URBAN HIGHWAYS AND CONNECTIVITY

Pedestrian Advisory Council

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I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program

Corridor Implementation Plan

SH45N to SH45SE

Travis County, Texas

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WHAT ARE THE TRADE-OFFS WHEN NORTH/SOUTH TRAFFIC IS PRIORITIZED?

- Future Transportation Corridor (FTC)
- Closure of Ramps
- Texas Super Streets, Michigan Lefts, and U-Turn Bridges
- Diverging Diamonds

AUTO-ORIENTED NEIGHBORHOODS ARE HARD HIT BY THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION

THE COLONY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IS CUT OFF FROM RETAIL, SERVICES, AND SCHOOLS BY HIGHWAY 183

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CONNECTION HAS ALL THE RIGHT DESIGN STANDARDS

HIGHWAYS ARE ABOUT MOVING CARS AND TRUCKS OVER LONG DISTANCES

CITIES ARE ABOUT SHORT, FREQUENT TRIPS THAT FOSTER SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EXCHANGE

TxDOT's I-35 Improvement Plan (released August 2013) does NOT increase East/West connections across the highway.

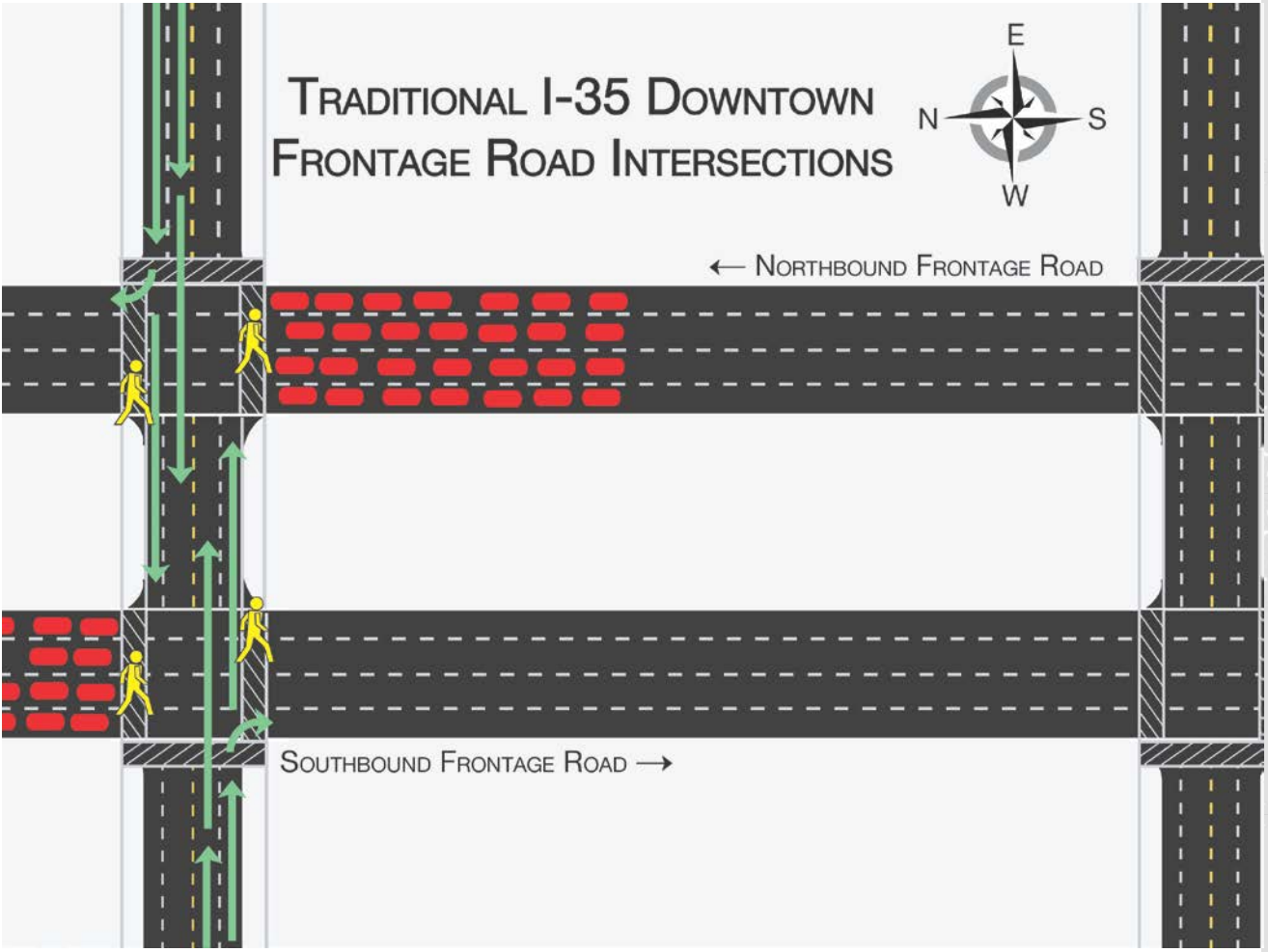
In fact, the plan reduces connectivity by 30%, compared to existing bridges and cross streets.

Many of these closures are part of an overarching concept called "Texas Super Streets," which are proposed along the I-35 corridor.

The following direct East/West connections would be permanently closed under TxDOT's plan, with no new connections to replace them:

- **St. John's Avenue**
- **38th ½ St.**
- **32nd St.**
- **Manor Road**
- **6th St.**
- **Woodland Avenue**

WHAT ARE “TEXAS SUPER STREETS?”



Replacements for Conventional Intersections

Intersections to be replaced with Super Streets:

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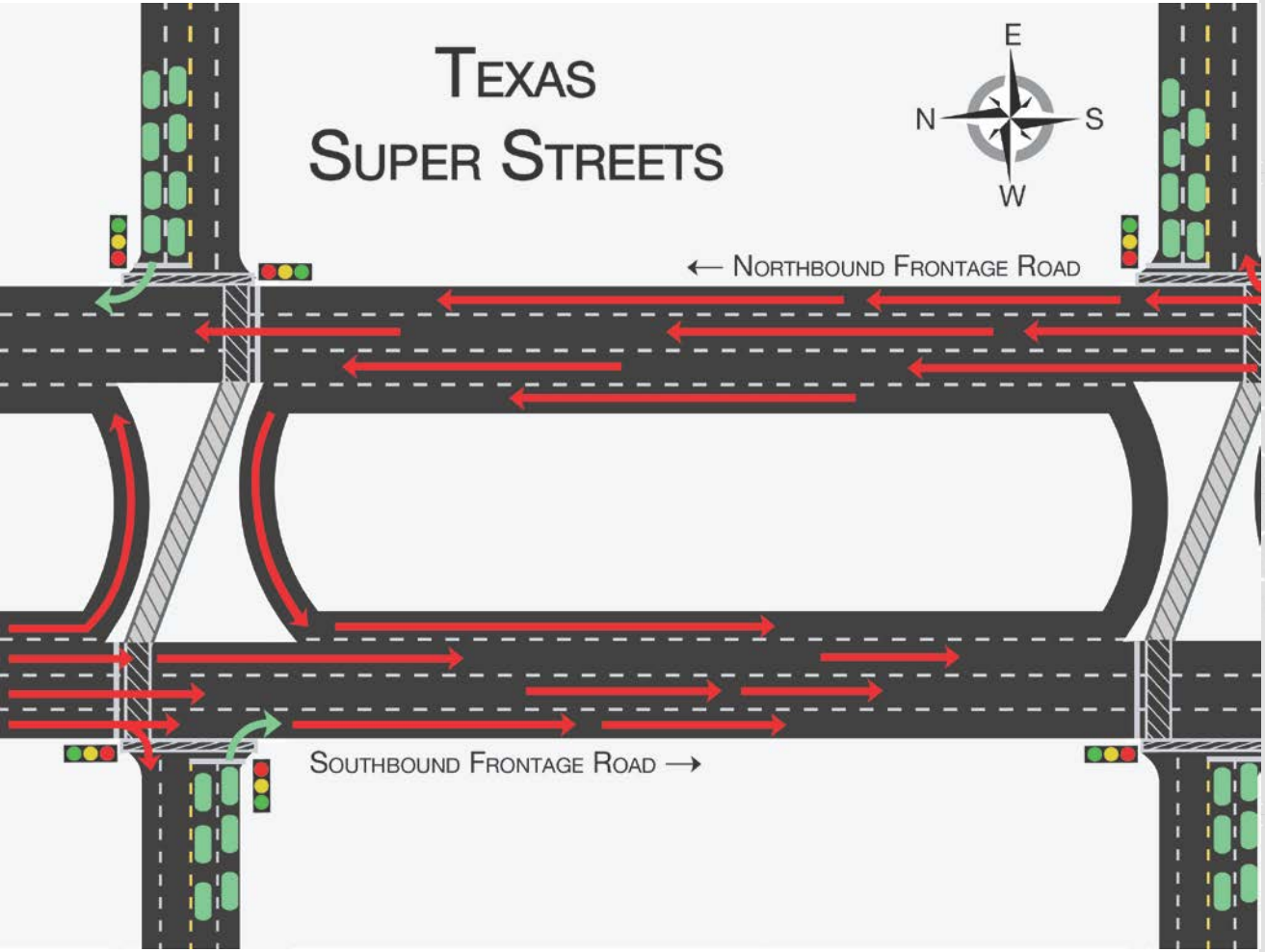
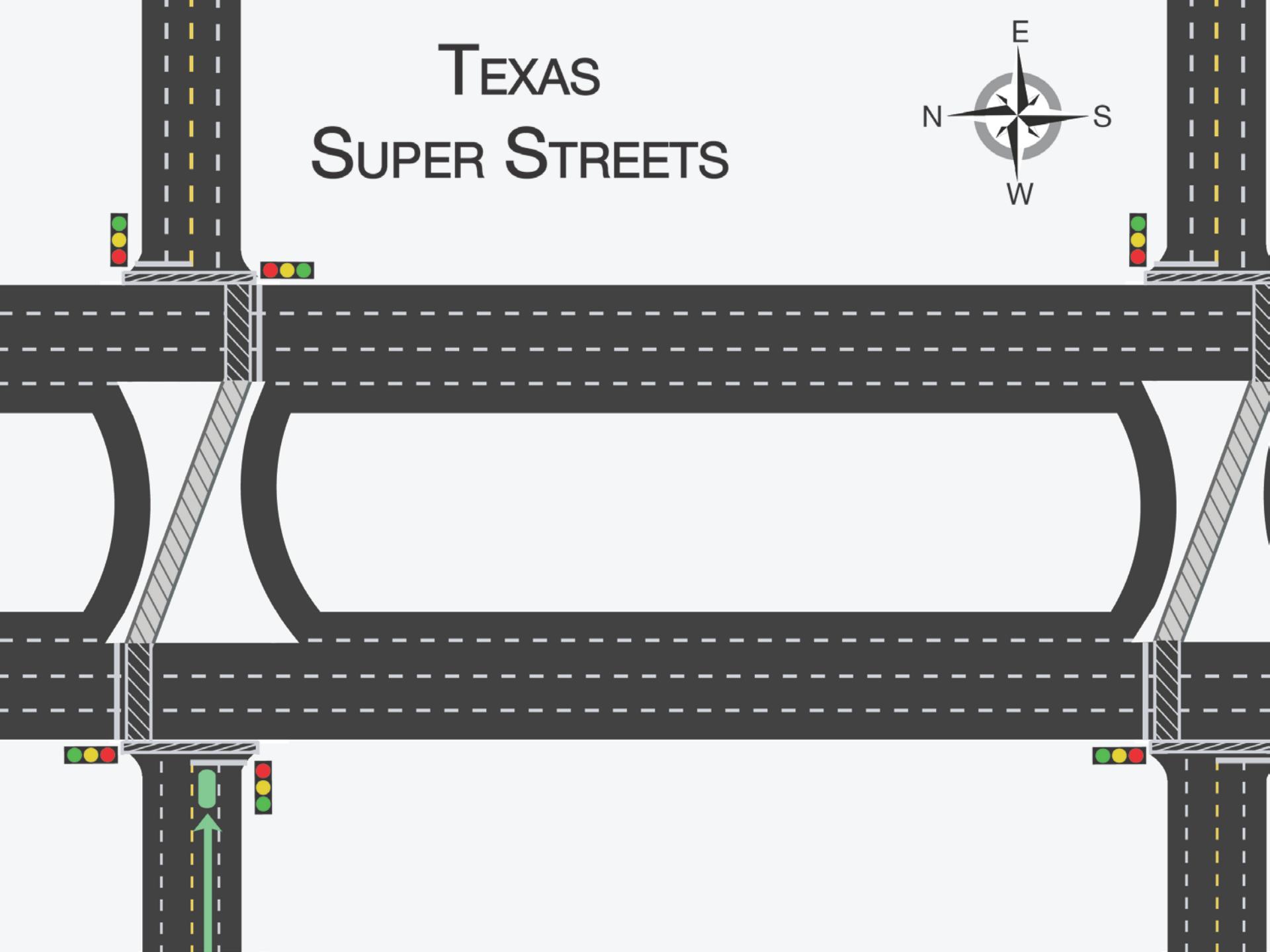


