



**The 78 Community Advisory Council
Investing in Neighborhoods
Connecting Chinatown to the South Loop
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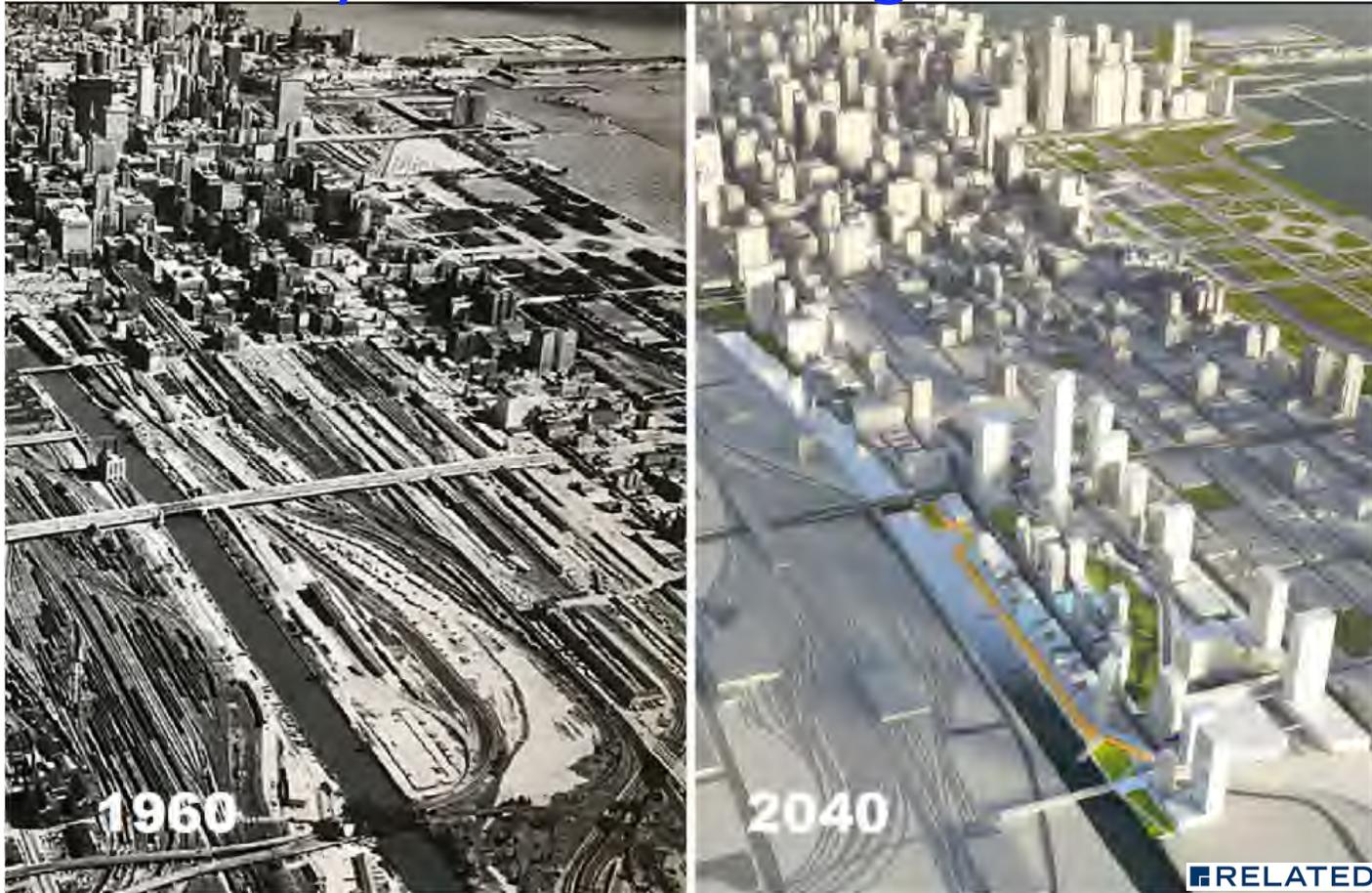
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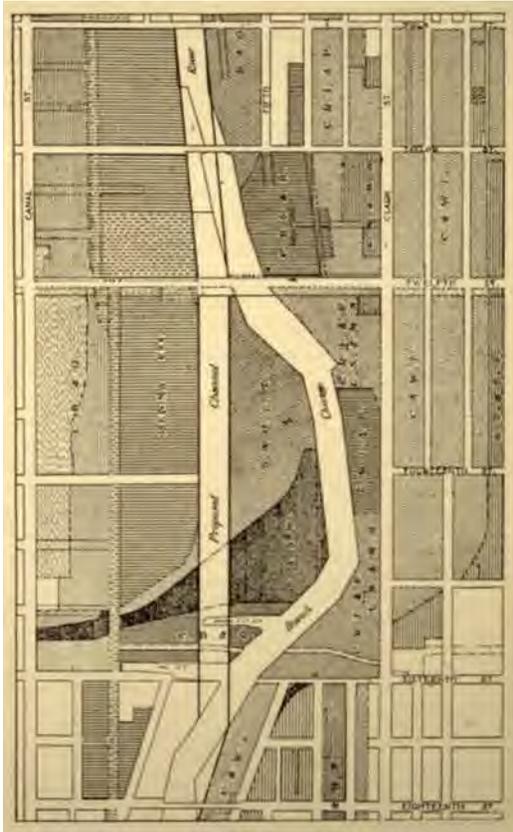


