

SOUTH MIAMI

PLACEMAKING, BRANDING & URBAN DESIGN

Sunset Dr. Concept Design Alternatives Open House & Presentation
January 28, 2025

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Project Team:

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THE GOAL FOR THIS AREA IS
**TO CREATE A DESTINATION
FOR LOCALS AND VISITORS**
THAT PROVIDES REAL
MOBILITY CHOICES AND HELPS
FOSTER PLACES WHERE
PEOPLE WANT TO INVEST
THEIR TIME AND MONEY.

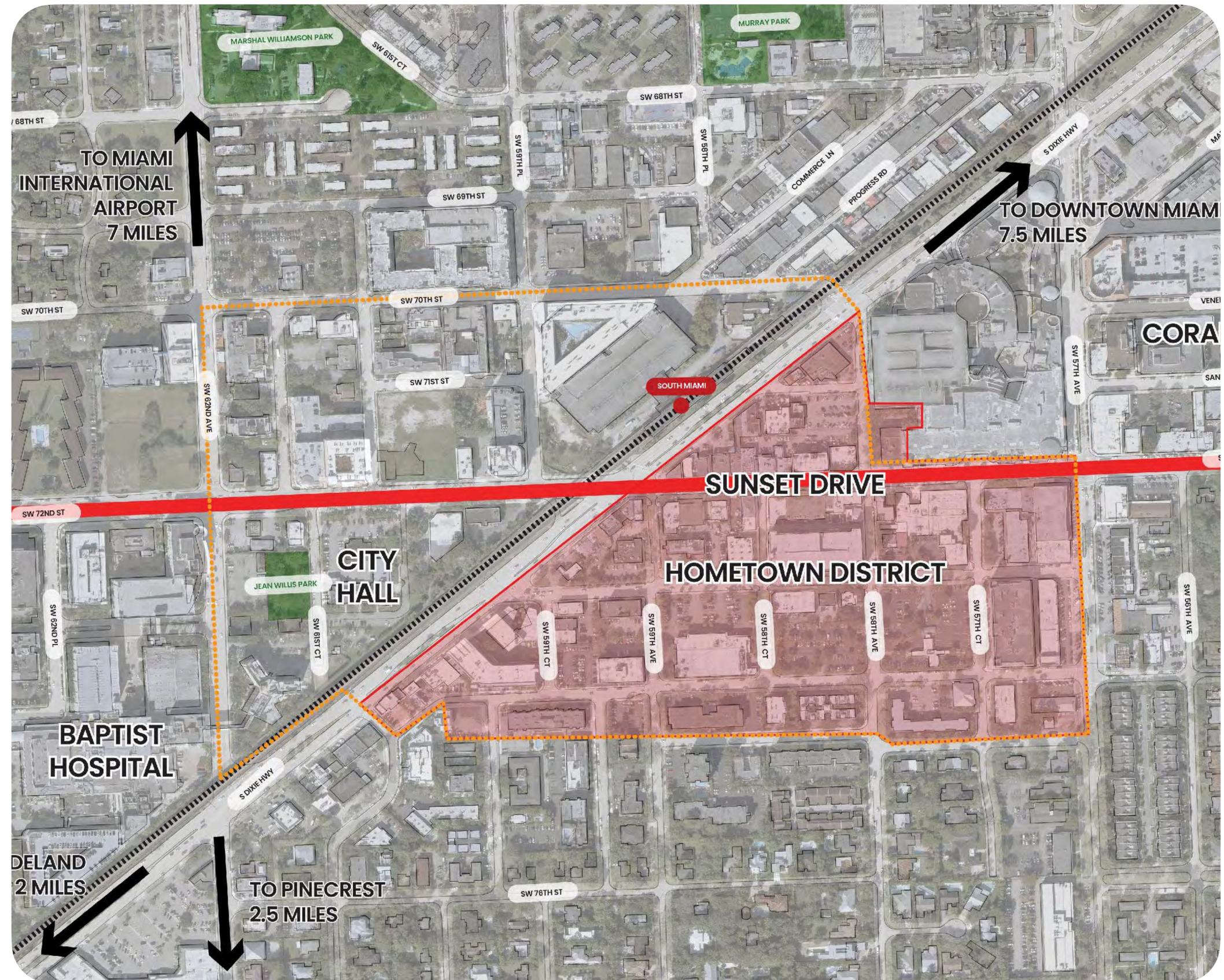
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

In late 2023 the City of South Miami Selected the Plusurbia Design team for placemaking, branding and community planning and urban design services for the Hometown District. In early 2024 the City authorized the consultant team to begin work with the **Discovery, Multimodal Planning, Placemaking & Streetscape and Public and Engagement** tasks of the scope of work.

The work advanced through this contract is focused on helping the Hometown District build upon its strengths to become a more livable and thriving place.



SCOPE OVERVIEW

Discovery & Evaluation

- **Task 1:** Existing Conditions Analysis



Design

- **Task 2:** Multimodal Recommendations
- **Task 3:** Placemaking & Streetscape
 - District Branding
 - Urban Design Vignettes
 - Sunset Dr Alternatives Development



Dialogue

- **Task 4:** Public & Stakeholder Engagement



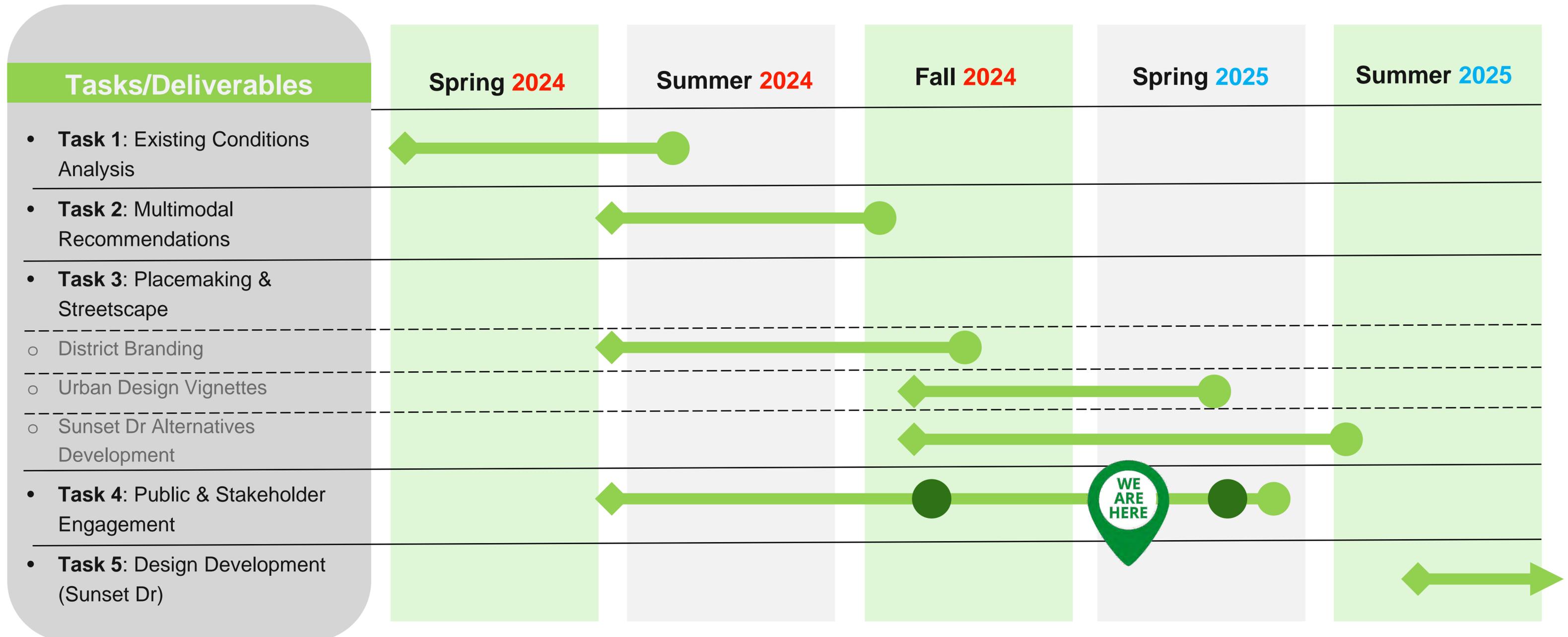
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- **Task 5:** Design Development (Sunset Dr)



PROJECT TIMELINE

● Engagement Milestone – Community Workshop





PROJECT UPDATE

SUNSET DR ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

- In September 2024, the team hosted a Needs & Opportunities Workshop to gather public input to inform next steps. The team facilitated table exercises to brainstorm ideas and discuss opportunities and vision for Sunset Dr as well as for key redevelopment opportunity sites within the District.



