



DOWNTOWN'S NEXT STEP

Vivid Past, Resilient Future

Main Avenue | College to 8th

Community Open House

March 14, 2024





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Project Background

Project Purpose

Improve safety, accessibility, and economic vitality of downtown Main Avenue



Expand and improve pedestrian space



Improve safety along the corridor



Proactive streetscape enhancements



Conceptual Design

Over **2,000**
public
interactions

19 total BID and/or City led meetings

- Listening sessions with **15** business representatives
- **6** stakeholder meetings that included business owners
- **3** community open houses

2 online questionnaires with over **2,200** responses

- **168** business responses in questionnaires

Online review of preferred conceptual design



Conceptual Design Feedback

What's most important?

Supporting and enjoying local businesses	76%
A comfortable, safe experience for bicyclists and pedestrians	50%
Other	31%
Gathering with others in the community	28%
Showcasing Durango's unique identity and character	20%
Unique experiences at different times of year	14%
Efficient travel along Main for cars	8%



Design Balance



Pedestrian
Mall

Current
Conditions

Preferred Streetscape Design



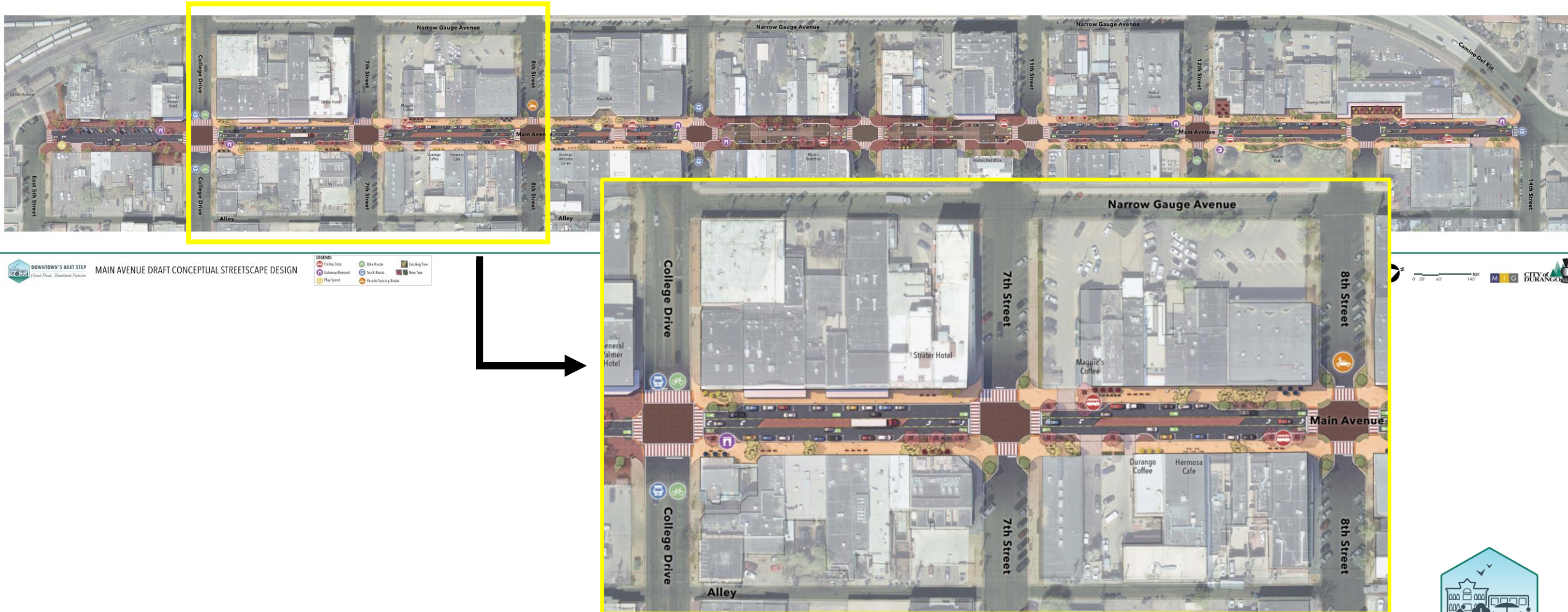


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Engineering Design Process Overview



