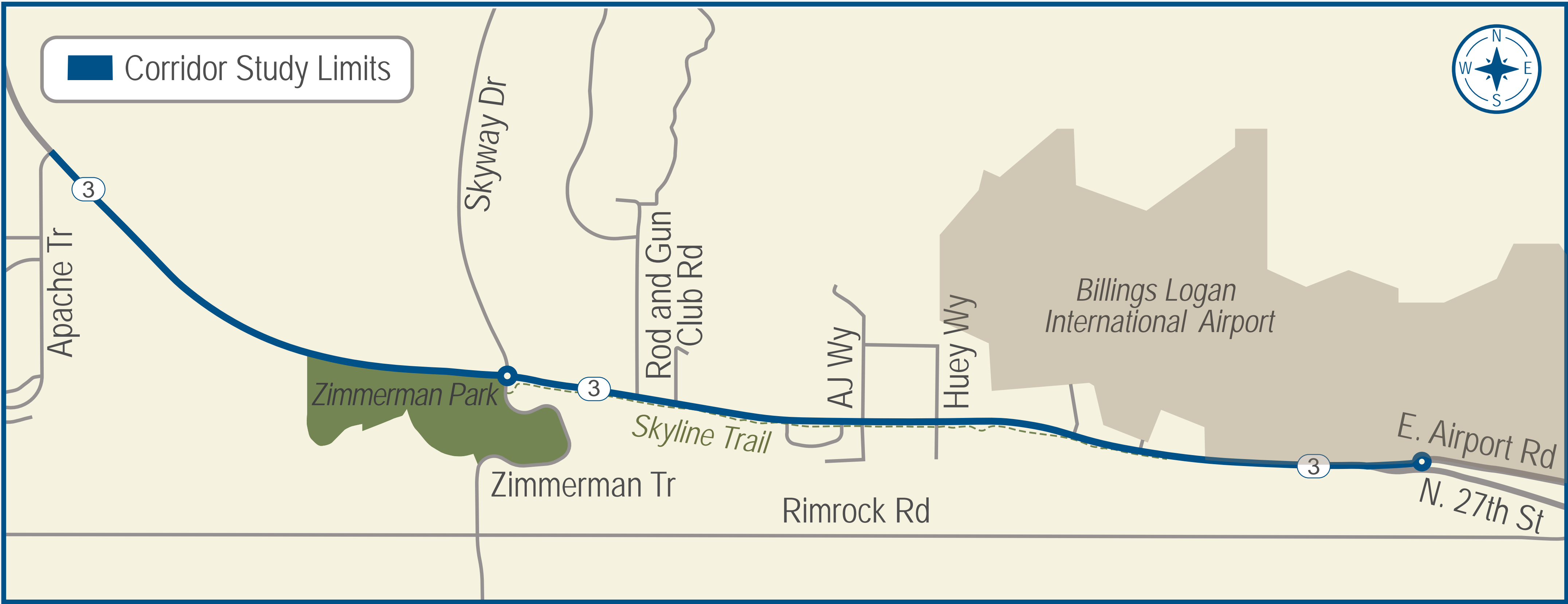


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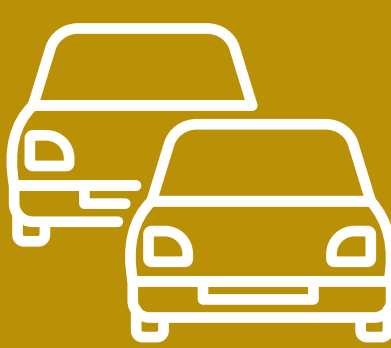


What is a Corridor Study?


This corridor study will evaluate safety, operational, and environmental conditions to identify needs, constraints, and potential improvement options before advancing to project-specific design and construction phases.



Why Was This Corridor Selected for a Study?



MT 3 is a high-volume corridor and traffic is expected to increase with new development.



Understand projected impacts associated with the recently completed Skyway Drive.



Several regional trails converge at the intersection of MT 3 and Zimmerman Trail.

