

Victor Steinbrueck Park Improvements

Design Commission Briefing April 21, 2016



2008 Levy Recommendations:

Improvements to public safety including but not limited to:

- *improving sight lines into the park*
- *renovating seating*
- *renovating the former children's play area*
- *improving and expanding lighting*
- *upgrading landscaping*

Design Team Recommendations:

Complete replacement of membrane beneath park

Design Team Recommended

Outcome:

A democratic space that feels welcoming, safe and comfortable for all:

children, elderly, visitors, residents, disabled and disadvantaged members of our community

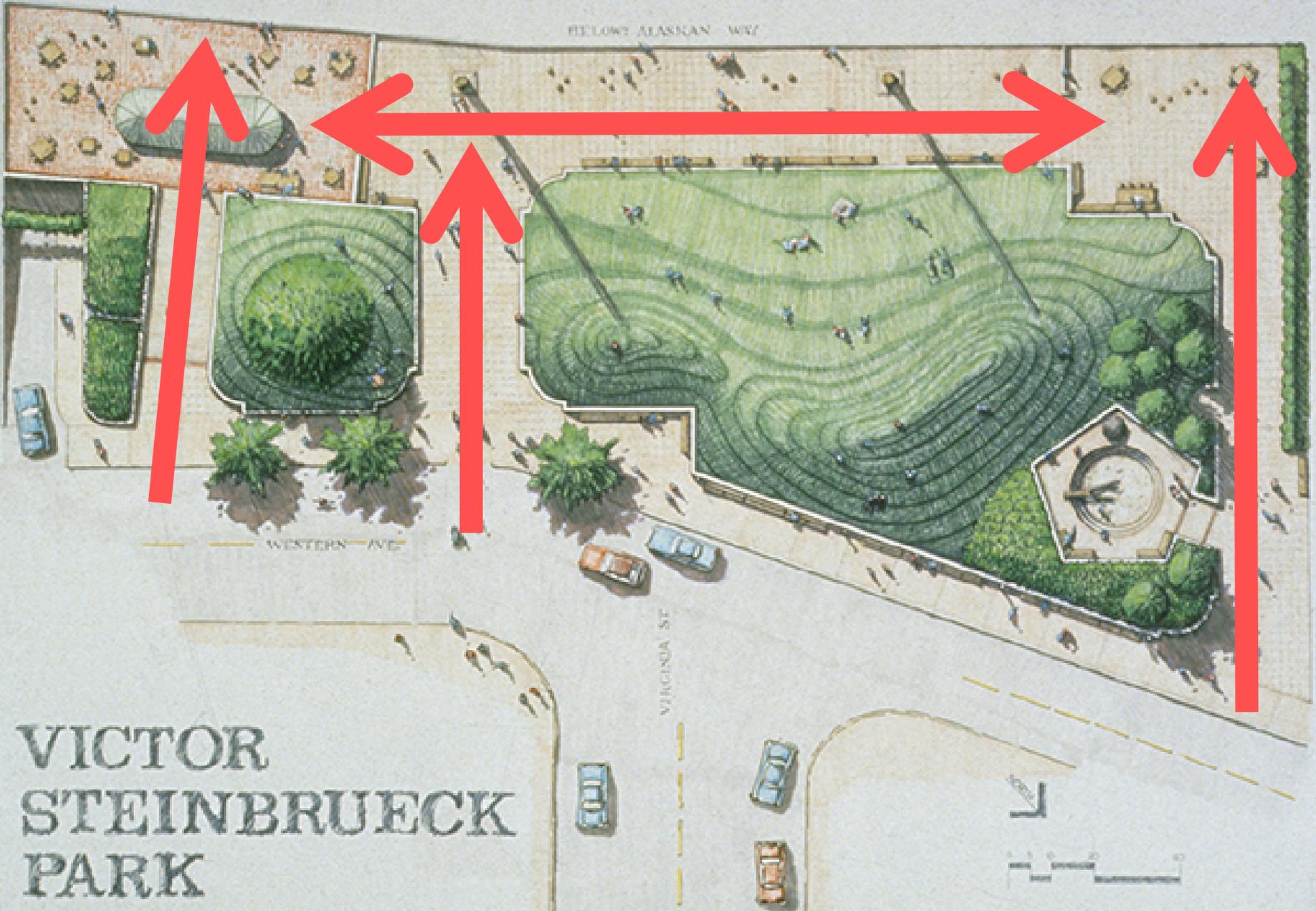
A park that is an extension of the Market