Prioritizes North/South Through Traffic

- Removes left turns

Texas Super Streets



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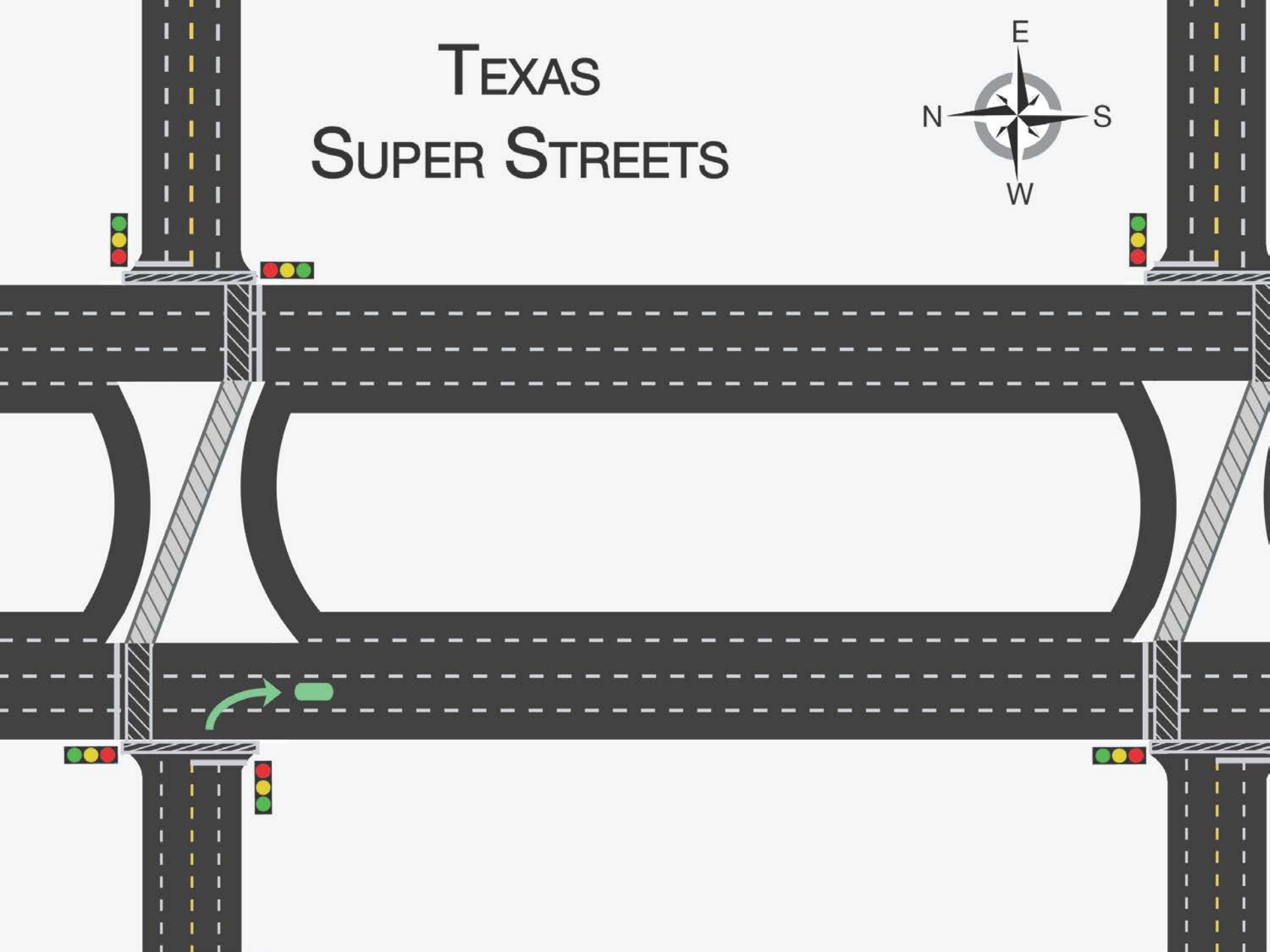

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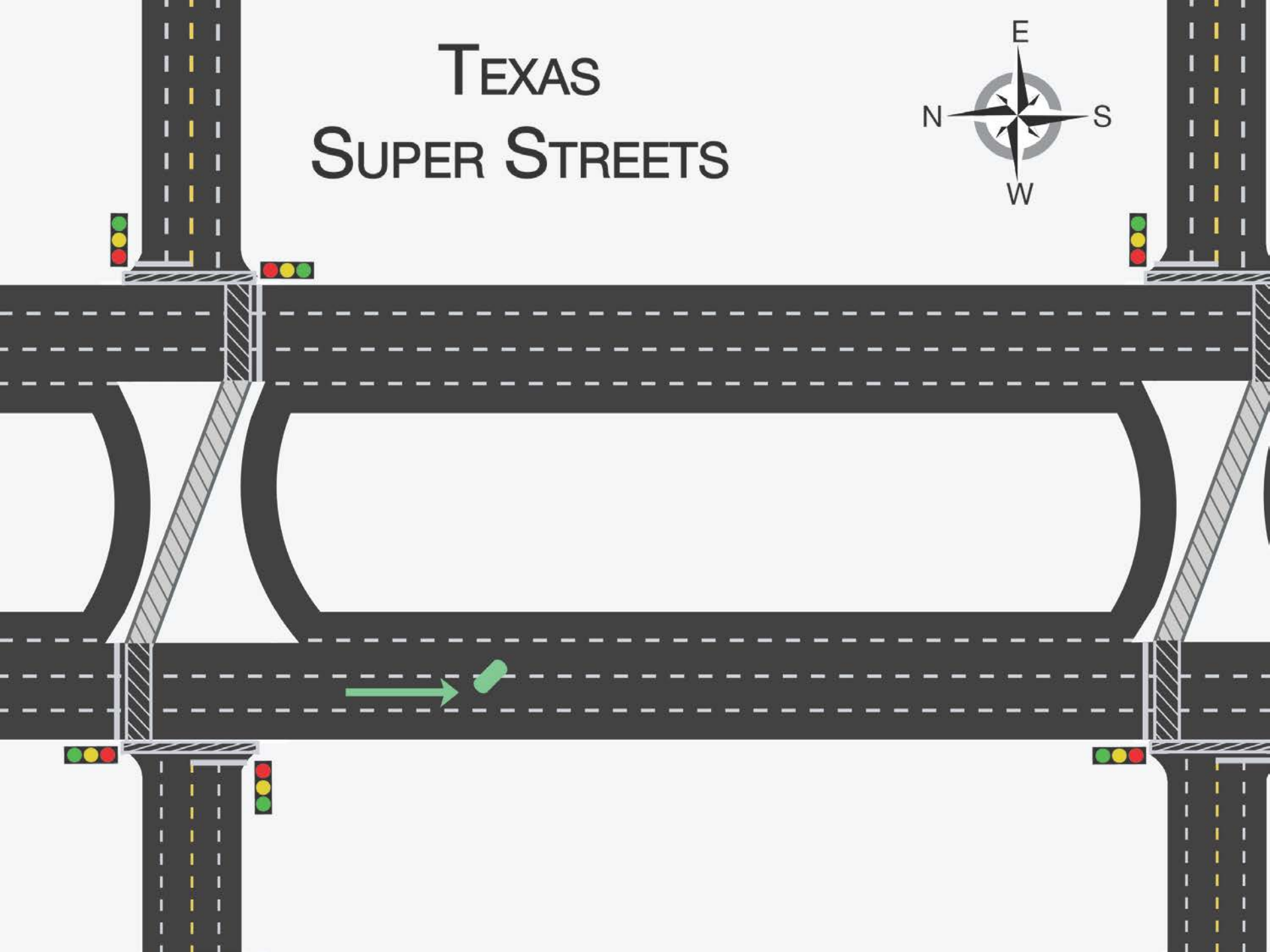

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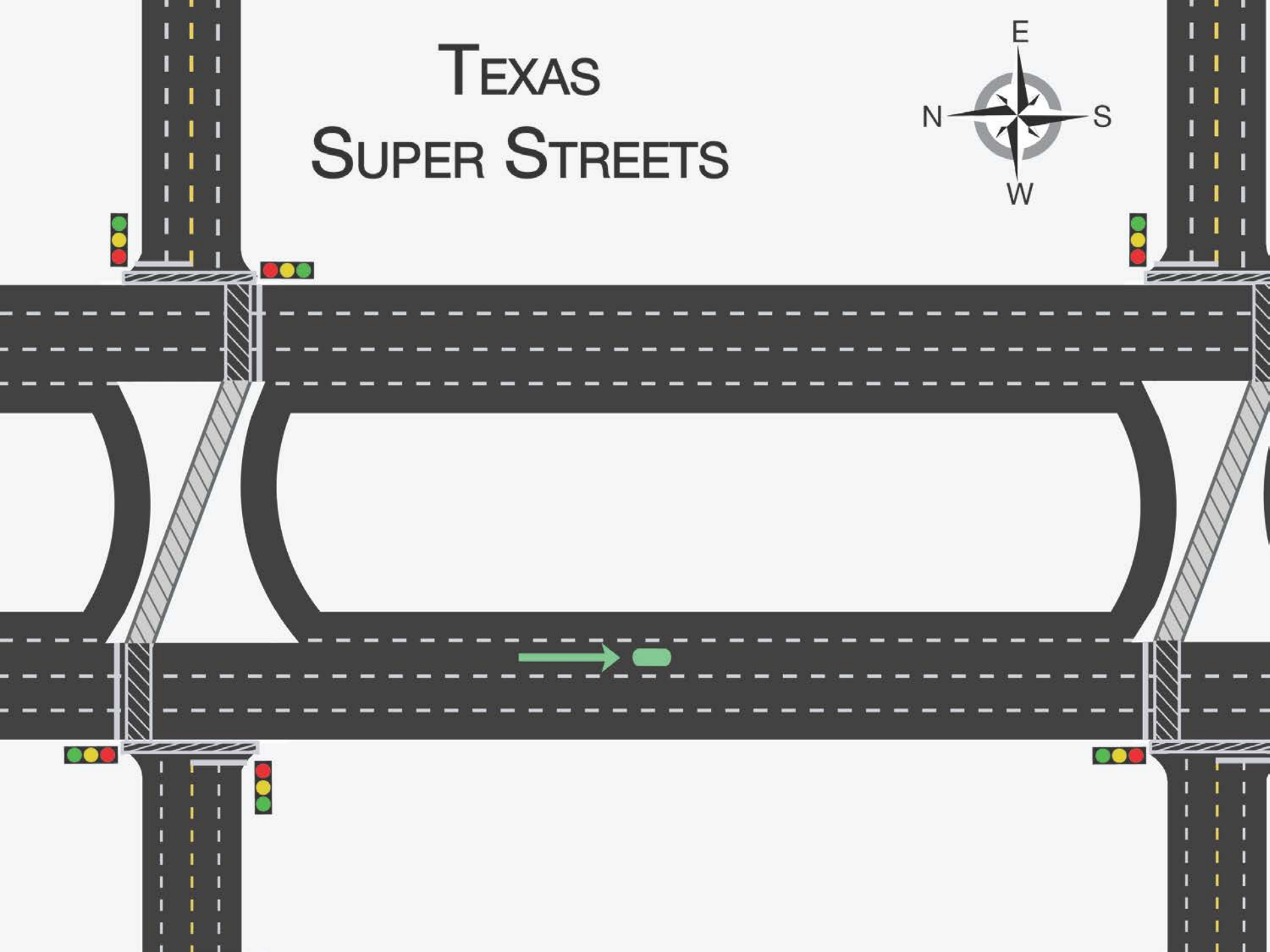

