



SAN CARLOS DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



MARCH 13, 2024

AGENDA

Draft Vision & Guiding Principles

Urban Design Framework

Public Realm Design Concepts

Community Feedback Summary

Programming Concepts

Pedestrian Mall Examples

Discussion

VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

DRAFT **VISION STATEMENT**

Downtown is the **heart of San Carlos** that provides a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, safe, charming, futuristic, and accessible destination for the community. It is a **place for celebration and gathering** that offers **diverse and authentic experiences** through a draw of food, retail, services, art and music in a visually attractive environment for the growing community. Downtown is an **inclusive place** with easy access for all, opportunities for housing and businesses of all types, and **inviting spaces for all users**. Downtown San Carlos is a **sustainable district**, with landscape that **supports ecological and community health & well-being**.

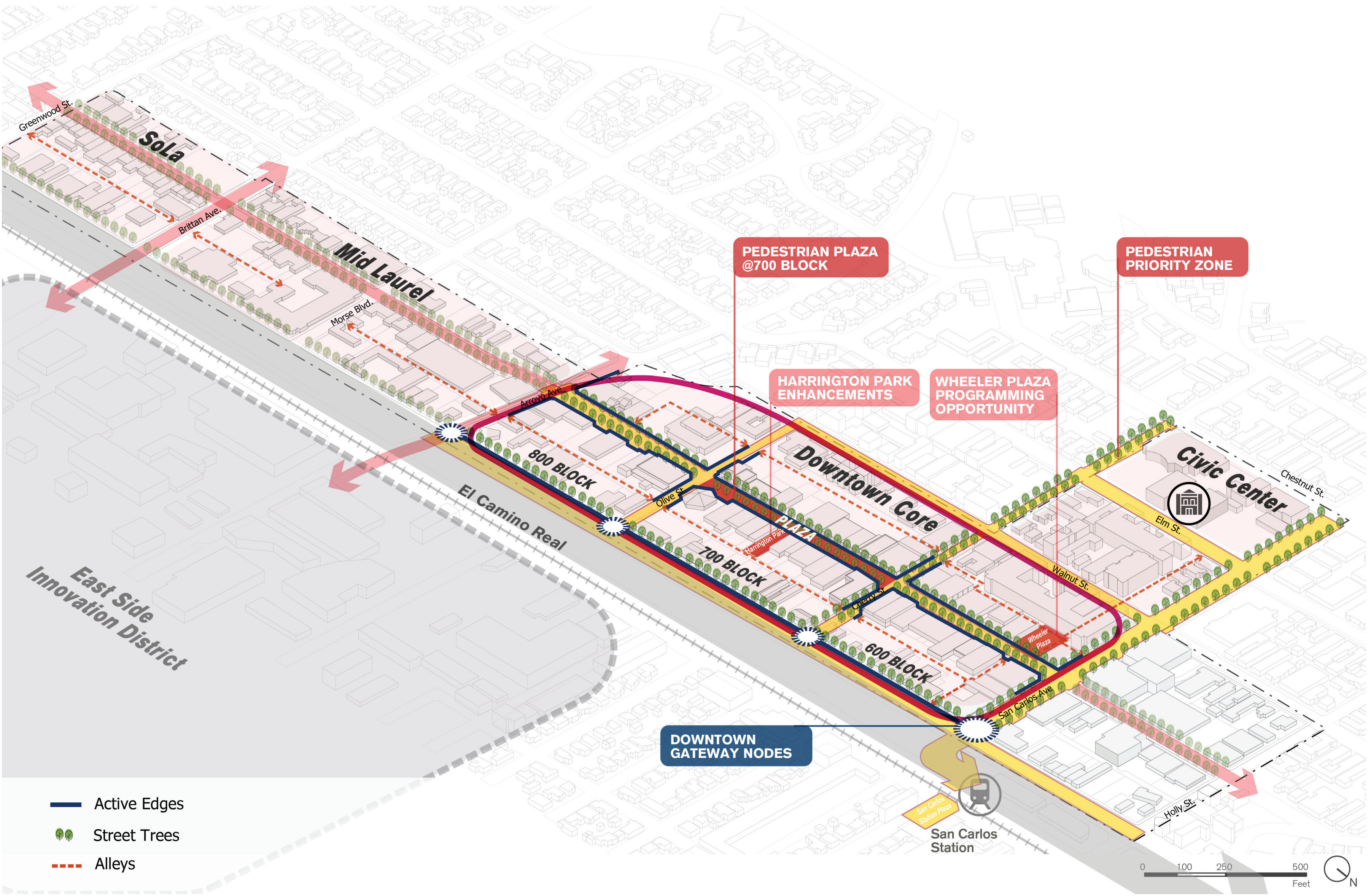


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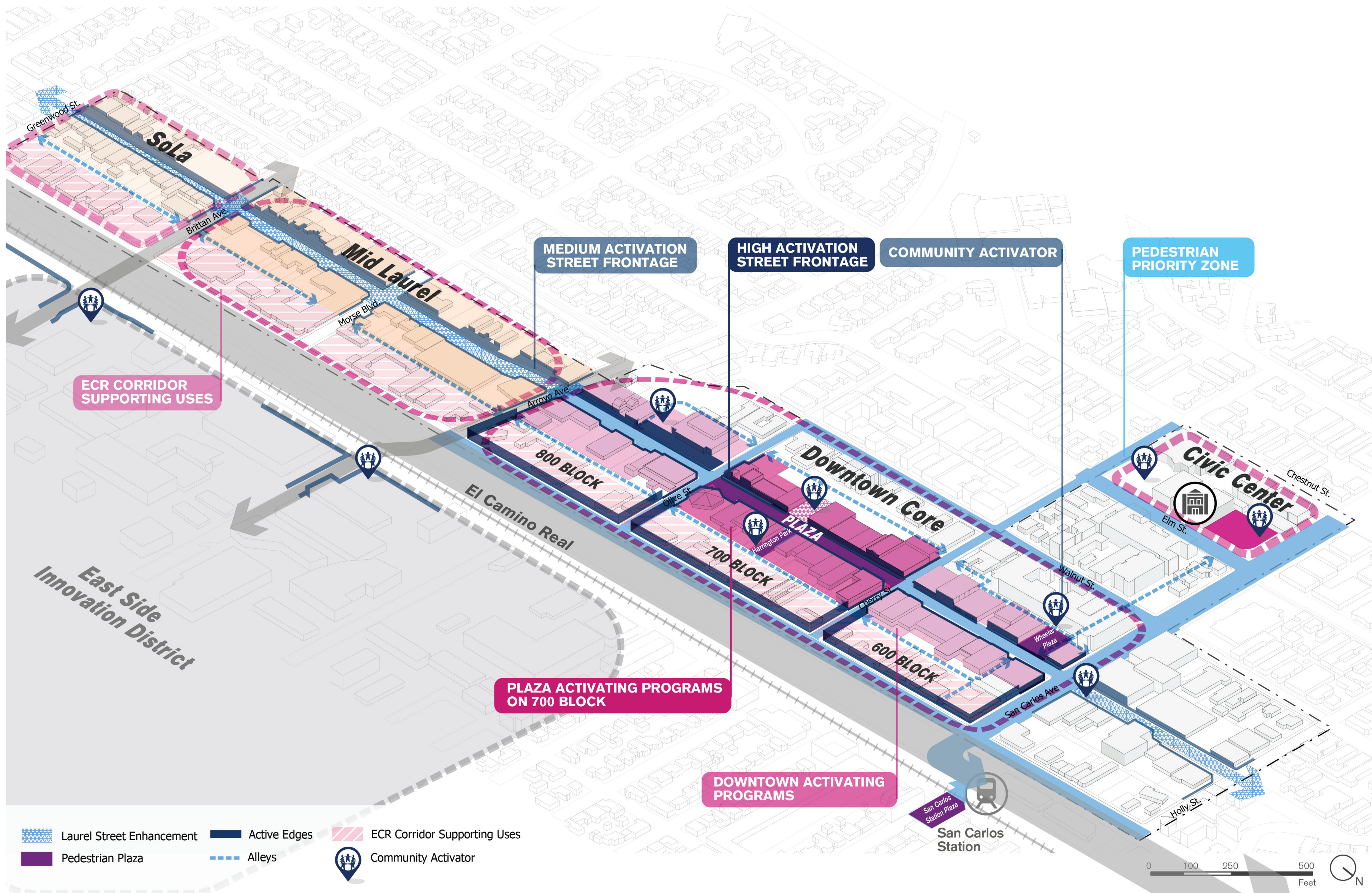


URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

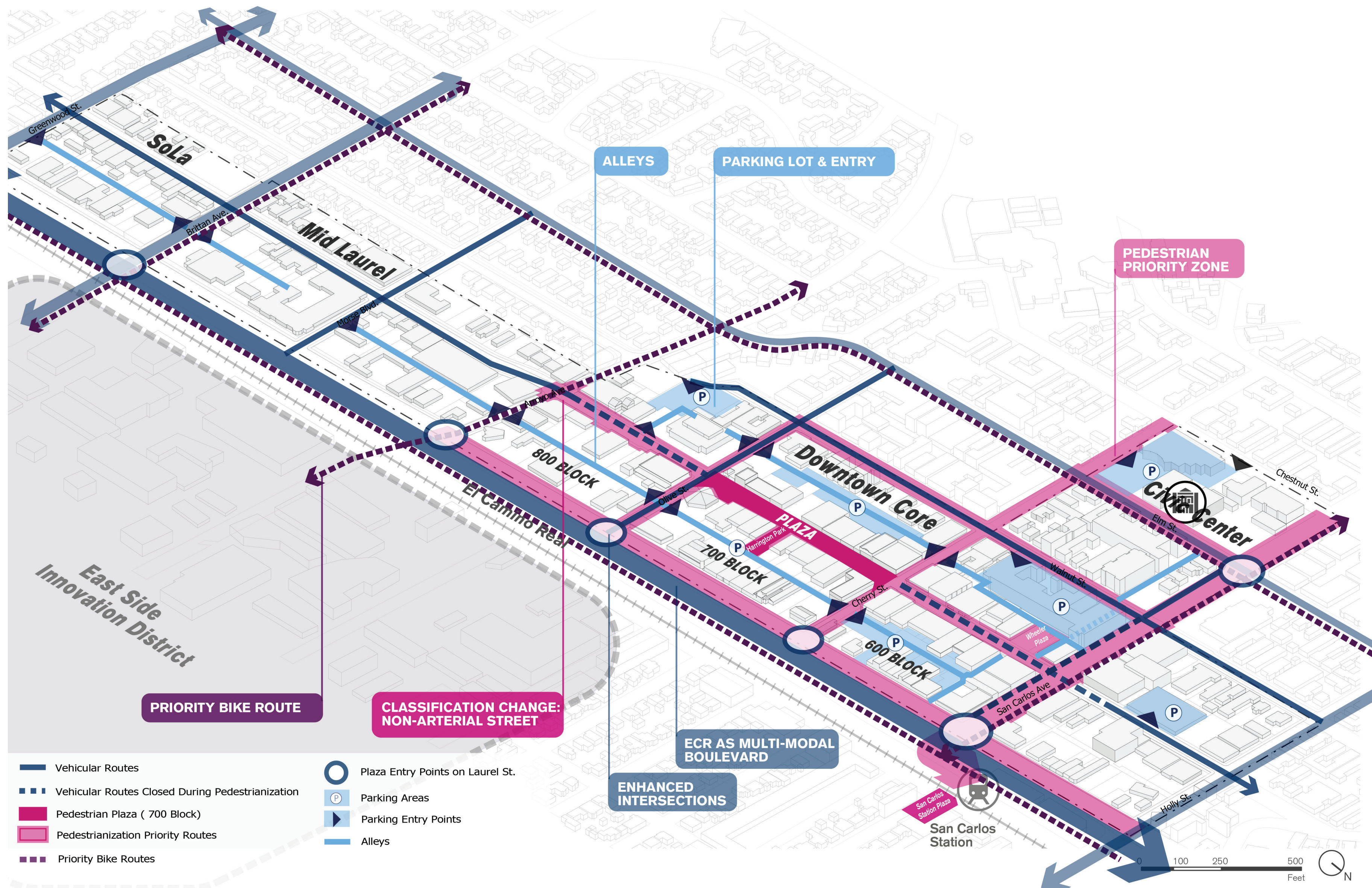
PLACEMAKING + IDENTITY



DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY



MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY

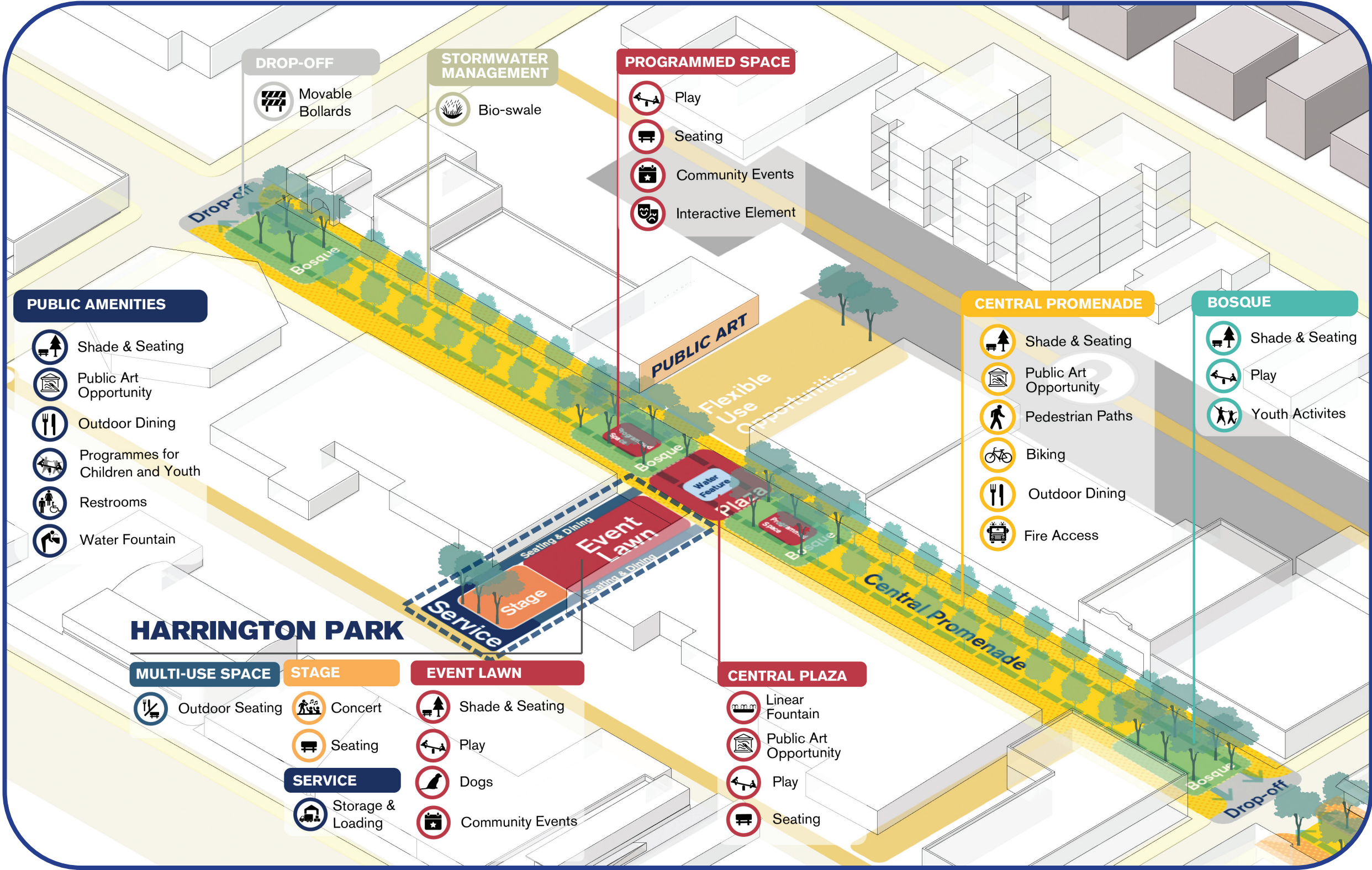


PUBLIC REALM DESIGN

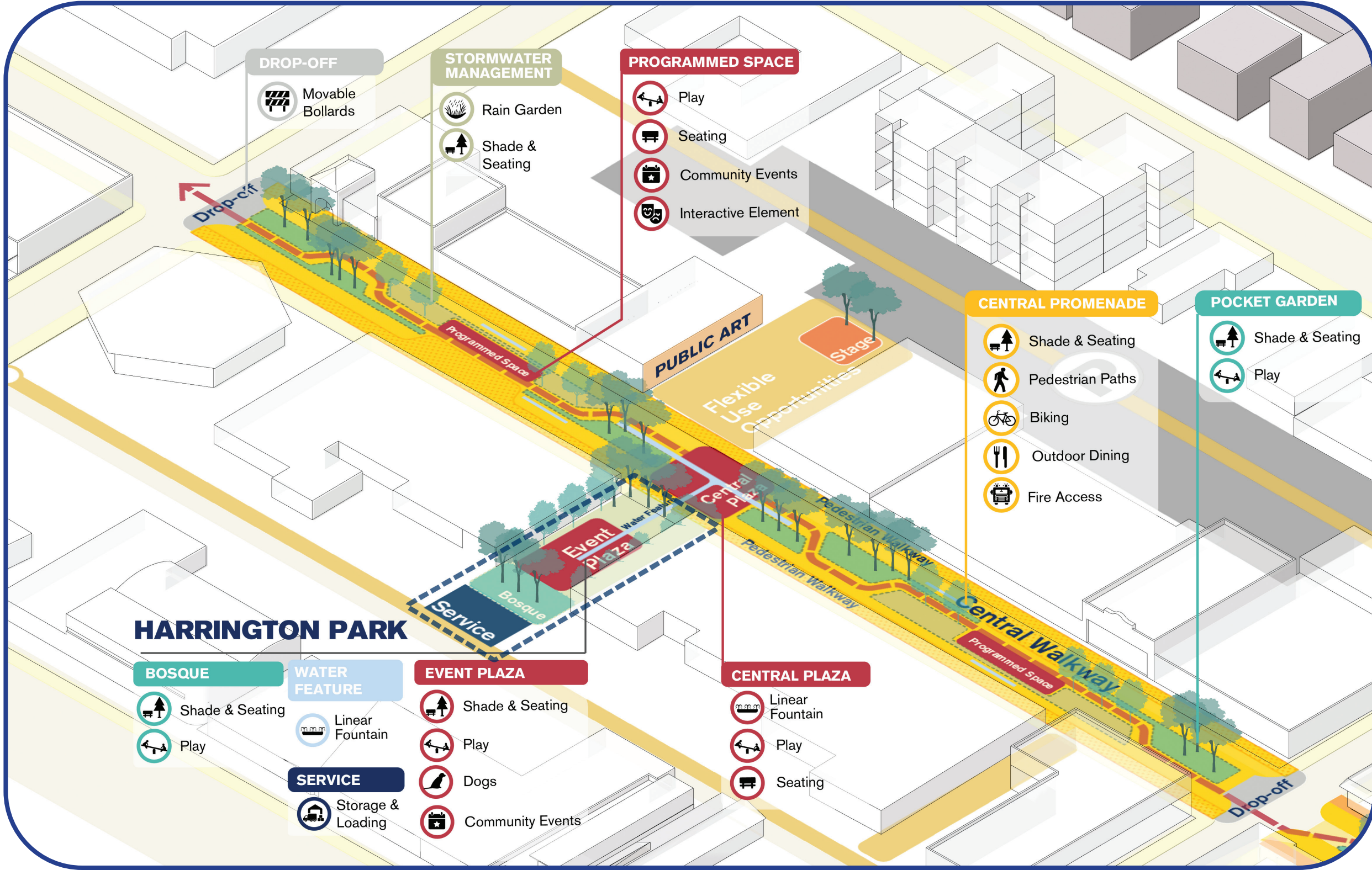
CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

700 BLOCK - LAUREL STREET BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND OLIVE STREET

CONCEPT 1
“THE PROMENADE”



CONCEPT 2
“THE GARDENS”



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY (IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

PUBLIC REALM DESIGN: 700 BLOCK OF LAUREL STREET

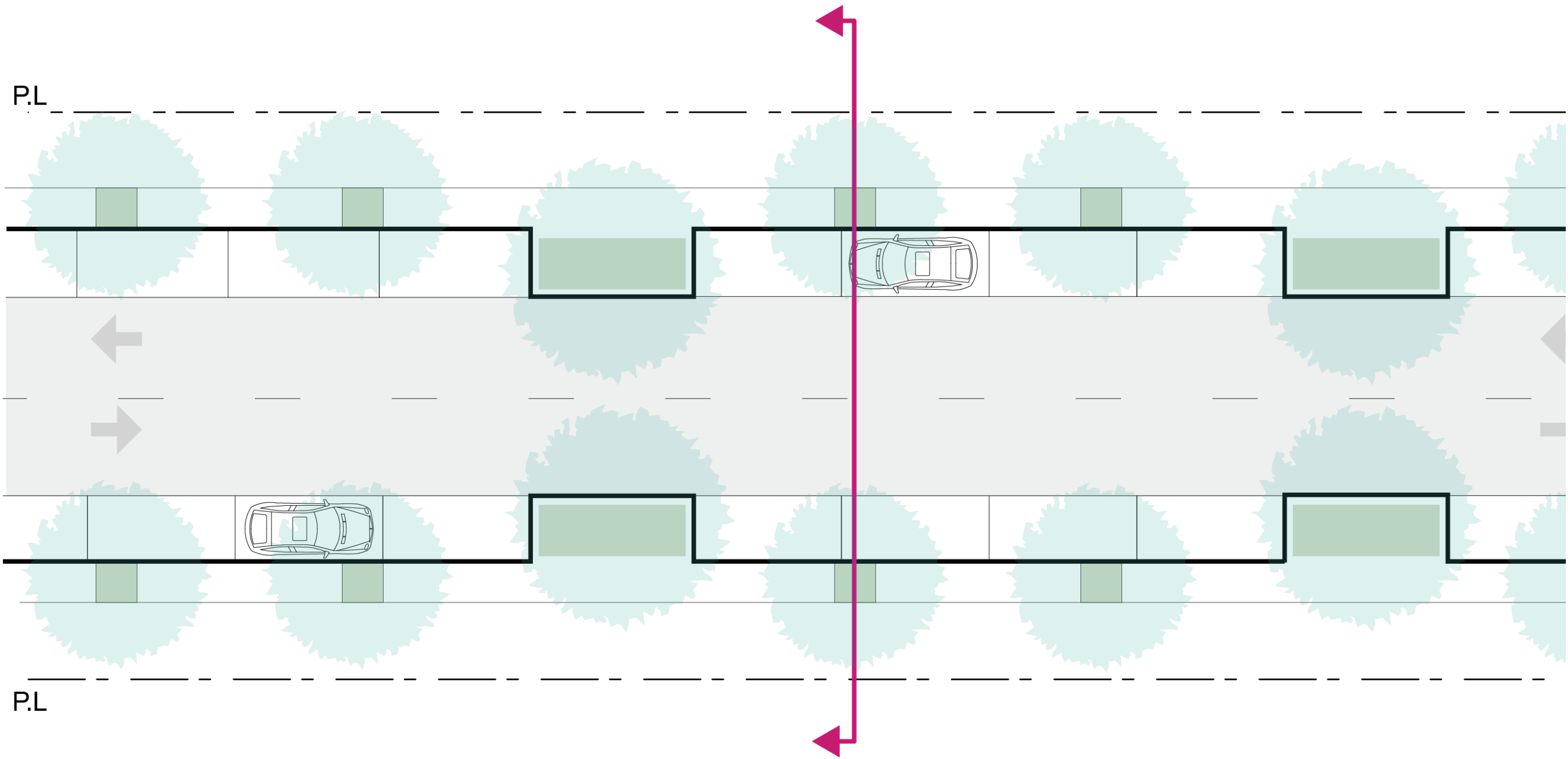
Key themes:

- Suggestions to include more greenery and intimate gathering spaces.
- Suggestions for outdoor dining opportunities .
- Strong preference for a linear water feature with benches, with well thought of maintenance and safety around the water feature.
- Concerns about mixing bikes into the pedestrian plaza, citing safety issues for children.
- Preference for the idea of “groves” as a recurring design element, combining natural elements with sun and shade.
- Preference for non-allergy causing trees and plants.
- Support for interactive play fountains, unique street lighting, and considerations for bike rules, especially for teenagers.
- Suggestion for better collaboration between the city and local merchants.

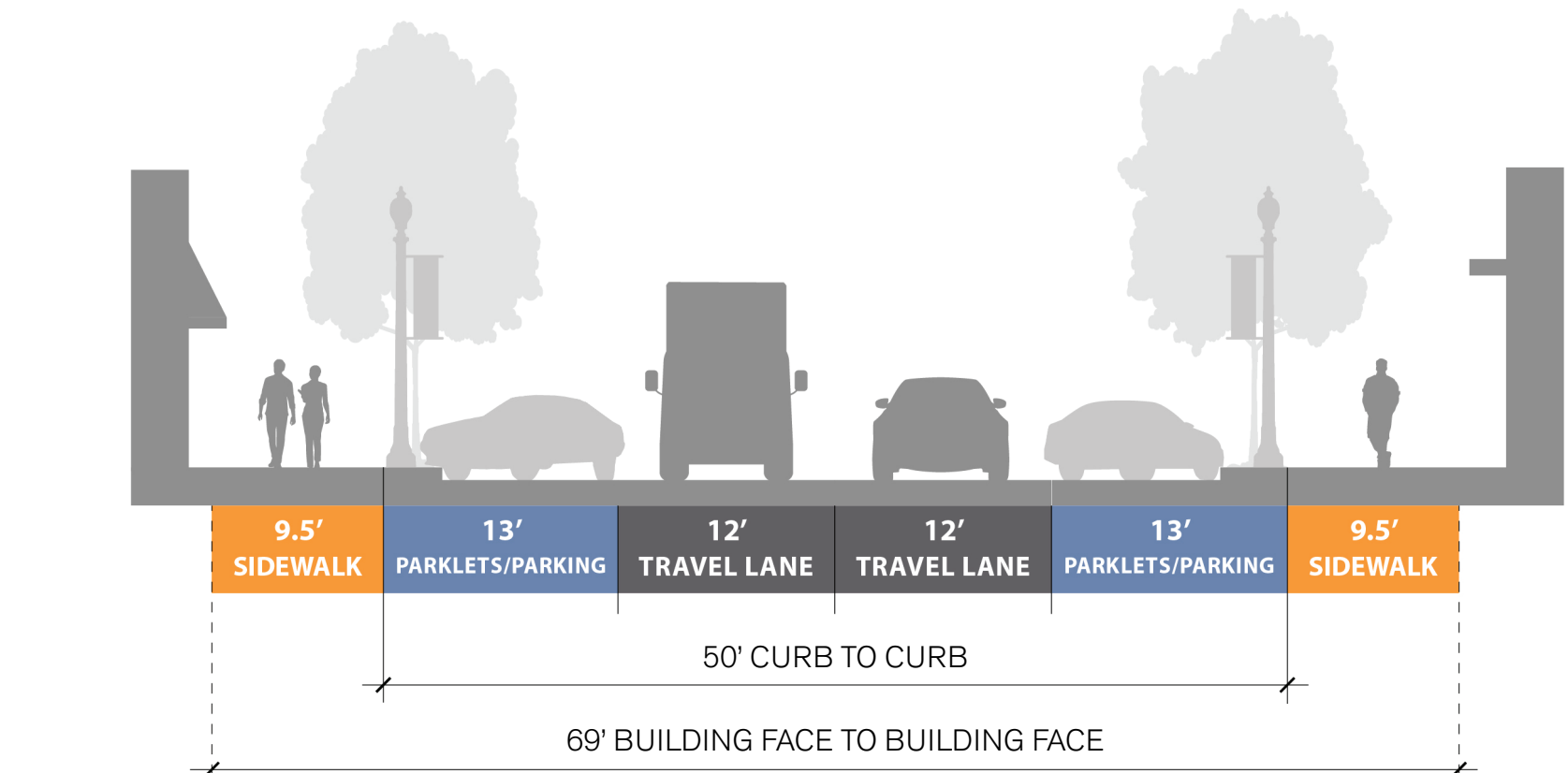
LAUREL STREET

CONCEPT 1 - PARALLEL BOTH SIDES

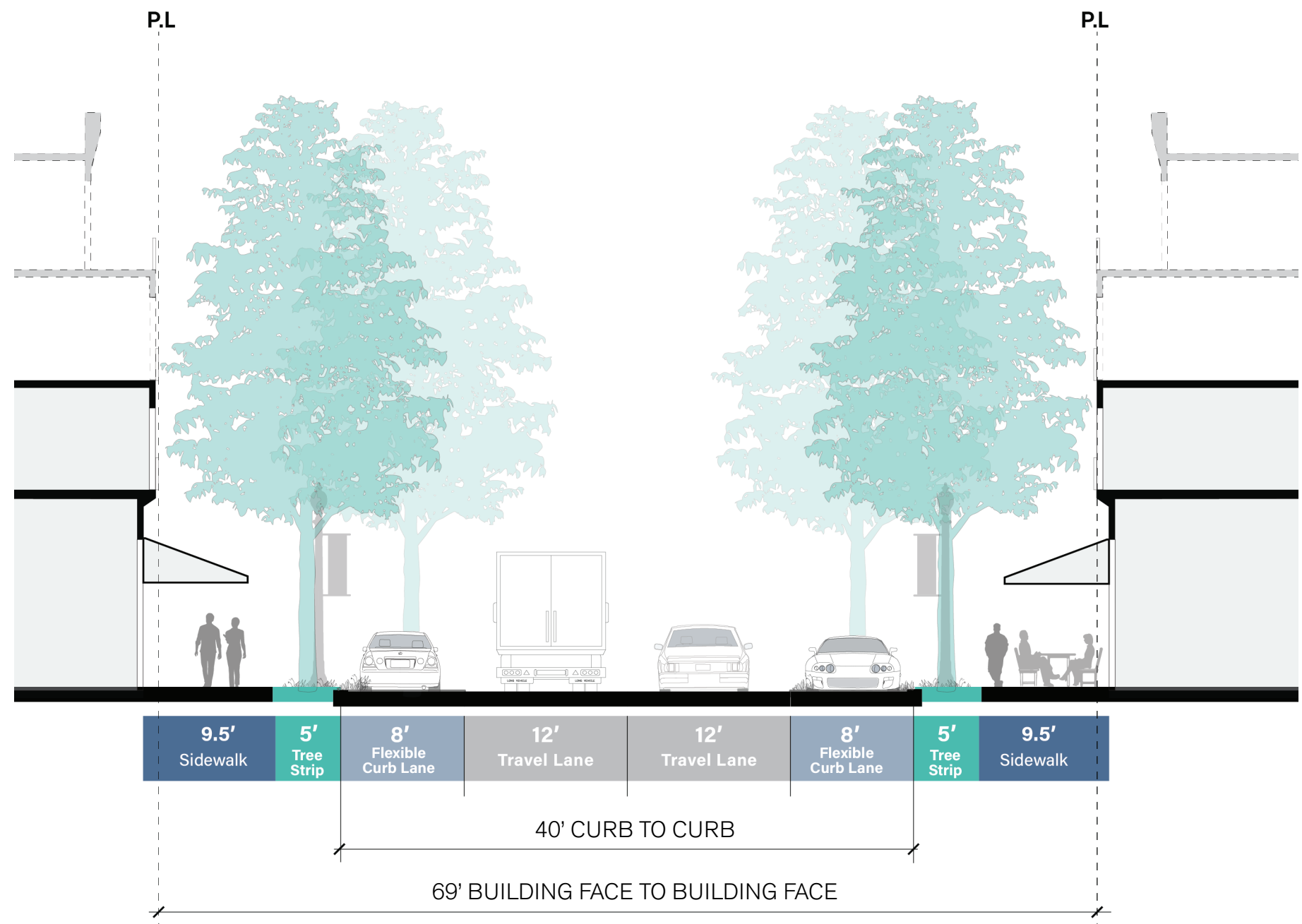
600 & 800 BLOCKS (LOOKING NORTH)



