


KING STREET
The Best Mile in Florida
CITY OF **ST AUGUSTINE**

Concepts ROUND 1
PUBLIC MEETING

February 22, 2024

Note: This meeting will be livestreamed.





Welcome!

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KING STREET

Making it

The Best Mile in Florida



KING STREET

Why did the City take Control of It?

- To put it on Our Time Schedule & Regulations instead of FDOT's
- To give more Time for Public input
- To focus on the PLAZA's Historic importance
- To have it serve Locals as well as Visitors
- To Improve Traffic Flow
- To Make it more Pedestrian & Bike Friendly
- For Design Flexibility to Landscape the full length of King Street
- In short... To Make it One of the Best Miles in Florida

UPDATE

on the Bridge of Lions Intersection

While the restoration of the Bridge of Lions was important to the history of St Augustine, the drawbridge created back up in traffic on both sides of the bridge.

Being on the National Register of Historic Places protects it from being replaced with a new non draw bridge.

The opening schedule is controlled by the Coast Guard.

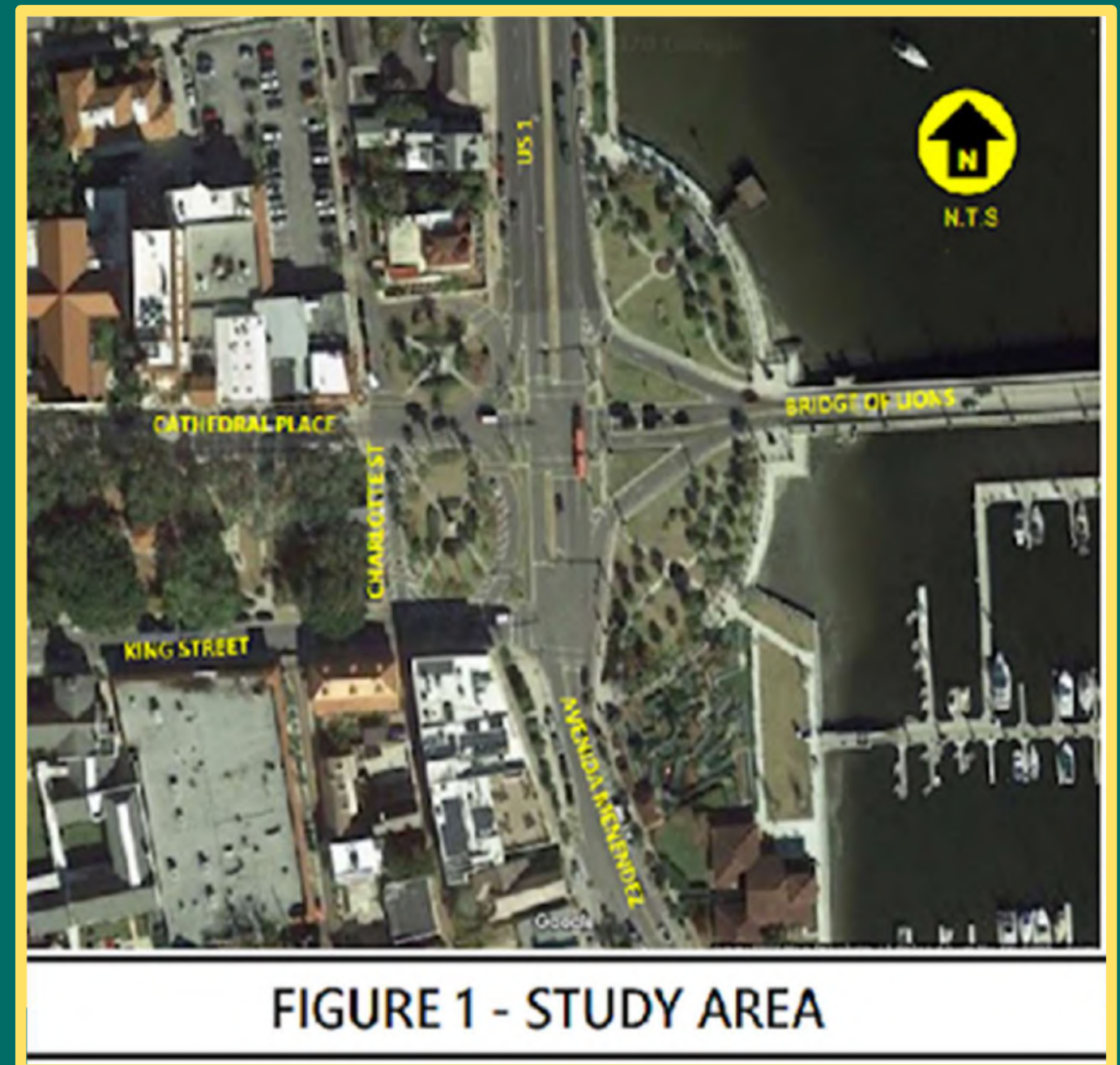
Many solutions were proposed by FDOT and many public hearings were held for feedback, the most recent being November 8, 2023.

Each time the voice of the public was heard & revisions were made.

A Quick Review of the History of the Bridge of Lions Intersection Development

Starting at the base of the Bridge of Lions

- Most traffic coming West Bound off the Bridge of Lions wants to make a RIGHT turn headed North.
- Presently it gets stuck behind the traffic at the light.
- How best to let northbound traffic exit the bridge quickly?
- Also there is often a long backup of traffic along the Bayfront waiting to make a left turn onto the bridge.
- How best to move that traffic?



One solution that FDOT felt would work well... the “U-turn at Hypolita” was NOT well received by the Public in the 2019 Workshops.

We listened and went back to the drawing board...



**There were multiple “Round-about” Concepts
All discarded because they would not preserve
Ponce and Anderson Circles..**

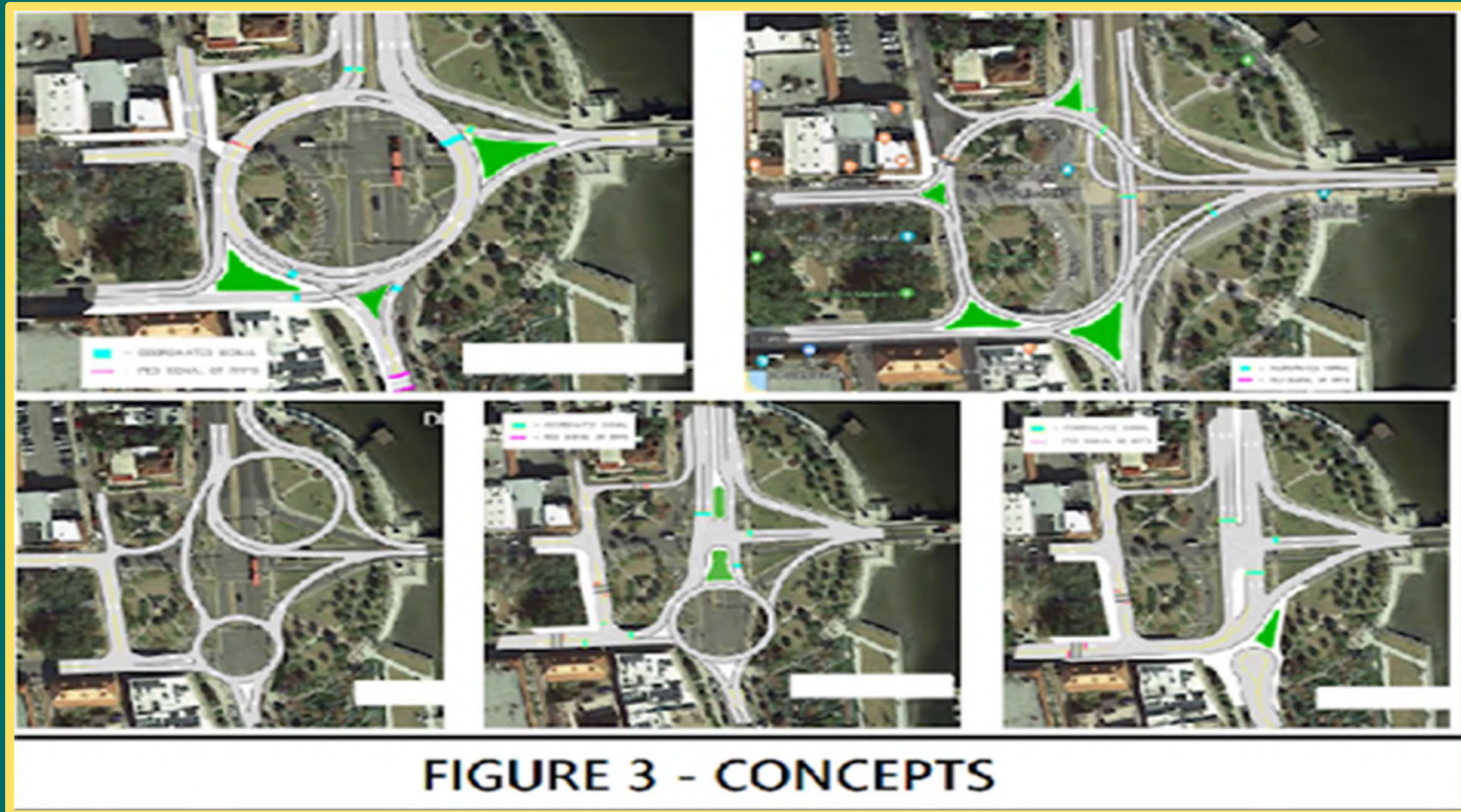
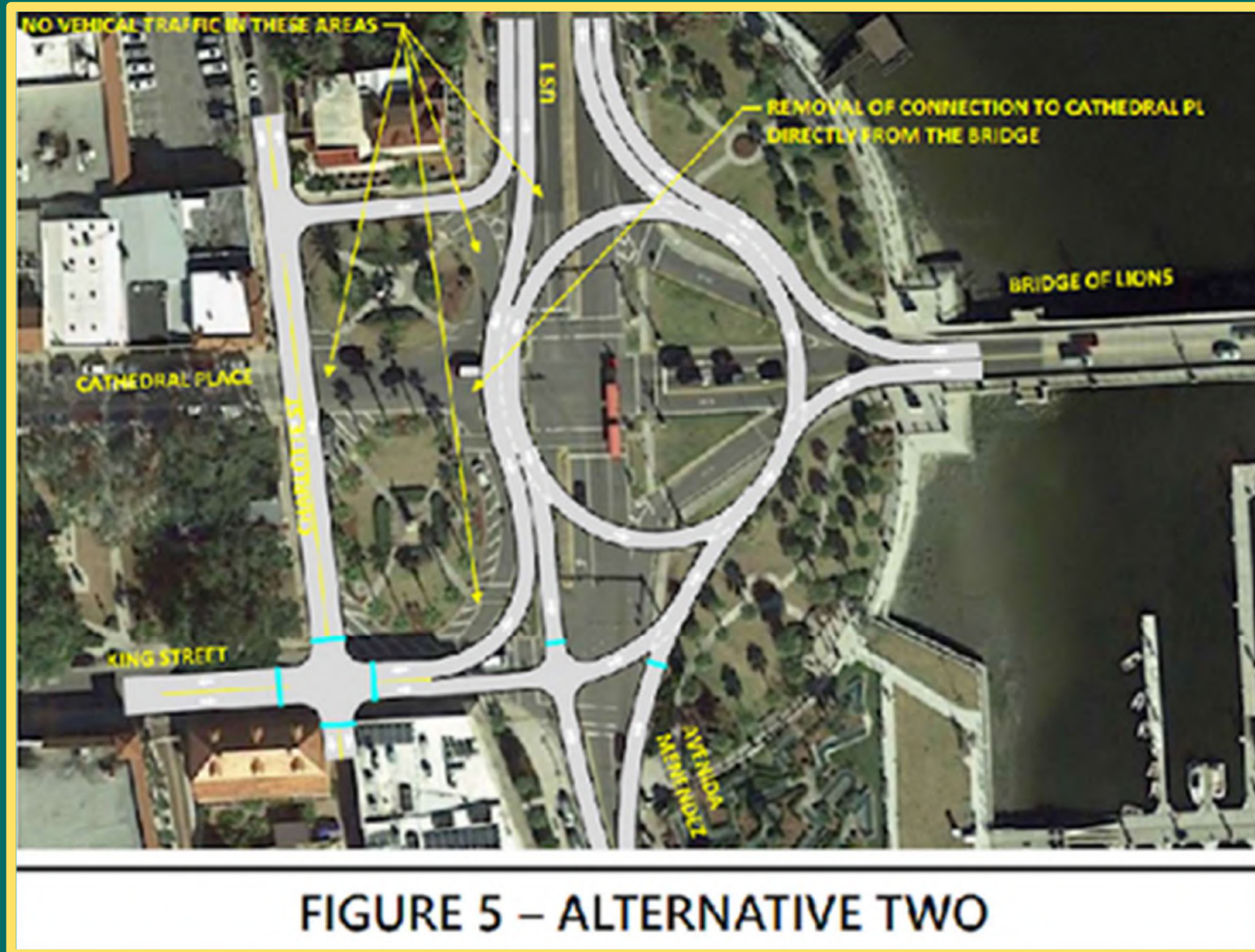


