



Community Advisory Group Meeting

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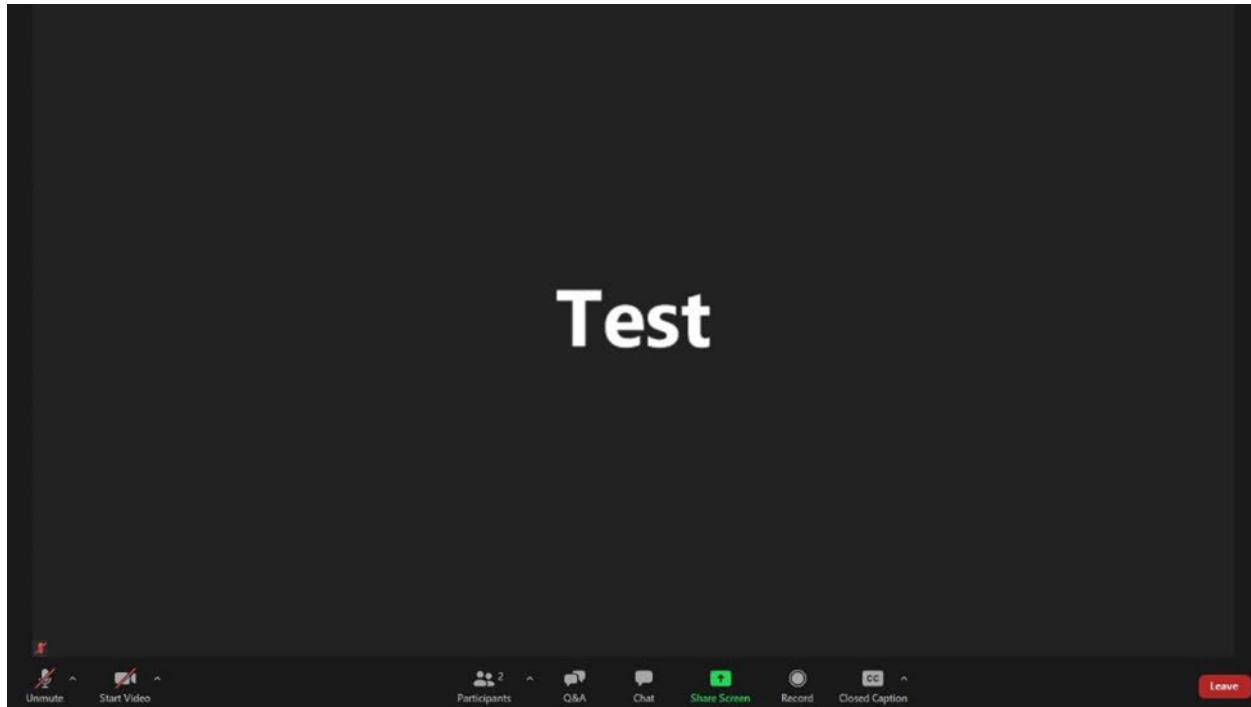
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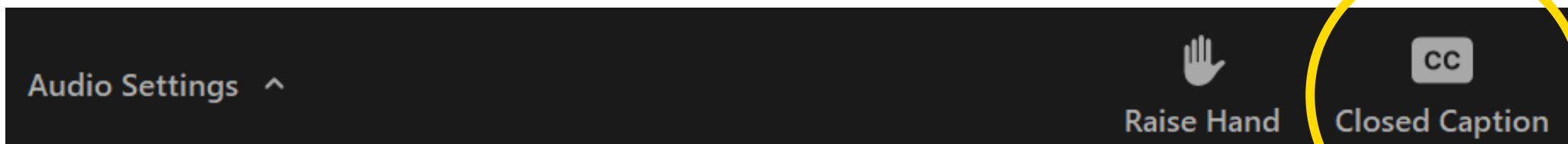
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Our CAG Meeting Space

- ▶ Put relationships first
- ▶ Keep focused on our common goal
- ▶ Notice power dynamics in the room
- ▶ Create a space for multiple truths & norms
- ▶ Be kind and brave
- ▶ Practice examining racially biased systems and processes
- ▶ Look for learning



Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
4:00 p.m.	Welcome & Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meeting Overview○ Introductions and Check In○ ESG update○ Program Update
4:35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design: Program area investments and aerial roll map focus on Lower Vancouver<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Overview○ Q&A
4:55 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Design<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lower Vancouver
5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent and Upcoming Community Engagement Activities
5:50 p.m.	Public Comment
5:55 p.m.	Final Thoughts Meeting Adjourned

Welcome CAG Members

Ed Washington & Lynn Valenter

CAG Co-Chairs

CAG Sharing

- ▶ Welcome – Ed
- ▶ Open discussion – CAG Members
 - Please share your name, organizational affiliation or at-large status, and pronouns (if you choose)
 - Check in – Are you a night-owl or early bird?

CAG Q2 2023 Meeting Topics:

*In alignment with our **CAG Community Values and Priorities**, our first quarter CAG focus will likely include an overview of the following topics with discussion*

~~▶ July Focus: Urban Design~~

~~- Hayden Island & Expo/Marine Drive~~

▶ August Focus: Urban Design

- Lower Vancouver

▶ September Focus: Urban Design

- Bridge Constraints & Configuration

▶ October Focus: Urban Design

- Urban Design: Bridge Types & Aesthetics

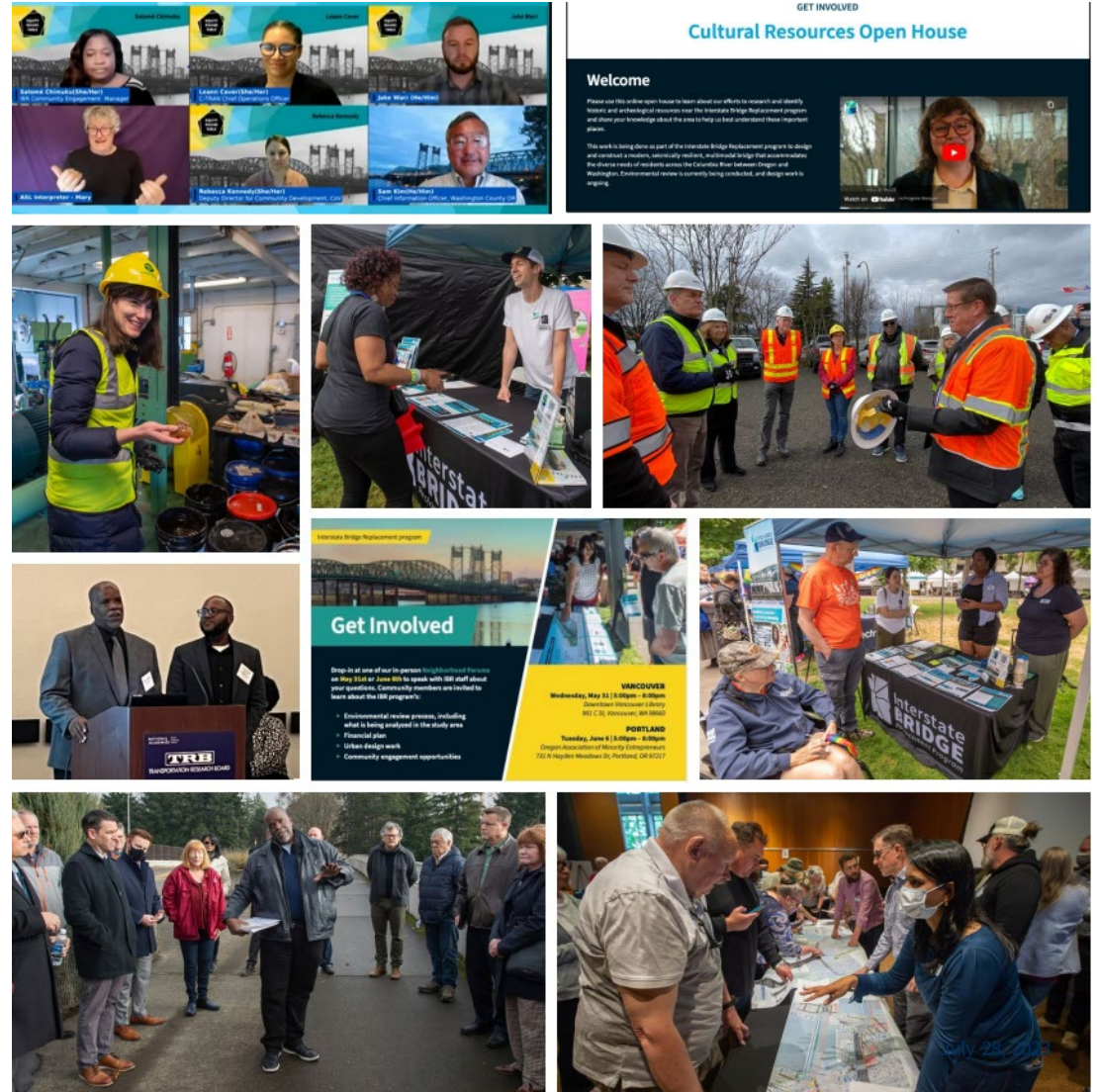
***We will also include a discussion of recent community engagement efforts at every meeting*

