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Reconnecting the Westside Community Summit #2

LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE WESTSIDE

Saturday, August 2, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm

Tony Aguirre Community Center
2050 W. Pennway Street
Kansas City, MO 64108





Agenda

- Opening Remarks & Introductions
- Background and Purpose & Need (Selina Zapata Bur, KCMO)
- Initial Alternative Concepts (Josh Boehm, WSP)
- Placelt Interactive Session (James Rojas & John Kamp)
- Wrap-up & Upcoming Events (Enrique A. Chaurand)



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Introductions

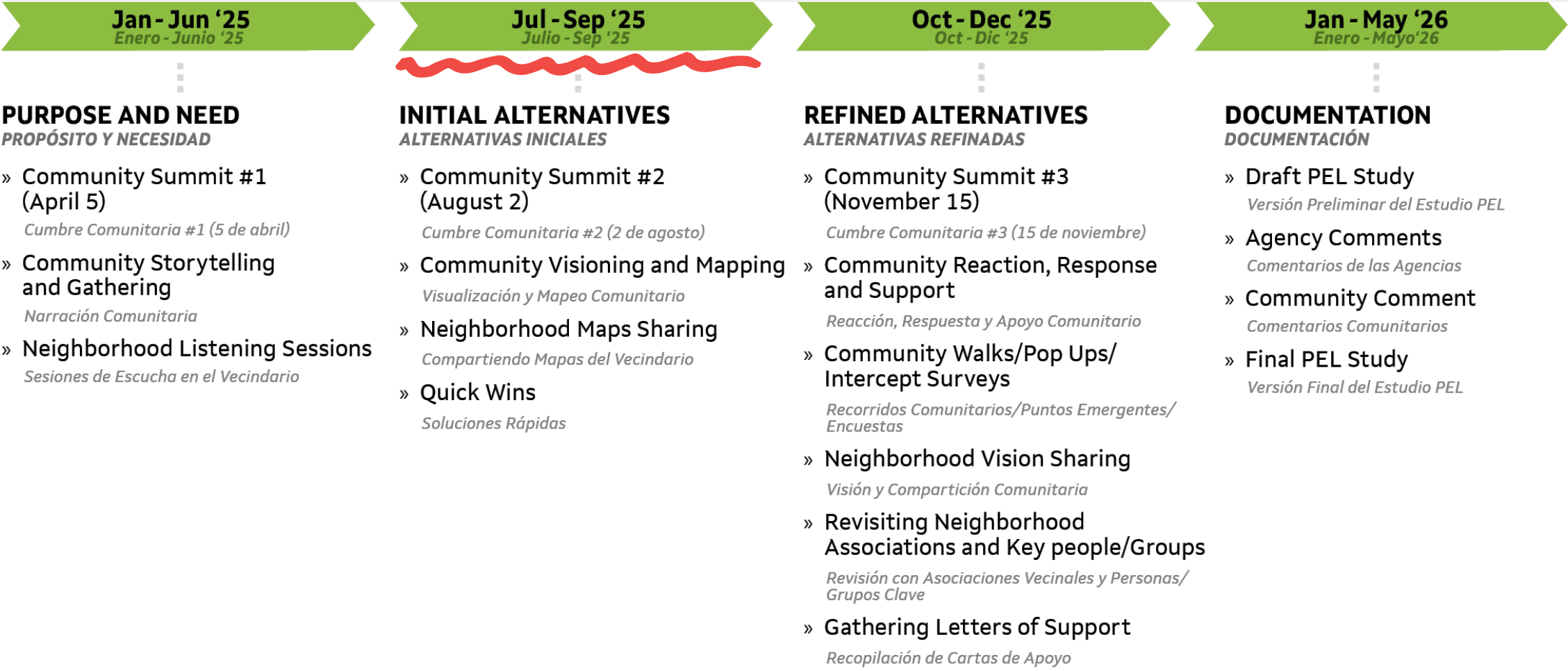


Project Background



Schedule

WE ARE
HERE!



What We've Heard

Key Themes

- Infrastructure Maintenance
- Traffic Safety
- Public Health
- Public Transit
- Affordability, neighborhood development, gentrification





Purpose & Need

Need 1: Maintain a State of Good Repair

- **I-35 Viaduct** is aging and needs to be modified, replaced, or rehabilitated
- **Beardsley Road** has poor pavement quality, no shoulder, and no multimodal facilities
- **Sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and parking** need improvement



