

AUSTIN ISW ROUNDTABLE

FEBRUARY 18,



Agenda

- 1 **Welcome and Overview – James Harris/Ernest Bellamy**
- 2 **Reflecting on Roundtables – Claudette (15-20 minutes)**
- 3 **CDOT Chicago Ave. Design – (Lesly Roth 15 minutes)**
- 4 **Corridor Manager Update – (Malcolm Crawford 10 minutes)**
- 5 **Next Roundtable Date**

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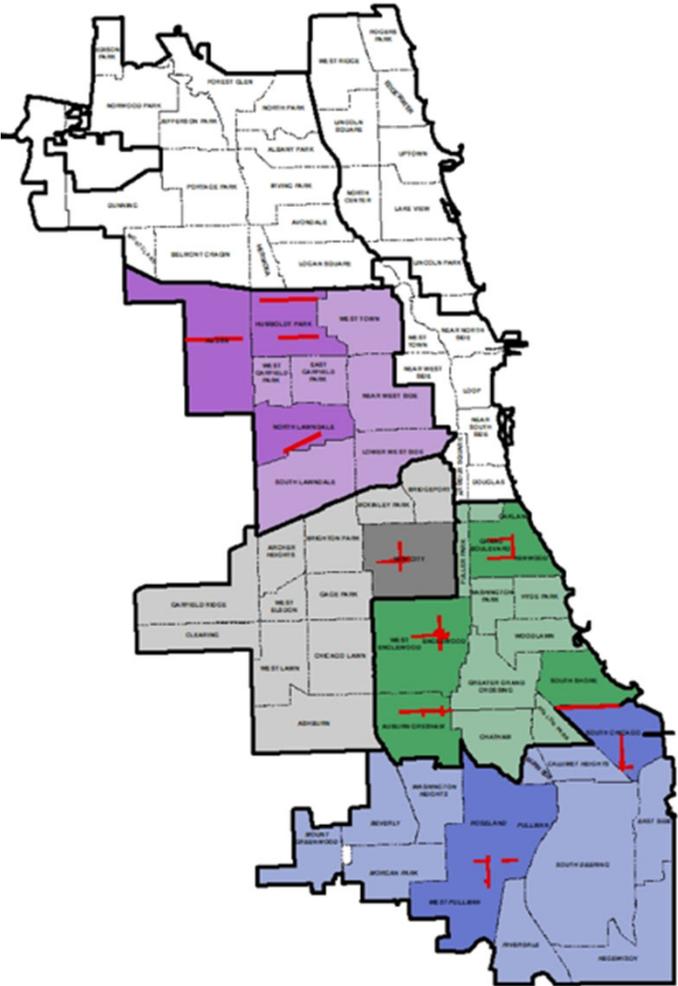


Overview

- Marshal the **resources of multiple City departments**, community organizations and corporate partners
- **12 corridors across 10 neighborhoods** on Chicago's South and West sides.
- Re-activate neighborhood cores to **spur Economic Development**
- Focus on **pedestrian activity**, transportation, **retail & services**, public spaces and **quality-of life amenities** for residents.

CATALYZE 10 VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE SOUTH & WEST SIDES

<p>Austin</p> <p>Humboldt Park</p> <p>North Lawndale</p> <p>South Chicago</p> <p>Bronzeville (North Kenwood, Oakland, Grand Boulevard, Douglas)</p>	<p>Englewood</p> <p>Auburn Gresham</p> <p>New City</p> <p>South Shore</p> <p>Roseland (Pullman & West Pullman)</p>
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Community Agreements



1. Please **mute** yourself during the presentation(s) and when you are not speaking
2. Please state your name when speaking
3. Please use the **Zoom Q&A function** for any questions outside the designated Q&A period with developers
4. When responding verbally, **raise your hand**; respect the stack, then step up and step back
5. All questions and ideas are valid
6. Respond with respect

Austin Roundtable

August 20, 2021

REFLECTING ON ROUNDTABLES

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Process and Timeline



- Understand sentiment in each neighborhood
- Identify areas to go deeper

- Share observations about Roundtables today
- Discuss what we want to see going forward
- Commit to participating in changes
- Foster a sense of ownership over Roundtable success

- **Goal:** Roundtables reflect stakeholders' priorities and are a genuine forum for sharing important neighborhood news and providing input

- We will revisit these questions again at the end of the year and moving forward.

What has worked and what hasn't?

What do we need to do to maintain positive changes?

Reflecting on the Roundtables
Aggregate Survey Results

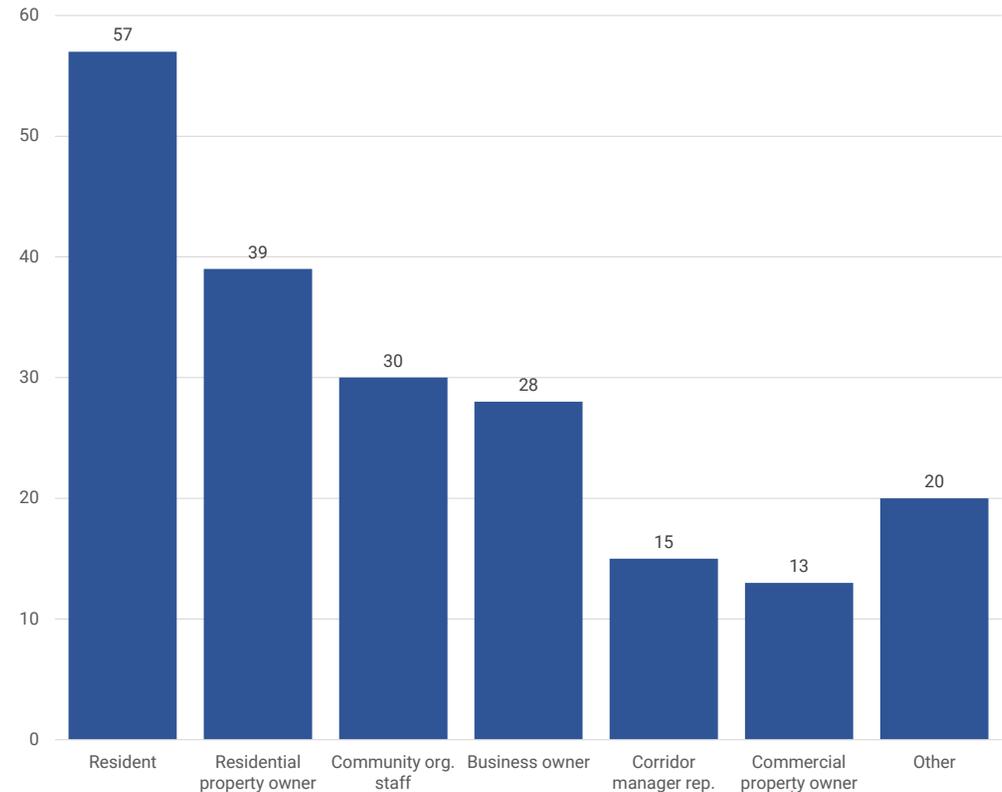
Who responded to this survey?

Which of the following best describe(s) you as a stakeholder in this neighborhood?

Some “other” types included:

- Neighboring community resident
- Family member of resident
- Community organizer
- Institutional stakeholder
- Chamber of commerce member

A total of 112 responses between November 2021 and February 2022

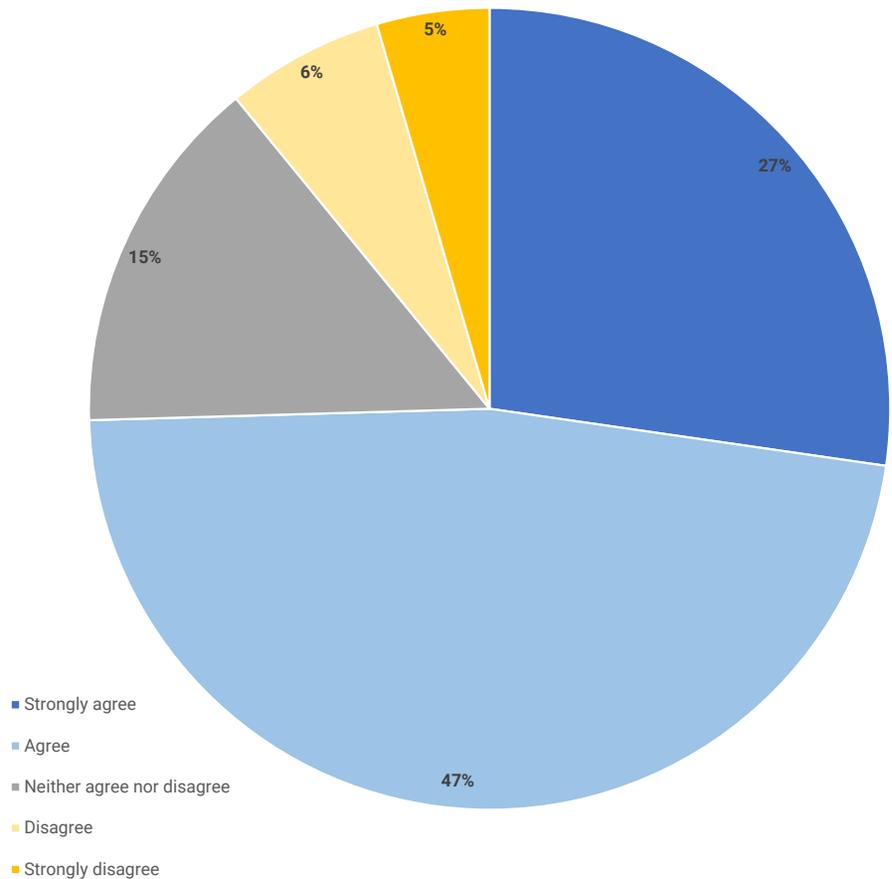


Gathering feedback

Is the roundtable is effective in obtaining feedback on INVEST South/West projects as they advance?

