



I-375 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

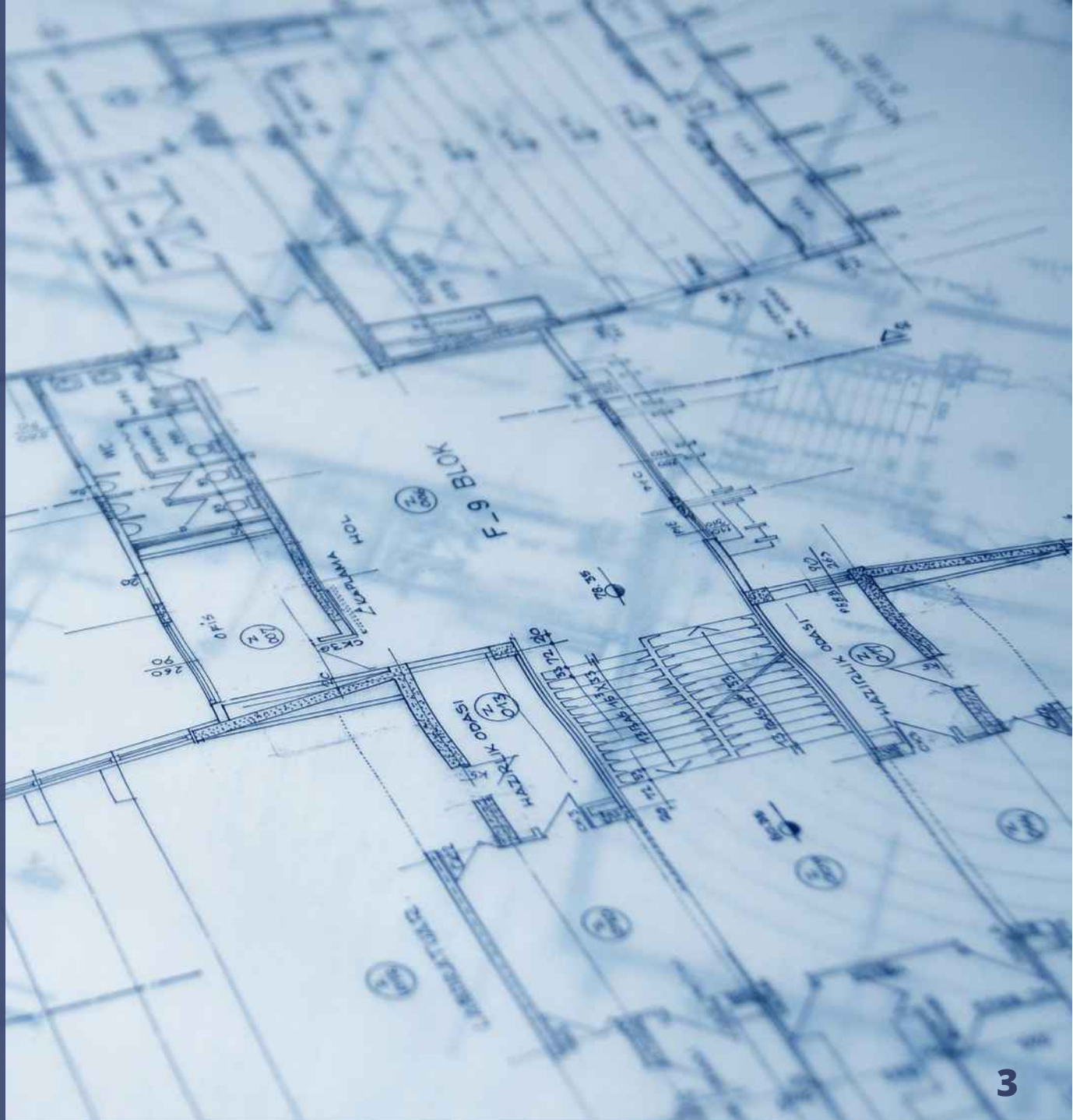
PUBLIC MEETING

JUNE 25, 2024

Agenda

- 1. Project Overview**
- 2. Project Updates**
- 3. I-375 Neighborhood Framework**
- 4. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Workforce Development**
- 5. Additions to the Team**
- 6. Project Timeline and Major Milestones**
- 7. Questions**

PROJECT OVERVIEW



Project Area History



Club Harlem's "Shim Sham Shimmy" chorus



Daytime in the Valley



Club Congo

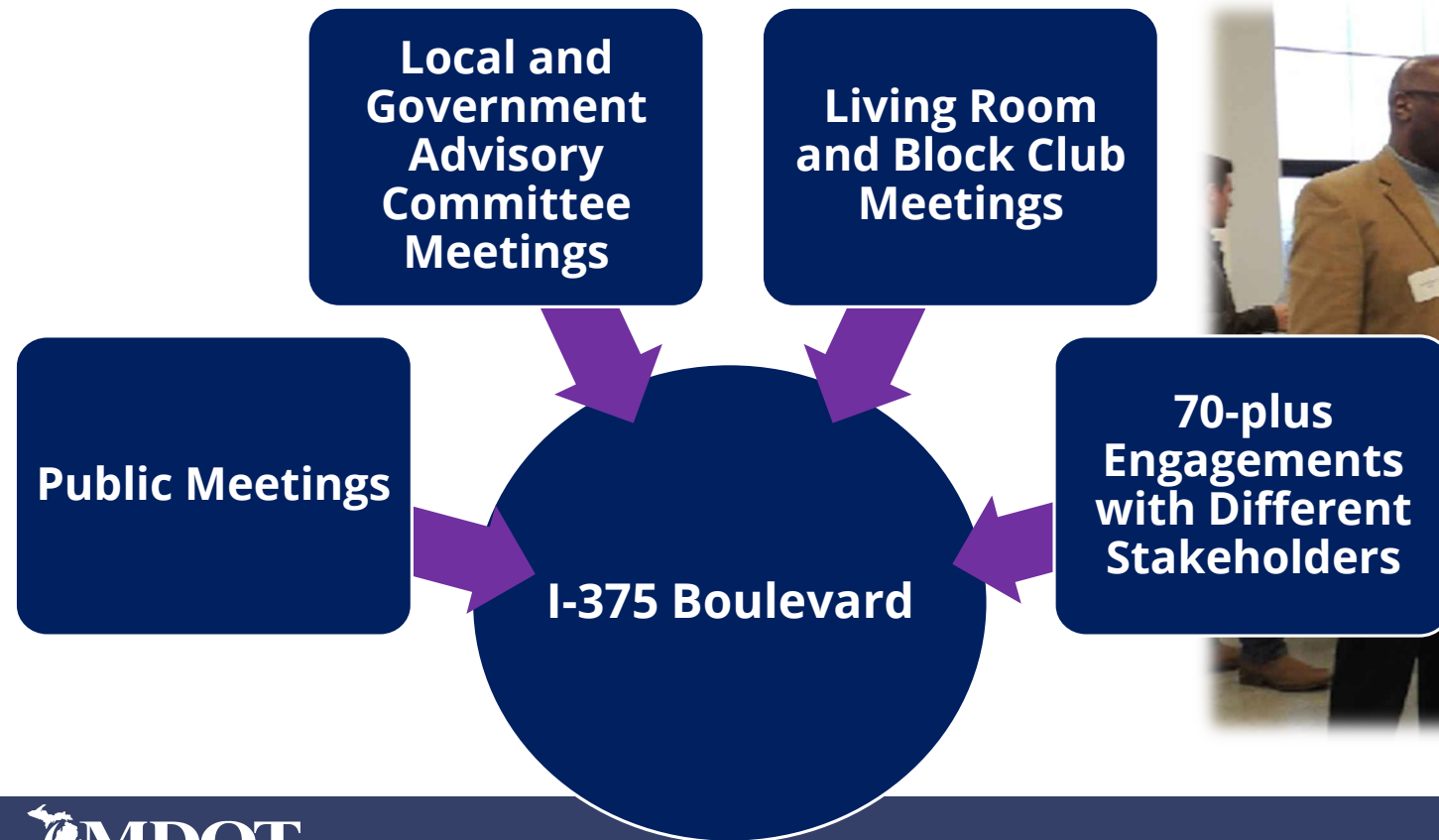


Club Plantation "The Orchestra"

Sources: Knight Foundation, Orlin Jones, Detroit Historical Society

Coordination with Stakeholders

Throughout the life of the project, the team has met with numerous residents, local small and minority businesses, educational, community, faith-based, and civic stakeholders.



