



West Pennway Street Redesign Plan

Steering Committee Meeting 8.19.21

Meeting Agenda:

- Review what we've heard (from Steering and Technical Advisors)
- Review three (3) scenarios for integrated design solutions
- Discuss pros and cons of each and refinements for public input
- Review and discuss proposed date and format for public meeting
- Discuss outreach for public meeting
- Adjourn

Project Goals Reminder

STATED PURPOSE: Explore opportunities to redesign West Pennway between 17th and 21st Street for improved pedestrian and bicycling movements.

- Focus on improving problematic intersections at 17th Street and West Pennway and 21st Street and West Pennway to allow improved traffic flow, safer pedestrian and bicycling movements and stormwater runoff.
- Investigate the opportunities to construct sidewalks, bicycle lanes and bio-swales along the corridor.
- Provide recommendations for greater mobility options as well as additional greenspace.
- Recommendations should link Parks Department and Westside Housing properties and transform the corridor into a linear park.
- Recommend enhancements and amenities to the existing transit station at West Pennway, 21st and Summit Streets.

Project Schedule

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project Kick-off	★								
Phase 1: Discovery		1.1	(1.2)	(1.3)					
Phase 2: Strategy				2.1	(2.2)	(2.3)			
Phase 3: Implementation Planning						3.1	3.2	(3.3)	(3.4)
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Phase 1: Discovery

- 1.1 - Existing Condition Assessment
- 1.2 - Stakeholder Meeting
- 1.3 - Coordination Meeting with City Departments

Phase 2: Strategy

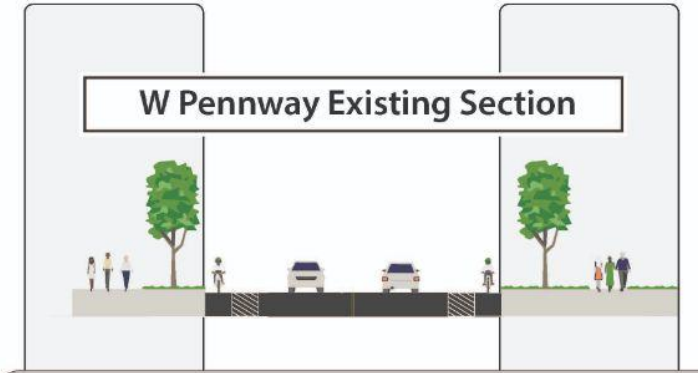
- 2.1 - Scenario Development
- 2.2 - Stakeholder Meeting
- 2.3 - Public Meeting

Phase 3: Implementation Planning

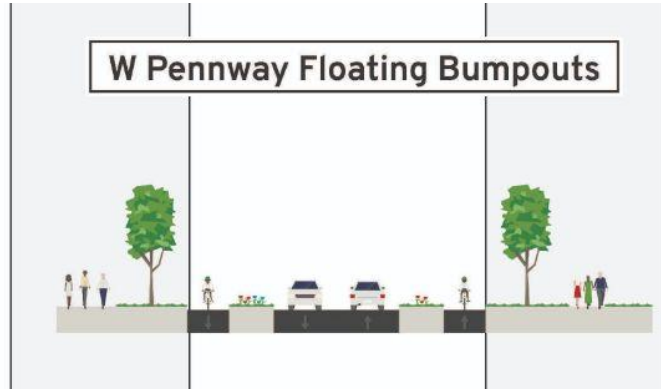
- 3.1 - Finalize Preferred Scenario
- 3.2 - Draft Implementation Plan
- 3.3 - Stakeholder + City Department Meeting
- 3.4 - Public Meeting
- 3.5 - Finalize Deliverables

★ - Kick-off / Delivery

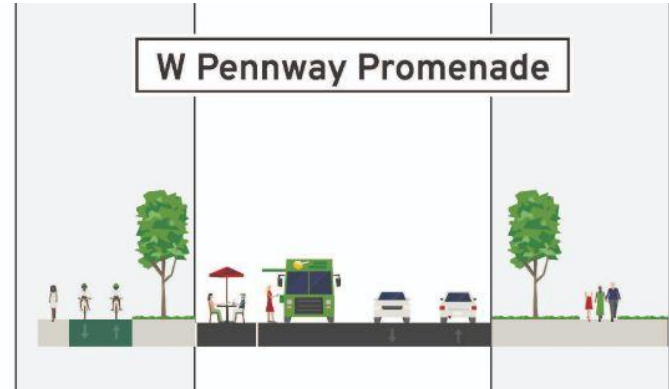
West Pennway Road Sections - Future Options



