

# CHINATOWN CONNECTIONS

通達華埠

CCWG # 7

07/16/2025



# Agenda

- 1 Opening Welcome Comments**  
5 minutes
- 2 Project Updates**
  - Memorial Arch Restoration 5 minutes
  - Chinatown Welcome Gateway Artist Selection 5 minutes
- 3 Community Engagement Overview**  
10 minutes
- 4 Public Space & Intersection Re-alignment**  
15 minutes
- 5 Discussion – Visual Survey**  
30 minutes
- 6 Timeline**  
5 minutes
- 7 Q&A**  
15 minutes

# Memorial Arch Restoration



# Kimlau Memorial Arch Reconstruction

## Updates:

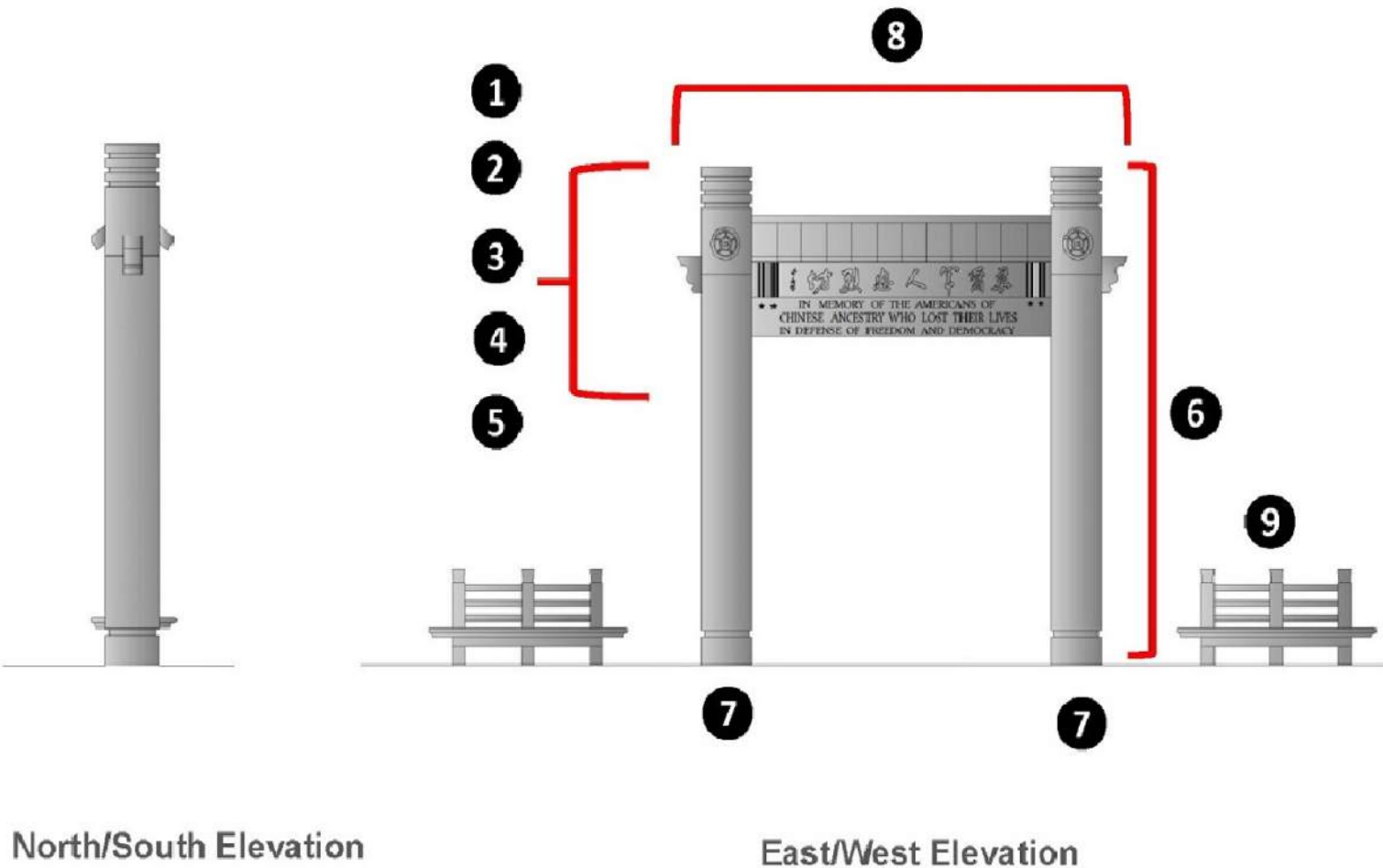
- Procurement is complete and construction is starting imminently
- Construction duration is anticipated for 1 year (completion summer 2026).

### Scope of work

#### Proposed Work Key

Work shown is typical for all elevations

1. Disassemble arch lintel/column connections and lintel roof stones.
2. Remove cracked portions of granite and hold for re-use or for modeling new replacement units
3. New and/or refurbished structural steel assembly and connections
4. New matching granite components or reinstall salvaged building fabric wherever possible
5. Rout and replace failed mortar joints
6. Chemically clean/wash entire structure
7. Footing/foundation stabilization as required
8. Install new bird deterrent apparatus along roof ridge, column tops and projecting side brackets.
9. Restore and chemically clean existing cast concrete benches



TENTATIVE construction fence boundary



Kimlau Memorial Arch Reconstruction  
Kimlau Square | Borough of Manhattan

0' 2' 4'



# Chinatown Welcome Gateway Artist Selection

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## DCLA ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

- Call for Artists
- Artist Selection Panel 06/25
- **Design Charrettes 07/29-07/30**
- Final Artist Selection

# Chinatown Welcome Gateway

## DCLA ARTIST SELECTION FINALIST

MEL CHIN & JING LIU



BEILI LIU



JENNIFER WEN MA



RISA PUNO





# **Engagement Overview**



The team conducted **19** engagement events across Chinatown from **March to June 2025**

Public Meeting  
Community Stakeholders Walk-through

- Pop-ups**
  - Kimlau Square #1, #2, #3
  - Transfiguration Church
  - Confucius Plaza
  - Columbus Park
  - Chinatown Supermarket
- Tabling**
  - Smith Houses
  - Gotham Park Block Party
  - Chinatown Bid Pell Open Street
  - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The American Legion, Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291
  - E.E.E Festival
- Senior Center**
  - CPC's Open Door Senior Center
  - VHS Chinatown NNORC
  - 100 Gold St.
- Schools**
  - P.S. 124
  - P.S. 130
  - CPC Christie St. After-school Program





Out of 19 engagement events, we have done

# Walk-throughs with Community Stakeholders





# Out of 19 engagement events, we have done 1 Public Meeting



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PUBLIC MEETING #2  
通達華埠 公開研討會 #2



# Out of 19 engagement events, we have done **7 Pop-up Events**



**POP-UP AT KIMLAU SQUARE**  
社區參與 - 劉錦廣場

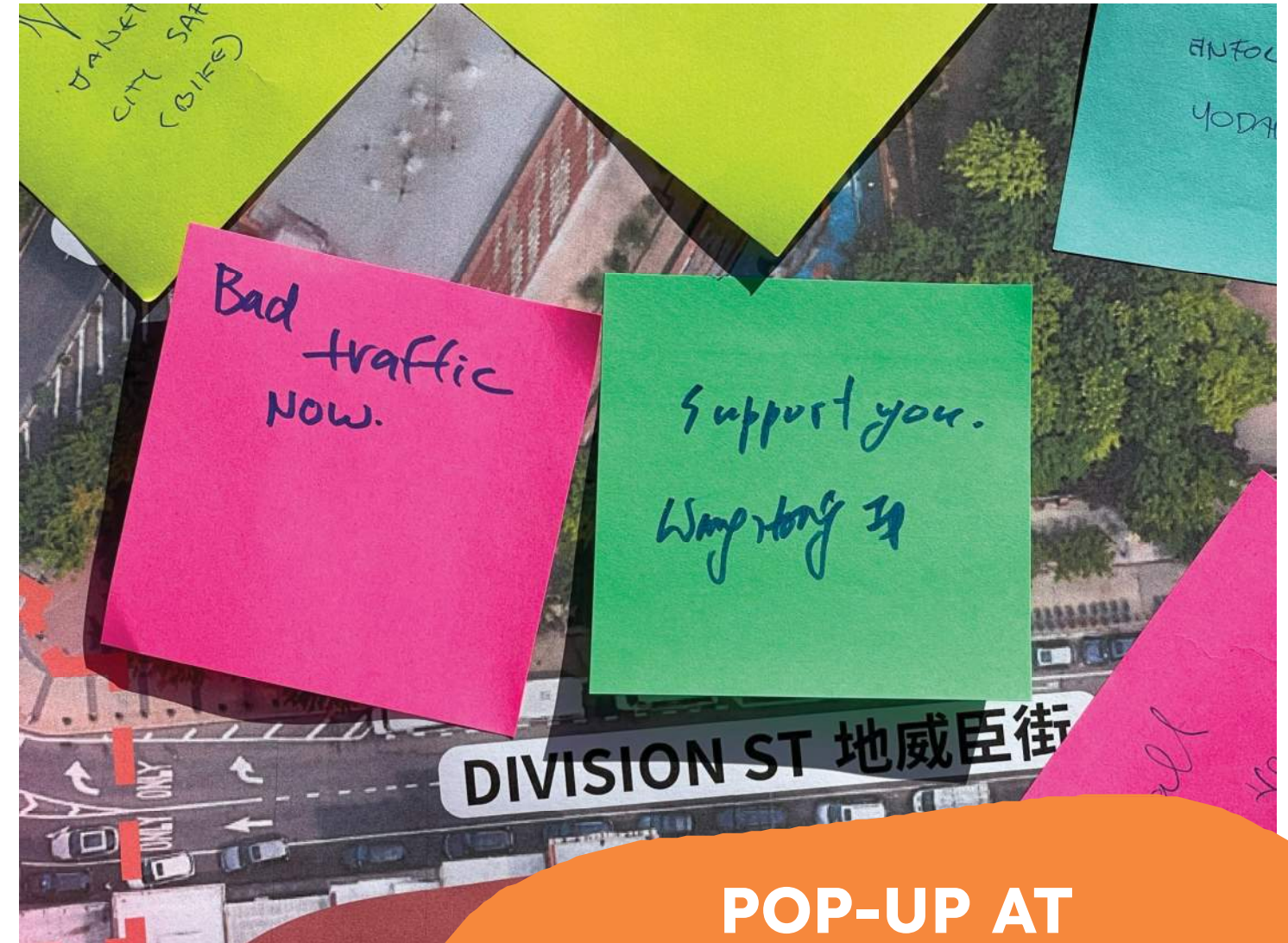


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**WHEN:** 2025/04/17 THURSDAY (12-2PM)  
**ENGAGED:** APPROX. 60 PEOPLE