A majority (74%) agree that the roundtable is an effective way of providing feedback on projects as they advance

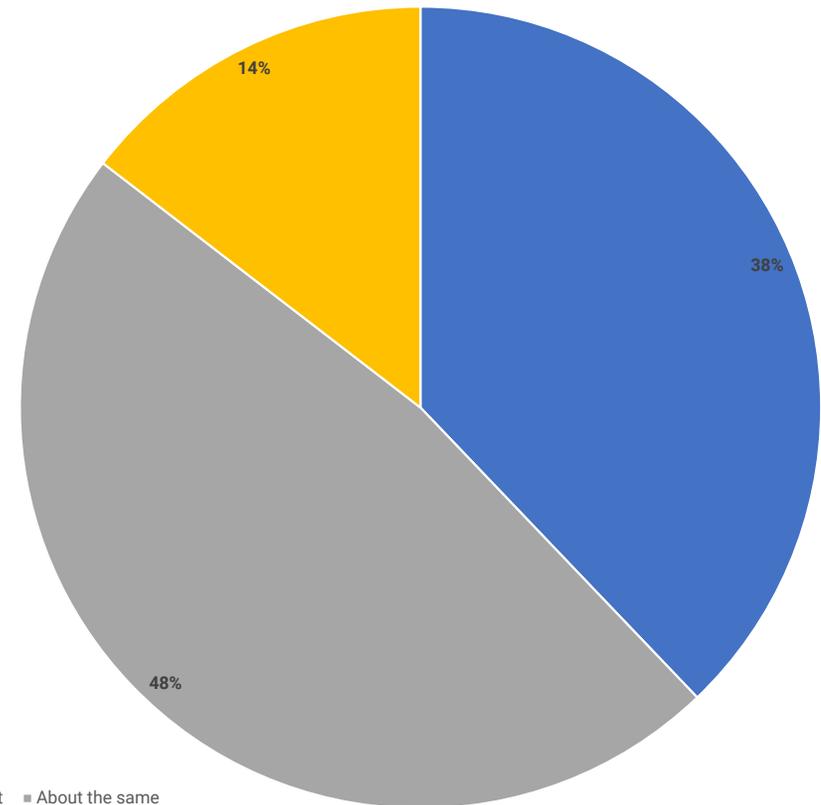
Most respondents join to participate in the discussion, share their opinions, or advance organizational or neighborhood priorities



Influence in decisions

Do you as a stakeholder feel more, or less confident in your ability to influence investment decisions in your neighborhood since the start of the roundtables?

While some respondents (38%) believe the roundtable has improved their ability to influence decisions, about 14% have less confidence and the rest (48%) don't believe it has changed much either way



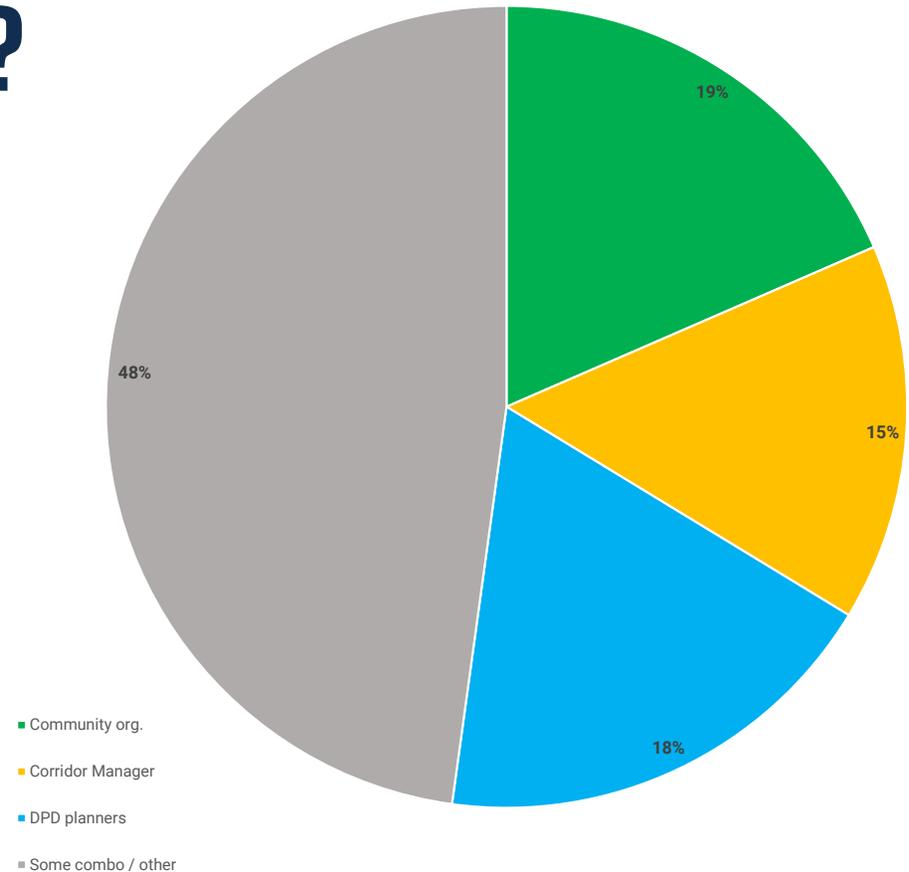
■ More confident ■ About the same
■ Less confident

Who should facilitate?

What entity, in your opinion, is best suited to convene and plan the roundtables?

Nearly half of respondents think that some combination of DPD, Corridor Manager and community organizations should facilitate

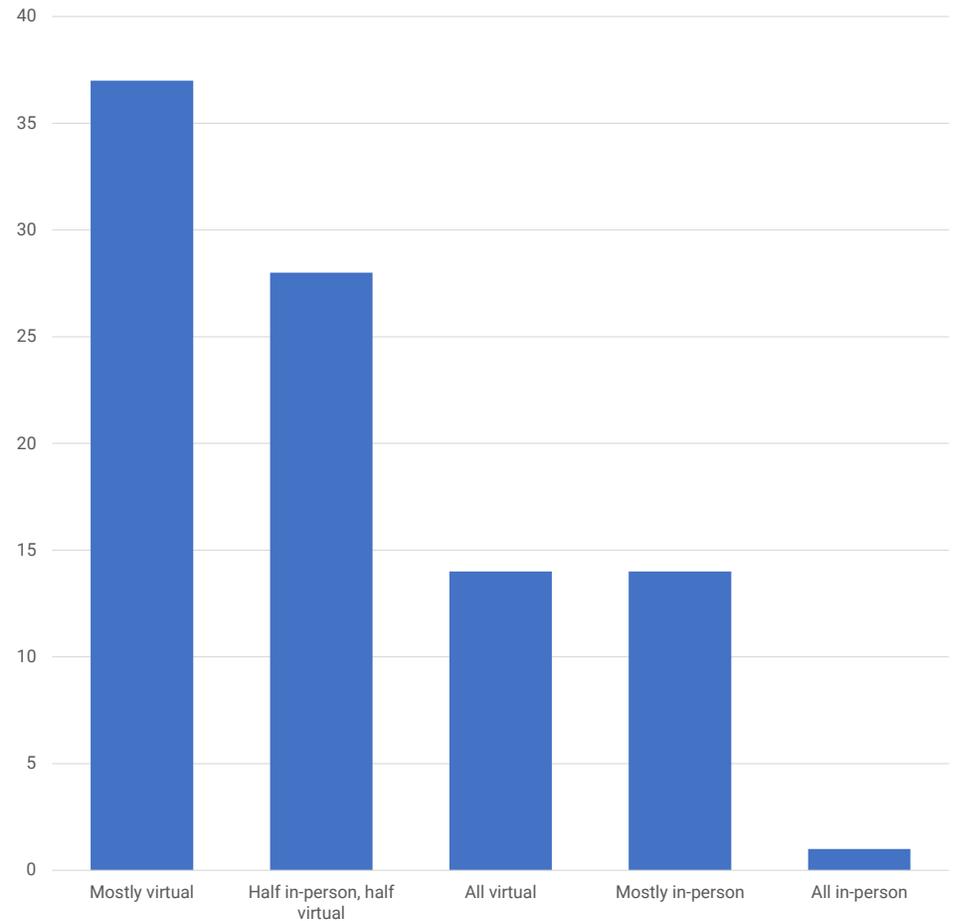
“Other” responses included: all three; block clubs; community members; and allowing CBOs to nominate themselves to partner with DPD to co-facilitate



Meeting format

As vaccinations rise and people are more comfortable gathering indoors, what is the best format for Neighborhood Roundtables?

