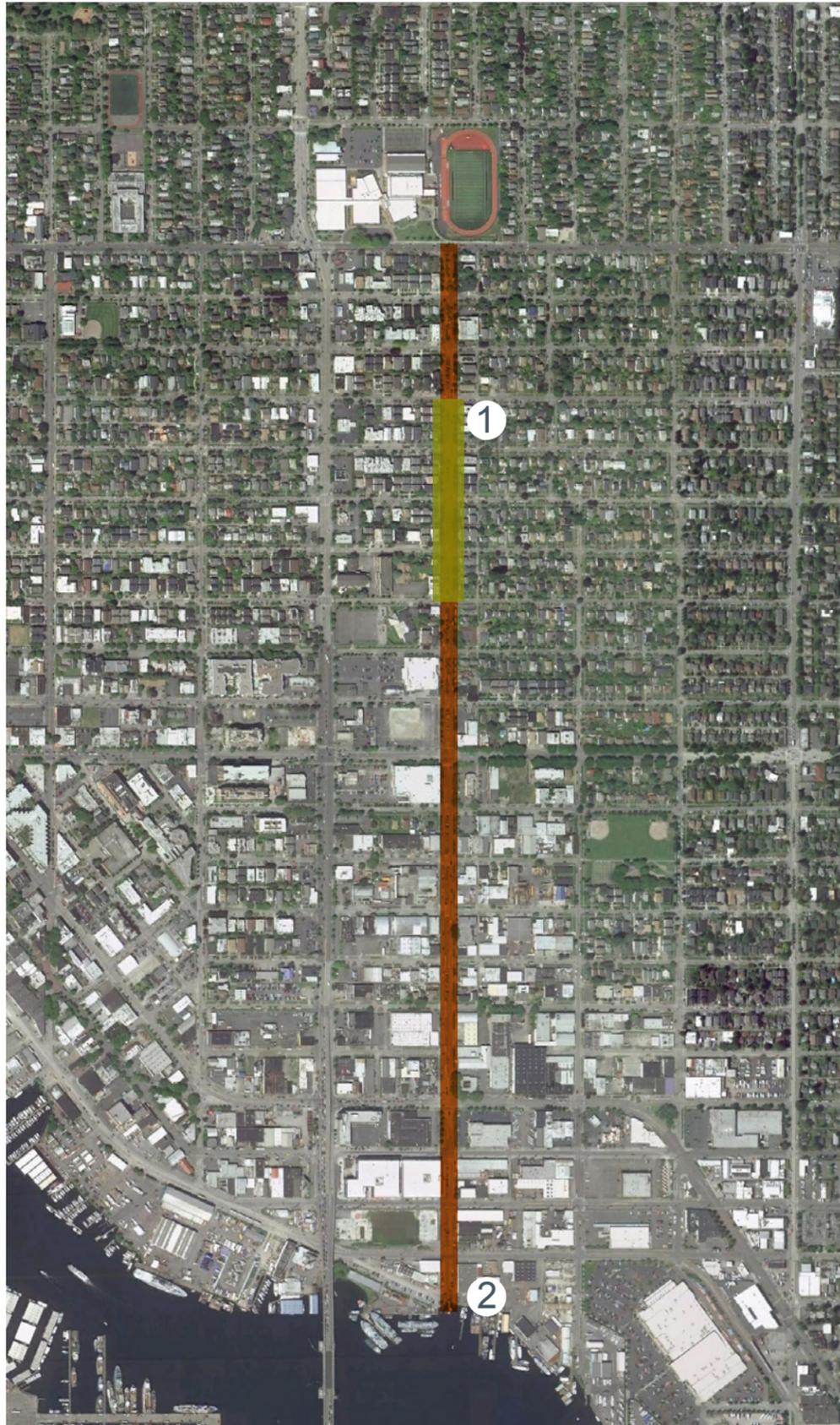
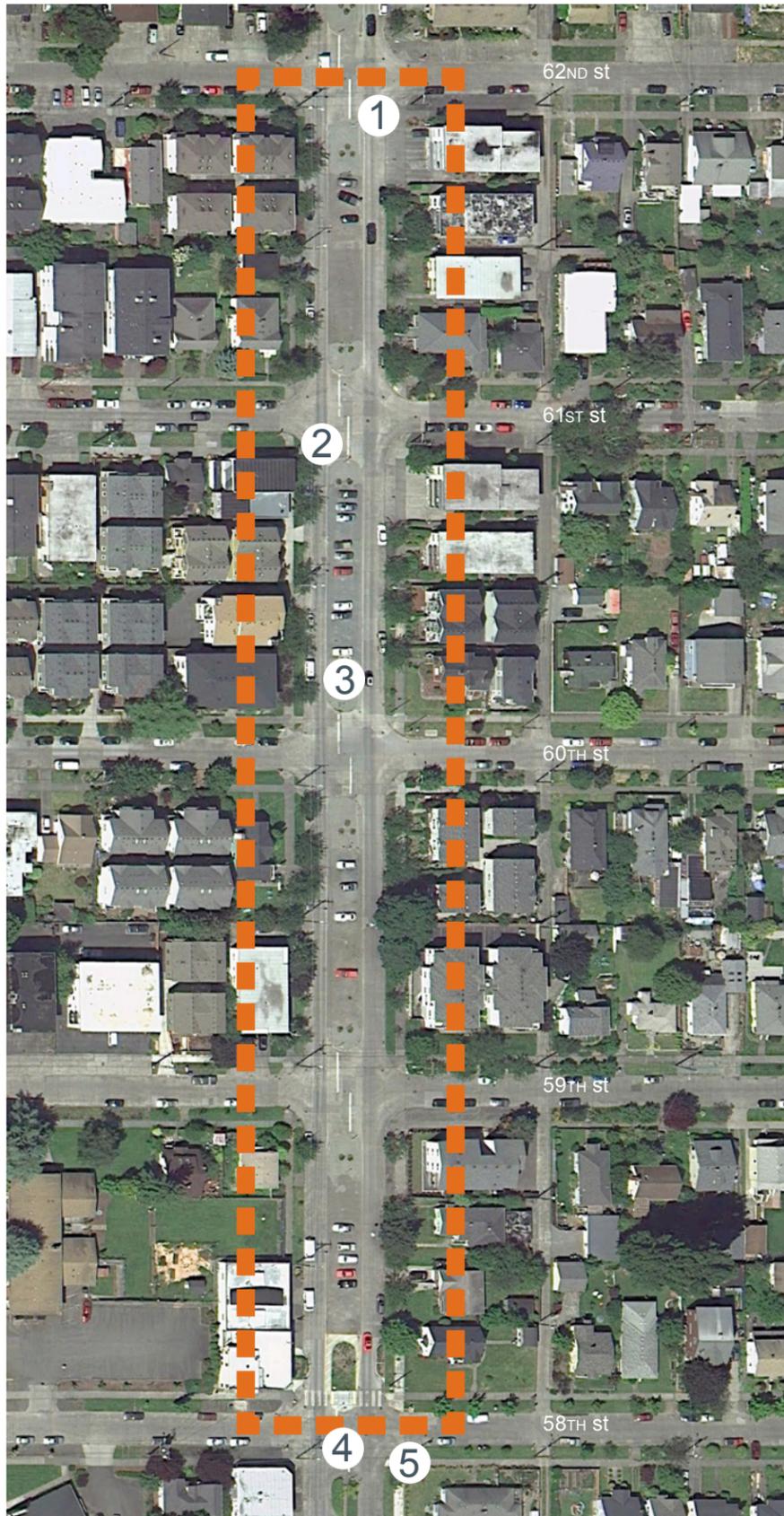




