



BLOCK 21

Design Commission

June 4, 2015

2200 7th Ave
Public Realm / Public Benefit Presentation





PART I - PUBLIC REALM

Address Commission notes from May 7, 2015 meeting.

PART II - PUBLIC BENEFITS

Public Benefits Overview

Public Benefits

ON-SITE

1. 8th Ave Hillclimb
2. Bell Street Setback
3. Blanchard Street Setback

PUBLIC ROW

4. 7th Ave Improvements & Cycle Track
5. 8th Ave Improvements
6. Bell Street Improvements
7. Blanchard Street Improvements

OFF-SITE

8. 8th & Bell Raised Intersection
9. Bell Street Cycle Track
10. Bell Street Concept Plan

Public Benefits Matrix



PART I

PUBLIC REALM



This presentation directly addresses the Commission's recommendations following the Design Commission Meeting on May 7th, 2015. Below are the topics summarizing Commission direction in the meeting followed by text from the meeting minutes.

Summary of Discussion:

1. Minimize Impacts of Curb Cuts

Further exploration of options to consolidate, narrow, reduce the height of, and/or otherwise minimize the impact of the curb cuts on the public realm.

2. Develop the Bell Street Design

Further develop the Bell St design, including how reducing the travel lanes from two to one would result in green street design improvements.

3. Extend Bell Street Park Character

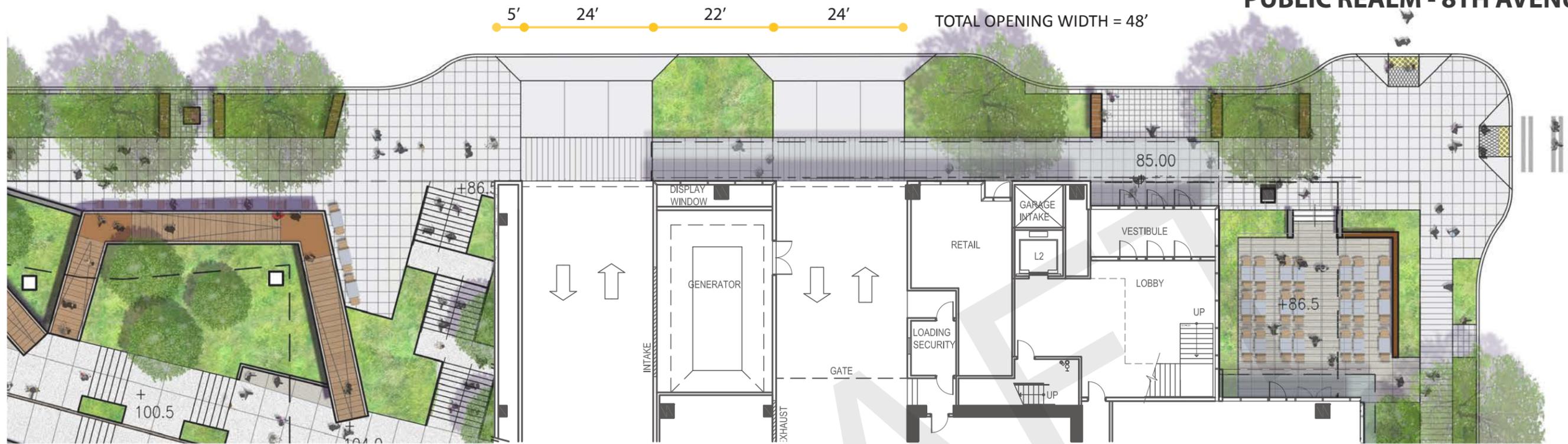
Interpret and incorporate attributes of Bell Street Park that occur west of 5th Ave onto this portion of the Bell St Green Street, including open space, seating, landscape, lighting, and the relationship between retail frontage and the public realm.

4. Add Seating, Reduce Parking on Blanchard Street

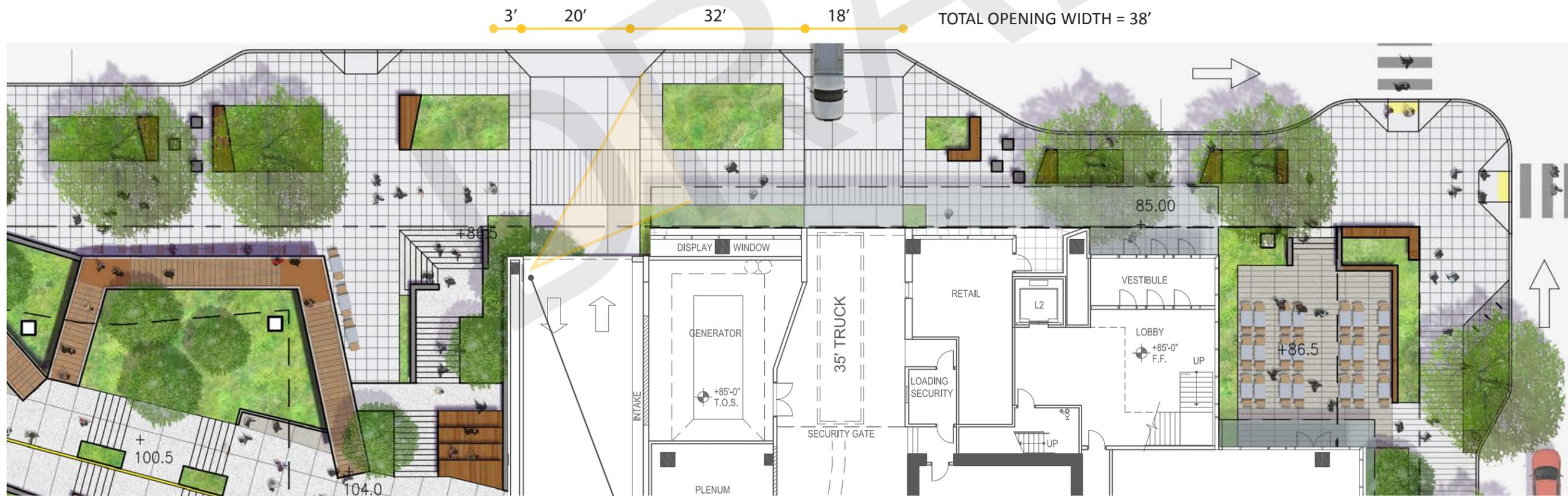
Incorporate additional landscape and seating and reduce the quantity of on-street parking on Blanchard St.

Director's note: Following this meeting, the petitioner provided staff a copy of a DPD permit decision from February 2015 that authorizes two curb cuts on 8th Ave. The details regarding this decision were not discussed as part of the presentation. When the petitioner returns for the next meeting, the focus will be 1) resolution of items 2-4 above and 2) a briefing and potential vote on public benefit.

PUBLIC REALM - 8TH AVENUE CURB CUTS



5/7/15 PLAN



PROPOSED PLAN

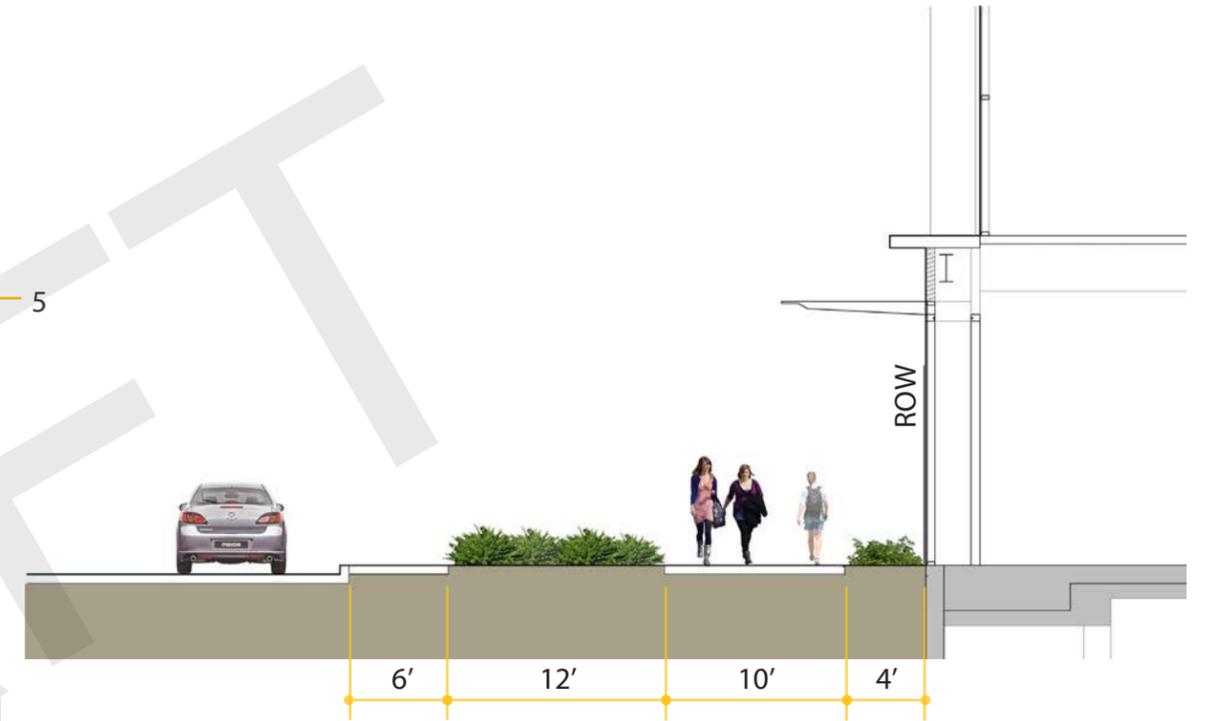
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OFFICE LOBBY RETAIL STOREFRONT (34') LOADING (18') DISPLAY WINDOW (32') PARKING (20') PLAZA STAIR / BIKE ENTRY