Project Equity Focus



**Transportation
for All Modes**



**Neighborhood
Framework Plan**



**Community
Enhancement
Plan**



**Disadvantaged
Business Enterprise
Program and
Workforce
Development**

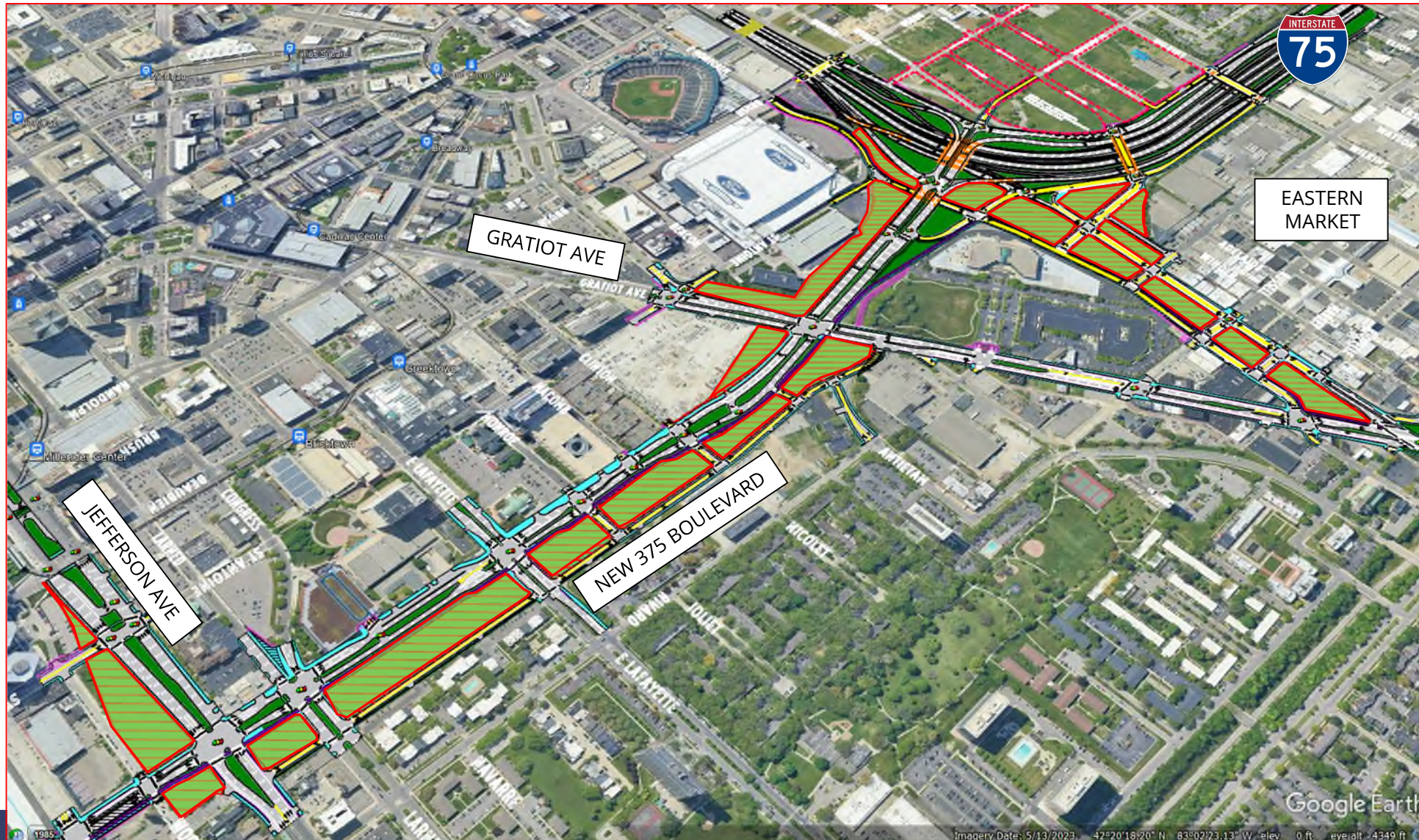
Project Limits



- A** I-375 from the Detroit River to the I-75 interchange
- B** I-75 from John R Street to Mack Avenue
- C** Gratiot Avenue from St. Antoine to the Dequindre Cut
- D** Gratiot Connector

Project Features

30-plus acres of excess land created by converting the freeway to an at-grade boulevard





Project Features

New paths designed for people to walk and bike safely



Legend

-  New bike path
-  Existing bike path



NEW SIDEWALK AND BIKE PATH ON EAST SIDE OF NEW 375 BOULEVARD

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New paths designed for people to walk and bike safely



