

FLORENDA SUN TRAIL

PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT CONNECTOR

PUBLIC MEETING:
DRAFT ALIGNMENT WORKSHOP

CYPRESS ST

PINE ST

W MAIN ST

CEDAR ST



THE CITY OF
PENSACOLA

FEBRUARY 24, 2026



SCAPE
AtkinsRéalis

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Project Overview**
- **Previous Planning**
- **Design**
- **Next Steps**
- **Workshop Format**

WELCOME!



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of Florida's **SUN Trail Network**, the **Pensacola Downtown Waterfront Connector** strengthens connections between neighborhoods and helps link residents to downtown, local businesses, parks, jobs, and recreational spaces across both CRA districts. By improving mobility and closing gaps in the trail system, the project supports CRA goals for **walkability, connectivity, and equitable access**, contributing to a more **connected and welcoming** community for residents and visitors alike.



WHAT IS THE FLORIDA SUN TRAIL?

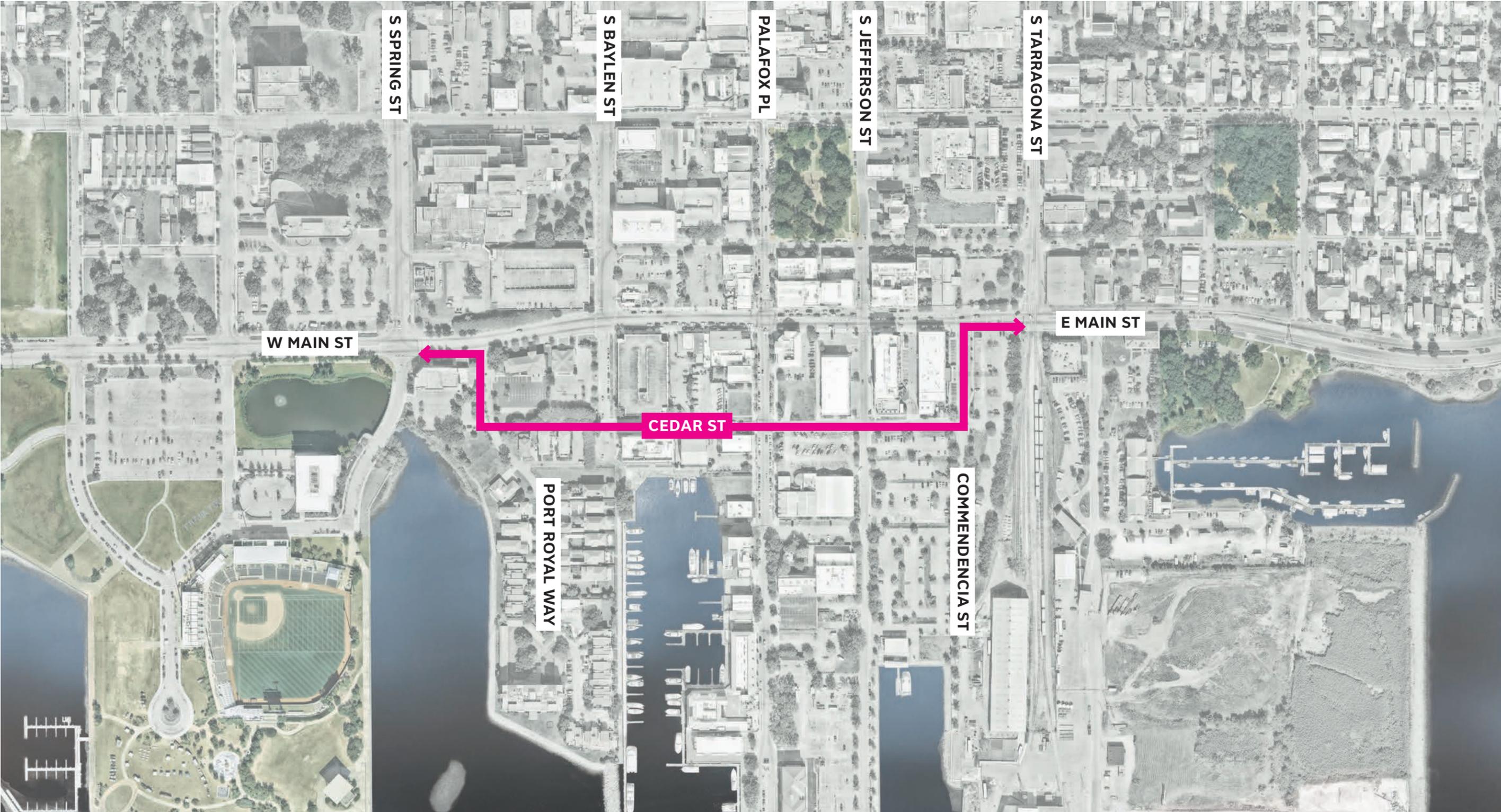
The SUN Trail is a **Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN)** trail for **bicyclists** and **pedestrians**

The SUN Trail is a **Florida Department of Transportation statewide program** that is branching out to **northwest Florida**. SUN Trails are often built segment by segment as funding is applied for and granted

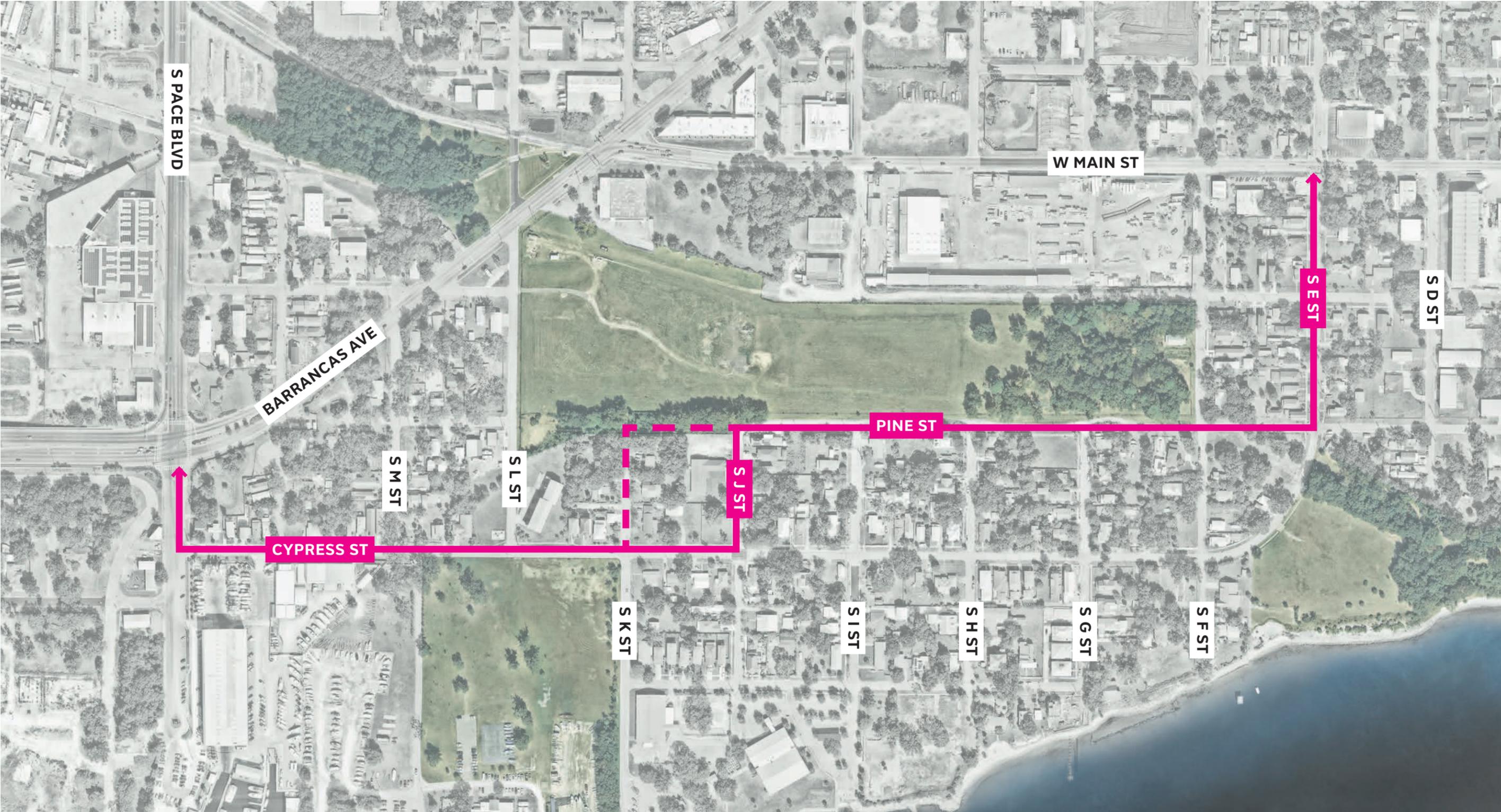
SUN Trails are typically **10-14'** wide paved trail, but can narrow to **8'** if there are extreme constraints



