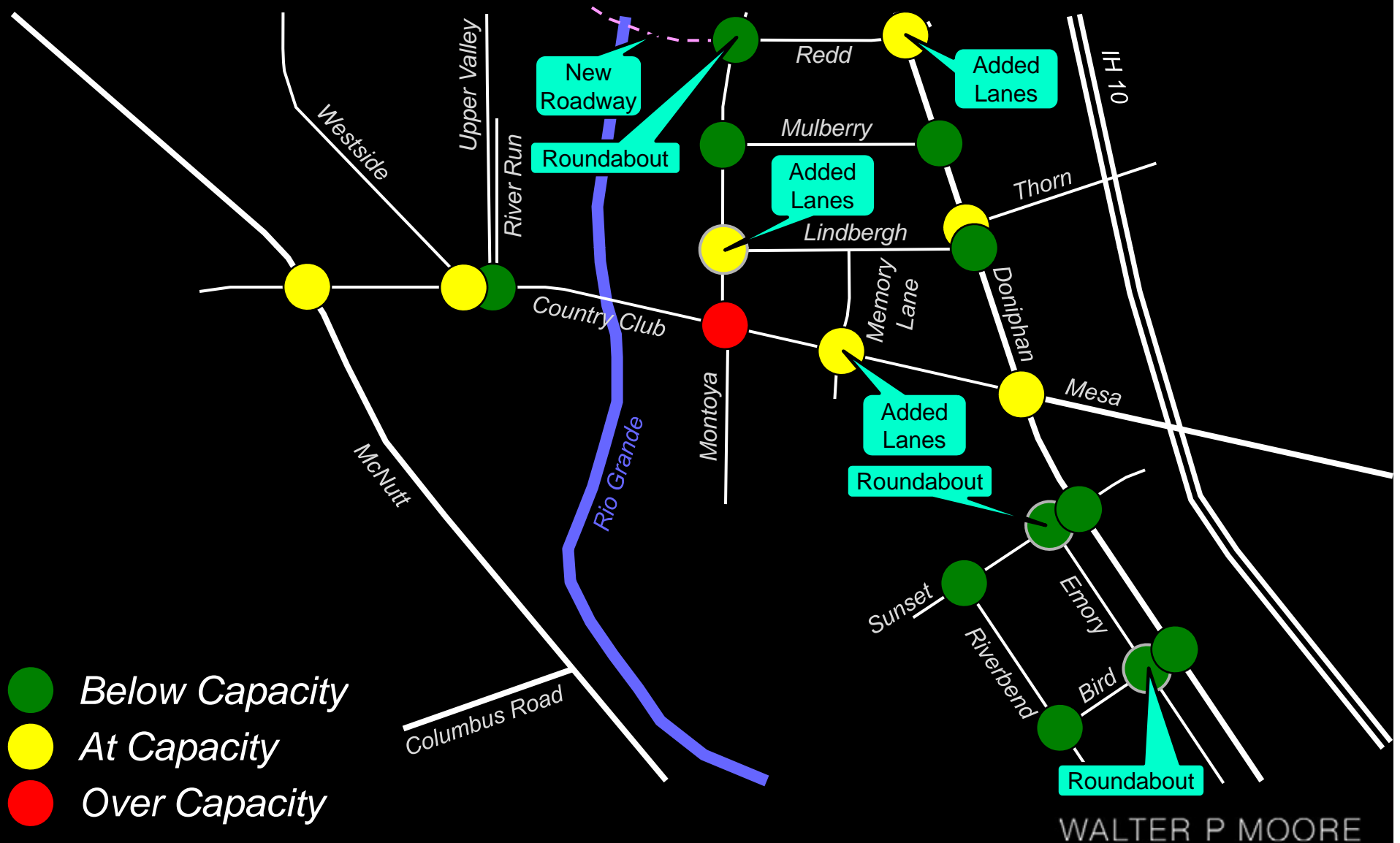


2025 Levels of Service Forecasted Conditions

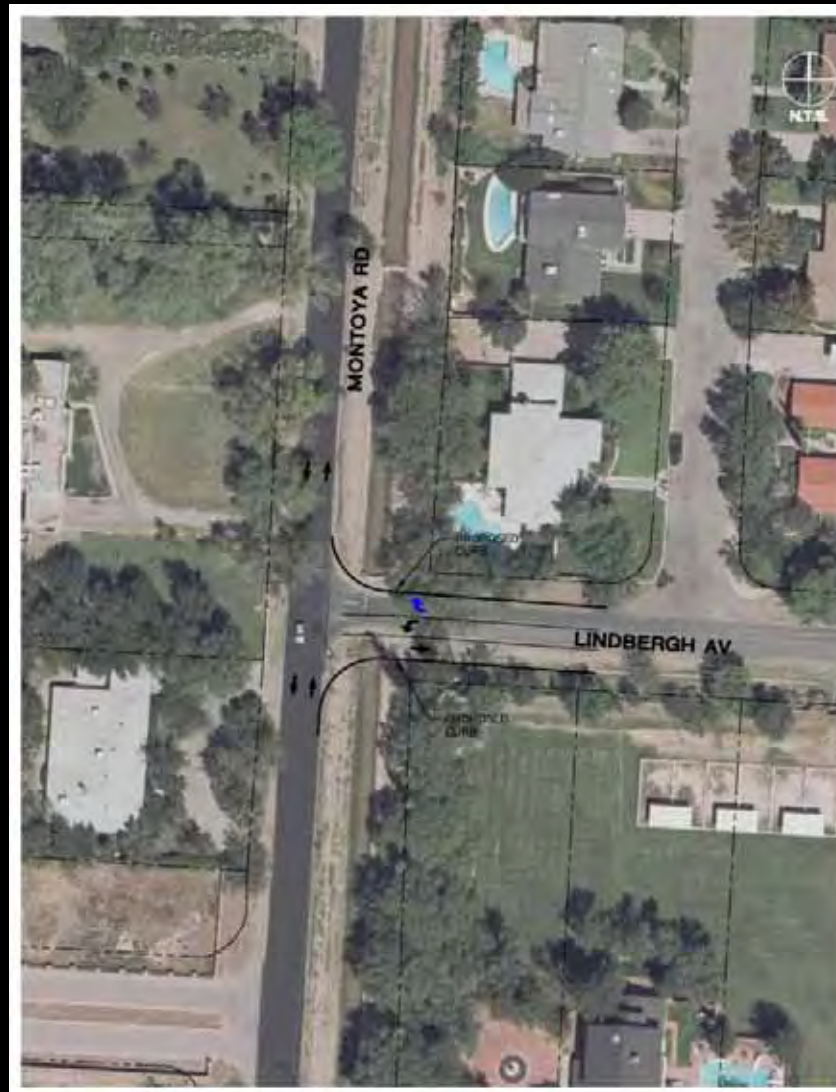


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2025 Levels of Service With Additional Improvements