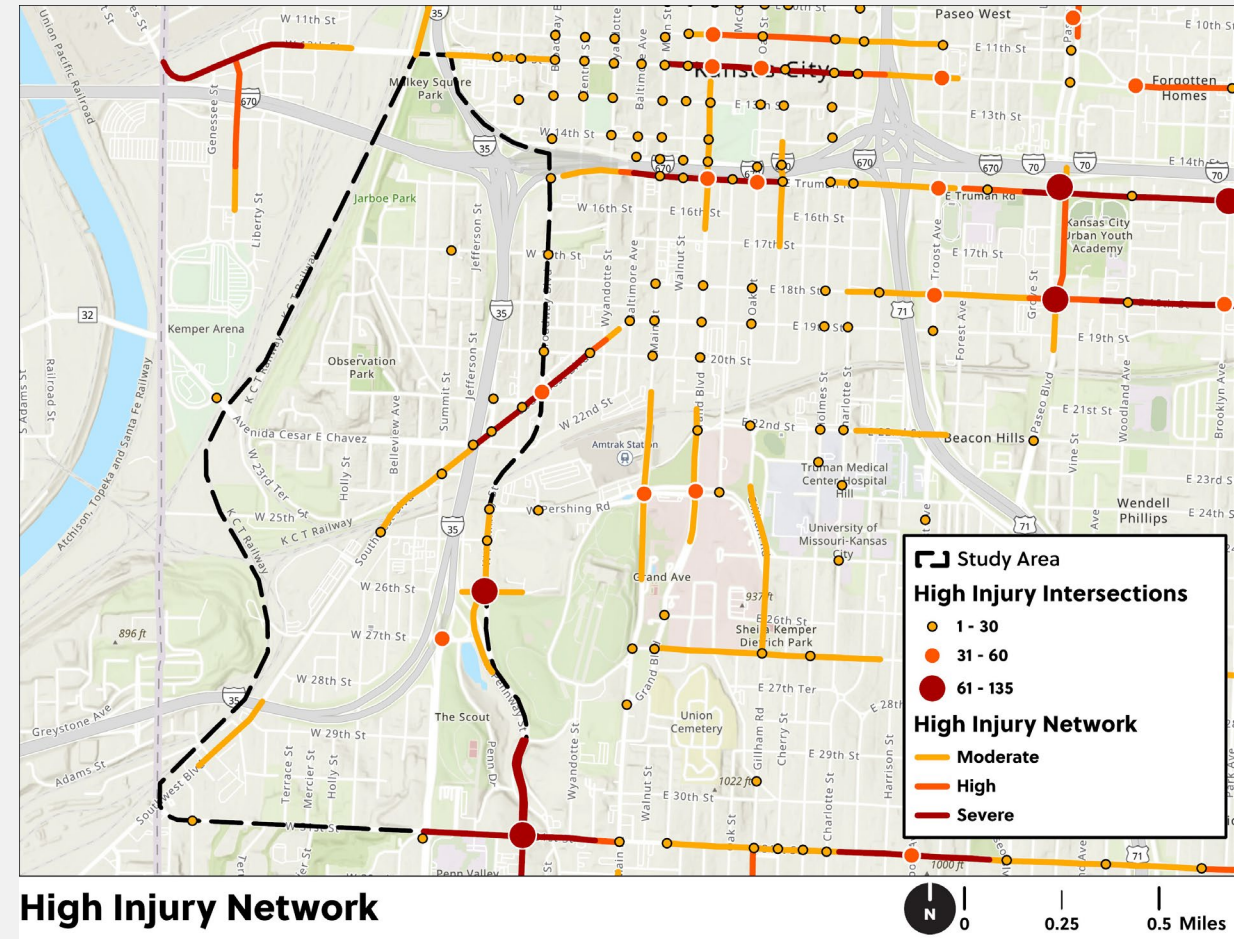
Need 2: Promote Multimodal Access and Mobility

- **Neighborhood barriers** create “islands”
- **Transit routes are limited** by frequency and geographic reach
- More than 2x the share of **zero vehicle households** as KCMO
- Unsafe **walking and bicycling** infrastructure



Need 3: Improve Safety

- Significant number of **fatal and serious** injury crashes
- High **frequency of crashes** impacts travel reliability on the Interstate system
- Multiple streets and intersections on the **High Injury Network**

