



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 2, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Martha Eros, Transportation Planner

Subject: PILOT BICYCLE ROUTE PROJECT UPDATE

Attachments:

1. Beverly Hills Bikeway Images
2. Map of Approved Pilot Bicycle Routes
3. Bike Route Design Graphics
4. Construction Notice
5. Press Release

INTRODUCTION

At the November 13, 2012 City Council study session, Public Works & Transportation staff received direction to proceed with implementation of pilot bicycle routes on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive. The two bikeways were constructed the week of June 24, 2013 as part of the FY12-13 Street Resurfacing capital improvement project (CIP).

The pilot bike routes will be monitored for use and impacts on local traffic and safety during the 12-month pilot period. Staff will seek City Council direction prior to the end of the pilot period to either maintain the bikeways permanently, remove the bicycle street markings, and/or pursue future routes to connect to adjacent bicycle networks.

DISCUSSION

Approximately 900 Construction Notices were mailed on June 10, 2013 to residents and businesses located on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive within the project area. Additionally, a press release was distributed to the local newspapers and posted on social media networks. The information is available on the City's Transportation website at www.beverlyhills.org/bicycles.

The Civil Engineering team contacted major stakeholders in the project area and posted construction signage as needed. Most of the construction activity was completed within three days and during non-peak traffic hours (between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) and late evening hours.

Burton Way

A Class II Bike Lane was installed on both sides of Burton Way between North Rexford Drive and the east city limits (Robertson Boulevard on the eastbound lanes and North Oakhurst Drive on the westbound lanes), where it connects to the existing bike lanes in the City of Los Angeles on Burton Way and transitions onto San Vicente Boulevard. Construction activity included removal of any existing lane striping, new lane striping, bicycle stencils/markings, signage and posts.

The striping on both sides of the center median includes an 8-ft wide parking lane that starts at curbside, a 6-ft wide bike lane with bicycle symbols, two travel lanes in each direction (11-ft and 10-ft), 10-ft wide left-turn lanes, and a dashed line approximately 100-ft from the intersection approach to allow interchanging right-turn traffic movements. Signs indicating the presence of a bike lane will be installed along both sides of the street in the public right-of-way.

The bike lane transitions to a Class III Bike Route with sharrows (bike symbol with chevrons) between North Rexford and Crescent Drives due to existing traffic movements and street widths on Burton Way/South Santa Monica Boulevard. A sharrow alerts motorists and bicyclists to share the road and conveys that the street is a preferred bike route. The sharrows start approximately 100-ft east of Civic Center Drive on westbound Burton Way and continues to North Crescent Drive. On eastbound South Santa Monica Boulevard/Burton Way, sharrows are placed between North Crescent and Rexford Drives with the bike lane starting on the far side of North Rexford Drive.

North Crescent Drive

North Crescent Drive has a hybrid bike lane and bike route between Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards. A Class III Bike Route with sharrow markings was placed between Wilshire Boulevard and Park Way and maintains on-street parking and two travel lanes in each direction. A Class II Bike Lane starts at Park Way and continues north to Sunset Boulevard with a 7.5-ft parking lane, 6-ft bike lane with bicycle symbols, and an 11.5-ft travel lane in each direction. Signs indicating the presence of a bike lane will be installed along both sides of the street in the public right-of-way.

FISCAL IMPACT

The initial cost for the two pilot bikeways was projected at \$80,000 based on Caltrans guidelines and costs of construction by other municipalities. By incorporating the bike project with the annual Street Resurfacing CIP, the final project cost is \$33,000, a 58% savings.

