



CITY OF LITTLETON
PROJECT DOWNTOWN

City Council
April 23, 2024



AGENDA

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- What We Heard
- Concept Alternatives
- Q&A
- Next Steps

PROJECT BACKGROUND

PROJECT SCOPE

Project Downtown is a **long-term (20 year) vision** for mobility and streetscape improvements in the downtown core. These improvements are primarily **focused on Main Street, Alamo Avenue, and Prince Street**; however, the greater study area was considered for context, connectivity, access, circulation, and gateways to better realize the vision for these improvements. Project Downtown is an action item identified in the LDDA Plan of Development, the guiding document for downtown.

PROJECT VISION

The City of Littleton's Project Downtown will be an **achievable** plan to guide the short- and long-term **strategic investment** and prioritization of **infrastructure improvements to enhance mobility and streetscapes** for a more **vibrant, connected, comfortable, inclusive, resilient downtown** while also celebrating and enriching the **historic character** of this local and regional destination.

PROJECT GOALS

Placemaking and Activation

Mobility and Connectivity

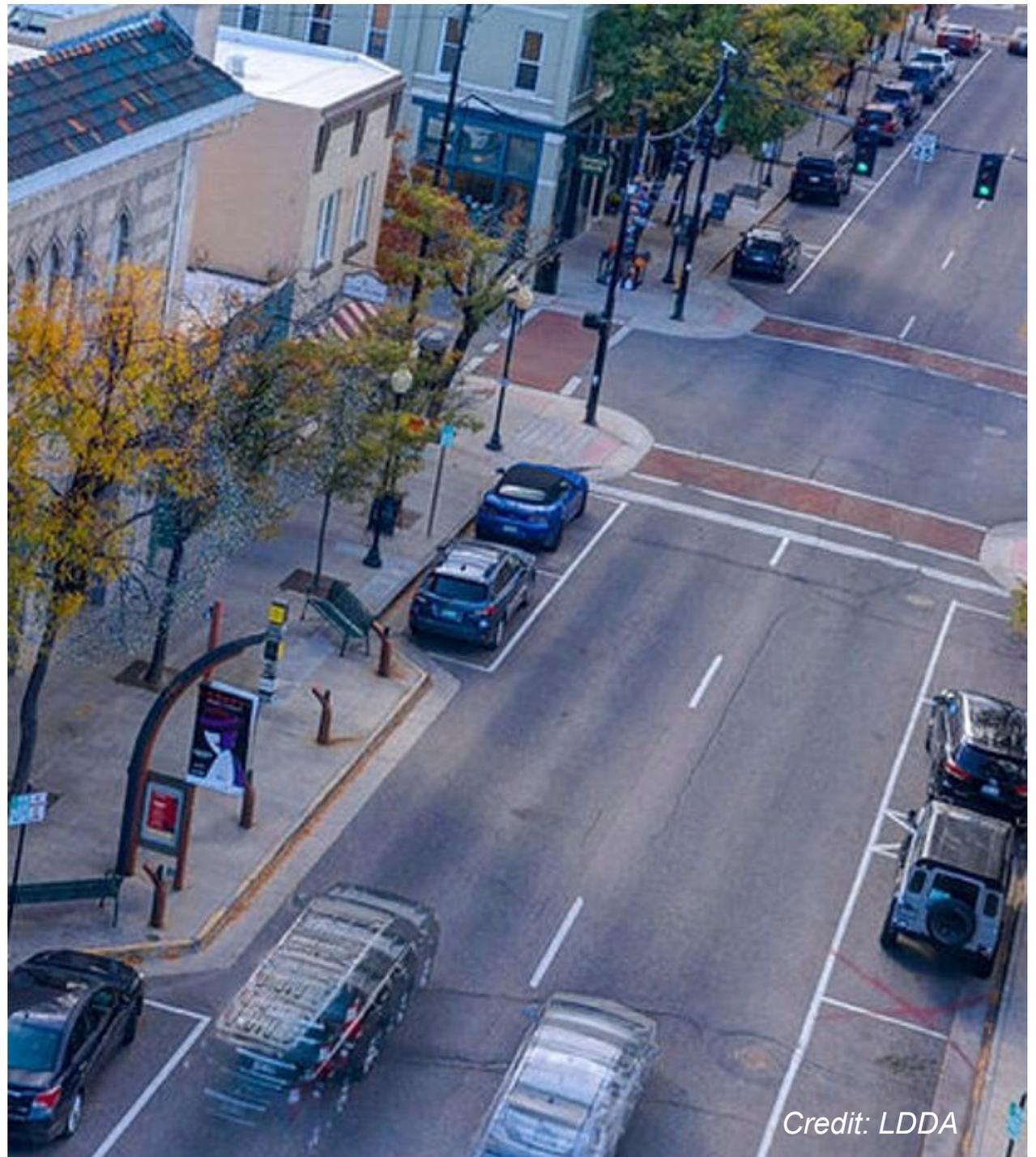
Safety and Accessibility

Sustainability and Resiliency

PLAN PURPOSE

The plan will allow investments downtown to be more strategic and guide prioritization of all improvements while also recognizing:

- ✓ Preservation of downtown's historic character
- ✓ Economic vitality
- ✓ Fiscal constraints
- ✓ Evolving trends and technologies
- ✓ Urban design and stormwater management best practices
- ✓ Partnerships & community interests



Credit: LDDA

PROJECT SCHEDULE / MILESTONES



WHAT WE HEARD

Phase 1 Outreach Summary

KEY ENGAGEMENT MILESTONES:

Community Meeting #1 (Virtual) - 66 attendees

- August 30, 2023

Survey #1 - 675 respondents

- September 19, 2023 - November 6, 2023

Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meetings - 36 attendees

- SWG #1 - July 26, 2023, 25 attendees
- SWG #2 - October 25, 2023, 11 attendees

Small Group Meetings - 21 attendees

- Mobility - November 1, 2023, 10 attendees
- Environment - November 1, 2023, 11 attendees

One on One Conversations - ~150 people



945
engagement touch
points in phase 1



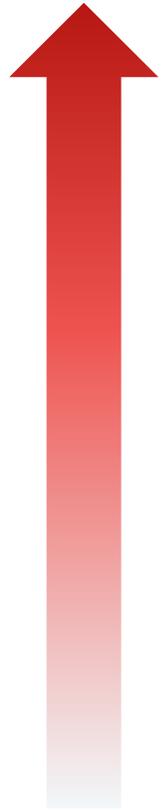
1 community meeting &
1 survey



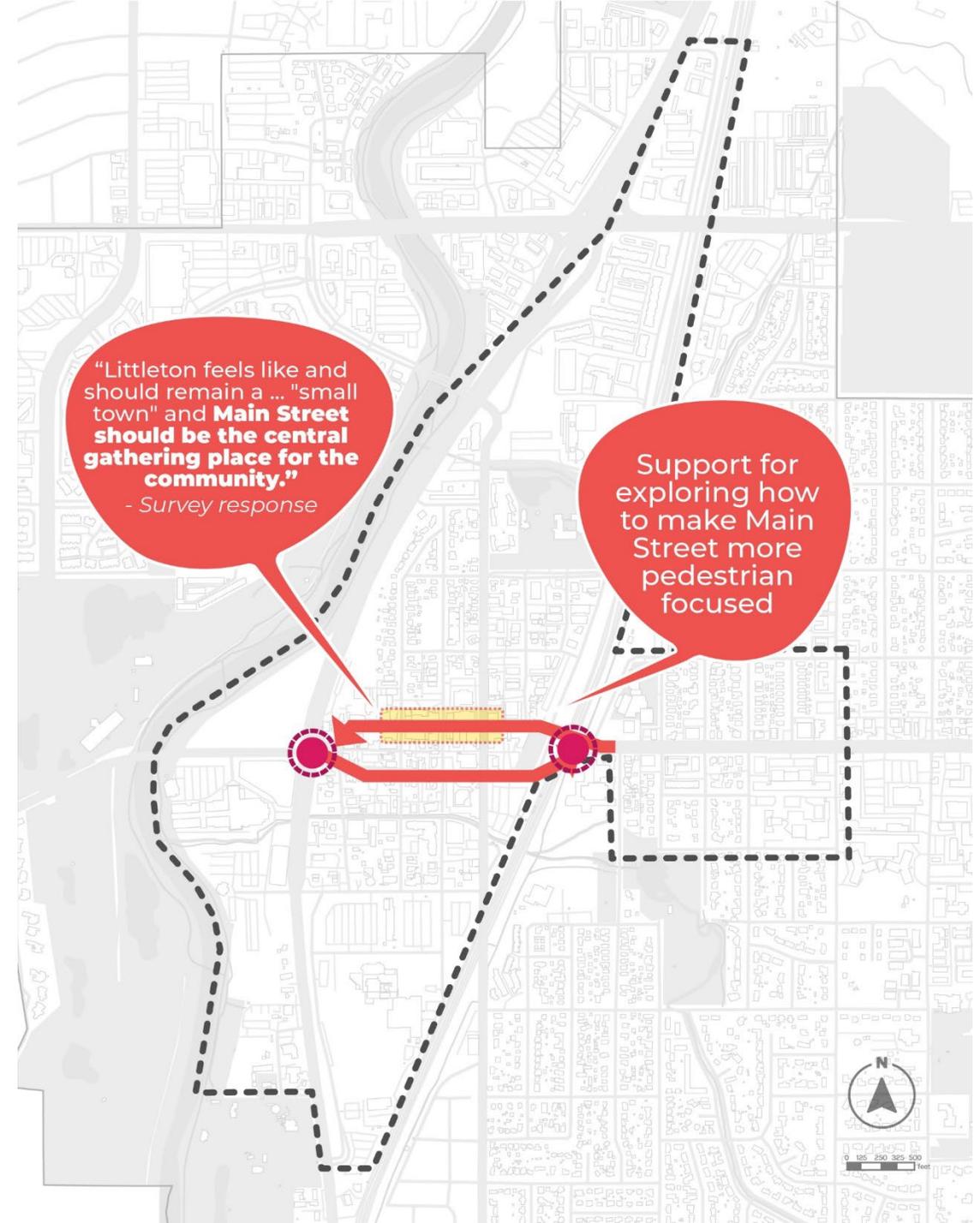
2 stakeholder working groups &
2 small group meetings