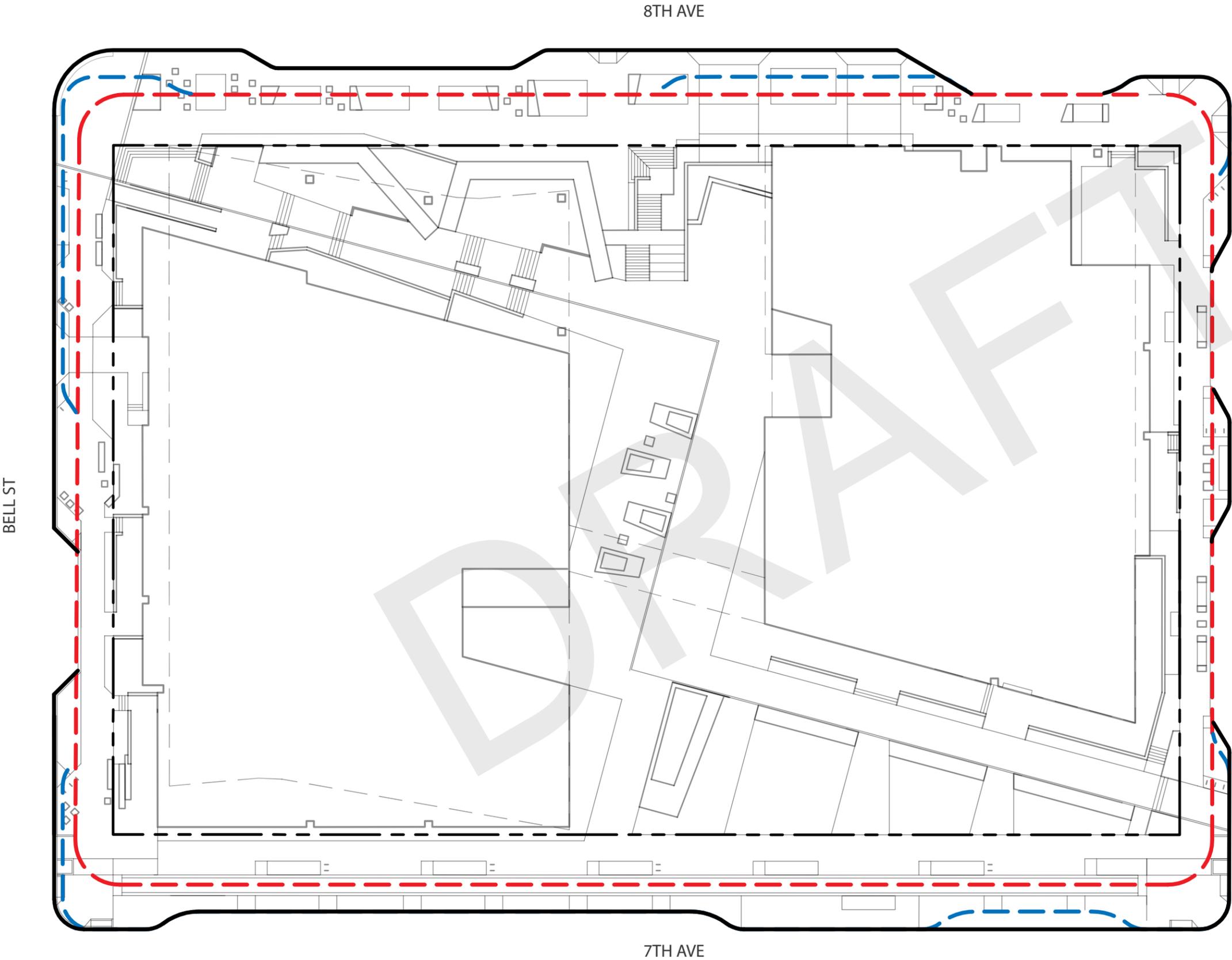
8th AVE - Looking South



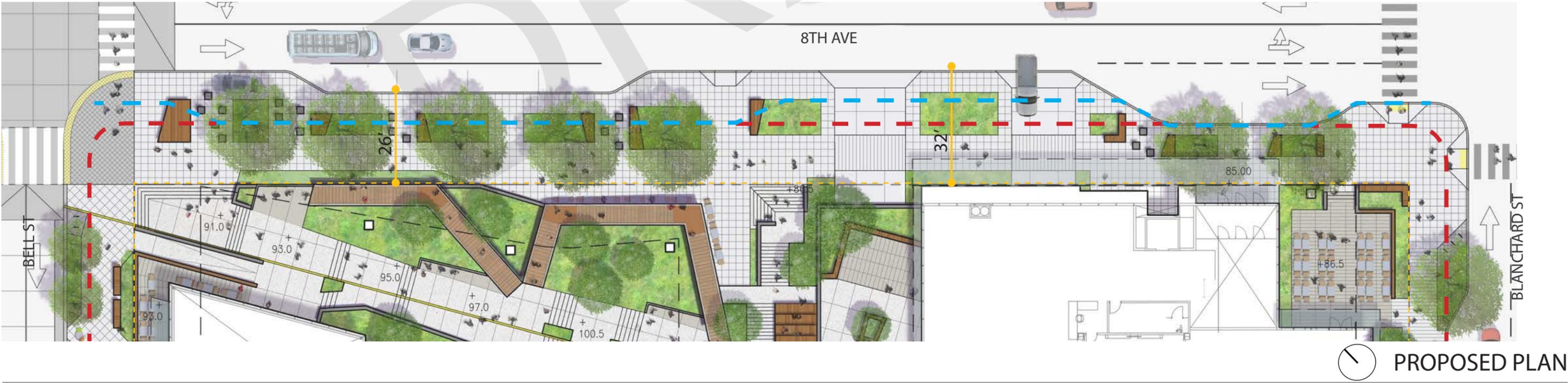
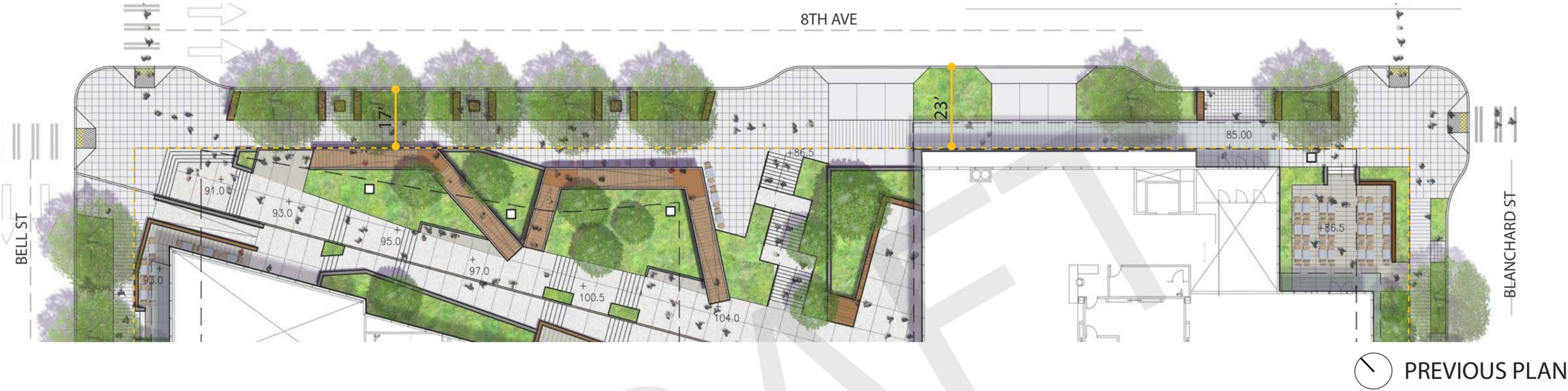
8th AVE - Looking North

- 1. Retail Storefront
- 2. Display Window
- 3. Truck Entry
- 4. Automobile Entry
- 5. Bike Entry
- 6. Office Lobby Entry

PUBLIC REALM - ROW DIAGRAMS

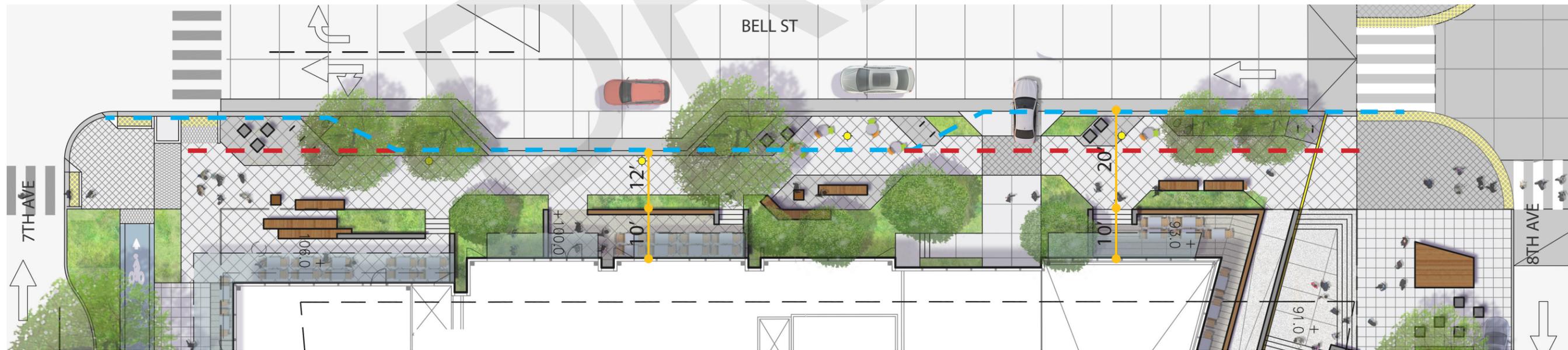


- Existing Curb
- Previously Proposed Curb
(6,555 Additional S.F.)
- Proposed Curb
(11,526 Additional S.F.)



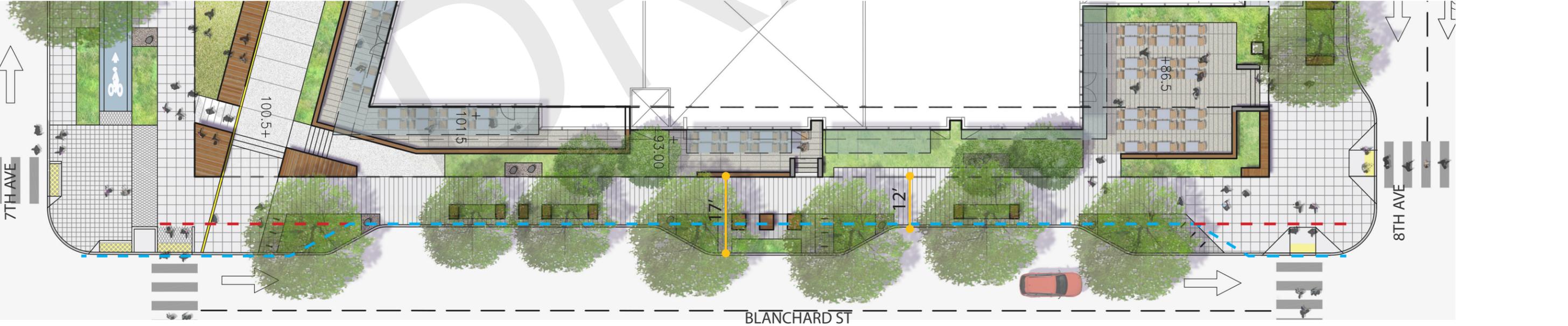
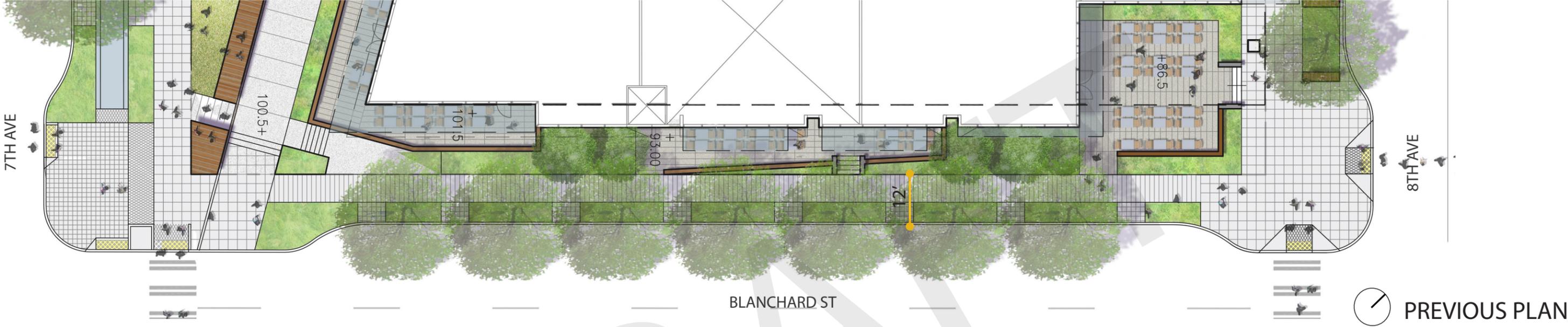


PREVIOUS PLAN



PROPOSED PLAN

PUBLIC REALM - BLANCHARD STREET





At the March 5, 2015 meeting the Design Commission voted 6-2 that the proposal demonstrated how it met the criteria for evaluation of Urban Design Merit for granting an alley vacation. To summarize:

Circulation

The proposal does not compromise the existing street grid pattern and enhances the pedestrian experience

Access

The proposal improves site access and minimizes impacts on adjacent streets

Utilities

The proposal is consistent with long-term infrastructure planning

Light, Air and Views

The proposal enhances access to daylight and air and minimizes adverse view impacts

Open Space

The alley vacation increases opportunities for publicly accessible open space

Prior to proceeding to an evaluation of Public Benefit, the Design Commission conditioned the Urban Design Merit approval on this more focused review of the public realm, with specific emphasis on those items identified on page A-4.



PART II

PUBLIC BENEFITS





ON-SITE

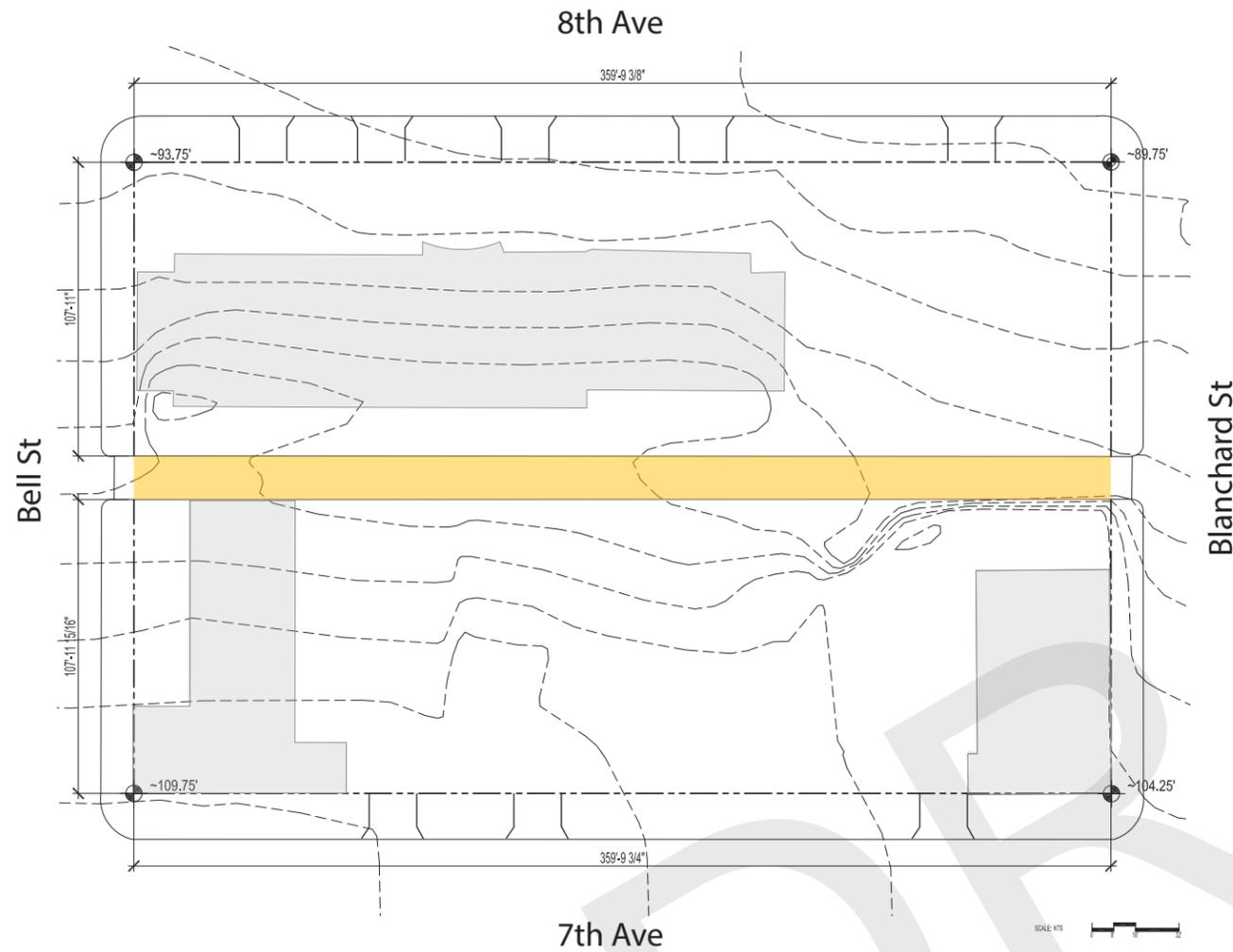
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PUBLIC R.O.W.