SCHEMATIC PLAN



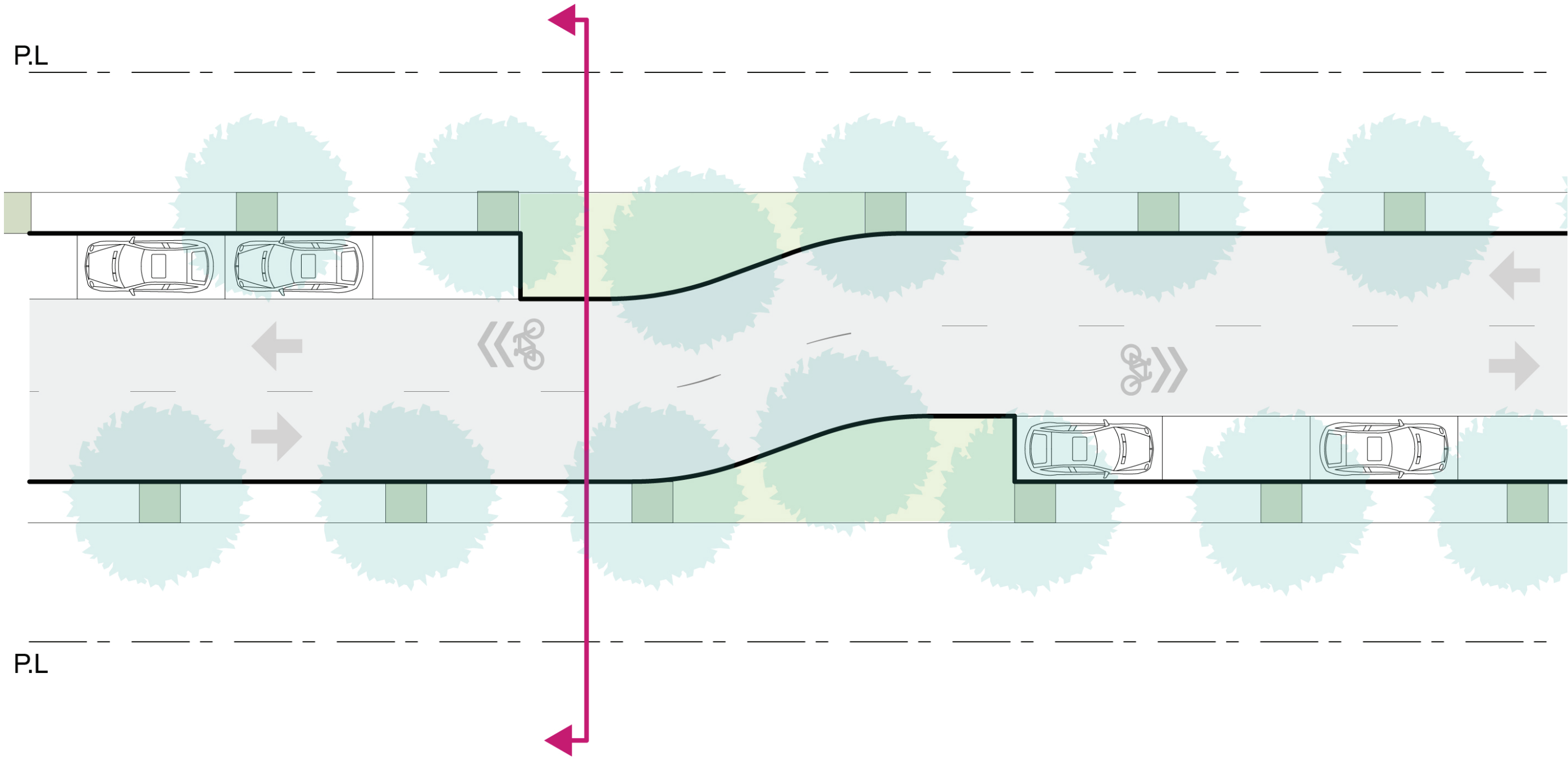
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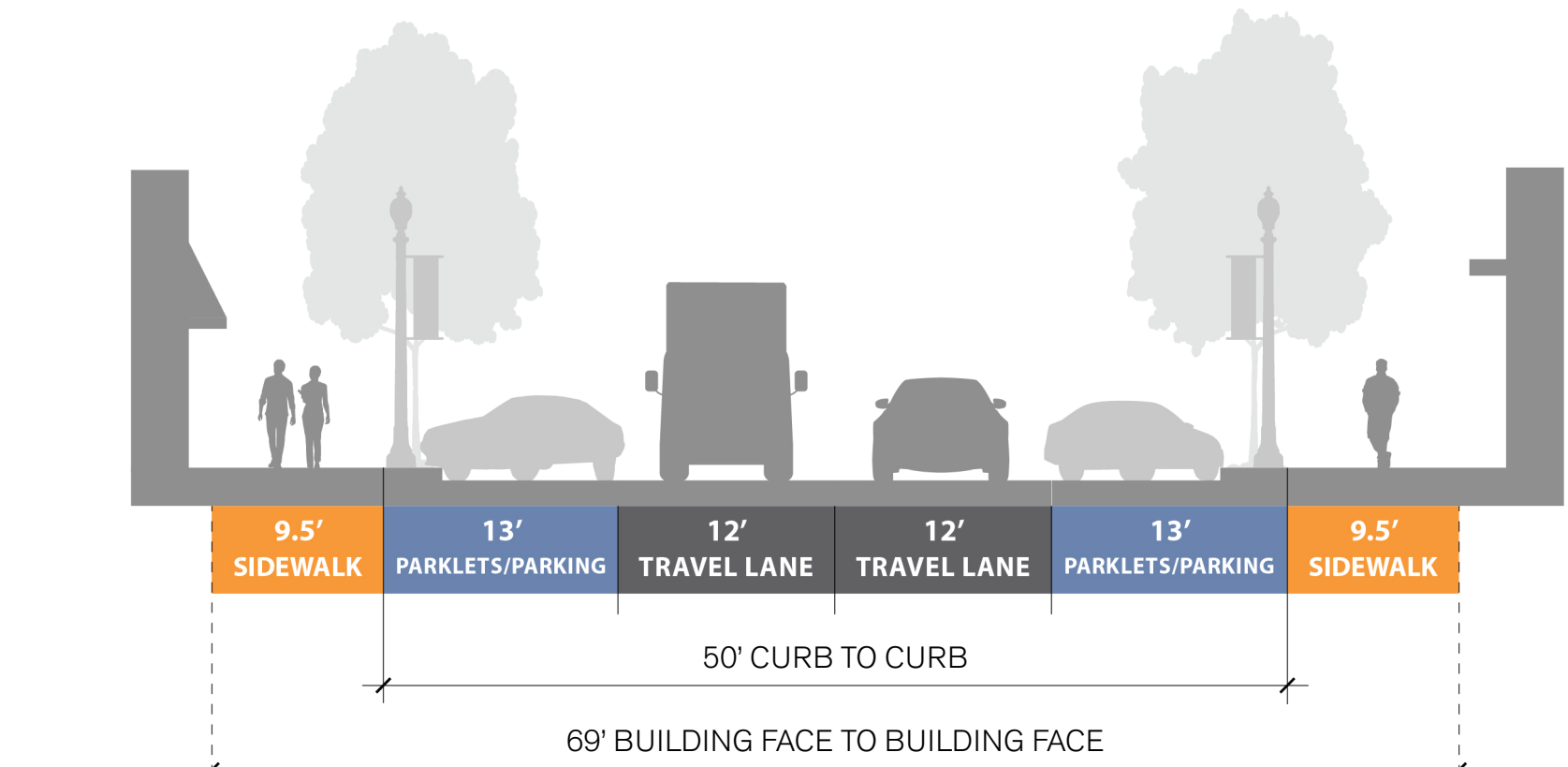
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LAUREL STREET CONCEPT 2 - PARALLEL, ALTERNATING SIDES

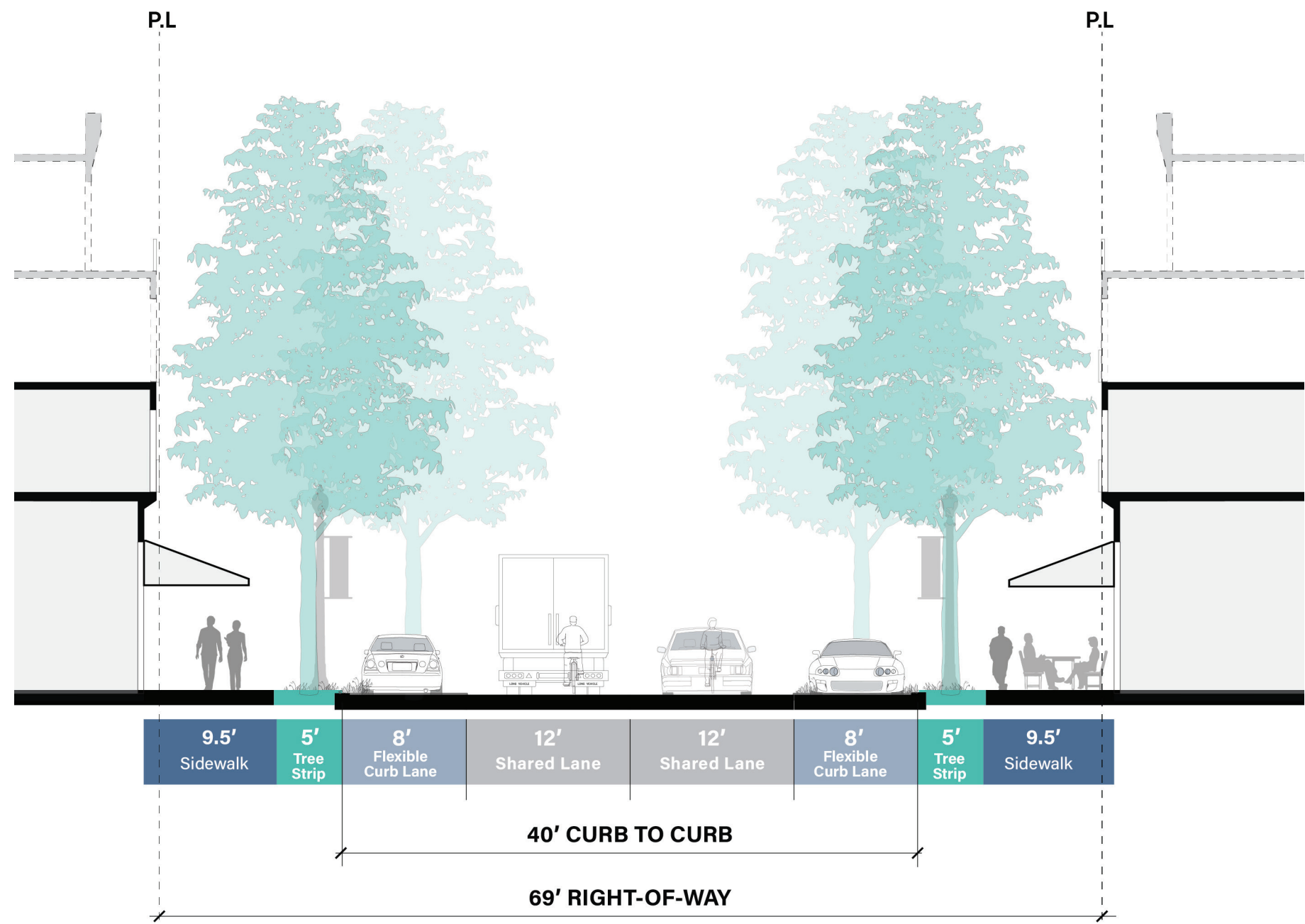
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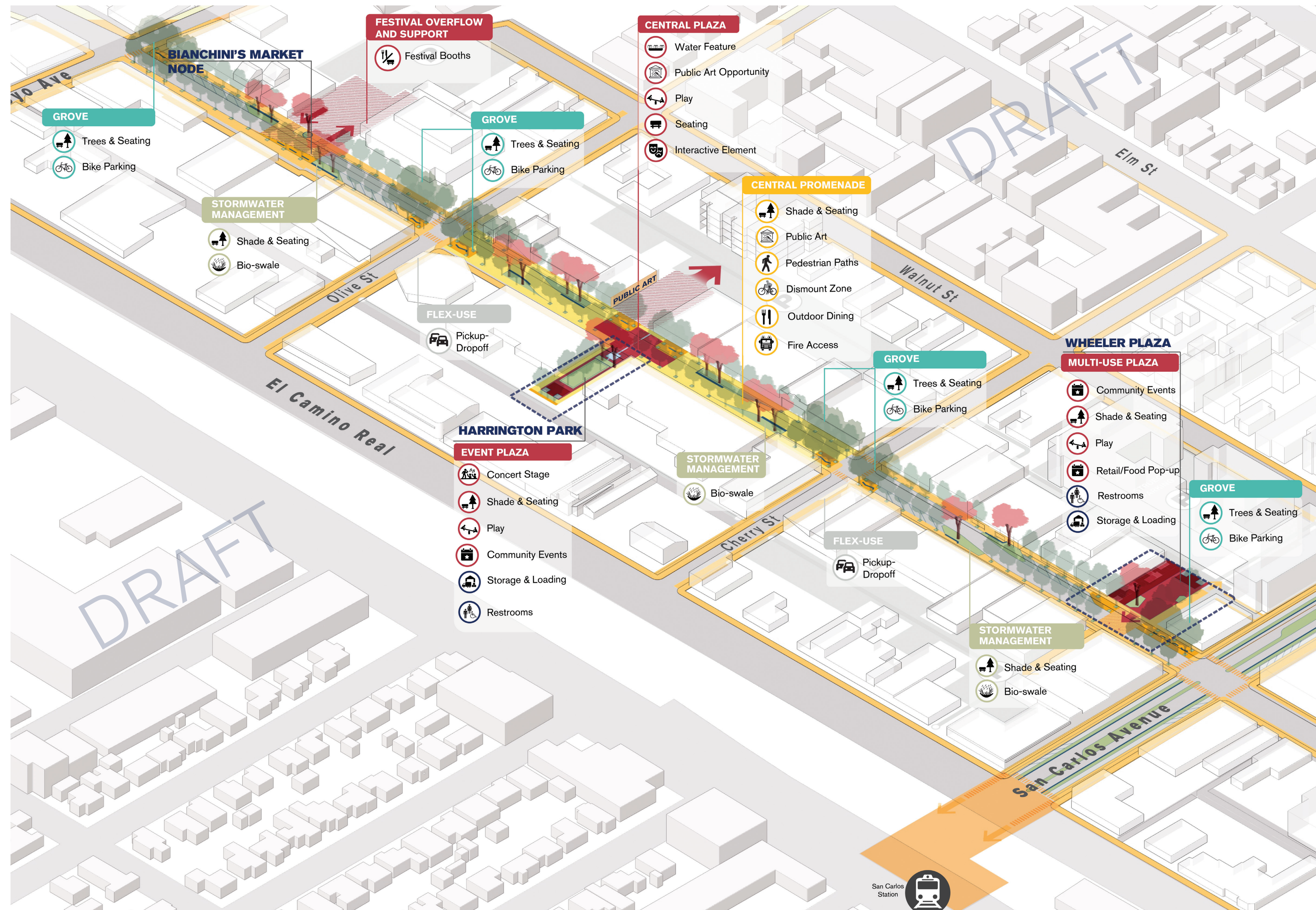
PUBLIC REALM DESIGN: 600 & 800 BLOCKS

