

# North Transfer Station Rebuild

Carr Place North  
Street Vacation



# Context & Design Commission History

## Meeting Dates

## Purpose

September 2006

Solid Waste Transfer Master Plan, Intermodal Facility

October 2007

Master Plan update

December 2010

Review North Transfer alternative design concepts

June 2011

Review North Transfer tentatively selected concept

November 2012

Carr Place N Street Vacation

# Context & Design Commission History

## Projected Meetings

## Purpose

30% Design

Seek input on 30% design package

60% Design

60% design update

90% Design

90% design update

# Previous Design Commission Advice

## 2010 Meeting:

- ✓ Think outside the box when designing edges, mixed community amenities and connections
- ✓ Develop a more robust story involving the community
- ✓ Develop community amenities that rival the engineering and technical aspects of the facility
- ✓ Carefully consider how to use innovation and imagination to design for the future
- ✓ Consider celebrating the waste process in the siting and build-out strategies
- ✓ Consider how the separated aspects of the design could be more connected
- ✓ Design vibrant edges, so that edges are not simply buffers. Carr Place N. parking lot provides opportunities for a great and perhaps innovative community amenity
- ? Create opportunities for active, pedestrian friendly street fronts
- ✓ Think about future programming and site phasing
- ✓ Do what's best for long-term Seattle rather than looking just at budgets, complexities of rezoning, or other short-term concerns
- ? Reduce the number of stalls on-site as there appears to be ample parking in neighborhood

# Previous Design Commission Advice

## 2011 Meeting:

- ✓ Include the artist as part of the design team
- ✓ Return to the community to discuss the programming of open spaces
- (-) Consider adding a building and a variety of programming to create a vibrant active edge that fits into the neighborhood
- (-) Study the proposed setback in Woodlawn in conjunction with the scale of the whole neighborhood and its amenities
- (-) Add an urban designer to help the team think creatively about the best use of this setback area and develop a hierarchy of uses
- ✓ Present the architectural elements in the RFQ by using words and not graphics
- ? Incorporate the South Wallingford Plan in the RFQ and its visions for public spaces on this site

# Community and Legislative History

1. January 2008, Stakeholder Group composed of neighborhood council members, station customers, and environmental protection proponents began a three year collaboration, holding 11 meetings and 6 workshops
2. April 2011, SPU hosted a community meeting and walking tour of the NTS site, soliciting public feedback on design concepts, architectural treatments, and potential programming of open spaces
3. June 2011, Stakeholder Group issued Recommendations Report
4. September 2011, Green Group composed of neighbors, architects, and neighborhood council members began 4 month open space programming collaboration using the recommended site concept from the Stakeholder Group

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5. September 2011, Fremont Neighborhood Council et al. Settlement Agreement
6. January 2012, Wallingford Community Council Agreement
7. April 2012, Ordinance 123872 adopted by City Council, amends municipal code to allow the North Transfer Station rebuild concept negotiated with community
8. April 2012, Resolution 31366 adopted by City Council including community benefits exchange for Carr Place N street vacation, among other aspects of the neighborhood agreements

# Why Now?

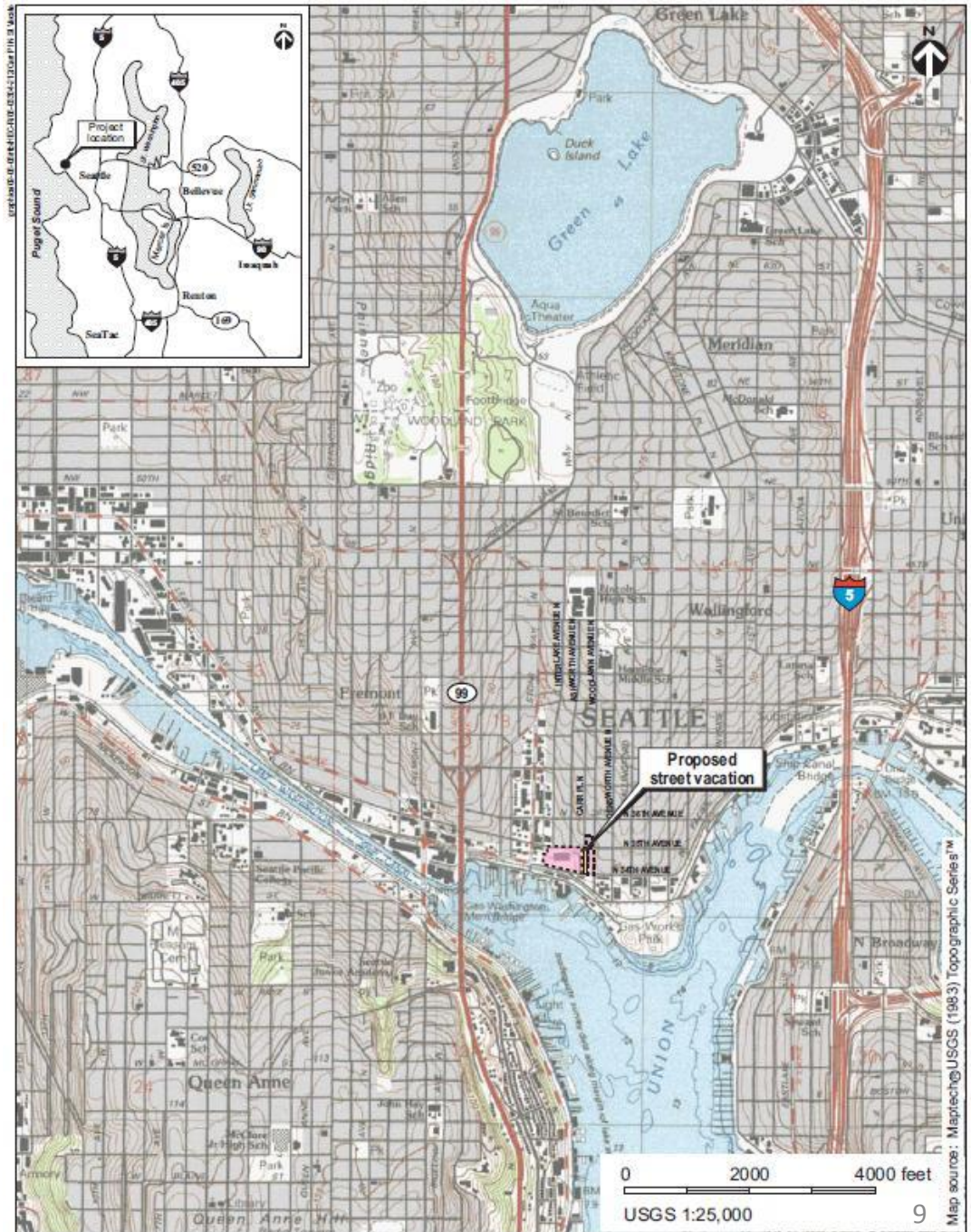
Seattle Public Utilities is petitioning for street vacation early in the process to:

- Reduce uncertainty
- Prevent ripple effect during design
- Seek Design Commission input early

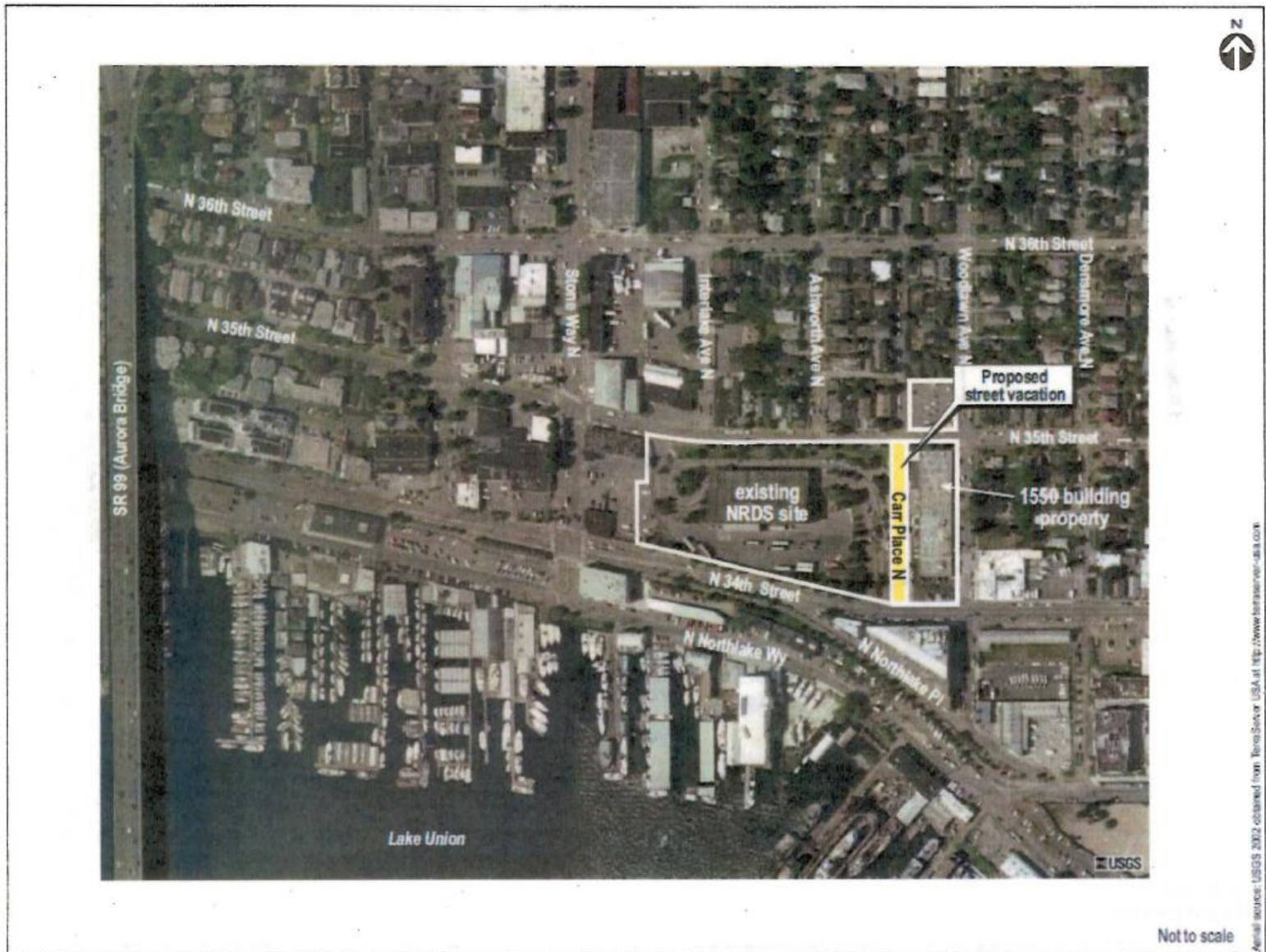
SPU will continue to seek Design Commission input on the larger project at 30%, 60%, and 90% design phases.



