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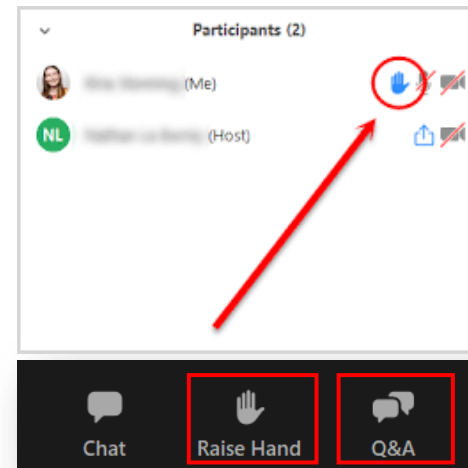
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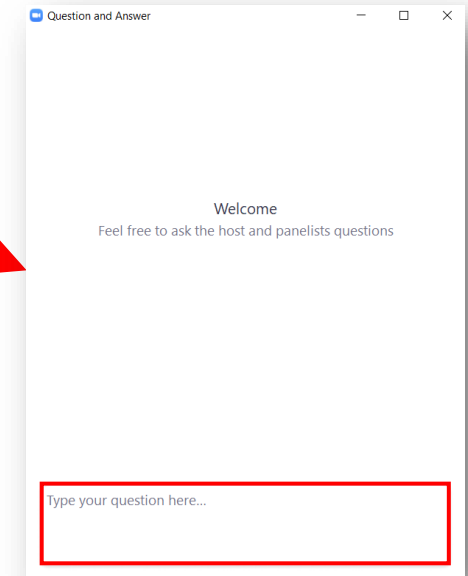
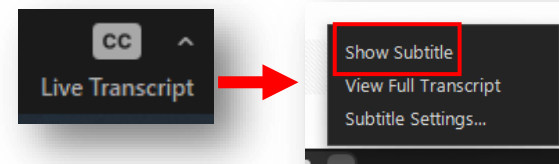
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# WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN 2050



The Water Supply Master Plan is Valley Water's guiding document for long-term water supply investments to ensure water supply reliability for Santa Clara County. Updated about every five years, this long-range plan assesses future countywide demands and evaluates and recommends water supply and infrastructure projects to meet those demands to achieve Valley Water's level of service goal through the planning horizon. The Water Supply Master Plan 2050 extends the planning horizon to 2050. Once developed, the plan will detail Valley Water's investment strategies to provide a safe, clean, and reliable water supply for Santa Clara County.





# Lower Guadalupe River Project

## Recommended Alternative

Presented by: Katie Muller



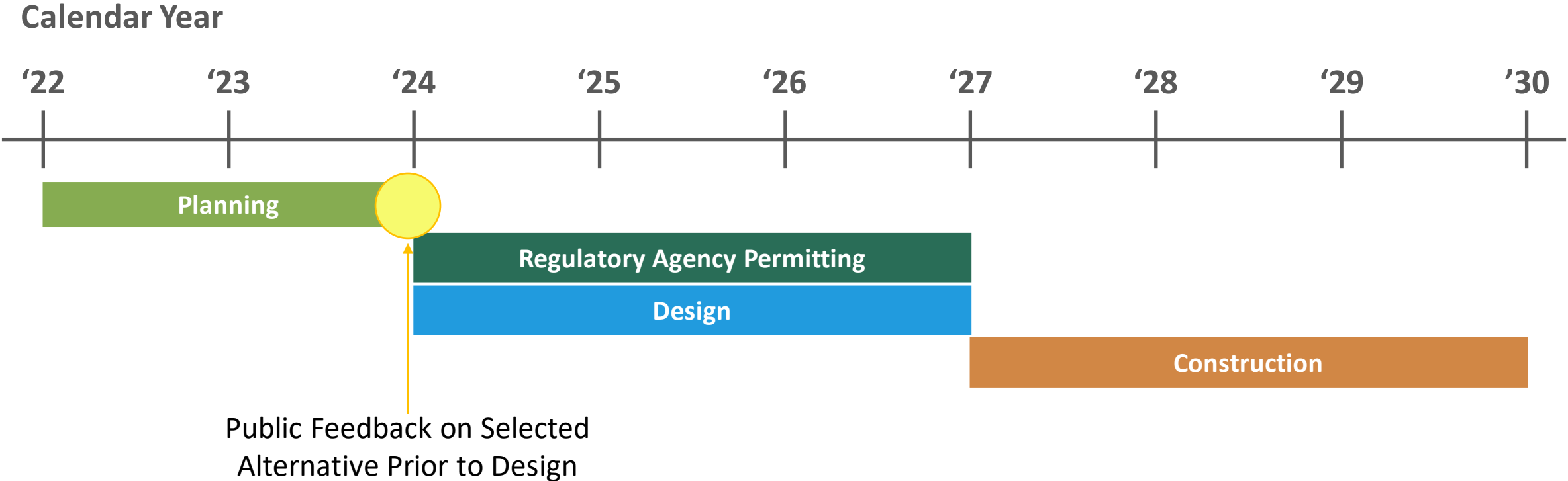
# Agenda

- Objective: Provide updates on the Lower Guadalupe River Project and share the Recommended Alternative
- Outline
  - Project Background
  - Planning Process
  - Alternatives Evaluation
  - Recommended Alternative
  - Opportunity for questions and feedback





