



Wilburton – Grand Connection

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City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services Board – Project Update

Tonight's Discussion



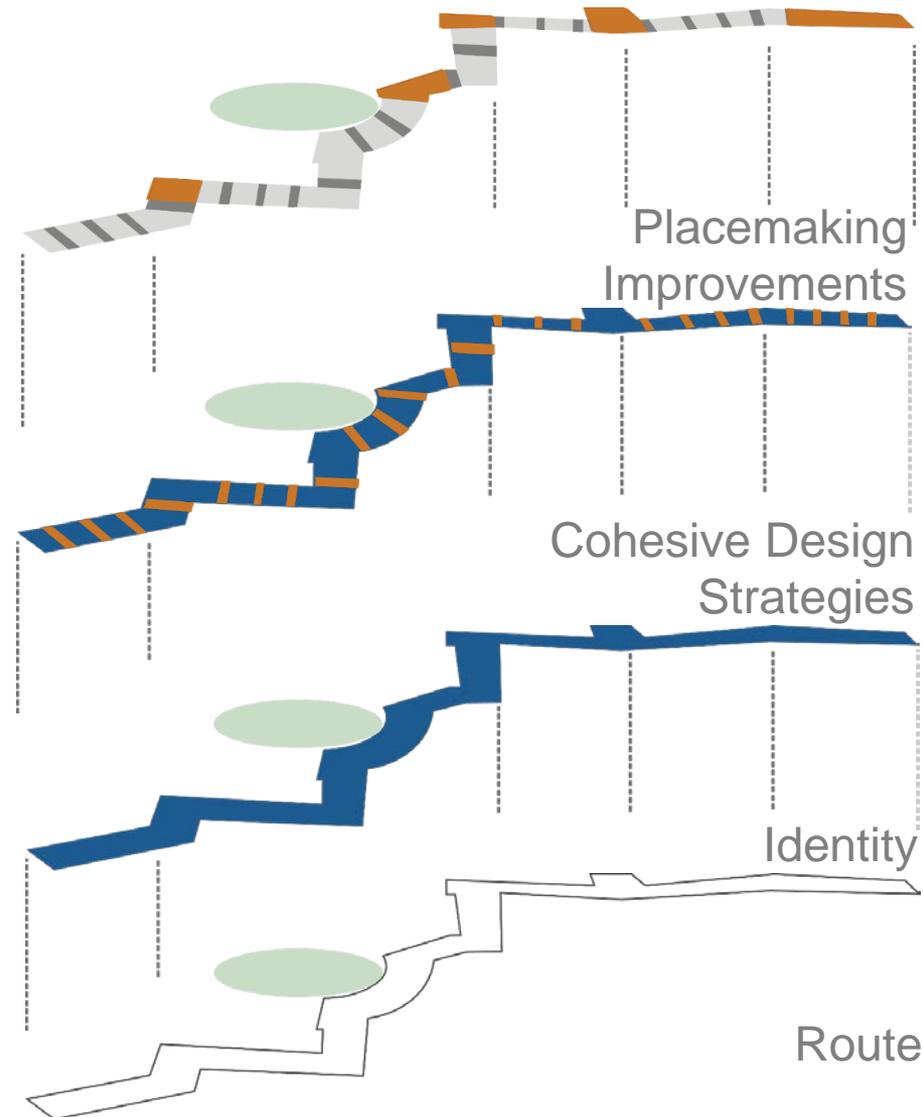
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 - Sequence One
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- Wilburton Commercial Area
 - Where we are
 - What we have heard
 - Future considerations and next steps



Visioning Process



- Sequence One
 - Meydenbauer Bay to Civic Center District
- Sequence Two
 - Interstate 405 Crossing
 - Interface with Eastside Rail Corridor and Wilburton Commercial Area



Art and Culture



- A defining element of the route
- Supportive of cohesive design strategies and gateways
- Elevate the role of arts and culture in Bellevue
- Encourage new concepts and support Bellevue's creative economy
- Create whimsy and discovery
- Speak to:
 - Cultural diversity
 - Technology
 - Performance
 - Sustainability



