

Belltown Community Council Meeting

waterfront

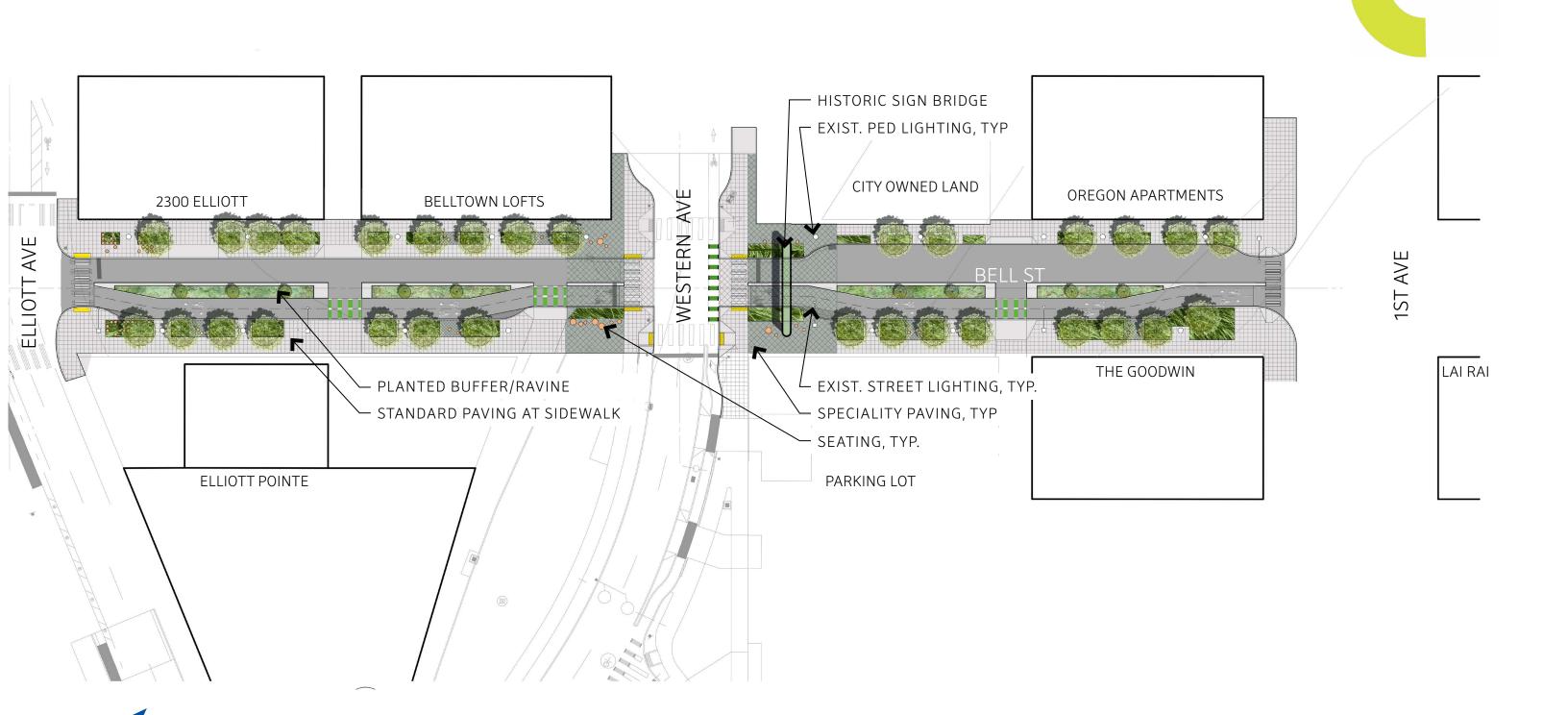
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BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS

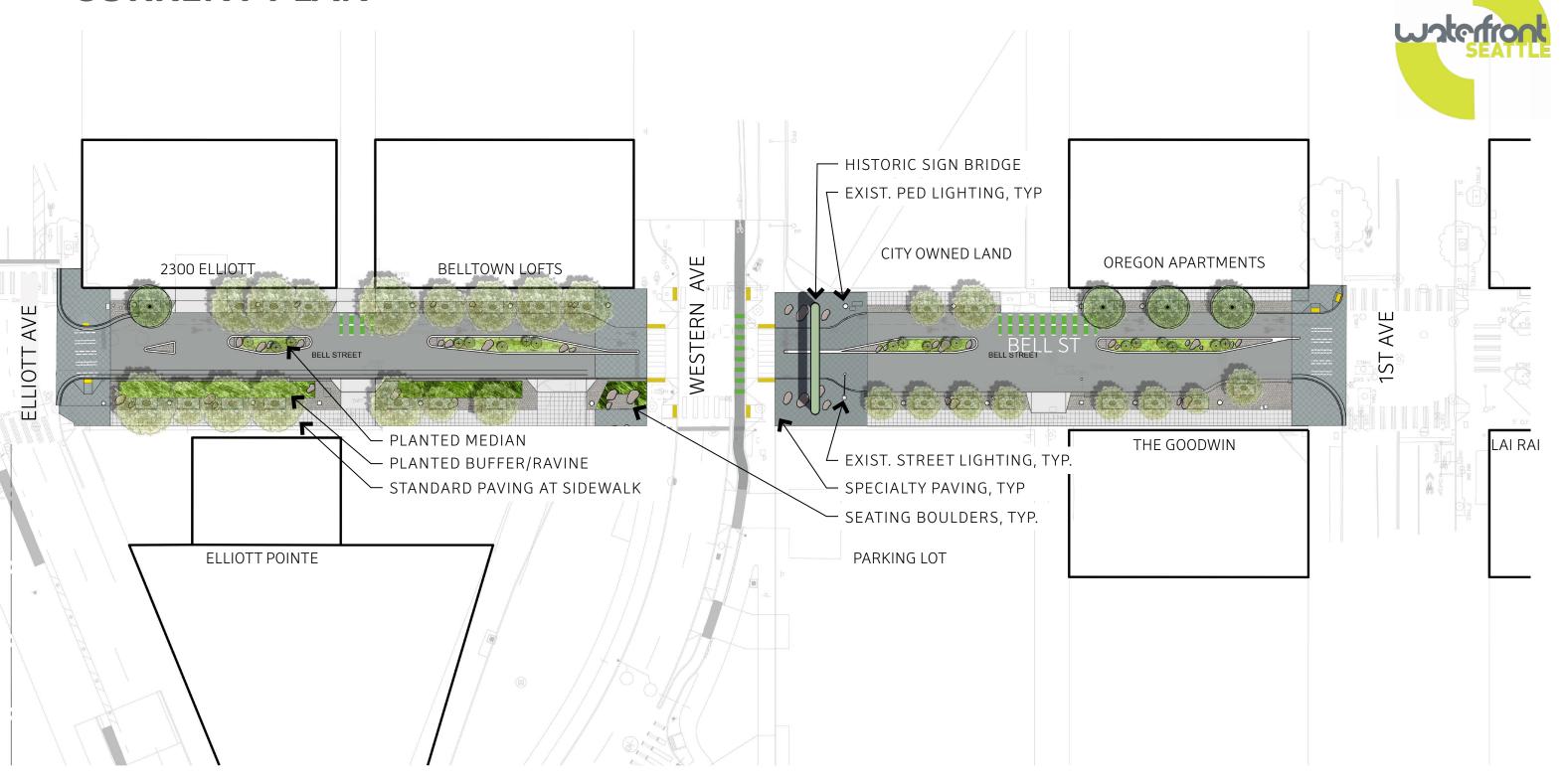




SITE PLAN: 10% DESIGN



CURRENT PLAN







SITE OVERVIEW



BELL ST TODAY





BELL ST - EXISTING LIGHTING AND TREES



View West from 1st and Bell St.



View East from Elliott Ave and Bell St.

