Third Street Improvement (TSI) Project

Community Forum #2

15% Design

McMinnville, Oregon 20 May 2024 5-7p



Community Forum #2 :: Agenda

MEETING PURPOSE

Review and gather feedback on various aspects of the 15% Design for Third Street.

Update community
members on the Downtown
Business Resilience effort.

AGENDA		
5p	Open House	All
530p	Welcome + Introductions	City
535p	Downtown Business Resilience Update	MDA / SERA
545p	15% Design Update	BKF / SERA
	 Overview / Curb Alignment On-Street Parking Utilities Street Lighting Furnishings 	

	 Groves / Mid-Block Curb Extensions
	 Intersections / Corners
	 Gateway Opportunities
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Adjourn

7p

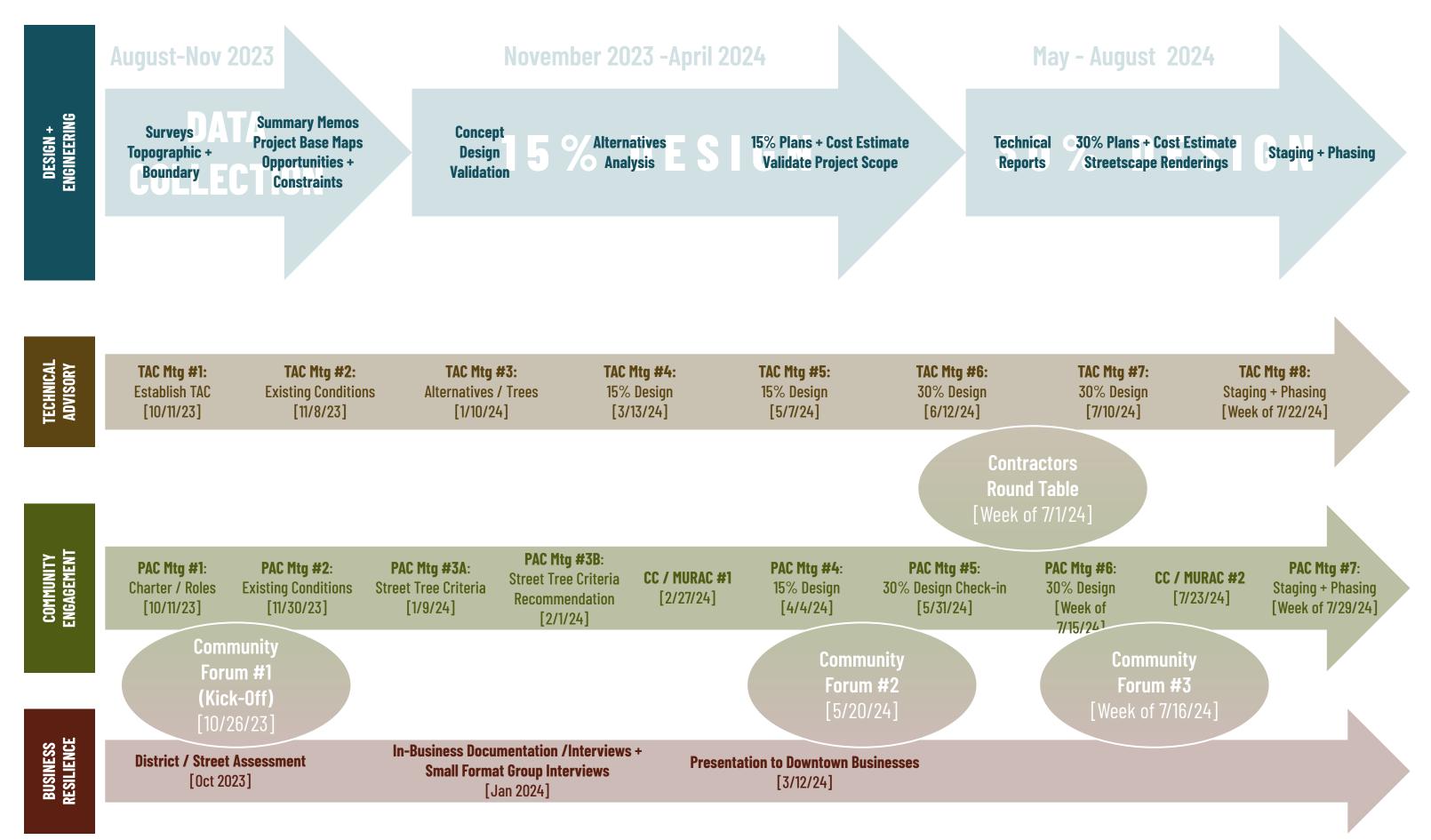
610p	Next Steps	City / BKF / SERA
615p	Q+A / Discussion	All
645p	Open House	All

Street Trees + Sidewalk Design

Project Overview :: Adams to Johnson



Third Street Improvement Project :: Process / Schedule (as of 5/10/24)





Third Street is McMinnville's signature People Place and year-round "living room" - a comfortable space for daily living and social cohesion - as well as its "central stage" for extraordinary events that bring everyone together. It is the welcoming feature and "heartbeat" of the community - the place where locals mingle with visitors to enjoy the authentic ambiance and lively atmosphere of this rural Downtown. Leafy green and shaded in summer, magically illuminated in the evenings and during the winter, Third Street is intimate, artistically creative, and beautifully enchanting.

Third Street is both quirky and classy, proudly reflecting the cultural richness of the city and the surrounding region while forging an identity all its own. **Featuring historic architectural gems, curated art and furnishings, and adaptive infrastructure, Third Street's organic flexibility makes it both timeless and future-proof.** It maintains a diverse, thriving, and independent business community. Local ownership and an overarching commitment to authenticity ensure an interesting and rewarding experience unique to McMinnville.

NE Third Street :: Goals + Objectives

reinforce and celebrate McMinnville's UNIQUE and WELCOMING IDENTITY

strengthen the PROSPERITY of LOCAL BUSINESSES

ensure SAFETY for all users and CONNECTIVITY throughout Downtown

foster a range of EVENTS and ACTIVITIES for citizens and visitors alike

choose DURABLE, LONG-LASTING solutions that allow for EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION and EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE

facilitate a robust PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT process that engages the entire community

where feasible, preserve Third Street's EXISTING STREET TREES

NE Third Street :: **Design Principles**

- Third Street is of the people, for the people, and created by the people
- Third Street is safe, inclusive, and accessible to all
- Third Street is Downtown's premier public space
- Third Street is an integral part of Downtown
- Third Street is the vibrant commercial heart of Downtown McMinnville
- Third Street's success relies on public-private partnerships
- Third Street is an ever-evolving street that embraces change
- Third Street is actively geared towards early implementation-oriented improvements
- Third Street contributes to a more **sustainable** environment
- Third Street is quirky and unique



Third Street Improvement Project :: Downtown Business Resilience



Work completed to-date:

- District / street assessment
- In-business visits / interviews
- Small-format group interviews
 - Held on January 23rd + 24th, 2024
 - Host: Doris Towery (MDA)
 - Facilitator: Michele Reeves (Civilis)
 - (City staff was intentionally not in attendance to allow for candid conversations)
- Presentation to Downtown businesses
- Resilience Toolkit

Business Resilience :: During Construction

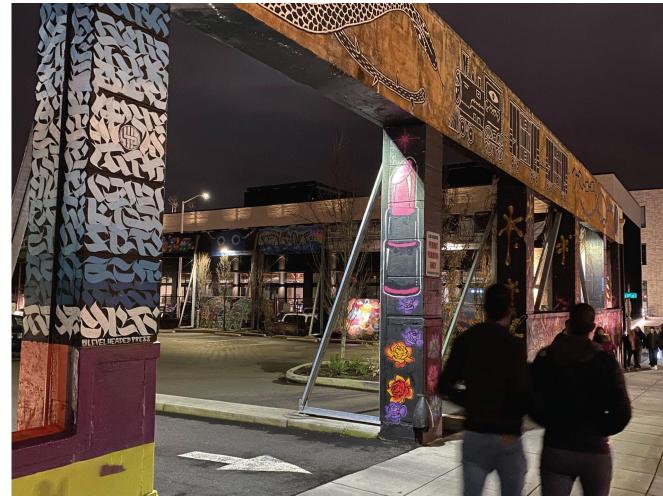
Show people you are open for business... and make it fun!











Business Resilience :: Color

Beige is not a color...

Make the world a happier place with paint!

















Business Resilience :: Differentiate Spaces

Differentiate spaces.





Business Resilience :: Awnings

Rethink awnings.





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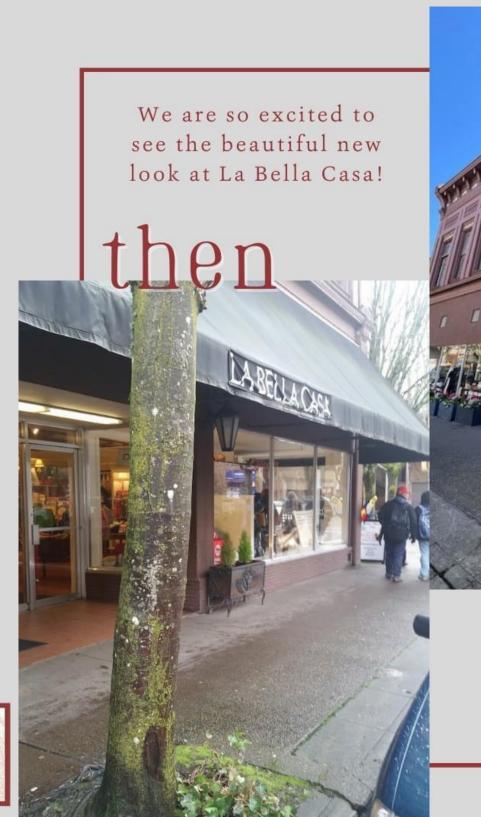


Business Resilience :: Awnings





La Bella Casa
business owner
Jen Feero came to
the Business
Resiliency
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Business Resilience :: Storefront Windows

People don't want to read signs, they want to fall in love with your windows!





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Business Resilience :: Display Lighting





Business Resilience :: Building Lighting











Business Resilience :: MURAC's Façade Grant Program

The Façade Improvement Grant Program is a matching grant program of the City of McMinnville Urban Renewal Agency. The maximum grant award for a single project is \$2,500. A minimum private match of 100 percent (1:1) of the grant amount is required.

The **purposes** of the Façade Improvement Grant Program are:

- To improve the aesthetic appearance of the exterior facades of existing buildings and businesses in the District;
- To restore the unique historic character of buildings in the
 District as much as practicable; and
- To encourage private investment in District properties and businesses.

The following **persons are eligible** to apply and receive grant funds:

- Property owners of commercial or industrial zoned buildings within the District.
- Business owners or tenants of commercial or industrial zoned buildings within the District with property owner consent.

Funds may be used for existing exterior façade improvements on commercial and industrial zoned buildings within the District in compliance with the McMinnville Zoning Ordinance and NE Gateway Planned Development Overlay standards. For the purpose of this program, "façade" includes the exterior of any street-facing building wall, but does not include the building's interior, roofing, signs, structural improvements, or other site improvements except as noted below. The types of **eligible projects** include:

- Repair, restoration, or installation of exterior masonry and siding materials.
- Repair, replacement, or installation of awnings, windows, trim, doors, gutters, downspouts, stone or brick, or other architectural details.
- Repair or replacement of exterior lighting attached to a building or illuminating a sign.
- Repair or construction of entryways.
- Cleaning, preparation, and painting of exterior walls and trim in conformance with the approved color palette.
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities.
- Removal, replacement, or repair of exterior wall, freestanding, or projecting signs.
- Other improvements as approved.

Business Resilience :: Art Alleys

Coming soon!















Business Resilience :: Authenticity

There is exactly <u>one</u> MAC3rd in the entire world!



