

# COMMUNITY MEETING

September 26, 2019



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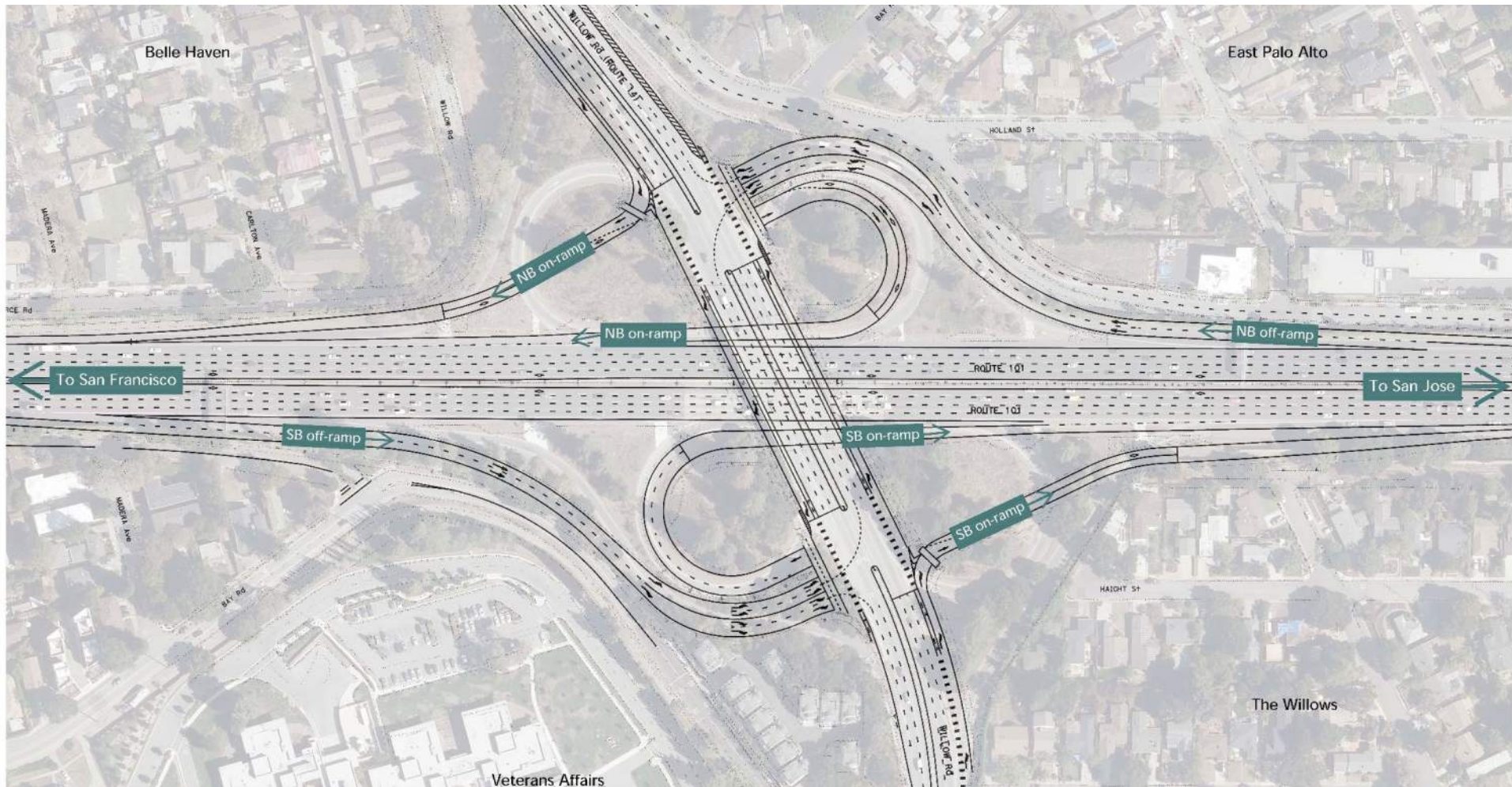
## Willow Road /Highway 101 Interchange Landscaping

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Background and Goals
- Site Opportunities and Constraints
- Concept Plans
- Open Discussion / Q & A

# Background

- Interchange construction recently completed by Caltrans





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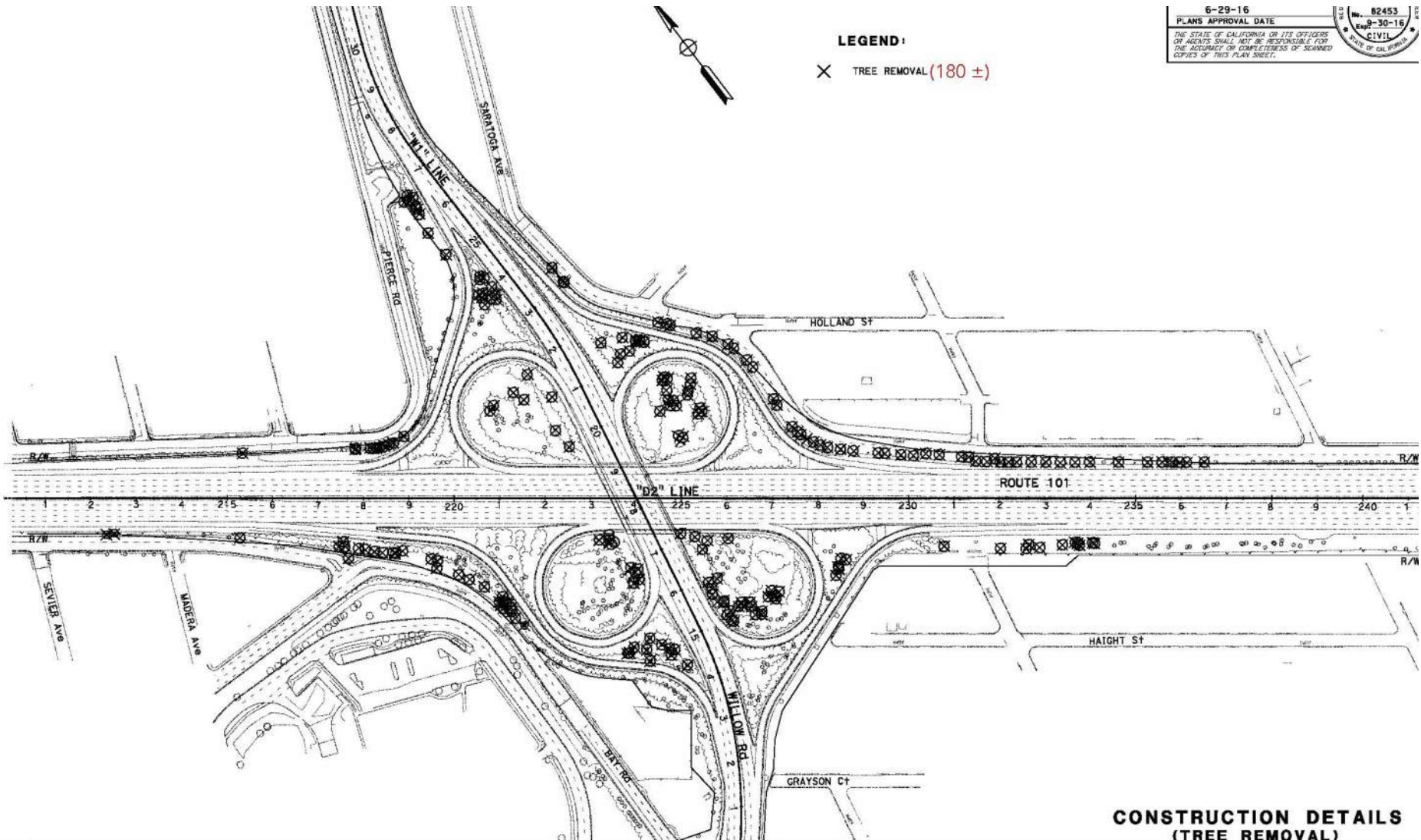
- Project focus is on landscape not roadway



