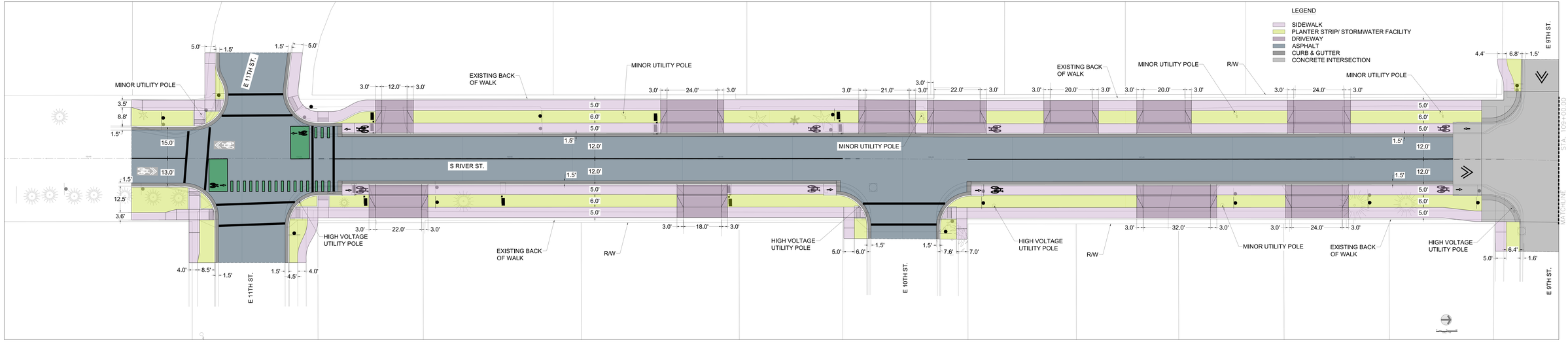
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July 16, 2026
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Denise Bacon Community Room
Online: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89536547180
Public Comment Registration

