



55th Street Streetscape Master Plan

Cottage Grove Ave to South Lake Shore Dr

Streetscape Master Plan Goals

To develop a plan for the public right of way that will:

- Build off of prior public improvements
- Support Economic Development
- Improve Public Safety and Public Health
- Enhance Quality of Life and Sense of Place
- Upgrade Infrastructure
- Be Multi-modal and Transit Friendly
- Incorporate Sustainable Best Practices
- Ensure Maintainability
- Be Beautiful



Streetscape Master Plan

Intended as a Development Tool

- Guides form, function, and character of future development of public Right of Way
- Allows for coordination with new or remodeled buildings
- Set priorities for future investment in the area

Cottage Grove Ave

Ellis Ave

University Ave

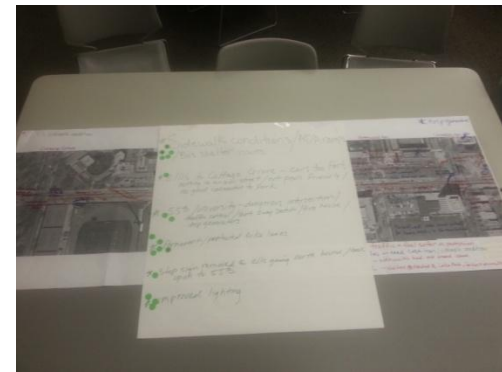
Kimbark Ave

Lake Park Ave

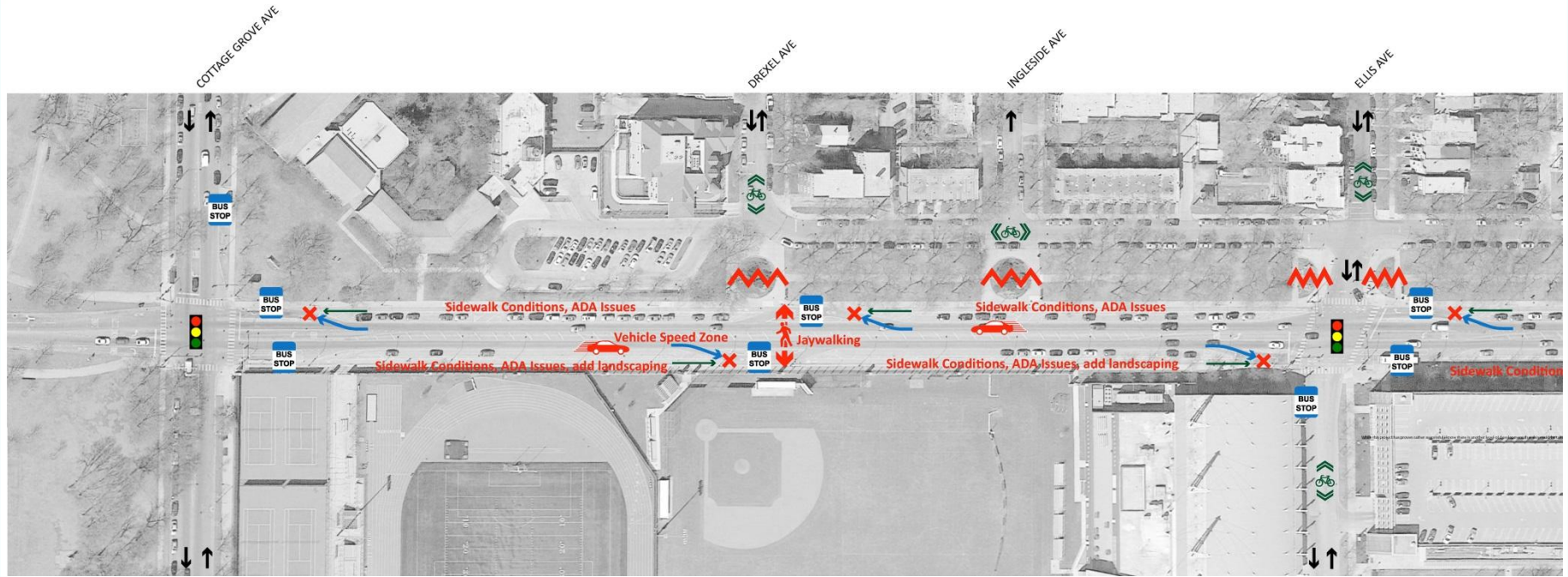
Lake Shore Dr



First Public Meeting



What we heard/ Existing conditions



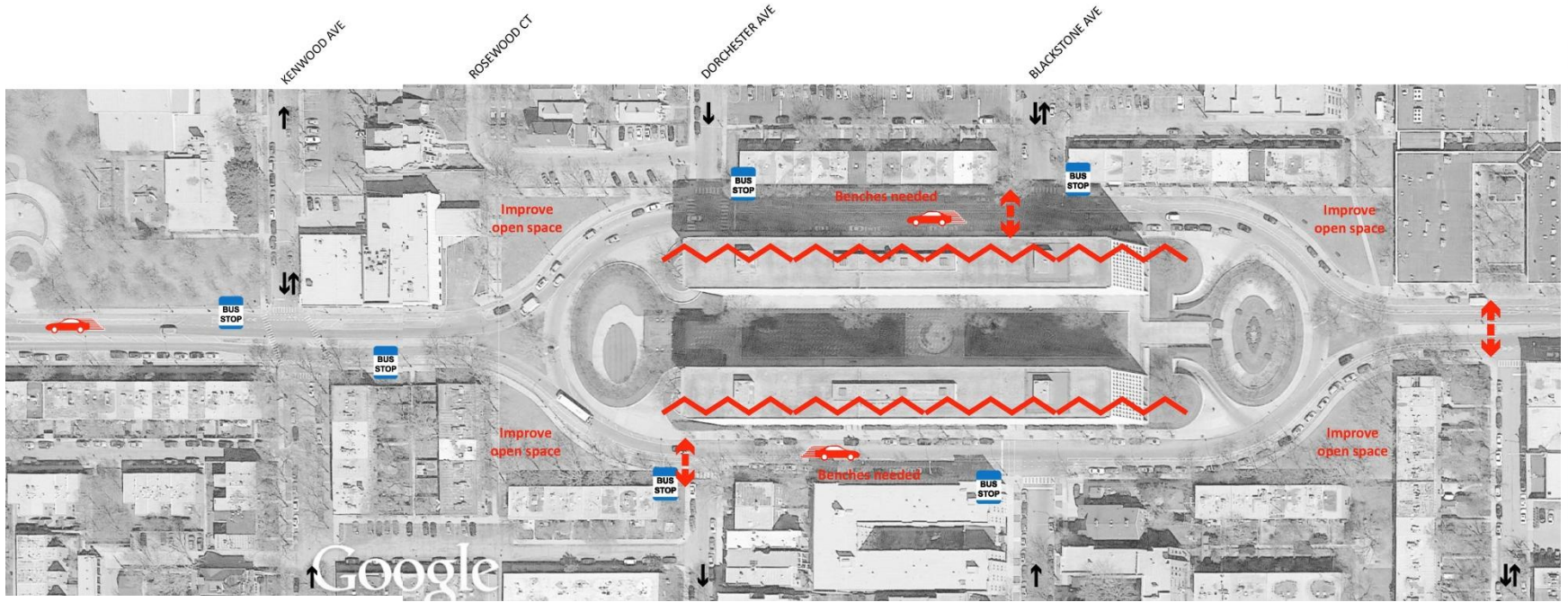
- Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance
- Create permanent protected bike lanes, eliminate conflicts at bus stops and right turn lanes
- Improve lighting
- Cars drive too fast between Ellis and Cottage Grove