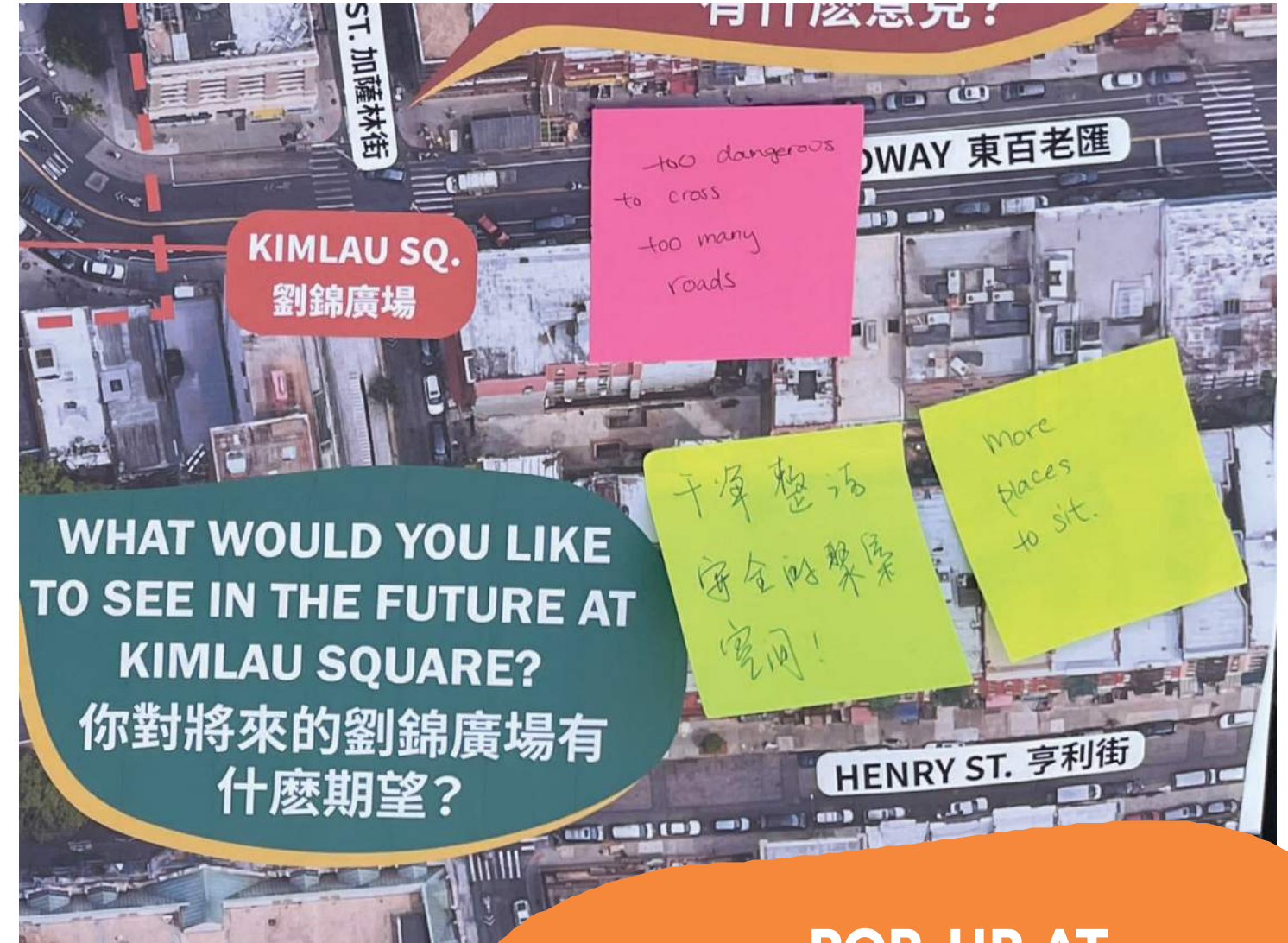


**POP-UP AT  
COLUMBUS PARK**  
社區參與 - 哥倫佈公園



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# 7 Pop-up Events



**POP-UP AT  
CHINATOWN SUPERMARKET  
OF MANHATTAN**  
社區參與 - 新中華超市



# Out of 19 engagement events, we have done

## 3 Focus Engagement at Schools



School Engagement at  
PS130

學童參與 - PS130



School Engagement at  
Christie St. After-school  
Program

學童參與 -  
Christie St. 課後活動



Out of 19 engagement events, we have done

# 4 Tablings at Community Events



TABLING AT SMITH HOUSES  
EARTH DAY EVENT

社區活動 - 地球日活動 -  
史密斯大廈



# Out of 19 engagement events, we have done **4** Tablings at Community Events



**TABLING AT GOTHAM  
PARK BLOCK PARTY**

參與社區活動 -  
哥譚公園社區街區派對



# Out of 19 engagement events, we have done

## 3 Focus Engagement at Senior Centers



OPEN DOOR SENIOR  
CENTER  
長者中心 - 人瑞中心



VNS CHINATOWN  
NNORC PROGRAM  
長者中心 - 華埠退休  
居民社區服務



# Launched Surveys filled both online and in-person, and received **148** responses



### Chinatown Connections: Kimlau Square Engagement Survey

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE REDESIGN OF KIMLAU SQUARE.

Chinatown Connections is a public realm improvement project designed to celebrate the cultural heritage of Manhattan's Chinatown, improve multimodal circulation in the area, and support local economic development. Alongside Beautifying Park Row and creating a Chinatown Welcome Gateway, reimagining Kimlau Square is a key investment to improve navigation and expand public space within the complex intersection.

Share your thoughts with us to help shape the future of Kimlau Square! This survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and dedication.

(The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is leading Chinatown Connections, in partnership with the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and NYS Department of State (NYSDOS). NYCEDC has procured Marvel as the Design Team Project Lead for this project.)

cng.marvel@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

Not shared

\* Indicates required question

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ZIP code \*

(N/A, if not applicable)

Your answer



# Who have we talked to

**19** ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

## Groups Engaged:

Community Members, Seniors, Children, Residents, Visitors, Elected Officials,  
People Working In The Area...

**700+** PEOPLE ATTENDED

**332+** WRITTEN COMMENTS

**268** VOTES ON DESIGN ELEMENTS

**148** SURVEY RESPONSES



# What we've seen..

**IT'S YOUR TIME TO BE A LANDSCAPE DESIGNER!**  
請你來做一次景觀設計師!

What type of activities you want to do on our new public plaza? How do YOU want to use it?

What type of things you want to see there? Trees? Flowers? Games? Sculpture? Pavement? Chair and tables?...what else could it be?

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Use scissors, gluesticks and colors to collage or paint the empty space on the right, to show everyone what kind of activities you want to do with your friends and family!

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68 Ground

有中國元素。  
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我希望在未來的金蘭廣場看到的設計和改變:

①改善廣場附近的複雜的交通  
②確保行人的安全  
③擴大廣場

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①畫一切擴大現有的公共空間  
②最重要能確定行人的車輛的安全  
③一定要保障廣場內清潔。

BEST  
此致  
SIMON CHAN 陳振聲



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

What we've heard..



PROJECT BOUNDARY  
項目邊界

KIMLAU SQ.  
劉錦廣場

WHAT DO YOU THINK  
OF THE EXISTING  
KIMLAU SQUARE?  
你對現在的劉錦廣場  
有什麼意見?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO SEE IN THE FUTURE AT  
KIMLAU SQUARE?  
你對將來劉錦廣場  
有什麼期望?

and many more...



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## What we've heard..

**Build a beautiful and clean space for minority groups. Ensure that the kids have a positive impression of Chinatown as they are growing up.**

-Kimlau Square planting event

**We need to get rid of these pigeons!**  
NNORC Senior Center

**No. 1 – Do everything possible to expand the public space.  
No. 2 – Importantly, let's ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety.  
No. 3 – Public space needs to be clean!**

-Postcards @ Open Door Senior Center

**The new square needs to reflect and represent the culture of Chinese Americans when "East meets West".**

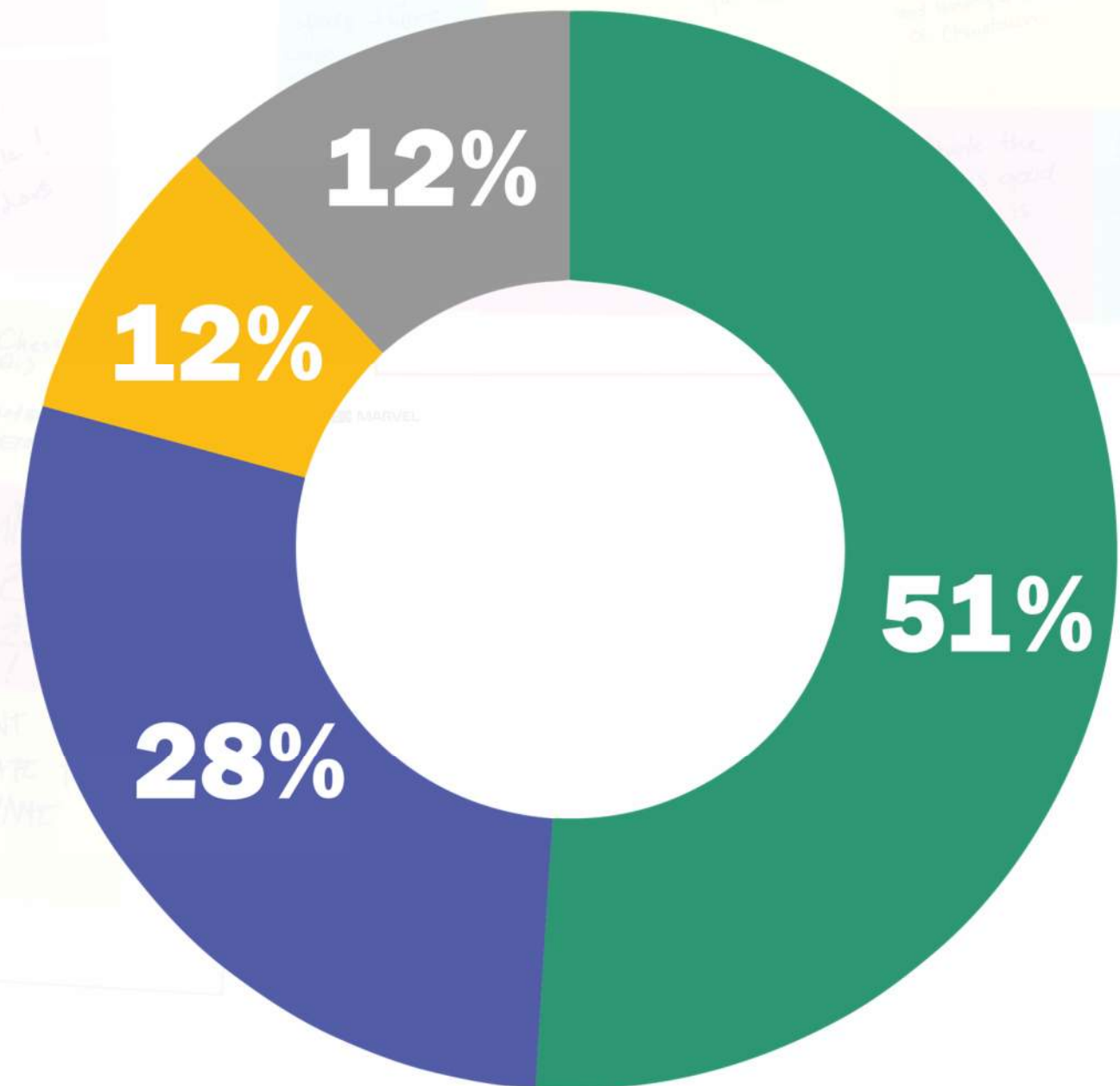
-Popup at the Confucius Plaza

**We need a space for all different types of activities!**

**and many more...**



# An analysis of 332 written comments revealed four key themes that highlight Existing Conditions and Visions for Kimlau Square...





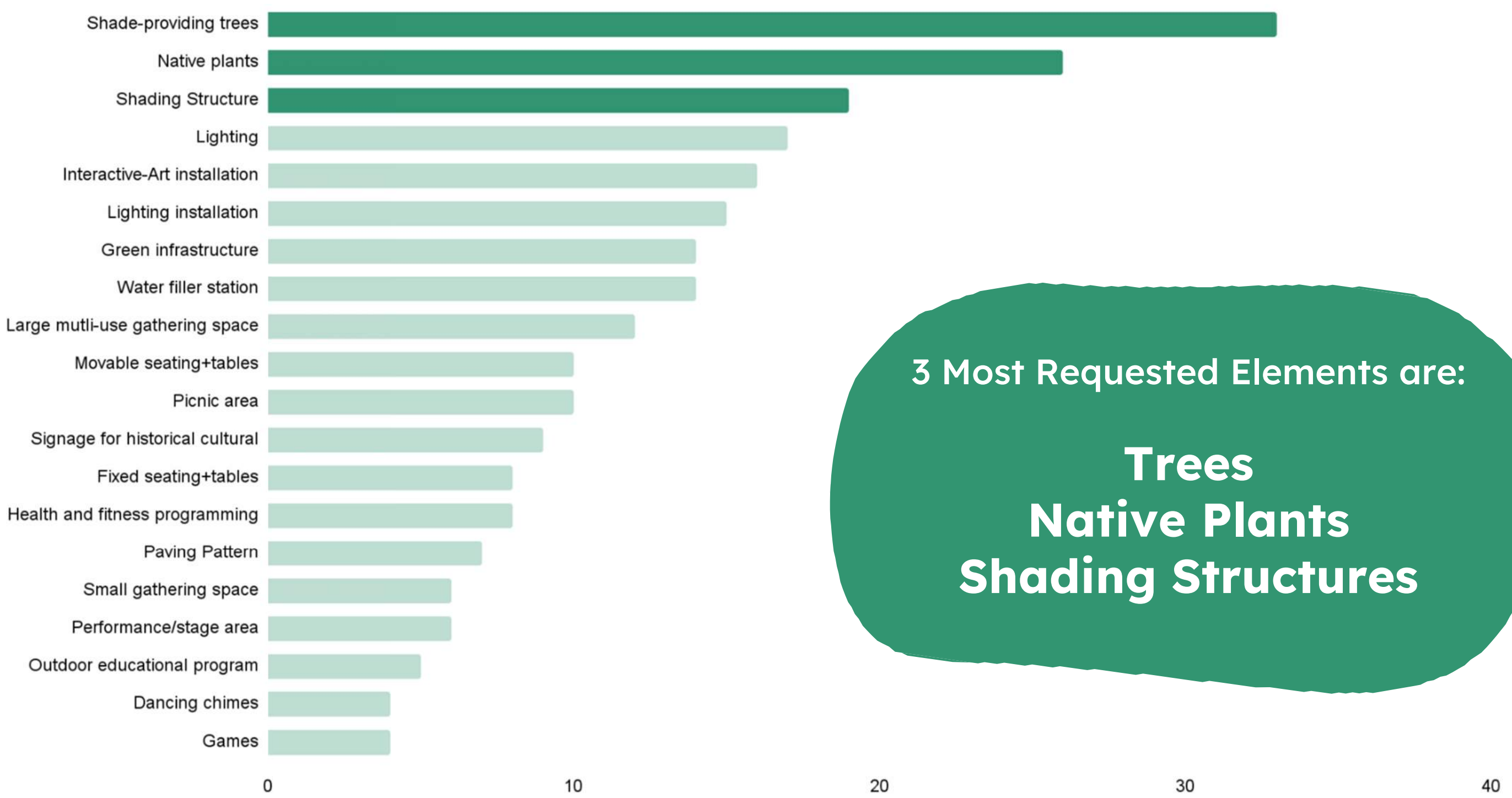
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# Emerging Themes & Design Priority