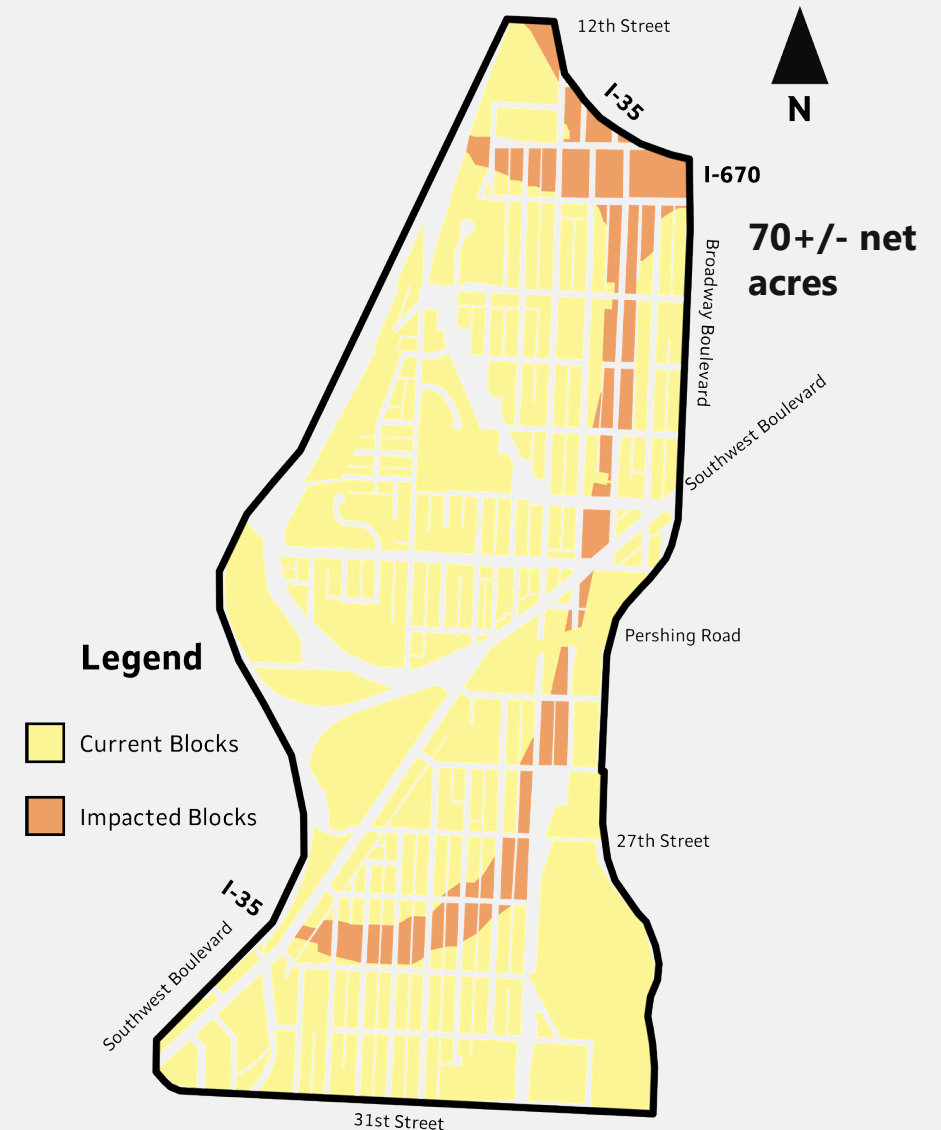


Draft Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Reconnecting the Westside project is to develop solutions to **address the aging infrastructure condition of the I-35 viaduct** while improving **transportation choice** and **transportation safety** issues in the Study Area. Construction of I-35 on the Westside of Kansas City created access **barriers** to and from the Westside Neighborhood and has contributed to **safety, health** and **economic development** challenges. The Reconnecting the Westside project intends to address transportation-related needs while also recognizing, considering and mitigating these issues.

Goals:

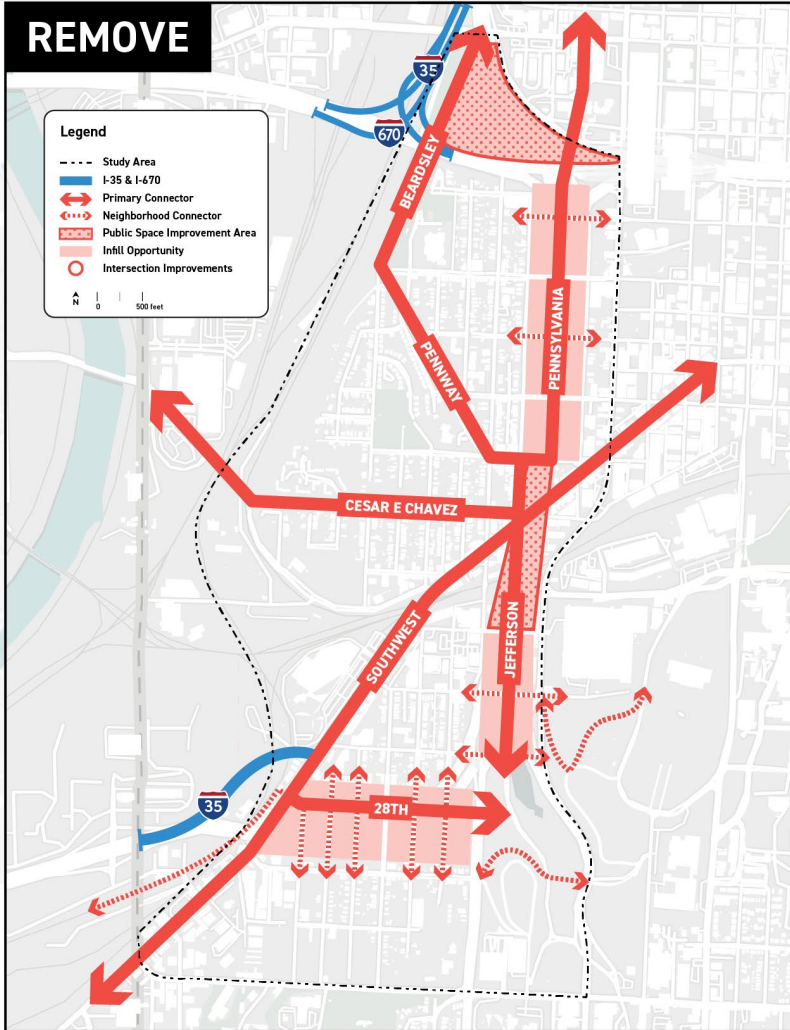
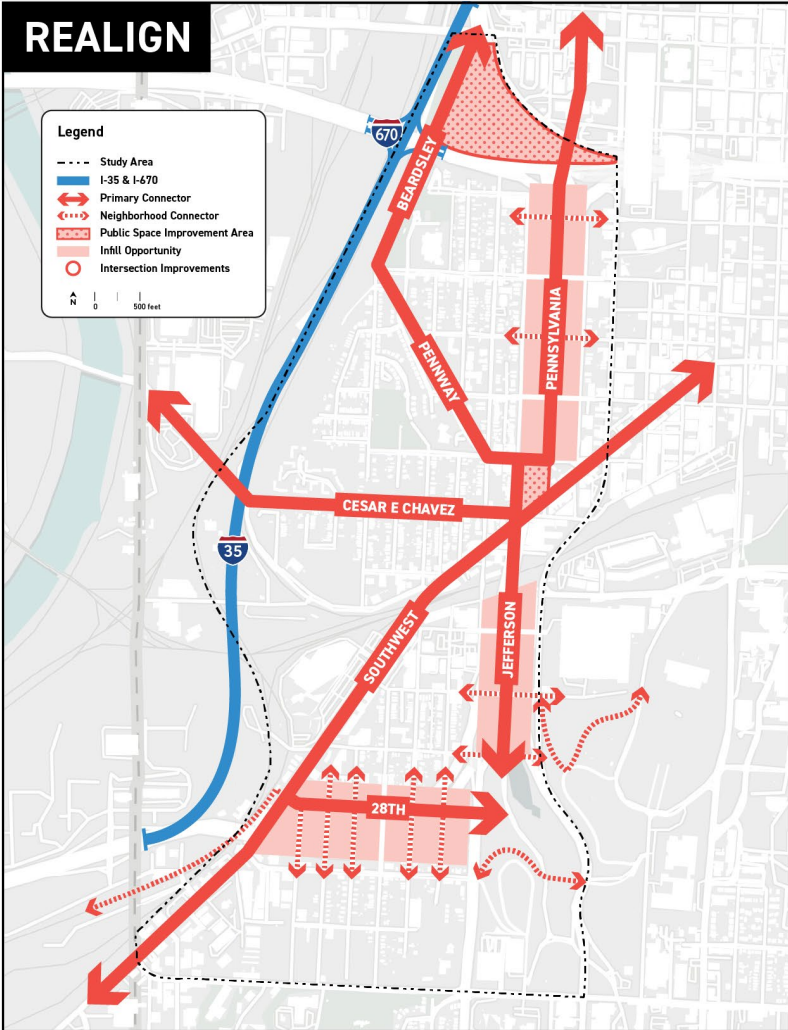
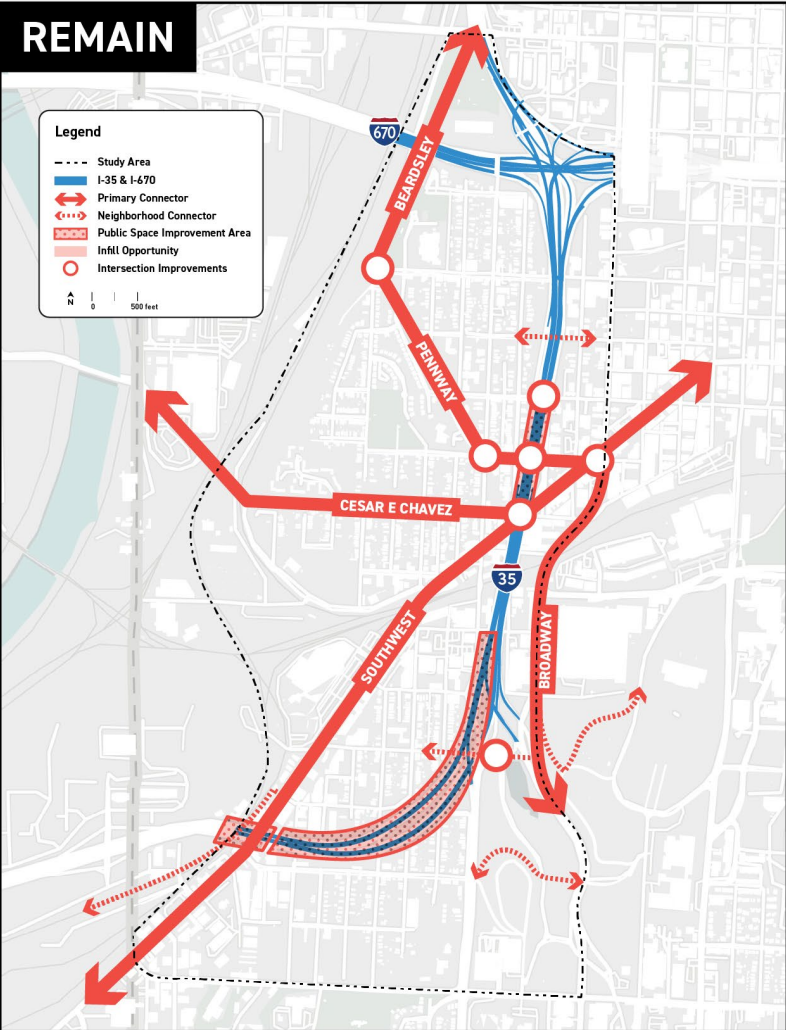
- Mitigate the impact of noise and **air pollution**
- Improve connections to and enhance **parks, recreation, and open space** resources
- Develop transportation solutions that are sensitive to historic displacements and **do not proliferate ongoing gentrification**
- Provide **opportunities for economic development**
- Implement **feasible and cost-effective solutions**