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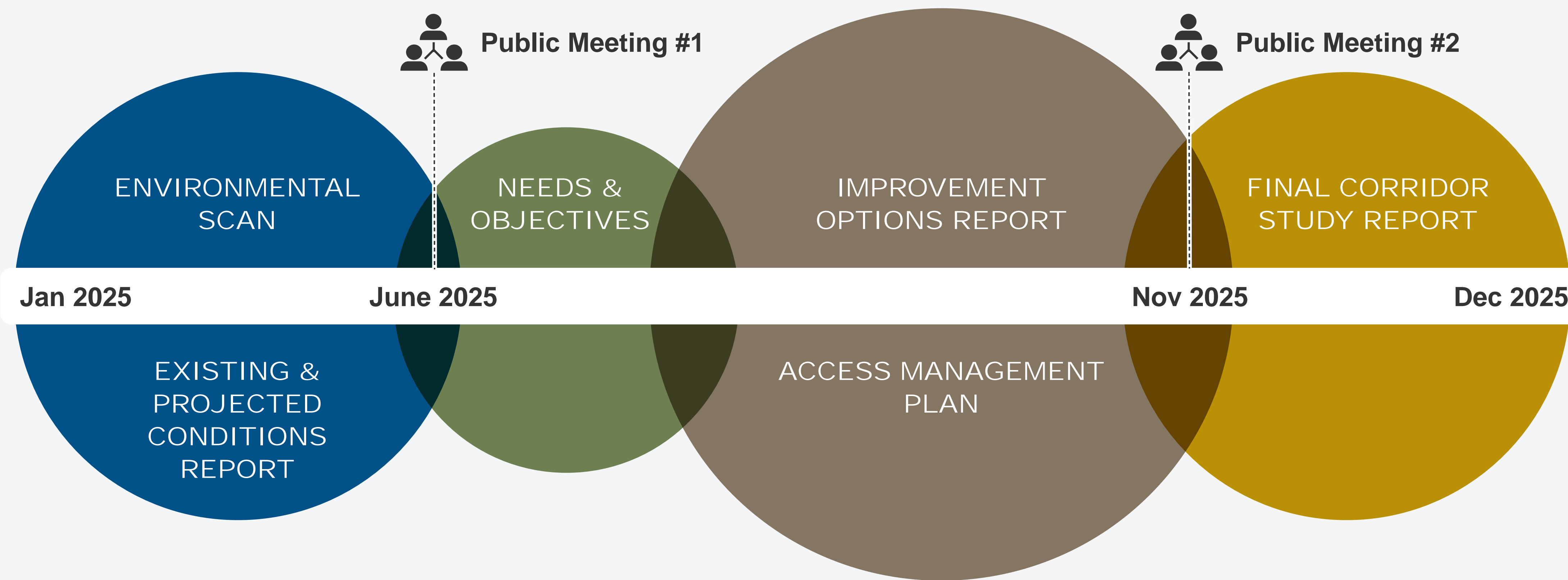


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Schedule



Purpose

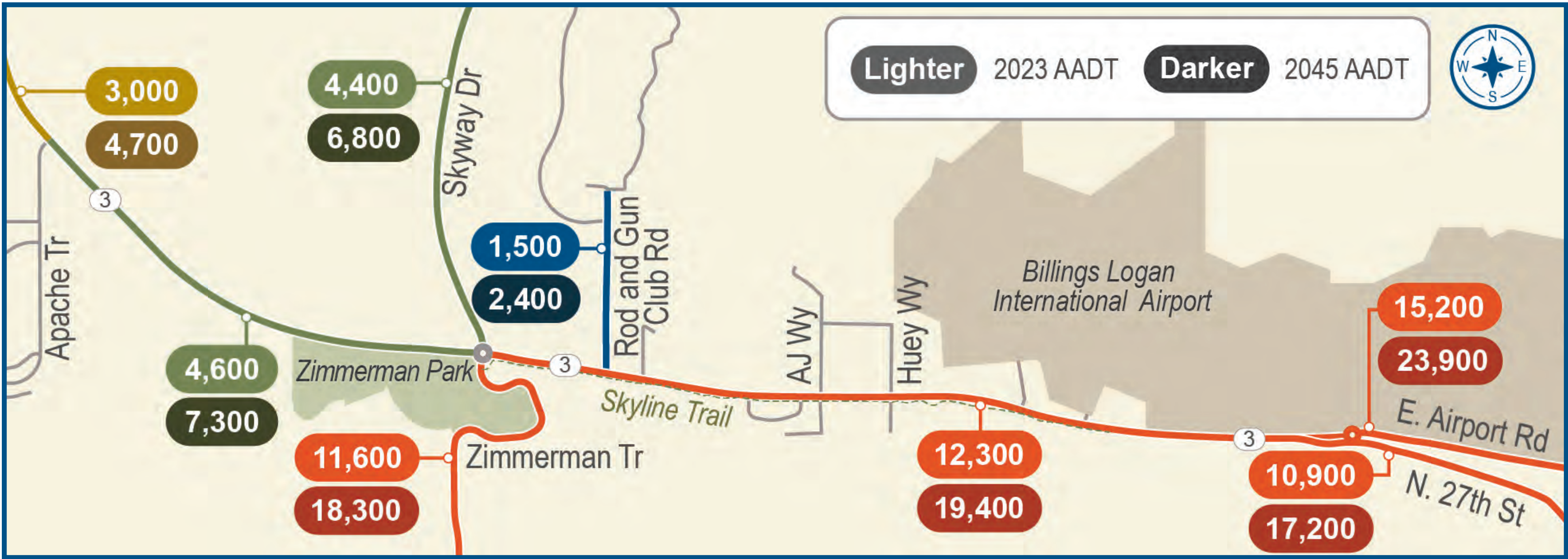
Identify corridor needs and objectives

Identify short-term and long-term improvement options

Develop planning level cost estimates

Identify funding sources

Develop an Access Management Plan for the corridor



- With 2.1% growth, 19,400 vehicles per day are forecasted on MT 3 east of Zimmerman Trail in 2045
- Capacity of an urban two-lane arterial with left-turn lanes is 18,300 vehicles per day