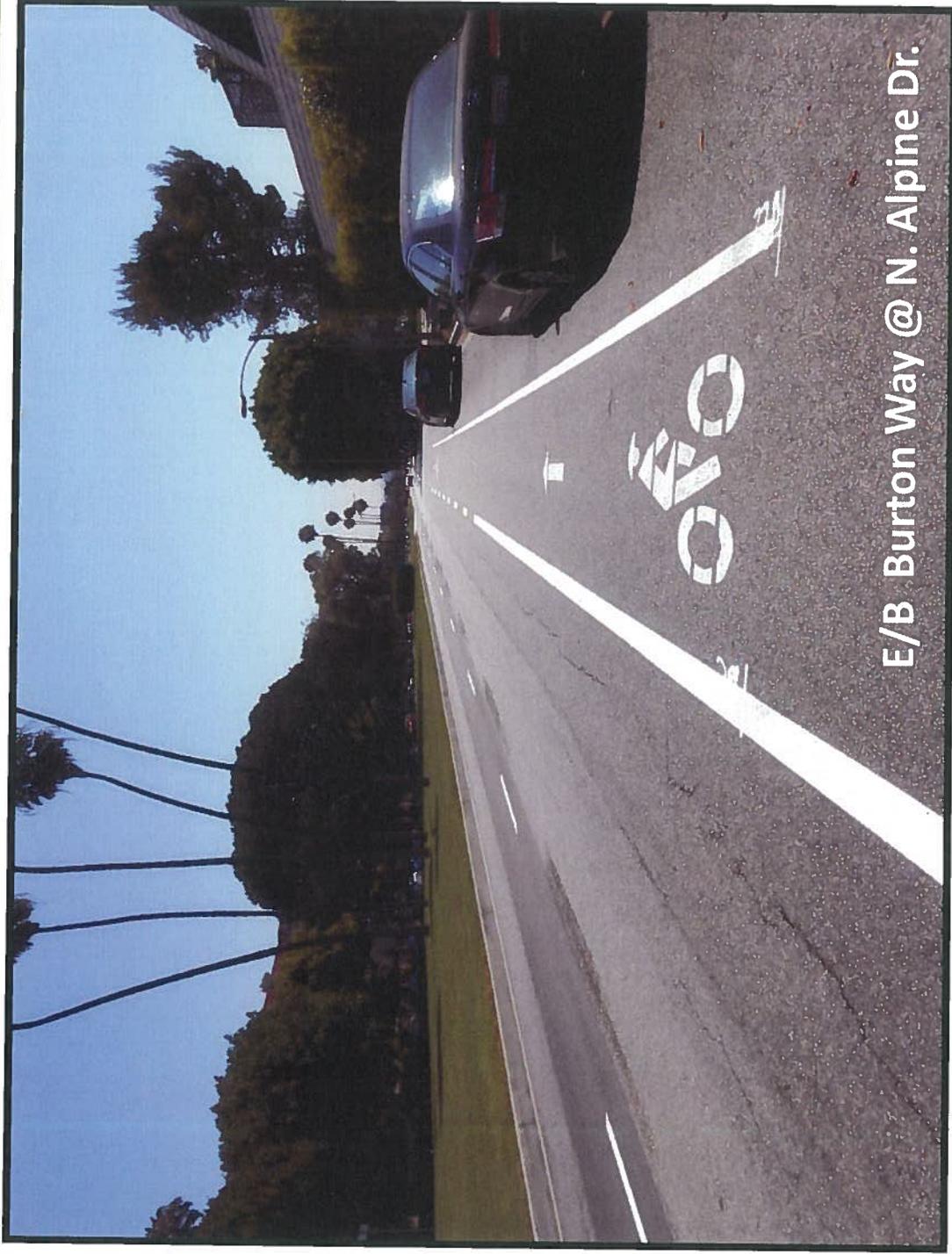
RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information purposes.

