



## Seattle Design Commission

### The Bell Street Project – Options and Open House

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# BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS





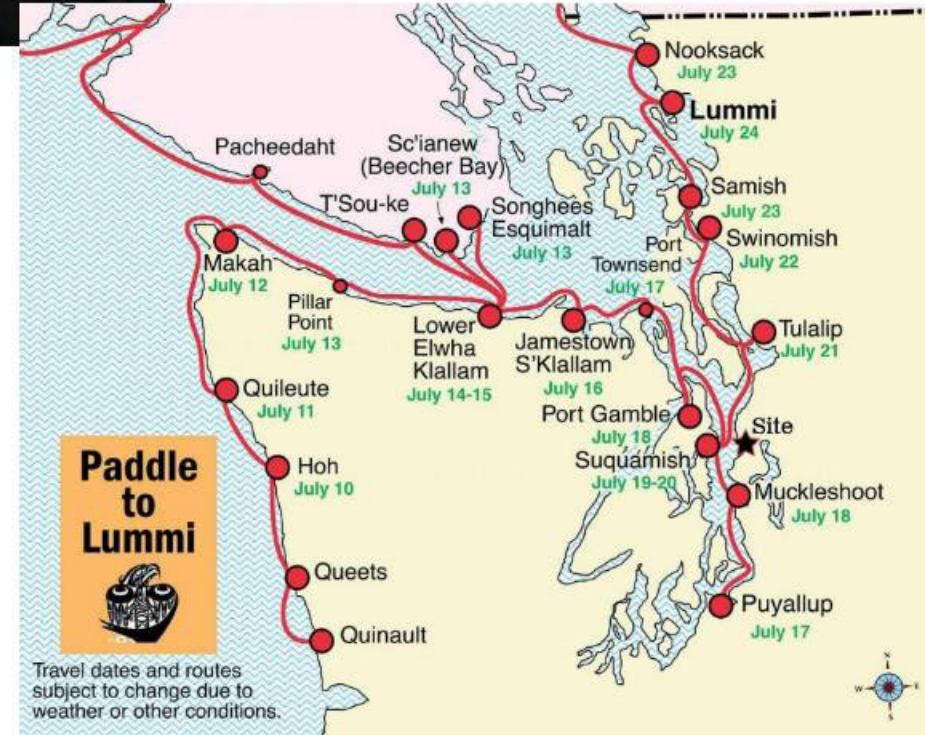


**EVERY PLACE IS THICK WITH SMALL STORIES**







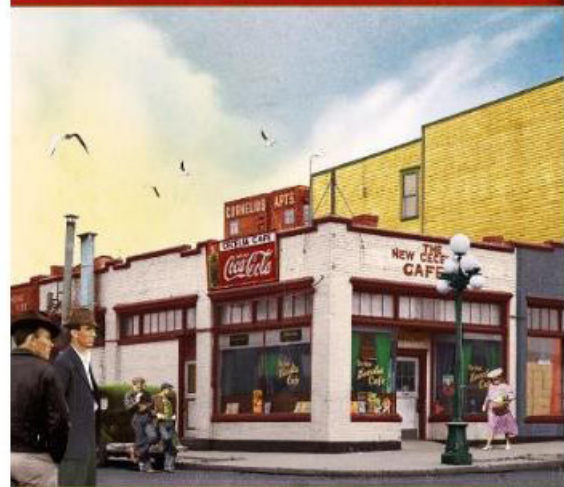








**PRESERVE THE MAMA'S BUILDING &  
HELP SAVE OUR  
BLOCK!**



**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**  
PLEASE ATTEND THIS LANDMARK MEETING  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7 4:30PM  
**SEATTLE CITY HALL**  
FLOOR L2, ROOM L2-80 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
600 4TH AVENUE SEATTLE WA 98104  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY FRIENDS OF HISTORIC BELLTOWN











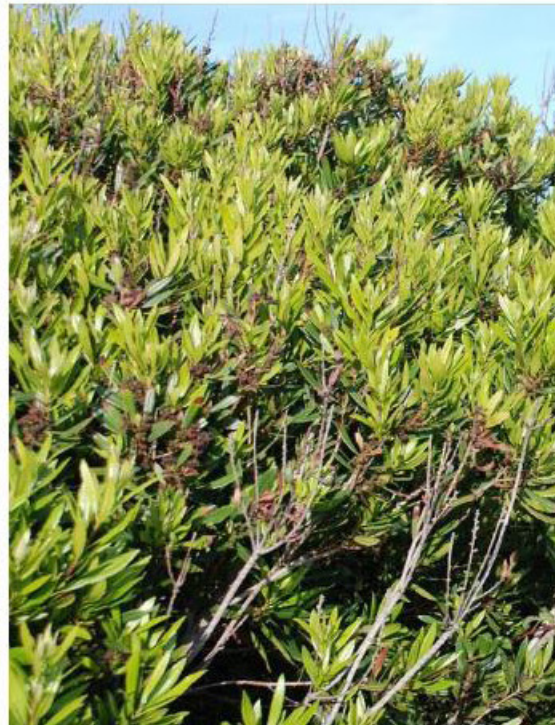
















# CONNECTIONS



# LAKE TO BAY AND MARKET TO MOHAI







# SITE OVERVIEW



# BELL ST PRE 2019



ALASKAN WAY

ELLIOTT AVE

WESTERN AVE

1ST AVE

2ND AVE

BATTERY ST

PED BRIDGE

BELL ST

BLANCHARD ST

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT





# BELL ST PRE 2019





# BELL ST TODAY



ALASKAN WAY

ELLIOTT AVE

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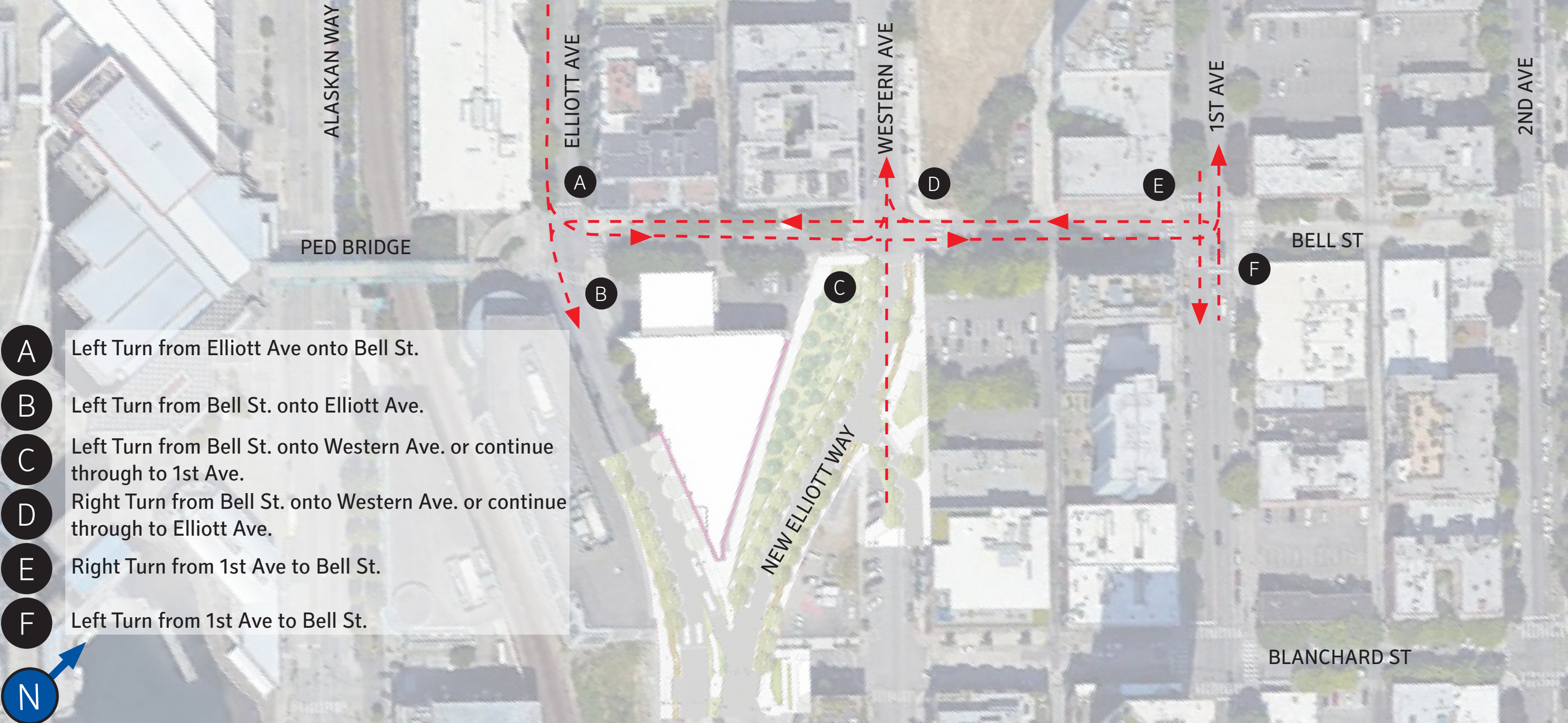




# SITE CIRCULATION



# EXISTING CIRCULATION - VEHICULAR



- A** Left Turn from Elliott Ave onto Bell St.
- B** Left Turn from Bell St. onto Elliott Ave.
- C** Left Turn from Bell St. onto Western Ave. or continue through to 1st Ave.
- D** Right Turn from Bell St. onto Western Ave. or continue through to Elliott Ave.
- E** Right Turn from 1st Ave to Bell St.
- F** Left Turn from 1st Ave to Bell St.



