



**CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 12, 2016
7:30 PM**



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BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION AGENDA
DECEMBER 12, 2016
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 151 MARTIN
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Nickita, Mayor

II. ROLL CALL

Cheryl Arft, Deputy Clerk

III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Birthdays (Hoff, Boutros)
- The Santa House will be open week-ends on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 PM – 3:30 PM through Saturday, December 24th.
- City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, Friday December 30th and Monday, January 2nd for the observance of the holidays.

Appointments:

- A. Interview for appointment to the Historic District Study Committee.
 - 1. Paul Beshouri, 1740 Grant St.
- B. To appoint _____ to the Historic District Study Committee to serve a three year term to expire June 25, 2019.
- C. Interview for appointment to the Cablecasting Board.
 - 1. Scott Weller, 1687 Holland St.
- D. To appoint _____ to the Cablecasting Board to service the remainder of a three-year term on the Cablecasting Board to expire March 30, 2017.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of City Commission minutes of October 27, 2016.
- B. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of December 7, 2016 in the amount of \$1,851,265.14.
- C. Resolution approving a request submitted by the Community House to hold the Bates Street Block Party on Merrill and Bates on August 12, 2017, contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event.
- D. Resolution approving a request submitted by the Memorial Day Committee to hold the Memorial Day Ceremony and aerial fly over on May 29, 2017 at 10:00AM, pursuant to

any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event.

- E. Resolution accepting the resignation of Adam Charles from the Board of Trades Appeals, thanking Mr. Charles for his service, and directing the Acting Clerk to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- F. Resolution authorizing Bowen Electric, LLC to install electrical and communications wiring in four parking structures in preparation for the installation of Skidata traffic control equipment at all entrance and exit gates, at a total cost of \$38,426, according to the following schedule:

Pierce St. Structure	585-538.002-981.0100	\$10,478
Park St. Structure	585-538.003-981.0100	\$ 9,360
Peabody St. Structure	585-538.004-981.0100	\$ 9,200
N. Old Woodward Ave.	585-538.005-981.0100	\$ 9,388
- G. Resolution appointing Mayor Mark Nickita to serve as the City's delegate to SEMCOG and City Manager, Joe Valentine to serve as the alternate.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution accepting the Poppleton Park concept site plan dated September 19, 2016.
- B. Public Hearing to consider the proposed lot split of 1286 Willow Lane.
 - 1. Resolution approving the proposed lot split of 1286 Willow Lane with a waiver as permitted under section 102-4 of the City Code to allow the northern parcel to have an 85' width.
 - OR
 - 2. Resolution denying the lot split of 1286 Willow Lane as proposed based on the following conditions that adversely affect the interest of the public and of the abutting property owners:_____.
- C. Resolution accepting the MKSK design for Old Woodward and Maple and directing City staff to prepare bid specifications for Phase 1 of the Old Woodward and Maple project utilizing the City's existing standards and solicit alternatives for the components of the enhanced plan in order to make any adjustments based on cost considerations at the time actual bids are received.
- D. Resolution amending the Schedule of Fees, Charges, Bonds and Insurance, Fire Department section, to include the charge for Administrative fee non-electronic reporting.

VII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

X. REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Reports
 - 1. Notice of Intention to appoint members to the Public Arts Board on January 9, 2017.

- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions' Reports and Agendas
- D. Legislation
- E. City Staff
 - 1. FY 2016/2017 PSD SAD 869 Assessment Report, submitted by Finance Director Gerber
 - 2. Woodward Tree Planting Update, submitted by DPS Director Wood

XI. ADJOURN

INFORMATION ONLY

NOTICE: Individuals requiring accommodations, such as mobility, visual, hearing, interpreter or other assistance, for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 (voice), or (248) 644-5115 (TDD) at least one day in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Las personas que requieren alojamiento, tales como servicios de interpretación, la participación efectiva en esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al [\(248\) 530-1880](tel:(248)530-1880) por lo menos el día antes de la reunión pública. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPOINT TO HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

At the regular meeting of Monday, June 6, 2016, the Birmingham City Commission intends to appoint three members to the Historic District Study Committee to serve three-year terms to expire June 25, 2019.

The goal of the Historic District Study Committee is to conduct historical research regarding the proposed designation of historic landmarks or districts in the City of Birmingham.

A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation, although city residency is not required if an expert on the potential historic district topic is not available among city residents. The committee shall include representation of at least one member appointed from one or more duly organized local historic preservation organizations. The meetings are held by resolution of the City Commission.

Interested parties may submit an application available from the City Clerk's Office on or before noon on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Applications will appear in the public agenda at which time the commission will discuss recommendations, and may make nominations and vote on appointments.

Applicant(s) Presented For City Commission Consideration:

Applicant Name	Criteria/Qualifications
	Shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation.
Paul Beshouri 1740 Grant St.	Has interest in or knowledge of historic preservation

NOTE: All members of boards and commissions are subject to the provisions of City of Birmingham City Code Chapter 2, Article IX, Ethics and the filing of the Affidavit and Disclosure Statement.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

To appoint _____ to the Historic District Study Committee to serve a three year term to expire June 25, 2019.



HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Goal: To conduct historical research regarding the proposed designation of historic landmarks or districts in the City of Birmingham.

The committee shall consist of seven members in addition to a city appointed liaison. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation, although city residency is not required if an expert on the potential historic district topic is not available among city residents. The committee shall include representation of at least one member appointed from one or more duly organized local historic preservation organizations.

Terms: three years

Meetings are held by resolution of the City Commission.

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Debbrecht 564 Frank	Gigi	(248) 882-9906 <i>gigi@maxbroock.com</i>	6/25/2012	6/25/2018
Lang 1023 Floyd	Patricia	(248) 540-0991 <i>pal.family.friends@gmail.com</i>	10/26/2009	6/25/2018
Maricak 1040 Chapin	Gretchen	(248) 821-8708 <i>gmaricak106189mi@comcast.net</i>	9/12/2011	6/25/2017
VACANT				6/25/2019

Last Name	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
VACANT				6/25/2019
VACANT				6/25/2019
Xenos 1116 Washington	Michael	(248) 496-8983 <i>mxenos@comcast.net</i>	2/22/2016	6/25/2017



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Will Attend / Unable to Attend

APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE

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(Please print clearly)

Board/Committee of Interest Historic District Study Committee
Specific Category/Vacancy on Board Regular Member
Name Karl Beshouri Phone 248-895-4576
Residential Address 1740 Grant St. Email Beshouri24@gmail.com
Residential City, Zip Birmingham, MI 48209 Length of Residence ~ 18 years
Business Address _____ Occupation Real Estate Agent
Business City, Zip _____ + Property management
Consultant

Reason for Interest: Explain how your background and skills will enhance the board to which you have applied
My background involves significant historical research, especially in the fields of architecture + neighborhoods. Also experienced in writing about these topics for a broad audience, which could be useful to a committee that must effectively communicate with the general public.

List your related employment experience.
Real Estate Agent (2015-present) Real Estate + Development Reporter @ Vox Media (2011-2015) Blight Surveyor @ Loveland Technologies (2012)

List your related community activities.
Frequent Volunteer, preservation advocate + attendee @ Detroit + Historic District Commission Hearings.

List your related educational experience.
Birmingham Citizens Academy - Fall 2016 Graduate
Michigan Realtor - Licensed June 2015

To the best of your knowledge, do you or a member of your immediate family have any direct financial or business relationships with any supplier, service provider or contractor of the City of Birmingham from which you or they derive direct compensation or financial benefit? If yes, please explain: _____

No

Do you currently have a relative serving on the board/committee to which you have applied? No

Are you an elector (registered voter) in the City of Birmingham? Yes

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Residential Address 1740 Grant St.

Email Beshouri24@gmail.com

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Business Address _____

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+ Property management Consultant

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Are you an elector (registered voter) in the City of Birmingham? Yes

Signature of Applicant

Date

Return the completed and signed application form to: City of Birmingham, City Clerk's Office, 151 Martin, Birmingham, MI 48009 or by email to lpierce@bhamgov.org or by fax to 248.530.1080. Updated 10/12/16



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPOINT TO THE CABLECASTING BOARD

At the regular meeting of Monday, March 14, 2016 the Birmingham City Commission intends to appoint to the Cablecasting Board three regular members and one alternate member to serve the remainder of the three-year terms. Applicants must be residents of the City of Birmingham.

Interested citizens may submit an application available at the city clerk's office or online at www.bhamgov.org/boardopportunities. Applications must be submitted to the city clerk's office on or before noon on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. These applications will appear in the public agenda for the regular meeting at which time the City Commission will discuss recommendations, and may make nominations and vote on the appointments.

Duties of the Cablecasting Board

- 1) Advise the municipalities on matters relating to cable communications;
- 2) Monitor the franchisee's compliance with the franchise agreement and the cable communications ordinance;
- 3) Conduct performance reviews as outlined in Chapter 30, Article VII of the city code;
- 4) Act as liaison between the franchisee and the public; hear complaints from the public and seek their resolution from the franchisee;
- 5) Advise the various municipalities on rate adjustments and services according to the procedure outlined in Chapter 30; Article VI
- 6) Advise the municipalities on renewal, extension or termination of a franchise;
- 7) Appropriate those moneys deposited in an account in the name of the cablecasting board by the member communities;
- 8) Oversee the operation of the education, governmental and public access channels;
- 9) Apprise the municipalities of new developments in cable communications technology;
- 10) Hear and decide all matters or requests by the operator (Comcast Cablevision);
- 11) Hear and make recommendations to the municipalities of any request of the operator for modification of the franchise requirement as to channel capacity and addressable converters or maintenance of the security fund;
- 12) Hear and decide all matters in the franchise agreement which would require the operator to expend moneys up to fifty thousand dollars;
- 13) Enter into contracts as authorized by resolutions of the member municipalities;
- 14) Administer contracts entered into by the board and terminate such contracts.

Applicant(s) Presented For City Commission Consideration:

Applicant Name	Criteria/Qualifications
	Must be a resident of Birmingham
Scott Weller	Resident, 1687 Holland St.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

To appoint _____ to serve the remainder of a three-year term on the Cablecasting Board to expire March 30, 2017.



CABLECASTING BOARD

Chapter 30 - Section 30-226 - Birmingham City Code
Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:45 A. M

The Board shall consist of 12 members, which includes 7 members who are residents of the City of Birmingham. Each member community shall also appoint one alternative representative. (30-226)

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Bozell 1564 Penistone	Jeffrey	(313) 204-5489 <i>jeffrey.bozell@gmail.com</i>	2/22/2016	3/30/2018
Eick 559 Greenwood	R. David	(248) 231-8067 <i>eickhouse@comcast.net</i>	12/14/2015	3/30/2018
Heldt 1415 Lakeside	Jeffrey	(248) 646-4678 <i>heldtj@excite.com</i>	3/22/2010	3/30/2019
Linsenman 1196 Holland	Colin	(248)205-6166 (810) 235-9000 <i>clinsen1@gmail.com</i>	7/8/2013	3/30/2017
McAlear 1742 Latham	Matthew	(248)420-5635 <i>mbmcalear@gmail.com</i>	2/25/2013	3/30/2018

For Cable Inquires:

Cathy White 248-336-9445
P.O. Box 165, Birmingham, MI 48012

Last Name	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
McLain 425 N Eton, #302	Elaine	(248) 225-9903 <i>ekmclain@gmail.com</i>	1/9/2006	3/30/2017
VACANT				3/30/2017
VACANT			ALTERNATE	3/30/2019

For Cable Inquires:

Cathy White 248-336-9445
P.O. Box 165, Birmingham, MI 48012



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Meets Requirements? **Yes** No

Will Attend / Unable to Attend

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Board/Committee of Interest Cable Casting Board

Specific Category/Vacancy on Board Regular Member

Name Scott Weller

Phone 248-881-0550

Residential Address 1687 Holland St

Email Scott.D.Weller@gmail.com

Residential City, Zip Birmingham, 48009

Length of Residence 2+ years

Business Address _____

Occupation Consulting/ Business Dev

Business City, Zip _____

Reason for Interest: Explain how your background and skills will enhance the board to which you have applied _____

I would like to leverage by business, management, and communications background to become more involved in our city government and community.

List your related employment experience Director, Healthcare Partnerships - Accumen Inc (9/15-Present)
Acct Manager, Strategic Accounts - Haemonetics Corp (1/13-9/15)
Cardiovascular Consultant - Edwards Lifesciences (1/11-1/13)

List your related community activities CMU - Association of Innovative Minds (AIM), Michigan Works -
Guest Speaker, CMU-RC Business Development Mgr

List your related educational experience MBA, Mgmt Consulting/ VDO
Central Michigan University
BAA, Business Entrepreneurship
Central Michigan University

To the best of your knowledge, do you or a member of your immediate family have any direct financial or business relationships with any supplier, service provider or contractor of the City of Birmingham from which you or they derive direct compensation or financial benefit? If yes, please explain: _____

No

Do you currently have a relative serving on the board/committee to which you have applied? No

Are you an elector (registered voter) in the City of Birmingham? Yes

Scott Weller

Signature of Applicant

11/27/16

Date

BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2016
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 151 MARTIN
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rackeline J. Hoff, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL:	Present,	Mayor Hoff Commissioner Bordman Commissioner Boutros Commissioner Harris Mayor Pro Tem Nickita Commissioner Sherman
	Absent,	Commissioner DeWeese

Administration: City Manager Valentine, City Attorney Currier, Clerk Pierce, DPS Director Wood, City Engineer O'Meara, Police Chief Clemence, Finance Director Gerber, Building Official Johnson, City Planner Ecker

III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**10-317-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

The following individuals submitted applications for appointment to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board:

1. Daniel Rontal, 926 Bird (interviewed on 10/10/16)
2. A. Harvey Bell IV, 848 Pleasant (interviewed on 10/10/16)
3. Paddy Mullin, 1794 Bradford (not in attendance)
4. Johanna Slanga, 4410 Charing Way, Bloomfield Hills (interviewed 10/27/16)

MOTION: Motion by Sherman:

To appoint Johanna Slanga, 4410 Charing Way, as the traffic focused member, to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 24, 2019.

MOTION: Motion by Harris:

To appoint Daniel Rontal, 926 Bird, as the urban planning member, to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 24, 2017.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF SLANGA:

Yeas, 6
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF RONTAL:

Yeas, 3 (Harris, Boutros, Hoff)

Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

Ms. Slanga was appointed. Mr. Rontal was not appointed.

The Commission discussed the board positions. It was noted that one of the criteria is a member with experience or expertise in visual or hearing impairment.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman:

To appoint Daniel Rontal, 926 Bird, as the mobility expertise member, to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 24, 2017.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

Mr. Rontal was appointed.

**10-318-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

MOTION: Motion by Boutros:

To appoint Dulce Fuller, 255 Pierce, as an alternate member, to serve a three-year term on the Design Review Board & Historic District Commission - to expire September 25, 2019.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

The Clerk administered the oath to the appointed board members.

**10-319-16 REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE
BOARD OF ETHICS**

Mayor Hoff explained that the Commission has the option of appointing a member to the Birmingham Youth Assistance General Citizens Committee as a voting or non-voting member or to refer the following question to the Board of Ethics: "Is there a conflict of interest with City Commissioners serving as board members for community-based organizations that rely on the City for funding, and what actions should be followed if they wish to serve on boards that make requests to the City Commission?" The Commission agreed that this item should be considered by the Board of Ethics.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To refer this to the Board of Ethics and to ask staff look at the alternate language and the language in the agenda to try to craft exactly what we are looking for as the alternate language may be too specific and miss the generalities that may apply to other boards that Commissioners are appointed to. The language in the agenda may be a little too broad. In addition, to include a copy of the correspondence from the Birmingham Youth Assistance and the City Commission minutes which include previous discussions on this item.

Commissioner Harris noted that, in his experience, the issue posed to the Board of Ethics was verbatim the issue that the Board addressed in response to an Advisory Opinion request. He questioned if the Board of Ethics has the flexibility to investigate the issue and frame it as there could be circumstances not covered by this language.

Commissioner Sherman noted that his motion was to have staff take a look at not only the alternate language that was prepared, but also the language that was in the agenda and arrive at some middle ground that does address a specific set of questions that we are asking that really apply to all the outside agencies where Commissioners are board members.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

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10-320-16 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following item was removed from the consent agenda:

- Item A (Minutes of October 10, 2016) by Commissioner Bordman

Commissioner Sherman thanked Ms. Peabody for her service on the Advisory Parking Committee.

Commissioner Bordman disclosed that she sits on the Next Board and took no part in advising Next regarding Item F.

MOTION: Motion by Nickita, seconded by Bordman:

To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- B. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of October 12, 2016 in the amount of \$820,896.63.
- C. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of October 19, 2016 in the amount of \$1,502,574.38.
- D. Resolution authorizing the purchase of one Microsoft Surface Hub and associated mounting kit from CDW-G for a total cost of \$9,368.61 from account #101-371.000-971.0100.
- E. Resolution approving the contract for the Pembroke Park Lawn Repair project to Homefield Turf and Athletic, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 from the Capital Projects Fund, account #401-751.001-981.0100. Further, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- F. Resolution awarding the 2016-2017 Public Services contract totaling \$18,584 for Minor Home Repair, Yard Services and Senior Outreach Services to NEXT under the Community Development Block Grant Program; and further, authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City.
- G. Resolution accepting the resignation of Susan Peabody from the Advisory Parking Committee, thanking Ms. Peabody for her service, and directing the Clerk to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- H. Resolution confirming the City Manager's emergency expenditure to engage the services of Rid A Leak to waterproofing the outside wall at the Detective Bureau at the lower level of City Hall with the expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$7,200.00. Cost will be charged to the City Hall And Grounds other contractual services account # 101-265.001-811.0000.

- I. Resolution approving the agreement between the City of Birmingham and Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers for consulting services related to the maintenance of the City's parking structures for a three year period, with all funding being charged to the Auto Parking System Fund. Further, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas, Commissioner Bordman
 Commissioner Boutros
 Commissioner Harris
 Mayor Pro Tem Nickita
 Commissioner Sherman
 Mayor Hoff
 Nays, None
 Absent, Commissioner DeWeese
 Abstention, None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

10-321-16 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE BROWNFIELD PLAN AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT 856 NORTH OLD WOODWARD, THE PEARL

Mayor Hoff opened the Public Hearing to consider the Brownfield Plan and Reimbursement Agreement – 856 N. Old Woodward, The Pearl at 8:05 PM.

City Planner Ecker explained the application for a Brownfield Reimbursement at 856 North Old Woodward. A four-story mixed use building is proposed, with one level of underground parking, one level of retail space in the front and some parking in the rear, and residential on floors two, three and four. She explained that the site is a difficult as there is a lot of contamination on site, drops off severely down toward the river and is located in the floodplain. She explained that the plan has been reviewed by the City and the environmental attorney for the City, as well as the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Commissioner Harris disclosed that he and his firm have referred cases to the applicant's law firm. He noted that his firm received no compensation for the referrals.

Beth Gotthelf, chair of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, explained that the Authority took a lot of time deliberating on this. In response to a question from Mayor Hoff, Ms. Gotthelf explained that for Brownfield's, only the increase in the tax value can be captured and reimbursed back to the developer. She noted that this encourages the redevelopment of those properties.

Mike Kulka, PM Environmental, explained that the concentrations present are not concentrations that would require to be removed if it was filled in. In order to facilitate construction, the main issue is that contaminated unsuitable fill must be removed. For geotechnical purposes, the site has to be excavated beyond what we ever would to facilitate structural stability of the parking area.

The Commission discussed other brownfield projects and the amount of taxes collected. Ms. Gotthelf commented that if the site is not developed, they cannot submit it for reimbursement.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:56 PM.

MOTION: Motion by Boutros, seconded by Harris:

To approve the Brownfield Plan and Reimbursement Agreement for 856 N. Old Woodward, The Pearl, amending paragraph 5 of the agreement not to exceed the amount of \$1.4 million of City tax dollar money.

Whereas, the City of Birmingham has created a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and appointed members to serve on the Authority, pursuant to 1996 PA 381, and

Whereas, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is charged with the review of Brownfield Plans for Brownfield projects in the City of Birmingham, and

Whereas, FLS Properties #5 LLC, the owner and developer of 856 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan, intends to develop a mixed-use residential/retail building with underground parking at 856 N. Old Woodward Avenue, and

Whereas, PM Environmental has prepared a Brownfield Plan for the site, dated July 26, 2016, as revised September 16, 2016, that estimates that eligible activities on this property will cost approximately \$2,981,610, and

Whereas, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has reviewed the Brownfield Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approves the Brownfield Plan for 856 N. Old Woodward Avenue, subject to the following:

1. If relevant State of Michigan agencies do not approve the school tax component of the Brownfield Plan, estimated to be \$1,500,000 plus simple interest at 3%, the Brownfield Authority will not reimburse the developer for such amounts.
2. The Brownfield Authority will not reimburse amounts attributable to contamination caused by liable parties estimated to be \$325,000.
3. The maximum reimbursement will be \$2,656,610.
4. Reimbursement will occur for a maximum of 10 years.
5. The maximum amount of City tax money shall be capped at \$1.4 million.

The Brownfield Authority requests the City Clerk to forward the Brownfield Plan and associated Reimbursement Agreement to the Birmingham City Commission for its review and approval pursuant to Act 381.

Commissioner Sherman commented that he is troubled by the amount the applicant is requesting for reimbursement. He pointed out that this is double the largest plan previously approved and noted the City portion is capped at \$1.4 million. He suggested the City require some type of pro forma be coming back to determine the value increase.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 1 (Sherman)
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

10-322-16 ADAMS PARK CONCEPT SITE PLAN

DPS Director Wood explained that there has been a collaborative effort over several years with the residents, Roeper school and staff with regards to the development of Adams Park.

Michael Dul, landscape architect, presented the Adams Park Concept Plan. He explained that the plan will provide social and recreational amenities to the neighborhood and address the drainage problem. In response to a question from Mayor Hoff, Ms. Wood explained that Roeper has access to the park during the school year and they have offered to pay for costs attributed to them. She confirmed for Commissioner Harris that it is shared access to the park.

MOTION: Motion by Bordman, seconded by Boutros:

To accept the Adams Park concept site plan dated October 27, 2016, as submitted.

Mr. Valentine confirmed for Commissioner Harris that part of the arrangement includes shared parking.

Gordon Rinschler, representing South Poppleton Homeowners Association expressed support of the motion and the plan. He confirmed that there are no restrictions to the residents in using the park.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, None
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

10-323-16 PARKING STRUCTURE TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT CHESTER STREET STRUCTURE

City Engineer O'Meara explained that the City bid out new parking control equipment in 2015. He noted that it was a two phase project using Chester as a pilot. It eliminated the use of tickets to save money and handling of the ticket and it eliminated the payment with cash. He stated that there was a fair amount of negative input from the change. The recommendation is to move forward with the other four structures with hybrid equipment.

Jay O'Dell, SP+, explained that when the equipment was changed at Chester, there was between 5-10% of the people upset that they could not pay with cash. With six months in the system, the complaints have drastically reduced. He explained the unintended consequences of removing tickets from the system include people who are upset that they have to use their card if they are parking for less than two hours and the validation system for businesses that pay for the parking for their customer or employee. He explained the process used to collect the money from the businesses for validated tickets.

Mayor Hoff asked about the benefits and drawbacks of the three systems that were evaluated. Mr. O'Dell responded that the Amano/McGann system has flaws and ongoing issues and therefore was not recommended. The Tiba equipment installed by Signature Control systems is not in the Michigan market yet, and was not recommended due to the delay in obtaining repairs.

Commissioner Bordman asked about the Skidata system, which is the system recommended. Mr. O'Dell said it is the most widely used equipment outside of the U.S. It has been vetted for a long time in Europe which is far ahead of the U.S. in terms of parking technology. They are in the Michigan market.

Commissioner Bordman noted the difference in cost: a no cash or ticket system option is \$501,000 for the four remaining structures, and if we instead move to a no cash only system

which is being recommended, that is \$683,370 plus we would have to convert the Chester St. structure at a cost of \$69,900. The difference is \$252,270, and we would have to invest in tickets to supply the machines and potentially there could be more maintenance because of the ticket splitter. Commissioner Bordman noted the number of complaints have been reduced to practically nothing and the validation system works in other places without tickets, so she does not think it is worth spending more for a system that provides the tickets and prefers that Birmingham go with the no cash/no ticket system.

Commissioner Harris confirmed that the Chester St. equipment was installed in April of this year, and that it took about three to four months before the complaints subsided to the current level. He confirmed that the installation of the new equipment would be staggered. He noted his support of Commissioner Bordman's opinion.

Commissioner Boutros confirmed that we prefer to not accept cash. Customers without a credit card would have to call the help button when their information would be taken and inform them of the policies. Mr. O'Dell noted that a cash value card which would be similar to a monthly card could be sold for customers without credit cards to purchase a card using a check or money order to allow them fast and easy exit in and out of any of the structures.

Mayor Hoff noted that a lot of people are having problems with all the changes. Confusion is the biggest complaint at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita said it seems we are changing the system every 2-5 years with the upgrades in technology. He noted that this kind of approach is commonplace in other parts of the world and his experience is that is becoming the norm here as well.

Mr. O'Dell commented that the two hour free parking window and the validation problem complicates the situation.

Commissioner Bordman added that this is something that has been building for a long time. She believes it is a matter of becoming accustomed to something different. She said she is not in favor of buying equipment that costs much more and is prone to maintenance issues. She is in favor of a cashless and ticketless system.

Mr. O'Dell noted that maintenance costs would be slightly increased with addition of the ticket splitter but it will not be an extreme increase. The ticket splitter is the most reliable moving part of all of the systems currently. It is the acceptance of cash that causes the greatest maintenance issues ongoing.

Commissioner Harris confirmed that the Chester structure is the only one using the QR codes, and that the people who park there are less likely to use QR codes than at the other structures. He confirmed that from the beginning there was signage on the street informing drivers of the new system, and more was added to the face of the machine later.

It was noted by the local Skidata distributor that with the tickets, the QR code will be read inside the ticket track, so it will be in the same spot each time. Currently, the code is placed in front of the bar code reader so it can be difficult to read if the driver is not holding the ticket steady. He said with the tickets, a 100% read rate can be attained, where now it is closer to a 85% read rate.

Mayor Hoff said she is inclined to go with the system proposed by SP+, which is the tickets and credit cards but no cash. She confirmed that the reason for the replacement in the remaining four structures is that the machines have reached the end of their life and maintenance is an issue.

Commissioner Bordman asked if the problem that they are having is that they have to put their credit card in. Mayor Hoff said there are people who have no credit cards. Commissioner Bordman said that in either of the two systems we are considering, a credit card will have to be used. The solution to that problem is the purchase of the "In" card. It would be purchased at the parking office and there are also plans to sell it at city hall.

The Commission discussed the parking systems with no cash or tickets. Mayor Hoff commented that not everyone has a credit card. Mr. O'Dell noted that people could purchase a card at the Chester office.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Bordman:

To go with a no cash no tickets at \$501,000 for the four systems and request that SP+ or the vendor look into the validation system and find a better way to do it.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 1 (Hoff)
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

**10-324-16 STORM WATER UTILITY FEE APPORTIONMENT REPORT
AND SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A
STORM WATER ULITLITY ORDINANCE**

City Manager Valentine explained that the City was charged with changing the methodology that it uses for charging for storm water. He explained that storm water is rain water that is washed into the sanitary sewer system. How it is billed has come under dispute. He noted that it now has to be itemized separately on the bill and calculated separately.

City Attorney Currier explained the class action lawsuit regarding this issue. He explained the provisions in the settlement agreement required the City to commission a study to confirm the current and future usage of storm water disposal based on estimates of the amount of impervious surface present on the properties in the City. He noted that that City had the responsibility to come up with a new ordinance by January 1, 2017.

Finance Director Gerber explained how the current sewer rates are calculated. Jim Surhigh, Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, explained the methodology followed in how the areas were measured, how the calculation was proportioned, and items considered when making the apportionment determination. Mr. Surhigh noted the measures that residents could take to reduce the amount of storm water that enters the sewer. Mr. Gerber explained how the new rates will be calculated.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Bordman:

To accept the Storm Water Utility Fee Apportionment Report prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and further, setting a public hearing date of December 5, 2016 to consider adoption of a storm water utility ordinance for the City of Birmingham.

VOTE: Yeas, 6

Nays, None
Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

**10-325-16 MICHIGAN UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T**

City Attorney Currier explained that there is very little negotiation with a franchise agreement. The franchise fee is set at 5% and the Act states you cannot exceed 2% for the PEG fee. There is a proviso that if you agree otherwise, you could have more than a 2%. He noted that Comcast had agreed to a step down basis for the PEG charge. He explained that AT&T has a right to match the incumbent's agreement and will do a step down charge until 2018 which puts them in lockstep with Comcast.

MOTION: Motion by Boutros, seconded by Sherman:

To approve the formal resolution renewing the Michigan Uniform Video Service Local Franchise agreement with AT&T effective immediately. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of the City.

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2007, the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Act, Act. No. 480 of the Public Acts of 2006 ("Act") went into effect; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Act requires a Video Service Provider (Provider) to submit a complete Franchise Agreement with the local unit of government, prior to offering video services within the boundaries of a local unit of government (Franchising Entity); and,

WHEREAS, Section 3(2) of the Act requires a Franchising Entity to notify the Provider as to whether the submitted Franchise Agreement is complete as required by the Act within 15 business days after the date that the Franchise Agreement was filed. If the Agreement is not complete, the Franchising Entity shall state in its notice the reasons the Franchise Agreement is incomplete; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Act sets forth all of the provisions and information that a Provider must submit to a Franchising Entity in order to deem the Provider's proposed Franchise Agreement "complete".

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2016, AT&T filed its Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Birmingham (Franchise Entity); and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement submitted by AT&T satisfies the requirements of the Act, and the Agreement meets the technical requirements of the Act, and, therefore, the City undertakes to adopt this Resolution approving the Agreement, as required by the Act; and,

WHEREAS, Notice of Completeness of the Agreement was provided by the City of Birmingham to AT&T on September 2, 2016, the 2nd business day after receiving the above referenced Agreement and Attachment, in compliance with Section 3(2) of the Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Act (MCL 484.3306) requires video service providers to pay to the franchising entity a fee as support for public, education, and government access facilities an annual fee equal to the fee paid to the franchising entity by the incumbent video provider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City finds that the Agreement meets the technical requirements of the Act, and solely for that reason, the City hereby approves the Agreement with AT&T on the 2nd day after receiving the above referenced Agreement and Attachment, in compliance with Section 3(3) of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AT&T agrees to pay PEG fees as follows:

- 2.5% from the effective date to April 30, 2017;
- 2.25% from May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018; and,
- 2% from May 1, 2018 to the termination of the Agreement

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such approval by the City is given only because it is required by the Act, and is not an indication of the City's Agreement with or assent to any provisions of the Act or Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by approving the Agreement, the City shall not be found to have waived its rights to challenge any provisions of the Act and/or any related provisions of the Agreement on the basis that such provisions are invalid and unenforceable as violations of law, including on the grounds of unconstitutional impairment of contractual rights, and further reserves any and all rights stemming from any successful challenge to such provisions undertaken by any other local franchising entity.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1 (DeWeese)

VII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10-326-16 CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2016

Commissioner Bordman requested the Clerk review the tape to clarify language in Resolution #10-310-16 regarding the addition of alternates on the Multi-Modal Transportation Board and to add additional information regarding the funding of the bus shelter in Resolution #10-316-16.

The Commission agreed to return this item at the next meeting.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

10-327-16 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Delphine Scott, resident, expressed concern with the location of the parking space on Elm, near Maple. She suggested it be eliminated as it is difficult to navigate around with oncoming traffic.

City Manager Valentine stated that staff will review the parking space.

X. REPORTS

10-328-16 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Commission intends to appoint members to the Advisory Parking Committee on November 14, 2016.

10-329-16 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita clarified a comment from October 10th regarding the Old Woodward Master Plan. He noted that at time of the meeting, his firm had previously entered into an RFP with MKSK, however did not receive the official notice that they did not get the project until later that week. City Attorney Currier commented that it would not have made any difference in the vote, however for purposes of transparency, Mayor Pro Tem Nickita clarified the timing.

Commissioner Harris commented on the RTA presentation at the Townsend Hotel which he attended this month.

10-330-16

CITY STAFF REPORTS

The Commission received the update on the Transit Shelter Location Options submitted by City Planner Ecker.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 PM.

Cheryl Arft
Acting City Clerk

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246772	*	000855	48TH DISTRICT COURT	100.00
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246778		000167	ANDERSON ECKSTEIN WESTRICK INC	2,060.00
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246782	*	006759	AT&T	89.07
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246784	*	007216	AT&T	154.00
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246788		001103	BCI ADMINISTRATORS INC	822.75
246789		MISC	BCM HOME IMPROVEMENT	100.00
246791		007345	BEVERLY HILLS ACE	4.18
246792	*	008312	CITY OF BIRMINGHAM #224	53,613.50
246793		007624	BIRMINGHAM OIL CHANGE CENTER, LLC	57.70
246794		002982	BLOOMFIELD TWP FIRE DEPT	39.99
246795	*	000157	BOB ADAMS TOWING INC.	1,849.00
246796		000546	KAREN D. BOTA	3,690.00
246797	*	008220	ADAM BOUSE	109.00
246798		006966	BRIDGESTONE GOLF, INC	414.00
246801	*	001137	KATHRYN BURRICK	94.39
246802		003786	C & G PUBLISHING INC.	106.00
246804		006380	C & S ICE RESURFACING SERVICES, INC	331.72
246805		003907	CADILLAC ASPHALT, LLC	5,748.85
246806		007875	CANFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE INC.	1,178.00
246809	*	008321	KEENA CATANZARO	19,187.28
246811	*	000444	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,743.19
246813		000603	CHEMCO PRODUCTS INC	442.00
246814		006244	CHET'S RENT ALL	913.92
246815	*	008124	CI CONTRACTING, INC.	116,214.66
246816		007284	CINCINNATI TIME SYSTEMS, INC.	373.81
246817		000605	CINTAS CORPORATION	133.17

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246821		004188	COFFEE BREAK SERVICE, INC.	251.85
246822		008322	COLDSRING	2,300.00
246823	*	007625	COMCAST	228.30
246824	*	007774	COMCAST BUSINESS	643.78
246826	*	000627	CONSUMERS ENERGY	135.48
246827		002668	CONTRACTORS CLOTHING CO	56.90
246828		MISC	CORNERSTONE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION	200.00
246829		003923	CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY LLC	100.00
246830		MISC	D & T HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC	100.00
246831		000956	DELTA TEMP INC	3,253.10
246834	*	006077	DI PONIO CONTRACTING INC	15,226.05
246835		001035	DOUGLASS SAFETY SYSTEMS LLC	209.52
246837	*	000179	DTE ENERGY	3,855.92
246838		001077	DUNCAN PARKING TECH INC	989.09
246840		007399	EL CENTRAL HISPANIC NEWS	80.00
246841		007399	EL CENTRAL HISPANIC NEWS	40.00
246842		008261	EMERGENCY CALLWORKS	15,830.28
246843		004615	ENGLISH GARDENS	5,755.77
246844	*	008308	ERADICO PEST SERVICES	27.00
246845		000207	EZELL SUPPLY CORPORATION	324.35
246846	*	000936	FEDEX	204.23
246847		004514	FEDEX OFFICE	101.06
246850	*	006384	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES, IN	109.27
246851		000234	GLENN WING POWER TOOLS	88.68
246852		004604	GORDON FOOD	593.01
246853		MISC	GOSTINGER, ADAM M	100.00
246854		000243	GRAINGER	51.80
246855		MISC	GREATER DETROIT LANDSCAPE CO.	200.00
246856		MISC	GREATER HOME SERVICES LLC	300.00
246857		006153	HARRY'S ARMY SURPLUS	24.99
246858		007339	HIGHEST HONOR, INC	442.50
246859		MISC	HITE HOMES INC	200.00
246862	*	001956	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	2,997.53
246865		MISC	IDEAL BUILDERS AND REMODELING INC	100.00
246867	*	002931	INLAND LAKES LANDSCAPING CORP	18,144.82
246868		006500	INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTS	439.00
246869		000342	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	141.95
246870		MISC	J D CANDLER ROOFING	200.00
246871	*	007973	J.B. CONTRACTORS INC.	81,331.97
246872		000261	J.H. HART URBAN FORESTRY	16,321.48

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246876		MISC	JD ENGLE	100.00
246877		003458	JOE'S AUTO PARTS, INC.	159.90
246879		MISC	K C MASONRY	100.00
246880	*	007827	HAILEY KASPER	108.00
246881		MISC	KEARNS BROTHERS INC	100.00
246882		MISC	KELLETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	5,900.00
246883		MISC	KEVIN LAURENCE HESSEN	100.00
246884		004088	KGM DISTRIBUTORS INC	189.00
246885		000353	KNAPHEIDE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	625.62
246886		005876	KROPF MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY	4,235.00
246887	*	005327	L-3 GCS	54.50
246888		MISC	LAURENCE WINE CONSTRUCTION CO INC	200.00
246889		MISC	LEVINE & SONS INC	2,162.50
246890		000287	LIGHTING SUPPLY COMPANY	469.80
246892		MISC	LOCKER, JOHN H	500.00
246895		008318	RHYS WILLIAMS MAHER	45.00
246896	*	004855	MAMC	450.00
246897		MISC	MARK DOMINIC AVRIPAS	500.00
246900		001456	MICHIGAN ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION	75.00
246901		001660	MICHIGAN CAT	1,110.97
246902		001104	STATE OF MICHIGAN	3,719.38
246904		MISC	MILLER LANDSCAPE INC	200.00
246906		001089	MUNICIPAL CODE CORP.	1,056.00
246908		MISC	N H LLC	900.00
246910		001864	NOWAK & FRAUS ENGINEERS	1,856.00
246911		006946	OAKLAND COUNTY HR TRAINING & DEV	80.00
246913		004370	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS	490.00
246914		000481	OFFICE DEPOT INC	1,695.45
246917		MISC	OUTDOOR ACCENTS INC	100.00
246918	*	005794	PAETEC	694.01
246919	*	003351	PAMAR ENTERPRISES INC	1,059,631.05
246920		MISC	PELLA WINDOWS & DOORS, INC.	1,000.00
246921		006027	PENCHURA, LLC	4,057.30
246922	*	001753	PEPSI COLA	200.42
246923		001277	PHYSIO-CONTROL CORP.	619.43
246924		002518	PITNEY BOWES INC	50.14
246925		000486	PLANTE & MORAN PLLC	4,120.95
246926	*	005310	POINTE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC.	525.00
246927		000897	PRINTING SYSTEMS INC	74.85
246928		001062	QUALITY COACH COLLISION LLC	371.95

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246932		008062	RNA FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,210.00
246933		000478	ROAD COMM FOR OAKLAND CO	6,115.06
246934		001181	ROSE PEST SOLUTIONS	70.00
246935		000218	ROYAL OAK P.D.Q.	147.83
246936		001952	RYDER TRANSPORATION SVCS INC	645.80
246937		MISC	SCOTT TERRANCE FILE TTEE	700.00
246939		003785	SIGNS-N-DESIGNS INC	540.00
246941		005731	SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN SEALANTS INC.	2,100.00
246943		MISC	STERLING DEVELOPMENT CORP	2,500.00
246944	*	MISC	T G HOMES LLC	900.00
246945		MISC	T J TWYDELL SIGN PROFESSIONALS INC	200.00
246946		MISC	TECHHOME BUILDING CO LLC	500.00
246947		MISC	TECHHOME BUILDING CO., LLC	2,000.00
246948		000273	TERMINAL SUPPLY CO.	246.03
246949		MISC	THOMAS SEBOLD & ASSOCIATES, IN	300.00
246950		000941	TIME EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	212.31
246952		002037	TOTAL ARMORED CAR SERVICE, INC.	714.83
246953		MISC	TRESNAK CONSTRUCTION INC	100.00
246954		MISC	TUFF SHED INC	100.00
246956		MISC	VERIZON WIRELESS	100.00
246957	*	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	50.42
246958	*	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	76.02
246959	*	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	379.16
246960	*	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	202.59
246962	*	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	50.42
246963		MISC	VICTORS ROOFING	100.00
246964		MISC	WALLSIDE INC	500.00
246966		MISC	WHITTIER BUILDING COMPANY LLC	100.00
246967	*	007894	BRENDA WILLHITE	570.00
246968		MISC	WILSON, JEFFREY W	500.00
246969		MISC	WINNICK HOMES LLC	100.00
246970		007362	WINTERGREEN CORPORATION	1,579.63
246971		005732	WINTERLAND, INC.	15,895.00
246974		007083	XEROX CORPORATION	25.00
246976		MISC	XTIER INC	200.00

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Sub Total Checks:				\$1,542,434.06
Sub Total ACH:				\$308,831.08
Grand Total:				\$1,851,265.14

All bills, invoices and other evidences of claim have been audited and approved for payment.



Mark Gerber
Finance Director/ Treasurer

*-Indicates checks released in advance and prior to commission approval in order to avoid penalty or to meet contractual agreement/obligation.

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Vendor Name	Transfer Date	Transfer Amount
Birmingham Schools	12/1/2016	81,202.40
Oakland County Treasurer	12/1/2016	117,674.61
Automated Benefit Services, Inc.	12/2/2016	109,954.07
TOTAL		308,831.08



MEMORANDUM

City Clerk's Office

DATE: December 6, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Cheryl Arft, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: Special Event Request
Bates Street Block Party (formerly Farm to Table)

Attached is a special event application submitted by the Community House requesting permission to hold the Bates Street Block Party on Merrill and Bates on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

The application has been circulated to the affected departments and approvals and comments have been noted.

The following events have either been approved by the Commission or are anticipated to be held in and have not yet submitted an application. These events do not pose a conflict with the proposed event.

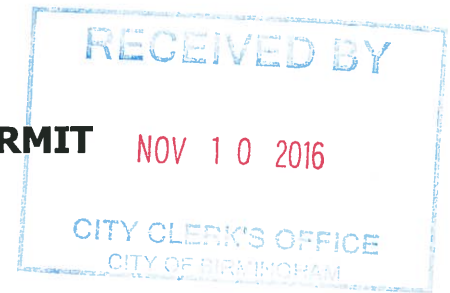
Event Name	Date	Location
Farmers Market	Sundays	Lot 6
Cruise Event	8/19/17	Woodward Ave.
Summer Concerts	Wednesdays	Shain Park
Seaholm Harriers 5K		Seaholm H.S. neighborhood

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To approve a request submitted by the Community House to hold the Bates Street Block Party on Merrill and Bates on August 12, 2017, contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event.

17-00010791

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES**



I. EVENT DETAILS

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Changes in this information must be submitted to the City Clerk, in writing, at least three weeks prior to the event

FEES: **FIRST TIME EVENT:** **\$200.00**
 ANNUAL APPLICATION FEE: **\$165.00**

(Please print clearly or type)

Date of Application November 11, 2017

Name of Event Bates Street Block Party

Detailed Description of Event (attach additional sheet if necessary) Street fair
featuring food + drink tastings from Michigan-
based producers + restaurants. Family friendly
activities + live entertainment.

Location The Community House + Surrounding Streets

Date(s) of Event August 12, 2017 Hours of Event 12pm - 5pm

Date(s) of Set-up August 12 Hours of Set-up 10am - 12pm

Date(s) of Tear-down August 12 Hours of Tear-down ~~12pm - 5pm~~
5pm - 6pm

Organization Sponsoring Event The Community House

Organization Address 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009

Organization Phone 248-644-5832

Contact Person Danielle LaBarge

Contact Phone 248-594-6403

Contact Email DanielleL@TCHsewes.org

II. EVENT INFORMATION

1. Organization Type non-profit
(city, non-profit, community group, etc.)
2. Additional Sponsors or Participants (Provide name, address, contact person, status, etc. for all additional organizations sponsoring your event.) TBD. Sponsors
will be solicited.
3. Is the event a fundraiser? ☒ YES ☐ NO
List beneficiary The Community House
List expected income \$10,000
Attach information about the beneficiary.
4. First time event in Birmingham? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If no, describe 5th annual. Formerly called "Farm
to Table"
5. Total number of people expected to attend per day 800
6. The event will be held on the following City property: (Please list)
☒ Street(s) Bates from Martin to Townsend
Merrill from Bates to chester.
☒ Sidewalk(s) on streets above
☒ Park(s) Shain Park for electrical hook-up
only
7. Will street closures be required? ☒ YES ☐ NO
8. What parking arrangements will be necessary to accommodate attendance? meters + parking structures

9. Will staff be provided to assist with safety, security and maintenance? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Describe TCH staff + volunteers onsite during event

10. Will the event require safety personnel (police, fire, paramedics)? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Describe _____

11. Will alcoholic beverages be served? ☒ YES ☐ NO on TCH terrace only using TCH liquor license.

If yes, additional approval by the City Commission is required, as well as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

12. Will music be provided? ☒ YES ☐ NO
☒ Live ☒ Amplification ☐ Recorded ☐ Loudspeakers

Time music will begin 12pm

Time music will end 5pm

Location of live band, DJ, loudspeakers, equipment must be shown on the layout map.
on TCH terrace.

13. Will there be signage in the area of the event? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Number of signs/banners Signage on each vendor booth

Size of signs/banners TBD

Submit a photo/drawing of the sign(s). A sign permit is required.

14. Will food/beverages/merchandise be sold? ☒ YES ☐ NO

- Peddler/vendor permits must be submitted to the Clerk's Office, at least two weeks prior to the event.
- All food/beverage vendors must have Oakland County Health Department approval.
- Attach copy of Health Dept approval.
- There is a \$50.00 application fee for all vendors and peddlers, in addition to the \$10.00 daily fee, per location. A background check must be submitted for each employee participating at the event.

LIST OF VENDORS/PEDDLERS

(attach additional sheet if necessary)

VENDOR NAME	GOODS TO BE SOLD	WATER HOOK-UP REQUIRED?	ELECTRIC REQUIRED?
TBD.			

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- Include a map showing the park set up, street closures, and location of each item listed in this section.
- Include a map and written description of run/walk route and the start/finish area

1. Will the event require the use of any of the following municipal equipment?
(show location of each on map)

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	COST	NOTES
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Utilities (electric)	TBD # of vendors requiring utilities	Varies	Charges according to final requirements of event.
Water/Fire Hydrant		Contact the Fire Department.	Applicant must supply their own means of disposal for all sanitary waste water. Waste water is NOT allowed to be poured into the street or on the grass.
Audio System		\$200.00 per day	Must meet with City representative.
Meter Bags / Traffic Cones / Barricades	# to be determined by the Police Department.		

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(show location of each on map) NOTE: Stakes are not allowed.

TYPE	QUANTITY	SIZE
Tents/Canopies/Awnings (A permit is required for tents over 120 sq ft)	TBD. Based on # of vendors.	10 x 10
Portable Toilets		
Rides		
Displays		
Vendors		
Temporary Structure (must attach a photo)		
Other (describe)		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT REQUIRED

EVENT NAME Bates Street Block Party
EVENT DATE August 12, 2017

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As the authorized agent of the sponsoring organization, I hereby agree that this organization shall abide by all conditions and restrictions specific to this special event as determined by the City administration and will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and laws.

Daniel Garabage 10-11-16
Signature Date

**IV. SAMPLE LETTER TO NOTIFY ANY AFFECTED
PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNERS**

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- If street closures are necessary, a map must be included with the letter to the affected property/business owners.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE BIRMINGHAM

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST NOTIFICATION LETTER

November 21, 2016

TO

The Birmingham City Code requires that we receive approval from the Birmingham City Commission to hold the following special event. The code further requires that we notify any property owners or business owners that may be affected by the special event of the date and time that the City commission will consider our request so that an opportunity exists for comments prior to this approval.

EVENT INFORMATION

NAME OF EVENT: Bates Street Block Party

LOCATION: The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

DATE OF EVENT: August 12, 2017

HOURS OF EVENT: 12pm-5pm

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EVENT/ACTIVITY: Bates Street Block Party will celebrate Michigan-made products and businesses by offering guest samplings from local restaurants, wineries and breweries as well as a strolling block party that will feature family-friendly activities and live entertainment.

DATE OF SET-UP: August 12, 2017

HOURS OF SET-UP: 10am-12pm

DATE OF TEAR-DOWN: August 12, 2017

HOURS OF TEAR-DOWN: 5pm-6pm

The City commission meets in room 205 of the Municipal Building at 151 Martin at 7:30PM on Monday, December 12th. A complete copy of the application to hold this special event is available for your review at the City Clerk's Office (248.530.1880). Log on to www.bhamgov.org/events for a complete list of special events.

EVENT ORGANIZER: The Community House, Danielle LaBarge

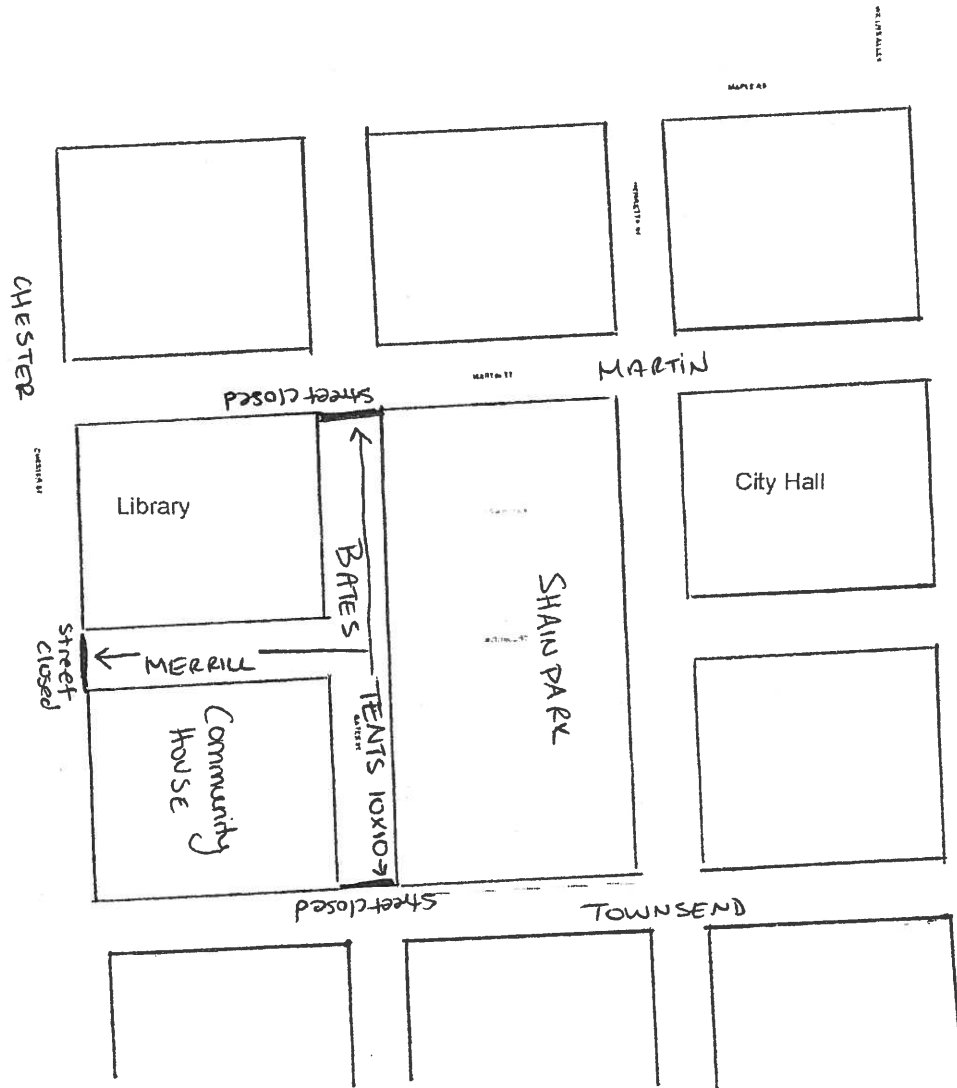
ADDRESS: 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

PHONE: 248.594.6403

EMAIL: Dlabarge@communityhouse.com

Birmingham Map

- Legend
City Boundary
Lakes and Rivers
Streams
Parcels



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OP ID: KO

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

06/06/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Colburn Group 3001 W. Big Beaver, Suite 302 Troy, MI 48084-3192 Pamela Colburn Haron	CONTACT NAME: Pamela Colburn Haron	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 248-643-4800	FAX (A/C, No):
INSURED The Community House Assn, Birmingham, Michigan ATTN: Michael J Gould 380 South Bates Birmingham, MI 48009	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
	INSURER A : Citizens Insurance Company	NAIC # 31534
	INSURER B : Allmerica Financial Benefit	41840
	INSURER C :	
	INSURER D :	
INSURER E :		
INSURER F :		

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y / N <input type="checkbox"/>	N / A	W7BA592537	05/20/2016	05/20/2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

The City of Birmingham is included as Additional Insured with respects General Liability and their interest in the event(s) of the insured as required by written contract.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

CITBIRM

City of Birmingham,
Finance Director
P O Box 3001
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48012-3001

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT

To the fullest extent permitted by law, The Community House and any entity or person for whom The Community House is legally liable, agrees to be responsible for any liability, defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Birmingham, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers and others working on behalf of the City of Birmingham against any and all claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs and reasonable attorney fees connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the City of Birmingham, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers or other working on behalf of the City of Birmingham, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury and death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of or is in any way connected or associated with this activity/event. Such responsibility shall not be construed as liability for damage caused by or resulting from the sole act or omission of the City of Birmingham, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers or others working on behalf of the City of Birmingham.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Danielle LaBarge'.

Danielle LaBarge, Director of Special Events

DanielleL@tchserves.org

248-594-6403

DEPARTMENT APPROVALS

EVENT NAME Bates Street Block Party

LICENSE NUMBER #17-00010791

COMMISSION HEARING DATE 12/12/16

NOTE TO STAFF: Please submit approval by **11/30/16**

DATE OF EVENT: Aug. 12, 2017

DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	COMMENTS	PERMITS REQUIRED (Must be obtained directly from individual departments)	ESTIMATED COSTS (Must be paid two weeks prior to the event. License will not be issued if unpaid.)	ACTUAL COSTS (Event will be invoiced by the Clerk's office after the event)
BUILDING 101-000.000.634.0005 248.530.1850		Event organizer to contact Building Dept. to schedule a time for inspection of the event setup.	NA	\$85.46	
FIRE 101-000.000-634.0004 248.530.1900	JMC	<p>Special Event Tents or Canopies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Smoking in any tents or canopy. Signs to be posted. 2. All tents and Canopies must be flame resistant with certificate on site. 3. No open flame or devices emitting flame, fire or heat in any tents. Cooking devices shall not be permitted within 20 feet of the tents. 4. Tents and Canopies must be properly anchored for the weather conditions, no stakes allowed. 5. Clear Fire Department access of 12 foot aisles must be maintained, no tents, canopies or other obstructions in the access aisle unless approved by the Fire Marshal. 6. Pre-event site inspection required. 7. All food vendors are required to have an approved 5lbs. multi- 		\$35	

		<p>purpose (ABC) fire extinguisher on site and accessible.</p> <p>8. Provide protective barriers between hot surfaces and the public.</p> <p>9. Cords, hoses, etc. shall be matted to prevent trip hazards.</p> <p>10. Paramedics will respond from the fire station as needed. Dial 911 for fire/rescue/medical emergencies.</p> <p>11. Do Not obstruct fire hydrants or fire sprinkler connections on buildings.</p>			
POLICE 101-000.000.634.0003 248.530.1870	SG	Barricades, on duty personnel to provide extra patrol.		\$80.00	
PUBLIC SERVICES 101-000.000-634.0002 248.530.1642	Carrie Laird 11/21/2106	Trash Containers Labor and Equipment for Barricade Placement.		\$100.00	
ENGINEERING 101-000.000.634.0002 248.530.1839	A.F.	Maintain five (5) foot clear pedestrian zone on all sidewalks. No drilling or pavement damage (road or sidewalks) allowed for tent supports	None	\$0	
INSURANCE 248.530.1807	Ca	None	None	0	0
CLERK 101-000.000-614.0000 248.530.1803		Notification letters to be mailed by applicant no later than 11/30/16 . Notification addresses on file in the Clerk's Office. Evidence of required insurance submitted to the Clerk's Office.	Applications for vendors license must be submitted no later than 7/28/17 .	\$165	
				TOTAL DEPOSIT REQUIRED \$300.46	ACTUAL COST

FOR CLERK'S OFFICE USE

Deposit paid _____

Actual Cost _____

Due/Refund_____

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MEMORANDUM

City Clerk's Office

DATE: November 28, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Cheryl Arft, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: Special Event Request
Memorial Day

Attached is a special event application submitted by the Memorial Day Committee requesting permission to hold the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29, 2017 at 10:00AM.

The application has been circulated to the affected departments and approvals and comments have been noted.

The following events are usually held in May and do not pose a conflict with the proposed event.

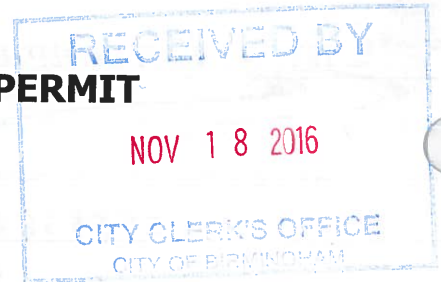
Event Name
Farmers Market
Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade
Lungevity 5K Run/Walk
Village Fair

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To approve a request submitted by the Memorial Day Committee to hold the Memorial Day Ceremony and aerial fly over on May 29, 2017 at 10:00AM, pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event.

#17-000 10792

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES



I. EVENT DETAILS

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FEES: **FIRST TIME EVENT:** **\$200.00**
 ANNUAL APPLICATION FEE: **\$165.00**

(Please print clearly or type)

Date of Application November 20, 2016

Name of Event City of Birmingham Memorial Day Service-2017

Detailed Description of Event (attach additional sheet if necessary) _____

Annual event on Memorial Day including recognition
of veterans, patriotic music, mayoral address
and laying of wreaths at monuments

Location Spartan Park

Date(s) of Event MAY 29, 2017 Hours of Event 10AM-11AM

Date(s) of Set-up SAME Hours of Set-up 9AM

Date(s) of Tear-down SAME Hours of Tear-down 11AM

Organization Sponsoring Event Birmingham Memorial Day Committee

Organization Address 1267 TWIN MAPLES LANE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 48301

Organization Phone 248 258 9007

Contact Person BRUCE W. MILLER

Contact Phone 248 258 9007

Contact Email SPARTAN70@SBCGLOBAL.NET

II. EVENT INFORMATION

1. Organization Type COMMUNITY GROUP
(city, non-profit, community group, etc.)
2. Additional Sponsors or Participants (Provide name, address, contact person, status, etc. for all additional organizations sponsoring your event.) _____

3. Is the event a fundraiser? YES NO
List beneficiary _____
List expected income _____
Attach information about the beneficiary.
4. First time event in Birmingham? YES NO
If no, describe ANNUAL EVENT

5. Total number of people expected to attend per day 300+
6. The event will be held on the following City property: (Please list)
☐ Street(s) _____
☐ Sidewalk(s) _____
☒ Park(s) SHAIN PARK
7. Will street closures be required? YES NO
8. What parking arrangements will be necessary to accommodate attendance? NONE

9. Will staff be provided to assist with safety, security and maintenance? YES NO

Describe _____

10. Will the event require safety personnel (police, fire, paramedics)? YES NO

Describe _____

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If yes, additional approval by the City Commission is required, as well as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

12. Will music be provided? YES NO

☒ Live ☐ Amplification ☐ Recorded ☐ Loudspeakers

Time music will begin 10 AM

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Location of live band, DJ, loudspeakers, equipment must be shown on the layout map.

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Number of signs/banners _____

Size of signs/banners _____

Submit a photo/drawing of the sign(s). A sign permit is required.