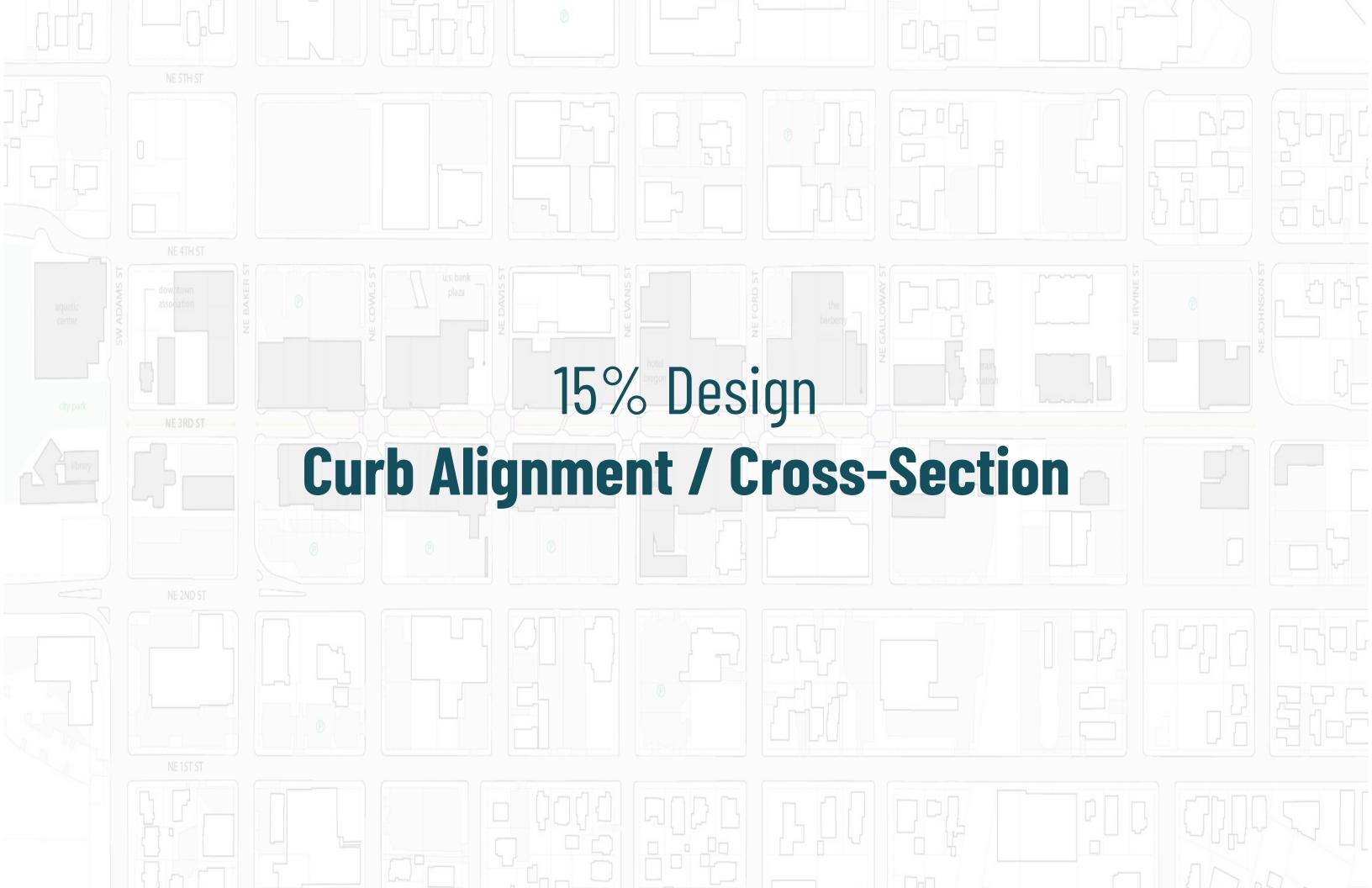


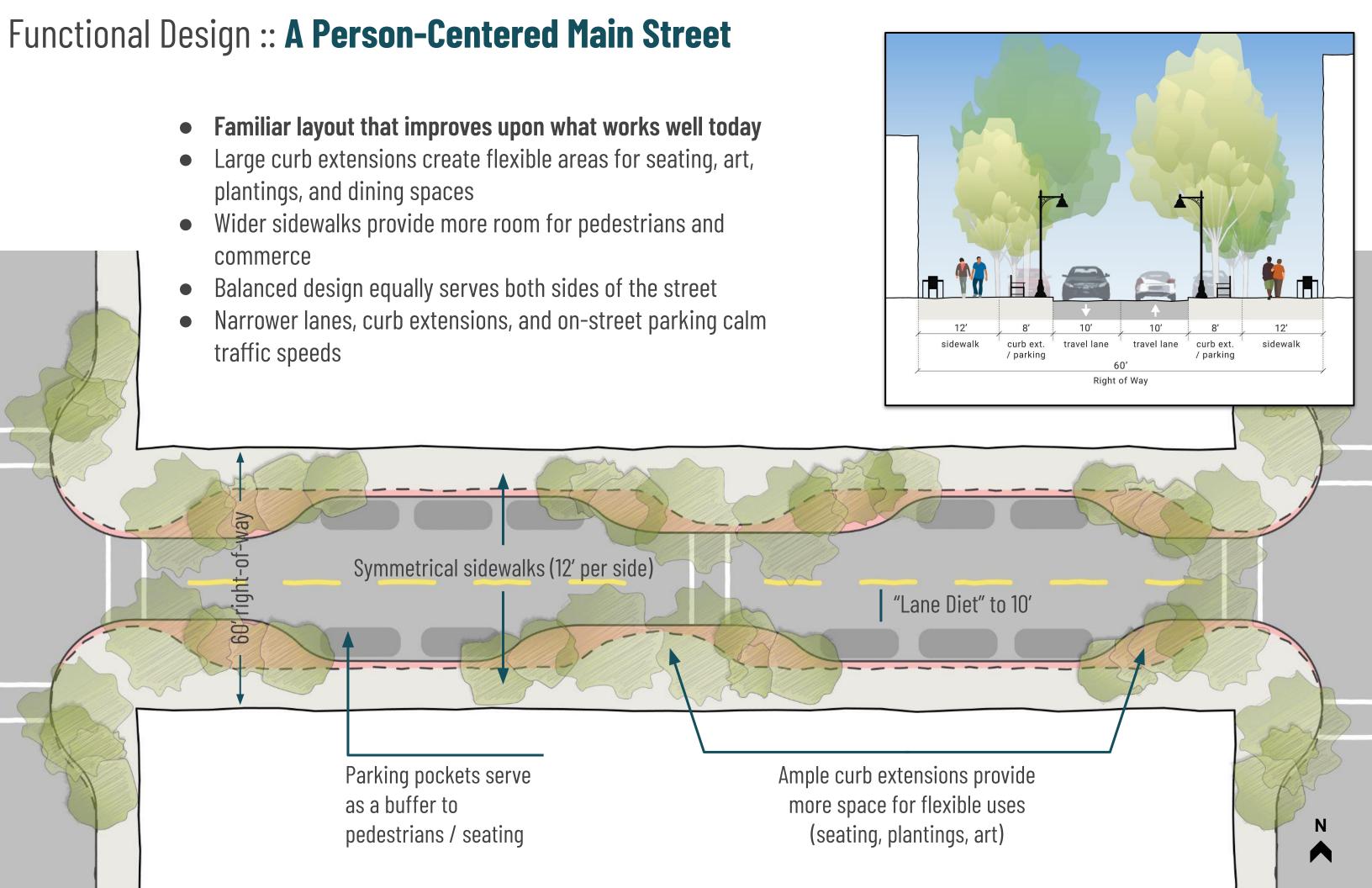




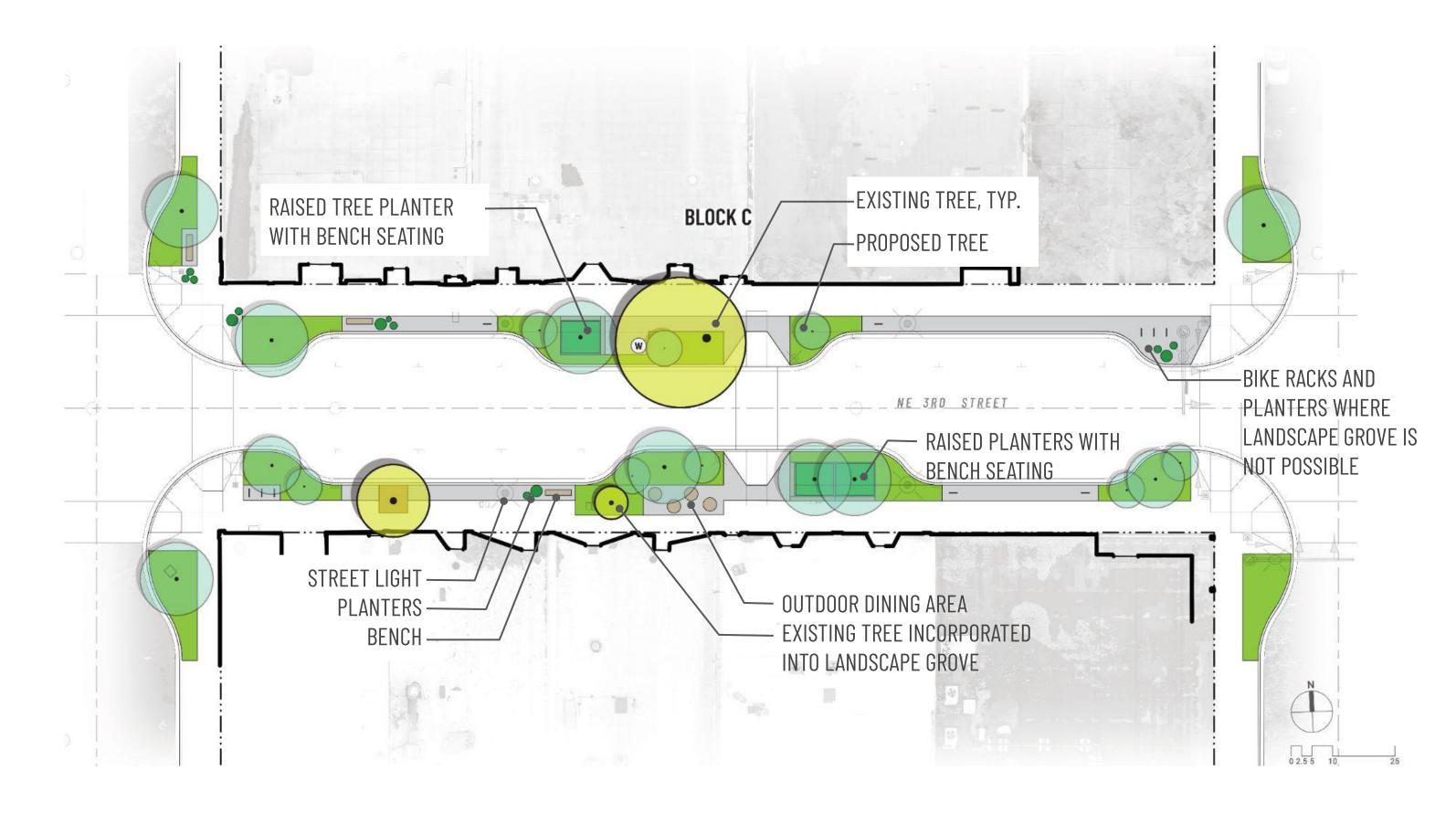






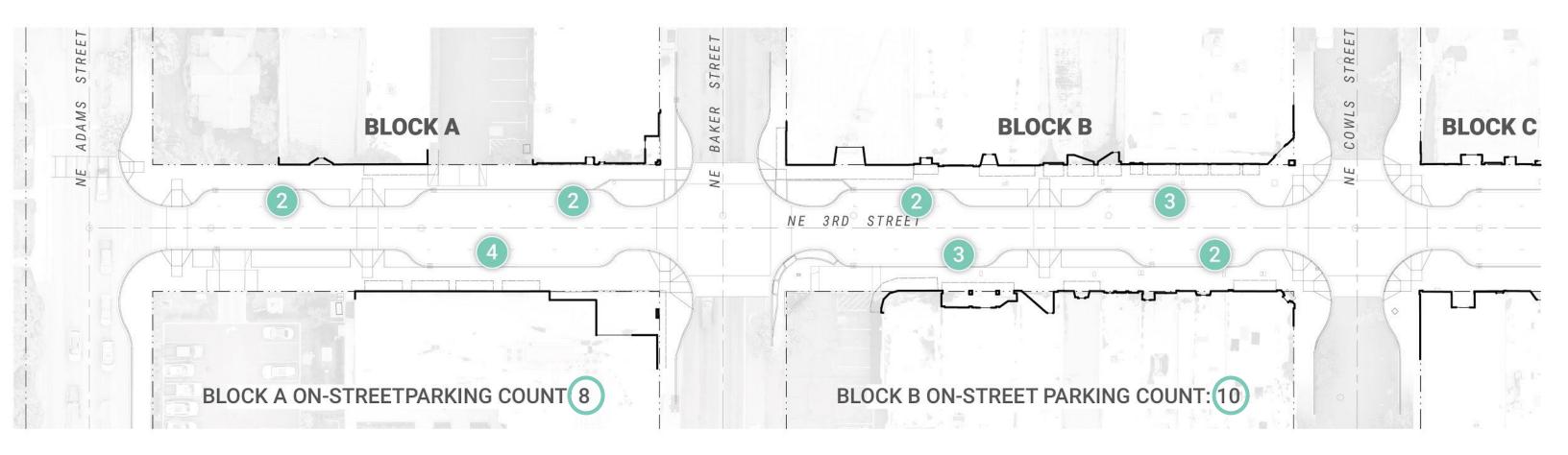


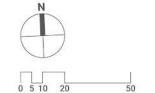
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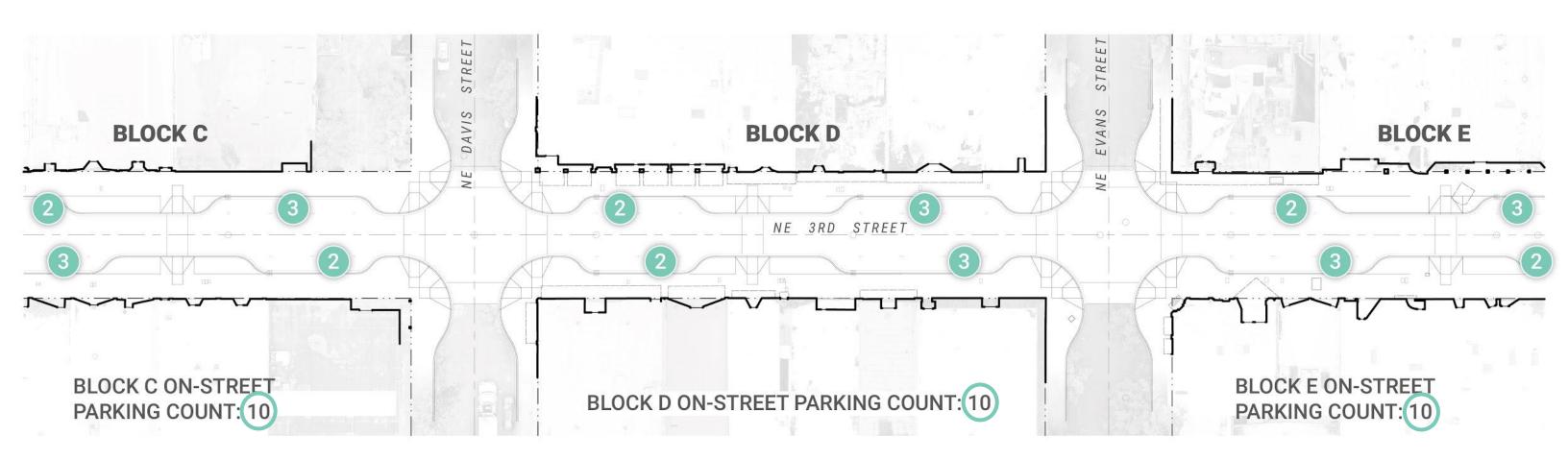


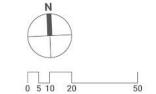
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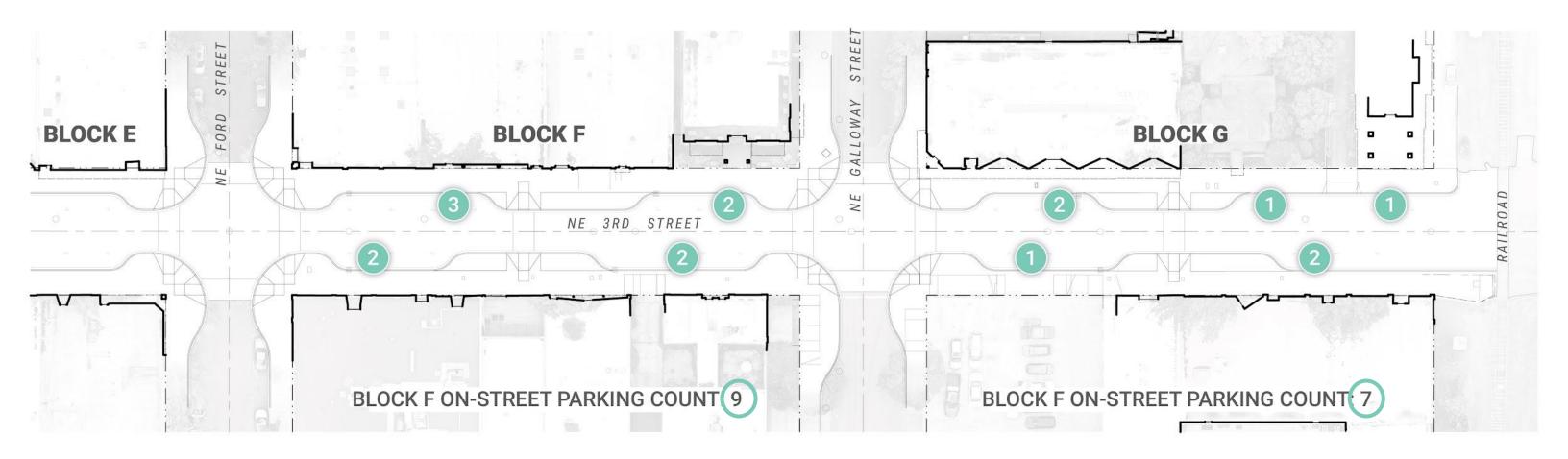


