



# WILBURTON - GRAND CONNECTION

CITY OF BELLEVUE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
PROJECT UPDATE

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# OVERVIEW

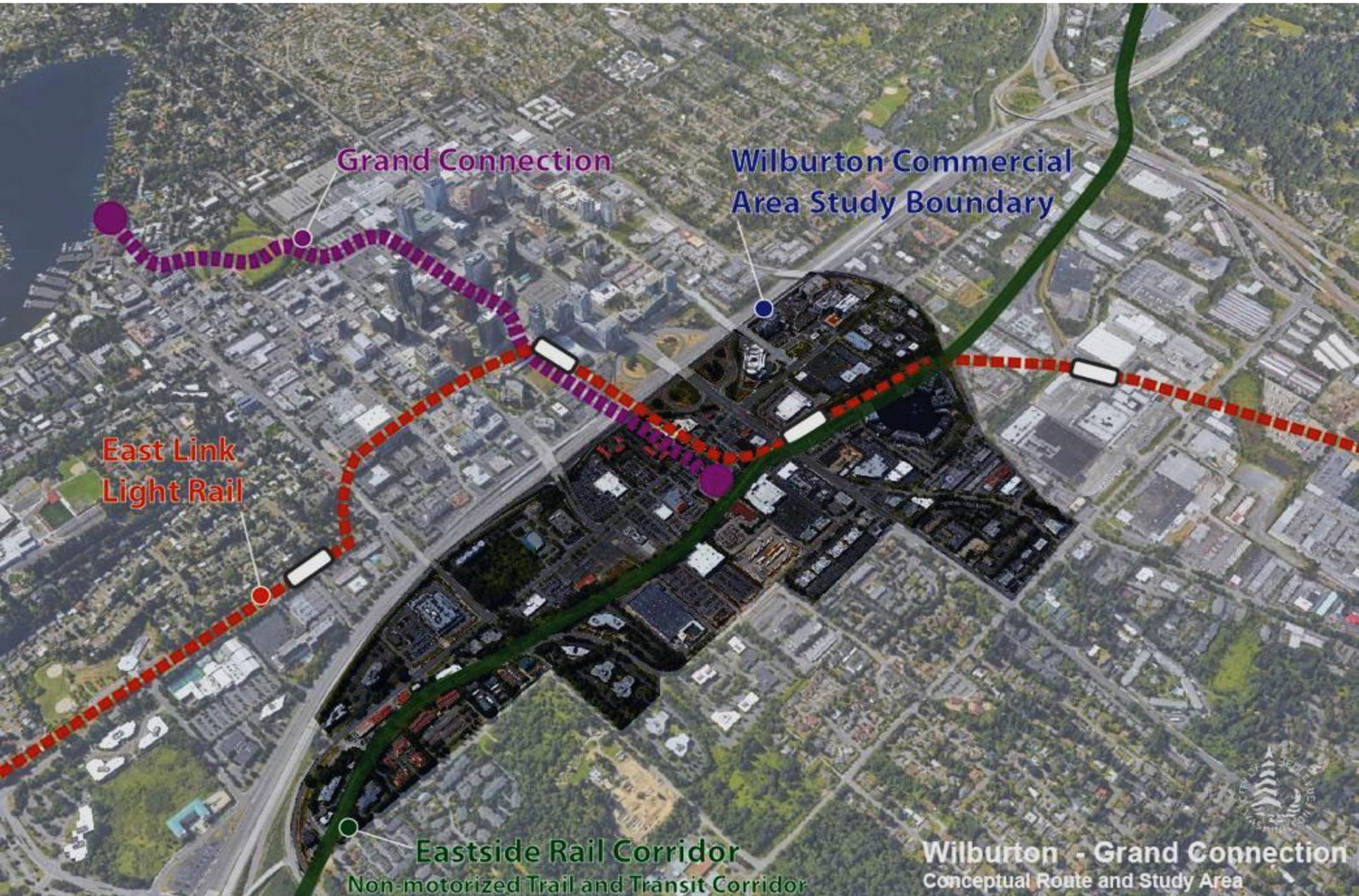
- **Wilburton Commercial Area**
  - Planning Process
  - Emerging Vision
  - Where We Are
  - Next Steps
- **Grand Connection**
  - Draft Framework Report
  - I-405 Crossing Alternatives

# WILBURTON COMMERCIAL AREA

# WHY WILBURTON, WHY NOW?

- East Link Light Rail
- Eastside Rail Corridor
- Grand Connection
- Context
  - BelRed / Spring District
  - Global Innovation Exchange
  - REI
  - Downtown