What we heard/ Existing conditions



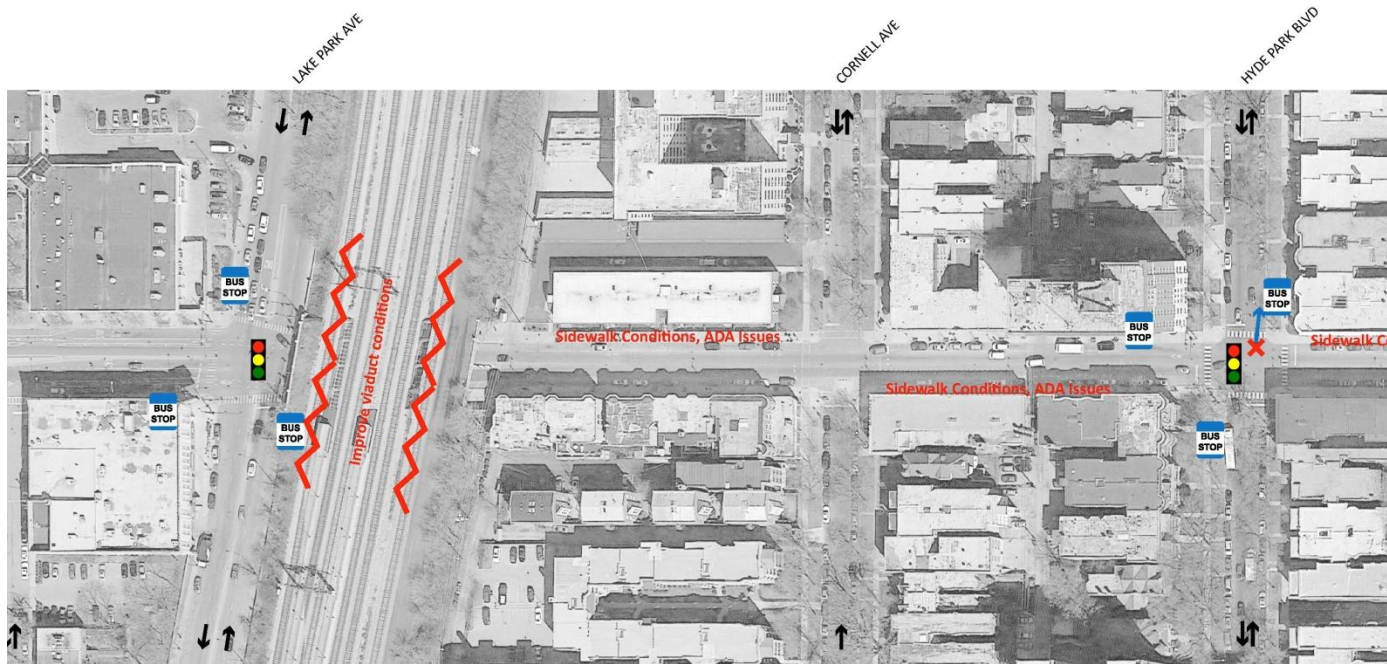
- Traffic calming needed
- Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance
- Add site furnishings, trash cans, banners
- Create permanent protected bike lanes, eliminate conflicts at bus stops and right turn lanes
- Create visual interest at Nichols Park
- Improve lighting
- Improve University Avenue crossing

What we heard/ Existing conditions



- Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance
- Add benches for walkers
- Improve pedestrian safety and crossings
- Improve small park spaces at University Park Condominiums

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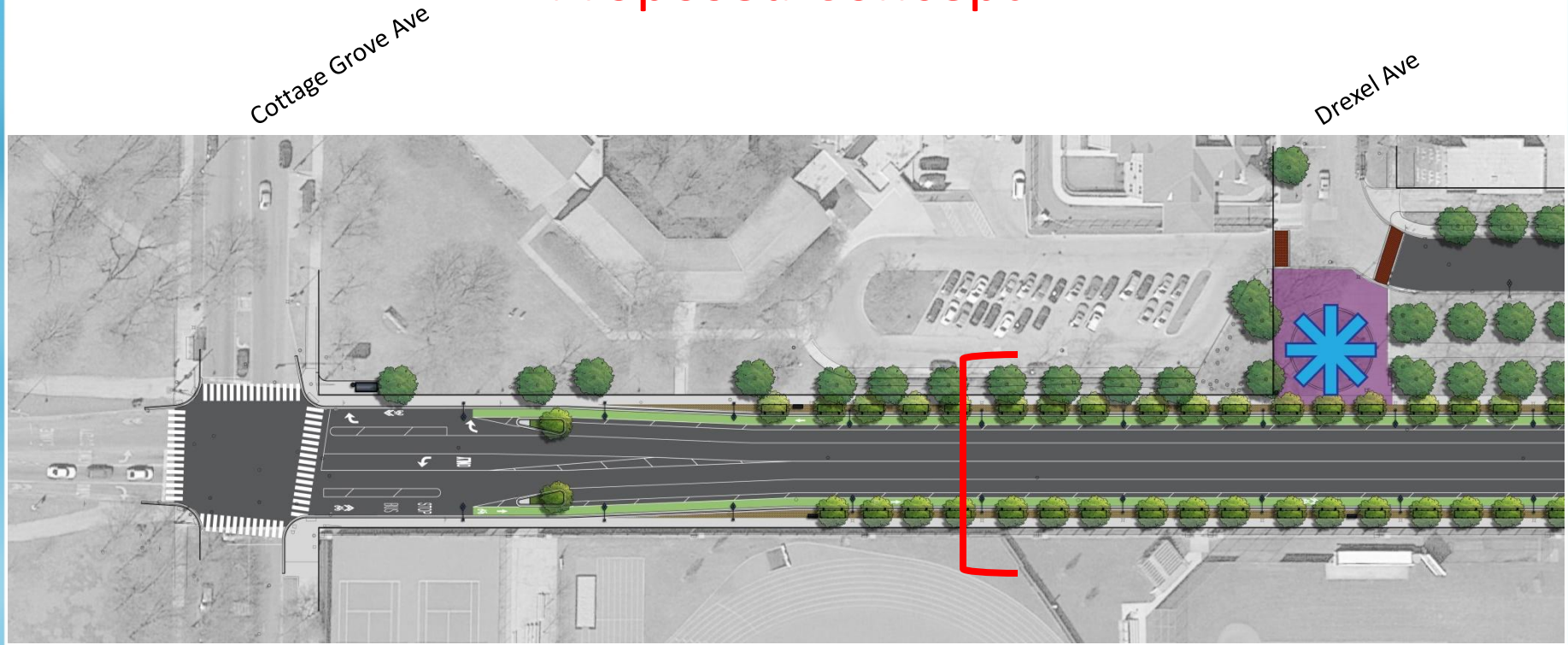
- Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance
- Bus stop at Hyde Park needs improvements. Bus stop blocks traffic
- Improve Metra viaduct for pedestrians and bikes
- Improve street tree conditions

