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Public Works Department

Defining the Path

Reconnecting the Westside Community Summit 3

December 13, 2025

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Introductions

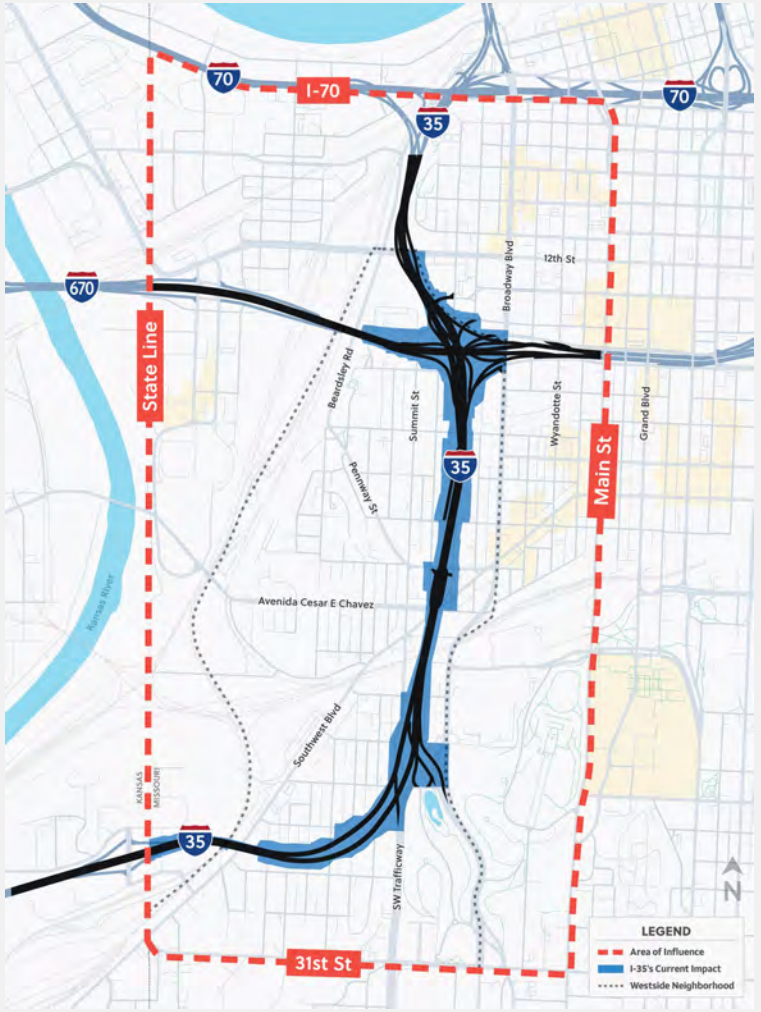
Project Background and Overview

What is the Project?

Reconnecting the Westside aims to develop solutions with the Westside neighborhood to address the historical and ongoing challenges related to I-35 and I-670.

- Interstate Highway System
- Beardsley Road
- Internal neighborhood barriers

- Planning and Environmental Linkages sets the stage for implementation
- Community engagement efforts



In partnership with MoDOT and MARC
Funded by USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant

Project Outreach Schedule

Jan - Jun '25

PURPOSE & NEED

- Community Summit #1 (Apr 5)
- Community Storytelling & Gathering
- Neighborhood Listening Sessions



Jul - Oct '25

INITIAL ALTERNATIVES

- Community Summit #2 (Aug 2)
- Community Visioning & Mapping
- Neighborhood Maps Sharing
- Quick Wins

Nov - Dec '25

REFINED ALTERNATIVES

- Community Summit #3 (Dec 13)
- Community Reaction, Response & Support
- Community Walks/Pop Ups/Intercept Surveys
- Neighborhood Vision Sharing
- Revisiting Neighborhood Associations and Key people/groups
- Gathering letters of support

Jan - May '26

DOCUMENTATION

- Draft PEL Study
- Agency Comments
- Community Comment
- Final PEL Study

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- Community Summits
- Pop-up and Listening Sessions
- Community Advisory Group
- Technical Advisory Group
- Resource and Regulatory Agencies & Tribes