Existing



Option



Feedback from Steering Committee

- Importance of community culture represented on the corridor (art, gardens, and events)
- Opportunity for safer pedestrian experience (focus on pedestrians and good sidewalks)
- Slow down the traffic and create clear crosswalks and directional signage
- Opportunities to gather as a community (add simple amenities to park land to show it is for use by community members, tables, benches, bike, racks, grills, games)
- The trees are important to save, and plant more of
- Express the linear park
- Connect library, community center, park spaces, and bus stop in clearer ways
- Keep maintenance and implementation at the forefront of design solutions
- Potential partners include: CAN Center, Neighborhood Association, Mattie Rhodes, Westside Housing, Bridging the Gap, KC Community Gardens, School, Library, PARKS!

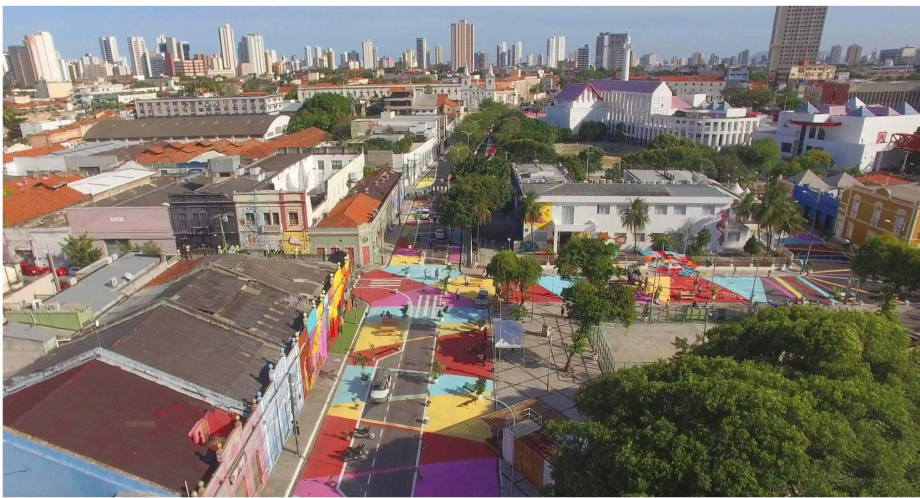
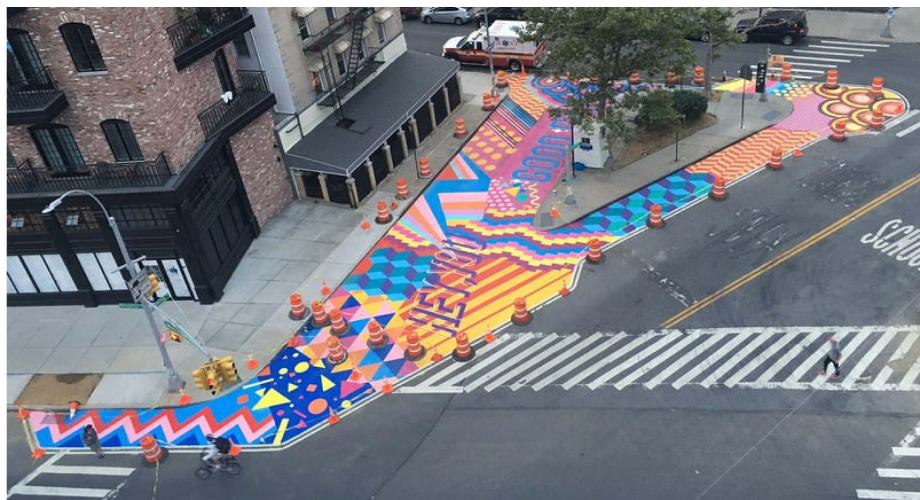
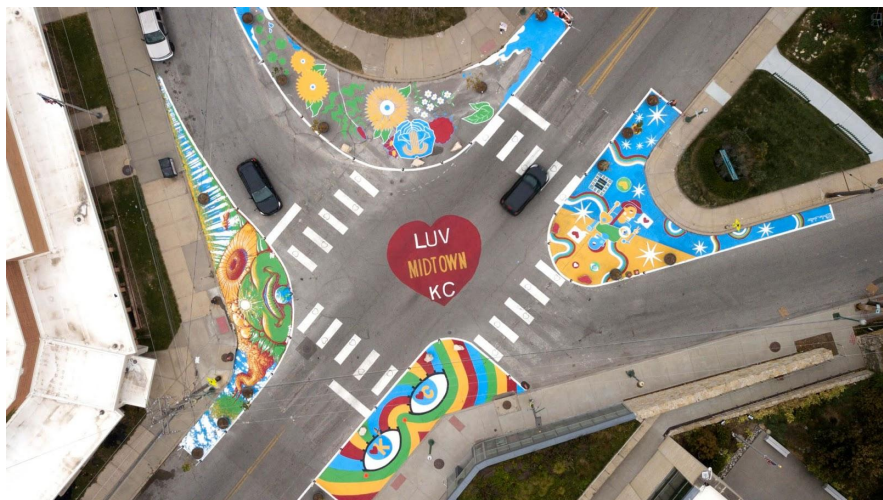
Feedback from Technical Advisory Group

