

# Leaside Bridge to Danforth Avenue Cycling Connections

## Phase 2: Logan Avenue and Carlaw Avenue





# Cycling and Road Safety Improvements



The City is working to close a gap in the cycling network that will allow people to safely cycle to and from their neighbourhoods from Danforth Avenue to Leaside and Thorncliffe Park.

**Phase 1** connected the existing Cosburn Avenue bike lanes to those on the Leaside Bridge along Broadview Avenue, O'Connor Drive and Hopedale Avenue. This project was approved by City Council in June 2024 and installed in Fall 2024.

**Phase 2** proposes to complete the connection between Cosburn Avenue and Danforth Avenue.

Addressing this remaining gap can improve safety for residents traveling by bike, including those using the existing bike lanes on Danforth Avenue and Cosburn Avenue, to get to neighbourhood destinations such as schools, stores and greenspace. Additional safety measures for pedestrians are also planned as part of the project.





# City's Original Proposal - Logan Avenue Only



The City's initial proposal for cycling connections between Danforth Avenue and Cosburn Avenue focused on Logan Avenue only. Three options were proposed and reviewed.

(Option A)

## **Logan Avenue Southbound Contra-flow Bike Lane (west-side)**

To reduce traffic volumes to meet City's standards for safe cycling, two options were also proposed:

(Option B)

## **+ Add Traffic Diverters on Logan Avenue at Browning Avenue and Fulton Avenue**

(Option C)

## **+ Change Direction of Traffic on Logan Avenue at Browning Avenue and Fulton Avenue**

Overall, there was community support for improved cycling connections. However, concerns were expressed about introducing traffic diverters or changes in traffic direction affecting access for local residents.

**As a result, Options B and C are not being carried forward.** There was also strong interest expressed for a **contra-flow bike lane on Carlaw Avenue.**



# - Logan Avenue & Carlaw Avenue



Based on public feedback, the City is proposing a new option, **Option 2**, that includes **contra-flow bike lanes on both Logan Avenue and Carlaw Avenue**.

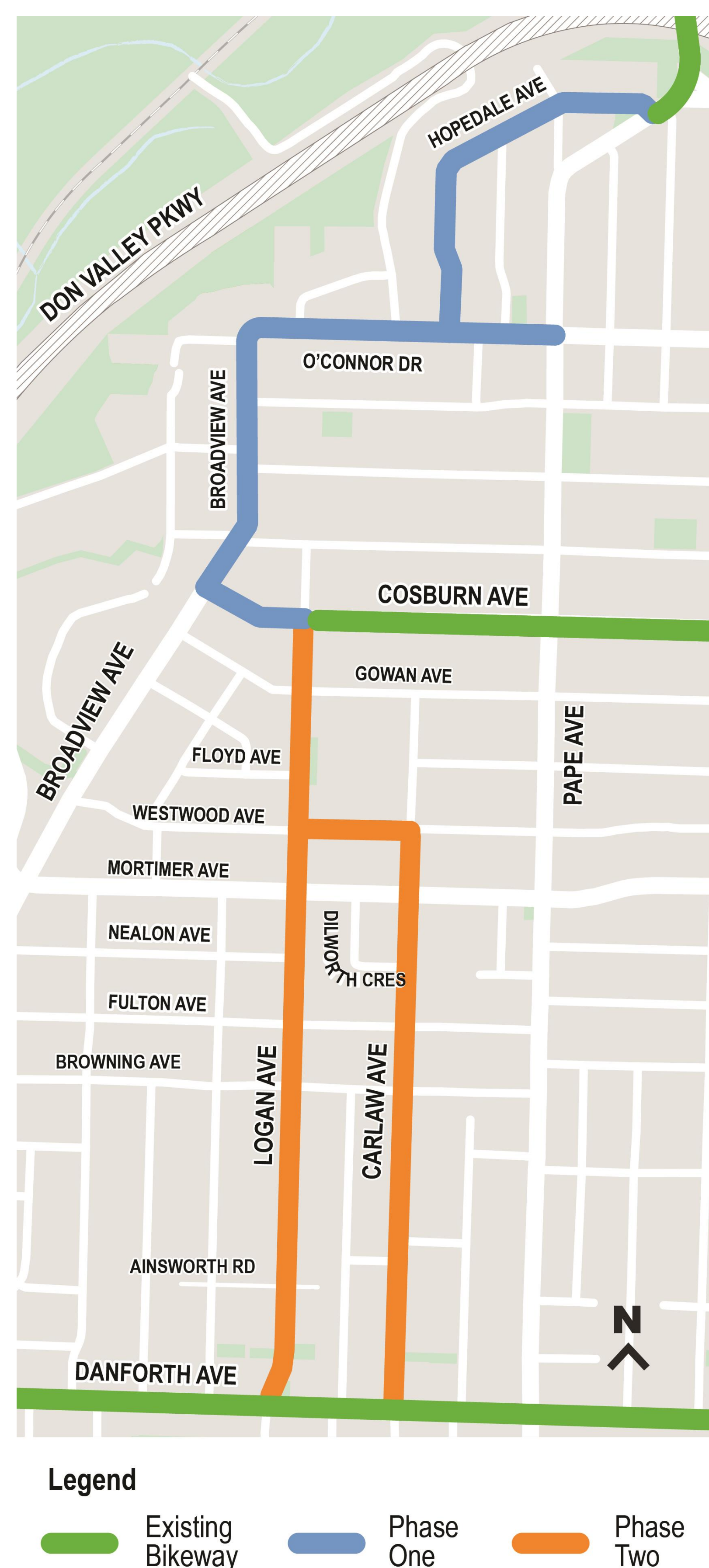
With high motor vehicle volumes on Logan Avenue, this new option provides minimal changes for area residents and improves road safety for all ages and abilities by offering **dedicated bike lanes to travel both north and south between Danforth Avenue and Cosburn Avenue**.

