



# **GREATER CORKTOWN** **CALMING STREETS AND PEDESTRIAN** **CONNECTIVITY UPDATE**

Planning and Development Department

May 21, 2025

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# BACKGROUND

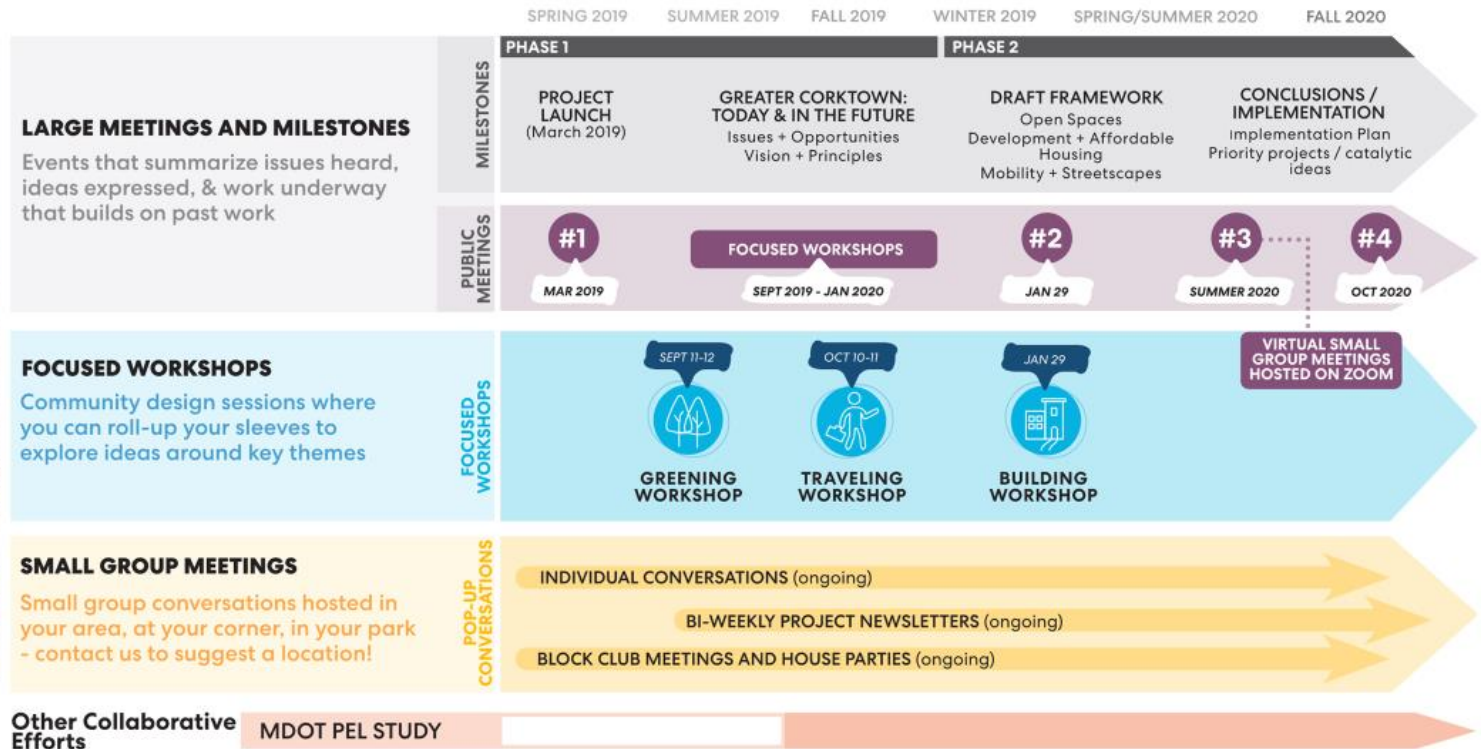
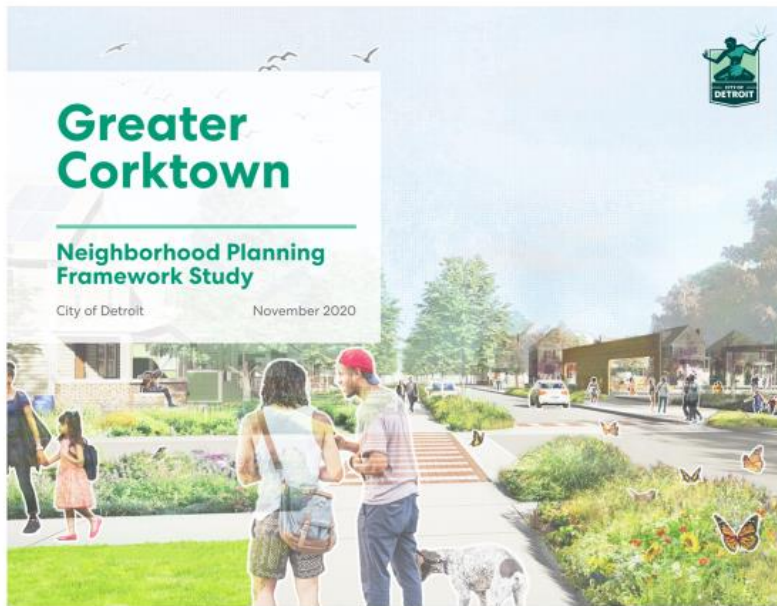


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PROPOSED CRITICAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
GREATER CORKTOWN  
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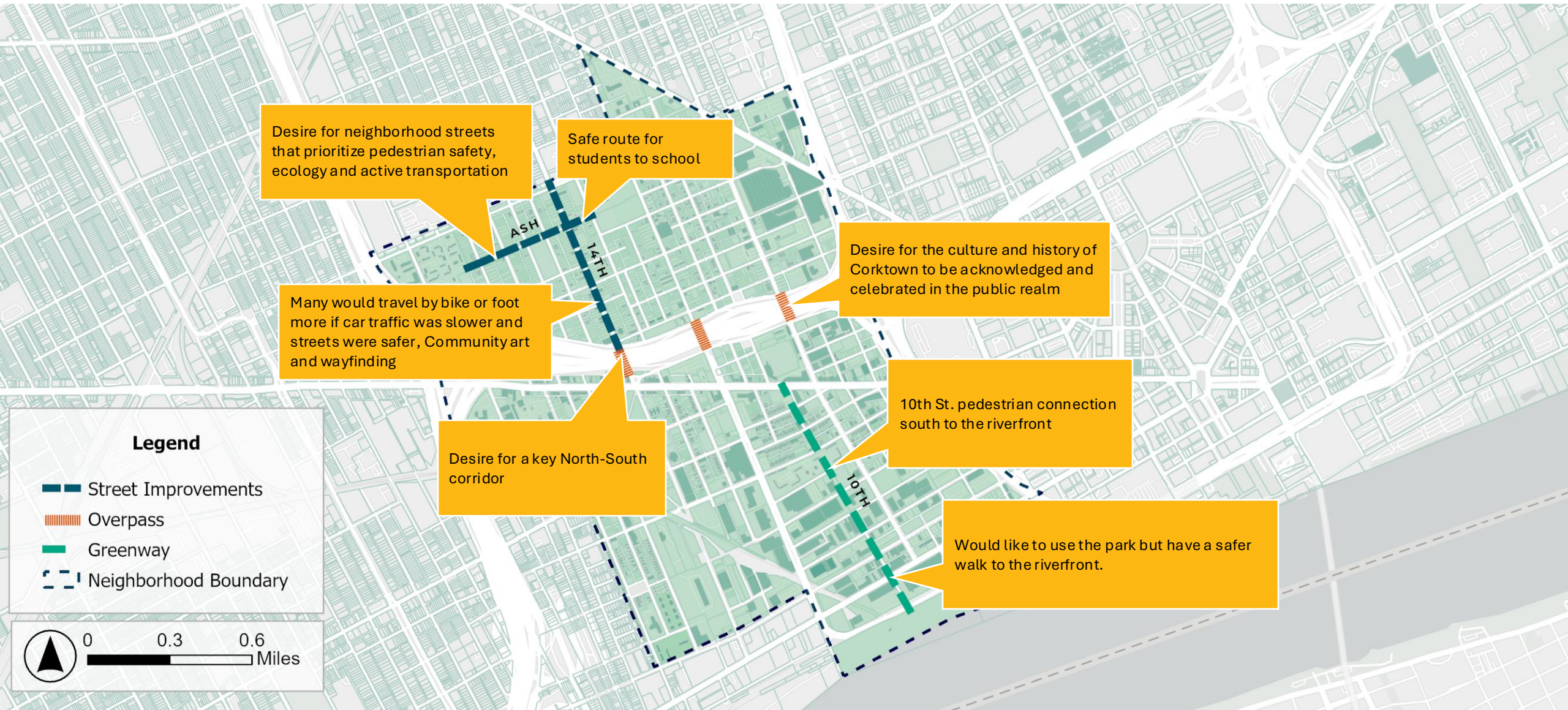


