

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the  
ISW North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue  
Pulaski to Roosevelt Corridor Improvements

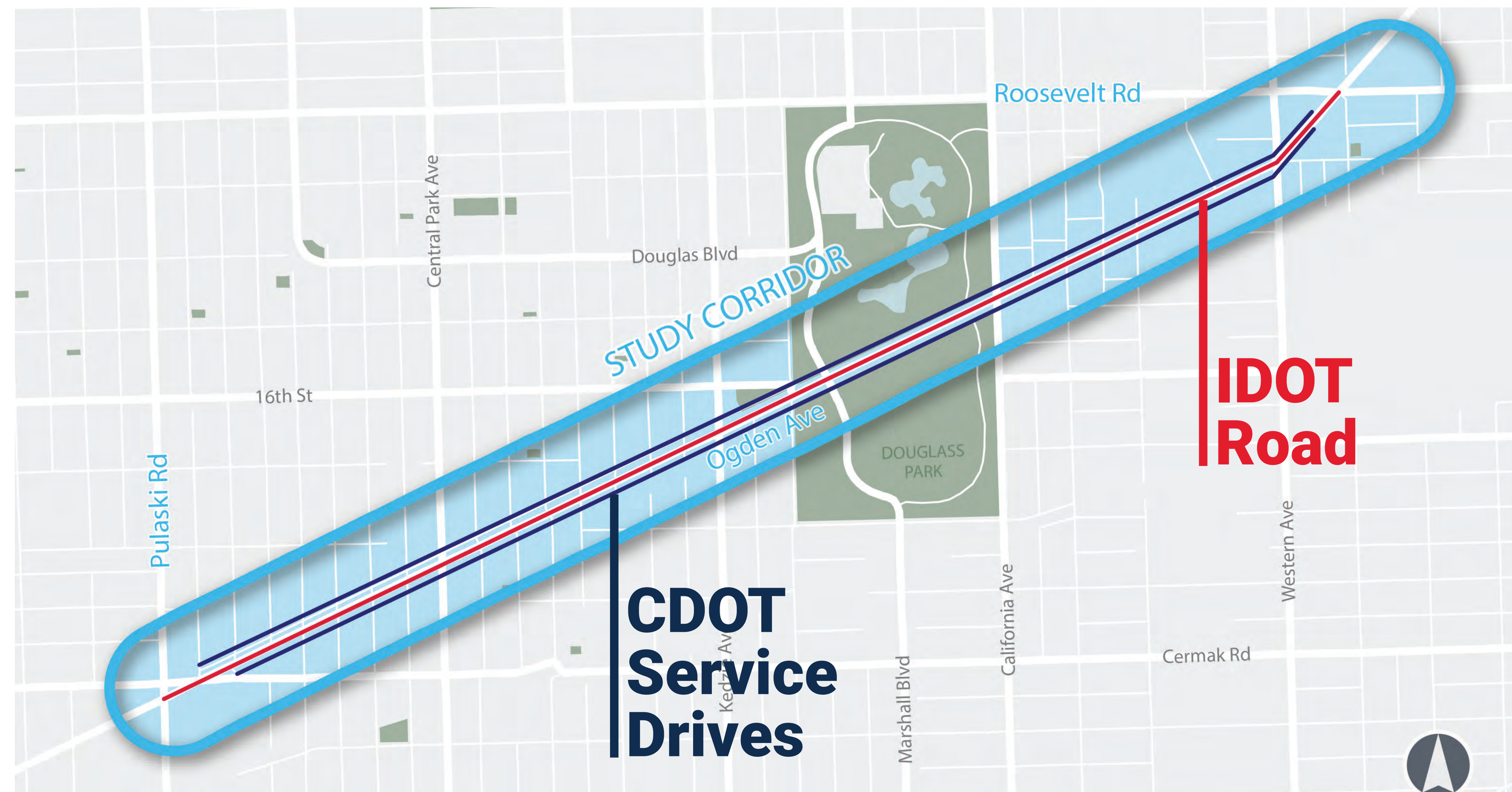
Public Meeting #1 — April 12, 2023

# PROJECT MAP & SCOPE

## ISW North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Improvements

### Pulaski to Roosevelt

This project is an opportunity to reimagine Ogden Avenue as a multimodal transportation corridor, as a hub for community activity, and as a catalyst for economic development.



## Scope

- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalk upgrades
- Curb extensions
- Bike facilities
- Repurposing of service drives
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys
- Site furniture and seating areas
- Community identifiers including light pole and neighborhood gateway
- Streets trees and landscaping

# PROJECT TIMELINE



**2022**

Summer      Fall  
Q3      Q4

City Begins Project

**2023**

Winter      Spring      Summer      Fall  
Q1      Q2      Q3      Q4

CAG Meeting #1

Public Meeting #1  
Public Survey #1

**WE ARE HERE** ★

Community Workshops

**2024**

Winter      Spring      Summer      Fall  
Q1      Q2      Q3      Q4

CAG Meeting #2

Public Meeting #2  
Public Survey #2

CAG Meeting #3

Public Meeting #3




# TRAFFIC AND CRASH DATA, 2017-2021



## Pulaski to Kedzie



Most dangerous sections of Ogden Ave are at intersections.

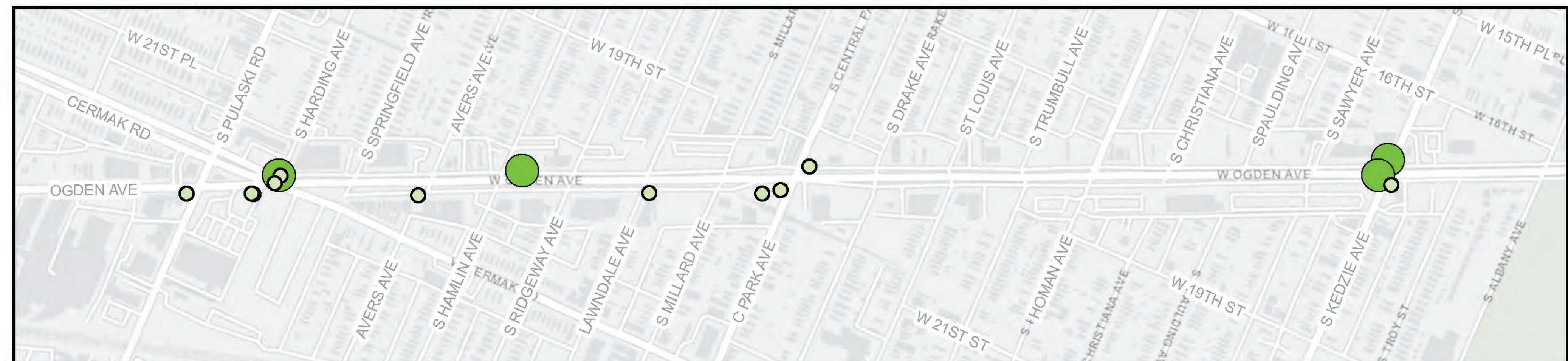
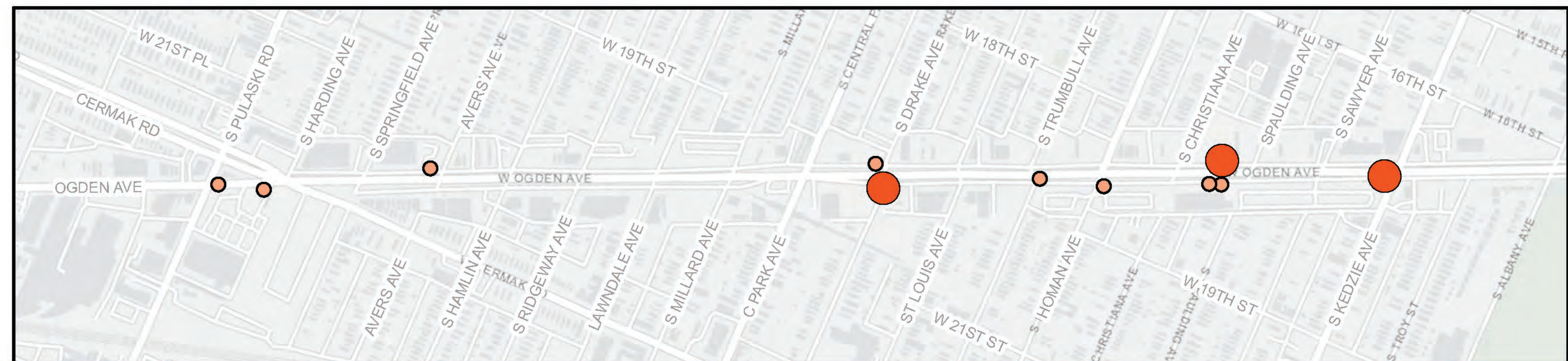
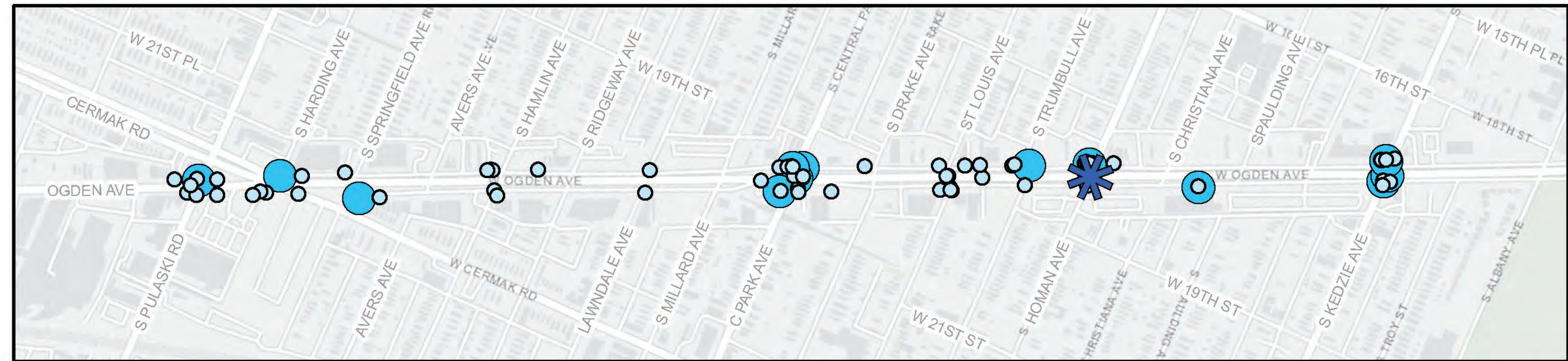
**A-Injury (Incapacitating / Serious Injury):** Any injury, other than a fatal injury, which prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities he/she was capable of performing before the injury occurred.

**B-Injury (Non-Incapacitating / Minor Injury):** Any injury, other than a fatal or incapacitating injury, which is evident to observers at the scene of the crash.