The Wells Wentworth (WW) Connector From Railyard to New Neighborhood

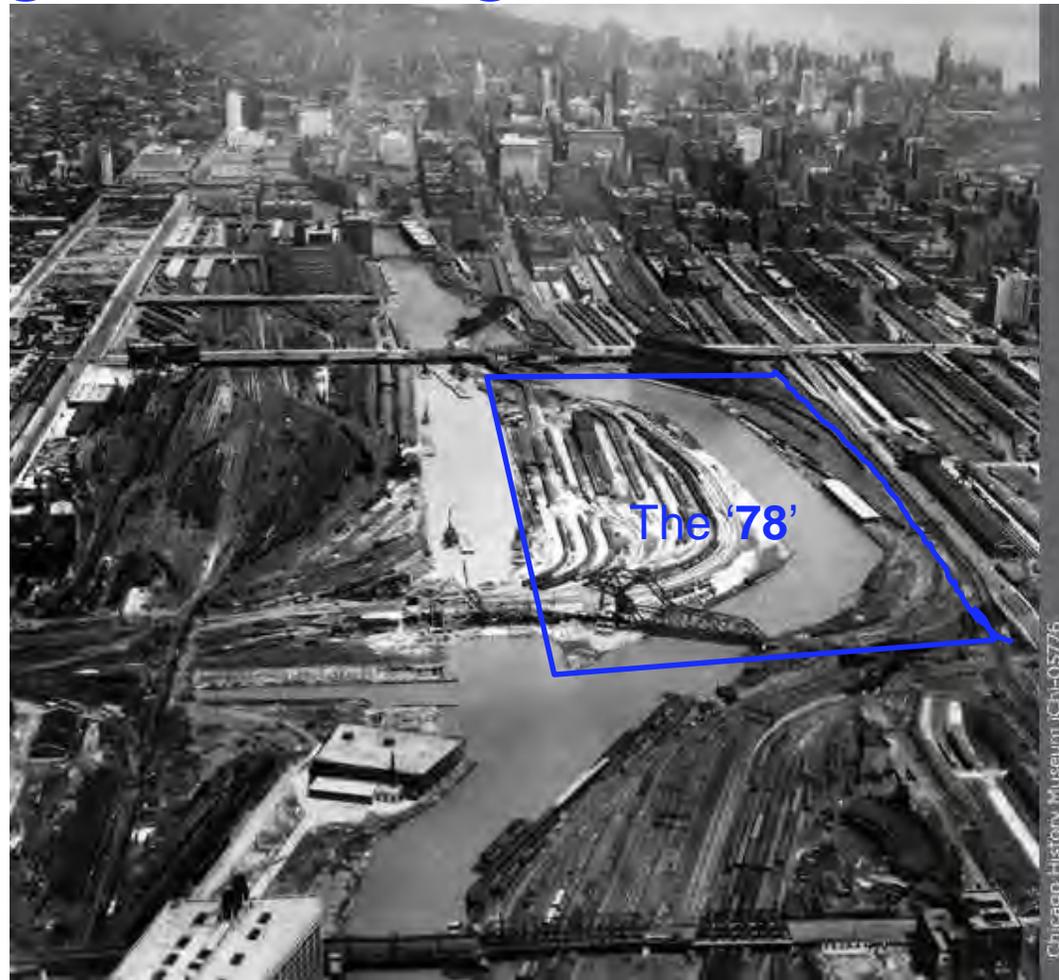


1960s – IDOT contemplates extending 90/94 north
2040 – the 78, Chicago's next neighborhood

