

# Albuquerque

## Louisiana Blvd. Vision Zero Traffic Safety Project

### » Project Background

Louisiana Blvd. from Gibson Blvd. to Central Ave. is in the city's International District (aka "the ID"), known for its blend of culture and people, with many recent refugees and 47+ languages spoken within the community. While the ID has a strong health and traffic safety advocacy community, the area is on the HFIN, has high vulnerability (see inset graphic), and experiences a disproportionate number of traffic fatalities and injuries, especially impacting pedestrians.

In 2020, the City, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and community members collaborated on a Road Safety Audit (RSA) and came up with 27 near, intermediate, and long-term recommendations, including leading pedestrian intervals which were completed in 2021.

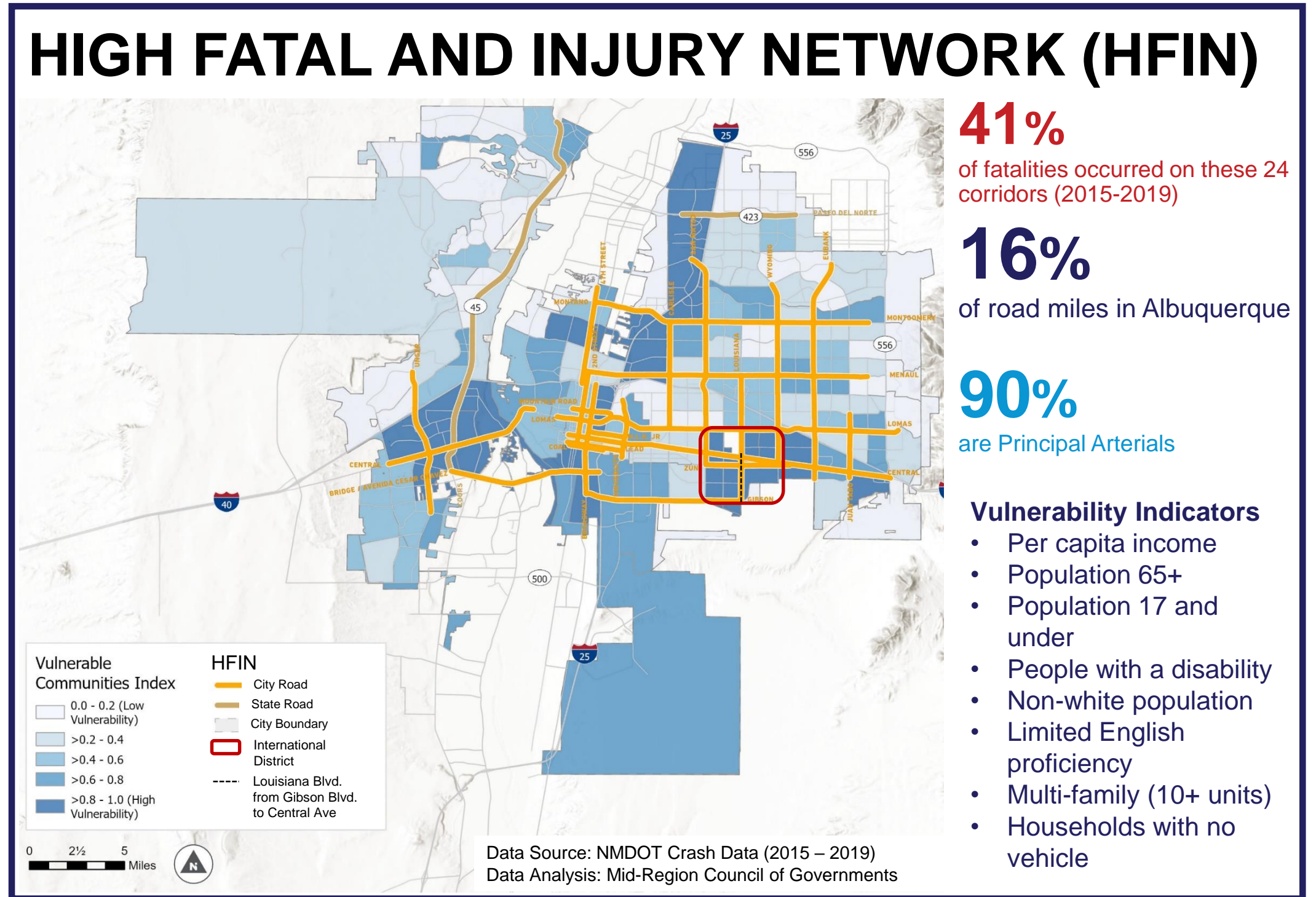


Louisiana Blvd looking north from Kathryn. The project corridor is approximately 1.2 miles.