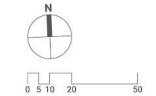
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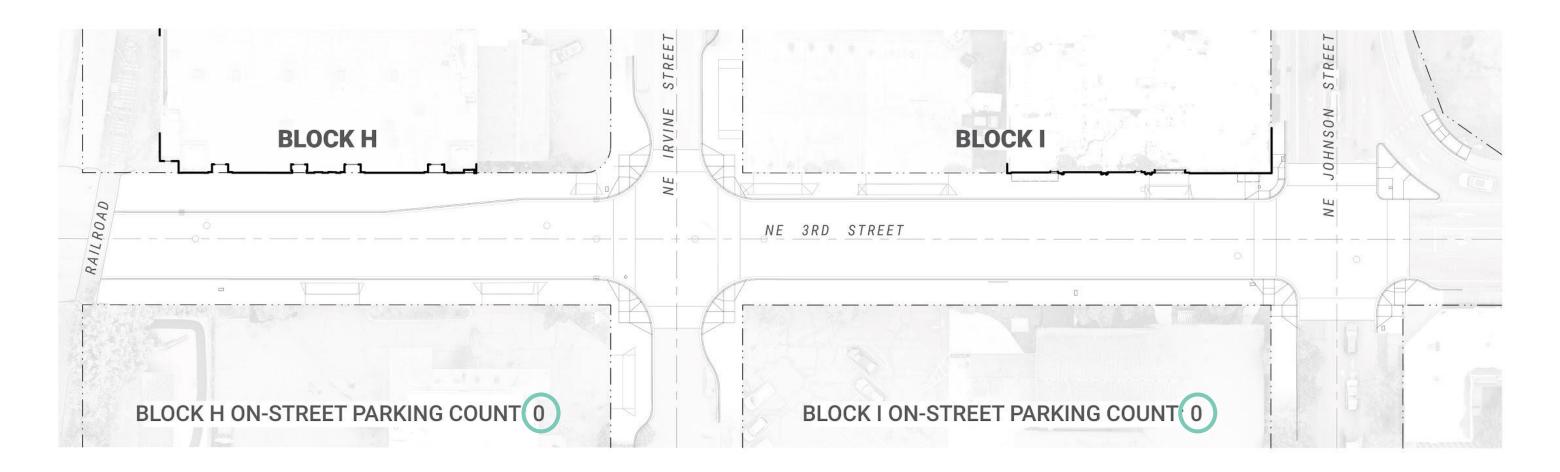


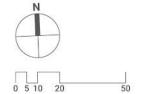
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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

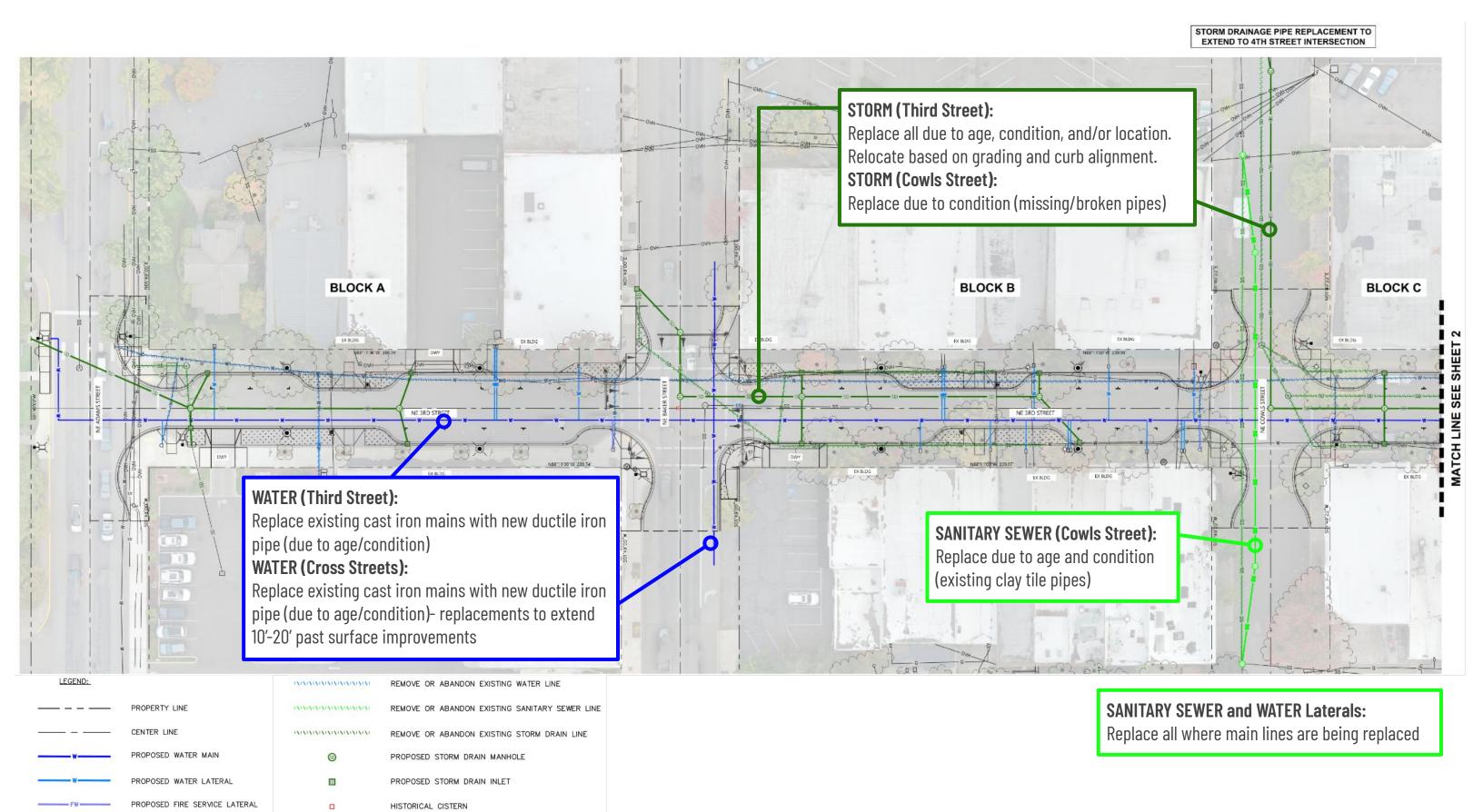
• The City is considering whether or not to stripe individual parking spaces along Third Street (and in Downtown generally). Striping spaces usually leads to more orderly parking, while leaving them unstriped can provide more flexibility and efficiency (by allowing vehicles to park closer to one another and smaller vehicles to squeeze in).





15% Design :: Utilities

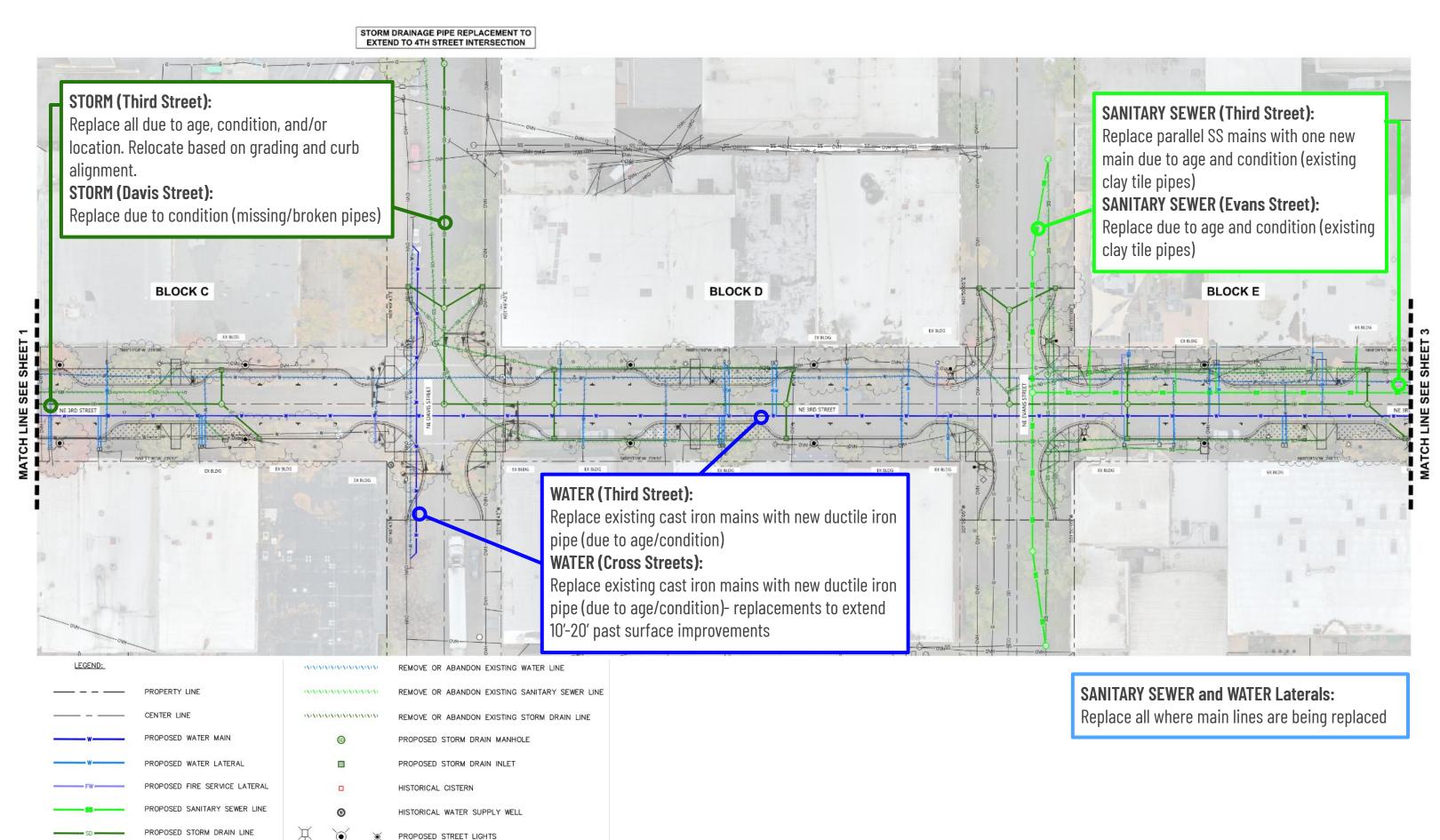
PROPOSED STORM DRAIN LINE



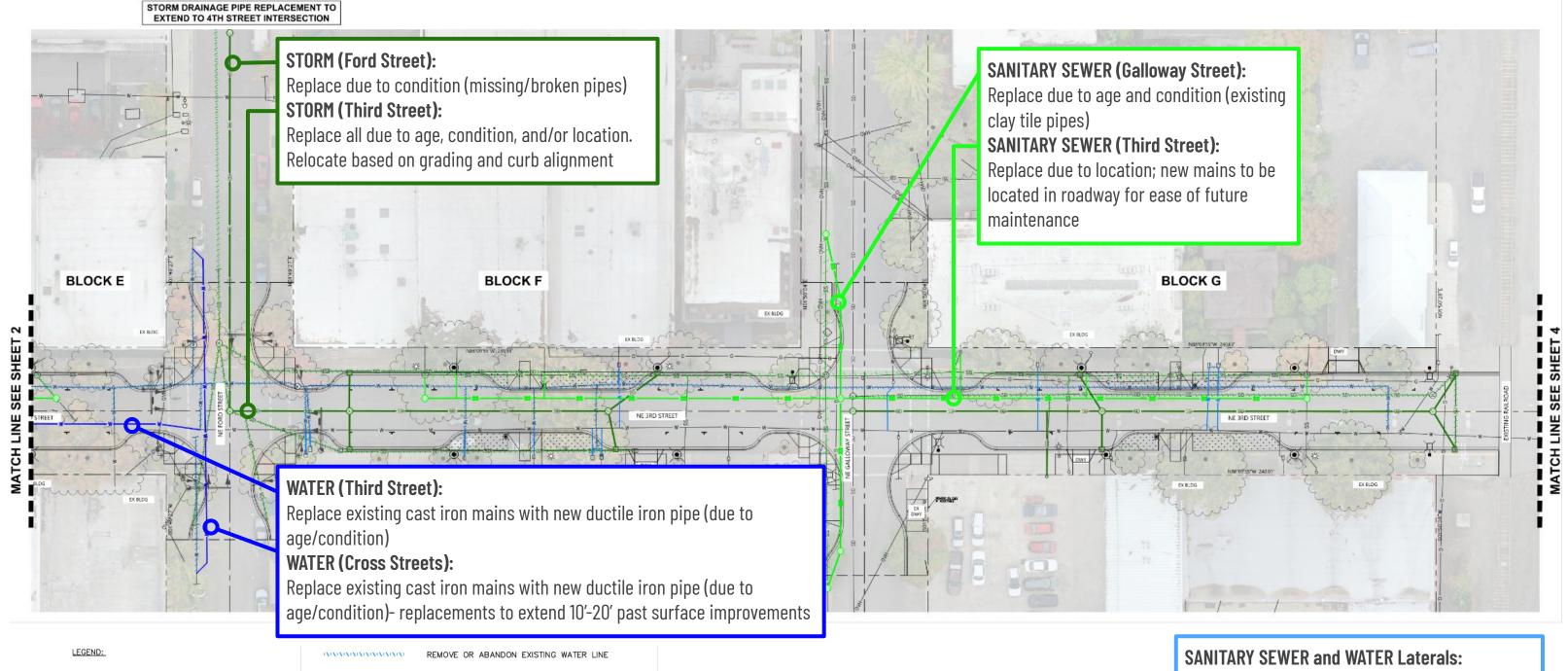
HISTORICAL WATER SUPPLY WELL

PROPOSED STREET LIGHTS

15% Design :: Utilities



15% Design :: **Utilities**



PROPERTY LINE

CENTER LINE

PROPOSED WATER MAIN

PROPOSED WATER LATERAL

PROPOSED FIRE SERVICE LATERAL

PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER LINE

PROPOSED STORM DRAIN LINE

REMOVE OR ABANDON EXISTING WATER LINE

REMOVE OR ABANDON EXISTING SANITARY SEWER LINE

REMOVE OR ABANDON EXISTING STORM DRAIN LINE

PROPOSED STORM DRAIN MANHOLE

PROPOSED STORM DRAIN INLET

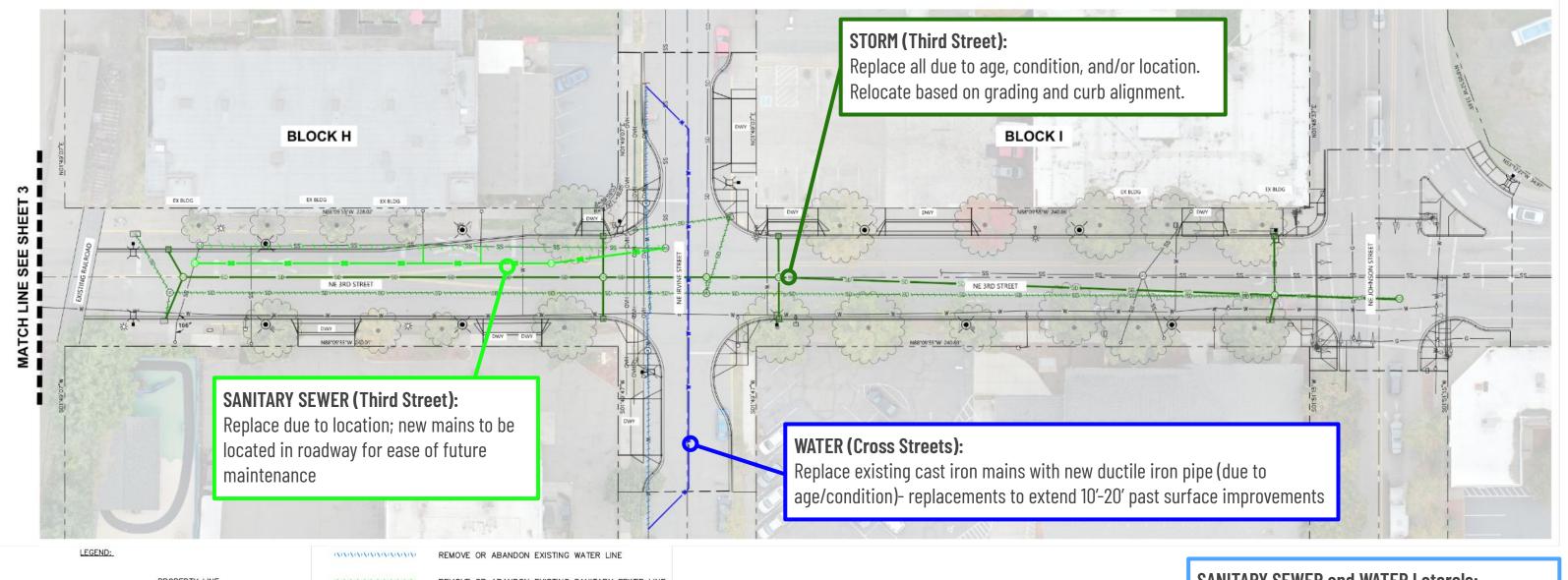
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PROPOSED STREET LIGHTS