# Background

## Tree Removal Plan from Interchange Project

- Construction resulted in removal of trees





# Goals

- Project Goals
  - Provide community with a visually pleasing landscape
- Meeting Goals
  - Help community understand design constraints and opportunities
  - Learn about community aesthetic preferences

# Process

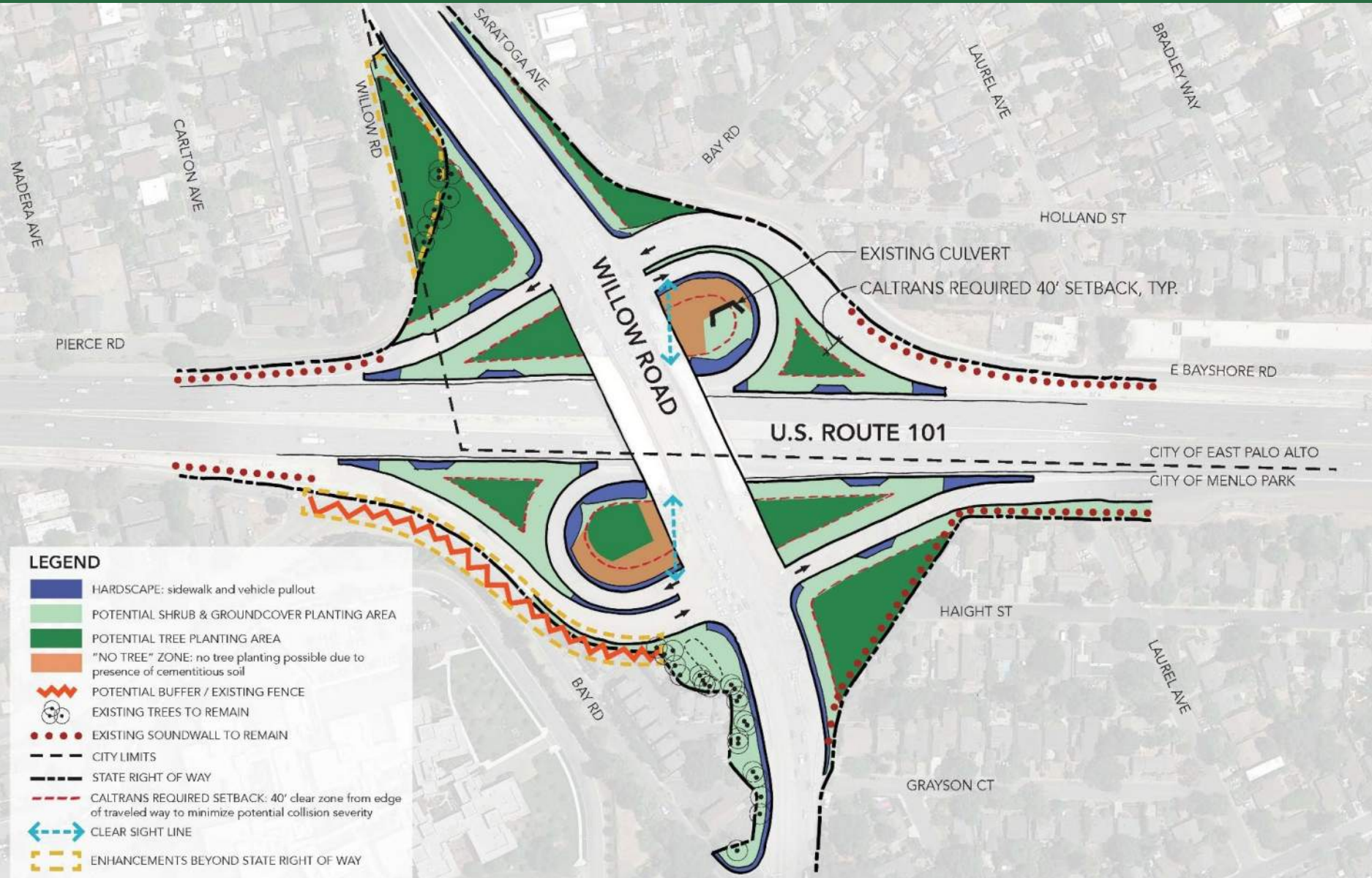
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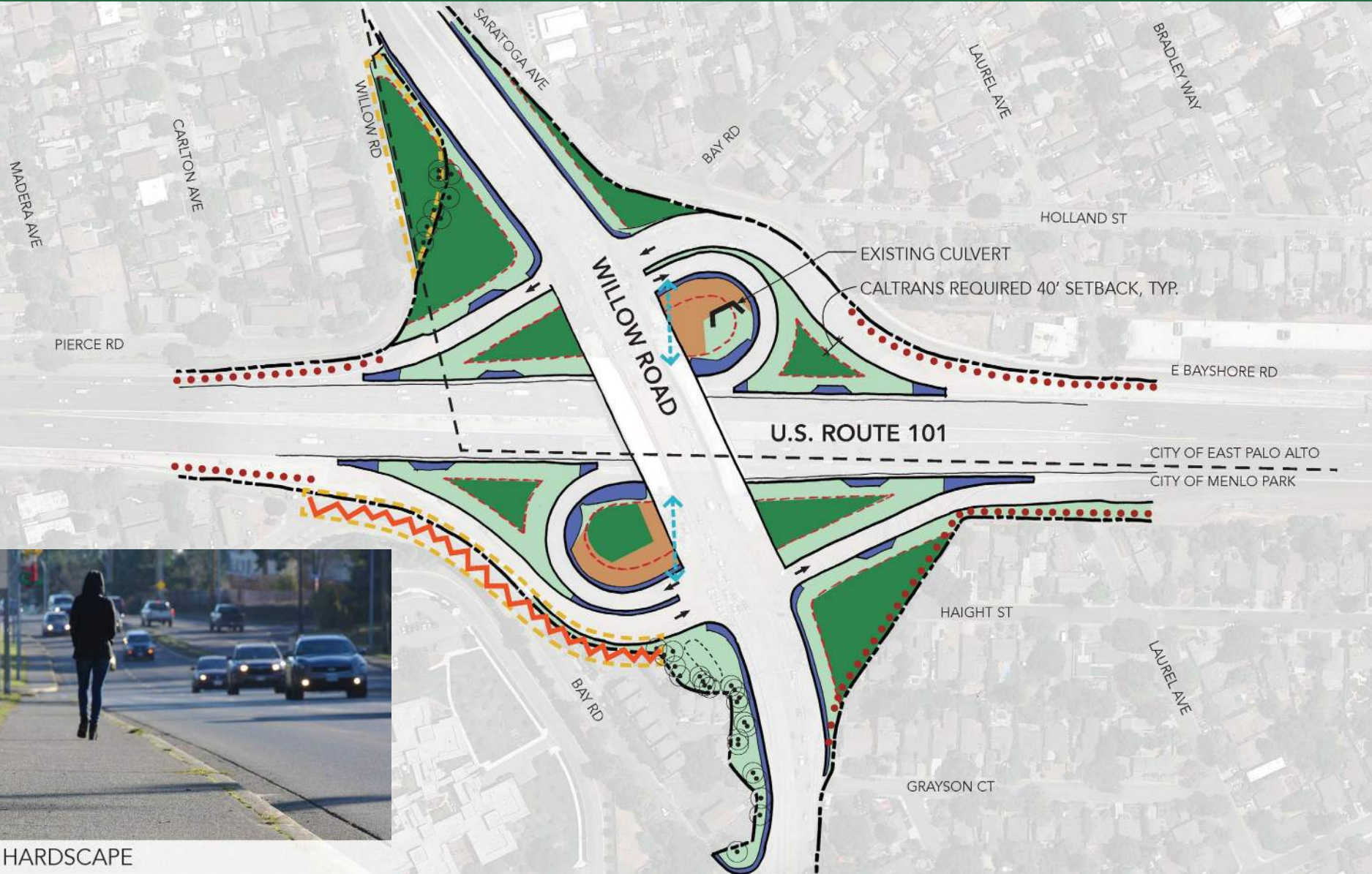
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# Opportunities and Constraints