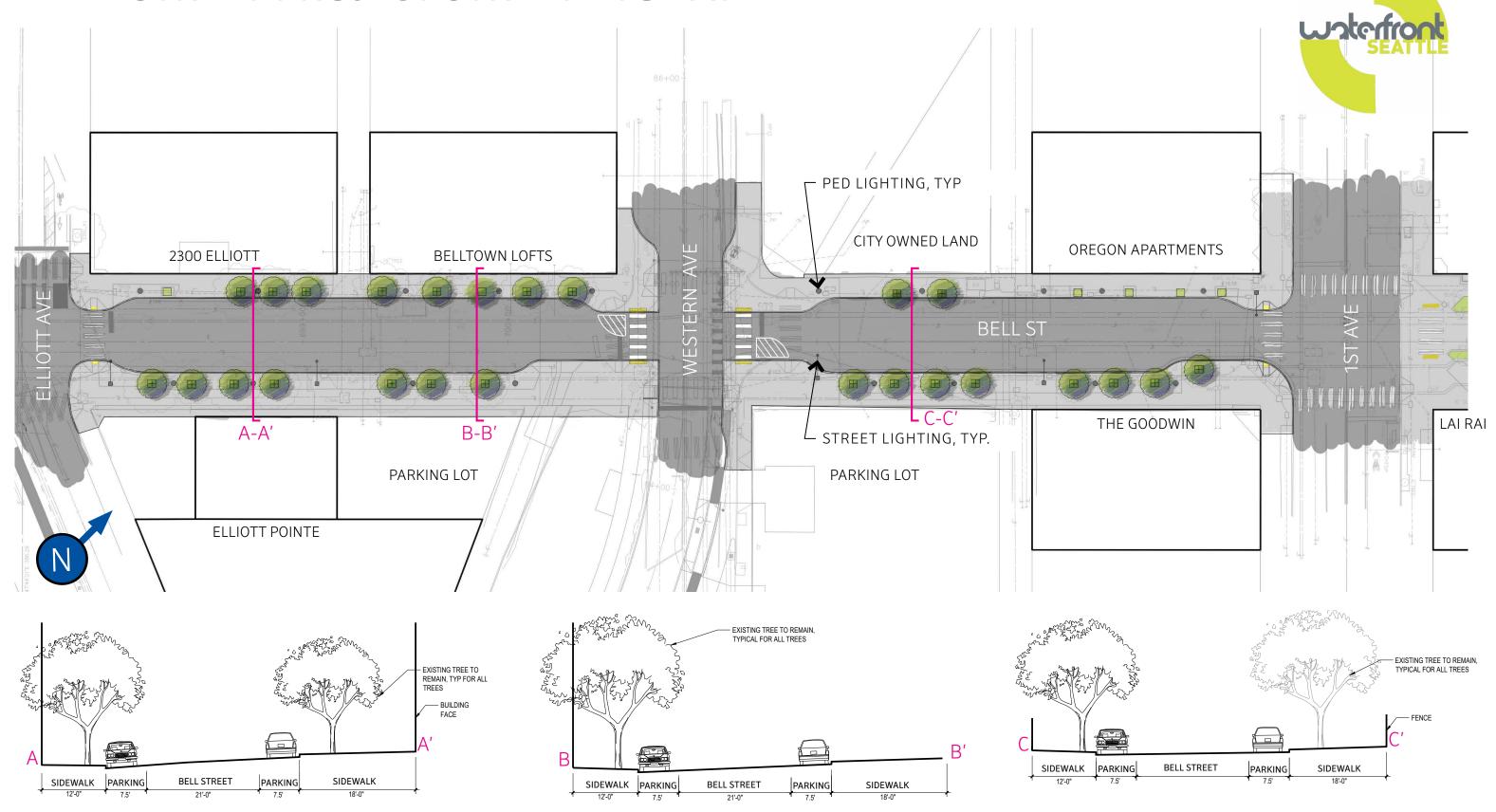


View West from Western Ave and Bell



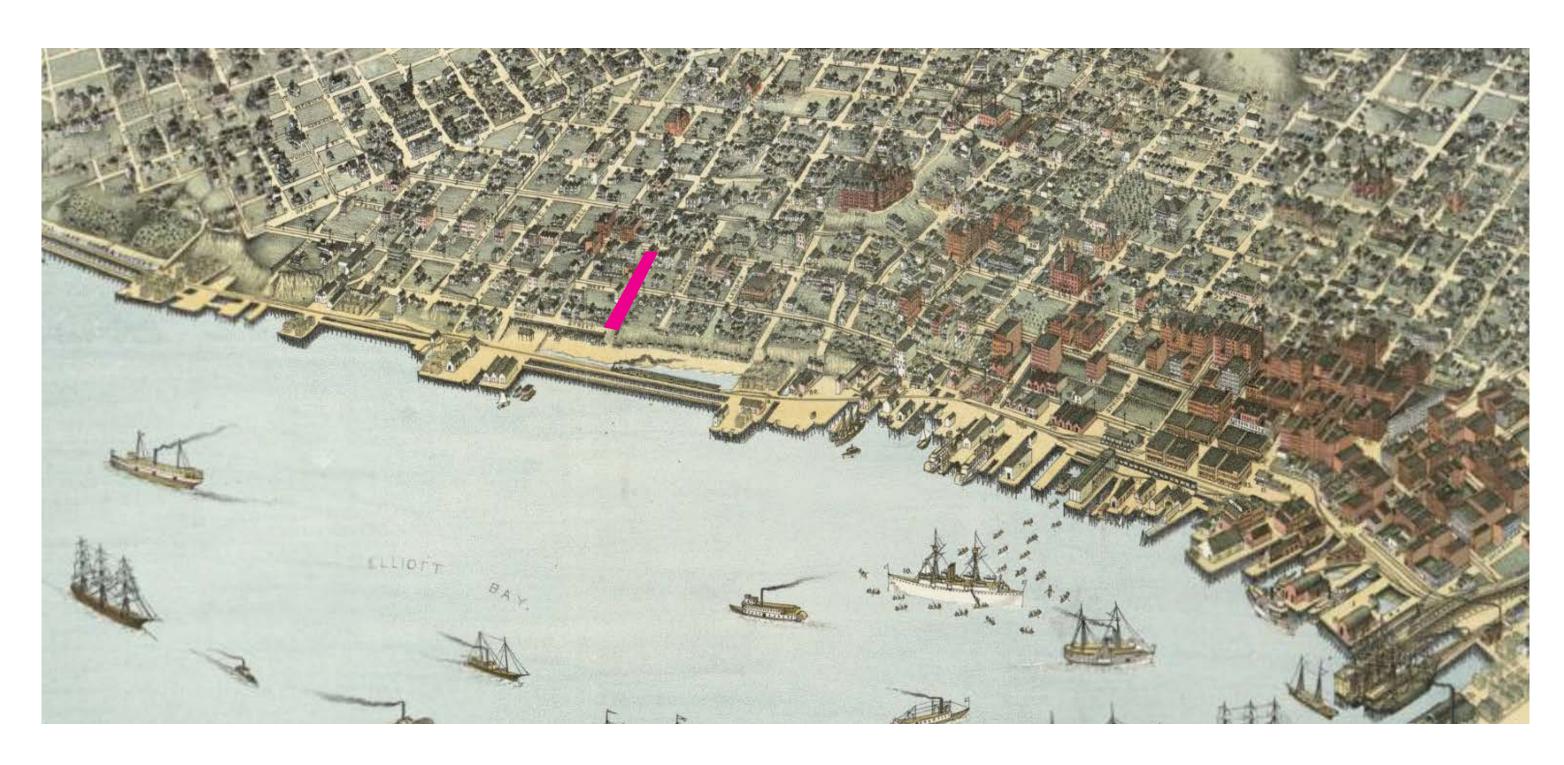
View East from Western Ave and Bell St.