Program Update

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator

Recent Program Updates

- ▶ Oregon State Legislature
- ▶ Bi-State Legislative Committee
- ▶ Recent Presentations:
 - OTC & WSTC
 - NW Industrial Business Association
 - CREDC Downtown Stakeholders
 - Washington County Transportation Task Force
 - Vancouver Transportation & Mobility Commission
 - Lower Columbia River Harbor Safety Committee
- ▶ Office Hours have launched!





IBR Aerial Roll Map

Casey Liles, IBR Design Team



Urban Design Process

Nolan Lienhart & Lilly Djaniantz, IBR Urban Design

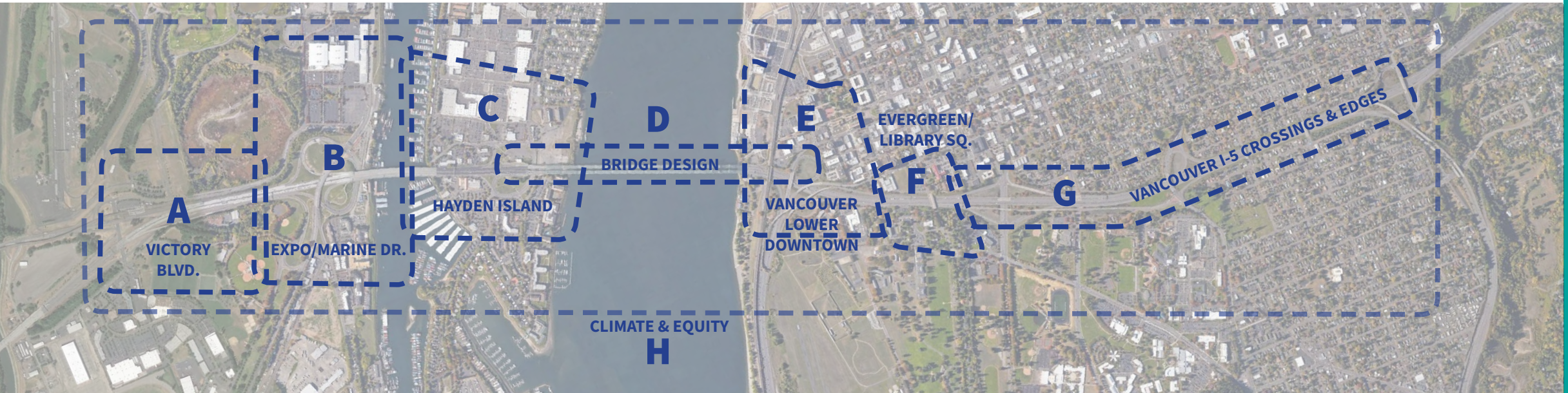


Vancouver Urban Design Focus Areas

Nolan Lienhart, Lilly Djaniantz
Urban Design Team

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URBAN DESIGN FOCUS AREAS



A Victory Blvd

- Local Street Connectivity
- Active Transportation

B Expo/Marine Dr:

- Station Area Planning
- Local Street Connectivity
- Active Transportation

C Hayden Island:

- Station Area Planning
- Local Street Connectivity
- Under-structure / Waterfront Activation
- Landscape & Open Space

D Main River Crossing & NPH Bridge Design:

- Light Rail Transit Alignment
- Shared Use Path Alignment
- Shared Use Path Bridgehead Access

E Vancouver Waterfront/Downtown/Reserve:

- Station Area Planning
- Local Street Connectivity
- Under-structure / Waterfront Activation
- Park & Ride Structure
- Main Street Extension

F Evergreen/Library Sq:

- Station Area Planning
- Local Street Connectivity
- Community Connector
- Park & Ride Strategy

G Vancouver I-5 Crossings and Edges:

- Local Street Connectivity
- Active Transportation

H Corridor-wide:

- Climate
- Equity

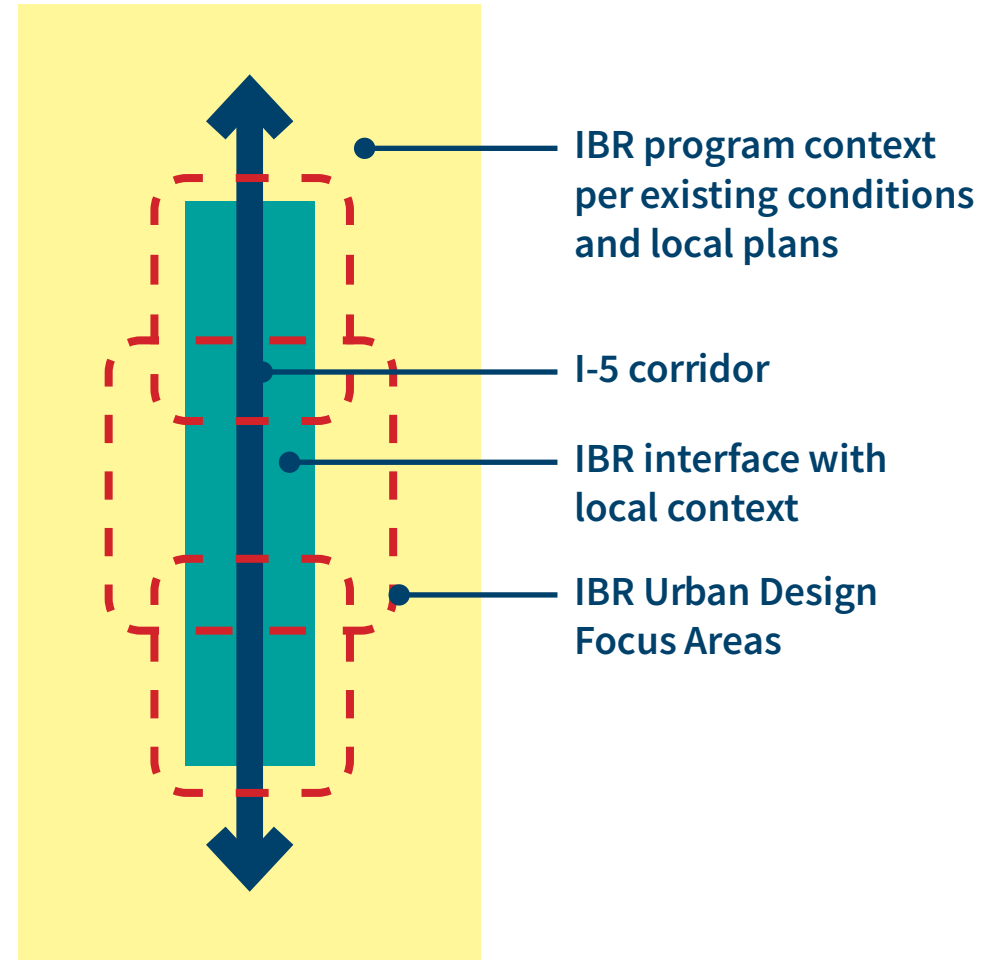
URBAN DESIGN FOCUS AREAS

In order for us to have a holistic conversation about the **wide range of interrelated urban design issues** we will be discussing urban elements both within and outside of the IBR Program.

