

**BAILEY AVENUE/NORTH BAILEY AVENUE/
RIDGE LEA ROAD**

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Bailey Avenue is comprised of Bailey Avenue (under NYSDOT and Erie County jurisdiction) and North Bailey Avenue and Ridge Lea Road (under Town of Amherst jurisdiction). This north-south corridor is characterized as Traditional in the Comprehensive Plan and features post-WWII residential and commercial development at various scales along the corridor.

| Element | Niagara Falls Blvd to Maple Road (Ridge Lea) | Maple Road to Sheridan Drive | Sheridan Drive to Eggert Road | Eggert Road to Grover Cleveland | Grover Cleveland to Main Street |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cross Section | W+S+T+T+S | W+P+T+T+W | W+T+T+M+T+T+W | W+T+T+P | W+T+T+T+T+W |
| ROW width (ft) | 50-100 | 66 | 75 | 66 | 66 |
| On-street parking | no | yes, one side only | no | yes, one side only | no |
| Sidewalks | yes, north side only | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Bike lanes | no | no | no | no | no |
| Shoulder | no | no | no | no | no |
| Posted speed (MPH) | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Town classification | collector | collector | minor arterial | minor arterial | major arterial |
| MPO classification | minor arterial | minor arterial | minor arterial | minor arterial | principal arterial |
| Character | N/A | traditional | traditional | traditional | traditional |
| Daily Traffic Count | 18,700 | 13,100 | 10,400 | 9,500 | 16,900 |
| Year of traffic count | 2000 | 2003 | 2001 | 2003 | 2001 |
| Pvmt condition, 2003 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 |

Cross Section Key: W - Sidewalk, S - Shoulder, P - Parking, T - Travel, M - Median Lane - Center Turn Lane

North of Maple Road, where parcels are typically larger in size and being developed, site development reviews should include consideration of restrictions on turning movements to/from driveways near intersections, encourage driveway consolidation and increase the use of access roads between parcels with the use of “spine” roads.

South of Maple Road, access management tools that could be implemented include: relocation or removal of driveways within the functional area of intersections, restricting turning movements to/from driveways, driveway consolidation, increasing access between parcels, and constructing traffic calming measures such as curb extensions, pavement markings, and treatments for pedestrian circulation.

North Bailey Avenue is currently under design for rehabilitation and reconstruction. The Town should work closely with the County to implement the recommended access management measures to the fullest extent possible.

The following two sheets identify access management recommendations for Bailey Avenue/North Bailey Avenue/Ridge Lea Road.

The following photographs illustrate current conditions along Bailey Avenue.



Consideration of driveway consolidation is needed within the functional area of intersections. (Bailey and Grover Cleveland)



Traditional commercial areas require review and consideration of driveway consolidation and shared access to improve safety.



Traditional residential development along Bailey Avenue (South of Eggert Road).



Commercial development and driveways along Bailey Avenue (between Eggert Rd. and Sheridan Dr.)

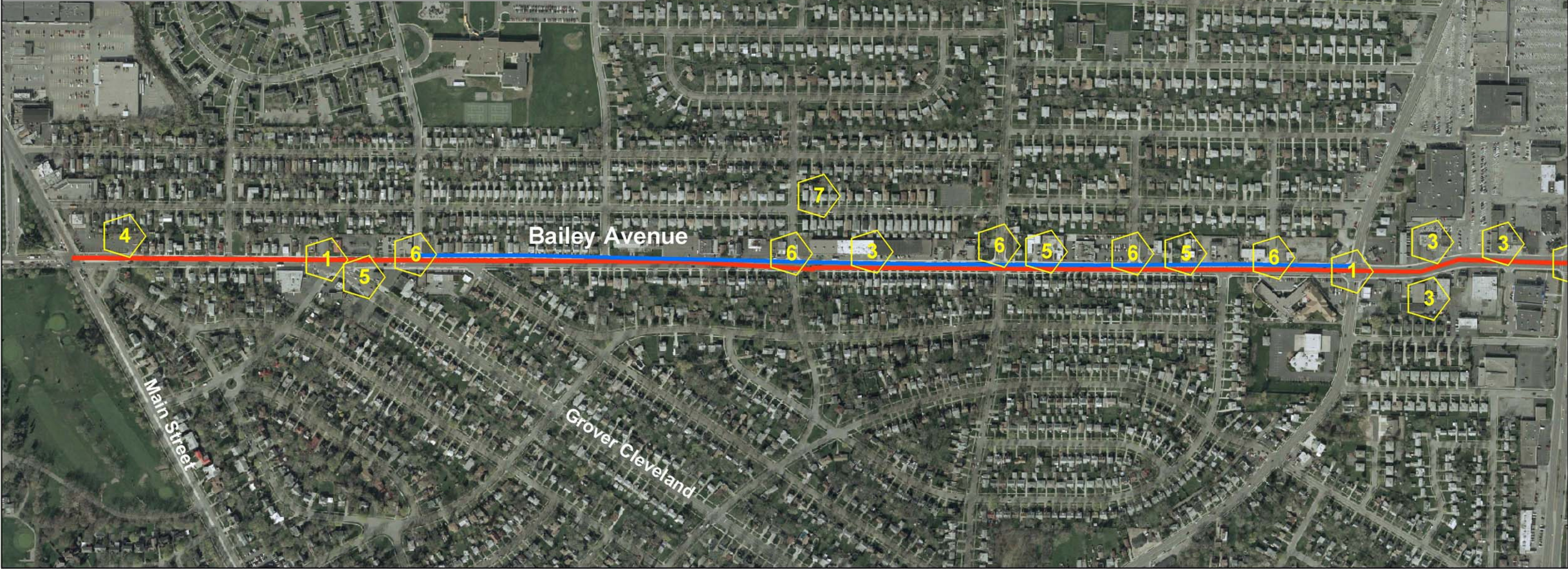


Commercial development with centralized access to Bailey Avenue and use of landscaped buffer to maintain Traditional and residential character. (South of Maple Road)