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EVENT NAME City of Birmingham Memorial Day Service - 2017
EVENT DATE May 29, 2017

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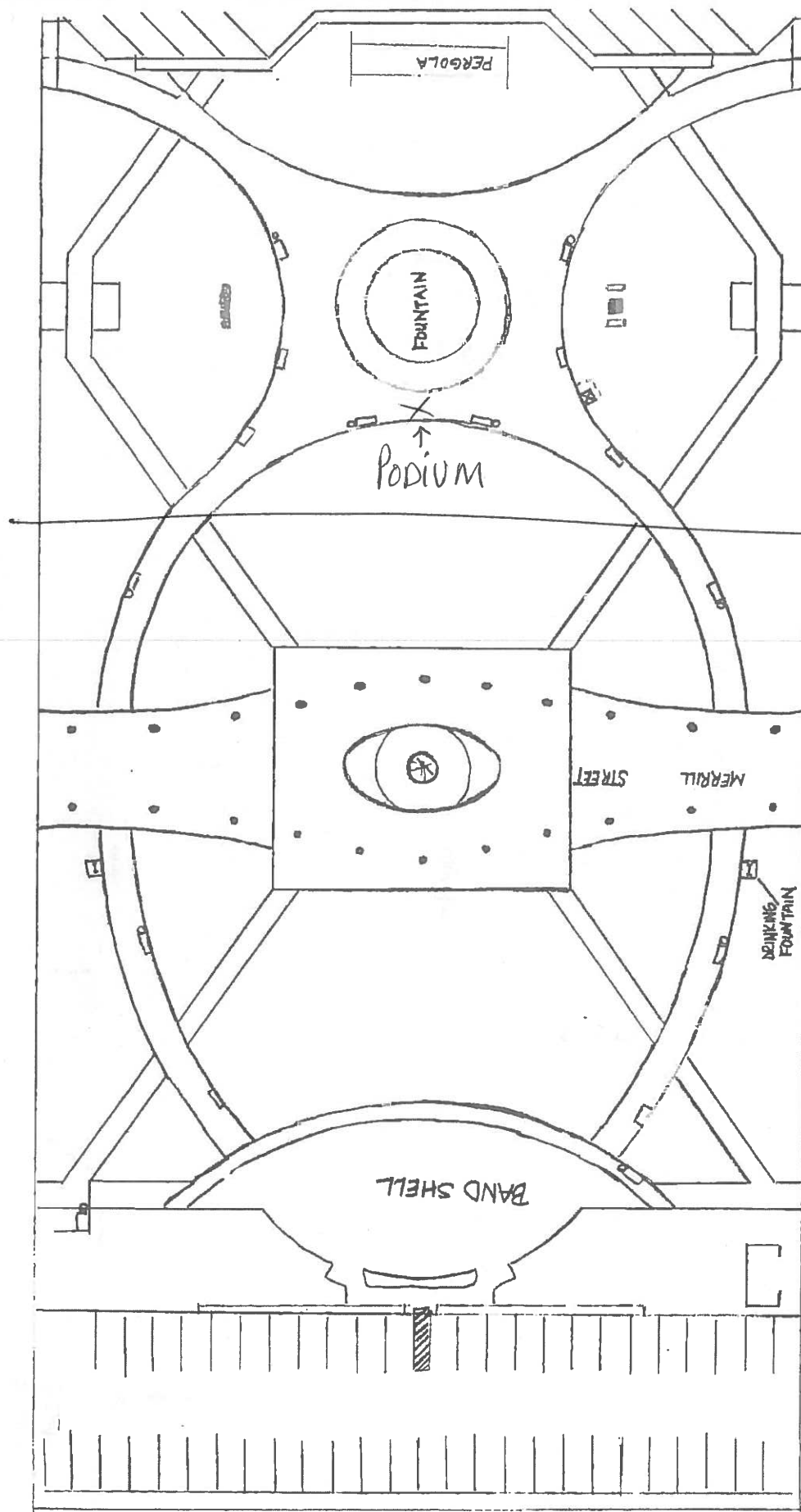
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Brian White
Signature

Nov 20 2016
Date





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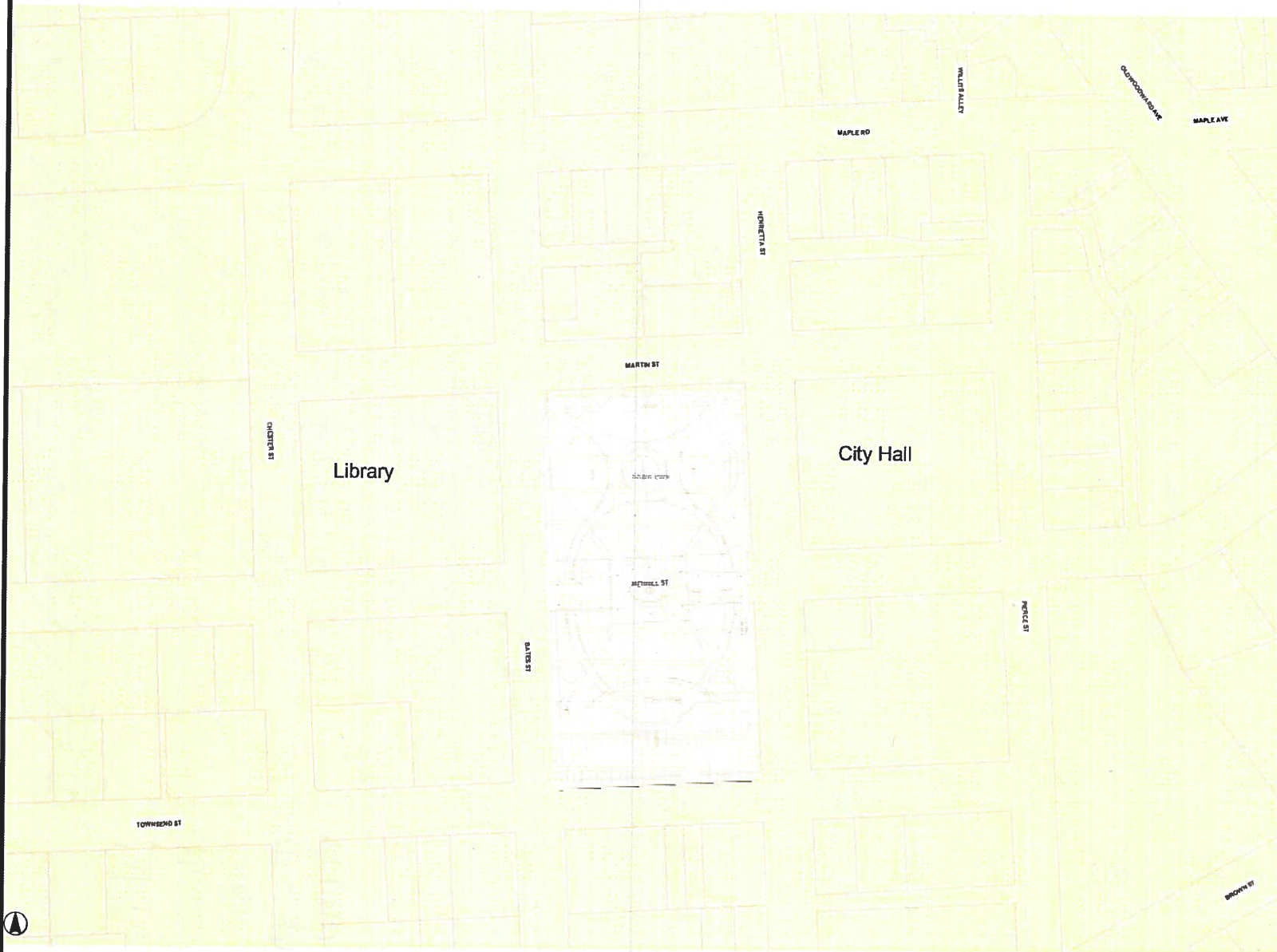


DPW provides
 historical flags,
 seats for Band
 and podium with
 sound system.

Birmingham Map

- Legend**
-  City Boundary
 -  Lakes and Rivers
 -  Streams
 -  Parcels

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DEPARTMENT APPROVALS

EVENT NAME 2017 Memorial Day Service

LICENSE NUMBER #17-00010792

COMMISSION HEARING DATE 12/12/16

NOTE TO STAFF: Please submit approval by **11/30/16**

DATE OF EVENT: May 29, 2017

DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	COMMENTS	PERMITS REQUIRED (Must be obtained directly from individual departments)	ESTIMATED COSTS (Must be paid two weeks prior to the event. License will not be issued if unpaid.)	ACTUAL COSTS (Event will be invoiced by the Clerk's office after the event)
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FIRE 101-000.000-634.0004 248.530.1900	JMC			\$0	
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PUBLIC SERVICES 101-000.000-634.0002 248.530.1642	Carrie Laird 11/21/2016	DPS representative will meet with organizers for the use of the sound system.		\$0	
ENGINEERING 101-000.000.634.0002 248.530.1839	A.F.	No Engineering Department Involvement	None	\$0	
INSURANCE 248.530.1807	CA	City event	None	0	0
CLERK 101-000.000-614.0000 248.530.1803		Notification letters mailed on 11/28/16. Notification addresses on file in the Clerk's Office. Evidence of required insurance must be on file with the Clerk's Office no later than (CITY EVENT).	Applications for vendors license must be submitted no later than N/A.	\$165 (CITY EVENT)	

				TOTAL DEPOSIT REQUIRED \$0	ACTUAL COST
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SPECIAL EVENT NOTIFICATION

TO ALL PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNERS

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LOCATION: Shain Park
DATES/TIMES: Monday, May 29, 2017
10:00 AM

DATE/TIME OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING: Monday, December 12, 2016, 7:30PM
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EVENT ORGANIZER: Birmingham Memorial Day Committee

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Re: Resignation

Inbox x

Building Trades Appeals Board



Adam

to me ▾

Please consider this email my resignation.

Thank you,

Adam charles

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 22, 2016, at 3:11 PM, cheryl arft <carft@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Adam,

This is a reminder that you need to contact me with your resignation from the previous board. It can be as simple as a to fill the vacancy on the board.

Thank you! And congratulations on your new appointment!

Cheryl Arft, CMC, CMMC
Acting City Clerk
City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

[248-530-1880](tel:248-530-1880)

[248-530-1080](tel:248-530-1080) (fax)

carft@bhamgov.org

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To accept the resignation of Adam Charles from the Board of Trades Appeals, to thank Mr. Charles for his service, and directing the Acting Clerk to being the process to fill the vacancy.



MEMORANDUM

Engineering Dept.

DATE: December 6, 2016

TO: Joseph Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Paul T. O'Meara, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Parking Structure Traffic Control Equipment Upgrades
Electrical Wiring Authorization

In April of this year, Harvey Electronics completed the conversion of the Chester St. Structure to Skidata traffic control equipment, as Phase I of a project planned to update equipment in all five structures. At the meeting of October 27, 2016, the City Commission authorized the purchase of new Skidata traffic control equipment at the remaining four parking structures. Using the ticketless equipment that will accept only credit and debit cards, the total package will cost \$501,000, considerably less than the \$650,000 total that was budgeted for the remaining four parking structures.

Harvey is now working with SP+ staff and City staff to determine what will be needed at each building. The new monitoring equipment includes several cameras at each exit gate area, allowing SP+ staff to communicate better with customers attempting to pay and leave the structure. New electrical and communications wiring is needed for the cameras, as well as the new traffic control equipment, which was not a part of the equipment bid. In order to make these improvements, staff solicited bids from three local electrical contractors that we have worked with in the past, all of whom are qualified to perform these installations. Bids are attached, and are summarized below.

	Bowen	Lee	McSweeney
Pierce St.	\$10,478	\$10,400	\$13,810
Park St.	\$ 9,360	\$10,000	\$14,900
Peabody St.	\$ 9,200	\$ 8,900	\$12,360
N. Old Woodward Ave.	\$ 9,388	\$ 9,600	\$13,180
TOTALS	\$38,426	\$38,900	\$54,250

Harvey is now ordering equipment for the four structures, and plans to convert one structure per month. Initially, SP+ would like to start with a conversion at Peabody St. in February. After that, they plan to convert a structure at the rate of once per month, in the order of N. Old Woodward Ave., Pierce St., and Park St. Starting the electrical and communications wiring installations in January will allow each structure to be ready to meet this schedule. The wiring is not expected to disrupt traffic flow, or to take more than two parking spaces out of service at any one time.

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize Bowen Electric, LLC, to perform the needed electrical and communications wiring upgrades in the Pierce St., Park St., Peabody St.,

and N. Old Woodward Ave. Parking Structures in preparation for the planned new Skidata traffic control equipment upgrades. Funding is available in the current fiscal year to cover these costs.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To authorize Bowen Electric, LLC to install electrical and communications wiring in four parking structures in preparation for the installation of Skidata traffic control equipment at all entrance and exit gates, at a total cost of \$38,426, according to the following schedule:

Pierce St. Structure	585-538.002-981.0100	\$10,478
Park St. Structure	585-538.003-981.0100	\$ 9,360
Peabody St. Structure	585-538.004-981.0100	\$ 9,200
N. Old Woodward Ave.	585-538.005-981.0100	\$ 9,388

Bowen Electric LLC

3089 East Bristol Road STE 1D
Burton, MI 48529
(810)407-7205
bowenelectric52@yahoo.com

ESTIMATE

ADDRESS

jason harvey
Harvey electronics
28243 Beck road unit B-16
Wixom, MI 48393

ESTIMATE # 1049**DATE 09/05/2016**

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Project: Pierce street parking structure birmingham MI. As described thru walk thru Bowen Electric to provide all Cat 6E and pvc conduit any junction boxes that may be needed for complete installation Furnish and supply all lanes exit and entrance lanes with conduit needed and Cat 6E Furnish and supply all cameras with conduit and Cat 6E as well as smart pass sytem Harvey to supply fiber optic cable and bowen electric to supply labor to pull into existing conduit Furnish and install all Cat 6E and conduit to exterior vacancy/park indicators Install weather proof junction box with 120 volt supplied circuit Core drill any holes as needed for conduit runs	1	10,478.30	10,478.30
Sales Payment as follows please pay in full within 30 days of invoice please note there will be no additional charges unless authorized in writing by officer or party responsible. Any extras to be billed at \$65 per man hr. plus material costs			

TOTAL**\$10,478.30**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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ESTIMATE

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ESTIMATE # 1047**DATE 09/05/2016****ACTIVITY****QTY****RATE****AMOUNT**

Project: Park street parking structure birmingham MI.
Furnish and install Bowen Electric to supply all Cat 6E wiring and
pvc conduit this based on job site walk thru
Supply all wiring to each lane exit and entrance lanes Replace
any broken or rotted conduits that involve scope of work as
described. Supply conduit and Cat 6E to exterior vacancy
indicators total (2)
Supply qty=1 24" by 24" stainless steel box with lock for junction
purpose

Sales

9,360.00

9,360.00

Payment as follows please pay in full within 30 days of invoice
please note there will be no additional charges unless authorized
in writing by officer or party responsible. Any extras to be billed at
\$65 per man hr. plus material costs

TOTAL**\$9,360.00**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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ESTIMATE

ADDRESS

jason harvey
Harvey electronics
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Wixom, MI 48393

ESTIMATE # 1050
DATE 09/05/2016

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Project: Peabody parking structure birmingham MI Please note this is a revised estimate Based upon walk thru bowen electric to supply pvc conduit and all Cat 6E and labor Core drill as needed for conduits Furnish and install piping and wiring to exterior vacancy/park indicators Harvey to supply fiber optic cable bowen electric to supply labor and use existing conduits as chase to bring new in Furnish and supply conduit and Cat 6E to camers			
Sales		9,200.00	9,200.00
Payment as follows please pay in full within 30 days of invoice please note there will be no additional charges unless authorized in writing by officer or party responsible. Any extras to be billed at \$65 per man hr. plus material costs			
TOTAL			\$9,200.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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(810)407-7205
bowenelectric52@yahoo.com

ESTIMATE

ADDRESS
jason harvey
Harvey electronics
28243 Beck road unit B-16
Wixom, MI 48393

ESTIMATE # 1046
DATE 09/05/2016

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Project: Woodward parking structure (communication wiring) Furnish and install as described upon walk through Cat 6E to each lane 5 total. Add and install wiring only to a total of 7 cameras equipment to be supplied by harvey electronics. Furnish and Install 165 foot of 2" pvc conduit to equipment room Furnish and install Cat 6E to exterior parking vacancy indicators			
Sales		9,388.00	9,388.00
Payment as follows please pay in full within 30 days of invoice please note there will be no additional charges unless authorized in writing by officer or party responsible. Any extras to be billed at \$65 per man hr. plus material costs			
TOTAL			\$9,388.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date



MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

DATE: December 6, 2016
TO: City Commission
FROM: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager
SUBJECT: SEMCOG Appointments

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) serves as a regional organization for promoting regional initiatives and supporting local governments to improve and maintain Southeast Michigan's transportation systems, environmental quality, economic interests and infrastructure. Each member organization is permitted to have a delegate and an alternate member to participate in the general assembly meetings.

The City is a member of SEMCOG and in the recent past Mayor Nickita and I have attended the general assembly meetings. For 2017, SEMCOG is seeking formal designation of its members.

Suggested Resolution:

To appoint Mayor Mark Nickita to serve as the City's delegate to SEMCOG and City Manager, Joe Valentine to serve as the alternate.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: December 2, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

The City of Birmingham hired M. C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc. to provide professional landscape architectural services of Poppleton Park in order to create a concept site plan. The consultant services included an existing site analysis, attending meetings and developing a concept site plan based on public input.

The concept site plan is the first step to establish a “wish list” for a particular city park. This then becomes a tool to assist with planning efforts followed by more public discussions. It also makes for an ideal opportunity to incorporate the Poppleton Park concept site plan in the comprehensive 2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is set to be updated during 2017. Once included in the overall Master Plan document, such concept plans can then be utilized for additional planning, budgeting and assist in applying for grants. Plus, it is a great opportunity to use to encourage donations for possible site amenities in the years ahead.

By way of some background, Poppleton Park is a 17.21 acre City property classified as a community park. Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community.

The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016 has identified Poppleton Park as part of the park improvement plan for a variety of potential updates. In addition, the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget planned for the creation of a concept site plan for Poppleton Park. Plus, as the result of a joint meeting of the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board from September 15, 2014 Poppleton Park was highlighted among others as a priority.

This called for the evaluation of parking options to relieve neighborhood impacts and to improve existing park conditions over and above general maintenance. So, as a result of planned initiatives the outcomes of this ongoing process to prepare a park concept site plan assists the administration in planning for long-term recreational improvements. This helps with a variety of tasks such as establishing priorities, timelines, budgeting and preparing action plans to address community concerns over the upcoming years.

During the course of this year, public input meetings about Poppleton Park included a Public Workshop held at the February 2, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. A second public input session was held on October 5, 2016 at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to review a proposed concept site plan for Poppleton Park. The end result based on the Public Workshop held on February 2, 2016 and October 5, 2016, including public communications, neighborhood requests, review of parking options and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is included herewith as a concept site plan which was adopted and endorsed on October 5, 2016 by the Parks and Recreation Board. In an effort to provide some additional details pertaining to the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan a letter dated November 7, 2016 to Birmingham Community Members is enclosed as additional material.

The attached public notices were mailed out to all Homeowner Association Presidents and other interested parties including print media and various electronic media sources such as E-notify, City website and social media about the February 2, 2016 and October 5, 2016 public meetings. Also included with the material is a very rough cost estimate for Poppleton Park improvements based on the layout and design of the proposed concept site plan. The estimates are strictly projections for construction costs and do not represent actual bids. They serve as a guide to help determine project scope, phasing opportunities and for budgeting park priorities community-wide. The approved minutes from the February 2, 2016 and October 5, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meetings are attached to serve as a reference to the Public Workshops. Also, included in this agenda packet are the various community emails from the public and communications regarding Poppleton Park, submitted in advance of this report being assembled.

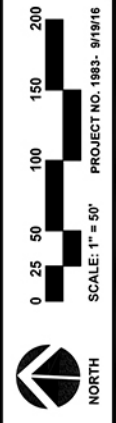
Next steps going forward would be to include the accepted concept plan with the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the upcoming year. The concept plan will also serve as a placeholder for future planning, budgeting opportunities and a starting point for design and development for ongoing park improvements.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To accept the Poppleton Park concept site plan dated September 19, 2016.



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CONCEPT PLAN FOR POPPLETON PARK IMPROVEMENTS





Department of Public Services

DATE: November 7, 2016

TO: Birmingham Community Members

FROM: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

This communication serves to provide some additional information concerning the concept site plan for Poppleton Park. Following the presentation of the Poppleton Park concept plan to the Parks and Recreation Board, there appears to be some confusion concerning this concept plan. While everyone was invited to attend various public meetings during the development of this concept plan, I know not everyone is available to make the meetings or able to provide initial input during the creation of a very basic concept site plan. In order to help clarify any confusion, I have prepared this communication and welcome anyone to contact me directly to help clarify any parts of the concept plan.

The following is meant to provide some facts about how this process began, where we are and what it all means for Poppleton Park. Let me start off with some background information and then we will move on to some integral questions and answers.

HISTORY

By way of some background, Poppleton Park is a 17.21 acre City property classified as a community park. Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community. The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016 has identified Poppleton Park as part of the park improvement plan for a variety of potential updates. In particular, it calls for analyzing the athletic fields, analyzing parking expansion and updating playground equipment at Poppleton Park.

In addition, as the result of a joint meeting of the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board from September 15, 2014 Poppleton Park was highlighted among others as a priority. As a result, the Parks and Recreation Board worked to prepare a park concept site plan that will assist in the planning for long-term recreational improvements. This will help serve a variety of tasks such as establishing priorities, timelines, budgeting and preparing action plans to address community concerns over the upcoming years.

ONGOING PROCESS

A Poppleton Park Public Workshop was held at the February 2, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The media, other interested parties and all Homeowner Association Presidents were sent notifications of all public meetings during this process. The Parks and Recreation Sub-committee reviewed all public input including all expressed ideas for the park and met on site in the park to determine all best interests in the creation of the concept plan. Input from local neighborhoods, residents and park and field users were prevalent during this entire process. The Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan was presented on October 5, 2016 at another Parks and Recreation Board meeting to endorse the concept site plan.

The outcome for the preliminary concept plan was generated based on the Public Workshop held in February, public communications, neighborhood requests, review of parking options and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan were all part of the review to establish a concept site plan for Poppleton Park. A concept site plan is the first step to establish a “wish list” for a particular city park. This then becomes a tool to assist with planning efforts and more public discussions going forward. Another ideal opportunity is to include this document as part of the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan which aids in applying for grants and garnering donations for possible site amenities in the years ahead.

CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS

New and Larger Inclusive Playground Area
Walking/Jogging Path
Shelter and Picnic Opportunities
Added Benches and Social Zones
Drinking Fountains
Natural Park Space Improved
New Green Space/Multi-use Field
Ballfield improvements, outfield
New Trees
“Access drive” to accommodate additional parking needs

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is the objective for improving Poppleton Park?

A: As the second largest park classified as a community park, Poppleton Park has not received any significant improvements over the years and specific updates are called out in the current Master Plan. The 17.21 acre park is outdated and falls short on functioning as a community park. The objective through public meetings with the Parks and Recreation Board was to identify the desired upgrades and amenities for improving the park in order to develop a concept plan that can be used for future planning purposes.

Q: What is a Community Park?

A: Poppleton Park is one of our ten parks under this classification. Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community.

Q: What additional site amenities warrant more parking on site?

A: A new and larger accessible playground area, two picnic shelters, walking trail, improved ballfield, existing tennis courts, multi-use level play area, sunning berm area, and more seating and conversation areas, as well as, the application of existing standards based on uses and facilities in the park.

Q: How many parking spaces currently exist at the park and why are additional parking spaces being proposed in the concept plan?

A: Today there are 14 lined parking spaces within the park. The number of recommended parking spaces is based on the proposed uses and what recreation facilities are located at the park site. The resource used most often to determine standards for best management practices for area space standards and parking ratios for outdoor recreation facilities is Area Space Standards and Parking Ratios for Outdoor Sport Facilities as outlined in *Time-Saver Standards for Landscape Architecture*. Typically, the rule of thumb is 60 spaces per field. The rationale for this is based on the number of users of a baseball field, including all players, coaches and spectators. This standard along with the additional site amenities being added resulted in the additional estimated spaces being proposed.

On-site parking comparisons between Poppleton and other community parks is as follows:

Park	Acres	# Parking Spaces	Spaces Per Acre
Barnum	9	37	4
Shain	2	50	25
Kenning	21.71	251	11.56
Poppleton	17.21	14	.81
Poppleton Proposed	17.21	102*	6*

* Estimated based on concept plan.

Q: What is the proposed impact on trees in the park under the proposed concept plan?

A: Approximately 13 trees may be removed due to their location in the proposed improved multi-use level play area – not along Woodward Avenue. About 90 trees are planned to be added to the park as part of the estimated budget for the concept plan as prepared by M.C. Smith. This would provide a net increase of approximately 77 new trees in the park.

Q: Does the City typically add trees as part of its Park improvement projects?

A: Yes, as an example, the following community park projects received additional trees as part of their respective projects.

Park	Type of Improvement	Number of trees added
Barnum	New Design	308
Shain	New Design	99
Kenning	Parking Lot Renovation	41
Poppleton	Park Renovation	90*

* Estimated based on concept plan.

Questions?

Should anyone have additional questions concerning the Poppleton Park concept plan, I encourage them to contact me directly at lwood@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1702 and I would be happy to assist them.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2016

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: No current students assigned to Parks and Recreation Board

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services, Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTER: Tiffany A. Smith, M. C. Smith Associates & Architectural Group, Inc.

GUESTS: See attached sign in sheet from the Tuesday, February 2, 2016 Parks Board Meeting

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ryan Ross that the minutes of the January 5, 2016 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 5 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-2 (Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland)

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan that communication/discussion item #3 be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Yeas – 5 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-2 (Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland)

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3-Barnum Park Furniture Update

Lauren stated that the purchase of 4 tables with seating for 15, and accessibility for a wheelchair underneath each structure; a total of 8 tables will be purchased, 2 of which accommodate wheelchairs. This purchase will go to the City Commission in February for approval. The lead time is estimated at 6-8 weeks, so the tables and chairs should come in time for spring.

No action was required by the board.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 – Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan Public Workshop

Lauren stated Poppleton Park is considered a Community Park in the City of Birmingham and Poppleton Park is mentioned in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for future capital improvements.

Lauren introduced Tiffany A. Smith, M. C. Smith Associates. Tiffany stated that there some grading issues behind the softball diamond near the wooden area.

Tiffany Smith stated that adding drainage to the wet area would allow for future open space that would be usable for soccer or lacrosse, without adding permanent goals.

Therese stated that Chris Braun, Next Executive Director would be interested in expanding programming at Poppleton Park for seniors.

Therese opened up the meeting for public comment.

Allison Klein stated that she would like the open space concept without programming. She also stated she would like to see the playground updated.

Glen Maylath stated Seaholm High School, Brother Rice and Roeper use Poppleton Park as a training facility for their cross country programs. Glen stated that he would like to leave Poppleton Park as a natural setting.

Patrick Liebler stated Poppleton Park is not underutilized and he does not want to see additional programming at Poppleton Park. He stated that the playground needs to be updated. He wants to keep the open space as is.

Annette Sargent stated when additional soccer groups utilized Poppleton Park the streets became congested and the police department had to come out for traffic control. Annette stated that there needs to be restroom facilities added on the north side of Poppleton Park. Annette stated that she would like to see Poppleton Park to remain green.

Brad Coulter asked why the City of Birmingham would add additional soccer fields at Poppleton Park for non-resident users.

Patty Blair asked if additional entrances would be added to access Poppleton Park where would it be added at.

Tiffany Smith stated that in her professional opinion an entrance coming off from Woodward could not be done based on acceleration from Woodward into the Poppleton Park.

Frederick Simms stated if added lighting around the tennis courts, ball diamond and playground equipment would be an added feature to Poppleton Park.

Tiffany Smith stated that if the playground is updated that parking has to be added to for handicap users to use the playground.

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Peggy Wright asked if a berm could be added along Woodward to help alleviate the noise in Poppleton Park.

Jeff Barrett stated that in front of the ball diamond should be improved and that improvements that occurred two years ago is a wonderful improvement.

Gordon Rinschler stated there is no money in the budget to make any Poppleton Park to make any improvements. Gordon stated that the Parks and Recreation Board are just taking suggestions and comments for future planning at Poppleton Park.

Larry Bertollini stated that there is a shortage of open space for soccer use in the City of Birmingham.

Tiffany Smith stated that the next steps will be to have another meeting which will be publicized to show the feedback from this evening and to show a proposed Poppleton Park Concept Plan that could be used for future planning.

Therese stated that Barnum Park and Kenning Park have Concept Plans in place that have been used for planning.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Comments Received For Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan
Lauren provided emails that were received about Poppleton Park.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2- Walkable City, email from Mark Nikita, City Commissioner
Lauren provided an email from Mark Nikita, City Commissioner stating an excellent book Walkable City: Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time by Jeff Speck.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4- Quarton Lake Treatment Plan

Lauren provided an update about the treatment plan for Quarton Lake during the 2016 season.

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 2/2/2016

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
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(Stephanie L. Jones	18852 Beverly	48025
Marcia Kaline	16291 14 Mile	48025
PATRICK LIEZEN	591 RIDGEWAY	48009
CHRIS GIANCARLO	540 RIVENDALE	48009
Cynthia Grove	584 Rivendale	48009
Carren Brunsman	955 OAKLAND	48009
LARRY BERTOLINI	1275 Webster	

Brian Beaudet 515 kennesaw Birm.

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
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Jeff Groux	523 Molegaur	B'ham 48009
M. kh Sawyer	225 Harrow Cir	B'ham 48304
Don Rovers	205 Wibleton	B'ham 48009
Kathleen Deveraux	1014 RIVERDALE	" "
Dave "		
MARK SAYERS	883 MADISON	" "
Erin + Fred Phillips	111 Abbey	48009
Dick & Betty Blair	485 RIVERDALE	48009
Peggy + Dave Wright	459 Madison	" "

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
JACK BURNS	898 Rutney	B'ham
Ellen Pruitt	685 Kennesaw	B'ham.
Lynnda Green	421 Madison	"
KEVIN CLEARY	460 WIMBLETON	B'ham
JOAN RITTER	990 DAVIS	B'ham
Rebecca Powers	950 Oxford	B'ham
Steven Olinek	" "	"
Spencer Olinek	" "	"
Nancy Wood	340 WIMBLETON	B'ham
Glen Maylath	948 Madison	Birmingham

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
TAM STARR	492 Riverdale	B'ham MI 48009
Annat Brad Coulter	498 Wimbledon	" "
Christine Fields	282 Wimbledon	Bham, MI 48009.
Paul Besheer	1740 Grant	" "
Melisset Vachon	774 Tallentire	B'ham MI 48009
CINDY ROSE	1011 CLARK	
Richard Keil	575 Riverdale	2/8009
Jeff Barnett	579 Riverdale	B'ham MI 48009
Annette Sargent	355 Wimbledon	B'ham 48009
John Todd Ralph	645 McKeegan	B'ham 48009



Public Input Sought

Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan

The Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is seeking your input on a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan.

A representative from M.C. Smith Associates will receive public input for a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan which will be an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current park configuration and usage patterns and to identify opportunities for future amenities and/or reconfiguration of the existing park features.

Please plan on attending the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board meeting to brainstorm potential improvements, goals, and objectives for Poppleton Park. The Public input session has been scheduled for:

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
6:30 pm
Conference Room
Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton

If you have any questions or comments or if you are unable to attend but would still like to provide input, please email your comments to cfolk@bhamgov.org or call 248.530.1642.

We hope to see you and your neighbors at the February 2nd meeting.



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2016

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Nichole McMaster

ADMINISTRATION: Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Jeff Barrett, Brian Beaudet, Patty Blair, Anne Bray, Peter Bray, Jack Burns, Marcia Kaline, Glen Maylath, Steven Olinek, Todd Ralph, Gordon Rinschler and Matt Sullivan

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan that the minutes of the September 13, 2016 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 5 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent – 2 Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland

AGENDA ITEM #1-Review of Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Carrie Laird stated that Poppleton Park is just over 17 acres and is considered a community park which serves the neighborhood and the entire community. Carrie stated that Poppleton Park has a softball diamond and the infield was renovated in 2014, tennis courts that were resurfaced in 2010, playground equipment, beautiful open space, park amenities and a parking lot.

Carrie stated that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified Poppleton Park as a potential improvement area. Carrie stated some of the goals were to analyze the athletic field for maintenance and improvements, analyze parking, possible installation of a basketball court and updating the playground equipment.

Carrie stated that as the result of a joint meeting of the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board from September 15, 2014 Poppleton Park was highlighted as a priority. Carrie stated that a public workshop was held in February and the Poppleton Concept Site Plan was developed based on input received from the community and user groups.

Carrie stated that the Poppleton Concept Site Plan is a tool to assist in the City of Birmingham planning efforts going forward.

Therese Longe stated that the City of Birmingham categorizes the parks in three categories; the city has mini-parks which are the little well sites; neighborhood parks; which are meant to serve a smaller radius of their neighborhood such as Pembroke or Howarth Park and then community parks which are acreage parks that are meant to serve the community as a whole which would serve a three mile radius. Therese stated that there are ten (10) community parks which are Allan House, Hunter House, Barnum, Booth, Kenning, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, Poppleton Park, Shain Park, Springdale Golf Course and Quarton Lake.

Carrie stated that the Poppleton Park Concept Plan calls for a new universally accessible play area for all ages and abilities. Carrie stated that there is a five to twelve area and also a two to five area with a picnic shelter situated in between. Carrie stated there are also many places for benches and gathering spots around the playground area.

Carrie stated another interesting feature would be a sunning berm, which is a piece of lawn to sit on to watch the children play. Carrie stated that there would be a walkway around the entire park which would be a ½ mile. Carrie stated that new trees would be planted, drinking fountains, new landscaping, another shelter located near Woodward Avenue and then the multi-use level play area that would include improved drainage and another walkway around the open space area which is 1/3 of a mile. Carrie stated that the walkway would have mileage markers and then parking that is situated only along Woodward with no access to the interior of Poppleton Park and would also have a berm.

Carrie stated by the new playground instead of installing parking on the interior of the park, the parking was designed in such a way that there is a curb cut for handicap parking close to the play area.

Therese Longe stated that the Poppleton Plan was developed in taking in consideration the input that was received from the Public Workshop in February and in consideration of the needs that cross the parking system for the City of Birmingham. Therese stated that the Parks and Recreation Board try to look at all the City of Birmingham Parks as a whole and have each one of them fill a niche area and to meet the needs of the immediate neighbors and the community parks of serve the surrounding community.

Therese stated that advice was received from M.C. Smith Associates and the MDOT Consultants who stated to the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee that the City of Birmingham's Poppleton Park existing parking conditions underserves the existing users with the fifteen (15) spots which serve the current use for baseball and the play area.

Therese stated that the neighbors made it clear that there was no interest in a solution such as the one that is at Barnum where there is a pod that intrudes into the park. Therese stated the compromise to provide handicap parking near the play area which was strongly recommended by both M.C. Smith and MDOT would be a necessary feature going forward if the City of Birmingham were to do some grant writing or Crowdfunding to support the Poppleton Park. Therese stated that the parking lot has three (3) handicap parking spaces identified in the curb cut off located off of Oxford.

Glen Maylath asked if the play area would be located in the same location of the existing play area. Glen stated that he would like the area to stay natural and would not like to have the parking off of Woodward Avenue.

Jack Burns stated that the parking off of Woodward would solve a lot of the parking problems that goes with the ball diamond which is a plus but the minus is that ingress and egress off of Woodward. Jack stated that Woodward is a federal highway and now suddenly the city is opening it to as much parking as possible. Jack stated that he is unaware of the proposed programming but police patrol would have to be involved plus a solution for shutting the parking down during evening hours.

Carrie stated that there have been several options discussed on how to close the parking from Woodward during non-use times.

Peter Bray stated that Poppleton Park should be left well enough alone.

Anne Bray stated that the Poppleton Park Concept plan shows too many concrete paths around the park and what will happen to the trees that are shown being removed around the proposed universally accessible play area.

Steven Olinek stated he would like to see less programming, less hardscapes, parking as it is, perhaps something that takes in consideration the wildness of Poppleton Park.

Steven stated that he has concerns about the drainage in the back of Poppleton Park. Steven stated that the parking off of Woodward is overkill.

Patty Blair stated she would like to see more information on the portable toilet enclosure and what the enclosure will look like. Patty asked that there should be fewer paths around Poppleton Park and ask that the proposed walkway by Abbey should be re-evaluated.

Therese stated that the plan for the portable toilet enclosure would be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board and that the enclosure would have three sides, shrubbery and no roof.

Patty stated that she is concerned with the number of proposed parking spaces along Woodward.

Therese stated the number of parking spaces was provided by MDOT.

Jeff Barrett stated the Poppleton Park Concept Plan looks very nice and that the Parks and Recreation Board took in all the comments from the February meeting. Jeff stated that he is concerned about the number of parking spaces proposed off of Woodward Avenue.

Matt Sullivan stated that how nice the City of Birmingham Parks are maintained. Matt stated that the Poppleton Park is underutilized and that proposed concrete paths will encourage runners, walkers and mothers with strollers since the City of Birmingham is considered a Walkable Community. Matt stated that he is concerned about the number of large trees that will be removed.

Brian Beaudet stated that he is not in favor of having all the concrete paths around the park. Brian stated that he is concerned about the number of parking spaces proposed off of Woodward Avenue but is in favor of the parking off of Woodward instead of entering the neighborhood.

Gordon Rinschler stated that he likes the general concept of the Poppleton Park Concept Plan. Gordon stated that he likes the paths around the park but would not recommend concrete but crush limestone. Gordon stated that he likes the parking off of Woodward Ave. Gordon stated that the area located near Madison needs to be a natural plantings like what is near Wimbleton.

Therese stated that the next steps would be for the Parks and Recreation Board if they are so moved to approve a resolution to support and endorse the Poppleton Park concept plan, considering some revisions perhaps to the pathways and the concerns of the neighbors as they have been given to us tonight and then the concept plan would be forward to the City Commission along with the Adams Park Plan for which the Parks and Recreation Board approved on August 9, 2006.

Therese stated both concept plans would be included in the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Therese stated that it would be a few years before the projects would actually begin.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan to support and endorse the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan as presented on October 5, 2016 and forward to the City Commission for their consideration.

Yeas – 5 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent – 2 Art Stevens and Lilly Stotland

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Dog Park Open House – October 18, 2016 (5:30pm-7:00 pm)

Connie provided a flyer with the information for the upcoming Dog Park Open House on October 18, 2016.

Connie stated that there will be an aerial of the park so that suggestions can be taken for improvements for the Lincoln Hills Dog park.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a- Golf Course Financial

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course financials.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2b- Golf Course Report

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3- Project Updates (*verbal*)

Carrie stated that bids will be received for Pembroke regrading and seeding project.

Connie stated that a donation was received from the Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Association for the Crestview Park regrading and seeding project that was completed in Spring of 2016.

Carrie stated that are no new updates on Manor Park or the Floyd project.

Carrie stated that at Martha Baldwin would not occur since project was not approved by DEQ since Martha Baldwin is located so close to the Rouge River.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Therese asked how the Little Library Project was going. Connie stated that the Barnum Park Little Library has been registered with the Little Library and can be viewed from their website.

Carrie stated that the naming contest will occur in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Glen Maylath	948 Madison Street.	Birmingham, ME 48009
JACK BURNS	898 PUTNEY ST	B'HAM 48009
Marcin Kaline	16291 W. 14 mile B	BETHLE 48045
steven Olinck	950 Oxford	B'ham. 48009
Matt Sullivan	647 Madison	Bham 48009
Gordon RINSCHLER	959 OAKLAND	" "
Patty Blair	485 Rivenoak	Birmingham AL 48009
Todd Ralph	645 Moregan St.	B'ham, MI 48009
Jeff Barrett	519 Rivenock St.	B'ham 48009
Brian Beaudet	515 Kennesaw	Birm.



151 Martin Street

Birmingham, MI 48009

248-530-1800

Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6:30 PM

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, September 13, 2016 (*regular meeting*)

III. Agenda Items-*Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.*

1. Review of Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

IV. Communications/Discussion Items

1. Dog Park Open House –October 18, 2016 (5:30 pm -7:00 pm)
2. Golf Course Updates
 - a) Golf Course Financials
 - b) Golf Course Report
3. Project Updates (*verbal*)

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda

VIII. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 1, 2016(DPS)

IX. Adjournment

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as interpreter services, for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 at least on day in advance of the public meeting.

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(Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

If you cannot attend the meetings, please contact Connie Folk at the Birmingham Ice Arena (248) 530-1642.

Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parks & Recreation Board of Birmingham will help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: September 26, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan Review

A Poppleton Park Public Workshop was held at the February 2, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Included in this memorandum is some information about where we have been, what we have done to date and what does it all mean for Poppleton Park.

By way of some background, Poppleton Park is a 17.21 acre City property classified as a community park. Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community. The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016 has identified Poppleton Park as part of the park improvement plan for a variety of potential updates. Plus, the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget planned for the creation of a concept site plan for Poppleton Park.

In addition, as the result of a joint meeting of the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board from September 15, 2014 Poppleton Park was highlighted among others as a priority. This called for the evaluation of parking options to relieve neighborhood impacts and to improve existing park conditions over and above general maintenance. So, as a result of planned initiatives the results of this ongoing process to prepare a park concept site plan assists the administration in planning for long-term recreational improvements. This helps with a variety of tasks such as establishing priorities, timelines, budgeting and preparing action plans to address community concerns over the upcoming years.

The outcome of what was generated based on the Public Workshop held in February, public communications, neighborhood requests, review of parking options and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is included as a concept site plan for review and feedback, as part of this agenda. The concept site plan is the first step to establish a "wish list" for a particular city park. This then becomes a tool to assist with planning efforts and more public discussions going forward. Another ideal opportunity is to include this document as part of the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan which aids in applying for grants and garnering donations for possible site amenities in the years ahead.

The attached notice was mailed out to all Homeowner Association Presidents and other interested parties about this second public input meeting. Also enclosed is a very rough cost estimate for Poppleton Park improvements based on the design of the concept site plan, as presented. The estimates are strictly projections for construction costs and do not represent actual bids. They serve as a guide to help determine project scope, phasing opportunities and for budgeting park priorities. The approved minutes from the February 2, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting are attached to serve as a reference to the Public Workshop.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To support and endorse the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan as presented on October 5, 2016 and forward to the City Commission for their consideration.



2nd Public Input Meeting

Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

The Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board will hold a second input meeting to discuss the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Department of Public Services.

This opportunity is a follow-up from the February 2, 2016 public input meeting to review a preliminary park concept site plan for Poppleton Park. This concept plan has been created based on the involvement and feedback from the City of Birmingham Community, Neighborhood Associations, as well as from the meeting of February 2nd.

Please join us at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board meeting for the 2nd public input session to be held during the:

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
6:30 pm
Conference Room
Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton

Please visit our website www.bhamgov.org for any additional information.

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to provide input, please email your comments to cfolk@bhamgov.org or drop off a letter at the address above ATTN: Parks and Recreation Board.

We hope to see you and your neighbors at the Wednesday, October 5th meeting.



**Poppleton Park
Construction Cost Estimates
September 19, 2016**

General Conditions	\$97,982.00
• Mobilization, Permits, Staking, Bonds, etc.	
Site Preparation, Demolition and Earthwork	\$121,290.00
• Grading, Remove Playground	
Multi-Use Level Play Area	\$231,530.00
• Drainage Structures and System, Fine Grading, Irrigation	
• Seeding and Topsoil	
Site Construction	\$306,790.50
• Parking Area, Curb and Gutter, Walkways	
Site Amenities	\$140,360.00
• Shelters, Picnic Tables, Benches, Drinking Fountains	
Site Lighting	\$26,400.00
• Shelter and Security Lighting	
Play Areas	\$532,255.00
• Surface, Ramps, Play Structures, Swings	
Landscape Improvements	\$79,000.00
• Trees, Topsoil, Seeding, Sod	
Subtotal Construction Estimate	\$1,535,607.50
Design Contingencies (8%)	\$122,848.60
Professional Fees (8%)	\$132,676.48
TOTAL	\$1,791,132.50

Note: The above projected cost estimates do not represent actual contractor bids and are solely for purposes of the concept site plan review.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: FW: Poppleton

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 11:38 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please place this on the 2-2-16 agenda for the Parks Board meeting.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 11:36 AM

Subject: Re: FW: Poppleton

To: "Harris, Andrew M." <Andrew.Harris@kitch.com>

Cc: "Vladimir Slapak - Comerica Bank (Vlad_slapak@yahoo.com)" <Vlad_slapak@yahoo.com>, "Valentine, Joe" <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Good Morning Commissioner,

Thank you for sharing the recent communication about ideas for the upcoming Poppleton Park site plan discussions on February 2nd.

This will certainly be shared with the Parks and Recreation Board and the consultant during the meeting.

Thanks again!

Lauren

On Sun, Jan 24, 2016 at 12:41 PM, Harris, Andrew M. <Andrew.Harris@kitch.com> wrote:

Hi Lauren,

Please see an e-mail from my neighbor, Vlad Slapak, and, if you can, include this message as part of the public input for *M.C. Smith* to consider regarding the Poppleton Park Master Plan.

Thanks,

Andy



Andrew M. Harris
KITCH DRUTCHAS WAGNER VALITUTTI & SHERBROOK
One Woodward Ave, Ste 2400
Detroit, MI 48226

Communication/Discussion Item #1a

Direct Line: (313) 965-7991
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Andrew.Harris@kitch.com

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From: Slapak, Vladimir R [<mailto:VRSlapak@comerica.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Harris, Andrew M.
Subject: Poppleton

Just my two cents... not sure I can make it to the town hall meeting.

Poppleton Park does not appear to be a good use of space, but I'm certain the residents in that area do not want their park to be commercialized. The current farmer's market isn't much of a market and (in my opinion) struggles to attract farmers (it's more populated with premade foods and "stuff"). I'd like to see the frontage on Woodward turned into an open market (farmer's market style venue) that can also be used by Birmingham residents (ONLY by residents and required permit) for gatherings. Similar steel beam frame with roof structure that currently exists at Springdale Park. Maintain the park and maybe add a permanent restroom structure... but this may help get the ball rolling to connect the East and West side of Bham...? Just a thought.

One of our reasons for moving to Bham was the 27 parks (I think that's the right number)... there is a park within 0.25 miles of any house... and that attracts families to Bham. This benefit to our city provides the community feel and instills the culture of family interaction, outdoor enjoyment, and meeting your neighbors (walkable community). In my opinion, it's not about changing the park, it's about enhancing its offerings and creating a reason to cross Woodward (which continues to be a struggle). Adding some add'l parking and creating a City supported permanent farmers market isn't changing the park, it's expanding its offerings and utility which is a benefit for all residents in Bham. I don't like change, but I like add'l options.

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan

Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com>**Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 9:50 AM**

To: cfolk@bhamgov.org

Dear Parks and Recreation Board,

I am hoping to make it to the Tuesday evening meeting concerning the Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan, but I may have a conflict, so I wanted to provide my input via email. I am a resident at 282 Wimbleton Drive. My lot backs up directly to Poppleton Park, so any improvements/changes would have a direct impact on my property and my family. I literally see the park from my kitchen window. I would also like to add that I am an Architect and Urban Planner, so I have experience with site design and planning.

I would like to start by saying I am very happy with the current layout of Poppleton Park. I see the baseball diamond and the tennis courts get constant use in the warm weather. Their location is perfect, not too close to surrounding residents. We use the playground area almost daily in warm weather (I have a 5 year old). I would like to see some upgrades to the playground equipment. It is definitely showing it's age. The location is great, closer to the street but still has a buffer from surrounding residences. I do see a lot of families that drive here from other neighborhoods for access to the playground.

I would love to see the large open space kept as is. I would hate to "formalize" the space into soccer fields, or other playing fields. It gets daily use. I see people playing with their dogs on a daily basis. It's nice to have such a large area for the dogs to run and play catch. I've seen children soccer teams practicing in this space. They just bring in portable goals and cones to set up their spaces. I know the Seaholm cross country team also uses the park for practices. I have observed several impromptu football games, Frisbee tosses, kite flying, and kids just running and playing in this space. If this space were to be specifically designated as soccer fields, I would be concerned about the park becoming overcrowded with weekend team sports, and overflow parking would start to encroach on neighborhood streets. I would also like to keep a buffer from the residences.

The other great thing about this large open space is that it lends itself to unique uses as well. In the last couple of years I have observed a tight rope walker practicing on several occasions. I have also seen a group of young adults who have what seems to be a monthly gathering for role playing games. These are very unique events that I fear would move elsewhere if the open space were designated for a specific use.

I hope that you please take my input into consideration when developing a site plan for this park. The park means so much to us, and was the selling point for buying our house. Would you please forward any meeting minutes and the site concept plan that you develop to me for further consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Fields

282 Wimbleton

P.S. I have attached a photo of the Tight Rope Walker!



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TO: Birmingham Parks and Recreation

2/3/16

FROM: Ed Kraska – 1030 Rivenoak, Birmingham

SUBJECT: Poppleton Park Enhancements

I wanted to write this letter to thank the Parks and Recreation for selecting Poppleton Park for future enhancements. My wife and I love this park and use it often with our two young children. I understand a firm has been hired to design enhancements. The purpose of my letter is to state some concerns and ideas:

1. I am strongly opposed to any parking lot off Woodward which would have direct access by cars to the neighborhood. I have been a resident of Poppleton park for close to eight years and have noticed the cut through traffic is getting worse every year. I feel adding a parking lot which would connect to our neighborhood may result in drivers speeding through our streets(safety concerns) in order to get to Big Beaver or Adams.
2. If a parking lot is desirable with access off of Woodward, can we please consider it only for access to the park?
3. I like the idea of possibly adding soccer fields if the grade of the ground would be able to handle necessary drainage, etc
4. I would like to see more trees added and possibly include a walking trail to the sidewalk by Woodward.
5. I know this could be expensive, but maybe a pavillion/gazebo would be nice for picnics, parties, etc. I realize this may be cost prohibitive but just a thought.
6. The play structures are in decent shape but we may need to add or upgrade the existing structures.
7. There are two sand boxes. The one is in pretty good shape but the other one needs work. Maybe it would be best to have one sandbox but make it larger – and maintain it vs having two with one being neglected?
8. It would be nice to have a porta-potty near the main entrance to the park. It could be an eyesore but right now, it's a decent walk to get to the portapotty.
9. We need a drinking fountain near the entrance of the park
10. We have a very large park – could there be a consideration of adding an ice rink in the winter? This way you have an ice rink on both sides of Woodward for the residents and children to enjoy.

I would appreciate if my comments could be forwarded to the design/consulting firm for review. Thank you.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

March 2016 Meeting

2 messages

john.meehan@att.net <john.meehan@att.net>

Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 11:27 PM

Reply-To: john.meehan@att.net

To: Therese Quattrociocchi Longe <tmquattro@gmail.com>, Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

With all that went on tonight, I decided to send you this note instead of just bringing it up. I will be out of town for our March meeting, so I will be absent. Connie, please put the March packet in the US mail since I do not want it noticed in the box.

A thought on tonight: clearly the neighbors would prefer the status quo which is not a new phenom. I was surprised that there were so few comments about traffic and parking on the local streets. In future meetings where the public is expected, Mike Smith should represent his firm. Given the limited wants from the community, the scope of any future planning perhaps could be accomplished in house. Just sayin'.

John

Therese Quattrociocchi Longe <tmquattro@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 11:30 PM

To: John Meehan <john.meehan@att.net>

Cc: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Thanks for the heads up!

[Quoted text hidden]



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan - comments/suggestions for Public Input Sought

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:15 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>

for file

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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From: Carrie Laird <claird@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Feb 4, 2016 at 6:59 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan - comments/suggestions for Public Input Sought

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Wood, Lauren" <lwood@bhamgov.org>, Tiffany Smith <tas@mcsagroup.com>

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From: Jeff Barrett <barrett_jeffrey@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 3, 2016 at 7:45 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan - comments/suggestions for Public Input Sought

To: claird@bhamgov.org

Hi Carrie,

Some suggestions / input for a nearby resident of Poppleton Park. We have lived there for three years and have three young children. The park is one of the reasons that helped us choose the house and its location.

Good to hear of the potential investment into the park — investment/upkeep is always better than zero.

Input:

The park has a natural feel and we prefer to leave it essentially as is — with refinements (no significant changes).

- The area around the backstop area of the ballfields and parking lot is washed out and gravel. Grading, grass, landscaping, pathway to the field would be enhancements.
- The drinking fountain could use updating.
- There is a sidewalk that enters from Oxford and Rivenoak and ends before going into the park. Most people walk on the grass - but if there is concern for accessibility and safety - that would be an improvement into the park and and ball field area.
- And low light along the ballpark and parking area - landscape lighting may be an improvement.
- The playground is dated — but well used and liked by children. There is no lack of use because it is dated!
- The northwest treed area - which has nice trails. The area could use 1-2 days worth of dead tree removal, big holes filled in — essentially cleaned up of dead/fallen trees.
- There are no Park signs on Woodward for the park. Not necessary — but to acknowledge the city park one could be added.
- For parking on Oxford - specifically near the children's playground — restricting parking to one side of the street (park side) would create a safer environment. When there are small gatherings and cars park on both sides of the road - it can be dangerous with the road only allowing one car through. People would have to park a little farther away - but it would be a safer situation in those few congested times.
- Some additional seating/gathering areas near the tennis courts, ballfields, and playground. Circle gathering like a "fire pit" — without the fire pit though.

Attachment to show the location of some of these bullets.

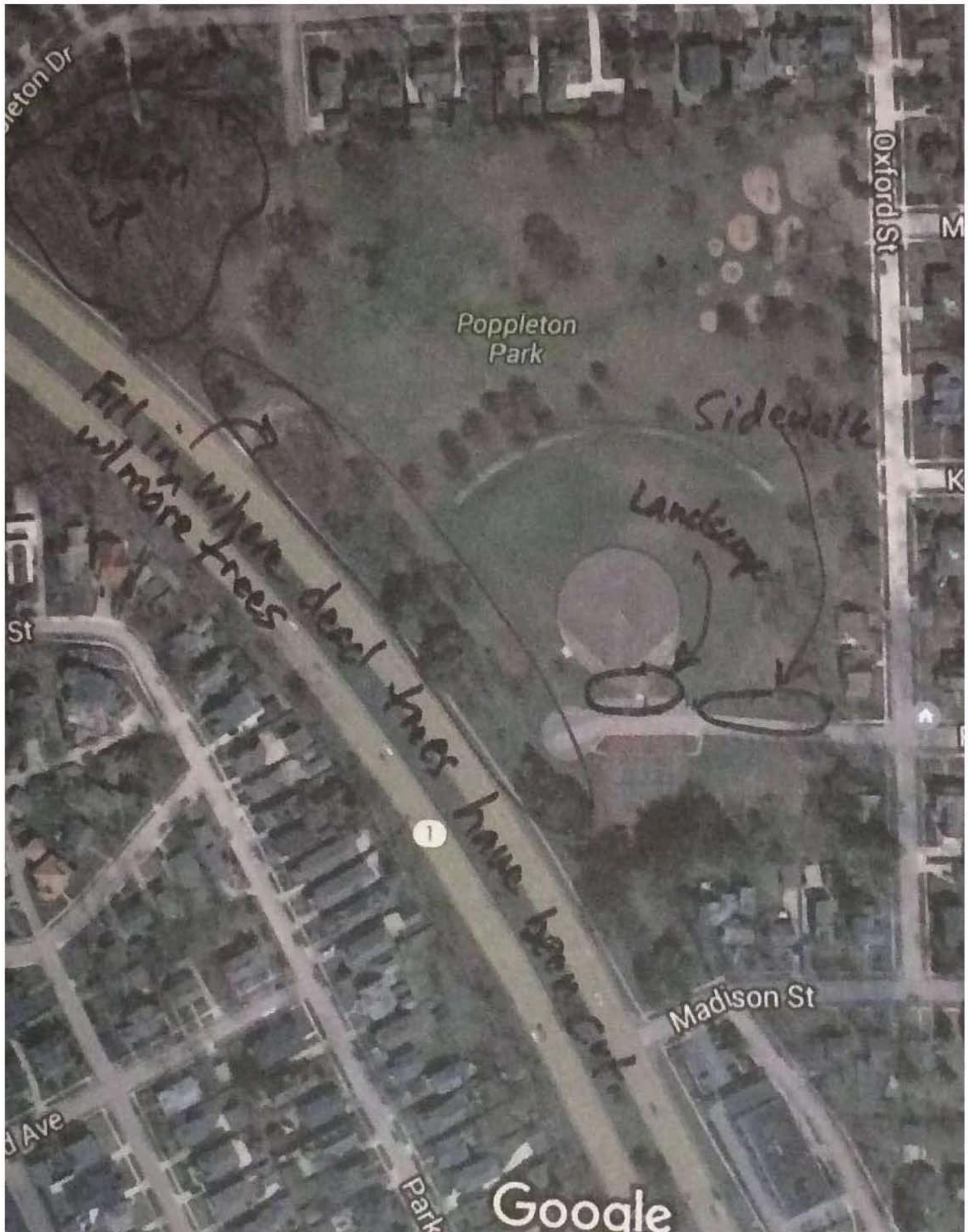
As voiced in the February 2nd Board meeting — there is a overwhelming concern about taking treed and grass area and turning it into a parking lot. There is considerable flexibility for cars to park on the neighborhood streets — rather than create a asphalt parking lot in the park. I visit Bamum park often — the parking lot is almost empty every time my family visits. Visitors either walk, park on the streets, or along with using the parking lot.

As for the open area and the wet areas within it. Those do exist in patches at times of rainy periods and dries up relatively quickly and hasn't been a hinderance to use the area (not too significantly from other large grass areas). Yes it would be nice to alleviate that issue — but it should be subtle leaving the natural setting. It should also be evaluated if there would be extensive below ground work to address drainage issues. In its early years — believe that was a railroad yard and/or lumber yard and historical remnants may be present which may be contributing to the drainage issues and could increase the costs if subsurface work is required to fix the issue.

Thank you again for obtaining public input on the park and thinking about investments/upgrades to the park.

Jeff Barrett





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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>
To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 3:10 PM

On Monday -I need help with this one.

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:15 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan - comments/suggestions for Public Input Sought

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park input

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 4:17 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add to the next agenda under Communication.

Thanks!

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From: **Allison Klein** <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 5:33 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park input

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Wood and the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department,

I am writing to provide my input on the evaluation of possible updates to Poppleton Park. While I attended the February meeting at which you received a great deal of resident feedback, I wanted to follow up to add some additional points from our family's perspective. As background, we have lived in Poppleton on Rivenoak Street for 2.5 years, and we have 2 small children (3.5 years and 1.5 years) with one more on the way, so we are very frequent park users (multiple times per week).

Overall, we agree wholeheartedly with the prevailing sentiment expressed at the meeting that we do not want to see Poppleton Park become overdesigned. The great appeal of this park, in particular the expansive field between the play structure and Woodward Avenue, is that it provides an open, natural, and unplanned green area – something that is not as common among Birmingham parks. We would be extremely disappointed to see major formal engineered additions like vast hardscaped areas, a soccer field, etc.

While not supportive of vast changes to the park, we do feel there is some minor work that could improve upon its existing structure.

1. Seating area away from play structure. While we tend to gather by the play structure due to having small children, we understand that not all of our neighbors want to be within hearing distance of this more raucous area. A nicely landscaped area with several benches in conversational grouping would be a welcome addition, and perhaps could be located along the Oxford Street side somewhere midway between the play structure and Rivenoak Street in a way that would take advantage of shade trees already there.

2. New play structure. While the current play structure has several good features and is heavily used, new equipment could help address a few safety concerns and be even better designed for younger and older children alike. The current structure does a really good job of being accessible to small children (mine have played on it before they've turned 1 year old) thanks to the ramp and low height – we would certainly like to see similar accessibility for the youngest children in a new structure. It also has the benefit of being relatively free-form and

non-prescriptive about the equipment uses. Unfortunately we have not found this to be the case with other recently redesigned Birmingham parks. The equipment at Barnum is simply too uni-task and frankly not fun to my children – the items are heavy and difficult to manipulate and do not provide the opportunity for free exploration and movement the way a single larger climb-on structure (such as Poppleton's current) does. Booth Park's equipment is not conducive to allowing young children to play independently – it is too difficult to track their location in the maze like older children's structure, and the younger children's areas do not provide enough interest to capture their attention. Overall, we feel a structure similar to the current Poppleton structure but in updated (non-rusted) materials is the best approach (or similar to what is found at Beverly Park).

3. Swings. Our main concern with the swings is that the "baby" swings are so far away from all of the other play equipment, so it can be difficult to keep an eye on our children at once when they want to use these different sections. We would also recommend one additional baby swing and having them placed in an area to receive as much shade as possible throughout the day – all parents we've seen at the park with very small children do their best to keep them well shaded from the sun.

4. New sandbox area with shade. This is a very popular feature at the park and should be kept. It would be nice to include umbrella coverage similar to Barnum Park to extend the shade that is sometimes provided by the nearby tree. The heavy metal excavator in the sandbox currently should be removed and not replaced. This piece of equipment is very heavy and difficult to use, such that only older kids are able to use it independently, and when they swing the scoop around they are risking injury to the small children who are always sitting and playing in the sand.

5. Improved bench and picnic seating by play structure. More thoughtful placement of benches and picnic tables would benefit this area, again with an eye toward providing shaded options and benches within close proximity to the equipment for parents to keep an eye on playing children. This does not need to be one large formal seating space with pergola as in Barnum Park – again, that space is more over-designed and hardscaped than what residents prefer for Poppleton.

We do not agree with suggestions to add bathroom facilities or after-hours lighting as some had suggested at the meeting.

We understand from the brief discussion at the February meeting that universal accessibility may be an issue in updating playground equipment. We feel these potential issues need to be made very explicit to residents in future meetings when it comes to making selections for new playground equipment, etc. so that we may better understand the tradeoffs between accessibility requirements and keeping the more naturalistic setting that is preferred for this park. We do not want to see yards and yards of paved paths and artificial turf as in Barnum Park, particularly when the need for such accommodations has not yet been determined, to our knowledge, one way or the other by any hard data.

Thank you for taking the time and expense to evaluate options for Poppleton Park. It is an incredible feature of our neighborhood and one we have strong opinions about! We are happy to clarify anything above if you need further information and will be happy to continue being involved in this process moving forward.

Thank you,

The Klein Family

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Poppleton Park, Board Mtg.

1 message

Rebecca Powers <powerswriter@gmail.com>
To: cfolk@bhamgov.org

Wed, Oct 5, 2016 at 3:15 PM

Members of the Board:

Like most of our neighbors, my family enjoys Poppleton Park as it is.

In the programming of public spaces, it's possible to have too much of a good thing. People crave open space that lends itself to freeform interpretation, as opposed to paint-by-number recreational designs.

My husband and I have lived one block from the park for more than two decades. Along with our son, we have enjoyed it for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, swinging, walking, tossing frisbees, running, picnicking and watching baseball and kickball on the diamond.

