

A scenic view of a river with large trees and rocks, overlaid with a dark blue filter. The text is centered and reads:

San Antonio Street Safety Improvements

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Overview

- Ongoing safety concerns:
 - Visibility issues for drivers
 - Increased pedestrian traffic and crossing
- Pilot project to address concerns from drivers, pedestrians, and businesses
- Expanding visibility for all users of the street
- Temporary nature allows testing of proposed improvements before they become permanent

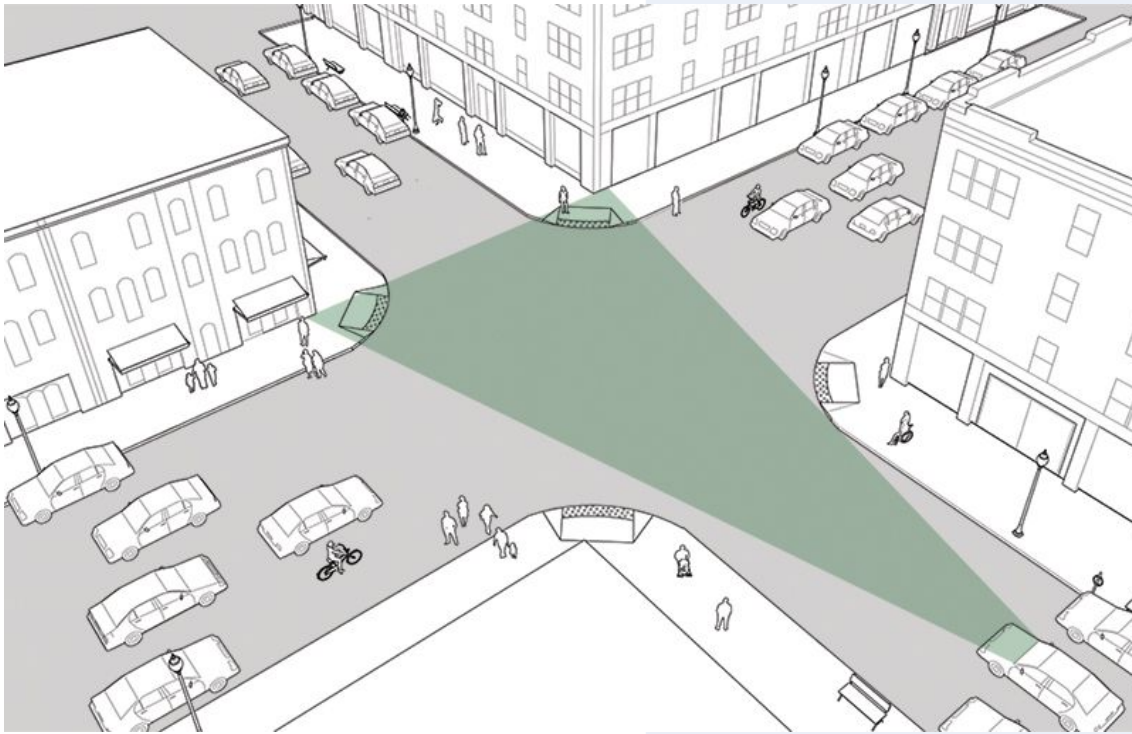
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Project Overview

- Curb extensions at intersections
 - Increases visibility – “daylighting”
 - Decreases pedestrian crossing distance
- Separation Strip between on-street parking and travel lanes
 - Provides additional safety and better defines spaces for parking
- Installation of high visibility crosswalks
 - Increases pedestrian safety and visibility

