



BELLEVUE GRAND CONNECTION

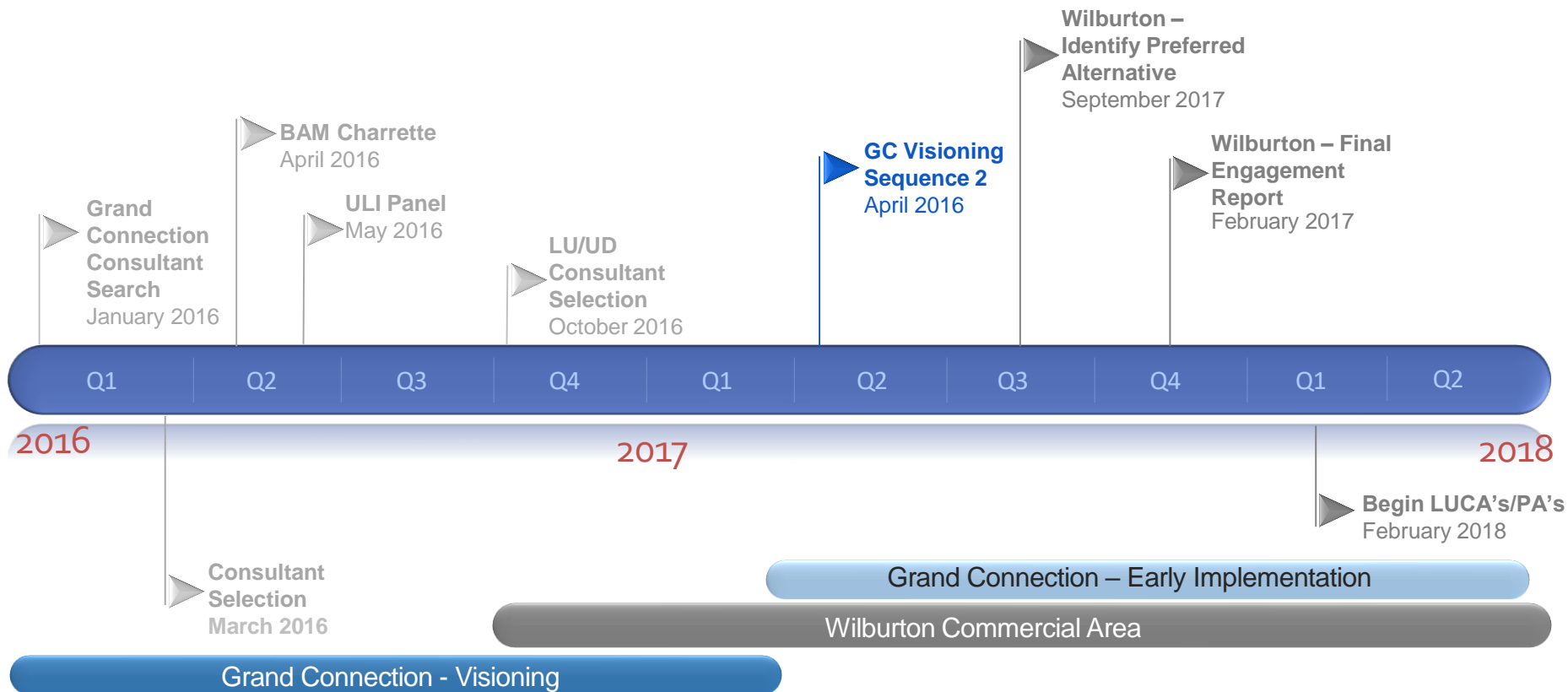
BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

March 13th, 2017

OVERVIEW

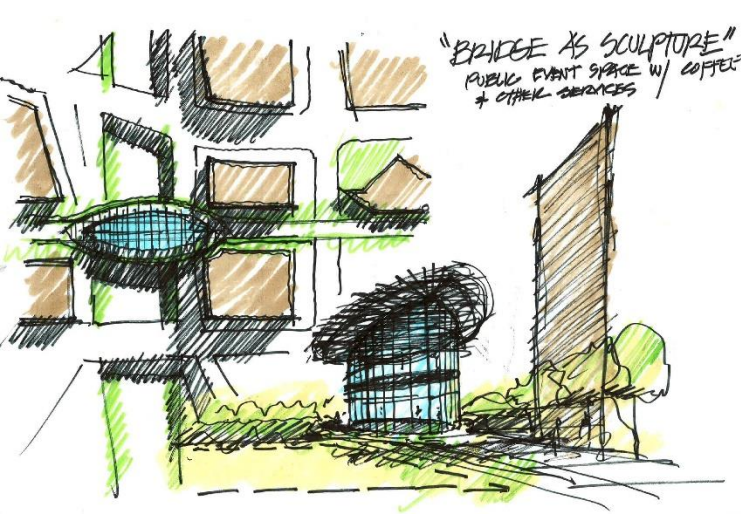
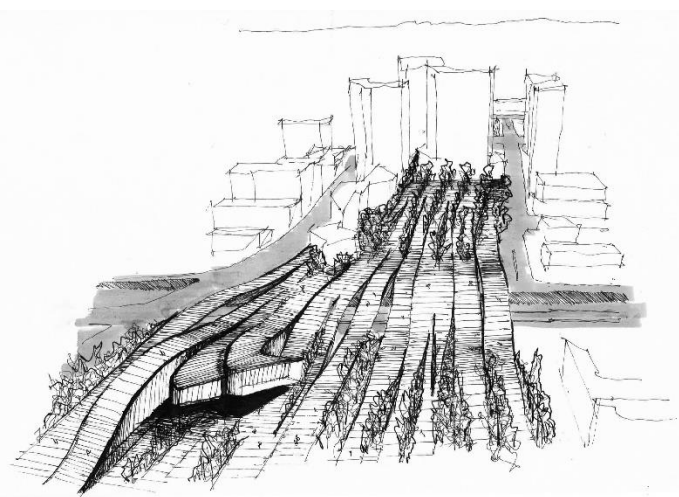
- Tonight's discussion will focus on:
 - Updates to the I-405 crossing concepts
 - Process
 - Public Engagement
 - Public Art Survey
 - Youth Engagement
 - Early Implementation Strategies
 - Raised Intersection
 - Game On!
 - Information and feedback

