



NWI 2050 Plus: Active Transportation Element

PLAN SCOPE

- Develop an overall regional active transportation network with a special focus on connections to major destinations: city and town centers, regional trails, South Shore Line and West Lake Branch stations, major bus stops and transfer points, schools, workplaces, regional recreation, and other features.
- Build on the great work that has already been done in Northwest Indiana to develop active transportation facilities
- Evaluate alternative on-road connections and recommending best routes based on traffic volume, roadway width, connectivity to communities, comfort level, and other variables
- Develop infrastructure recommendations and standards for recommended connecting roads, streets, and other potential corridors
- Develop a strategic capital program that incorporates funding, land acquisition, design standards, and sequencing, to provide a basis for funding and setting priorities
- Involve the NWI community in a collaborative process to refine the regional network

TAKE THE SURVEY

<https://rdgusa.mysocialpinpoint.com/nw-indiana-planning>



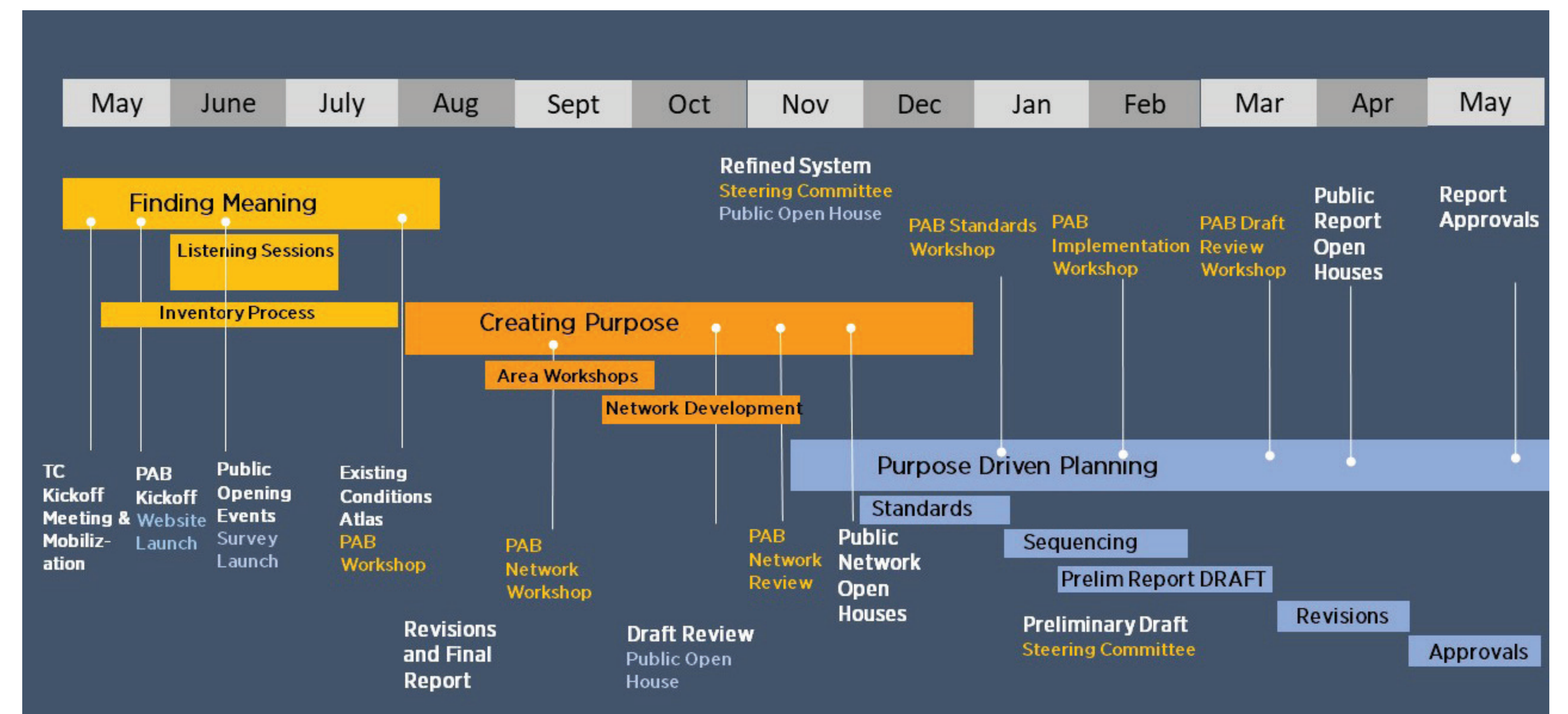
PLAN SCHEDULE



EXISTING CONDITIONS
Where are we today?