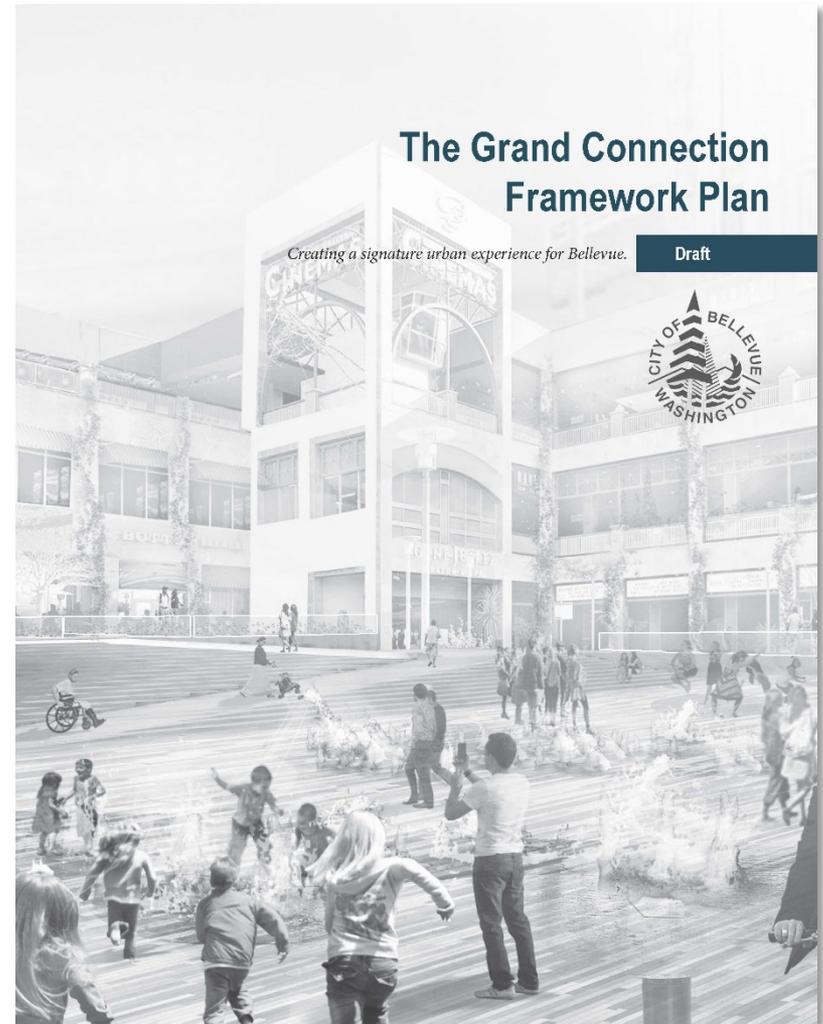
Draft Framework Plan



- Sequence One
 - Meydenbauer Bay to Civic Center District
- 11 Chapters
 - Introduction
 - Public Engagement
 - The Route
 - Route Identity
 - Cohesive Design Strategies
 - Art and Culture *
 - Connectivity and Mobility
 - Public Spaces
 - Interstate 405 Crossing **
 - Programming
 - Implementation and Next Steps

*Appendix to the Framework Plan

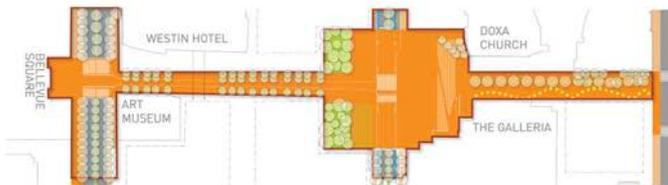
**Information only – covered in Volume 2 and Wilburton EIS



Draft Framework Plan



Key Strategy



▲ Pedestrian Corridor from Bellevue Way to 108th Avenue NE - Concept. Image by Balmon Associates

Next Steps: Compass Plaza

- Design refinement and phasing approach for the Compass Plaza reconfiguration, including materials, programming, and art installations.
- Explore the opportunity to expand the plaza to the west as a long-term strategy.
- Explore opportunities to collaborate and partner with private development improvements and City initiatives.
- Engage in tactical urbanism events to test and demonstrate potential future improvements.
- Explore programming and cultural plinth opportunities.

Bellevue Transit Center

Overview

The Bellevue Transit Center serves as an important gateway to the City. With the addition of the Downtown East Link light rail station to the east, this area will continue to serve a large population that enters Bellevue via this important transit hub. For many that work and visit Bellevue, this is their initial experience with the city. Proposed improvements through the Downtown Transportation Plan will improve conditions for cyclists and pedestrians on the north side of the transit center.

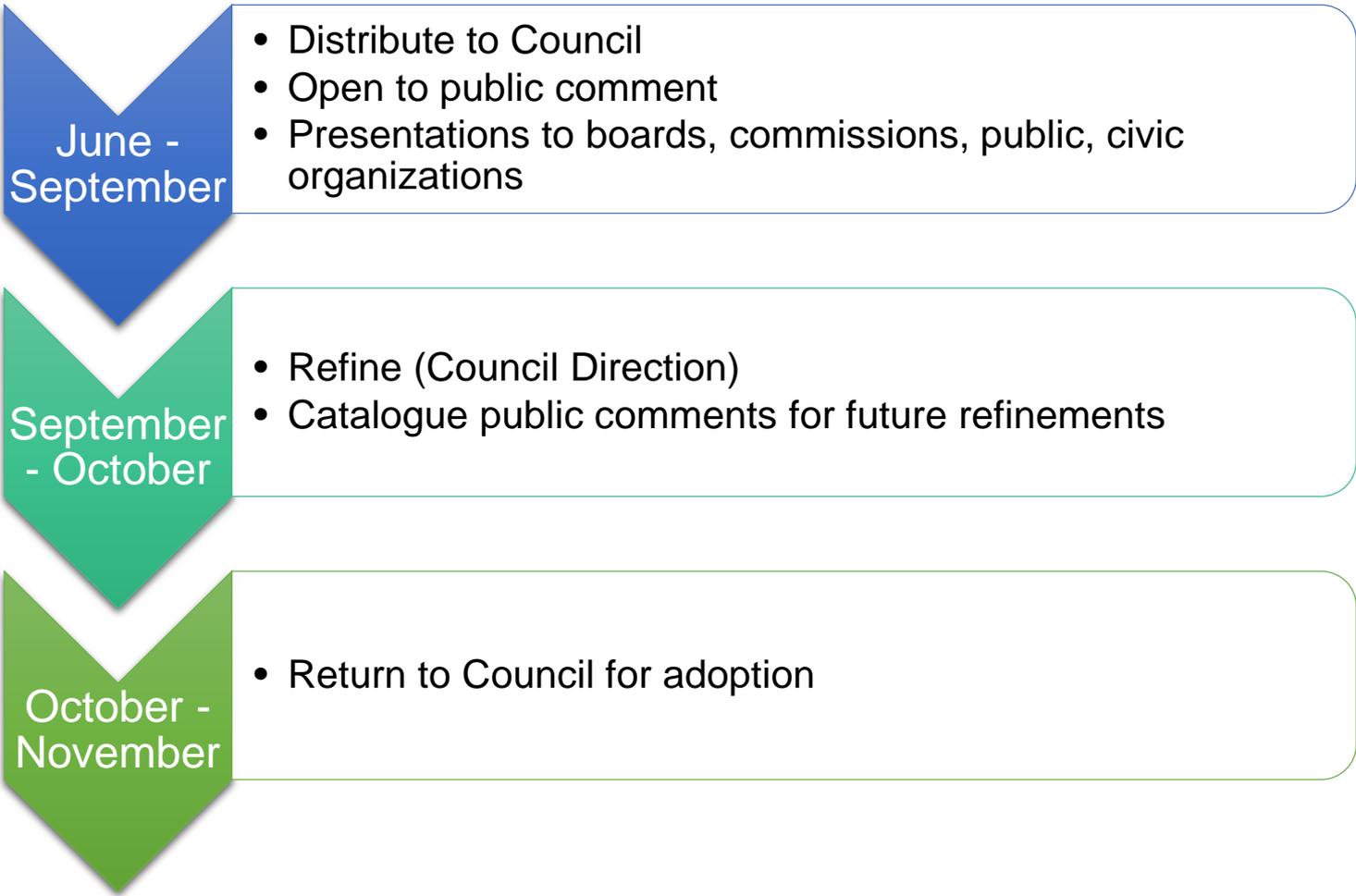
The design team first began by examining the movement of buses in the area. As an important transit node, it is essential that bus movements remain efficient and fluid, but the dual purpose of the area as a significant location along the Grand Connection warrants consideration for improvements and a focus on pedestrians, cyclists, and transportation alternatives. The design proposal seeks to have all buses enter from one direction to simplify the bus movements while reducing opportunities for conflict between non-motorized transportation and buses. The diagram (next page) illustrates the buses entering the transit center from the west, but depending on the routes, the configuration could be modified so that all buses enter from the east.