Not all topics, concepts, or spaces discussed during our urban design discussions will be part of the IBR program.

Also, we will be **exploring a wide range of potential opportunities**, many of which will be dependent on greater level of detail that we will work towards as we advance the coordinated design.

The IBR program must **reserve space needed for stormwater and other maintenance and operations functions** before determining which specific locations will be available for other urban design programming.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER DURING THE PRESENTATION

WE'LL COME BACK TO THESE AT THE END FOR DISCUSSION

- Which specific themes and/or values should inform the urban design of these focus areas?
- Are we understanding the character and relevant elements in your community that the IBR program should respond to?

Examples of Themes:

- *Connectivity & Modal Choice*
- *Transit*
- *Active Transportation*
- *Design Character*
- *Urban Landscape & Land Use*
- *Climate Change & Resiliency*
- *Sustainability*
- *Equity*
- *Highway*
- *Financial / Delivery*
- *Seismic*

CHARACTER AREAS OF LOWER VANCOUVER WATERFRONT



CHARACTER OF LOWER VANCOUVER WATERFRONT

WEST OF I-5



Waterfront Development



Main Street



Esther Short Park



Mixed-use Development

CHARACTER OF LOWER VANCOUVER WATERFRONT

EAST OF I-5



Renaissance Trail



Landbridge



Fort Vancouver





Historic Pearson Airfield


VANCOUVER WATERFRONT

The following ongoing analysis will guide the next stage of design at Vancouver Waterfront:


STATION LOCATION:

-  A) Center Platform
or
-  B) Side Platform



STATION ACCESS INCLUDES:

-  What combination of plazas, sidewalks, ramps, stairs, and elevators?




STREET NETWORK:

- 
 - Phil Arnold Way
 - Between SR-14 and BSNF
 - W Columbia Way

BUS TRANSFER AT:


-  A) On or adjacent to street
or
-  B) In park & ride structure

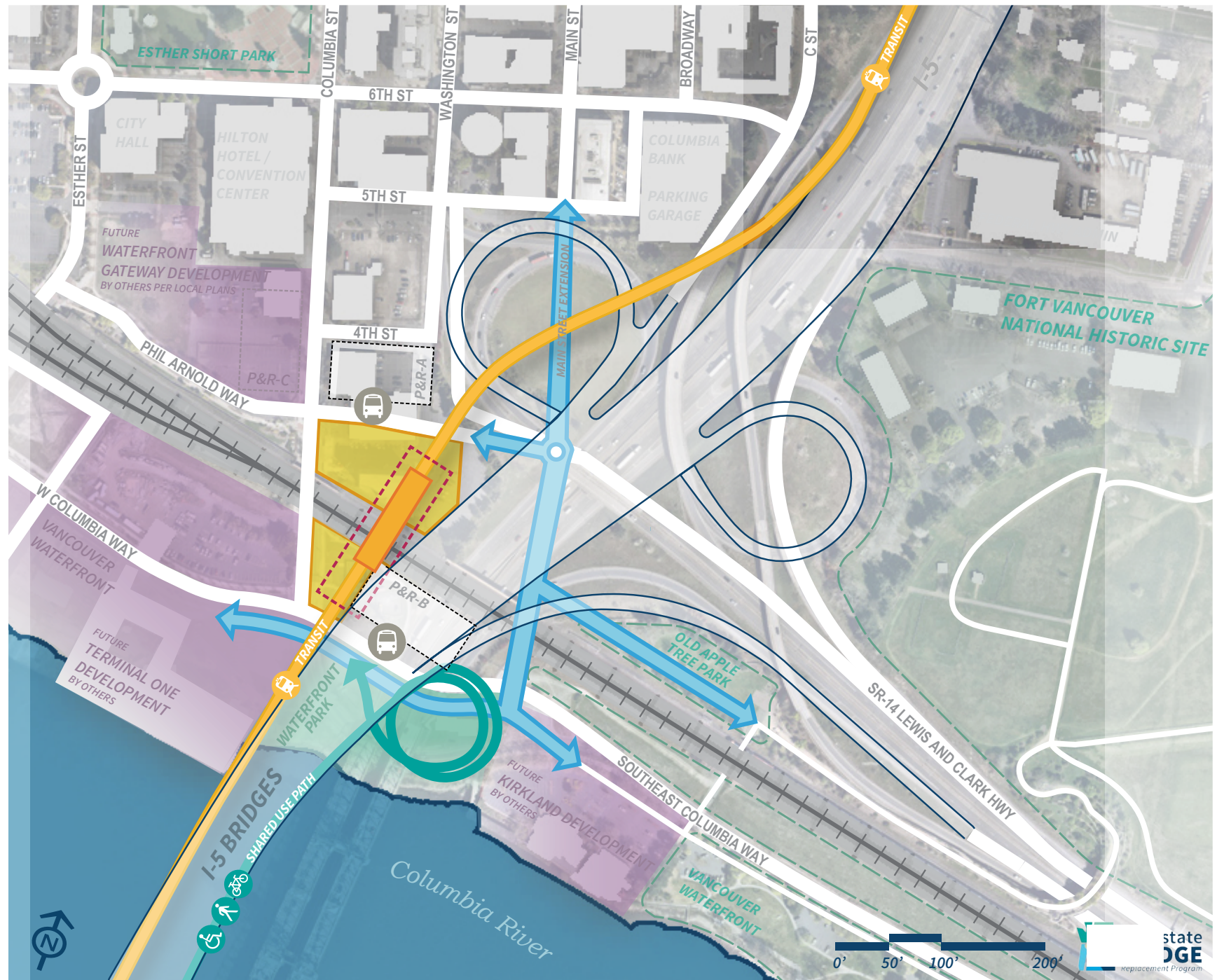
PARK AND RIDE LOCATION AT:

-  P&R-A) Phil Arnold Way & Columbia
or
-  P&R-B) Under I5 along Columbia Way
or
-  P&R-C) Integrated with Gateway
Development

Additional Context:

FUTURE LAND USE

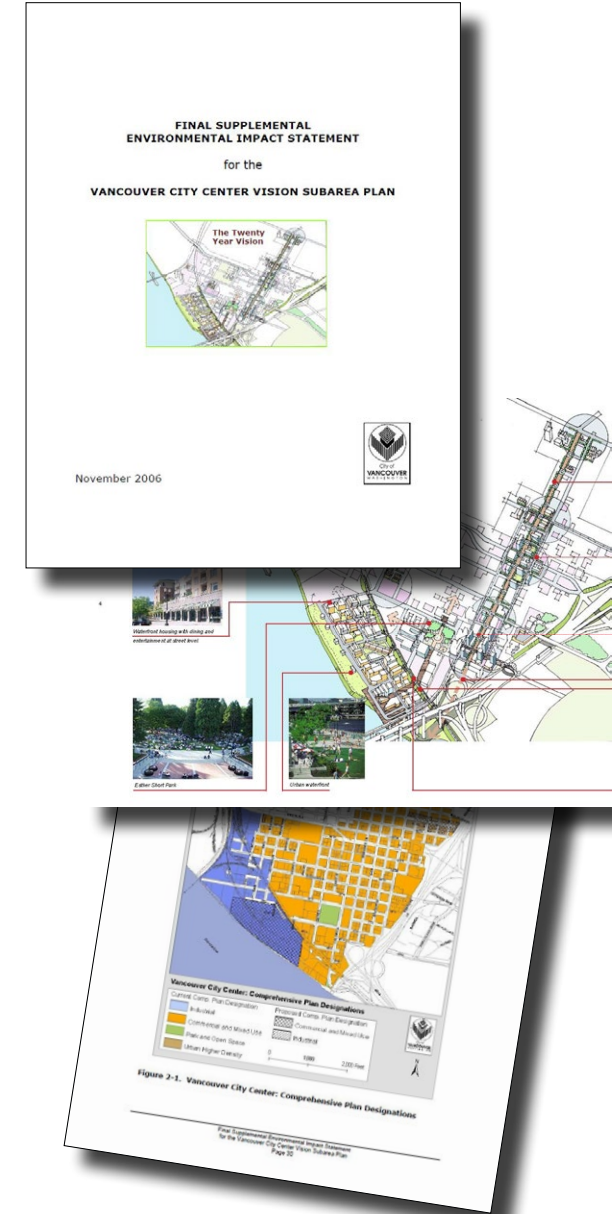
-  Shaded areas depict future land use by others



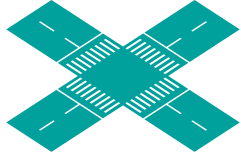
EXISTING PLAN GUIDANCE

2006 Vancouver City Center Vision Subarea Plan

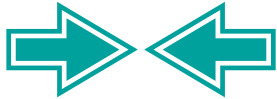
- The plan **recommends establishing an extension of Main Street** Connection to South Waterfront Arterial between 5th Street to Columbia Way.
- The Plan calls for the **redevelopment of the waterfront** and the improvement of the Main Street Corridor and its connections as **a central spine** that will establish downtown as a regional center for commerce, culture and urban living.



DESIGN STATEMENT



The infrastructure improvement facilitated through the implementation of IBR has created an opportunity to improve local connection network.







Presently, the Main Street in downtown Vancouver terminates at an off-ramp of I-5, but the upcoming bridge construction will alter this condition and offer a chance to connect Main Street to the Waterfront.



This presentation aims to evaluate existing and future conditions and limitations in order to identify strategic opportunities for enhancing the Main Street extension.

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

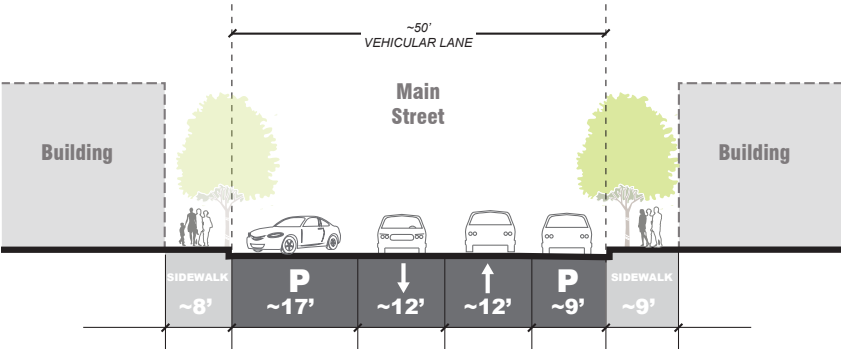
The following are Community Identified Critical Objectives & Values for the IBR Program:

<p>1</p>  <p>EQUITY</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>CLIMATE RESILIENCE</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>QUALITY OF LIFE</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>MOBILITY</p>
<p>The new street connection should be designed to improve accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, ensuring a safe, secure, welcoming and efficient flow of traffic.</p>	<p>The design should incorporate sustainable features, such as green infrastructure and energy-efficient lighting, to minimize the environmental impact, mitigate impacts on climate and improve economic vitality of the street.</p>	<p>The design should aim to create an attractive and visually appealing space that enhances the experiential quality of the street, encourages use, and promotes equity, vitality, and sustainability by design.</p>	<p>The new street connection should be integrated into the existing infrastructure, taking into account existing and future built environment, strategically linking communities -physically, economically, and programmatically.</p>

SETTING THE CONTEXT



View south on Main St from W 7th Street - Planned updates to existing street

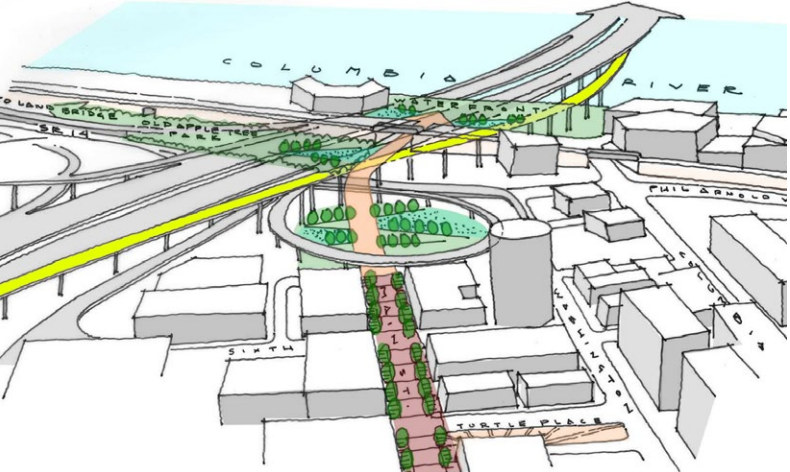


Typical Existing Street Section along Main St








IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

Reconfiguration of I-5 presents opportunities for new connections



High-level example for illustration purposes only and does not reflect property impacts or indicate that decisions on designs options have been made.

Legend

-  Existing Main Street
-  Proposed Street Extension
-  Proposed Bike Connections
-  Light Rail
-  Proposed Light Rail Stations