THE NETWORK
Where do we want to be?

IMPLEMENTATION
How do we get there?



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ELEMENTS

- Website (Active now)
- Community Survey (On-line now)
- Online Priority Mapping (On-line now)
- Area Workshops (August and September)

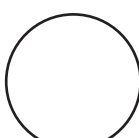




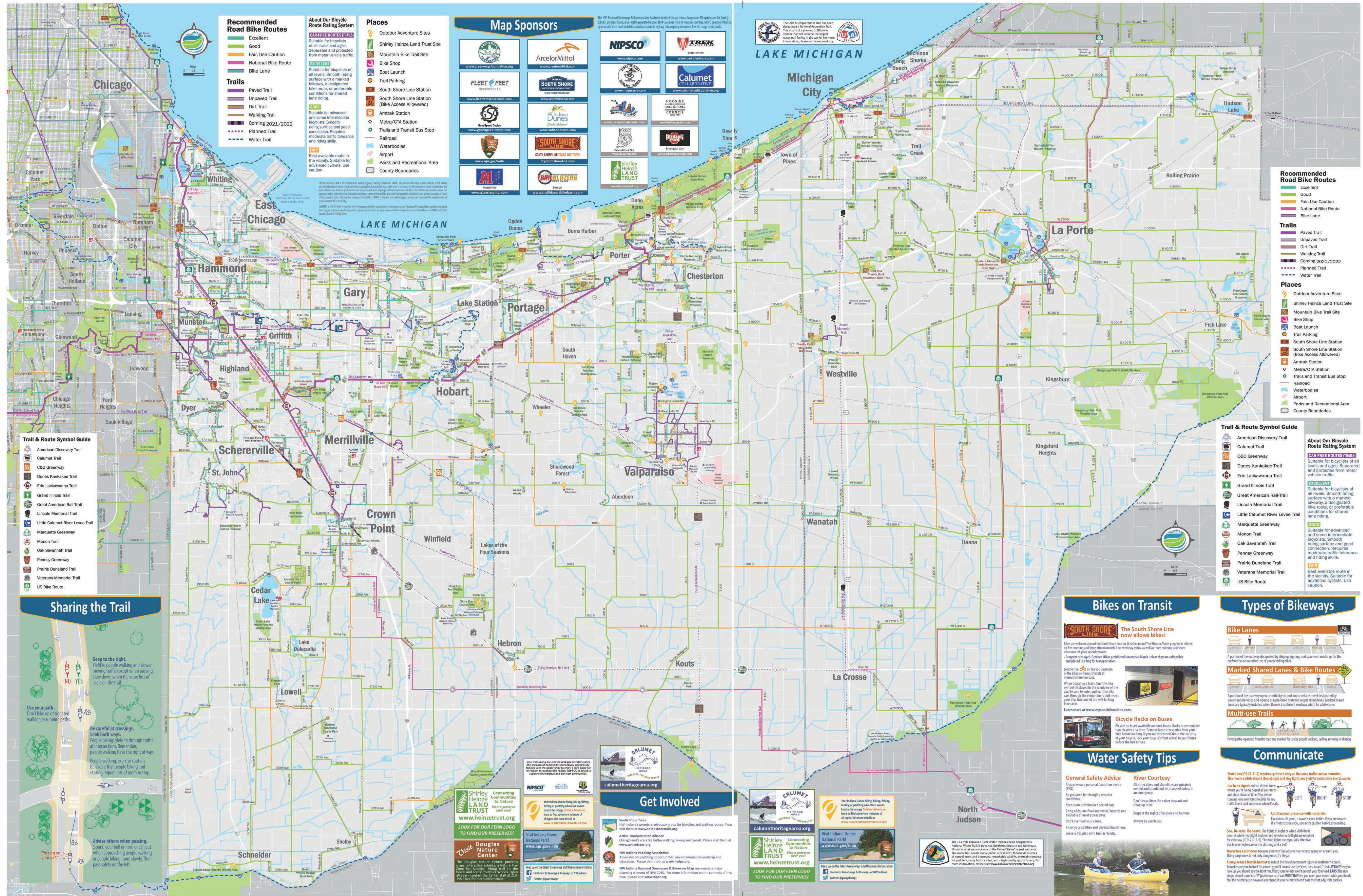
Tell us where you walk and bike today and where you would like to go.