DEQUINDRE CUT

BRUSH ST

GRATIOT AVE

NEW 375 BOULEVARD

ATWATER ST

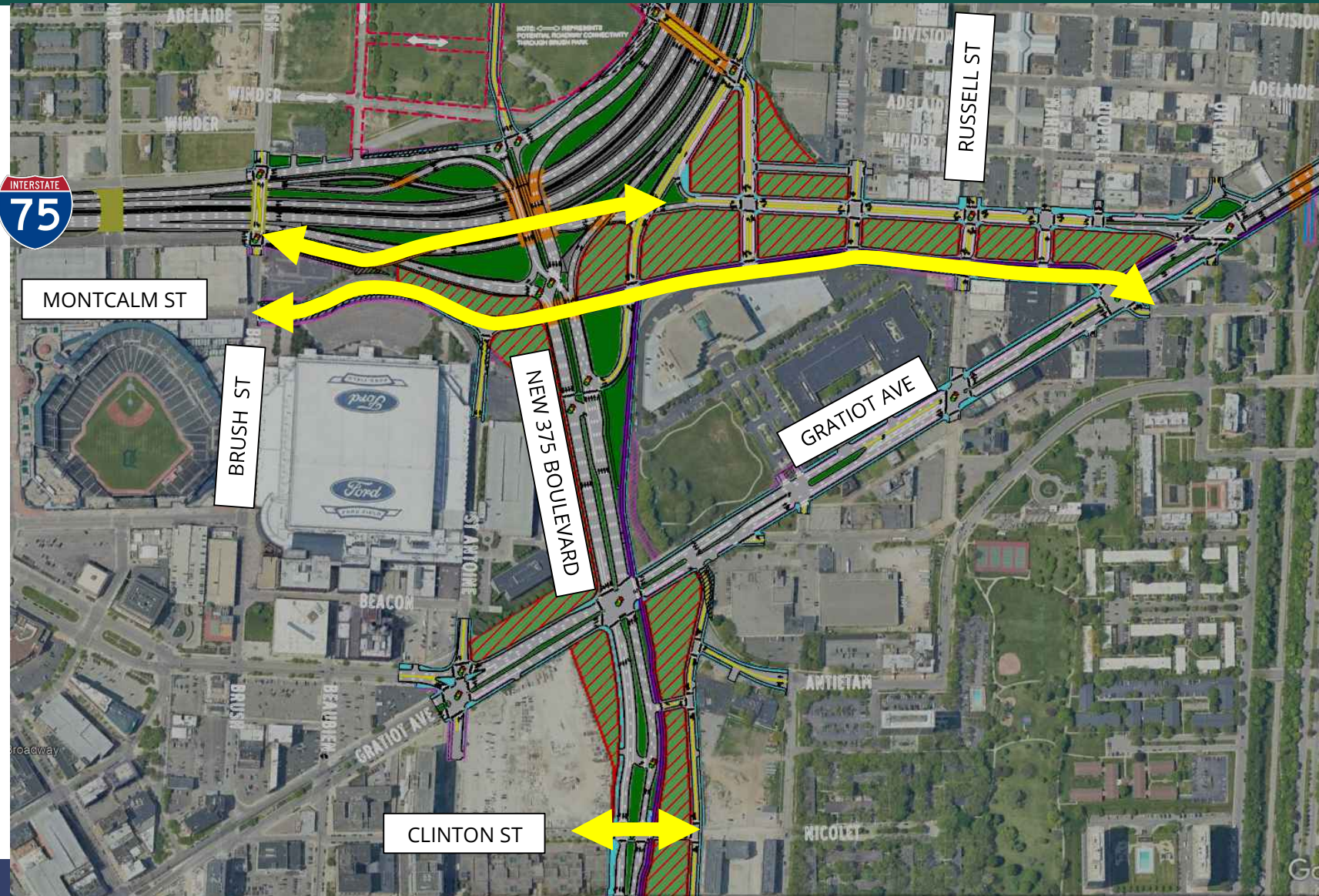


NEW SIDEWALK AND BIKE PATH ON MONTCALM STREET

- Legend
- New bike path
 - Existing bike path

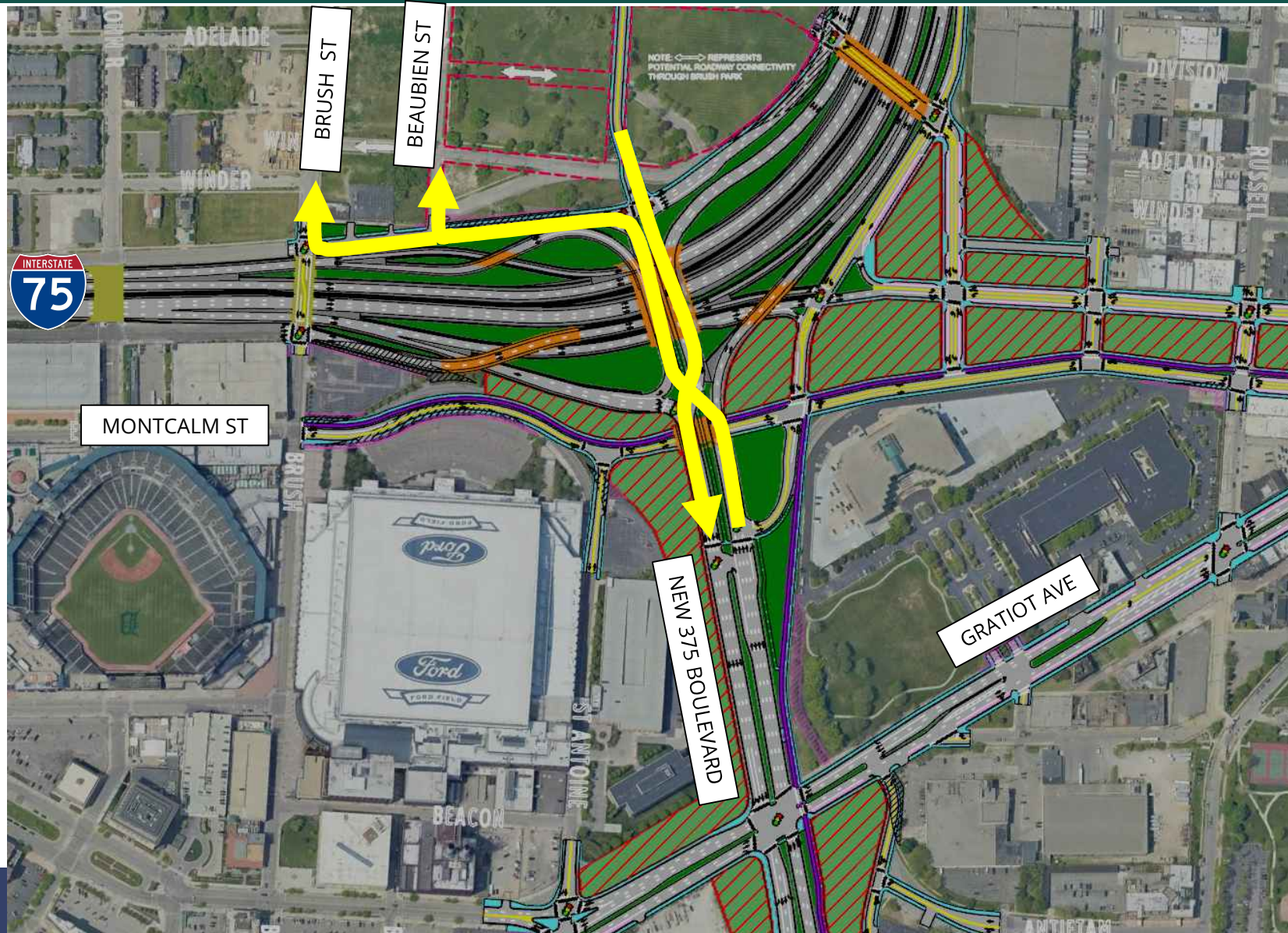
Project Features

New local street connections from west to east



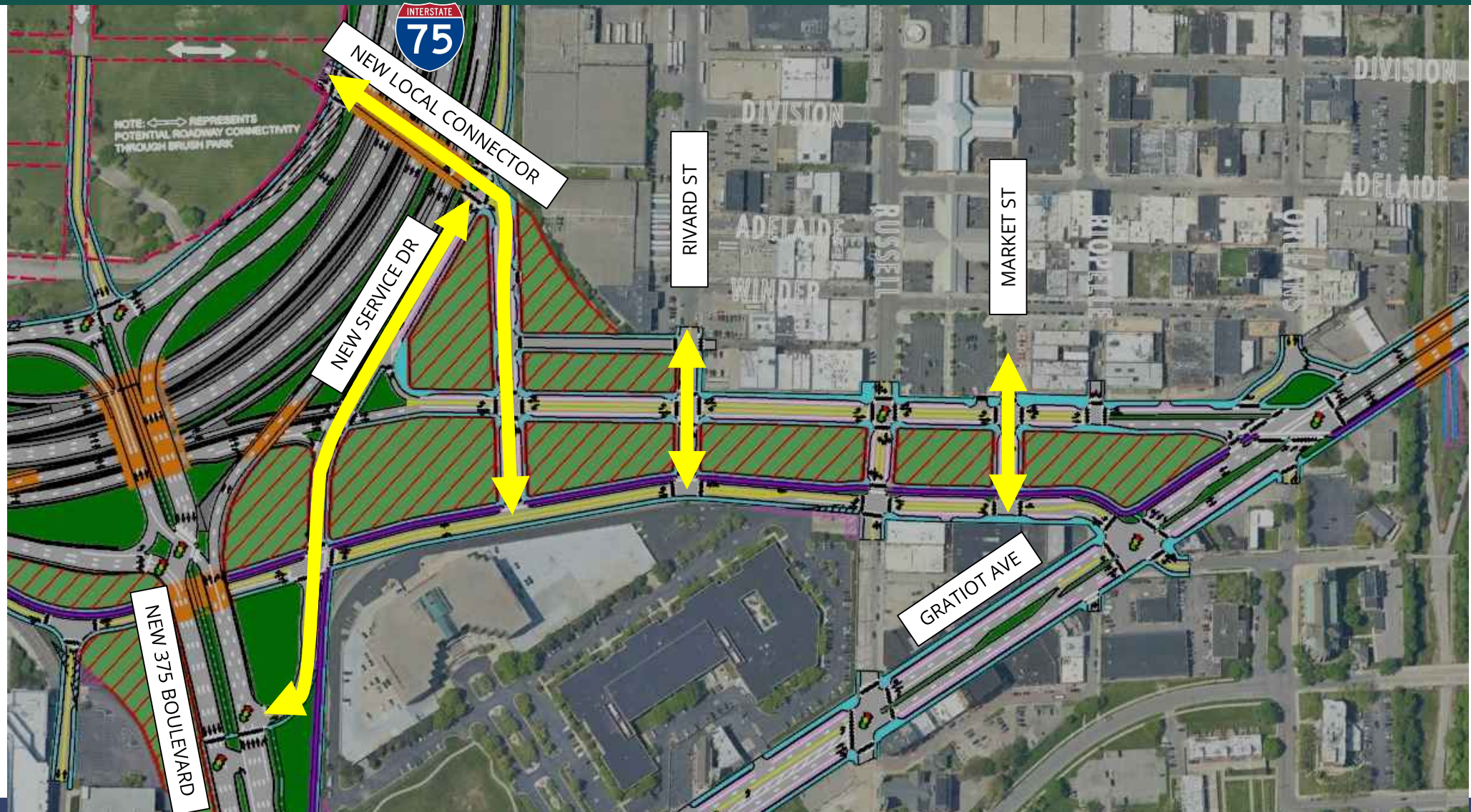
Project Features

New local street connections from north to south (Brush Park)



Project Features

New local street connections from north to south (Eastern Market)