PROJECTED GROWTH



1 Development at Vancouver Waterfront



2 Proposed development at Waterfront Gateway



3 Proposed development at Renaissance Boardwalk

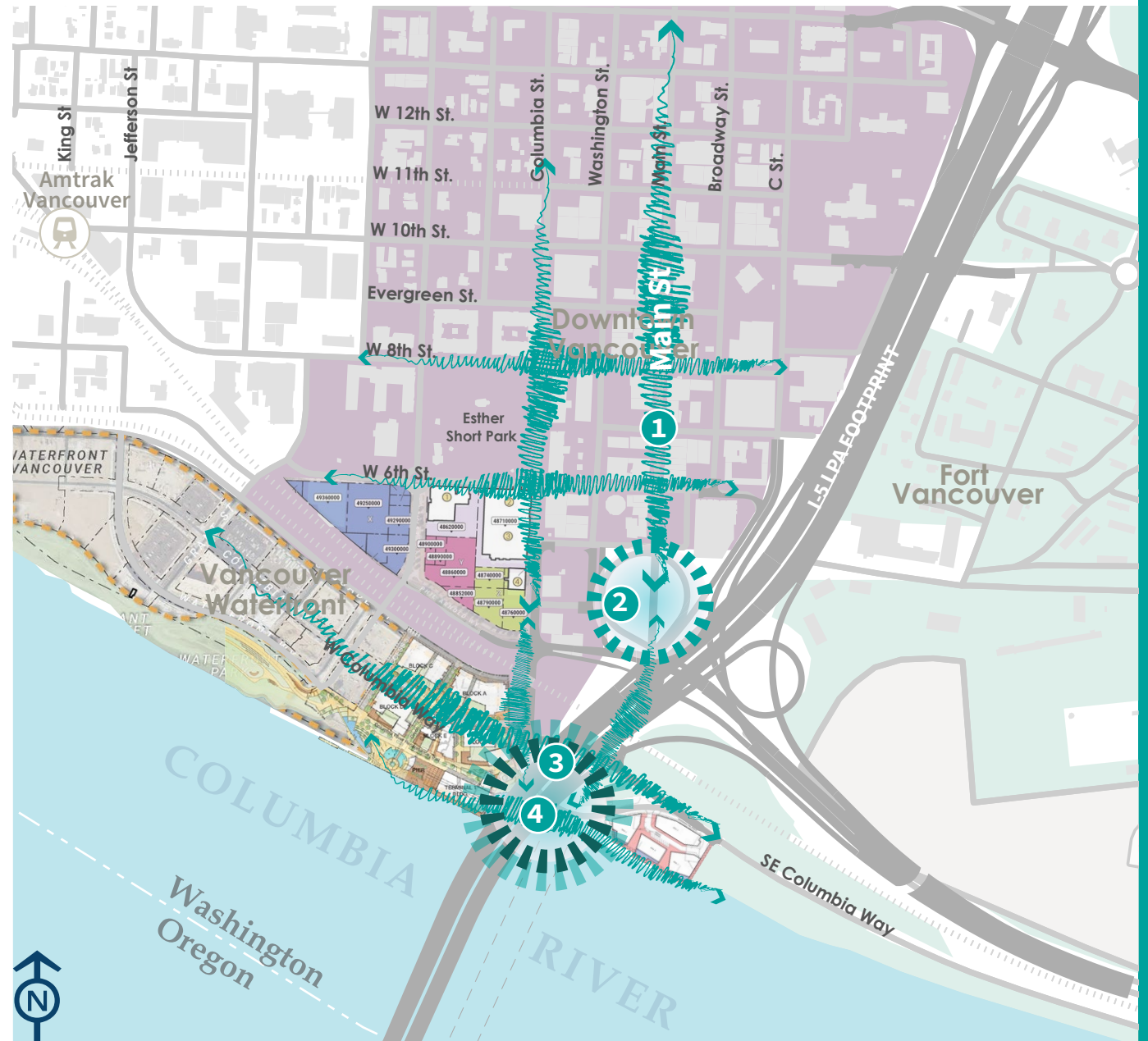


LAND USE OPPORTUNITIES

- 1 Opportunity to capitalize on existing and projected street activity
- 2 Creating a new experiential quality of Main Street beyond 5th Street
- 3 Opportunity to energize the intersection of Main Street and Columbia Way
- 4 Establishing vista of Columbia River and bridging new developments along the promenade

Legend

-  CX - City Center Mixed Use
-  Streets with ground floor active uses
-  Important Intersections & Moment of Arrival

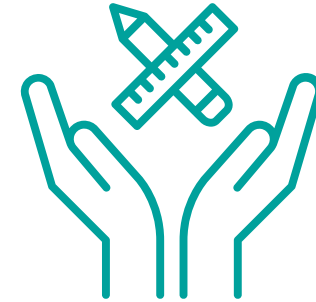


GETTING THE FRAMEWORK RIGHT



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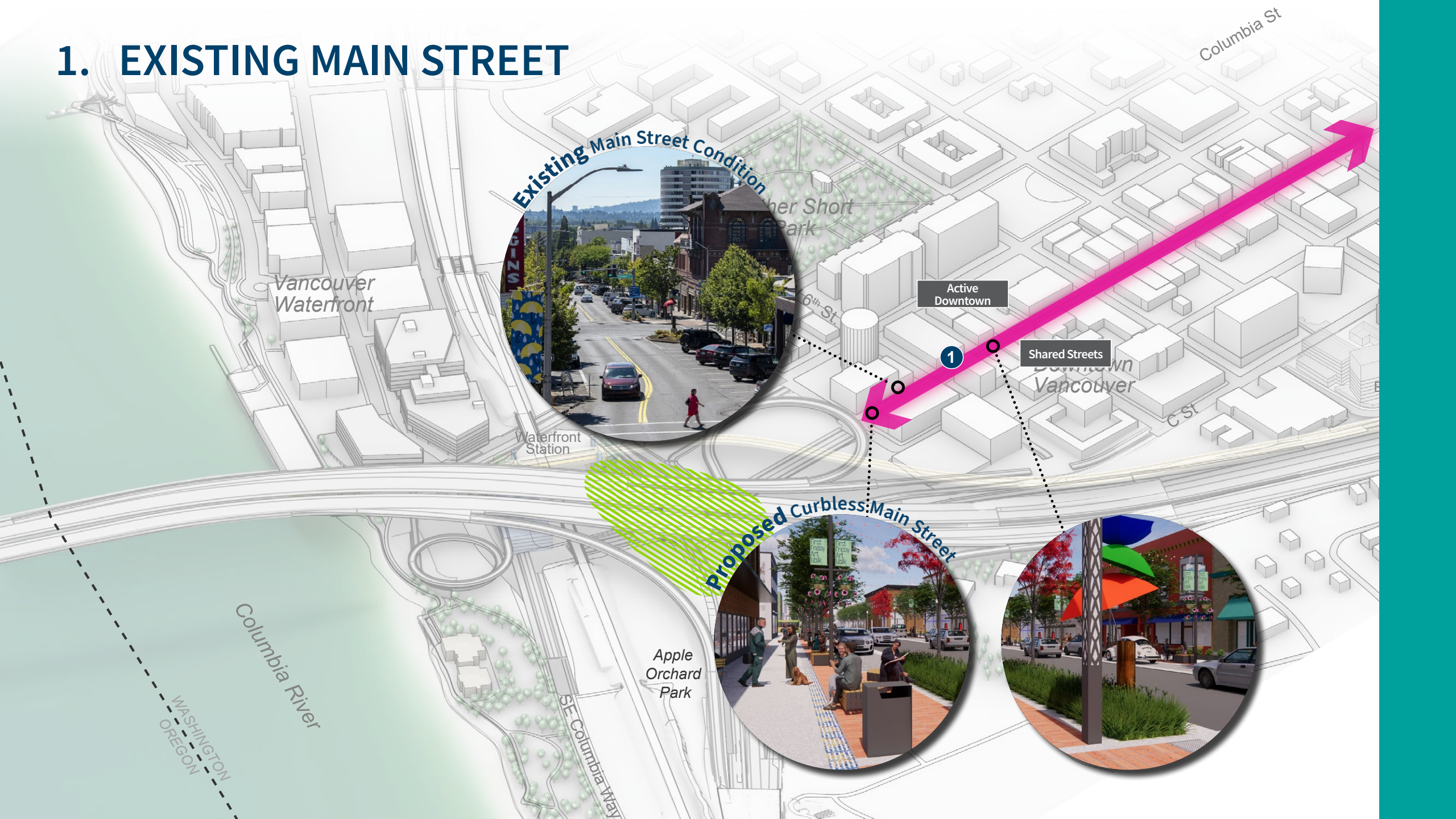
Ensure that traffic-related and structural engineering decisions prioritize good placemaking as an integral part of engineering solution.



2

Enhance decision-making by integrating qualitative placemaking principles that foster equity, safety, resilience, and vibrant environments, ensuring lasting appeal for generations to come.