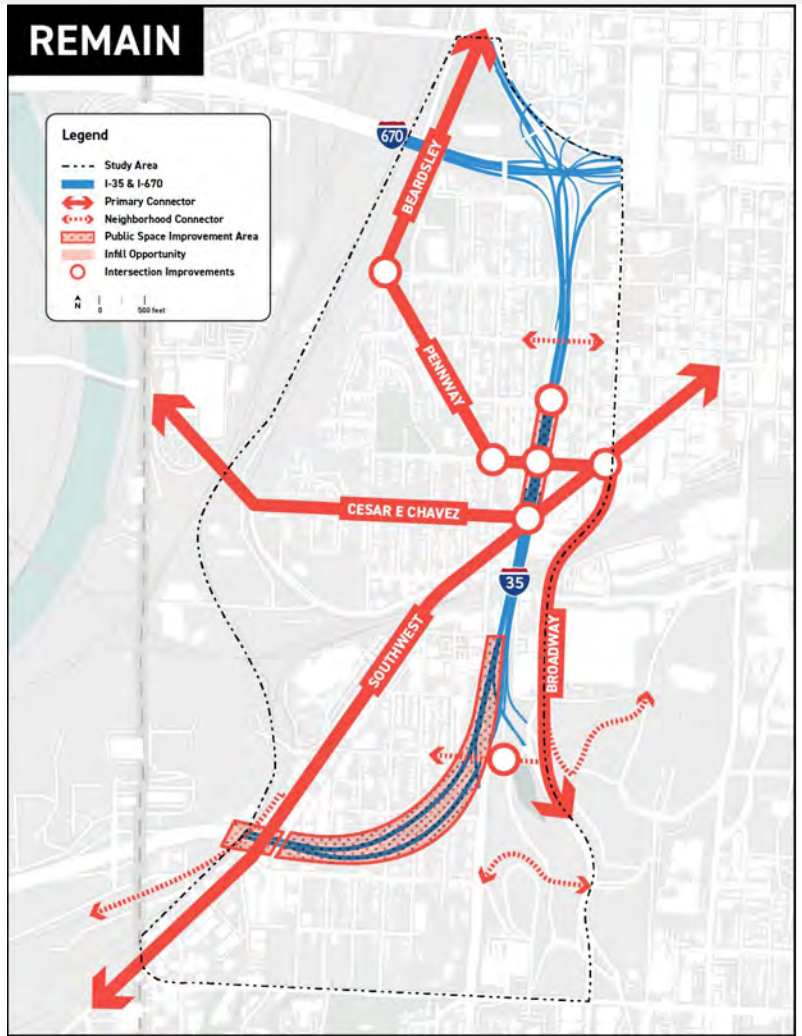


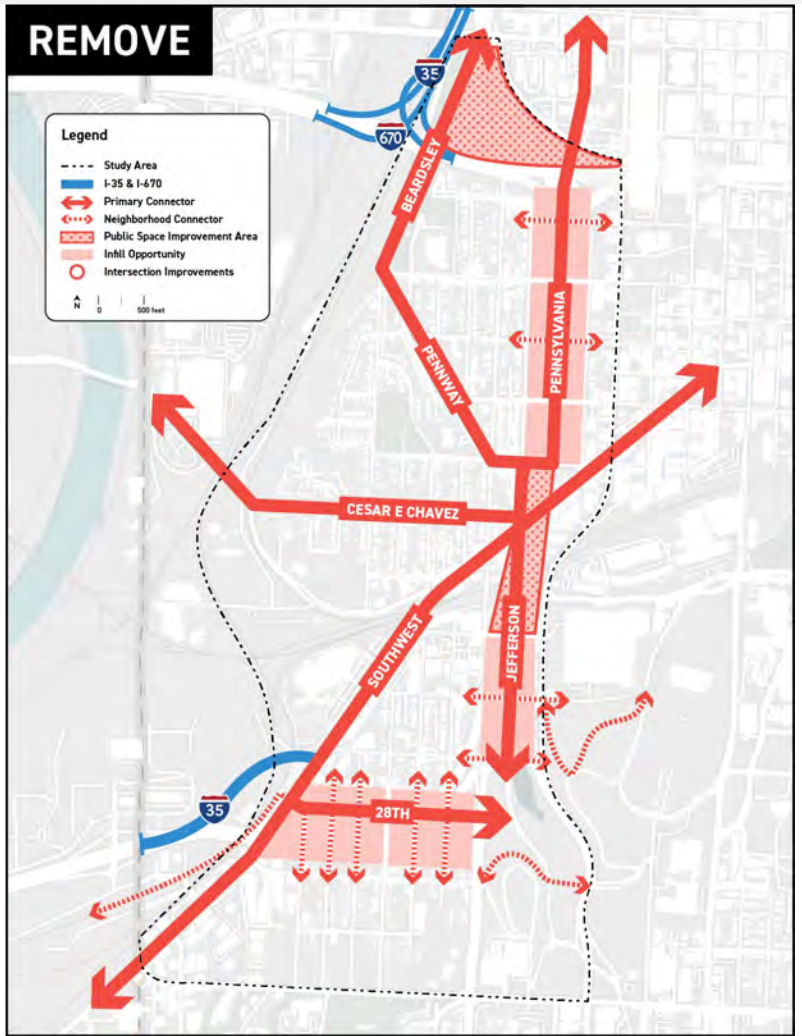
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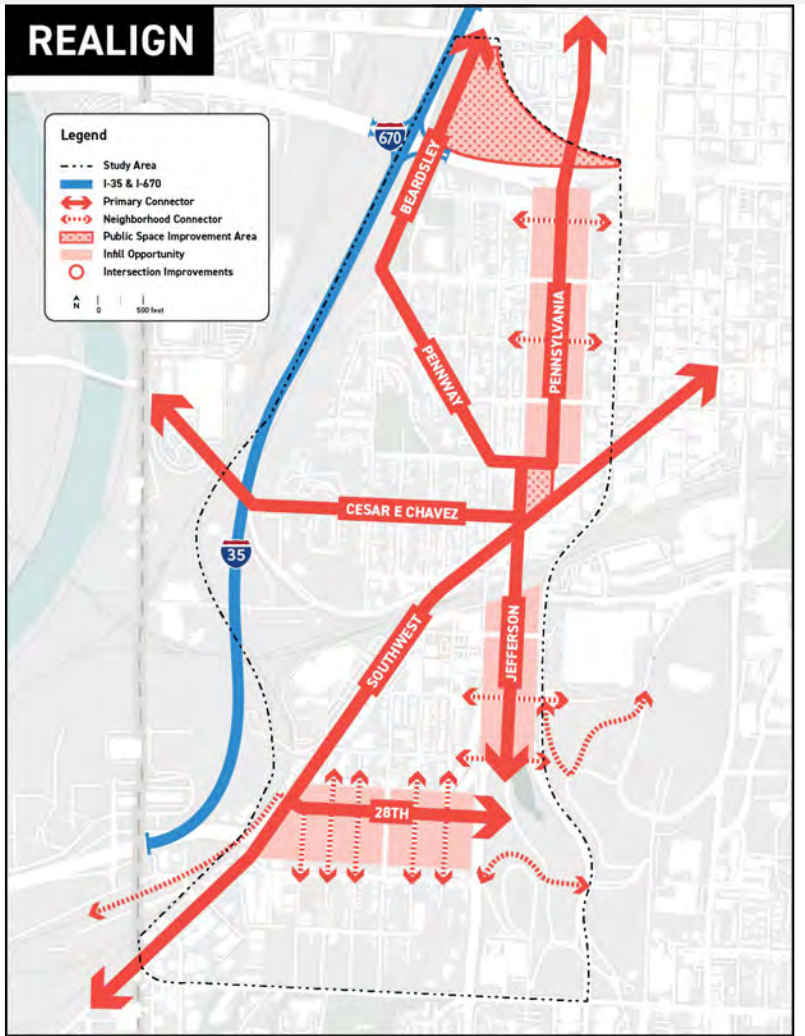
The purpose of the Reconnecting the Westside project is to develop solutions to improve **transportation safety** and **transportation choice** issues in the Study Area while **addressing the aging infrastructure condition of the I-35 viaduct**.