Project Area



Engineering Design

Phase 1: Design (College to 8th)

Two blocks (College - 8th) but establishing templates/design detailing for whole corridor

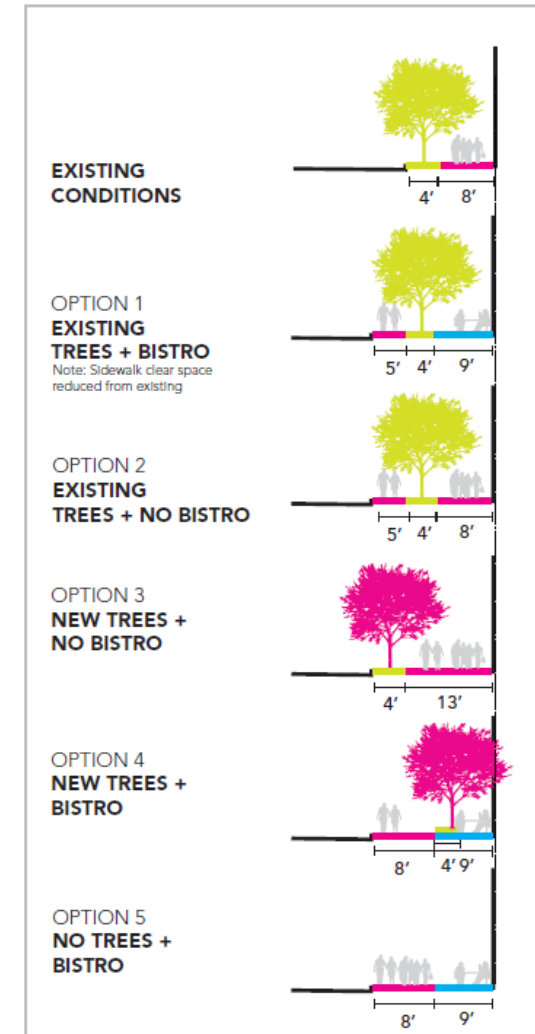
Plan layouts and grading sections

Materials, furnishings, and landscaping palette

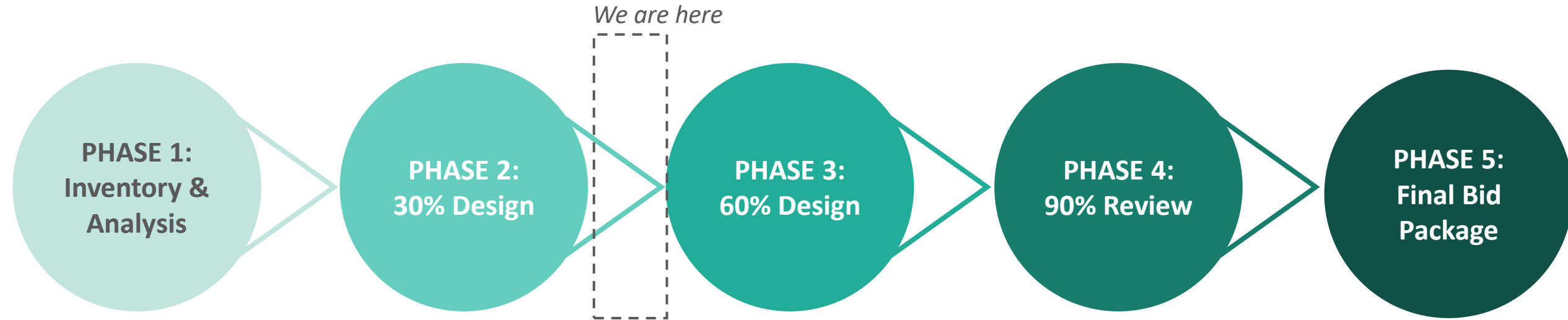
Selection and detailing of water quality treatments

Utility connections, coordination, and design

Construction documents ready for bid (phasing, drawings, specifications, cost estimates, etc.)