WHAT WE HEARD:

Reinforce the downtown core



- Create a downtown with vibrant destinations and a more pedestrian focused Main Street
- Interest in more trees and an enhanced streetscape with places for people
- More public gathering spaces
- Celebrate unique historic charm

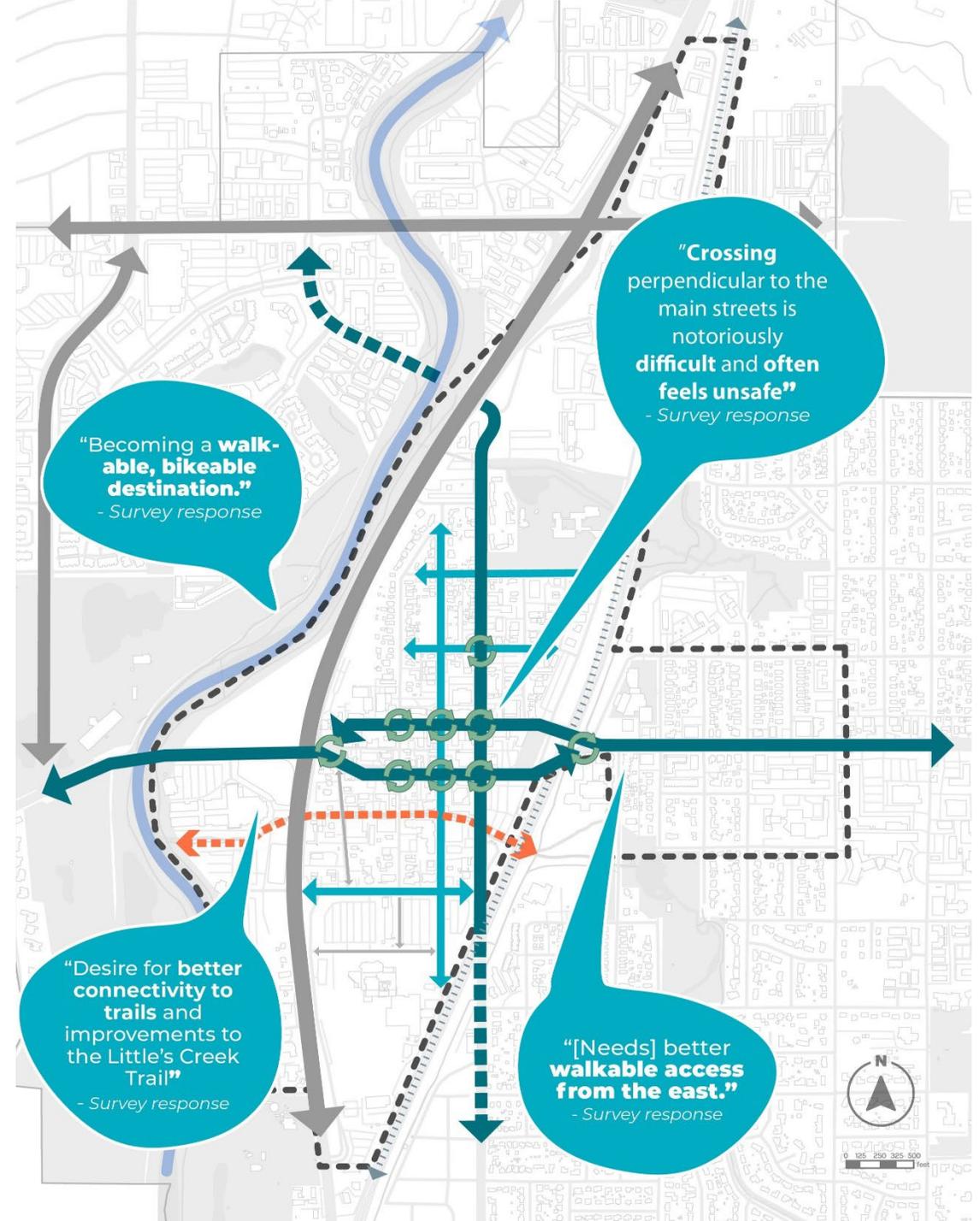


WHAT WE HEARD:

Knit the district together with multimodal corridors



- Desire for safe street crossings, sidewalk improvements, and access to vehicle parking
- Strong support for better bike connections and wayfinding downtown and to regional trails, including Little's Creek
- Traffic calming measures and increased lighting
- More bike parking locations

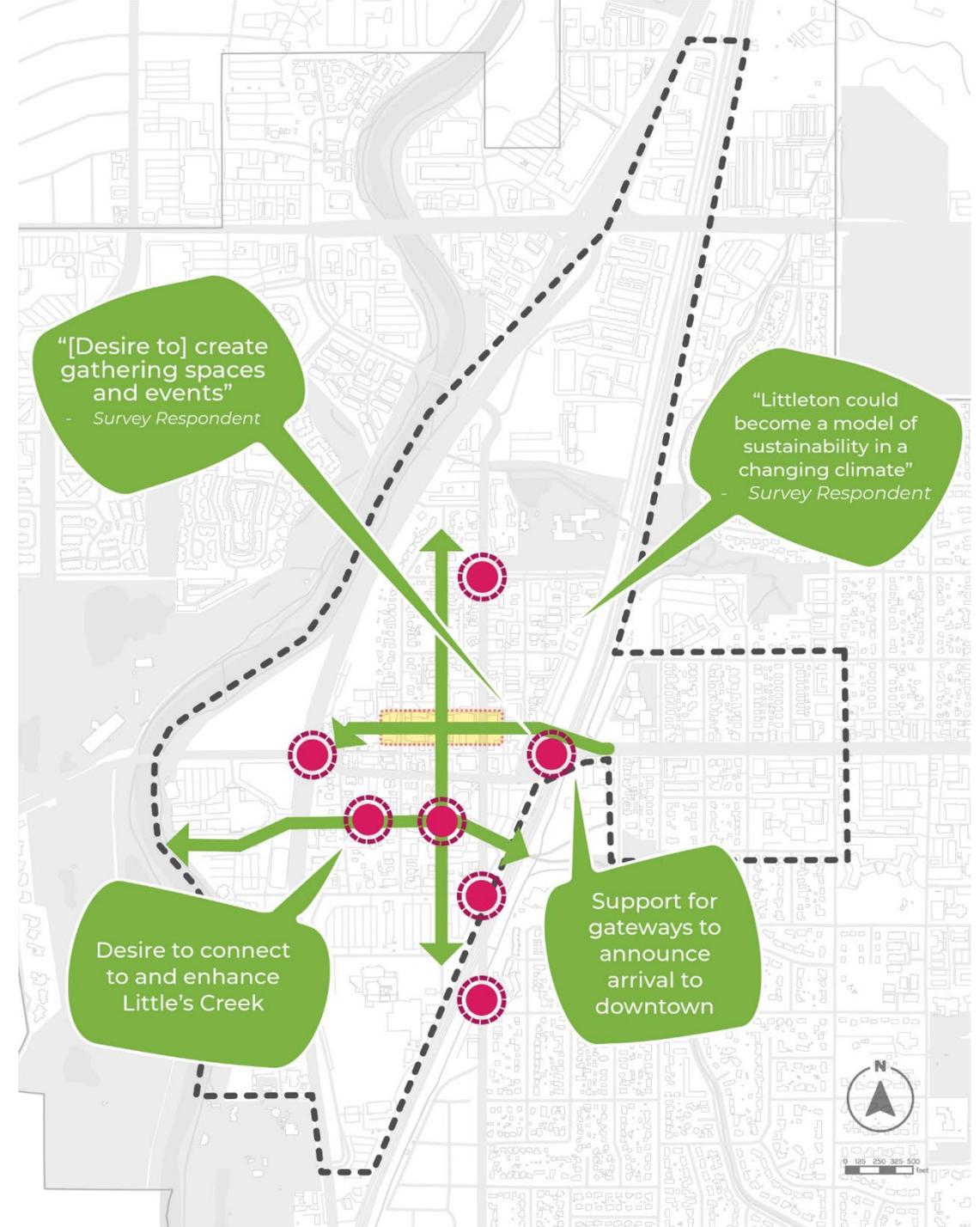


WHAT WE HEARD:

Create iconic destinations and green streets



- Strong desire for trees and shade
- Green infrastructure and streetscape elements
- Seasonal plants with color
- Water wise landscaping



CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

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Chicane on Main



- Main Street creates **dynamic social spaces** activating the street
- Pedestrian and sustainability improvements that create **inviting and comfortable pedestrian experiences**
- **Prince Street** mobility and traffic calming enhancements **links downtown core to north and south** ends of downtown

Multimodal Network



- **Enhanced streetscape with protected bike lane** on Main Street
- **Pedestrian improvements** on **Alamo Avenue** with protected bike lane
- **East-west bikeway connections to existing network**
- **Prince Street** mobility and traffic calming enhancements **links downtown core to north and south** ends of downtown