Having been users and observers for years and having attended the last park meeting, where we found the consultant/presenter to be extremely disorganized and ill informed, I would like to contribute these thoughts for your consideration:

1. **Consider wildlife** — the other residents of our community. Invest in plants that attract and feed birds, bees, and butterflies, which are important to our environment and quality of life. The wildflower belt along Quarton Lake is a great example of this. The park could lend itself to purple Martin houses and bluebird nesting. Communities rich in nature retain higher real estate values.
2. Remember that **drainage** can be a negative word — environmentally. Rampant draining of low-lying areas in past decades eliminated ecologically important habitat. Consider using some of your programming funds to plant a grouping of moisture-loving flowers/bushes in the seasonally damp section of the park. This would eliminate some lawn, which would reduce mowing time.
3. **Parking.** We should be encouraging people to walk and bike to the park. I loved the sentiment of the senior-citizen resident who attended the last meeting and said she and her husband frequently walk to the park from their home east of Adams. Also, because the park is entered via residential streets, I don't believe we want to encourage more car traffic. The trend, nationally, is to reduce parking minimums. Also, suburban landscapes don't need more impermeable surfaces. We could use more bike racks, however.
4. The idea of a basketball court isn't bad, provided it wouldn't generate too much noise for nearby homes.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Powers

950 Oxford St.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Poppleton Park

Eric Sargent <sargente@me.com>

Thu, Oct 13, 2016 at 10:03 AM

To: cfolk@bhamgov.org

Dear Parks and Recreation Board,

Reasons we bought a house near Poppleton Park:

1. Playground
2. Big open spaces to run or cross country ski and woods to explore.
3. Trees, trees, trees! (Large deciduous hardwoods, please)

We hope the Park can receive some playground and ball field updates but maintain its relatively undeveloped nature.

Loving our City Parks,

Annette & Eric Sargent
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Universally Accessible Playscape for Special Needs Children in Birmingham

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 12:49 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Please add this communication to the Poppleton Park file.

Thanks!

Lauren Wood

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 10:47 AM

Subject: Re: Universally Accessible Playscape for Special Needs Children in Birmingham

To: kristy Korth <kristykorth@me.com>

Cc: Racky Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Ms. Korth,

Thank you for your email expressing your support for universally accessible play equipment in our parks. Your input is timely and appreciated as we look to further enhance our park properties. I will share your email with our Parks and Recreation Board for their review and consideration as enhancements to our park properties are made.

Again, thank you for time and efforts in helping to improve our park properties for the benefit of all of its users.

Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 10:06 AM, kristy Korth <kristykorth@me.com> wrote:

Hello Rackeline and Joe,

My name is Kristy Korth. I am the parent of a special needs child, Chase. Chase is 10 years old and goes to Wing Lake Elementary. His favorite thing to do is swing. Currently, in Birmingham, there is not a park that I can take him that has a universally accessible playscape. There is a swing at Booth Park, but it does not have straps and is occupied most of the time. The playground at his school is amazing.

I understand that Poppleton Park is under consideration for some improvements/developments. One of the the proposed changes is the replacement of the playground equipment.

My family would love to see playground equipment that all children can use. I have spoken with fellow parent of special needs children that feel the same way. We are hoping that these emails will help, as meeting attendance is difficult for us at night.

Please let me know if or how I could be of assistance.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Kristy Korth
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> Anyone who wants to write an email should probably say words to the effect that (within the parens are ideas for expression, but they should not be copied exactly:

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> I (heard or understand or believe) that (Poppleton Park is being further developed or Poppleton Park is being considered for updates or the Parks Board passed a new Poppleton Park plan). One of the (proposed changes or possible improvements or potential enhancements) is replacement of the (old or worn out) playground equipment.

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> I am the parent of a special needs child. (Currently in Blrmingham, or Right now in Birmingham or None of our Birmingham playgrounds have) there is (no park where my child can play on equipment or no accessible play equipment at any park or no park with a universally accessible playscape), except (one swing at Booth park that does not even have safety straps or a single "special needs" swing at Booth park or a swing at Booth Park missing straps).

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> Since the City is (going to or planning to or considering) new playground equipment for Poppleton Park, I (encourage or ask or advise) you to replace it with an entire playscape that ALL children can use.

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> Sincerely,

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Fwd: Accessible Playground in B'ham

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 12:54 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Poppleton Park comments file, please.

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 10:48 AM

Subject: Re: Accessible Playground in B'ham

To: Heather K Mylod <hmylod@hotmail.com>

Cc: Rackeline Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Ms. Mylod,

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Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 12:35 PM, Heather K Mylod <hmylod@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Joe and Rackeline,

I am writing because I hear there may be a playground redesign project coming up. I am a Birmingham resident and have five children, one of whom is wheelchair bound (and has special needs).

I thought I would offer some thoughts that may help you understand what some special needs families would appreciate. Wood chips pose difficulty for chairs, and strollers for that matter. It is very helpful to have paths and equipment that allows the chair bound child to play inside the equipment, not relegated to a bench far away in direct sunlight. There are great structures nowadays which allow for ramps going up to some or most of the areas in the play structure. That way the kids are not left out.

The swings are also available in a few different sizes and offer buckles, which help those who tend to slip down on their own. Any additional special swings or wheelchair access you could provide in any parks would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much. Feel free to contact me for any reason.

Best,
Heather Mylod

10/17/2016

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Poppleton Park

4 messages

Ryan Dix <ryandix76@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 27, 2016 at 10:06 AM

To: cfolk@bhamgov.org, mnickita@bhamgov.org, claird@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, pbordman@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org, jvalentine@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org

Hello All,

I am unable to attend the commission meeting tonight but wanted to share my thoughts on the Poppleton Park plan.

I think the planned updates look great with one exception. I would prefer the parking lot along Woodward be reconsidered. It is a significant resident paid feature that I believe will primarily serve non-residents. If additional parking is necessary, I would prefer it attached to local roads. Perhaps something off Oxford to cut down on the street parking or maybe expand the existing lot on Rivenoak.

Adding a parking lot off Woodward would make Poppleton Park the only park in our system to have direct access off of a major highway. This goes way beyond making it more accessible to residents and effectively turns our community park into a state park. I strongly oppose this part of the plan.

As a resident, taxpayer and frequent Poppleton Park user, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dix
712 Ridgedale

Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Oct 27, 2016 at 10:15 AM

To: Ryan Dix <ryandix76@gmail.com>

Cc: Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Carrie Laird <claird@bhamgov.org>, Racky Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Andrew M. Harris" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mr. Dix,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan that was recently reviewed by the City's Parks and Recreation Board.

Tonight the City Commission will be reviewing the concept plan for Adams Park. However, your comments have been received and will be considered as requested.

Thank you again for your time in sharing your thoughts on improving our park's resources.

Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

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Joe,

Thanks for the quick response! I was under the impression that PP was going to be on the agenda tonight but it seems that I have my wires crossed.

Well, in that case, I'll say that I've reviewed and really like the current proposal for for Adams Park and look forward to the updates.

Thanks!

Ryan

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Oct 27, 2016 at 11:37 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Add email chain please to agenda for next week under Communications.

Thanks!

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Poppleton Park improvements

4 messages

Andrew McCuiston <andrew.mccuiston@gmail.com>

Sat, Oct 29, 2016 at 11:29 PM

To: cfolk@bhamgov.org

To who it may concern:

Will there be another public input meeting about the direction of the park?

I am eager to participate as I think improvements to the park are well overdue, but many residents in our neighborhood are hung up on the excess parking that was proposed - and for the record I don't think 80+ spots are necessary either.

Thank you,

Andrew McCuiston
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 8:16 AM

To: "Wood, Lauren" <Lwood@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

This came in over the weekend

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Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 10:46 AM

To: andrew.mccuiston@gmail.com

Cc: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Andrew,

I am in receipt of your email sent Saturday to Connie Folk.

We appreciate your remarks and they will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Board.

At this time, a concept site plan for Poppleton Park was established via public input sessions and then supported by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Eventually, the concept park plan will be presented to the City Commission. One of the major variables to resolve at Poppleton Park was reviewing parking opportunities to relief the neighborhood from the traffic during heavy used periods at the park. Over the years, this has been discussed at multiple public meetings.

Especially having a site over 17 acres, more parking on site would provide that relief. It is only called out conceptually many factors need to occur before anything occurs at the park. There will be other public forums going forward in which discussions will ensue regarding Poppleton Park.

Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss further or for an update on this park. Watch the City website for upcoming public meetings about this, too.

Thanks again for your remarks.

Lauren

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Andrew McCuiston <andrew.mccuiston@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 12:04 PM

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Awesome and thank you!

I agree some addition in parking is necessary.

Looking forward to providing any helpful feedback we can.

Thanks,

Andrew McCuiston

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Proposal

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 11:22 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 3:35 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Proposal

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Carroll DeWeese** <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>

Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 3:04 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Proposal

To: Sean <seancvaughan@yahoo.com>

Cc: Pamela Vaughan <vaughan.pamela@yahoo.com>, Carroll DeWeese <carrolldeweese@comcast.net>, Joe Valentine <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Attached is a release from the city about the park. With the changes it will possibly need some more parking. It does not have to be in the park per se (e.g., it could be street parking alongside the park). Right now it is a concept plan. It is not a commitment to proceed. Community members need to make their concerns heard. The parking does not necessarily have to be along Woodward. This is all up for discussion.

The normal process is that city staff will review a proposal. In the case of a park proposal, the Parks and Recreation Board will then review a proposal, possibly modify it, and then make a recommendation to the City Commission. Nothing can proceed without the approval of the City Commission and the authorization of funds by the City Commission. Keeping members of the City Commission informed is one important step. You and your neighbors should also send your concerns to the City Manager Joe Valentine. You might ask him to forward your concerns to members of the Parks and Recreation Board and members of city staff that work with the parks. Be aware of when the Parks and Recreation Board meets and plans to review any aspects related to Poppleton Park. The meetings are open to the public.

I was heavily involved in the plans for Barnum Park. The original proposal had twice as much parking proposed within the park than was finally approved. Note that the parking standards often assume that people will be driving to the park and not walking to the park. The normal standards have a bias toward non-walkable communities. Barnum always seems to have parking available, even with the reduction from the original recommendation. I do not know what would be optimal for Poppleton, but citizen involvement should result in a level and location that most can feel is at least acceptable.

Thank you for letting your concerns be made known. You have taken a first step in alerting others to your concerns and hopefully moving in a direction that addresses your concerns.

Carroll DeWeese

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carolldeweese@comcast.net (personal email)

On Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 8:06 PM, Sean <seancvaughan@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello Carroll,

We reside in Poppleton Park on Wimbledon Drive. There has been quite a bit of concern in our neighborhood about the new park improvement concept plan which would require the removal of large mature trees in order to be able to accommodate a new parking lot.

While we would like to see improvements made to our park, we prefer they happen without having to remove trees and add such a large parking area.

I'm not sure what the correct path is in order to voice our objections so please advise what it is that we need to do or whom we should contact.

Thank you,

Sean Vaughan
421 Wimbledon Drive

Sent from my iPhone

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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From: A. J. Desmond & Sons, Margaret Desmond <MDesmond@ajdesmond.com>

Date: Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 4:18 PM

Subject: RE: Poppleton Park Proposal

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thank you for this information Lauren. I will be at the Dec. 8 meeting.

Margaret Desmond

From: Lauren Wood [mailto:lwood@bhamgov.org]

Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:59 PM

To: A. J. Desmond & Sons, Margaret Desmond <MDesmond@ajdesmond.com>

Cc: rackyhoff@hotmail.com; Mayor Pro Tem Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>; Commissioner Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>; Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>; Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>; Commissioner Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>; Commissioner Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>; Carlos Nunez <nunezc@dteenergy.com>

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Proposal

Hi Margaret,

We are in receipt of your recent email and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

Lauren

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On Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:47 AM, A. J. Desmond & Sons, Margaret Desmond <MDesmond@ajdesmond.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Rackeline Hoff,
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Nickita,
Commissioner Patty Bordman,
Commissioner Pierre Boutros,
Commissioner Carroll DeWeese,
Commissioner Andrew Harris,
Commissioner Stuart Sherman and
Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services,

I am writing to share my concerns with the Poppleton Park proposal. I am a resident of the neighborhood, my home backs up to the park. The primary reason we bought our house in August 2015 was because of its location to the park. We enjoy being around the park; it hums pleasantly. Neighbors and others walk and ride bikes to the play lot. People run their dogs in some parts of the park. On a nice day, the tennis courts are constantly occupied. Games of baseball, pick-up soccer and other activities are frequent. Others hang out throughout the park. It is a relaxing, re-energizing place to be. The park is currently an asset to the neighborhood.

Disappointingly, the proposed changes to the park do not appear to strengthen its resources. Instead they appear to change the whole character of the park.

While I have several concerns with the plan and its potential impacts, I am particularly distressed with the parking lot off of Woodward. With 88 parking spaces, this will be among the largest parking lots off of Woodward between Ferndale and Pontiac. With the closure of the Northwood parking lot, this is now especially troublesome. I am afraid the park will become something quite different than the intended 'Community Park'. Quickly, the Poppleton Parking lot will be a very appealing Cruise hangout. As those who are near and/or use Woodward know, the Dream Cruise is no longer a one day event. Cruisers increasingly hang out on all warmer evenings, especially on weekend afternoons and evenings from May through October, often tailgating with drinking, smoking, loud music and louder engines.

As a Woodward business owner in Royal Oak, A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors, I have much experience with the Cruisers. In front of our building we have eight city-owned parking spaces which attract Cruisers, Spring through Fall. The visits by the Cruisers results in frequent destruction to our property. Bushes and flowers are trampled and often destroyed. Lots of bottles and other trash are regularly left in our parking lot and in the bushes. Cruisers urinate on the brick wall, resulting in the wall needing to be repainted multiple time every year and the bushes being damaged. Cruisers also relieve themselves in other parts of the property (behind the dumpster at the back of the building, well into private property, is particularly popular). Cruisers hang around late into the night, often loudly. Because the eight spaces are city-owned, we cannot close off the property and the Royal Oak police do not have the resources to be constantly patrolling the area. The property we do close off is still trespassed. Realize, all of this occurs in front of a funeral home.

Please consider the very negative impact this parking lot will have on the Poppleton Park neighborhood. This plan will not refresh a lovely Neighborhood Park; it will repurpose it into a Cruise hub.

Sincerely,

Margaret Desmond

380 Wimbledon, Birmingham

11/23/2016

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A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors
32515 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:43 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 4:01 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park

To: Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Allison,

Just so you are aware I appreciate you keeping in touch with me about Poppleton Park.

Because there have been questions still regarding the plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

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On Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 9:11 AM, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ms Wood -

I was curious if there were any update about plans for Poppleton Park? I know at the January meeting the consultant said they'd be coming back with some recommendations at some point but I haven't seen if that had happened.

11/23/2016

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Poppleton park

Thanks!
Allison Klein
734 rivenoak st

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:11 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 22, 2016 at 4:04 PM
Subject: Re: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thanks so much for reaching out to let me know. I'll post to our neighborhood Facebook group as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2016, at 3:17 PM, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Allison,

Just wanted to let you know there will be a concept site plan for Poppleton Park on the October 5th Parks Board meeting agenda for review and comment.

Keep an eye on the city website for the complete agenda posted late next week.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Lauren

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton meeting date

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:12 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:01 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton meeting date

To: Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Allison,

Thank you for your request of an alternative date for the informational session about the Poppleton Park concept site plan. While we recognize not everyone may be able to attend a particular meeting, we have attempted to schedule this extra informational meeting several weeks out while arranging the schedules for those involved in presenting at this special informational meeting. In doing so, we also had to accommodate this informational meeting prior to the presentation of the concept plan to the City Commission before the end of the year, which is set for December 12th. Therefore, this added informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan has been scheduled for December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

While we regret the selected date may not work for all residents, we certainly do want to accommodate those unable to attend and ensure everyone has correct information about the plan to formulate their position for either support, opposition or modification of the concept plan. As a result, the information presented during the informational meeting will be made available on the City website, as well as, hard copies available at the meeting and at Department of Public Services office following the meeting. We also plan on placing a notice at the park announcing the informational meeting details.

Lauren

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On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 8:10 AM, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms Wood,

11/23/2016

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Poppleton meeting date

I'd like to ask that you consider changing the date of the Poppleton Park meeting so that more residents will be free to attend. The conflicting holiday shopping, derby and seaholm concerts make the current date challenging. Some neighbors have suggested January 26 which seems like a better fit.

Thank you,
Allison

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton park

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 10:40 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>, "Gamboa, Marianne" <MGamboa@bhamgov.org>

Already asked and answered.

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>
Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 10:01 AM
Subject: Re: Poppleton park
To: Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Hi Alison,

Hope all is well with you.

Attached find the approved minutes from the meeting you requested. Plus, a link below for easy access to the minutes from all Parks and Recreation Board meetings.

http://www.bhamgov.org/government/boards/parks_agendas.php#revize_document_center_rz170

Thanks for your interest and nice hearing from you.

Lauren

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On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 8:33 PM, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ms Wood,

Would I be able to receive a copy of the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Parks Department meeting please?

Thank you,
Allison

On Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 4:53 PM, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Allison,

While work is still in progress for the concept site plan, we have no new plans to reveal yet.

I am hoping one of the upcoming Park Board meetings will have a proposed concept plan to share with everyone.

Please feel free to contact me before the next meeting of Sept. 13th for an update.

Nice to hear from you and have a wonderful evening.

Lauren

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Thanks!

Allison Klein

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:39 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **John Rusche** <JPRusche@aol.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 4:01 PM

Subject: RE: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

To: Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

Hi Andy,

Here is another idea if parking is located along Woodward. Plant hedges or some other landscaping that will prevent the "car watchers" from seeing Woodward.

John Rusche

From: Andrew Harris [mailto:aharris@bhamgov.org]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 08, 2016 8:46 AM**To:** John Rusche**Subject:** Re: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

John,

I plan to pose your questions about limited use of the contemplated parking to city staff. In the meantime, I shared a four page memorandum from our Director of Public Services regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan, which may be helpful. I look forward to the continued "give and take" on this issue and others...all in the best interests of our city.

Best,

Andy

On Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 8:02 PM, John Rusche <jprusche@aol.com> wrote:

Thank you, Andy for your prompt reply. We'll keep the give and take going. One thought. If the 88 parking spaces move forward, without cutting the trees along Woodward, can there be parking time limits without meters to discourage the all-day workers. Also can it be restricted so people don't use it to observe the Woodward drag races. It seems like the perfect place to bring your lounge and a cooler of beer and watch the cars go by.

John Rusche

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From: Andrew Harris [<mailto:aharris@bhamgov.org>]

Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 9:31 PM

To: John Rusche <jprusche@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

John,

Thank you for your comments, which I read this evening. I have a few items to mention in response to your concerns.

First, as you indicated, I have heard from several Poppleton Park area residents, almost all (if not all) expressed concern about parking on the west side of the park adjacent to Woodward. Some, like you, have also mentioned the acceptable levels of parking on Oxford. This input will be a critical part of my "fact finding" as a Commissioner who will vote on the concept plan for the park. I recently asked our City Manager if Poppleton Park would come before the Commission during our next meeting on 11/14 and learned it will not. Please, however, continue to share your thoughts on the park since I suspect it will come before the Commission at a later date.

You're the second citizen in the last week who mentioned their concern about the crosswalk at Woodward and Oak. I took a closer look at the intersection Thursday night and agree it appears unsafe. I think this intersection (along w/ the speed limit on Woodward) will be incorporated into our next Master Plan, which the city plans to work on in 2017. This process will involve many opportunities for citizen input. If there are opportunities to address this intersection before then, I'll share them with you.

Thanks again for your message and please continue to keep me abreast on matters affecting the city.

All the best John...

Andy

On Sun, Nov 6, 2016 at 10:48 AM, John Rusche <jprusche@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Harris,

Hopefully you will be hearing from many residents of the Poppleton Park neighborhood regarding proposed improvements to our namesake park. Judging from comments on our Facebook Group page, most residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward.

We question the need. Adjacent to Poppleton park there are 30-35 parking places on the west side of Oxford. (I think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) I walk or drive on Oxford every day. It is very rare when most of the parking is occupied. And I believe it is rarer still that people are parking on the residential side streets. Removing the trees for parking will ruin the character of the park.

It would provide free all-day parking for Birmingham workers, just a short walk to downtown. Similar to what is happening at the Kroger parking lot.

It would also provide great parking and great views all summer long for what could become the Poppleton Park drag strip.

We would much rather have you spend available resources on a safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak Blvd. Also do something to make the landscaping on the west side of Woodward, across from Poppleton Park, look more attractive and better kept.

Finally, we would like to see the speed limit on Woodward reduced to 35 mph, as it is in Ferndale. It would greatly improve the sense of safety and walkability of our piece of Woodward. It wouldn't even delay the drivers very much. Without stopping for traffic signals, driving the two miles between 14 Mile and Big Beaver, at 45 mph takes 2 minutes 40 seconds. At 35 mph it takes 3 minutes 25 seconds. 45 seconds longer!



Thank you for the time and energy you give to our community.

Best regards,

John Rusche
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan Feedback

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 11:17 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:22 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan Feedback

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Stuart Sherman** <sshernan@bhamgov.org>

Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 5:37 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan Feedback

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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From: Lisa Buss <lhenrym@gmail.com>**Date:** November 8, 2016 at 2:43:47 PM EST**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;**Subject:** Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan Feedback

Good Afternoon,

Poppelton park is a beautiful and open space and is what I consider to be the heart of our unique neighborhood. The park provides a calm and green oasis for families to play safely.

As a parent of two small children (2 and 4) and resident of poppelton park, I am concerned about some of the proposed improvements to our park. Specifically, the proposed parking lot and entrance off Woodward. I do not support any parking lot and personally do not believe any additional parking is needed. I frequent the park 2-3 times per week during peak months and the lot off oxford is hardly utilized.

I am concerned this lot would negatively impact our neighborhood by acting as a commuter lot/parking for uses other than the park and would destroy the beauty of our park.

I do not support the removal of any trees from Poppelton Park. The parking lot would require the removal of many mature trees which would ruin the character of this beautiful park.

I do support the idea of making some general improvements to the park play structures, as they are a bit worn. I think creating some additional paths to the equipment could be helpful for some families as well. I am concerned about too much hardscaping of the park because I really value the open green space.

I love Birmingham's Motto of 'a walkable community' and believe we can continue to build on that. It would be great to have a pedestrian crosswalk at Woodward and Oak so residents can cross safely. That would also allow more families outside our neighborhood to walk to the park, rather than driving and parking somewhere.

People really do value walkable communities and green space/mature trees and that is what makes our city so unique and desirable.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate that you will consider my concerns.

Lisa Buss
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Renovation Concerns

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 11:23 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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This may be a duplicate, but use this one because it has Joe's reply.

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 6:16 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Renovation Concerns

To: Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com>

Mr. and Mrs. Bidlake,

Thank you for your email message sharing your concerns with the Poppleton Park concept plan. I realize there are many questions with the concept that has been developed and to help assist in answering these questions, an information meeting is being planned to address these concerns. Additional information regarding this informational meeting will be provided shortly and an information webpage on Poppleton Park is also being developed. As this information is available, it will be shared with you to help address your questions and concerns.

Again, thank you for your interest and input regarding the concept plan for Poppleton Park. Your input is valued and appreciated.

Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 5:31 PM, Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com> wrote:

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. Based on the recent rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, it is blatantly apparent that there is a current disregard for what is best for the residents who live on, near, and enjoy Poppleton Park on a daily basis. A potential parking lot off of Woodward is not only flawed logic, but puts our neighborhood at risk for noise, theft, and reduced home values.

The proposed parking lot directly off of Woodward is based off a flawed logic. Most residents of Birmingham use Poppleton Park for the play equipment. With small children and strollers, most residents driving to Poppleton Park usually park off of Oxford, as it is closest to the play equipment and most easy to transport small children and all of the necessary items needed to tend to small children. Parking off of Woodward will be even further away from the play equipment, and will not be utilized by those driving to the park for the play equipment. There is a better opportunity to expand the current parking lot, as it is closer to the play equipment than a lot off of Woodward would be.

The proposed parking lot off of Woodward will also be a nuisance to the neighborhood on summer nights. Have you ever driven by the any of the businesses on Woodward between 13 and 14 mile on a summer night? All of the kids hanging out with their cars, drinking beer, selling drugs, and revving their engines will be our future. The noise that is currently created from "cruisers" leaving city limits on summer nights is enough to wake up babies, dogs, and sleeping adults – but that will get worse with cruisers peeling out of the parking lot onto Woodward. Will this parking lot be closed after dark to reduce crime and noise? Will the parking lot be patrolled on a regular basis for loitering? Do the police have enough manpower to have a police officer in this area full time to keep the noise down and make sure the area is safe for walkers at night? These are all concerns that need to be addressed for the safety and well-being of Poppleton Park residents.

This proposed parking lot will also reduce the value of homes directly on or near the park. Currently, the park is a big draw for neighborhood sales. Will the city plan to reimburse residents based on lost home value due to noise and unwanted guests? We recently bought a home in the neighborhood and I am now concerned about my future home value with the proposed parking lot.

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Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 3:34 PM

Subject: Fwd: Wilson - Poppleton Park Response

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 4:39 PM

Subject: Fwd: Wilson - Poppleton Park Response

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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From: Linda Wilson <linda.wilson918@gmail.com>**Date:** November 9, 2016 at 4:36:25 PM EST**To:** rackyhoff@hotmail.com, mnickita@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org, sshernan@bhamgov.org**Subject:** Wilson - Poppleton Park Response

November 9, 2016

Dear Mayor Hoff and Birmingham City Commissioners,

Thank you for recognizing that Poppleton Park could use a little TLC. Although some improvements to Poppleton Park are warranted, we believe you have overstated the changes needed, or desired. It seems that you dream for our park to look more like Beverly Park or Springdale Park with their large asphalt parking lots and cement picnic pavilions which are rented out for class reunions and large parties. It's obvious from our neighborhood communications that our residents do not share your dream.

We read with interest the November 7, 2016 memo from Lauren Woods, Director of Public Services. It filled in a number of details concerning your concept for our park. Despite your technical definition of Poppleton Park as a community park, we can assure you that those of us who live here see it as a neighborhood park that is shared with the community for baseball games, soccer practice and playground use. Perhaps it would be easiest to reclassify Poppleton Park as a neighborhood park as seen by the residents instead of trying to reestablish it as the community park that it is not.

A note on two of the community parks and their improvements as listed in the memo. Shain Park has always been the main city park although, ironically, the prime parking spaces and favorite play structures were removed for its improvement. Kenning Park has multiple opportunities for city recreation although many parking spaces were removed to create the skate park and the firing range. It still has high parking demand for daily use of the year-round tennis and skating facilities. By definition, Poppleton Park does not have the same needs as these parks, so the parking standards framed in Lauren Wood's memo regarding "Area Space Standards and Parking Ratios for Outdoor Sport Facilities as outlined in Time-Saver Standards for Landscape Architecture" do not apply. Also, both of these examples are surrounded by the city or the neighborhood. Neither of these are exposed by parking off of a main road like Woodward.

We have not heard a single positive comment regarding your proposal to add 88 parking spaces along Woodward or the removal of so many trees, a point which was tactically avoided in the memo. Cutting down a large number of mature trees and replacing them with saplings does not measure up to our definition of improvement especially in a city known for its mature plantings. In fact, the addition of these parking spaces will change the atmosphere of the park and could have a profound negative impact on the neighborhood and its safety. Those who visit the playground will always park along Oxford because the playground is on the north east side of the park. So, perhaps limiting parking to one side of Oxford would be helpful. We cannot visualize a parent walking all of the way from Woodward in order to get to the playground. It lacks common sense.

It's understood that Birmingham workers currently park at Kroger and the doctor's offices on the east side of Woodward in order to avoid paying daily parking in the structures. The additional spaces along the park will be heartily welcomed by them. It will also provide a perfect opportunity for those who need a place to hang out, especially from June through August for many of the all summer dream cruisers.

As 25-year Poppleton Park residents we urge you to consider fully the preferences of the residents. Reach out to those who will be directly affected by your actions, specifically those who own property adjacent to the park who will have jogging paths outside their back doors. Question the residents with small children that use the park regularly. Canvas the sports teams that use the park for baseball or team practices.

Most importantly, some of this money would be better spent on making our "walkable community" safe for walking by providing a crosswalk at the Woodward and Oak intersection. This would enable safe and easy access to the Farmer's Market, Tim Horton's and downtown. The current practice of running across the median is a liability for the citizens and the city. The expectation that everyone should walk down to Oakland in order to cross Woodward is

not feasible.

The charm of Poppleton Park is one of the reasons we chose our home. We moved here in 1990 with two young children and were thrilled to have the park and play area so close. Our girls played safely at the playground. We played on and supported the Poppleton Park baseball team in the 90's. The baseball diamond and the open grass areas have been used consistently during the warmer months. Parking is rarely a disturbance.

We urge you to amend your plans in consideration of the neighborhood's vision. Please avoid over developing our park to meet your own concept which could lower housing values, increase security concerns and have a long term, undesirable impact on our homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 4:06 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed 'Improvements' to Poppleton Park

To: jlgierer@gmail.com

Cc: "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Hello Jacqueline and Daniel,

We are in receipt of your recent email and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

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From: **Stuart Sherman** <ssherman@bhamgov.org>

Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 7:08 PM

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From: Jacqueline Seidman <jlgierer@gmail.com>

Date: November 8, 2016 at 6:50:36 PM EST

To: Jac <jlgierer@gmail.com>

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Please consider my following concerns as a new (March '16) resident of Wimbleton Drive in the Poppleton Park neighborhood. The single largest draw to purchase our home was the abundant green space of PP and the old-fashioned neighborhood feel.

Based on the recent rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, I am concerned the city is abandoning its ideals as a walkable community in the effort to appease MDOT or fix a problem that simply doesn't exist. Recently the logic of acreage to parking was shared, which would imply that parking is insufficient. To the contrary, a simple observational study would reveal that the vast majority of park utilizers walk to the location. The existing parking lot is NEVER in use. I am a primary care physician who deals with a largely urban and underserved population. Many of my patients come to walk/exercise in PP at my recommendation because the areas around their homes are unsafe. Not once have I heard a complaint about an inability to park. Just recently I was at a restaurant and had a discussion with a waitress who lives in Royal Oak who was excited about the proposed Woodward Parking because "it will be nice to have somewhere to park for free for work." I suspect many others will utilize it as city parking, rather than for intended park use. In addition, a parking lot off Woodward is likely to turn into its predecessors; a loitering spot for Dreamcruisers and others. The lot, combined with the large empty space of the park, could potentially open up our neighborhood to greatly increased crime and noise pollution. If it is essential that the acreage/parking formula be following, then perhaps the park should be rezoned as a neighborhood park, as it is much smaller than comparable community parks.

Our experience just with the Big Beaver closing this past summer revealed that the Birmingham PD is unequipped and understaffed to deal with the increased volume of traffic into our neighborhood. We had a rash of breaking/enterings and tire thefts - this would give an opportune entrance/exit and hiding point for such activity. Also, we query who would monitor the maintenance of the park with the proposed picnic structures -even now, cleanup is a local neighborhood community effort.

I am all for improvements to the park, specifically the preservation of mature trees and greenspace, improvements to the current play structures, and even the potential expansion of the current parking lot. However, I do not feel that parking off Woodward is the answer.

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Date: Thu, Sep 22, 2016 at 4:04 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Date: Sun, Nov 13, 2016 at 8:23 AM
Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>
Date: November 12, 2016 at 10:35:52 AM EST
To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

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From: Brian Beaudet <acb74@aol.com>
Date: November 12, 2016 at 10:33:27 AM EST
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pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org,
ssherman@bhamgov.org,
Subject: Poppleton Park

Dear City of Birmingham,

I have lived directly across from Poppleton Park at the corner of Kennesaw and Oxford for over a dozen years. It is a wonderful NATURAL, GREEN, space. The tendency to want to over "citify" this kind of space cannot be overstated. Very simply, leave nature alone.

The park's proximity to Woodward has consequences that other residents who don't live directly on the park may not experience. It is an easy draw to people just driving by. People pull up to the park at ALL hours. I have cleaned up cans/liquor bottles, glass in the street, cigarette butts, trash, even condoms left on the lawn. Car lights, conversations and music, and doors opening and closing easily disrupt a night of sleep. The port-a-potty this summer located so closely to the road was another great draw.

On the positive side, the park draws many people who use it as a place to picnic and play and fly kites and toss frisbees. It is a great place for families and children to use as an extension of their own back yard. I think the large sum of money slated for this park could be better utilized somewhere else. Plant more trees to buffer it from Woodward. Leave it green and natural. PLEASE.

Sincerely,
Jean Beaudet

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: Clinton Baller <cmballer1@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 6:59 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

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From: "Clinton Baller" <cmballer@avidpays.com>

Date: Nov 15, 2016 4:20 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: "Lauren Wood" <Lwood@ci.birmingham.mi.us>

Cc:

Lauren,

I will try to attend the Dec. 8 Poppleton Park informational meeting, but if you are soliciting opinions, I'd like to make mine known here, as the informational meeting isn't really a public hearing, and I did not attend any of the other meetings.

1. Improvements to Poppleton Park are most definitely warranted. I will trust the Parks Board and Commission to determine how much we should spend and on what, but I would view any expenditure as an investment in our city and something that would increase both property values and quality of life.

2. I have no problem with increasing the parking, and it appears not only that the proposed parking is reasonable in terms of the number of spaces, but that it is adequately buffered from both the park and the neighborhood. I am encouraged to hear that MDOT is supportive of the concept.

3. I think it is important that policymakers keep in mind that this is a *community* park and ought to be improved with the *community's* interests in mind. I understand how neighbors of this and other parks might feel, and I think we should do everything we can to listen and try to serve their interests while at the same time serving the interests of the community. Often we'll get lucky and be able to serve everyone's interests. But not always. The community should prevail in such a debate.

Best regards,

Clint Baller



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Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 5:10 PM
Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>
Cc: Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>

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From: Margaret Kowal <margaret.kowal@me.com>
Date: November 17, 2016 at 4:59:39 PM EST
To: sssherman@bhamgov.org
Subject: Poppleton Park

Dear Commissioner Sherman:

I'm a 20-year resident of Poppleton Park on Wimbledon Drive. My husband and I bought our house when I was pregnant with our first (of three) children. We chose this neighborhood specifically because of the nature of the open, green space of the park. We enjoy it as *it is* everyday.

We would ask that the City of Birmingham please not pave any part of the park and not cut down any trees.

Sincerely,
Margaret Kowal

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From: **Margaret Kowal** <margaret.kowal@me.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Re: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
Cc: Dan Kowal <dan.kowal@ey.com>, Pam Doyle <pamdoyle@aol.com>

Hello Lauren,

I appreciate your consideration and understand the timing. We appreciate that there will be this extra informational meeting, and I will adjust my calendar accordingly to attend on December 8. I look forward to participating in this very important discussion about the future of our precious Poppleton Park.

Sincerely,
Margaret Kowal

On Nov 21, 2016, at 1:51 PM, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Margaret,

Thanks for keeping in touch with all of us on this matter. We have considered such request and below you will find my latest reply sent out to everyone about it.

Thank you for your request of an alternative date for the informational session about the Poppleton Park concept site plan. While we recognize not everyone may be able to attend a particular meeting, we have attempted to schedule this extra informational meeting several weeks out while arranging the schedules for those involved in presenting at this special informational meeting. In doing so, we also had to accommodate this informational meeting prior to the presentation of the concept plan to the City Commission before the

end of the year, which is set for December 12th. Therefore, this added informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan has been scheduled for December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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We appreciate your input!

Lauren

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On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:45 PM, Margaret Kowal <margaret.kowal@me.com> wrote:
Hello Lauren:

I appreciate your reply and that there will be an informational meeting for community input regarding the concept plan for Poppleton Park. I'm highly interested in attending such a meeting. I am wondering, though, if it would be possible to move the meeting date to January?

I think that moving the meeting date to January would allow more people to learn about the concept, form an educated opinion and also allow time for people to plan their schedules around attending the meeting. I know of many families, including my own, that would like to attend, but who have previous commitments at their childrens' schools on December 8. (It's my understanding that there are school events and holiday programs at public, private and parochial schools in our area on the evening of December 8th).

I am cc'ing the commissioners on this request in hopes that there could be some dialog about changing the date of the meeting to January.

Thank you in advance for considering changing the meeting date to January.

Sincerely,
Margaret Kowal

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On Nov 21, 2016, at 10:26 AM, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Margaret,

We are in receipt of your recent email and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Also, the information presented during the informational meeting will be made available on the City website, as well as, hard copies available at the meeting and at Department of Public Services office following the meeting. We also plan on placing a notice at the park announcing the informational meeting details.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

Lauren

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On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:20 AM, Margaret Kowal <margaret.kowal@me.com> wrote:
Dear Lauren:

I am a 20-year resident of Poppleton Park on Wimbleton Drive. My husband and I bought our house because it is on the park and because of the park being as it is — open, green, unpaved space. We would very much like for the park to remain as it is. After 20 years, I feel that I am a strong representation of our “community”. I believe that our community would like for Poppleton Park to remain largely as it is.

I read your communication to residents of Birmingham, dated November 7, 2016, and it raised a couple questions for me.

First, I do believe that the City of Birmingham has good intentions with its Master Plan for 2012-2016. I also believe that there are two larger and critical questions that need to be considered with regard to the Conceptual Plan:

“How are we defining community?”

“Does the Master Plan truly reflect the wishes of the majority of the ‘community’ on whose behalf the City is considering these improvements?”

I would propose that, if we polled the majority of people who are indeed the fiber of the “community”, we would learn that the ***Conceptual Plan does not represent*** what the “community” truly wants.

I am asking myself the following questions:

- Who generated the Master Plan of 2012-2016?
- Who called for analyzing the athletic fields, parking expansion and updating the playground equipment?
- Who was on the Parks and Recreation Board in September of 2014?
- Who was on the City Commission in September of 2014?
- Who called the joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Board and the City Commission in September of 2014?

I ask all these questions in order to learn if it is the "community" driving the Master Plan? I look forward to and appreciate that there is a meeting, scheduled for Thursday, December 8, to further involve the community in the Concept Plan for Poppleton Park. I regret that I wasn't aware of earlier opportunities to express what I believe to be the opinion of the majority of our community.

I would ask that the City of Birmingham and our Commissioners please listen to the voice of the community. While it's wonderful that the City has the interest and resources to make improvements to Poppleton Park, I would ask that we revisit some of the details of how we manage and develop our *precious, open, green and unpaved space*.

Respectfully,
Margaret Kowal

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 4:17 PM

Lauren

On this email there are a couple inside the email. Do you want it kept as one or pull out each one that was sent

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Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

1 message

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Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 8:06 PM
Subject: RE: Poppleton Park Concept Plan
To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

A couple of thoughts. The 14 marked spaces is not nearly the capacity of the parking lot. You can park on the curve and on at least one side of the drive. 25 or 30 is closer to the real number. Plus parking on just the west side of Oxford adds another 30-35 parking spaces.

If the 88 parking spaces move forward, without cutting the trees along Woodward, can there be parking time limits without meters to discourage the all-day workers. Also can it be restricted so people don't use it to observe the Woodward drag races. It seems like the perfect place to bring your lounge and a cooler of beer and watch the cars go by.

John Rusche

From: John Rusche [mailto:jprusche@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 7:30 PM
To: 'Joe Valentine' <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org
Subject: RE: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Thank you, Joe and Lauren. I uploaded the document to the Poppleton Park FaceBook page.

John Rusche

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From: Joe Valentine [<mailto:jvalentine@bhamgov.org>]

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 6:29 PM

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Greetings!

Thank you to those that have shared your concerns with the Birmingham City Commission concerning the Poppleton Park concept plan. Your concerns have been received and are appreciated.

In review of some of the concerns expressed, there appears to be some confusion regarding the development of the plan and the considerations for what resulted in the plan. Attached is a communication from Public Services Director, Lauren Wood, providing some additional detail along with some questions and answers concerning the plan for your review.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone you feel may find it of interest. I would also encourage you to share it on any neighborhood Facebook pages or community forums as others may find it of interest as well. Should you have any further questions, please feel free in contacting Ms. Wood for further details.

Again, thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

—

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Fwd: Reckless and Tremendous Traffic Through Poppleton Park Area

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 3:48 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 2:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: Reckless and Tremendous Traffic Through Poppleton Park Area

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Patty Bordman** <pbordman@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 9:53 AM

Subject: Fwd: Reckless and Tremendous Traffic Through Poppleton Park Area

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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From: Mel <melissa.burkland@gmail.com>**Date:** November 11, 2016 at 9:33:09 AM EST**To:** rackyhoff@hotmail.com, mnickita@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org**Subject:** Reckless and Tremendous Traffic Through Poppleton Park Area

Greetings,

I became a resident of South Poppleton Park earlier this year. I have been increasingly frustrated with the reckless drivers in our neighborhood. I noticed that there are signs restricting traffic through our neighborhood (which are terribly inconvenient for the residents). I suspect these signs were placed due to the proximity of where we live to try to keep our children and residents safe. It appears there is a long term issue with drivers using our neighborhood as a route to circumvent rush hour congestion. I have had 2 incidents this fall with my son and his friends being a couple seconds from being hit by a vehicle traveling 20-30 mph in our neighborhood, while

I was outside watching them play. Running and screaming frantically into Ridgedale and Poppleton streets to get a driver to stop their car to avoid killing my son and his friend that are carelessly chasing a missed football catch are frightening memories.

I strongly oppose introducing additional vehicular traffic through my neighborhood, by providing additional parking for a small neighborhood park that can only be accessed through residential streets. There are far too many children at play on bicycles, foot, hoverboards, skateboards, and strollers to safely introduce parking for more vehicles.

I visit Poppleton Park to play with my son on the swing set, take a walk, or play tennis a few times a week. I have only seen the parking lot overflow during a few baseball games. Most residents walk and bike to Poppleton Park. Given the small size, it seems it would be classified as a Neighborhood Park since there is only entrances through residential streets and via cross walk.

Frankly, I am frightened that a child will be injured or killed if additional traffic enters our neighborhood. For the safety of the residents of Poppleton Park, I strongly suggest that there are resources available to restrict vehicular traffic into this neighborhood and to eradicate all on and off-street parking options.

Additionally, we also had a few recent high dollar crimes against residents' personal property, which with more traffic is likely to have a high correlation to exploit this risk as well.

Regards,

Melissa Burkland

815 Ridgedale Avenue

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Fwd: Objections to Proposed Poppleton Park Re-Design

1 message

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Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 3:51 PM

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Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 8:12 AM

Subject: Fwd: Objections to Proposed Poppleton Park Re-Design

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 5:38 PM

Subject: Fwd: Objections to Proposed Poppleton Park Re-Design

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

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"never worry about action- only about inaction"

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From: Joseph Nelson <joseph.k.nelson@gmail.com>

Date: November 16, 2016 at 5:36:17 PM EST

To: mnickita@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org

Cc: Cassandra Choi Nelson <chippychoi@gmail.com>

Subject: Objections to Proposed Poppleton Park Re-Design

Dear Birmingham Mayor and Council Members;

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. I saw the rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, it seems obvious what is best for the residents who live on, near, and enjoy Poppleton Park on a regular basis.

In my case, I moved back to Birmingham after 30 years and bought a house VERY close to the park because it offered a unique local park feel, with lots of open space, and mature trees. It was exactly what I wanted... Distinctly different than Los Angeles, California where we left.

I also feel I paid a premium to live so close to the park when I bought the house in 2015. A premium I feel would evaporate given the proposed changes. To wit:

1. 88 spaces? That is an absurd jump in parking spaces. Poppleton is not a large park.
2. The proposed parking lot off of Woodward will also be a nuisance to the neighborhood on summer nights. Have you ever driven by the any of the businesses on Woodward between 13 and 14 mile on a summer night? All of the cruisers hanging out with their cars, drinking, and revving their engines will be brutal. The noise that is currently created from "cruisers" leaving city limits on summer nights is enough to wake up babies, dogs, and sleeping adults – but that will get worse with cruisers peeling out of the parking lot onto Woodward. These are all concerns that need to be addressed for the safety and well-being of Poppleton Park residents.
3. Lastly, the most recent letter by Lauren Wood does not address the reduction of mature trees in Poppleton Park. There is absolutely no way that all of the beautiful trees between Woodward and the park will be able to stay in place with a parking lot. The proposed plan includes the planting of new trees, but that is not the same as beautiful mature trees that have taken 50+ years to grow in size.

There are many more options in making Poppleton Park a more accessible park, such as:

- 1) Increase the size of the current parking lot
- 2) Create a cross walk on the north side of Woodward to connect east and west Birmingham, so families can safely cross at Oak and Woodward

Please listen to what the residents of Poppleton Park want for the future of this park. This park is utilized by us on a daily basis, while your parking plans are for visitors who only visit once or twice a year. The proposed parking lot will have detrimental changes to our every day.

PLEASE SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL PARK!

Thank you for your consideration,

Joseph and Cassandra Nelson
512 Rivenoak St
Birmingham, MI 48009

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Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager
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Fwd: Poppleton Park meeting Place and Time

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:02 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park meeting Place and Time

To: Donal O'Leary <doleary703@gmail.com>

Donal,

Thank you for your request of an alternative date for the informational session about the Poppleton Park concept site plan. While we recognize not everyone may be able to attend a particular meeting, we have attempted to schedule this extra informational meeting several weeks out while arranging the schedules for those involved in presenting at this special informational meeting. In doing so, we also had to accommodate this informational meeting prior to the presentation of the concept plan to the City Commission before the end of the year, which is set for December 12th. Therefore, this added informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan has been scheduled for December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 9:28 AM, Donal O'Leary <doleary703@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Wood,

I am writing to ask you all to reconsider the day for the community meeting for Poppleton Park. As you know, the proposed changes to our park has generated a lot of controversy, especially among the neighbors of the park which would be most negatively impacted by the proposed changes in parking.

The currently scheduled meeting conflicts with other community activities such as Derby band concert and the Seaholm Night Live. In addition, many of us think it would be much more appropriate to hold this meeting in a venue at which more people could attend. We propose moving the meeting to January 26 @ Derby Middle School where there is ample parking and no school-related activities scheduled which conflict with attendance.

Thank you,
Donal O'Leary
444 Wimbledon Drive



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppelton park meeting schedule

1 message

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:04 AM

Subject: Re: Poppelton park meeting schedule

To: Lisa Buss <lhenrym@gmail.com>

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for your request of an alternative date for the informational session about the Poppleton Park concept site plan. While we recognize not everyone may be able to attend a particular meeting, we have attempted to schedule this extra informational meeting several weeks out while arranging the schedules for those involved in presenting at this special informational meeting. In doing so, we also had to accommodate this informational meeting prior to the presentation of the concept plan to the City Commission before the end of the year, which is set for December 12th. Therefore, this added informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan has been scheduled for December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

While we regret the selected date may not work for all residents, we certainly do want to accommodate those unable to attend and ensure everyone has correct information about the plan to formulate their position for either support, opposition or modification of the concept plan. As a result, the information presented during the informational meeting will be made available on the City website, as well as, hard copies available at the meeting and at Department of Public Services office following the meeting. We also plan on placing a notice at the park announcing the informational meeting details.

Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:17 AM, Lisa Buss <lhenrym@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

I would like to request that you reschedule the poppleton park concept meeting, currently scheduled for December 8. This date is during the busy holiday season and held at city hall. Parking will be challenging and it may deter some

elderly people from attending. There are also several events scheduled for that evening at derby so many families will not have the opportunity to make their voices heard.

Maybe we can try to reschedule for January 26 at derby middle school where there is easy and ample parking. There doesn't seem to be any events that evening.

I would also like to suggest placing some signage about the meeting at the park and anywhere else in the neighborhood that would spread the word. Many of my neighbors were not aware of the proposed plan at all or the meeting.

Thank you for your support of the community.

Lisa Buss
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Jeff Barrett
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November 28, 2016

Ms. Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, and
Birmingham City Commissioners
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, Michigan 48009
(Sent via electronic-mail, individually)

RE: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Dear Ms. Wood and Birmingham City Commissioners:

First of all, thank you for reinvesting in the city, the park system, and Poppleton Park. The park system is an important part of our community and is one of the reasons we choose to move to Birmingham and specifically in the Poppleton Park area (we live adjacent to the park at Rivenoak and Oxford).

Regarding the Concept Site Plan for Poppleton Park, the general plan that was presented on October 5, 2016 did capture and take into account the feedback of the neighborhood and community input. However in a couple areas there seems to be a disconnect including the need for a new parking lot constructed within the park and overall use of the existing green space in the northwest portion of the park.

Positives:

- Playground equipment upgrades.
- Baseball field improvements (the field itself is very well maintained by the city) - some improvements around the field are only needed.
- Architectural structure for the recently placed port-a-potty.
- Tree and some pathway and sitting enhancements around the park.

Issue:

The biggest complaint both in the original February 2016 meeting and then again at the October 2016 Concept Site Plan review was parking within Poppleton Park. In February, residents were opposed to constructing a parking lot within the park because of losing green space to a parking lot that was not needed. And the Concept Site Plan shown in October with proposed parking within the park, off of Woodward Avenue, would likely create unintended consequences (congregating in the parking lot unrelated to park use, late evening gathering, speeding and dangerous conditions from parking lot onto Woodward are a few examples).

There is more than sufficient parking along Oxford, Rivenoak, Kennesaw, Mohegan, Wimbledon, and Abbey for any peak use at Poppleton. The existing parking lot is rarely

full except for a handful of softball games, running gatherings, football pickup games, and on Dream Cruise Saturday. The parking lot comparison use in the November 7, 2016 Memo is a misleading assessment of parking needs and does not take in account Booth Park, an example of a high use park with no to little specific parking and which does not hinder the high use and function of the park (attached).

Regarding any parking lot construction within the Poppleton Park footprint, it appears we are putting the "cart before the horse" on the actual need. Please remove the parking plan off of Woodward from the Concept Site Plan. Moving forward with the improvements of playground equipment, pathways, and ball field area first and than determining any real parking needs based on any change in use is the more appropriate and cost conscious approach. And any parking lots costs that would not be needed put towards other needed City improvements.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Barrett". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and a cursive "Barrett".

Jeff Barrett

Attachment: Comments on the November 7, 2016 Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan Memo from Lauren Wood.

by Electronic-Mail to:

Lauren Wood, lwood@bhamgov.org

Mayor Mark Nickita, mnickita@bhamgov.org

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Harris, aharris@bhamgov.org

Commissioner Patty Bordman, pbordman@bhamgov.org

Commissioner Pierre Boutros, pboutros@bhamgov.org

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Commissioner Rackeline Hoff, rackyhoff@hotmail.com

Commissioner Stuart Sherman, ssherman@bhamgov.org



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Department of Public Services

DATE: November 7, 2016

TO: Birmingham Community Members

FROM: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

This communication serves to provide some additional information concerning the concept site plan for Poppleton Park. Following the presentation of the Poppleton Park concept plan to the Parks and Recreation Board, there appears to be some confusion concerning this concept plan. While everyone was invited to attend various public meetings during the development of this concept plan, I know not everyone is available to make the meetings or able to provide initial input during the creation of a very basic concept site plan. In order to help clarify any confusion, I have prepared this communication and welcome anyone to contact me directly to help clarify any parts of the concept plan.

The following is meant to provide some facts about how this process began, where we are and what it all means for Poppleton Park. Let me start off with some background information and then we will move on to some integral questions and answers.

HISTORY

By way of some background, Poppleton Park is a 17.21 acre City property classified as a community park. Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community. The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016 has identified Poppleton Park as part of the park improvement plan for a variety of potential updates. In particular, it calls for analyzing the athletic fields, analyzing parking expansion and updating playground equipment at Poppleton Park.

In addition, as the result of a joint meeting of the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board from September 15, 2014 Poppleton Park was highlighted among others as a priority. As a result, the Parks and Recreation Board worked to prepare a park concept site plan that will assist in the planning for long-term recreational improvements. This will help serve a variety of tasks such as establishing priorities, timelines, budgeting and preparing action plans to address community concerns over the upcoming years.

ONGOING PROCESS

A Poppleton Park Public Workshop was held at the February 2, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The media, other interested parties and all Homeowner Association Presidents were sent notifications of all public meetings during this process. The Parks and Recreation Sub-committee reviewed all public input including all expressed ideas for the park and met on site in the park to determine all best interests in the creation of the concept plan. Input from local neighborhoods, residents and park and field users were prevalent during this entire process. The Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan was presented on October 5, 2016 at another Parks and Recreation Board meeting to endorse the concept site plan.

The outcome for the preliminary concept plan was generated based on the Public Workshop held in February, public communications, neighborhood requests, review of parking options and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan were all part of the review to establish a concept site plan for Poppleton Park. A concept site plan is the first step to establish a "wish list" for a particular city park. This then becomes a tool to assist with planning efforts and more public discussions going forward. Another ideal opportunity is to include this document as part of the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan which aids in applying for grants and garnering donations for possible site amenities in the years ahead.

CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS

New and Larger Inclusive Playground Area
Walking/Jogging Path
Shelter and Picnic Opportunities
Added Benches and Social Zones
Drinking Fountains
Natural Park Space Improved
New Green Space/Multi-use Field
Ballfield improvements, outfield
New Trees
"Access drive" to accommodate additional parking needs

↓ Feb. meeting did not discuss parking or entrance from Woodward, as it was noted there were access (deceleration needs) per MBOT that prevented such access. Attendees were happy with such no access allowed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is the objective for improving Poppleton Park?

A: As the second largest park classified as a community park, Poppleton Park has not received any significant improvements over the years and specific updates are called out in the current Master Plan. The 17.21 acre park is outdated and falls short on functioning as a community park. The objective through public meetings with the Parks and Recreation Board was to identify the desired upgrades and amenities for improving the park in order to develop a concept plan that can be used for future planning purposes.

most of these are existing amenities +/or would not warrant significant parking. The multi-use area already exists as useable grass open space and is used. CAB

Q: What is a Community Park?

A: Poppleton Park is one of our ten parks under this classification. Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. They may include areas of active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks can be either large in size, but also include smaller parks meant to serve the entire community.

Q: What additional site amenities warrant more parking on site?

A: A new and larger accessible playground area, two picnic shelters, walking trail, improved ballfield, existing tennis courts, multi-use level play area, sunning berm area, and more seating and conversation areas, as well as, the application of existing standards based on uses and facilities in the park.

Q: How many parking spaces currently exist at the park and why are additional parking spaces being proposed in the concept plan?

A: Today there are 14 lined parking spaces within the park. The number of recommended parking spaces is based on the proposed uses and what recreation facilities are located at the park site. The resource used most often to determine standards for best management practices for area space standards and parking ratios for outdoor recreation facilities is Area Space Standards and Parking Ratios for Outdoor Sport Facilities as outlined in *Time-Saver Standards for Landscape Architecture*. Typically, the rule of thumb is 60 spaces per field. The rationale for this is based on the number of users of a baseball field, including all players, coaches and spectators. This standard along with the additional site amenities being added resulted in the additional estimated spaces being proposed.

These are more often used for other city uses.

On-site parking comparisons between Poppleton and other community parks is as follows:

Park	Acres	# Parking Spaces	Spaces Per Acre
Barnum	9	37	4
Shain	2	50	25
Kenning	21.71	251	11.56
Poppleton	17.21	14	.81
Poppleton Proposed	17.21	102*	6*

* Estimated based on concept plan.

used for BRC, Ice arena dominantly.

Q: What is the proposed impact on trees in the park under the proposed concept plan?

A: Approximately 13 trees may be removed due to their location in the proposed improved multi-use level play area – not along Woodward Avenue. About 90 trees are planned to be added to the park as part of the estimated budget for the concept plan as prepared by M.C. Smith. This would provide a net increase of approximately 77 new trees in the park.

+ ones in proposed parking. These are likely all mature beautiful trees.
If Barnum parking^{lot} was removed + Shain + Kenning are essentially used other than park parking – these parks are still used freely, accessible, + enjoyable.³

→ Booth park is a perfect example – there is little specific parking for the park + is the most used. Could you imagine a parking lot stuck in there! It would be a work.
(# of compact users)

This is an inappropriate + misleading table comparison.

Q: Does the City typically add trees as part of it Park improvement projects?

A: Yes, as an example, the following community park projects received additional trees as part of their respective projects.

Fantastic!

Park	Type of Improvement	Number of trees added
Barnum	New Design	308
Shain	New Design	99
Kenning	Parking Lot Renovation	41
Poppleton	Park Renovation	90*

* Estimated based on concept plan.

Questions?

Should anyone have additional questions concerning the Poppleton Park concept plan, I encourage them to contact me directly at lwood@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1702 and I would be happy to assist them.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 4:39 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

For Parks Board packet. Thanks!

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From: **John Rusche** <JPRusche@aol.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 4:30 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

To: mnickita@bhamgov.org

Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

Dear Mayor Nickita,

In preparation for our December 8 and 12 meetings I would like to share some additional thoughts. Most neighborhood residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward. This parking lot is destined to become a major detriment to the neighborhood, and in all likelihood have a negative impact on property values. At best it will be used as a free parking lot for Birmingham workers. At worst it will become the go-to party place all summer long. It will not enhance our neighborhood park in any way.

Poppleton Park at 17 acres is classified as a community park. Why? From the Birmingham website: community parks are generally between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve residents within a three mile radius. Our 10 community parks are: Allen and Hunter House, Barnum Park & Ice Rink, Booth Park, Kenning Park, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, Lincoln Hills Dog Park, Poppleton Park, Quarton Lake, Shain Park, Springdale Park and Golf Course. These parks differ greatly in size and function, but they all had pre-existing parking, or ample room to build a parking lot. Paving a parking lot was not a shock to the neighborhood. Barnum was the site of a school built in 1912, with an addition on 1929. Shain and Kenning simply cannot be compared to Poppleton from a usage and parking perspective.

On-site parking for Poppleton Park is very understated in planning documents. There are 14 striped parking spaces near the tennis courts, but there is room for about 35 spaces on the dead-end street leading to the 14 spaces. In addition there are 35 parking spaces on the west side of Oxford nearer to the child play area. (I think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) So there are about 84 parking spaces without paving more green space. That's about 5 per acre.

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Best regards,

John Rusche

358 Henley Street

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[248-731-7068](tel:248-731-7068)

From: John Rusche [mailto:jprusche@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 10:43 AM

To: mnickita@bhamgov.org

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Dear Commissioner Nickita,

Hopefully you will be hearing from many residents of the Poppleton Park neighborhood regarding proposed improvements to our namesake park. Judging from comments on our Facebook Group page, most residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward.

We question the need. Adjacent to Poppleton park there are 30-35 parking places on the west side of Oxford. (I think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) I walk or drive on Oxford every day. It is very rare when most of the parking is occupied. And I believe it is rarer still that people are parking on the residential side streets. Removing the trees for parking will ruin the character of the park.

It would provide free all-day parking for Birmingham workers, just a short walk to downtown. Similar to what is happening at the Kroger parking lot.

It would also provide great parking and great views all summer long for what could become the Poppleton Park drag strip.

We would much rather have you spend available resources on a safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak Blvd. Also do something to make the landscaping on the west side of Woodward, across from Poppleton Park, look more attractive and better kept.

Finally, we would like to see the speed limit on Woodward reduced to 35 mph, as it is in Ferndale. It would greatly improve the sense of safety and walkability of our piece of Woodward. It wouldn't even delay the drivers very much. Without stopping for traffic signals, driving the two miles between 14 Mile and Big Beaver, at 45 mph takes 2 minutes 40 seconds. At 35 mph it takes 3 minutes 25 seconds, 45 seconds longer!



Thank you for the time and energy you give to our community.

Best regards,

John Ruscha
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept; No to Woodward access Parking lot & cutting down dozens of trees

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 3:06 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

Did you get this one?

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 7:54 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept; No to Woodward access Parking lot & cutting down dozens of trees

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Stuart Sherman** <sshernan@bhamgov.org>

Date: Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 11:12 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept; No to Woodward access Parking lot & cutting down dozens of trees

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Byrne <julie@jbyrneinteriors.com>

Date: November 27, 2016 at 8:08:21 PM EST

To: "sshernan@bhamgov.org" <sshernan@bhamgov.org>

Subject: **Poppleton Park Concept; No to Woodward access Parking lot & cutting down dozens of trees**

As a longtime resident of Poppleton Park (24) years, we have enjoyed using the park when our 3 boys were young for the playground/ baseball diamond & soccer fields. I have sat on the benches with the shade of the trees and enjoyed the undeveloped natural feel to the park as well as the lack of an access from Woodward which eliminated people who were not local or paying Birmingham taxes and using our park.

This current plan to update the park & spend 1.8 million dollars has shocked me into writing the city commissioners about my feelings on this issue.

With regards to adding more parking spaces, I have had 2 dogs since we have lived here & walk them twice a day past the park & the only times the lot is full is during baseball games & for the dream cruise. I am concerned about a Woodward access that will bring people (especially the cruisers on Fri. & Sat. nights into our neighborhood where they conveniently have a free place to park & as well as a bathroom to use that may get trashed as I have seen a lot of alcohol use whenever these people set up for an evening's entertainment of watching cars on Woodward even when it's not during the dream cruise.

Also you are now adding the cost of paving the bigger lot in the winter, police patrolling it, & maintenance clean up as parking lots get littered.

I feel 66 spaces is to many and needs to be reduced.

I understand your desire to make improvements to the park with the play area, adding drinking fountains, benches, running berm, etc but feel you should have it designed to keep the mature trees that exist already and not incur the expense of removing them & planting more trees.

As our elected officials I hope you will listen to the residents who use the park the most and be aware of our concerns and the need to make some changes to compromise with us when the park gets developed.

Thank you,

Julie Byrne

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—
Joseph A. Valentine

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Redevelopment concept plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Dec 1, 2016 at 9:21 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: "Mark Clemence" <mclemence@bhamgov.org>

Date: Dec 1, 2016 8:29 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Redevelopment concept plan

To: "Joe Valentine" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "Lauren Wood" <Lwood@bhamgov.org>, "Currier, Tim" <TCurrier@bhlaw.us.com>, "Grewe, Scott" <Sgrewe@bhamgov.org>

Cc:

Just an FYI. I received this e-mail.