# Site Vicinity Map



# Area Map





# Site Map with Dimensions



# Current Uses and Land Zoning Map

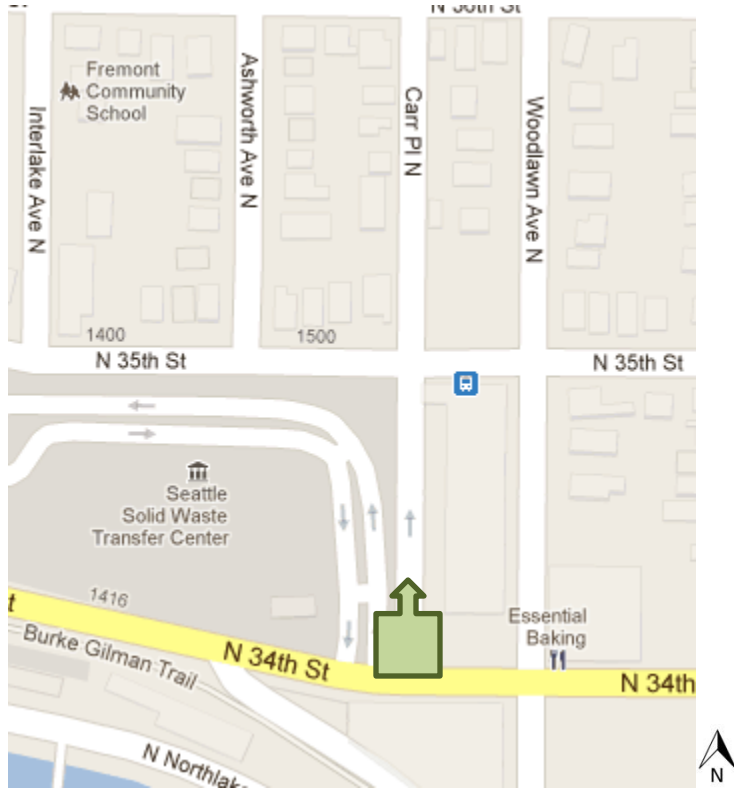


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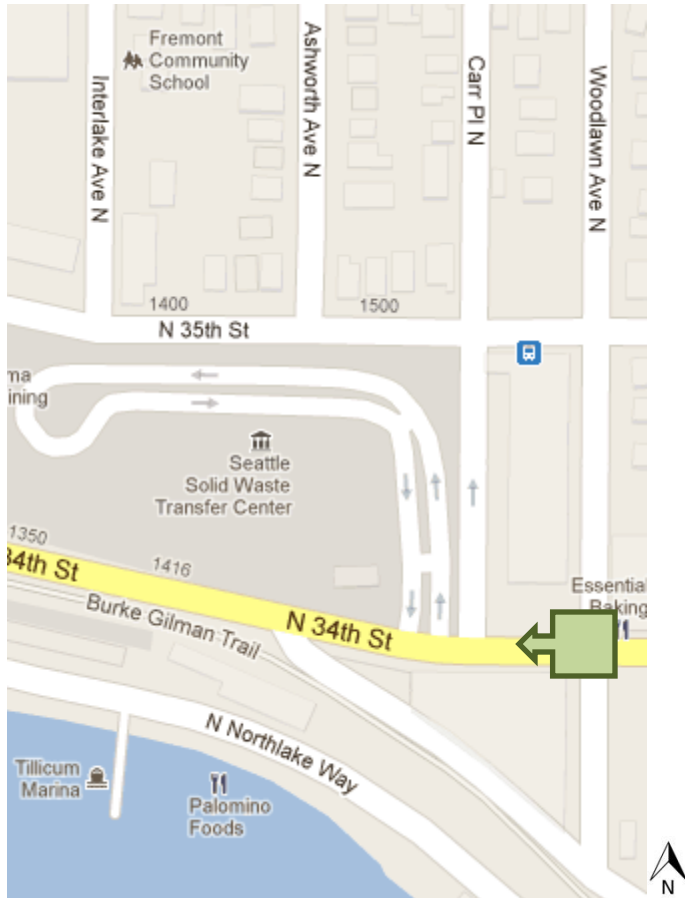
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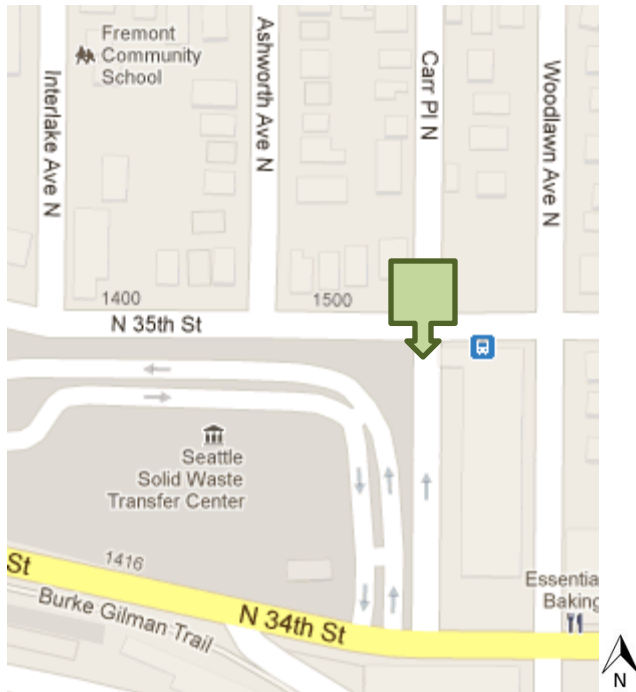


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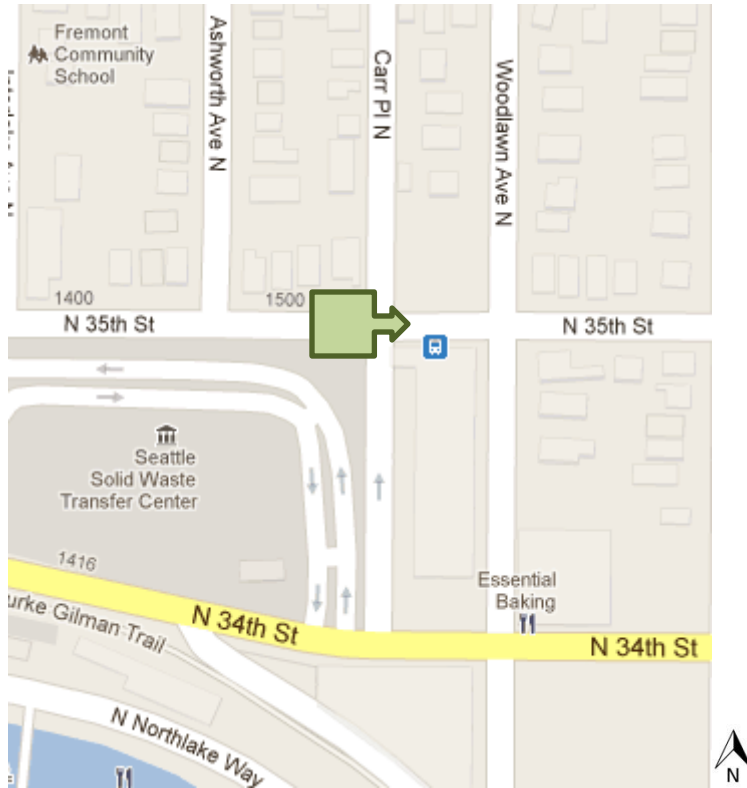