Initial Alternative Concepts

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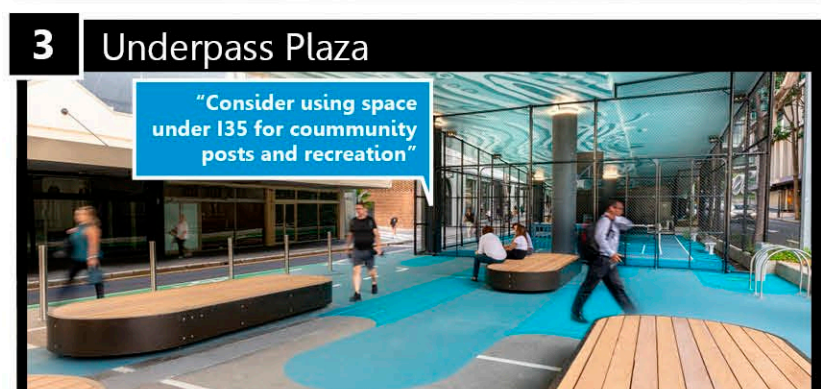
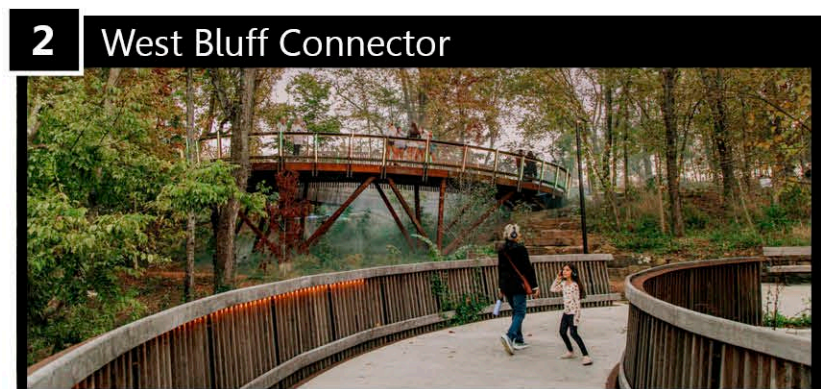
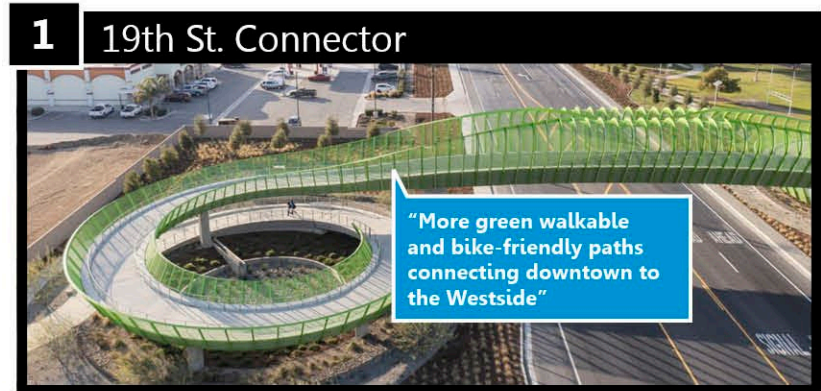
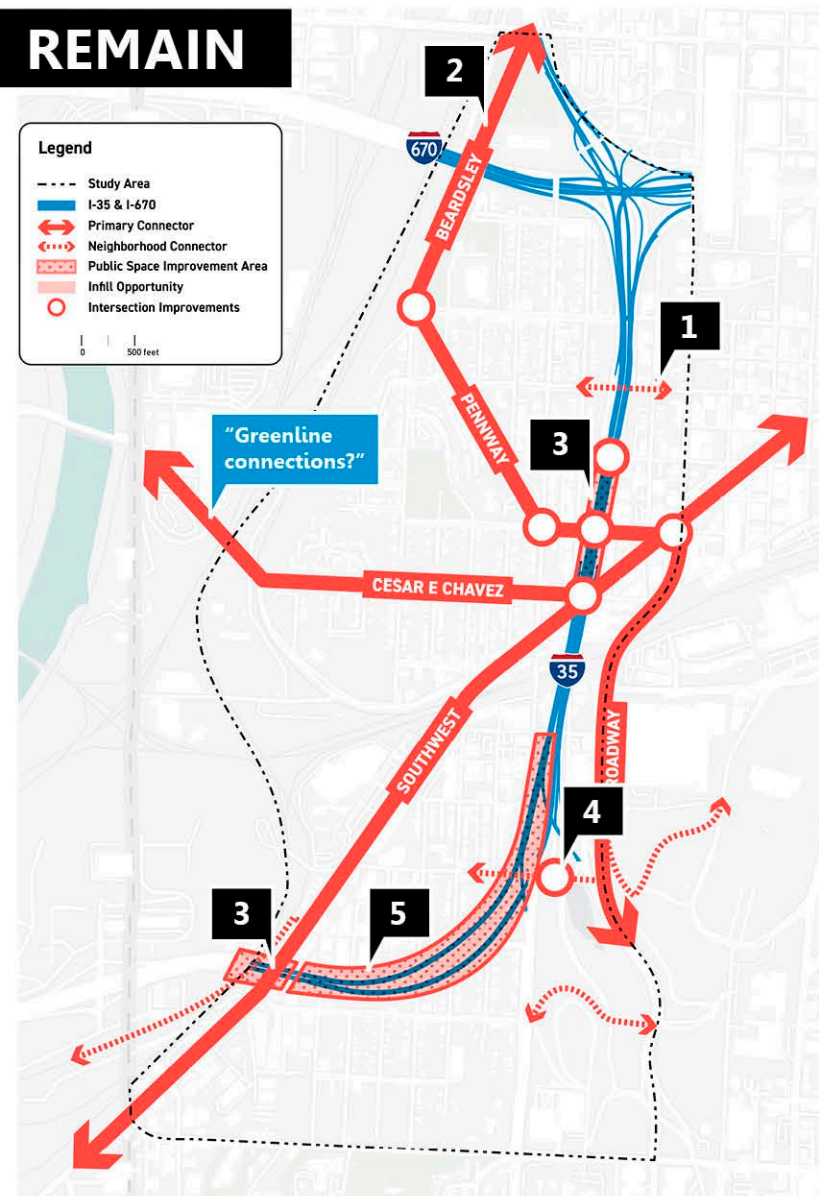