SUNSET DR ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

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Project Goals



**Improve Pedestrian
Safety & Comfort**



**Improve Bicycle
Safety & Comfort**



**Improve Multimodal
Connectivity**



**Enhance Beautification
& Placemaking**



**Enhance Tree
Canopy/Shade**



**Support Business
Activity**

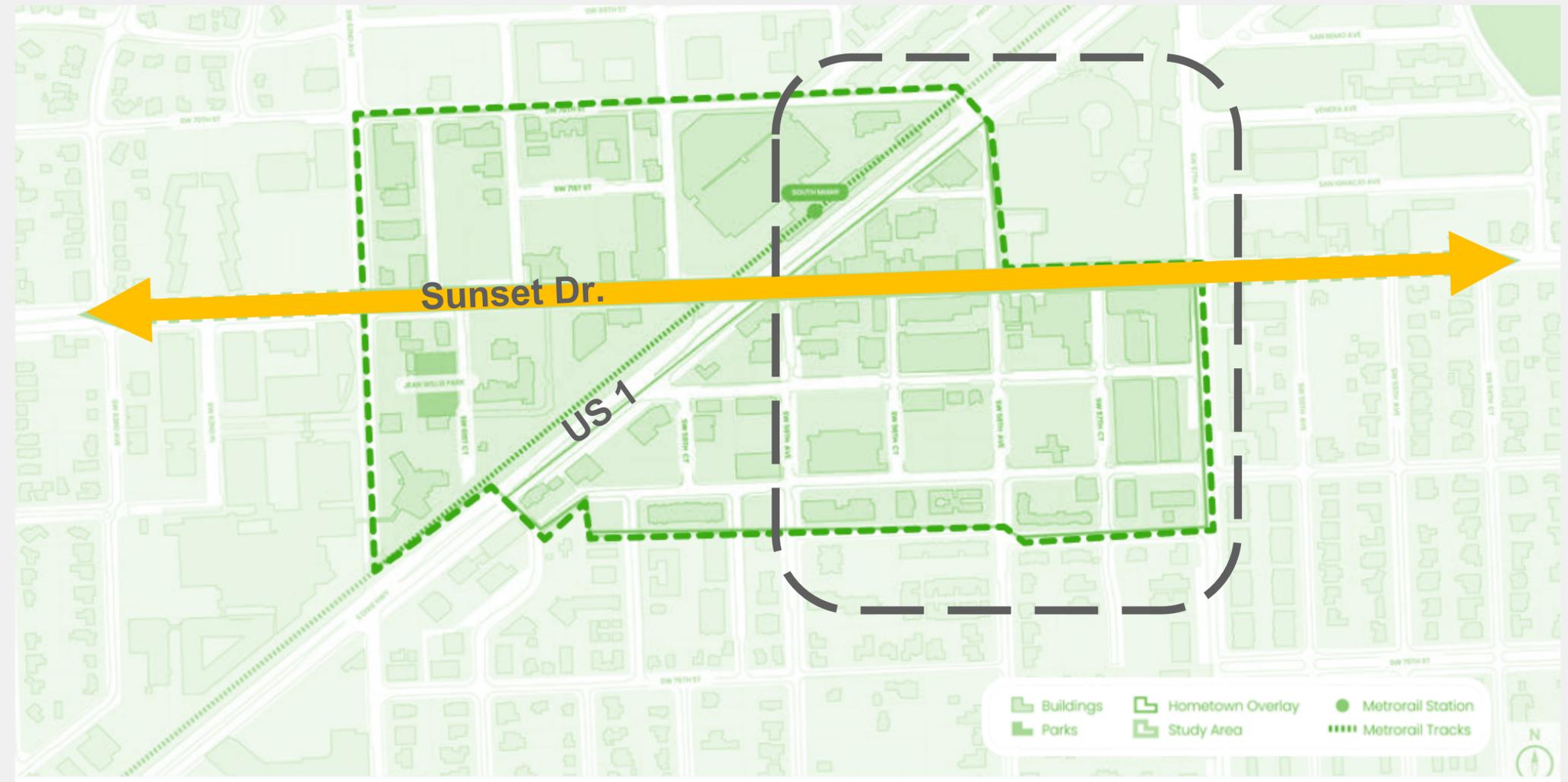


**Advance Feasible
Solutions**

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Sunset Dr. Alternative Concepts



Parking Priority Alternative (1)

➤ Minimal changes to the current Right of Way layout. Changing palms and trees in poor condition to healthy shade trees.

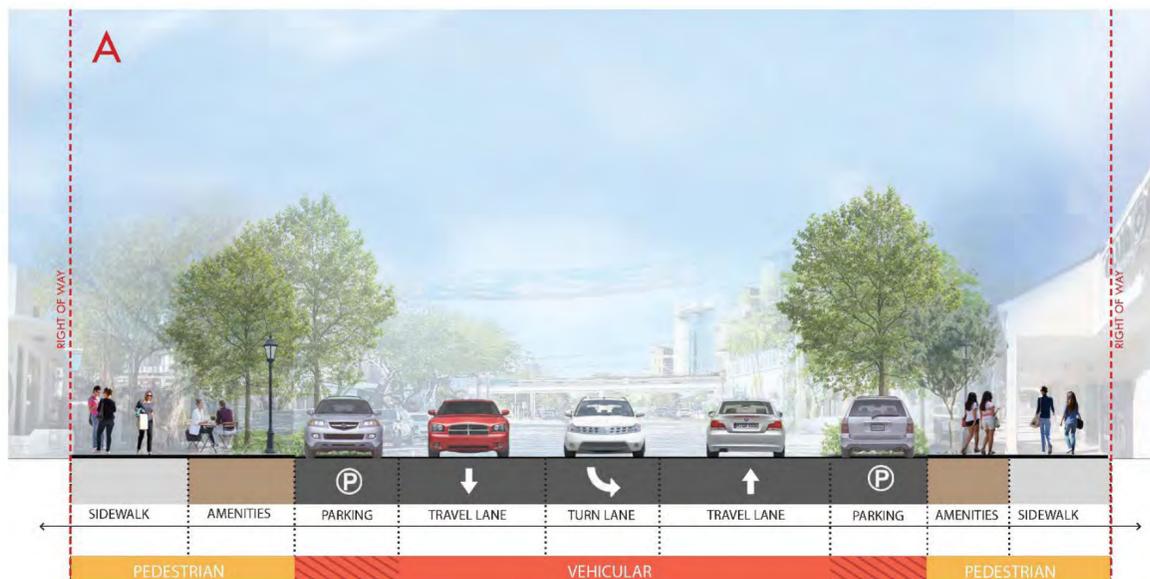
East



- No changes to sidewalk widths or parking spaces
- Change palms to shade trees

LEGEND

- Existing Tree
- Small Species Shade Tree
- Large Species Shade Tree
- Flowering Tree



PROS

- No parking reduction.
- More shade trees.

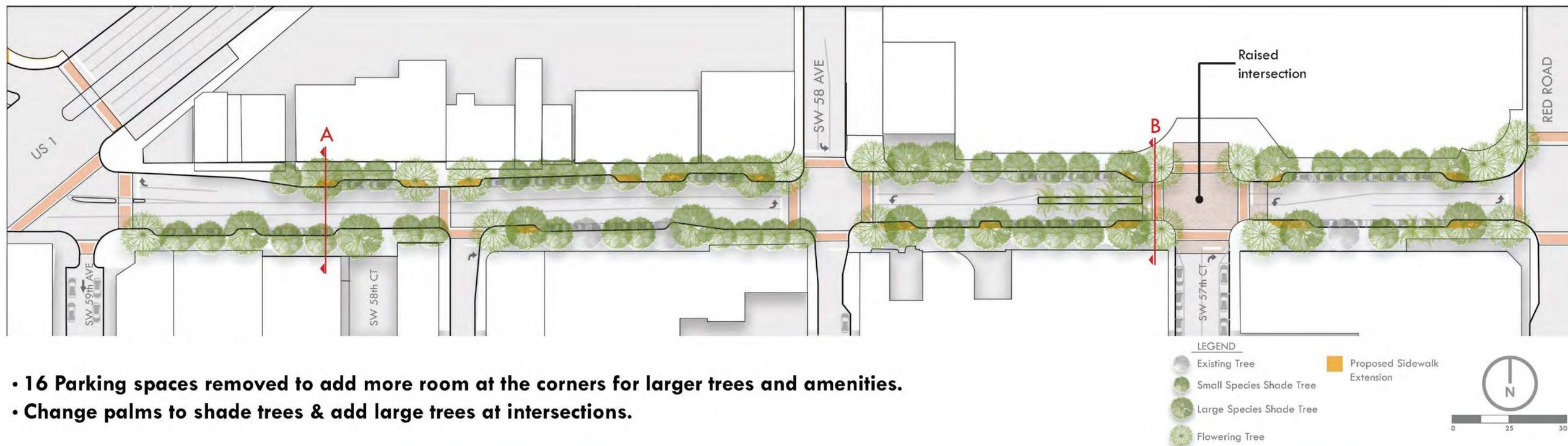
CONS

- No additional pedestrian space.
- Not as much shade, as we can only accommodate small trees.

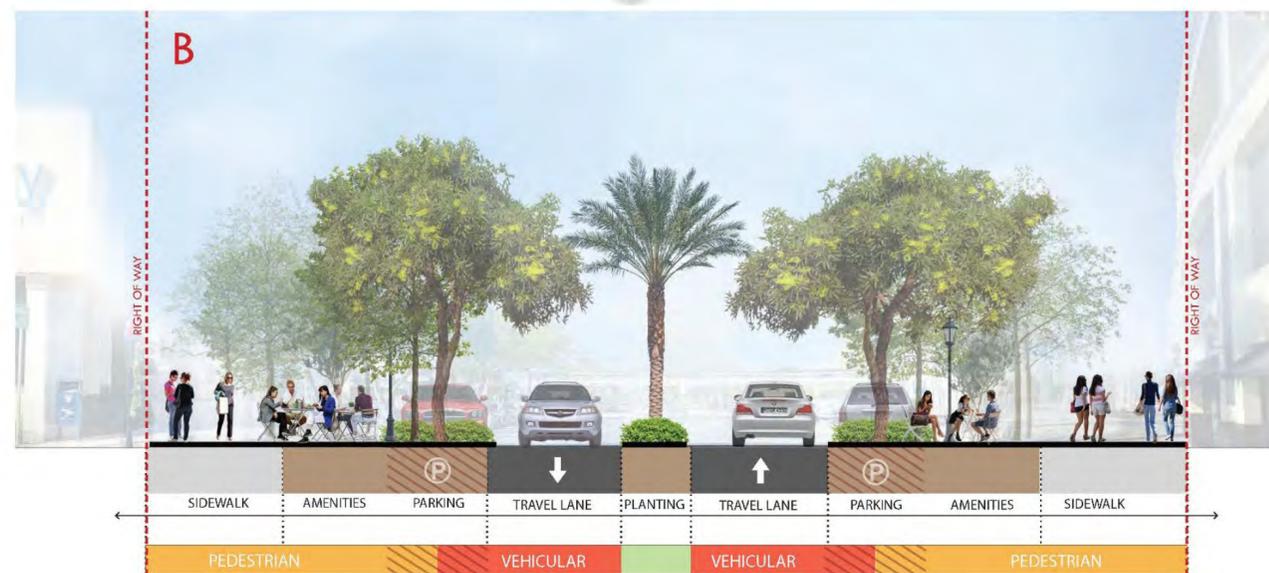
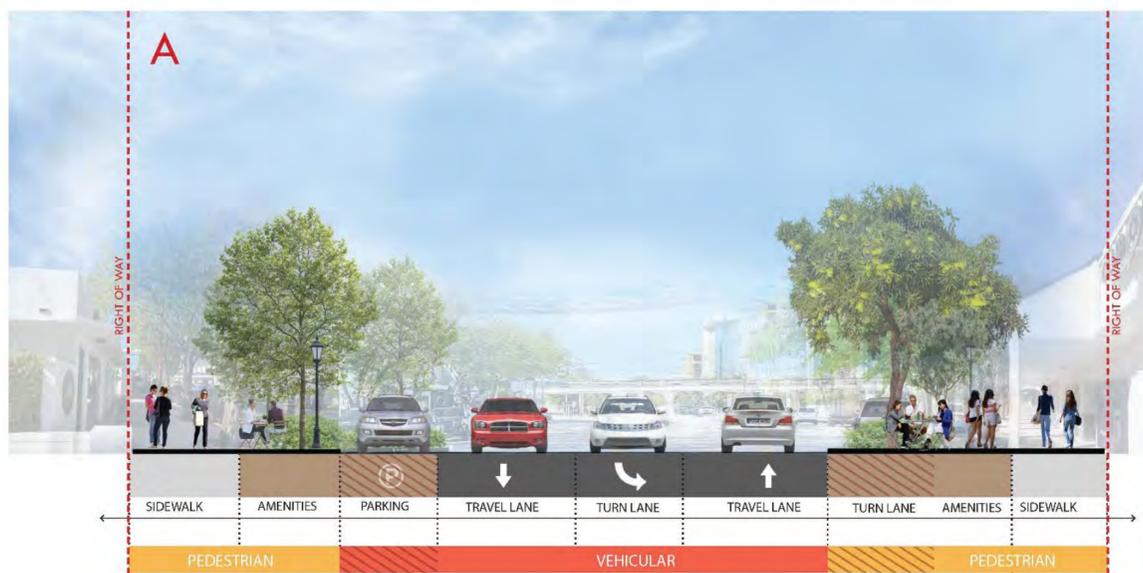
Shared Space Alternative (2)