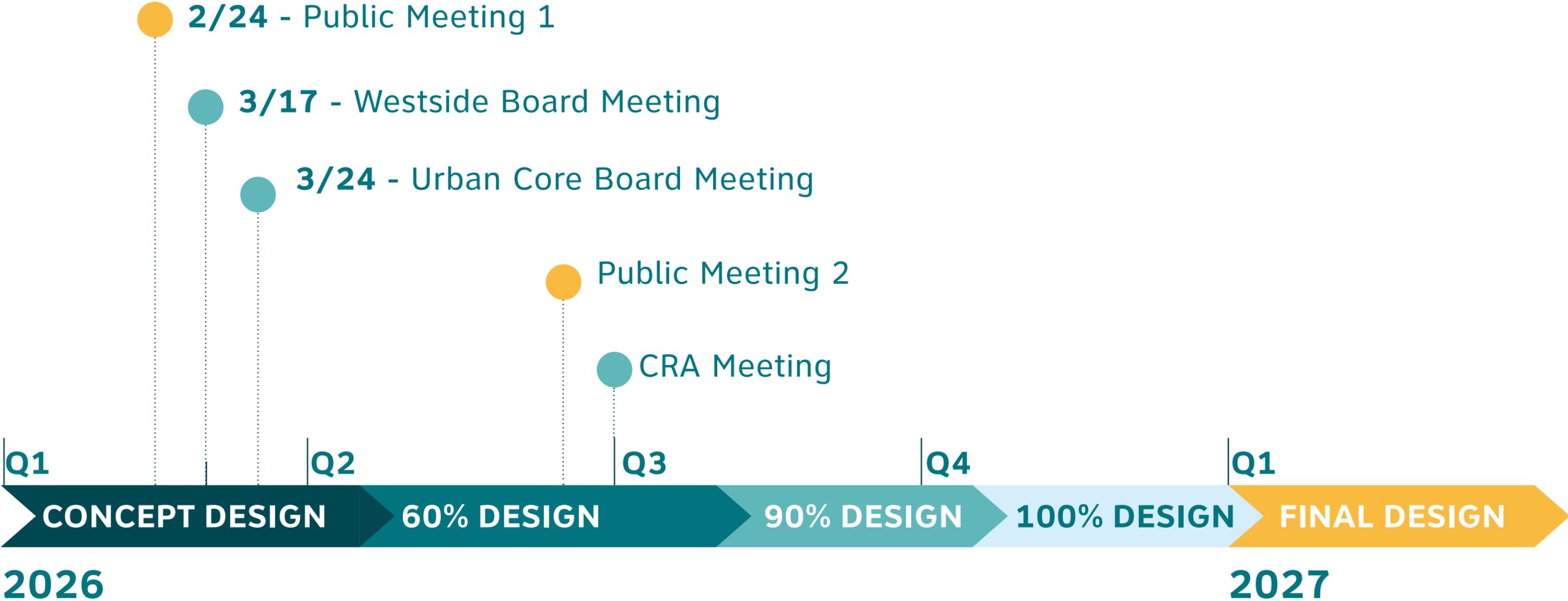
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WESTSIDE SEGMENT: DRAFT ALIGNMENT



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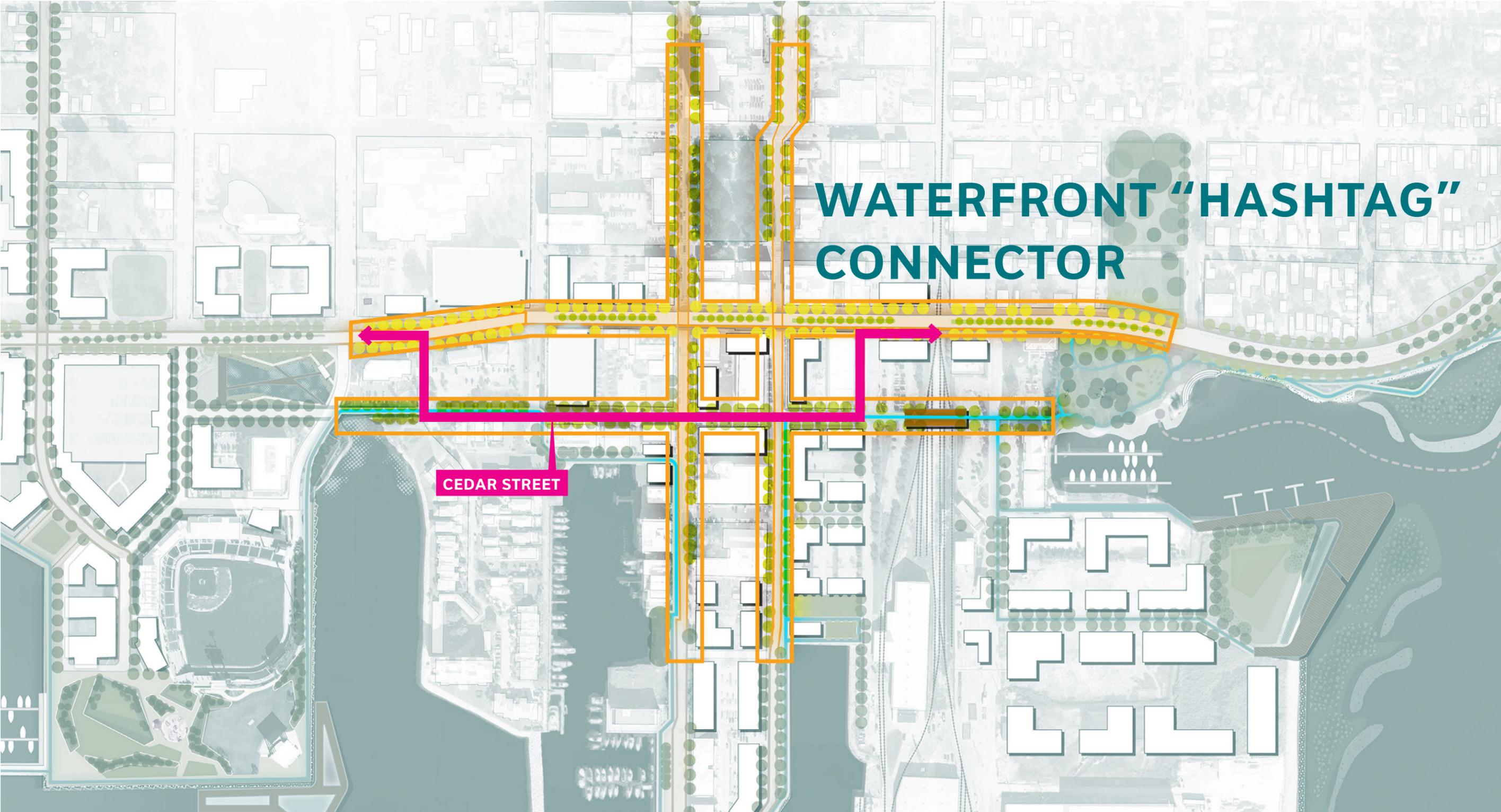