Key themes:

- More preference for sinuous concept 2 for traffic calming.
- Suggestions for refined street network with strategies including one-way streets, for commuter safety and comfort.
- Reservations against parallel parking due to its potential to slow down traffic and create congestion.
- Suggestions included a community gaming center where board games, chess, and puzzles can be played.
- Recommendation for signage to keep cars off Laurel Street.
- Strong preference for active street edge showcasing diversity in retail offerings and food pop-ups.
- Regulations governing pop-up venues to ensure proper management and community benefits.

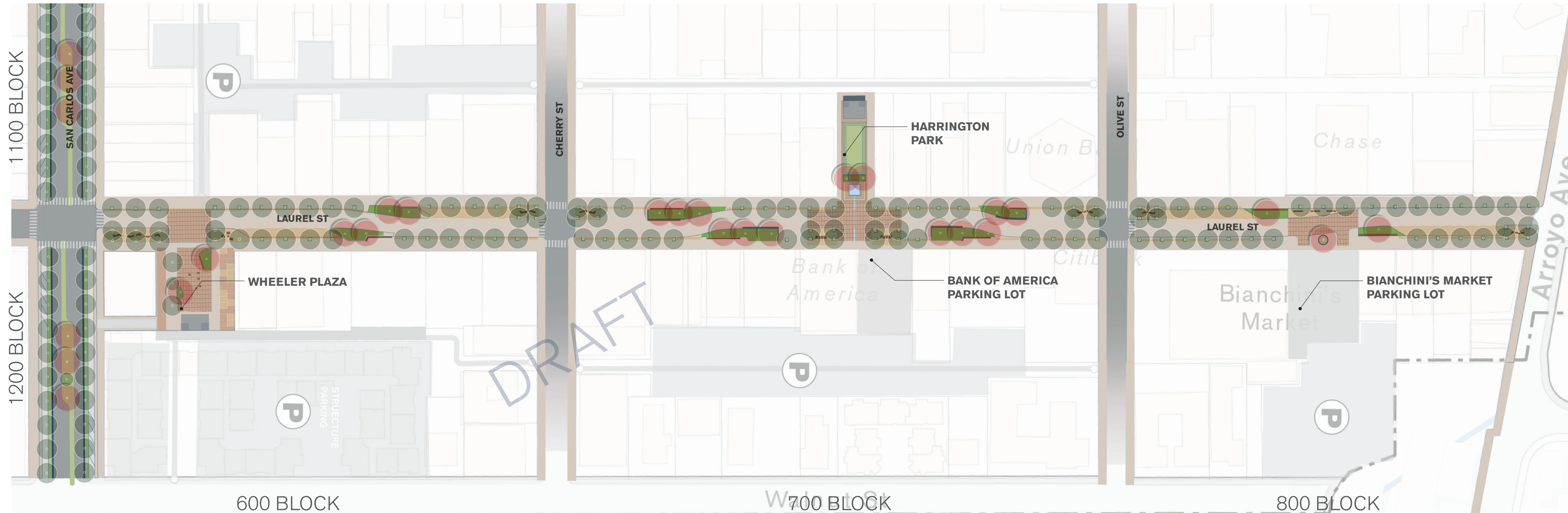
IN PROGRESS **PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS**