What we heard/ Existing conditions



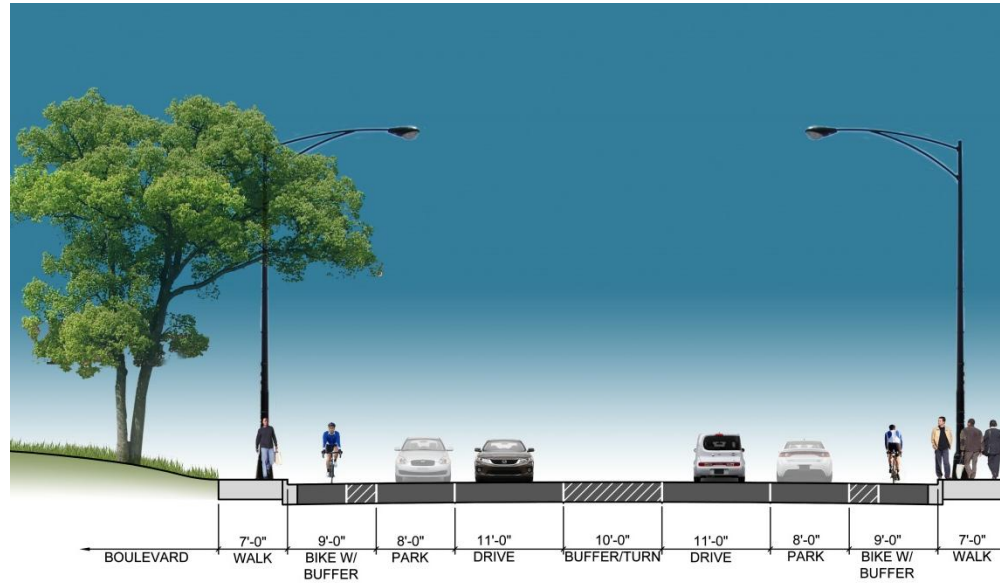
- Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance
- Add bike parking
- Improve bike connection to lakefront
- Improve South Shore intersection, pedestrian crossings
- Improve street tree conditions

Proposed Concept

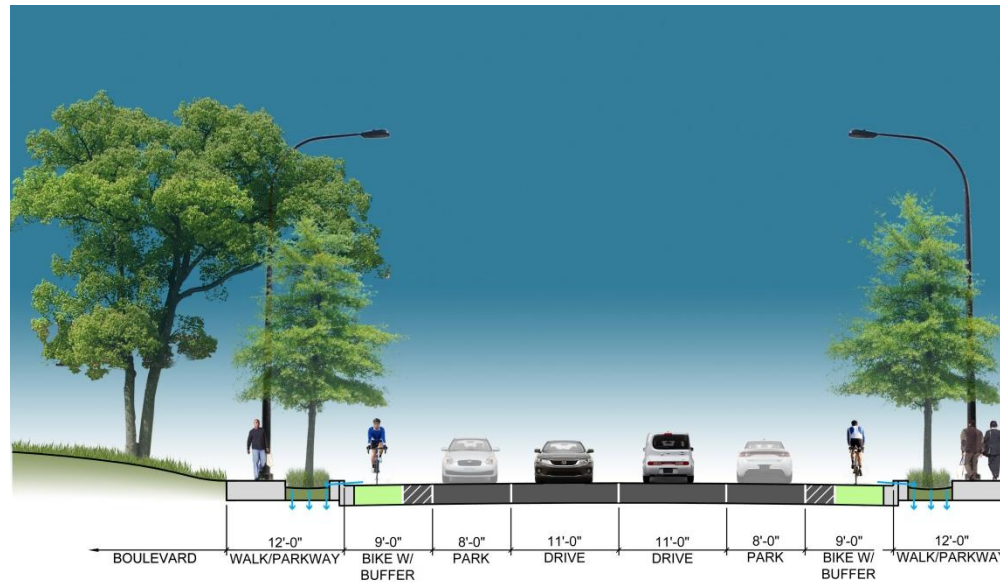


- New crosswalks at Cottage Grove
- Add concrete pad for bus shelter at NW Cottage Grove intersection
- Consolidate bus stop at Drexel, adds parking
- Improve bike facilities, green lanes; bike lane changes to shared lane west of Cottage Grove Ave
- Expand sidewalks, add planters and pavers
- Add raised end medians to parking lane
- Gateway in new boulevard plaza at Drexel
- Add site furnishings, where possible
- Lighting replacement