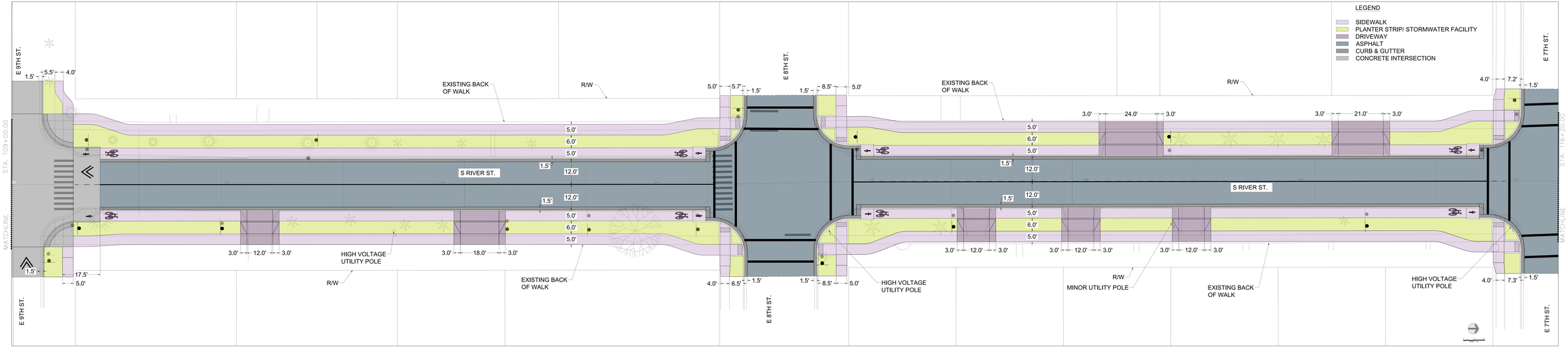
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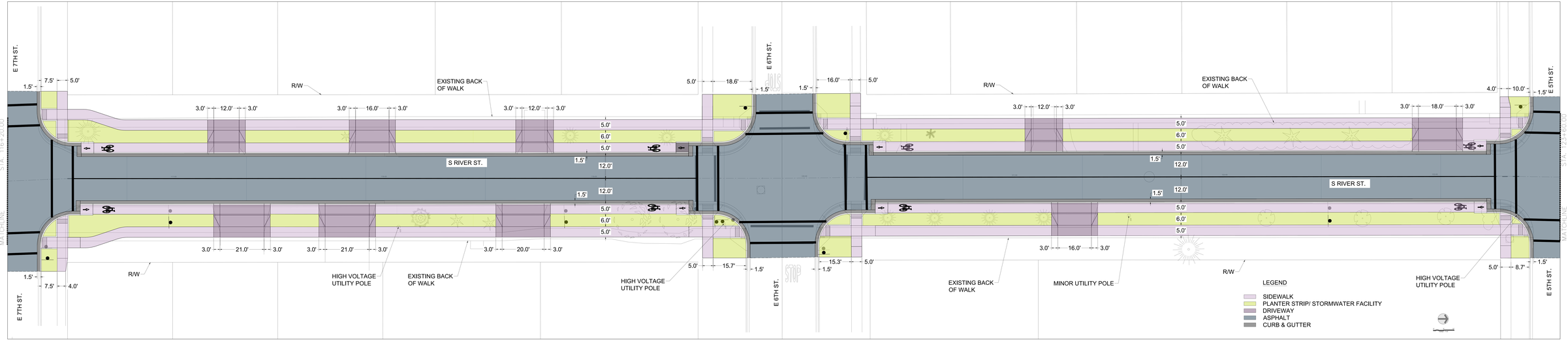
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3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**
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     a. See printed roll plot: Exhibit A*
