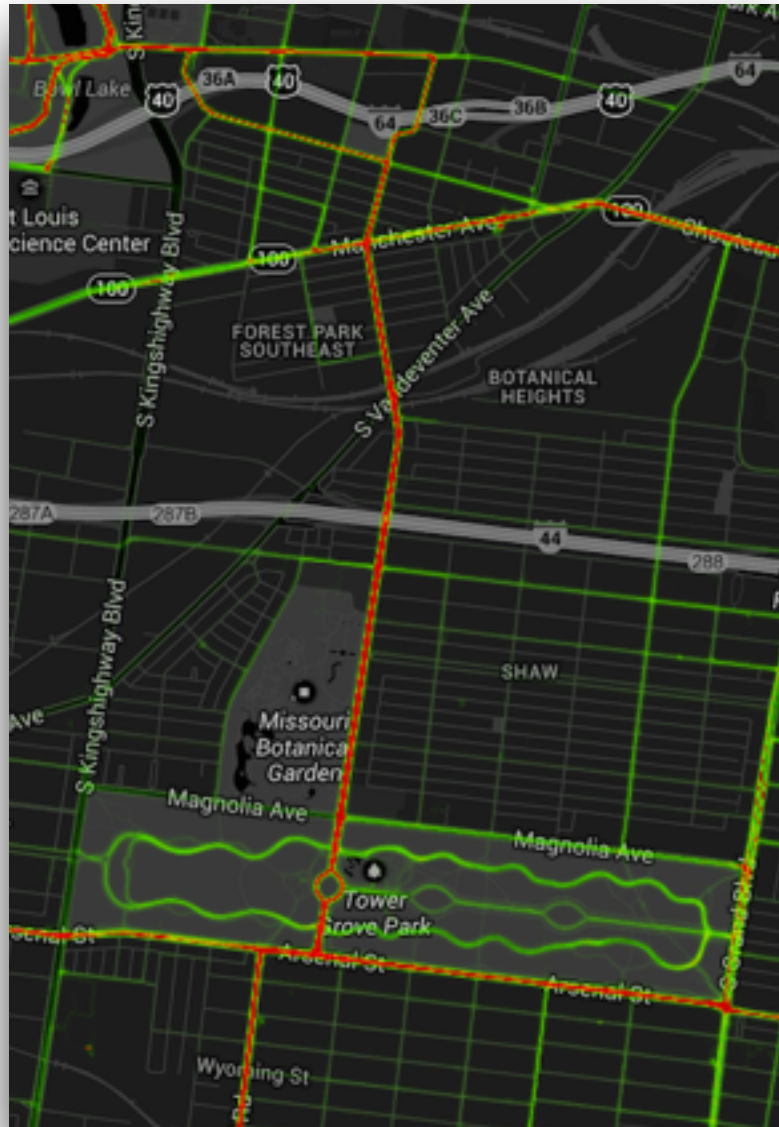


Buffered Bike Lanes on Tower Grove Avenue



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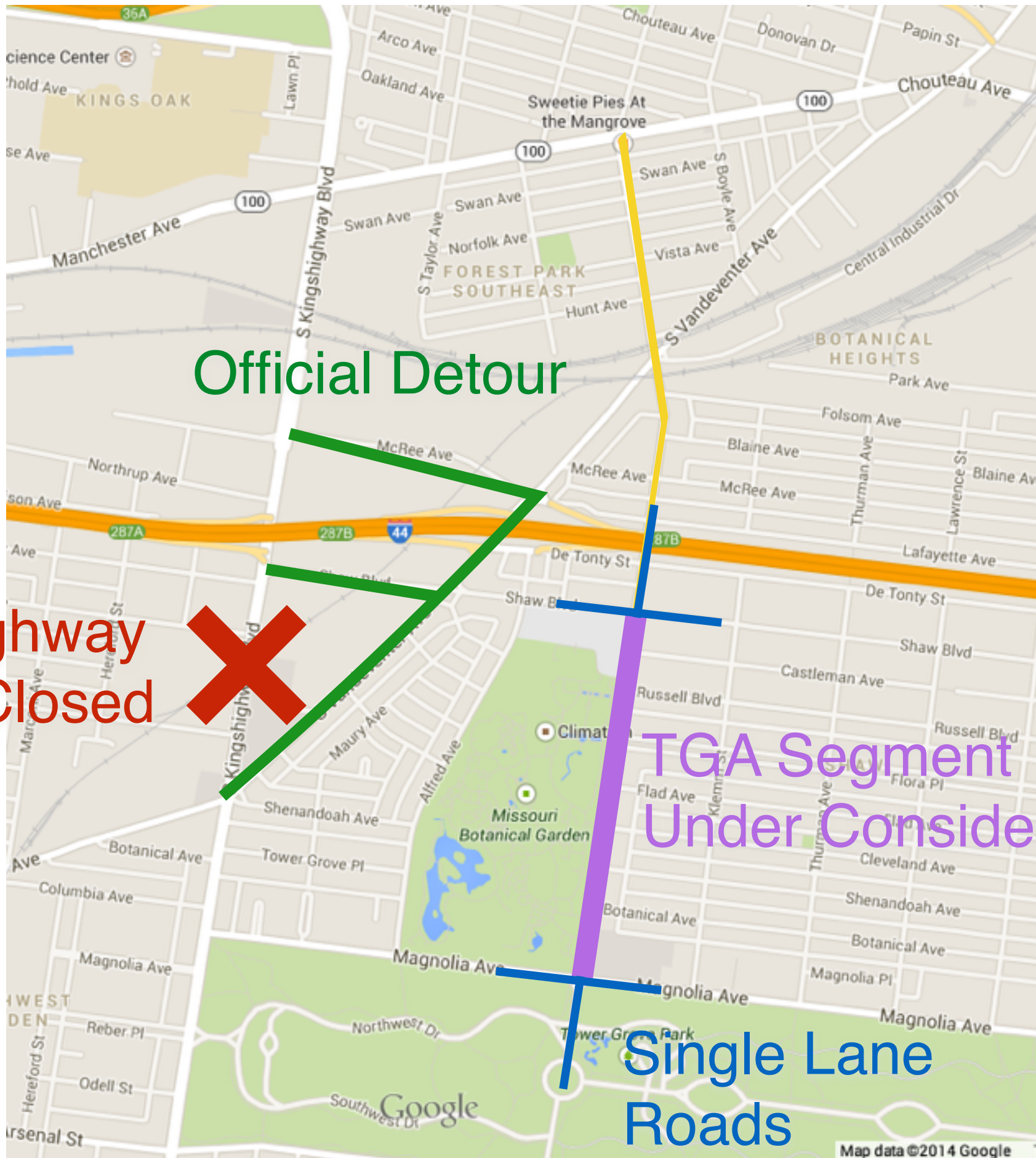


- Tower Grove Ave is busiest cycling route in St. Louis
 - Critical north/south corridor
 - No good alternatives for cyclists

- \$1.4M Cost, Federal grant
- 100 miles of new + upgraded bike routes
- Complete by end of March
- Buffered Bike Lanes on Tower Grove Avenue (Magnolia to Vandeventer)

- South Kingshighway Viaduct is Closing
 - 1936 structure is crumbling
 - Rebuild starts end of March 2015
 - Kingshighway between Shaw and Vandeventer closed for 1-2 years
 - 45,000 cars/day