➤ Expand sidewalks by reducing some on-street parking. This allows the planting of larger shade trees and other amenities.

East



- 16 Parking spaces removed to add more room at the corners for larger trees and amenities.
- Change palms to shade trees & add large trees at intersections.



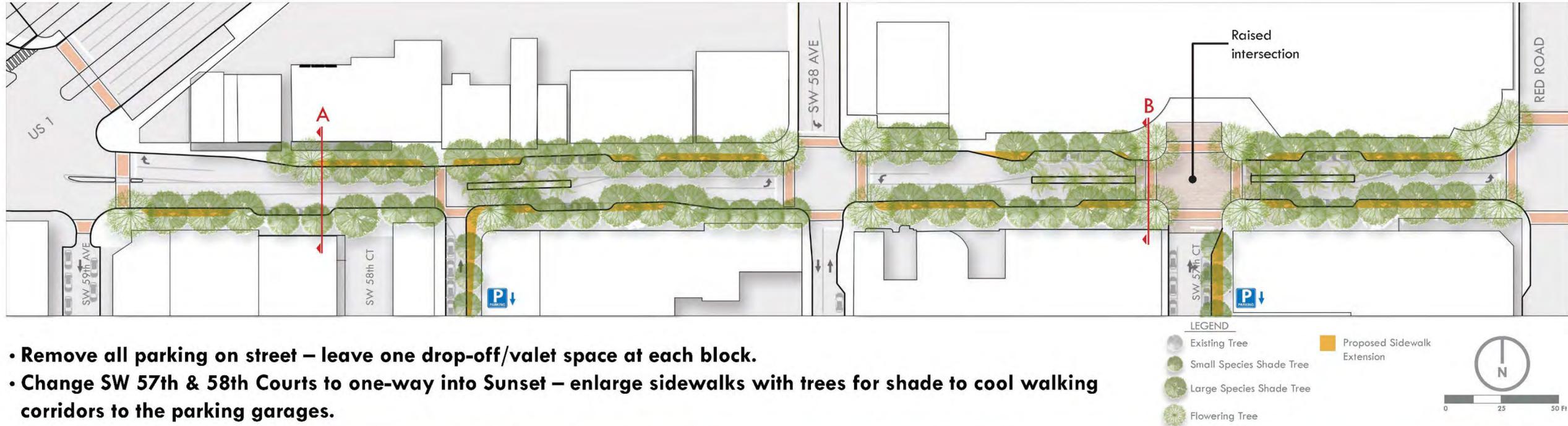
- PROS**
- More large shade trees
 - Specialty planting at intersections

- CONS**
- Less on-street parking

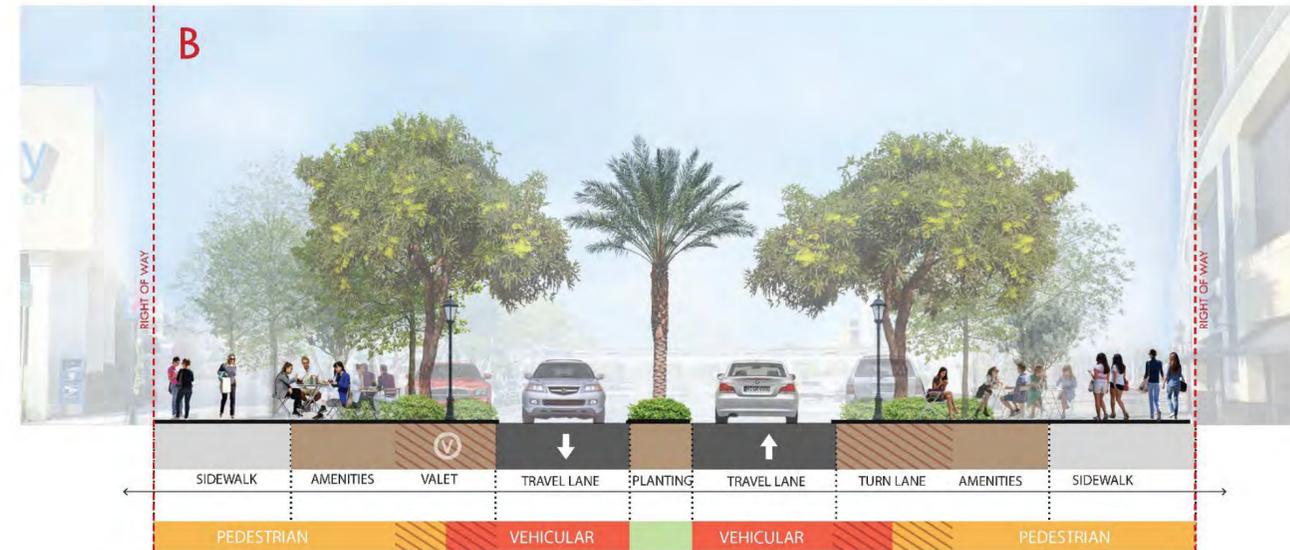
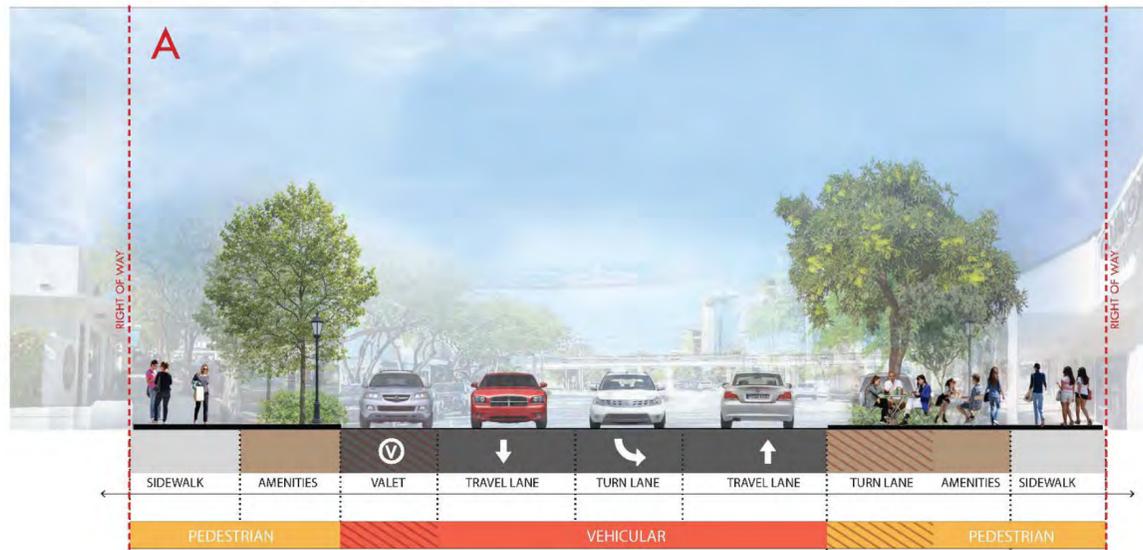
Walk in the Shade Alternative (3)

- Limited valet and drop off zones. Expand sidewalks width to accommodate larger shade trees and other amenities for pedestrians and local businesses.

East



- Remove all parking on street – leave one drop-off/valet space at each block.
- Change SW 57th & 58th Courts to one-way into Sunset – enlarge sidewalks with trees for shade to cool walking corridors to the parking garages.