WHERE WE ARE



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

- City of Bellevue and Bellevue Arts Museum Charrette



•Early Visioning and Public Engagement – Sequence One



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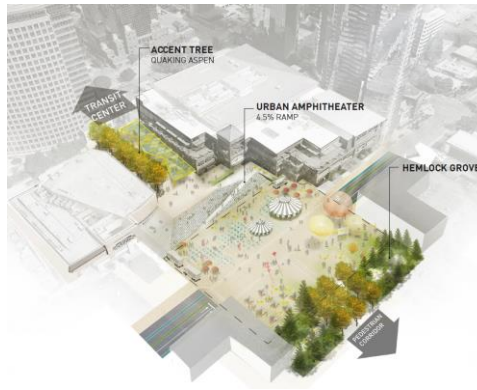
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Grand Connection in the News

- **Daily Journal of Commerce - Design Perspectives:** Can we put a lid over our urban freeways?
- **Puget Sound Business Journal - "Like Seattle, Bellevue also considering 'audacious goal' of building a lid, park over the freeway"**

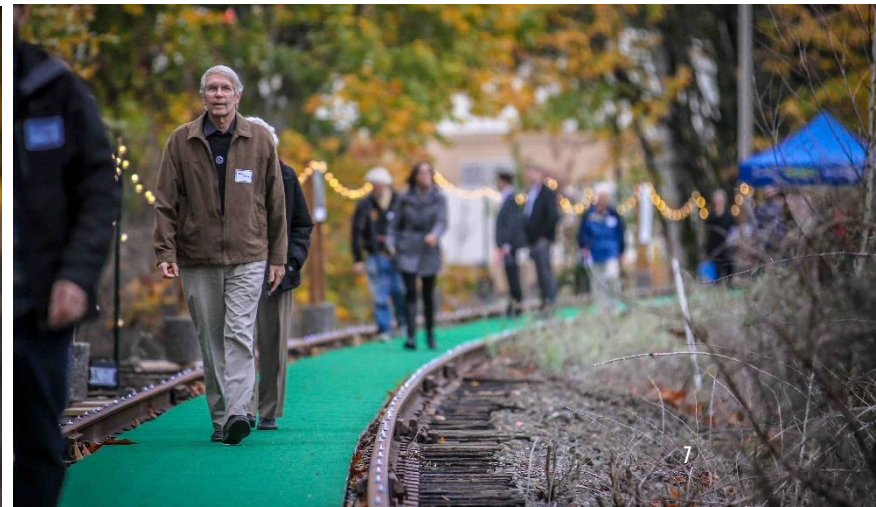
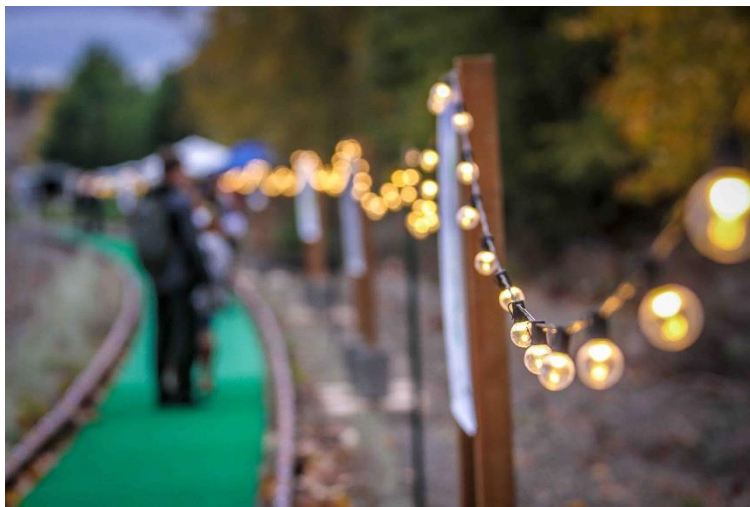
WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

•Design Refinement — Sequence One



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

•Enliven Wilburton!



I-405 CROSSING ALTERNATIVES

- Presentation on October 24th, 2016

- Three Options

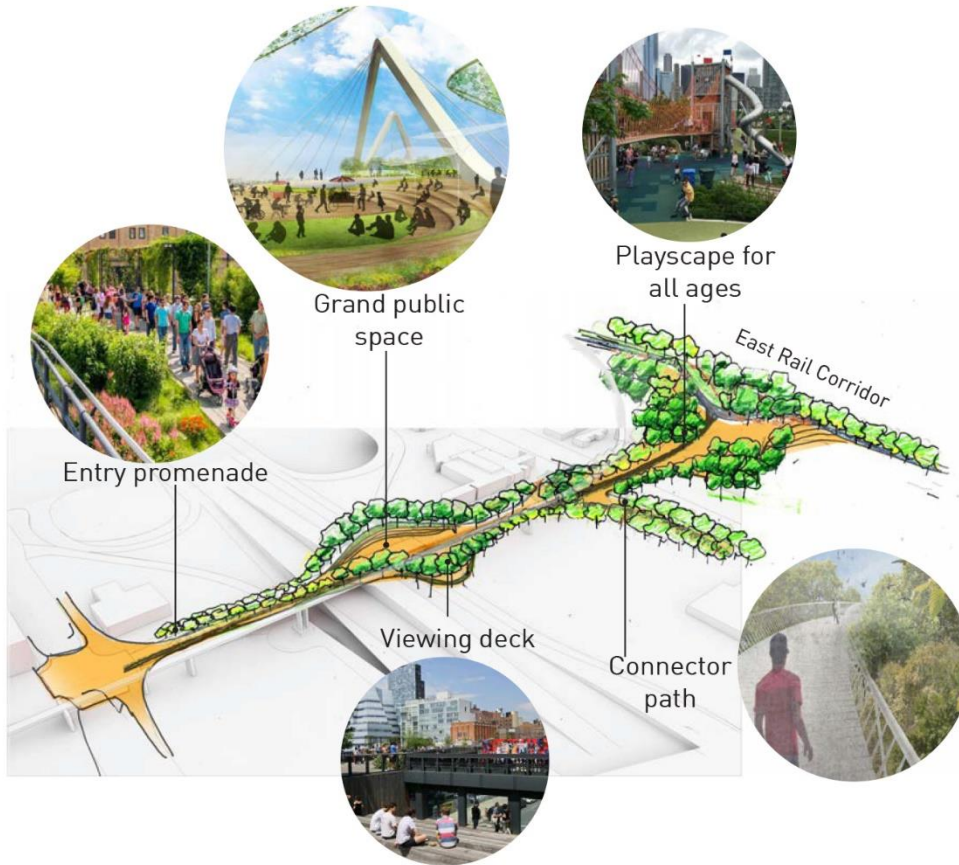


- Low – NE 6th Street Extension
- Middle – High Line type bridge between NE 4th and NE 6th
- High – Lid between NE 4th and NE 6th