Grand Connection

Wilburton Commercial Area Study Boundary

East Link Light Rail

Eastside Rail Corridor  
Non-motorized Trail and Transit Corridor

Wilburton - Grand Connection  
Conceptual Route and Study Area

# COUNCIL PRINCIPLES

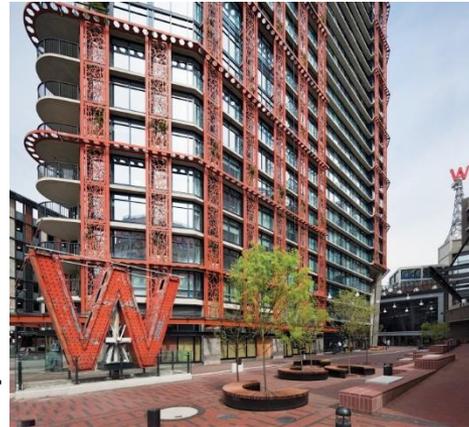
1. Ensure Wilburton capitalizes on its special opportunities
2. Unique niche
3. Strong urban identity
4. Integrated TOD planning
5. Community benefit
6. Affordable housing
7. Impact mitigation (transition to other neighborhoods)
8. Economic vitality
9. Timing with completion of major projects (2023)
10. Complement not compete with Downtown

# PLANNING PROCESS

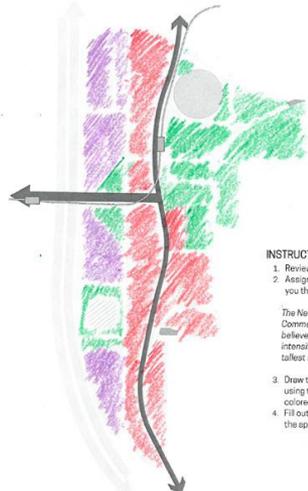
- 15 member Committee
  - First Thursday of every month
  - Expected completion in January of 2018
- Topics include land use, transportation, urban design, character, implementation strategies
- Develop three alternatives
- Environmental Impact Statement Process
- CAC → Comprehensive Plan Amendments → Land Use Code Amendments

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD (CAC + PUBLIC)

- Not Downtown
- Community oriented businesses
- Missing middle housing
- Incubator and tech startup space
- Parks and open space
- Transit & trail oriented development
- Diverse



# DENSITY AND HEIGHT

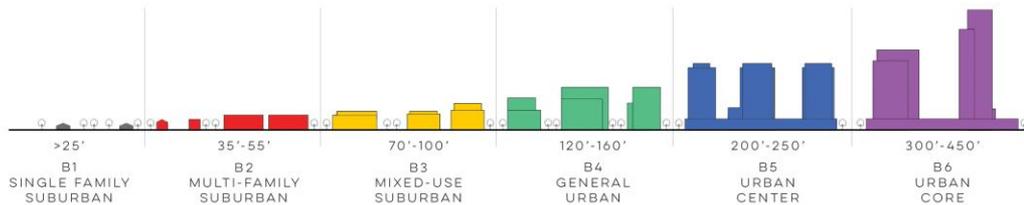
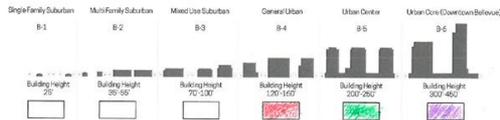


## INSTRUCTIONS

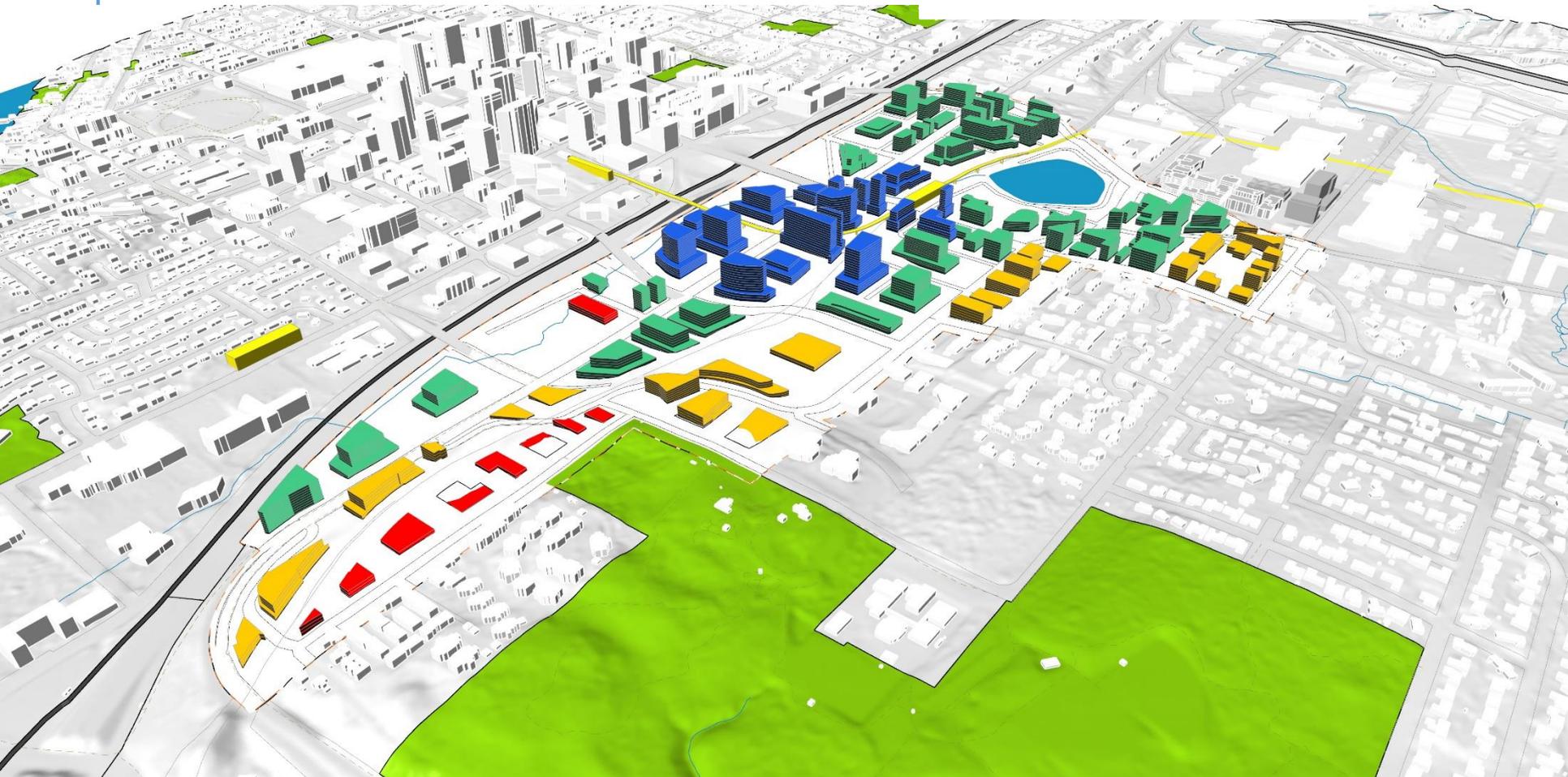
1. Review the Bellevue Urban transect diagram.
2. Assign a color to each environment (below) that you think should be in the Wilburton study area.