PROS

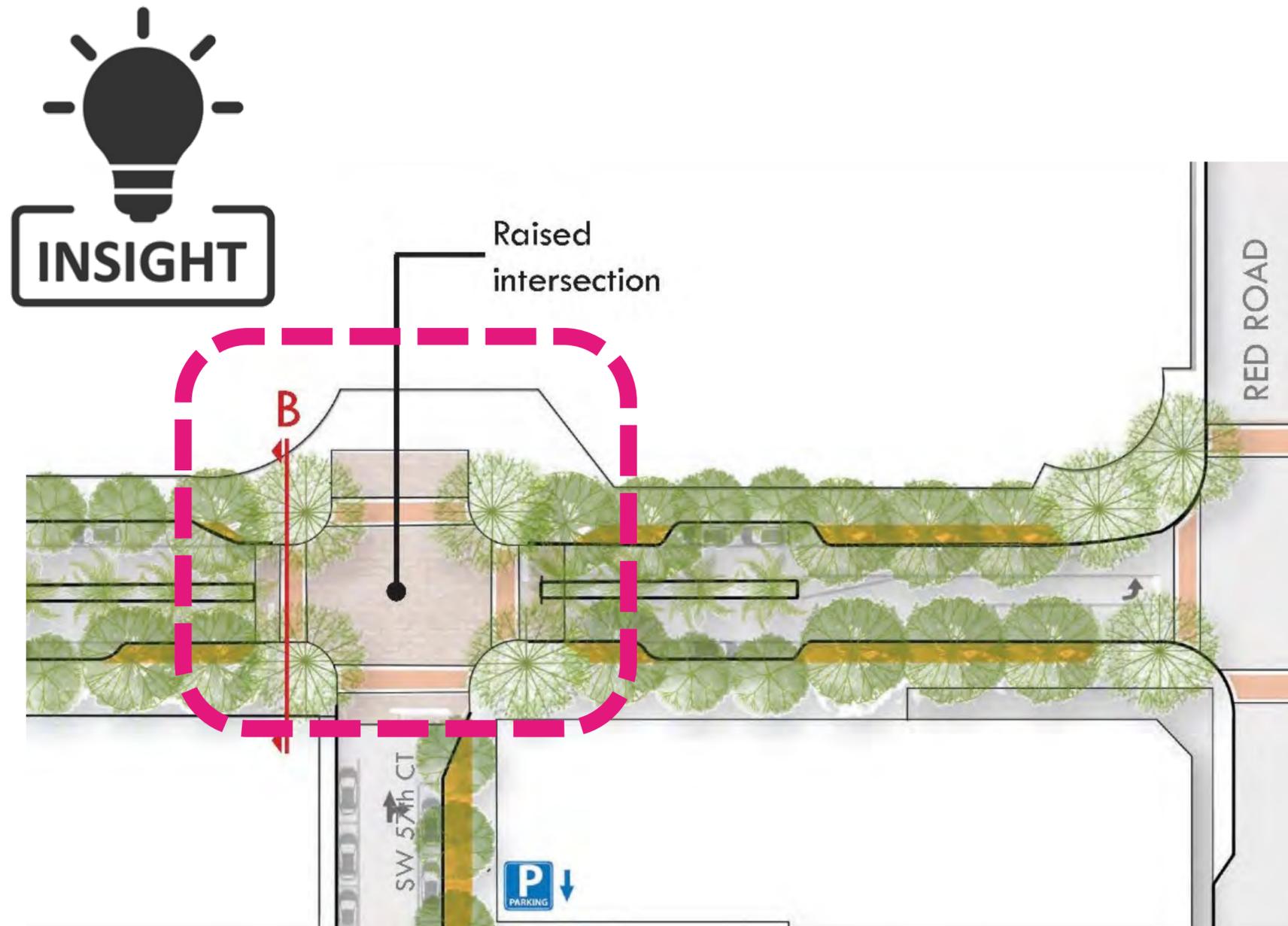
- More pedestrian/restaurant space
- Traffic flow improves with no parking
- Denotes a special district by large sidewalks and planting
- More shade – will allow for more large shade trees.

- Eliminates left turns onto Courts – can add another median and improves traffic flow.
- Improves pedestrian connections to parking garages.
- Reduce stormwater runoff by allowing bioswales within the street.

CONS

- No on-street parking: valet and drop-off only.

Raised Intersections



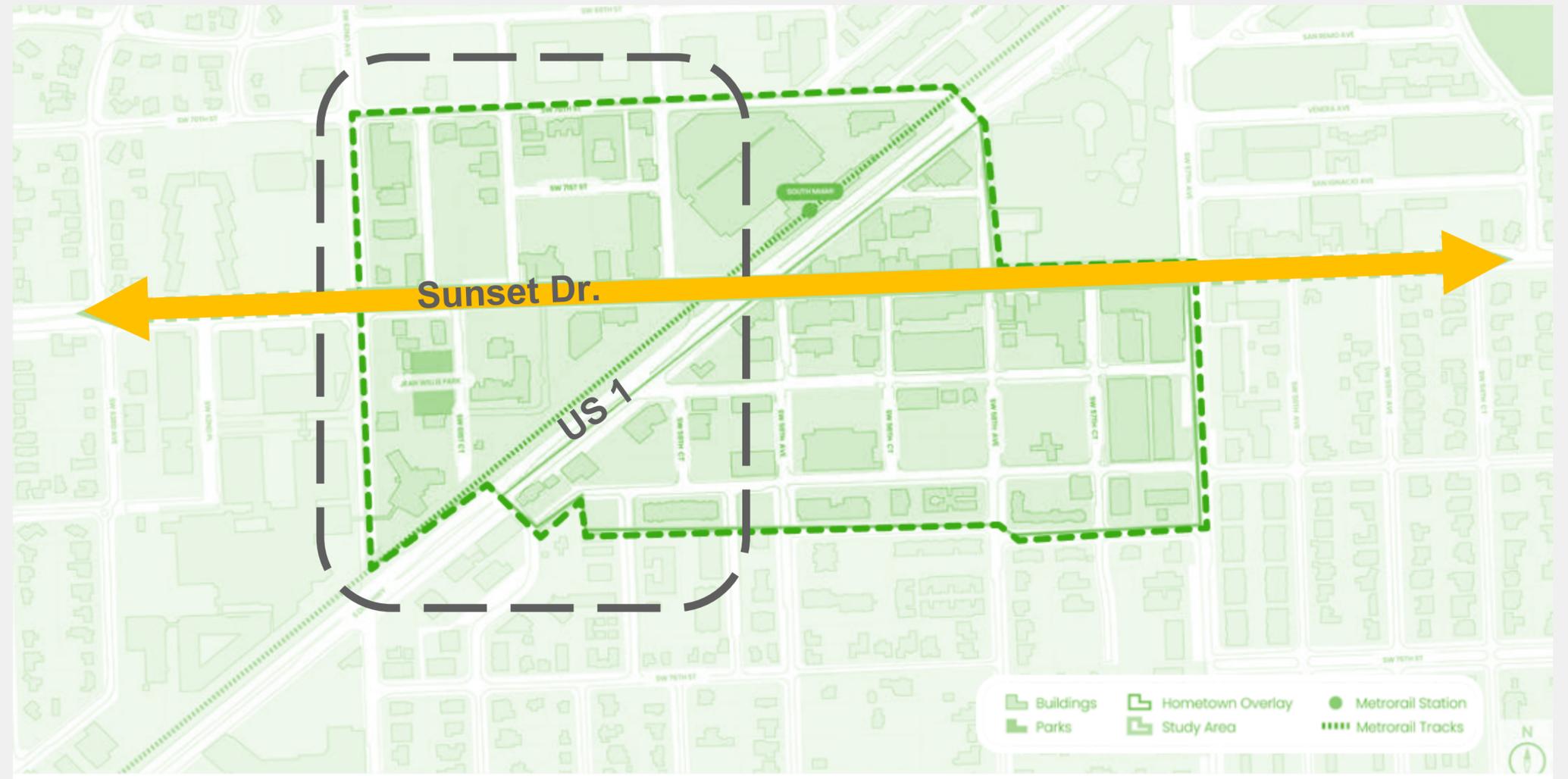
- Raised intersections are flush with the sidewalk and ensure that drivers approach the crossing slowly.
- Raised intersections help reduce vehicle speeds by creating a vertical deflection.
- Bollards along corners define the street edge and keep motorists from getting into the pedestrian space.

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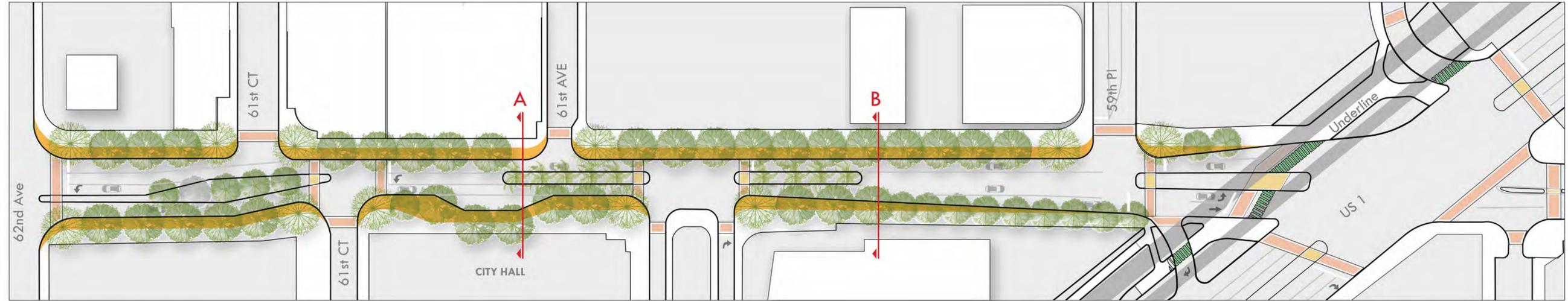
Sunset Dr. Alternative Concepts



People Places Alternative (1)

➤ Give more space to sidewalks and shade trees by removing one travel lane on each side of the street.