Initial Alternatives

Initial Concepts Recap





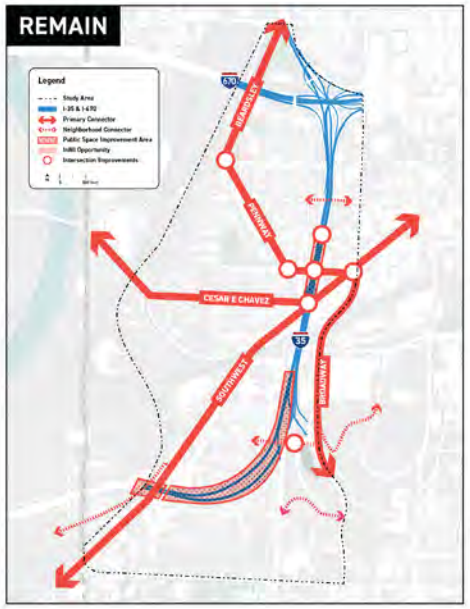


From Concepts to Initial Alternatives

No Build

Baseline

Remain



Replace Similar

Remove Broadway Ramps

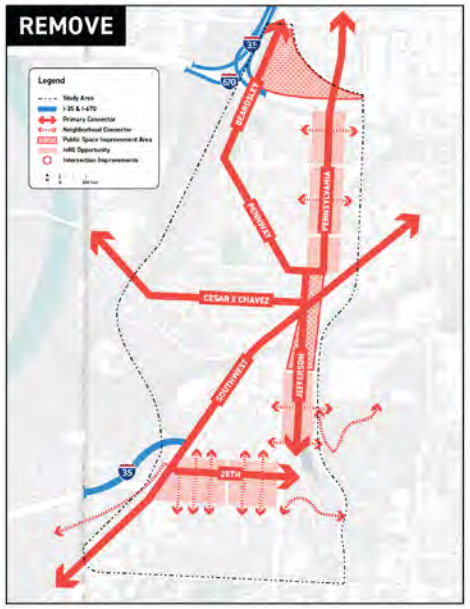
Consolidate Ramps

Elevated Freeway

Depressed Freeway

Additional Underpasses

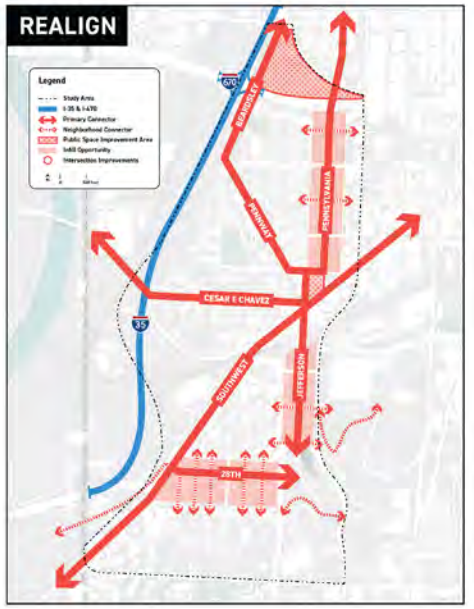
Remove



Restore Grid

Replace with Boulevard

Realign

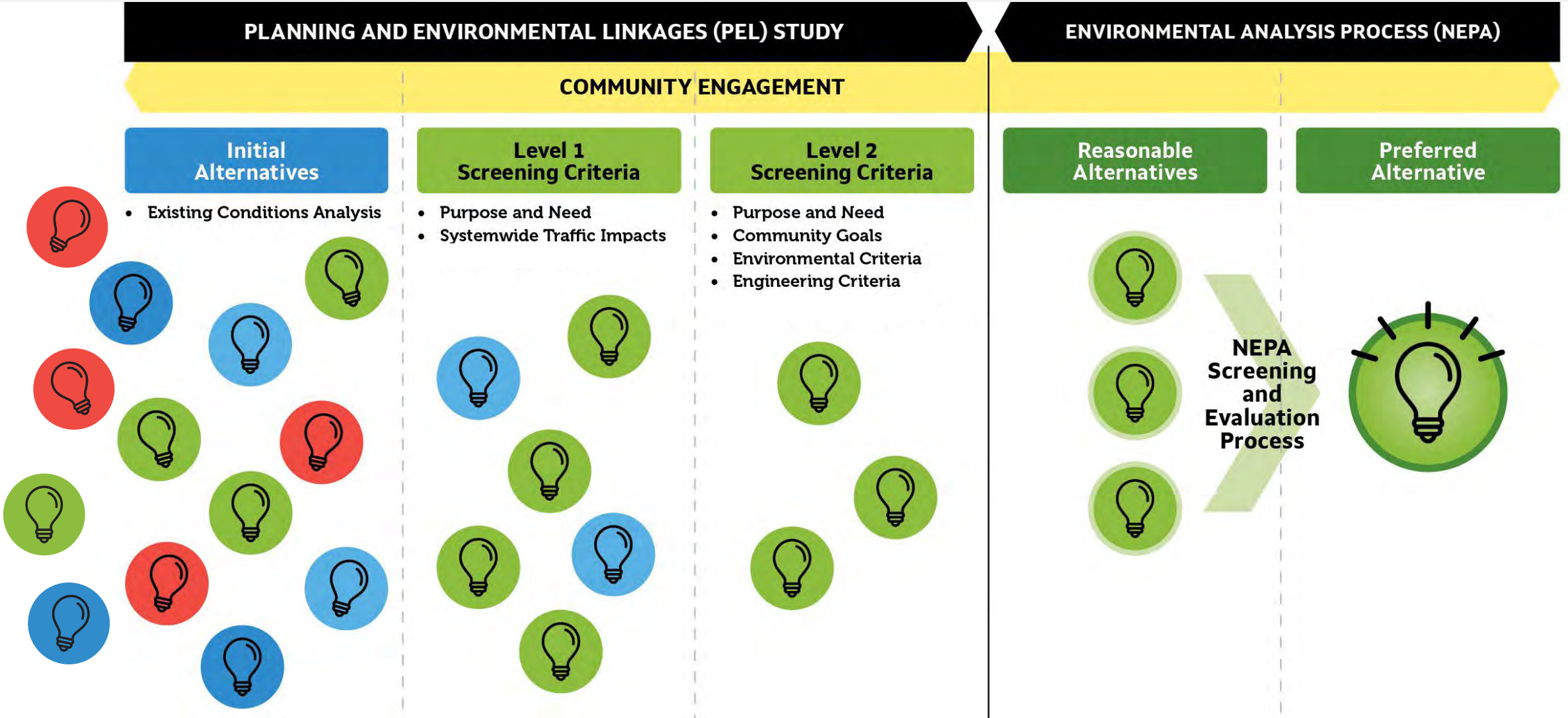


Restore Grid

Construct New Boulevard

Screening Process

Screening Process and Criteria



Level 1 Screening Results

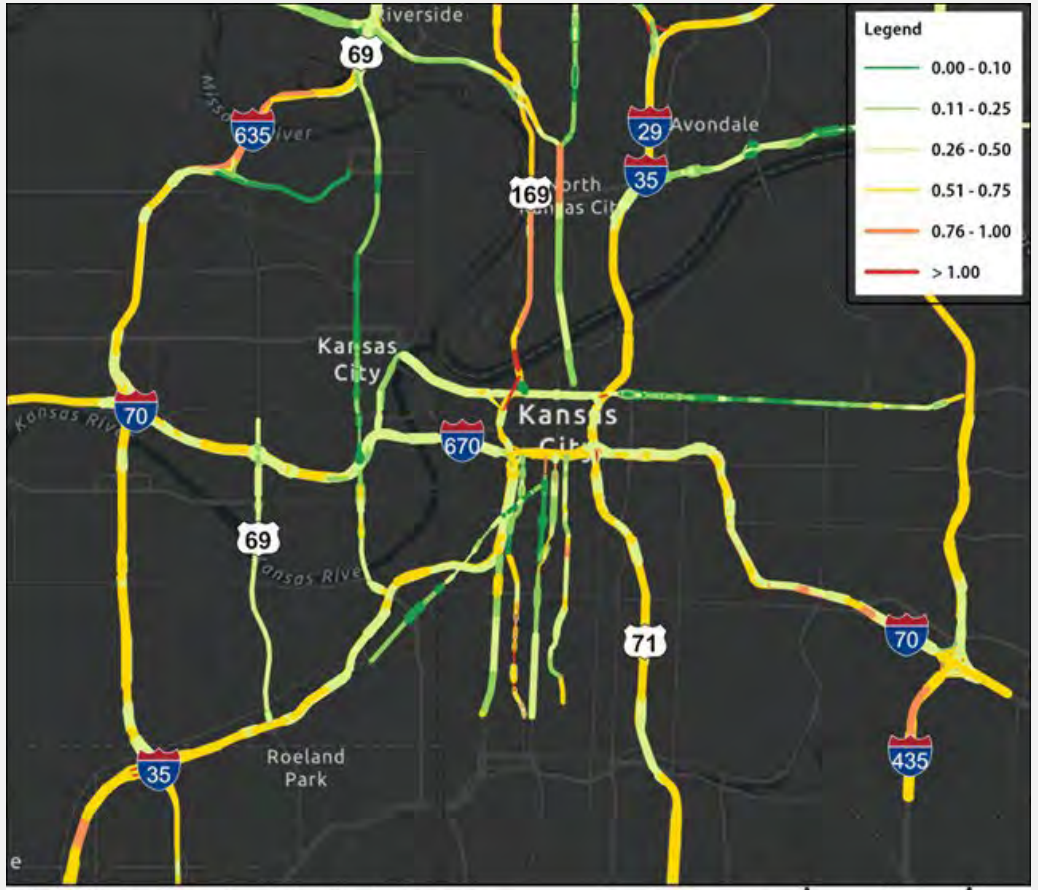
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NEED 2 **Connectivity**	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NEED 3 **State of Good Repair**	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
CONSTRAINT **Systemwide Trafic Impact**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

