

Chapter Four – Formulating a Fit

The improvements developed for the US-56 Corridor Management Plan are shown on the following exhibits. Given the varying nature of the corridor, US-56 has been divided into the **highway segments**, reflecting the rural nature of the corridor, and **arterial segments**, coinciding to the changes in and around the cities.

In the rural **highway segments**, the proposed improvements to US-56 include changes to access, improvements to the cross-sections of the roadway (including shoulders and additional turning lanes in key locations) as well as proposed vertical alignment changes. Given there are numerous unknowns in how construction may occur and the final grading limits of design, potential right-of-way envelopes were identified to reflect an area in which there may be impact. Further alignment studies and preliminary engineering will be required to identify the future right-of-way in greater detail.

In the **arterial segments**, proposed improvements are also indicated; however, vertical alignment changes have not been identified. With the lower speeds and urbanized nature of US-56 in the cities, there is not anticipated to be any significant grade changes. Given the limited changes in vertical alignment combined with the use of an enclosed storm sewer system, a greater certainty can be placed on identifying future right-of-way. In the arterial segments, the potential future right-of-way is shown with a greater confidence. For cross-streets, the potential future city right-of-way is also shown.

Several pieces of information have been provided on these exhibits, including the spacing of driveway and public streets (adjacent and to opposite sides of the highway), parcel boundaries adjacent to US-56, as well as driveways and/or intersections anticipated to be removed or relocated.

In general, the plans shown indicate a concept of **“No New Access”**, except at public streets. New development, or redevelopment, will be looked at to provide access to US-56 through an existing public street, adjacent to the development, or through the planning and development of a local street network in areas with limited existing options. The subdividing of parcels, each with its own access onto US-56, will generally not be permitted.