     b. Exhibit B: Possible Raised Intersections*
   - **5.2.** Discussion: Design Commitment, Maximum Permanent Corridor
   - **5.3.** Presentation: Oregon Department of Forestry
   - **5.4.** Presentation & Discussion: Proposed Tree Rendering
     a. Exhibit A: Tree List Rendering*
   - **5.5.** Discussion: Tree Plan V1 and Preliminary Tree List
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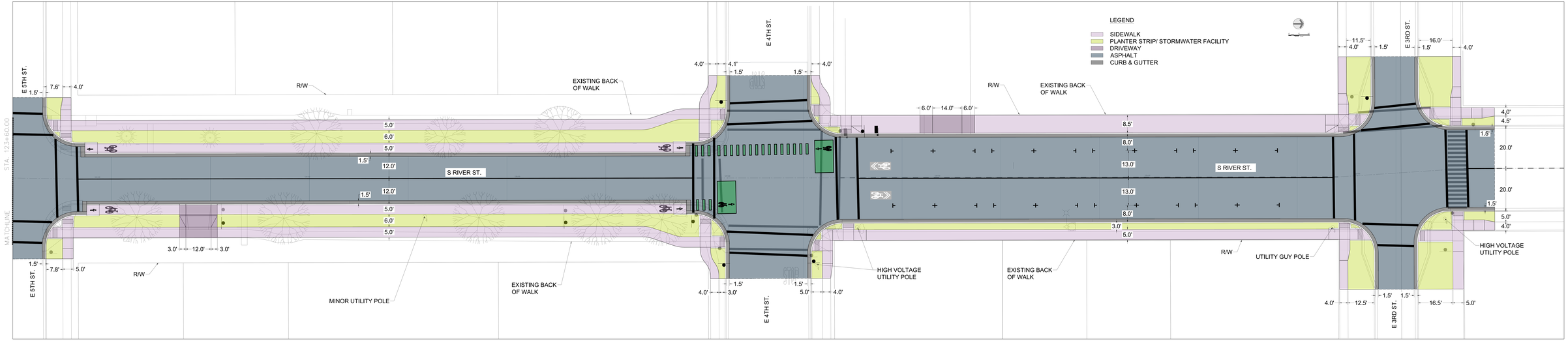
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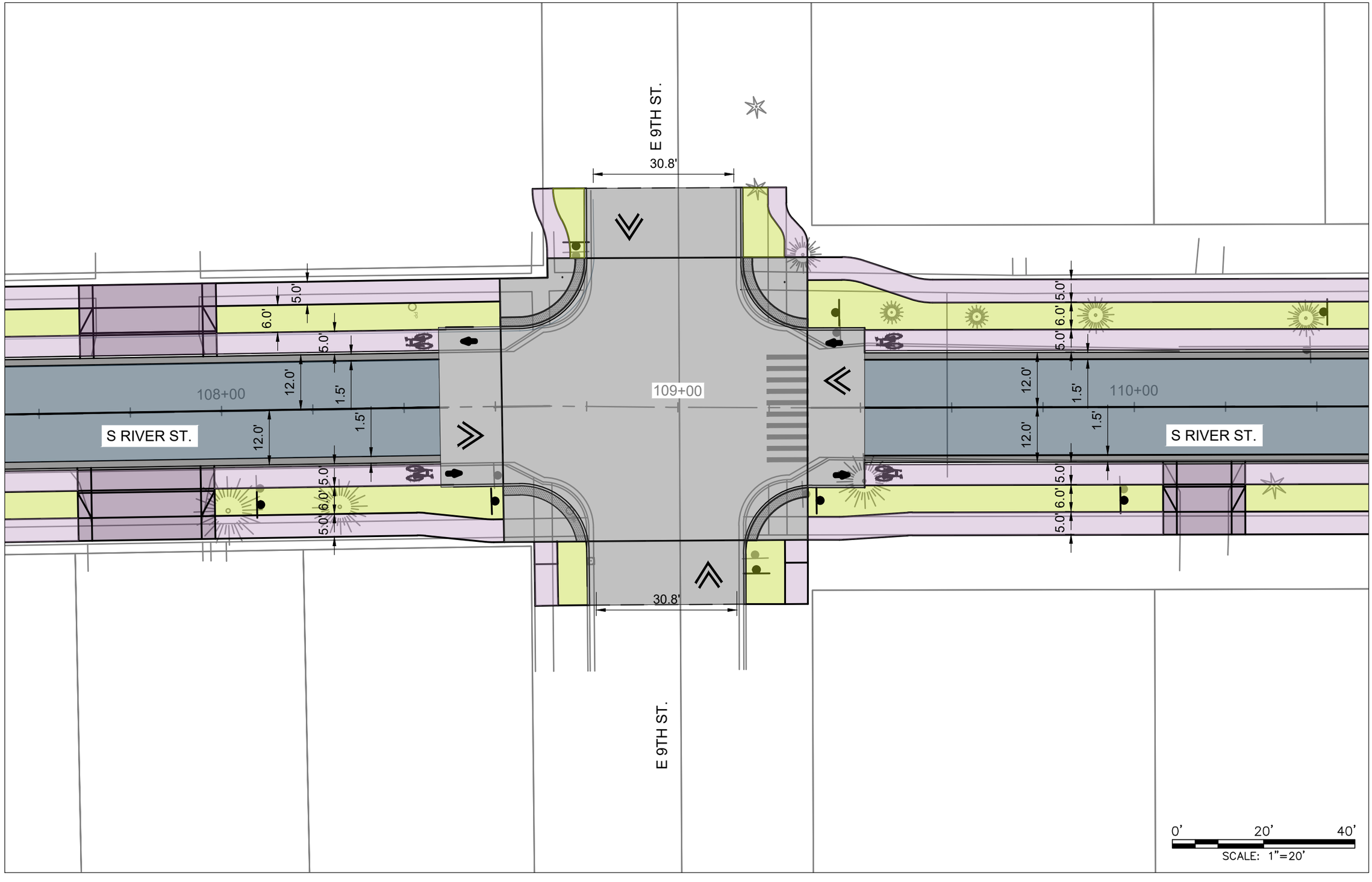
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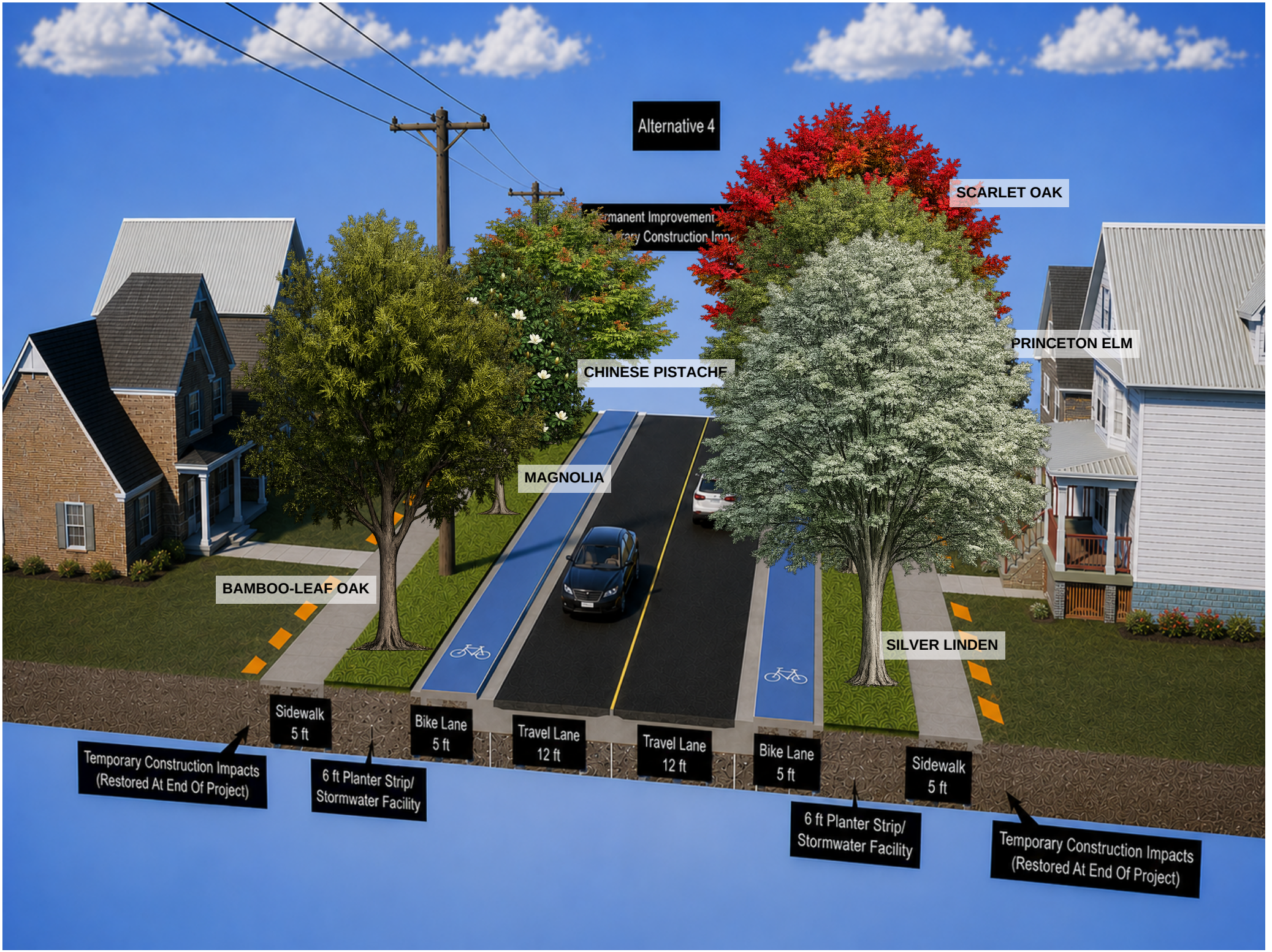