Systemwide Traffic Impacts of Remove + Grid

Impacts to New Buck O'Neil Bridge Ramps



Impacts to Regional Traffic

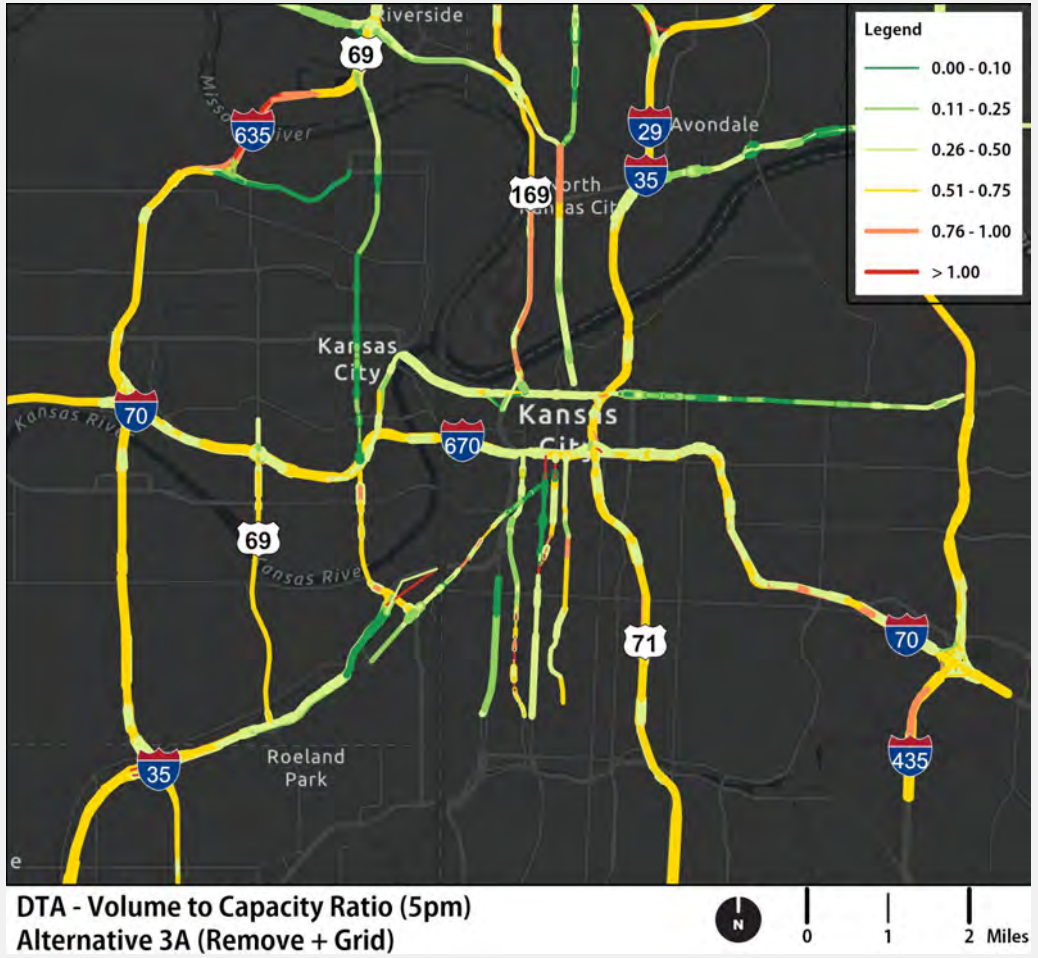


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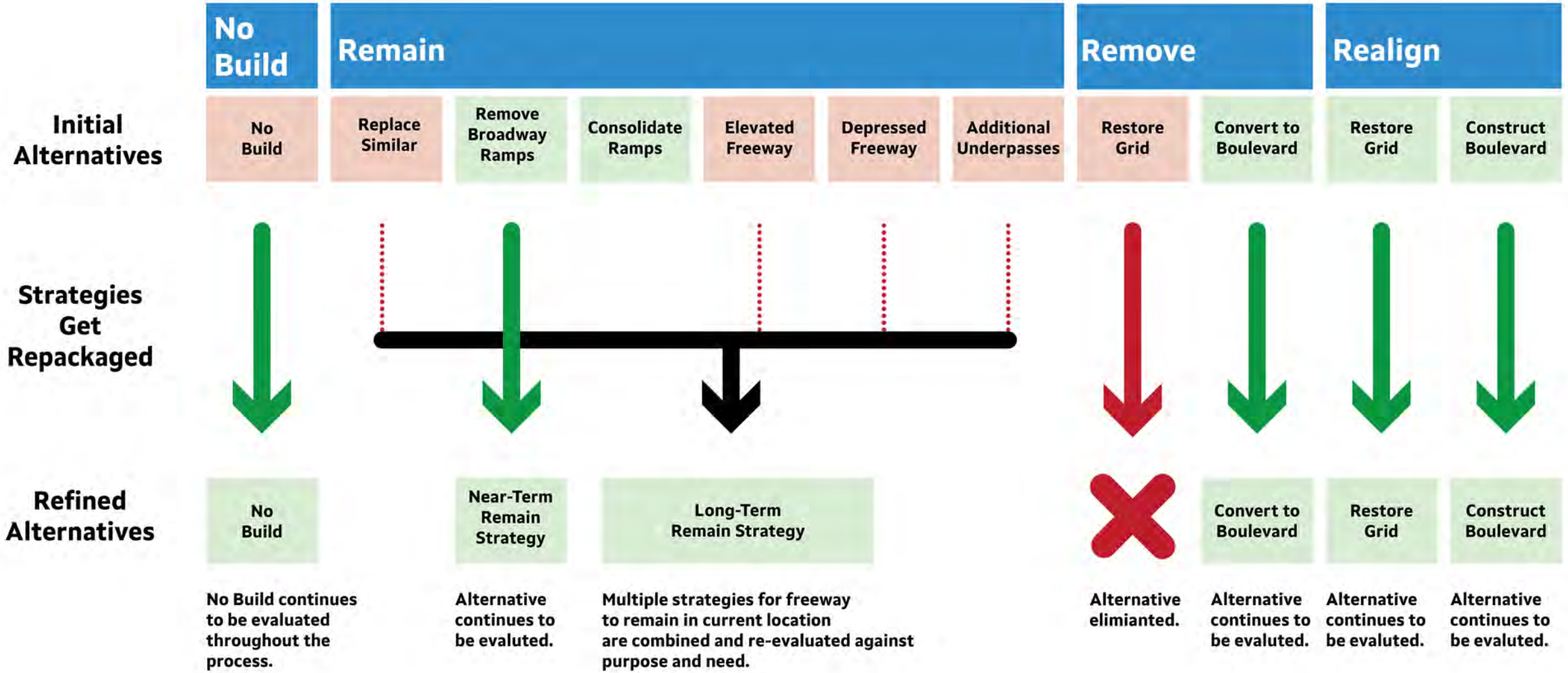
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Alternative Repackaging



Refined Alternatives

Remain: Short-Term

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1F: Additional Underpasses
3A: Remove, Connect to Grid
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Supporting Strategies

Beardsley Road
Underpass Plaza
Underpass Enhancements
Infill Development
Fixed Route Transit
Neighborhood Traffic Calming