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IN PROGRESS **ILLUSTRATIVE LAYOUT:UNIFORM STREET DESIGN**

LAUREL STREET 600,700 & 800 BLOCKS AND SAN CARLOS AVENUE 1100 & 1200 BLOCKS





1 GROVE WITH SEATING



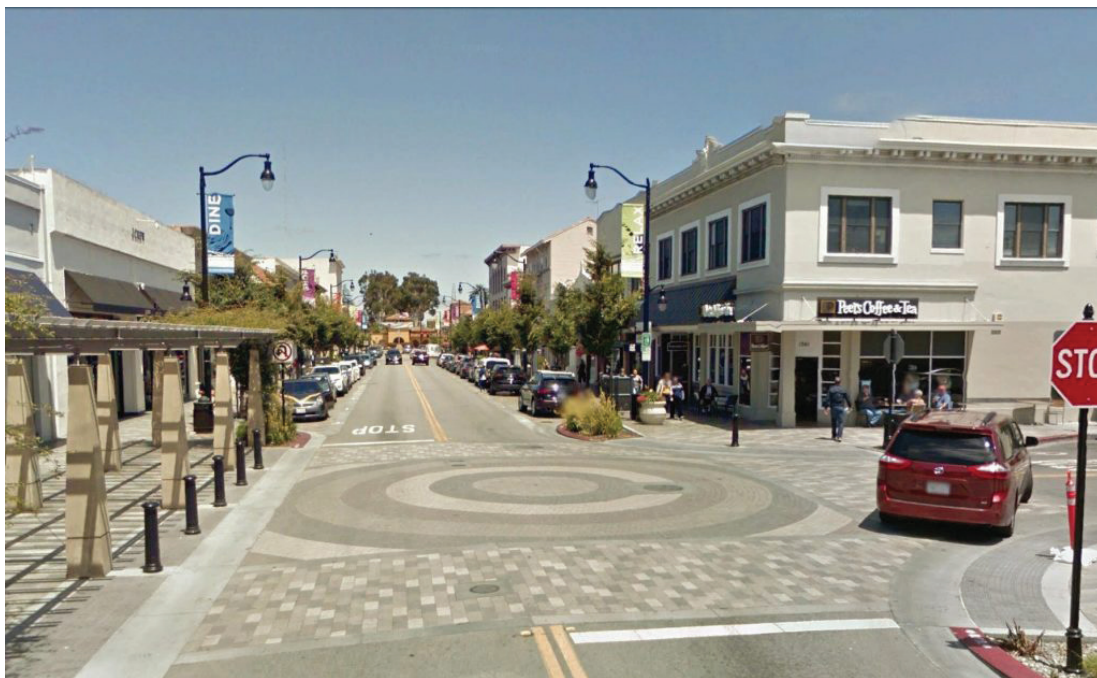
4 FOOD TRUCKS WITH SEATING



5 PERFORMANCE AREA



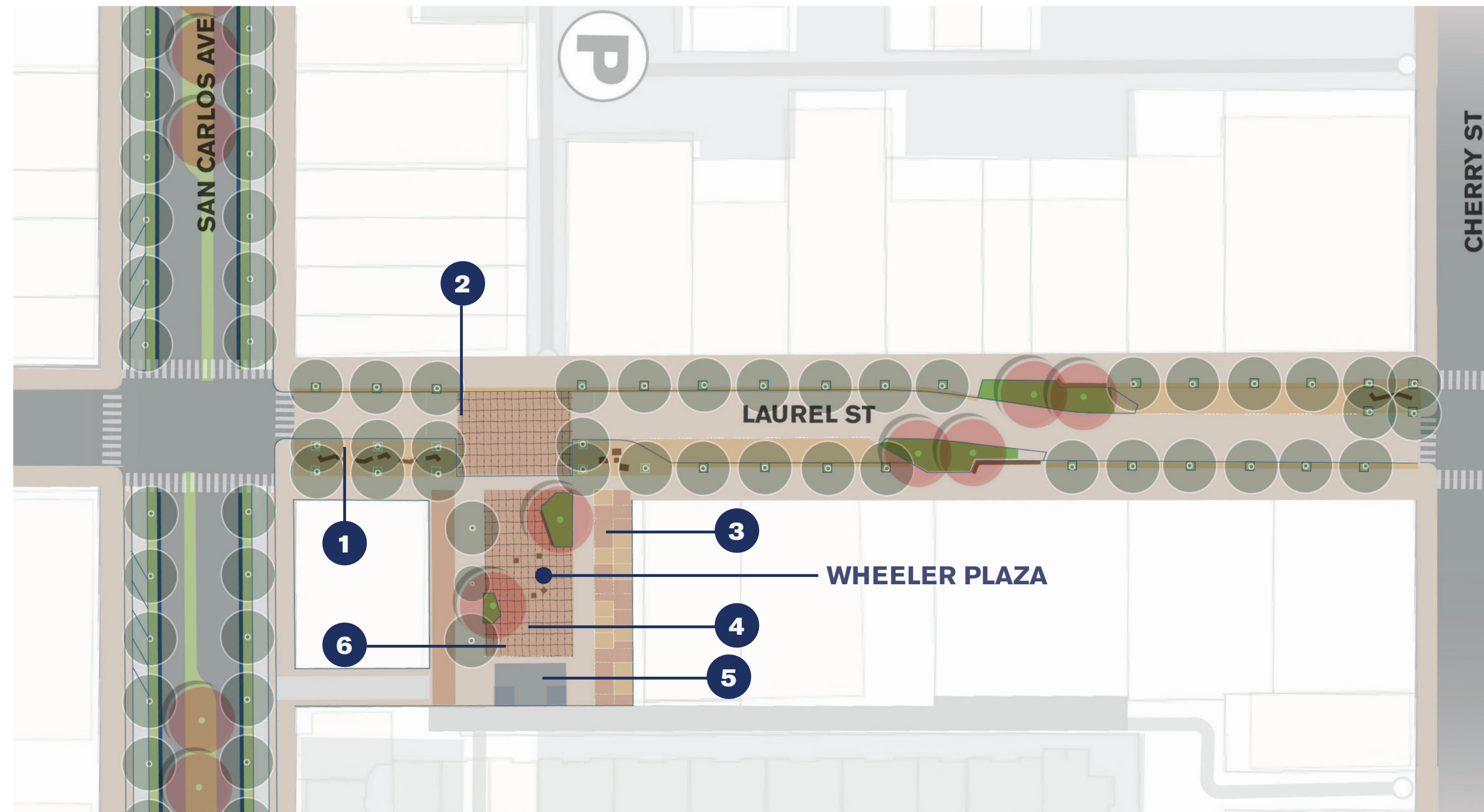
6 MULTI-PURPOSE PROGRAMMING



2 EXPANDED PLAZA



3 POP-UP MARKET



600 BLOCK **WHEELER PLAZA** CONCEPT



1 WATER FEATURE



4 EVENT PLAZA/ PROGRAMMING



5 STAGE/ PERFORMANCE AREA



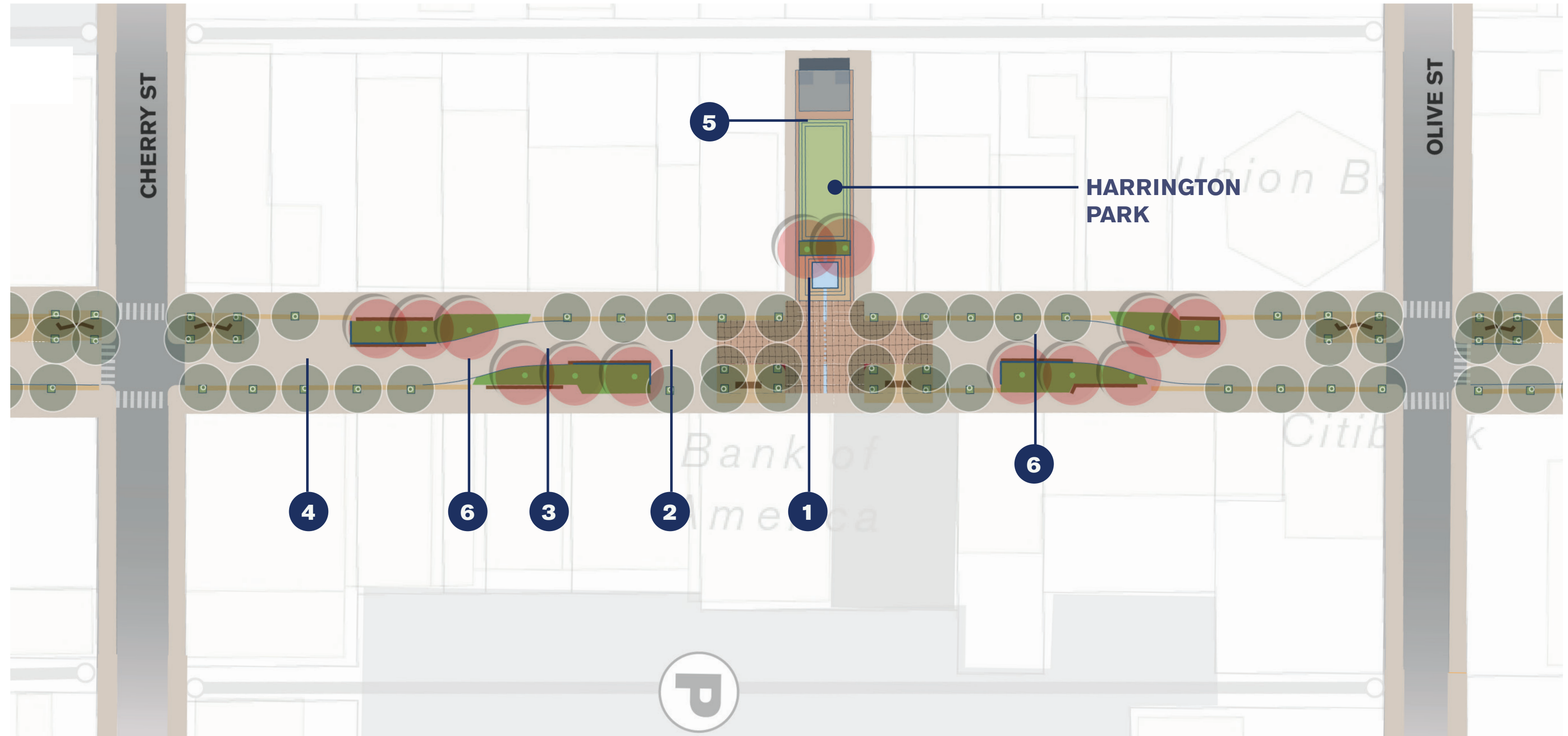
6 OUTDOOR DINING



2 SHADE AND SEATING



3 PEDESTRIAN PATHS



700 BLOCK **HARRINGTON PARK** CONCEPT



1 EXPANDED SIDEWALK



4 FLEXIBLE USE / SPECIAL PAVING



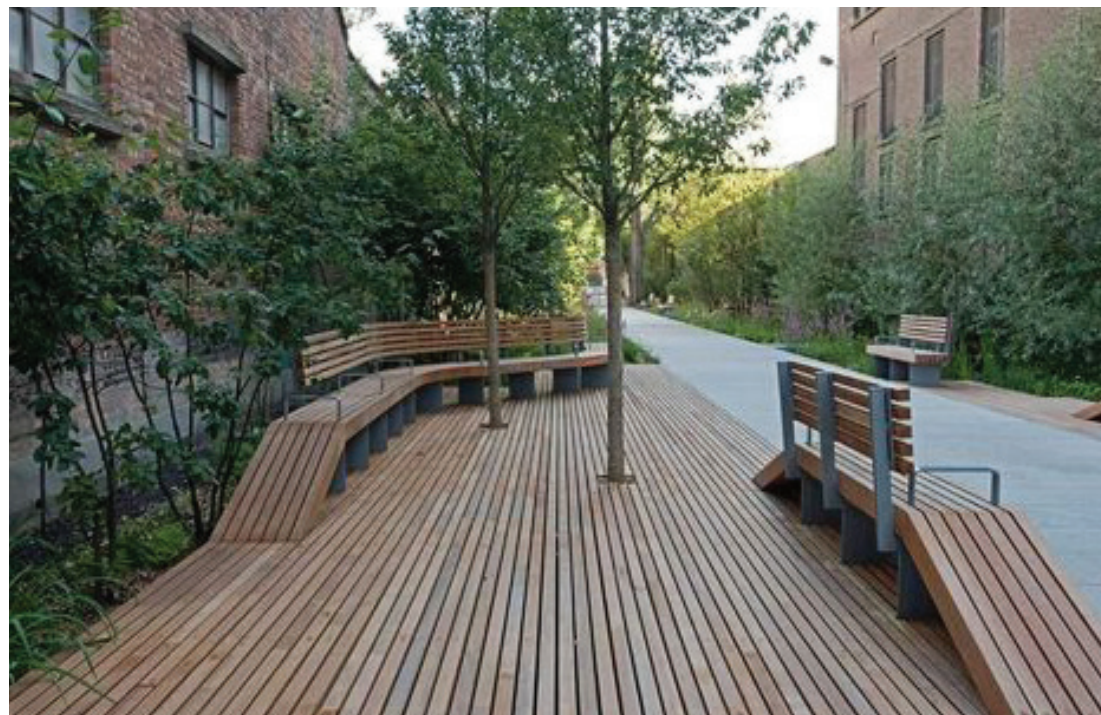
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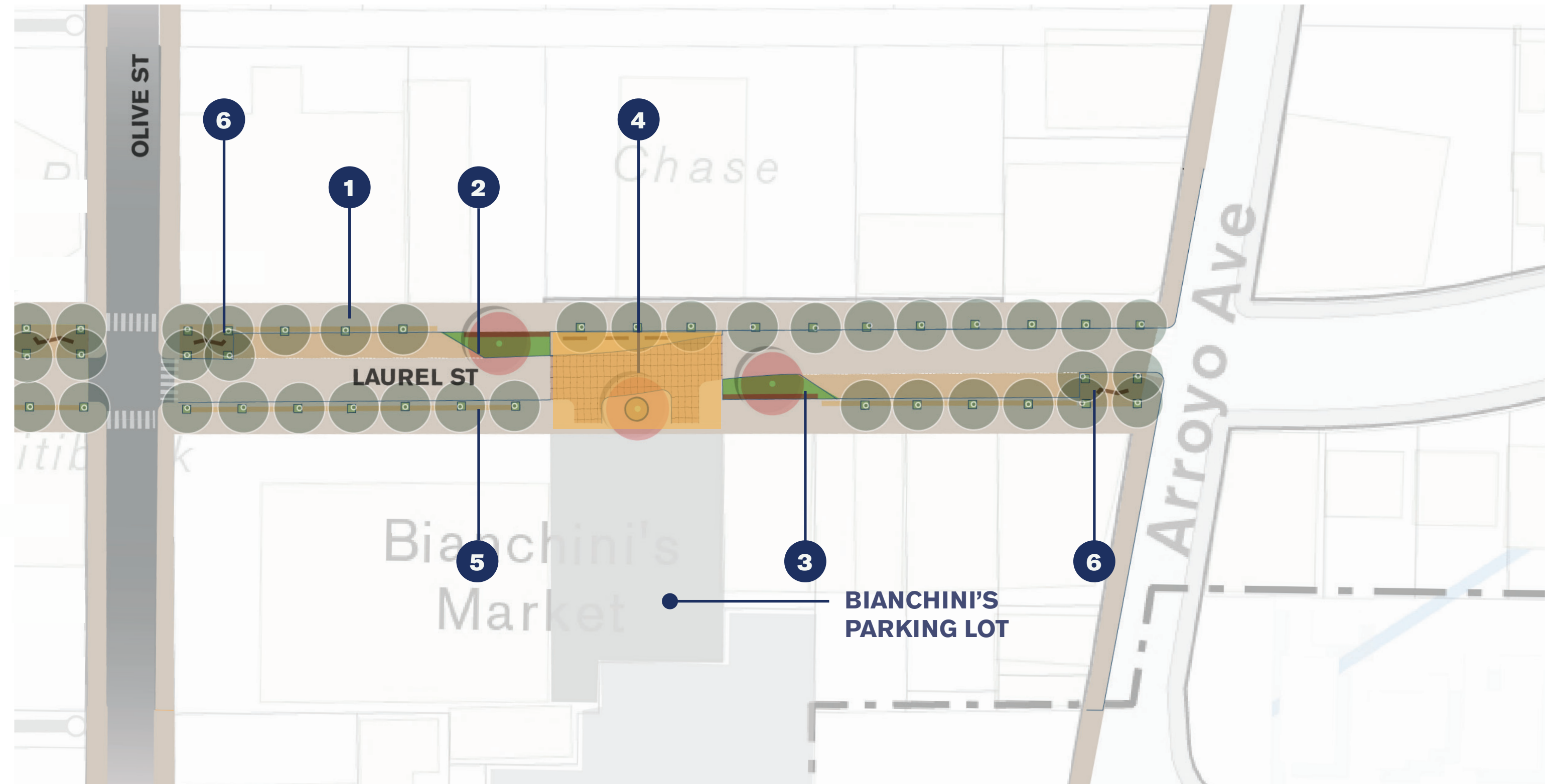
6 GROVE



