



Seattle Design Commission

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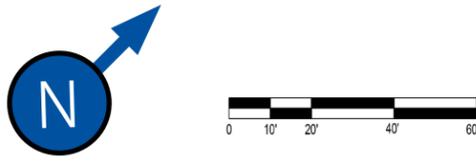
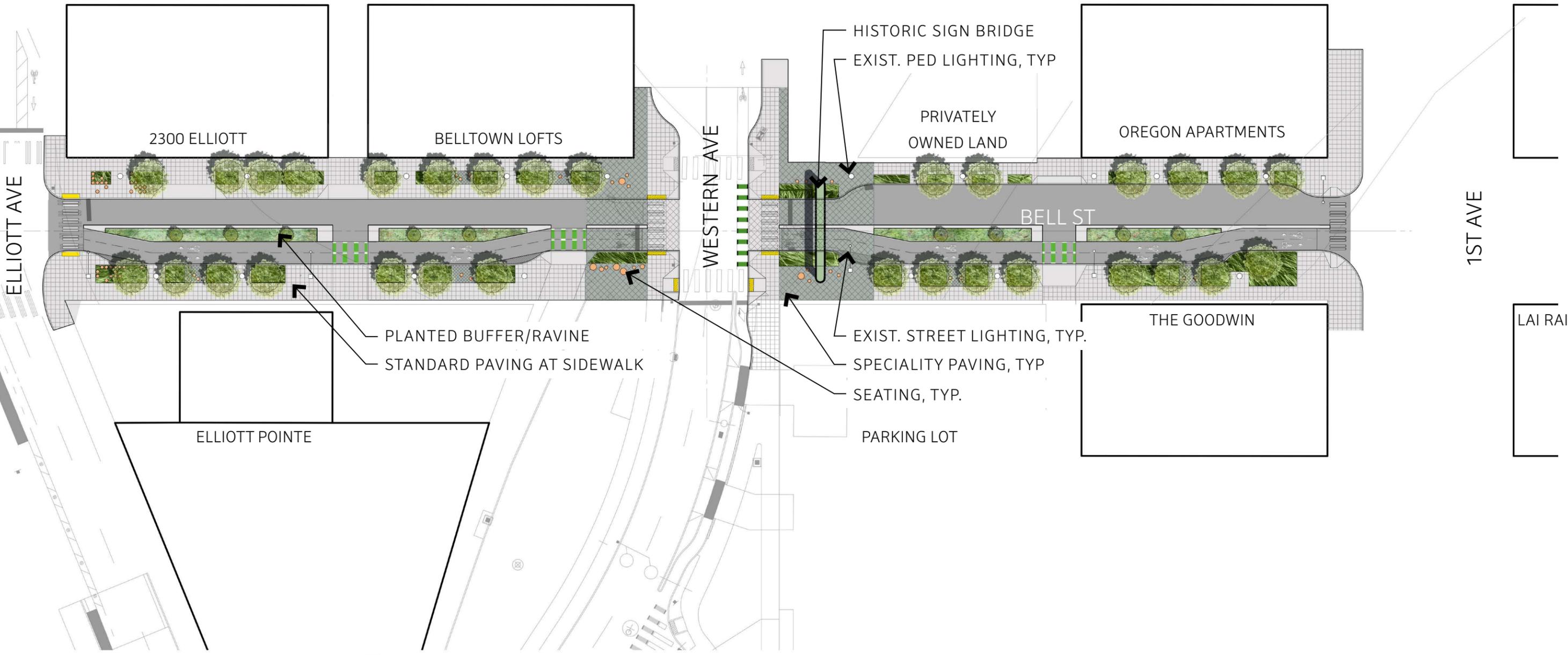
BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS



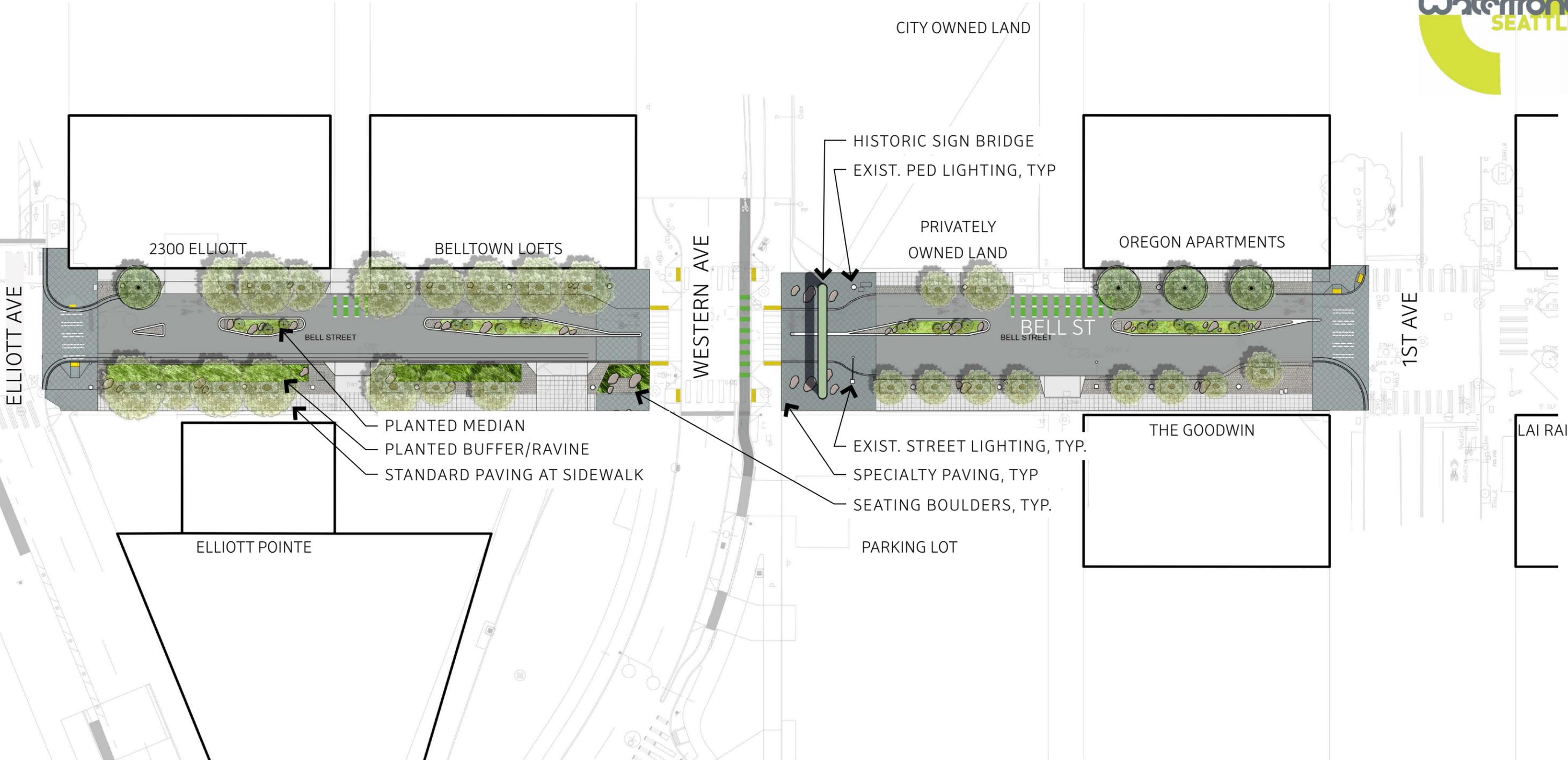
SITE PLAN: 10% DESIGN



CITY OWNED LAND



CURRENT PLAN





SITE OVERVIEW

BELL ST PRE 2019



ALASKAN WAY

ELLIOTT AVE

WESTERN AVE

1ST AVE

2ND AVE

PED BRIDGE



BELL ST

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT

BLANCHARD ST



BELL ST TODAY



BELL ST - EXISTING LIGHTING AND TREES



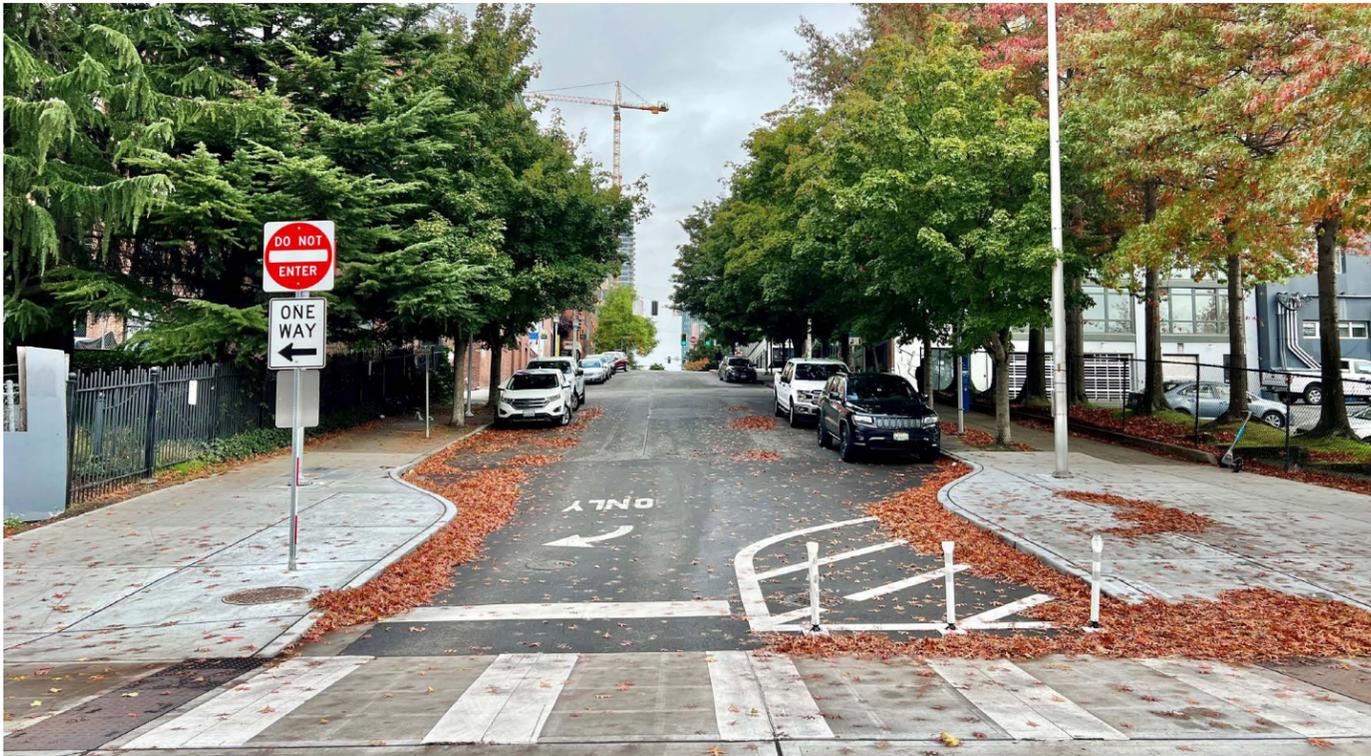
View West from 1st and Bell St.