Park Design and Current Conditions

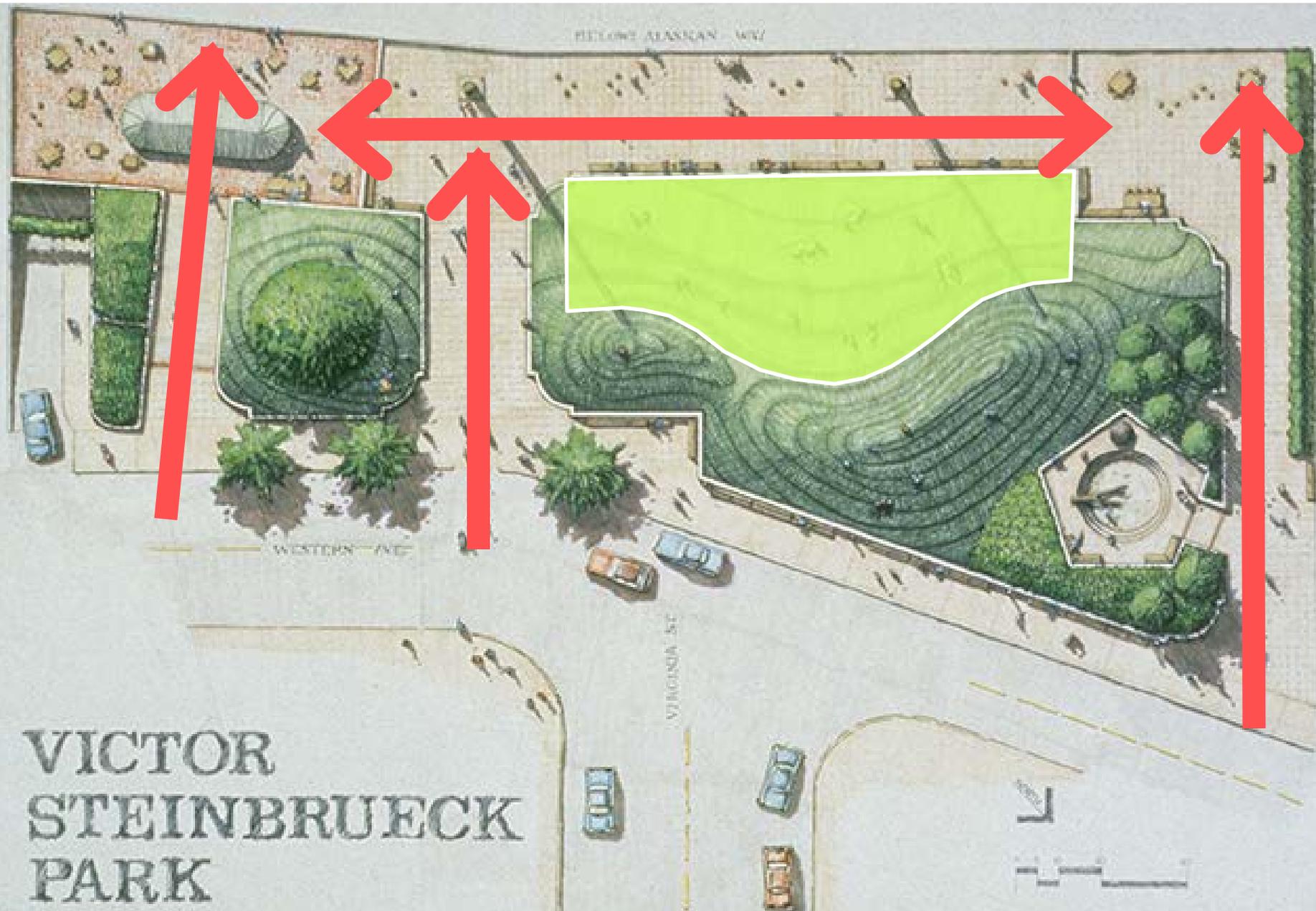
Original Design



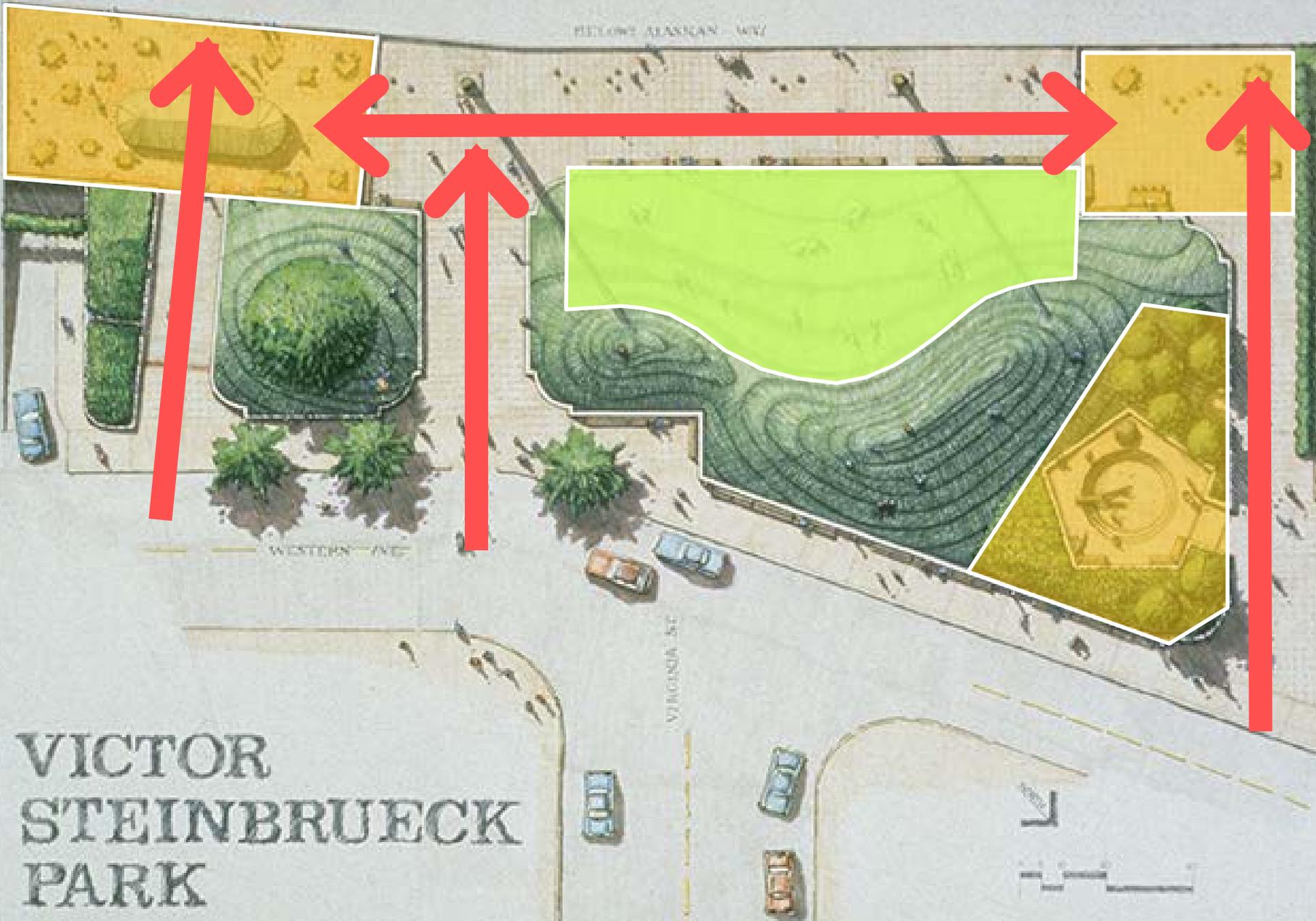
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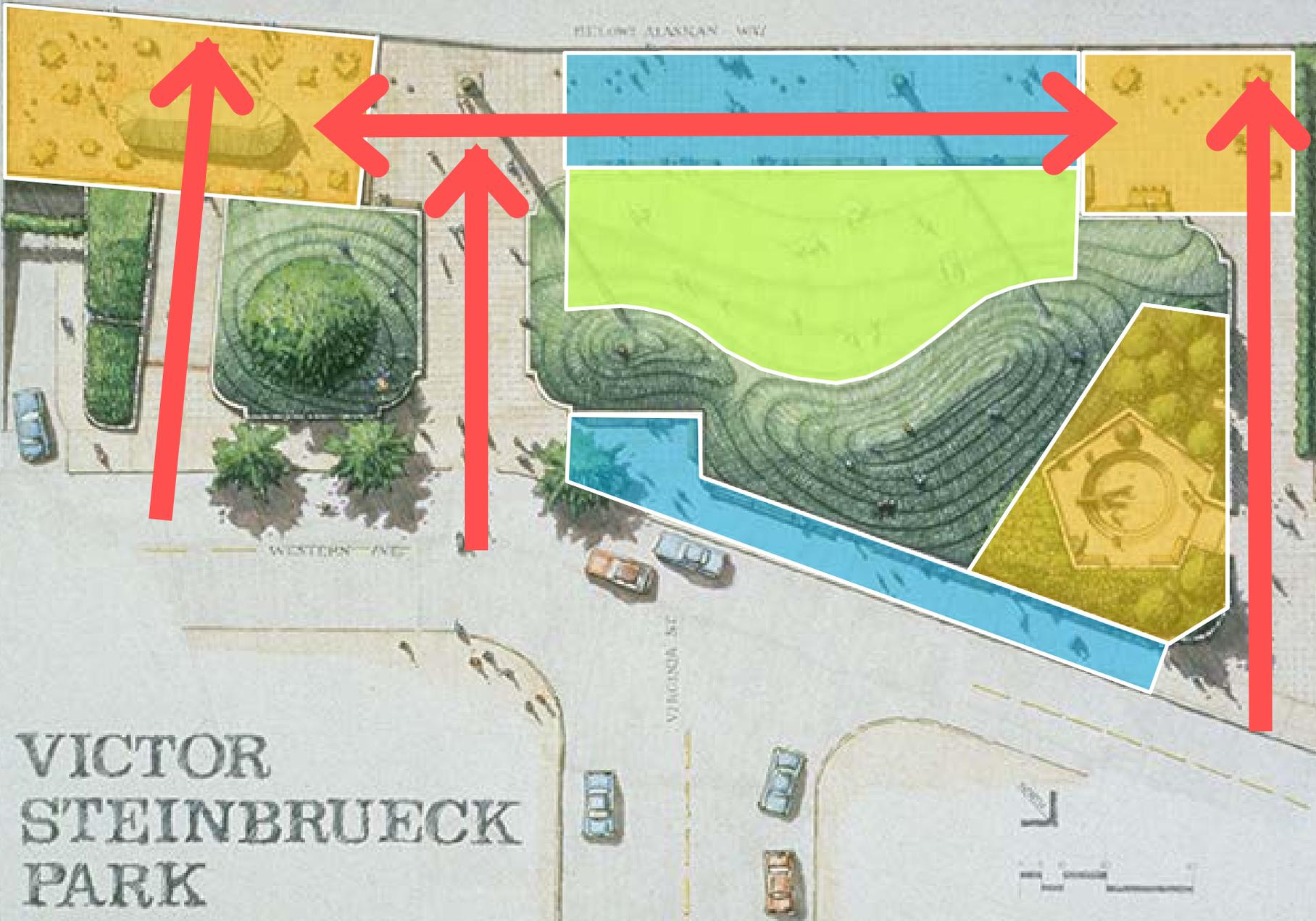
Lawn



