

CHAVIS-DIX STROLLWAY: PUBLIC MEETING 2



August 20, 2026

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Acknowledgments

1. Project Overview & Concept Plan Development

2. Open Exploration & Interactive Stations

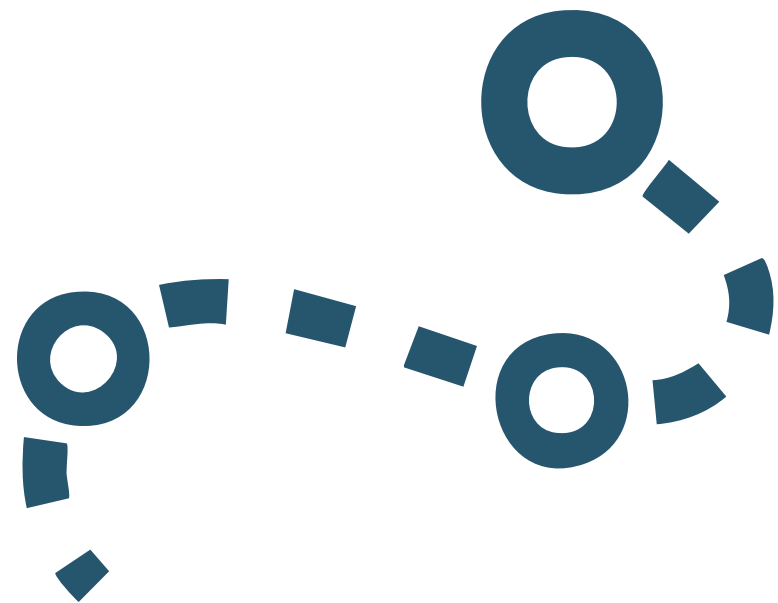


**WELCOME
&
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

PUBLIC MEETING 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of today's meeting is to continue engagement for the Strollway. This is an opportunity to:

