

ISW AUBURN GRESHAM

CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

79TH STREET

FIELDING TO PAULINA

HALSTED STREET

78TH STREET TO 80TH STREET

COMMUNITY MEETING No 1

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

We appreciate YOU taking the time to join us!

Thank you for joining us as we discuss the
AUBURN GRESHAM CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The City needs **your** feedback on the information that you will see today
to **help advance the design**



We don't want to **miss** anything!

Please be aware that this presentation will be **recorded** for note taking and record keeping purposes

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Everyone working together!

- 1 To be respectful of our large group, everyone outside of our panelists are **MUTED** for this webinar.
- 2 Please use the **Q&A FUNCTION** for any questions
- 3 Your questions will be moderated and asked to our panelists during the Q&A portion.
- 4 All questions and ideas are valid
- 5 Respect all other participant opinions and perspectives

- 1 Introductions
- 2 Project Overview
- 3 Initial Observations
- 4 Engineering Analysis
- 5 Corridor Character
- 6 Preliminary Streetscape Elements
- 7 Q&A

17TH Ward

- ☐ Alderman Moore

Chicago Department Of Transportation (CDOT)

- ☐ Lubica Benak, Program Director
- ☐ Chad Ogren, Project Manager

Department Of Planning & Development (DPD)

- ☐ Patrick Brutus, Coordinator of Economic Development

Spaan Tech Inc (MBE)

- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Street Lighting
- ✓ Civil Engineer

Jacobs Engineering Group

- ✓ Traffic Engineering
- ✓ Streetscape Architect
- ✓ Landscape Architect

DB Sterlin (WBE)

- ✓ Topographic Survey
- ✓ Drainage

Site Design Group (MBE)

- ✓ Placemaking Elements

Singh + Associates Inc (MBE)

- ✓ Traffic Signals

Interra (MBE)

- ✓ Geotechnical Engineer

RME (MBE)

- ✓ Structural

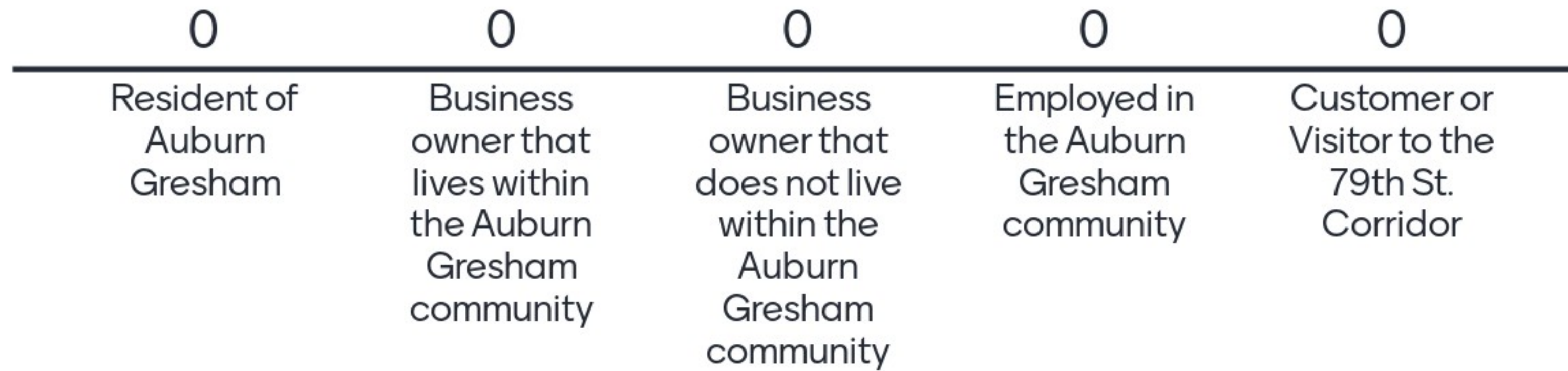
C-Strategies (WBE)

- ✓ Public Outreach

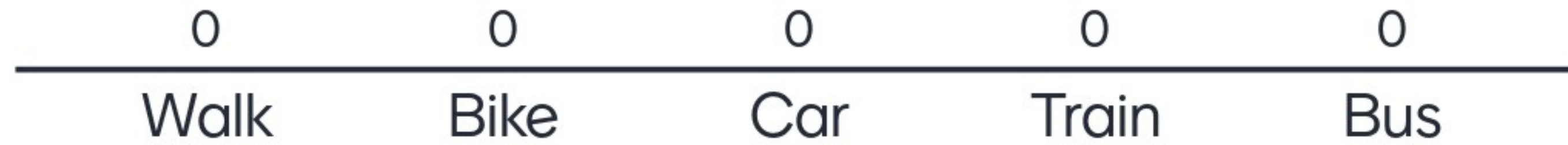
Interactive Polling Instructions: How to join Mentimeter



What is your relation to the Corridor?



How do you predominantly travel through the Corridor?



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Supports the Invest South/West initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of life amenities for residents.

Part of Chicago Works: Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot's five-year capital plan that will Invest in Communities Through Infrastructure.

Streetscapes consist of infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and placemaking improvements with the goal of creating unified, safe, walkable, and attractive street. The streetscape projects are comprehensive and include public right-of-way improvements from building face to building face.

The Project Includes:

- Public Outreach
- Placemaking and urban design strategy
- Concept design & engineering
- Detailed design & engineering
- Construction of the corridor



PROJECT OVERVIEW

ISW Auburn Gresham

79TH Street, Fielding to Paulina and Halsted, 78th Street to 80th Street

Scope

- Refresh of the previously completed streetscape on 79th Street, Ashland to Wallace
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Potential paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Site furniture and potential seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Gateway identifier
- Tree planting and potential landscaping
- Upgrades at the viaduct for the new Auburn Gresham METRA station

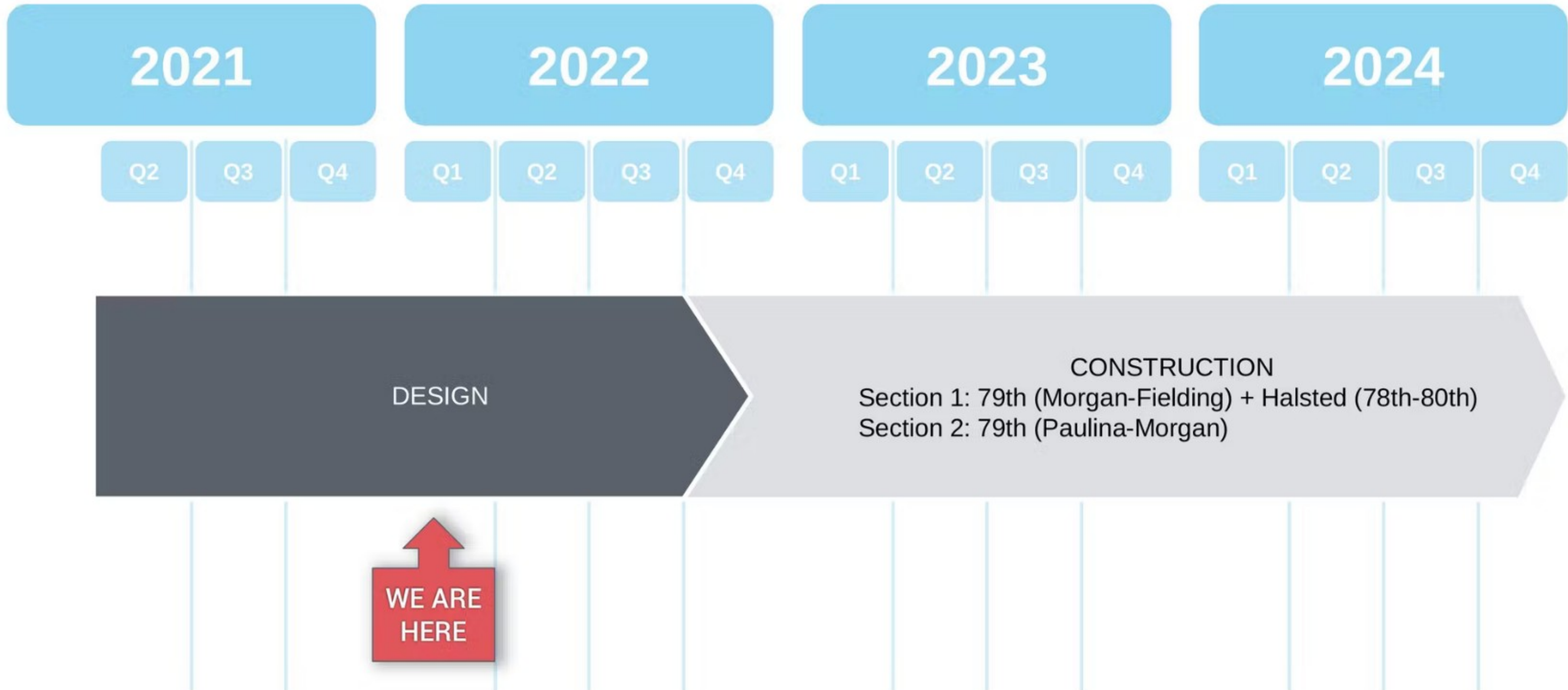


AUBURN GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD

❖ PROJECT CORRIDOR AND SCOPE



PROJECT OVERVIEW



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HERE



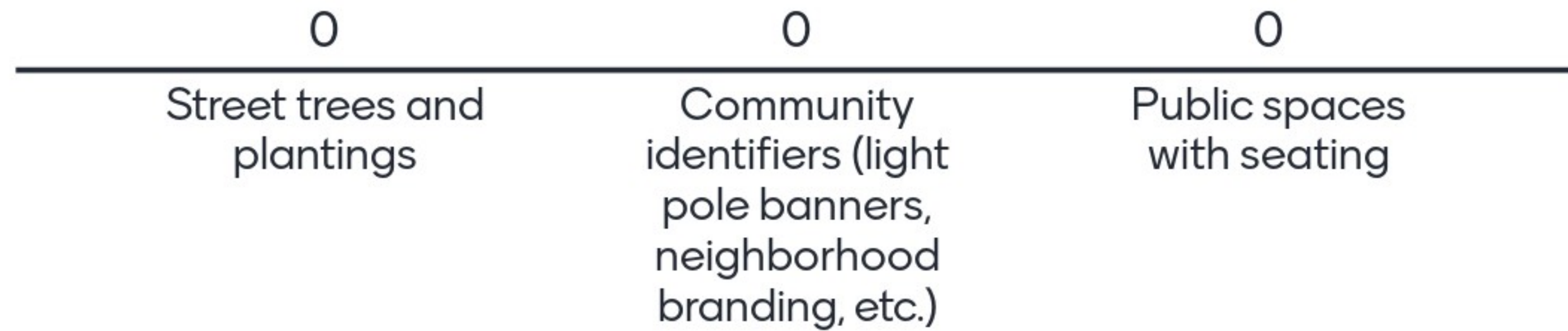
- ALDERMAN DAVID MOORE-17TH WARD
- GAGDC/SSA #32
- LEO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
- DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR AUBURN GARDENS
- DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE HUB
- DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR METRA - AUBURN PARK STATION
- CTA: #79 #9 #X9 #44 #8 #8A
- INVEST SOUTH/WEST
DPD-BUREAU OF PLANNING

Pedestrian safety along the corridor

Welcoming and **accessible outdoor spaces** for sitting and gathering

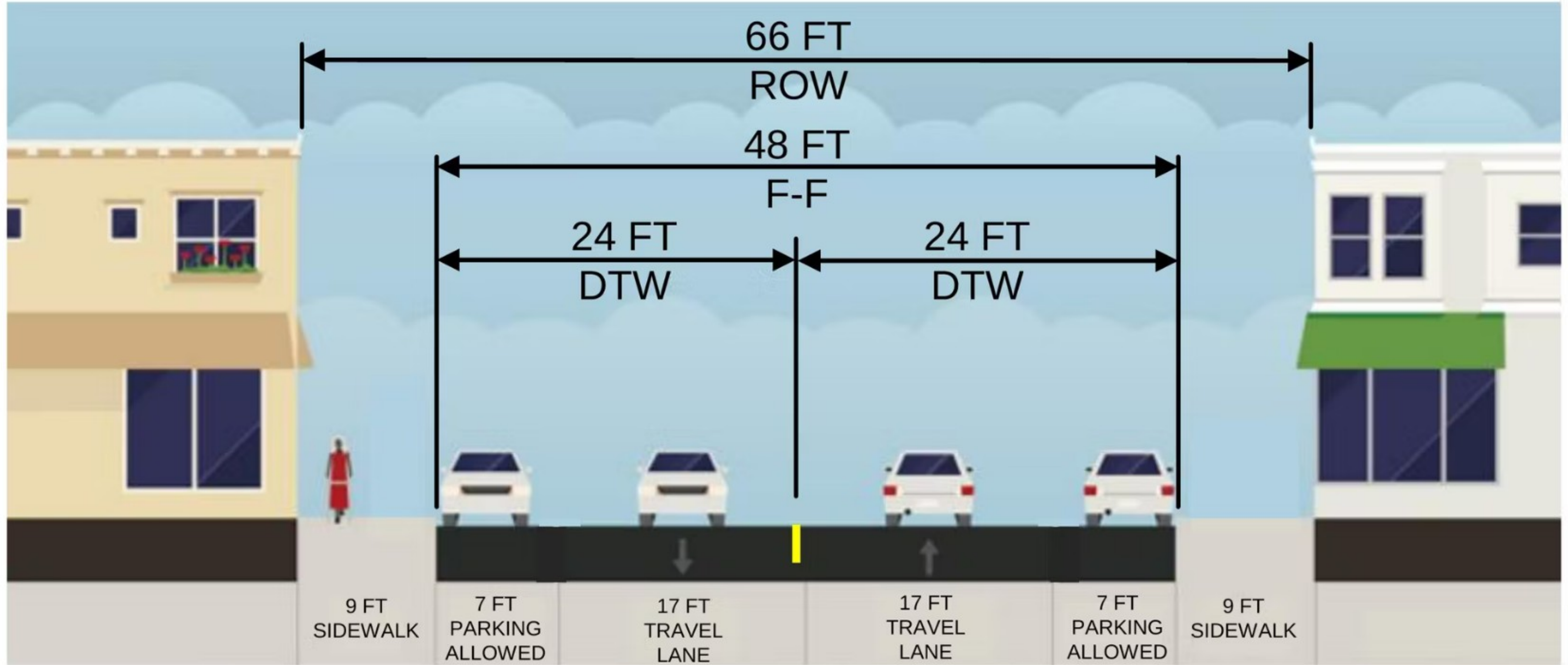
Corridor enhancement, including landscaping and neighborhood identifiers

What are the elements in the Corridor that you'd most like to see more of?

