

Rice Street Visioning Study

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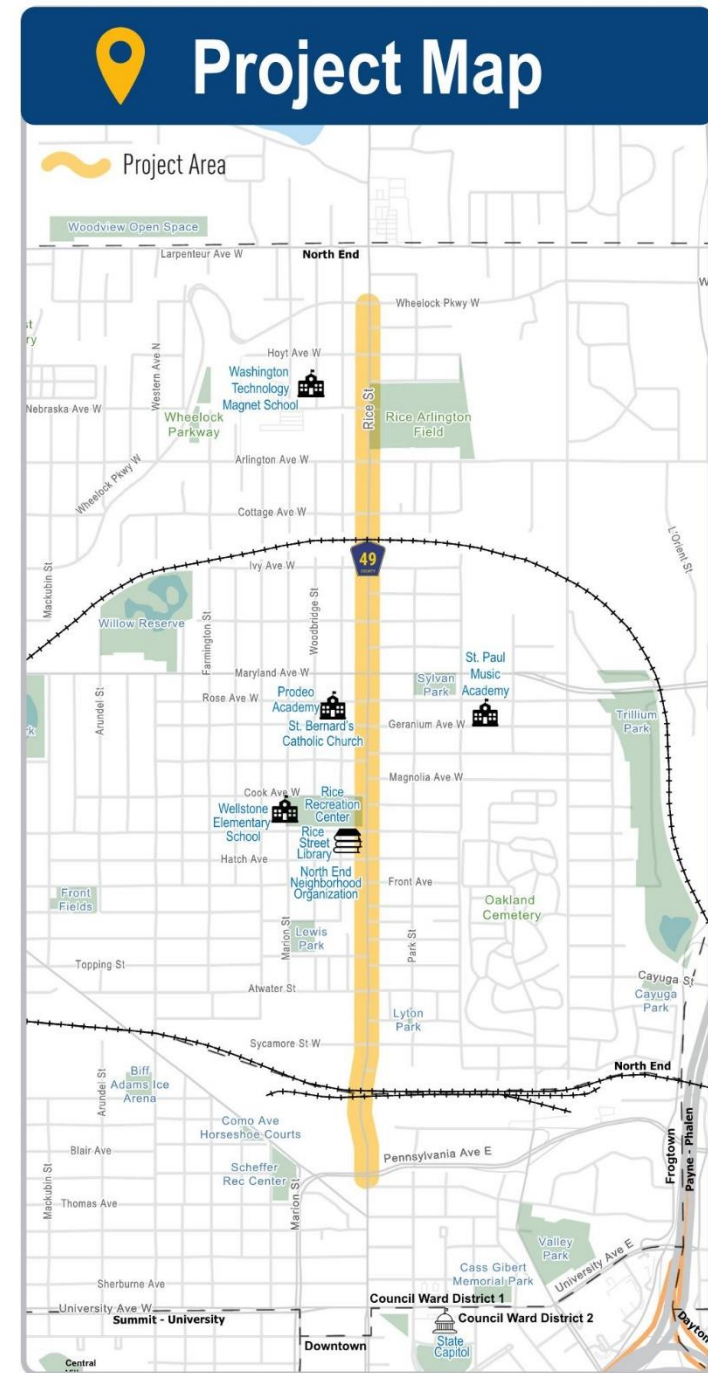


Project Goals

Vision for Rice Street between Wheelock and Pennsylvania

Promote economic growth and community investment by

- providing business opportunities
- creating an inviting environment
- enhancing pedestrian safety
- maintaining and augmenting transit service
- improving vehicle safety



Community Context

- Diverse, changing population
- Multiple perspectives
- Children and youth



Original Engagement Tools

- Open houses
- Online comment mapping
- Pop up events
- Video series
- Community liaisons



Input to Date

- Safety
- Traffic
- Accessibility
- Youth

RICE STREET VISIONING STUDY

1 public open house

2 neighborhood association meetings

2 pop up meetings

7 project feedback forms

22 Interactive map comments

WHAT'S NEXT?
Open House #2
 February xx, x - x p.m.
 Washington Technology Magnet School