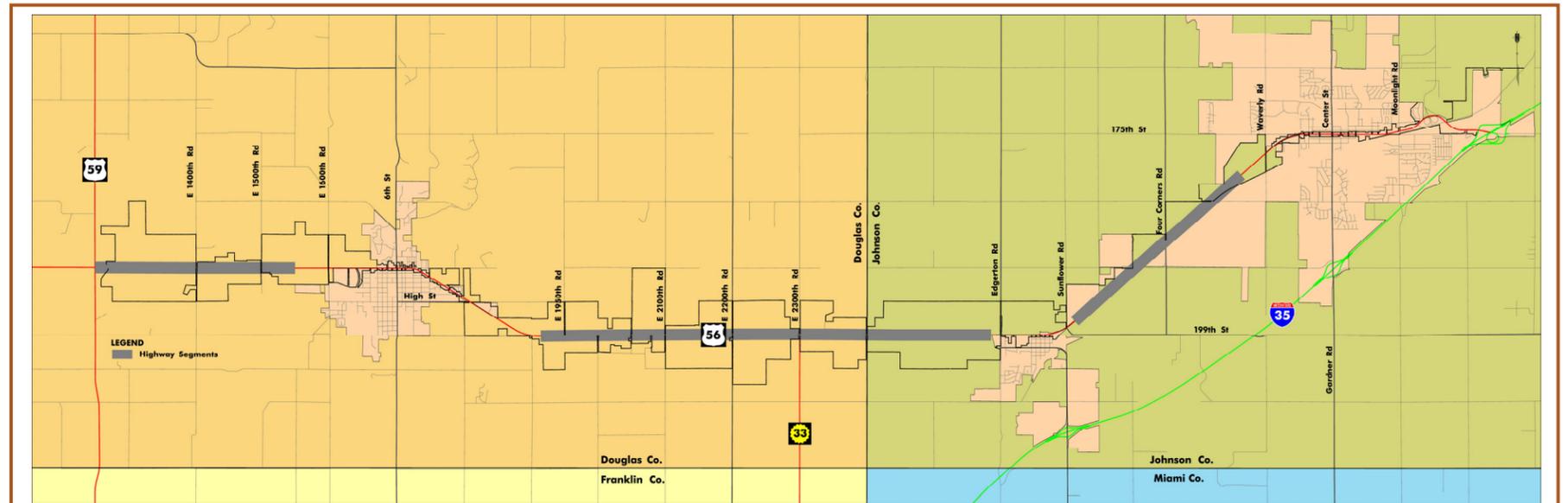


Figure 4-1 Highway Segment Map

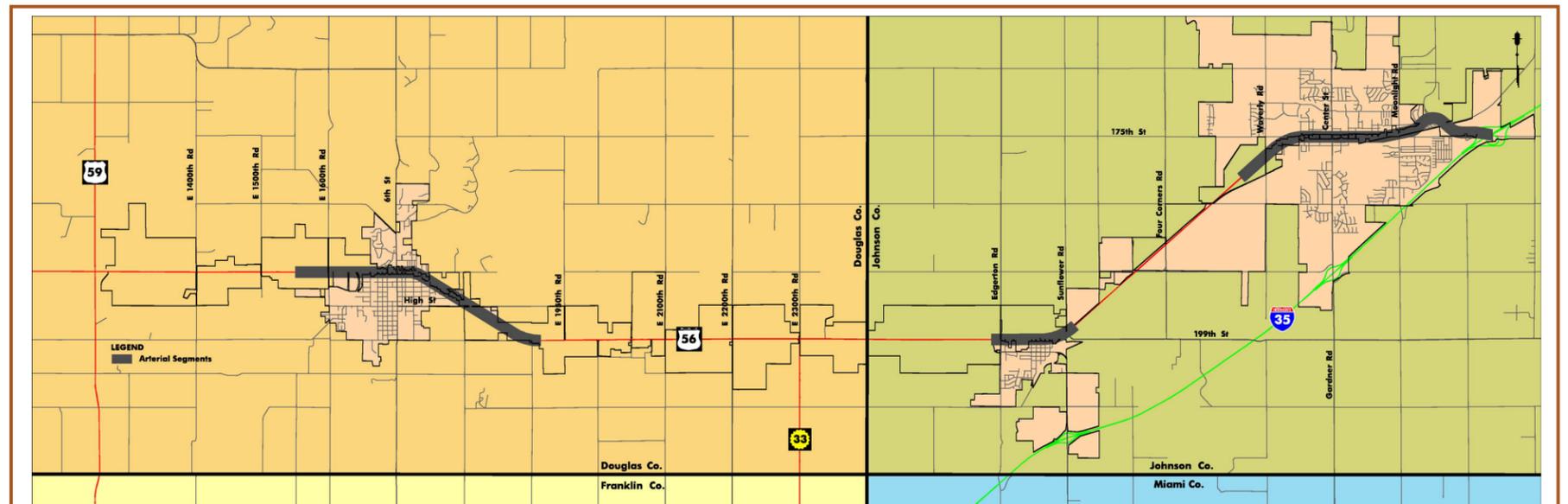