The concept as proposed represents an ideal situation where the south lane of the transit center could be removed, allowing for the transit center to be connected to the public space and plaza to the south as part of the City Center development. Additionally, this would create space for bike lanes and alternative transportation options. Two alternatives exist in order to accommodate for the current number of bus routes, or a reduced number. Angled spaces are provided to the north of the transit center to preserve the existing number of bays.



▲ Bellevue Transit Center - Existing

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Interstate 405 Crossing



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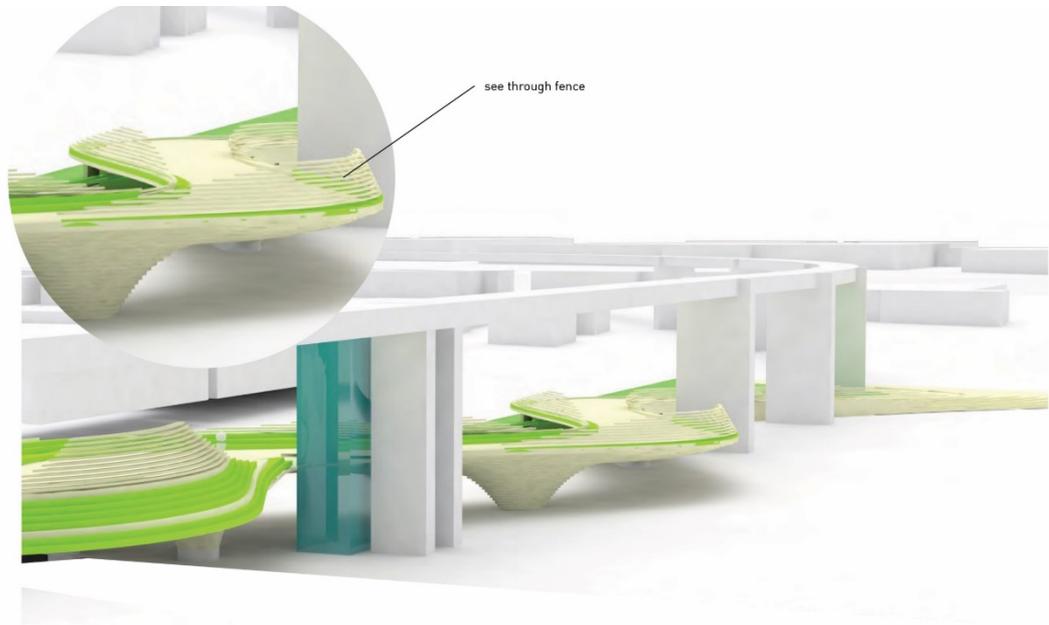
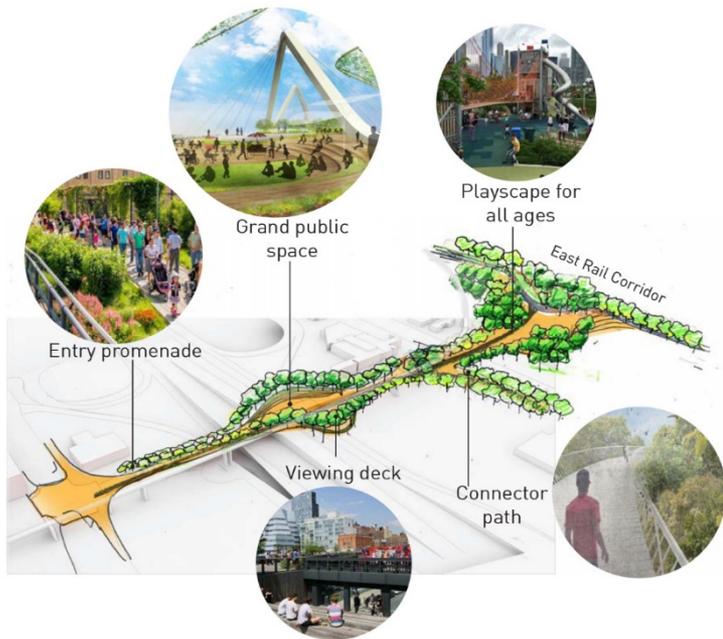
Visioning Goals



- Safe and comfortable connection
- Opportunities for public space
- Integration and cohesion with future development opportunities
- Interface with 116th Avenue NE
- Interface with Eastside Rail Corridor
- Signature in form, design, & experience



