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**SMALL CITIES
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May 27, 2026 • 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions & Announcements
3. Summary of Previous Meeting
4. Local Transportation Plan
5. Upcoming Grants & Capital Improvement Opportunities
6. Member Q&A
7. Preview of Upcoming Meetings
8. Adjourn

SCC MEMBERS

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alexander | 10. Keo |
| 2. Austin | 11. Lonoke |
| 3. Bauxite | 12. Mayflower |
| 4. Cammack
Village | 13. Mount Vernon |
| 5. England | 14. Shannon Hills |
| 6. Greenbrier | 15. Traskwood |
| 7. Guy | 16. Vilonia |
| 8. Haskell | 17. Ward |
| 9. HS Village | 18. Wooster |
| | 19. Wrightsville |



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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Projects**
- **Updates**
- **Successes**
- **Challenges**



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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcoming Bridgette Bavon**
 - *Regional Planning Intern | Community Focus*





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SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 25, 2026



Small Cities Council Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, | 9:00 AM
Pulaski County Regional Center | Little Rock
Draft

Meeting PowerPoint slides available at www.metroplan.org/small-cities-council

SCC Members Attending

1. Mayor Charles Gastineau, Vice Chair
 2. Mayor Bernadette Chamberlain
 3. Mayor Crystal Herrmann
 4. Mayor Derrick Rainey
- City of Ward
City of Austin
City of Alexander
City of Wrightsville

Additional Attendees

1. Mr. Truett Smith
 2. Mr. Mark Stodola
 3. Mr. Mike Watson
 4. Mr. John Miller
- Crafton Tull
Arkansas Municipal League
Half
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Metroplan Staff

1. Mr. Casey Covington
2. Ms. Bernadette...



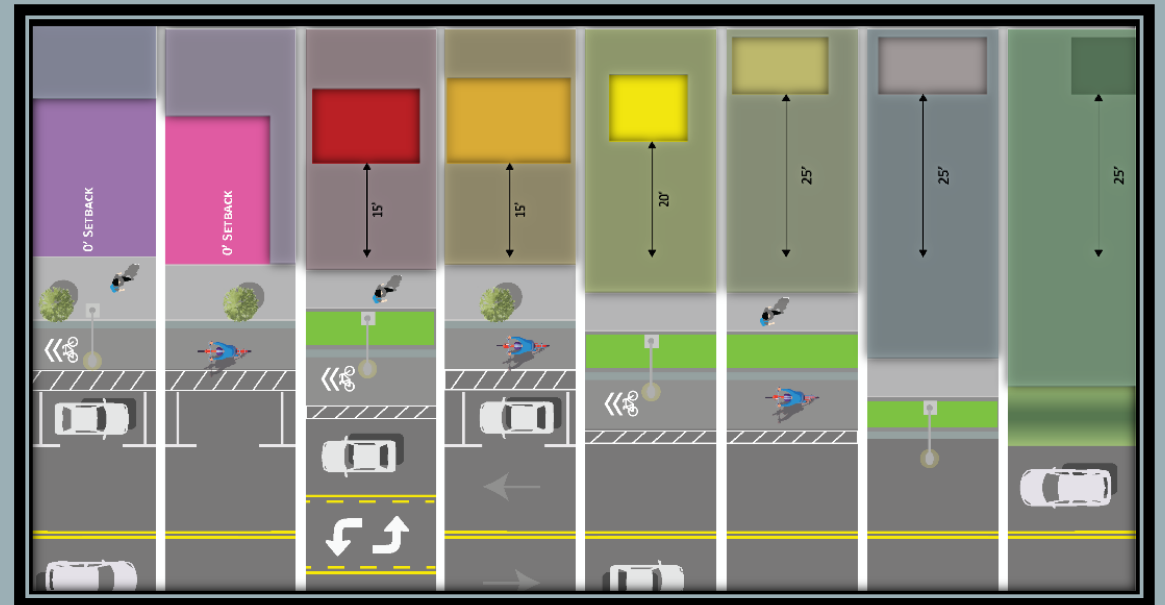
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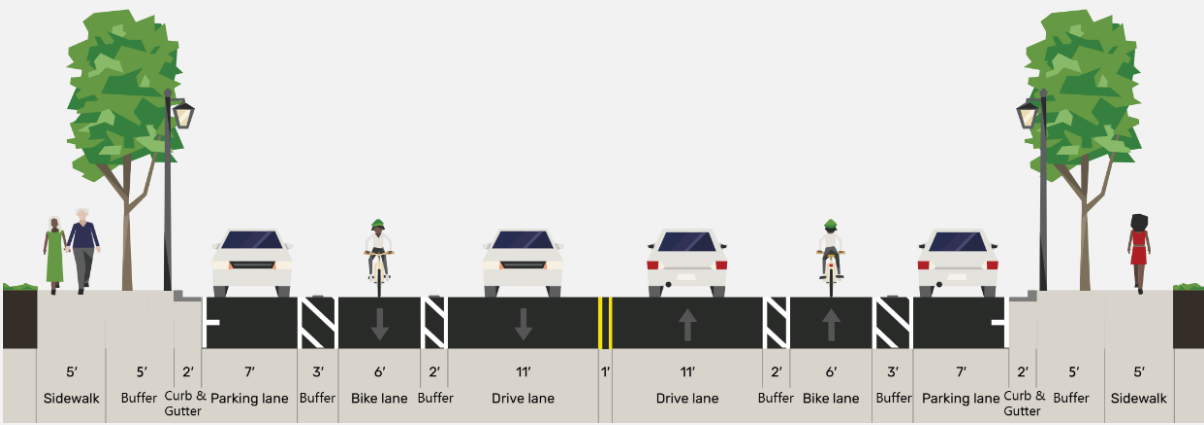
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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