Project Benefits

Opportunities created by the project

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increase safety for everybody
- Travel by foot, bike, scooter, car
- Reduce flooding

NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

- New development
- Placemaking

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

- Honoring the history
- New public spaces

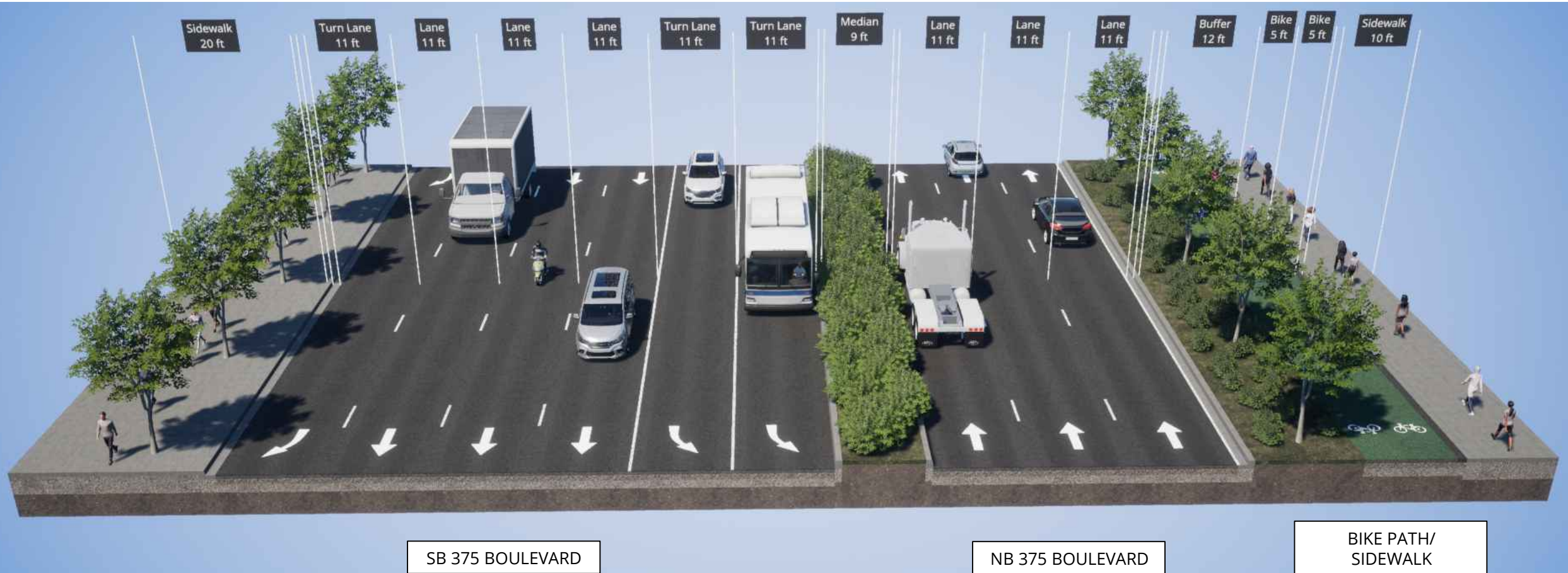
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- Workforce development
- Small business contracts

