

Brighton Downtown Public Realm

City Council Study Session, February 11, 2025

Today's Agenda:

- Project Overview & Current Progress
- Draft Concept Alternatives Review
- Project Schedule

Project Overview

Impetus / Major Goals

- Expand and enhance the public realm to create a Downtown that is a Place for People
- Utilize existing Plans and bring in new ideas for a refresh of Downtown spaces
- Reroute truck traffic out of Downtown through design or enforcement
- Evaluate transportation needs for a more inclusive multi-modal network



Existing Conditions

Public Realm

- A public realm that emphasizes and compliments the Downtown Historic District
- A public realm that is safe and comfortable for pedestrians



Existing Conditions

Mobility & Transportation

- Several areas of concern exist in Downtown, including awkward intersections, lack of accessibility, and congestion due to traffic volumes and train crossings on Bridge Street
- Truck traffic causes congestion and a poor pedestrian experience
- Traffic calming measures installed recently on Main Street have been effective



Previous Planning Themes

- Build upon existing resources, rather than reinvent
- Celebrate Brighton's history by retaining historic architecture & improving the public realm
- Pedestrian experiences should be prioritized
- Transportation in Downtown should be more inclusive, safe, efficient, and effective



AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

- A. Main Street & Bridge Intersection
- B. Strong Street Connection to Public Parking Lot
- C. N. Main St. & N. Cabbage Ave. Intersection
- D. Main Street Core
- E. Bridge St. & Cabbage Ave. Intersection
- F. S. Main St. / 1st Ave. / Bush St. Intersection

LEGEND

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|  | Downtown Public Realm Study Area |  | Trail |  | Gateway |
|  | Mobility & Transportation Study Area |  | Sidewalk |  | Area of Opportunity |
|  | Two-way Street |  | Community Asset (civic buildings, etc) |  | Area with Significant Constraint |
|  | One-way Street |  | Parks & Public Spaces | | |










OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS | mobility & transportation

AREAS OF CONCERN

- A. N. Main Street & N. Cabbage Ave. Intersection
- B. Public Parking Lot
- C. Main Street & Bridge Street Intersection
- D. Train Crossing at Bridge Street
- E. S. Main St. / 1st Ave. / Bush St. Intersection
- F. South Cabbage Avenue

LEGEND

-  Downtown Public Realm Study Area
-  Mobility & Transportation Study Area
-  Private Parking
-  Public Parking
-  RTD Park-n-Ride
-  RTD Bus Stop
-  Area of Concern