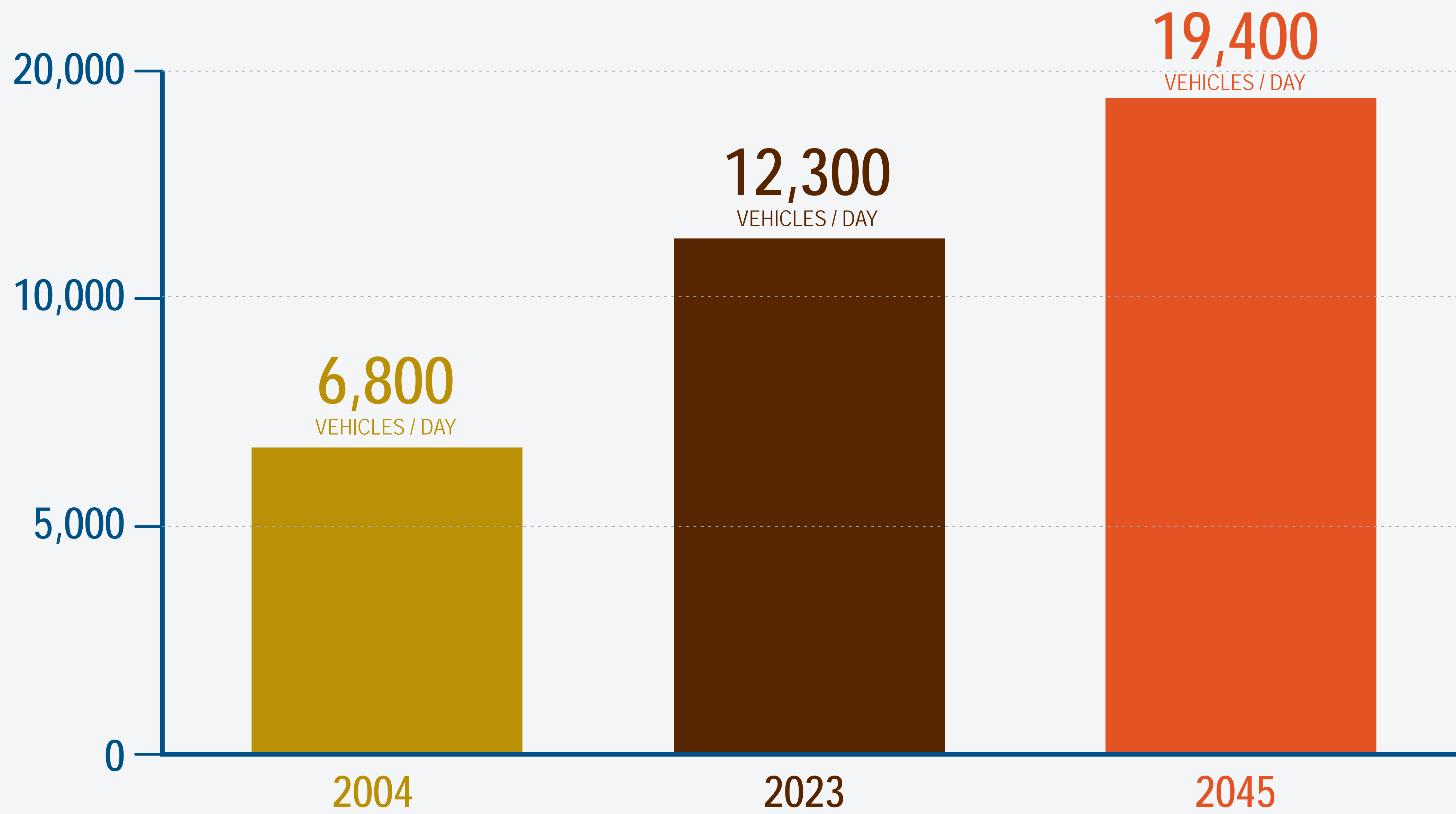
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