# Project Status & Purpose of This Meeting





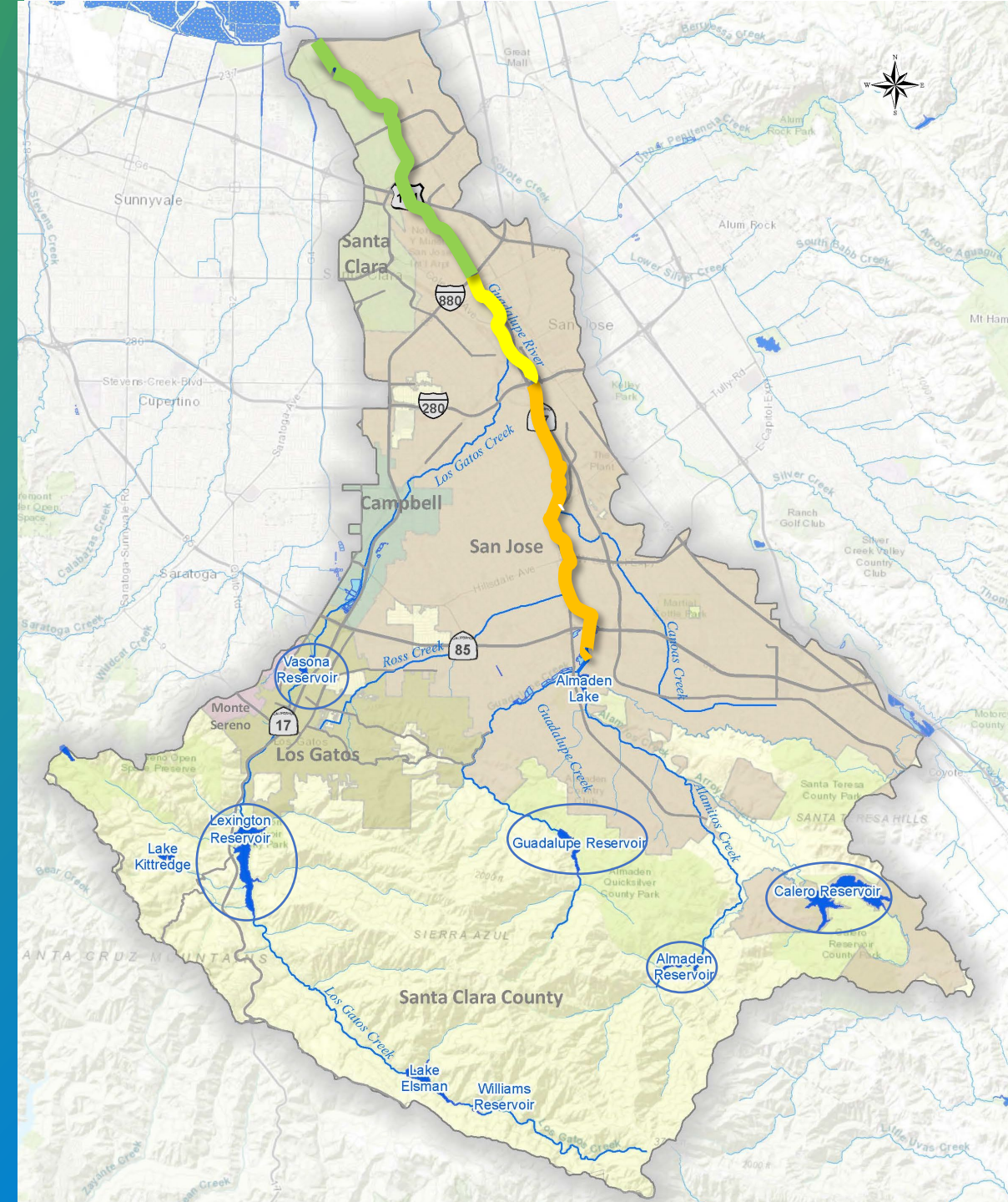
# Project History



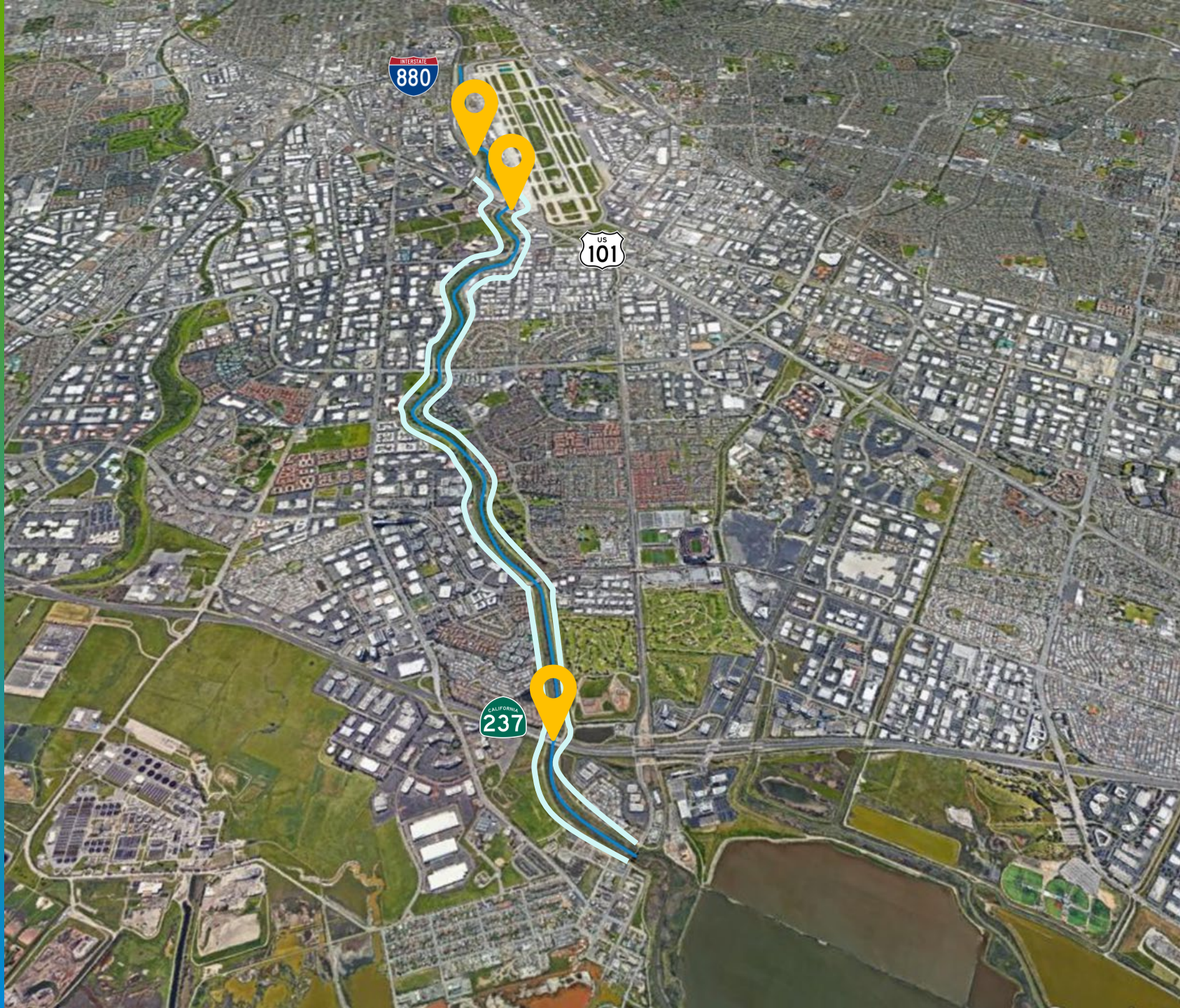


# Guadalupe Watershed

- All rain ends up in the Guadalupe River
- 7 Reservoirs