WW³: Chicago River Realignment & RRs



Proposal for the straightening of the river
(Encyclopedia of Chicago)



- 1929 – Chicago River Realignment in progress
- Area dominated by up to 9 Railroads on both sides of the River
- Access limited by geography on water and on land.
- Former location will influence design/ challenges of W/W project₃

WW³: From Railyard to Land of Opportunity

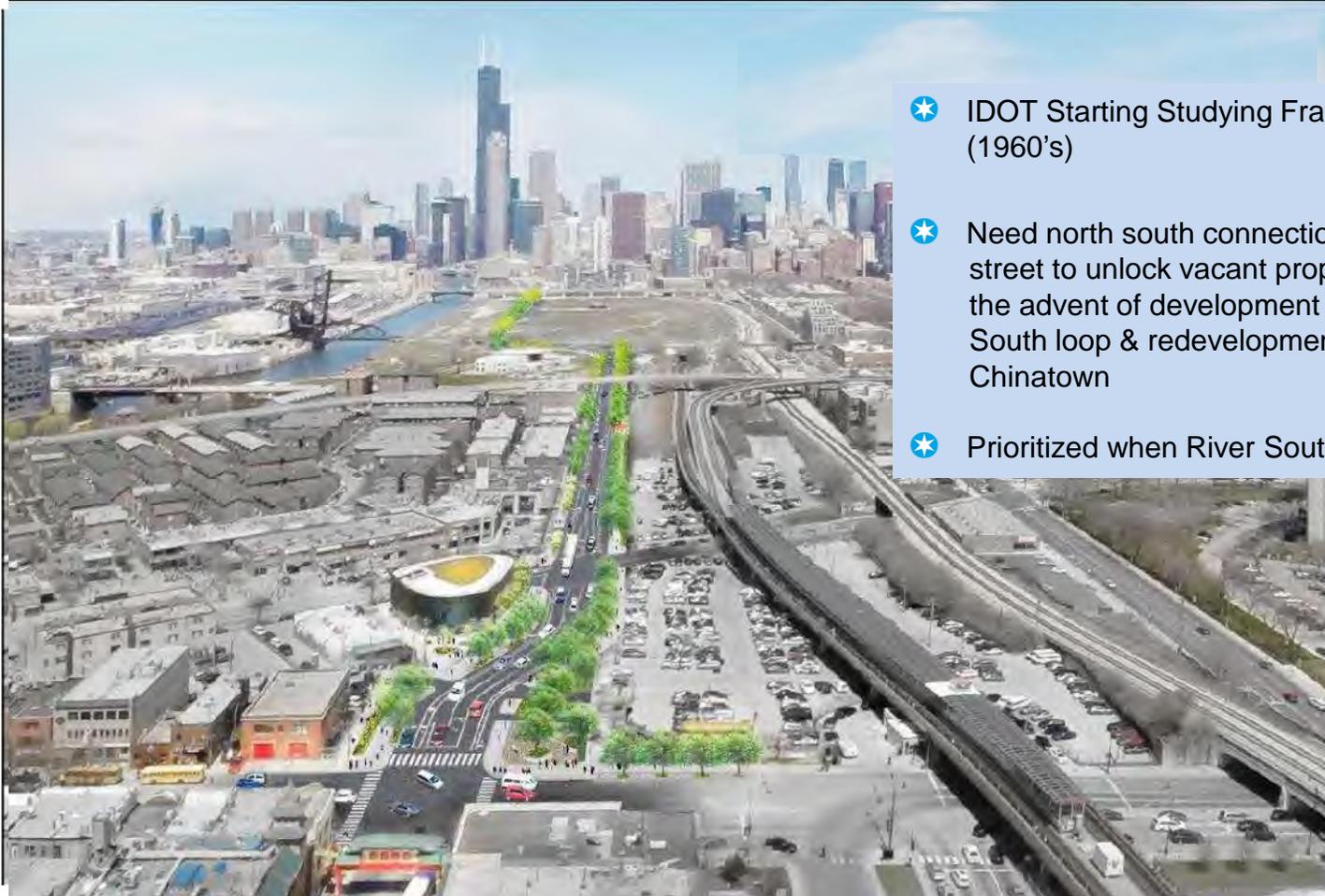


The 78, looking north from 16th Street between the Chicago River and Clark

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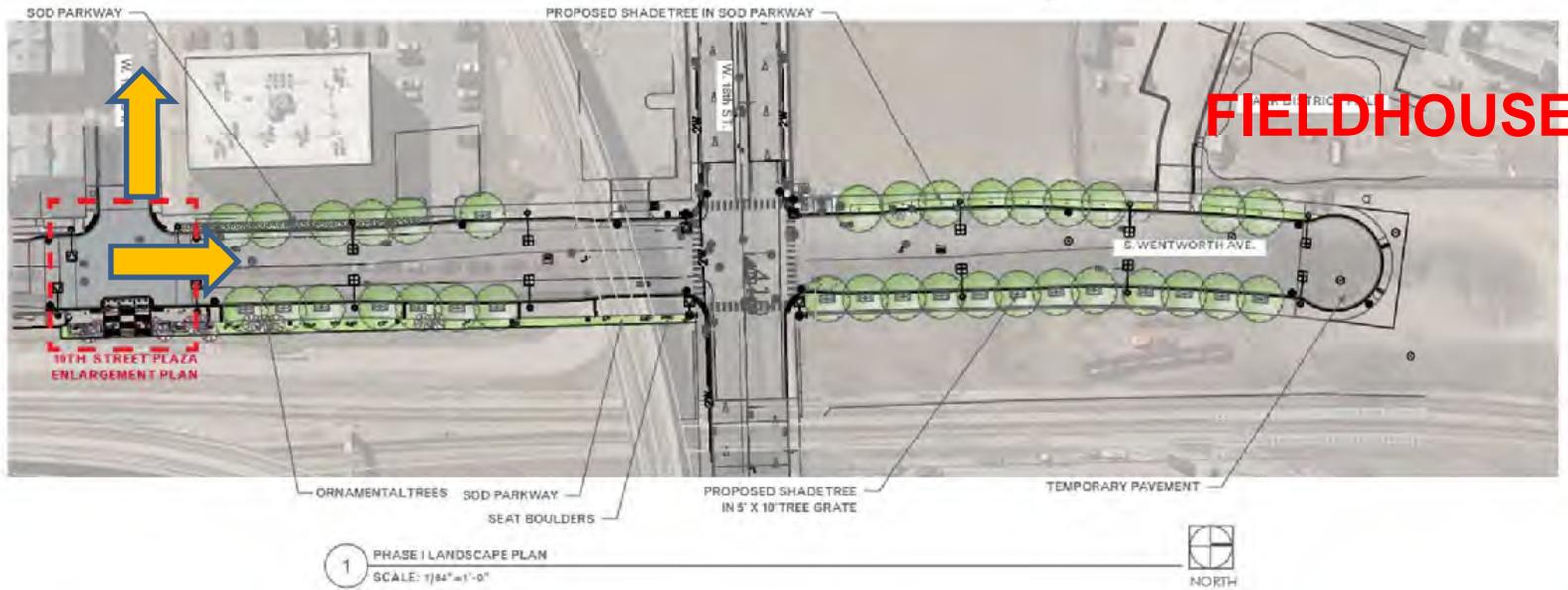
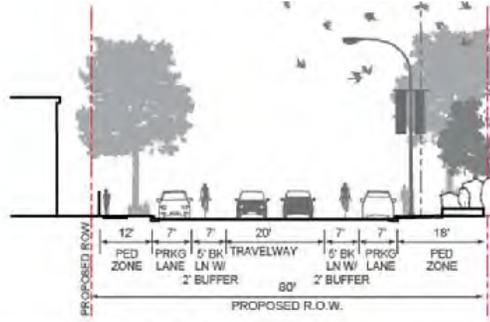