-  Fatal Auto Crash
-  A-Injury Auto Crash
-  B-Injury Auto Crash

-  A-Injury Bicyclist Crash
-  B-Injury Bicyclist Crash

-  A-Injury Pedestrian Crash
-  B-Injury Pedestrian Crash



0 650 1,300 2,600 Feet

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

# TRAFFIC AND CRASH DATA, 2017-2021

## Kedzie to Roosevelt

Most dangerous sections of Ogden Ave:

- Intersections along Douglass Park
- Western Ave

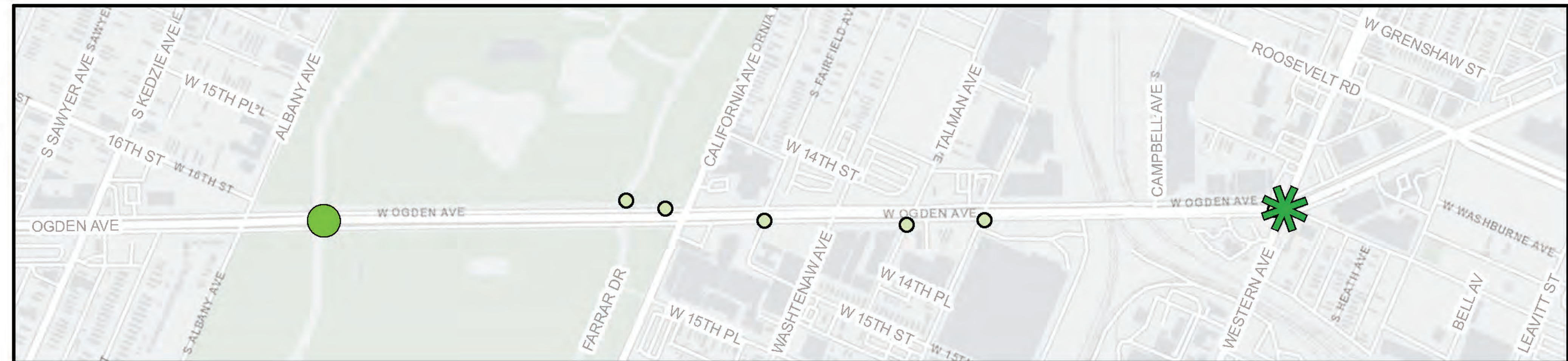
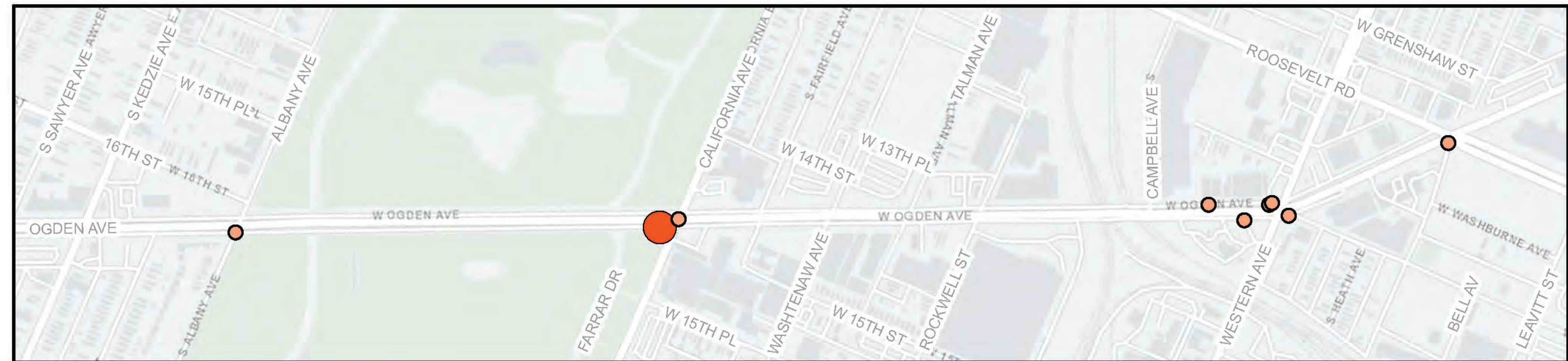
**A-Injury (Incapacitating / Serious Injury):** Any injury, other than a fatal injury, which prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities he/she was capable of performing before the injury occurred.

**B-Injury (Non-Incapacitating / Minor Injury):** Any injury, other than a fatal or incapacitating injury, which is evident to observers at the scene of the crash.

- ✱ Fatal Auto Crash
- A-Injury Auto Crash
- B-Injury Auto Crash

- A-Injury Bicyclist Crash
- B-Injury Bicyclist Crash

- ✱ Fatal Pedestrian Crash
- A-Injury Pedestrian Crash
- B-Injury Pedestrian Crash



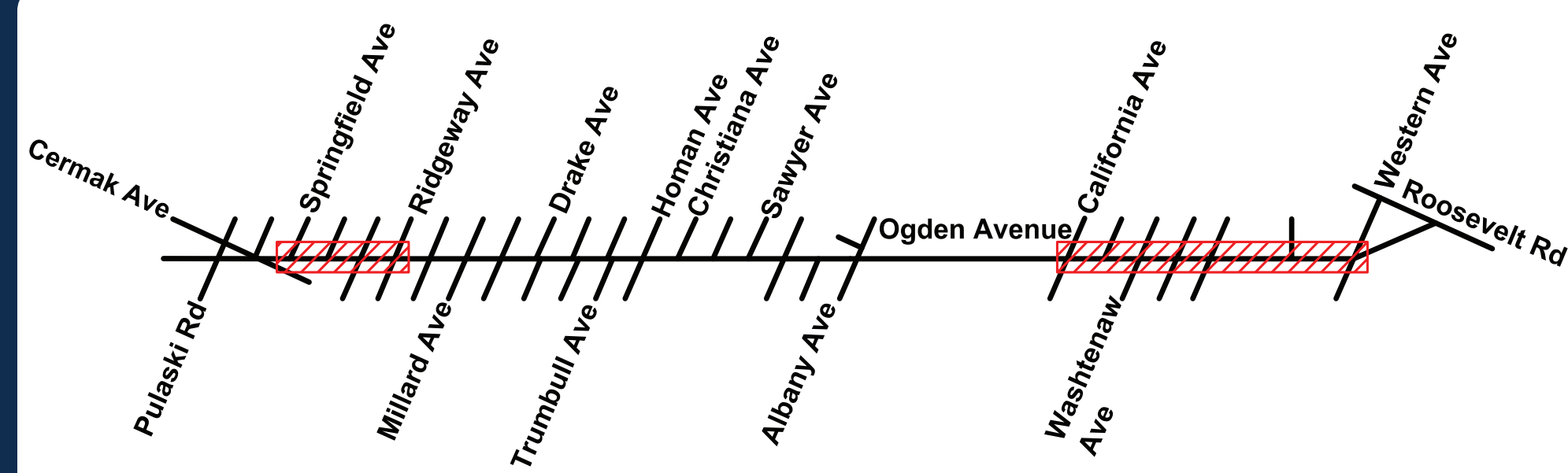
0 650 1,300 2,600 Feet

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

# CURRENT STREET CONFIGURATION

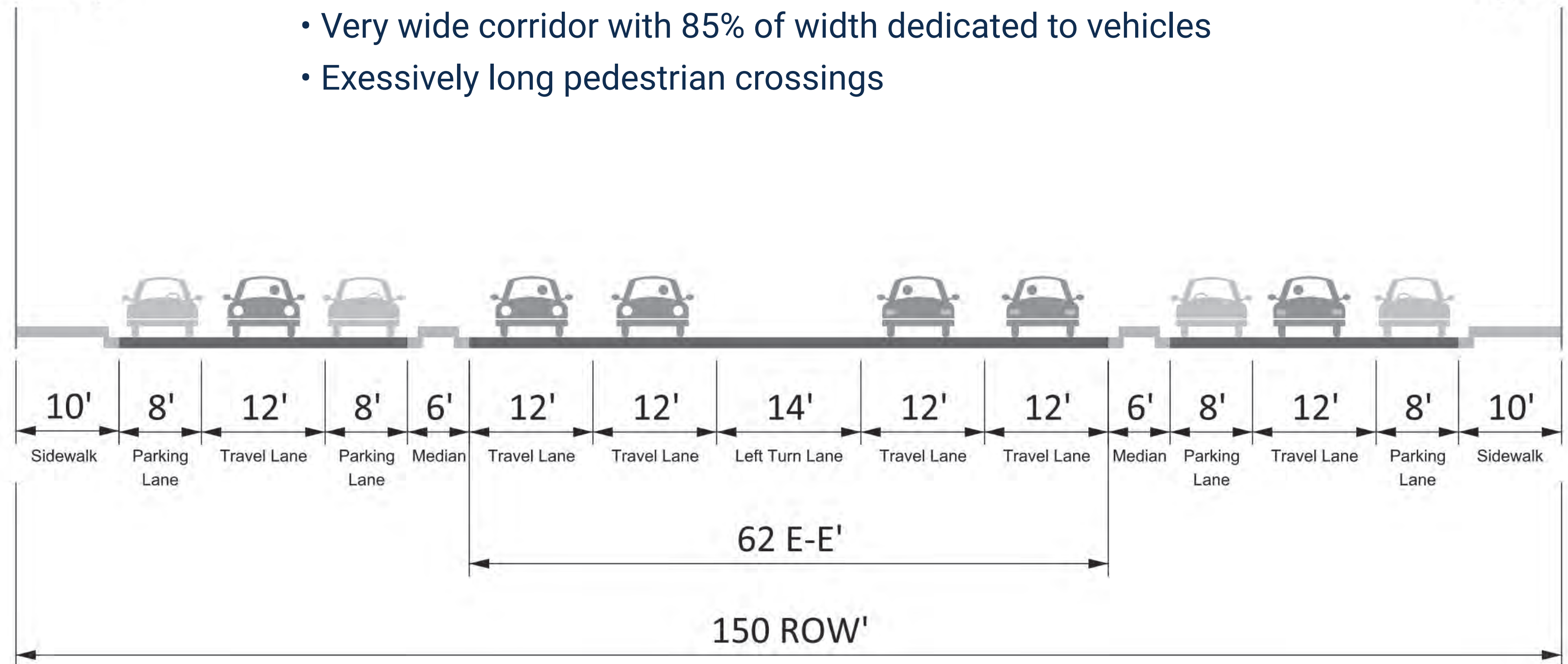
## Ogden Avenue:

Springfield Ave to Ridgeway Ave  
&  
California Ave to Western Ave



Right-of-Way

- Very wide corridor with 85% of width dedicated to vehicles
- Excessively long pedestrian crossings



Right-of-Way

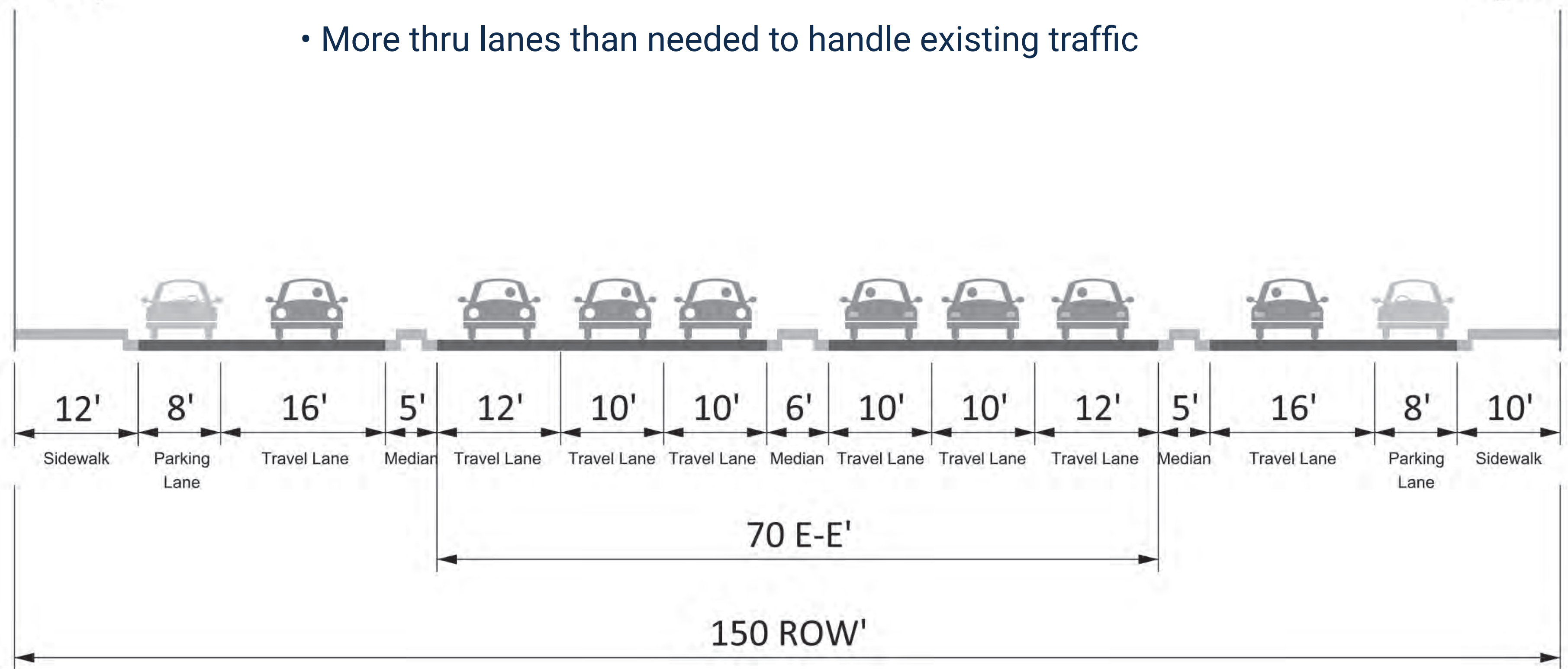
## Ogden Avenue:

Drake Ave to Homan Ave  
&  
Christiana Ave to Sawyer Ave



Right-of-Way

- More thru lanes than needed to handle existing traffic



Right-of-Way

# CURRENT STREET CONFIGURATION

## Ogden Avenue:

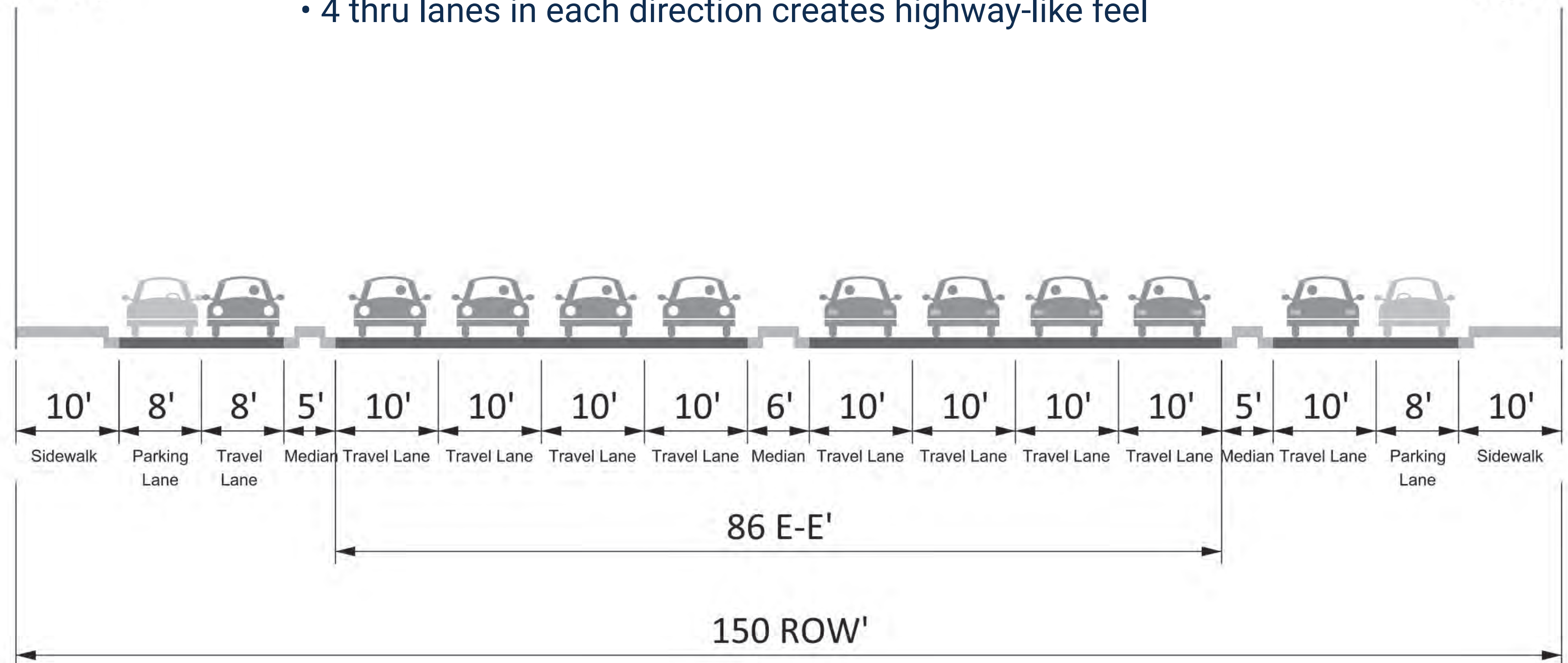
Homan Ave to Christiana Ave  
&  
Sawyer Ave to Albany Ave



Right-of-Way

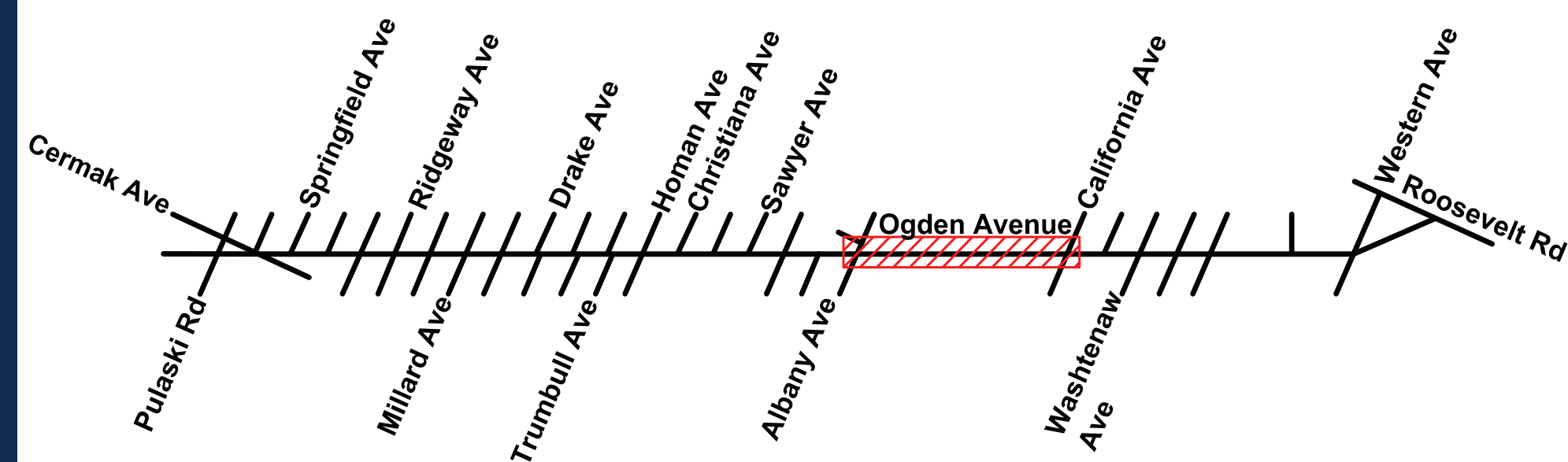
- 4 thru lanes in each direction creates highway-like feel

Right-of-Way



## Ogden Avenue:

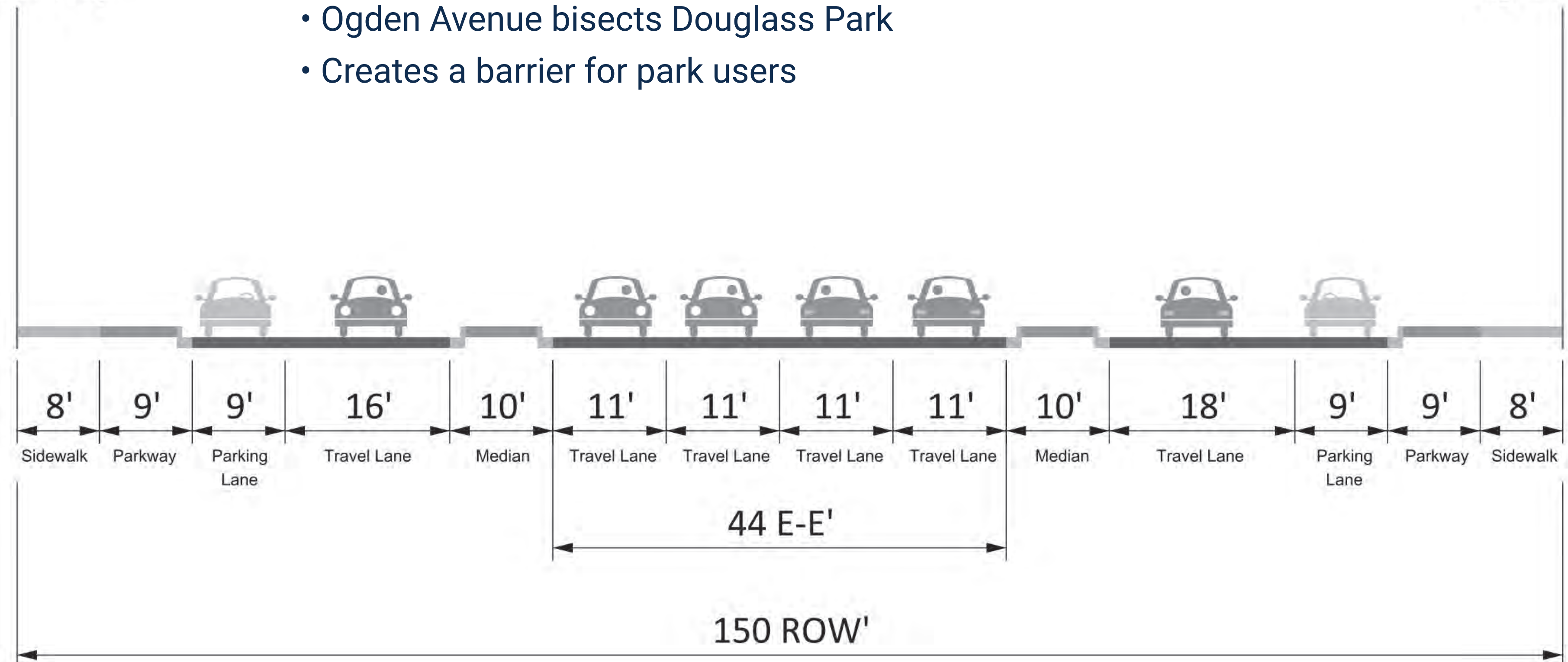
Albany Ave to California Ave  
Douglass Park