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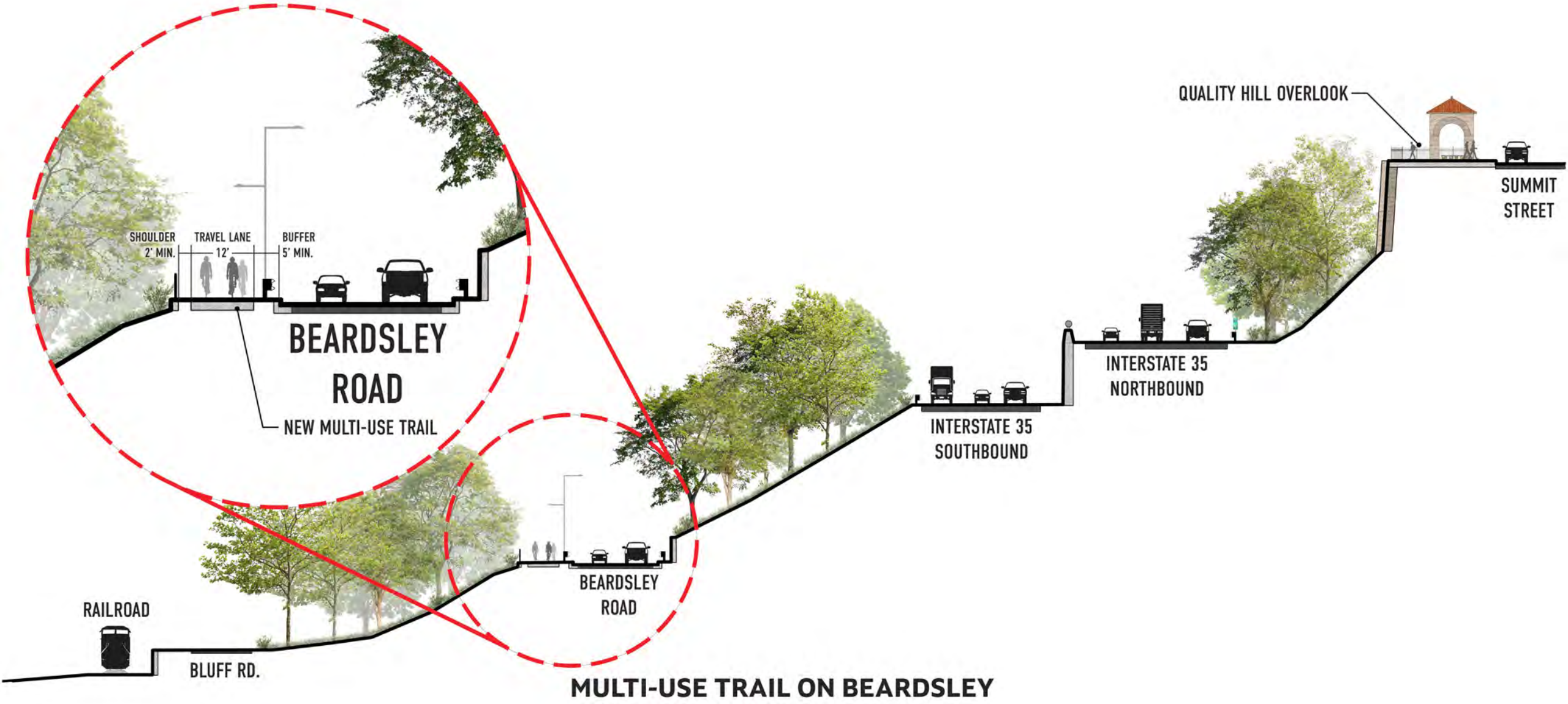
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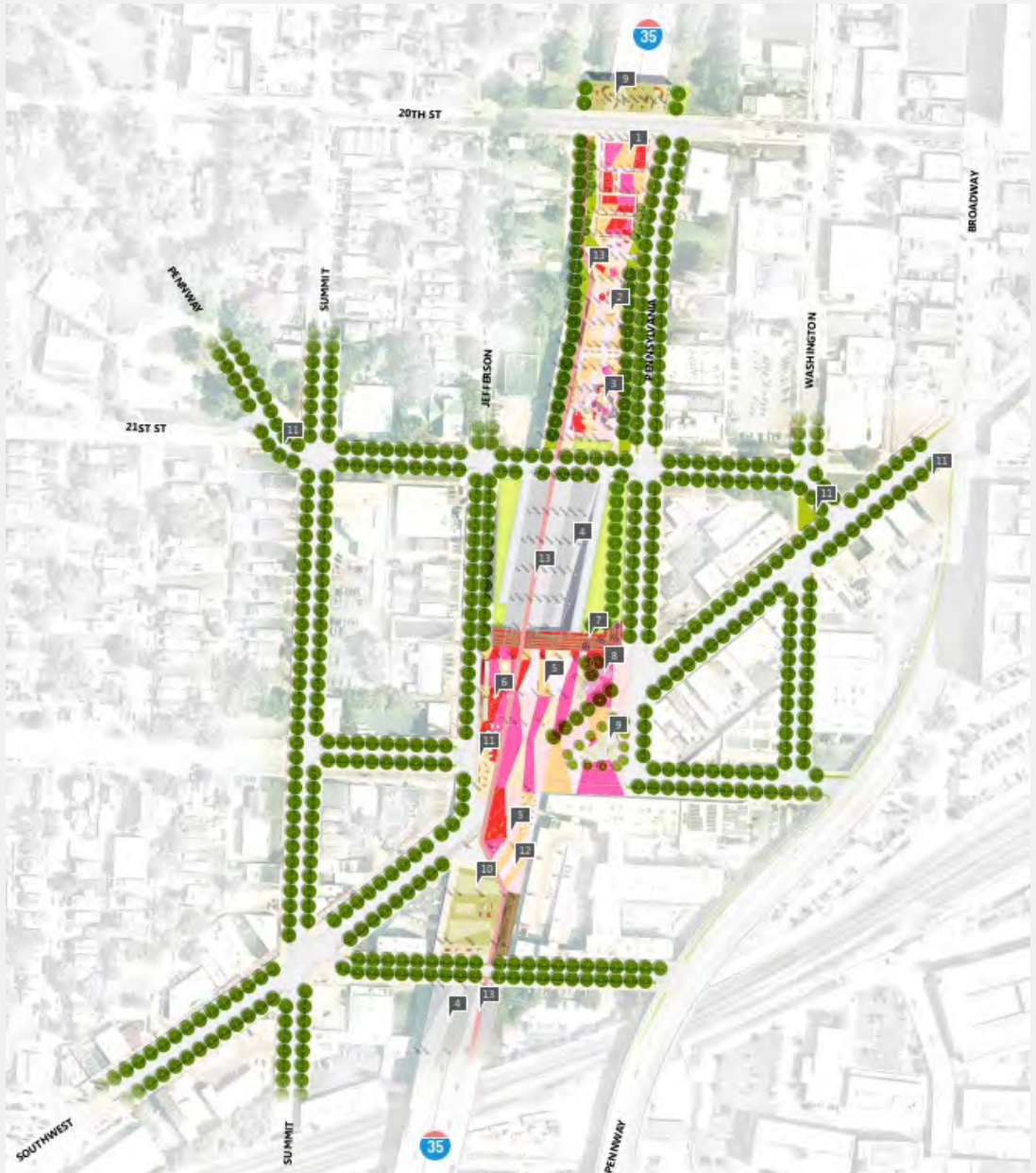