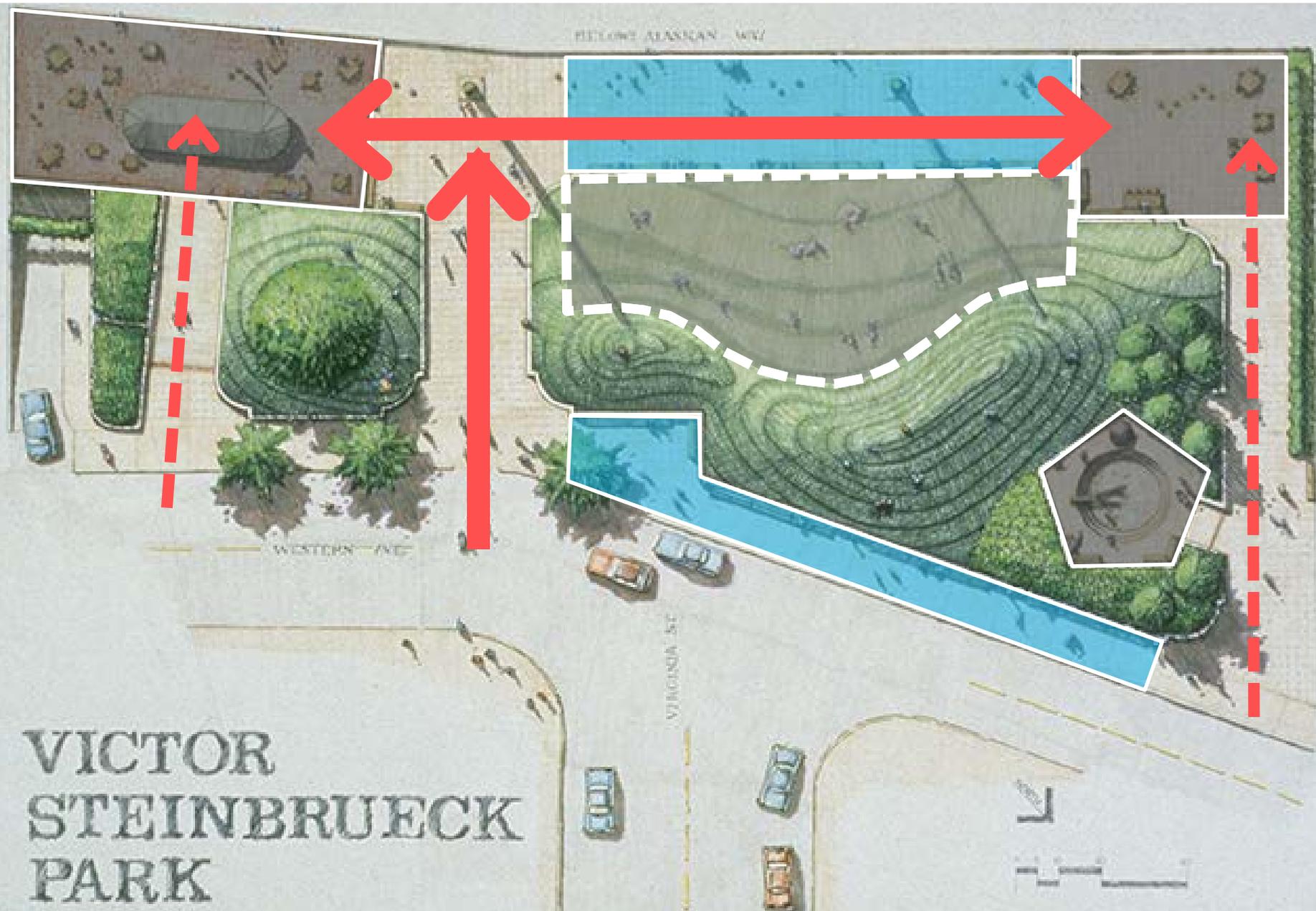
Outdoor Rooms



Seating for Views and Street life



Current Primary Use



Outdoor Room



Outdoor Room



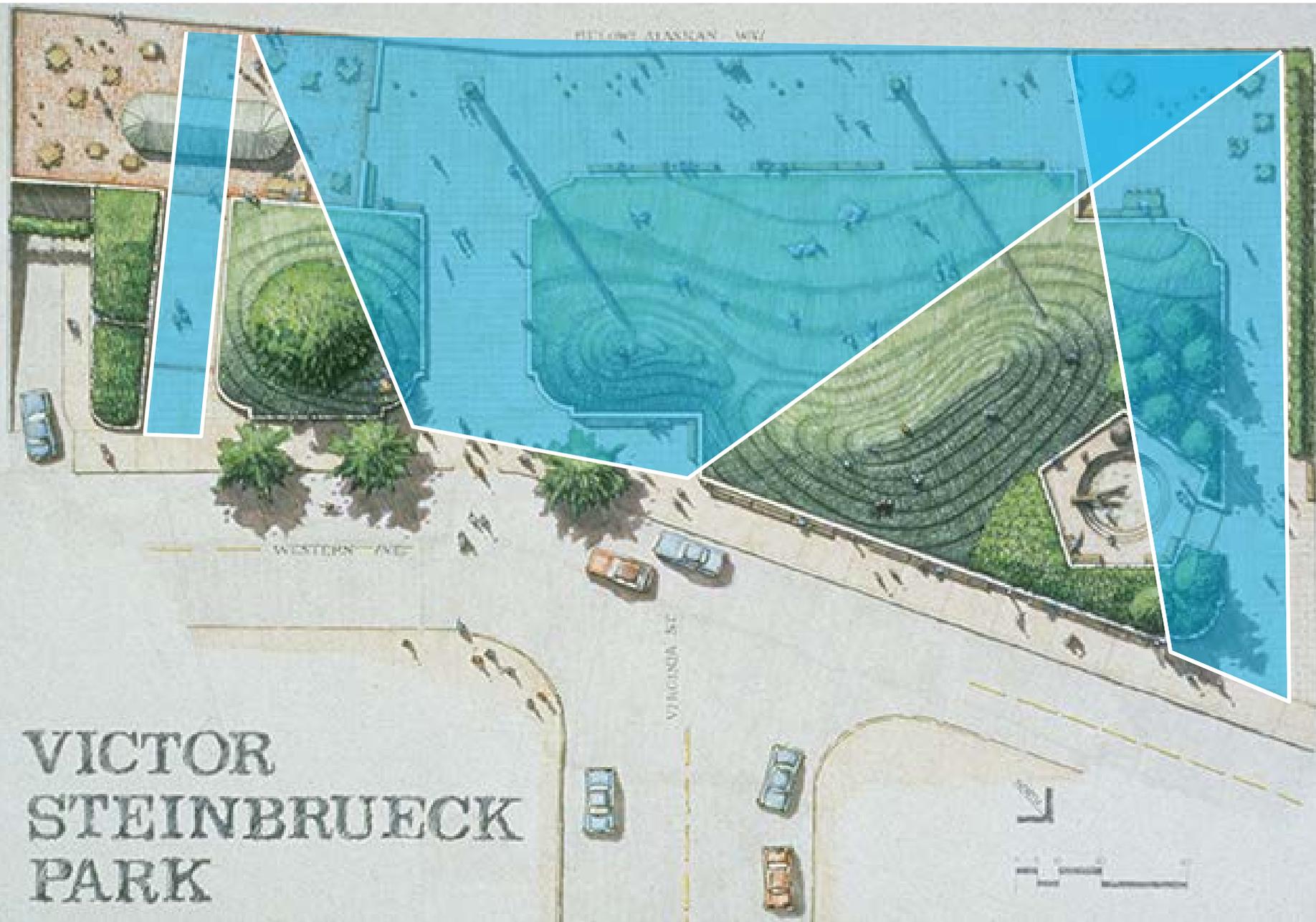
Original Play Area



Current Play Area (Memorial)



