

Coachella Valley Association
of Governments

CV/LINK

CONNECTING THE COACHELLA VALLEY



Public Workshop #3
October 15, 2013

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- Why?
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Regional Trails Corridor Study

- 2009 Dangermond Group Study
 - Riv County Regional Park & Open Space District
 - Desert Recreation District



Prepared for the
**Desert Recreation District &
Riverside County Regional Park and
Open-Space District**
by
**The Dangermond Group
WRC Consulting Services, Inc.
Schmidt Design Group
December 10, 2009**



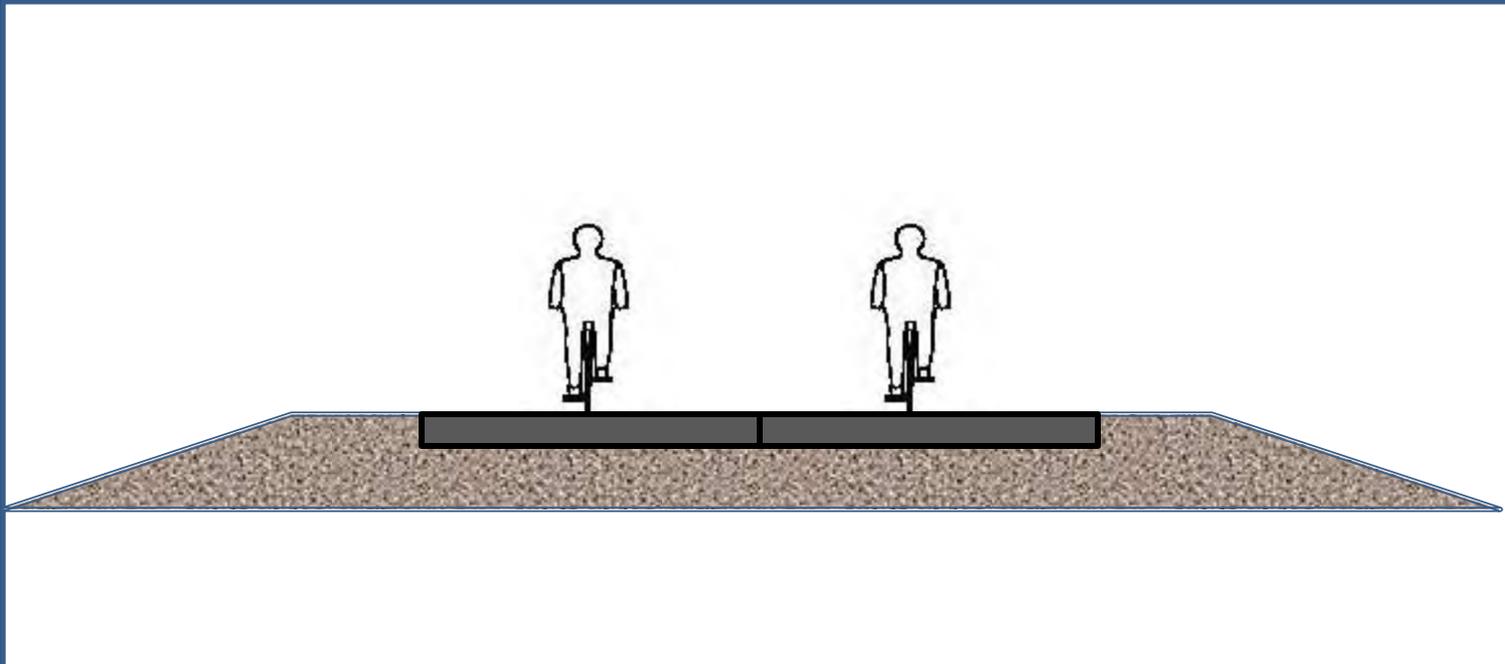
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Whitewater River

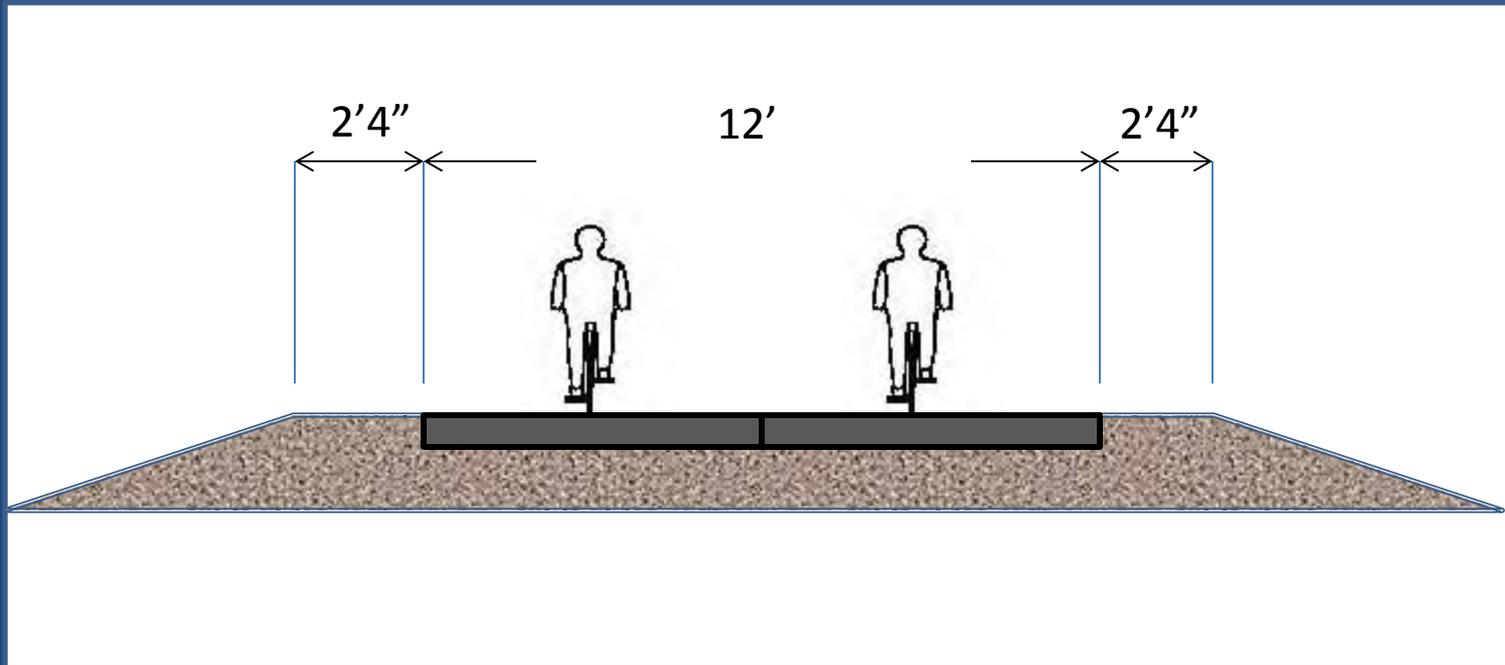


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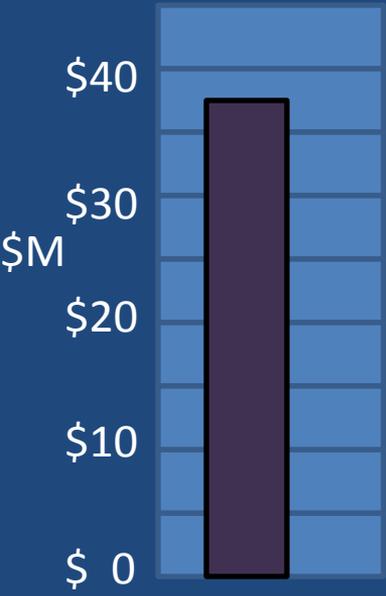
The Concept for Biking



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Regional Trails “Implementation”

- Projected 30+ Years to Build
- Assumed \$ From Fed/State Grants
- Find a Multi-Agency Champion



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Ambitious Plan



Very Reasonable Incremental Steps Identified



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What if we could solve the funding gap?



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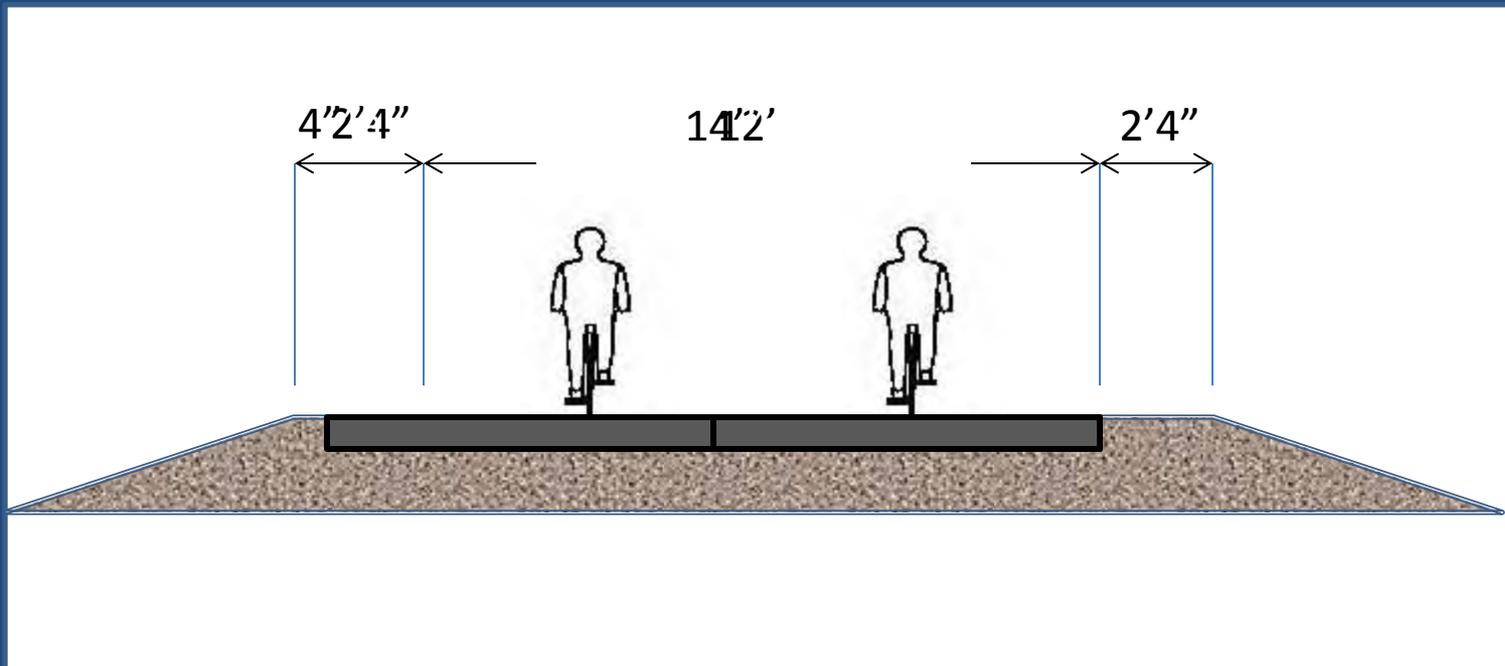
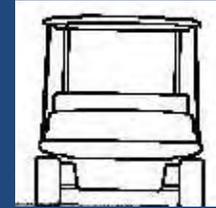
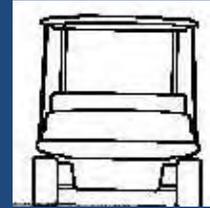
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What if it was more than a bike trail?