View West from Western Ave and Bell

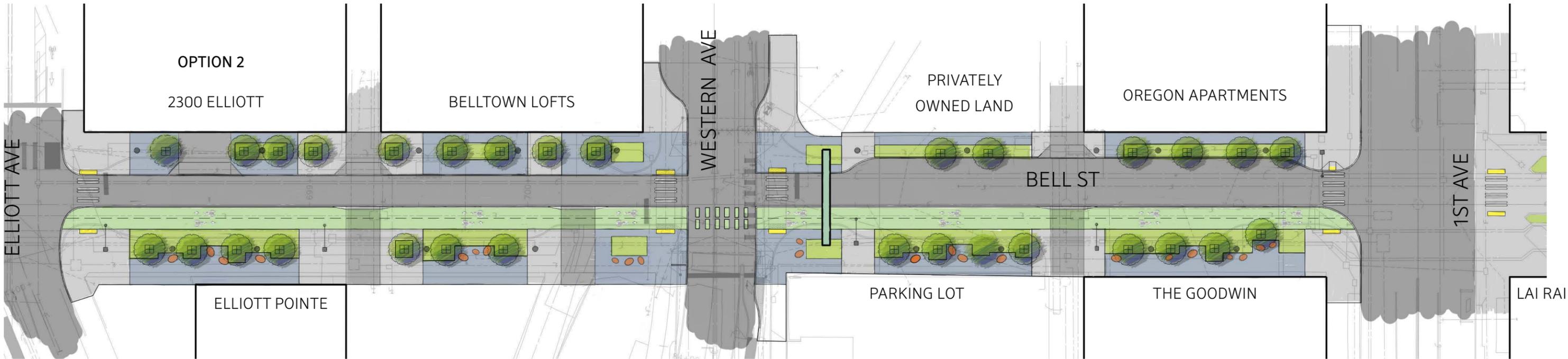
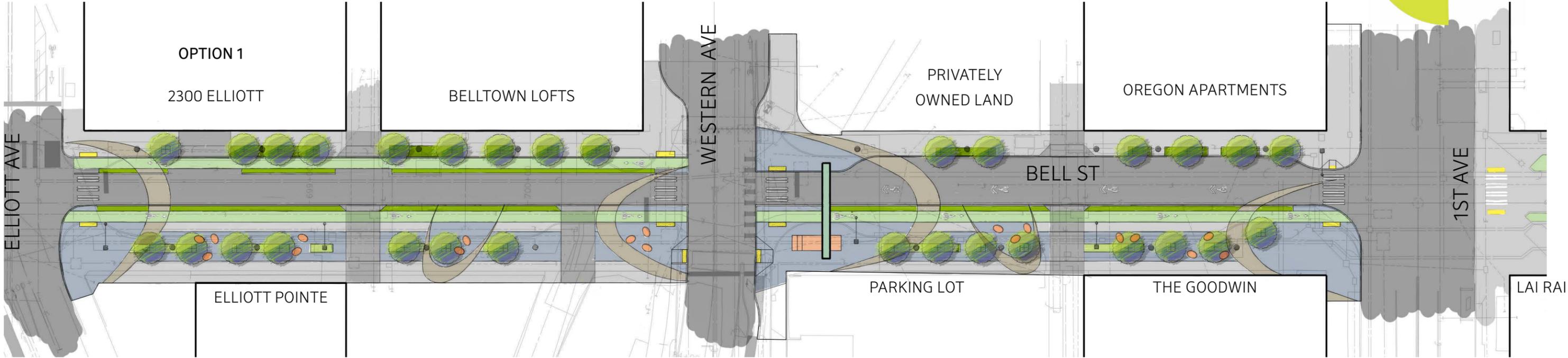


View East from Elliott Ave and Bell St.

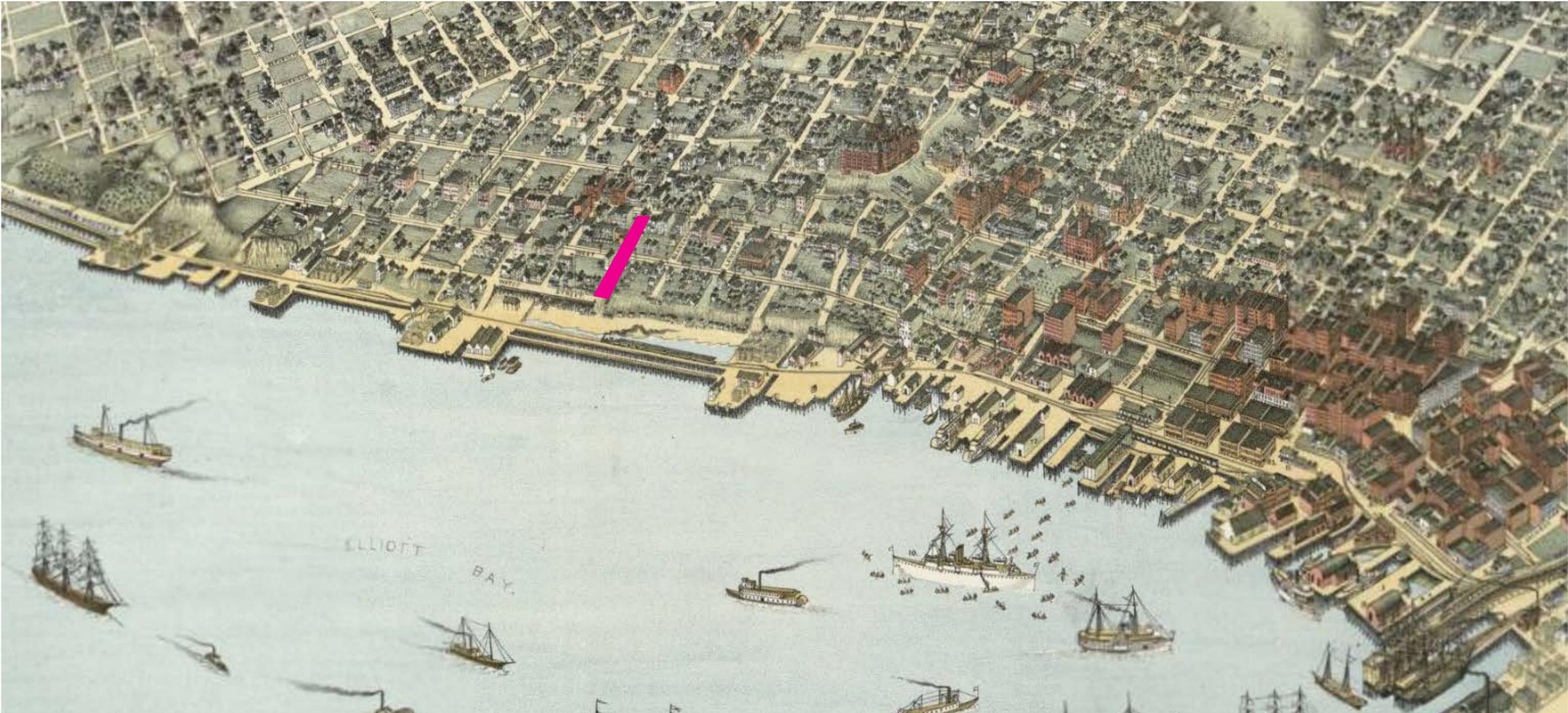


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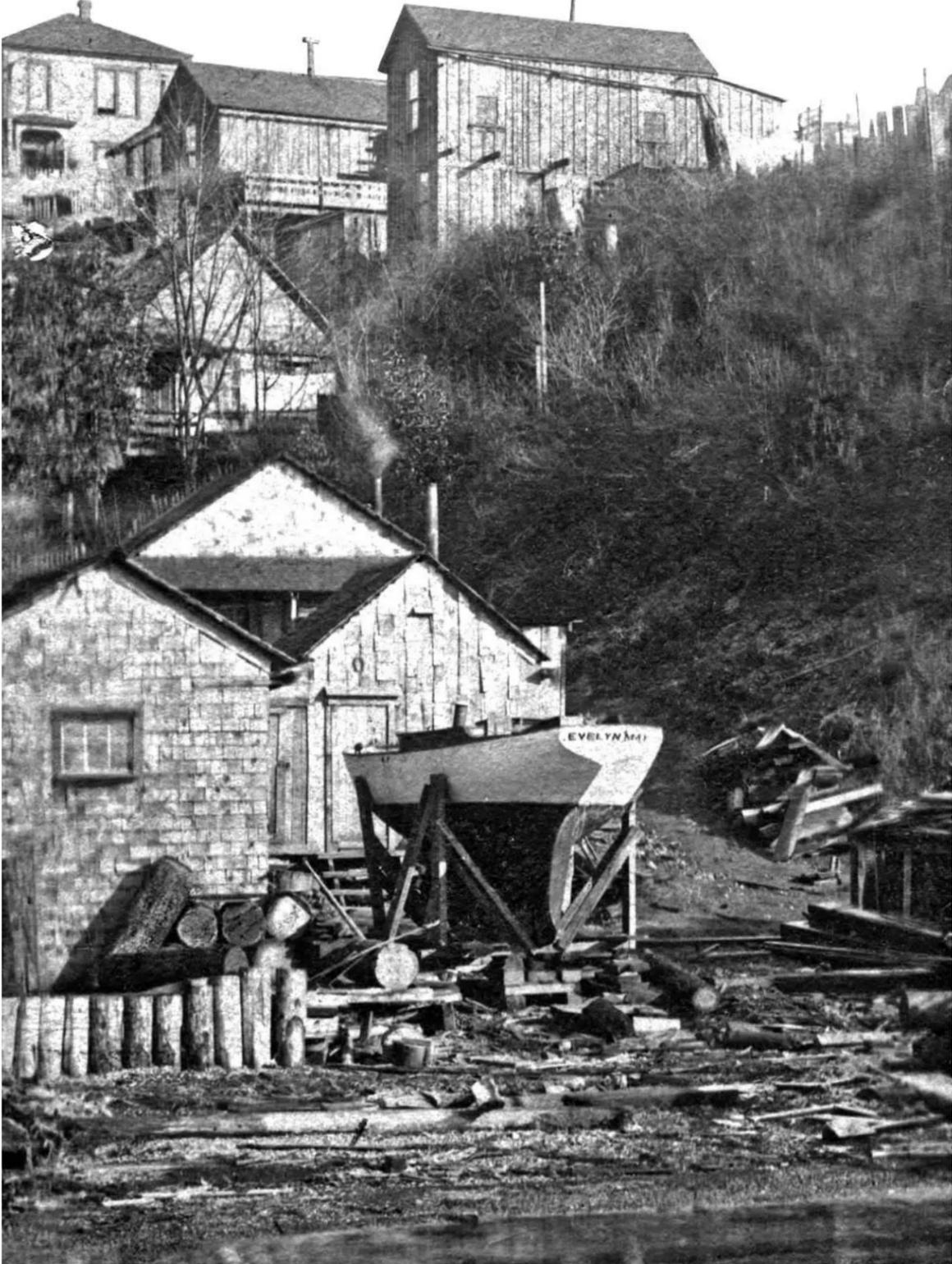
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS - SUMMARY