14th Avenue Park Boulevard





THE CONTEXT



14th Ave History

The first Ballard Bridge was built at 14th Ave NW to bring the street car and economic vitality to Ballard. 14th Ave NW was laid out with 100' Right-Of-Way to accommodate the tracks.



Ballard Streetcar

Current Character

With the construction of the current Ballard Bridge at 15th Ave NW, the 14th Ave street car line was retired. 100 years later, automobiles have taken over the old street car line. Current conditions both along the road and at intersections. Oil and gas dripping onto the roadway run directly into Salmon Bay, negatively impacting its ecology. The former "front door" to Ballard has become an under-served place waiting to be transformed.



East Ballard Community

Starting 6 years ago, a group of neighbors became concerned about the lack of Park space in the East Ballard neighborhood and were inspired by the idea of remedying this deficit with a Park Boulevard along 14th Ave NW. It quickly became apparent that beyond transforming the road, the vision for East Ballard was about building community. Since then, the group has grown into the East Ballard Community Association which organizes and supports community projects and events including:

- Community and business outreach to develop the Park Boulevard visioning process and funding proposals.
- Annual August Night Out Community Potlucks since 2005.
- Biannual Adopt-A-Street Cleanups since 2005.
- Active participation on the Ballard District Council since 2006.
- Recent funding for intersection safety improvements.
- Installation of a bioswale at 14th Ave NW and NW 58th St.
- Benefit projects including securing grant funding to install planters along 14th Ave NW.
- Active co-sponsorship with Groundswell NW and Sustainable Ballard (Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods Initiative) (SUN) data gathering.



adopt-a-street clean ups

educational walking tours

2010 planting partnership work party



14TH AVE NW

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THE VISION



North of Market Street, 14th Ave NW should be transformed into a Park Boulevard that creates needed green-space, improves safety, is good for the environment and builds community



2006 community visioning

2006 business outreach meeting

2010 community meeting

community

vision: friends meet, neighbors gather and children play in a green space that was formerly pavement

safety

vision: all users feel welcome and safe travelling along the corridor and through intersections

sustainability

vision: rebuild the road as a model of sustainability that absorbs and treats the stormwater it generates

THE PLAN

14th Ave Park Boulevard Transformation from 59th to 61st



2010 Concept

In February of this year, the east Ballard community association organized a community workshop to develop the 14th Ave Vision into a conceptual design. More than 40 community members gathered to provide feedback on three questions:

- Which blocks along 14th Ave should be the first to become a Park Boulevard?
- How should the road be re-configured?
- What elements and activities should be included in the design of the new Park?

Using community feedback from this meeting and guided by the 2006 Vision, a preliminary Concept Design was developed for a Park Boulevard on 14th Ave NW from NW 59th St to NW 61st St. Building a Park in the Right-Of-Way is very economical since there is no cost for land acquisition. Should funding allow, the community expressed interest in extending the Park Boulevard an additional block northwards to 62nd St.



How should the road be re-configured?



What elements and activities should the new park have?

people space

concept elements: play areas and lawns, community gardens and fruit trees, benches and dog walking

road diet

concept elements: curb bulbs / raised crosswalks, bicycle lanes / paths, pedestrian zones

green infrastructure

concept elements: rain gardens and bioswales, reduced impervious surface, increased tree canopy

people spaces

multimodal transportation

rain gardens



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ALASKA
TOURS
TRAVEL

UGGER



BOWMAN
REFRIGERATION

NW 45th St

STOP

NO
PARKING
WITHIN
30 FEET

NO
PARKING
WITHIN
30 FEET

NATIONAL



NW 40th St
14th Ave NW

HOME SITE
FURNITURE

HOME SITE
FURNITURE

HOME SITE
FURNITURE

LEISURE

LEARY ST

MARS CHURCH

TOYOTA



NO
PARKING
NORTH
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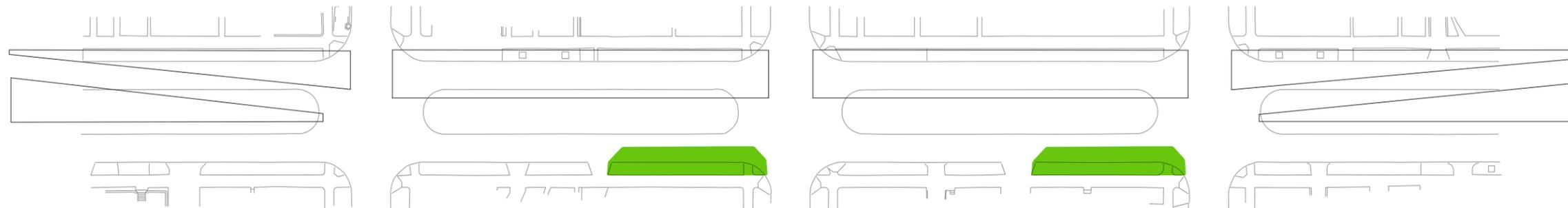
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- Maximize park
- Safety
- Retain existing to keep costs low, reduce waste
- Parking for a transit-oriented future
- Cleanse polluted water in the right place
- Integrate stormwater into park and street design
- Be creative with City standards
- Phasing – keep vision for entire corridor
- Test costs early

