

# Cousins Avenue Upgrades project



## What you can do today

- Learn more about how the project will improve your neighbourhood
- Ask questions and speak with the project team
- Share your thoughts on the planned upgrades

## What's happening

The City of Courtenay is upgrading Cousins Avenue between Willemar Avenue and 20th Street. The work will include:

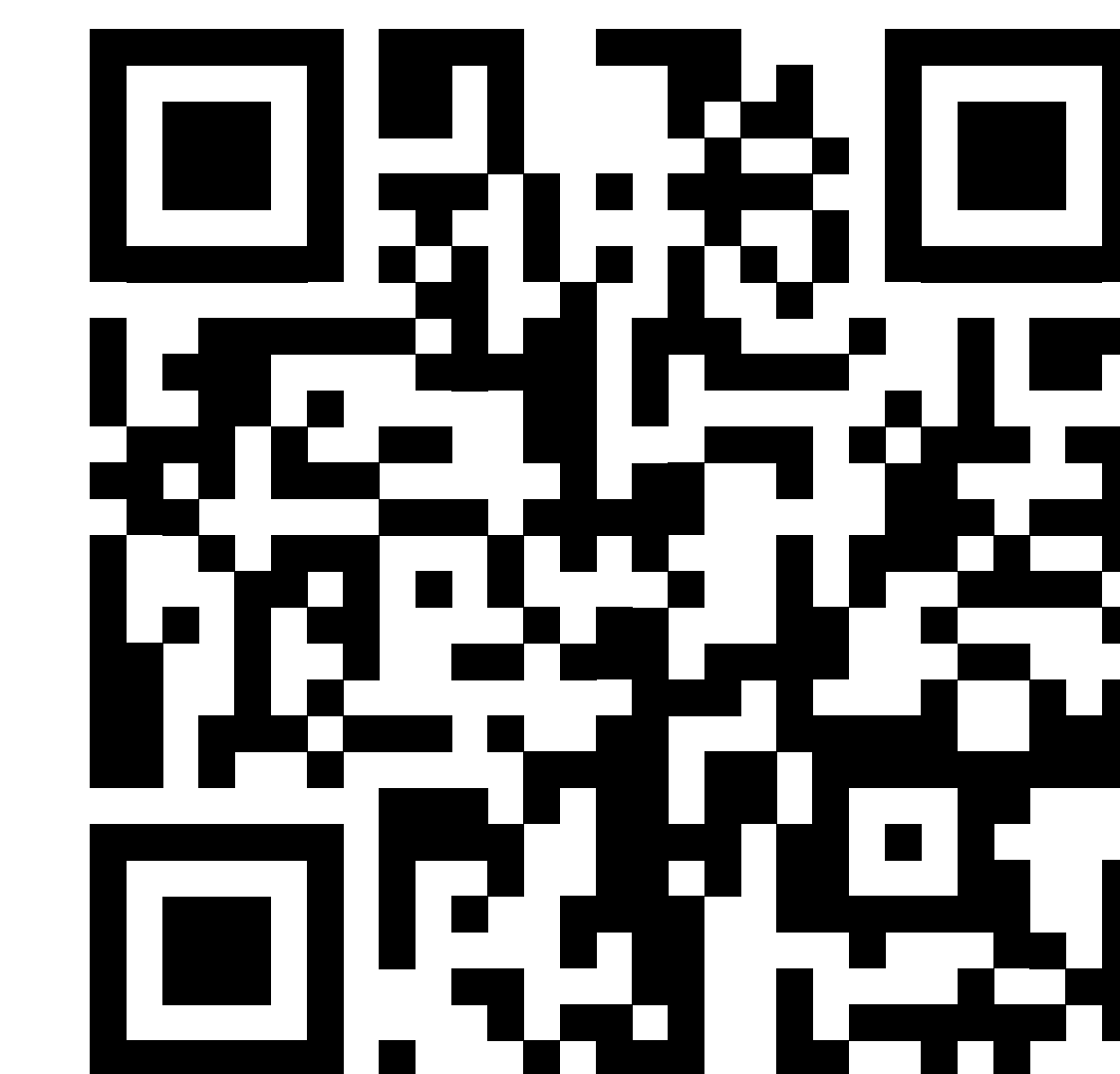
- **road repairs**
- **repaving and replacement of underground services** that have reached the end of their life or need upsizing for our growing community

The project is also an opportunity to look at traffic flow, parking challenges and pedestrian improvements, such as:

- **sidewalk**
- **curbing**
- **trail connections**
- **landscaping**

## Follow the project

Visit the project page for updates, engagement opportunities and events.



# How we got here



## **Community engagement (2023)**

The City gathered input from residents and businesses to help shape the design.



## **Design options refined**

Public feedback was used to refine three design options.



## **Options evaluated**

Each option was assessed using criteria developed through public consultation.



## **Council review (November 27, 2024)**

The evaluation results were presented to Council.



## **Preferred option selected**

Council selected Option 1 as the preferred direction.



## **Detailed design (2026)**

Option 1 moves to detailed design.



# Why was Option 1 selected?

Option 1 was selected after reviewing technical requirements and community feedback. Here's why:



**Alignment with City plans:** Cousins Avenue is intended mainly for vehicle and pedestrian travel, with cycling encouraged on nearby Willemar Avenue as part of the City's Cycling Network.



**Balanced approach:** Option 1 improves pedestrian safety while minimizing changes to parking and traffic on this mixed-use street.