PREVIOUS PLANNING

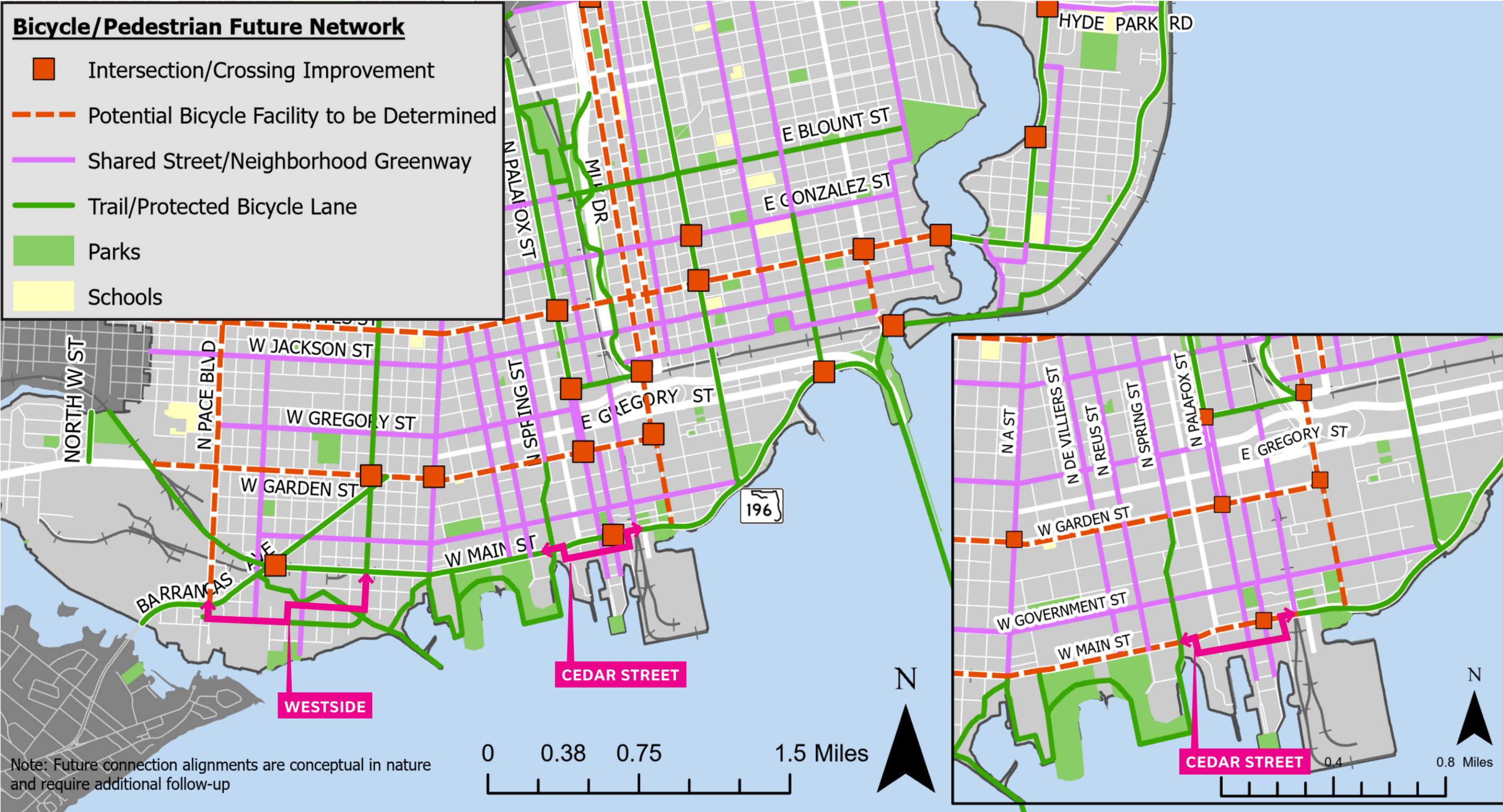
PENSACOLA WATERFRONT FRAMEWORK PLAN



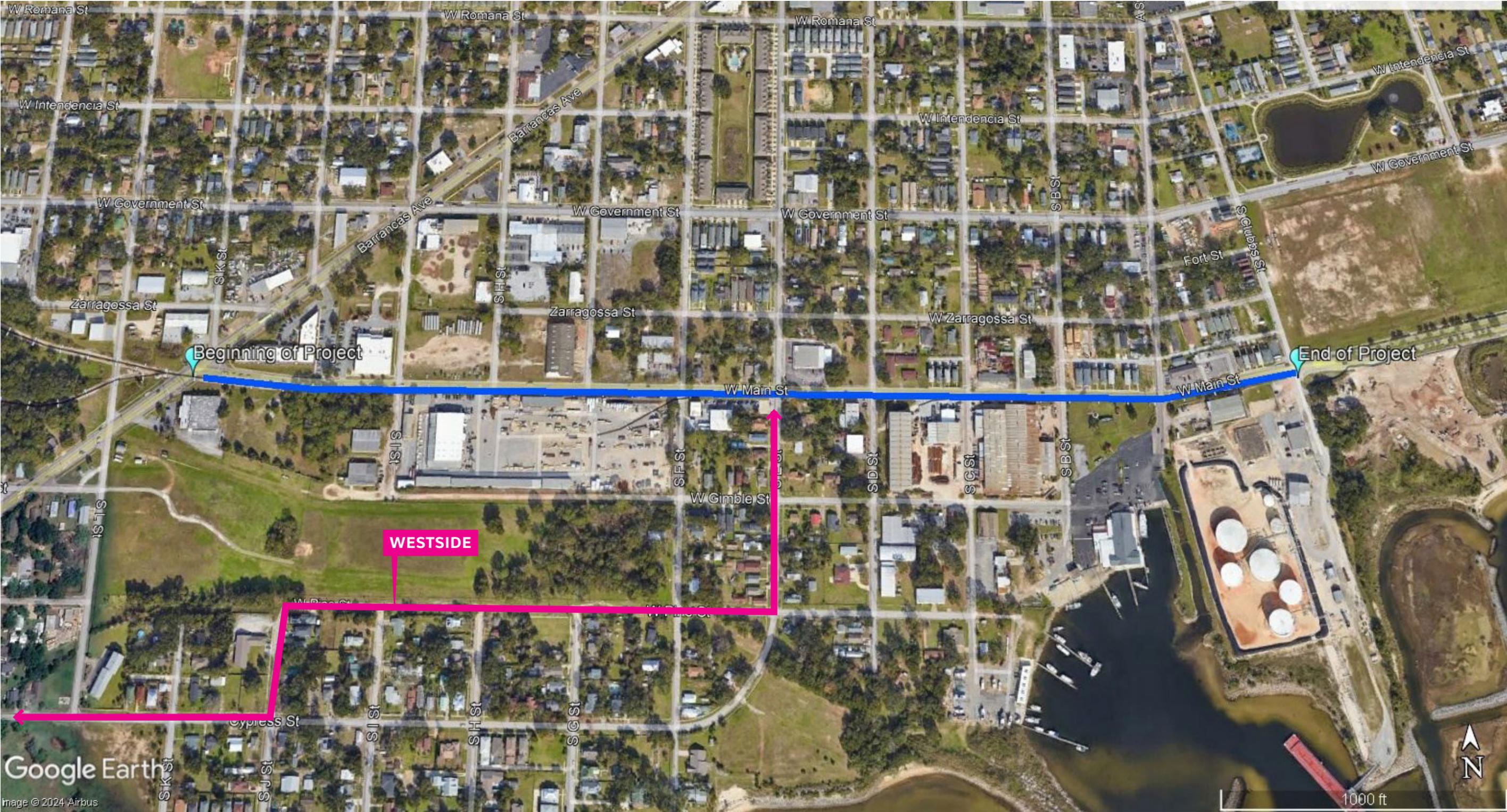
"HASHTAG" WATERFRONT CONNECTOR



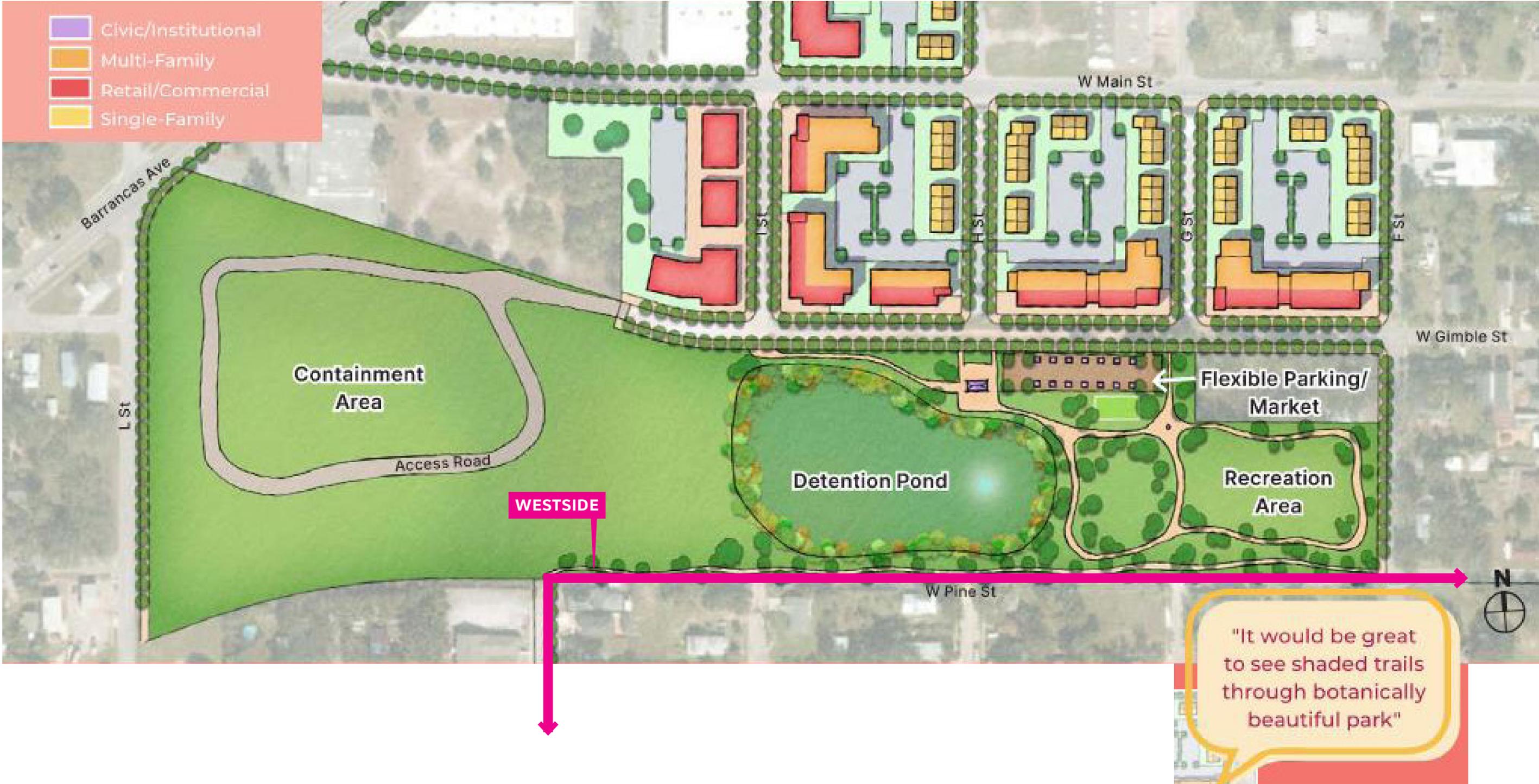
PENSACOLA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



WEST MAIN STREET STORMWATER AND MULTI-MODAL DESIGN



AMERICAN CREOSOTE WORKS SUPERFUND SITE REDEVELOPMENT



DESIGN

An aerial photograph of a city with a grid street pattern. A white line highlights a path along the waterfront, passing through a park area with a baseball field. A dashed white line indicates a proposed urban trail route. The text 'WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL URBAN TRAIL?' is overlaid in large white letters.

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL URBAN TRAIL?

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PINE ST

W MAIN ST

CEDAR ST

INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BIOSWALE

DEDICATED, NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

TOWN BRANCH COMMONS

LEXINGTON, KY



SEATING

PLANTING BUFFER

"IDENTITY" PAVEMENT

RUMBLE STRIPS AT STREET CROSSING

CLEMATIS COMMERCIAL SHARED STREET

WEST PALM BEACH, FL

ACTIVATED STREETScape

ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT

FLUSH CURBS

WHAT IS A WOONERF?