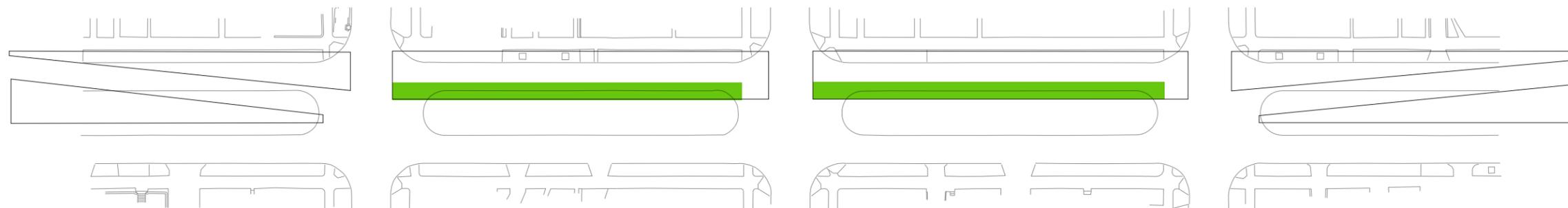


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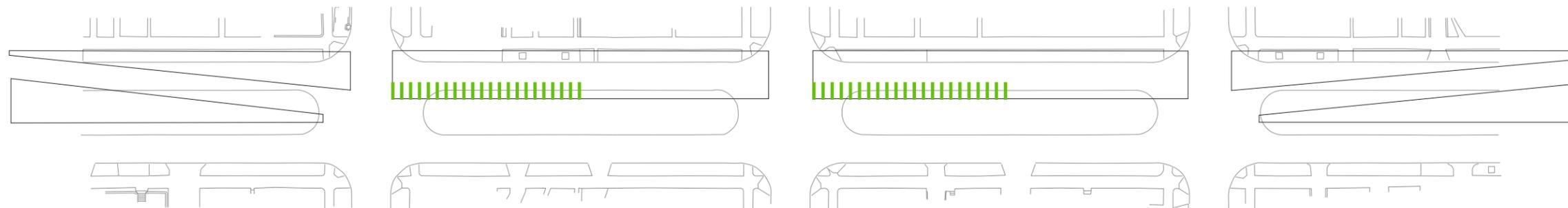
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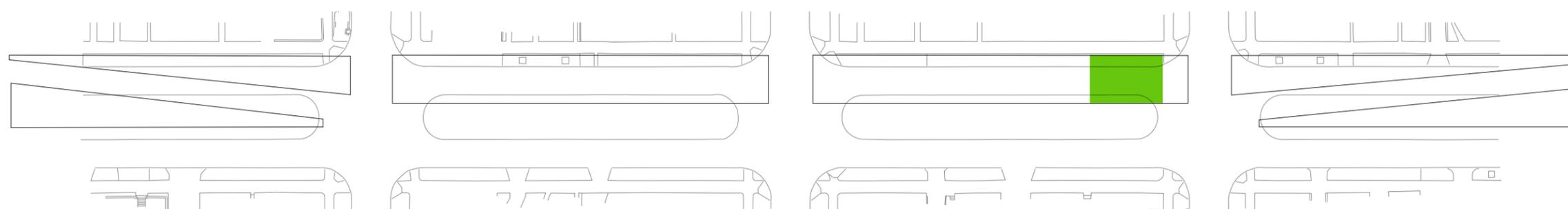
Curb bulb bioretention swale with underdrain



Pipe to park - Bioretention swale with underdrain



Pipe to park - Filter strip / flex space



Bioretention cell with underdrain

 Raingarden
 Filter strip



Bioretention cell



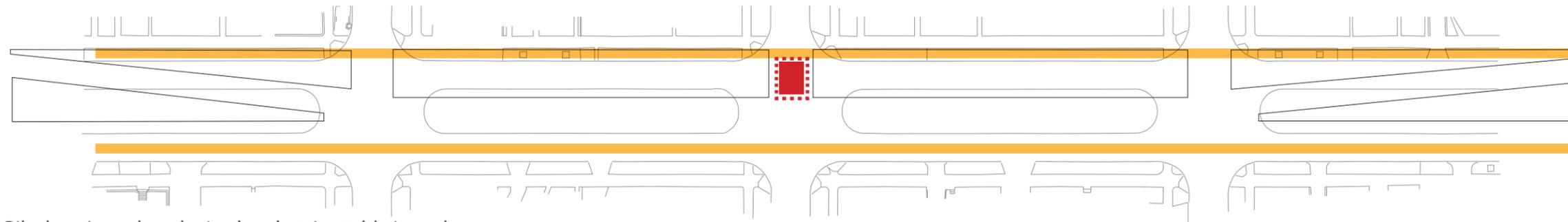
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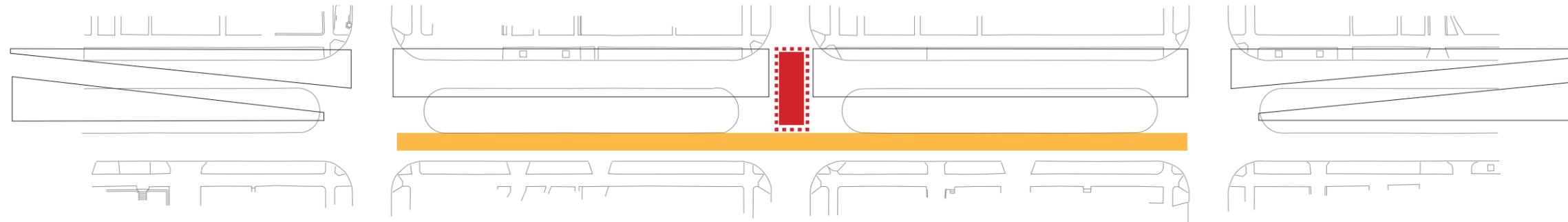
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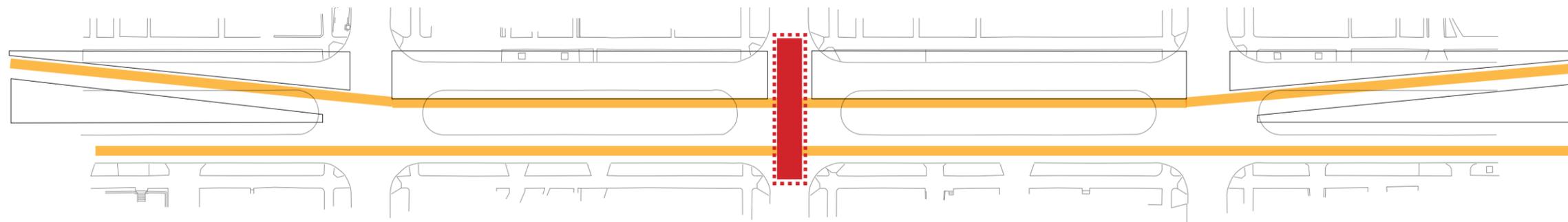
Filter strip