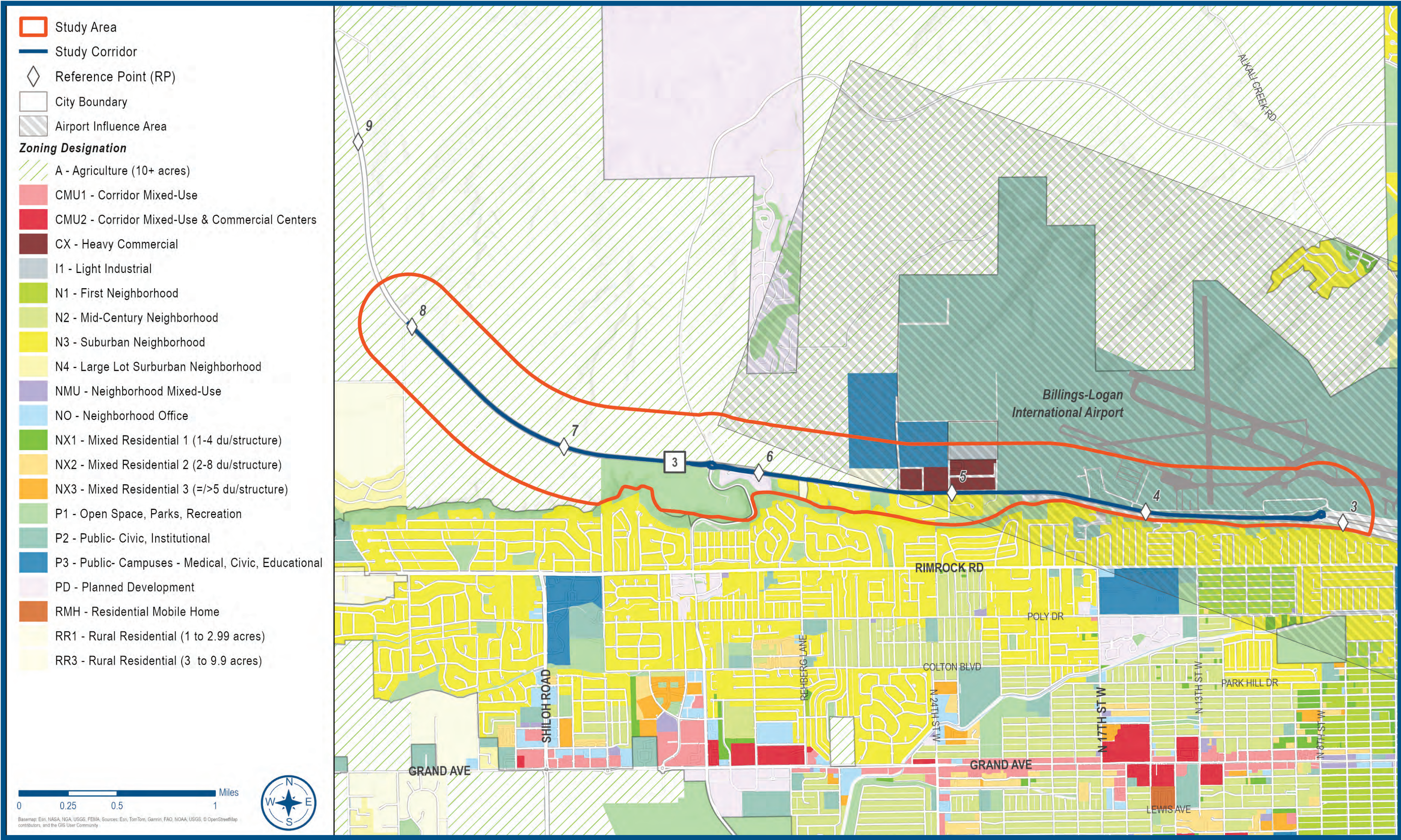
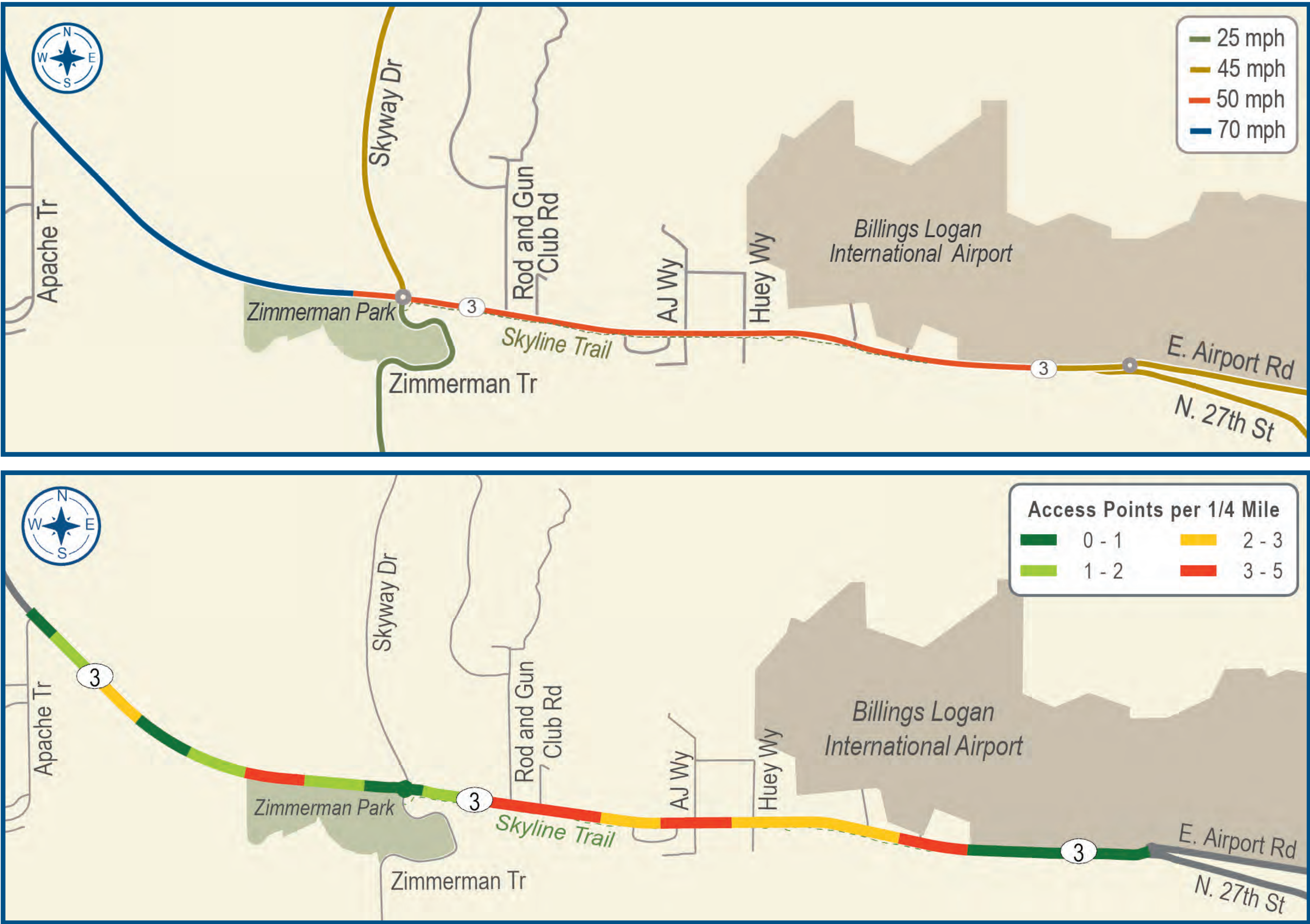
GROWTH
EXPECTED
PER YEAR