- 4 7th Avenue Improvements & Cycle Track
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OFF-SITE

- 8 8th & Bell Intersection
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NO VACATION ALTERNATIVE

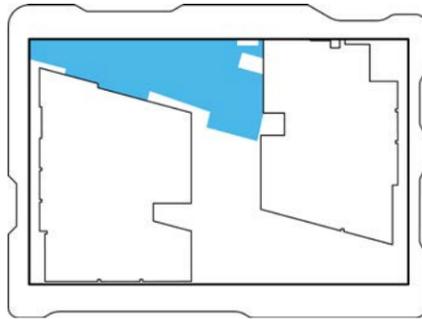
- 5,760 SF publicly accessible alley
- 40' wide curb cuts on Bell and Blanchard Street Green Streets (after required alley dedication)
- Loading and parking entry exclusively from alley with multiple curb cuts for parking garage & loading access
- BOH functions located at grade on alley



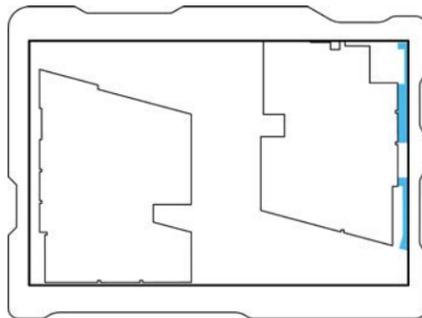
PROPOSED

- Contribution to city revenue through purchase of alley
- Additional 57,600 SF of FAR
- 12' curb cut on Bell Street; 18' loading curb cut on 8th Avenue; 20' parking curb cut on 8th Avenue (50 LF total)
- Loading and parking entry and exit from 8th Avenue with parking exit at Bell Street
- Publicly accessible mid-block connection with universal (ADA) access
- BOH functions move off Green Streets and are located below grade
- 21,289 SF of improved off-site public open space
- 14,252 SF of publicly-accessible on-site open space

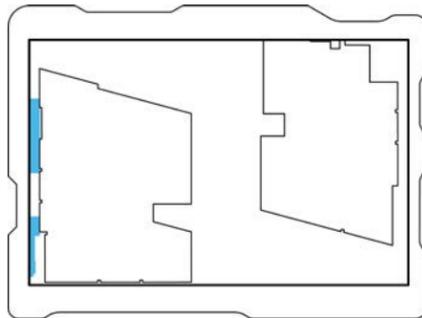
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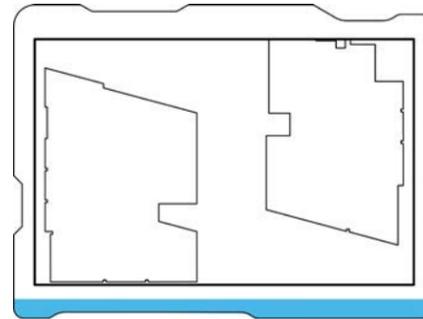


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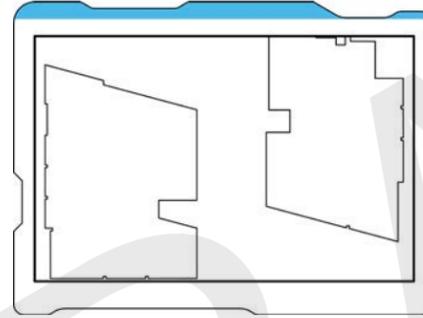


3 Bell Street Setback

PUBLIC R.O.W.



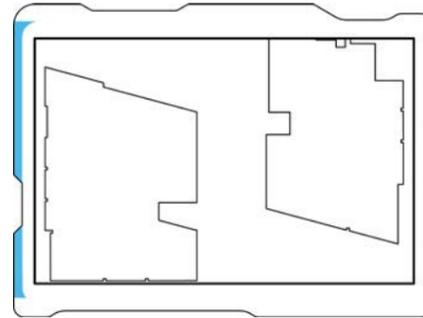
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5 8th Ave Improvements



6 Blanchard Street Improvements



7 Bell street Improvements

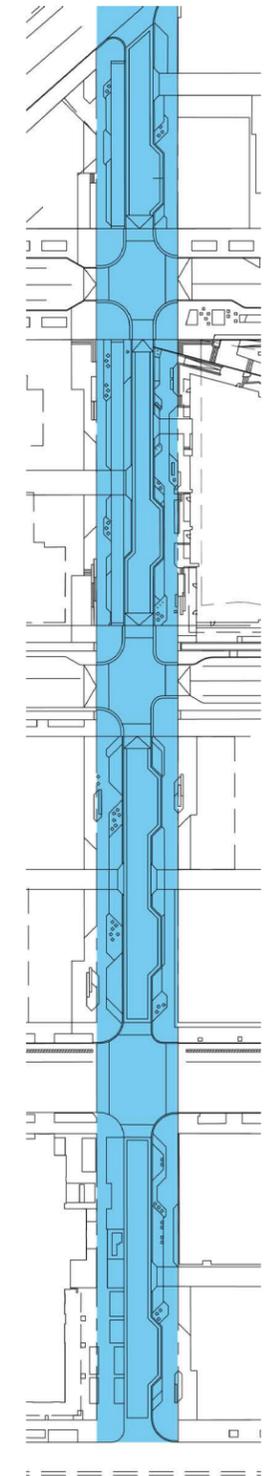
OFF-SITE



8 8th & Bell Intersection



9 Bell Street Cycle Track



10 Bell Street Concept Plan

1 8TH AVENUE HILLCLIMB

PUBLIC BENEFIT:
1. 8TH AVE HILLCLIMB (12,000 SF)









PUBLIC BENEFIT:
4. 7TH AVE ROW (4,750 SF)