Bike lane in park and raised pedestrian table in park

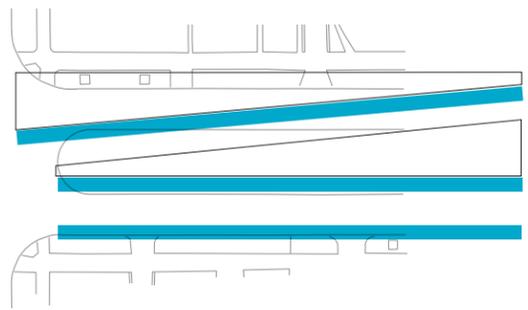
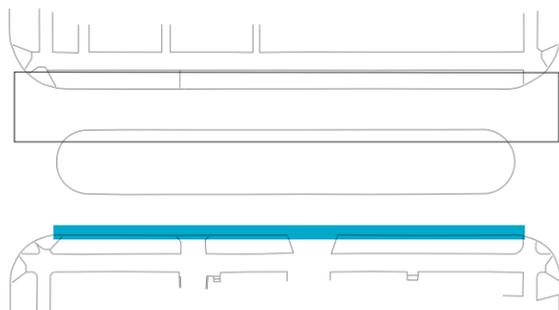
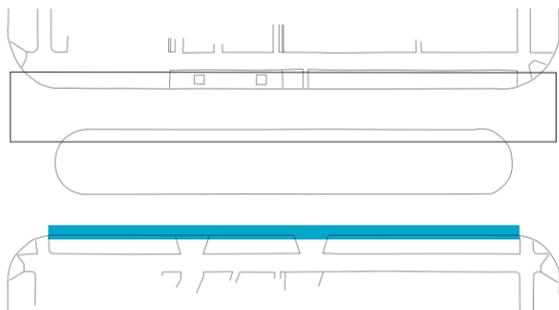
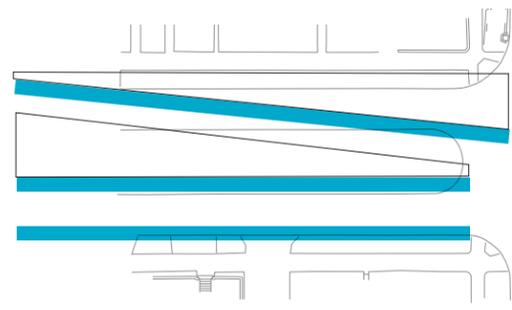


Cycletrack and raised pedestrian table at intersection, closed 60th street at 14th

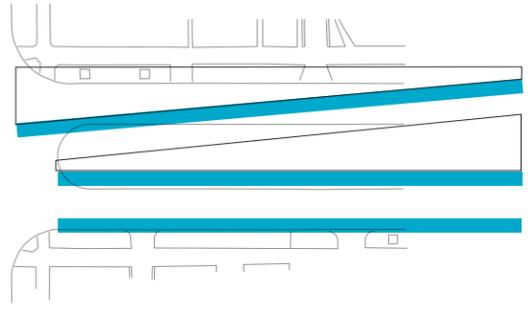
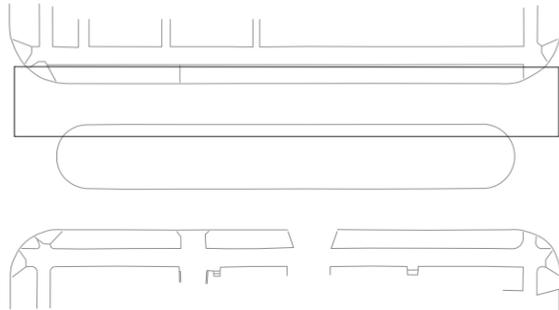
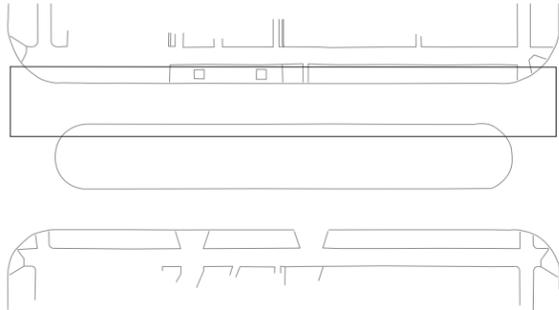
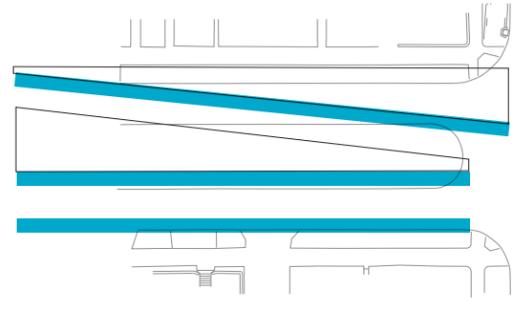


Bike lanes in street and raised pedestrian table at park and intersection

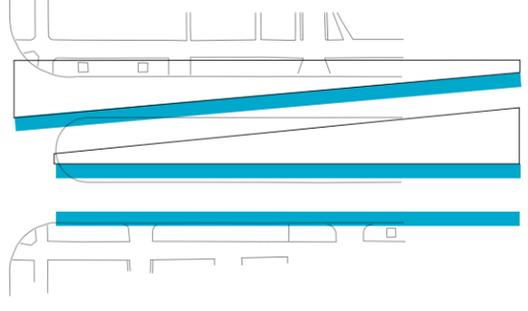
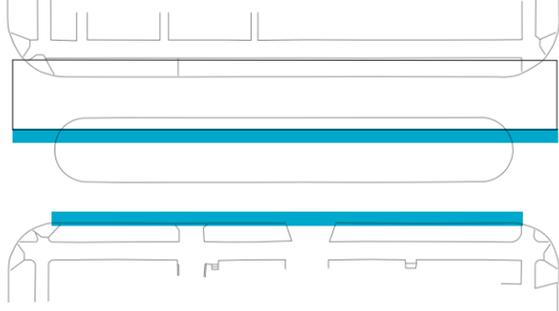
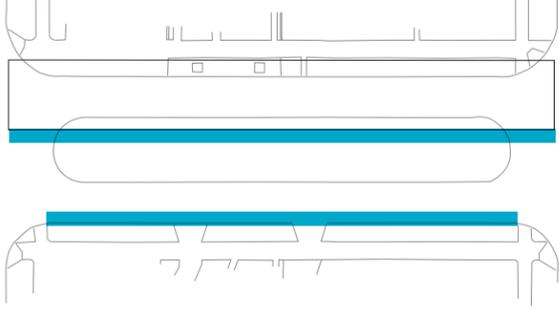
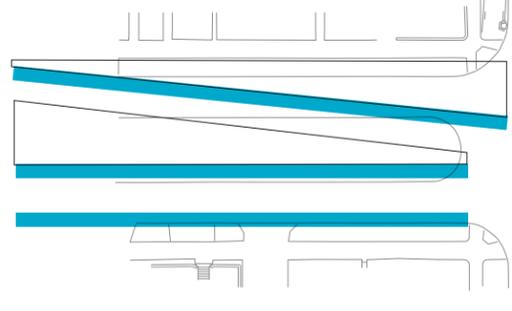
 Pedestrian
 Bike