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What if?



Not a New Concept Here

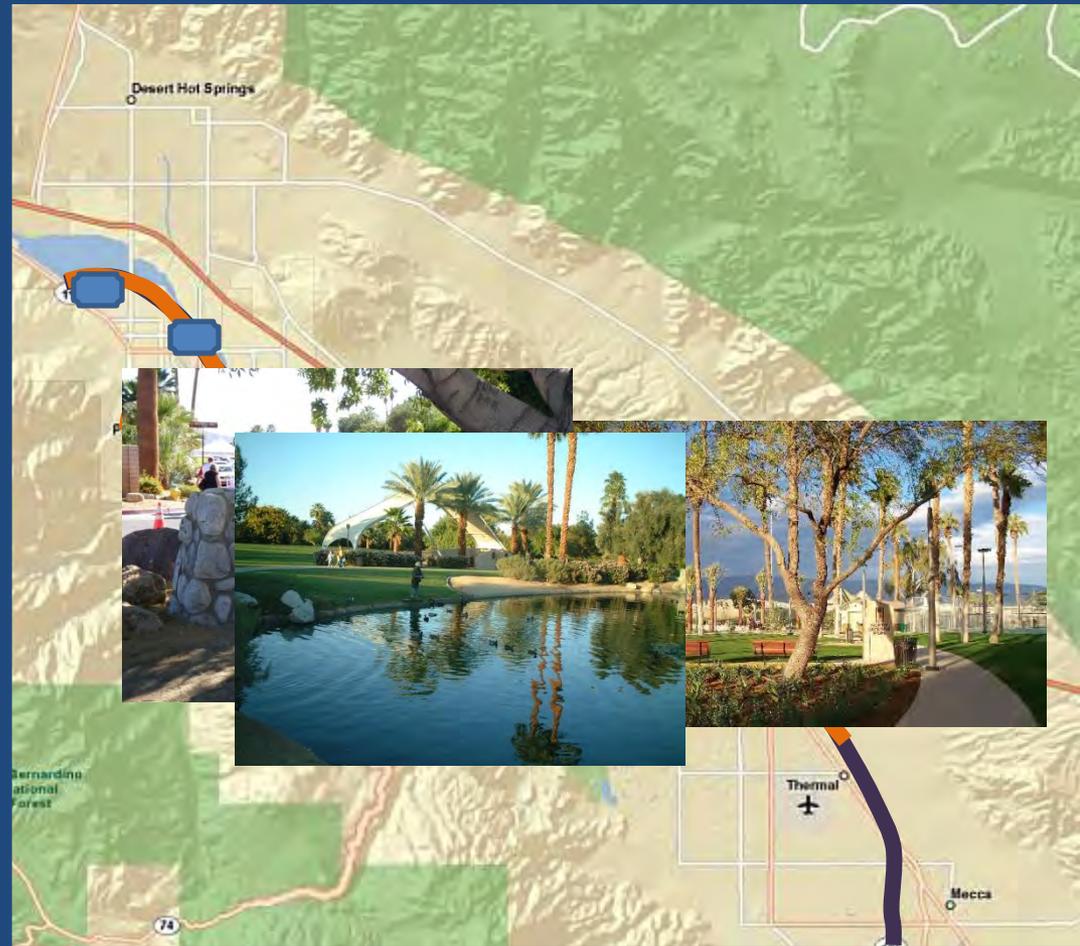


NEV for Urban Portion of Whitewater

+Downtown PS
(Tahquitz Creek)



Staging Areas-Existing

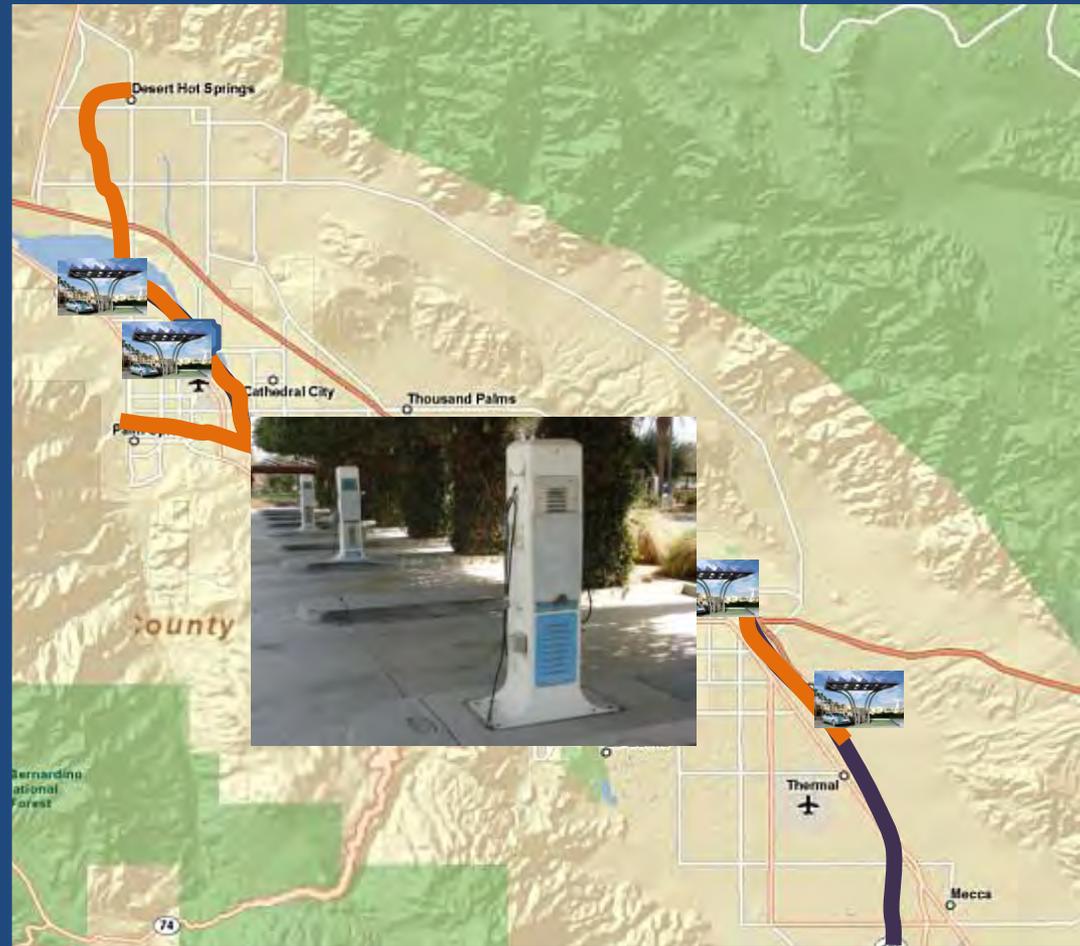


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Staging Areas-Purpose



Staging Areas-What if..



What if?

It was Mostly or Entirely Grade Separated?



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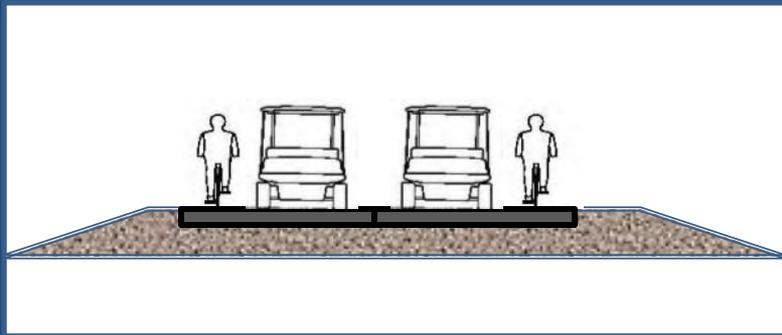
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Wont new “stuff” increase cost?