Figure 4-2 Arterial Segment Map

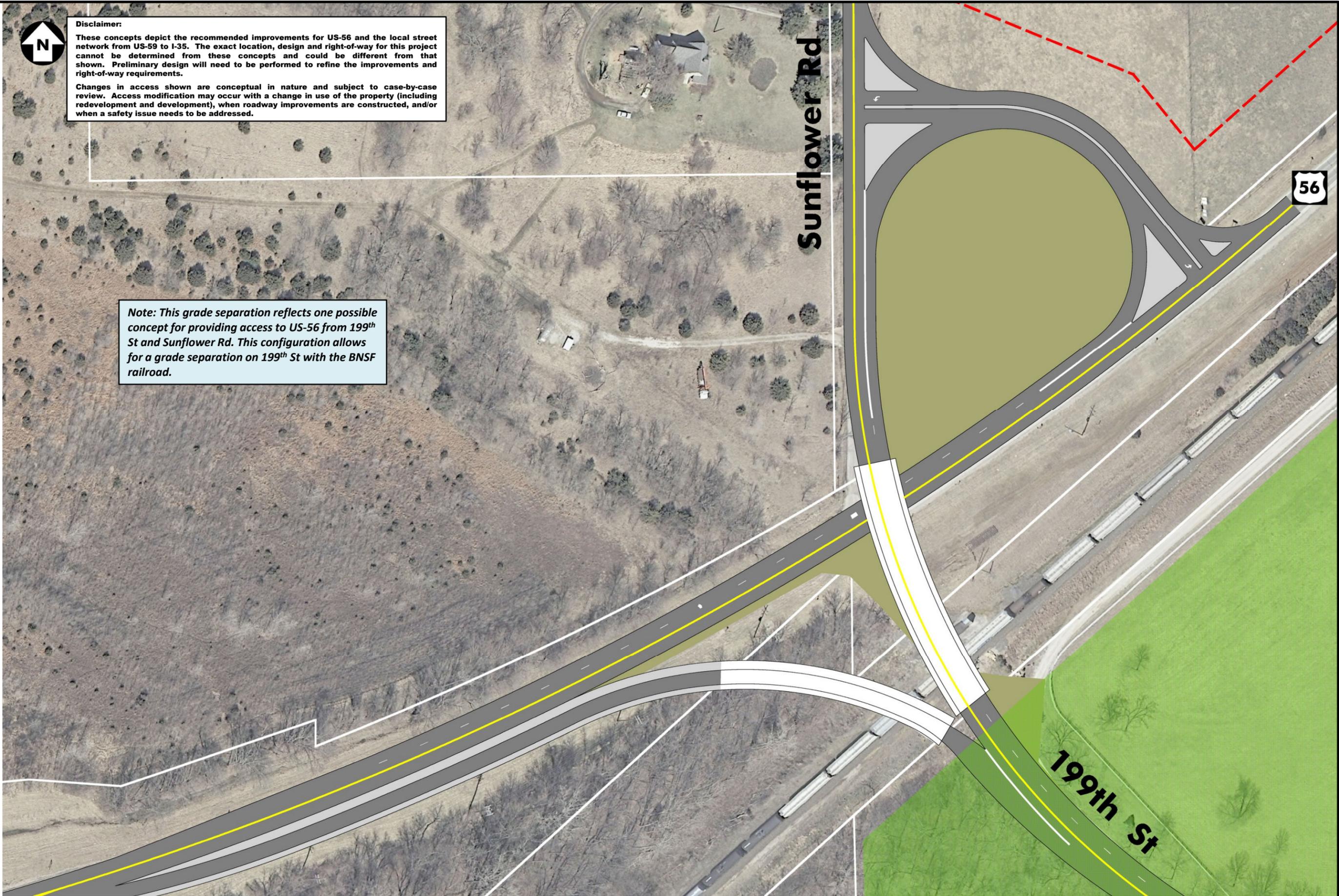


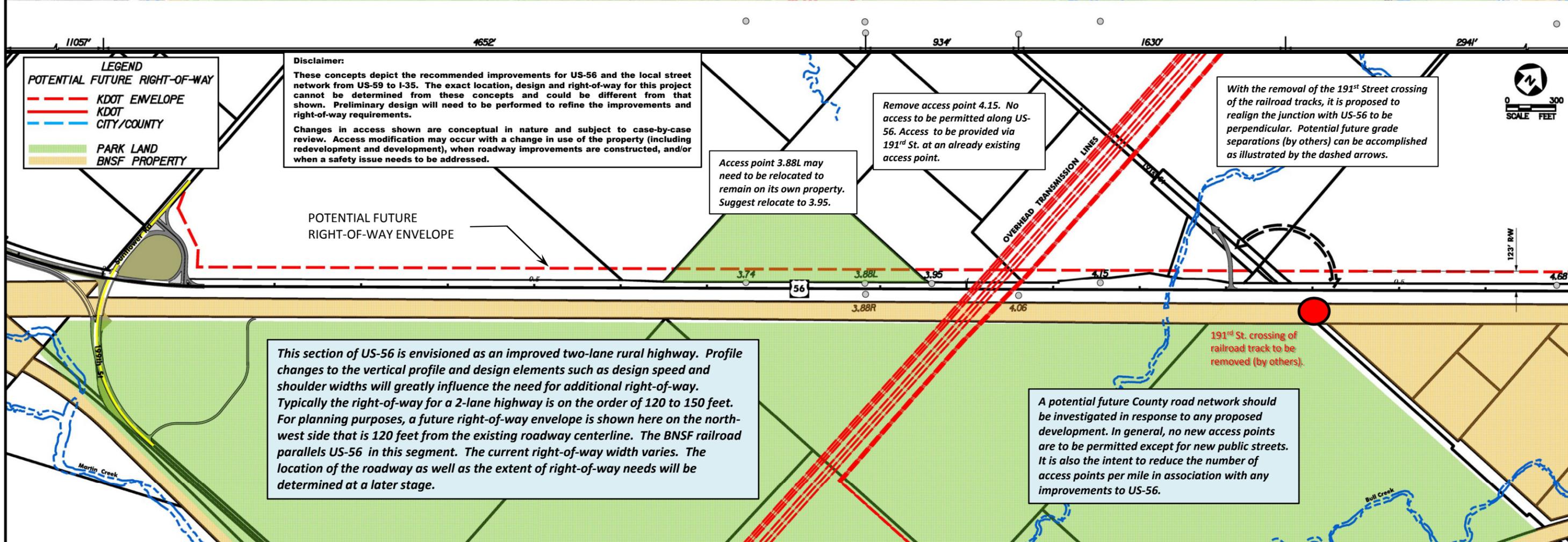
