

River Road - Santa Clara Planning & Transportation Projects

Neighborhood-wide Projects

RIVER ROAD SANTA CLARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

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The River Road and Santa Clara Community Organizations, in collaboration with neighbors, businesses, the City of Eugene and Lane County, are creating a vision that will guide decision-making in River Road and Santa Clara for decades to come. The plan covers five topic areas (land use, transportation, economic development, parks & natural resources, and community) and will be adopted by the City of Eugene and Lane County.

RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Part of the Neighborhood Plan, this project includes a more focused study of the River Road corridor to develop land use solutions that will support economic development and transportation options.

MOVINGAHEAD

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MovingAhead, is focused on better connecting people to jobs, schools, shopping, recreation, and other activities by considering a range of transportation investments for people walking, biking, and riding the bus along key corridors to improve safety and livability for everyone. River Road is one of five key corridors being assessed.

SANTA CLARA TRANSIT STATION

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Lane Transit District (LTD) is planning to develop a transit station on approximately 3 acres, located at the former Santa Clara Elementary School site on River Road between Green Lane and Hunsaker Lane in North Eugene.

LTD purchased the 8-acres parcel property in 2015 with the intention of relocating its current transit station from River Road just south of Beltline. Safety issues, congestion and operational inefficiency have made the current station more difficult to serve and access. This long-term public investment represents an opportunity to implement the neighborhood vision as it relates to an integrated, multi-modal transportation system the land that will remain after the transit station is developed represents an opportunity for housing, a public square or park, and commercial development in line with the neighborhood vision.

HUNSAKER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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The City of Eugene is in the preliminary engineering phase of a project to make improvements at the intersection of River Rd and Irving/Hunsaker. The project will include upgrading the signal equipment in the intersection and the addition of dedicated turn lanes for both Irving and Hunsaker. The project will improve the safety and comfort of the intersection for people on bikes. It is federally funded and is scheduled for construction in 2020. The City is working closely with Lane County and

Lane Transit District to coordinate other planning processes and projects in the area while implementing aspects of the neighborhood vision related to transportation safety and efficiency.

BEAVER-HUNSAKER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

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Last summer the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted the Beaver-Hunsaker Corridor Plan. The plan calls for improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and local traffic including the future use of sidewalks, bike lanes, raised pedestrian crossings and pedestrian-activated flashing beacons. The need for traffic calming was an emphasis in the approval recommendation by the Transportation Advisory Committee. Investments will support aspects of the neighborhood vision related to pedestrian and cyclist safety as well as sustainable stormwater management. Lane County secured a federal grant to develop design details with the community in 2021.

BELTLINE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

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The Beltline Facility Plan recommends several projects to improve safety and mobility along the Beltline including the Delta Highway and River Road interchanges. Currently in the public engagement phase, improvements between River Road and Delta Highway will be built as money becomes available. Construction at Delta Highway interchange will occur in 2020 and 2021.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR BRIDGE AT DIVISION