1. EXISTING MAIN STREET



Existing Main Street Condition

Proposed curbless Main Street

Vancouver Waterfront

Columbia River

WASHINGTON
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Waterfront Station

Apple Orchard Park

SE Columbia Way

Columbia St

6th St

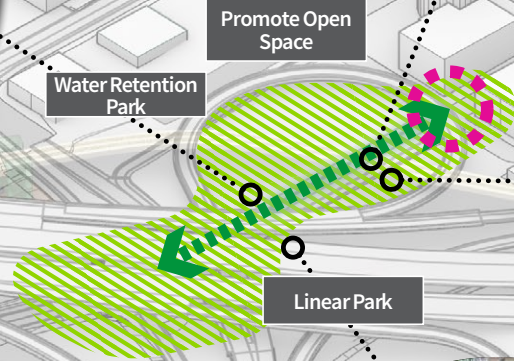
C St

Active Downtown

Shared Streets
Downtown
Vancouver

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2. GATEWAY MAIN STREET EXTENSION (A)



WASHINGTON
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Columbia River

SE Columbia Way

Apple Orchard Park

Columbia St

Down
Van

Water Retention Park

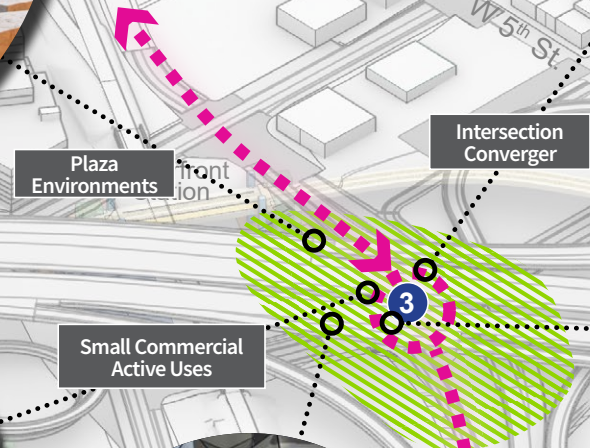
Promote Open Space

Gateway

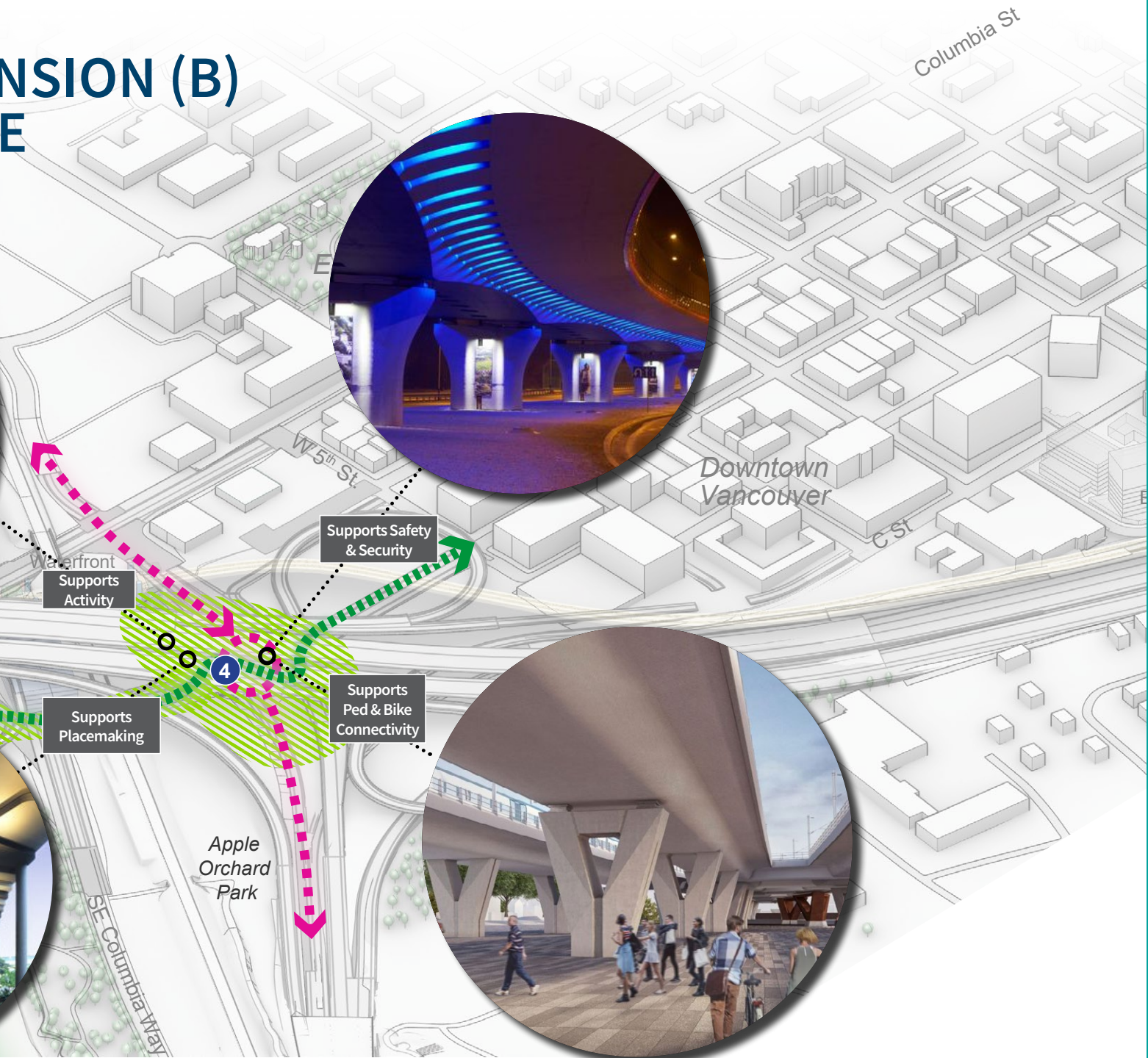
Linear Park

3. INTERSECTION

Columbia St



4. MAIN STREET EXTENSION (B) BRIDGE STRUCTURE



4. MAIN STREET EXTENSION (B) FOSTERS VIBRANCY & ACTIVITY



Climbing Wall

Exercise Equipment

Skate Park

Ped & Bike Activity

Passive Activity

Ping-pong Tables



WASHINGTON
OREGON

Columbia

SE Columbia Way

Apple Orchard Park

Downtown Vancouver

4

Waterfront Station

6th St

6th St

er Short
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C St

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4. MAIN STREET EXTENSION (B)