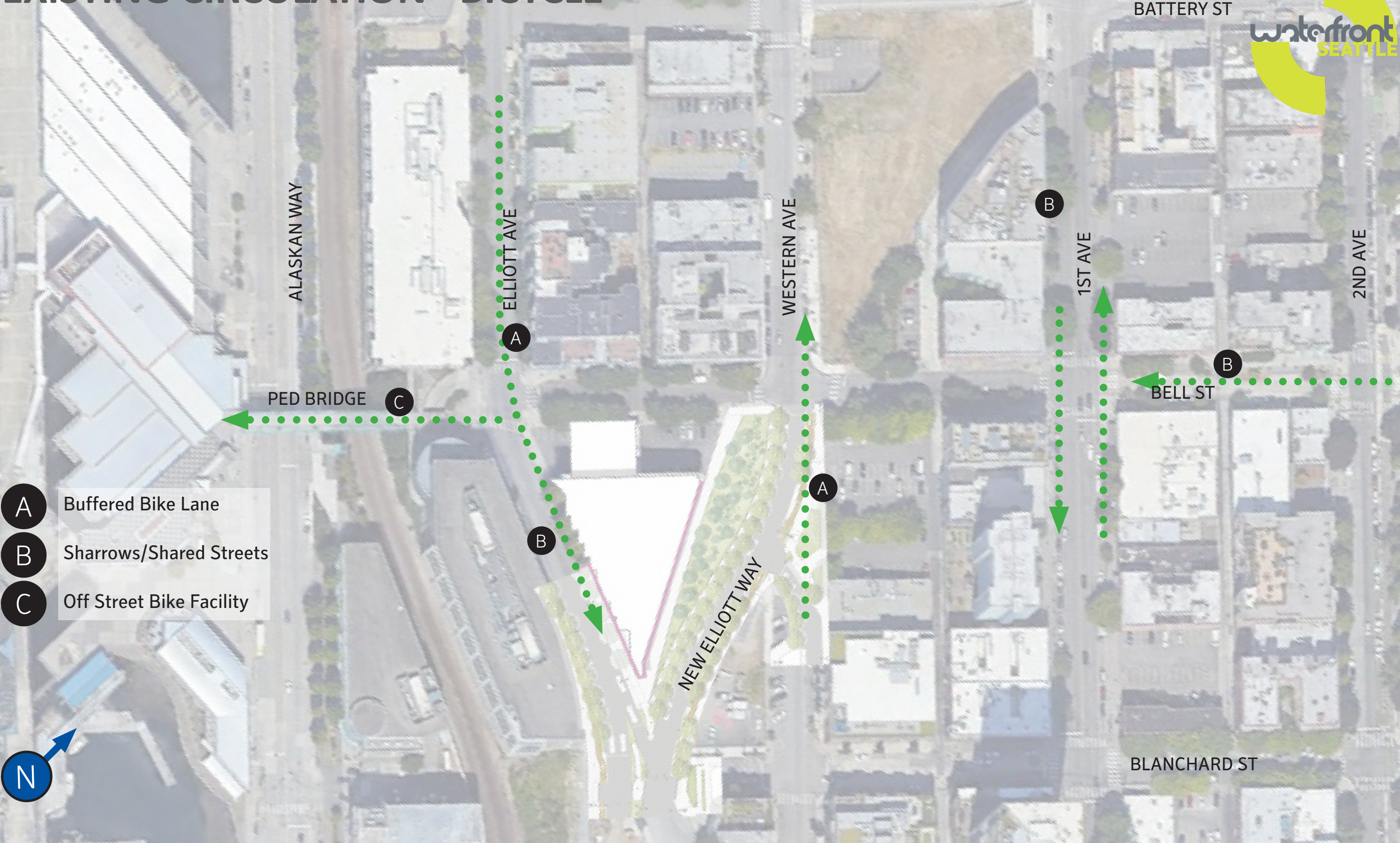


# EXISTING CIRCULATION - PEDESTRIAN



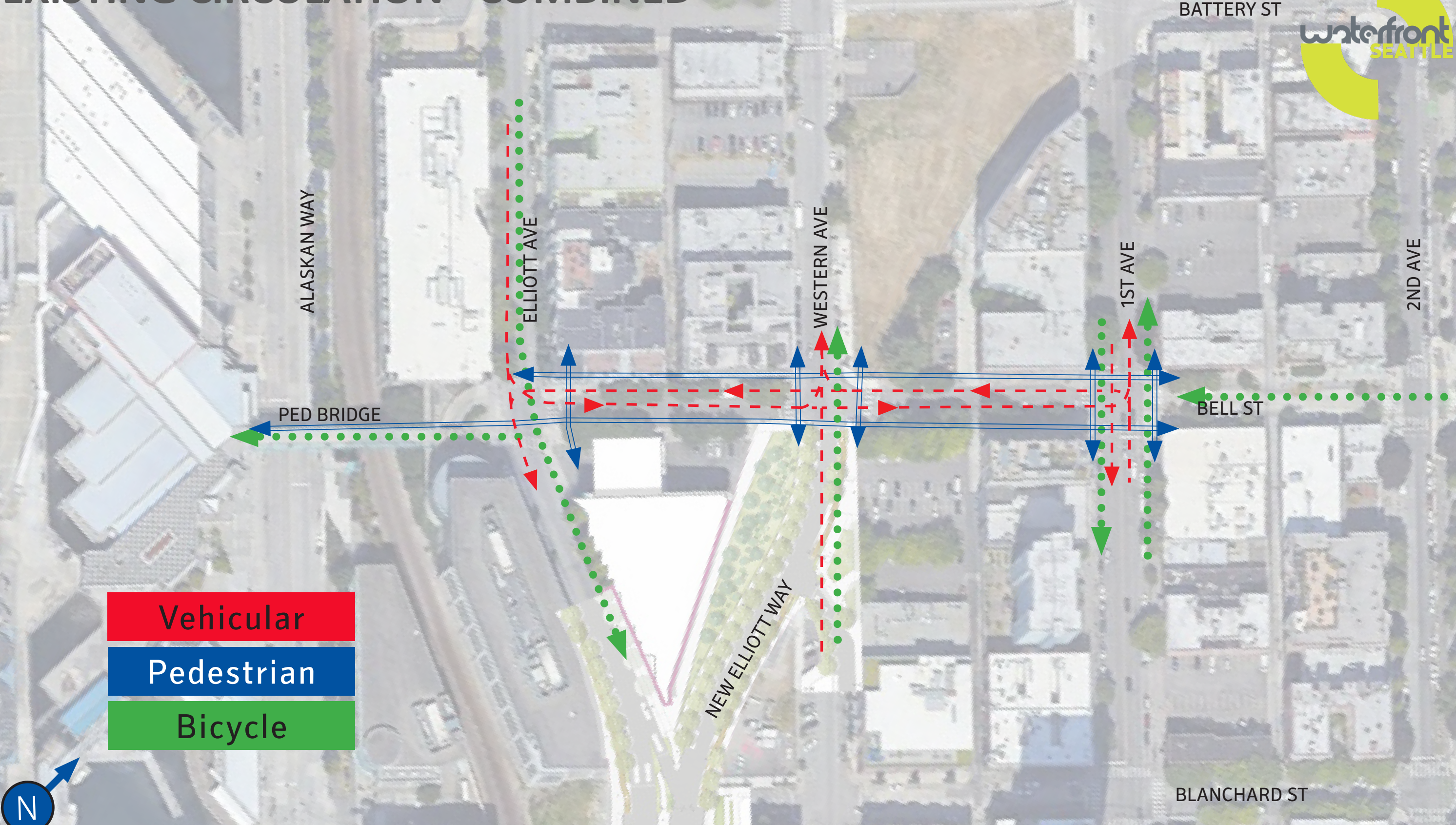


# EXISTING CIRCULATION - BICYCLE





# EXISTING CIRCULATION - COMBINED

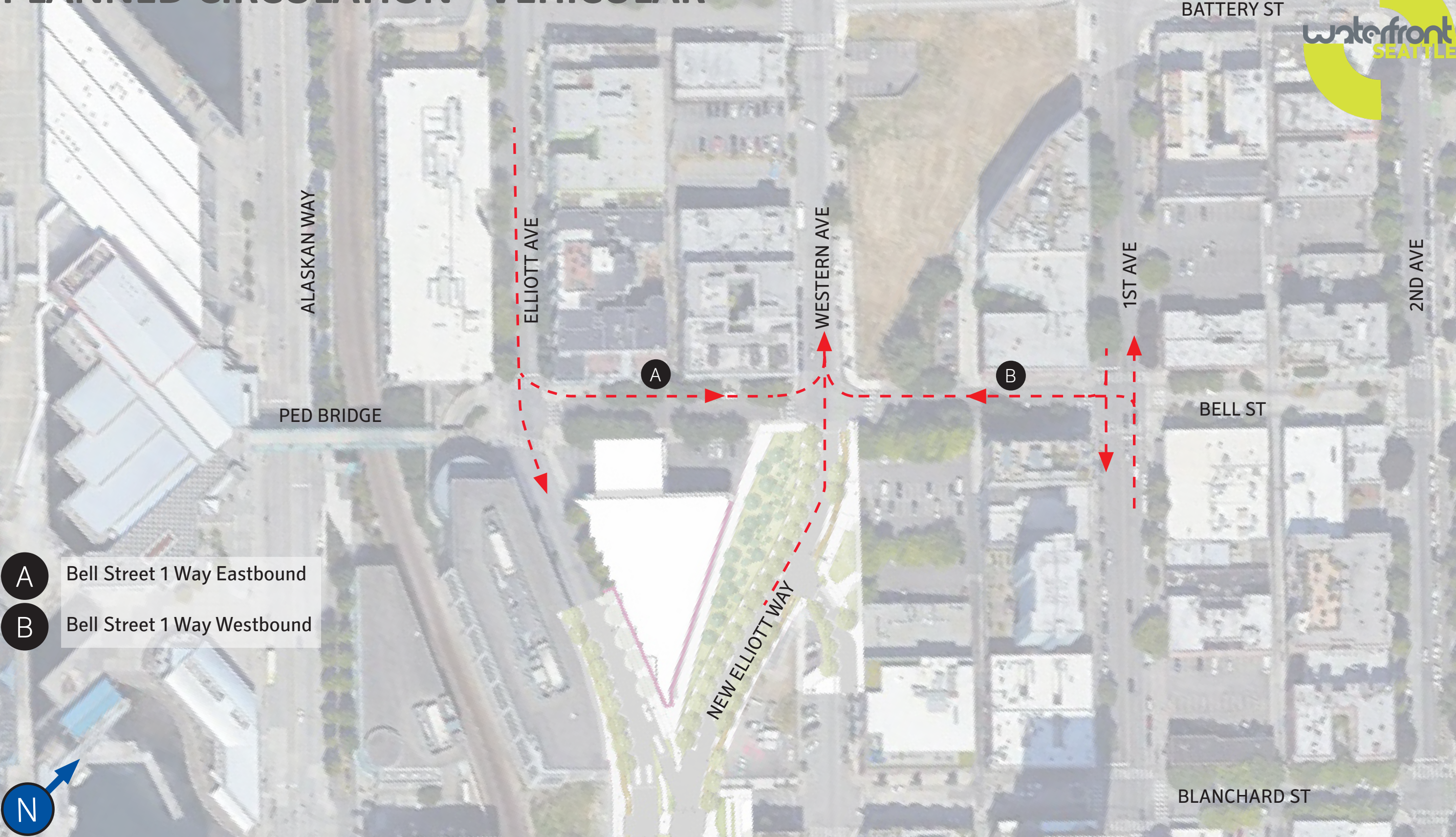


- Vehicular
- Pedestrian
- Bicycle





# PLANNED CIRCULATION - VEHICULAR



- A Bell Street 1 Way Eastbound
- B Bell Street 1 Way Westbound



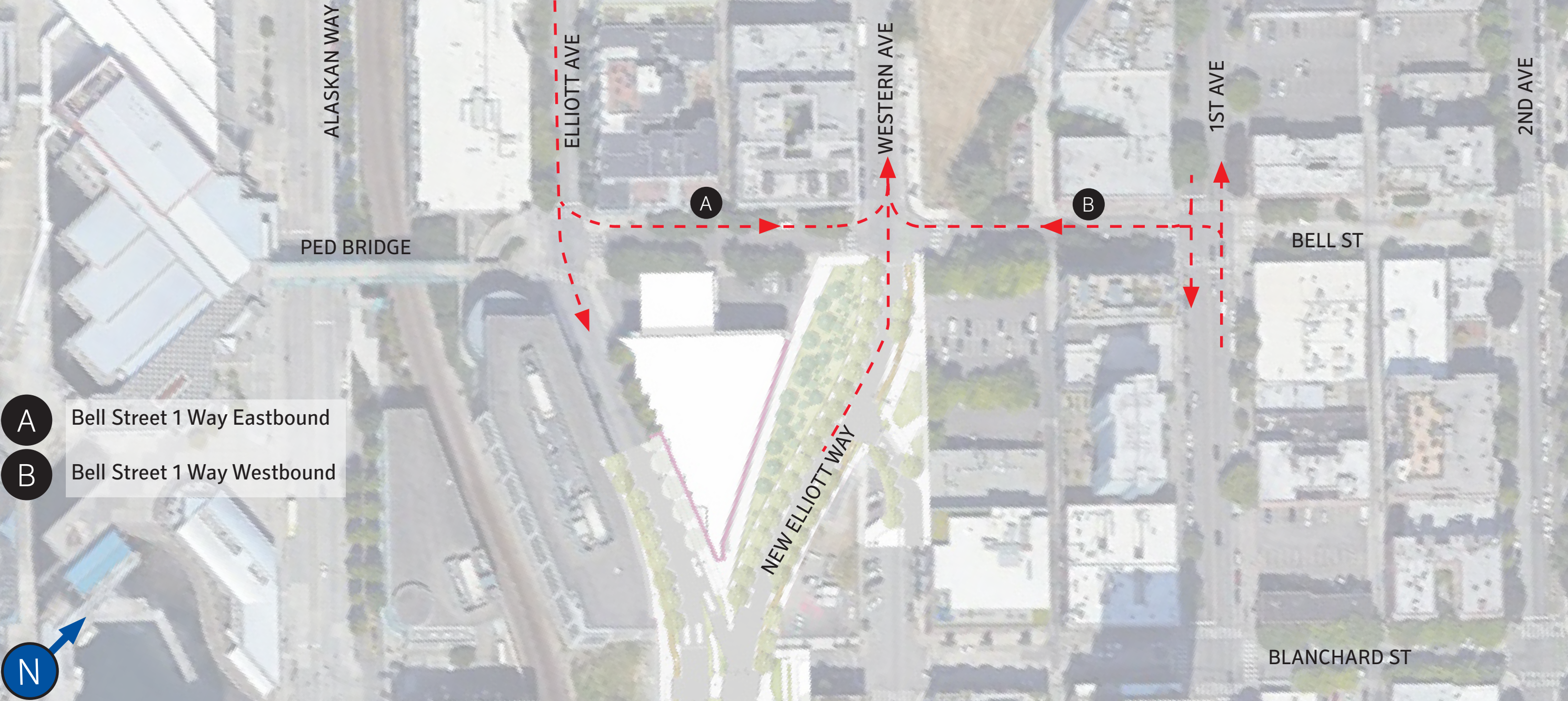


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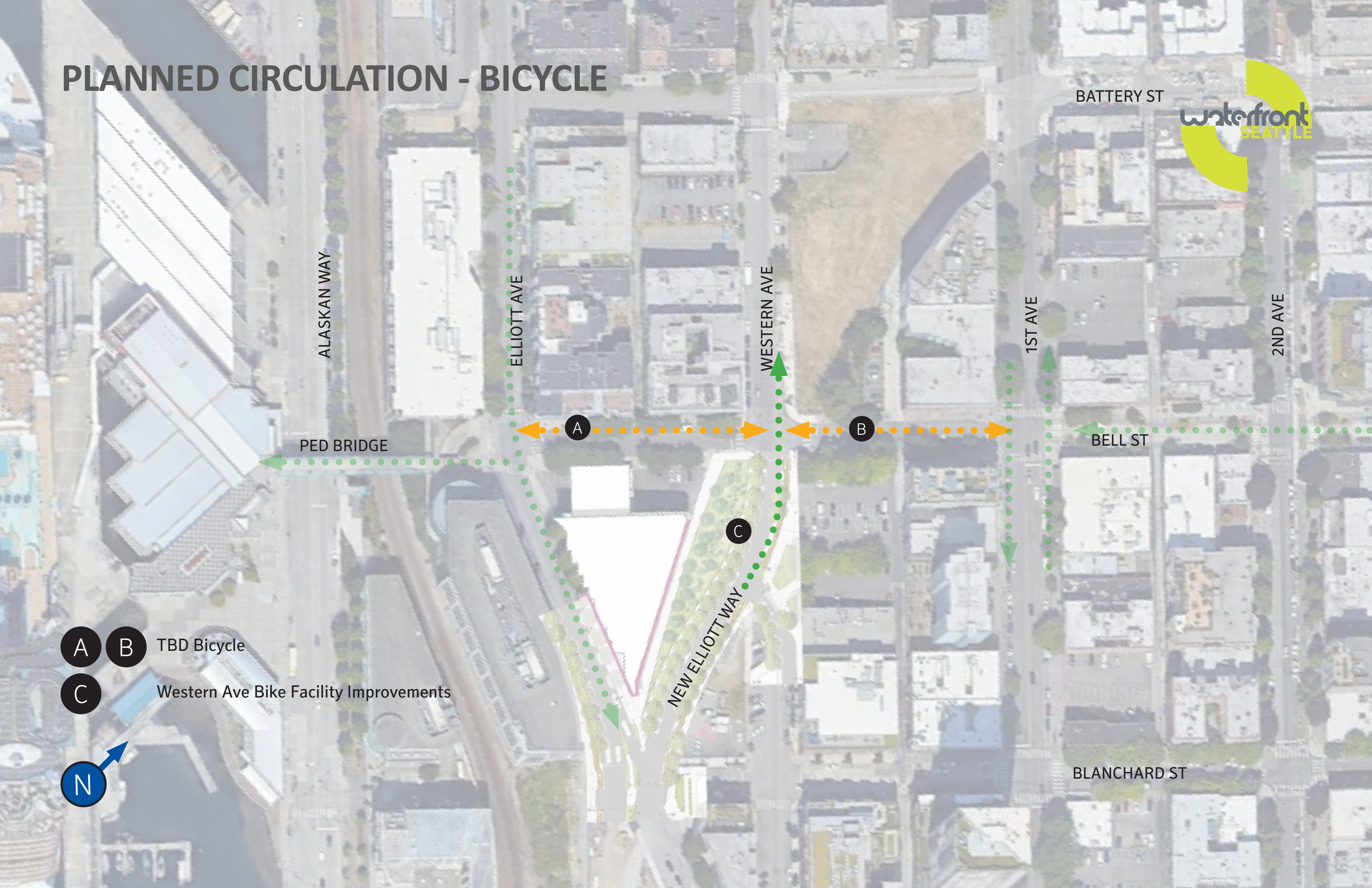
B

C

NEW ELLIOTT WAY

A B TBD Bicycle

C Western Ave Bike Facility Improvements





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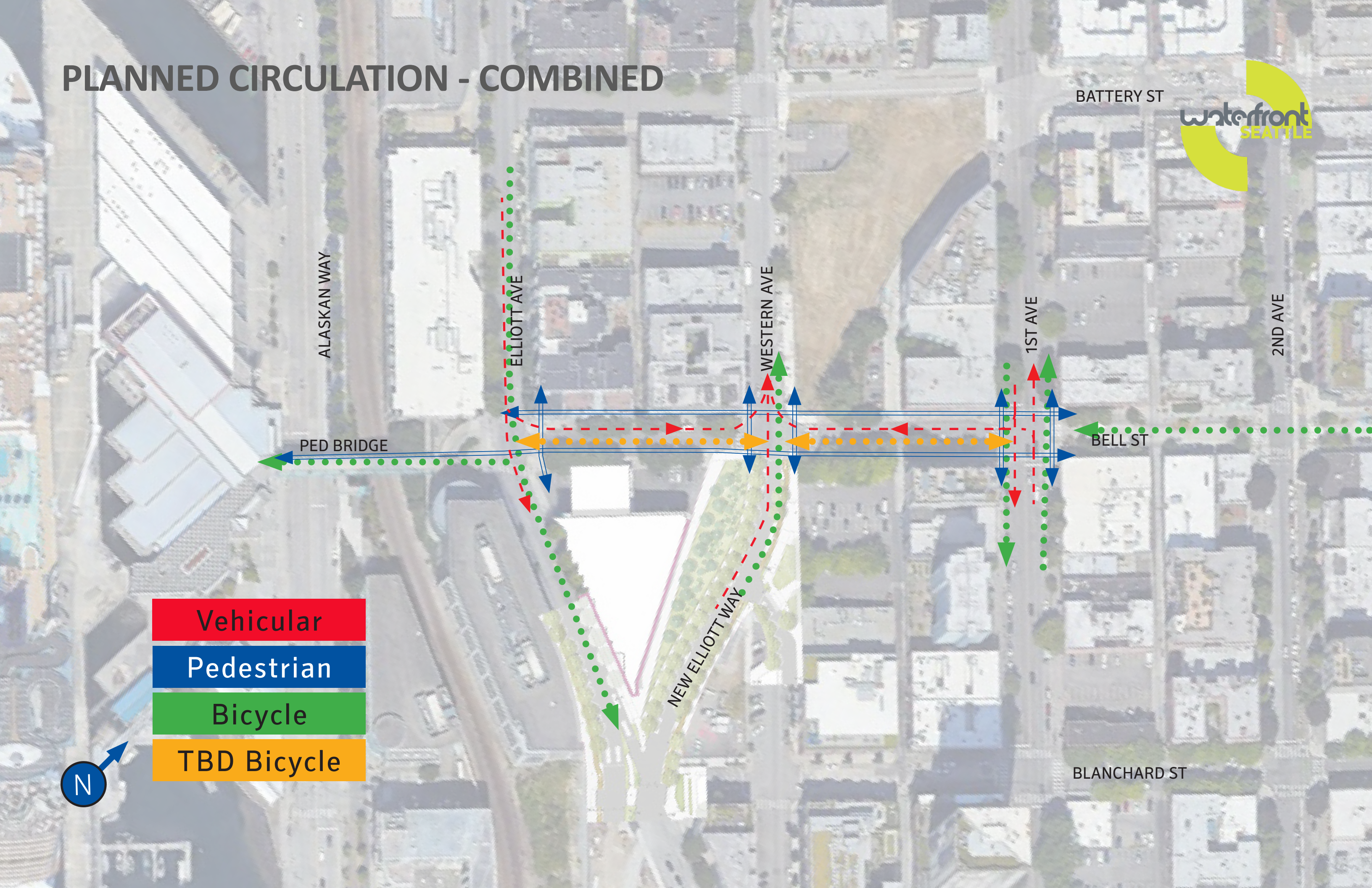
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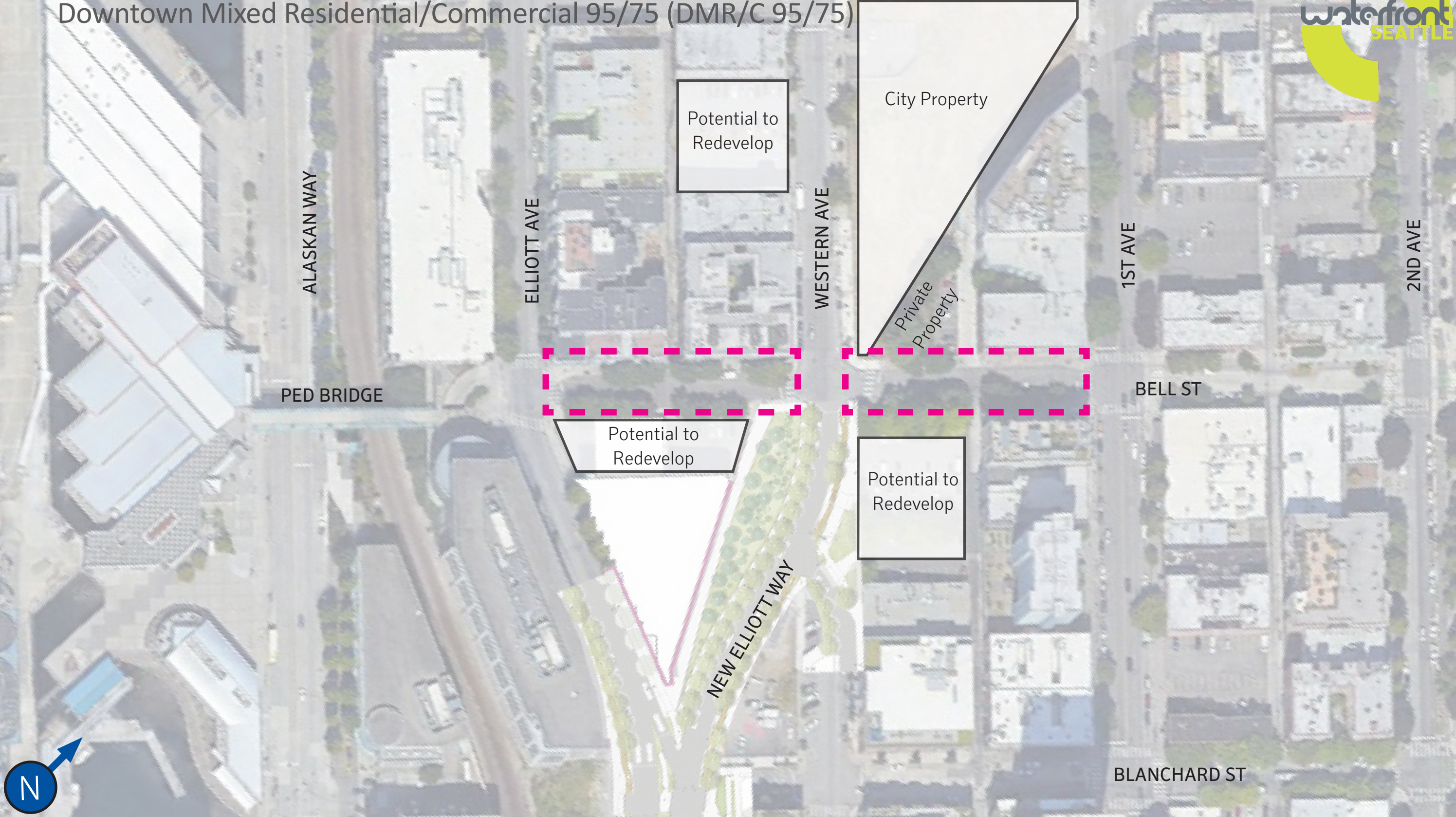


# SITE CONSIDERATIONS



# ZONING DESIGNATION

Downtown Mixed Residential/Commercial 95/75 (DMR/C 95/75)





# BELL ST - EXISTING LIGHTING AND TREES



View West from 1st and Bell St.



View East from Western Ave and Bell St.



View East from Elliott Ave and Bell St.



View East from Western Ave and Bell St.