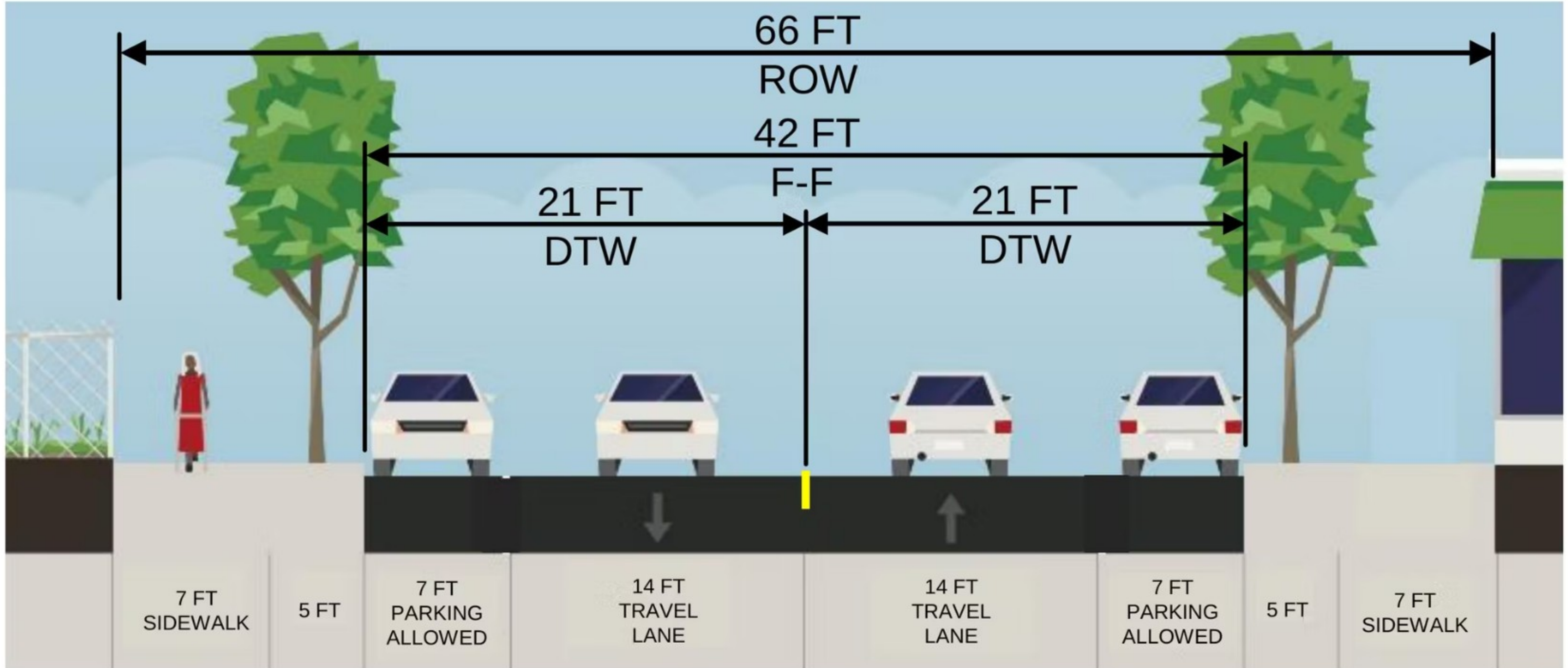


What are the key issues along the Corridor? Select up to 3.

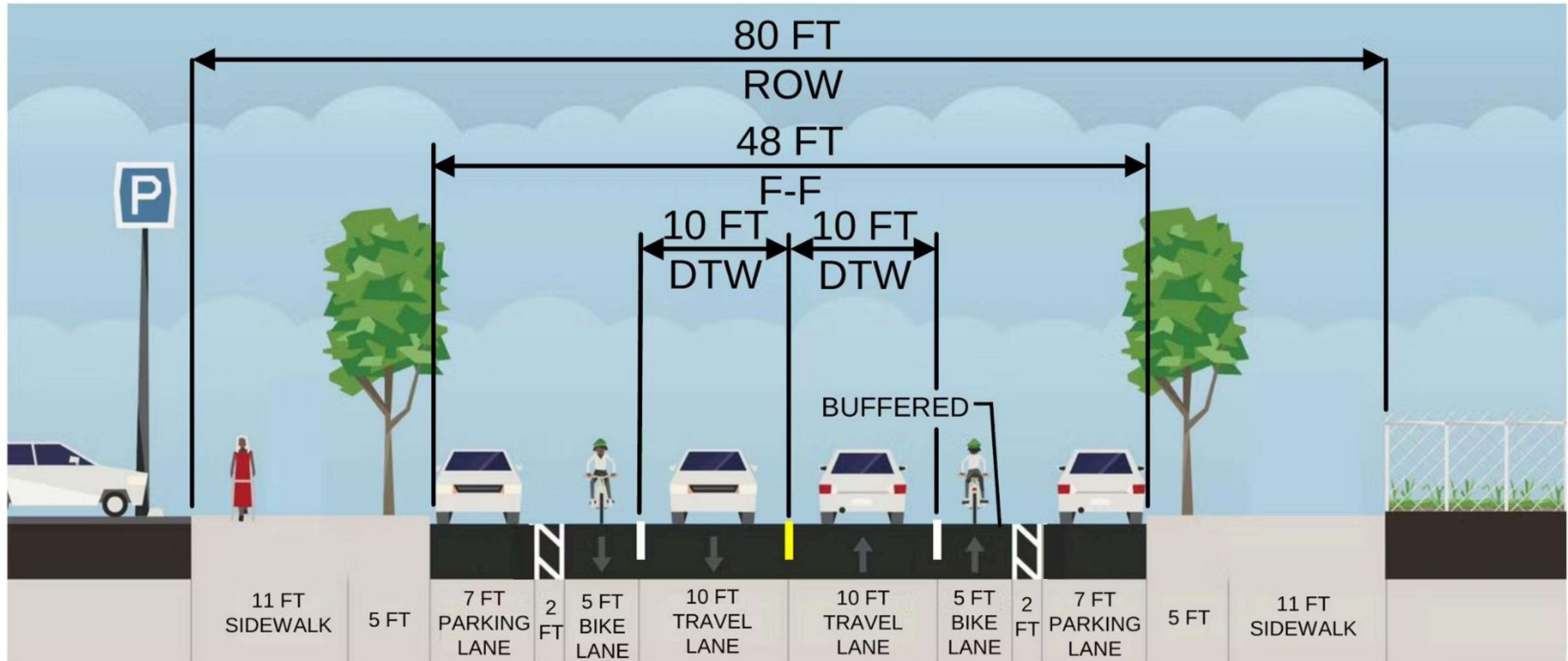




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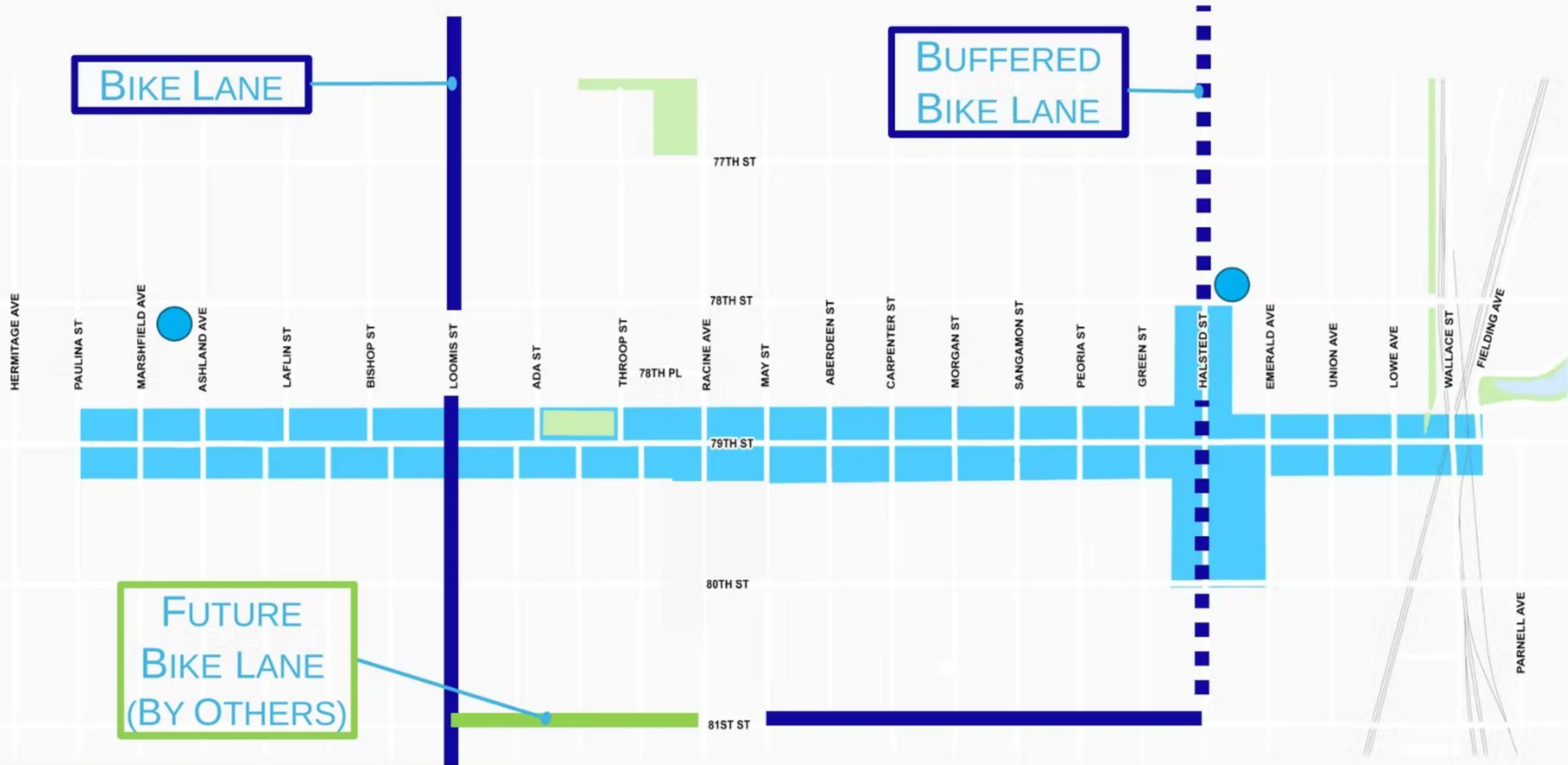
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AUBURN GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD
❖ EXISTING CROSS SECTION-HALSTED ST (78TH TO 80TH)



INITIAL OBSERVATIONS



● **DIVVY STATION**

AUBURN GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD
❖ CHICAGO COMMUNITY CYCLING NETWORK



INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

9 Ashland
 Ashland/95th north to Clark/Belle Plaine
 Clark/Belle Plaine south to Ashland/95th

79 79th
 Between 79th/Western and 79th/Lakefront
 Ford City Mall east to 79th/Lakefront
 79th/Lakefront west to Ford City Mall

RED LINE_{SM} Between Howard and 95th/Dan Ryan

Howard to 95th/Dan Ryan
 95th/Dan Ryan to Howard
 Service at all times every day

8 Halsted
 Halsted/79th north to Broadway/Waveland
 Broadway/Waveland south to Halsted/79th

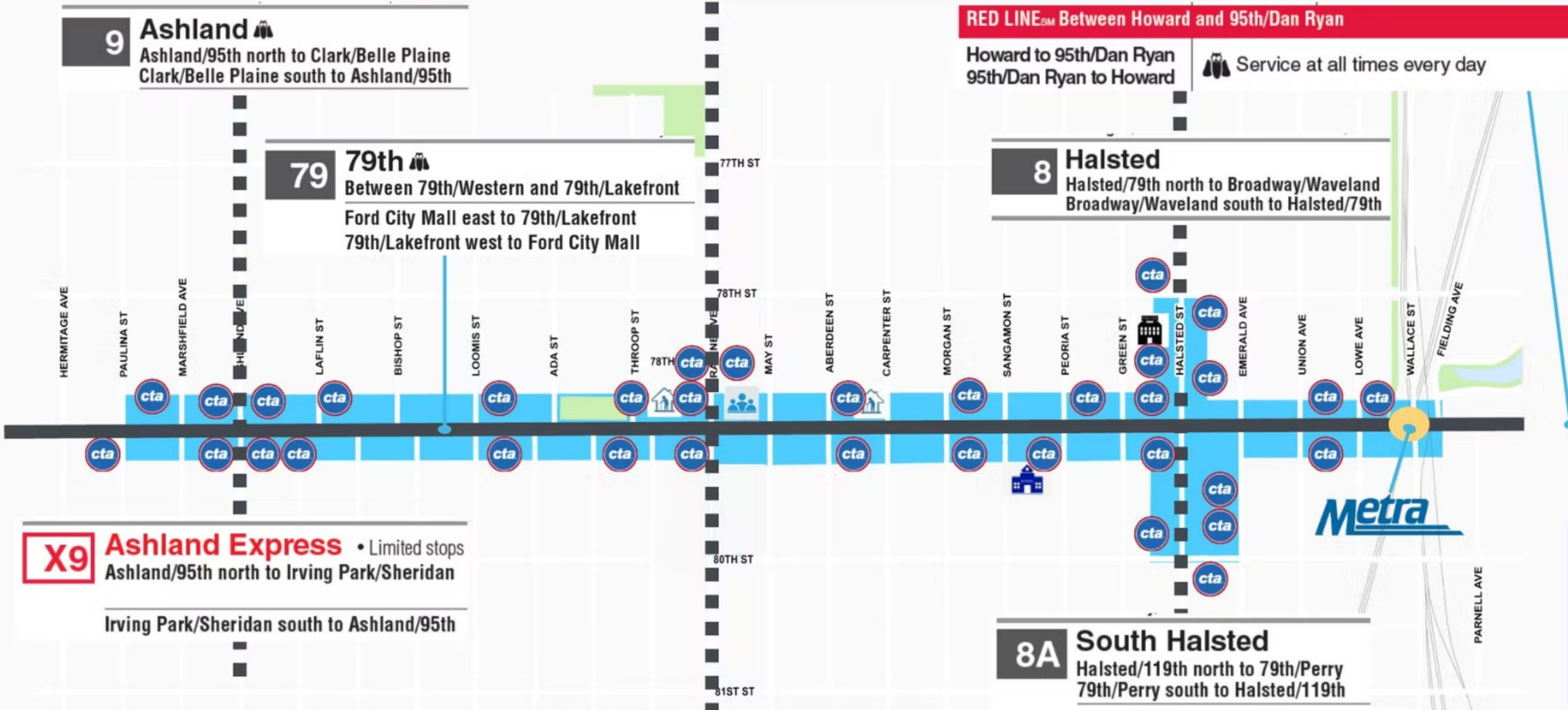
8A South Halsted
 Halsted/119th north to 79th/Perry
 79th/Perry south to Halsted/119th
 Halsted/127th north to 79th/Perry
 79th/Perry south to Halsted/127th