MULTI-USE TRAIL ON BEARDSLEY

Underpass Plaza

Proposed Program + Amenities Include

- Sport Courts
- Skatepark
- Playground
- Stormwater Treatment
- Plaza
- Vendor Promenade
- Amphitheater
- Splash & Sculpture Plaza
- Dog Park
- Flex Lawn
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Remain: Long-Term

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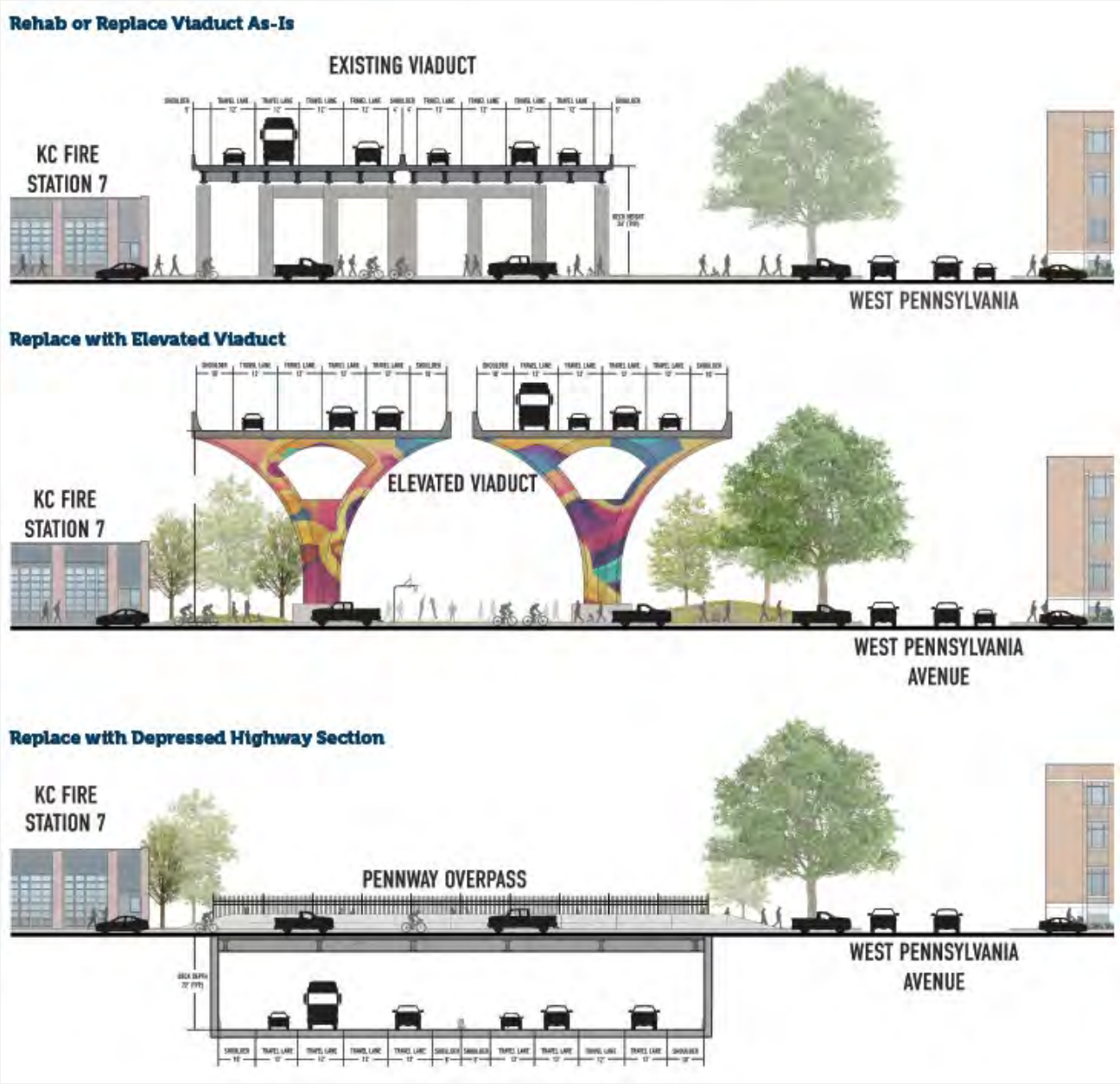
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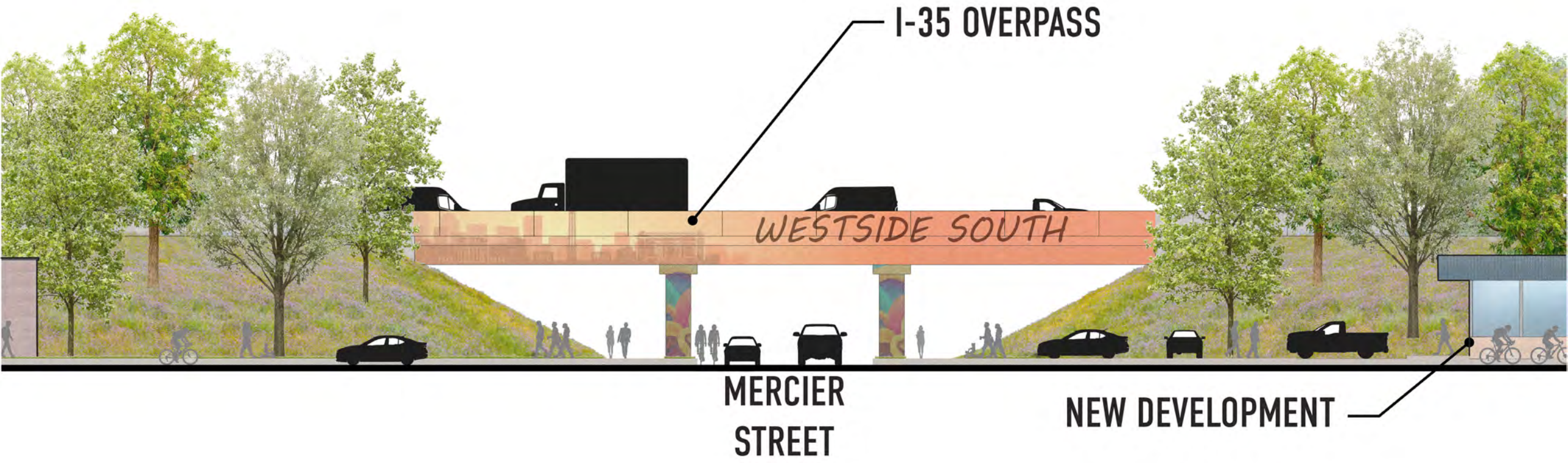
Infill Development