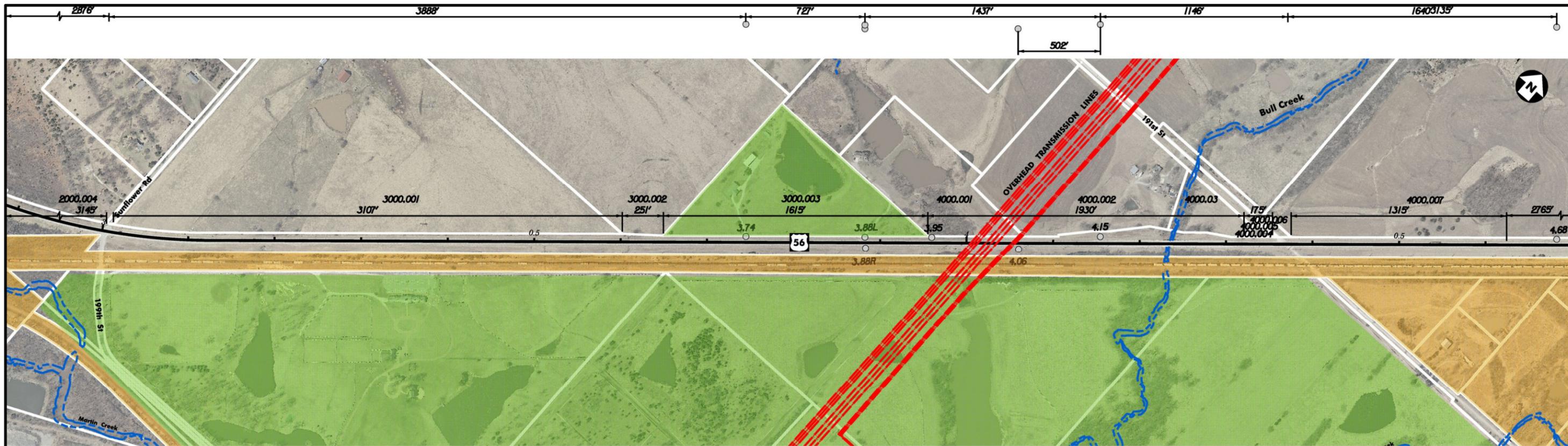
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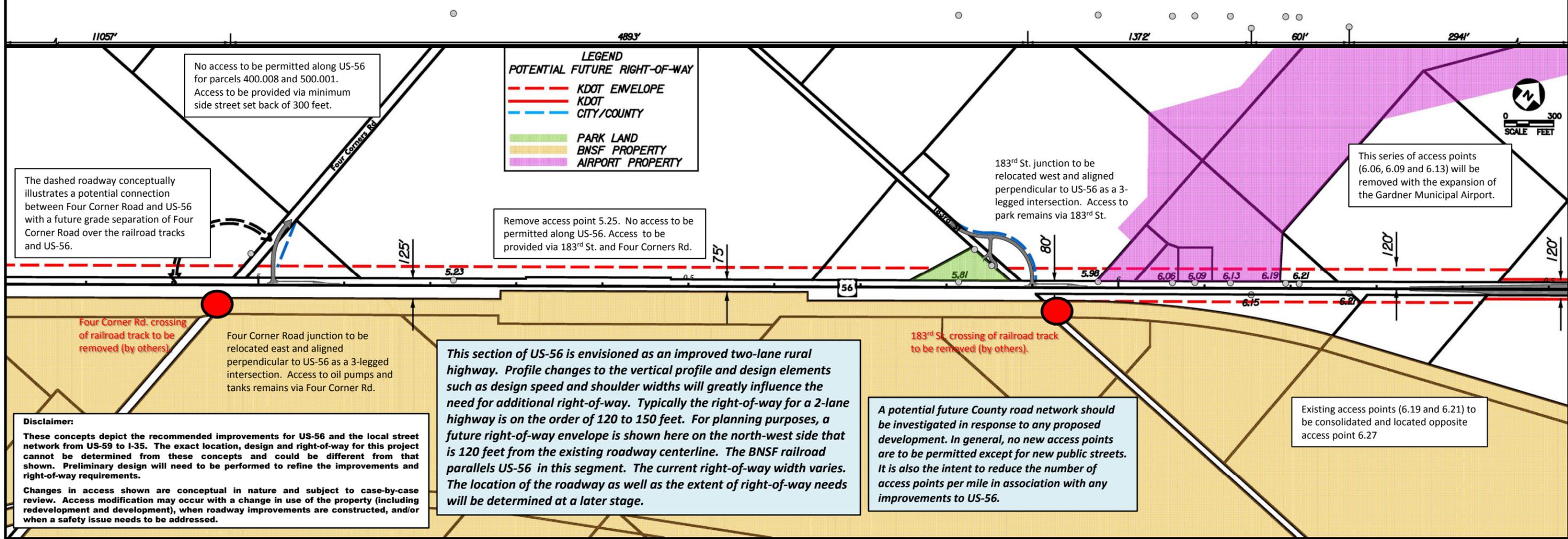