- » **Reflect on feedback from the first engagement phase**
- » **Confirm themes for telling stories on the Strollway**
- » **Help prioritize trail amenities**
- » **Share next steps**



WHAT IS THE STROLLWAY?

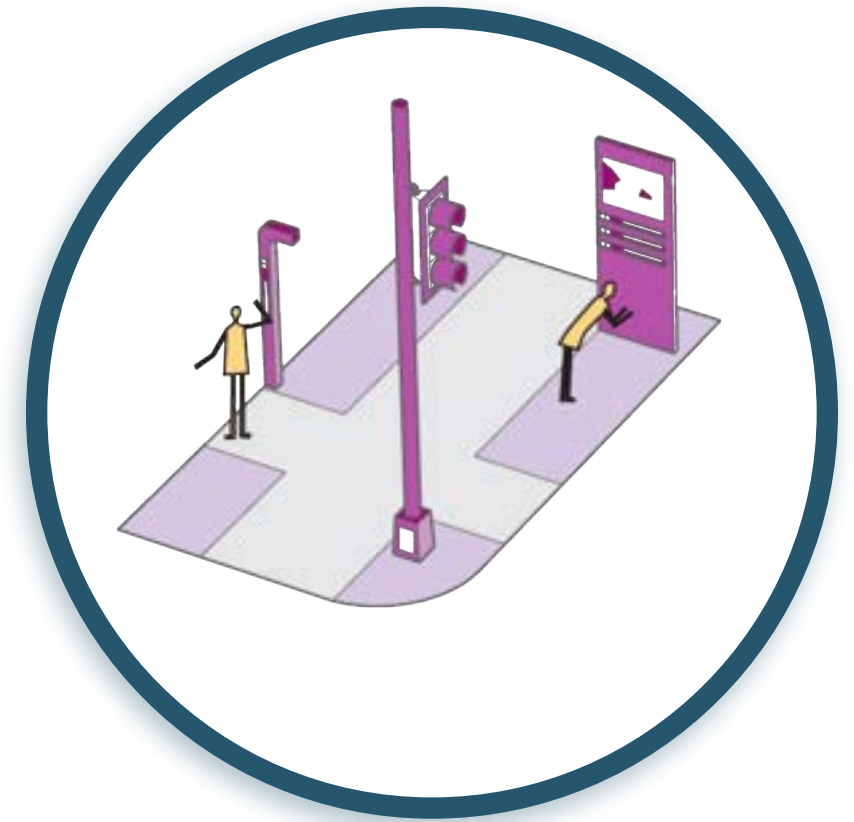
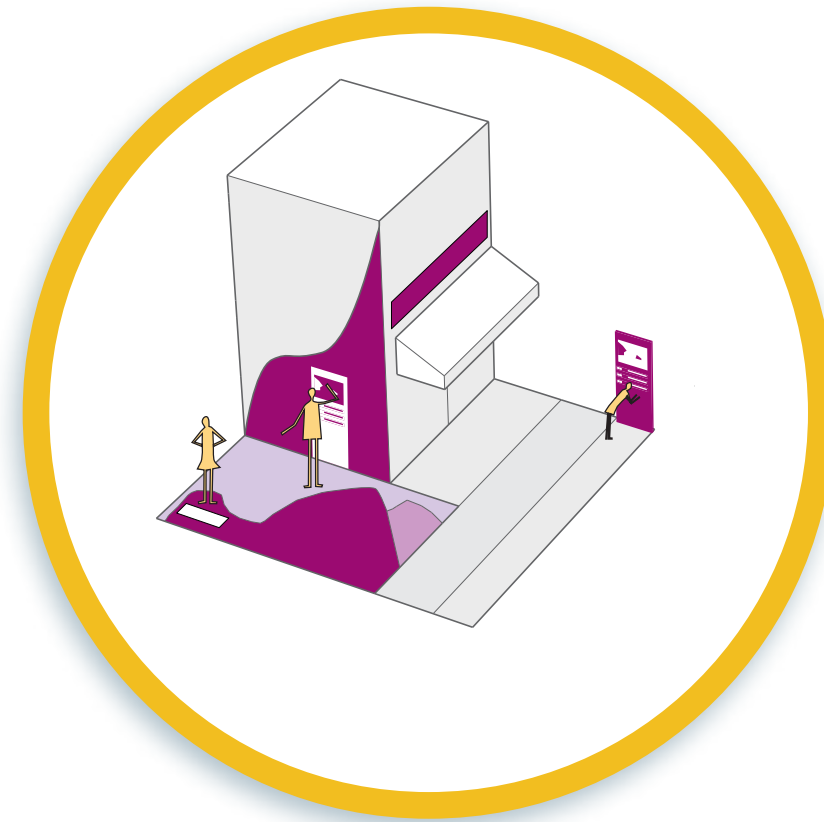
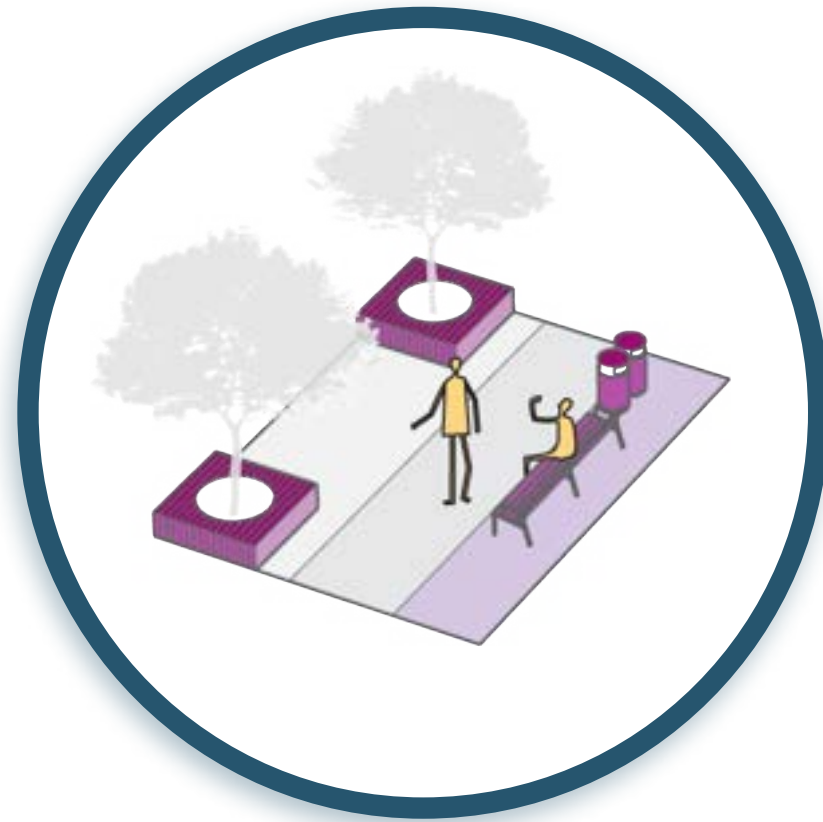
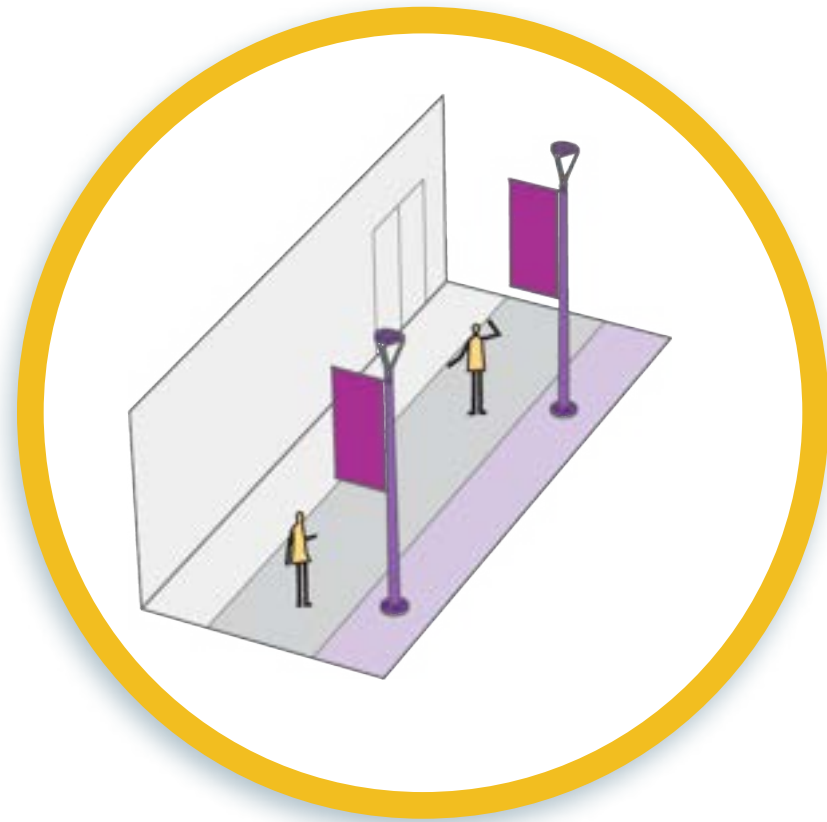
Connecting historic parks through Raleigh's cultural legacy:

- » **Raleigh's second cultural trail, following South Park Heritage Trail**
- » **Pedestrian-focused trail, not a transportation project**
- » **1.3-mile corridor, connecting John Chavis Memorial Park to Dix Park**
- » **Celebrating the history of the Third and Fourth Wards**
- » **\$1.5M in federal funding for a concept plan of the entire route and initial construction of a Phase 1 segment**



WHAT IS A CULTURAL TRAIL?

A cultural trail includes streetscape improvements, wayfinding, and interpretive elements to tell the area's history from the perspective of the community. For the Strollway such elements and improvements will only happen on city-owned land or public right-of-way.



PROJECT GOALS

• Culture + • Placekeeping

• **Celebrate** the
• culture, history and
• legacy of the Third
• and Fourth Wards.



• Community

• **Strengthen** community
• relationships, capacity and
• resources.



• Mobility

• **Enhance** mobility,
• connectivity and
• safety for pedestrians.

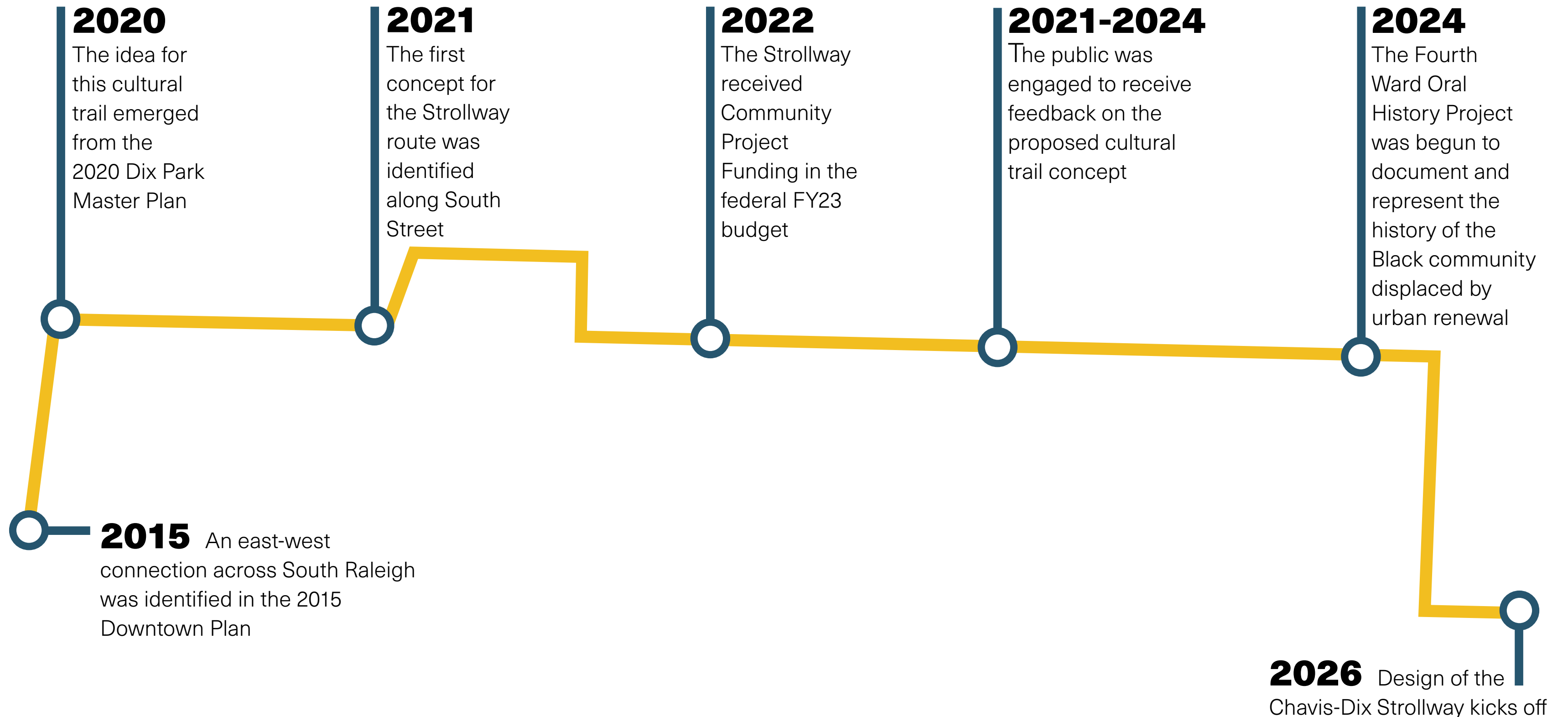


• Health & Well-being

• **Promote** healthy living and
• increase access to high
• quality public spaces.



EVOLUTION OF THE STROLLWAY



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE STROLLWAY

October 2021	+	“Stroll in the Streets” event
September 2022	+	Public input sessions
October 2022	+	Pop-up events (Community Planning Month)
July 2024	+	Saturday on South Block Party
September 2024	+	Public outreach event at Martin Marietta Center
April 2026	+	Community Meeting #1
Spring-Summer 2026	+	Stakeholder Events
August 2026	+	Community Meeting #2

October 2021: Stroll the Street along Lenoir St.



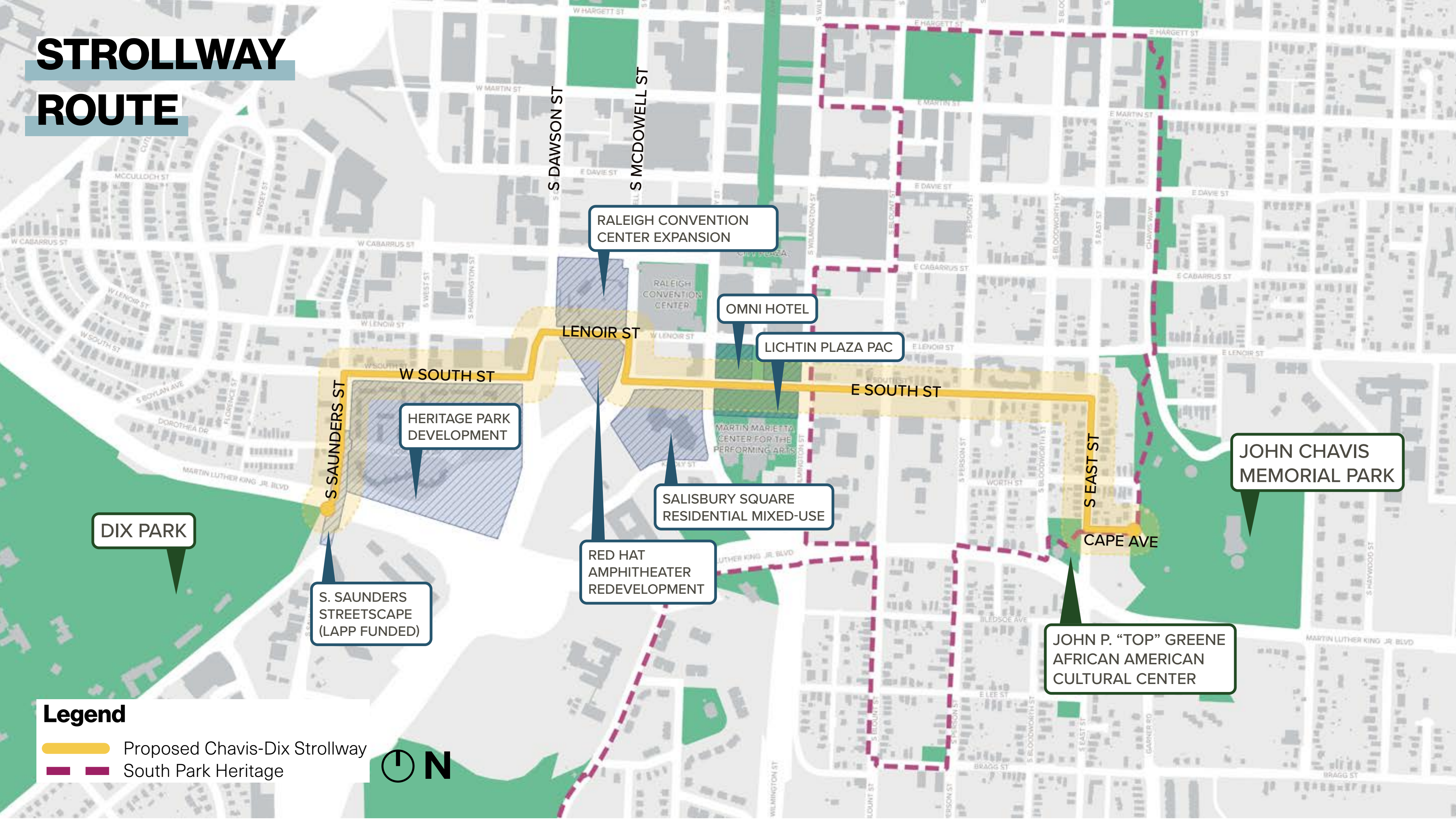
September 2022: Route Options Engagement