- Online Open House

ORIGINAL OPTION ONE

- Extension from NE 6th Street
- Most direct route
- Maintain visibility from Downtown
- Modifications to NE 6th Street



UPDATED OPTION ONE



NATURAL PLAYGROUND



VIEWING PLATFORM



GARDEN PATH



SKATE PARK
(UNDER THE BRIDGE)

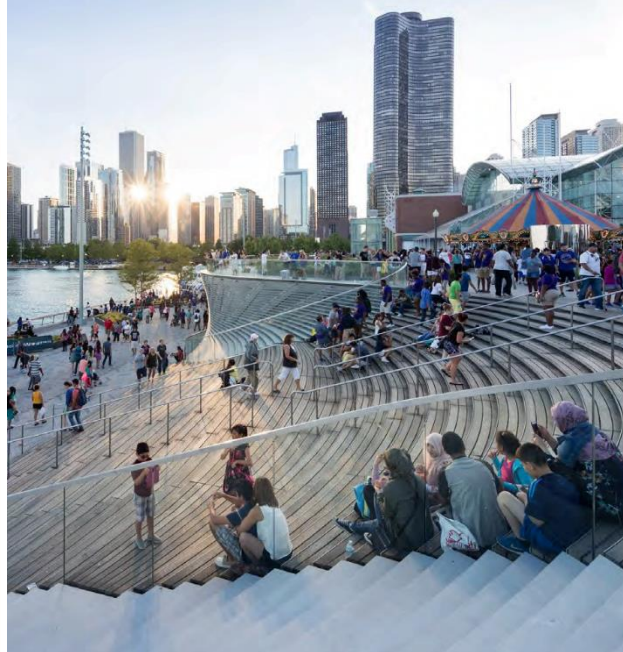


AMPHITHEATER/STAIRS



LAWN
/ STORM WATER
FACILITY

EAST RAIL CORRIDOR



UPDATED OPTION ONE

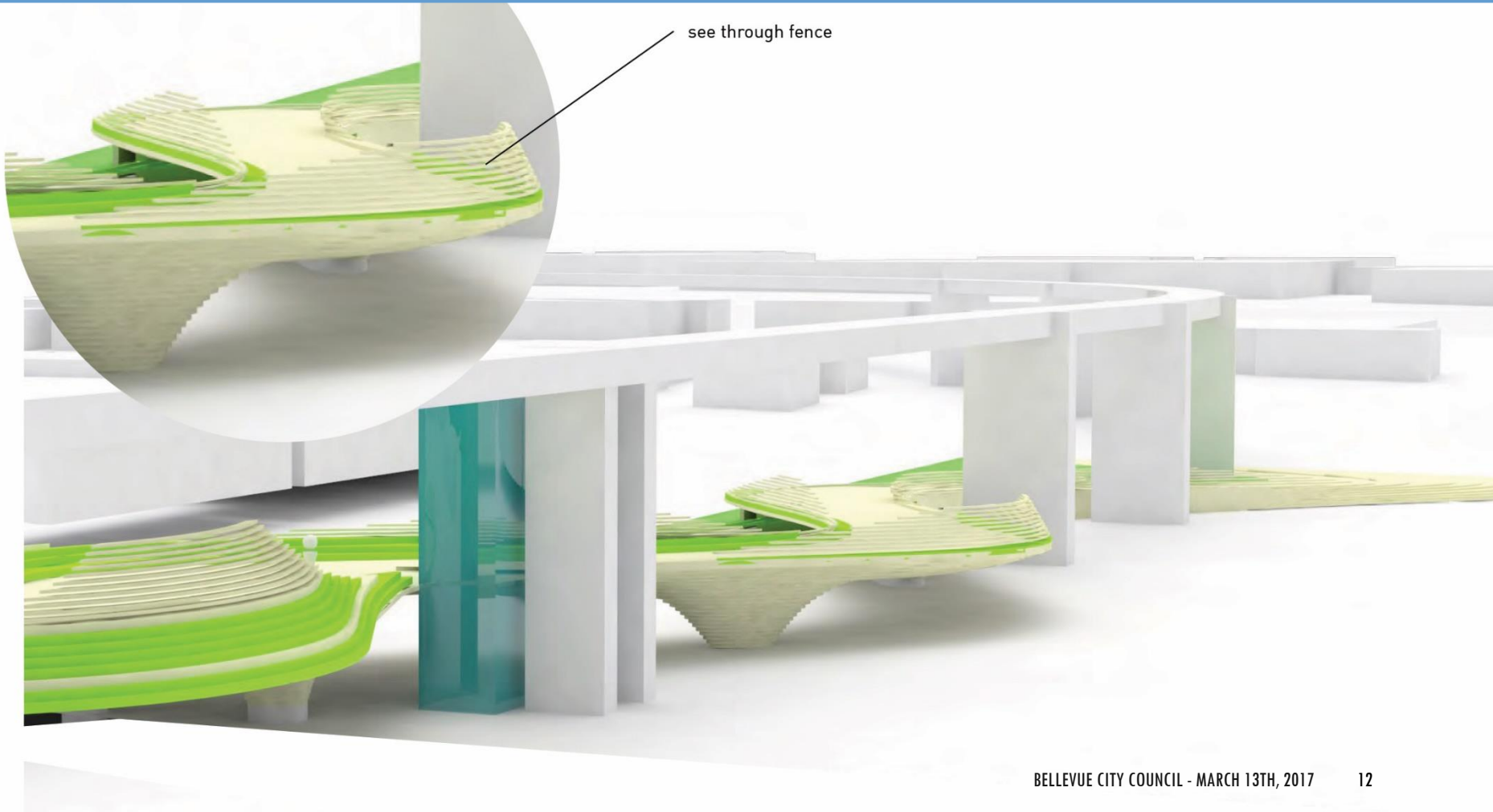
- Significant Changes
 - Form of bridge defined
 - More curvilinear form
 - Materiality Defined
 - Speaks to the Wilburton Trestle
 - Absorbs CO2 emissions



