

COMMERCIAL AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #2

December 14th, 2021

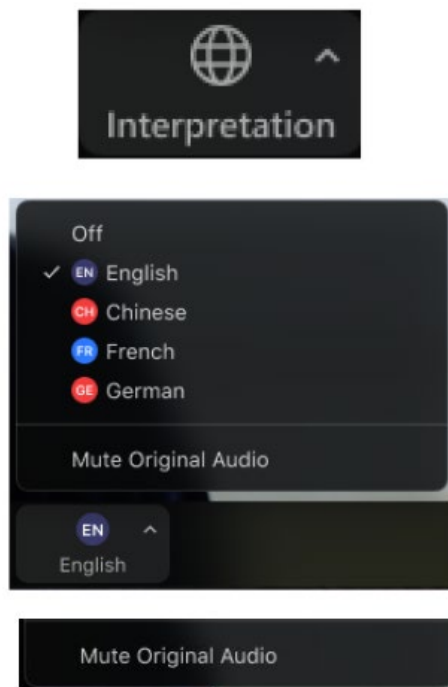




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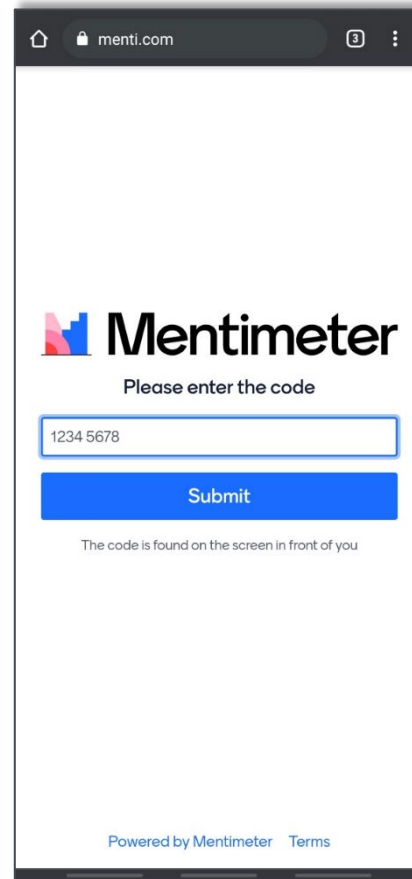
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Do you live in the South Chicago neighborhood?

Yes

No

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

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

Thank you for joining us as we discuss the [Commercial Avenue Corridor Improvement Project](#)

The [Commercial Avenue Corridor Improvement Project](#) is a key element of the [INVEST South/West](#) initiative which is a groundbreaking effort to coordinate investment on the City's South and West Sides

The City needs [your](#) feedback on the information that you will see today to [help advance the design](#)

COMMERCIAL AVE CORRIDOR



- 01** Project Team Introductions
- 02** Project Overview
- 03** Engagement and Project Schedule
- 04** Public Meeting #1 – Recap/Survey Results
- 05** Roadway Features
- 06** Typical Intersection Elements
- 07** Urban Design & Placemaking
- 08** Gathering Space
- 09** Next Steps

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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.

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

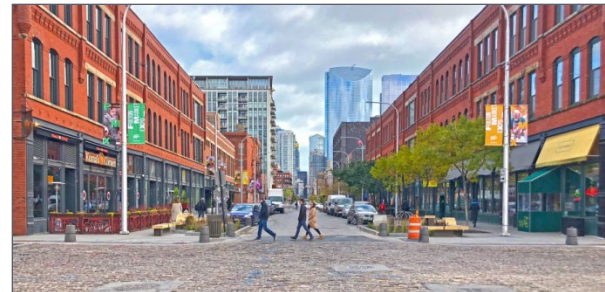
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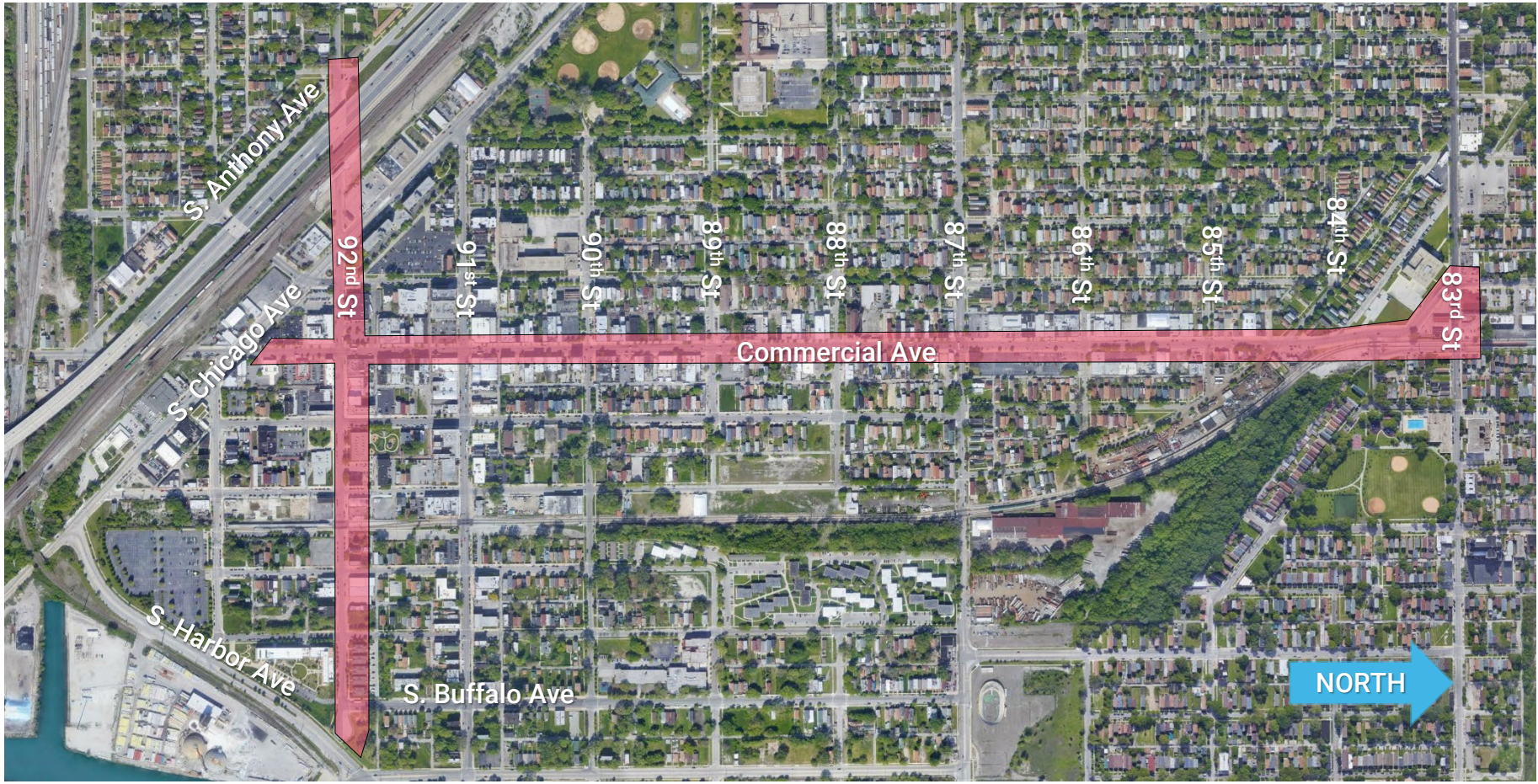
- Public Outreach
- Placemaking and urban design strategy
- Concept design & engineering
- Detailed design & engineering
- Construction of the corridor

The Project Scope:

- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Curb extensions
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Improved signage

- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Bike Lane
- Site furniture and potential seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Tree planting and potential landscaping
- Potential plaza at the cul-de-sac on 92nd west of South Harbor







The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) hosted its first virtual public meeting on July 21 to discuss the South Chicago Commercial Avenue Corridor Improvements Project.

The meeting included over 50 attendees including guests from CDOT, Alderwoman Garza, and other community leaders.