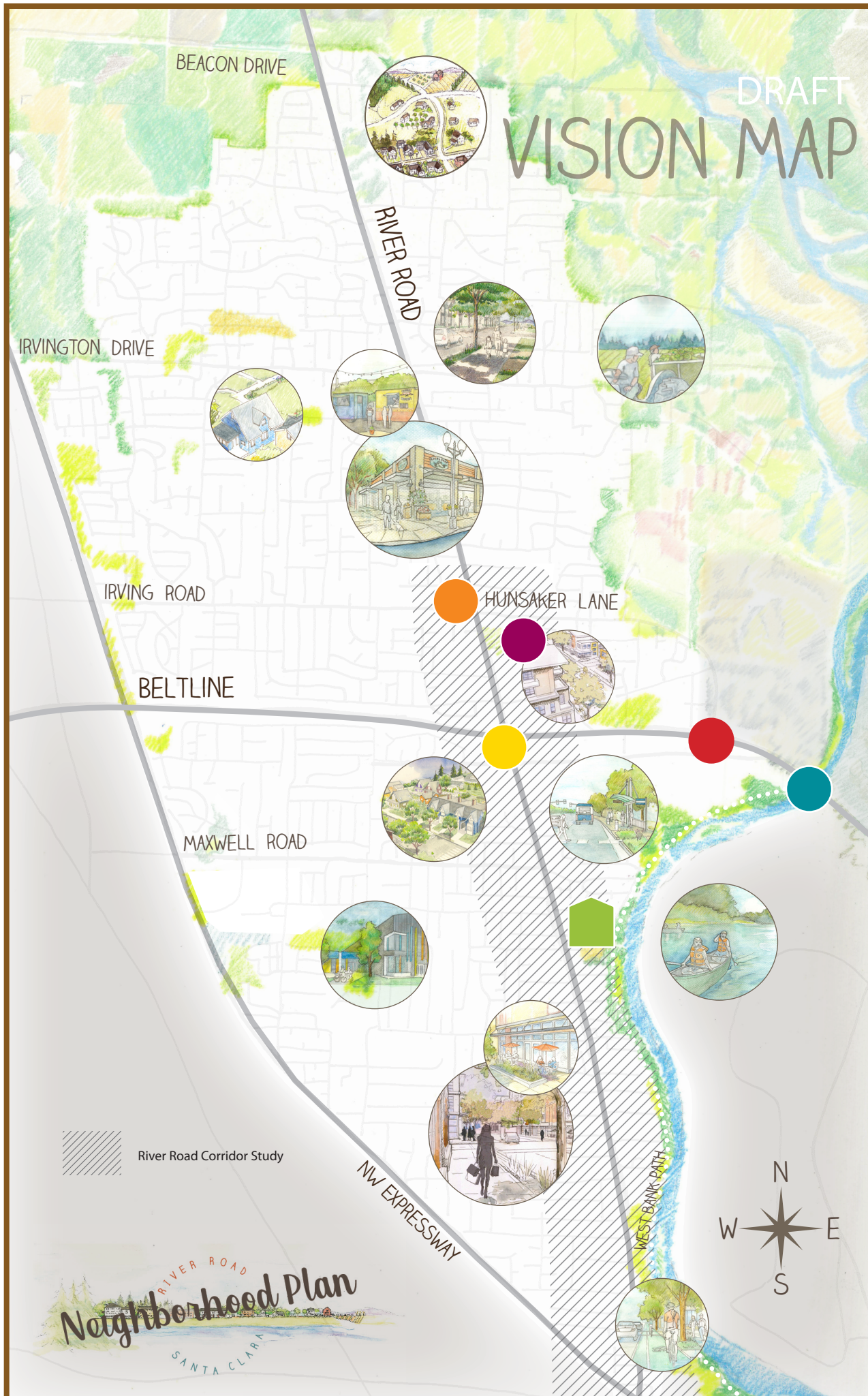
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Identified in the 2035 City of Eugene Transportation System Plan, the project plans include constructing a multimodal local arterial bridge over the Willamette River to the north of the Beltline Highway, connecting Division Avenue to Green Acres Road; constructing operational improvements to existing Randy Papé Beltline Highway/ Delta Highway ramps consistent with the Beltline Highway Facility Plan. This project will address some of the concerns about connectivity and congestion identified through the neighborhood planning process.