FIGURE 3 - CONCEPTS

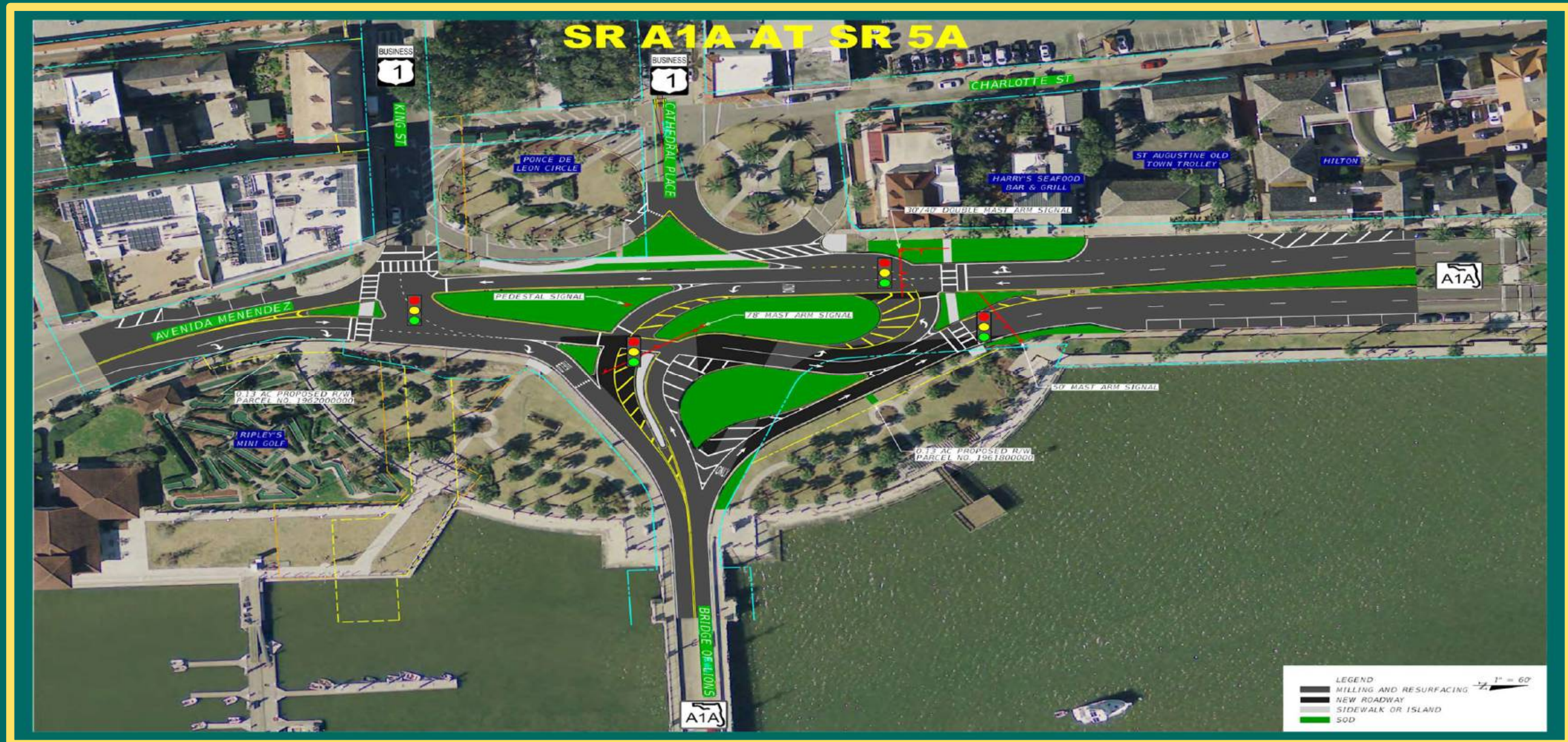
**A final Round-about Concept
Might look good, but dominate north-south traffic
would make traffic worse. Would not work without signals.**



Forerunner of present concept.
This moved traffic well & was well received at 2020 workshops...

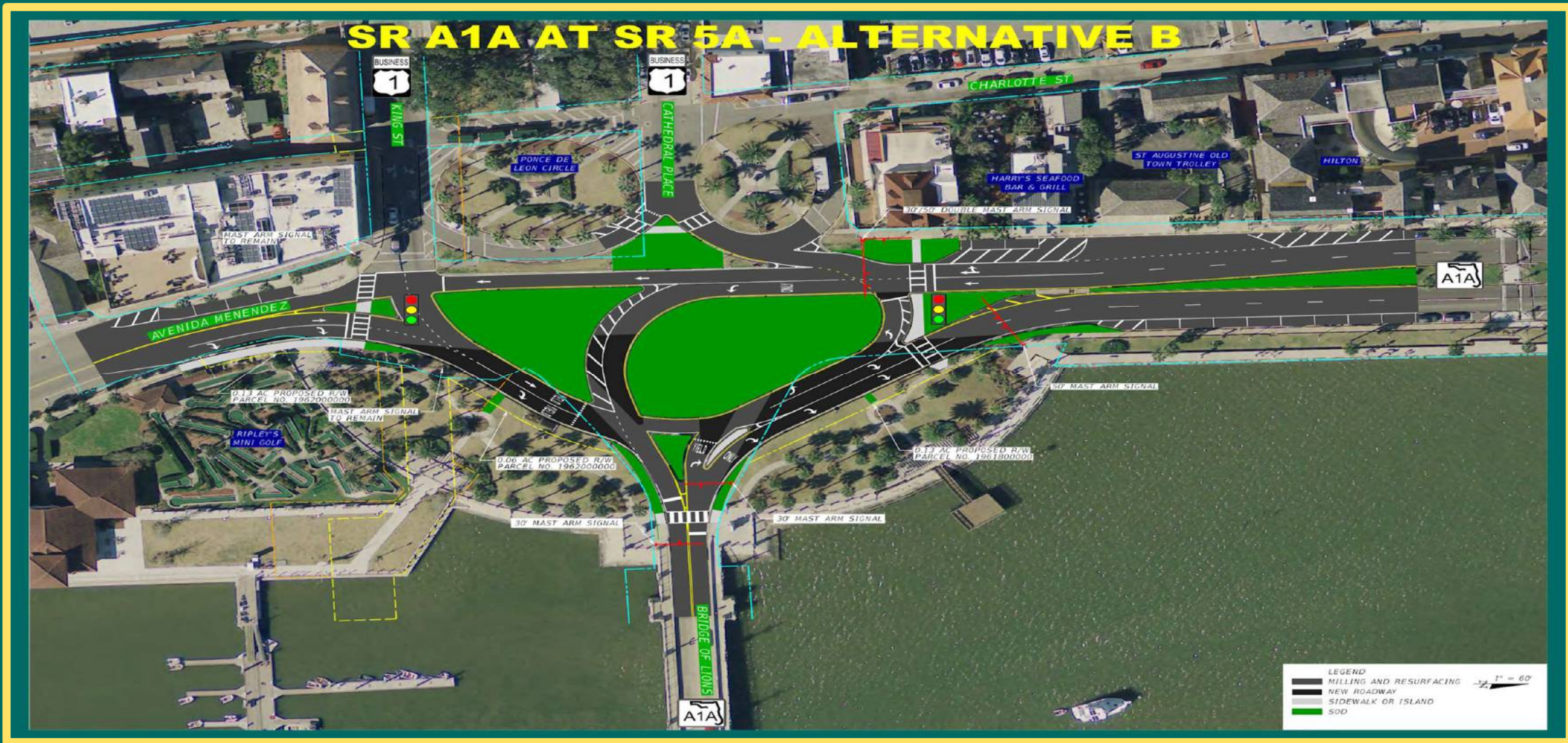


Same Concept, which got over engineered.
Was rejected at the November 2023 presentation as too confusing.
Moves traffic well, but is not in keeping with the historic bridge.