Mahdi Aluzri
Approved By

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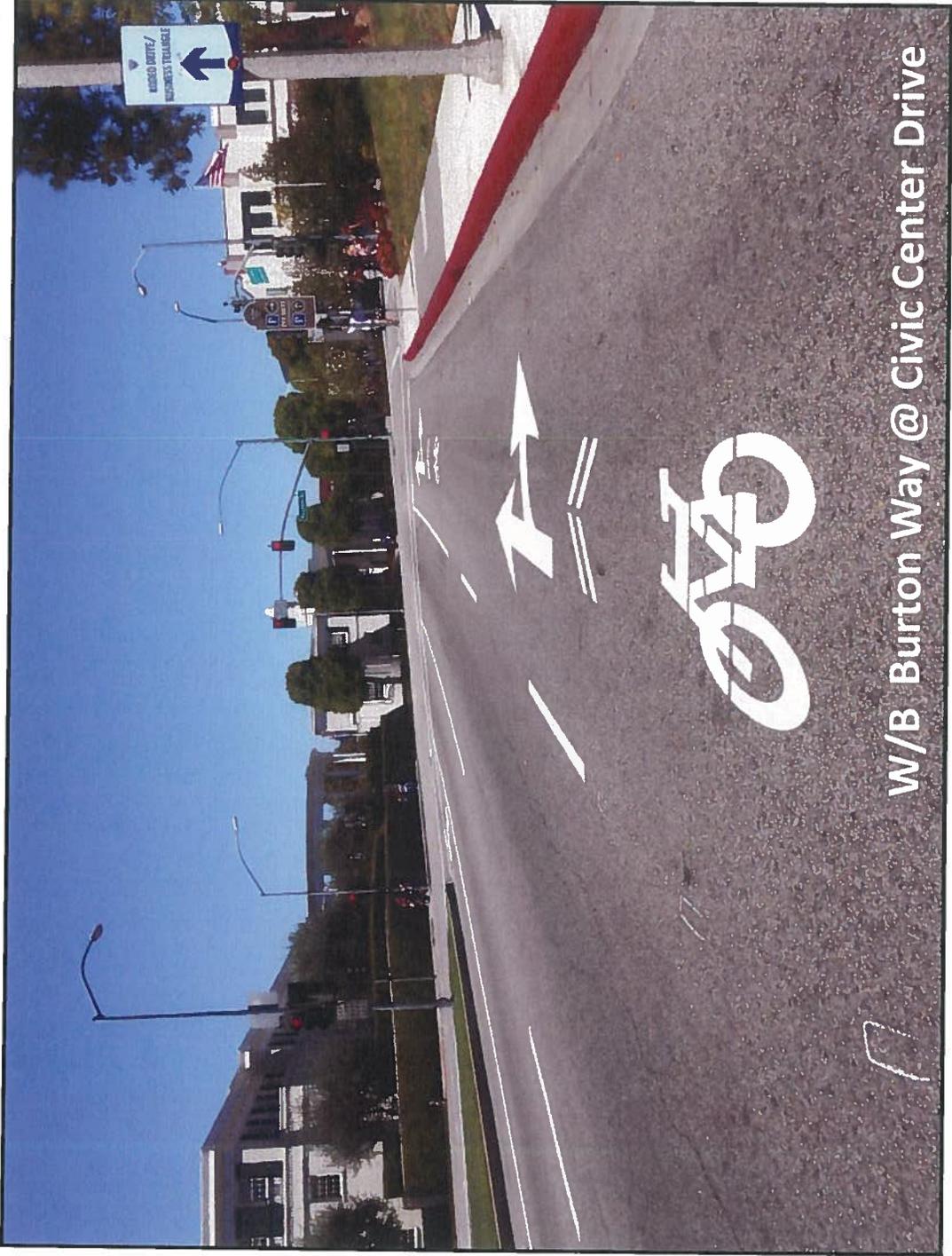
**Class II Bike Lane
Burton Way (N. Rexford Dr. – East City Limits)**



E/B Burton Way @ N. Alpine Dr.