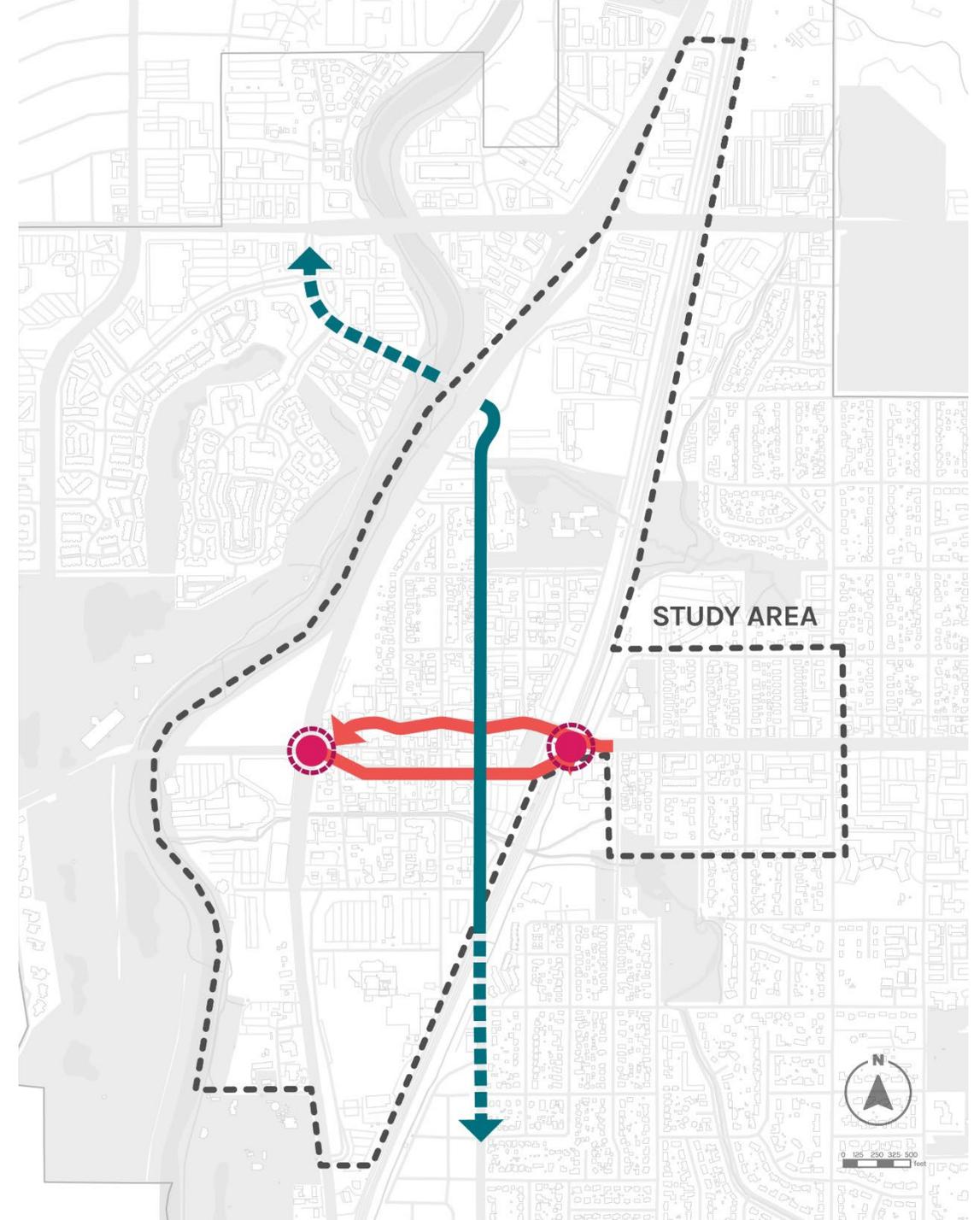
The Village



- **Pedestrian-oriented** Main Street with **option for temporary closure**
- Nevada Street **shared street environment**
- Enhanced **Little's Creek** as **a place for people**

CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

1. CHICANE ON MAIN
2. Multimodal Network
3. The Village





CHICANE ON MAIN

Big Moves

1. Chicane on Main Street **creates dynamic social spaces** activating the street
2. Enhanced streetscape on Alamo Avenue creates **inviting and comfortable pedestrian experiences**
3. Prince Street mobility and traffic calming enhancements **links downtown core to north and south ends of downtown**

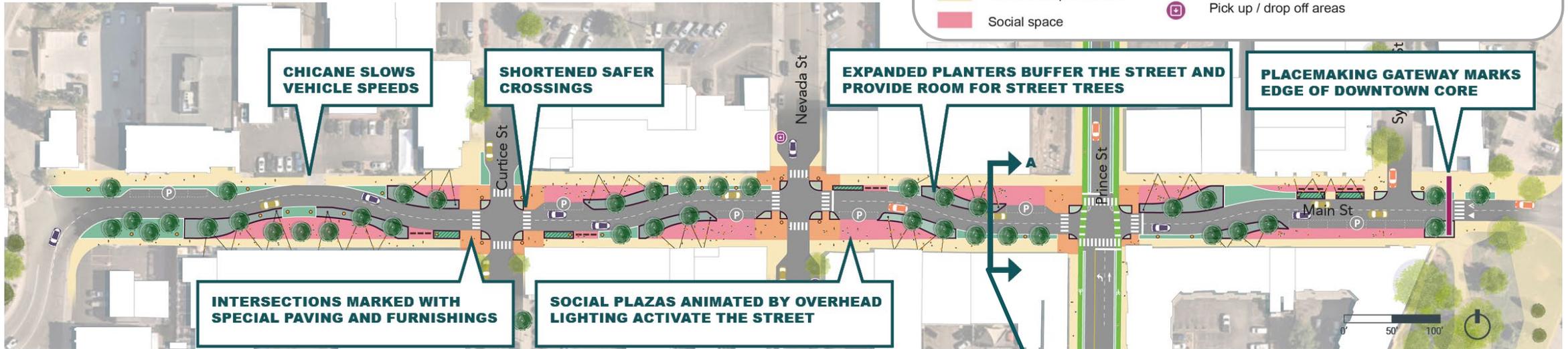




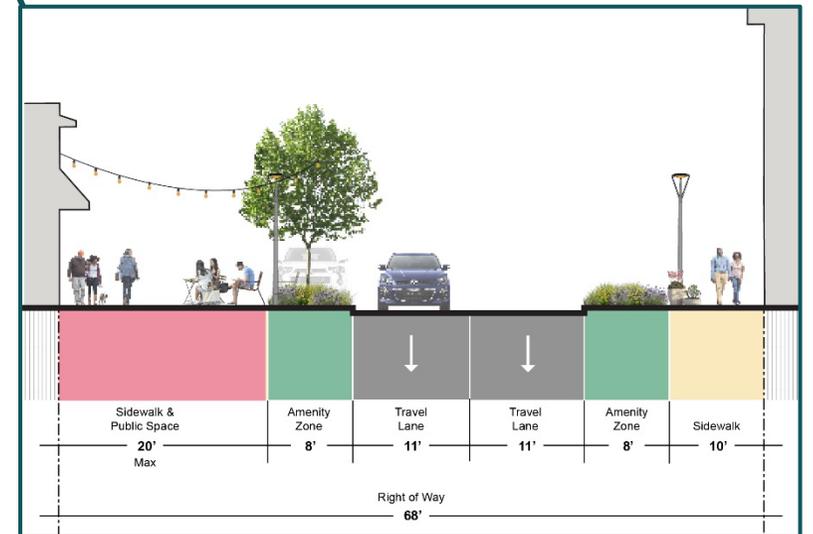
CHICANE ON MAIN

Dynamic social spaces activating Main Street

	New trees		Special paving		Bike lane
	Existing deciduous trees		At grade amenity zone plantings		Gateway
	Existing evergreen trees		Raised planters (ornamental)		String lights
	Sidewalk improvements		Raised planters (water quality)		Light poles
	Social space		Parking		
			Pick up / drop off areas		



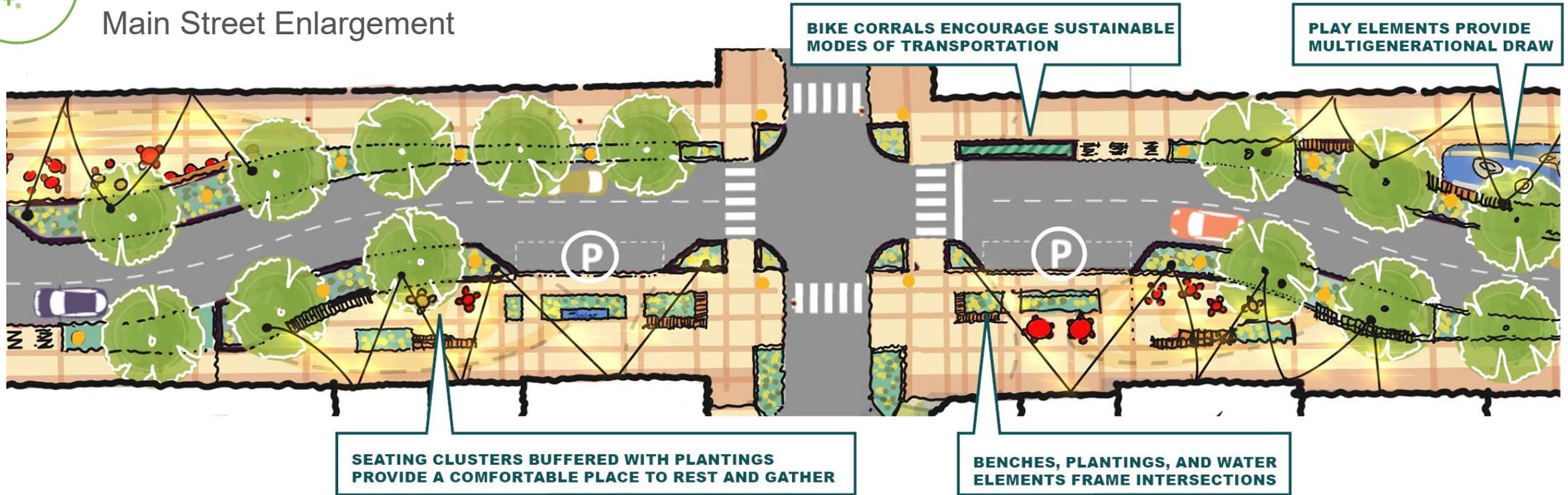
Small social spaces provide places for casual gathering and activation