- Three sections of river:
  - Upper
  - Downtown
  - Lower





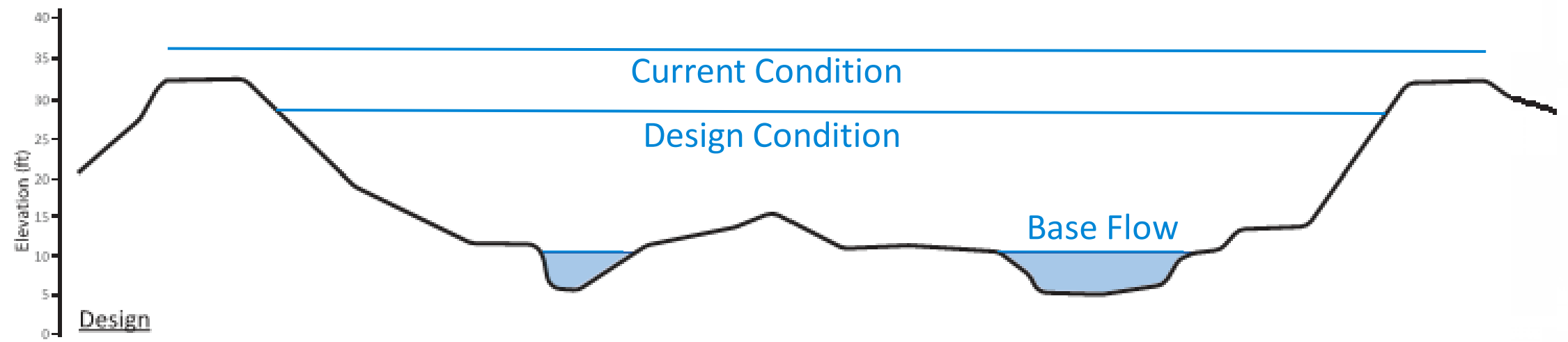


# Lower Guadalupe River Project

- Completed 2004
- 100-Year flood protection
- Levees and Floodwalls
- Bridge Improvements