UPDATED OPTION ONE

•Significant Changes

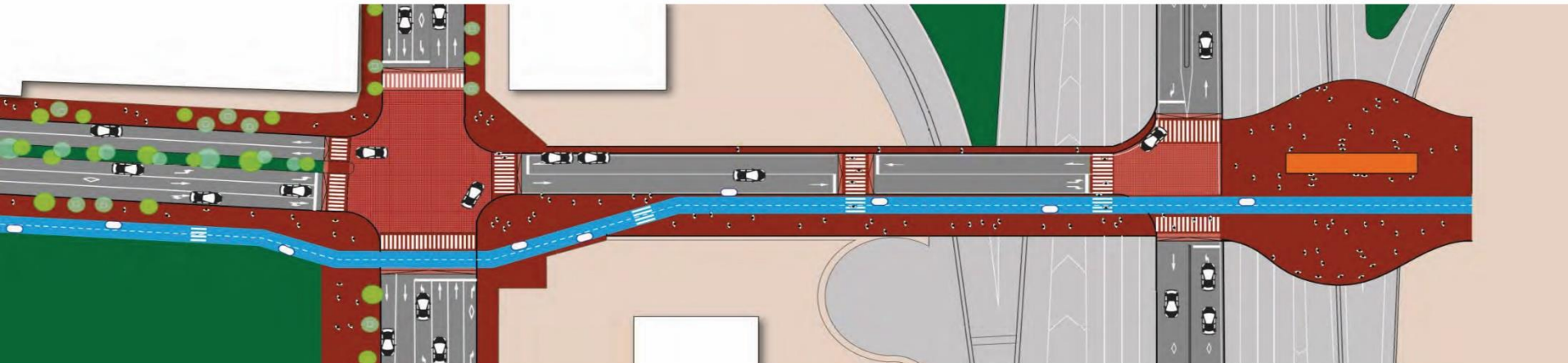
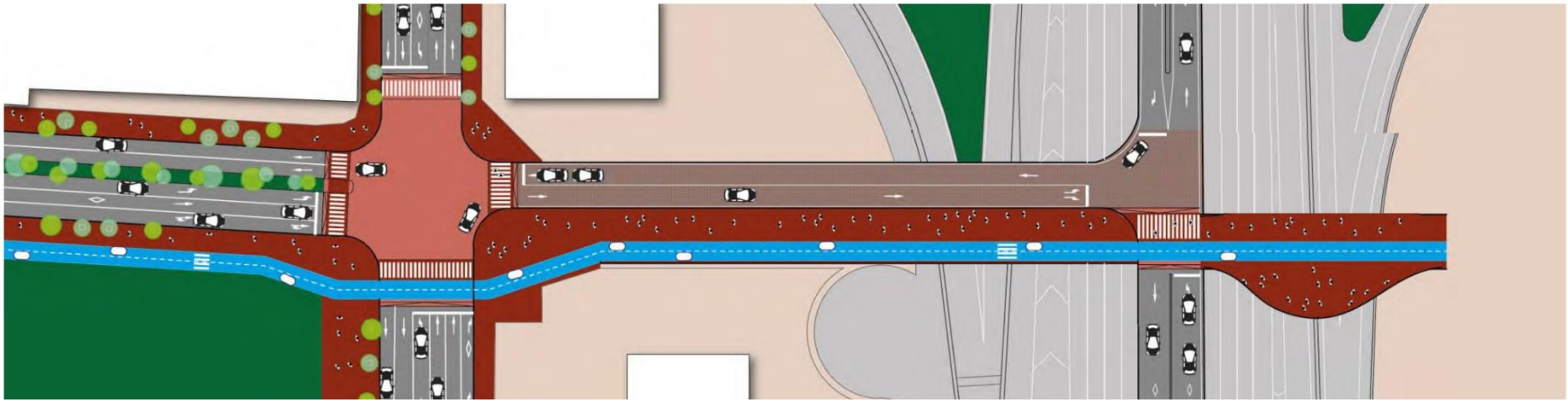
- Buffer from sights and sounds of interstate
- Location for MOB's and bike lanes determined
- Potential public space on the Lincoln Center site



UPDATED OPTION ONE

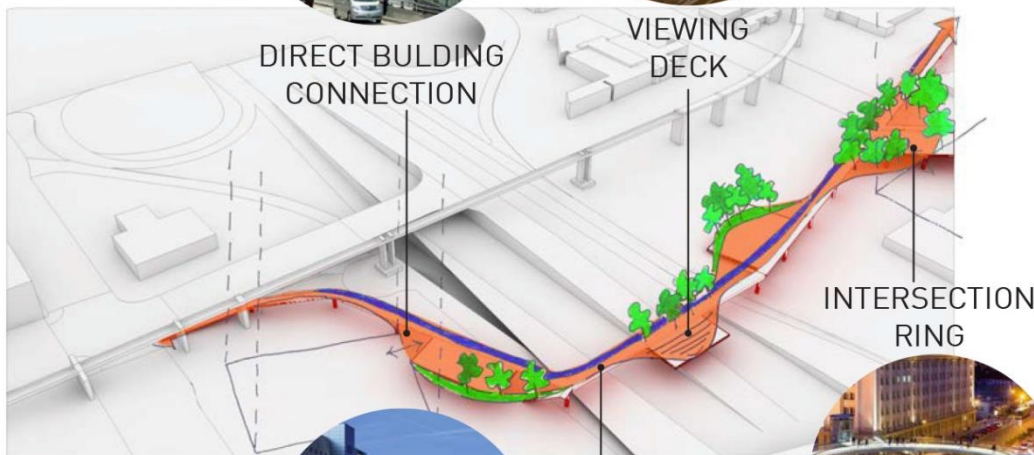
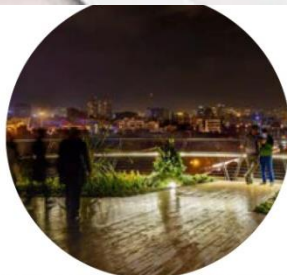
- Flexibility