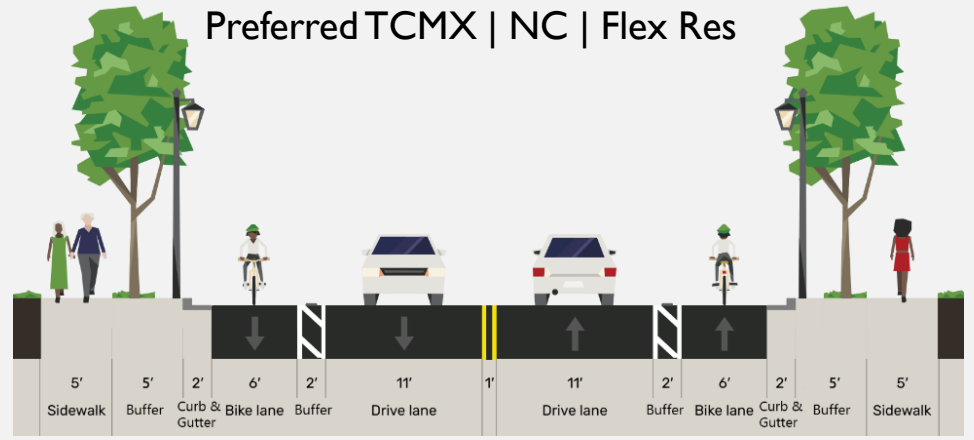
○ **Context Sensitive Design**



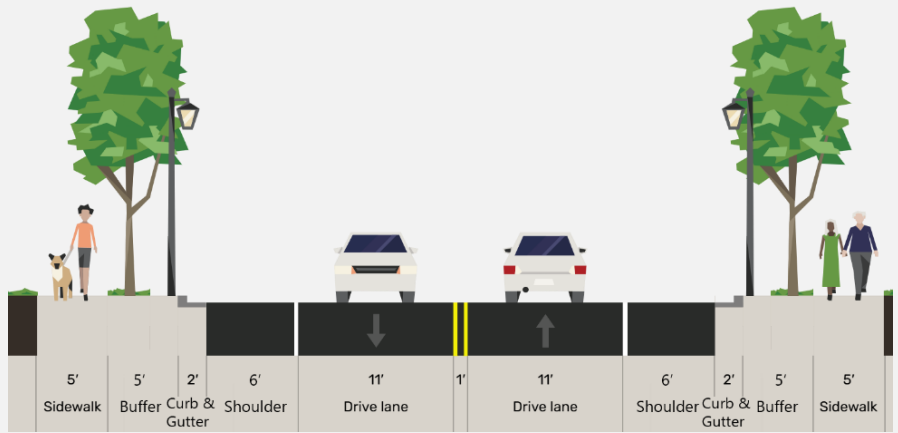
- **Adapts roadway design to respond to land use around it.**
- **Same road goes through multiple land uses.**
- **Roadway cross-section should be fluid and respond to the context around it.**