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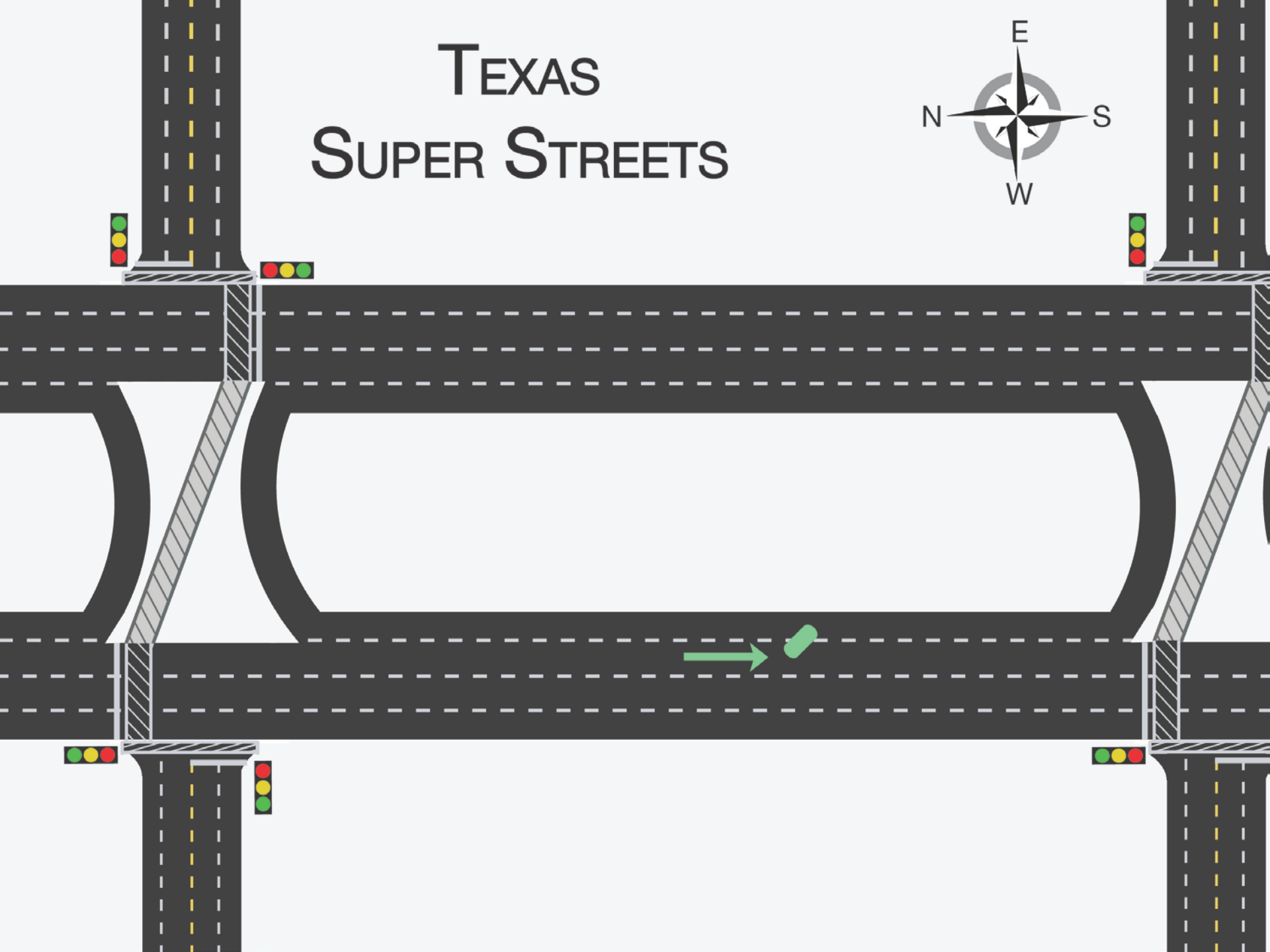

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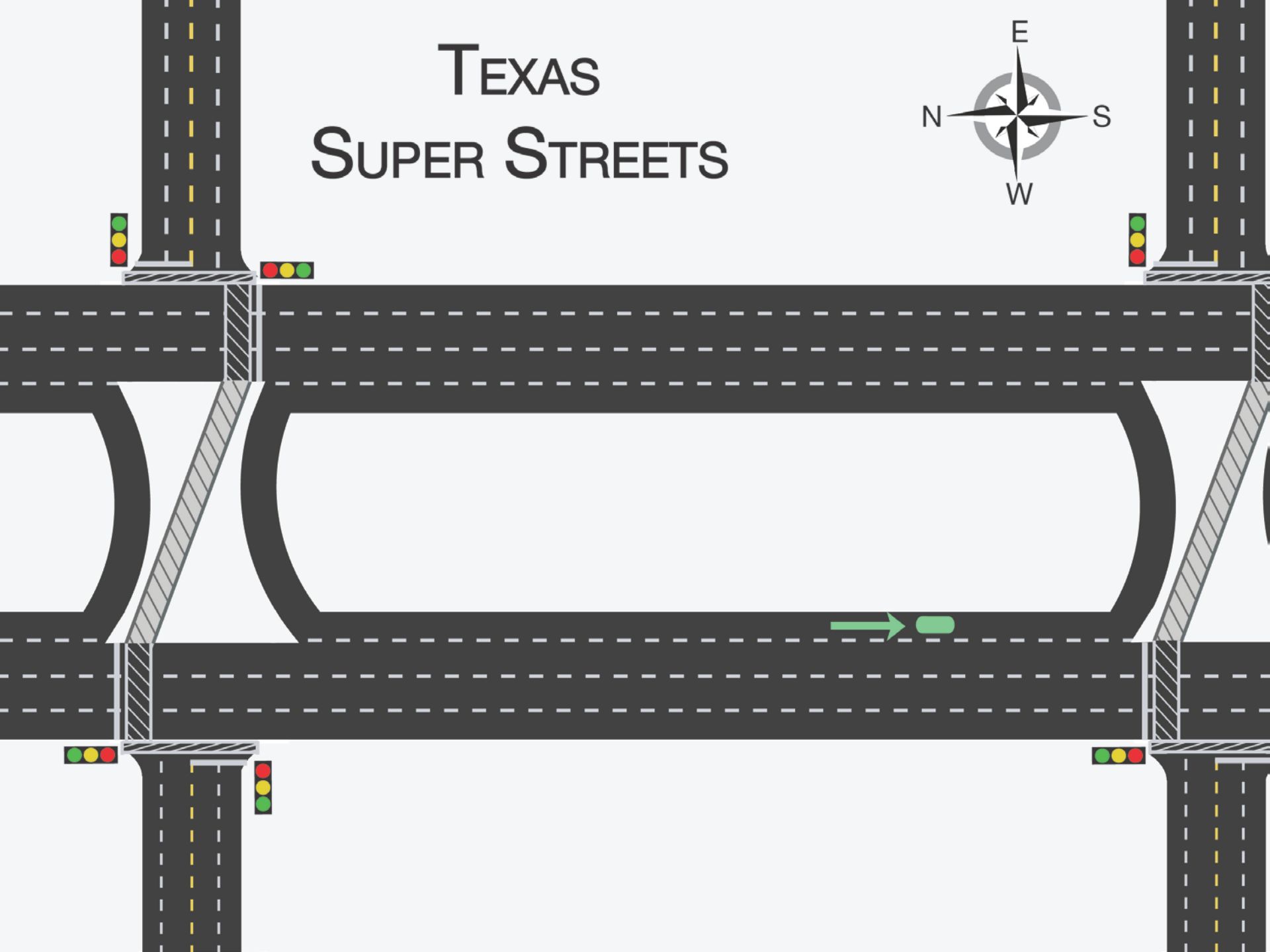

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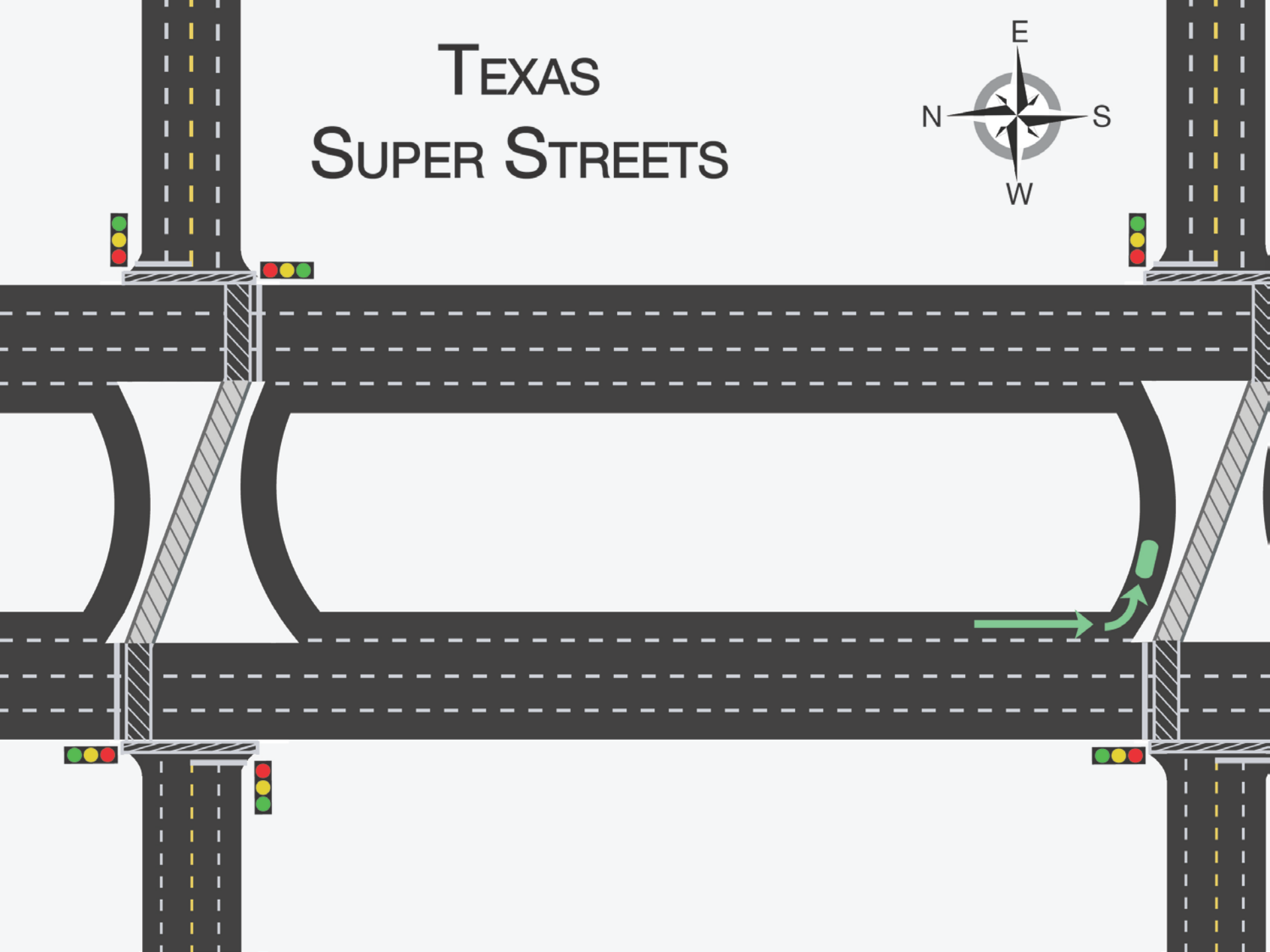

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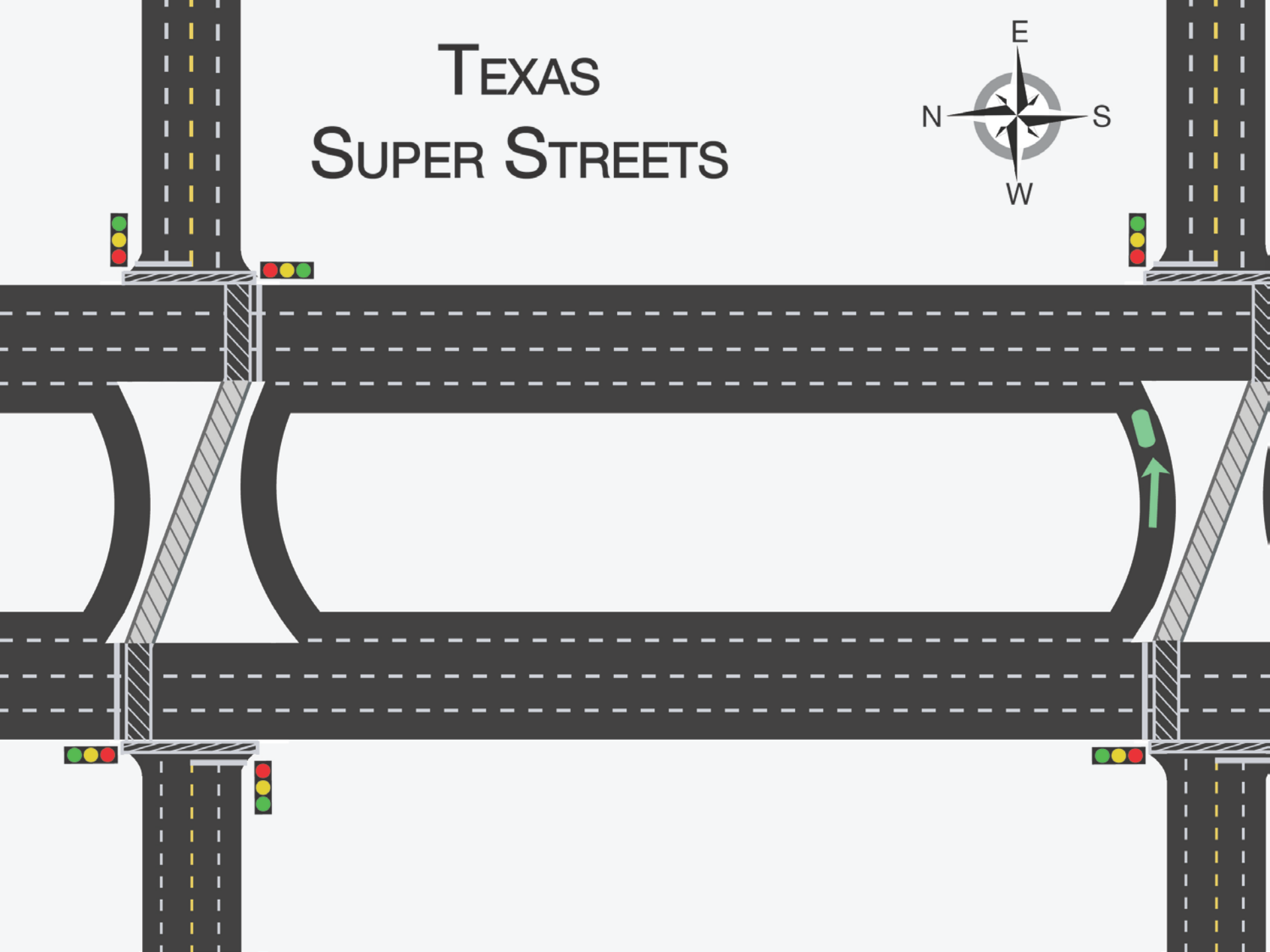