Fixed Route Transit

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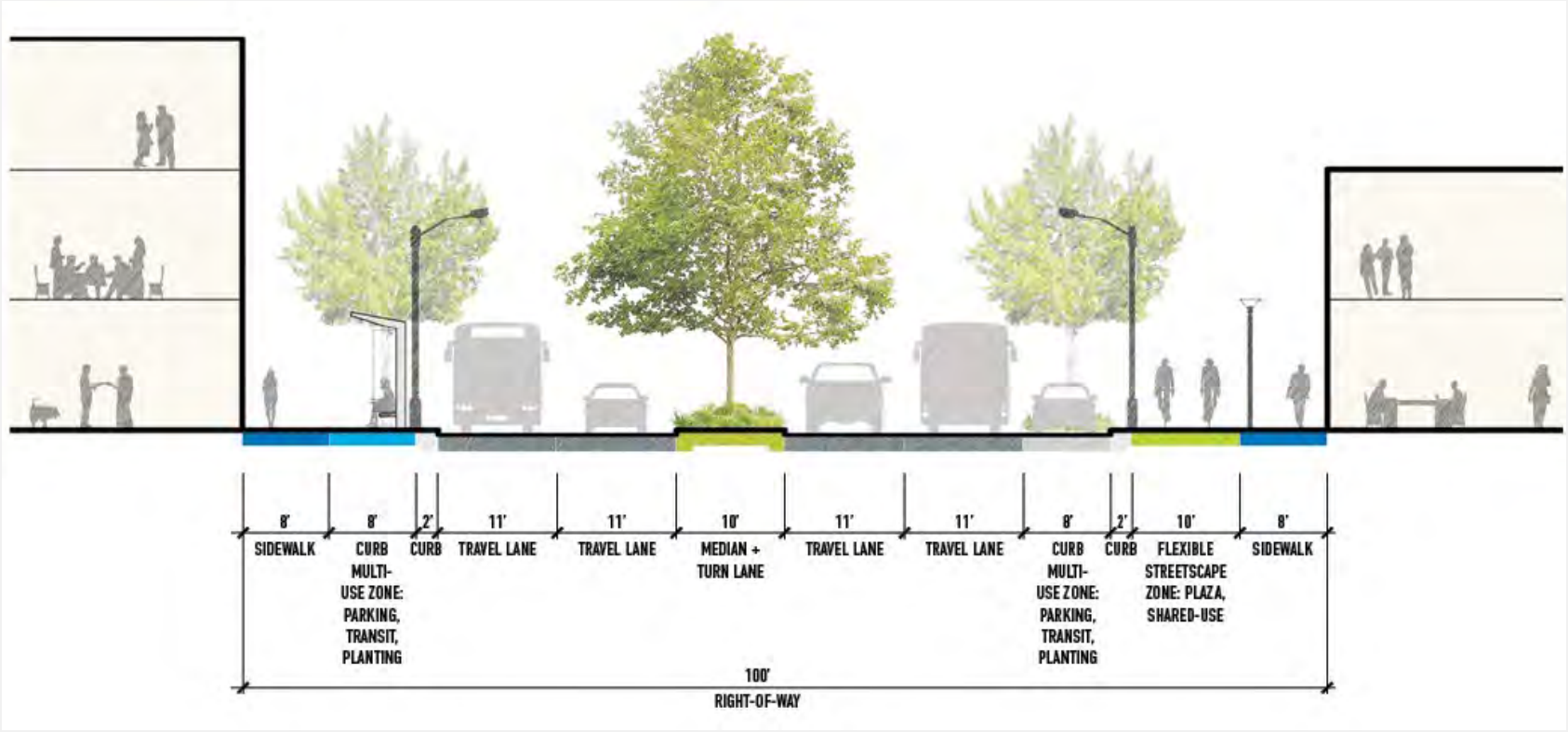
Remove Highway and Convert to Boulevard

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Underpass Plaza Transitions to New Public Space in Grid Restoration Scenario