Section- Cottage Grove to Ellis

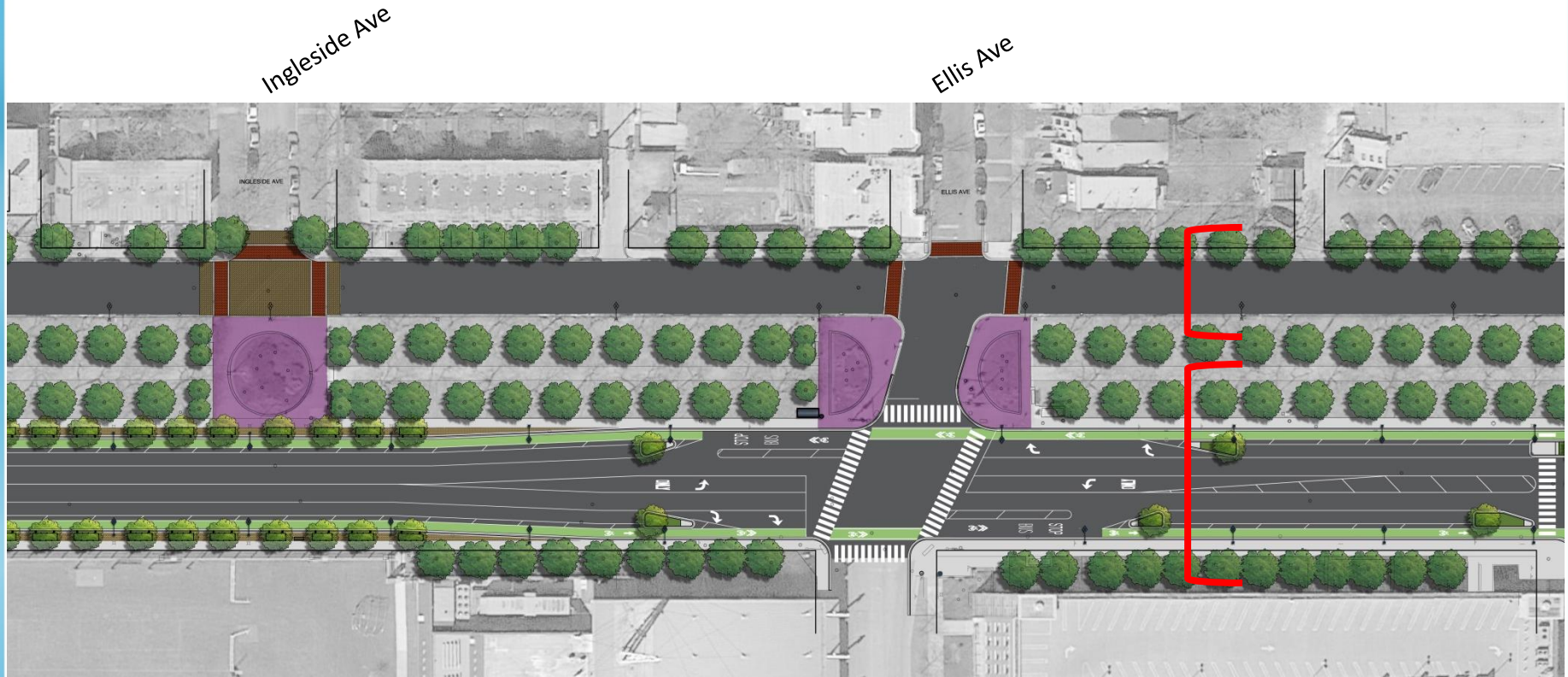


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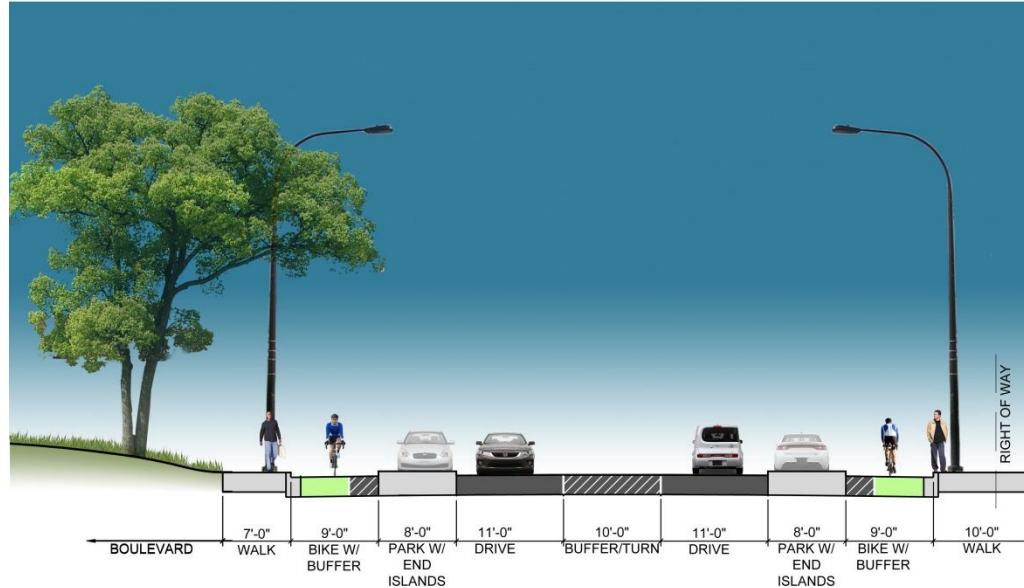
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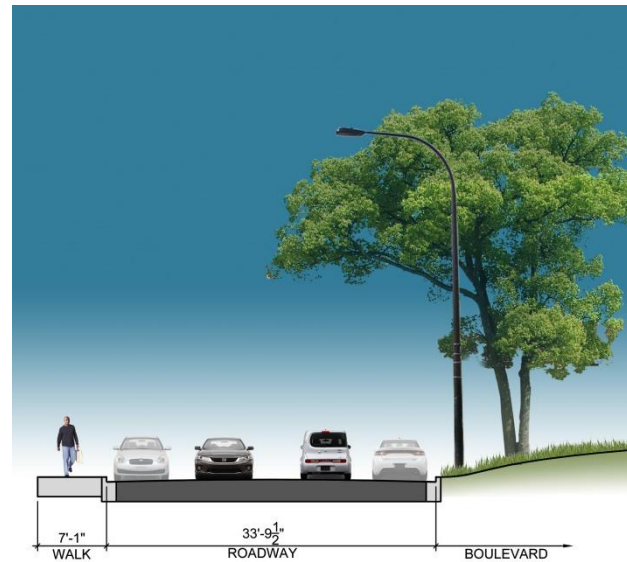


- New boulevard plazas
- Relocate bus stop at Ellis to far side of intersection
- Improve bike facilities, green lanes, separate bike signal at Ellis
- Expand walks, add planters and pavers west of Ellis
- Add raised end medians to parking lane (planted if maintenance allows)
- Add site furnishings, where possible
- Sidewalk and lighting replacement

Section- Ellis to University

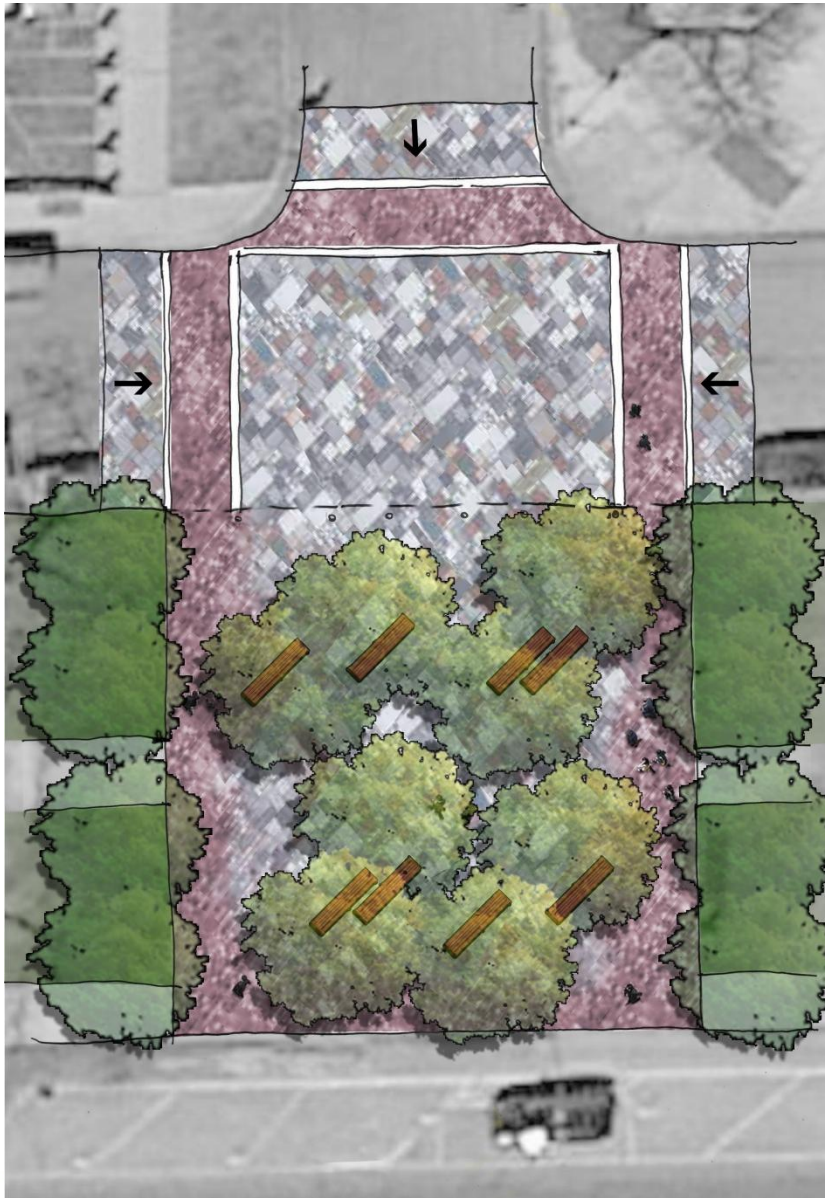


Proposed 55th St. (Dimensions same as existing)