Public Engagement
 Sept 2019 - Oct 2021

Project Design
 Apr 2020 - Aug 2021

Implementation
 2022 and beyond



Trending Concerns

Pedestrian crossing safety, especially near schools	Accessibility for all transportation modes
High traffic speeds	Public safety
Roadway configuration, operations, and safety	Better community connections
Traffic weaving around parked cars and left turns	Bike lanes on Rice Street
Safety and enforcement in parking restriction areas	Lack of destinations and gathering spaces
Congestion impacts to surrounding local streets	Need for youth/student engagement



Over the next year the study team will continue to **GO TO THE COMMUNITY** for input that guides a community driven vision for Rice Street. Learn when and how through:

- ☒ Email updates at ramseycounty.us/RiceStreetStudy
- ☒ Following Ramsey County



COVID-19 Adaptations

- Enhanced online content
- Video presentations
- Postcards
- Yard sign campaign
- Comment drop boxes
- Ongoing brainstorming...



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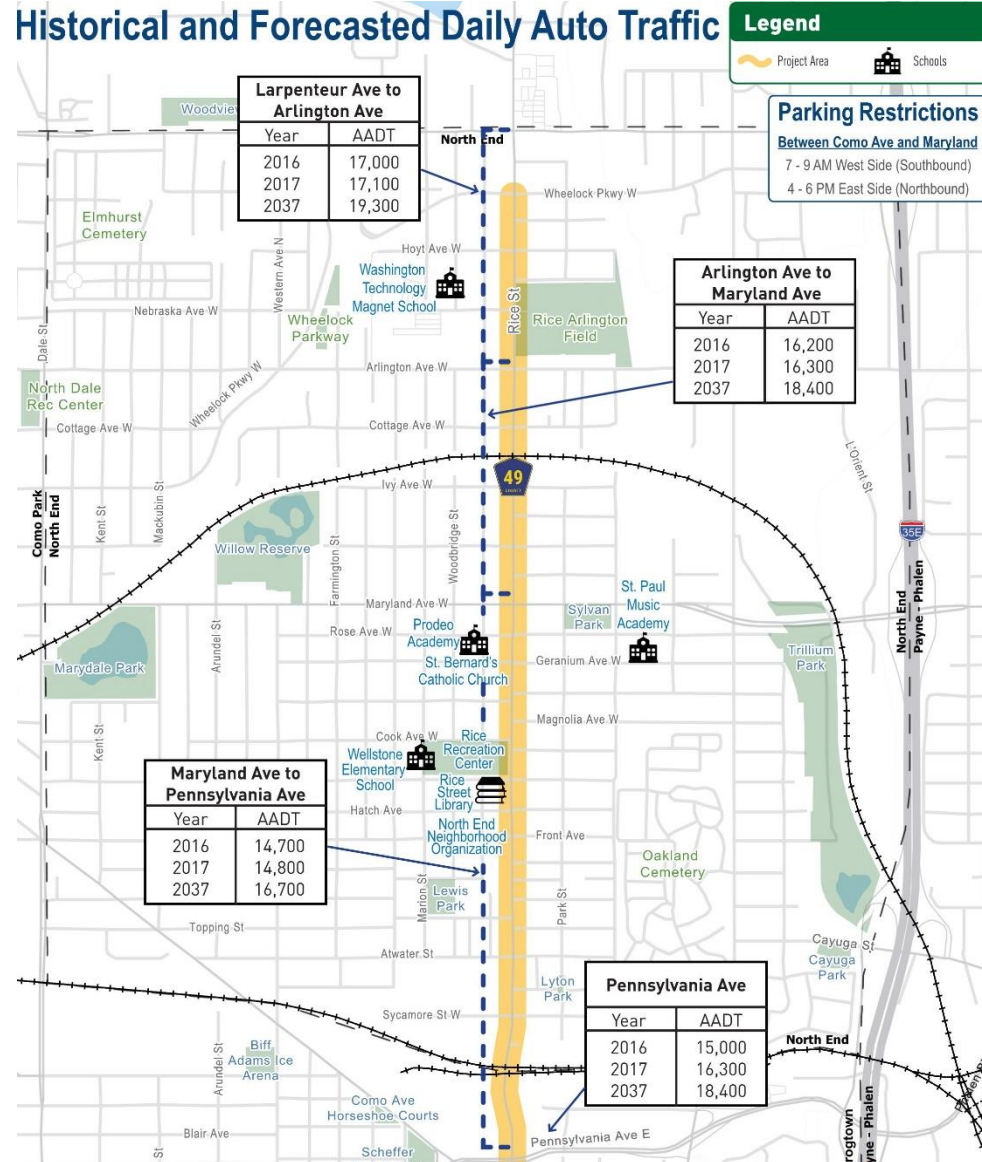


