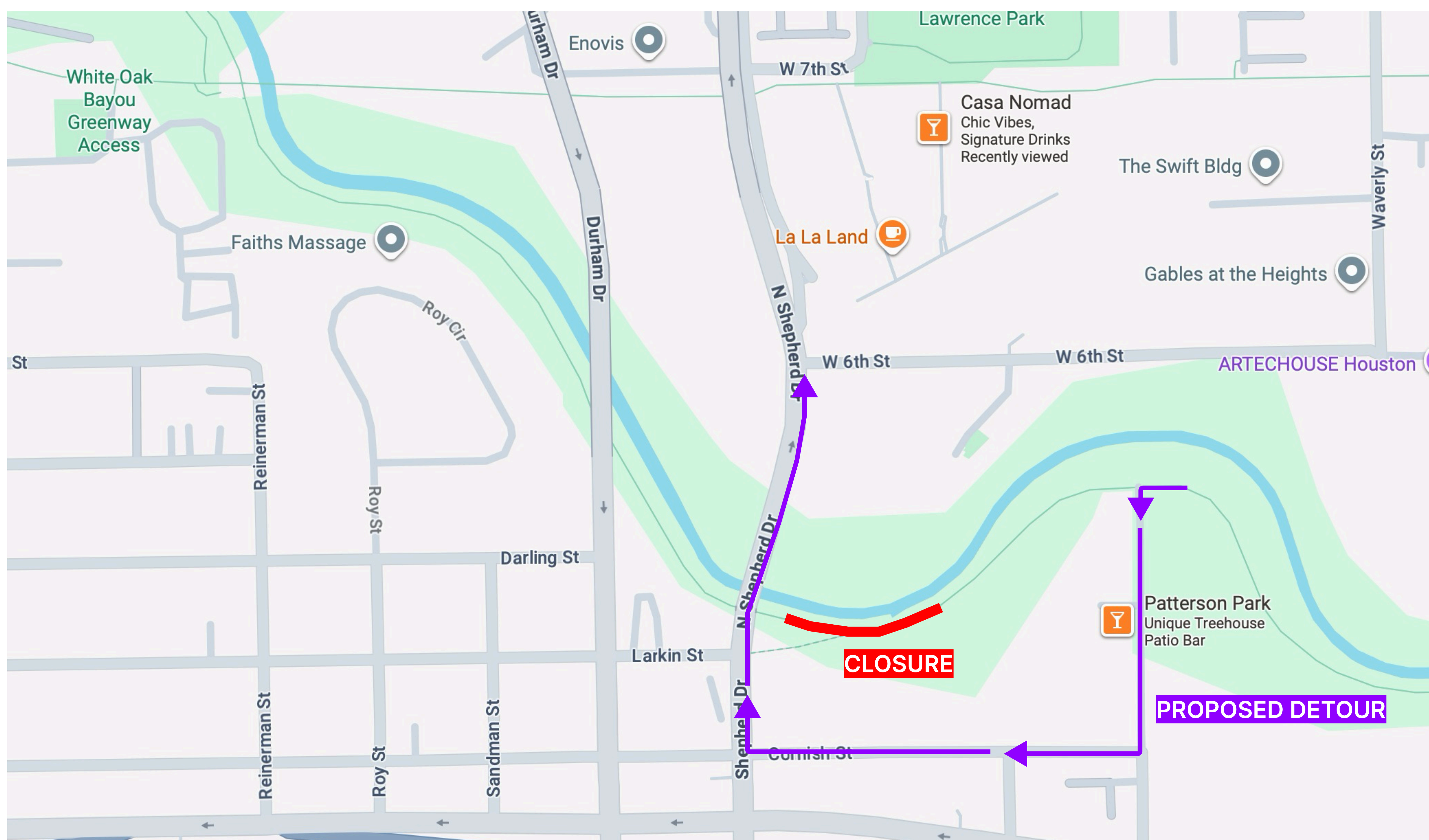


PROPOSED OFFICIAL DETOUR FOR WHITE OAK BAYOU GREENWAY CLOSURES NEAR N SHEPHERD

Request

During the ongoing White Oak Bayou Greenway closures near N Shepherd (<https://atotb.org/blog/alert/white-oak-bayou-greenway-closure-near-n-shepherd/>), designate and sign an official detour using N Shepherd and Cornish, and evaluate temporary protected accommodations for people walking and biking around the closure.