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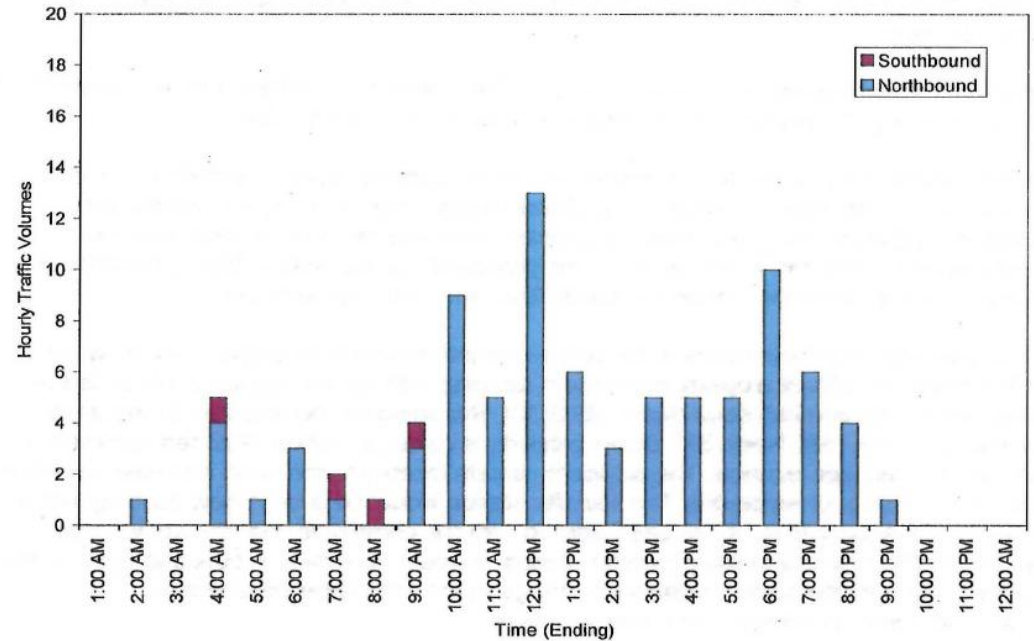




# Proposed Facility



# Existing Traffic Conditions



- No significant adverse impacts on traffic
- Carr Place N is restricted one-way and provides little or no neighborhood connectivity
- Recorded peak traffic volume on Carr Place N did not exceed 13 vehicles in one hour

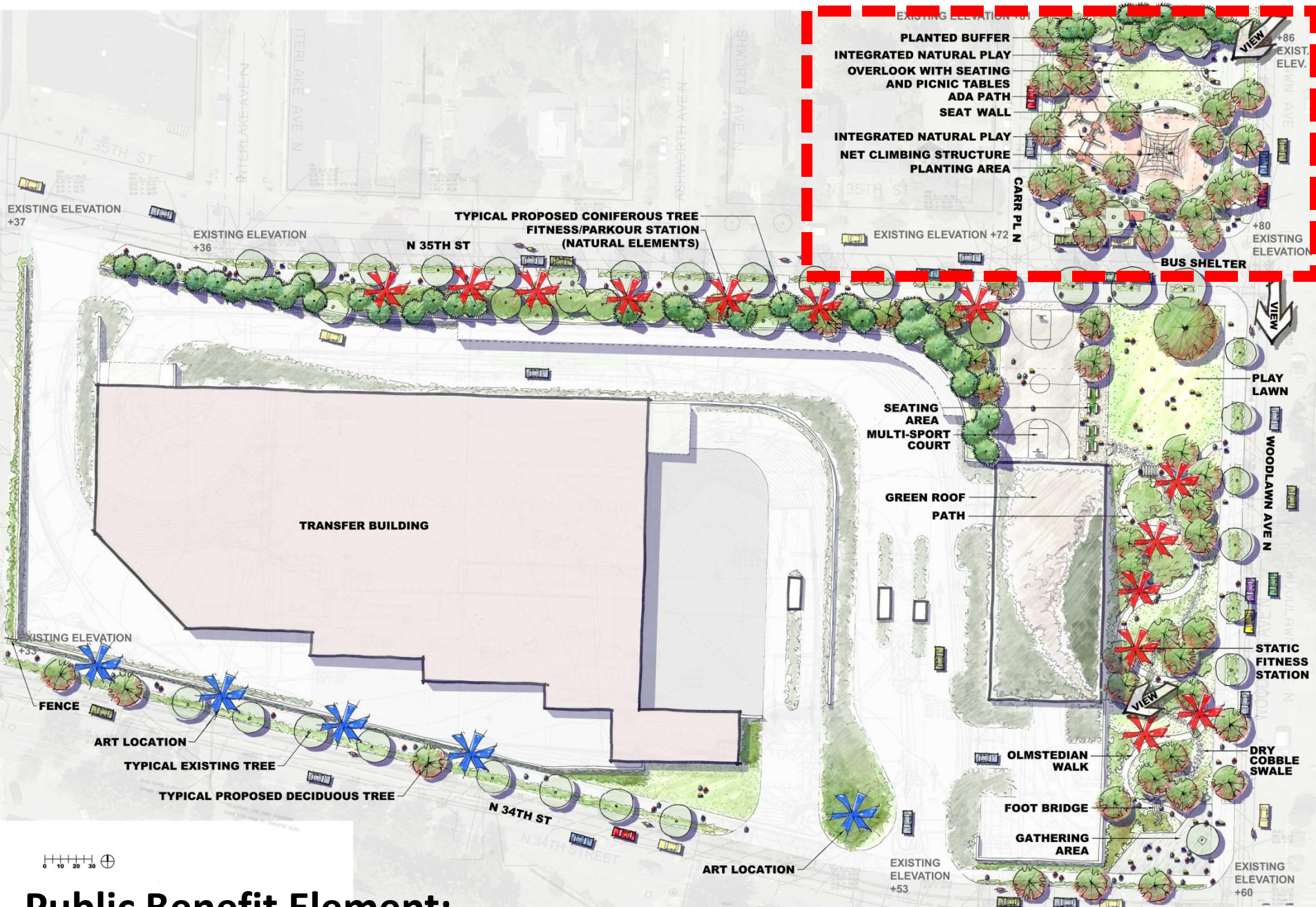
# Utility and Land Use Impacts

- Seattle City Light would require system relocation or easement allowing system to remain
- Underground 8 in diameter water distribution main would require relocation
- Carr Place N has no drainage and wastewater infrastructure.
- Utilities relocation would be addressed during design and construction