- Responsive to potential changes with NE 6th Street
- Larger public space and route if NE 6th is not extended



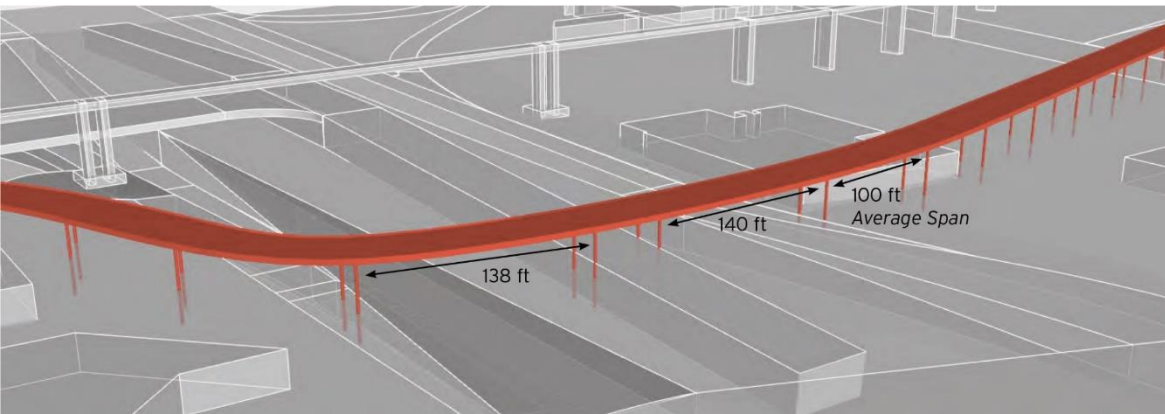
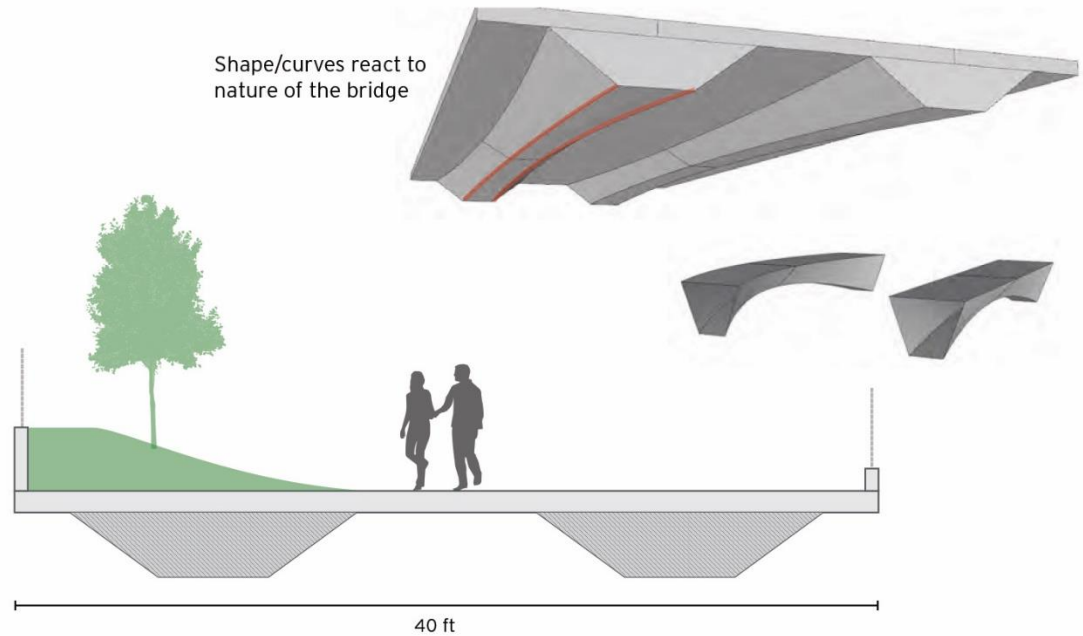
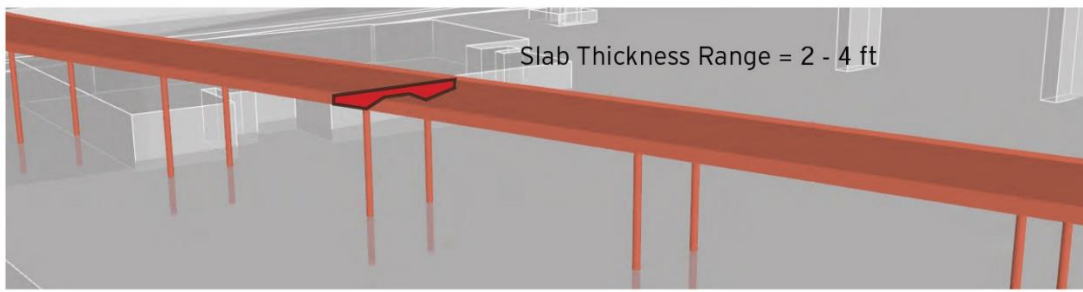
ORIGINAL OPTION TWO

- “Pads” for viewing and activity
- Split route to Eastside Rail Corridor
- Strong future building integration
- Limited public space