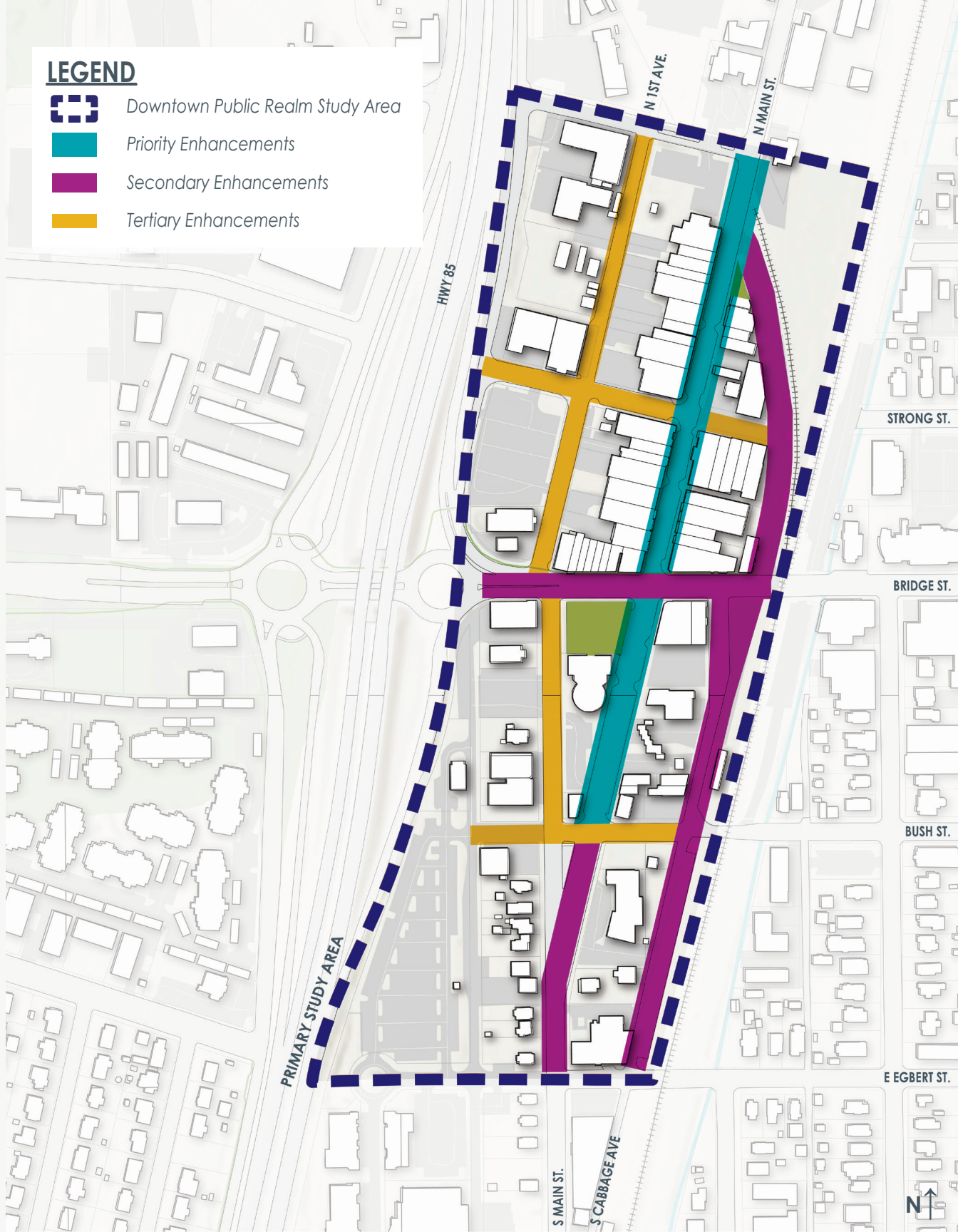
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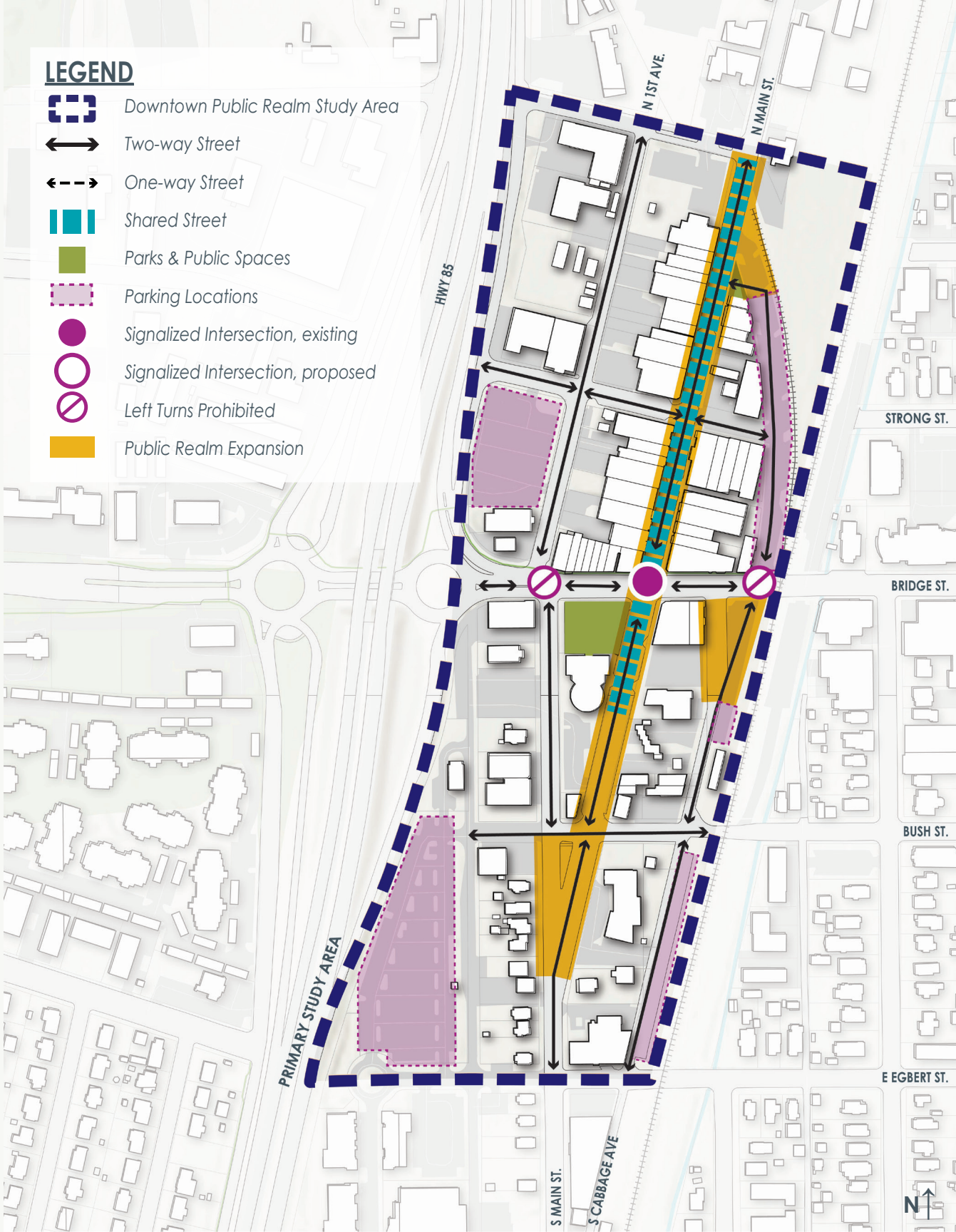