The Neighborhood Core for the Wilburton Commercial Area will reflect what you believe should be the highest density and intensity of uses (greatest mix of uses and tallest structures).

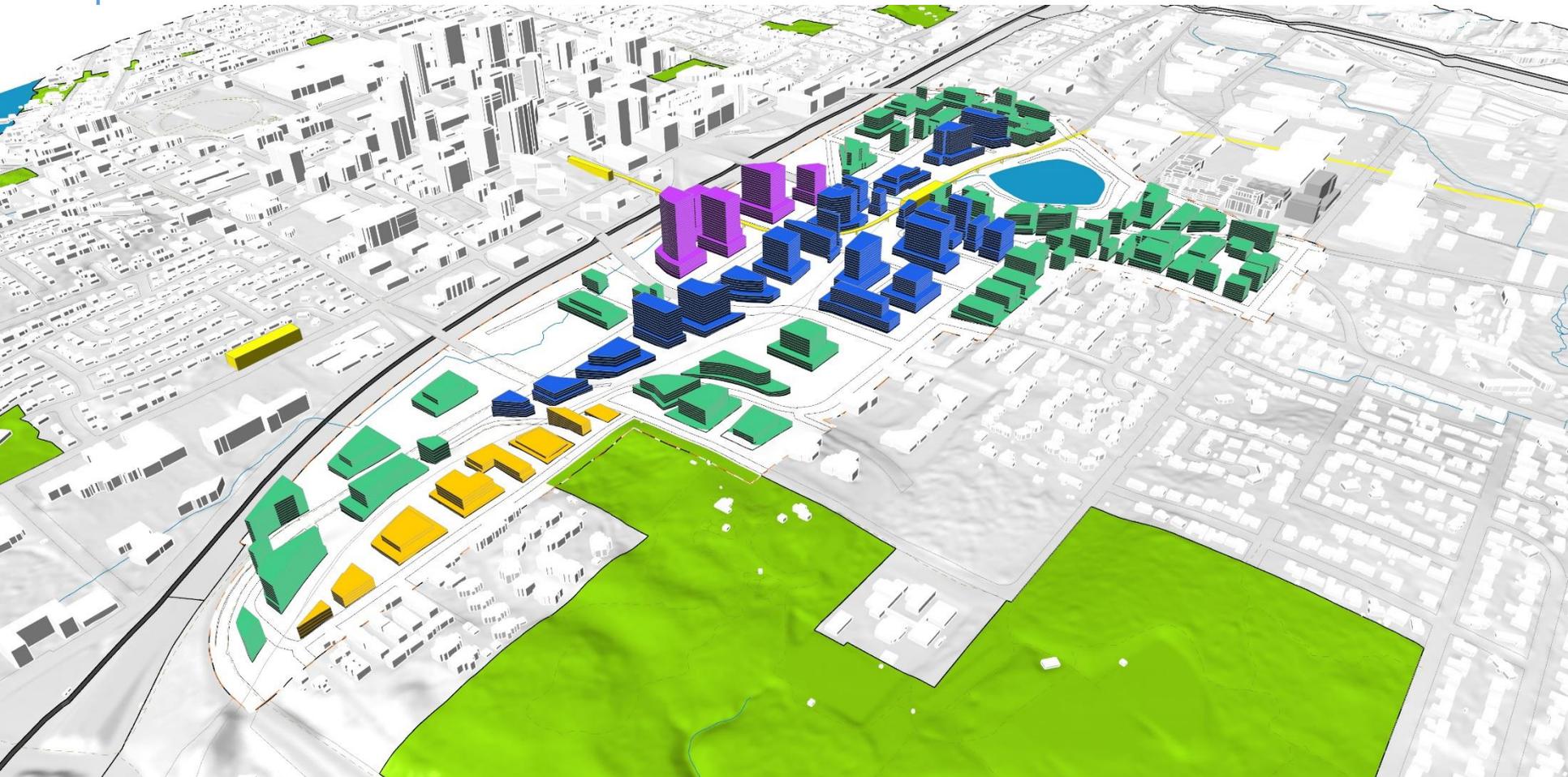
3. Draw the Neighborhood Core on the map using the corresponding color. Be sure to fill in colored area completely.
4. Fill out the rest of the map with the applicable colors.