CURB BULB / R.O.W. IMPROVEMENTS

CUSTOMIZABLE STOREFRONTS & CANOPIES

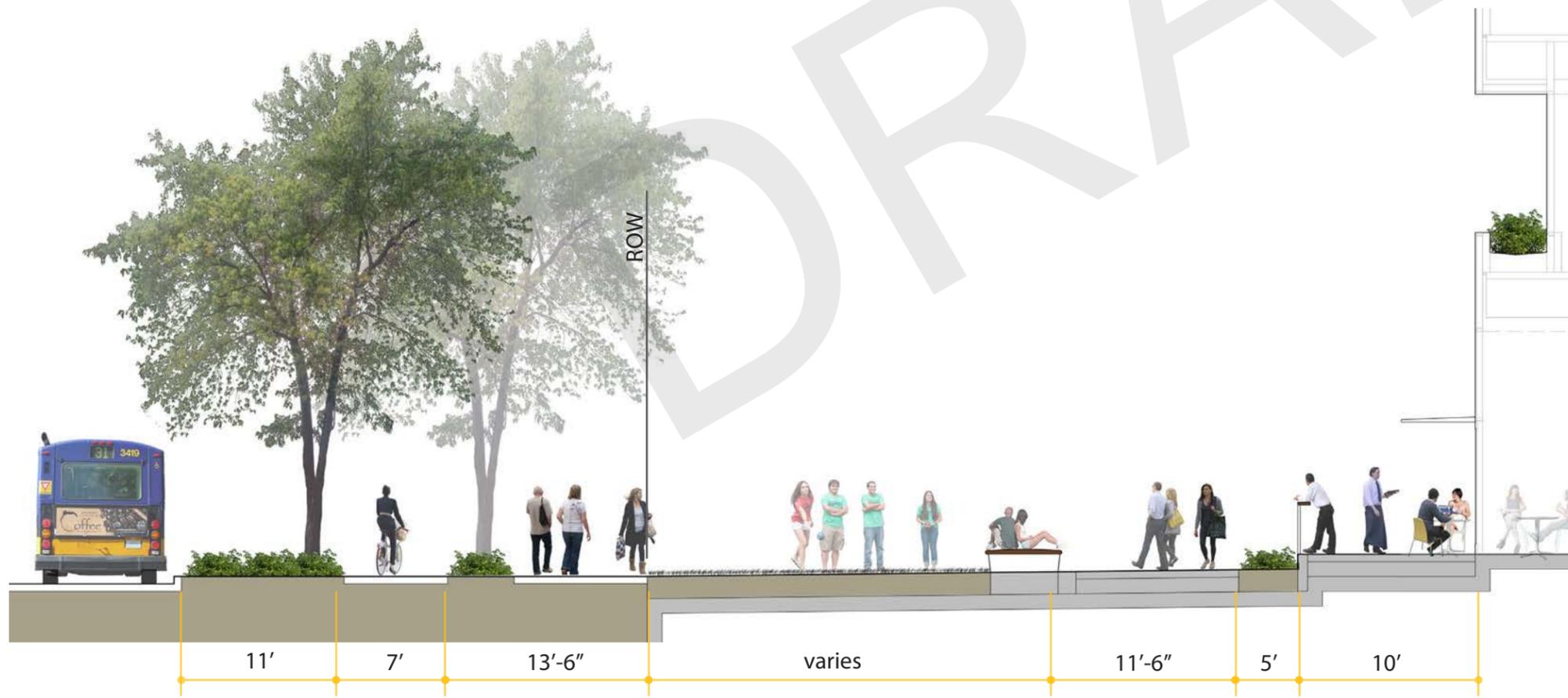
ELEVATED CYCLE TRACK

BUS STOP

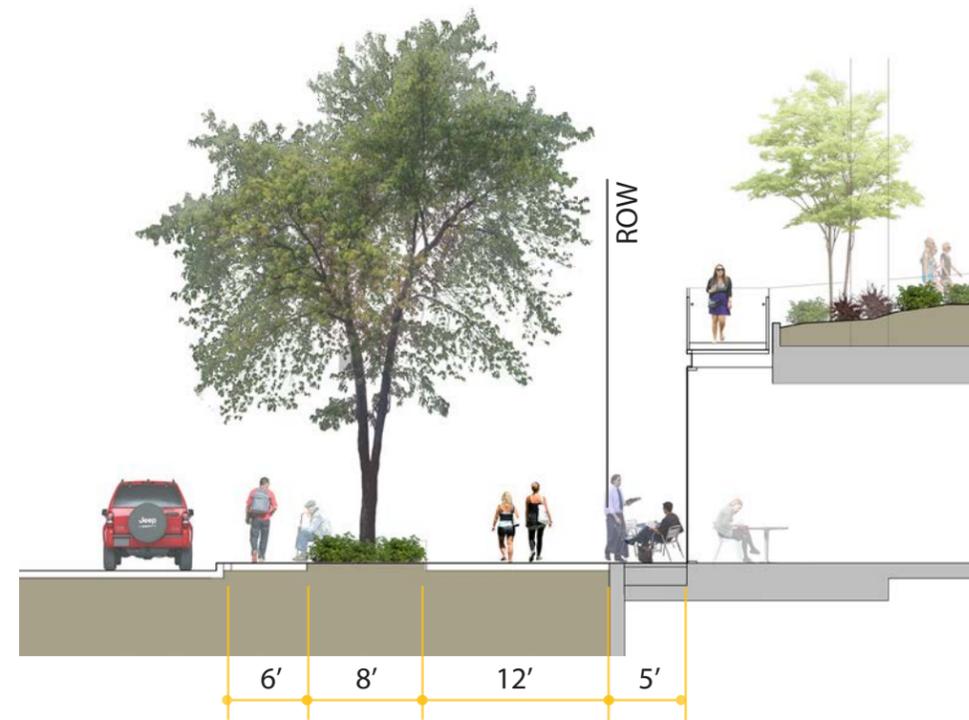
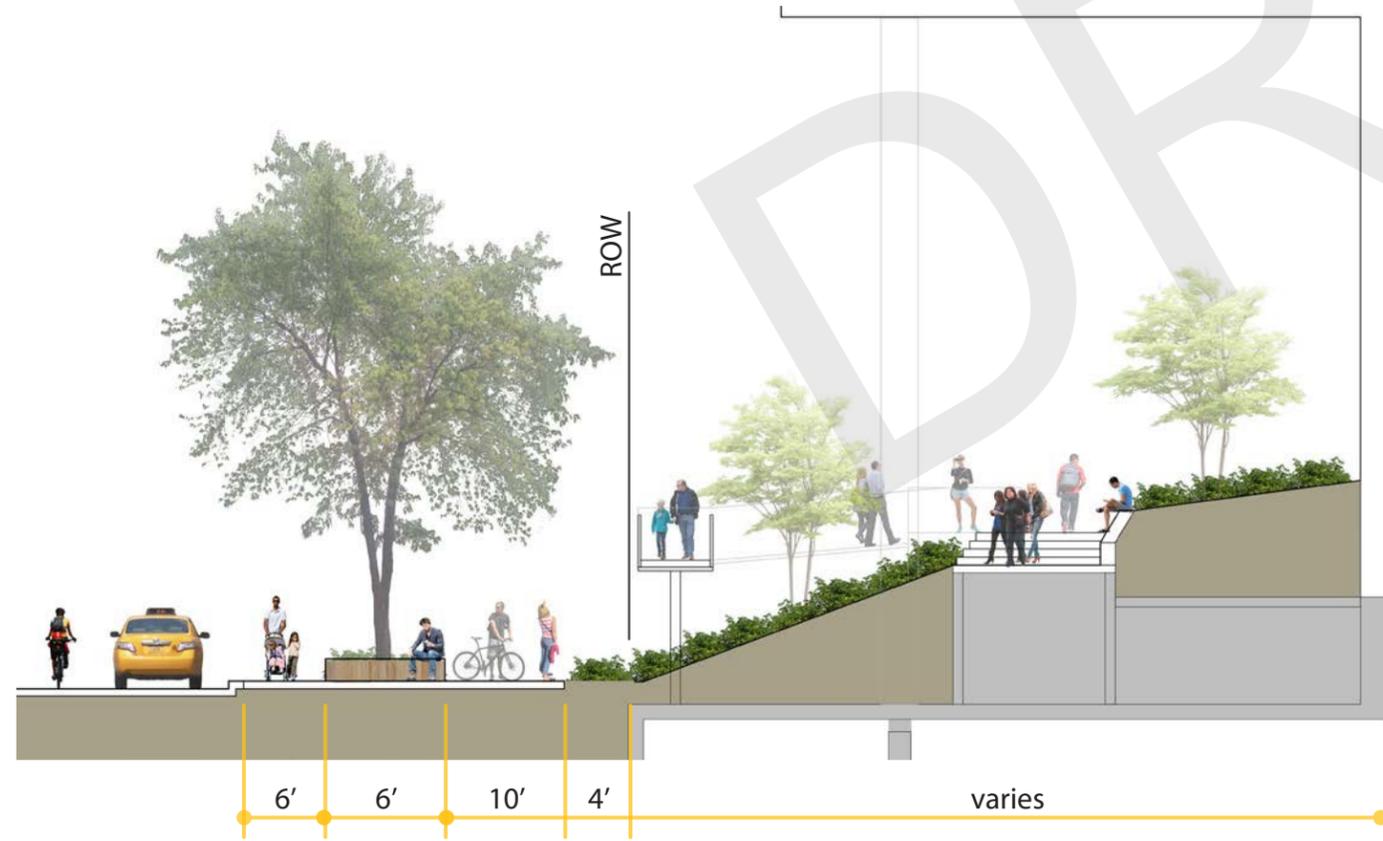
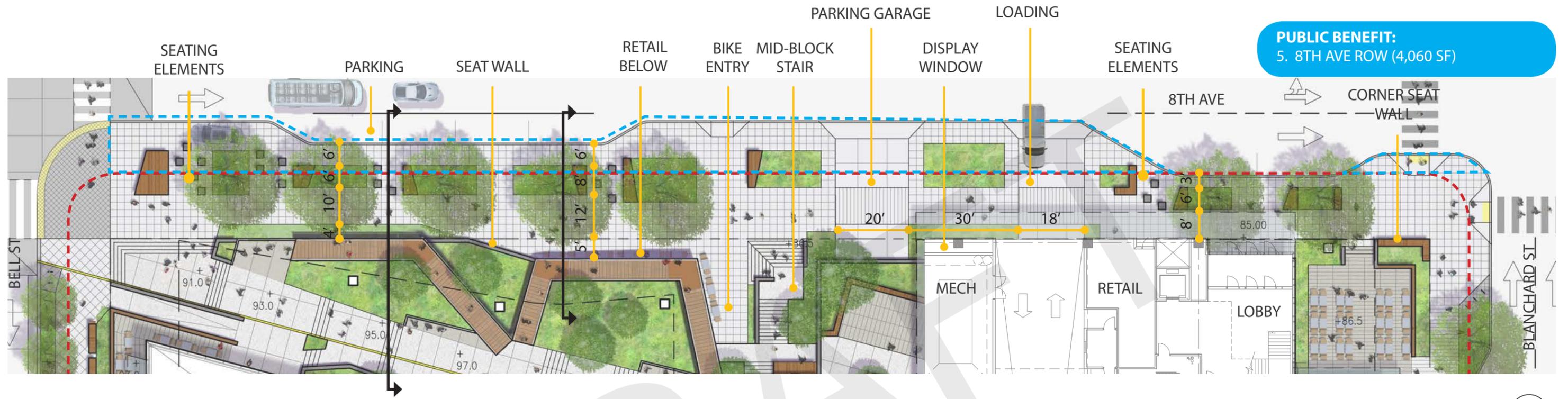
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DOUBLE ALLEE OF ELM TREES

MIXING ZONE







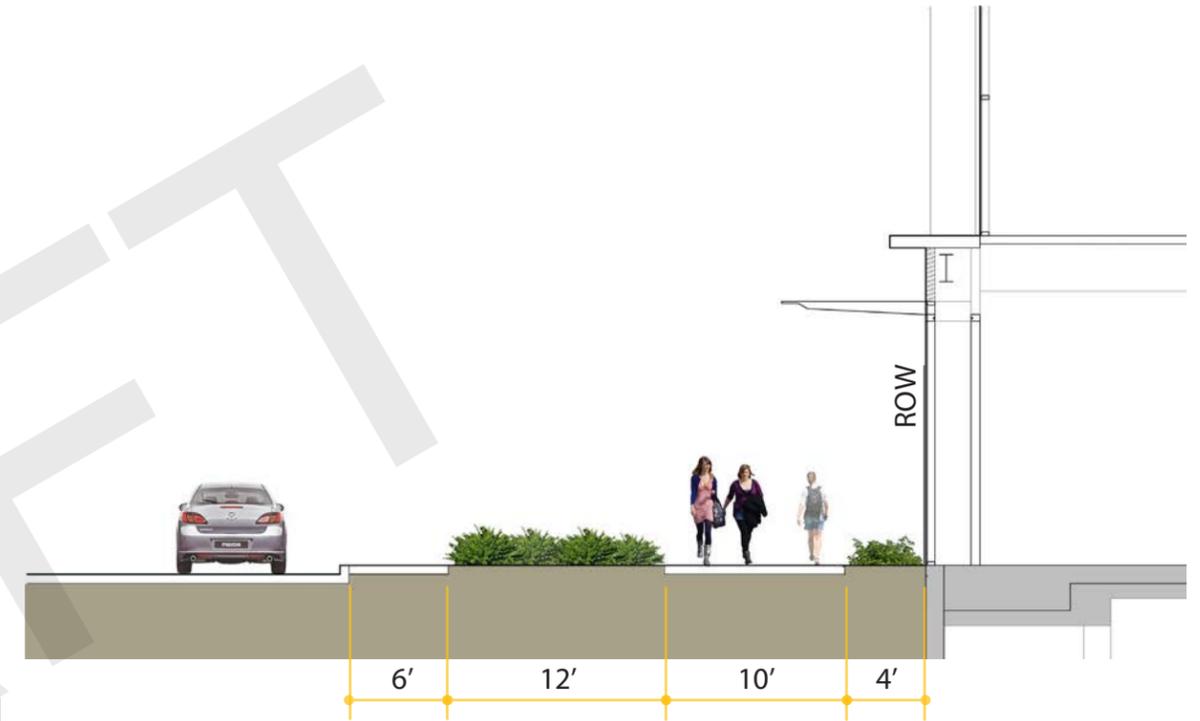




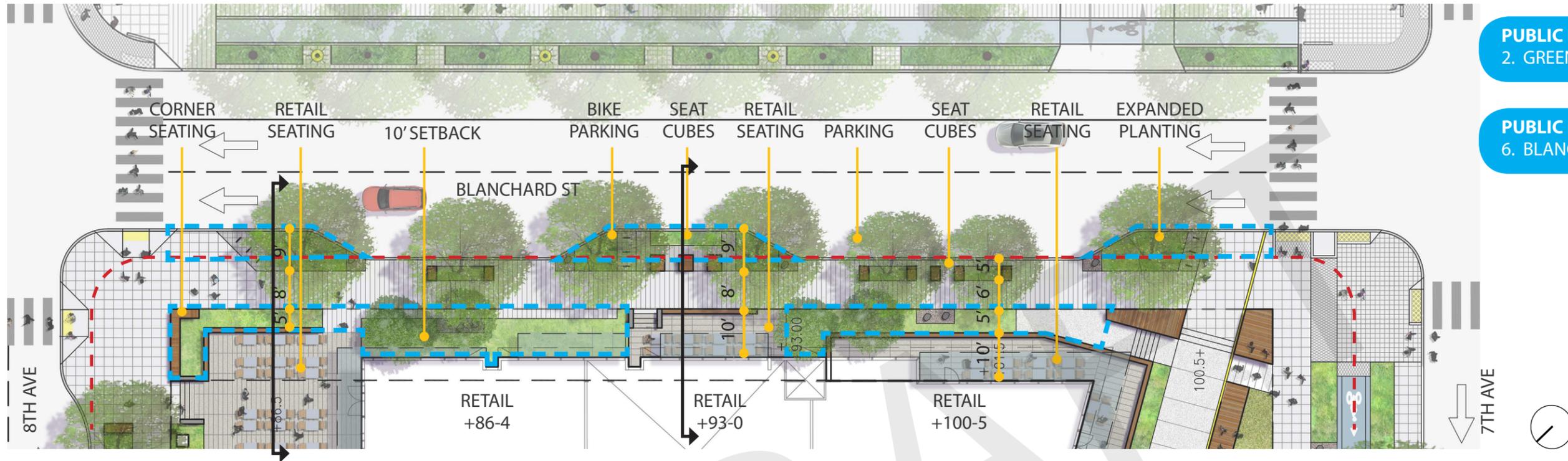
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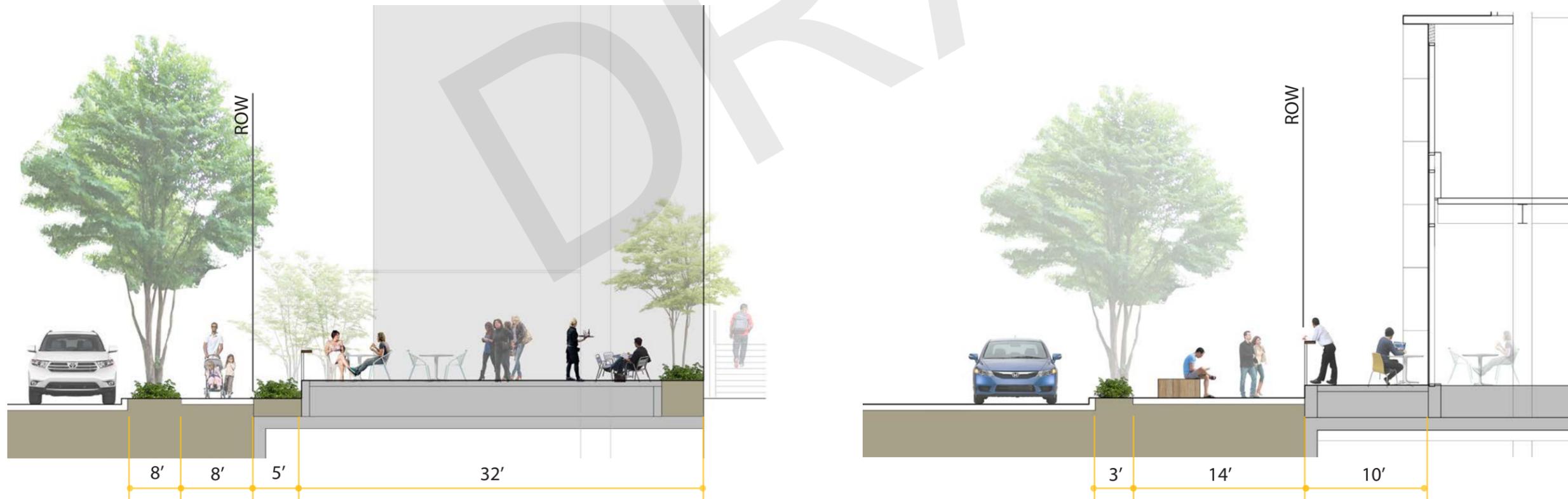


8th AVE - Looking North



PUBLIC BENEFIT:
2. GREEN STREET SETBACK (1,162 SF)