Official Detour

Kingshighway
Closed



TGA Segment
Under Consideration

Single Lane
Roads

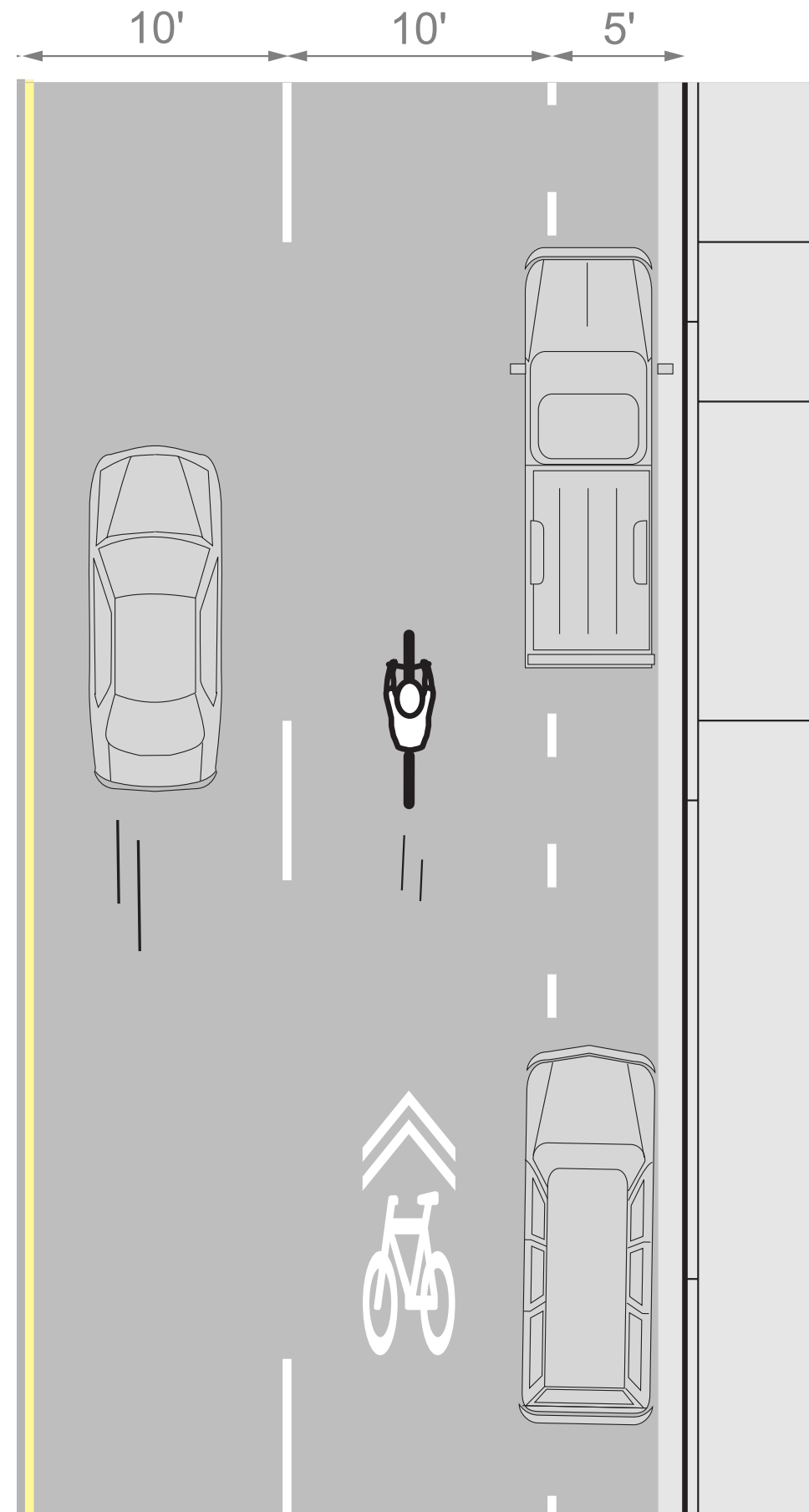
City Proposal

- Delay Buffered Bike Lanes
 - Study traffic patterns
- Install Phase III after Kingshighway complete
- Give up of Federal funds
 - City responsible for \$50K cost