Parking along one side of street and along taper

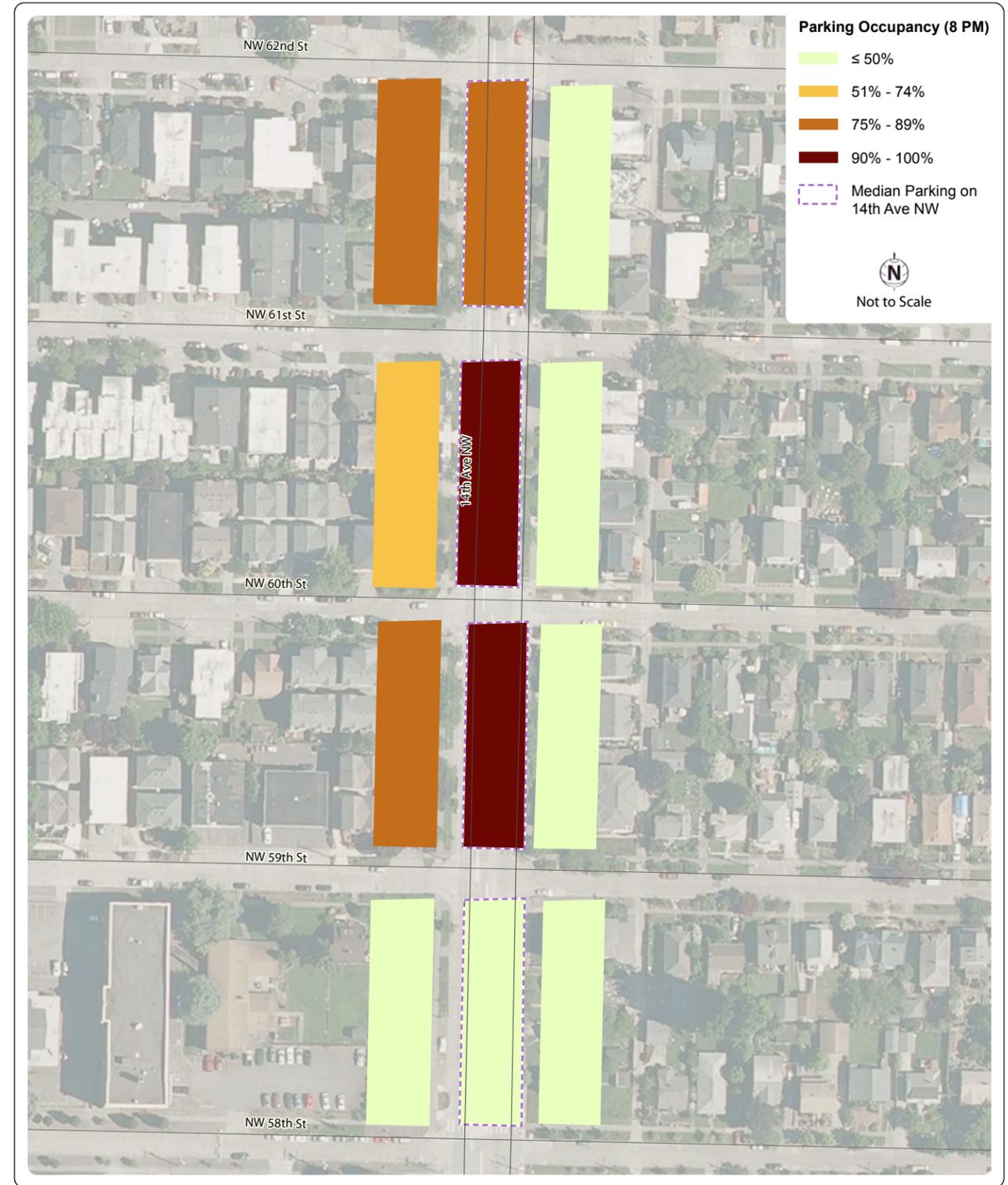
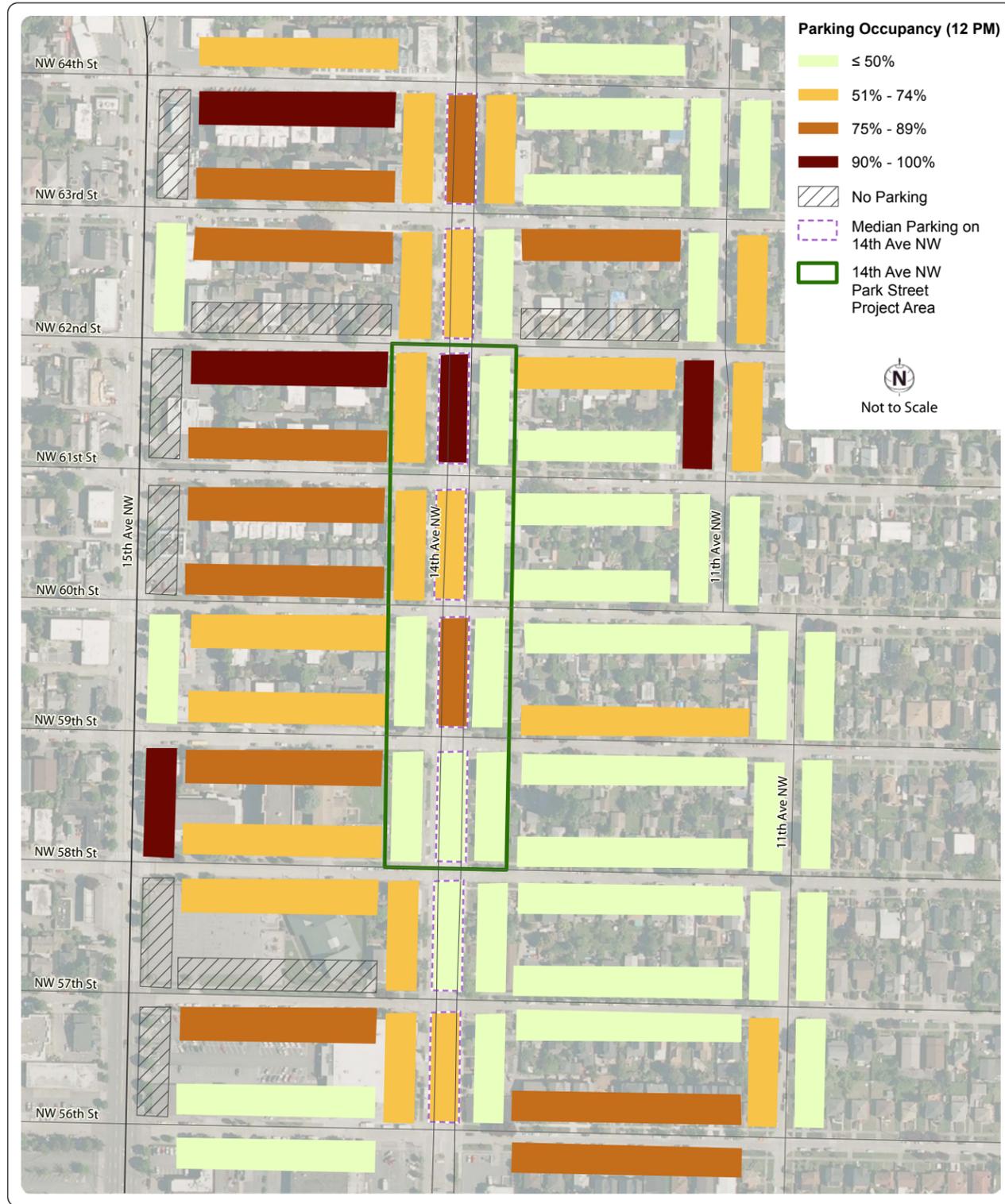