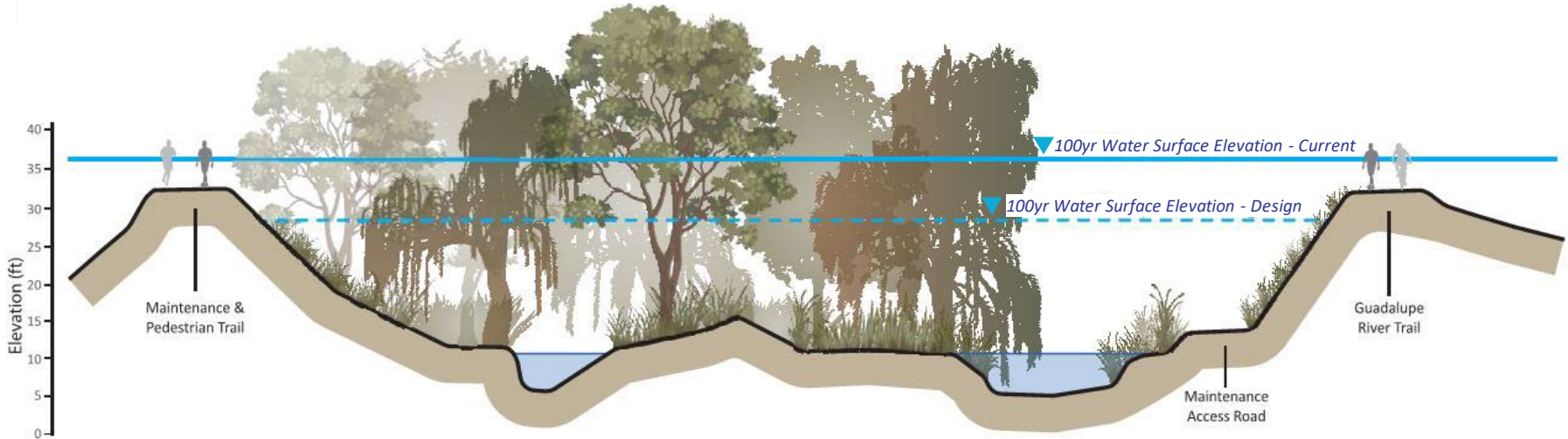
# Problem: Insufficient Capacity



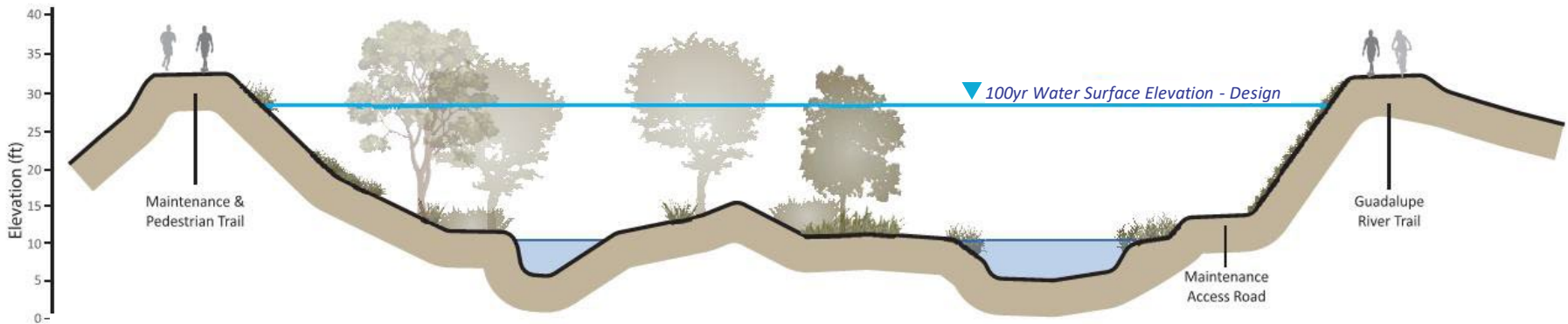


Typical Section: Trimble Road to Montague Expressway

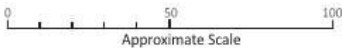
Facing Downstream to Montague Expressway



Current Condition



2004 Design Condition





# Preparations for This Winter



## Vegetation Removal

Trees cleared from levees and 15 feet from levee toe



## Sediment Removal

Sediment removed from side channels to add flow capacity



## Lexington Operations

Operate Reservoir for Flood Risk Reduction



## Storm Preparedness

Valley Water Field Information Teams (FIT), City Coordination, and Emergency Action Plans



# Project Benefits

- Sustainable flood protection that balances environment and capacity
- Trails will be maintained





# Objectives

1. Restore level of service
2. Minimize the need for future operations and maintenance activities
3. Maintain and or enhance public recreation and access
4. Obtain community support and participation for the project





# Design Criteria

- Hydraulics/ Hydrology
- Operations and Maintenance
- Cost and Schedule
- Vegetation Condition