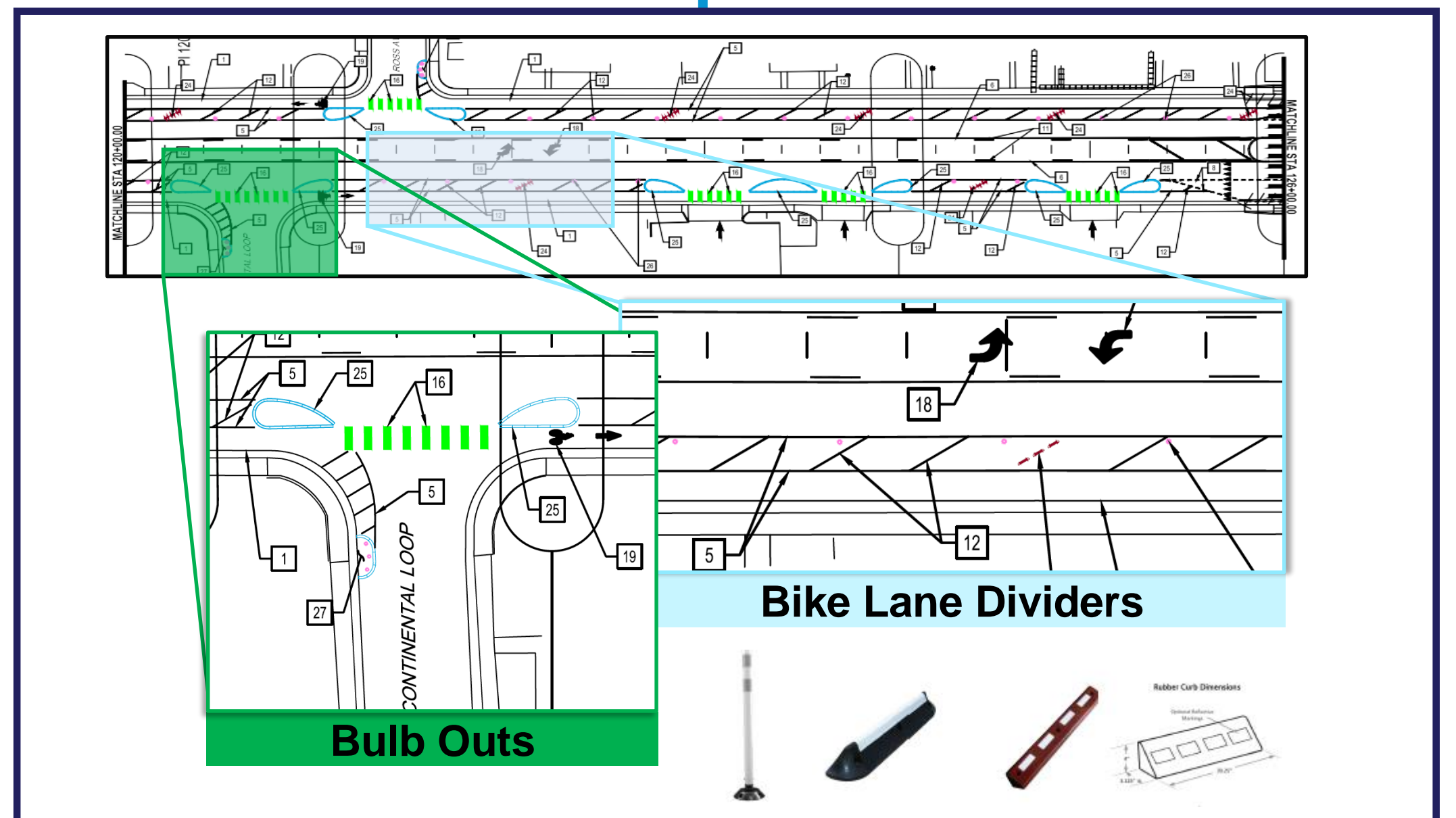
### » Engagement



From 2020-22, the City partnered with community groups on existing events, including ABQ CiQlovia, walking audits, and workshops. Staff also partnered with groups to install interactive signage about the project at bus stops along the project corridor. Participants were paid for their time at workshops and installing bus signage with a \$50 gift card.