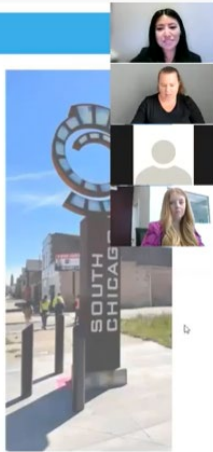
We Reviewed:

- Project Overview
- Engagement and Project Schedule
- Streetscape Examples
- Existing Conditions
- Urban Design & Placemaking
- Next Steps
- Attended Sweet Home Chicago Event in South Chicago and received 30 additional responses on survey

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

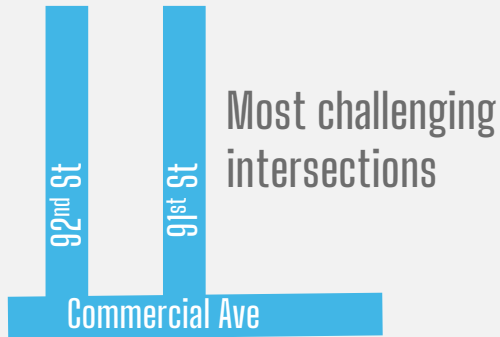
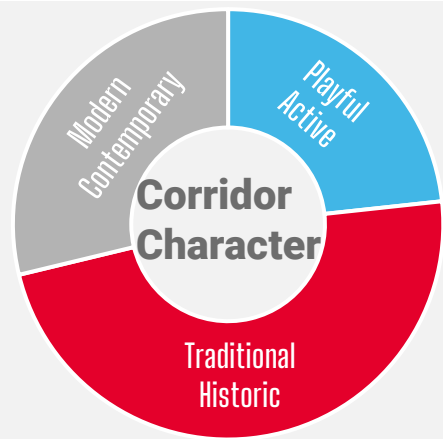
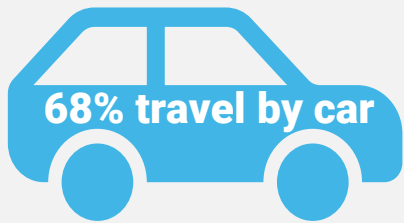
July 21, 2021



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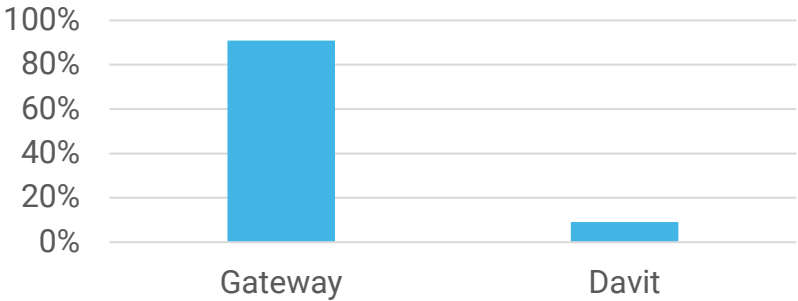
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WORKS



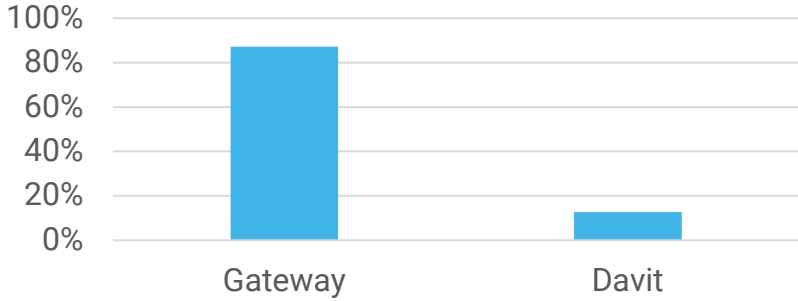


- Corridor concerns**
- Pedestrian experience
 - Parking
 - Lighting
 - Lack of green space
 - Lack of bicycle infrastructure

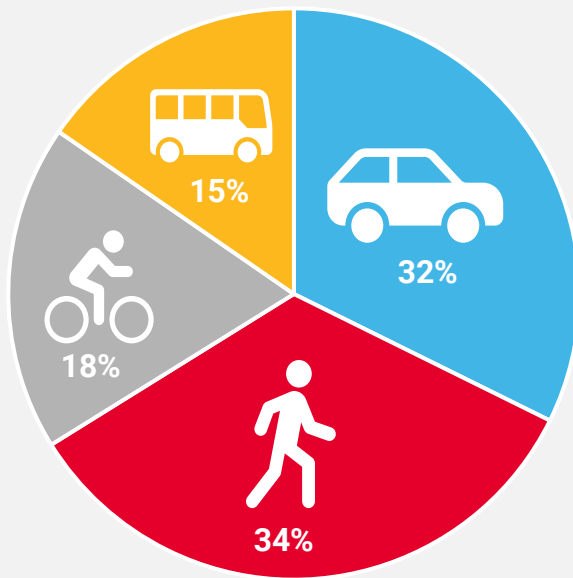
For the street light poles to be installed on Commercial Avenue, do you prefer the Davit or Gateway light pole?



For the street light poles to be installed on 92nd Street, do you prefer the Davit or Gateway light pole?



How will you get to the new gathering space?



What should large gathering spaces look like?

1. **Seating Arrangements**
2. **Planters / Landscaping**
3. **Space for Food Trucks**
4. Lawn Space
5. Paved Space for Gathering
6. Public Art Installation

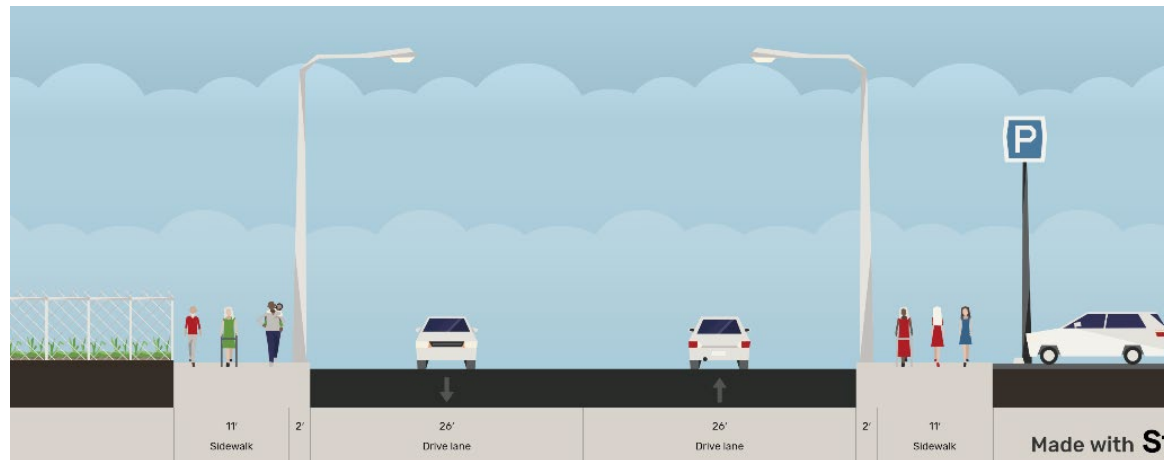
What activities should it accommodate?

1. **Children Activities**
2. **Music / Performances**
3. **Community Market**
4. Movies
5. Community Meetings
6. Sports/Fitness
7. Games

Existing Conditions

(North of 83rd Pl)

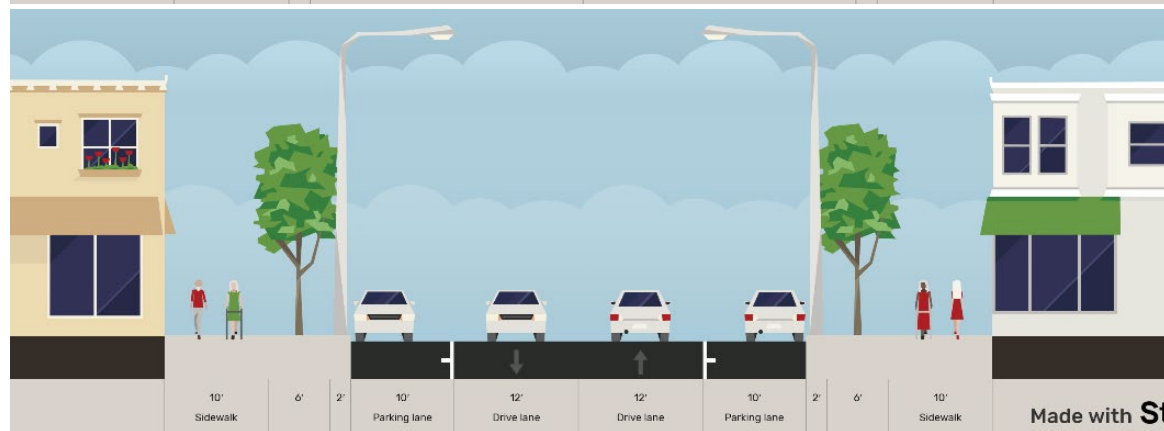
- 80' ROW width
- Roadway width 52'
 - Two Lanes
- Sidewalk width 13'