# PROJECT EXTENTS





# WHAT WE HEARD



# **GUIDING DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

**SAFETY**

**CONNECTIVITY**

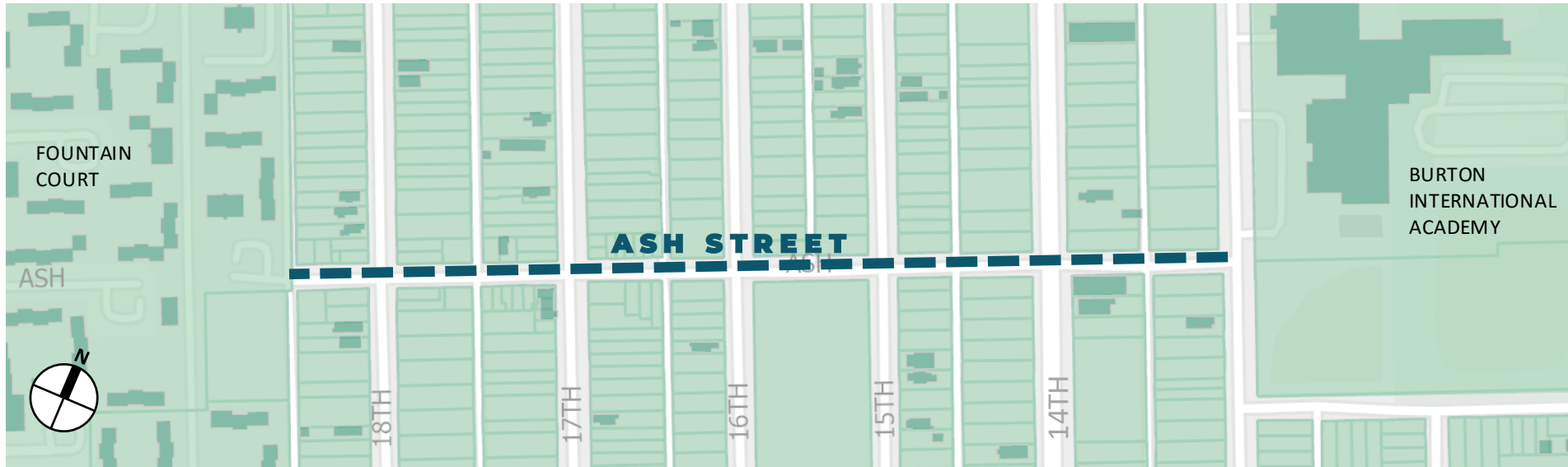
**ARTS & CULTURE**

# STREET IMPROVEMENT

- Ash Street
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street



# ASH ST. EXISTING CONDITIONS



Ash Street, street view looking east, west of 14th St.

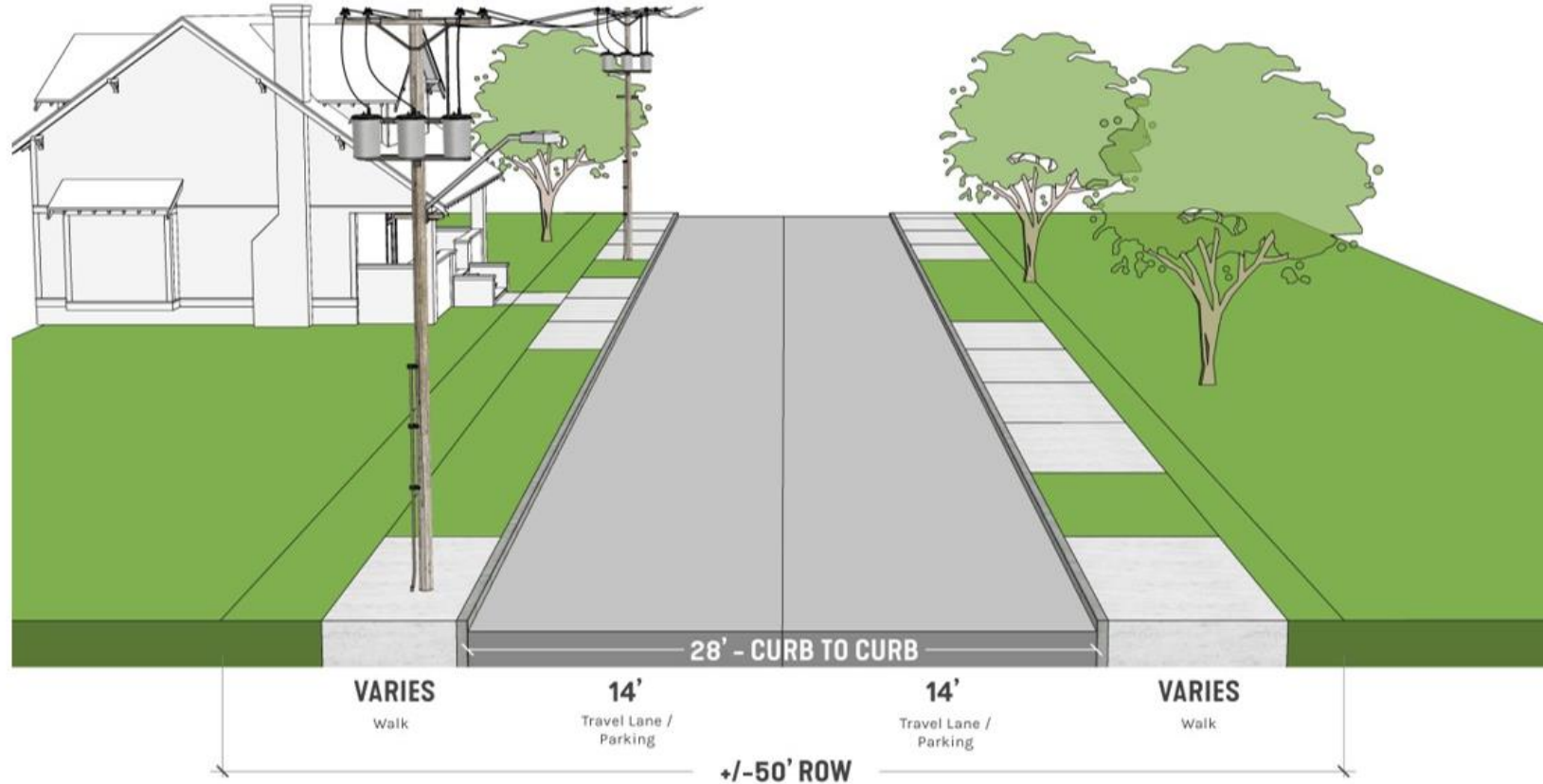


Ash Street, street view looking east, east of 14th St.

# ASH ST. EXISTING CONDITIONS

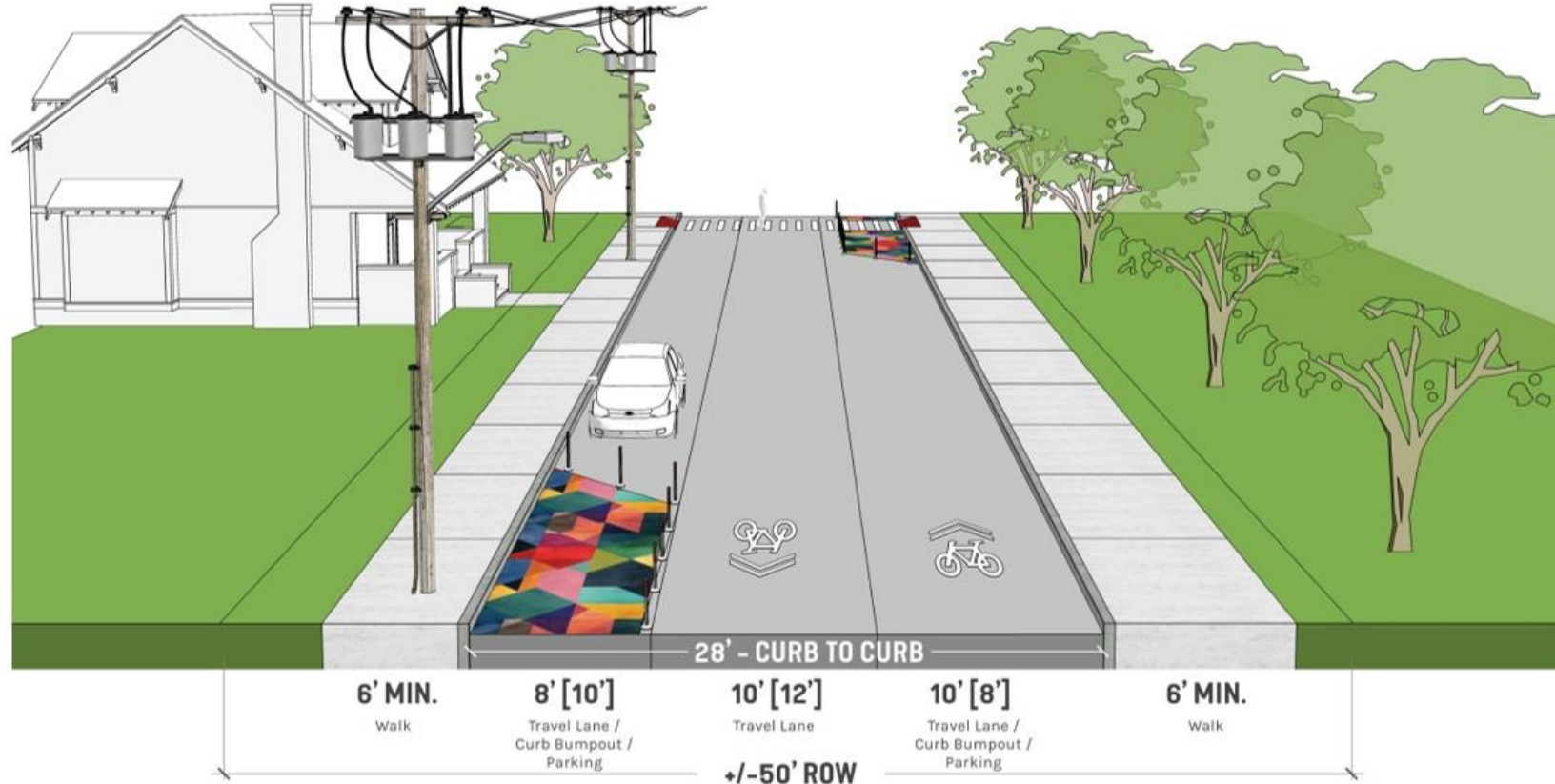
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- 2 LANE ROADWAY
- ON-STREET PARKING BOTH SIDES





