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PATH

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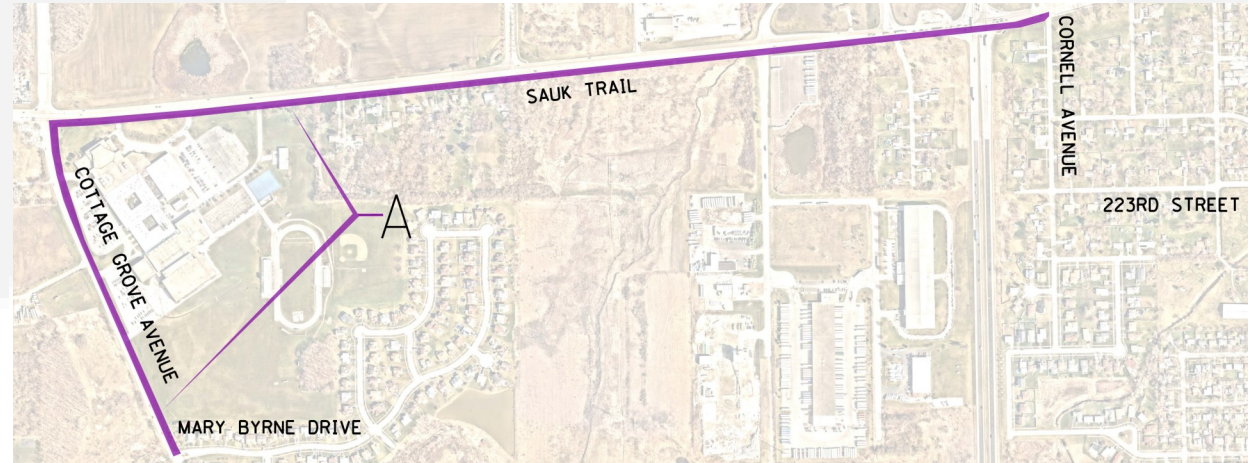
The overarching ***purpose and need*** for this project is to provide:

- ***a non-motorized alternative to travel the community,***
- ***recreational enhancements and***
- ***connectivity of public facilities to residential neighborhoods.***

This project is consistent with Sauk Village's goal to plan a pedestrian and bicycle network to reach key destinations such as schools, parks, trails and forest preserve as outlined in the [Sauk Village Comprehensive Plan](#). The 223rd Street corridor was specifically identified in the plan as a key connector between the Plum Grove Forest Preserve and Bloom Township High School.



CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVES

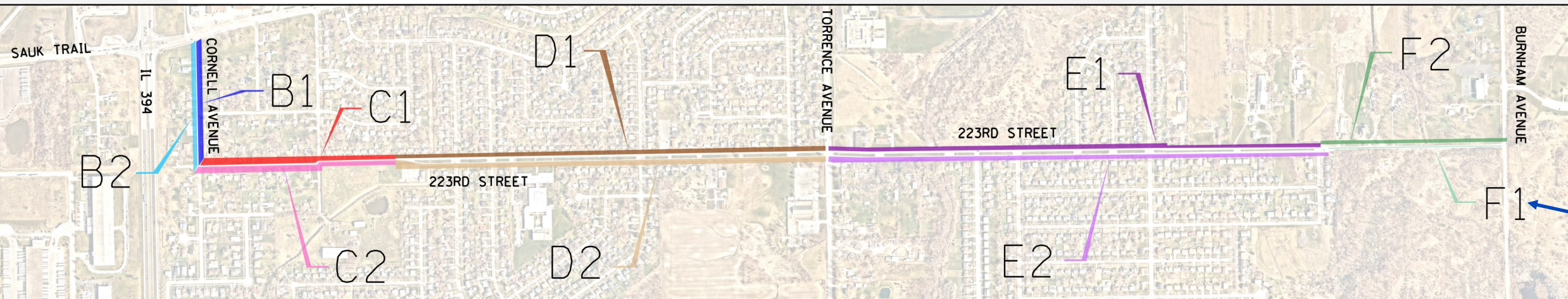


ALTERNATIVE A

Cottage Grove Avenue and Sauk Trail presented one alternative on the east and south sides of street, respectively. An alternative on the opposing side of street would not address the connectivity purpose of the project and, therefore, is not a viable alternative.

ALTERNATIVE B

Cornell Avenue presented two alternatives, an alignment on each side of the road. No comments were provided in favor of or in opposition of either alternative.