WHAT WE HEARD/WHAT WE ARE DOING

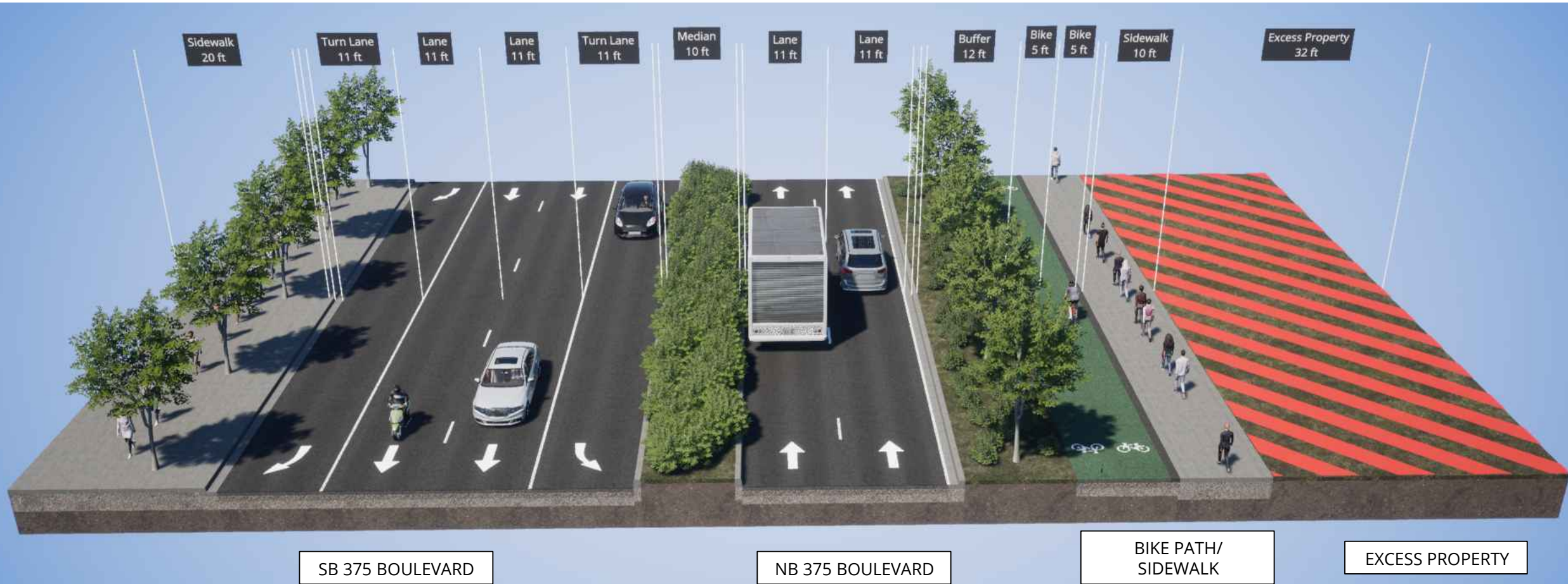
Boulevard Updates

Previous Boulevard Concept – North of Lafayette Street



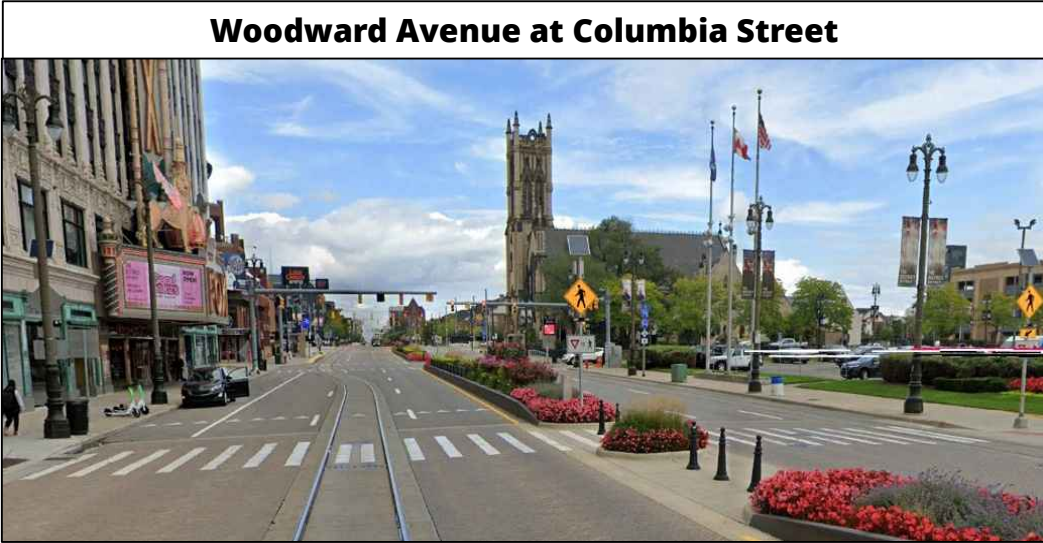
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Revised Boulevard Concept – North of Lafayette Street

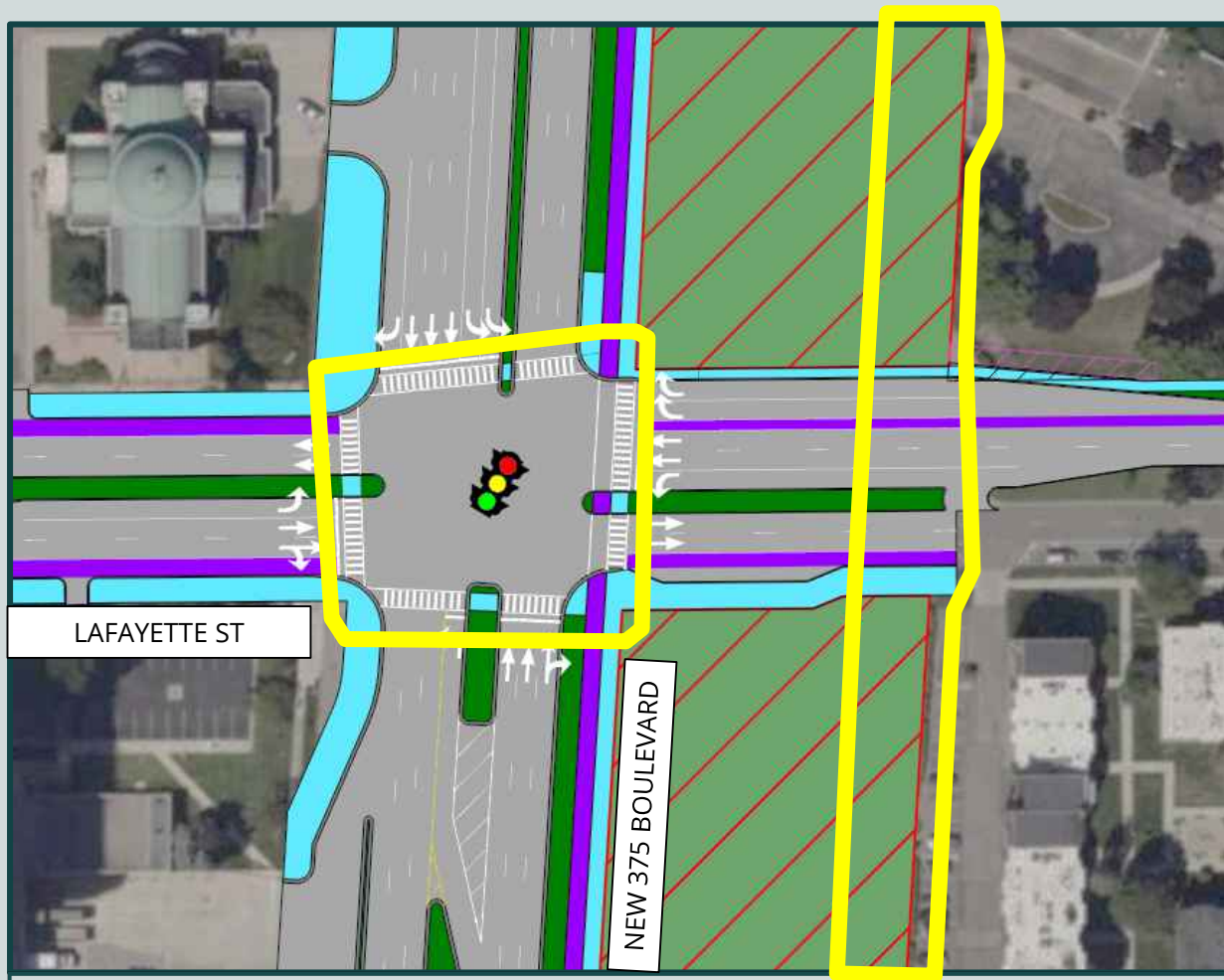


Boulevard Comparison

Street	Curb to Curb Distance
375 Boulevard at Lafayette Street	80 feet
Lafayette Street at Rivard Street	90 feet
Woodward Avenue at Columbia Street	90 feet
W Grand Boulevard at Lodge Service Drive	110 feet