CHICANE ON MAIN

Main Street Enlargement



Overhead lighting to activate main street at all times of year



Spaces for play buffered with seating provide experiences for children and adults



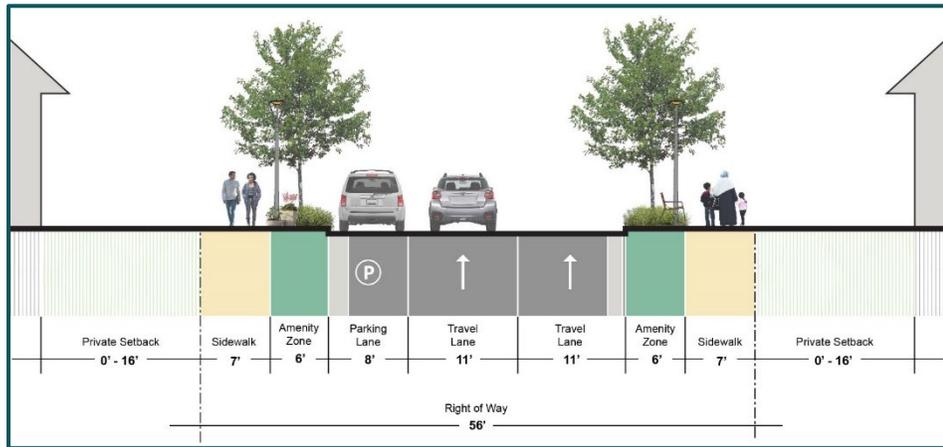
Seating clusters nestled within the chicane buffered with plantings create an inviting space for people



CHICANE ON MAIN

Alamo Avenue Pedestrian Zone Improvements

-  New trees
-  Existing deciduous trees
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-  Sidewalk improvements
-  Social space
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Gateway opportunities

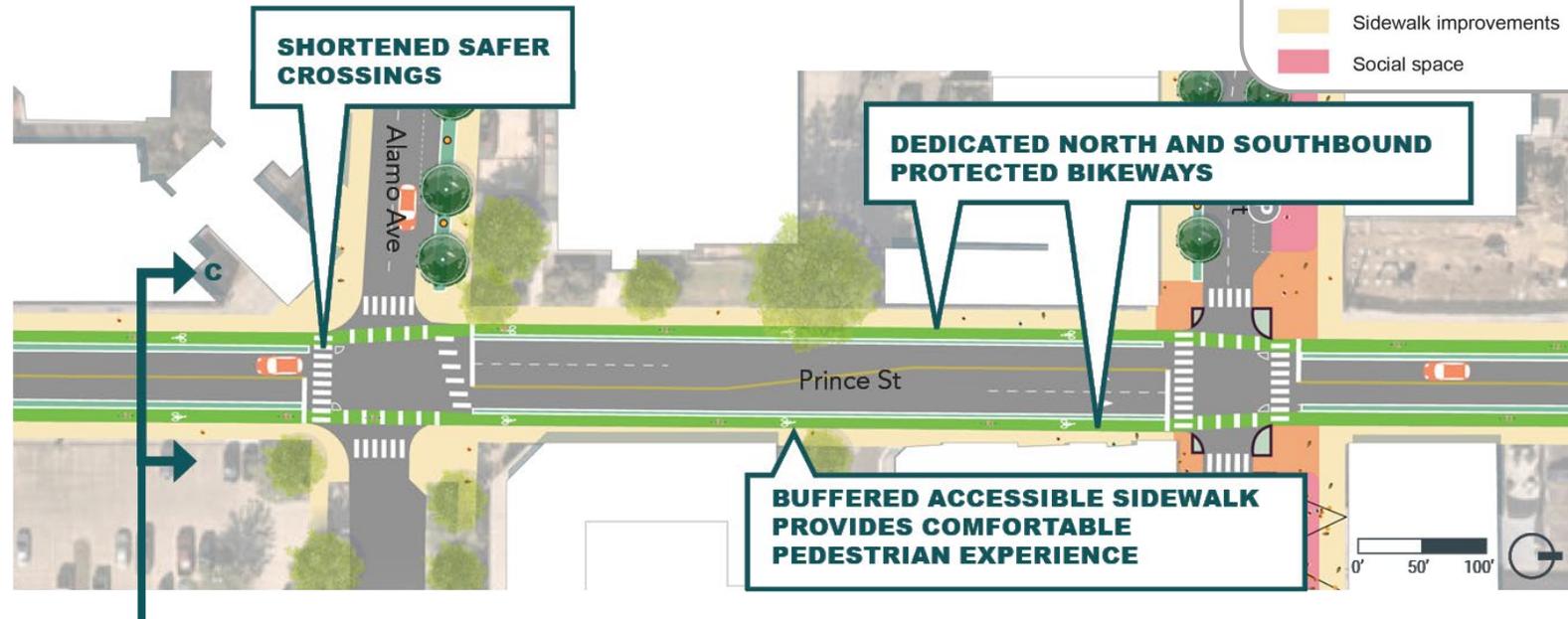


Intersections marked with special paving and benches

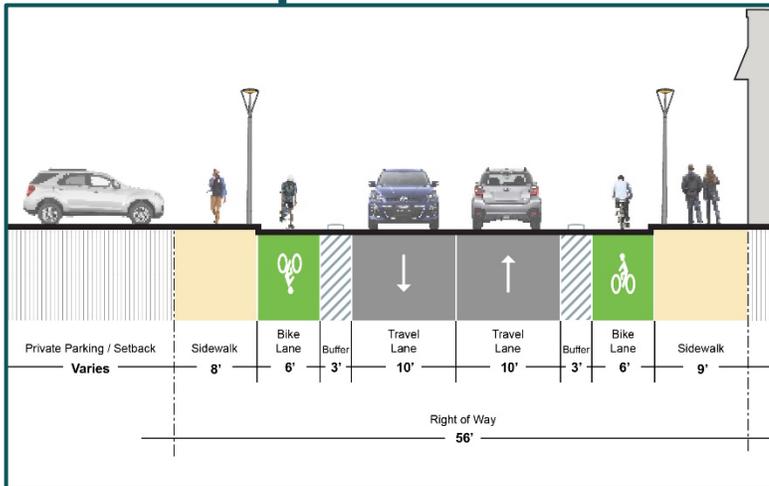


CHICANE ON MAIN

Mobility Enhancements on Prince Street



- New trees
- Existing deciduous trees
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Opportunity to buffer bike lane with artful elements or planter pots



Wide sidewalk next to bike lane provides dedicated space for pedestrians and bikes



CHICANE ON MAIN

Main Street provides dynamic social spaces



Alamo Avenue provides an inviting & comfortable pedestrian experience



Prince Street links downtown core to north and south ends of downtown



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1. Chicane on Main
2. **MULTIMODAL NETWORK**
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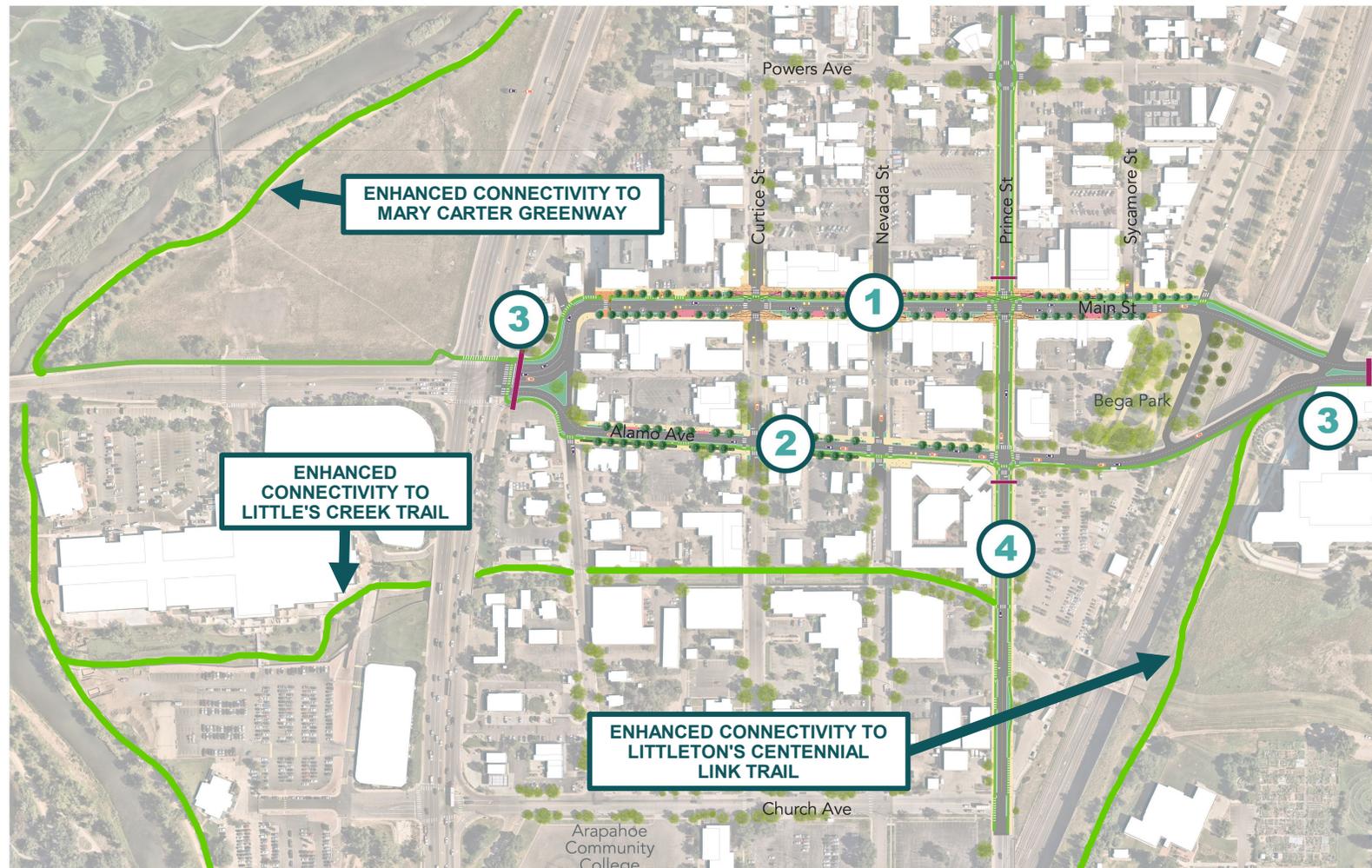