BELL STREET PROJECT STREET - TODAY



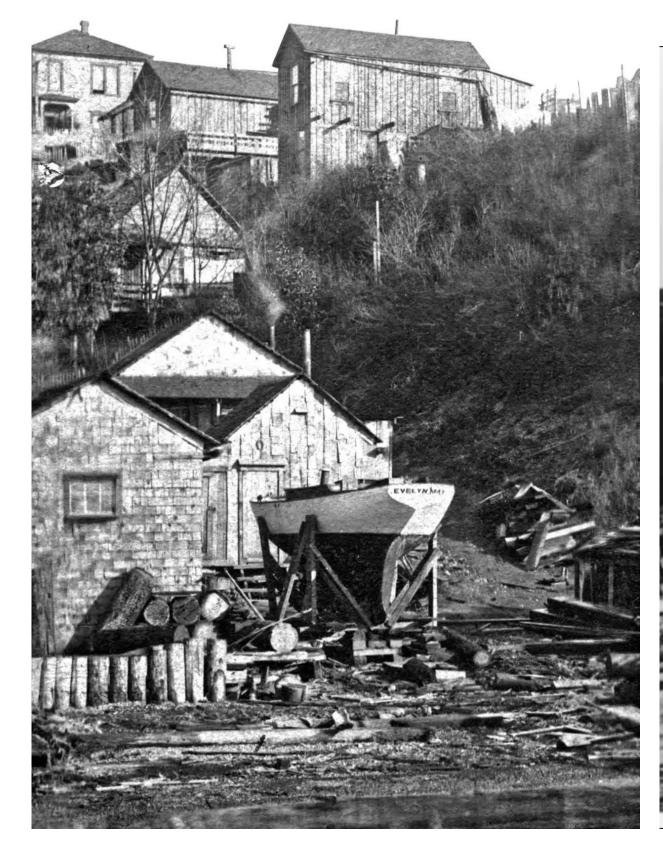
HISTORY - 1891 BIRDSEYE





HISTORY - BELLTOWN RAVINE





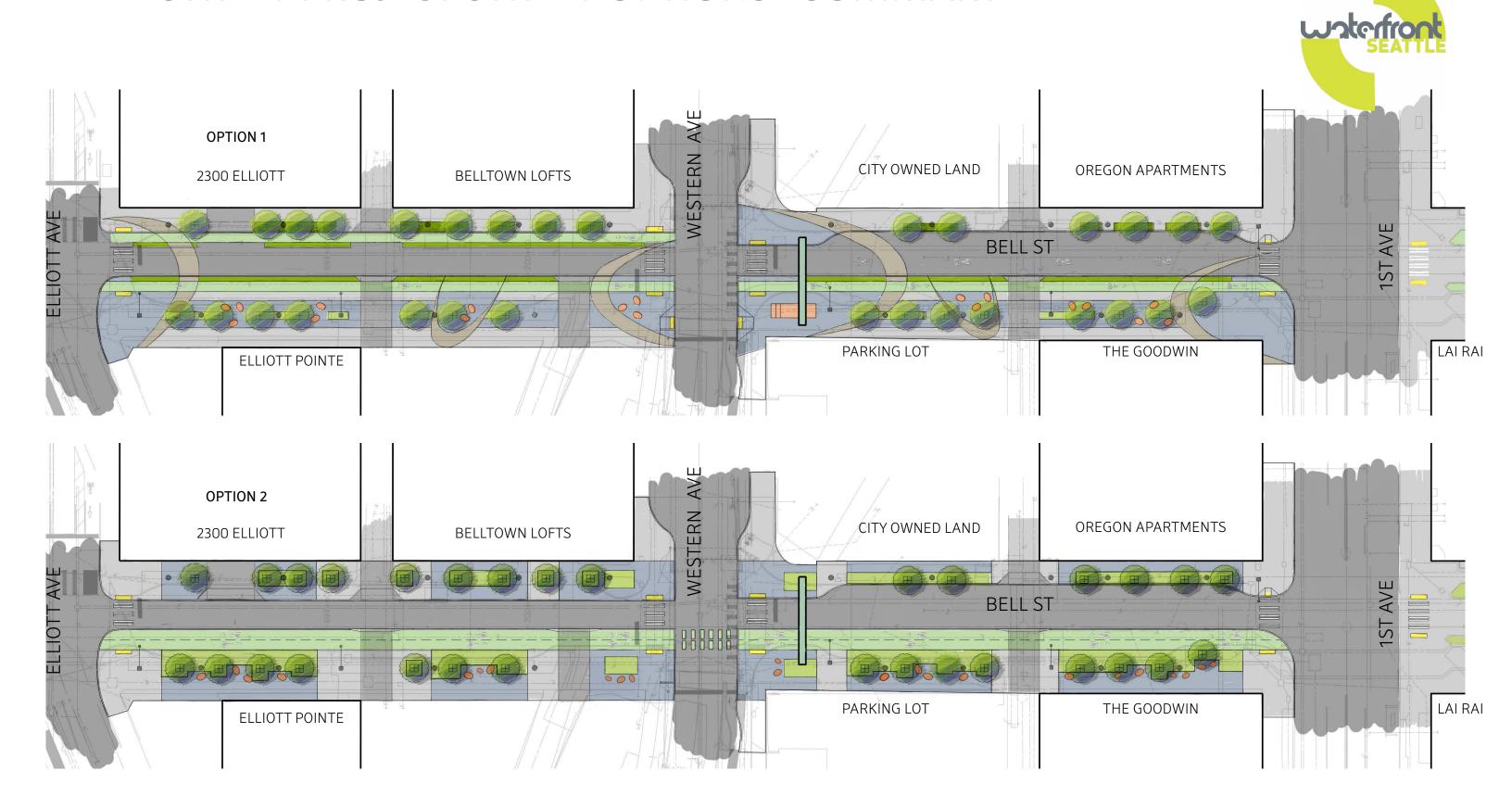


REPURPOSING HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE STRUCTURE





BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS - SUMMARY



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



BELL ST - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

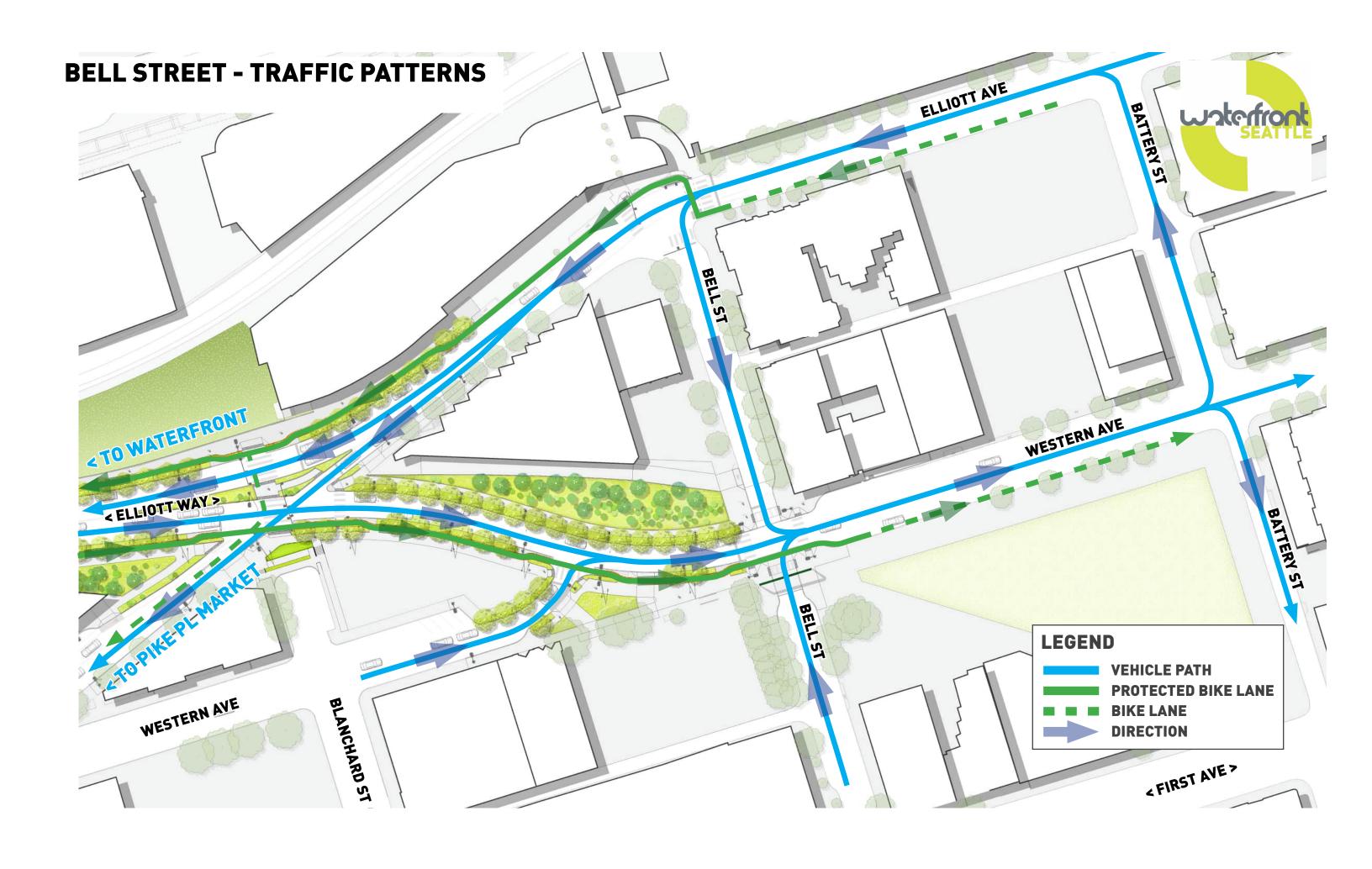


KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM JUNE 14TH BRIEFING

- 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.