Right-of-Way

- Ogden Avenue bisects Douglass Park
- Creates a barrier for park users

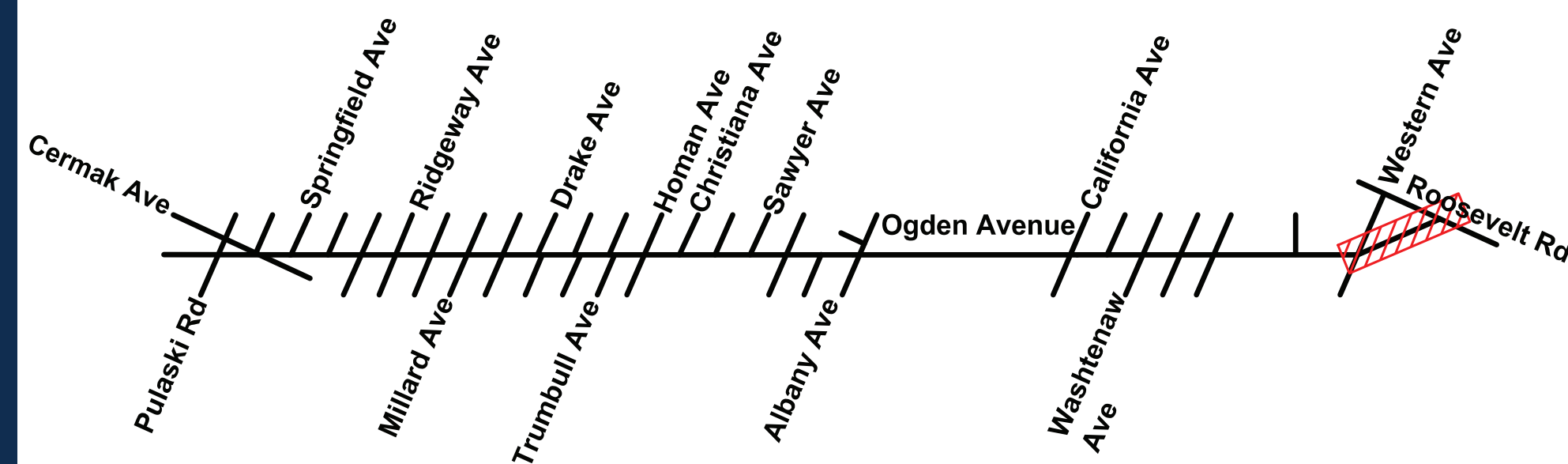
Right-of-Way



# CURRENT STREET CONFIGURATION

## Ogden Avenue:

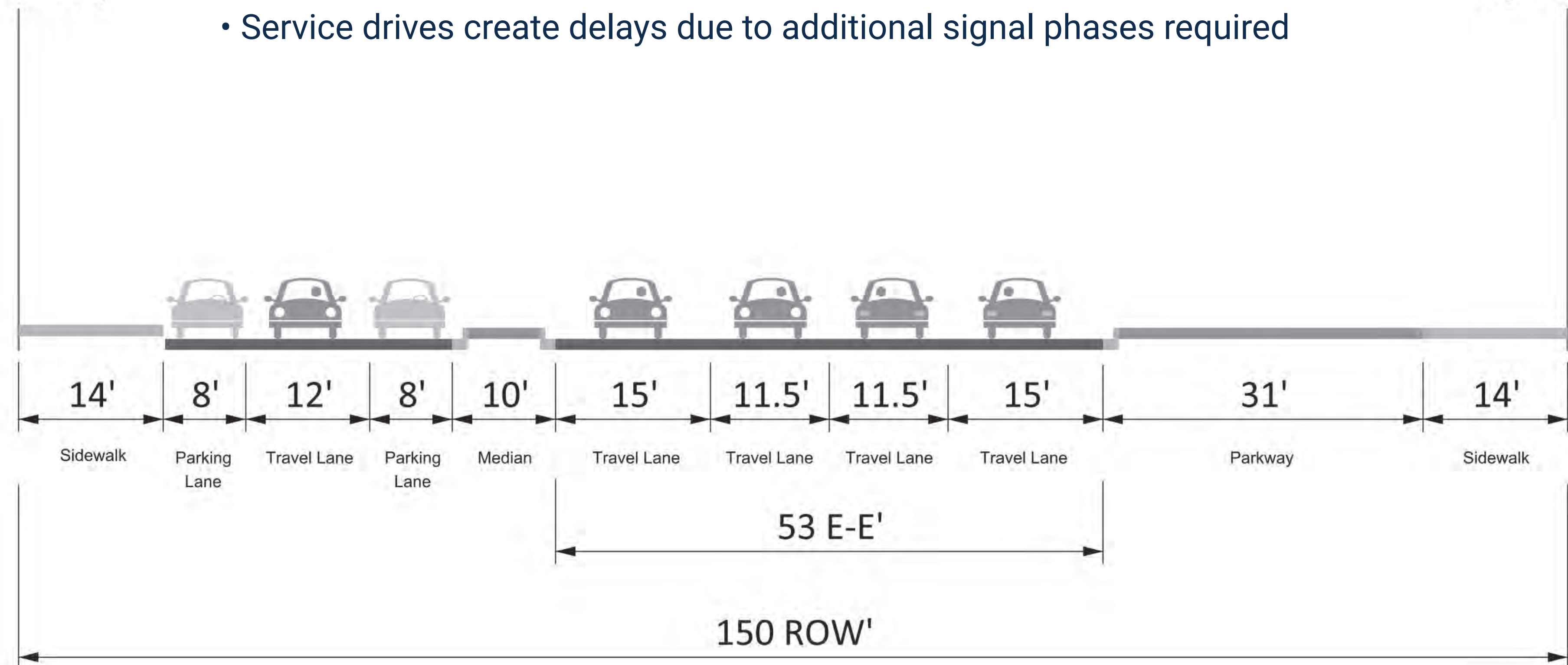
Western Ave to Roosevelt Road



Right-of-Way

- Service drives create conflict points and safety issues at intersections
- Service drives create delays due to additional signal phases required

Right-of-Way





# We Want To Hear From You

**We have various stations where you can provide feedback today!**

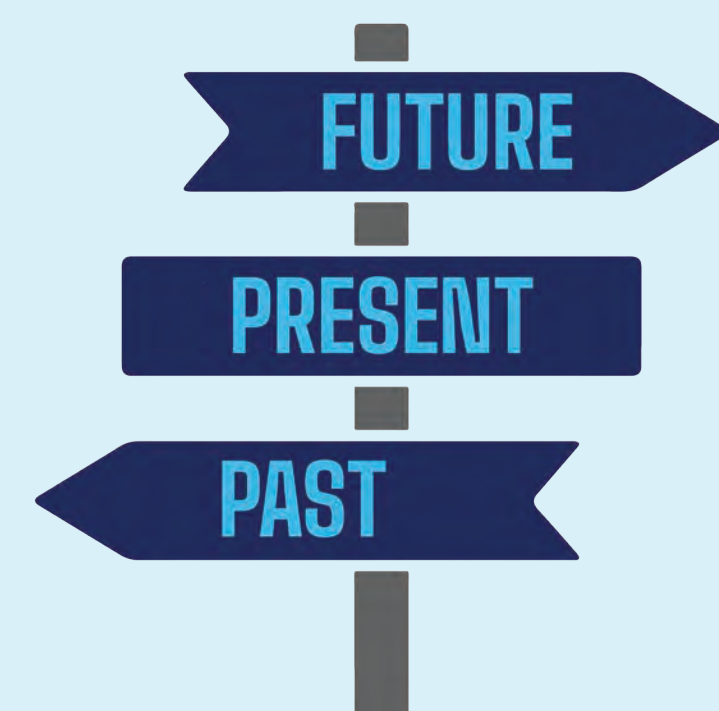
## Station #1 Challenges and Assets

Where do you go along Ogden Avenue? Where is it difficult to cross the street? Are there areas you avoid due to safety issues? Tell us about community assets and challenges you experience along Ogden Avenue on a map of the corridor.



## Station #2 Ogden Avenue Today & Vision for Ogden Avenue

What comes to mind when traveling on Ogden Avenue today, and what would you like to see in the future? Share your ideas by drawing or writing on poster boards.



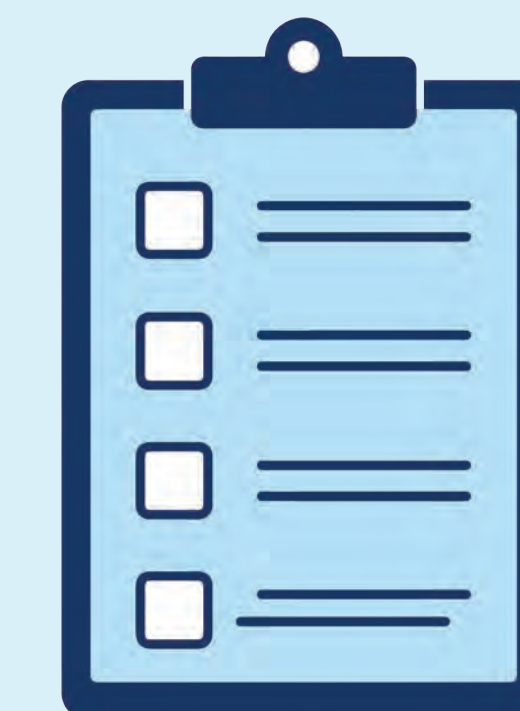
## Station #3 Placemaking Elements

Review images of placemaking elements, such as trees/landscaping, community identifiers, lighting, surface features, and community gathering spaces, and tell us which you would like to see along Ogden Avenue and why.



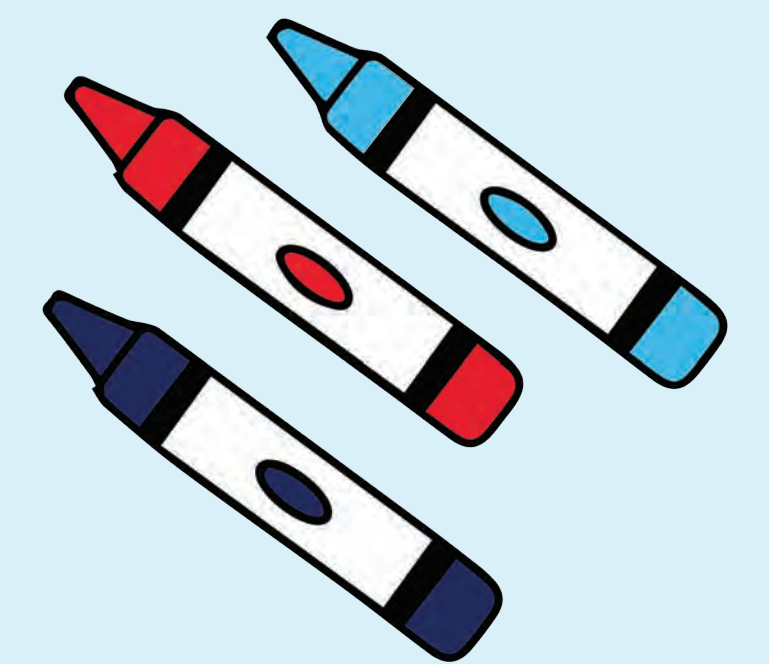
## Station #4 Public Survey

Answer questions about your connection to Ogden Avenue, your experience in of the corridor today, and your vision for the future of the corridor.



## Station #5 Kid's Corner

Kids can tell us about their neighborhood and learn about bike safety with drawing and coloring activities!