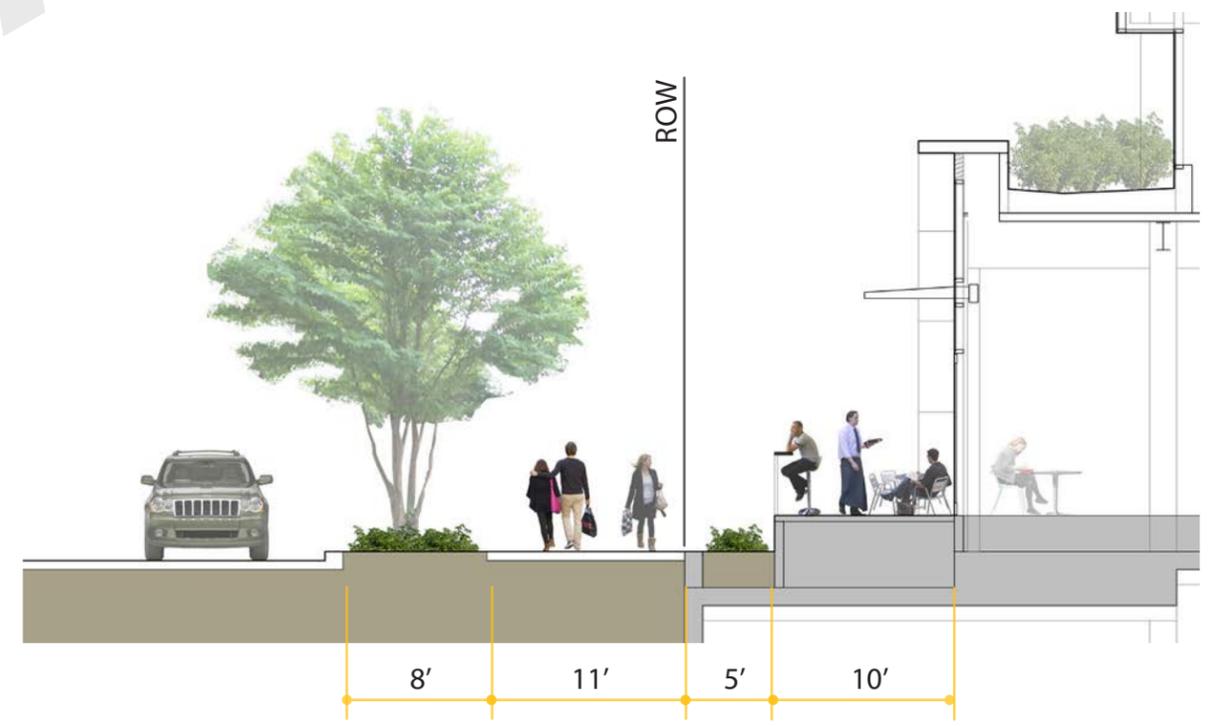
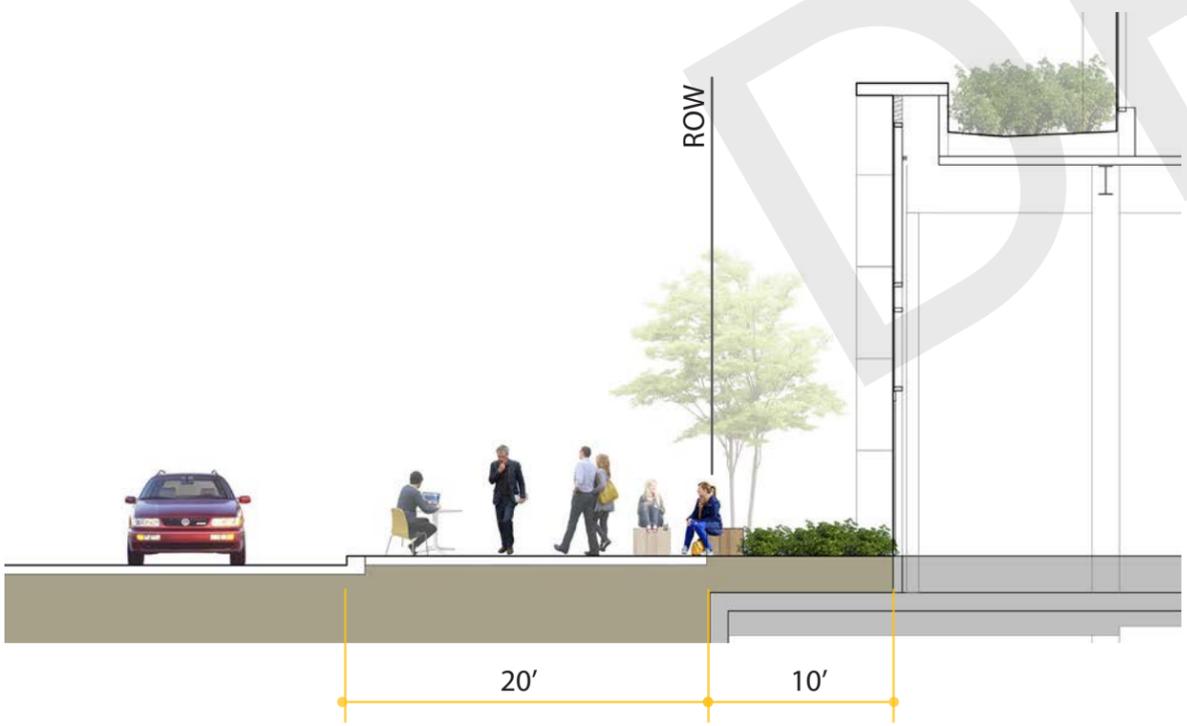
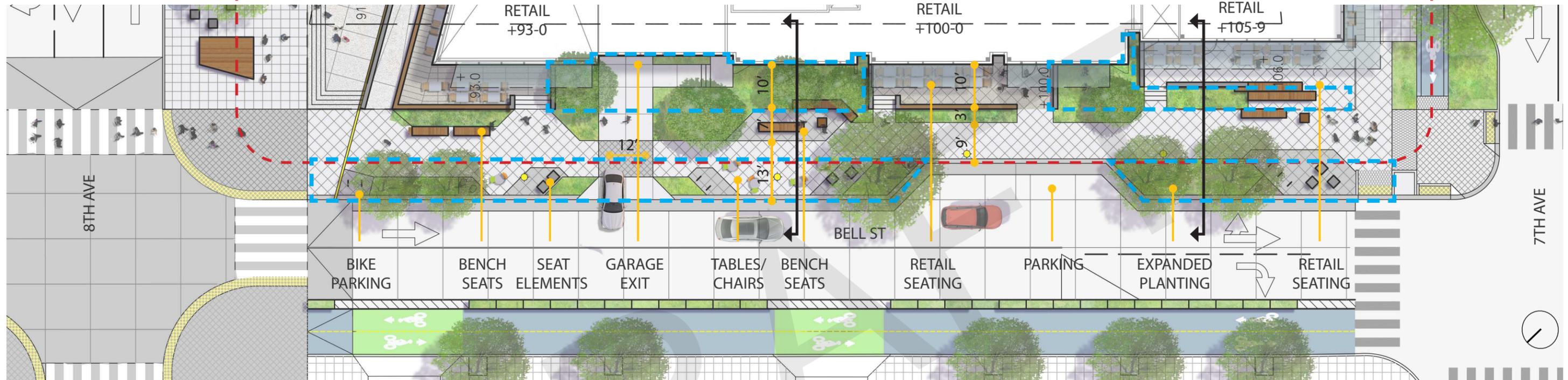
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6. BLANCHARD STREET ROW (775 SF)



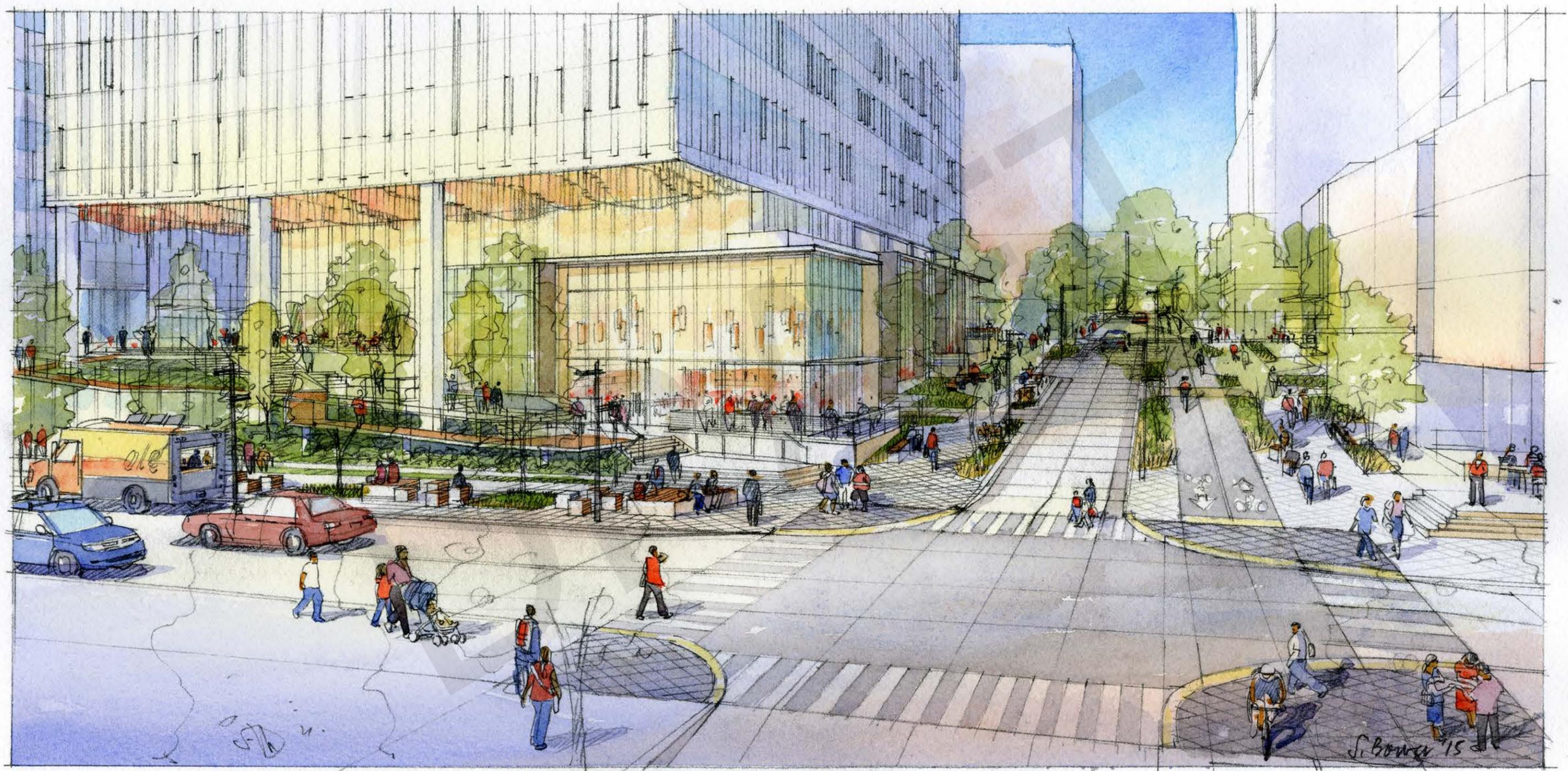


PUBLIC BENEFIT:
3. GREEN STREET SETBACK (1,090 SF)

PUBLIC BENEFIT:
7. BELL STREET ROW (1,829 SF)



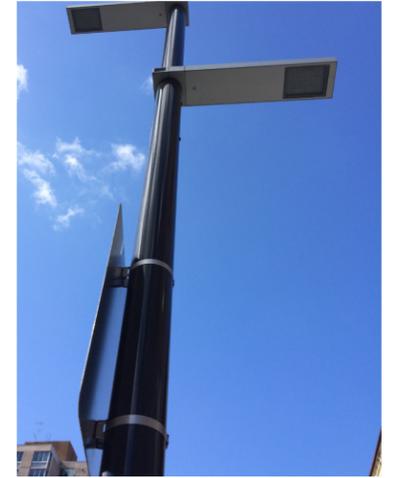








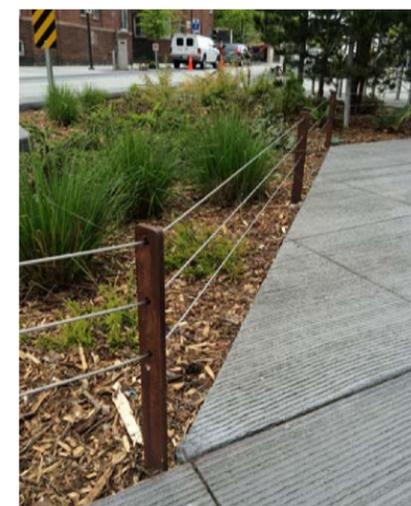
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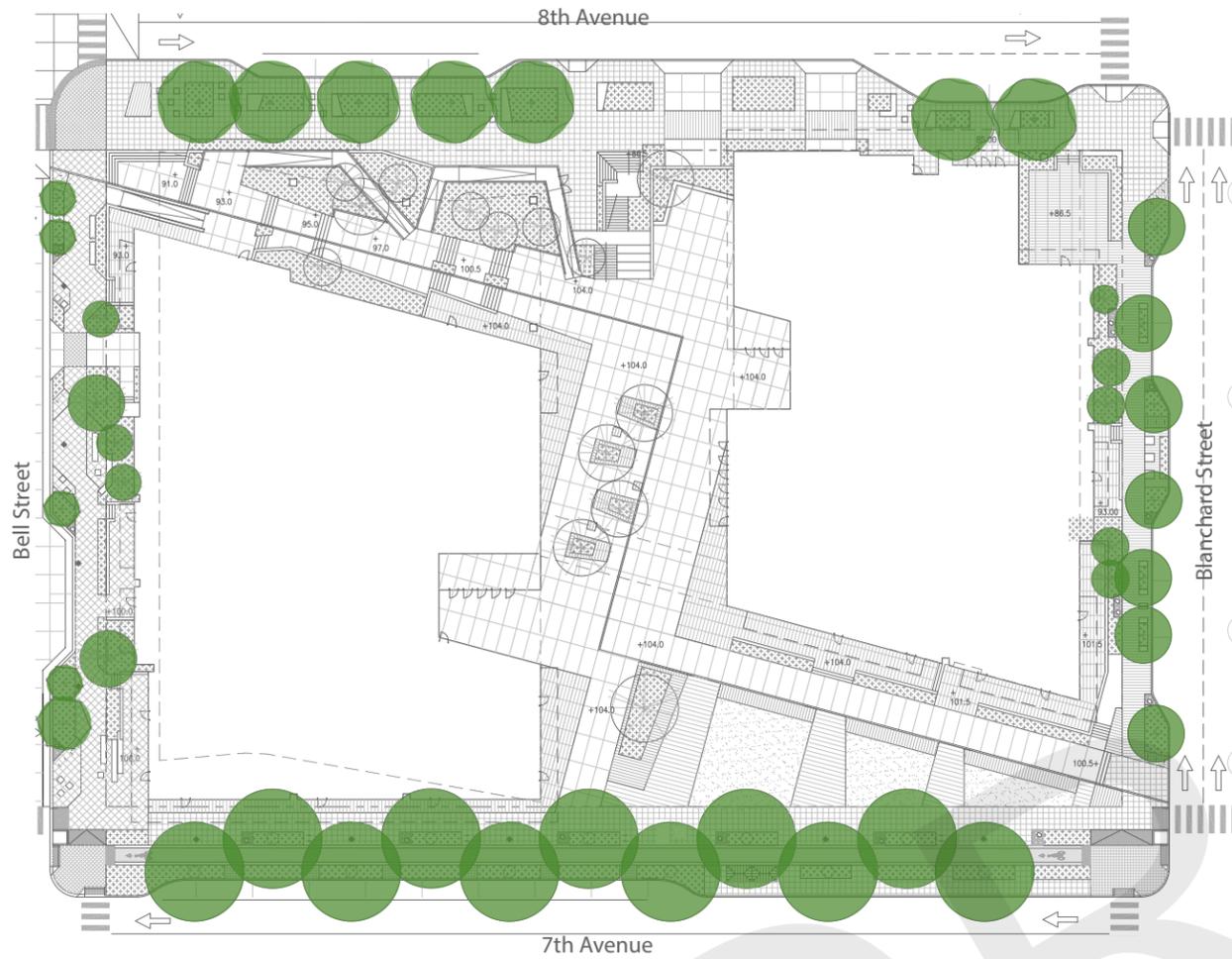