Project Schedule





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What's New/ Key Topics



Multimodal Safety

- Expanded sidewalks to increase space for people walking
- Shortened crossing distances
- Increase accessibility along Main Avenue
- Improved safety for people biking
- Increase traffic calming



Deliveries

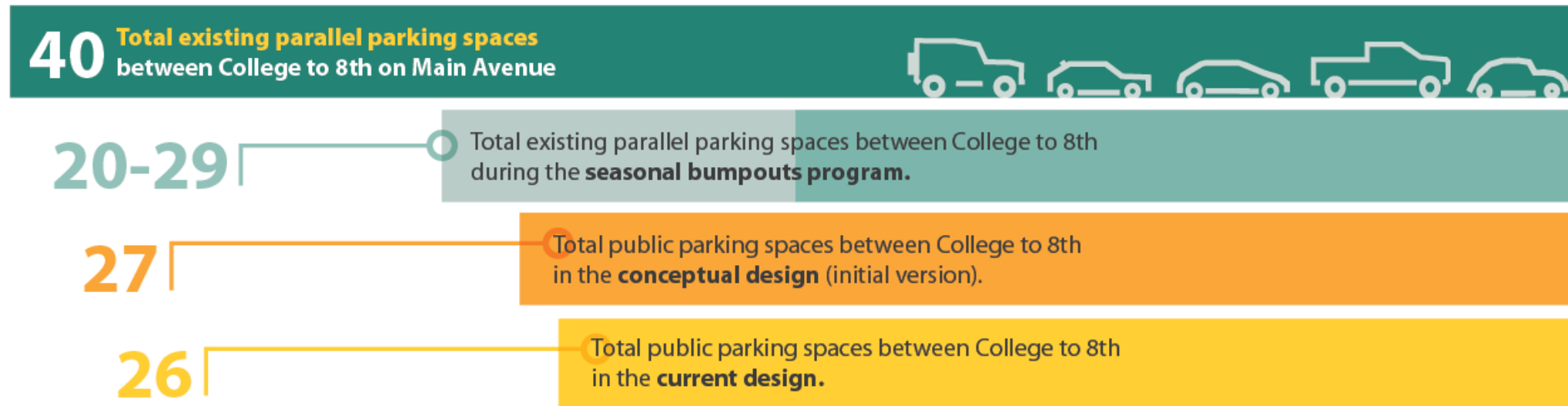
- Deliveries in the center left turn lane will continue
- Delivery zones for winter months
- Loading zones provide additional parallel parking during the warmer months