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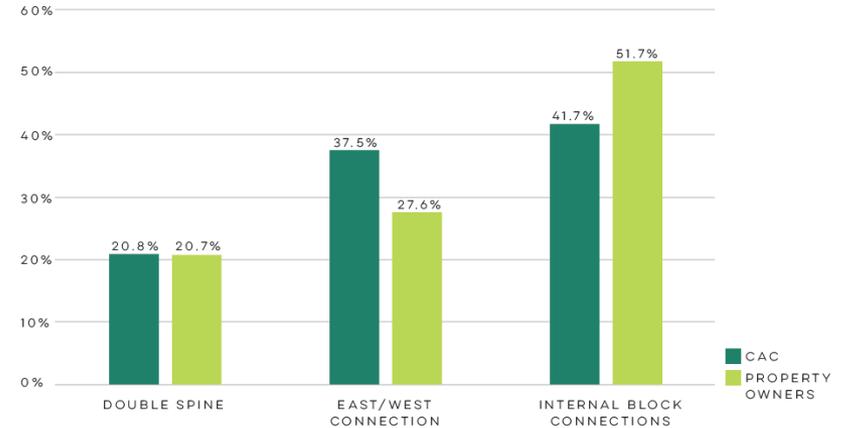
# TRANSPORTATION

- What role will light rail, Grand Connection, and Eastside Rail Corridor play in creating a multi-modal hub?
- What are the big transportation moves?
  - Already significant improvements
  - Little flexibility to add new major roads
  - NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension
  - Eastside Rail Corridor Crossings
  - Character of 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
  - Permeability through the blocks
    - Eastside Rail Corridor
    - Fluid movement through the study area



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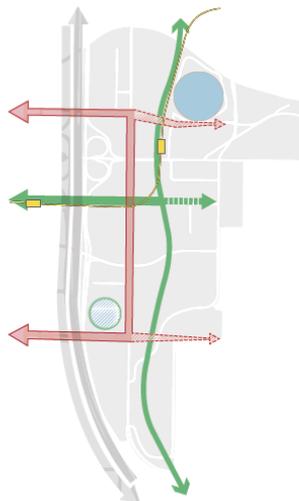
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- Eastside Rail Corridor Crossings
- Character of 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Block permeability