Conceptual Design for Adding Lanes at Lindbergh and Montoya



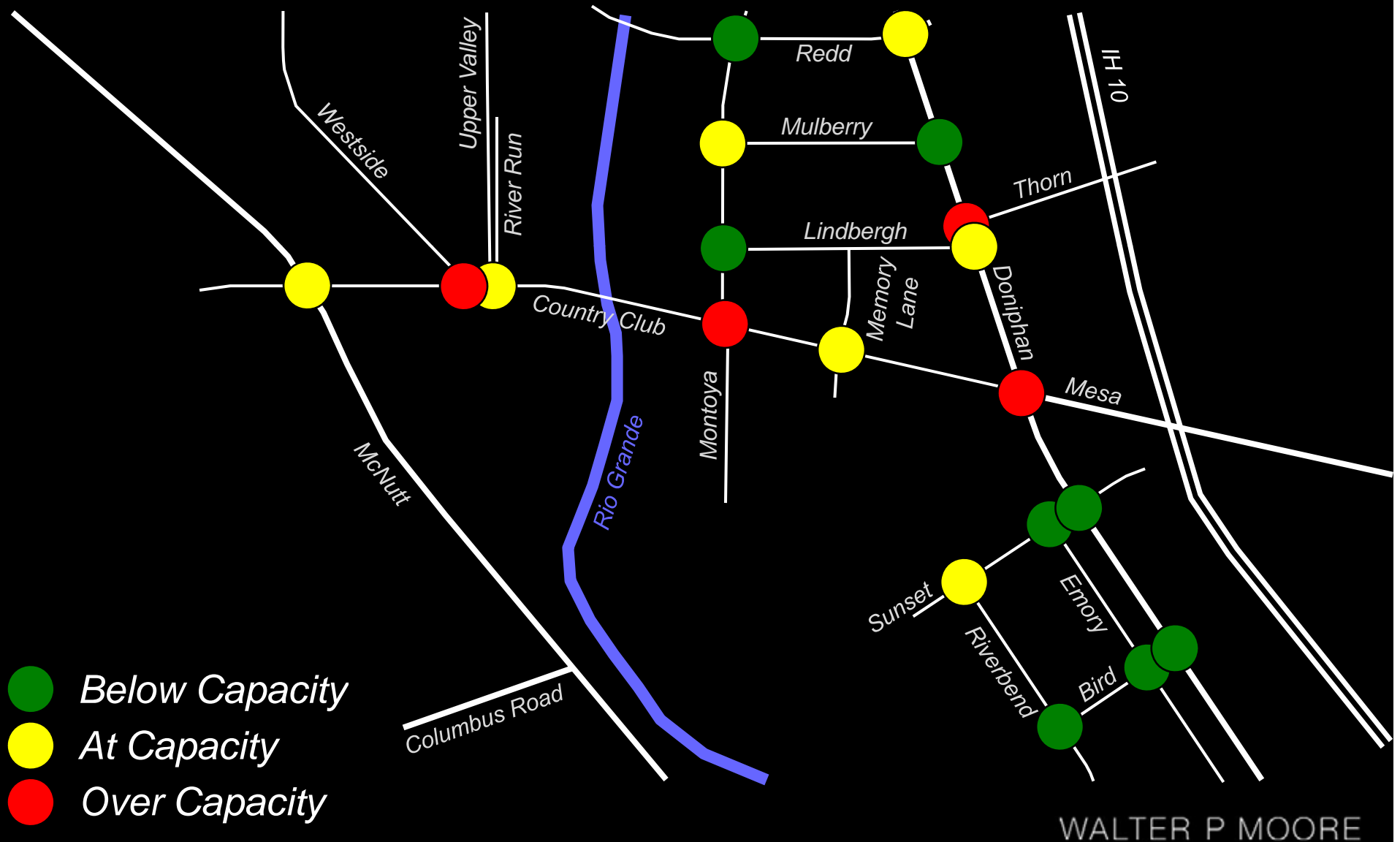
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Conceptual Design for a Single Lane Roundabout At Emory and Sunset

