

Meeting Notes

Project: Sand Creek Regional Greenway Trail
Meeting Date: November 18, 2015

Re: Public Meeting #2
Location: Central Park Recreation Center, Stapleton
Date Issued: November 20, 2015

Present: Jay Henke, Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR)
Jesse Clark, Stream Design
Claire Kesecker, Stream Design
Will Iadevaia, Stream Design
Kate Kramer, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
Molly Hayden, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

Topics Discussed:

1. As community members arrived to the meeting, they were asked to look at the proposed trail alignment boards for the first fifteen minutes. The design team was available to explain and answer any questions. Following the “open house” introduction to the conceptual design, Jay asked everyone to take a seat in order for the formal presentation to be begin. Jay explained that DPR is looking for funding to construct the proposed alignments, which have been based on the 1996 Master Plan. He encouraged everyone to let the design team know how they currently get to the trail and how they would like to get to the trail in the future.
2. Jesse Clark then proceeded with the presentation by explaining each of the different reaches with their proposed trail alignments. This included (3) different creek crossing options associated with Reach 1, (3) different alignments for Reach 1, Reach 2, an area between Reach 2 and 3, Reach 3 and Reach 4. The presentation concluded and the room was opened for questions and comments. The following list documents individual comments from community members:
 - How do people at Northfield connect to the trail?
 - i. (response)There is a regional trail (along Spruce) that connection to the Greenway and the trail along Yosemite connects to the Greenway at Central Park Blvd.
 - 40th Avenue connection over Sand Creek – is this going to happen/ is this possible?
 - The trail needs to have a connection to the development along Yosemite
 - I-70 over Sand Creek is planned to be expanding to 10 lanes in a few years, and the design team needs to keep that in mind for the trail alignment.
 - i. Kate Kramer responded that she was not sure if the bridge will be rebuilt as it was just rebuilt a few years ago.
 - ii. Jay Henke explained that DPR does not want to wait for CDOT and UDFC’s plans to be developed to complete this project project. DPR wants to implement trail improvements as soon as possible.
 - How is/could the bike/ped component being incorporated into the I-70 redesign?
 - Is this project just for trail work or will it include more design elements and/or channel improvements?

- i. (response) Currently there is no construction budget for anything, but the scope of this project only includes the Sand Creek trail.
- Do not want the trail close to I-70 (too loud and visually unattractive – takes away from the greenway experience) and want the design team to consider buffering with vegetation or landform i.e. berming
- Does DPR have a preferred option for the crossing associated with Reach 1?
 - i. Jay responded that the preferred option is Crossing 2 (the new bridge over Sand Creek). A few attendees responded in agreement with that option.
- Jeff (Executive Director of Bluff Lake Nature Center) said that the South Entrance to Bluff Lake permits bikes to enter and park in their bike racks. He wants to be sure that the plans indicate that bikes and cars can come into the parking lot, but cannot be used throughout the Nature Center. He also would like to see vegetation buffer from the development into Bluff Lake as a part of the MLK project.
- Definitely want to see trail access improvements at Iola in preparation for future development
- One attendee commented that he really likes the low-flow crossing at Reach 2 and would like to see the soft surface trail that runs parallel to 37th Ave and connects to Smith Road at Xanthia be improved for residents going to the Light Rail Station from the south side of the creek.
- One attendee asked that the pedestrian connection to the Central Park Boulevard RTD Station be shown on the plans.

Action Items:

1. The design team will refine their trail alignment and present the final design in January 2016.

Stream Design believes this report accurately reflects what transpired at the meeting. Please provide comment to the appropriate project manager if you have a different understanding of what occurred or would like to add specifics or additional information. Notification should be made within 5 working days of issuing this report, after which, it is assumed that all parties agree that this report is accurate.