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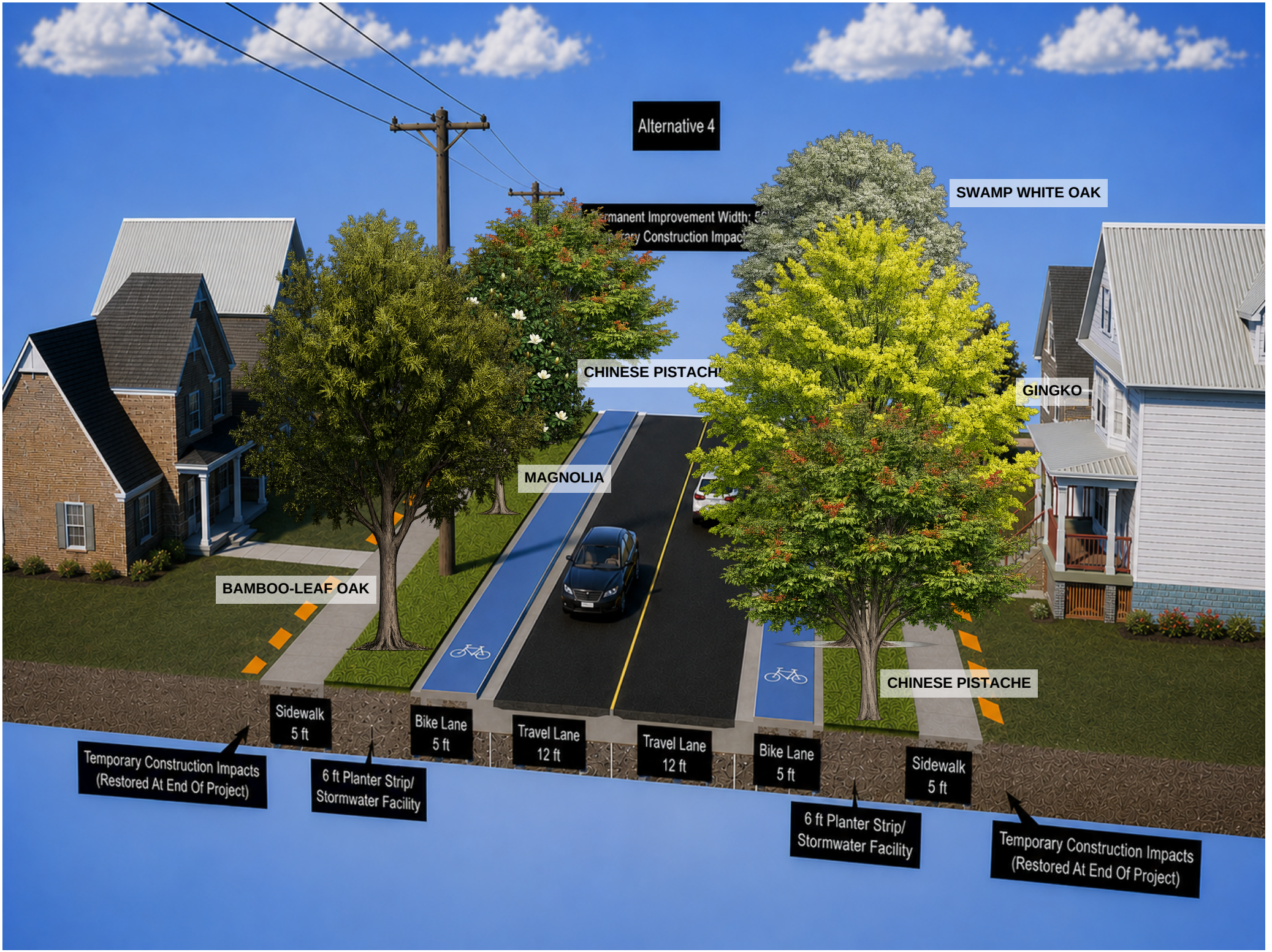