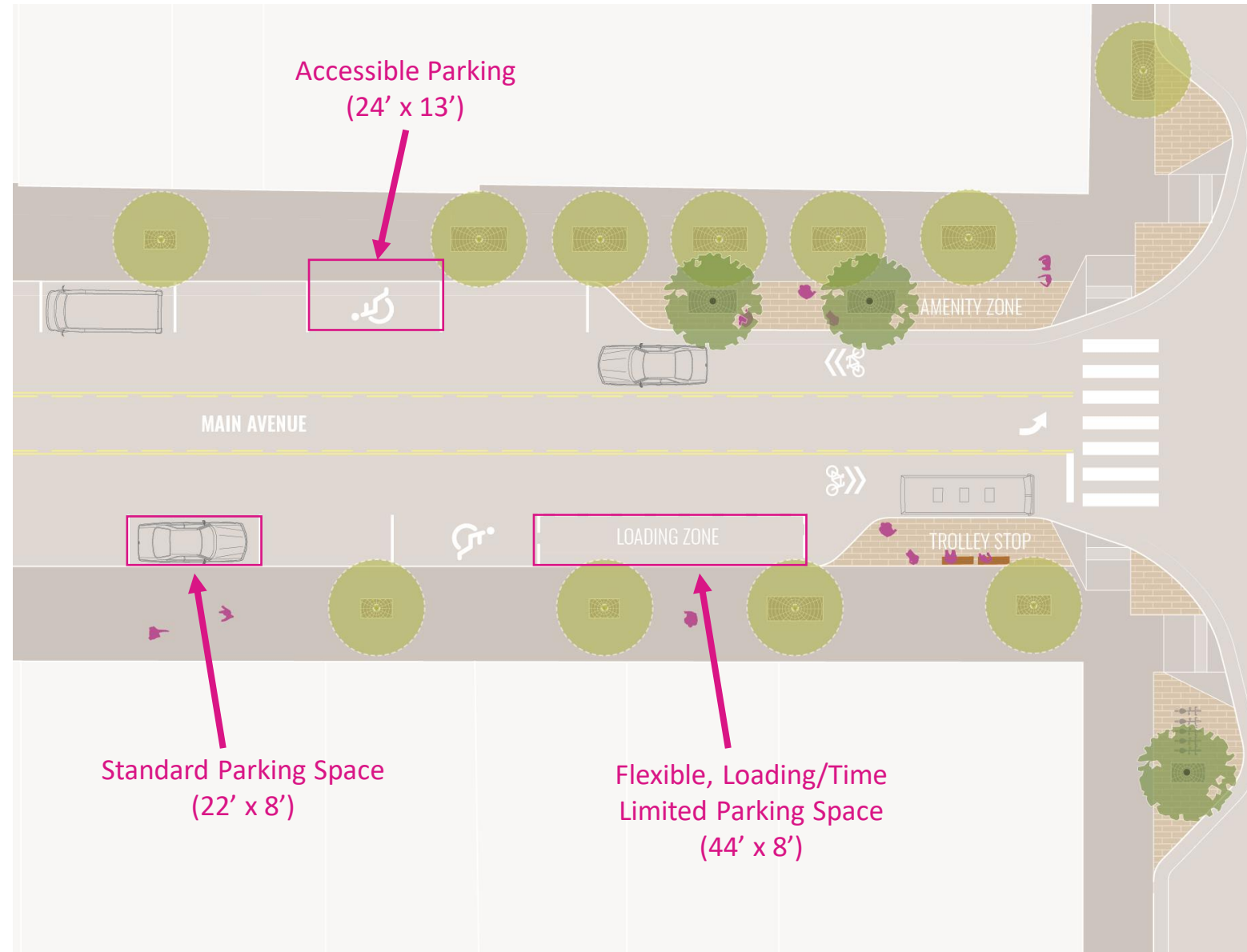
Parking

- Spaces lengthened from 20 to 22 feet to accommodate larger vehicles
- Added required accessible spaces on Main Avenue (4)

College to 8th Parallel Parking Supply



Parking



Maintaining Character

- Maintaining iconic views
- Careful material selections
- Opportunities for art and landscaping that showcase Durango's character



Wider Sidewalks

- Sidewalks will be 5' wider
- More pedestrian space
- Replaces seasonal pedlet/parklet
- Safer environment for all