**OPTION A:  
DOUBLE SPINE**



**OPTION B:  
EAST-WEST CONNECTION**



**OPTION C:  
INTERNAL BLOCK CONNECTIONS**



# TRANSPORTATION

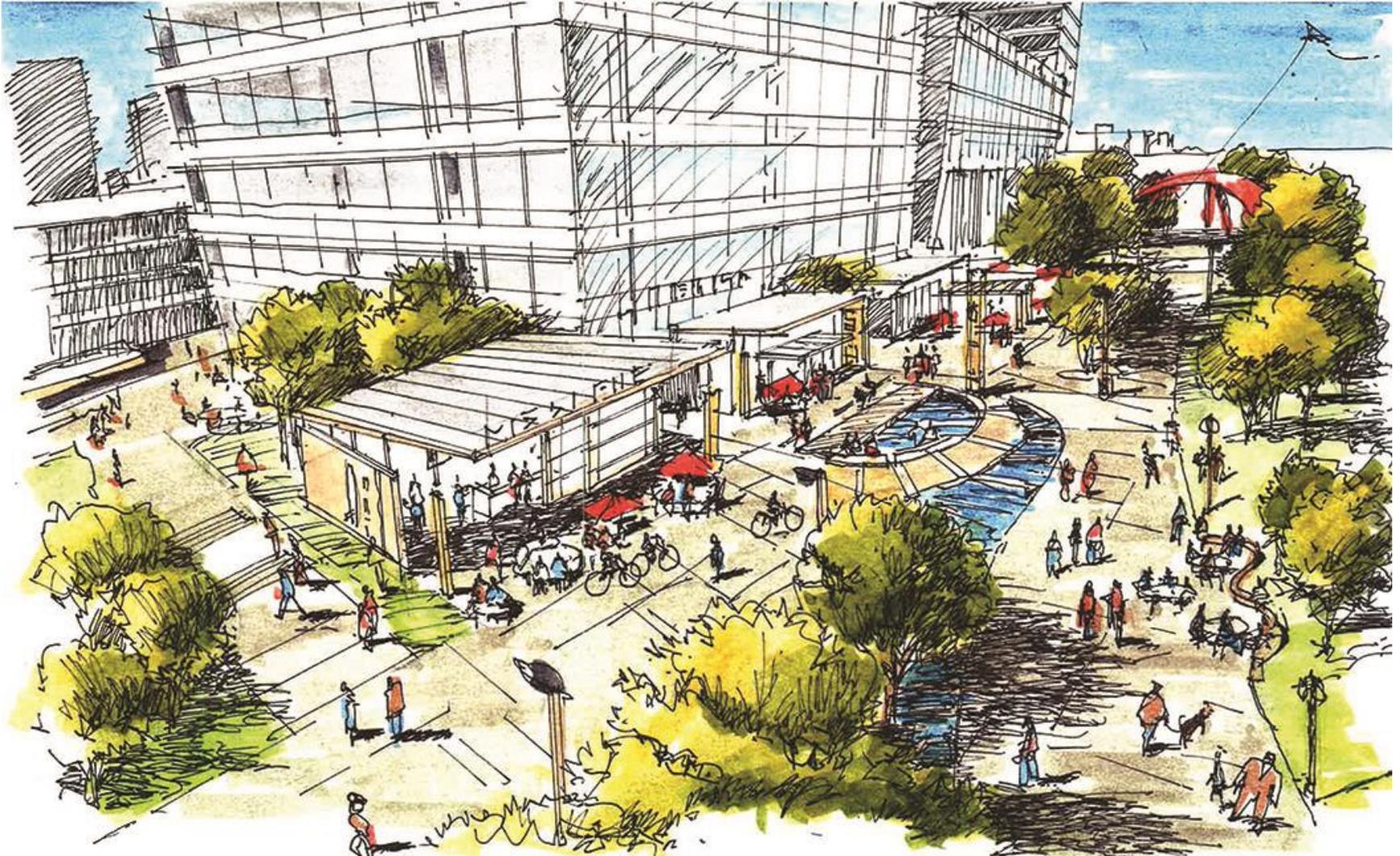


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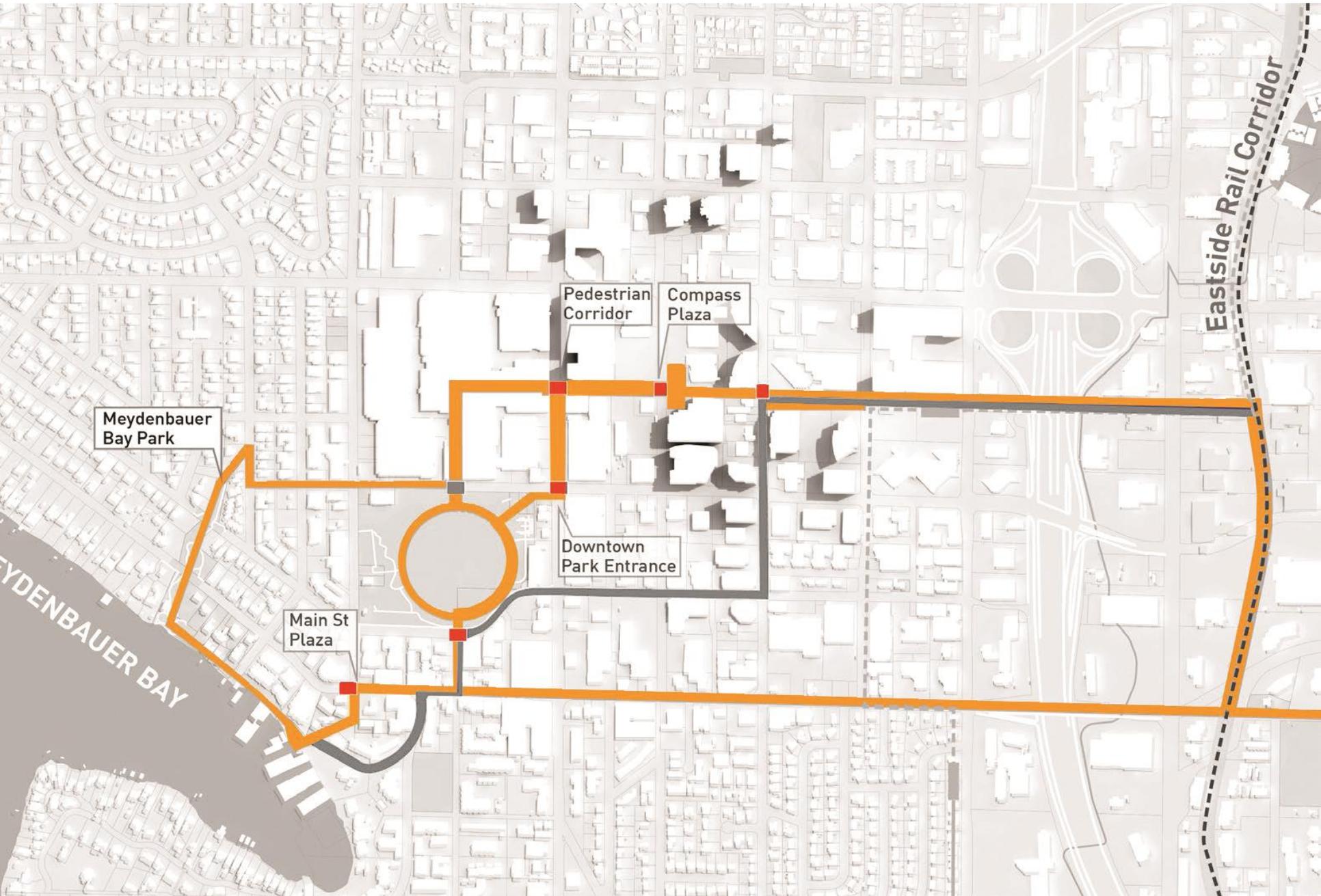
# NEXT STEPS