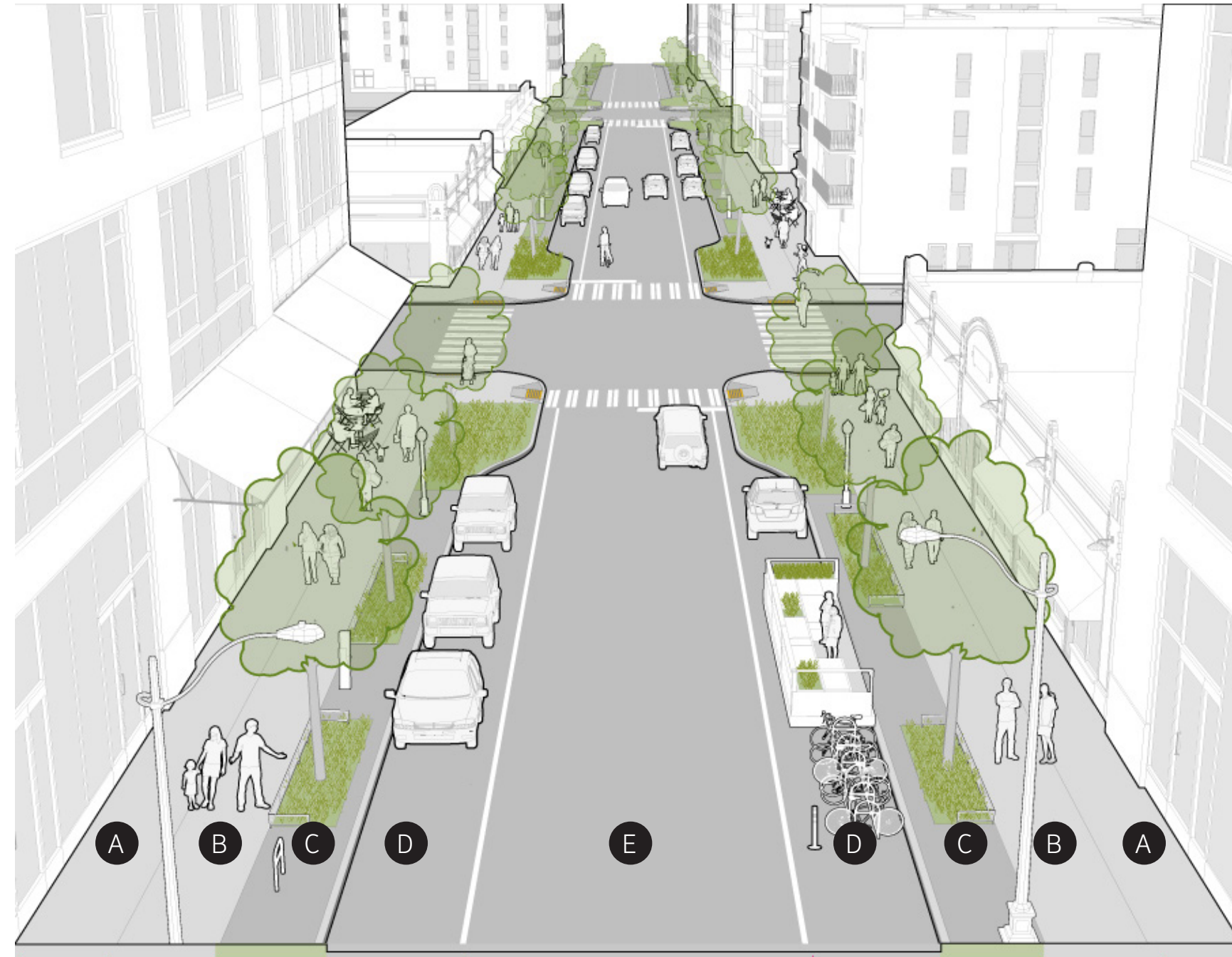
# REPURPOSING HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE STRUCTURE





# STREET DESIGNATION

## Downtown Neighborhood Access - Non Arterial



- A** 0-6' Frontage Zone
- B** 6' Pedestrian Clear Zone
- C** 6' Landscape Furnishing Zone
- D** 8' Flex Zone
- E** 20' Travel Lane (2 way)



# BELL ST

Today



6'	4'	2'	7½'	10½'	10½'	7½'	2'	8'	8'
Sidewalk			Parking lane	Drive lane	Drive lane	Parking lane	Sidewalk tree	Sidewalk	



# BELL ST

Planned Circulation with a travel lane removal and 1 lane of parking yields approx. 20' for improvements



6'  
Sidewalk

4'

2'

7½'  
Parking lane

10½'  
Drive lane

20'  
Sidewalk

8'  
Sidewalk tree

8'  
Sidewalk



# BELL ST

Planned Circulation with a travel lane removal and all parking yields approx. 26' for improvements





# BELL ST ONLINE OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

## - (post 2/8 BCC briefing)

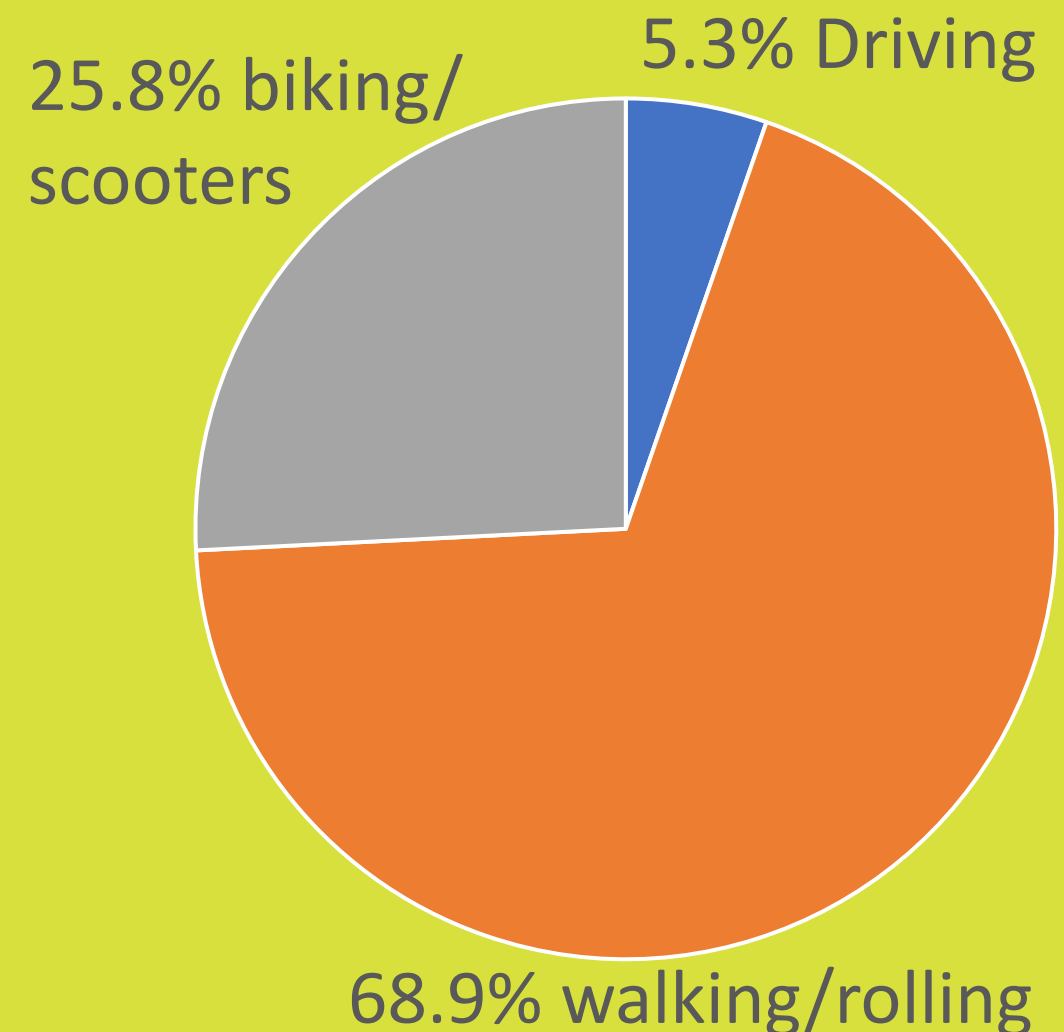


*We received over 500 responses to our survey and over 50 people attended the last Belltown Community Council briefing!*

### WHAT WE HEARD

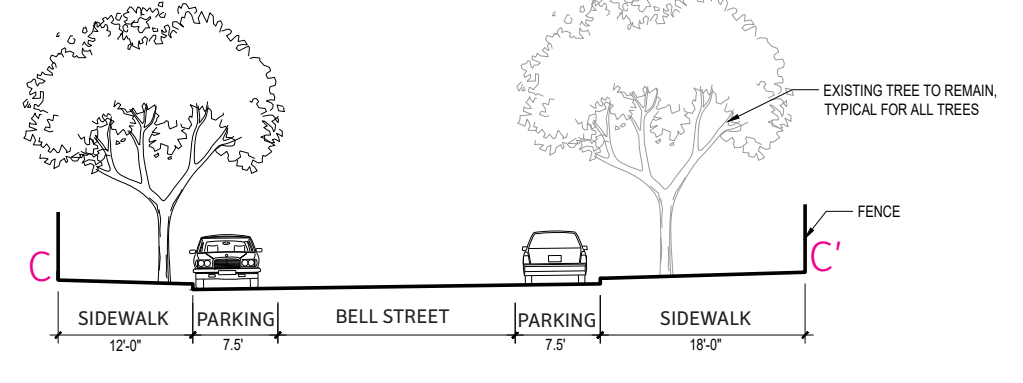
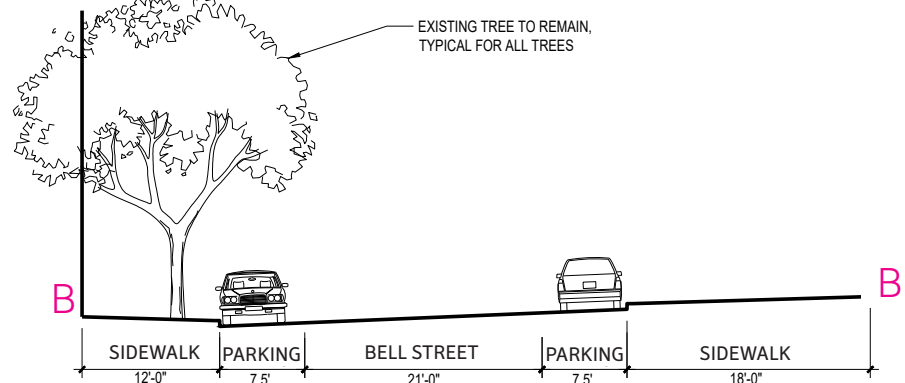
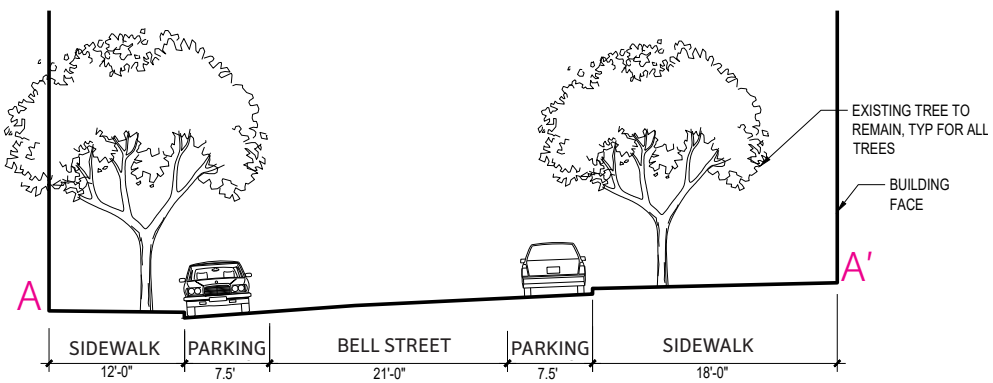
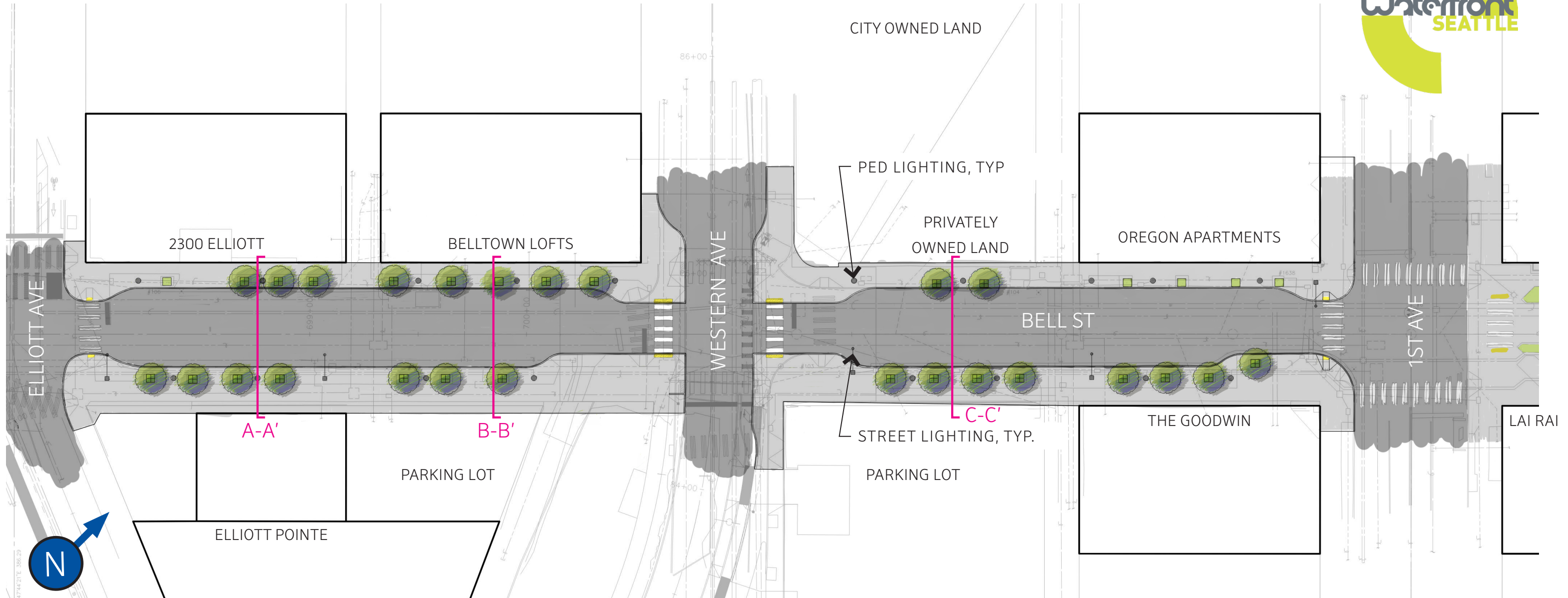
- Prioritize pedestrians and cyclists.
- Create a safe, clean and enjoyable space for people to gather and linger, that isn't difficult to maintain.
- Make an accessible and clear pathway for residents and tourists to travel between Belltown and the waterfront through signage and visual elements that draw people to this area.
- Concerns about the scope desired not being able to fit within the allotted budget (\$3.3 million) for this project.

**With street improvements, which mode of travel would you like to see prioritized?**



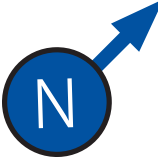
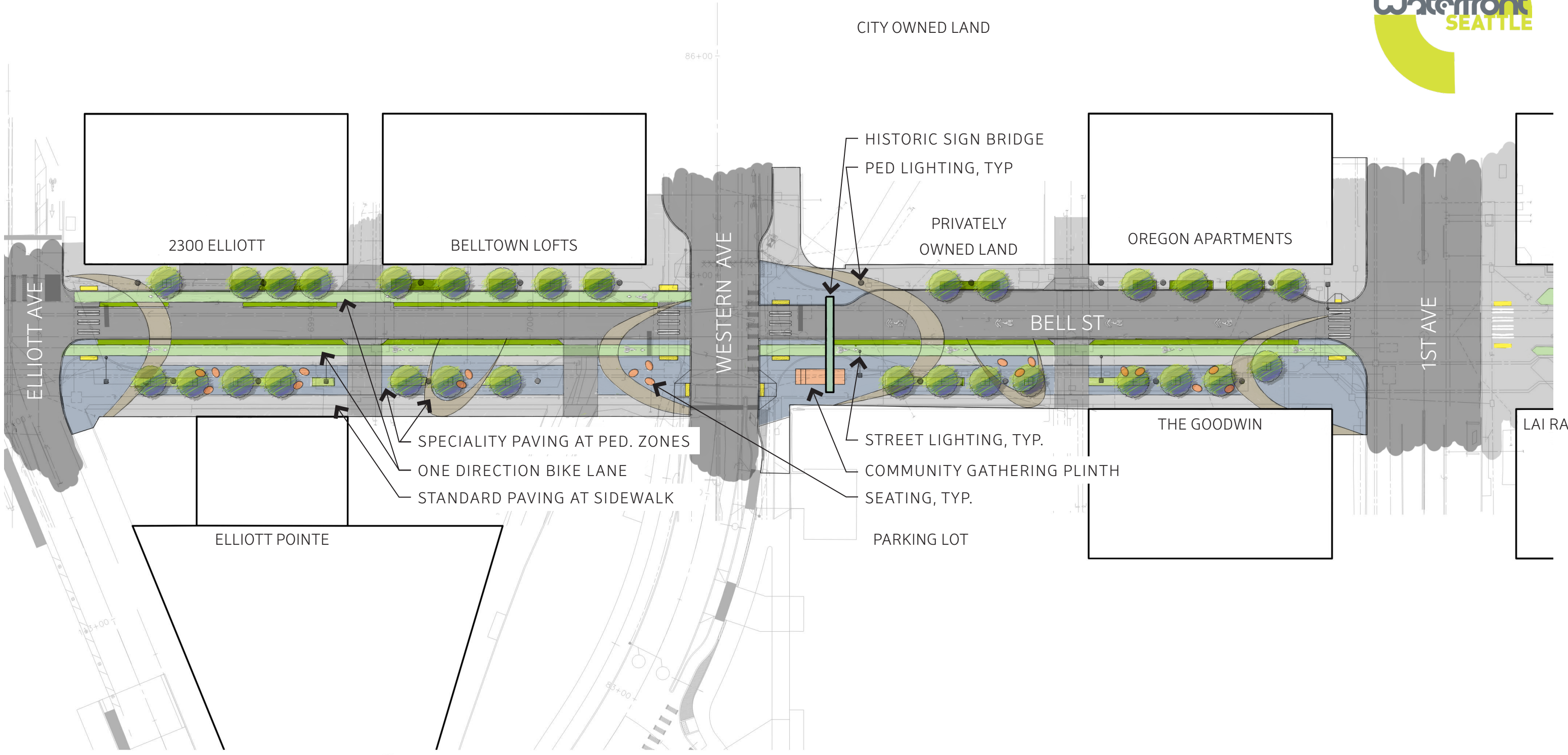


# BELL STREET PROJECT STREET - TODAY



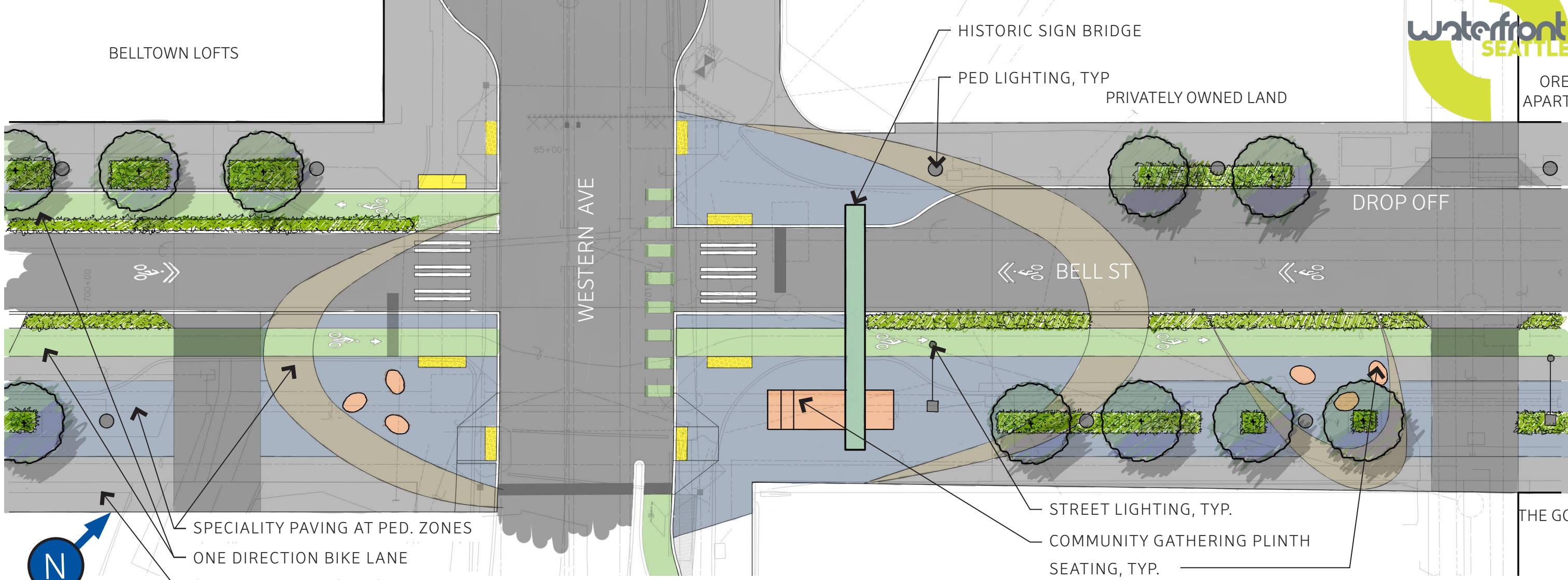


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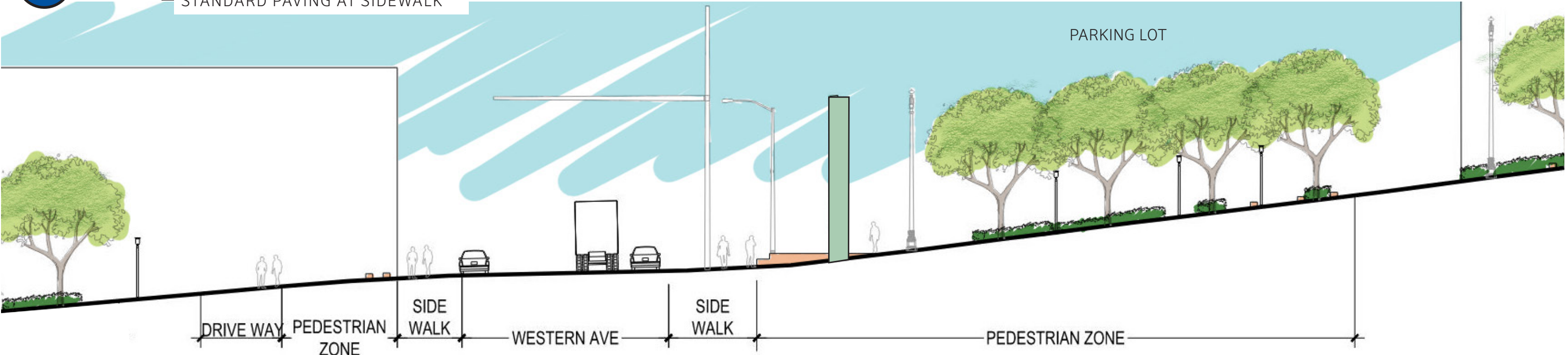


