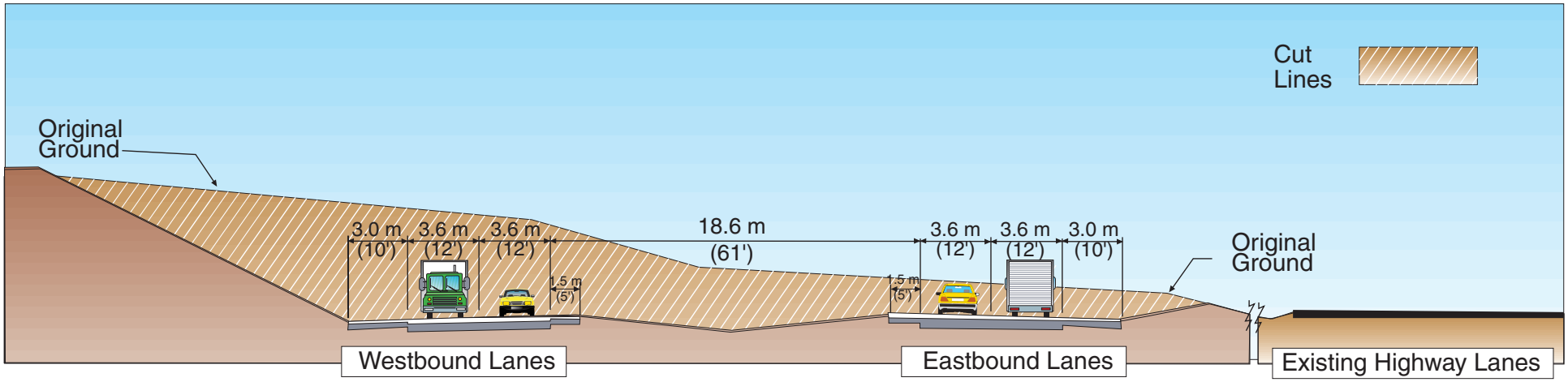The Cut Alternative