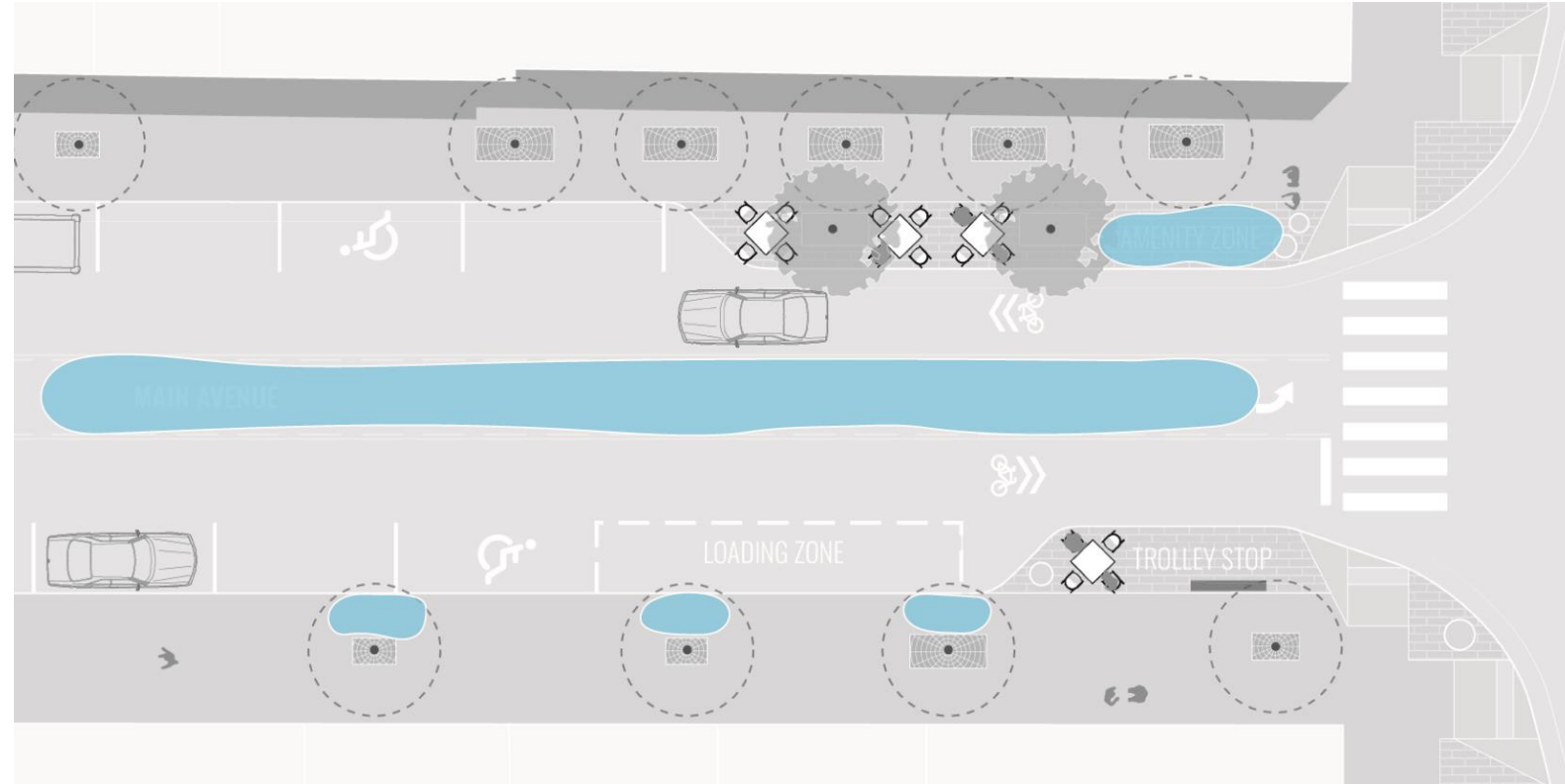
Curb Extensions

- Increase safety for people walking by reducing crossing distance and increasing visibility
- Evaluated turning templates of various delivery trucks that come downtown and adjusted curb extensions to ensure they will be able to turn