City Proposed Configuration

Outside of Rush Hour

- Cars park on right side
- Bicycles ride in right lane



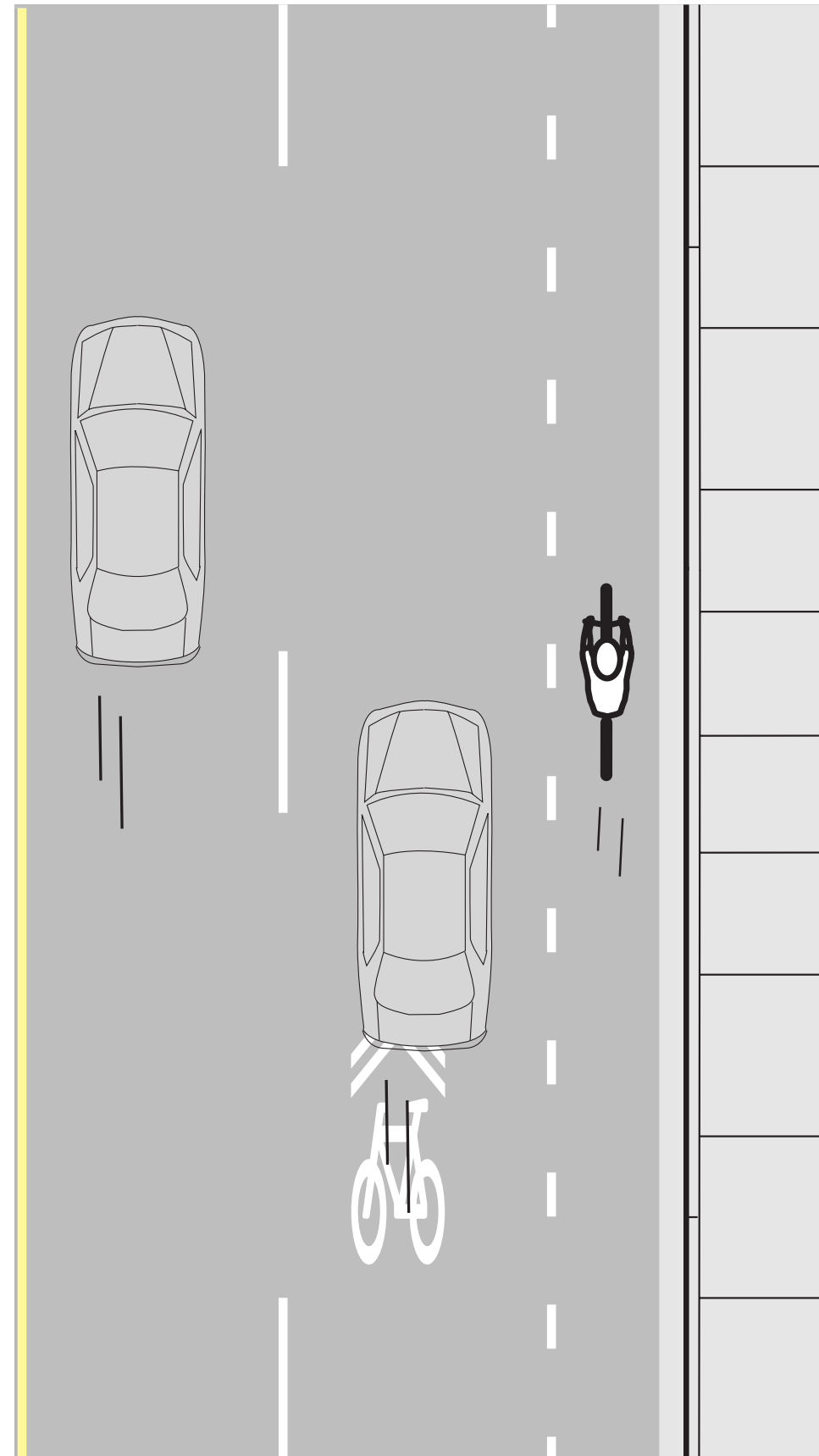
City Proposed Configuration