Paving



Planting





Ulmus propinqua 'Emerald Sunshine'

8th Avenue



Cercidiphyllum japonicum

Stewartia sinensis

Blanchard Street



Nyssa sylvatica 'Tupelo Tower'

Amelanchier laevis

Lirodendron tulipifera 'Fastigiata'

Acer circinatum

Bell Street



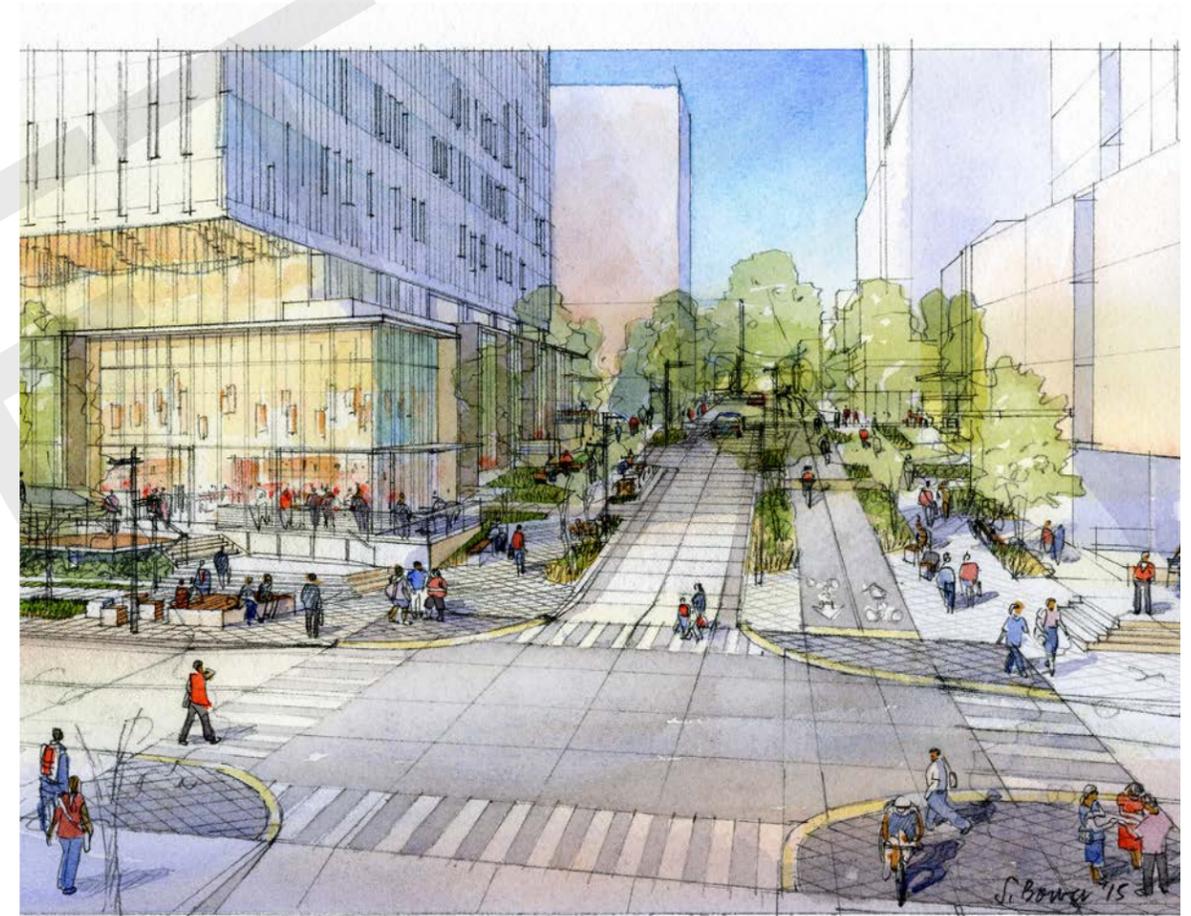
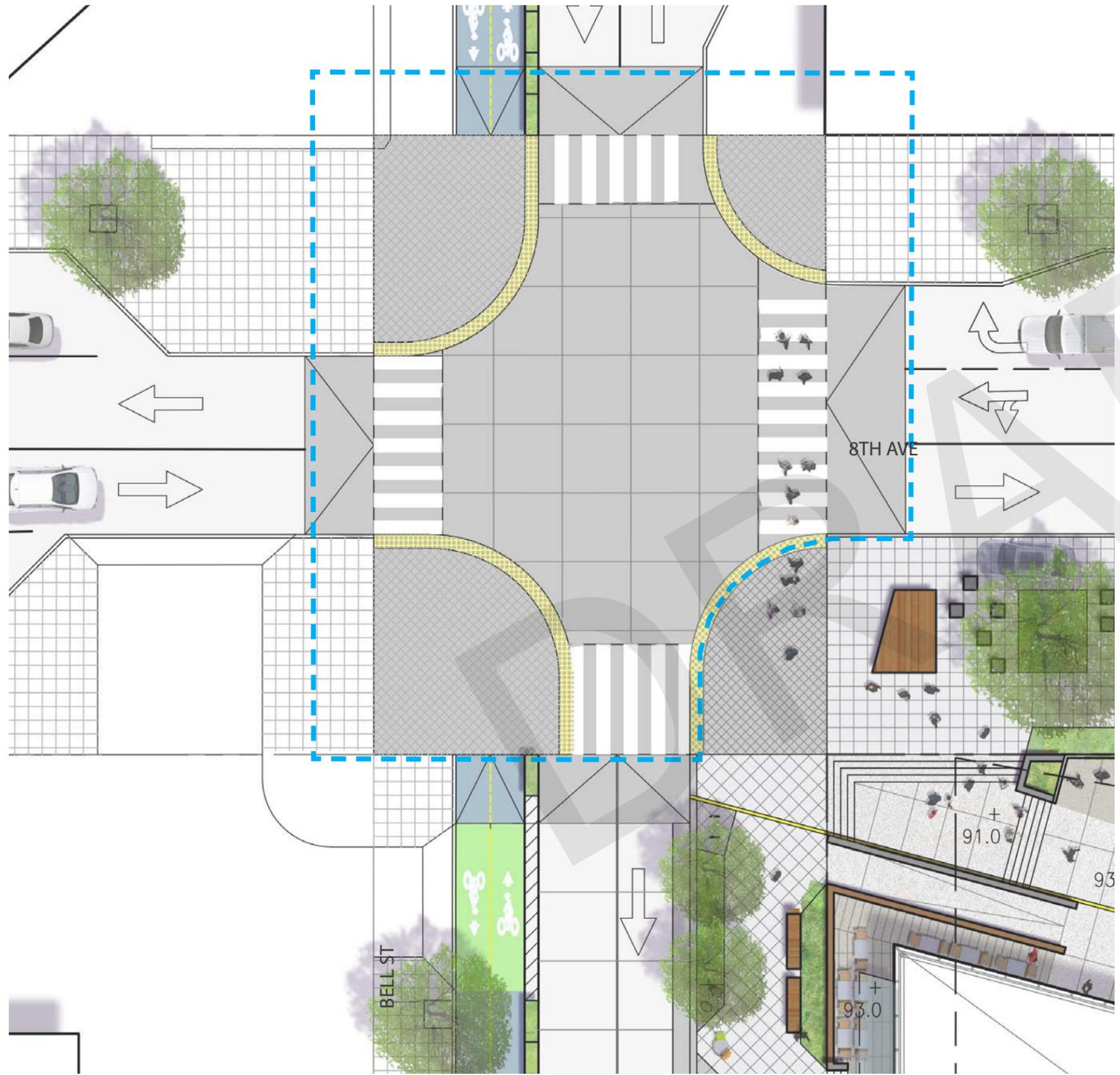
Ulmus x 'Accolade'

cycletrack allee

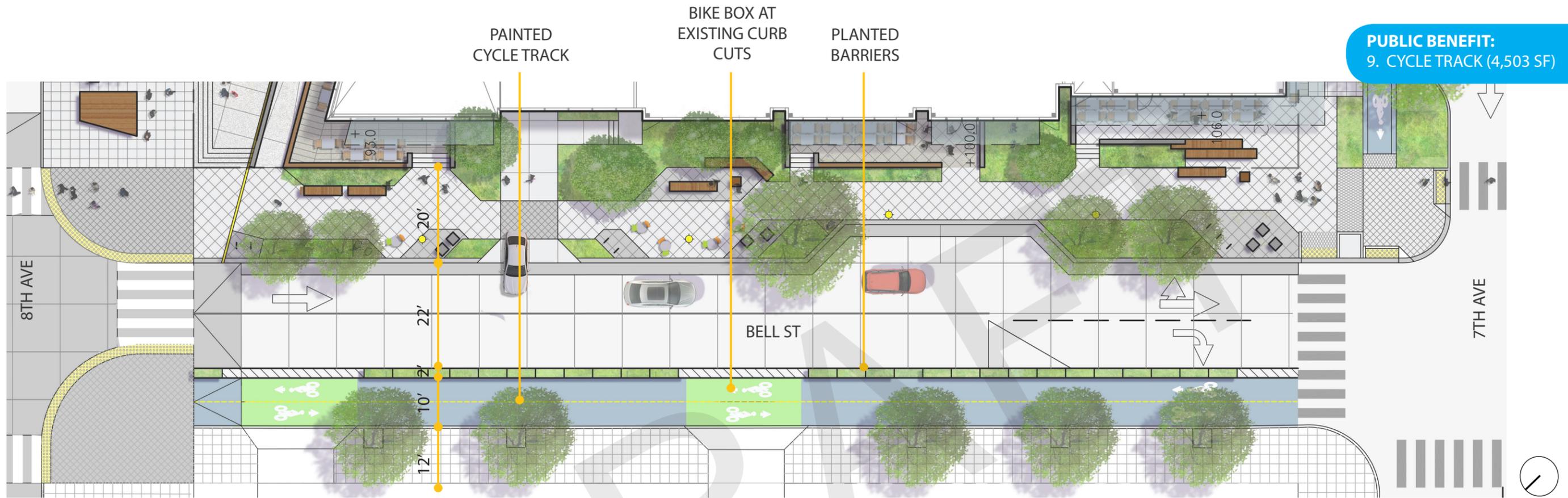
7th Avenue

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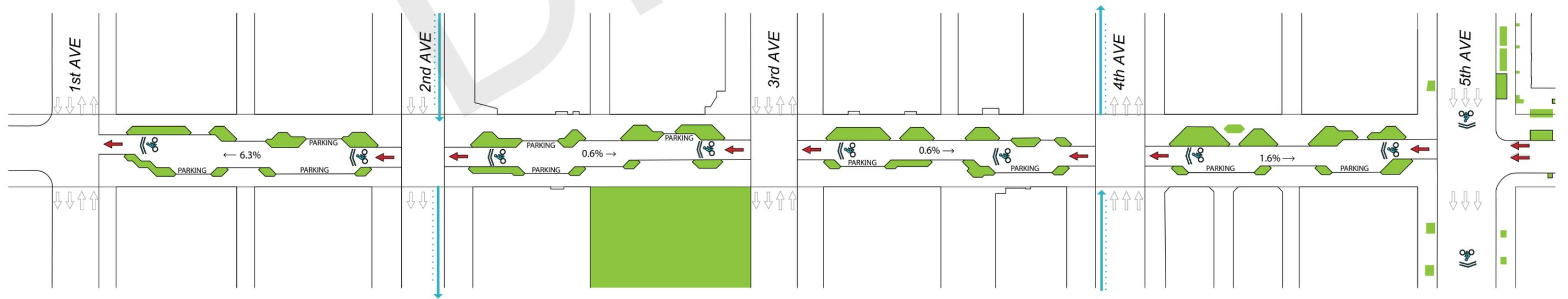
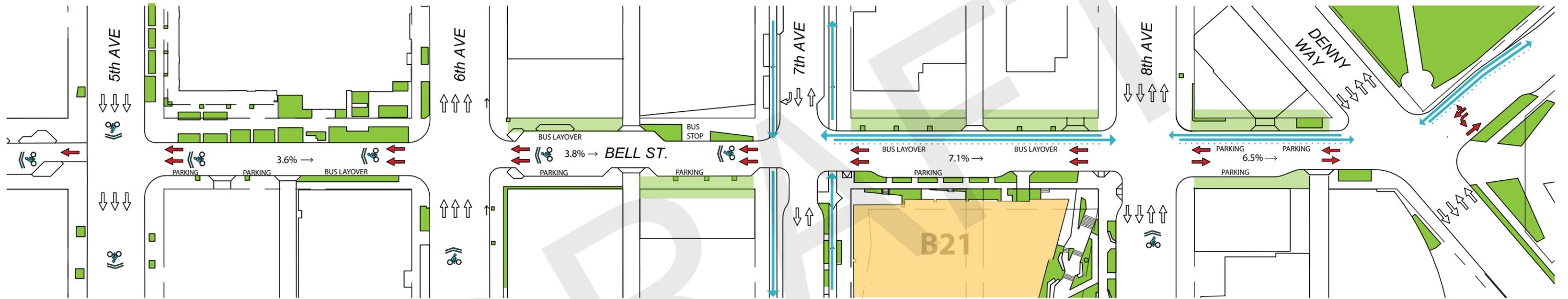
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8. 8TH & BELL INTERSECTION (5,372 SF)