Latest Concept.

Moves traffic well & is more symmetrical.
Will go out to public for further review.



The public is going to have to decide:

Do they want to keep the intersection the way it is and live with the traffic backups?

OR

**Go with a non traditional design concept,
which will improve traffic flow ?**

**This decision will impact what can be done
around the Plaza.**

Now is our chance to make King Street something unique to St. Augustine, and not have it be just another State road.

- **The following Presentation will offer some IDEAS.**
- **NONE of these ideas are FINAL.**
- **We want input from the people that live and work in St. Augustine.**

Some ideas to highlight our 1595 Spanish Plaza and make it more pedestrian friendly.

- Remove parked cars from the Plaza**
This opens up views of the Plaza & is an idea that was well received at the 2020 workshops.
- Remove traffic lights from the Plaza**
- Use brick pavers in parking spaces on merchant side**
- Brick area in front of Government House**
- Propose a one lane concept for Cathedral Place**
- Possible outdoor dining on Cathedral**

Make King Street as Walkable as St. George Street

Comparable Walking Distances

St. George Street :

City Gate to the Plaza .40 Mile

King Street :

City Hall to the Winery .42 Mile

We now have to chance to make the drive and walk from City Hall to the Winery more enjoyable.

- **How do we make it an enjoyable walk with improved sidewalks and landscaping ?**
- **Can we improve traffic flow?**
- **How do we plan for the Broudy Garage Shuttle to move along King Street?**

TEAM LEADS



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Project Manager

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING & PLANNING



ENGINEERING + SURVEYING SUPPORT



Jeremy Marquis, RLA
Deputy Project Manager

ARCHAEOLOGY



ENVIRONMENTAL & RESILIENCY



The Big Three

Livability

History

Beauty



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The Big Three Livability

Access (vehicular + pedestrian)

Deliveries

Mobility

Improved Utilities + Storm Readiness



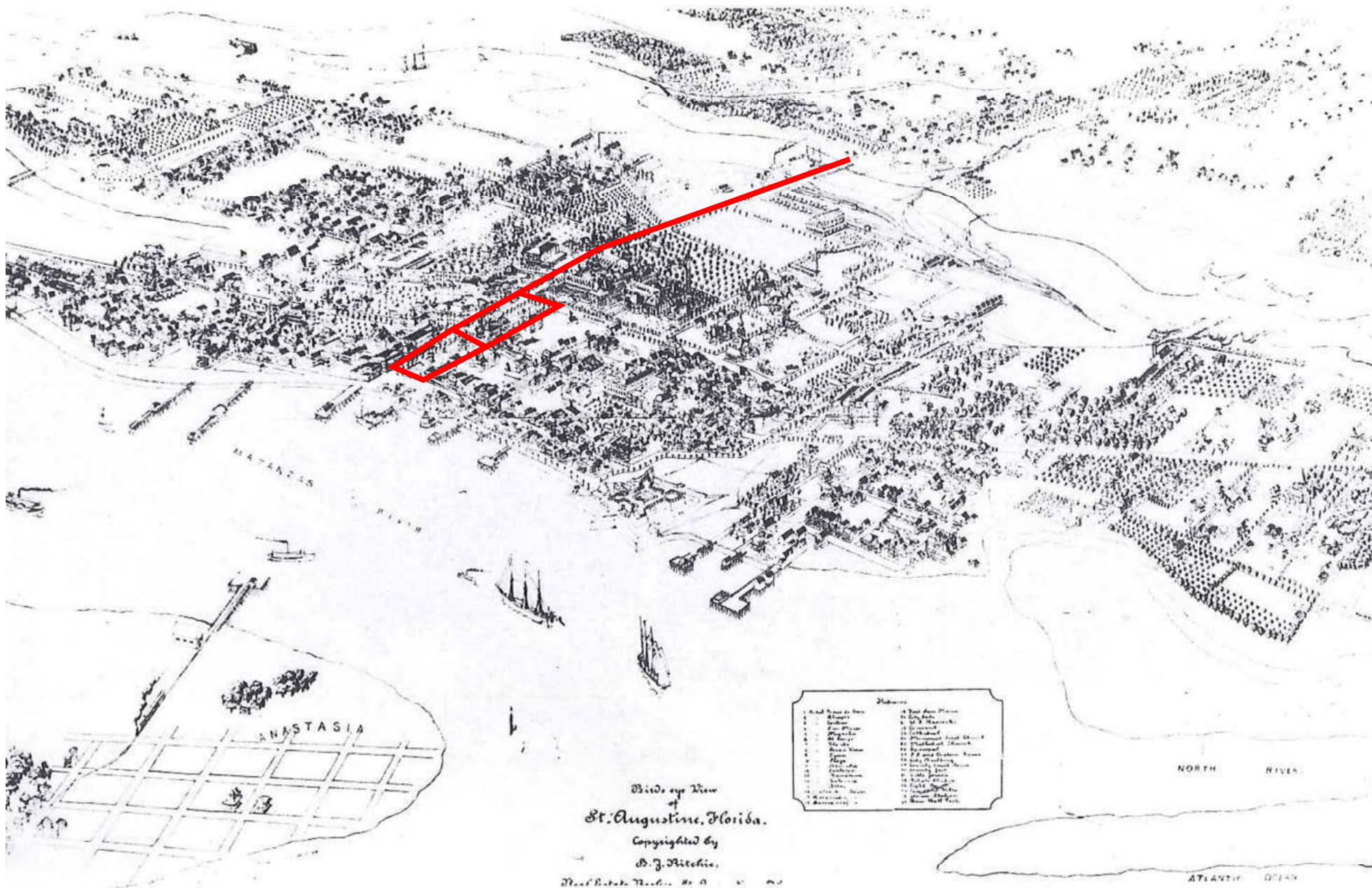
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History

Entry to the Historic District
Part of original 1573 Town Plan





City of St Augustine Map C.

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King Street

Bowen, Beth Rogero. St Augustine Historical Society, St. Augustine in the Gilded Age. Page 91.



St Augustine from the Matanzas River

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Electric Street Car on King Street

Electric street car on King St. in St. Augustine. 1908 (circa). State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/331710>>, accessed 21 March 2023.



King Street + Plaza

King Street and Plaza, St. Augustine, Fla. 1911 (circa). State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/268695>>, accessed 21 March 2023.



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King Street

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King Street showing the Plaza

King Street showing the Plaza : Saint Augustine, Florida. 1885. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/8029>>, accessed 21 March 2023.



King Street + Plaza

King Street and Plaza - St. Augustine, Florida. 1910 (circa). State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/147968>>, accessed 21 March 2023.



King Street

King Street looking east, Saint Augustine, Florida. 1906 (circa). State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/161528>>, accessed 21 March 2023.



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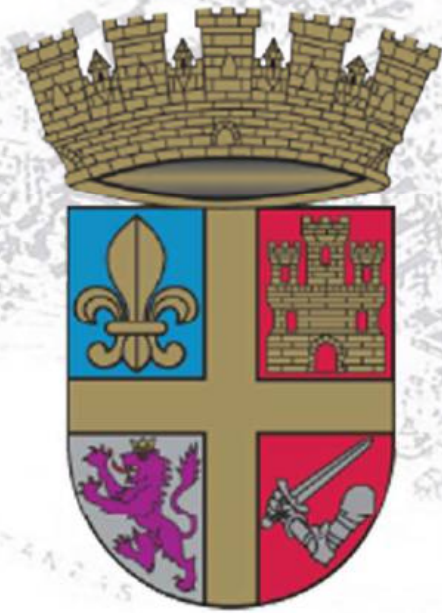
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The Big Three Beauty

The Best Mile in Florida!





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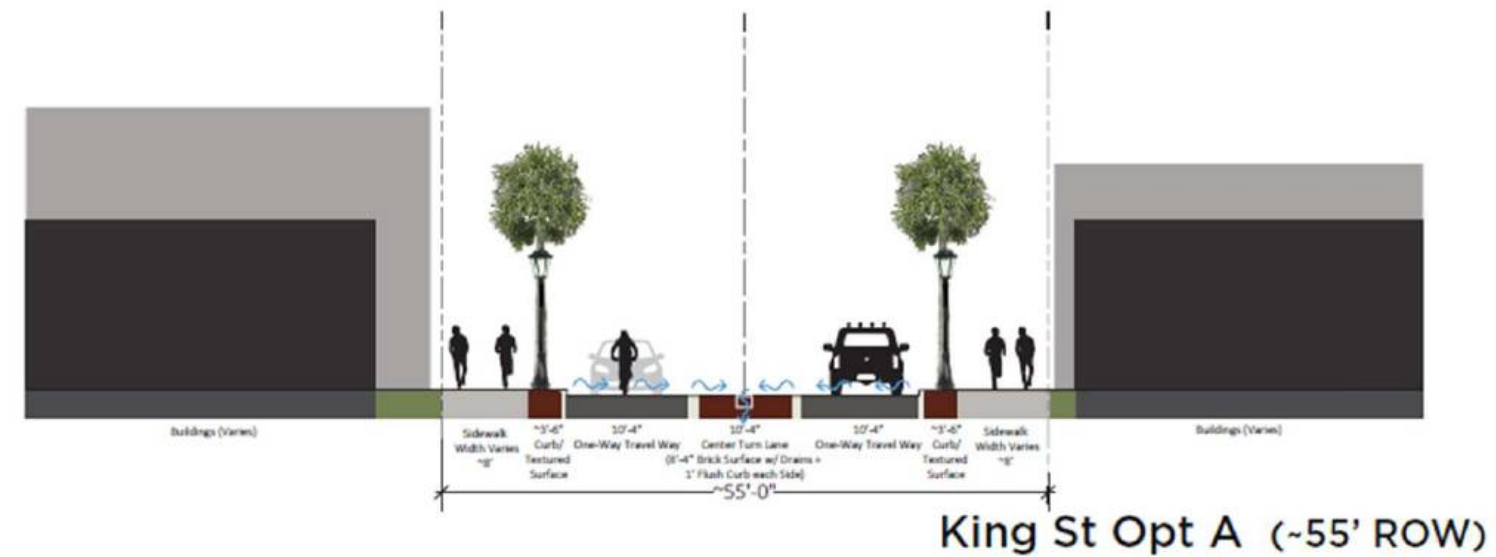
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