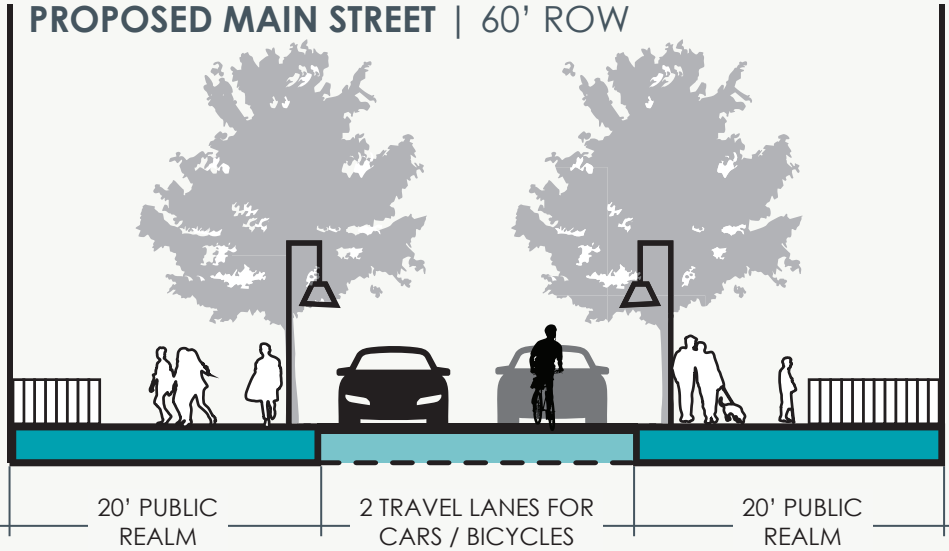
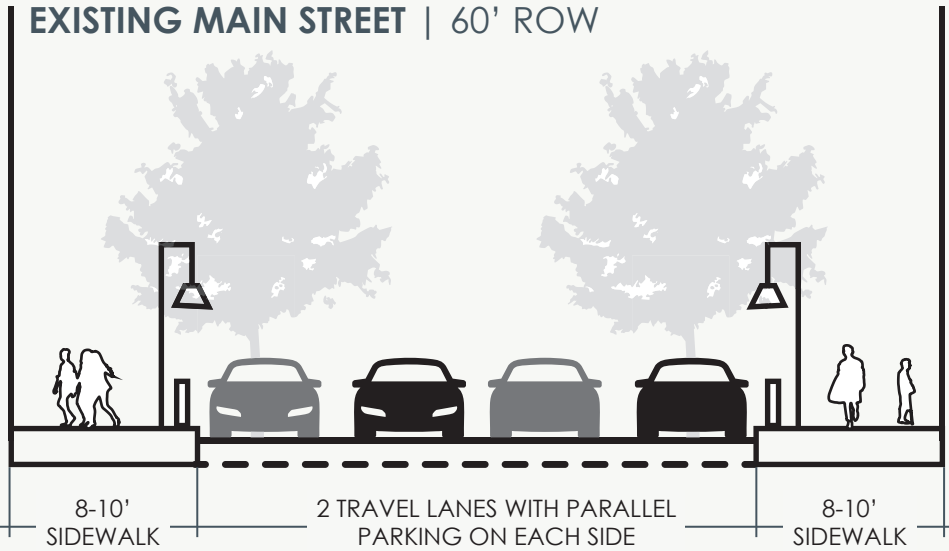
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OPTION 1