Mark H. Clemence

Chief of Police

248-530-1875

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From: Lisa Kaminski <lgreenek@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 10:38 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park Redevelopment concept plan

To: mclemence@bhamgov.org, sgrewe@bhamgov.org

Gentlemen -

After enduring a 6-month assault on our neighborhood due to the Big Beaver closure, it appears the City is now planning a "redevelopment" of our sacred Poppleton Park.

In response to the residents' outrage of the "concept plan," the city has scheduled an "informational meeting" on Thursday, Dec 8 @ 6:30 in the city commission room at City Hall. We are expecting a large turnout.

We understand that as city employees, the police department employees probably can not take a position on this concept plan, which includes an 88-space parking lot with an ingress and egress directly off of Woodward Avenue, disrupting the safety and serenity of our park and our neighborhood. However, we, the residents of Poppleton Park neighborhood, would greatly appreciate the presence of police department personnel at this "informational" meeting, as it's obvious this proposed Woodward parking lot will greatly increase the workload of the BPD. Perhaps you will have questions or can offer another opinion and insight on the effect of this development on the neighborhood and surrounding area.

We hope you can attend this meeting on Thursday, Dec 8 @ 6:30 in the City commission room.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kaminski

Henley Street



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Proposal

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 11:18 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

New email, please copy for the meeting tomorrow night and add to our records.

Thanks!

Lauren Wood

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 11:17 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Proposal

To: Tim Doyle <timdoylephoto@aol.com>

Dear Mr. Doyle:

Thank you for your email regarding Poppleton Park.

Your email will also be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

In addition, because of your interest in Poppleton Park want to make you aware of the following upcoming meeting dates.

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On Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 11:07 AM, Tim Doyle <timdoylephoto@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Wood,

My wife and I live at 244 Wimbledon Drive. Our back yard borders the northwest corner of Poppleton Park. We have resided at this address since 1984 and have been Poppleton park residents since 1982. We have enjoyed the park and our children have grown up using it all of their lives. We now have a grandchild and our daughter is looking forward to visiting and having her child enjoy the park as she did as a child.

The proposed "improvement" of Poppleton Park will destroy the inherent quality of a neighborhood park. An 88 car parking area, located too close for comfort to our house, will only cause disruption to what is now a very peaceful and pleasant park.

The current parking area is never full so the need for new parking seems quite absurd. I understand the reasoning is to reduce the parking that occurs on Oxford Street. The parking that appears to occur on Oxford is for the small children's area located very near that particular street. Having 88 parking spaces off of Woodward will not change the parking habits for Oxford Street.

Woodward, beyond Maple, is already a race track and during the summer, with the lead up to the Dream Cruise, it becomes much worse. A parking lot located directly off Woodward will become a pit stop during the spring and summer months. This may not be what the planners have in mind but it is what will occur.

I strongly oppose the proposal to change Poppleton Park. The park has been a meeting place and a focal point to the community of the Poppleton Park area. This proposal, if carried forward, would destroy the integrity of a prized possession of our community.

Please do not let this occur.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Doyle
244 Wimbledon Drive
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[248-644-2577](tel:248-644-2577)



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 12:40 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

New email today, please handle accordingly.

Thanks again!

Lauren Wood

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 12:39 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Pamela Doyle <pamdoyle@aol.com>

Dear Mrs. Doyle:

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On Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 11:51 AM, Pamela Doyle <pamdoyle@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Wood:

I have recently become aware of the proposals for our beloved Poppleton Park and we are most upset over this current concept plan.

We have been in the Poppleton Park area since 1979 and bought our current home on Wimbleton in 1984. Part of the appeal of our current home is that it backs into the park and the park has been a hub for our family, friends, and neighbors over the years. The beautiful trees and quiet green area has hosted many family events and has been a constant source of calm and beauty as well as a lovely neighborhood gathering place.

Who decided to make these decisions as it would certainly not benefit our Poppleton Park community? How is community being defined in putting this proposal forward?

Removing trees and grass and putting a walkway right at the back of our home would destroy both our privacy and the current beauty of this neighborhood treasure. Is there really a suggestion to have a walkway going right across the back of all the houses on Wimbleton? How can this benefit the residents? It would certainly not enhance either our view of this green area and would greatly affect the privacy and security of our homes.

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Kind regards,
Pamela Doyle
244 Wimbleton Drive,
Birmingham, MI 48009



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 10:58 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add recent email to packet.

Thanks!

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From: "Pamela Doyle" <pamdoyle@aol.com>

Date: Dec 6, 2016 10:00 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc:

Dear Lauren,

Thank you for your email and the information about the meetings.

December is such a busy time for people and we are scheduled to be away until the 13th so unable to change things to be present at these important meetings. Will there be a decision at the December 12th meeting or is this a presentation of the scheme and letters to the city commissioners? Hopefully there will be more time for other community residents to respond to this proposal in January.

As an addendum to my earlier email, I remember that there had been some sort of proposal a few years ago to put a large berm along the Woodward edge of Poppleton Park which would have sheltered the residents and anyone in the park from the noise and traffic of Woodward. The suggestion of 88 parking places on Woodward is in direct contradiction to this earlier proposal.

We ask again, what is the community that is to be served by the current concept plan? It is not in the best interest of the Poppleton Park residents if this is being done for this community.

Would you please also share this email?

Kind regards,
Pam Doyle
244 Wimbledon,
Birmingham, MI 48009

-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

To: Pamela Doyle <pamdoyle@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, 5 Dec 2016 12:39

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Dear Mrs. Doyle:

Thank you for your email regarding Poppleton Park. I just sent this in reply to Mr. Doyle's email on same.

Your email will also be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

In addition, because of your interest in Poppleton Park want to make you aware of the following upcoming meeting dates.

If your schedule changes, below are the dates.

An informational meeting is set for **December 8th in the City Hall Commission Room at 6:30 PM** to review more information about the concept plan.

Following this on **December 12th** the Poppleton Park concept plan will be presented to the City Commission at their meeting which begins at **7:30 PM at City Hall**.

Thank you again for taking the time to write us and offer your comments about the Poppleton Park concept site plan.

Also, feel free to contact me anytime, I would be happy to go over your concerns.

Lauren

Lauren Wood

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On Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 11:51 AM, Pamela Doyle <pamdoyle@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Wood:

I have recently become aware of the proposals for our beloved Poppleton Park and we are most upset over this current concept plan.

We have been in the Poppleton Park area since 1979 and bought our current home on Wimbleton in 1984. Part of the appeal of our current home is that it backs into the park and the park has been a hub for our family, friends, and neighbors over the years. The beautiful trees and quiet green area has hosted many family events and has been a constant source of calm and beauty as well as a lovely neighborhood gathering place.

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Fwd: Correspondence dated 12/6/2016 re. Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 2:02 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add this email and attachment to the packet on Poppleton Park.

Thanks!

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Fwd: Correspondence dated 12/6/2016 re. Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>**Date:** December 6, 2016 at 1:52:45 PM EST**To:** Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>**Subject:** Fwd: Correspondence dated 12/6/2016 re. Poppleton Park Concept Plan**Mark Nickita**

Mayor

City of Birmingham, MI

"never worry about action- only about inaction"

- Winston Churchill

@MarkNickita on Twitter***Mark Nickita on FB***

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From: Katy Dobrowitsky <kdobrowitsky@gmail.com>**Date:** December 6, 2016 at 1:45:05 PM EST

12/6/2016

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Correspondence dated 12/6/2016 re. Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: rackyhoff@hotmail.com, mnickita@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org,
pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org,
ssherman@bhamgov.org

Cc: Josh D <joshd247@gmail.com>

Subject: Correspondence dated 12/6/2016 re. Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Dear Commissioners:

Please see attached correspondence related to the proposed Poppleton Park Concept Plan slated for discussion on 12/8 and vote on 12/12.

A copy has also been sent by U.S. Mail.

Sincerely,

Katy and Josh Dobrowitsky



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December 6, 2016

City Commission, c/o City Clerk
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Birmingham, MI 48009

By email and U.S. Mail

To the City Commissioners:

We write as concerned residents to urge you to amend the Poppleton Park concept plan as proposed and eliminate the parking lot accessible off Woodward Avenue. We welcome some of the improvements named in the plan, including updated play areas. We are strenuously opposed, however, to the portion of the plan that calls for 88 parking spaces accessible from Woodward.

The plan as proposed will adversely affect city residents. The plan calls for the removal of healthy, mature trees in order to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward. The removal of these trees will materially change the overall character of the park and the adjacent neighborhoods (Poppleton Park and Little San Francisco). As do many Birmingham residents, we use Poppleton Park regularly. In contrast to other city parks, we have observed that the parking lot off Oxford sits empty most of the time. There is no need for additional parking spaces, which would eliminate the open space and natural environment of the park and neighborhood.

Additionally, the parking lot will negatively affect all residents of Birmingham by increasing traffic and noise along Woodward. Regardless of the stated purpose of the 88 parking spaces, in practice the spaces will be used for overflow parking for individuals going to downtown Birmingham or viewing the dream cruise. Given the existing natural environment of the park, this is an inappropriate use of the space. Also, the lack of pedestrian crosswalks across Woodward will pose a safety hazard, especially in light of the increased traffic and noise created by the spaces themselves. These consequences will negatively affect all city residents.

We would request that the plan for 88 parking spaces accessible from Woodward be eliminated from the concept plan. We would request that the Commission instead spend available resources on a pedestrian-safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak, update existing play structures and areas, and plant more trees in Poppleton Park.

We ask that you amend the concept plan to eliminate the 88 parking spaces, or table the vote to approve the plan and request that it be reworked to better address the needs of our neighborhood and community. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Katy Dobrowitsky

Katy Dobrowitsky

Josh

Josh Dobrowitsky



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Meeting 12/8 - New Date Request / UPDATE EMAIL SEE BELOW

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 1:55 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Another email please.

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From: <blairdppe@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 11:28 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Meeting 12/8 - New Date Request / UPDATE EMAIL SEE BELOW

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Ms. Wood - Hi Lauren,

I am writing today regarding the proposed Concept Plan for Poppleton Park. We have become acutely aware of the scope of this proposed project and would like to share our opinions with you about the Concept Plan. Dick & I attended the Public Workshop Meeting on February 2, 2016, and I attended the Public Input Session on October 5, 2016. For clarity, our home is adjacent to the park, NW corner of Rivenoak and Oxford. We have owned and occupied our home for 24 years.

We are aware that there has been discussion for 2+ years now about modifications and improvements to the park. It is our opinion that

THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT is what has many of our neighbors & Birmingham residents are most concerned with. We share the SCOPE opinion.

Here's how we see it and what needs further clarification and explanation:

The "Community Park" definition and how we got there... 17.21 Acres .. how it is to be "used" - the Kenning Park scenario (Board Meeting 9/13 Therese Long) Poppleton is not comparable to any of the other city "Community Parks" and will not be turned into a Kenning Park ..

Proposed parking lot off of Woodward. Really - why ? We think the "discussion and public comments" from the 2 meetings has been exaggerated by the City & has morphed from neighbors talking about potential traffic & parking pushed up side streets (Mohegan, Kennesaw, Rivenoak) during busy park use (end of school year picnic events, baseball tournaments in the Spring-Summer months) to an alternate concept of a 88 space parking lot off of Woodward Ave. This Woodward parking lot proposal is all wrong. Period.

Trees, trees, trees. Adding trees - yes! Removing mature trees for pavement and picnic shelter areas and a walkway system - no!

The walkway system. Overkill. Too many & 8' ft wide. Scratch the E/W walkway behind all of the houses on the South side of Wimbleton. No walkway around the perimeter of the ball field.

Picnic Shelter Areas. General concern about the Woodward / Abbey St. shelter. 40' ft. round. What is the plan for the existing access off of Abbey St. ? Group use of the Springdale Park shelters requires residency in Birmingham. Would this be the same requirement for Poppleton Park use?

Port-A-Potty Enclosure. Do all Community Parks now require a permanent enclosure? Location near Oxford & Kennesaw. Is this the ONLY place to place ? Re-think this. Please.

And finally, the obvious ~

It's a great plan to UPGRADE and ADD a NEW universally ADA compliant accessible play area, a NEW 2-5 yr. old play area, barrier free parking on Oxford, more park benches and a sunning berm. Improved field drainage in the beautiful natural green space appears to be a solid and smart use of our tax dollars.

And finally, leave the multi-level play area as is. Keep the park as natural and green as possible. Our tax dollars can be better used elsewhere.

That is prudent COMMUNITY use.

Thank you Lauren for your time and efforts. Please share this email with all concerned!

Patty & Dick Blair
485 Rivenoak St.

On Monday, November 21, 2016 10:16 AM, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Patty and Dick,

Thank you for your request of an alternative date for the informational session about the Poppleton Park concept site plan. While we recognize not everyone may be able to attend a particular meeting, we have attempted to schedule this extra informational meeting several weeks out while arranging the schedules for those involved in presenting at this special informational meeting. In doing so, we also had to accommodate this informational meeting prior to the presentation of the concept plan to the City Commission before the end of the year, which is set for December 12th. Therefore, this added informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan has been scheduled for December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

While we regret the selected date may not work for all residents, we certainly do want to accommodate those unable to attend and ensure everyone has correct information about the plan to formulate their position for either support, opposition or modification of the concept plan. As a result, the information presented during the informational meeting will be made available on the City website, as well as, hard copies available at the meeting and at Department of Public Services office following the meeting. We also plan on placing a notice at the park announcing the informational meeting details.

Lauren

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On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:41 PM, <blairdppe@yahoo.com> wrote:

Ms. Wood - Hi Lauren,

We are in agreement with many neighbors and would like to change the Poppleton Park concept update / informational meeting to January 26th, 2017. Location to be determined, Derby MS preferred.

Thank you,

Patty & Dick Blair
485 Rivenoak St.
Birmingham, MI 48009



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park concept plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 9:47 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add if not already in our packet for Poppleton.

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From: **Allison Klein** <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 7:33 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park concept plan

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Hi Ms Wood -

I may have missed it as I leafed through the packet tonight, but could you please be sure that the email below is included when info is sent to the commission?

Also, I forgot to ask tonight but do you know who from the city is expected to attend the Thursday info session? Will Ms Longe be there? Are any of the commissioners planning to attend to your knowledge?

Thank you,
Allison

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>**Date:** November 10, 2016 at 1:22:42 PM EST**To:** rackyhoff@hotmail.com, mnickita@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org**Cc:** Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, jvalentine@bhamgov.org, "Klein, Eric" <eklein@dykema.com>**Subject:** Poppleton Park concept plan

To the Birmingham City Commissioners:

I am writing in regard to the concept plan for Poppleton Park. By way of background, my family has lived in Poppleton for 3 years. Our children are 4 years, 2 years, and 3 months old, and we are frequent users of the park (several times a week year-round). The park was one of the main features which drew us to this neighborhood. Its open, flexible recreational areas, large natural green space, and mature trees make it unique among Birmingham parks. Unlike so many of the parks with more formally structured areas, Poppleton offers a welcome expanse of natural, less manicured beauty to the city. Aside from being a

great space for our family to play, it also provides a much needed buffer between the neighborhood and the noise, traffic, and bustle of Woodward Avenue.

I attended the February 2016 Parks Department meeting aimed at soliciting community input. The packed, standing room only audience concurred with the above sentiments. The feedback was overwhelmingly negative from residents to ideas of significant development to the park. Over and over, residents indicated that while the playground equipment could use some modernization, there was strong opposition to adding an athletic field, parking, significant hardscaping throughout the park and more. In the discussion of parking specifically, the consultant at the February 2016 meeting indicated that a parking lot with an entrance off Woodward was practically a non-starter given issues with the approach speeds. Residents who live directly adjacent to the park also noted in the meeting that they are not bothered by the current parking. More specifically, on the perhaps 2 or 3 most crowded days of the year when the softball game parking overflows the lots, the cars on the streets are not viewed as a problem. I do not believe the minutes from that meeting adequately express the volume of opposition from the residents attending to the plan.

In light of all of the above, perhaps you can imagine the dismay and anger that I and so many of my neighbors are feeling in response to the concept plan approved by the Parks Department. It seems that the department has paid lip service to resident input and has ignored most of it. Let me present specifically what my family's concerns with the plan are:

1) Parking.

There are 2 issues with the parking recommendations in the concept plan - number of spaces and access.

The number of recommended parking spaces in the concept plan is based on the Time-Saver Standards for Landscape Architecture which suggests 60 spaces per athletic field. It is apparent that the authors of the concept plan relying on this figure have not spent time in Poppleton Park to see that nowhere near this number of spaces is merited. There are less than a handful of softball games each year where parking may overflow the current lot, and when that happens the users park along the surrounding streets without incident. While there seems to be some outside judgement that more spaces for the park are necessary, there has been no objective study to my knowledge of the current situation to support that need. What is the average daily use of the current lot at Poppleton? How many days per year does that parking lot overflow and require cars to park along its access road? I believe you need to verify whether there is a problem before you jump to offering a solution, and in my opinion and that of many neighbors, there is no problem. How can Poppleton Park be compared to Shain Park for parking guidance, as an example in Ms. Woods' November 7, 2016 memo, when the street parking there is used by visitors to access the businesses in town and there are no immediately adjacent homes to consider?

The proposed access to the new parking lot off Woodward Avenue is extremely problematic. Not only will this require removal of mature trees to accommodate, but it will provide the largest free parking lot along Woodward for miles in each direction subsidized by Birmingham resident tax dollars. We already have significant impact at our home from traffic noise despite being several blocks removed from Woodward. Adding a new hang-out for cruisers and drag racers who race along this stretch of Woodward all summer long will only compound this. Who will clean the lot of all the litter that people loitering in these lots leave, as business owners with parking along Woodward have already indicated is problematic during cruising season? Office workers along Woodward who already use the Kroger and other lots would be more than happy to park and walk from the proposed lot. Birmingham should address its parking issues through its own municipal lots, not be creating a new lot in a community park.

2) Picnic shelters.

Two picnic shelters are proposed in the concept plan. While we do like having some limited picnic seating available, the size and design of these shelters is concerning. We do not want significant hardscaping throughout the park to accommodate these. When we visit Barnum Park where such work was done, we rarely see these shelters being utilized. Moreover there is a very large shelter just up the road at Springdale Park which seems to be very little used. What is the rental data for the Springdale shelter? Does the data suggest that there is an objective need for more of this type of structure in Birmingham? As every resident at the February 2016 meeting indicated, we prefer a natural, park-like setting versus an overly constructed and manicured look; there are approaches for adding small and limited seating areas that hew to this preference more than building out two large picnic shelters.

3) Walking paths.

Again, we strongly advocate for a more natural look for Poppleton Park. Not everything in Birmingham needs to be manicured and "perfect." Our family walks, runs, rolls, and romps across the fields - this freedom of movement in an unplanned area is important to us! If the ground is wet we wear boots or wash

our clothes afterwards. More and more guidance suggests that we are overly structuring the lives and environments for our children. We do not need to have prescribed walking paths in a park (particularly when these paths abut the backyards of our neighbors on Wimbledon). People that would like to have solid walking paths are welcome to use the sidewalks that surround the park and extend throughout the neighborhood.

4) Tree removal.

Removing any mature trees in order to accommodate the features of the proposed plan, particularly parking and picnic shelters, is alarming. The existing trees provide beauty, environmental benefits, and a break wall between Woodward and our neighborhood. Planting new trees to make up for removal simply is not adequate - a young newly planted tree does not provide the same benefits as the mature trees which we already have.

In summary, we strongly request that the commission reject the concept plan in its current state. The Parks Department should be required to further study the existing park, gathering objective data about its actual use and more sincerely listening to and reflecting the opinions of the neighboring residents who are by and large its primary users. There is a very strong feeling among our neighbors that the Department has proposed solutions to problems that simply do not exist, that is has enumerated a list of features that someone thinks would be nice to have somewhere without providing any regard for what residents truly need and want.

Moreover I would be concerned as a commissioner about the level of mistrust that this process has engendered in our neighborhood. When neighbors begin voicing fears that our concerns are being railroaded by the city in order to serve the ulterior motive of providing parking to aid future rapid transit plans, it is clear that the current process has not worked. We and the many neighbors who took time to attend meetings and write letters do not feel we have been heard.

Please listen to the residents who have elected you to office. We are not anti-development or anti-progress when it comes to our park (I have copied the email below I previously sent to the Parks Department with my family's specific recommendations about development). Rather we wish it to be done in a way which respects the park's natural beauty and will not lower housing values, increase security concerns and have a long term, undesirable impact on our neighborhood.

Best regards,
Allison Klein

734 Rivenoak St.
[248-227-8303](tel:248-227-8303)

March 3, 2016

Dear Ms. Wood and the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department,

I am writing to provide my input on the evaluation of possible updates to Poppleton Park. While I attended the February meeting at which you received a great deal of resident feedback, I wanted to follow up to add some additional points from our family's perspective. As background, we have lived in Poppleton on Rivenoak Street for 2.5 years, and we have 2 small children (3.5 years and 1.5 years) with one more on the way, so we are very frequent park users (multiple times per week).

Overall, we agree wholeheartedly with the prevailing sentiment expressed at the meeting that we do not want to see Poppleton Park become overdesigned. The great appeal of this park, in particular the expansive field between the play structure and Woodward Avenue, is that it provides an open, natural, and unplanned green area – something that is not as common among Birmingham parks. We would be extremely disappointed to see major formal engineered additions like vast hardscaped areas, a soccer field, etc.

While not supportive of vast changes to the park, we do feel there is some minor work that could improve upon its existing structure.

1. Seating area away from play structure. While we tend to gather by the play structure due to having small children, we understand that not all of our neighbors want to be within hearing distance of this more raucous area. A nicely landscaped area with several benches in conversational grouping would be a welcome addition, and perhaps could be located along the Oxford Street side somewhere midway between the play structure and Rivenoak Street in a way that would take advantage of shade trees already there.

2. New play structure. While the current play structure has several good features and is heavily used, new equipment could help address a few safety concerns and be even better designed for younger and older children alike. The current structure does a really good job of being accessible to small children (mine have played on it before they've turned 1 year old) thanks to the ramp and low height – we would certainly like to see similar accessibility for the youngest children in a new structure. It also has the benefit of being relatively free-form and non-prescriptive about the equipment uses. Unfortunately we have not found this to be the case with other recently redesigned Birmingham parks. The equipment at Barnum is simply too uni-task and frankly not fun to my children – the items are heavy and difficult to manipulate and do not provide the opportunity for free exploration and movement the way a single larger climb-on structure (such as Poppleton's current) does. Booth Park's equipment is not conducive to allowing young children to play independently – it is too difficult to track their location in the maze like older children's structure, and the younger children's areas do not provide enough interest to capture their attention. Overall, we feel a structure similar to the current Poppleton structure but in updated (non-rusted) materials is the best approach (or similar to what is found at Beverly Park).

3. Swings. Our main concern with the swings is that the "baby" swings are so far away from all of the other play equipment, so it can be difficult to keep an eye on our children at once when they want to use these different sections. We would also recommend one additional baby swing and having them placed in an area to receive as much shade as possible throughout the day – all parents we've seen at the park with very small children do their best to keep them well shaded from the sun.

4. New sandbox area with shade. This is a very popular feature at the park and should be kept. It would be nice to include umbrella coverage similar to Barnum Park to extend the shade that is sometimes provided by the nearby tree. The heavy metal excavator in the sandbox currently should be removed and not replaced. This piece of equipment is very heavy and difficult to use, such that only older kids are able to use it independently, and when they swing the scoop around they are risking injury to the small children who are always sitting and playing in the sand.

5. Improved bench and picnic seating by play structure. More thoughtful placement of benches and picnic tables would benefit this area, again with an eye toward providing shaded options and benches within close proximity to the equipment for parents to keep an eye on playing children. This does not need to be one large formal seating space with pergola as in Barnum Park – again, that space is more over-designed and hardscaped than what residents prefer for Poppleton.

We do not agree with suggestions to add bathroom facilities or after-hours lighting as some had suggested at the meeting.

We understand from the brief discussion at the February meeting that universal accessibility may be an issue in updating playground equipment. We feel these potential issues need to be made very explicit to residents in future meetings when it comes to making selections for new playground equipment, etc. so that we may better understand the tradeoffs between accessibility requirements and keeping the more naturalistic setting that is preferred for this park. We do not want to see yards and yards of paved paths and artificial turf as in Barnum Park, particularly when the need for such accommodations has not yet been determined, to our knowledge, one way or the other by any hard data.

Thank you for taking the time and expense to evaluate options for Poppleton Park. It is an incredible feature of our neighborhood and one we have strong opinions about! We are happy to clarify anything above if you need further information and will be happy to continue being involved in this process moving forward.

Thank you,

The Klein Family

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton park

2 messages

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Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:07 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Stephen Nesbitt** <nesbitt.stephen@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Wood

Our family has lived on Wimbleton for over 55 years. Over that time, the park has been a constant source of calm in our community as a result of the park's wide swath of natural green space. It has contributed a wonderful sense of well-being and has acted as a strong buffer to the increasing noise and traffic of Woodward.

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:09 PM

Include my reply, too.

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>
Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:09 PM
Subject: Re: Poppleton park
To: Stephen Nesbitt <nesbitt.stephen@gmail.com>

Hi Mr. Nesbitt,

Thanks for your email about Poppleton Park.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

In addition, because of your interest in Poppleton Park want to make you aware of the following upcoming meeting dates.

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Also, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks again!

Lauren

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Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:13 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 12:49 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

Mayor

City of Birmingham, MI

"never worry about action- only about inaction"
- Winston Churchill

@MarkNickita on Twitter**Mark Nickita on FB**

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Date: December 7, 2016 at 10:30:50 PM EST

To: <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>,

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<pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>,

<aharris@bhamgov.org> <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>

Subject: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

Reply-To: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We are 23 year residents of Birmingham.

Hopefully you will be hearing from many residents of the Poppleton Park neighborhood regarding proposed improvements to our namesake park. Judging from comments on our Facebook Group page, most residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward.

We question the need. Adjacent to Poppleton park there are 30-35 parking places on the west side of Oxford. (We think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) We walk or drive on Oxford every day. It is very rare when most of the parking is occupied. And we believe it is rarer still that people are parking on the residential side streets. Removing the trees for parking will ruin the character of the park. It is a park and parks are supposed to be green areas that have trees.

It would provide free all-day parking for Birmingham workers, just a short walk to downtown. Similar to what is happening at the Kroger parking lot.

It would also provide great parking and great views all summer long for what could become the Poppleton Park drag strip.

We would much rather have you spend available resources on a safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak Blvd! Also do something to make the landscaping on the west side of Woodward, across from Poppleton Park, look more attractive and better kept.

Finally, we would like to see the speed limit on Woodward reduced to 35 mph, as it is in Ferndale. It would greatly improve the sense of safety and walkability of our piece of Woodward. It wouldn't even delay the drivers very much. Without stopping for traffic signals, driving the two miles between 14 Mile and Big Beaver, at 45 mph takes 2 minutes 40 seconds. At 35 mph it takes 3 minutes 25 seconds. 45 seconds longer!

Thank you for the time and energy you give to our community.

Best regards,

Mark and Victoria Memmer

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Poppleton Park

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: powerswriter@gmail.com
Cc: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Hi Rebecca,

Connie Folk forwarded your email to me.

Thank you for your email regarding Poppleton Park.

Your email will also be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Sorry you were unable to attend the informational meeting last night to review more information about the concept plan.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write us and offer your comments about the Poppleton Park concept site plan.

Also, feel free to contact me anytime, I would be happy to go over your concerns.

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:41 AM

Please add to the packet for today.

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From: **matt sullivan** <matt_sulli@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Joe & Lauren,

I was at the meeting last night, and although I am for Poppleton Park being re-done, I did not speak up. I did speak on the record at meeting in October, and I continue to believe that Birmingham has done a great job on the previous park upgrades. I did not speak last night because I didn't feel that it would have done any good, and I didn't feel comfortable doing so given the emotion in that room. I feel bad for what you had to endure. It couldn't have been easy, but you did a great job!

I know many people in Poppleton Park and other areas of Birmingham that support a facelift to the park. The "against" crowd is well organized, and with so many retirees, I believe they will always be more vocal and present. I do understand some of their concerns, although I don't believe they should be show stoppers to some kind of facelift for the park. I believe it is a PUBLIC park, not a private park for Poppleton residents, which I truly believe many of them feel.

Parking is obviously the biggest issue, but I believe most in that room want absolutely nothing done, and they're using the parking as their catalyst to stop progress. IF more parking is a must (I'm not sure that it is), I like the idea of parking off Woodward. I like this idea mainly because it's better than any other alternative, and I think it's a creative solution.

What I'm most passionate about is paths being added. Joggers, walkers, parents pushing strollers, older folks who need assistance, and most importantly handicapped and wheelchair bound people would greatly benefit. Picnic tables, benches, upgraded playground, and porta potty's are all nice additions.

Anyway, thanks for doing a great job with the parks, and the city in general. I appreciate your efforts, and contrary to many in the room, I think you do a great job communicating what's happening.

Thanks again for your service to the city,

Matt Sullivan

647 Madison St.

On November 11, 2016 at 4:34 PM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Below is some information for you about an upcoming meeting on this concept plan.

We are in receipt of your recent emails and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

Lauren

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM, matt sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

That no tree removal is huge. However, I truly believe that they are just using the "save the tree" argument as the most justifiable approach to fight parking. The real issue is that they're scared of what a parking lot might bring to their park. Being on M1, they believe it will lead to loitering and other safety issues. And at the end of the day, many of the "no parking lot" contingent are for doing nothing at all...but it's the parking that they're using as the catalyst in their fight. They're prepping letters to commissioners, getting signatures, stoking fear...and their passion is high. So, you might see some emotion and animosity at the next informational meeting. Whatever I can do to help, please let me know.

Thanks, Lauren.

Matt

On November 11, 2016 at 11:48 AM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your email and comments. Your input and support with this concept plan is appreciated.

I will send you a follow-up email as we will be setting an informational meeting to address some of the questions about the plan.

As a side note, the number of parking spaces is still to be determined. The initial 88 on the concept plan just shows the maximum amount possible at that location. It offers the least amount of disruption to the park open space and no tree removal is required, thus far.

Thanks again!

Lauren

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On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 1:47 PM, Matt Sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for the work you do on the Parks Board. I am for the updating of Poppleton Park...but based solely on the Poppleton Park Facebook page, I know that many of my neighbors are not. I was quoted in the Eccentric's article a couple weeks ago as being for some upgrades. I've talked to many neighbors since then, and know that some are in favor, while many are not. From what I can tell, parking is the biggest issue...many want nothing to do with additional parking. That said, I think they may be using the parking issue as a catalyst for not doing anything at all. I hope this is not true, but it's the feeling I get, especially when reading the FB comments. I would like to help the cause in whatever way would be useful, but I'm not sure what that is. I'm not at all married to one particular idea over another, and in fact, I agree with many that adding 86 spots is way too many. But I do believe that it's beyond time that the Park should be upgraded in some meaningful way that lends to more community and neighborhood usage. If you have any suggestions as to how I may be able to help, please let me know. Thanks again.

Matt Sullivan
248-703-6642

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:58 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add to packet for me.

Thanks!

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

To: Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Hi Eric,

Thank you for your email on this concept plan for Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interested in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:45 PM, Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Commission:

My name is Eric Klein and I live at 734 Rivenoak St. I am writing to you in hopes of persuading you to that the parking lot proposed in the concept plan for Poppleton Park should NOT be approved.

The park was one of the main features which drew my family to this neighborhood. Its open, flexible recreational areas, large natural green space, and mature trees make it unique among Birmingham parks. Unlike so many of the parks with more formally structured areas, Poppleton offers a welcome expanse of natural, less manicured beauty to the city.

I just got back from the informational session held at City Hall regarding the concept plan, and the near universal sentiment of the over 100 residents in attendance, as Ms. Wood and Mr. Valentine could attest, was that the parking lot is a bad idea that would forever change the feel and beauty of our park. When asked who was in favor of the parking lot, one person raised his hand. When asked who was opposed to the parking lot, everyone else in the room raised his/her hand. The opinion of the residents, those who you represent, is clear. Please take that into consideration when you vote on Monday and please reject the parking lot as part of the concept plan.

The other point I would like to make is that the Concept Plan does not reflect the public opinion that I have heard at the February 2016 Parks Department meeting or on social media (our neighborhood has a FaceBook page and the near universal sentiment is that the parking lot should be scrapped). The feedback at the February 2016 meeting was overwhelmingly negative from residents to ideas of significant development to the park. There was strong opposition to adding parking, significant hardscaping throughout the park, and more. In the discussion of parking specifically, the consultant at the February 2016 meeting indicated that a parking lot with an entrance off Woodward was practically a non-starter given issues with the approach speeds. Residents who live directly adjacent to the park also noted in the meeting that they are not bothered by the current parking. Thus, the Concept Plan does not represent the sentiment of the residents and should be seriously questioned by the Commission. This is not a time for rubber stamping the Concept Plan for Poppleton Park because the residents do not feel it reflects their input or opinion, especially with respect to the parking lot.

Please take the time to review the emails and comments made by the residents regarding this very important issue. I look forward to seeing you all Monday night.

Best regards,
Eric



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:16 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **John Fulgenzi** <johnf@doublejackelectric.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

Joe,

My name is John Fulgenzi, I live at 655 Madison, I have 2 children, a special needs son who is 10 and a 6 year old daughter.

My family supports the Poppleton Park Concept. We frequent the park and believe it's outdated and underutilized.

I think the concept is well thought out and a significant up grade. I like the Woodward access to keep traffic out of our neighborhood.

The citizens of most communities would be thrilled with City spending money to upgrade this beautiful property.

It is my opinion that the vocal opposition is a small older minority that simply rejects change.

These are not the people I see in the park on a regular basis with their children. These are the same people that vote against our school millage.

The Poppleton Park neighborhood has a rapidly changing demographic. It gets younger every month. We have roughly forty kids on our street under the age of 14.

Unfortunately those of us who support the concept do not have time to create surveys, attend meetings, and blog on line because we disagree our neighbors.

We have small children and jobs with limited amount of time to voice our support.

The opposition has played a card from our current political environment by spreading fear and misinformation about the Park plan to meet their goals.

I understand it will be impossible to create a concept that everyone can agree on.

I will do my part to rally our neighbors to support this concept. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

John J. Fulgenzi

President

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park plan

To: David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com>

Hello Dave,

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 8:19 PM, David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms Wood -

Thank you for the presentation Monday

As one of the minority of supporters (based on the informal straw poll) , I feel that the central issue is vision: whether people want an empty green space by their house (like poppleton is now, and the Greenbelt comment), or a well used park that serves the whole community like you suggested. When I lived 1.5 miles south of the park, I would drive by, but it never occurred to me to use the park – I didn't even know how to get in

Since I live closer to Adams Park, where the project appears to have consensus, I can live with Poppleton having

lower priority, but I think it's unfortunate that tonight's audience comments were focused on NIMBY factors rather than the opportunity for the wider community

Sent from my iPhone

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Christine and Brad,

Thank you for your email about Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:18 PM, Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commission,

I implore you to reject the Poppleton Park concept plan on the agenda for Monday December 12, 2016. I am a resident at 282 Wimbledon. My property directly abuts the park. I have several issues with the concept plan as do many of my neighbors. I was in attendance at the informational meeting on Dec. 8, along with over 100 of my neighbors. We were disappointed to hear that this was an informational meeting about the park and there weren't any commission members in attendance to hear our concerns. It would have been nice for you to attend so you could hear the almost unanimous opposition to this concept plan. Here are my main issues with this plan:

1. **Parking along Woodward.** Why do we need 88 spaces with direct access off of Woodward? As you may be aware, whenever the weather is above 50 degrees, the cruisers come out and rev up their engines on Woodward. We cannot open our windows on summer nights because of all the noise from cruising. This parking area will invite loitering, car shows, stops to use the port-a-potties, and trash. I believe it's also a safety issue for the children at the park. There are no other parks that have direct access from Woodward along the corridor from Palmer Park in Detroit up to Pontiac. The Parks and Rec board had input from the neighborhood that no new parking was desired, but they blatantly disregarded the desire of immediate neighbors. The reasoning they provided for this parking was that some residents wanted to eliminate access through the neighborhood and parking along Oxford. This concept plan does nothing to alleviate those issues, the existing parking with access from Rivenoak remains on the plan. The new proposed parking along Woodward is so far from the playground area, families will still park along Oxford so they can have closer access to the playground. I also fear that this parking lot will turn into a commuter lot for offices across Woodward.
2. **The Maze of Pathways.** Why do we need a "track" along the perimeter of the green space? Again, several residents were opposed to this concept and it fell on deaf ears. I am particularly concerned about this as my backyard abuts the park and the path will run very close to my fenceline. I have two small children and I fear that I would be too scared to let them play in the backyard in fear that this path will direct too many strangers close to my property. The greenspace does not need designated paths... leave it green! I understand a pathway to access the playground, but if you eliminate the Woodward access parking, you can eliminate the path. We already have a wonderful network of sidewalks in our city. Please use some resources to complete the sidewalk at the west end of Wimbledon so there can be a completed loop of sidewalk to walk around the park.
3. **The concept plan development process.** I was only aware of two meetings to get input from residents about this concept plan, one in February 2016 and one in October 2016. I was only made aware of these through our neighborhood facebook page. I had no direct mailing from the city about providing input for the concept plan. My property will be directly affected by any changes that will be made to the park. I wish the Parks and Rec board and the consultants preparing the plan would have used a more inclusive forum to get input about changes to the park. A neighborhood survey would have been nice. The Parks and Rec board has been requested to rescind their approval of this plan, but this also has fallen on deaf ears. There are hundreds of Poppleton Park neighborhood residents opposed to this plan, and no one seems to be hearing our concerns.

I would recommend you reject this plan on Monday night. Lets bring it back to the drawing board, so that the residents can have more input on the concept of this park. It seems that the majority opinion is getting lost in the "process". We all know that this plan is "conceptual". In my experience as an architect and a city planner, I am well aware that once these things get down on paper, it is taken as "the Plan". I have a hard time believing that once funding is secured and the city is ready to move forward implementing the plan that the parking or paths will be taken off. Lets save the City from headaches later down the road and develop a smarter concept with actual input from the neighbors who regularly use the park.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

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Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

To: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

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Good Morning Lisa,

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Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 10:26 PM, Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com> wrote:

Below is my original letter sent to you on Nov 2, '16.

150+ residents gathered this evening to listen to Ms. Wood "explain" the process.

At Monday's city commission meeting we will be requesting that you DO NOT PASS the Poppleton Park concept plan.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kaminski

950 Henley St.(Poppleton neighborhood)

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From: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:36 PM

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Subject: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Commissioners -

As an 18-year resident of wonderful the Poppleton Park neighborhood, I am writing to vehemently oppose the "concept plan" for Poppleton Park. There are a couple of possibly good ideas, ie, ADA playground equipment and PERHAPS a paved path from the existing parking lot to the playground. The remaining suggestions are not needed or wanted. A parking lot with an entrance off of Woodward is, in my opinion, absurd! If a few added parking spaces are needed, then increase the size of the cul-de-sac to accommodate additional parking and add 2-3 handicapped spots right on the street.

Birmingham is touted as a "walkable" city, yet the entire northeast quadrant, known as the Poppleton Park neighborhood is totally reliant on only ONE safe crosswalk to access downtown. The focus should be on walkability. It is almost a mile from my house near Manor Park to the Madison/Oakland crosswalk over Woodward. Our neighborhood now has twice the number of school-aged children as it did when we moved in. Our city leaders should be focusing on a safe crosswalk at Oak, slowing down the Woodward Autobahn traffic and a deceleration lane when entering our neighborhood at Wimbleton. We just endured a 6-month assault on our neighborhood from cut-thru traffic during the Big Beaver reconstruction. Thousands of cars entering off of Woodward to cut through was so incredibly dangerous...and still is!! because of no deceleration lane.

Also, how about directing focus on the defacement and vandalism of the Adams Road railroad overpass that I look at every day when I walk my dog on the Adams Road service drive? My neighbor has been asking for help from the City for seven months! I don't remember it ever being this bad in the 18 years we've lived here. Take care of this mess! Install a camera to monitor vandalism on the underpass like the city has installed at other "problem" areas and intersections, that are then monitored by the police department.

The citizens of Birmingham will better utilize Poppleton Park if they have safe access; riding bikes, walking, jogging, pushing strollers, and can SAFELY cross Woodward on foot. That is how you can improve the utilization of Poppleton Park. Cutting down a dozen-plus trees and allowing cars traveling at 50-60 MPH to swerve into a parking lot IS NOT the way to "IMPROVE" the park for community use. This Woodward-accessible parking lot will invite a whole host of unwanted issues:

- 1-Dream cruisers parked and hanging out 5 months of the year. Creating traffic, noise, trash, loitering.
- 2-Daytime parkers who want to park for free and then cross into town to work. The Kroger parking lot has now been overtaken by "workers" from the new retirement community at Maple and Poppleton.
- 3-Disrupting the quiet "environmentally-sensitive" nature of the park as it now stands.
- 4-Subjecting the people in the San Francisco neighborhood to all of the above, as well as headlights coming and going.
- 5-This will become the Woodward Rest Stop. People who have to "hit the John" on their way home will pull in and utilize the new, permanent porto-Johns that are proposed.
- 6-Safety of children playing at the park.
- 7-Home values.
- 8-Removing a dozen or more mature trees to accommodate all of the above????

If you live in the Poppleton neighborhood you know that part of its charm and character is the quiet park that buffers the incredible noise and traffic on Woodward. The noise from Maple, Quarton or Cranbrook roads is NOTHING compared to the freeway sounds from Woodward traffic. The people of Birmingham know how to access this park.

As to the touted designation as a "Community Park." The master plan on your website indicates that park designations are "suggested" by some National Parks and Rec Association. Their recommendation is a neighborhood park covers 5-10 acres, while the "community park" designation covers those 30-50 acres. Poppleton Park is 17.2 acres, which makes it more akin to a "neighborhood park." This comes directly from the Birmingham Master Plan on the website.

There are plenty of "activity-saturated" parks in the city. What's wrong with open green space??? Most people I've talked to think Barnum Park has been a debacle. The people of Poppleton think the park is generally fine just the way it is. Please take care of and address the real problems mentioned above. We are a large community who will stand together on this issue and we are mobilizing. Please preserve Poppleton Park and work to make it more accessible ON FOOT, by its citizens and taxpayers.

Lisa Kaminski

(18-year resident and taxpayer, three children ages 22, 19, 18)



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Fwd: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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To: John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com>

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John,

I am in receipt of your email today. It was nice seeing you last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Your previous emails on same will also be provided to the City Commission and Parks Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate all of your time and input.

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:16 AM, John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

We attended the informational meeting last night. Many thanks to Joe Valentine and Lauren Wood for presenting the information and answering the many questions.

The meeting was standing room only in the Commission Room – around 100 people. There was no sign-in sheet and no minutes taken. Nearly everyone in attendance is opposed to the 88 space parking lot along Woodward. A show of hands was asked for and maybe three people were in favor of it. I counted one, but was told there were three.

There are many good parts to the plan, but we cannot focus on them until this Woodward parking is resolved.

We are opposed to the 88 space parking lot entered and exited from Woodward. That portion of the concept should be rejected by the City Commission. Generations before us realized it is not a good idea. That is why the entrances to Poppleton Park face the neighborhood.

Birmingham Parks should primarily benefit our taxpayers. A Woodward parking lot will primarily benefit others to the detriment of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. It is likely to reduce our property values.

Birmingham workers will use it as free parking. That's fairly harmless. But why should we pay for it under the guise of a park improvement? Most important, on summer nights speeding, drag racing and noise violations on Woodward, past Poppleton Park, are common occurrences. A parking lot perfectly placed for spectators and participants, and as a rest stop for cruisers, can only encourage this. More noise, crowds and speeding cannot enhance property values. We learned during the meeting that many businesses along Woodward with "pull-in/pull-out" parking are faced with cleaning up trash every morning. Do our city workers and police need this added burden?

The destruction of mature trees and open grass area to build this parking lot is remarkable. I estimate it will be 60 feet wide and 440 feet long. That is the length of 1-1/2 football fields. Visualize pavement about half as wide as a football field, and 1-1/2 times as long.

Available parking for Poppleton Park is very understated in planning documents. There are 14 striped parking spaces near the tennis courts, but there is room for about 35 spaces on the street leading to the 14 spaces. In addition there are 35 parking spaces on the west side of Oxford nearer to the child play area. Incidentally, we think there should be no parking, or permit only parking, on the east side of Oxford. So there are about 84 parking spaces without paving more green space. That's about 5 spaces per acre which is a metric P&R uses. We drive or walk Oxford every day. It is very rare that the parking lot is full and that Oxford is crowded.

The Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board is following a process of public meetings, but the consensus among Poppleton residents is that concerns expressed about parking along Woodward are being ignored. The notion that there are 14 parking spaces understates the situation and ignores the way the park is actually used.

- Board minutes show on 9/9/2014 "Bill" stated Poppleton should be evaluated for additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users."
- Then at the 2/2/2016 P&R Board meeting "Tiffany Smith from M. C. Smith Associates stated that in her professional opinion an entrance coming off from Woodward could not be done based on acceleration from Woodward into the Poppleton Park." Lauren explained that had something to do with a different proposal, not the 88 space version in the concept drawing.

- On 3/1/2016 Lauren Wood called for a Poppleton Park Sub-Committee consisting of three P&R Board members. They are Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe and Bill Wiebrecht.
- On 4/12/2016 Anne Bray requested that a resident should be placed on Ad-Hoc Poppleton Park Sub-Committee. Therese said no and "stated that the Poppleton Park Committee is a Sub-Committee not an Ad-Hoc Committee so the committee is comprised of three Parks and Recreation Board members, City Administration and the consulting firm. Therese stated the recommendations from the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee will be brought back to the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion."
- 7/12/2016 the Sub-Committee walked Poppleton Park. Therese stated that there was discussion on possibly adding 40 parking spaces along Woodward and that MDOT is not opposed to the idea and that with the added parking it would not be related to any streets nor would there be access to the neighborhood. Therese stated that the parking would be a pull in pull out such as what is along Woodward.
- 10/5/2016 the 88 space parking lot on Woodward emerges. "Therese stated that advice was received from M.C. Smith Associates and the MDOT Consultants who stated to the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee that the City of Birmingham's Poppleton Park existing parking conditions underserves the existing users with the fifteen (15) spots which serve the current use for baseball and the play area.

How did we go from "possibly adding 40 spaces along Woodward" to an 88 space concept drawing? This concept should be rejected.

Best regards, and thank you for the time and energy you expend on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham.

John & Marilyn Rusche

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Fwd: Poppleton Park development plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:29 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:28 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park development plan

To: Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Peter,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the Poppleton Concept plan. I've read every e-mail sent to me about this issue and responded to each message sent directly to me. Your concerns and those put forth by many of your neighbors will be in the front of my mind as I continue to study this issue over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:23 PM, Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Andrew,

My name is Peter Stevenson, I live in Poppleton Park at 801 Henley with my wife and 2 kids who attend Harlan Elementary.

I am writing to you to voice my concern over the current Poppleton Park development plan.

As you may have heard, around 150 residents felt passionate enough to pack into our City Office this evening to discuss the plan, at a time and date set by the city itself.. Unfortunately none of the Commission members saw fit to do likewise.

Obviously there is much emotional and vocal outcry voiced lately but I think the simple facts are these:

- The vast majority of Poppleton residents sincerely appreciate the plan and the City's work to develop it so far
- They also agree that it should be community space & do support 95% of the proposed development to that end

Various people have individual concerns but the over riding issue is the addition of 88 parking spaces on Woodward. I agree with the vast majority that this is terrible idea.

I ask that you please listen to overwhelming, passionate opposition to that one piece of the plan and table the plan until it reflects residents' input, or merely require Parks & Rec to resubmit - with just that one exclusion - on Monday night.

I plan to attend as I believe do most of the people who gave up their evenings to be there tonight also.

sincerely

Peter Stevenson



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Fwd: Poppleton Park concept plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:32 AM

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park concept plan

To: Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Naomi,

Thank you for your message. As I've told many of your neighbors, your concerns will be in the front of my mind as I study this issue further over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening. Please know that the Commissioners care deeply about this issue and have already spent significant amounts of time reading/listening to the residents' concerns and reviewing the concept plan.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:48 PM, Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner and Mr. Valentine,

I am reaching out again as a resident in South Poppleton Park, to make sure you understand how we feel about the concept plan that is being presented to you on December 12th.

While some aspects of the plan have sound reasoning (updated play structures, some walking paths, but with modifications in placement), the most unacceptable part is the proposed parking along Woodward Avenue. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to all of the 100 plus residents that showed up at an informational meeting on Thursday evening, Dec 8th.

The process was emphasized, but it appears flawed because the commissioners are only finding out about the concept plan on the same day they are expected to approve it, in part or whole, or to reject it, in part or whole. We strongly urge you to put this agenda item on hold, or to reject it, and to please take the neighborhoods comments under careful consideration.

Poppleton Park is lovely the way it is, and honestly, it would be just fine to let it be!
On Monday evening, the room will be full, again, and you will hear our voices disagree in part or in whole with this concept plan. PLEASE LISTEN!

Respectfully,
Naomi and Paul Choinard



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

1 message

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Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:49 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Patrick Liebler** <pat@lieblergroup.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park

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Thank you,

Pat Liebler

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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

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include with his other email, please

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Thank you, Lauren. I appreciate your efforts, as well as the efforts of the commissioners and parks volunteers.

I believe most residents believe the concept plan is the END of the process and do not realize that its approval is, in fact, just the START of the process.

Take care,

Pat

From: Lauren Wood [mailto:lwood@bhamgov.org]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 12:10 PM
To: pat@lieblergroup.com
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I'm disappointed that may of my fellow citizens seem to be rude and condescending in their comments. I'm equally disappoint that Joe, Lauren and others continually tell us to 'respect the process,' however after attending nearly all the Poppleton meetings, I can tell you that the process has not lead to transparent and balanced discussions and presentation materials. The frequently ask questions are not, in fact, the question being asked frequently at all. It reads like a sales pitch and is not representative of the overwhelming opinion of the stakeholders.

Thank you,

Pat Liebler



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:16 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:16 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park

To: danagreenberg@comcast.net

Cc: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Hi Dana,

I was forwarded your email today and wanted to personally respond to you.

Thank you for your interest and we do appreciate your time and input provided.

Your comments will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thanks again,

Lauren

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:26 AM, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org> wrote:

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From: **Dana Greenberg** <danagreenberg@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:07 AM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: jhaines@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Haines,

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to the Poppleton Park concept plan that is to be voted on this Monday. Not only am I opposed to the unnecessary parking lot, the tearing down of old beautiful tall trees to be replaced by new baby trees, and the noise pollution that the tree loss and parking lot will add, but I am extremely upset about the "accessibility " plan for a jogging path around the perimeter of northern side of this park. There are sidewalks on 3 sides currently. At what point is the park not accessible enough? Should we just pave the whole park so it is fully accessible? Birmingham has miles of sidewalk for jogging. It is unimaginable that you would reduce the grandeur of this beautiful park by paving through it with more sidewalks. It's a park remember- grass and trees- not pavement (or whatever alternate material you may choose- still unnecessary!) Booth park has beautiful green space and no ridiculous perimeter sidewalks.

I sincerely hope you take our emails into consideration when voting on the park that sits in my backyard, not yours.

Dana Greenberg

420 Wimbleton Drive

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Yes the park is my backyard

—

Joellen LaBaere Haines

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"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:20 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

Please add this one to the last packet.

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:55 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Amy Root** <rootabega5@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:47 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Dear Joe,

After attending last night's(12/8) Informational meeting for the concept plan for Poppleton Park we were encouraged to communicate with you our concerns. You made it clear we needed to email you and/or attend Monday's board meeting to have our concerns heard.

There was a unanimous outcry by the 100+ neighbors in attendance, NOT to add 88 parking spaces (accessible off of Woodward Ave) into Poppleton Park. I agree.

The guidelines offered for determining what makes a park a mini, a neighborhood or a community, are just that, guidelines. Regardless of it's additional 1 acre that catapults it into the "community" designation, it's a neighborhood park and should remain that way!

Sincerely,

Amy Root
460 Henley St

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Fwd: Poppleton

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:21 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

Include with others.

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Anne and Peter Bray** <annebray@ameritech.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:28 AM

Subject: Poppleton

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Hi Joe

Thanks for last night's meeting, informative it certainly was and heartening to learn that the people are finding their voice. I hope you relay in no uncertain terms to the Commission that the Parks Board has failed to hear what the people were telling them from the beginning, that they do not wish Poppleton Park to be developed in any major way. I am well aware that Poppleton is a Community Park, but who indeed is it to be developed? We are all currently free to visit it any time we choose. It is my hope that this plan be ditched, apart from the addition of new playground equipment and vegetation. All the other major parks in the town have been developed, let this one remain as a quiet, minimally developed area, that is peaceful and serene. Enough already, the Parks have been overdeveloped enough as it is.

Thank you.

Anne M. Bray

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:22 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 11:49 PM

Subject: Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com>

Date: December 8, 2016 at 8:32:06 PM EST

To: mnickita@bhamgov.org

Subject: Re: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

Although you did not respond to my initial concerns, I am writing again because you will be voting on this concept plan on Monday. For your information, there was an informational meeting tonight on Poppleton Park. Our neighbors filled the Commission Room to voice their concerns. There was not a seat left in the house and any many were standing along the walls.

I want to re-iterate that as a neighborhood we do NOT support the proposed Poppleton Concept plan. It appears that our concerns are falling on deaf ears, and what is best for this neighborhood and neighbors is being blatantly ignored.

Listen to what the community wants and DO NOT vote to approve the Poppleton Park Concept plan.

On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 5:50 PM, Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mark,

I moved to Birmingham in the summer of 2015 and was so excited I could be a part of the community. Since moving in, I feel like my family is constantly under attack from the city and county governments. The house we bought is on the corner of Wimbleton and Woodward. When buying the home, we decided to ignore the traffic on Woodward for one of the most beautiful back yards I have ever seen within a city. Our property is half an acre and backs up to the River Rouge. Our backyard was completely wooded, until the county came in to fix the sewer running underneath Woodward. In one day, they decimated our back yard and cut down trees that were over 100 feet tall. When I came home that evening, I stood in my backyard with tears rolling down my face as the one reason my husband and I purchased the home was now gone. Of course, the county did not replant trees. Instead, they left us with a big, open, uneven space. So far, we have purchased two new pine trees to help fill the space, but as you know trees are expensive and these will take 10+ years to grow and block any traffic and sound.

Then, the city decided to raise our property taxes because of Prop A and said the market value of our home was over \$100,000 more than what we bought it for, increasing our taxes by over \$5,000 a year. So then, my husband and I had to go to the city tax tribunal, who showed no interest in listening to why our home value should be reduced from what they assigned. Of course, I had to spend additional time then working with the county, who recently settled with us on a reasonable value. All of that could have been avoided if the city tax tribunal would have been reasonable.

Then, the closure of Big Beaver turned Wimbleton Drive into a main road – not a neighborhood road. Half the time, I couldn't even pull out of my own driveway as cars would block it waiting to turn onto Woodward. Walking our dog in the neighborhood became unsafe as people would fly down the road, ignoring all speed limits and stop signs. It wasn't until recently I felt like life could get back to normal when Big Beaver re-opened.

Now, the proposed changes to Poppleton Park. I hope you read my concerns below, in full, as a parking lot is NOT what is best for this Birmingham neighborhood. Between the destruction of my beautiful woods, months of working to receive a fair taxable value of our home, the closure of Big Beaver, and now a proposed parking lot at the one park that has gotten my husband and I through all of the other bad stuff - I feel like my year and a half living in Birmingham has been one in which I have been under attack, constantly.

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. Based on the recent rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, it is blatantly apparent that there is a current disregard for what is best for the residents who live on, near, and enjoy Poppleton Park on a daily basis. A potential parking lot off of Woodward is not only flawed logic, but puts our neighborhood at risk for noise, theft, and reduced home values.

The proposed parking lot directly off of Woodward is based off a flawed logic. Most residents of Birmingham use Poppleton Park for the play equipment. With small children and strollers, most residents driving to Poppleton Park usually park off of Oxford, as it is closest to the play equipment and most easy to transport small children and all of the necessary items needed to tend to small children.

Parking off of Woodward will be even further away from the play equipment, and will not be utilized by those driving to the park for the play equipment. There is a better opportunity to expand the current parking lot, as it is closer to the play equipment than a lot off of Woodward would be.

The proposed parking lot off of Woodward will also be a nuisance to the neighborhood on summer nights. Have you ever driven by the any of the businesses on Woodward between 13 and 14 mile on a summer night? All of the kids hanging out with their cars, drinking beer, selling drugs, and revving their engines will be our future. The noise that is currently created from "cruisers" leaving city limits on summer nights is enough to wake up babies, dogs, and sleeping adults – but that will get worse with cruisers peeling out of the parking lot onto Woodward. Will this parking lot be closed after dark to reduce crime and noise? Will the parking lot be patrolled on a regular basis for loitering? Do the police have enough manpower to have a police officer in this area full time to keep the noise down and make sure the area is safe for walkers at night? These are all concerns that need to be addressed for the safety and well-being of Poppleton Park residents.

This proposed parking lot will also reduce the value of homes directly on or near the park. Currently, the park is a big draw for neighborhood sales. Will the city plan to reimburse residents based on lost home value due to noise and unwanted guests? We recently bought a home in the neighborhood and I am now concerned about my future home value with the proposed parking lot.

Lastly, the most recent letter by Lauren Wood does not address the reduction of mature trees in Poppleton Park. There is absolutely no way that all of the beautiful trees between Woodward and the park will be able to stay in place with a parking lot. The proposed plan includes the planting of new trees, but that is not the same as beautiful mature trees that have taken 50+ years to grow in size.

There are many more options in making Poppleton Park a more accessible park, such as:

- 1) Increasing the size of the current parking lot
- 2) Creating a cross walk on the north side of Woodward to connect east and west Birmingham, so families can safely cross at Oak and Woodward
- 3) Reducing the speed limit to a safer limit such as 35 MPH. Currently, cars drive by so fast on Woodward it is hard to feel safe walking, in our walkable community.

I beg you that you please listen to what the residents of Poppleton Park want for the future of this park. This park is utilized by us on a daily basis, while your parking plans are for visitors who only visit once or twice a year. Again, this is where we live, this isn't a place that we just visit. The proposed parking lot will have detrimental changes to our every day.

I look forward to your response.

Kristie and Chris Bidlake

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Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:55 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 11:47 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Heidi Geissbuhler <heidigeiss@ameritech.net>**Date:** December 8, 2016 at 9:39:21 PM EST**To:** "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, "aharris@bhamgov.org" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "pbordman@bhamgov.org" <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, "pboutros@bhamgov.org" <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackyhoff@hotmail.com" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>**Subject:** Poppleton Park Master Plan**Reply-To:** Heidi Geissbuhler <heidigeiss@ameritech.net>

Dear Commission,

My husband and I attended the informational meeting on December 8, and were told to submit our comments about the pending Poppleton Park Master Plan. As residents of this neighborhood for the past 20 years, we are vehemently opposed to a parking lot off of Woodward and the picnic shelters. We feel these do not serve the local community, and will put a strain on the Parks Department to keep the park clean. I do not think you will find to many people in this neighborhood that support the Woodward Parking Lot.

We are however, in favor of new and more interesting play equipment for the kids, and maybe some improved drainage in the green space. Another concept might be to only allow parking on one side of Oxford, this would allow emergency vehicles egress down the streets.

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park meeting this evening

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:57 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park meeting this evening
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Peter Stevenson** <peterstv@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:43 PM
Subject: Poppleton Park meeting this evening
To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Joe,

My name is Peter Stevenson, I was one of the dissenting voices in the room this evening.

I would like to thank you for your efforts tonight. It was a very difficult situation and you handled it very well.

Clearly lots of passion in the room and the usual extreme outliers here and there, but overall I believe that the group summary is this:

- The vast majority of Poppleton residents sincerely appreciate the plan and the City's work to develop it so far
- They also agree that it should be community space & do support 95% of the proposed development to that end
- The overriding issue that is getting everyone worked up is the addition of 88 parking spaces on Woodward

If the City can remove or table this one piece, at least for now, then I believe it would regain strong support of the Poppleton community for the remainder of the plan.

Thanks again for your professionalism this evening.

sincerely

Peter Stevenson
801 Henley

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:01 PM

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another please...

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From: **Allison Klein** <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org, jvalentine@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, aharris@bhamgov.org, mnickita@bhamgov.org

Cc: Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

To the City Commission,

I have written previously to you with no reply from anyone here but Ms Wood (who I must commend for being responsive to all the questions that have arisen over this issue). You have received my concerns specific to the concept plan elements, and I hope that you have read them. What I want to stress especially strongly before Monday's meeting is how apparent it is to me that the process for producing such a plan is broken. A plan that was supposedly intended to be informed by resident input and is now drawing such ire from so many people is a failure. You need to require the parks department to change their process and find a more inclusive way of designing a concept plan. We want to work with the city to provide updates for our park - but such updates must not be ramrodded through and attached to the city master plan without more careful consideration from the people who are its primary users.

Allison Klein
734 Rivenoak St



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:17 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Greg Geissbuhler** <ggeissbuhler@icloud.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:14 PM
Subject: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans
To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Dear Mr. Valentine,

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Thank you for your time,

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:19 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Sally <salswift@comcast.net>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Hi Sally,

We are in receipt of your email about Poppleton Park.

I am glad you were in attendance last night. Thank you for your interest and we do appreciate your time and input provided.

Your comments will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thanks again,

Lauren

Lauren Wood

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:17 PM, Sally <salswift@comcast.net> wrote:

After attending the 12/08/2016 Poppleton Park informational meeting, I am voicing my objection to the conceptual plan which will be presented to you on 12/12/2016. Last evening's meeting was attended by well over 100 residents of Poppleton Park. By overwhelming consensus of the attendees, the plan should be scrapped and redeveloped with input from all neighborhood residents.