What roads and routes do you use?

What roads need improvements?

Use post it notes and pinpoints.

-  Places where you live
-  Places outside of your city where you want to go
-  Roads that you ride or walk to get there



Recommended Road Bike Routes

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair, Use Caution
- National Bike Route
- Bike Lane

Trails

- Paved Trail
- Unpaved Trail
- Dirt Trail
- Walking Trail
- Coming 2021/2022
- Planned Trail
- Water Trail

Places

- Outdoor Adventure Sites
- Shirley Heintz Land Trust Site
- Mountain Bike Trail Site
- Bike Shop
- Boat Launch
- Trail Parking
- South Shore Line Station
- South Shore Line Station (Bike Access Allowed)
- Amtrak Station
- Metra/CTA Station
- Trails and Transit Bus Stop
- Railroad
- Waterbodies
- Airport
- Parks and Recreational Area
- County Boundaries

Map Sponsors

- ARCelorMital
- NIPSCO
- TRAK
- FLEET FEET
- SOUTH SHORE
- Calumet COLLABORATIVE
- 52
- Dunes
- ROSSIE
- SHIRLEY HEINTZ LAND TRUST
- TRAILBLAZERS
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Trail & Route Symbol Guide

- American Discovery Trail
- Calumet Trail
- C&O Greenway
- Dunes Kankakee Trail
- Erie Lackawanna Trail
- Grand Illinois Trail
- Great American Rail Trail
- Lincoln Memorial Trail
- Little Calumet River Levee Trail
- Marquette Greenway
- Monon Trail
- Oak Savannah Trail
- Pennay Greenway
- Prairie Duneland Trail
- Veterans Memorial Trail
- US Bike Route

Sharing the Trail

Keep to the right. Yield to people walking and slower moving traffic except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of cars on the trail.

Use your path. Don't take designated walking or running paths.

Be careful at crossings. Look both ways. People biking yield to through traffic at intersections. Remember, people walking have the right of way. People walking exercise caution. Be aware that people biking and walking require less of road space.

Advise others when passing. Sound your bell or horn or call out when approaching people walking or people biking more slowly. Then pass safely on the left.

Bikes on Transit

Water Safety Tips

Get Involved

Types of Bikeways

Communicate

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BICYCLE SOLUTIONS

PLACE A DOT ON FACILITIES THAT BEST MEET YOUR NEEDS AND COMFORT LEVEL AS A BICYCLIST



Quiet neighborhood street



Neighborhood Street with traffic calming



Shared use street (woonerf)



Bicycle boulevard



Shared use path in street median



Standard bike lane/shoulder



Buffered bike lane (painted)



Separated cycle track



Enhanced bike lane



Bike lane and shared use sidepath



Shared use sidepath (rural/suburban)



Shared use sidepath (urban)



Protected bike lane



Separated bike lane



Trail with separate bicycle and pedestrian areas

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PEDESTRIAN SOLUTIONS

PLACE A DOT ON FACILITIES THAT YOU THINK COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY SERVE PEDESTRIANS



Ped only signal cycle ("Denver scramble")