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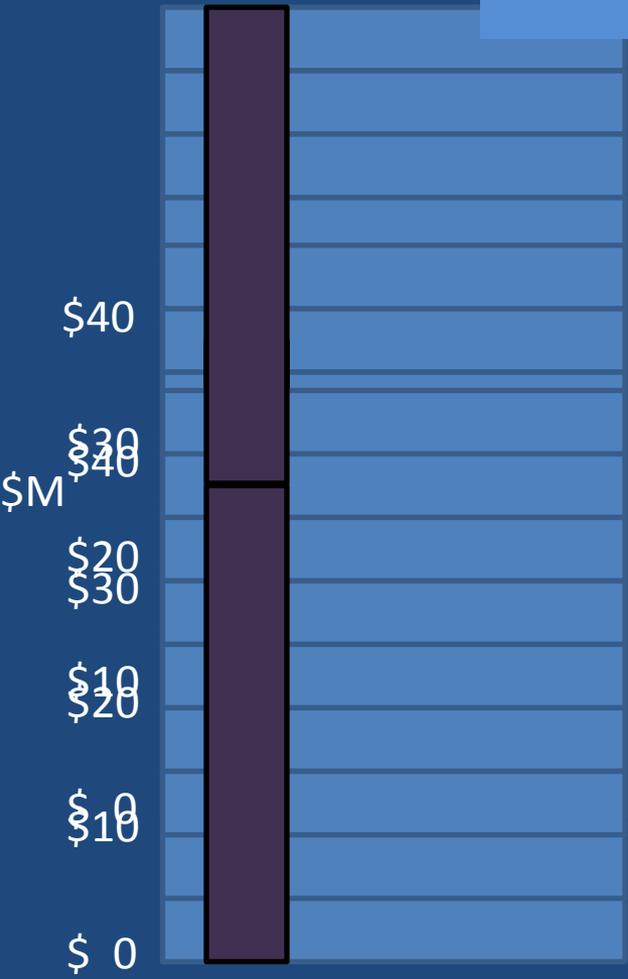


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Benefits-Congestion Relief

- Alternative Travel
- Pressure off of 111
 - A Limit to Widening!



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Benefits-Public Health

- Obesity is an Epidemic
- Build it, They Will Come
 - E.g. Bump & Grind



Benefits-Tourism

- Growth in Outdoor Recreation
- Growth in Active Tourism



Meewasin Valley Trail near Saskatoon's University Bridge



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Bicycling

Magazine's Top 10 Bicycling Cities?



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2. Portland, OR
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10. Chicago, IL



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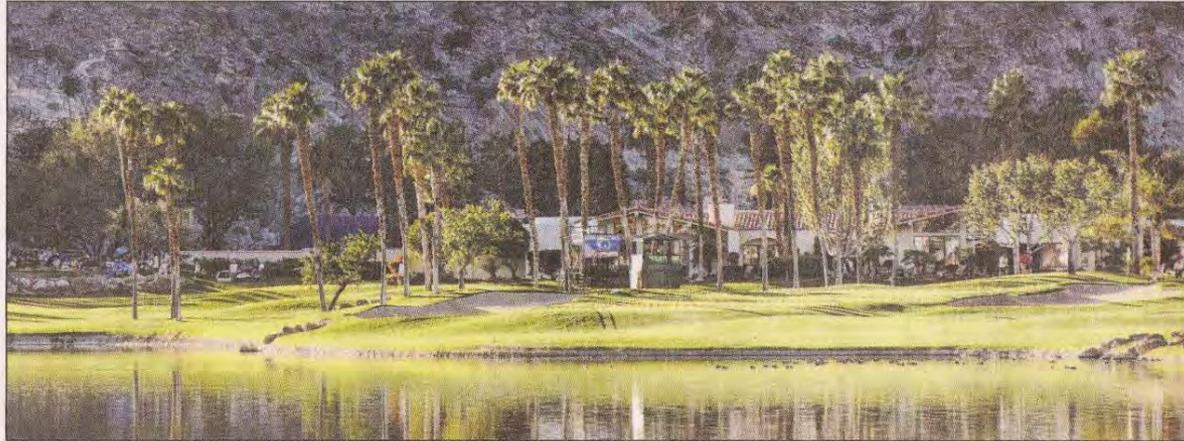
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The setting sun lights up a stand of palms along the lake at the 10th green on the Palmer Private course at PGA West in La Quinta. Experts say changing golf habits and uncertain economic times are threatening the future of Coachella Valley golf course communities and private clubs. MICHAEL SNYDER/THE DESERT SUN

Golf course communities facing uncertain futures

Change in golf habits, tough financial times threaten key local economic engine

By Mike Perrault
The Desert Sun



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And

What

Benefits-Public Interest

Any Time We Discuss Trails, Biking, Trails at CVAG, Public Comes out in Doves



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Benefits-Innovation

- Innovation **Corridor**
- Infrastructure for New Technologies
- New Businesses?
 - Rickshaws
- New Opportunities
 - Bike Sharing



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Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program



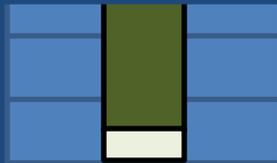
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THE Strategic Growth Council

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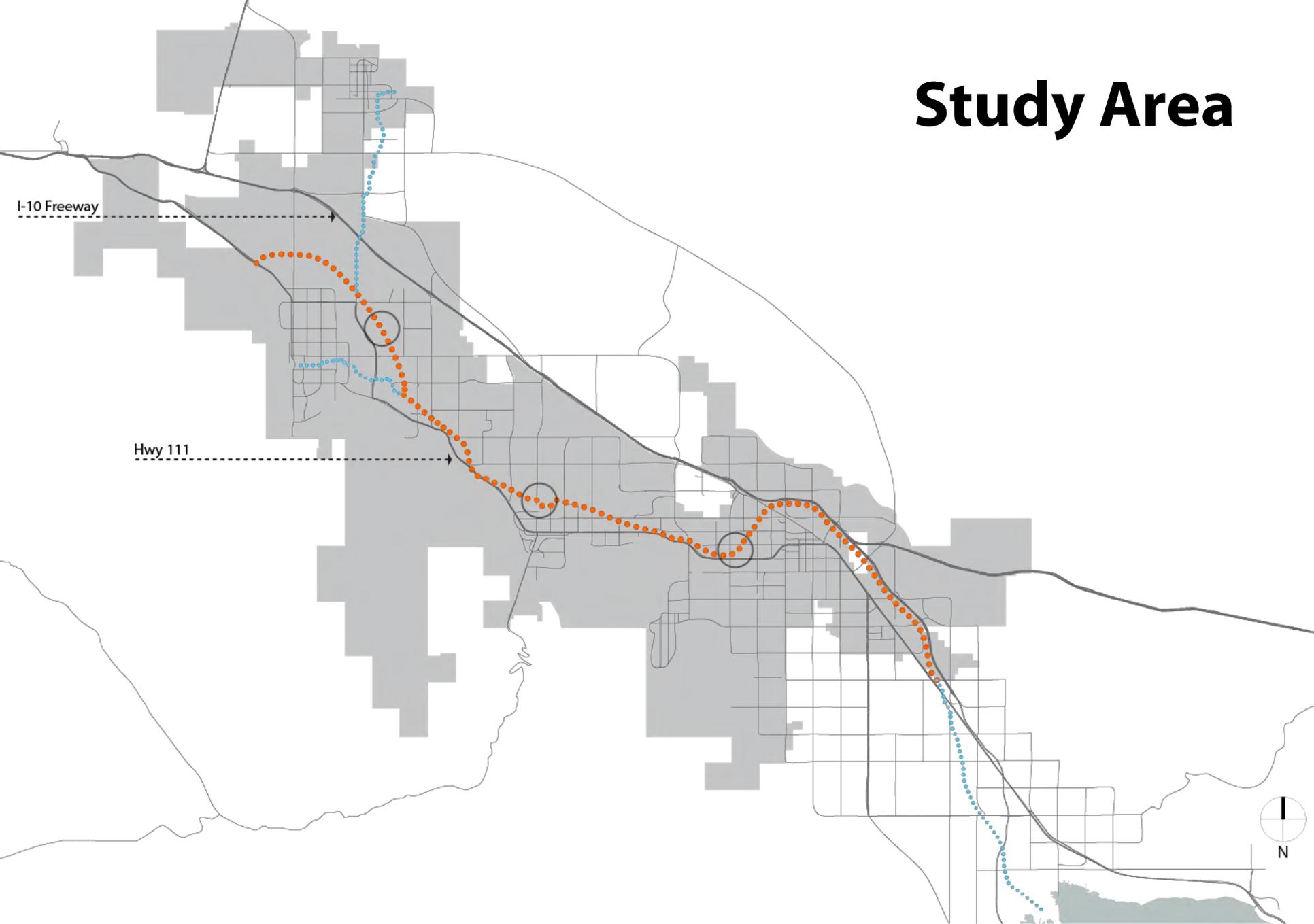
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Consultant Team

- Started Work in January
- Nationally Renowned Trail Designers – Alta
- Local Expertise
 - Environmental Planning - LSA
 - Landscape – Hermann
 - Architecture – McAuliffe
 - Engineering & ROW – RBF, MSA
 - Public Outreach – Burke Rix, Westbound