- ★ IDOT Starting Studying Franklin Connector (1960's)
- ★ Need north south connection / collector street to unlock vacant property with the advent of development of Loop, South loop & redevelopment of Chinatown
- ★ Prioritized when River South TIF created

WW¹: Ping Tom Memorial Park Access South Wentworth – 17th to 19th Streets

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

shade trees	38
ornamental trees	14
sod parkway	1,400 sq yd
tree grates	19
infiltration swale	2,800 sq yd
19th st. plaza	



improvements on S. Wentworth Av., W. 17th to W. 19th Streets

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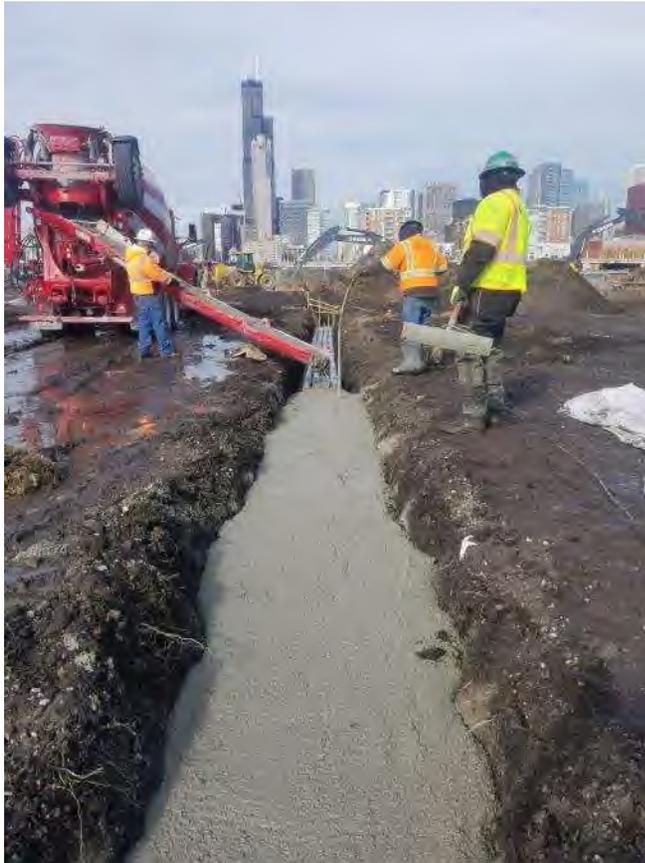


S. Wentworth at W. 19th St, looking north

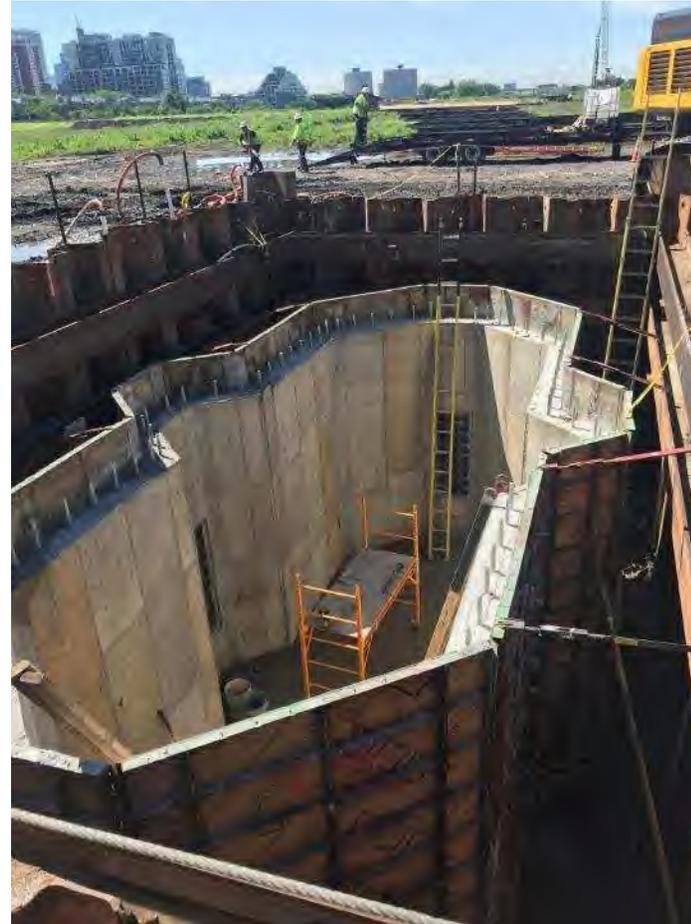
WW²: Realigned Wentworth/ Cermak Plaza Directional Gateway for both sides of Ping Tom