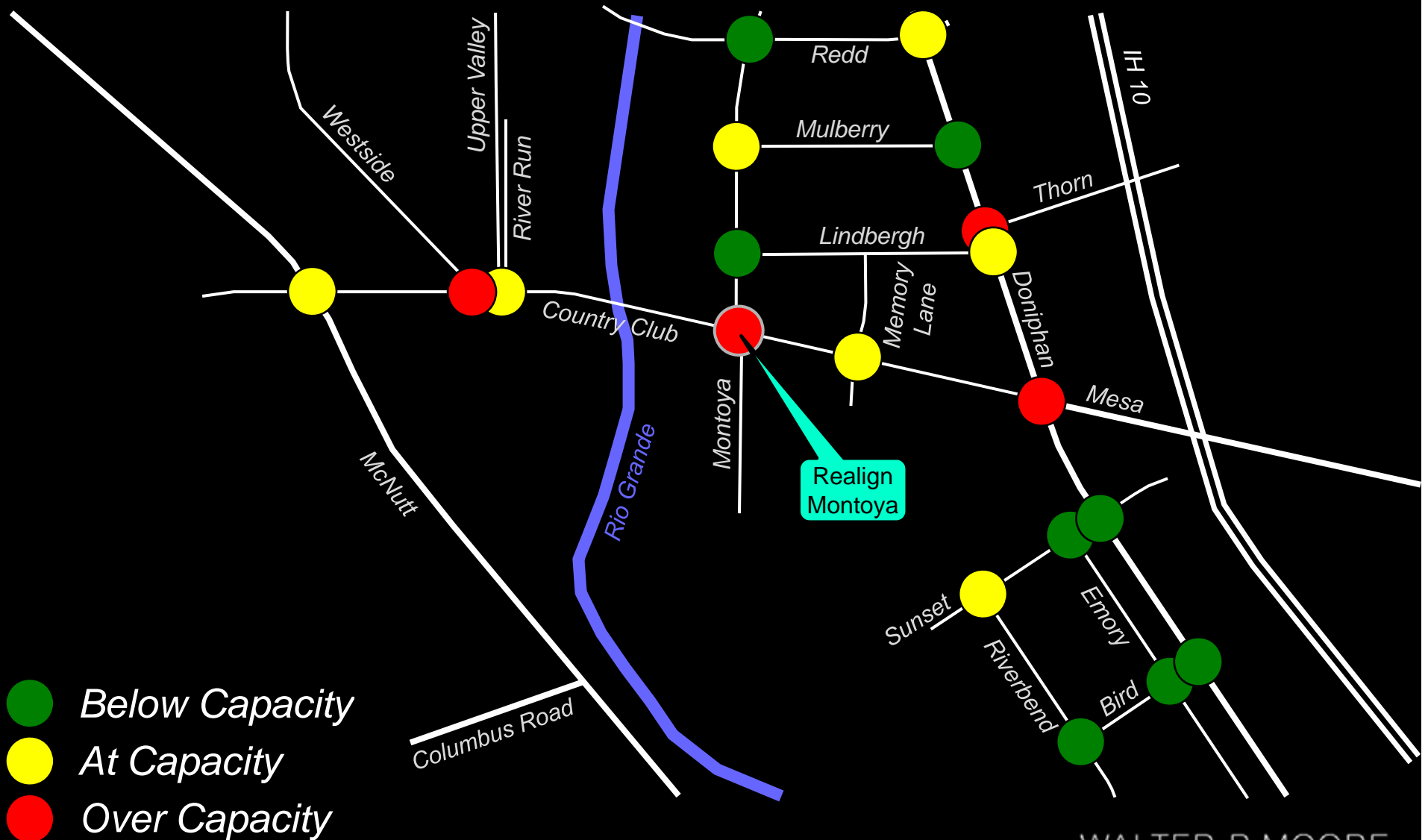


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2035 Levels of Service Forecasted Conditions