## Logan Avenue

- Southbound contra-flow bike lane on the west-side
- No changes for people travelling in a motor vehicle
- Parking permanently shifted to east side
- Three parking spaces added

## Carlaw Avenue:

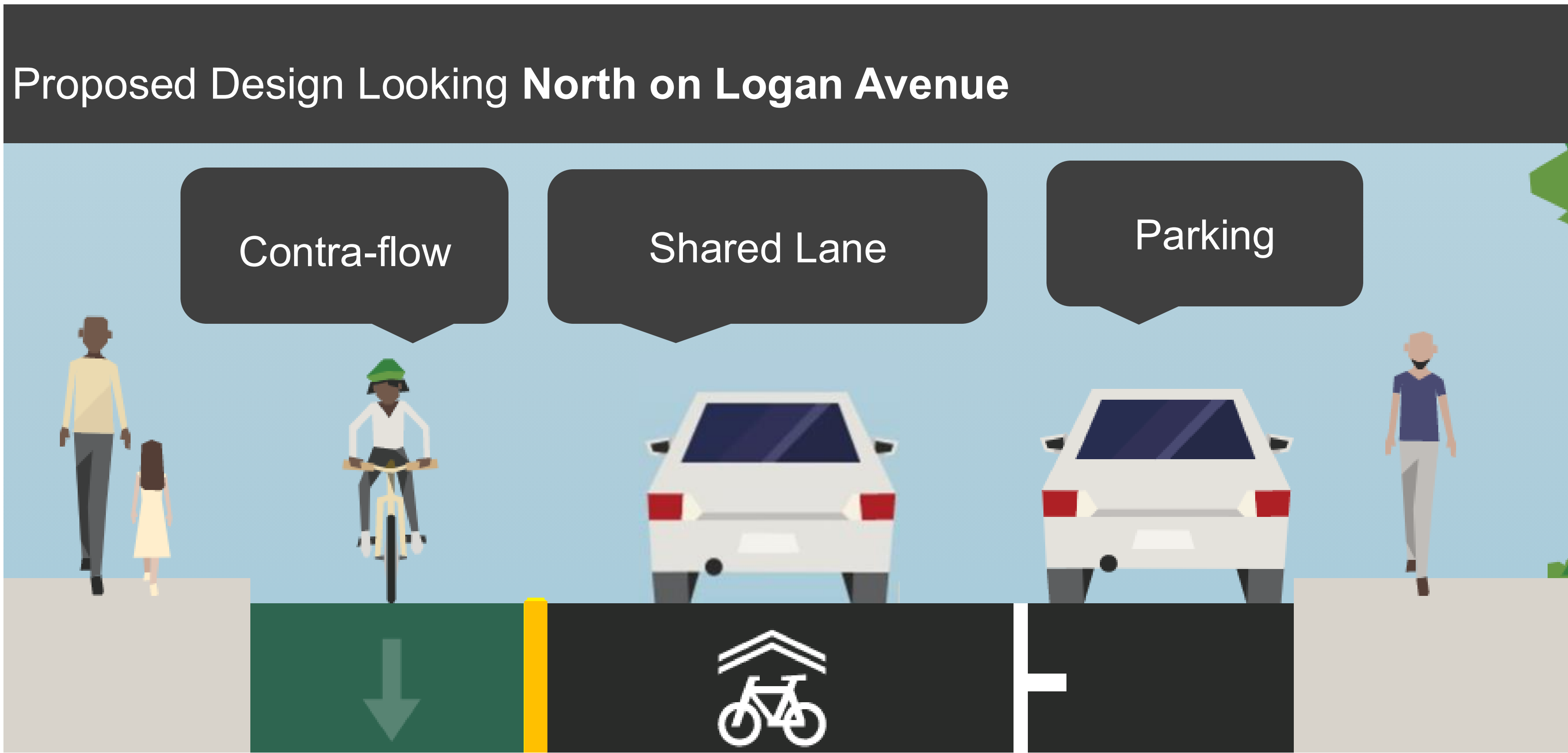
- Northbound contra-flow bike lane on the east-side
- A shared bikeway would connect along Westwood Avenue (north-side) instead of Gowan Avenue to avoid conflicts with school crossings
- No changes for people travelling in a motor vehicle
- Parking permanently shift to west side; residents no longer required to switch parking from east/west side based on day and month
- Two options for parking between Mortimer Avenue and Fulton Avenue.