Most respondents would prefer a mostly virtual meeting format, followed by splitting between virtual and in-person



What should be changed?

Thinking ahead to future roundtables, what is ONE change that would make the biggest positive impact?

- Engage more and broader set of stakeholders
- More transparency
- More clarity on expectations, timelines, and deliverables
- Allow community more voice in shaping outcomes
- Better community outreach
- Consistency on locations and time

(This list is not exhaustive, but includes themes or ideas that were articulated most often by respondents)

Open discussion

What strikes you about these results? What other ideas do you think should be included?

Why do you think that most participants feel the roundtable is a good forum for engaging and providing feedback, yet don't feel confident that the feedback they provide is being incorporated into government decisions?

What would make this forum more effective for community engagement?

Who should facilitate roundtables and how often should they meet?

CHICAGO AVE. DESIGN CDOT

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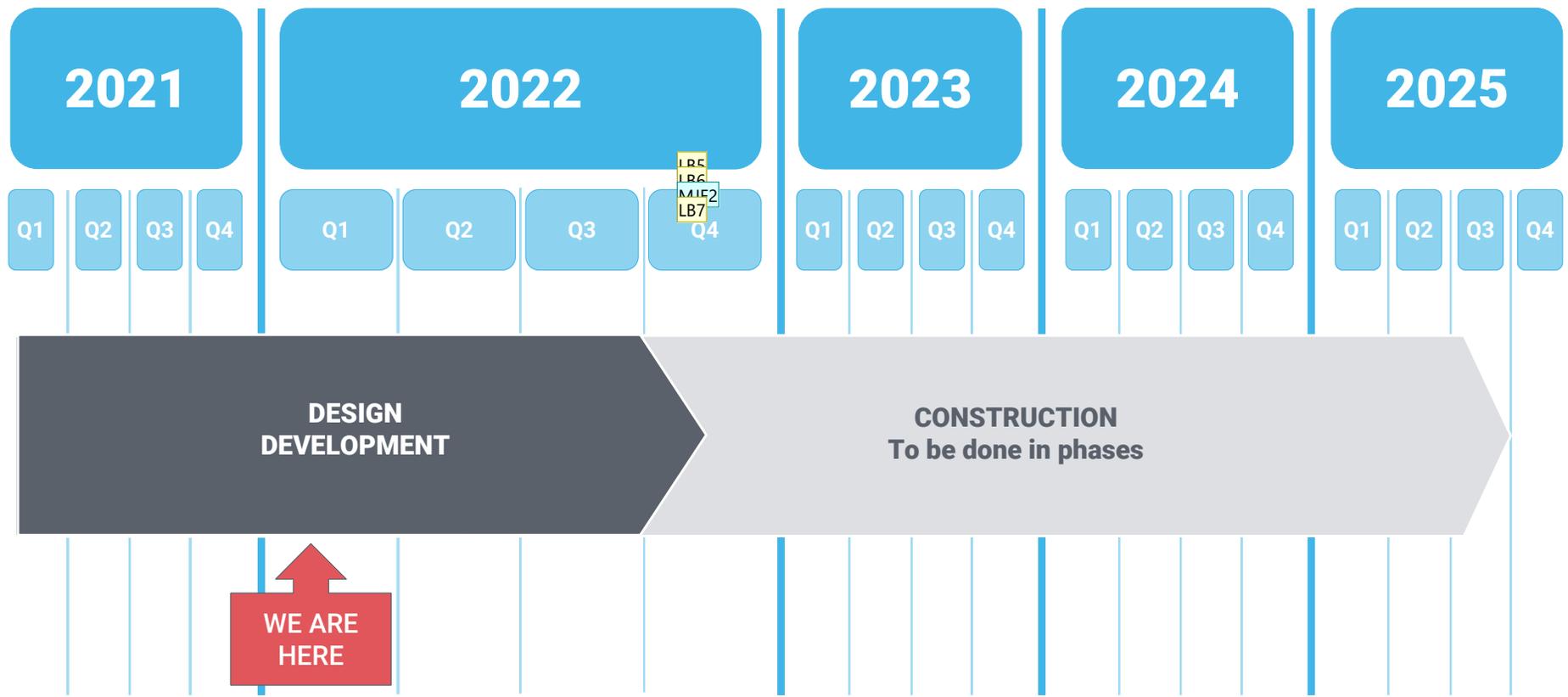
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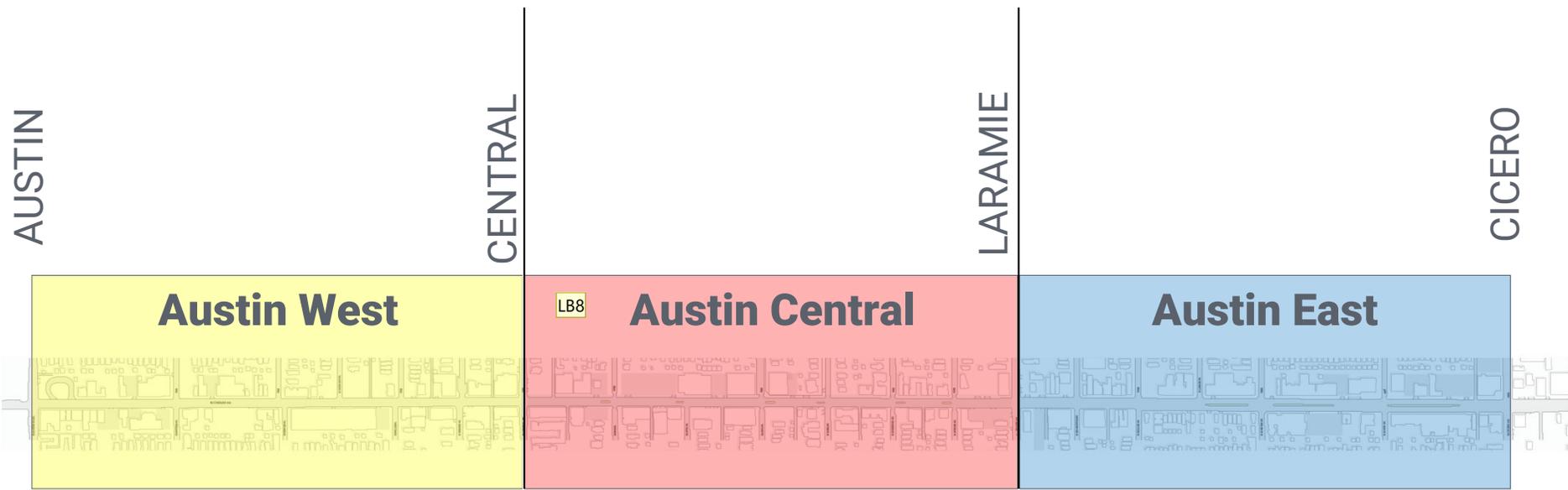






Slide 18

- LB5** Have we determined this? This would be a good place to insert and discuss why.
Lubica Benak, 11/15/2021
- LB6** also should this go in to 2025?
Lubica Benak, 11/15/2021
- MJF2** schedule updated. how far into 2025 do we think construction will go?
Michael J. Folkening, P.E., PTOE, 11/19/2021
- LB7** looks fin
Lubica Benak, 2/17/2022