Translates to “living street.” Cars are treated as “guests” on a pedestrian and cycle-friendly activated street

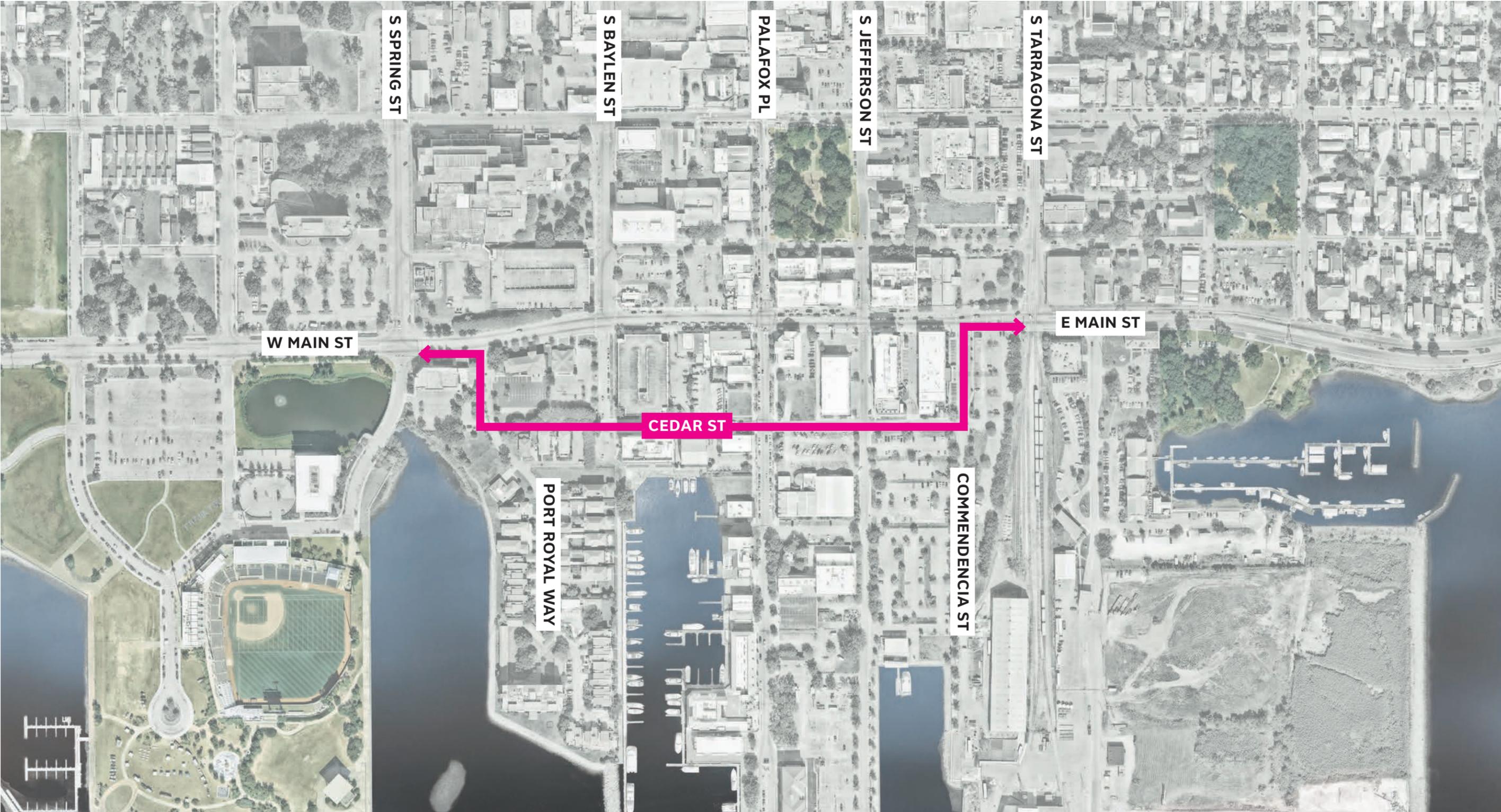
An aerial photograph of a city street grid, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A white dashed line runs horizontally across the upper portion of the image, labeled 'W MAIN ST'. A white solid line runs horizontally across the lower portion, labeled 'CEDAR ST'. The text 'CEDAR STREET SEGMENT' is centered in large, bold, white capital letters. In the lower-left quadrant, a baseball field is visible, surrounded by greenery and a parking lot. A large body of water is in the bottom-left corner. The street grid is dense, with many buildings and trees visible.

CEDAR STREET SEGMENT

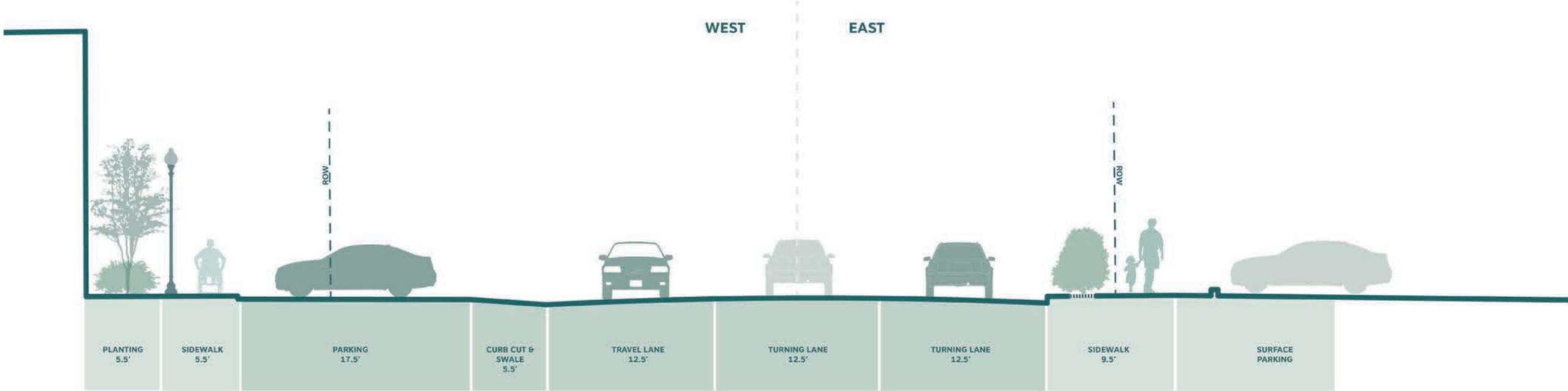
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CEDAR STREET SEGMENT: DRAFT ALIGNMENT



COMMENDENCIA STREET: EXISTING

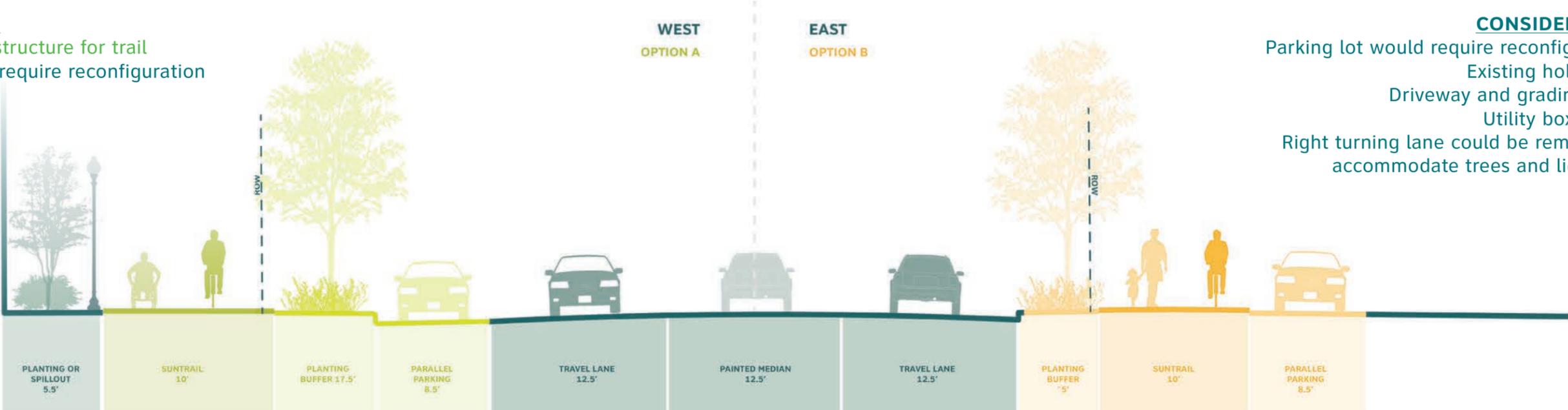


COMMENDENCIA STREET: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

WEST ALIGNMENT: OPTION A

CONSIDERATIONS

- + Use existing infrastructure for trail
- Parking lot would require reconfiguration



OPTION A: EAST ALIGNMENT

OPTION B: WEST ALIGNMENT

EAST ALIGNMENT: OPTION B

CONSIDERATIONS

- Parking lot would require reconfiguration -
- Existing holly trees -
- Driveway and grading inlet -
- Utility box + vent -
- Right turning lane could be removed to -
- accommodate trees and light poles