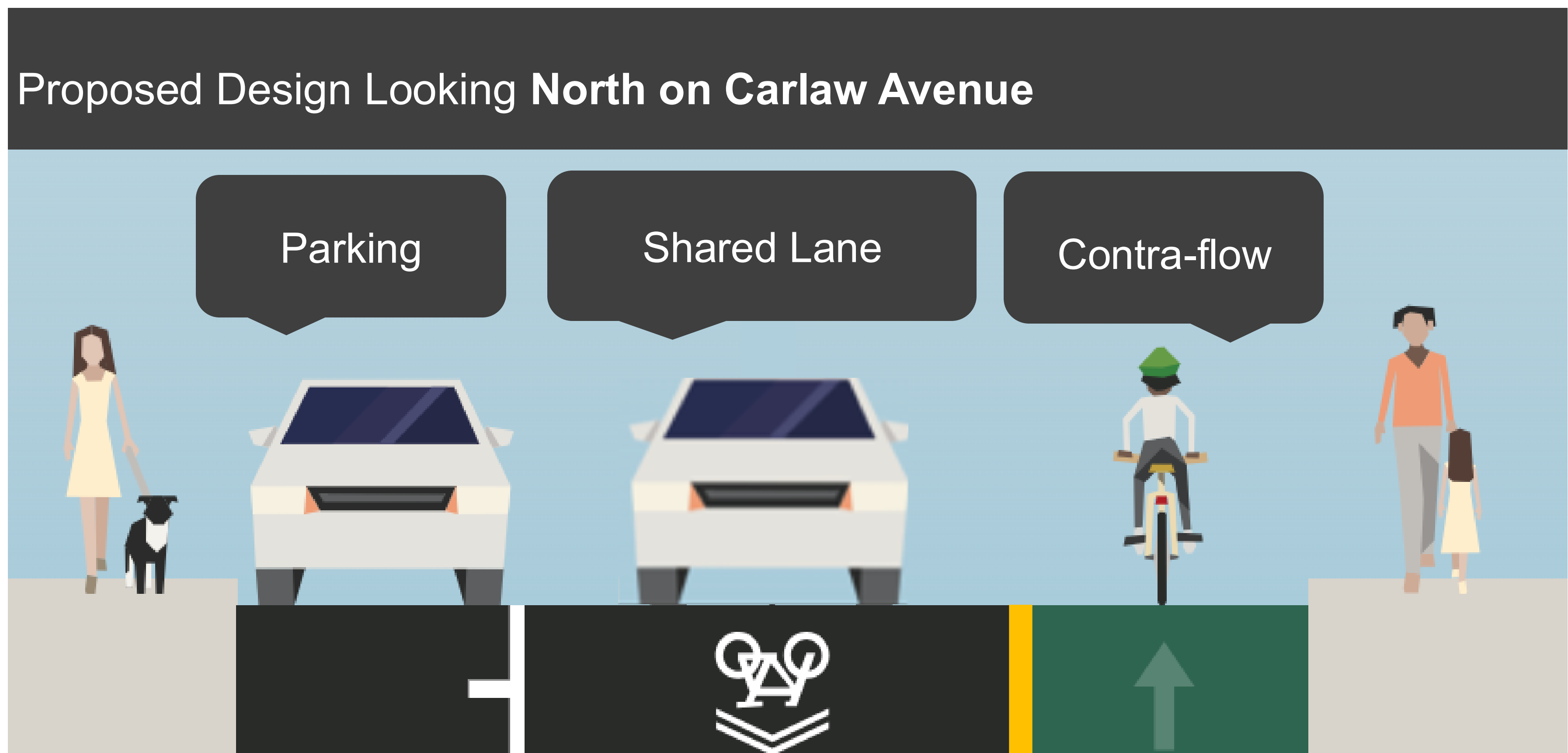
Logan Avenue

Southbound Contra-flow Bike Lane (west side)



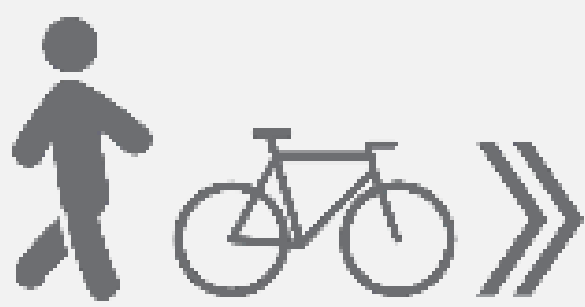
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Northbound Contra-flow Bike Lane (east side)