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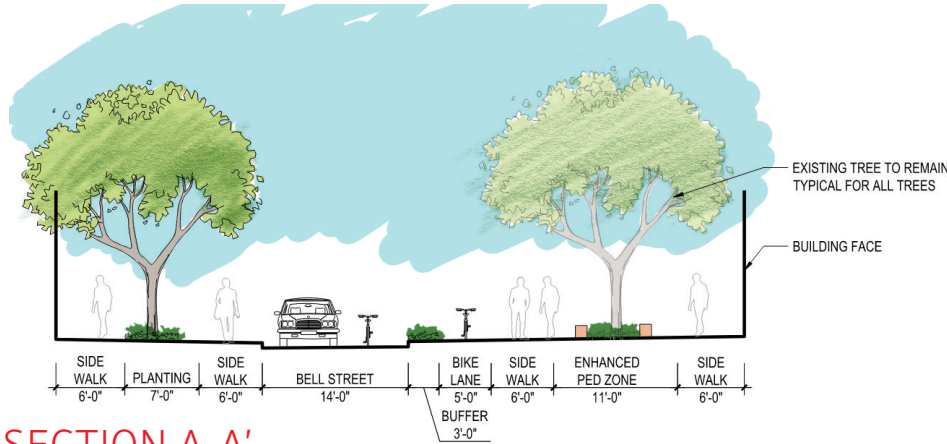
- SPECIALITY PAVING AT PED. ZONES
- ONE DIRECTION BIKE LANE
- STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK

- STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
- COMMUNITY GATHERING PLINTH SEATING, TYP.

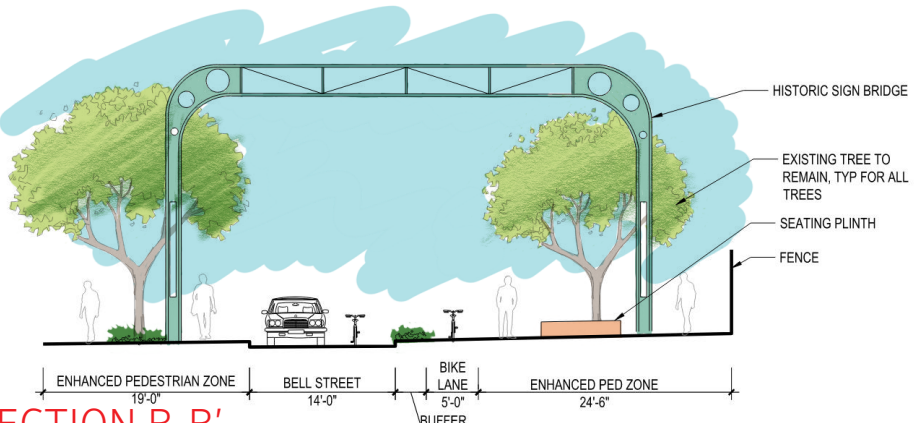




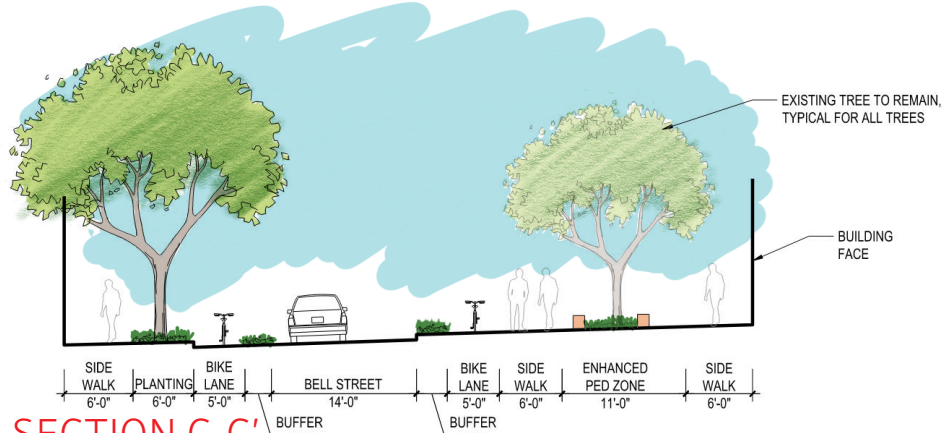
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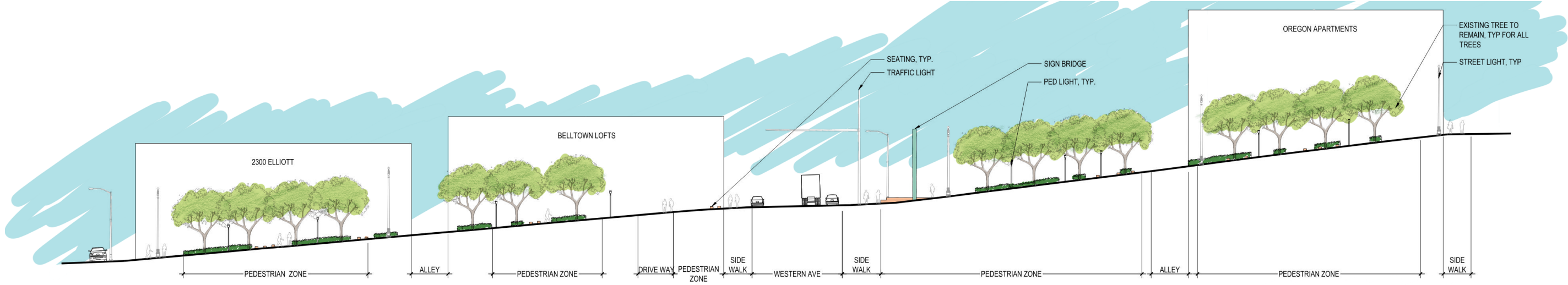
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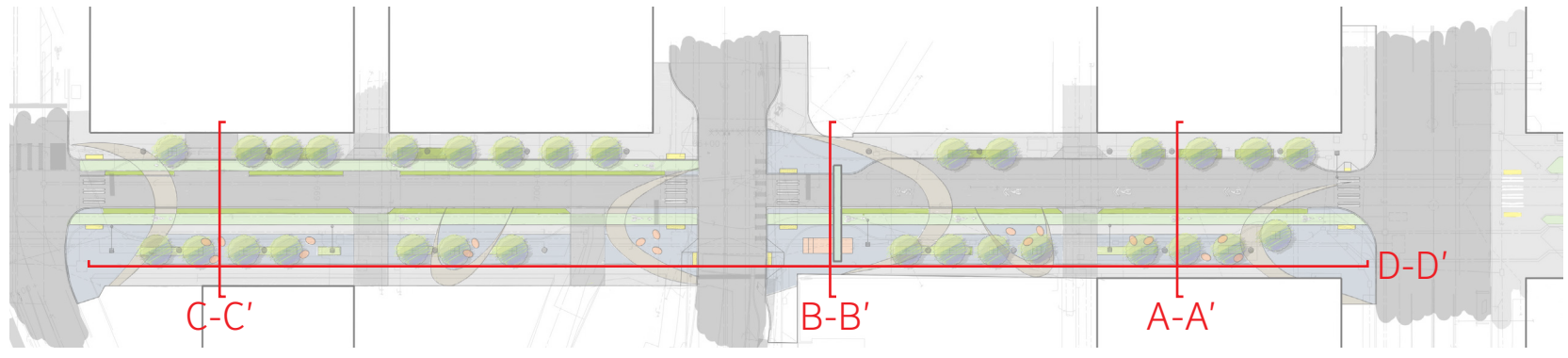
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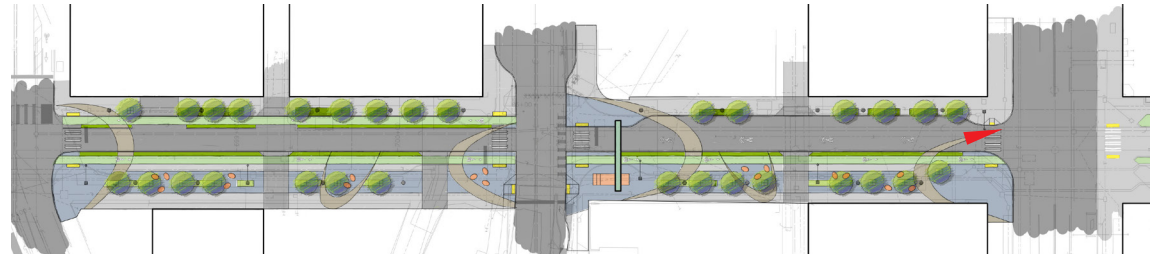
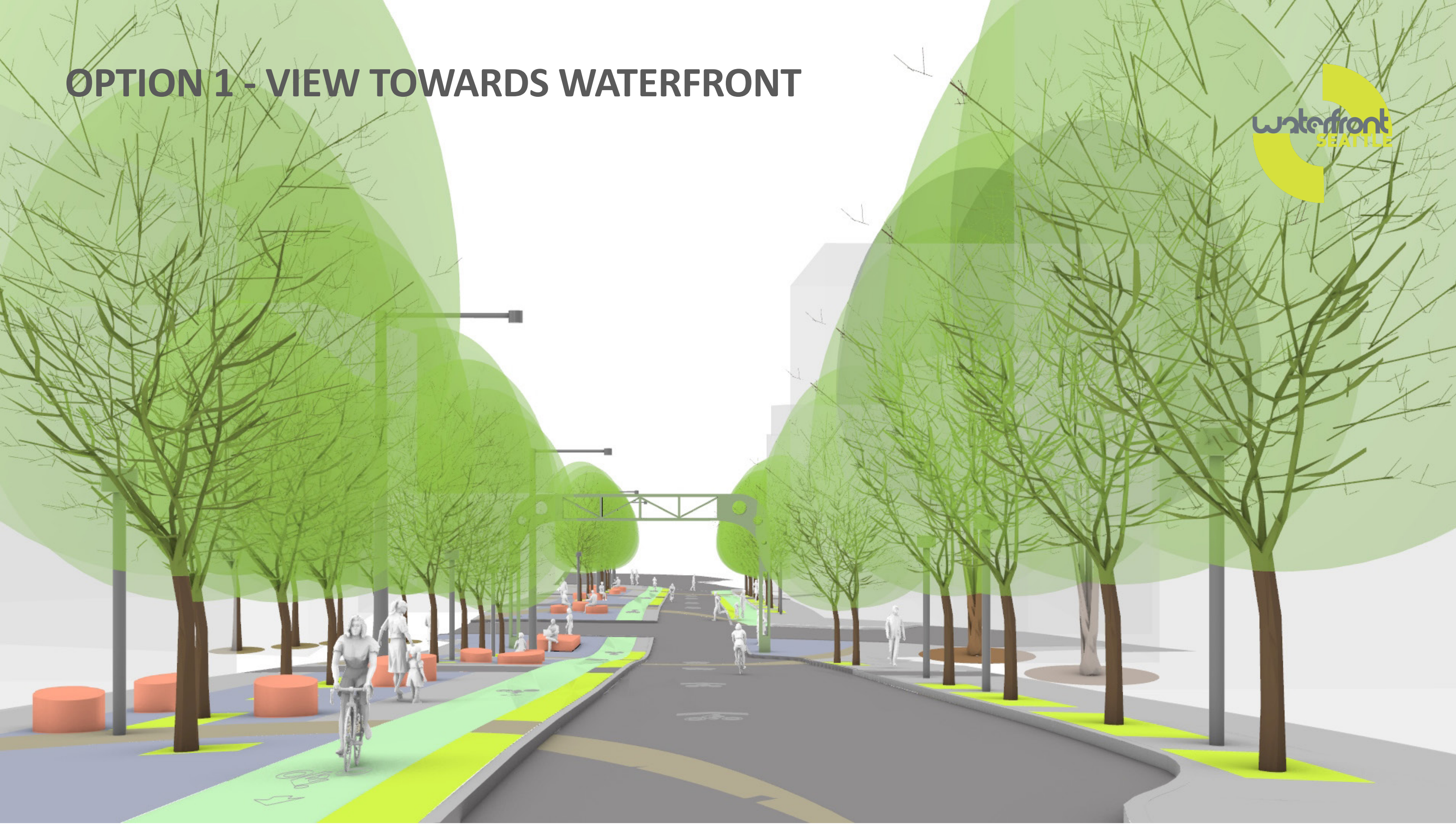


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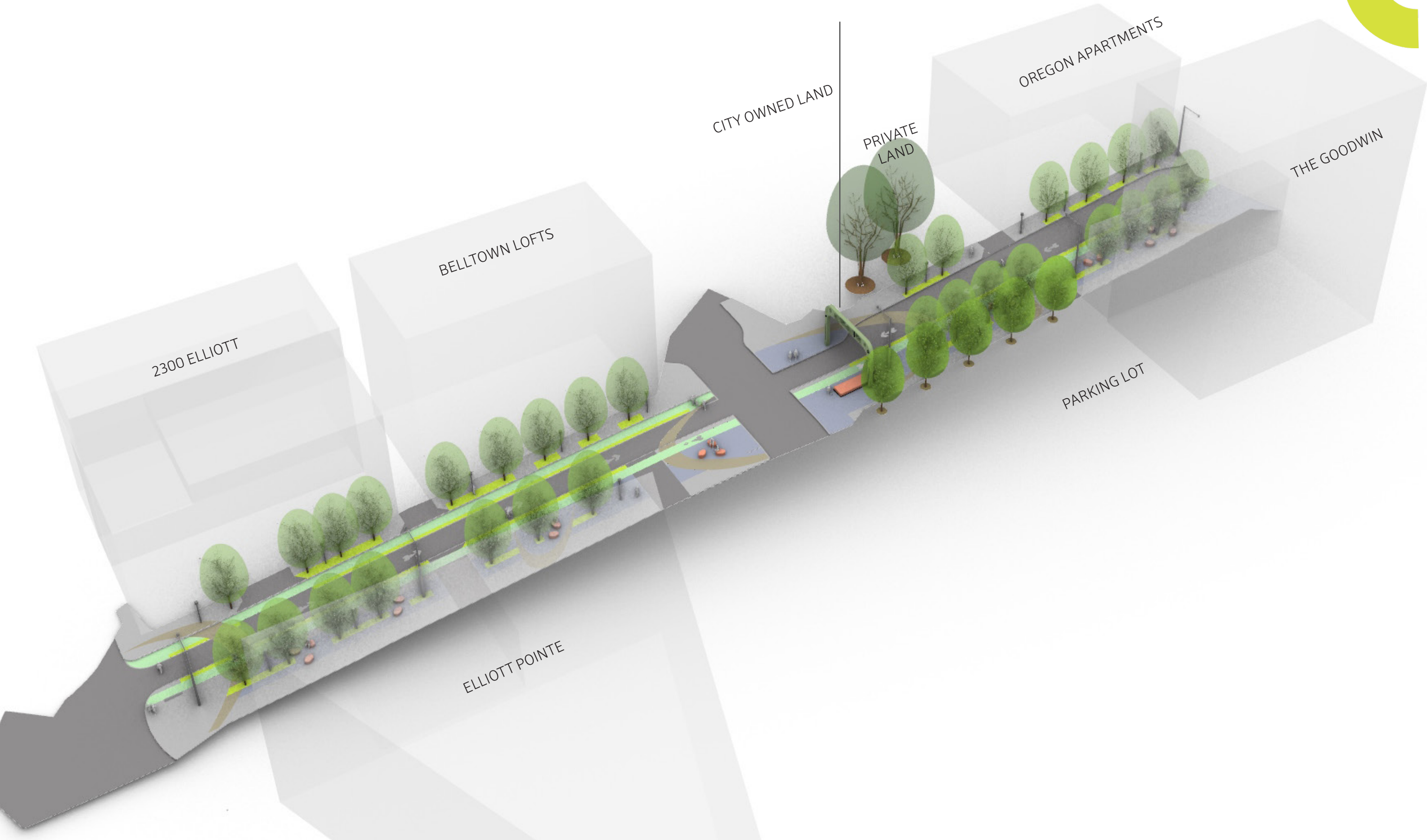