No street parking in park block



Maximum parking on both sides of street and along taper

 Parking





Site lighting
pedestrian scale lights - safety and interest



Play equipment
appropriate to scale of park



Benches
backed and/or backless



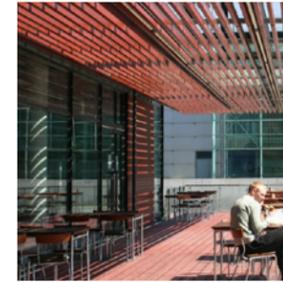
Plaza area
flexible space for events, socializing, wet weather use, block parties, craft fairs...



Trees
Big shade trees, edible, columnar, flowering...



Vegetation
Native, drought tolerant, low maintenance, no-mow areas...



Covered area



Public/community art



Moveable tables + chairs



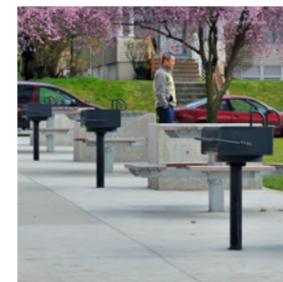
P Patch | Community garden
p patch: 10'x10' plots - 20 minimum



Lawn area
games: croquet, bocce, frisbee, etc.
seating: relaxing, sunning, etc.
gatherings: small or large