Proposed Frontage Road (Dimensions same as existing)

Typical Boulevard Plaza Concept



- Raised table intersection with specialty paving treatment
- Hardscape specialty paver treatment throughout plaza space.
- Provide seating, open up space for clear site lines and flexible use
- Intersection could be closed and incorporated into plaza for larger event space
- Improve flow of boulevard path

Boulevard Plaza Concept



Raised table intersection with specialty paving treatment



Existing 58th and Ellis raised crosswalk



Simple plaza of pavers, trees benches

Bus Stop and Bike Lane Treatment



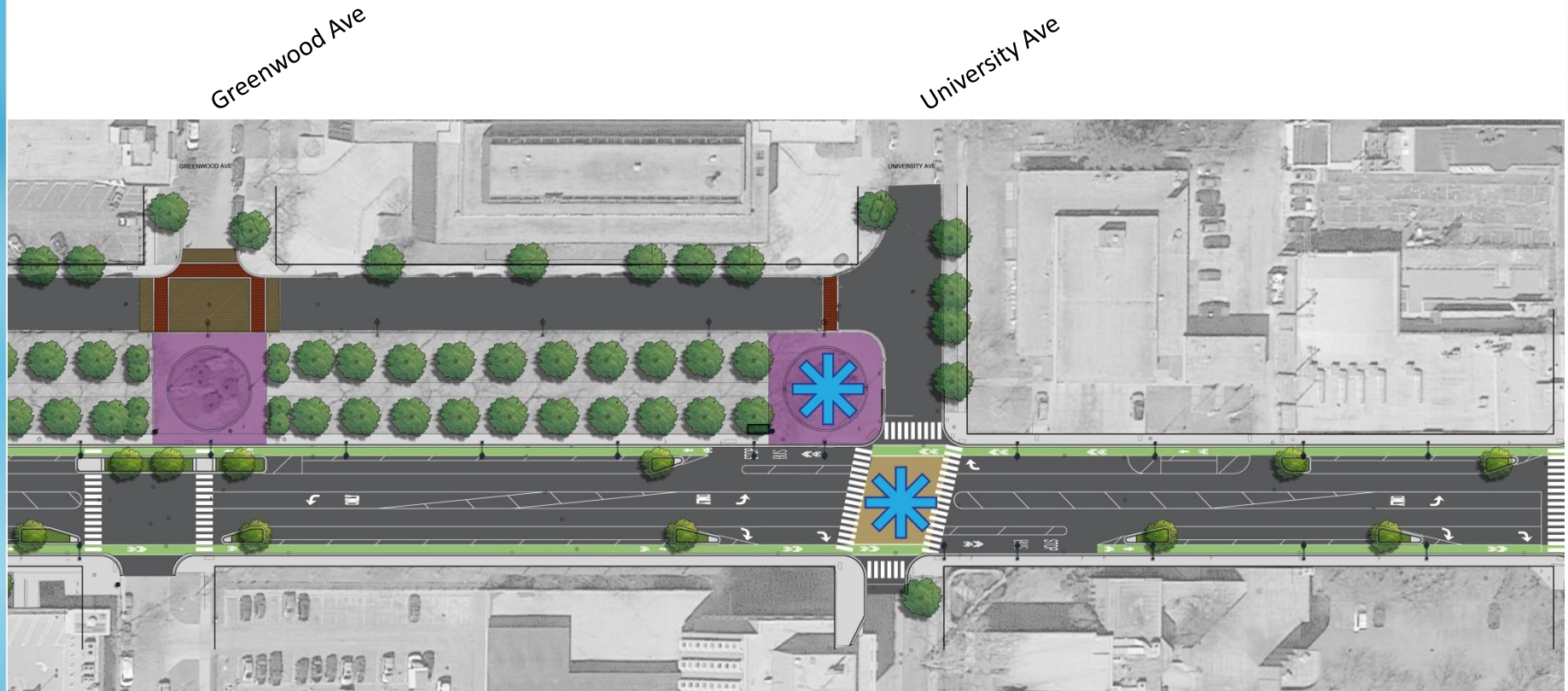
- New configurations and separate bike signals limit conflicts between bikes, buses, pedestrians and cars
- Green pavement highlights bike lane



Parking Lane End Medians and Pedestrian Crossings

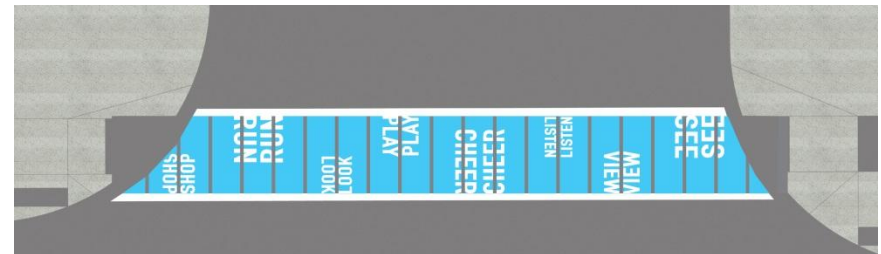
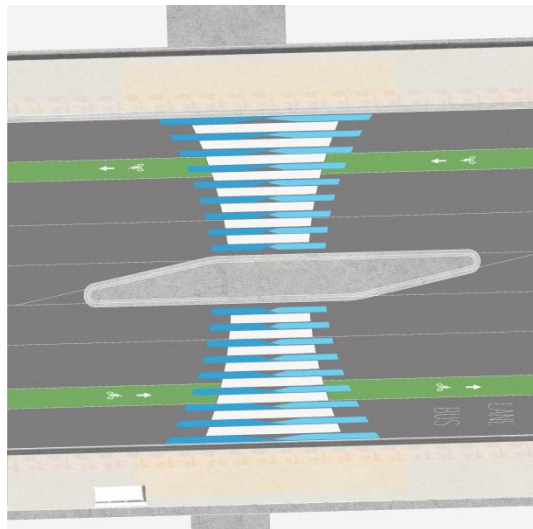
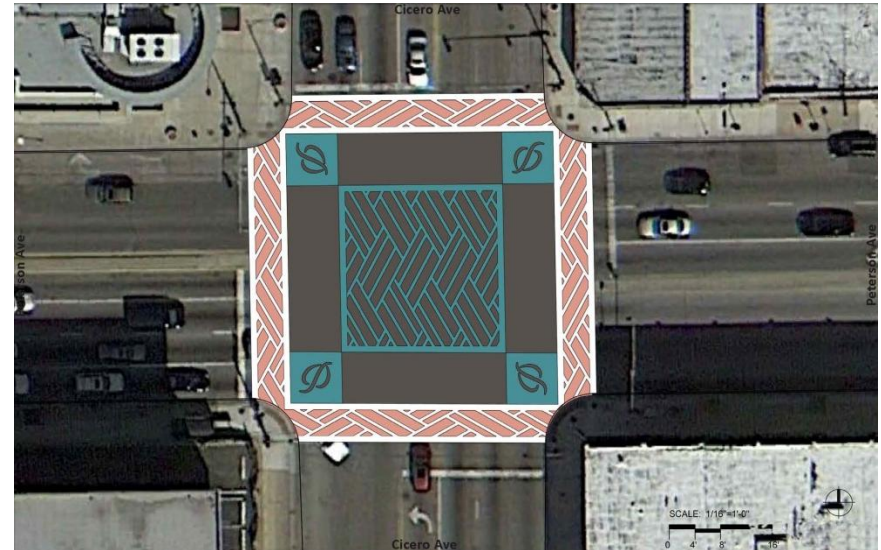