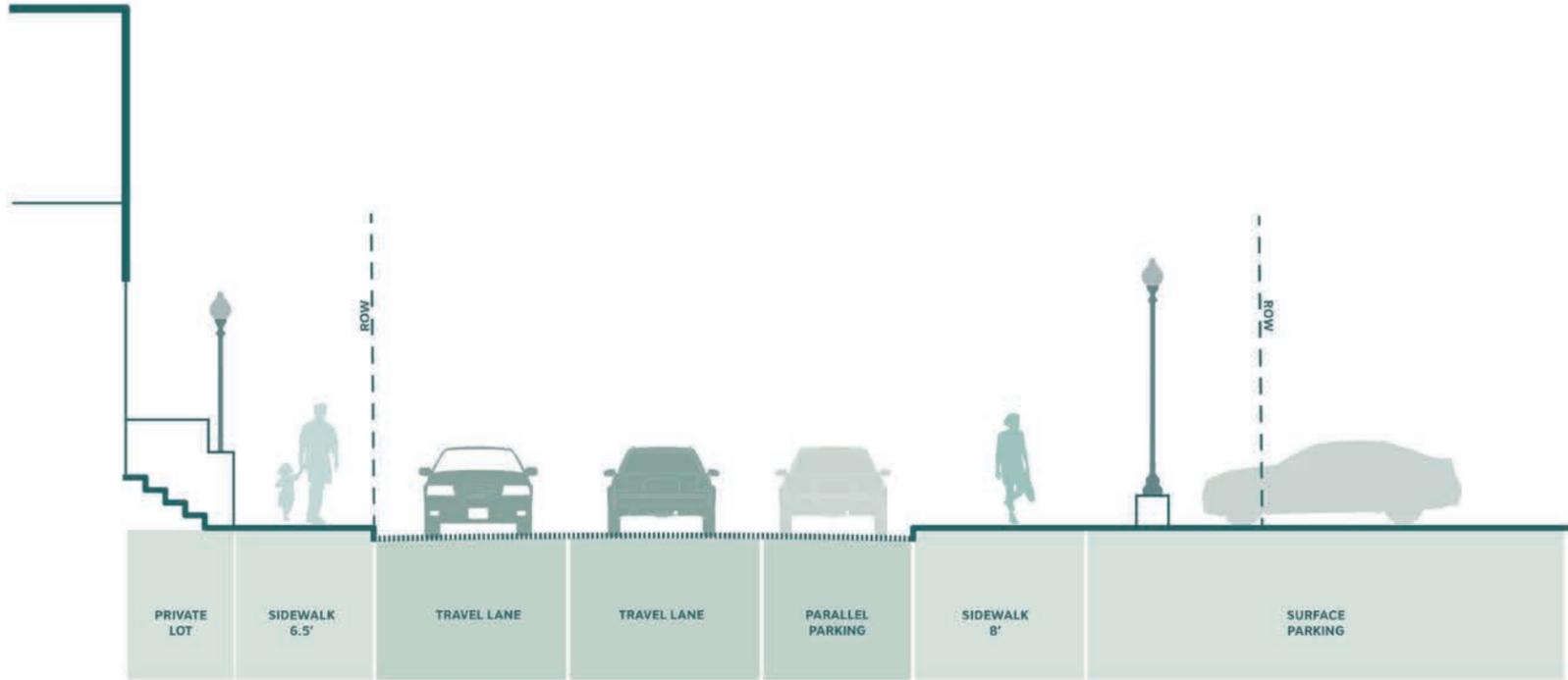


INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL: INDIANAPOLIS, IN



TOWN BRANCH COMMONS: LEXINGTON, KY

CEDAR STREET: EXISTING

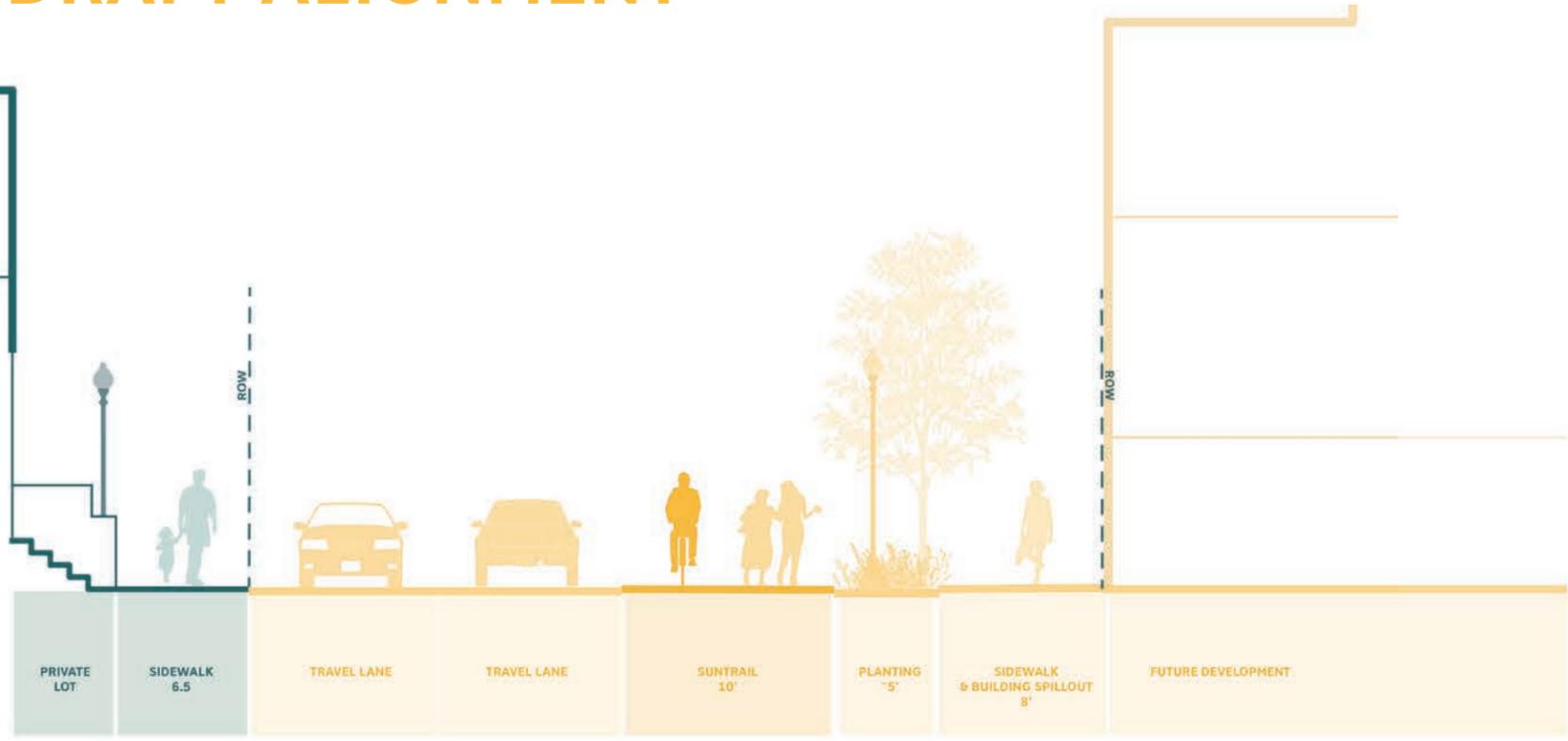


CEDAR STREET: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

NORTH ALIGNMENT:
BETWEEN PORT ROYAL WAY AND
S PALAFOX ST (NOT SHOWN)

CONSIDERATIONS

- Stairs and wall
- Curb inlets
- Utility cabinet
- Steep Driveways
- Fences
- Existing trees in ROW
- Fire Hydrants
- Standpipe
- Utility Vault
- Light poles



SOUTH ALIGNMENT:
BETWEEN S PALAFOX ST AND
COMMENDENCIA ST

CONSIDERATIONS

- Mature oak trees provide shade +
- Large utility boxes -
- Curb inlet -



CLEMATIS STREET: WEST PALM BEACH, FL

OXFORD ROAD: WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON

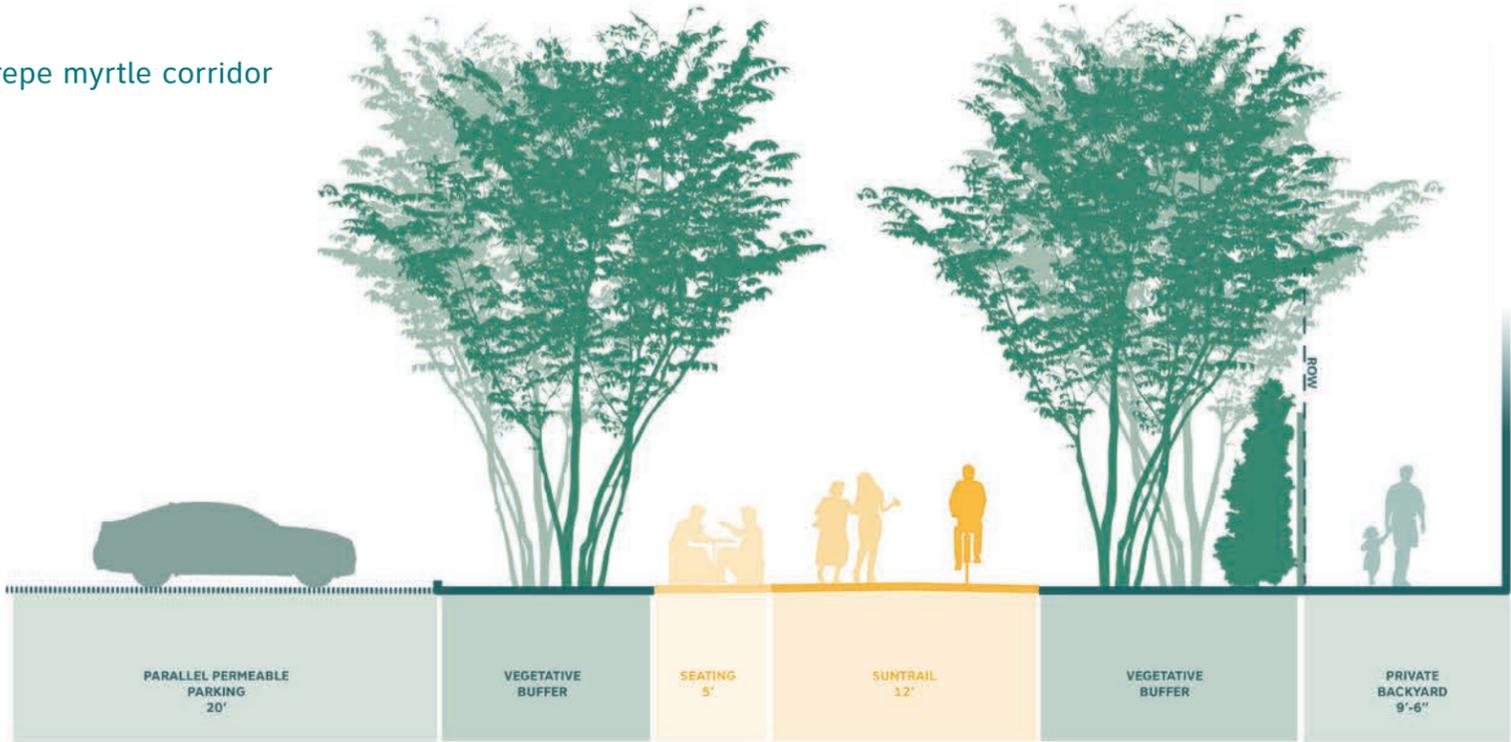
PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT: EXISTING



PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

CONSIDERATIONS

- Utilities at beginning and end of crepe myrtle corridor



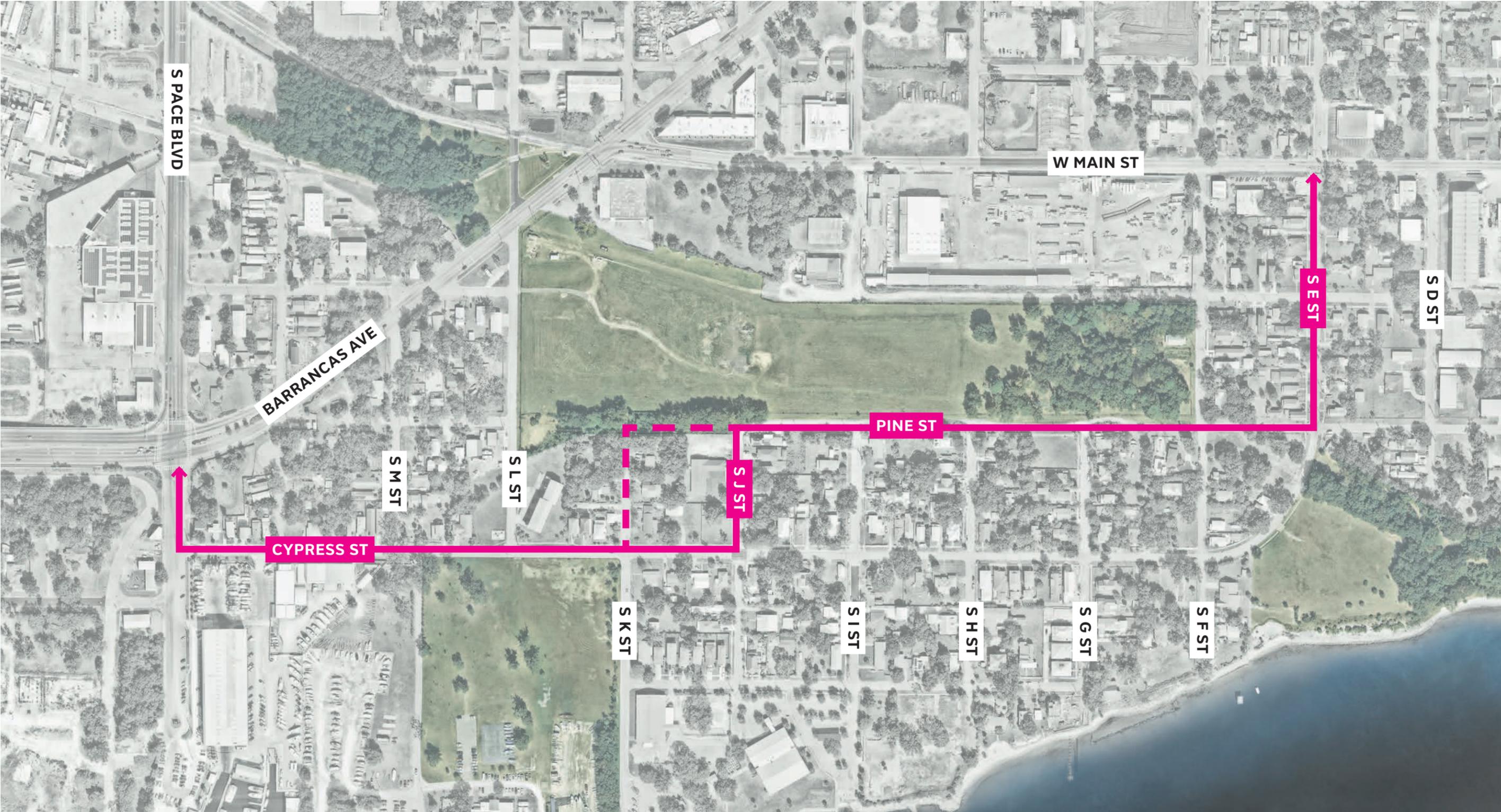
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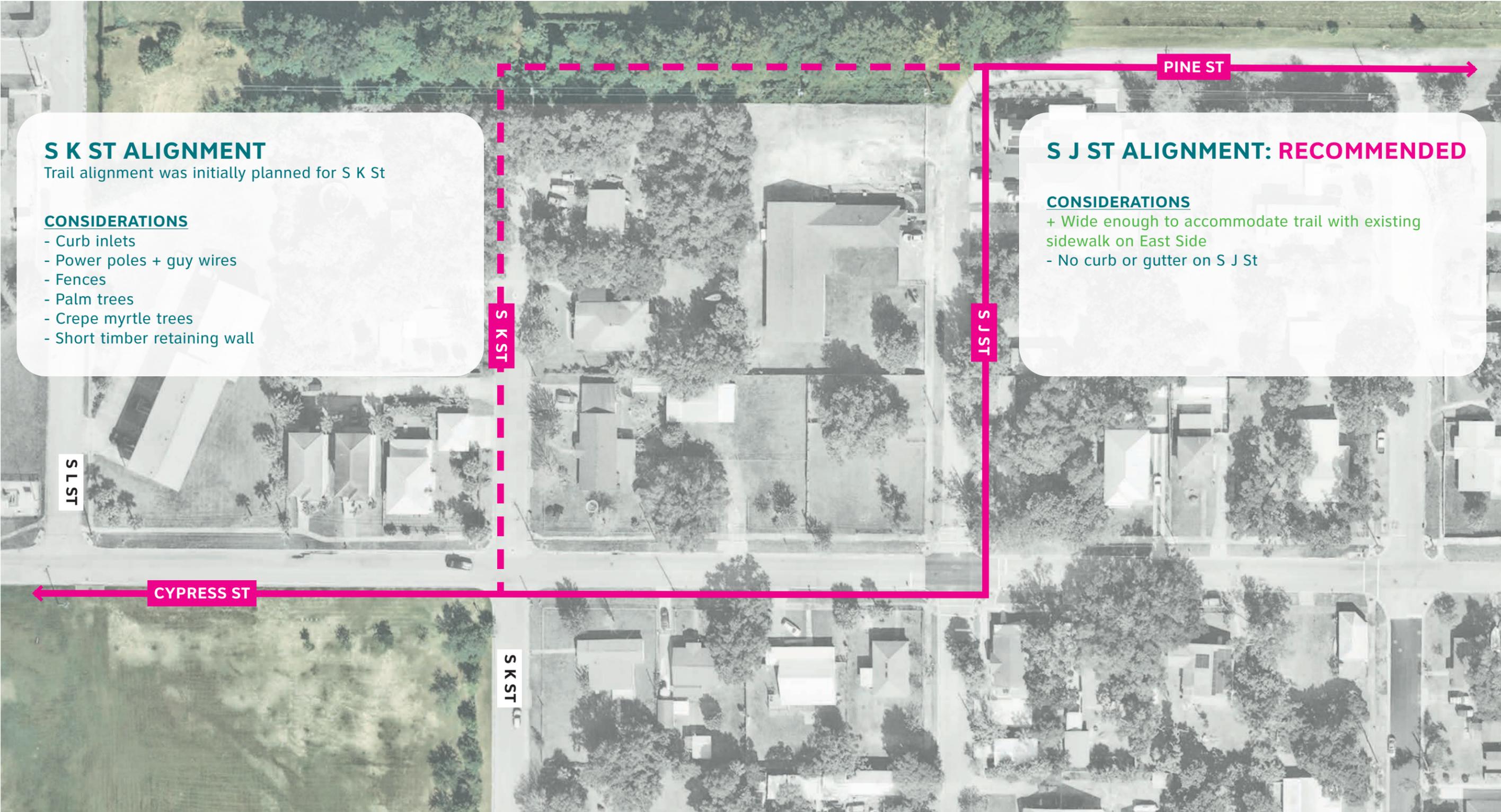
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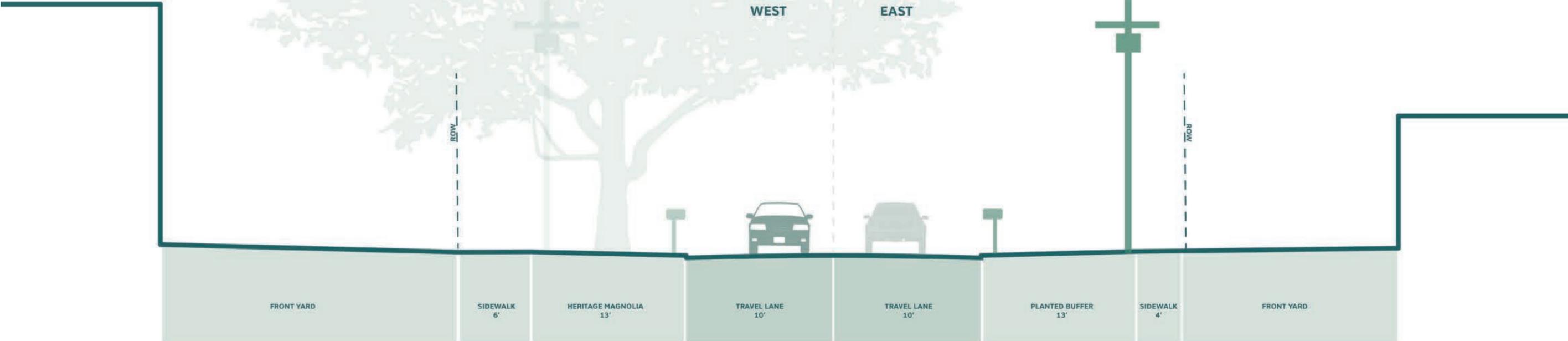
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SOUTH E STREET: EXISTING