# OPTION 1 - VIEW TOWARDS WATERFRONT





# OPTION 1 - BIRDS EYE





# OPTION 1 - VIEW FROM ELLIOTT TOWARDS BELLTOWN

2300 ELLIOTT

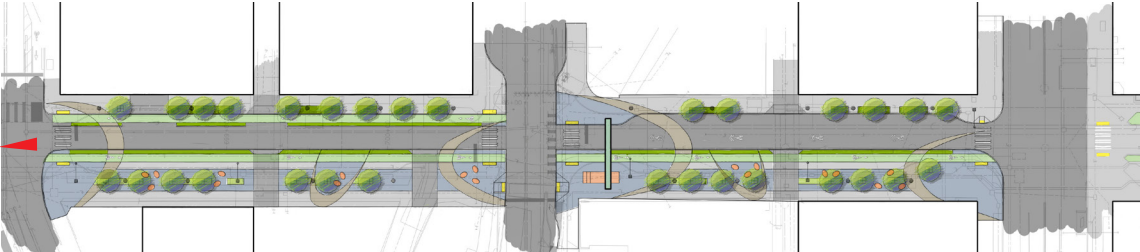


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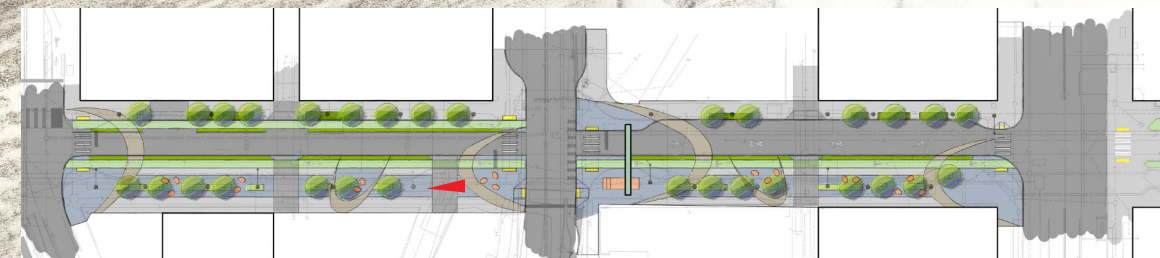
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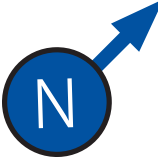
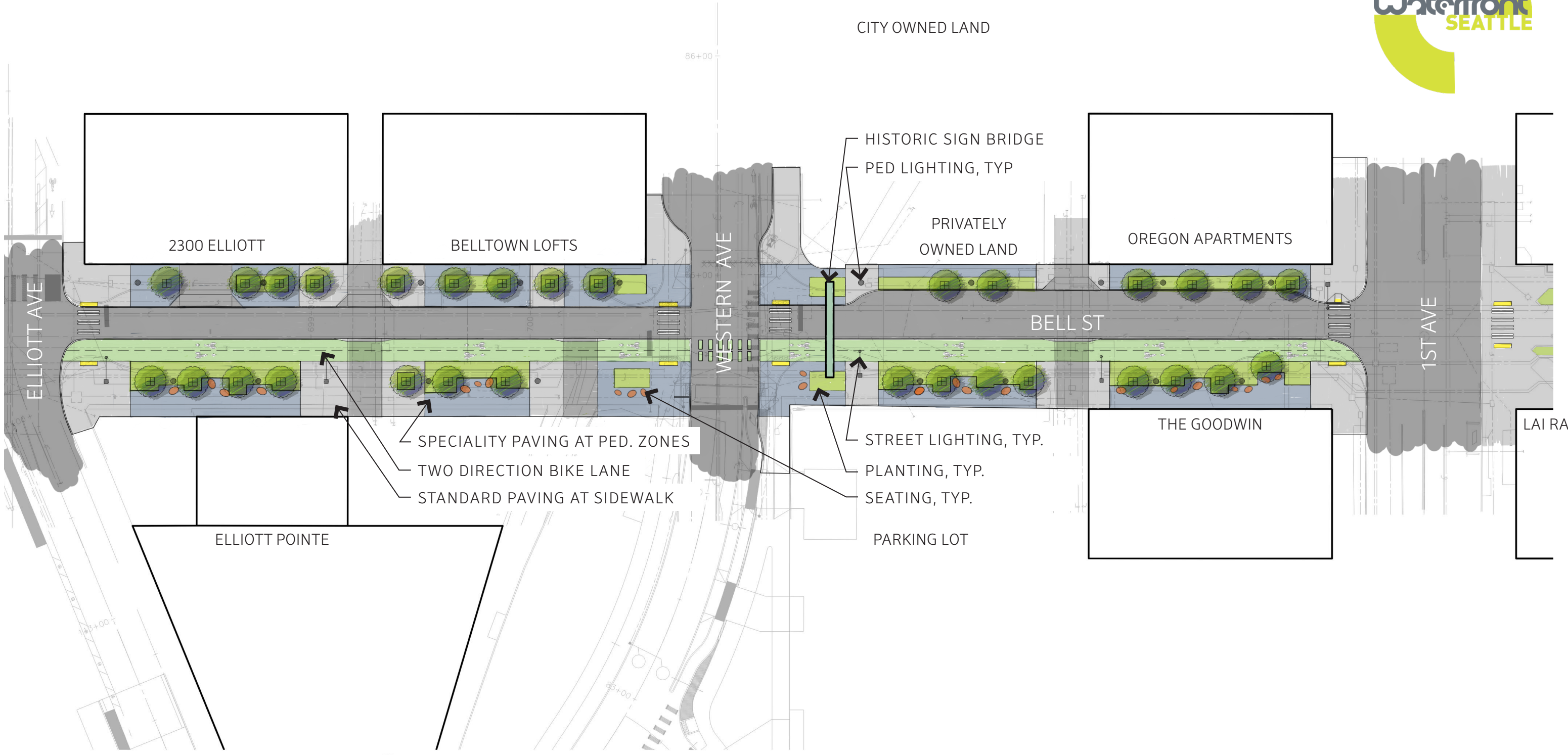


# OPTION 1 - VIEW OF HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE





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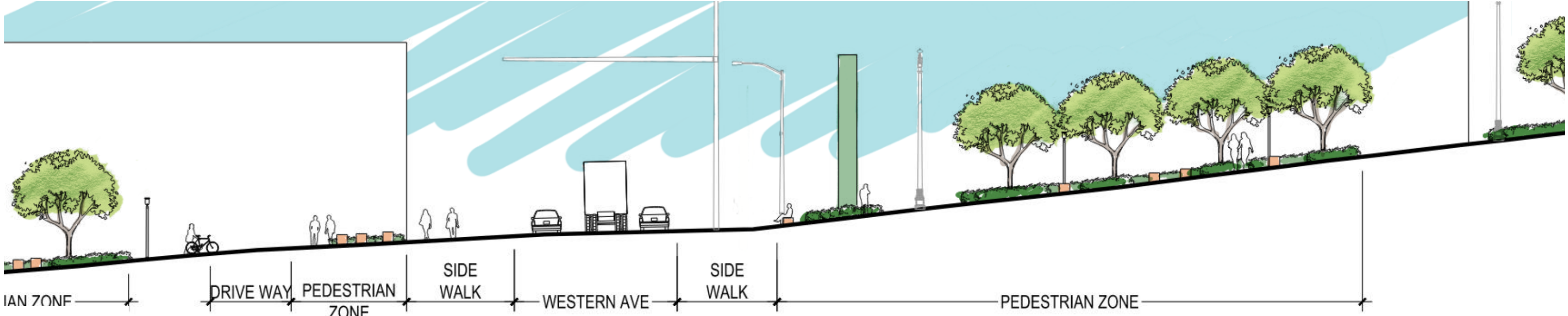
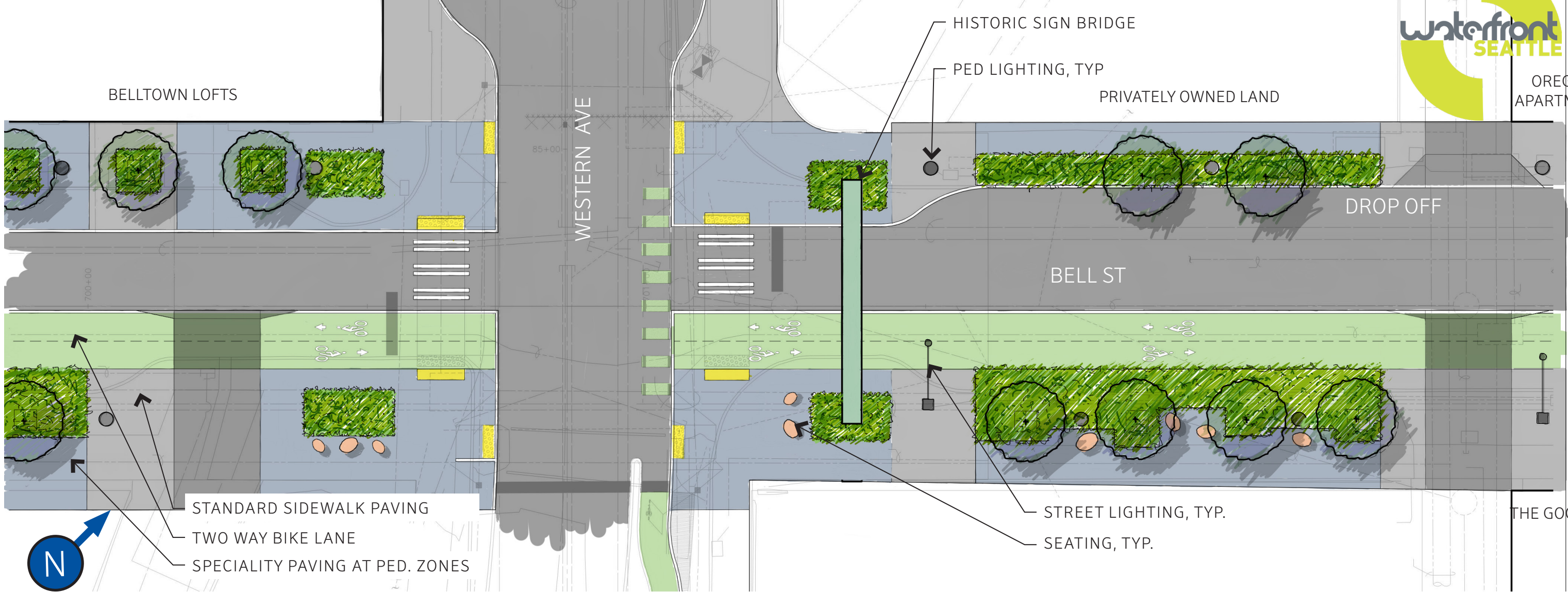




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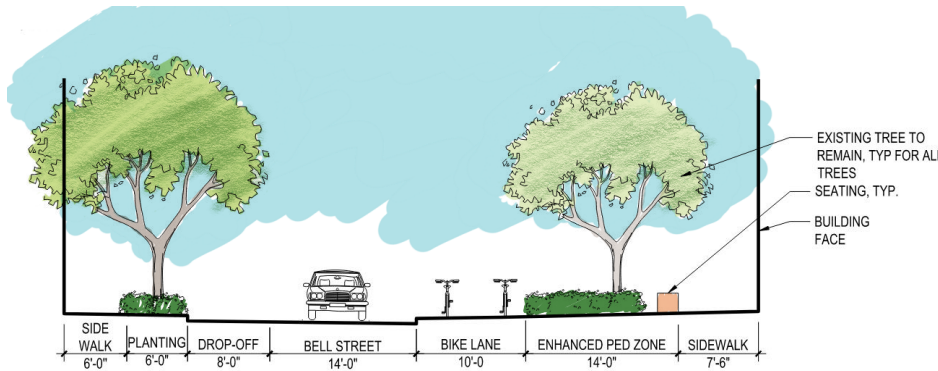


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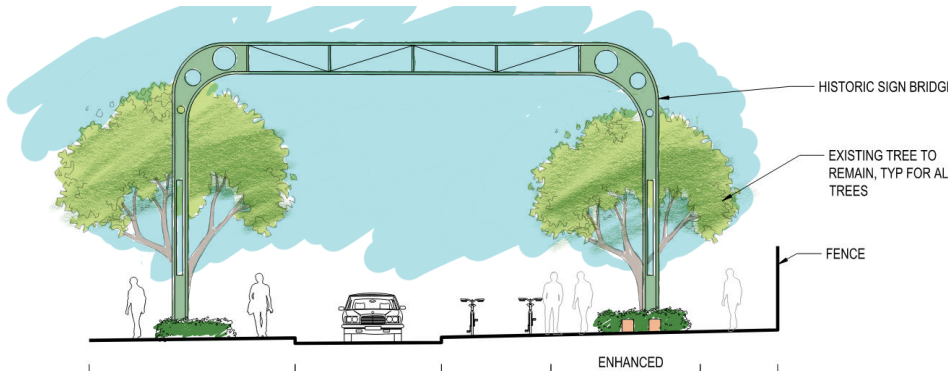




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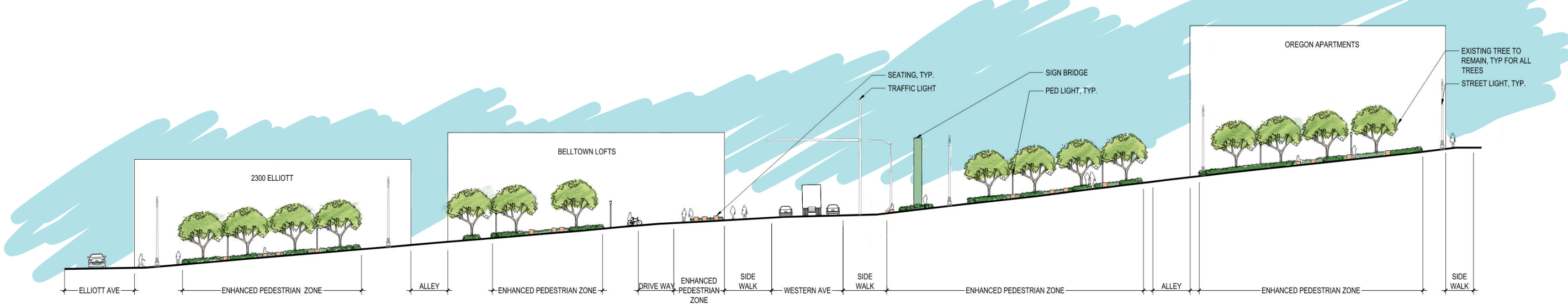
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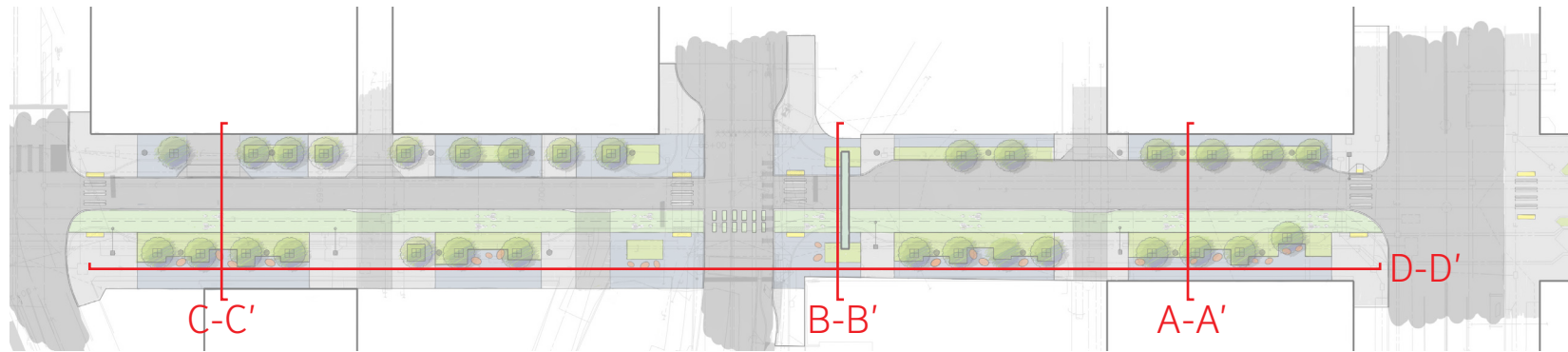
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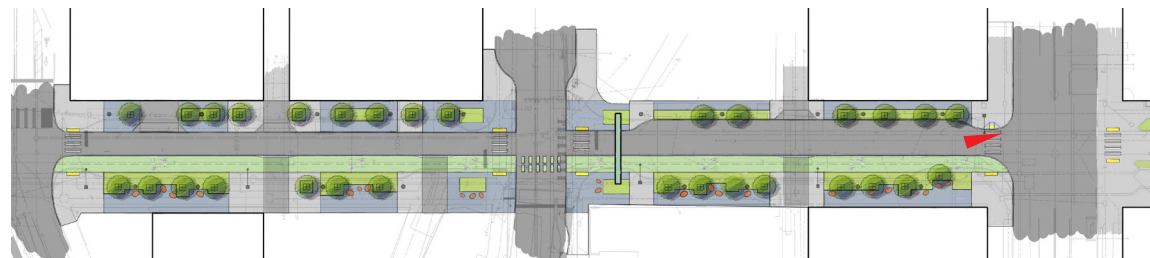
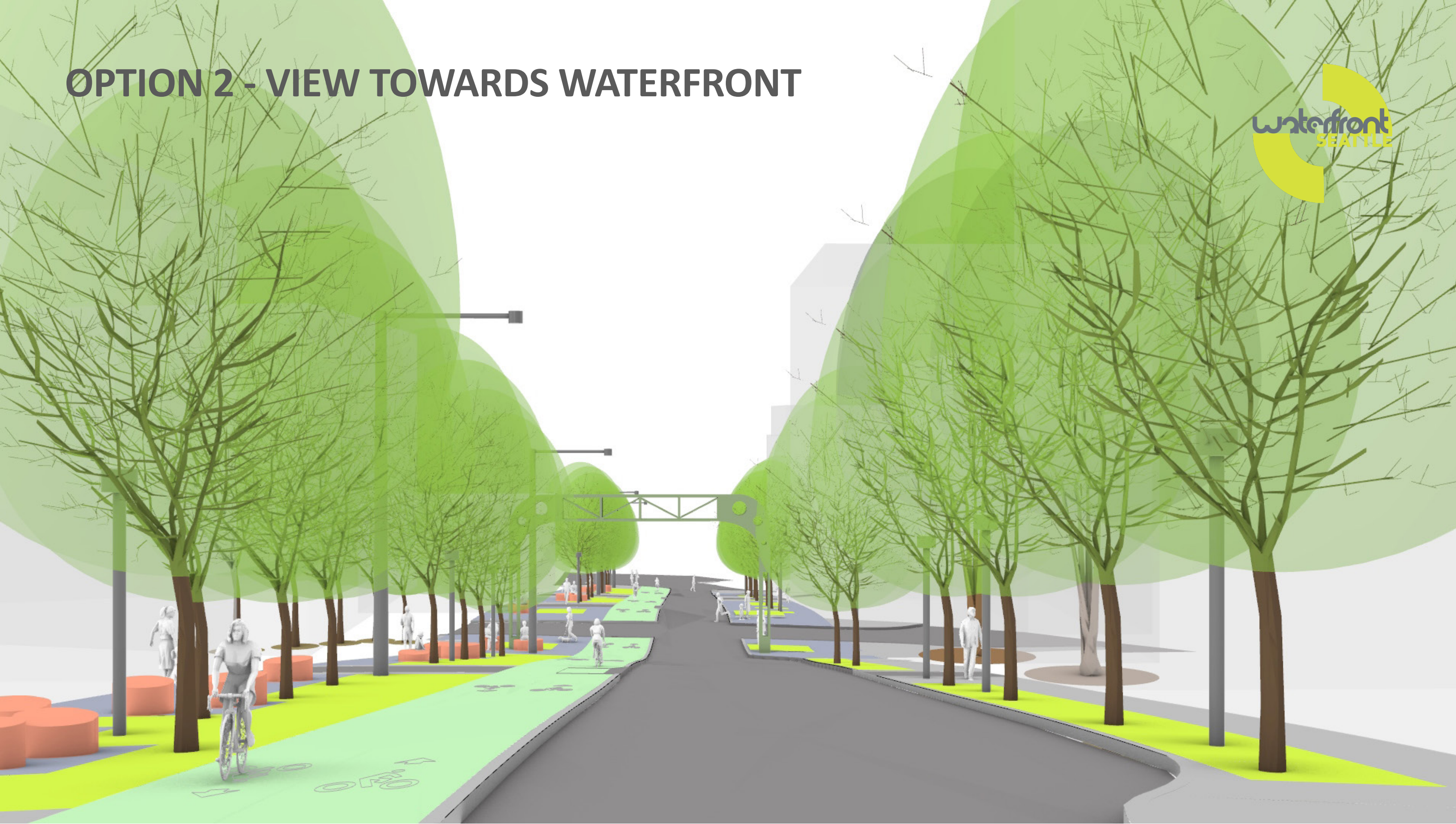