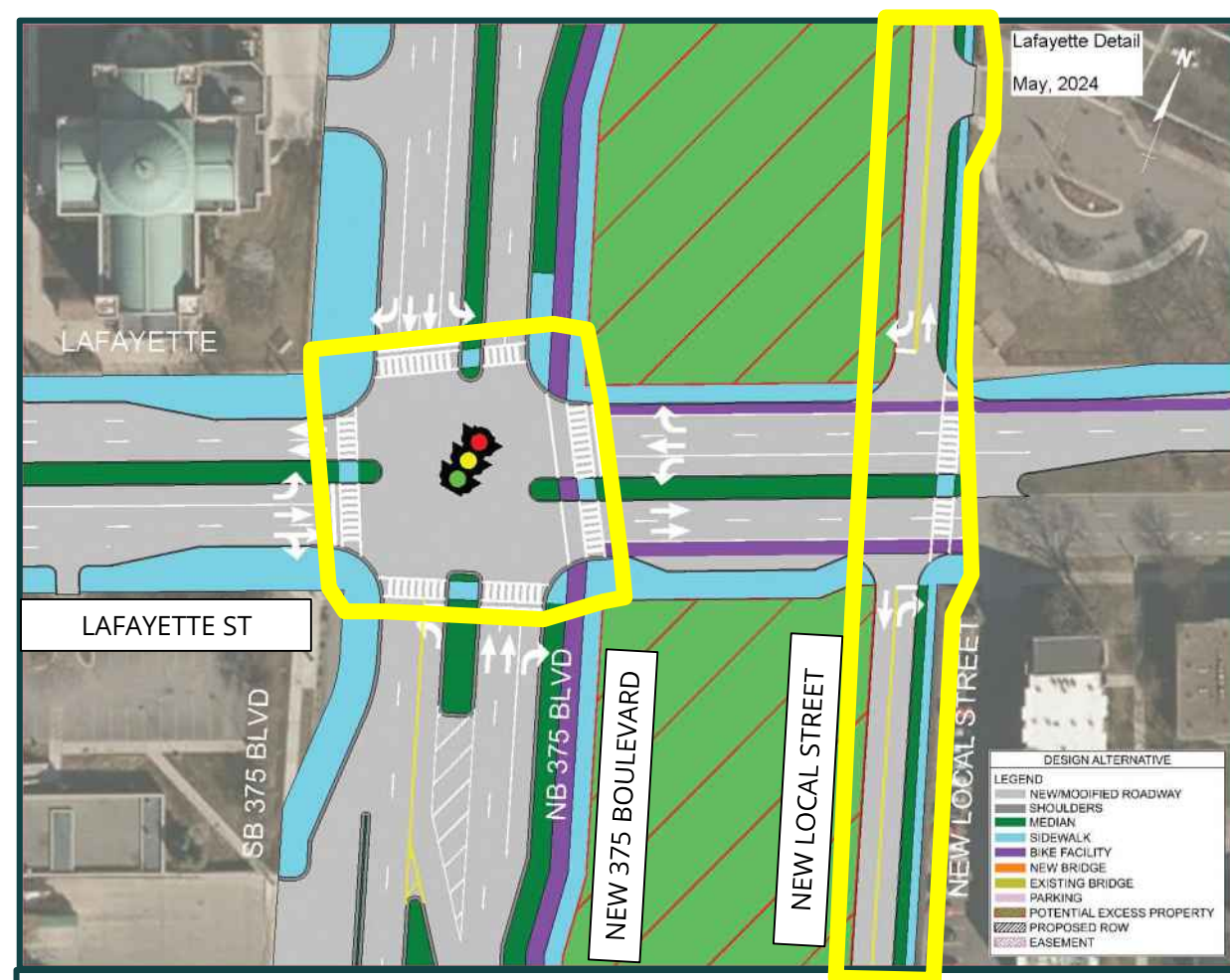


New Concept Refinements



Previous Concept:

Long crosswalks across I-375 boulevard and Lafayette Street.
No local street connection.

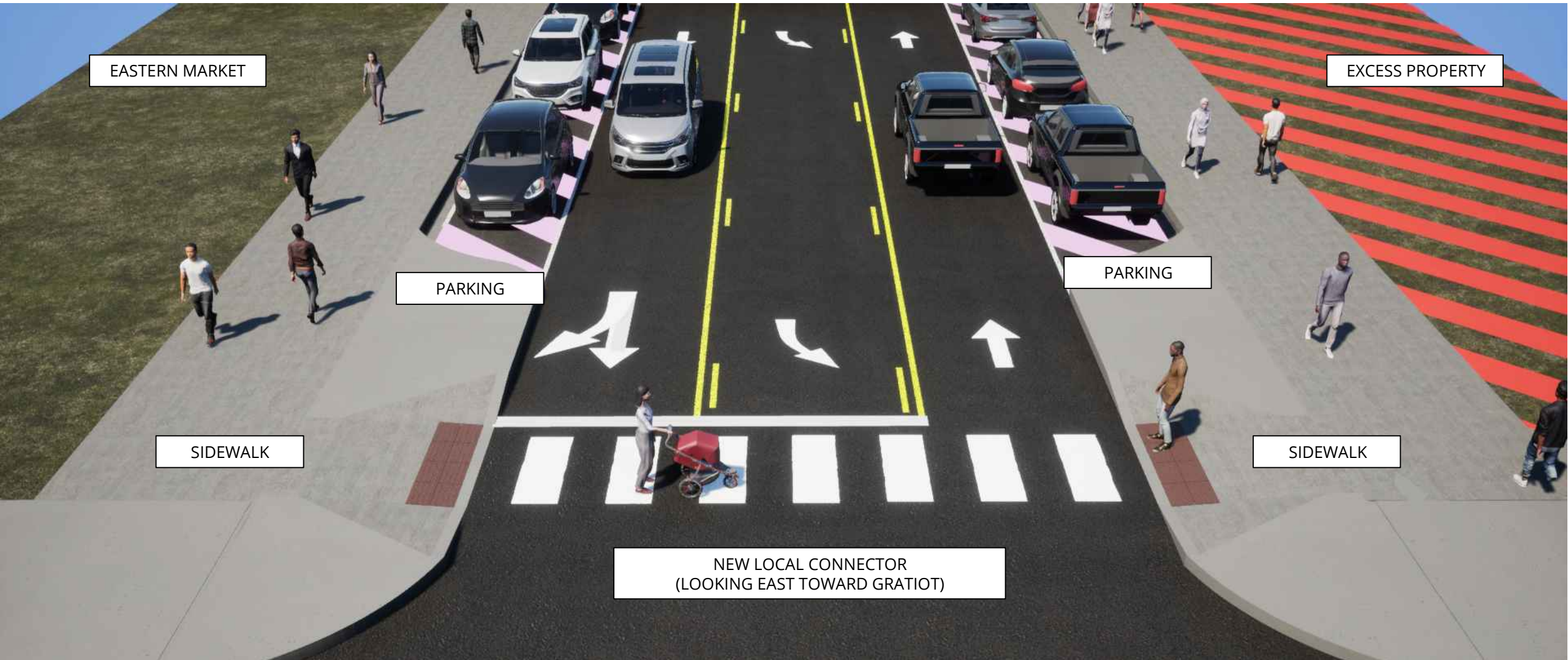


New Concept:

Reduced lanes on new I-375 boulevard and Lafayette Street.
New local street connection.