**Est. Start
Fall 2022**

**Est. Start
Summer 2023**

**Est. Start
Spring 2024**

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION



LB8 just say spring if we hit fall all the better

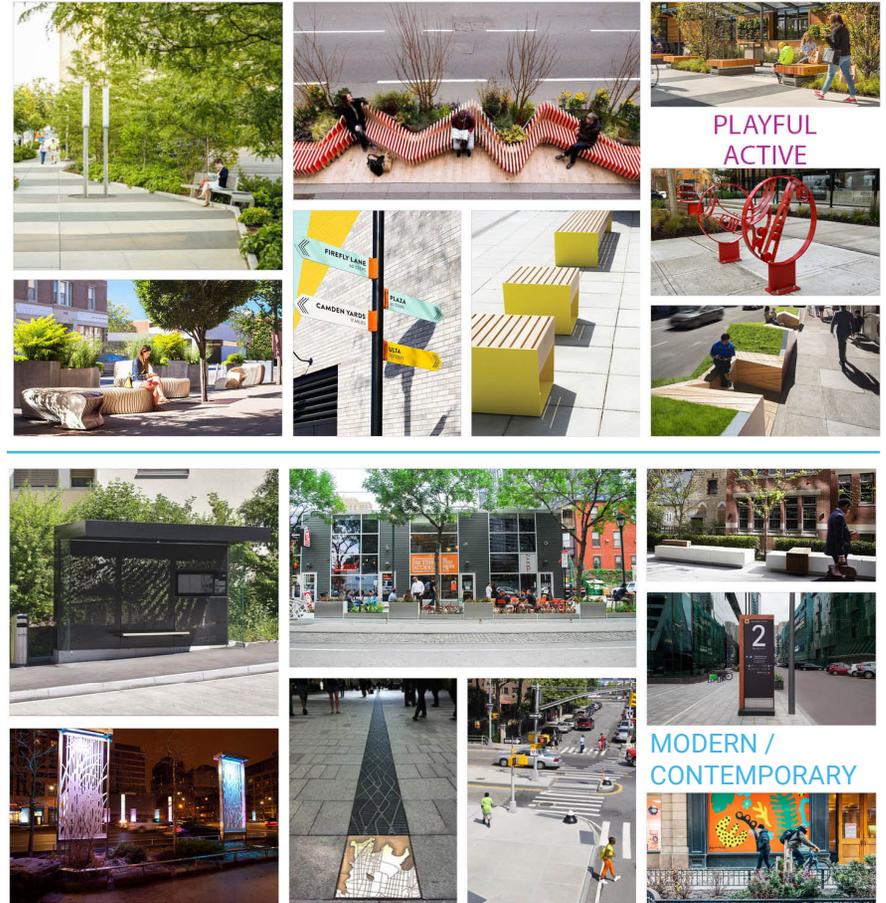
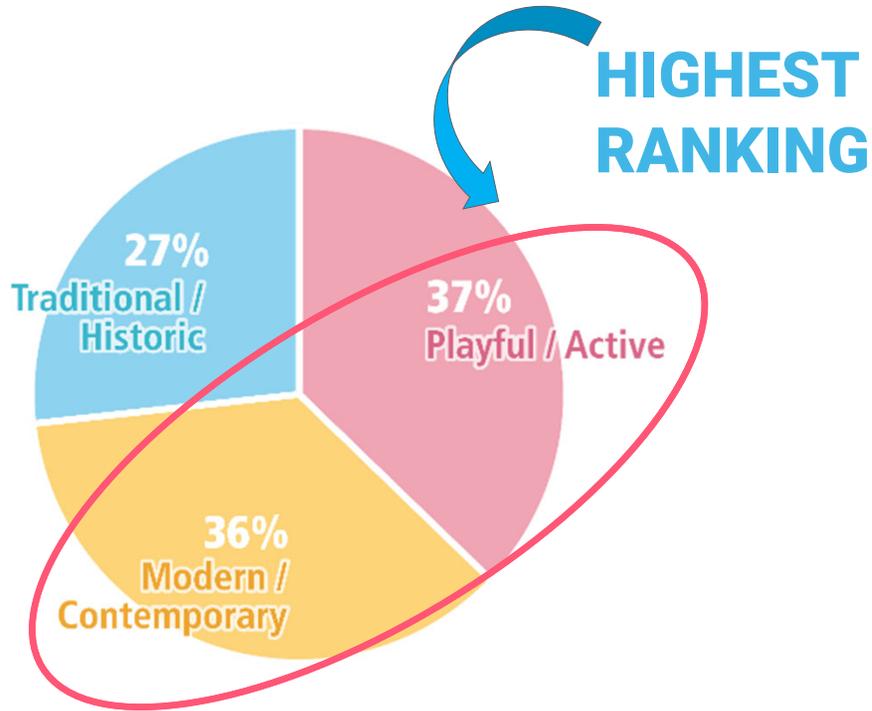
Lubica Benak, 2/17/2022

Held August 24, 2021

Purpose and Goals

- Explanation of Streetscape Components
- Previous Community Feedback
- Existing Conditions
- Opportunities

PUBLIC MEETING #1 FEEDBACK



WHAT WE HEARD



What We Heard

- Community Outreach – general desire for more, specifically with the businesses
- Sidewalks – the need for wider more comfortable sidewalks
- Parking – on-street parking is vital to businesses
- Bike Lanes – More information needed to explain overall corridor benefits
- Decorative Features & Neighborhood Identity – building off of previous studies, Soul City

Feedback Summary available on the project website! <https://tinyurl.com/ISWChicagoAve>

Small Group Meetings

- Conducted with Key Community Stakeholders
- Conversations centered on gaining an understanding of preferences on:
 - Curb bump out programming
 - Safe mobility
 - Typical street sections
 - Roadway and Streetscape improvements
 - Branding and Character of the corridor
- Civic & Institutional Groups (Oct 28):
 - Elected officials
 - Appointed officials
 - Community leadership / civic institutions
- Business and Property Owners (Oct 28):
 - Businesses
 - Property owners
- Artists (Nov 3):
 - Arts community representatives
 - Cultural institutions and organizations

Civic & Institutional Groups

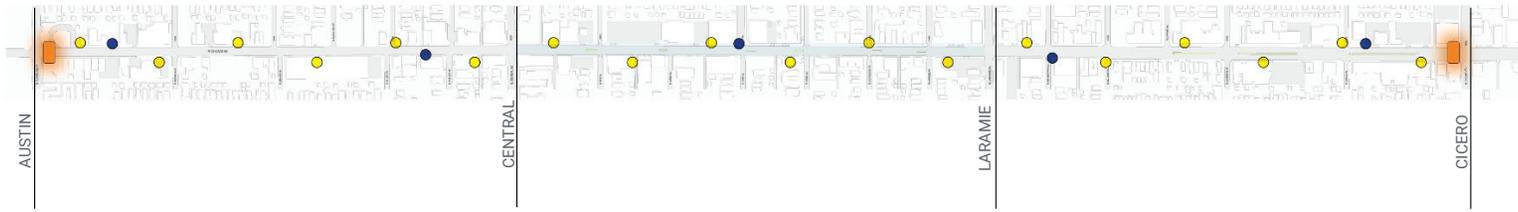
- Enhance the pedestrian experience with **new lighting and landscape**.
- Create a **community identity** to brand the corridor.
- Discourage **side road traffic**.

Business and Property Owners

- **Widen sidewalks** and ability to have **alfresco dining**.
- Use **color and texture** to create a **vibrant street**.
- **Maintain parking**
- Reflect **African Heritage**.

Artists

- More **safety improvements and new trees**
- Create a **visual identity for the corridor**.
- **Celebrate black history and culture** or create a “Little Africa”
- **Celebrate Austin’s history** and put it on display



GATEWAYS



LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIERS



APPLYING INSPIRATION



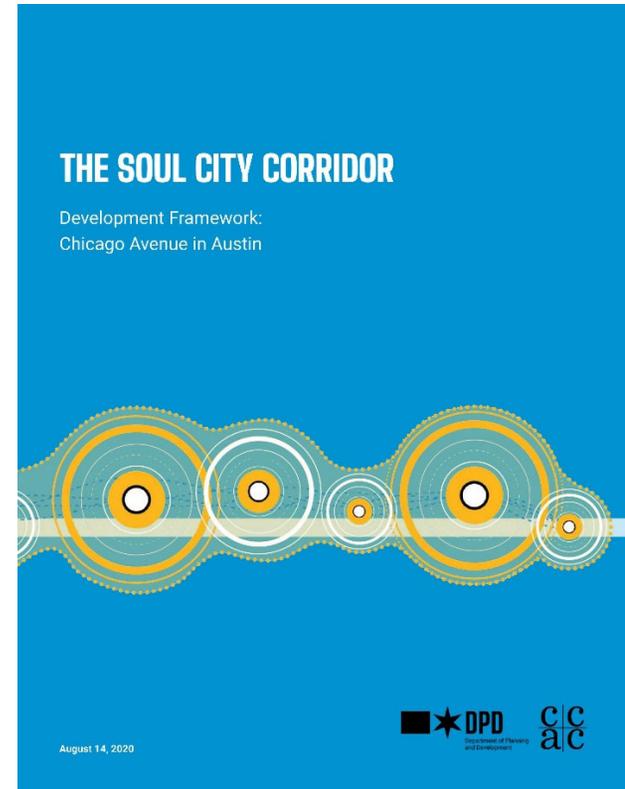
SOUL CITY IS

- Rooted in a distinct cultural identity of Black art, music, food, and entertainment
- Historical roots on the West Side
- Celebrates the existing arts and culture scene in Austin
- A theme for creating an enclave for Black culture and economic development.

“We talked for years about how Chicago is known for its rich cultural enclaves like Greektown, Chinatown, and Boystown that are economic drivers. There should be a place in the city that functions as a cultural enclave for African Americans. Soul City is it.”