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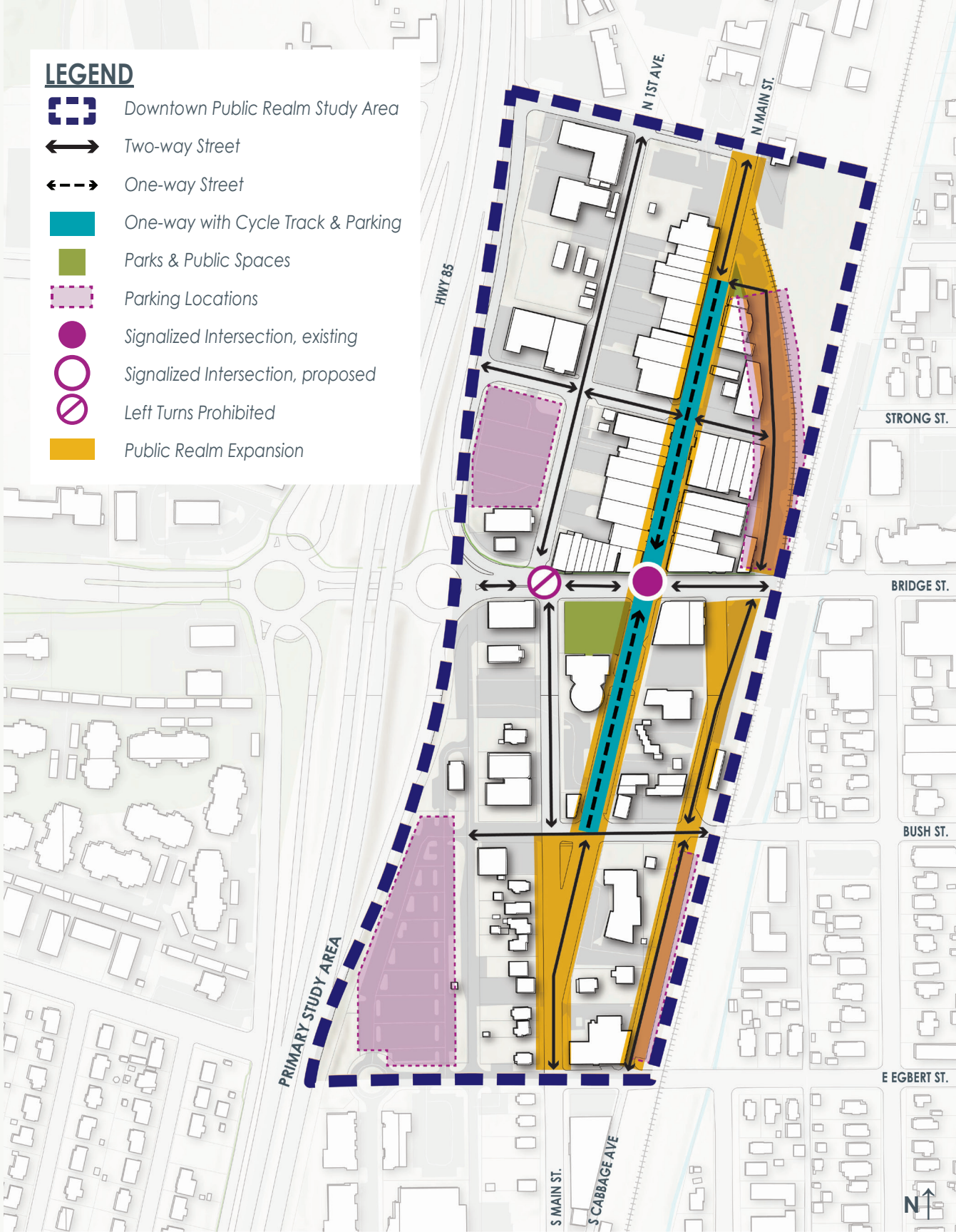
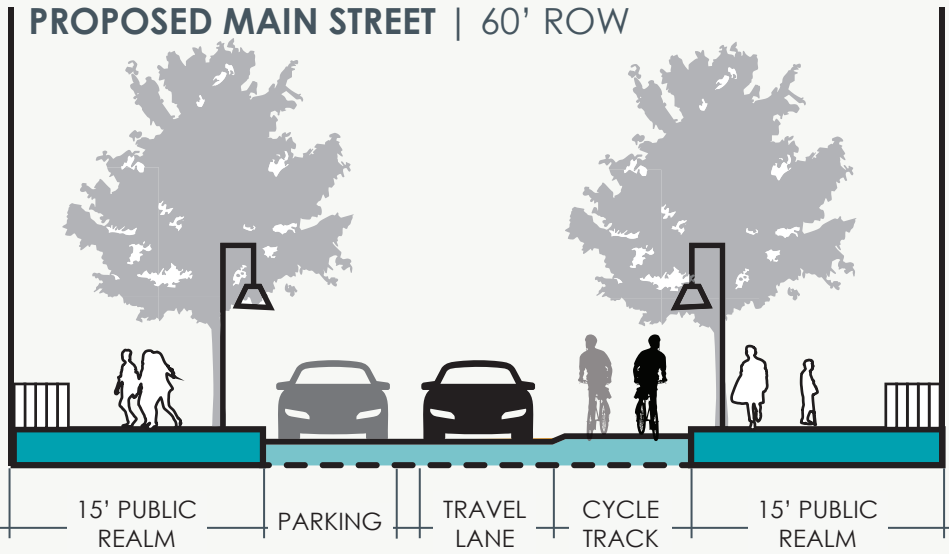
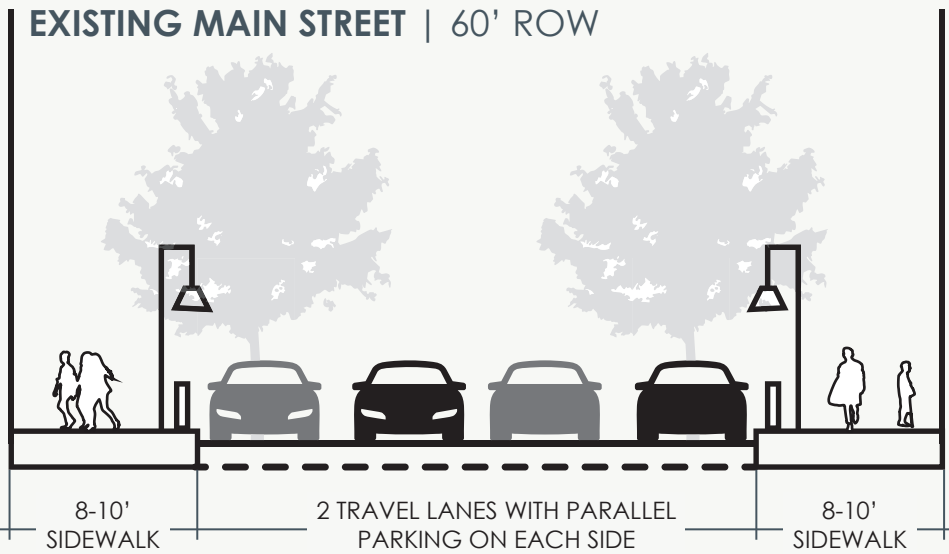
- 2-way traffic remains the same
- 40' of enlarged public realm on major blocks of Main Street
- curbless shared street can easily be closed off for community events
- shared vehicular / bicycle travel lanes designed with slower speeds
- enlarged public realm gives space for trees, seating, patios, and other amenities