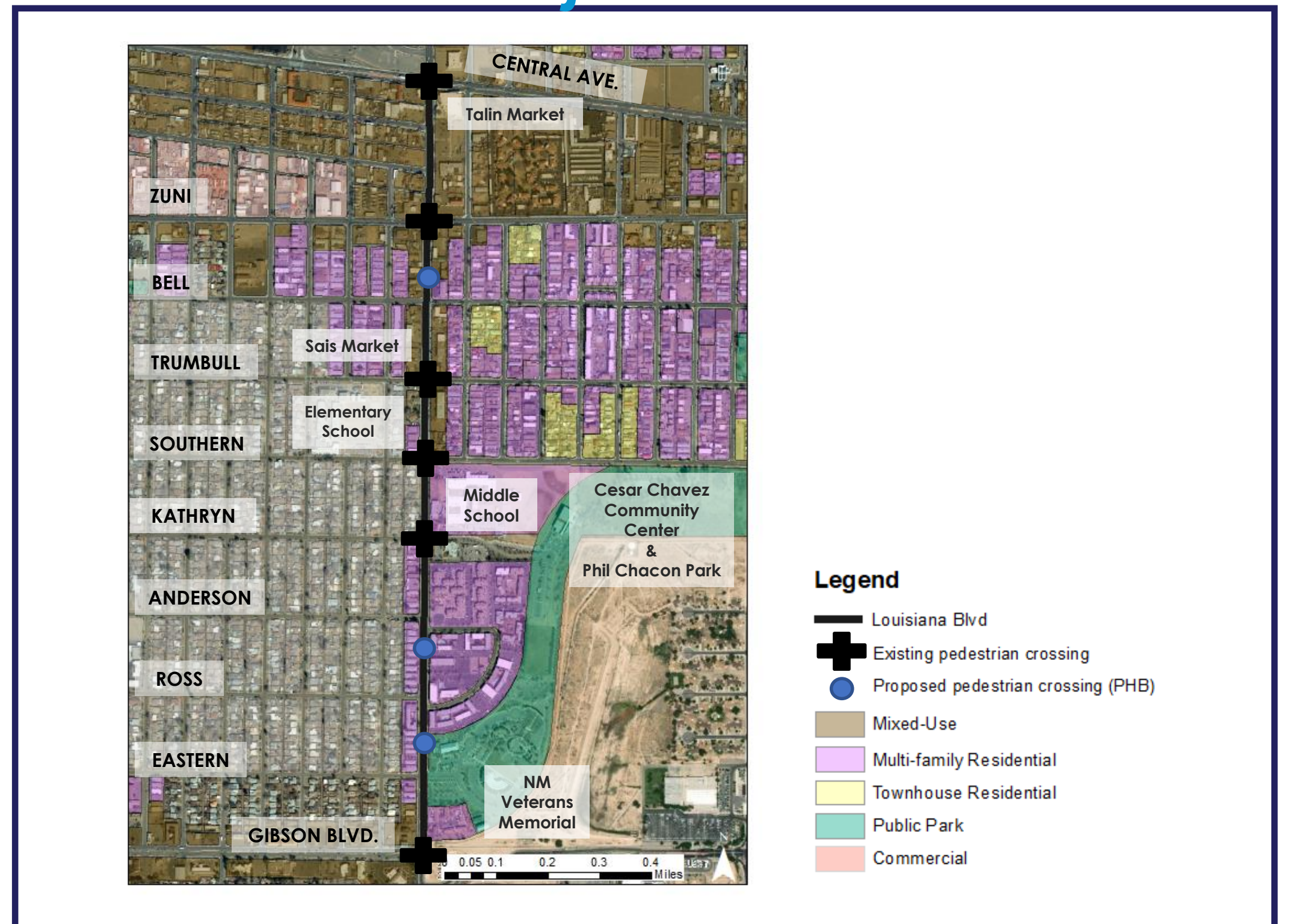


### » Current Implementation



The current phase includes a road diet with buffered bike lanes with vertical separation, paint and post curb extensions/bulb outs, and green crosswalks to highlight conflict points.

### » Next Project Phase



The City received Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding to install pedestrian island refuges with pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) at three locations along the corridor. This is currently in design and expected to be implemented in 2024/2025. There is high pedestrian demand and activity through the combination of multi-family housing, schools, parks, retail, grocers, and restaurants.