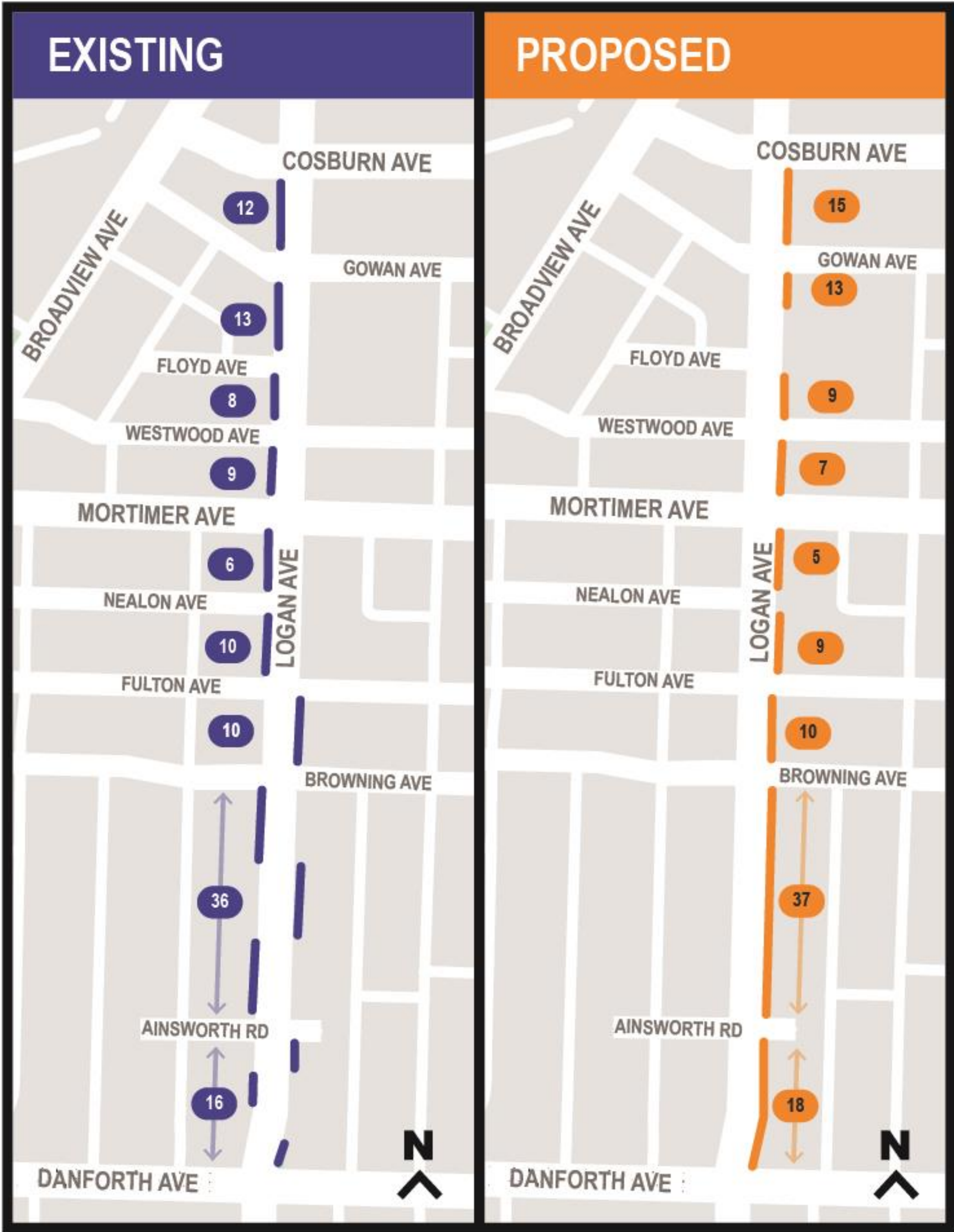




# Logan Avenue Parking Changes



To add a contra-flow bike lane on Logan Avenue, parking would be permanently shifted to the east side. This change would result in three added parking spaces on Logan Avenue.