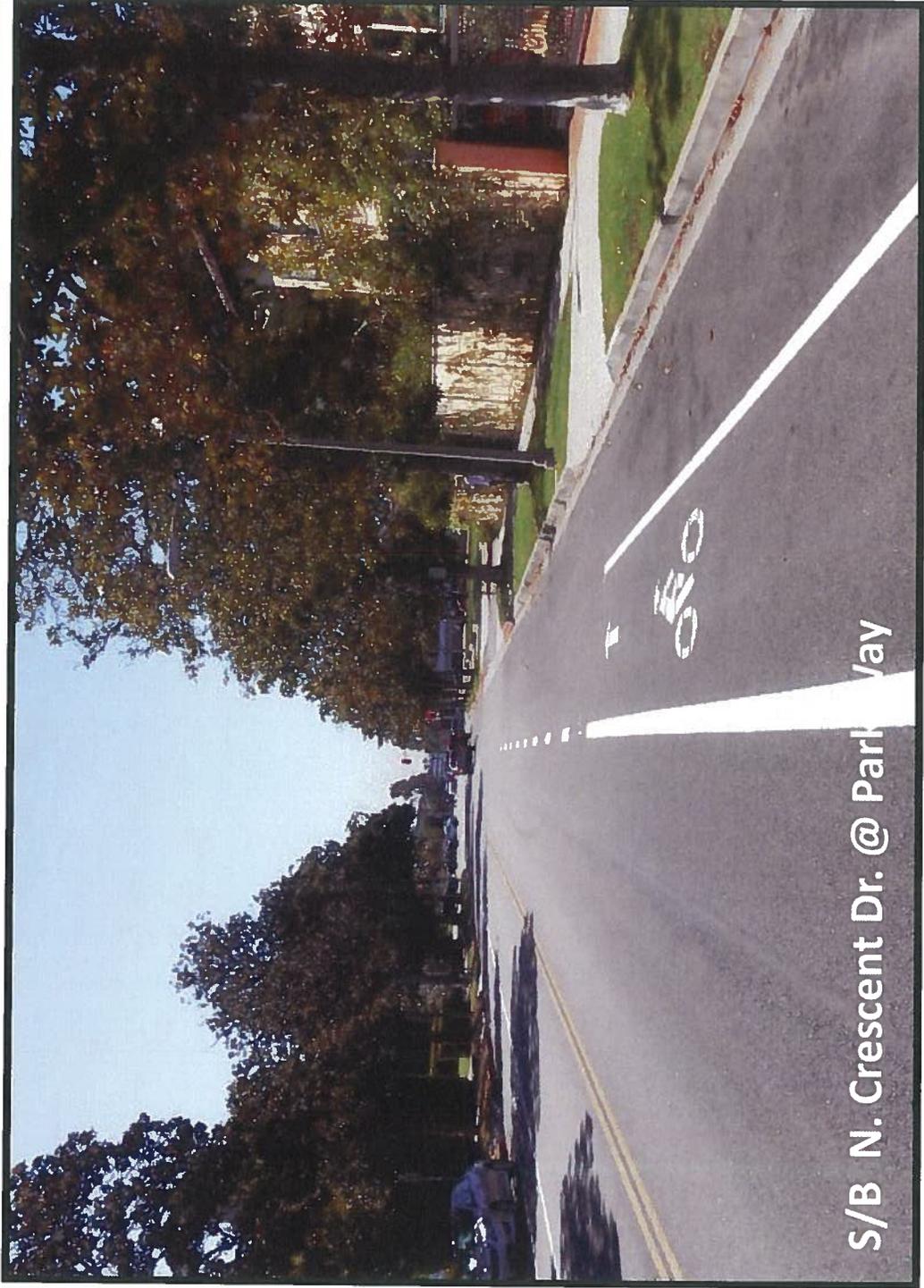
Class III Bike Route/Sharrow

Burton Way/South SMB (N. Rexford - Crescent Drives)



W/B Burton Way @ Civic Center Drive

**Class II Bike Lane
North Crescent Drive (Park Way - Sunset Blvd.)**



S/B N. Crescent Dr. @ Park Way

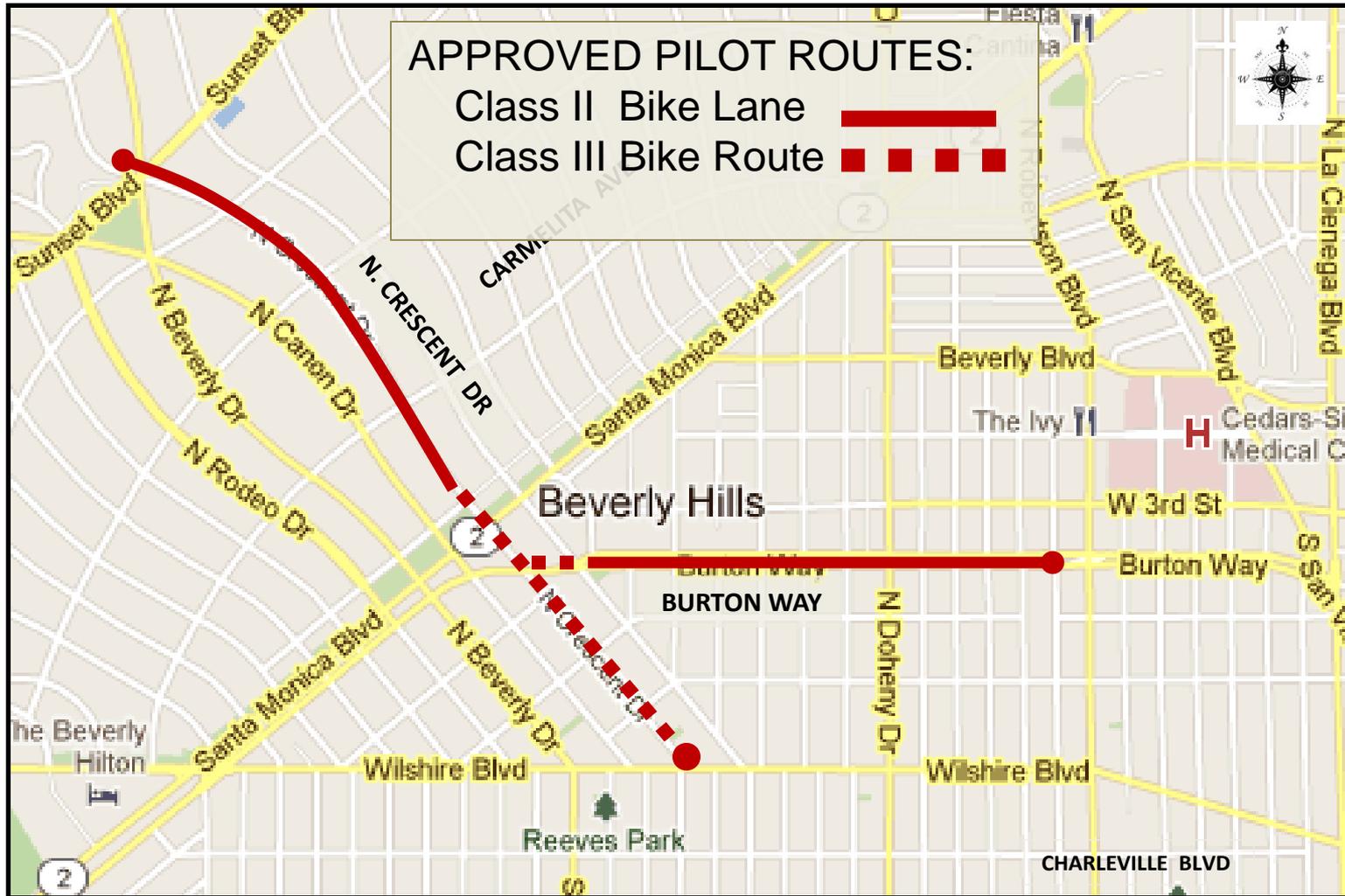
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N/B N. Crescent Dr. @ Park Way