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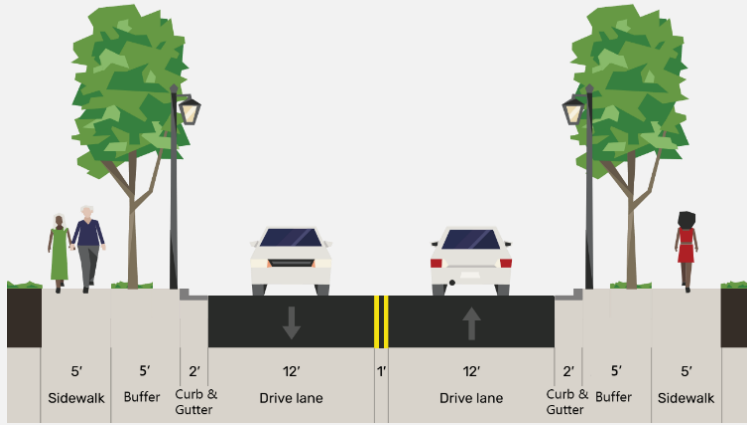
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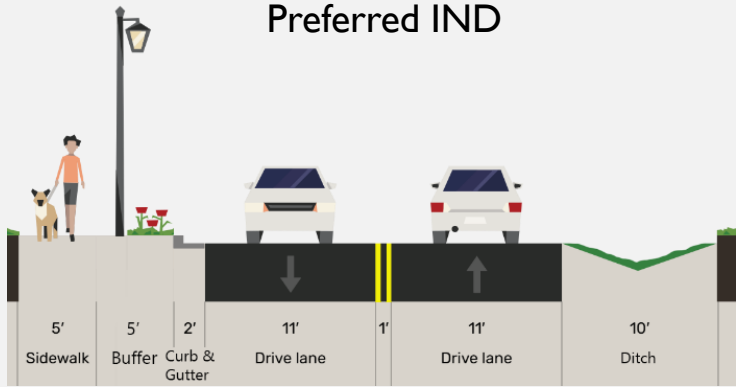
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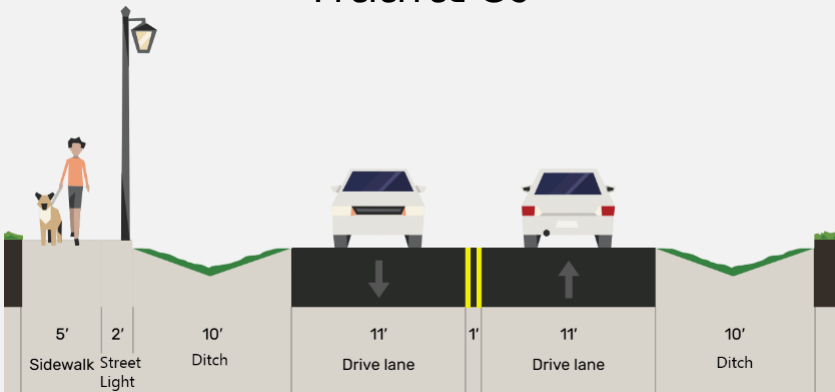
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OPEN SPACE AGRICULTURE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CROSS SECTION WIDTH: 45'		25'