Study Area

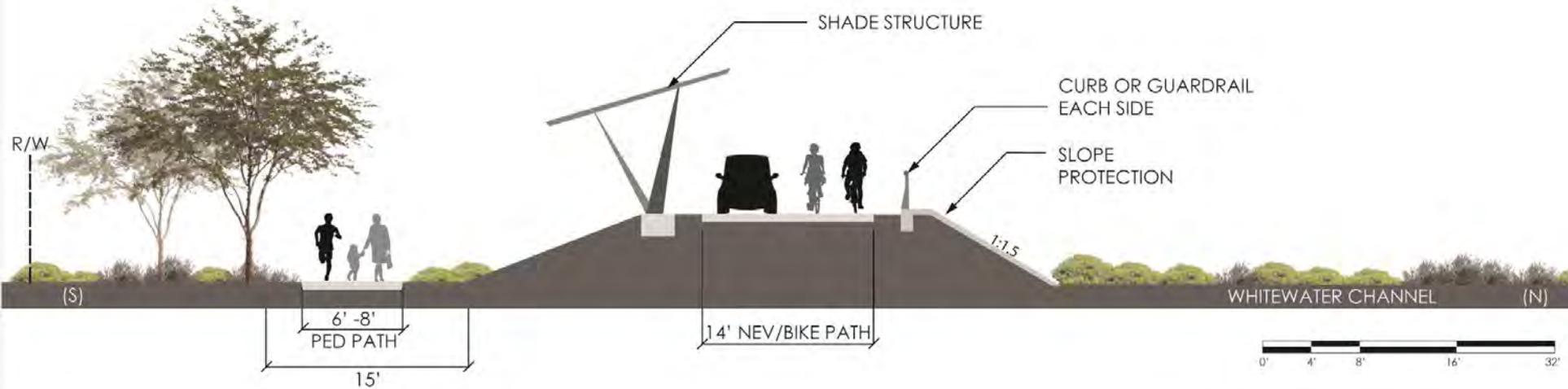
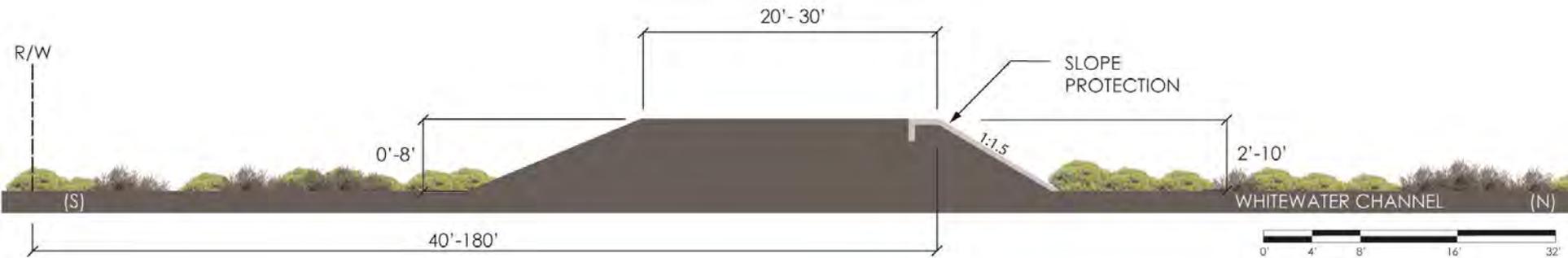


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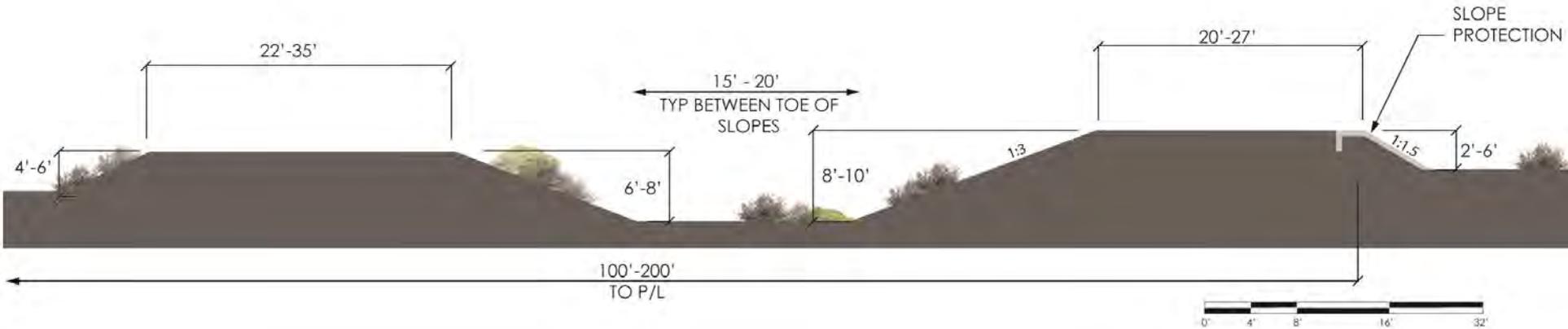
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- Wide ROW



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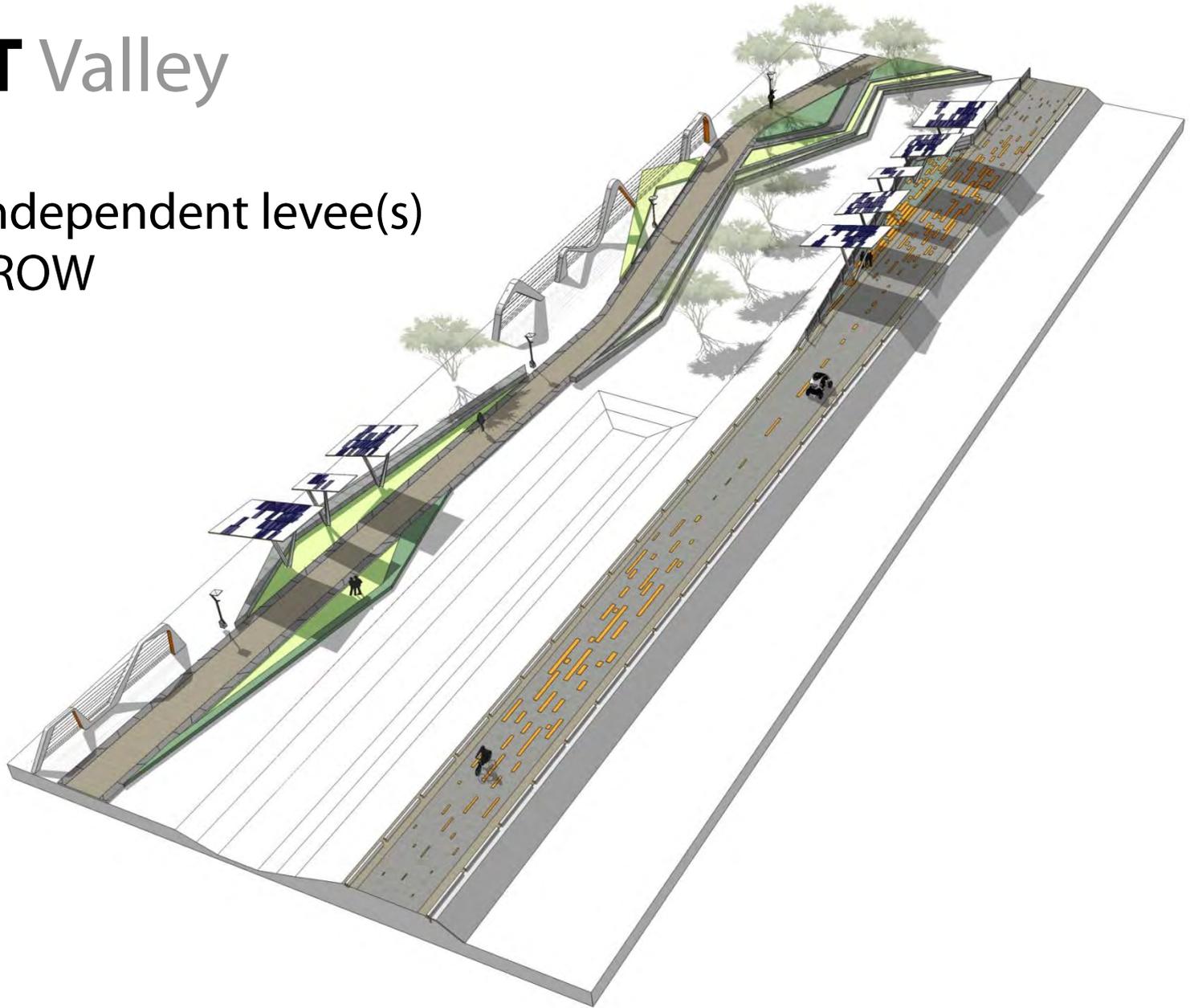