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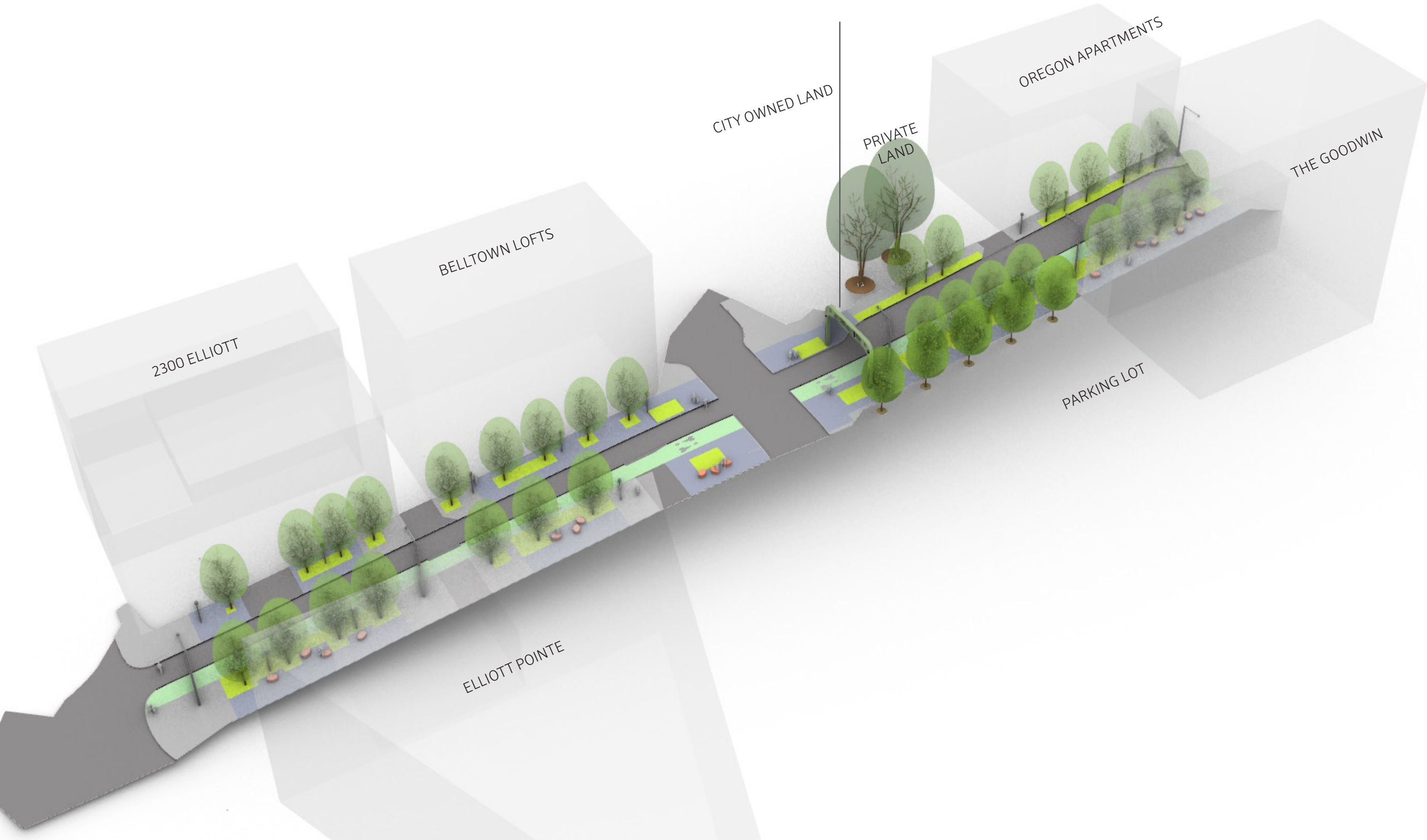


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# OPTION 2 - BIRDS EYE





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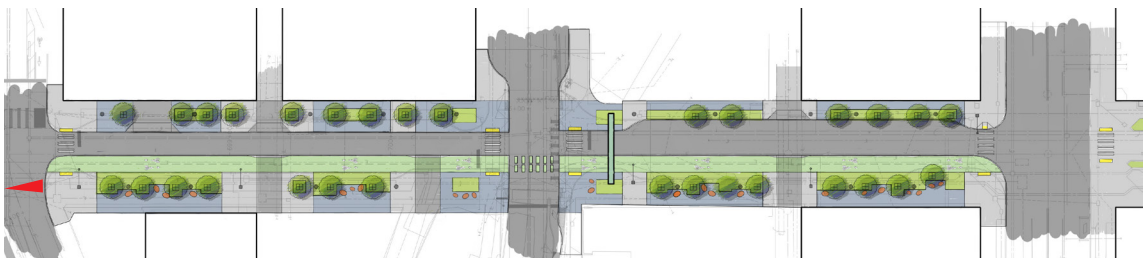


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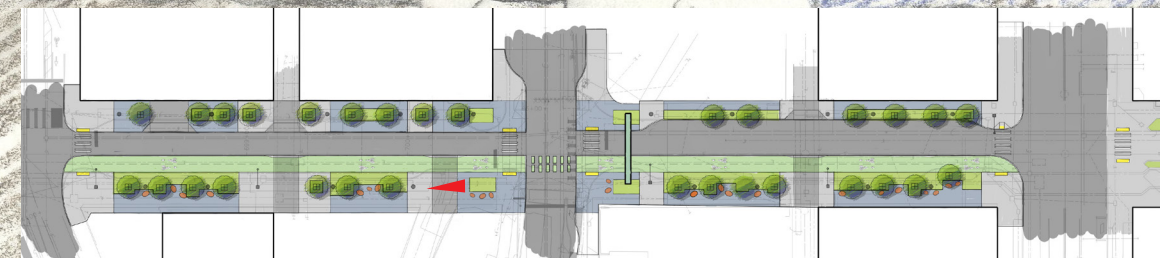
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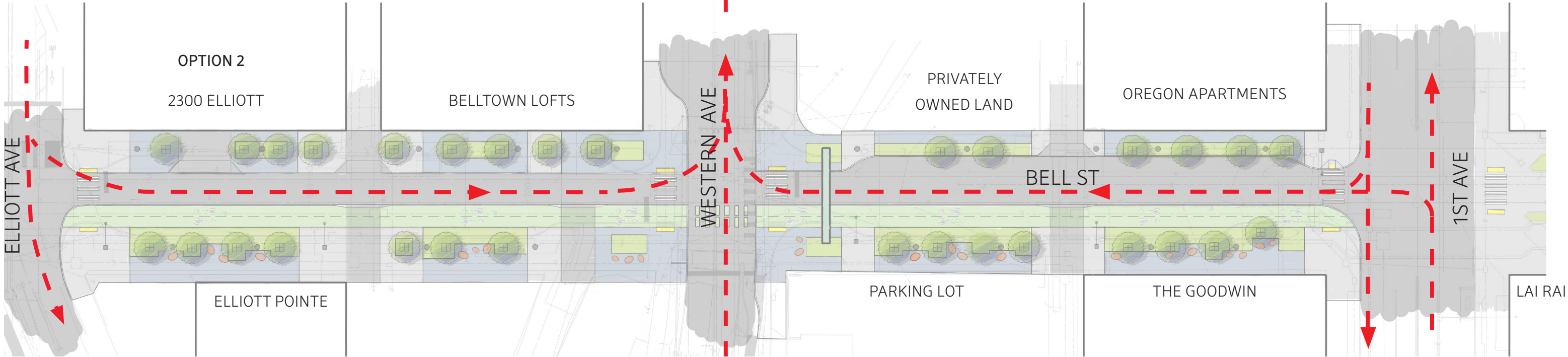
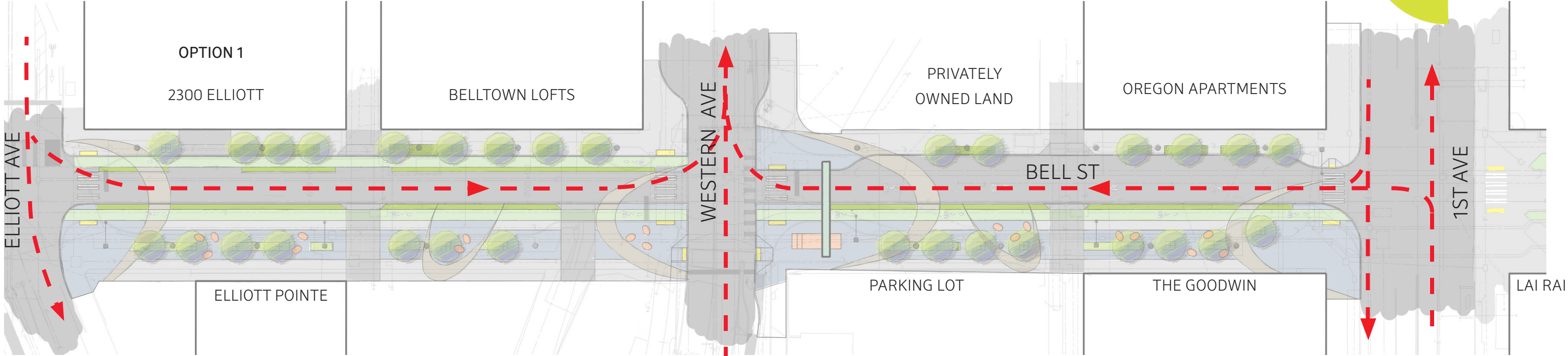


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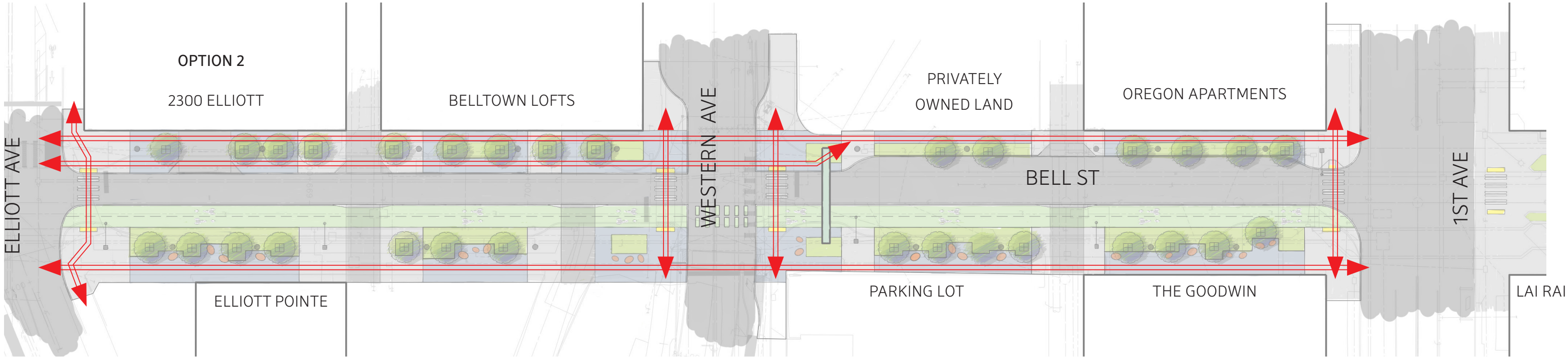
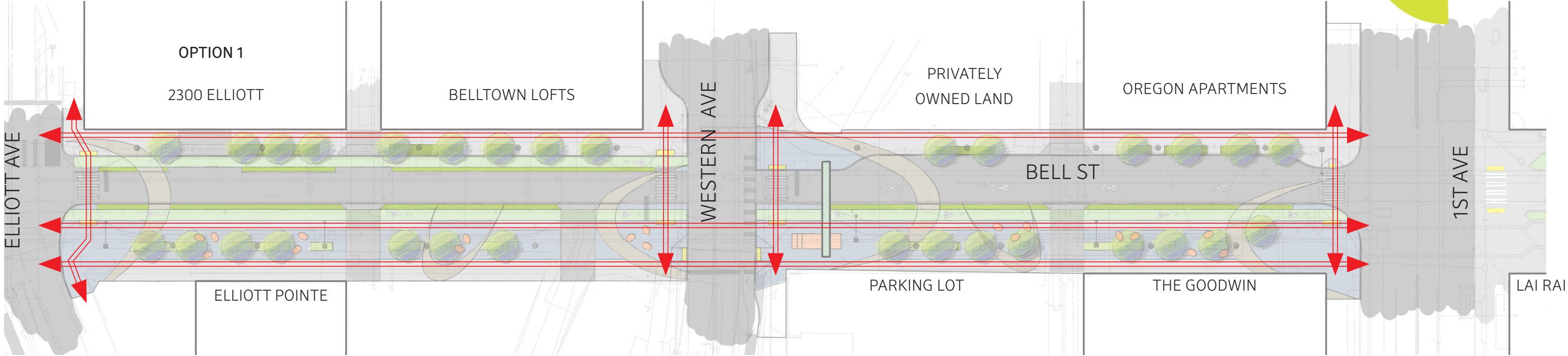


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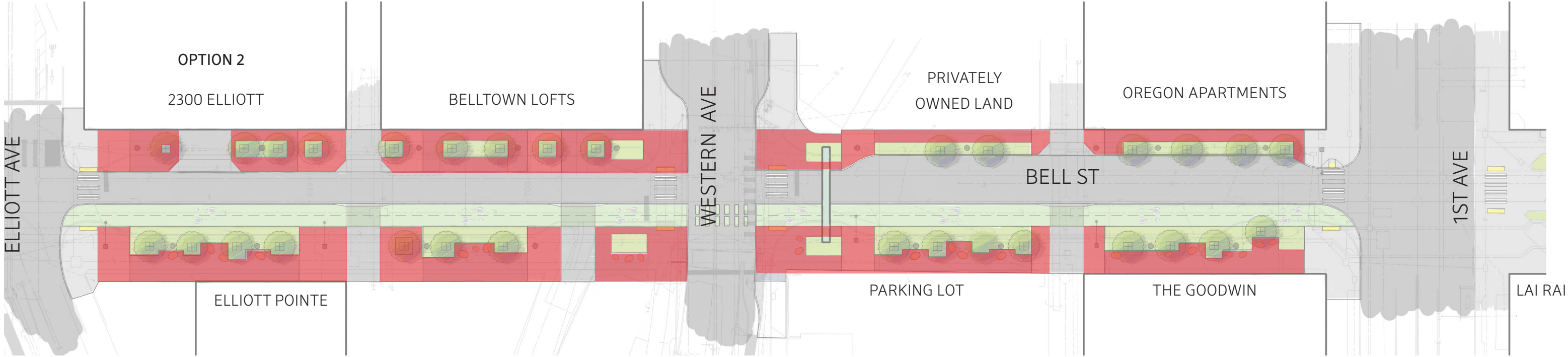
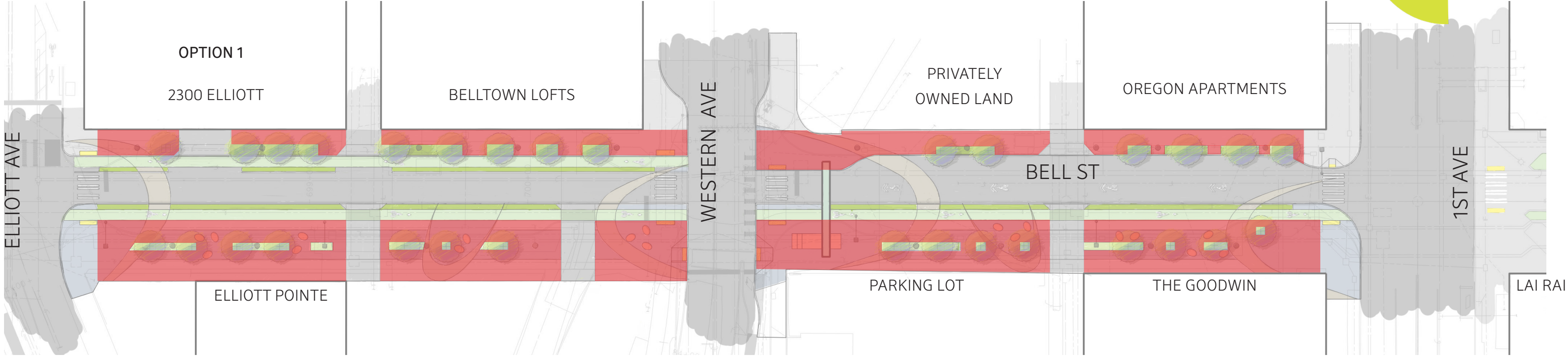


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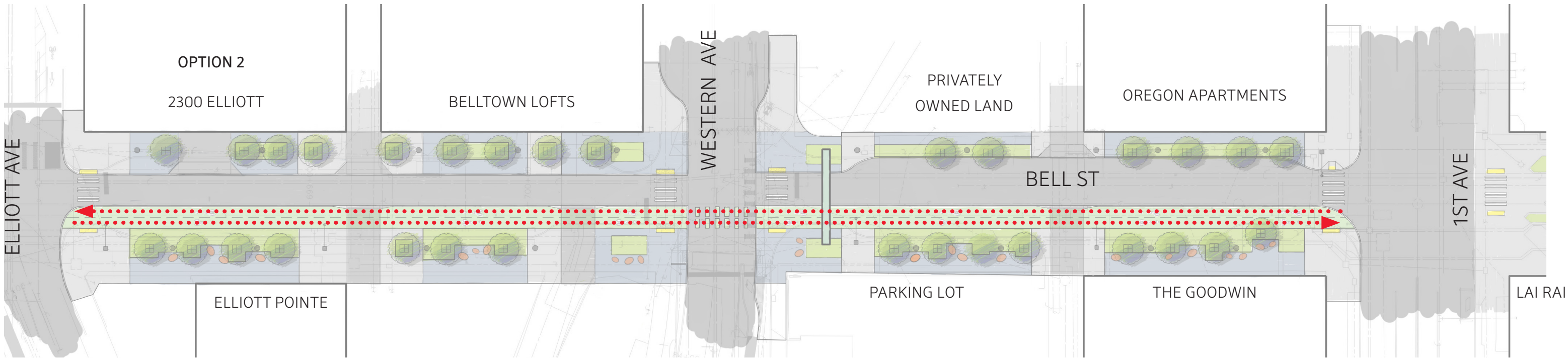
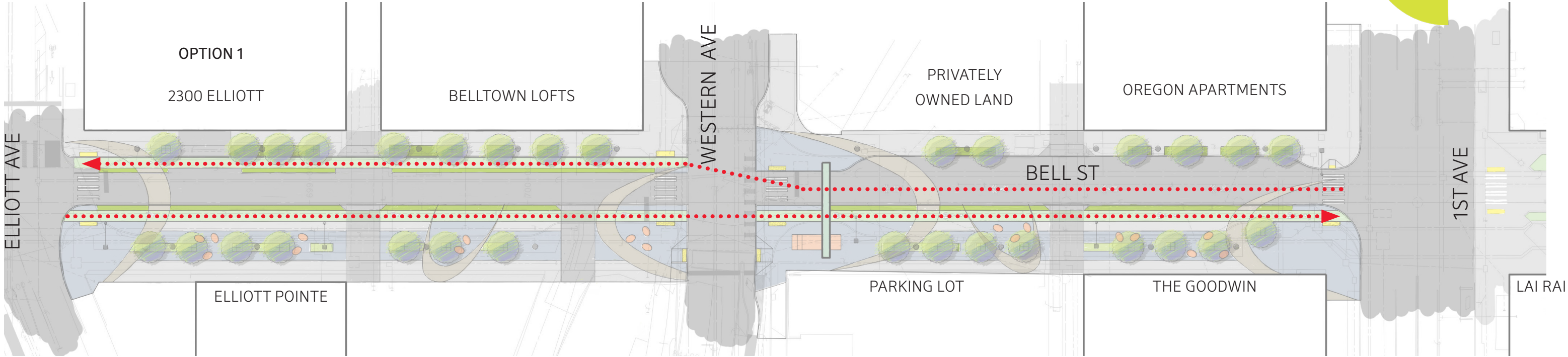