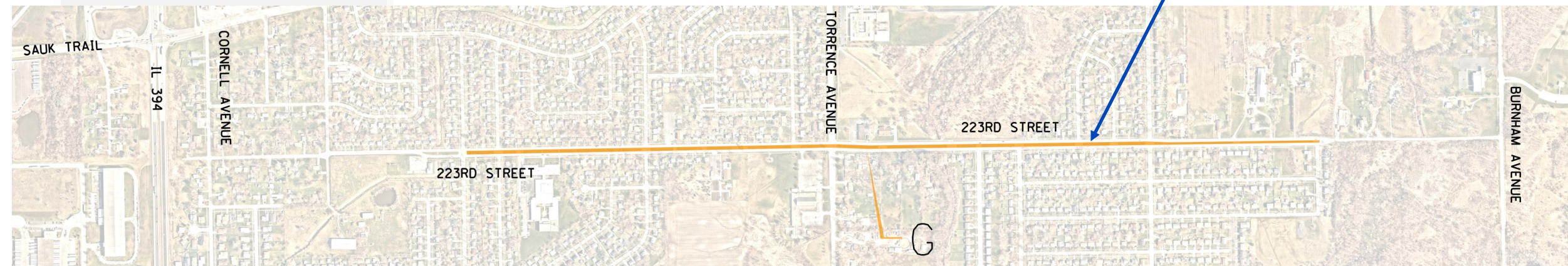
ALTERNATIVES D, E, F, G

Alternative G, the median alternative, obtained one favorable selection and no comments in opposition. No comments were provided in favor of or in opposition of Alternatives D, E and F.

F1 would be an on-street path.
G would be in the center median.

ALTERNATIVE C

Because of the variable cross section of 223rd Street, the 223rd Street corridor was subdivided into four sections with two alternatives presented within each section and a center median alternative spanning across two of the sections. Section C was the primary section that obtained comment; in favor of Alternative C1 – north side alignment.



MOTORISTS BEHAVIOR AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

COMMENTS:

At Harper Avenue on the north side of Sauk Trail the Gas N Wash access is a left turn in/right turn in/right turn out. This location is not enforced.

Cars will not wait for EB left turn signal to go NB IL 394. Drivers instead pass east through the intersection, perform a U-turn on Sauk Trail near Cornell Avenue, then make a WB right turn from Sauk Trail to NB IL 394.

RESPONSE:

The noted motorist behavior does not overlap the proposed multi-use path alignment and, therefore, should not have any impacts on the path along the south side of Sauk Trail.

ROADWAY DEFICIENCIES AND HEAVY TRAFFIC

COMMENTS:

The sight distance from Mary Byrne Drive at Cottage Grove Avenue has poor sight distance.

A flashing yellow should be used at the Mary Byrne Drive at Cottage Grove Avenue intersection to slow traffic on Cottage Grove Avenue.

A stop sign would be very beneficial on Cottage Grove Avenue. The hill there makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic.

There is heavy traffic on IL 394 and therefore a pedestrian overpass is needed.

There is a sight distance issue with the hill on 223rd Street at Murphy Avenue.

RESPONSE:

The scope of this project is limited to providing a multi-use path through the community and, therefore, this project will not address any existing deficiencies related to the roadway. The multi-use path will be routed to minimize interaction with motorists and not interfere with motorists' sightlines or travel ways.

The intersection of IL 394 does carry heavy traffic volumes; however, the intersection is controlled by a traffic signal. The south side of the intersection includes pedestrian signals and crosswalks to provide pedestrians/bicyclists assistance in crossing the roadway. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are facilities commonly used to assist pedestrians/ bicyclists at signalized intersections while informing motorists of the presence of pedestrians/ bicyclists.

PROPERTY IMPACTS

COMMENTS:

I am for C1 and removing the trees in front of our home. I have to rod out our sewer line because of those trees so, the removing of these trees would be very beneficial to the residents on this street for that reason.

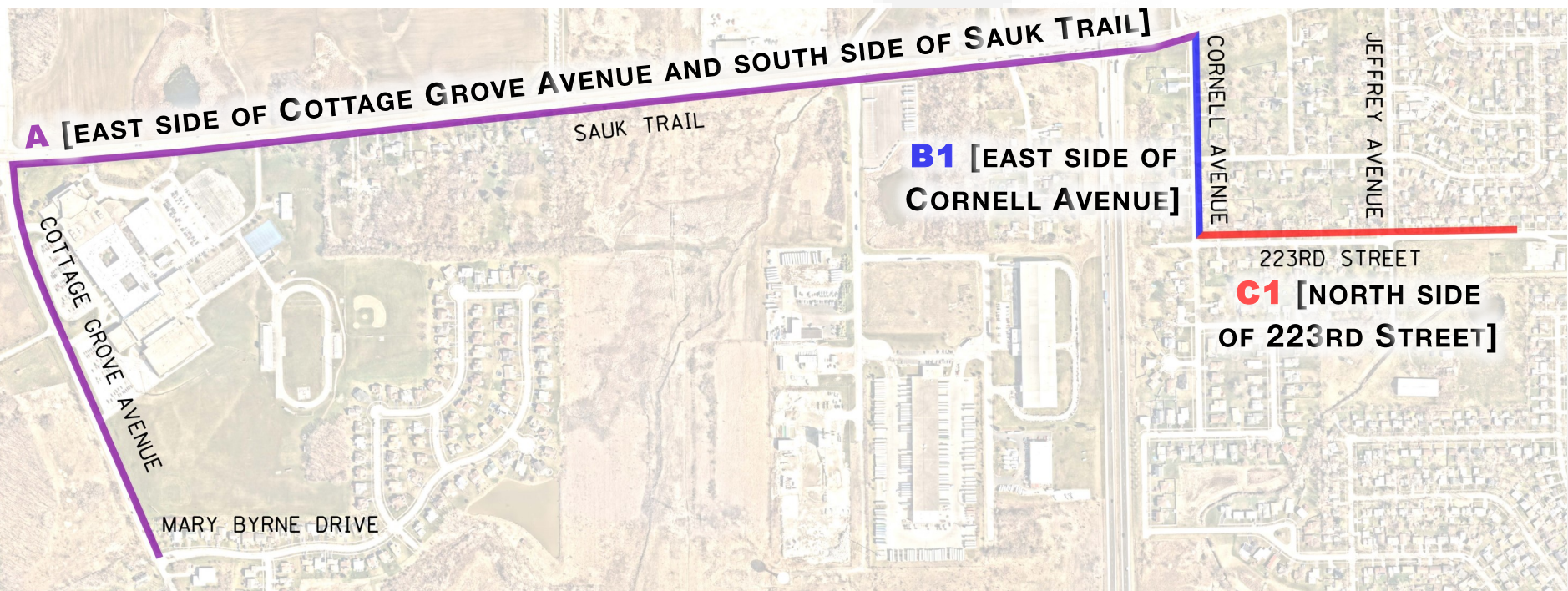
As a member of Sauk Village Baptist Church, I say no to C2 because a lot of monies, work, blood, sweat and tears was expended so the land could be purchased.