May 2024: Downtown Mobility Open House

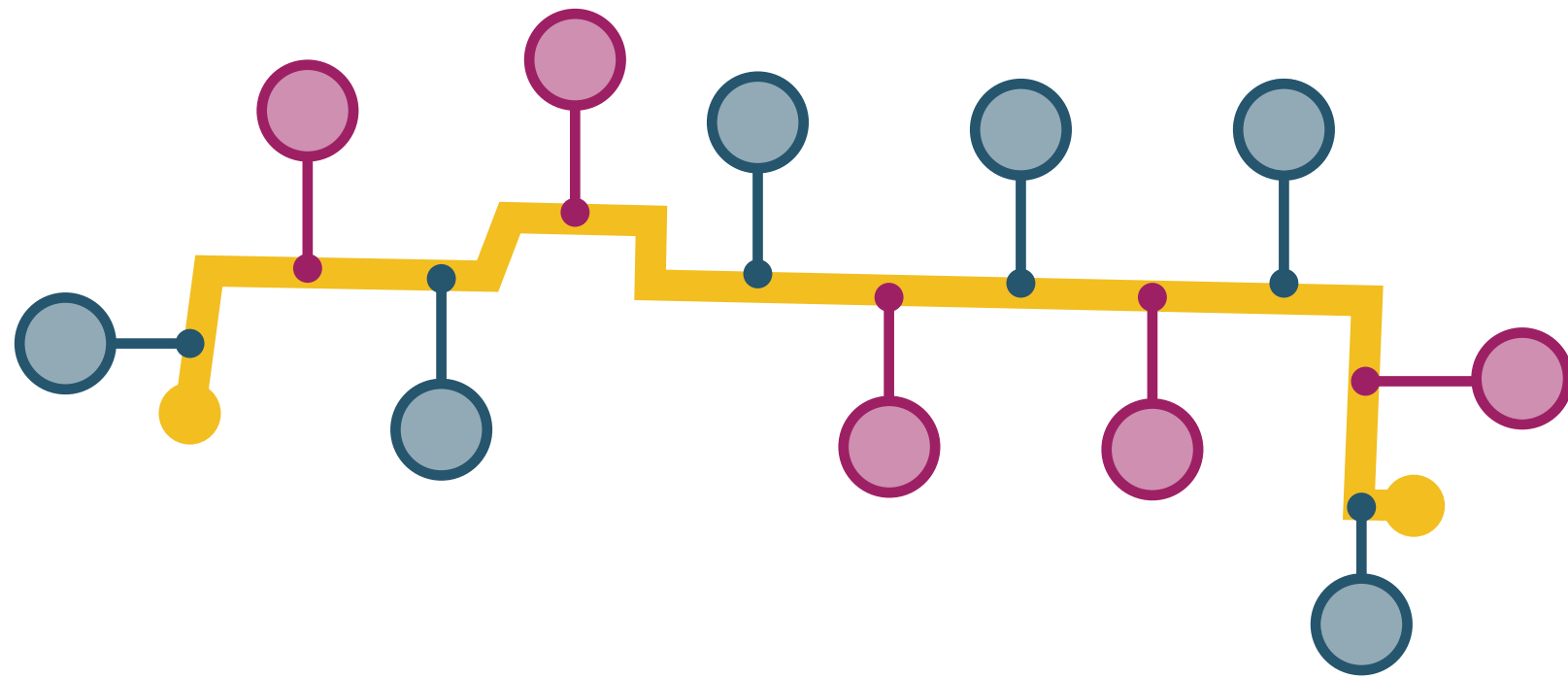


STROLLWAY ROUTE



PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Concept Plan for Entire Strollway Route



Phase 1 Project (first segment for construction)



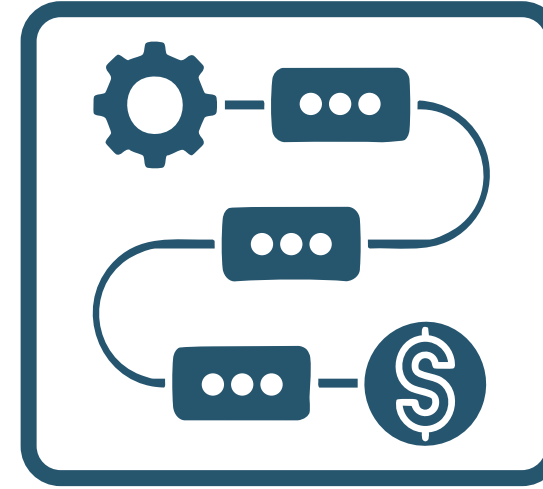
CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS



**Celebrate historic
Third & Fourth Wards**



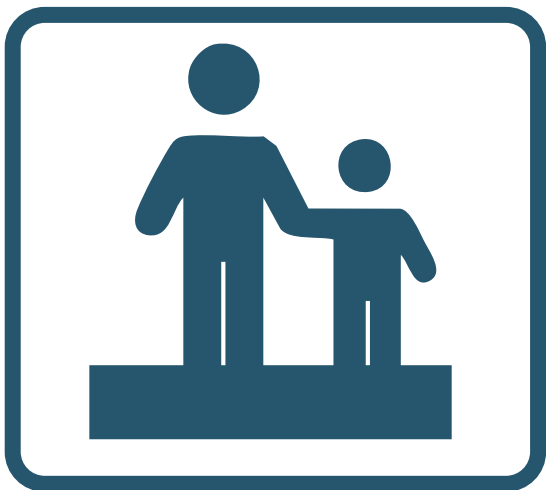
**Community
Endorsement**



**Optimize Design
Efficiency**



**Apply South
Park Heritage
Trail Standards**



Utilize Existing ROW



**Enable Phase 1
Success**



**Integrate Existing
Projects**



**Partnerships
Blueprint**

WHAT WE HEARD DURING ENGAGEMENT PHASE 1

WHAT WE HEARD

173 Survey Responses

30+ Public Meeting 1 Attendees

5 Stakeholder Group Meetings to Date

1 Bus Tour



WHAT WE HEARD

“Church picnics and having fun with friends and family at Chavis Park in the 50’s and 60’s.”

“Everybody looked out for each other.”



“I still have people from Heritage Park that I call family. They are like family instead of friends.”

“I grew up in the Fourth Ward and some of my best childhood memories were there.”

“We were outside playing jump rope and double-dutch...we played tug-of-war with the rope.”

“We would have the best fish frys on Fridays on Florence Street. It was a source of community and love.”



WHAT WE HEARD

Priorities



The importance of **pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity**



A strong desire to **celebrate the cultural and historical heritage** of the Third and Fourth Wards



Community support for **public art, wayfinding, and creative interpretive elements** throughout the corridor

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND SPACES OF THE STROLLWAY



Dusty's Service Center



Fayetteville Street Baptist Church



First Congregational Church



Former Carolina Trailways



Original Rex Hospital



Harris Barber College



Original Washington School



Leonard Medical School



Union Baptist Church



Shaw University



Old Office Building



Washington Graded & High School



Mt. Hope Cemetery



Manly Street Christian Church



Memorial Auditorium

STORYTELLING ALONG THE STROLLWAY

STORYTELLING THEMES

Home, Neighborhood & Belonging

Self-sustaining, self-sufficient networks of families, friends, and neighbors who looked out for one another—bonds strengthened through social gatherings, volunteering, and shared collective experiences.

Leadership & Legacy: Fourth Ward

The people and organizations that strengthened the neighborhood, represented residents, and continue to preserve community identity of the Fourth Ward.

Black Enterprise

Black-owned businesses, commercial corridors, home-based enterprises, professional services, and the many ways residents made a living and supported one another.

Arts, Culture & Entertainment

The artists, entertainers, venues, traditions, and creative energy that brought people together and established the community's cultural identity.