X9 Ashland Express • Limited stops
 Ashland/95th north to Irving Park/Sheridan
 Irving Park/Sheridan south to Ashland/95th

44 Wallace/Racine
 Racine/87th north to Halsted & (Orange)
 Halsted & (Orange) south to Racine/87th

BUS STOPS: 35
#79 WEEKDAY PASSENGERS: 23k

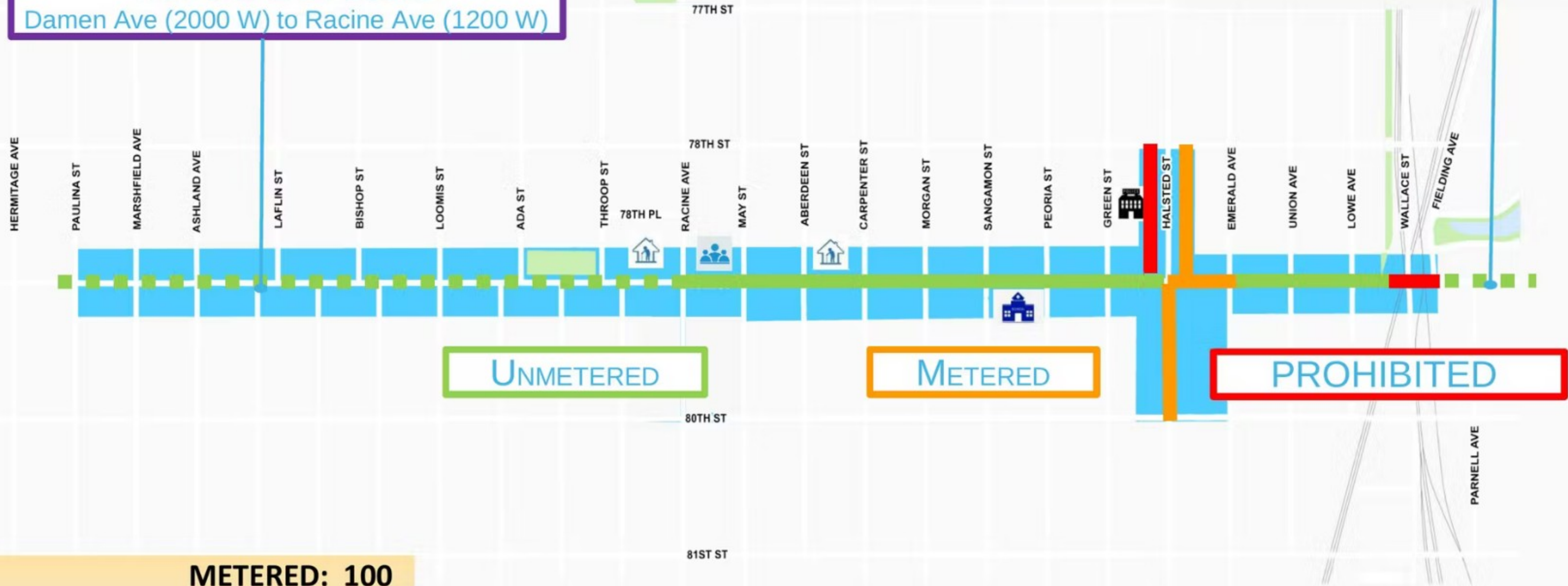
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 PUBLIC TRANSIT



INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

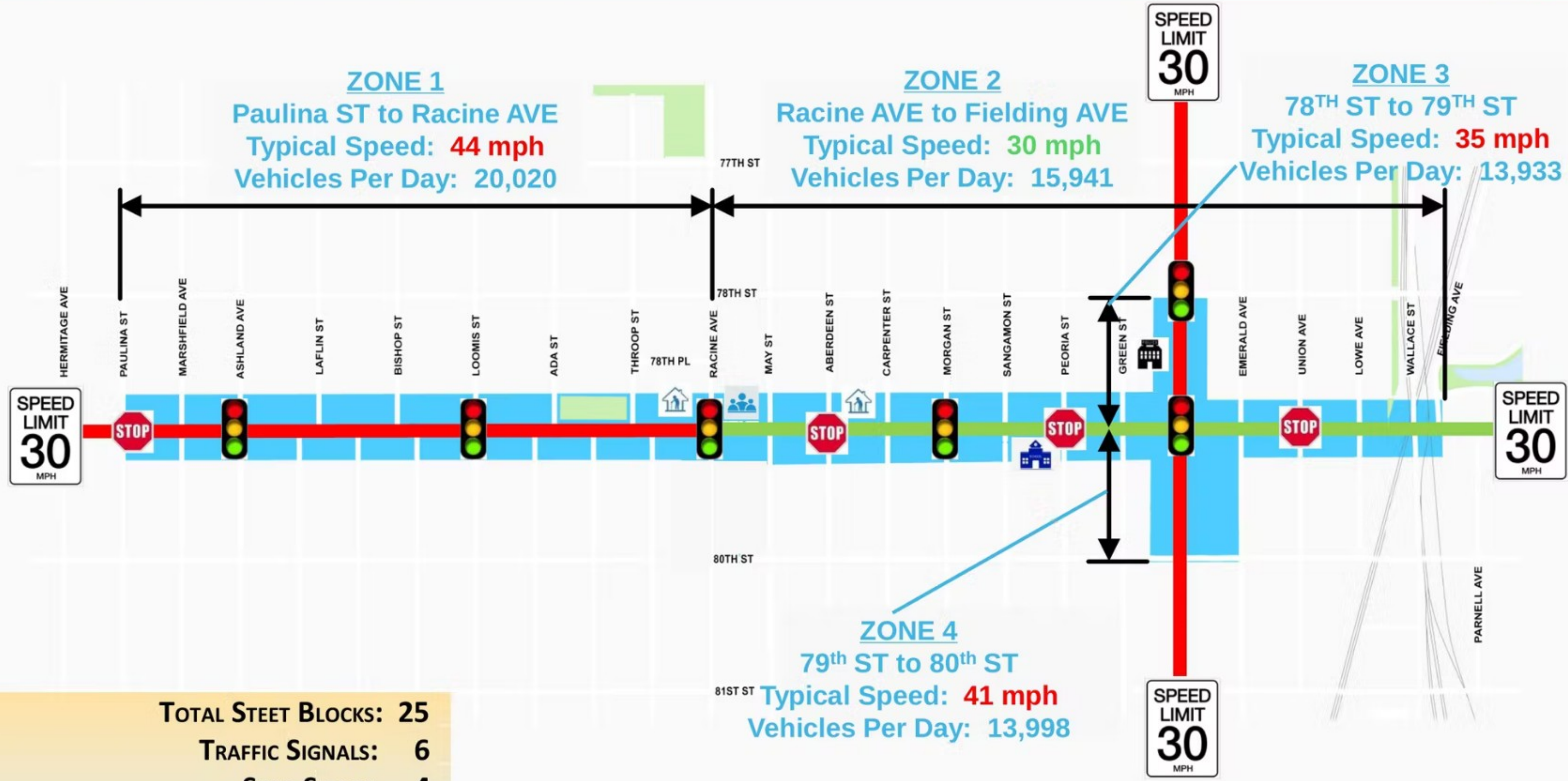
RESTRICTED
4PM-6PM WEST BOUND
Racine Ave (1200 W) to Hoyne Ave (2200 W)
7AM- 9AM EAST BOUND
Damen Ave (2000 W) to Racine Ave (1200 W)

RESTRICTED
4PM-6PM WEST BOUND
Fielding St (600 W) to Eggleston Ave (430 W)