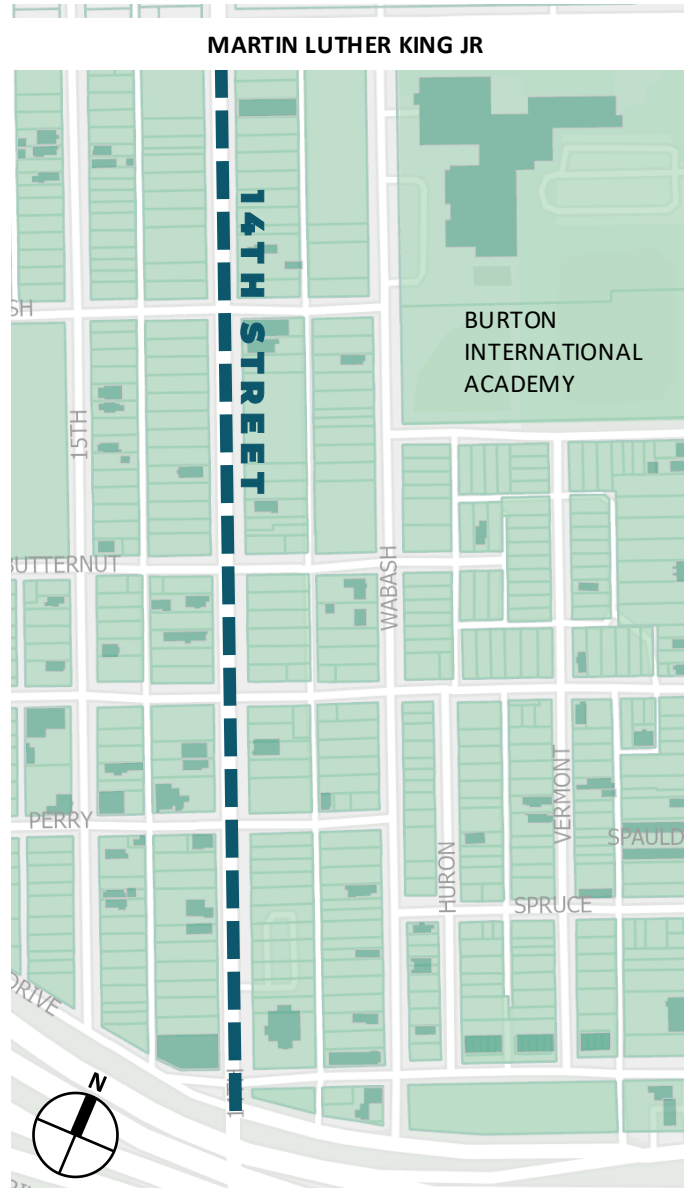
# ASH ST. RESURFACING



## PROPOSED

- 2 LANE ROADWAY
- ON-STREET PARKING BOTH SIDES
- PAINT AND POST BUMPOUTS
- STREET TREES
- SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

# 14<sup>th</sup> ST. EXISTING CONDITIONS



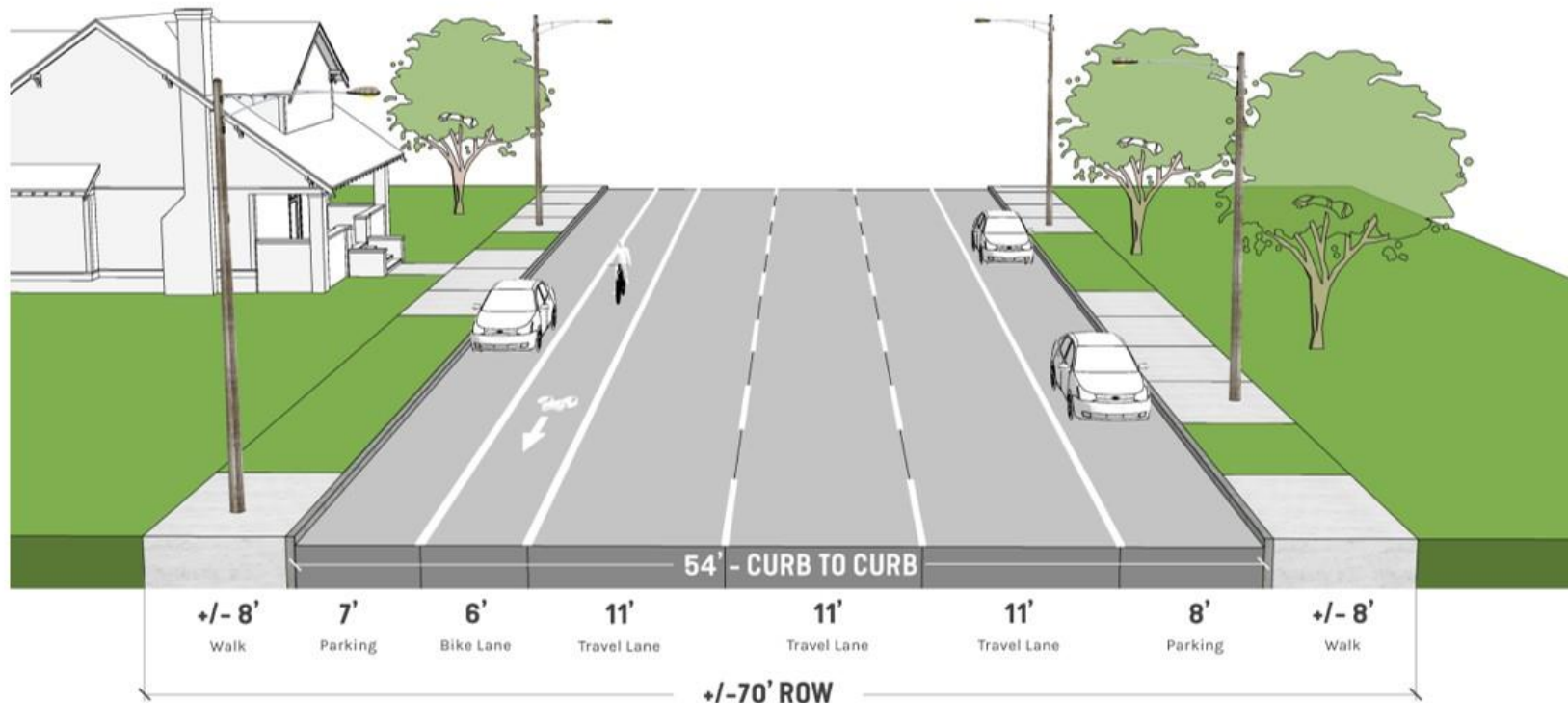
14th Street, street view looking north of Perry St.



14th Street, street view looking south of Perry St.



# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET EXISTING CONDITIONS



## NORTH OF PINE:

- 3 LANE ROADWAY (1-WAY)
- ON-STREET PARKING BOTH SIDES
- CYCLE TRACK WEST SIDE

# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET: OPTION 1



## PROPOSED STREET WITH CYCLE TRACK

- 2 LANE ROADWAY
- ON-STREET PARKING BOTH SIDES
- CYCLE TRACK WEST SIDE
- VEGETATED BUMPOUTS (GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (GSI)) BOTH SIDES



# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET: OPTION 1



## PROS:

- WIDER PHYSICAL BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC THAN A SINGLE BIKE LANE.
- SINGLE BUFFER ON ONE SIDE OF STREET.
- WIDER THAN A BIKE LANE FOR MORE PASSING AND MOVEMENT.
- REQUIRE LESS STREET WIDTH THAN A PAIR OF PROTECTED BIKE LANES
- RECLAIMS A BROADER CONCENTRATED CORRIDOR OF PEDESTRIAN SPACE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
- FACILITATES EASIER MAINTENANCE

