

**9 Feb clarification: new intersection  
of Columbia Pike and Washington  
Blvd on/off ramps will be signalized.  
Please see slide 4.**

# Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion and Road Realignment

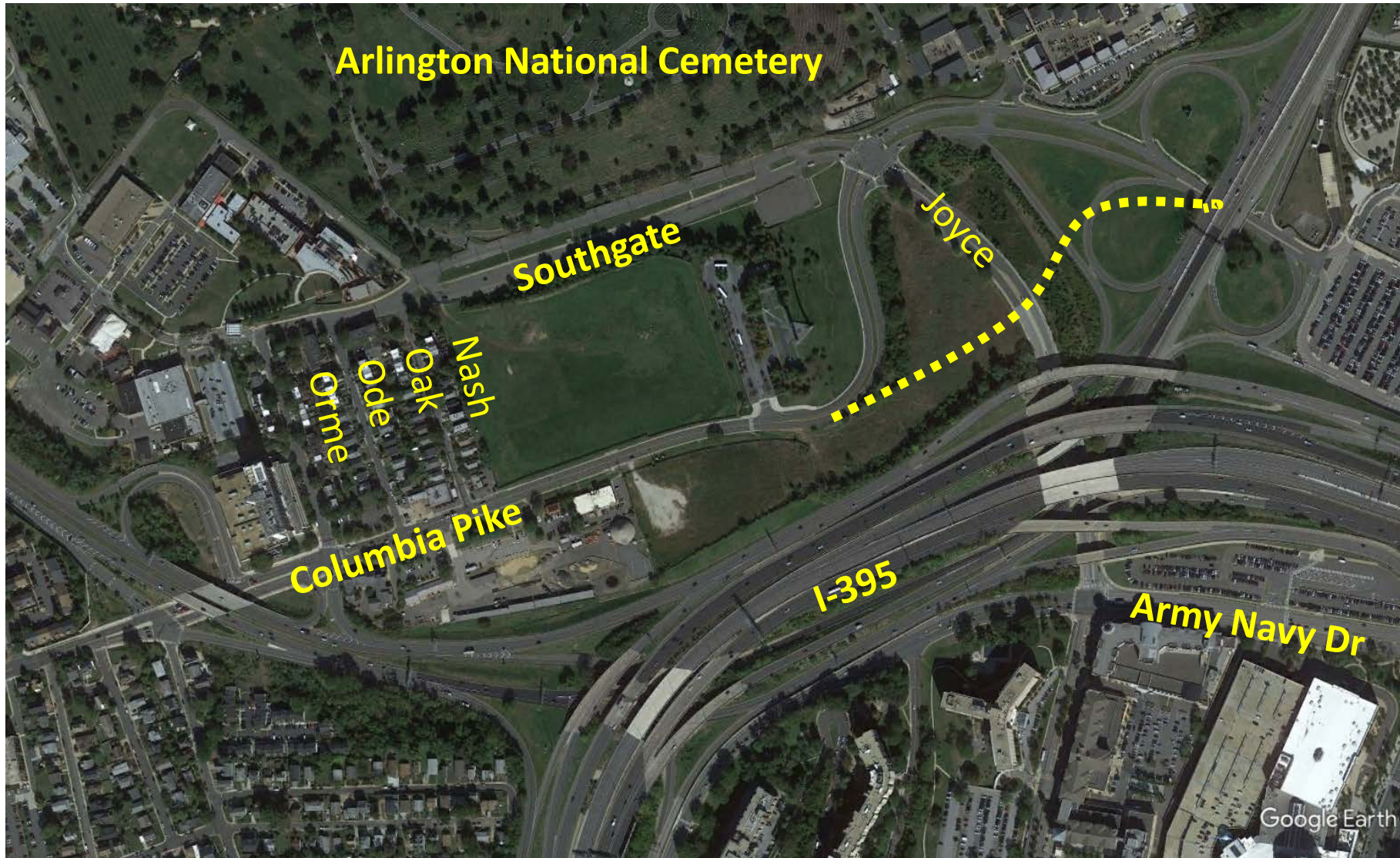
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# Location Orientation