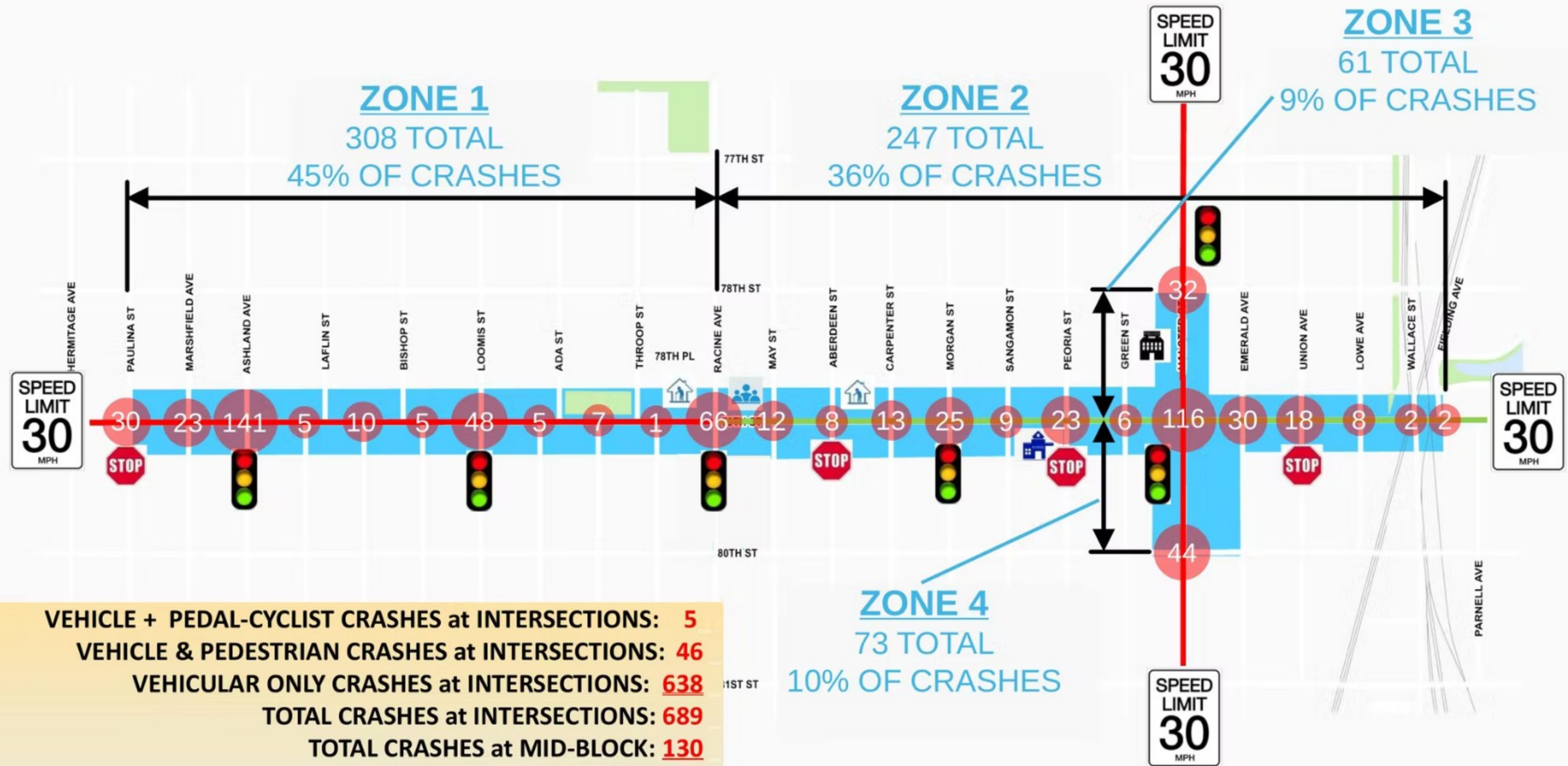
METERED: 100
UNMETERED: 500
TOTAL: 600

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS



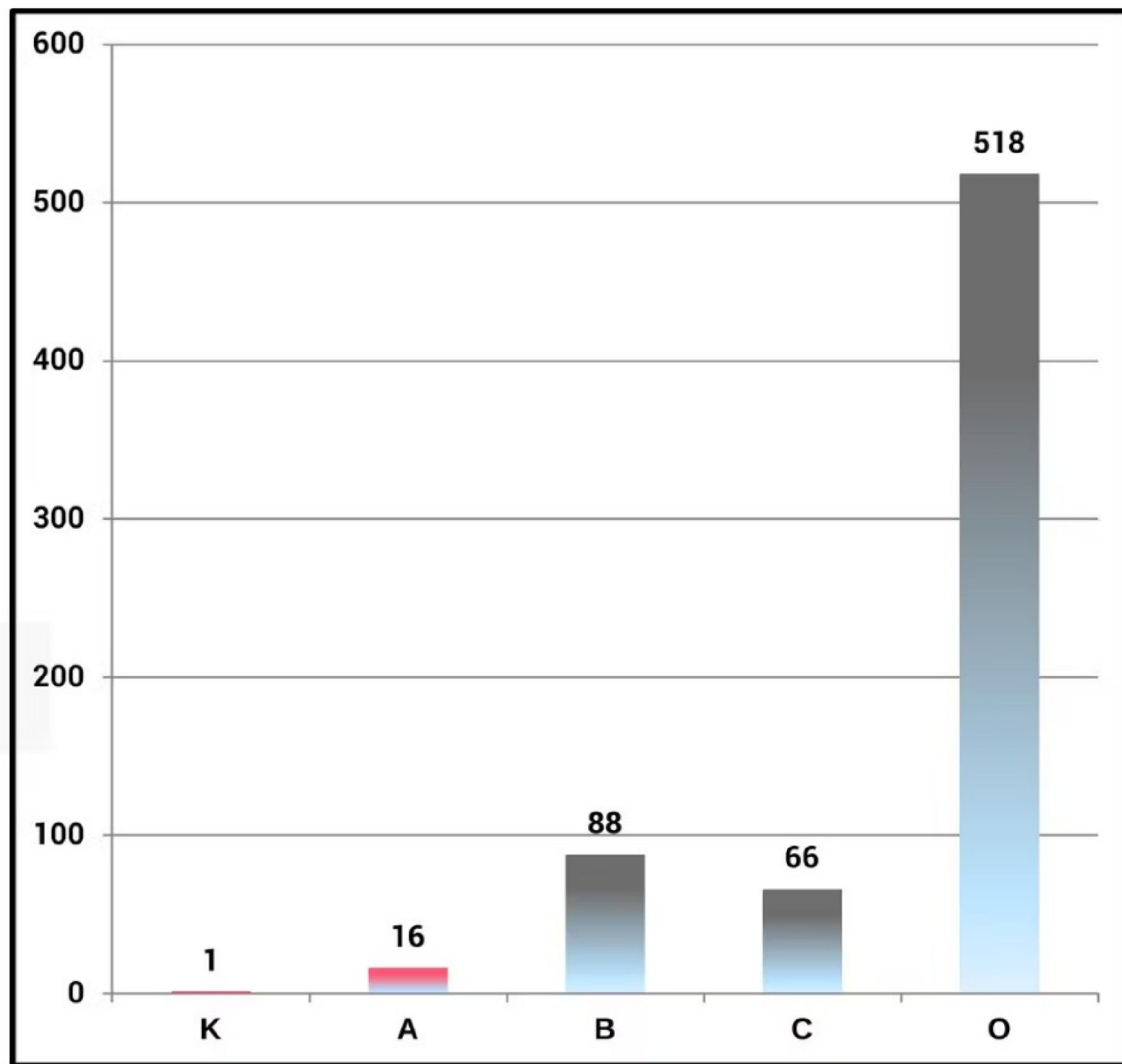
TOTAL STREET BLOCKS: 25
TRAFFIC SIGNALS: 6
STOP SIGNS: 4

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS



BODILY HARM

- TYPE K: **Fatal**
- TYPE A: **Incapacitating Injuries**
- TYPE B: **Non-Incapacitating Injuries**
- TYPE C: **Non-Apparent Injuries**
- TYPE O: **Property Damage Only**



Where along the Corridor do you experience the worst traffic congestion?



Are there places along the Corridor where it is difficult to cross the street? If yes, where?



SUMMARY REPORT

Development of a Speeding-Related Crash Typology

HSIS
HIGHWAY SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM



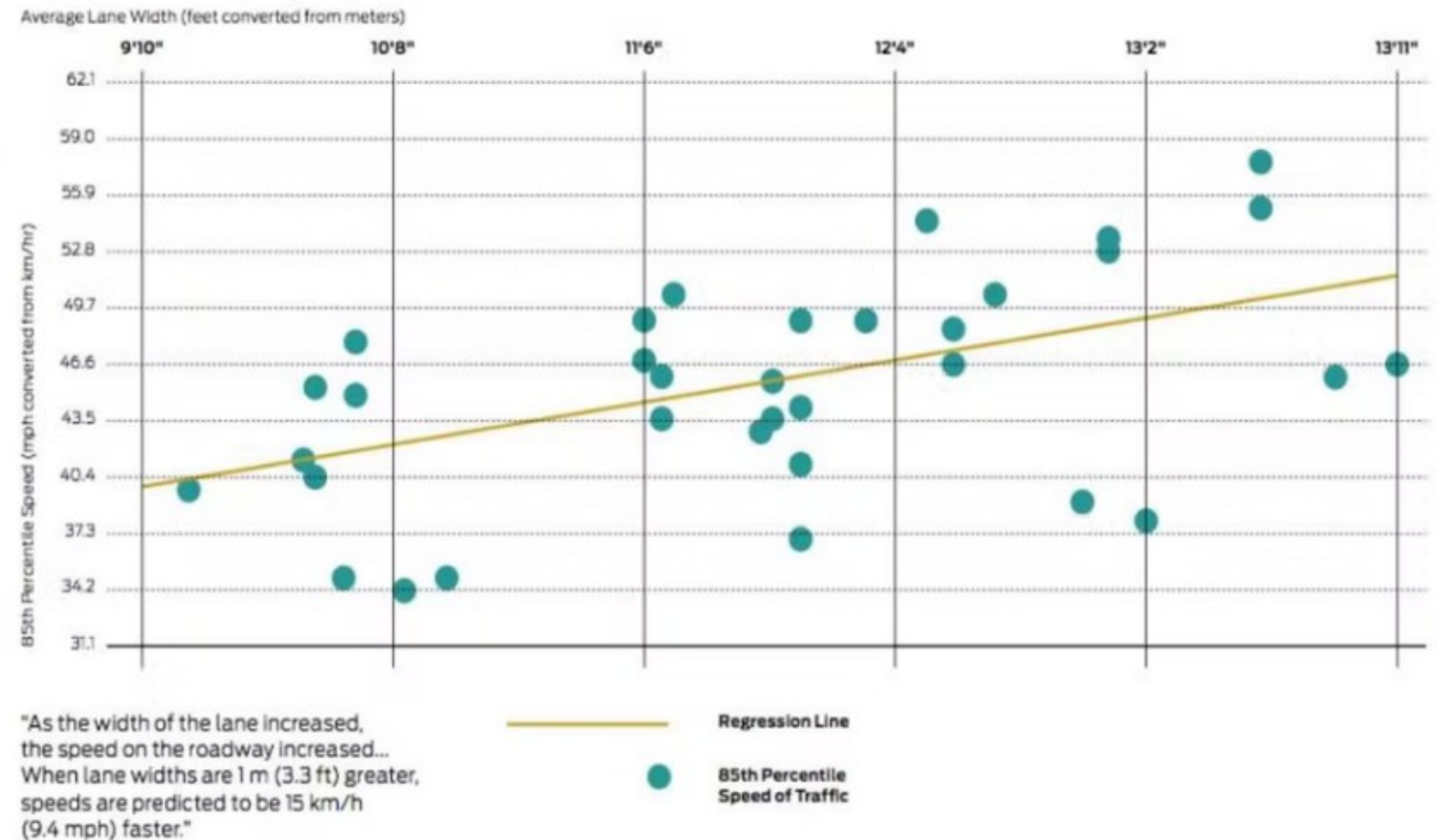
U.S. Department of Transportation
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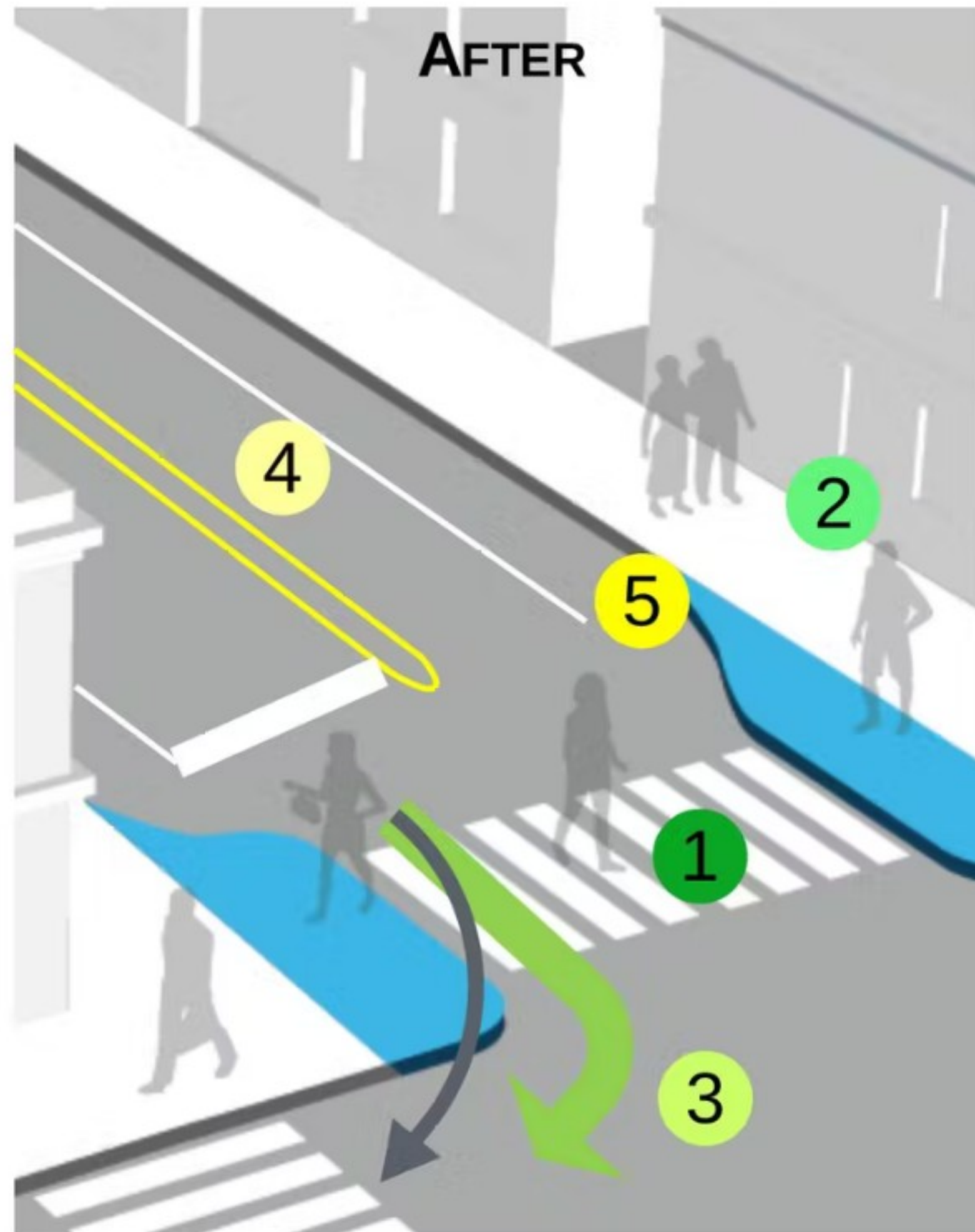
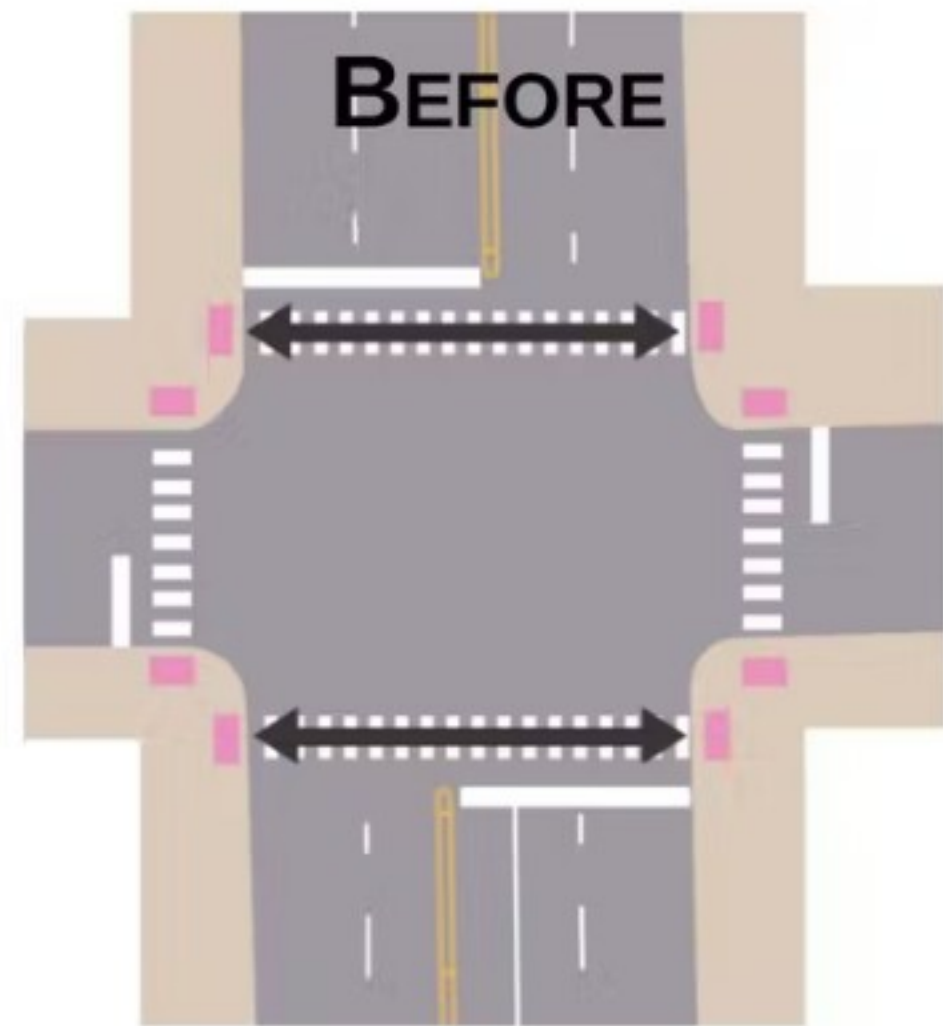
FHWA Publication issued 2010

- Speeding is the driver behavior of exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions.
- Speeding has consistently been shown to be a contributing factor to a significant percentage of fatal and nonfatal crashes.
- Speeding is a significant safety issue warranting attention based on its size and impact on society.