Interstate 405 Crossing Alternative One





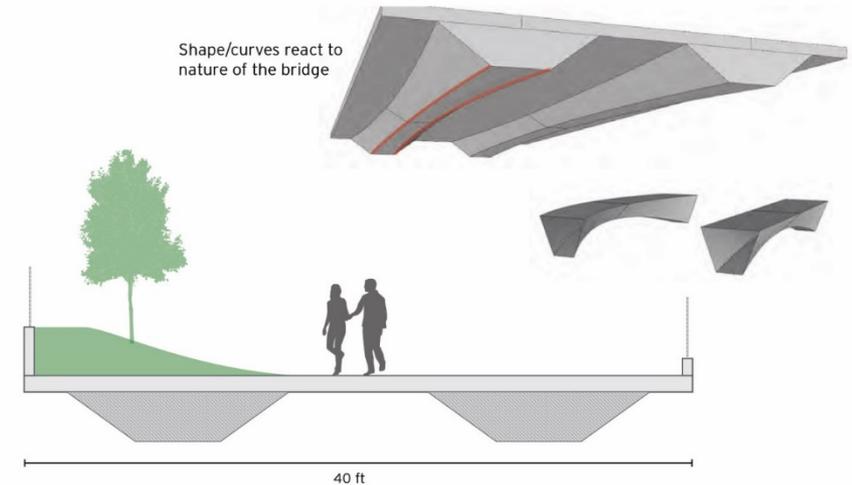
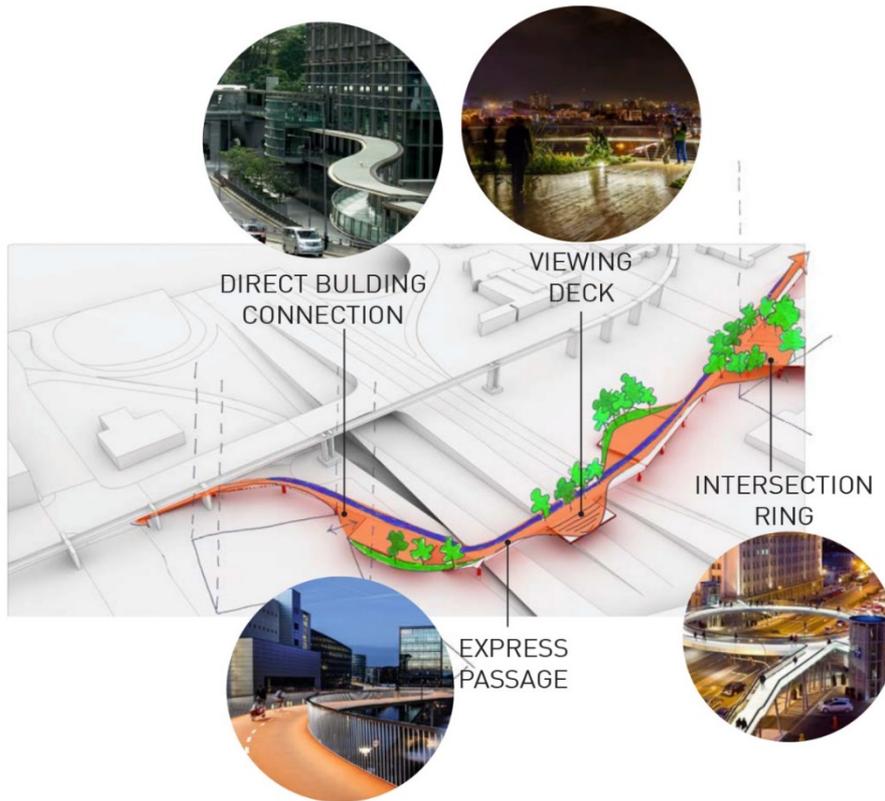
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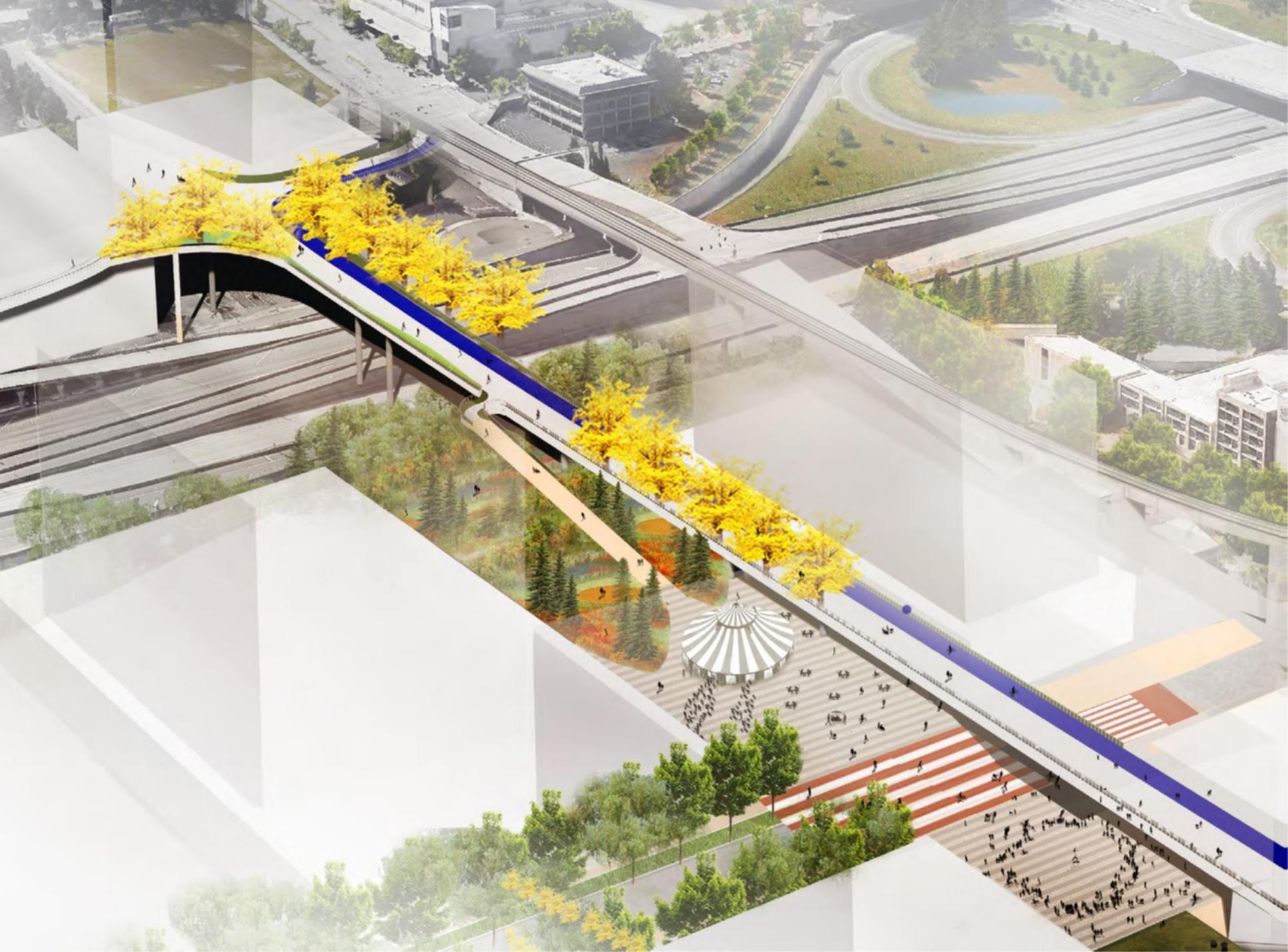
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Interstate 405 Crossing