WW³: Construction Utilities 2019



Nov. 2019- Utilidor Construction



June 2019 – ComEd vault

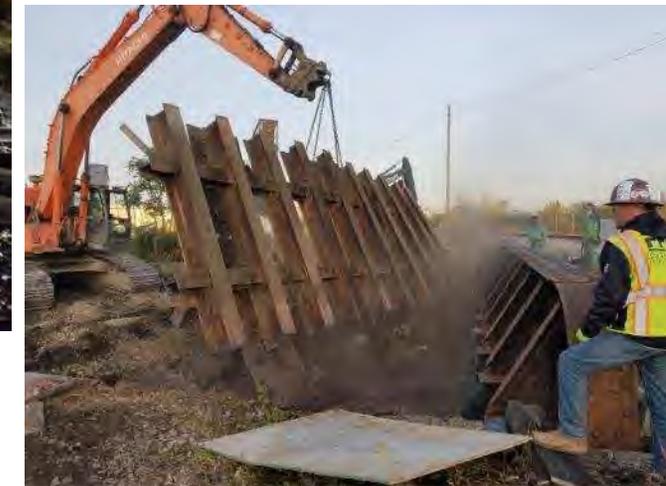
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WW³: RR Bridges – Preliminary demolition



Oct. 2019 – Removal of buried Metra Wye bridge



WW³: 2020 Construction - Wells St. - Before



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WW³: Construction 2020 -New Pavement

Looking North along new Wells Street
Newly poured concrete base pavement for
1200 S. to 1430 S. Wells Street



Looking North along new Wells Street, 1st layer of asphalt being placed
1200 S. to 1430 S. Wells Street



Looking south along newly poured curb and base course of Wells Street
1330-1500 S. Wells St.