Stormwater

Revamp & Replace all of Existing Drainage

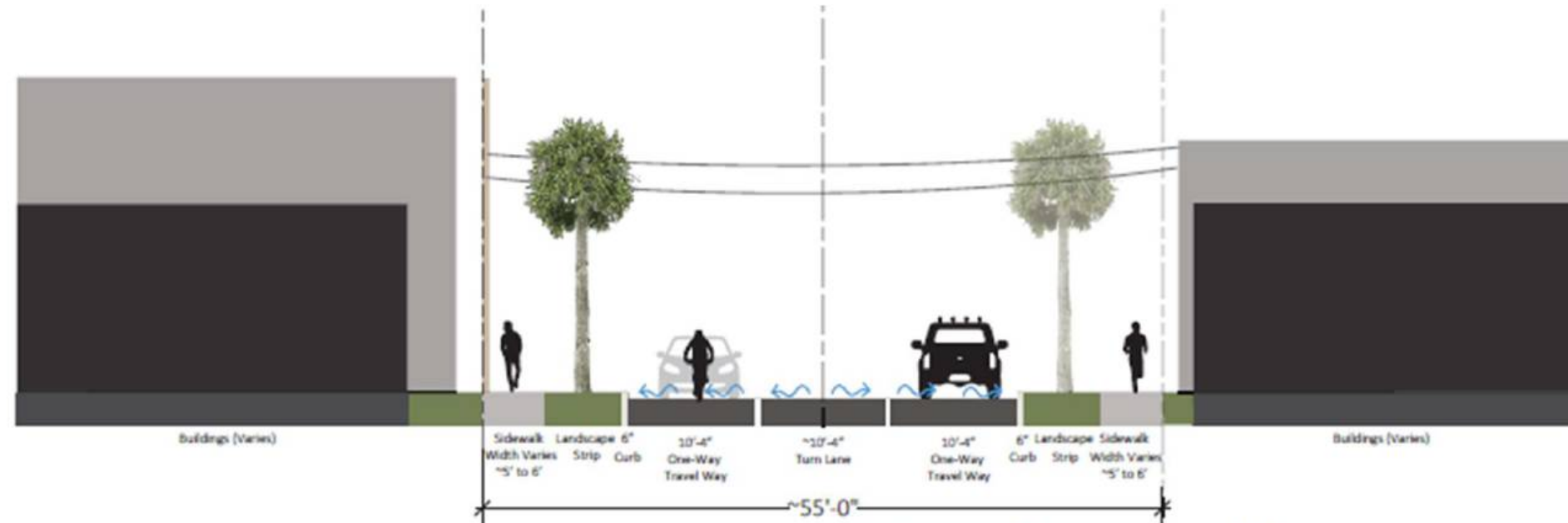
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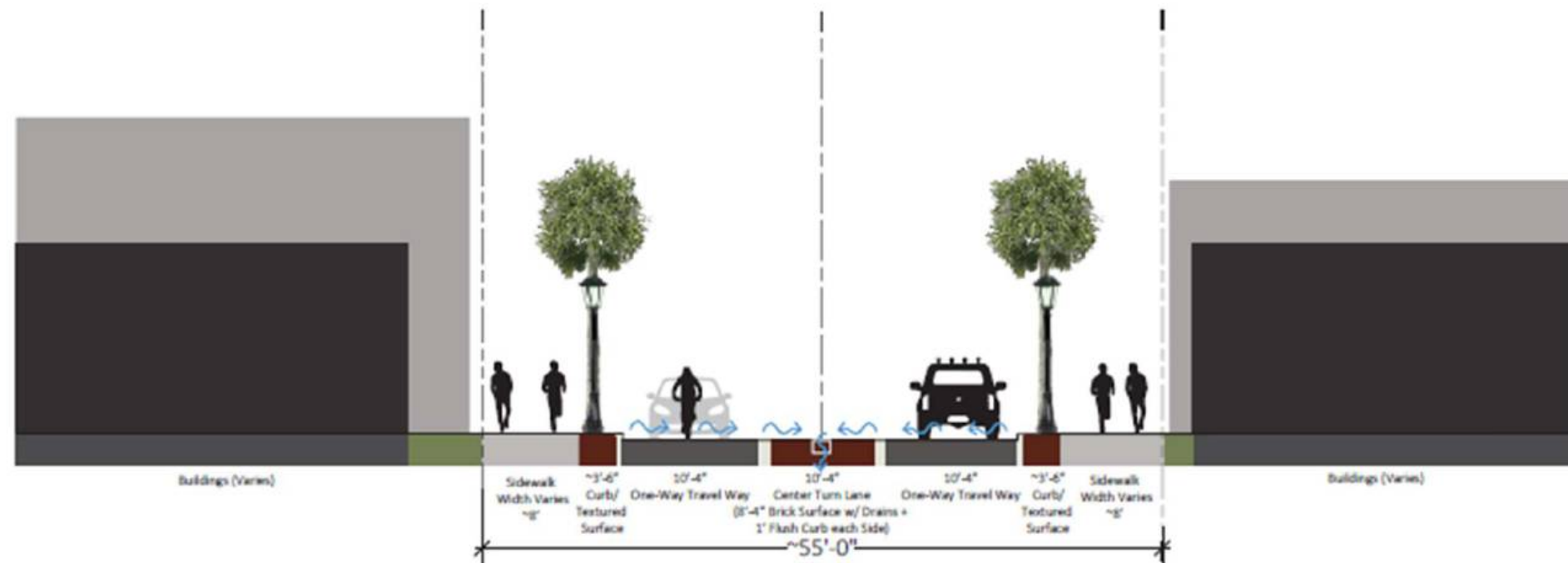
Help to Reduce Flooding along Corridor...especially at intersections

Improved Stormwater Quality

Stormwater & Utilities



King St Existing Conditions (~55' ROW)



King St Opt A (~55' ROW)

Birds eye
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Utilities

Water & Sewer

All new City utilities

Electric: Aiming to Underground

Storm Readiness

Improved Aesthetics

Communications Infrastructure

Coordinating upgrades opportunities for AT&T, Comcast, and others

Traffic Flow + Aspects

Key Aspects:

Signal Phasing + Progression

Improved Safety

Improved Flow Cathedral / King

Vissim Model
(existing)



Transit Mobility

Potential Transit Route
(preliminary)

Concept A

Considers routing off King Street

Concept B

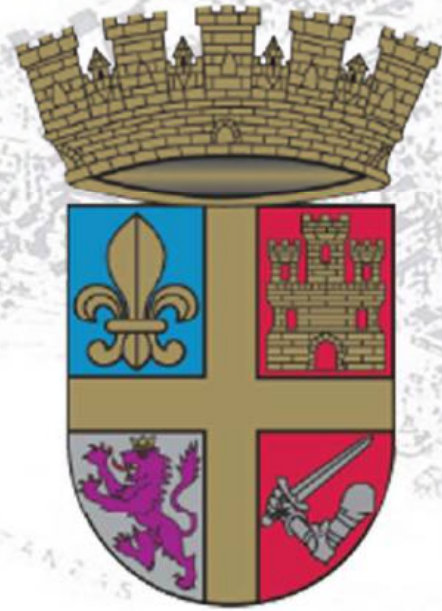
East-bound on King Street



Coordination with FDOT

Bridge of Lions Intersection

Plans coordinated with improved circulation



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KING STREET CONCEPTS

ANASTASIA

Bird's eye View
of
St. Augustine, Florida.

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8. St. Augustine	20. St. Augustine
9. St. Augustine	21. St. Augustine
10. St. Augustine	22. St. Augustine
11. St. Augustine	23. St. Augustine
12. St. Augustine	24. St. Augustine

NORTH RIVER

ATLANTIC OCEAN





Concepts Overview

King Street Concept A:

Left Turn Lane + Improved Walkability

King Street Concept B:

Dedicated Transit Lane

Cathedral Place 1-Lane

Cathedral Place 2-Lane



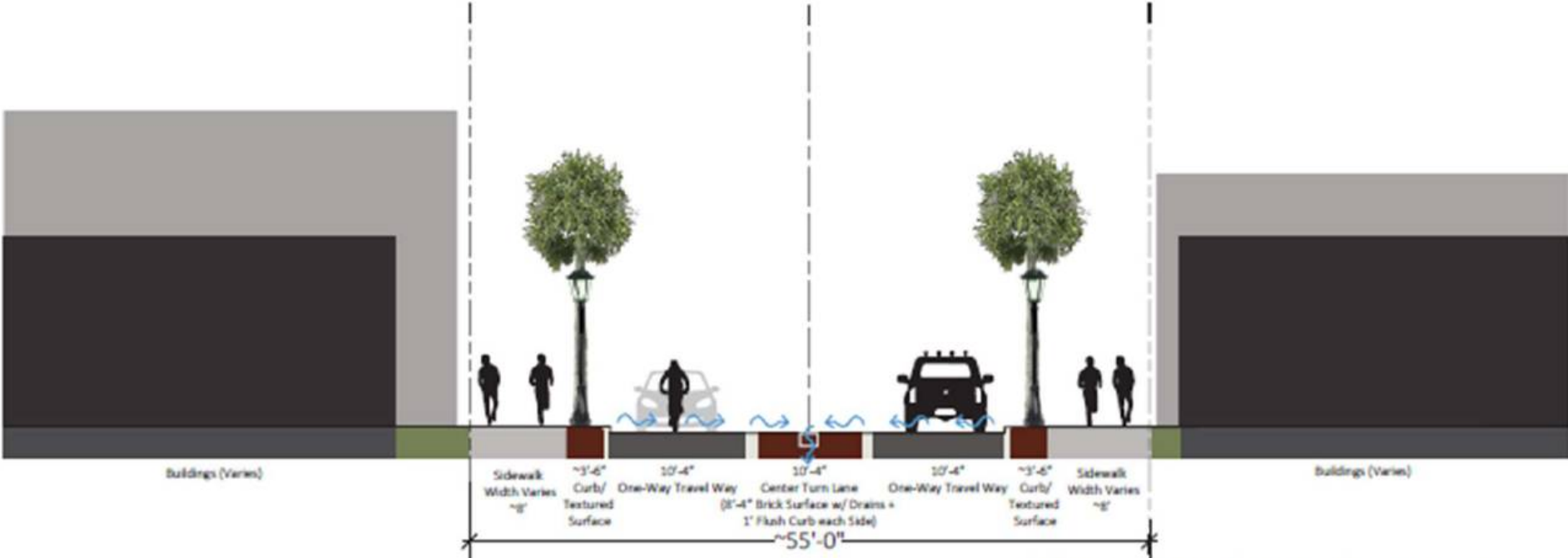
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Left Turn Lane + Improved Walkability