Existing Conditions

(92nd St to 83rd Pl)

- 80' ROW width
- Roadway width 44'
 - Two Lanes
 - Paid Parking
- Sidewalk width 18'
- Furniture Zone
 - Existing Trees
 - Lighting



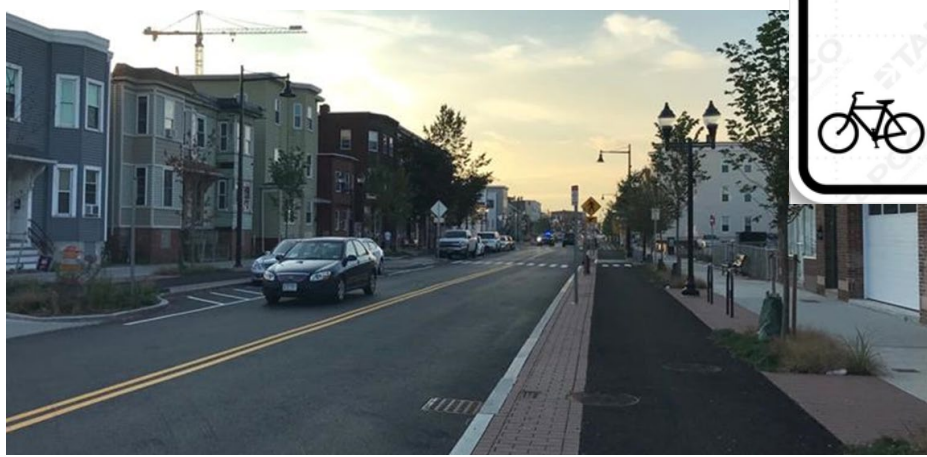
Curb Extensions



Bus bulbs



(National Association of City Transportation Officials, NACTO, Urban Street Design Guide)

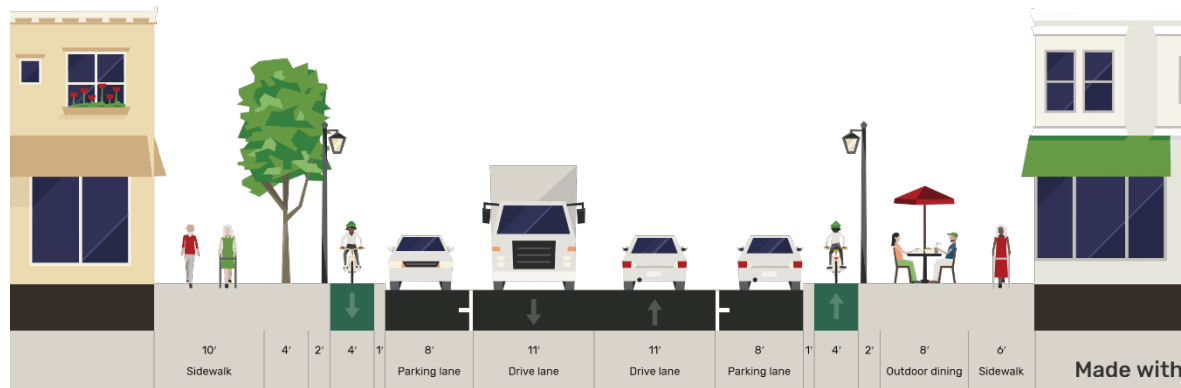


ROADWAY FEATURES – PROPOSED

Proposed Conditions

(Typical Midblock)

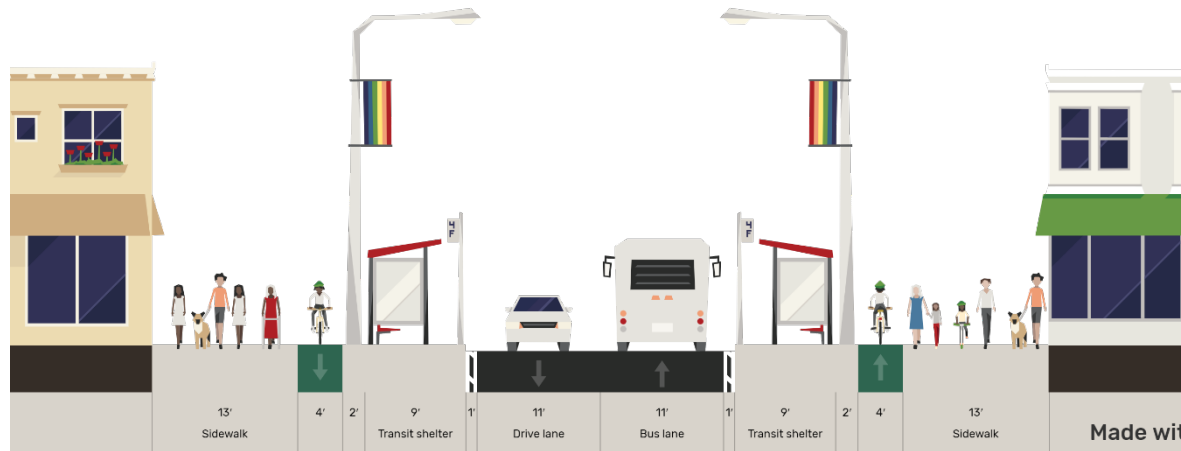
- **Roadway width 40'**
 - Two Lanes
 - Paid Parking
- **Sidewalk width 21'**
 - Dedicated Pedestrian Way
 - Raised Bike Lane
 - Furniture Zone
 - Trees
 - Café Seating Areas
 - Lighting



Proposed Conditions

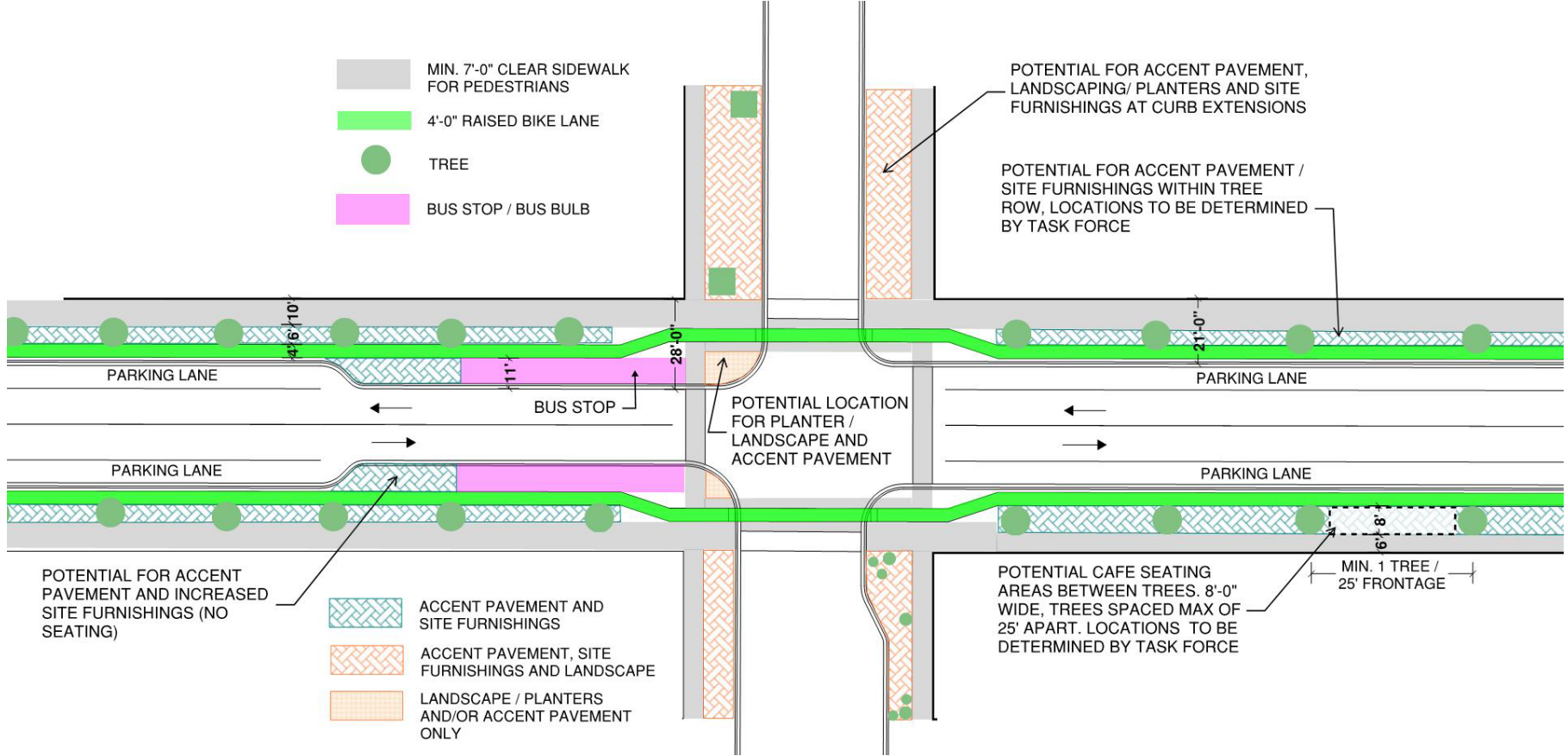
(Bus Bulbs)