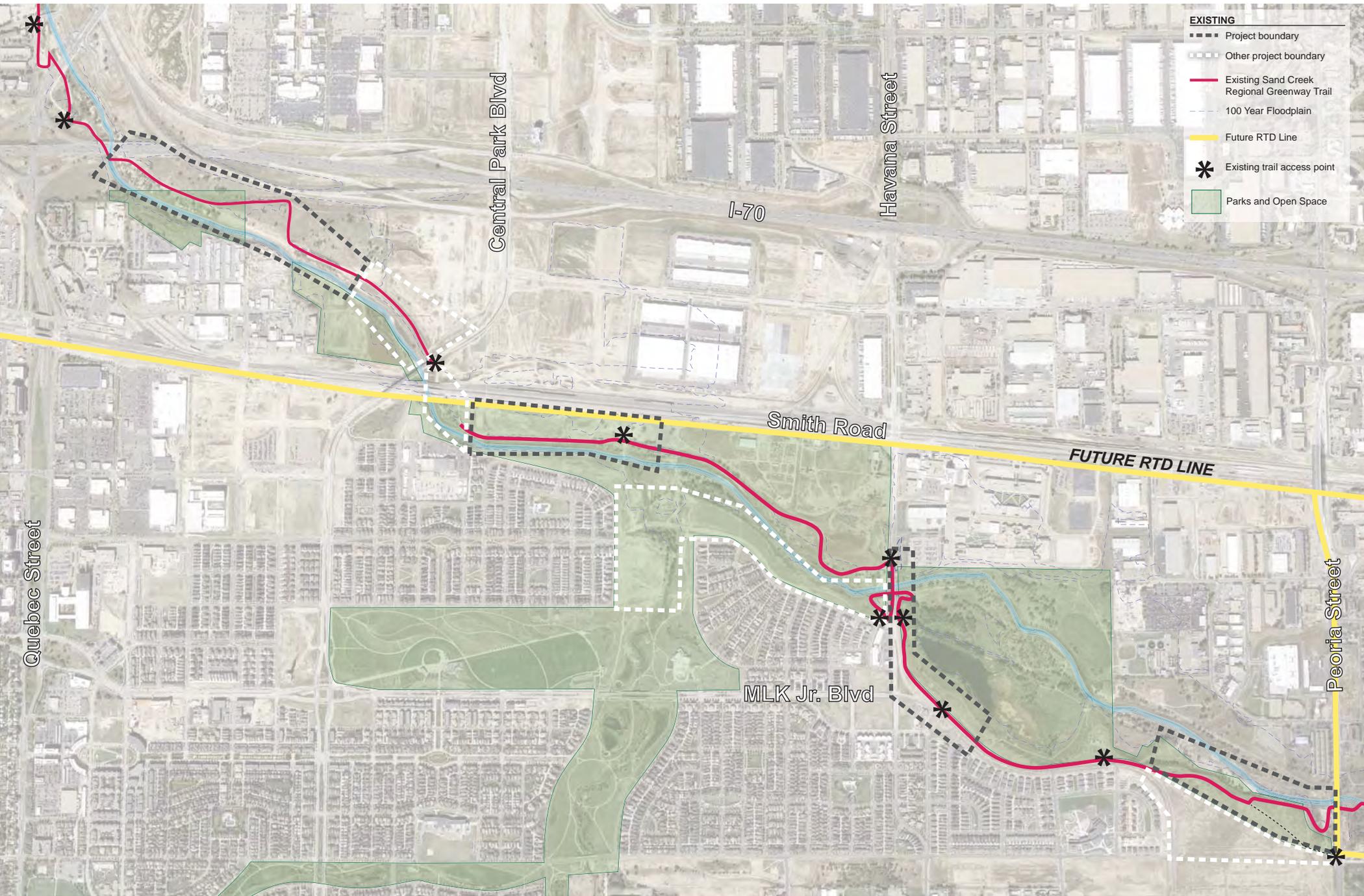
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Sand Creek Regional Greenway: Existing Conditions