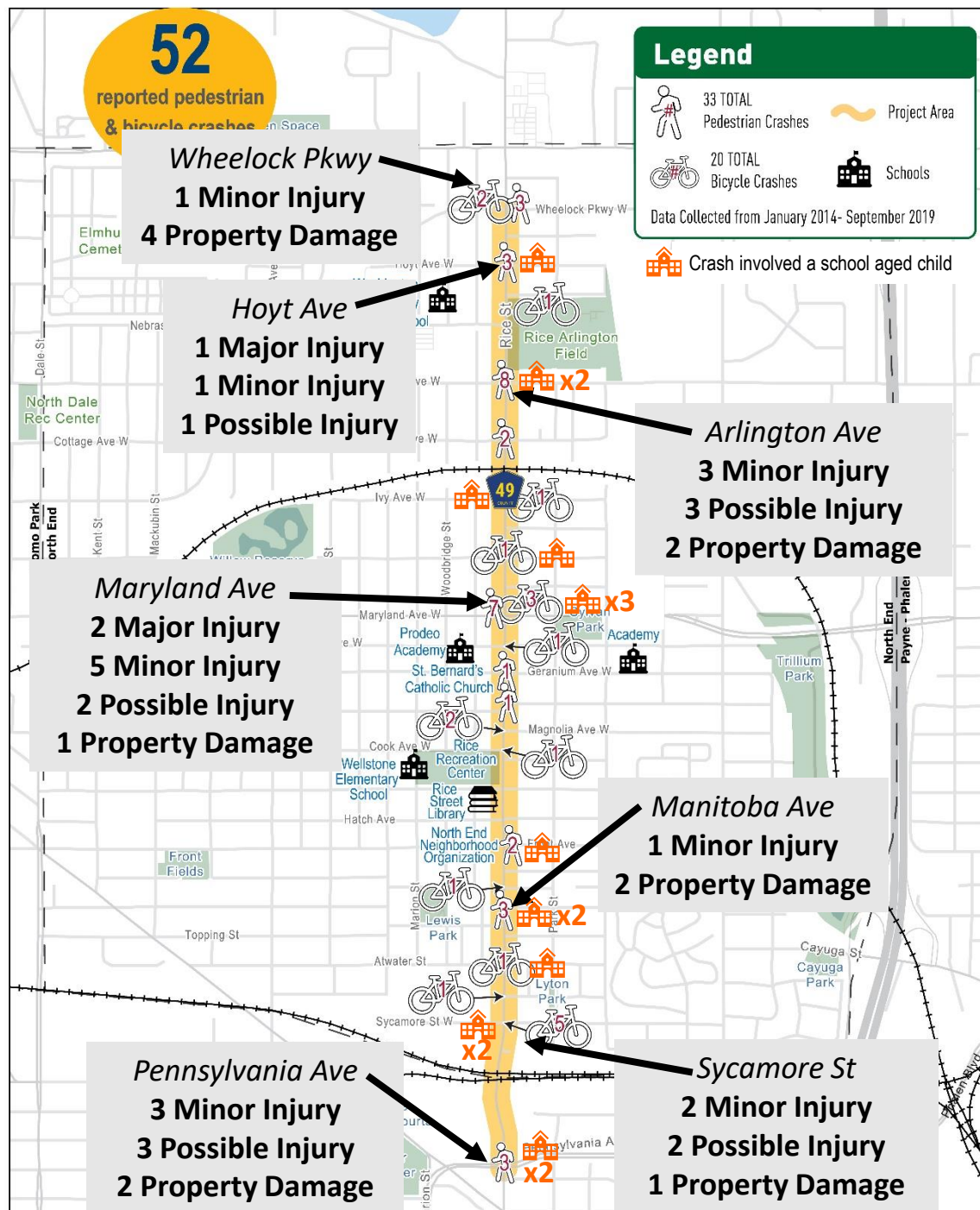
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS



Vehicle Traffic Volumes

- Current (2016): 14,700-17,000 vehicles/day





Of the Pedestrian & Bike Crashes:

- 31% of crashes involved a school aged child
- 73% of crashes resulted in an injury

671

reported vehicle
crashes

Legend

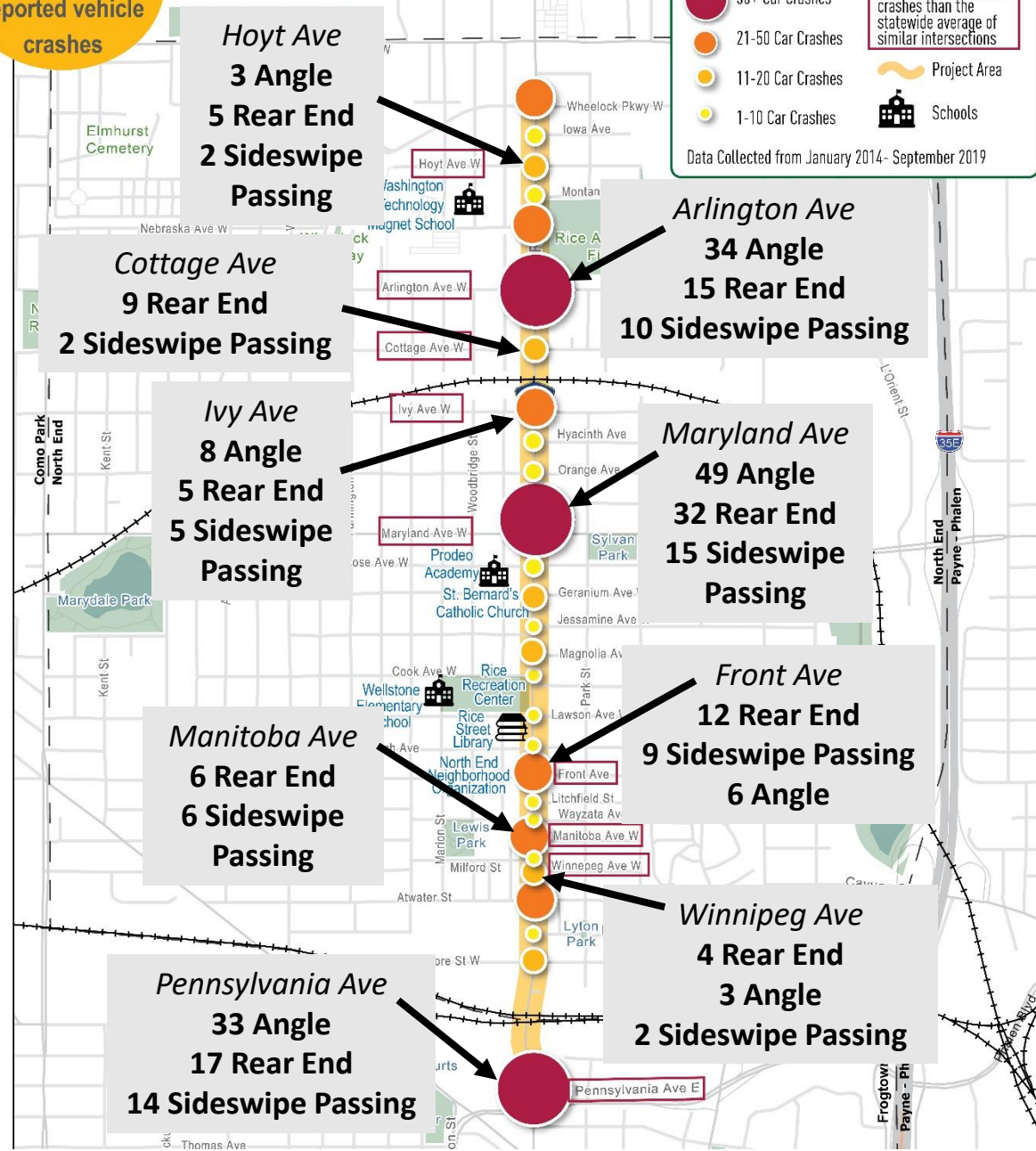
- 50+ Car Crashes
- 21-50 Car Crashes
- 11-20 Car Crashes
- 1-10 Car Crashes

Intersection has more
crashes than the
statewide average of
similar intersections