SOUTH E STREET: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

WEST ALIGNMENT: OPTION A

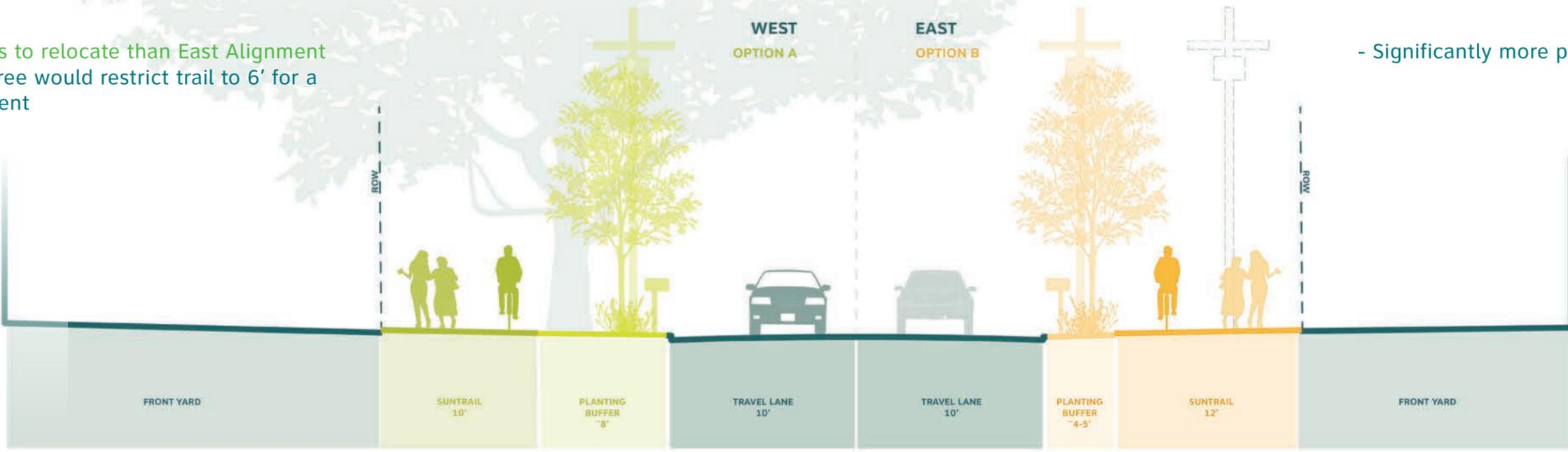
CONSIDERATIONS

- + Fewer power poles to relocate than East Alignment
- Mature magnolia tree would restrict trail to 6' for a portion of the segment
- Curb Inlet
- Fence