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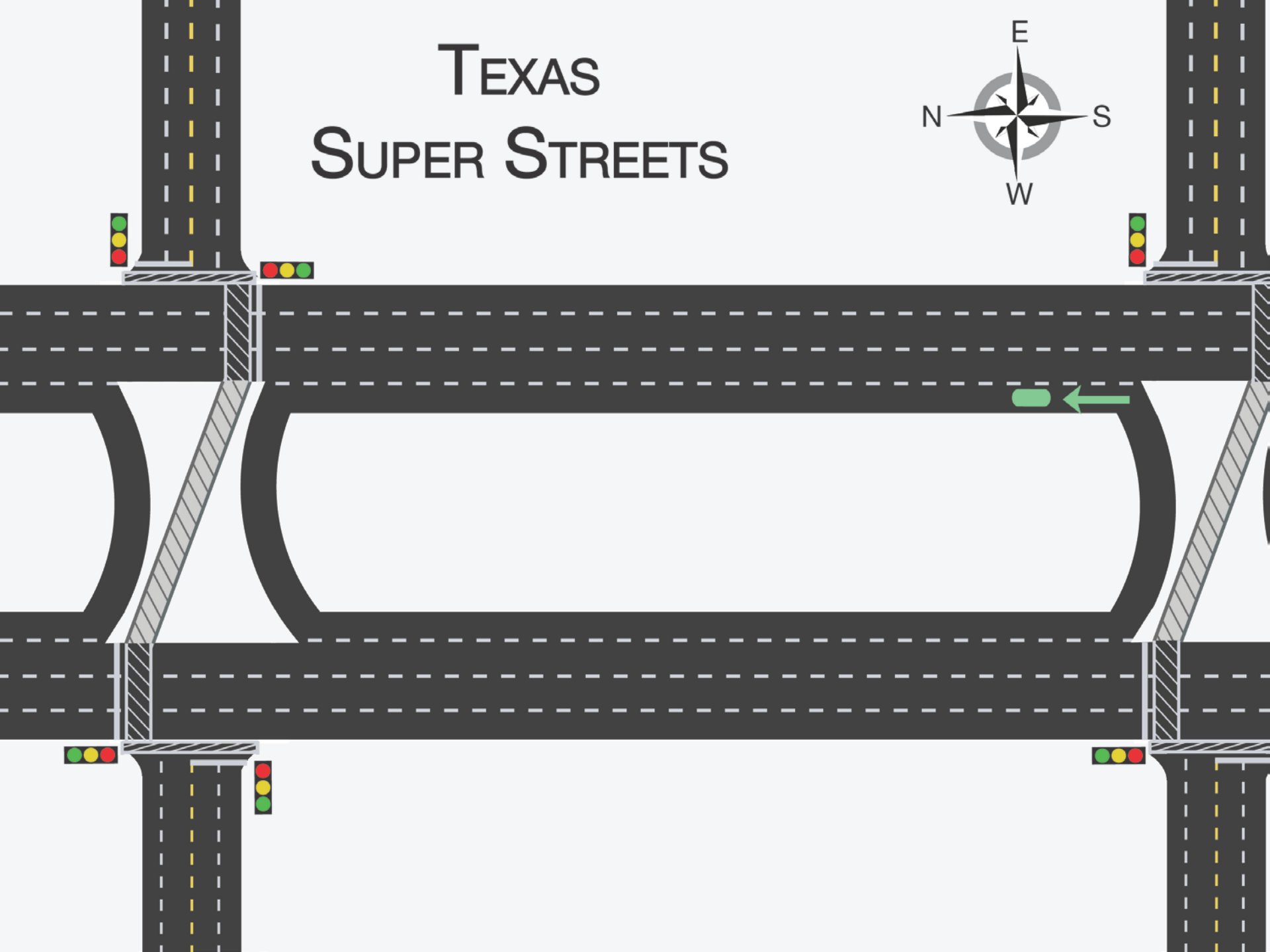

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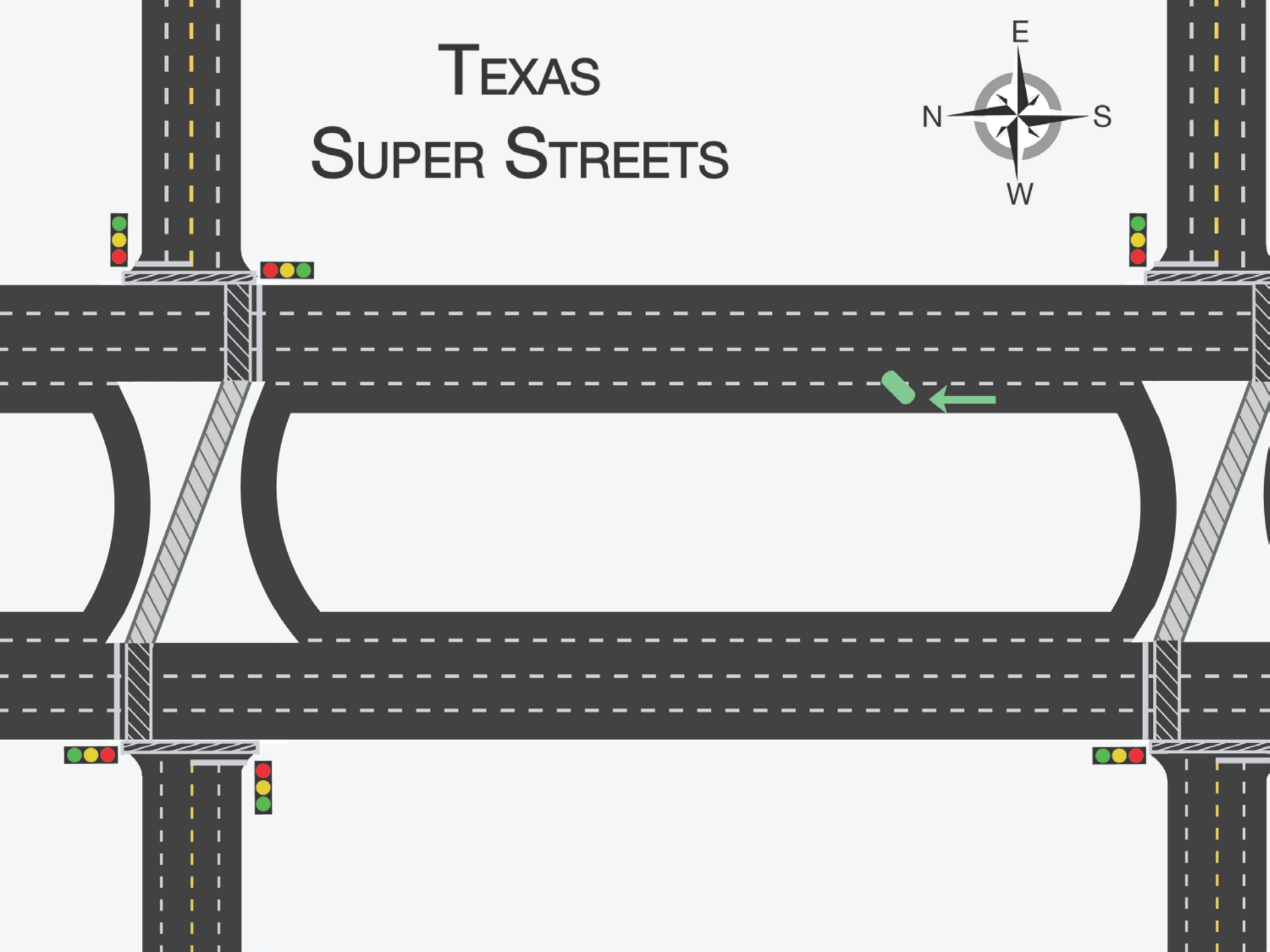

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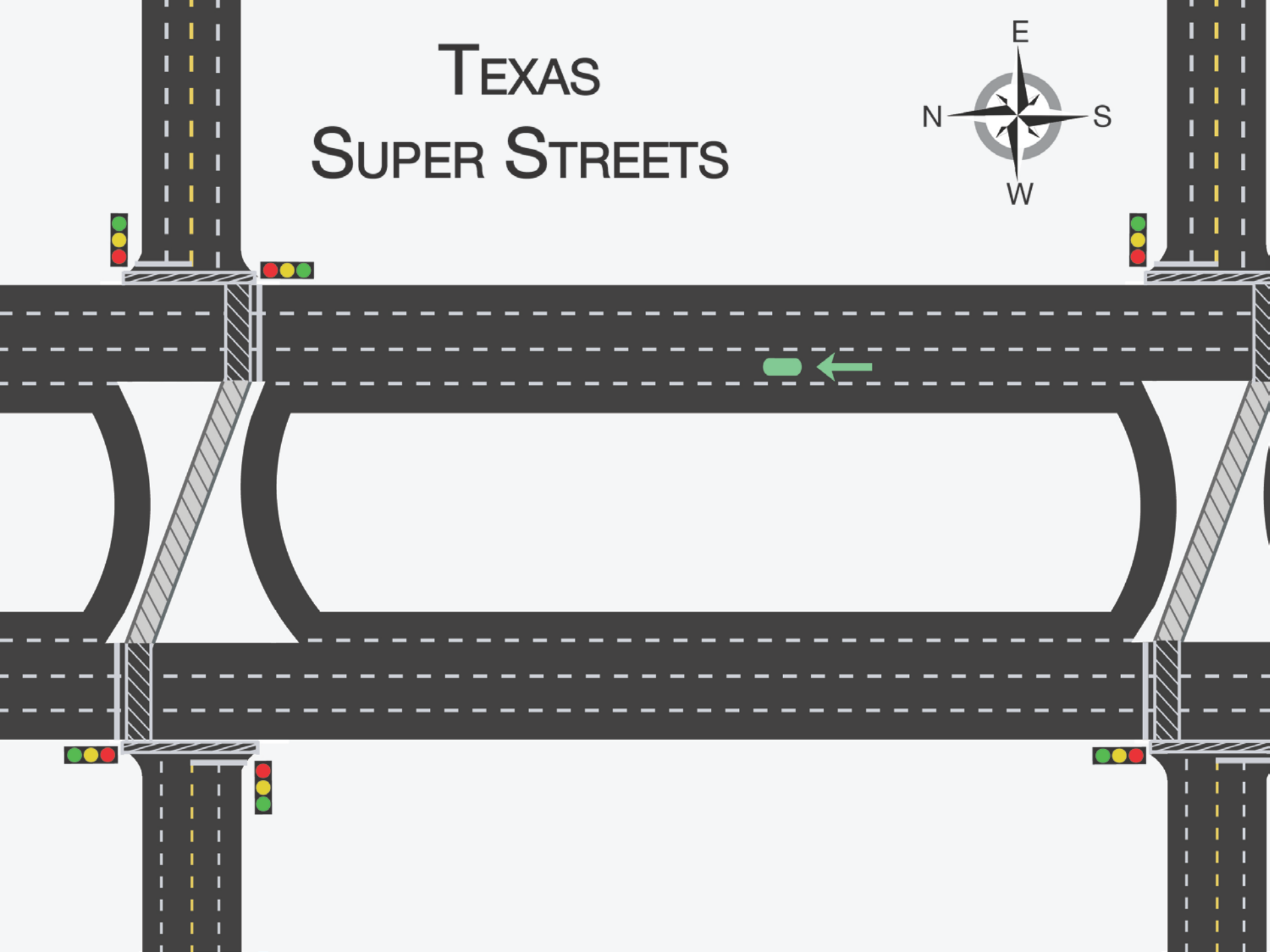