Faith, Fellowship & Civic Life

The churches, community centers, civic organizations, and other institutions that provided leadership, fellowship, services, and spaces for collective action.

STORYTELLING THEMES

Government & Change

Government policies, development, infrastructure, and urban renewal that changed the community, and how residents responded, adapted, and advocated for their neighborhoods.

Care, Healing & Well-Being

Healing traditions, community support networks, medical schools, healthcare providers, caregivers, and the places and practices that sustained physical, emotional, and collective wellbeing.

Education & Opportunity

Schools, educators, students, campuses, training opportunities, and the enduring role of education in expanding possibility and strengthening community leadership.

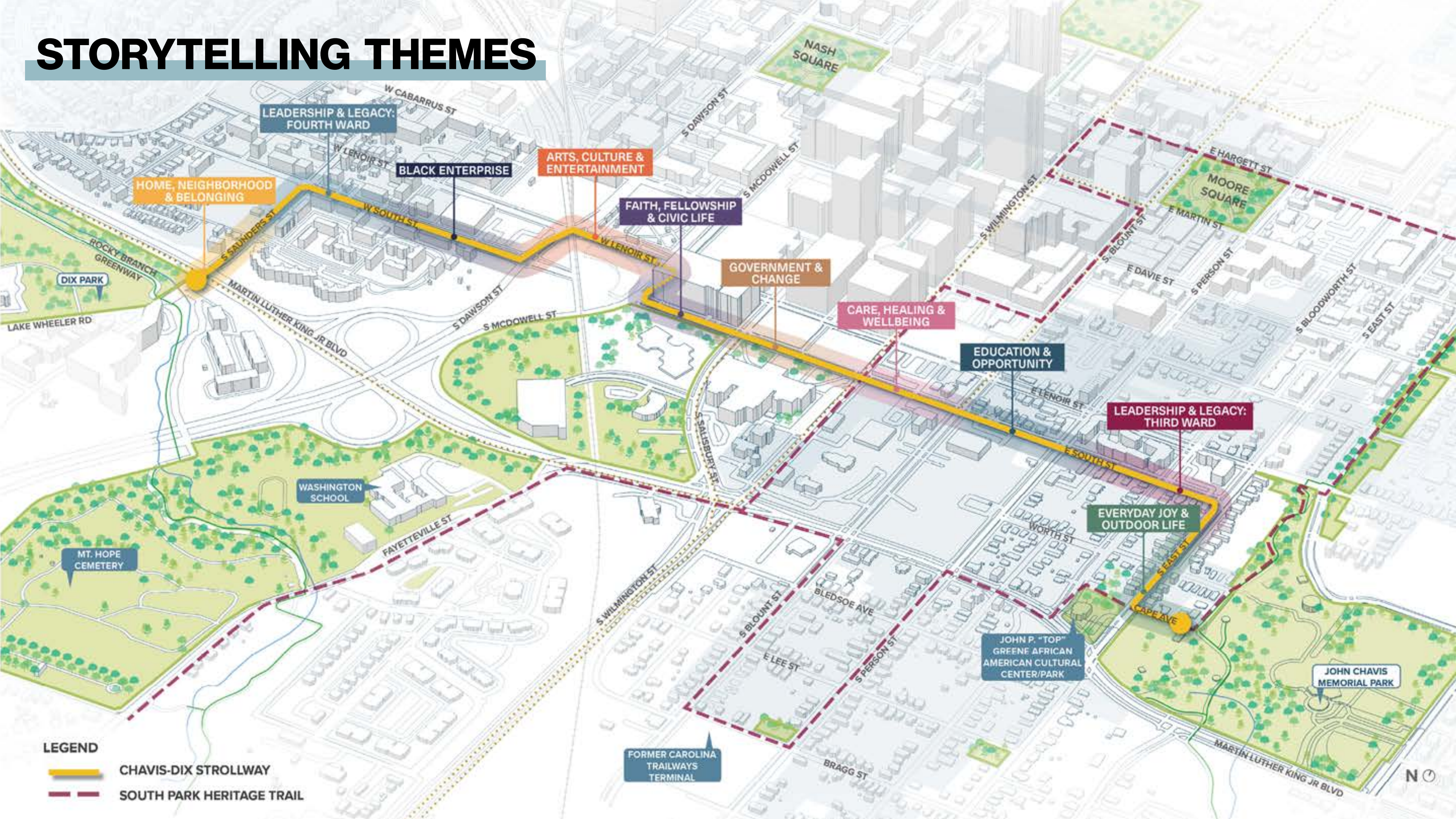
Leadership & Legacy: Third Ward

The people, organizations, and local movements that protected, represented, and advanced the Third Ward.

Everyday Joy & Outdoor Life

The parks, sports, informal gatherings, outdoor traditions, children's play, celebrations, and the everyday experiences that continue to bring enjoyment and connection to community life.