MULTIMODAL NETWORK

Big Moves

1. **Enhanced streetscape with protected bike lane on Main Street**
2. **Improved pedestrian experience on Alamo Avenue with bike lane**
3. **East-West bikeway connections to existing network**
4. **Prince Street mobility and traffic calming enhancements links downtown core to north and south ends of downtown**

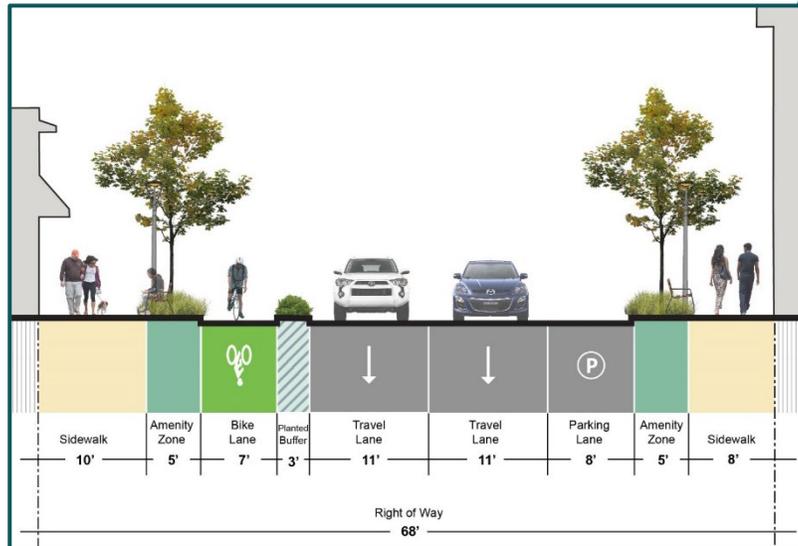
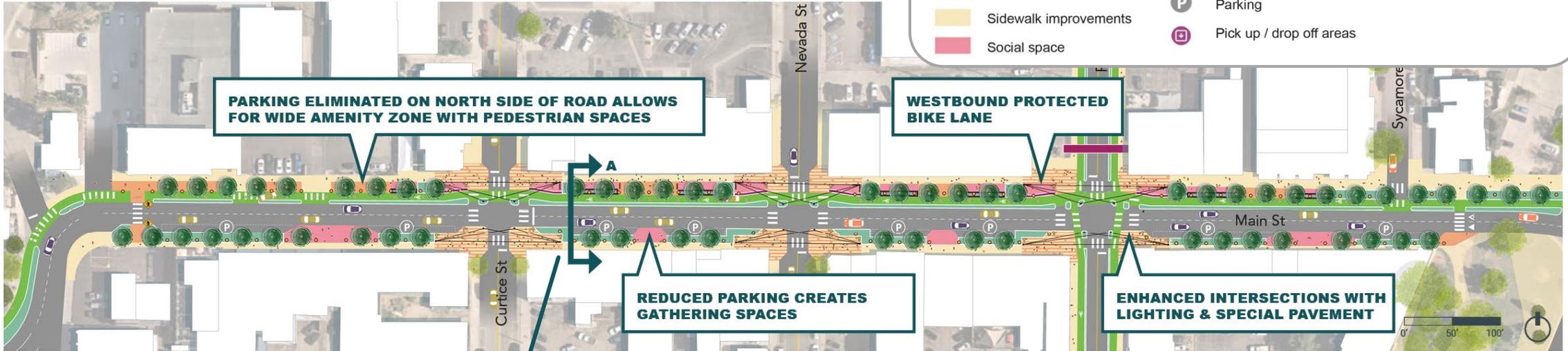




MULTIMODAL NETWORK

Streetscape + Mobility Enhancements on Main Street

- New trees
- Special paving
- Bike lane
- Existing deciduous trees
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- Gateway
- Existing evergreen trees
- Raised planters (ornamental)
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- Social space
- Parking
- Pick up / drop off areas



Wide sidewalks, trees, and spaces for gathering

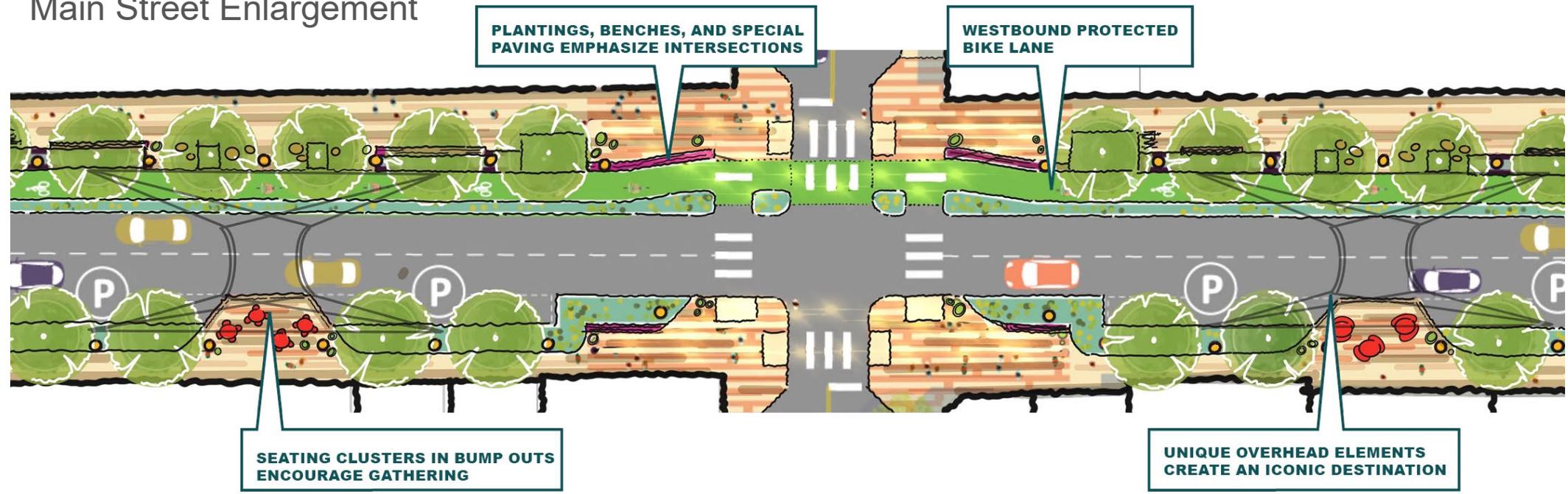


Enhanced paving emphasizes intersections



MULTIMODAL NETWORK

Main Street Enlargement



Special paving and planters emphasize intersections

Seating cluster and overhead lighting

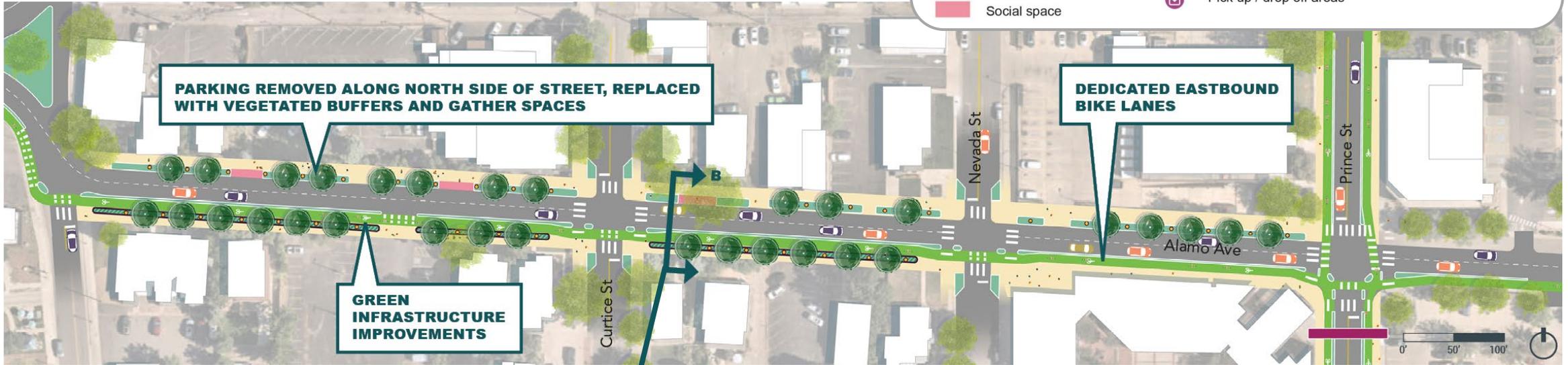
Sculptural overhead element and unique lighting



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Streetscape + Mobility Enhancements on Alamo Avenue

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Green infrastructure frames pedestrian spaces to create inviting areas