### Legend

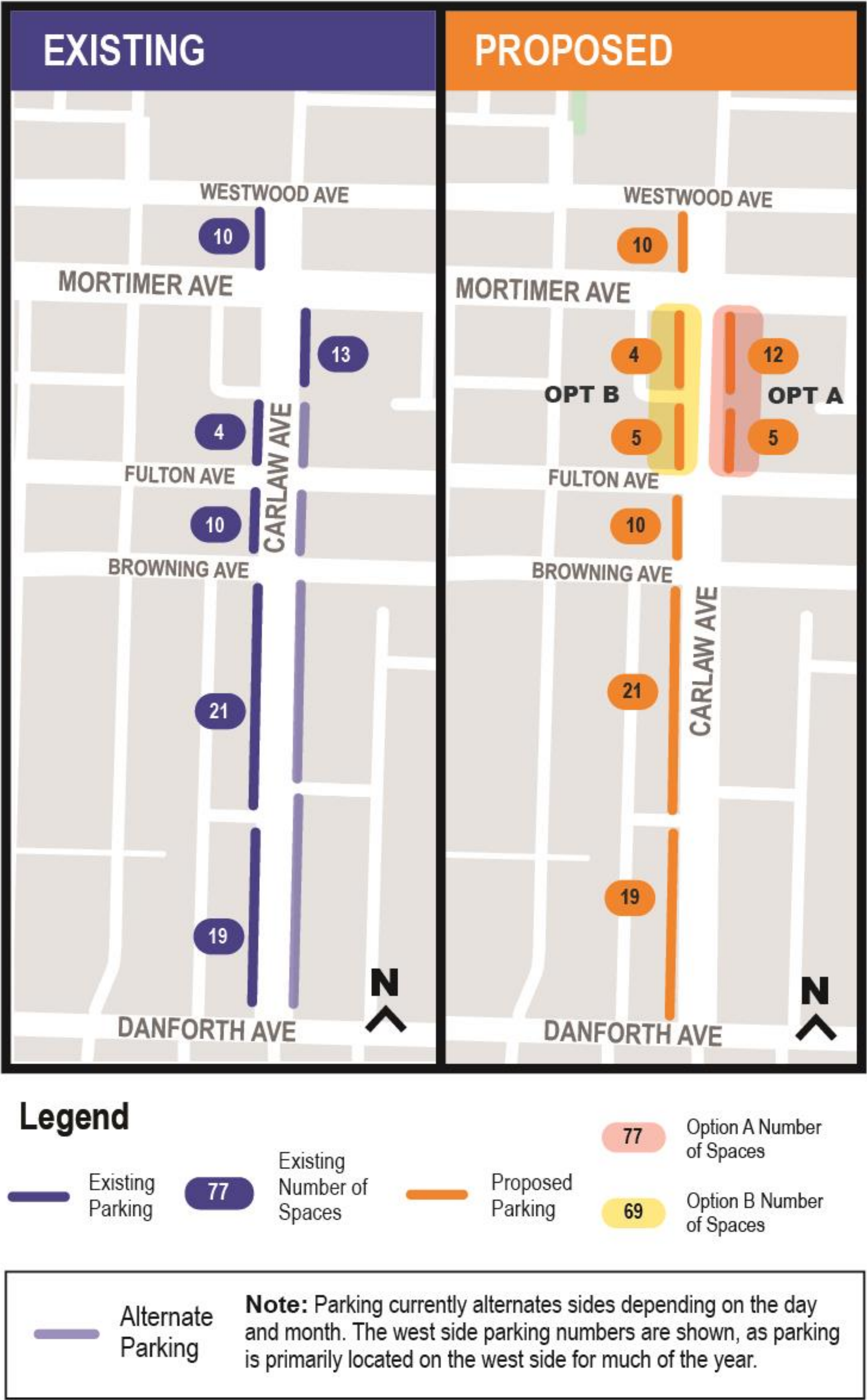
- Existing Parking
- Existing Number of Spaces
- Proposed Parking
- Proposed Number of Spaces



# Carlaw Avenue Parking Changes



Parking on Carlaw Avenue would be permanently shifted to the west side to add a contra-flow lane. Between the months of April to November, residents would no longer need to move their vehicles mid-month. Two options for parking are being considered between Fulton Avenue and Mortimer Avenue.





# Examples of Contra-flow Bike Lanes



Below are examples contra-flow bike which use road paint only to delineate the lanes, no bollards or curbs.