Replace all where main lines are being replaced

15% Design :: **Utilities**



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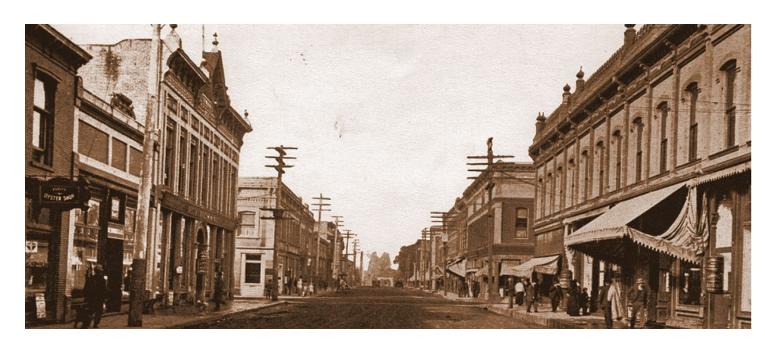
SANITARY SEWER and WATER Laterals:

Replace all where main lines are being replaced



Concept Design Theme :: Historic

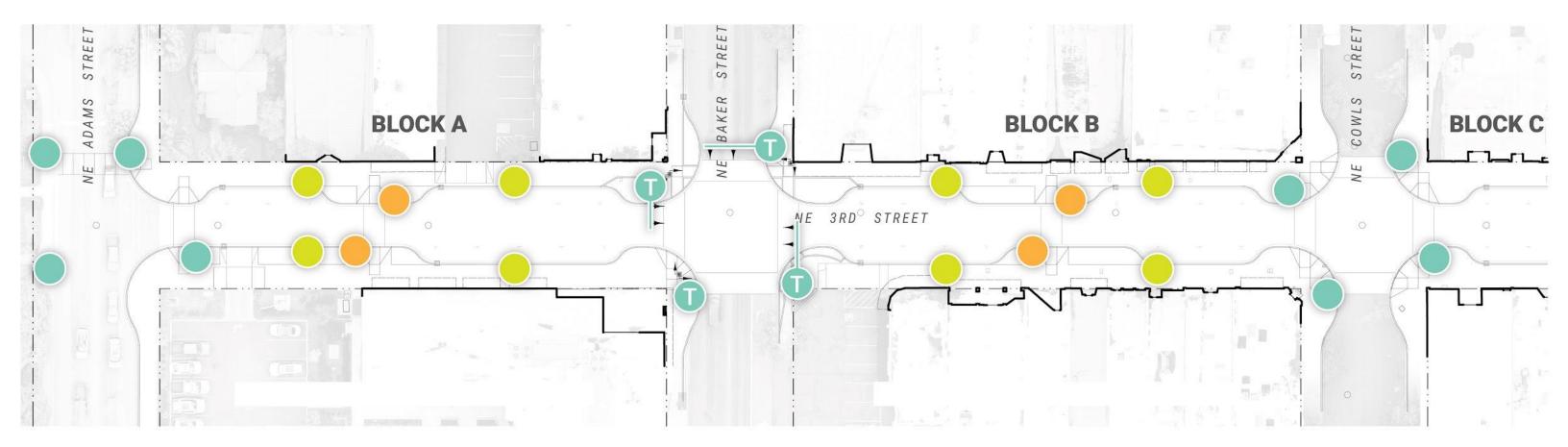
The design theme for fixtures and furnishings along Third honors and complements the Downtown McMinnville Historic District. Some pieces feature traditional ornamentation with intricate lines and details; others have cleaner, simpler forms that fade into the background and let Third Street's architecture and thriving businesses stand out. Together, they emulate the existing, beloved street furnishings that the community treasures while updating them for future generations to enjoy. These will be accented by occasional functional art pieces that bring additional surprises and character to the street.





Concept Design Theme :: **Historic** - Materials Palette

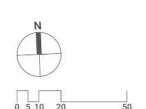


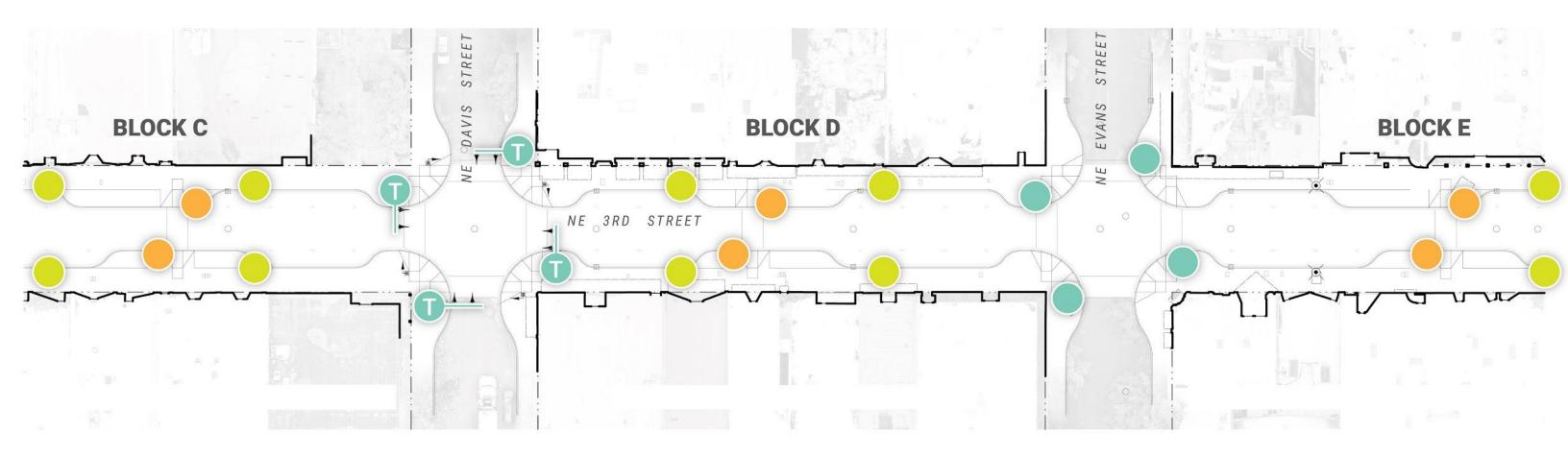


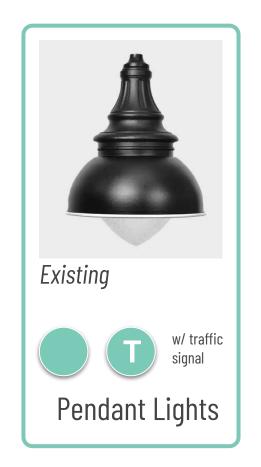






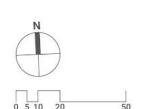


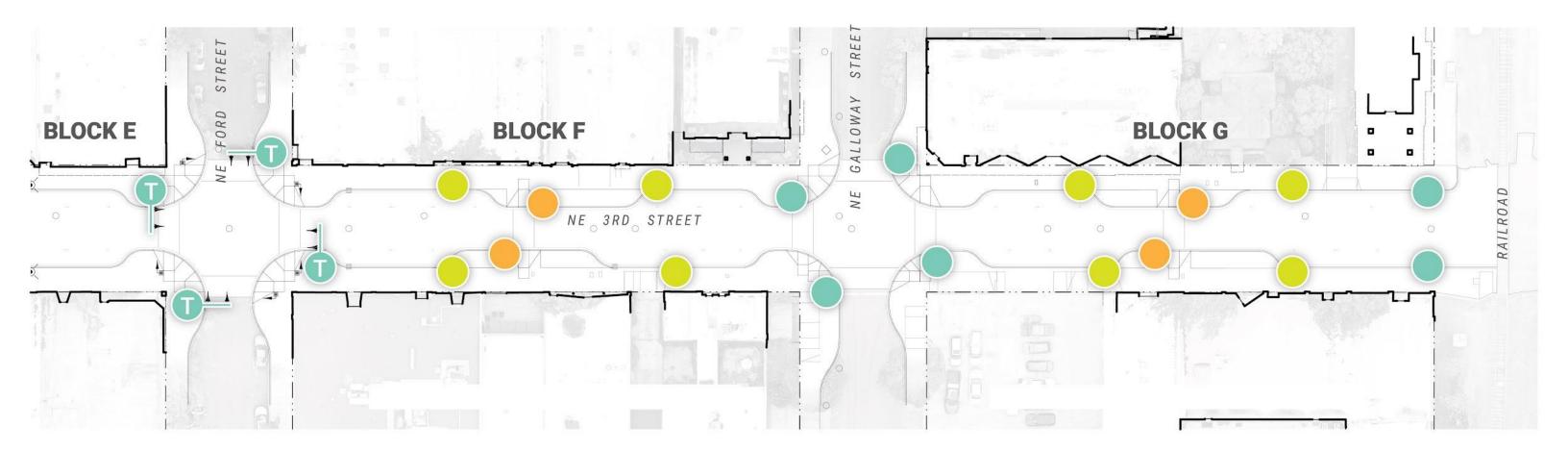








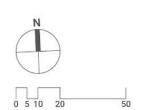


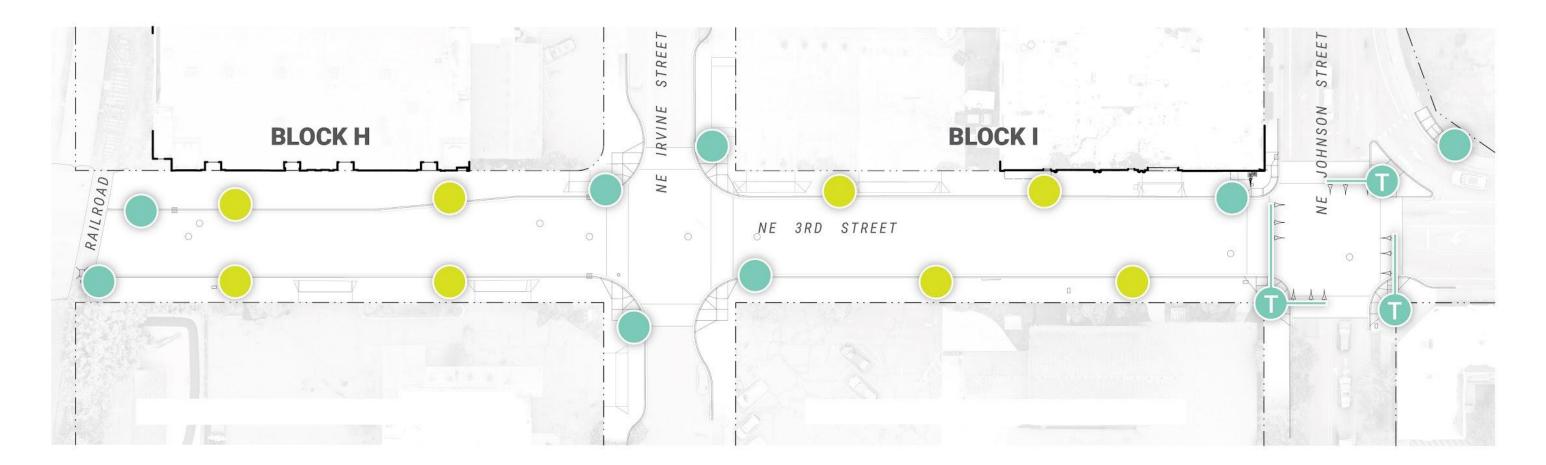






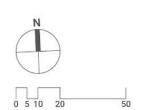












DESIGN QUESTIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Our goals with street lighting are to create a pleasant ambience for pedestrians, contribute to an overall feeling of safety for visitors and locals alike, and to enhance visibility of pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.
- We will continue to work on fixture placement in conjunction with other streetscape elements particularly the street trees in order to ensure proper light levels up and down Third Street.