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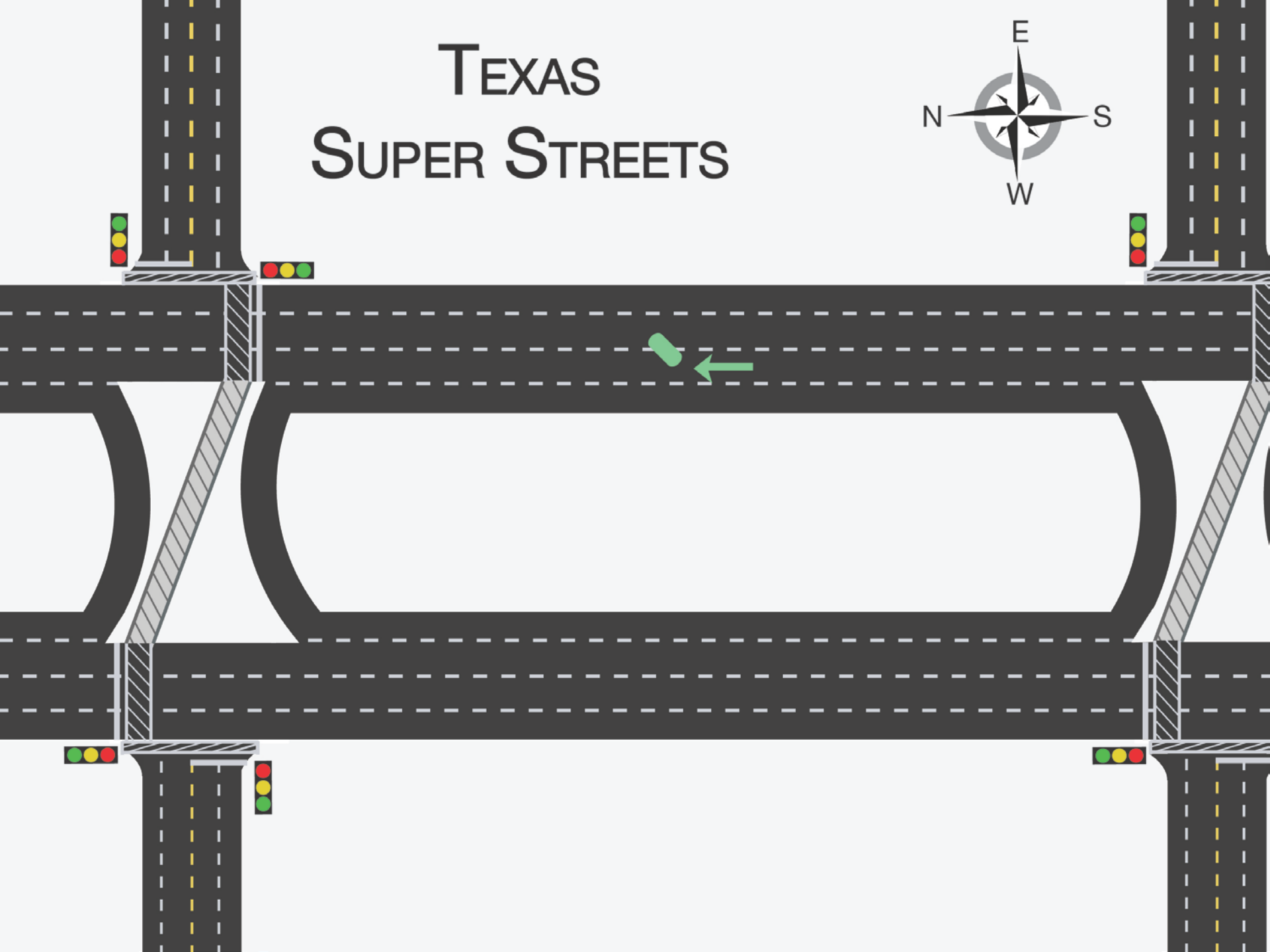

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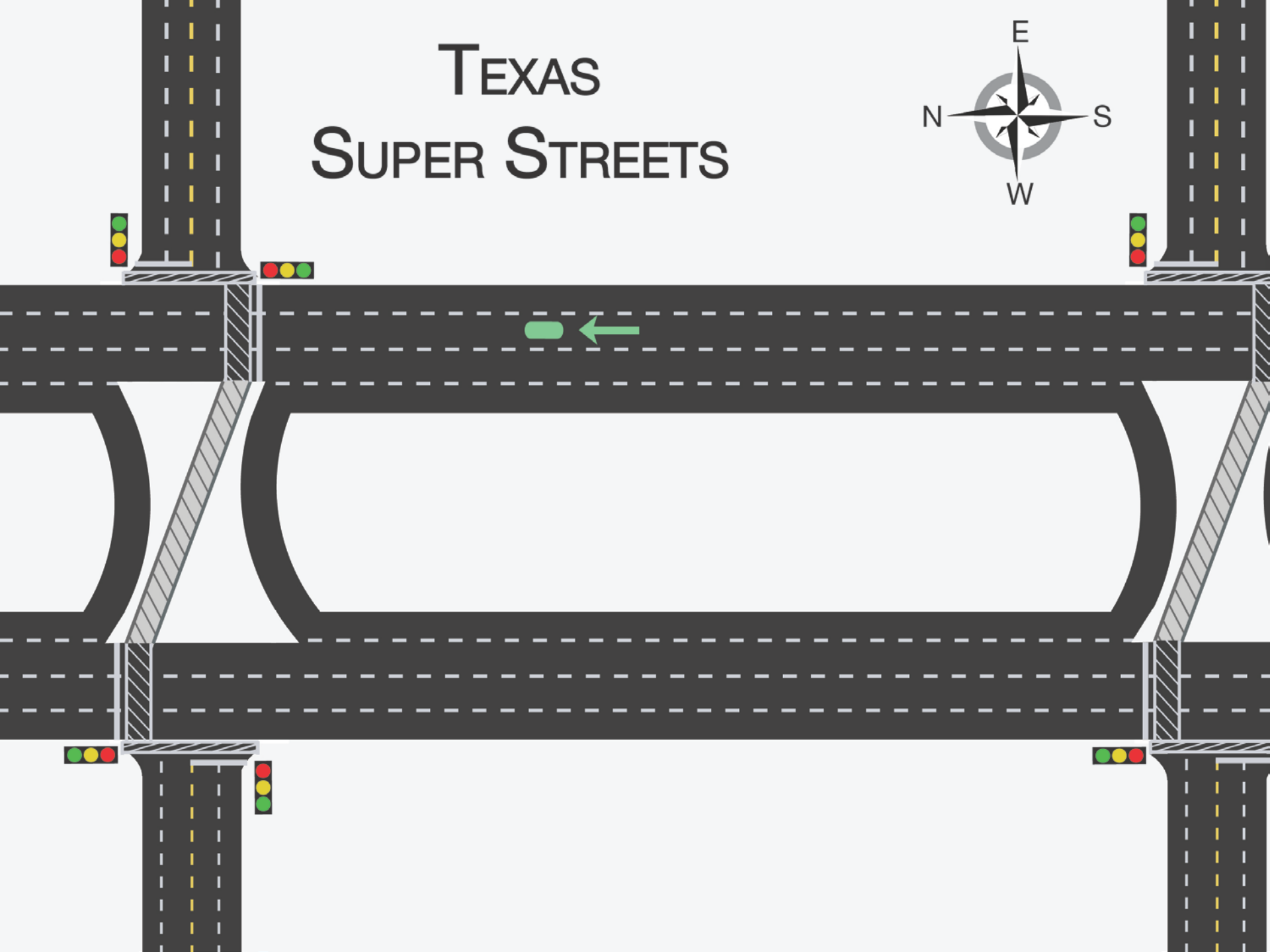

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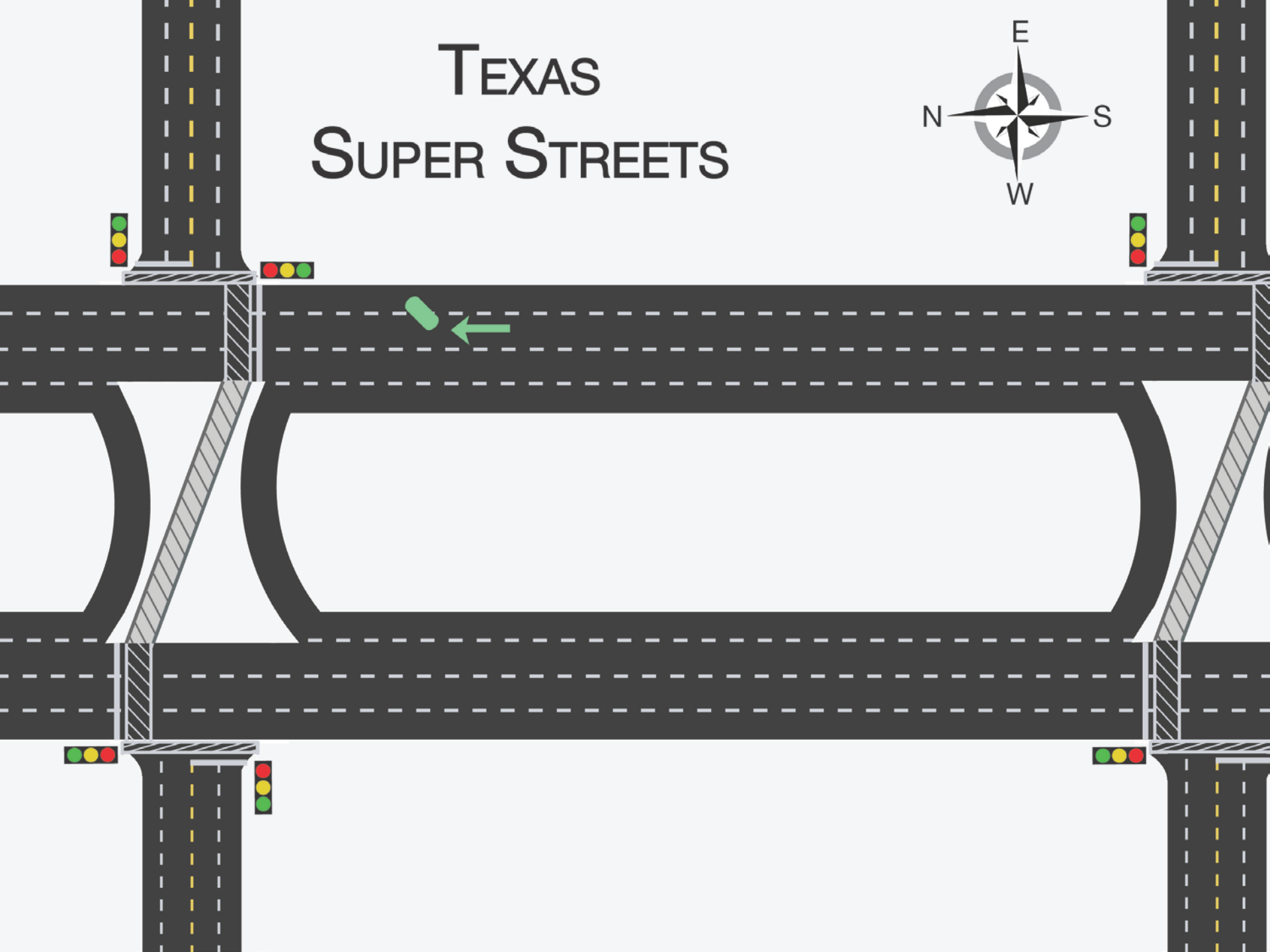

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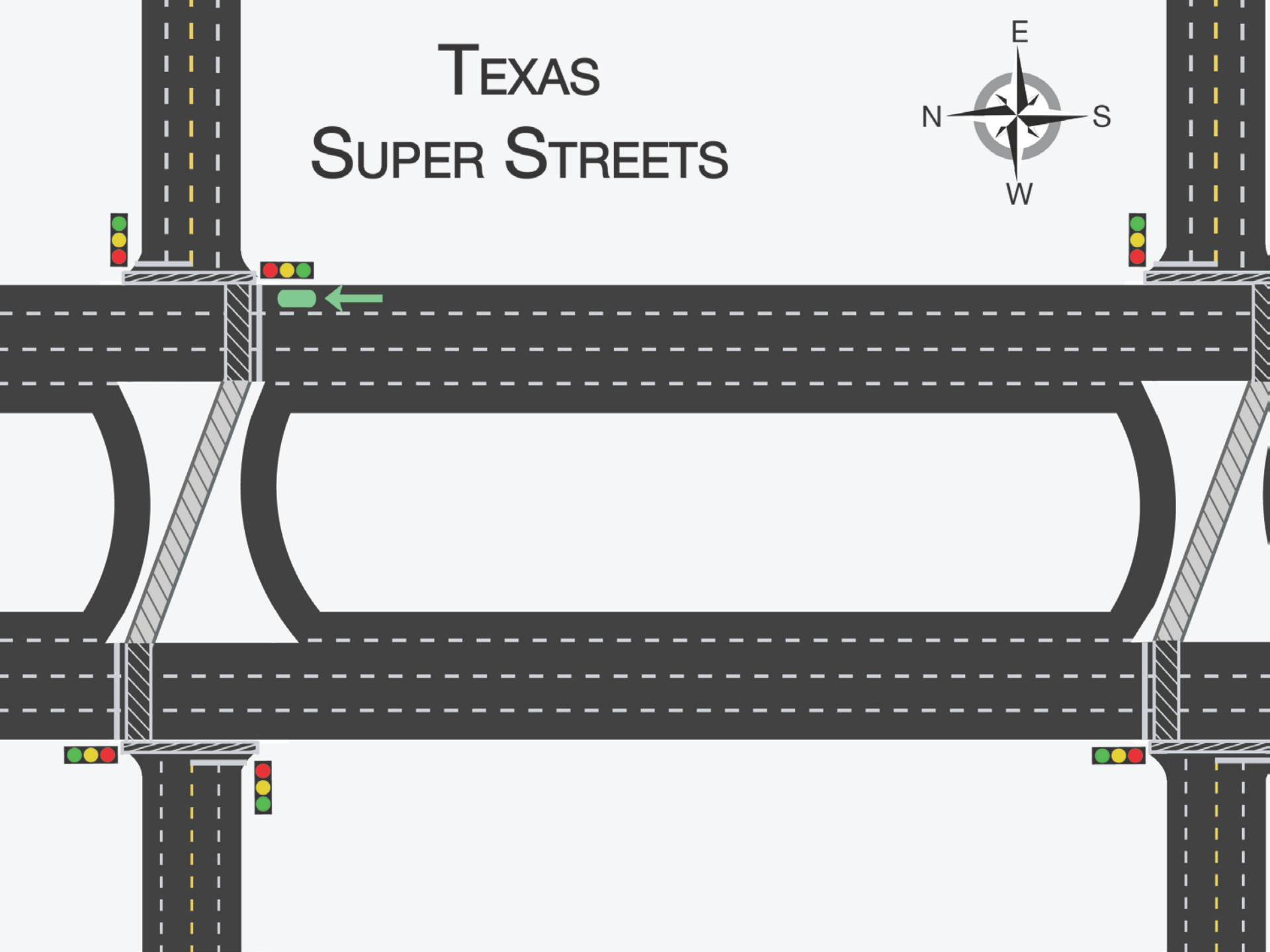