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APPROVED PILOT BICYCLE ROUTES
NOVEMBER 2012



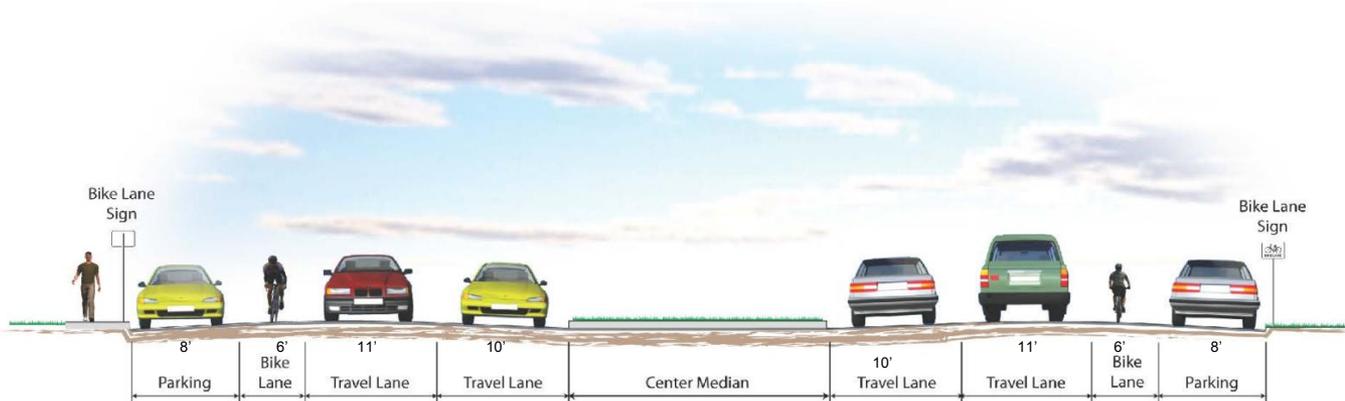
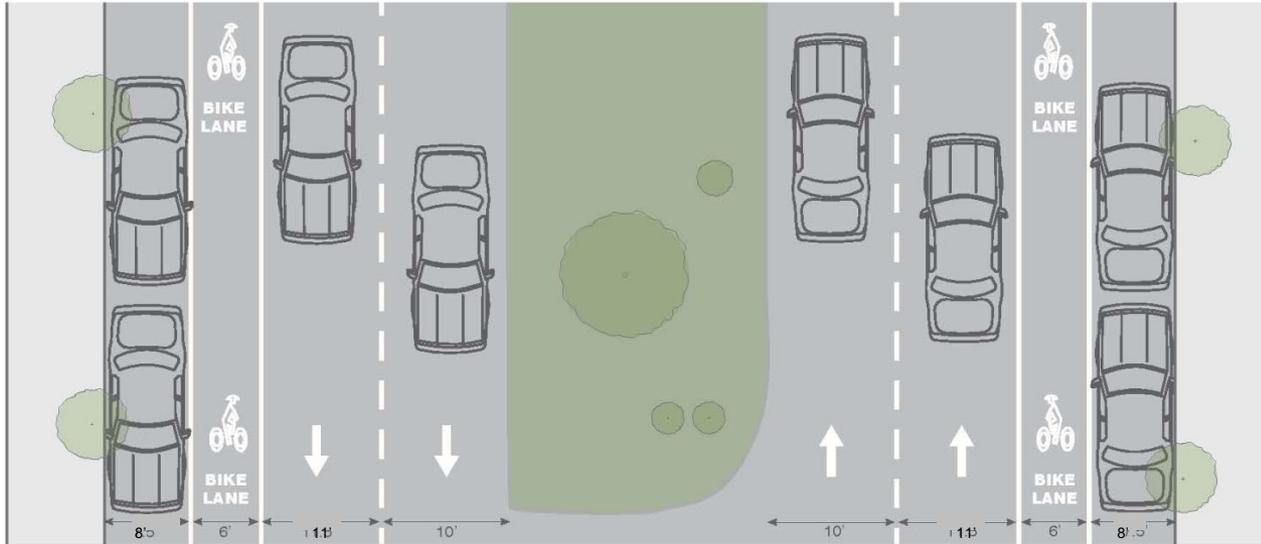
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