Proposed Concept



- New boulevard plazas
- Separate bikes and bus at University
- Improved bike facilities, green lanes
- Add raised end medians to parking lane (planted if maintenance allows)
- Possible sculpture at University Ave boulevard plaza
- Decorative intersection treatment at University
- Sidewalk and lighting replacement

Example Intersection Treatments and Decorative Crosswalks



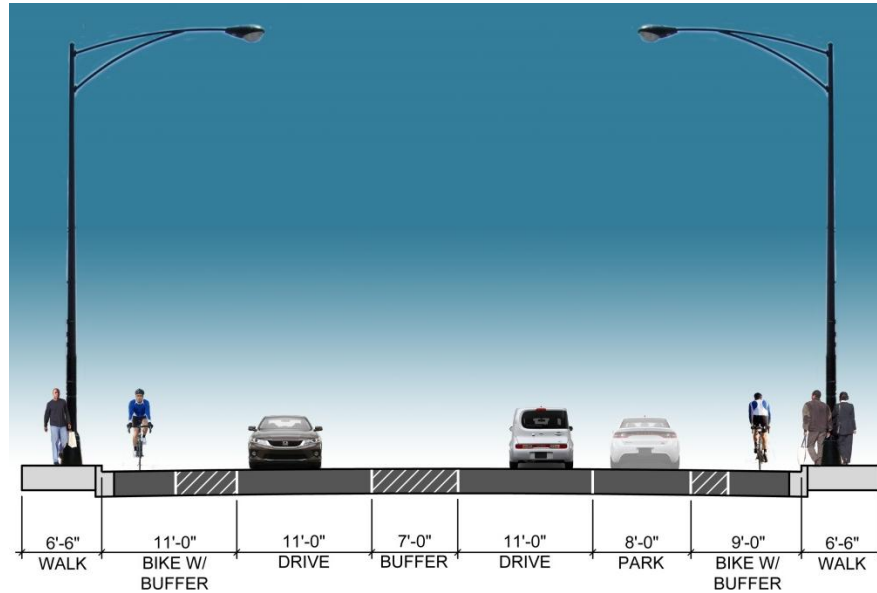
Comments/ Questions on Cottage Grove to University?

Proposed Concept

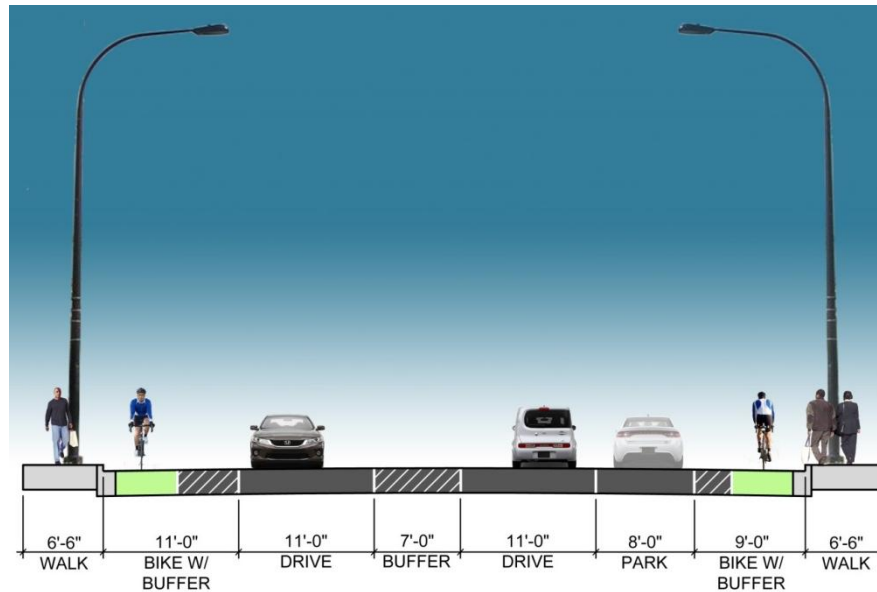


- Improved bike facilities, green lanes
- Separate bike signals at Woodlawn
- Add raised end medians to parking lane (planted if maintenance allows)
- Side street bump outs at Kimbark
- Refuge islands provided at Kimbark
- If agreement can be reached with Park District, expand sidewalk to Nichols Park entry and provide bus shelter
- Sidewalk and lighting replacement