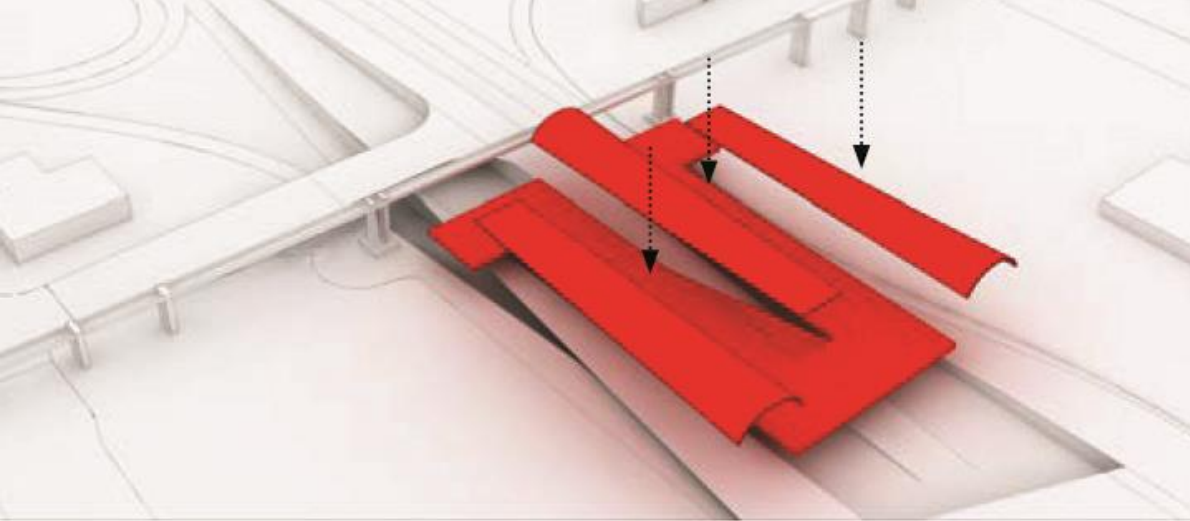
EXPRESS
PASSAGE





UPDATED OPTION TWO

- Concrete form
 - Light and thin structure
- Consistent width
- One route to the Eastside Rail Corridor
- Buffer from interstate
- Level crossing



ORIGINAL OPTION THREE

- Full cover between NE 4th and NE 6th
- Park with distinct zones
- Barrel vault over interstate access ramps
- Integration with future developments



UPDATED OPTION THREE



FOREST DUNE



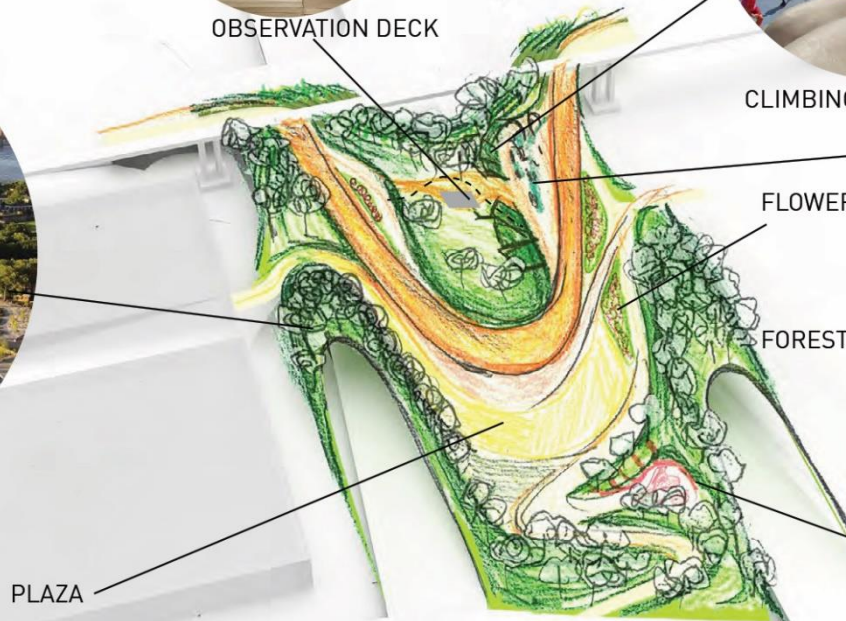
OBSERVATION DECK



CLIMBING WALLS



OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES



PLAZA

FOREST

FLOWER DUNES

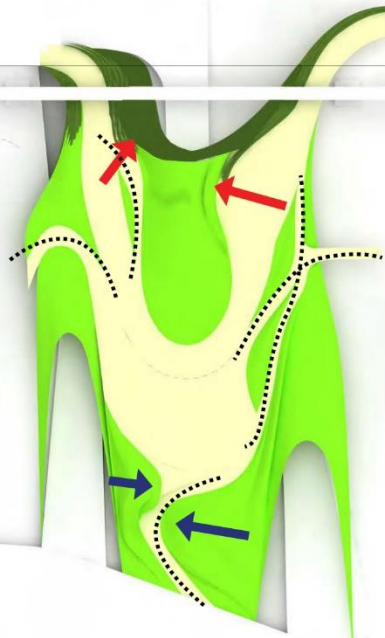


NATURAL PLAYGROUND

NE 6TH

SURFACE CREATION

-  PUSH : STEEP SLOPE
-  PULL : GENTLE SLOPE
-  CARVE : CONNECTIONS



OBSERVATION DECK

SHORTCUT

RETAINING WALL
TERRACE

EPIPHYTE/FERN
GARDEN

FOREST

PLAZA

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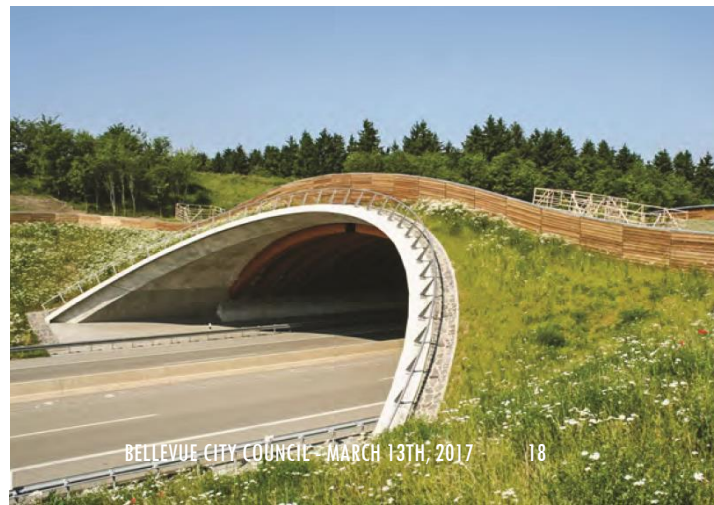
FLOWER DUNES