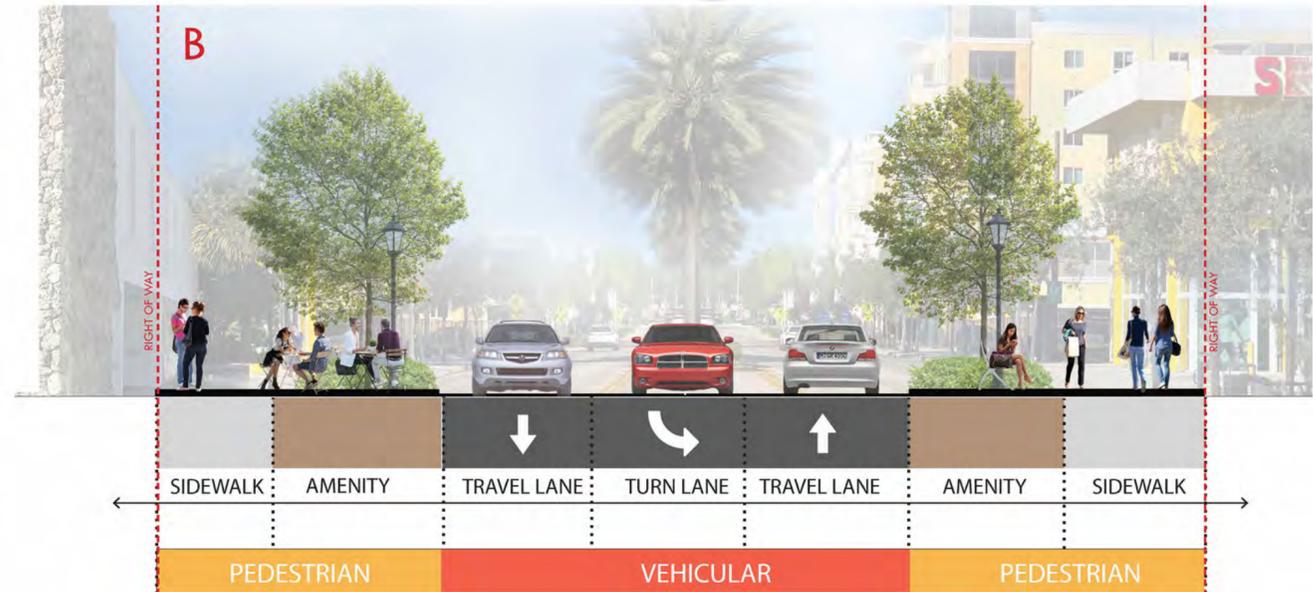
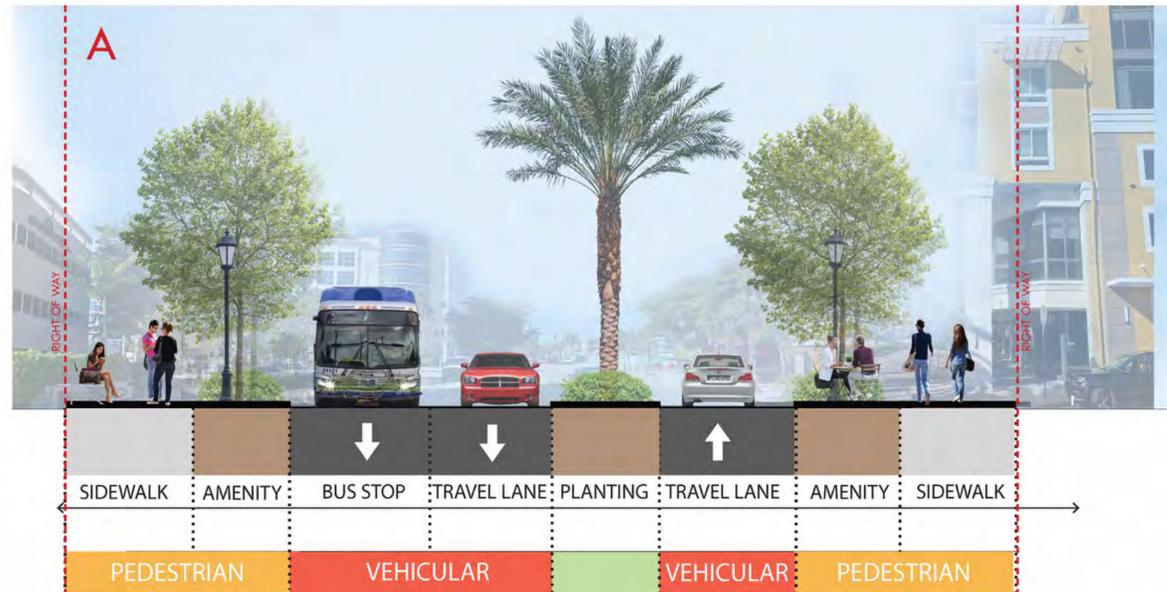
West



• Remove one travel lane both eastbound and westbound and add additional space to both north and south sidewalks.

LEGEND

- Existing Tree
- Small Species Shade Tree
- Large Species Shade Tree
- Flowering Tree
- Proposed Sidewalk Extension



PROS

- More sidewalk space for pedestrians.
- More space for larger shade trees.

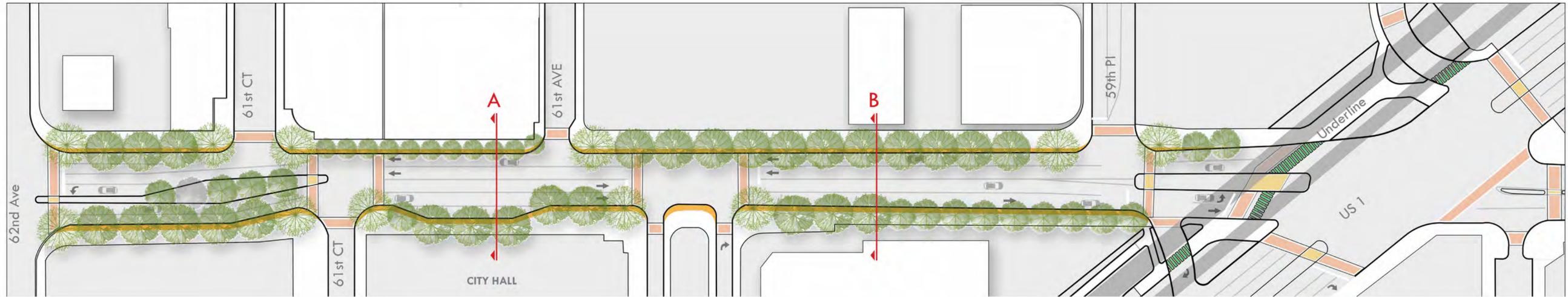
CONS

- Less lanes will slow traffic down.
- Keeps dedicated turn lanes.
- Less volume of traffic handled

Slow Down & Walk Alternative (2)

➤ Give more space to sidewalks and shade trees by removing the center turn lane and medians.

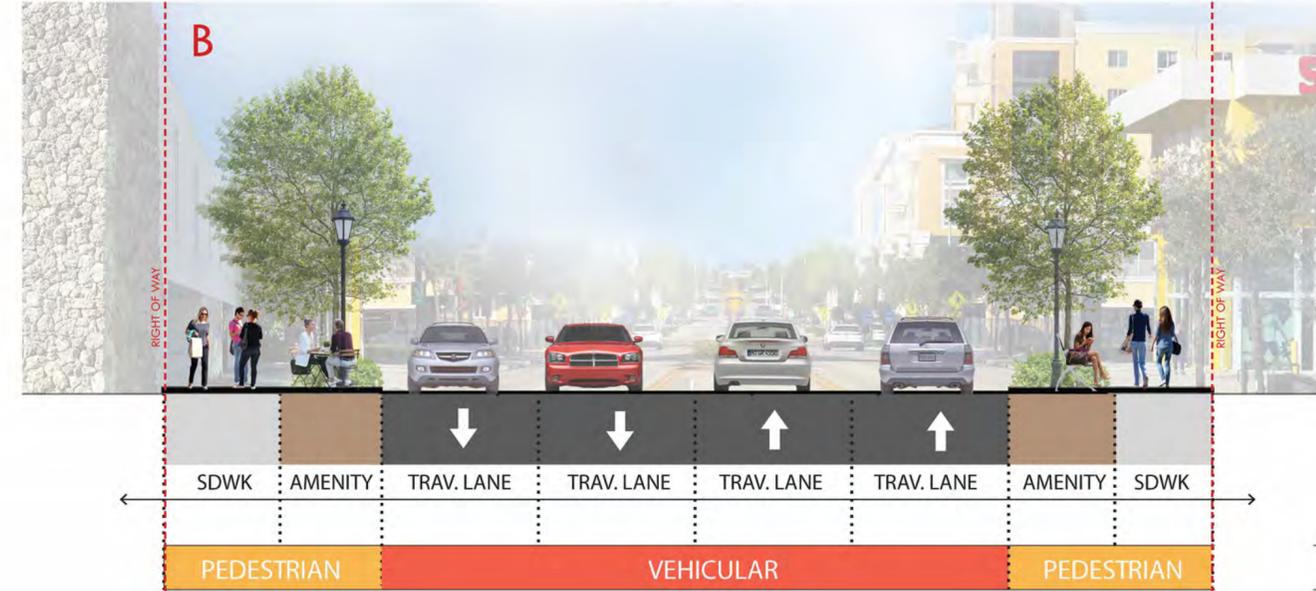
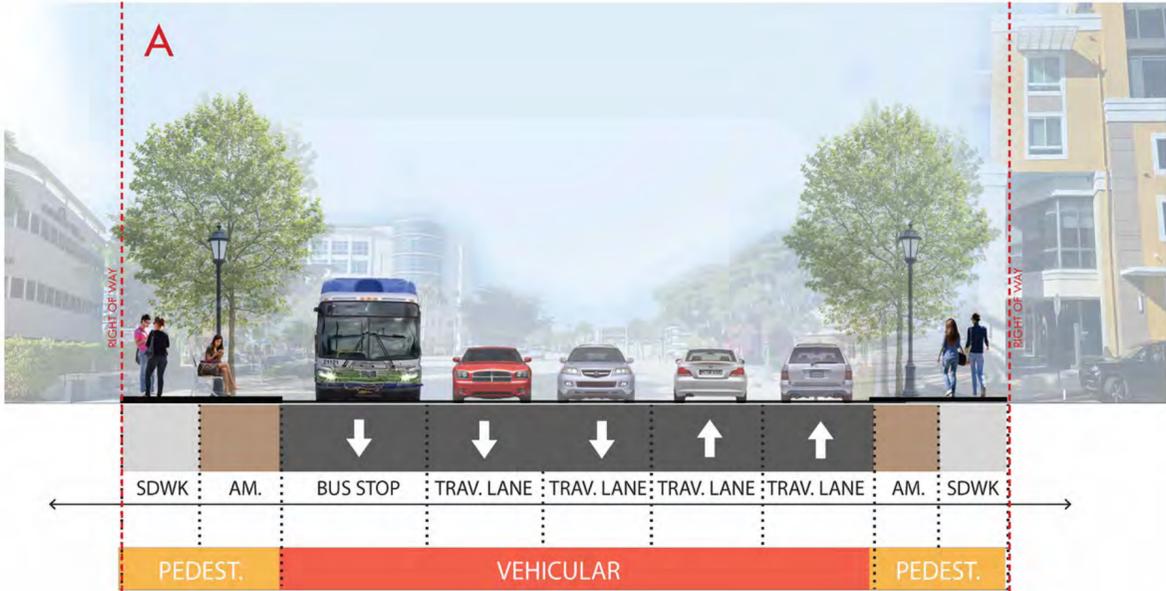
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• Remove median and add additional space to both north and south sidewalks.