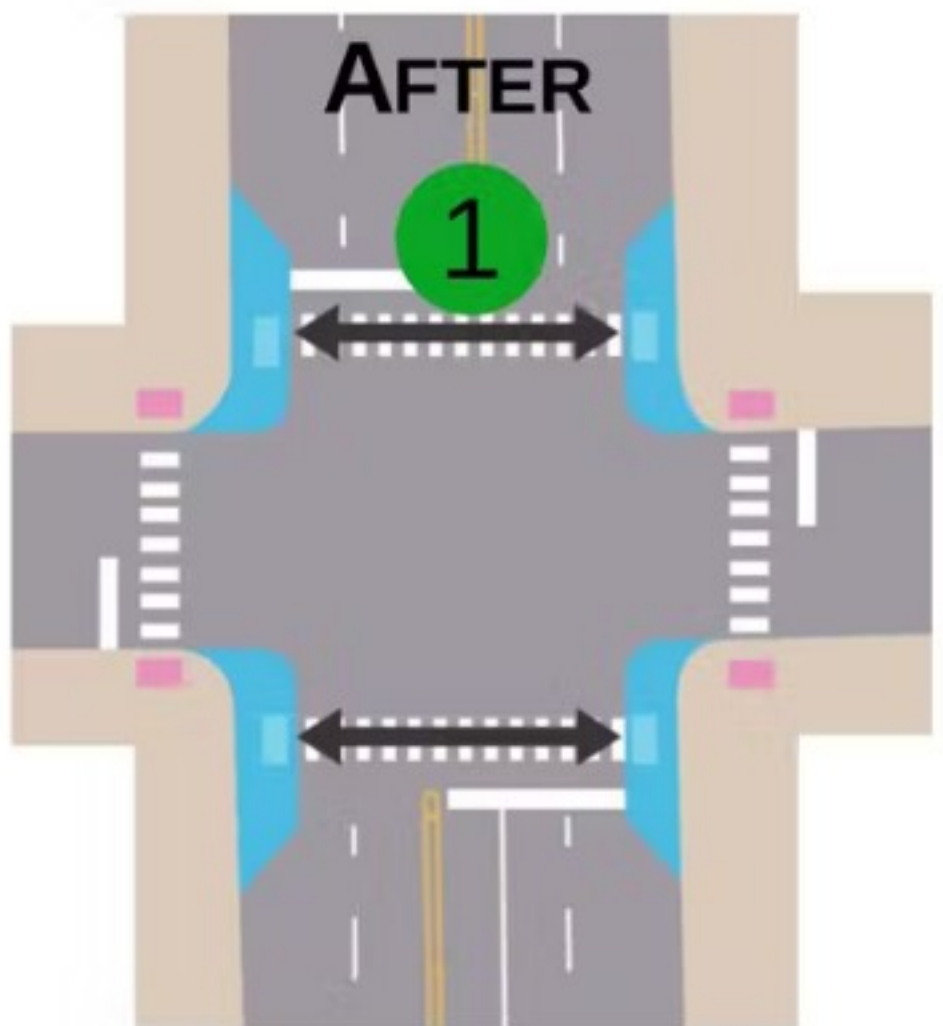
- Wider travel lanes are correlated with higher vehicle speeds
- Wider lanes do not correlate to safer streets
- 10-foot lanes
- are appropriate in urban areas
 - ✓ have a positive impact on a street's safety without impacting traffic operations
- 11-foot lanes
 - ✓ are appropriate for bus routes
 - ✓ are appropriate for truck routes

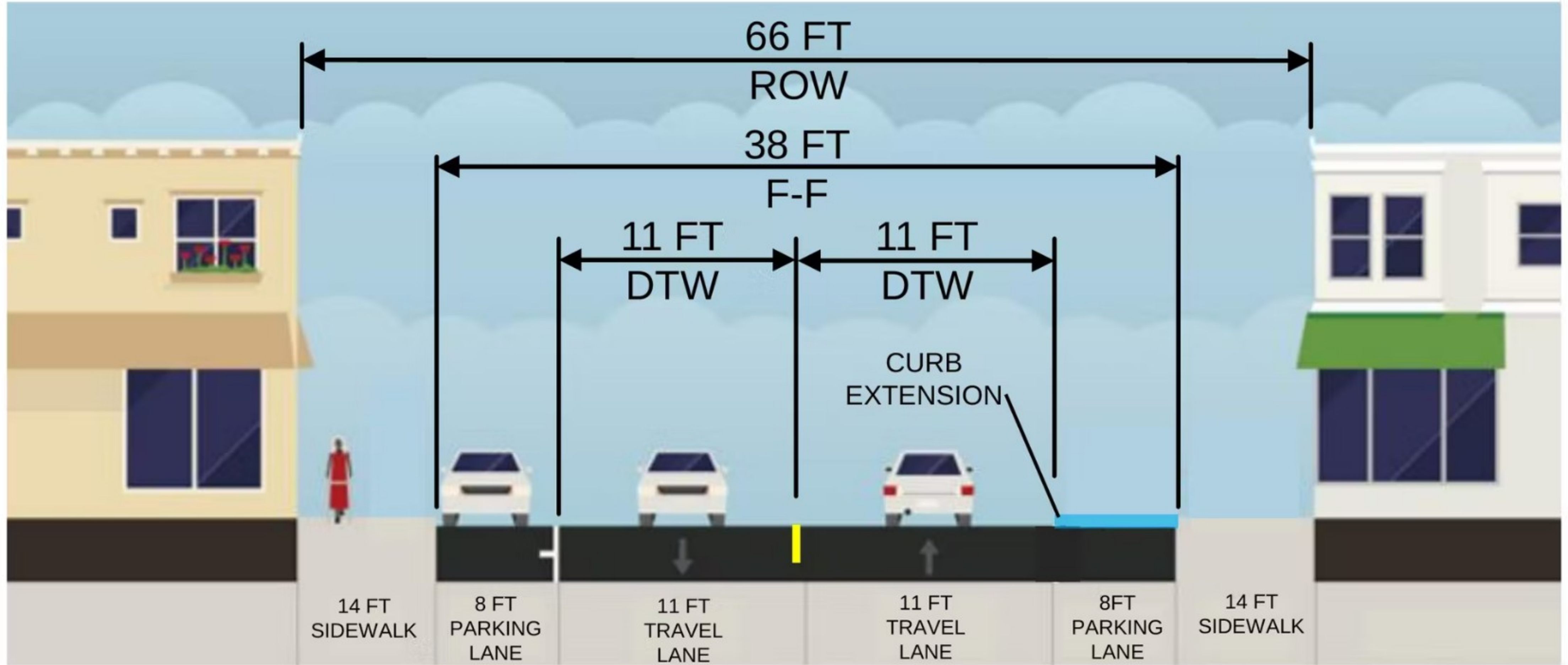


Source: NACTO



- 1 Safer, shorter crossings for pedestrians
- 2 Increase visibility of pedestrians & motorists to see each other
- 3 Reduce motorized turning speeds by reducing intersection curb radii
- 4 Reduce motorized speeds by narrowing the travel lanes
- 5 Prevents motorists from blocking the curb ramp or parking too close to a crosswalk

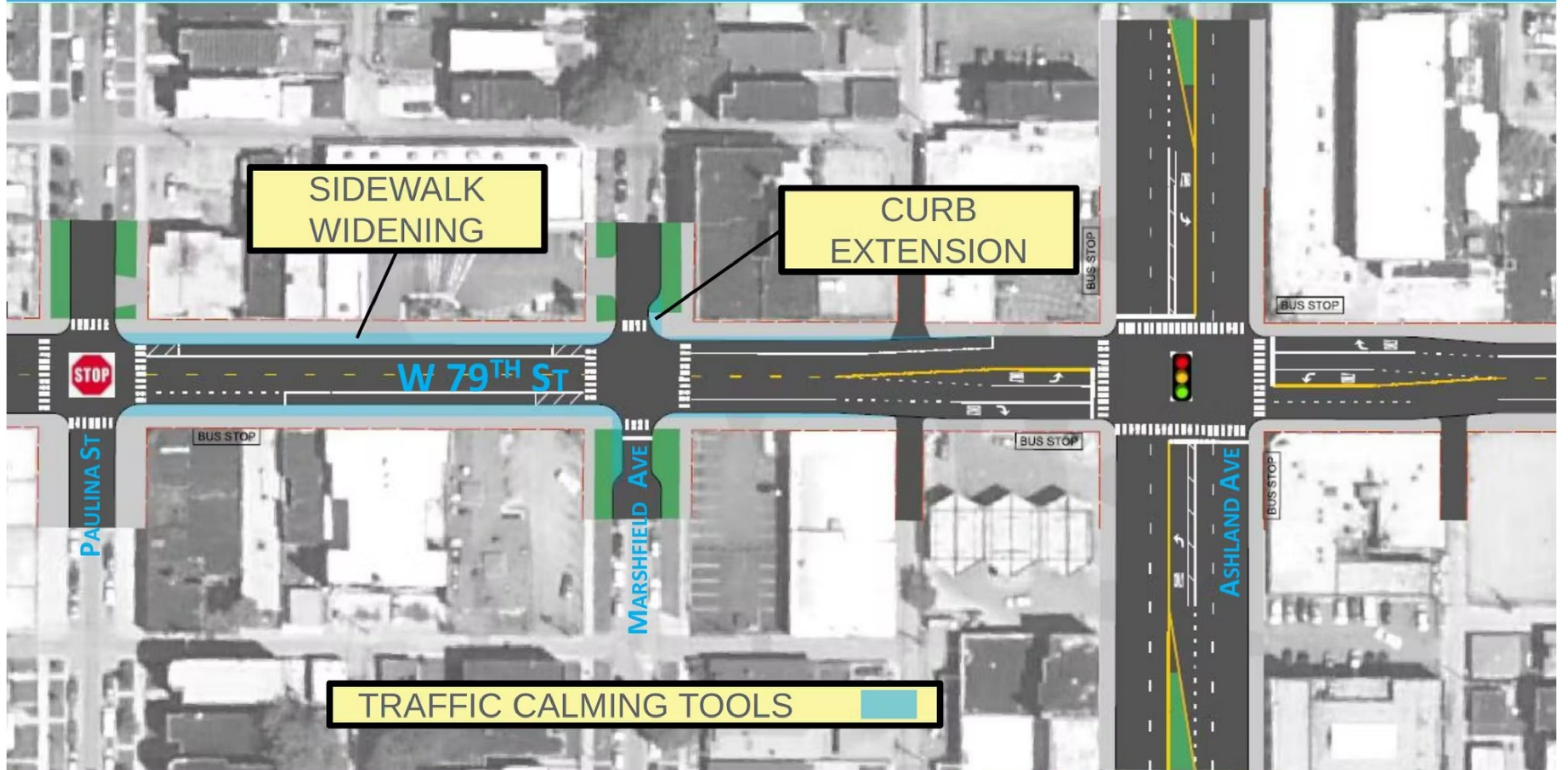




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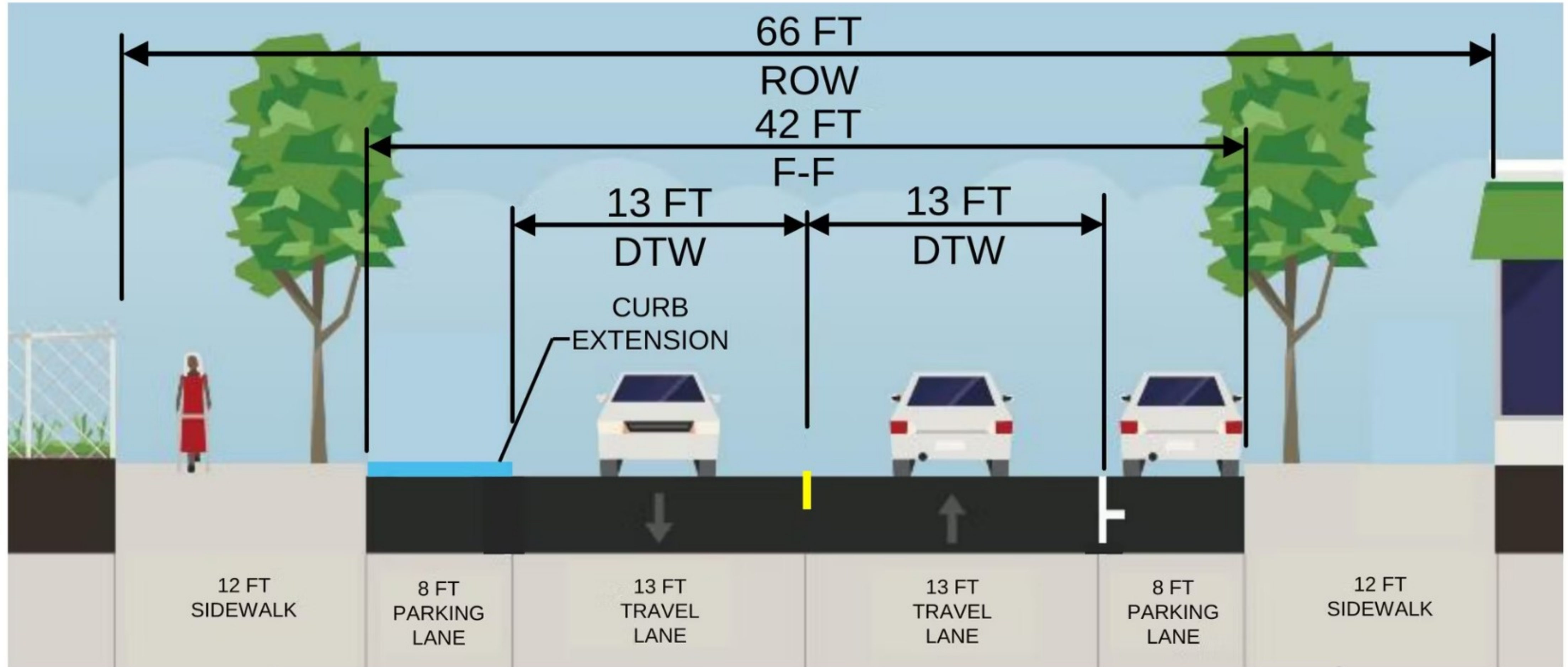
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❖ PROPOSED CROSS SECTION-79TH ST (PAULINA TO ASHLAND)