15% Design :: Furnishings







Planter



Waste Receptacle



Bike Rack

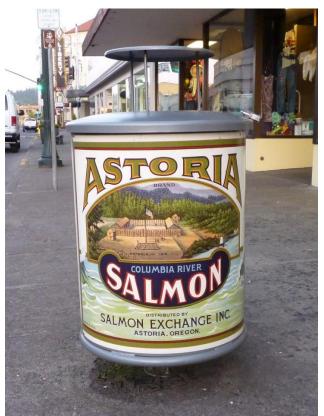


Water Fountain
(ADA and Pet-Friendly)

Preferred Design Theme :: Waste Receptacle



Separate Single-Stream Receptacles







Receptacles as Functional Art

Option: Keep **trash** and **recycling** in separate receptacles, and consider using functional art for one of them

Furnishings & Fixtures :: Functional Art Ideas







Bicycle Racks











Planters

Option: Work with stakeholders and community members to design and incorporate **functional art** during later design phases







Benches

Existing Fixtures :: Commemorative & Memorial Plaques





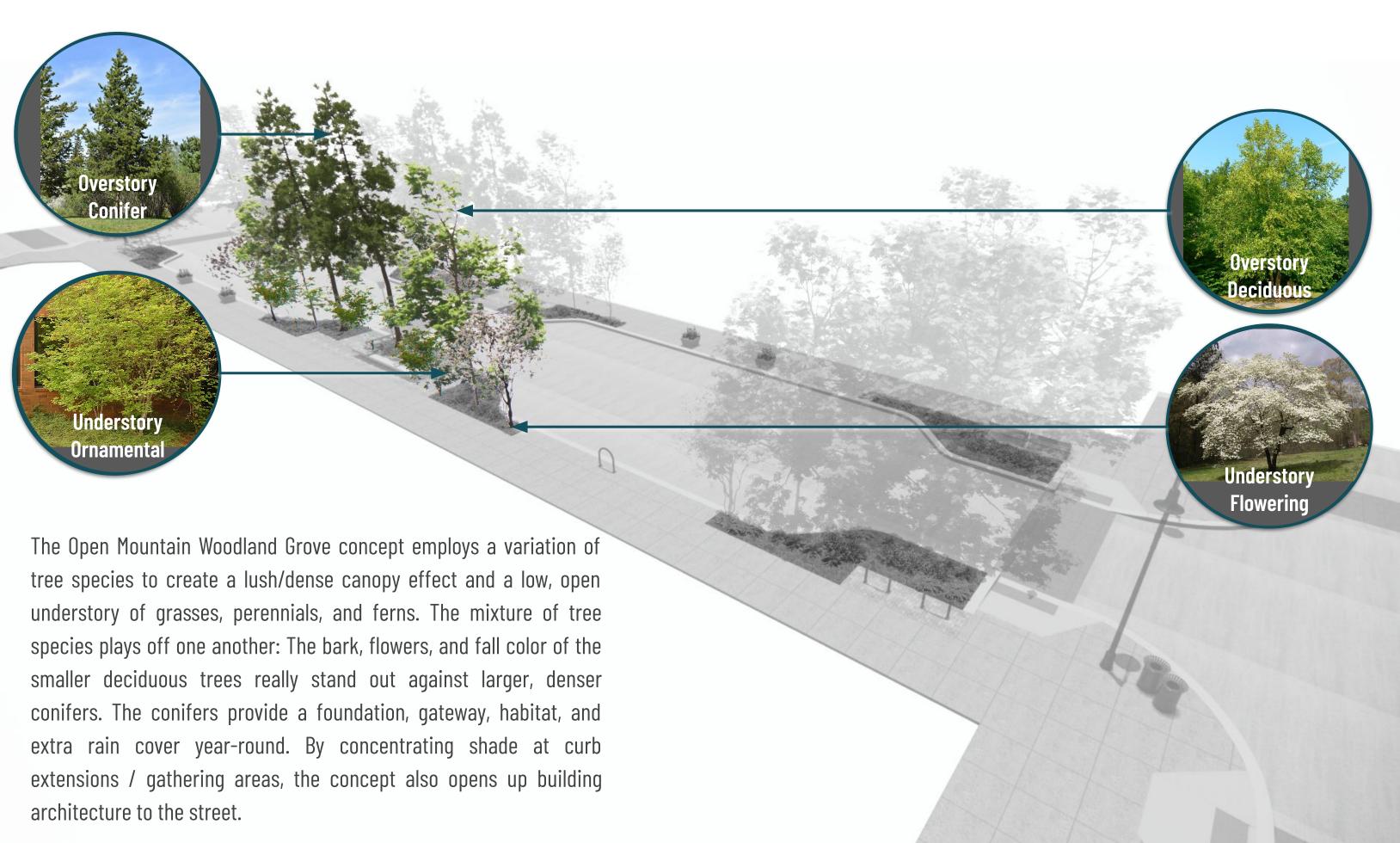
Recommendation: Work with MDA, stakeholders, and community members to determine approach to existing commemorative and memorial plaques



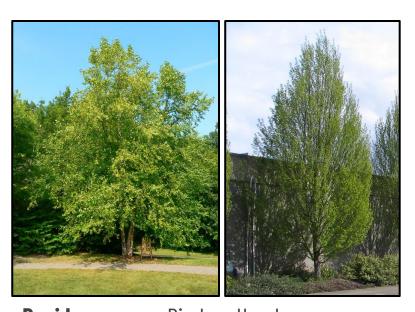




Grove Concept :: Open Mountain Woodland



Concept Design :: Proposed Grove Concept (Open Mountain Woodland)









Understory 2 - e.g., Dogwood or Redbud



Conifer - e.g., Lodgepole Pine



Understory 1 - e.g., Vine Maple or Witchhazel



Street Tree Preservation Criteria:: Compromised Health

Is the existing tree in Poor or Very Poor health or is the existing tree's health demonstrably declining (as determined by the project's Consulting Arborist)?

In the 2019 and 2024 surveys by the project team's Consulting Arborist, trees were rated "**Poor**" or "**Very Poor**" (based on above-ground observations only) if they exhibited the following issues:

- Visible wounds, exposed decay, and/or deadwood
- Poor annual twig growth
- Asymmetric crowns or imbalanced structure
- Sunscald
- Some amount of dead stems



Street Tree Preservation Criteria :: Lifted Roots

Are the existing tree's roots lifting the sidewalks? Would the roots need to be significantly trimmed / removed in order to rebuild the new sidewalk to meet ADA standards and building entrances? (Would the existing tree survive if its roots were shaved / cut / trimmed back?)

The older existing trees are lifting the sidewalks and creating **ADA accessibility issues** (for which both the City and the adjacent property owner may be liable).

The proposed improvements will need to restore proper ADA-compliant grading while also maintaining access to existing buildings and businesses. This means that, were existing trees to remain, their above-grade roots would need to be shaved / trimmed / cut / removed.



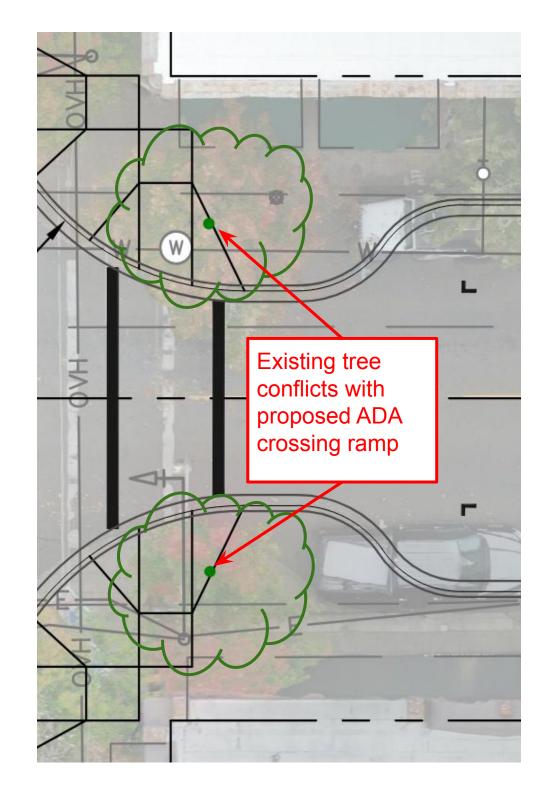




Street Tree Preservation Criteria:: Conflict with Critical Infrastructure

Will the existing tree conflict with critical infrastructure / improvements (either above or below ground)?

The existing street trees on NE Third were sited and planted to match both a previous streetscape design and an earlier set of local standards. Some of the existing trees today conflict with important infrastructure such as traffic signals and streetlights - and diminish the effectiveness of that infrastructure. Such conflicts should be avoided with the new Third Street improvements - including ADA ramps, utilities, etc

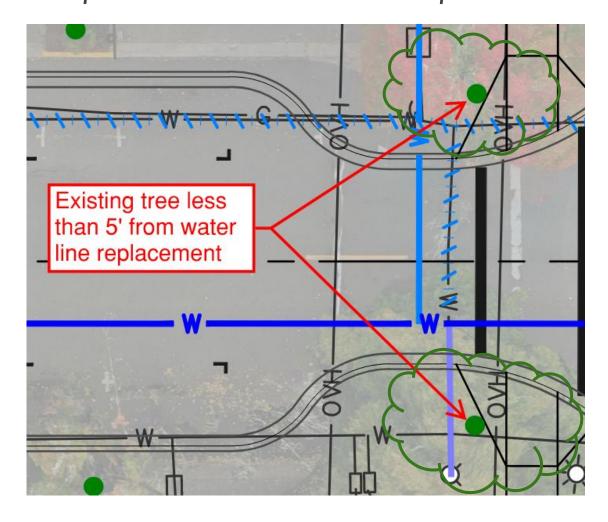






Street Tree Preservation Criteria :: Conflict with Agency Standards

Will preserving the existing tree cause conflicts with standards set by the City's Engineering Dept., McMinnville Fire District, or McMinnville Water & Light? And can exceptions be made in order to preserve existing trees?



17.58.090 Street Tree Standards.

Street trees shall not be planted within 10 feet of fire hydrants, utility poles, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or water lines, or within 20 feet of street light standards or street intersections, or within five feet of a private driveway or alley. New utility poles shall not be located within five feet of an existing street tree. Variations to these distances may be granted by the public works director and as may be required to ensure adequate clear vision.



17.54.080 Clear Vision Area.

A clear vision area shall be maintained on the corners of all properties at the intersection of two streets, a street and an alley, or a street and a railroad. Clear vision area requirements shall also apply to the first 10 feet of commercial and industrial access driveways when the driveway intersects with a street or alley. A clear vision area shall contain no planting, fence, wall, structure or temporary or permanent obstruction exceeding three feet in height, measured from the top of the curb or, where no curb exists, from three and one-half (3.5) feet above the edge of the pavement, or top of asphalt measured at the property line, except that the following may be allowed in a clear vision area.

Street Tree Preservation Criteria:: Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

WHAT IS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES (PROWAG)

- Developed by the United States Access Board issued the long-awaited final rule on Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)
- Went into effect on September 7, 2023
- PROWAG was developed to support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)
- PROWAG addresses access to sidewalks, streets, crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, on-street parking, and other components of public rights-of-way.

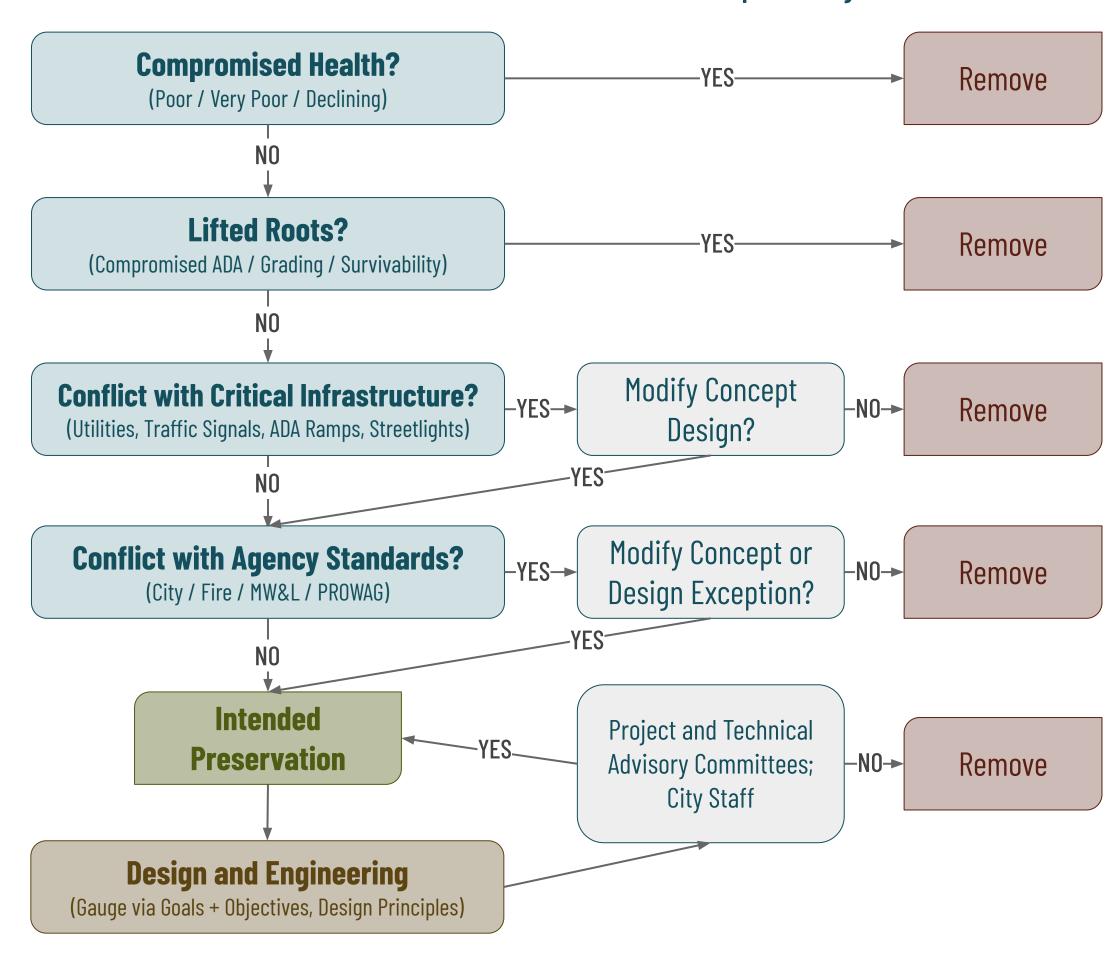
HOW DOES PROWAG APPLY TO THIS PROJECT?

- Functional, accessible pedestrian routes and pedestrian safety are key design elements of the Third
 Street Improvement Project
- Pedestrian Access Route (PAR): "The PAR should be at least four feet wide, although five feet is
 preferred since it provides adequate space for two pedestrians to pass and space for two
 pedestrians traveling in the same direction to walk side-by-side. A five-foot PAR width eliminates the
 need to provide passing areas at 200-foot intervals and is a more comfortable walking environment."