CONS

- removes 16 parking stalls along Main Street north of Bridge Street
- assumes cooperation with the Railroad
- highest cost design



OPTION 2



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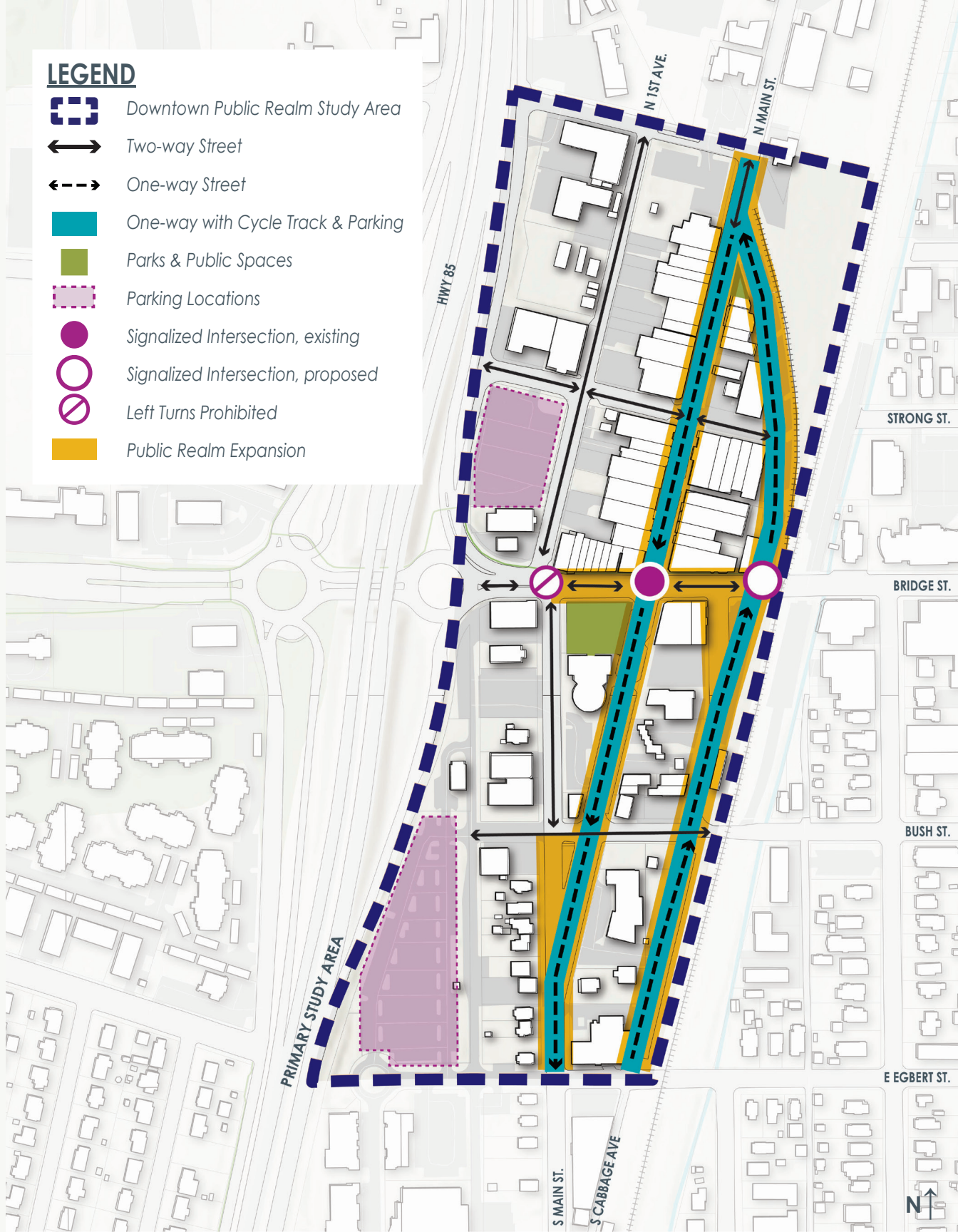
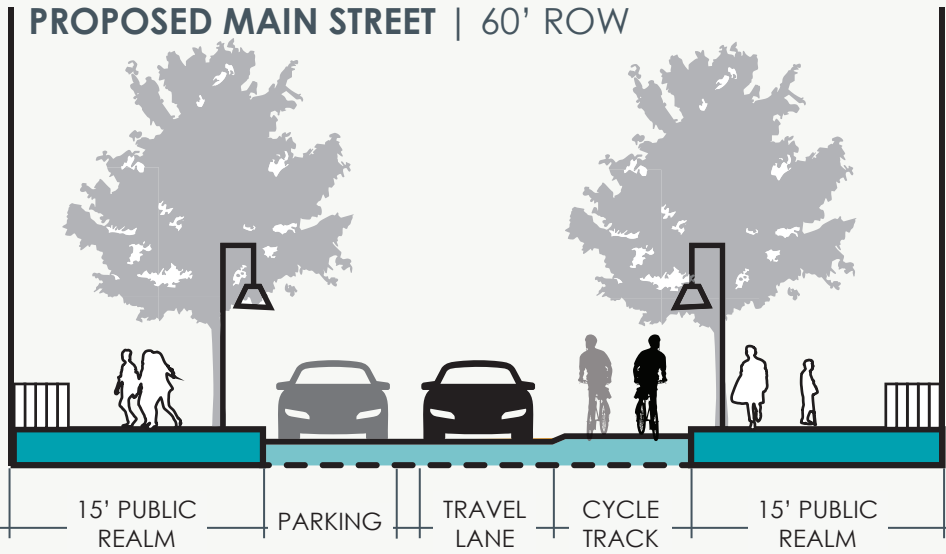
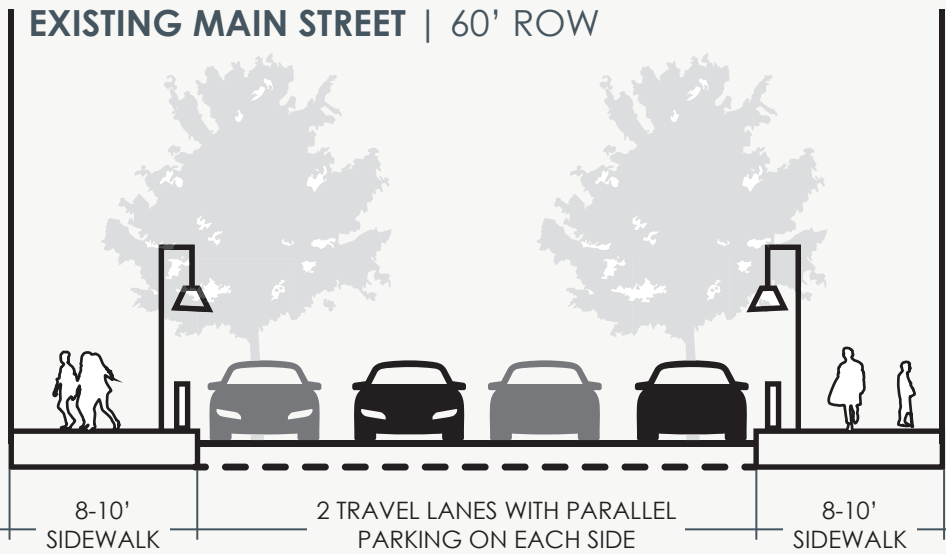
- 30' of enlarged public realm on major blocks of Main Street
- tightened vehicular traffic lane, parking, and roll curb cycle-track slow speed
- parking along Main Street is retained on one side of street with separation from travel
- roll curb cycle-track provides safe bike travel
- enlarged public realm gives space for trees, seating, patios, and other amenities

CONS

- removes parking on one side of Main Street north of Bridge Street
- assumes cooperation with the Railroad
- requires new traffic pattern



OPTION 3



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PROS

- 30' of enlarged public realm on major blocks of Main Street
- expanded public realm on Cabbage Avenue and Bridge Street
- tightened vehicular traffic lane, parking, and roll curb cycle-track slow speed
- parking along Main Street is retained on one side of street with separation from travel
- roll curb cycle-track provides safe bike travel
- enlarged public realm gives space for trees, seating, patios, and other amenities

CONS

- removes parking on one side of Main Street and Cabbage Avenue
- requires cooperation with the Railroad
- requires new traffic pattern



Project Schedule - Key Dates

- Project Kickoff - November 2024
- Existing Conditions & Opportunities / Constraints Maps - January 2025
- Workshop with City Staff - January 2025
- Concept Refinement with Council & BURA - February 2025
- Community Engagement - March 2025 *(to be confirmed)*
- Draft & Final Community Identity Plan - April 2025 *(to be confirmed)*

we are here!