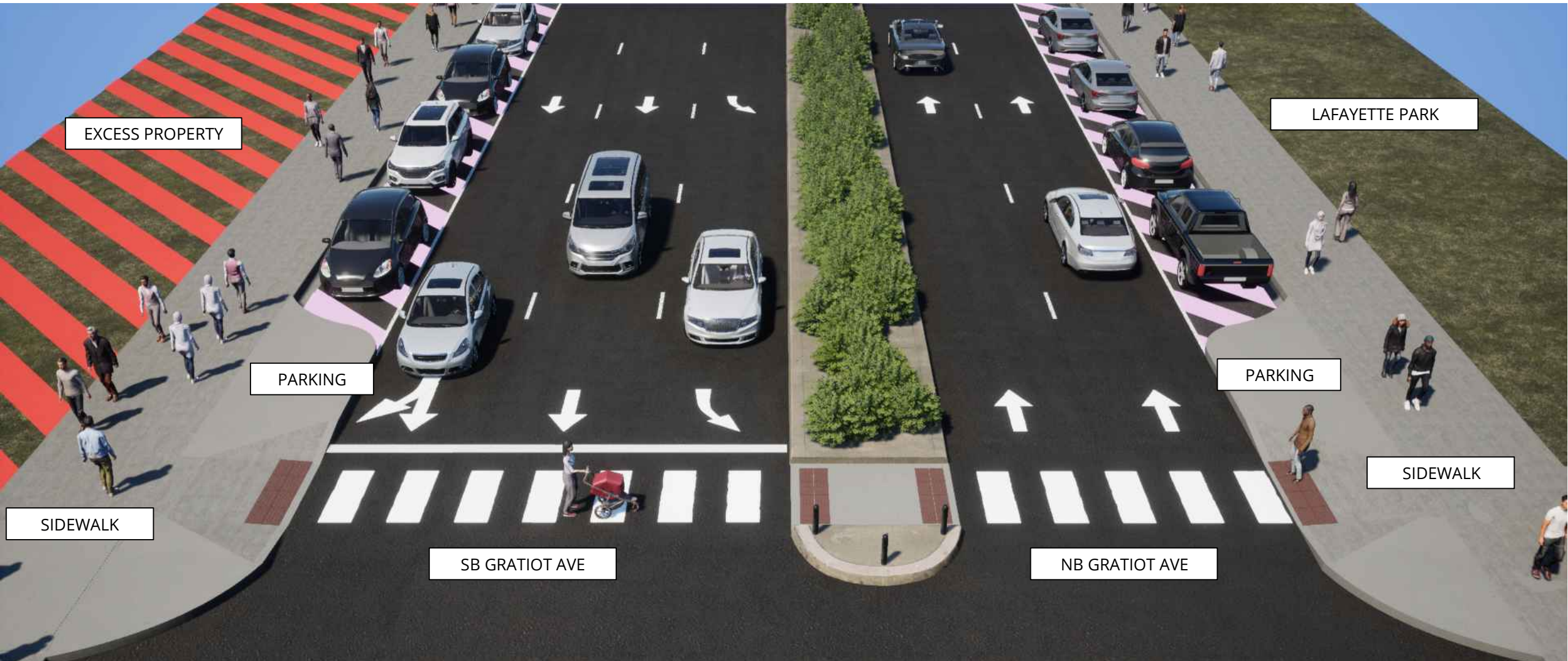
Eastern Market Update

Revised New Local Connector

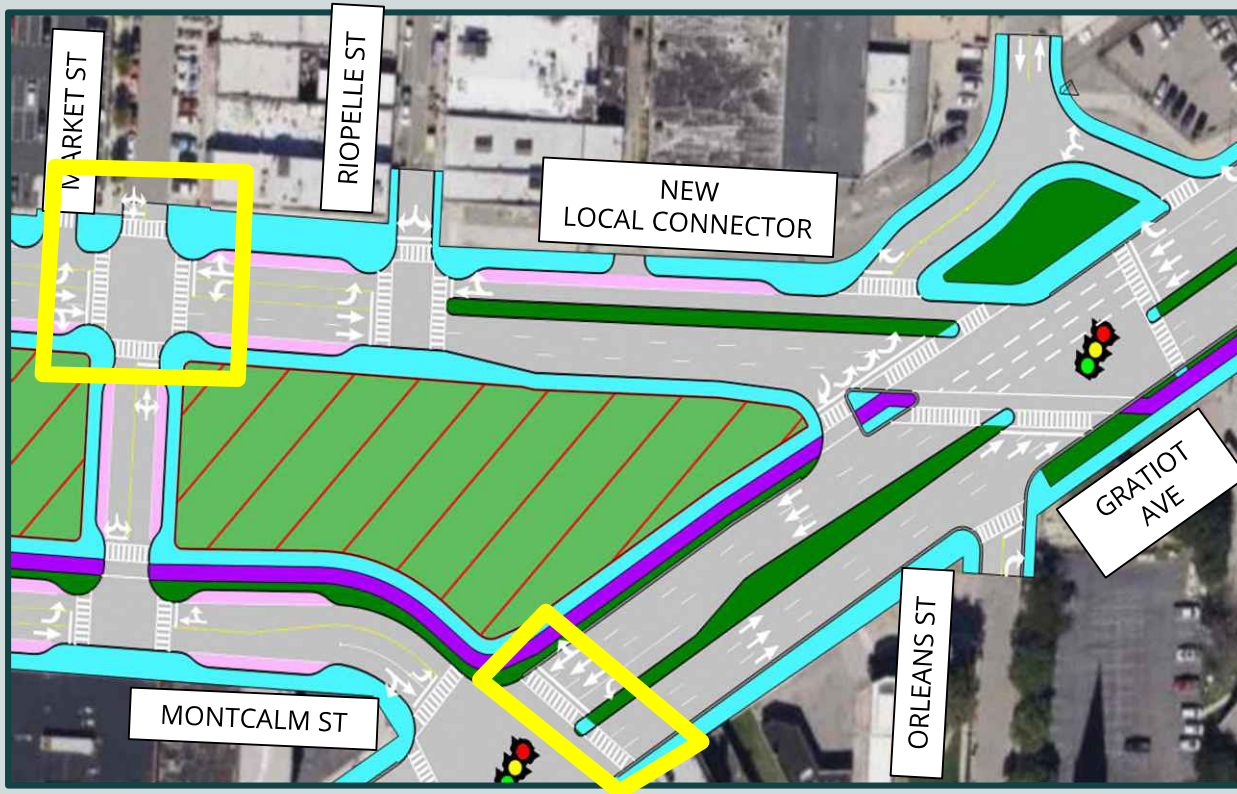


Gratiot Avenue Update

Revised Gratiot Avenue Section



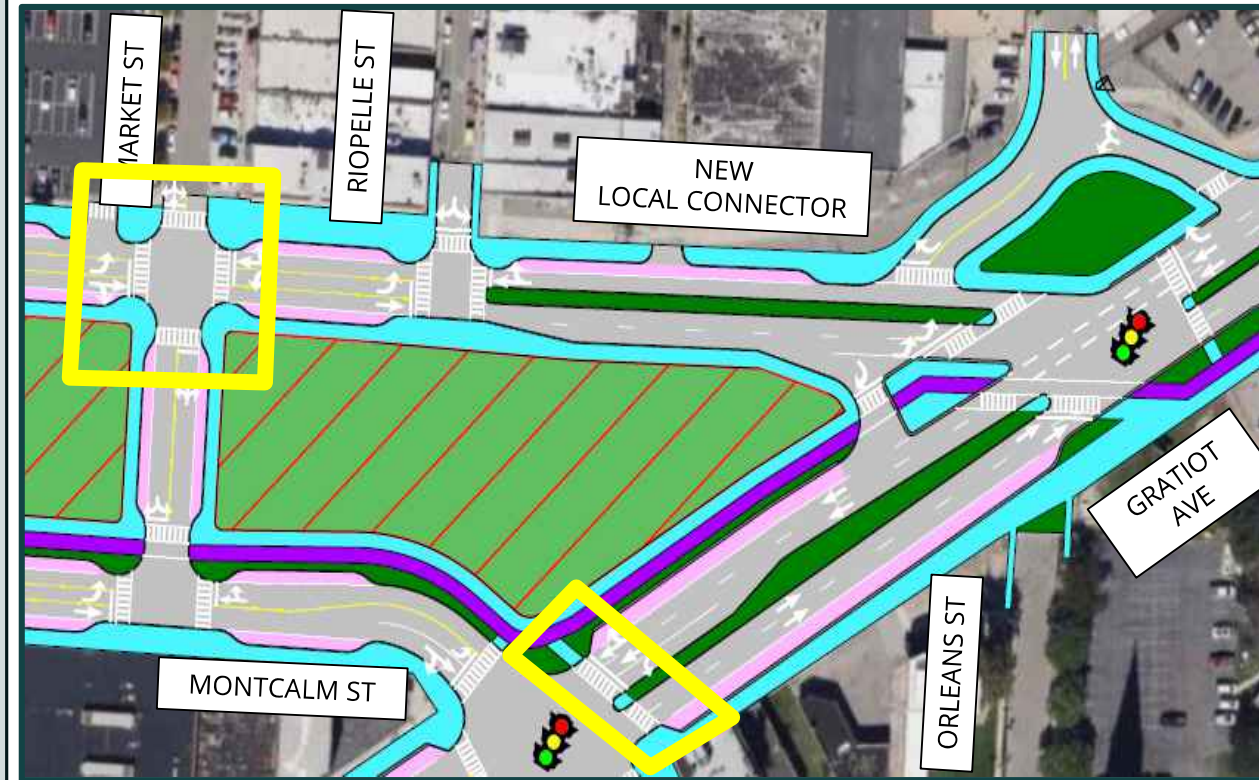
New Concept Refinements



Previous Concept:

Four lanes on new local connector.
Six lanes on Gratiot Avenue.

DESIGN ALTERNATIVE	
LEGEND	
NEW/MODIFIED ROADWAY	
SHOULDERS	
MEDIAN	
SIDEWALK	
BIKE FACILITY	
NEW BRIDGE	
EXISTING BRIDGE	
PARKING	
POTENTIAL EXCESS PROPERTY	
PROPOSED ROW	
EASEMENT	



New Concept:

Three lanes on new local connector.
Four lanes on Gratiot Avenue with added parking.
Curb bump outs on Gratiot Avenue for shorter crosswalk.
Gratiot Avenue compatible with current Gratiot Planning and Environmental Linkages Study.

New Concept Refinements



Previous Concept:

Connection to Mack Avenue using Russell Street.



New Concept:

Multiple connections to Mack Avenue and Brush Park.

I-375 NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

Neighborhood Framework

The comprehensive Framework for the I-375 boulevard conversion is a guideline developed through engagement, analysis and creativity to leverage growth, opportunity, policy, and equity upon the conversion of the I-375 interstate highway to a surface-level boulevard.

THIS PROCESS WILL ENABLE THE COMMUNITY TO:

- **Imagine** the things that a healthy and beautiful neighborhood needs.
- **Discuss** what is most important to its community members.
- **Plan** how to make those things happen.
- **Prioritize** what should get implemented within identified resources.

Neighborhood Framework Elements

The scope will be developed to comply with city branding/communications and **city framework elements**, including:

Zoning and Land Use

- Urban Design, Neighborhoods and Housing
- Mobility Systems, Connections and Walkability
- Open Space
- History, Art and Culture
 - Historic Narrative
 - Addressing Impacts
 - Placemaking
- Environmental Compliance

With the Local Advisory Committee (LAC), we discussed **what principles should guide** the Framework development, which included the following:

- Neighborhood Character
- Honoring History
- Housing Diversity and Affordability
- Neighborhood Mobility

The city has selected a **specialized team** (Interboro Partners Detroit Collaborative Design Center, and Marcia Black) to **create a zoning and land use policy** in support of the Neighborhood Framework

Community Enhancements

The Community Enhancements Plan is a part of the Neighborhood Framework and will:

- **Identify** ways to address historic social equity, economic and environmental impacts.
- **Engage** potential partners to address and implement follow-up actions.
- **Actions** may include:
 - Affordable housing,
 - Minority-owned business incubation and participation,
 - Placemaking, and
 - Historic markers or memorials and other relevant actions.



Hunt St. Station in McDougall Hunt
Credit: John Sivills, City of Detroit

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DBE/Workforce Development Outreach

- MDOT has hosted **two industry forums** to connect with locally based contractors, vendors and consultants.
- Additionally, MDOT has **met with local and state** government agencies, national and state of Michigan DBE and small business enterprise (DBE/SBE) membership-based organizations, local unions and private support groups to **further extend their arm in this community.**

