

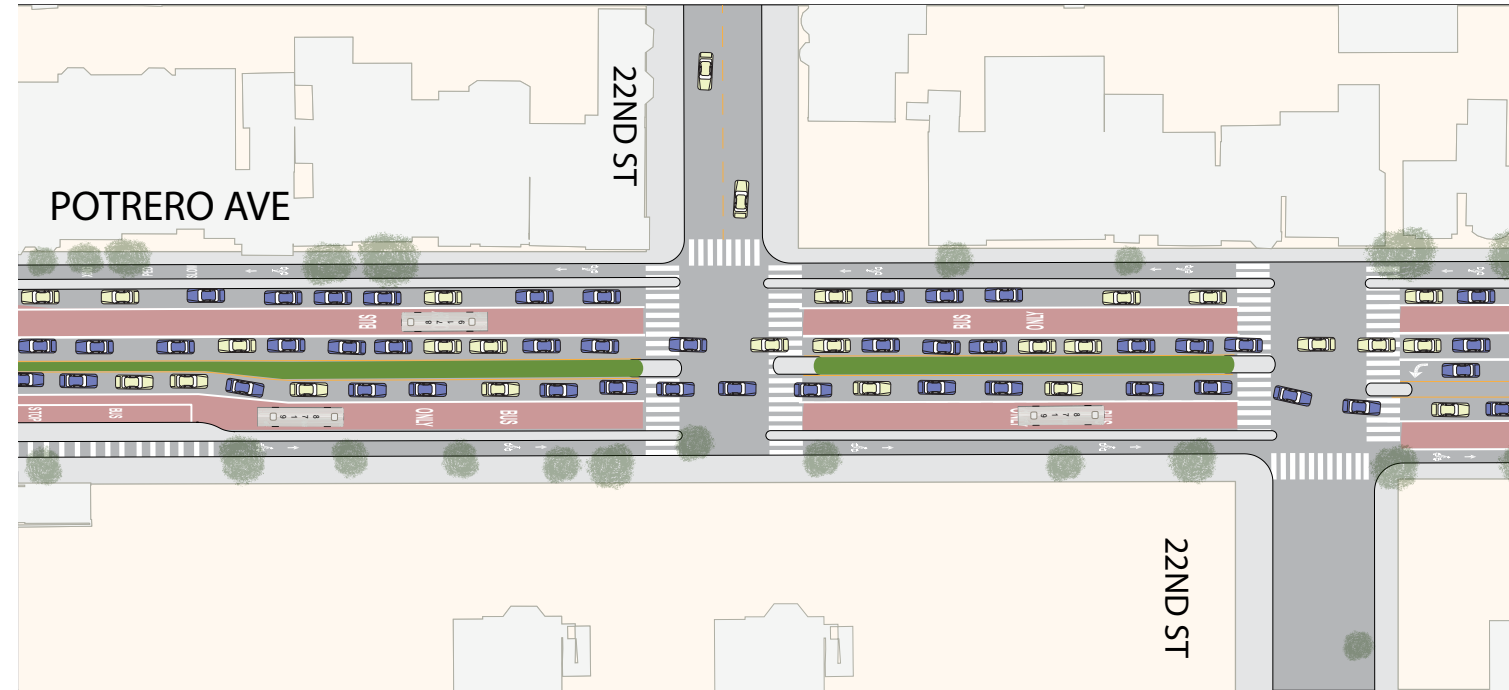
# ELIMINATED CONCEPTS

These ideas were evaluated and eliminated because they did not meet the project goals or had unacceptable impacts