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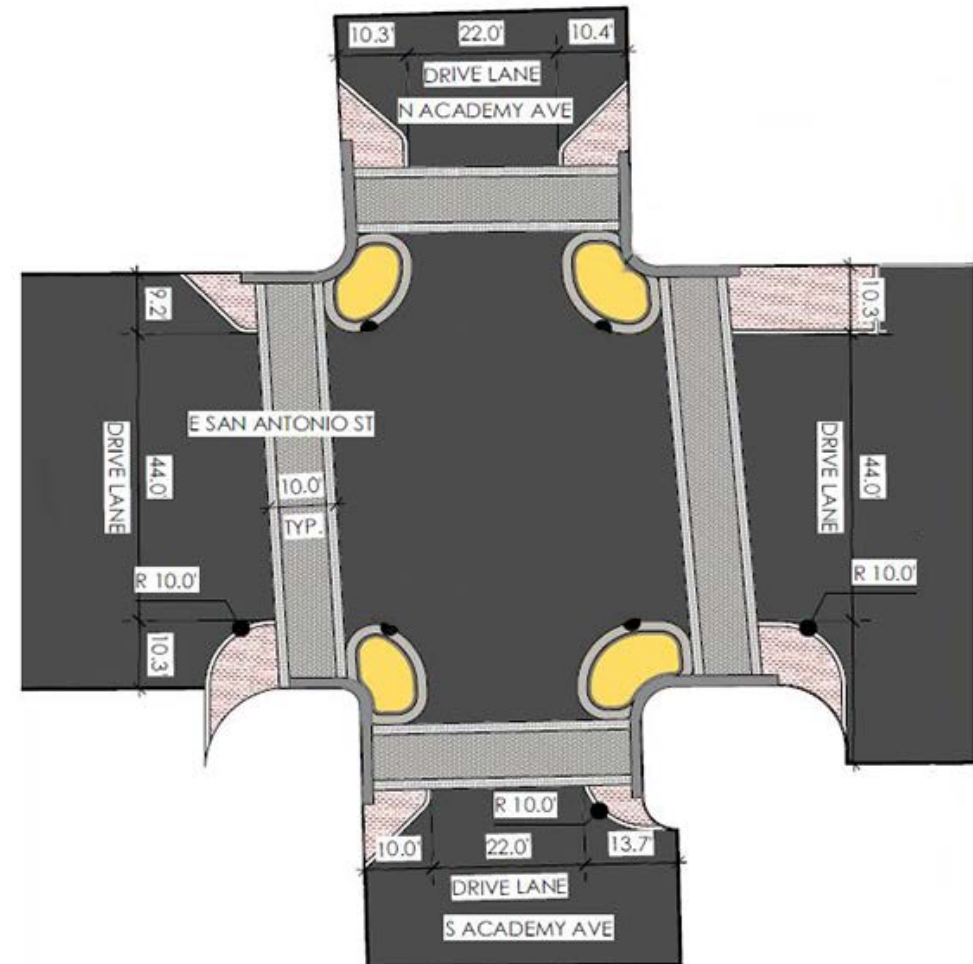
Intersection Daylighting



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Concept Plan-San Antonio and Academy

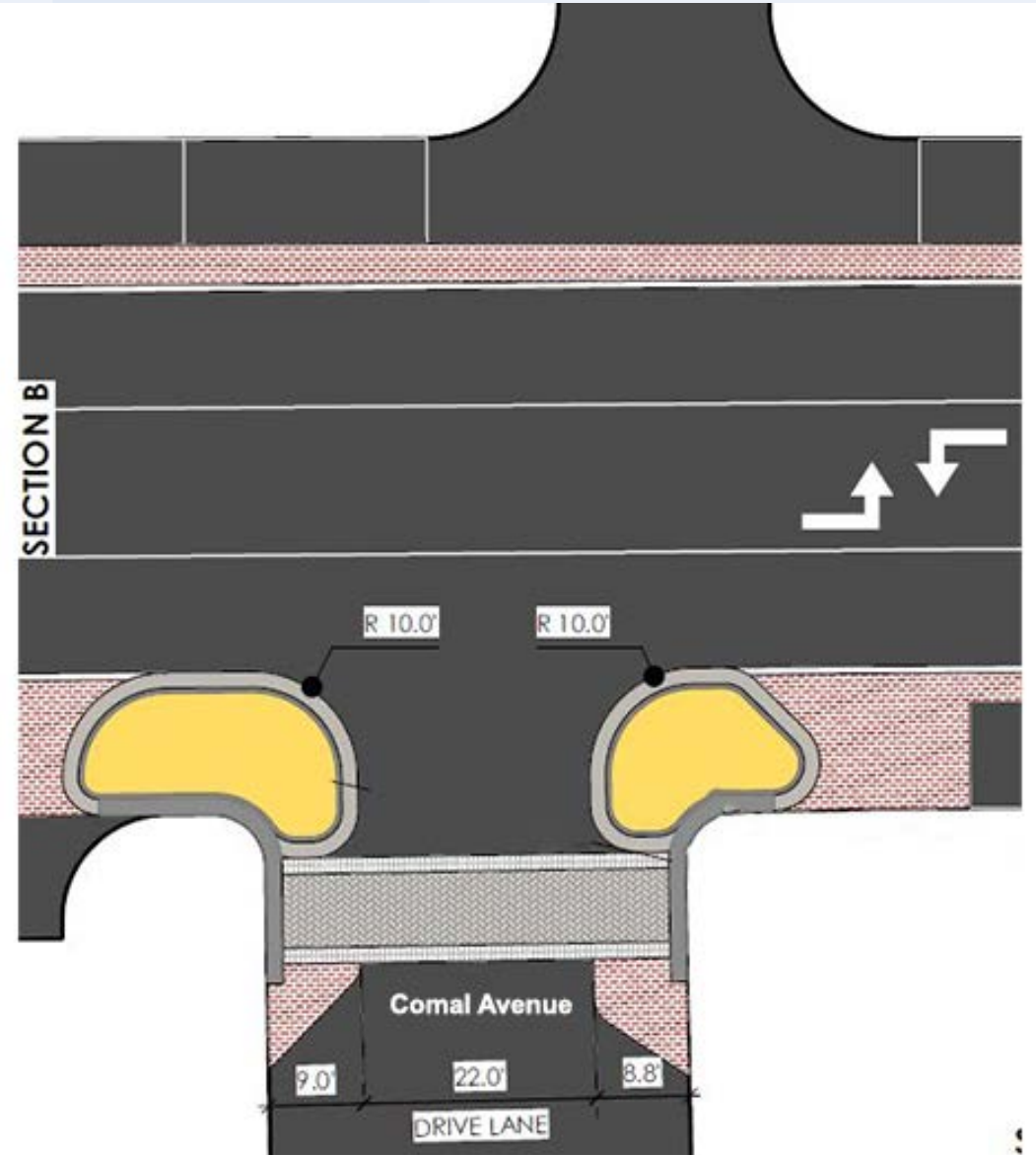
- Re-stripe crosswalks
- Add curb extensions