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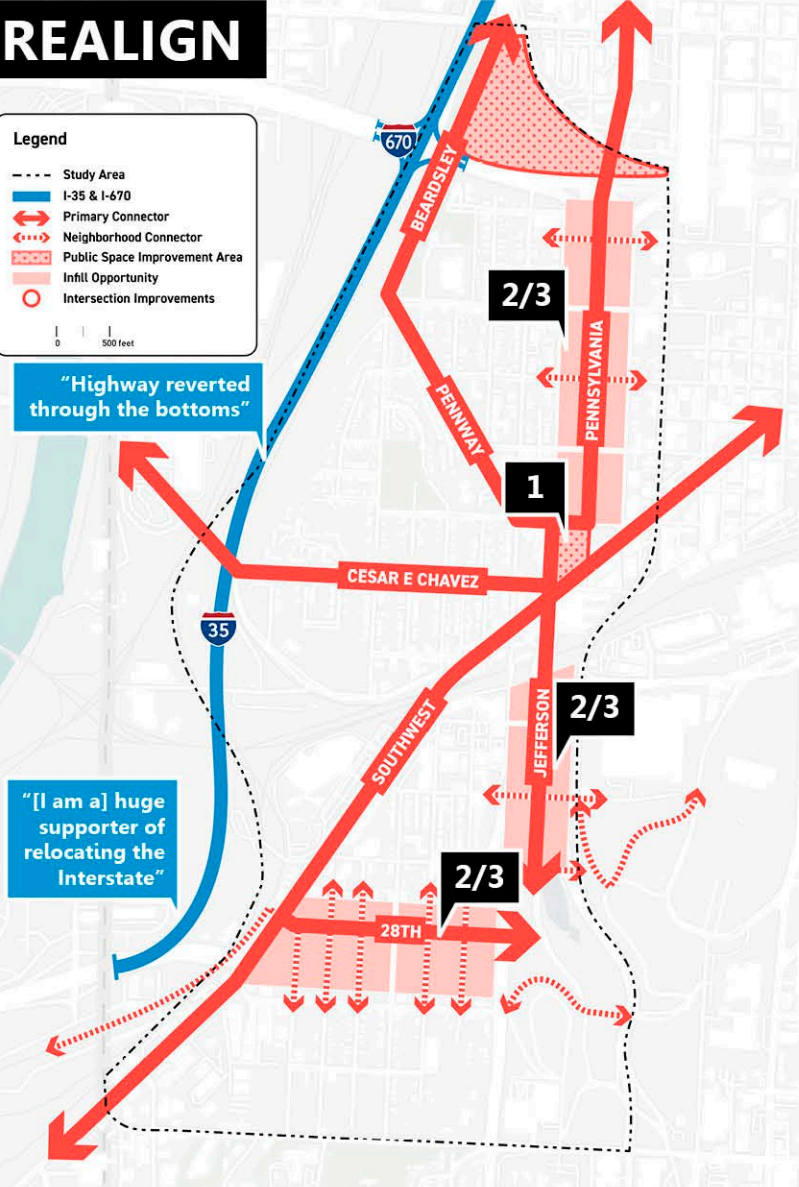
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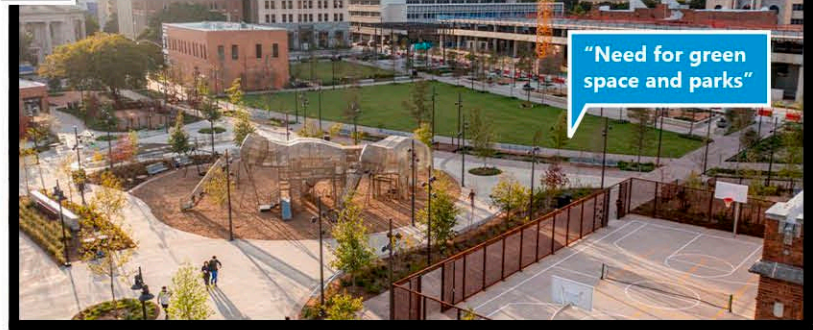
Legend

- Study Area
- I-35 & I-670
- Primary Connector
- Neighborhood Connector
- Public Space Improvement Area
- Infill Opportunity
- Intersection Improvements