Sightlines



Sight Lines



Sight Lines



Sight Lines



Seating – Design Intent



Social Seating
Picnics, Small Gatherings



Linear Seating
Views & Street life

Seating – Improvements to Consider

Restoration

General Repairs

Real Wood

Durable Installation

Augment Seating with Current Best Practices

Companion Seating - ADA

Backs and Arms - ADA

Comfort

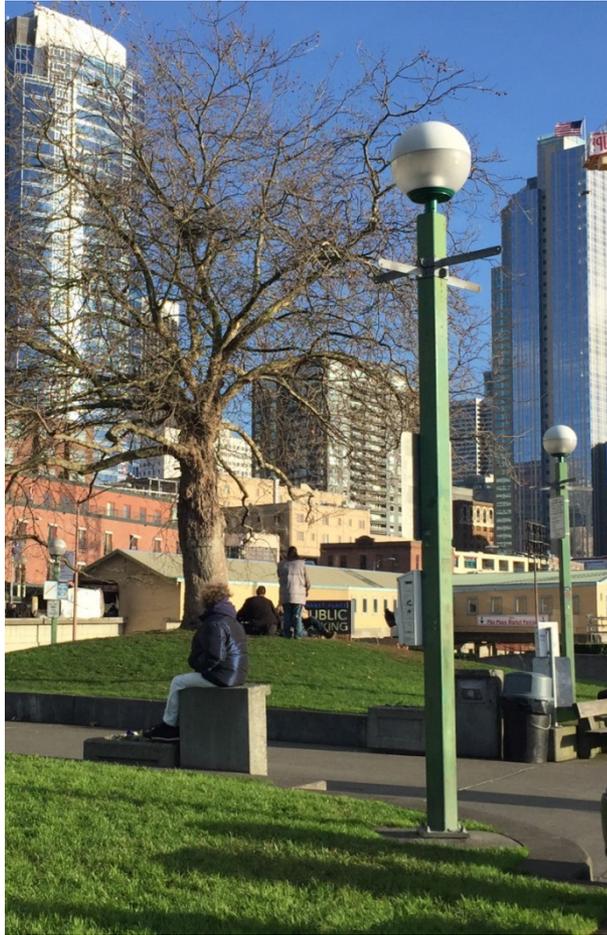
Additions/ Modifications

Larger Gatherings

Shade and Rain Protection



Lighting – Design Intent



Pole Lights
Perimeter Lighting



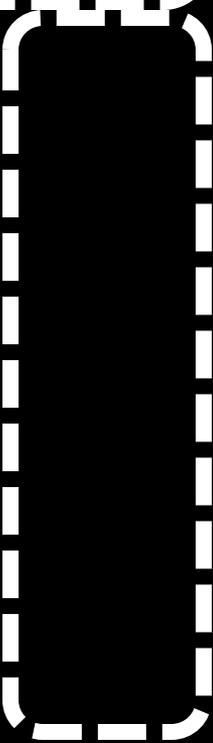
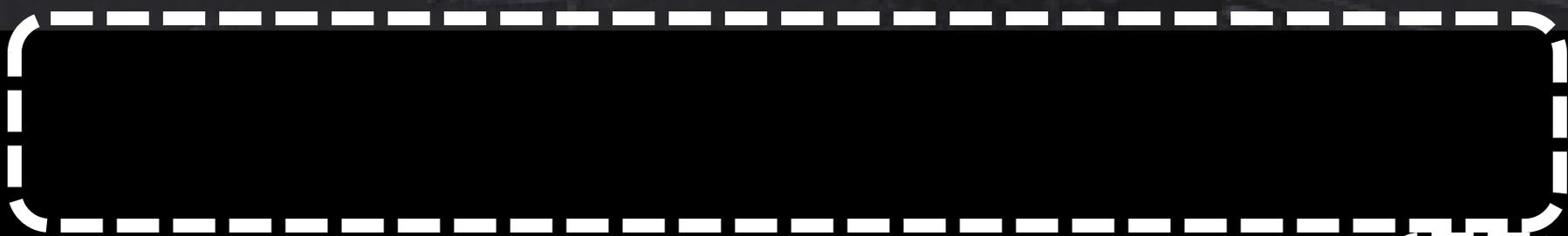
Bollards
Path Lighting

Existing Lighting



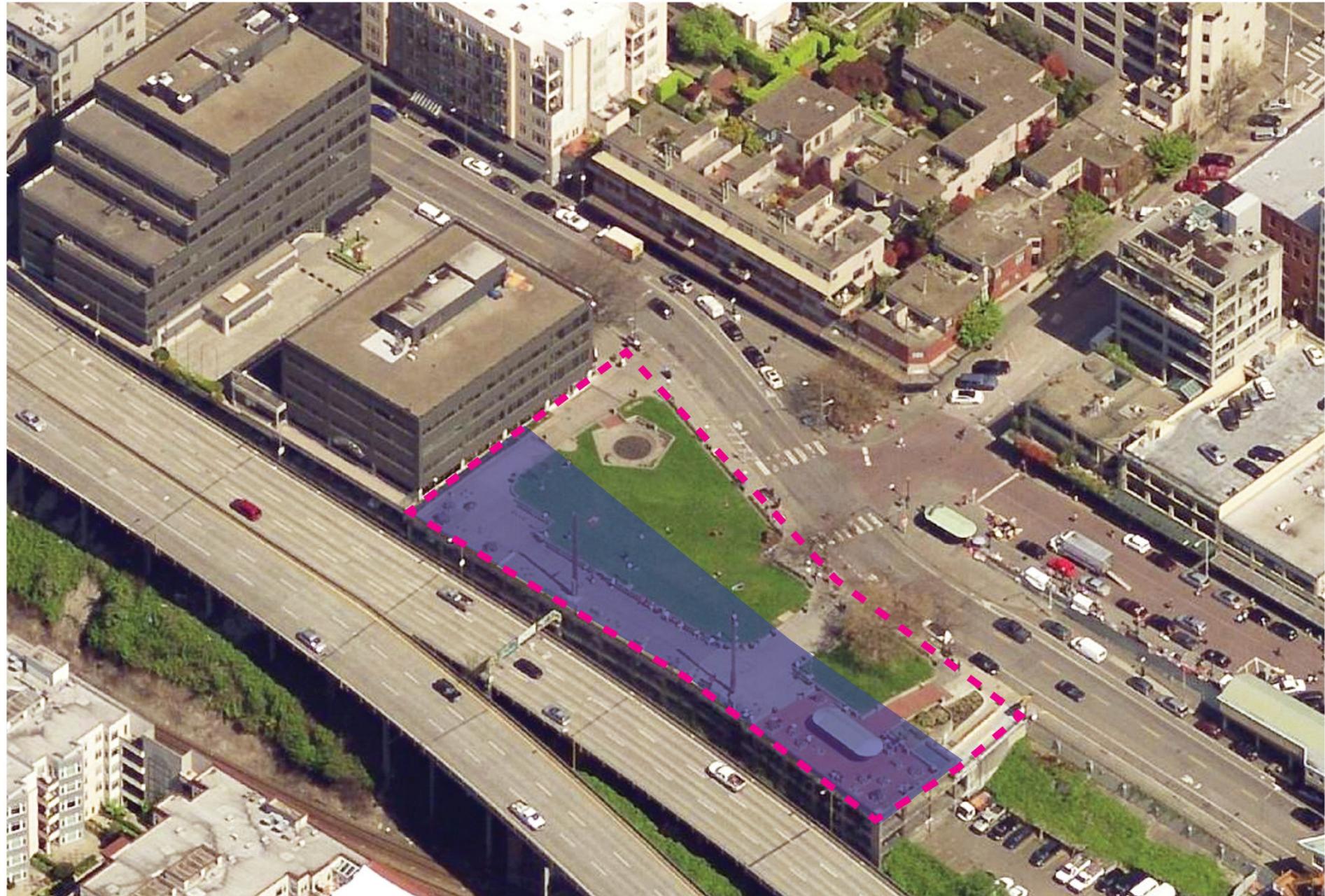
- Relatively low level of lighting
- Dim western edge - does not obstruct view
- Uneven lighting and light color
- Dark spots in corners

Lighting – Improvements to Consider



Replace Lights with Similar Types
Improved Technology
Improved Uniformity

Park On-Structure



Design Team Membrane Recommendations

- 100% membrane replacement with a 30 year membrane.
- Redesign water management and drainage systems.
- Address condition of guardrail