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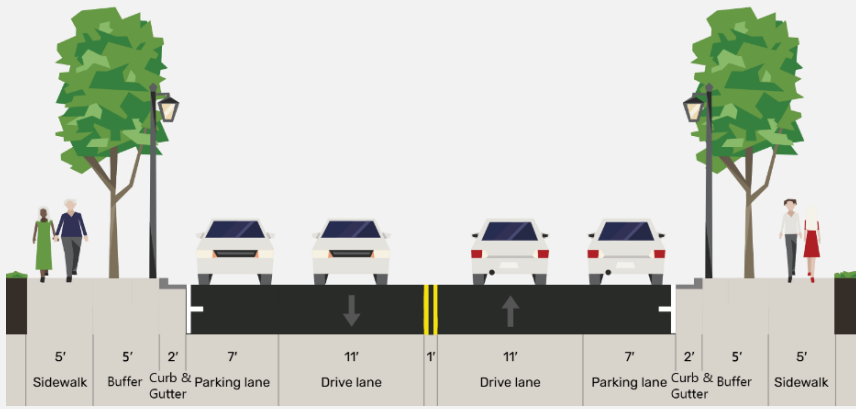
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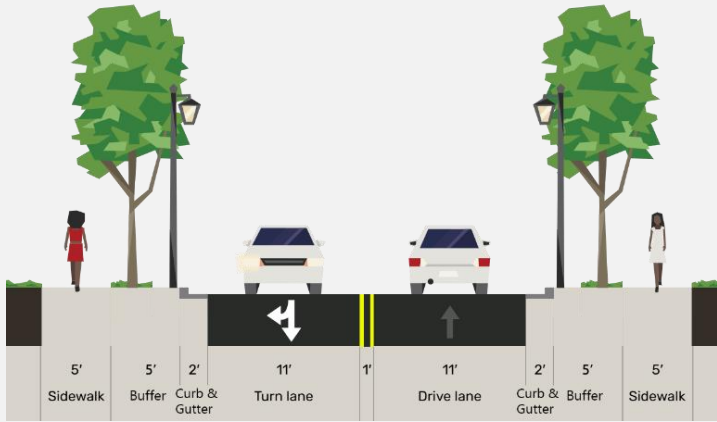
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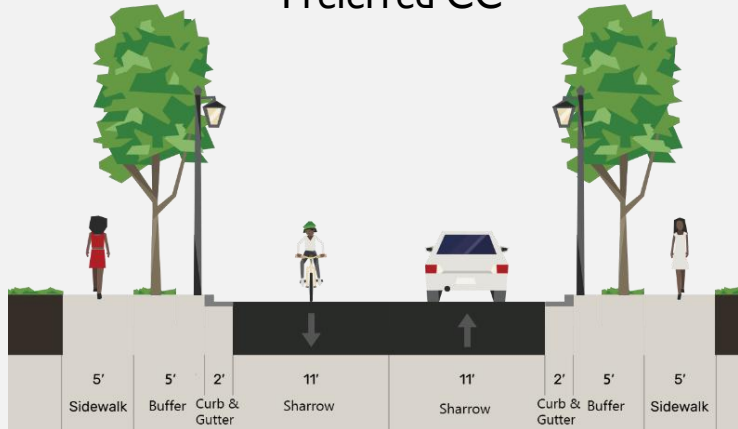
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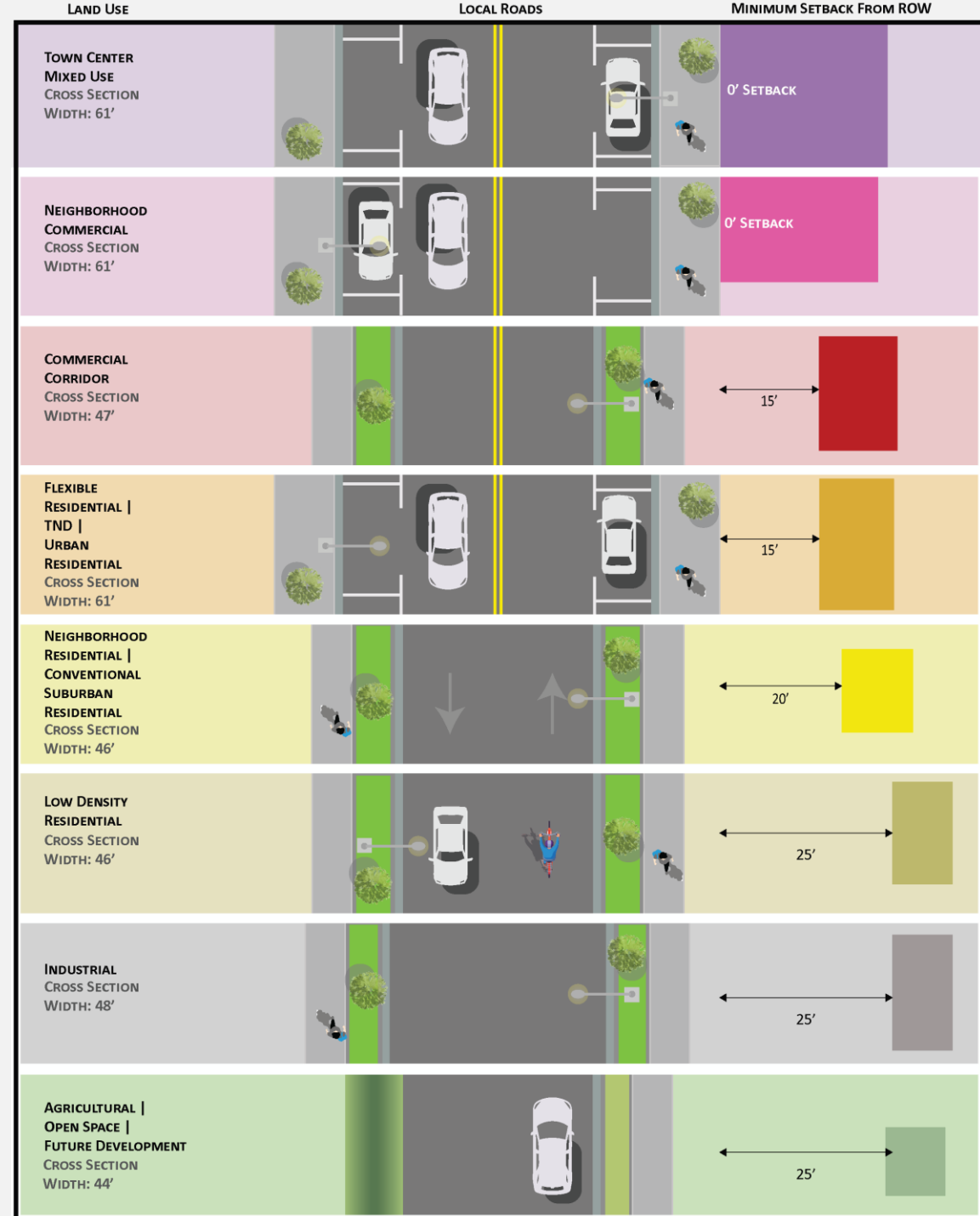