HISTORY - 1891 BIRDSEYE



HISTORY - BELLTOWN RAVINE



REPURPOSING HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE STRUCTURE



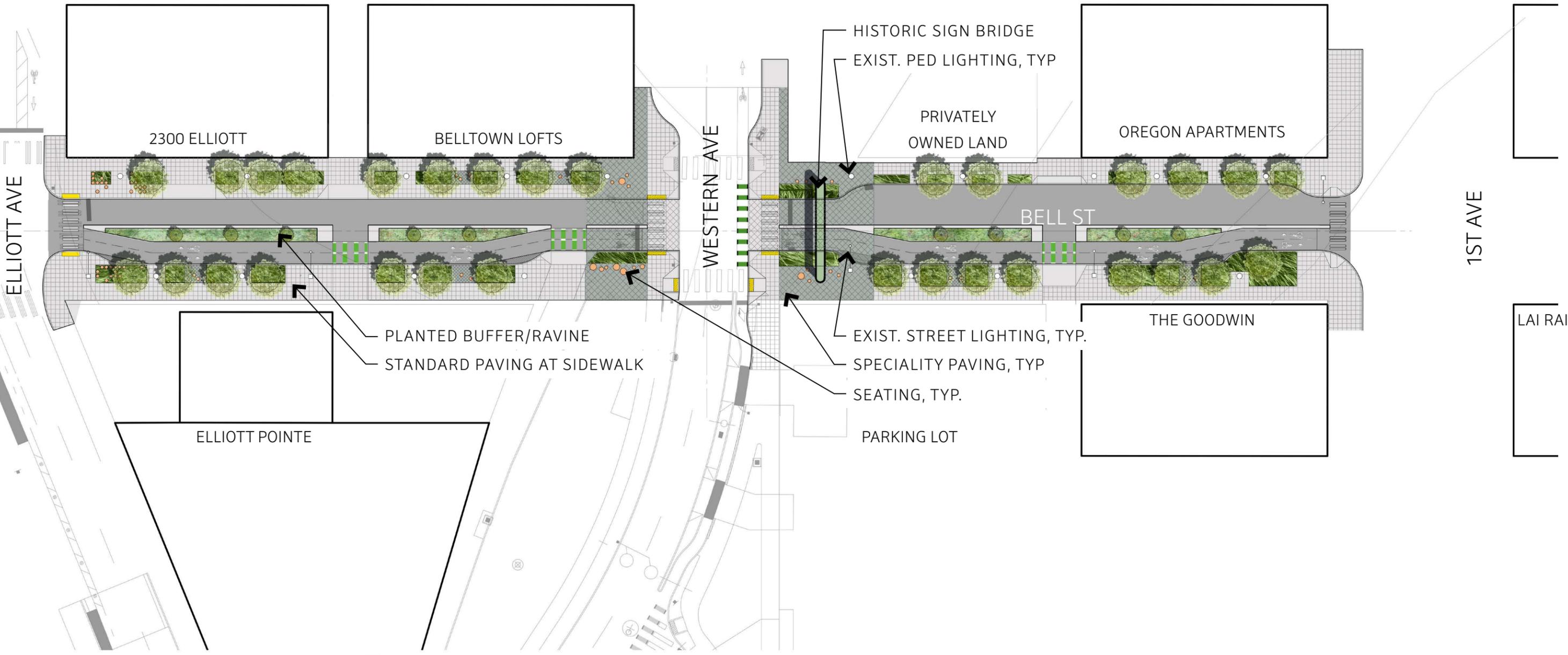
SDC FEEDBACK FROM CONCEPT

1. Seating should be playful, and in visible solar access areas
2. Request design relationships to waterfront and neighborhood context
3. Focus on pedestrians and cyclists
4. Seating and focus should be on district center (New Elliott and Bell Gateway)
5. focus more on greenery

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CITY OWNED LAND



2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

WESTERN AVE

HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

BELL ST

1ST AVE

ELLIOTT AVE

PLANTED BUFFER/RAVINE
STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK

EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
SPECIALITY PAVING, TYP.
SEATING, TYP.
PARKING LOT

THE GOODWIN

LAI RAI

ELLIOTT POINTE



BELL ST - COMMUNITY OUTREACH



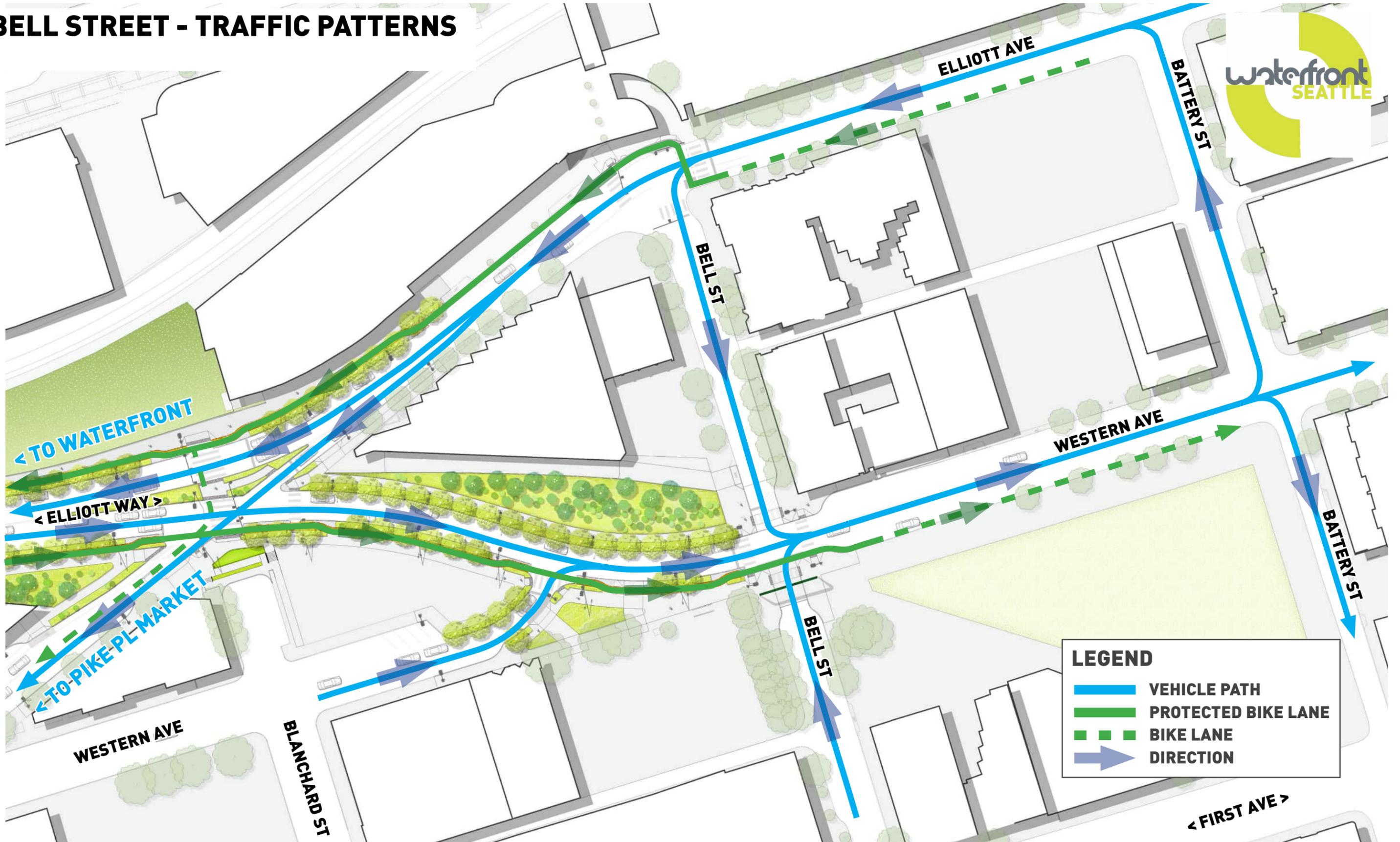
KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM JUNE 14TH BRIEFING

- Residents and business want to see lighting on the Alaskan Way sign bridge to illuminate it at night.
- Preference for a two-way protected bike lane.
- Attendees wanted to see a seamless pedestrian connection between the Bell St improvements project and Bell St park.
- Renewed interest in seating between Western Ave and 1st Ave to serve as resting points along the steep incline.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS

- Suggestions for adding visual cues to the space that would draw people into the neighborhood.
- Residents overwhelmingly wanted Bell St to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists over cars.
- Improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that connects Belltown directly to the new Elliott Way and Waterfront Promenade
- Residents and business owners want to improve wayfinding and signage to guide visitors from the waterfront to the retail core of Belltown.