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FAILING TRAFFIC
operations in 2045

Expected change in Daily Traffic on MT 3 from 2023 to 2045 (↑ 7,100 vehicles)



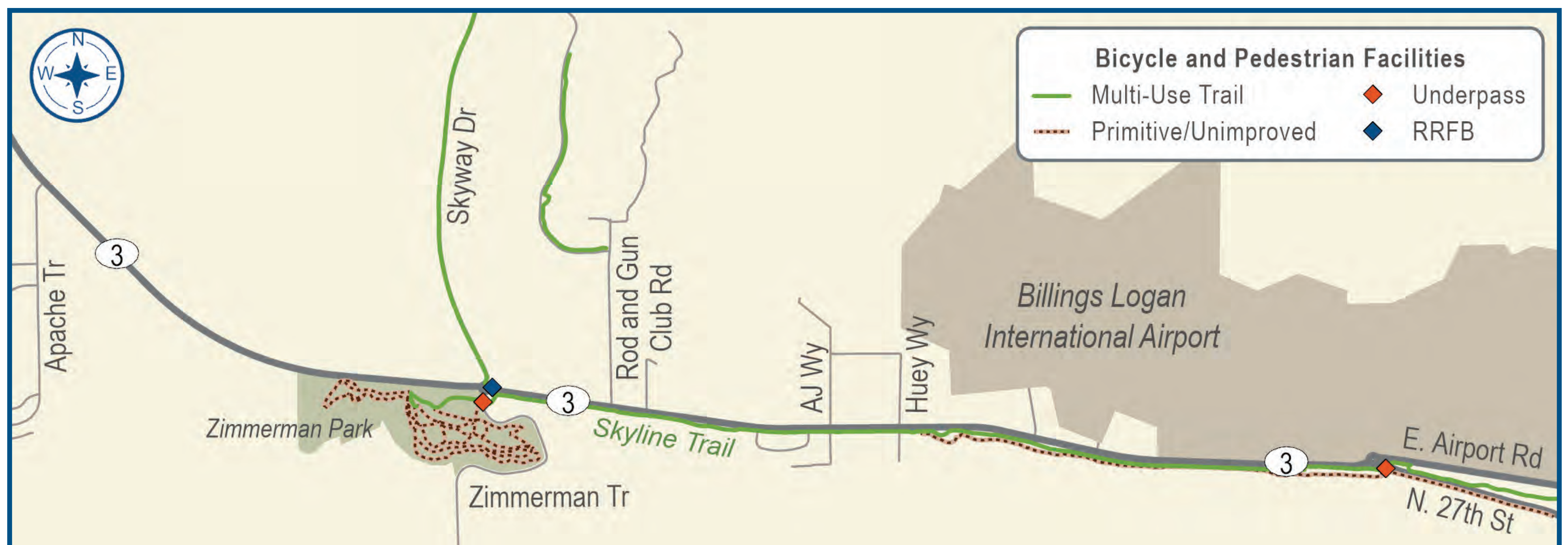


Existing Zoning Designations include:

- Agriculture north and west of corridor
- Residential south of study corridor, east of Zimmerman Trail
- Heavy commercial north of corridor at AJ Way and Huey Way