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- Flowering Tree
- Proposed Sidewalk Extension



PROS

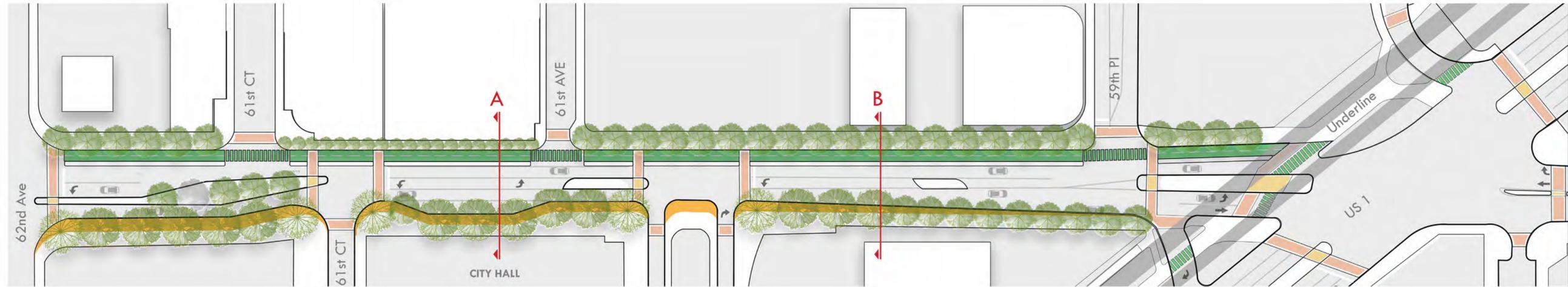
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CONS

- No medians
- No turn lanes.

Bike & Walk Alternative (3)

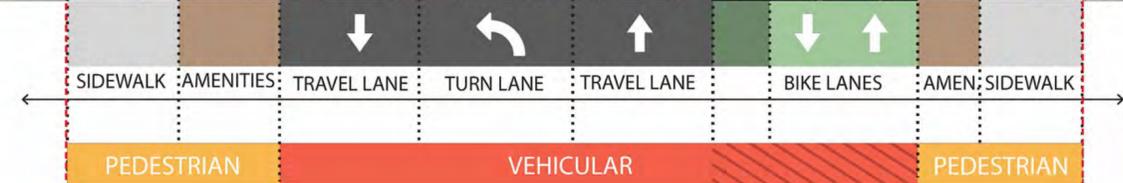
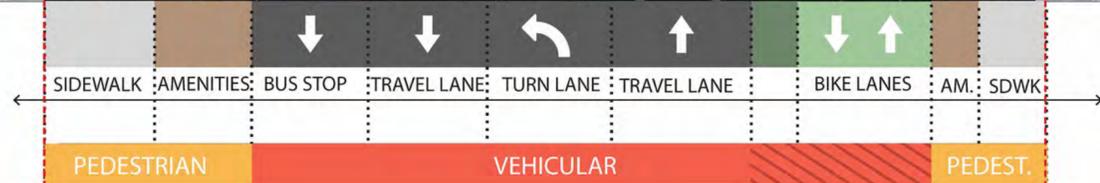
➤ Provide a bike facility that connects to The Underline and add more space to sidewalk by removing one travel lane on each side of the street.



- Add a dedicated two-way bike lane on the north side and remove one travel lane east & west bound.
- Increase sidewalk width on the south side.

LEGEND

- Existing Tree
- Small Species Shade Tree
- Large Species Shade Tree
- Flowering Tree
- Proposed Sidewalk Extension



PROS

- Bike connection to the Underline.
- Traffic calming.
- wider sidewalks in southbound.
- More space for shade trees.

CONS

- Less volume of traffic handled.

West

Bike & Walk Alternative (3)

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West





is Lane Repurposing

What Are ~~Road Diets~~?

This technique in traffic planning reduces the number of lanes in a road to allocate the space for other uses or traveling modes, such as parking, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, transit use, turn lanes, curb extensions, parklets, or pedestrian refuge islands. These interventions are employed to reduce congestion and crash incidents.



Benefits of Road Diets

With safety being the primary driver of road diet implementation, these changes can have broader community benefits. With reduced congestion and speeds, the number of crash incidents is lowered. While additional parking and pedestrian and biking facilities can draw more traffic to area businesses.



REDUCED VEHICULAR SPEEDS



ECONOMIC GROWTH



IMPROVED ROADWAY SAFETY

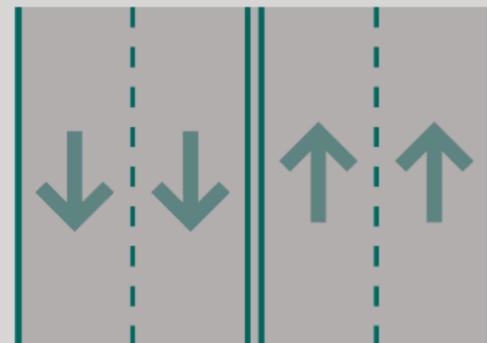


SPACE FOR BIKERS AND WALKERS

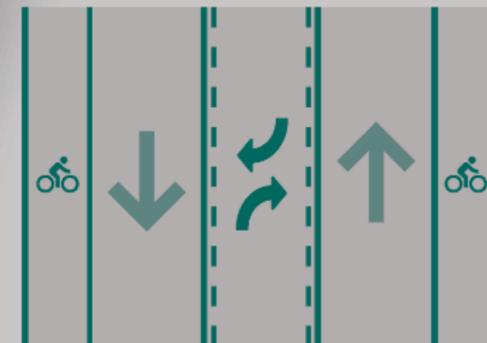
The Traditional Road Diet

The most common lane reduction intervention converts a four-lane undivided roadway to a three-lane roadway with a center two-way turn lane. However, many variations do exist that include transit use and additional styles of parking.