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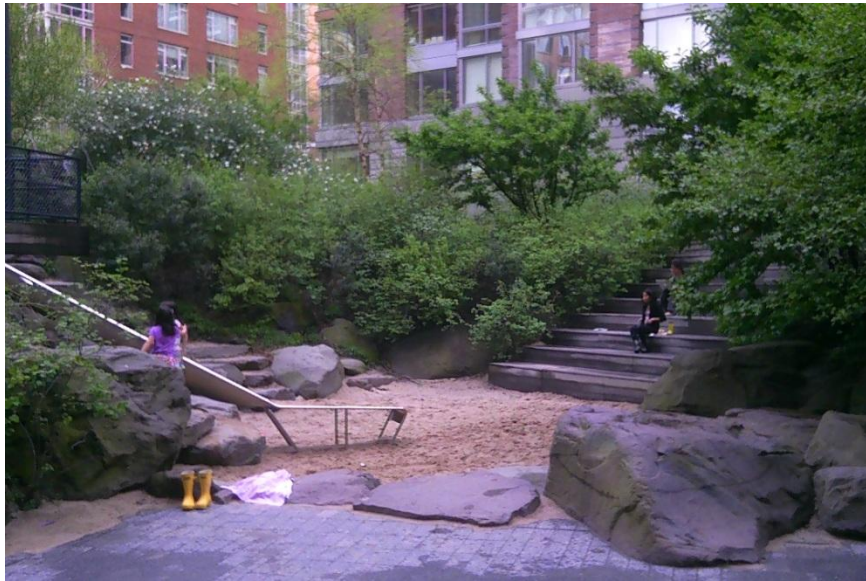
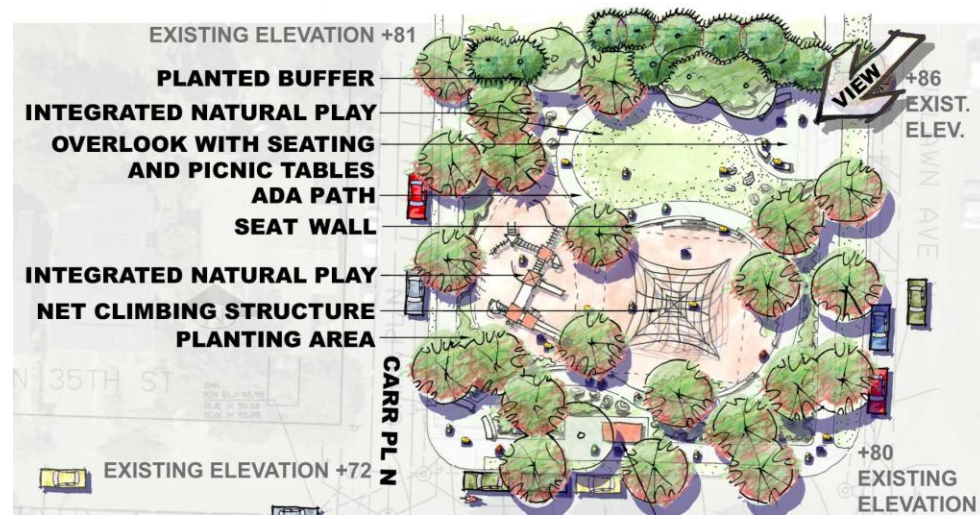
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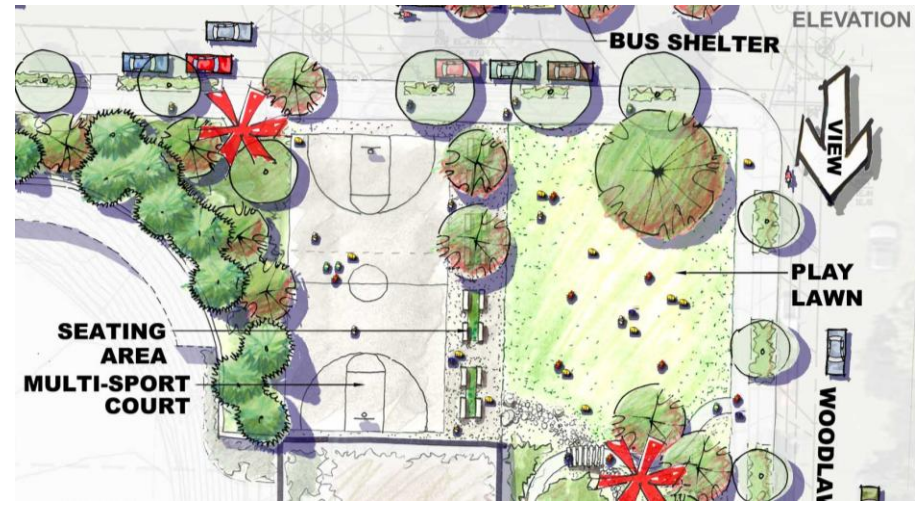