- **Funding opportunities through MARC and Connected KC 2050 (regional transportation plan), submitted to project list by July deadline, to be updated at end of planning process to achieve higher score**
- **Potential watershed funding opportunities (Water services, Smart Sewer program)**
- **Education and workforce development opportunities on green infrastructure and parks training and maintenance (MARC, HCA and Westside Housing)**
- **Trail connection opportunities - Heritage, Greenline, Rock Island Bridge**

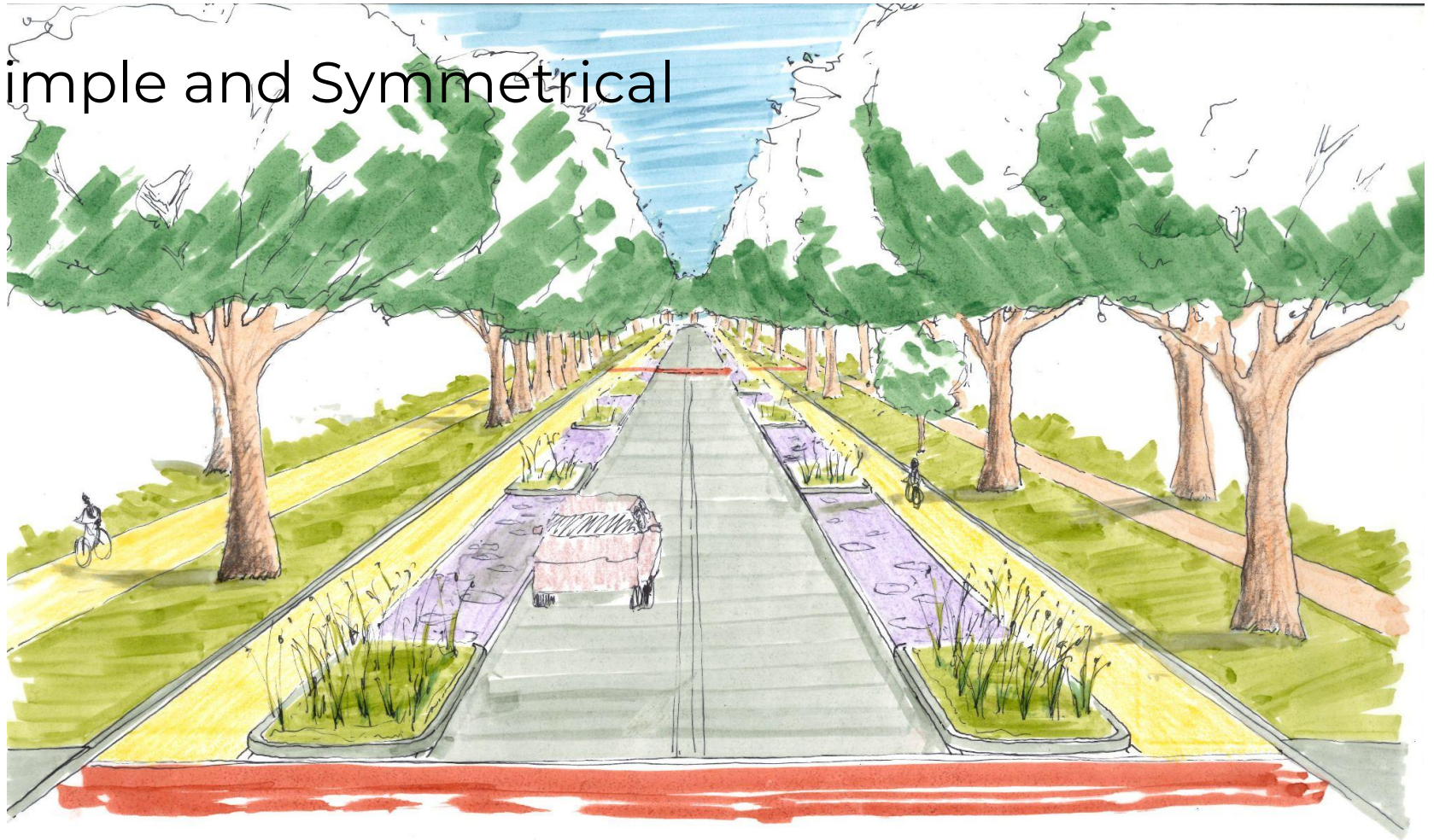
Design Scenarios

Main Components and Considerations for all Scenarios

- Continental striping for crosswalks (or decorative)
- 4-way crosswalks at intersections
- Protected midblock crossings
- 25-foot maximum unprotected crossing distance
- ADA slab and ramp upgrades
- 10' path for entire western length
- Stormwater collection in the identified wedge spaces
- Scalable and incremental implementation