During Rush Hour

7-9am NB

4-6pm SB

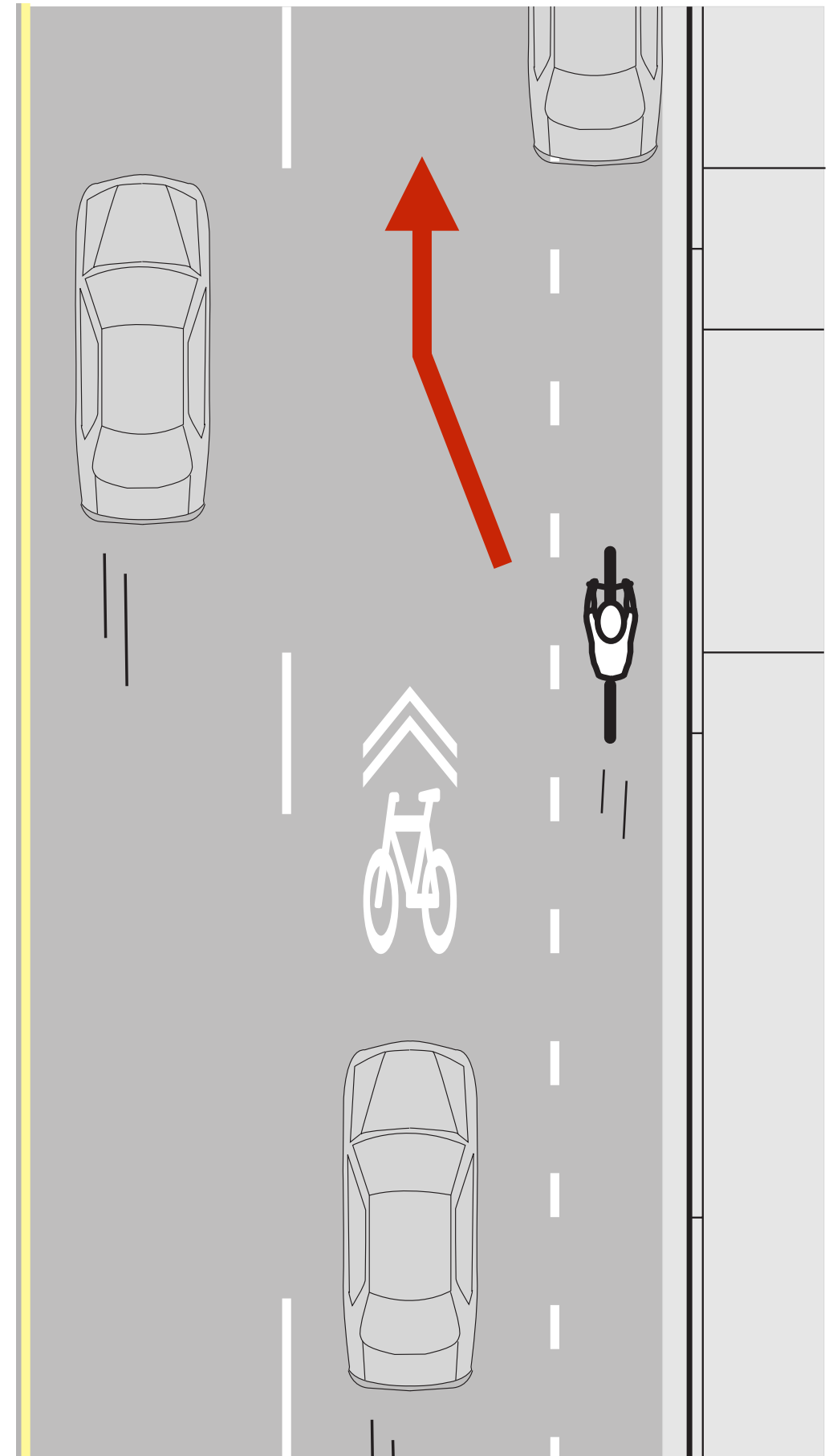
- No parking
- Bicycles ride in “paintable shoulder”
- Maximize traffic flow