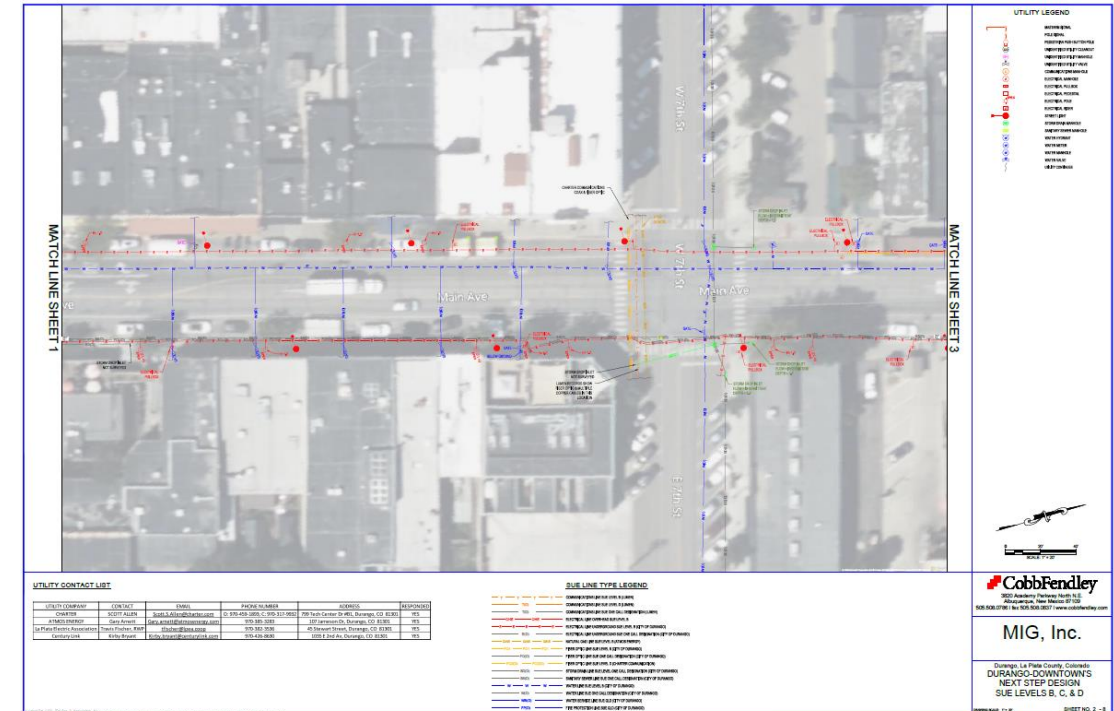
Snow Plowing and Maintenance

- Considered in design
- Snow storage/removal will still follow existing protocols



Utilities and Stormwater

- Replacement of aged water line
- Careful consideration of curb extensions and utilities alignment
- Spot improvements for other utilities
- Required water quality facilities, to filter street runoff before it enters the river