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Concept Plan-San Antonio and Comal

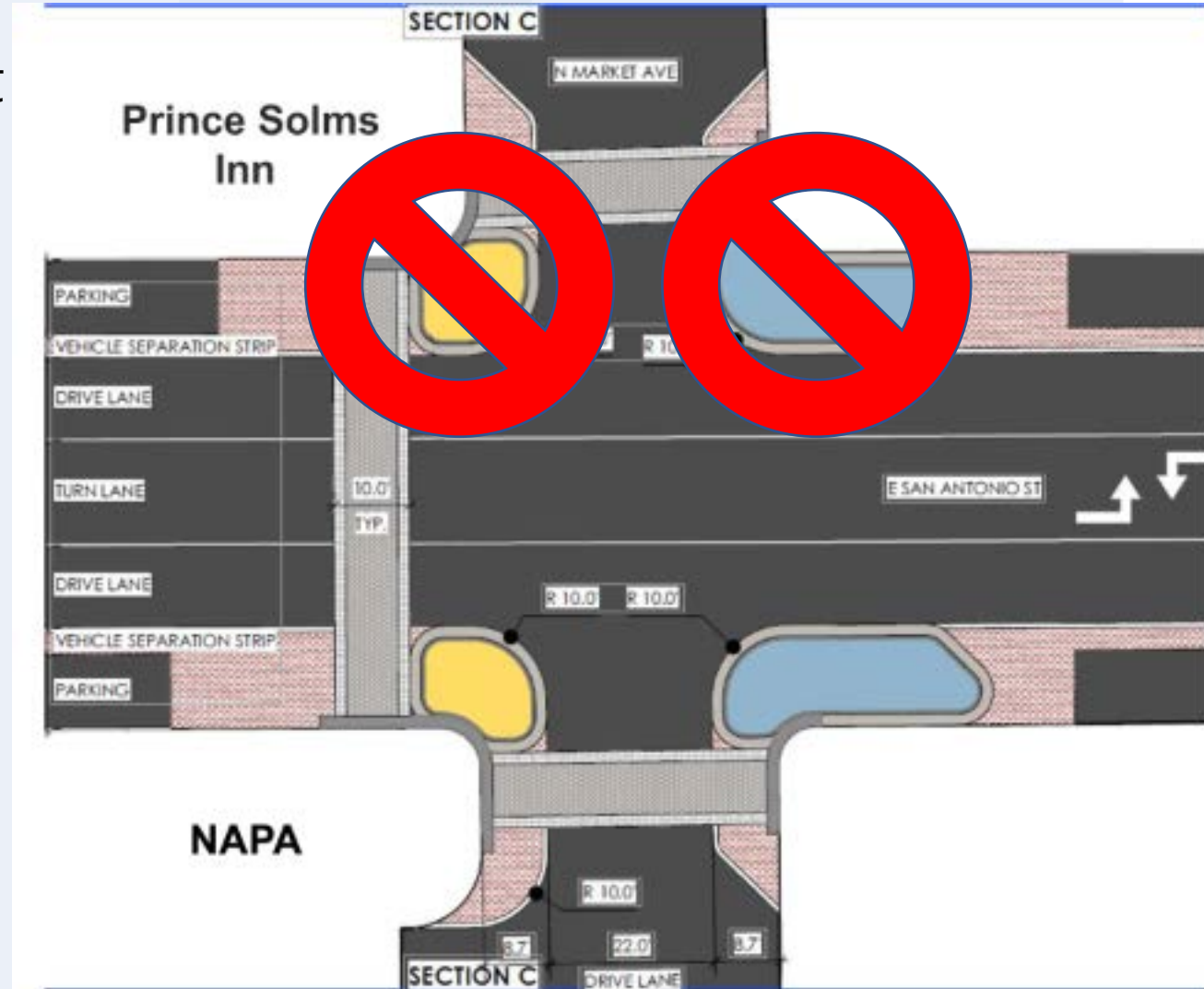
- Add curb extensions
- High-visibility crosswalk
- Separation Strip between drive lane and parking spot