STORYTELLING THEMES



LEGEND

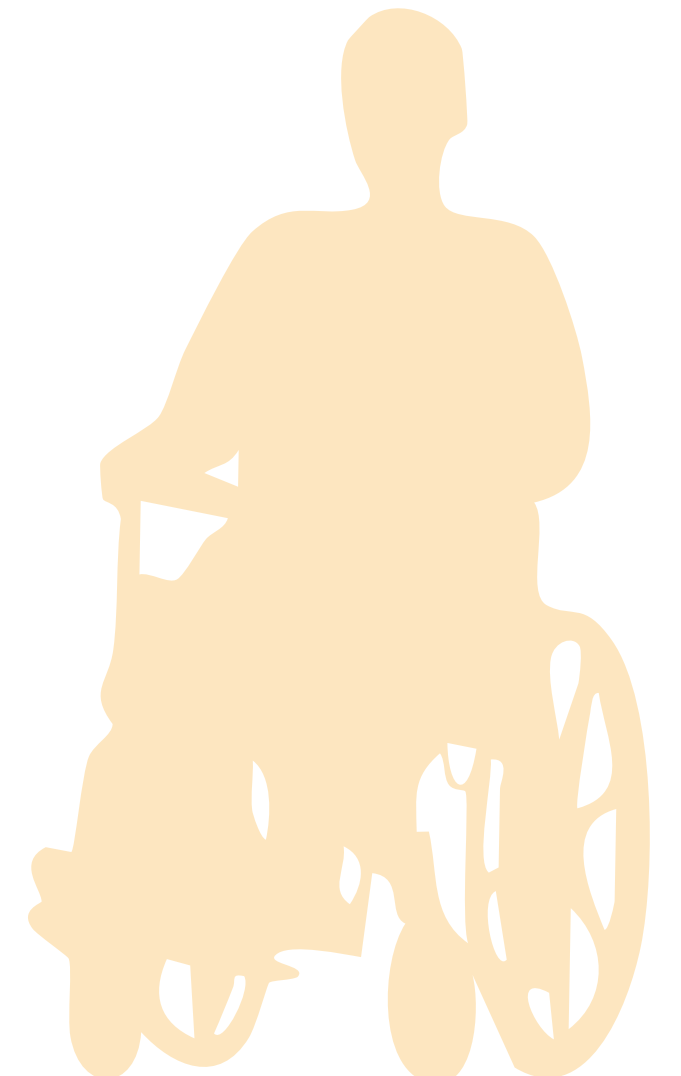
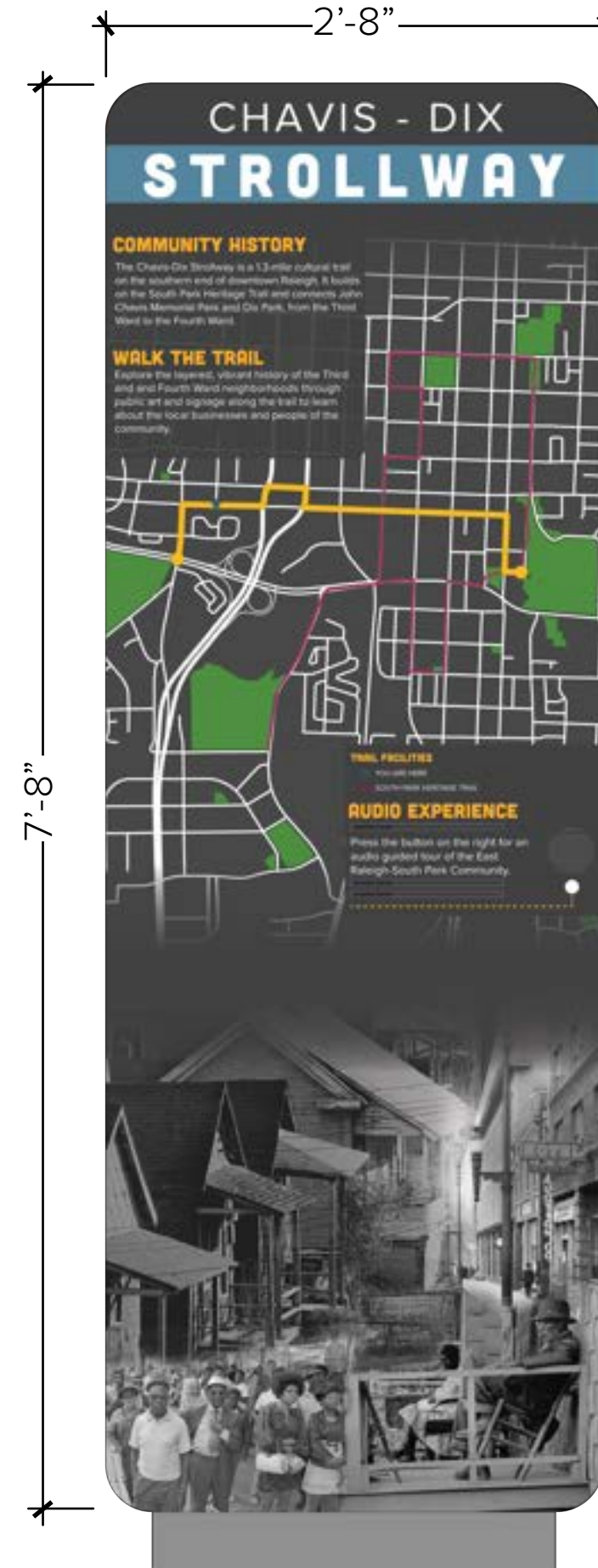
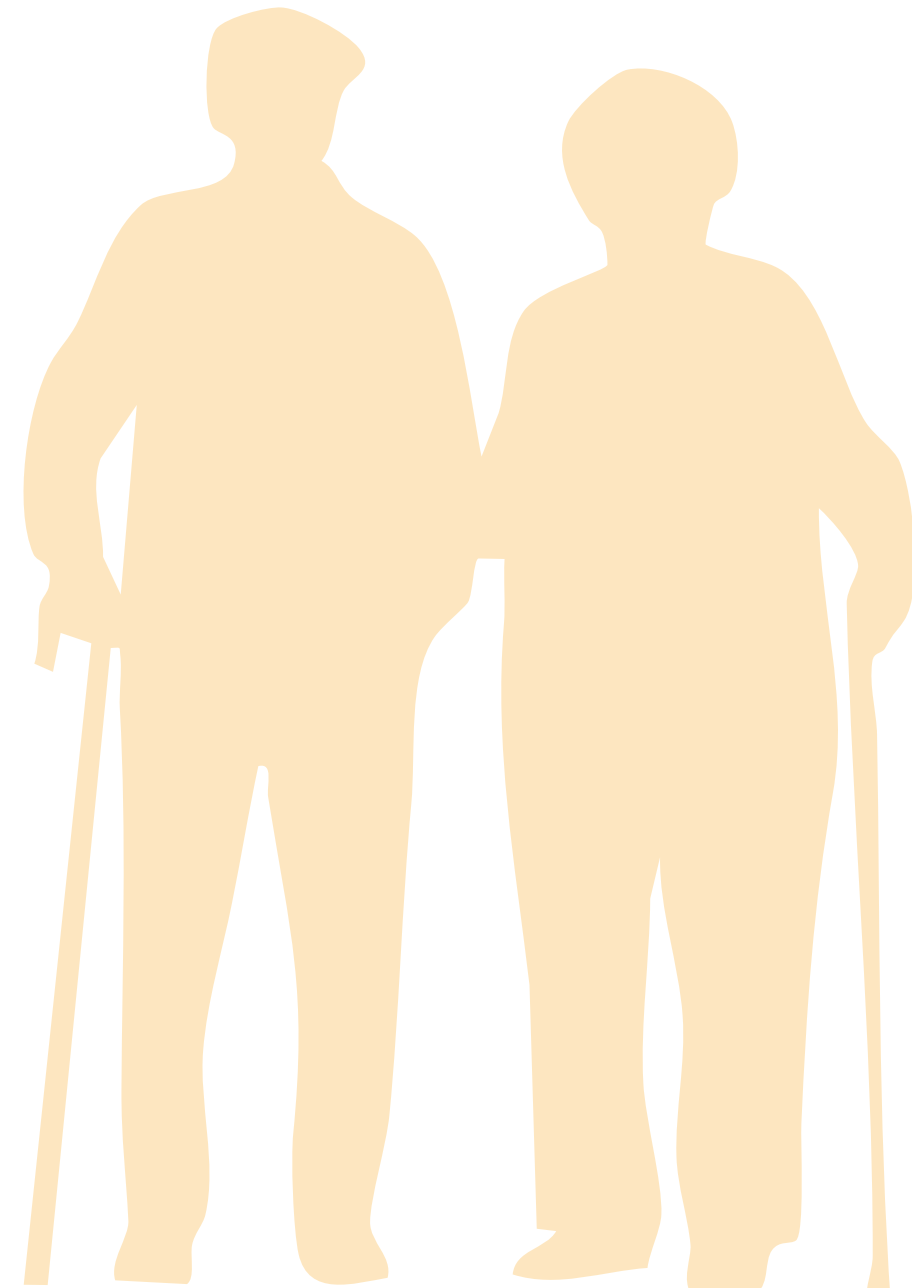
- CHAVIS-DIX STROLLWAY
- SOUTH PARK HERITAGE TRAIL

SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING

INTERPRETING HISTORY

Information Kiosk

featuring a trail map and information about the Chavis-Dix Strollway

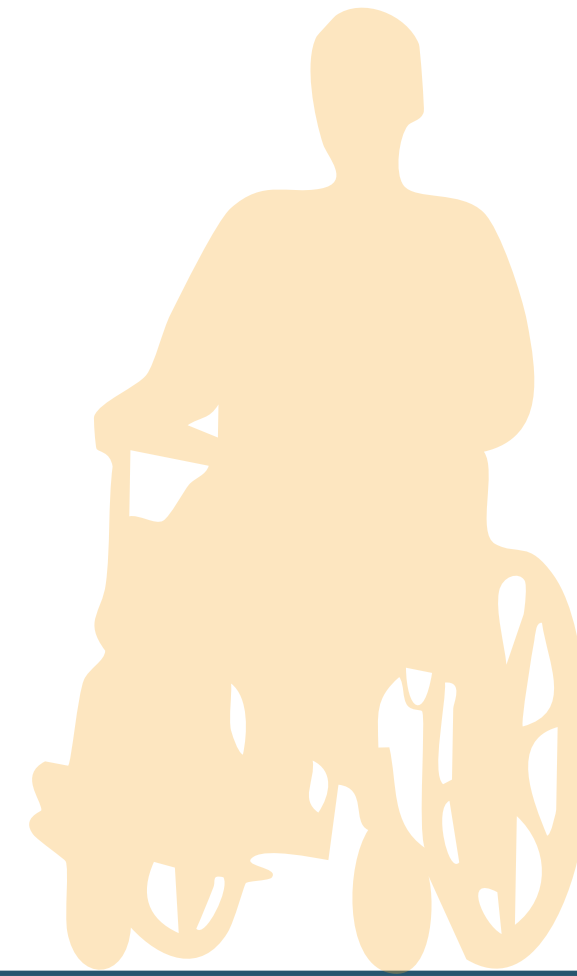
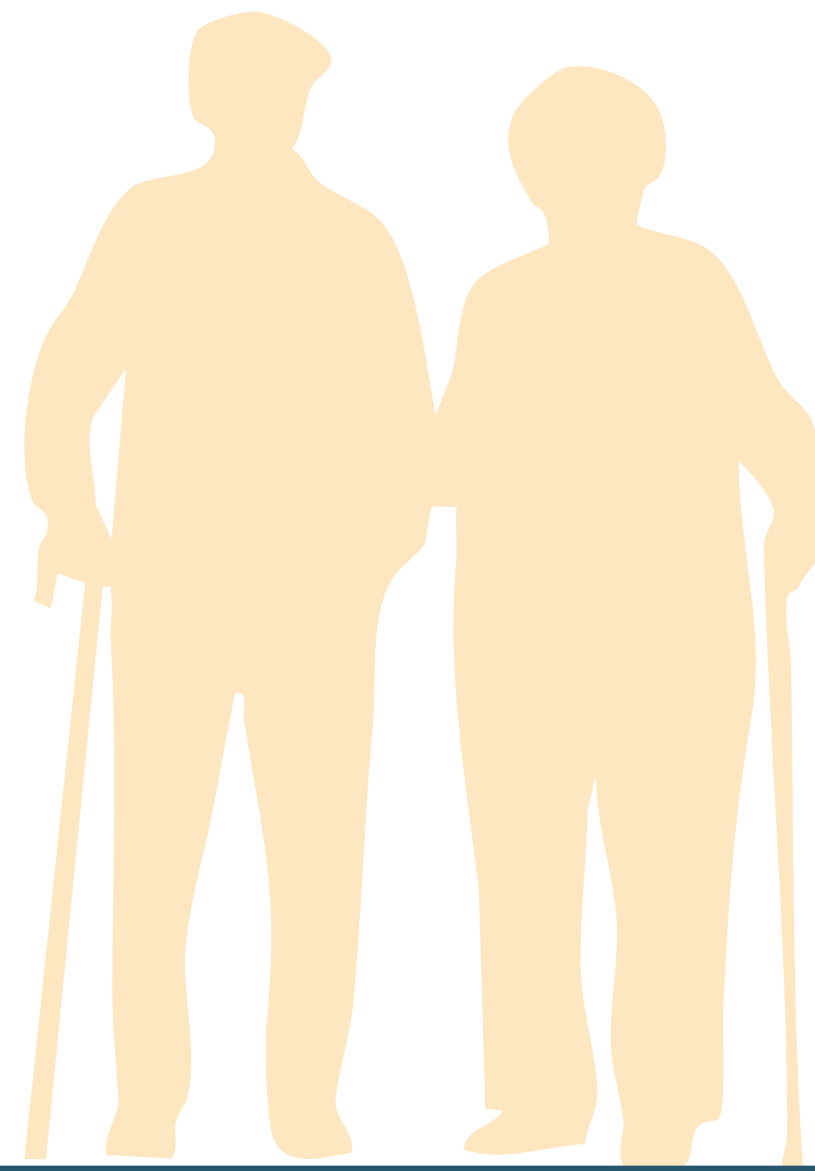