RIVER ROAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

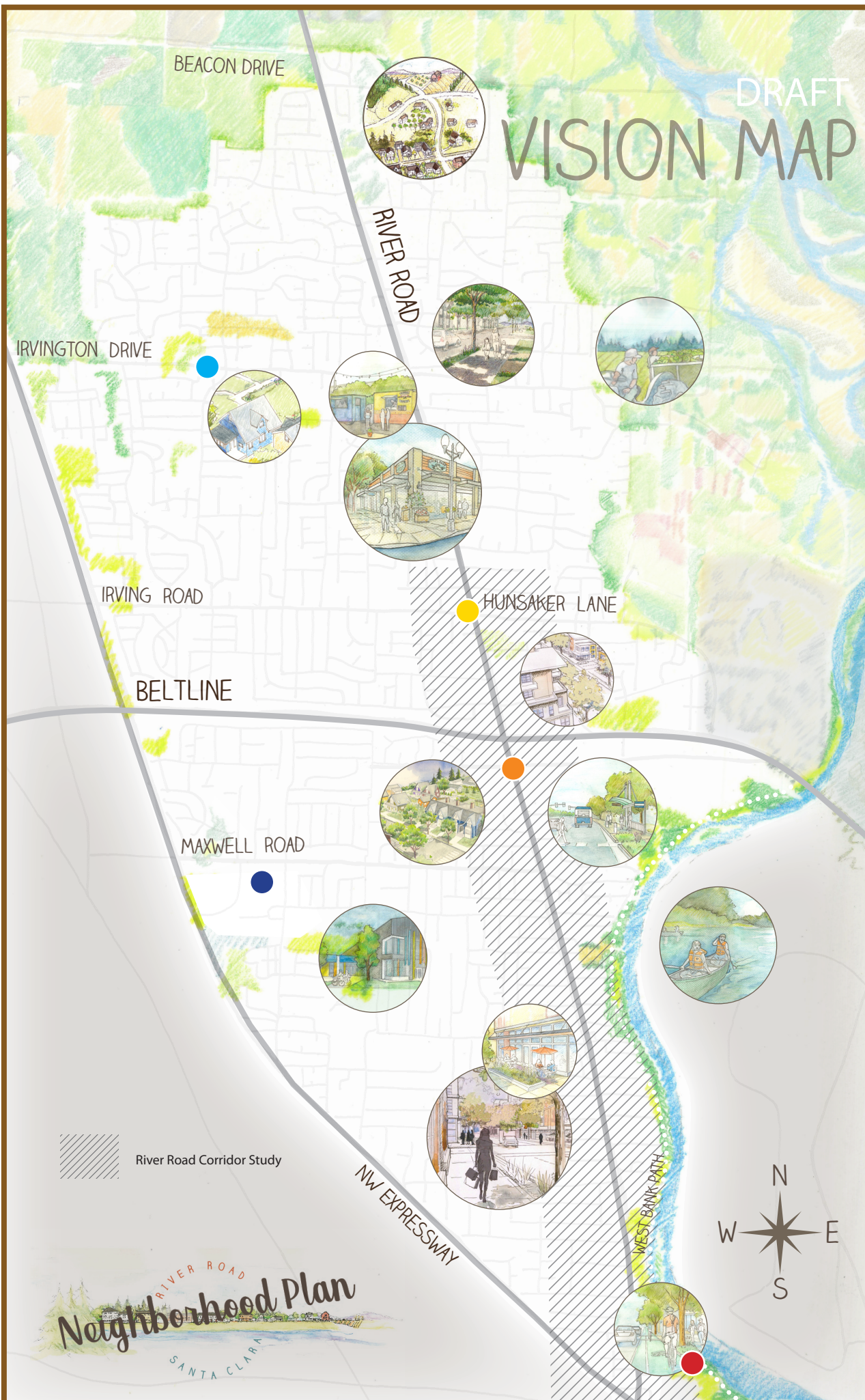
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1505-1525 River Road is a City owned property to be developed into affordable housing. This project supports the neighborhood vision as it relates to affordable housing options and bringing more housing to the River Road corridor.



River Road - Santa Clara Funded Transportation Safety Investments

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● WEST BANK PATH REHABILITATION AND LIGHTING

In summer 2019, the city will rehabilitate a section of the West Bank Path north of the Greenway Bridge and also add path lighting to this section of the path.

● RIVER ROAD AND SILVER LANE INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The city will construct safety improvements at the intersection of River Road with River Ave./Silver Lane. The project includes construction of a traffic separator curb on the double yellow stripe at the left turn lanes of the intersection (with the exception of the northern leg). This will add some protection for the left turn lanes and opposing through lanes. It will also make some of the driveways closer to the intersection right in/right out only driveways.

● IRVING DRIVE AND HYACINTH STREET ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The city will construct an enhanced pedestrian crossing of Irvington Drive at Hyacinth Street in 2020 which will include a pedestrian crossing island and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon.

● NORTH PARK STREET PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

Lane County will construct a sidewalk and possibly a northbound bike lane on the east side of N. Park Street from Howard Avenue to Maxwell Road. This project will also add a safe pedestrian crossing of Maxwell at N. Park. This project will likely be constructed in 2020 or 2021.

● RIVER ROAD AND GREEN LANE TRAFFIC SIGNAL

As part of the Santa Clara Community Transit Center, there will be a new traffic signal constructed at the intersection of River Road with Green Lane. This will provide for an additional pedestrian crossing of River Road.

RIVER ROAD SIGNAL TIMING

In the near future, the city will implement signal timing update to the entirety of River Road that will include the following elements:

- Upgraded communications equipment that will enable traffic signals to better communicate with each other.
- 4-section signal heads at most signals. This will enable the signals to accommodate both protected (green arrow) and permissive (flashing yellow arrow) left-turns.
- Coordinated signal timing that will help traffic flow better during times of peak flow.
- Potentially new signage that would indicate what speed to drive in order to get all green lights.
- Revised timing that gives drivers more time to make protected left-turns.
- Revised signal timing that will make it so that, in most cases, left-turning vehicles do not conflict with people in a crosswalk. Some locations will also get what's called a "leading pedestrian interval" where people walking get a walk signal a few seconds before drivers get a green light.