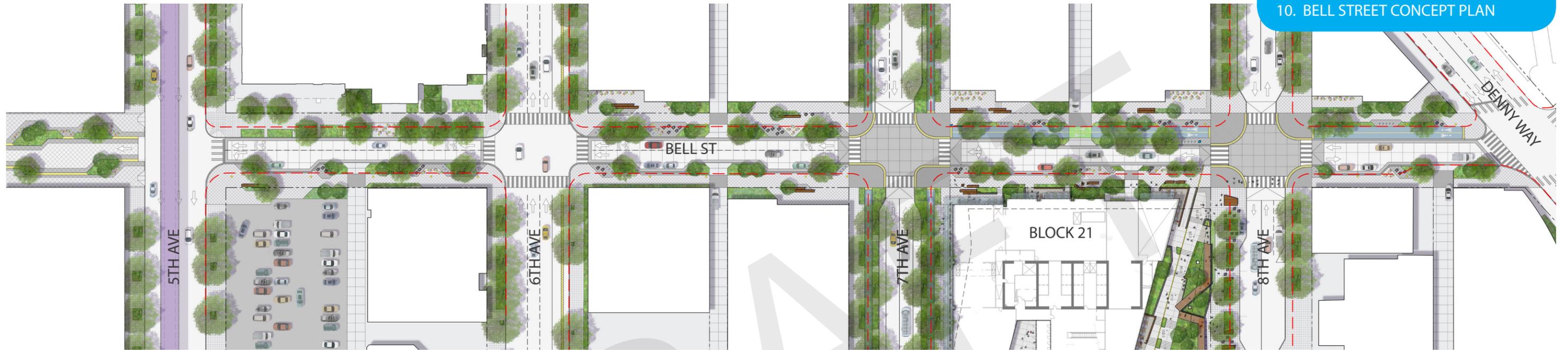
PUBLIC BENEFIT:
9. CYCLE TRACK (4,503 SF)

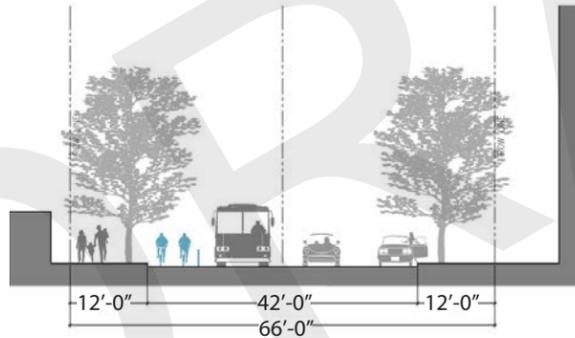
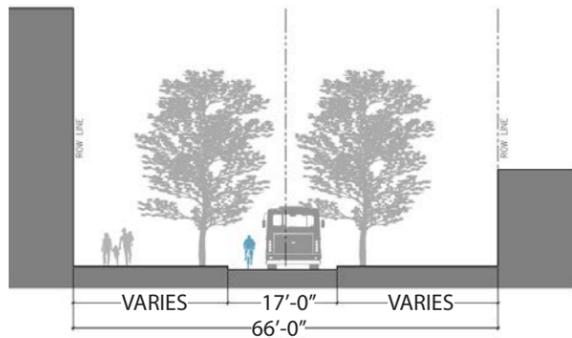
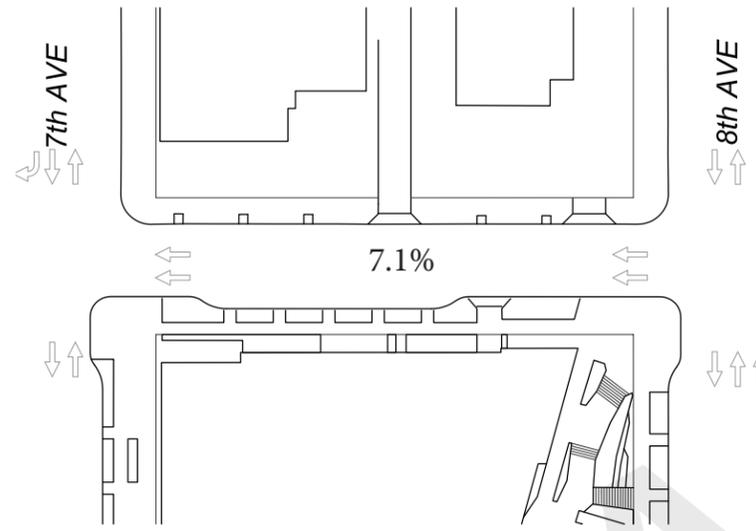
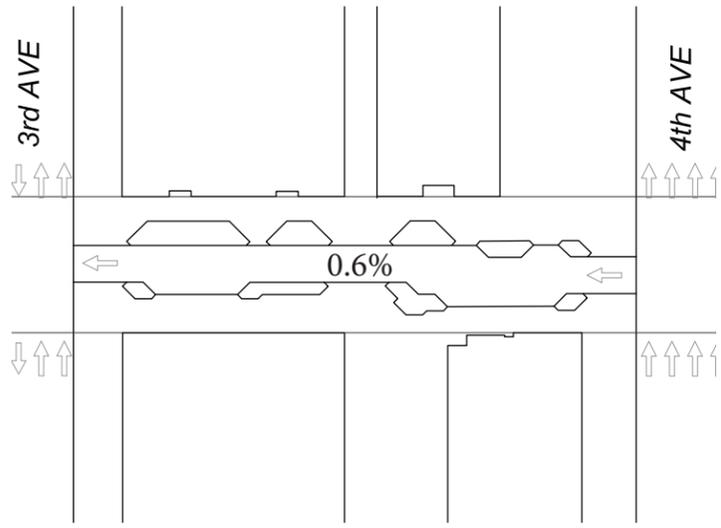


-  Traffic Lane/Direction
-  In Street, Minor Separation
-  Cycle Track.
(Protected Bike Lane)
-  Potential Landscape
-  Existing/Proposed Landscape