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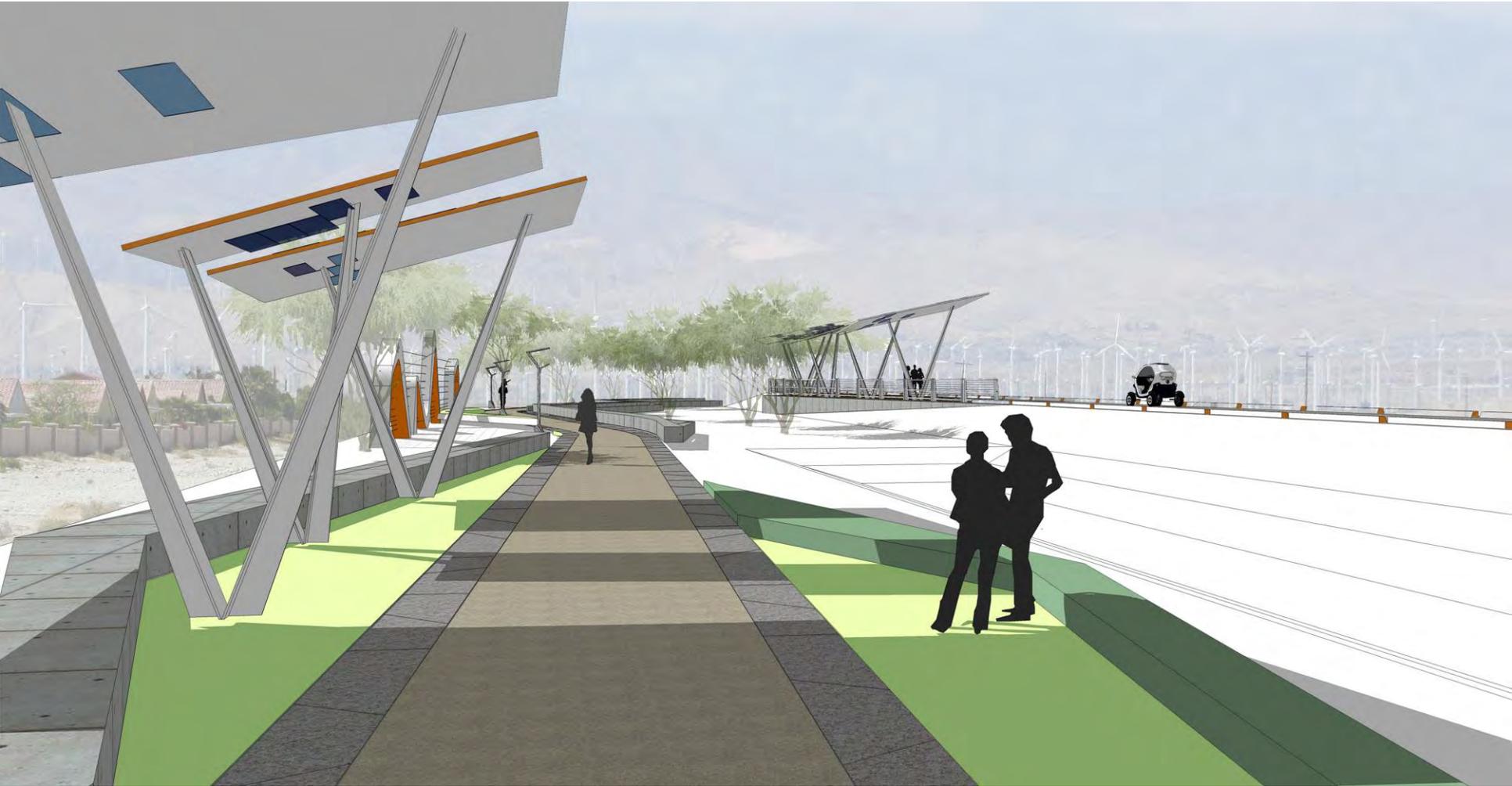
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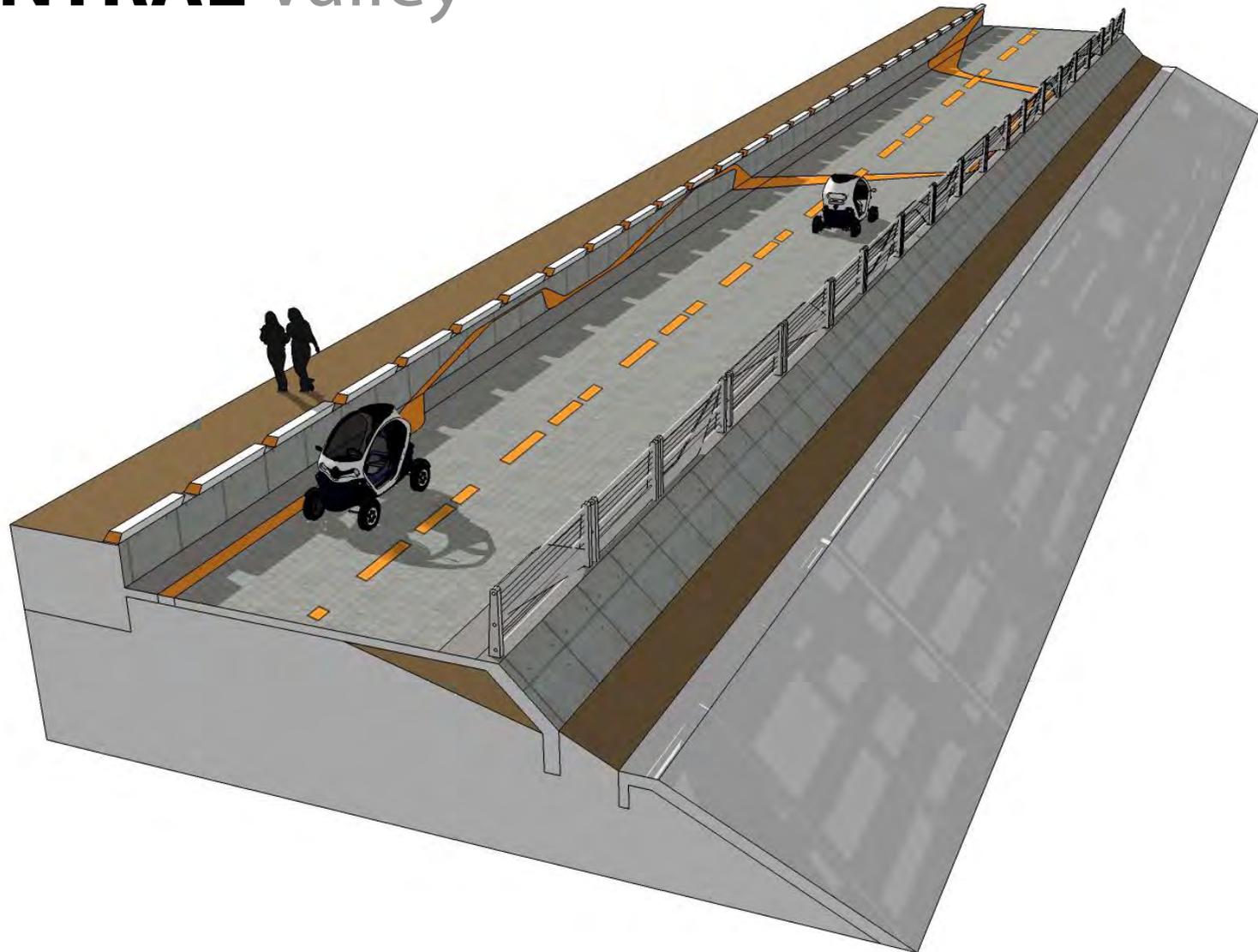
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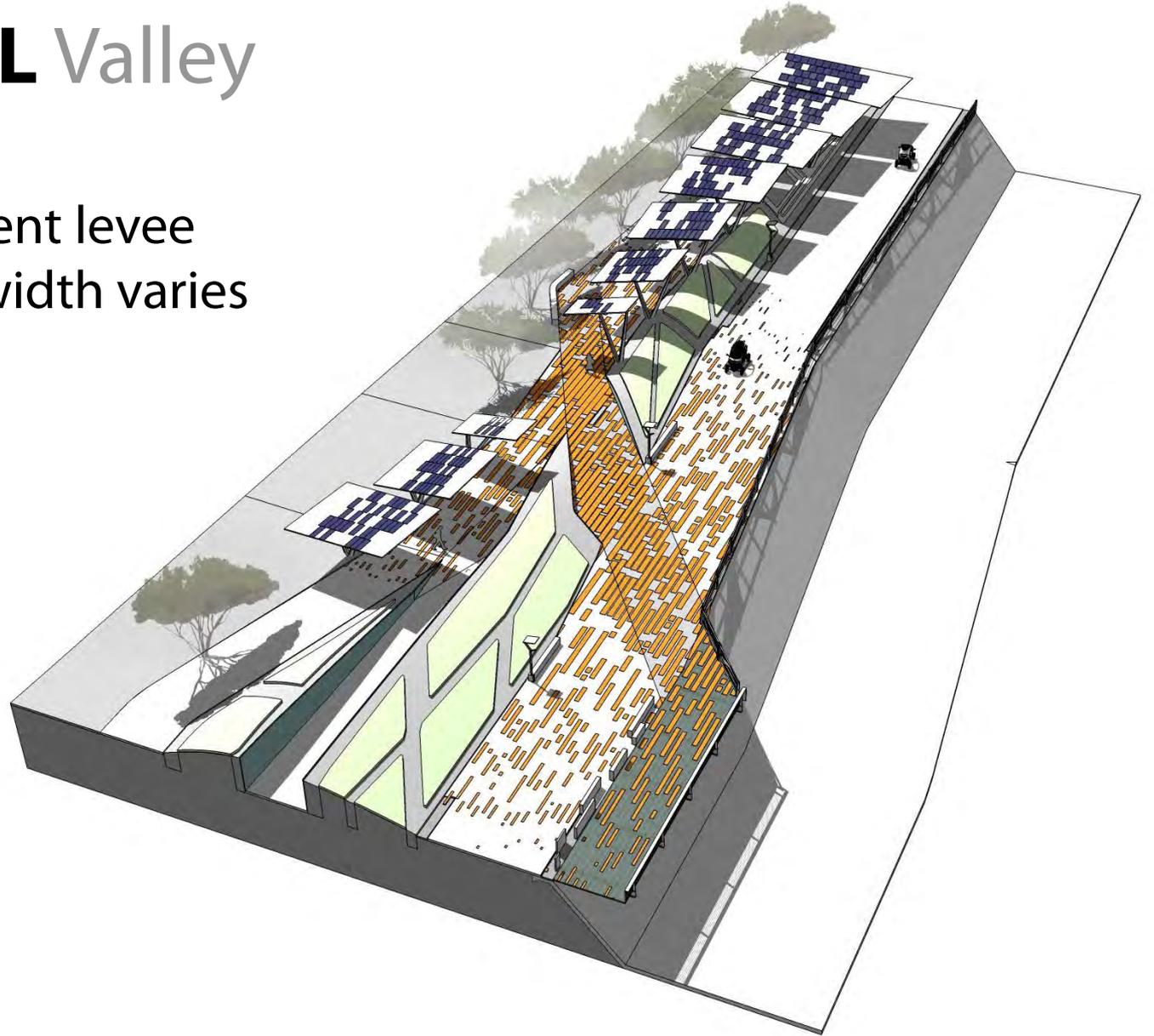