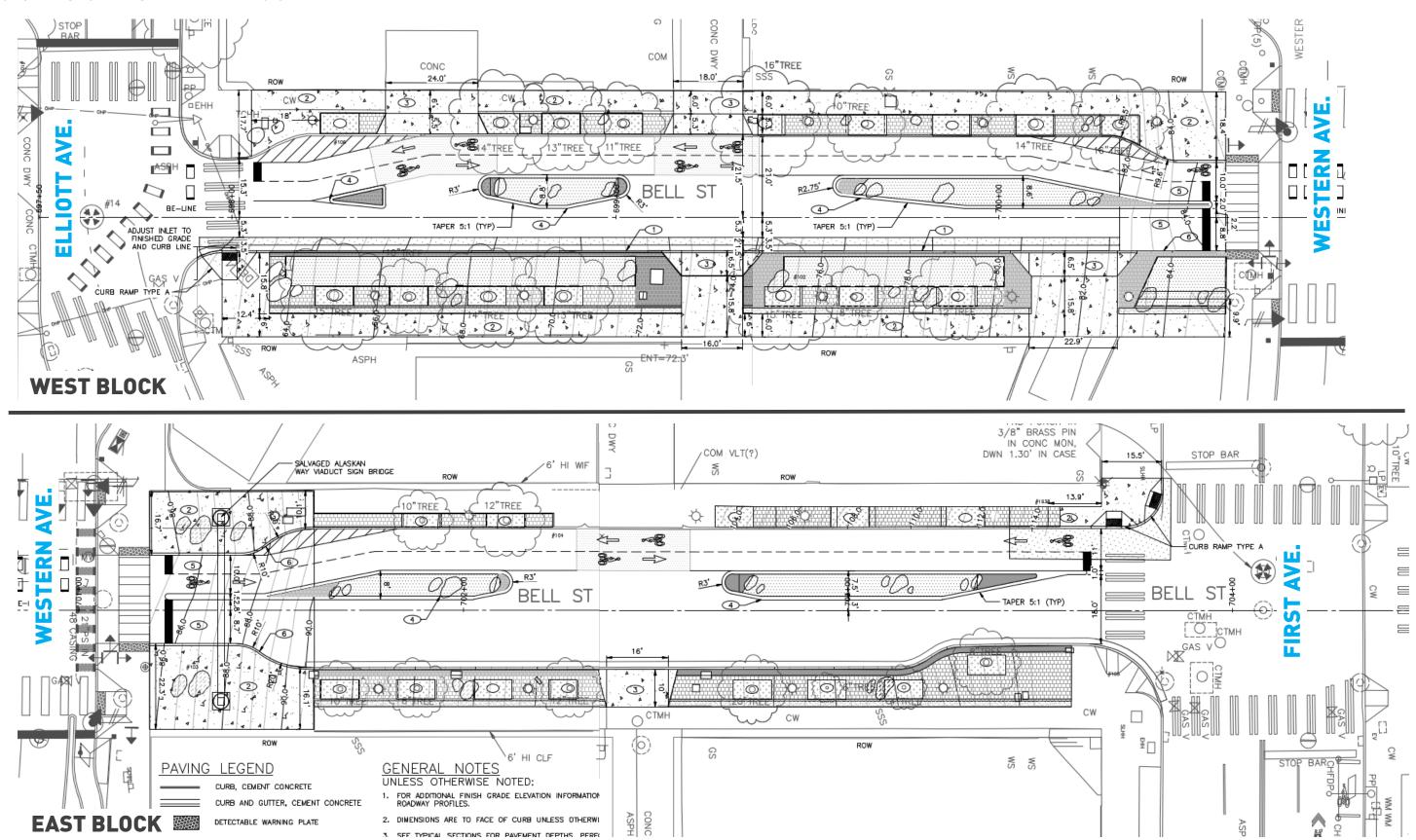
KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS

- 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.