- Malcolm Crawford

Executive Director, Austin African American Business Networking Association



SOUL CITY CORRIDOR



Category 1: Family Roots

- Family is everything
- Legacy of Great Migration
- Celebrate historic entrepreneurs on the corridor

Category 2: Arts and Culture

- Proud of musical heritage and new styles developed
- Celebrate through dance
- Music brings people together

Category 3: Bright Future

- Improve quality of life for next generation
- Inspire and shine a light forward
- Bridge to the future

THEME 1 ROOTED IN PLACE

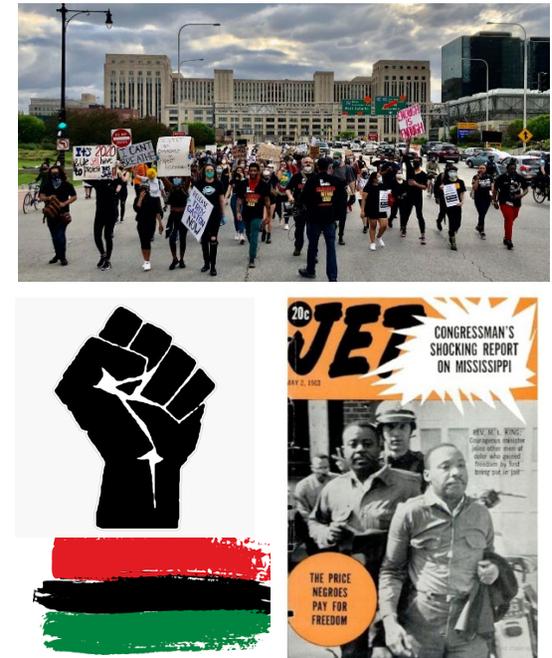


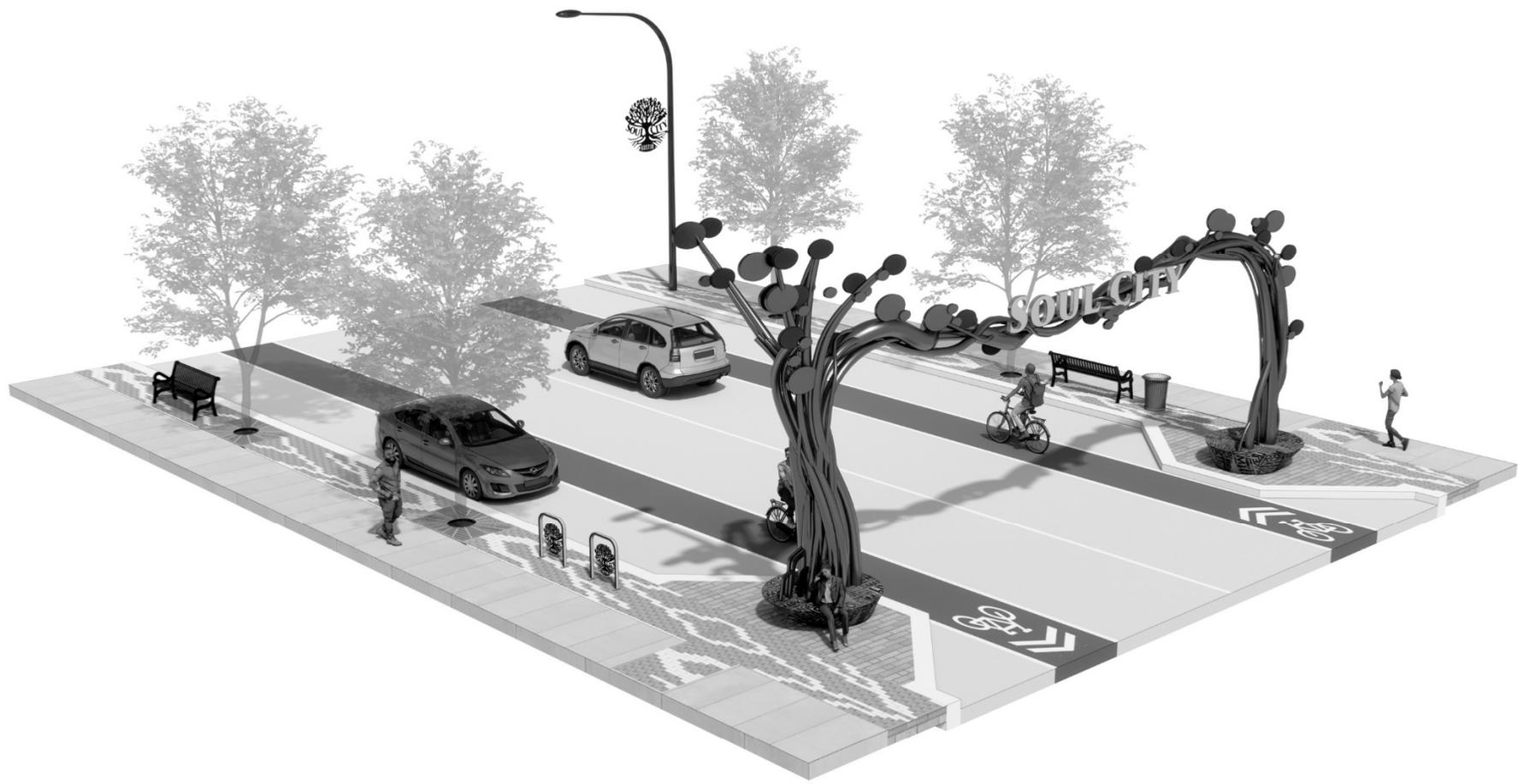
Acacia Tree/Strong Roots +
Mass amount of Seeds