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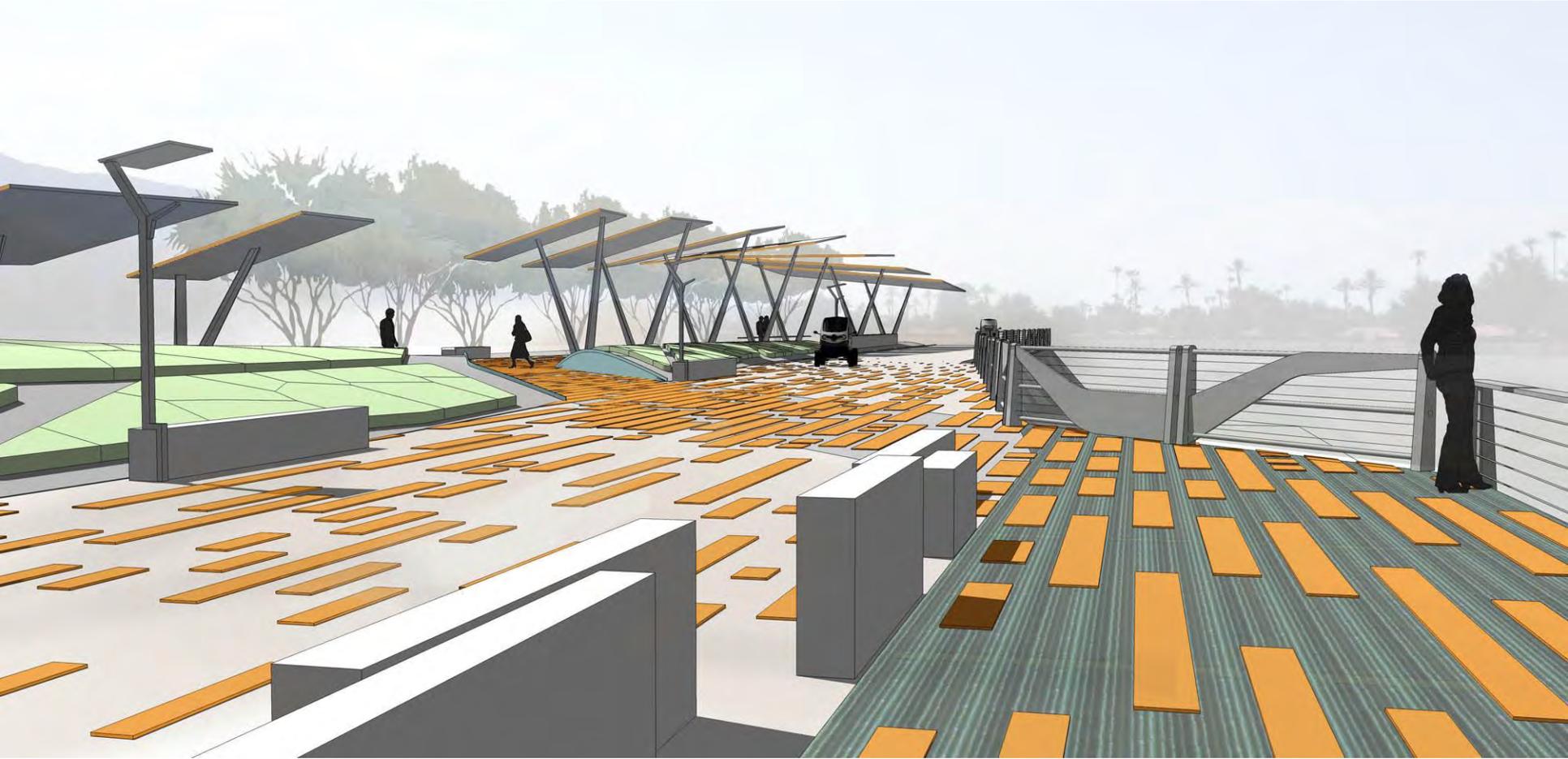


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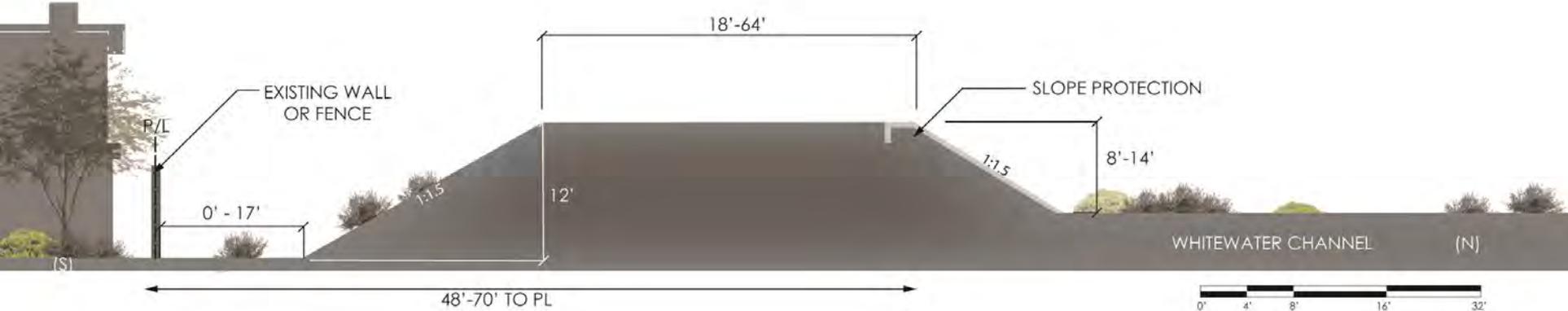