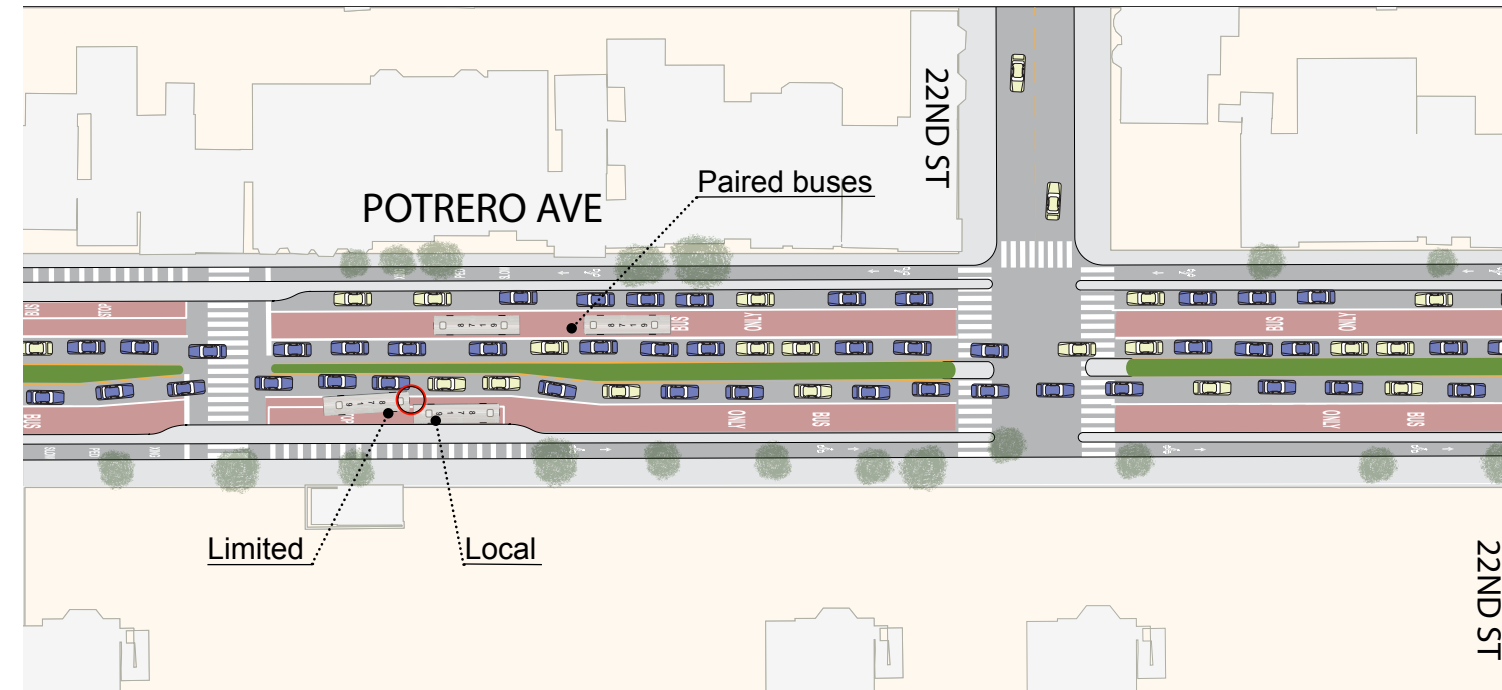
## REMOVING MIXED TRAFFIC LANES

Removing one general traffic lane is called a Road Diet, and it is generally recommended for streets with up to 25,000 vehicles per day. More than 30,000 vehicles travel on Potrero each day.