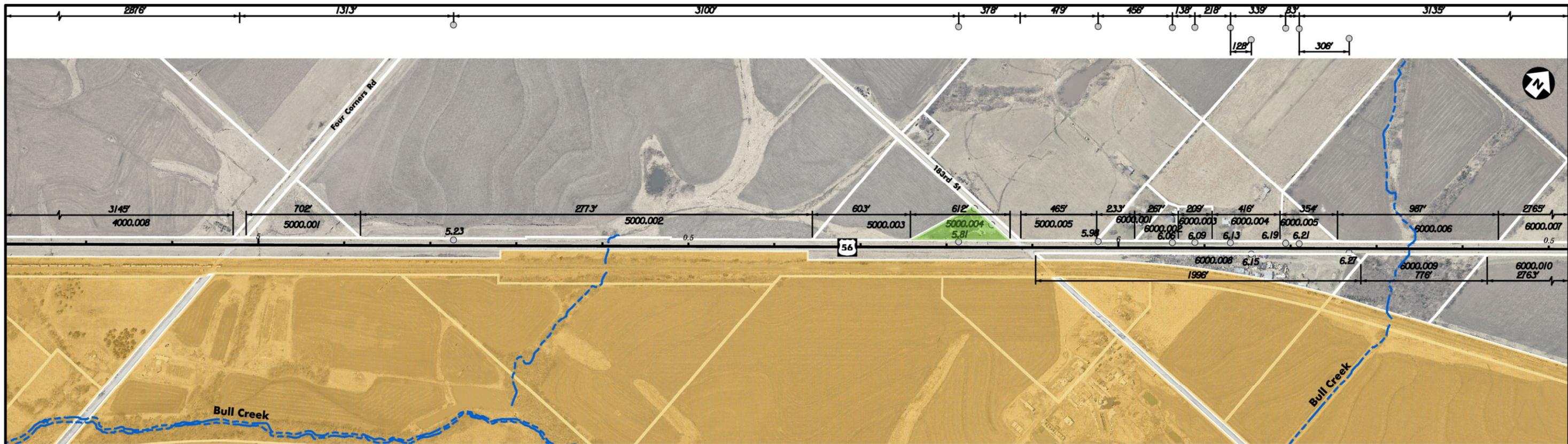
Note: This grade separation reflects one possible concept for providing access to US-56 from 199th St and Sunflower Rd. This configuration allows for a grade separation on 199th St with the BNSF railroad.