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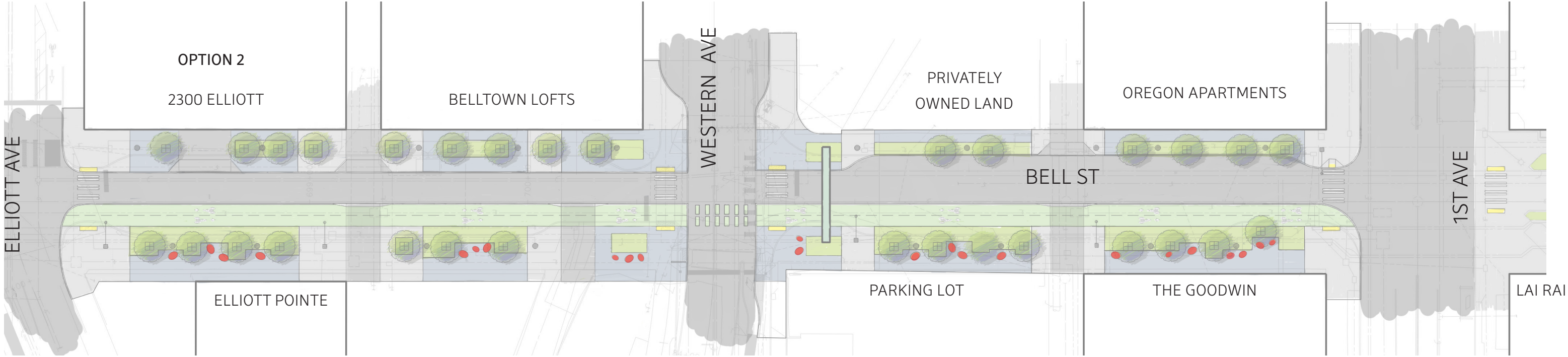
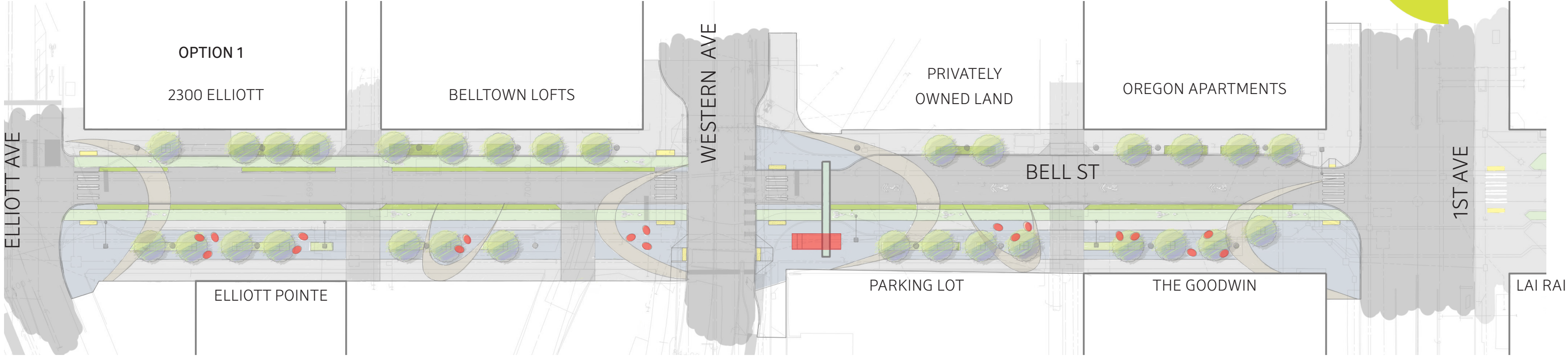


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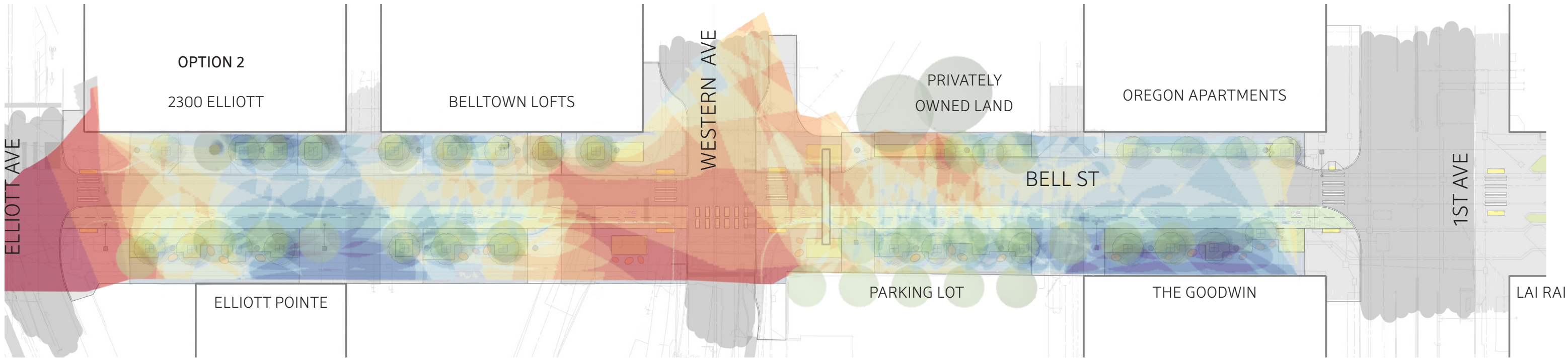
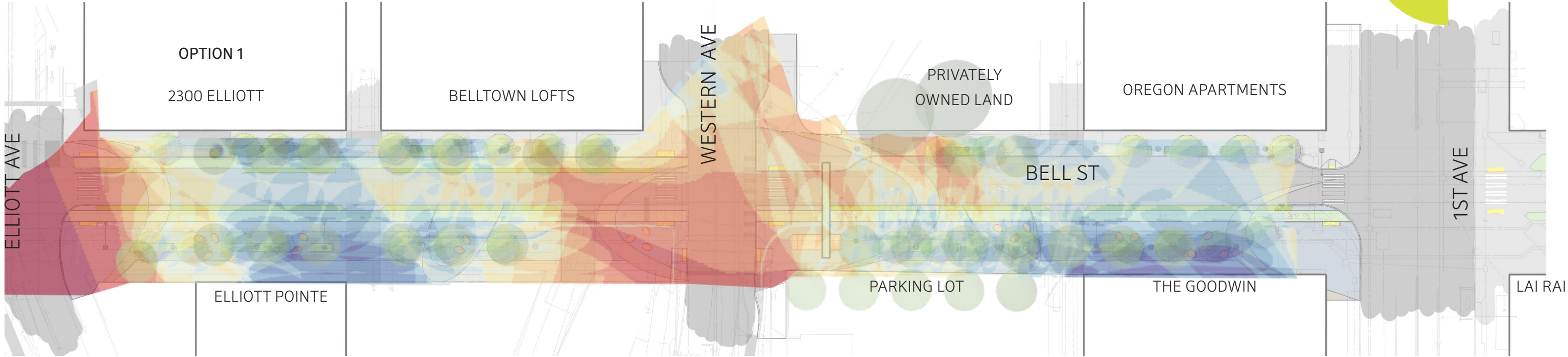
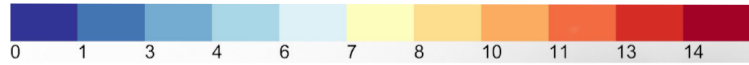
# SEATING





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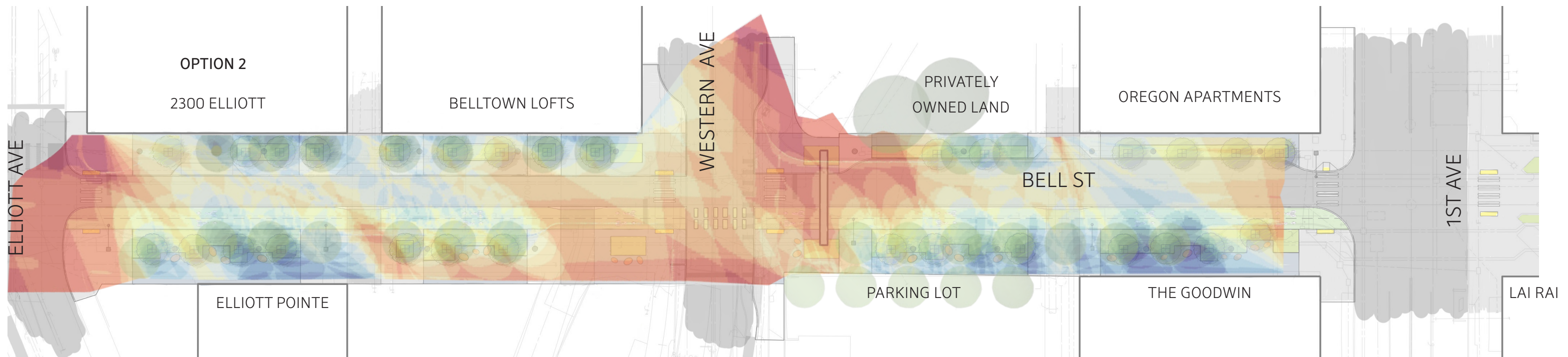
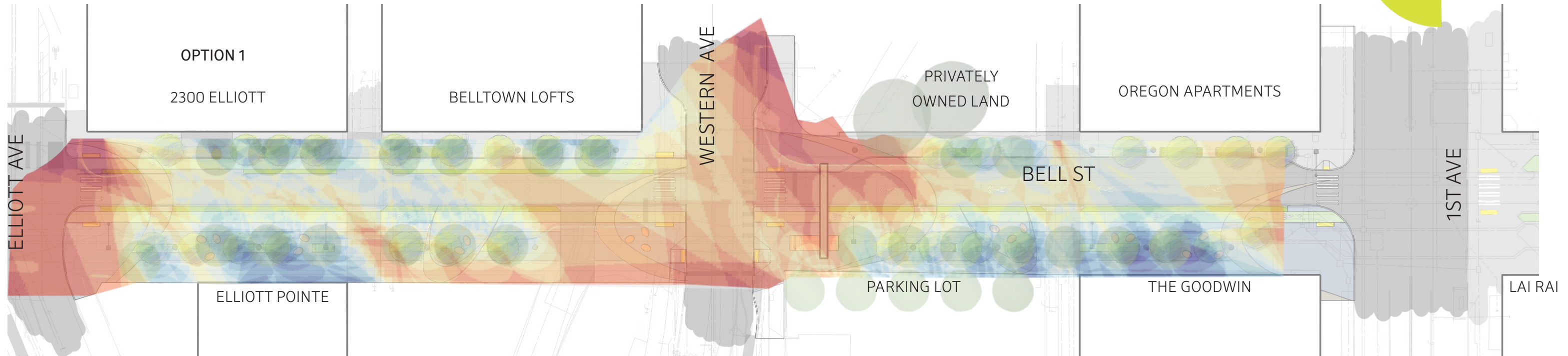
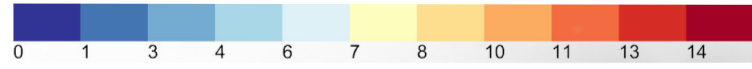
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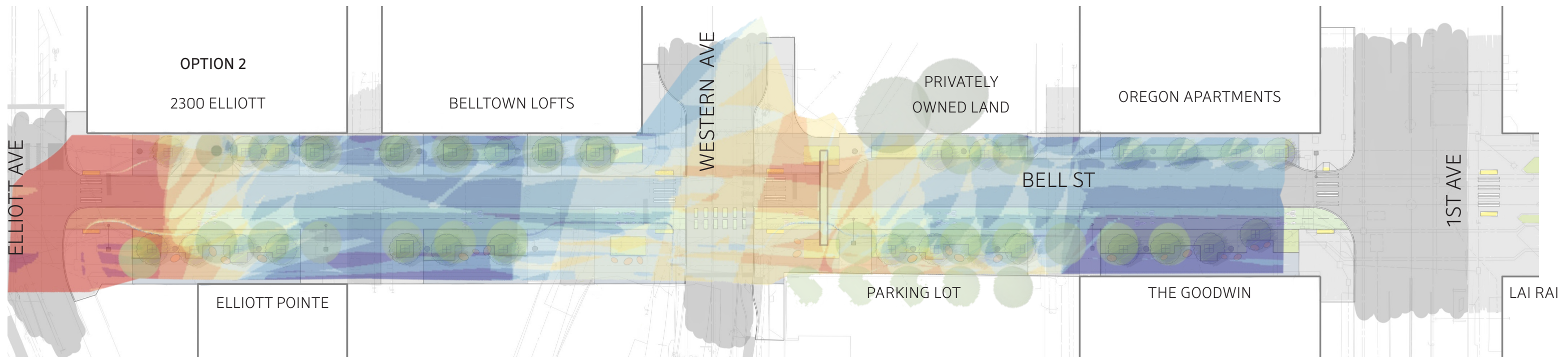
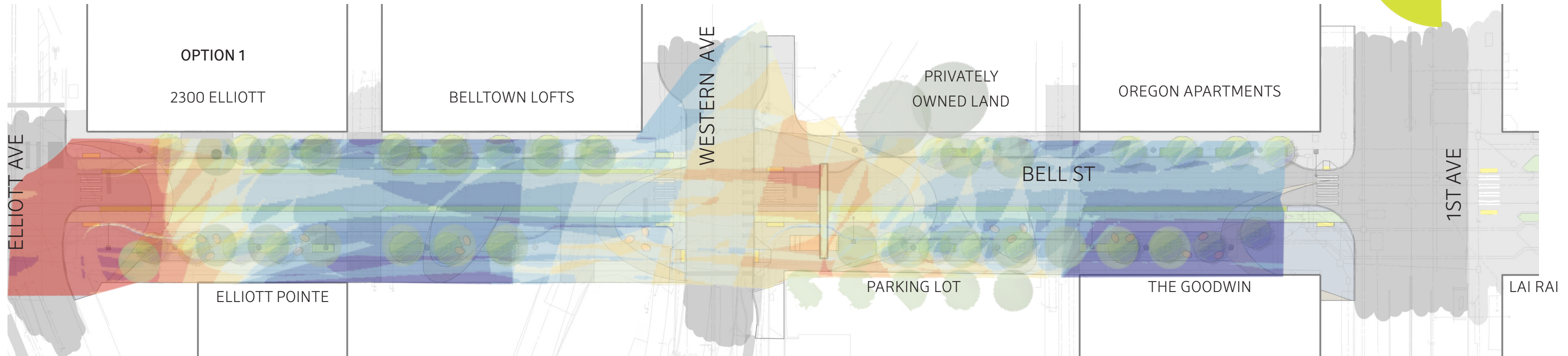
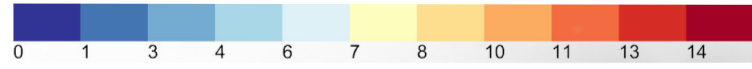
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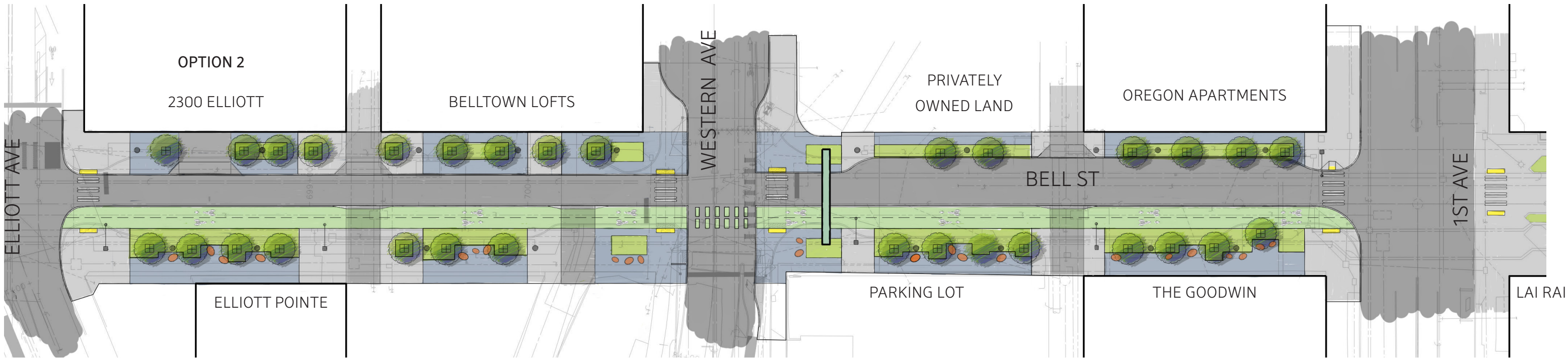
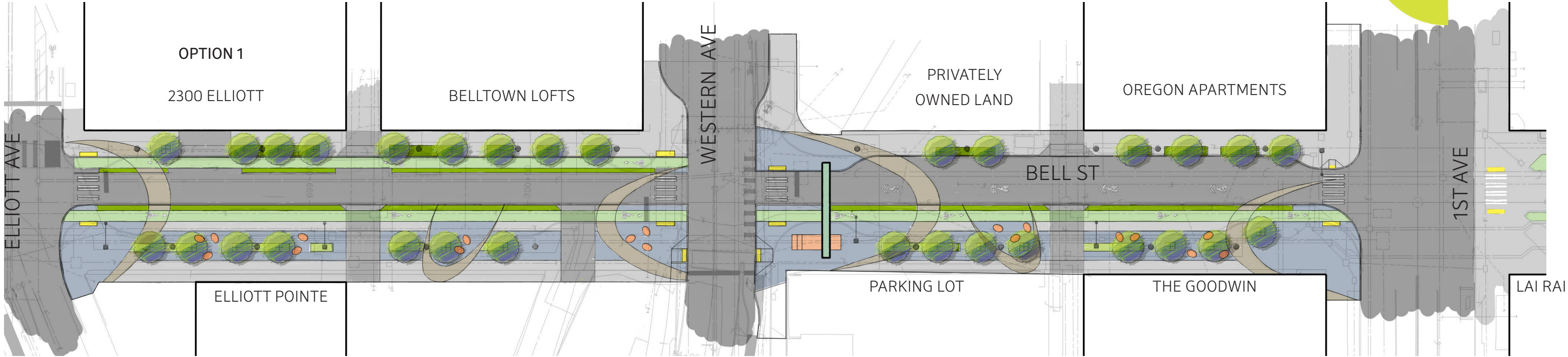
# SUN STUDY - WINTER SOLSTICE