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

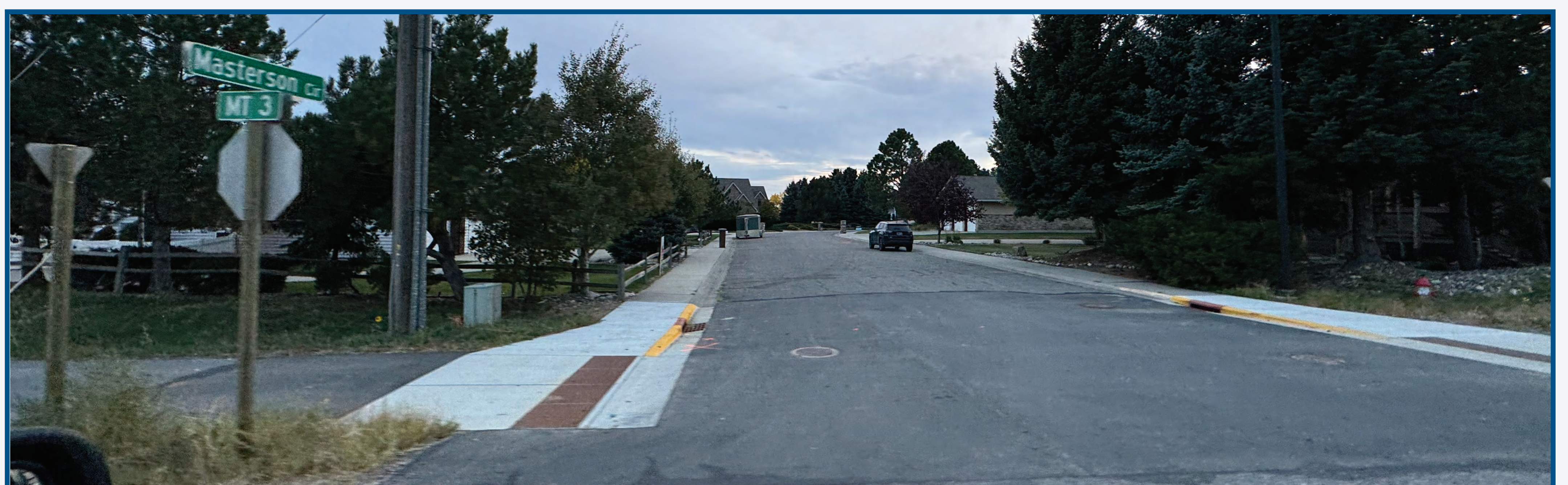
- Intersection of multiple regional trails at Zimmerman Trail roundabout
- Pedestrian / bicycle underpasses on south leg of Zimmerman Trail and East Airport Road roundabouts
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) on east leg of Zimmerman Trail roundabout
- Stagecoach Trail will be added on south leg of Zimmerman Trail roundabout



Pedestrian Safety Concerns

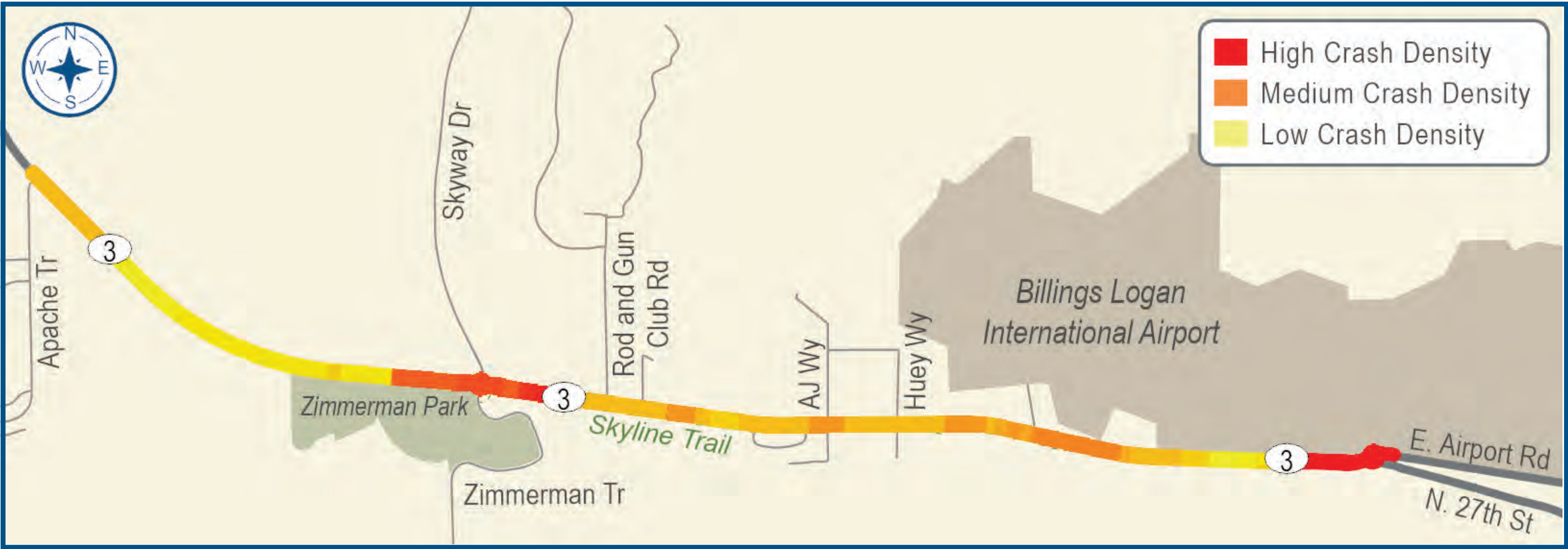


- North-south crossings on east leg of Zimmerman Trail roundabout



- Skyline Trail crosses several driveways providing access to residential development along MT 3

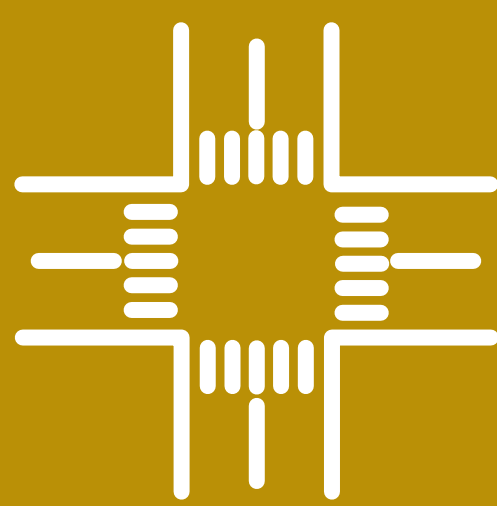
Crash Density (2019-2023)