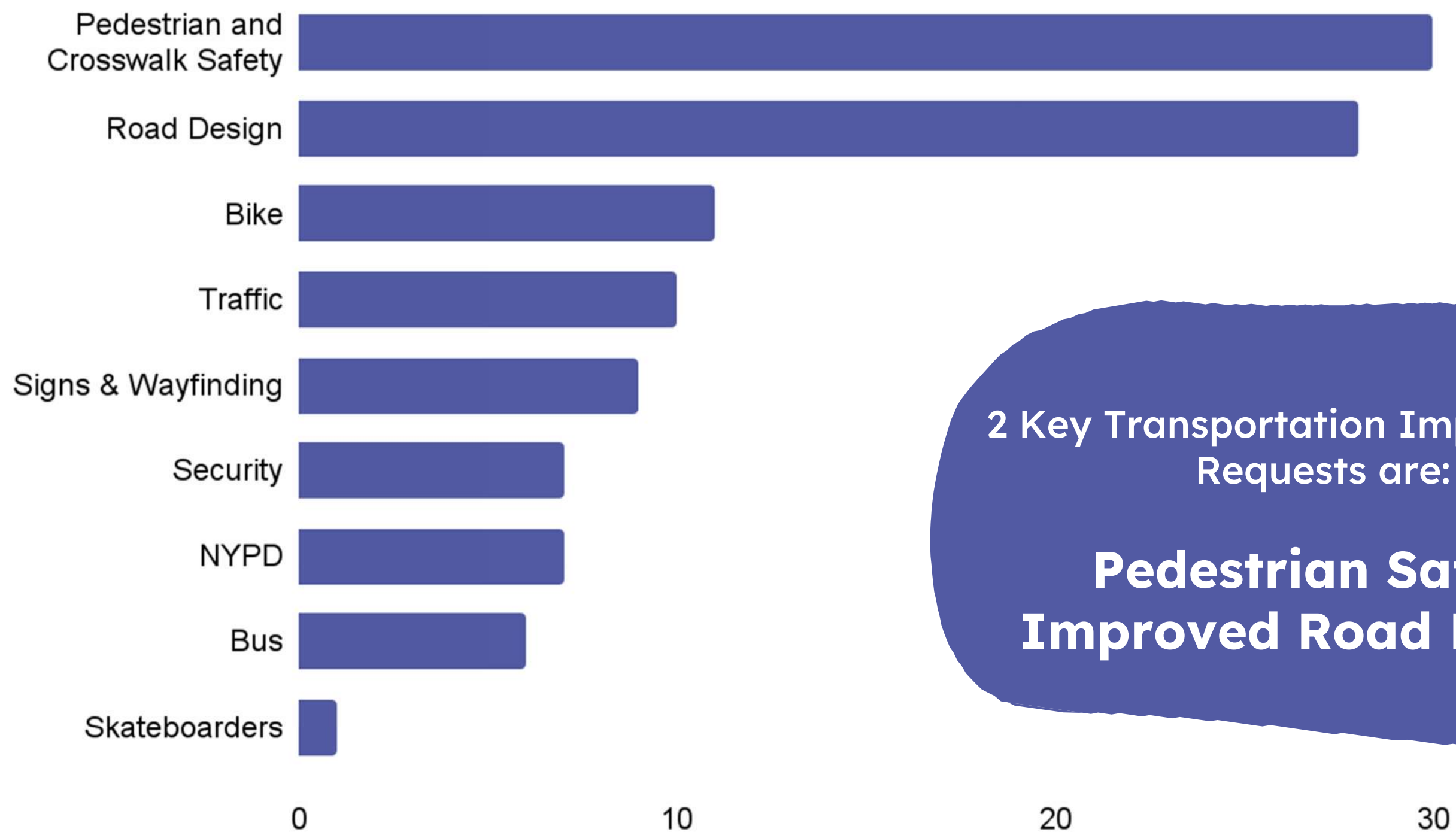
## Public space and Landscape





# Emerging Themes & Design Priority

## Safety and Connectivity



2 Key Transportation Improvement Requests are:

**Pedestrian Safety**  
**Improved Road Design**



# Community Visions

1

## A PLACE TO GATHER

A green, shaded, and comfortable gathering place where mature trees, thoughtful amenities, and flexible spaces invite people of all ages to connect, rest, play, and celebrate together.

2

## SAFE AND CONNECTED

A road design that improves pedestrian safety and neighborhood connectivity and that minimizes friction at key crossings to Kimlau Square.

3

## CELEBRATE AND SHARE CULTURE

A space that respects and reflects the neighborhood's history and cultural context.

## INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTABLE

An inclusive space that should be designed flexibly to accommodate many different types of programming, uses, and people.

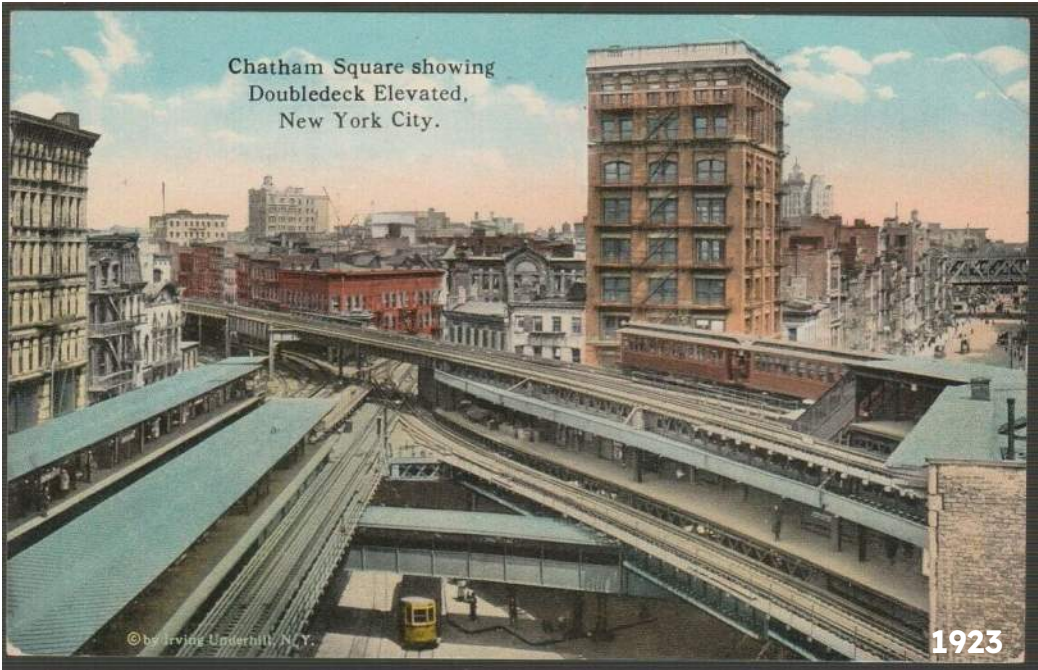
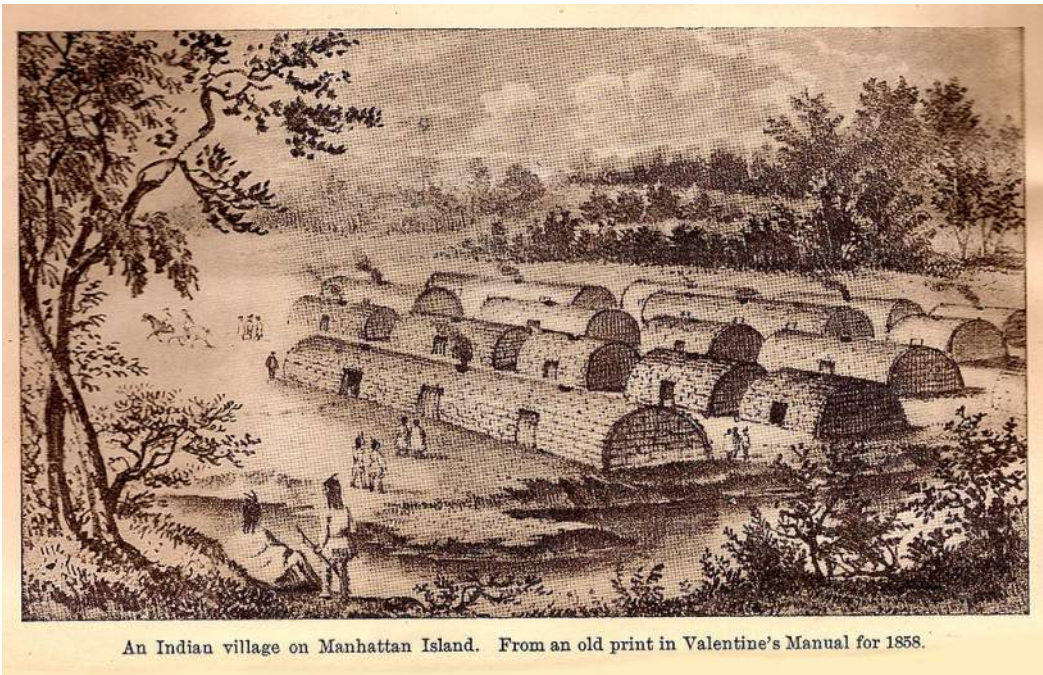


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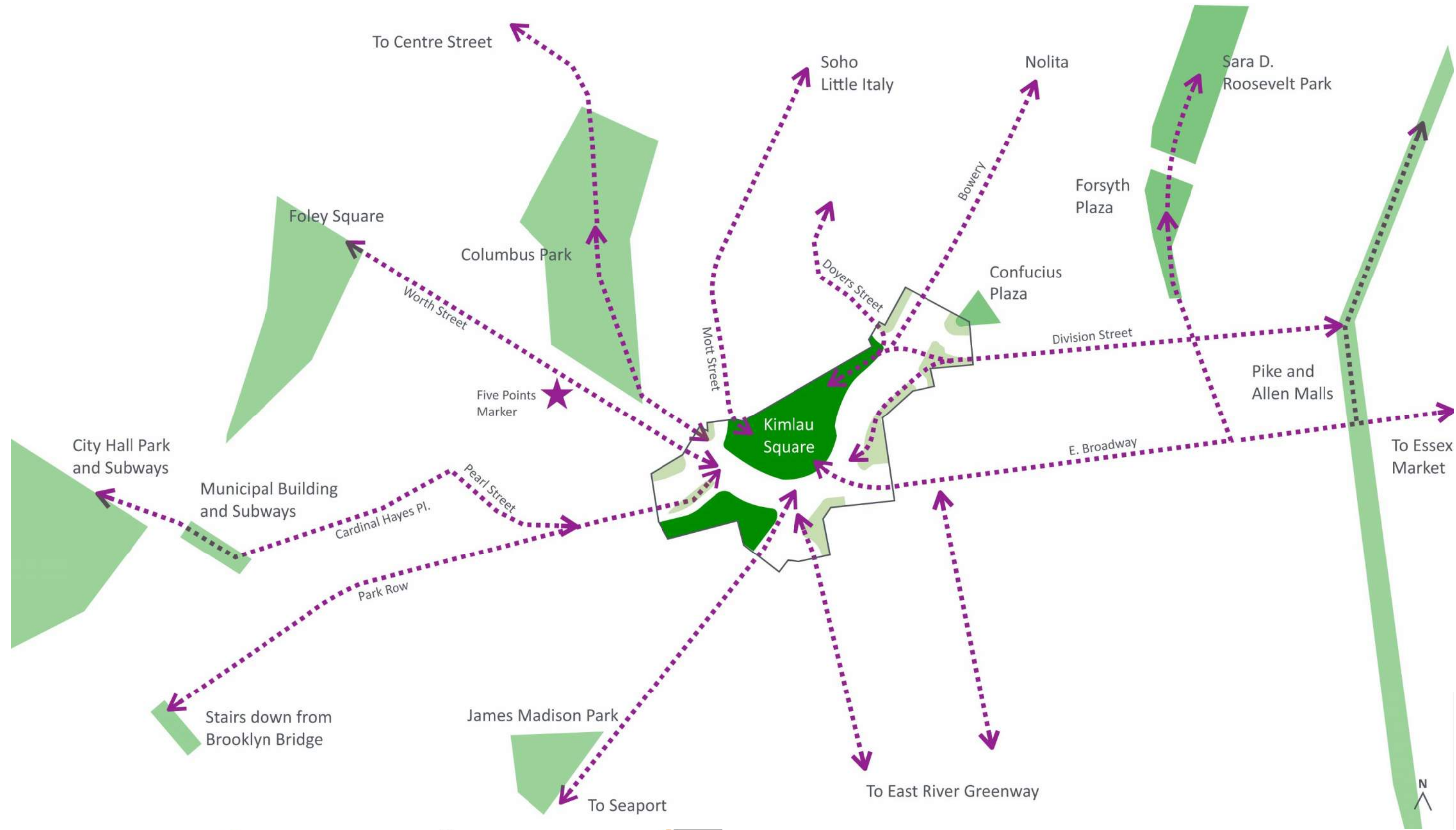
Observation & Analysis

# Site History & Character





# Chinatown Public Realm: Creating Connections





In parallel with community engagement, we are also conducting technical investigations

- **Project Area Survey**
- **Archaeology Report**
- **Subsurface Investigation**
- **Tree Survey**



# Overview of Existing Conditions

## Design & Landscaping

- Lack of trees
- Few places to sit and rest
- Insufficient lighting
- Busy and noisy intersections
- Environment not respectful for memorialization

## Arts, Culture, & Programming

- A place people pass through, not gather
- Desire for public art
- Lack of programming that highlights local history and cultural identity
- Insufficient space for community activities

## Circulation & Connectivity

- Unsafe for pedestrians
- Sidewalks are too small
- Long crosswalks with dangerous intersections
- Placement of bus stops and Citibikes
- Poor bike lane configuration
- Poor neighborhood connectivity
- Insufficient wayfinding

## General Concerns

- Poor accessibility
- Few activities for children and senior
- Not integrated with the rest of the neighborhood
- Need for cleanliness and upkeep
- At time feels unsafe



# **Public Space & Intersection Re-alignment**



## Design Goals

The new public plaza will **serve as a gateway** to Chinatown, **expand the public space**, and **minimize conflicts between different modes of movement**.