2 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

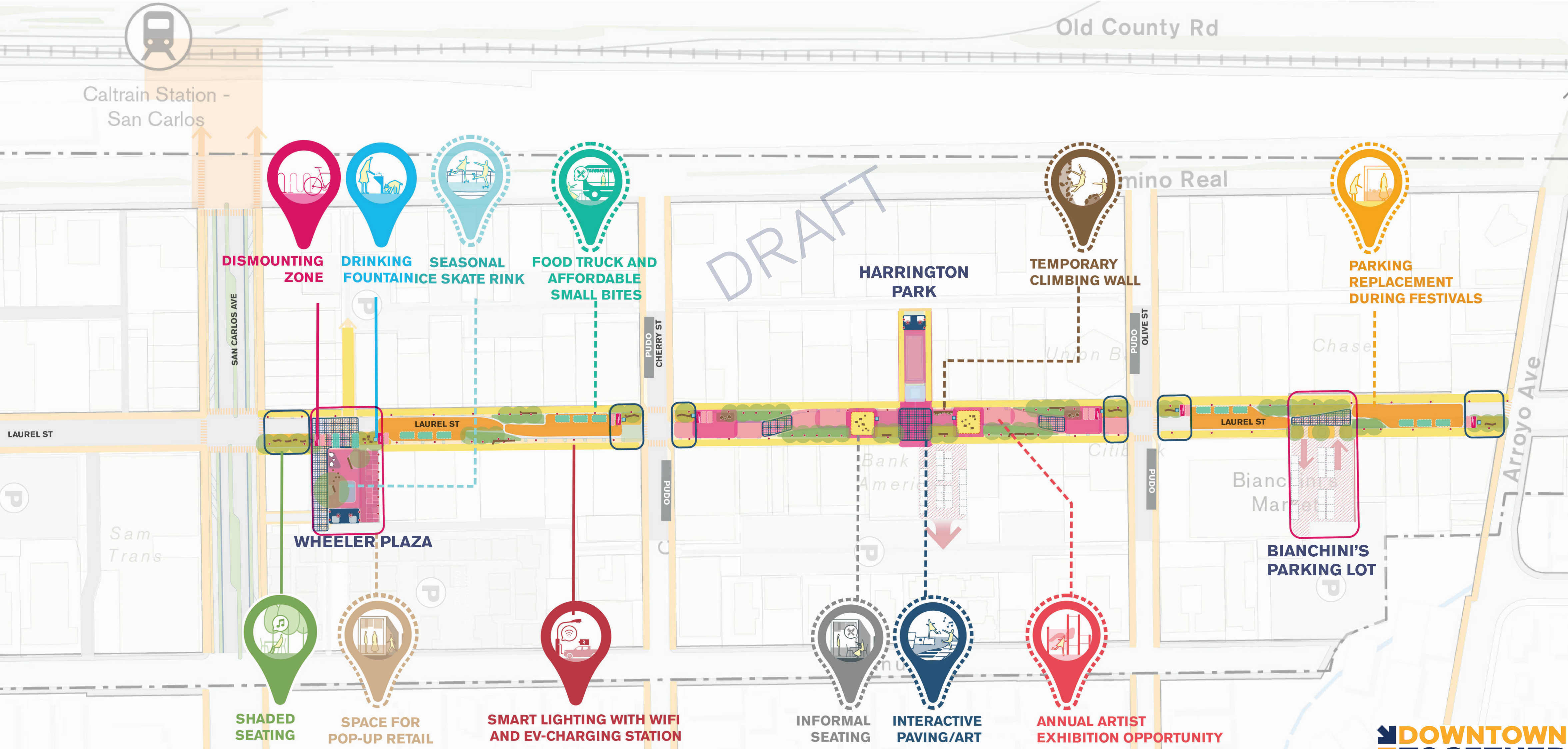


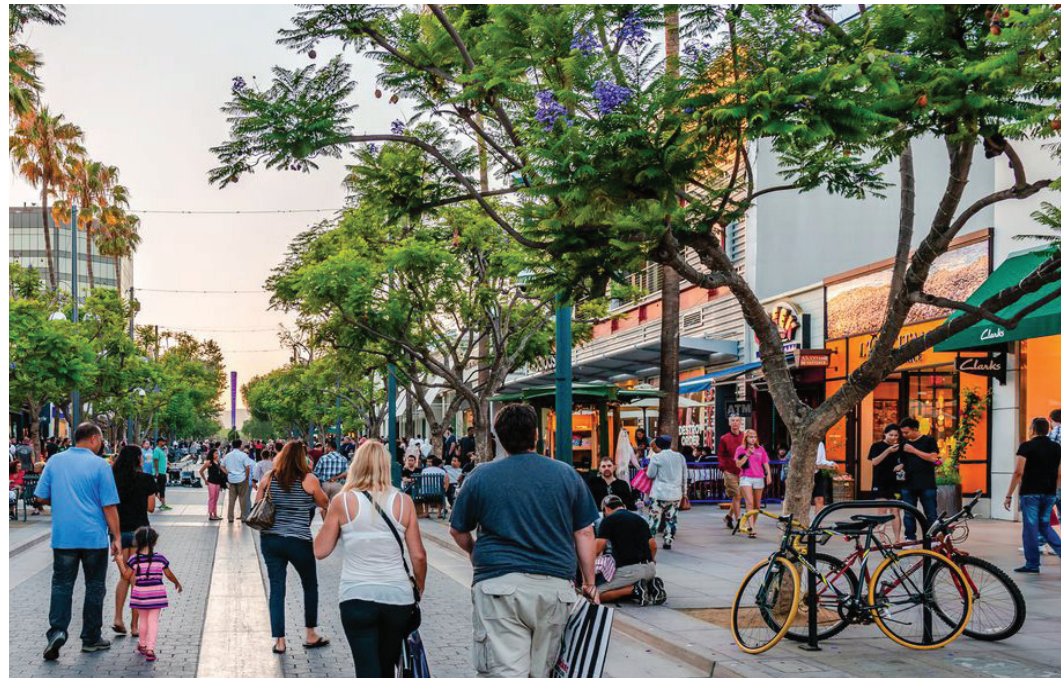
3 SEATING



800 BLOCK CONCEPT

IN PROGRESS PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS





DISMOUNT ZONE



SEASONAL ICE SKATING RINK



STAGE AND SEATING



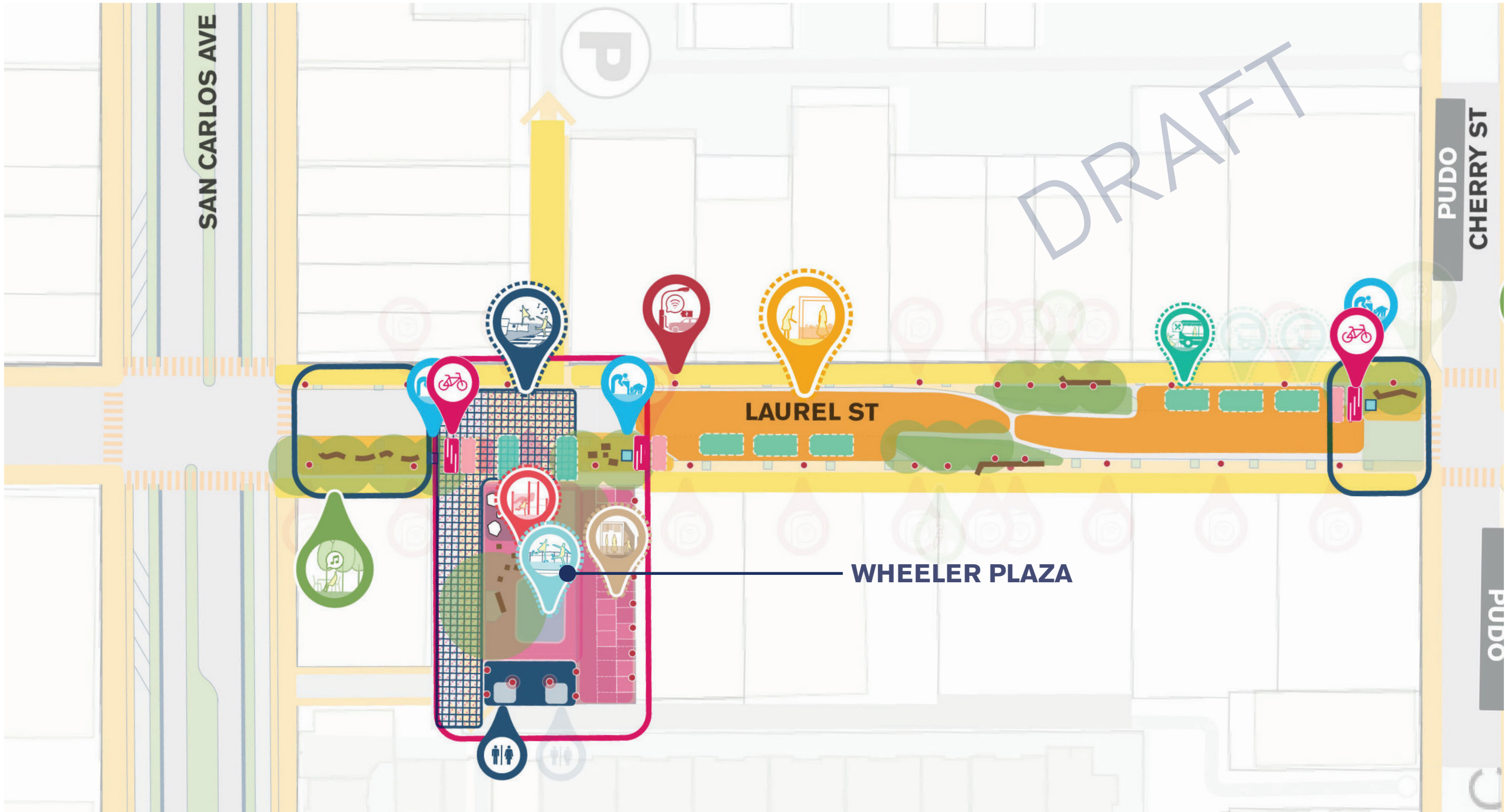
POP-UP STALLS

PERMANENT PROGRAMMES

- SHADED SEATING
- PUBLIC RESTROOM
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- DISMOUNTING ZONE FOR SKATEBOARDS, CYCLES, SCOOTERS ETC.
- SMART LIGHTING WITH WIFI AND EV CHARGING STATION