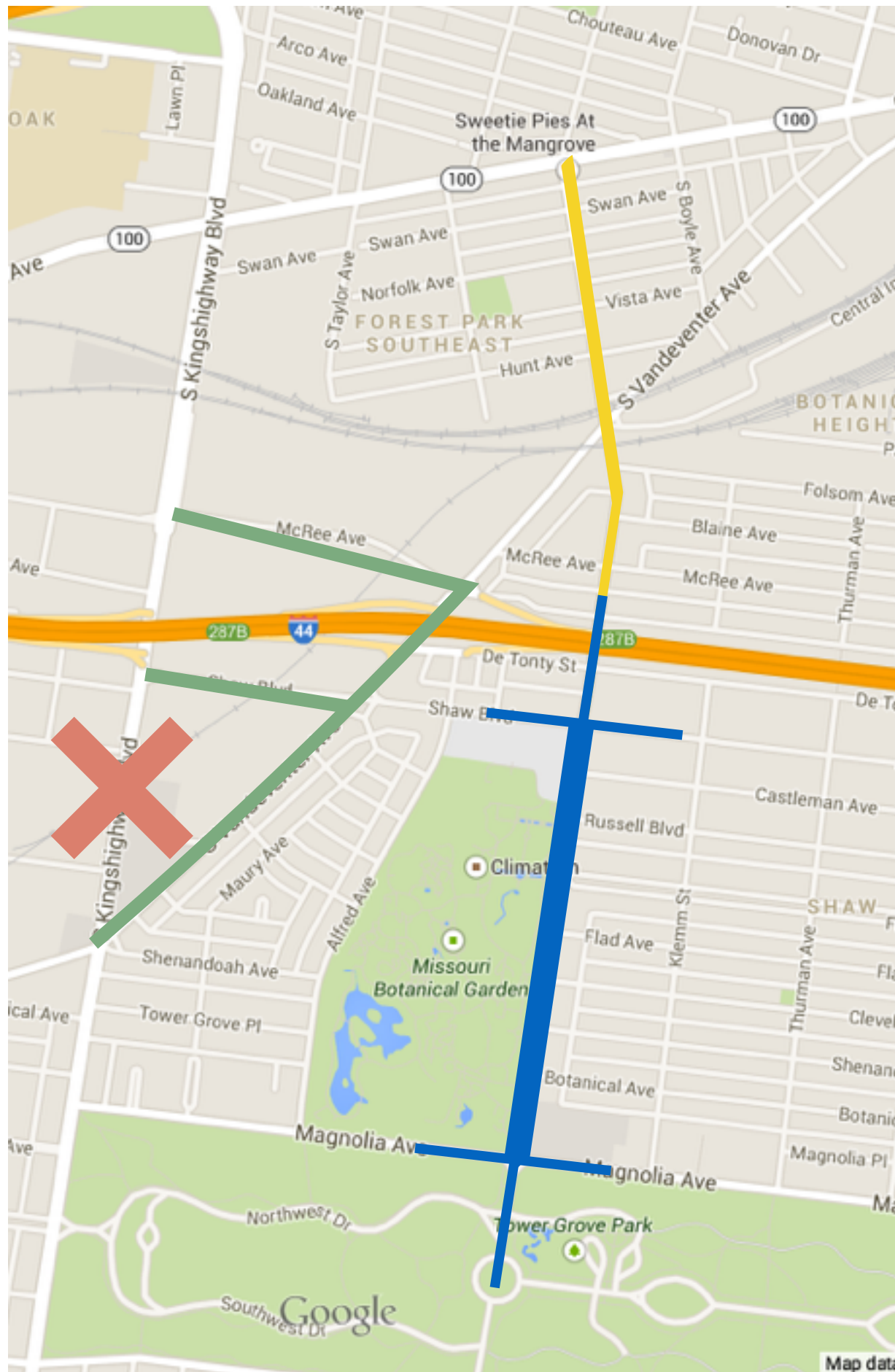




Problems For Cyclists and Drivers

- Increased traffic in right lane
- Confusing and inconsistent rules of the road
- Bicyclists merge into traffic around parked cars
 - Dangerous and intimidating for cyclists
 - Unexpected for drivers





Problems For Neighbors

- More traffic and noise
- Higher speeds
- Barrier to pedestrians
- More congestion as two lanes funnel into one

Community Support

“Install buffered bike lanes on Tower Grove Avenue before Kingshighway closes.”

- 640+ people signed petition
 - KMOV TV news story
- Consensus among cycling advocates
- Consistent with recommendations of expert studies:
 - Survey-driven Neighborhood Vision and Development Plan
 - Cortex District Transit Oriented Development Study

Buffered Bike Lanes

- Maintain calm and uniform traffic flow
- Support safer and more accessible cycling in St. Louis
- Maintain and increase walkability and livability of neighborhood
- Take advantage of Federal money
- *Safety and quality of life of neighborhood more important than convenience of motorists*

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Tower Grove Avenue is the busiest bicycle route in St. Louis, but planned bike lanes are being put on hold to maximize traffic. [Read more here.](#)

Please [sign our petition](#) and ask Mayor Slay to keep cycling safe on Tower Grove Avenue.



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Top ZIP Codes of Petition Signers

As of 12/2/14

Number of Signatures