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SCALE: 1"=20'


Alternative 4
SCARLET OAK
PRINCETON ELM
CHINESE PISTACHE
MAGNOLIA
BAMBOO-LEAF OAK
SILVER LINDEN
Sidewalk 5 ft
Bike Lane 5 ft
Travel Lane 12 ft
Travel Lane 12 ft
Bike Lane 5 ft
Sidewalk 5 ft
Temporary Construction Impacts (Restored At End Of Project)
6 ft Planter Strip/ Stormwater Facility
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Temporary Construction Impacts (Restored At End Of Project)


Alternative 4
SWAMP WHITE OAK
CHINESE PISTACH
GINGKO
MAGNOLIA
BAMBOO-LEAF OAK
CHINESE PISTACHE
Sidewalk 5 ft
Bike Lane 5 ft
Travel Lane 12 ft
Travel Lane 12 ft
Bike Lane 5 ft
Sidewalk 5 ft
Temporary Construction Impacts (Restored At End Of Project)
6 ft Planter Strip/ Stormwater Facility
6 ft Planter Strip/ Stormwater Facility
Temporary Construction Impacts (Restored At End Of Project)

EAST SIDE TREE OPTIONS







WEST SIDE TREE OPTIONS




Nuttall Oak
Mature Height: 40' - 99'
Mature Width: 35' - 45'
Growth Rate: Moderate
Sidewalk
5 ft
Planter Strip
6 ft
Bike Lane
5 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft


Princeton Elm
Mature Height: 50' - 70'
Mature Width: 40' - 60'
Growth Rate: Moderate
Sidewalk
5 ft
Planter Strip
6 ft
Bike Lane
5 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft


Silver Linden
Mature Height: 50' - 70'
Mature Width: 40' - 60'
Growth Rate: Moderate
Sidewalk
5 ft
Planter Strip
6 ft
Bike Lane
5 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft


Swamp White Oak
Mature Height: 50' - 70'
Mature Width: 40' - 60'
Growth Rate: Moderate
Sidewalk
5 ft
Planter Strip
6 ft
Bike Lane
5 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft


Ginkgo
Mature Height: 50’ - 70’
Mature Width: 40’ - 60’
Growth Rate: Moderate
Sidewalk
5 ft
Planter Strip
6 ft
Bike Lane
5 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft
Travel Lane
12 ft

River Street Tree Program

Draft Proposal

Revision Timeline

- **Version 1:** Original Draft
  - Jim Talt, June 25, 2026
- **Version 2:** Formatting for Group Review
  - Jeri Turgesen, June 30, 2026
- **Version 3:** Integrated Feedback
  - Track changes to include feedback provided to JT by Ad-Hoc Committee Members as of July 9, 2026 @ 5:00pm.

Revision Considerations

- Paragraph numbers [brackets] and line numbers have been added to support group discussion, shared comments, and group editing.
- All received feedback has been incorporated to the best of JT's ability. Given the volume and variety of formatting of feedback received, errors or omissions may have inadvertently occurred.

[¶1] The River Street Tree Program is designed to preserve and enhance the urban forest along River Street while supporting the City's goals for a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and environmentally resilient neighborhood. By replacing trees impacted by the upcoming infrastructure project and offering new trees to residents, the program will maintain a healthy tree canopy that provides shade, improves air quality, supports wildlife, and contributes to the aesthetic and economic value of the River Street corridor for generations to come.

[Alternative Wording: Lines 3-7] By replacing trees impacted by the upcoming infrastructure project and offering new trees to residents, the program will ~~maintain~~ over time provide a partial tree canopy that provides some shade, improves air quality, supports wildlife, and contributes to the aesthetic and economic value of the River Street corridor for generations to come.

[¶2] The River Street Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the City of Newberg adopt the following policies for a River Street Tree Program.

1. Tree Removal Requirements and Considerations

Remove trees outside of active nesting season to avoid violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The city will make an honest effort to preserve as many existing trees as possible, with active oversight of a certified arborist recommended by ODF Urban Forest Division.

[redacted] This entire section was submitted in bold, did not incorporate bolding of the entire section for document formatting consistency.

[redacted] Ad-Hoc may wish to consider which portions, or all, to include in bold text.

The urban forest on River Street will be considered infrastructure as it has a bearing on energy usage as well as safety during heat waves.

If a large tree can be saved by having a sidewalk curve and cut into a homeowners' yard, the homeowner will be given that choice.

City engineers will consult with ODF Urban Forest Division, taking advantage of their program and expertise in making decisions about River Street trees.

Consider alternative methods to pave over or around tree roots in order to save trees when possible.

1. Tree Replacement & "Trees For Everyone" Program

[¶3] To ensure a healthy and inviting tree canopy for future generations of residents and wildlife, the City of Newberg will replace any tree removed or damaged because of the River Street project.

[¶4] Additionally, Newberg will offer **one free planter-strip tree, including professional installation**, to any River Street homeowner who requests one, provided the location is practical. Replacement trees may need to be planted in a slightly different location than the original tree due to street design and infrastructure constraints.

[redacted] Recommendation for increase to two (2) trees.