THEME 2 CHICAGO RHYTHM



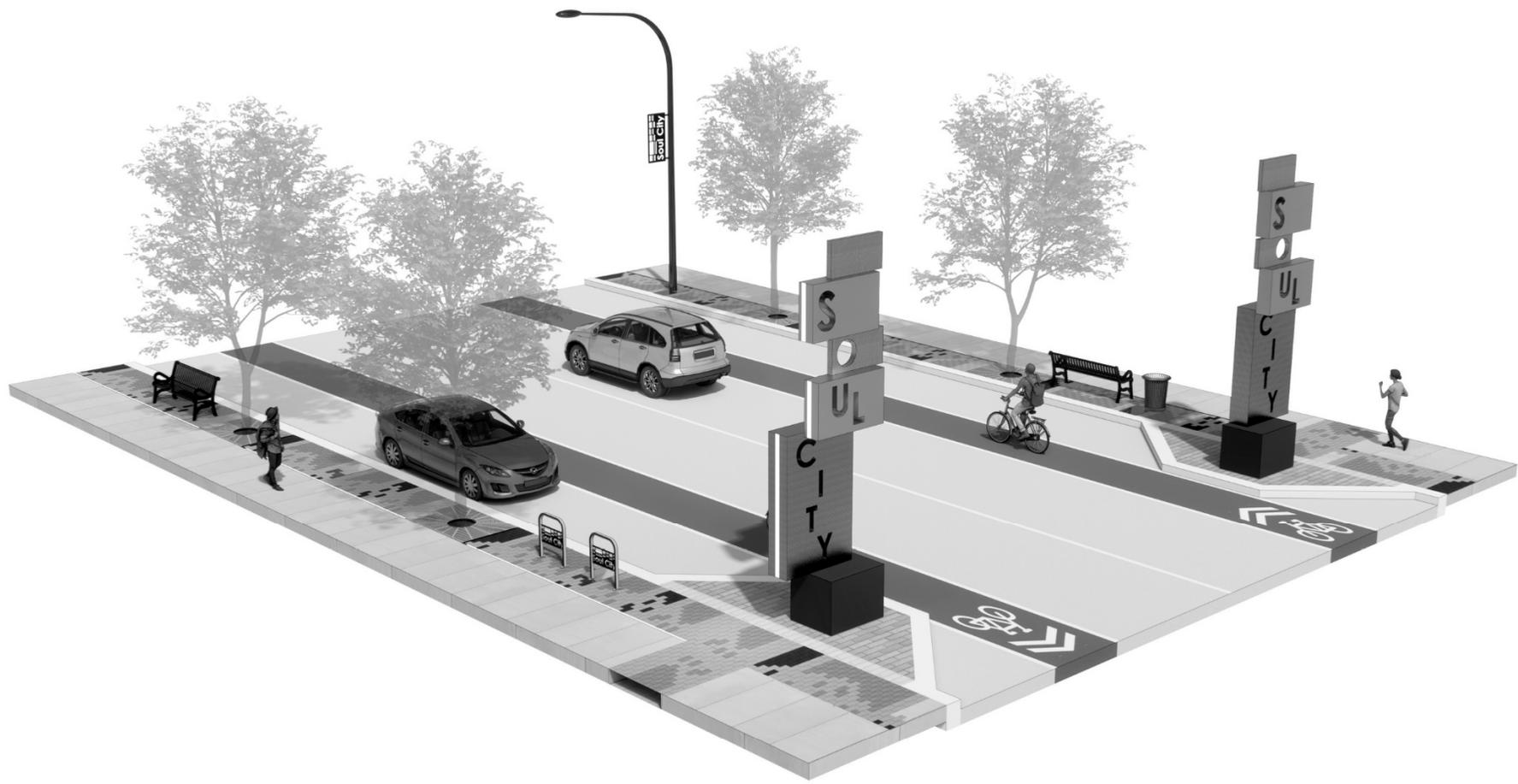
THEME 3 BRIGHT FUTURE





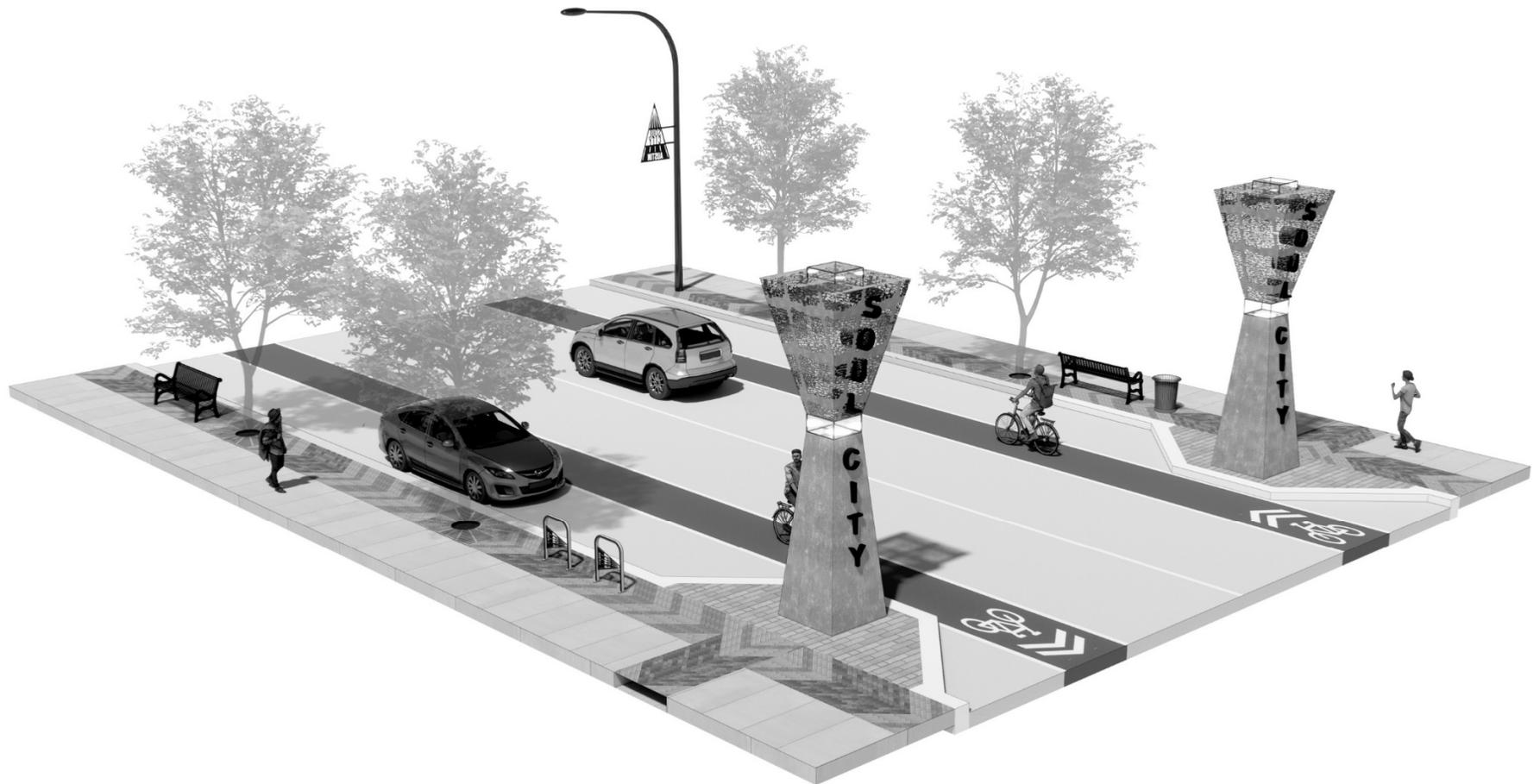
FAMILY 1 – ROOTED IN PLACE





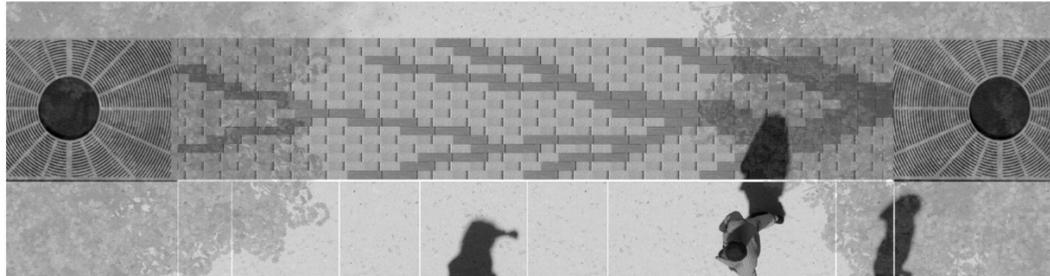
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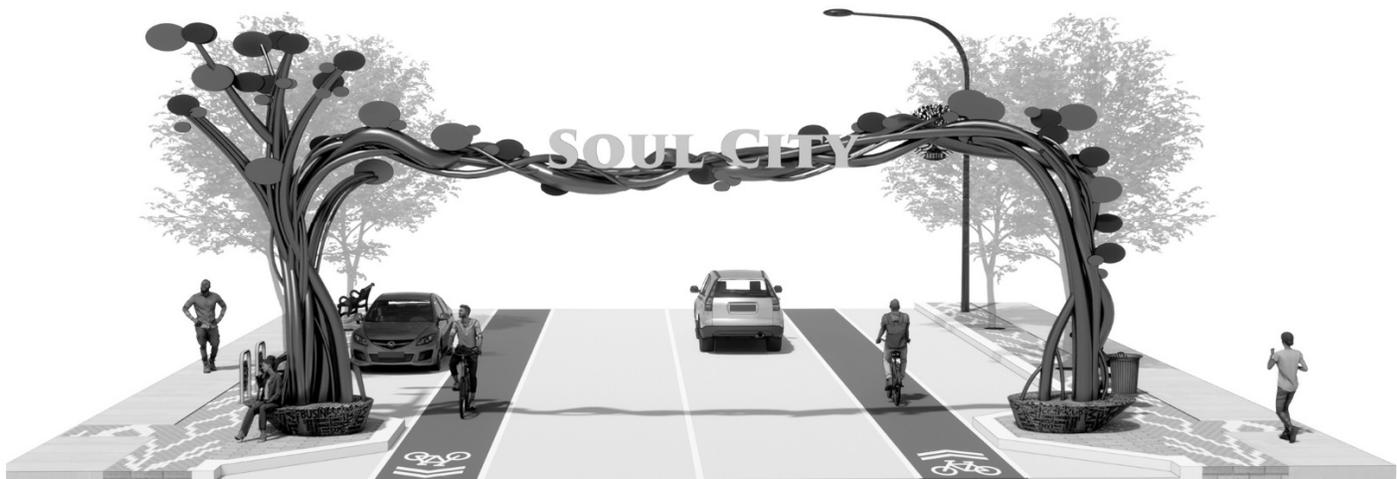


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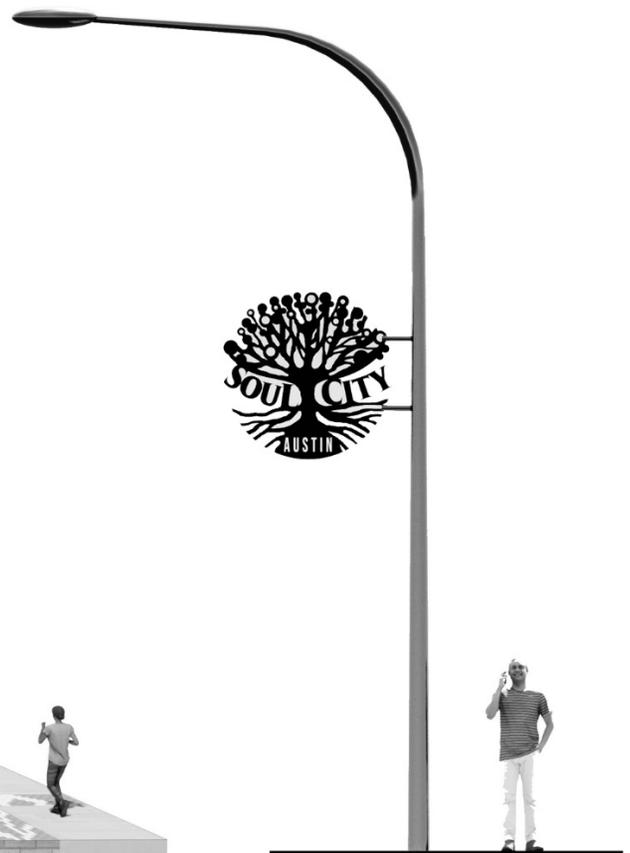