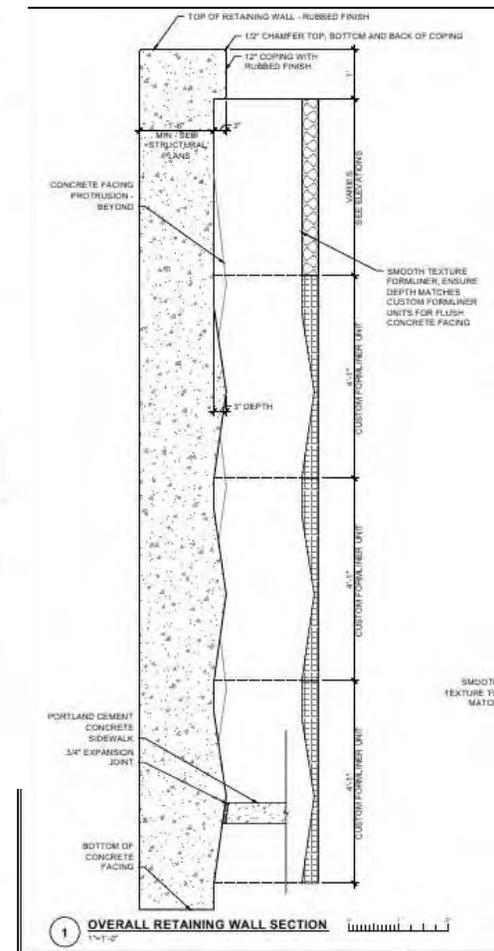
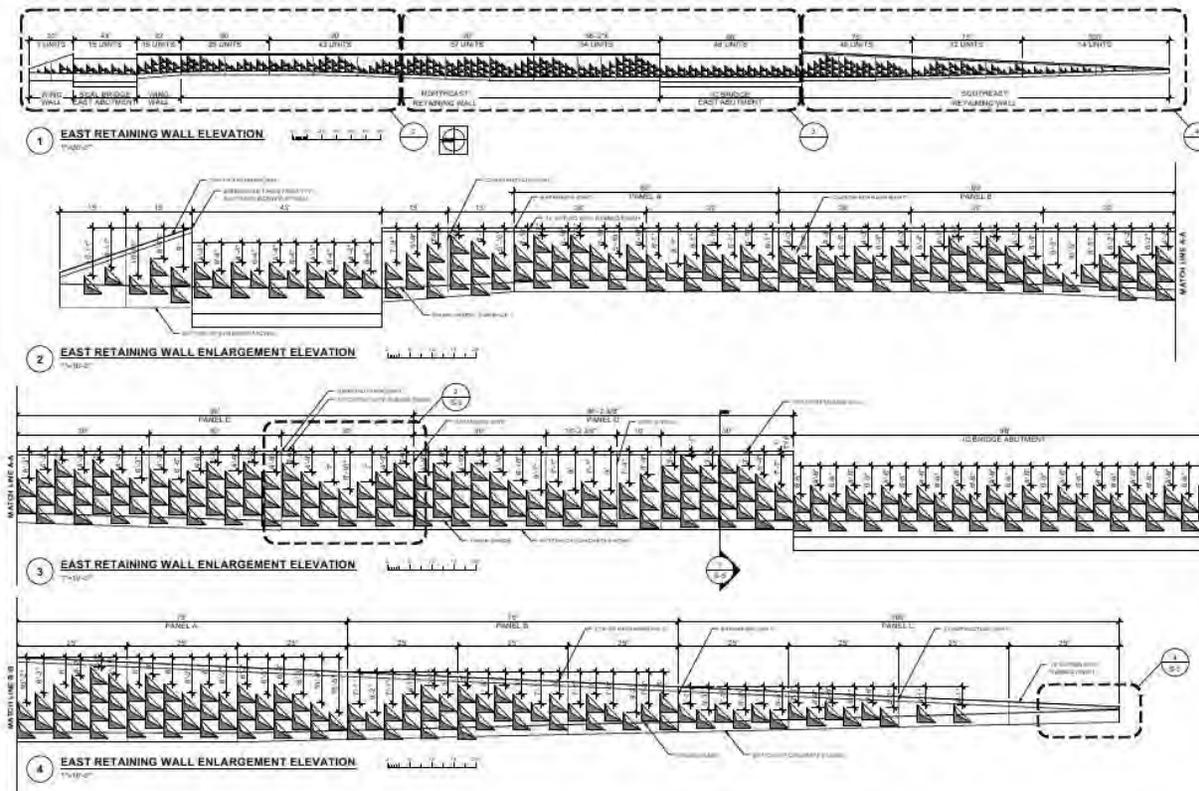


WW³: Construction 2020 -New Pavement

Drone footage of Wells Wentworth August 2020

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WW³: 2020 Construction -Retaining Walls

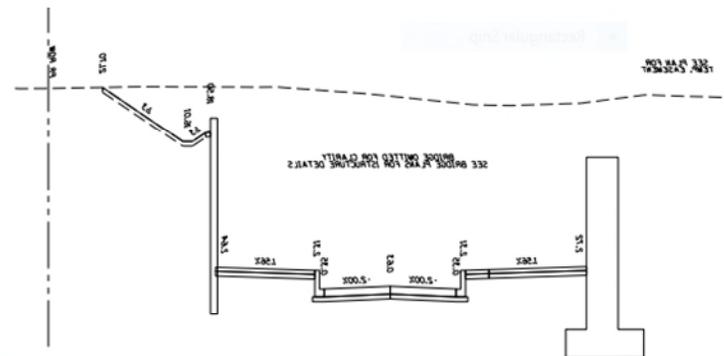


WW³: New Wentworth Viaduct Retaining Walls

New Retaining Wall, west side of Wentworth just north of new viaduct at 16th St.



Looking South West along new Wentworth just north of 16th St.



WW³: Future Construction 2020-2021
2 new Bridges/ Viaducts
St. Charles Air Line Bridge over Wells



Looking South towards the SCAL bridge to be replaced. Can see former path of the railroads that used to run under this bridge now there will be a road run underneath and the center columns will be removed.