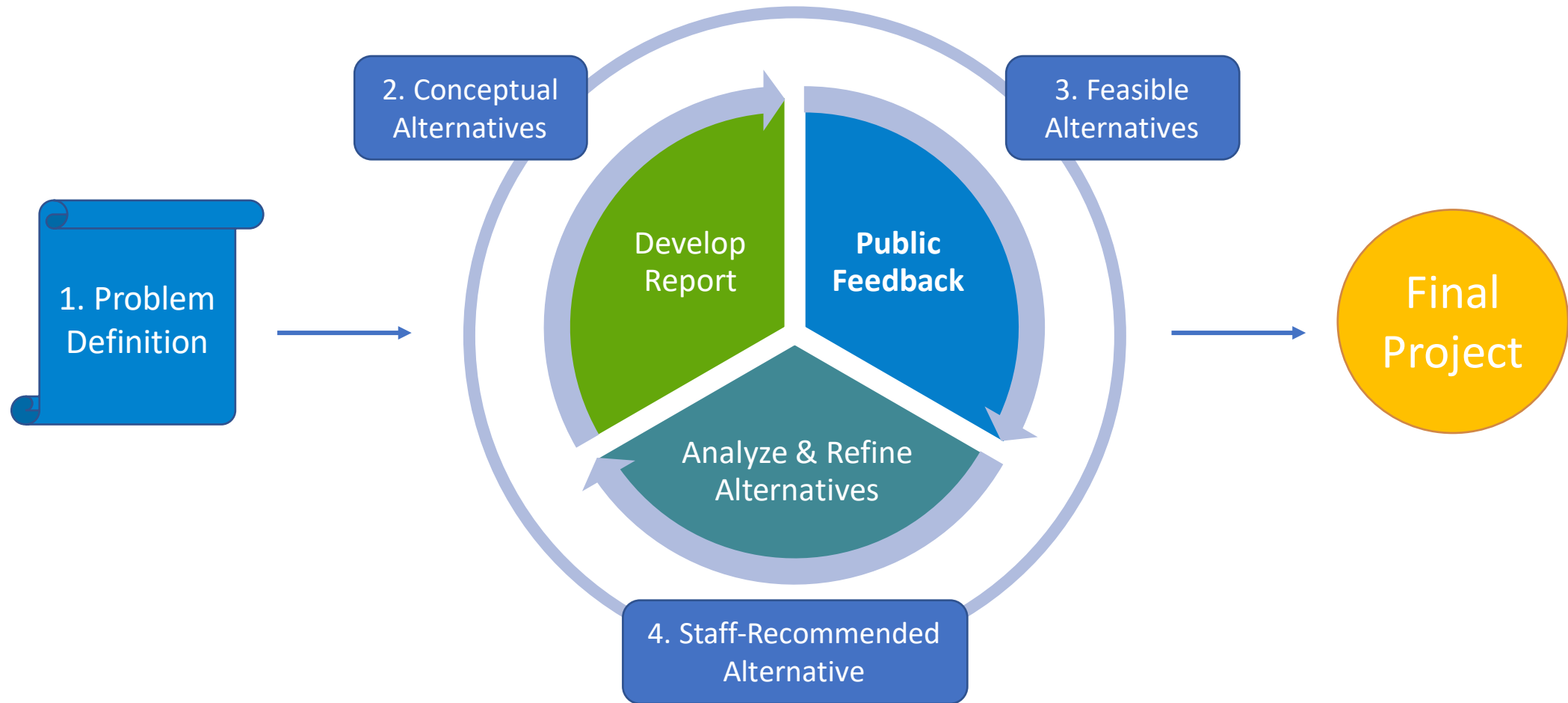


# Planning Process





# The Planning Process





# Conceptual Alternatives

- High-level
- Anything within realm of possibility



- 19 Alternatives identified

Conceptual Alternatives

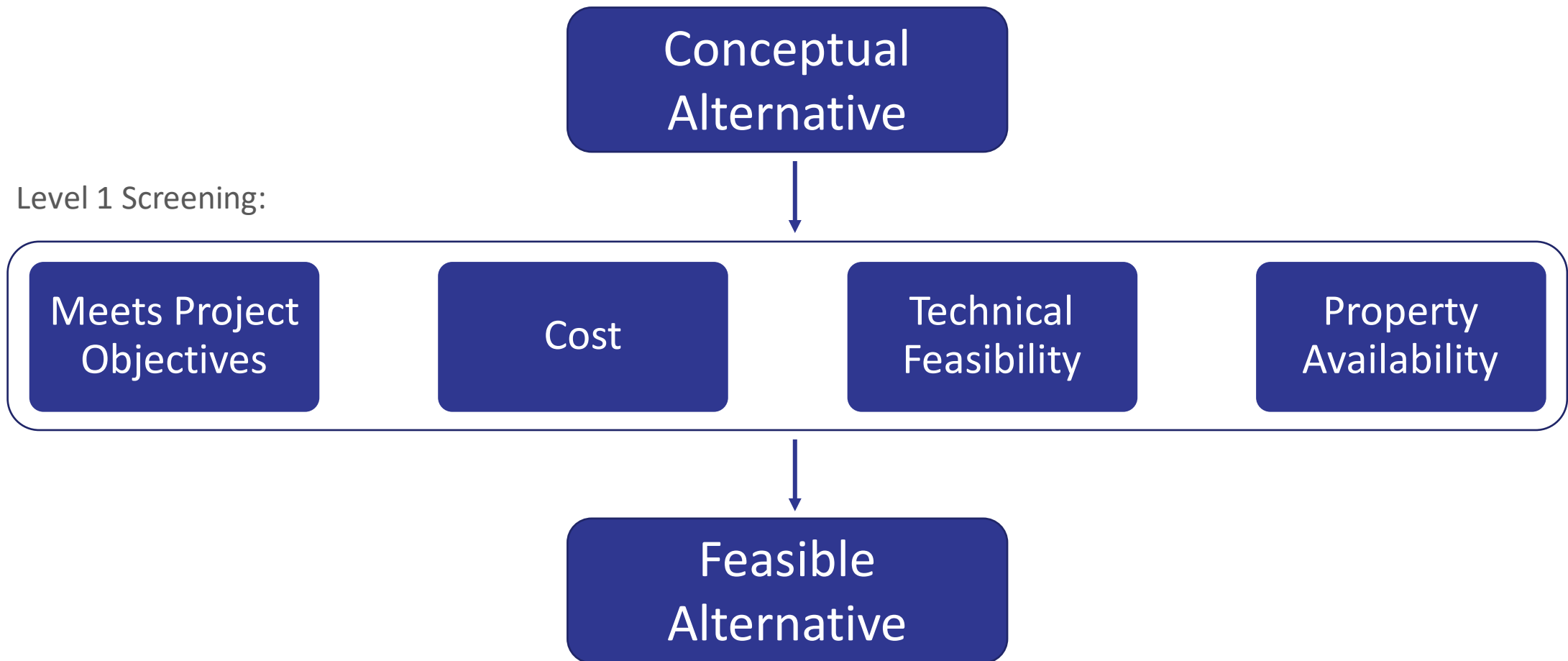
Feasible  
Alternatives

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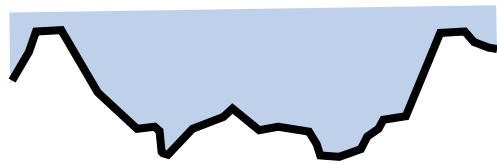


# Conceptual Alternatives Screening

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# Types of Flood Risk Reduction Elements



Reduce high flows

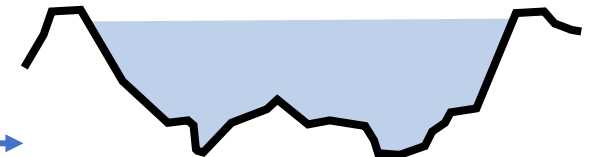


Large open space to  
hold flood water

OR



Large bypass  
pipe (culvert)



Less flow in channel



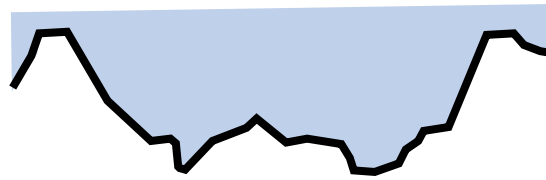
Bypass Culvert



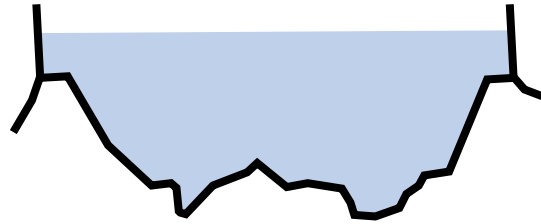
Detention Basin



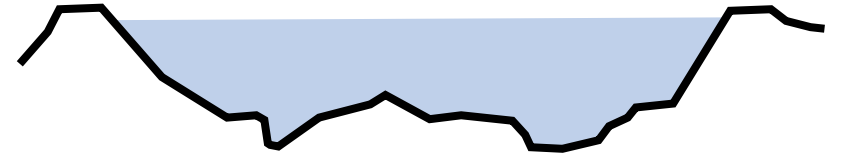
# Types of Flood Risk Reduction Elements