Project Area

Schools

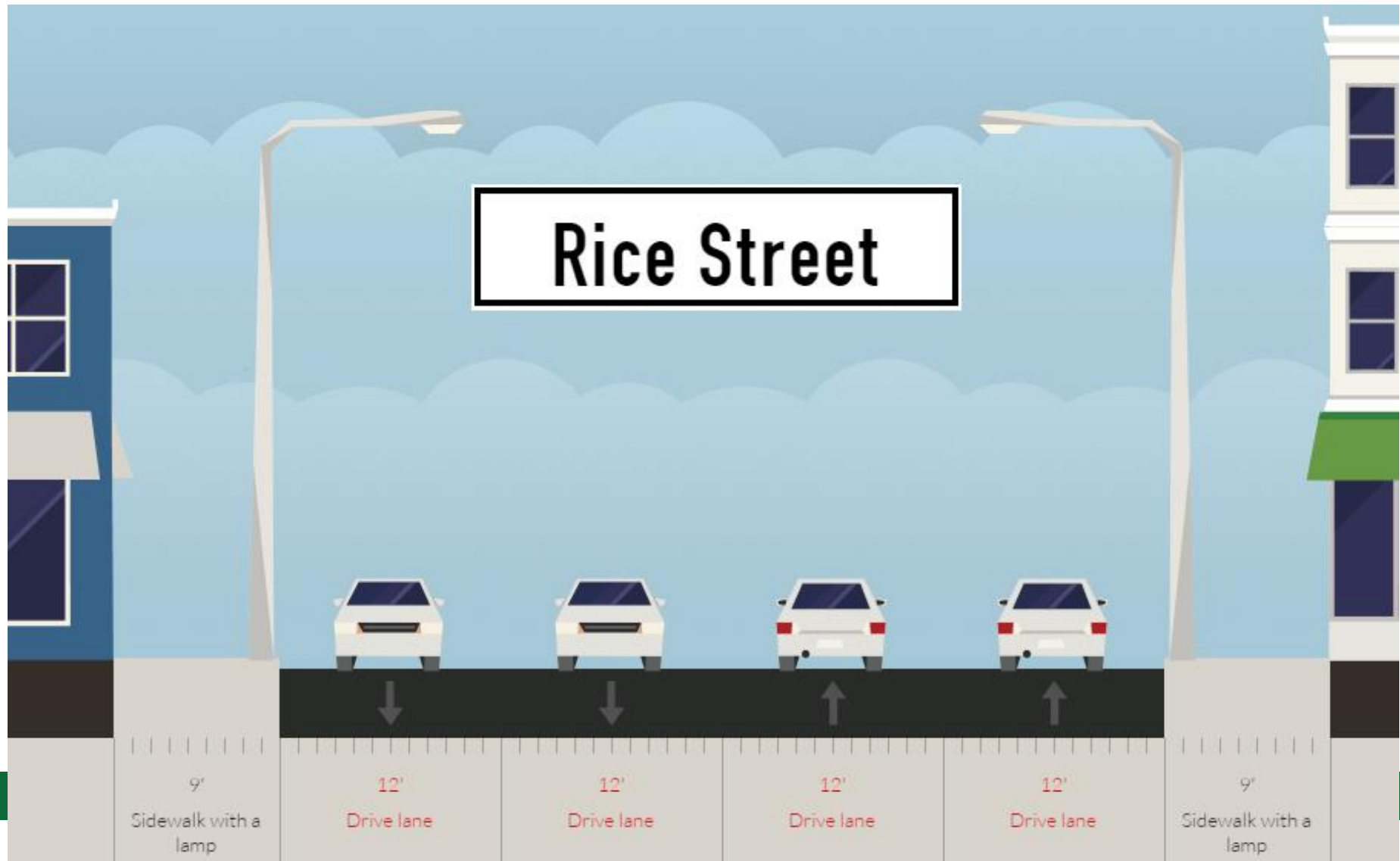
Data Collected from January 2014- September 2019



Crash Analysis

- The segment crash rate is nearly three times the statewide average crash rate
 - Observed Crash Rate: 11.18
 - Statewide Average: 3.8
 - **Critical Index: 2.5**

Next Step Alternatives



Schedule

- Summer 2020: alternatives development
- Fall 2020: preliminary design
- 2021 Design
- 2022 Construction