

Brooklyn Boulevard Study Project Summary

Vision and Goals

The Vision and Goals address five topic areas to guide the Brooklyn Boulevard Study:

- Roadway functionality
- Land Use, Community Character and Redevelopment
- Transit
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Implementation

Existing Conditions

An assessment of the conditions of the existing Brooklyn Boulevard corridor includes:

Demographics: Predicted increases in population (17 percent), number of households (11 percent), and employment (58 percent increase in retail employment, 100 percent increase in non-retail employment) drive the need for transportation improvements in the corridor.

Land Use: Single family homes directly on Brooklyn Boulevard are guided to other land uses in the City of Brooklyn Center's comprehensive plan. Redevelopment and reconfiguration of these parcels is recommended.

Transit: Existing transit routes, service levels, and amenities are generally adequate. Transit effectiveness along the corridor is hindered by lack of pedestrian-oriented compact development that provides destinations for transit users.

Trails and Sidewalks: Sidewalk is present throughout the corridor but has inadequate boulevards. Trails are not continuous and better east-west crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians are needed. Streetscaping improvements could provide visual amenities and establish an identity for the corridor.

Traffic, Safety, and Access: Specific improvements are recommended such as turn lane modifications, access closures over time, and geometric changes to address safety and traffic operations issues.

Environmental and Cultural Constraints: An inventory of existing conditions identifies issues for further study if environmental review is needed for project implementation.

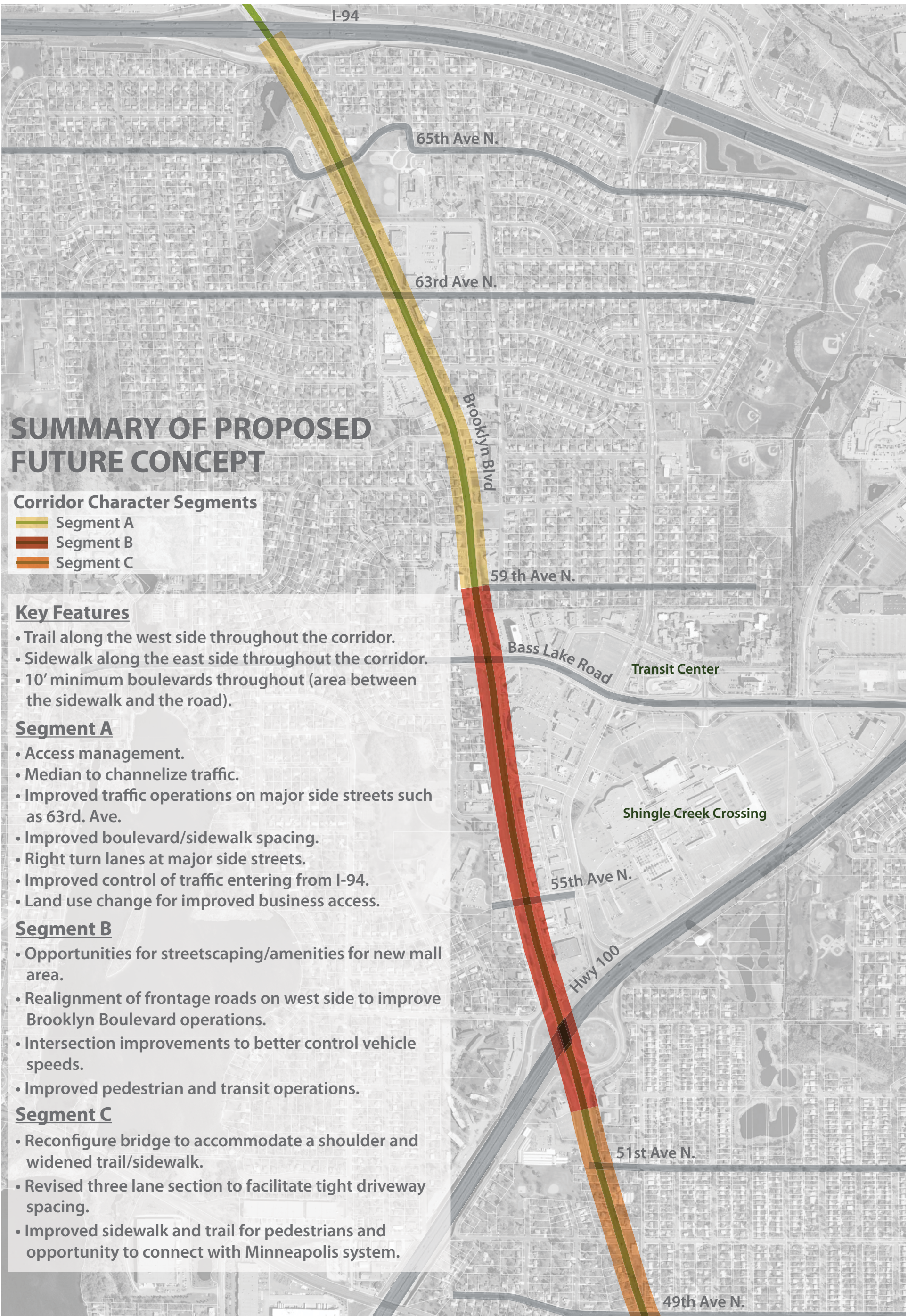
Recommended Concept

The recommended concept addresses the issues identified in the Existing Conditions section of this report. The recommended concept summarized on the reverse page is a long term vision, with some portions to be phased in using interim concepts.

Implementation Plan

The planned improvements to Brooklyn Boulevard are to occur in phases over time as funding becomes available. Innovative funding sources may need to be identified for implementation of the overall corridor plan. Preliminary phased improvement projects have been identified as:

- Bridge over Highway 100 re-decking and reconfiguration
- Intersection, frontage road and access improvements between TH 100 and 65th Avenue
- Bass Lake Road Intersection Reconfiguration
- Roadway reconstruction from Bass Lake Road to 65th Avenue
- 63rd Avenue Reconstruction
- TH 94 Off-ramp reconfiguration
- Trail construction
- Streetscaping and other aesthetic improvements



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUTURE CONCEPT

Corridor Character Segments

- Segment A
- Segment B
- Segment C

Key Features

- Trail along the west side throughout the corridor.
- Sidewalk along the east side throughout the corridor.
- 10' minimum boulevards throughout (area between the sidewalk and the road).

Segment A

- Access management.
- Median to channelize traffic.
- Improved traffic operations on major side streets such as 63rd. Ave.
- Improved boulevard/sidewalk spacing.
- Right turn lanes at major side streets.
- Improved control of traffic entering from I-94.
- Land use change for improved business access.

Segment B

- Opportunities for streetscaping/amenities for new mall area.
- Realignment of frontage roads on west side to improve Brooklyn Boulevard operations.
- Intersection improvements to better control vehicle speeds.
- Improved pedestrian and transit operations.

Segment C

- Reconfigure bridge to accommodate a shoulder and widened trail/sidewalk.
- Revised three lane section to facilitate tight driveway spacing.
- Improved sidewalk and trail for pedestrians and opportunity to connect with Minneapolis system.

I-94

65th Ave N.

63rd Ave N.

Brooklyn Blvd

59 th Ave N.

Bass Lake Road

Transit Center

Shingle Creek Crossing

55th Ave N.

Hwy 100

51st Ave N.

49th Ave N.