**Community support:** Option 1 received the strongest support at the open house, with many residents preferring to keep existing traffic and parking.



**Cost and feasibility:** Option 1 is cost-effective, and it best fits the project's goals.

**Option 1** offers a practical, balanced solution that reflects community input and project goals. We are committed to making this project successful and appreciate your feedback.



# Project area

We are in the initial stage of the detailed design and are pleased to share it with the community before construction begins in 2027.



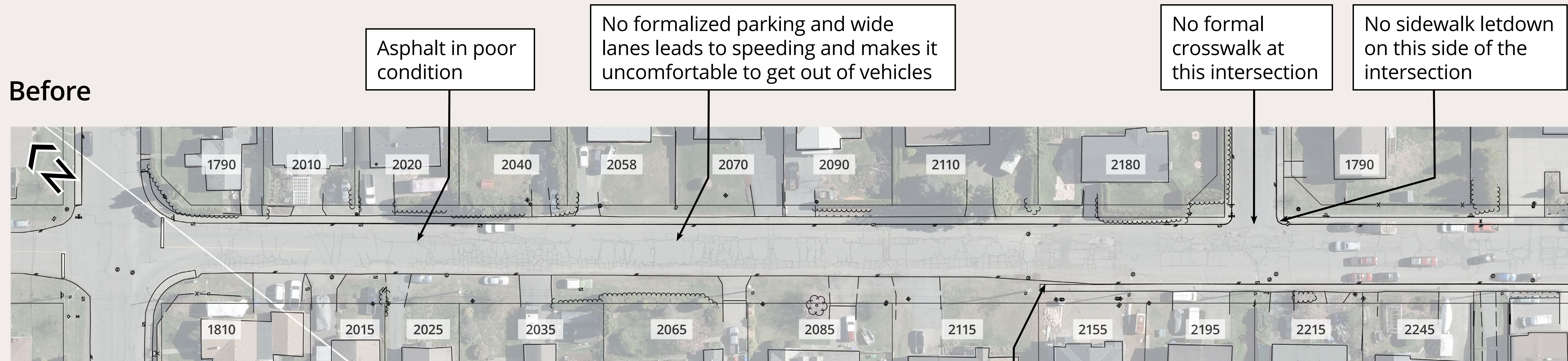
## Project timeline

This is an estimated timeline and will be updated as the project progresses:

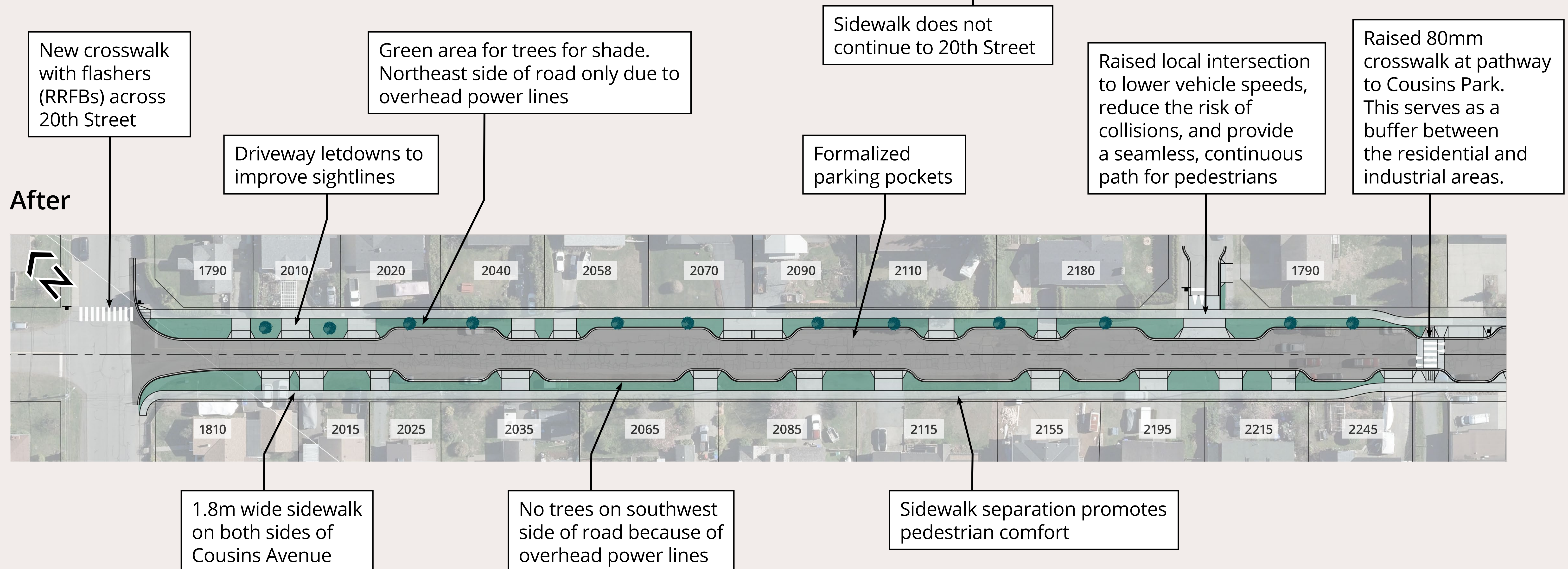
- 2026:**
  - Detailed design
  - June 16, 2026: Public information session
- 2027:**
  - Construction begins

# Existing conditions and proposed design for the residential area

Before



After



# Existing conditions and proposed design for the industrial area