# Design Goals

## Celebrate and Share Culture



Develop a cohesive design standard for the square to create a visually distinctive entrance to the neighborhood that highlights the existing memorials and statues and provide a location for a new gateway installation

## A Place to Gather



Create a premier, expanded, and more functional open space for Chinatown to better accommodate the plethora cultural festivities and gatherings that occur in the neighborhood.

## Safe and Connected

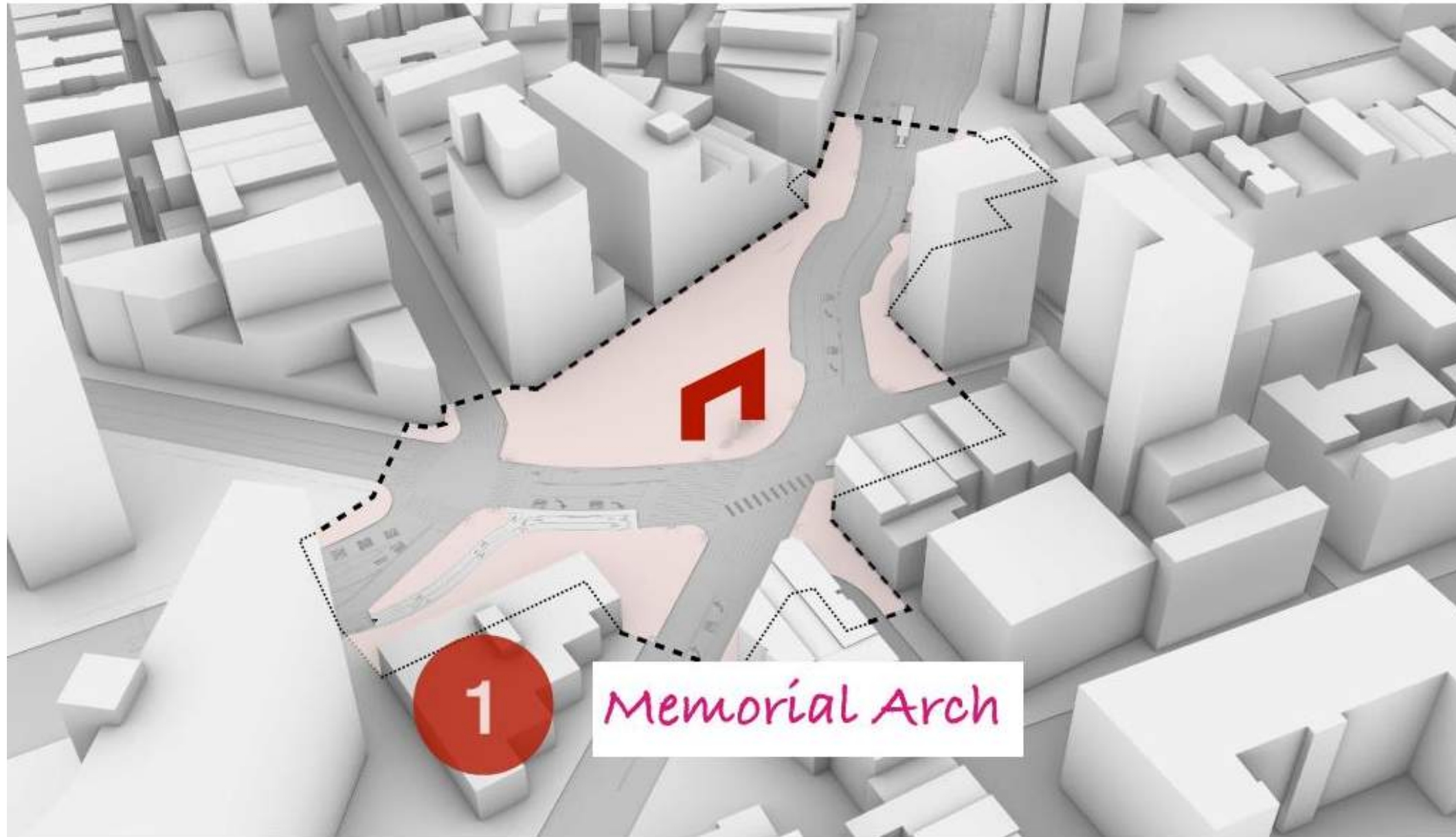


Simplify the existing travel patterns in the square to create a more typical intersection and ensure smoother, more direct connections for all roadway users



# Celebrate and Share Culture

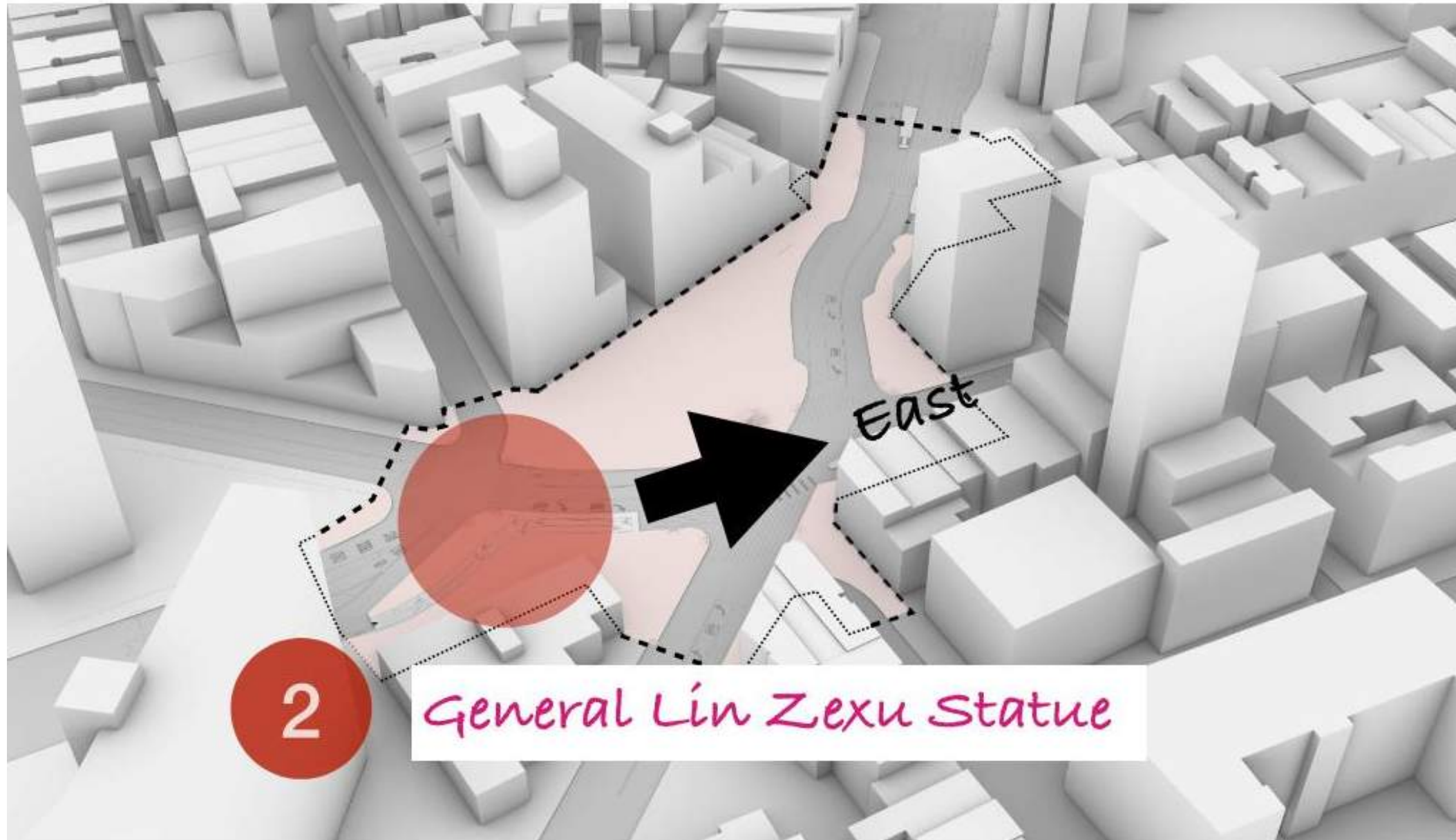
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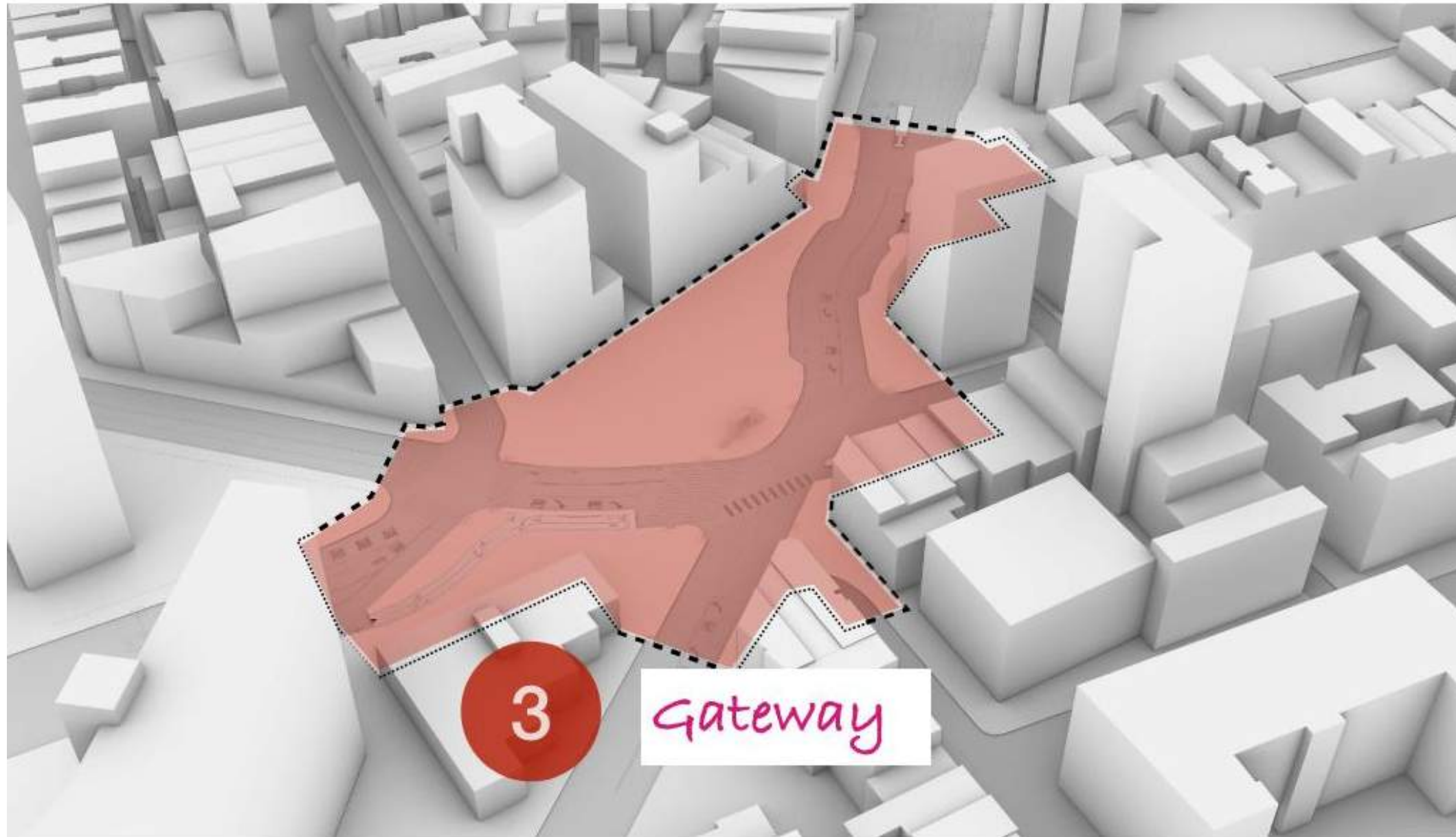
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# A Place to Gather Expand Public Space