# Cemetery Expansion

- Expanding into the Navy Annex land
- Expanding Cemetery space and building Cemetery Maintenance Facility
- Requires roadway changes
  - Rerouting Columbia Pike
  - Constructing Nash Street
  - Shortening Joyce between Columbia Pike and A-N Drive
  - New intersection at Columbia Pike and Washington
  - Removing Southgate Road

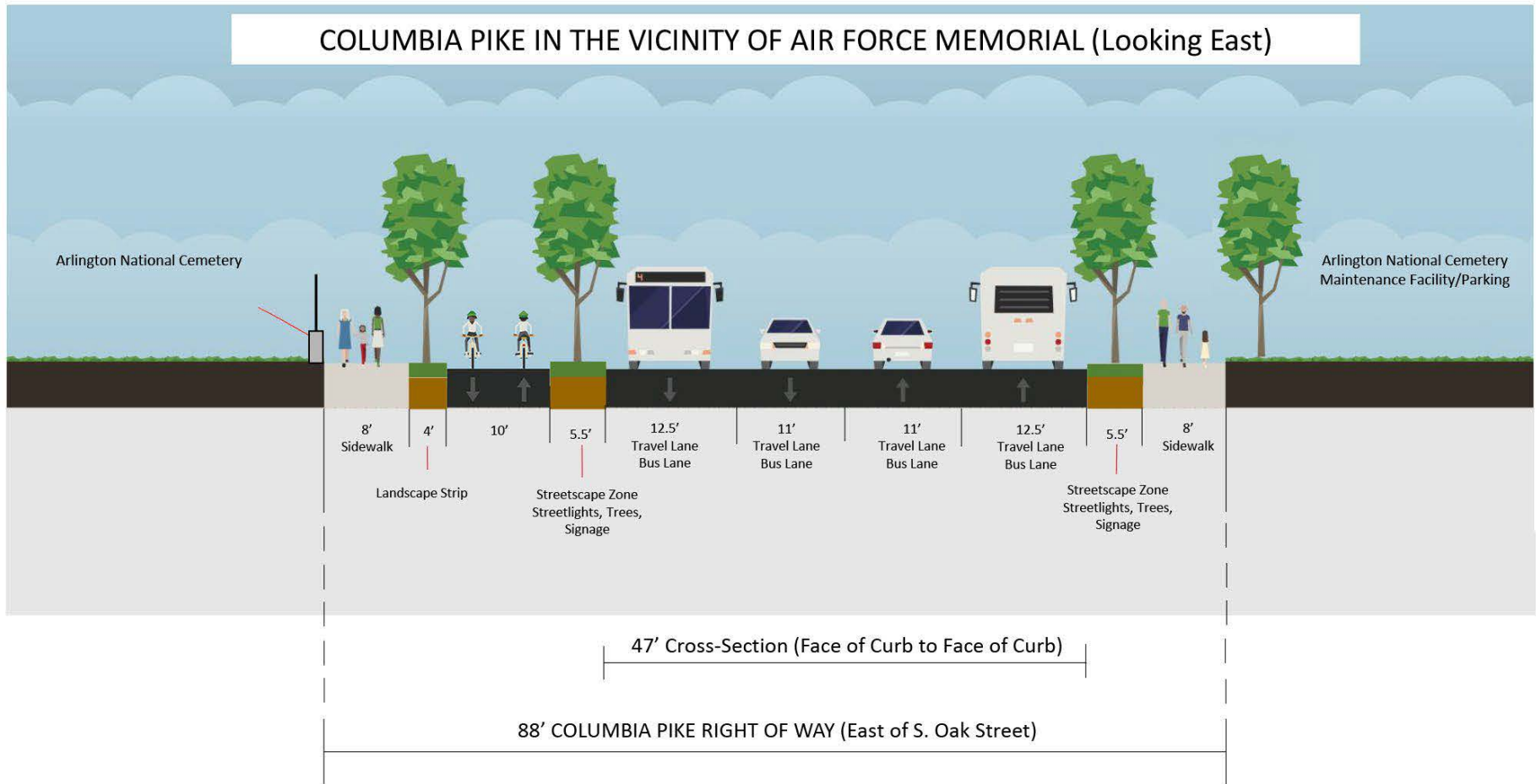
# Roadway Modifications



# DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD – future Columbia pike



## COLUMBIA PIKE IN THE VICINITY OF AIR FORCE MEMORIAL (Looking East)



# Project Status

- Project communication is spotty, at best
- Multiple players – ANC, Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Admin
- Caution is in order, particularly at night
- Columbia Pike is currently closed – Nash to Joyce
- Detour is Joyce – Southgate – Nash – Col Pike
- Detour is poorly marked and unlit
- Detour from Col Pike to Nash badly marked
- Southgate to Joyce is confusing
- Particularly confusing for pedestrians and bicyclists

# Schedule of Work Outside ANC

## **Phase 2-3 – Fall 2022-Fall 2024**

- Close Columbia Pike – Early 2023
- Tunnel and Retaining Walls – Spring 2023
- Construct Columbia Pike from Nash to Joyce

## **Phase 4-5 – Fall 2024-Summer 2025**

- Close Nash & Southgate – Fall 2024
- Reconfigure Nash & Southgate
- Reopen Nash Street – June 2025

# Site Photos

- Site photos follow – not shown in the presentation to AHCA
- Presentation will be posted to the Aurora Highlands Civic Association site

# Joyce Looking North



- Only one traffic lane in the detour – not particularly obvious to motorists

# Ped/Bike Detour on Sidewalk



- Northeast corner of Joyce and Army-Navy
- Pedestrian and bike path only on east side of Joyce

# Lower Ped Detour is Good



- Wide sidepath along Joyce

# Approaching Columbia Pike



- Roadway for detour is narrow
- Note crossing of pedestrian sidepath for construction parking

# Sidepath Along Southgate



- Sidepath along ANC fenceline heading uphill

# Sidepath Along Southgate



- Shifts to south to follow traffic lanes