Recommended Preservation Criteria:: Revised Decision Tree (Adopted by PAC on 2/1/24)

GOAL:

Where feasible, preserve Third Street's existing street trees

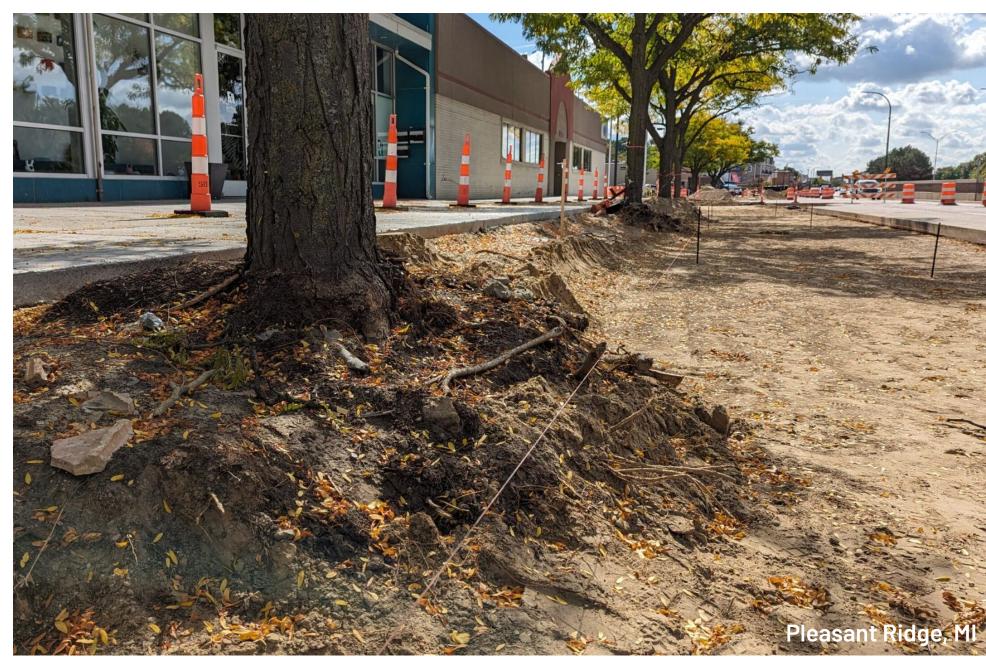


Potential Eventualities :: Future Discovery and Construction Impacts

While the contractor will make all necessary efforts to protect trees marked for preservation, there is a possibility that some trees may not survive demolition and construction. For example, two related factors to consider:

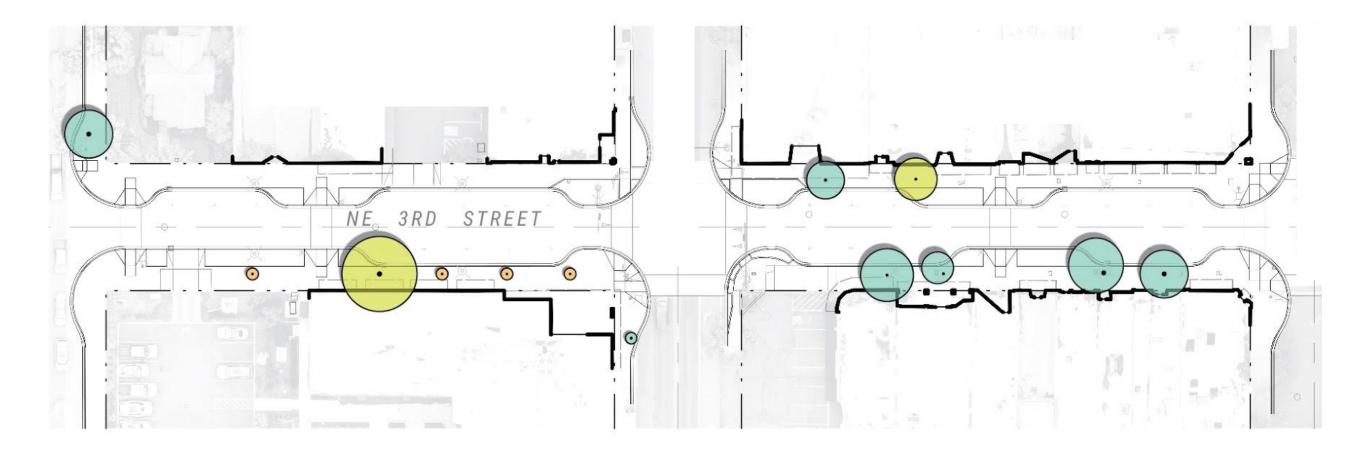
- Extent of root system and potential for disturbance / damage during construction
- Tree stability during construction (including soil / root disturbance and wind shear)

It is also possible that additional information may come to light (e.g., tree health, root impacts) that will necessitate tree removal.



The City's project team will work between now and the time the TSI Project is put out for bid to develop a clear process for (and personnel responsible for) evaluating and adjudicating which trees marked for preservation (if any) should be removed during construction. The City will also consider what incentives or penalties could be utilized with the contractor so that appropriate measures are taken in the field to protect those trees that have been marked for preservation.

15% Design :: **Existing Trees**





PROS

- Low maintenance
- Can accommodate trees with large root flares

CONS

- Material change
- Possibility of debris spilling onto sidewalk







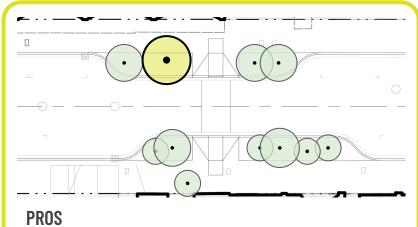
PROS

- Walkable grates maximize pedestrian space
- Flush condition with sidewalk

CONS

- Ongoing maintenance as tree grows
- Upfront cost is higher
- Only works for newly planted trees



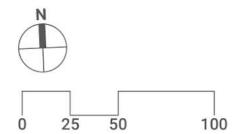


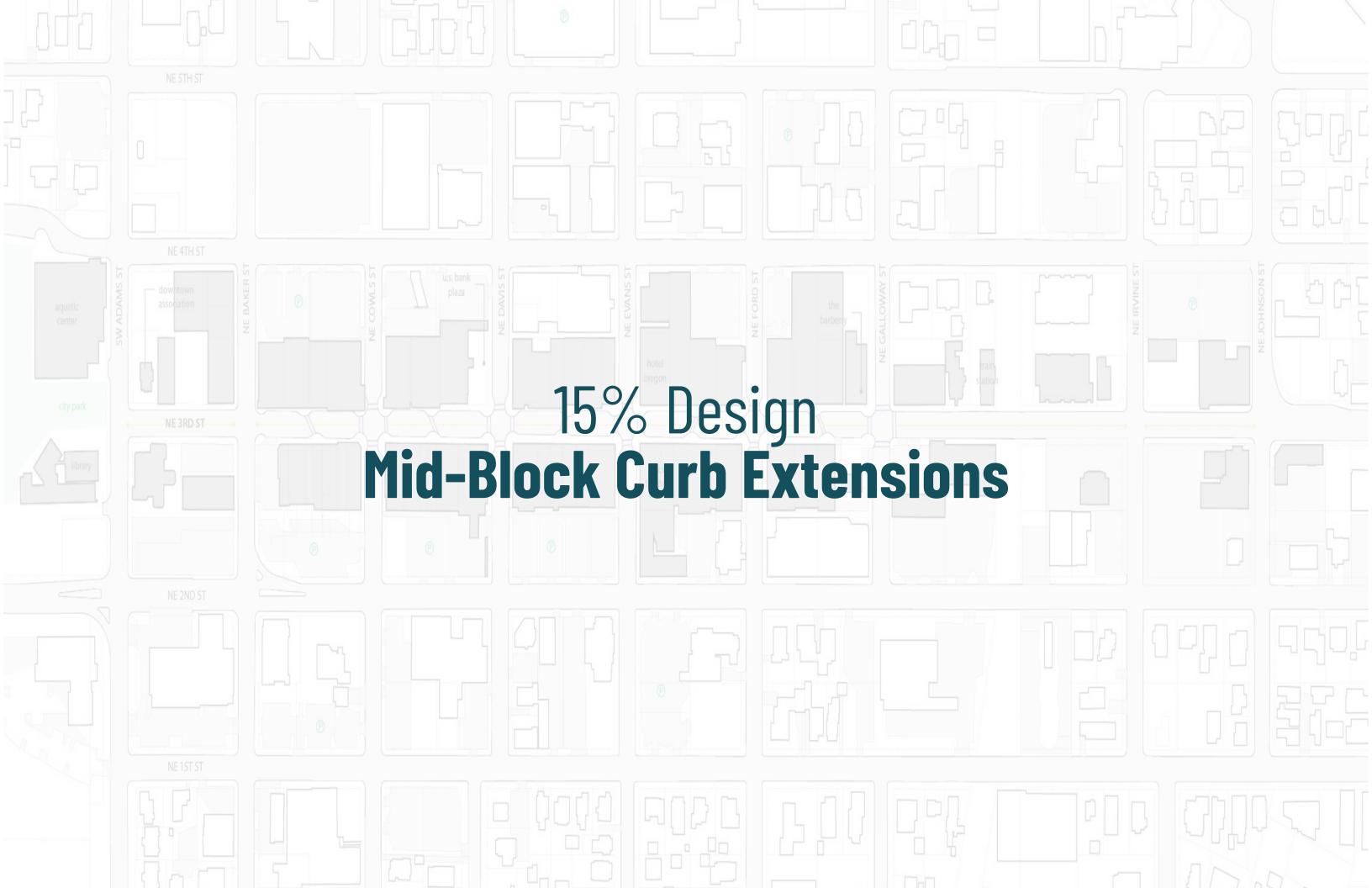
- No additional maintenance required
- Gives most space for tree growth/health

CONS

- Would not allow for understory planting where there are exposed/woody roots
- Larger existing trees would make it difficult to add additional trees into grove areas



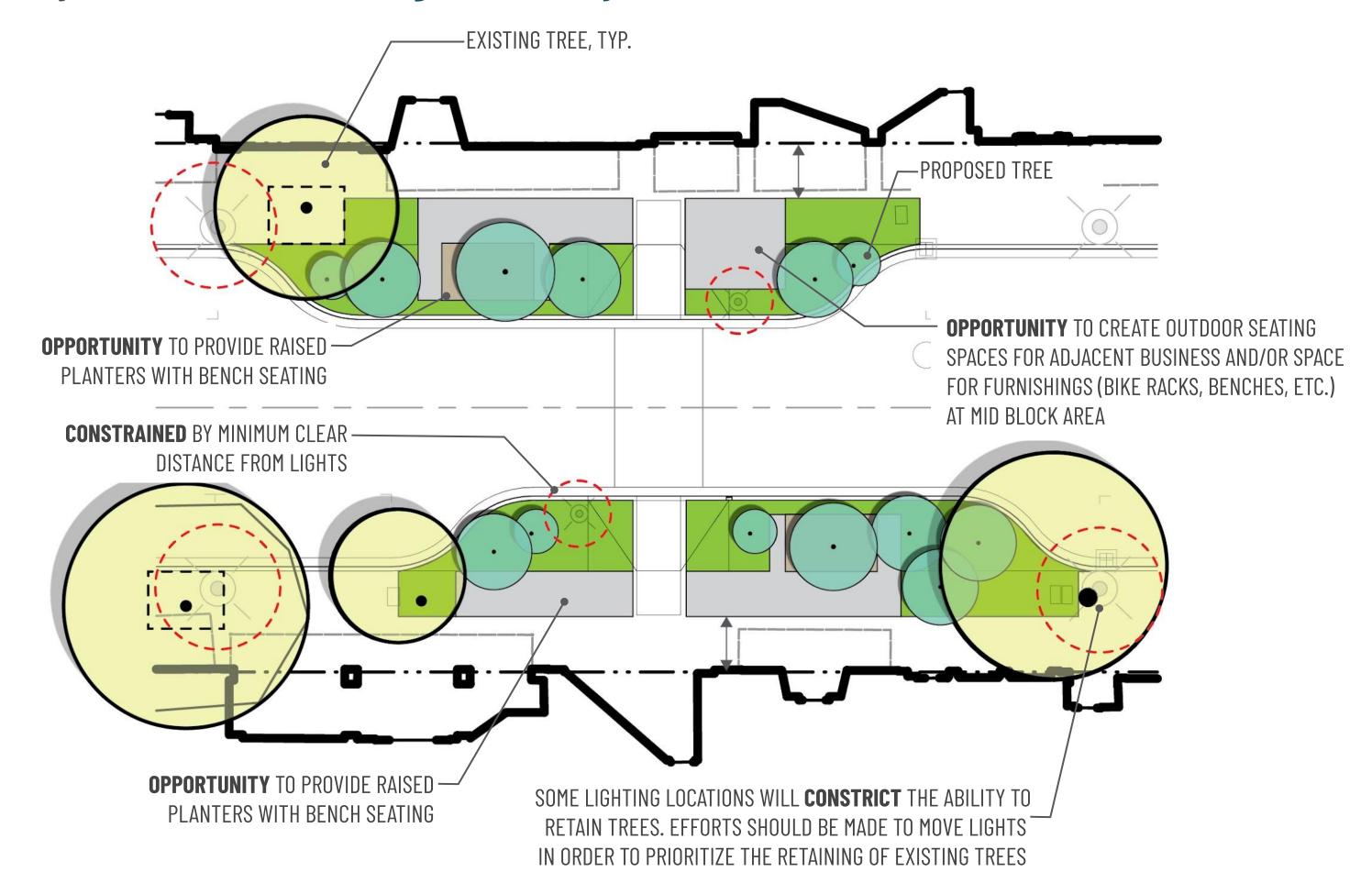




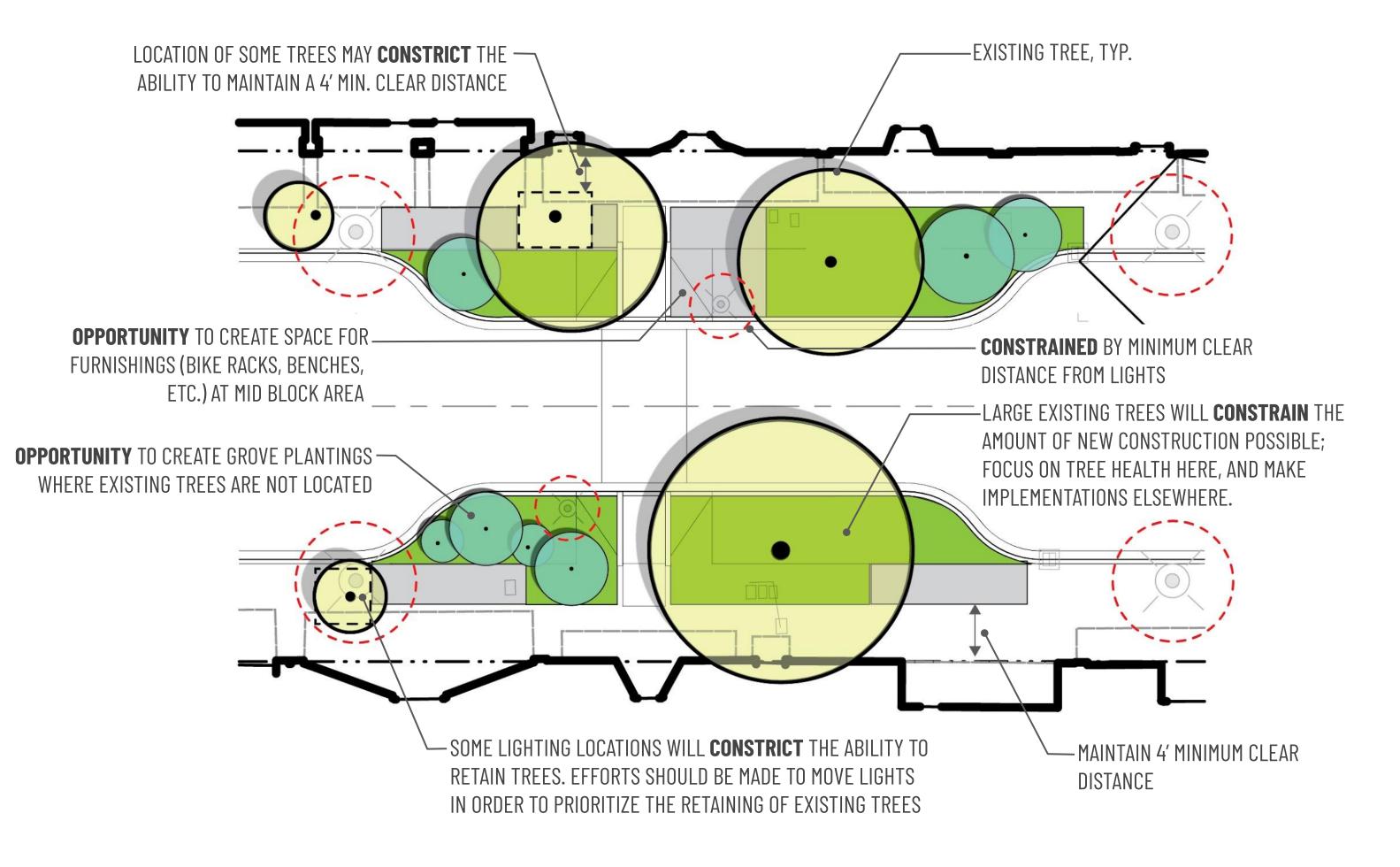
Concept Design :: Mid-Block Curb Extensions