Section: Kimbark- Kenwood

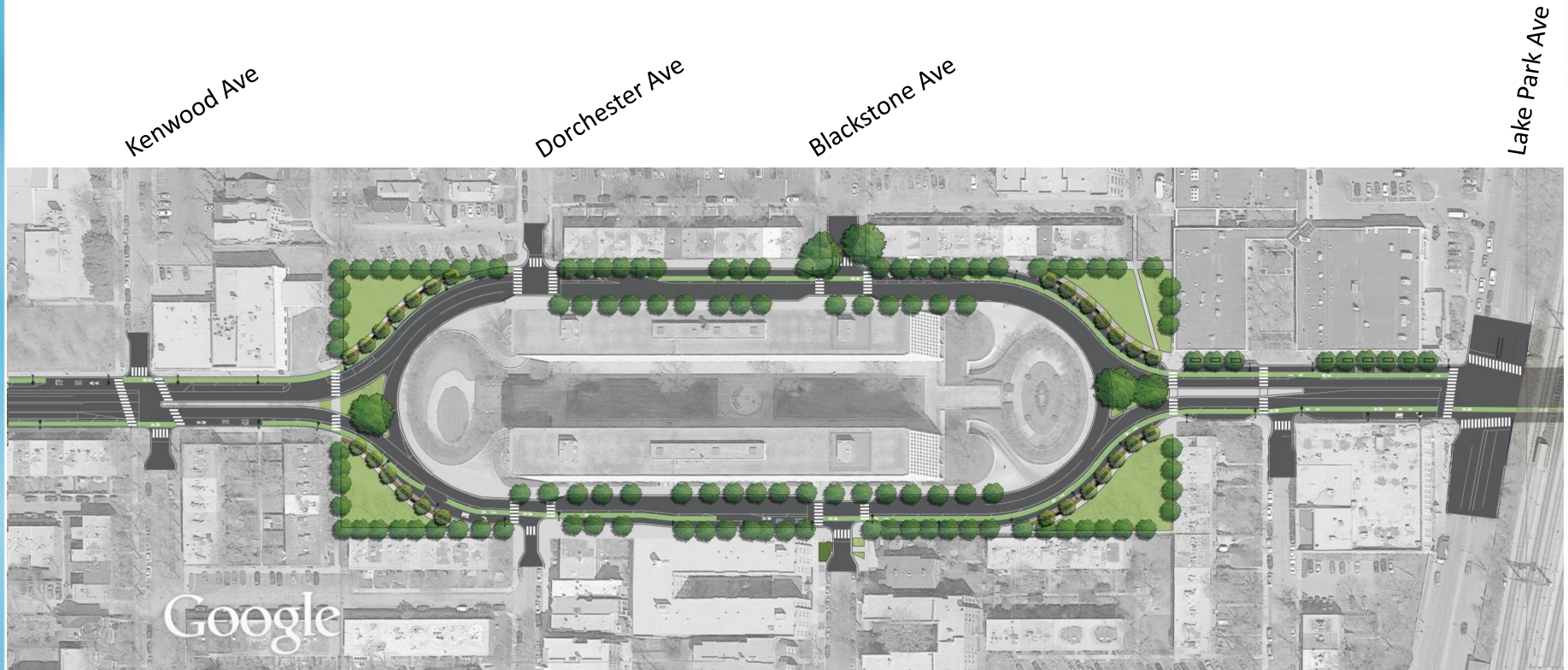


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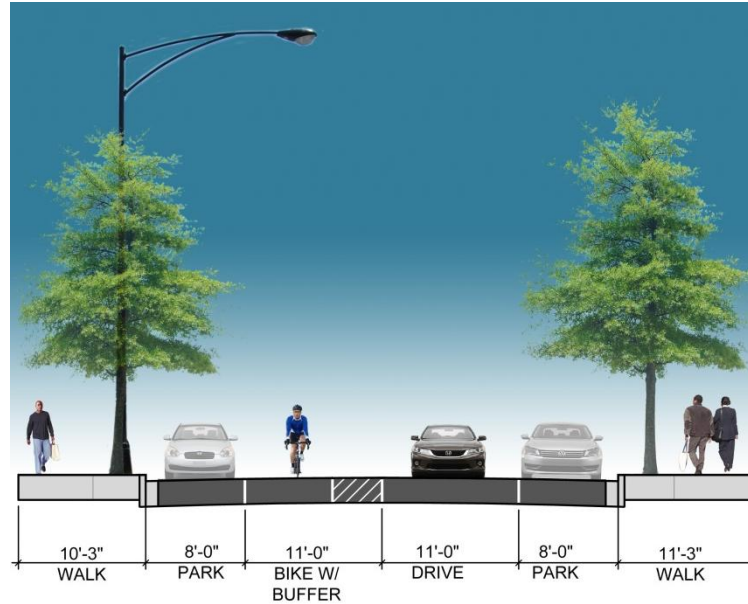
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Proposed Concept: Kenwood- Lake Park

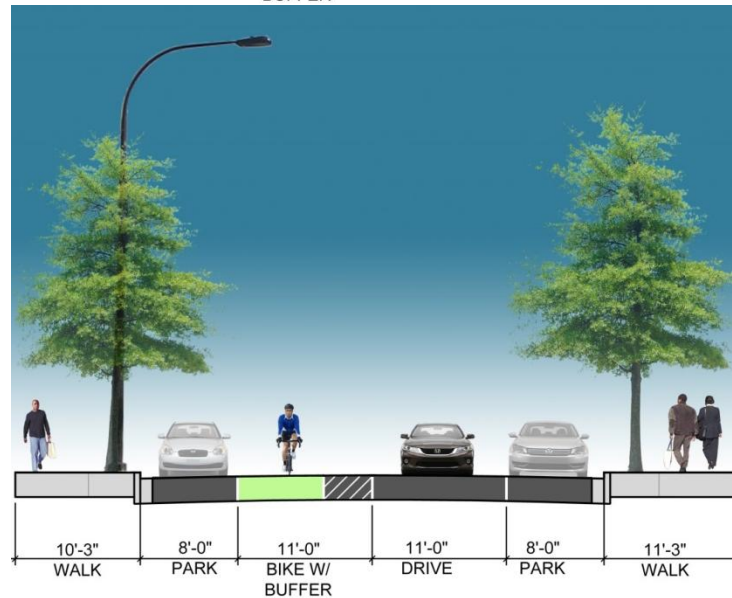


- Maintain existing roadway section
- Bump outs where possible
- Consolidate bus stops (pending CTA coordination)
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Gateway enhancements around University Park
- Improve bike facilities, green lanes
- Sidewalk and lighting replacement
- Expand sidewalks at outside of “curves” (pending coordination with owner)

Section: Dorchester- Blackstone



Existing



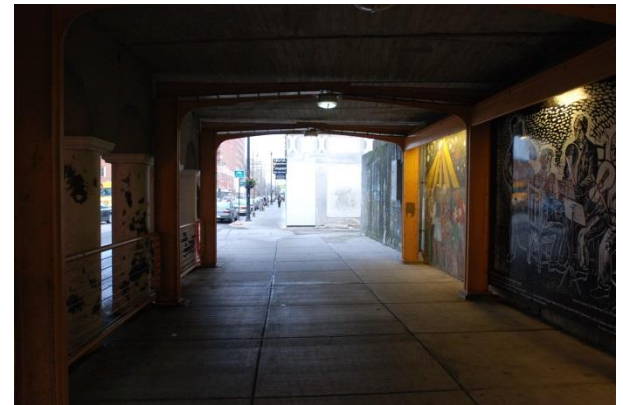
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Comments/ Questions on University to Lake Park Ave?

Metra Viaduct



- Repaint curbs and columns
- Improve bike facilities as possible, stripe east bound bike lane



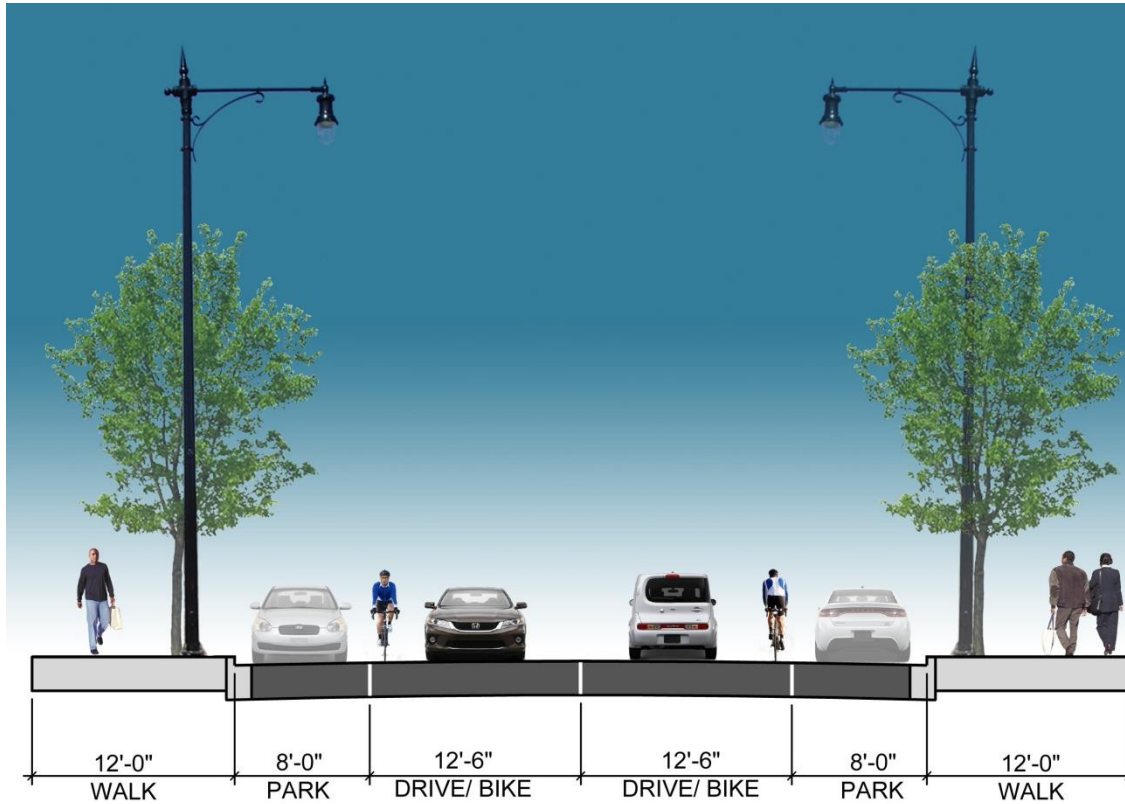
Proposed Concept: Metra Viaduct- Lake Shore Dr