- Draft EIS – September
- Refine Alternatives
- Select Alternatives
- Urban Design / Open Space
- Implementation
  - Key to bridging that divide between aspirational and pragmatic
  - Permitted uses?
  - FAR Incentive System?
  - Character
  - Design

# TIMELINE



# GRAND CONNECTION



Meydenbauer Bay Park

Pedestrian Corridor

Compass Plaza

Downtown Park Entrance

Main St Plaza

Eastside Rail Corridor

MEYDENBAUER BAY

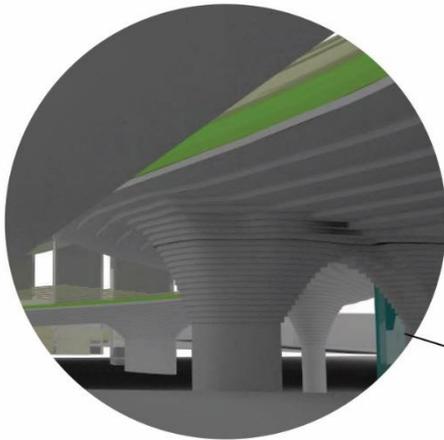
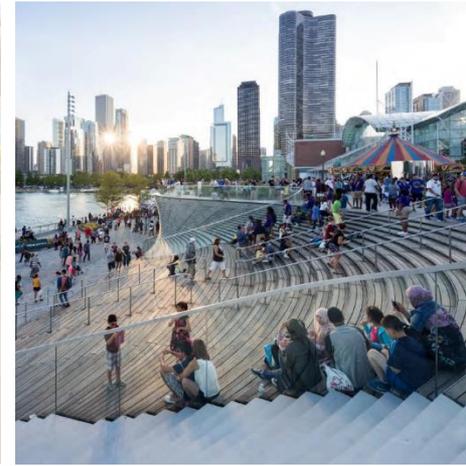
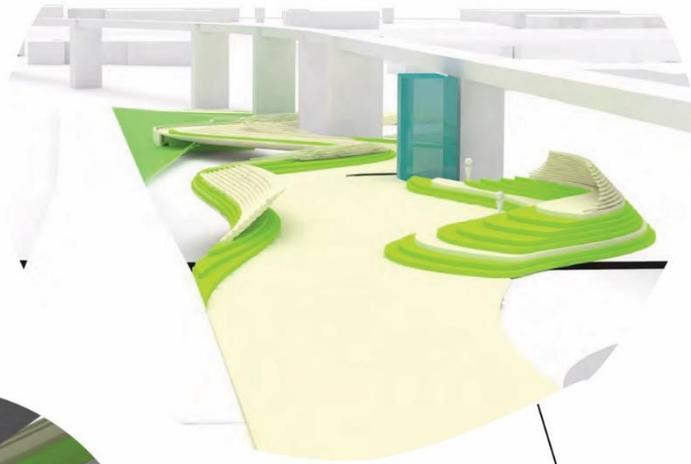


# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

•Design Refinement – Sequence One

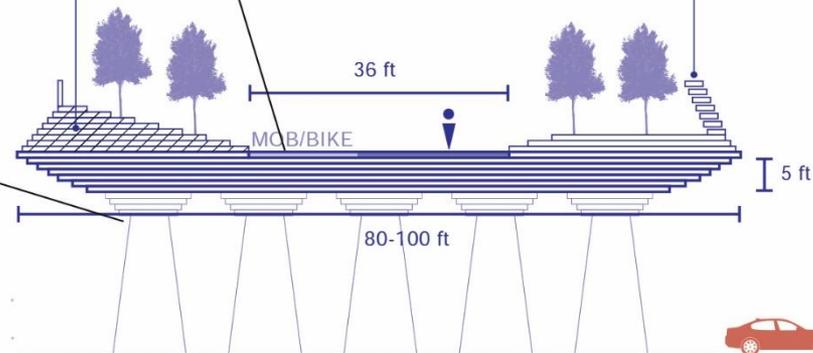


# OPTION ONE



*Non-structural  
Sculptured build-up*

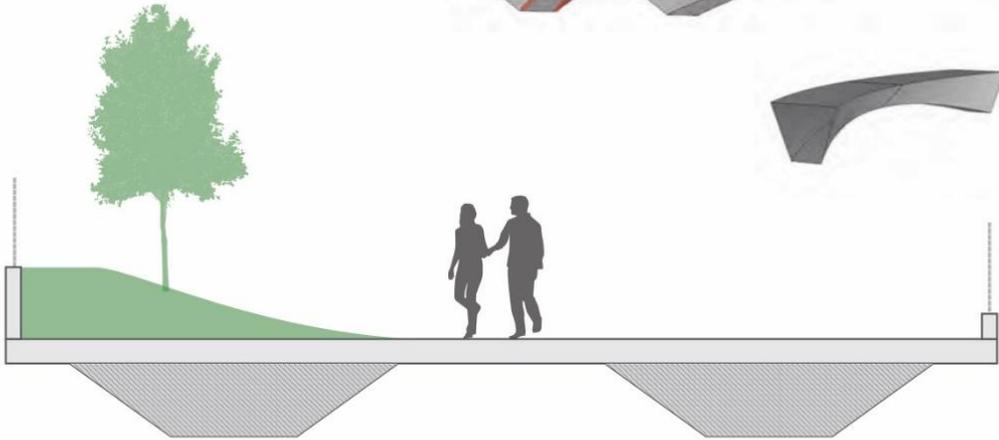
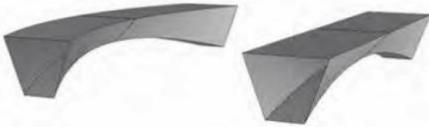
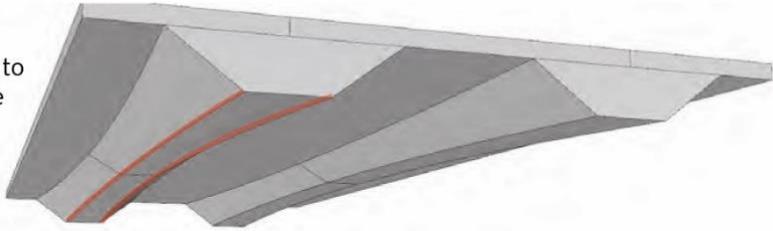
*Open lamella barrier as an  
acoustic filter to mitigate noise*



# OPTION TWO

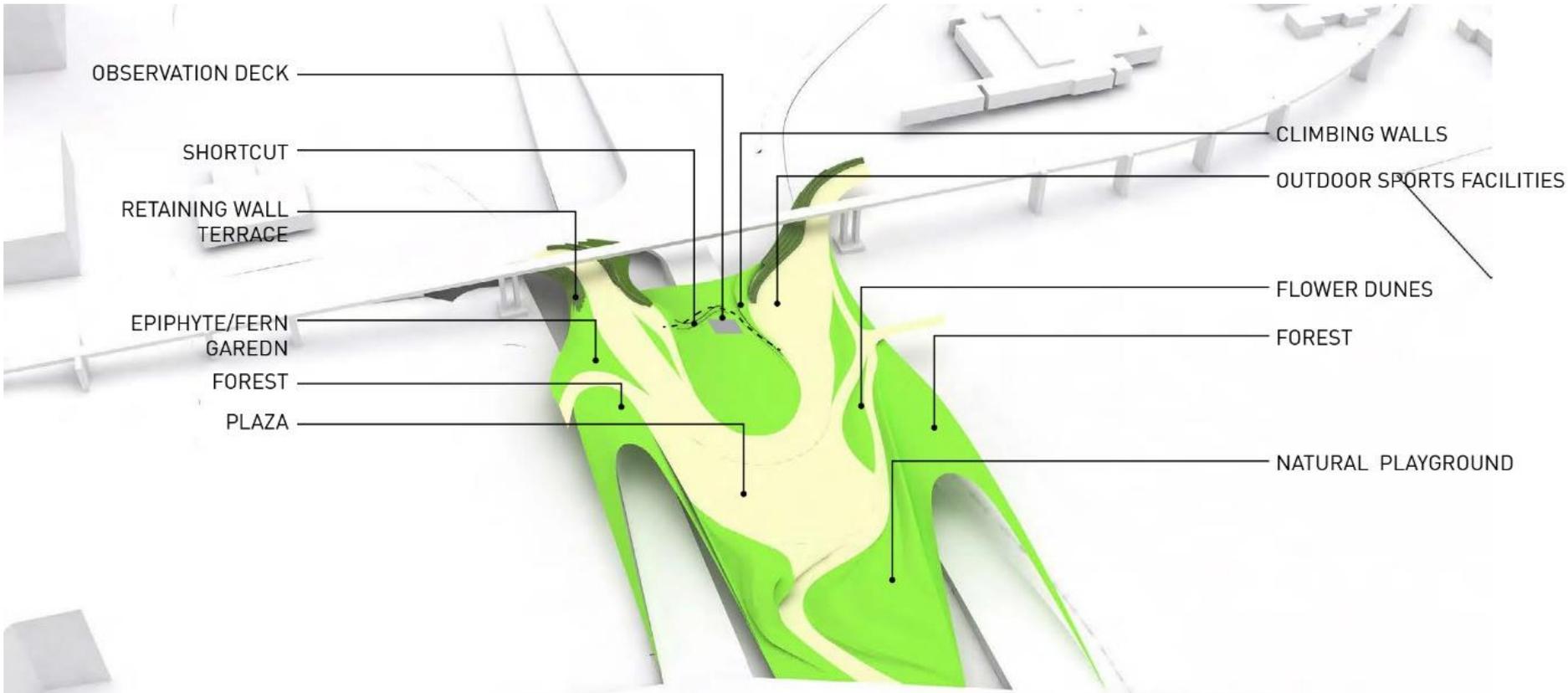
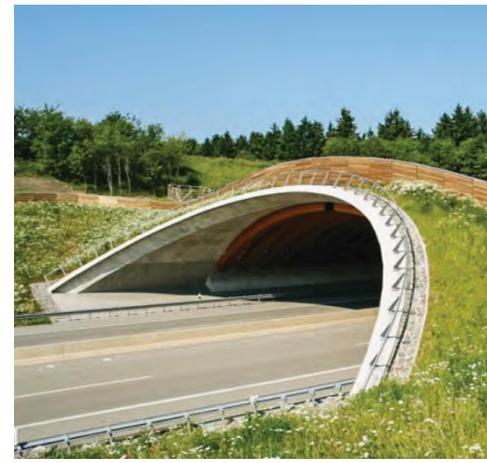


