



MERCER WEST

Seattle Design Commission

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Completing the Vision For Two-Way Mercer St From I-5 to Elliott Ave W



- Create a direct connection from I-5 and SR 99 to Seattle Center, Uptown, Queen Anne, and Interbay
- Add a new option for freight from I-5 to Interbay
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connection across SR 99
- Connect the Uptown and S Lake Union urban centers
- Enhance transit access



Pedestrian Routes

Lower Kinneer Park Enhancement Plan

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Existing Underpass at Aurora



- Four lanes (only eastbound)
- Five-foot sidewalks



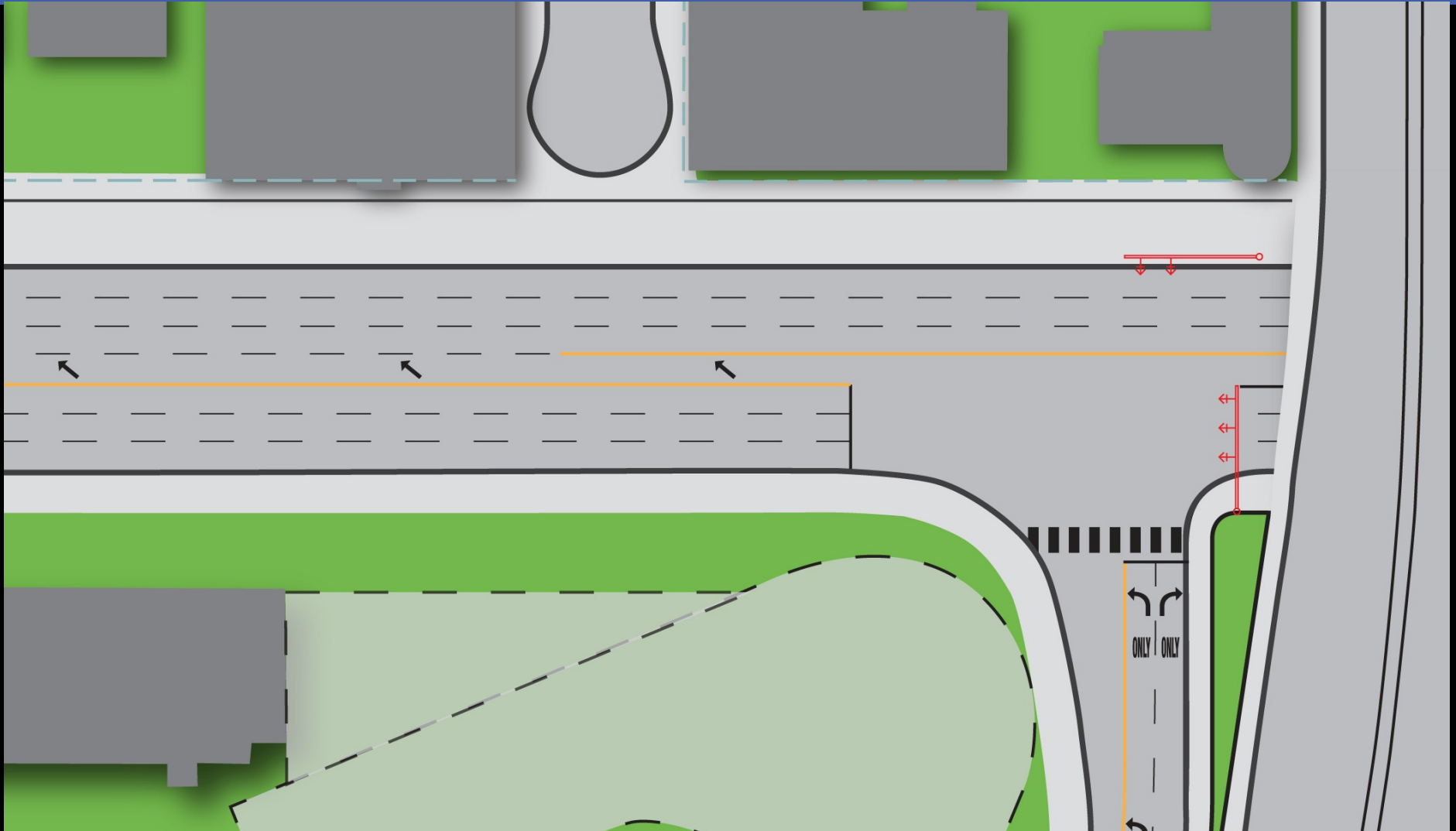
- Three lanes in each direction
- Median/left-turn lane
- Project Coordination: *WSDOT (Viaduct Replacement), Mercer East, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle Center*
- Bicycle Path
- 12-16' sidewalks