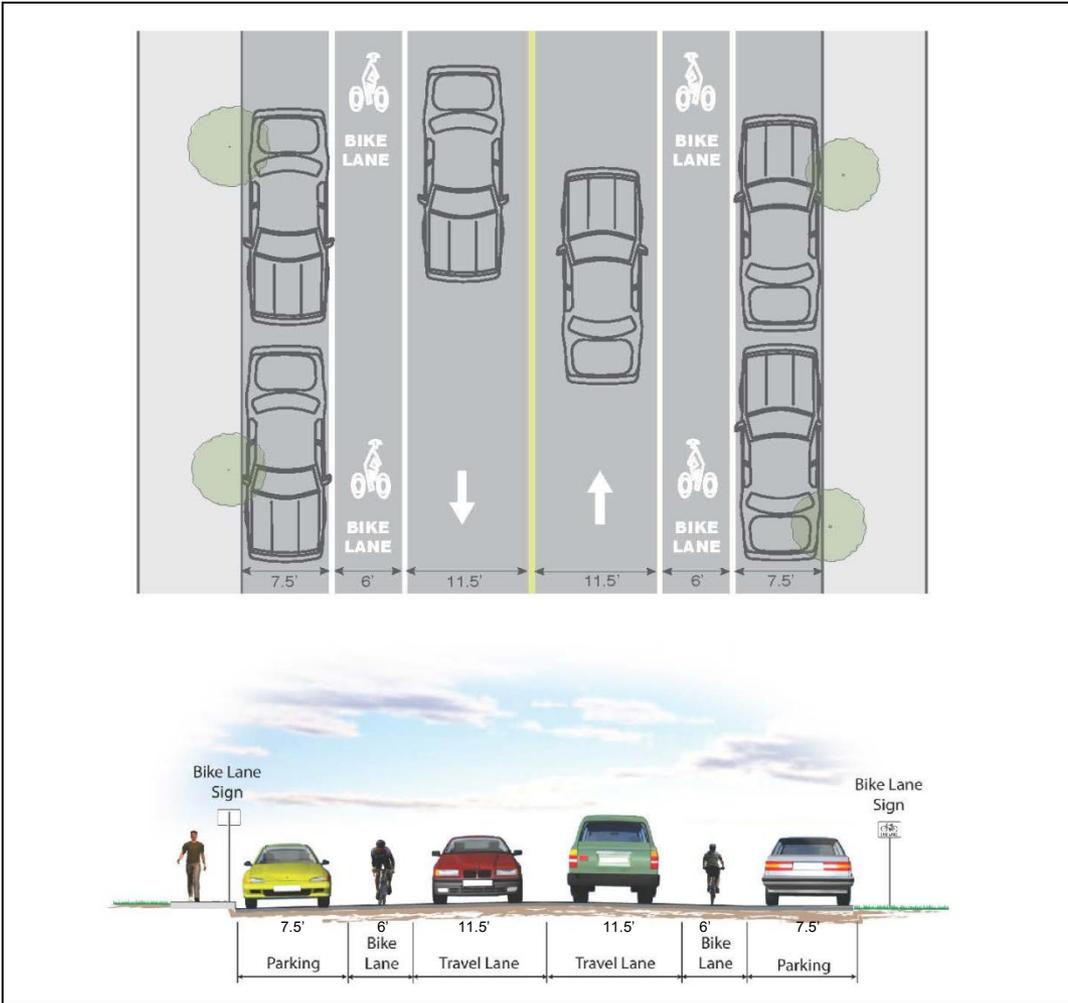
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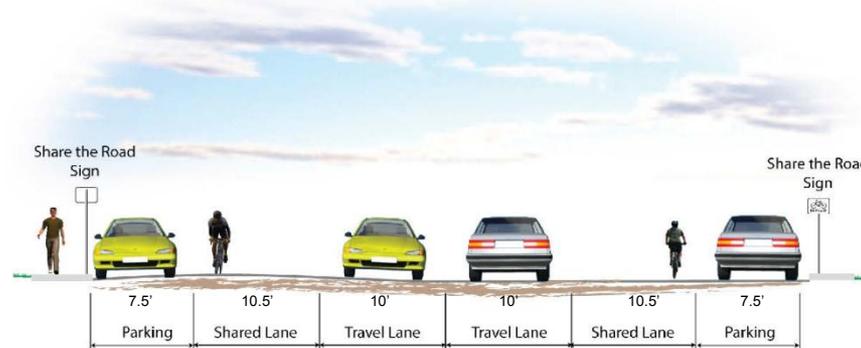
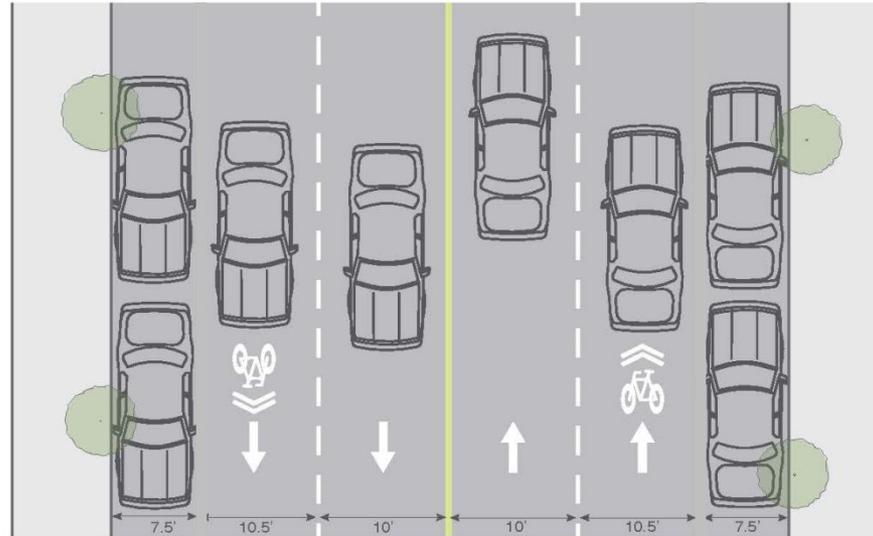
BURTON WAY BETWEEN N. CRESCENT TO EAST CITY LIMITS