Industry Forums		
Date	Firms Invited	Firms Attended
July 27, 2024	233	37
April 3 , 2024	383	48
A total of 26 one-on-one follow-up meetings. Three firms who were not previously became DBE-certified.		

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New Contract Opportunities:

- Progressive Design-Build
- Historian and Urban Design
- Strategic Messaging and Media Strategies
- DBE/Minority Business Enterprise and Strategic Plan

Project Partners:

- Downtown Detroit Partnership
- The Kresge Foundation



Construction Mitigation

MDOT is partnering with Downtown Detroit Partnership to develop potential construction mitigation strategies for the project.

- **The team is:**
 - Collecting data on existing conditions
 - Researching precedents of mitigation efforts in other cities
 - Compiling potential strategies for economic and environmental construction mitigation
 - Identifying partners to form a working committee



Reparative Roundtable

The Kresge Foundation has developed a stakeholder group, the Reparative Roundtable.

The project team participated in their first meeting with the Roundtable on May 3

- MDOT is working with Roundtable participants to:
 - Ensure equity is established in every project outcome.
 - Elevate and promote history and culture.
 - Ensure corrective policies and practices are used throughout planning and implementation.



PROJECT TIMELINE AND MAJOR MILESTONES

Project Timeline and Major Milestones

	2024				2025				2026				2027				2028			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Neighborhood Framework		①			②			③												
Road Design			①	②		③														
Traffic Operations During Construction Plan			①		②															
Construction								①			②									③

2024

- ① Framework begins
- ① Progressive design-build begins
- ① Develop traffic operations options
- ② Progressive design-build onboarding phase complete

2025

- ② Select preferred option
- ② Draft framework complete
- ③ Framework elements incorporated
- ③ Final framework complete
- ① Early works construction begins

2026

- ② Major construction begins

2028

- ③ Construction complete

MDOT is committed to working with the community to provide a transportation solution that is **accessible** to **everyone**, respects our past, meets the needs of the present, and enables a brighter future.





Questions?

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Goals of the Zoning and Land Use Study

1. To **develop** a plan for zoning and land use for the new land created by the I-375 project that considers the surrounding urban neighborhoods.
2. To **inform** the design of the new boulevard in how it serves the surrounding community.
3. To **develop** a historic narrative and the relationship to the I-375 project.
4. To **document** and publicize the process and policy recommendations for future consideration.
5. To become an integral part of the I-375 Neighborhood Framework.

Zoning and Land Use

The **Zoning and Land Use Study** is a component of the Framework that includes a focused analysis to inform a policy on recommended uses that could be designated for the new land resulting from MDOT's I-375 boulevard construction.

BUDGET	\$350,000
TIMELINE	June 2024 to March 2025
CONSULTANT TEAM	Interboro Partners, Detroit Collaborative Design Center, and Marcia Black