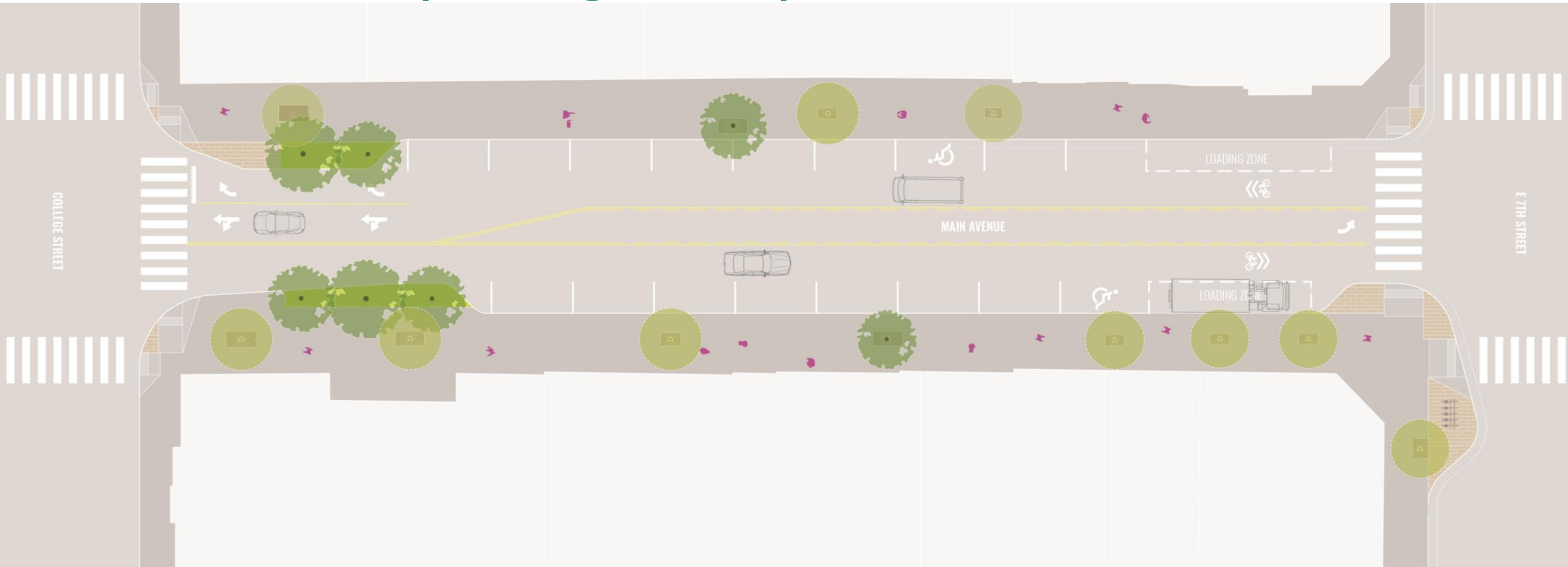


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Design Progress



600 Block (College – 7th)

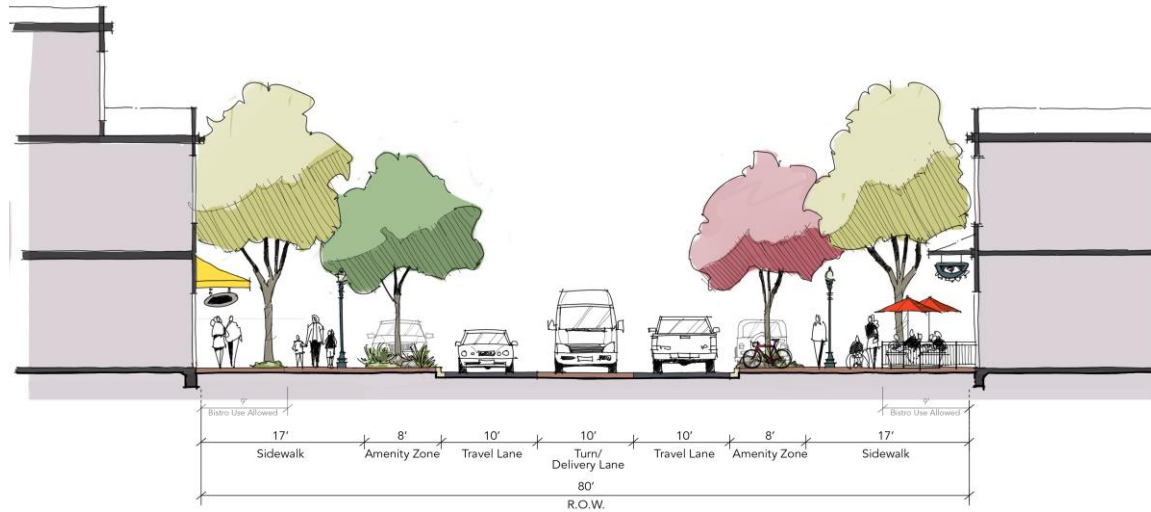


700 Block (7th – 8th)

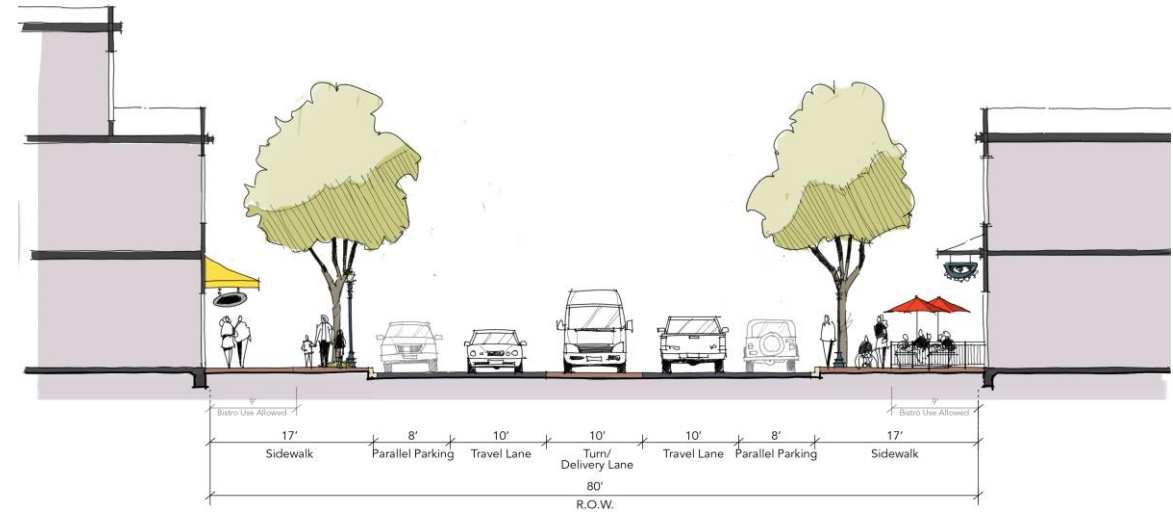


Sections

End Block Improvements



Mid Block Improvements





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Open House Stations

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- Background Information
- Design Components
- Preliminary Design Review
- Next Steps



Share Your Thoughts

- Distribution of:
 - Loading Space, Accessible Parking Spaces and Basic Parking Spaces
 - Curb Extensions
 - Trees
 - Specialty Pavement Treatments
 - Other Amenities
- Space or Amenity Desires Specific to Your Business





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Q&A



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