**CURRENT : ~ 11,250 SQ. FT.**



**PROPOSED: ~27,700 SQ. FT.**

**PLAZA EXPANDS BY 2.5 TIMES**



# A Place to Gather

## Size Comparison – Bogardus Plaza

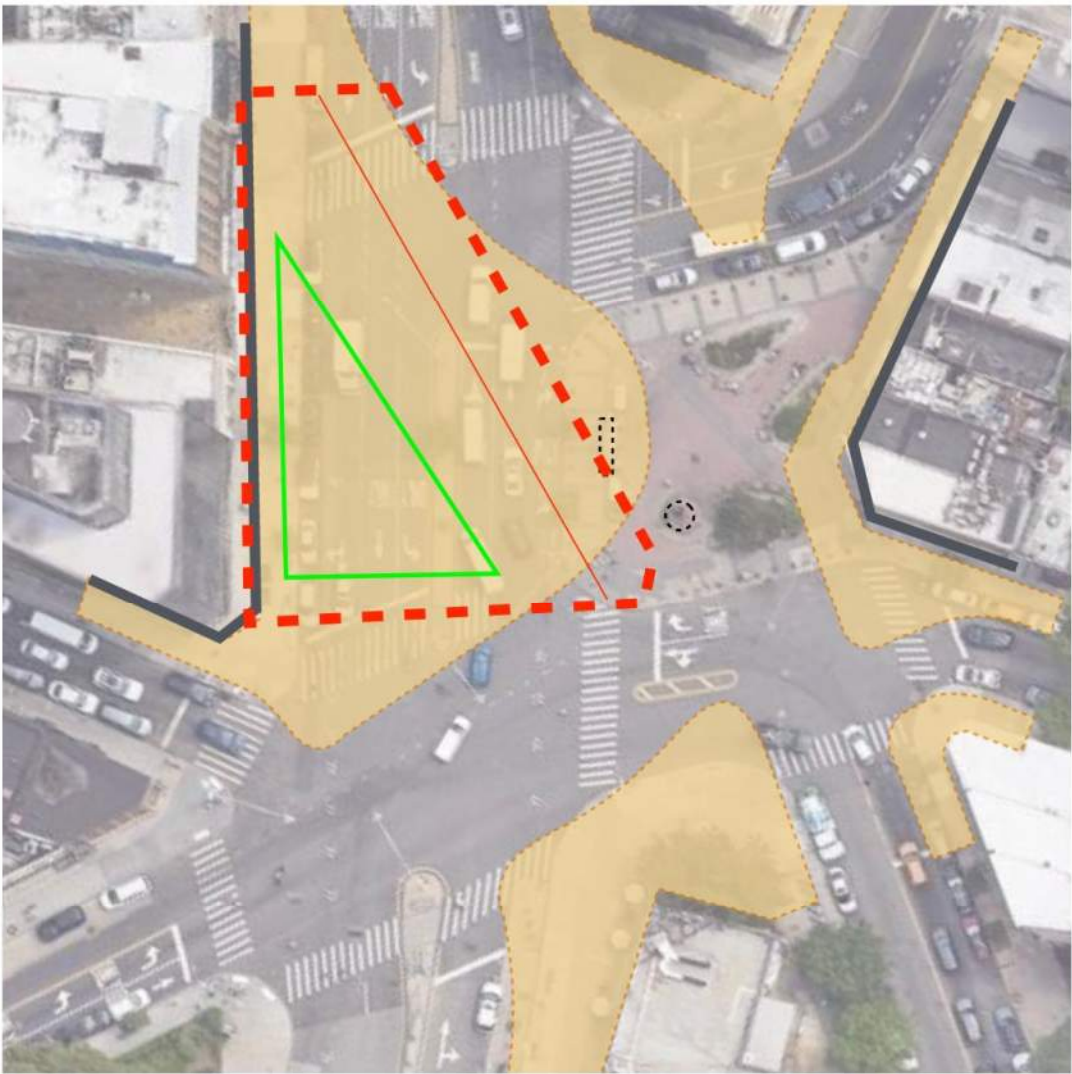
DOT PLAZA, BOGARDUS PLAZA, 5 Hudson St, New York, NY 10013



Bogardus Plaza



Proposed Kimlau Square



(Design to be determined with DOT traffic study and stakeholder input)

- ■ ■ ■ ■ Plaza limits
- Limits of sidewalk
- Planting zone



# A Place to Gather

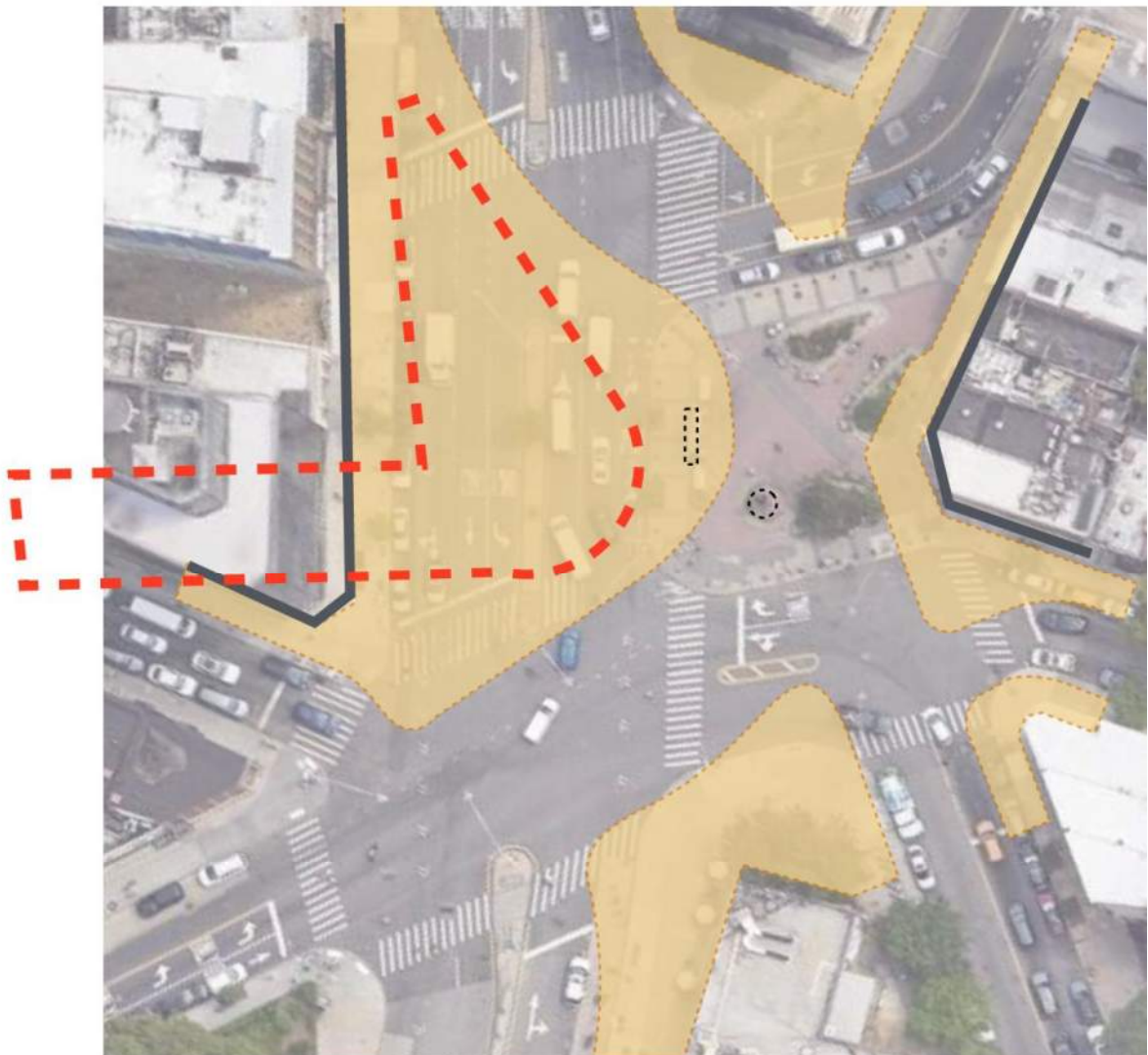
## Size Comparison – Gansevoort Plaza

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Gansevoort Plaza



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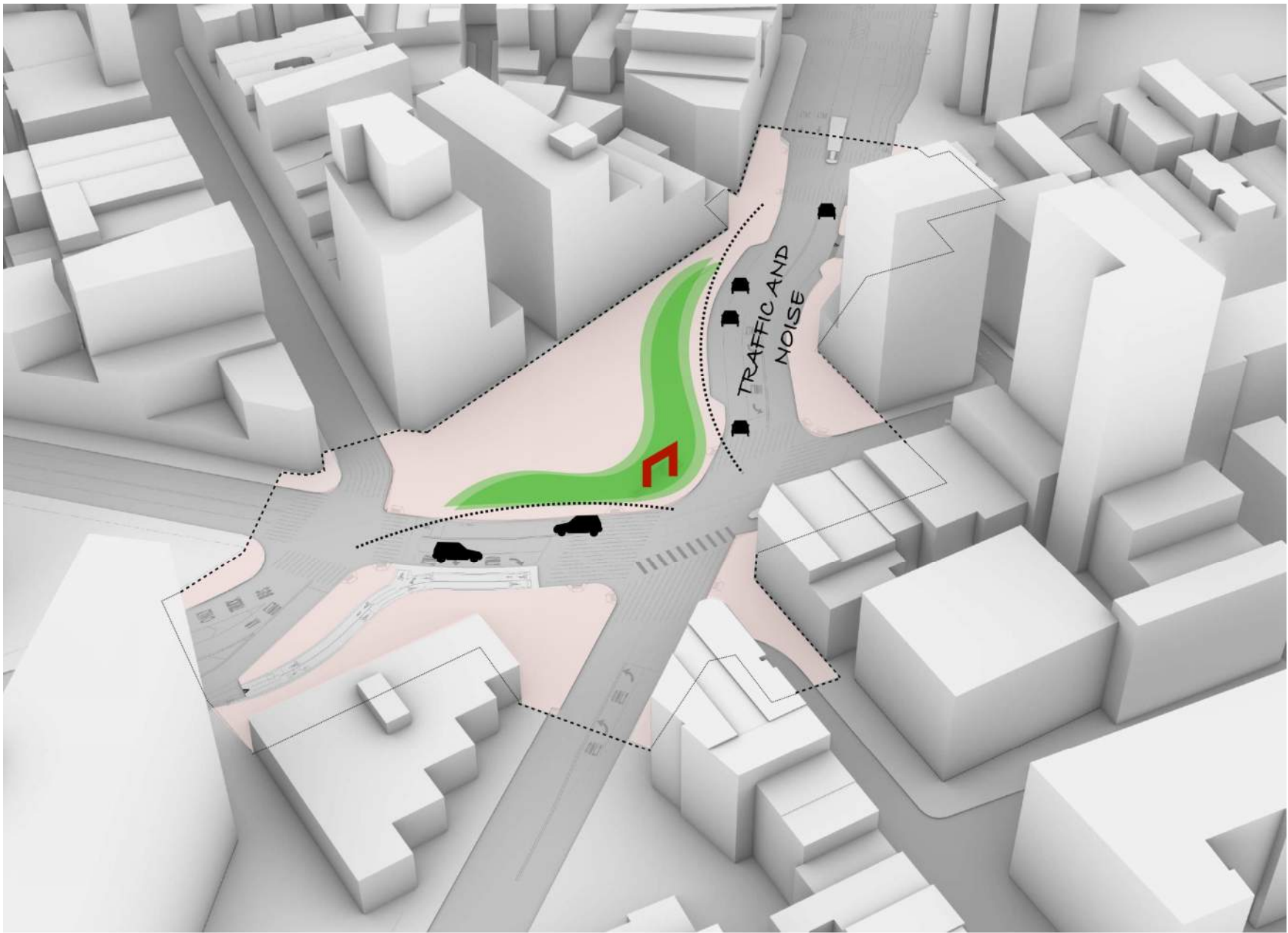


# A Place to Gather

# Create a Safe Zone



CURRENT



PROPOSED



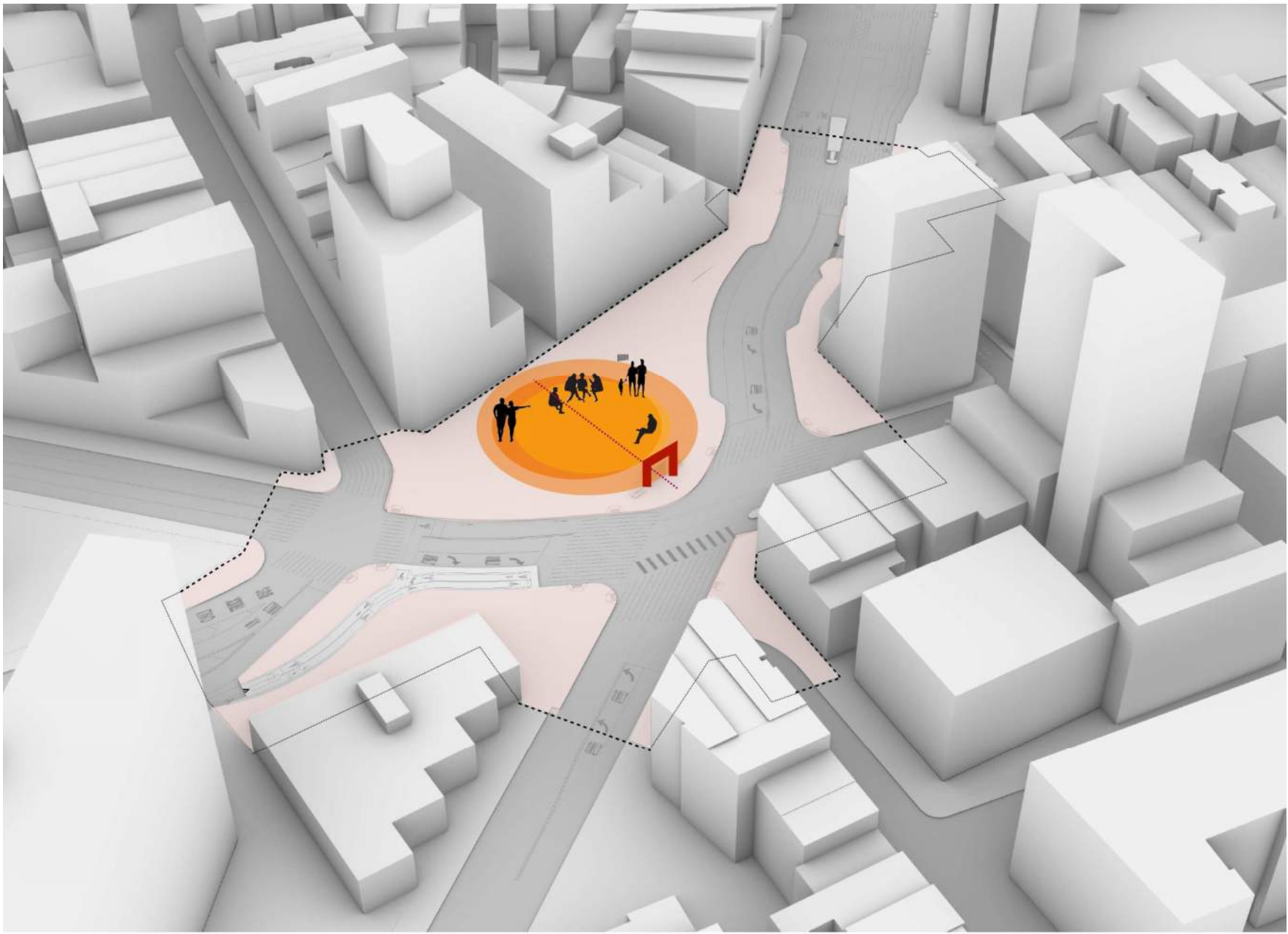
# A Place to Gather Provide a Community Gathering Space in the Heart of Chinatown.