The decision to add 88 parking spaces on an 8 lane road is an invitation for a new cruiser's hangout now that the parking lot at 13 mile & Woodward has been demolished. Noise, trash, drinking and drugs by residents potentially from communities from Downtown Detroit to Pontiac will destroy our neighborhood. I certainly will not feel safe in my home or in the park as the lot fills up.

There were no facts presented to support the change from a 17 acre neighborhood park to a community park, described on your own city website as 30+ acres, other than the board's arbitrary determination. So by changing the definition, the decision to add significant parking followed with no facts to support the need. Parking is not an issue at this park with the exception of dream cruise weekend.

If you truly wish to turn Birmingham into a walkable community, then eliminate the parking lot. Install a crosswalk at Oak and Woodward so Poppleton Park and Bloomfield Township residents can safely walk or bike to the restaurants, farmer's market and businesses on North Old Woodward. In turn, residents on the west side of Woodward can walk or bike to Poppleton Park.

We agreed the playscape needs updating. Beyond that, the Concept Plan is not representative of the residents'/taxpayers' needs in the Poppleton Park neighborhood.

Please seriously listen to our neighborhood residents' objections and reject the Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

Sally Swift
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December 9, 2016

Mr. Joseph Valentine
Manager, City of Birmingham
Mayor and City Commissioners
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Subject: Poppleton Park Master Plan

Dear All:

Last evening I, along with my wife attended the informational meeting regarding the proposed Master Plan being presented to the City Commissioners on Monday December 12, 2016. There were approximately 100 to 150 people in attendance who felt the plan was not thoroughly thought through and did not represent the hopes of the neighbors or other citizens and it should not be presented or accepted.

I have been a licensed architect and planner for 40 years and have had extensive experience in city planning, university and corporate master planning and I have several points I would like to point out why I feel the plan should not be approved.

- Having a picnic ground and parking lot at one of the two major entrances to the city is not portraying the grand entrances to the city envisioned by the City Master Plan.
- Eighty-eight parking spaces are not needed, especially along Woodward. Having used and observed the park for 25 years there have never been that many cars even when there is a softball game
- Having the parking along Woodward will not take traffic away from Oxford Street. The people parking on Oxford are parent watching their children play. That will not change with the proposed plan.
- Having a walking trail is nice, but using crushed gravel as a base will not make it accessible as a barrier free design. The noise from the trail should not be adjacent to the residences.
- There are numerous other planning deficiencies, like location of the drinking fountain, the speed of traffic on Woodward, the congestion caused by the parking lot entrance close to Madison Street, and parking not provided near the function requiring it.

Please take my comments into consideration before accepting this plan.

Sincerely,


Donald T. Root, RA

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Please hear my concerns

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:55 PM

Lauren Wood
Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham
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Birmingham, MI 48009
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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:46 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please hear my concerns
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Rackline Hoff** <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Re: Please hear my concerns
To: Gigi Nichols <giginichols@comcast.net>

Gigi,

Thanks for your letter and for your very thorough discussion of your concerns regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan. Be assured that I and my fellow Commissioners are being apprised regularly of residents' concerns. I will definitely have them in mind when we discuss the concept plan at the Commission meeting Monday night. Nothing has been decided at this point, so I look forward to a very candid and respectful exchange of ideas at that meeting.

Racky

From: Gigi Nichols <giginichols@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2016 2:17 PM
To: rackyhoff@hotmail.com
Subject: Please hear my concerns

Hi Racky,
I know that you are always the voice of reason on the Commission and I am asking for you to represent me and my neighbors with your good judgement at the Monday's meeting.

On Monday, you will be presented with a plan for Poppleton Park. I have lived in the Poppleton Park neighborhood for 23 years. On the evening of December 8th, I attended the informational park meeting along with 123 angry residents who packed the City meeting room to hear Lauren Wood's proposal for the Park. I am probably more engaged with City agendas and meetings than the typical Birmingham resident, however, I have only recently heard of the plans for the redevelopment of the Park. This whole plan was developed without the proper input from the residents who live in Poppleton Park, and that might be the reason that people are so angry. To sum it up, the residents are all for improving the playground equipment and vehemently opposed the addition of an entrance off Woodward with 88 parking spaces and the two picnic shelters.

Here are my personal concerns:

1. **The addition of 88 Parking Spaces and an entrance off of Woodward.** I cannot even believe that this is being presented as a good idea! In today's world, most communities look for ways to preserve and reclaim green space, not destroy it! As you might recall, when Shain Park was being redesigned, MANY residents and merchants complained that the City would be removing 2/3 of the parking to make way for the new and improved Park. The response that the City gave at that time was "Well those parking lots are rarely used." I ask you, why is that same criterion not being used for this project? We already have an 18 car parking lot in Poppleton Park which is located by the tennis courts. It is never used. The ONLY time that lot is utilized is for softball games on select summer evenings. The neighborhood residents who attended the meeting last night were very disappointed that **the Parks and Rec Committee could not supply any study on how the existing lot is being utilized, yet they think it is a good idea to add 88 new parking spots.** I asked Lauren Wood a logical question at the meeting last night. Under the new plan, would there still be parking on Oxford? The answer was yes. Today, people who visit the park by auto, choose not to park in the existing lot because it is too far to walk to the playground when you can just pull up and park on Oxford. Therefore, please refer to the diagram and ask yourself, if you were toting two young children to Poppleton Park to play for the afternoon, would you park on Woodward Avenue and walk all the way through the park, OR would you pull right up to Oxford and walk a few steps to the play structure? The tennis court parking and the proposed parking on Woodward are equidistance to the playground. We already know nobody that visits the playground parks their car at the tennis courts. This is a fact. So, the new plan is supposed to alieve parking problems in the neighborhood? I can assure you the parking problems in the neighborhood will remain the same because people will continue to park where it is most convenient. Besides being a waste of money, my heart breaks for all of the mature trees that will be taken down to make way for the parking lot. My heart also breaks for the homeowners who will now have a view of a parking lot instead of mature trees. They will still be asked to pay the same taxes, but their properties will be devalued. It is a shame and again, I cannot even believe that this is being considered.

2. **Picnic Shelters.** Sounds like a nice idea, but the addition of shelters will bring nothing but trouble for our neighborhood. I can speak from personal experience. Our property abuts Manor Park. When we first purchased our property, we thought "How nice, we will be living next to a beautiful park." It wasn't too long that we learned exactly what that would entail. Every day, and I mean EVERY DAY I pick up garbage in the Manor Park. Sometimes it's just wrappers from McDonalds but many times it's an empty bottle of Jack Daniels. Please consider how creepy it would be for you to know that this activity is going on just steps away from where your family lives. When our daughters were in high school, and they were driving home by themselves from activities after dark, we would have to warn them that if there was anyone sitting in a car across the street at the park to use their cell phones and call us and we would escort them into our house. Happened all the time. Yes, there is a big sign at Manor Park that says NO Alcohol; Park closes at Dusk. Do you think people from the outside care about this sign and these park rules? I can assure you they do not. I mentioned that I pick up garbage every day. I do this because I feel like I am the caretaker of the Park. I imagine that the folks who

live near Poppleton are doing the same thing. We don't call the City and tell them that there are a few beer cans laying around then and ask them to send a maintenance guy over to pick up the trash. We do it ourselves. We take pride in the park. So, now we are hit with this plan from the City that includes Picnic Shelters which is going to bring a lot of new people into the park and create more problems for our neighborhood--more trash, more loitering at night and more alcohol consumption which is prohibited but ignored. The group that attended last night's meeting was very disappointed that Lauren Wood could not supply any statistical information from the Springdale Picnic Shelters to determine if extra shelters were even needed. She also could not supply any information on if the shelters were being rented by residents or outsiders. The lack of research on this plan is appalling. Please hear us on this issue.

3. New Trail that Runs behind the House. Horrible plan and not needed. My concerns are the same as the Picnic Shelters. This is only going to give outsiders an opportunity to come right up to someone's backyard. Theft in our neighborhood has been sky high. I don't know if you are aware, but several weeks ago thieves hit our neighborhood hard stealing the tires off 5 cars and leaving them on blocks. They were at our house getting ready to steal our tires when they were scared away. They ran and left their jack in our front yard and we called the police. The police came to our house and took the jack for fingerprints. Please consider how disturbing this would be for you, had this activity been going on in your driveway while your family slept. (photo from the Poppleton Park robberies)



Poppleton Park is a lovely place to live and we don't plan on moving anytime soon. However, we will sell our house if it is no longer a safe place to live. Poppleton is a lovely park. I would welcome new playground equipment. All of the other ideas are not needed and not requested by the residents who are the caretakers of this park. I ask you take special care in voting on Monday. The people who voted for you are counting on it. Respectfully submitted,
Gigi Nichols

—
Joseph A. Valentine
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12/9/2016

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Please hear my concerns

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Comments



David Wilner created a **poll** in **Poppleton Park** .

November 10 at 6:12pm · 

Please complete the following poll regarding the proposed renovations to Poppleton Park:



I am OPPOSED to the
proposed DESTRUCTION
of MATURE TREES along
Woodward.

155 Votes



I am OPPOSED to the proposed REST AREA like PARKING LOT along Woodward.

155 Votes



I believe the proposed plan would be **DETRIMENTAL** to the park and the surrounding neighborhood.

141 Votes



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 **Comment**

You, **Natalie Sheena** and **31 others** like this.



Jen Bee

Hey! I checked all the boxes. How do I add my vote?

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Jen Bee replied · 1 reply



Meagan Haley Breough

Yes to all 3



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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: December 9, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Informational Meeting – Poppleton Park

This serves as a brief follow-up to the meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 beginning at 6:30 PM in the City Commission Room at City Hall. The Administration in attendance included Joseph A. Valentine, Carrie Laird, Mark Clemence and me. The purpose of this informational meeting was to provide more details about why Poppleton Park was slated for the preparation of a concept site plan, review the Citywide park improvement process, overview of community park designation, procedures practiced for public notifications, outline the Poppleton Park concept plan and a review of some significant concerns expressed by some of the members of the public.

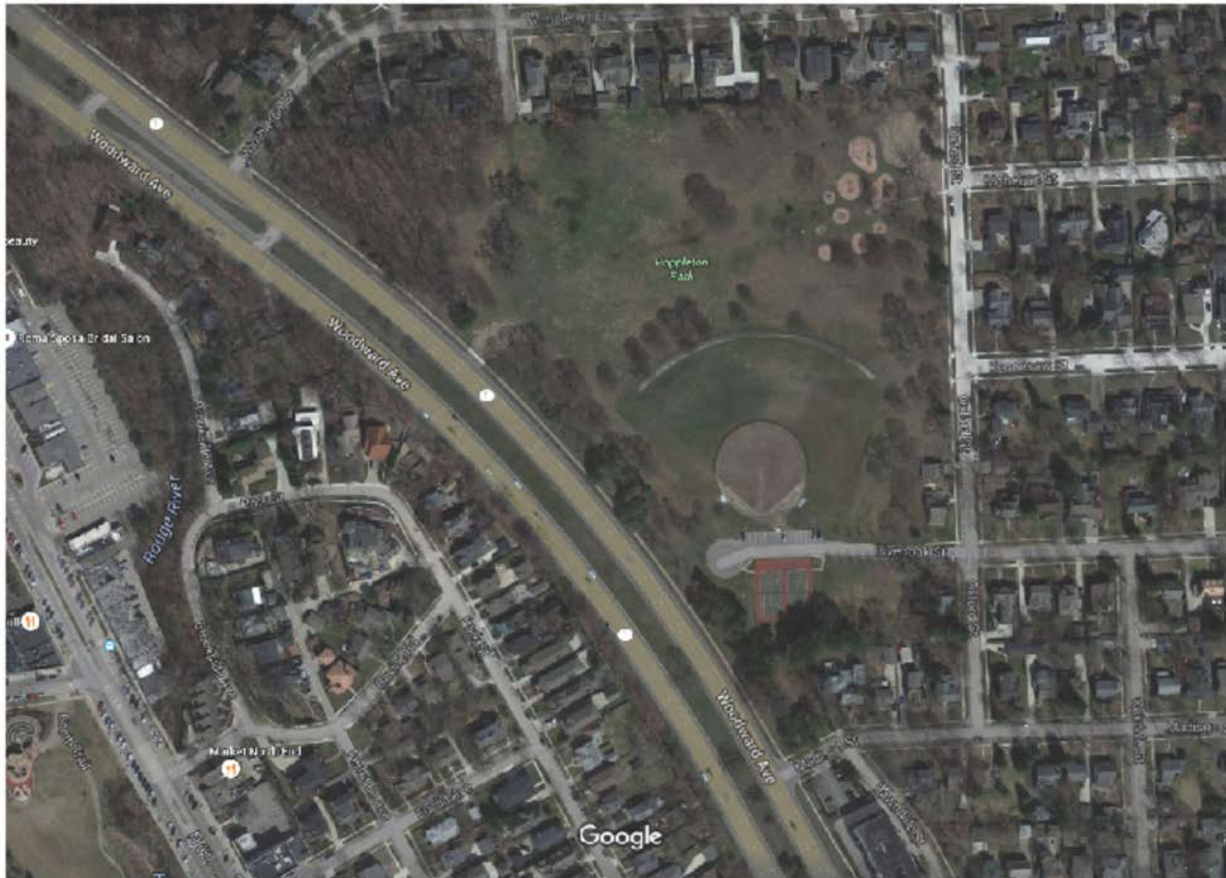
The PowerPoint presentation during this meeting is included for your reference. The meeting was not a formal City meeting, so therefore there were no minutes taken. The number of attendees in our estimation was near 100. A majority of the audience last night requested we inform the City Commission that they want the proposed parking location as shown in the concept site plan be removed from the concept plan.

POPPLETON PARK

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2016

POPPLETON PARK



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PARK IMPROVEMENT PROCESS



BACKGROUND

City of Birmingham Parks & Recreation Master Plans

2000 – 2005

2006 - 2011

2012 - 2016

BACKGROUND

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016

- Master Plan updated every five years
- Public feedback/input important in the plan process, public meetings required and valued
- MDNR: State mandate to be updated for grant eligibility
- Aids in prioritizing projects, long term recreational improvements
- Serves in Planning and Budgeting purposes, serves as a tool, a guide
- Citywide Park System Review – Activities and User Groups in addition to Community input
- Parks & Rec Master Plan- updating planned for 2017, Concept Plans to be incorporated

BACKGROUND

Park Improvement Projects

Quarton Lake Park (2004)

Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan (2006)

Booth Park (2007)

Barnum Park Phase 1 (2009); Phase 2 (2011)

Shain Park (2010)

Kenning Park Landscape and Parking Lot (2014)

BACKGROUND

- Adams Park and Poppleton Park identified as part of the park improvement plan in the current City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan for a variety of potential updates
- Adams Park and Poppleton Park were slated in the fiscal year 2016-17 city budget for development of concept plans similar to other park development projects over the years
- Poppleton Park is the last remaining large park with no updates

BACKGROUND

2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, pg 59.

Schedule of Capital Improvements

General Park Improvements

- Picnic Shelters
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Open Space Maintenance including grading, drainage
- Playground equipment updates
- Accessibility

BACKGROUND

2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, pg 60.

Schedule of Capital Improvements

Poppleton Park

- Analyze athletic fields (maint/improv)
- Analyze parking (expansion)
- Installation of Basketball courts
- Update Playground equipment

BACKGROUND

September 15, 2014 joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board and City Commission had identified Poppleton Park as a priority for improving parking and neighborhood traffic congestion based on public input received.

BACKGROUND

Next step in planning process is to develop concept plans

BACKGROUND

Adams Park Concept Plan

Process began – Hired consultant in Mar. '16

August 9, 2016 - Endorsed by Park & Rec

Oct. 27, 2016 - Accepted by City Commission

Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Process began – Hired consultant in Jan. '16

Oct. 5, 2016 – Endorsed by Parks & Rec

Dec. 12, 2016 – Presented to City Commission

CONCEPT SITE PLAN

- General framework where ideas are vetted through public workshop sessions in regards to features, wish list.. First step in a larger process
- Starting point for future studies and planning activities
- Helps with budgets, planning, grants, donations
- A Preliminary document or initial plan proposal
- What fits? What do we need?
- Pros and cons, Prioritize, Phasing
- Concept Plan is considered a “wish list”
- Placeholder to include into overall Master Plan for potential future projects

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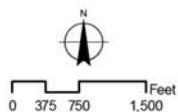
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Park System Master Plan

RECREATION INVENTORY


- City Park or Facility
- Miscellaneous Sites
- Poppleton Park
- Park Path
- State Highway
- Railroads
- Parcels
- Water Features
- Water Bodies
- Municipal Limits

Inventory Source: City of Birmingham and Wade Trim, January 2011.
Parcel Source: City of Birmingham, 2011.
Aerial Source: City of Birmingham.
Park Path Source: Oakland County, 2008.



City of Birmingham Recreation Inventory

Type	Name	Acres			Accessibility Assessment	Electrical Outlets	Parking	Restrooms	Benches	Bike Racks	Trash Receptacles	Dog Park	Football Field	Skate Park	Little League
Public Recreation Facilities															
1	Adams Park	1.45	4					2		1					
2	Crestview Park	3.58	4					4		3					
3	Howarth Park	1.98	4					6		3				1	
4	Linden Park	7.37	4					2		4					
5	Linn Smith Park	2.04	3												
6	Manor Park	8.47	3							1					
7	Martha Baldwin Park	0.99	4					3		2					
8	Pembroke Park	5.3	4					5	1	4				1	
9	Quarton Tennis Court	0.43	4					1		1					
10	St. James Park	5.98	4		v			7	1	4					
11	W. Lincoln Well Site	2.24	3		v			3		2					
12	Allen House/Hunter House	2.83	3	v	v	v		3							
13	Barnum Park	9	4		v			24		9				1	
14	Booth Park	3.93	4	v				6		5					
15	Ice Sports Arena	0	4		v	v		2		2					
16	Kenning Park	21.71	4		v			10		14			v	4	
17	Lincoln Hills Golf Course	57.13	3		v	v					v				
18	Poppleton Park	17.21	4		v			8		5					1
19	Quarton Lake Park	27.03	4		v			20	4	6					
20	Shain Park	2.26	4	v	v			22		13					
21	Springdale Park & Golf Course	45.03	4		v	v				10					
22	Baldwin Well Site	0.55	4												
23	Derby Well Site	3.57	4												
24	Pump House Park	0.2	4					1		1					
25	Redding Well Site	0.38	4												
26	South Well Site	0.64	4												
	Total Acreage	231.3													
Public School Facilities															
1	Derby Middle School	21.44		v	v	v									

-  Neighborhood Park
-  Community Park
-  Mini Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK VS COMMUNITY PARK

	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Community Park</u>
Size:	5 to 10 acres	10 or more acres (for larger cities, County, Metro, or State parks, 30 to 50 acres)
Service Location	¼ mile to ½ mile radius , neighbor- hood only	½ mile to 3 mile radius, 2 or more neighborhoods
Function:	Recreation needs of neighborhood	Community based recreation needs

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Neighborhood Parks (continued):

West Lincoln Well Site:

The Lincoln Well Site is located on the south side of Lincoln Road at Westchester Way. The park contains open space, two tennis courts and play equipment including swings, slides, sandbox and rockers.

Community Parks:

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. Community parks are generally between thirty and fifty acres in size and serve residents within a three mile radius. Community parks also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community. Ten parks in the City of Birmingham are classified as Community parks as follows:

Allen and Hunter House:



The Allen and Hunter Houses are located in the heart of the Historic Park area at the corner of Maple and Southfield Roads in downtown Birmingham. The park was established in 1969 when the voters approved a bond to purchase the Allen House and the surrounding 1.67 acres. The intent at that time was to establish a historical museum. At the same time, the 1822 John West Hunter House was given to the city. The house was moved to the Historic Park in

July 1970. The City of Birmingham maintains the park and the historic structure. On May 19, 2001, the Birmingham Historical Museum was opened to collect, preserve and promote Birmingham's heritage. The Birmingham Historical Board is responsible for oversight of both the park and museum.



- Contain wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community
- May include areas for active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks
- Serve residents within a 3 mile radius, meant to serve entire community
- National Recreation and Park Association guideline
- All city parks are public parks

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Recreation Inventory

Developing a complete inventory of the parks and recreation facilities, programs and events is an essential component of a five-year parks and recreation master plan because it provides a base of information to use in developing the action program. Understanding what facilities, programs and events are available to the residents of Birmingham will assist in decision-making in the future.

Table 1 (beginning on page 31) identifies a complete inventory of the recreation facilities and amenities that have been evaluated as part of this plan. The inventory serves as a basis for comparing the community to national standards. Map 2 illustrates the parks and recreation facilities within the city.

PUBLIC RECREATION

Twenty five public facilities, totaling more than 220 acres of land, were inventoried in Birmingham and are described below.

The National Recreation and Park Association provide a recommended park classification system which recognizes open space services at differing levels. The system categorizes open space as community, neighborhood or mini-parks. The desirable characteristics are relative to size and acreage provisions per 1,000 people. The public recreation facilities have been classified by such characteristics.

Community Parks

A Community Park service an area of 1 to 2 miles in radius with a desirable size of 15 acres or more. The standard is 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1,000 people.

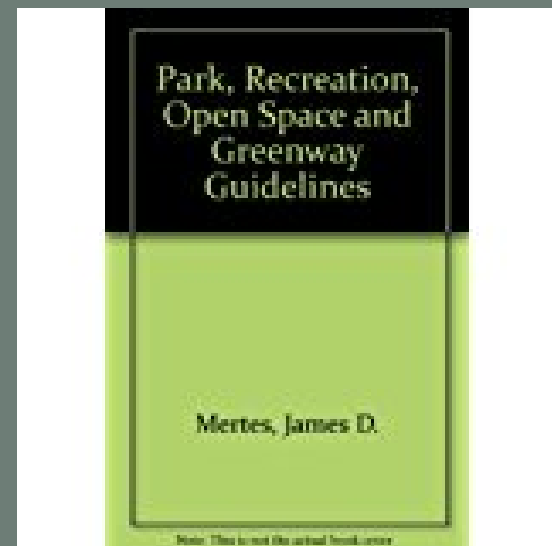
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- National Recreation and Park Association Guideline
- This classification is adapted from "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines," J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995



PROJECT NOTIFICATIONS





For Immediate Release

Contact:
Lauren Wood
City of Birmingham
(248) 530-1700

Public Input Sought For Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm

BIRMINGHAM, MI, January 21, 2016 – Birmingham's Department of Public Services (DPS) invites and encourages community members to attend a Public Workshop for input to assist in developing a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 pm. The workshop will be held during the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting in the DPS Conference Room located at 851 South Eton.



A representative from M.C. Smith Associates will receive public input for a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan. This will be an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current park configuration and usage patterns, and to identify opportunities for future amenities and/or the reconfiguration of the existing park features.

For more information, call the Department of Public Services at (248) 530-1700.

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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
6:30 pm
Conference Room
Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton

If you have any questions or comments or if you are unable to attend but would still like to provide input, please email your comments to cfolk@bhamgov.org or call 248.530.1642.

We hope to see you and your neighbors at the February 2nd meeting.



2nd Public Input Meeting **Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan**

The Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board will hold a second input meeting to discuss the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Department of Public Services.

This opportunity is a follow-up from the February 2, 2016 public input meeting to review a preliminary park concept site plan for Poppleton Park. This concept plan has been created based on the involvement and feedback from the City of Birmingham Community, Neighborhood Associations, as well as from the meeting of February 2nd.

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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
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Conference Room
Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton

Please visit our website www.bhamgov.org for any additional information.

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Notices sent out to Homeowner Association Presidents,
placed on website, Around Town Newsletter, Facebook,
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Facebook page for the City Government of Birmingham, MI. The page features a profile picture of a building entrance and a cover photo of a park. The main post, published by Marianne DiDonato Gamboa on January 26, 2016, is titled "Share your ideas and feedback during a Public Workshop to assist in developing a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 pm." The post includes a photo of Poppleton Park and mentions that the workshop will be held during the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting in the DPS Conference Room located at 851 South Eton. The post has 270 people reached and is marked as "Boost Unavailable".

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Attend a Public Workshop re. a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan, 2/2, 6:30pm at 851 S. Eton. More info: 248-530-1700



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City Commission meets tonight at 7:30 pm. See agenda: bhamgov.org/government/com...



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Twitter Post before the February 2, 2016 Meeting

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A public input meeting about the Poppleton Park Site Plan is scheduled for Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm at the Dept. of Public Services, 851 S. Eton.


2nd Public Input Meeting
Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

The Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board will hold a second input meeting to discuss the Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Department of Public Services.

This opportunity is a follow-up from the February 2, 2016 public input meeting to review a preliminary park concept site plan for Poppleton Park. This concept plan has been created based on the involvement and feedback from the City of Birmingham Community, Neighborhood Associations, as well as from the meeting of February 2nd.

Please join us at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board meeting for the 2nd public input session to be held during the:

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
6:30 pm
Conference Room
Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton

Please visit our website www.bhamgov.org for any additional information.

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to provide input, please email your comments to publicinput@bhamgov.org or drop off a letter at the address above ATTN: Parks and Recreation Board.

We hope to see you and your neighbors at the Wednesday, October 5th meeting.

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Learn about fire safety and meet your firefighters at the annual Open House Sat.

Twitter post before the October Public Meeting

Around Town Newsletters

Public Input Sought for Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan



Share your ideas and feedback during a [Public Workshop](#) to assist in developing a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 pm. The workshop will be held during the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting in the DPS Conference Room located at 851 South Eton. A representative from M.C. Smith Associates will receive public input for a Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan. This will be an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current park configuration and usage patterns, and to identify opportunities for future amenities and/or the reconfiguration of the existing park features. For more information, call the Department of Public Services at [\(248\) 530-1700](#).

Important Information about the March 8th Election

With the election just over a month away, please take note of the following:

- If you are not already registered to vote, the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the March election is Monday, February 8th.
- To confirm you are registered to vote and your polling location, log on to: <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>.
- Will you be out of town for the March Election? Apply for an absentee ballot today! Log on to www.bhamgov.org/voting. Complete the form and mail or fax it in. A ballot will be mailed to you.
- On Election Day, the polls are open from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
- Log on to the City's website to view a sample ballot and view the list of precincts. www.bhamgov.org/sampleballot

For more information regarding the election, contact the Clerk's Office at [248-530-1880](#).

Birmingham Welcomes New Businesses

Stop by soon and support the following new businesses that recently opened in Birmingham:

Additionally,

- Print media
 - Emails to user groups such as baseball groups including Roeper School, girls softball, Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Association
 - Emails to Homeowner Association Presidents
 - Emails to other interested residents, by request
 - Emails to attendees of the February 2nd Public Input Meeting
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- Public Workshop/Input meeting held February 2, 2016
 - Public Workshop/Input meeting held October 5, 2016

CONCEPT PLAN DEVELOPMENT



Input received from the February 2, 2016 Public Input Meeting

- Playground Upgrades
- Walking/Jogging Path
- Exercise Equipment Stations
- Accessible Parking Spaces at Playground (Oxford Street)
- Picnic Opportunities
- Benches
- Shelter/Possible comfort station
- Drinking Fountain
- Natural Park Space
- Green Space/Multi-use Field
- Conversation Areas
- More Shade Trees
- Berm at Woodward
- Access Drive for additional parking along Woodward Avenue
- No more congestion on residential streets, no more traffic
- No additional parking

Input received from the October 5, 2016 Public Input Meeting

- Comments in favor of the parking off of Woodward Avenue
- Several Comments opposed to parking off of Woodward Avenue
- Comments opposing hardscape materials
- Positive comments about the pathways to promote walkability and encourage park use
- Concerns about the number of parking spaces along Woodward Avenue
- Comments in favor of the general concept of the plan
- Concern of the potential loss of mature trees
- Porta John concerns and also positive comments

Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Key Elements:

- More Shade Trees
- New and Larger Inclusive and Accessible Playground Area
- Walking/Jogging Path
- Shelter and Picnic Opportunities
- Added Benches and Social Zones
- Drinking Fountains
- Natural Park Space Improved
- New Green Space/Multi-use Field
- Ballfield improvements, outfield
- "Access Drive" for additional parking along Woodward Avenue with no entry/connection to neighborhood

TREES AND PARKING LOT ELEMENTS



Poppleton Park Concept Plan:

New Trees Proposed:

70 deciduous , 20 Ornamental

= 90 New Trees

*13 Tree identified in plan for removal
can be maintained with modifications
to the concept plan.

Potentially Impacted Trees based on Concept for Parking Lot, subject to further study

- Ingress to Concept Parking Lot, between Woodward Avenue and Tennis Courts
- 2 Honey Locust trees, 11" and 12" DBH in Good Condition
- 4 spruce, 17", 13", 13" and 10" DBH, all in Fair Condition
- 2 Armstrong Maples, 8" DBH and 9" DBH in Poor Condition



Possible
Layout of
Concept
Parking area
(approximate
location)



Trees to KEEP!



Concept
Exit View

Parking

- One of the Outcomes from previous planning efforts, including community input
- Alternative Parking Locations explored:
 - Entry off of Madison, Parking East of the Tennis Courts
 - Parking Pod directly off of Oxford
 - Extend drive from Rivenoak, along Woodward to add 48 spaces with a roundabout, for entry and exit off of Rivenoak
 - Parking lot proposed along Woodward Avenue, no connection to neighborhood

Parking Concerns

- Proposed parking along Woodward Avenue will result in other uses (day time workers, dream cruisers, etc.)
- Unlike other parking areas along Woodward Avenue, the proposed parking in support of Poppleton Park is on City property and can be fully regulated and enforced by the City if advanced. Other parking areas on Woodward Avenue are on MDOT rights-of-way.

Other concerns:

- Porta Potty



Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

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- Porta Potty
- Pathway: material, width, and location
- Picnic Shelters: size, location, reservations
- Proposed Concept Plan: \$1.8 million

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



1. Concept Plan created through a public process with an advisory board to identify concept and preliminary costs
2. Advisory Board completes process and recommends a concept plan to the City Commission.
3. Concept Plan is presented to the City Commission for acceptance.
4. If accepted, it is included in the City' Capital Improvement programming for further study in future years.
5. A final design plan is developed through an additional Advisory Board process and costs estimates are updated.
6. Final design plan is presented to the City Commission for approval.

Q & A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION

PROPOSED LOT SPLIT

Meeting Date, Time, Location:	Monday, December 12, 2016, 7:30 PM Municipal Building, 151 Martin Birmingham, MI
Location of Request:	1286 WILLOW LN., Parcel #1926230025, THE SOUTH ½ OF LOT 101 AND ALL OF LOTS 102 AND 103 AND THE NORTH 52.5 FEET OF LOT 104, QUARTON LAKE ESTATES RE-PLAT OF THE EAST PART OF QUARTON LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 38, PAGE 24 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS.
Nature of Hearing:	To split the existing parcel into two new parcels.
City Staff Contact:	Jana Ecker 248.530.1841 jecker@bhamgov.org
Notice Requirements:	Mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of subject address.
Approved minutes may be reviewed at:	City Clerk's Office

Persons wishing to express their views may do so in person at the hearing or in writing addressed to City Clerk, City of Birmingham, 151 Martin, Birmingham, MI 48009.
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 (voice) or (248) 644-5115 (TDD) at least one day in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.



MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

DATE: December 2, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Matthew Baka, Senior Planner

CC: Jana L. Ecker, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for a Lot Split of 1286 Willow Lane, Parcel #1926230025, T2N, R10E, SEC 26 QUARTON LAKE ESTATES REPLAT S 35 FT OF LOT 101, ALL OF LOTS 102 & 103, ALSO N 52.5 OF LOT 104

The owner of the property known as 1286 Willow Lane is seeking approval for a division of property in order to split the existing parcel into two (2) single family lots. The parcel at 1286 Willow Lane had previously been altered from its original size and therefore requires City Commission approval in order to execute the requested lot split. The current proposal is to split the existing large parcel into two lots with the majority of the property creating a 142.5' wide parcel on the southern portion and an 85' wide parcel on the northern portion. There is currently a large single family home on the property that would be demolished if the requested lot split is approved. The lots would then be developed with one single family home on each. The new homes would be subject to all R-1 zone regulations as required by the Zoning Ordinance. Enclosed are copies of surveys provided by the applicant depicting existing and proposed conditions.

The Subdivision Regulation Ordinance (Chapter 102, Section 102-53) requires that the following standards be met for approval of a lot division.

- (1) *All lots formed or changed shall conform to minimum Zoning Ordinance Standards.*

The subject property is zoned R1, Single Family Residential. The minimum lot size per unit in the R1 zone is 9,000 sq. ft. The altered parcels that result from the lot split would conform to minimum Zoning Ordinance standards as set out in Article 02, Section 2.06 of the Zoning Ordinance, for the R-1 Zoning District. The proposed split would create an 11,900 sq. ft. parcel on the northern portion and a 19,950 sq. ft. parcel on the southern portion on the property. Accordingly, both of the proposed parcels would be in excess of the required 9,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size for the R-1 Single Family Residential District. **Accordingly, the proposal meets this requirement.**

- (2) *All residential lots formed or changed by the division shall have a lot width not less than the average lot width of all lots on the same street within 300 feet of the lots formed or changed and within the same district.*

The proposed parcel to the north would be 85' wide and the proposed parcel to the south would be 142.5' wide. The average lot width of lots in the area is 126.42' wide. **Accordingly, the parcels created by the lot split will not meet this requirement.**

- (3) *The division will not adversely affect the interest of the public and of the abutting property owners. In making this determination, the City Commission shall consider, but not be limited to the following:*
- a. *The location of proposed buildings or structures, the location and nature of vehicular ingress or egress so that the use of appropriate development of adjacent land or buildings will not be hindered, nor the value thereof impaired.*
 - b. *The effect of the proposed division upon any flood plain areas, wetlands or other natural features and the ability of the applicant to develop buildable sites on each resultant parcel without unreasonable disturbance of such natural features.*
 - c. *The location, size, density and site layout of any proposed structures or buildings as they may impact an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties and the capacity of essential public facilities such as police and fire protection, drainage structures, municipal sanitary sewer and water, and refuse disposal.*

The applicant has indicated their intent to construct new single-family homes on the lots if the requested lot split is approved. The new homes would be subject to all R-1 zone regulations as required by the Zoning Ordinance. Current ingress and egress would continue to be maintained off of Willow Lane. The proposed lot division will not hinder the development of adjacent properties.

The subject property is not located within the floodplain or soil erosion limit of a recognized stream, river, lake or other water body. The site does not appear to exhibit evidence of regulated wetlands or endangered species of flora and fauna. The proposed lot rearrangement and property transfer will not affect any natural features on the site.

The proposed lot rearrangement will not negatively affect the supply of light and air to adjacent properties. It will not negatively affect the capacity of essential public facilities. City departments have no objections to the proposed lot split.

The proposed lot split does not meet standards #2 as outlined in the City Code. However, the following section of the City Code gives the City Commission the authority to make exceptions as follows:

Sec. 102-4. Waivers

The city commission may waive the requirements as set forth in this chapter in those instances when the commission determines that the enforcement of such requirements might cause unnecessary difficulties on the applicant or where the commission determines that a waiver of any such requirement by the commission shall not preclude the applicant from complying with all provisions of chapter 126 of this Code.

Thus, the City Commission may approve the proposed lot split of 1286 Willow Lane using the waiver provision of section 102-4 if they see fit.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

1) To APPROVE the proposed lot split of 1286 Willow Lane with a waiver as permitted under section 102-4 of the City Code to allow the northern parcel to have an 85' width.

or

2) To deny the lot split of 1286 Willow Lane as proposed based on the following conditions that adversely affect the interest of the public and of the abutting property owners:



LEGEND

- FOUND IRON
- //—— EX. FENCE
- EX. OVERHEAD LINE

FRONT SETBACKS

ADJACENT NORTH
19-26-230-002 - 39.75'
19-26-230-003 - 33.00'

ADJACENT SOUTH
19-26-230-026 - 39.71'
19-26-230-027 - 42.17'

WEST OF WILLOW
19-26-229-012 - 43.86'
19-26-229-023 - 41.83'



TAX DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL NO. 19-26-230-025:
T2N, R10E, SEC 26 QUARTON
LAKE ESTATES REPLAT S 35
FT OF LOT 101, ALL OF LOTS
102 & 103, ALSO N 52.5 FT
OF LOT 104.

RESULTANT DESCRIPTIONS:

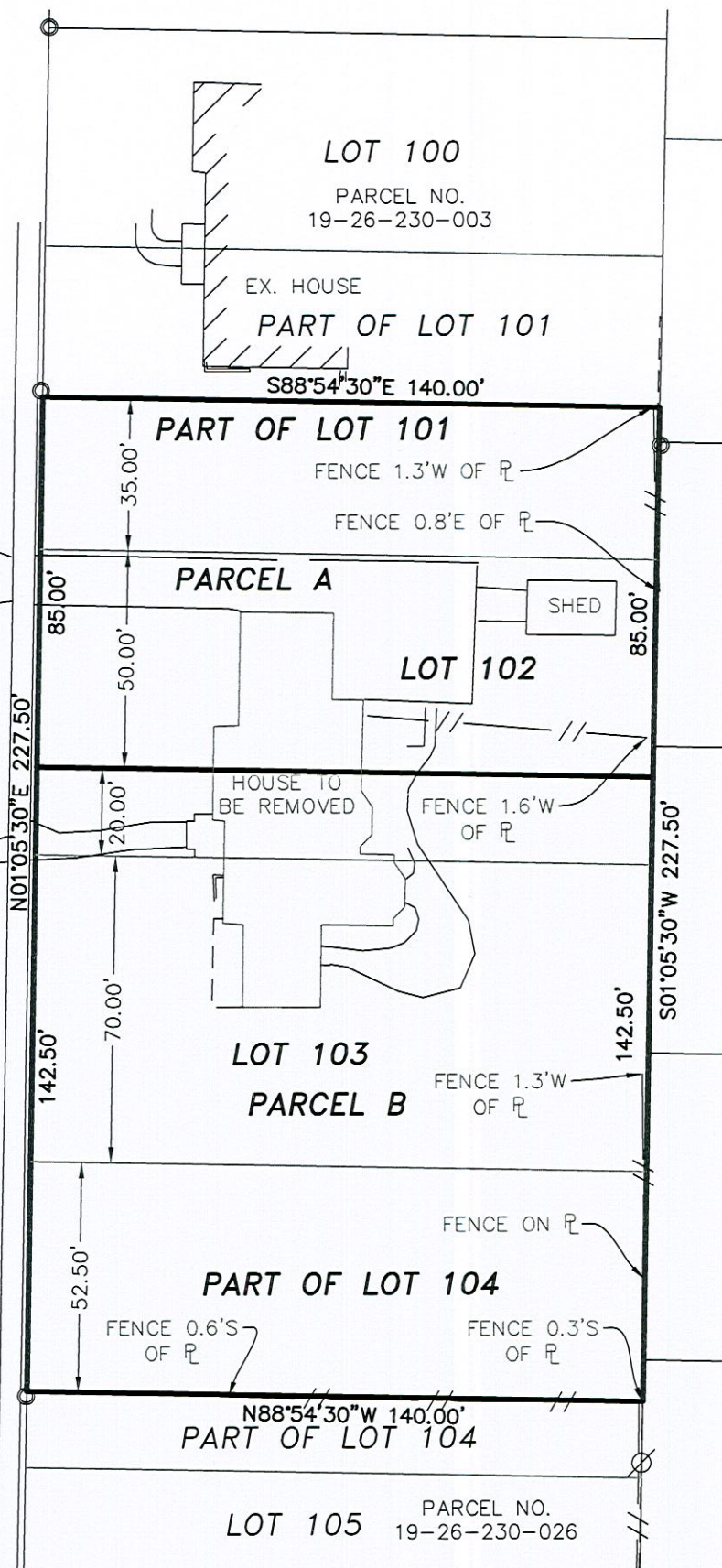
PARCEL A:
THE SOUTH 35 FEET OF LOT 101 AND THE
NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 102, QUARTON LAKE
ESTATES COMPANY REPLAT (L. 38, P.24)
SECTION 26, T2N-R10E, CITY OF BIRMINGHAM,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PARCEL B:
THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 102, ALL OF LOT
103, AND THE NORTH 52.50 FEET OF LOT 104,
QUARTON LAKE ESTATES COMPANY REPLAT (L.
38, P.24) SECTION 26, T2N-R10E, CITY OF
BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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CIVIL ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS

46892 WEST ROAD
SUITE 109
NOVI, MICHIGAN 48377
(248) 926-3701 (BUS)
(248) 926-3765 (FAX)

WILLOW LANE (60 FT. WIDE)



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SURVEYED THE PROPERTY
HEREIN DESCRIBED, AND THAT THERE ARE NO VISIBLE
ENCROACHMENTS UPON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY,
EXCEPT AS SHOWN HEREON.

Ginger Michalski-Wallace
GINGER MICHALSKI-WALLACE
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR NO. 47964

REVISED 11-1-2016

CLIENT:	ZACH ULLRICH	DATE:	10-27-16
PARCEL SPLIT		DRAWN BY:	JRV
1286 WILLOW LANE		CHECKED BY:	GLM
SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 2N RANGE: 10E		0 20 40	
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM		FBK: 315	1/2
OAKLAND COUNTY		CHF: RDF	16-388
MICHIGAN		SCALE HOR 1"= 40 FT. VER 1"= - FT.	

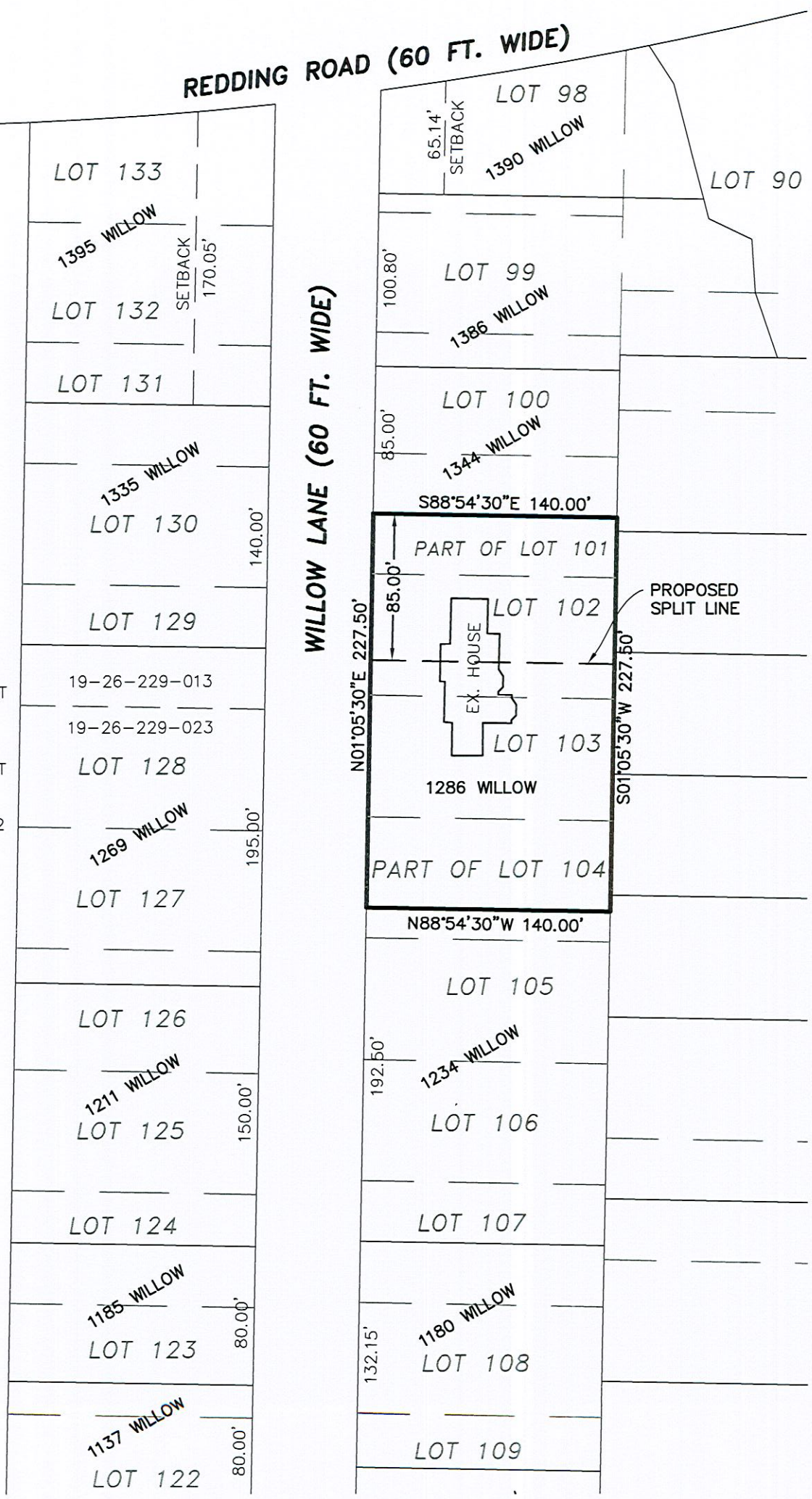


NOTES

AVERAGE LOT WIDTH OF
#1180 - #1234 WILLOW AND
#1344 - #1390 WILLOW (EAST
OF WILL IS 115.12 FEET.

AVERAGE LOT WIDTH OF
#1137 - #1395 WILLOW (WEST
OF WILL IS 135.84 FEET.

COMBINED AVERAGE IS 126.42
FEET IN WIDTH



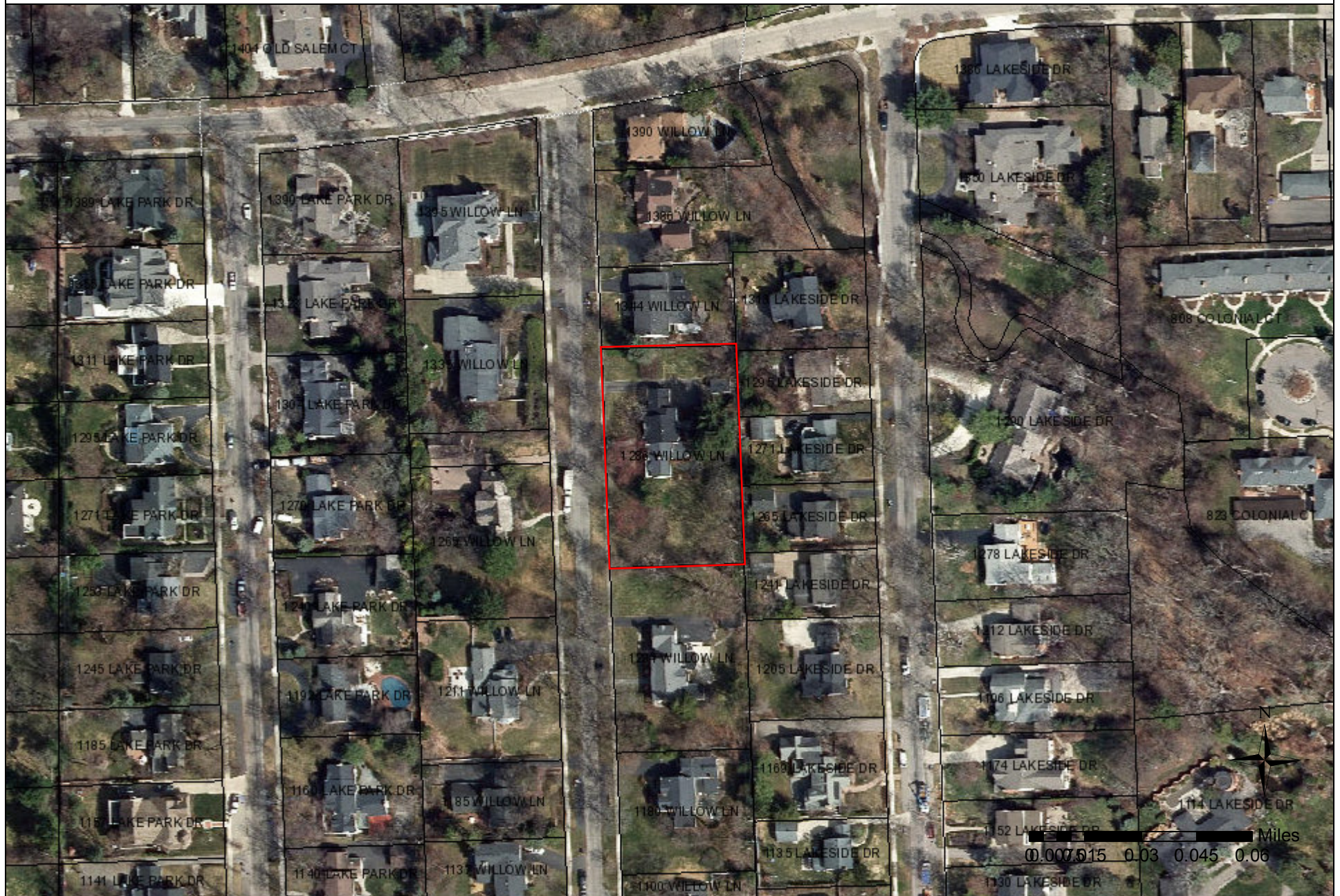


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CLIENT:		DATE: 11-1-16	
ZACH ULLRICH		DRAWN BY: JRV	
PARCEL SPLIT		CHECKED BY: GLM	
1286 WILLOW LANE		SCALE: HOR 1"= 80 FT. VER 1"= 40 FT.	
SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 2N RANGE: 10E		FBK: 315	
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM		CHF: RDF	
OAKLAND COUNTY		2/2	
MICHIGAN		16-388	

1286 Willow LN





CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
Date 11/08/2016 10:20:04 AM
Ref 00133121
Receipt 343513
Amount \$100.00

Division of Platted Lots Application

1. Applicant

Name: Zach and Brittany Ullrich
Address: 868 Hazel Street
Birmingham, MI 48009
Phone Number: (248) 225-0530
Fax Number: _____
Email Address: zach.ullrich@gmail.com

Property Owner

Name: Zach and Brittany Ullrich
Address: 868 Hazel Street
Birmingham, MI 48009
Phone Number: (248) 225-0530
Fax Number: _____
Email Address: zach.ullrich@gmail.com

2. Applicant's Attorney/Contact Person

Name: C. Leslie Banas and Jessica Hallmark
Address: Banas and Associates PLLC
330 Hamilton Row, Ste. 350, Birmingham, MI 48009
Phone Number: (248) 203-5400
Fax Number: (248) 203-0076
Email Address: jessica.hallmark@banaslegal.net

Survey Company

Name: Alpine Engineering, Inc.
Address: 46892 West Road, Suite 109
Novi, MI 48377
Phone Number: (248) 926-3701
Fax Number: (248) 926-3765
Email Address: ginger@alpine-inc.net

3. Project Information

Address/Location of Property: 1286 Willow Lane
Birmingham, MI 48009
Sidwell #: 19-26-230-025
Current Zoning: R-1 Residential

Legal Description: The South 1/2 of Lot 101 and all of
Lots 102 and 103 and the North 52.5 feet of Lot
104, Quarton Lake Estates re-plat of the East part
of Quarton Lake Estates Subdivision, as recorded
in Liber 38, page 24 of Plats, Oakland Co Records.

4. Attachments

- Proof of ownership
- Written statement of reasons for request
- A letter of authority or power of attorney in the event the application is made by a person other than the property owner
- Other data having a direct bearing on the request
- Sketches of proposed development (optional)
- One digital copy of plans
- Two (2) copies of a registered land survey showing:
 - all existing and proposed platted lot lines
 - legal descriptions of proposed lots
 - locations of existing/ surrounding structures and setbacks
 - footprints of proposed development

(I), (We), the undersigned, do hereby request to divide lots of record in the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. (I), (We), do hereby swear that all of the statements, signatures, and descriptions appearing on and with this request are in all respects true and accurate to the best of (my), (our), knowledge.

Signature of Property Owner: [Signature]
Print Name: Zach Ullrich, Brittany Ullrich
Signature of Applicant: [Signature]
Print Name: Zach Ullrich, Brittany Ullrich

Date: 11/04/2016

Date: 11/04/2016

Fee: **\$200.00 per lot affected, minimum fee \$400**

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
Date 11/08/2016 10:20:04 AM
Ref 00133120
Receipt 343513
Amount \$450.00

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**ZACH ULLRICH
868 Hazel
Birmingham, MI 48009**

November 3, 2016

City of Birmingham Planning Department
151 Martin Street
P.O.Box 3001
Birmingham, MI 48012

**Re: Application for Lot Split of Property Located
at 1286 Willow Lane, Birmingham, Michigan**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our family currently resides at 868 Hazel, Birmingham Michigan 48009.

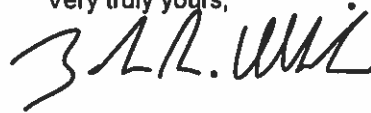
We recently closed on the purchase of the residential property located at 1286 Willow Lane ("Existing Lot"). The Existing Lot is currently improved with an older home.

Our plan is to split the Existing Lot into two parcels, Parcel A and Parcel B, as depicted in the enclosed Survey.

We expect to deconstruct and salvage materials from the residence on the Existing Lot and build a new home for our family (approximately 4,800-5,000 square feet) on Parcel B. We would expect to market Parcel A for sale to another residential user.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ZACH ULLRICH", written over a horizontal line.

ZACH ULLRICH

Warranty Deed
Statutory Form

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Carrie Weiner, as Trustee of the Carrie Weiner Revocable Living Trust under trust agreement dated May 10, 2007, as amended,

whose address is 1286 Willow lane, Birmingham, MI 48009

Convey and Warrant to Zach Ullrich and Brittany Ullrich, Husband and Wife

whose address is 868 Hazel, Birmingham, MI 48009

the following described premises situated in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, to-wit:

The South 1/2 of Lot 101 and all of Lots 102 and 103 and the North 52.5 feet of Lot 104, Quarton Lake Estates re-plat of the East part of Quarton Lake Estates Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 38, page 24 of Plats, Oakland County Records

Commonly known as: 1286 Willow Lane Parcel Identification No: 19-26-230-025

For the sum of: One Dollar (\$1.00) and any other valuable consideration; transfer valuation affidavit filed.

Subject to existing building and use restrictions and easements and rights of way of record

Dated this 03 october 2016

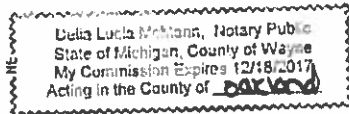
Signed and Sealed:


Carrie Weiner Revocable Living Trust under
trust agreement dated May 10, 2007, as
amended

BY: 
Carrie Weiner, Trustee

State of Michigan
County of Oakland

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 03 October 2016
by Carrie Weiner, as Trustee of the Carrie Weiner Revocable Living Trust under trust
agreement dated May 10, 2007, as amended.




Notary Public, Wayne County
State of Michigan
My Commission expires: 12.18.17
Acting in the County of: Oakland

Drafted by:
Natalie Reed, Broker
Keller Williams Domain
210 S Old Woodward Ave, Ste 200
Birmingham, MI 48009

When recorded return to:
Zach Ullrich
1286 Willow Lane
Birmingham, MI 48009-4839
103026



MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

DATE: December 7, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Jana L. Ecker, Planning Director
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Old Woodward and Maple Reconstruction Plans for 2017

On September 15, 2016 a Request for Proposals ("RFP") was issued by the City seeking a design/planning consultant to review the City's preliminary plans for the reconstruction of segments of Old Woodward and Maple in downtown that are scheduled for construction in 2017. The completion of final plans and detailed renderings for key segments of the project area will be the final deliverables from the selected consultant. A copy of the RFP is attached for your review.

Two proposals were submitted in response to the RFP, one from McKenna Associates and one from MKSK/Parsons Brinkerhoff. A selection panel was convened made up of City staff and board members to review the responses submitted to complete final plans and renderings for Old Woodward and Maple downtown. The selection panel was comprised of the following representatives:

- Planning Board Chairperson
- Multi-Modal Transportation Board Chairperson
- Architectural Review Committee Member
- Planning Board Member (Design or Architect Member)
- City Manager
- City Engineer
- Planning Director

On October 4, 2016, the selection panel met to review and discuss the proposals submitted. Each member completed an evaluation sheet for each proposal, and the scores were compiled. The top firm based on the raw scores was MKSK/Parsons Brinkerhoff. The panel then discussed the project needs and the pros and cons of each team of respondents. The panel unanimously agreed to recommend MKSK/Parsons Brinkerhoff to the City Commission to complete the final plans and renderings for Old Woodward and Maple downtown. However, the panel requested that staff contact MKSK/Parsons Brinkerhoff and ask if there were any price reductions that could be obtained by removing the use of a new steering committee (as recommended in the proposal), and substituting an established City board in as the principal reviewing board.

In response, MKSK proposed a reduction of \$3100.00 of the originally proposed price, for a not to exceed total of \$69,437.00 to complete the final plans and renderings for Old Woodward and Maple downtown.

On October 10, 2016, the City Commission reviewed MKSK's proposal, and voted unanimously to approve a budget amendment to fund the work described above and to direct staff to execute a contract with MKSK/Parsons Brinkerhoff, in an amount not to exceed \$69,437.00, to complete the scope of work contained in the RFP to complete final plans and renderings for segments of Old Woodward and Maple downtown.

On October 11, 2016, the MKSK team commenced their field work on the Old Woodward and Maple design project. Since that time, the team has been working quickly to review the plans previously proposed for the project area, and has been formulating design recommendations. Given the extremely tight timeline for this project to ensure construction in the spring of 2017, staff has been meeting with the consulting team on a regular basis to move the project along. The schedule of meetings for the project is summarized in the chart below.

<u>Task</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kick Off Meeting	October 11, 2016
• City staff	
Task 1 and 2 Meeting	October 26, 2016
• City staff	
Multi-Modal Transportation Board Update	November 3, 2016
Internal Staff Review Meeting with MKSK	November 4, 2016
Public Open House	November 7, 2016 4:00 – 7:00pm Baldwin Public Library
Task 3 & 4 Meeting	November 14, 2016
• City staff	
Meeting with Downtown Merchants	November 15, 2016
Draft Plan Complete	November 18, 2016
Multi-Modal Board Meeting	November 21, 2016
City Commission Meeting	November 21, 2016
Completion of Final Plan	December 12, 2016

On November 7, 2016, MKSK conducted a public open house to present two conceptual options for N. Old Woodward and Maple, a standard streetscape option and an enhanced streetscape option. Both options propose a 66' wide road section, with 10' wide reverse angled parking spaces, a 10' wide travel lane for vehicles in each direction, and a 9' wide center turn lane. The existing road section on Old Woodward is 70' in width, and thus the proposed design allows the sidewalks on either side of the street to be expanded by 2'. This extra width also allows for the expansion of the tree wells to accommodate larger and healthy canopy trees.

On November 15, 2016, City staff conducted a meeting with downtown merchants to discuss the proposed construction schedule, road closures, potential impacts on downtown businesses and planned special events during construction.

On November 21, 2016, the Multi-Modal Transportation Board ("MMTB") reviewed the proposed 66' wide road section recommended by MKSK for Old Woodward, and the 40' section recommended for Maple. After lengthy discussion, the board voted 4 to 3 in favor of recommending approval to the City Commission of the proposed 66' cross section, with back in angled parking. The three dissenting voters cited the need for additional public input and emphasized the importance of Old Woodward in Birmingham and the need to make greater gains for pedestrian and other multi-modal elements.

On November 21, 2016, the City Commission also reviewed the proposed 66' road section as recommended by MKSK, and discussed the recommendation of the MMTB to approve the section with back in angled parking. Several City Commissioners and members of the public expressed concern about the suggested change to back in angled parking. Ultimately, the City Commission voted to recommend the suggested 66' cross section for Old Woodward with head in angled parking, and the 40' cross section for Maple Road with parallel parking. The City Commission requested that MKSK finalize the design of Old Woodward with head in angled parking in such a way that it could possibly be converted into back in angled parking in the future.

On December 1, 2016, the Multi-Modal Transportation Board reviewed the different material options proposed for use on Old Woodward and Maple within the project area. The MMTB voted unanimously to recommend the use of enhanced materials for the crosswalks, street pavement and streetscape for both Old Woodward and Maple, and requested clarification on the following issues:

- The type of striping that is required for left turn lanes in order to enforce no driving in that lane;
- The safety of pedestrians on the corners where there is a flush curb;
- The possibility of changing the tactile and/or color experience in the non-left turn portion of the left turn lane; and
- The type of striping that is required to delineate a crosswalk when brick pavers are used.

The MKSK team has now completed final plans for City Commission review, incorporating all of the comments previously expressed by the City Commission, the Multi-Modal Transportation Board and City staff. In response to the MMTB's request for clarification on the above topics, MKSK has provided the following responses:

- Striping to denote the left turn lane can be painted on the roadway or can be created using a contrasting color material (such as white or yellow pavers to permanently create lane striping, left turn arrows, etc.);
- Granite bollards are proposed to provide a protected area for pedestrians at corners where a flush curb is proposed, and the flush curb is proposed to be constructed of a contrasting color to draw attention to the driving lane (black granite);
- Different materials and / or colored materials may be used in the non-turning portion of the left turn lane to discourage driving in these areas; and
- Striping to denote crosswalks can be painted on the pavement or can be created using a contrasting color material (such as white or yellow pavers to permanently create crosswalk dimensions and detailing).

The MKSK team will present their final plans and recommendations to the City Commission on December 12, 2016, including their recommended design elements, including streetscape and furnishing materials and final striping and landscaping recommendations.