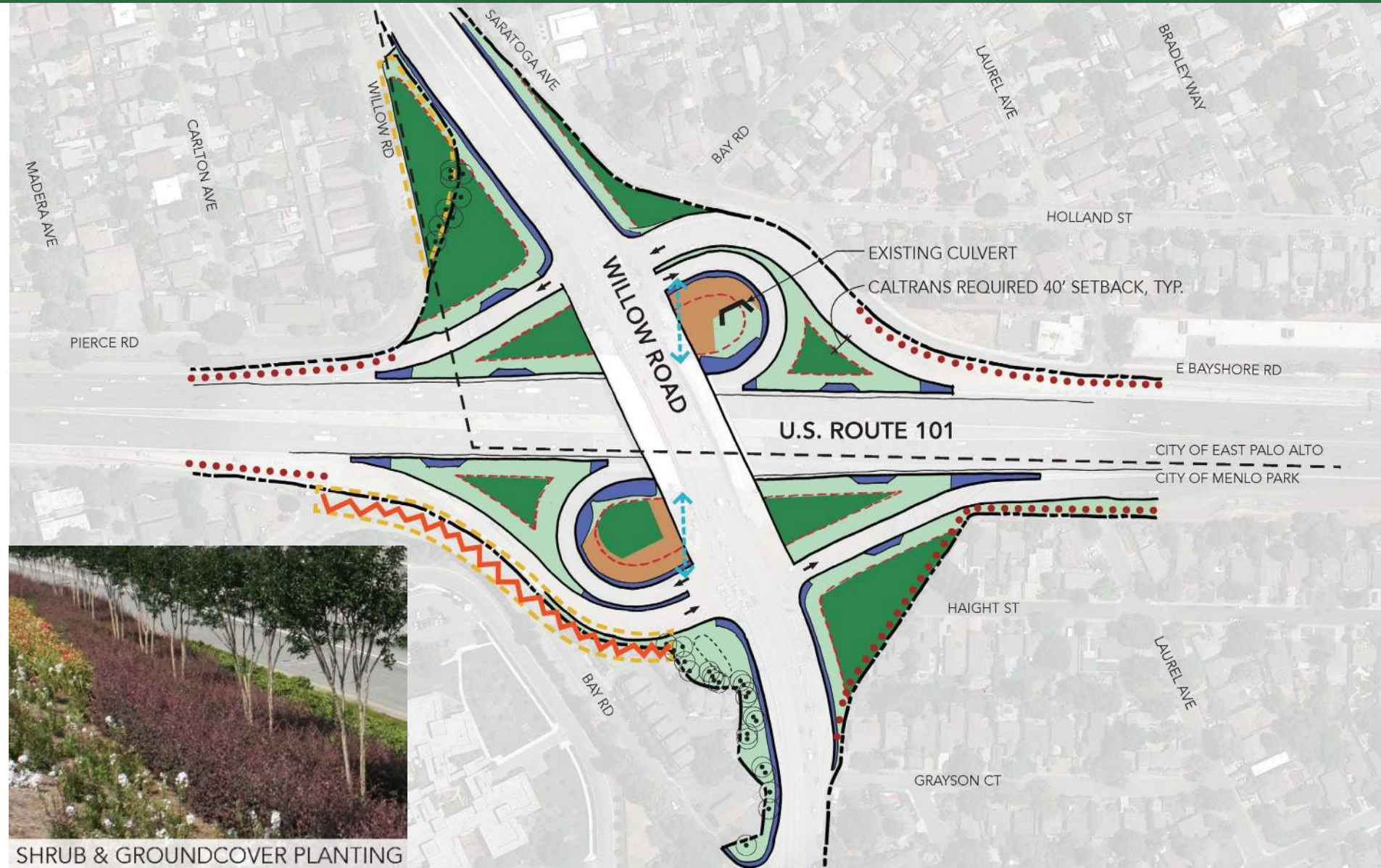


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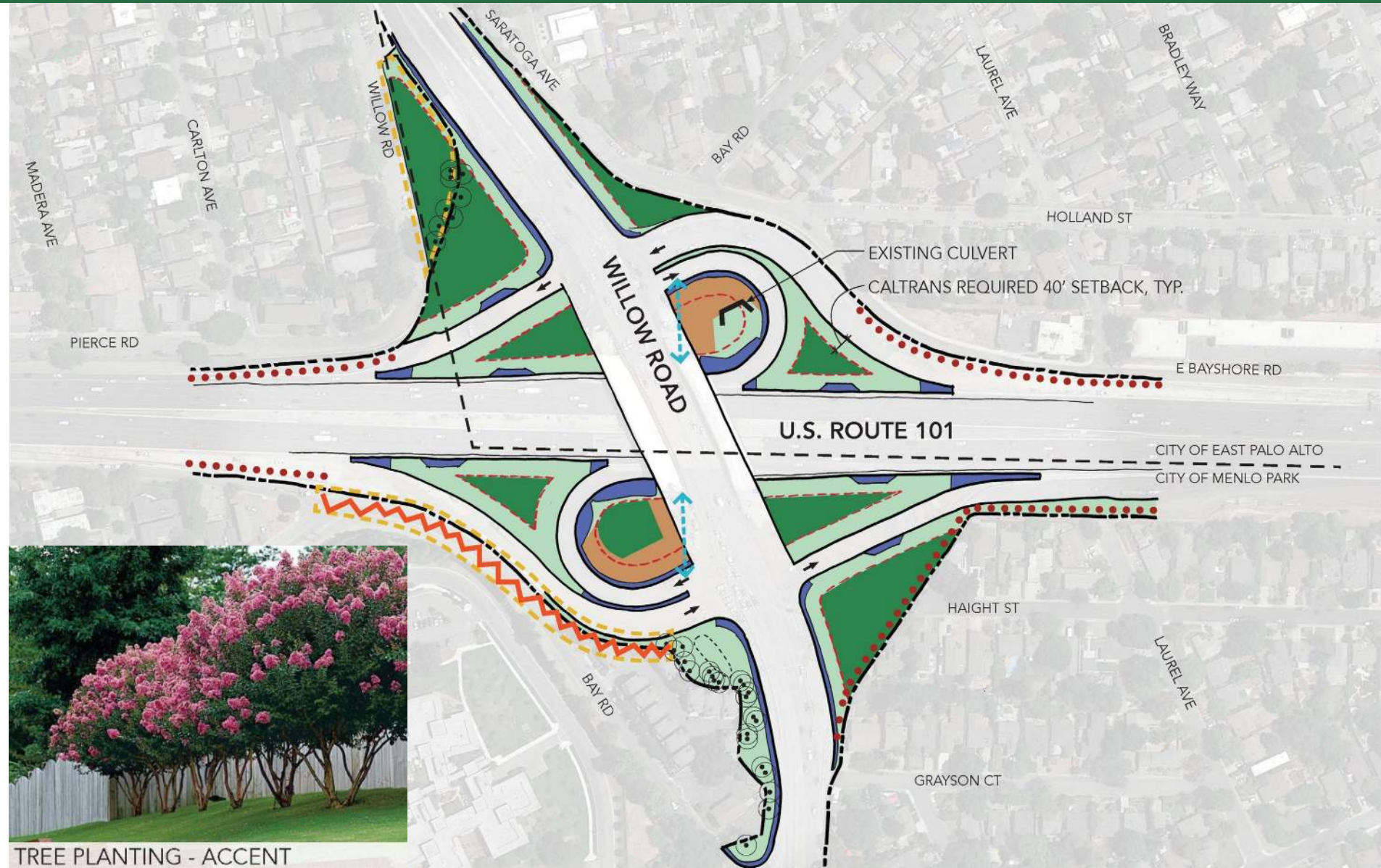