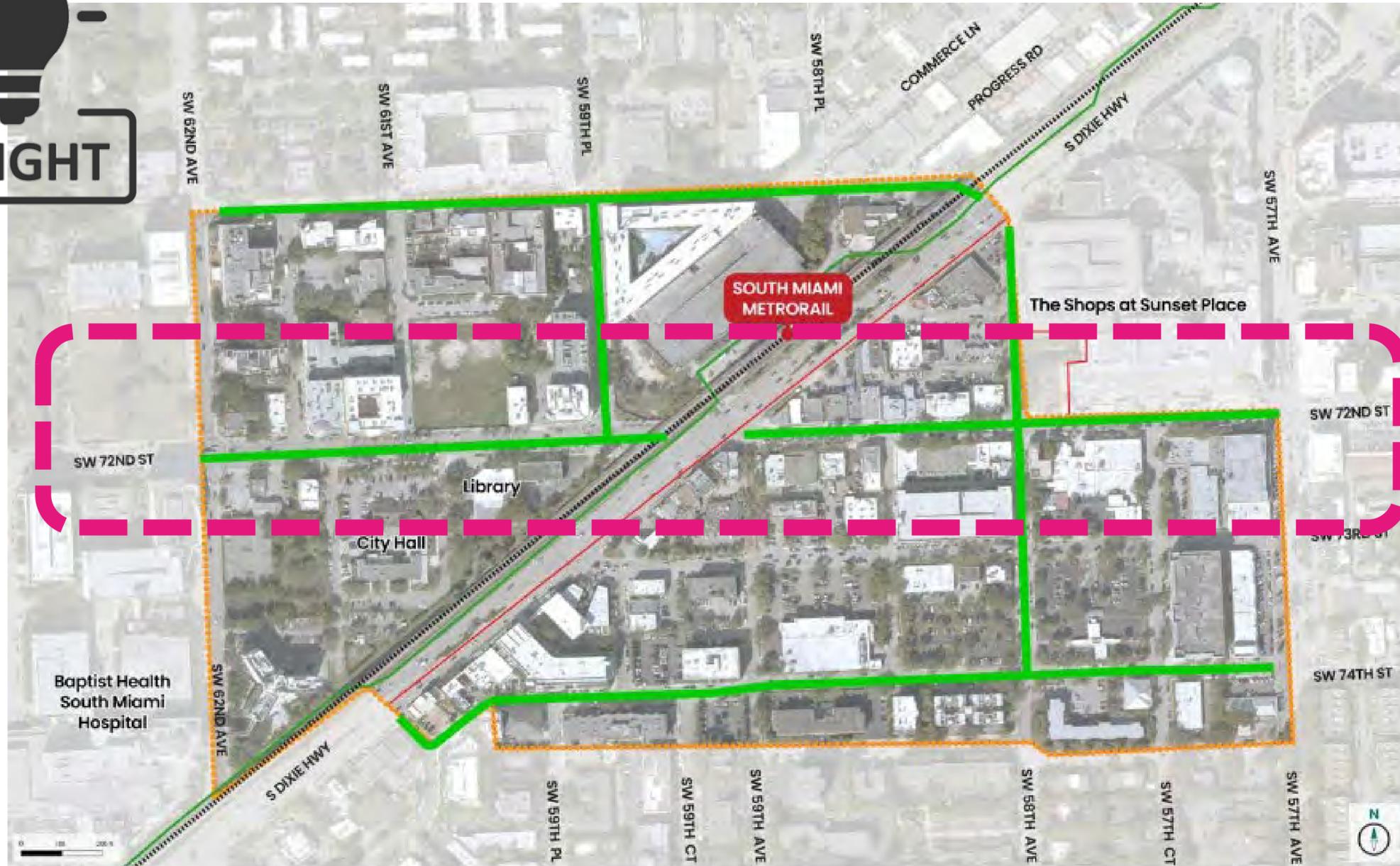
BEFORE



AFTER



Designated Bike Routes

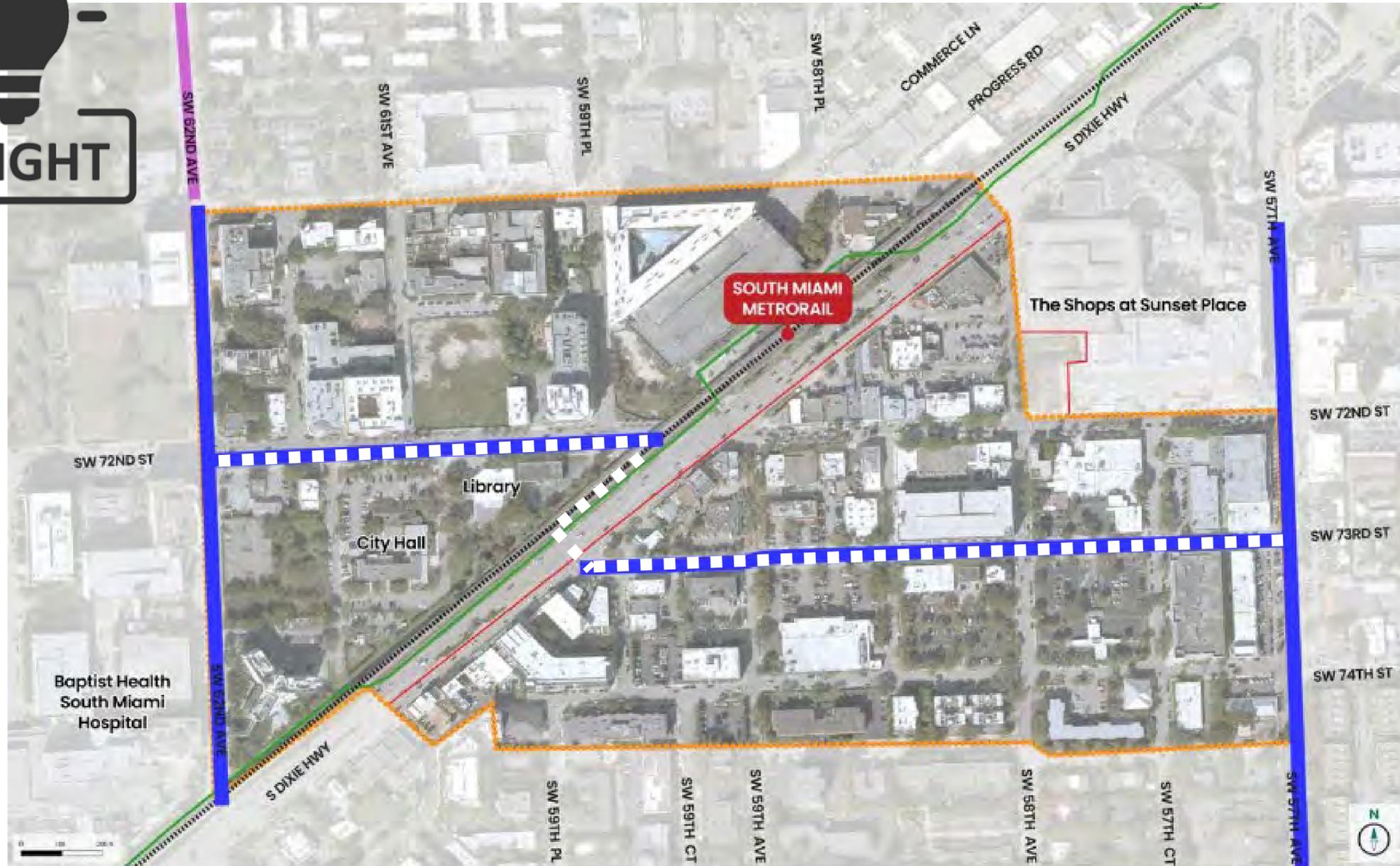


MAP LEGEND

-  STUDY AREA
-  HOMETOWN DISTRICT
-  METRORAIL TRACKS
-  UNDERLINE
-  NEIGHBORHOOD BIKEWAY / DESIGNATED BIKE ROUTE



Potential Bike Routes



MAP LEGEND

- STUDY AREA
- HOMETOWN DISTRICT
- METRORAIL TRACKS
- UNDERLINE
- EXISTING BIKE LANE
- PROPOSED BIKE LANE

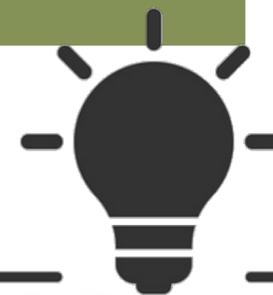


US 1 Intersection



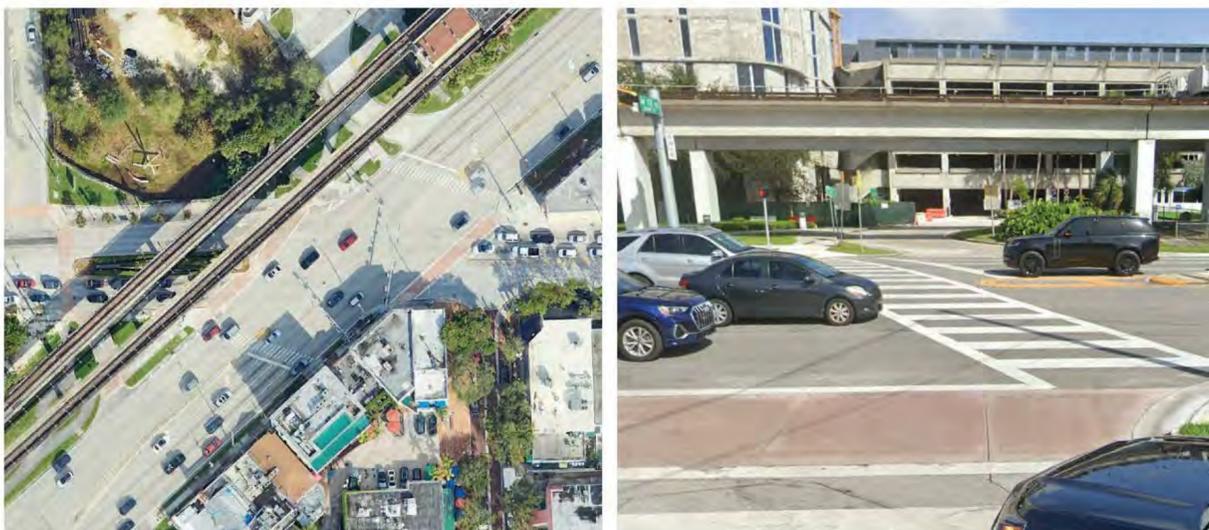
US 1 Intersection

- We heard there is an overall desire to improve pedestrian crossing experience on US1 – make it safer!



INSIGHT

Existing Condition



The current diagonal crosswalks at Sunset Drive and US-1 can be more dangerous than traditional perpendicular crossings.

Diagonal crosswalks require pedestrians to cross an angle not aligned with ongoing traffic creating complex interactions with drivers which may lead to accidents and collisions.

Miscommunication or impatience during long waiting times can increase this risk. Additionally, longer diagonal paths force pedestrians to stay in the intersection longer, exposing them to more vehicles and potential danger.

In contrast, perpendicular crossings are simpler and more predictable, with pedestrians crossing directly from corner to the other. They often are more familiar to people and align with traffic making them easier to follow and safer.

THREATS

- Pedestrian proximity to vehicles
- Dangerous visibility at turn lanes

OPPORTUNITIES

- Integrate the Underline project with Sunset Dr.
- Connect East to West
- Prioritize Pedestrians over vehicular turns
- Provide better and safer pedestrian crosswalks

Proposal



LEGEND

- Restrict dangerous vehicular turns at US-1/Sunset Dr intersection
- 1** Shift crosswalks away from US-1, and make perpendicular
- 2** Enable resting points in the medians