Based on the input of the City Commission, staff will develop a bid package incorporating the previously approved road sections utilizing the City's existing standards and solicit alternatives for the components of the enhanced plan in order to make any adjustments based on cost considerations at the time actual bids are received. The project will then be bid out with both alternatives, and the City Commission will have the opportunity to select the appropriate materials and level of finish based on the actual costs for each option as submitted by respondents.

To keep the planned timeline for this project, the suggested action has been developed to proceed with the MKSK design and conclude element selections once actual costs are available.

Suggested Action:

To accept the MKSK design for Old Woodward and Maple and direct City staff to prepare bid specifications for Phase 1 of the Old Woodward and Maple project utilizing the City's existing standards and solicit alternatives for the components of the enhanced plan in order to make any adjustments based on cost considerations at the time actual bids are received.

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November 21, 2016

OLD WOODWARD AVE. RECONSTRUCTION - WILLITS ST. TO BROWN ST.

Mr. O'Meara noted that as discussed at the last meeting, the City has hired a planning consultant, MKSK, to work with the City in devising the conceptual plan for the Old Woodward Ave. project. The effort has been fast tracked in order to allow for final design of the project to begin as soon as possible, with an anticipated spring 2017 construction start. The timeline includes a review by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, followed immediately by a review by the City Commission.

The MMTB is asked to review and discuss the street design, including widths of street, sidewalks, and reverse angle versus head-in angle parking areas. The Board is also asked to consider the use of City standard materials, as compared to enhanced materials, particularly with respect to how the materials may alter the pedestrian experience.

Mr. O'Meara reviewed the infrastructure problems in that particular section, which is why the project has been undertaken. Ms. Ecker explained there are two different Master Plans that govern this area; the Downtown Birmingham 2016 Plan and the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. She went on to outline many of their recommendations for improvements.

Mr. Brad Strader from MKSK was present along with Mr. Joe Marson, Traffic Engineer from Parsons Transportation, and Mr. Brian Kinzelman, Landscape Architect with MKSK. Mr. Strader took the board through the same PowerPoint that will be presented to the City Commission. Their goals are to make Maple Rd. and Old Woodward Ave. more walkable and consistent with the Multi-Modal Plan, but also to consider trucks, automobiles, bikes, and all of the different users. The project scope is in three phases. Tonight's concentration is on the segment of Old Woodward Ave. between Willits St. and Brown St.

In looking at road design, they considered safety for all users. Usable passable sidewalks along with improved lighting on Old Woodward Ave. will make it a vibrant, walkable space. A proposed road width of 66 ft. curb to curb strikes a balance between what is best for cars and parking maneuvering space and what is best for pedestrians and outdoor dining. With road travel lanes at 13 ft. and a left turn lane of 9 ft., the pedestrian right-of-way would be a minimum of 10 ft. wide. Back-in angle parking is safer for bikers which is consistent with the Multi-Modal Plan that calls for sharrows on Old Woodward Ave.

Considering Maple Rd., a little bit more room can be added for sidewalks but it makes the travel lane and the conflicts between parking vehicles and the through traffic tighter. The parallel parking allows a tighter travel lane for pulling out. Presently the sidewalks are 11 ft. in width but the passable area is more like 5 1/2 ft. in some spots.

Mr. Kinzelman noted curb extensions are introduced at the intersections to minimize the passage distance across the street. However, the large trucks and vehicles need to be accommodated as they make a turn. Therefore the curbs are dropped flush to the street so

large vehicles will not tear them up. The proposed cross-walk length of Old Woodward Ave. is two 13 ft. travel lanes and a 9 ft. center turn lane, or 35 ft. Currently it is 70 ft.

Mr. Strader advised that about half of the crashes recorded for this segment of Old Woodward Ave. are related to a parking maneuver. Back-in angle parking is much better for bikes and also allows safer loading of goods into the trunk which is adjacent to the sidewalk. It loses about one space per block over what presently exists.

Ms. Ecker said that the business community has submitted a letter saying they are not in favor of enhanced materials because it would cost more and they don't like back-in parking because people may be reluctant to park in front of the stores.

Ms. Slanga commented she does not love the idea of a non-uniformity of parking along Old Woodward Ave. because it seems confusing. When asked, Mr. O'Meara explained if the City wanted to change N. Old Woodward Ave. now to back-in angle parking there would be pavement markings to grind out and parking meters to move.

Mr. Strader advised that MDOT has recently taken the position that if angled parking is to be installed on a State road, it has to be reverse angle. The dimensions that are shown are recommended as a common standard for back-in parking.

Mr. Kinzelman reviewed the materials. He noted that Old Woodward Ave. is a very special place and a better quality of material such as granite curbs and brick pavers would be appropriate. Higher efficiency LED light sources are proposed for the signal mast arms so the pedestrian environment is illuminated at the intersections. A light fixture is suggested for Old Woodward Ave. that is different from the Birmingham Green lantern fixture. It directs the light down onto the sidewalk rather than throwing it out into the atmosphere.

Concern was expressed by Ms. Slanga that the middle turn lane along Old Woodward Ave. will become a passing lane. Ms. Edwards thought that traffic won't stop when someone is backing in if there is a middle turn lane. Mr. O'Meara noted the center lane could also be used as a truck unloading area. Mr. Kinzelman explained it would also be defacto storage space for police vehicles if needed. A different material could be used so that driving on the middle lane feels different, almost like a rumble strip.

Ms. Slanga did not know if this is a big enough change from what they are trying to get out of the downtown or whether it creates enough cafe space. Many proprietors want to put two rows of cafe outside of their business. She did not think this proposal that will last at least seventy years into the future is progressive enough for what they want to do in the downtown. Mr. Strader advised that by getting rid of angled parking and adding parallel, it would allow much wider sidewalks.

Further discussion concerned getting rid of the middle turn lane. However, when a car sweeps around as it is getting out of a parking space it will partially go into the center lane. So that lane cannot be completely eliminated or it will put cars into oncoming traffic when they leave a parking space.

Due to the need to finish the meeting, members of the Board felt that this matter needed further study and discussion. The problem of timing in order to have construction in 2017 puts a limit on these considerations. Ms. Ecker said that for this meeting they are looking to see if the board would agree on the 66 ft. cross section and front-in or reverse angle parking.

Mr. Kinzelman explained there would be two types of parking on Old Woodward Ave. until such time that the City wanted to go to N. Old Woodward Ave. and reverse that angle of parking. Then the whole street would be back-in angle parking.

Motion by Ms. Folberg

Seconded by Mr. Rontal that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board recommends that the City Commission authorize the 66 ft. wide street design as presented by MKSK for Old Woodward Ave., from Willits St. to Brown St., with the inclusion of back-in angled parking.

There was no discussion from the public at 7:28 p.m.

Motion carried, 4-3.

ROLLCALL VOTE

Yeas: Folberg, Rontal, Adams, Surnow

Nays: Edwards, Lawson, Slanga

Absent: None

Dissenting board members discussed their motion. Ms. Slanga reiterated that this is Birmingham's signature street and it is not being given enough due process. She feels the board needs to hear more from the public. Ms. Edwards was not sure this proposal is a big enough gain for the City from a multi-modal perspective. Mr. Lawson did not know if it maximizes the pedestrian space. It is a long-term commitment.

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Not yet available.

**DRAFT Multi-Modal Transportation Board Minutes
December 1, 2016**

**7. OLD WOODWARD AVE. AND MAPLE RD.
MATERIALS**

Ms. Ecker recalled at their last meeting on November 21, the MMTB recommended that the City Commission authorize the 66 ft. wide street design as presented by MKSK for Old Woodward Ave., from Willits St. to Brown St., with the inclusion of back-in angled parking.

The City Commission voted to accept the plan with head in angle parking with the flexibility to change it in the future. The Commission also voted to approve the proposed width of 66 ft. from curb to curb along Old Woodward Ave. They also dealt with the width along Maple Rd. at 40 ft. They did not get into discussion about what materials should be used, so they have asked that consideration of the materials come back to the MMTB.

MKSK has proposed an alternate set of materials for the City Commission to consider. They have been advised that the City has developed and invested in a standard design and materials concept consisting of saw-cut brush finished concrete, combined with exposed aggregate accents installed between trees, placed typically on 40 ft. spacing. The recommendation is to extend this concept on Maple Rd., but that the Phase I project would be an opportunity to highlight the Old Woodward Ave. corridor with enhanced materials that could make it especially prominent and a special place that attracts residents and visitors alike.

The following are the recommended materials that are related to the multi-modal elements:

- Red/brown brick pavers in the main Maple Rd. intersection to delineate the left turn lane and the crosswalks in the other intersections. White pavers would be arranged in the crosswalk area. Brick pavers are also recommended in the sidewalk at each intersection. Brick band delineation between the parking area and the drive lanes.
- Buff-washed concrete for all remaining sidewalks on Old Woodward Ave.
- Granite curb inlays installed at the Maple Rd. intersection, flush with the pavement. Granite bollards that make it clear where the pedestrian zone is.
- On Maple Rd., adjacent to the left turn lanes an exposed aggregate curb extending from just behind the street curb and then around each tree well. Plantings in the area between the trees and the street.

The MMTB is asked to consider the use of City standard materials, as compared to the enhanced materials, particularly from a multi-modal point of view. All sidewalk costs will be added up (including all pavements, trees, landscaping, etc.) and 75% of that construction cost will be charged to the adjacent property owners as a special assessment.

Mr. Surnow didn't really think this is a multi-modal issue. The people that will be impacted are those who will be subject to a special assessment. He feels remiss in spending other people's money without knowing how they feel about it. Mr. O'Meara said before the decision is finalized the business owners would be notified and a separate public hearing will be held.

Mr. Rontal stated that with the front-in parking the sidewalk isn't being widened that much. There is a lot of street and not a lot of sidewalk because the tree wells have been expanded.

Ms. Edwards said the design has been constrained to accommodate angle parking and a turn lane, and as a result no gains have been made from a multi-modal perspective.

Ms. Ecker noted that the angle parking issue and the continuous turn lane issue has already been decided by the City Commission. The Commission also contemplated mid-block crossings at the Social Kitchen and Cafe Via passages.

Discussion considered installing bumpy brick pavers in the left turn lane to discourage people from using it to pass or to drive on. Mr. Labadie was not sure about how to incorporate the required yellow lines that delineate a left turn lane. It was discussed there are two different questions to consider: the legality and standardization, and also whether there are more accidents because people do not understand which lane they are supposed to be driving in.

Commander Grewe stated he cannot write a ticket for driving in the middle lane unless it is identified as a turn lane. Further, he doesn't know what the law requires as far as identifying a crosswalk (white lines or not).

It was thought that more than bollards are needed to identify where pedestrians can safely stand because large trucks and heavy vehicles will need to go over the flush curb.

Motion by Ms. Folberg

Seconded by Mr. Rontal that the MMTB is in favor of enhanced materials with the following concerns:

- **The legality and understandability of the left turn lane. Investigate what type of striping is required for left turn lanes in order to enforce no driving in that lane;**
- **The safety of pedestrians on the corners where there is a flush curb;**
- **Identify some way of changing the tactile/color experience in the non-left turn portion of the left turn lane;**
- **Investigate the legality of delineating a crosswalk.**

Mr. Rontal summarized if some of the brick pavers are removed where cars are queuing for the left turn lane and replaced with concrete, then everywhere where there are brick pavers cars either should not be driving or should be aware of pedestrians. The pavers in the middle lane should be a different color brick and should make it uncomfortable for people to drive on them.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Folberg, Rontal, Adams, Edwards, Surnow

Nays: None

Absent: Lawson, Slanga

Old Woodward Ave & W Maple Road

Streetscape Design

Compendium | December 9, 2016



PARSONS

MKSK

Overview

The City of Birmingham hired a professional design consulting team, led by MKSK to undertake the creation of a new downtown streetscape plan. This streetscape project includes the public right-of-way along Old Woodward from Oakland south to Woodward Ave. and East Maple Road extending east and west from Old Woodward. This project is a continuation of several other city plans included the Multi-Modal Plan, Alleys and Passageways Plan, Downtown 2020 Plan and others. This project built upon the extensive input from the public, stakeholders and officials of those plans. Specific to this project, a series of meetings were held with the public, business group (the Principal Shopping District), the city's Multi-Modal Board, and the City Commission (with additional opportunity for public input). The process also included several working meetings with City staff to review the original engineering plans and alternatives. Through that process, a series of broad alternatives were

explored and evaluated based on the project goals. The general consensus was that the original plans would work well for vehicles traveling along the street, and maintained the amount of on-street parking but did little toward meeting plan goals for pedestrians and economic vitality. The recommended design was thus built upon a blend of technical urban design and engineering with community engagement.

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- » Street Section Studies
- » Recommended Street Section
- » Parking Study
- » Street Character
- » Appendix

Project Background

Process

The process kicked off with a study area tour with the design team followed by a meeting with City Staff to align on processes and set deadlines. This meeting worked to set the pace for the project in terms of expectations, understand the goals, as well as design direction. The tour worked to photo document areas of concern and areas to aspire to. Items identified as high priority were parking, sidewalk widths, crossing distances, lane widths, plantings and street furniture.




Public Engagement Snapshot	Date	Attendees
KICK-OFF MEETING	October 11, 2016	Design team and City staff
MEETING 2	October 26, 2016	Design team, City staff, committee members
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE	November 7, 2016	Design team, City Staff, Public
PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT	November 15, 2016	Design Team, City Staff, Principal Shopping District Committee
CITY COMMISSION MEETING	November 21, 2016	Design Team, City commission, City staff, Public
MULTI-MODAL BOARD	November 21, 2016	Multi-Modal Board, Design Team, City Staff

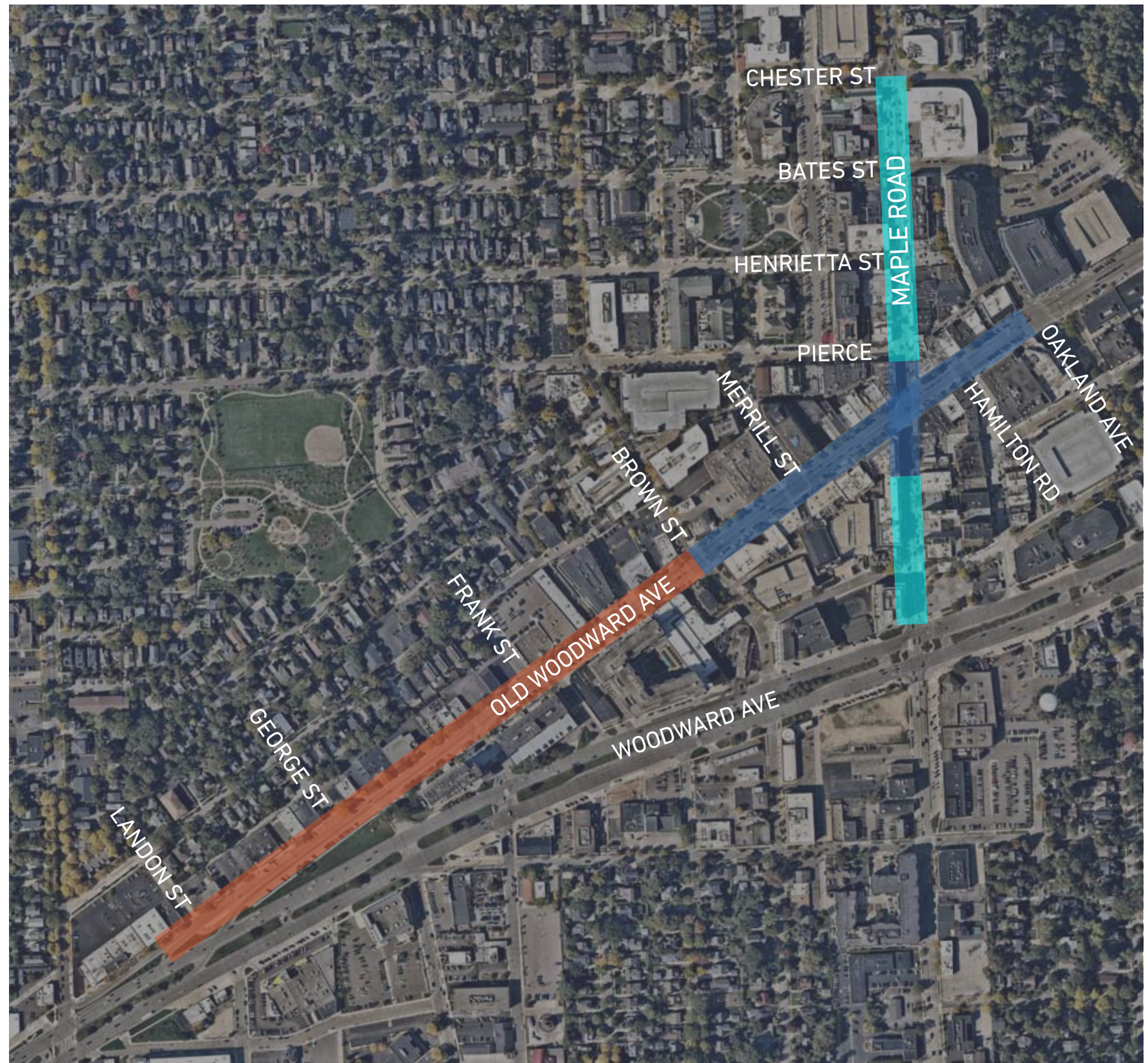
Project Goals

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- » To create a better environment for all patrons within Downtown Birmingham
 - > Pedestrians
 - > Cyclists
 - > Transit users
 - > Automobiles and trucks
- » To maximize the sidewalk design to allow for a more flexible and creative use of public space
- » To maintain and enhance parking, all modes of traffic flow and street safety
- » To create a space conducive of doing business for retailers, restaurants, service providers and employment offices
- » Safety for all users



- » Phase I 
 - > Old Woodward Ave from Oakland Ave to Brown Street
 - > Maple Road at intersection with Old Woodward Ave
- » Phase II 
 - > E Maple Road from Woodward Ave to Old Woodward Ave
 - > W Maple Road from Pierce Street to Chester Street
- » Phase III 
 - > Old Woodward Ave from Brown Street to Woodward Ave



Project Considerations

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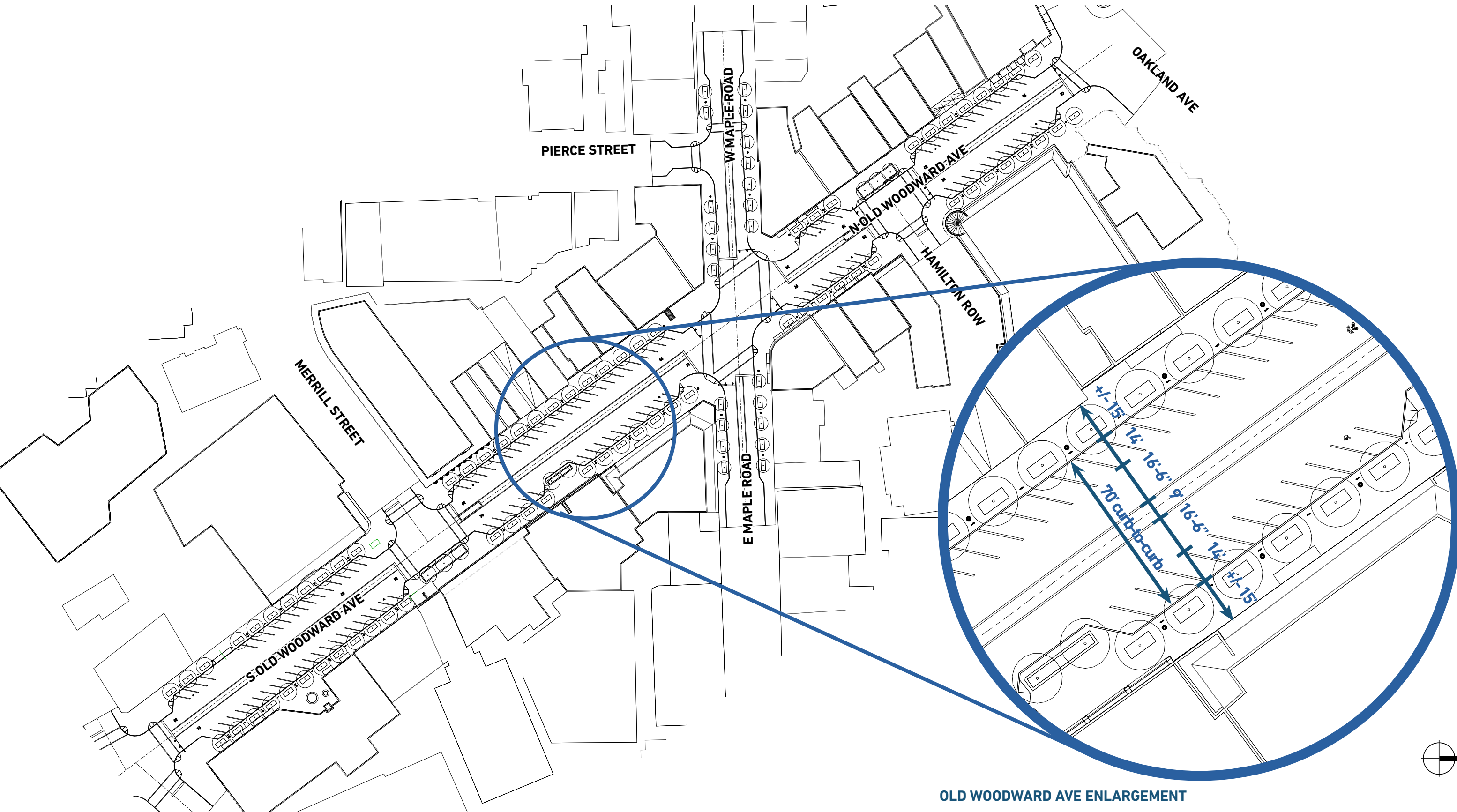
- » As discussed with City Staff at the project kick-off meeting the following are considered critical issues to be addressed for Downtown Birmingham.
 - > Safety of all users
 - > Parking
 - > Dated aesthetics and pedestrian amenities
 - > Limited use of sidewalks due to space constraints
- » Lack of public / green space
- » Lack of lighting
- » Lack of bicycle facilities
- » Multi-modal, City Commission and public comments subsequent suggest following issues be considered:
 - > Improve parking
 - > Consider mid-block crossings
 - > Use standard materials judiciously

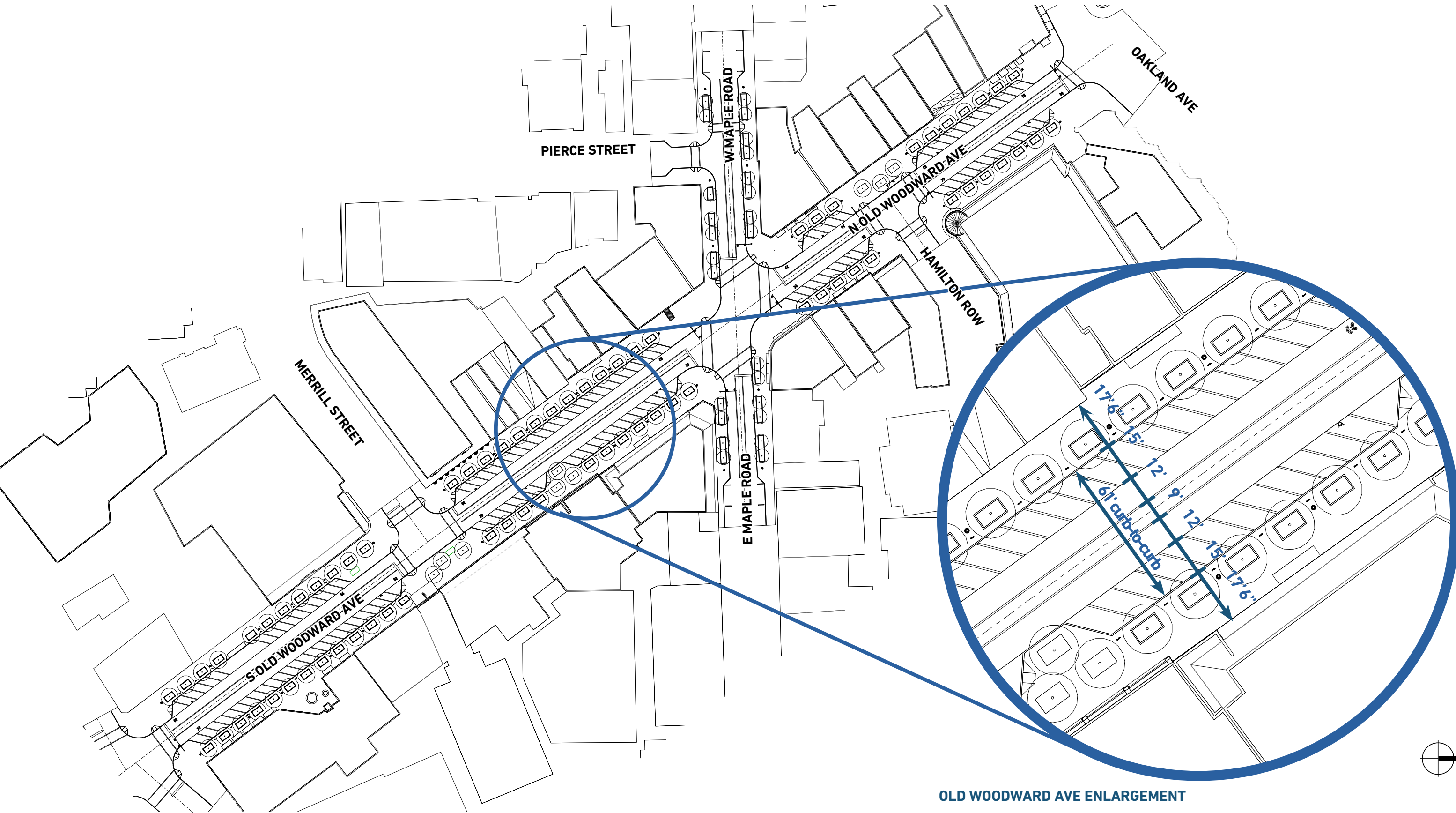


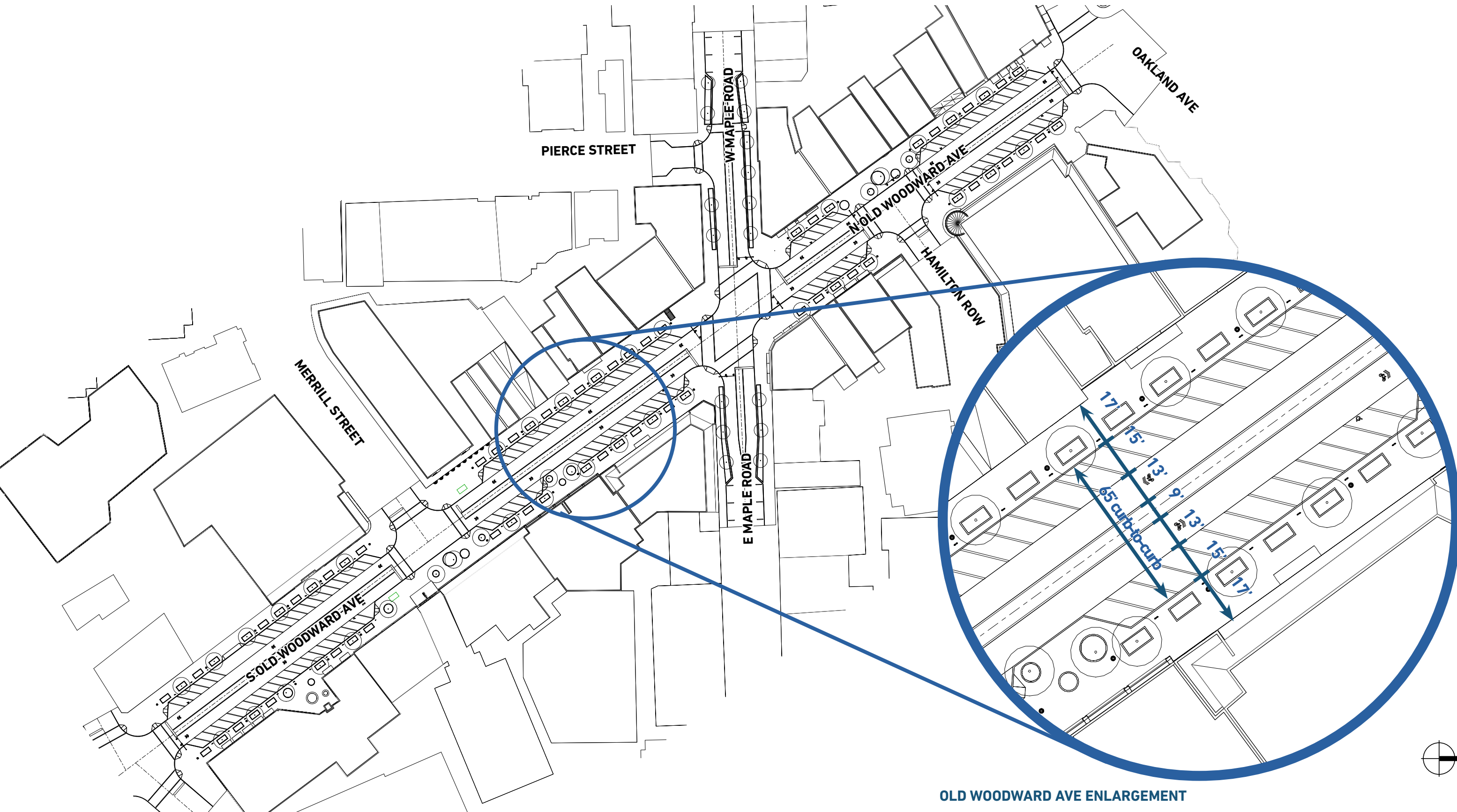
Street Section Studies

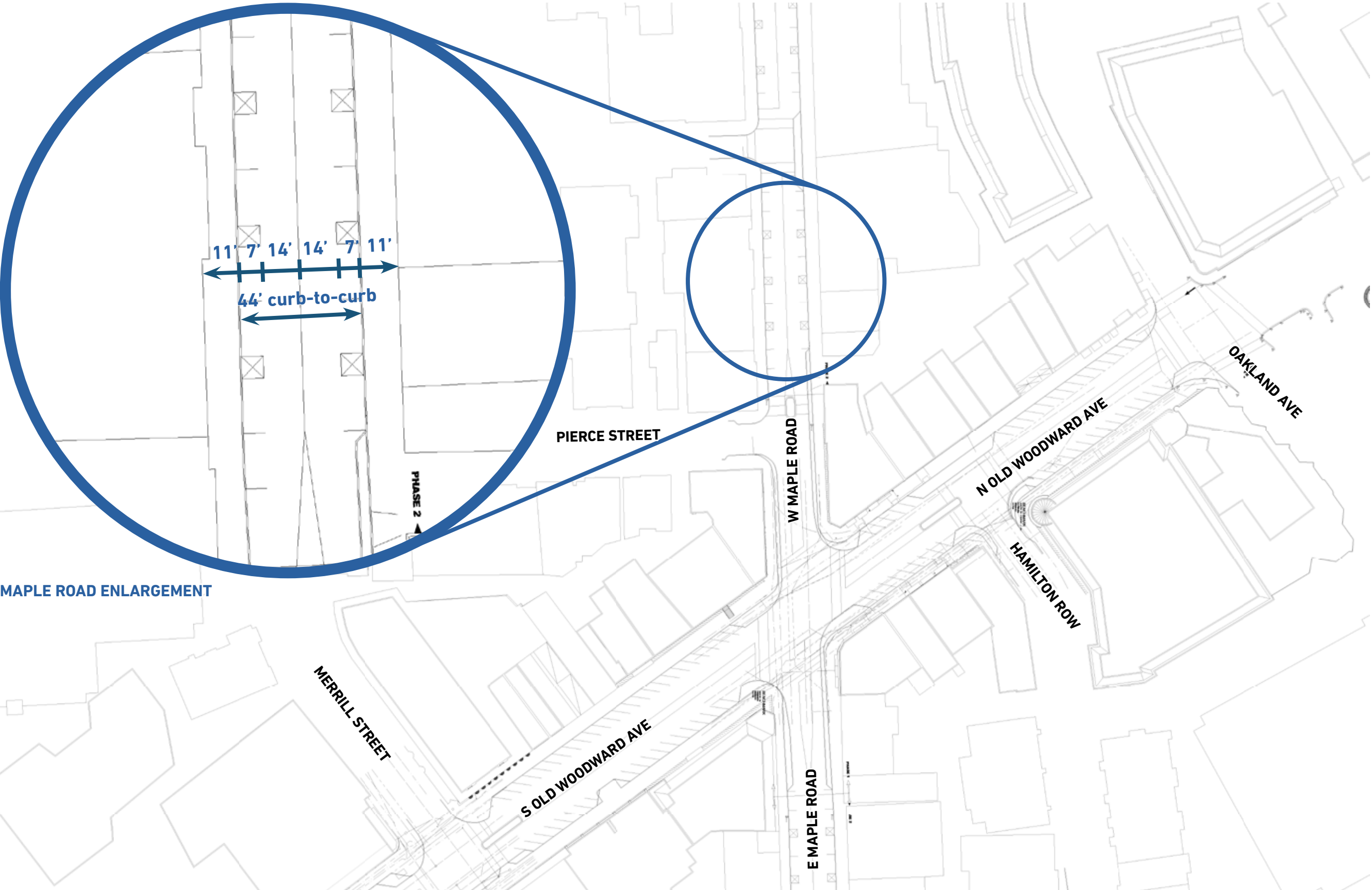
Process

A concept review meeting was held with city staff to explore some of the initial findings and vet design ideas. Three possible cross sections for Old Woodward were presented along with preliminary material recommendations. In addition, a number of examples from other communities were shared to provide case studies on the types of parking, dimensions, streetscape elements and results. In addition to city engineering and planning staff, representatives of the police department and public works provided their thoughts on safety, enforcement, plant selection, snow removal, and maintenance. A general design direction was agreed upon, in particular to switch the head-in angled parking to back-in. This change was noted for several reasons, all related to safety (less crash potential, much safer for bikes with the city's plans for bike sharrows on Old Woodward, less impact on traffic flow, etc.). Thereafter the team did additional research on dimensions for back-in or reverse angle parking.









MAPLE ROAD ENLARGEMENT

Recommended Street Section

Process

The Design Team continued to modify the concepts based on feedback and presented them to the public in an open house format. Generally, the concepts received favorable feedback with some questions regarding the recommended back-in angle parking and the cost of the enhanced materials. With explanation of the safety benefits and traffic flow of back-in angle parking, most attendees came out in support of the recommendation.

The next step in the process was to bring the recommended alternative to the Multi-Modal Board, who endorsed the back-in angled parking. But there was a strong minority dissenting opinion that had concerns that the plan was too auto- and parking-centric and preferred wider sidewalks even if it meant fewer on-street parking spaces.

That same day the Design team presented the recommendation to City Commission. Foremost in the discussion was the recommendation of

city staff and the Design team for back-in angled parking. This included a review of a reverse angle parking demonstration project by the police department in 2002, and the former police chief's agreement that it was a safer design. After much discussion and public comment, the City Commission directed the city staff and Design team to proceed with the design but with head-in angled parking. The Commission did see some benefit in the back-in angle parking but felt it should first be tested on side streets or the city should wait until more Michigan communities raised comfort in its use. So the city commission directed the Design team to redesign the project so that it could later be redesigned with back-in angled parking.

The city commission also provided some input on the desire for wider sidewalks, wider functional pedestrian zones, support for flush curbs at the Maple/Woodward intersection, and various streetscape elements. City staff had provided some very general preliminary cost comparisons. After some debate, the direction was to have a center turn lane where needed, with a preference for distinct materials along Old Woodward near Maple, with medians at the south end where practical. There were some concerns with the cost of the enhanced materials and its value added. The Design team was directed to come back

Recommended Street Section

with an explanation of priorities and costs.

Commissioners also requested additional mid-block crossings be added to aid in connections of alley passages across the streets

The design team was asked to rework the plan to accommodate some of the Commission suggestions. In the end a 65' cross section with a continuous left turn lane, head-in angled parking, flush curbs at Maple, enhanced crosswalk materials, new tree line pattern, wider sidewalks in the final Phase 1 design. Medians for phase 3 were also endorsed.

Explicit project goals, phasing, street section alternatives, design concepts, recommendations and final design agreements are all documented within.

» Street Section

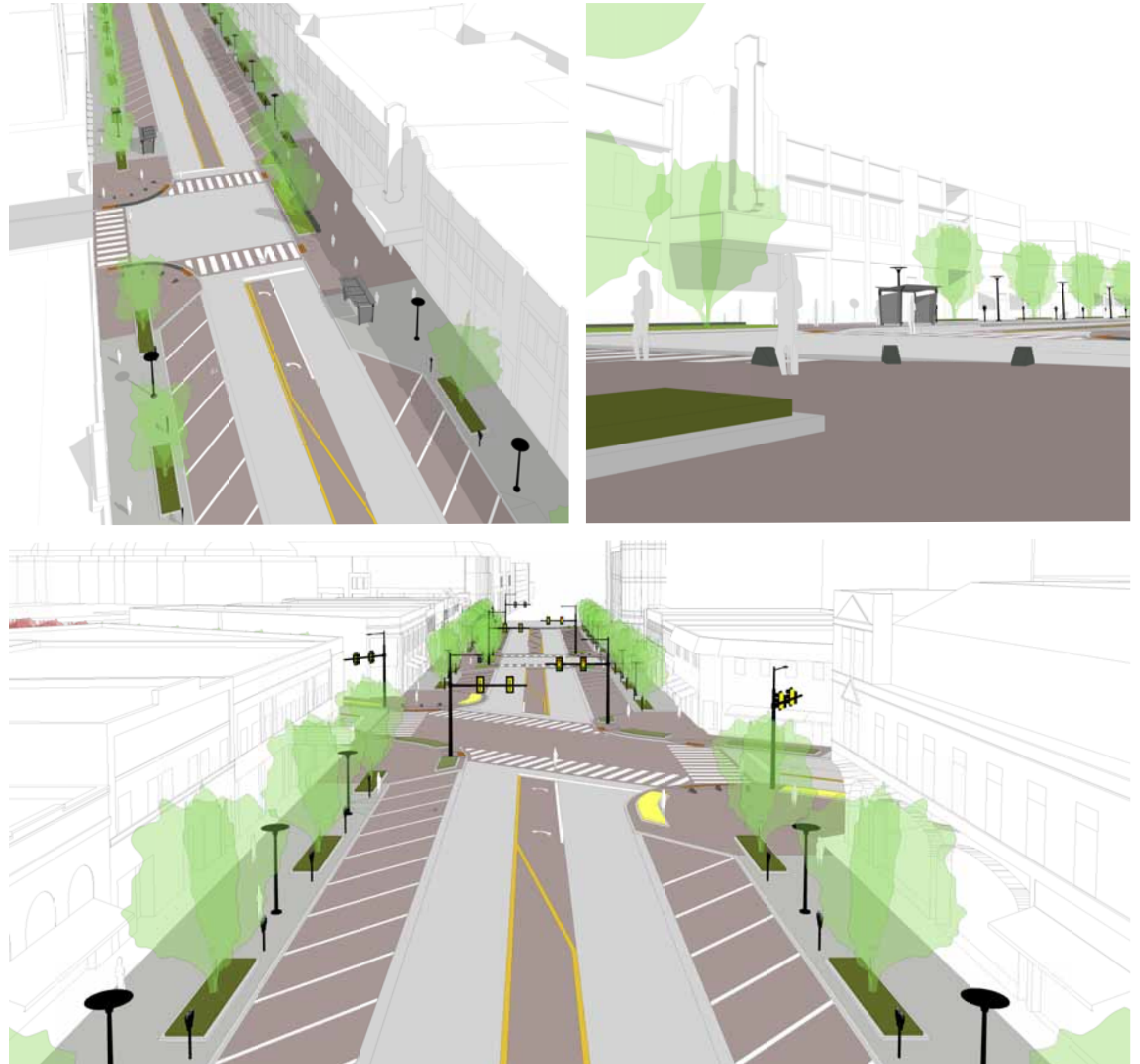
- > Old Woodward Ave - 66' Street Section
- > Maple Road - 40' Street Section
- > Crosswalk dimensions - Woodward Ave and Maple Rd @ 14' wide, all other intersections along Woodward Ave @ 12' wide and on Maple Rd @ 10' wide. All crosswalks follow the multi modal standards
- > Mid-block crossings - design team recommends not to introduce mid-block crossings at all passage alleyway locations due to concern of safety and loss of parking
- > Use flush curbs to shorten crosswalk length but provide appropriate turning radii for large vehicles

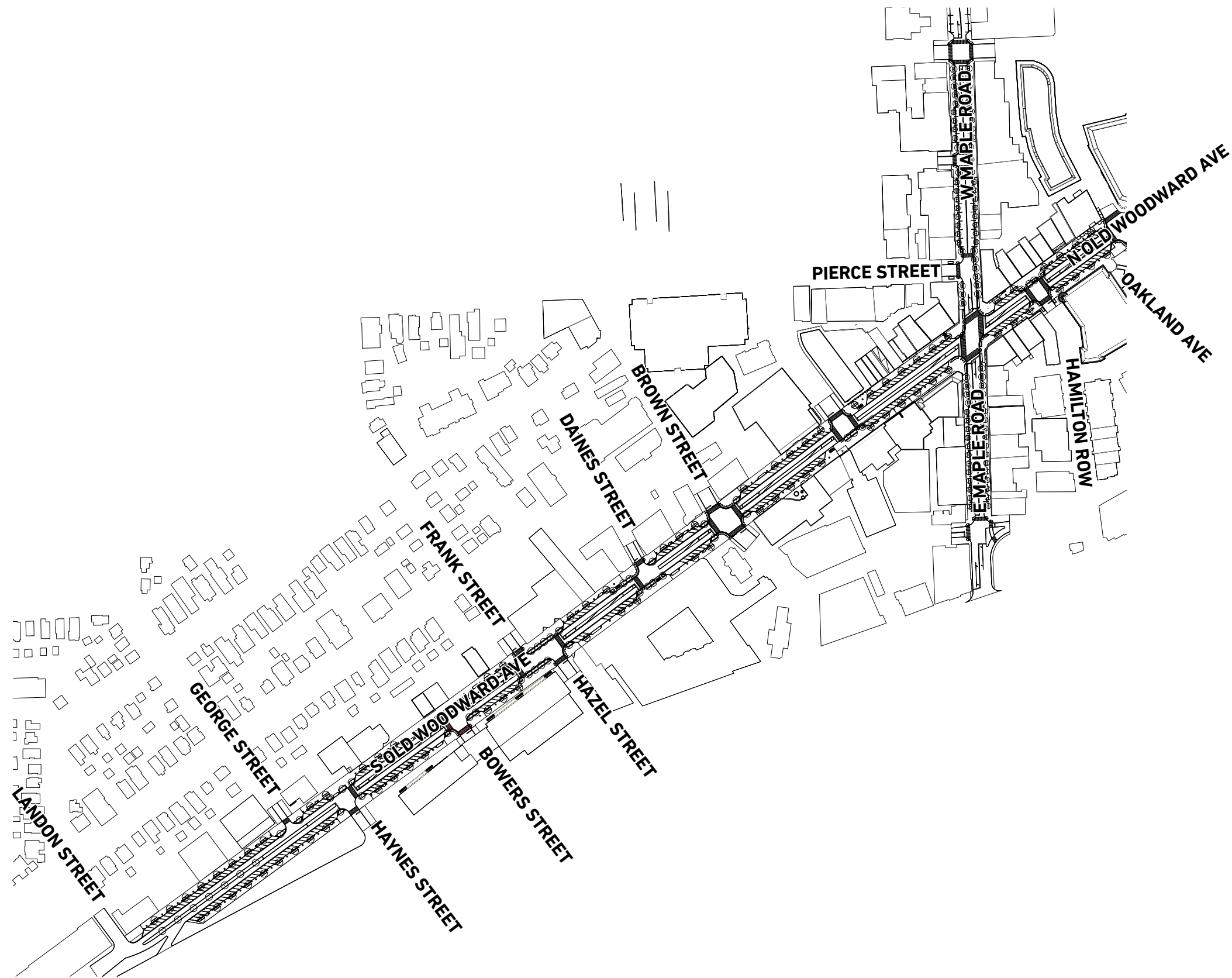
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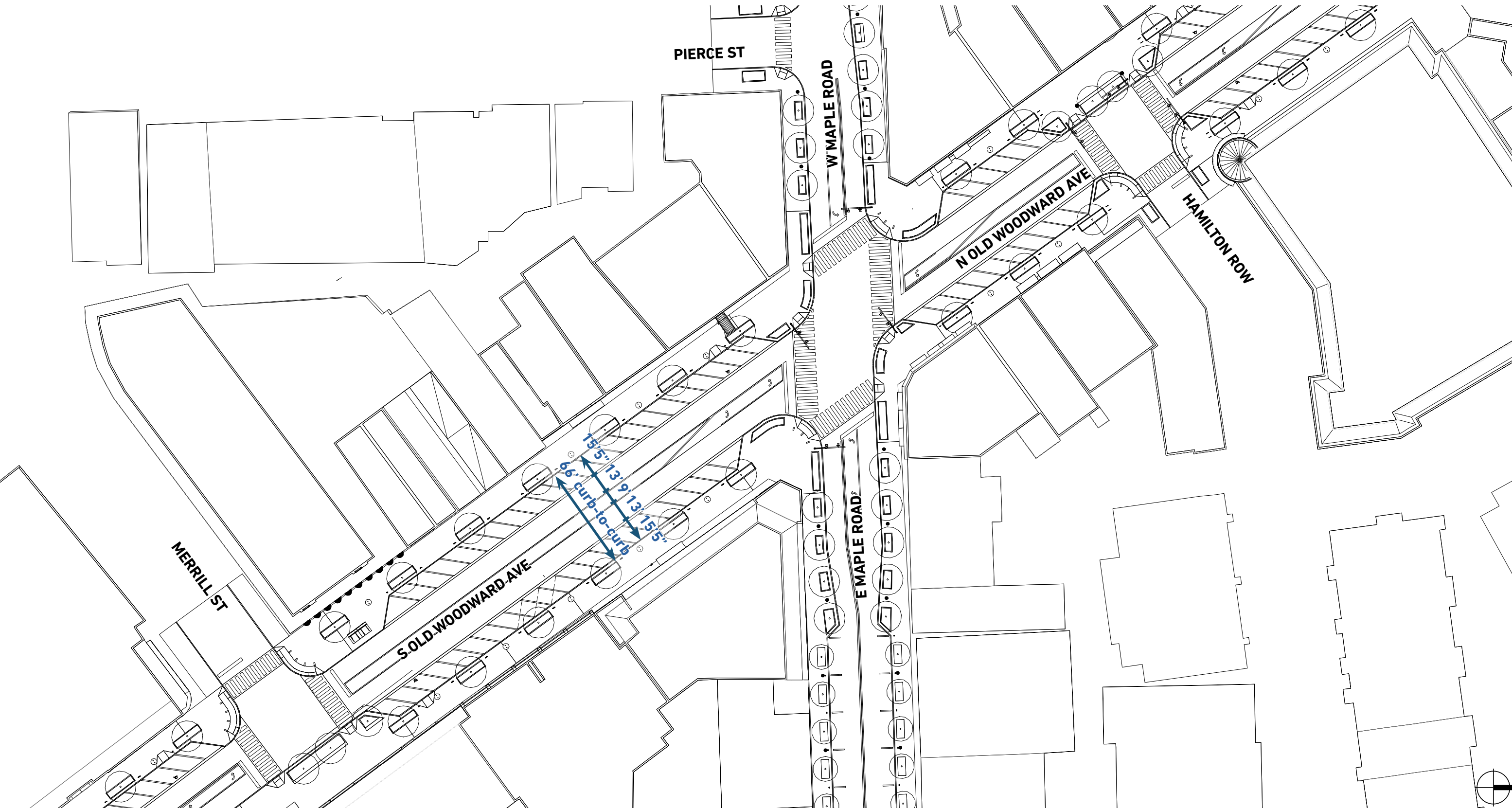
- > Design team recommend: Back-in Parking @ 9'-6" wide
- > City's short term preference and direction is head in parking @ 9'-6" wide which would allow reverse angle parking in the future if needed

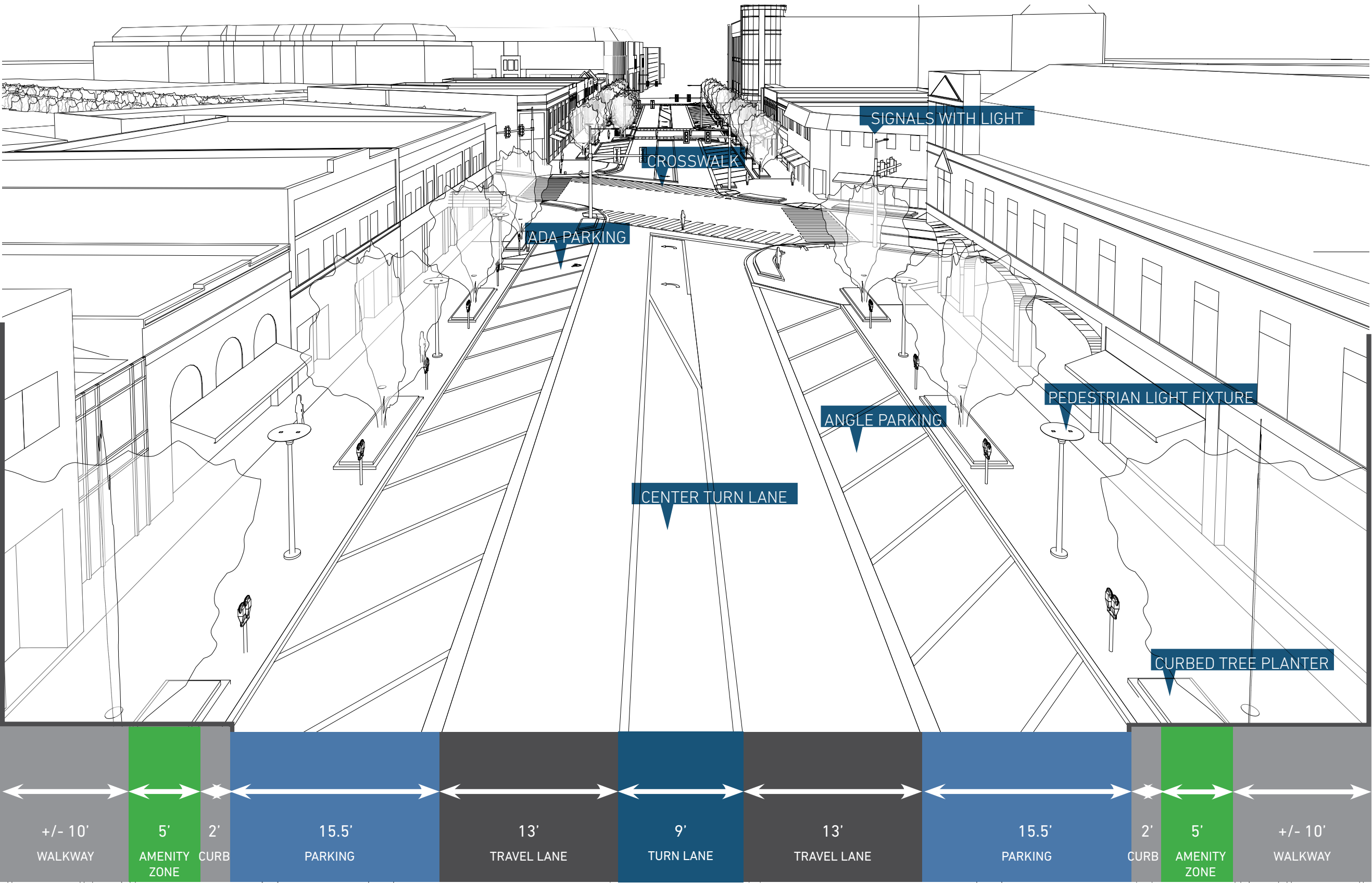
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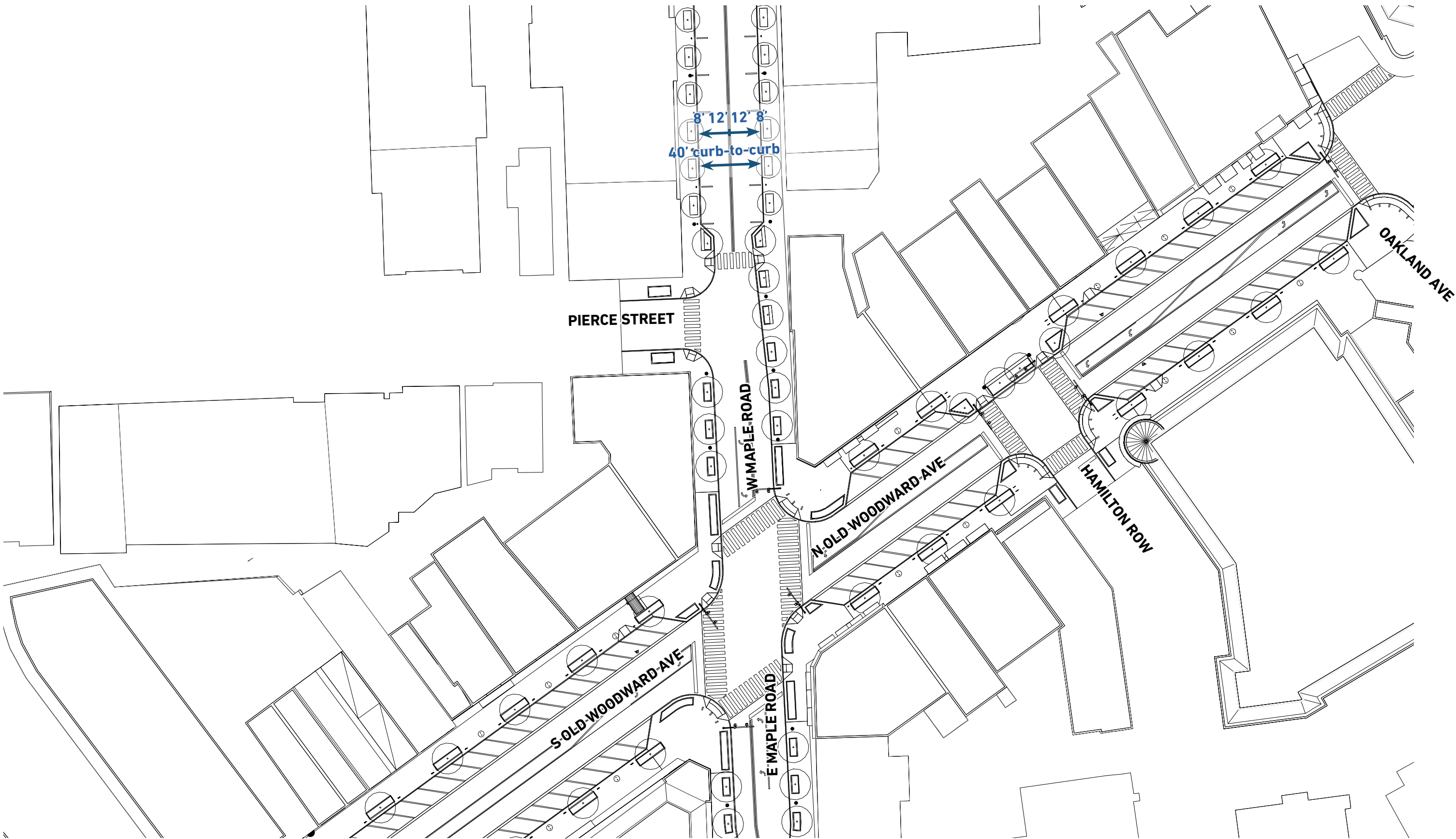
- > Maple Road - "Downtown Street" maintain existing city standards
- > Old Woodward Ave - use of more durable materials to create the "Signature Street" of Birmingham