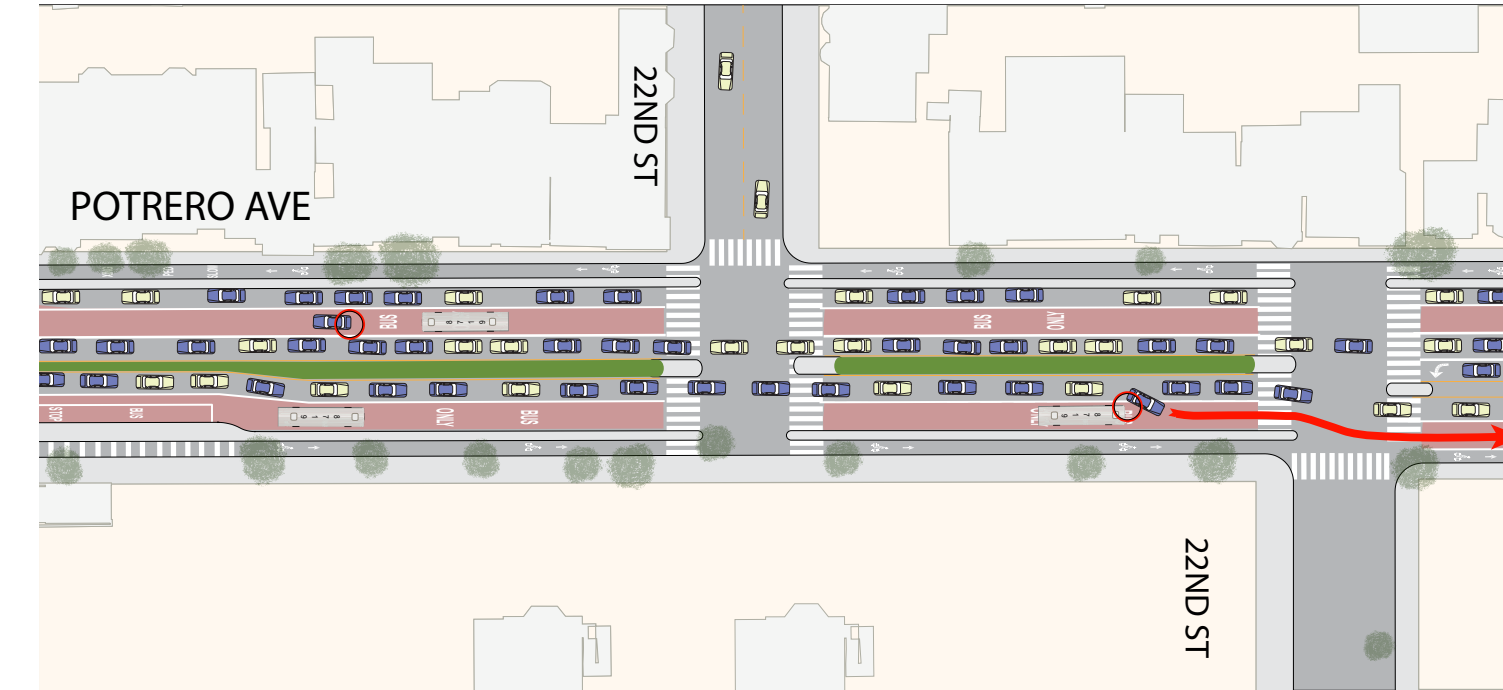
Because there are more cars on Potrero than a Road Diet can handle, removing a travel lane would lead to more frequent and severe traffic jams.



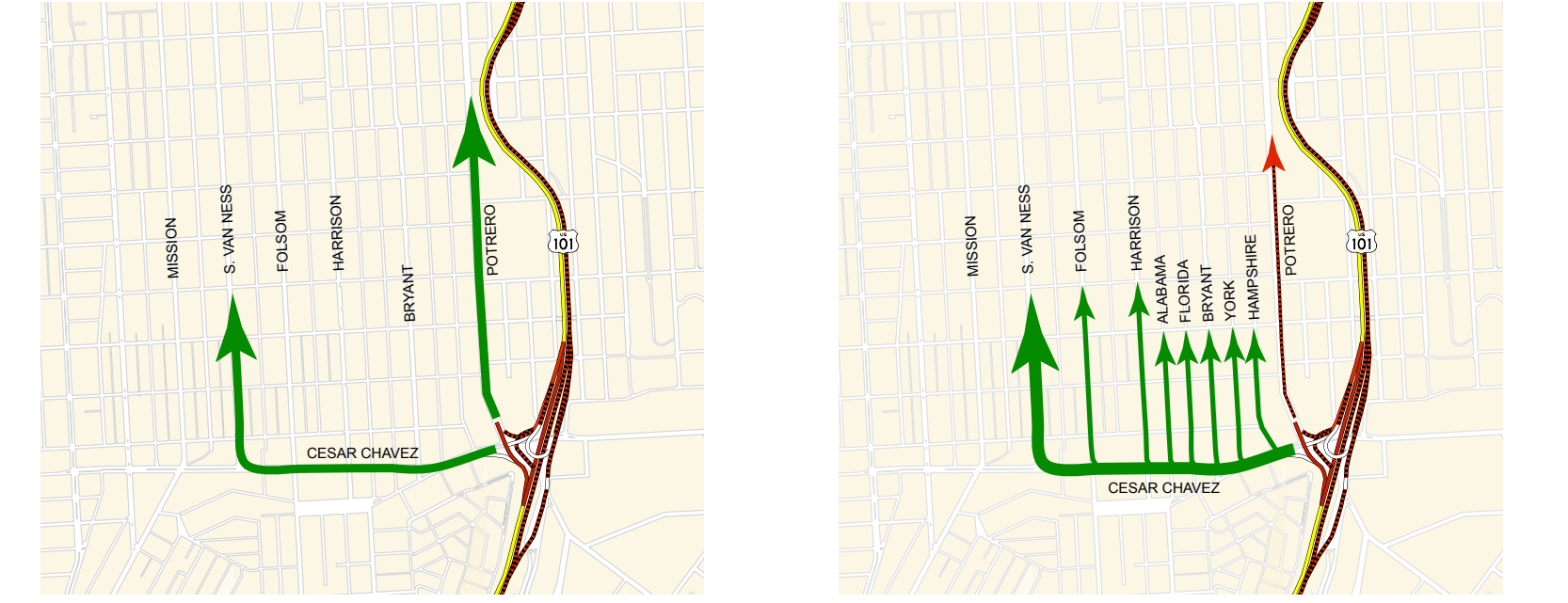
Limited buses would not be able to use the general traffic lanes to pass local buses.