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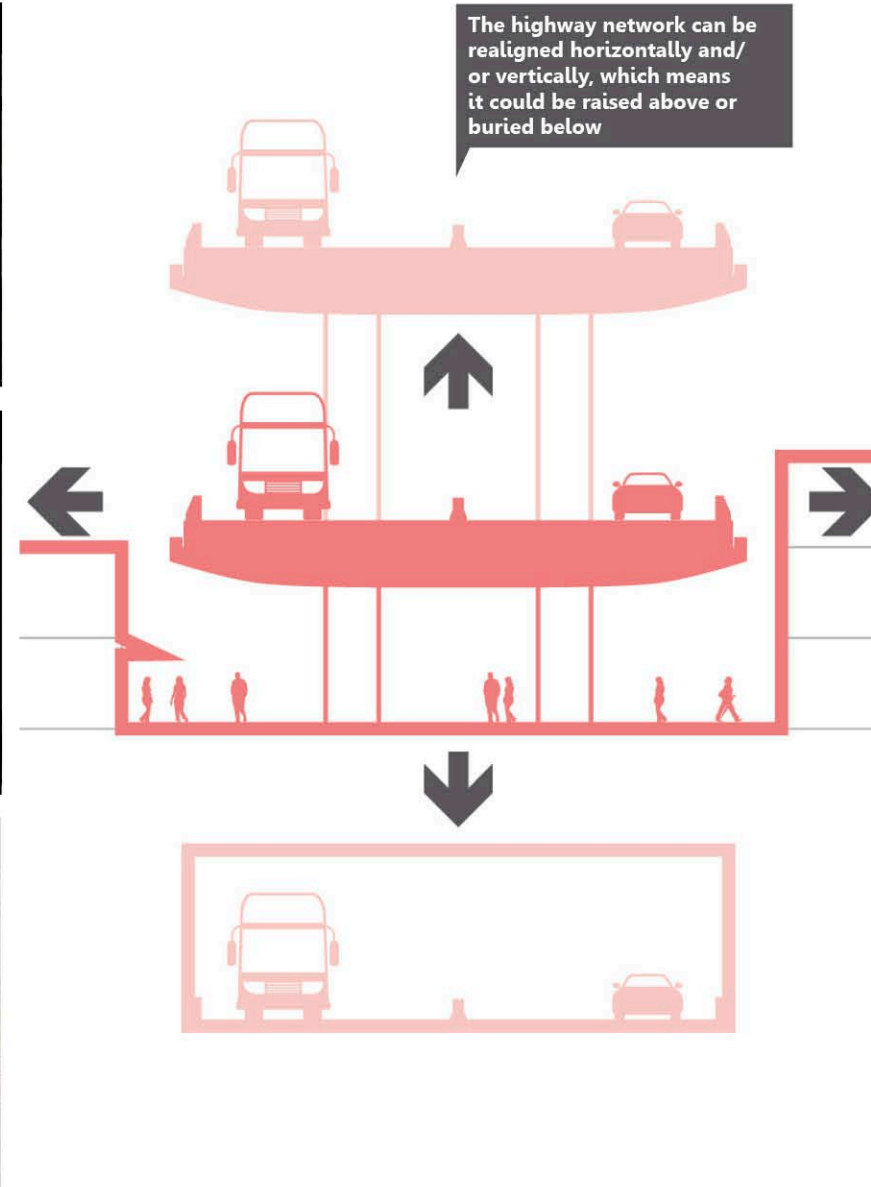
1 Westside Central Park



2 Underpass Greenway (Raised Viaduct)



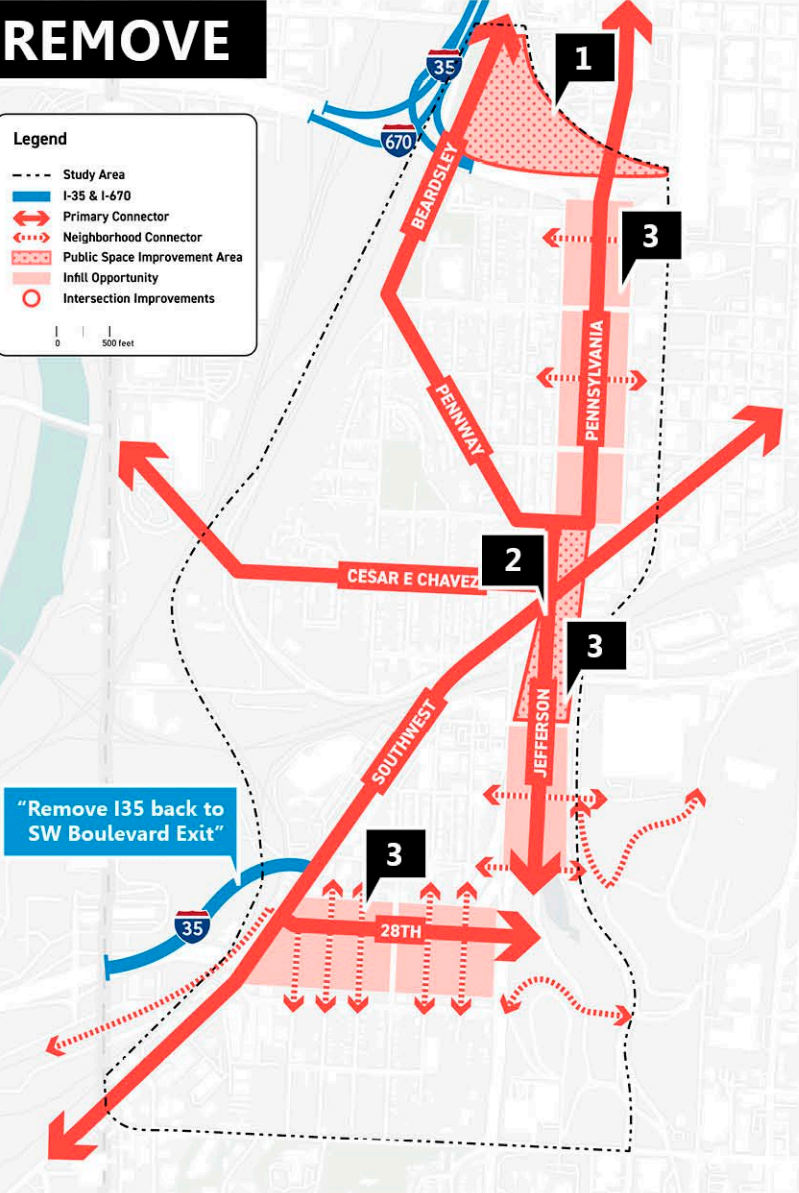
3 Greenway Deck Park (Tunnel)