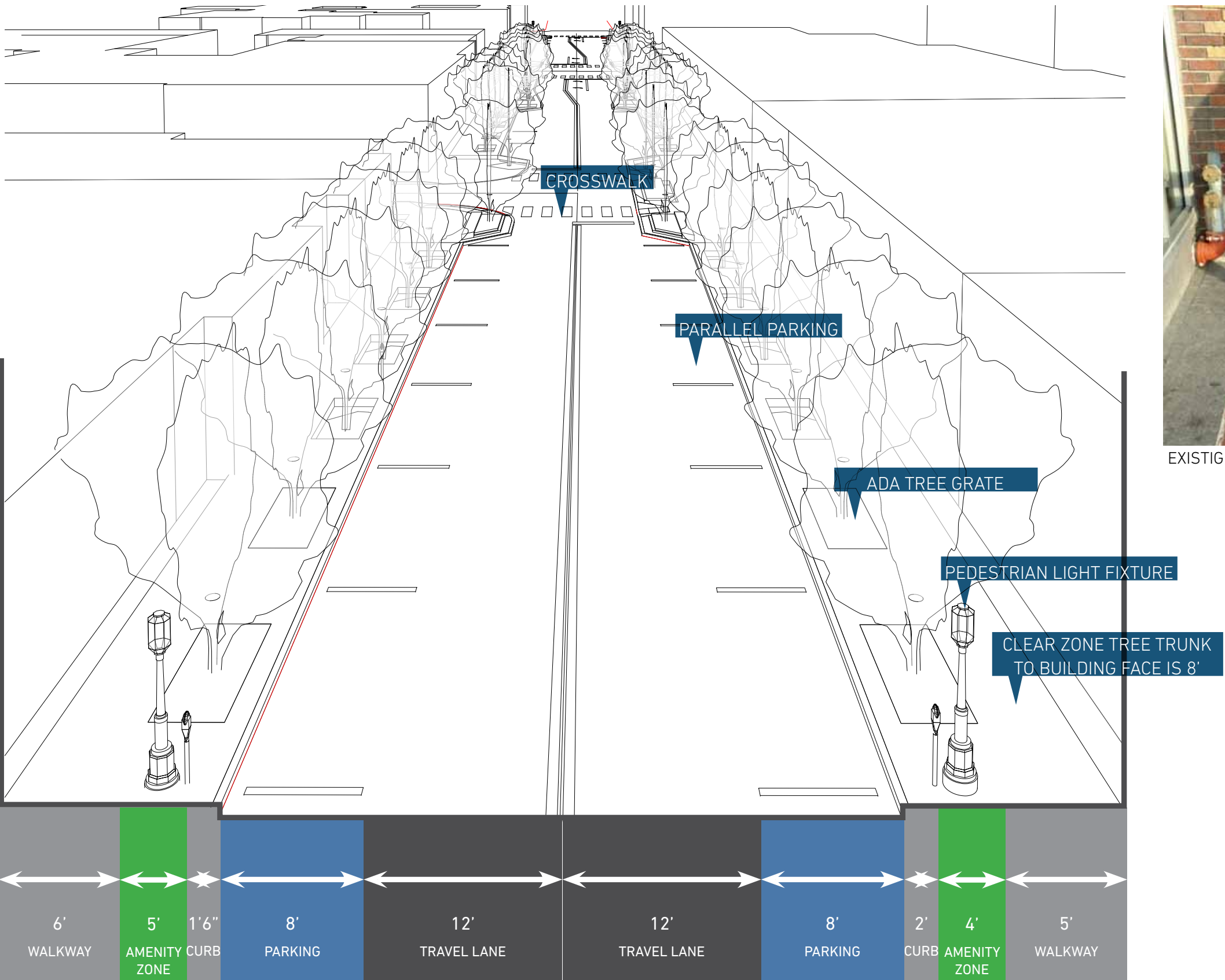




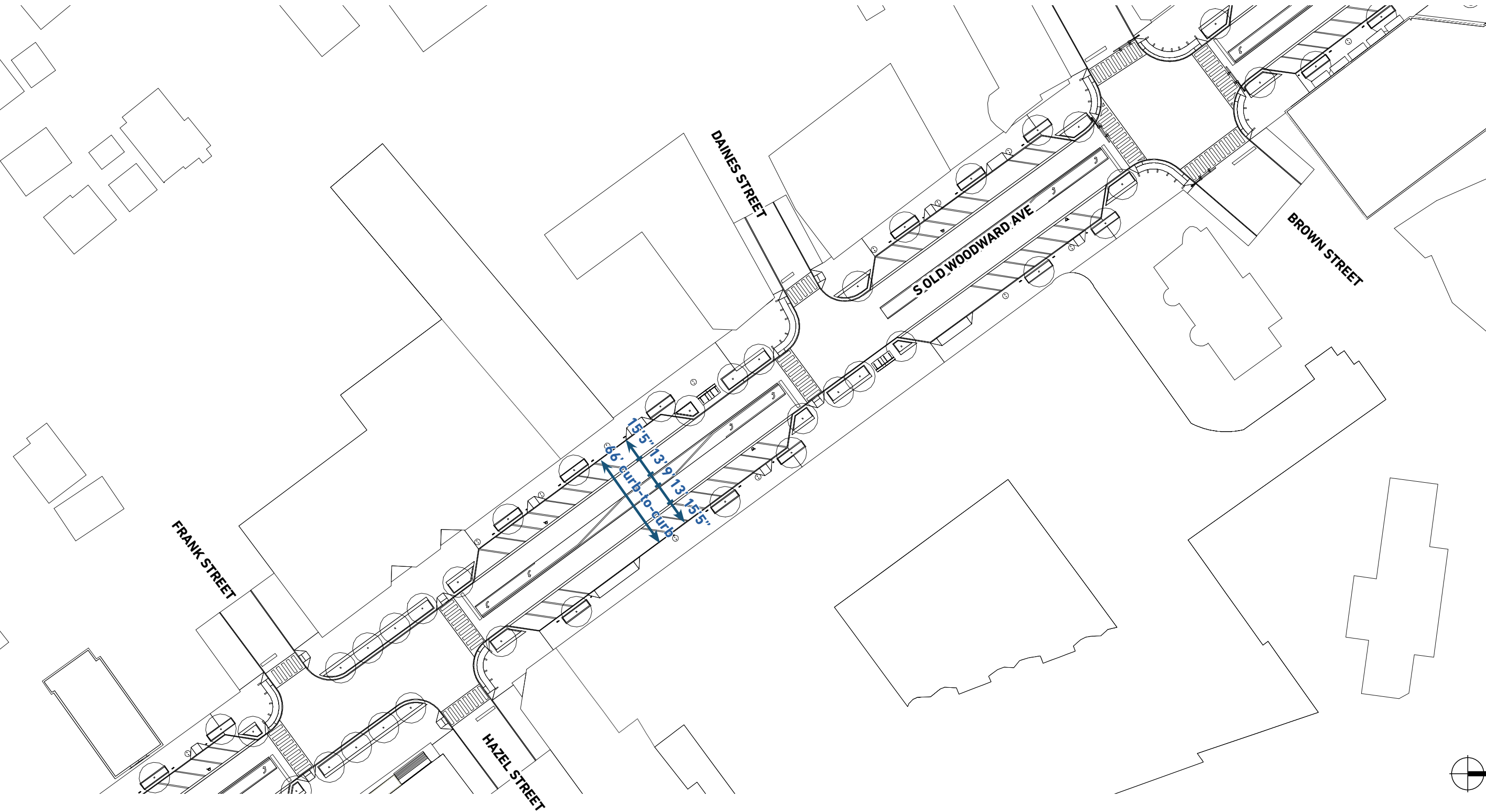


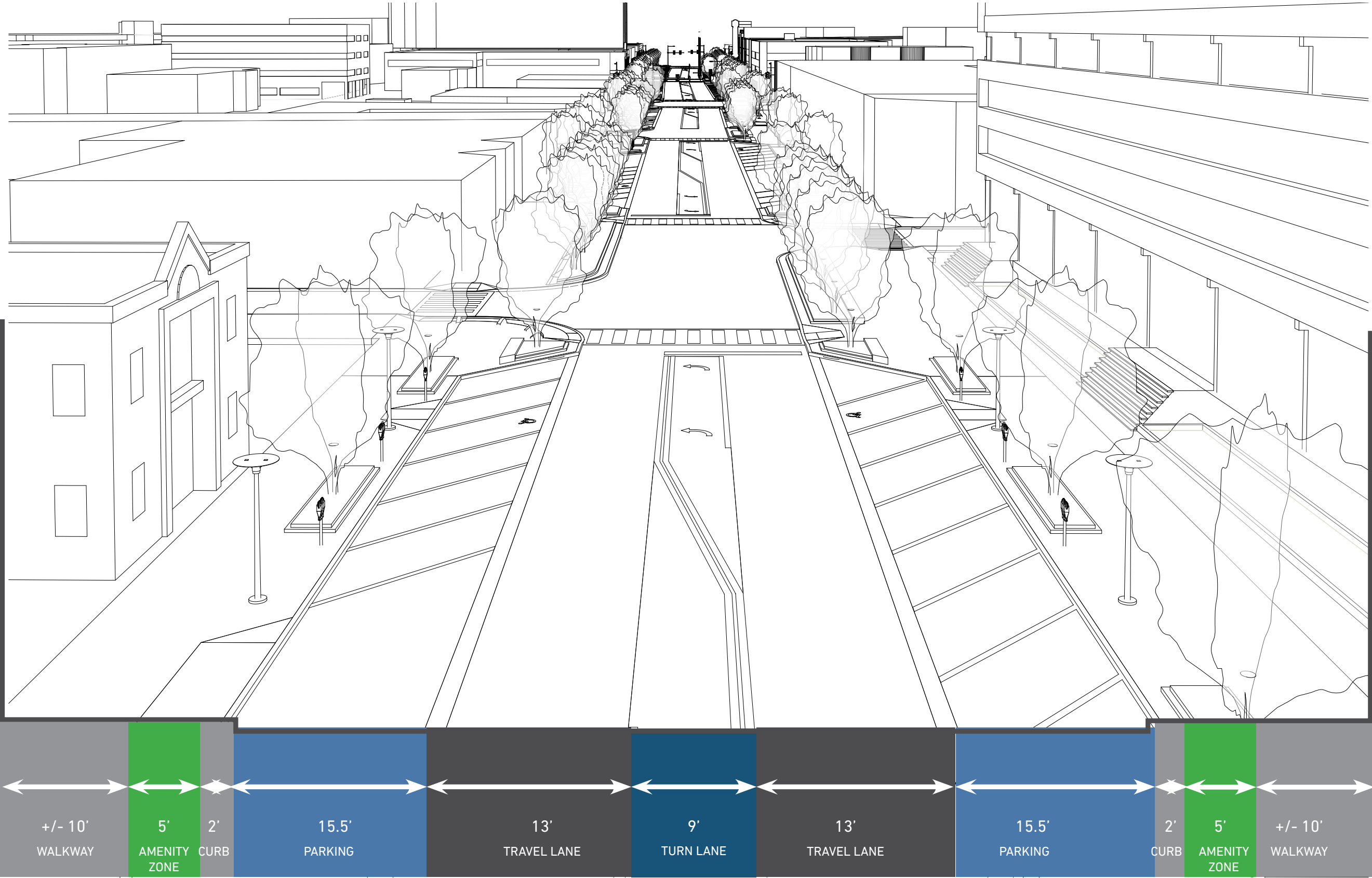


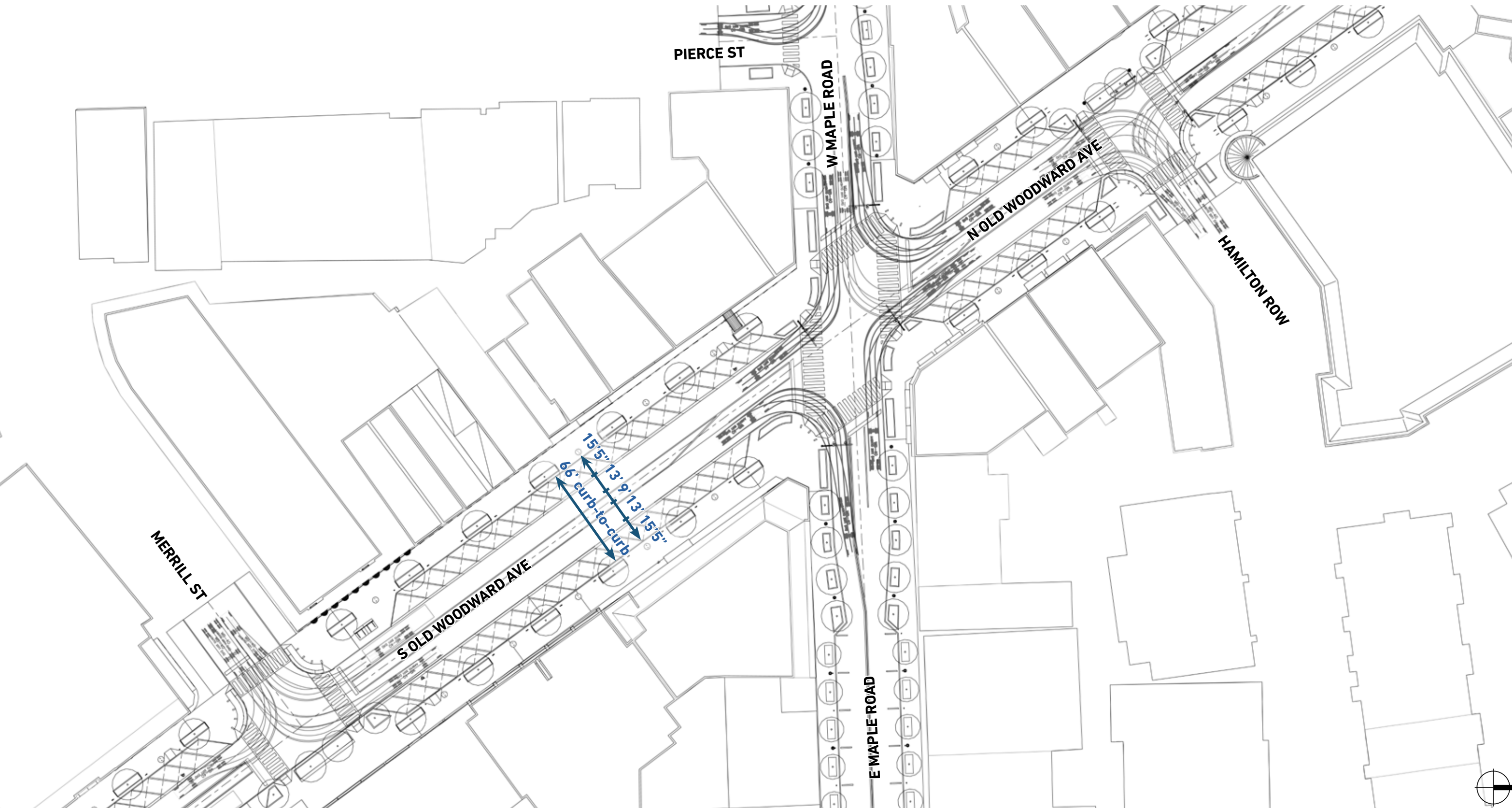




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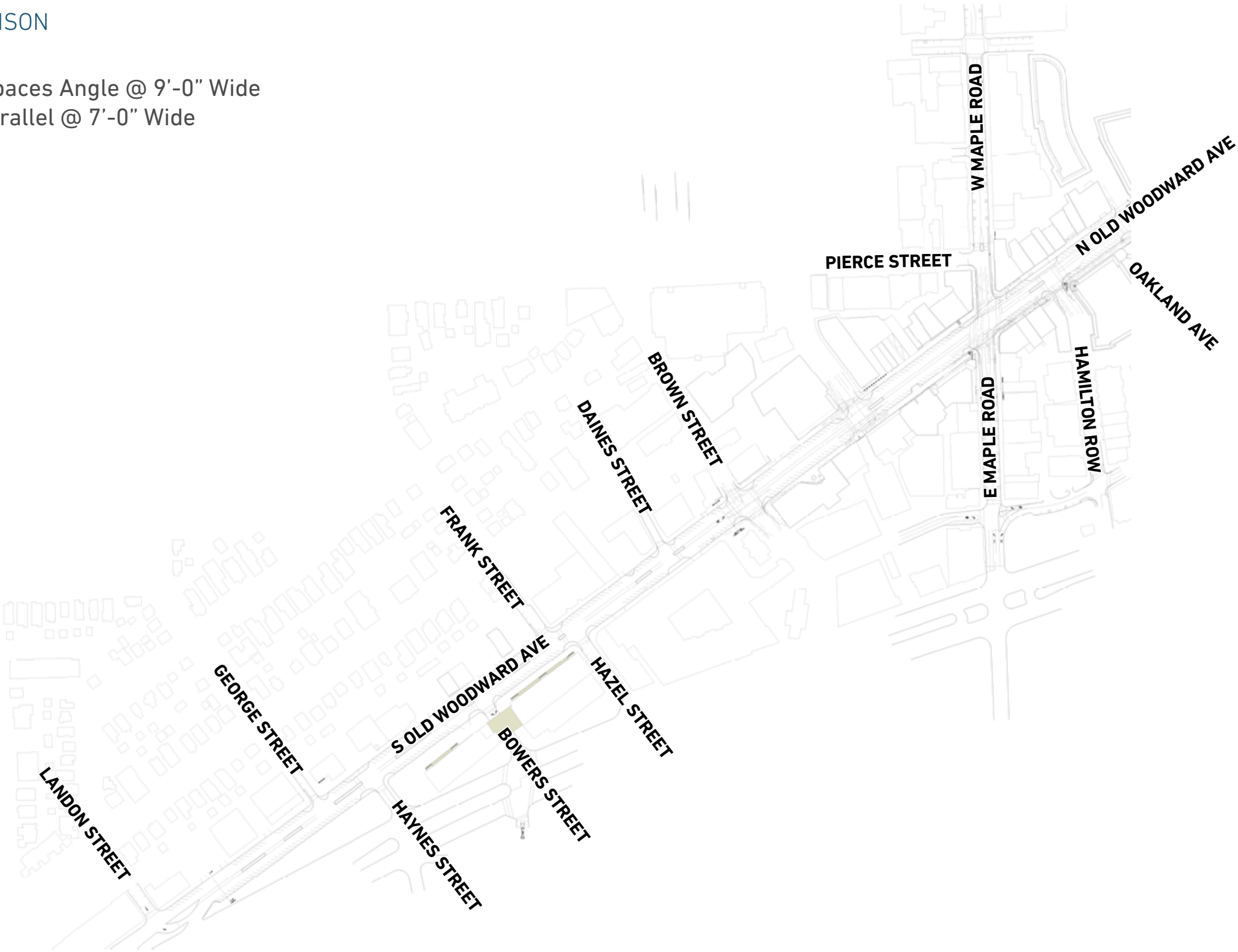
Parking Study

PARKING COUNT COMPARISON

70' STREET SECTION

Old Woodward Ave 266 Spaces Angle @ 9'-0" Wide

Maple Road 67 Spaces Parallel @ 7'-0" Wide



PARKING COUNT COMPARISON

66' STREET SECTION

Old Woodward Ave 261 Spaces Angle @ 9'-6" Wide

Maple Road 64 Spaces Parallel @ 8'-0" Wide



- » **Safer due to better visibility for the driver when the car pulls out of the parking space, even when parked next to large vehicles or vehicles with tinted windows.**
 - > Eye-to-eye line of sight between parker and approaching road-use, reducing accidents involving oncoming motorists or bicyclists.
- » Allows for quicker entry into traffic flow
- » Simpler than a parallel parking maneuver
- » Trunks/ tailgates can be unloaded at the curb (safer)
- » Safer unloading of children and pets because the open vehicle door guides them towards safety zone of the sidewalk
- » **Safer for disabled parking, since disabled parking stalls are close to the existing curb ramps, and allows the wheelchair-using drivers to unload out of the way of traffic**
- » Vehicle headlights do not shine into sidewalk dining areas and shops.
- » **It is the only angled parking the Michigan Department of Transportation will allow on their Streets**

HOW DOES REVERSE ANGLE PARKING WORK?



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF REVERSE ANGLE PARKING?

SAFE UNLOADING  <p>Vehicle doors open and direct passengers (especially children!) toward the sidewalk. Trunks are adjacent to the sidewalk to load/unload goods easily and safely. Handicap spaces can be placed adjacent to curb ramps.</p>		
SAFE EXIT  <p>With improved visibility, drivers can see if any vehicles or bicycles are approaching before leaving the space. Vehicles exiting reverse angle spaces will also migrate more fluidly into traffic than standard "back-out" spaces.</p>		
EASIER THAN PARALLEL PARKING UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC PEDESTRIANS CROSS MORE SAFELY CYCLISTS ARE MORE VISIBLE CREATES MORE PARKING SPACES FEWER ACCIDENTS IMPROVED HANDICAPPED PARKING DIRECTS PASSENGERS TO SIDEWALK		

AGENCY	SPACE WIDTH		Source
MDOT	10' 0"		Standard Plan PAVE-957-A
Seattle, WA	9' 0"		Robert Burns, City of Seattle Department of Transportation
Austin, TX	9' 0"	"To provide greater driver comfort, parking spaces were designed to be 9'-0" wide. Typically head-in parking spaces are 8'-6" wide, thus overall parking space yield was diminished by about five percent."	"Transforming South Congress in Austin, Texas", Gary W. Schatz, P.E., PTOE
Pottstown, PA	8' 6"	"In order to maximize the amount of parking, it was decided to utilize an 8 foot, 6 inch (2.59 meter) wide space, which is consistent with National Parking Association (NPA) criteria for a 45-degree angle space."	"Back In Angle Parking in the Central Business District", John A. Nawn, P.E., PTOE
Vancouver, WA	9' 6"	Back in is 9'6" minimum. Forward in is 9' minimum.	City of Vancouver Standard plan T29-52A
Sacramento, CA	9' 0"	Back in is 9'0". Forward in is 8' 6".	City of Sacramento Department of Public Works



SEATTLE | WA



BALTIMORE | MD



POTTSTOWN | PA



Ann Street (between 5th Ave and Division St), **Ann Arbor, MI**. One Way East Bound.



New York Street (between Meridian and Pennsylvania), **Indianapolis, IN**. One Way East Bound.



1st Street (between William St and Liberty St), **Ann Arbor, MI**. One Way South Bound.



Bow Street (between Union St and Summer St), **Somerville, MA**. One Way North Bound.



E Gay Street (between High Street and N 3rd Street), **Columbus OH**

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **27'-0"**



Rodd St & Main St, Midland MD

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **30'-0"**



City of Jackson MI

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **28'-6"**



W Jefferson Ave, Naperville IL

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **26'-0"**



Central Ave, Whitefish, MT

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **27'-6"**



Granville, OH

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **28'-6"**



Burlingotn Ave (Betwen Washinton and Main St), Naperville, MI

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **26'-0"**



8th St, Holland, MI

HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **28'-6"**



HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **29'-2"**

N Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI



HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **29'-0"**

Martin St (between Pierce St and Chester St), Birmingham, MI



HEAD-IN ANGLED

OVERALL PAVEMENT SECTION
APPROX. **26'-0"**

Market St and Main Street, Troy, OH

Street Character

Street Character

The following section speaks to the architectural character, pedestrian “creature comforts” and aesthetic recommendations of the Old Woodward and Maple corridors.

- » Downtown Street
 - > Maintains existing materials, site furnishings and lighting standards with minor modifications to tree grates and soils.
- » Signature Street
 - > Establishes a new streetscape character by introducing new materials, site furnishings and lighting to better identify Old Woodward Ave as the heart of Birmingham.



Maple Street

It is recommended that the materials and finishes of the Maple Street renovations largely adhere to the character established elsewhere in downtown, including cast-in-place concrete street, street curb, sidewalks. An upgraded version of the “Birmingham Lantern” pedestrian light fixture be utilized on this street but with new technology LED lamping in a 3000c temperature. Also, due to limited walkway width, it is recommended that most street trees be planted with sufficient “structural soil mix” in a quantity of roughly 100 cf per tree and the tree pit covered with a 5’x12’ cast iron tree grate flush with the walking surface. Where walk dimension allows (at intersection taper zones that are void of on-street parking), precast concrete planter curbs (6” above grade) are to be used with the same soil requirements as stated above.

Old Woodward

It is recommended herein that Old Woodward be identified as a “Signature Street” through the use of different, distinguishing materials that identify it as the special street of the region (Birmingham’s “Main Street” of commerce, entertainment, retailing), reinforcing its significant architecture, quality of establishments and attractive scale of the corridor. These distinguishing materials are of a higher quality, structurally and aesthetically, than the “standard” materials typical of the other Downtown Birmingham streets. As such, their initial cost of purchase/installation may be higher, but their durability and life cycle may affectively counteract that.

The following describes those distinguishing materials recommended for use as a point of beginning in the final engineering process. Special attention and proper experience must exist in the specifying, detailing and construction of these non-standard materials in their proper locations. The best of materials will NOT last over time unless properly installed with the proper, time-tested details for construction. It is further recommended that, through the public bidding process, the city utilize a series of specific “bid alternates” in the bid forms allowing contractors to separately identify differences in

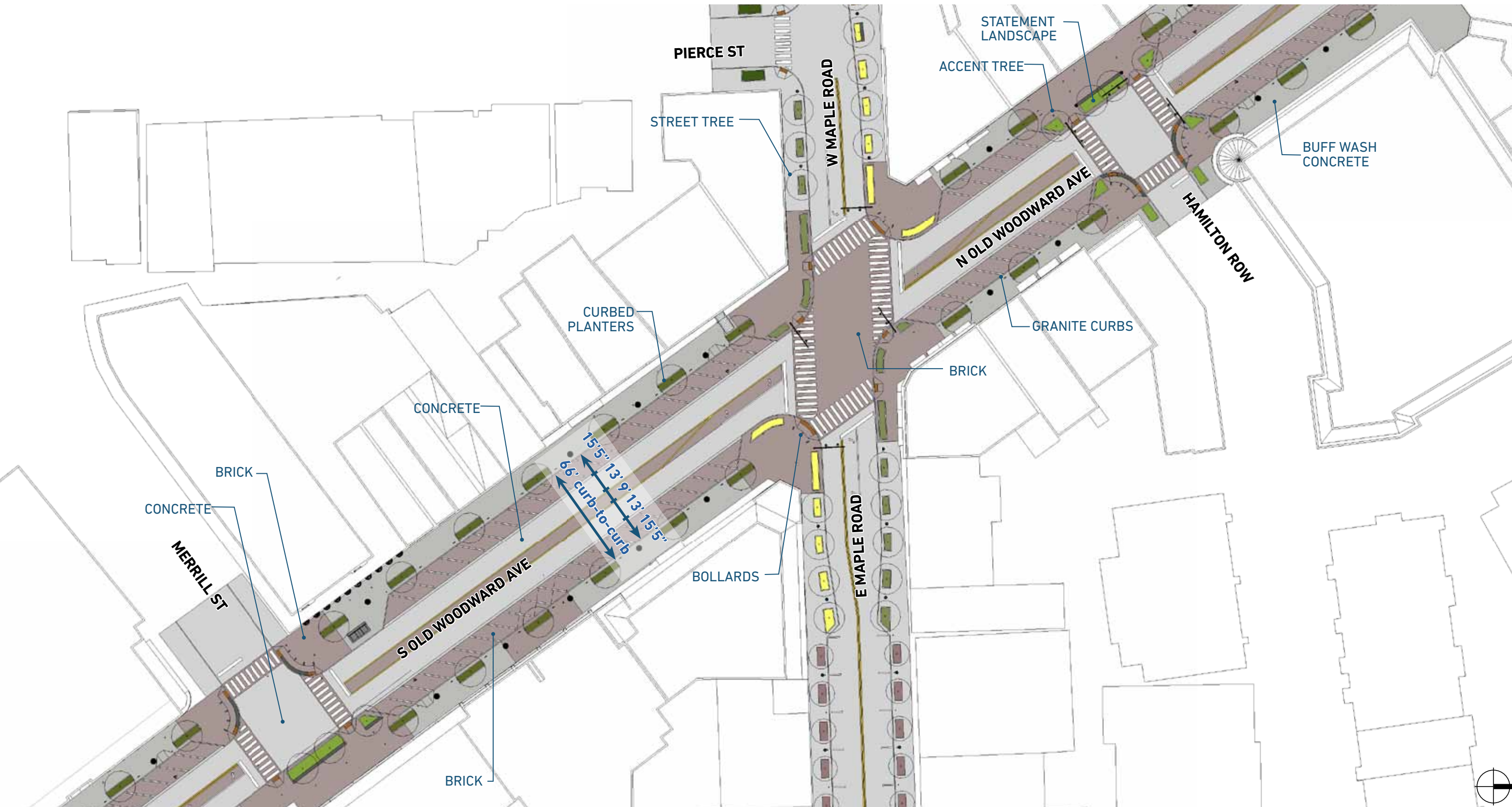
material/installation costs one type to the other. Thereby, the city and its leadership will have reliable market-based costs to make informed decisions on initial costs vs long-term durability/improved aesthetics in the materials palette. This offering to the contractor community should begin with the **preferred** materials palettes with “deduct bid” amounts for lesser materials, with the delta between them describing the value of the upgrades. In general terms, those recommended materials and their corresponding “deduct” alternatives are listed below and illustrated in following diagrams.

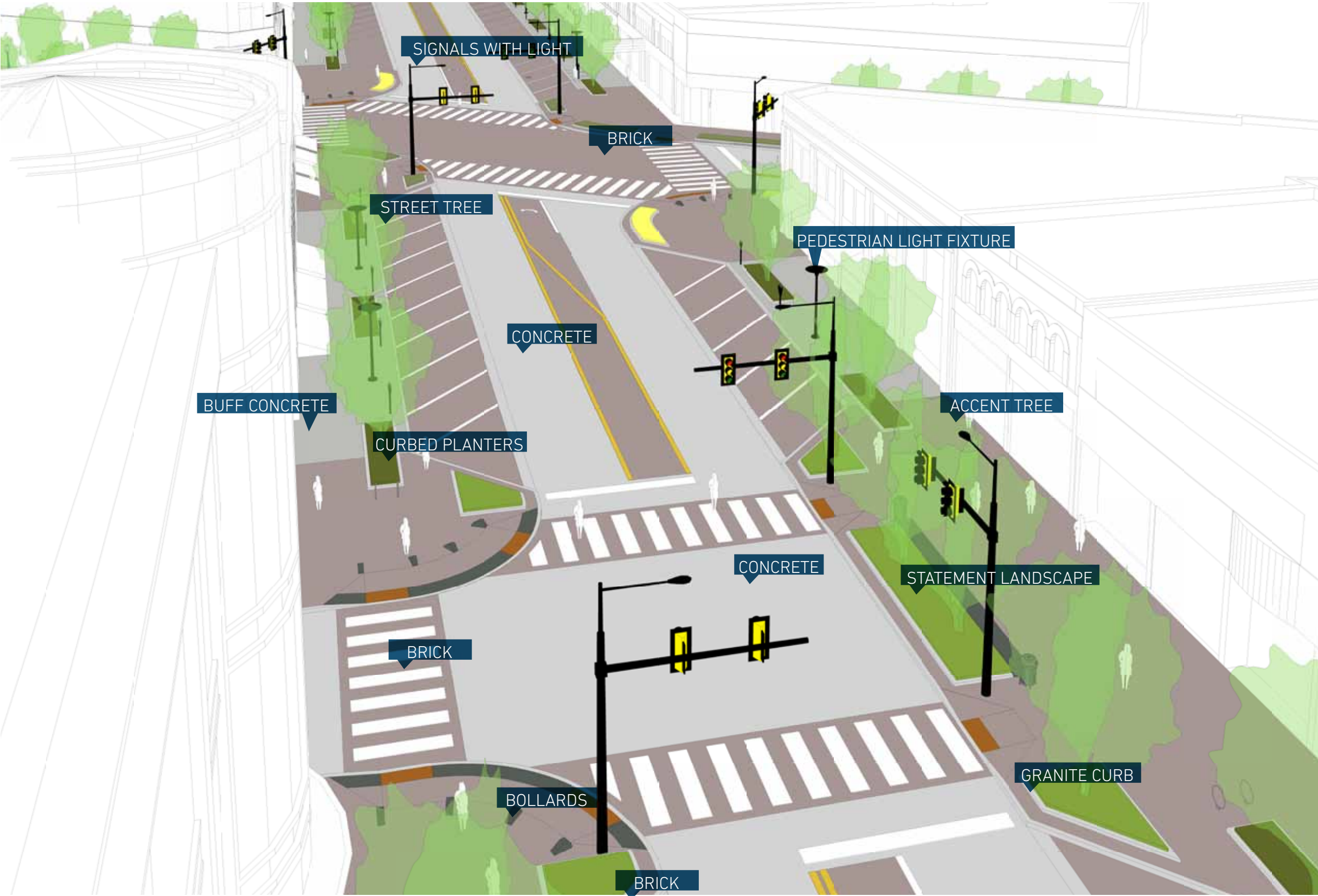
- » Driving lanes – **Cast-in-place (CIP) concrete**
- » Center turn lane – **Brick on concrete**
(Deduct – CIP concrete)
- » Center median – **Granite curb** (Deduct – CIP concrete)
- » Parking bays – **Brick on concrete with brick**

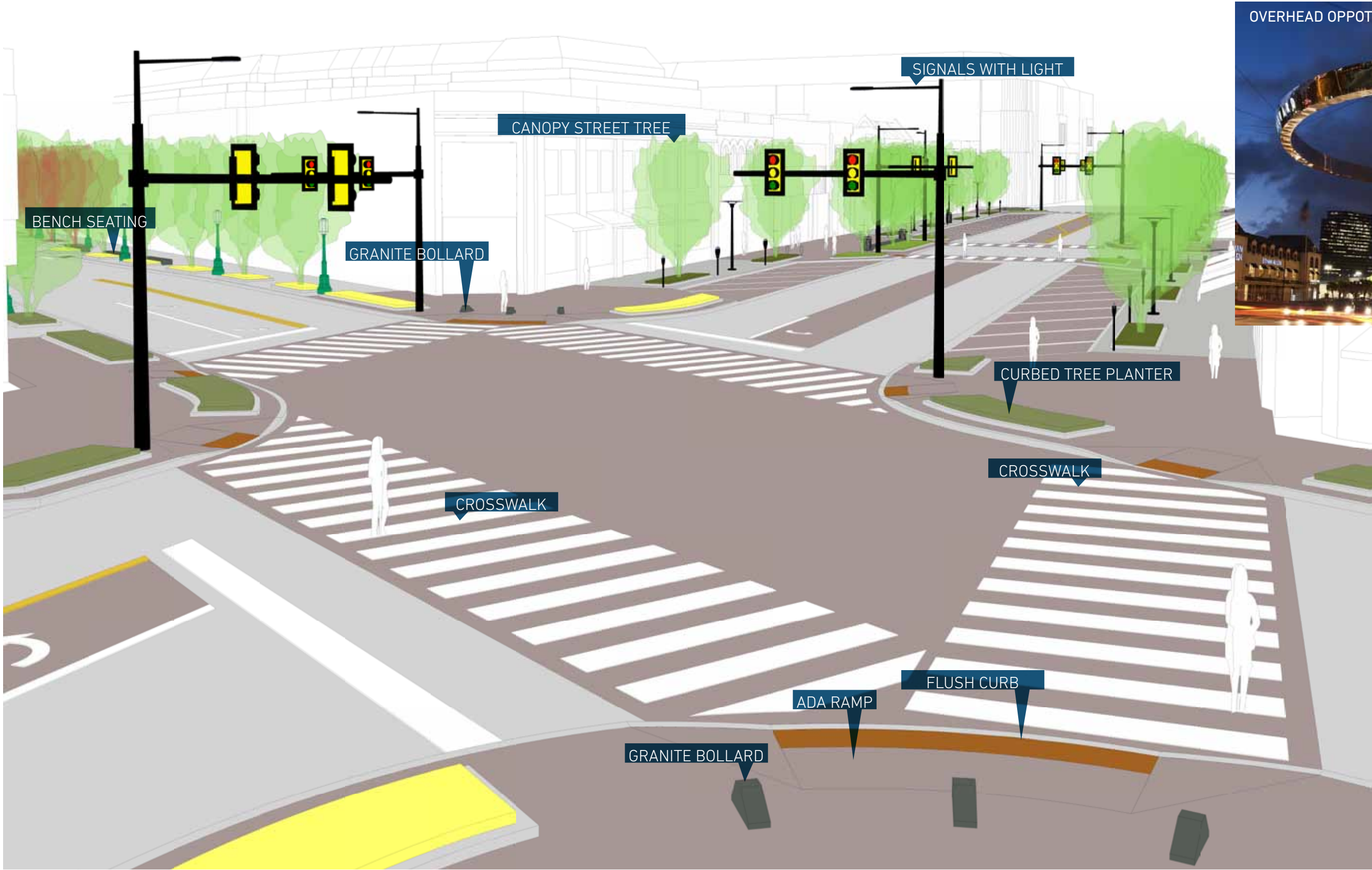
striping (Deduct – CIP concrete with paint striping)

- » **Gutter pan (between driving lanes and parking bays) – CIP concrete**
- » Street curb – **Granite** (Deduct – CIP concrete)
- » Sidewalk/amenity zone paving – **Buff wash finish CIP concrete**
- » Intersection corners – **Brick with cast iron detectable warning plates**
- » Maple/Old Woodward intersection – **Brick on concrete with brick striping throughout** (Deduct – CIP concrete infield), **granite bollards where needed**
- » Planter curbs – **Granite** (Deduct - Precast concrete)
- » Pedestrian light fixtures –
- » Street light fixtures (at signalized intersections) –
- » Benches –
- » Trash receptacles –
- » Bike racks –









OVERHEAD OPPOTUNITY





Appendix



3 1/2' WALKABLE WEST (BETWEEN CHESTER AND BATES)

6 1/2' WALKABLE ZONE

Existing Conditions



WALKABLE AREA AT MAPLE STREET

PASSAGEWAY AT OLD WOODWARD AVE SOUTH OF MAPLE STREET

Existing Conditions

50



LACK OF BIKE RACKS, "TRIP HAZARD" PLANTERS



UTILITY OF X-OUTS?



EFFECTIVE HANGING PLANTS, "DATED" LIGHT FIXTURES



20 FT RADIUS FLUSH CURBS - BIRHIMGHAM AT MERRILL AND PIERCE STREETS



BROAD, UNCOMFORTABLE, UNATTRACTIVE "MAJOR" INTERSECTION



FLUSH TREE PLANTERS ALLOW FOR DE-ICING SALTS TO INUNDATE



LIMITED PEDESTRIAN ZONE & DINING



NUMEROUS INACCESSIBLE THRESHOLD CONDITIONS



DOUBLE CURBS TO BE CORRECTED WITH NEW STREET DESIGN



INACCESSIBLE METERS



MASSIVE INTERSECTION SPACES



BUS STOP SHELTER STANDARD (?)



LIMITED AFFECT OF LOW BLOCK
SCREEN WALL



MISMATCHED EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS



NO POSITIVE DRAINAGE AT INSIDE
CORNERS



EFFECTIVE USE OF PLANTERS



DRAINAGE SWALE IN WALK



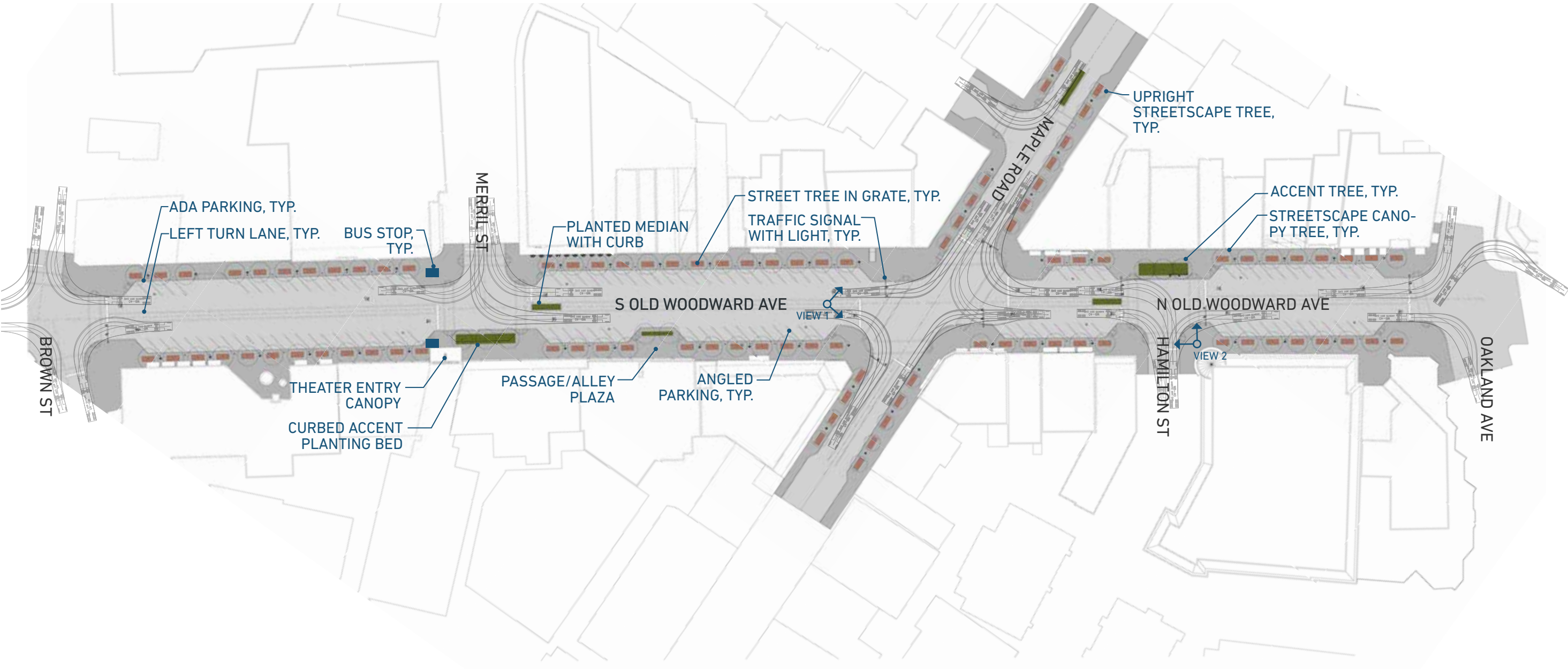
GREEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY AT
SOUTH END

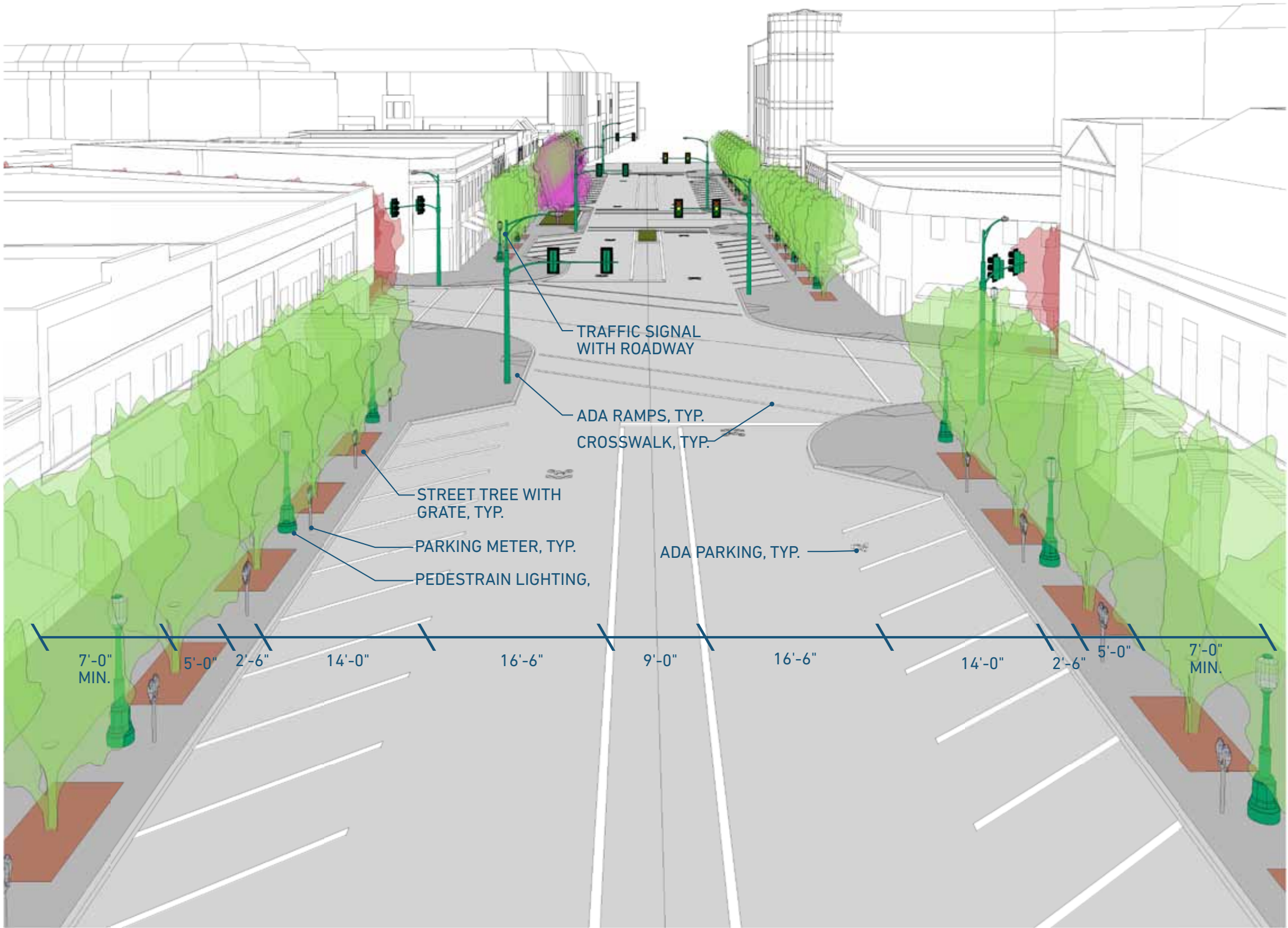


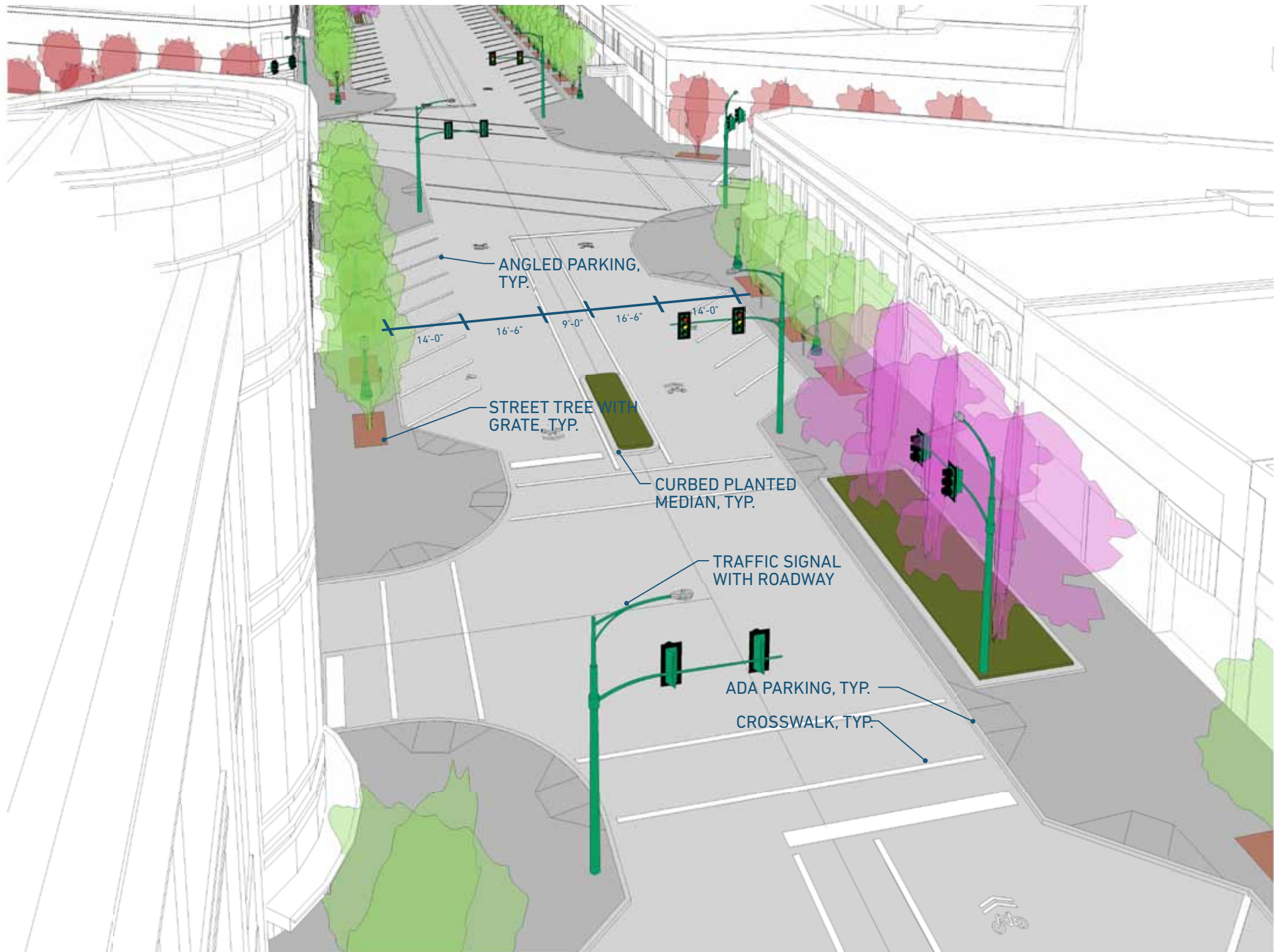
LIMITED PASSAGE/PLANTING SPACE ON MAPLE

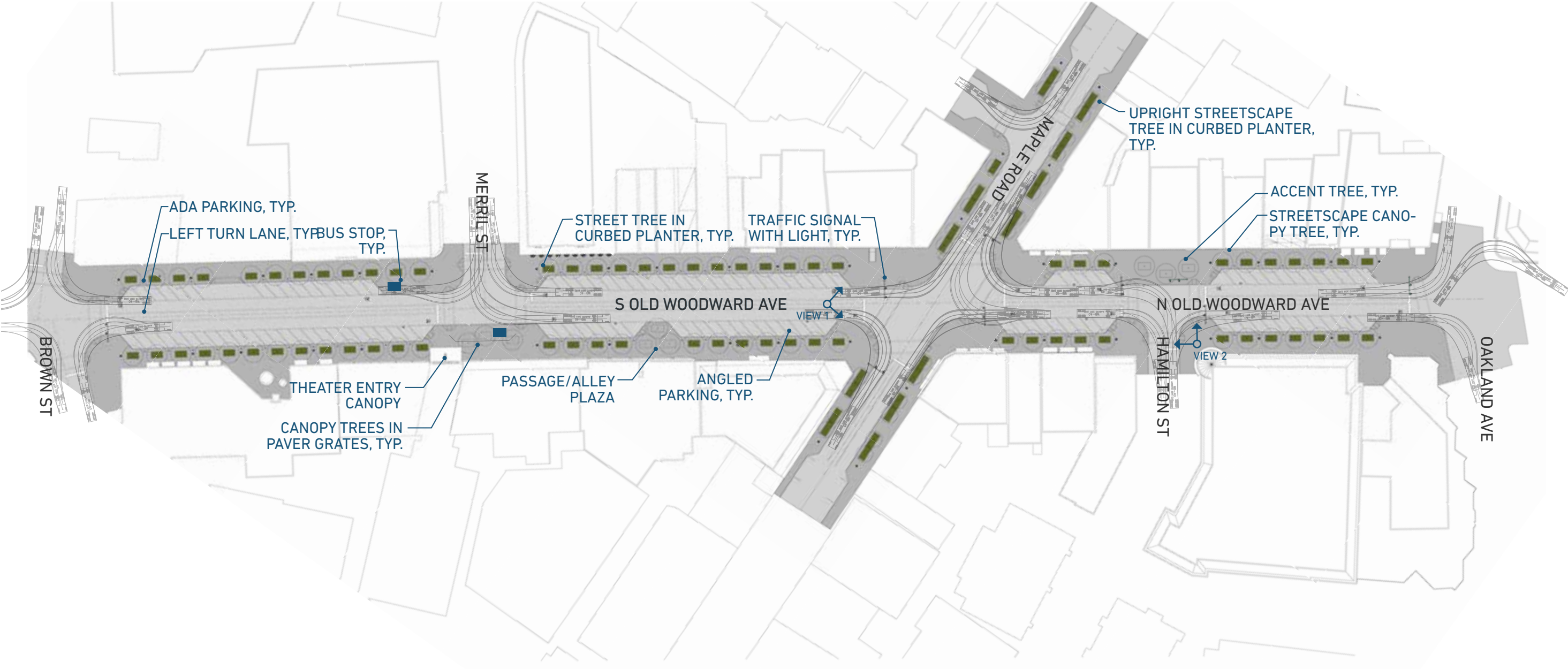


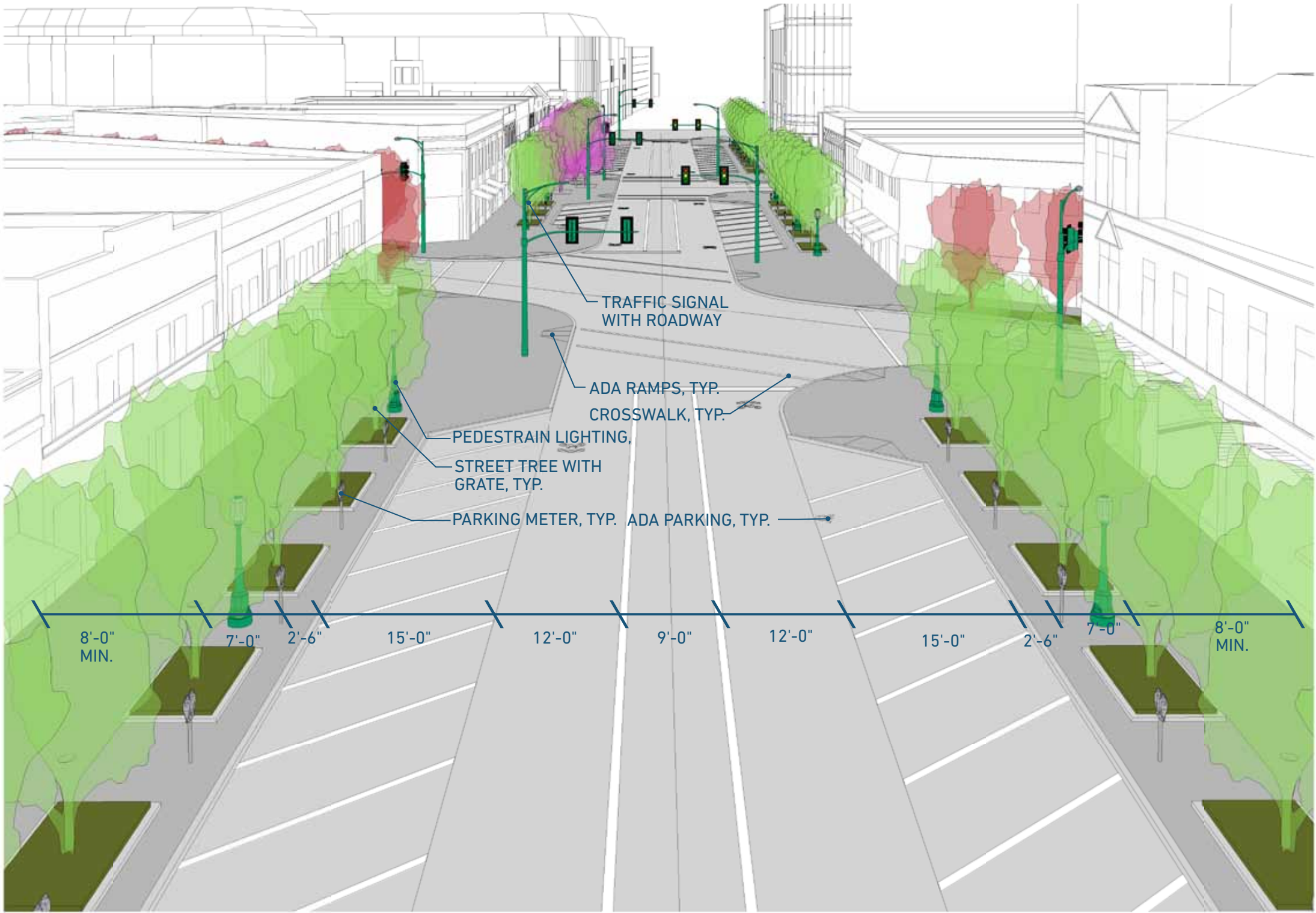
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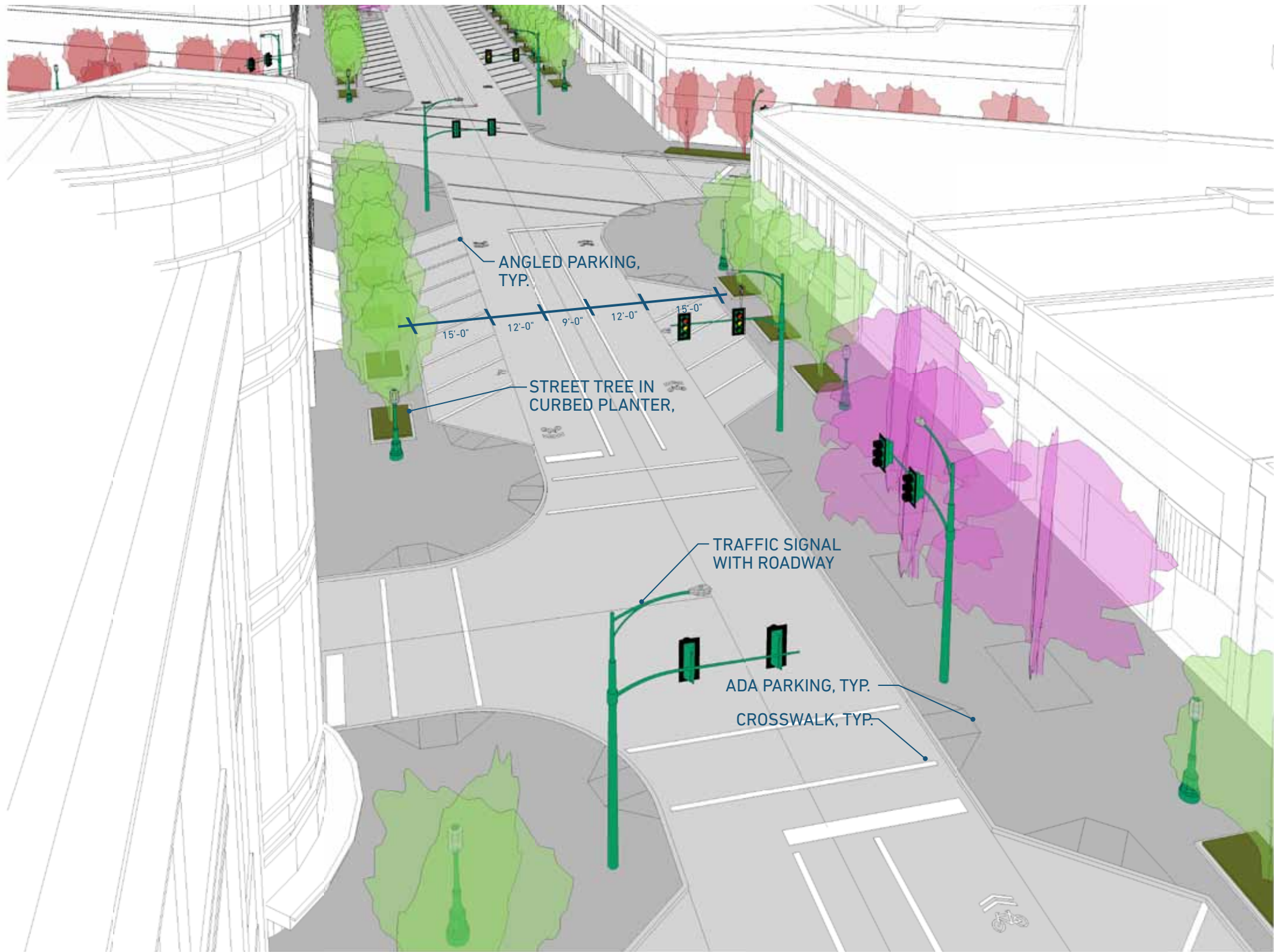