WW³: CN Freeport RR over Wentworth E-W Ping Tom Park Access



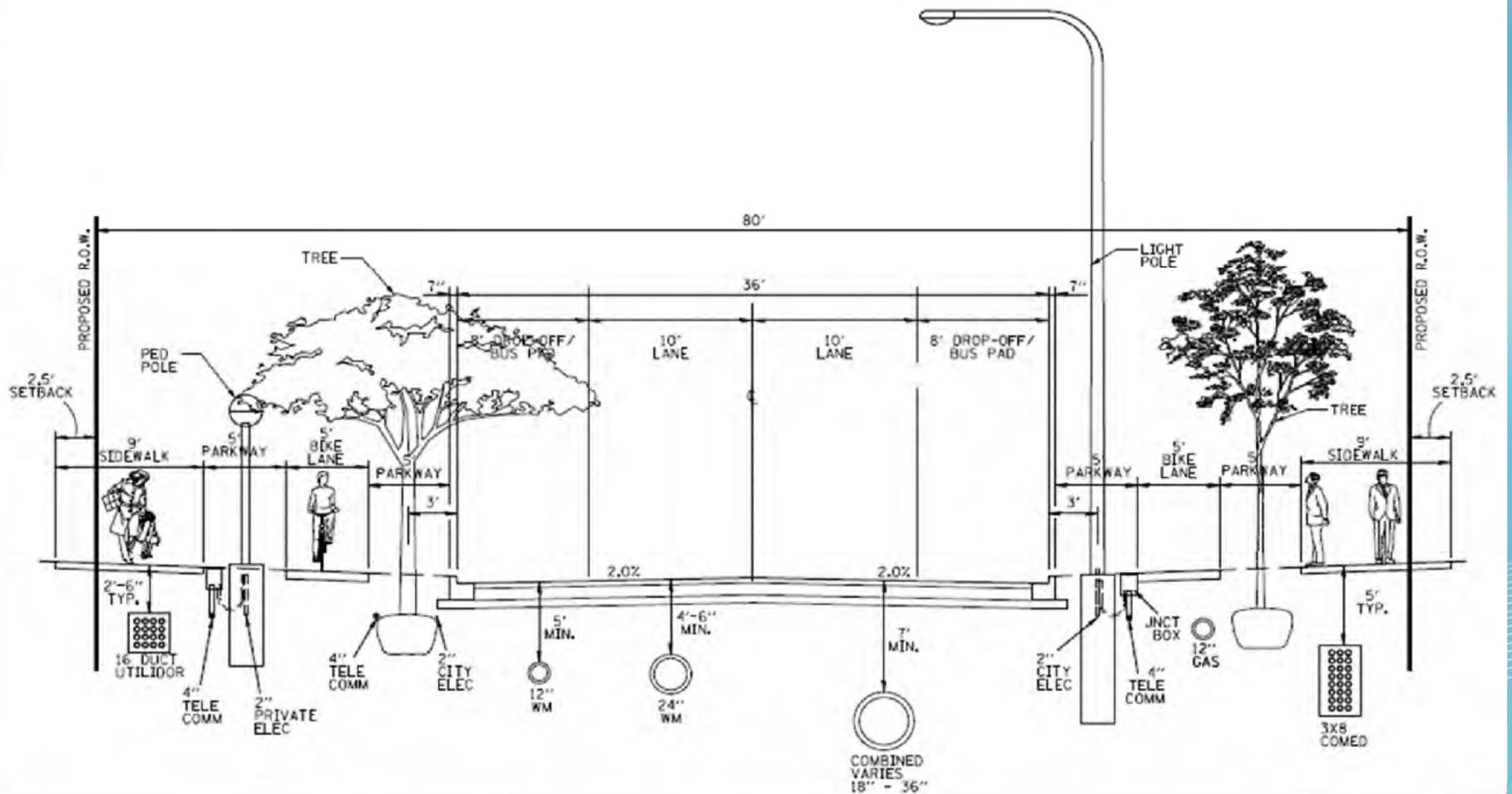
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WW3: 2021 Construction - Wentworth Ave



WW³: Wells Street/ Dual Parkways/ Bike Path

South Wells Street – West Roosevelt Road to West 16th Street
South Wentworth Avenue – West 16th Street to West 17th Street
New dual parkway separated by new bike path off street



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Rendering of new raised cross walk and
New dual parkway separated by new bike path off street



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Rendering of Wells Street looking South



The Future: Wells St Connected, Complete Street



Conceptual rendering of fully developed Wells Street
Off Street Bike Path, Wide Sidewalks, Complete Streets