



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: May 14, 2014

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Approval of City Center Street Network Revision

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the May 20, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Network Plan Revision Map
Allen Rd Cross Section (proposed)
Sandy Springs Cir Cross Section (proposed)

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JAM APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 5/20/2014

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: [Signature]

REMARKS:

To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Angela Parker, Director of Community Development

Date: May 12, 2014 for submission onto the May 20, 2014 City Council Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item: City Center Street Network Revision

Background:

On December 18, 2012 the City Council approved the Sandy Springs City Center Master Plan. This Plan provides the framework for development of City Center and calls for significant enhancement of the street network in the area. These proposed transportation network improvements serve to facilitate traffic flow and walkability, both key components to the success of City Center. The primary means of implementation of this street network is through public-private partnerships as major parcels are redeveloped.

Discussion:

The street network and associated improvements will be constructed in accordance with the cross sections outlined in the City Center Master Plan as a part of all new developments projects. However, the Public Works Director can consider an administrative variance to the street network standards due to topographic or drainage site features in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the Development Regulations, which includes provisions for appeals of decisions made pursuant thereto.

Over the past several months staff has worked closely with developers of two proposed projects to implement the improvements outlined in the City Center Master Plan for Allen Road and Sandy Springs Circle. Following our review of the existing topography, existing pavement cross section and streetscape improvements already in place, staff has determined that revisions to the City Center Master Plan Street Network are warranted. While these revisions are minor in nature, they will establish a new cross section for improvements along Allen Road and a portion of Sandy Springs Circle. The attached plan and cross sections illustrate these proposed revisions in greater detail. In summary the changes are:

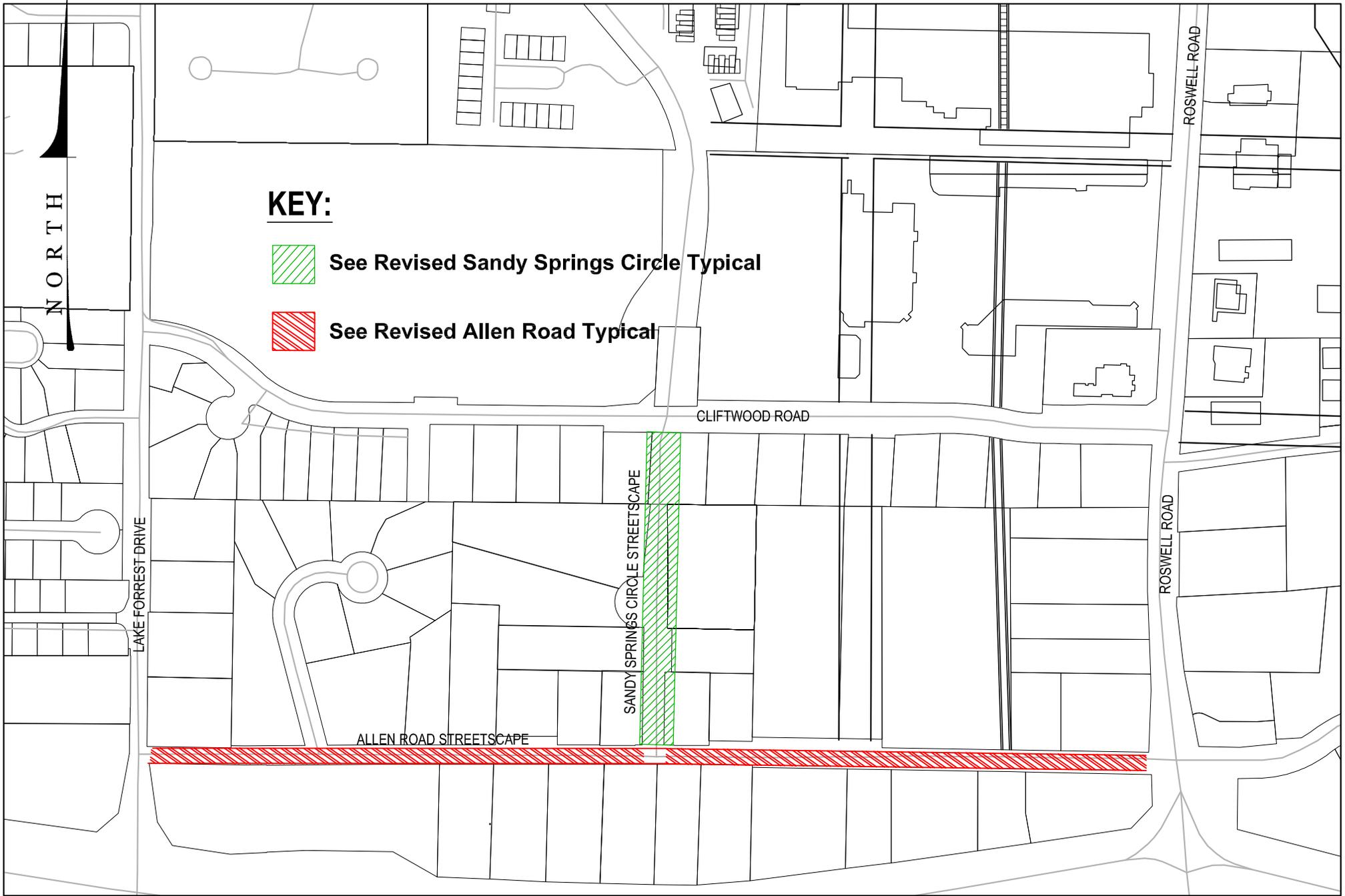
- Extend the multi-use path proposed along the western side Sandy Springs Circle from Cliftwood Drive to Allen Road
- Modify the cross section for Allen Road to incorporate a multi-use path on the south side and on-street parking and a sidewalk on the north side of the street