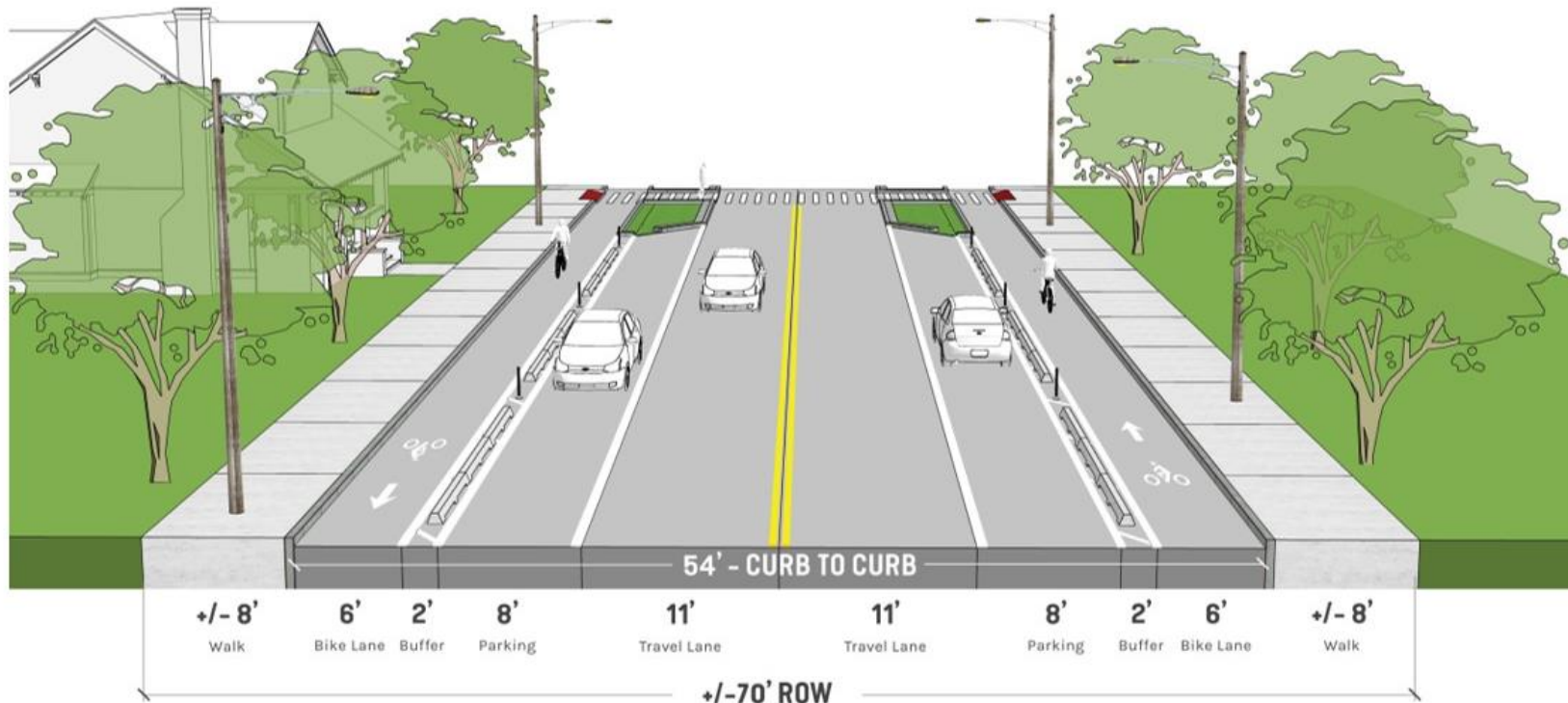
# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET: OPTION 1



## CONS:

- DRIVERS ARE NOT ANTICIPATING CYCLISTS COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION WHEN TURNING AT THE INTERSECTION
- NOT RECOMMENDED FOR STREETS WITH MULTIPLE INTERSECTIONS OR DRIVEWAYS
- MORE DIFFICULT FOR CARS CROSSING THE CYCLE TRACK TO SEE ONCOMING TRAFFIC FROM THE STOP BAR. DRIVER NEEDS TO PULL FORWARD FOR VISIBILITY, POSSIBLY BLOCKING THE BIKE LANES.

# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET: OPTION 2

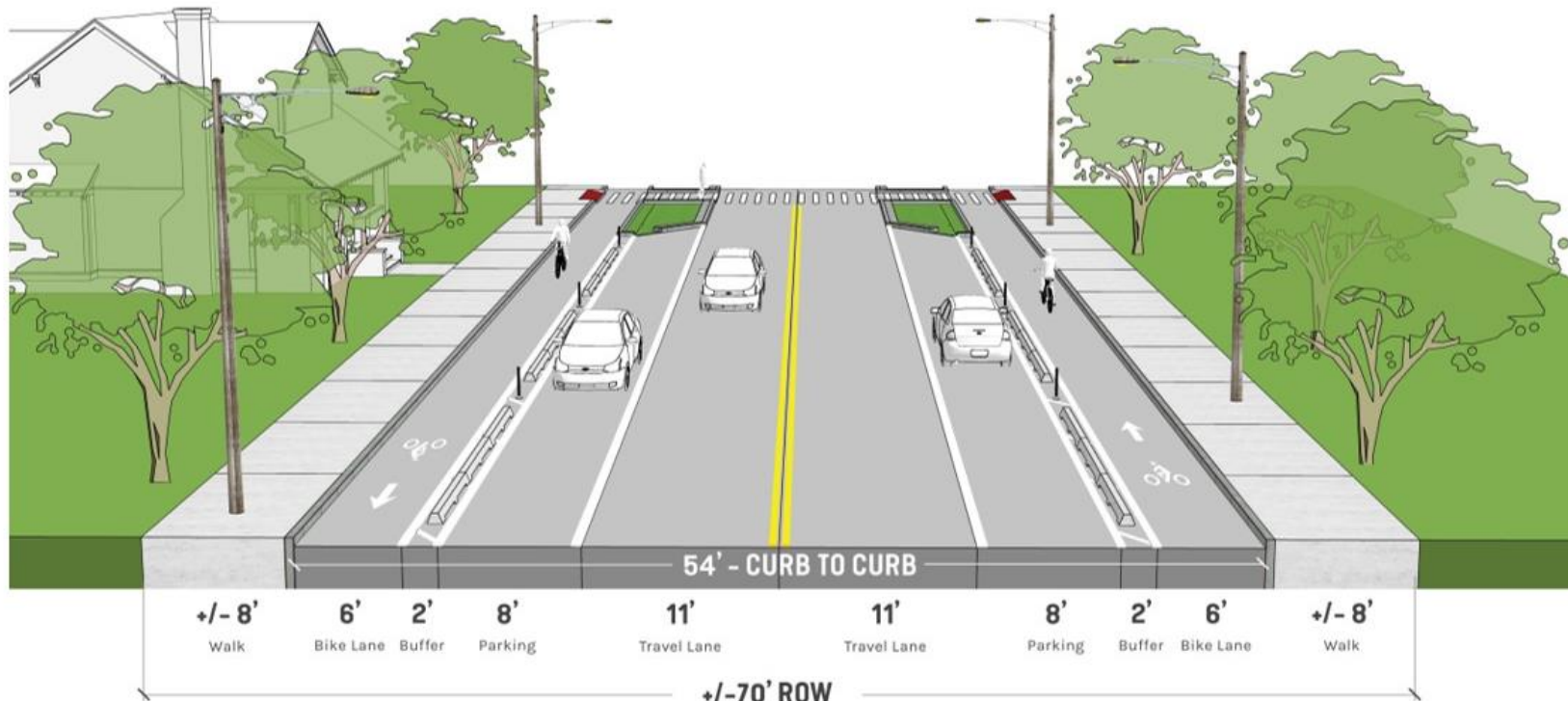


## PROPOSED STREET WITH BIKE LANES

- 2 LANE ROADWAY
- ON-STREET PARKING BOTH SIDES
- ONE-WAY BIKE LANES
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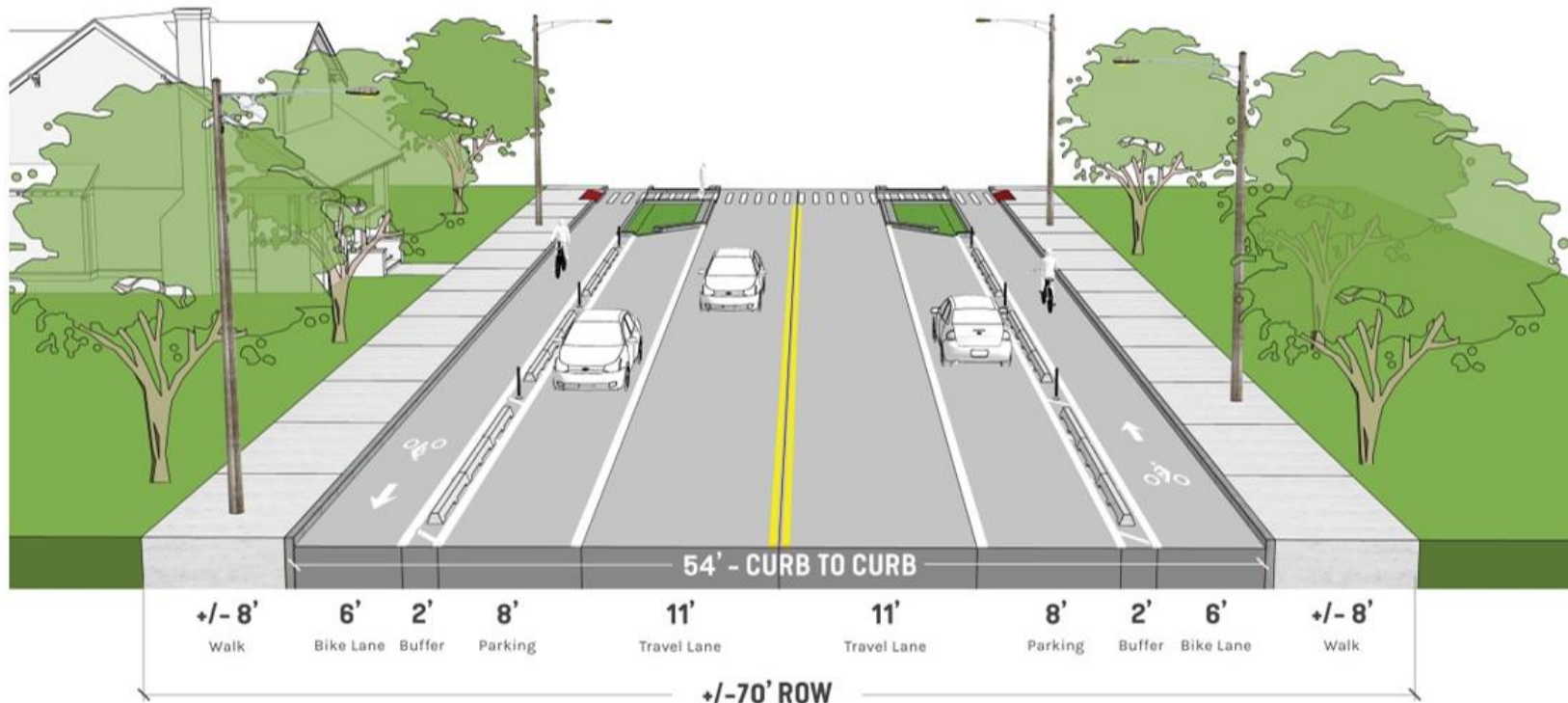
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## PROS:

- 1-WAY BIKE LANE TRAVEL FLOWS WITH VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTIONS TO AVOID CONFUSION.
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- DISTRIBUTES BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FLOW MORE EVENLY ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE CORRIDOR, SUPPORTING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

# 14<sup>th</sup> STREET: OPTION 2



## CONS:

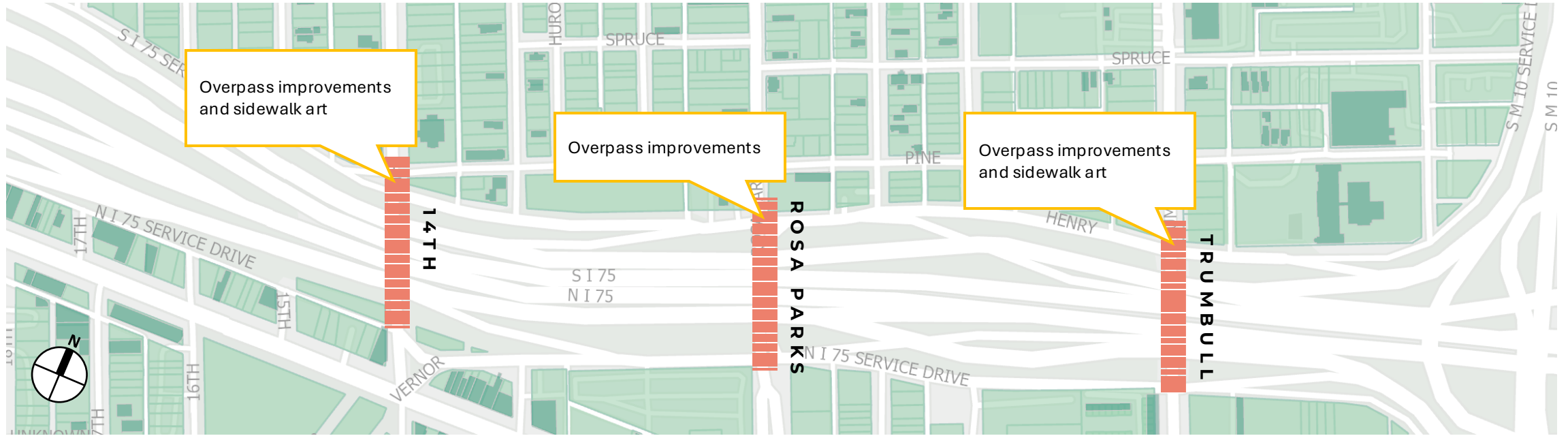
- **NARROWER PHYSICAL BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC THAN THE CYCLE TRACK**
- **REQUIRES TWO BUFFERS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET.**
- **LONGER PEDESTRIAN CROSSING DISTANCE.**
- **NARROWER THAN A CYCLE TRACK TO ACCOMMODATE FEWER USERS AND LESS ROOM FOR PASSING.**

# OVERPASS IMPROVEMENT

- 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Rosa Parks
- Trumbull Street



# OVERPASS IMPROVEMENTS



14th Street, street view looking north.

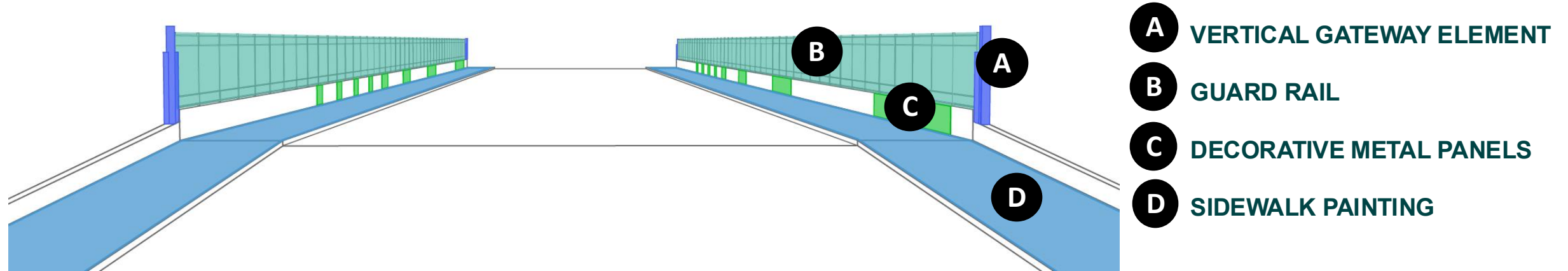


Rosa Parks, street view looking north.



Trumbull, street view looking north.

# OVERPASS IMPROVEMENTS



**GUARD RAIL:**  
*HIGH QUALITY OFF THE SHELF OPTION*



**DECORATIVE METAL PANELS:**  
*CUSTOM ELEMENT*

- Custom designed metal panels with chosen theme elements cut and/or etched into panel to be secured over existing concrete.
- Metal color to match new guard rails for cohesive overall look.



**SIDEWALK ART:**  
*SINGLE COLOR DESIGN FOR DURABILITY*

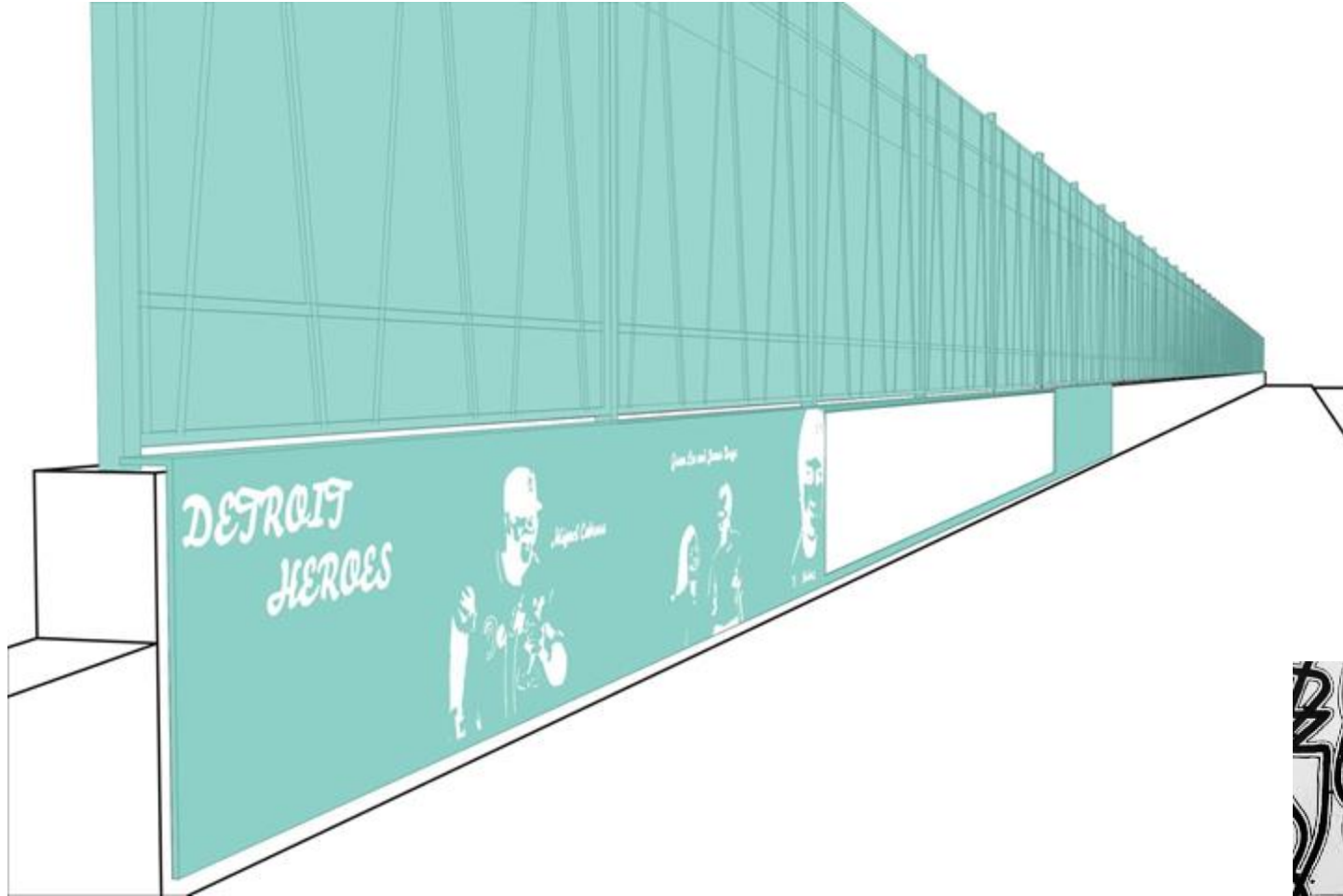
- Simple sidewalk design element to coordinate with theme of custom metal panels.
- Extends reach of themes introduced in panels to additional areas of neighborhood.