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Curved Sixth Ave

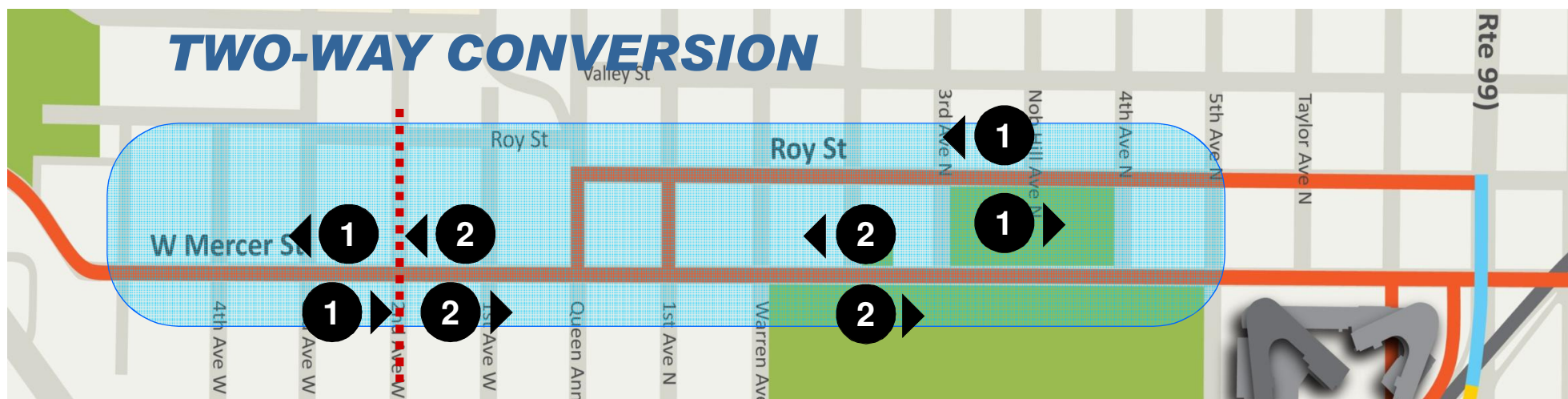






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Two-Way Conversion



- Two lanes in each direction on Mercer St (Fifth Ave N – Second Ave W)
- One lane each direction on Roy St (Fifth Ave N – Queen Anne Ave N)
- Bike lanes on Roy St
- All changes within the existing street right-of-way
- Project coordination: *Seattle Center, RapidRide*



- Evaluate feasibility and need
 - Second eastbound lane
 - Sidewalk
 - Intersection of W Mercer Pl and Elliott Ave W
- Project Coordination: *Kinnear Park, RapidRide*



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Proposed Bicycle Facilities Plan

SIGNED BIKE ROUTE
Roy Street - 2nd Ave W to Lower Kinnear Park

SHARROWS
Roy Street - Queen Anne Ave to 2nd Ave W

BIKE LANES
Roy Street - 5th Ave N to Queen Anne Ave

CLIMBING LANE WB & SHARROWS EB
Roy Street - Taylor Ave N to 5th Ave N

SHARED MULTI-USE CORRIDOR
Mercer Street - 5th Ave N to Dexter Ave N

CONNECTION
To Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop via planned Mercer East project bike lanes