- **Roadway width 31'**
 - Two Lanes
- **Sidewalk width 28'**
 - Dedicated Pedestrian Way
 - Raised Bike Lane
 - Furniture Zone
 - Bus Shelter
 - Trees
 - Lighting



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INDUSTRY



COMMUNITY

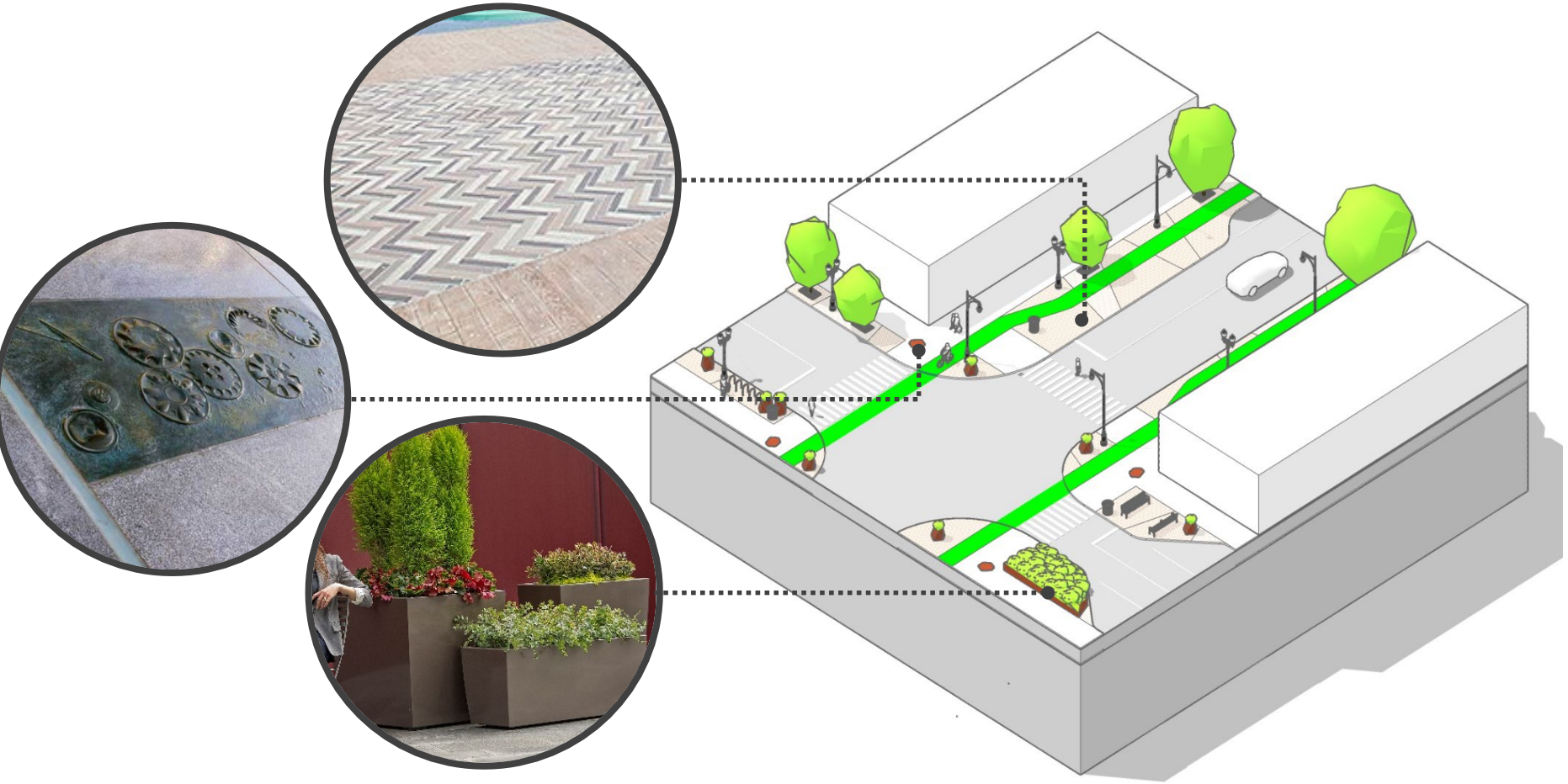


ECOSYSTEM

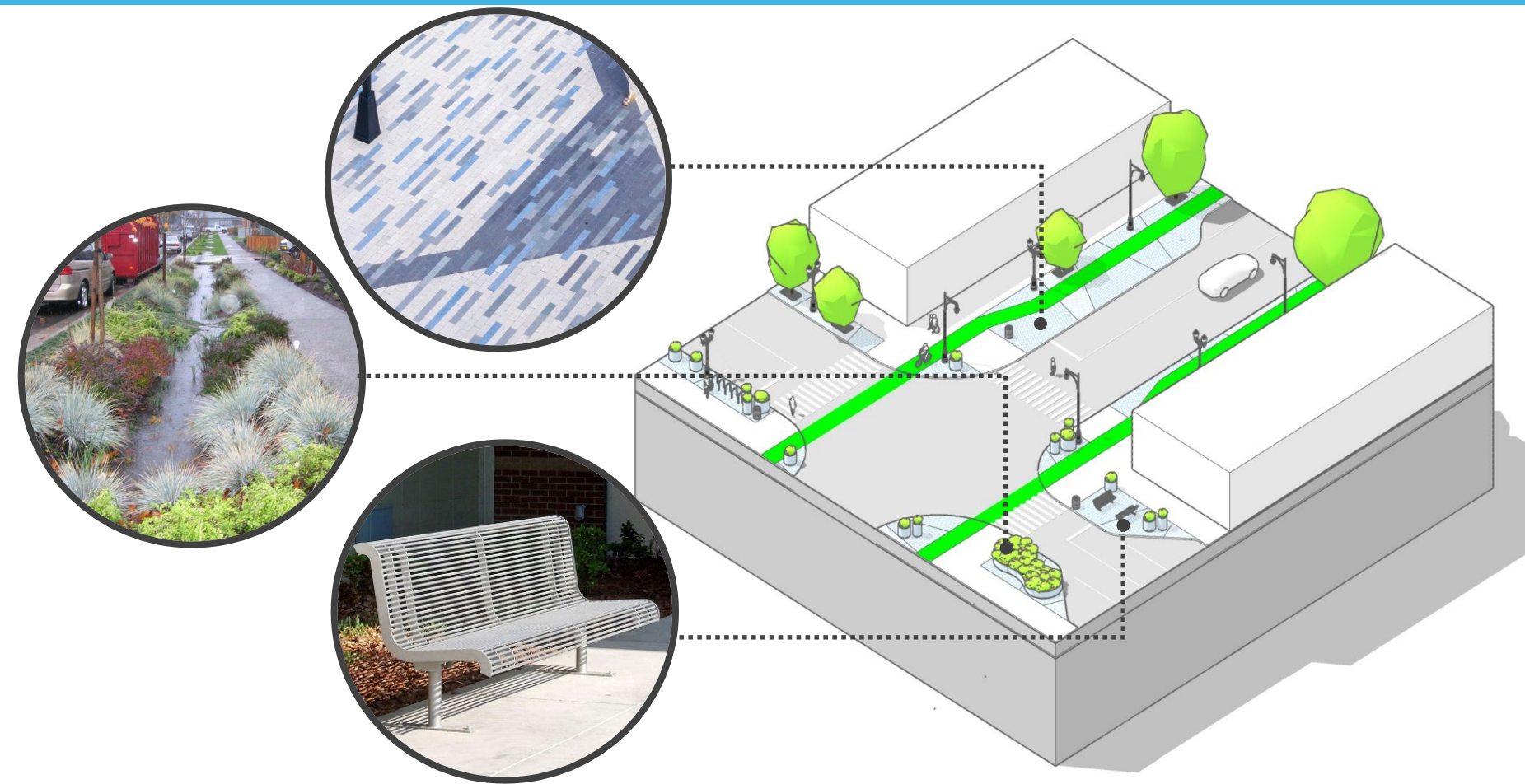


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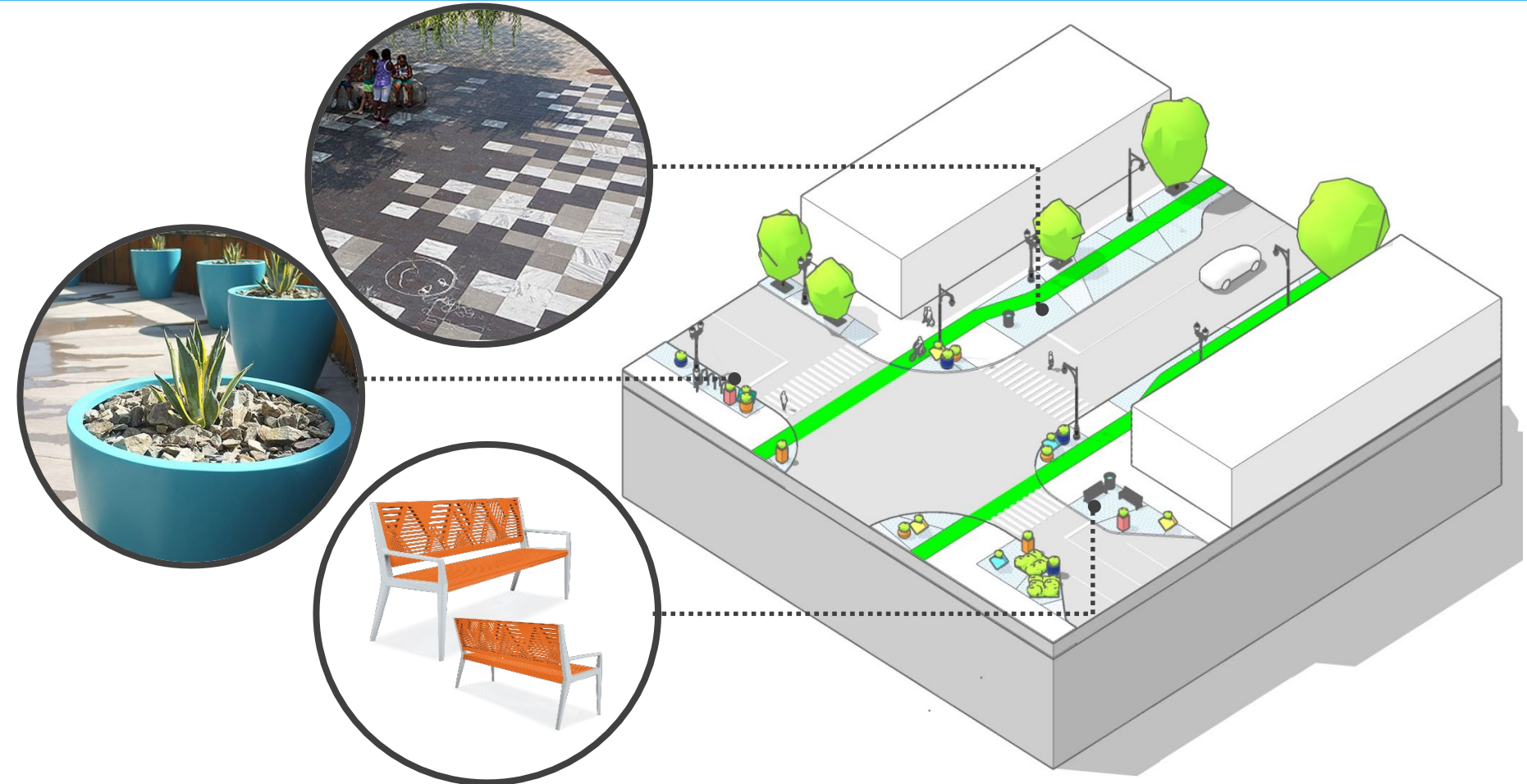












Do you prefer an overall scheme? If so, which one?

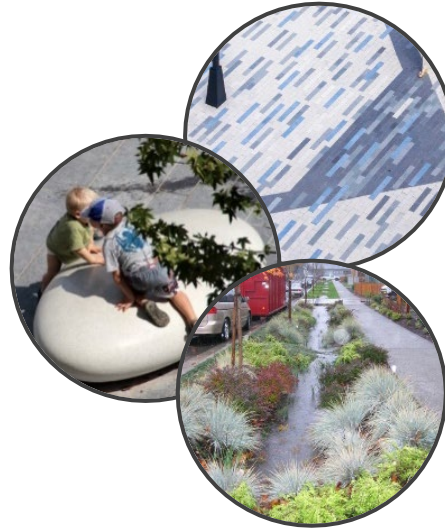
A

Industry



B

Ecosystem



C

Community



D

I Prefer a Mix of Themes

Which seating do you prefer to see at select locations?

A

Black Traditional



B

Silver Wavy



C

Unique Pattern



Which accent seating do you prefer?