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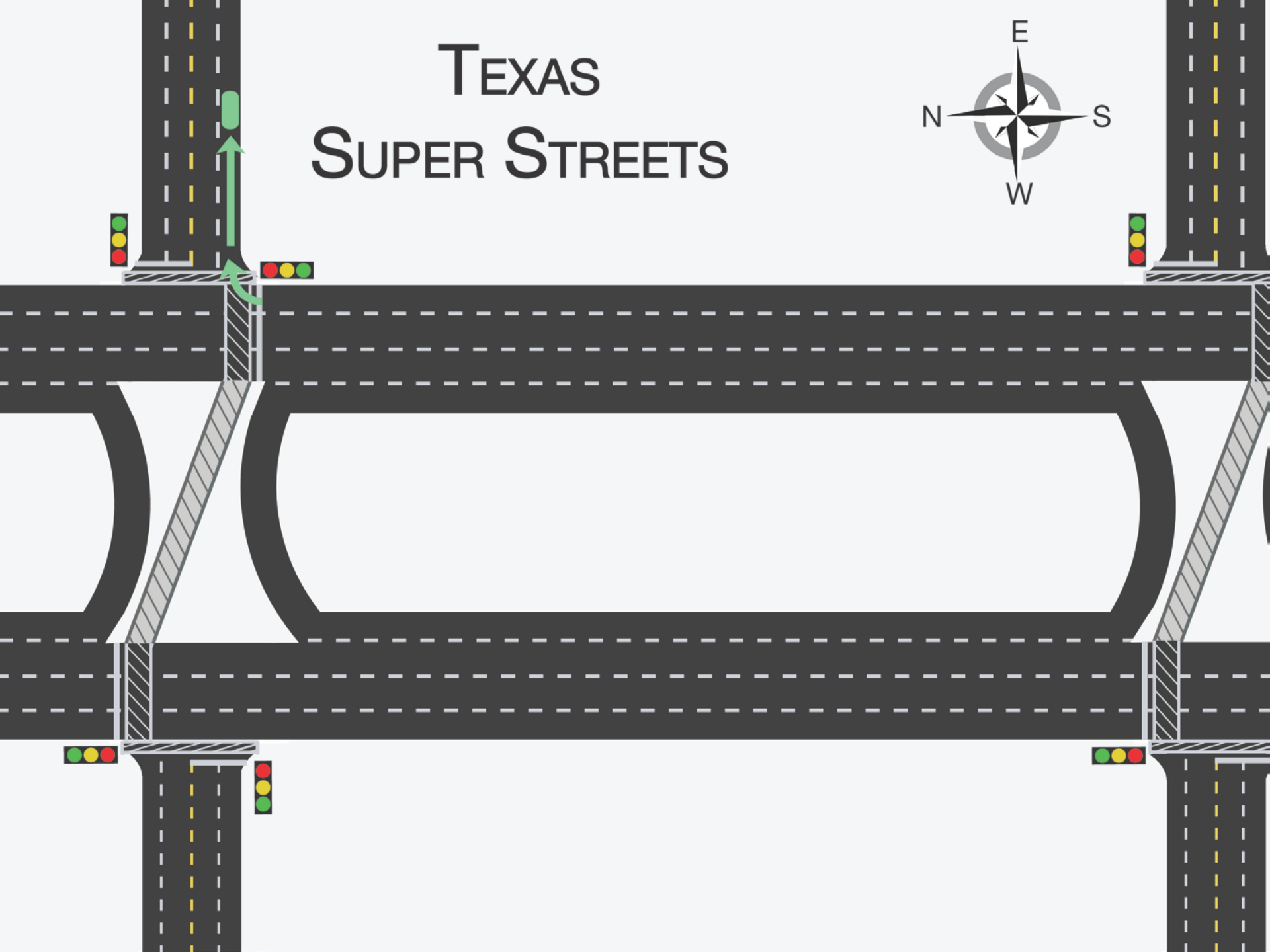

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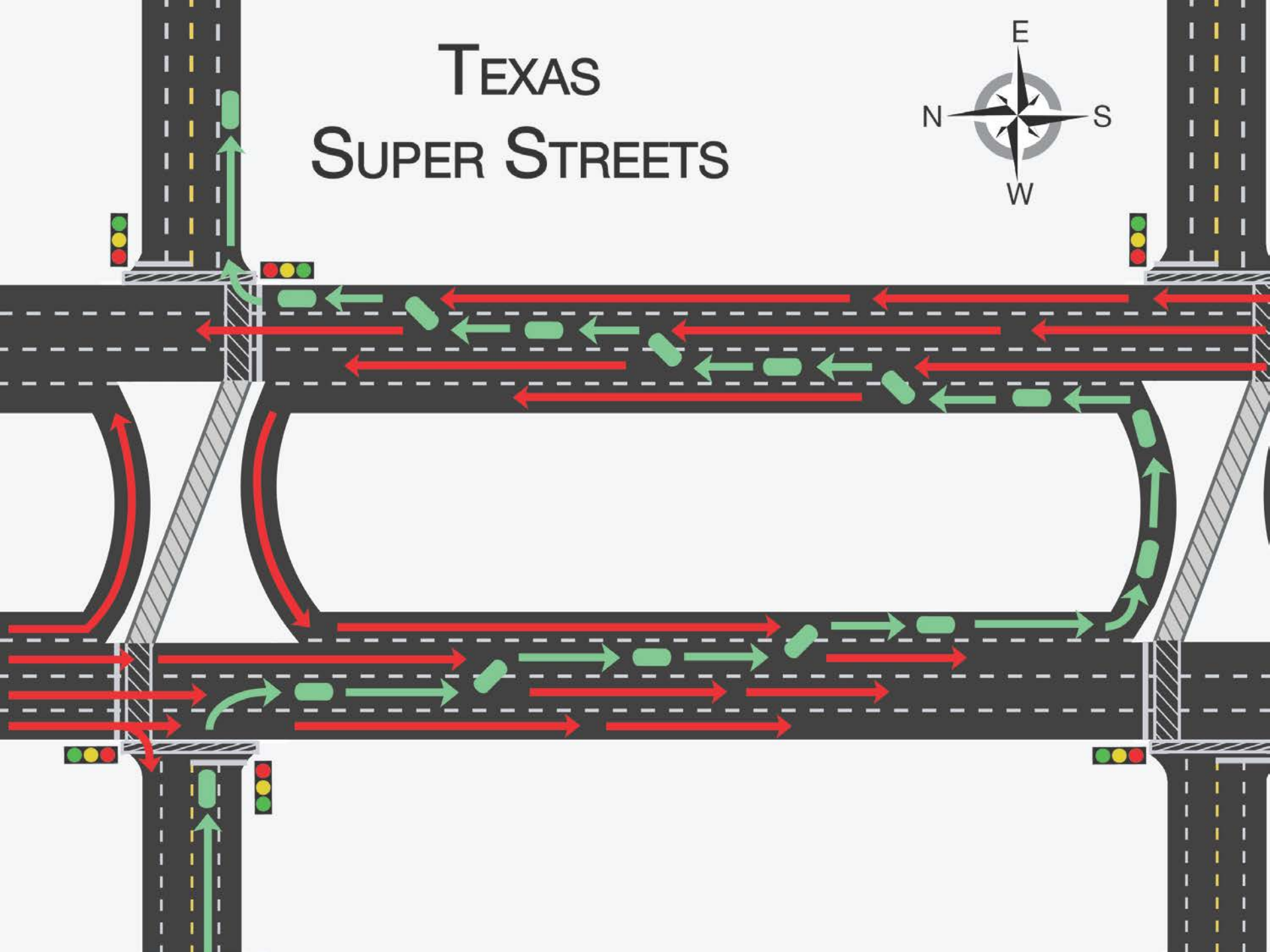

WHAT ABOUT PEDESTRIANS?

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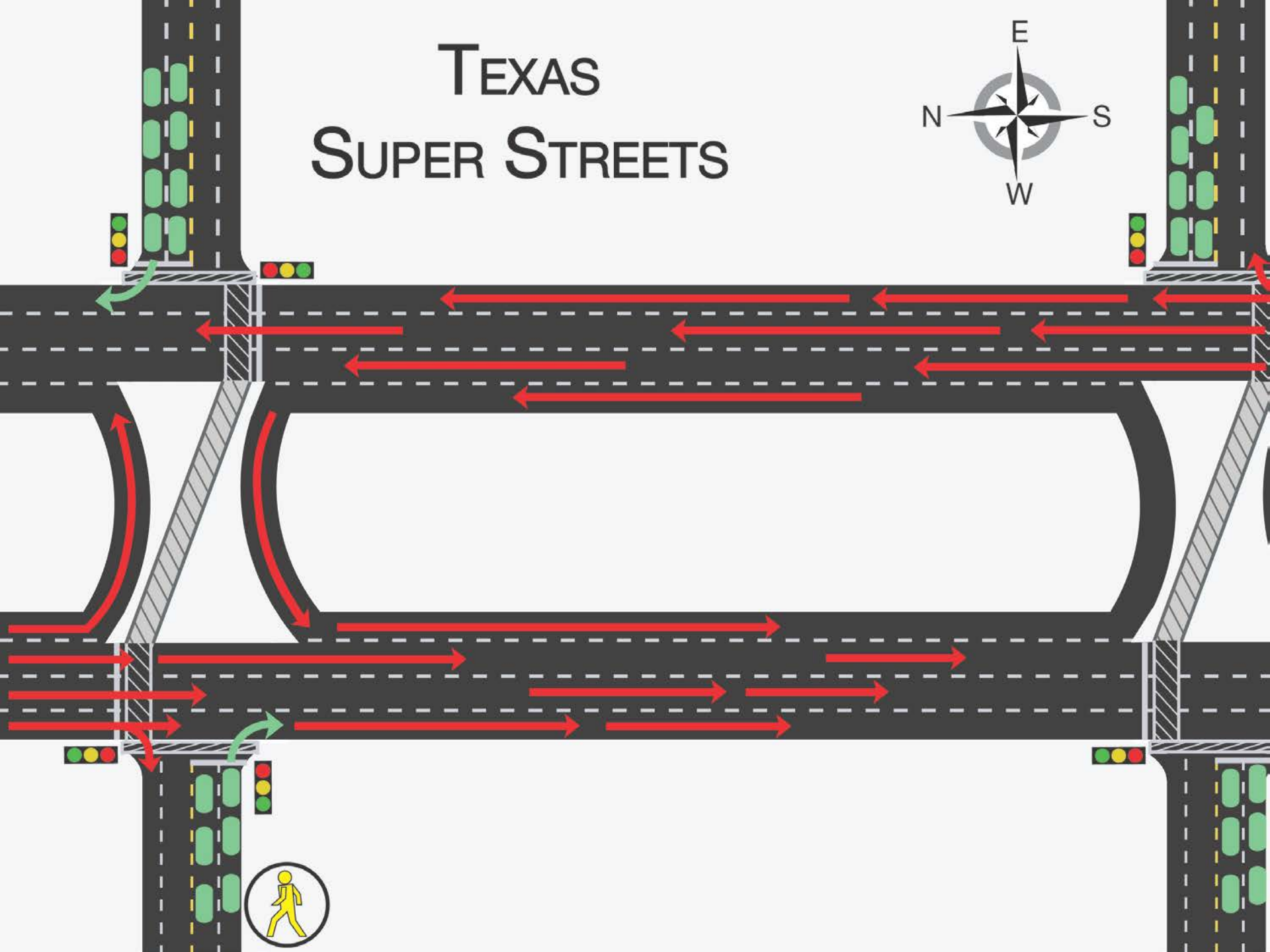

