

NORTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS

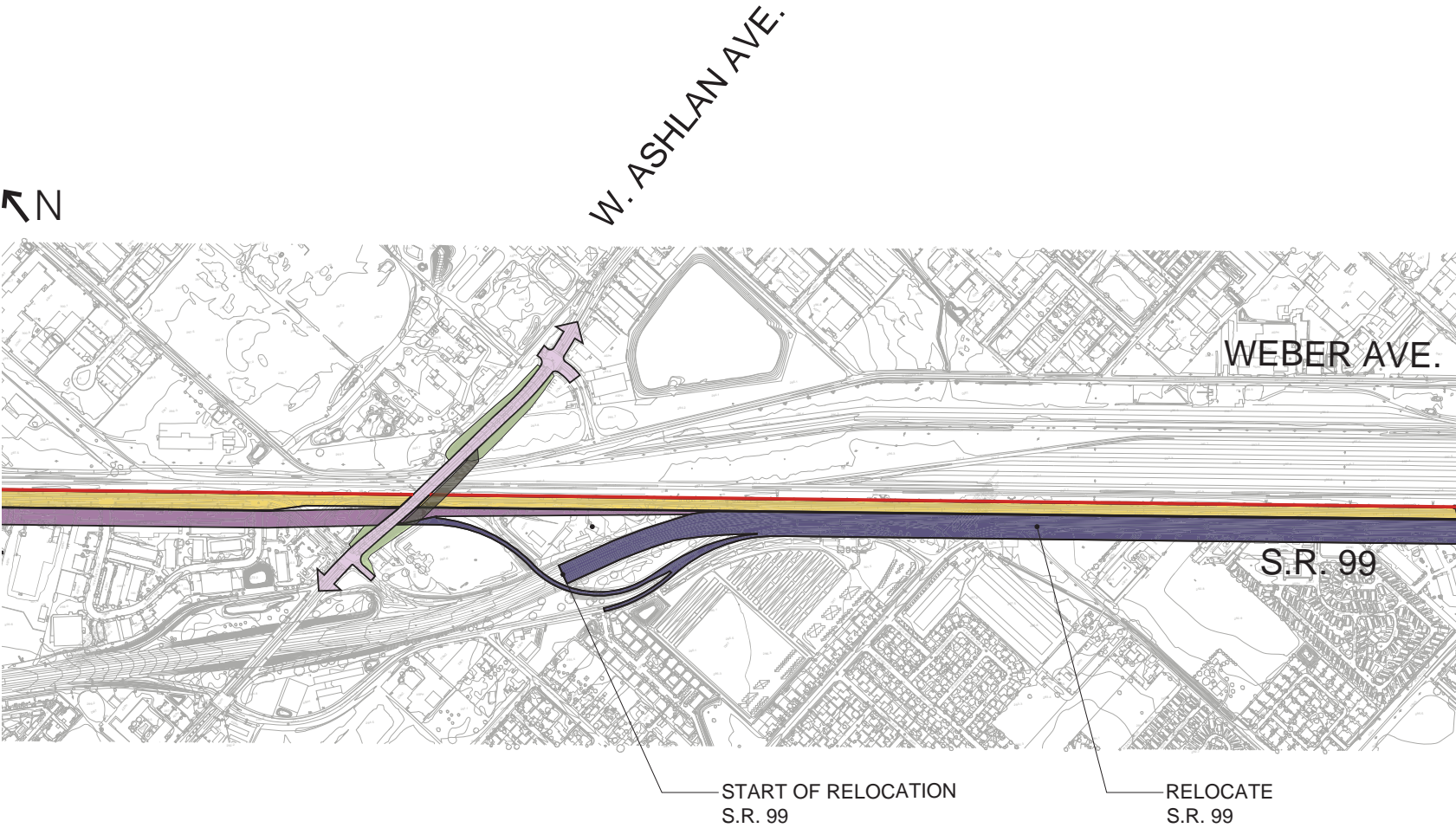
Ashlan Avenue

Ashlan Avenue is planned as a long viaduct structure bridging over Weber Avenue, Golden State Blvd, the UPRR and CHSR corridors. The 15% Preliminary Engineering documents appear to call for a finished structure that is 70' wide, including a 7' sidewalk on one side of the roadway. The extent of the work terminates east of the Ashlan interchange with SR99. It appears that there are no sidewalks on Ashlan as it crosses SR 99. The existing Ashlan overcrossing is on landscaped berms. It appears from the 15% documents that walls would be built on top of the existing landscaped berms to gain the height required for Ashlan to make the 27' clearance for CHSR.

Recommendation: Sidewalks and bike lanes 14' wide on both sides of the Ashlan would assist in connecting the neighborhoods east and west of this crossing. Extending the height and enlarging the footprint of the landscaped berms to gain the height required to pass over CHSR are preferable to walls on top of the berms. Similar to Veterans Blvd., the sidewalks and bike lanes should be coordinated with sidewalks and bike lanes on Ashlan as it passes over SR 99, taking into consideration plans by the City of Fresno and Caltrans.



Existing: View looking south on Golden State Boulevard toward Ashlan Avenue overcrossing of Golden State Boulevard and UPRR



Existing: View looking North toward Ashlan Avenue overcrossing of Weber Avenue and UPRR ROW