Department of Community Development Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the City Center Street Network Revisions as described above. The revision makes the roadway and bike/pedestrian network, and its intent, more effective for this area and beneficial for all users, including adjoining property owners.

Attachment:

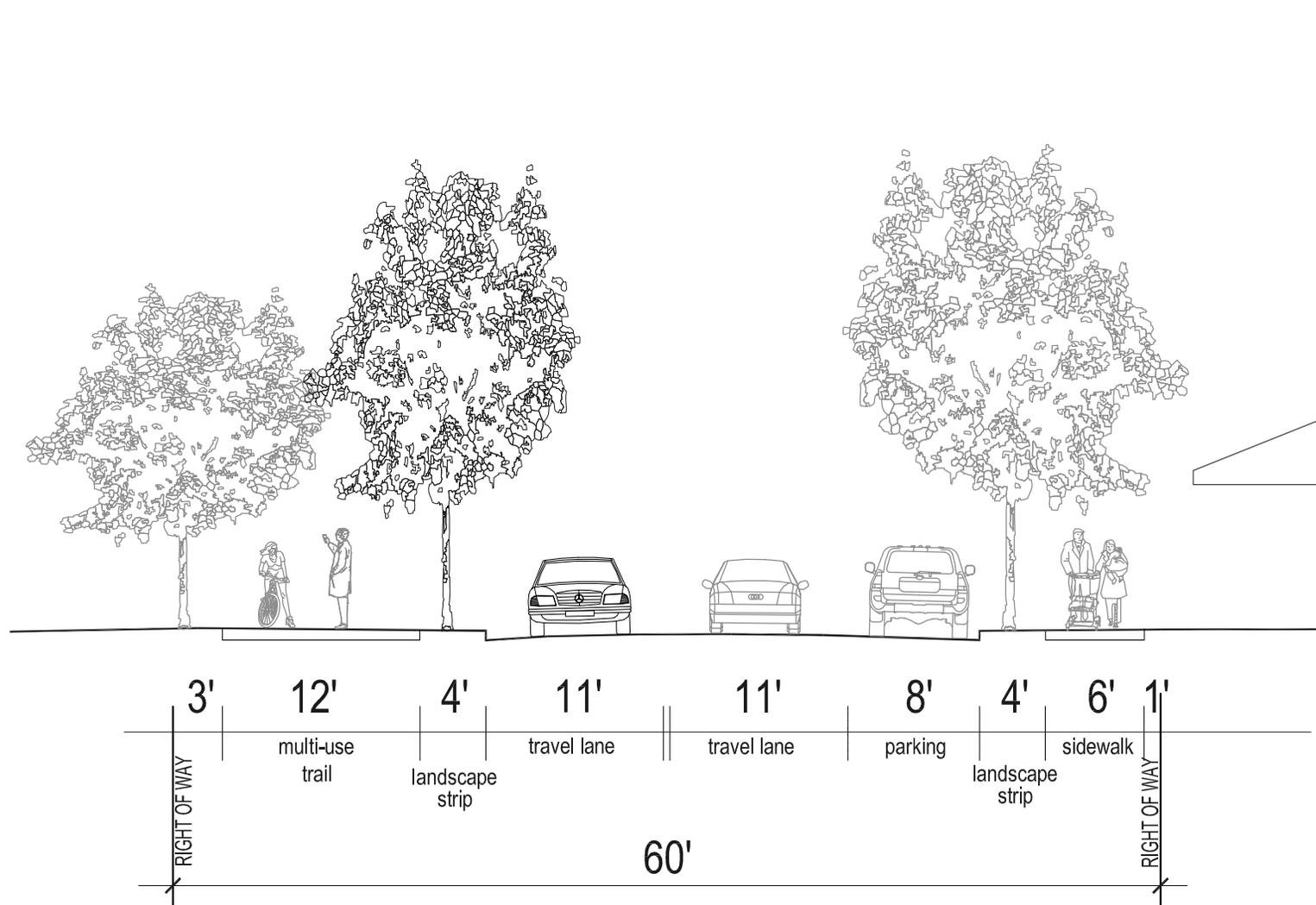
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CITY CENTER STREET NETWORK