Alternative Two





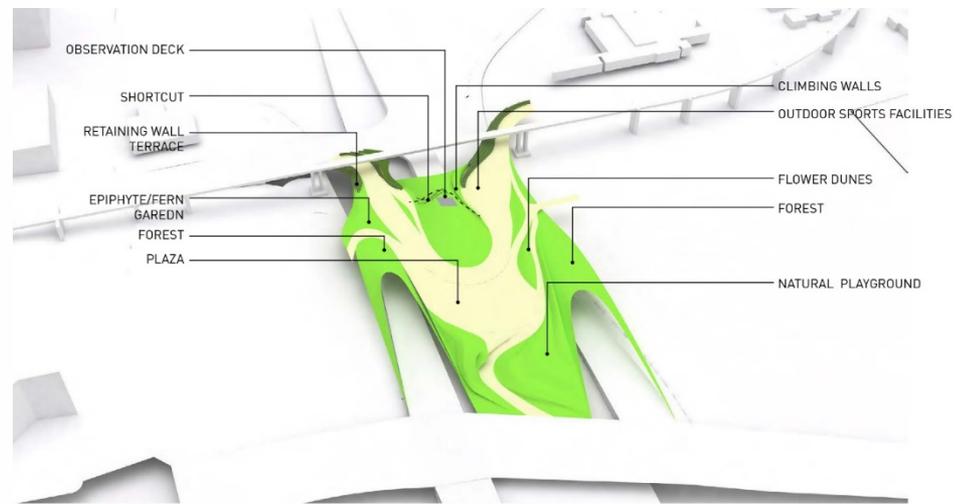
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Alternative Two