A

Corten Steel



B

Pebble



C

Bright Concrete



What paver palette do you prefer?

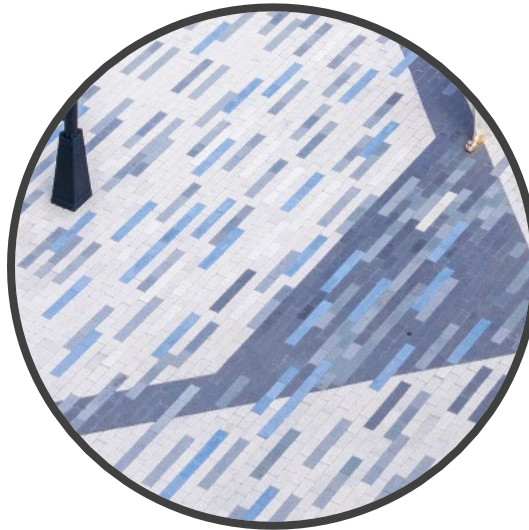
A

Neutral / Earth Tones



B

Blues / Silvers



C

Black / White



What type of pavement accent do you prefer?

A

Steel Insert



B

Applied Curvilinear



C

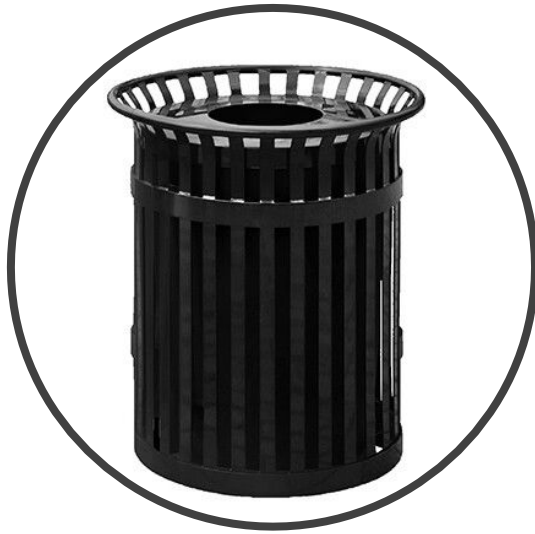
Applied Bright



What style of trash can do you prefer?

A

Black Traditional



B

Stainless Steel
Pattern



C

Colorful with
Community Branding



What style of planter do you prefer throughout the corridor?

A

Steel
Rectangular



B

Round
Concrete



C

Unique Pattern
Concrete



What style of accent planting do you prefer?

A

Corten Planter



B

Rain Garden



C

Bright Colors



What style of bike rack do you prefer?