## Denison Avenue contra-flow bike lanes



## Shaw Street contra-flow bike lanes





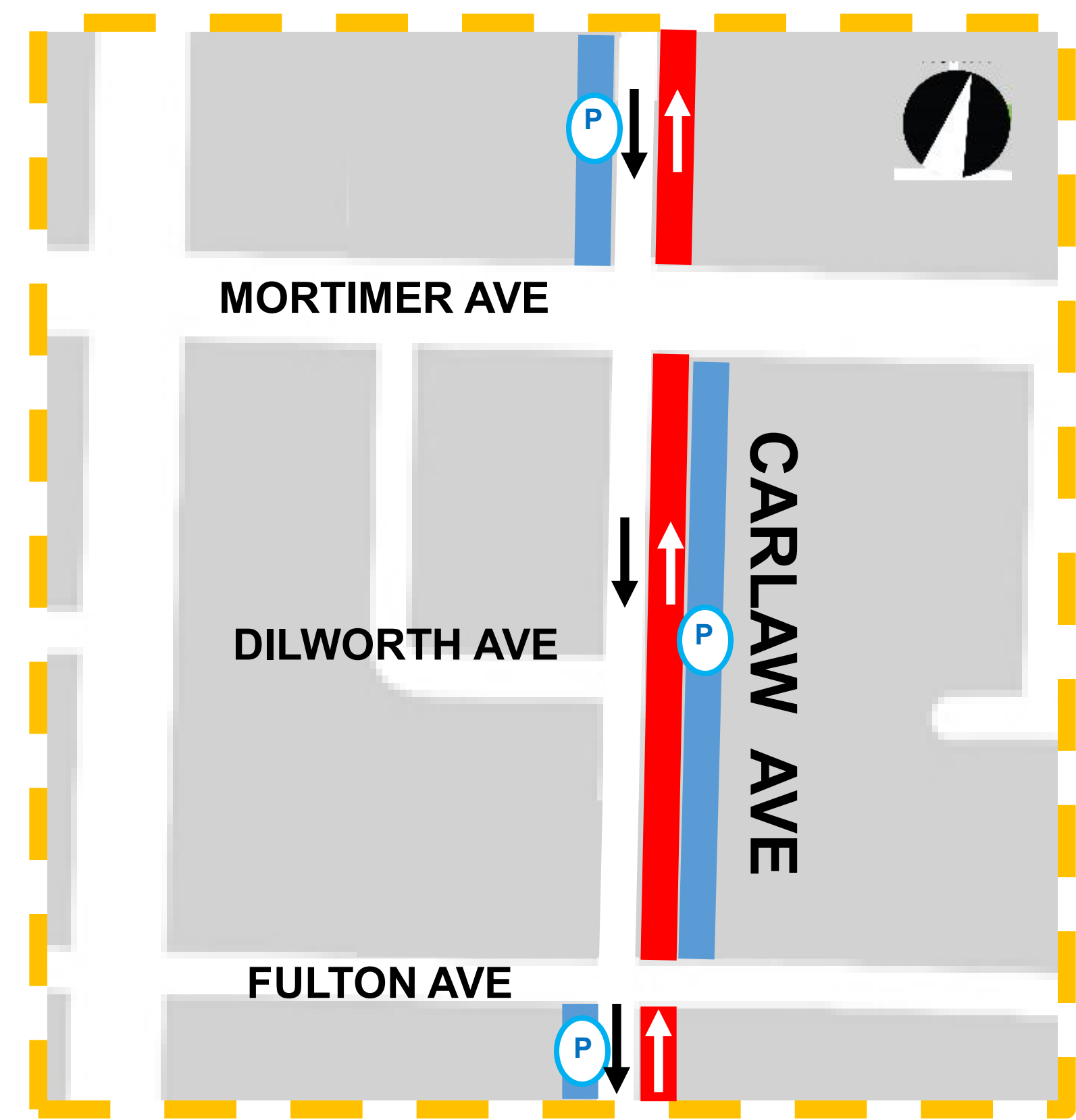
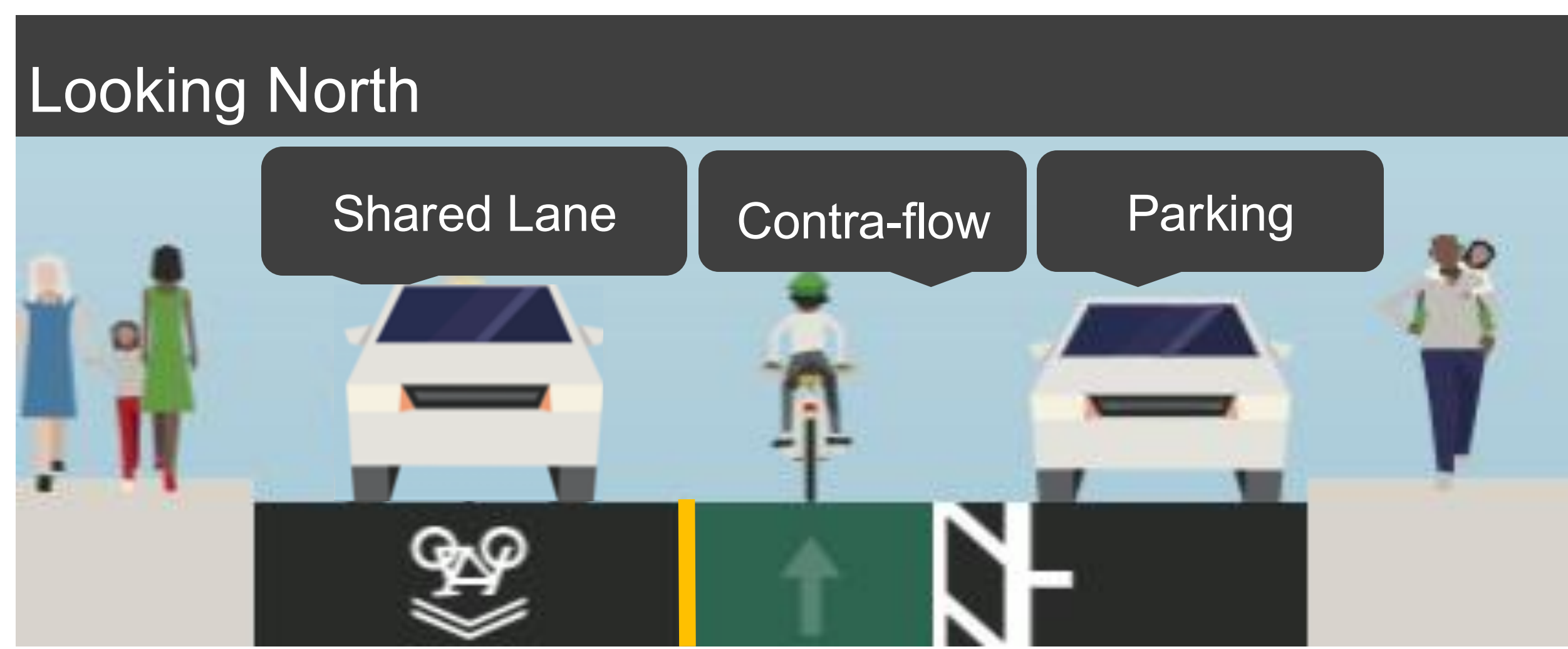
# Parking Options on Carlaw Ave. (Mortimer Ave. to Fulton Ave.)



There are two options for parking on Carlaw Avenue between Mortimer Avenue and Fulton Avenue.