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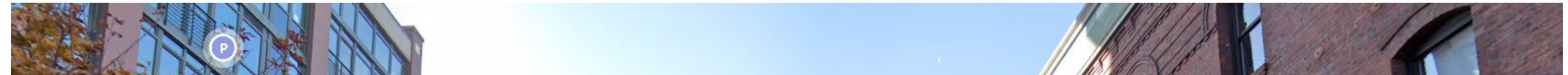
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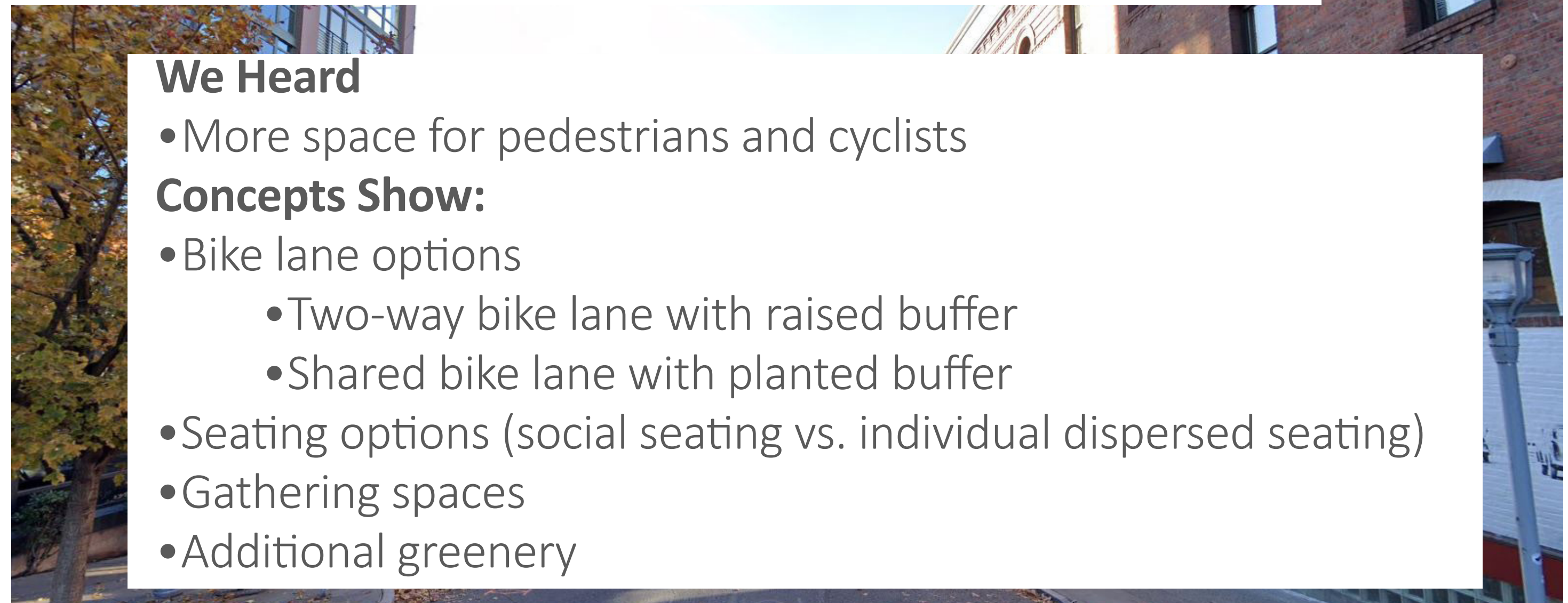
- **Finalize historic sign bridge exact location**
  - Determine feasibility to incorporate accent lighting?
- **Incorporate wayfinding program that ties into central waterfront**
- **Finalize artistic site furnishing**
  - Incorporate accent lighting?
- **Finalize handrail locations**
- **Finalize hardscape material finish selection**
- **Finalize plant selection**



# BELL STREET PROJECT SURVEY QUESTIONS



**Do you feel like these concepts reflect your priorities?**



## **We Heard**

- More space for pedestrians and cyclists

## **Concepts Show:**

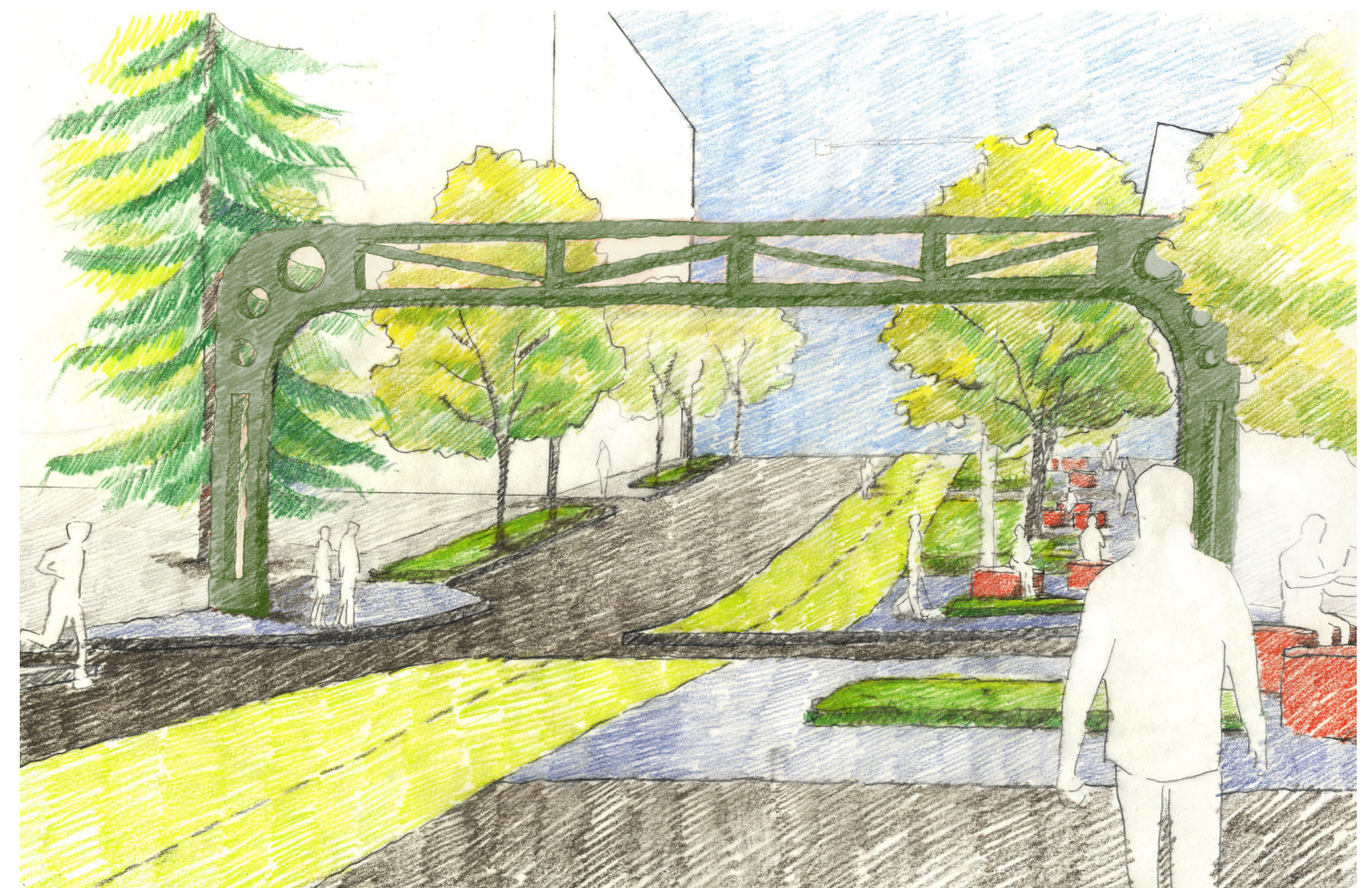
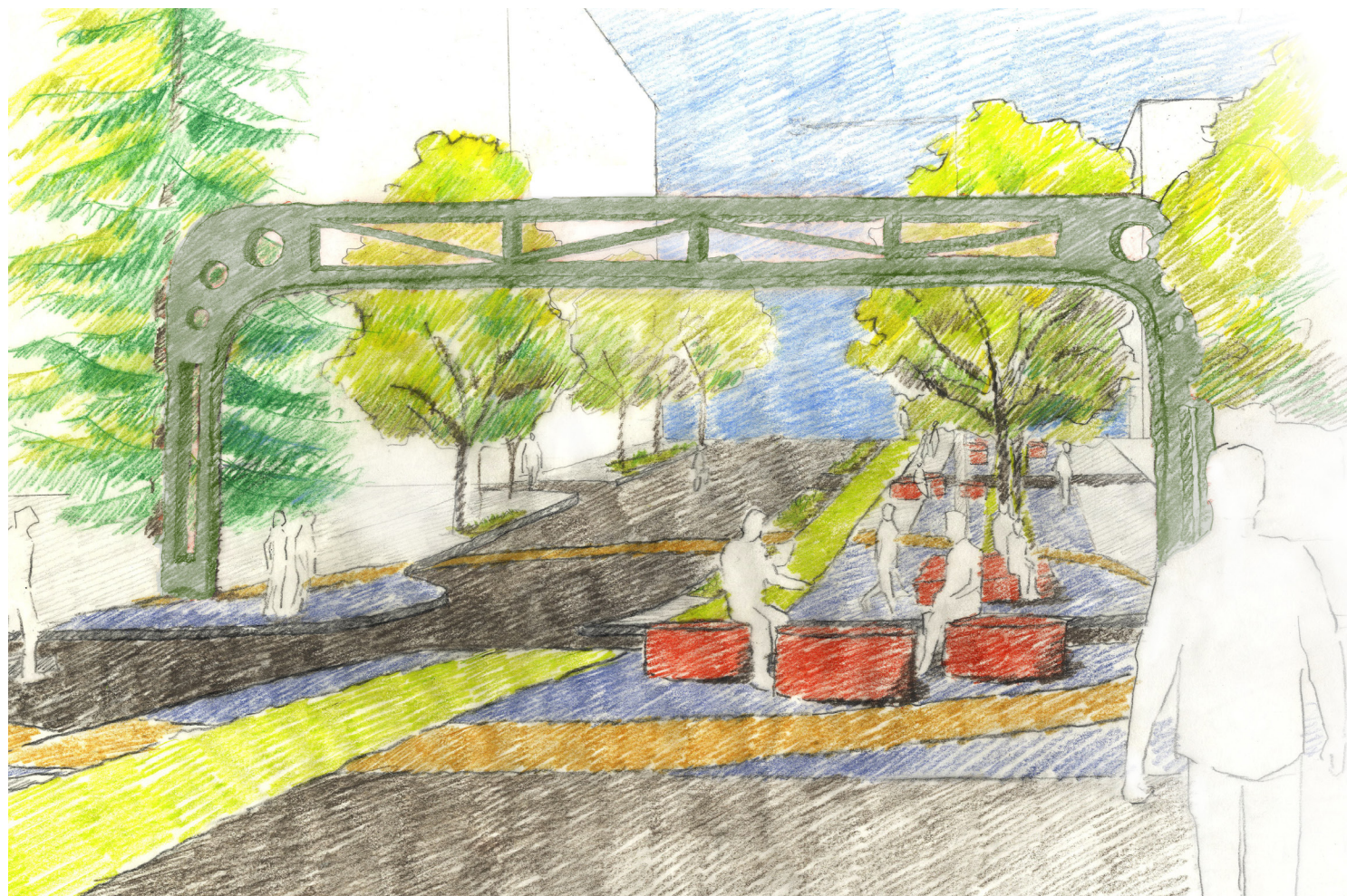
- Bike lane options
  - Two-way bike lane with raised buffer
  - Shared bike lane with planted buffer
- Seating options (social seating vs. individual dispersed seating)
- Gathering spaces
- Additional greenery



# BELL STREET PROJECT SURVEY QUESTIONS



Is there anything missing from these concepts?





# BELL ST ONLINE OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

- (post 3/8 BCC briefing)



## WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR FROM THE 210 RESPONSES:

- 50% of respondents feel like their priorities are reflected
- Majority of comments say they do not want to have non local cars on this roadway which contributes to the high percentage that dont feel their priorities reflected.
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- 51% of people would like to see peds prioritized more, 33.8% think the balance is good, 15.2% would like to see cyclists prioritizd more
- Majority or people want more greenery
- 63% prefer a two-way bike lane
- People have ranked “space for gathering” highest at 3 and 5 out of 1 (none) to 5 (definitely)



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### SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS MISSING

- Playground
- Interpretive signage
- Bike racks
- Accommodation for dogs
- More lighting
- Handrails
- Too much impervious pavement
- Clearer scooter options



# BELL STREET PROJECT NEXT STEPS



- **Present concepts to the Seattle Design Commission March 16th**
- **Refine concept based on feedback received**
  - Please fill out online survey by March 19!
- **Provide update at future Belltown Community Council briefing (date to be determined) and updates to website**
- **Reach final design in late 2023**





## QUESTIONS?

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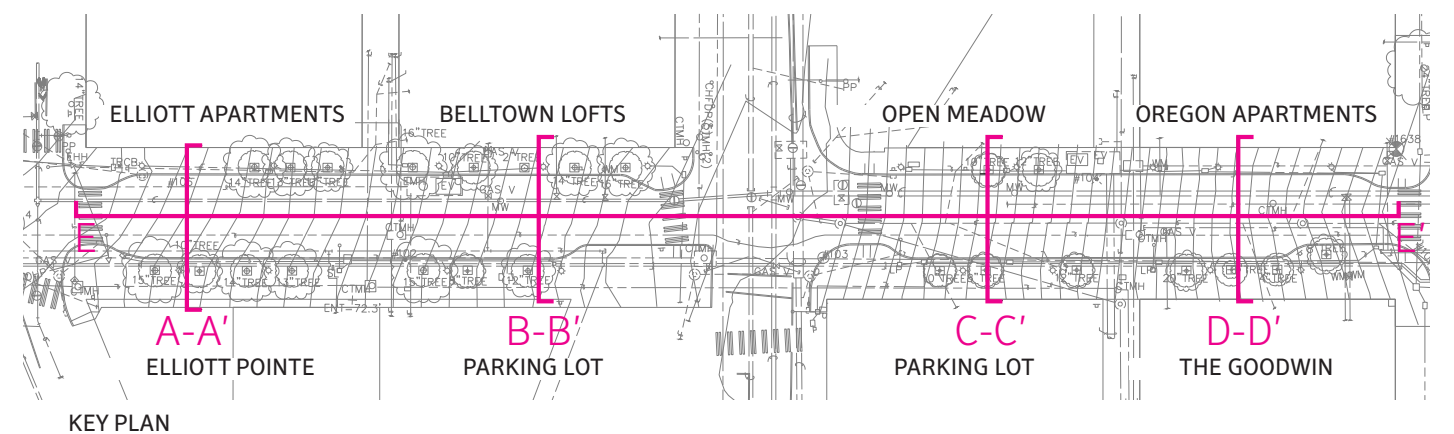
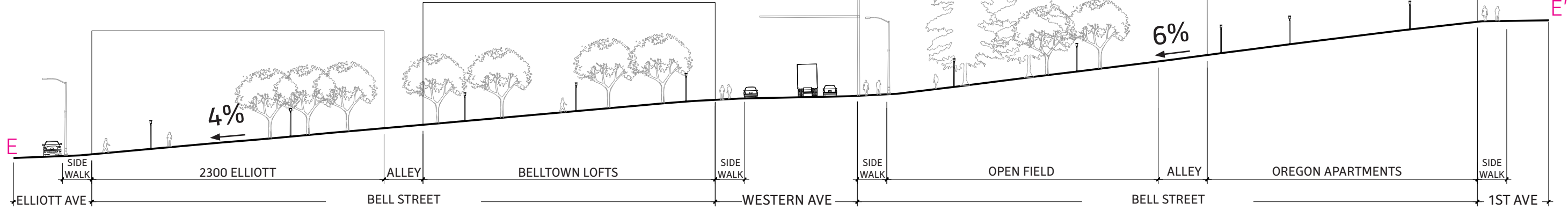
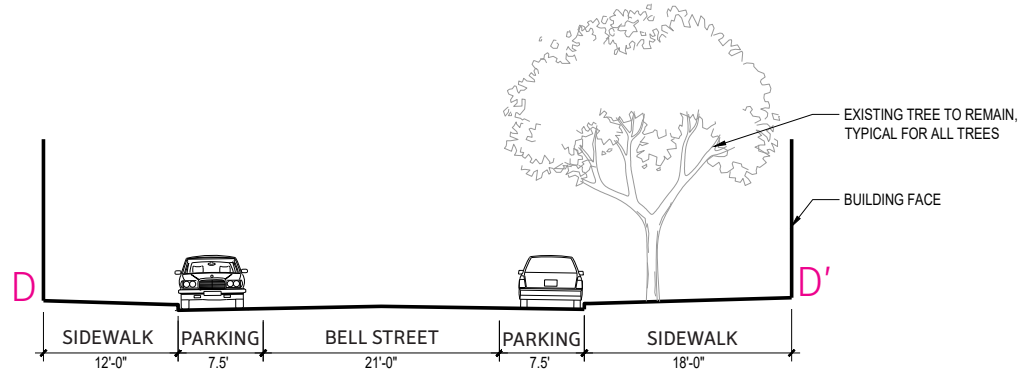
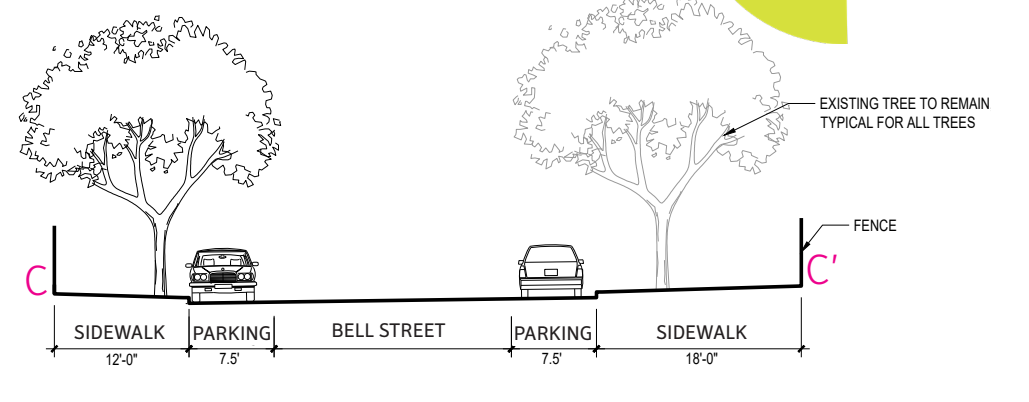
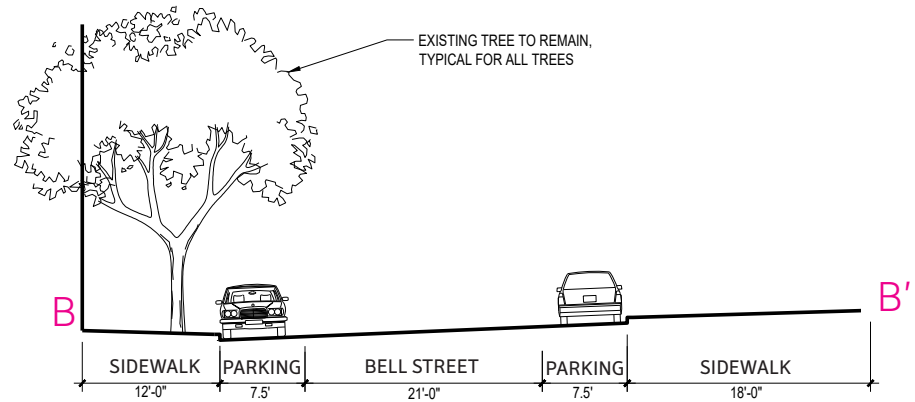
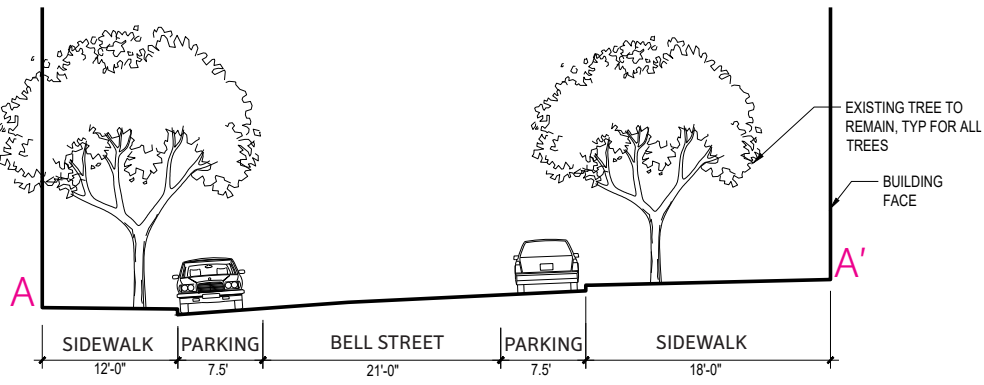
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# EXISTING SECTIONS



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