BELL STREET - TRAFFIC PATTERNS

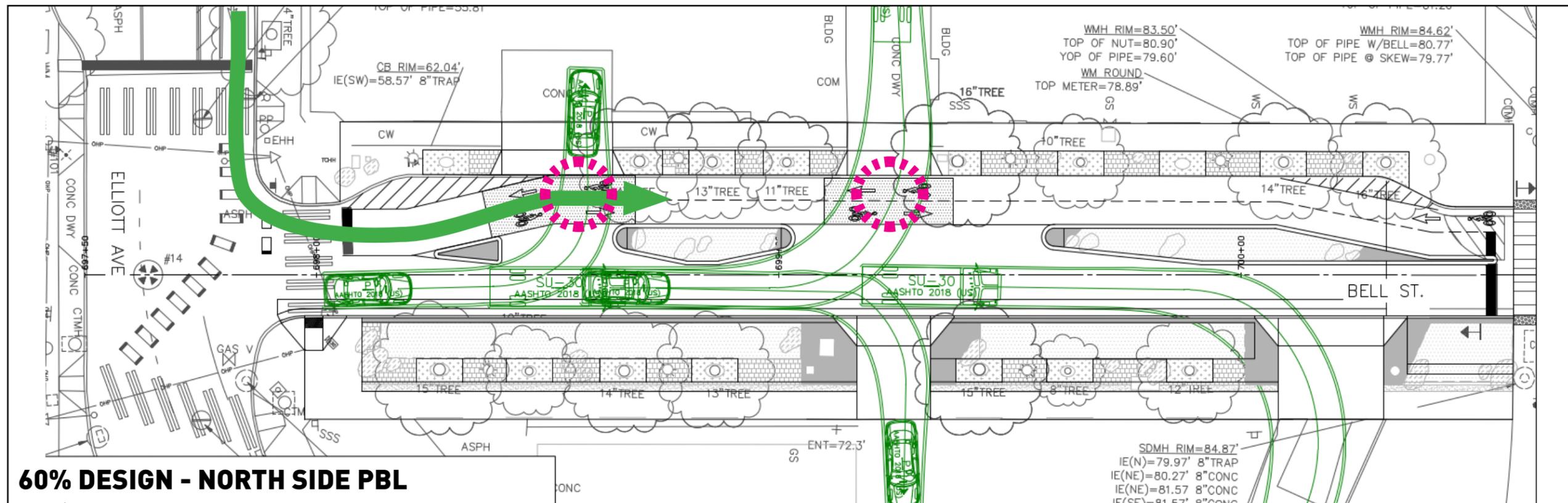
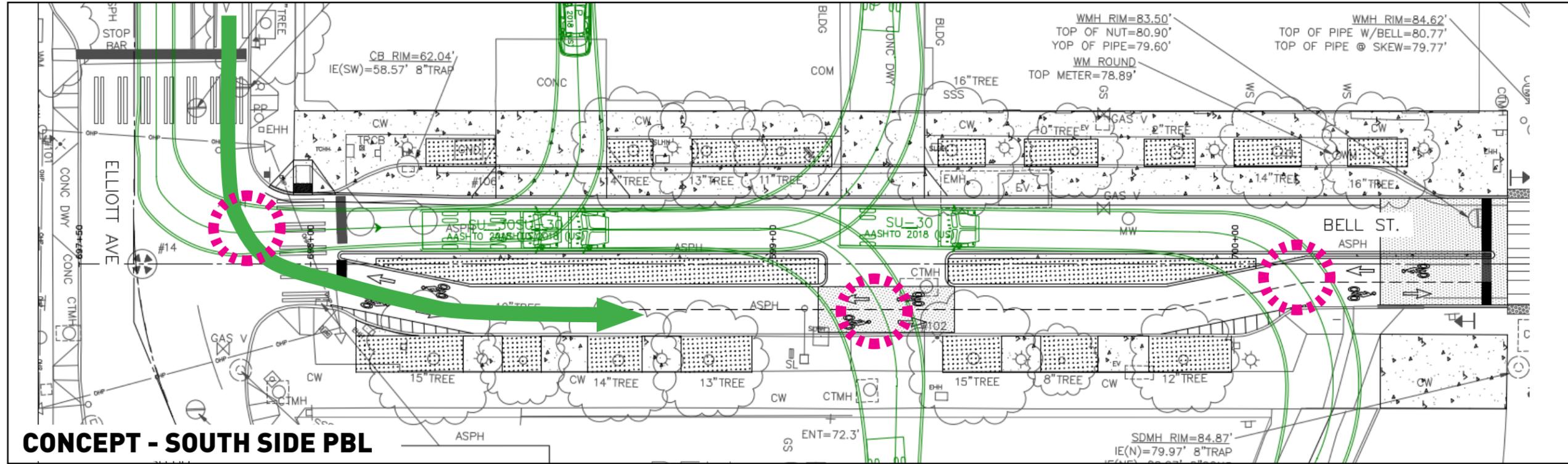


LEGEND

- VEHICLE PATH
- PROTECTED BIKE LANE
- BIKE LANE
- DIRECTION

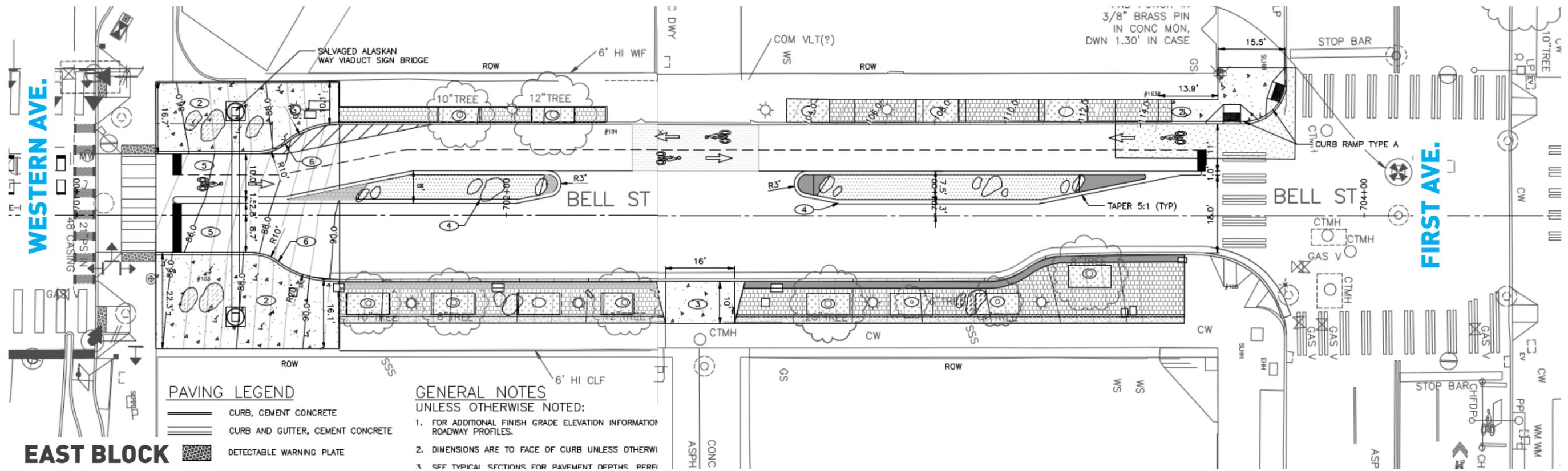
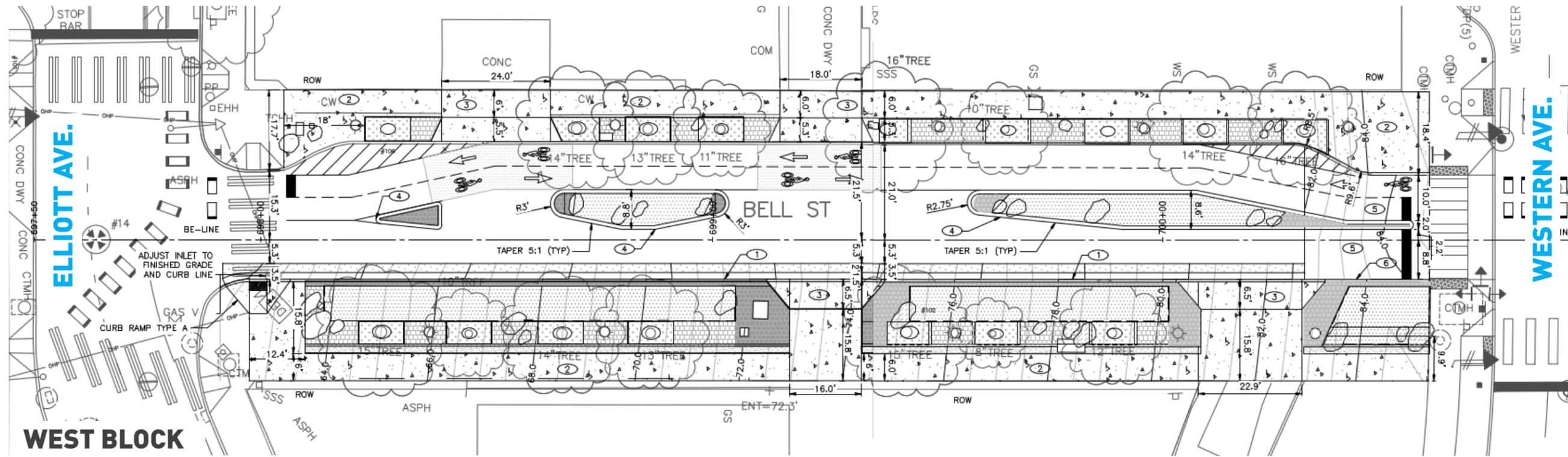
BELL STREET

PROTECTED BIKE LANE SHIFT - SOUTH to NORTH



BELL STREET

60% DESIGN - STREET LAYOUT

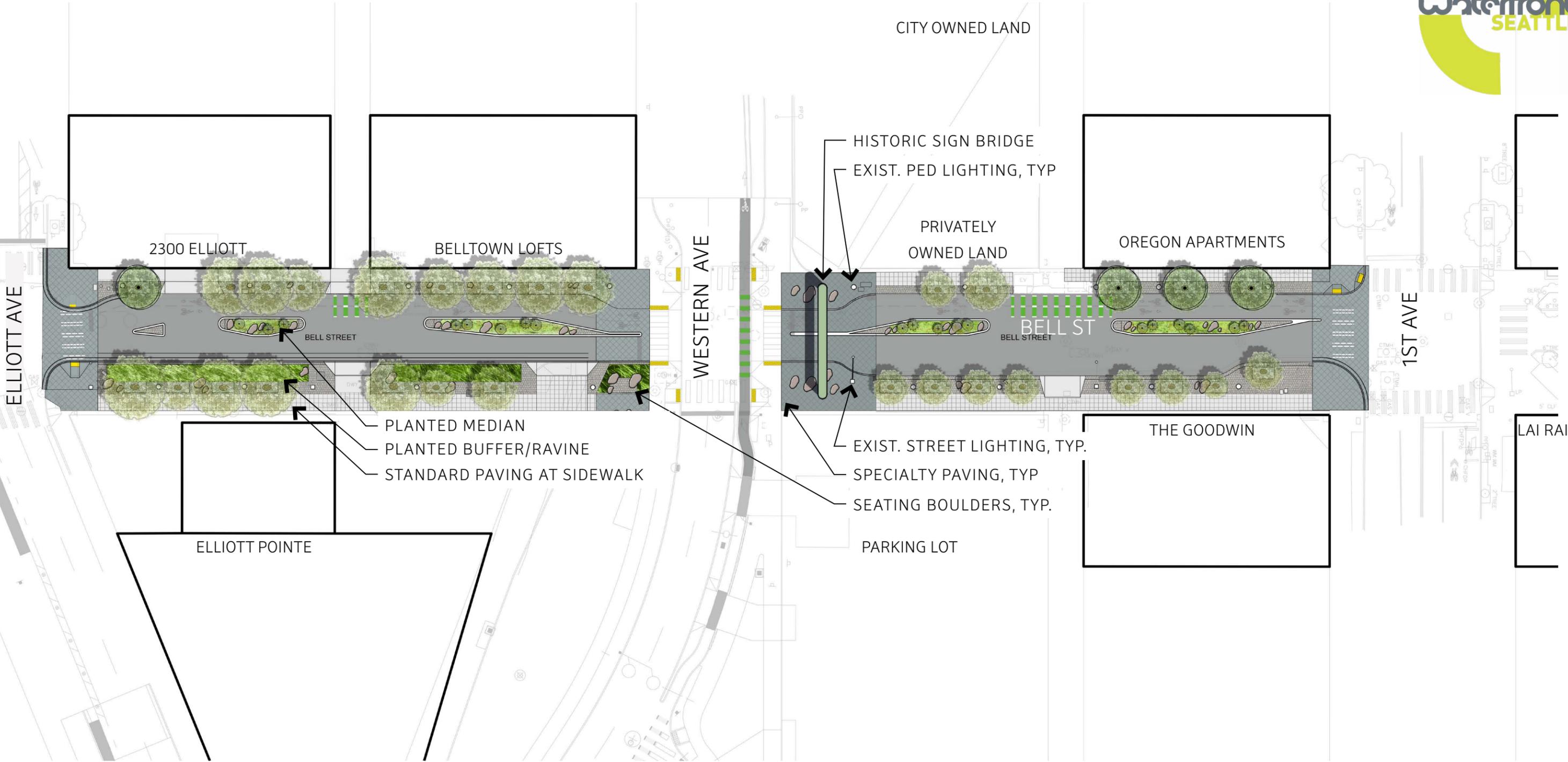


PAVING LEGEND

	CURB, CEMENT CONCRETE
	CURB AND GUTTER, CEMENT CONCRETE
	DETECTABLE WARNING PLATE

- GENERAL NOTES**
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:
1. FOR ADDITIONAL FINISH GRADE ELEVATION INFORMATION ROADWAY PROFILES.
 2. DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF CURB UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 3. SEE TYPICAL SECTIONS FOR PAVEMENT DEPTHS PER SPEC.