- Crash density highest at Zimmerman Trail and East Airport Road roundabouts
- Higher crash density associated with higher side street traffic

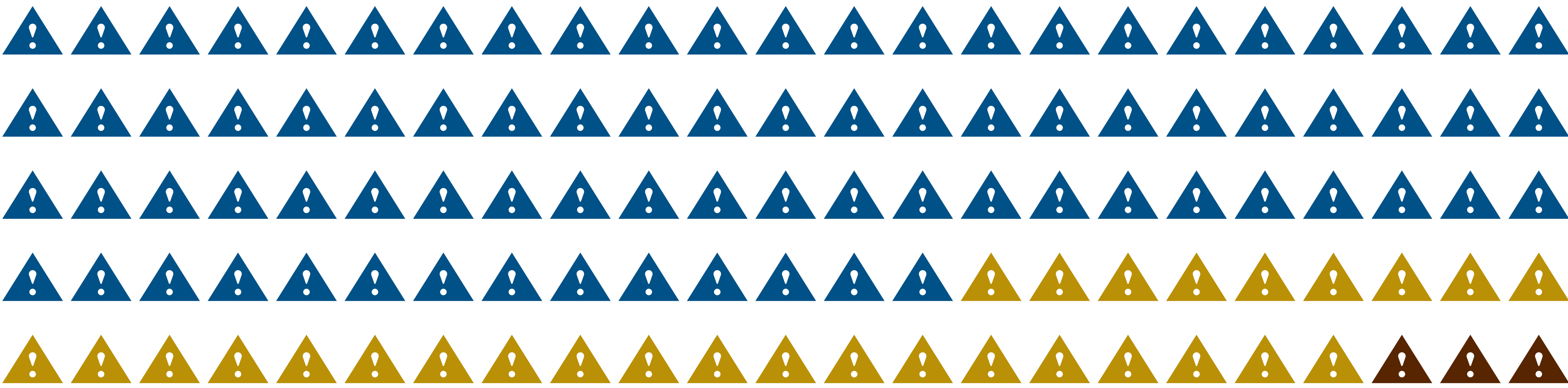


25% REAR-END COLLISIONS



51% OF CRASHES OCCURED AT INTERSECTIONS

115 Total Crashes (2019-2023)



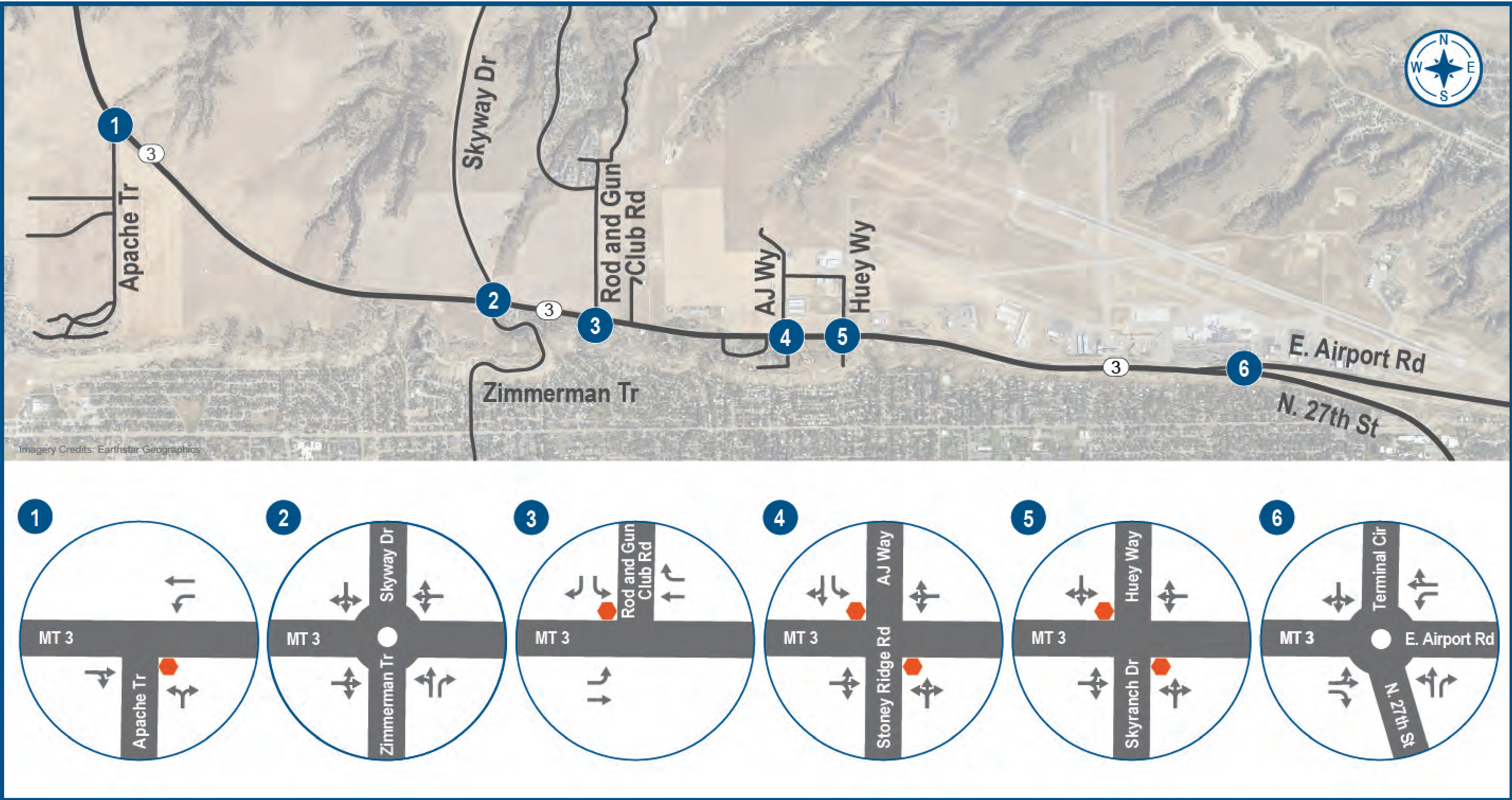
29 MINOR INJURY CRASHES

3 SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR FATAL CRASHES

Traffic operations analyzed at:

- Four two-way stop-controlled intersections
- Two roundabouts

Existing Lane Configurations



PM Peak Hour Level of Service



- Four study intersections are expected to fail in 2025
- Included forecasted development traffic (e.g., Billings Readiness and Innovation Campus planned on AJ Way)

How Can I Submit a Comment?

Leave a **comment card**