Supports Trail Active Use

Ped & Bike Network

Climate Resilient Landscapes

4

WASHINGTON
OREGON

Columbia River

Columbia St

Downtown
Vancouver

Short
Park

W 6th St

5th St

People's
Park

The Underline

5. INTERSECTION AT COLUMBIA WAY



Columbia St

Esther Short Park

Waterfront Station

Shared Use Path Ramp

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Waterfront Views

Safe & Accessible Intersection

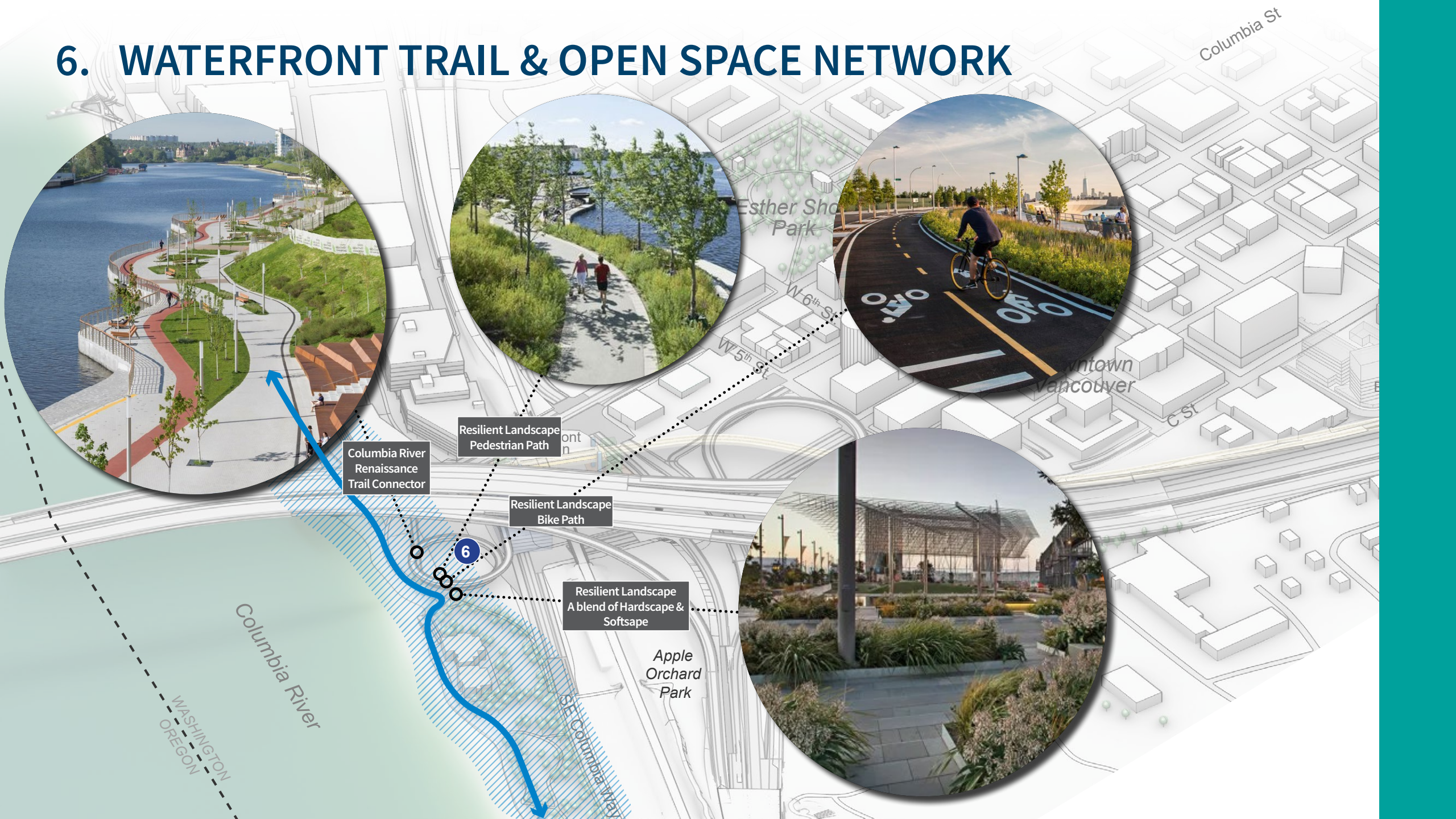
Apple Orchard Park

SE Columbia Way

W 6th St.

W 5th St.

6. WATERFRONT TRAIL & OPEN SPACE NETWORK



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Columbia River Renaissance Trail Connector

Resilient Landscape Pedestrian Path

Resilient Landscape Bike Path

Resilient Landscape A blend of Hardscape & Softscape

Apple Orchard Park

Columbia River

WASHINGTON OREGON

Esther Sho Park

W 6th St

W 5th St

Columbia St

Downtown Vancouver

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St. Columbia Way

6. WATERFRONT- BRINGING PEOPLE TO THE WATER



Climate Resilient & Floodable Landscape



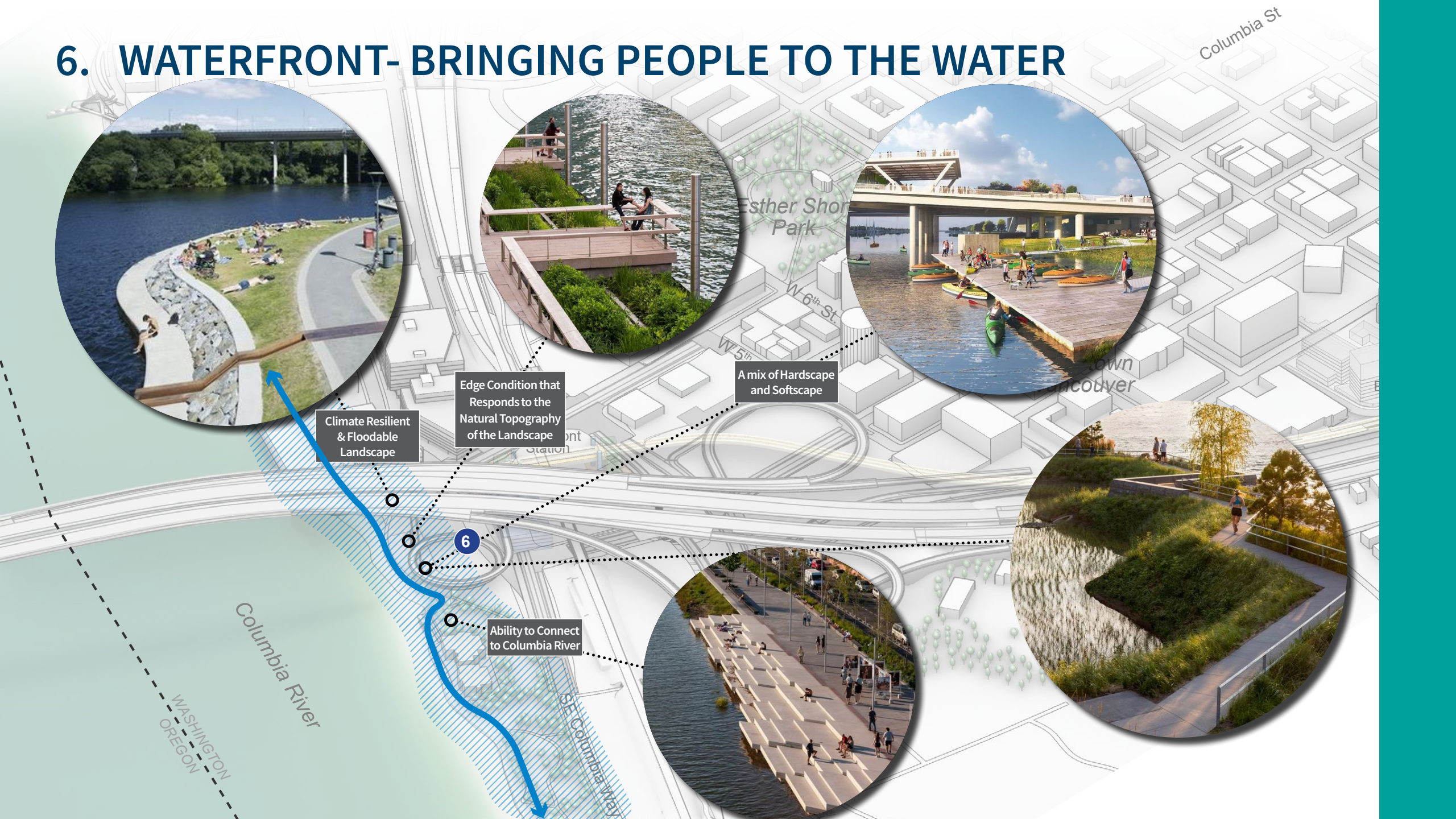
Edge Condition that Responds to the Natural Topography of the Landscape