RESPONSE:

The information shared regarding use and maintenance of adjacent properties helped guide the project team to a preferred alternative. Based on feedback received, the multi-use path will be located along the north side of 223rd Street.



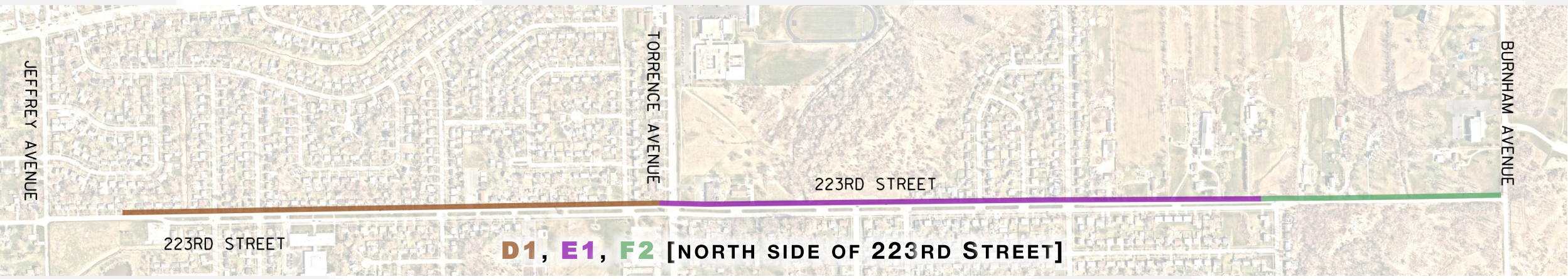
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RECOMMENDED
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ALTERNATIVE
ALIGNMENT
A-B1-C1-D1-E1-F2



A component of any travel way [be it for pedestrian, bicyclist or motorist] is to provide connectivity and continuity. These components lead to user expectation of stop, start, turns or grade changes within the facility. Coupling connectivity, continuity and user expectation results in a safe facility and, in turn, becomes a highly utilized facility. These three components along with public comment drive the alignment selection.

The area that obtained the most public comment and influencing the selection of the preferred alternative is the preference of alignment C1-north side of the street. To meet the connectivity, continuity and user expectation of 223rd Street, the north side of street from Cornell Avenue to Burnham Avenue is selected as the preferred alternative within those sections of the corridor (C1-D1-E1-F2).

In Section B, the east side of the street is selected as the preferred alternative because the east side has a wider parkway to fit the path, avoids mature trees on the west side and traverses fewer driveways. This alternative also maintains a sidewalk on one side with a multi-use path on the other, providing non-motorized mobility on both sides of the street.



D1, E1, F2 [NORTH SIDE OF 223RD STREET]

PROJECT TIMELINE

PHASE I [18-24 months, typically]

- ✓ *data collection*
- ✓ *defined alternatives*
- ✓ *first public information meeting*
- ✓ *alternative evaluation*

* **DETAIL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

- **second public information meeting**
 - ⇒ *present details of preferred alternative*
 - ⇒ *summarize environmental impacts and mitigation, right-of-way needs and drainage improvements*
 - ⇒ *request public feedback*

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review:

- ⇒ *drainage needs*
- ⇒ *utility conflicts*
- ⇒ *tree conflicts*
- ⇒ *ADA improvements*
- ⇒ *land acquisition*

PHASE II [12-18 months, typically]

- **define quantities and costs, perform land acquisition, prepare construction bid plans**

PHASE III [9-12 months, typically]

- **construction [contingent upon plan readiness, land acquisition and funding]**

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- ⇒ *project purpose*
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- ⇒ *project timeline*