A

Black U Shape



B

Stainless Steel
U Shape



C

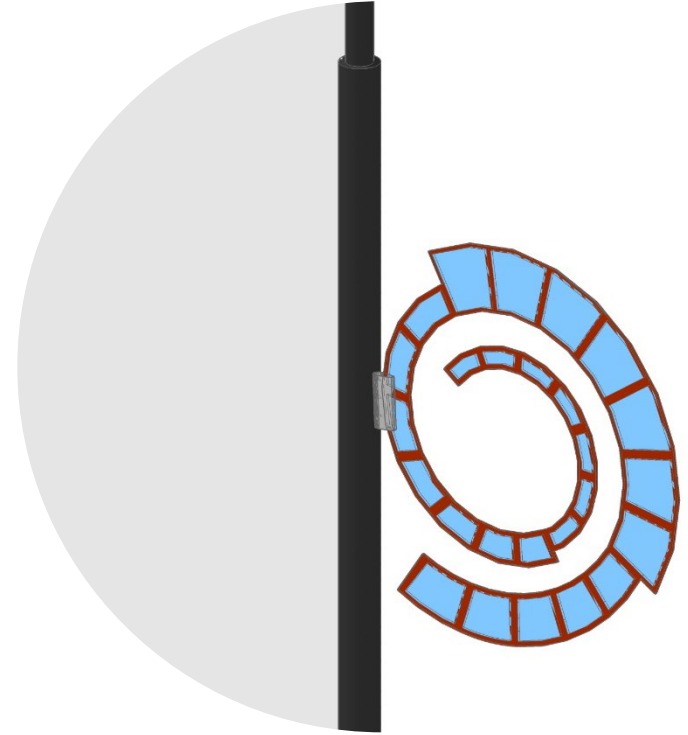
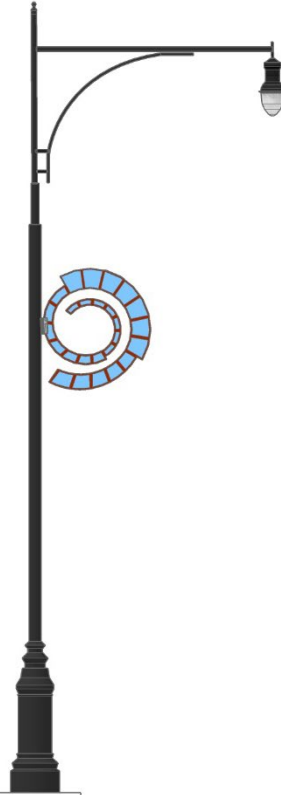
Colorful U Shape



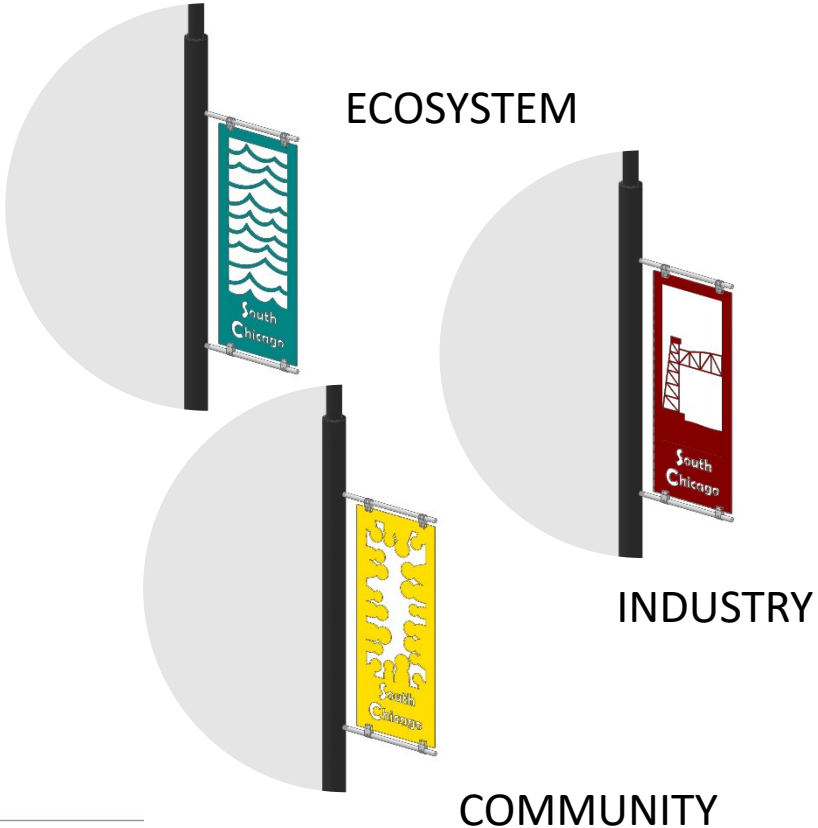




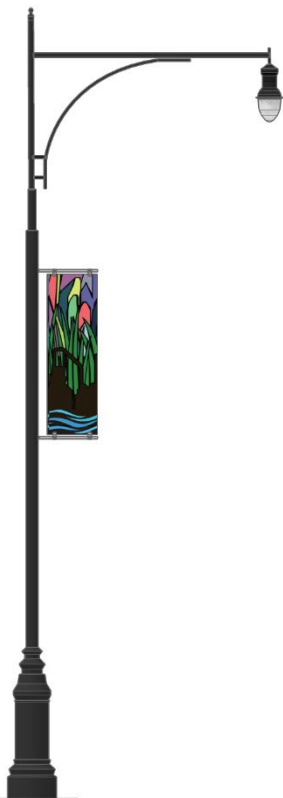
BASED ON
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EACH THEME IS
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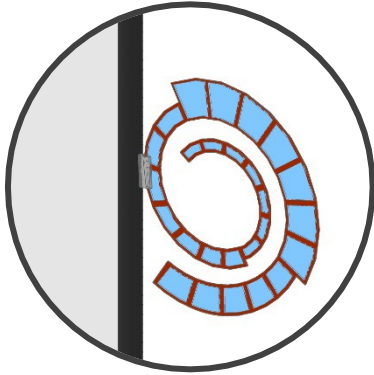
EVOLUTION OF
THE
COMMUNITY:
WATER, STEEL,
NATURE
RECLAMATION,
ART



Which lightpole identifier do you prefer?

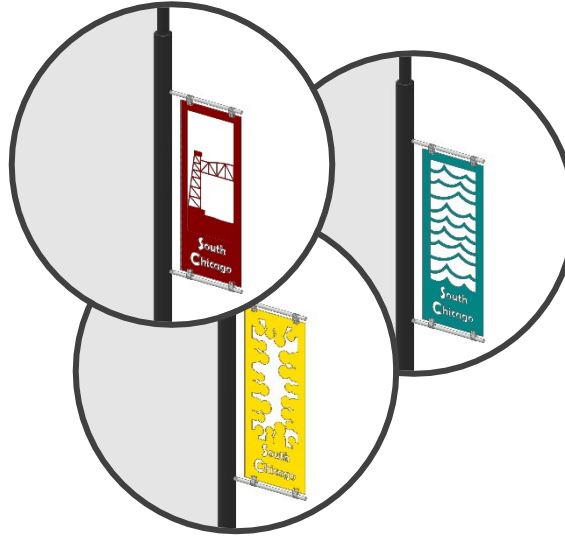
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Incorporate Imagery
from Recently Installed
Identifiers



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(1) Identifier per theme
laser cut from heat-
treated steel



3

Identifier that combines
water, steel industry,
green reclamation, art



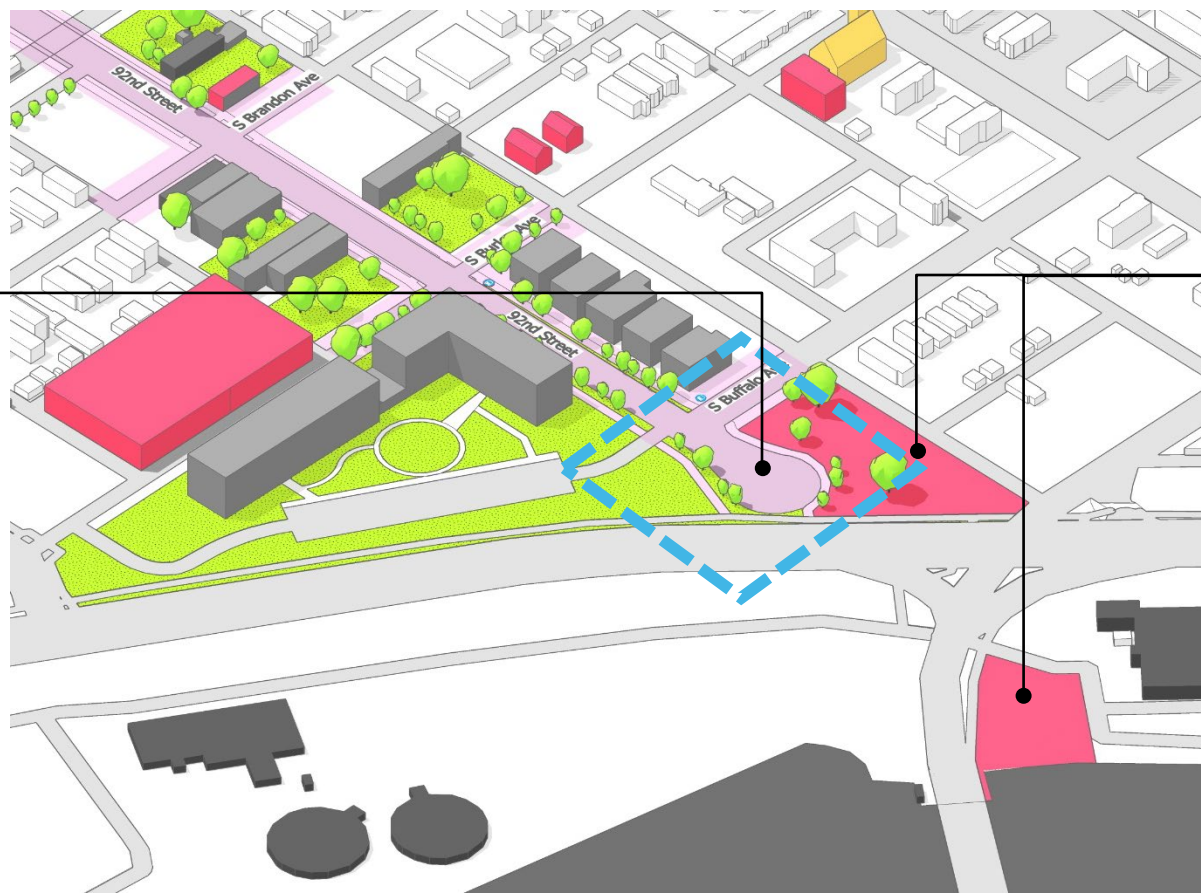
Do you think the text 'South Chicago' should appear on the identifier?