A mix of Hardscape and Softscape



Ability to Connect to Columbia River



INTEGRATION OF ARTS & CULTURE

Columbia St

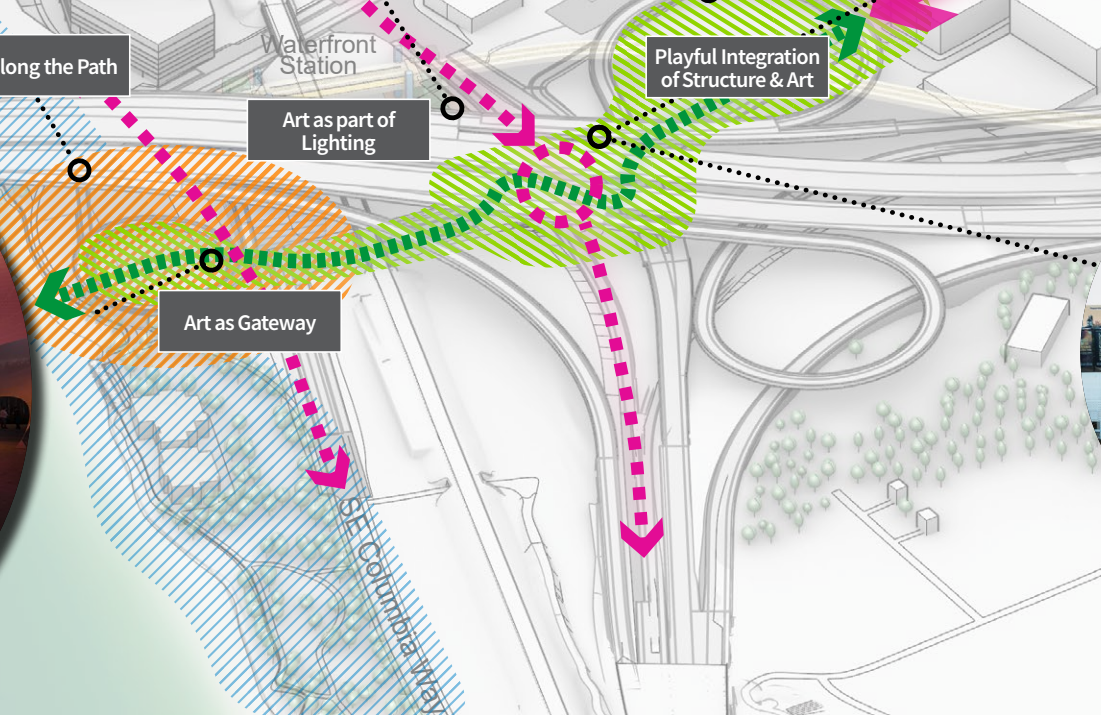


Art along the Path

Art as part of Lighting

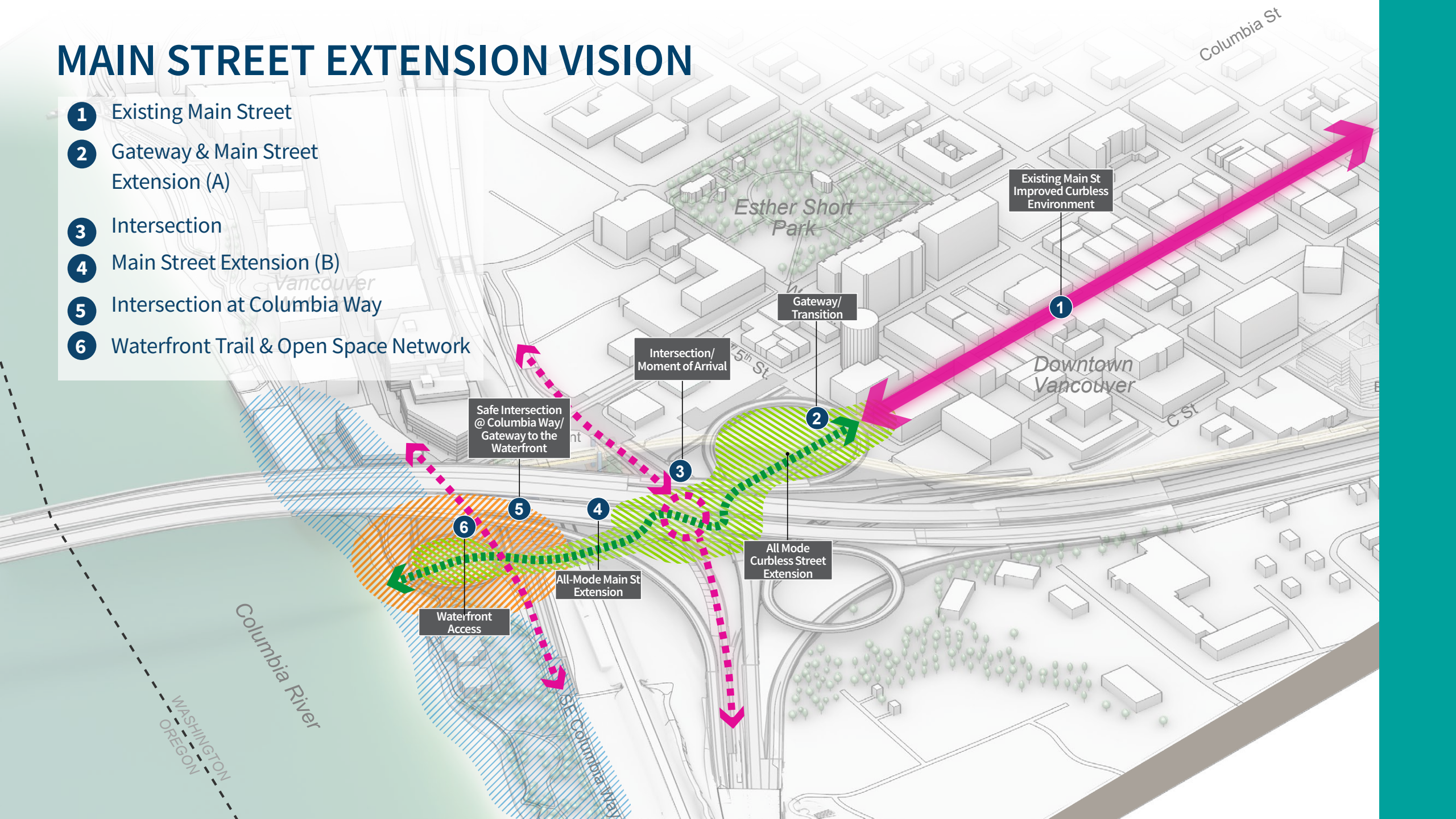
Playful Integration of Structure & Art

Art as Gateway



MAIN STREET EXTENSION VISION

- 1 Existing Main Street
- 2 Gateway & Main Street Extension (A)
- 3 Intersection
- 4 Main Street Extension (B)
- 5 Intersection at Columbia Way
- 6 Waterfront Trail & Open Space Network



DISCUSSION



- Which specific themes and/or values should inform the urban design of these focus areas?



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Questions?

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IBR Community Engagement

Bryan Stebbins, IBR Community Engagement Team

Community Engagement Update

► Recent Community Engagement

- Vancouver Pride
- Vancouver Farmers Market
- Vancouver Sunday Concert Series
- "Rae Gordon" Portland Summer Free For All
- "We Outside" Portland Summer Free For All
- Eastside Community Picnic
- Kenton Farmers Market

► Upcoming Community Engagement

- Neighborhood Association Presentations
- IBR staff office hours
- Bridgeton Summer Picnic
- Bridge Pedal
- Vancouver Peace & Justice Fair
- MLK Dream Run
- Vancouver Farmers Market
- Mini-grant partnerships with CBOs



What's Next?

Next Program Meetings

- ▶ Equity Advisory Group
 - August 21, 2023
- ▶ Community Advisory Group
 - September 14, 2023
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group
 - September 18, 2023



Opportunity for Public Input

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Wrap Up

Final Thoughts



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