# STATION 1

## Challenges and Assets



- **Community Assets & Destinations**
- **Safety Issues**
- **Challenging Crossings**
- 📄 **Other Ideas and Suggestions**

# CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

## Intersections

### Challenges

- Service drives create conflict points and safety issues at intersections
- Service drives create delays due to additional signal phases required

### Opportunities

- Simplify intersections to increase safety and reduce delays



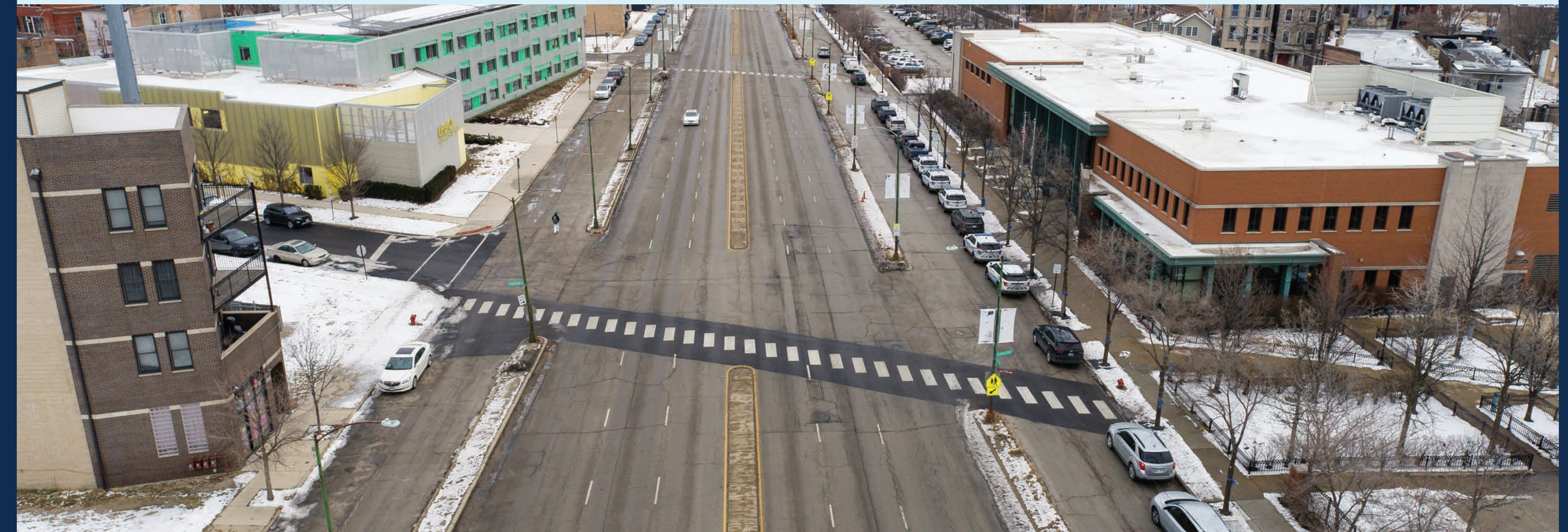
## Roadway Configuration

### Challenges

- Up to 4 through lanes in each direction (up to 10 lanes total) creates highway-like feel and very long pedestrian crossings

### Opportunities

- Reduce the number of vehicle lanes
- Repurpose this space for non-vehicular transportation uses, such as improved transit stops, bike facilities, and wider sidewalks



# CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

## Pedestrian Experience

### Challenges

- Excessively long distances to cross Ogden with no refuge spaces

### Opportunities

- Reduce the size of intersections to shorten crossing distances
- Install safety features such as refuge medians, curb extensions, and raised crosswalks
- Increase sidewalk width to provide safer and more comfortable pedestrian experience



## Transit Amenities

### Challenges

- In several locations, bus stop is located within the median separating the mainline lanes from the service drives
- This space is narrow and leaves transit users exposed to traffic and are not ADA accessible

### Opportunities

- Focus safety improvements at transit stops and stations
- Improve bus stop conditions



# CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

## Douglass Park

### Challenges

- Ogden Avenue bisects Douglass Park and creates a barrier for park users

### Opportunities

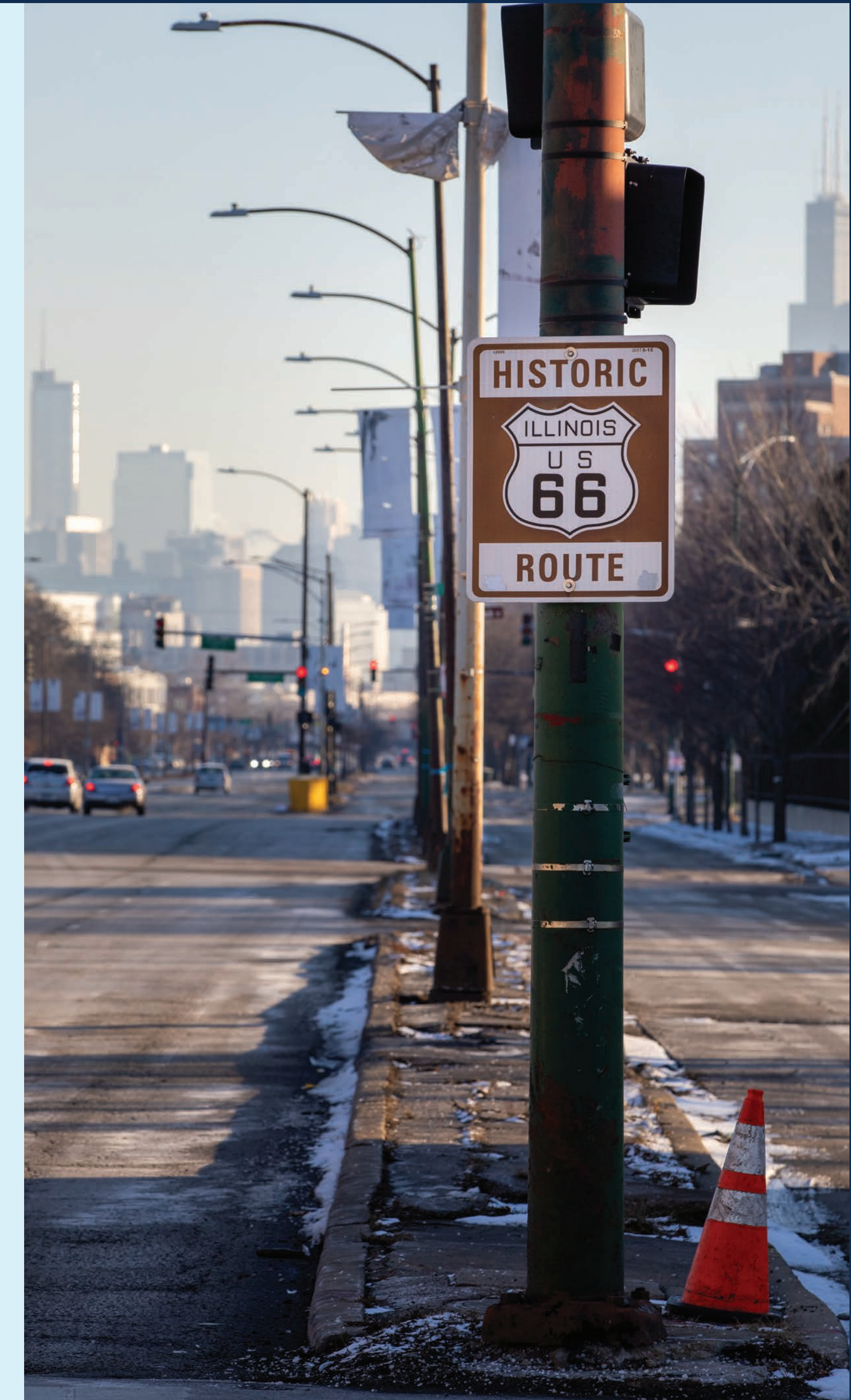
- Explore options for providing safer park access across Ogden



## Corridor Identity

### Opportunities

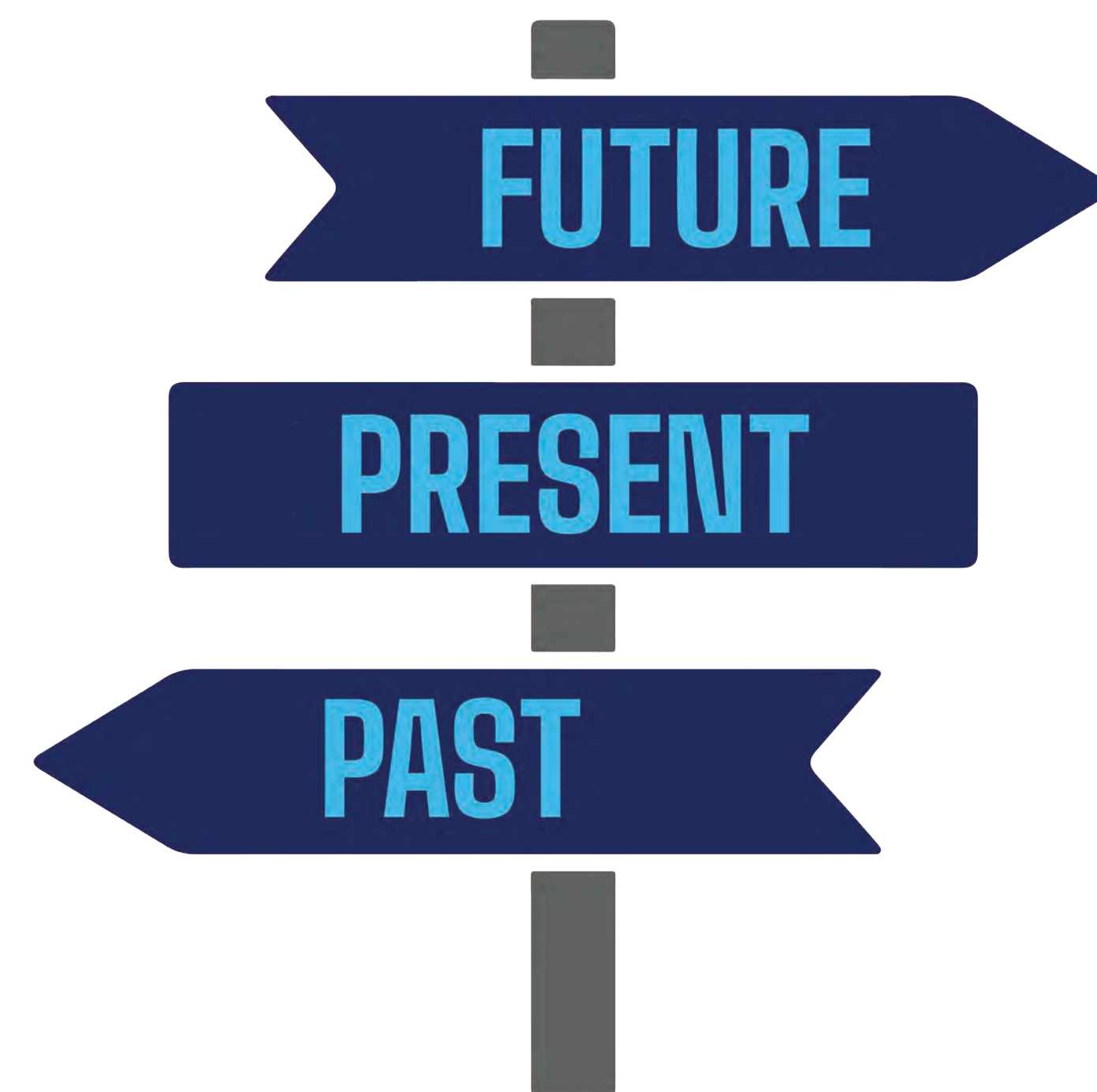
- Create a cohesive identity and aesthetic for the corridor
- Light pole and gateway neighborhood identifiers can be used to depict corridor identity.
- Explore the Historic Route 66 as a potential theme (as identified by community stakeholders).



# STATION 2

## Ogden Today & Your Vision for the Future

**How would you describe  
Ogden today?  
What is your vision  
for Ogden?**



**Write or draw your thoughts  
on the boards OR cut  
phrases/ images from  
magazines provided.**

# Ogden Today

## How would you describe Ogden today?

Write or draw your thoughts OR cut phrases/images from magazines provided.

# Your Vision for the Future of Ogden

## What is your vision for Ogden?

Write or draw your thoughts OR cut phrases/images from magazines provided.



# STATION 3

## Placemaking Elements

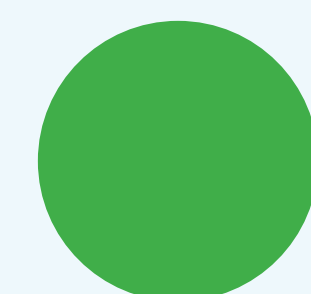


**Each of these boards provide images of placemaking elements.**

*Placemaking is the collaborative and ongoing process of creating quality places where people want to live, work, play and learn.*

We would like to know which of the images you would most like to see on Ogden Avenue.

Place dots on the images you like OR leave your comment on a post-it note.