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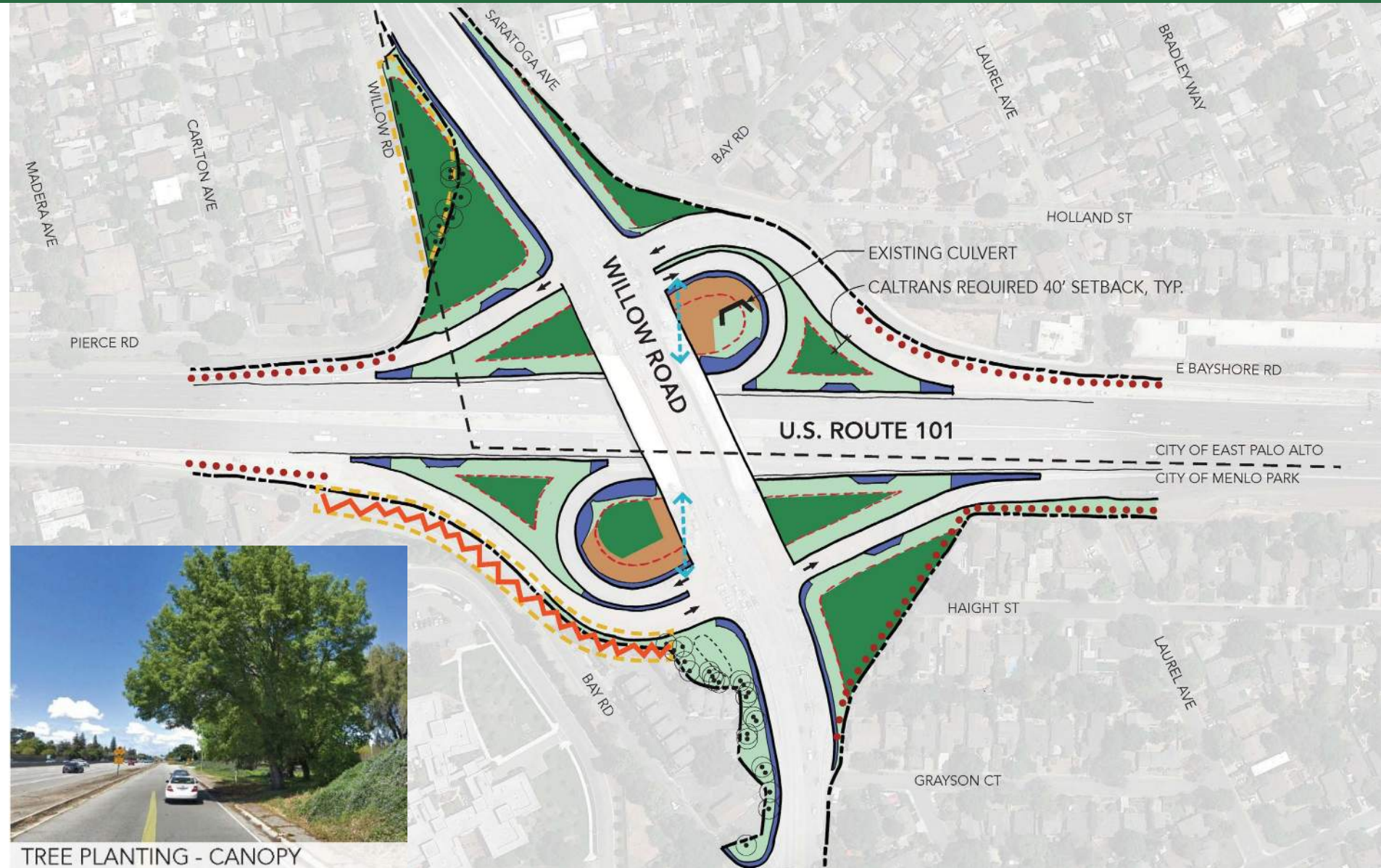


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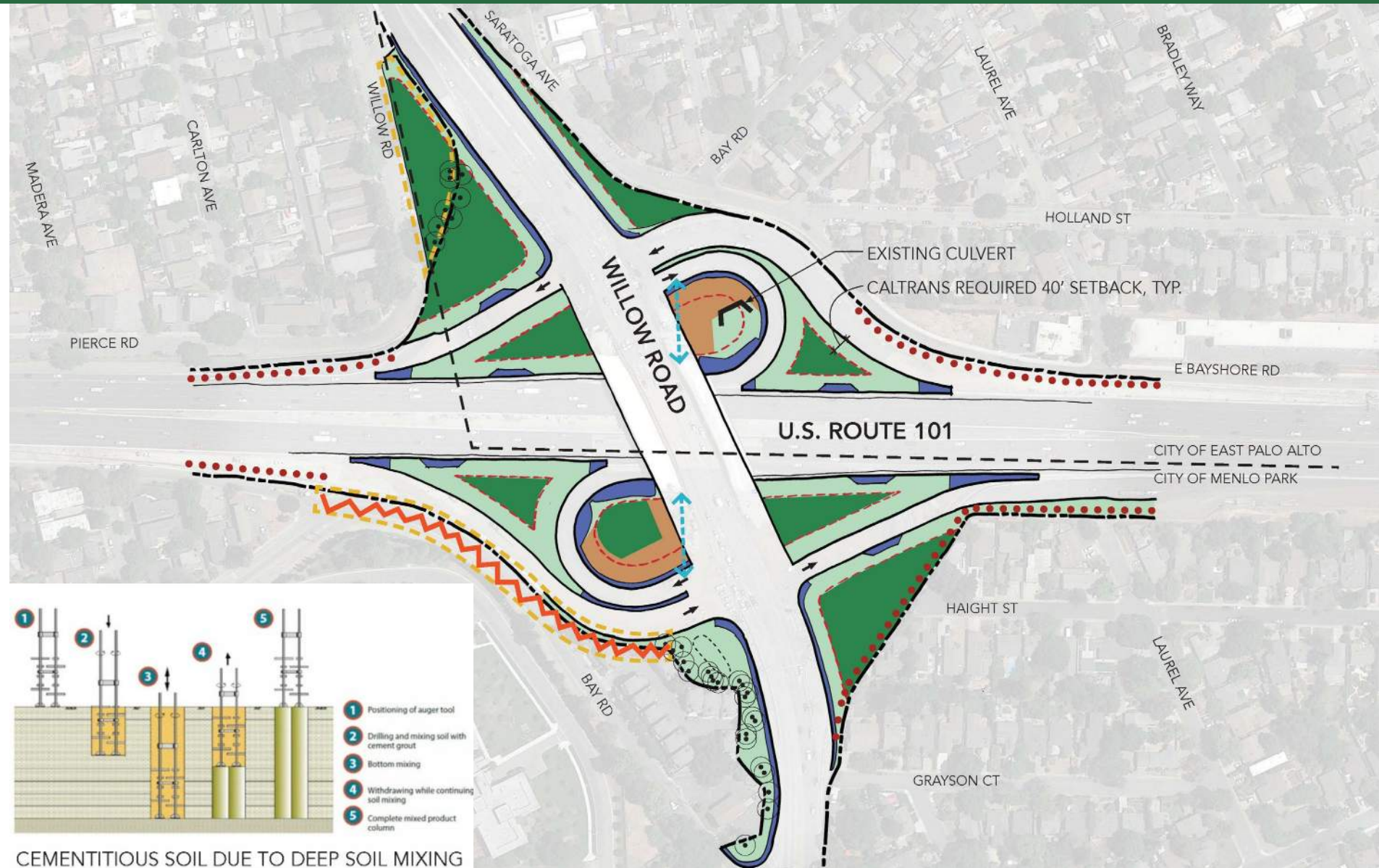