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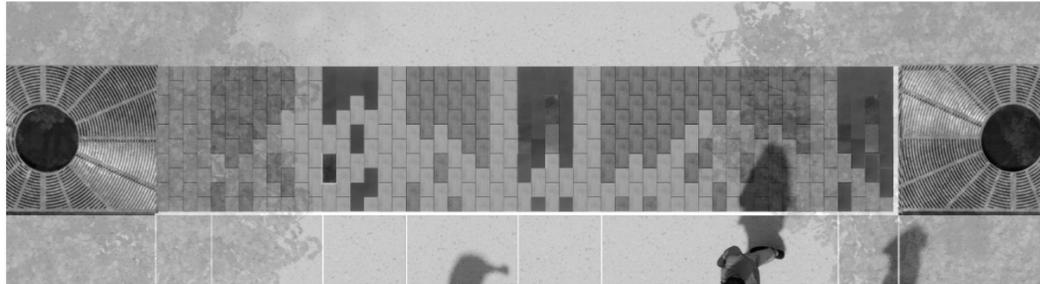
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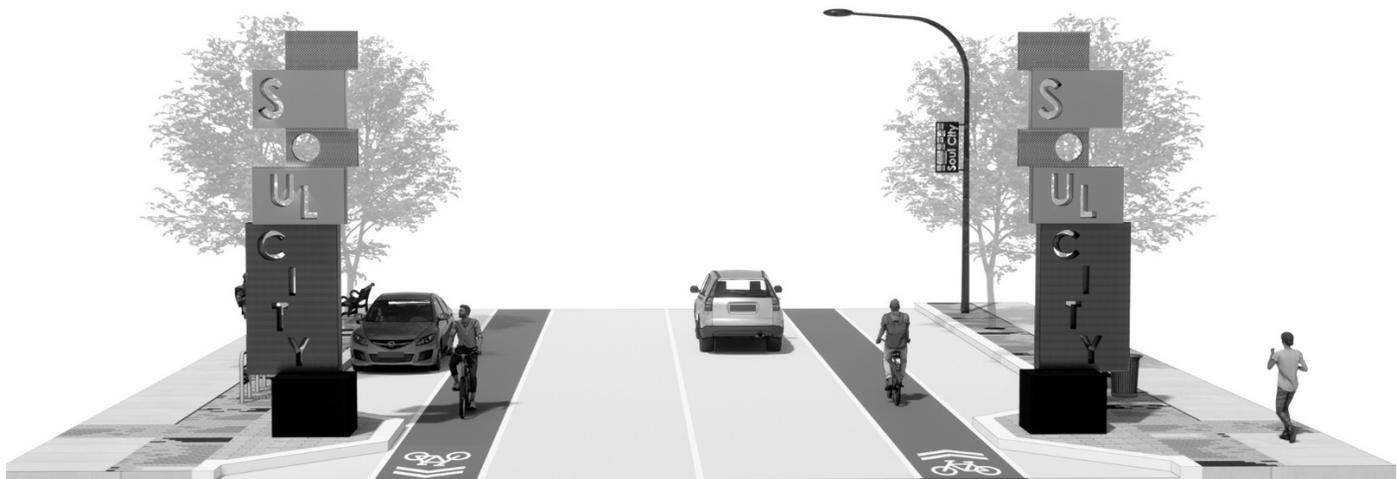
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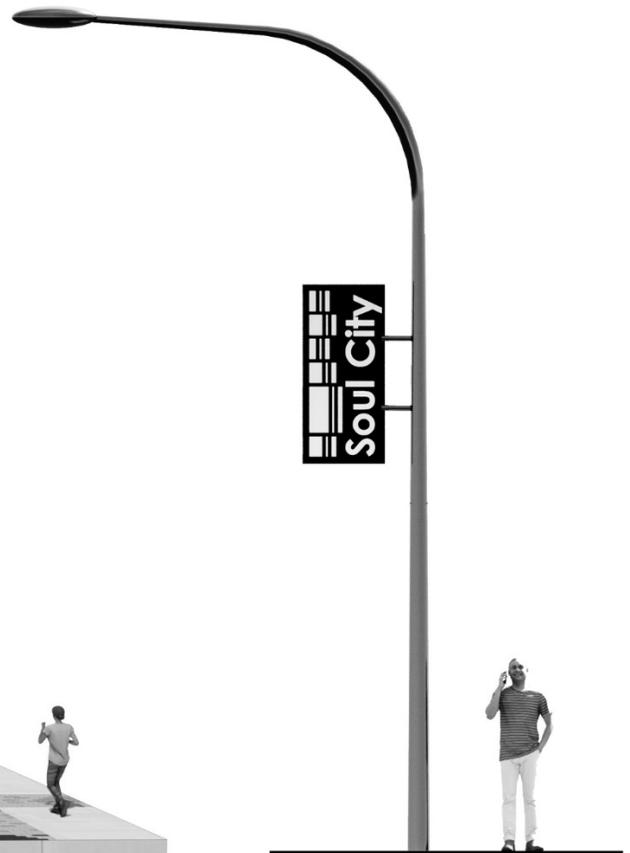




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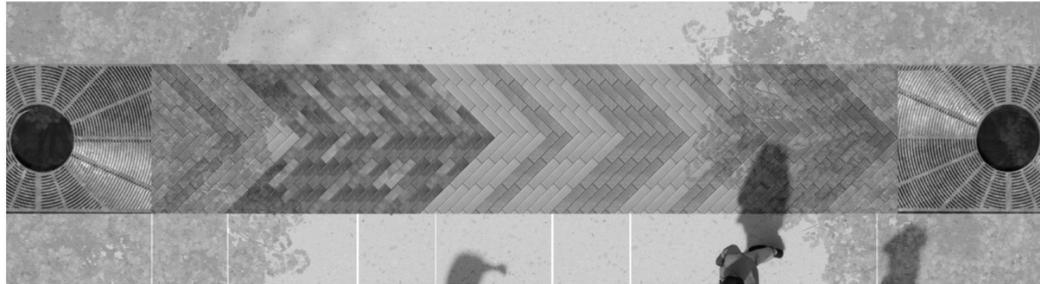
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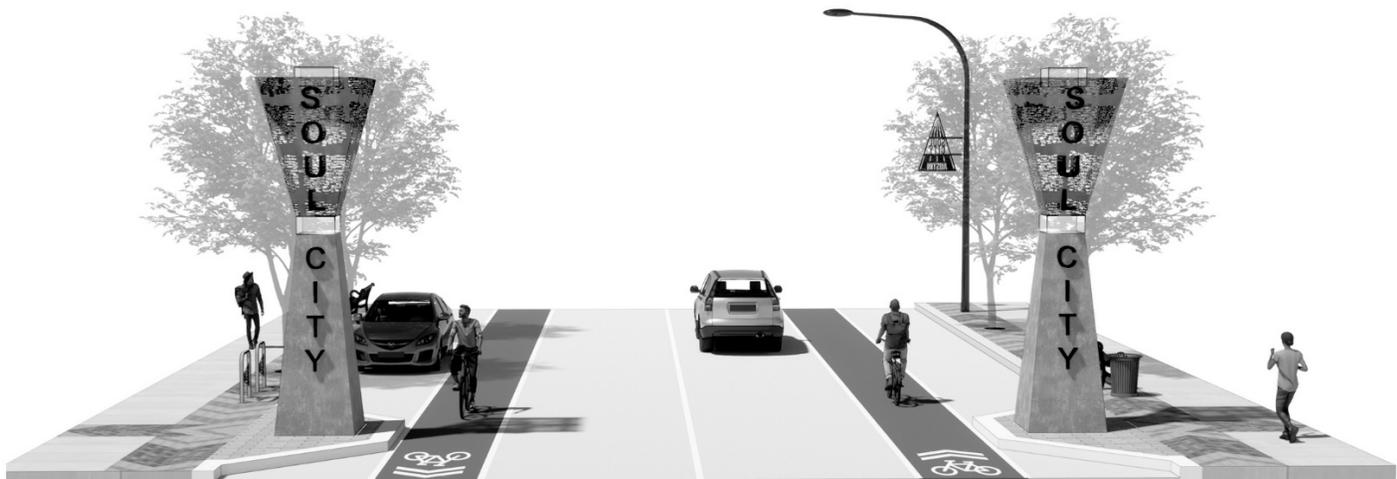
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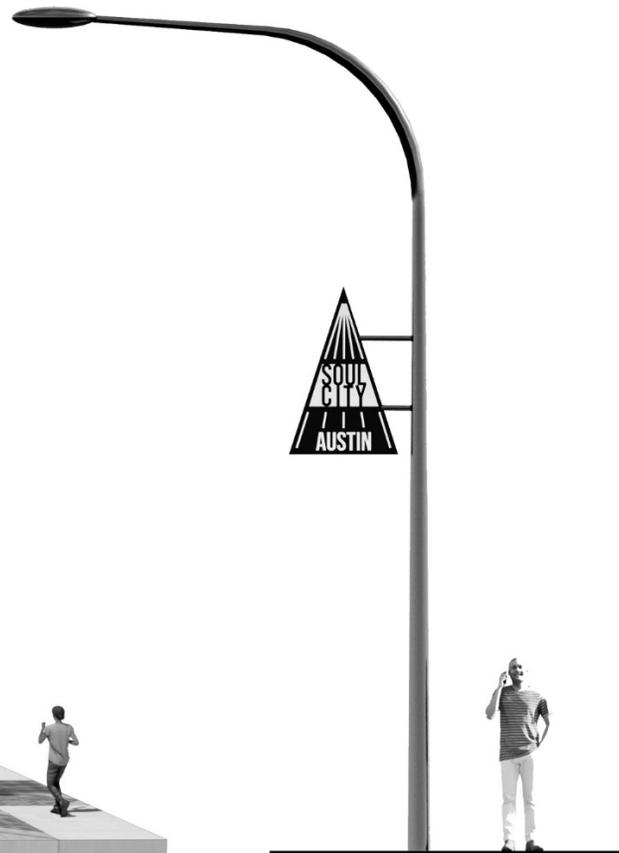