[¶4 Alternative Language] Additionally, Newberg will offer two free planter-strip trees from the approved Trees List, including professional installation, to any River Street homeowner who requests a tree, provided the location is practical. Replacement trees may need to be planted in a slightly different location than the original tree due to street design and infrastructure constraints.

Every tree removed will be replaced even if the property has more than two trees removed. The total trees removed will be the minimum total trees replaced. And properties with no trees in front of the sidewalk currently will have the choice of two newly installed trees as part of the 'Trees for Everyone' Program.

Tree replacement will prioritize, wherever possible, large caliper trees (4" minimum) for replanting. At minimum two (2) trees on each the East-Side and West-Side street list will be available at a minimum of 4" caliper.

[¶Alternative Suggested Language] At LEAST 2 choices of trees from the tree list will be 4" caliper or larger. Just before installation, homeowners will be notified which trees are available in a 4" caliper and which trees are only available in a smaller size and then can make their selection accordingly. The more choices available in a 4" caliper or larger, the better for tree diversity along the street.

2. Tree Location and Planting Requirements

[¶5] To promote healthy tree development and protect street infrastructure from future root-related damage, all new trees will be planted with **subsurface concrete root**

barriers. These barriers shall be installed during the bike and pedestrian path construction phases.

[¶6] New tree planting locations (not individual tree selections) must therefore be identified and approved **prior to the start of construction**. Planting areas should avoid unnecessary soil compaction to encourage desirable downward root growth. Gator Bags (or equivalent deep-root watering systems) shall be installed where appropriate.

3. Care and Maintenance

[¶7] The City of Newberg will provide professional landscape maintenance, including regular deep-root watering via Gator Bags (or equivalent), for ~~approximately~~ **four years** after planting. This will ensure successful establishment and proper early growth patterns.

[redacted] One recommendation to remove 'approximately' here.

[¶8] It is recommended that the City consider contracting this work with **CPRD**, as they already maintain Herbert Hoover Park at the entrance to River Street.

If a tree planted as part of the River Street Project dies prior to the four years, the City will replace/install the tree as quickly as possible for the homeowner, within four months, and restart the four years of maintenance and watering of that tree.

If the city is not caring for /watering trees adequately and a homeowner has to hire help in caring for their trees, or provide that labor themselves, the City will reimburse the cost.

4. Tree Type / Species Selection

[¶9] A **River Street Tree Pick List** will be developed consisting of species specifically approved for River Street conditions. The list should include:

- Ample “power line friendly” (smaller stature) trees suitable for the east side.
- A good selection of medium-to-tall trees suitable for the west side.
- Several attractive flowering/ornamental trees (silver linden, for example).

[¶10] The Pick List should be created by a citizen ad hoc committee with guidance from a certified arborist who is familiar with Newberg’s climate, soils, and urban conditions.

[¶11] ***Diversity notes:*** Planting an entire street with a single species is strongly discouraged due to disease and pest vulnerability. The final list should aim for an attractive, cohesive overall **aesthetic** (TBD by the committee).

[¶11 Alternative Language] ***Diversity notes:*** The street will have tree diversity. The City will not plant a single species along the entire corridor. This is required due to disease and pest vulnerability. The final list should aim for an attractive, cohesive overall aesthetic (TBD by the committee).

River Street: Approved Tree List

Preliminary List: Working Document

Revision Timeline

- **Version 1:** Original draft recommendations incorporated in 'River Street Tree Program' document.
  - Jim Talt, June 25, 2026
- **Version 2:** Formatting for Group Review
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  - Incorporation of tree recommendations and considerations submitted by Ad-Hoc committee.
  - Recommendations submitted by July 2, 2026, were forwarded to engineering for incorporation in visual renderings.
    - This timeline was separate from Pick-List finalization.
  - All tree recommendations/considerations received by July 9, 2026 @ 5:00pm were incorporated.
  - Division of River Street Tree Policy and River Street Tree Pick List into 2 separate documents to reflect separate intentions and anticipated timelines associated with each document.

Finalization Notes & Timeline:

- Anticipated finalization expected to occur between 30-70% of final design development.
- Finalization to occur with expert guidance, community input, and design understanding/collaboration with finalized project engineers.