City Context and Connections

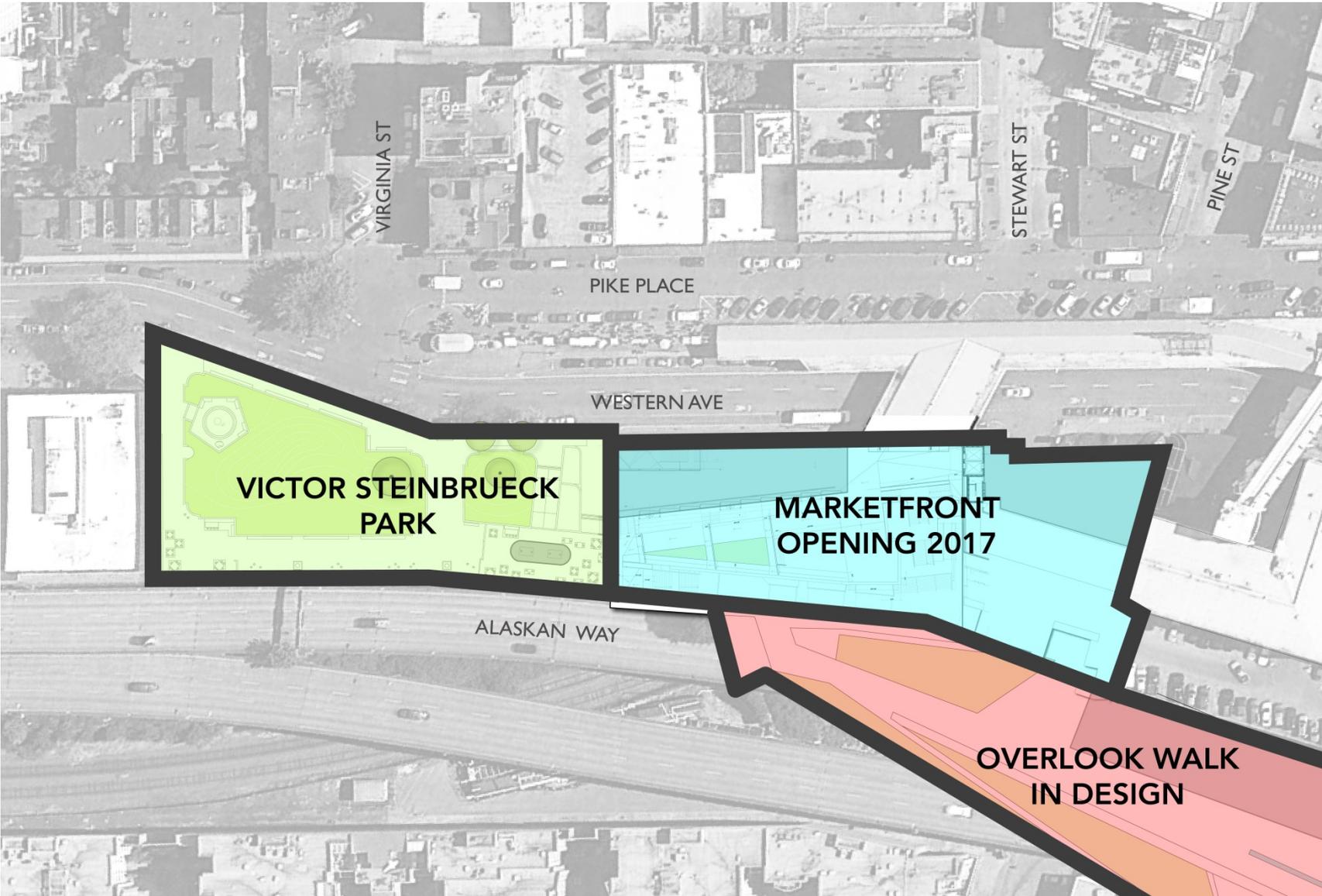
City Context – Waterfront Framework Plan