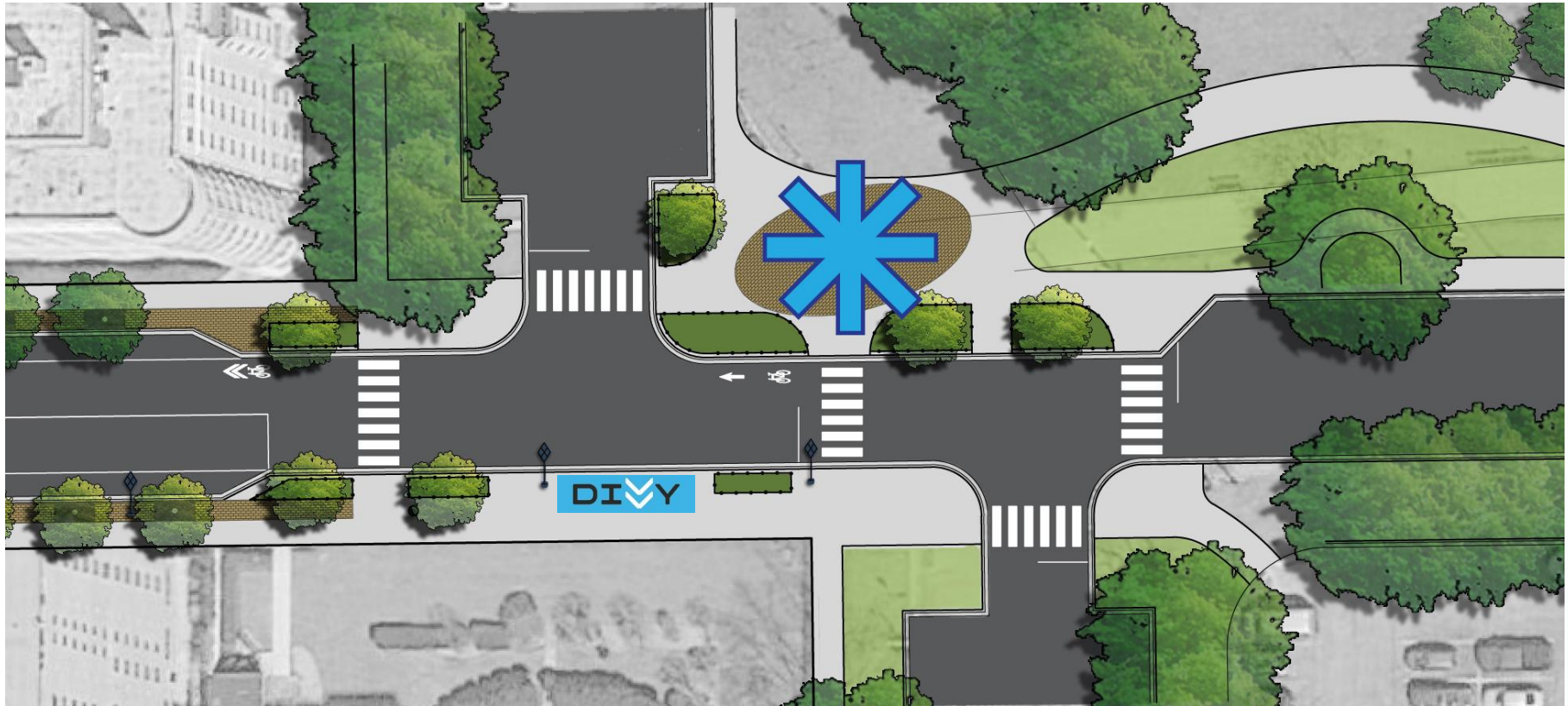
- Maintain existing roadway section
- Bump outs where possible
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Upgrade tree planting conditions: new, larger tree grates
- Paver band between trees
- Gateway enhancements at South Shore Dr.
- Sidewalk and lighting upgrades

Section: Lake Park- South Shore Drive

Existing and
Proposed



Proposed Concept: South Shore Dr. Intersection



- Revise alignment and bump out to shorten crossing distances and formalize parking
- Enhanced park entry with gateway
- Additional street trees and landscaping improvements where space allows

Comments/ Questions on Lake Park Ave to
South Shore Drive?

Proposed U of C Dormitory Building



Lighting Palette- Option A



Davits with Pedestrian Poles

Lighting Palette- Option B



Gateways with Pedestrian Poles

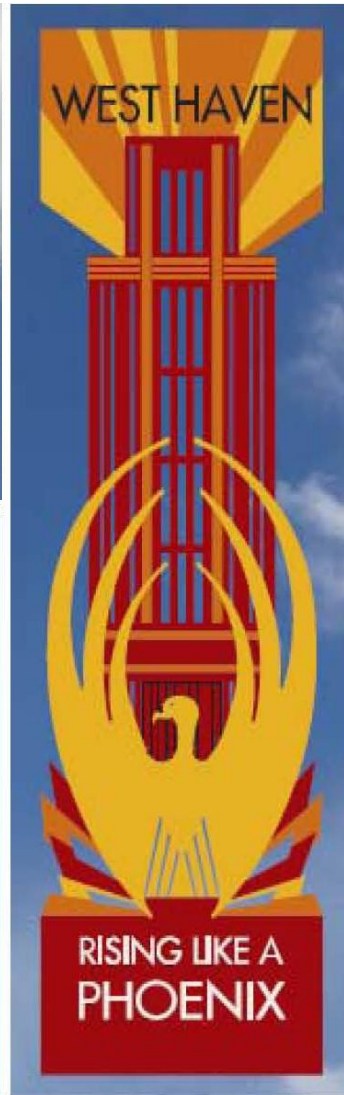
Example Gateways



Proposed Gateway Locations:

- Drexel
- South Shore Drive

Example Community Identifiers



Furnishings Palette



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