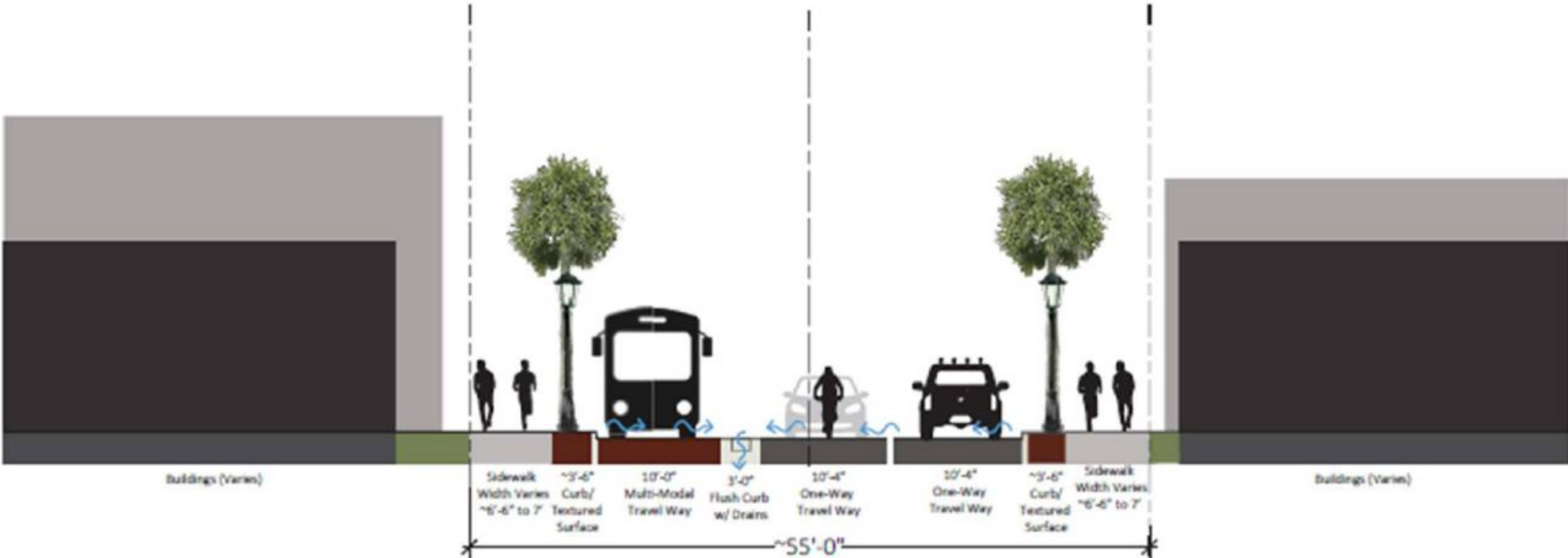
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Dedicated Transit Lane



Cross Sections



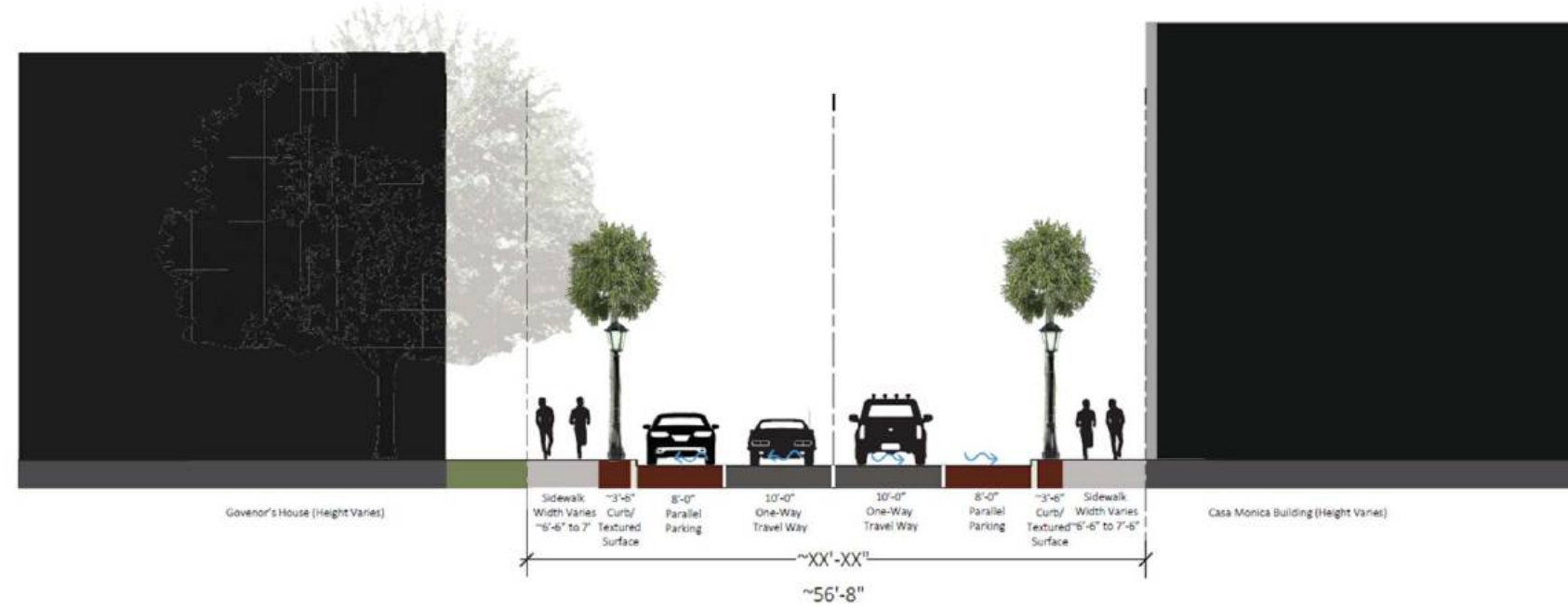
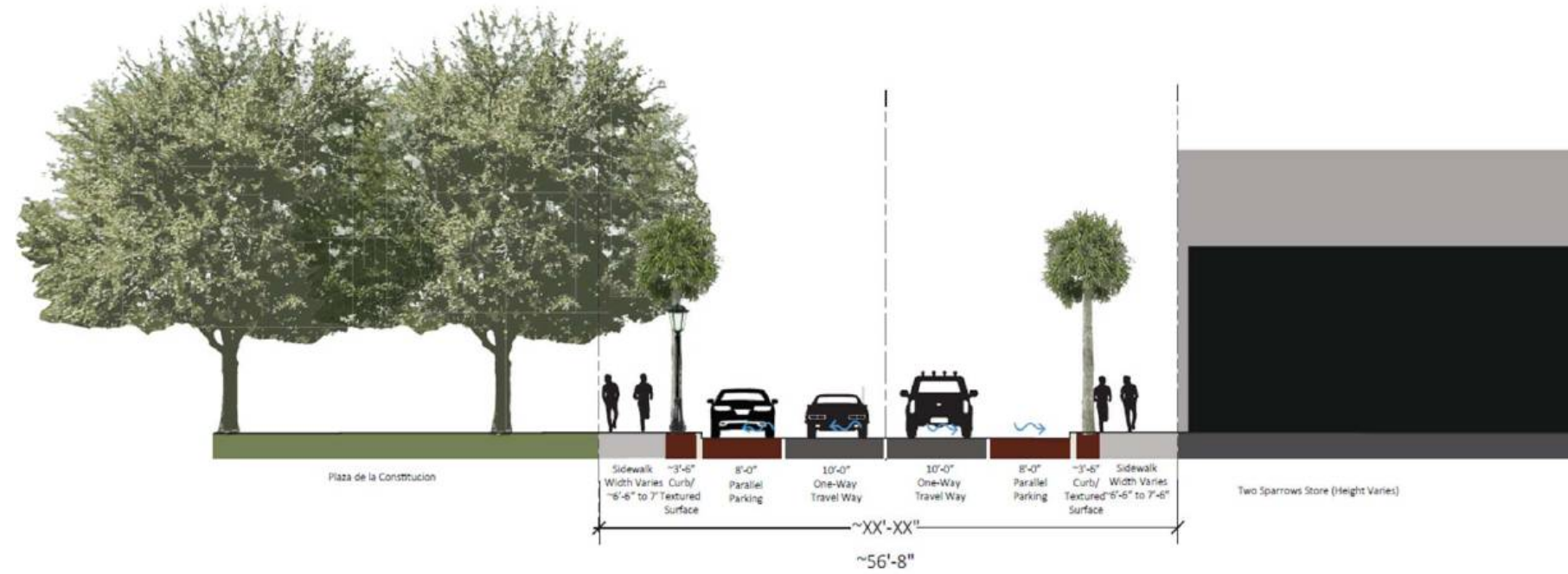
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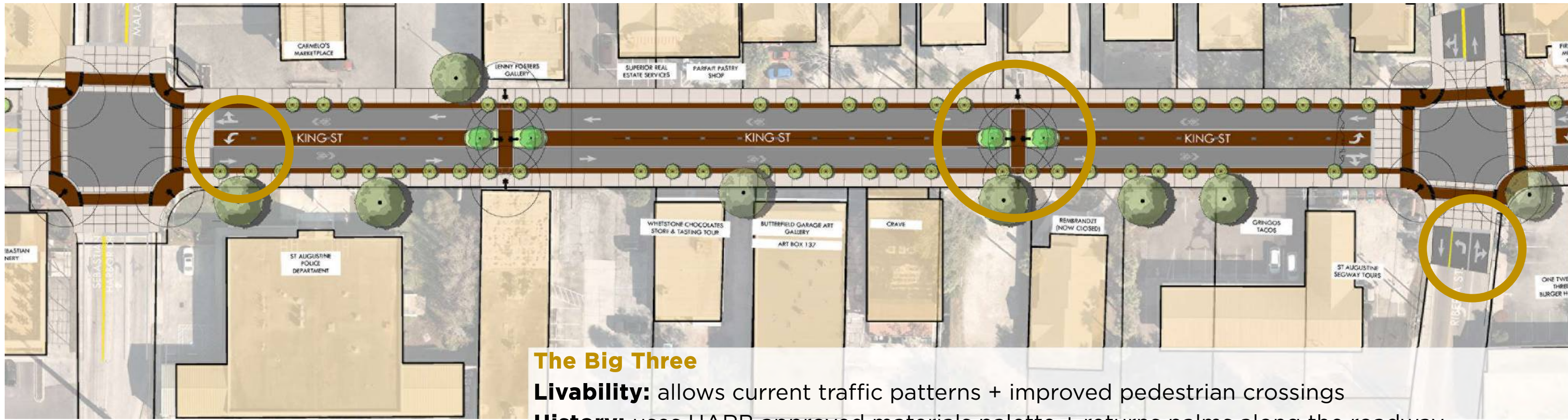
Birds eye
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Cross Sections