EAST Valley

- High independent levee
- ROW width varies

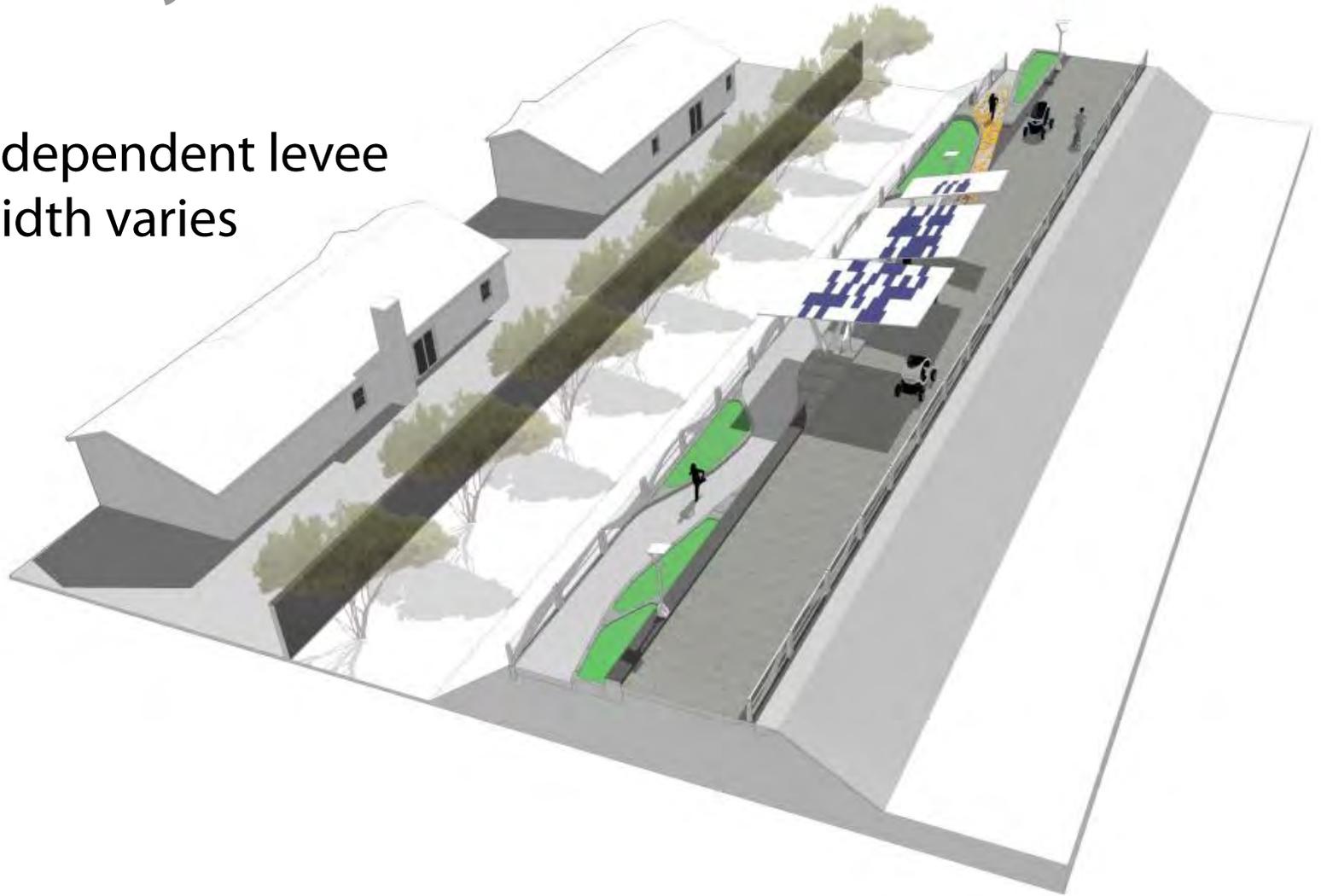


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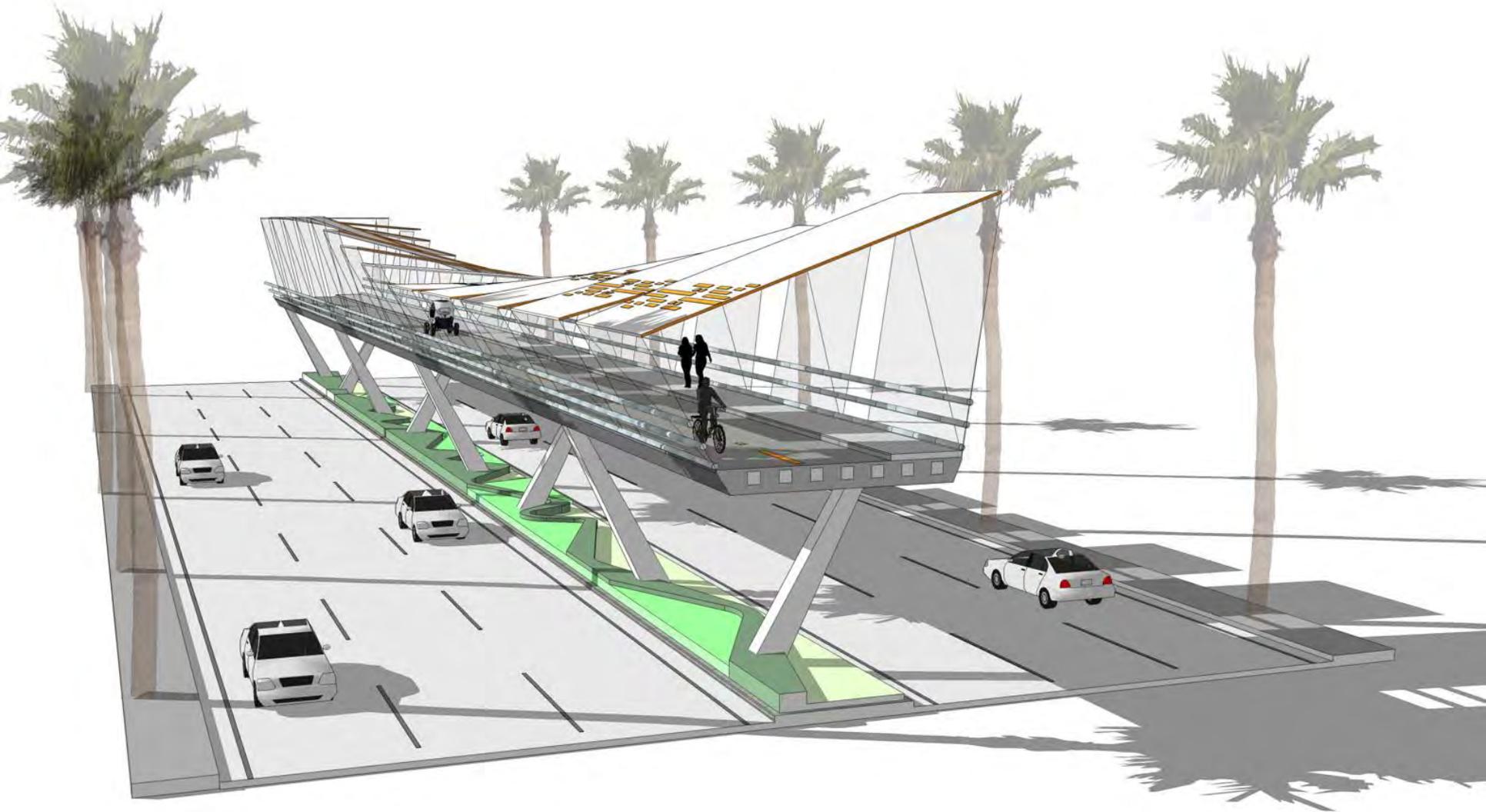
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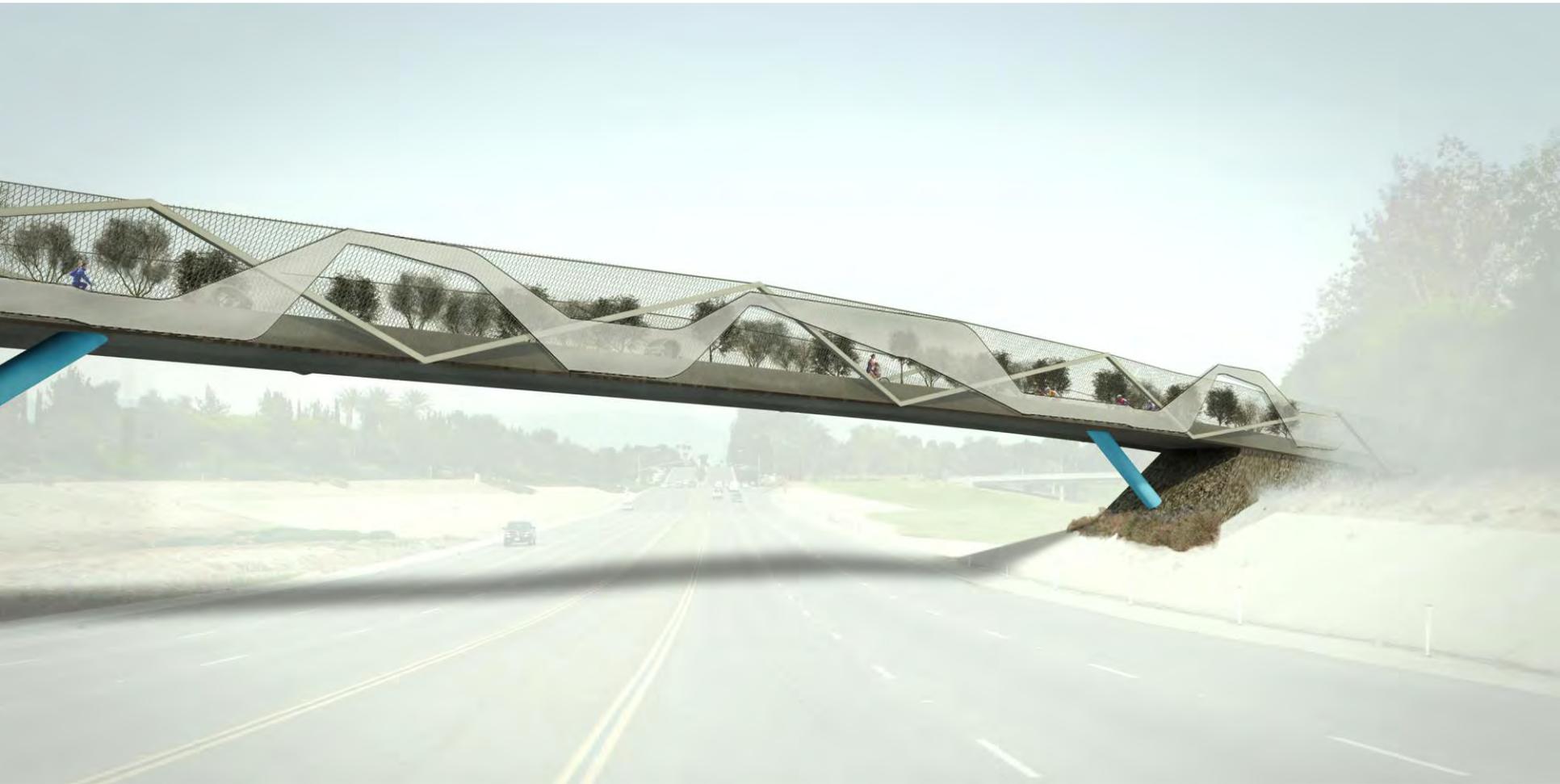
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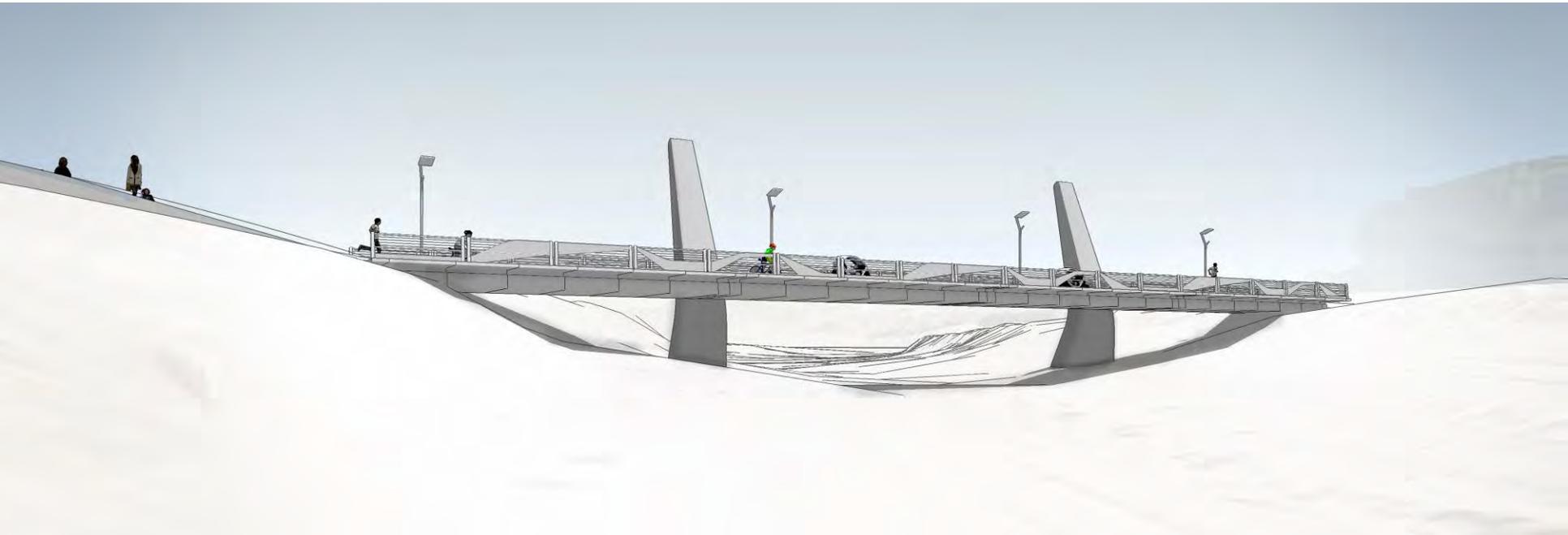
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Bridges at Roadways