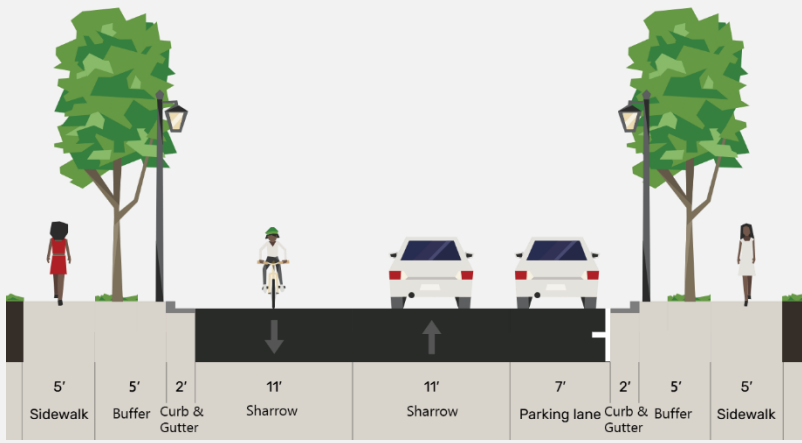
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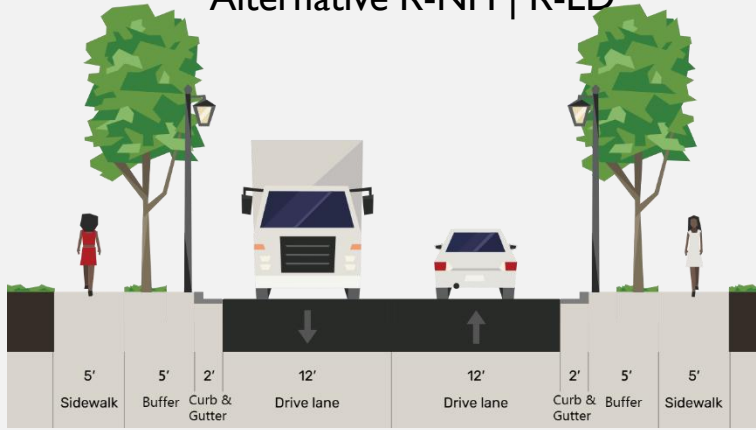
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LOCAL ROADS