Left Turn Lane + Improved Walkability

Option A



The Big Three

Livability: allows current traffic patterns + improved pedestrian crossings

History: uses HARB approved materials palette + returns palms along the roadway

Beauty: brick + palms with shade trees when able + underground utilities

Dedicated Transit Lane

Option B



The Big Three

Livability: transit only lane

History: uses HARB approved materials palette + reintroduces transit corridor

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Malaga Section Plan Option A + Option B February 22, 2024

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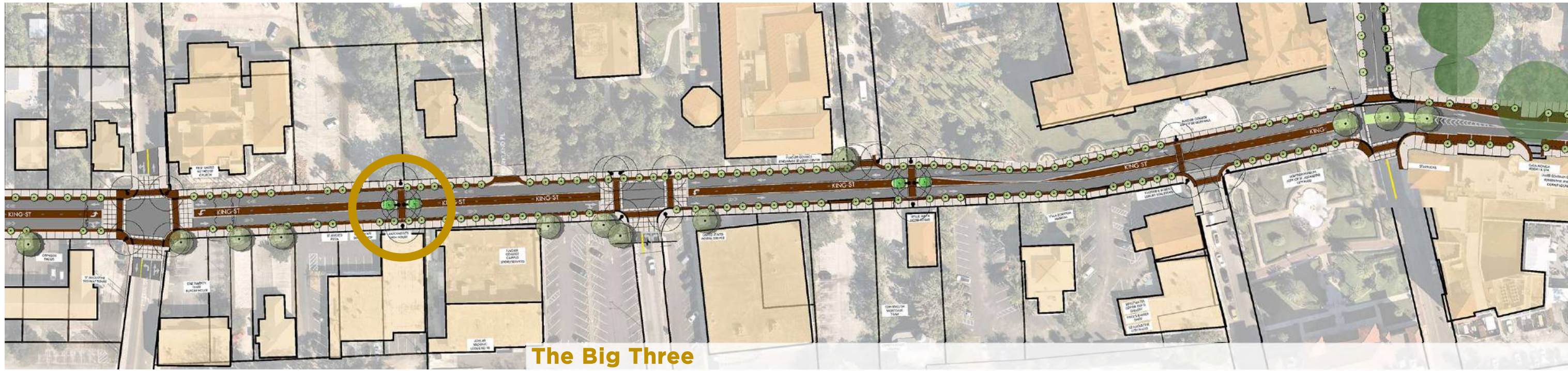


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Option A
Left Turn Lane + Improved Walkability



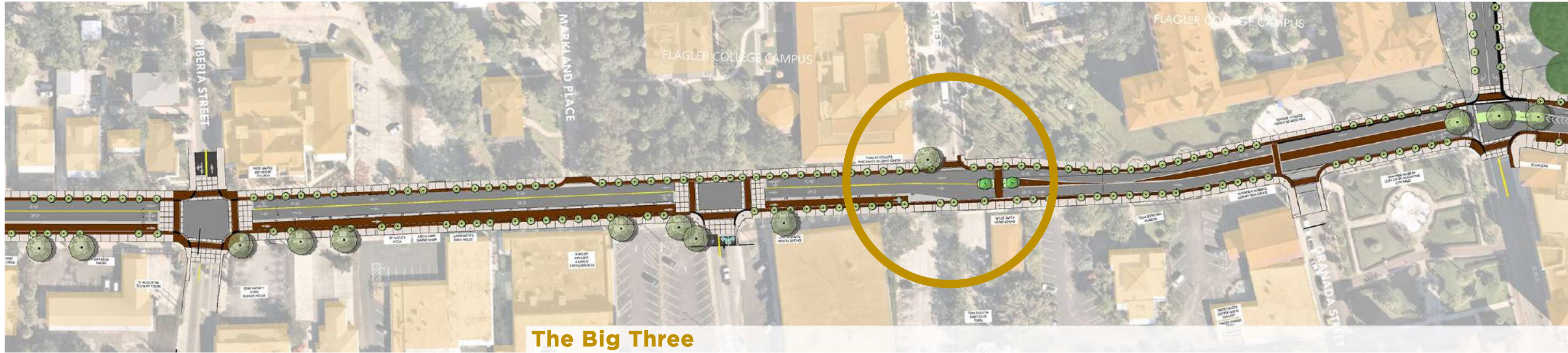
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Central Perspectives Option A + Option B February 22, 2024

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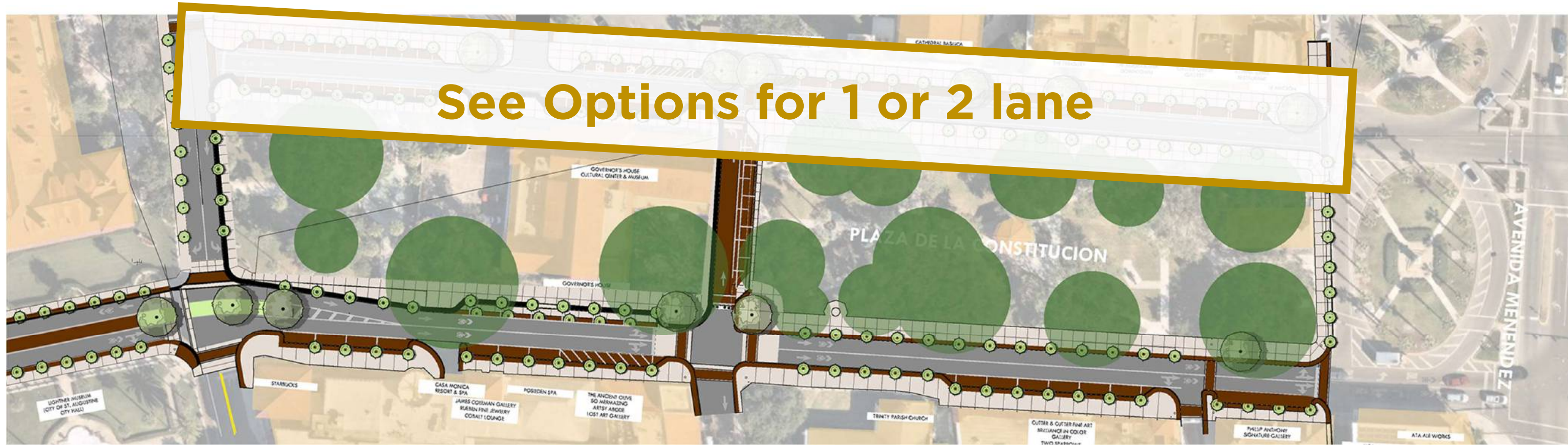
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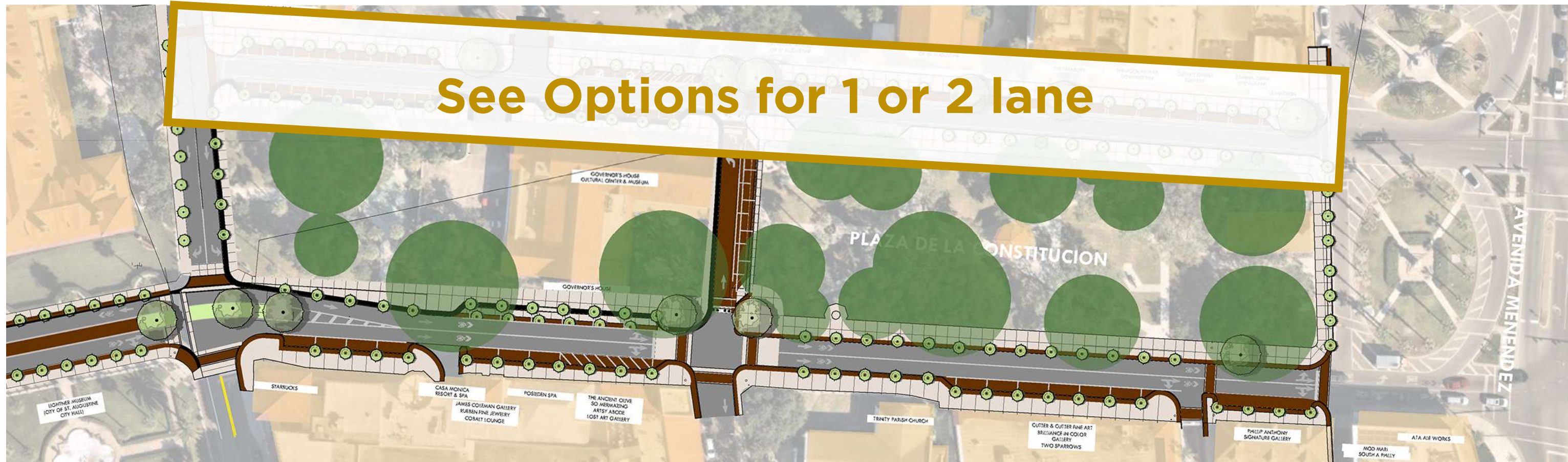