Protected bike lane creates more comfortable experience for all users

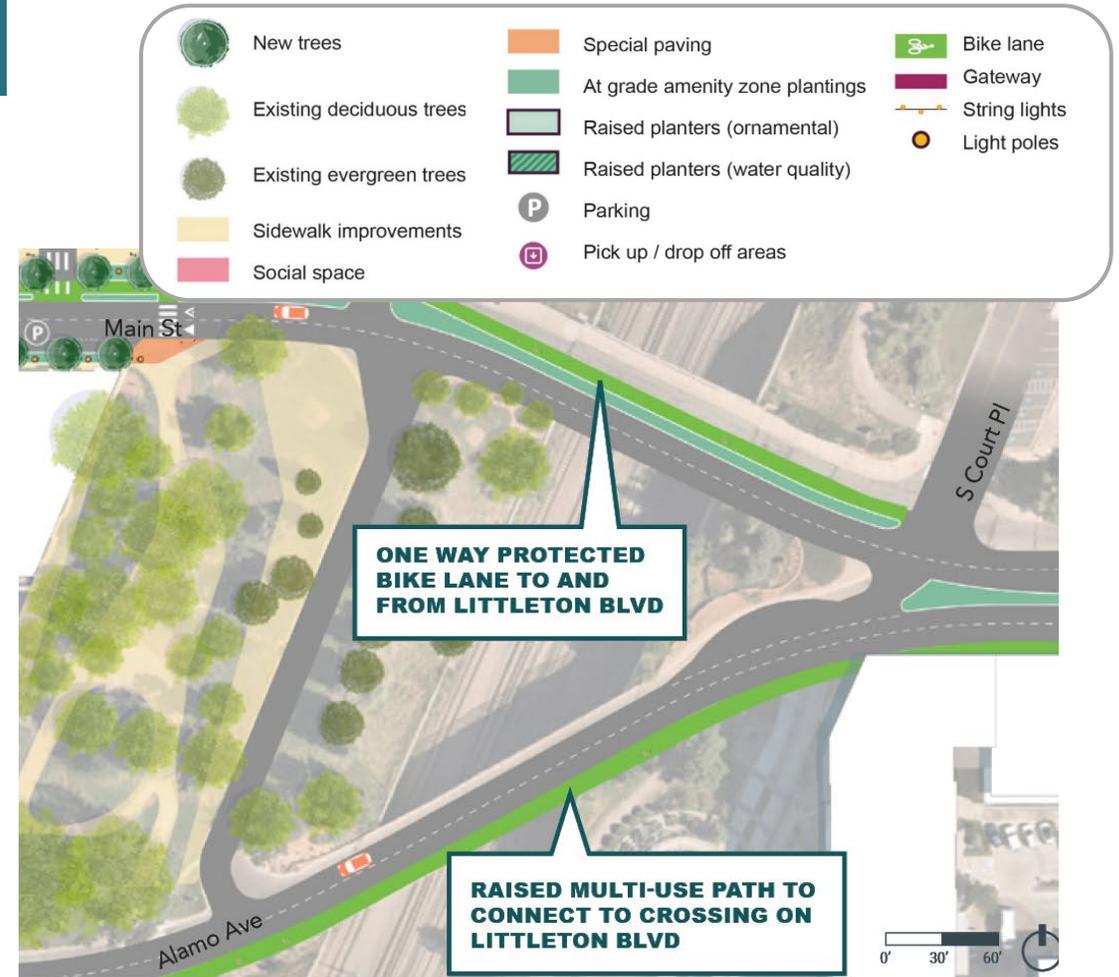


MULTIMODAL NETWORK

East-West Connections



Gateway element welcomes visitors to downtown

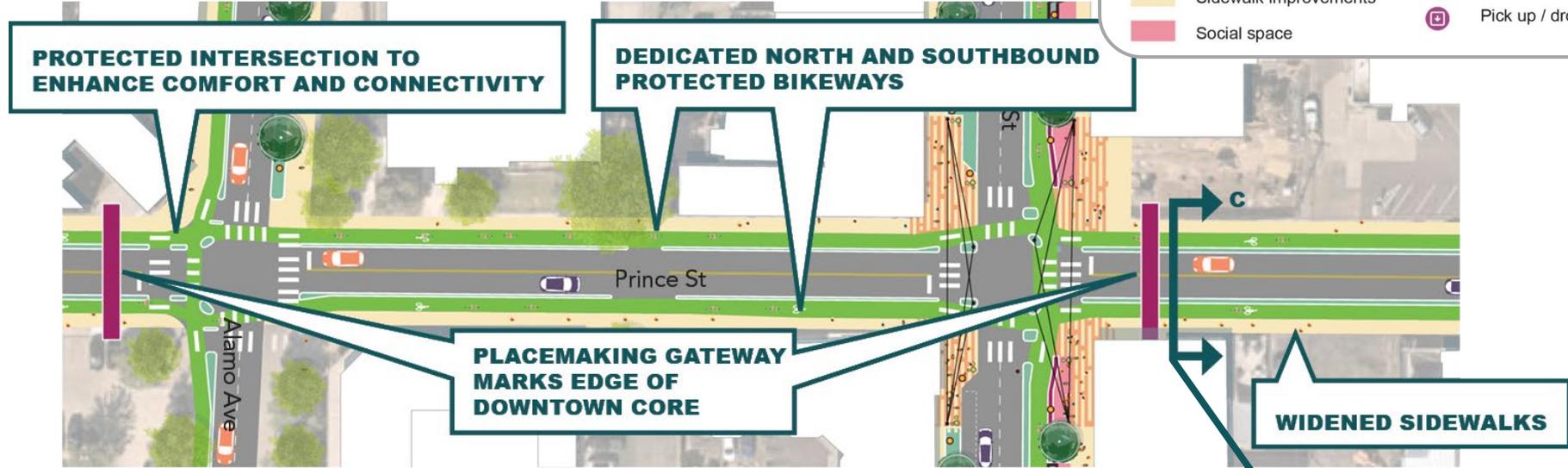




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Mobility Enhancements on Prince Street

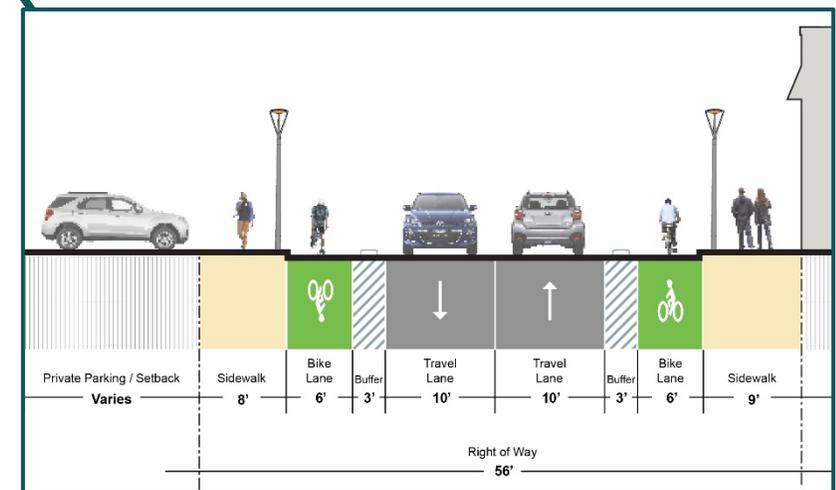
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Separated bike lane creates comfortable experience for cyclists