TEMPORARY PROGRAMMES

- INFORMAL SEATING
- FOOD TRUCK AND AFFORDABLE SMALL BITES
- SPACE FOR POP-UP RETAIL
- PARKING REPLACEMENT DURING FESTIVALS
- ANNUAL ARTIST EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY
- INTERACTIVE PAVING/ART
- TEMPORARY CLIMBING WALL
- SEASONAL ICE SKATE RINK



600 BLOCK WHEELER PLAZA CONCEPT



SHADED FAMILY SEATING



INTERACTIVE ART INSTALLATION



TEMPORARY CLIMBING WALL



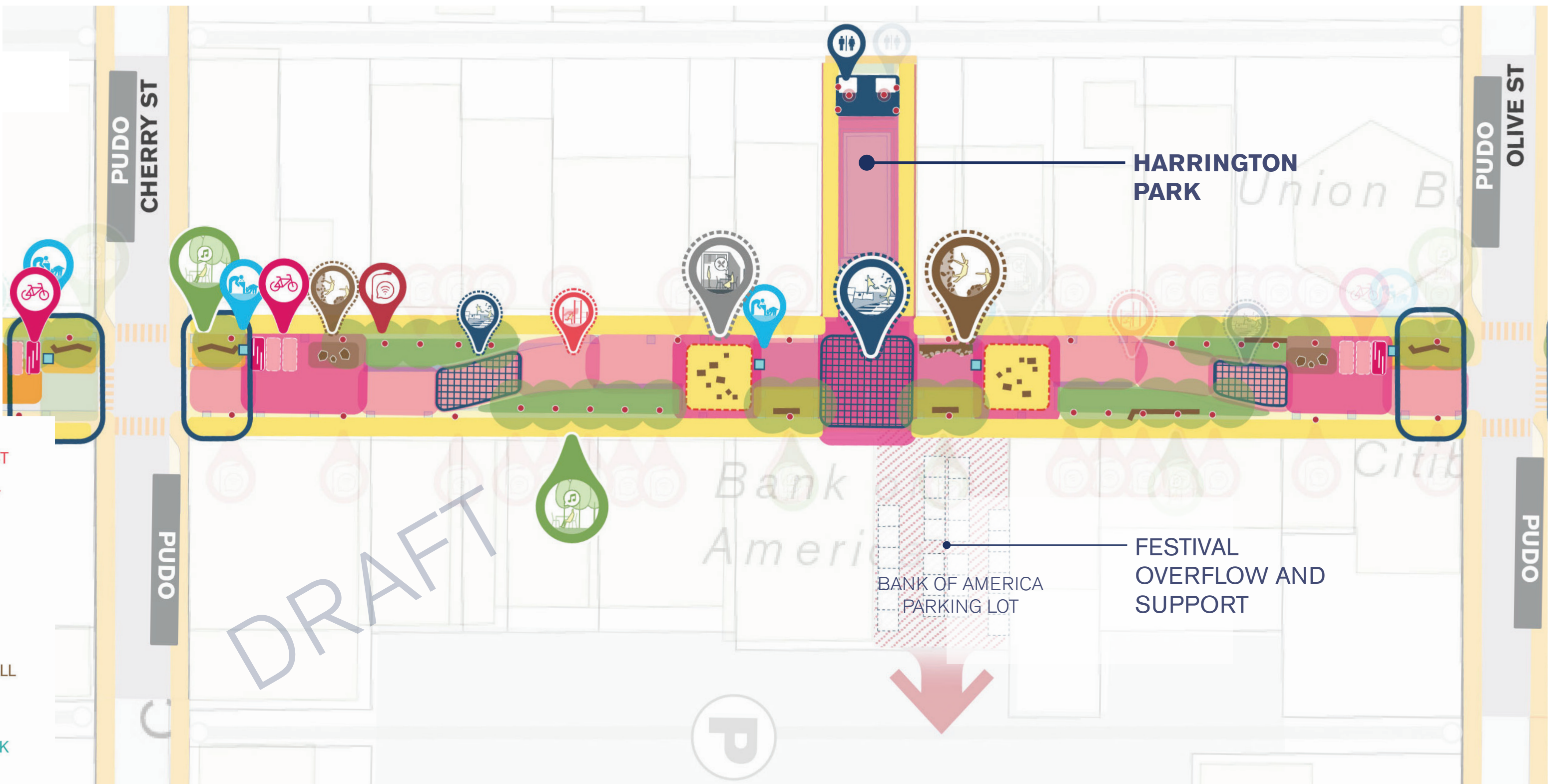
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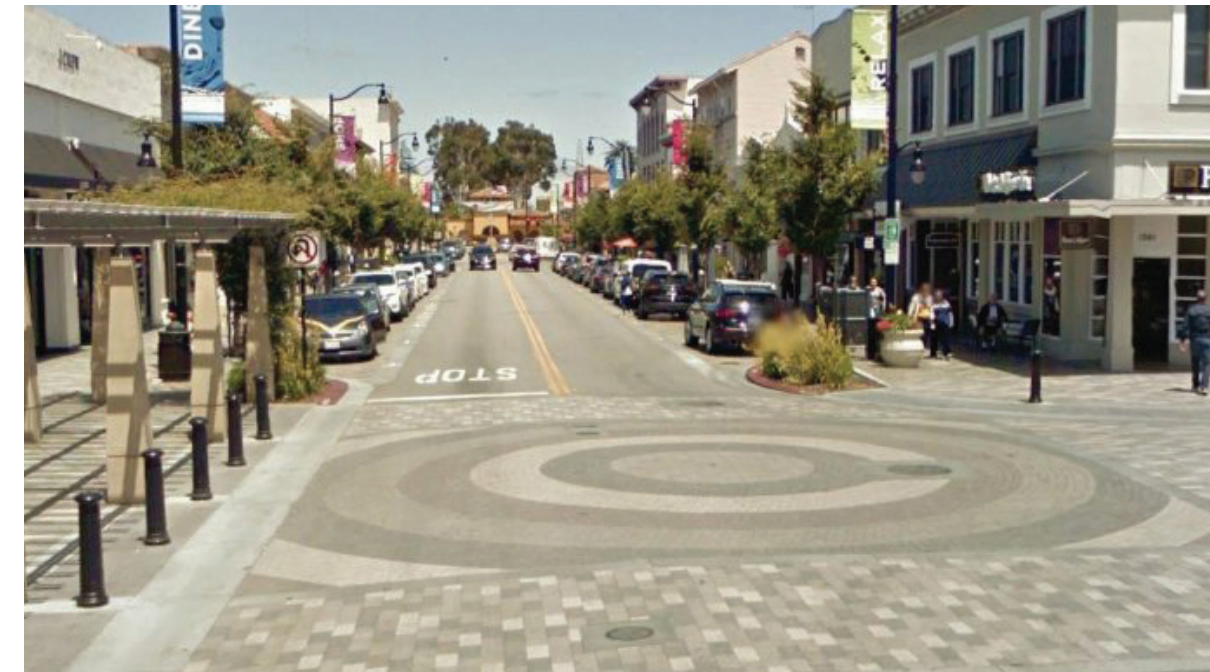
ARTIST EXHIBITIONS



WIFI AND CHARGING STATION



FOOD TRUCKS WITH SEATING



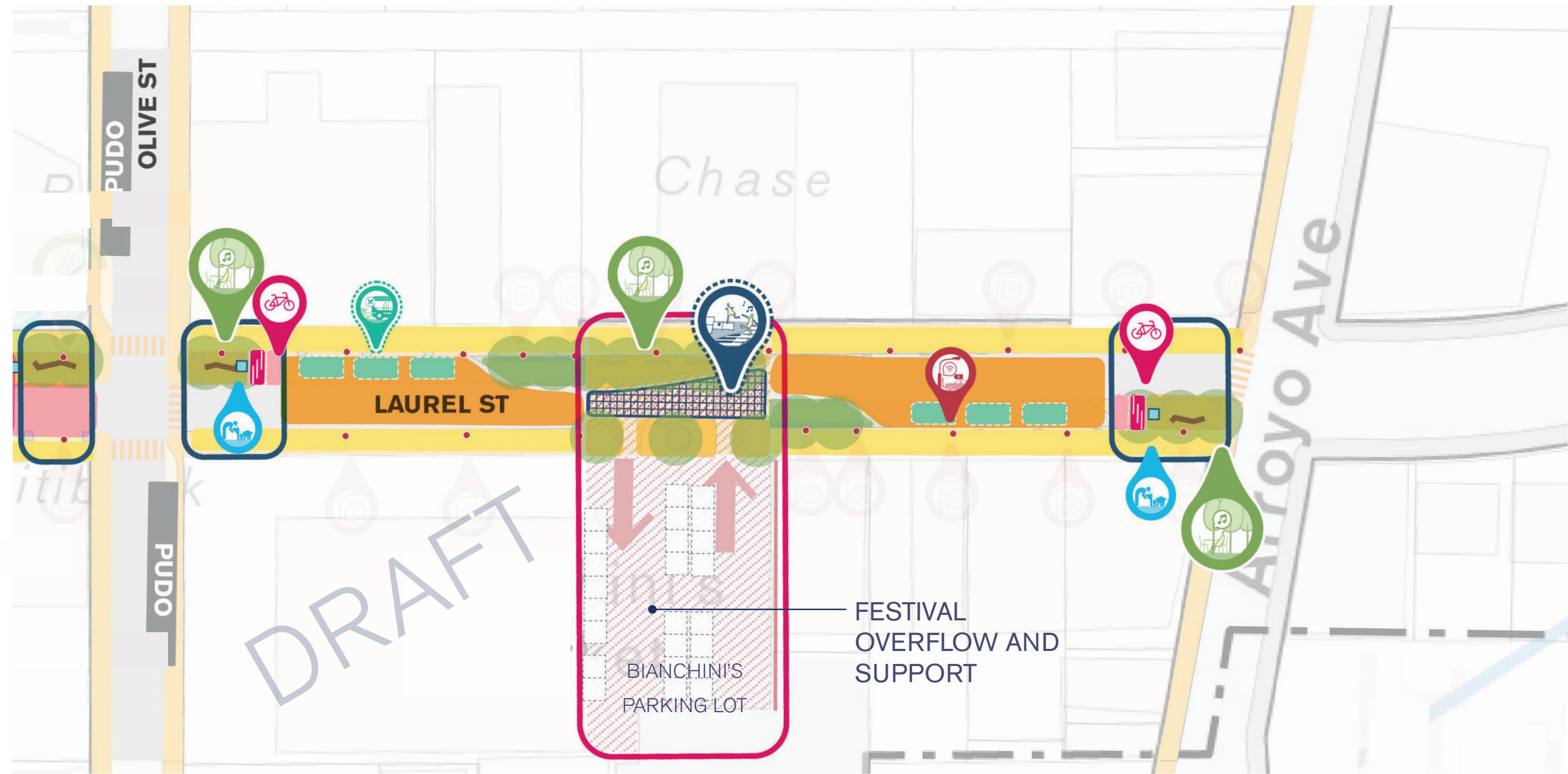
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800 BLOCK CONCEPT

PEDESTRIAN MALL EXAMPLES

PRECEDENTS: PEDESTRIAN MALL | ITHACA COMMONS, NY



PRECEDENTS: PEDESTRIAN MALL | PEARL STREET, BOULDER, CO



PRECEDENTS: PEDESTRIAN MALL | CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



PRECEDENTS: BURLINGAME AVENUE, BURLINGAME, CA



PRECEDENTS: OTHER PROGRAM IDEAS



DISCUSSION

THANK YOU