or submit your comment **online** at



<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/hwy3billings/>

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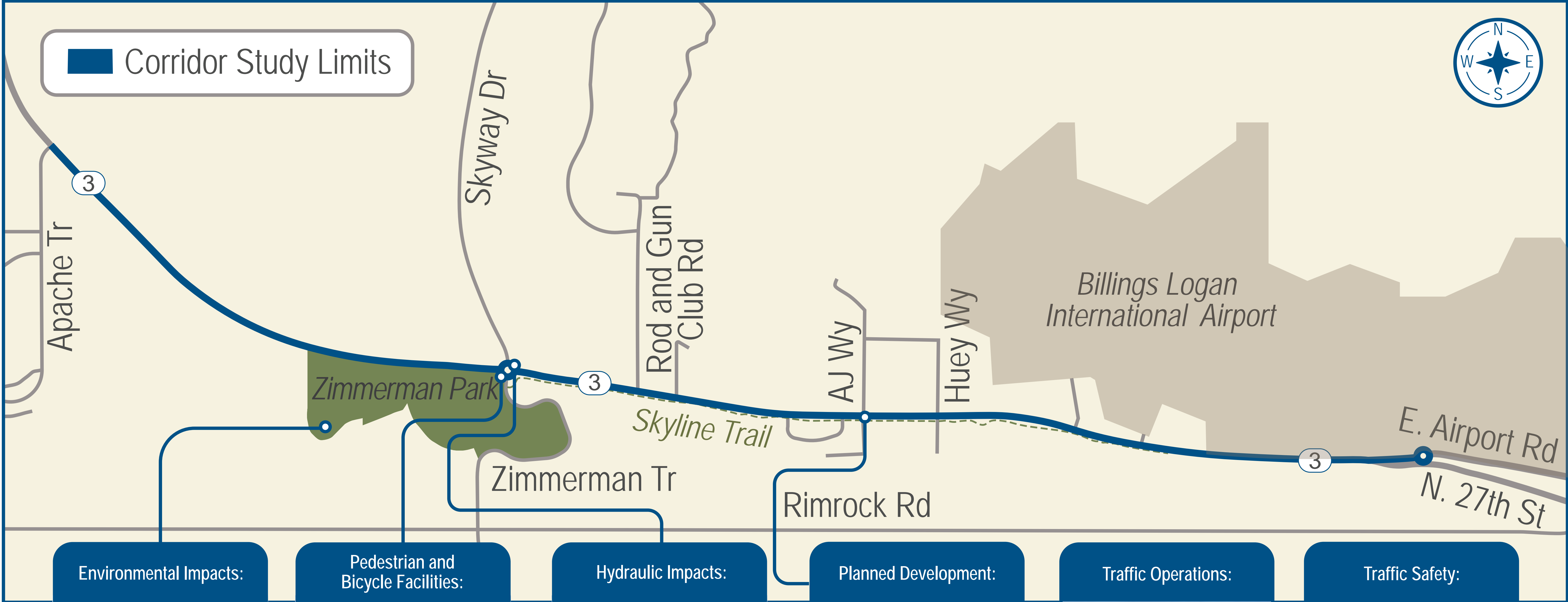
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Key Areas of Concern and Consideration



Environmental Impacts:



Impacts of widening on adjacent land and environmental resources

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities:



Safe crossings for non-motorized users

Hydraulic Impacts:



Avoid increase in runoff due to limited stormwater facilities

Planned Development:



Planned development in area including National Guard Facility on AJ Way

Traffic Operations:



Increasing traffic volumes and high delay in future conditions

Traffic Safety:



Increasing crash frequency on MT 3