Picnic tables



Barbeques



Stormwater quality



Sport court
eg. 1/2 basketball court



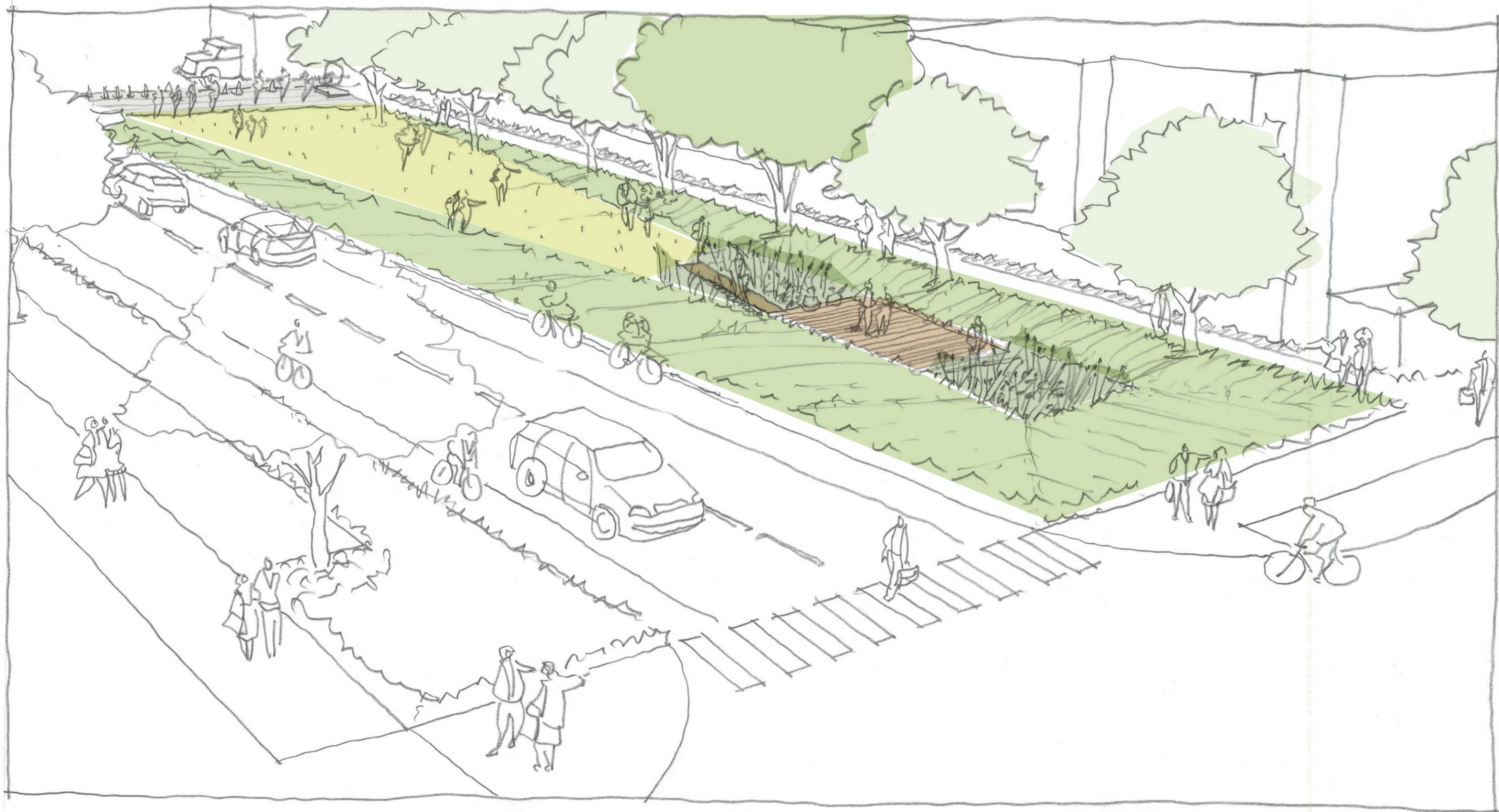
Bike racks

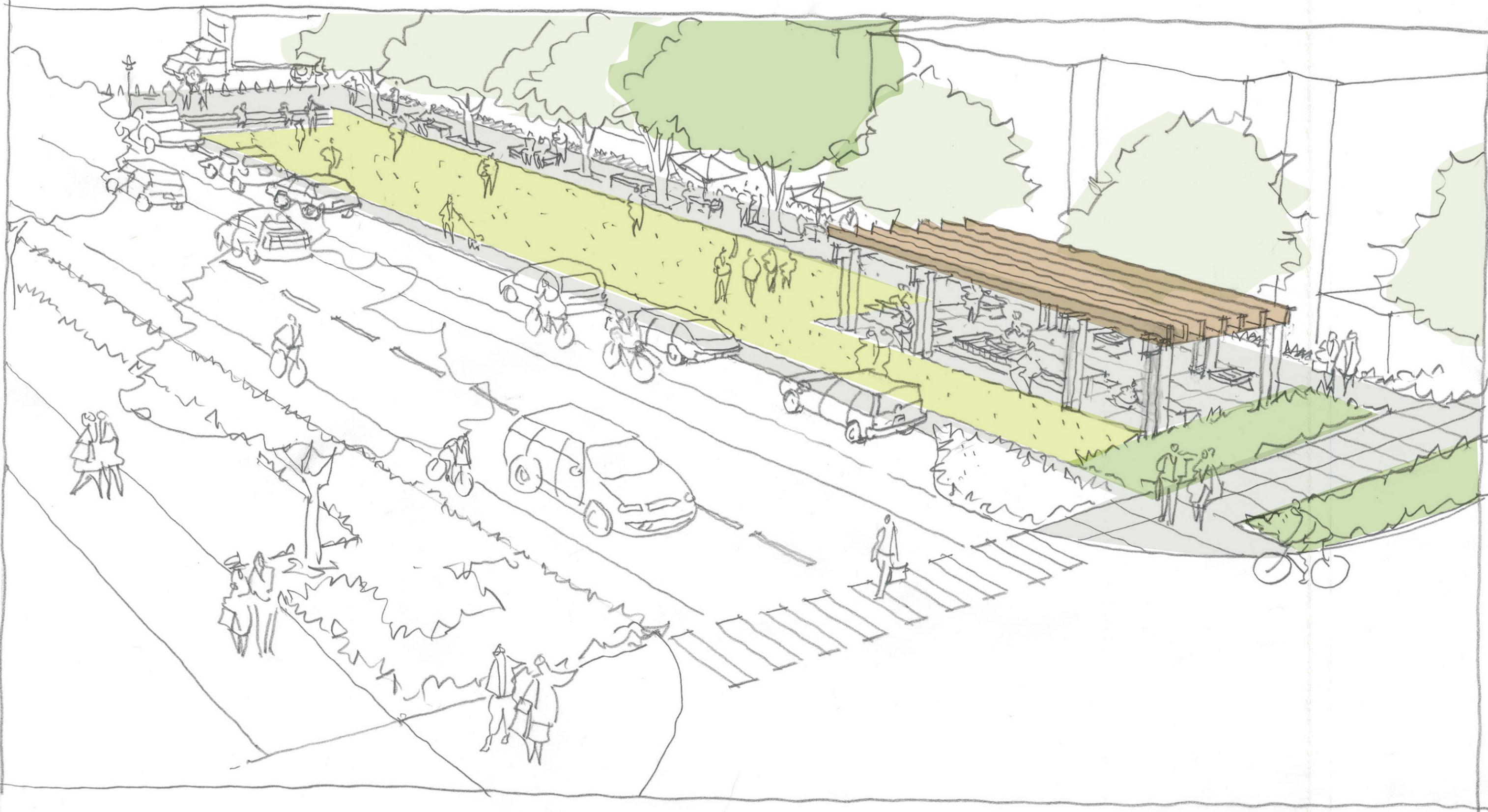


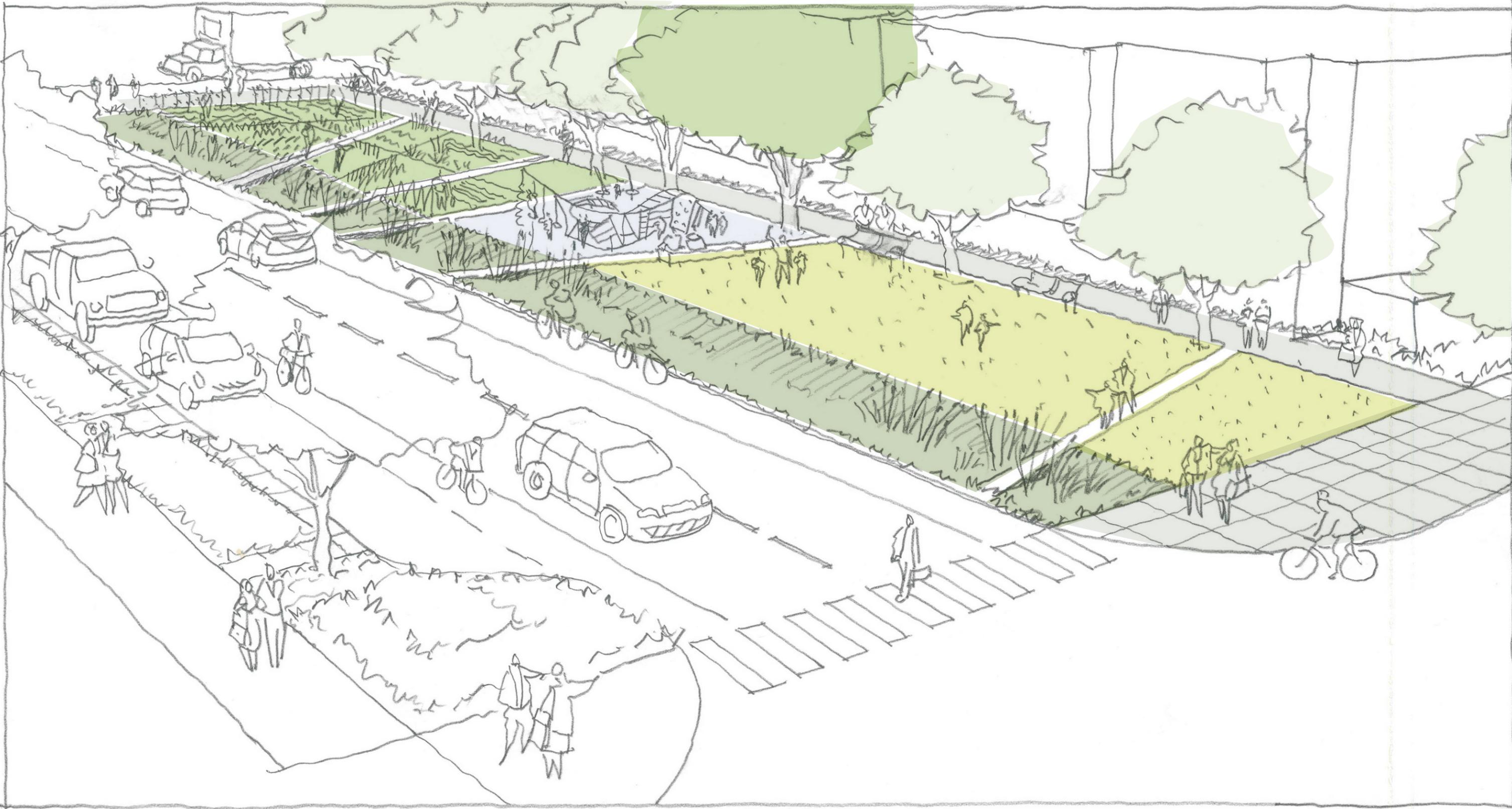
Interactive lighting



Specialty seating
built in lounge chairs...