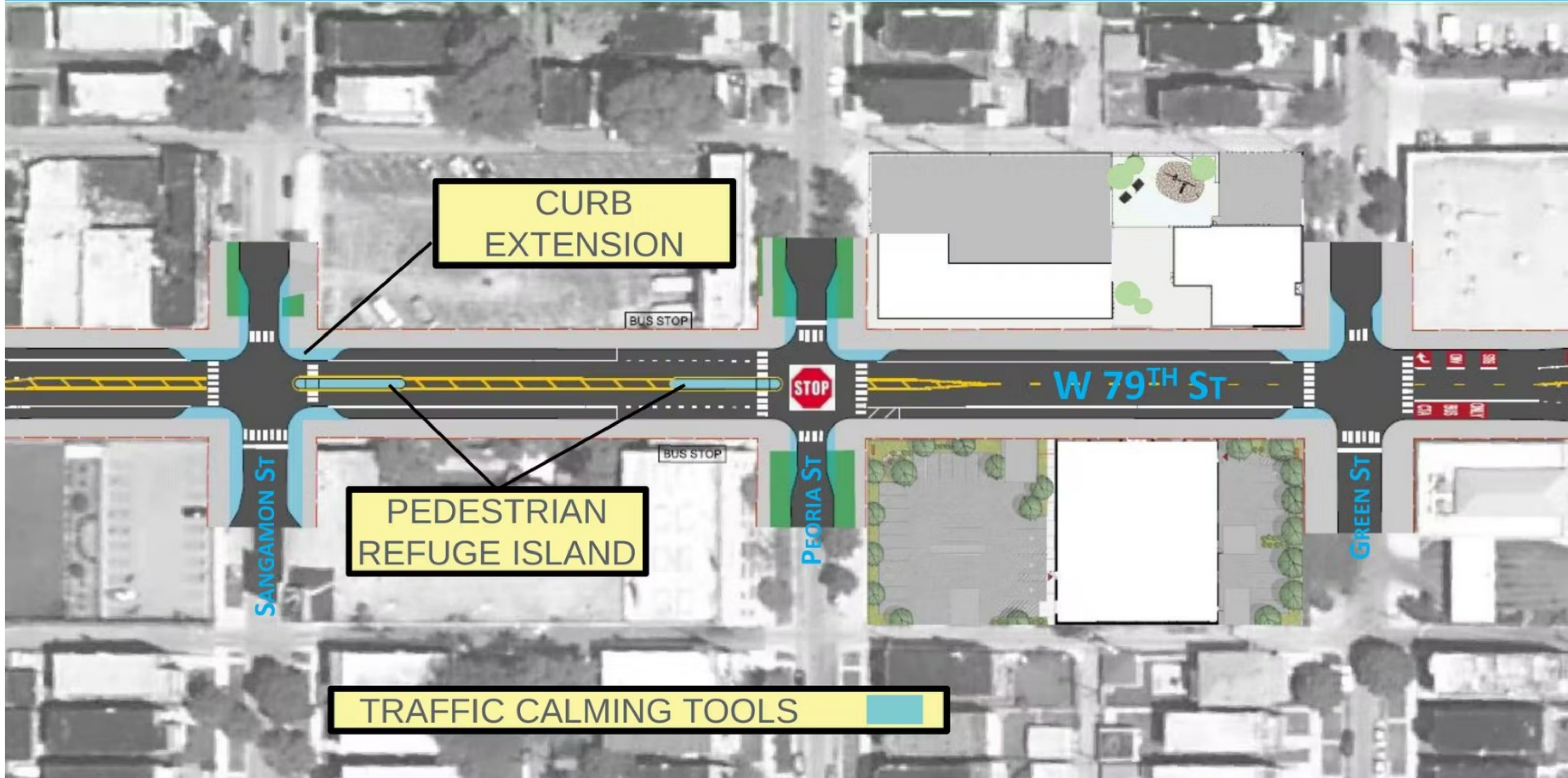


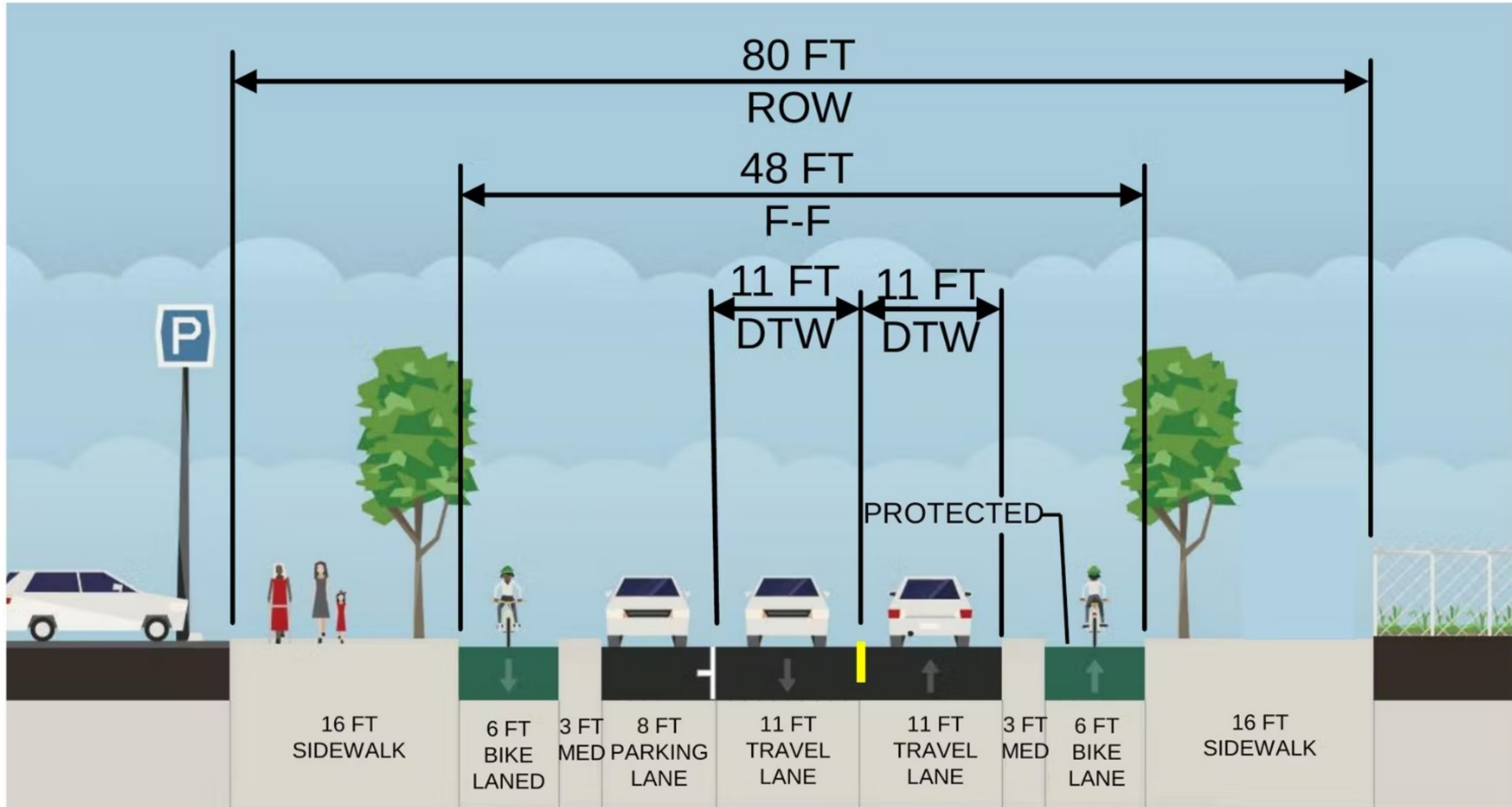
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❖ PRELIMINARY ROADWAY LAYOUT – 79TH ST (PAULINA TO ASHLAND)





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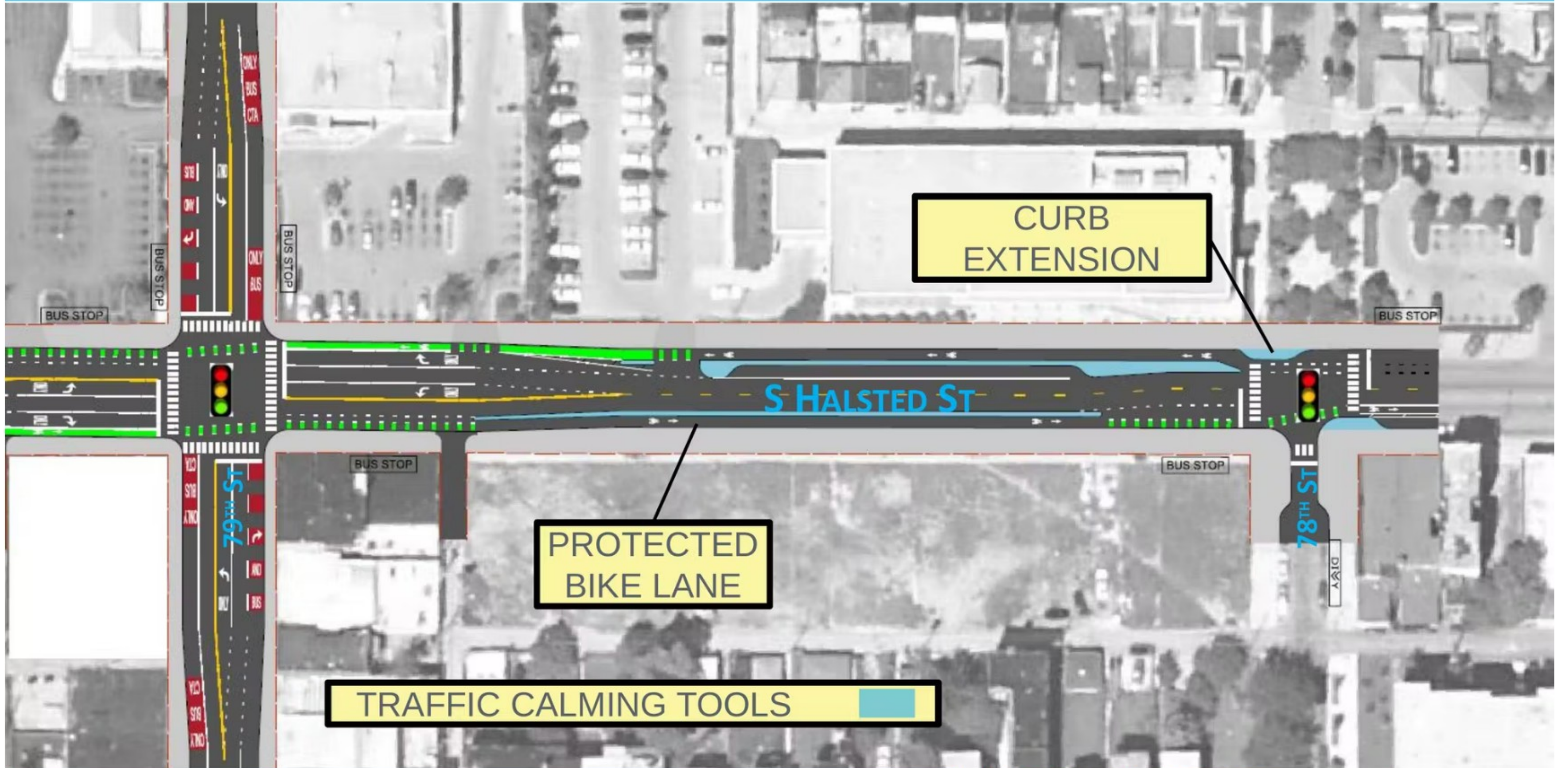




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❖ PRELIMINARY CROSS SECTION-HALSTED ST (78TH TO 80TH)





AUBURN GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD

❖ PRELIMINARY ROADWAY LAYOUT – HALSTED ST (78TH TO 80TH)



CORRIDOR CHARACTER



CHICAGO STREETScape EXAMPLES
❖ 95TH ST, DAMEN TO WESTERN



CORRIDOR CHARACTER



CHICAGO STREETScape EXAMPLES
❖ PULASKI ROAD





CORRIDOR CHARACTER



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CHICAGO STREETScape THEMES
❖ TRADITIONAL MIX







What kind of character would you like the Corridor to have?





LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIER

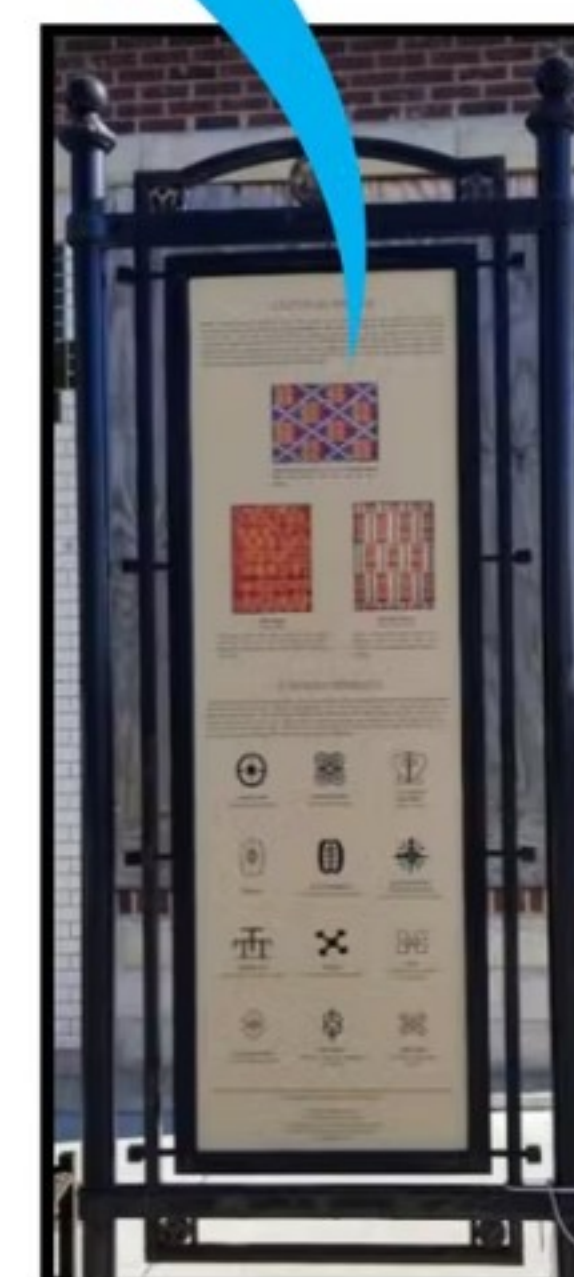


ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING

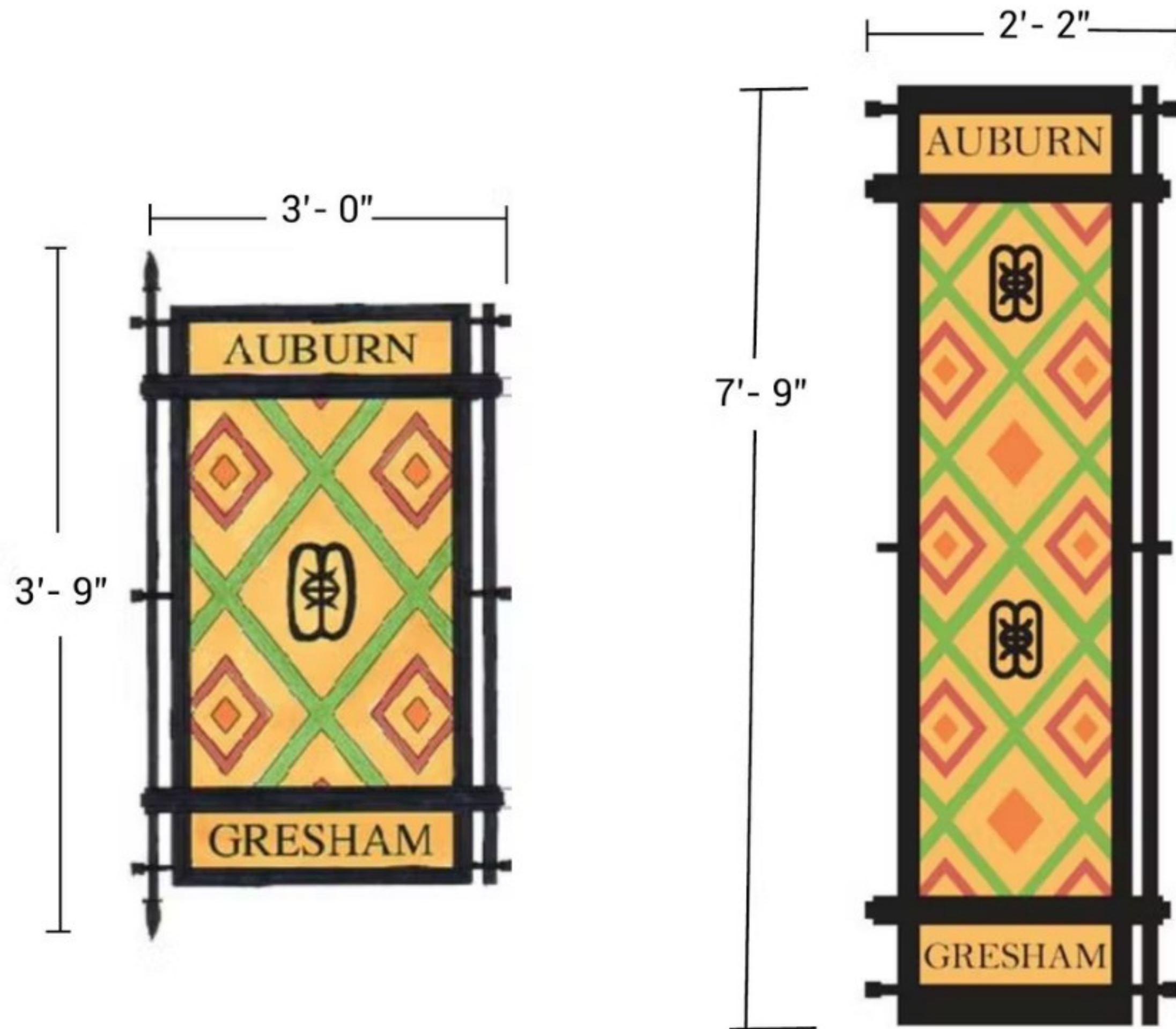


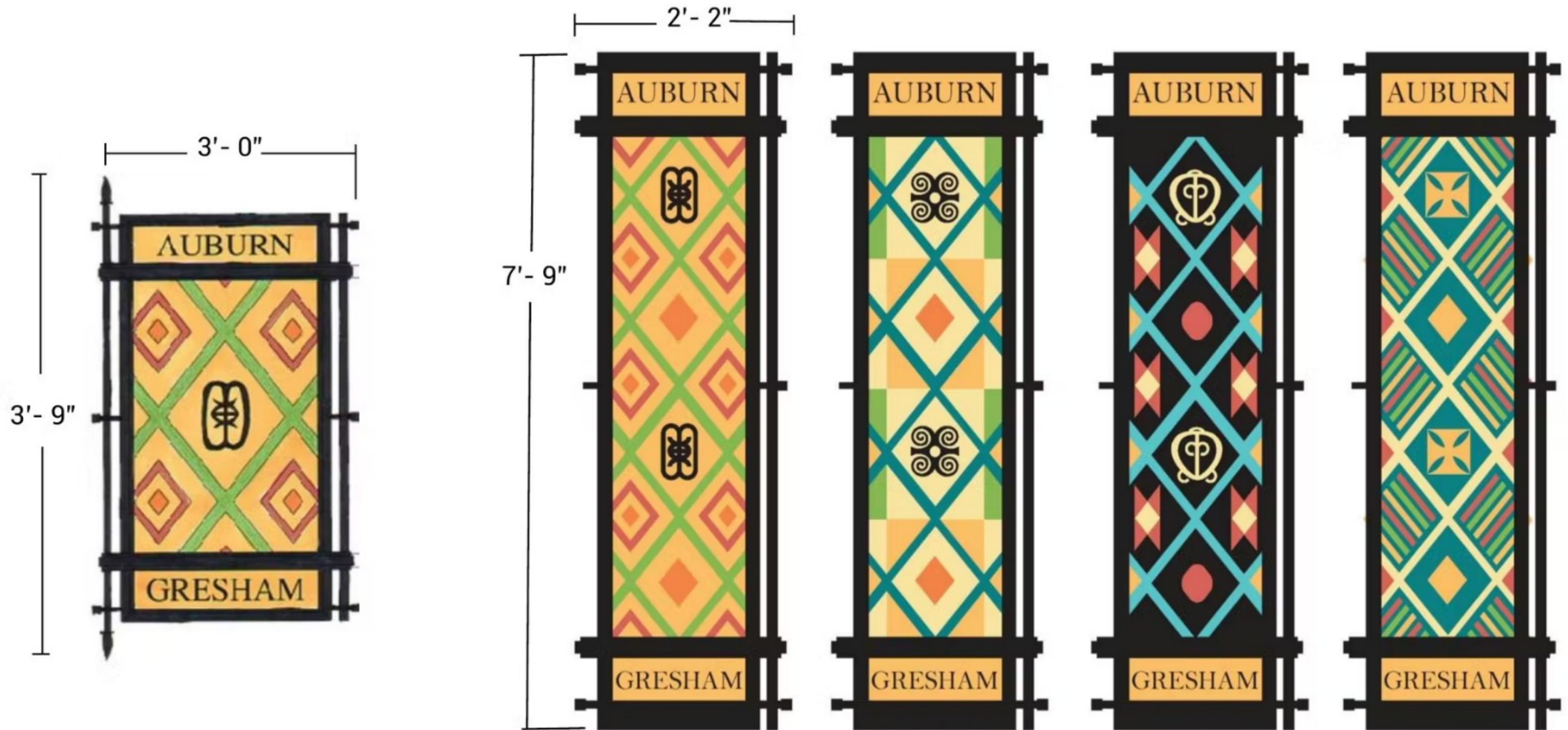
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SIDEWALK MEDALLIONS



HISTORICAL KIOSKS





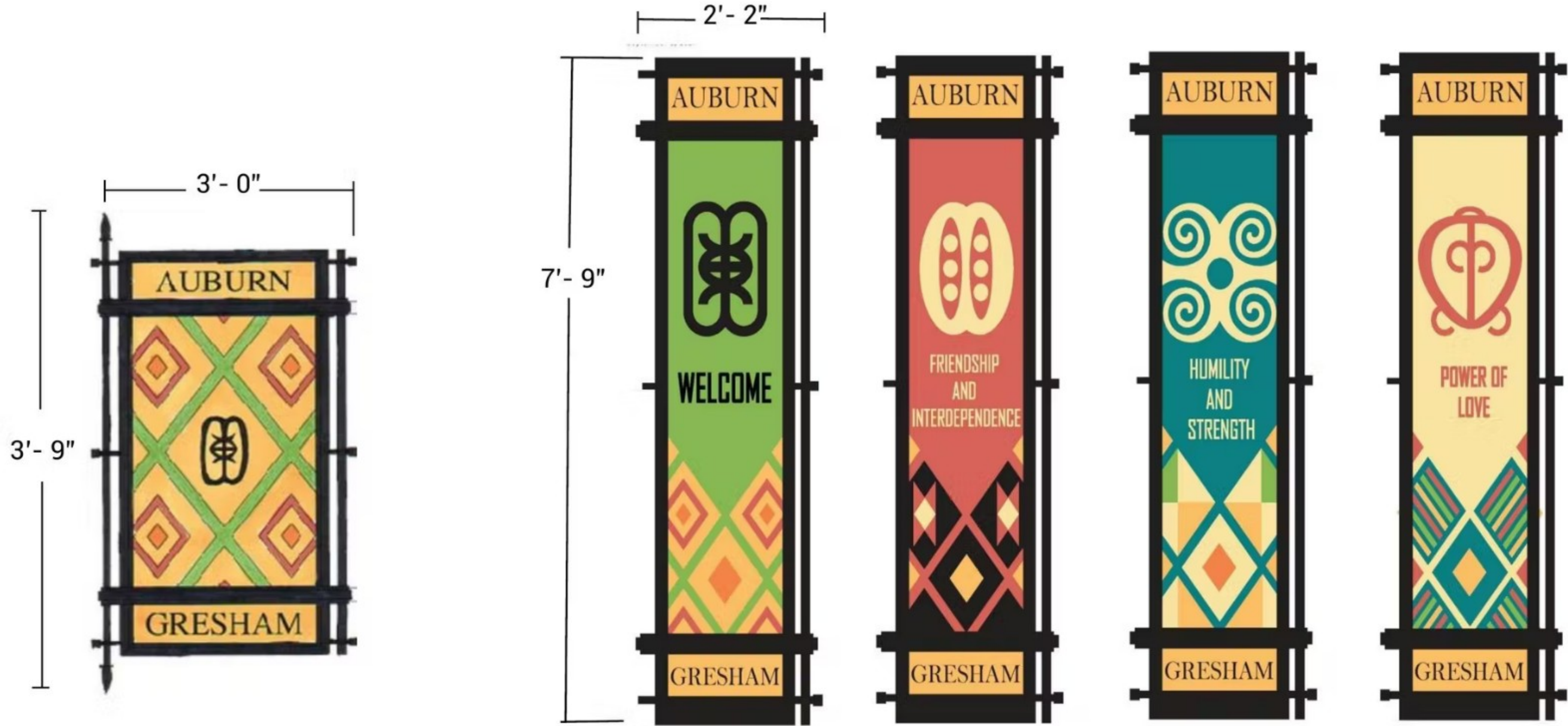
PRELIMINARY STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS



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❖ LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIERS OPTION 2





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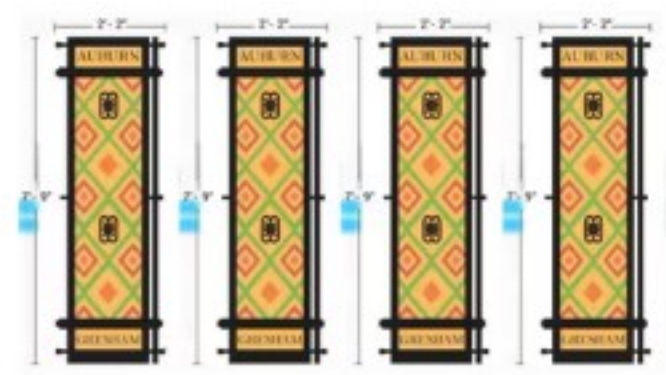
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❖ LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIERS OPTION 3

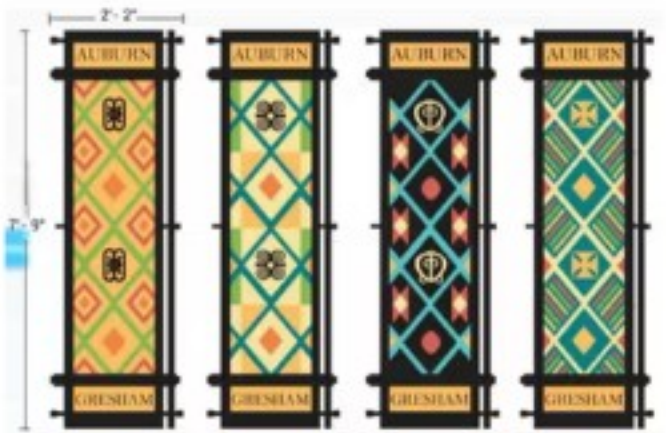


What is your preference for light pole banners?