CONNECTION
To planned bike route on Harrison or Thomas Streets

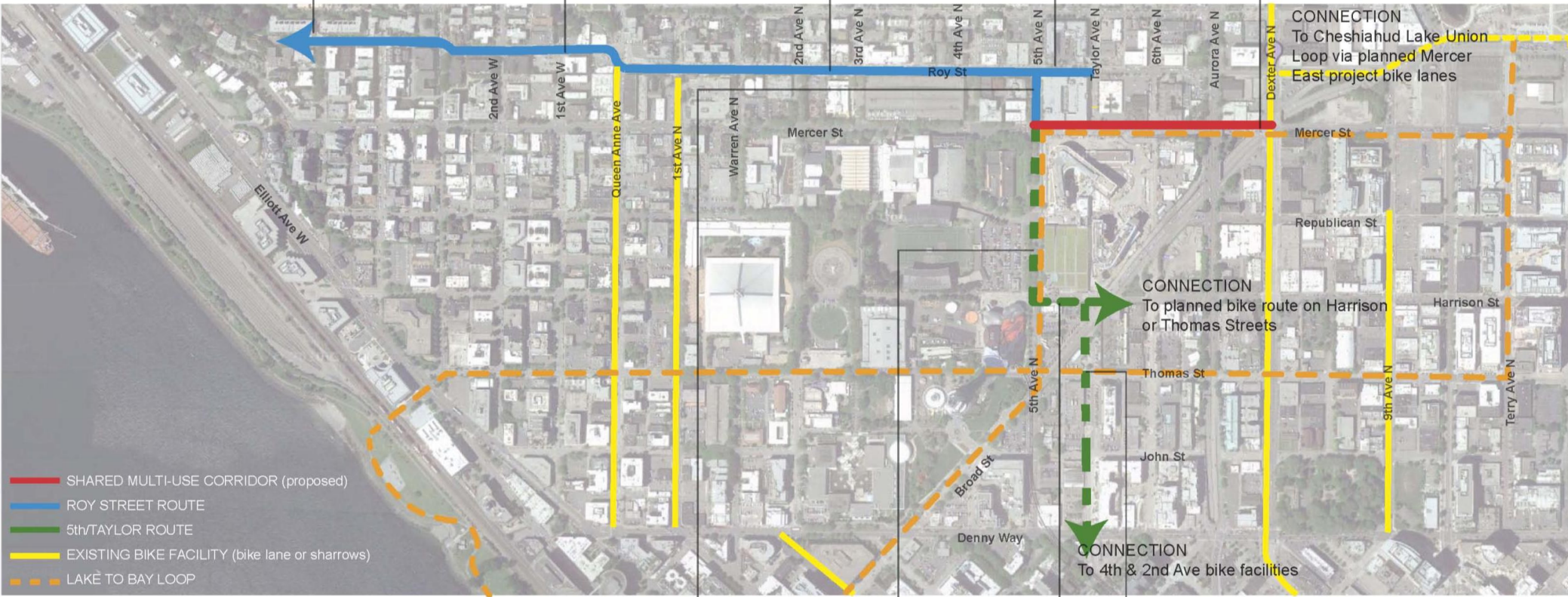
CONNECTION
To 4th & 2nd Ave bike facilities