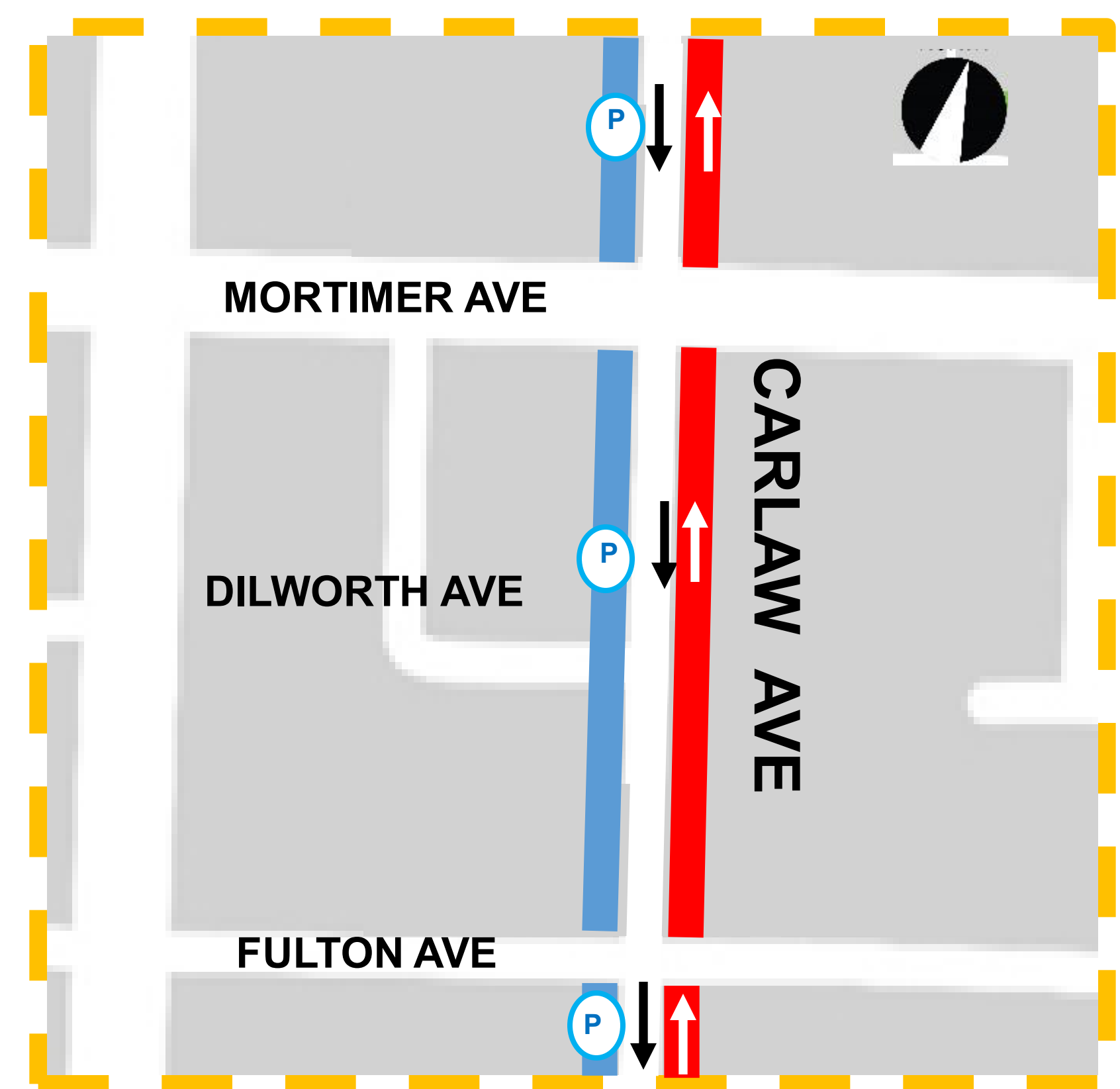
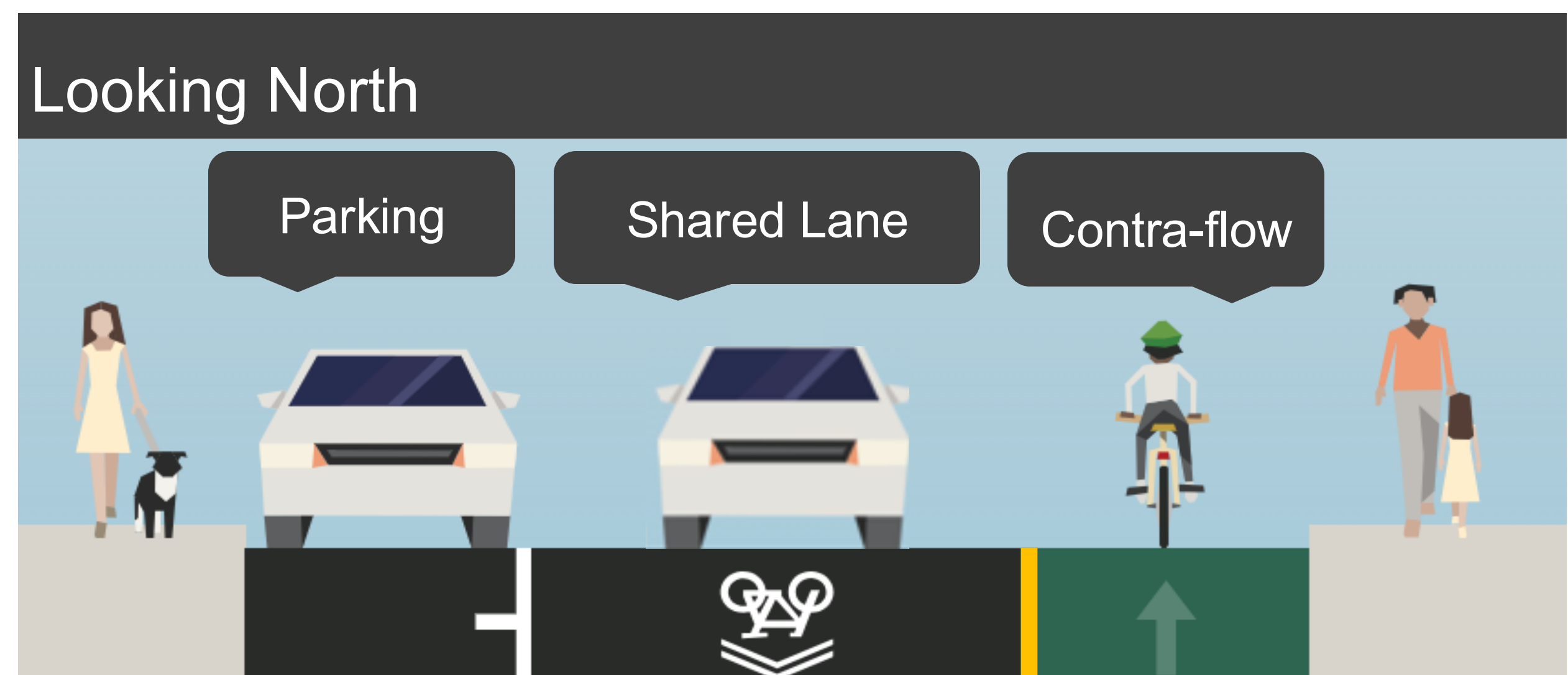
## Option A: Bike Lane and Parking on east side