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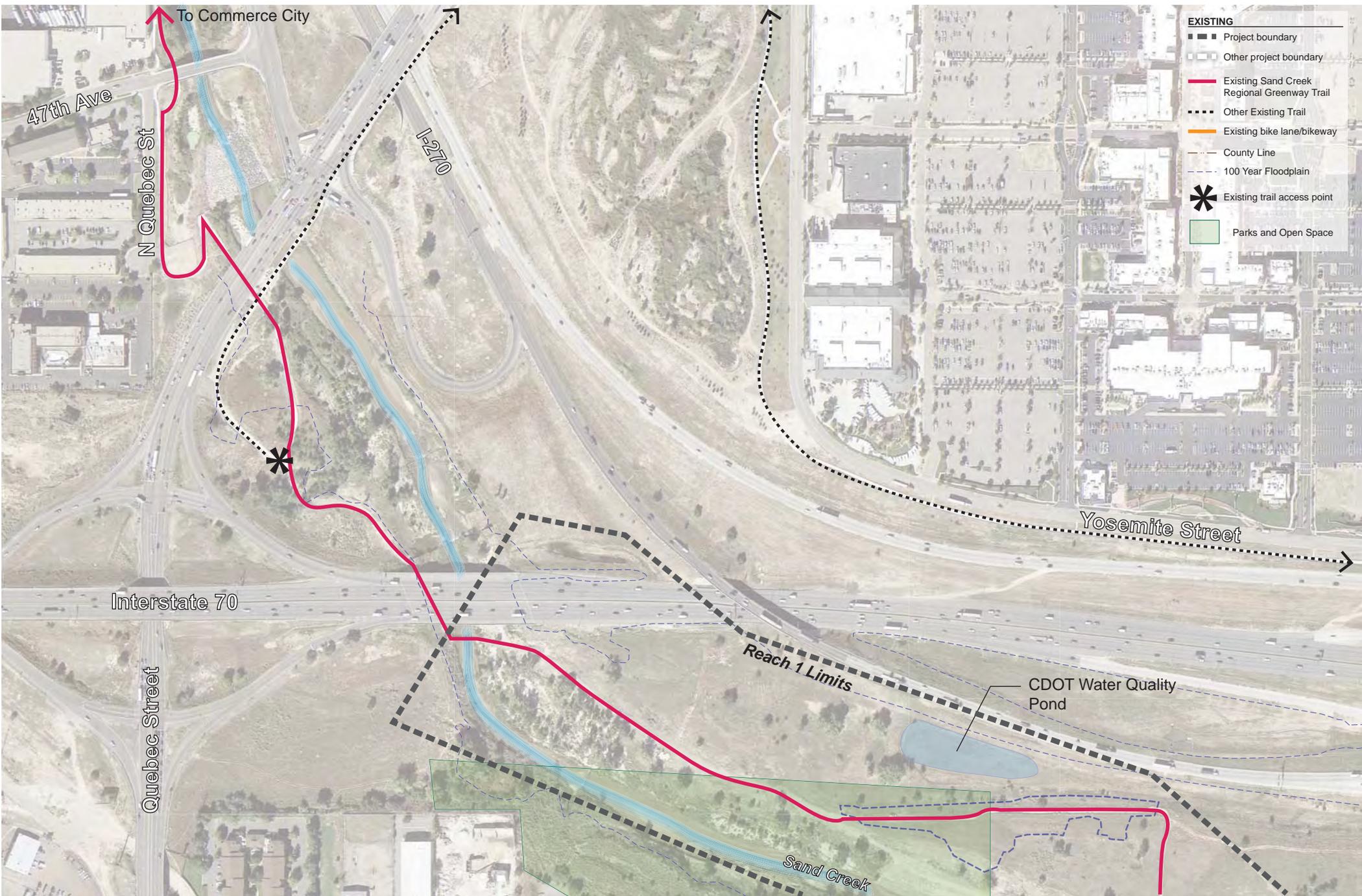


Pedestrians

Cyclist

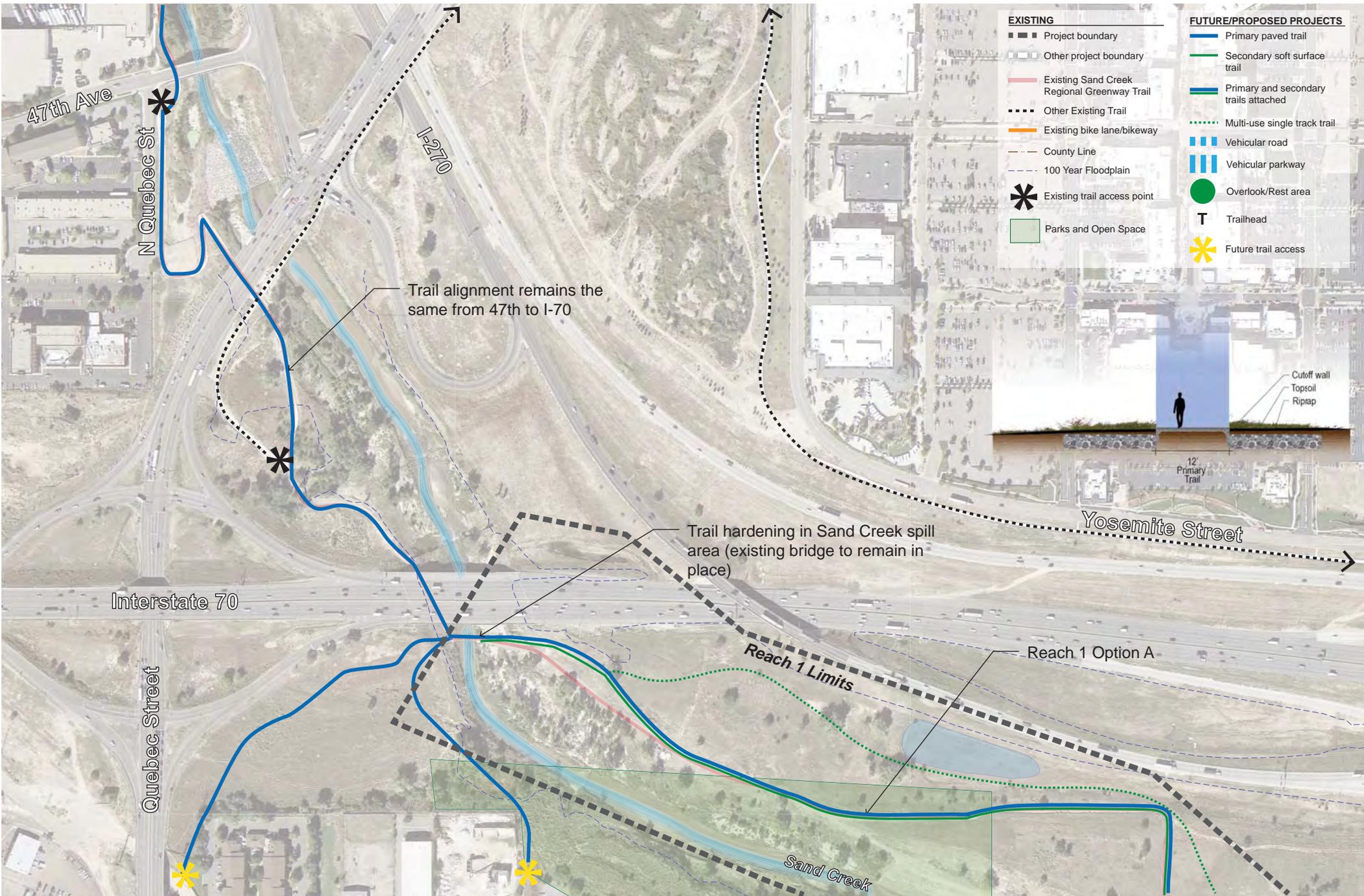
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User Types for All Trails