Traffic congestion would also make cars more likely to violate the transit only lane and slow down Muni...

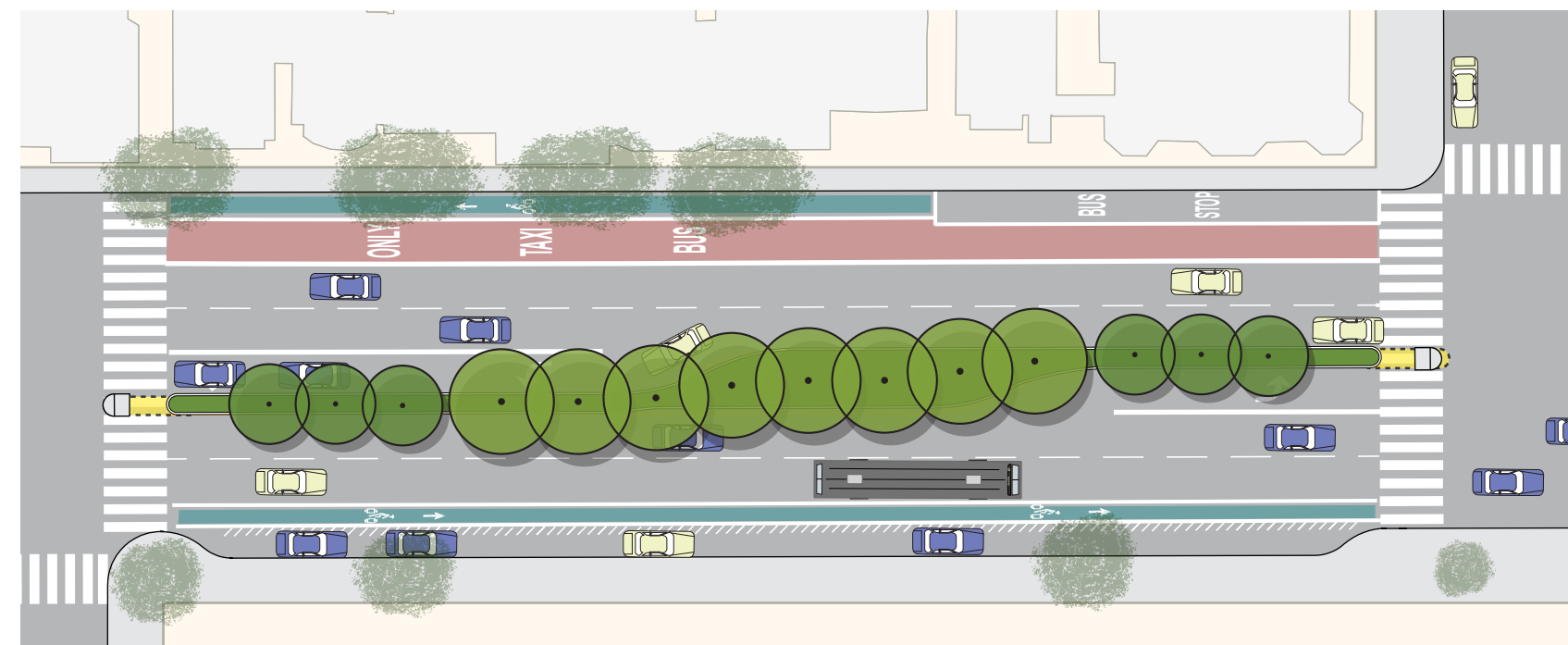


...or they may use other neighborhood streets as alternate routes, some of which have already had traffic calming measures put into place at the request of residents. This would reduce the effectiveness of those measures.