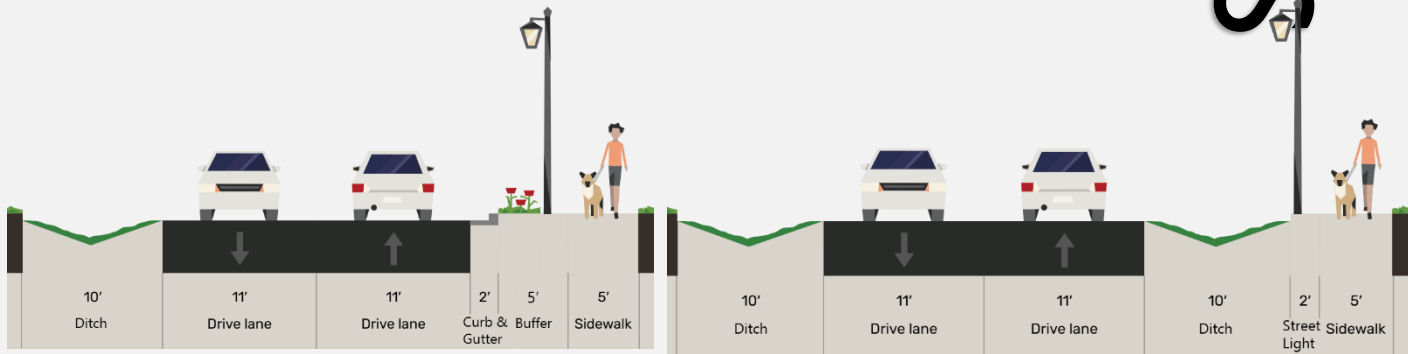




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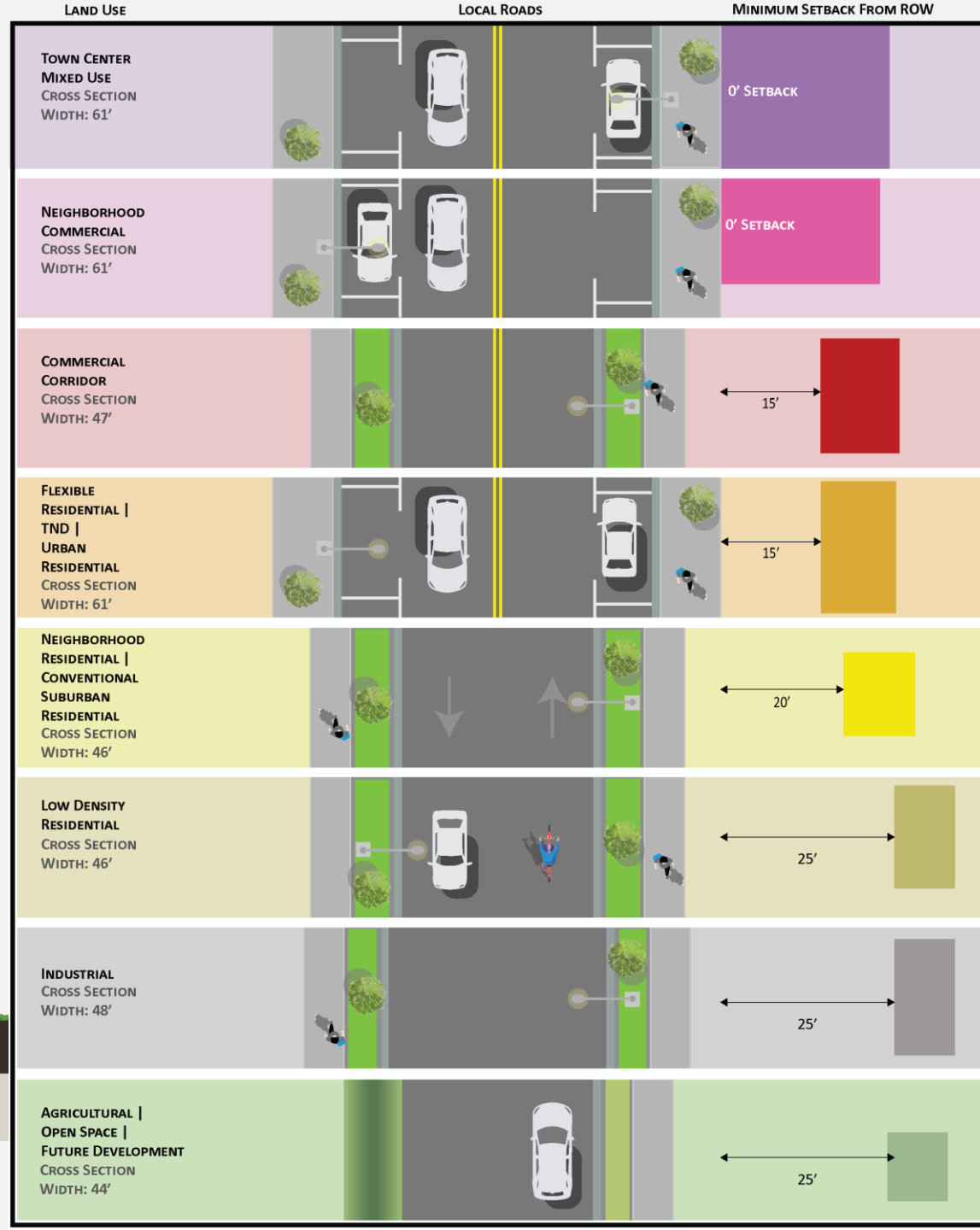
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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



- **Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism | FUN Park Grants**
 - Available to incorporated municipalities with population under 7,500.
 - Supports outdoor recreation development projects.
 - Construction, renovation, or replacement of recreation facilities.
 - **Deadline: August 21, 2026**
 - *Grant Amount*
 - Maximum award up to \$100,000
 - No match required
 - *Who Can Apply and What is Eligible?*
 - Unincorporated communities must apply through the county
 - High priorities to playgrounds, multi-use trails and trailheads, river access improvements, etc.
 - Know more: <https://adpht.arkansas.gov/office-of-outdoor-recreation/arkansas-outdoor-grants/fun-park-grants/>



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NEW RESOURCE



Arkansas Water & Wastewater Rates Dashboard by:
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and the UNC School of Government
Environmental Finance Center

- Displays water and wastewater rates for communities across Arkansas
 - Helps communities compare rates with median household income levels
 - Used by the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee to determine eligibility for:
 - Principal forgiveness
 - Grant funding for water and wastewater projects
 - Allows communities to:
 - Track funding eligibility
 - Compare rates with nearby systems
 - Benchmark against similarly sized communities statewide
 - Can support local officials in explaining utility rates to residents
- **Access Link:** https://uncsog.shinyapps.io/efc_ratesdashboard_ar/



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FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

- ***NOFO Made Available For:***
 - Railway Crossing Elimination Grant
 - **Deadline: June 08, 2026**
 - *Award Amount FY 2025-2026:*
 - \$1,146,528,000
 - Know more: <https://railroads.dot.gov/elibrary/fy25-26-NOFO-RCE-crossing-safety>



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MEMBER Q&A





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PREVIEW OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **TODAY**
 - 10:00 AM: Board Meeting

- **Next Meeting: June 24, 2026**



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THANK YOU!

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