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CURRENT

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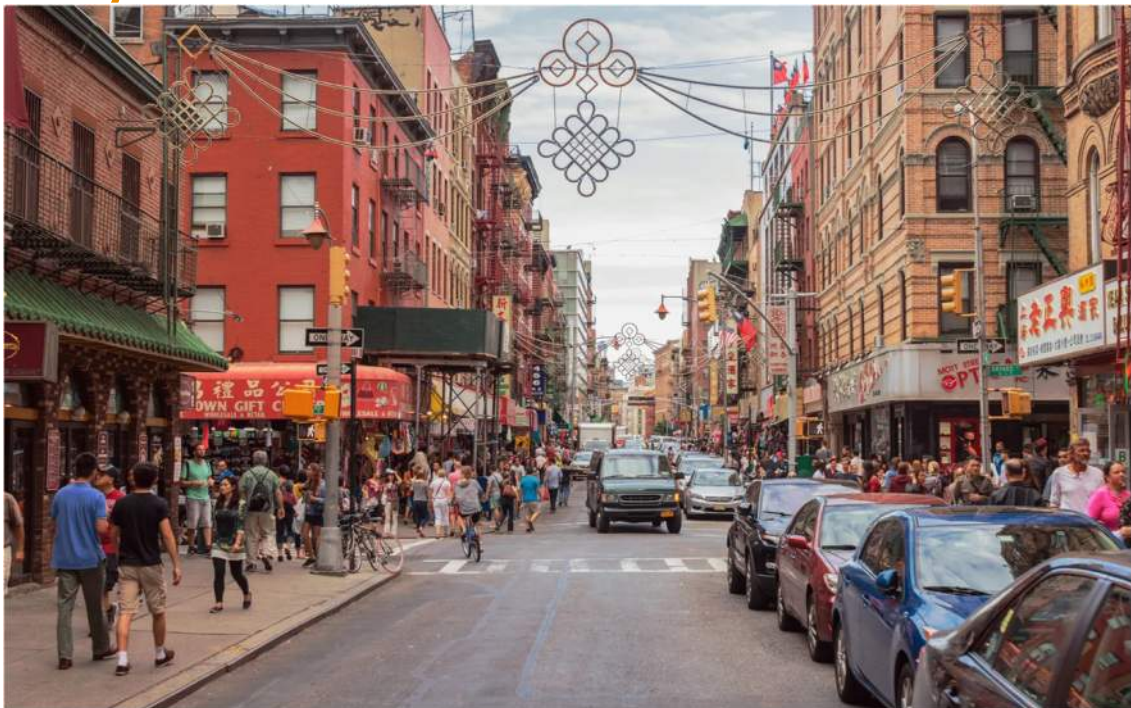
# Commercial Activation



Doyer St.



Pell St.



Mott St.

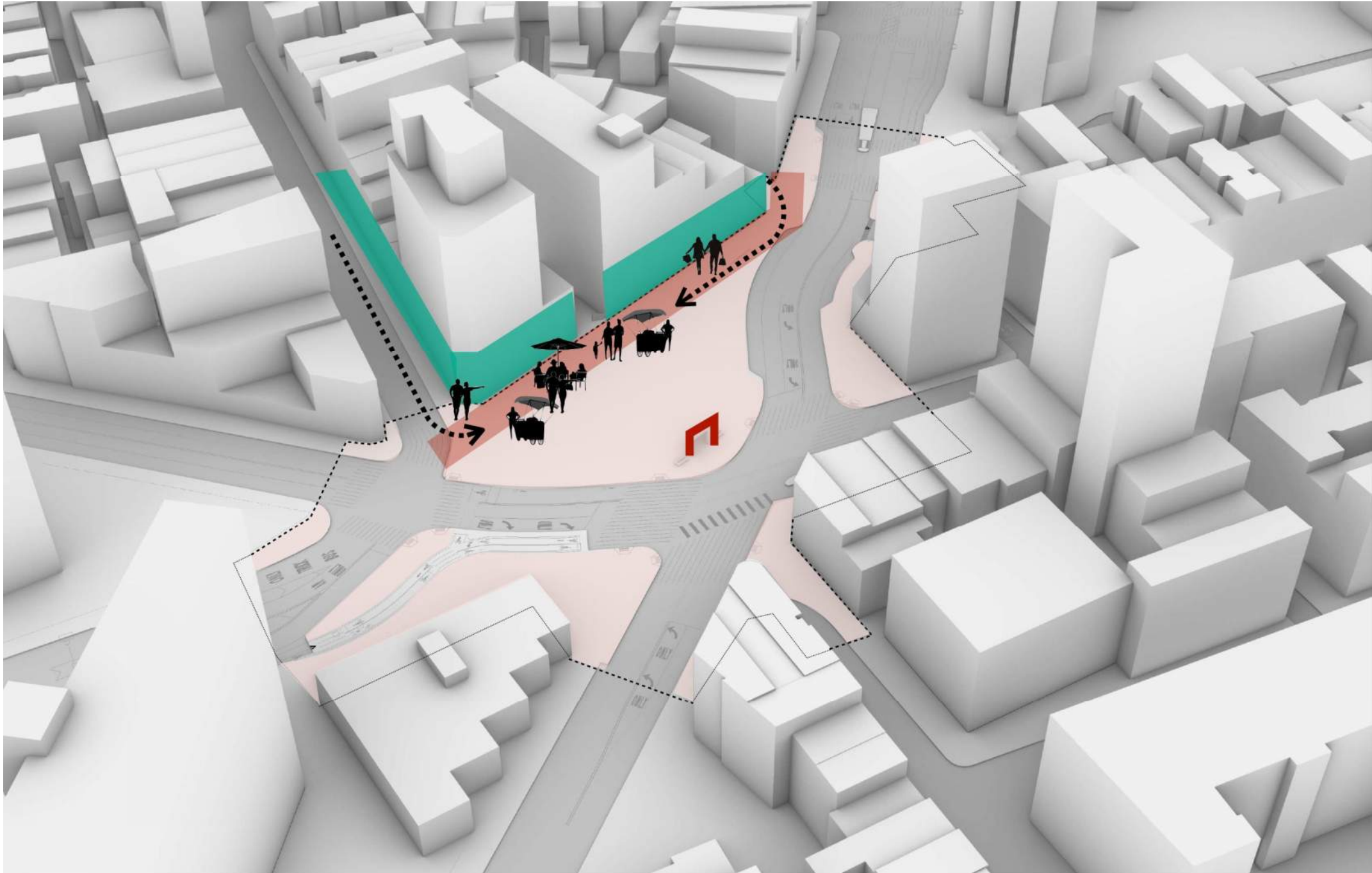


CURRENT



# Celebrate and Share Culture

# Commercial Activation



Connect Doyer Street and Mott Street. Expand Street Level Storefront Activation.

PROPOSED



Doyer. St



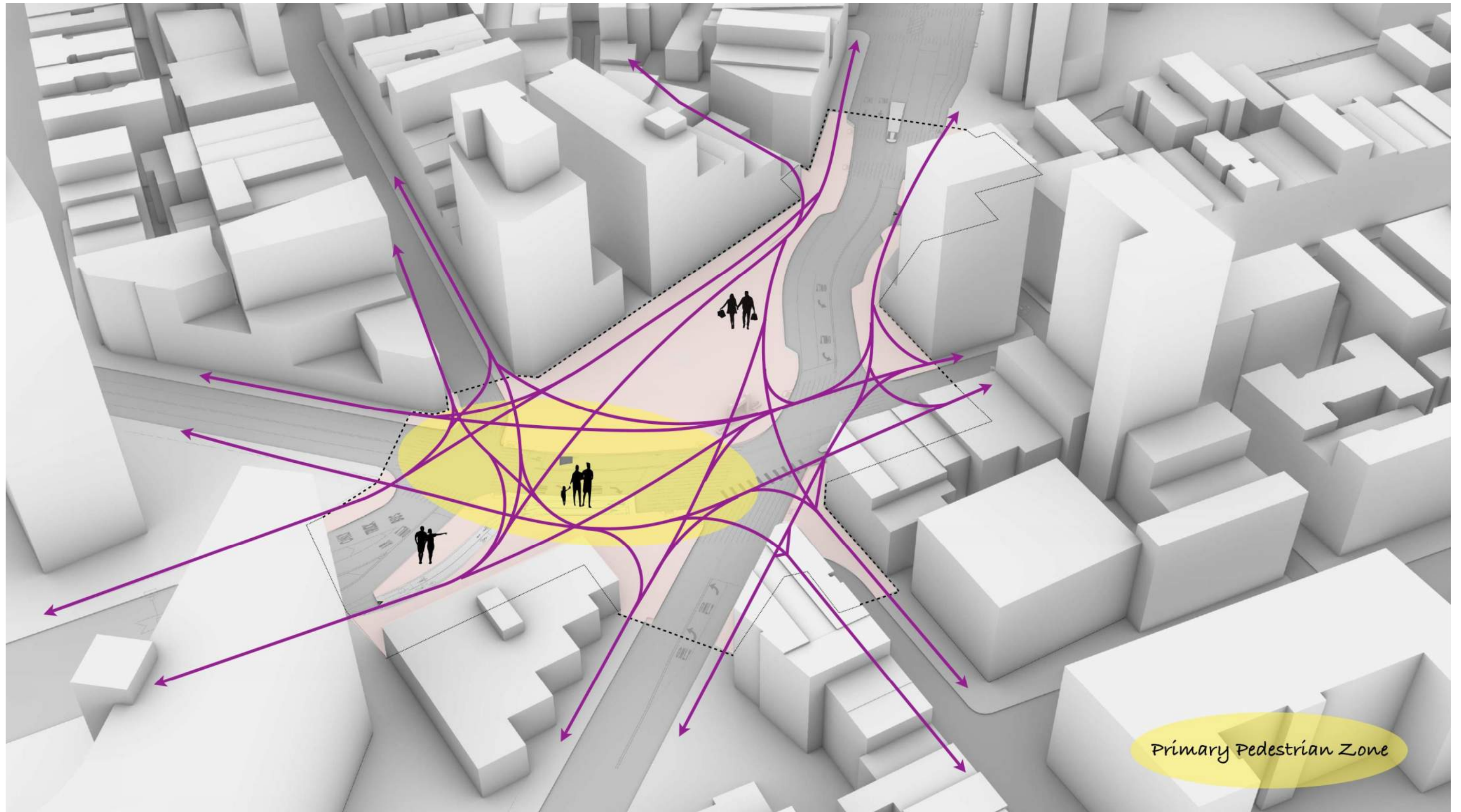
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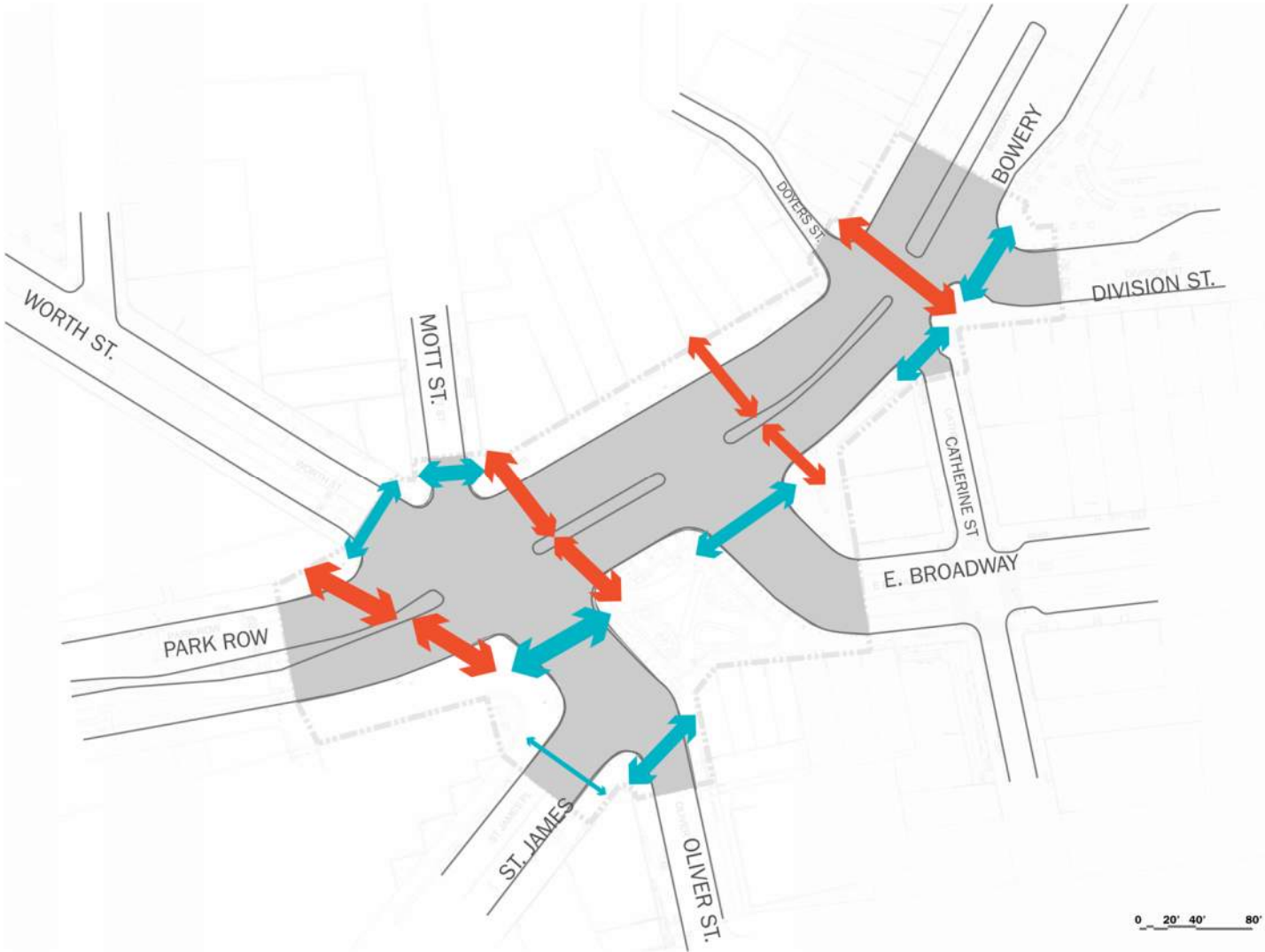
# Safe and Connected Prioritize Pedestrians