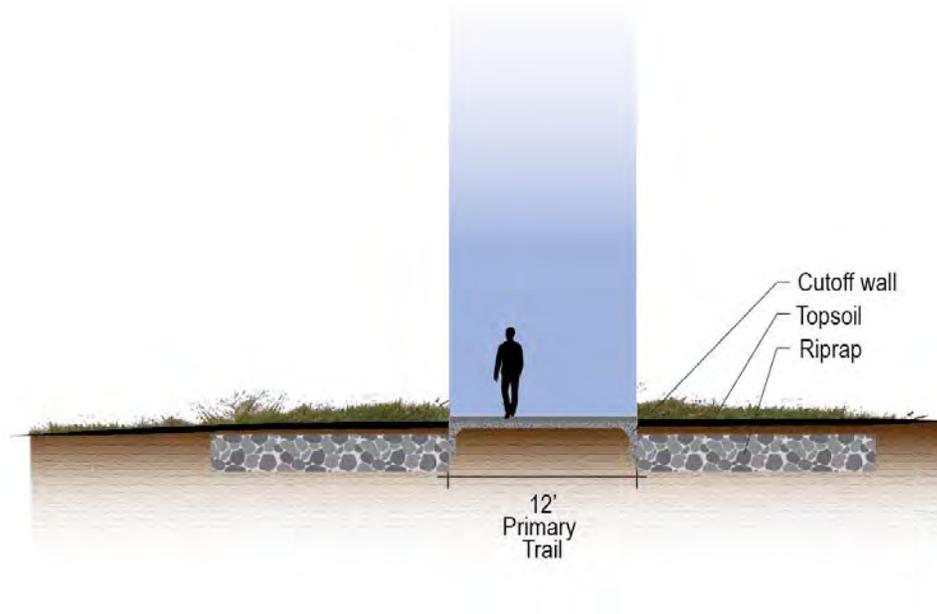
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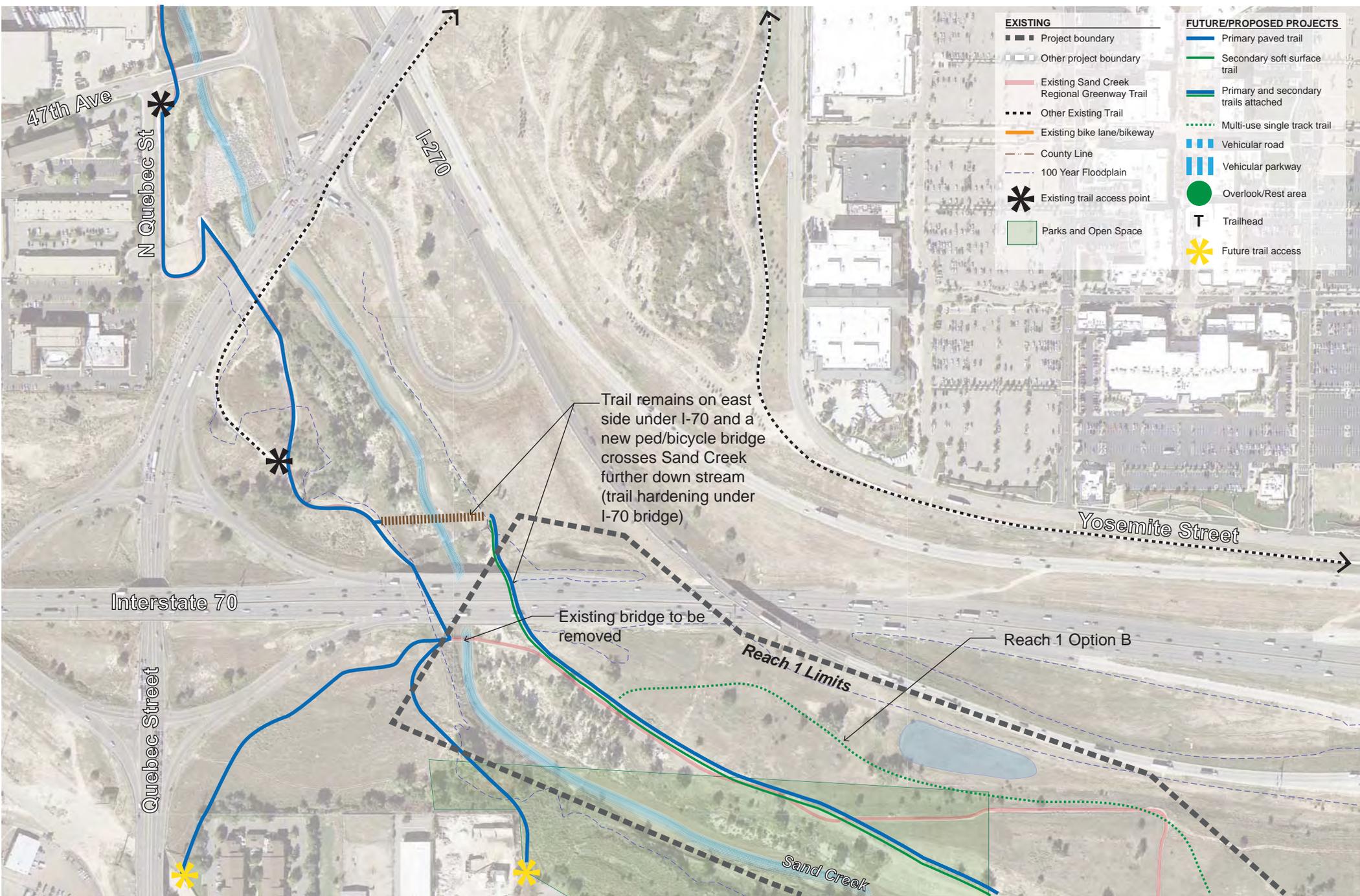