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
APPROVED PILOT BICYCLE ROUTES
N. CRESCENT BETWEEN PARK WAY AND SUNSET BLVD



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPROVED PILOT BICYCLE ROUTES N. CRESCENT BETWEEN WILSHIRE AND PARK WAY



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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

PILOT BICYCLE ROUTE PROJECT BURTON WAY AND NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE JUNE 24 – JULY 3, 2013

The City of Beverly Hills is pleased to announce the placement of our first bikeway pilot project! The City's contractor will begin installation of two pilot bikeways on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive the week of June 24, 2013. Activity involves restriping the roads and placement of signs to create a designated route for bicycle use. The City Council approved a one-year pilot bicycle route project in November 2012.

- Construction Dates: Monday, June 24 – Wednesday, July 3, 2013
(work to be scheduled during low traffic hours of the day)
- Locations: Burton Way between North Crescent Drive and east city limits, and
North Crescent Drive between Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards
- Activity: Street crews, striping equipment and vehicles, diverted traffic or parking
during non-peak daytime work hours and evening hours

Burton Way Bike Lane

A striped bike lane will be installed on both sides of Burton Way between North Crescent Drive and the east city limits (i.e., Robertson Boulevard on the south side and Oakhurst Drive on the north side of the street). A six-foot wide bike lane will be installed next to the existing parking lane, and the two travel lanes in each direction will be maintained. Advance notice will be given of any evening parking restriction during the construction period.

North Crescent Drive Bike Lane and Bike Route

A combined bike lane and bike route with sharrow markings will be installed on both sides of North Crescent Drive between Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards. A bike route is designated with "sharrow" markings (a bicycle with chevrons) on the travel lane adjacent to parking and does not have designated lane striping. Sharrows announce the shared use of the road by bicycles and vehicles.