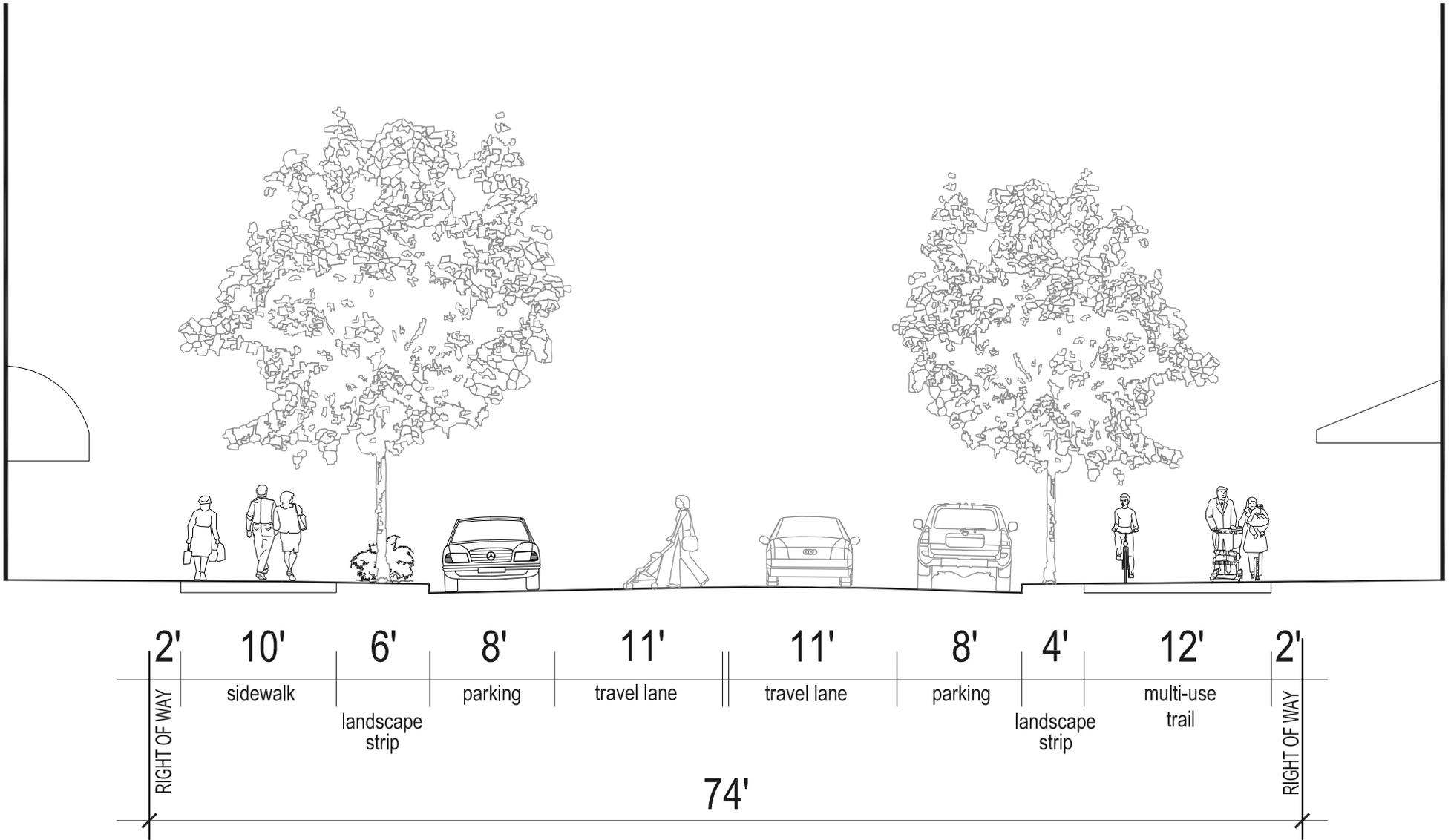
REVISED LOCATION MAP

May, 2014



ALLEN ROAD STREETSCAPE

View to the West



SANDY SPRINGS CIRCLE STREETSCAPE

From Cliftwood Drive to Allen Road

View to the South