Change geometry to  
carry more flow



Taller



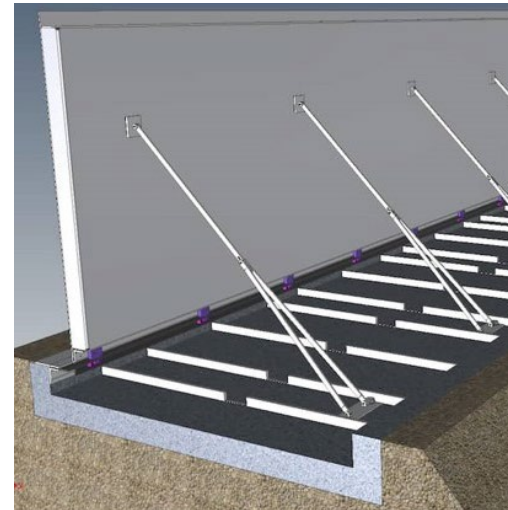
Wider



Floodwall



Headwall

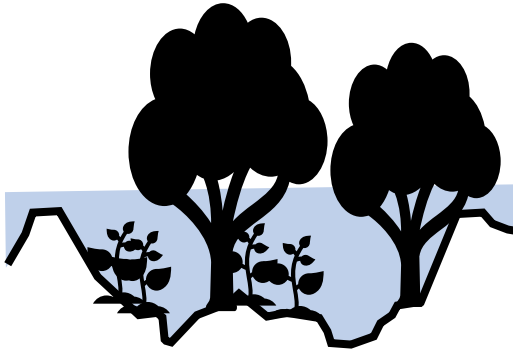


Passive Barrier

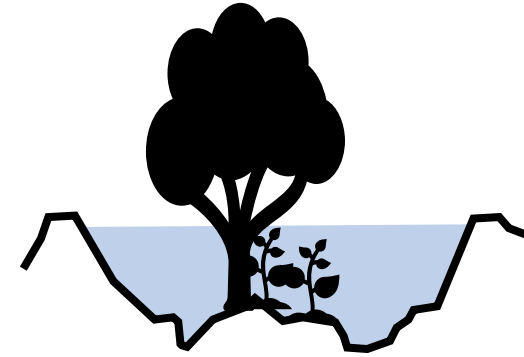


Levee

# Types of Flood Risk Reduction Elements



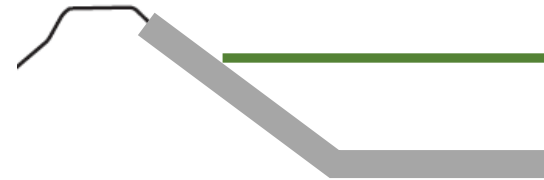
Reduce roughness



Water moves faster, has more space



Vegetation Removal



Concrete Paving

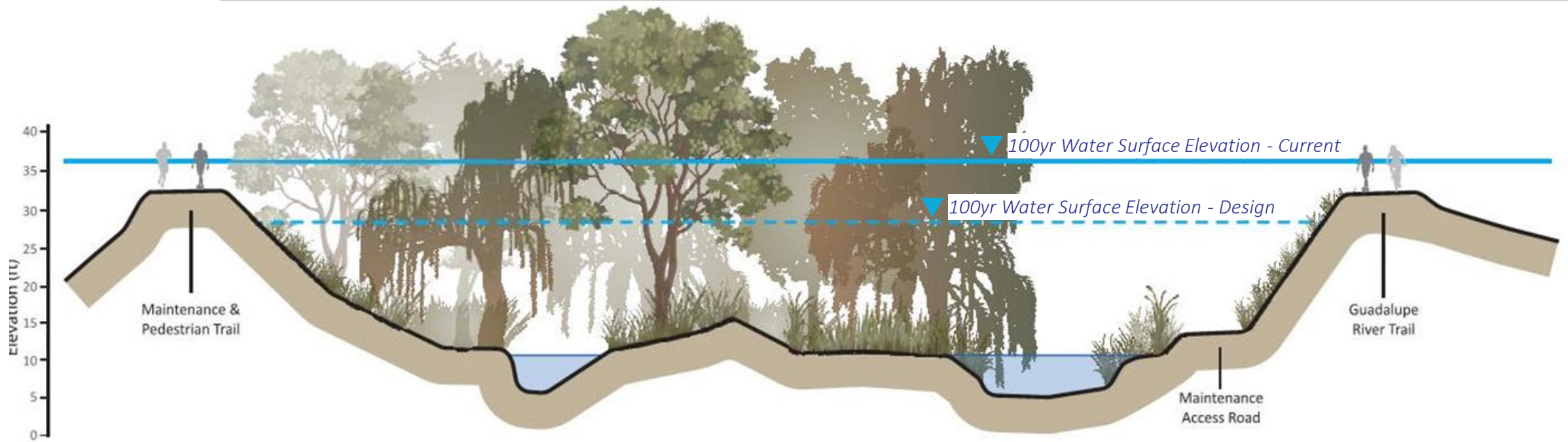


Conceptual Alternative	Meets Project Objectives	Within Project Budget	Technically Feasible	Right-of-Way Availability	Overall
A - No Project	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
B - Floodwalls and Headwalls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B.1 - Floodwalls, Passive Barriers, and Headwalls	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
B.2 - Floodwalls, Passive Barriers, Closed Roadways	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C - Levees with Retaining Walls, and Headwalls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C.1 - Levees, Floodwalls, and Headwalls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D - 5 Foot Detention, Floodwalls, and Headwalls	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
D.1 - 25 Foot Detention, Floodwalls, and Headwalls	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
D.2 - 5 Foot Detention, Less ROW Acquisition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
E - Raise Bridges, Floodwalls, and Headwalls	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
F - Channel Bypass	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
G - Replace West Levee with Floodwall	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
H - Add Outlet Capacity to Lexington in New Tunnel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H.1 - Add Outlet Capacity to Lexington in Existing Tunnel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
I - Raise Lenihan Dam	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
J - Re-Operate Lenihan Dam	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
K - Channel Widening	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
L - Vegetation Removal	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
M - Levee Paving	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗



# Infeasible Alternative: Remove Vegetation

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# Feasible Alternatives





# Feasible Alternatives

- More detailed
- Must be practical
- Must pass screening



- 8 Alternatives identified

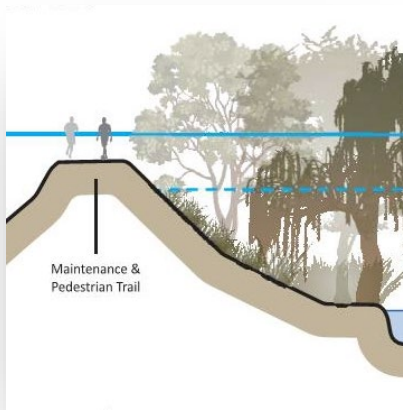
Conceptual Alternatives

Level 1 Screening

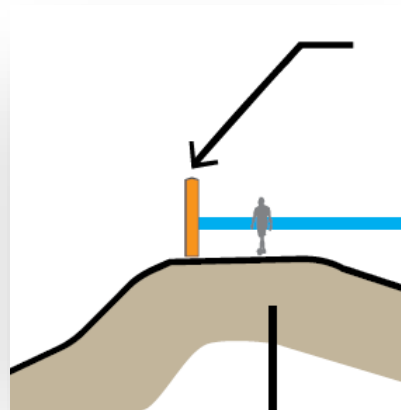
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Natural Flood Protection Evaluation

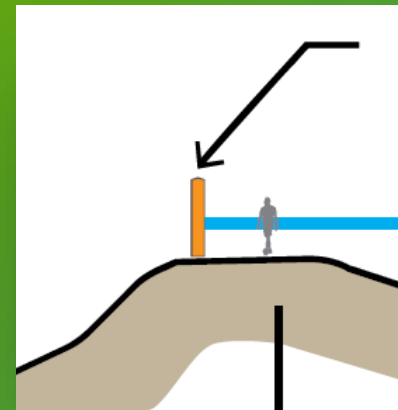
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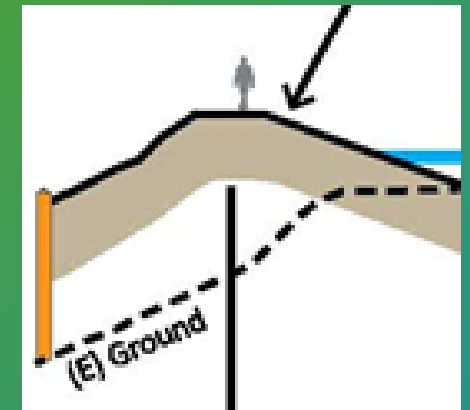
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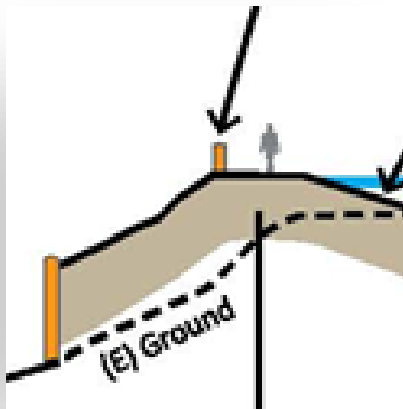
Floodwalls/Headwalls