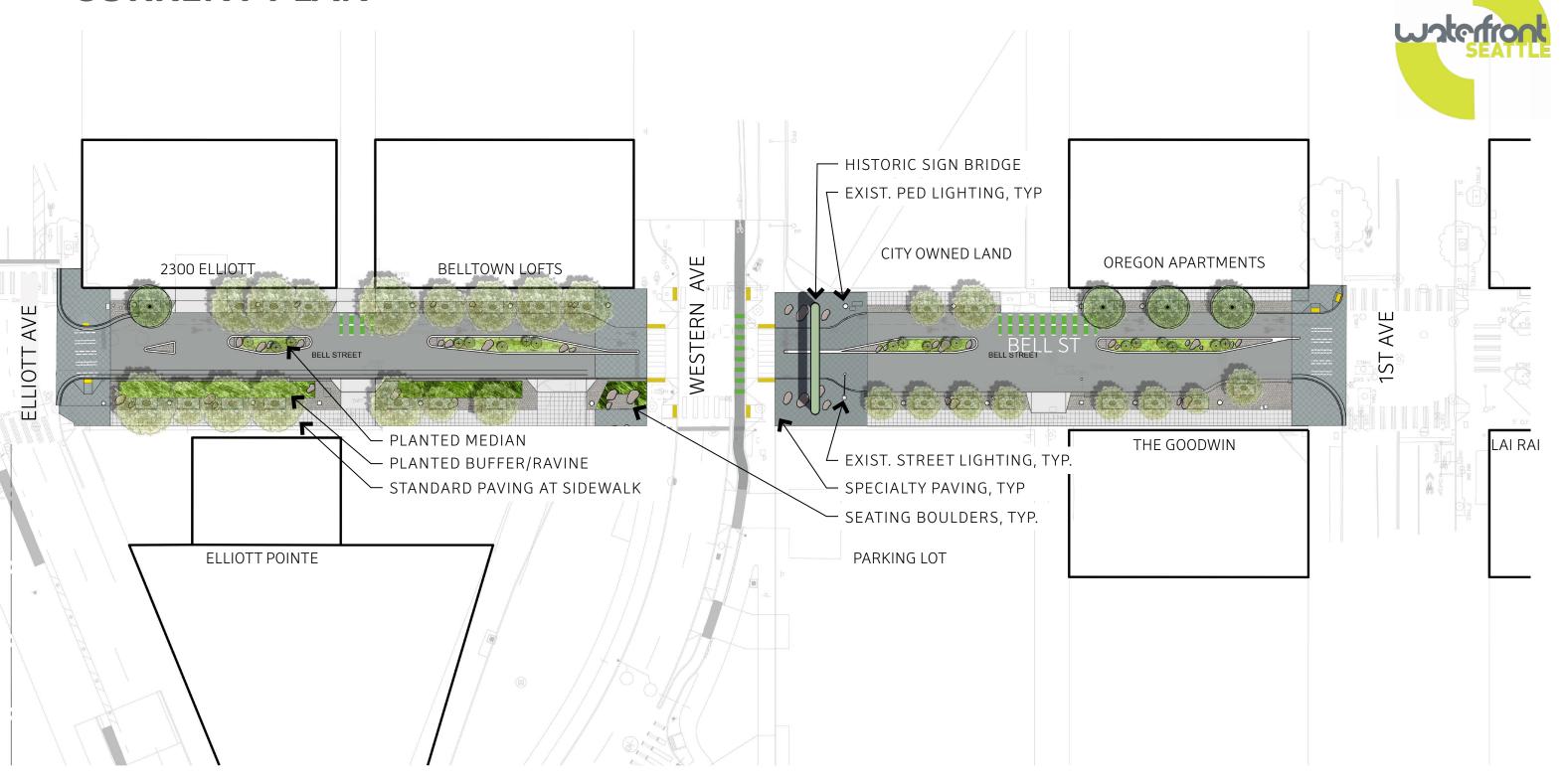


BELL STREET

60% DESIGN - STREET LAYOUT

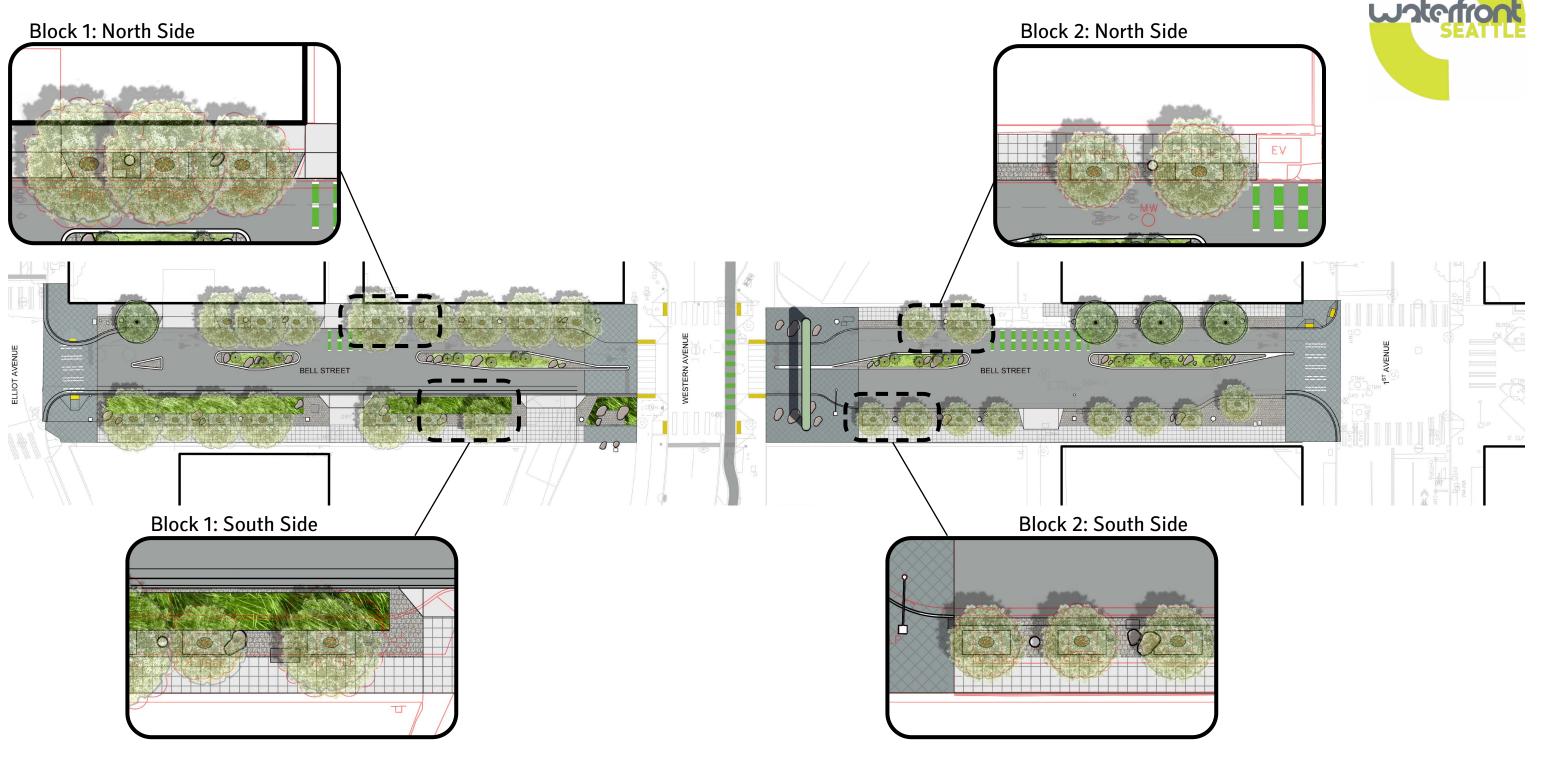


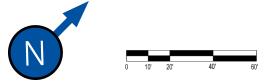
CURRENT PLAN

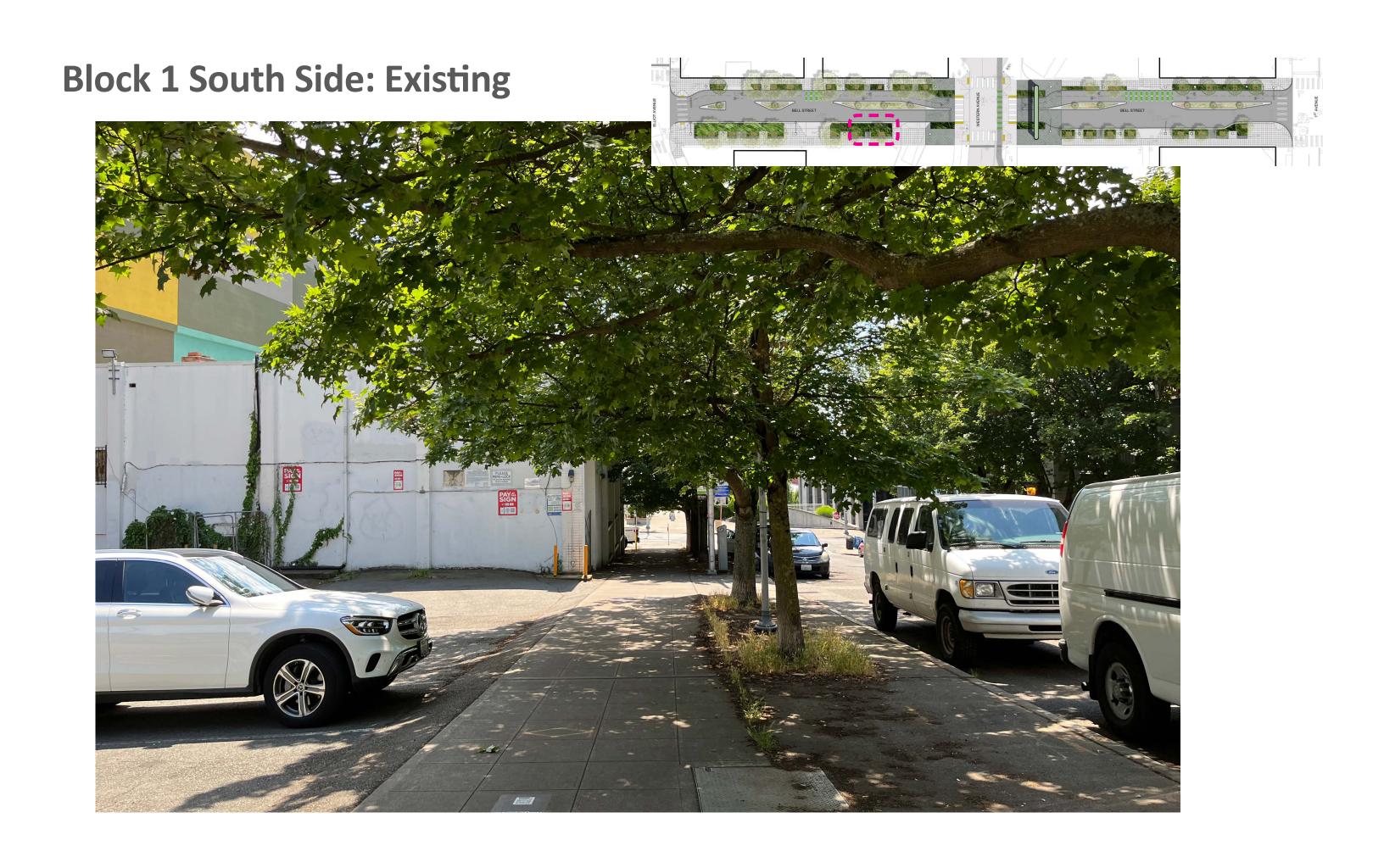




Streetscape Improvements







Block 1 South Side: Proposed





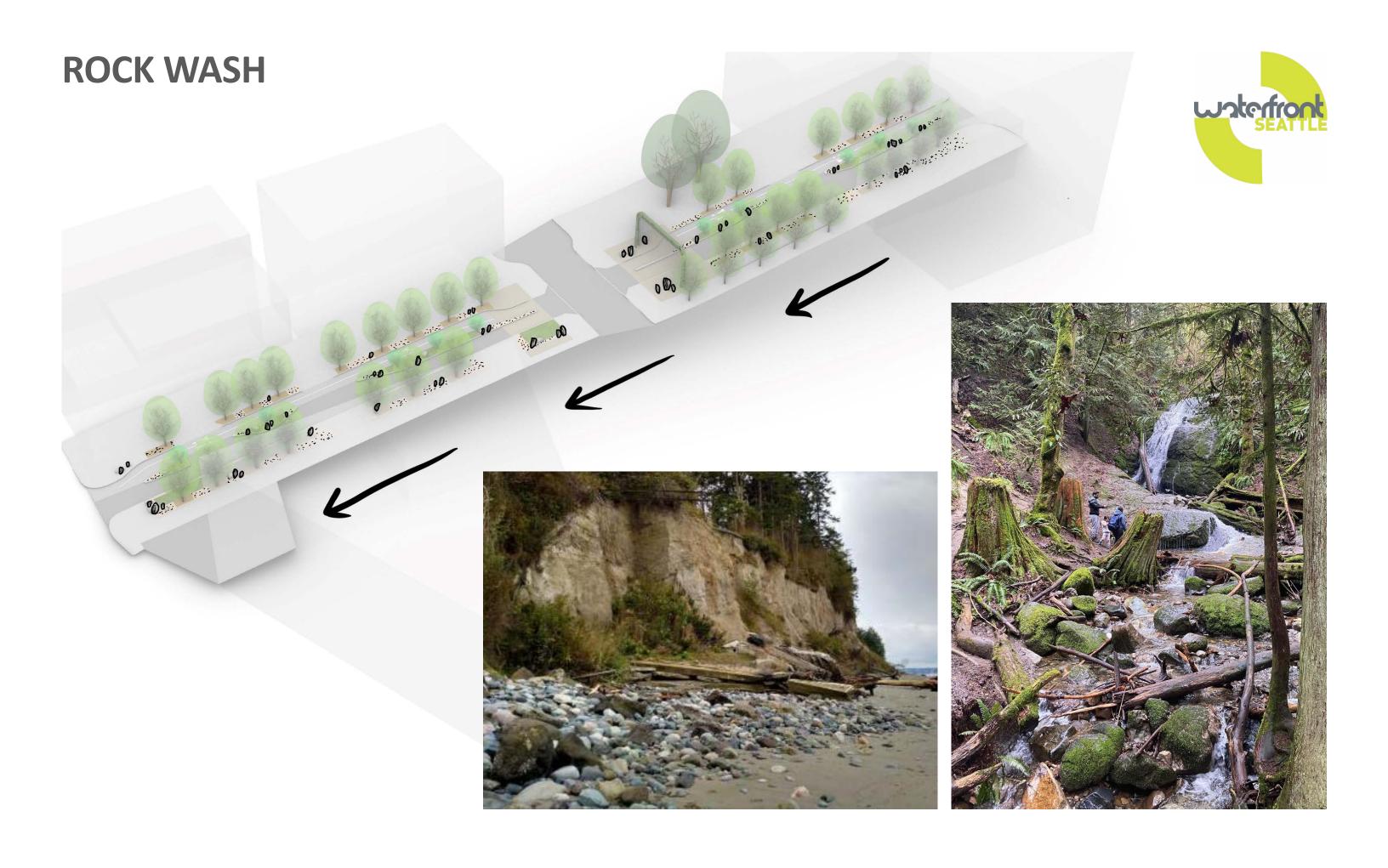
Block 2 South Side: Proposed with planting