- Parking remains on the east side
- Northbound contra-flow bike lane on the east side with a painted buffer next to parking
- No reduction in on-street parking spaces
- Potential conflict between people cycling and people parking



## Option B: Bike Lane on east side and Parking on west side

- Northbound contra-flow bike lane on the east side
- Parking shifted to west side
- Driveways on west side limit on-street parking opportunities
- Reduction of 8 spaces but still more spaces than 6 permits issued and overnight (permit) parking demand can be met on nearby streets
- No conflict between people parking and the dedicated bike lane





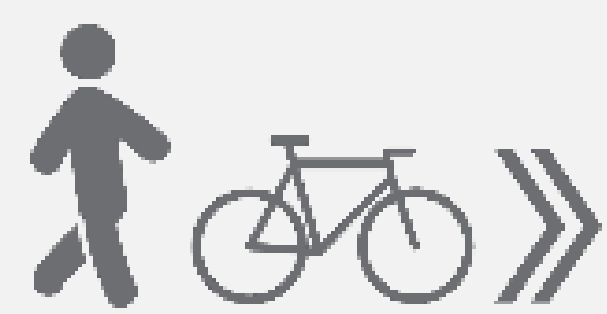
# Options for Community Feedback

To close the cycling network gap between Danforth Avenue and Cosburn Avenue and improve safety for residents, the City is looking for community feedback on **two options**.

<b>New Proposal: Logan Avenue and Carlaw Avenue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated space for people cycling to travel <b>both north and south</b> from Cosburn Avenue to Danforth Avenue</li><li>• No changes for people driving</li><li>• All parking permanently shifted to west side on Carlaw Avenue; no longer requiring residents to move their vehicles based on day and month</li><li>• Options for parking on Carlaw Avenue between Fulton Avenue and Mortimer Avenue with either no or minimal impacts</li><li>• Designated neighbourhood connection on Westwood Avenue</li></ul>
<b>Original Proposal: Logan Avenue only</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated space for people cycling to travel <b>south only</b> from Cosburn Avenue to Danforth Avenue</li><li>• People cycling north from Danforth Avenue would need to travel in same lane as motor vehicles</li><li>• No changes for people driving</li><li>• All parking permanently shifted to east side</li><li>• Three parking spaces added</li><li>• No change to Carlaw Avenue</li></ul>



# Other Neighbourhood Safety Improvements



Safety measures are also planned within the neighbourhood to improve protection for our most vulnerable road users – pedestrians, school children and older adults.



## **New all-way n to be added at Mortimer Avenue and Carlaw Avenue**

This will replace the existing pedestrian crossover (PXO) providing better protection for pedestrians, people cycling and driving on Carlaw Avenue or Mortimer Avenue.



## **New stop sign proposed at Logan Avenue and Floyd Avenue**

This measure can help provide better protection for families and children crossing to get to Westwood Parkette, Chester Public School/YMCA Child Care Centre and Westwood Middle School



## **Adding and refreshing pavement markings at intersections**

New pavement markings will be added along the corridor. Areas that need a paint refresh will also be included.