Yield markings at crosswalks



High visibility crosswalks



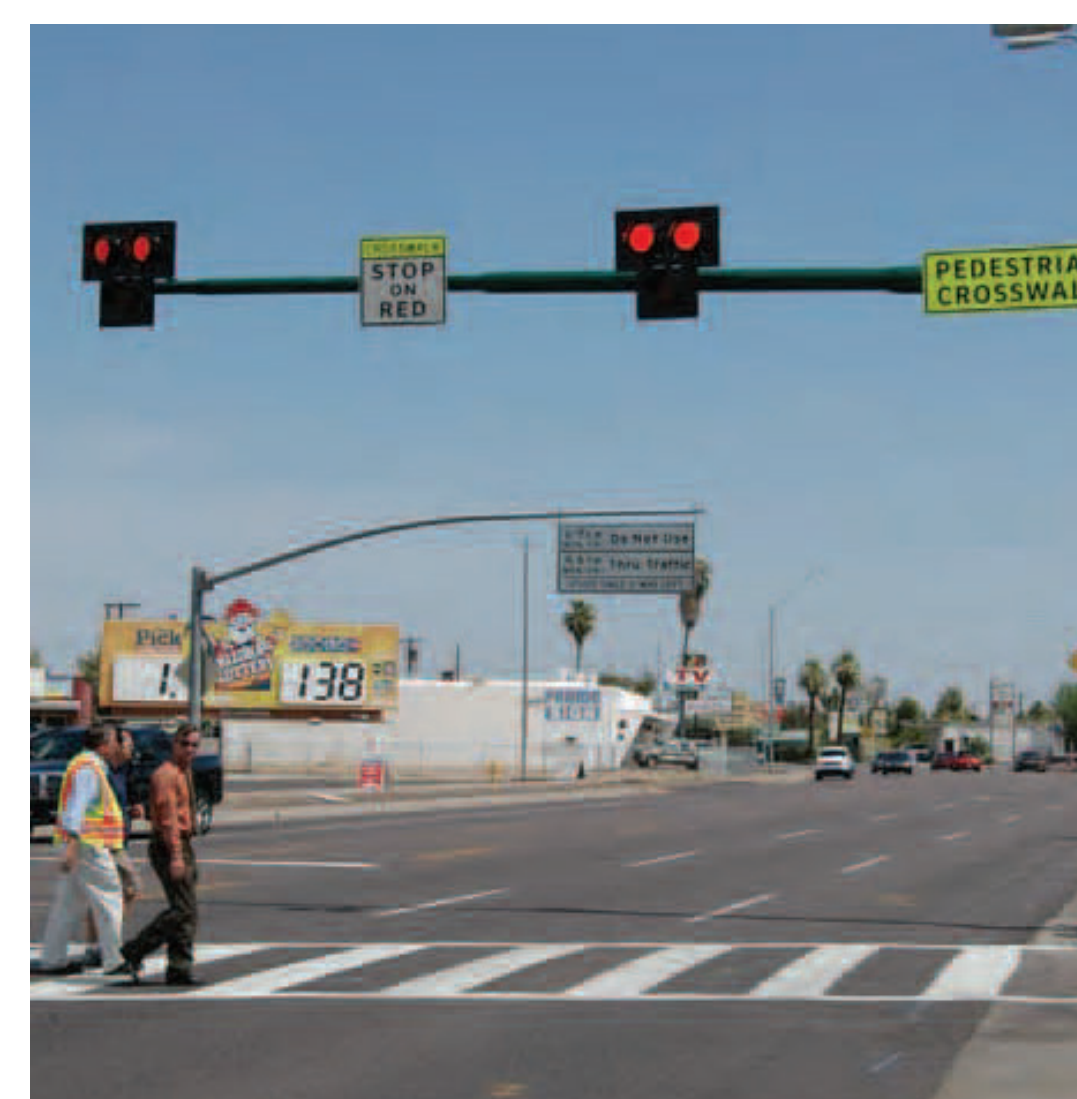
Refuge medians



Defined railroad crossing for pedestrians