Floodwalls/Close Bridges



Raise Levees



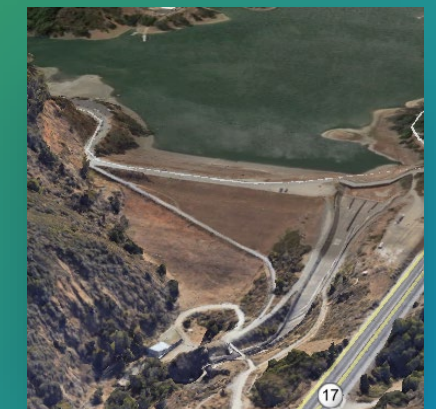
Floodwalls + Levees



Detention Basin



Upsize Lexington Outlet



Re-Operate Lexington



# Natural Flood Protection Evaluation

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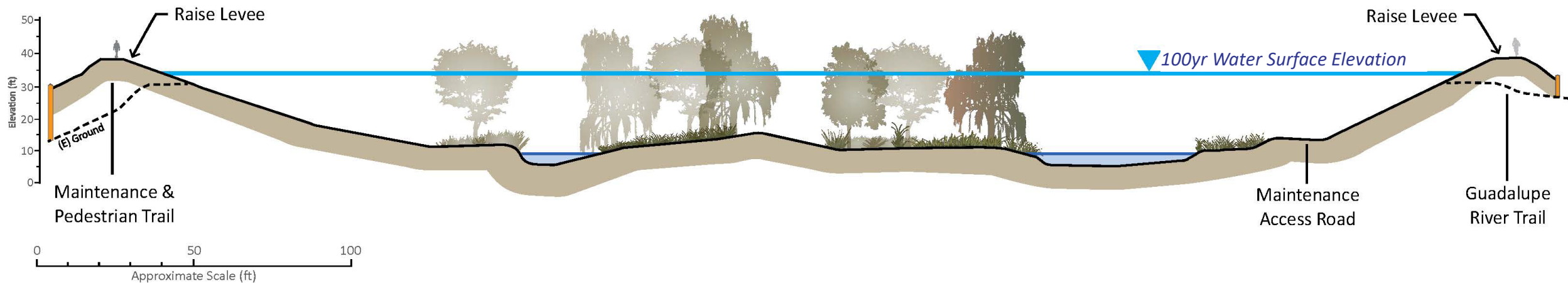
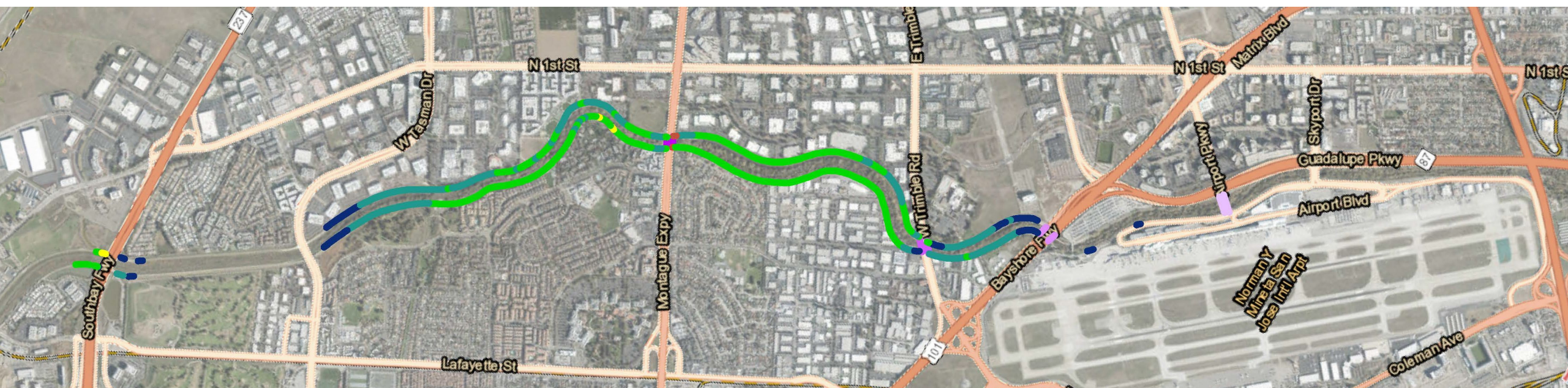
Feasible Alternative	Meets Project Objectives	Sustainable Maintenance	Cost	Ecological Benefits	Community Benefits
No Project	X	X	\$		
Floodwalls/Headwalls	✓	✓	\$\$\$		
Floodwalls/Close Bridges	✓	✓	\$\$\$		
Raise Levees, Improve Bridges	✓	✓	\$\$\$\$		
Floodwalls + Levees	✓	✓	\$\$\$\$		
Detention Basin	X	X	\$\$\$\$\$		
Upsize Lexington Reservoir Outlet	X	✓	\$\$\$\$		
Re-Operate Lexington Reservoir	X	✓	\$\$		

# Recommended Alternative





# Recommended Alternative – Raise Levees, Improve Bridges





# Representative Photos



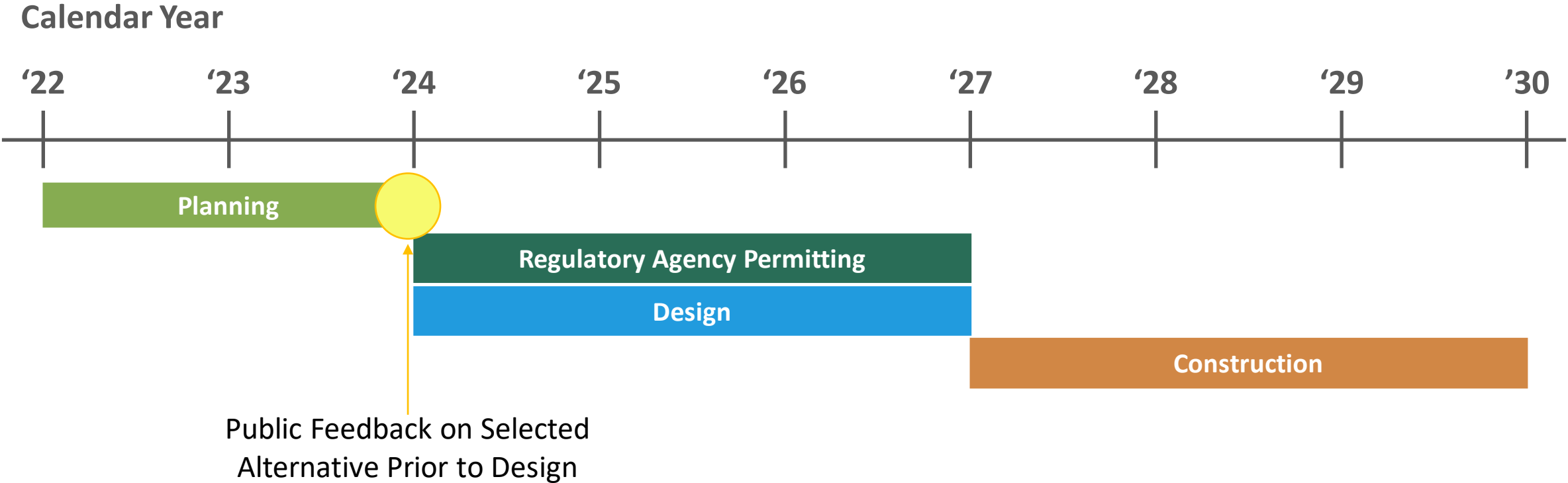
Raise 1 to 3 feet  
Maintain trail access



Up to 4 bridge modifications  
4 to 7 feet total height



# Next Steps





# Questions?





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