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NATURAL PLAYGROUND

UPDATED OPTION THREE

- Partial cover of the ramps
- Gentler slopes
 - Slopes to screen from access ramps
 - Create gateway
- Lower profile
- Connection to Wilburton Commercial Area moved to the north
- Preserves access from all sides



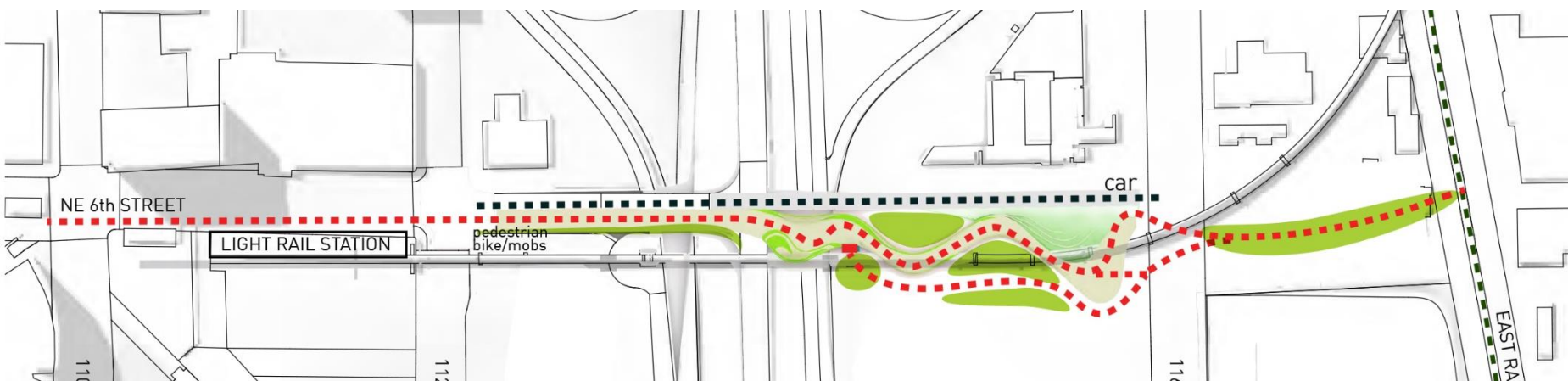
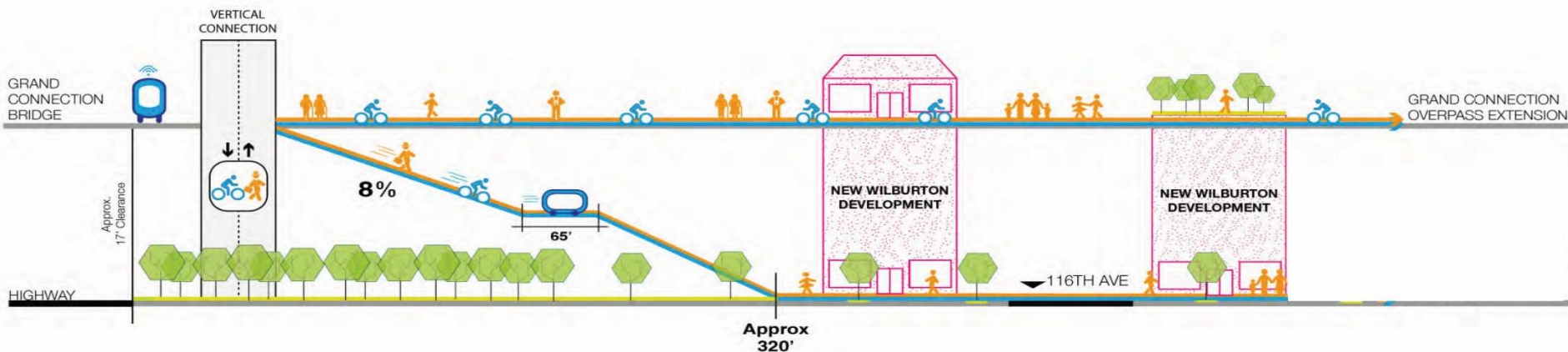
UPDATED OPTION THREE

- View corridors
- Gentle rolling hills
 - Sound and sight buffer
 - Gateway from NE 4th Street
- Multiple paths



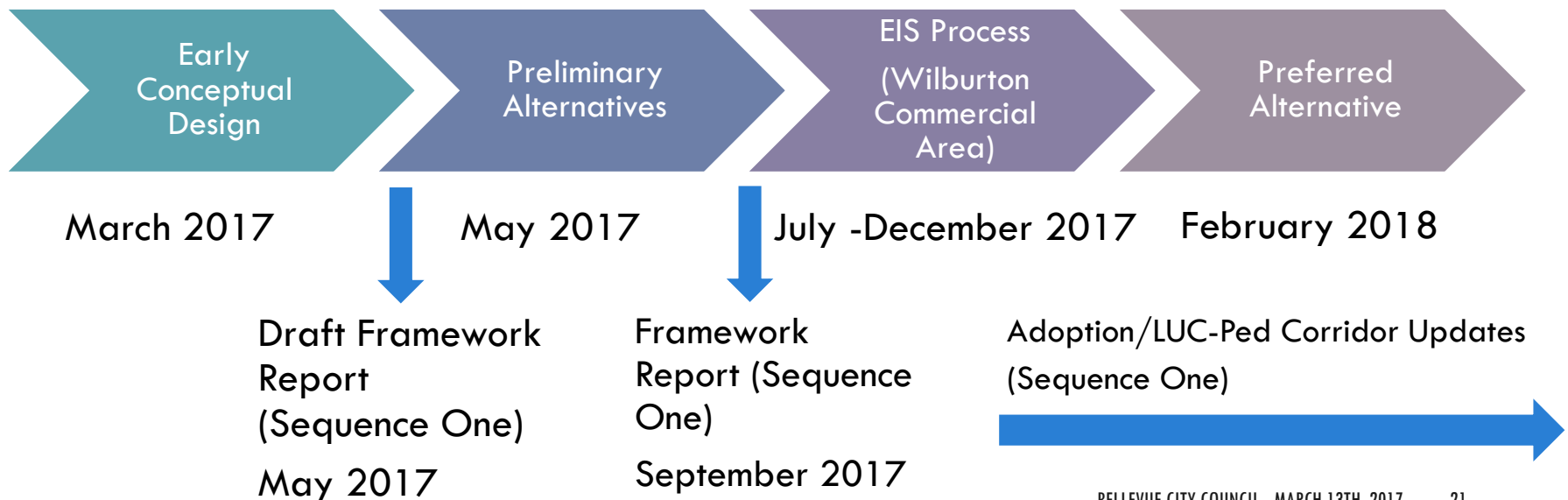
CONNECTING TO THE EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR

- Maintain a level crossing to the Eastside Rail Corridor
- Incorporate with future development
- Provide access to 116th Avenue NE



PROCESS – NEXT STEPS

- Continued collaboration with key stakeholders
- Air quality analysis
- Refine into final graphics



Grand Connection

Art and Culture Survey Responses

Are you.....