2035 Levels of Service With Additional Improvements



Conceptual Design for Realigning Montoya at Country Club



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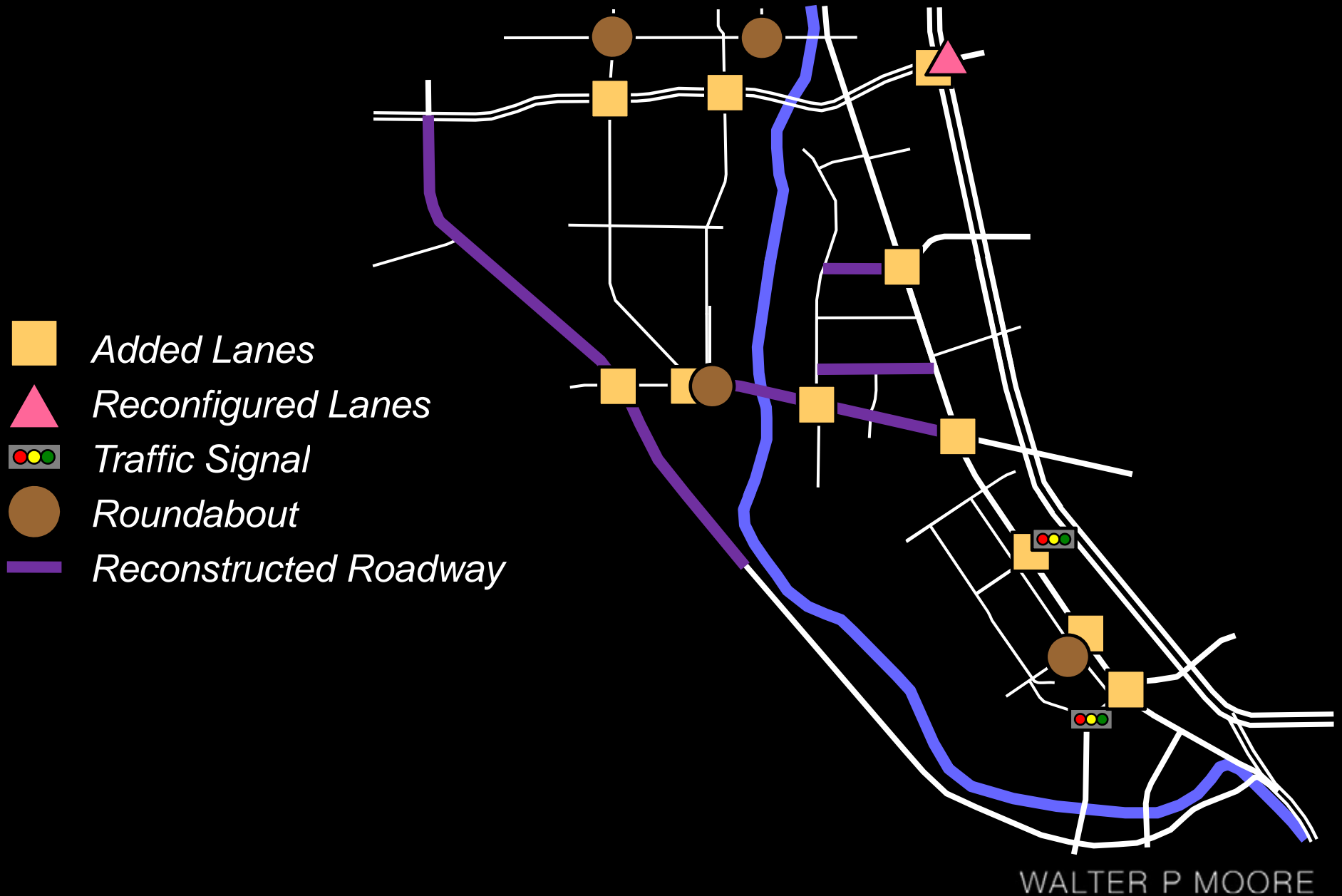
RECOMMENDATIONS