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Same pattern throughout

Varied patterns

Varied patterns AND text



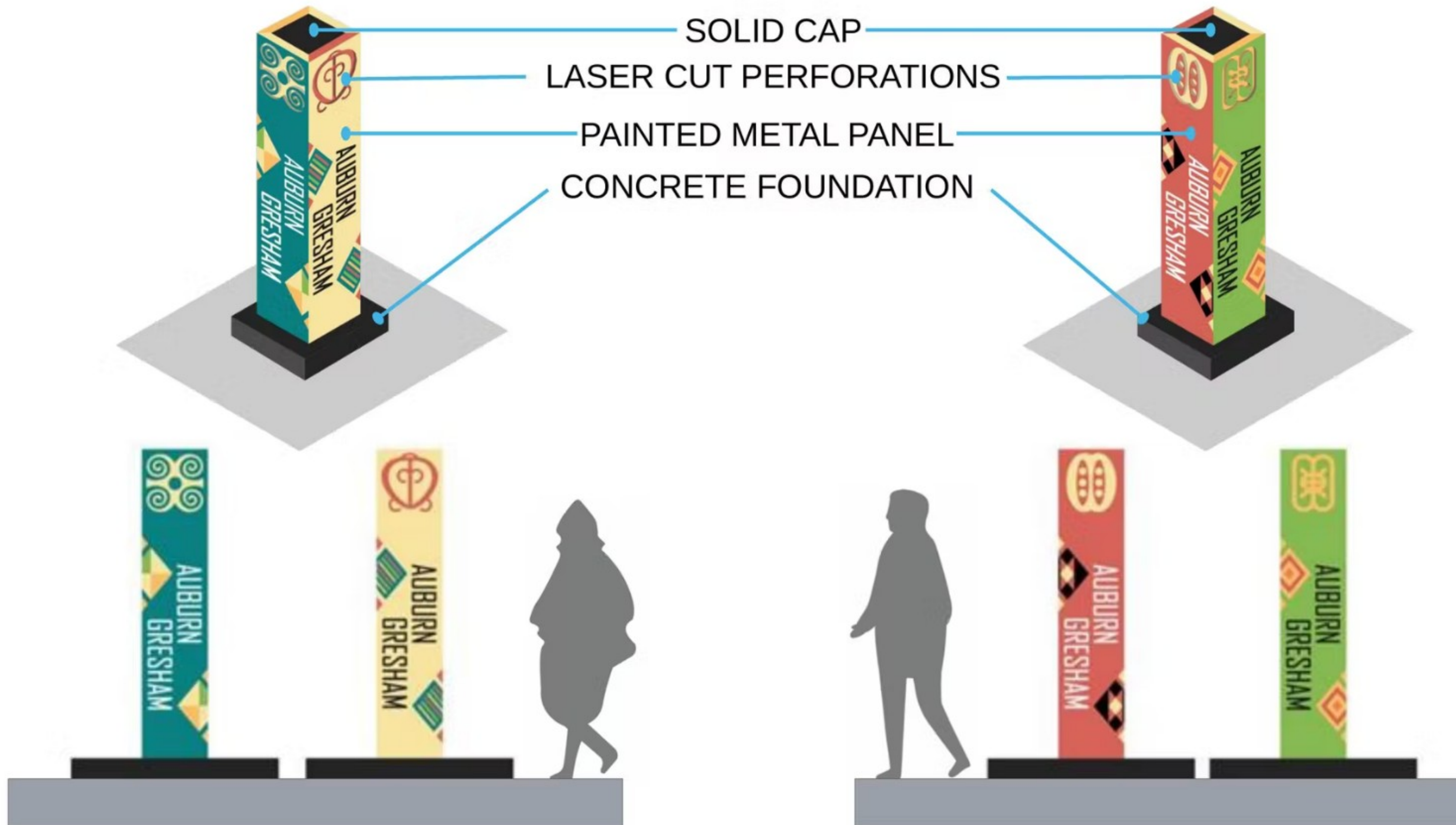
PRELIMINARY STREETScape ELEMENTS



CHICAGO STREETScape VERTICAL IDENTIFIERS
❖ NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS

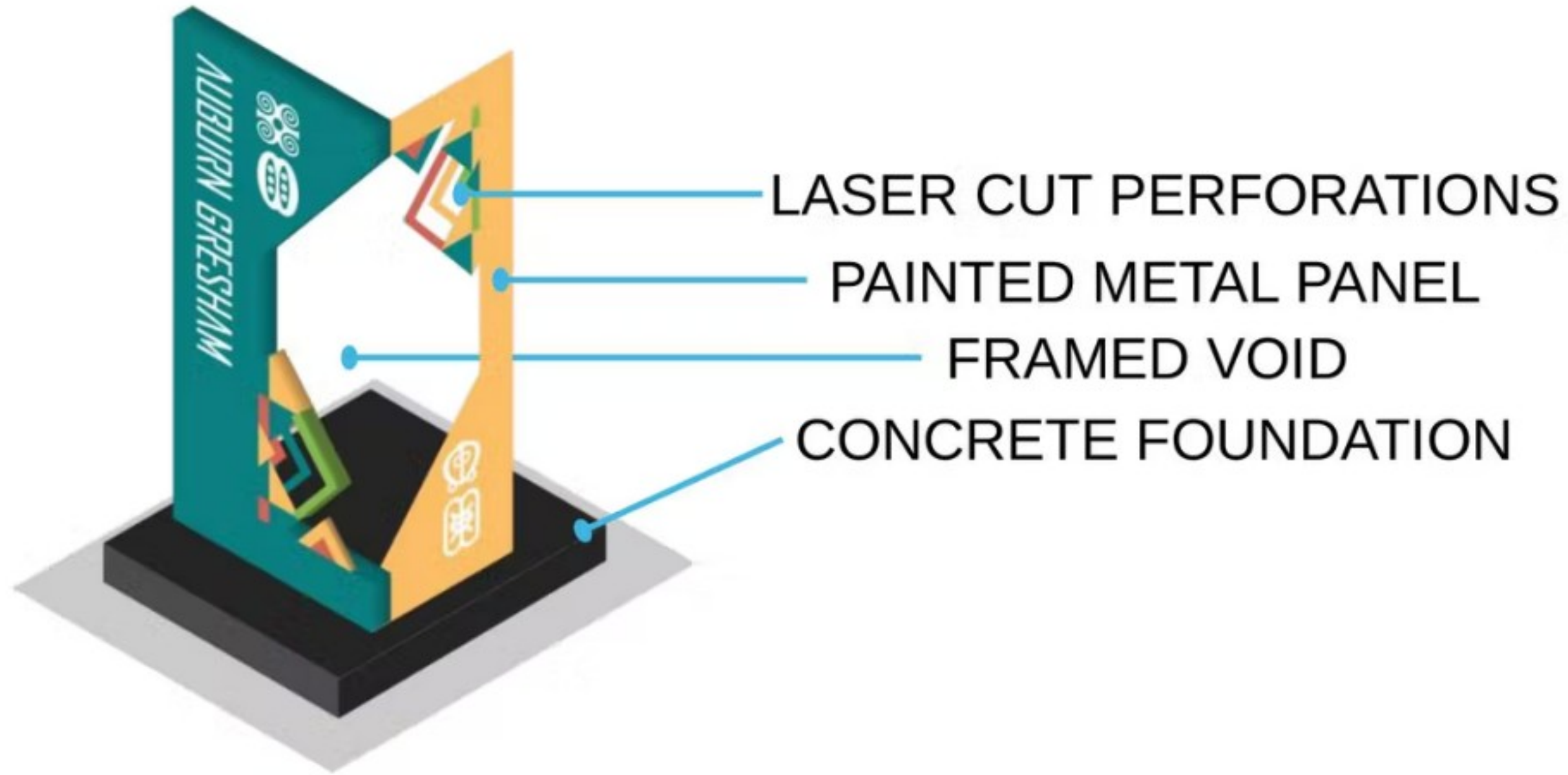


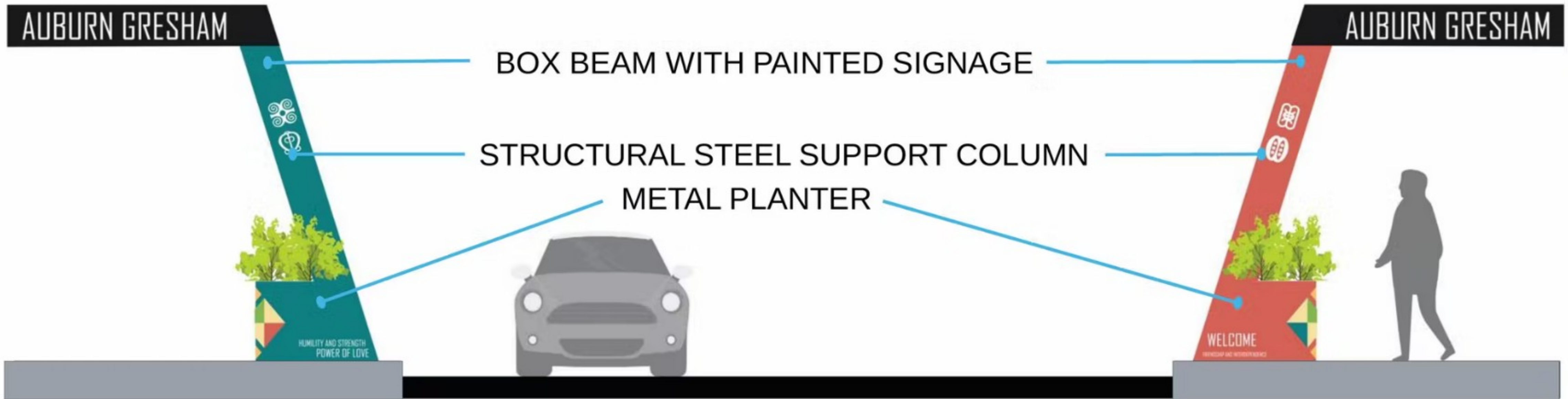
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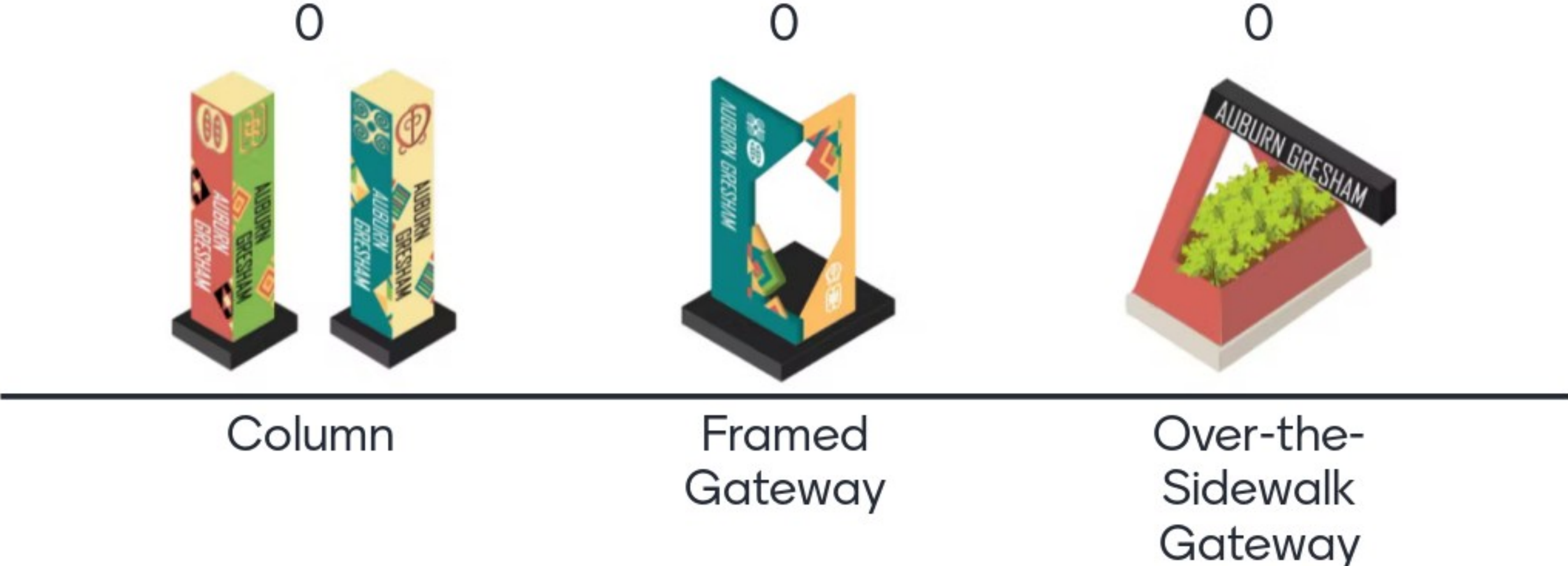
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❖ NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS, OPTION 1







What is your preference for neighborhood gateways?





QUESTION & ANSWERS

HOME - PROJECTS - SAFETY - STREETS - RESOURCES - GET INVOLVED


CHICAGO COMPLETE STREETS

ISW Auburn Gresham: 79th Street Corridor Improvements

Design Area: Fielding to Paulina and Halsted, 78th Street to 80th Street

Project description

Auburn Gresham is one of 12 key commercial corridors in the 10 communities – the “front door” to the neighborhoods – INVEST South/West collectively supports infrastructure development as a part of the initial phase of Mayor Lightfoot’s INVEST South/West commercial corridor improvement strategy. Based on feedback received at the INVEST South/West kick off meeting, the priority focus is the intersection of 79th Street and Ashland Avenue and adjacent blocks.



The scope of this CDOT led project includes streetscape improvements on Fielding to Paulina and Halsted, 78th Street to 80th Street. The project will provide safe, walkable, and attractive streets that will foster community and economic growth. This effort will support the INVEST South/West initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of-life amenities for local residents.

Status: Public Outreach

[Additional INVEST South/West information Auburn Gresham \(chicago.gov\)](#)

Questions or comments regarding the project can be submitted below.

Project Location *

Please list any comments, questions, or concerns about the project.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

SUBMIT

 chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/invest-south-west-auburn-gresham-79th-street/

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We appreciate **YOU taking the time to join us!**