City Context



Changing Context



VIRGINIA ST

STEWART ST

PINE ST

PIKE PLACE

WESTERN AVE

ALASKAN WAY

**VICTOR STEINBRUECK
PARK**

**MARKETFRONT
OPENING 2017**

**OVERLOOK WALK
IN DESIGN**

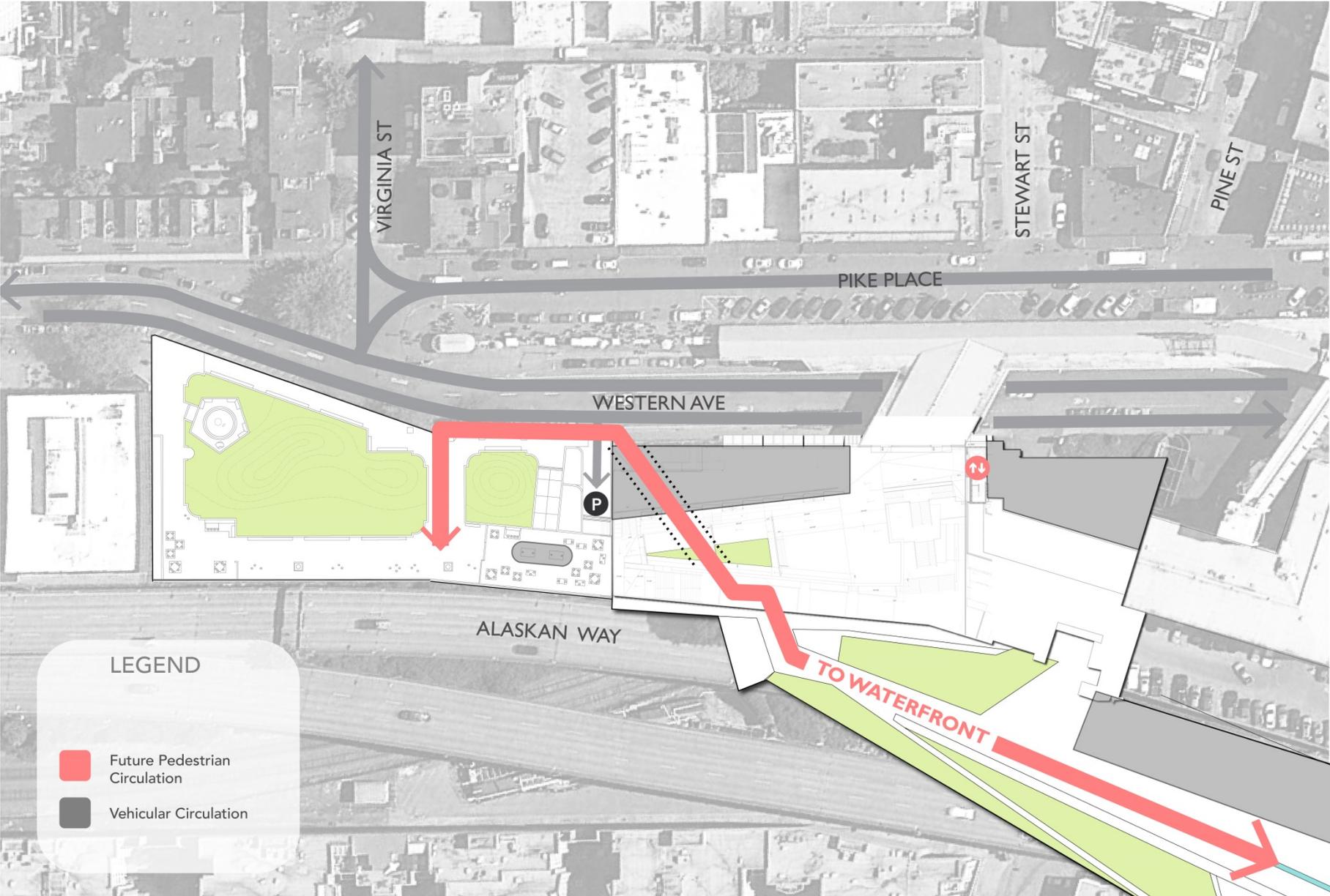
MarketFront



Central Waterfront Connection



Waterfront Connection via Western Ave & Breezeway



LEGEND

-  Future Pedestrian Circulation
-  Vehicular Circulation

Western Avenue



Western Ave. Sidewalk

Steeper than 5%

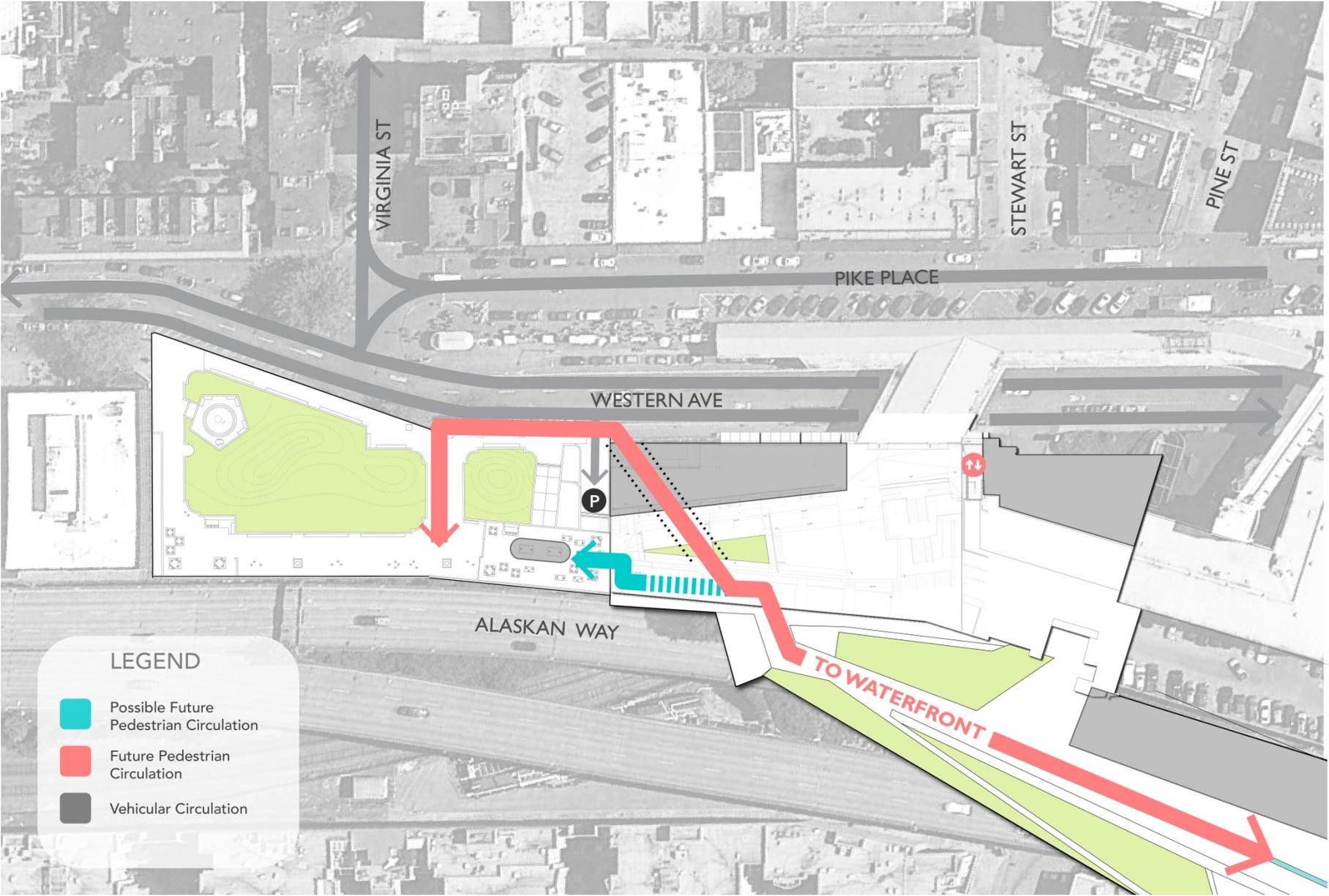
Narrow

Pedestrian/ Vehicular Conflicts

MarketFront Program



Direct Waterfront Connection



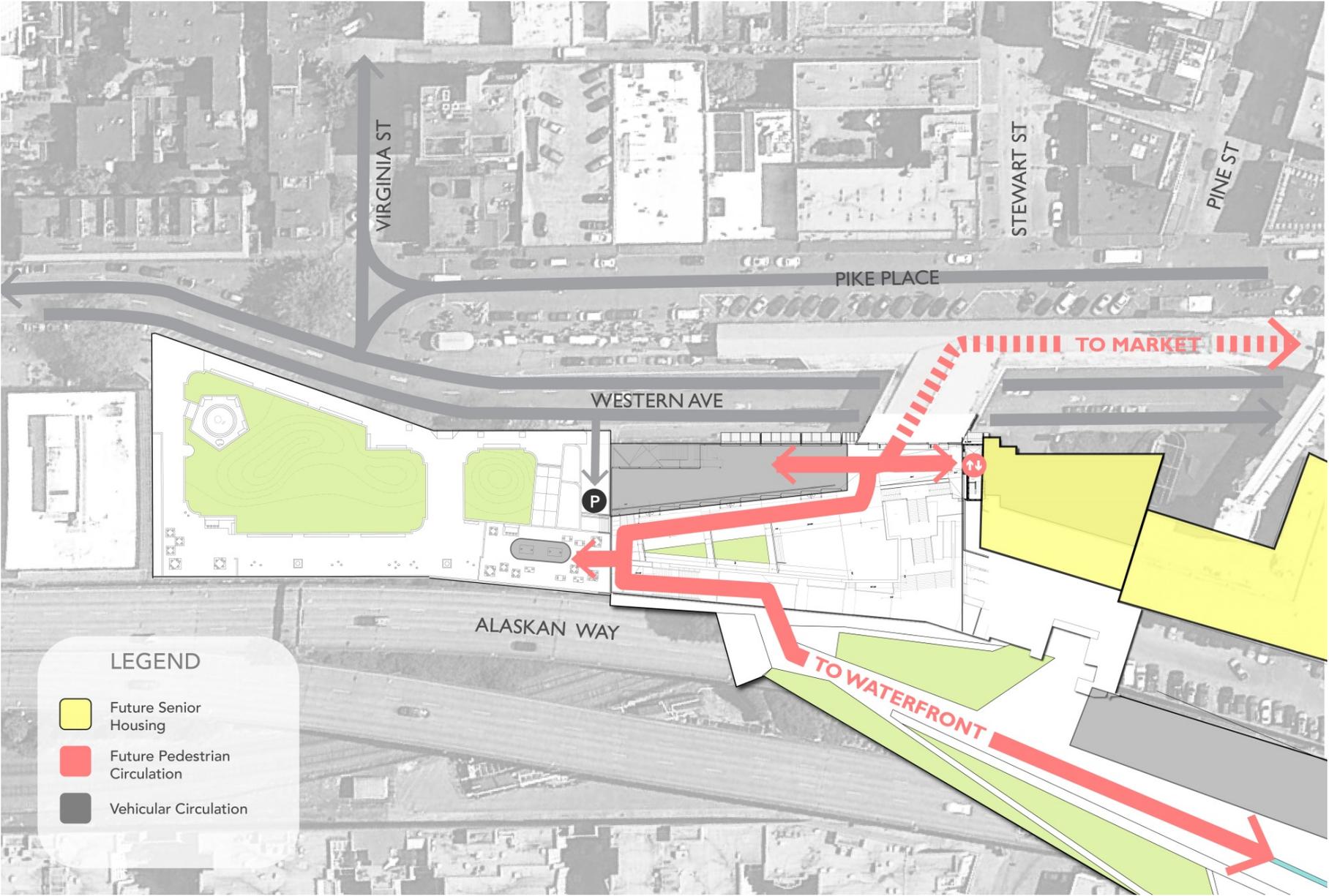
LEGEND

-  Possible Future Pedestrian Circulation
-  Future Pedestrian Circulation
-  Vehicular Circulation