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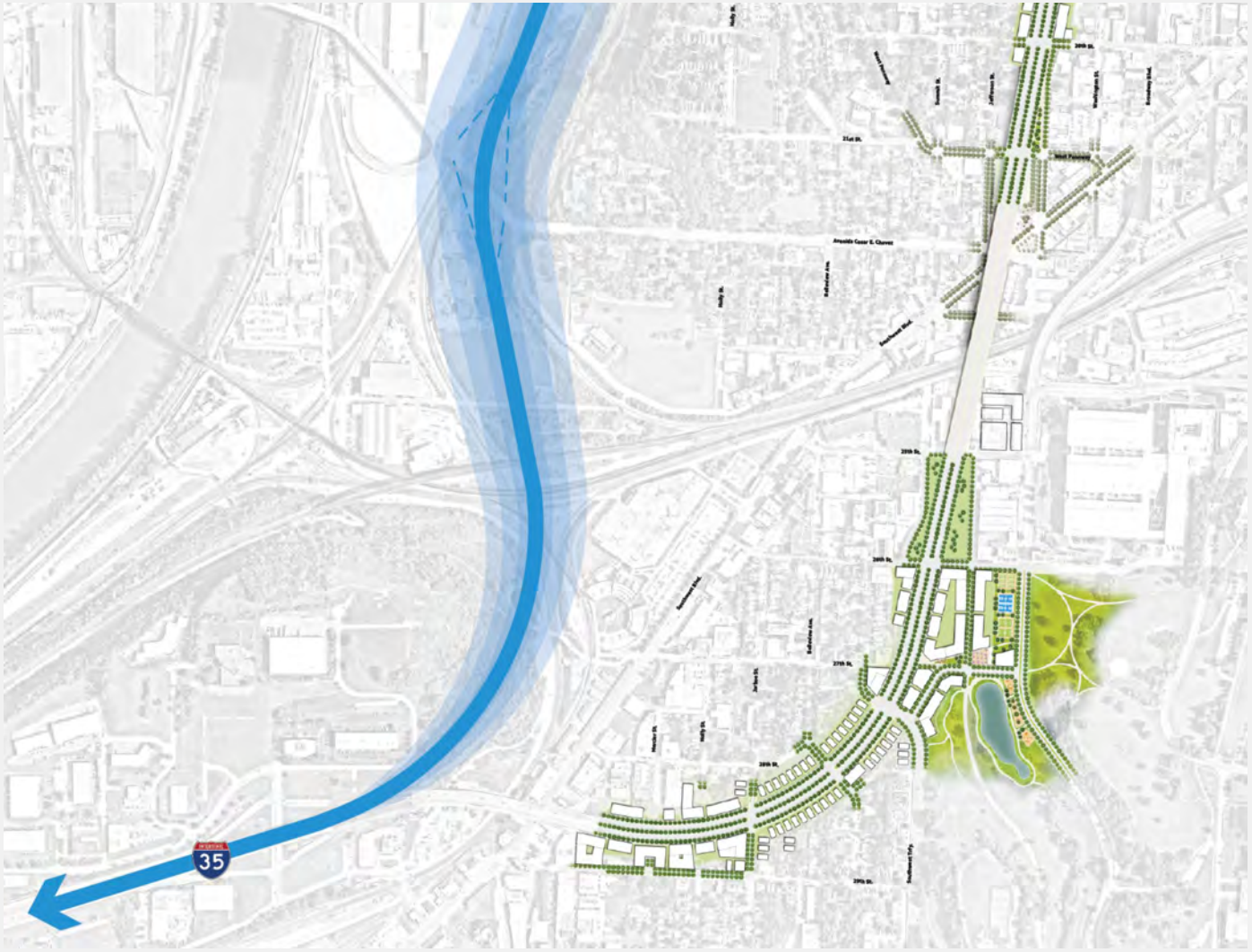
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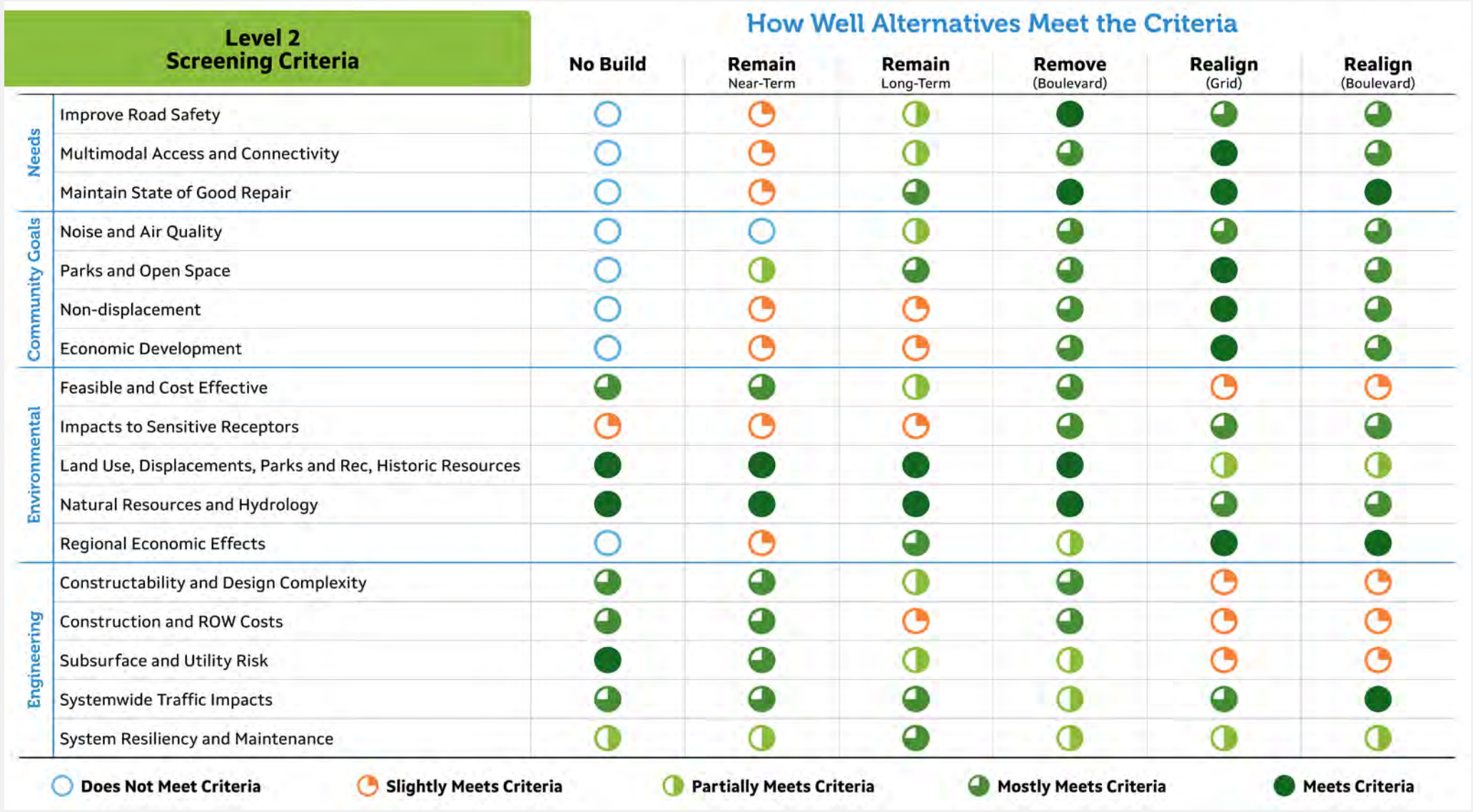
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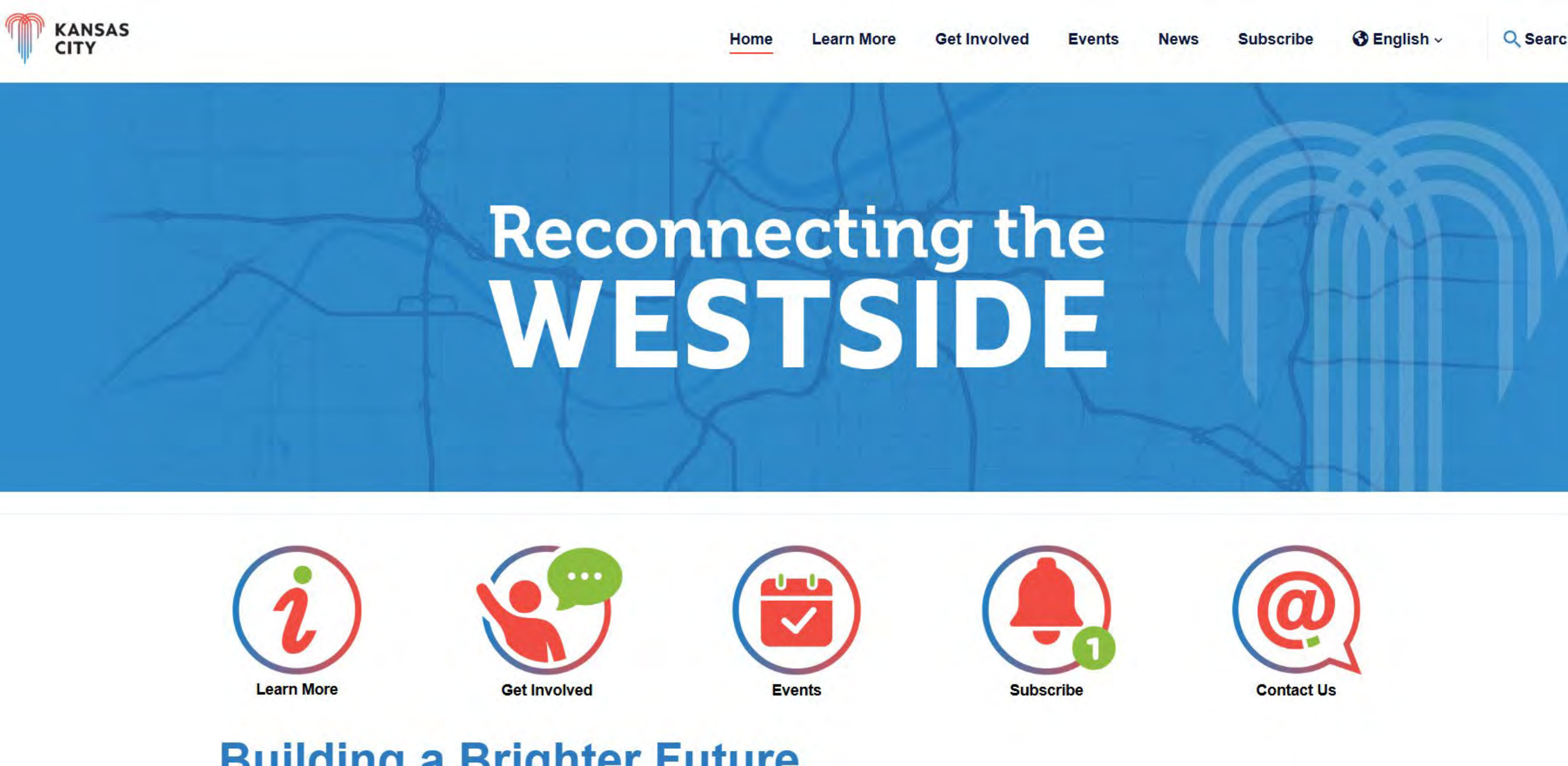
Level 2 Evaluation



Next Steps

- Draft PEL – Winter 2026
- Final PEL – Spring 2026
- Input from Public & Stakeholders
- Funding & Prioritization
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirements
- Land Use & Zoning Considerations




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