Simple and Symmetrical



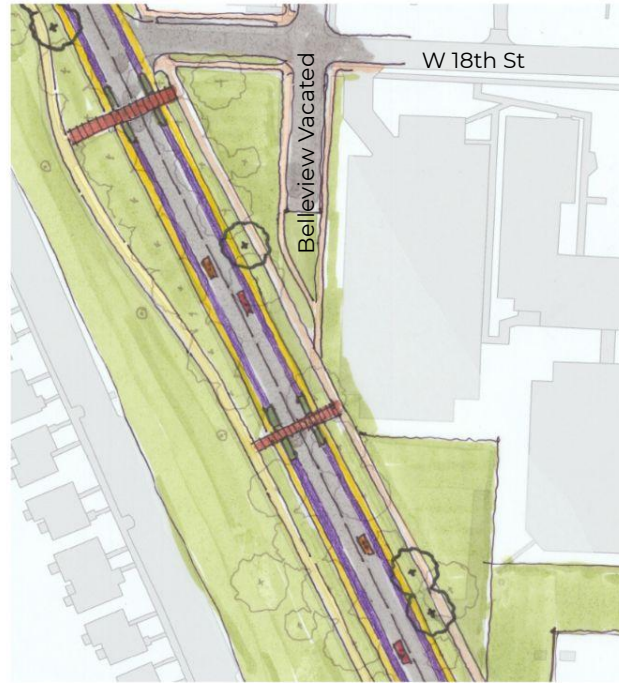
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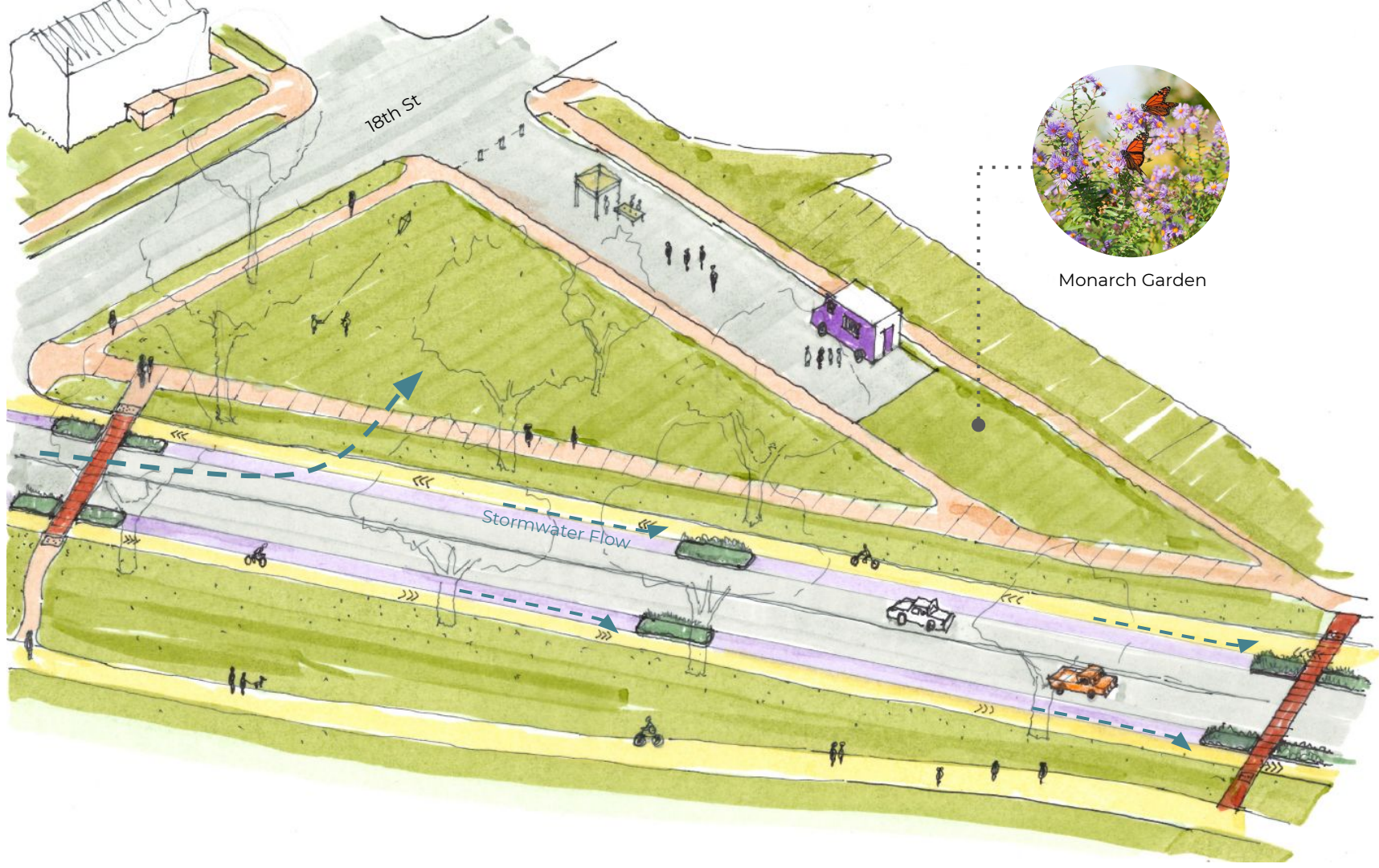
- Two 11' Lanes
- Does not require expensive retrofit or widening of off-street trail.
- Community-Implemented Art / Sculpture / Pavement Painting
- Bumpout / **planter areas** **accommodate plantings in pavement zone** / stormwater features, and protect crossings, but do not require wholesale reconstruction.



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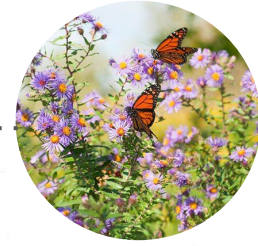