Closure Context

White Oak Bayou Greenway near N Shepherd is experiencing intermittent daytime closures associated with ongoing flood control work. According to ATOTB's June 18 trail alert, closures are expected daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and may continue for approximately six months. At the time of publication, no signed detour had been posted on site.

Why a Detour is Needed

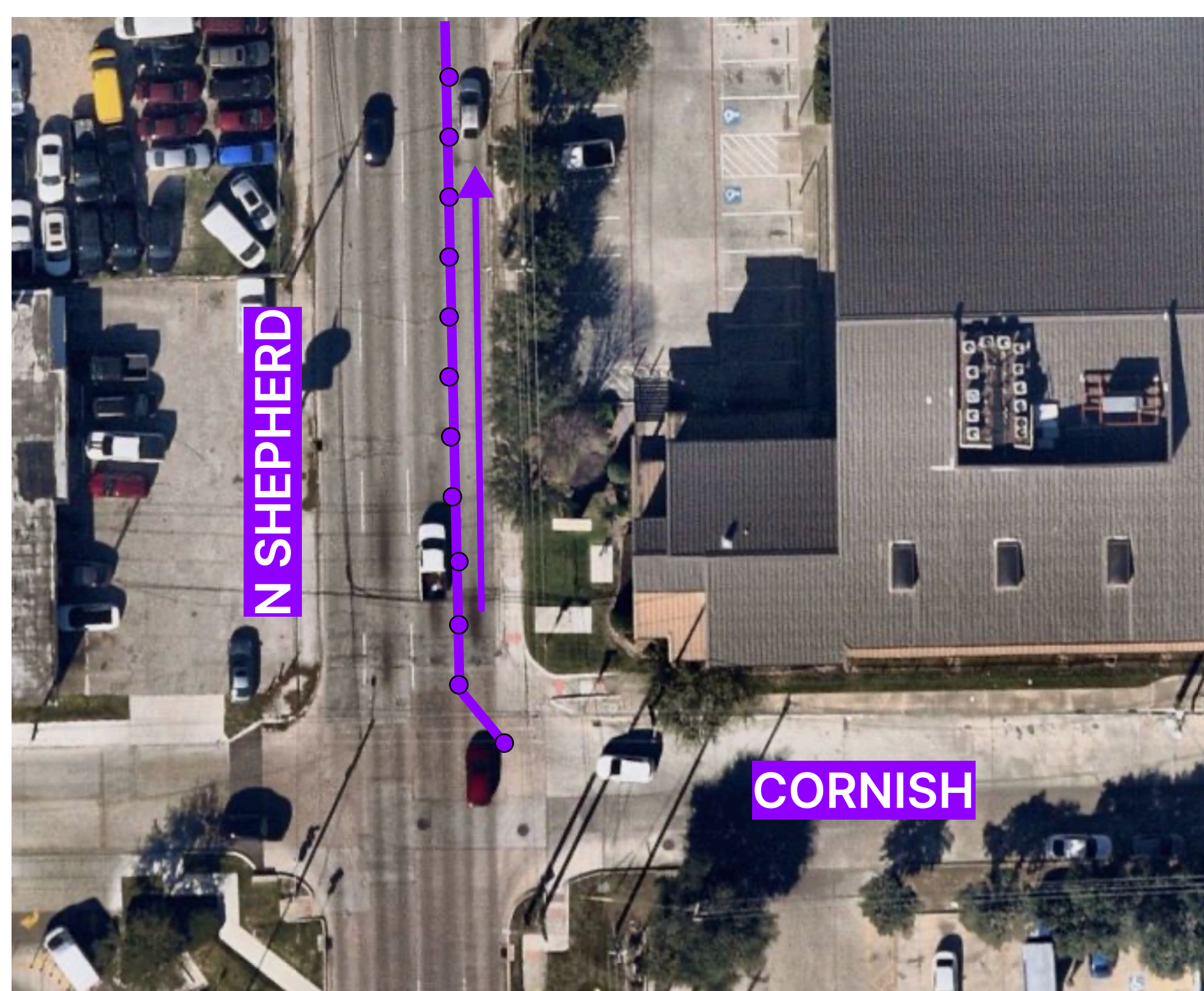
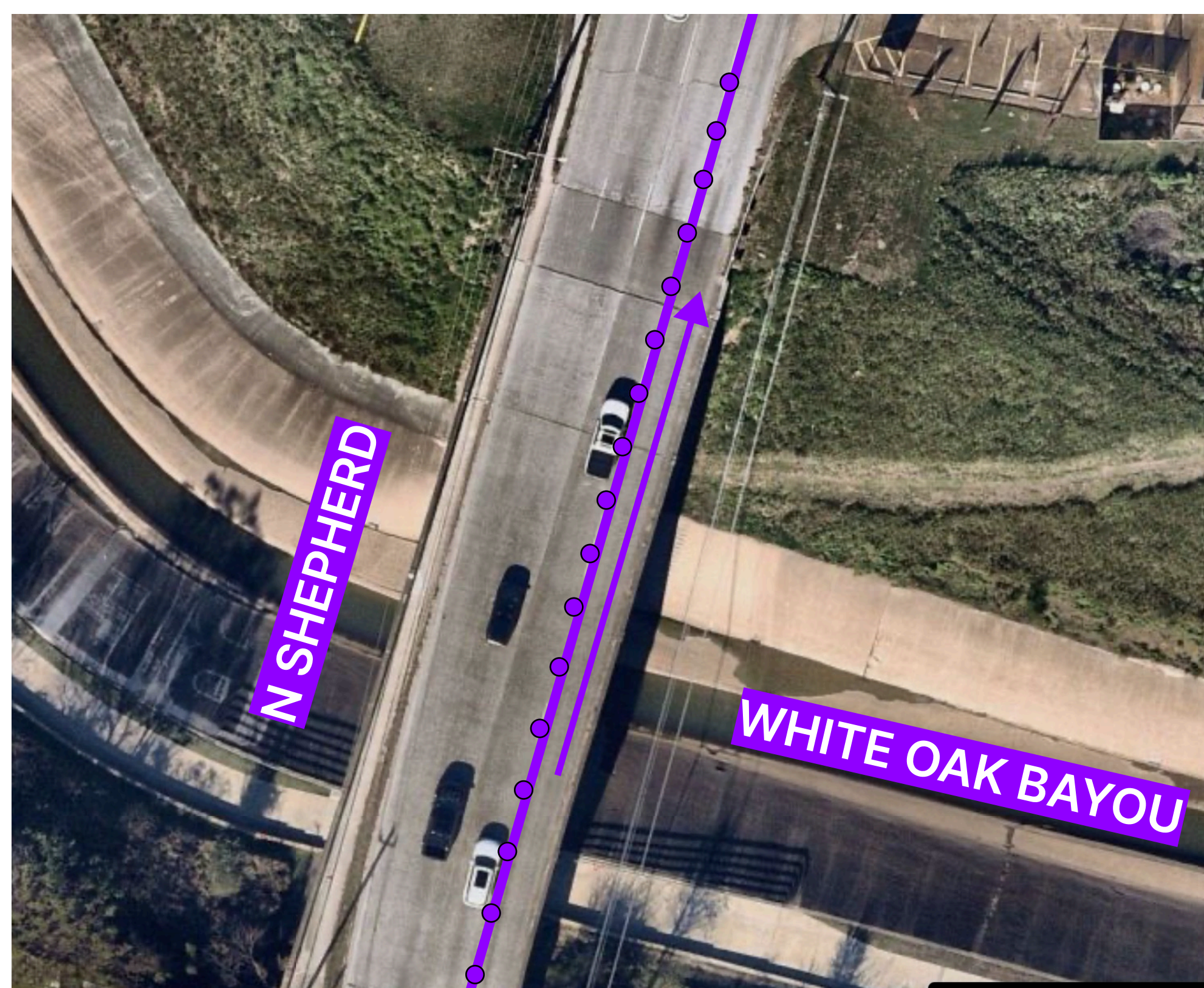
White Oak Bayou Greenway is one of Houston's most important active transportation corridors, carrying people walking, biking, running, and accessing adjacent neighborhoods, parks, and destinations. When closures occur on a corridor of this scale, users should not be left to improvise their own route. A detour should be continuous, clearly marked, and safe for users of all ages and abilities.

Proposed detour Route: Cornish and N Shepherd

The most direct alternative around the closure is to route trail users south to Cornish, north on N Shepherd, and back to the trail connection north of the closure. This alignment is legible, uses existing street connections, and minimizes out-of-direction travel compared with more fragmented neighborhood routes.

Requested Action

1. Post an official signed detour for the duration of the closure
2. Coordinate with Houston Parks Board, Memorial Heights TIRZ 5, and nearby stakeholders on detour messaging and wayfinding
3. Evaluate temporary protected accommodations on N Shepherd where feasible so the detour works for people biking and walking, not just drivers
4. Provide advance notice and schedule updates when closure conditions change



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