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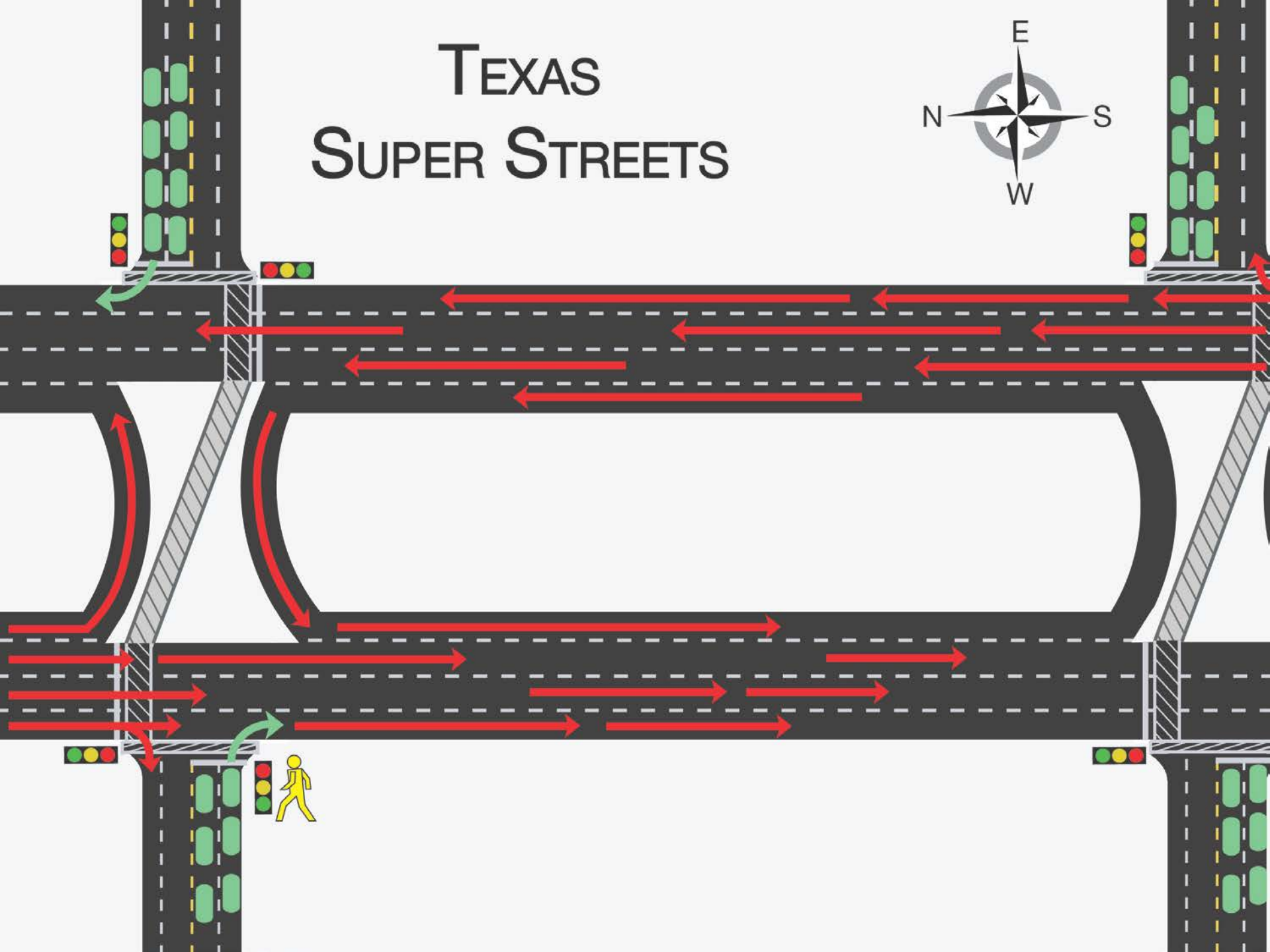

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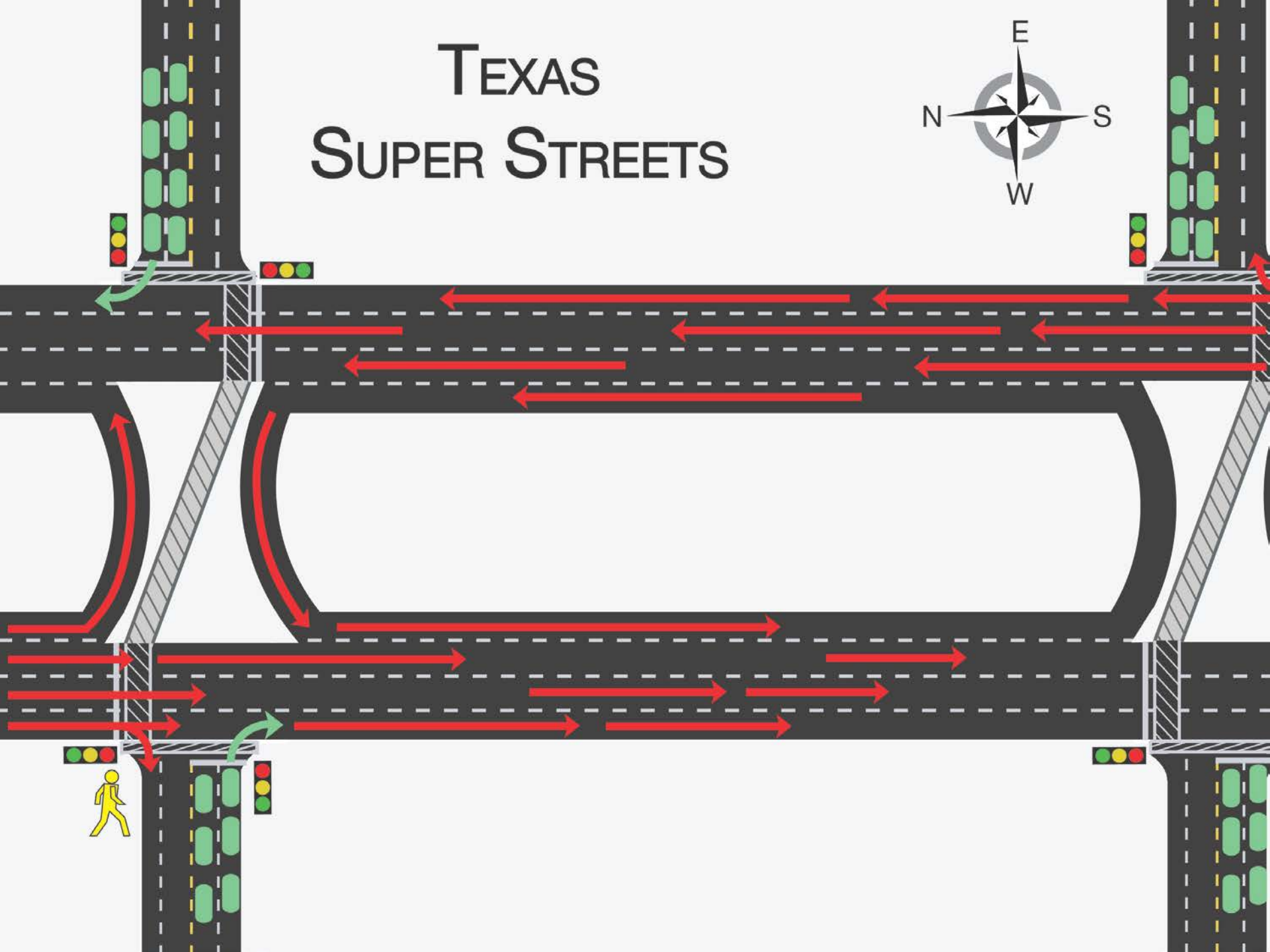

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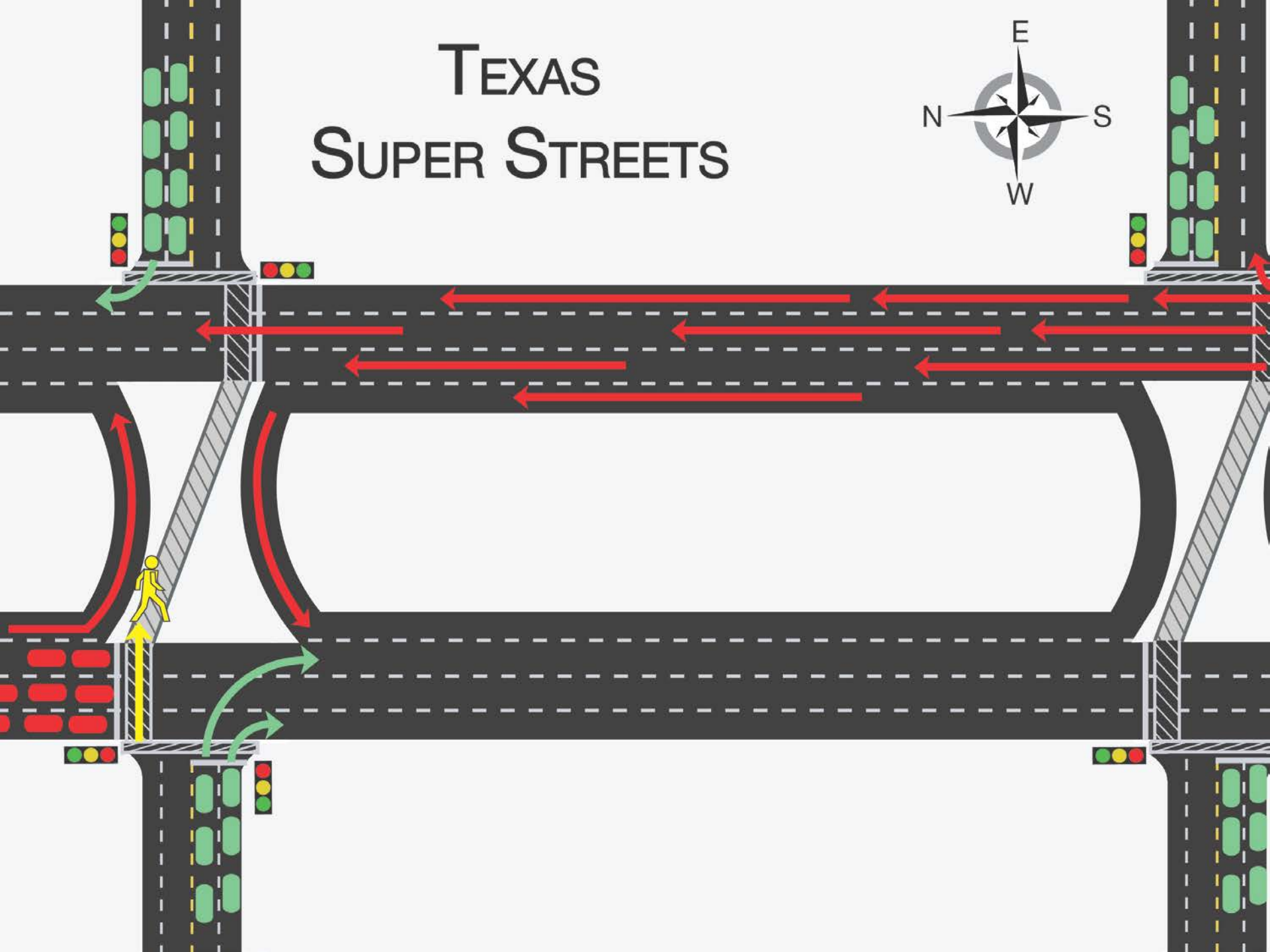

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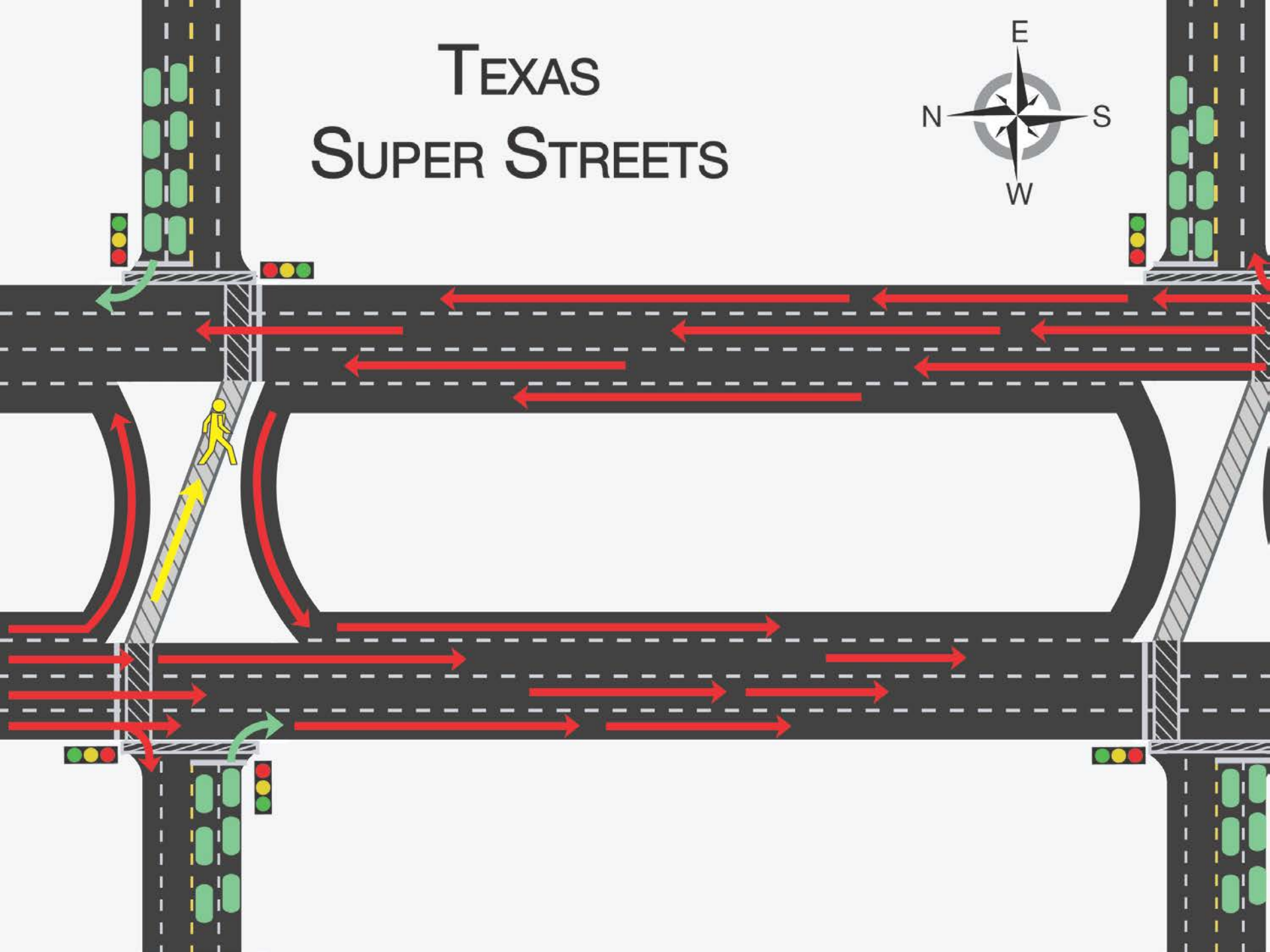