Gateways announces arrival to downtown





MULTIMODAL NETWORK

Enhanced streetscape with protected bike lane on **Main Street**



Improved pedestrian experience on **Alamo Avenue** with bike lane



Prince Street links downtown core to north and south ends of downtown

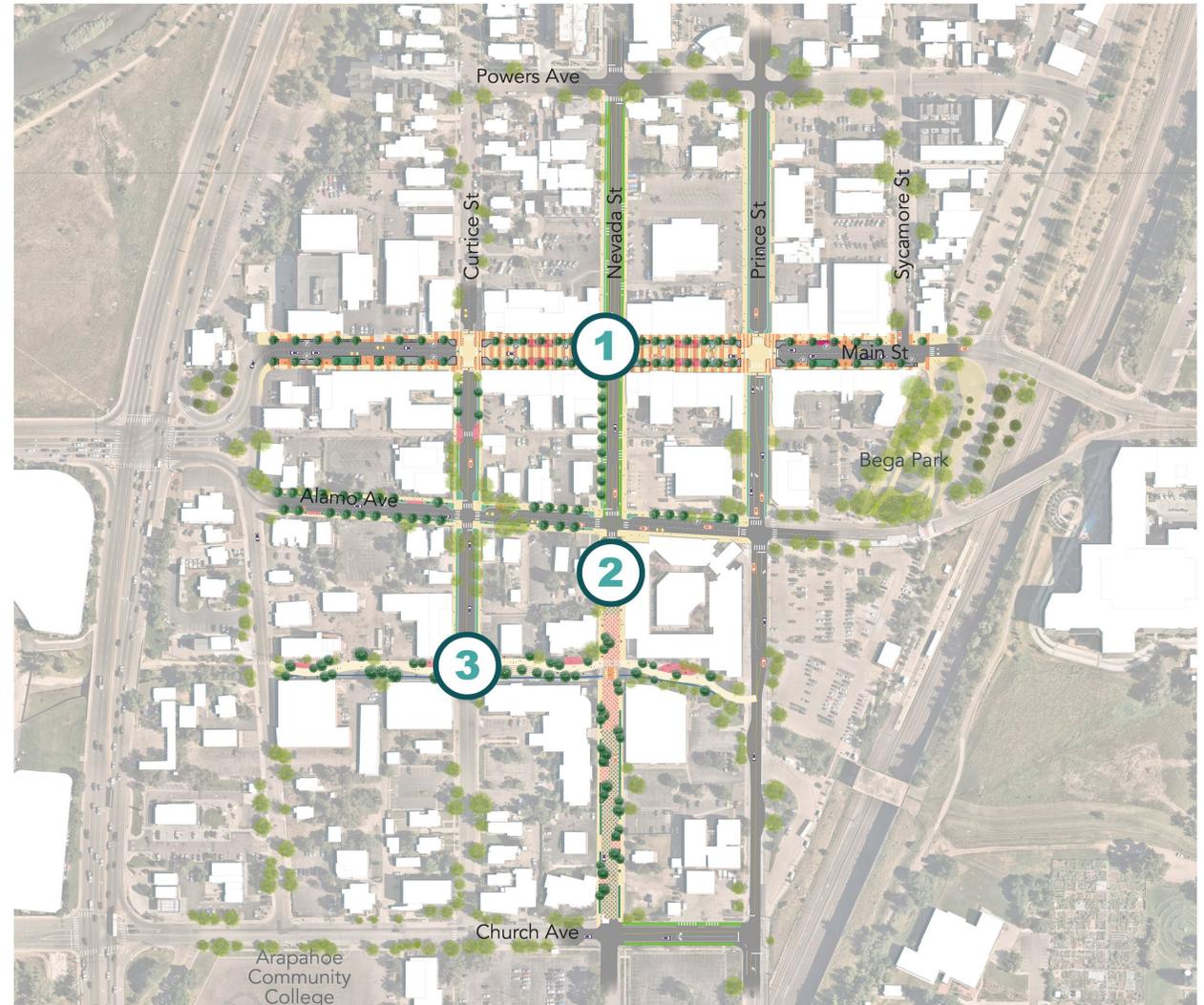


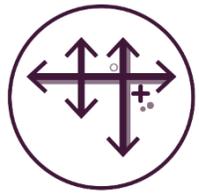


THE VILLAGE

Big Moves

1. Enhanced **pedestrian-oriented Main Street** with option for temporary closure
2. **Nevada Street shared street** connects to Little's Creek with a **focus on pedestrian experience**
3. Enhanced **Little's Creek** creates new trail experience with naturalized drainageway and social spaces for people

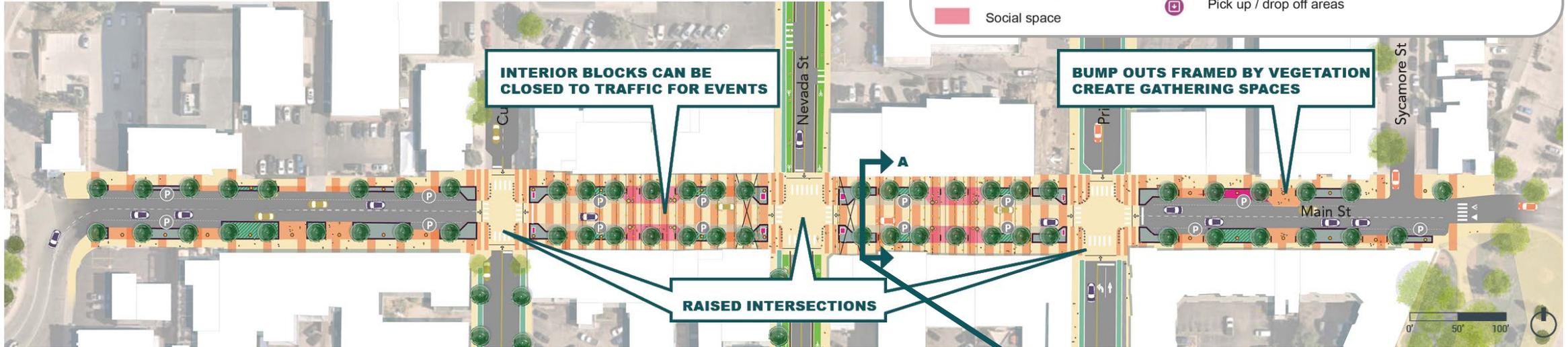




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Enhanced Main Street with Temporary Closure Option

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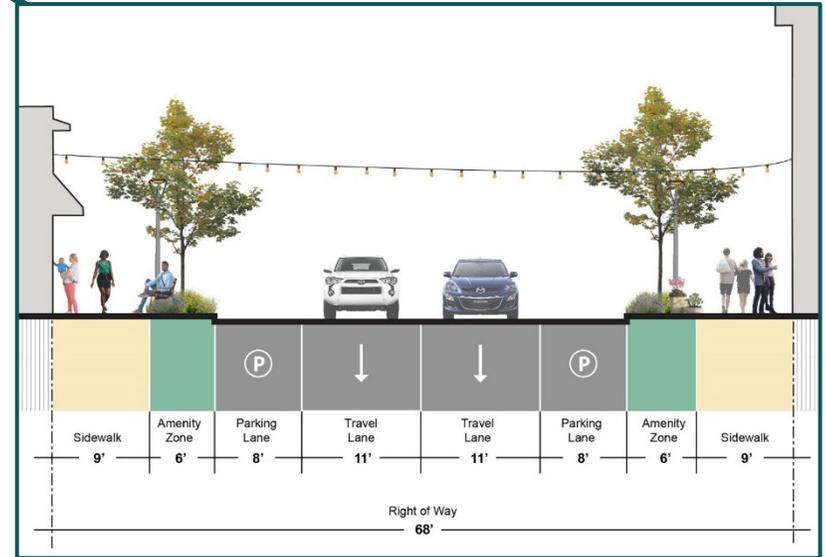
Potential events along a temporarily closed street provides activation

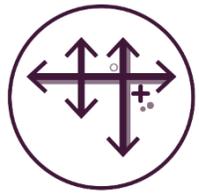


Pedestrian spaces framed by vegetation



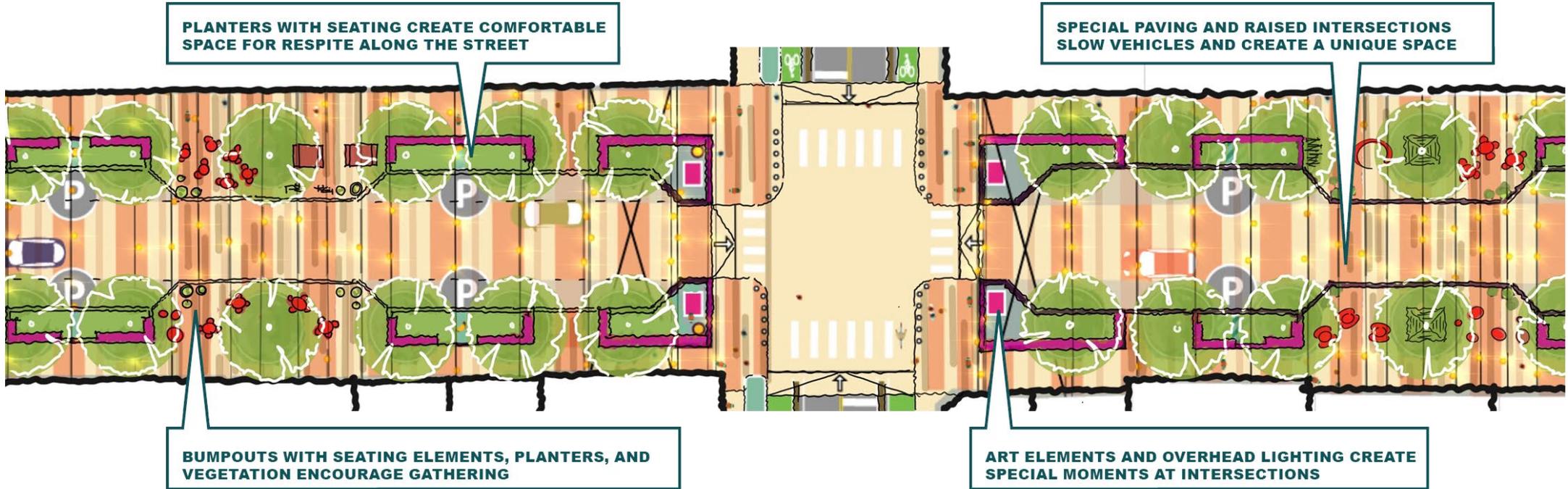
Enhanced paving along interior blocks creates a pedestrian focused atmosphere





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Main Street Enlargement



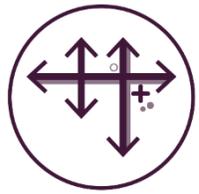
Bump outs create comfortable and interesting pedestrian spaces



Vertical art elements emphasize intersections



Planters with integrated seating



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Nevada Street Shared Street

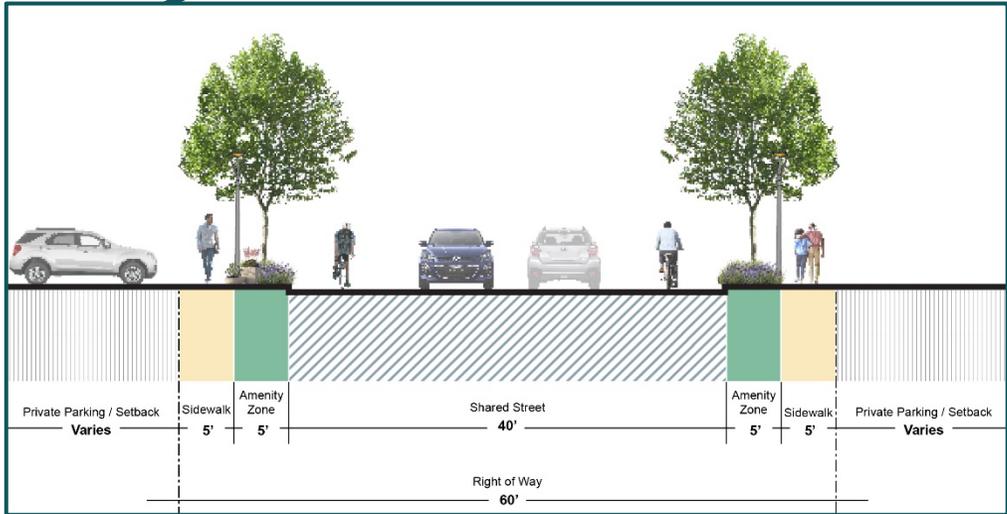
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ENHANCED CONNECTION AND OVERLOOK ACROSS LITTLE'S CREEK