- Route is not particularly clear

# North Entrance to AF Memorial



- Temporary access to AF Memorial off Southgate
- Sidewalk on south side ends here
- Poor lighting so crosswalk might be hazardous at night
- Bus stops on Southgate

# Construction Materials in Detour



- Asphalt piles in pedestrian and bicycle detour
- Absence of warnings presents hazards to pedestrians and cyclists

# Southgate Ped/Bike Detour



- Poorly marked ramp from roadway to sidewalk

# Columbia Pike Approaching Detour



- Signs seem to suggest turning on Oak rather than Nash
- Motorists are often confused, stopping on Columbia Pike to decide where to turn

# Confusion About the Detour



- Note the surprise sidewalk closure at mid-block
- No crosswalk to get to the pedestrian detour on other side of Columbia Pike
- No signage for pedestrians on detour

# Columbia Pike at Night



- Sidewalk closed just ahead in this photo
- Pedestrians will have to cross mid-block without crosswalk
- Traffic turning onto Col Pike from Nash won't see the peds

# Pedestrians Must Cross Col Pike



- Sidewalk on north side of Columbia Pike is closed east of Oak
- Pedestrians must cross Columbia Pike but no crosswalk is marked
- Sidewalk is on east side of Nash

# Sidewalk along Nash



- Sidewalk on Nash is on east side of the roadway
- Note construction driveway to the right
- No street lights
- Sidewalk on Southgate is on south side of Southgate

# Nash at Night



- No lighting and roadway glare
- Sidewalk on right (east) side

# Eastbound on Southgate



- Sidewalk ends at the entrance to the AF Memorial
- Sidewalk ends and pedestrians must cross Southgate

# Southgate at Night



- Sidewalk on right side
- Note street lights on closed section of Southgate
- No lighting on open part of the roadway

# Joyce, Southgate and Col Pike



- Poorly marked “median” for traffic lanes on Joyce
- Lane is unclear for motorists, particularly at night
- Pedestrians must cross to the left

# Joyce, Southgate and Col Pike at Night



- Barrels on opposite side of Columbia Pike creates a median
- Actual route is unclear
- More barrels would help