Special signs



Hybrid (HAWK) beacons



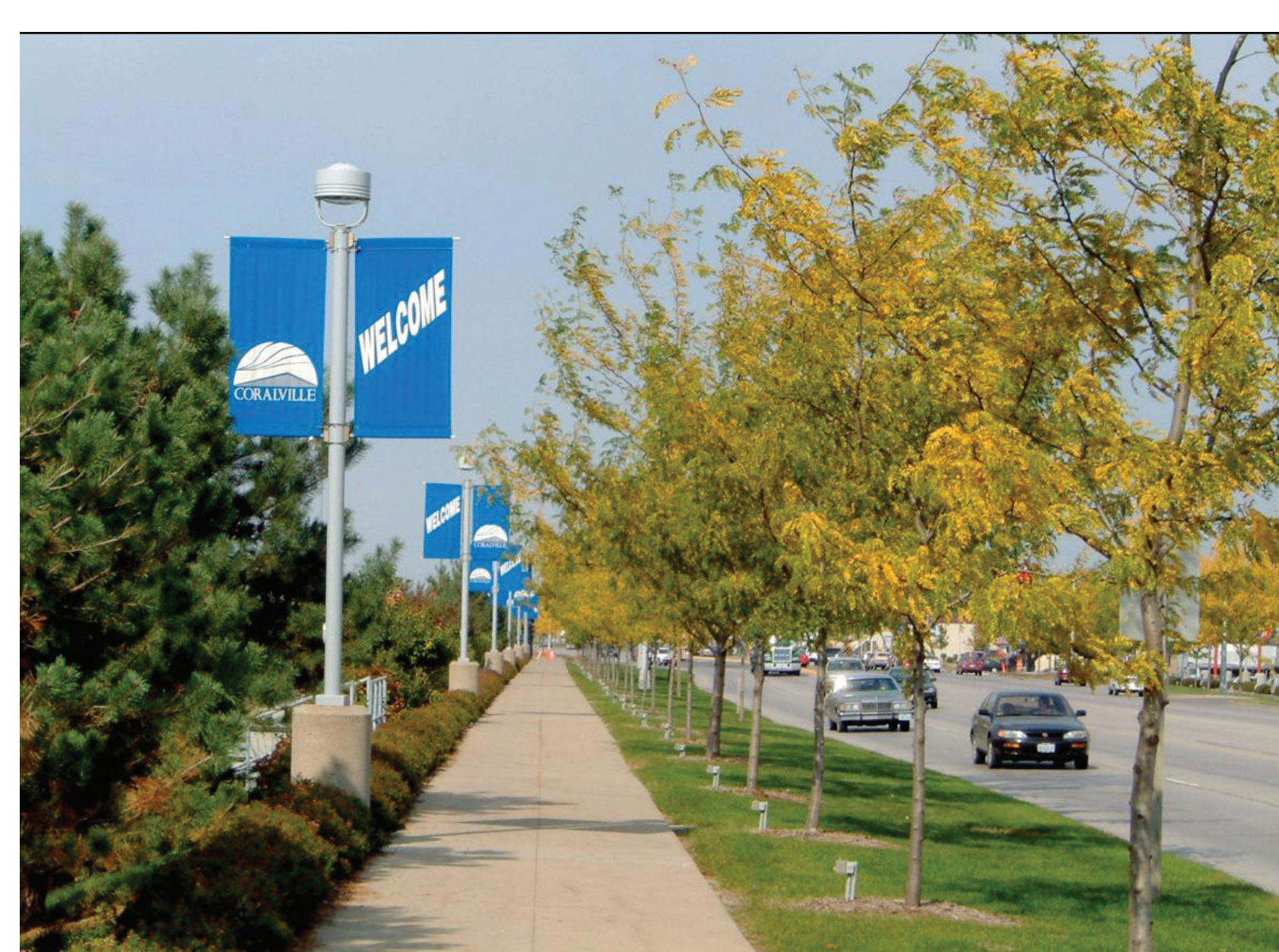
Right turn islands with raised crosswalk