PUBLIC BENEFIT:
10. BELL STREET CONCEPT PLAN

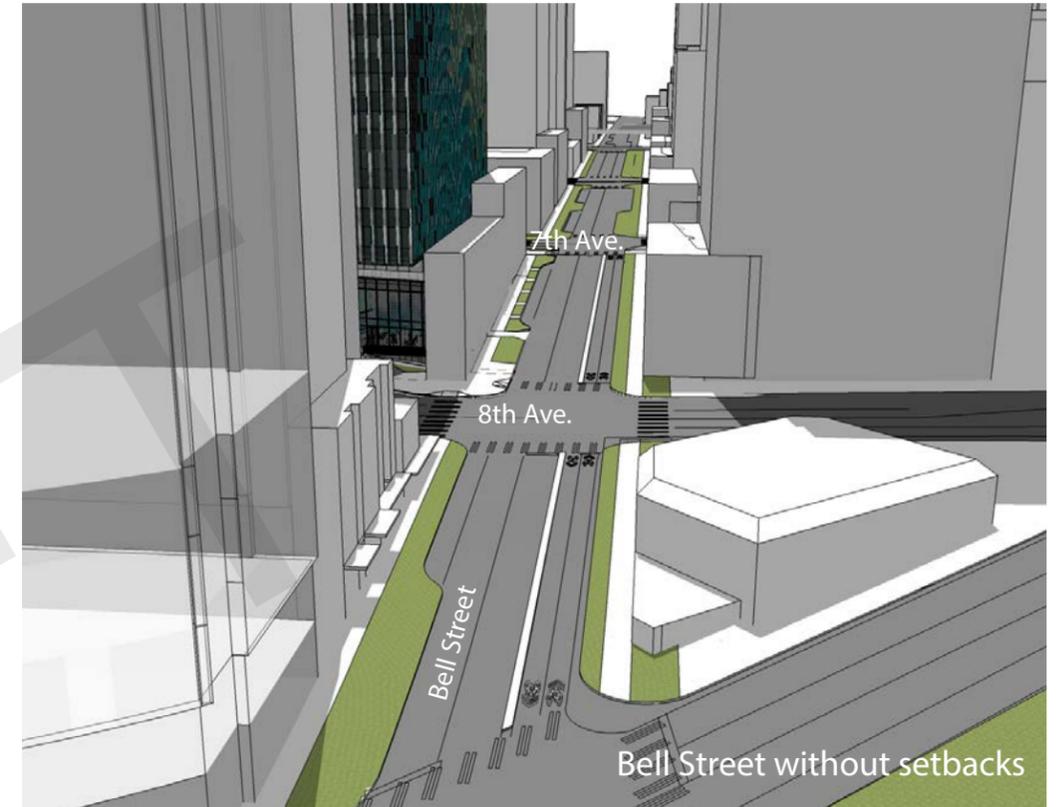




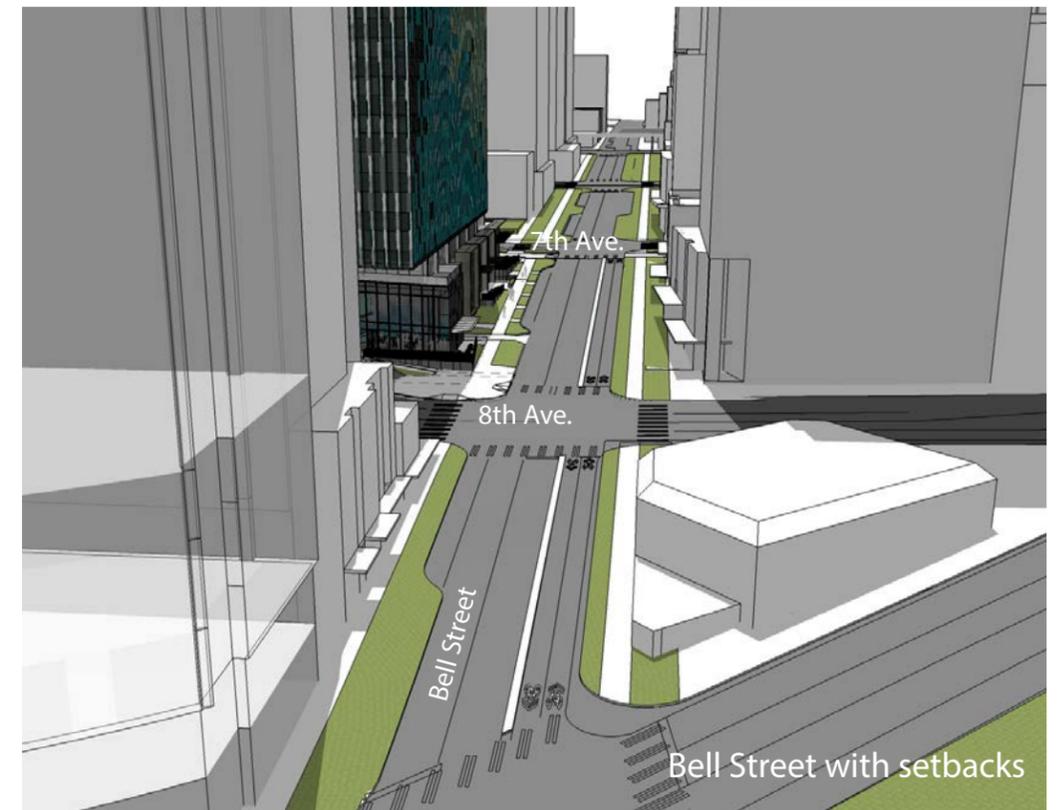
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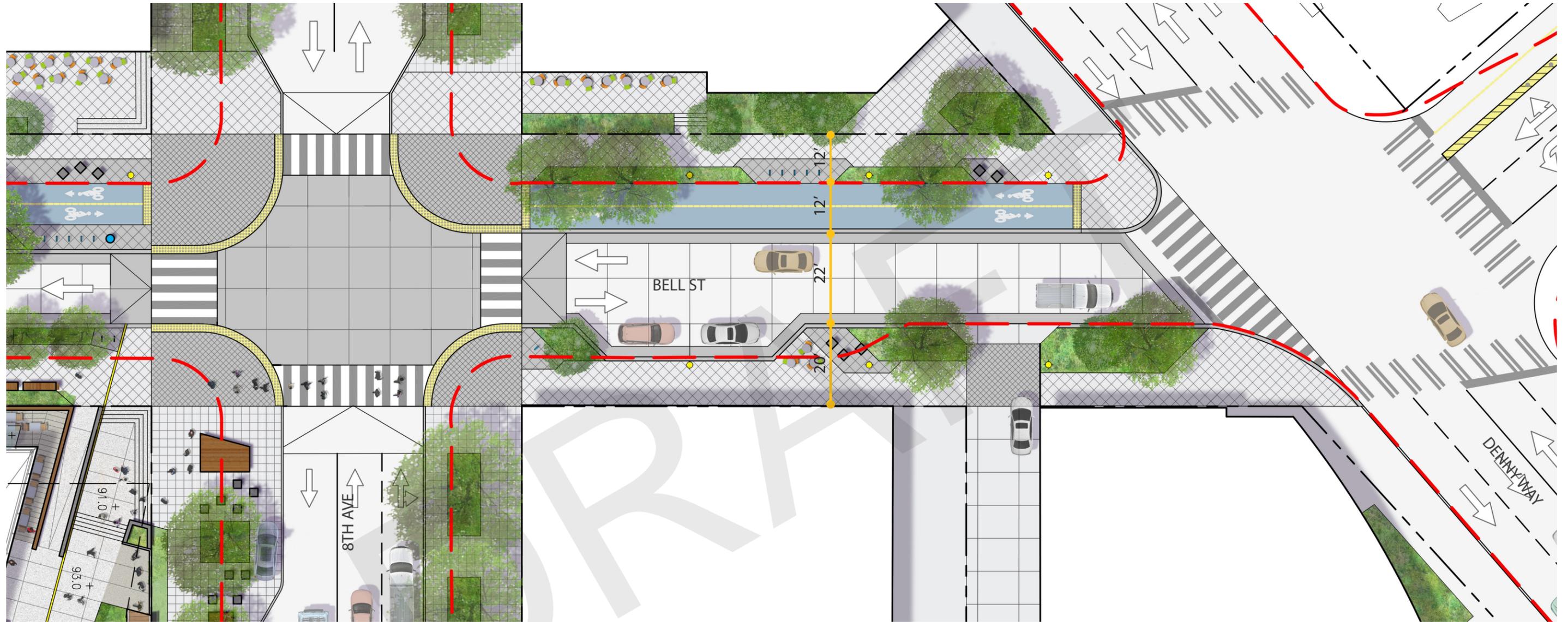
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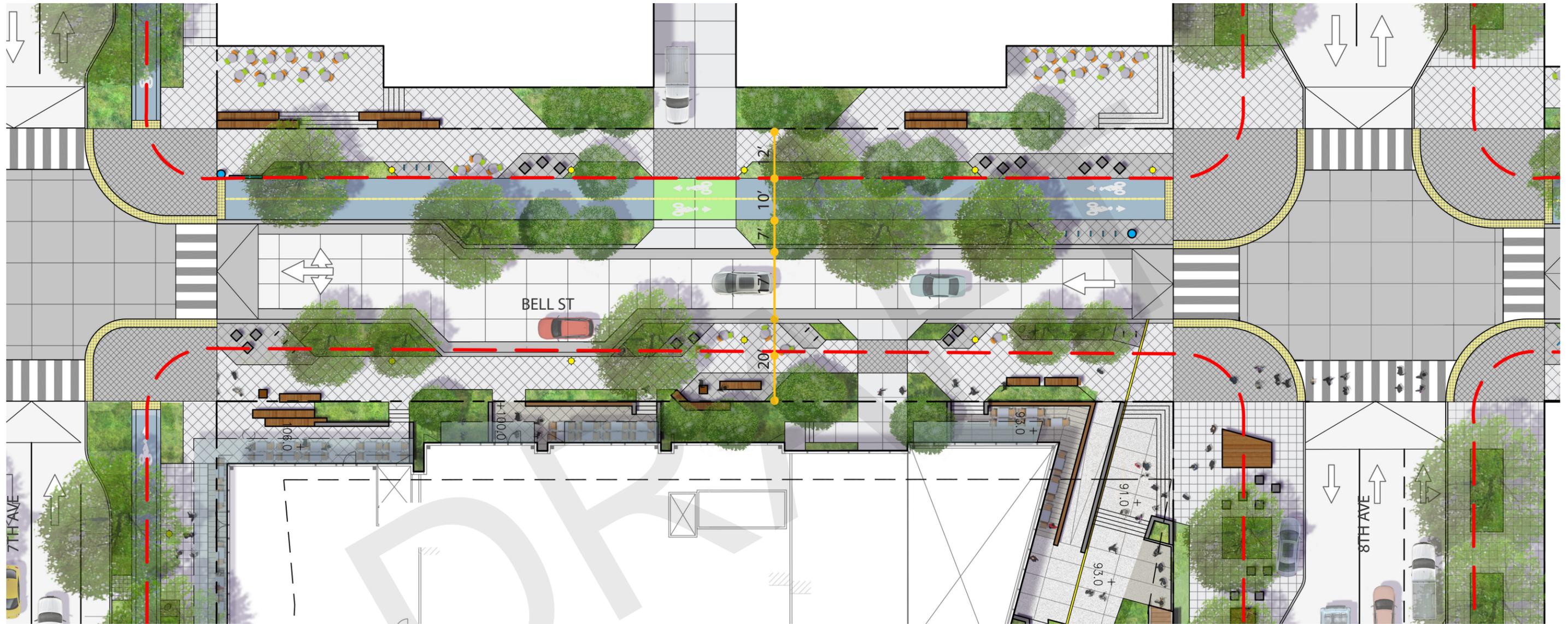


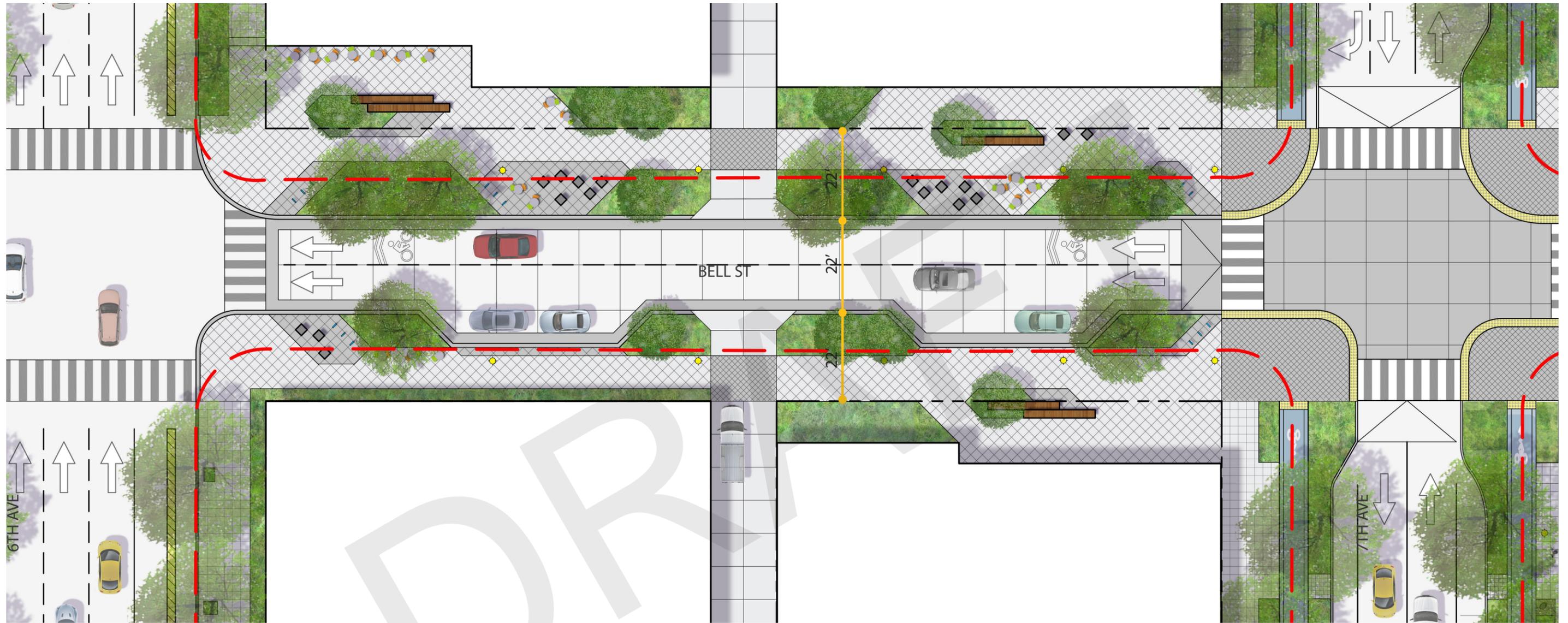
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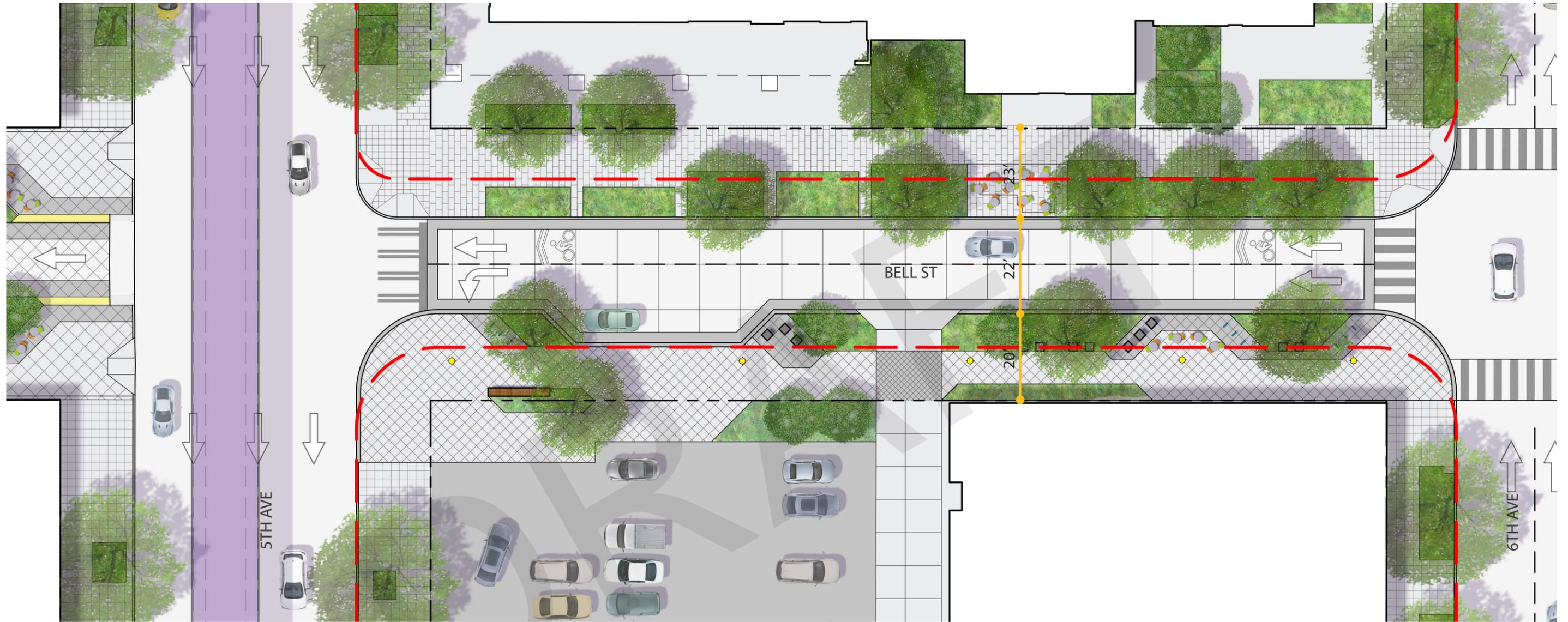


Bell Street with setbacks











	PUBLIC BENEFIT	DESCRIPTION	CITY REQUIREMENT	PROPOSED ON-SITE BENEFIT	PROPOSED OFF-SITE BENEFIT
1	8th Ave Hillclimb	Provide accessible ramp from corner of 8th & Bell Street to mid-block plaza, extensive native landscape, seating elements, lighting, & overhead soffit element.	None	12,000 sf	
2	Blanchard Street Setback	Provide 10' building setback along Green Street for landscaping & seating elements.	None	1,162 sf	
3	Bell Street Setback	Provide 10' building setback along Green Street for landscaping & seating elements.	None	1,090 sf	
4	7th Ave Improvements & Cycle Track	Provide expanded pedestrian streetscape, including landscaping, lighting, elevated two-way cycle track, double allee of street trees, seating elements, bus stop, and enhanced curb bulbs at corners of Bell Street & Blanchard Street.	None		4,750 sf
5	8th Ave Improvements	Provide expanded pedestrian streetscape through curb alignment & bulb-outs at intersections, enhanced landscaping, lighting, & seating elements.	None		4,060 sf
6	Blanchard Street Improvements	Provide expanded pedestrian streetscape through curb alignment & bulb-outs at intersections, enhanced landscaping, lighting, & seating elements.	None		775 sf
7	Bell Street Improvements	Provide expanded pedestrian streetscape through curb alignment & bulb-outs at intersections, enhanced landscaping, lighting, & seating elements.	None		1,829 sf
8	8th & Bell Intersection	Provide raised intersection & crosswalks to enhance pedestrian safety. Improve curb bulbs on adjacent lots.	None		5,372 sf
9	Bell Street Cycle Track	Provide in-street, separated two-way cycle track from 7th Ave to Denny Way.	None		4,503 sf
10	Bell Street Concept Plan	Provide conceptual street plan from 5th Ave to Denny Way to continue Bell Street Park design character.	None		NA
SUBTOTAL				14,252 SF (40.2%)	21,289 SF(59.8%)

Total Area of Public Benefits: 35,541 SF

(Area of Alley Vacation: 5,760 SF)