Gateway Signage



18th St

Stormwater Flow



Monarch Garden

The Promenade



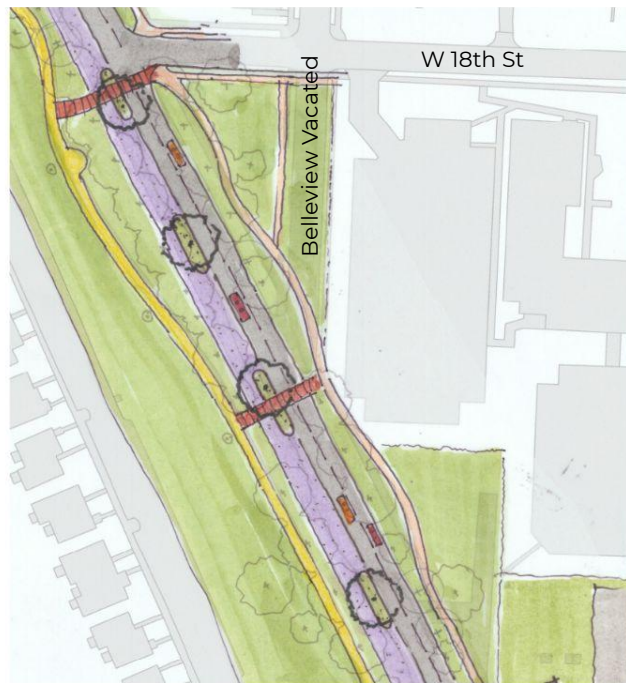
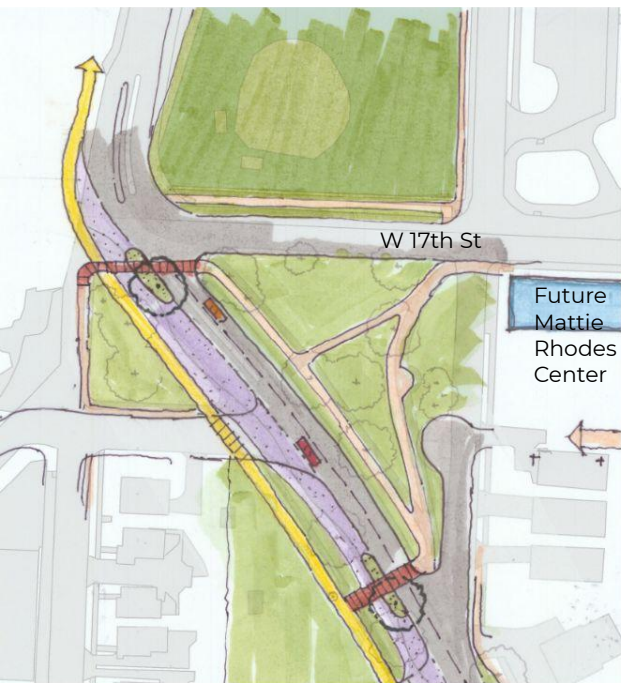
The Promenade

Features:

- Two 11' Lanes (+ Gutter Space)
- **Accommodates multi-use path within existing curbs.** Does not require expensive retrofit or widening of off-street trail.
- Flexible People Space: Food, Art, Seating, Events, Etc.
- Community-Implemented Art / Sculpture / Pavement Painting
- Large bumpout / **planter areas accommodate large trees centered in pavement zone** / stormwater features, protect crossings, transform feel of corridor but do not require wholesale reconstruction.
- Accommodates huge square footage (**1.5 acres**) **for events and active programming** but functions as a generous roadway and looks appealing when empty.
- Overall a big transformation with very little new infrastructure.