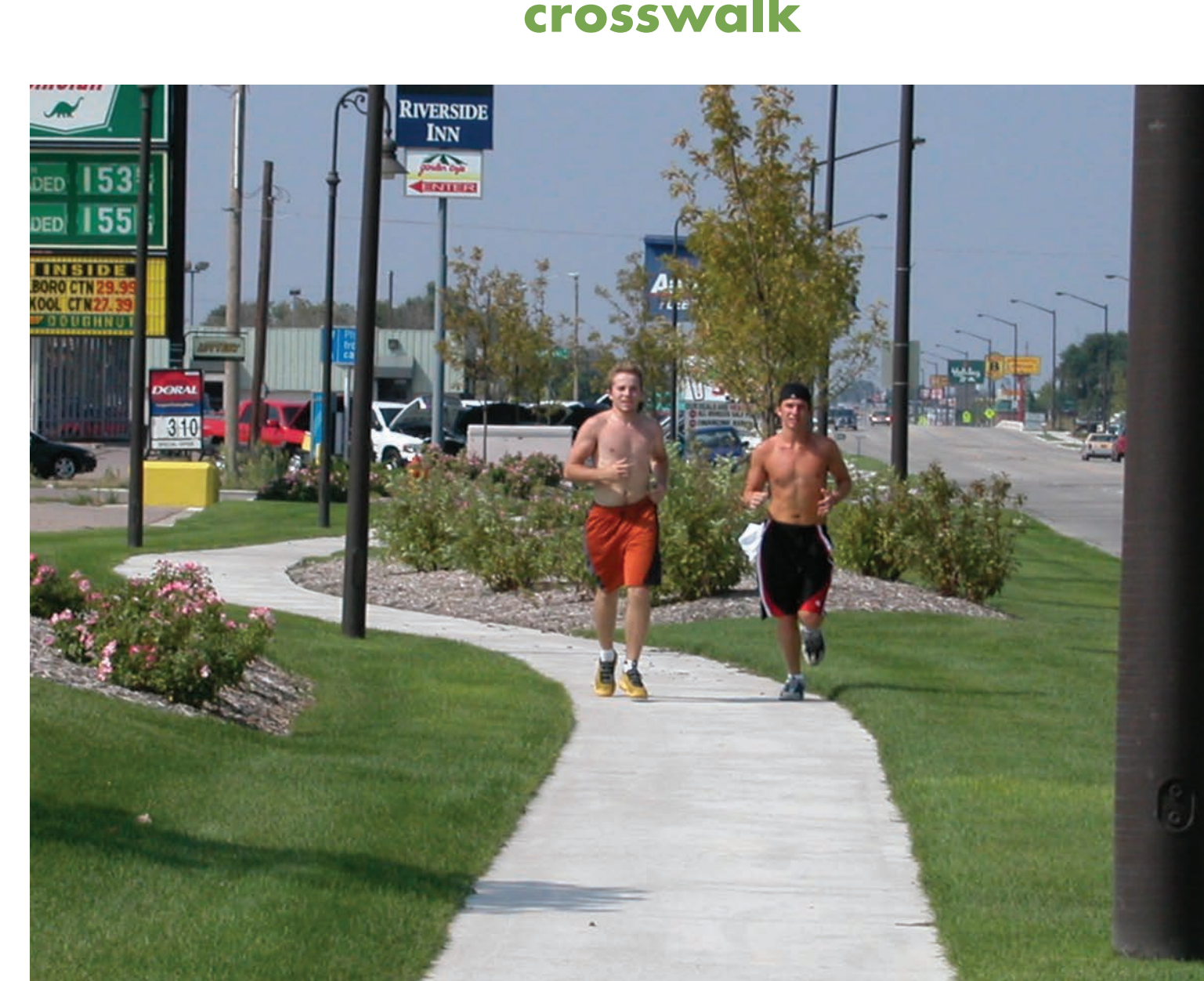
Pedestrian pathways through parking lots



Colored crosswalks/intermediate median



Enhanced sidewalk on commercial strip



Curved sidewalk with landscaping



Speed monitor



SOME OBSERVATIONS



Narrow sidewalks on major streets - accessibility obstacles



Lack of sidewalks



Pedestrian access in commercial areas



Narrow highway shoulders



Access to South Shore stations



Major investments in bike/ped features



Innovative business district access



Excellent regional trails



Strategic grade separations



Wide streets with space for bike facilities



Rural connections without bike/ped facilities

USE POST-IT NOTES AND THIS SPACE TO POST YOUR OWN THOUGHTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND IDEAS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN NW INDIANA