## REMOVING MEDIANS

Medians are needed to provide space in the roadway for pedestrian refuges and left turn pockets. Option 1 would keep a greened median between 22nd and 24th streets. Options 2 and 3 would preserve six foot pedestrian refuges at crossings but not have landscaped medians midblock.



Potrero is a wide street, and those with lower mobility may not be able to cross the entire intersection at once. These people need a refuge in the center of the street that the median provides.

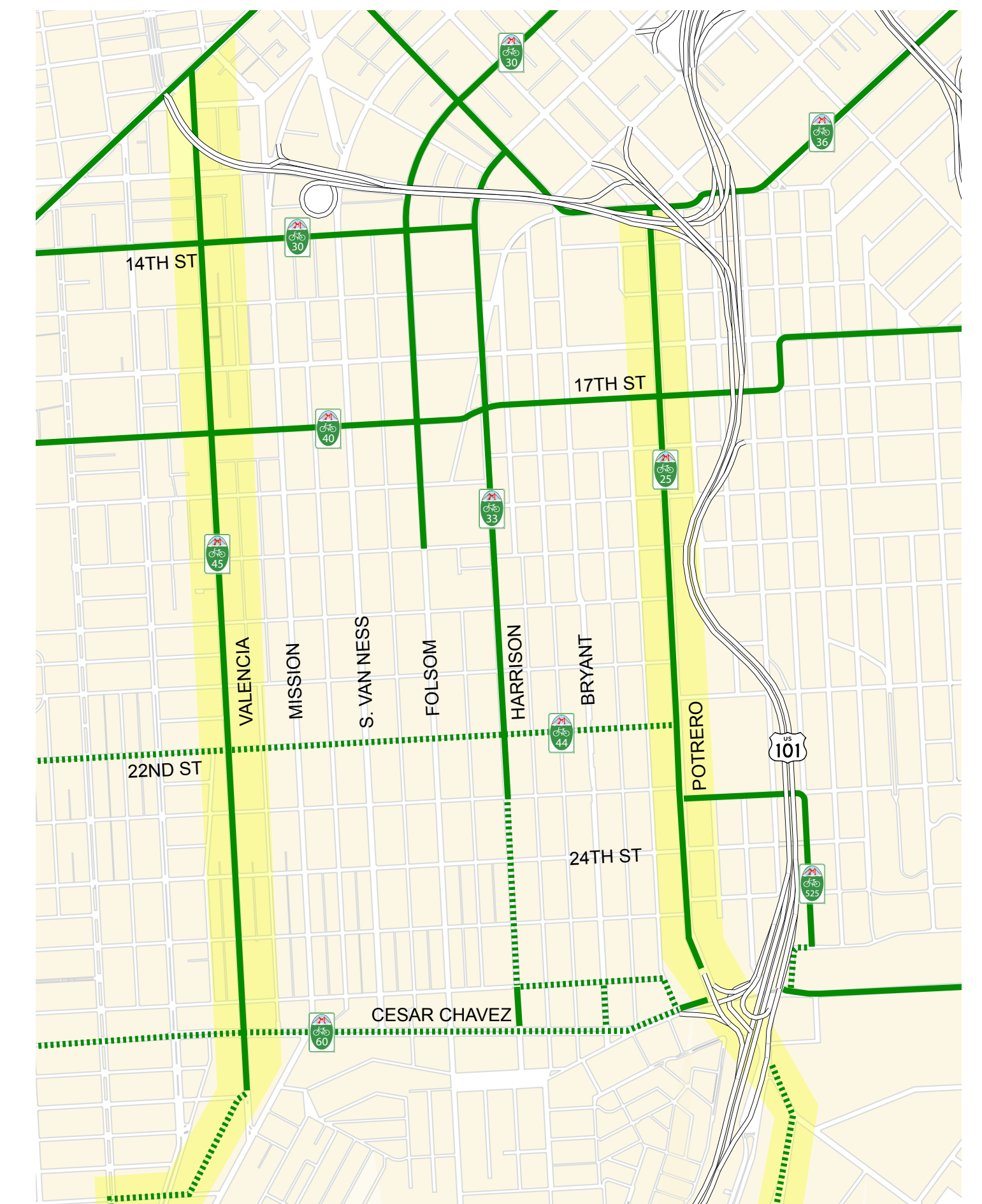
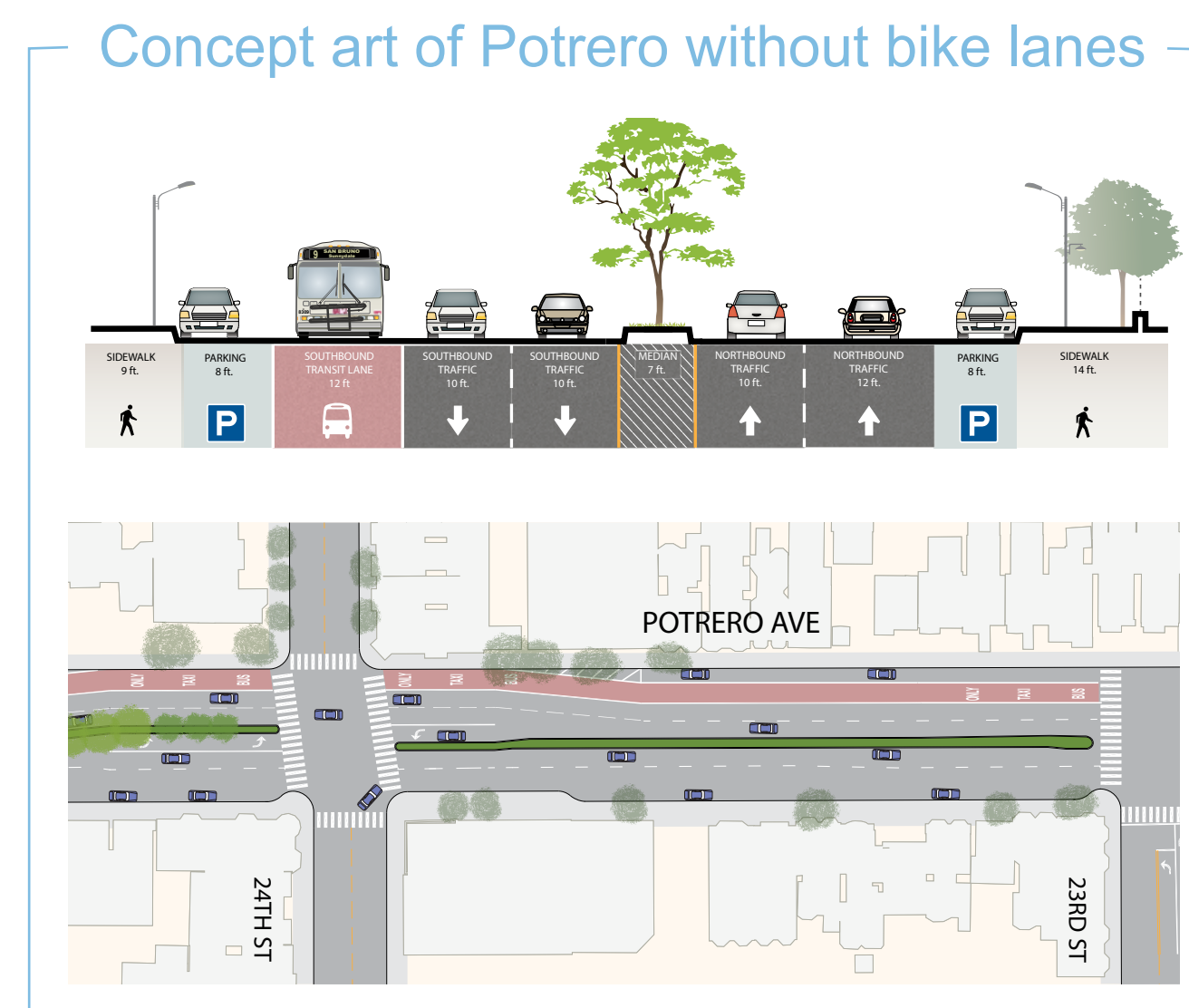


Medians also provide an opportunity to landscape the street with trees and other greenery to improve the overall aesthetic environment of Potrero. Landscaped medians are proposed on Potrero between 17th and 18th Streets as well as between 24th and 25th Streets.

## REMOVING BIKE LANES

The idea of removing bike lanes was eliminated because Potrero is the only street besides Valencia that provides a direct connection between the Mission and the southern neighborhoods.

As shown on the right, Potrero and Valencia are the only through north-south bike routes between Twin Peaks and Highway 101. Bike routes on Potrero Avenue are needed to make cycling more safe, comfortable, and convenient.



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## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED



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