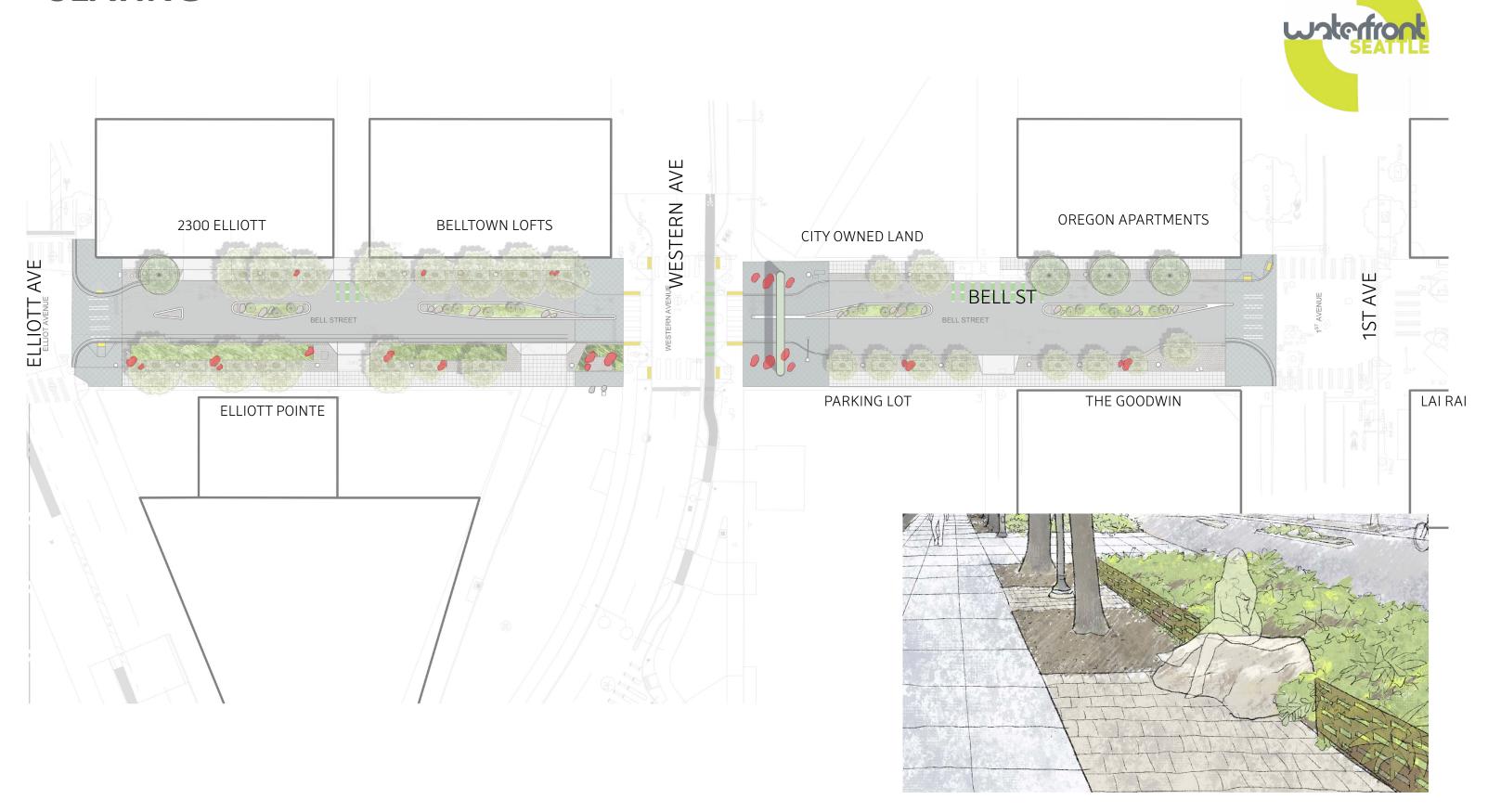
- Concerned about long-term success of planting. Limited u-shaped space between existing tree pits and adjacent paving.
- low ground cover only, non-native species