The River Street Tree Pick List will be finalized and approved by the River Street Ad-Hoc Committee, with collaborative input from community members, and relevant experts. Expert guidance for the final document may include input from horticulturists, arborists, landscape architects, landscape engineers, city planning staff, the City of Newberg Approved Street Tree List, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and will ultimately finalized in collaboration with city selected River Street Project Engineers and associated consultants.

The River Street Approved Tree List is intended to affirm, support and guide both short-term and long-term implementation of the River Street Tree Program Policy, through the identification of tree species appropriate for the unique and specific considerations of River Street, while simultaneously striving to preserve existing tree-infrastructure when possible, support intentionality when replanting is required, and sustain the urban canopy, while simultaneously supporting the city's goals for a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and environmentally resilient neighborhood.

Tree Size Guidance

River Street tree preservation, planning, and long-term maintenance should be in accordance with all information and guidelines as outlined in the River Street Tree Program Policy.

Specific guidance related to tree caliper is as follows: As noted in the primary policy document: At minimum two (2) tree options on both the East-Side and West-Side approved tree lists should be available at a minimum of 4" caliper.

River Street Approved Trees

Additional information, including Tree List Codes and links to tree-specific information and images from Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Horticulture, can be found in the River Street Tree source document: The City of Newberg Approved Street Tree List.

[redacted] Formatting consideration #1 - increased tree specificity with hyperlink to original source reference document.

[redacted] Potential benefit of having 'final pick list' include a note regarding minimum planter-strep width for large tree category to help ensure species and dimensions are cross-referenced along the way.

[redacted] Hyperlinked to document.

East Side, 'Power Line Friendly' Trees

City Sprite Linden
Tilia Cordata 'Halka'

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	N/C	N	Y	D

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Lavalle Hawthorn
Crataegus x lavellei

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	N/C	Y	Y	D

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Amur Maackia
Maackia amurensis

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	N/C	Y	Y	D

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Bamboo-Leaf Oak
Quercus myrsinifolia

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	N/C	Y	Y	D

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Victoria Southern Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora 'Victoria'

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
5'	12'	N/C	N	Y	E

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Sweetbay Magnolia
Magnolia virginiana

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	Y/C	N	Y	E

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White Shield Osage Orange
Maclura pomifera 'White Shield'

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	Y/C	Y	Y	D

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Fragrant Snowbell
Styrax Obassia

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
3'	8'	N/C	N	Y	D

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West Side, 'Large Tree' List ~~(North of 9th Street)~~

Princeton Elm
Ulmus americana 'Jefferson'

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
8'	18'	N/C	Y	N	D

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Silver Linden
Tilia tomentosa

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
8'	18'	N/C	Moderate	N	D

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Swamp White Oak
Quercus bicolor

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
8'	18'	Y/C	Moderate	N	D

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Ginkgo TBD
Male Variety Only
Update Specificity

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4' - 5'	10' - 12'	N/C	Moderate	N	D

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Source: https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/ginkgo-maidenhair-tree-care-growing-guide/

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Scarlet Oak
Quercus coccinea

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
8'	18'	N/C	Y	N	D

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Nuttall Oak
Quercus nutallii (Q. texana)

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
8'	18'	Y/Y	Moderate	N	D

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Chinese Pistache
Pistacia chinensis

Minimum Planting Width	Minimum Planting Length	Tolerates Poor Drainage/Clay	Drought Tolerant	Powerline Friendly	Deciduous/ Evergreen
4'	10'	N/C	Y	Y	Deciduous/ Evergreen

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[Alternative List Format] River Street Approved Trees

[redacted] Formatting consideration #2: Original list-based format with less specificity.

East Side, 'Power Line Friendly' Trees

- Chinese Pistache
- Tilia cordata 'Halka' (Summer Sprite Linden)
- Lavalle Hawthorn

- Amur Maackia
- Bamboo-leaf Oak
- Magnolia Grandiflora ‘Victoria’
- Magnolia Virginiana
- Maclura Pomifera
- Styrax Obassia

West Side, ‘Large Tree’ List ~~(North of 9th Street)~~

- Princeton Elm
- Silver Linden
- Swamp White Oak
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