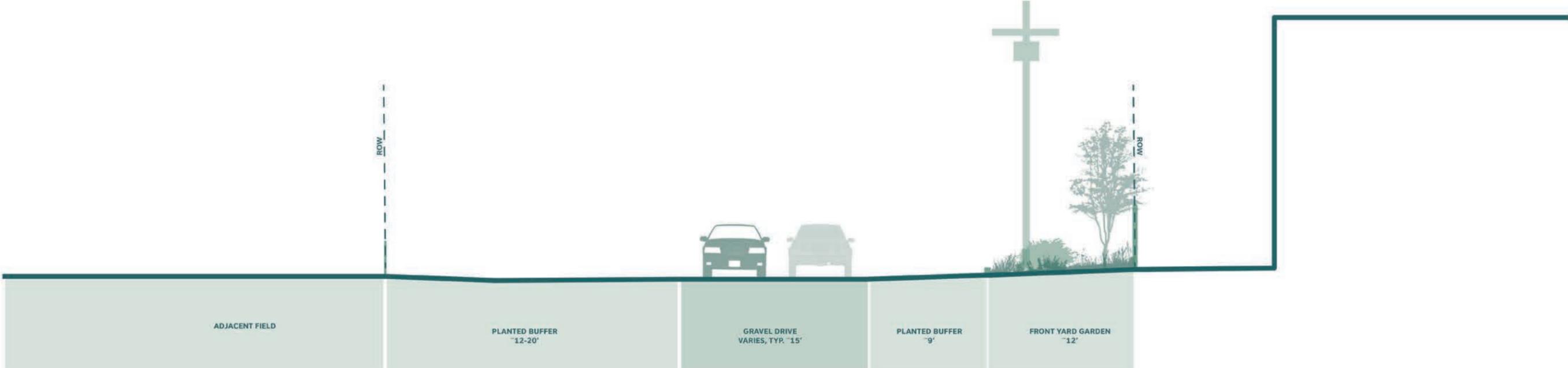
EAST ALIGNMENT: OPTION B

CONSIDERATIONS

- Significantly more power poles to relocate than West Alignment



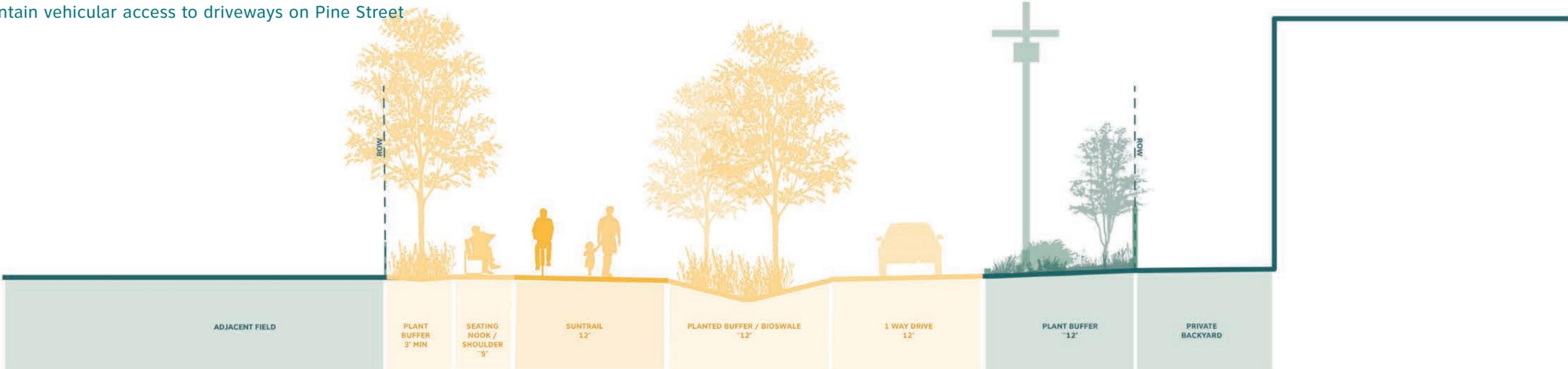
PINE STREET: EXISTING



PINE STREET: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

CONSIDERATIONS

- Maintain vehicular access to driveways on Pine Street

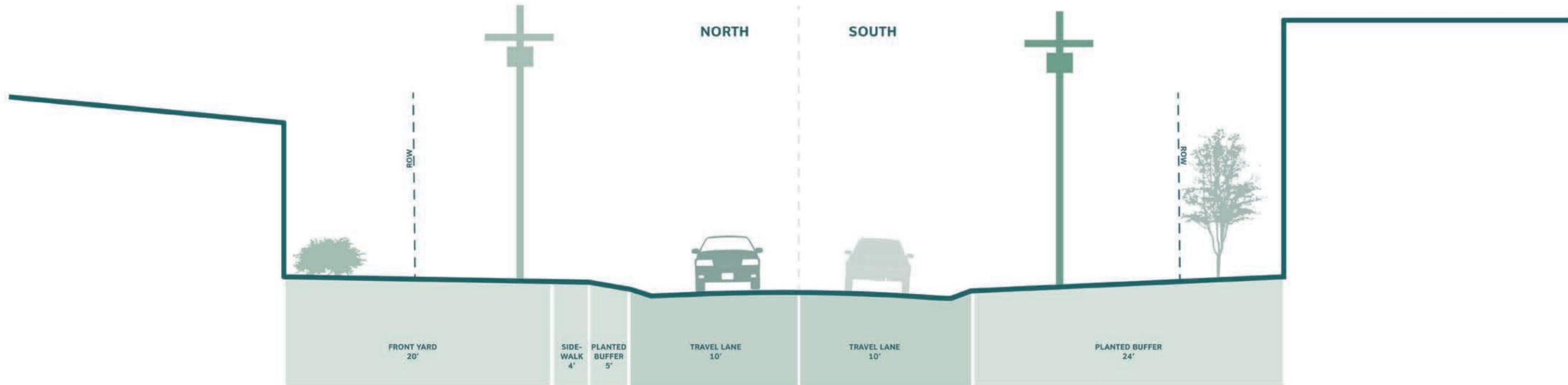


BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL: KING COUNTY, WA



MISSION BOULEVARD LINEAR PARK: HAYWARD, CA

CYPRESS STREET: EXISTING

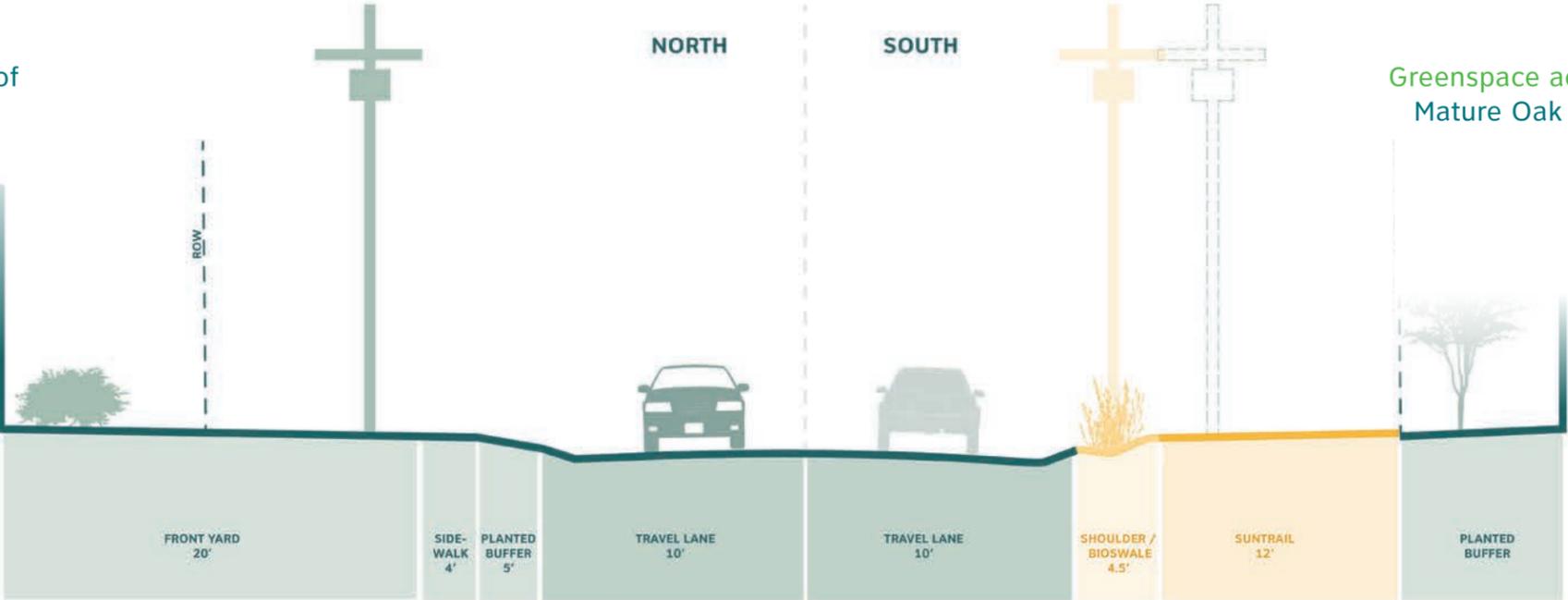


CYPRESS STREET: DRAFT ALIGNMENT

NORTH ALIGNMENT

CONSIDERATIONS

- Steep driveways + inadequate separation of trail and travel lane
- Curb inlets
- Power poles + guy wires
- Fences
- Fire hydrants



SOUTH ALIGNMENT: RECOMMENDED

CONSIDERATIONS

- Greenspace accommodates trail, trees, and lights +
- Mature Oak tree will require bridging over roots -
- Wall end caps -
- Curb inlets -
- Power + service poles -
- Backflow preventer -



HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY: NY



ORLANDO URBAN TRAIL: ORLANDO, FL



IDENTITY

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THE DUNE PALETTE

OPTION A



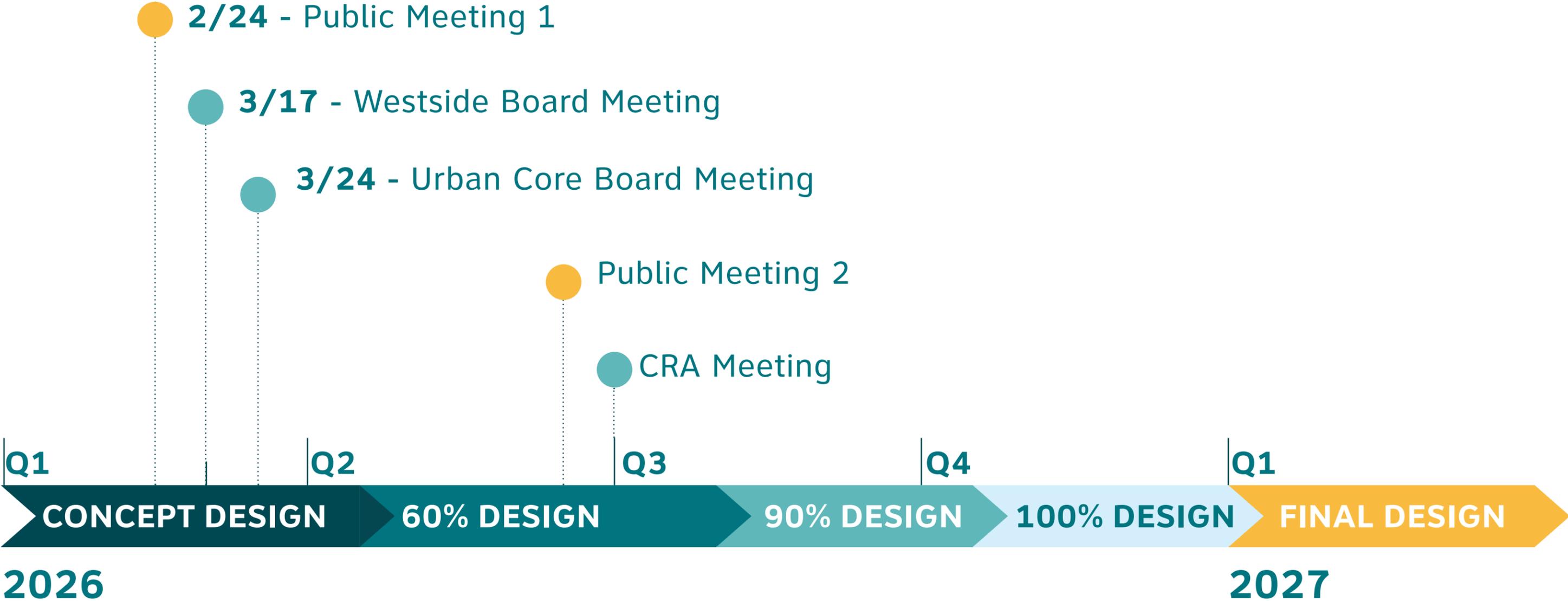
THE BLUFF PALETTE

OPTION B



NEXT STEPS

DESIGN TIMELINE



HOW TO STAY ENGAGED



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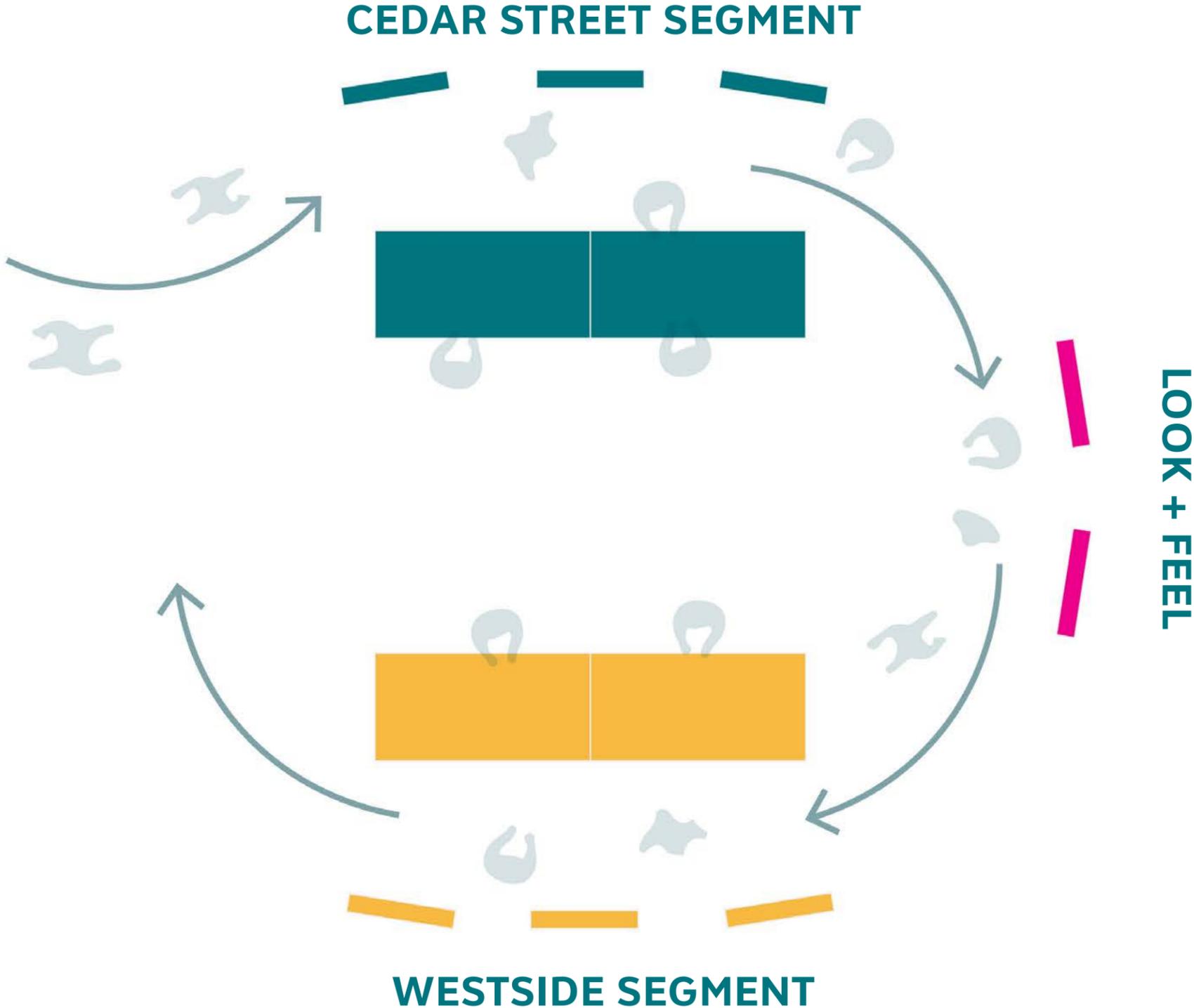
- Keep tabs on project milestones
- Provide additional comment for one week after today's meeting
- Review today's presentation

Link: <https://www.pensacolaforward.com/page/sun-trail-pensacola-downtown-waterfront-connector>



WORKSHOP FORMAT

WORKSHOP LAYOUT





THANK YOU!

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