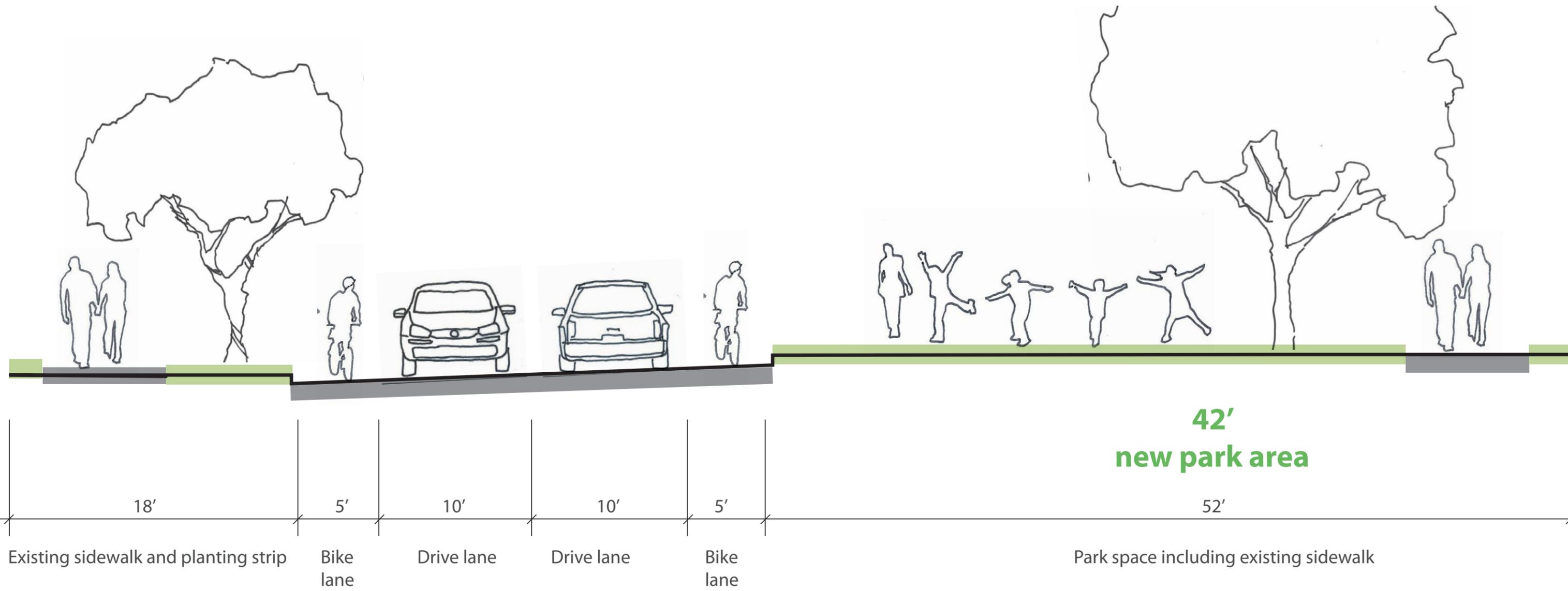








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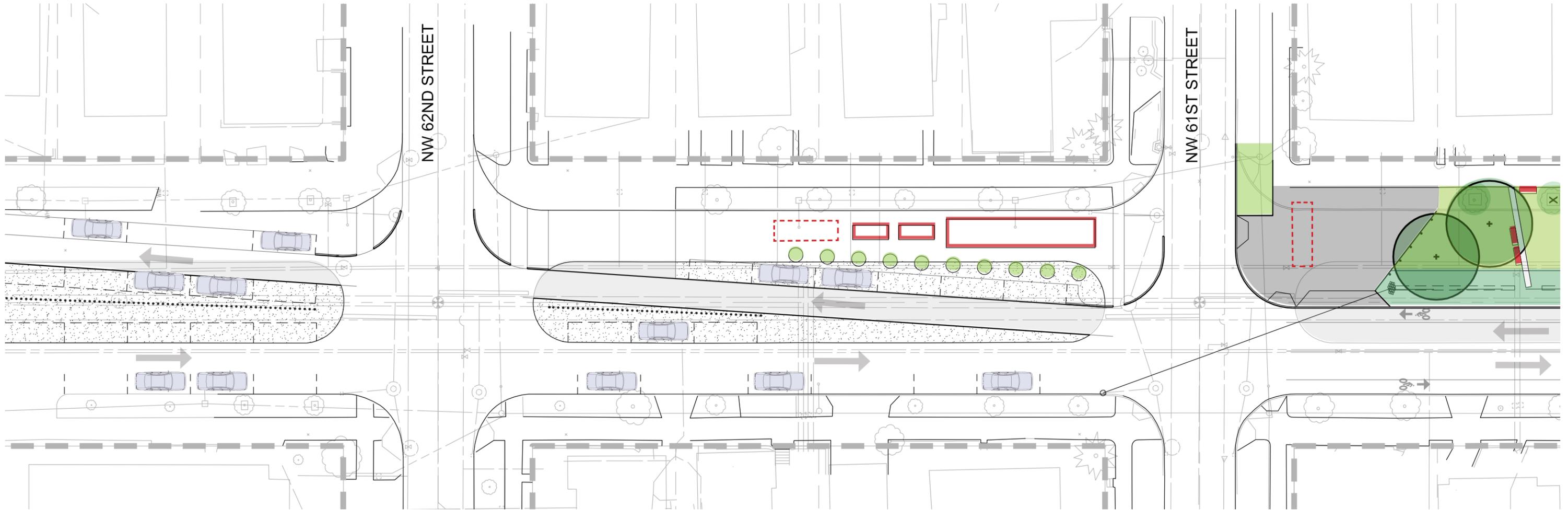


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