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- Site Plan Review
- C Enforce Driveway Widths and Spacing
- D Encourage Internal Circulation
- E Encourage Shared Access
- F Limit Future Access Roadway and/ or Driveways
- G Encourage Reverse Access

- Physical Design Controls
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- 2 Remove Driveway(s)
- 3 Consolidate Driveway(s)
- 4 Limit Turning to/ from Driveway(s)
- 5 Provide Shared Access
- 6 Provide Rear access from Side Streets
- 7 Provide, Maintain On-Street Parking
- 8 Install Median
- 9 Install Curb Extensions at Intersection






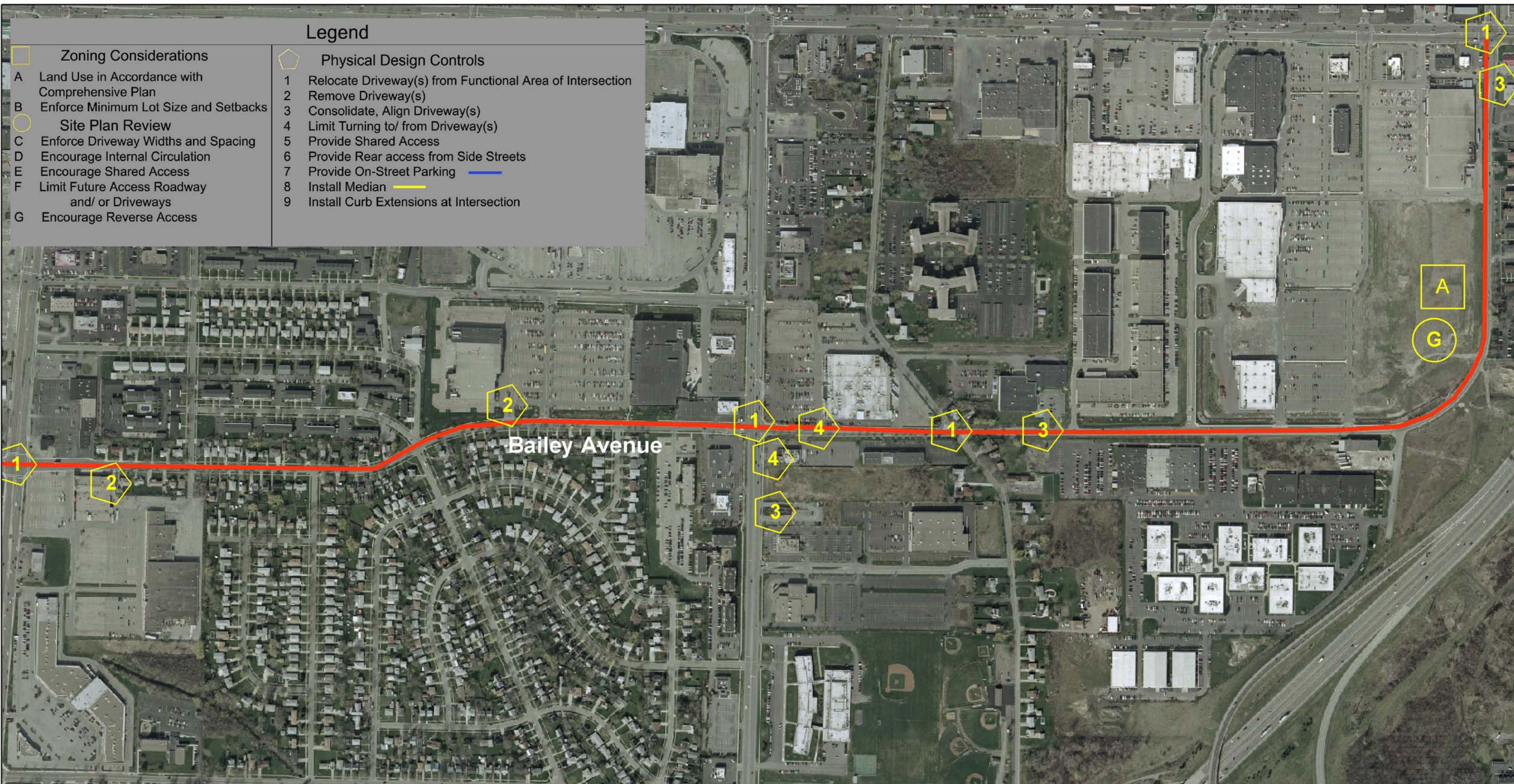
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