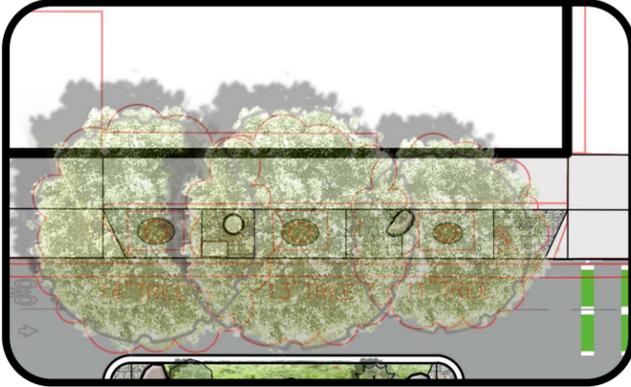
CURRENT PLAN



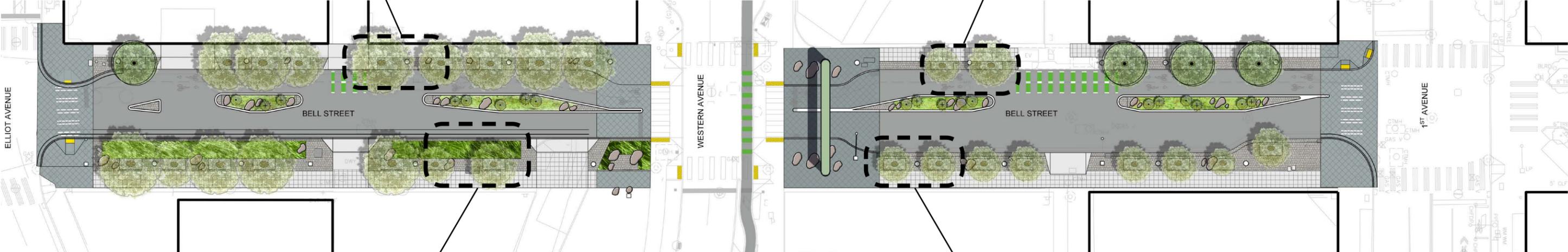
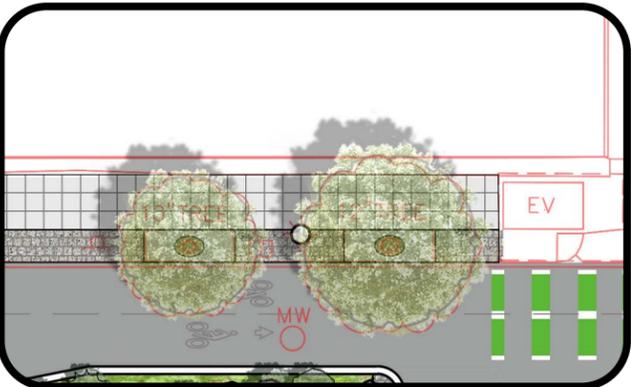
Existing Conditions Overlay



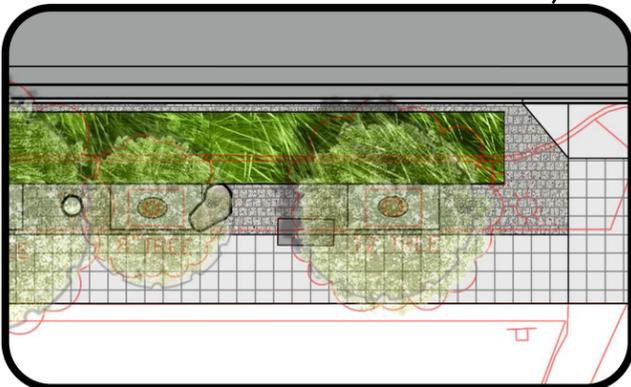
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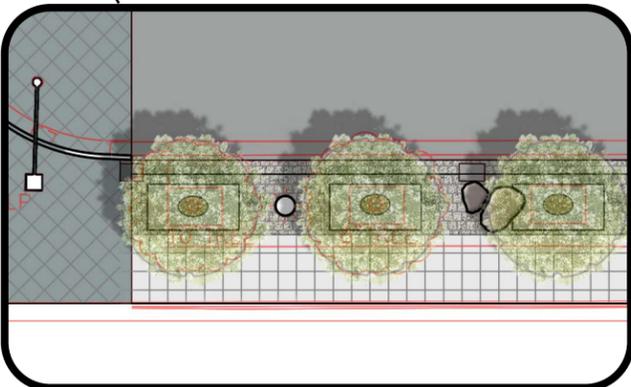
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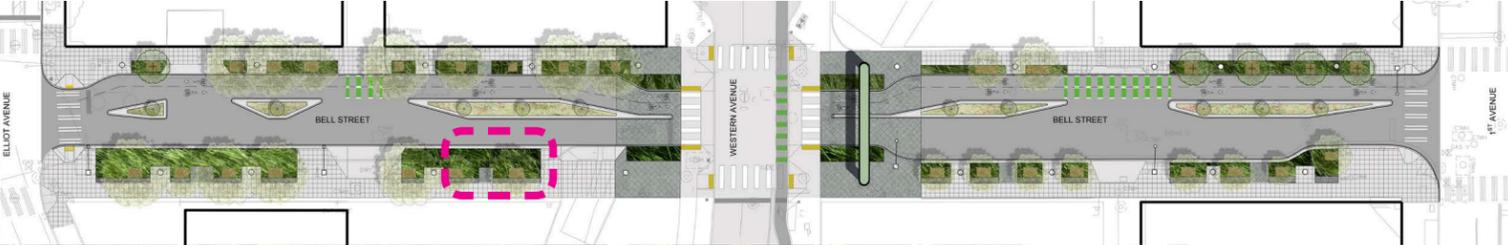
Block 1: South Side



Block 2: South Side



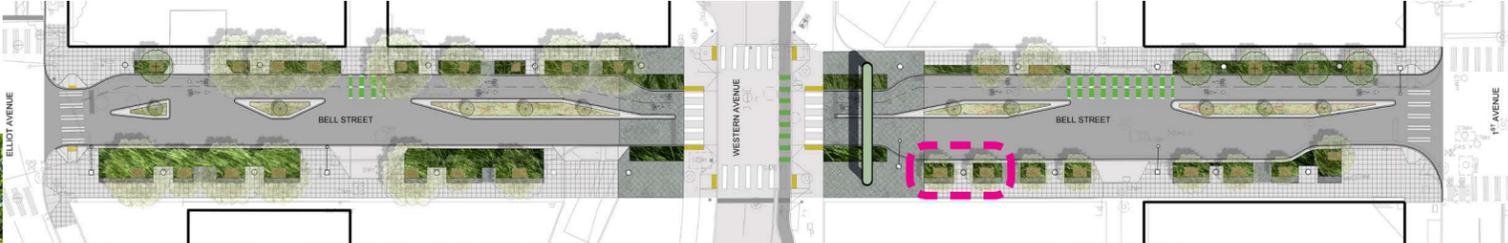
Block 1 South Side: Existing



Block 1 South Side: Proposed



Block 2 South Side: Existing



Block 2 South Side: Proposed with planting



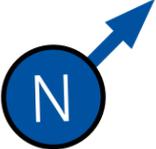
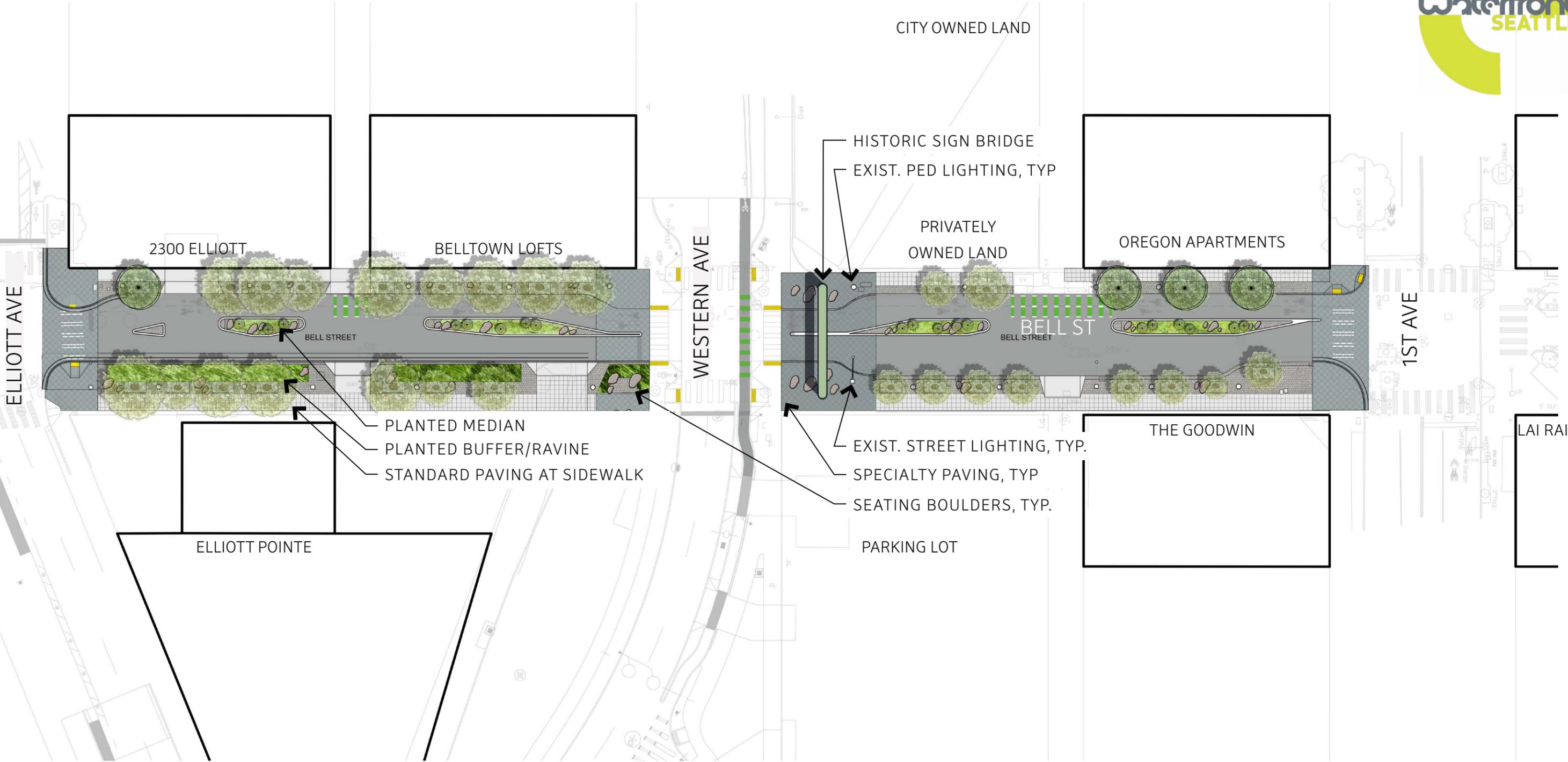
- Concerned about long-term success of planting. Limited u-shaped space between existing tree pits and adjacent paving.
- low ground cover only, non-native species

