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## **Optimizing Traffic Flow and Space Utilization at ISU Transportation Services**

### Client: ISU Transportation Services, Ames, Iowa

#### **Problem Statement**

- Transportation services is looking to alleviate some of the congestion during peak times by putting in a self-service kiosk to allow for checkouts outside of normal business hours.
- In order to do this, the parking lot must be redesigned to fit enough cars and handle the traffic flow.

#### **Objectives**

- Move fence and redraw lines to accommodate 112 spaces
- Create a new organizational system for easy rental
- Create SOP for new kiosk system
- Improve traffic flow with new design

#### Constraints

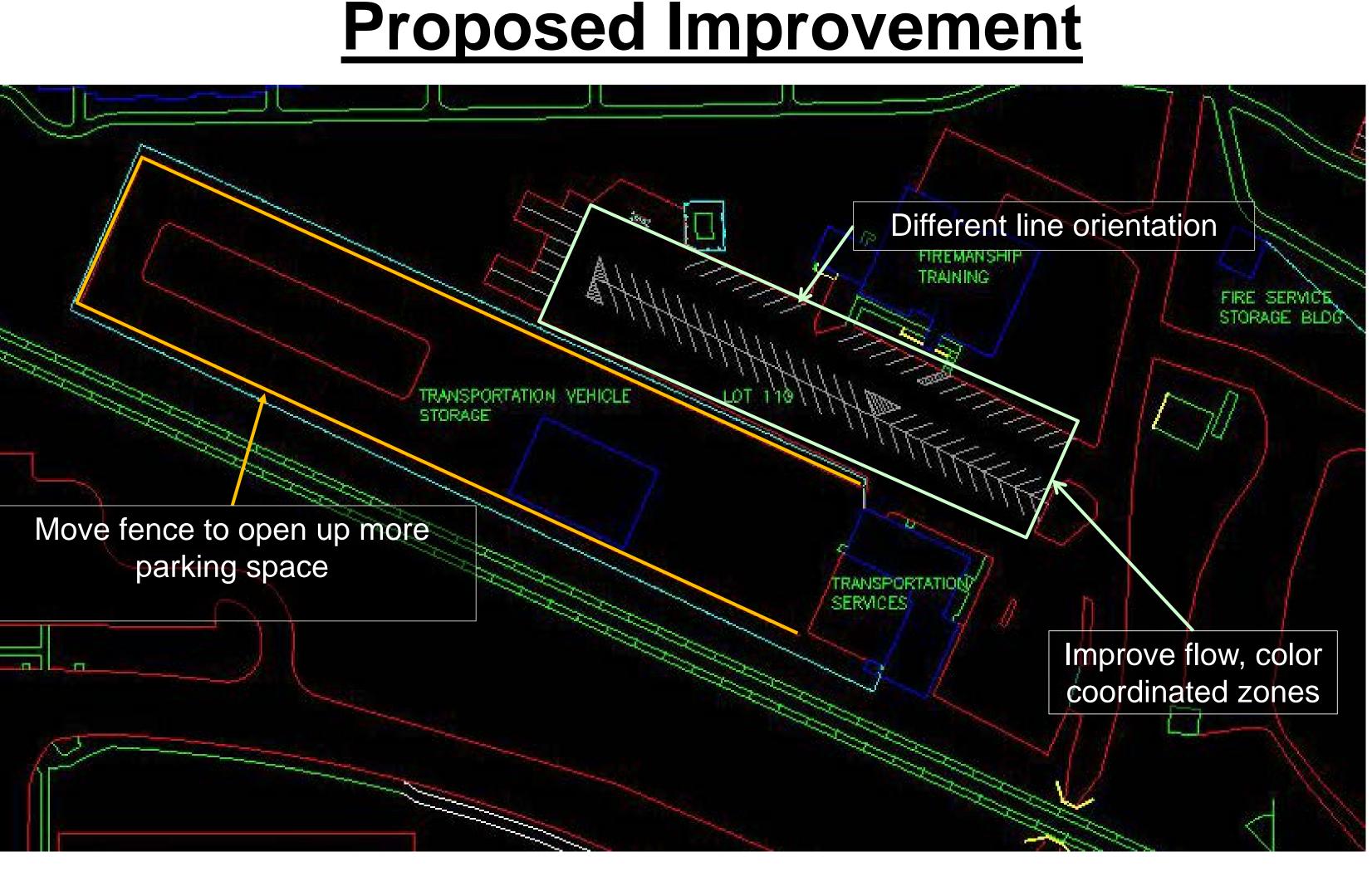
- Cannot expand lot
- Trailers must remain locked up
- Must accommodate a minimum of 112 parking spaces
- One-way flow

### Methods

Park CAD and AUTOCAD







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#### **Benefit to Client**

#### **Proposed Solutions**

• Remove majority of the fencing. • Fence in an area only for vehicles that need to be locked up after hours. Improve flow Color coordinate zones to easily find vehicle and have color indicators on key so client knows where to find and return vehicle.

#### **Major Outcomes**

Able to focus more on vehicle maintenance The ability for clients to receive vehicles after hours will help reduce afternoon rushes.

• Easier to maintain vehicles • Easier to find vehicles • Can have designated areas for types of vehicles or heavily used vehicles