Crossing Options: Option 1 at I-70 and Quebec



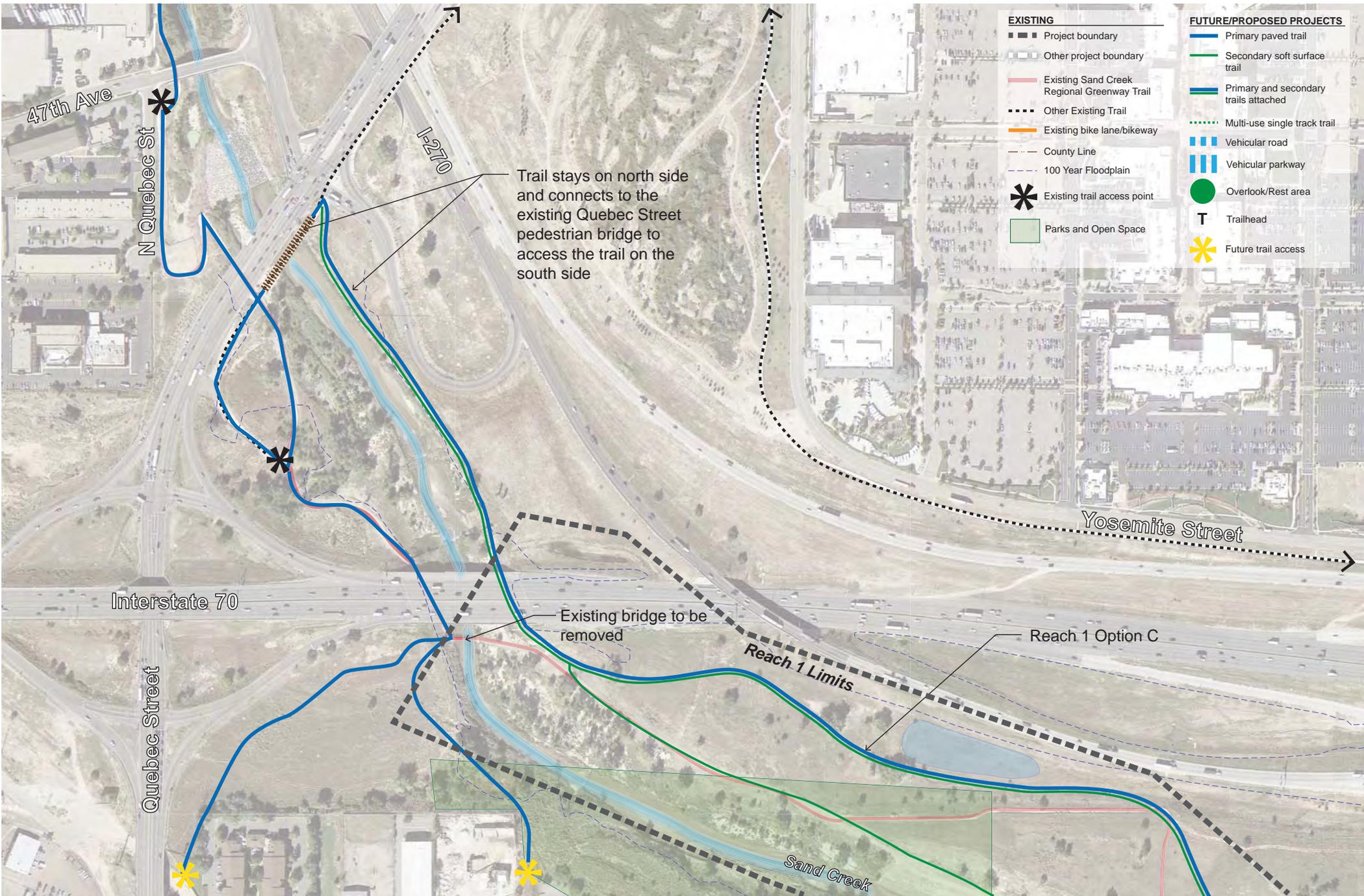


Crossing Options: Trail