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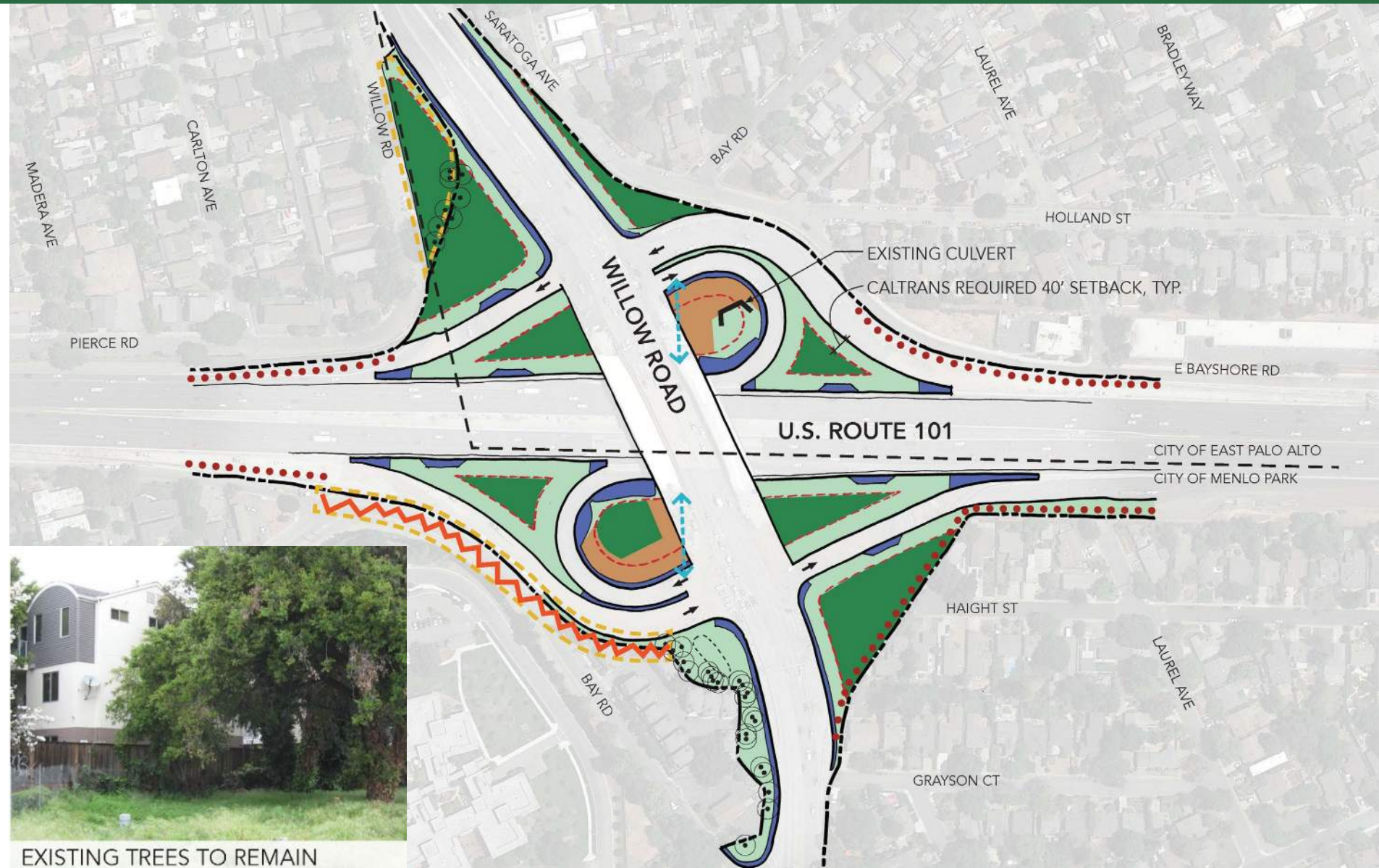


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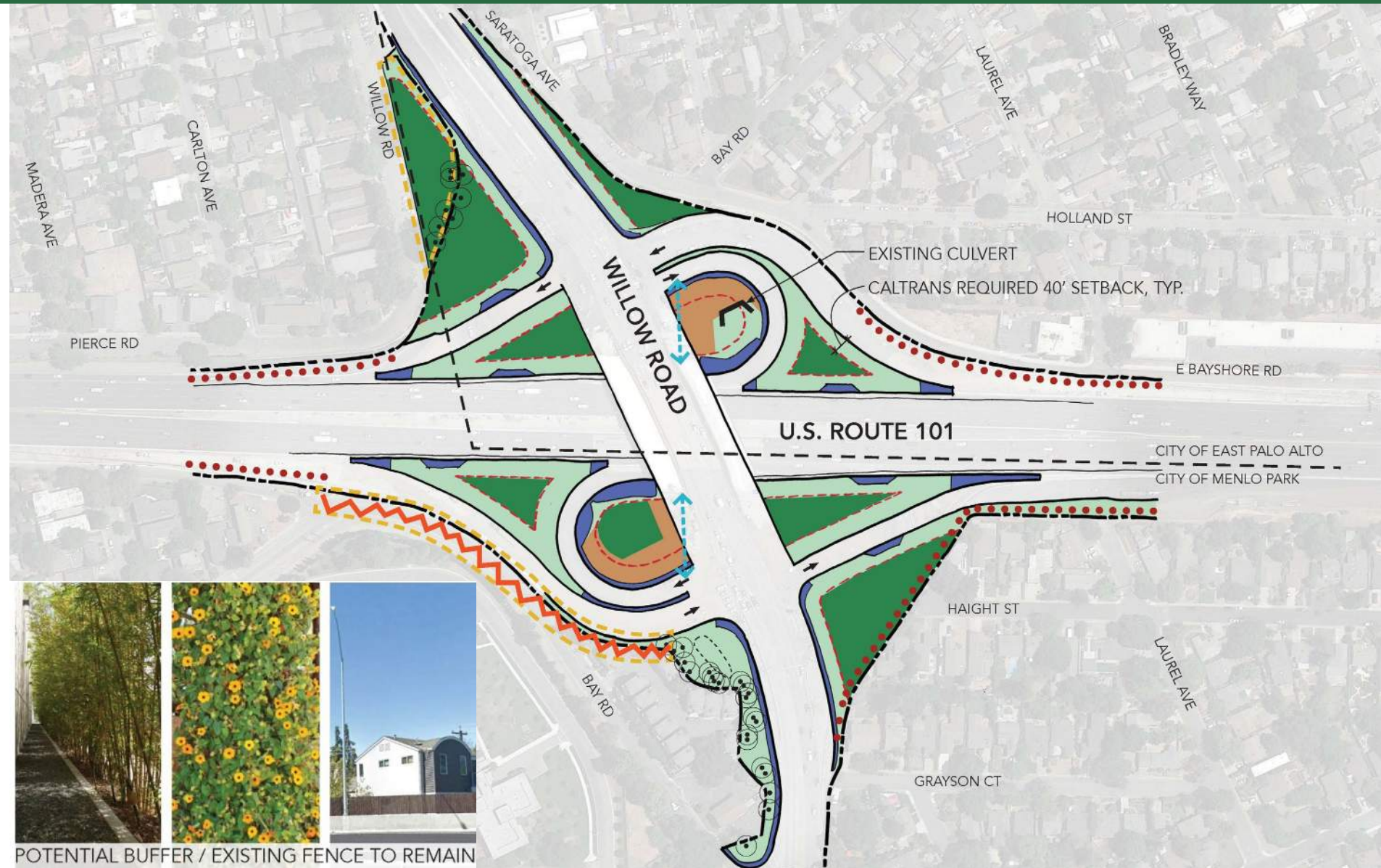