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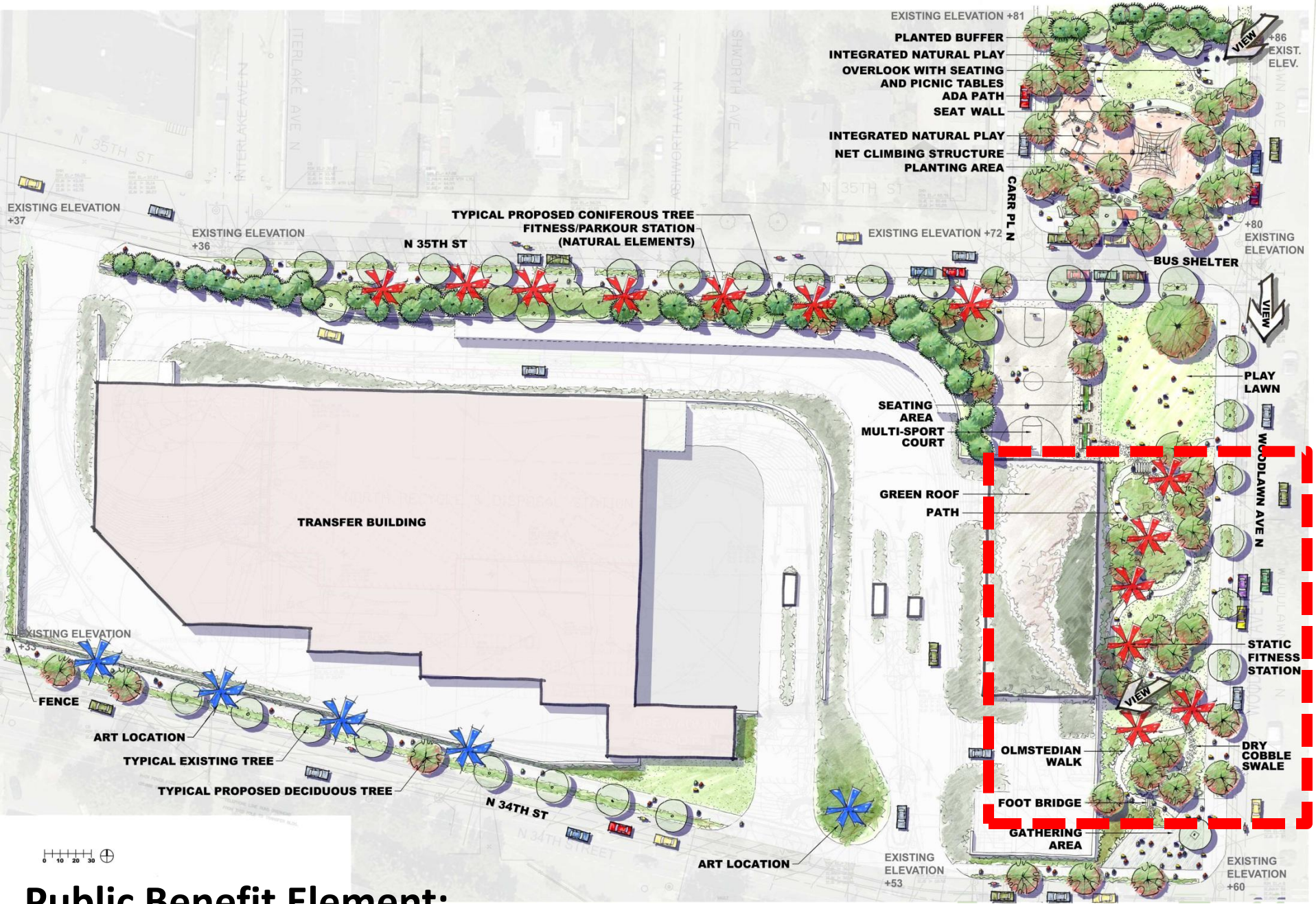