Hardening Condition



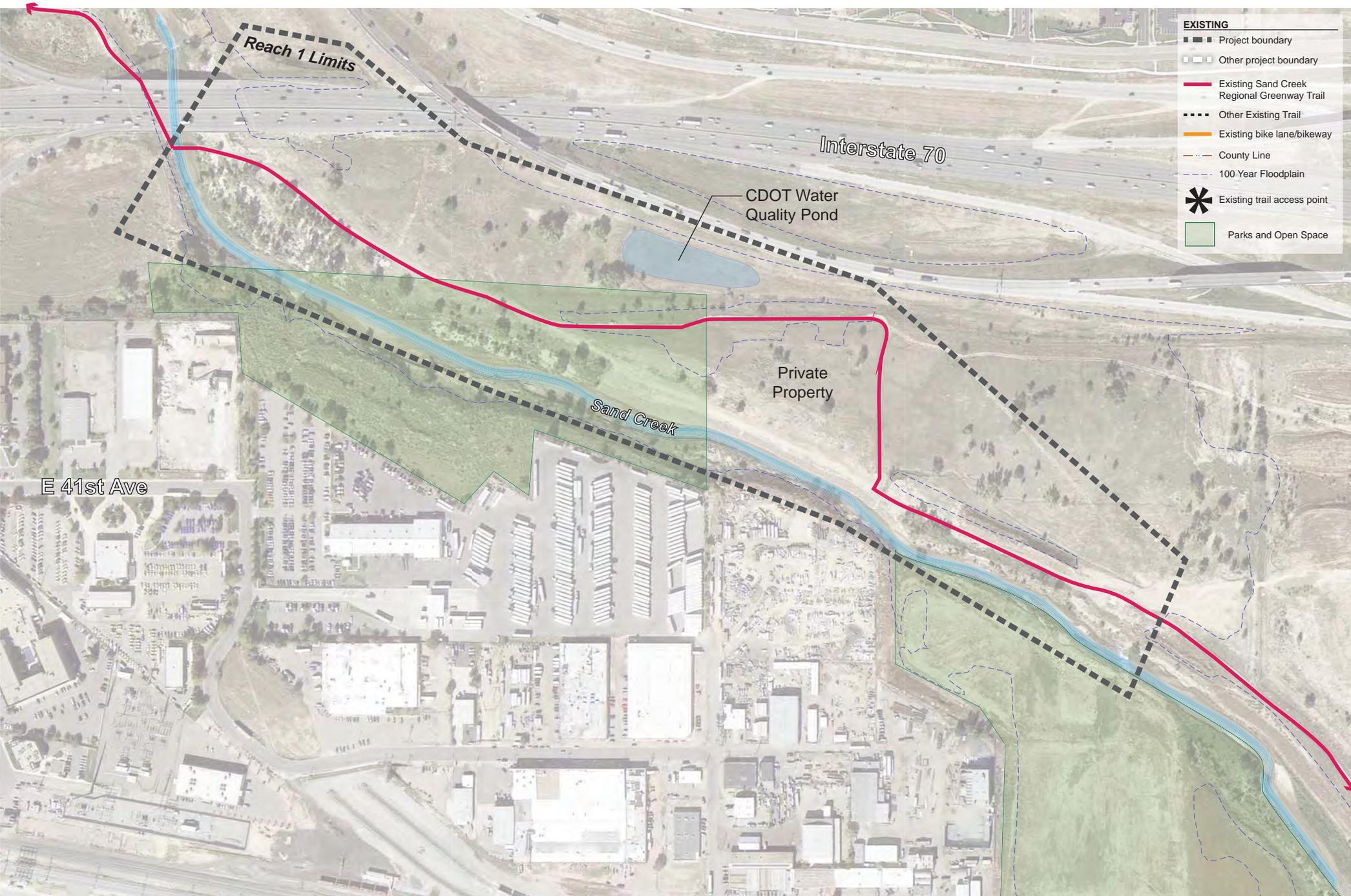
Crossing Options: Option 2 at I-70 and Quebec