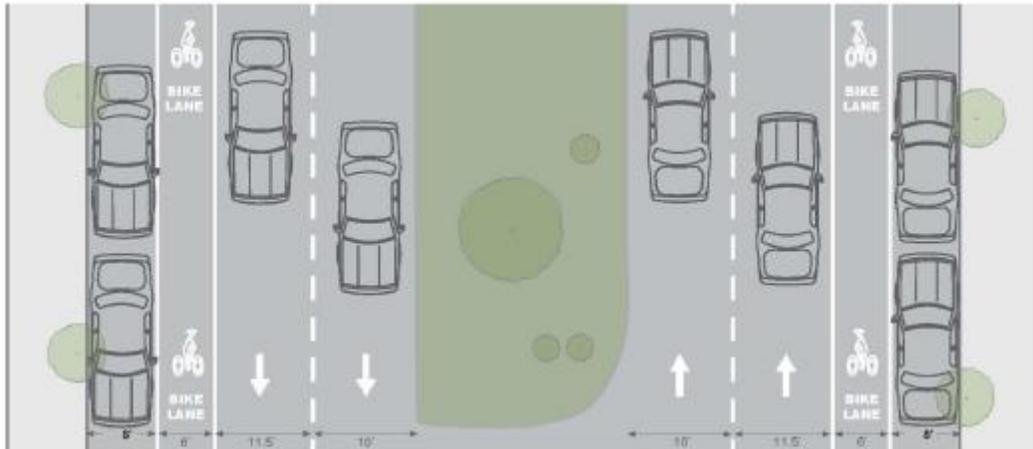
The bike lane section between Sunset Boulevard and Park Way will have similar dimensions as Burton Way, with parking and one travel lane maintained in each direction. The bike route section with sharrow markings will continue south on North Crescent Drive from Park Way to Wilshire Boulevard. Sharrow markings will not interfere with existing street markings or parking lanes.

Additional information is available at www.beverlyhills.org/bicycles. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact our Transportation Customer Service team at (310) 285-2500.

**Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during the
installation of the new pilot bikeways.**

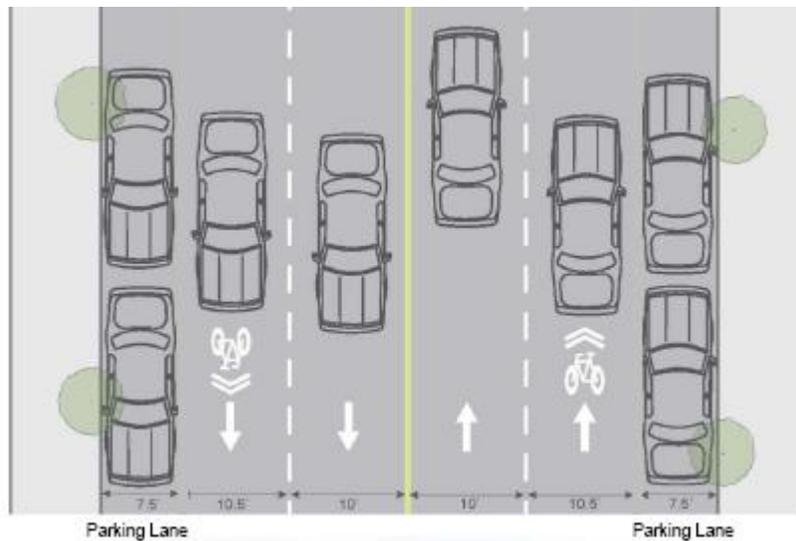


CLASS II – BIKE LANES (on Burton Way and on N. Crescent Dr* between Park Way and Sunset Blvd)



*N. Crescent Dr will maintain one travel lane in each direction.

CLASS III – BIKE ROUTE w/ SHARROWS (N. Crescent Dr between Wilshire Blvd and Park Way)



ATTACHMENT 5



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For Immediate Release
June 12, 2013
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Beverly Hill's Pilot Bike Route Program Gets Rolling

Beverly Hills, CA – As part of a one-year pilot bicycle project, the City of Beverly Hills will begin installation of two bike routes on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive during the week of June 24, 2013. The eight to 10-day installation will involve restriping the roads and placing signs to create a designated route for bicycle use.

The City Council approved the pilot bicycle route project in November 2012. Although all roads are legally open to bicycles, designated bike routes have been shown to increase both safety and ridership. Over the next year, the bike routes will be monitored for use and impacts on local traffic and safety. The City will also be installing custom-made bike racks throughout the business district.

Burton Way Bike Lane

A striped bike lane will be created on both sides of Burton Way between North Crescent Drive and the east city limits (i.e., Robertson Boulevard on the south side and Oakhurst Drive on the north side of the street). The six-foot wide bike lane, consisting of two travel lanes in each direction, will be installed next to the existing parking lane. The bike lane's eastern end will connect with bike routes in Los Angeles.

North Crescent Drive Bike Lane and Bike Route

A combined bike lane and bike route with sharrow markings will be installed on both sides of North Crescent Drive between Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards. A bike route is designated with "*sharrow*" markings (a bicycle with chevrons) on the travel lane adjacent to parking and does not have designated lane striping. Sharrows announce the shared use of the road by bicycles and vehicles.

Construction of the bike routes will take place during low-traffic hours from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Advance notice will be given of any evening parking restriction during the construction period. Additional information is available at www.beverlyhills.org/bicycles.

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