Shape/curves react to nature of the bridge



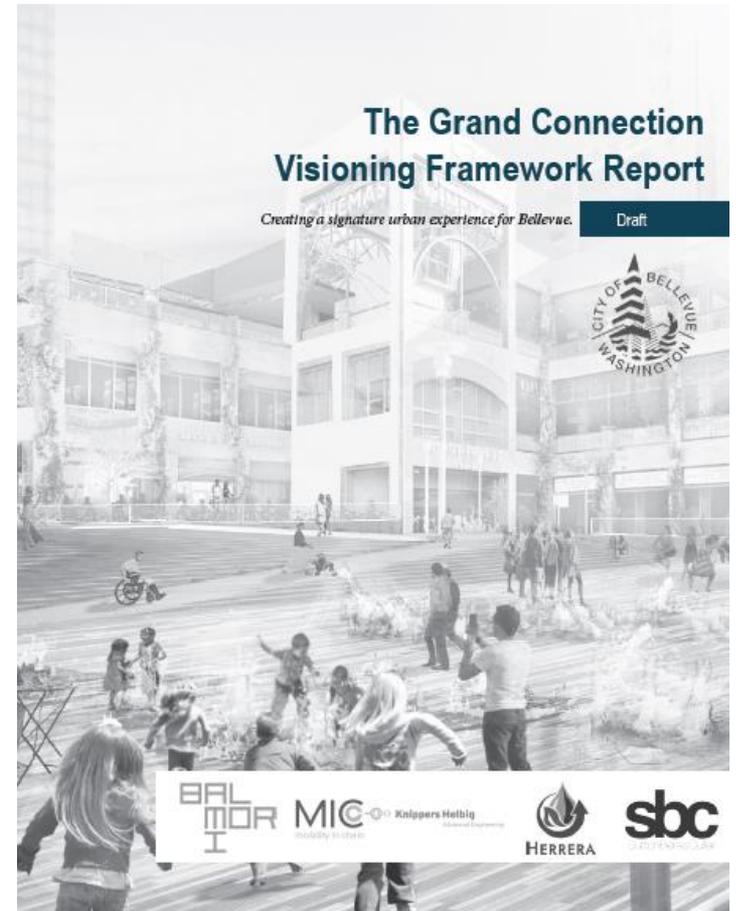
40 ft

# OPTION THREE



# DRAFT FRAMEWORK REPORT

- Release June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Recommendations
- Interstate 405 Crossing Alternatives
- Document open to the public – Summer of 2017
- Interstate 405 Crossing Alternatives evaluated as part of Wilburton EIS



An architectural rendering of a vibrant urban plaza. In the center, a multi-story building features a prominent sign for 'CINEMAS'. The plaza is filled with people of various ages, including children playing in a water feature, a person in a wheelchair, and a woman riding a bicycle in the foreground. The scene is set against a backdrop of modern skyscrapers and trees with yellow autumn foliage. The overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

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QUESTIONS?