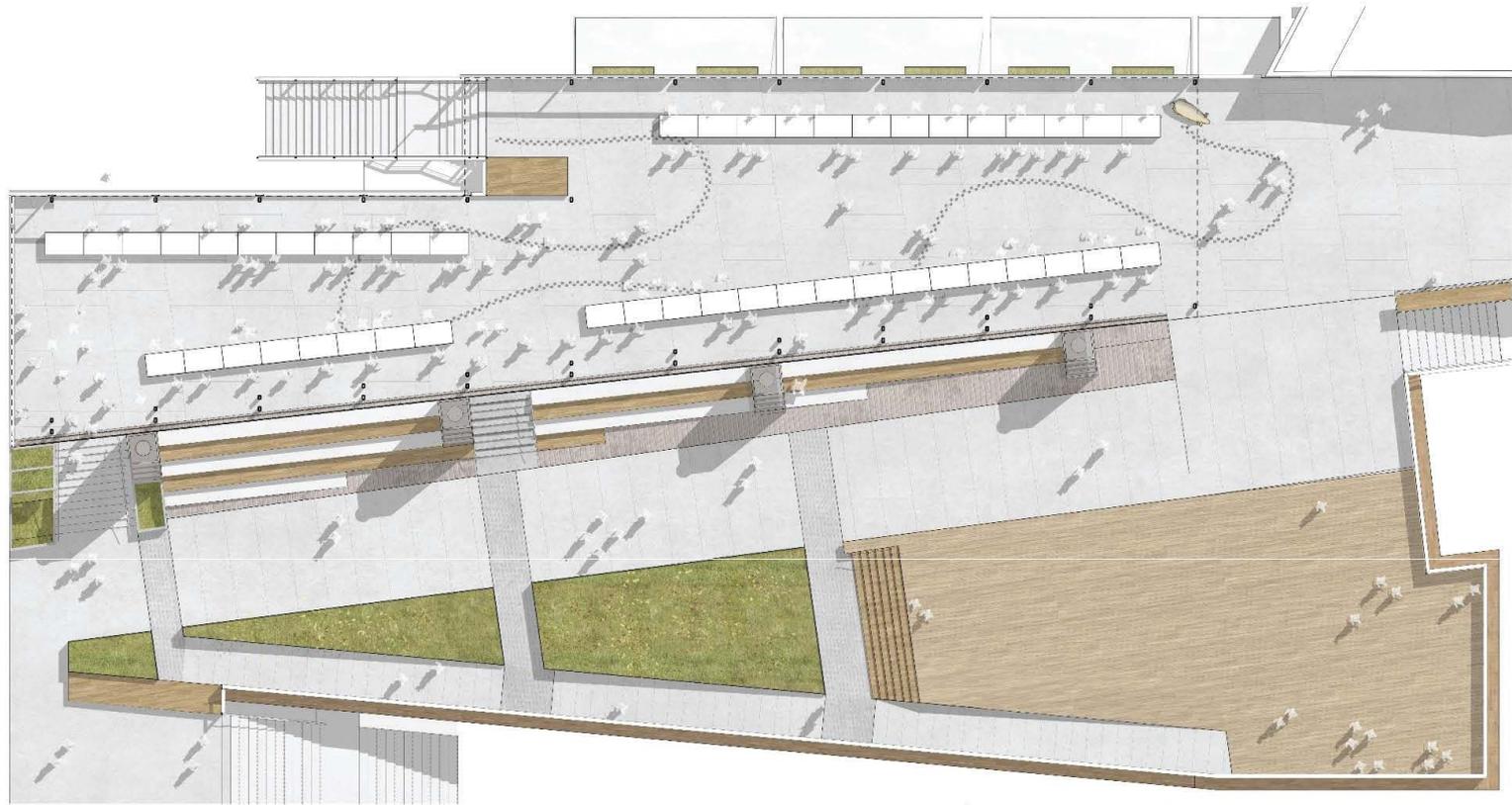
SW Corner of Park



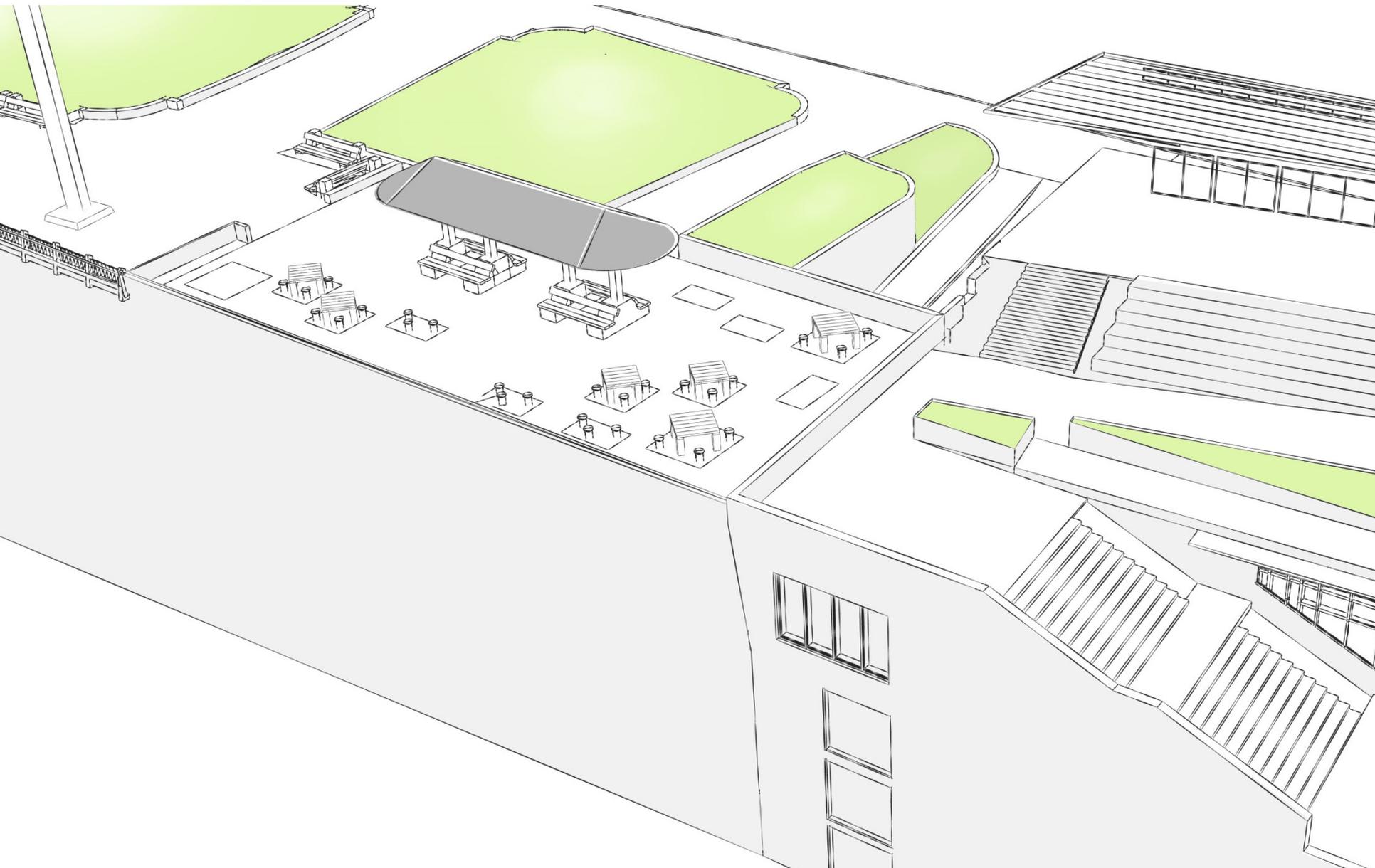
Direct Connection to MarketFront



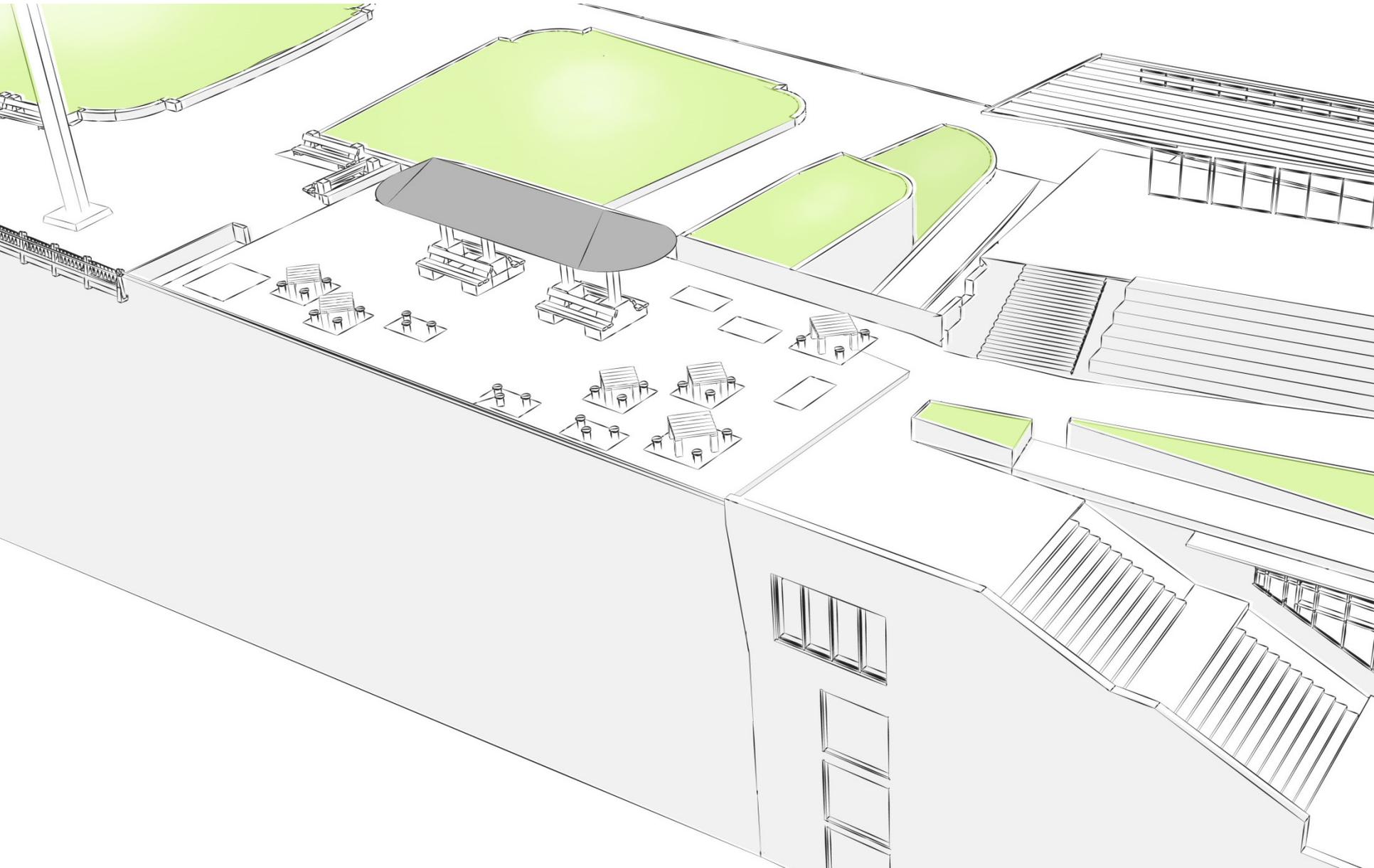
MarketFront – Park Level Program



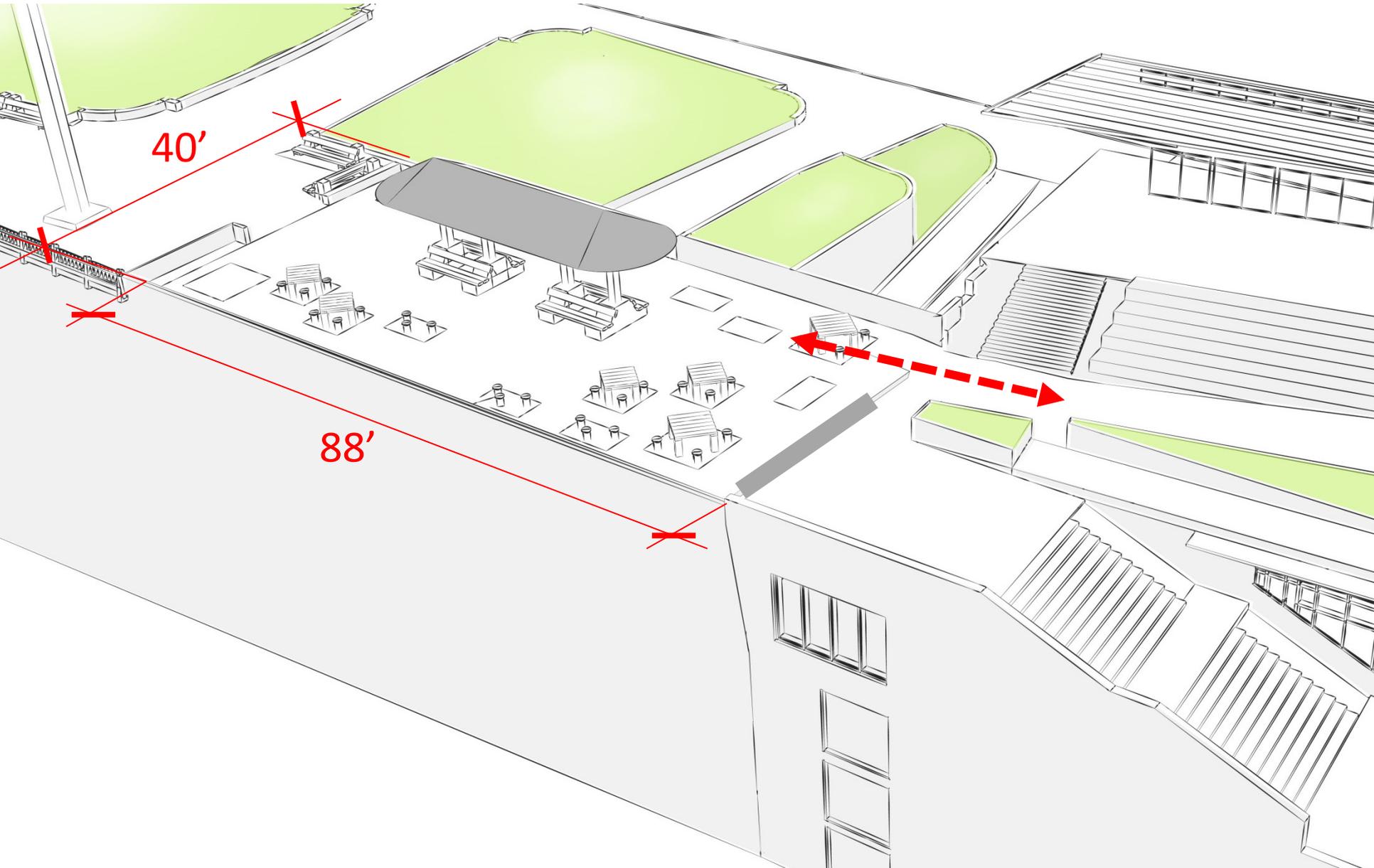
SW Corner of Park with no Connection



SW Corner of Park with Connection



SW Corner of Park with Partial Connection



Public Outreach

Outreach to Date

- Marketfront PDA
- Marketfront Foundation
- Downtown Seattle Families
- Seattle Department of Planning and Development
- Seattle Police Department
- West End Neighborhood Group
- Neighboring Condominiums
- Women in Black
- Chief Seattle Club
- Tribe specific notices:
 - Muckleshoot
 - Suquamish
 - Duwamish

Upcoming Stakeholder Interviews

- Market Merchants
- Friends of PPM
- Real Change
- Heritage House and Stewart House
- Market Security

Engaging Urban Native Americans

- Chief Seattle Club (12/15/15)
- Tribal Relations (1/7/16)
- Chief Seattle Club
Focus Groups
(January 26th)

On Site Events (May 2016)



WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THE
REDESIGN OF
**NATIVE
PARK/VICTOR
STEINBRUECK PARK**
\$5 GIFT CARD FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS

JANUARY 26TH AND 27TH, 2016
1:30-2:30

CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB, CONFERENCE ROOM

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH DEYO

Preliminary Comments from Public Outreach

- Make the park feel safer and cleaner
- Fix what's broken
- Improve the pergola area
- Connect to Marketfront / Waterfront
- Include a play area

Public Comments at PPMHC meeting

“We don’t need democracy in every place in every park.”

“Give them (the Native Americans who use the park) a gathering space with prominence and protection.”

“This (the pergola area) is their room.”

“The Parks department failed in its mission to take care of the park.”

“Restore what the Parks department has taken away...full restoration.”

Preliminary PPMHC Comments

- The park is designed as a belvedere to enjoy the view. It will be overrun by crowds coming up from the waterfront if a direct connection is made.
- Preserve pergola area for urban Native Americans who currently use the space.
- Do not connect to MarketFront/ Waterfront. Alternatively, explore a connection in a location other than the pergola.
- Include play area in original location.

Preliminary Design Team Recommendations

Improve Safety and Security

- Fix broken elements
- Refresh materials and detailing
- Improve park lighting

Reinforce Use of Park for All

- Draw people to all areas
- Make outdoor rooms special
- Improve accessibility
- Reintroduce play
- Connect to Marketfront / Waterfront



END DISCUSSION