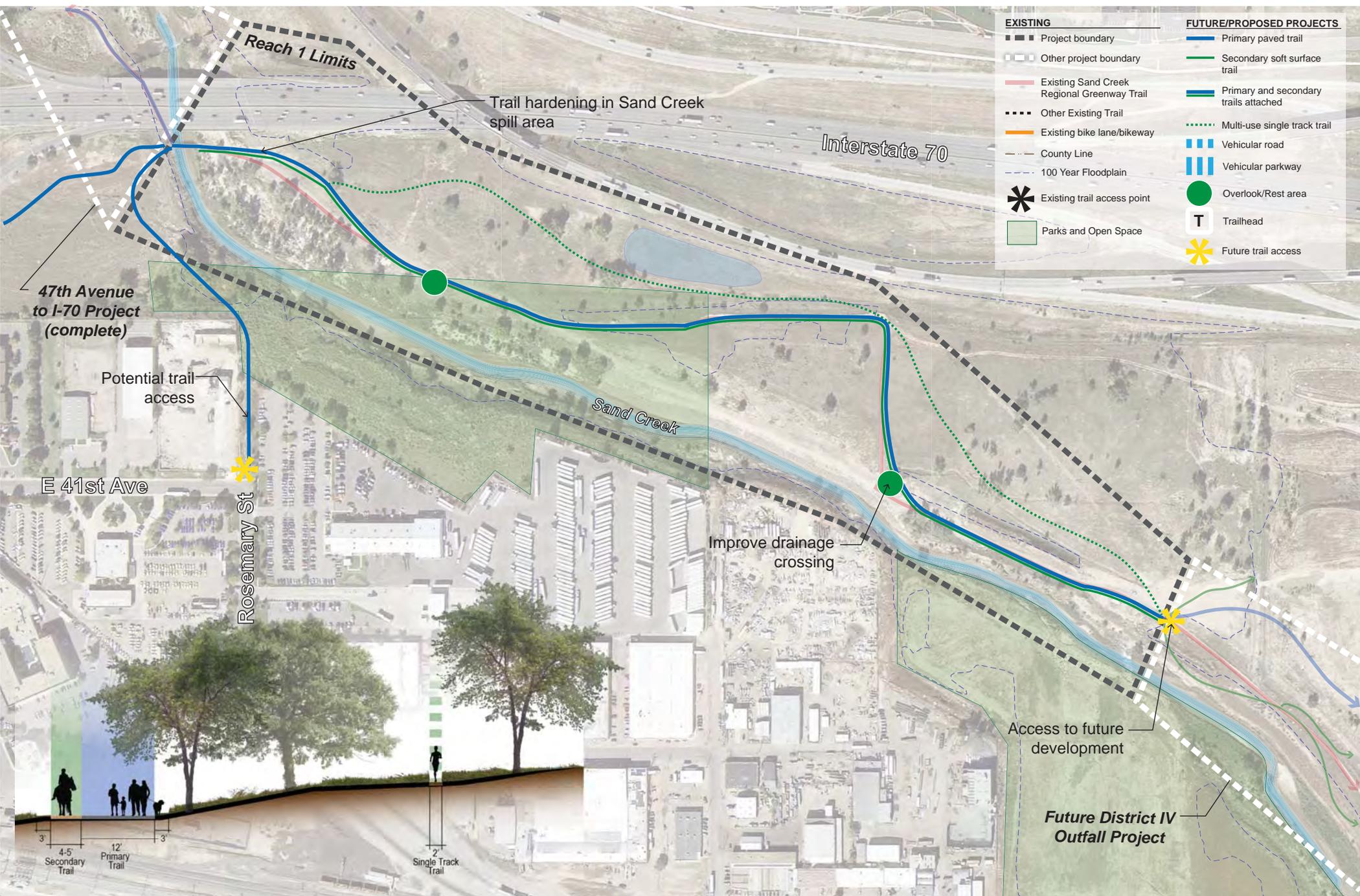
Crossing Options: Option 3 at I-70 and Quebec