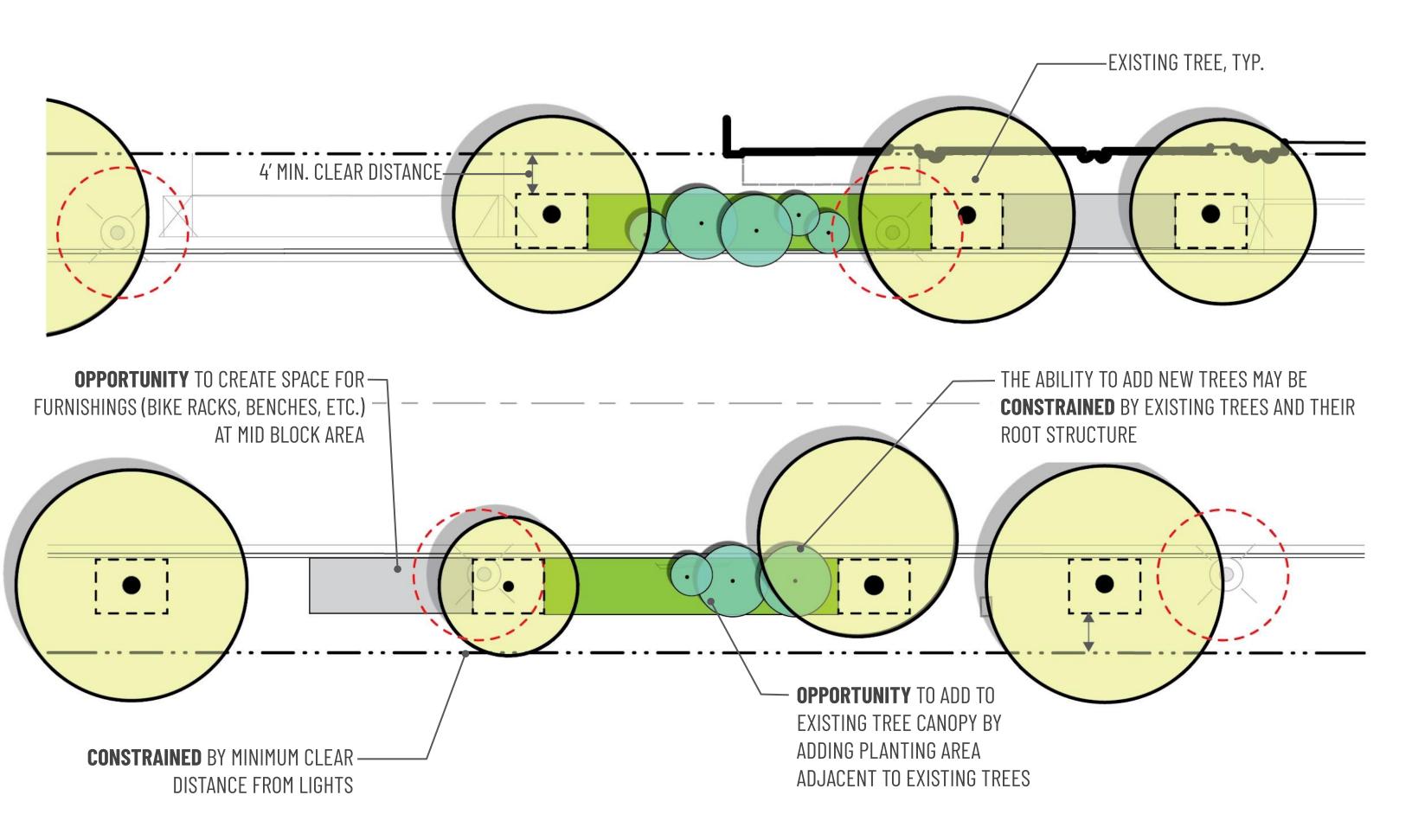
15% Design :: Mid-Block Crossing (No Existing Tree(s))



15% Design :: Mid-Block Crossing (With Existing Tree(s))



15% Design :: Mid-Block (Irving to Johnson)



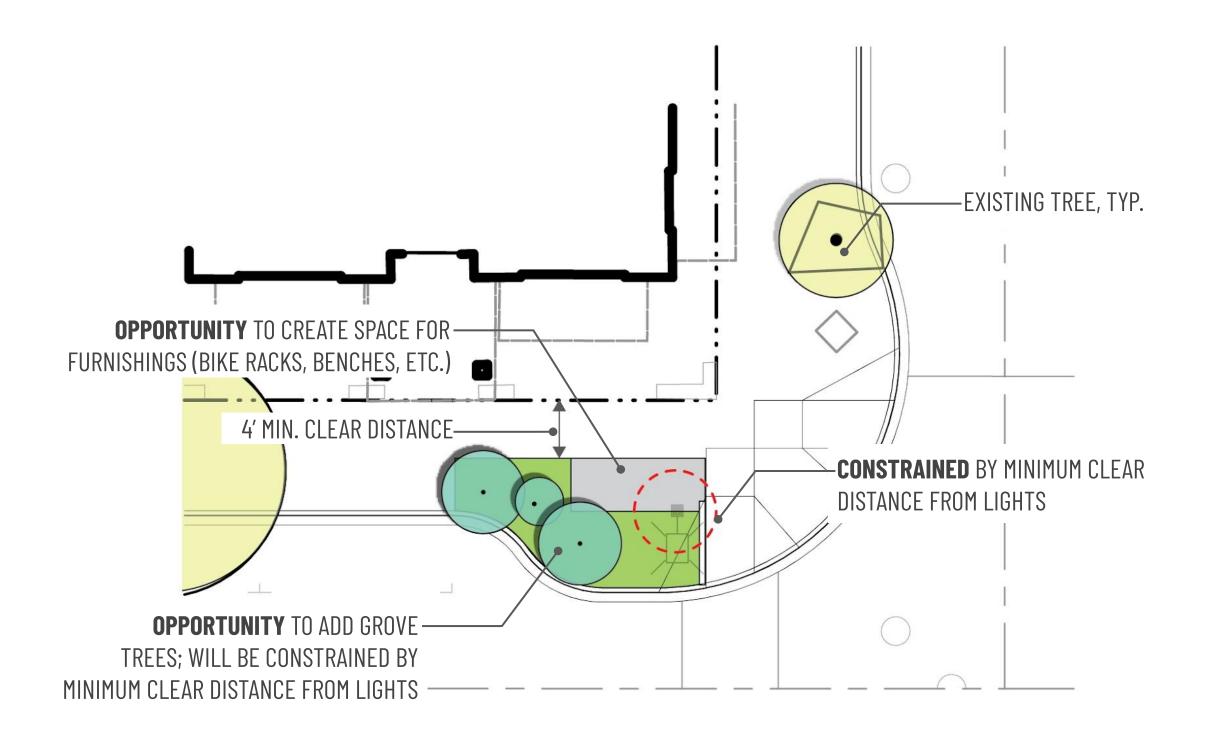
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DESIGN QUESTIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

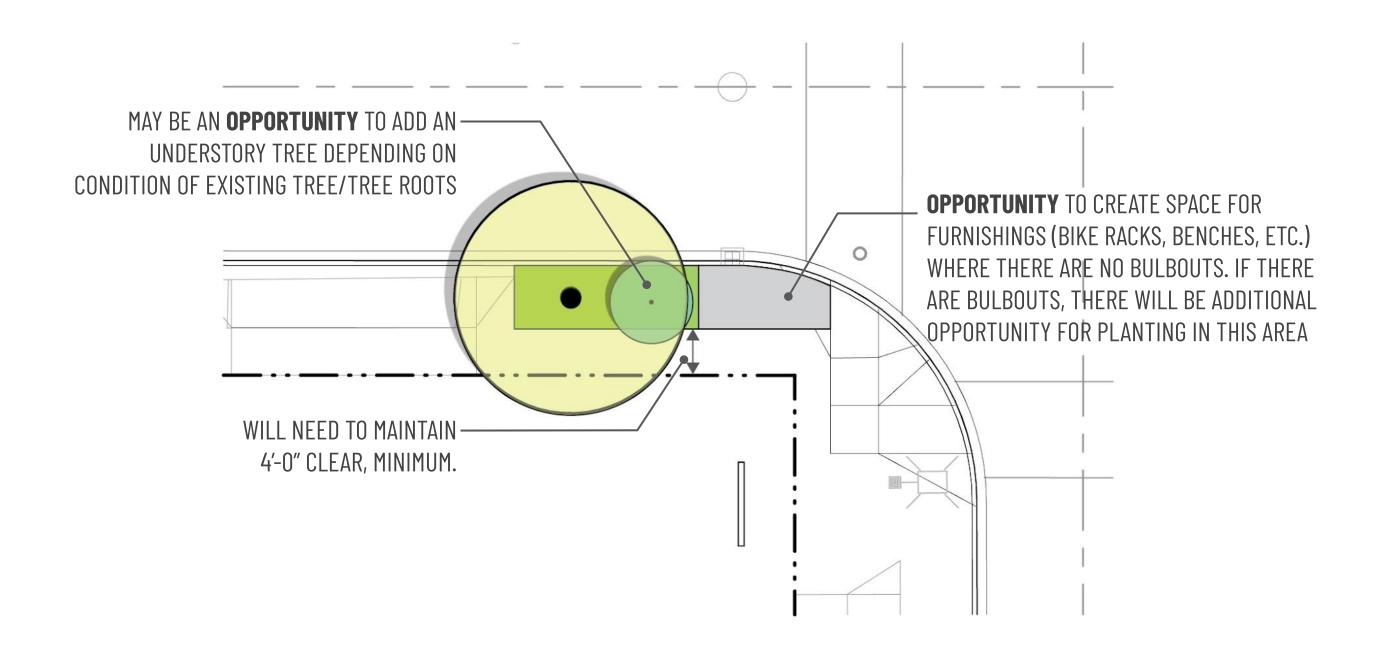
- What furnishings, if any, do you think are necessary at mid-block crossings to enhance the bike/pedestrian experience?
- Keeping existing large trees with exposed roots will limit the ability to add additional trees and create "groves."
 - Prioritize furnishings in mid-block conditions with no existing trees
 - Prioritize capturing existing trees in proposed planting areas to a create healthy tree environment
 - Limit new construction around existing trees
 - Understory planting around existing trees will be constrained due to existing root systems.



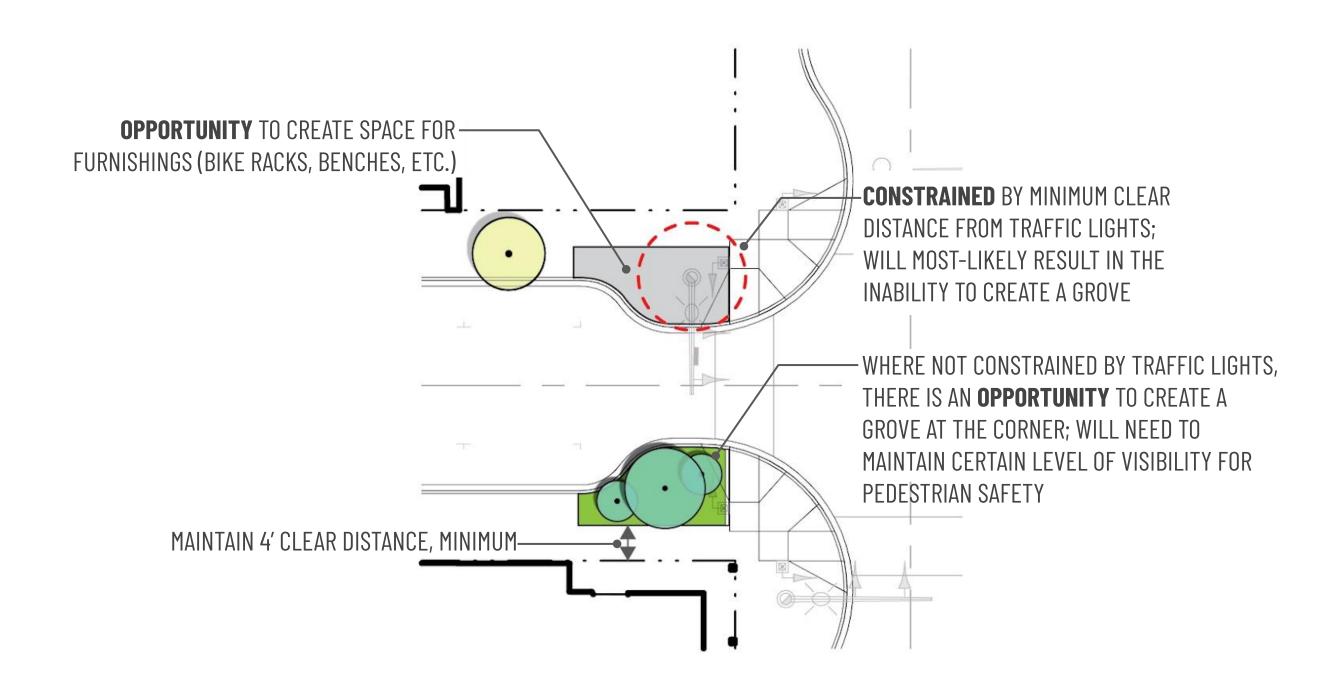
15% Design :: **Corners** (No Existing Trees)



15% Design :: **Corners** (Existing Tree(s))



15% DESIGN :: CORNERS (With Traffic Lights)