 **58%**
a resident of Bellevue

 **24%**
a visitor of Bellevue

 **18%**
employed in Bellevue

Age

■ under 25 ■ 45 - 54
■ 25 - 34 ■ 54 - 65
■ 35 - 44 ■ over 65



Does Bellevue
have strong art
and cultural offerings?



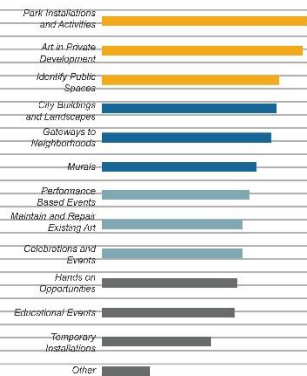
Goals of public art

Goal 1: Advance Bellevue's creative identity and image at home and abroad.

Goal 2: Improve the civic experience of Bellevue's public spaces.

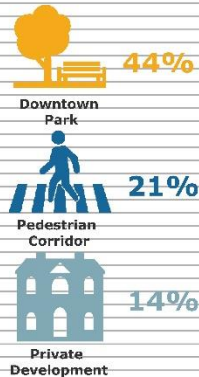
Goal 3: Provide economic development opportunities.

Preferred Art Programs



Location Preferences

By first choice

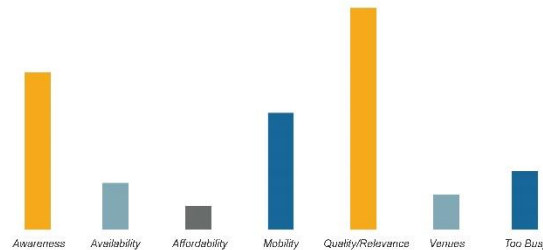


What did you like?

Percentage voted most favorably (all ages)



Barriers to participation



draw feel Tell area beautiful interesting love
new beauty smile thought diversity
stop World think together Bring
don't one community life make thought
public like inspire community Arts create people
part etc
like inspire community Arts create people
main provide reflect joy big add things around
take sense time reflect joy big add things around
delight help big add things around

The **Grand Connection** is envisioned as a unique and defining urban experience that would create new opportunities in public space and connectivity while advancing the arts, recreation, and social engagement

Learn more at www.bellevuegrandconnection.com



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

• What we learned:

- Offerings need to be improved
- Art should improve public spaces

- Identify
- Activate
- Imbedded as part of the urban fabric

• Preferred locations

- Downtown Park
- Pedestrian Corridor

• More impactful art

- Multi-media
- Illumination
- Interactive
- Gateway or space defining
- Inspire

• Barriers:

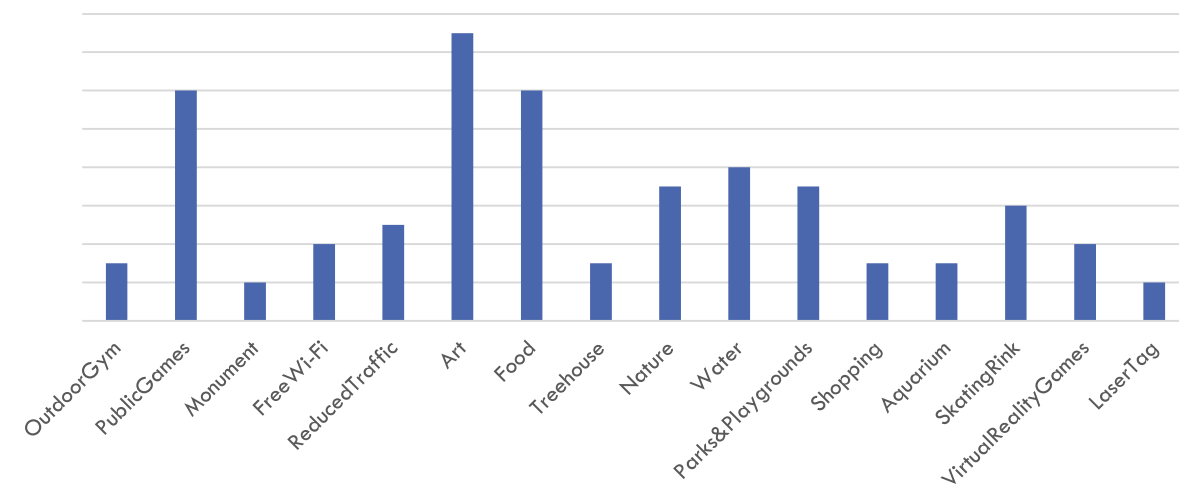
- Quality and relevance
- Awareness





YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- 8 – 20 Year old playground
- Multi Cultural
- Giant Rubik's Cube
- Makerspace
- Video Game Tournaments
- More Color
- Make Bellevue Unique
- Giant Board Games
- Illumination
- Performance Stage
- Protected Bike Lanes



*“ I just had a parent in the office today
telling me that her student came home
yesterday and couldn't stop talking about it!”*



EARLY IMPLEMENTATION

- Raised Intersection – 106th Avenue NE
- Partially funded through a grant
- 30% design
- Pursue an artist to establish a distinct identity or character





EARLY IMPLEMENTATION

- Game On Bellevue!
- Baltimore Light City
- Responds to:
 - Art survey
 - Embracing and showcasing the technology community
 - Activate the city at night
 - Experience based activities
- Engage:
 - Tech Community
 - Music
 - Food
 - Artists
 - Schools

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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