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No access to be permitted along US-56 for parcels 400.008 and 500.001. Access to be provided via minimum side street set back of 300 feet.

The dashed roadway conceptually illustrates a potential connection between Four Corner Road and US-56 with a future grade separation of Four Corner Road over the railroad tracks and US-56.

LEGEND
POTENTIAL FUTURE RIGHT-OF-WAY
 - - - - - KDOT ENVELOPE
 - - - - - KDOT
 - - - - - CITY/COUNTY
 PARK LAND
 BNSF PROPERTY
 AIRPORT PROPERTY

Remove access point 5.25. No access to be permitted along US-56. Access to be provided via 183rd St. and Four Corners Rd.

183rd St. junction to be relocated west and aligned perpendicular to US-56 as a 3-legged intersection. Access to park remains via 183rd St.

This series of access points (6.06, 6.09 and 6.13) will be removed with the expansion of the Gardner Municipal Airport.

Four Corner Rd. crossing of railroad track to be removed (by others).

Four Corner Road junction to be relocated east and aligned perpendicular to US-56 as a 3-legged intersection. Access to oil pumps and tanks remains via Four Corner Rd.

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Existing access points (6.19 and 6.21) to be consolidated and located opposite access point 6.27

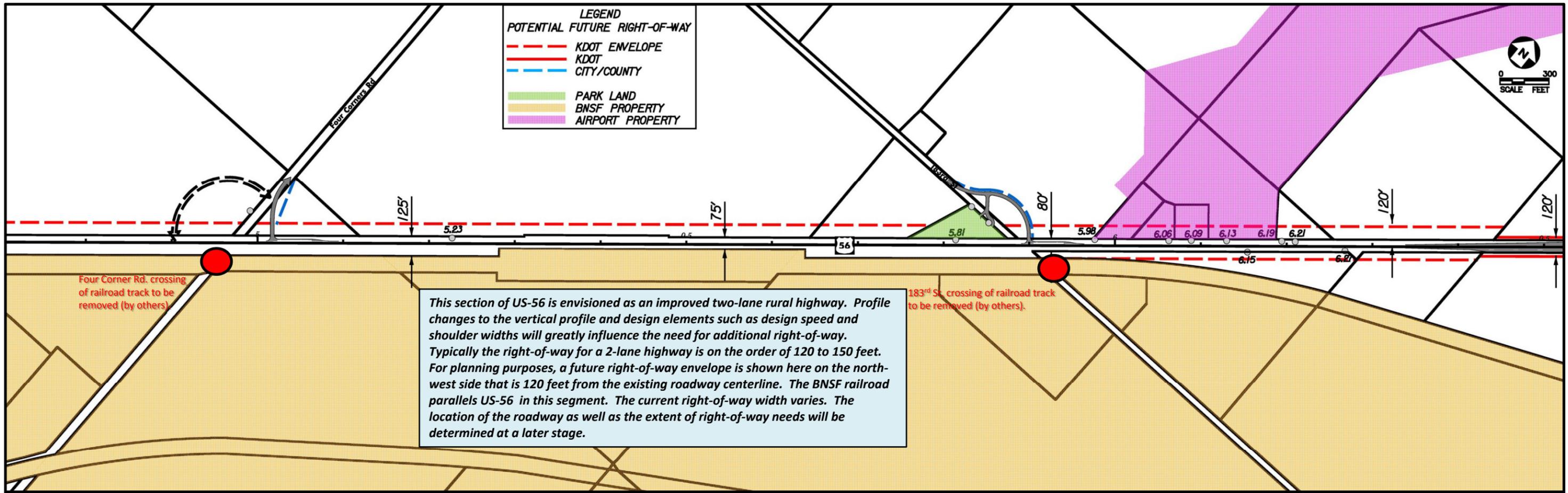
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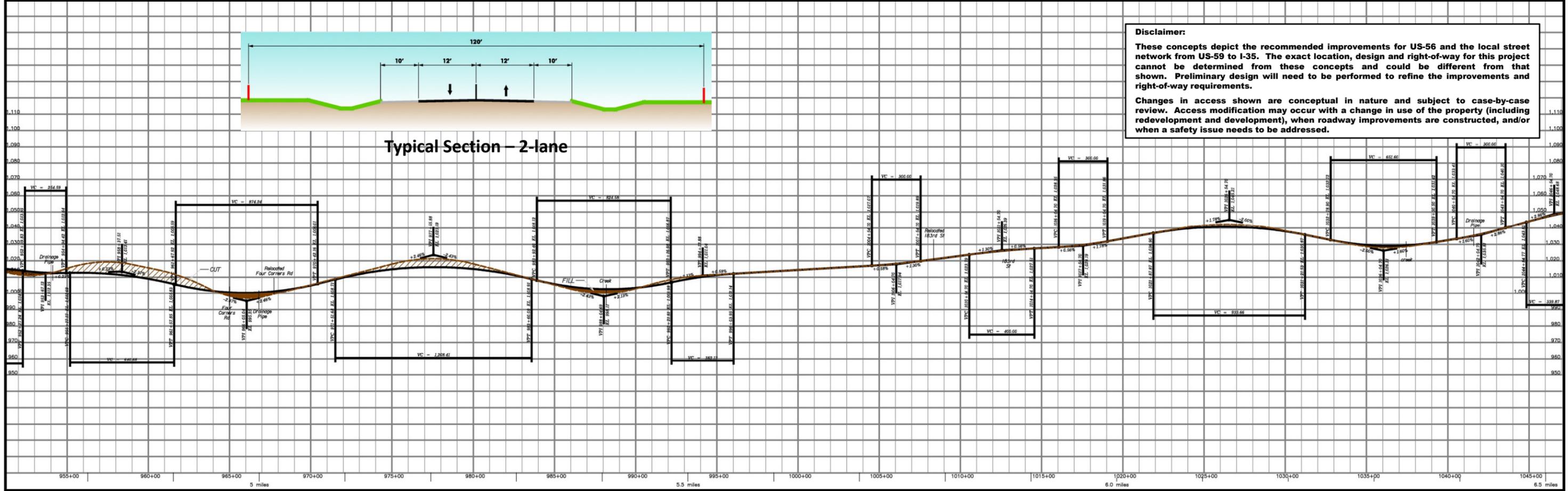
Location:
 Rural Johnson County, MM 4.5 to 6.5

Description:
 Existing (upper) and Proposed (lower) Conditions





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