# THEME #1 – DETROIT HEROES

**Decorative Metal Panels**  
featuring important Detroiters.

**Sidewalk Art** design featuring quotes  
from those featured on panels.



14th Street Overpass



Betty Shabazz



Miguel Cabrera



Charles McGee



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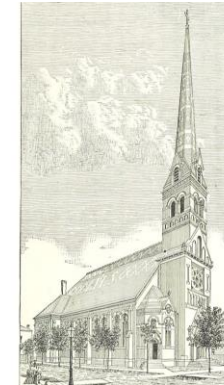


# THEME #2 – CORKTOWN HISTORY



**Decorative Metal Panels** featuring Corktown landmarks and buildings, historic and contemporary.

**Sidewalk Art** indicating directions to existing and/or historic locations.



Most Holy



Old Tiger's Stadium



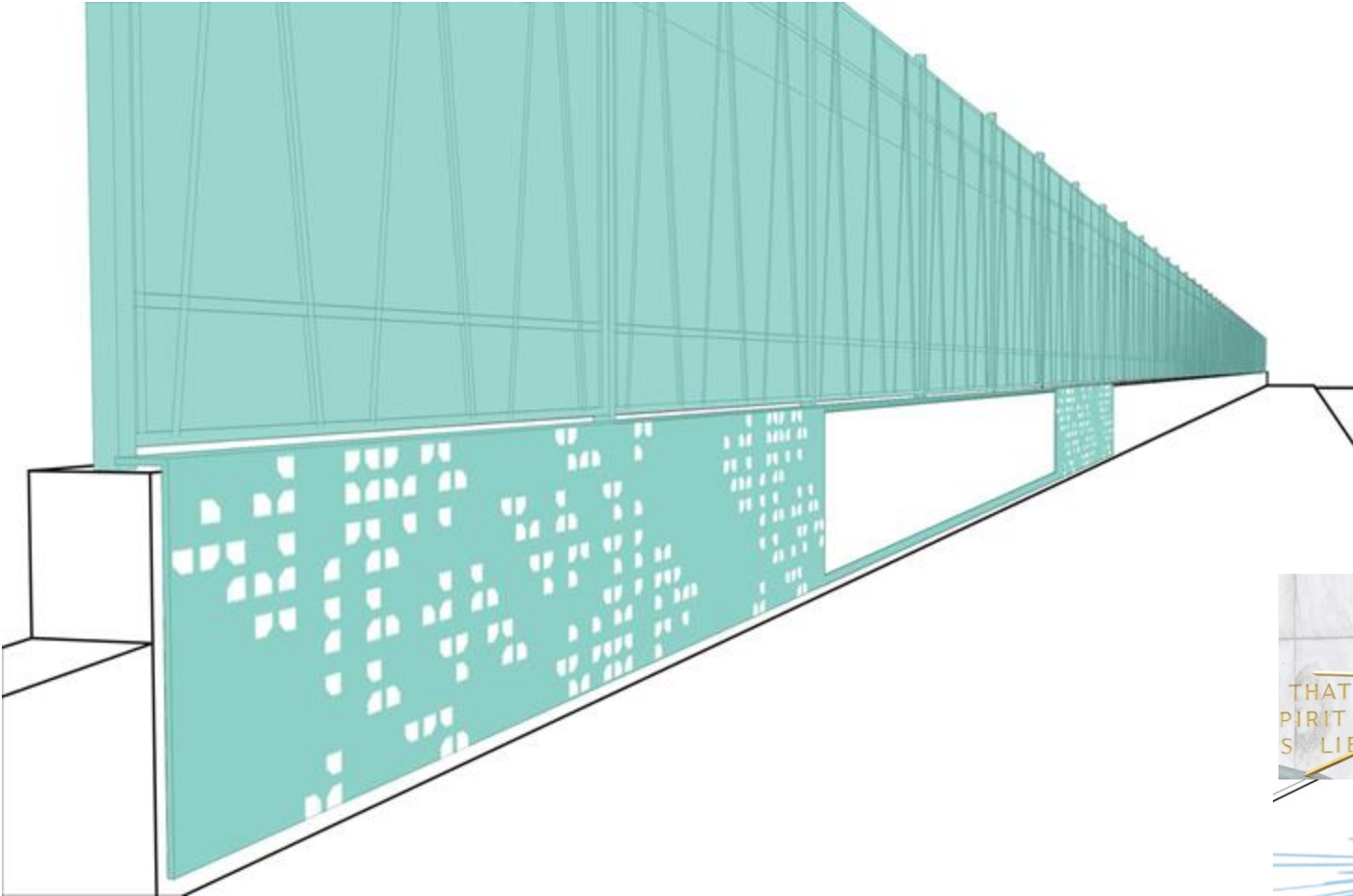
Historic Home Tirnity



Western Market

# THEME #3 – ABSTRACTED SYMBOLS

Decorative Metal Panels and Sidewalk art featuring pattern derived from symbols of cultural importance.



Historic Map



Art Deco Pattern



Spirit of Detroit Orb



All Black Everything  
Tiff Massey

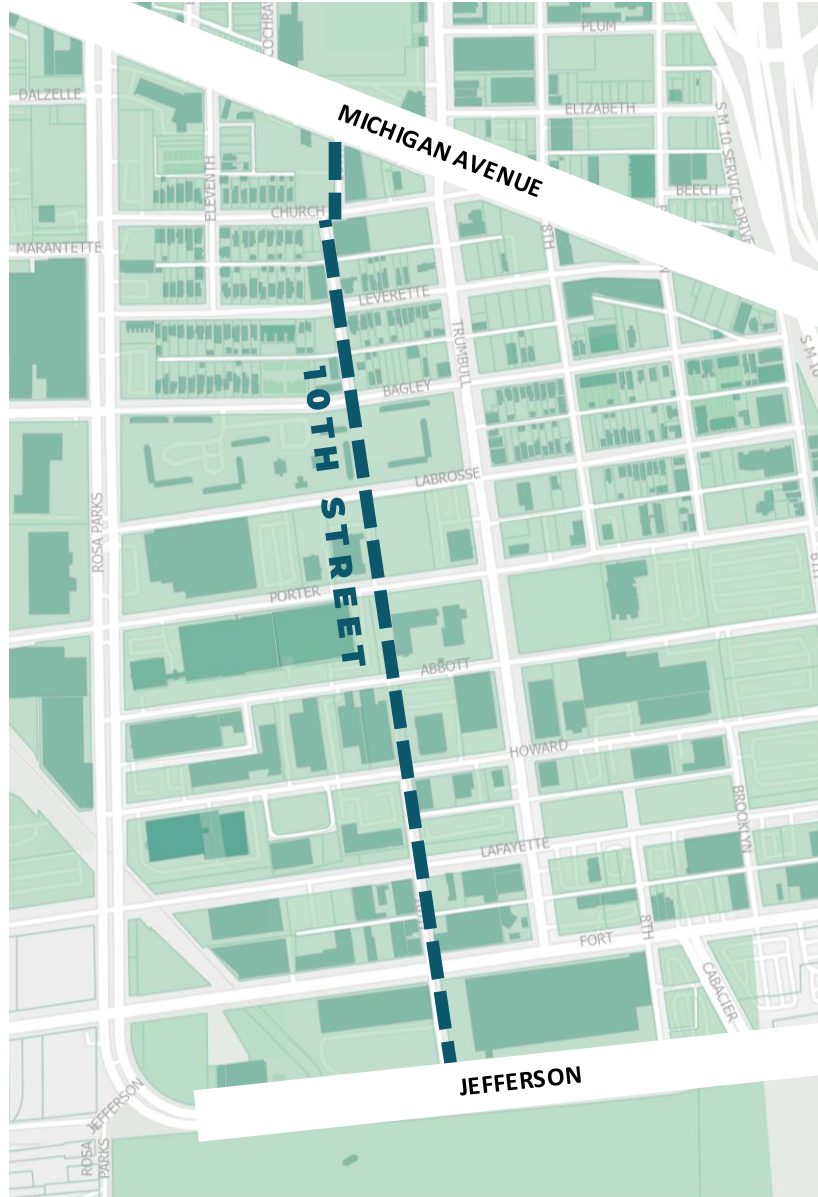
Work by Detroit Artist

# **GREENWAY**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street



# 10<sup>th</sup> ST. GREENWAY



10th Street, street view looking north at Bagley.



10th Street, street view looking south at Bagley.



10th Street, street view looking north at Howard.