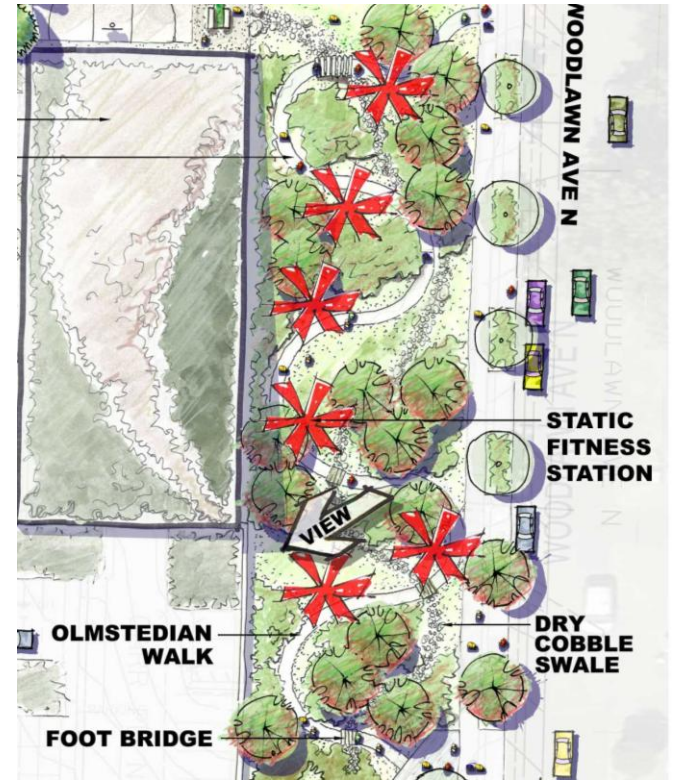
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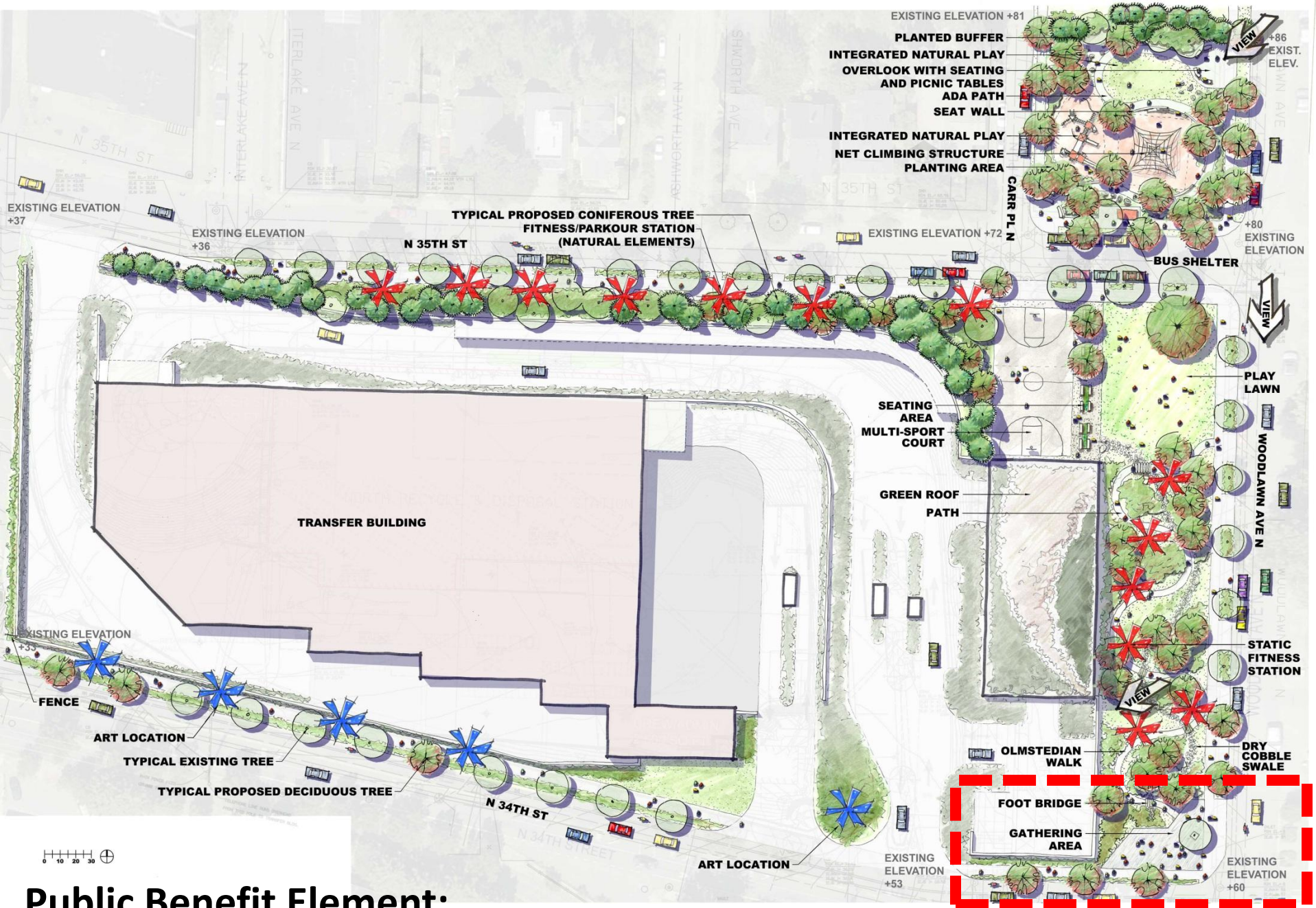
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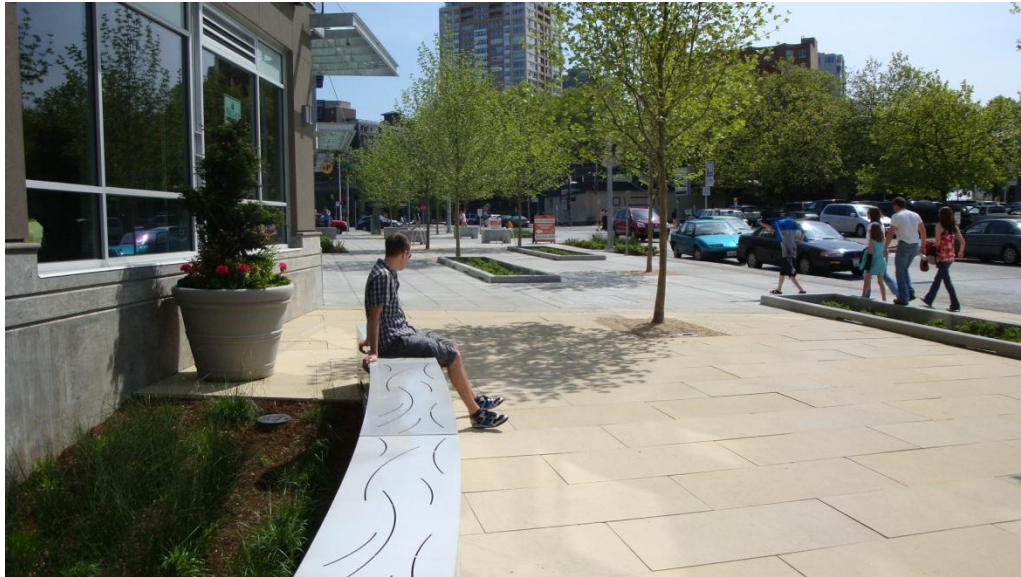
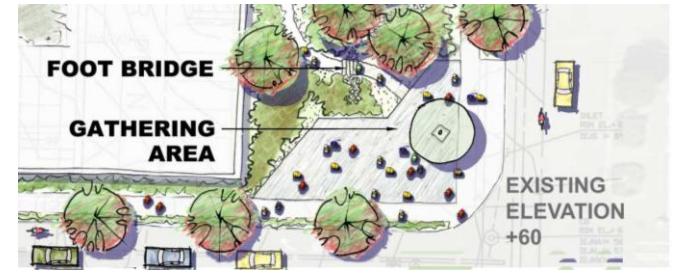
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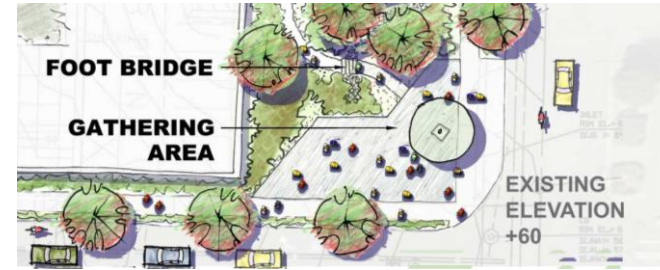