SHARED STREET WITH SPECIAL PAVING

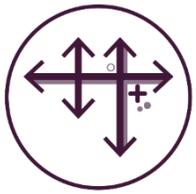
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLLINATOR PLANTINGS CREATE A NATURAL FEEL SOUTH OF MAIN STREET



Paving, plantings, and seating elements create a consistent rhythm



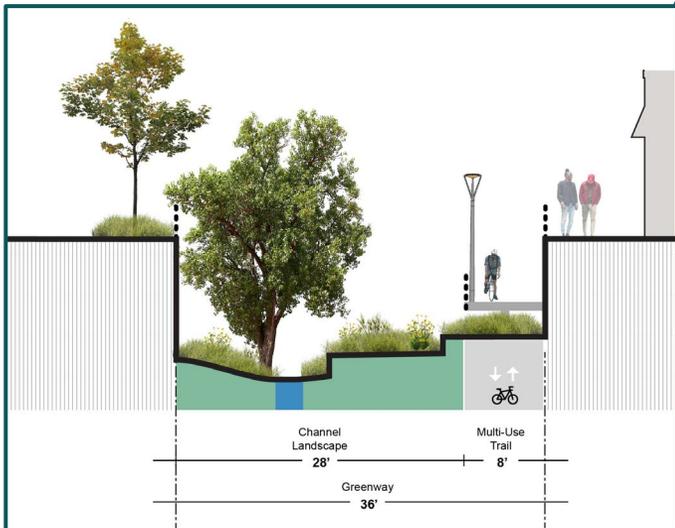
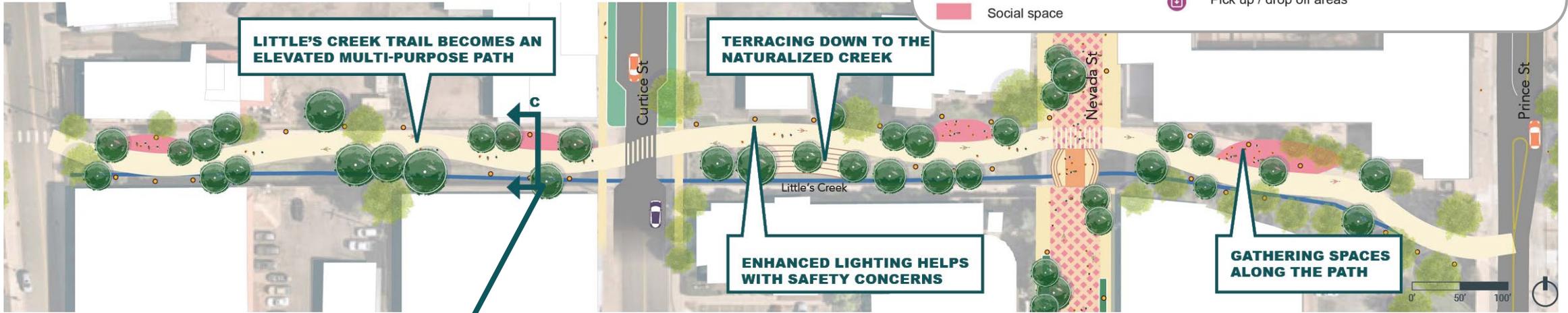
Events activate a shared street



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Elevate Little's Creek Trail

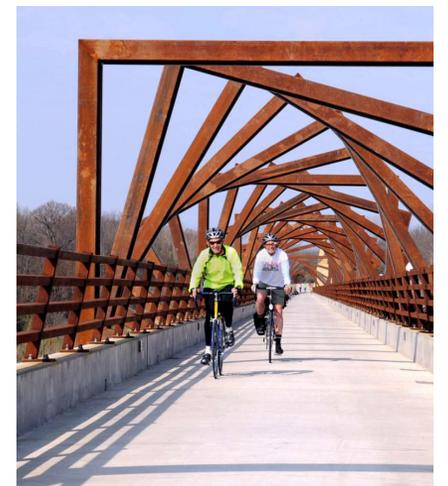
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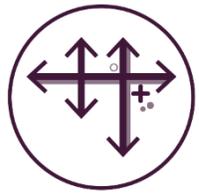
Opportunities for interaction with the creek



Enhanced lighting along raised trail



Opportunities to integrate unique public art



THE VILLAGE

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Nevada Street shared street connects to Little's Creek with a focus on pedestrian experience



Enhanced **Little's Creek** creates new trail experience with naturalized drainageway and social spaces for people



WHAT WE HEARD:

Alternatives

LDDA

- Overall, preferred the **Village** concept, as it supports many of the goals established by the LDDA Plan of Development.
- Would also like to see **elements of the Multimodal Network** concept integrated.

Stakeholder Working Group

- **Mixed preferences** between **Chicane** and **Village** concepts.
- Mixed concerns about tradeoffs between parking loss and more pedestrian and/or bike space.
- Emphasis on connectivity.



Stakeholder Working Group Meeting

WHAT WE HEARD:

Alternatives

General Public

- Most support shown for the **Village** concept, with mixed feelings on the Chicane and Multimodal Network concepts.
- Interest in reducing Main Street to one vehicle travel lane or converting Main or Alamo to two-way and closing the other street.
- Emphasis on providing protected bike infrastructure in the downtown core.
- Agree that parking management strategy is needed, regardless of the preferred alternative.
- *Online survey results still pending.*

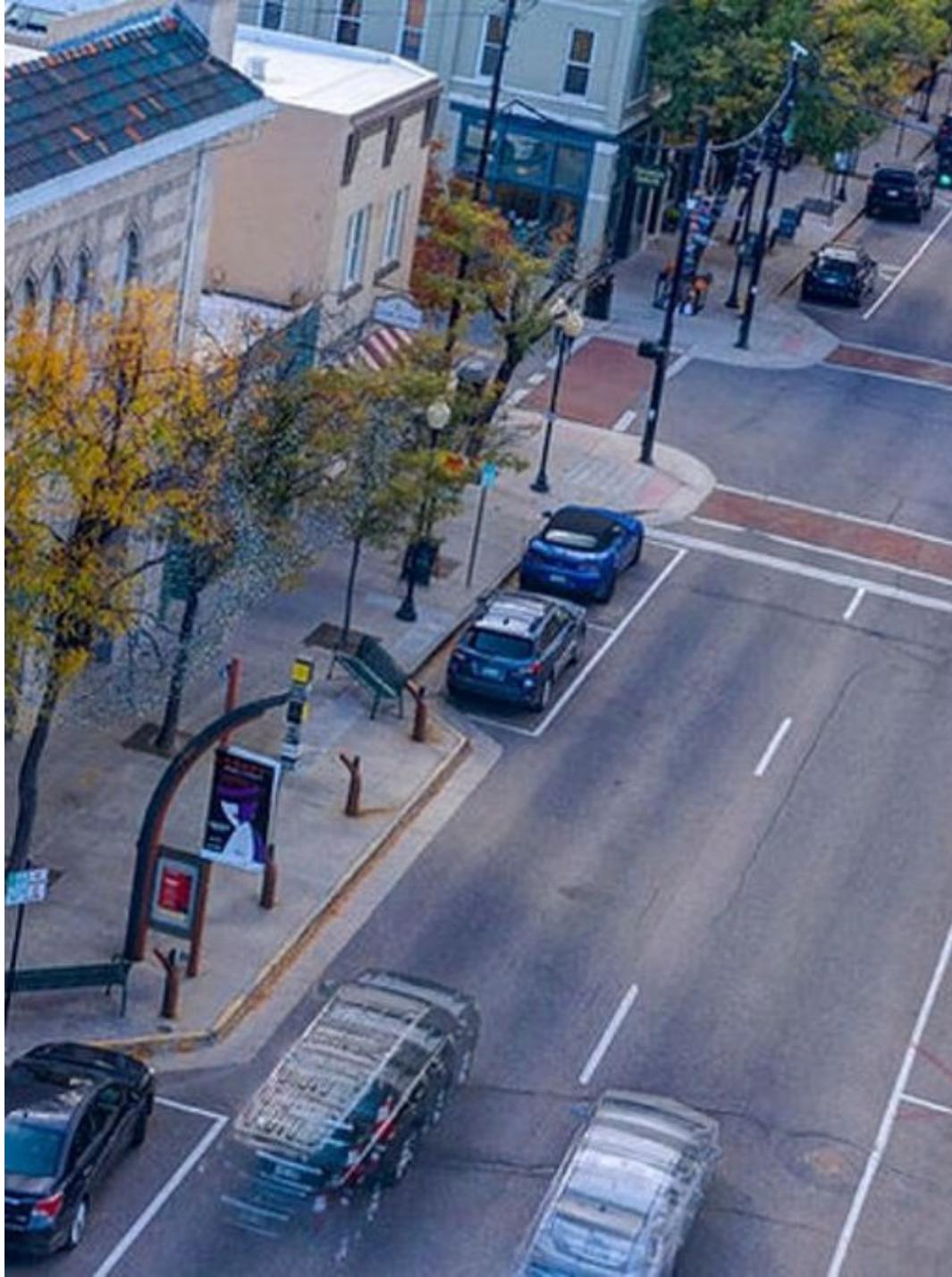


Q & A

NEXT STEPS

PROJECT SCHEDULE / MILESTONES





NEXT STEPS

- May 13th: Close Alternatives Survey
- Develop Preferred Alternative and Implementation Plan
- Progress Wayfinding Concepts and Streetscape Materials Palette/Green Infrastructure Toolbox

Thank you!

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