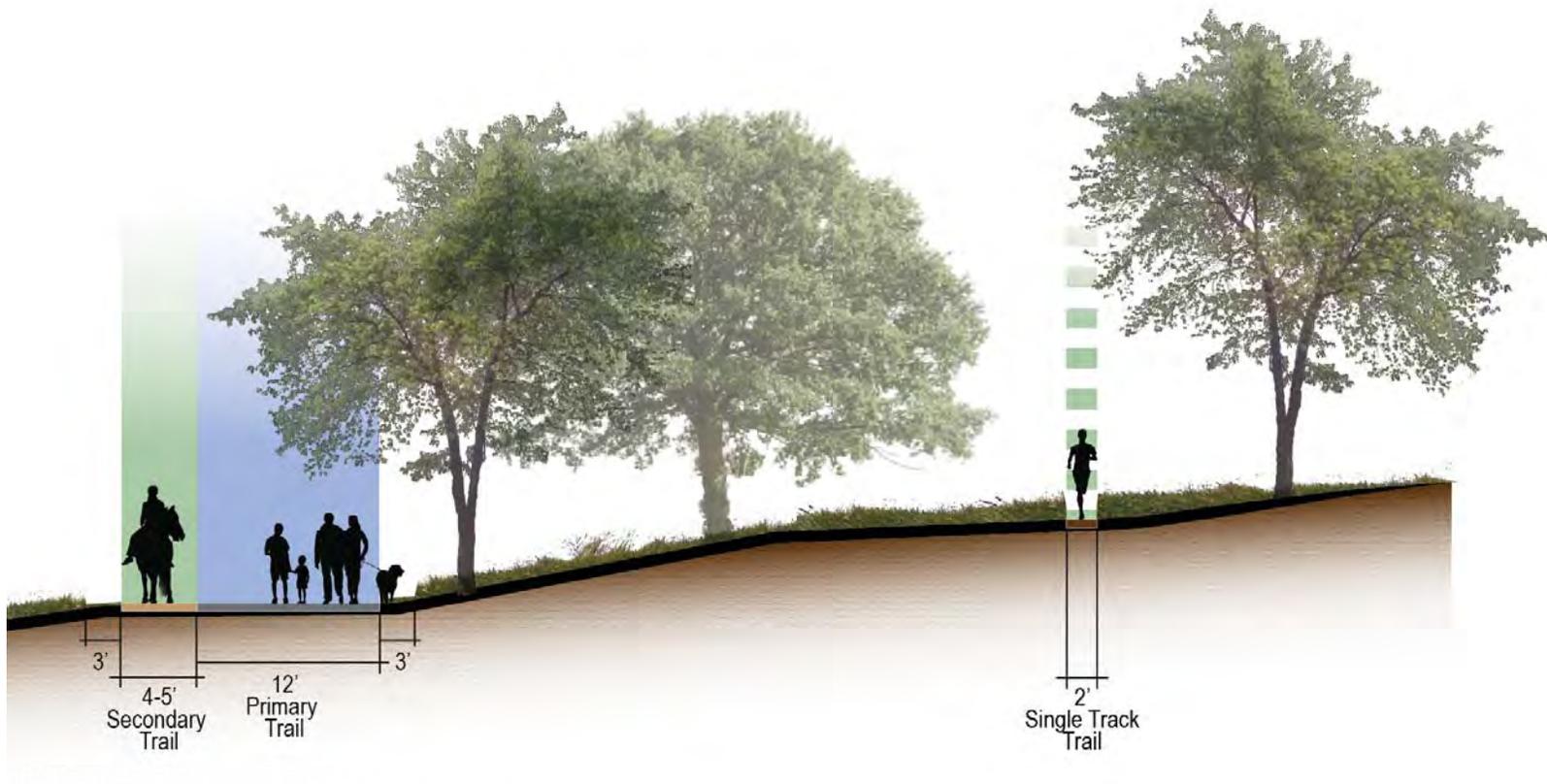
Reach 1 I-70 to District IV Outfall: Existing Conditions





Reach 1 I-70 to District IV Outfall: Proposed Option A





Reach 1 I-70 to District IV Outfall: Trail Section Condition A