Block 2 South Side: Proposed with paving

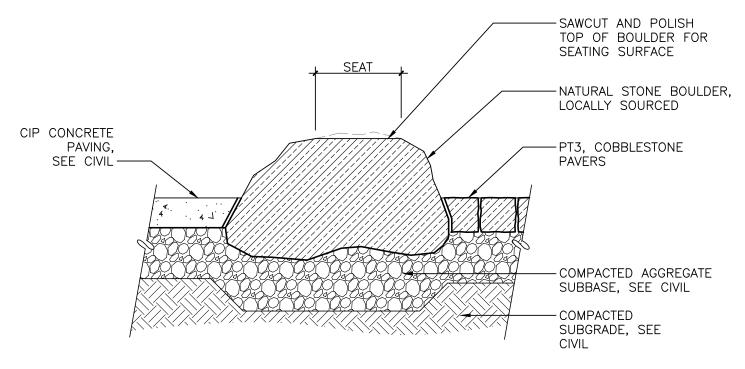




SEATING



BOULDER SEATING



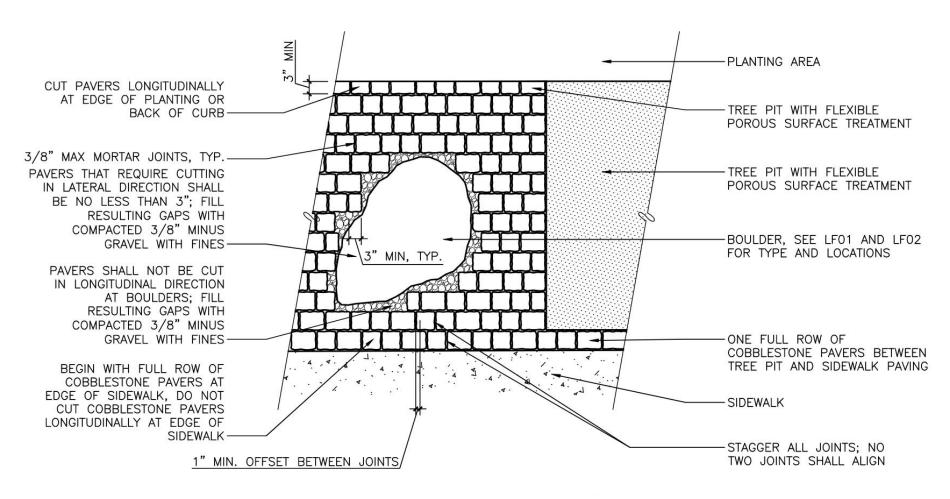


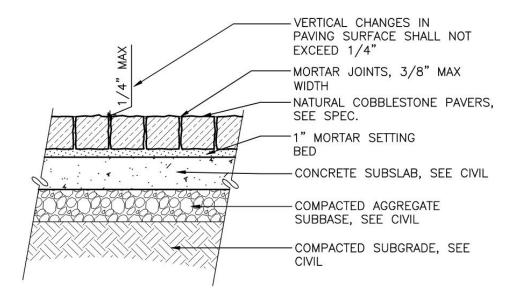


PEDESTRIAN SPACE MATERIALS



COBBLE PAVING

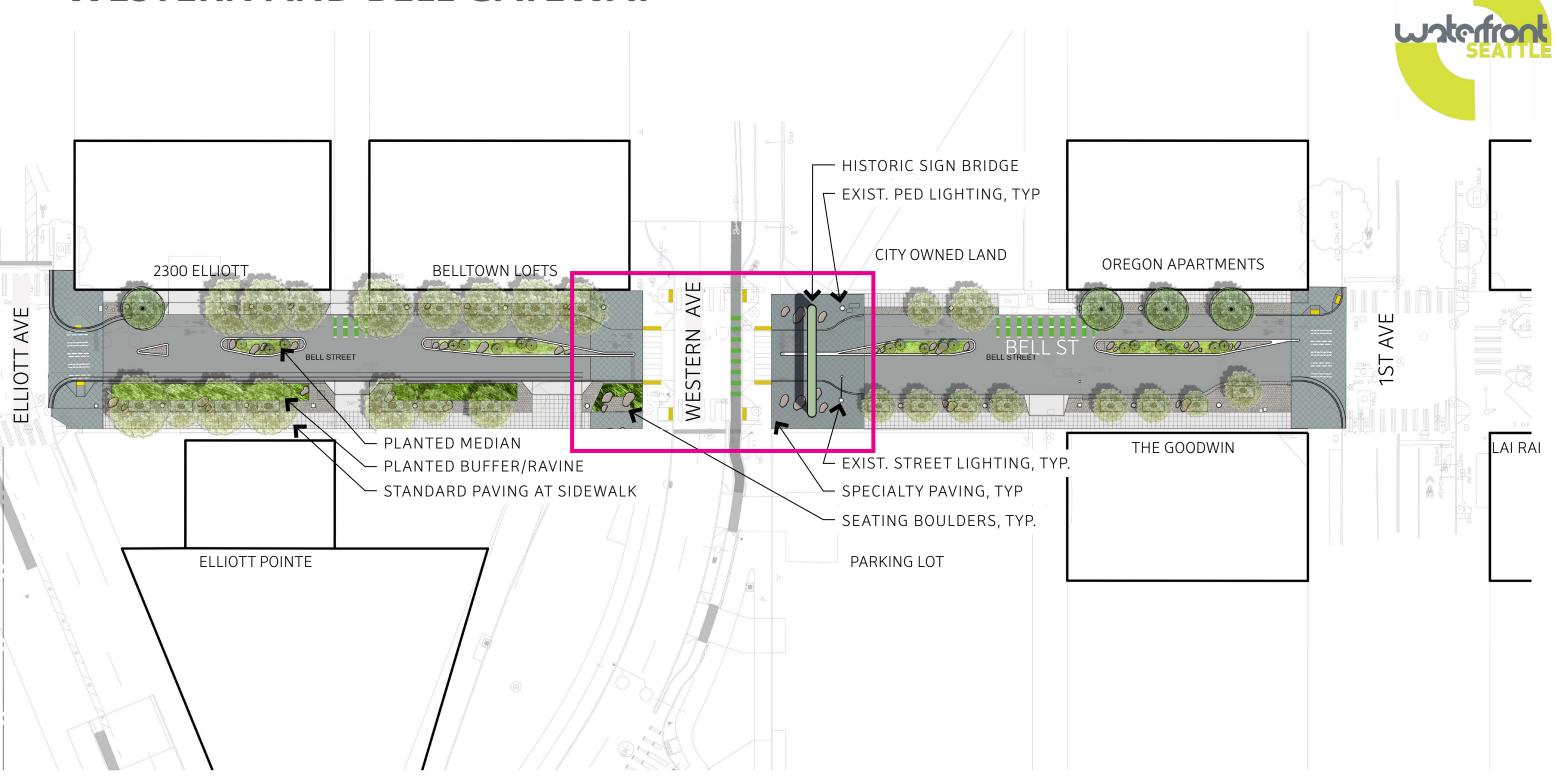




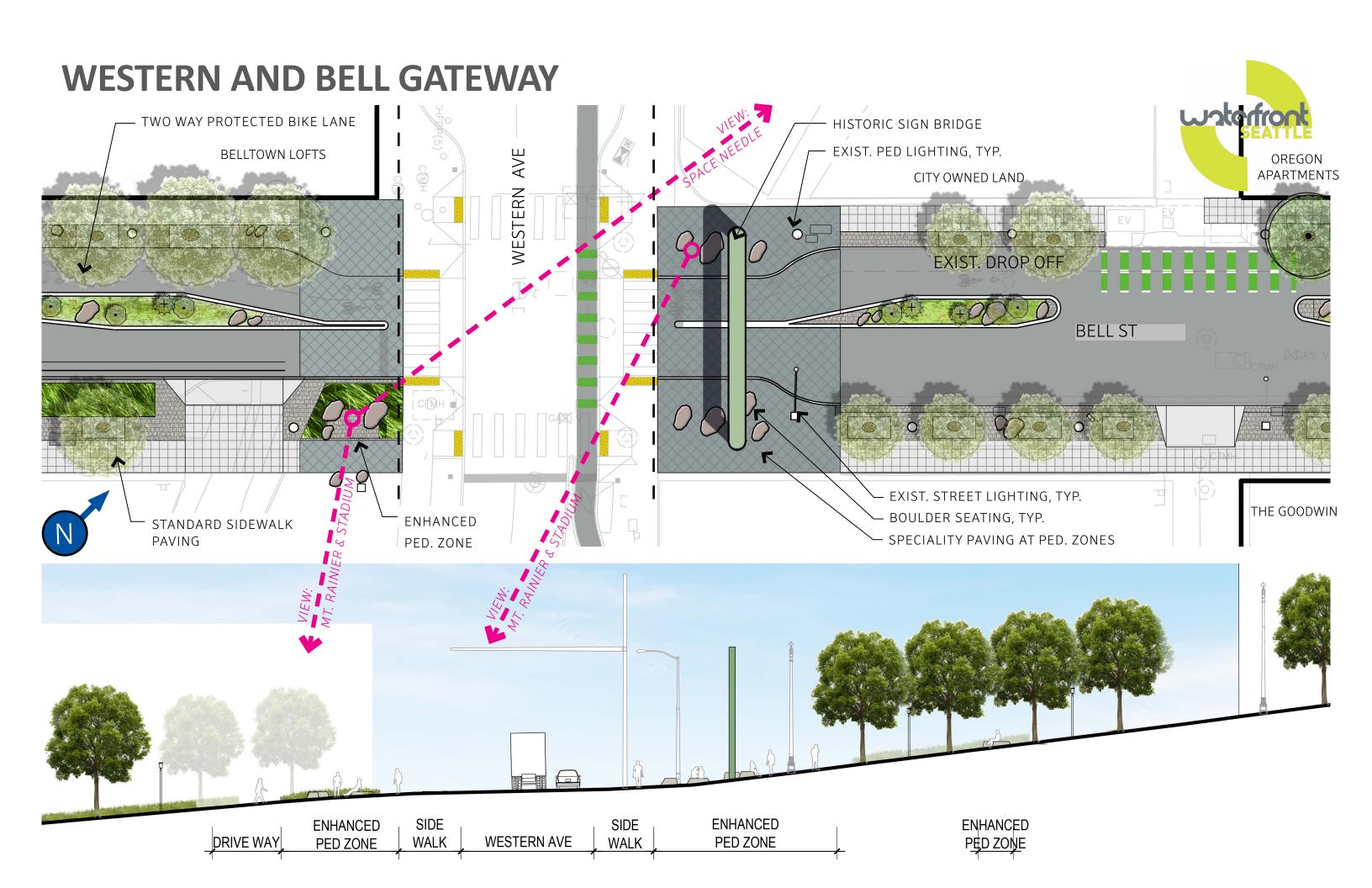


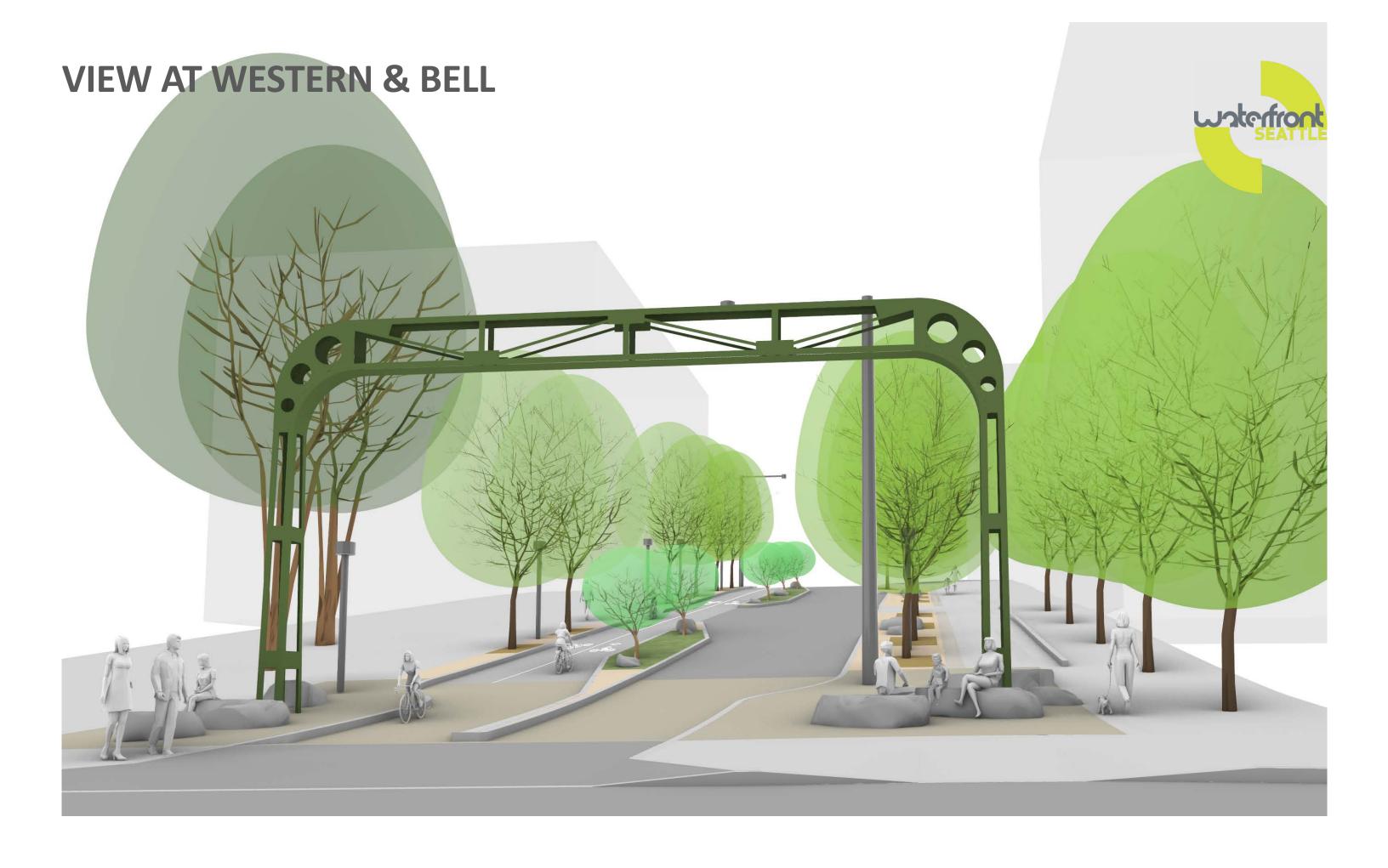


WESTERN AND BELL GATEWAY







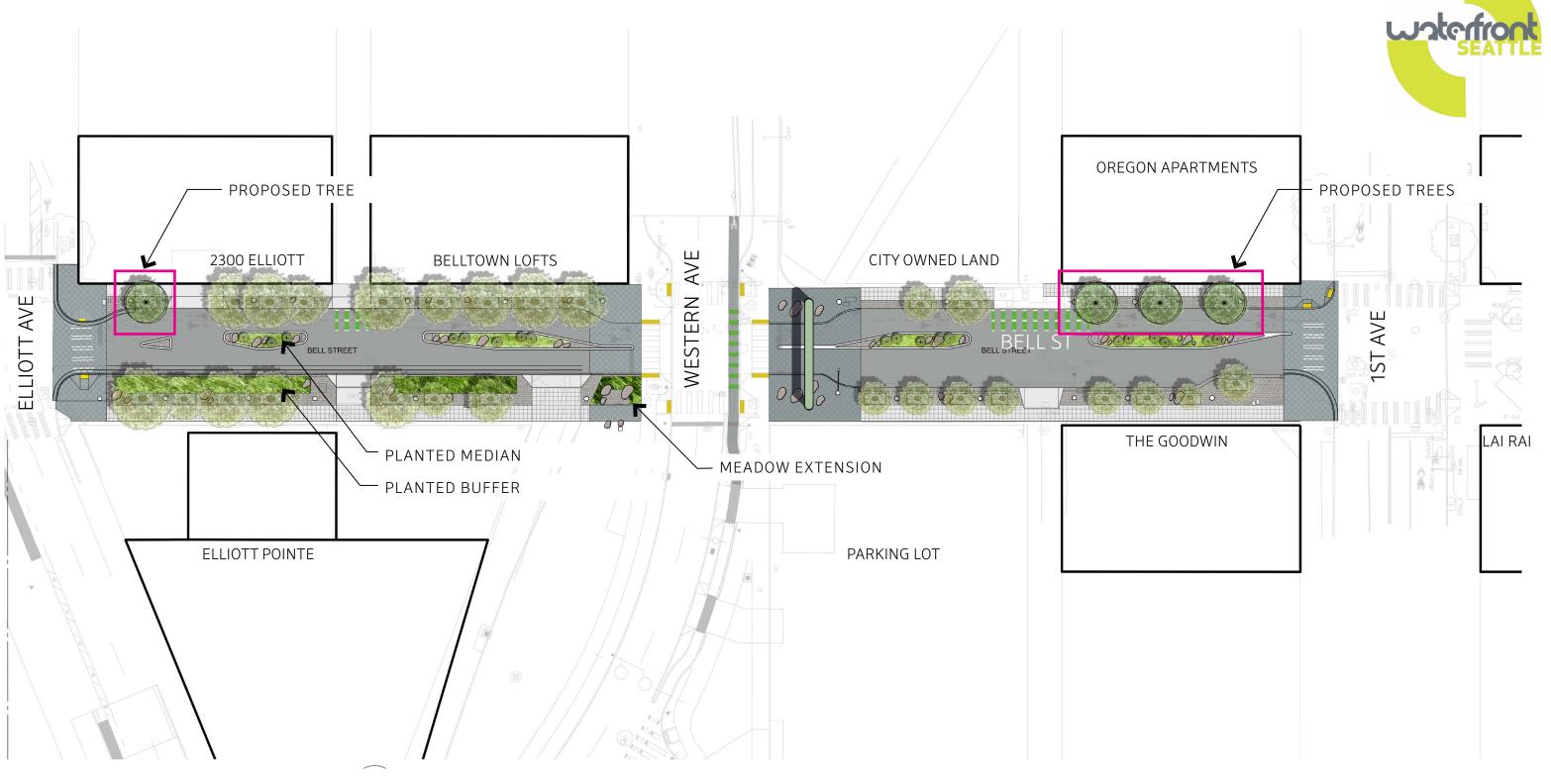


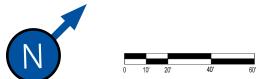
SIGN BRIDGE LIGHTING



Interior glow from interior LED strip lights

PLANTING



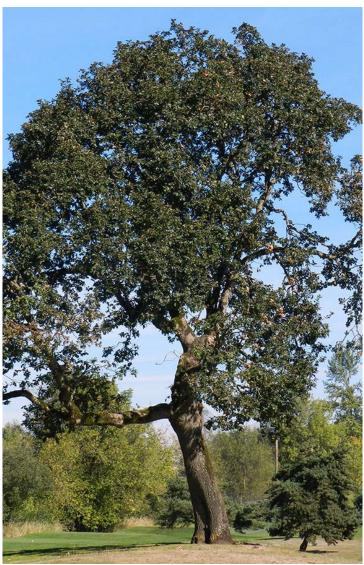


Tree Selection from SDOT Approved Street Trees

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



Ager '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