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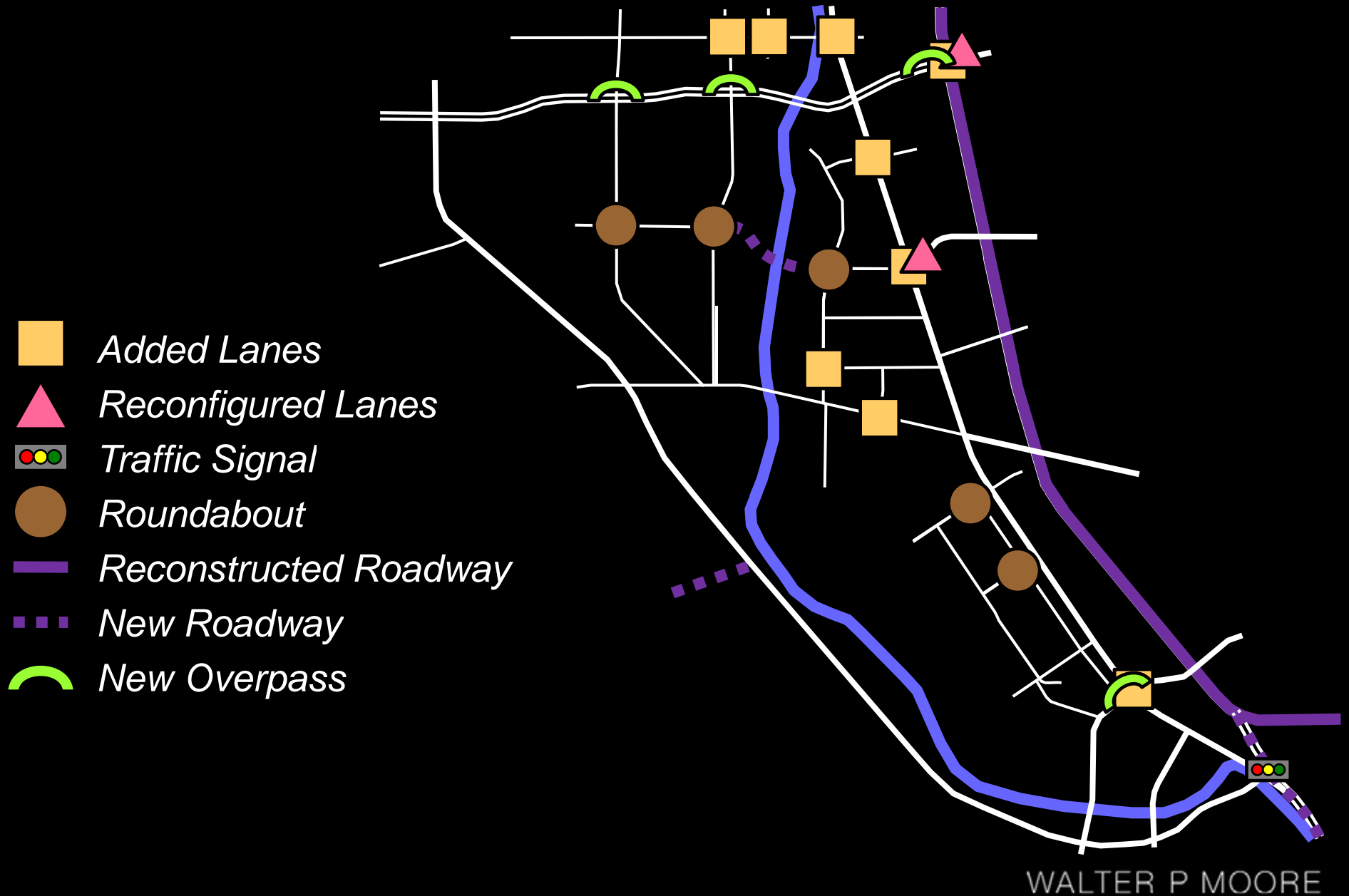
Summary

- **Recommended Improvements**
 - **Context sensitive solutions**
 - **Mitigates impacts of anticipated traffic growth**
 - **Responsive to community issues**
 - **Self-regulating with minimal operational needs**