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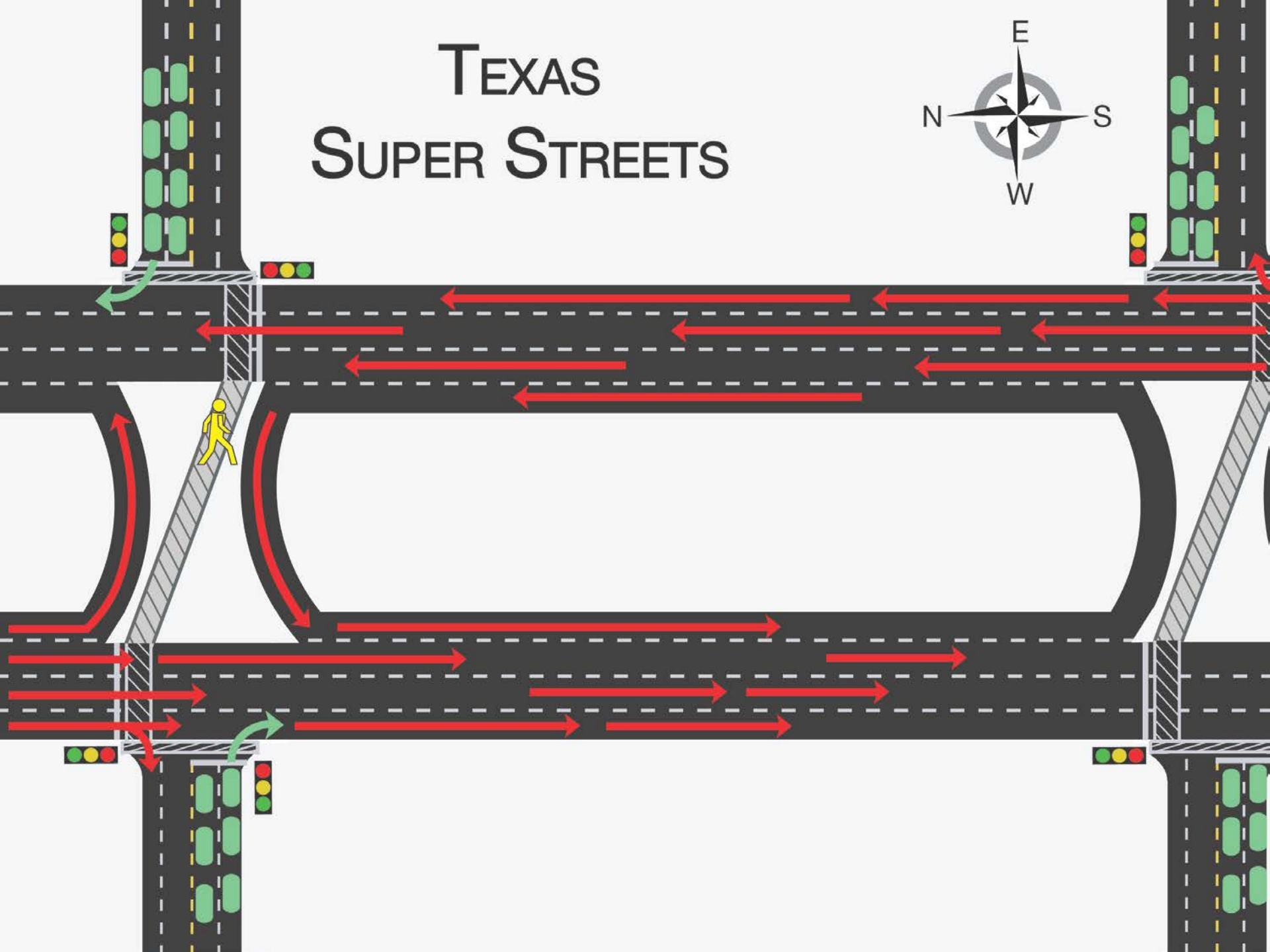

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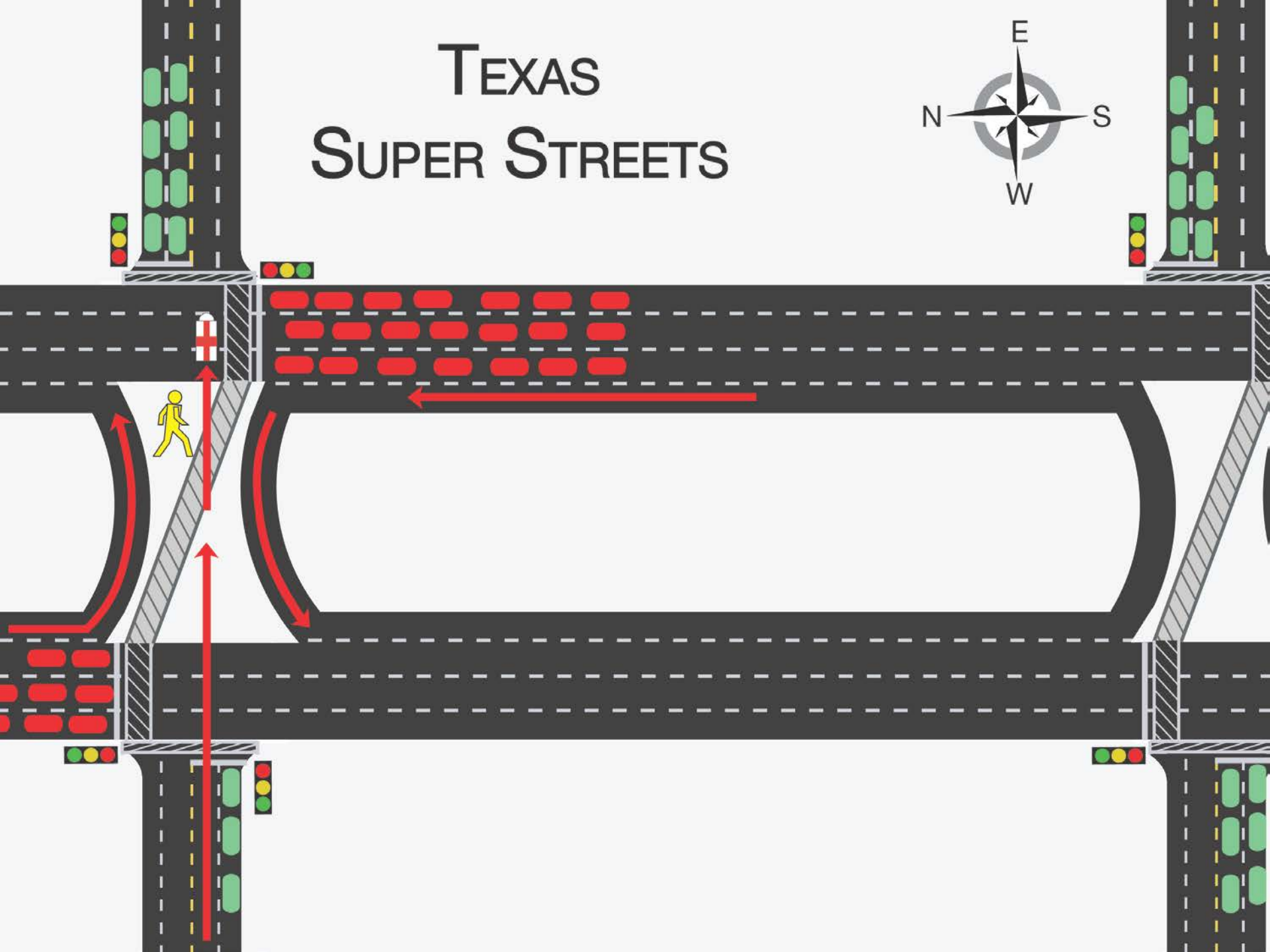

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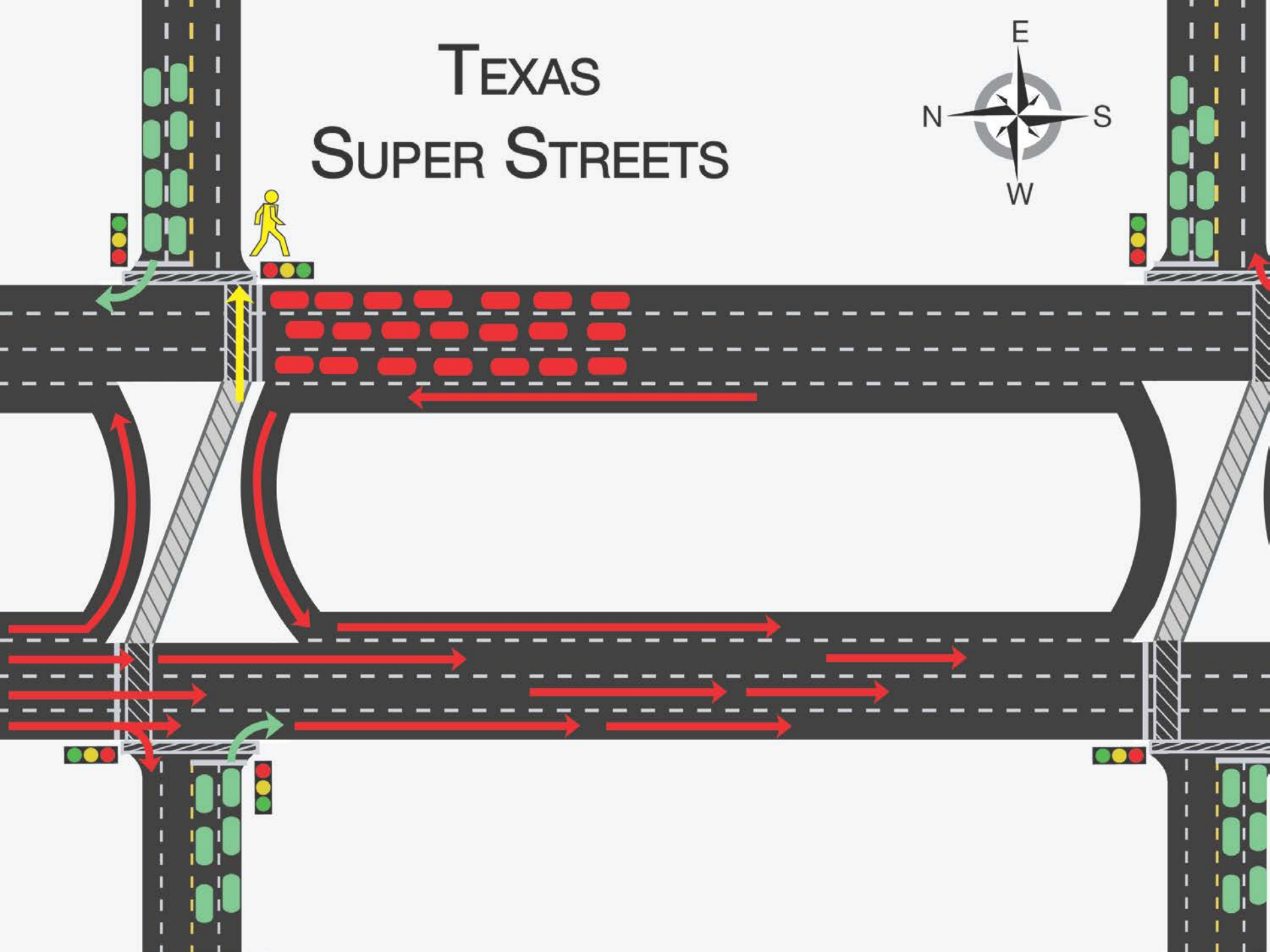

WHAT ARE DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERSECTIONS?

http://youtu.be/zWG49xlZ_eQ?t=5m59s

We propose to re-stitch our torn urban fabric by lowering IH-35 below grade and capping the freeway with great streets, & a grand urban boulevard.

"The greatest benefit of a comprehensive plan is that it is a single playbook from which everyone works. We can accomplish far more by *pulling in the same direction*. . .
When challenging issues and choices arise, the plan guides both the municipality and the community in thinking about the good of the whole."
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