BIKE LANES
5th Avenue N - Mercer to Roy Streets

SHARED SIDEWALK
5th Avenue N - Harrison to Mercer Streets

BICYCLE LANES
Harrison Street - 5th Ave N to Taylor Ave N

BIKE LANES
Taylor Avenue N - Harrison St to Denny Way

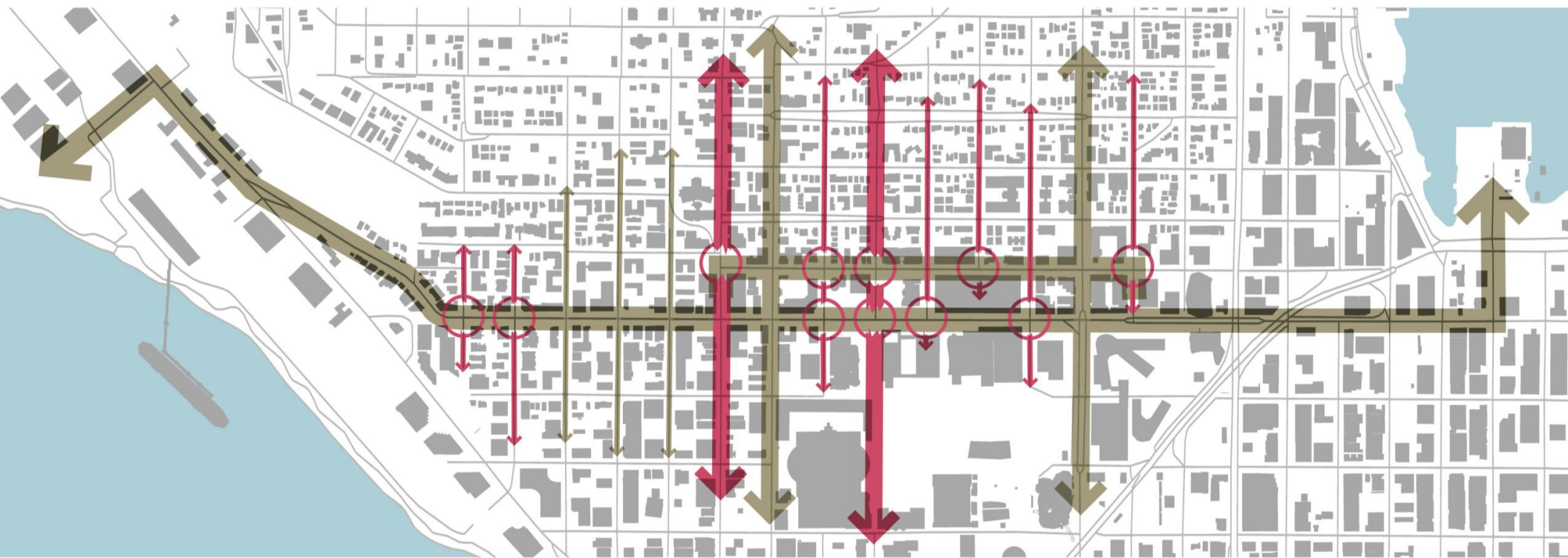




- SHARED MULTI-USE CORRIDOR (proposed)
- ROY STREET ROUTE
- - - 5th/TAYLOR ROUTE
- EXISTING BIKE FACILITY (bike lane or sharrows)
- - - LAKE TO BAY LOOP



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Pedestrian system

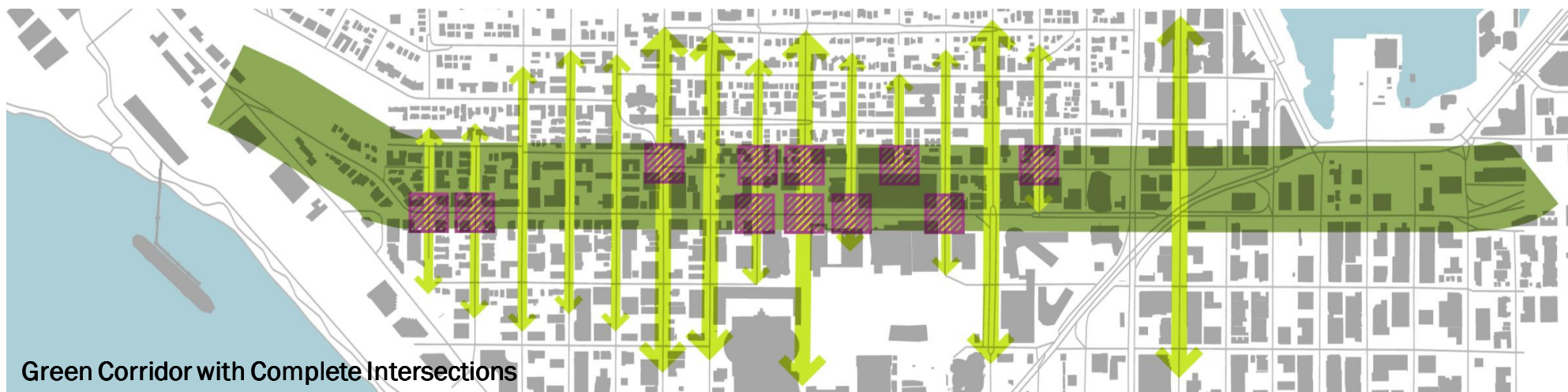


-  Pedestrian Route
-  Incomplete Pedestrian Route
-  Incomplete Intersection



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Conceptual / Character Analysis



Green Corridor with Complete Intersections








Corridor Connects Uptown Light Hot Spots



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Districts / Neighborhoods



-  **UNDERPASS** Area surrounding underpass of Mercer Street below Aurora Avenue (State Route 99) from 9th Avenue North to 6th Avenue North, including Broad Street
-  **CAMPUS** Area at the northern boundary of Seattle Center on Mercer and Roy Streets from 6th Avenue North to Warren Avenue North
-  **COMMERCIAL** Area on Mercer Street and Roy Street in the Uptown Neighborhood from Warren Avenue North to Second Avenue West
-  **RESIDENTIAL** Area on Mercer and Roy Streets from Second Avenue West to West Mercer Place
-  **PARKWAY** Area adjacent to Kinnear Park on West Mercer Place from Mercer Street to Elliott Avenue