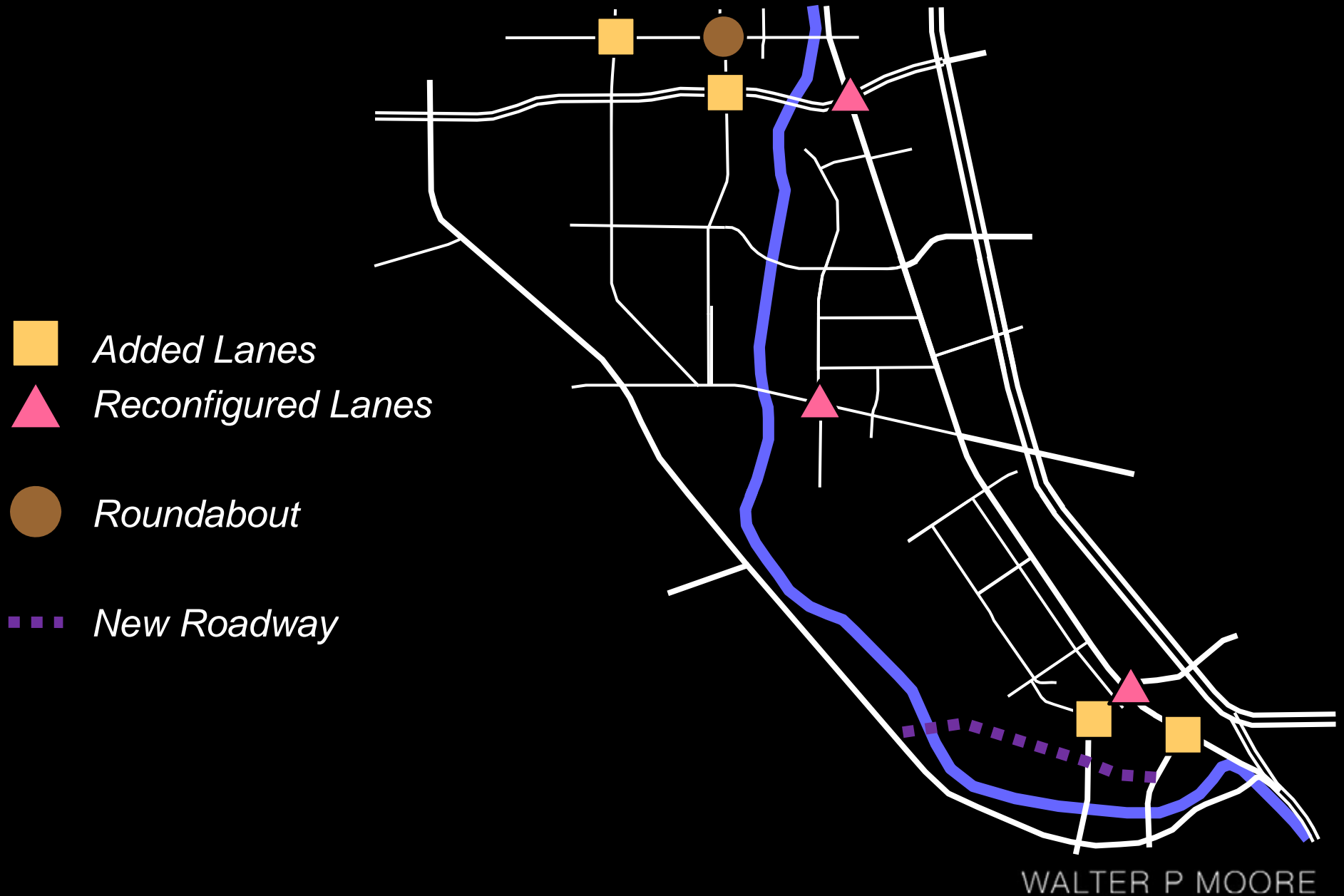
2017 Summary of Improvements



2025 Summary of Improvements



2035 Summary of Improvements



Summary

- **Next Steps**

- **Identify and program 2017 improvements for funding**
- **Plan follow up study in 8-10 years to validate future recommendations**
- **Consider complementary studies**
- **Continue stakeholder inclusion**

QUESTIONS?