YES

NO

FUTURE GATHERING SPACE

FUTURE NATURE PLAY SPACE

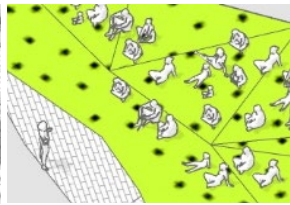


What we heard: What should the large Gathering space look like and what activities should it accommodate?

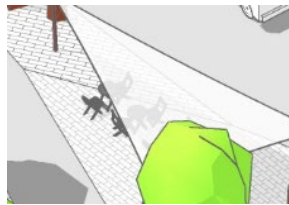
Seating Arrangements	10.86	Kid's Activities	11.50
Planters / Landscaping	10.46	Music / Performance	10.79
Space for Food Trucks	9.86	Community Market	10.50
Lawn Space	9.45	Movies	8.14
Paved Space for Gathering	9.05	Community Meetings	6.87
Public Art Installation	7.95	Sports/Fitness	6.75
		Games	5.71



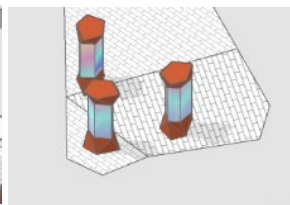
FOOD TRUCKS & MARKET



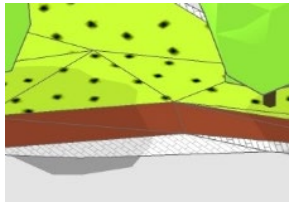
LAWN GATHERING



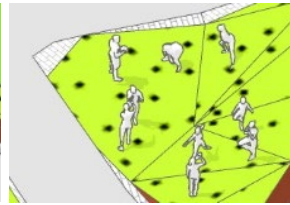
SEATING



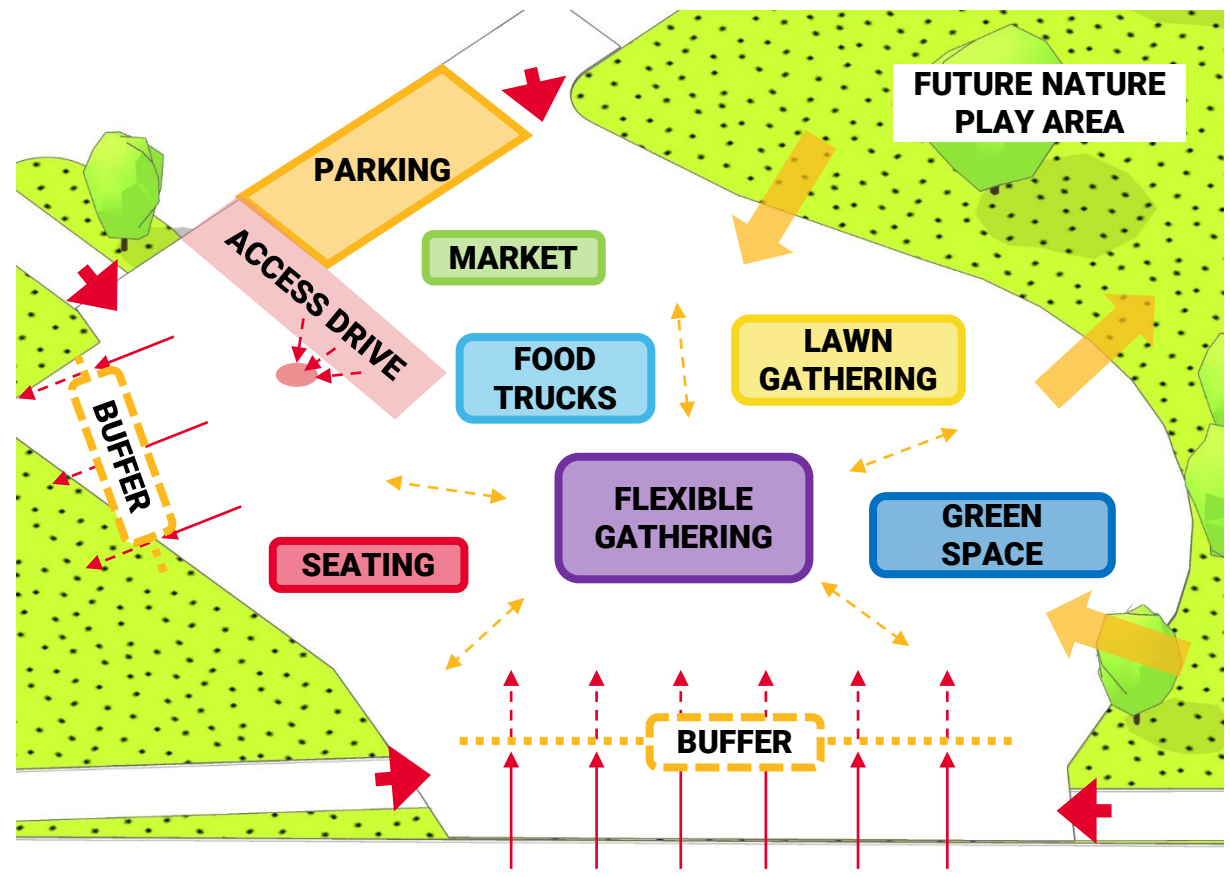
ART PLAZA



BUFFER



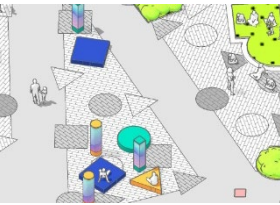
GREEN SPACE



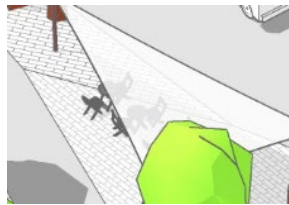




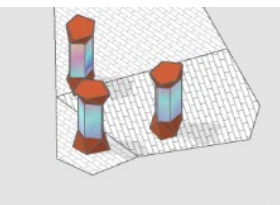
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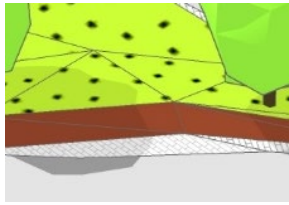
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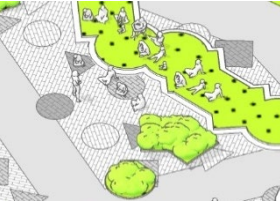
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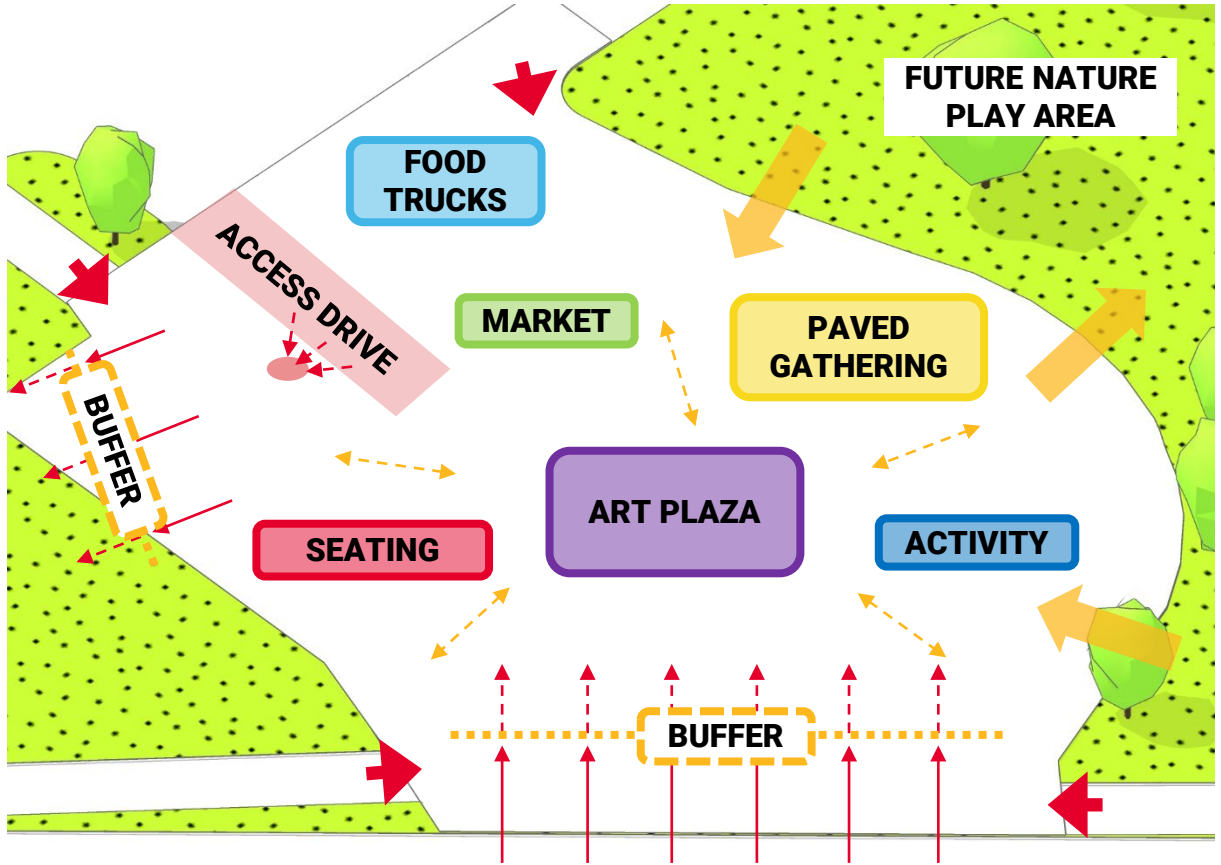
ART PLAZA



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ACTIVITY



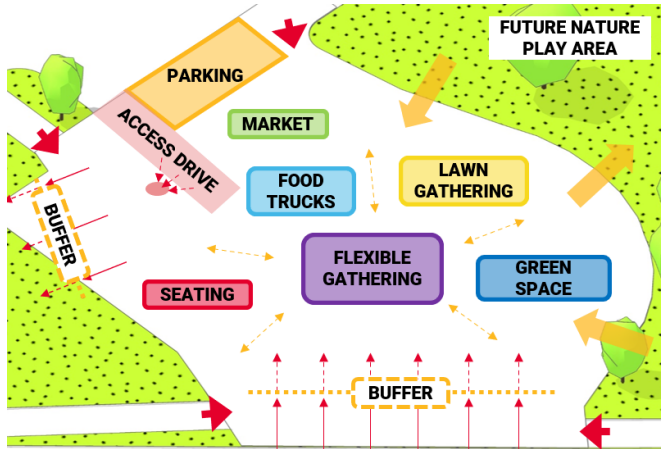


**FUTURE
NATURE PLAY
AREA**

Do you want to see added parking?

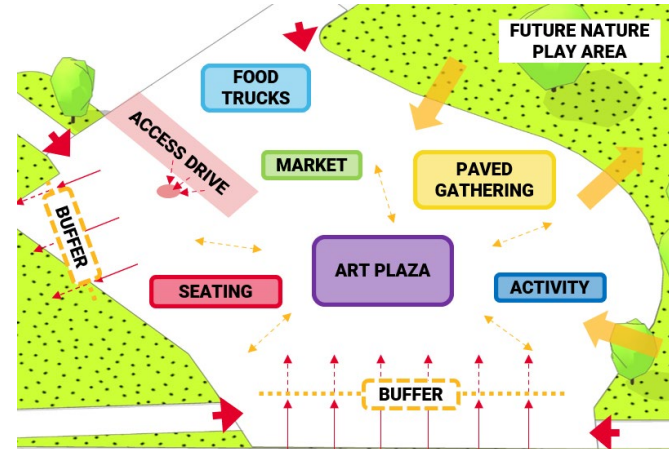