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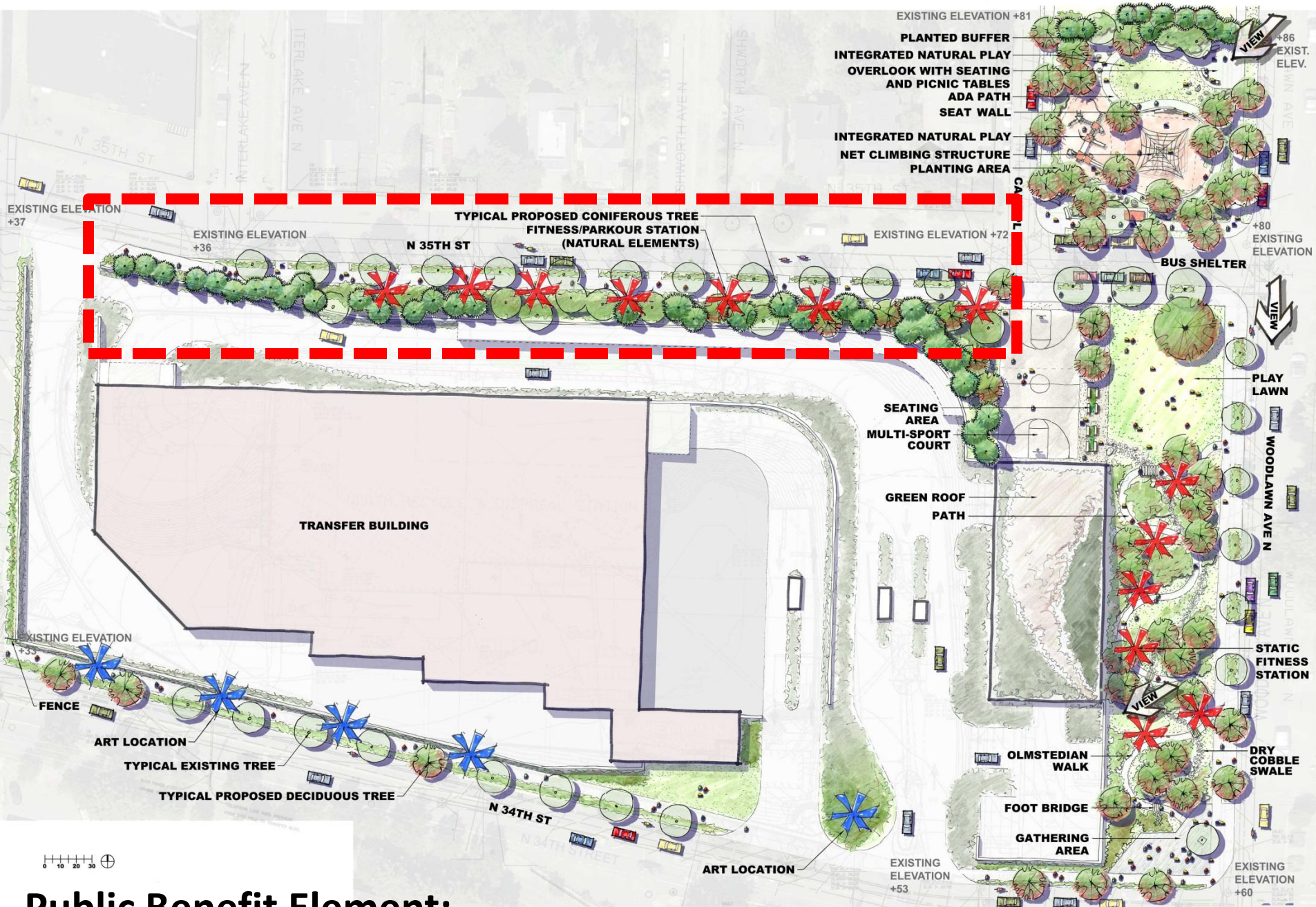






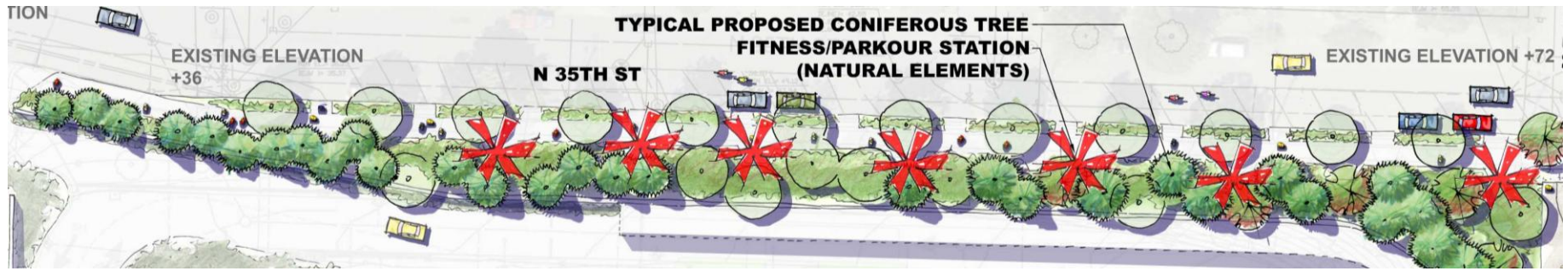
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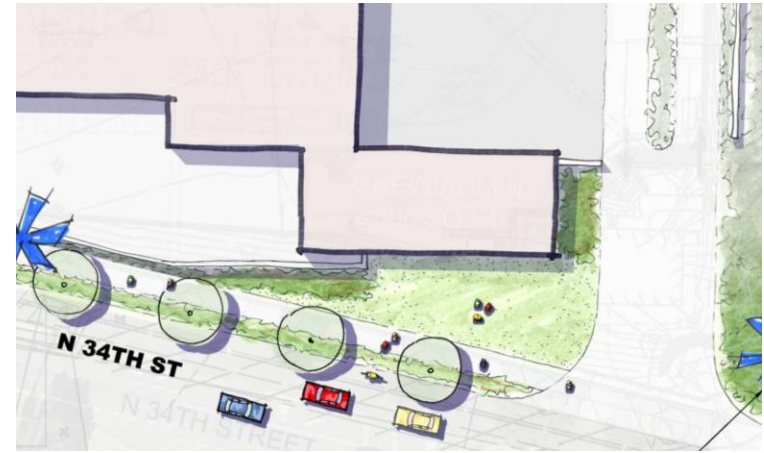
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