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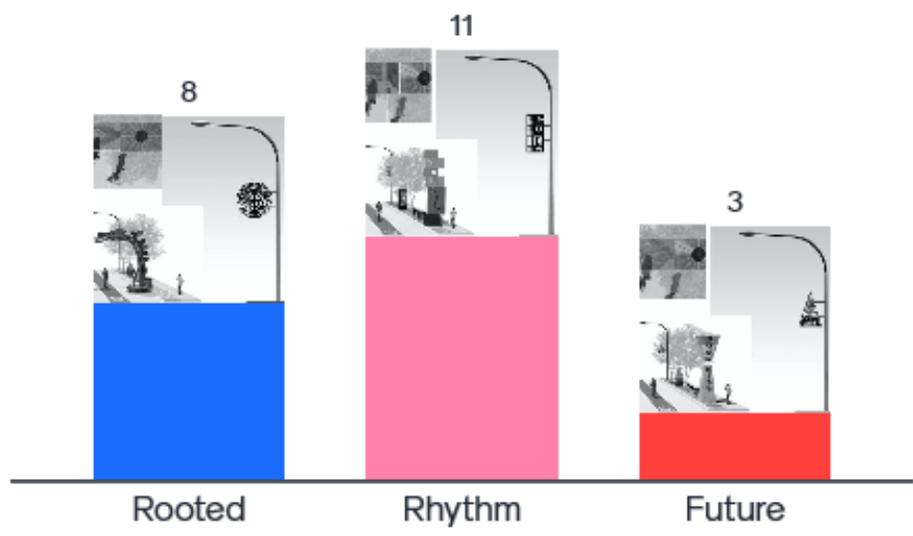
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Which Overall Family option do you prefer?

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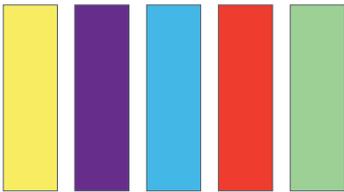


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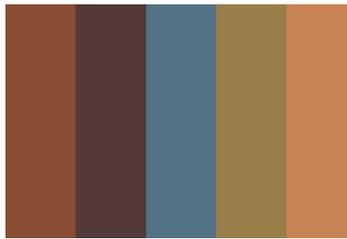
LIVE POLE QUESTION



COLOR PALETTE 1 BOLD



COLOR PALETTE 2 EARTH TONES



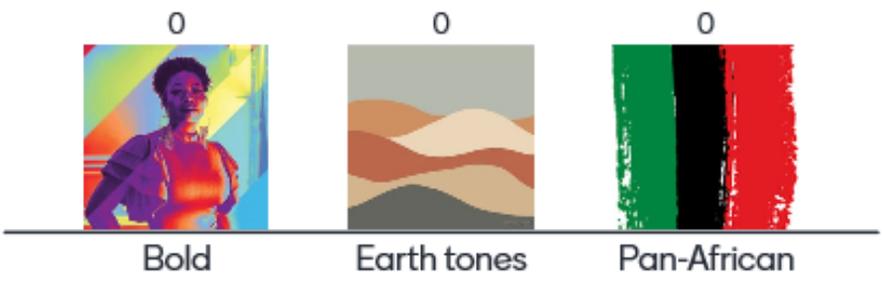
COLOR PALETTE 3 PANAFRICAN



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Which color palette do you prefer?

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LIVE POLE QUESTION



- 01** Public Meeting 2 When: Mar 1, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

- 02** Refine design options based on feedback Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/ISWChicagoAveMeeting2>

- 03** Bring refined designs back to the community

More on the project website! : <https://tinyurl.com/ISWChicagoAve>

Please use the website comment box or email us at wvannortwick@knightea.com if you have any questions about the project.

Please reference [Chicago Avenue from Austin to Cicero](#) in your message.



CORRIDOR MANAGER UPDATE

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PUBLIC SAFETY



WHAT IS PUBLIC SAFETY?



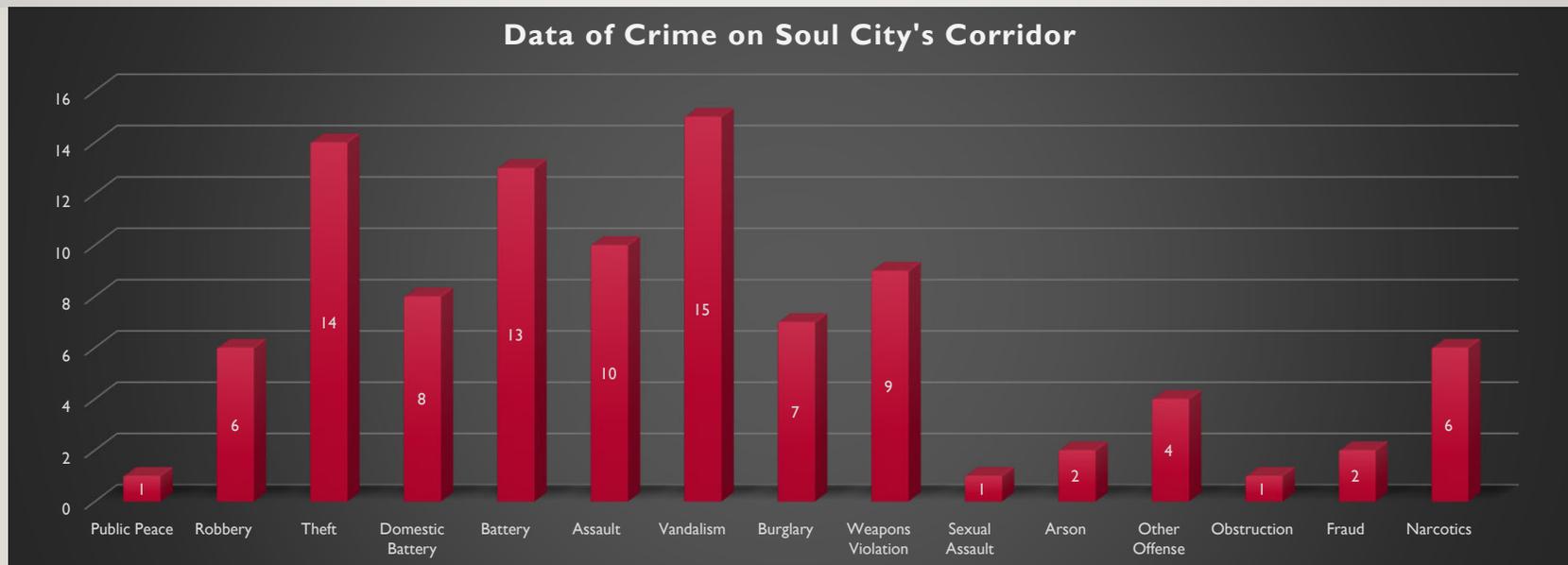
A Comprehensive Safety Plan for the Soul City Business Corridor.

WHY IS PUBLIC SAFETY IMPORTANT TO SOUL CITY?



- Helps to change the perception of the West Side.
- Helps to attract new businesses & financial resources.
- Building a relationship with first responders will decrease the skepticism of the Austin Community.
- Make Consumers feel safe as well as to protect businesses.

WHY IS PUBLIC SAFETY IMPORTANT TO SOUL CITY? CONT.



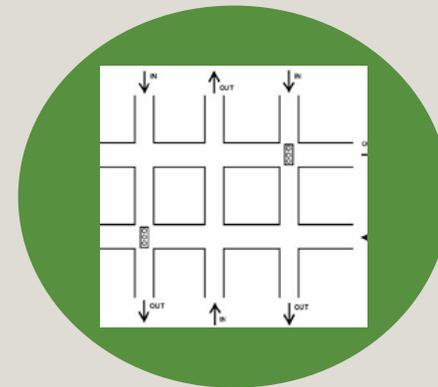
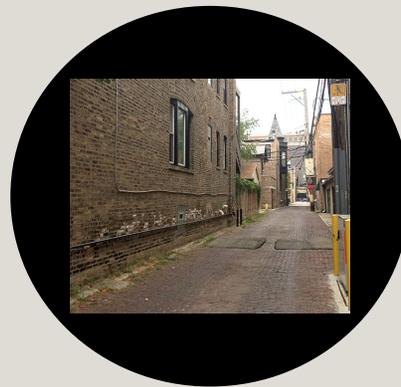
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WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH PUBLIC SAFETY?



- Property/Business Owners
- First Responders
- Elected Officials
- Residents

OUR TARGETED AREAS...



- From Austin to Cicero
- Alleys
- Exit points

Q & A

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NEXT ROUNDTABLE – MARCH 18

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