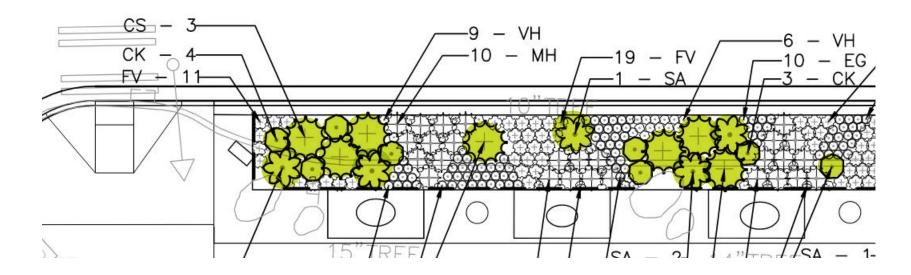


Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain' Sugar Maple, 45'h x 35'w



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

Planting Palette - Shrubs





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 - Groundcovers and Accent

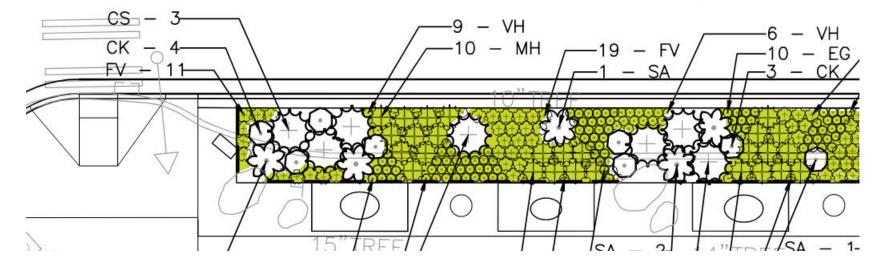
Sun



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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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'

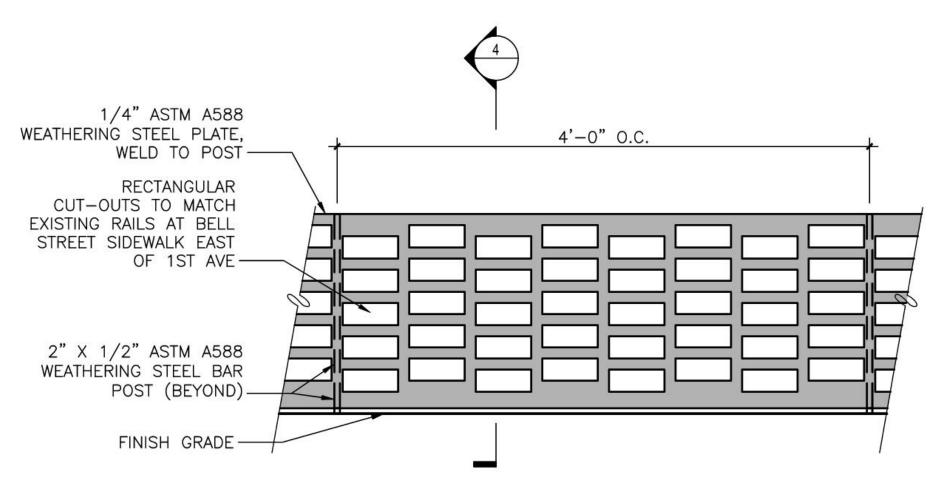
Strategies for Pet Relief



Barriers (match existing Bell St. pet barriers)



Rocks/ taller objects



BELL STREET NEXT STEPS

Next Steps:

Construction planned to begin summer 2024





QUESTIONS?

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