The Promenade



Gateway Signage





Meander



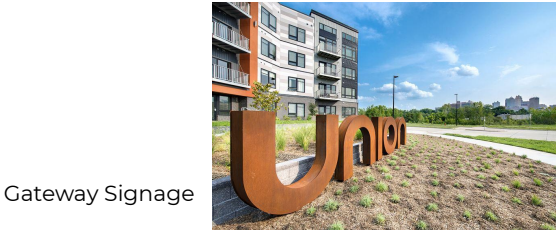
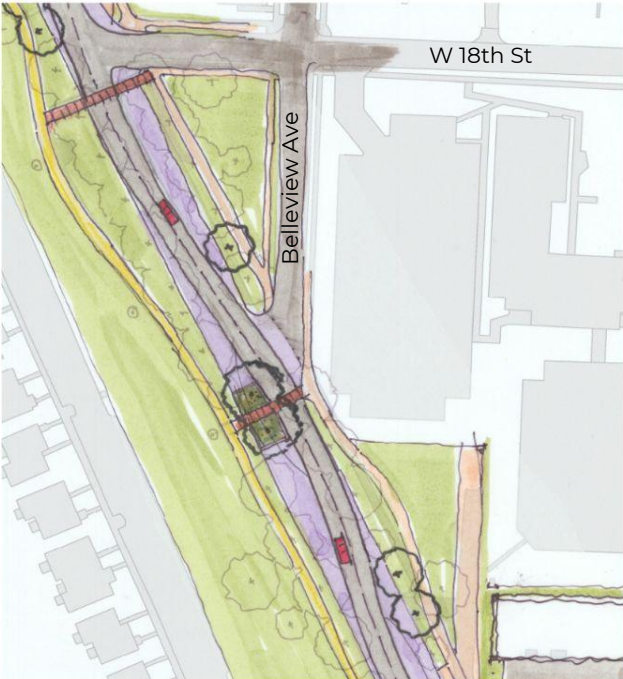
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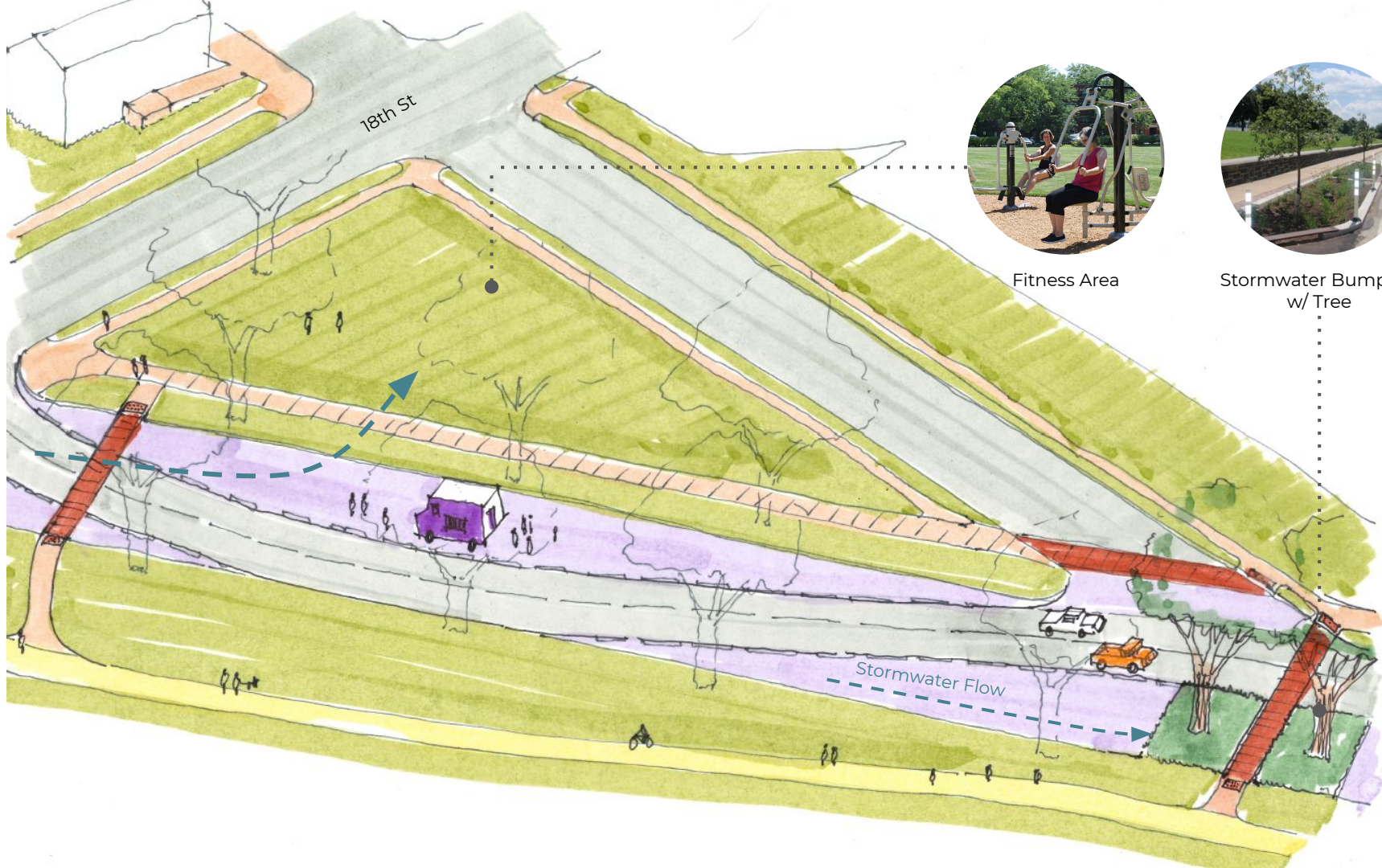
Features:

- Two 11' Lanes (+ Gutter Space)
- **Protected multi-use path is outside of existing curbs.**
- Flexible People Space: Food, Art, Seating, Events, Etc.
- Community-Implemented Art / Sculpture / Pavement Painting.
- Large bumpout / **planter areas accommodate large trees that anchor the curve of the drive lanes within the existing pavement zone /** stormwater features, protect crossings, transform feel of corridor but do not require wholesale reconstruction.
- Accommodates large square footage for events and active programming but functions as a unique and generous roadway and looks appealing when empty.
- Overall a big transformation with very little new infrastructure.



Meander





18th St



Fitness Area



Stormwater Bumpout
w/ Tree

Pros

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- **Symmetrical**, clear, centered design
- Minimum change to the existing roadway
- More **formal**
- Modest stormwater management
- Opportunities for new vegetation

Promenade

- Adds community **gathering space** in-between the curbs
- Provides for **flexibility**, **programming** can adapt to current needs
- More opportunities for community art
- Adds a centerline of trees

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- Links to **river concept**, opportunity for interpretive education
- Connection to **adjacent uses** and neighbors
- Significant stormwater management
- Opportunities for new trees
- Expands the wedge spaces into the street

Cons

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- Less public gathering space within the roadway than other options
- Lacks opportunity for new street trees within roadway

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- Programming and activating space may be challenging
- Minimal stormwater management potential

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- Largest initial financial investment / Requires largest modification to the existing street

Discussion

- Do all of the scenarios address the project goals for increased safety and linkages?
- Do the scenarios address the Steering Committee's input on increased community space for programmed and informal events and spaces?
- Which scenarios offer the best opportunities to express the culture and spirit of the Westside?
- Do you have a preference? If so, why?
- Would you (and your organization) be in support of forming a local conservation group to assist with arts, programming and maintenance of the corridor?

Public Meeting Proposal

Purpose:

- Invite Westside residents, business owners and non-profit organizations
 - Facilitate informed dialogue on 2-3 scenarios of design solutions that include:
 - Street improvements that increase pedestrian safety and community space
 - Multi-benefit green infrastructure solutions
 - Linkages to green spaces parks, trails, transit stops, and community assets.
 - Development or programming opportunities
 - Present and gather feedback on preliminary implementation strategy.
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- Week of 9/20: Thursday, 9/23, 4-7p, or Saturday, 9/25, 10a-4p “open house”
 - Set up outdoors at Tony Aguirre
 - Sign in table
 - Boards: project purpose, feedback from SC and Tech, Design scenarios, Questions for giving feedback
 - Voting on design elements: table with drawings, markers, sticky notes, jars and marbles?
 - “Booth” for collecting video stories or messages from residents - memories of West Pennway, what it means to you
 - Demonstration project: Crossing to library with public space and planting space delineated with temporary materials (one day installation)

Public Meeting Outreach

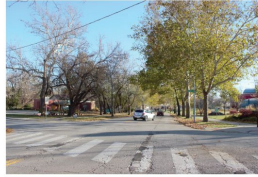
*A new vision for
West Pennway!*

When: TBD

Where: Outside Tony Aguirre Community Center

What: Join us for a day of reimagining West Pennway as a more safe and comfortable street for residents! Come experience a temporary streetscape and share your vision for the future of West Pennway!

Questions? Contact Regan Tokos at 402-315-0173 or rtokos@hoxiecollective.com



Public Meeting

Week of September 20 (Saturday, 25th?)

Steering Committee Meeting

October 7, 3-5p

Thank you!