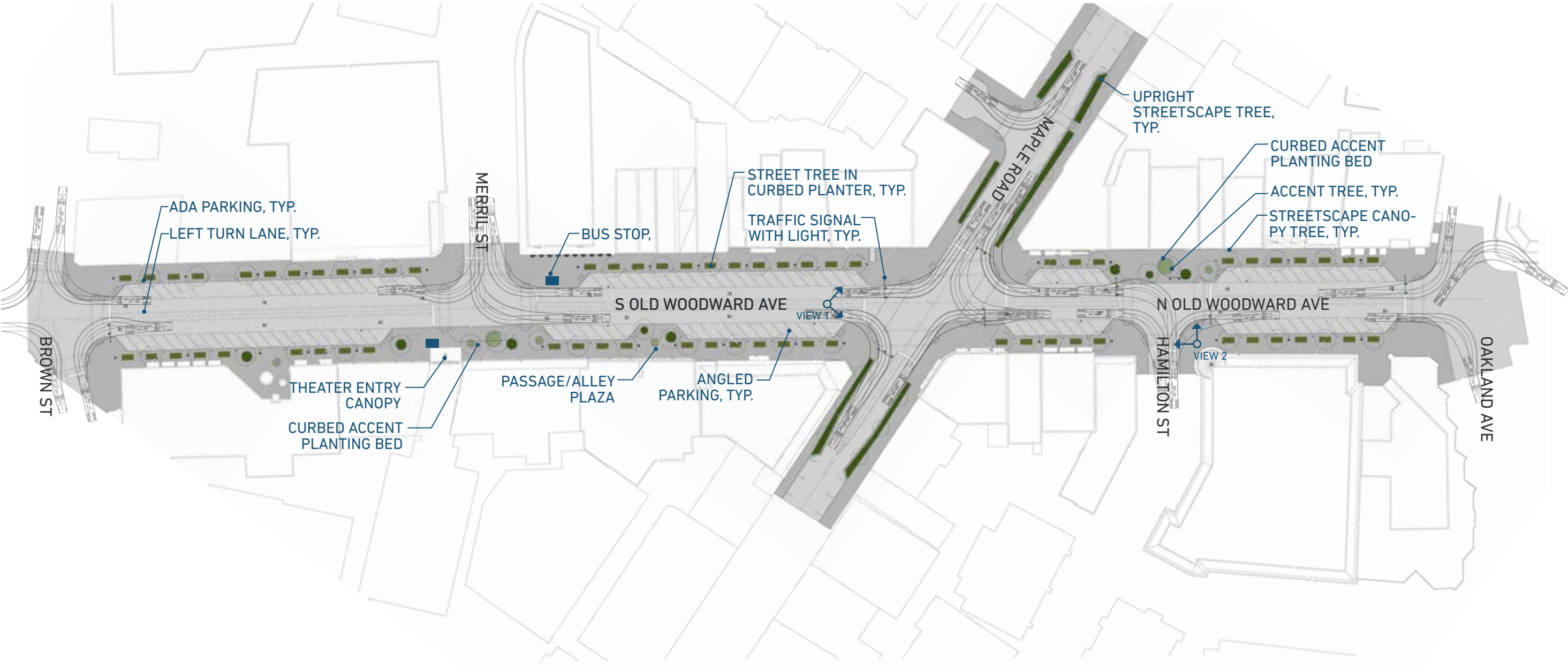


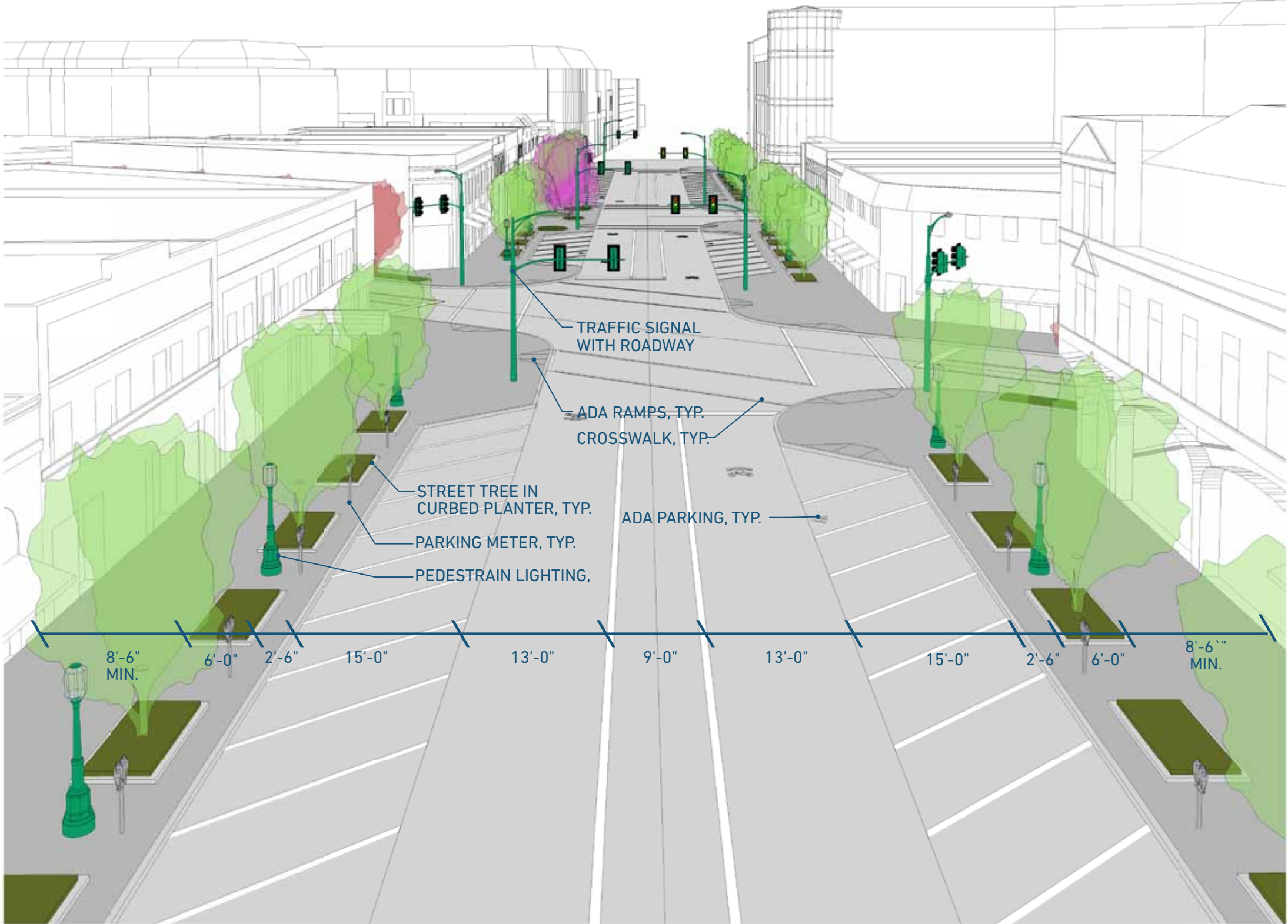


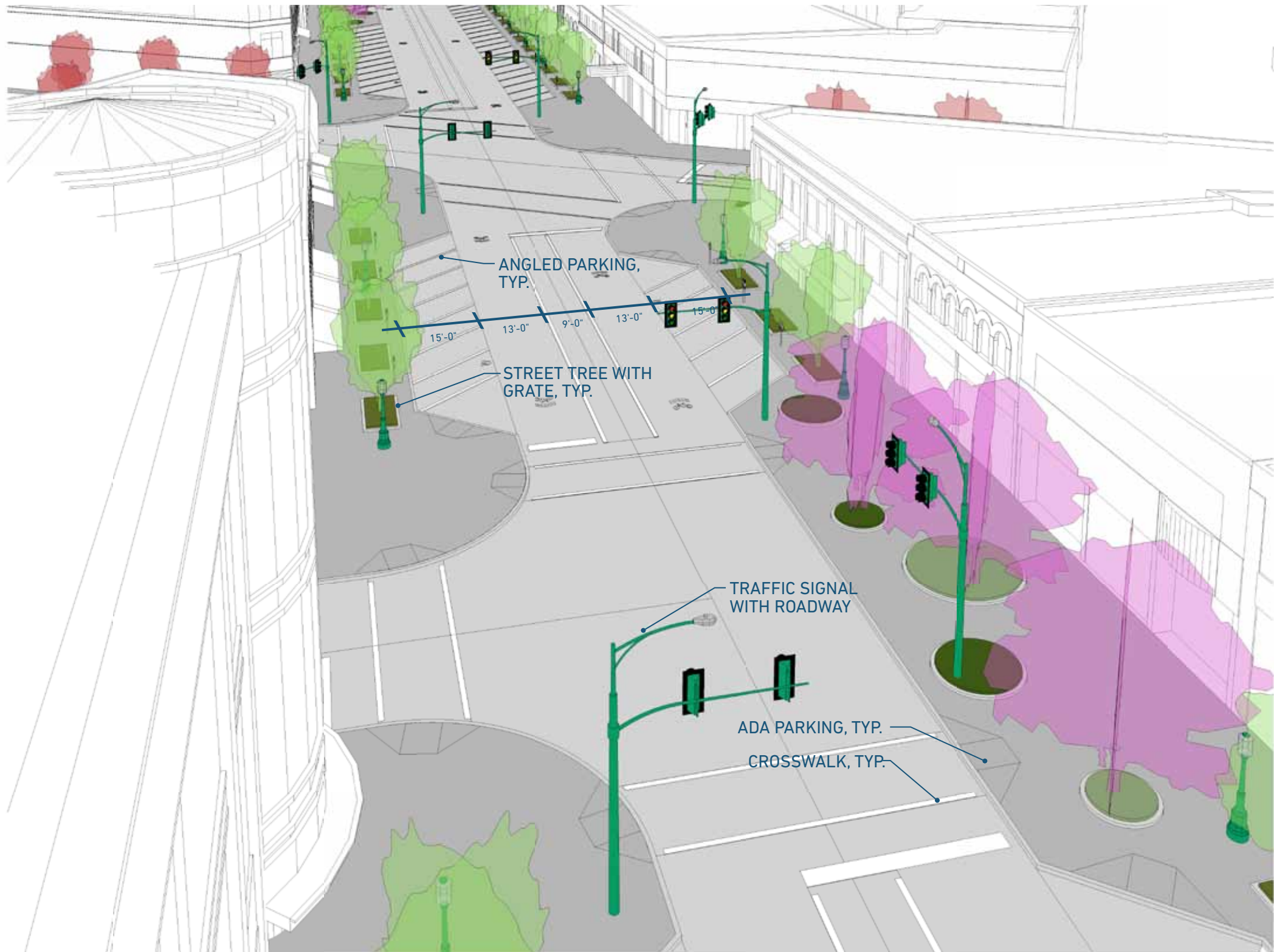


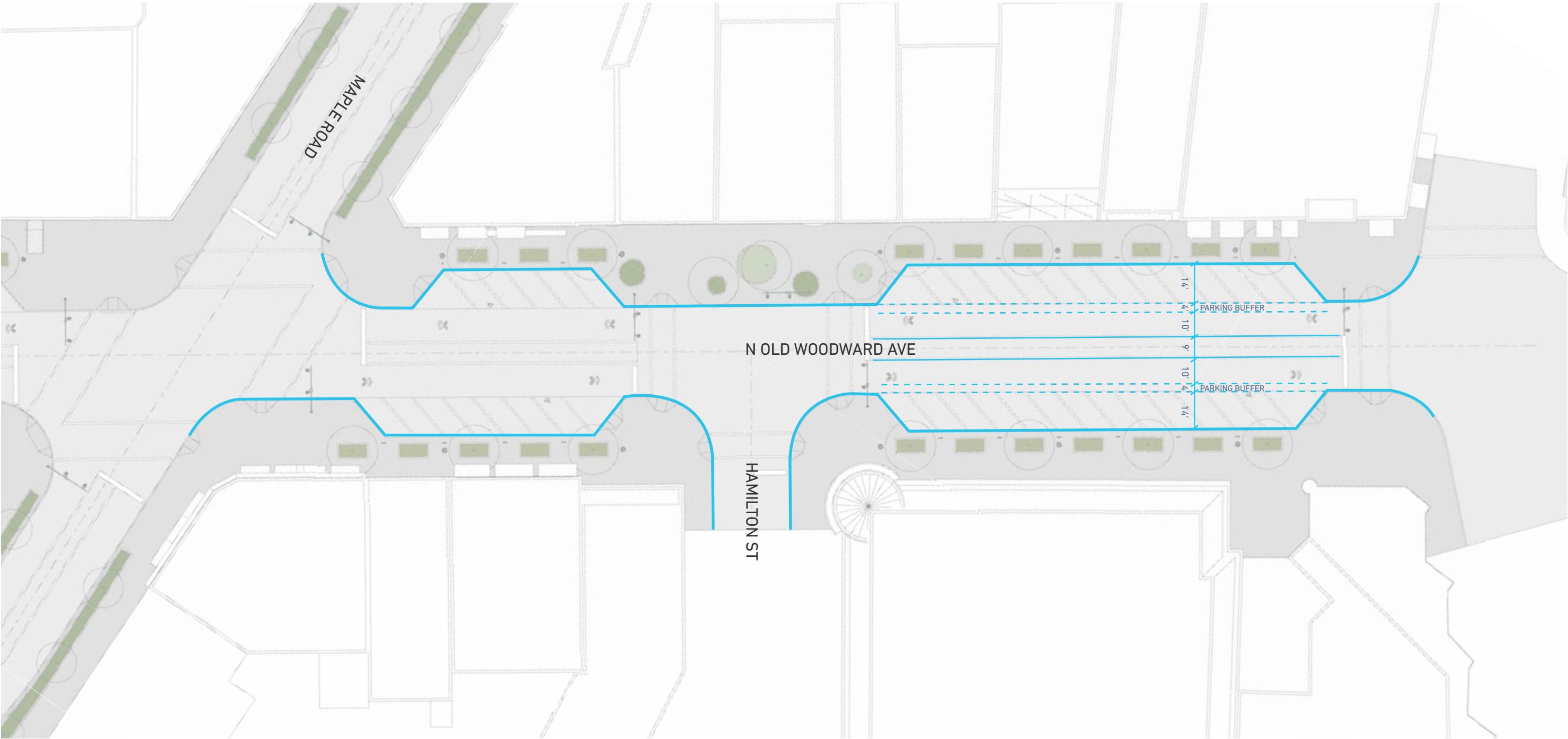




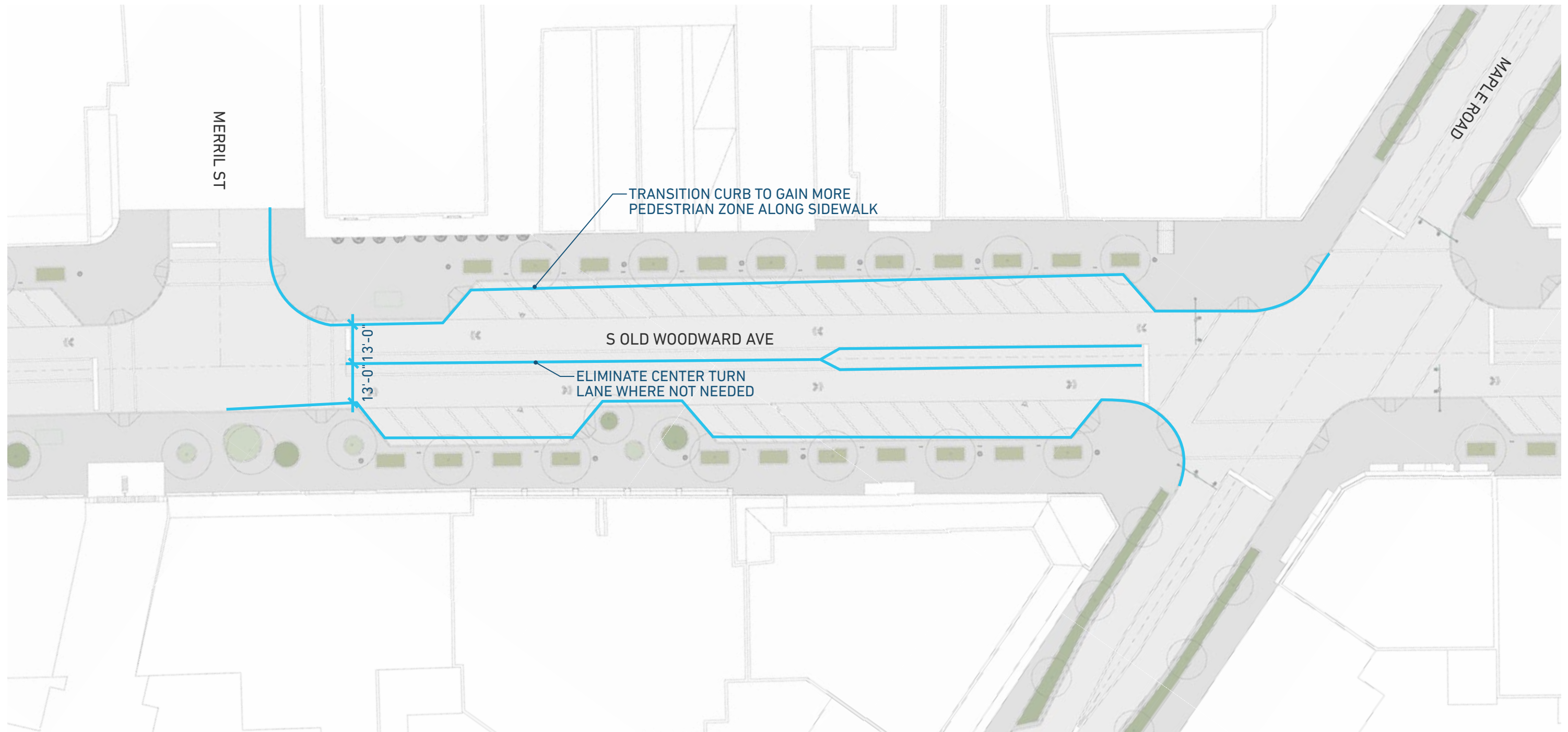


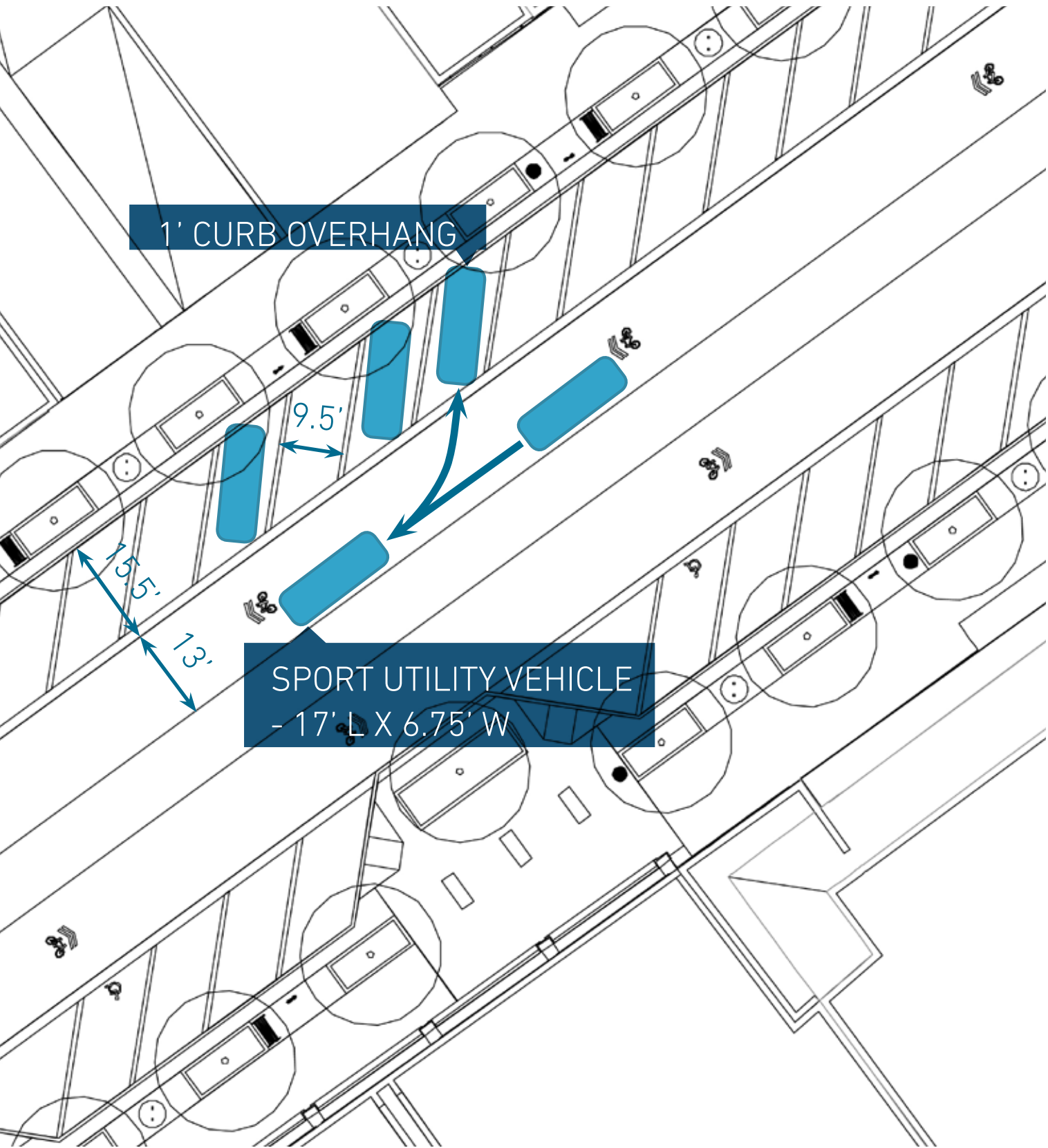






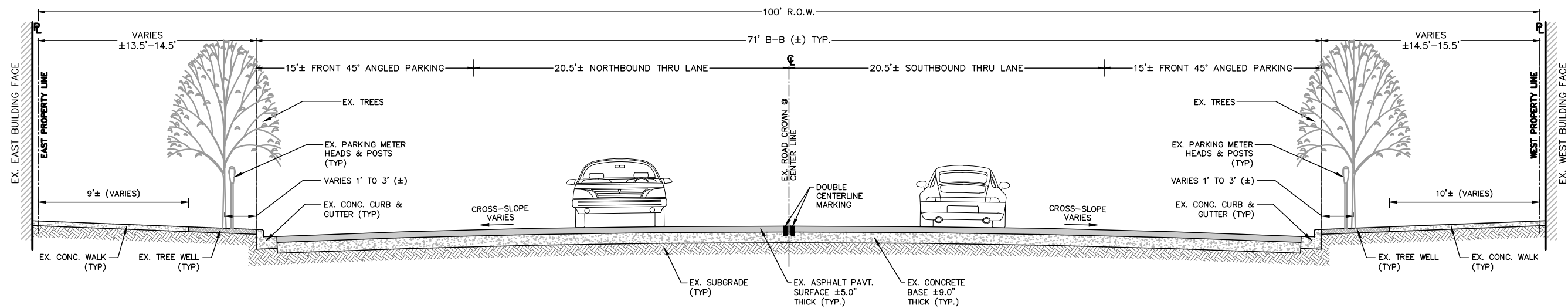




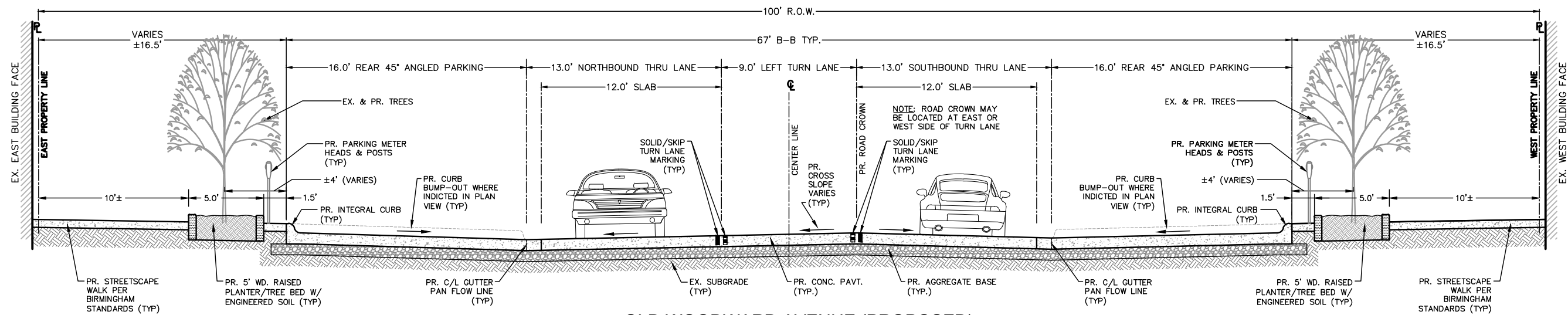


BACK-IN PARKING DIAGRAM





EXISTING



PROPOSED

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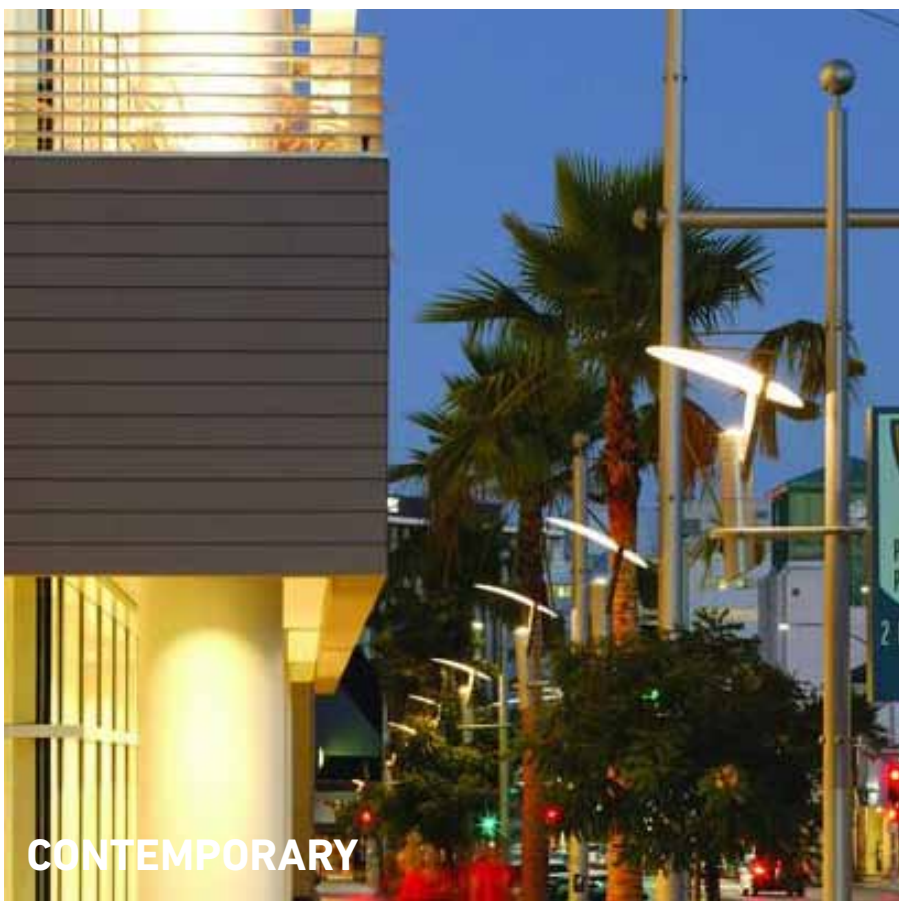
WALKWAYS



BOLLARDS



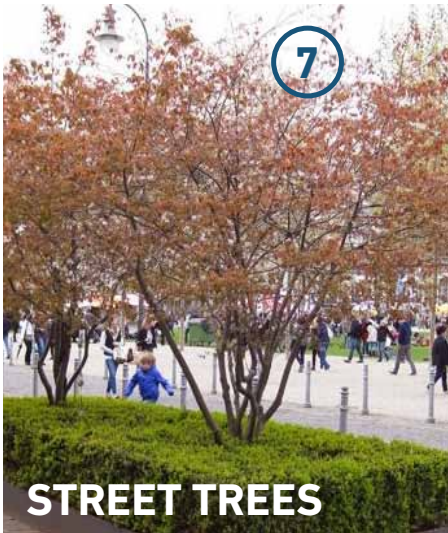
PLANTING CURBS



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TRADITIONAL

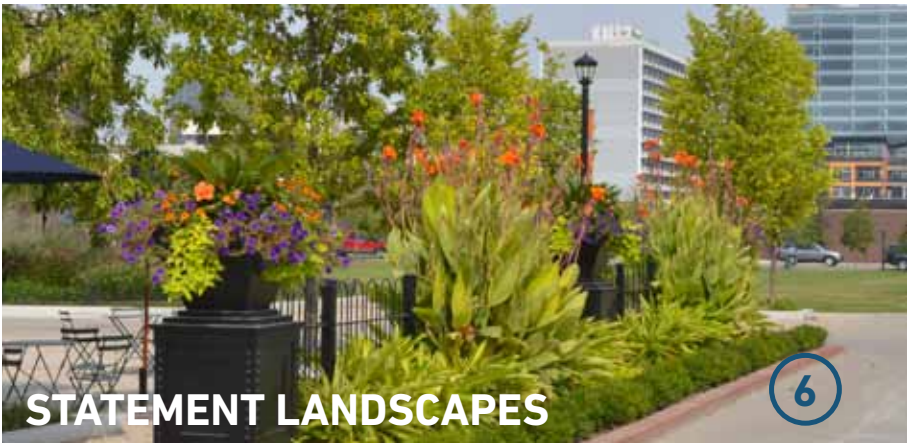
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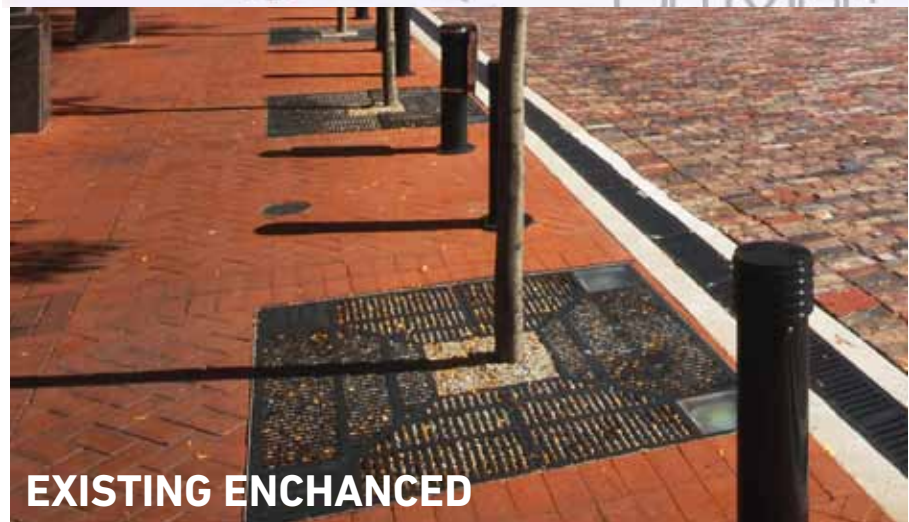
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STATEMENT LANDSCAPES



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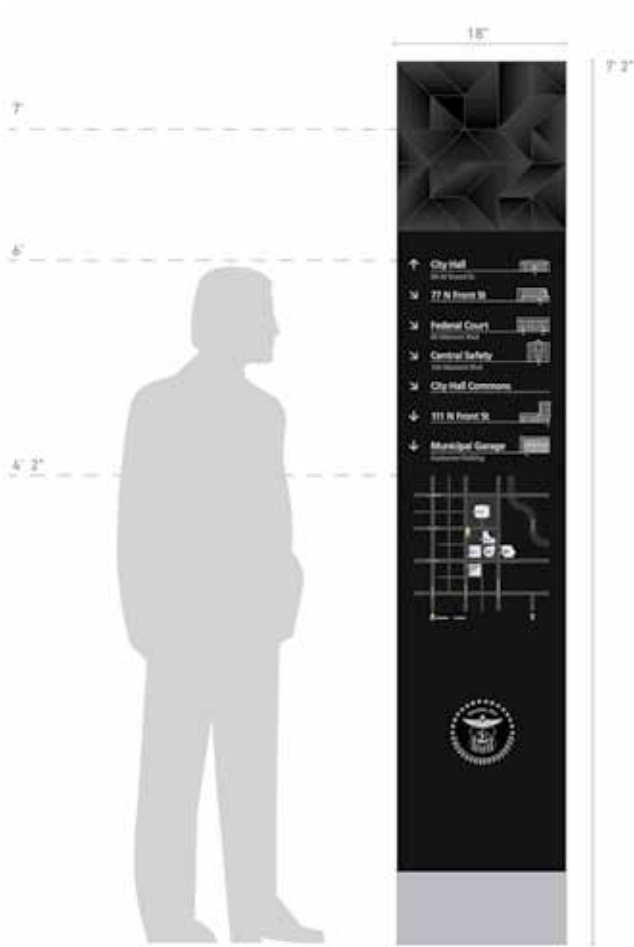
NEW STANDARD



GROUND PLANE

OVERHEAD

PYLONS





CURBS



ROADWAY



CROSSWALKS

A - BUS STOP

LEGEND

- 1. Bus loading zone ~12' x 50'
- 2. Bus stop
- 3. Bus loading zone blocks crosswalk
- 4. Long distance from bus stop to loading on bus
- 5. Blocks traffic at Merrill and S Old Woodward intersection
- 6. Blocks 2 parking spaces



B - BUS STOP



LEGEND

1. Bus loading zone ~12' x 50'
2. Bus stop
3. Pulls through intersection as to not block Merrill and Old Woodward traffic
4. Located in intersection; does not block crosswalks or parking, but could cause issues with traffic from

C- BUS STOP



LEGEND

- 1. Bus loading zone ~12' x 50'
- 2. Bus stop
- 3. Stops before intersection;
does not block traffic or
parking spots
- 4. Two on-street parking
spots lost
- 5. Creates clear and open
access to theater



MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

DATE: December 12, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: John M. Connaughton, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fee Schedule

The Birmingham Fire Department, Fire Marshal division is responsible to make sure that any fire code violations in commercial buildings are abated. The Owner/Occupant of a commercial building will hire a third party vendor who conducts the fire inspection of the building and when completed must send a report to the Fire Marshal. If there are no fire violations then the Fire Marshal will note this as completed, if there are fire violations then the Fire Marshal division will follow up with the building Owner/Occupant to correct the violations.

The Birmingham Fire Department adopted the International Fire Code (IFC), 2012 edition in 2014. IFC 107.2 states that it is the responsibility of the Owner/Occupant for correction and abatement of violations of the code, additionally, section 901.6 states "Fire detection, alarm and extinguishing systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times, and shall be replaced or repaired where defective." Therefore it is the Business Owner/Operator's responsibility to ensure the fire protection systems are maintained properly and serviced in accordance with the adopted code. As stated above, once the third party vendor completes their fire inspection, the Fire Marshal requires them to send their report to him. In the past this was done by sending a hard copy through the mail to the Fire Marshal, today the Fire Marshal division uses software (Compliance Engine) that allows the report to be sent electronically. The electronic version works better for several reasons, hard copies are not always sent by the third party vendor in an acceptable time line and once mailed can be slow in delivery. The electronic version is sent immediately after the inspection is completed and delivered in seconds. Handwriting on hard copies can be difficult or impossible to read as where the electronic version is very clear, also the Compliance Engine software program allows the vendor to not only give a written report on a violation but can also attach pictures of the violation for better understanding.

Presently there are two options to file the required reports for inspection, testing and maintenance. The vendor can register online with Compliance Engine at no cost and enter the inspection information for submittal, once registered there is a \$10 fee per report that goes to Compliance Engine. The vendor, as in the past can mail a hard copy of each record/report of their inspection to the Fire Marshal Office with an administrative fee of \$50 for each report and the Fire Department will enter the information on Compliance Engine, the checks are payable to the City of Birmingham. Most vendors have registered on line with Compliance Engine but there are still a few who choose to send a hard copy. Presently the administrative fee does not appear on the Schedule of Fees; with approval I would add this fee as part of the Schedule of Fees.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To amend the Schedule of Fees, Charges, Bonds and Insurance, Fire Department section to include the charge for Administrative fee non-electronic reporting.

<u>CHANGE CODES AS LISTED ON FEE SCHEDULE</u>	
A.	Fee has remained the same for many years
B.	Proposed fee covers current costs
C.	Pass through costs that reflects actual cost of service
D.	Fee consistent with neighboring communities
E.	New fee
F.	Increase to cover normal inflationary increase
G.	No longer provide this service

FEE SCHEDULE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	EXISTING FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE CODE	Staff
<u>EMS Transport Service Fees (Chapter 54)</u>				
ALS Emergency Transport II	\$ 750.00			
ALS Emergency Transport I	\$ 575.00			
ALS Non-Emergency Transport	\$ 575.00			
BLS Emergency Transport	\$ 475.00			
BLS Non-Emergency Transport	\$ 450.00			
Loaded Mile (scene to hospital fee per mile)	\$ 13.00			
<u>Fire Code Operational Permits</u>				
As listed in the International Fire Code	\$ 50.00			
<u>Hydrant Use & Hydrant Repair - See DPS</u>				
<u>Open Fires Permit (includes inspection)</u>	\$ 50.00			
<u>Pyrotechnics displays Permit</u>	\$ 50.00			
<u>Administrative Fee-Non-electronic reporting (inspections/testing/maintenance)</u>	\$ -	\$50.00	E	JC



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPOINT TO PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

At the regular meeting of Monday, January 9, 2017 the Birmingham City Commission intends to appoint two members to the Public Arts Board to serve a three-year term to expire January 28, 2020.

In so far as possible, the members shall represent a major cultural institution, a registered architect of the State of Michigan, an artist, an art historian, and an art consultant. Members may also be members of the Historic District Commission, Design Review Board, the Parks and Recreation Board, or the Planning Board. At least four members of the Board shall be residents of the City of Birmingham.

The objectives of the Public Arts Board are to enrich the City's civic and cultural heritage; to promote a rich, diverse, and stimulating cultural environment in order to enrich the lives of the City's residents, business owners, employees, and all visitors; and to establish an environment where differing points of view are fostered, expected, and celebrated by providing the opportunity for such expression through the display of public art.

Interested citizens may apply for this position by submitting an application available from the city clerk's office. Applications must be submitted to the city clerk's office on or before noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. These applications will appear in the public agenda for the regular meeting at which time the commission will discuss recommendations, and may make nominations and vote on the appointments.

All members of boards and commissions are subject to the provisions of City of Birmingham City Code Chapter 2, Article IX, Ethics and the filing of the Affidavit and Disclosure Statement.

Criteria/Qualifications of Open Position	Date Applications Due (by noon)	Date of Interview
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PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

City Code - Chapter 78, Article V

Terms - 3 years

Members - At least 4 members shall be residents of the City of Birmingham. The remaining members may or may not be residents of Birmingham. In so far as possible, the members shall represent a major cultural institution, a registered architect of the State of Michigan, an artist, an art historian, and an art consultant. Members may also be members of the HDDRC, the Parks and Recreation Board, or the Planning Board.

Objectives -

- to enrich the City's civic and cultural heritage;
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- to establish an environment where differing points of view are fostered, expected, and celebrated by providing the opportunity for such expression through the display of public art.

Last Name	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Eddleston	Jason	(248) 703-3808	12/5/2016	1/28/2017
892 Purdy Birmingham	48009	<i>jason28@yahoo.com</i>		
Heller	Barbara	(248) 540-1310 (313) 833-7834	1/28/2002 Resident Member	1/28/2018
176 Linden Birmingham	48009	<i>bheller@dia.org</i>		
Klinger	Phyllis	(248) 594-4240	3/18/2013 Resident Member	1/28/2018
1844 Bowers Birmingham	48009	<i>pklingerlawfirm@yahoo.com</i>		
Mettler	Maggie	(248) 703-8006	1/12/2015 Resident Member	1/28/2019
544 Wallace Birmingham	48009	<i>mlmettler@gmail.com</i>		

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Ritchie 1455 South Eton Birmingham	Anne 48009	(248) 635-1765 <i>a_ritchie@msn.com</i>	9/12/2016	1/28/2017
Roberts 2352 Buckingham Birmingham	Mary 48009	(248) 535-9871 <i>maryroberts49@gmail.com</i>	9/12/2016	1/28/2019
Suchara 2160 Fairway Birmingham	Ava 48009	(248) 645-1319 <i>asuchara@comcast.net</i>	2/8/2016 Student Representative	12/31/2016
Wells 588 Cherry Ct. Birmingham	Linda 48009	(248) 647-1165 <i>lawells126@gmail.com</i>	2/11/2013 Resident Member	1/28/2019



MEMORANDUM

Finance Department

DATE: December 2, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Teresa Klobucar, Deputy Treasurer
Mark Gerber, Finance Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Principal Shopping District Special Assessment
District (SAD) 869 Funding Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

I hereby report that the attached individual assessments, in the total amount of \$887,378.79 have been computed as the special assessment roll made by me pursuant to Resolution No. 02-205-015 of the City Commission, for the purpose of funding the activities of the Principal Shopping District (PSD) for fiscal years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Said assessment roll, designated Roll No. 869 for fiscal year 2016-2017, was approved and confirmed by the Commission on October 12, 2015.

Special Assessment Roll No. 869 has been heretofore certified in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 94 of the Birmingham City Code and filed with the City Clerk for endorsement and for subsequent collection by the City Treasurer.

PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL
DISTRICT 1 SAD 869

<u>PARCEL NUMBER</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
19-25-179-001	\$560.45
19-25-179-002	\$903.90
19-25-327-031	\$863.52
19-25-327-032	\$606.64
19-25-328-005	\$391.01
19-25-328-006	\$469.34
19-25-328-007	\$440.16
19-25-328-008	\$326.79
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PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL

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PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL

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PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL

19-36-202-016	\$2,959.56
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19-36-227-008	\$1,083.14
19-36-227-024	\$1,866.34

**PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

19-36-227-025	\$484.91
19-36-227-027	\$0.00
19-36-227-028	\$1,193.80
19-36-228-001	\$678.76
DISTRICT 1 TOTAL:	\$788,697.06

DISTRICT 1A

<u>SIDWELL NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL COST PER PARCEL</u>
19-25-330-008	\$202.68
19-36-228-002	\$1,073.71
19-36-228-003	\$518.33
19-36-228-004	\$1,285.00
19-36-228-005	\$2,234.63
19-36-230-003	\$3,566.93
19-36-230-004	\$766.00
19-36-232-001	\$3,541.80
19-36-232-005	\$2,861.01
19-36-233-022	\$1,294.04
19-36-234-002	\$1,257.80
19-36-234-004	\$244.25
19-36-234-007	\$241.68
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19-36-253-026	\$362.11
19-36-253-028	\$748.17
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19-36-253-030	\$964.94
19-36-253-034	\$1,715.91
19-36-253-035	\$1,688.99
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19-36-278-013	\$1,287.37
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19-36-278-018	\$1,813.46
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19-36-279-005	\$2,758.73
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19-36-281-005	\$988.31
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19-36-281-022	\$2,050.10
19-36-281-028	\$1,316.51
19-36-281-029	\$2,601.07
19-36-281-030	\$1,196.82
19-36-281-031	\$2,603.59
19-36-282-005	\$7,950.29
19-36-282-006	\$5,549.30
19-36-283-009	\$1,986.00
19-36-283-014	\$320.12
19-36-283-016	\$3,015.30

PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 SAD 869 ASSESSMENT ROLL

19-36-283-019	\$1,287.62
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19-36-283-021	\$750.14
19-36-283-022	\$1,217.71
19-36-283-024	\$2,187.87
19-36-284-001	\$170.68
19-36-284-002	\$419.16
19-36-284-009	\$1,527.53
19-36-285-001	\$7,464.72
19-36-285-002	\$529.57
19-36-285-006	\$1,308.36
19-36-285-008	\$1,247.83
19-36-285-009	\$865.78
19-36-285-010	\$316.41
19-36-285-012	\$917.88
19-36-285-013	\$1,758.89
DISTRICT 1A TOTAL:	\$98,681.73

GRAND TOTAL (1 & 1A)	\$887,378.79
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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: December 7, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Woodward Tree Purchase and Plant

As follow-up to questions raised at the December 5, 2016 City Commission meeting, I would like to provide the following:

Balled and Burlapped (B&B):

This is a term used in the arboricultural industry for nursery grown trees and shrubs, referring to plants that have been planted, dug up and packaged up in a manner to protect the root ball during transport and handling for re-location to the desired planting area. The burlap keeps the original soil that the plant was grown in intact and is typically held around the root ball with wire, twine or string. This is an approved type of tree stock in the Arboricultural industry.

Prior to planting, there is preparatory work to be done, including placing the tree in a hole dug to required specifications, placing the tree at the correct depth, "unwrapping" the burlap from around the trunk and cutting it away, cutting the string, wire and exposing the root collar. These directions, among others, are clearly specified in the "Scope of Work" section of the Request for Proposal (RFP). Additionally, plantings are inspected by our City Forester to make sure all specifications are upheld.

Tree Warranty:

As per the RFP, there is a two (2) year tree warranty on all trees planted as part of this project. This is the same warranty required with the Spring and Fall Tree Planting Projects.

Other ways trees are available for purchase:

Bare root; exactly like it sounds, no topsoil surrounding the root system, must be planted as soon as possible, smaller caliper typically and used in situations such as planting over a ground out stump, require above average, consistent repeated applications of watering after planting.

Container; plants come in a pot or container, smaller trees or costly for large trees.

Tree Spade; large, mature trees are dug out with a tree spade and transported with the spade to the desired location, costly, instant landscape, require above average, consistent repeated applications of watering after planting.

The City has used all of the techniques mentioned above in different applications, most commonly the B&B.

Tree types to be planted on Woodward Avenue Median, North of Oakland:

Cleveland Select Pear: 11 at 2"-2.5" Caliper

Disease Resistant Elm: 17 at 2"-2.5 Caliper

Norway Spruce: 25 at 7'-8'

The Department of Public Services chose a slightly smaller caliper tree for this location because smaller trees tend to adapt quicker to the transplant. Additionally, we are able to accomplish planting of the entire median island with the amount of money budgeted and the State's contribution to the project. Larger trees= less trees=1/2 complete median island planted. Smaller trees=more trees=entire median island planted. The evergreen trees are 7 to 8 feet in height, again slightly smaller than our usual specification of 8-10 feet.



21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

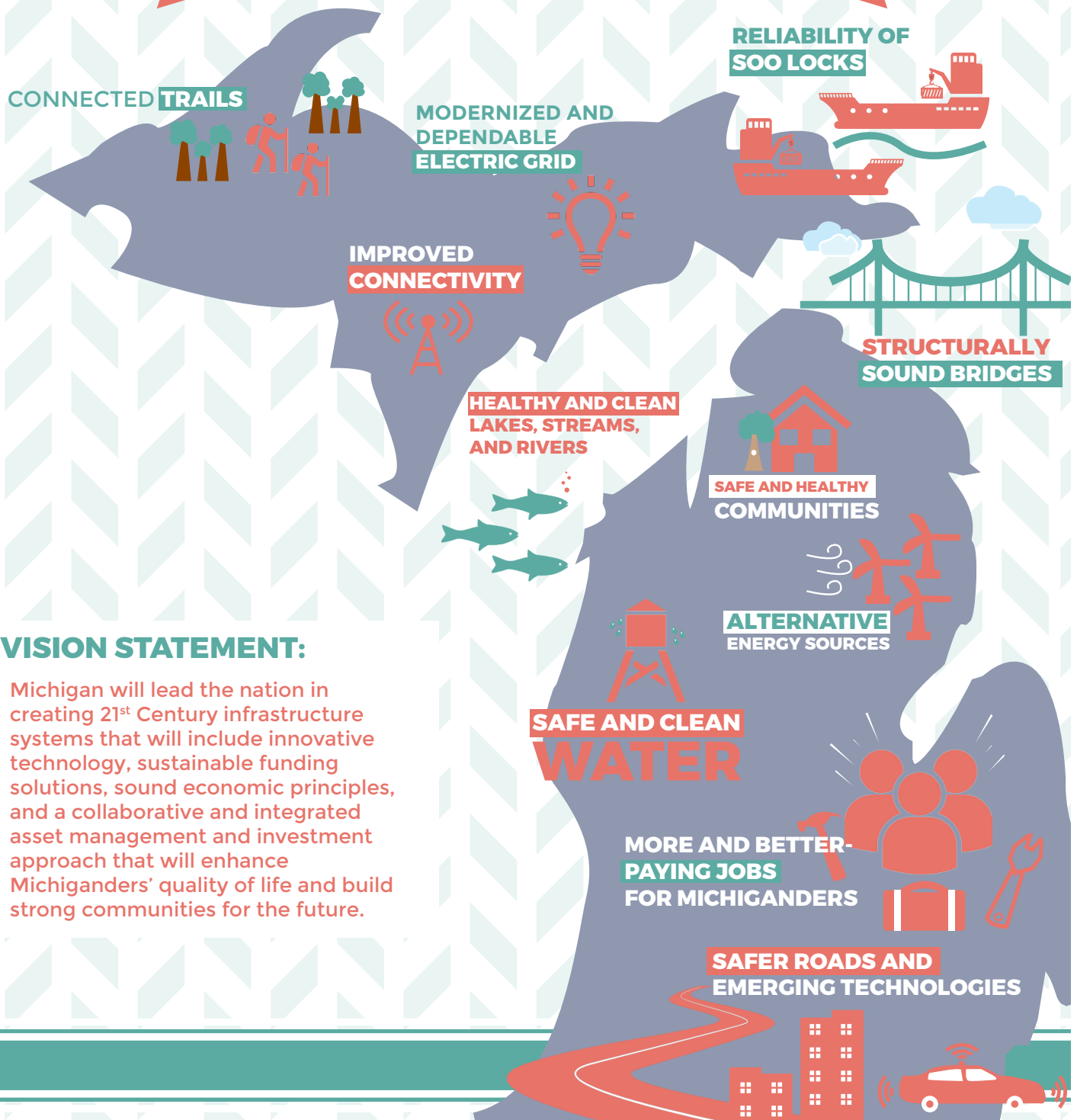
Prepared for
Governor Rick Snyder

The 21st Century Infrastructure Commission's research is composed of two major works: a full report and this shorter executive summary, which is intended to highlight the most important elements of the full report. Both were published on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

INFORMATION ONLY

IMPROVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

• Enhancing Our Quality of Life •



VISION STATEMENT:

Michigan will lead the nation in creating 21st Century infrastructure systems that will include innovative technology, sustainable funding solutions, sound economic principles, and a collaborative and integrated asset management and investment approach that will enhance Michiganders' quality of life and build strong communities for the future.

Where is Michigan Today?

For more than half a century, we have not fully addressed the challenges facing our infrastructure systems. As a result, the problems we face today threaten our day-to-day quality of life.

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MANY OF MICHIGAN'S
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FLOWED INTO MICHIGAN'S
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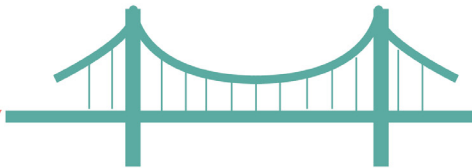
25%
OF BEACHES
EXPERIENCED CLOSURE
IN 2015



A SIX-MONTH
SHUTDOWN OF THE
SOO LOCKS
WOULD RESULT IN
**11 MILLION
JOBS LOST**
NATIONWIDE



1,200
MICHIGAN
BRIDGES ARE
STRUCTURALLY
DEFICIENT



39%
OF ROADS
ARE IN
POOR
CONDITION



What does a 21st Century Michigan look like?

Economic prosperity: The state's infrastructure system serves as the platform for the economic success of the state, including its communities, businesses, and residents. Our infrastructure systems must be built for a 21st century Michigan to fully meet the state's current needs and expectations. Modern infrastructure is essential to support the economic prosperity of our state.

A healthy environment: The state's infrastructure system is interconnected with the health of our people, environment, and communities. Investments in transportation, communications, energy, and water networks and technologies support a Pure Michigan that, in many ways, defines the character of our state.

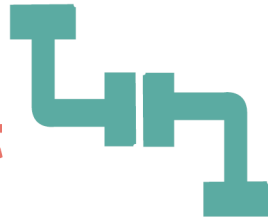
Reliable, high-quality service: The state's infrastructure system provides its users with reliable, high-quality services to support vibrant communities and business operations. Our transportation systems move people and cargo effectively and efficiently, our energy systems provide affordable and reliable electricity and natural gas to homes and businesses, our communications systems enable Michiganders to stay connected in a global world, and our water management systems protect and enhance public and environmental health.

Value for investment: The state's infrastructure system is supported through investments that help ensure we get the most value from limited financial resources. Through coordinated asset management across our infrastructure systems, we can make strategic and optimal decisions about infrastructure repair and replacement to ensure greater value for our investments.

Integrated, Strategic, Sustainable, and Smart Infrastructure Solutions

To maintain Michigan's status as a global leader as we move through the 21st Century, we must look at infrastructure in an integrated and holistic way, find sustainable funding solutions, and prepare for emerging technologies.

Asset Management

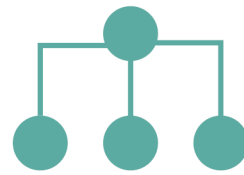


Pilot a regional infrastructure asset management process and secure database system across infrastructure types.

Build, deploy, operationalize, and maintain an asset management process and database system statewide.

Support stakeholders, state, regional, and local agencies with collection of data and implementation of asset management practices.

Establish performance metrics and ensure transparency of data to the public on condition of assets.



Coordinated Planning

Create the Michigan Infrastructure Council, a statewide body to coordinate infrastructure-related goals.

Deploy and maintain the statewide asset management database, and measure performance improvements across the state.

Establish a long-term, statewide 21st century infrastructure strategy to address infrastructure asset condition, needs, and priorities.

Design, oversee, and coordinate incentives, funding, and financing opportunities.

Sustainable Funding



Equip policymakers with accurate and consistent information and data on the condition of infrastructure assets to ensure the development of sustainable funding models.

Guide investments for planning and management of infrastructure.

Halt the continuing deterioration of infrastructure assets and allow Michigan to take advantage of 21st century technology that will provide improvements to service and safety with a goal of leveling annual investments to long-term predictable amounts.



Emerging Technologies

Stay at the forefront of research, education, coordination, and implementation of innovative technologies that impact infrastructure planning and delivery.

Enhance the quality of life in Michigan by creating infrastructure systems that optimize technologies to improve efficiency and increase residents' safety, security, health, mobility, and communication.

Remain a global leader in emerging intelligent vehicle technology, including connected, autonomous, and automated technologies.

21st Century Recommendations Snapshot

Our residents deserve reliable, safe, efficient, and cost-effective infrastructure - a 21st century infrastructure system that creates a foundation for the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WATER



- **Ensuring Public and Environmental Health:** Invest in replacement of aging water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure.
- **Water Asset Management:** Perform regular assessments and maintenance of Michigan's drinking water, sewer, stormwater, and dam infrastructure systems.
- **21st Century Water Infrastructure:** Design and build water systems using the best available technologies.
- **Fiscally Sustainable Pricing Models:** Adopt policies that require self-sufficient and transparent budgets for water, sewer, and stormwater facilities.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Develop integrated and sustainable approaches to manage the quantity and quality of stormwater.
- **Onsite Well and Septic Systems:** Revise regulations to provide safe, affordable drinking water and wastewater disposal.

TRANSPORTATION



- **Roads/Bridges:** Invest in roads and bridges to ensure they are in good or fair condition and our roads, bridges, and culverts are designed to protect public health and safety and strengthen our economy. Our road conditions and intelligent vehicle technology helps achieve our goal of zero deaths on our roads.
- **Transit, Passenger, and Freight Rail:** Meet the needs of both urban and rural communities by providing a robust transit network.
- **Marine Freight:** Construct a new Soo lock to eliminate the potential for long-term loss of 11 million jobs nationally and a \$1.1 trillion hit to the U.S. economy.
- **Aviation:** Complete an assessment of aviation needs across Michigan to ensure our system of airports properly supports Michigan's future needs.
- **Future is Now:** Maintain our status as a global leader in intelligent vehicle technology and other emerging technologies.
- **Value for Money:** Reexamine existing funding mechanisms and the potential for new funding options to build strong, healthy communities for residents and businesses.

ENERGY



- **Resource Adequacy:** Ensure adequate capacity resources are available so that Michigan residents and businesses never experience a massive outage.
- **Cleaner Energy Sources:** Meet 30 percent of our electric energy needs from the cleanest sources, such as energy efficiency, renewables, and natural gas.
- **Electric Reliability:** Reduce the frequency and duration of electric outages to ensure that customers do not experience significant disruptions in their service.
- **Natural Gas Safety:** Accelerate plans to replace at-risk natural gas distribution pipes to guarantee Michigan's natural gas distribution system is safe and reliable.
- **Information Security:** Enable our state's leaders and appropriate agencies to effectively communicate with infrastructure asset owners about physical and cyber security to more effectively plan for and communicate about potential threats.
- **Business Attraction and Economic Development:** Expand opportunities for new businesses and energy-intensive industries to choose Michigan by ensuring access to tailored energy services and competitive energy prices.

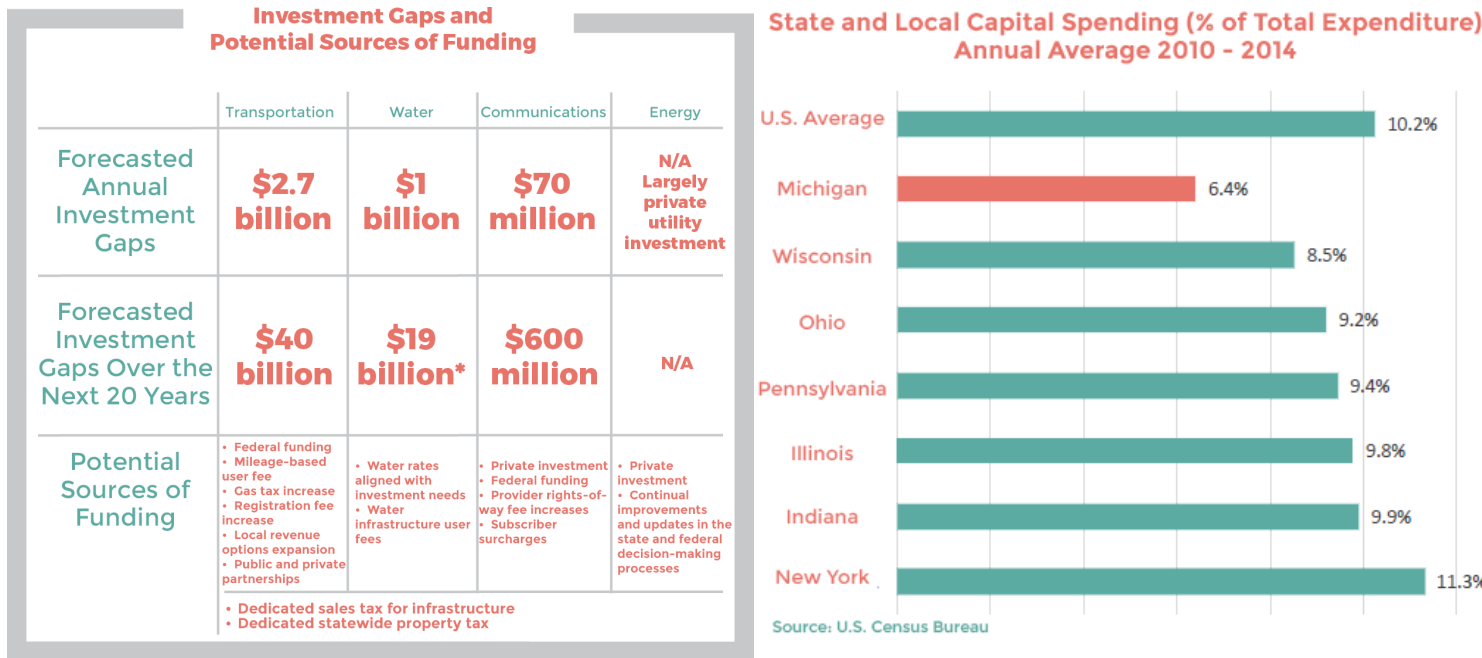
COMMUNICATIONS



- **Making Michigan a Smarter State:** Lead in the development, deployment, and adoption of new technologies and the creation of smart environments and communities.
- **Improving Broadband Access and Adoption:** Make Michigan a top-five state for broadband access and adoption.
- **Establish the Michigan Consortium on Advanced Networks:** Develop and execute a roadmap to enact a digital transformation of Michigan.
- **Securing Michigan's Digital Infrastructure:** Find innovative ways to defend critical information, coordinate access and identity management, and embrace new and emerging technologies.

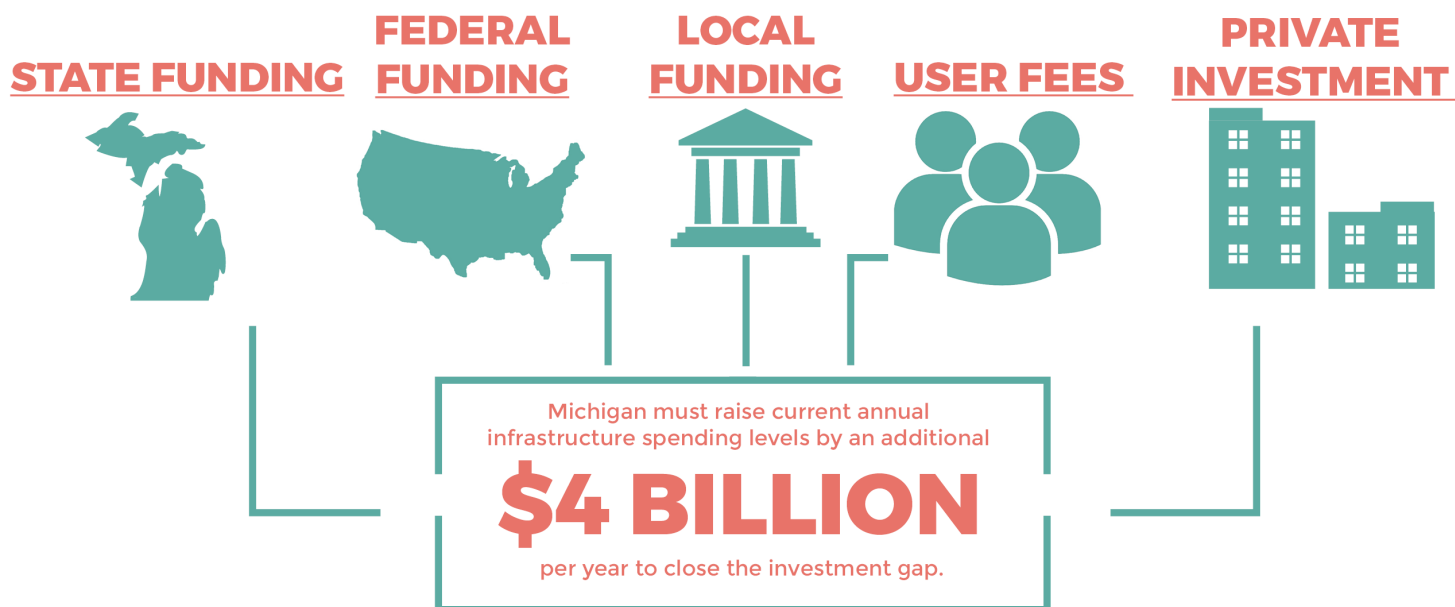
Investing in Our Future

Michigan's infrastructure investment gap exceeds \$60 billion over the next 20 years with an annual investment gap of approximately \$4 billion. Relative to neighboring states and the U.S. average, Michigan underinvests in capital infrastructure spending at the state and local levels (Deloitte 2016). Addressing this substantial gap will require a combination of local, state, federal, private, and user-fee investments, as well as financing strategies to meet long-term needs.



* This figure includes an estimated \$800 million annual gap in water and sewer infrastructure needs. This is considered a conservative estimate using the best information available. As condition assessments are completed, this estimate is expected to increase.

INVESTING IN SYSTEMS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW



Call to Action

As called for in Governor Rick Snyder's 2016-5 Executive Order, this report outlines **ambitious goals for the state of Michigan for the next 30 to 50 years**. With implementation of these recommendations, Michigan will lead the nation in creating an integrated and holistic infrastructure planning, management, investment, and delivery system that Michigan's residents have confidence in. This system will prioritize public health and safety and solidify Michigan's status as a global leader as we move forward into the 21st century.

Michigan's ability to achieve the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission's vision depends on policymakers taking action today and prioritizing infrastructure as the foundation of strong communities and **increased quality of life for our future**. Sound and modern infrastructure is vital to the health and well-being of the people of Michigan and will help support our growing economy.

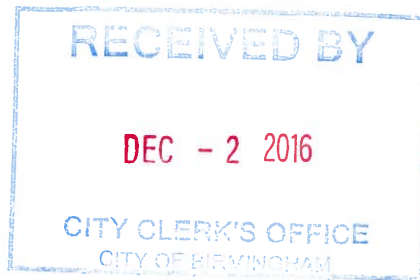
Today, infrastructure is siloed in our state. There are 619 separate road agencies, 79 transit agencies, 1,390 drinking water systems, 1,080 wastewater systems, 116 electric utilities, 10 natural gas utilities, and 43 broadband providers. Coordinated infrastructure planning and management is a necessary foundation to a successful future system. **Michigan must implement an integrated asset management database system, create a council to oversee long-term coordination and strategy, invest in our infrastructure systems in a sustainable way, and remain committed to embracing emerging technologies**. Achieving these overarching goals, in addition to the sector-specific recommendations put forth in this report, will ensure reliable, safe, efficient, and cost-effective systems.

Our residents deserve reliable, safe, efficient and cost-effective infrastructure-a 21st century infrastructure system that creates a foundation for the future.

As a first step, the state must identify a strategic way to better manage our infrastructure in order to make informed decisions. Chapter 3 calls for the state to implement an effective statewide asset management system—one that collects reliable data and information across all types of infrastructure. A statewide coordinated infrastructure system would make Michigan a national leader in infrastructure management. To initiate this game-changing endeavor, the Commission urges the Office of the Governor to establish a regional infrastructure pilot in early 2017 to begin operationalizing a statewide asset management database. By 2018, the Michigan Legislature should establish the Michigan Infrastructure Council, an entity that can leverage the lessons learned in the regional pilot and help to coordinate and unify infrastructure efforts across the state in the decades to come. **The database and council will help the state, regions, local governments, and utilities make informed, strategic decisions and smart investments, save taxpayer dollars, create opportunities for coordinated infrastructure projects, and ensure a 21st Century infrastructure system.**

Michigan residents deserve reliable, safe, efficient, and cost-effective infrastructure—a 21st Century infrastructure system that creates a foundation for the future. **This report is the first step in an entirely new approach to planning, managing, and delivering infrastructure in the state of Michigan.** By outlining the challenges and opportunities facing Michigan's infrastructure system and identifying key recommendations for action, the Commission aimed to give policymakers and the general public the information and vision needed to begin implementation. We must agree to modernize and invest in our infrastructure systems, recognizing that investments today will create jobs and economic opportunity, attract and retain businesses, and save taxpayer dollars. The Commission looks forward to working together to build this vision as Michigan looks to the 21st Century and beyond.

November 29, 2016



Comcast Cable
41112 Concept Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170

Ms. Laura Pierce
Clerk
City of Birmingham
151 Martin St.
Birmingham, MI 48012-3001

Dear Franchise Administrator:

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you informed, we want to let you know that Comcast's right to continue carrying:

- Fox College Sports Atlantic;
- Fox College Sports Central; and
- Fox College Sports Pacific

(collectively referred to as "Fox College Sports") will expire on December 31, 2016. At that time, we lose authorization to continue carrying Fox College Sports signals, so we must remove the programming from our lineup on January 1, 2017.

We are committed to keeping you and our customers abreast of the expiration of upcoming programming agreements. We regularly inform our customers in their bills, and our customers and franchising authorities in our annual notices, that we maintain a website (www.xfinitytv.com/contractrenewals) and toll free number ((866) 216-8634) that are updated regularly to reflect the programming contracts that are set to expire each month and the channels we might lose the rights to continue to carry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig D'agostini".

Craig D'agostini
Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs
Heartland Region

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