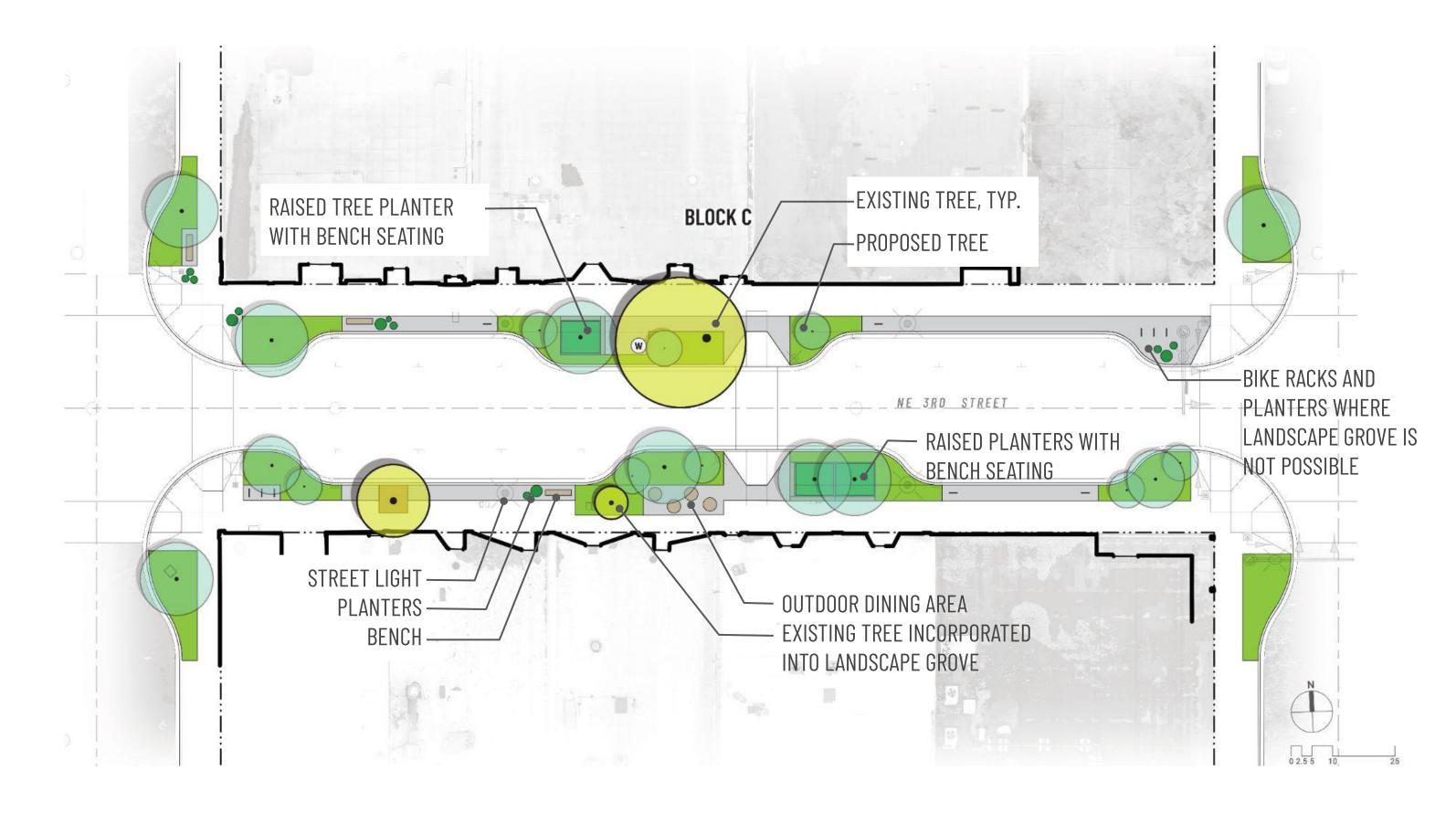


15% Design :: Corners

DESIGN QUESTIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- What furnishings, if any, do you think are necessary at intersections in order to enhance the pedestrian / cyclist experience?
- Traffic light pole locations will limit the ability to create "groves" in some locations.
- Prioritize planters or planting areas at corners where infrastructure or existing trees constrain the ability to plant additional trees.
- Prioritize furnishings at corners with less proposed/existing infrastructure.

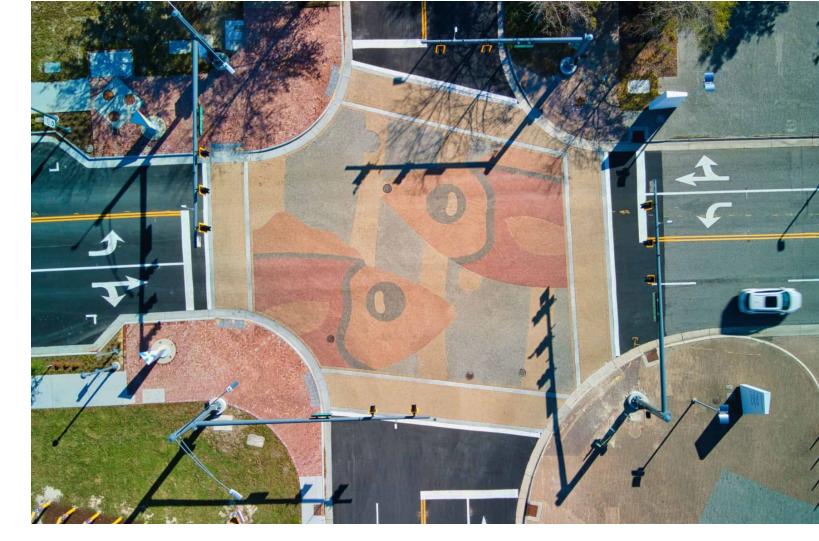
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15% Design :: Gateway Opportunities / Examples



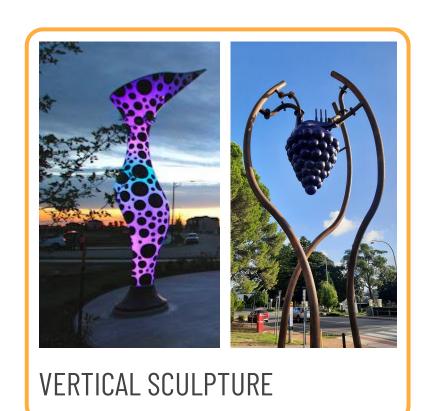




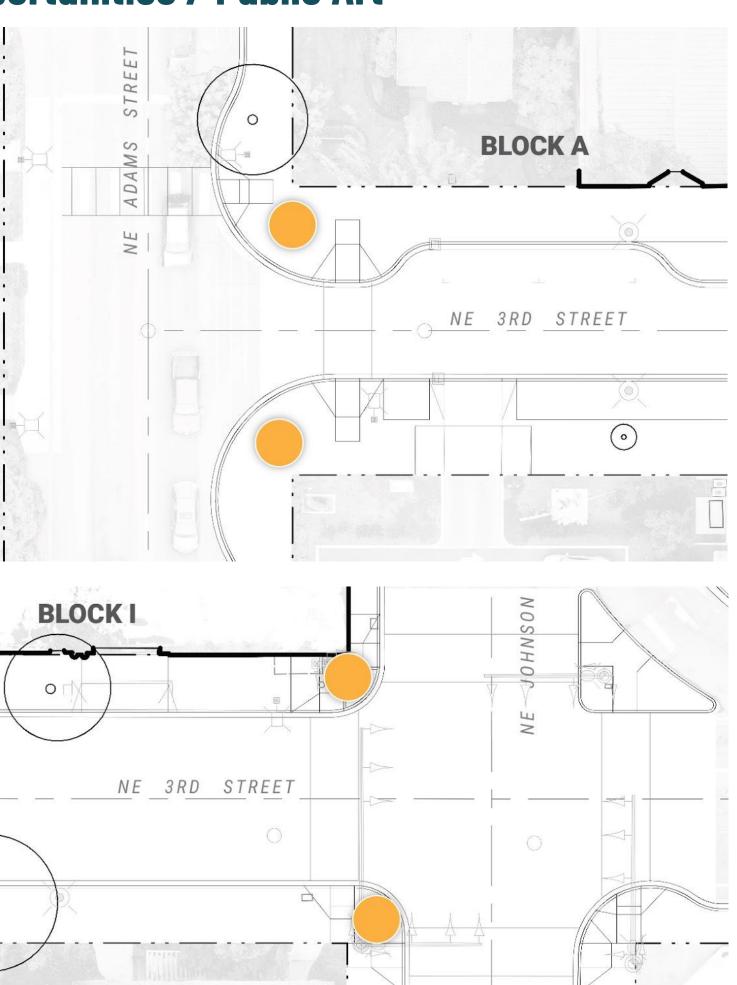


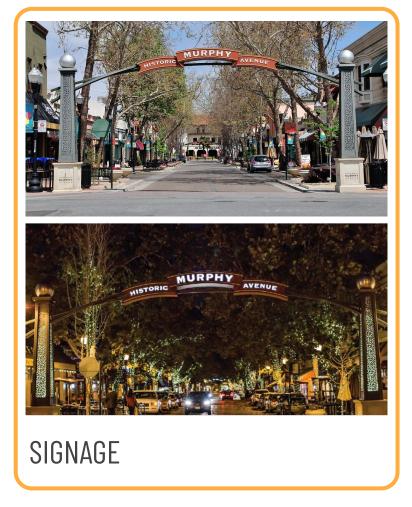


15% Design :: Gateway Opportunities / Public Art







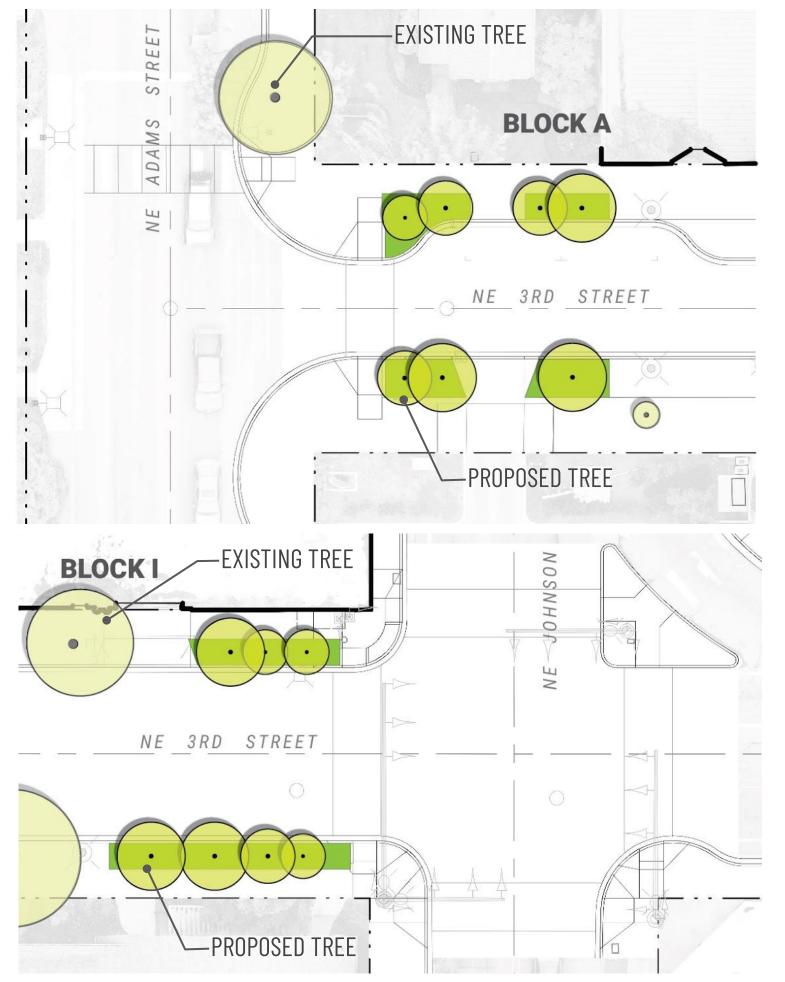


- Use a vertical landmark feature to highlight gateway intersections
- Interactive feature
- Public art opportunity

15% Design :: Gateway Opportunities / Street Trees









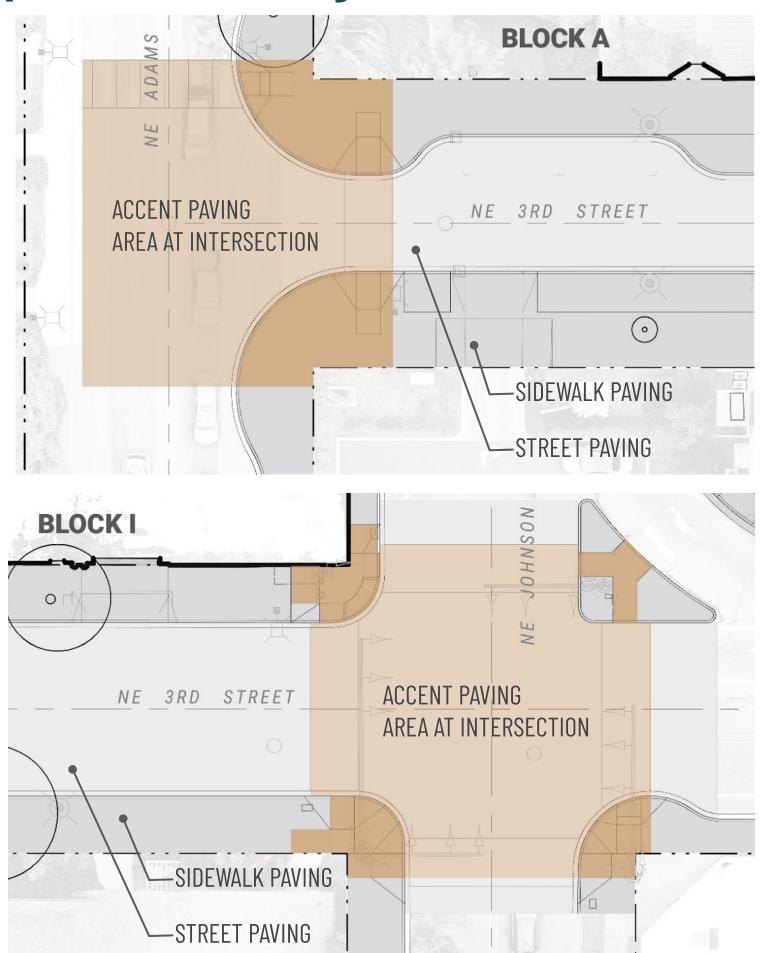
- Use tree selection to highlight gateway intersections
- Seasonal interest: the gateway evolves throughout the year
- Lighting incorporated into canopies can enhance the night time atmosphere
- Noticeable contrast to large canopy trees in mid-block areas

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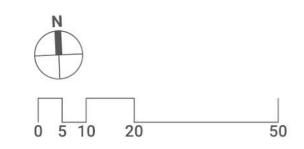




- Use variety of color/texture in hardscape to highlight gateway intersections
- Traffic calming for pedestrians also highlights pedestrian areas
- Can be combined with other gateway improvements without using additional pedestrian space







15% Design :: Gateway Opportunities: Street Trees (Adams & Johnson)

DESIGN QUESTIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Should both gateways have the same treatment?
- What do you see as the major difference(s) between the Adams and Johnson gateways? How should these differences influence the chosen treatments for each?
- Note: Gateway design strategies can be combined (e.g., public art + hardscape surface treatment)
- The Adams intersection will be constrained by right-of-way control when looking to implement hardscape surface treatments.
- The Adams intersection has the opportunity to highlight 3rd Street from a well-traveled highway.
 (Should Baker also be considered in this regard?)
- The Johnson intersection offers the opportunity to extend the character of 3rd Street further east.





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