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Option B
Dedicated Transit Lane





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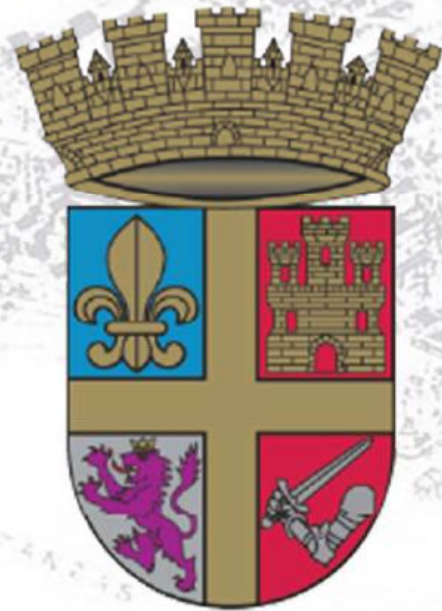
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CATHEDRAL PLACE

1-Lane Option

2-Lane Option



1-Lane Option



The Big Three
Livability: walkability + deliveries + traffic flow
History: removes parking around Plaza
Beauty: brick + framed views of / around Plaza

2-Lane Option



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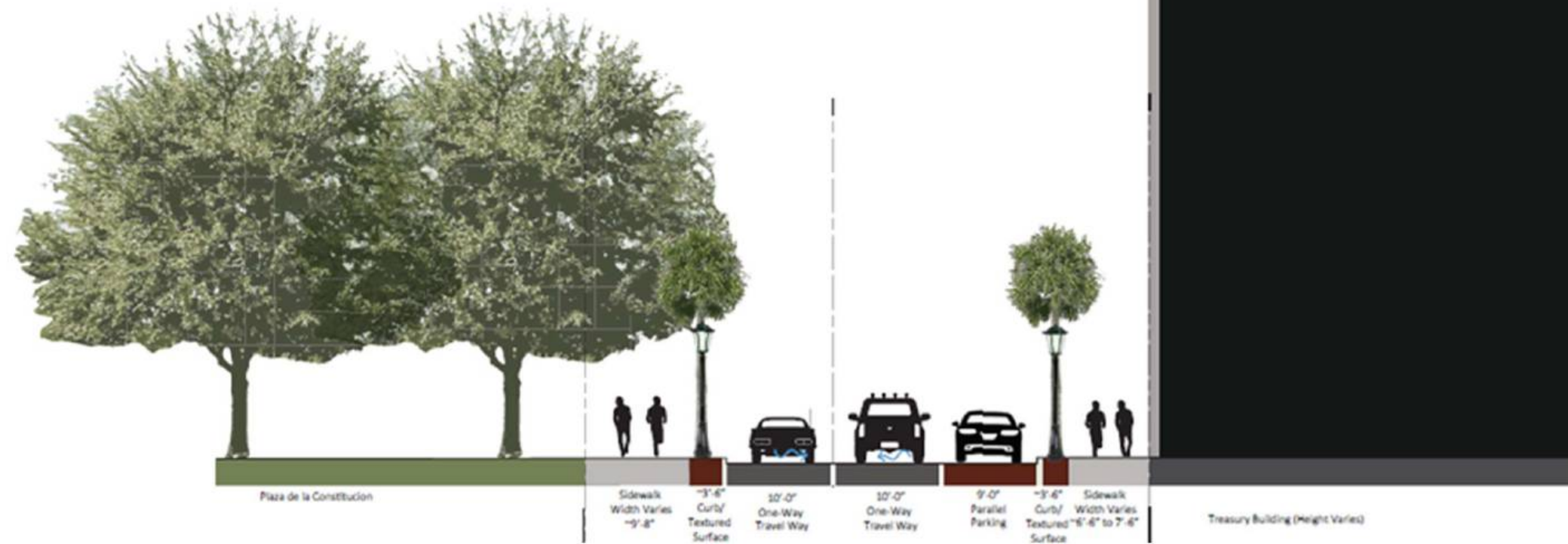


1-Lane Option





2-Lane Option





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Cathedral Place 2-Lane Perspective

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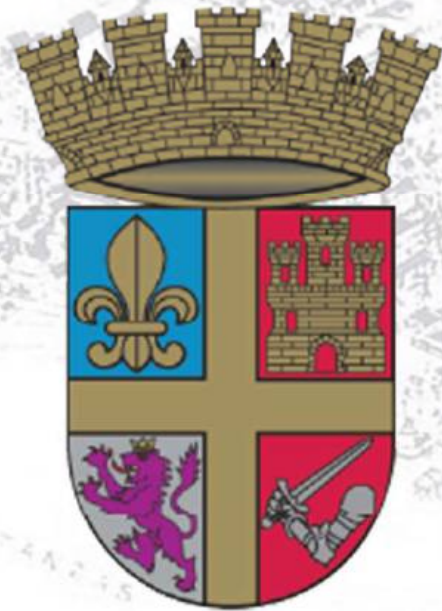
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IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRAFFIC FLOW + SAFETY



Concepts Overview:

Malaga to Cordova

Signal Phasing + Progression

Protected Left Turn from Riberia to head west
Better integration / communication of all signals

Improved Safety

“Table topped” intersections
Wider sidewalks when able
Mid block crossings (Concept A)

Concept A:

King Street turning movements stay the same

Concept B: Transit given priority

A historical map of St. Augustine, Florida, showing the city's layout and the location of the Bridge of Lions. The map is in black and white with some faded areas. A vertical yellow line is on the right side of the map.

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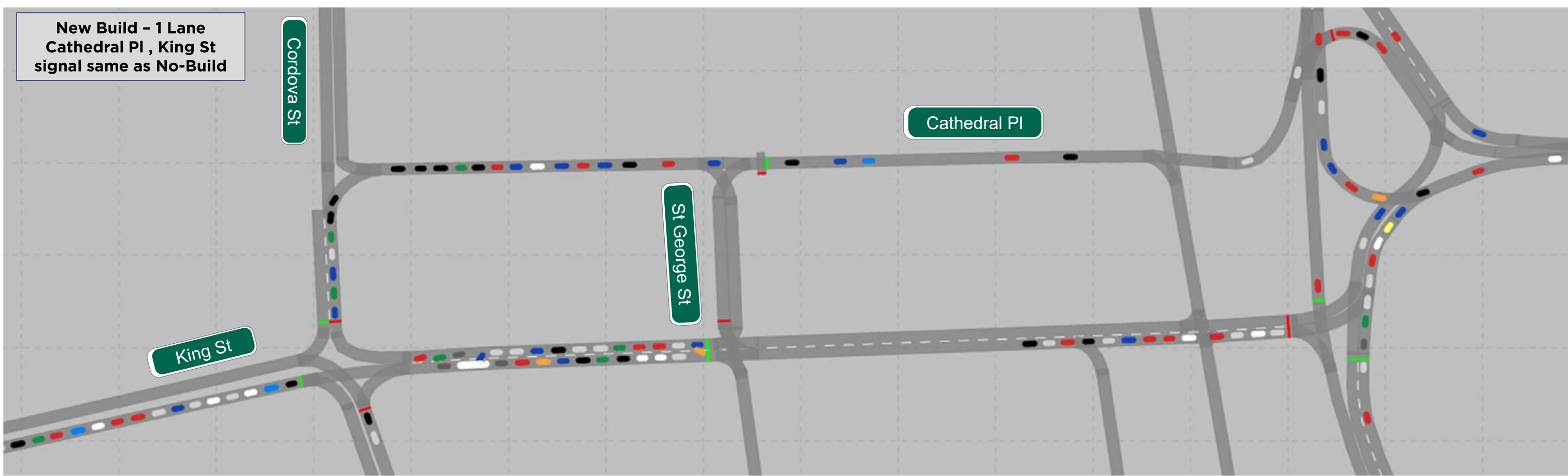
Plaza (King + Cathedral)

Improves Traffic Flow Efficiency

**With Bridge of Lions new
intersection, we can introduce 1 lane
along Cathedral**

Current St. George + Cordova Intersections

1-Lane Option

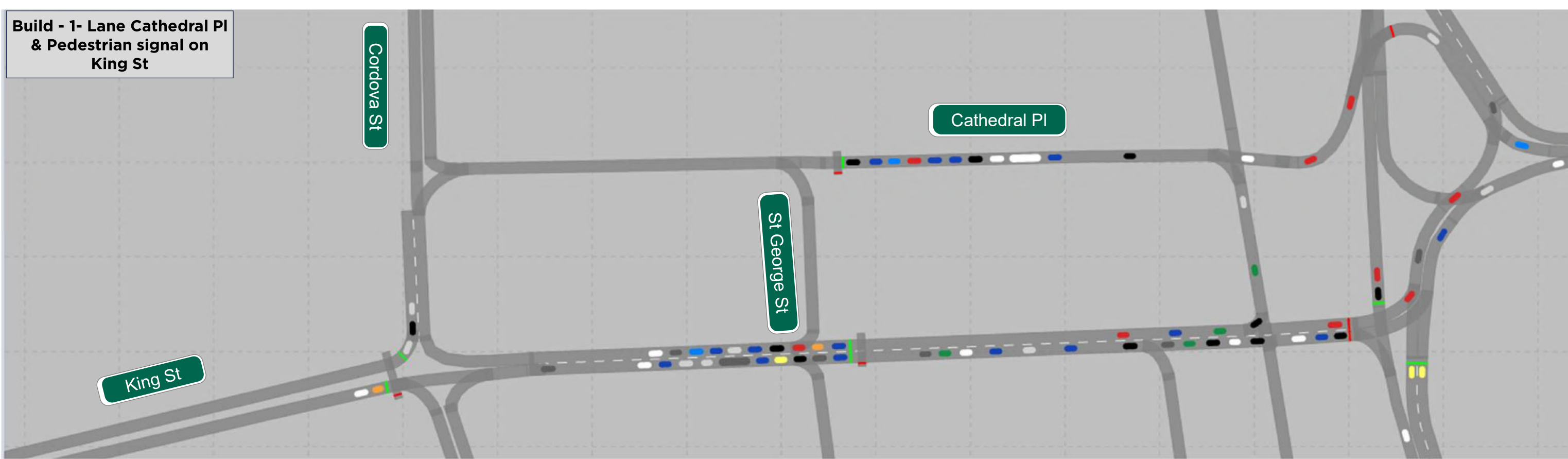


Current Configuration

TODAY (Current)