Bridges at Channels



Underpasses

Provide vertical separation at roadway and rail bridges



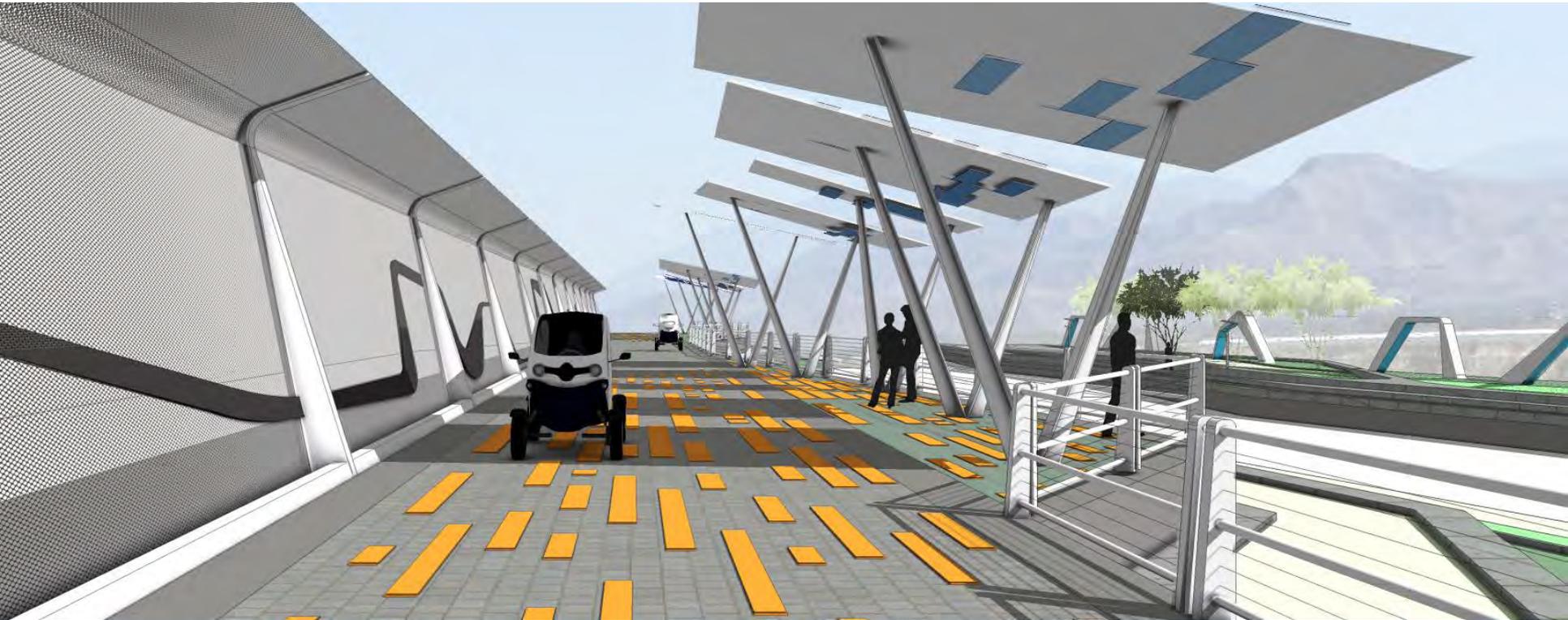
Subterranean

Minimizes visual impacts
and safety concerns



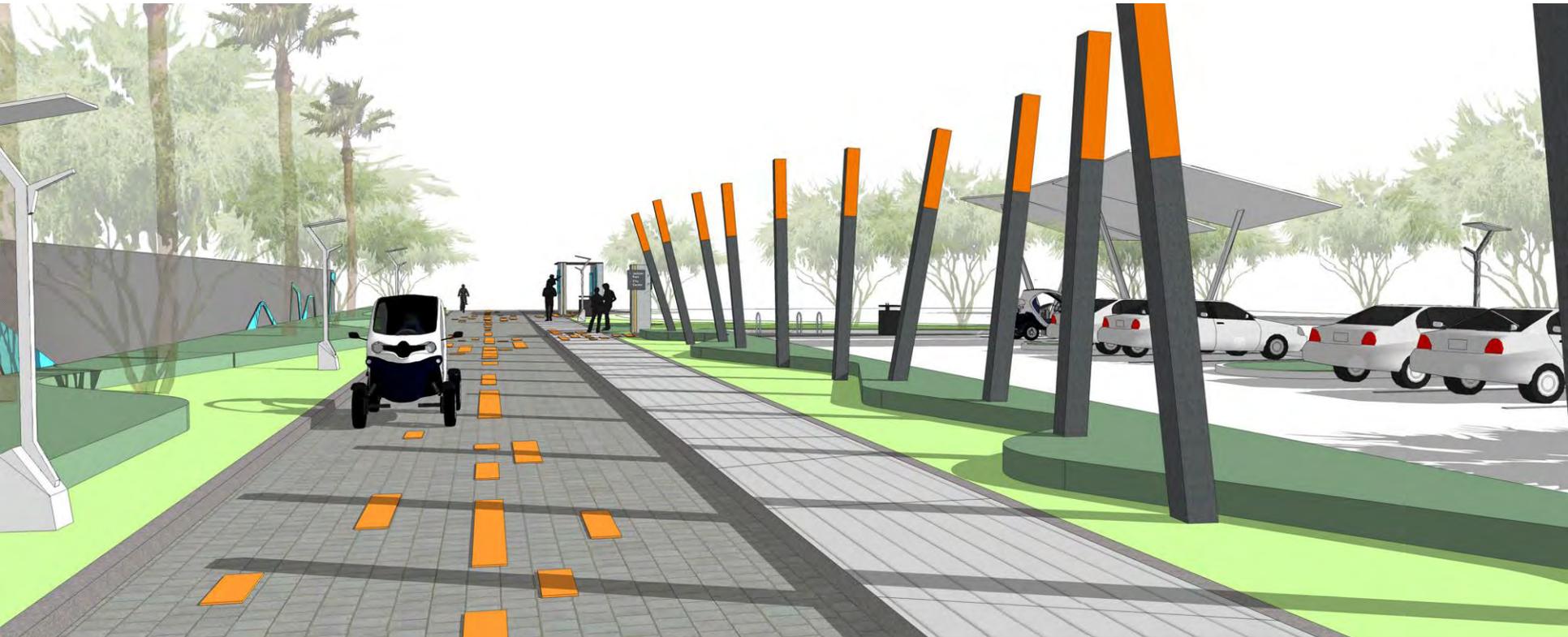
Golf Courses

- Safety fencing required
- Boardwalks protect natural resources

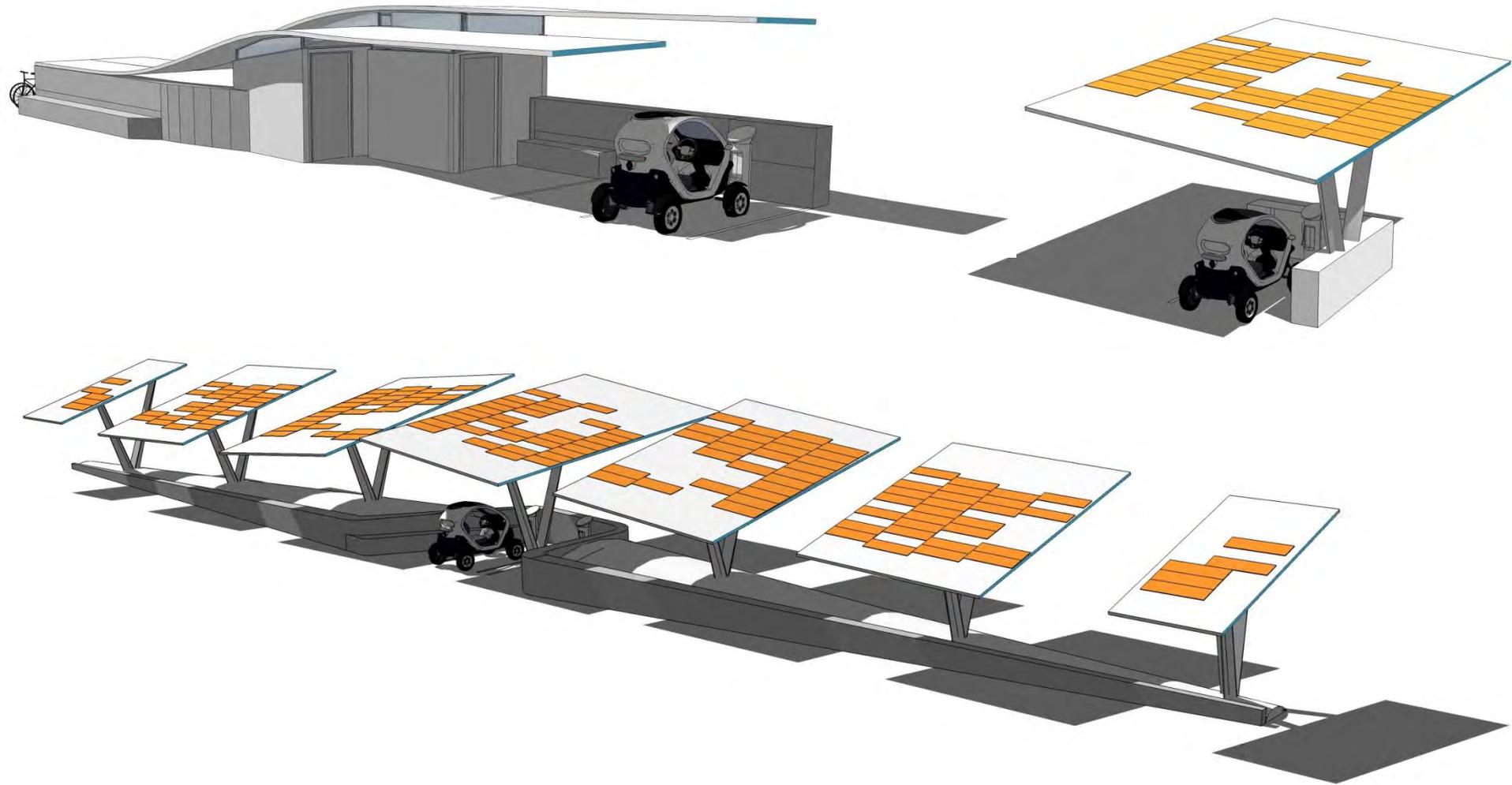


Trailheads + Access Points

At surplus lands, libraries,
parks, schools, commercial
+ health centers



NEV Charging Stations



Art

- Alternative energy sources
- Interactive and inviting
- Light and digital projection
- Motion activated
- Wind, water and solar themes



Interpretation + Education

Valley Innovations

- Wind farms
- Solar
- Aerial Tramway
- Channel engineering
- Air quality monitoring
- User counts



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Welcome to the **CV Link** project information page.

Welcome to the **CV Link** a revolutionary new concept in transportation. Led by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the CV Link is the first of its kind to incorporate within one project pedestrians, bicyclists and low-speed electric vehicles. CV Link will connect eight Coachella Valley Cities and the lands of two federally recognized tribes with an alternate transportation route to the busiest corridor in the Coachella Valley.

Social Media



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Next Steps

- East Valley Public Meeting: *Oct/Nov TBD*
- Schematic Design Phase: *Complete by Dec 2013*
- NEV Transportation Plan: *Complete by June 2014*
- Project Master Plan: *Complete by Oct 2014*
- Early Action Segment Planning + Design: *July 2014 - Sept 2015*
- Environmental Compliance: *Complete by Dec 2014*
- Groundbreaking: *Nov 2015*

Thank you + Questions