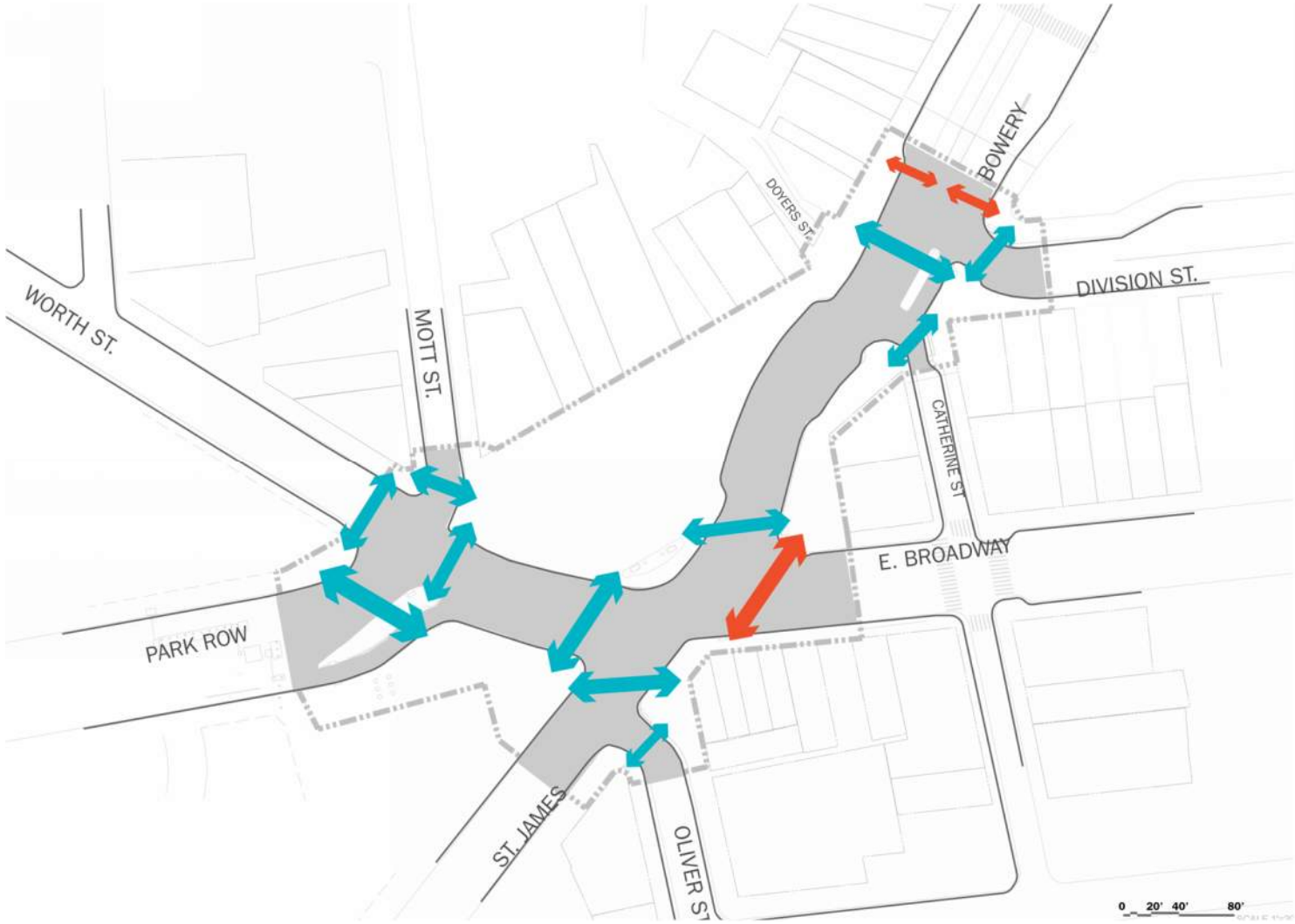
# Safe and Connected

## Reduce Crosswalk Lengths



CURRENT

- SHORT CROSSWALK (<65')
- LONG CROSSWALK (>65')



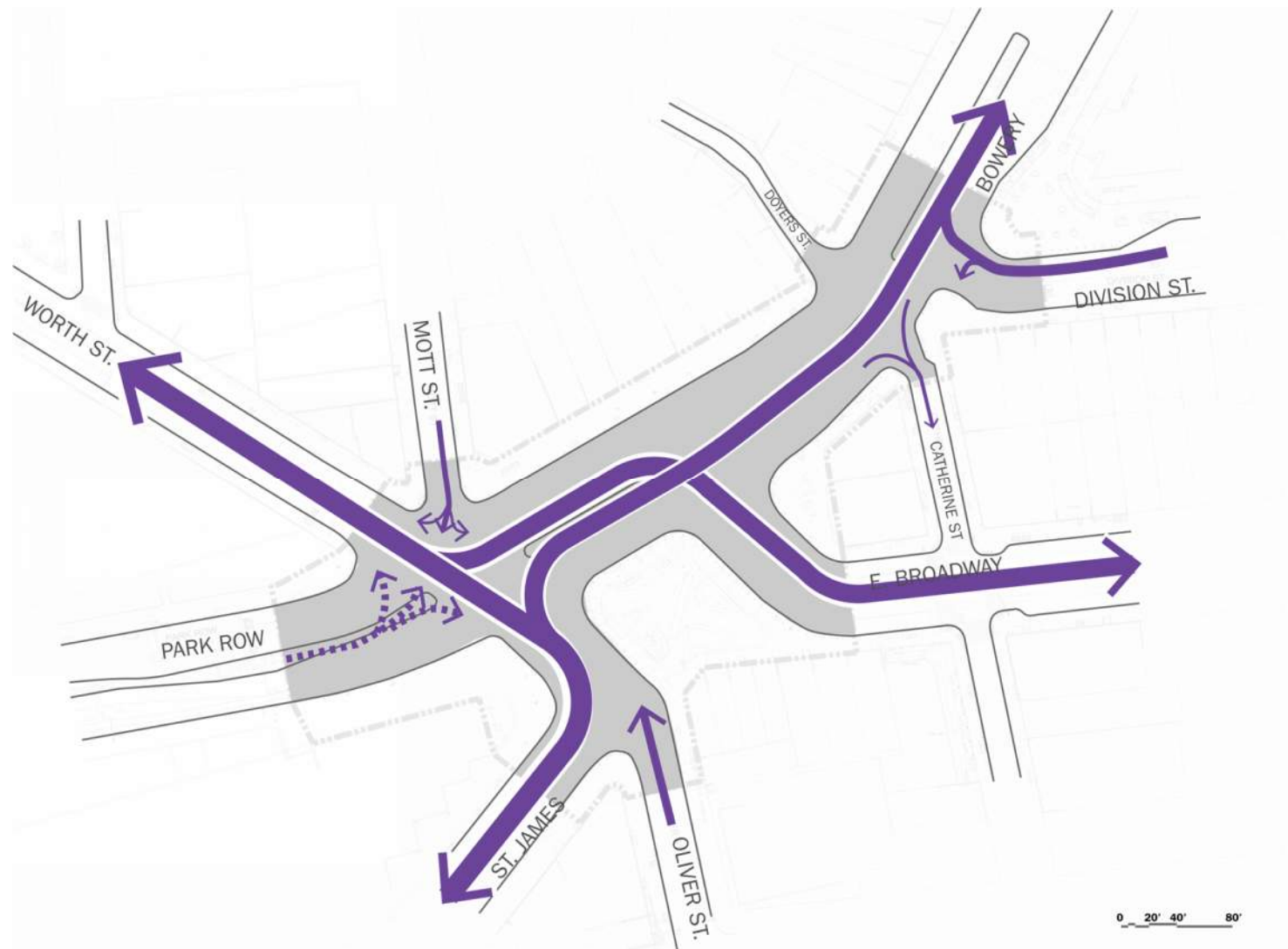
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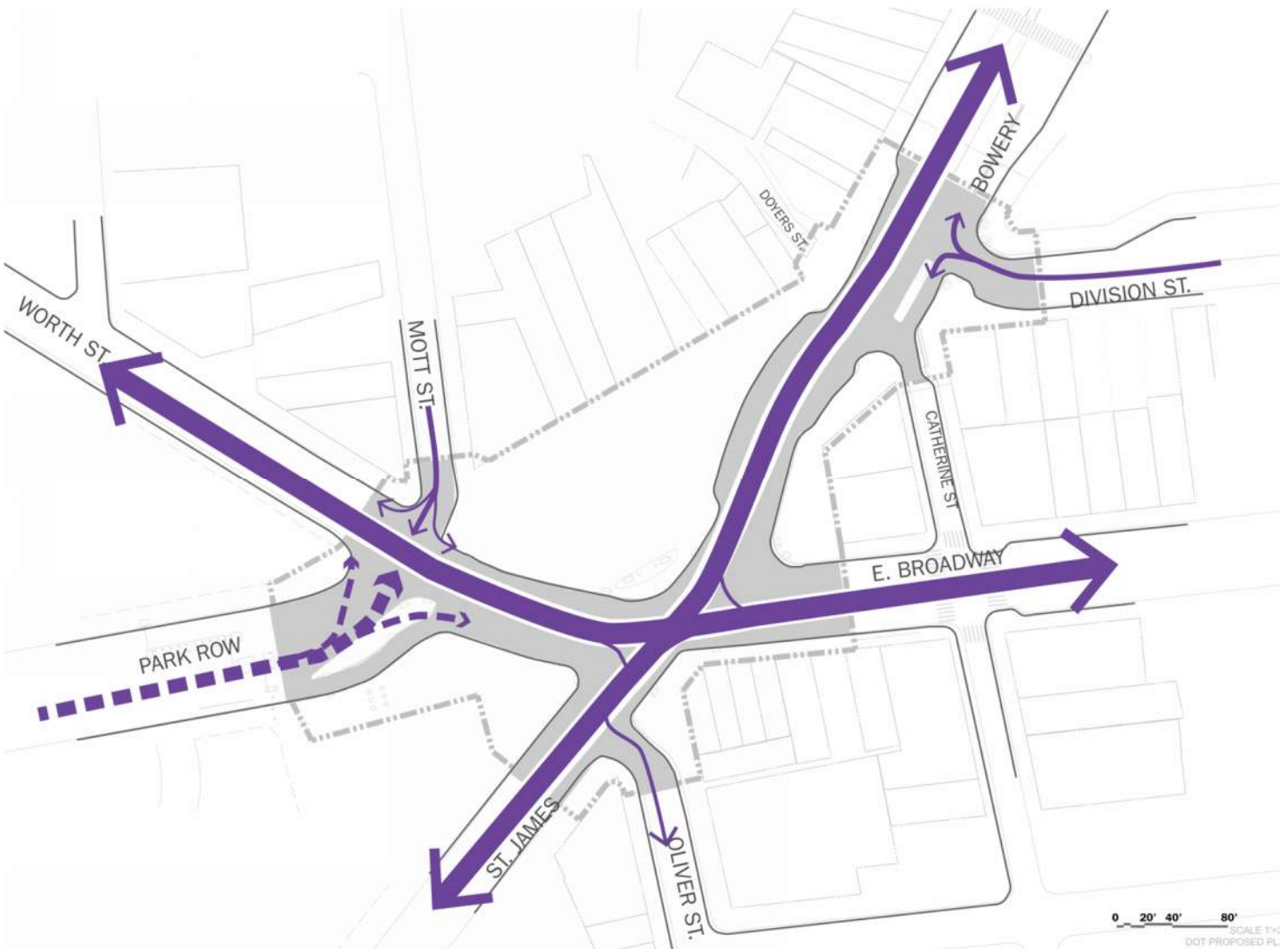
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## Simplify Vehicular Movement