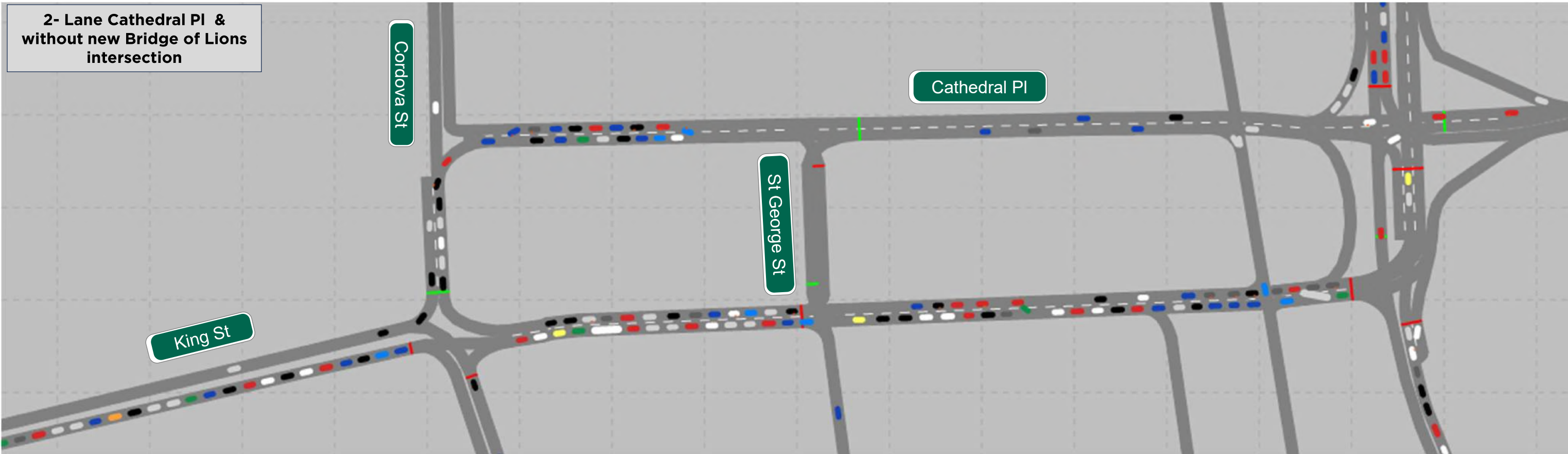
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& Pedestrian signal on
King St



1-Lane Option

PLUS St. George + Cordova
Improved Circulation

2- Lane Cathedral PI &
without new Bridge of Lions
intersection



TODAY (Current)

Current Configuration



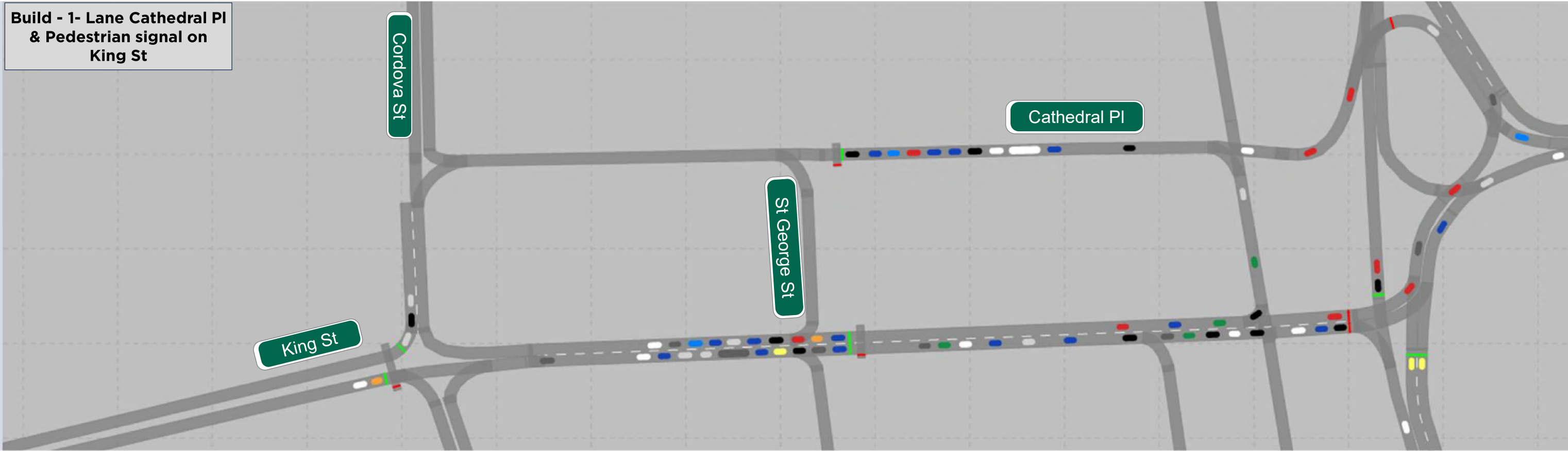
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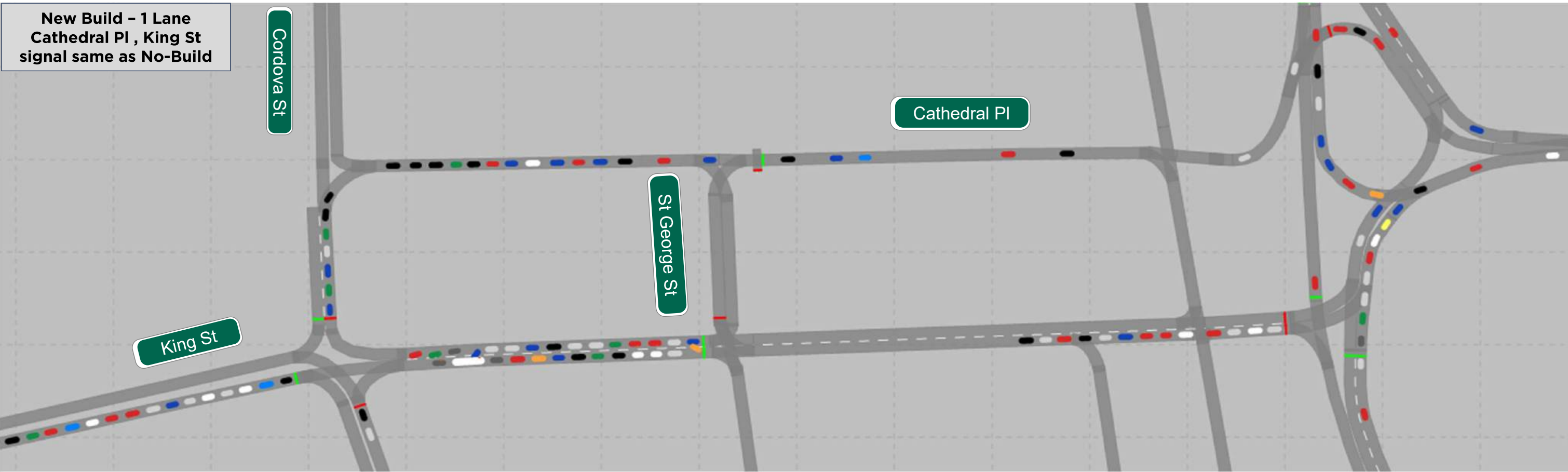
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New Build - 1 Lane
Cathedral PI , King St
signal same as No-Build



1-Lane Option

Current St. George + Cordova
Intersections



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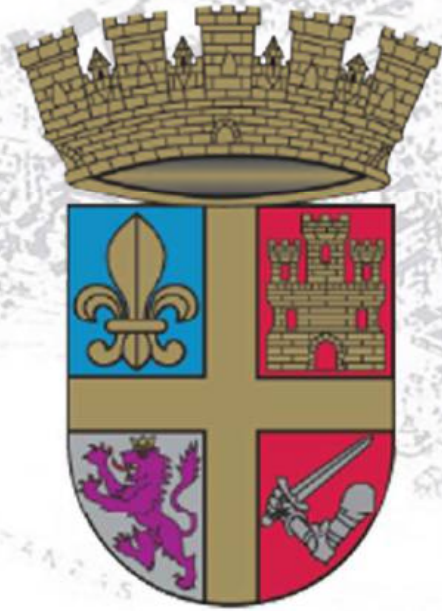
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Next Steps + Feedback



Next Steps

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) -
introductory: **early spring 2024**

Final Concept: **late spring 2024**

Community Presentation:
early summer 2024

+ Neighborhood Association Meetings (TBD)

HARB for *Opinion of Appropriateness*:
summer 2024

Commission Update: **late summer 2024**

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Engage with our planners & designers virtually

Learn about the complete redesign of King St in the heart of the Nation's Oldest City. We will have ongoing zoom meetings where residents can have their voice heard or ask questions about the redesign plans.

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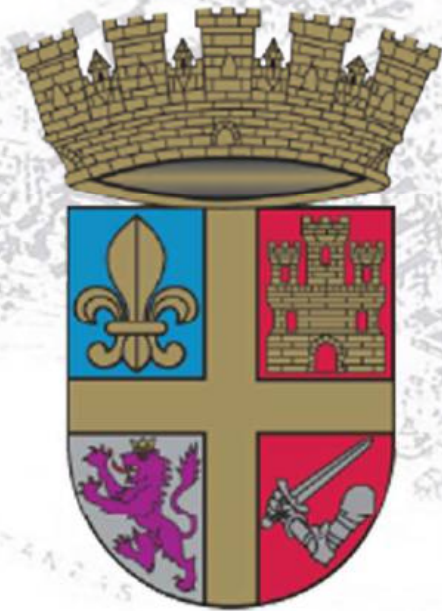
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Questions + Discussion