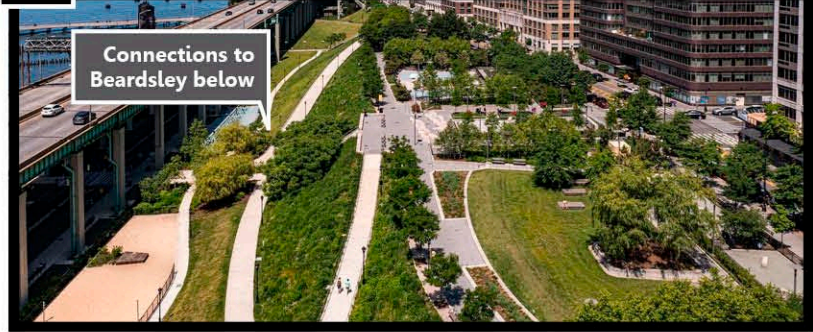
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Legend

- Study Area
- I-35 & I-670
- ↔ Primary Connector
- ↔ Neighborhood Connector
- Public Space Improvement Area
- Infill Opportunity
- Intersection Improvements



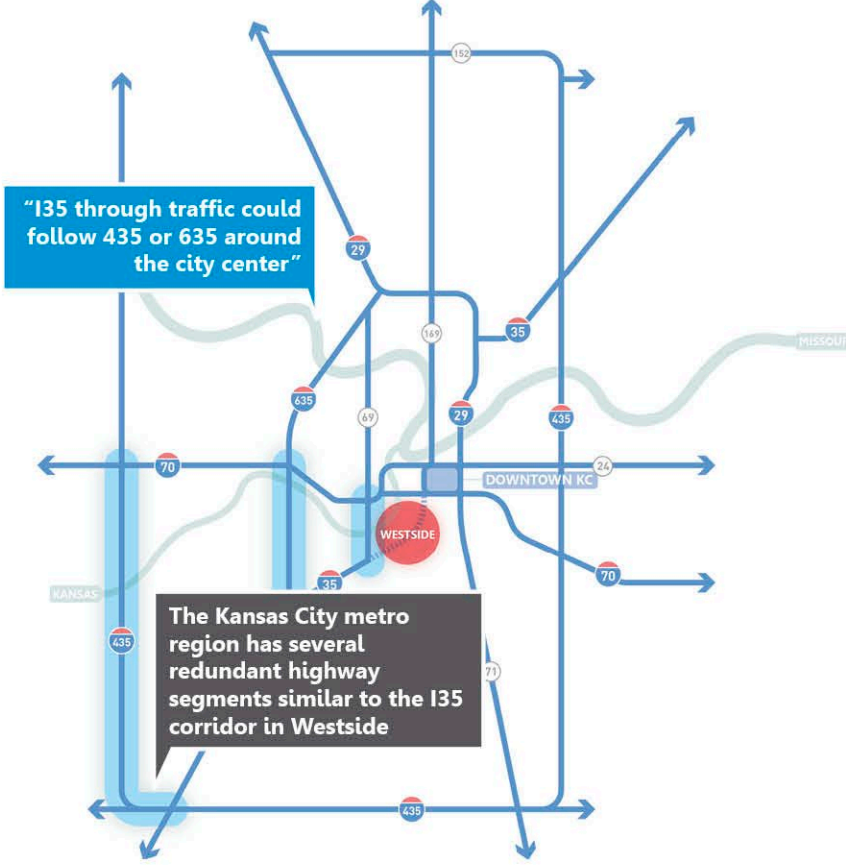
1 Mulkey Square Park Expansion



2 Repurposed Viaduct Park (Removal)



3 Neighborhood Infill Corridor





Neighborhood Visioning

James Rojas and John Kamp, Place It!



Build your mobility memory [15 minutes]

Build your favorite memory of a mobility experience. This could be a road trip, car show, bike ride, walking to school, taking the bus – anything you'd like!

Build time: 10 minutes

Westside Neighborhood Connections

[40 minutes]

Work together with your table to show how you would like to reconnect the Westside.

- Which barriers does your table want to address?
- Should the barrier to **Remain**, be **Removed**, be **Realigned**, or something **completely different**?

Build time: 15 minutes

Group Reflection

[10 minutes]

- **Mobility Models:** What patterns or systems of getting around did you notice?
- **Themes:** What key ideas or issues emerged around movement in your community?
- **Modes:** What transportation methods (walking, biking, bus, car, etc.) are most common or valued?
- **Values:** What principles seem to guide how people move—access, safety, speed, equity, freedom?
- **Feelings:** How does mobility make people feel—free, frustrated, connected, isolated?
- **People:** Who benefits most from current systems? Who is left out or faces barriers?



Wrap-up



Upcoming Community Meetings & Opportunities for Feedback

- Multiple neighborhood listening session and pop-up meetings
– contact us if you would like to host one of these meetings.
- West Fest on September 6th and Fiesta Hispana on September 13-14
- Neighborhood Association Meetings, local business and coalition meetings
- Community Summit #3 on November 15, location TBD
- Online mapping tool – **ReconnectWestside.com**
- Visit 311 – they are here and ready to help you!



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