Interstate 405 Crossing

Alternative Three





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Alternative Three

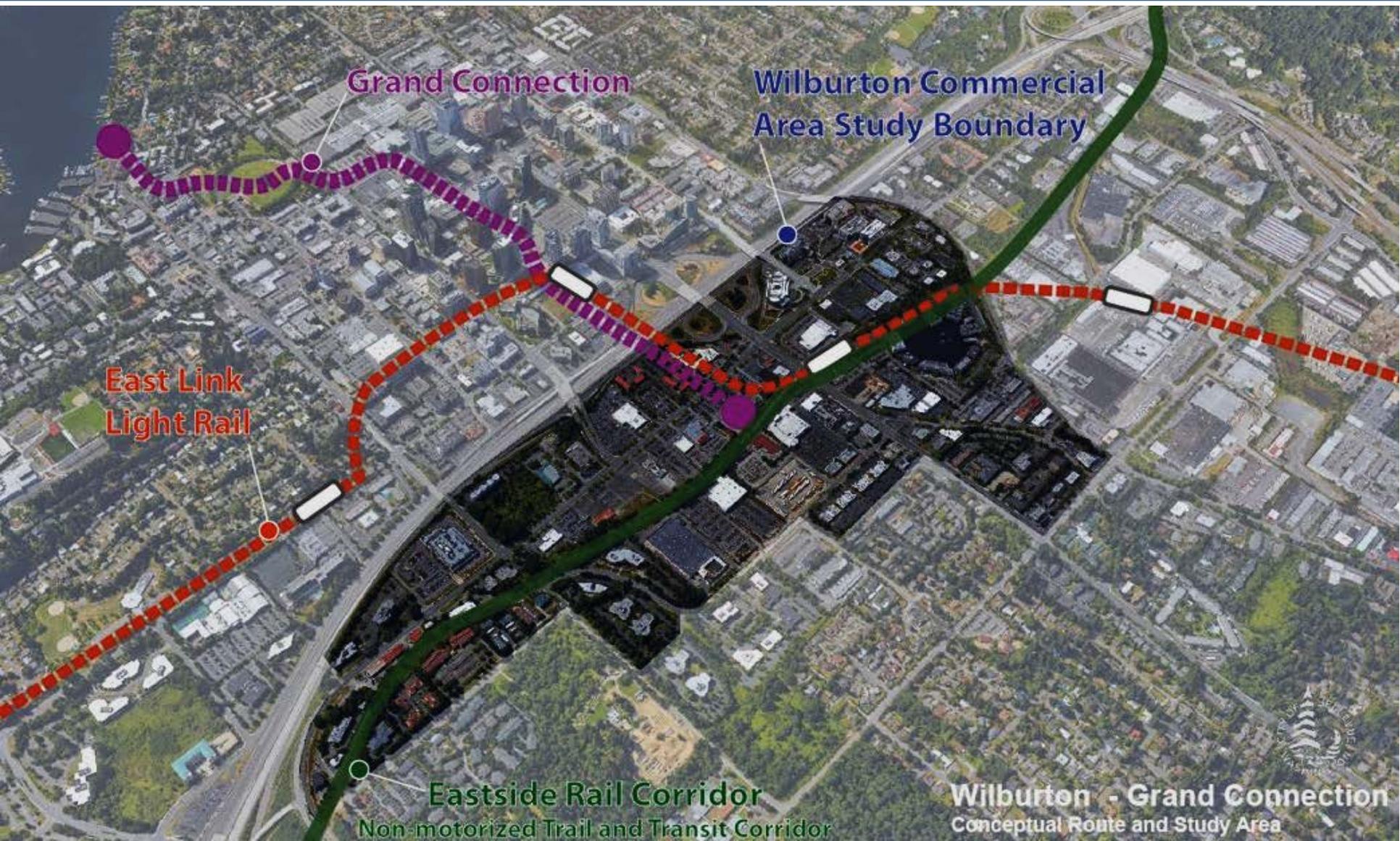


Wilburton Commercial Area



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Alternative Three



Grand Connection

Wilburton Commercial Area Study Boundary

East Link Light Rail

Eastside Rail Corridor
Non-motorized Trail and Transit Corridor

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Conceptual Route and Study Area

Wilburton Commercial Area

Planning Process



- 15 member Committee
- Topics include land use, transportation, urban design, character, implementation strategies
- Develop three alternatives
- Environmental Impact Statement (SEPA)
- CAC Vision → Council Approval → Comprehensive Plan Amendments → Land Use Code Amendments

Wilburton Commercial Area

What we've heard



- Not Downtown
- Community oriented businesses
- Moderate and affordable income housing
- Incubator and tech startups
- Parks and open space
- Transit & trail oriented development
- Artist housing and workspace
- Diverse

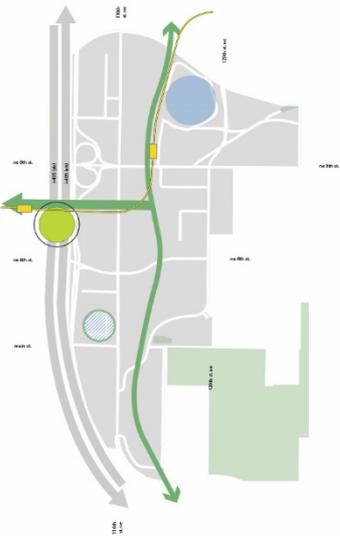


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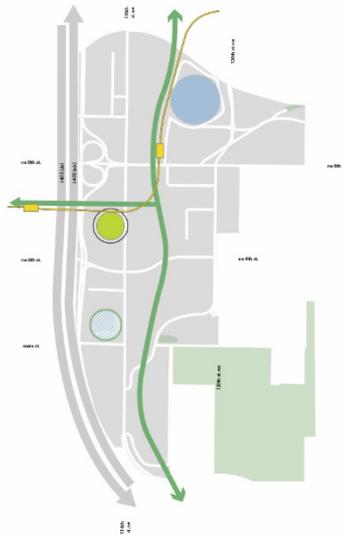
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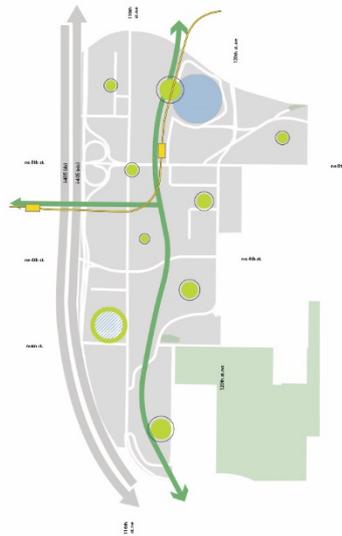
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CIVIC CENTER



NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN



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NATURAL NETWORK

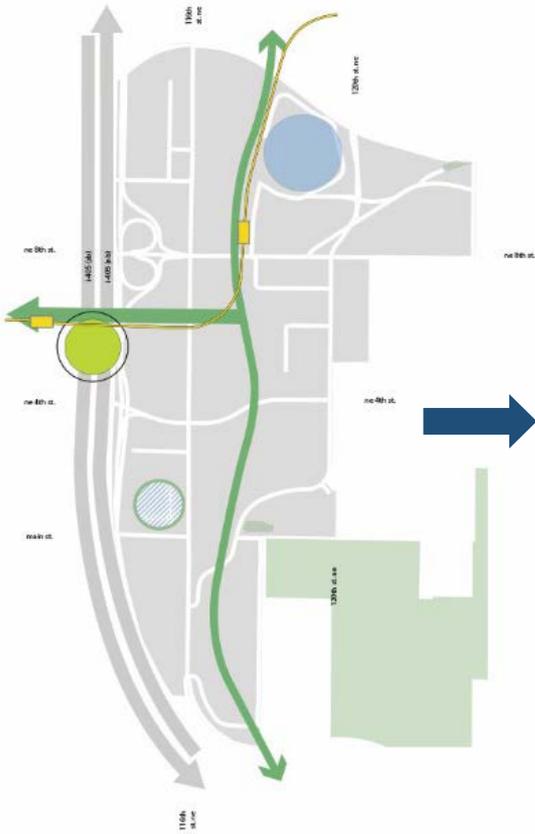


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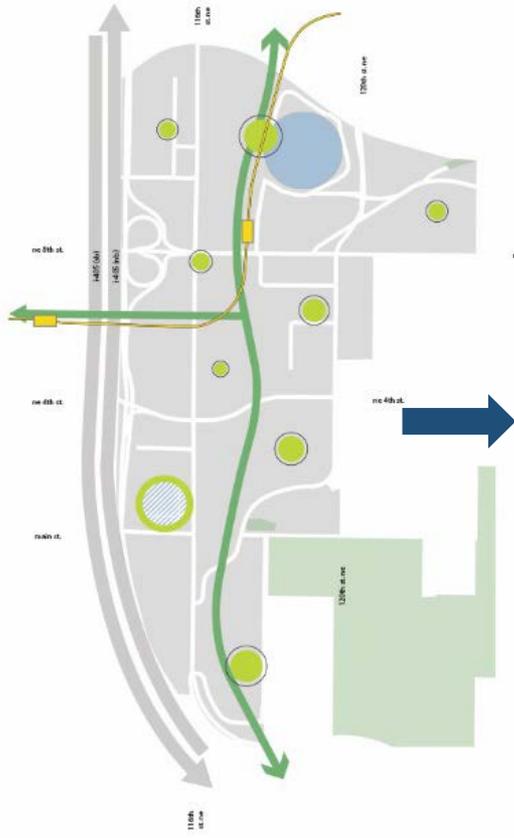