**Like**

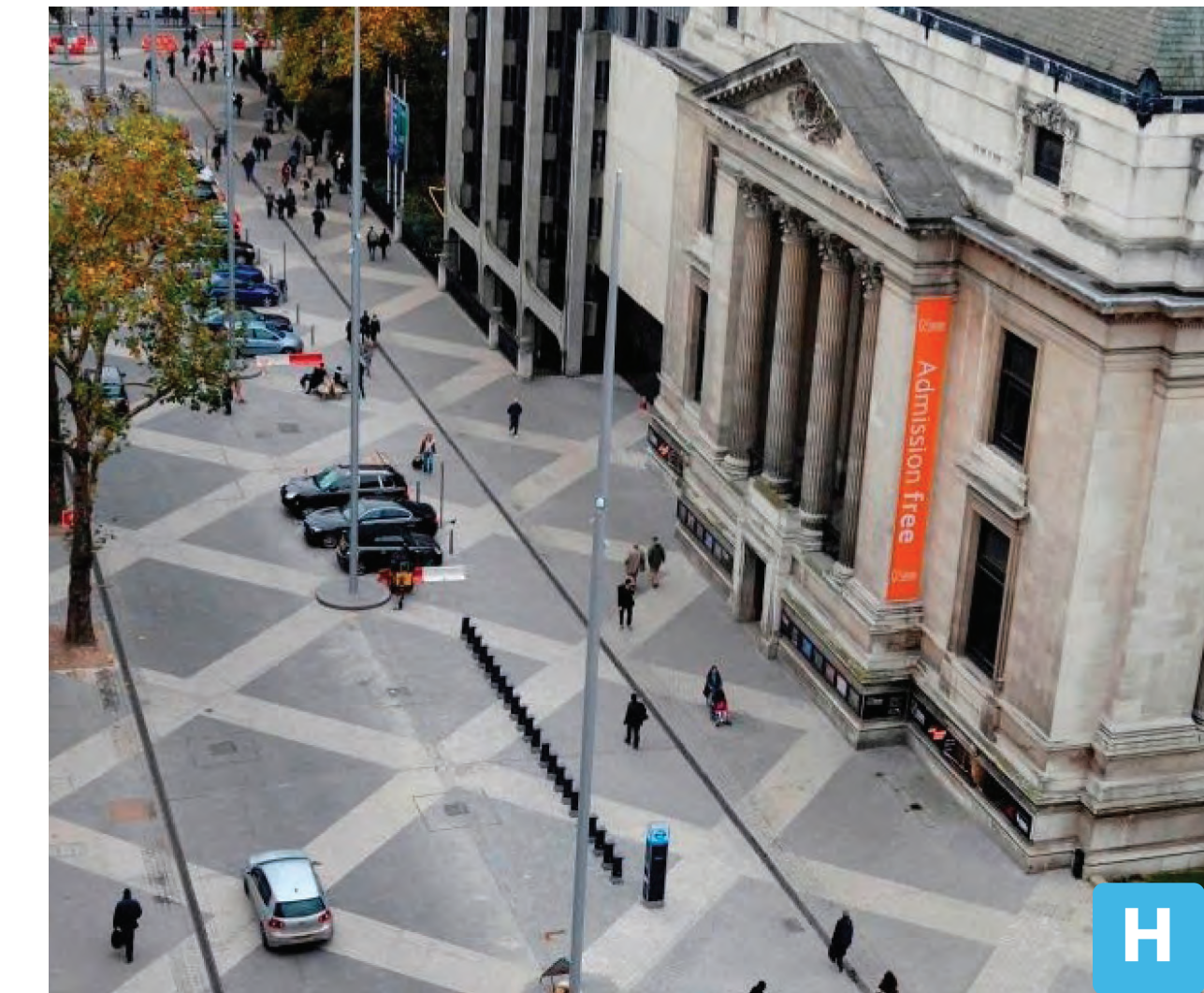


**Other Ideas and Suggestions**

# Corridor Design

We want to know your preferences for overall aesthetic feel and which design elements are most important

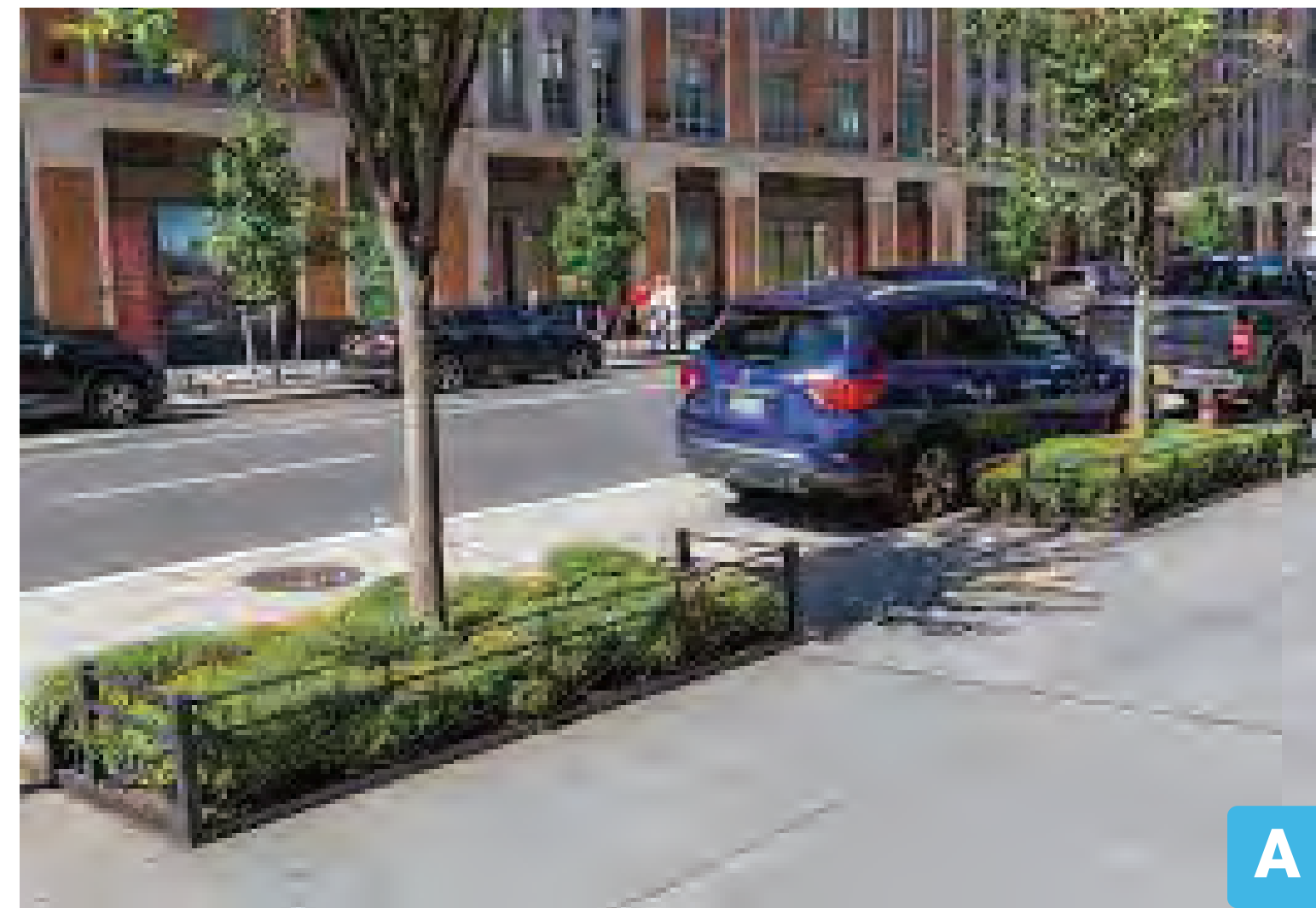
Which do you prefer?  
Do you have any other ideas?



# Trees / Landscaping

- Landscape can beautify and separate spaces into usable areas
- Trees provide shade and enhance the corridor
- Planters can provide opportunities for seating
- Planters can manage stormwater

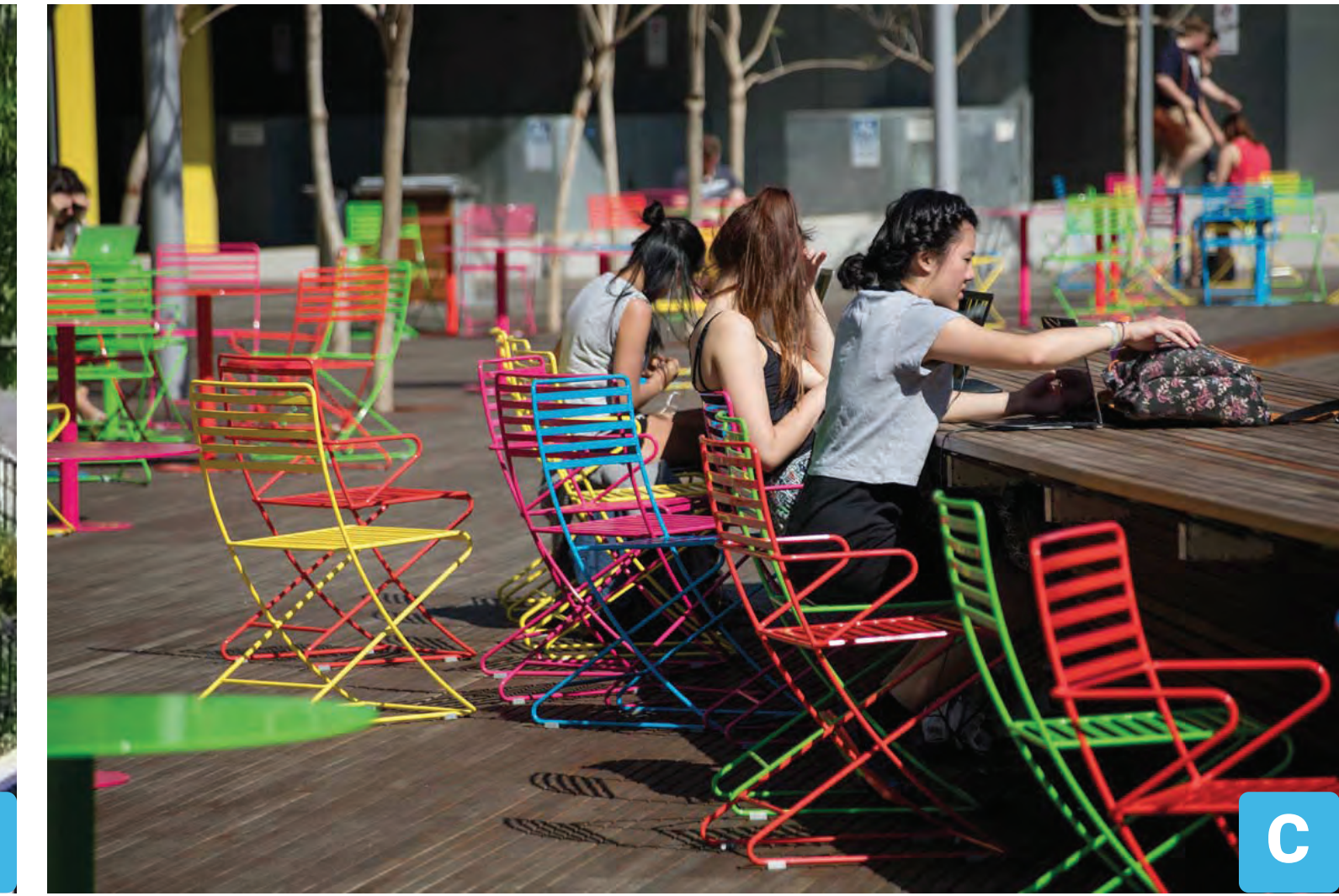
Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?