Block 2 South Side: Proposed with paving

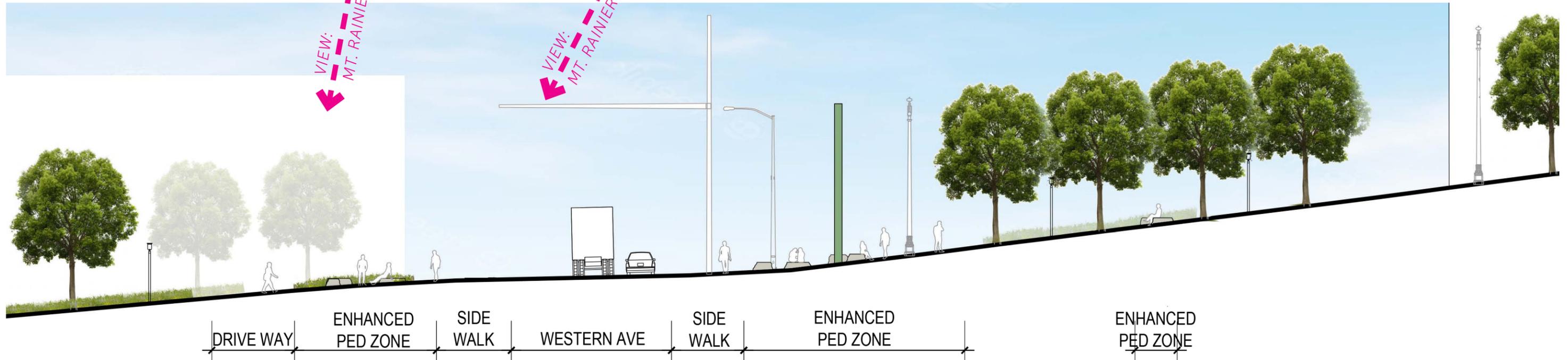
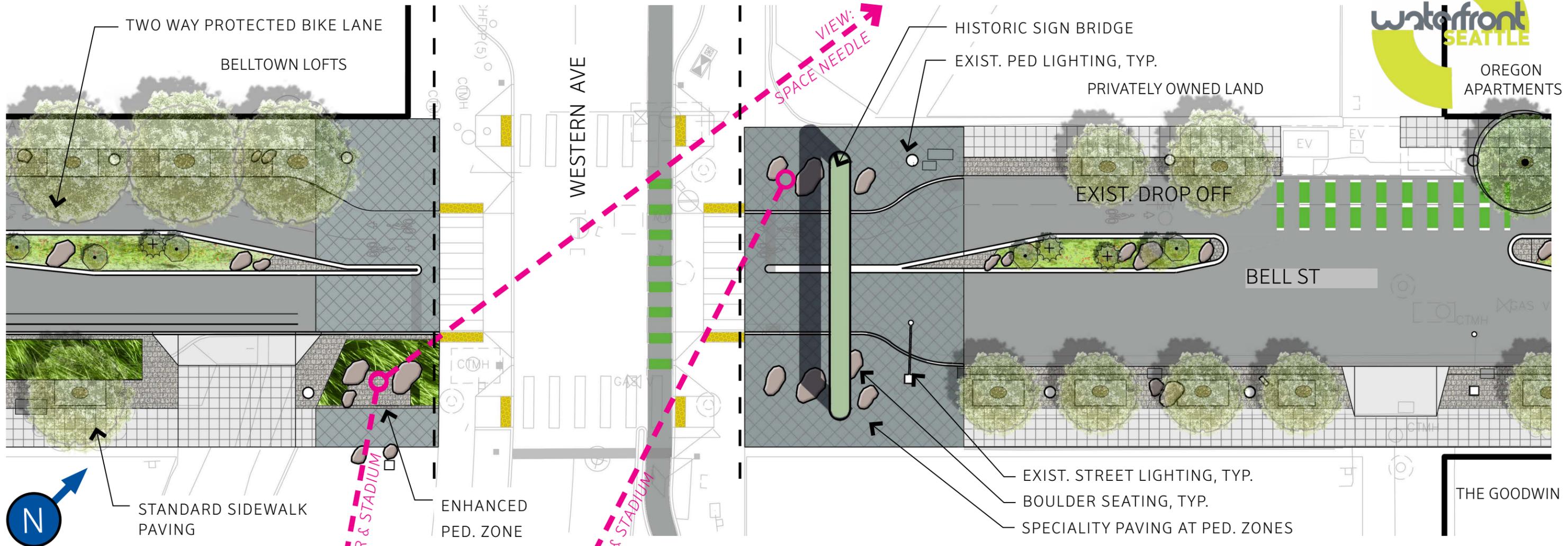
Cobblestone precedents:



CURRENT PLAN



ENLARGED SITE PLAN



VIEW AT WESTERN & BELL

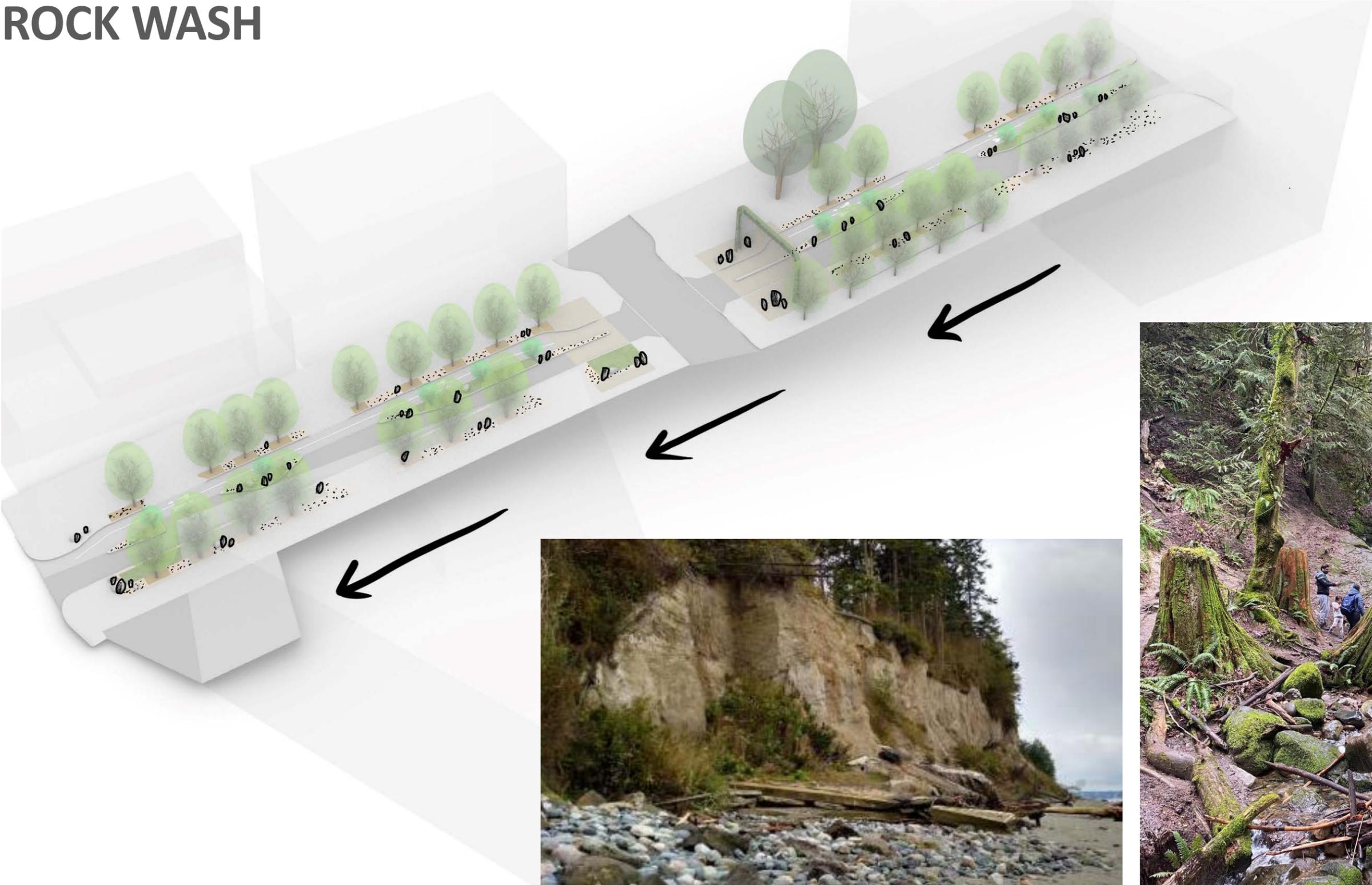


Lighting Strategy- Interior Glow

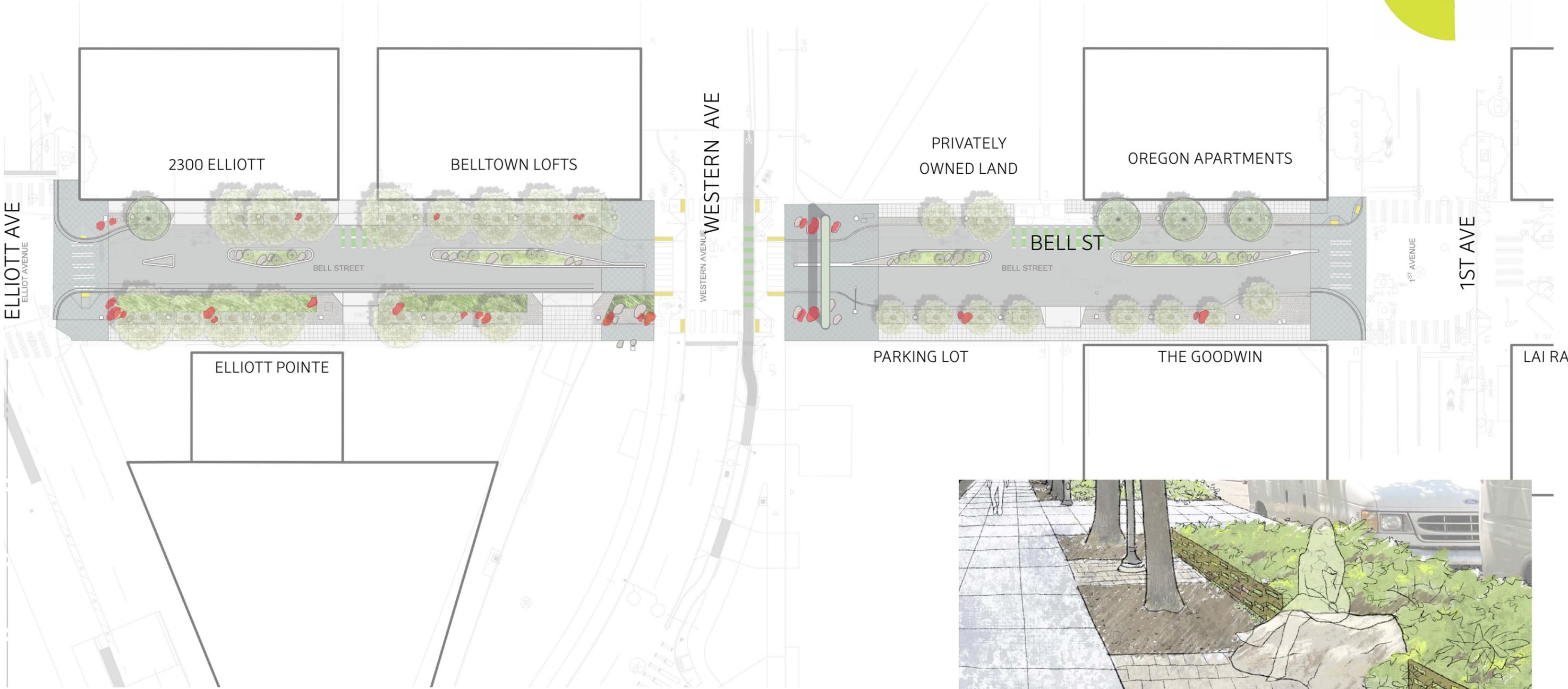


Interior glow from interior LED strip lights

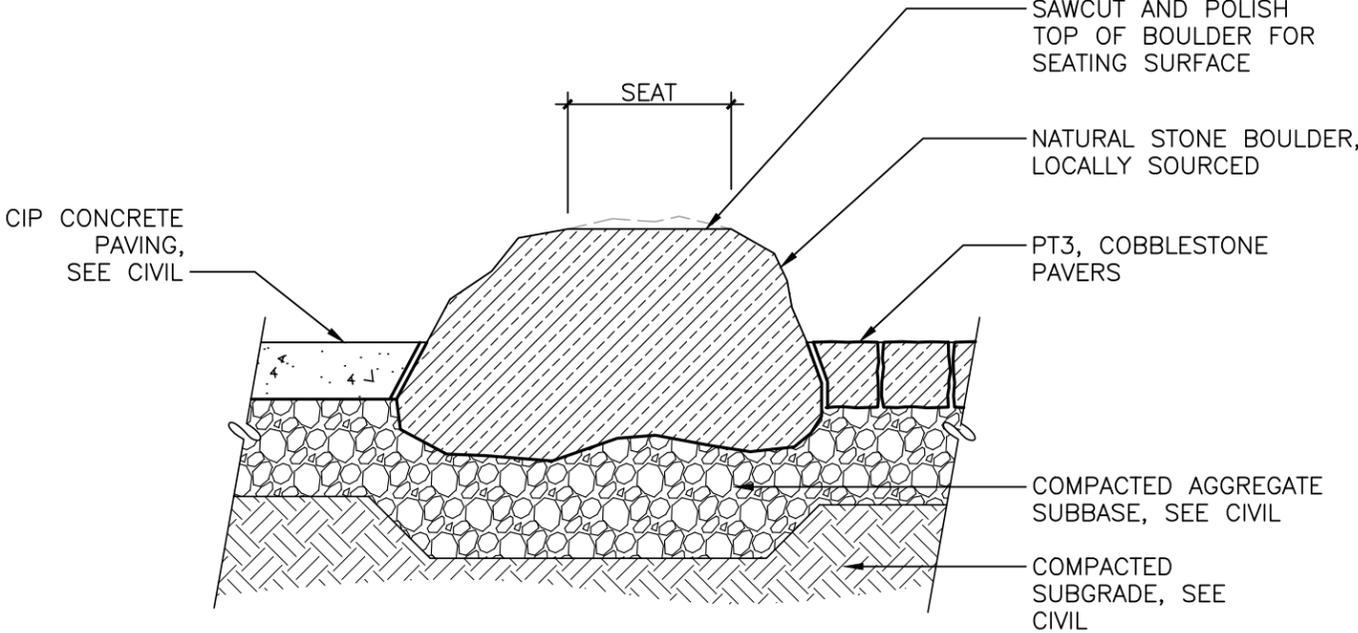
ROCK WASH



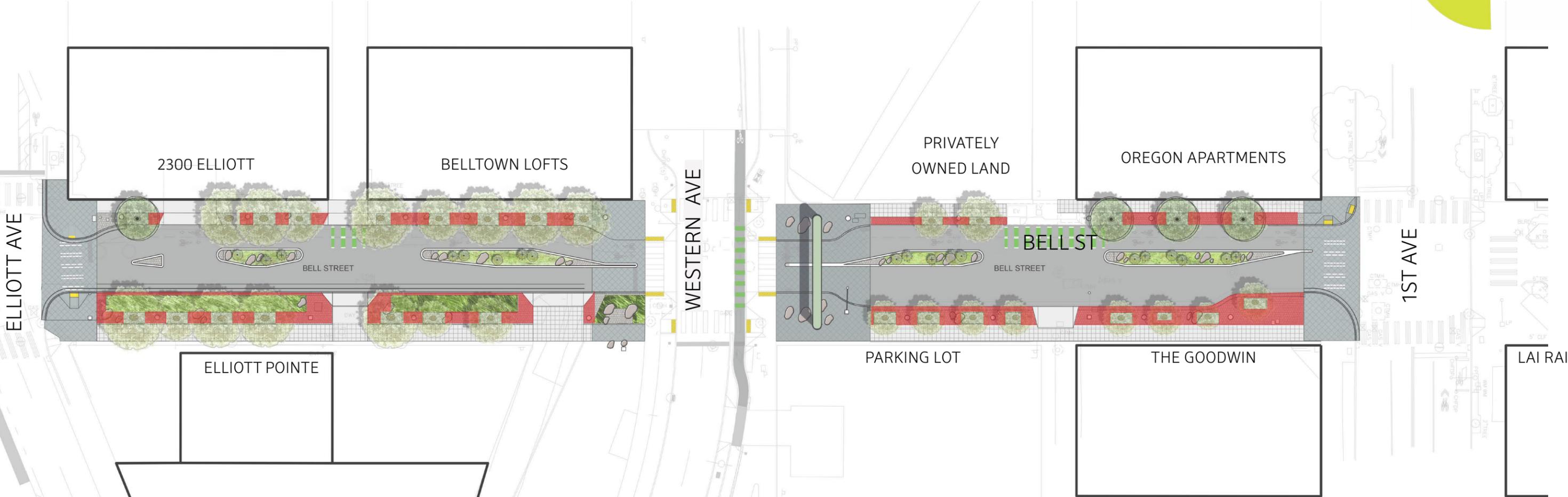
SEATING



BOULDER SEATING



PEDESTRIAN SPACE MATERIALS



 COS 2'X2' CONC. DIAGONAL PAVING - Charcoal



 COS 2'X2' CONC. PAVING - Light Gray

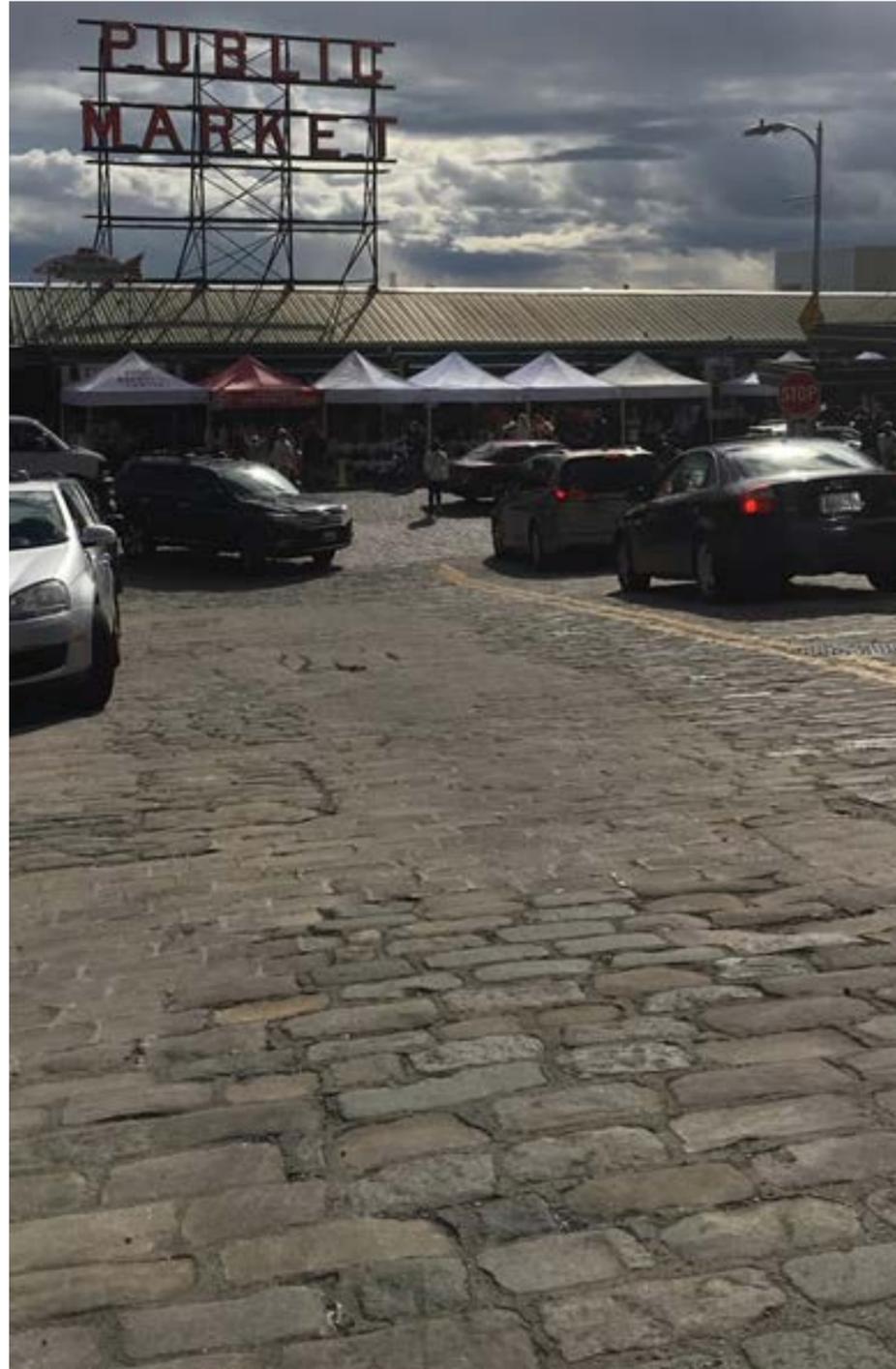


 ROCK WASH PAVING - Natural Cobblestone



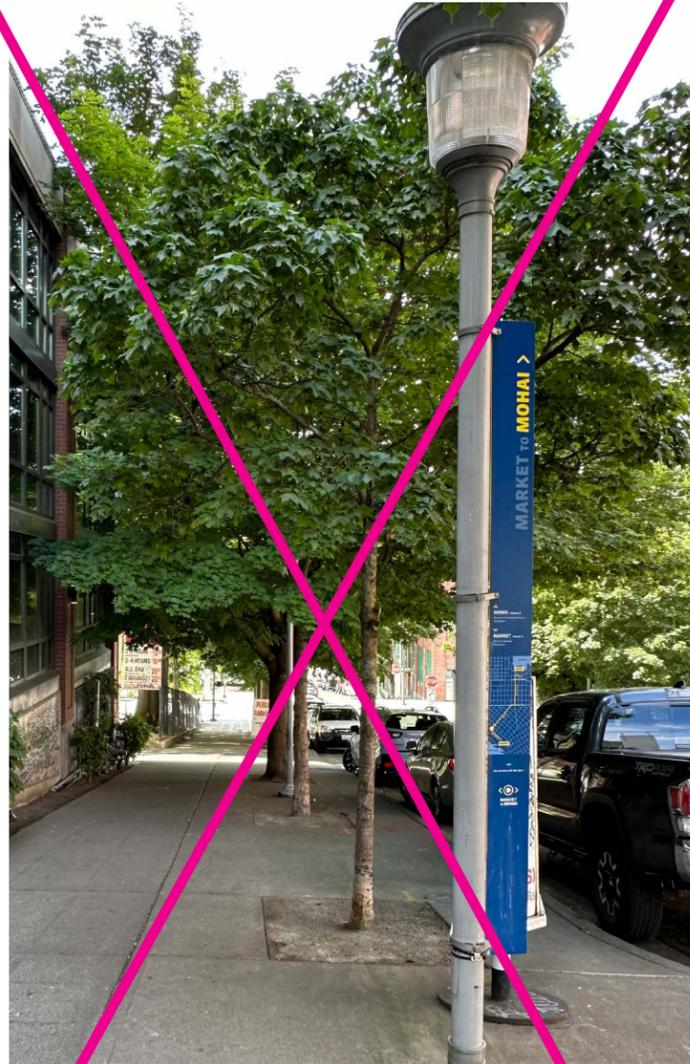
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COBBLE PAVING TYPES

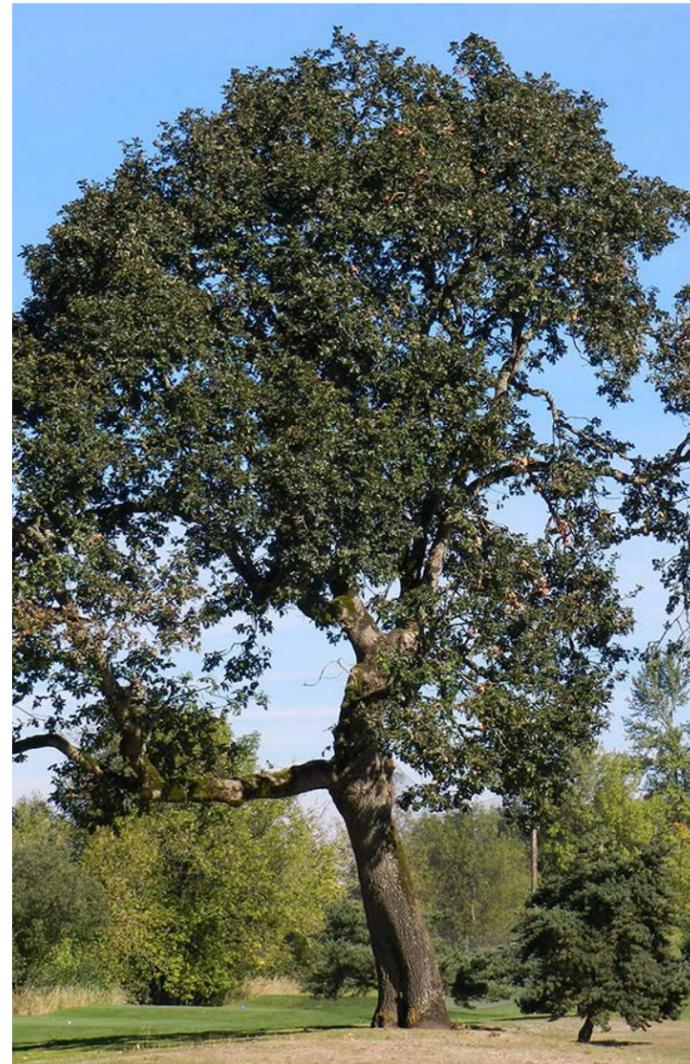


Tree Selection from SDOT Approved Street Trees

We will be looking to either match to existing street trees or introduce new native species



Acer 'Norwegian Sunset'
Norwegian Sunset Maple
Existing street tree



Quercus garryana
Oregon White Oak, 50'h x 40'w
(Option for proposed native tree)
SDOT lists 8' min strip width



Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'
Sugar Maple, 45'h x 35'w



Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'
Bowhall Red Maple, 40'h x 20'w

Planting Palette - Shrubs

Shrubs



Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'
Redtwig Dogwood
5-6' tall, 5-6' spread



Cornus sericea 'Kelseyi'
Dwarf Redtwig Dogwood
2-3' tall, 2-3' spread



Symphoricarpos albus
Snowberry
2-5' tall, 4-6' spread

Planting Palette - Accent

Sun



Eriophyllum lanatum
Woolly Sunflower
1-3' tall, 2' spread



Erigeron glaucus 'Wayne Roderick'