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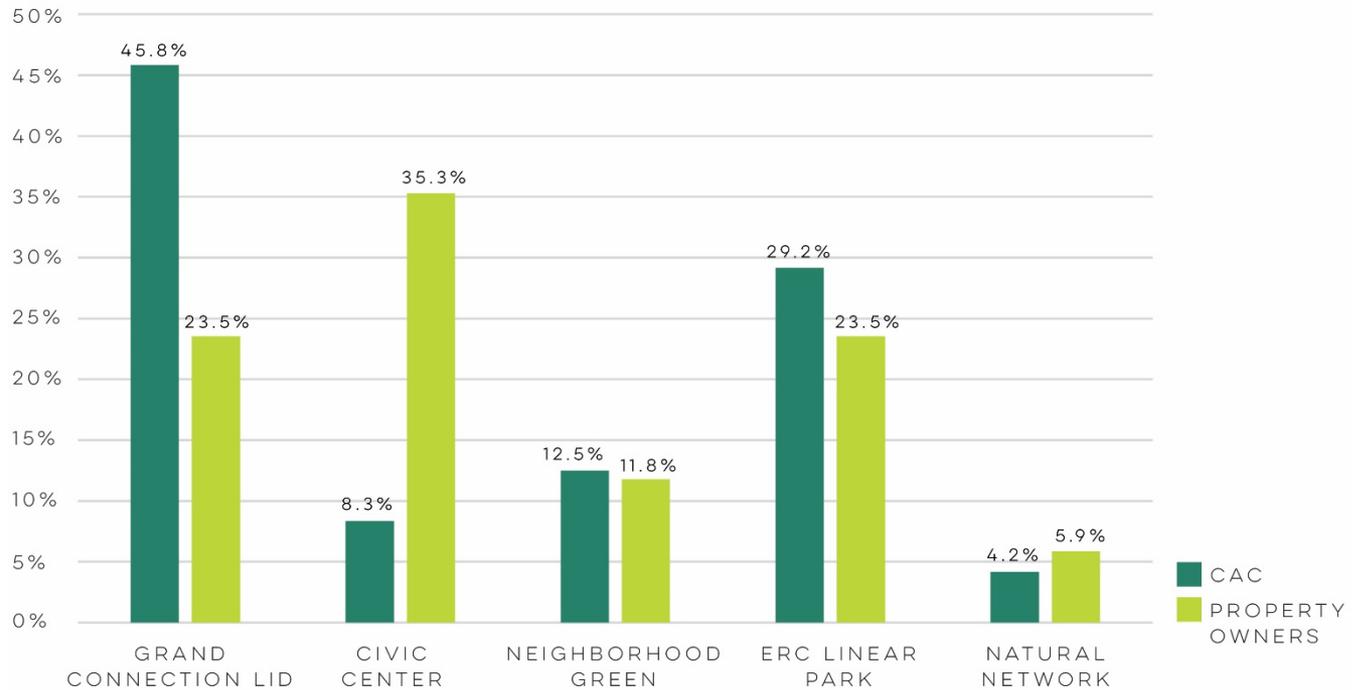