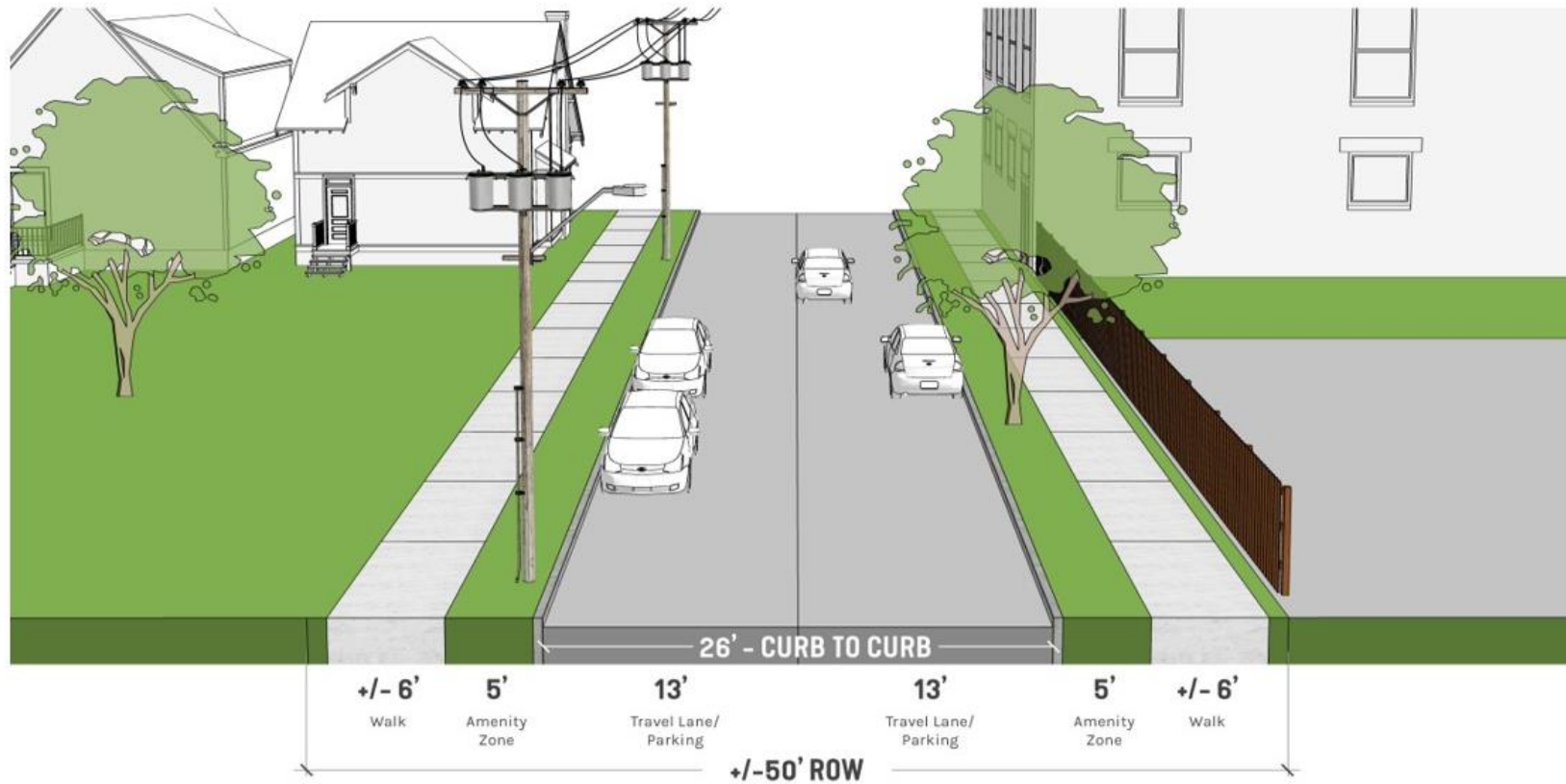


10th Street, street view looking south at Howard.

# WAYFINDING & ART

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street

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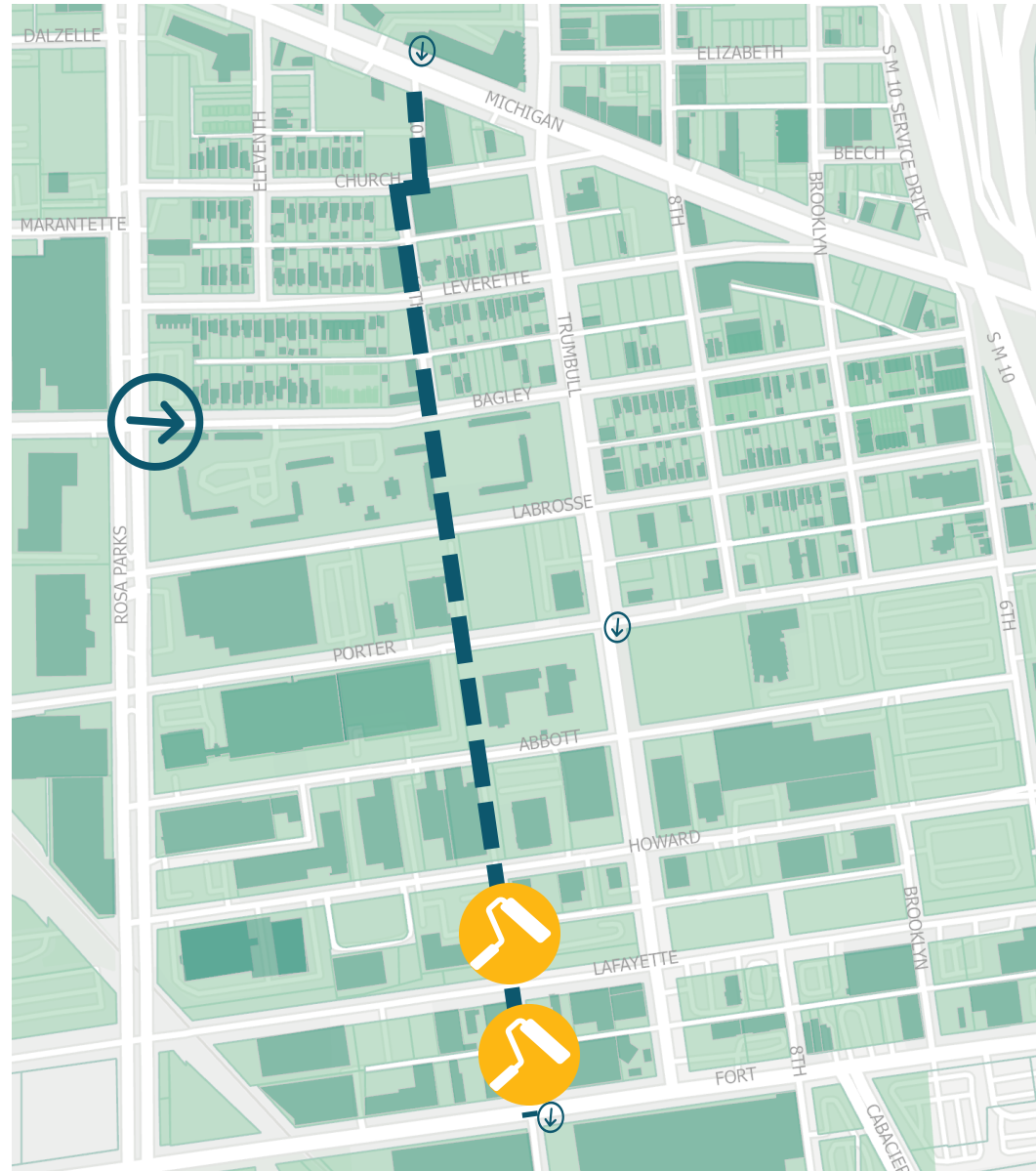


## EXISTING CONDITIONS

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- ROW VARIES +/- 20'