Seaside Daisy
1-3' tall, 1- 2' spread

Part Shade



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Seaside Daisy
1-3' tall, 1- 2' spread



Fragaria vesca 'Californica'
Woodland Strawberry
10" tall, 3' spread (o.c. spacing?)



Mahonia nervosa
Dwarf Oregon Grape
1-2' ht, 3-4' spread



Vancouveria hexandra
Inside Out Flower
12-18" ht, 12-18" spread

Meadow Extension - Sun



Bergenia crassifolia
Bergenia, 1'-2'



Carex testacea 'Prairie Fire'
Orange Sedge, 1.5'-2'



Coreopsis verticillata
Coreopsis, 1'-3'

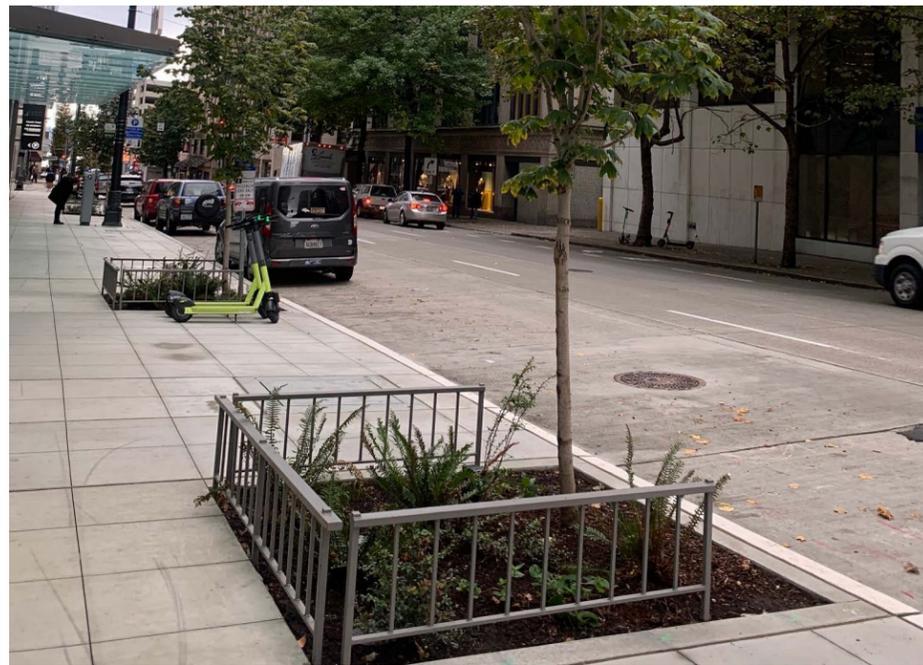


Rudbeckia fulgida
Coneflower, 2'-4'

Strategies for Pet Relief



Barriers (match existing Bell St. pet barriers)



Rainier Square plant rail/ barrier



Building Cure plant rail/ barrier



Rocks/ taller objects

BELL STREET DESIGN REFINEMENT NEXT STEPS

Our next phase is 90% Design. Team will be finalizing:

- Boulder seating details
- Sign Bridge Lighting Design
- Plant protection rail details
- Planting layout





QUESTIONS?

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2023 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 700 participants on online open houses in February and March.
- Over 95 attendees at Belltown Community Council meetings in February, March, and June.

WHAT WE HEARD IN ONLINE OPEN HOUSES

- 65% of online respondents wanted the design to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists.
- A majority of respondents wanted to see more greenery and gathering spaces.
- Preference for a two-way bike lane.
- Respondents wanted improved connections between the Waterfront Promenade and Belltown.