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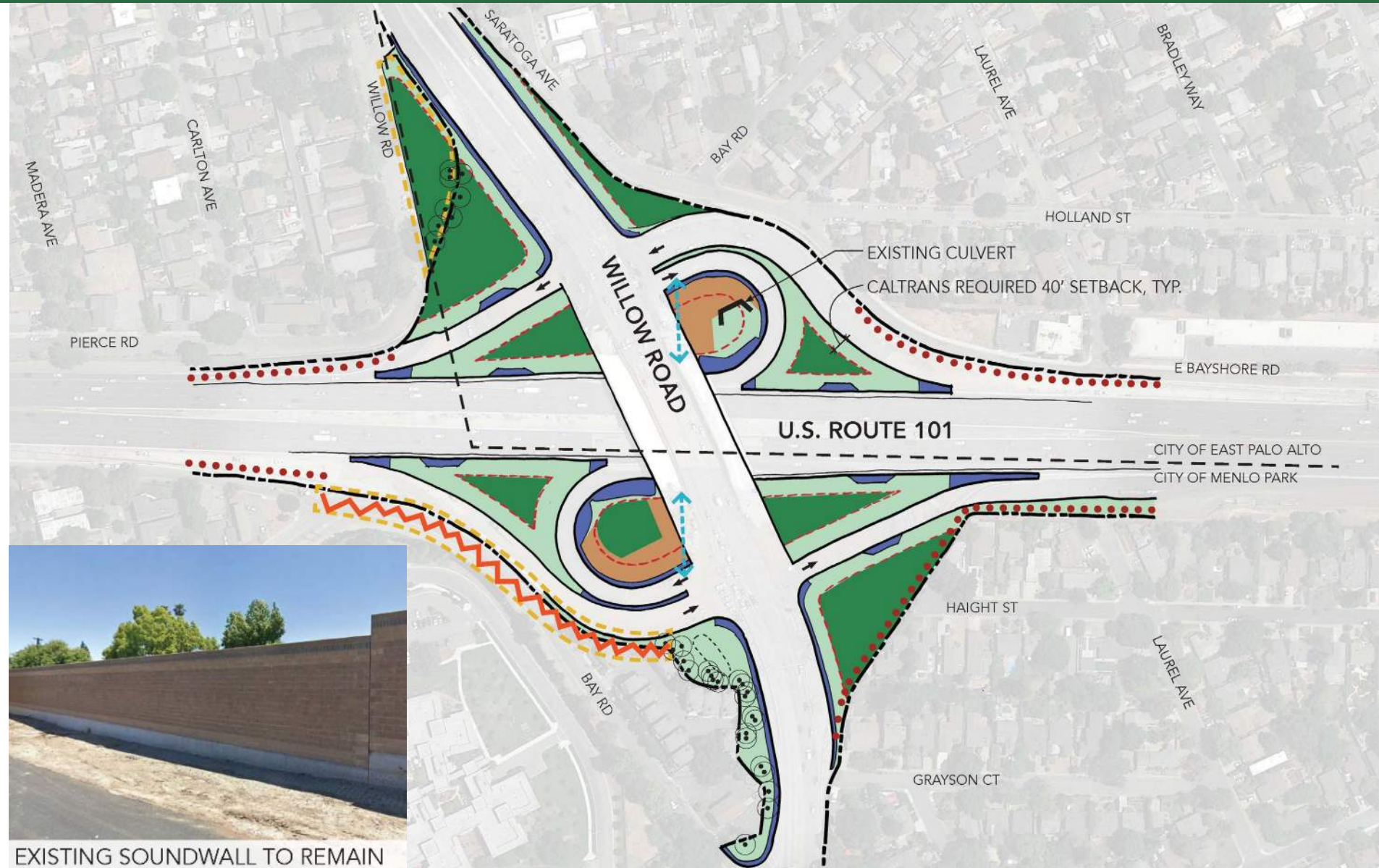


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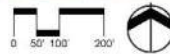


# Opportunities

# Caltrans Standard Landscapes



Plan- Highway 101 at Marsh Road, Menlo Park



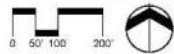
View A



View B



Plan- Highway 101 at San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara



View A



View B



# Concept Plan A



## LEGEND

- EXISTING HARDSCAPE
- TURF
- POTENTIAL SHRUB & GROUNDCOVER PLANTING AREA
- TREE PLANTING, CANOPY (30')
- TREE PLANTING, ACCENT (20')
- "NO TREE" ZONE
- POTENTIAL BUFFER / EXISTING FENCE
- EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN
- EXISTING SOUNDWALL TO REMAIN
- CITY LIMITS
- STATE RIGHT OF WAY
- CALTRANS REQUIRED 40' SETBACK
- ENHANCEMENTS BEYOND STATE RIGHT OF WAY