CURRENT

- ←→ VEHICULAR ROUTE
- ←- - -> BUS/EMERGENCY VEHICLE ROUTE

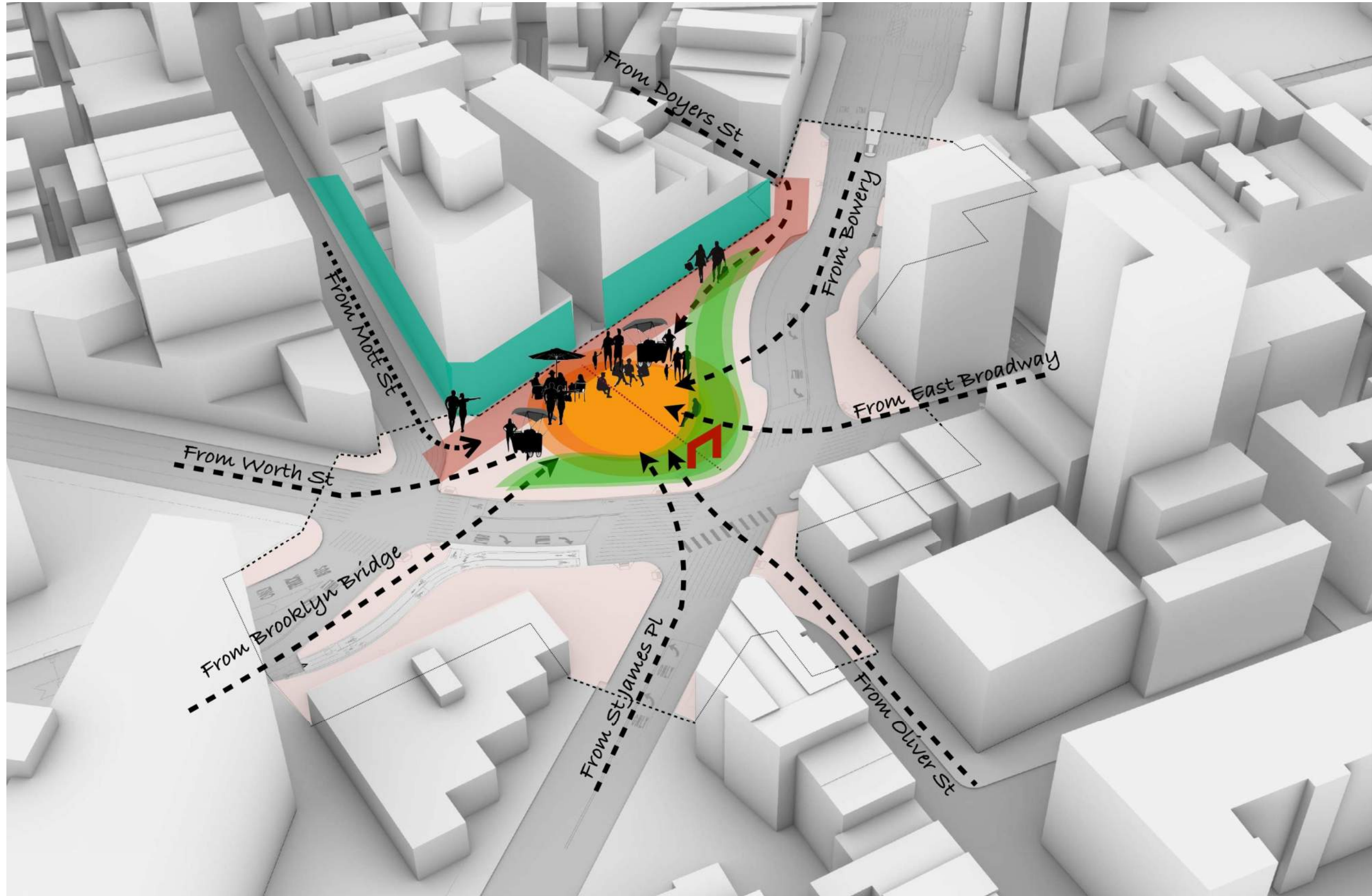


PROPOSED

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- ←- - -> BUS/EMERGENCY VEHICLE ROUTE



# Transform Kimlau Square into a Destination for Chinatown





# VISUAL SURVEY | SCALE & CHARACTER OF GATHERING SPACES

## HOW SHOULD THE SPACE BE USED?



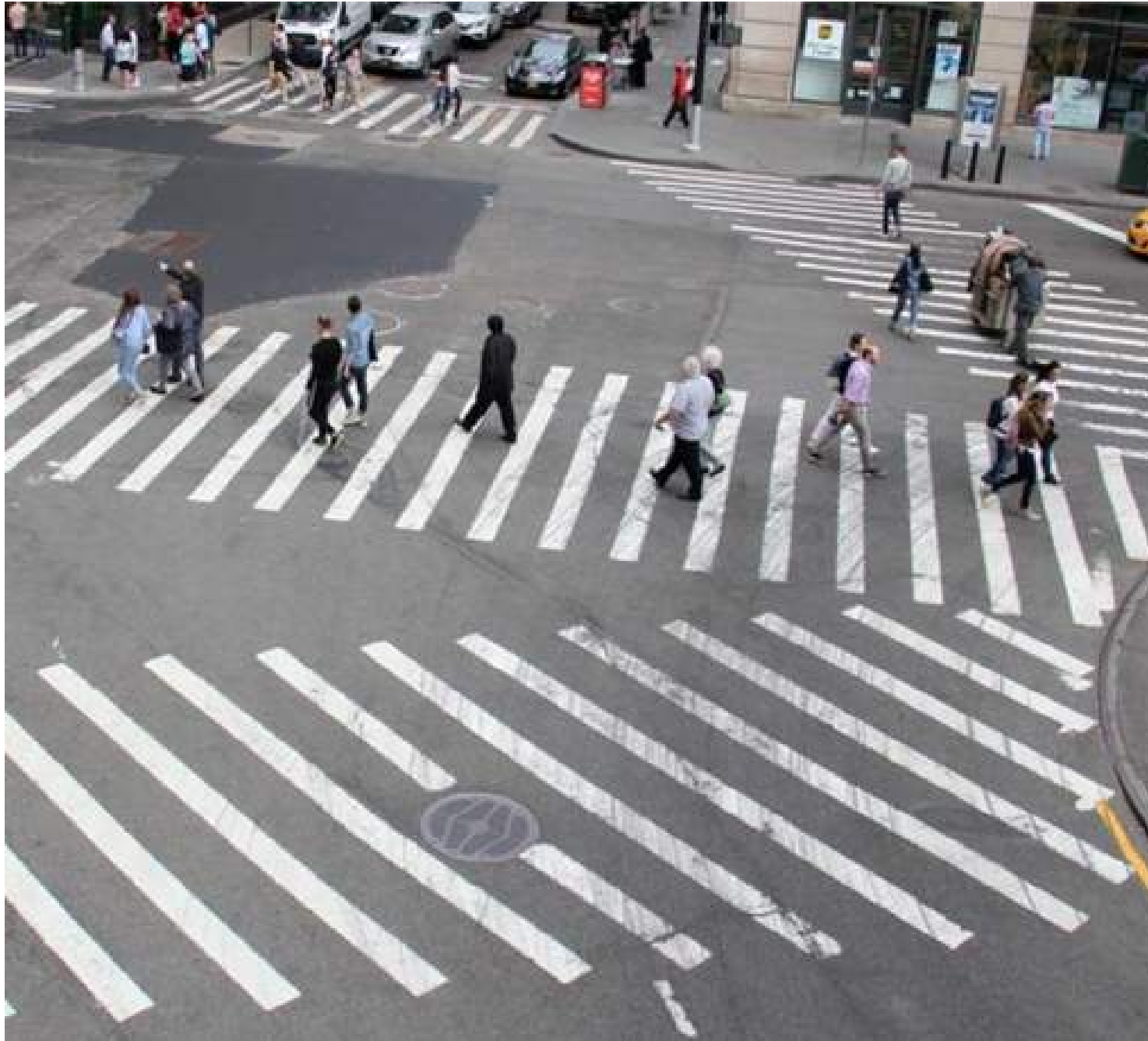
**CIVIC**  
(EX: KIMLAU SQUARE, MANHATTAN)

**INTIMATE**  
(EX: BOGARDUS PLAZA, MANHATTAN)



# VISUAL SURVEY | PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

## WAYS TO PROMOTE SAFER PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS?



### STRIPING & SIGNAL TIMING

(EX: PARK ROW, BROADWAY, VESEY ST, AND ANN ST)

### TRAFFIC – CALMING PAVEMENT

(EX: GANTRY PARK, QUEENS)



# VISUAL SURVEY | PAVING VS. PLANTING

## TYPES OF PLANTING TREATMENT?



**OPEN PAVING + TREES**  
(EX: DHK PLAZA AT MET, MANHATTAN)

**GROUND PLANTING**  
(EX: BOGARDUS PLAZA, MANHATTAN)



# VISUAL SURVEY | SHADES

## TYPES OF CANOPY & SHADE?



**FURNISHINGS**  
(EX: GANSEVOORT PLAZA, MANHATTAN)

**CANOPY TREES**  
(EX: BOGARDUS PLAZA, MANHATTAN)



# VISUAL SURVEY | POROUS VS. BUFFERED PLAZA EDGE TREATMENT?



**POROUS (BOULDERS)**  
(EX: GANSEVOORT PLAZA, MANHATTAN)

**POROUS (PLANTERS)**  
(EX: GANSEVOORT PLAZA, MANHATTAN)

**BUFFER (SEAT WALL)**  
(EX: MYRTLE AVE. PLAZA, BROOKLYN)



# VISUAL SURVEY | COMMERCIAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVATION OPPORTUNITIES?



**MOVABLE STALLS**  
(EX: CHINATOWN NIGHT MARKET, MANHATTAN)

**KIOSK**  
(EX: ASTOR PLACE PLAZA, MANHATTAN)



# VISUAL SURVEY | SEATING

## OPTIMAL SEATING TYPES?



**FIXED**  
(EX: ZION TRIANGLE, BROOKLYN)

**MOVABLE**  
(EX: GANSEVOORT PLAZA, MANHATTAN)



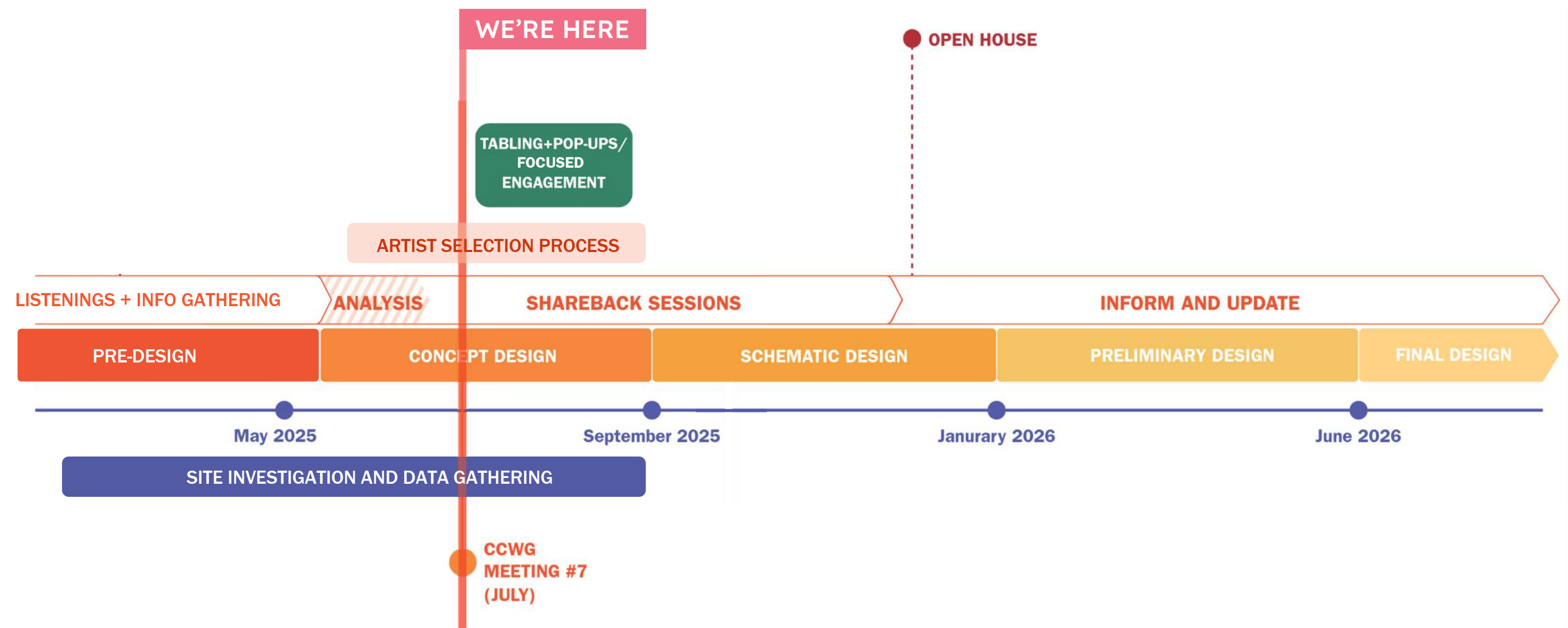
## **VISUAL SURVEY**

# **DISCUSSION POINTS**

- 1. HOW SHOULD THE SPACE BE USED?**
- 2. WAYS TO PROMOTE SAFER PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS?**
- 3. TYPES OF PLANTING TREATMENT?**
- 4. TYPES OF CANOPY & SHADE?**
- 5. PLAZA EDGE TREATMENT?**
- 6. COMMERCIAL ACTIVATION OPPORTUNITIES?**
- 7. OPTIMAL SEATING TYPES?**



# TIMELINE





# Thank You!