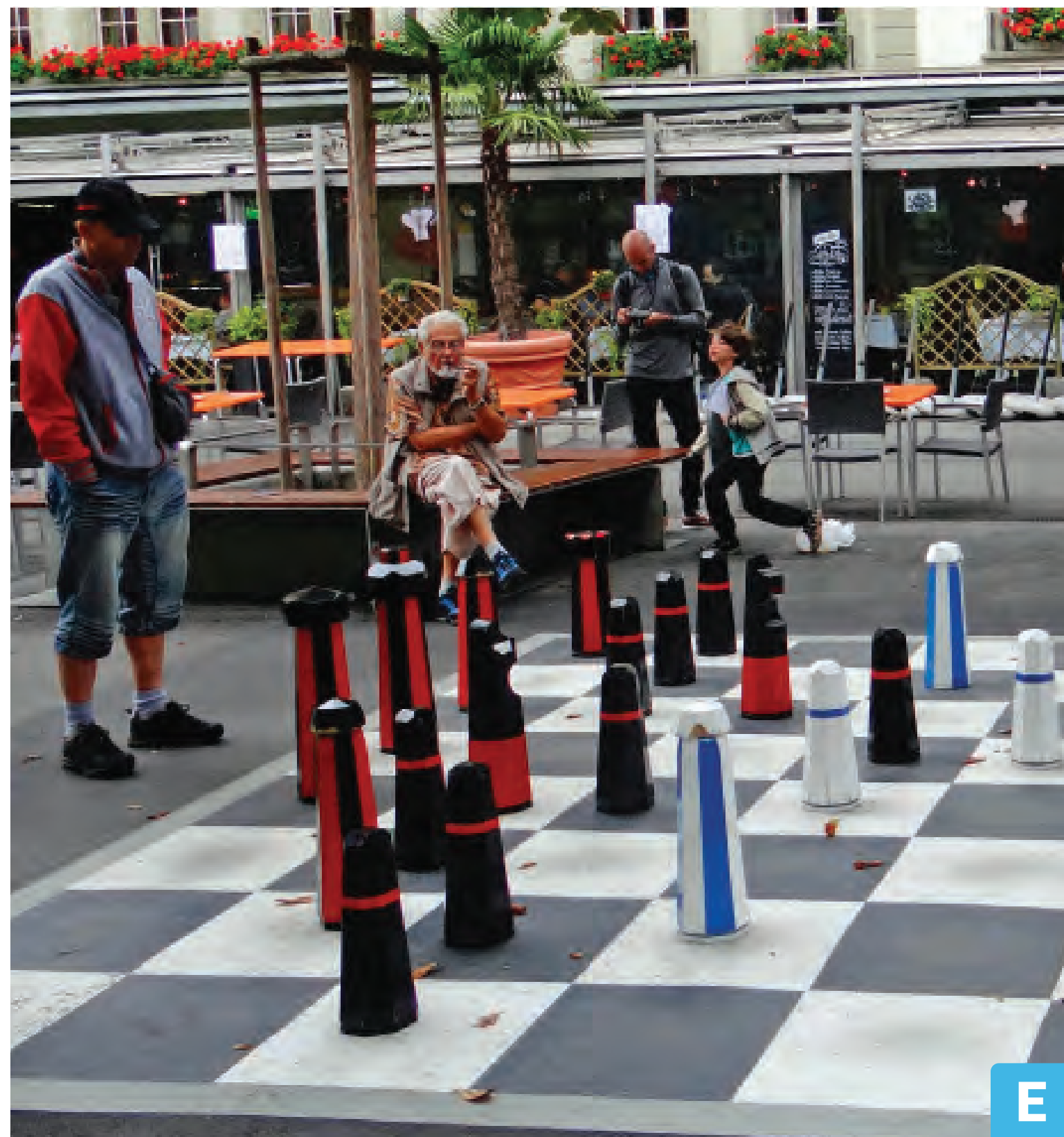
# Seating

- Respite areas provide a place to rest or meet
- Seating provides an opportunity for placemaking
- Elements can be traditional or more creative

Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?



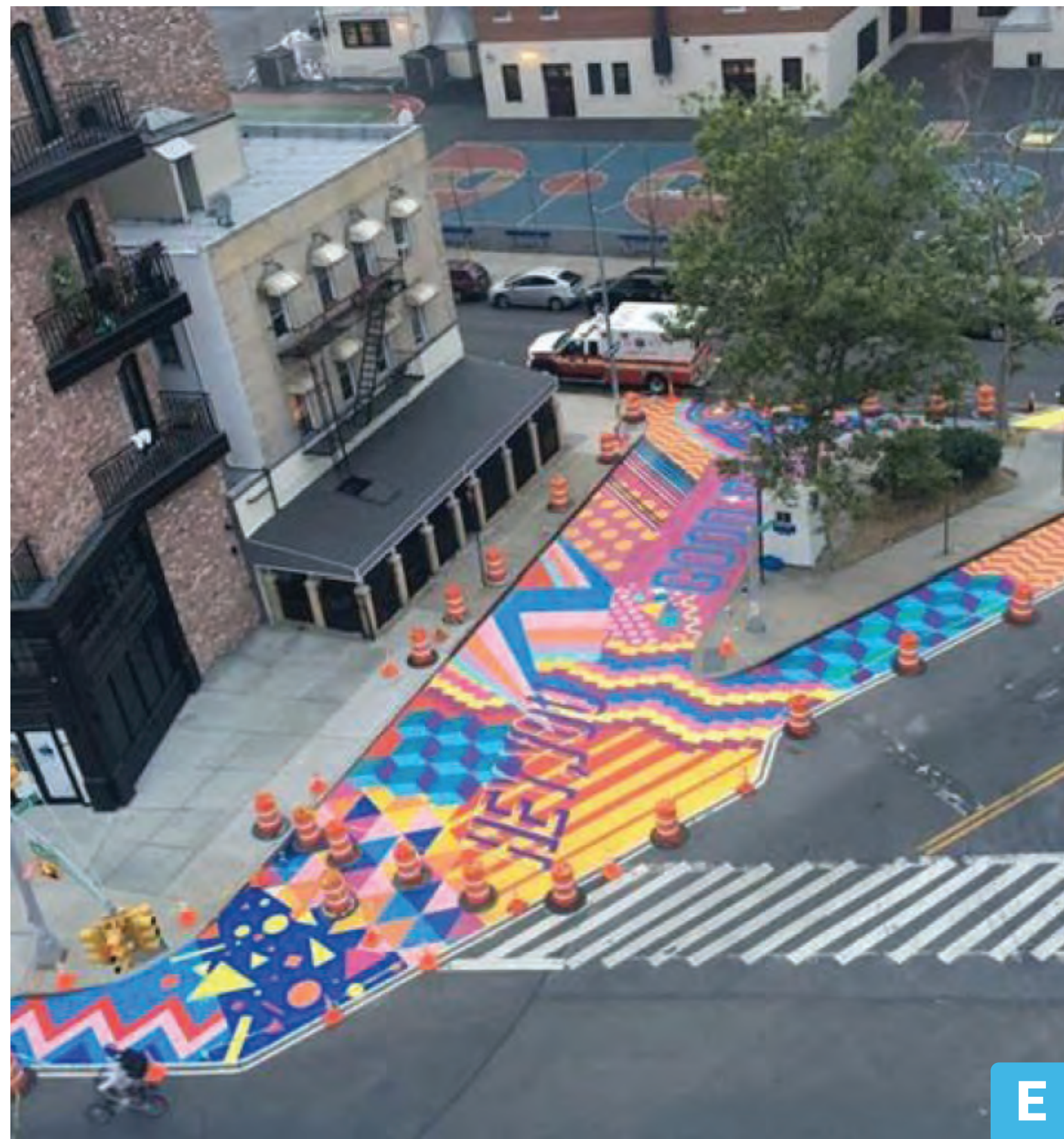
# Community Gathering Spaces



- Gathering spaces serve as a hub for community interaction and activities
- They provide comfortable and conversational seating
- Seating areas can help support local businesses

Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?

# Pavement Design



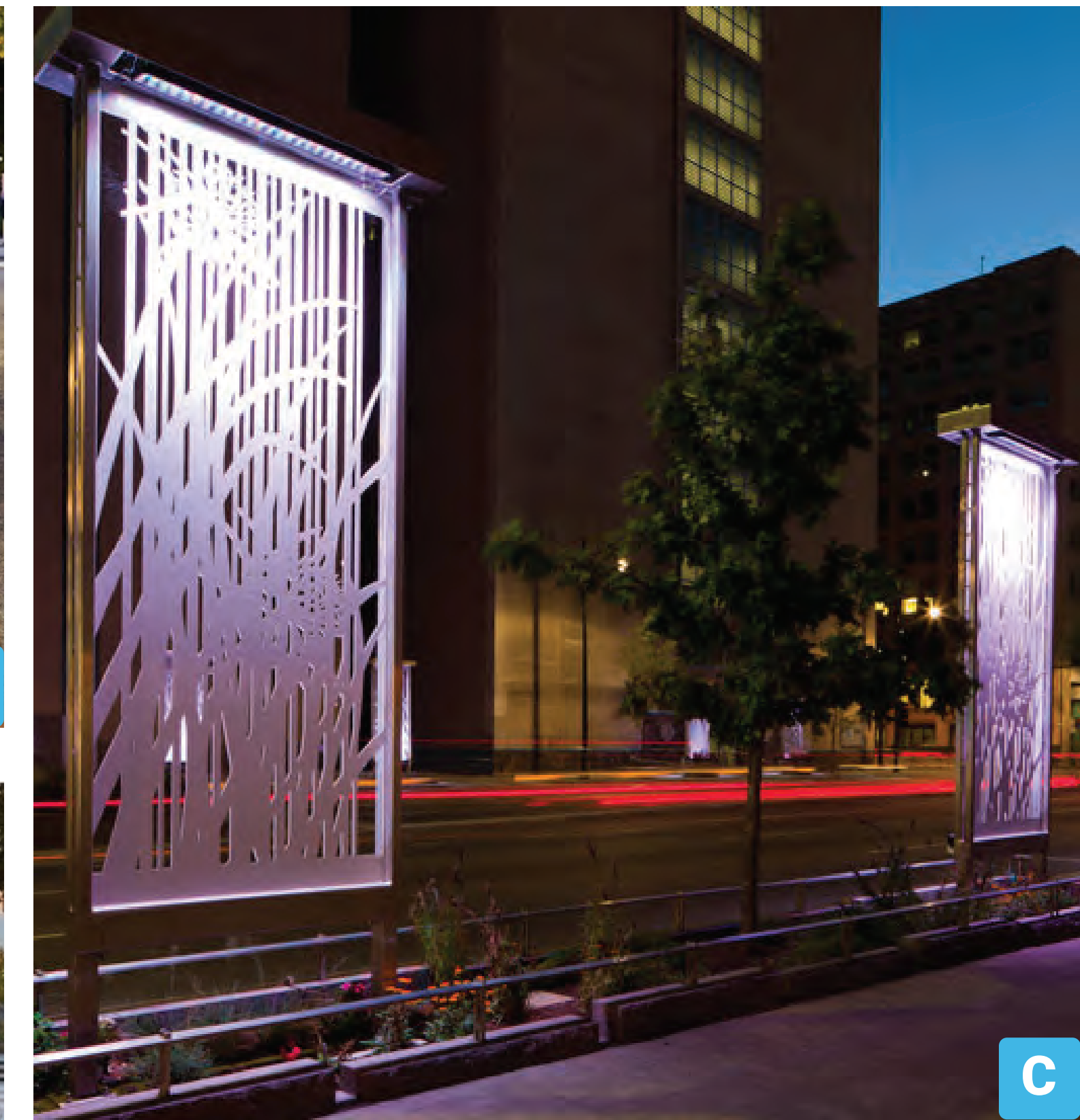
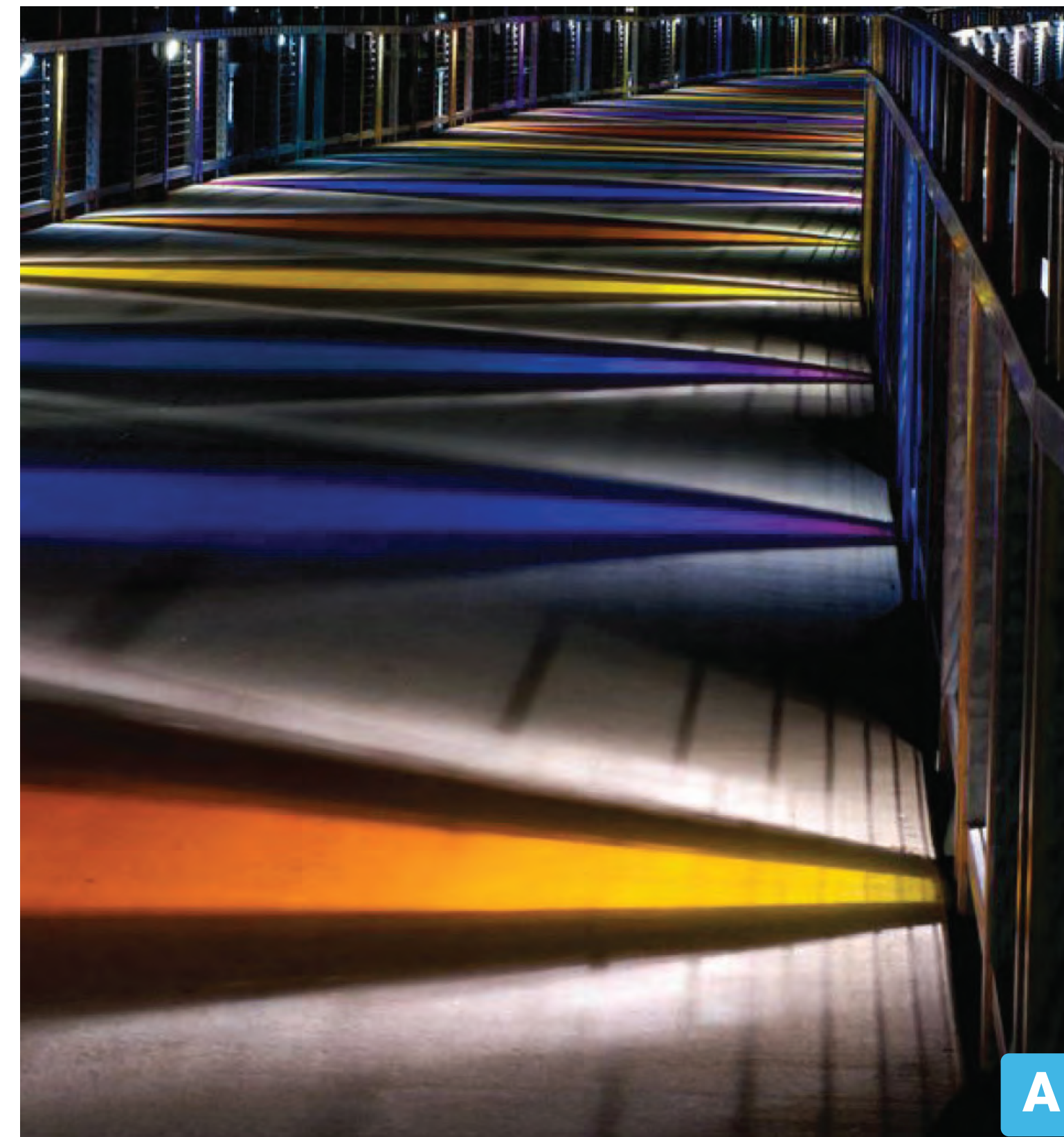
- Pavement design unifies the identity of a place
- Can be modern or traditional
- Colors and materials can represent a theme

Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?

# Specialty Lighting

- Lighting can draw our attention and invite us to explore
- Lighting can define a space and make people feel comfortable

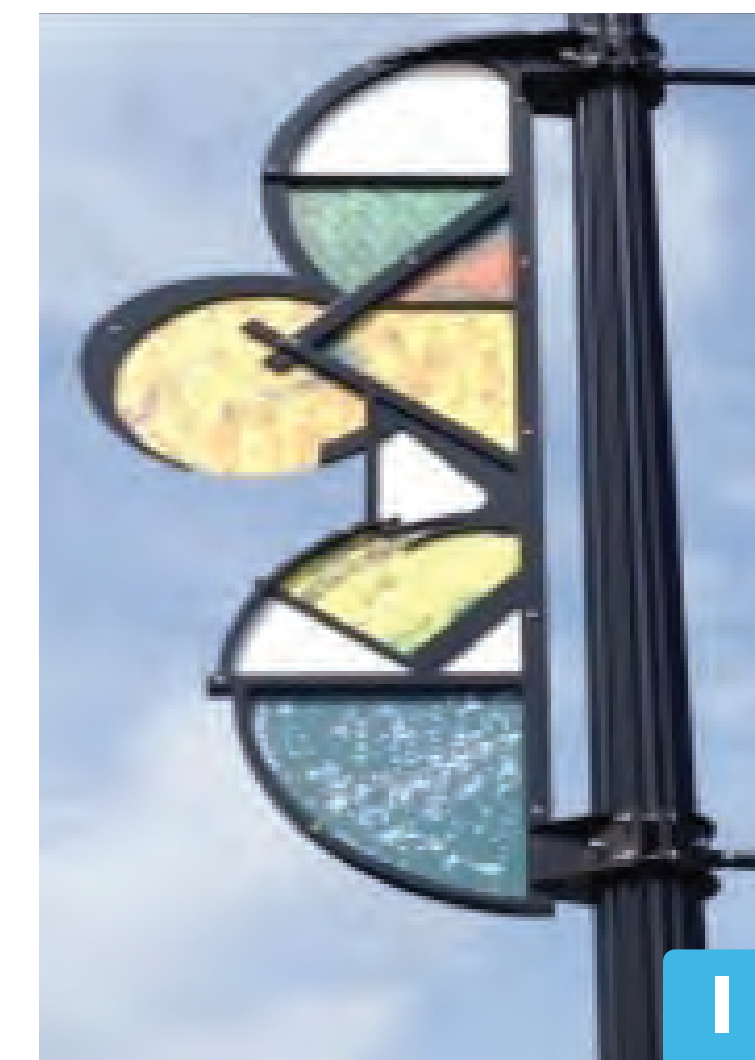
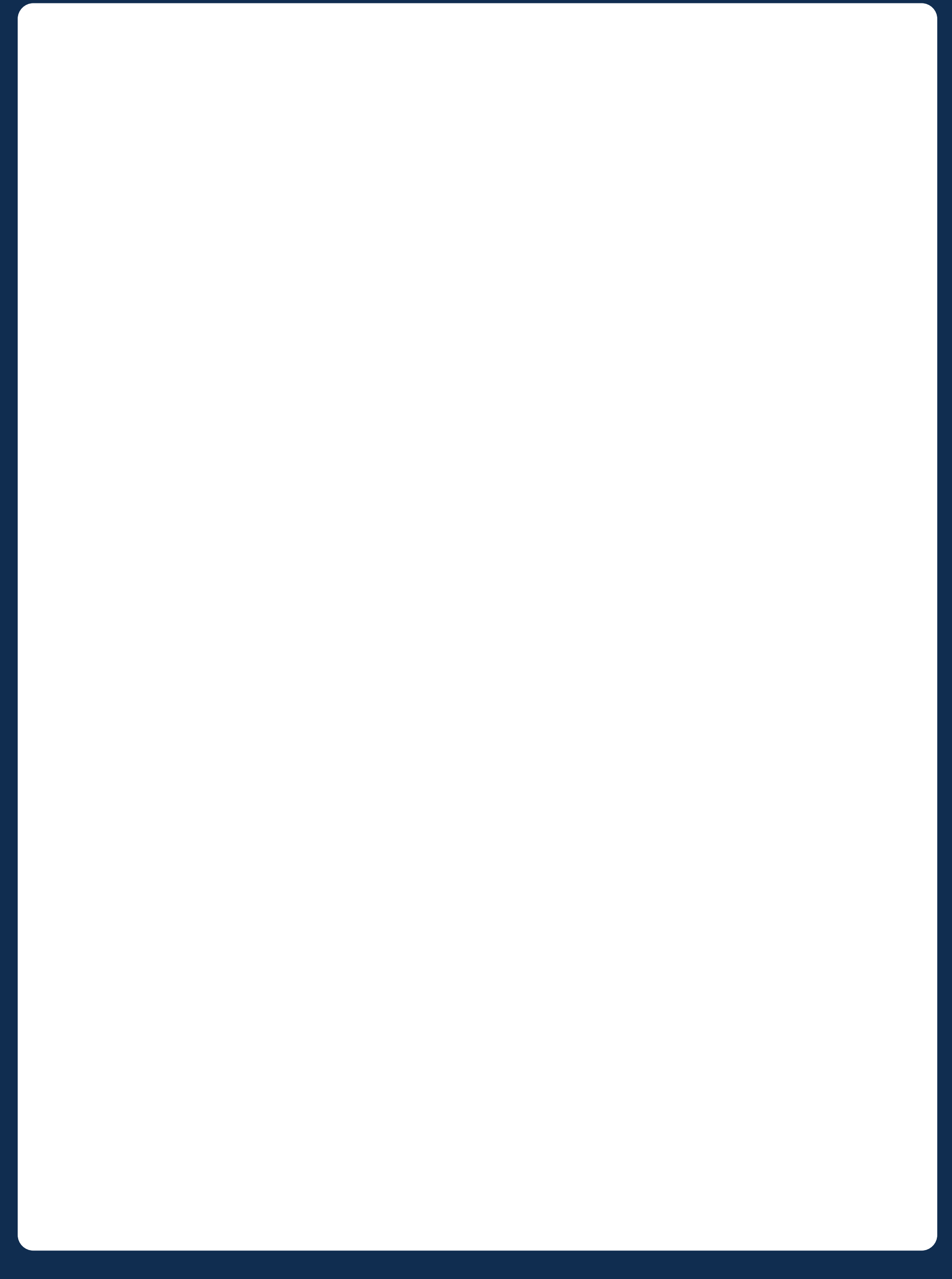
Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?



# Community Identifiers - Light Pole

- Community identifiers can help establish corridor branding
- A community driven process will help establish visual identity

Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?





# Community Identifiers - Gateways

- Communicate a theme in both name and gesture
- Can be installed at focal points throughout corridor
- Can function as a gateway to define a boundary

Which do you prefer? Do you have any other ideas?



A



C



D



E



B



F



G



H

# ALIGNING WITH COMMUNITY PLANS

## Community Planning Efforts

**North Lawndale Quality of Life Plan** – Comprehensive community plan completed in 2018.

- Prioritizes Ogden as a key community corridor for economic development and institutions.
- Recommends roadway improvements to better support pedestrians, cyclists and public transit.

**INVEST South/West** – Broad initiative to reactivate key commercial corridors on Chicago's south and west sides.

- Leverages public funding and land resources to attract private investment in disinvested communities
- Resulted in two active mixed-use development projects on Ogden Avenue.



## Key Takeaways

- New planned developments encourage a more pedestrian-friendly environment with outdoor plaza space and parking screened behind buildings.
- New development should support retail amenities that serve community needs.
- Vacant land on the corridor is currently a challenge, but also an opportunity for transformational redevelopment.



# We Welcome Feedback After The Meeting!

## Take the Online Public Survey:

[ImproveOgdenAve.org/get-involved](https://improveogdenave.org/get-involved)



## Email the Project Team:

[info@improveogdenave.org](mailto:info@improveogdenave.org)



## Fill out the Online Comment Form

Form & Subscribe to the Project Newsletter on the Project Website: [ImproveOgdenAve.org](https://improveogdenave.org)



While comments are welcome at any time to [info@improveogdenave.org](mailto:info@improveogdenave.org), the public comment period & public survey for this public meeting are open through May 12, 2023.

# Thank You!