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Parking



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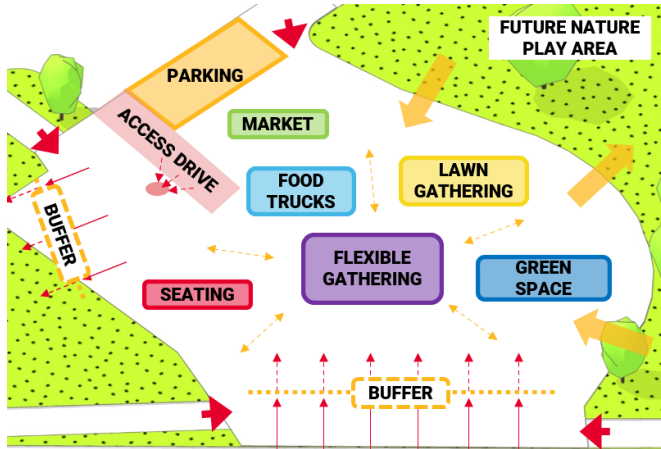
No Parking



Which planning zone **focus** option do you prefer?

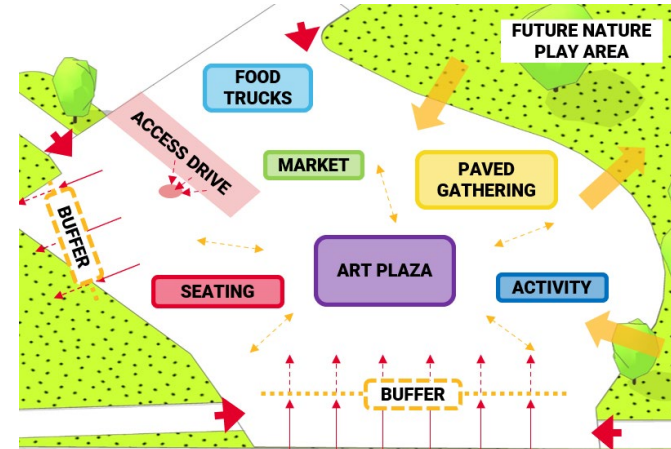
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Nature Focus



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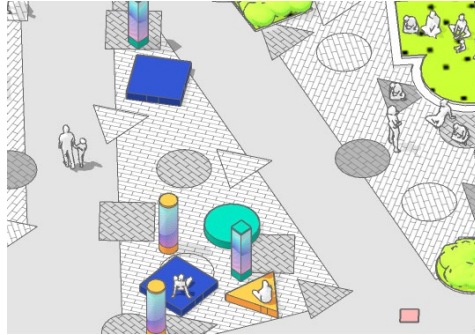
Art Focus



Do you prefer a flexible paved space vs. a green space?

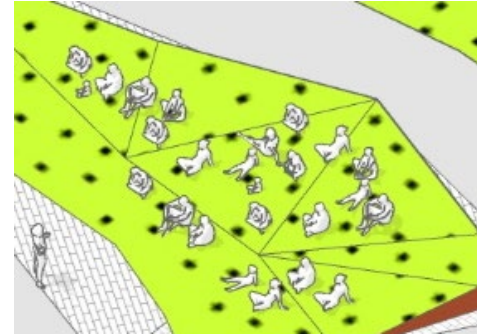
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Paved Space



2

Green space



- 01 Gather feedback from today's meeting and public comment
- 02 Meet with Taskforce of community members
- 03 Develop selected theme for corridor
- 04 Develop infrastructure and safety improvement alternatives
- 05 Present alternatives for public comment through:
 - Online public survey
 - 3rd Public meeting

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

We value **YOUR opinion and input!**

Please add any questions or comments you have to the Q&A box



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Submit any questions or comments you have to the project webpage at
chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/isw-south-Chicago

The comment period will be open until **January 10th, 2022**.

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