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Concept Plan-San Antonio and Market

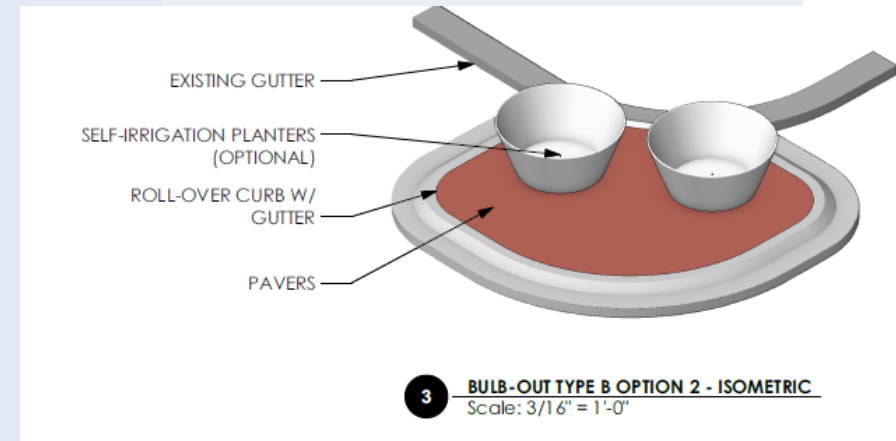
- Add curb extensions
- High-visibility crosswalk
- Separation Strip
- Omitted north/west curb extensions due to truck and shuttle traffic



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Pilot Project Option

- Concept design is ahead of permanent installation
 - Additional curbing
 - Pavers
 - Planters or landscaping
- Pilot Project
 - Temporary materials (delineators and paint)
 - Field test and seek input
 - Allows for refinement of the design prior to permanent installation



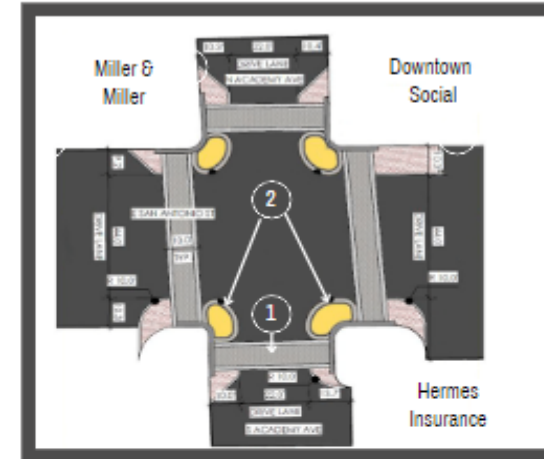
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Public Engagement

- Emailed project information sheets to Downtown businesses
- Added information to City website
- Will accept feedback via City website after installation

Intersection Improvements for Pedestrian Safety

East San Antonio and Comal Avenue



Pilot Project Information

- Improved, high-visibility crosswalks
- Curb Extensions

Pilot Project Goals

- Improved safety for pedestrians
- Increased visibility for all users
- Shorter crossing distance for pedestrians
- Slower speeds for turning vehicles
- Retain parking spaces while increasing visibility
- Demonstrate and test the effectiveness of improvements using temporary, inexpensive, easy to remove materials.

Legend

1. High-visibility crosswalks. Repainting crosswalks to increase visibility.
2. "Paint and Post" Pedestrian Extensions. These curb extensions or "bulb-outs" increase safety for all roadway users. They reduce sightline barriers for vehicles entering E. San Antonio Street as well as provide a protected area for pedestrians and increase pedestrian visibility to both vehicle traffic.



Example Project showing the bulb-out concept

What's Next?

The City will begin the installation of this pilot project in the summer of 2022. Once installed, we will begin seeking feedback on the implementation and functionality of the project to determine if it is feasible to move forward with more permanent installations or if design refinements are needed, or if additional pilot projects or demonstrations are necessary.

For additional information about the project, please contact the City Economic and Community Development Department at 830-221-4057 or visit nbtexas.org/downtown and click on the San Antonio Street Intersection Improvements tab.

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Timeline