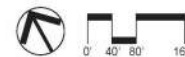
FOREST-INSPIRED (MATURE SIZE)



NATIVE OAKS



CURVILINEAR FORMS





# Concept Plan B



## LEGEND

- HARDSCAPE
- TURF
- DECORATIVE GRAVEL SURFACE
- POTENTIAL SHRUB & GROUNDCOVER PLANTING AREA
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RAIL INSPIRED



LINEAR FORMS



DECORATIVE GRAVEL STRIPS





# Thematic Motifs



RAILROAD INSPIRED

- inspired by the historic Menlo Park Railroad Station, where the Menlo Park Caltrain station continues to operate today
- the interchange is halfway between Caltrain and Dumbarton rail lines
- use of linear forms in both the hardscape and landscape



CIVIC INSPIRED

- inspired by the brick and stone aesthetic on civic buildings in Menlo Park
- use of brick or stone veneer



FOREST INSPIRED

- inspired by the parks and preserves west of Menlo Park
- plant massings of large evergreen trees where setbacks allow



OAK TREE INSPIRED

- inspired by the City of Menlo Park logo
- plant oaks and other native large canopy trees



BAYFRONT INSPIRED

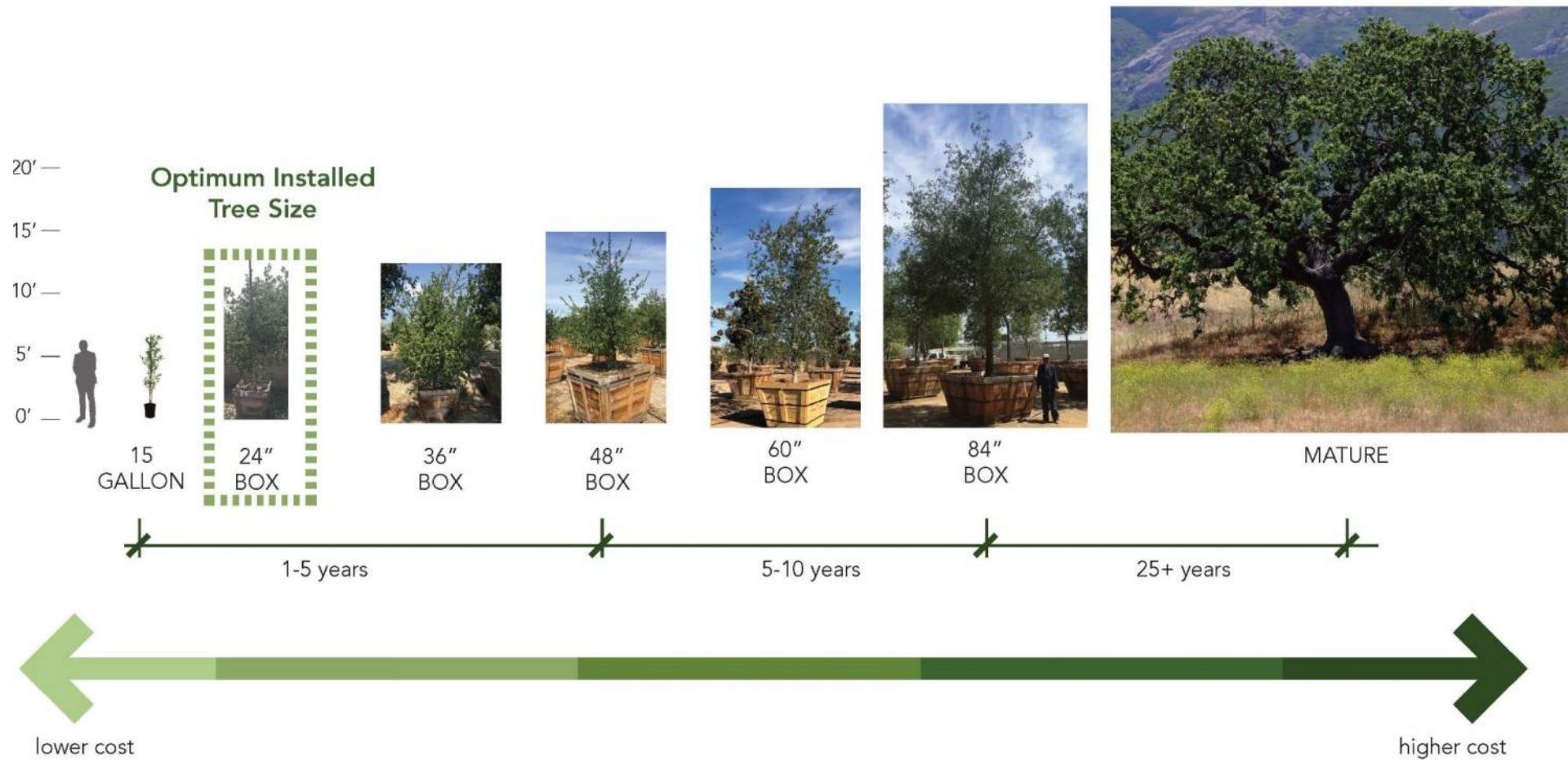
- inspired by Bedwell Bayfront Park
- plant grasses in massings to resemble marsh grasses
- use of curvilinear landscape forms



ALLIED ARTS GUILD INSPIRED

- inspired by the Allied Arts Guild
- tile-roofed gateway element with stucco facade
- plant roses as accent shrubs

# Tree Growth Considerations





# Open Discussion / Q & A

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- (650) 330-6770

# Redwood Tree Alternatives

- Redwoods
  - Evergreen
  - Need very specific climate
  - High water use
- Cedars
  - Evergreen
  - Features similar to redwoods
  - Fragrant wood
  - Bluish-green berries
  - Less particular about growing environment
  - Lower water use



Atlas Cedar



Coast Live Oak



Deodar Cedar



Bald Cypress



# Next Steps

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