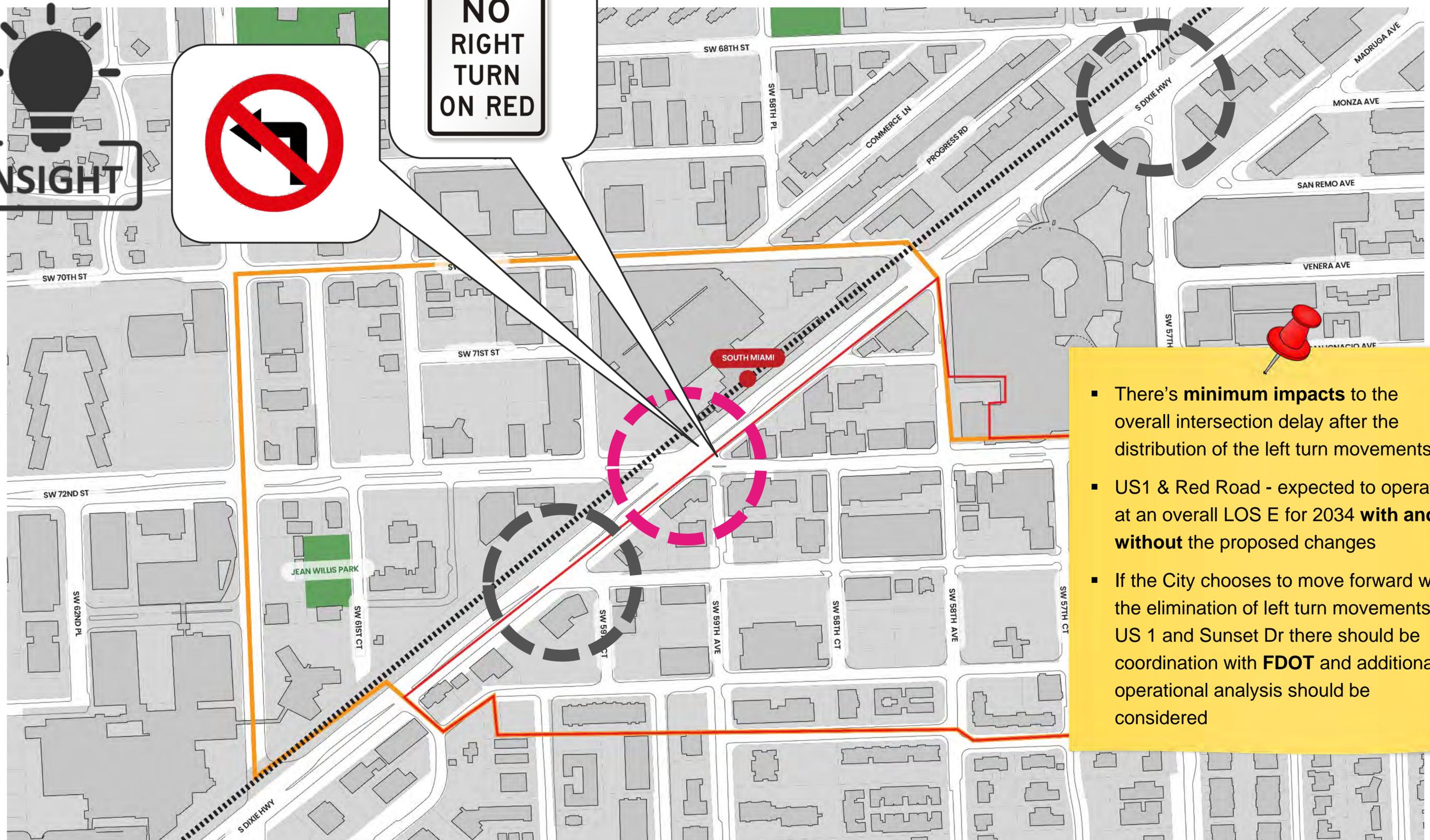
PROPOSED CHANGES

- REALIGN CROSSWALKS TO BE PERPENDICULAR
- REMOVE LEFT TURNS FROM US 1
- RESTRICT RIGHT TURN ON RED FROM US 1 AND SUNSET
- ADD RESTING PLACE IN MEDIANS

US 1 Intersection



NO
RIGHT
TURN
ON RED



- There's **minimum impacts** to the overall intersection delay after the distribution of the left turn movements
- US1 & Red Road - expected to operate at an overall LOS E for 2034 **with and without** the proposed changes
- If the City chooses to move forward with the elimination of left turn movements at US 1 and Sunset Dr there should be coordination with **FDOT** and additional operational analysis should be considered

ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION



SUNSET DR ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

- The three alternative concepts were evaluated against the goals and measures tied to each goal. Alternative 3 for both, the EAST and WEST sides scored highest against all metrics.

EVALUATION MATRIX



GOALS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	WEST				EAST			
		NO-BUILD	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3	NO-BUILD	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3
Improve Pedestrian Safety & Comfort	Width of sidewalk (Feet)	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	4
	Buffer - distance between edge of sidewalk and vehicle travel lanes	1	4	4	3	1	1	1	4
	Ability to safely cross streets	1	4	2	3	2	2	2	4
Improve Bicycle Safety & Comfort	Dedicated bicycle facility	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
	Buffer - distance between bicycle facility and vehicle travel lanes	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Improve Multimodal Connectivity	Ability for the street section to accommodate a transit shelter	1	4	4	3	1	2	2	4
	Improved connection to The Underline and other key destinations	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	4
Enhance Beautification & Placemaking	Ability to accommodate street furnishings and lighting	2	4	4	3	4	4	4	4
	Strengthens the identity and character of the district	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	4
Enhance Tree Canopy/Shade	Ability for the street section to accommodate street trees	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	4
Support Business Activity	Ability for the street section to accommodate on-street parking	2	0	0	0	4	4	4	2
Advance Feasible Solutions	Minimize ROW and construction impacts		1	2	1		4	4	2
TOTAL		17	33	33	39	24	31	31	33

0- doesn't meet the need 1- barely meets need 2- partially meets need 3- mostly meets need 4- fully meets need
 Maximum Total Score: 48

NEXT STEPS & OPEN HOUSE



NEXT STEPS

- Q&A + Open House
- Instructions
- This is how you should VOTE for your preferred option!



SUNSET DRIVE Design Alternatives

Welcome to our community engagement session for the South Miami (SOMI) project! Today, we invite you to participate in shaping the future of Sunset Drive. Your input will help us refine the design options and ensure the area meets the community's needs.

Overview of the Exercise

Sunset Drive is divided into two sections:

- East Side
- West Side



The street is divided by US1, and we have created three distinct design alternatives for each section. Additionally, we have developed a flexible intersection design for US1 that seamlessly integrates with any combination of the East and West designs.

How to Participate:

- 1. Explore the Designs:** Review the presentation boards or digital survey for the East and West sections. Each section has three design alternatives with visuals and key features.
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Select Your Design Alternative:

WEST

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EAST

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- PREFERRED Design Alternative
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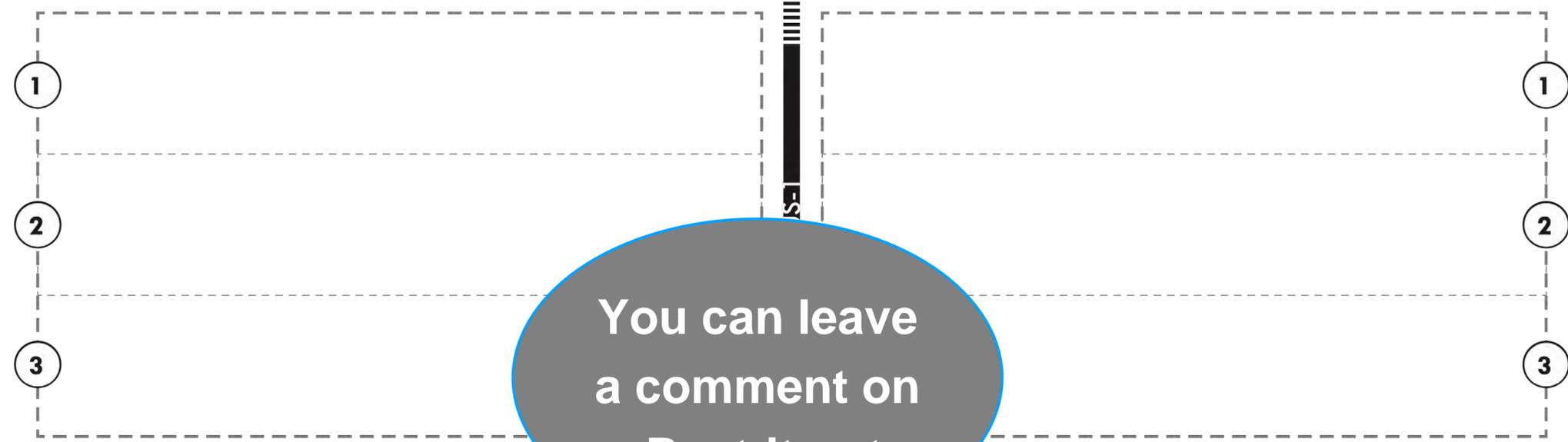
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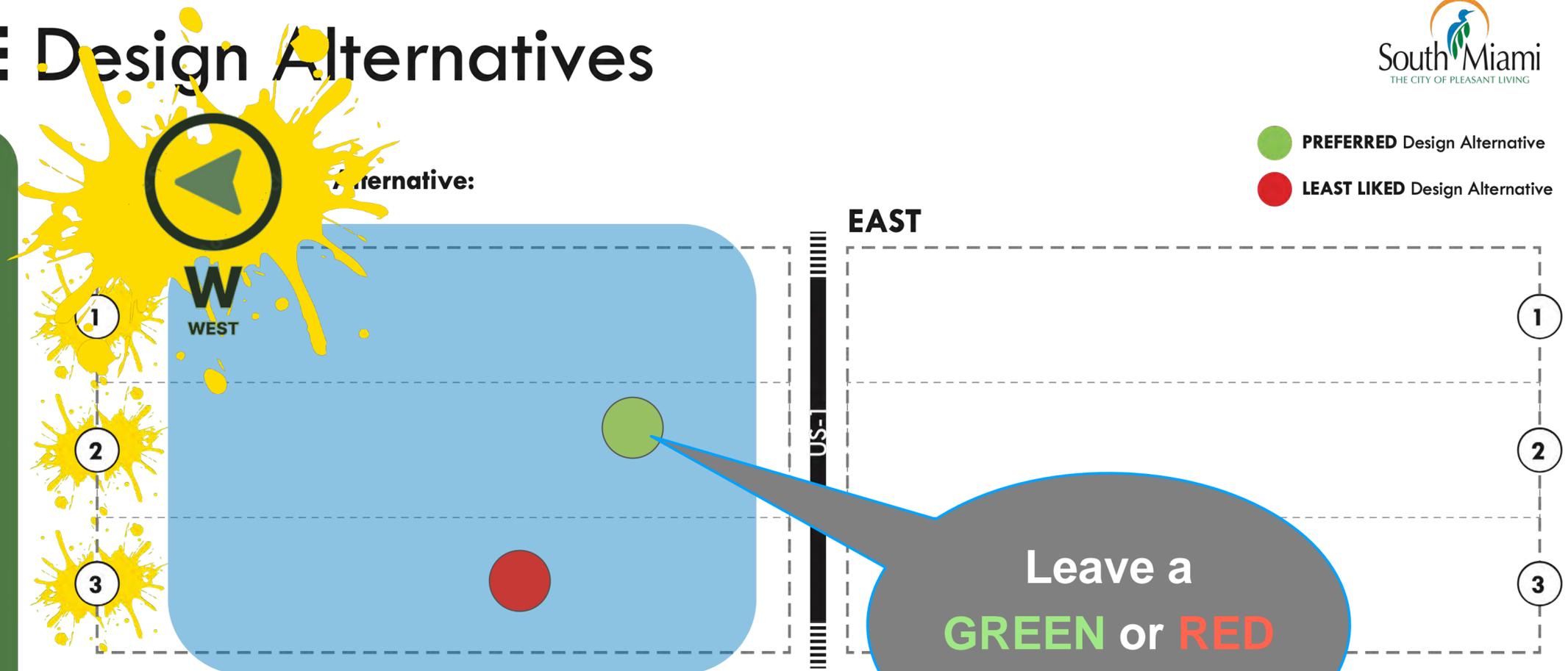
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GREEN or **RED**
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NEXT STEPS

- **Q&A + Open House**
- **Instructions**
- *Public input obtained on the three alternatives presented today will inform the selection of a preferred alternative.*
- **Tuesday, April 29th, Preferred Alternative Open House.**

Online Voting

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