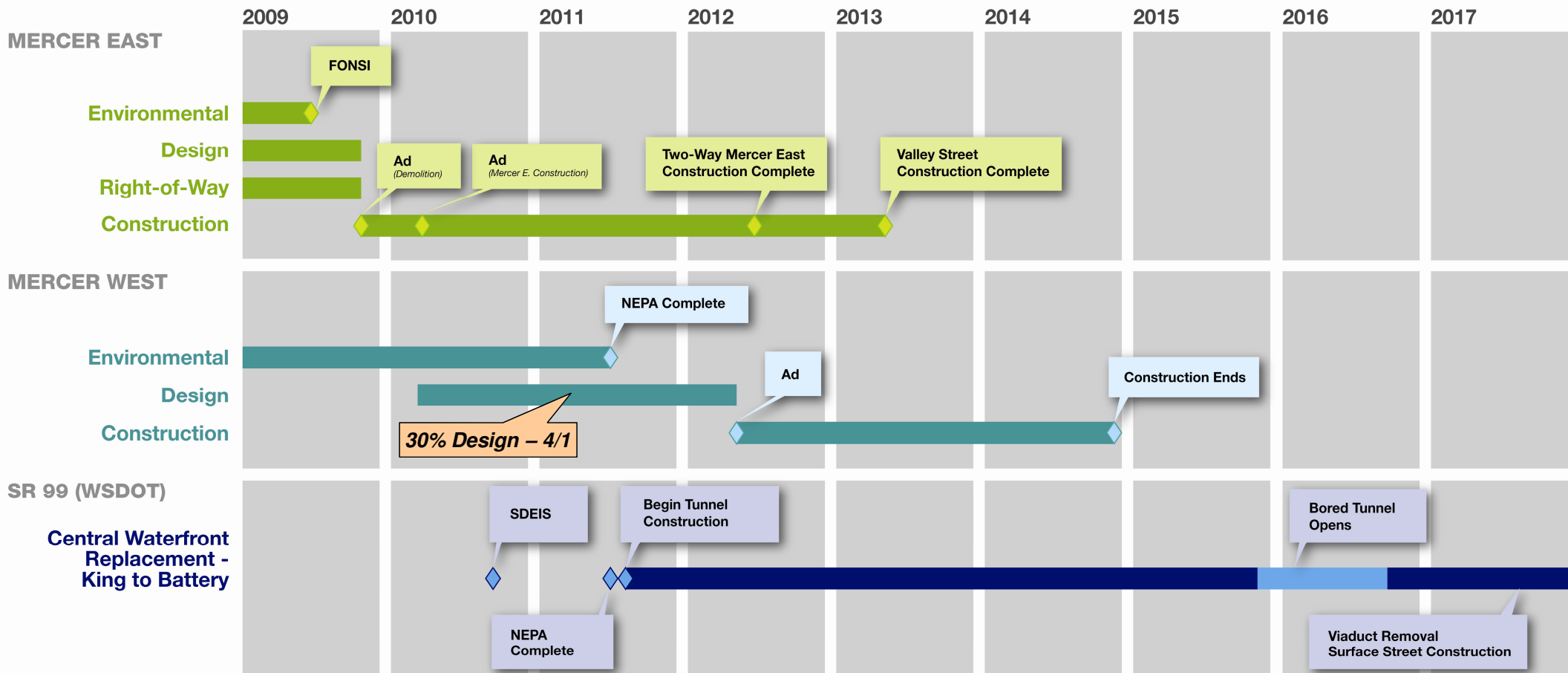
Community Feedback (July – Dec. 2010)

- Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee
- Seattle Center Resident Directors
- Freight Mobility Advisory Committee
- Freight/Bike/Pedestrian ad hoc committee
- Bicycle Advisory Board
- Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Uptown Alliance
- Magnolia Community Club
- South Lake Union Community Council
- Lake Union Opportunity Alliance
- Queen Anne Community Council
- Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council
- North Seattle Industrial Association
- South Lake Union Block Party
- Mercer West Open House
- SLU-Lower Queen Anne Commute Trip Reduction Networking Group
- City Council: Transportation Committee
- City Neighborhood Council: Transportation Committee
- North Portal Working Group
- Amazon Transportation Fair
- SLU and Queen Anne/Uptown Moving Forward Kick-off Open House
- Fred Hutchinson Transportation Fair



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Mercer Corridor Schedule



July 28, 2010



Next Steps

- **Briefings and Public Outreach**
 - February 8: Stakeholder Workshop for the “Two-Way Conversion” segment.
 - February 8: Brief the Seattle Center - Cultural Festival Leads.
 - *February 25: Brief the City Council’s Transportation Committee.*
 - March: Presentation to community organizations.
- **Design milestones:**
 - End of February: Results of the West Mercer Place feasibility study.
 - April 1: Begin review of the 30% Design for the “Mercer Underpass” segment.
 - Middle of April: Begin review of 30% design for the “Two-Way Conversion” segment.



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http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/mercer_west.htm

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