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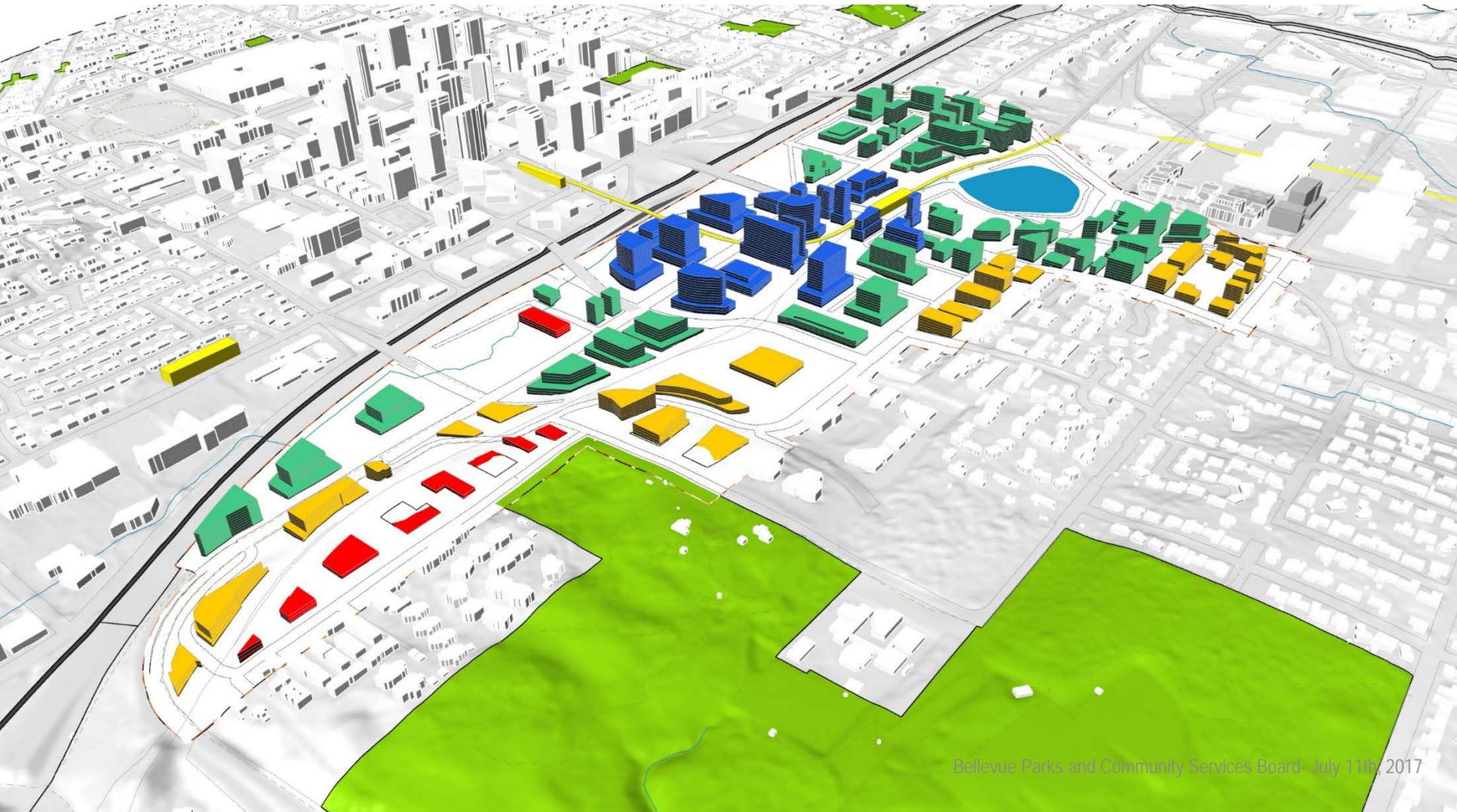
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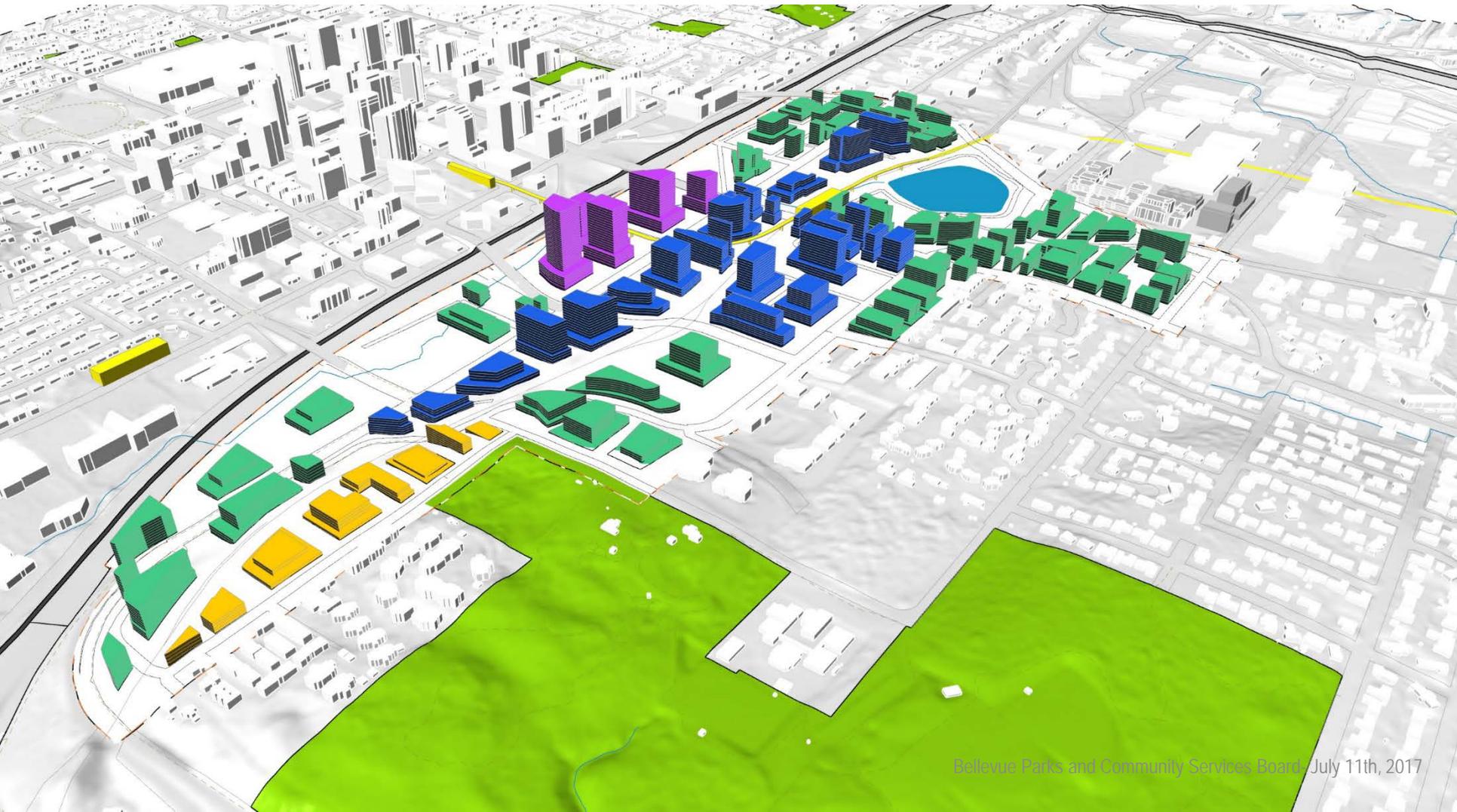
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Alternative Two – Density and Height



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Alternative Three – Density and Height



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Next Steps



- New Public Survey – Late July
- Draft EIS – September
- Refine Alternatives
- Select Alternative
- Urban Design / Open Space / Character
- Implementation
 - Bridge the aspirational and the pragmatic
 - Uses
 - Incentive System
 - How do we achieve the art and cultural element?
 - What is important to the Commission and how do we get there?

One more thing.....





- Community inspired game and technology event
- Human sized games
- Illumination
- *Guinness Book of World Records*

An architectural rendering of a modern urban plaza. In the center is a white, multi-story building with 'CINEMAS' written on its facade. The plaza is filled with people of various ages, including children playing in a water feature, a woman on a bicycle, and a person in a wheelchair. The background features tall, modern skyscrapers and trees with yellow autumn leaves. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

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QUESTIONS?