# 10<sup>th</sup> ST. WAYFINDING AND ART



WAYFINDING



STREET MURAL

# STREET MURALS

**Sydney James**



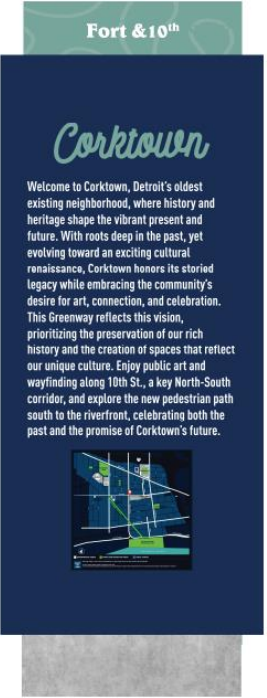
**Tess Parr & Robert Spence**



# WAYFINDING

Greenway name  
TBD

## COLOR VARIATIONS



Location of the  
map

FRONT VIEW

SIDE VIEW

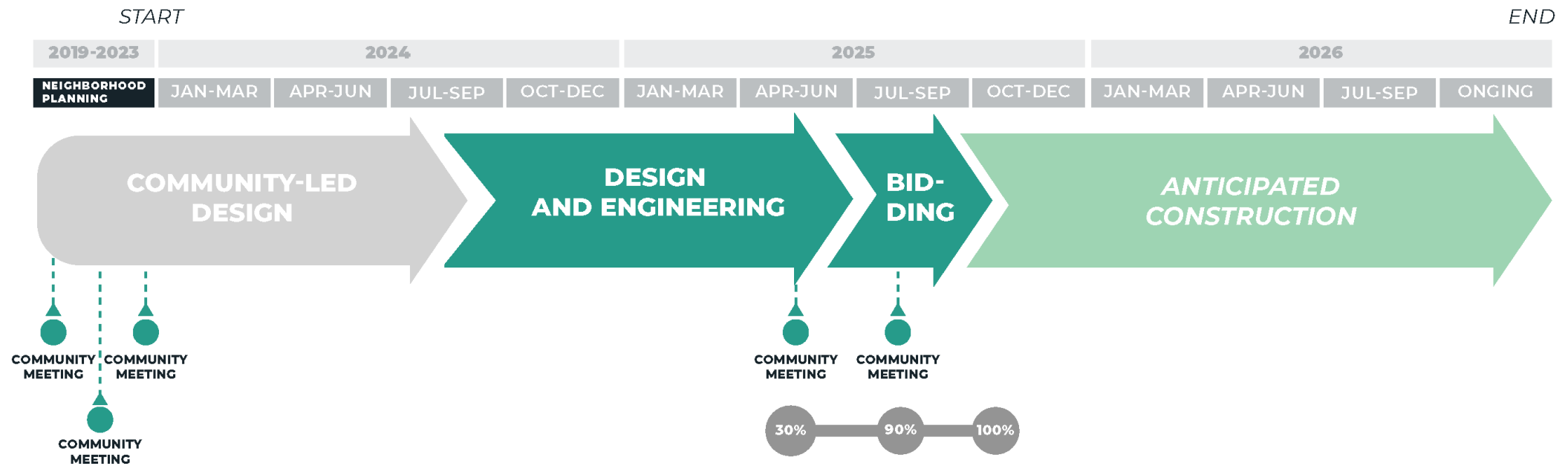
BACK VIEW



# WAYFINDING



# PROJECT TIMELINE



# EXERCISE AND ACTIVITIES

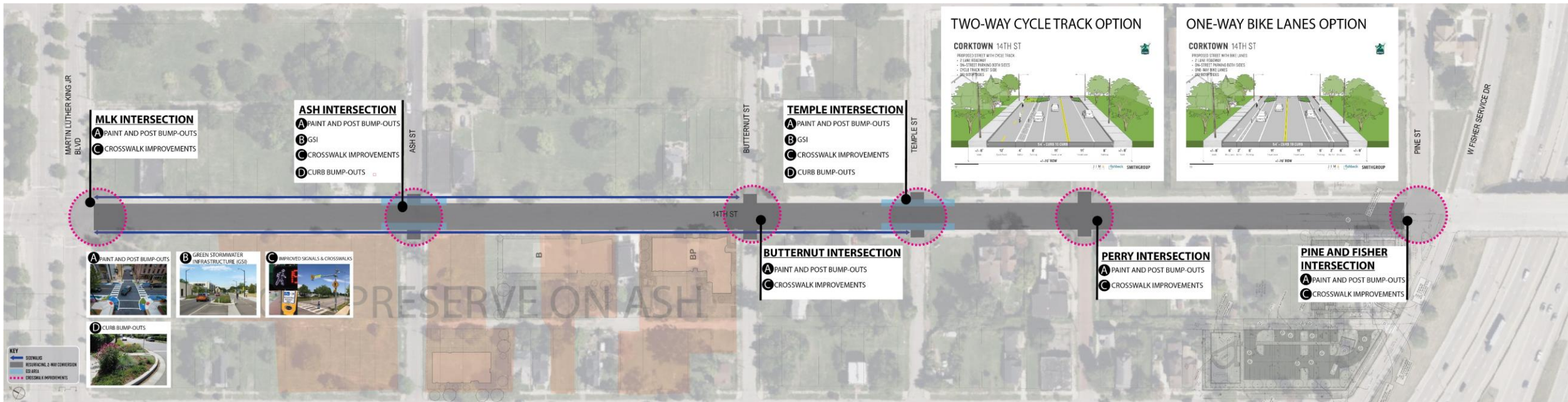
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2. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Streetscape options
3. Overpass theme selection
4. 10<sup>th</sup> St. route and greenway naming
5. Corktown Community Survey



# ASH ST. IMPROVEMENTS



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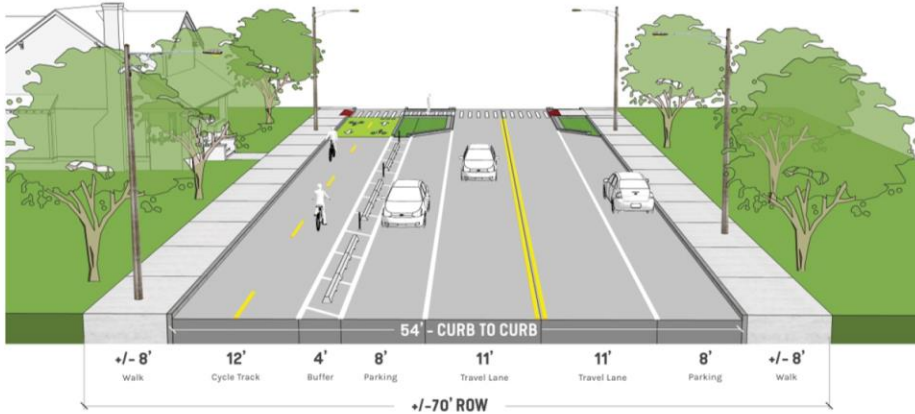




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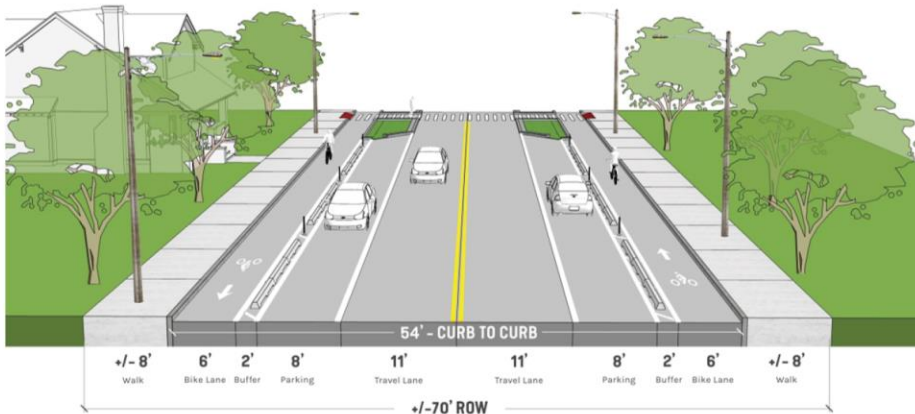
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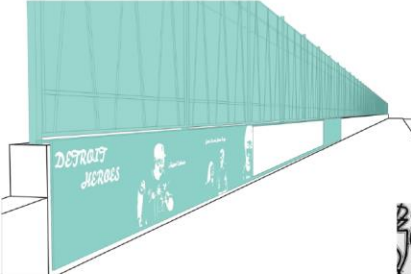




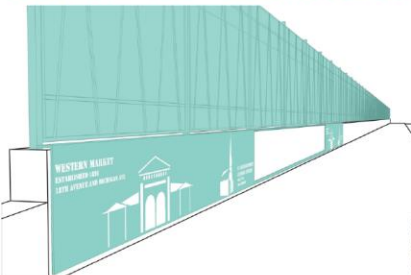




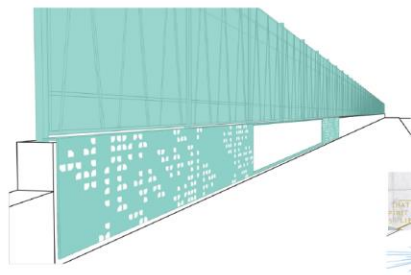


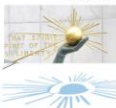

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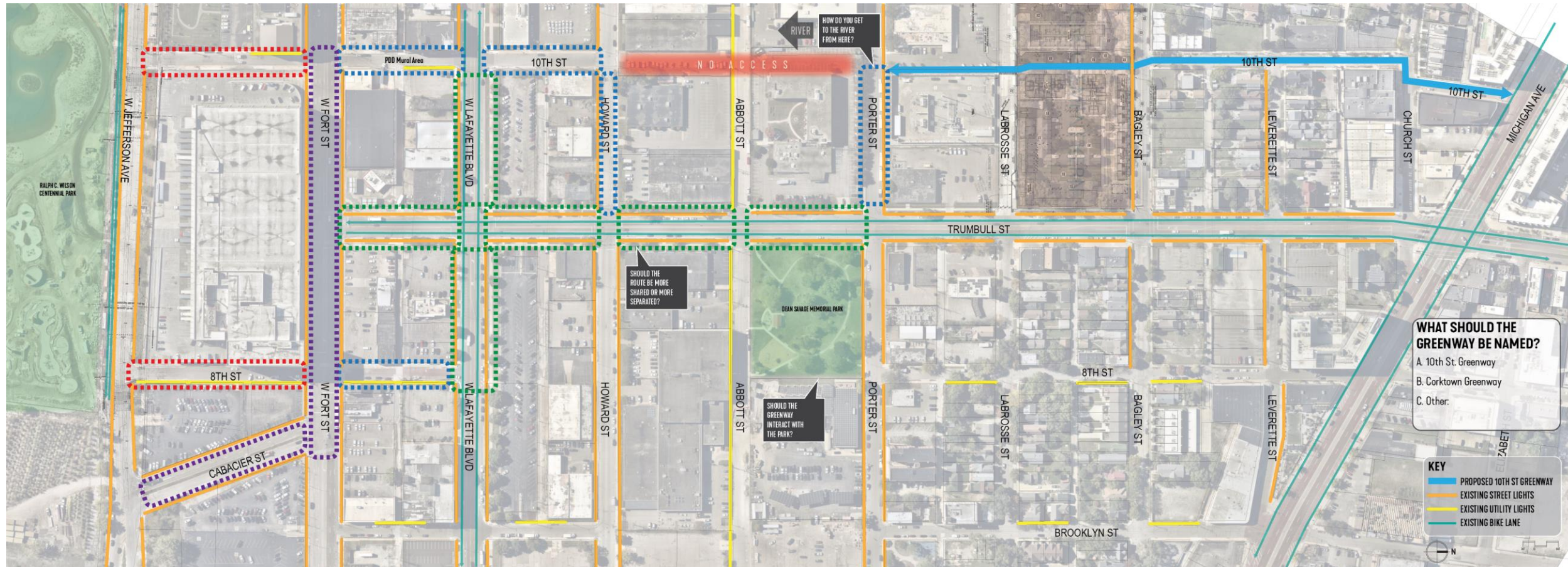
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# OVERPASS THEME SELECTION

14 <sup>th</sup> ST OVERPASS	
VOTE (STICKERS)	COMMENTS
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# 10TH ST. GREENWAY ROUTE



# GREENWAY NAMING

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway
- Corktown Greenway
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



# CORKTOWN SURVEY

## PAST

WHAT HISTORIES OR STORIES OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD  
DO YOU WISH WERE MORE WELL KNOWN?  
(ANSWER STICKY NOTES BELOW)

## PRESENT

WHAT ARE THREE WORDS YOU WOULD USE TO  
DESCRIBE CORKTOWN?  
(ANSWER STICKY NOTES BELOW)

## FUTURE

THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE, WHAT DOES A  
'CORKTOWN FOR ALL' LOOK OR MEAN TO YOU?  
(ANSWER STICKY NOTES BELOW)



Q/A

# Thank you.

# STAY CONNECTED

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# CORKTOWN SURVEY: ONLINE

SCAN ME:



<https://forms.gle/JYnCCjnMGz2bmKde6>