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INTERPRETING HISTORY

Wayfinding and Storytelling

guiding trail users from park to park,
sharing community stories along the way



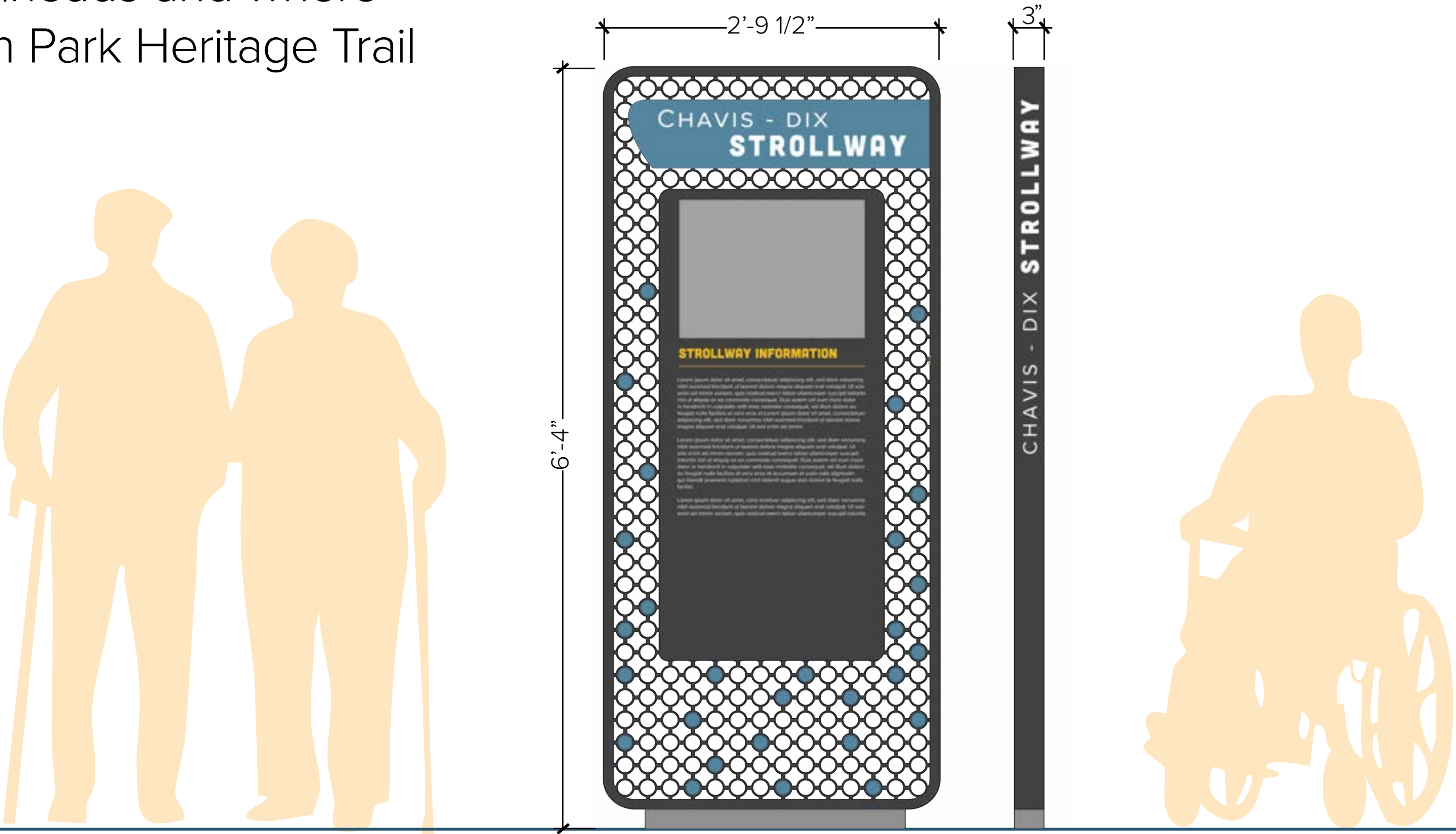
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INTERPRETING HISTORY

Perforated Panel

welcoming users at trailheads and where the Strollway and South Park Heritage Trail converge

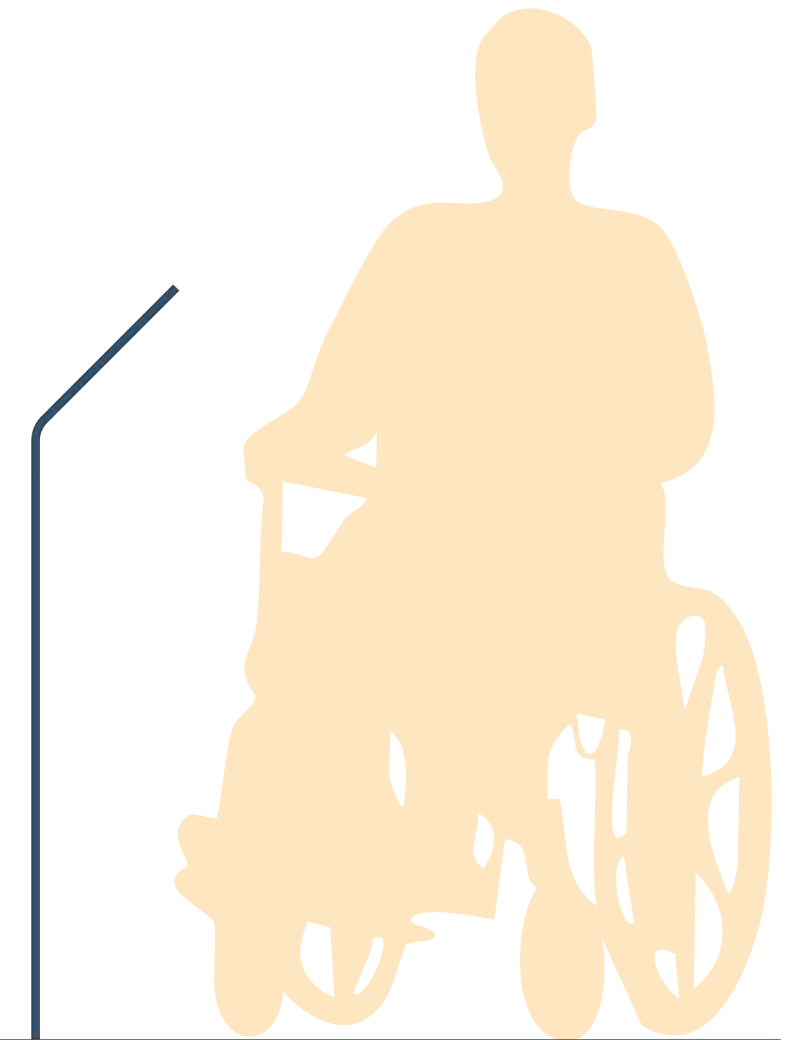
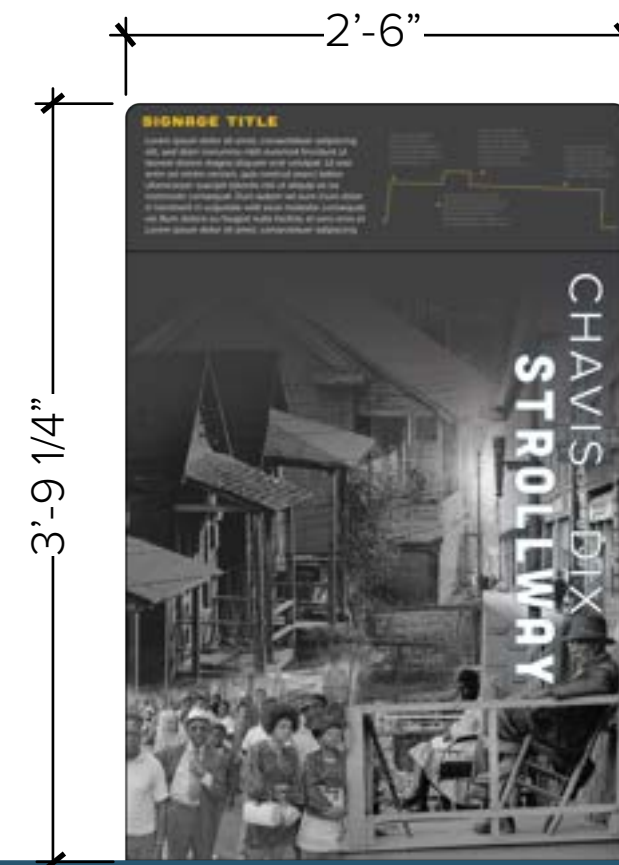
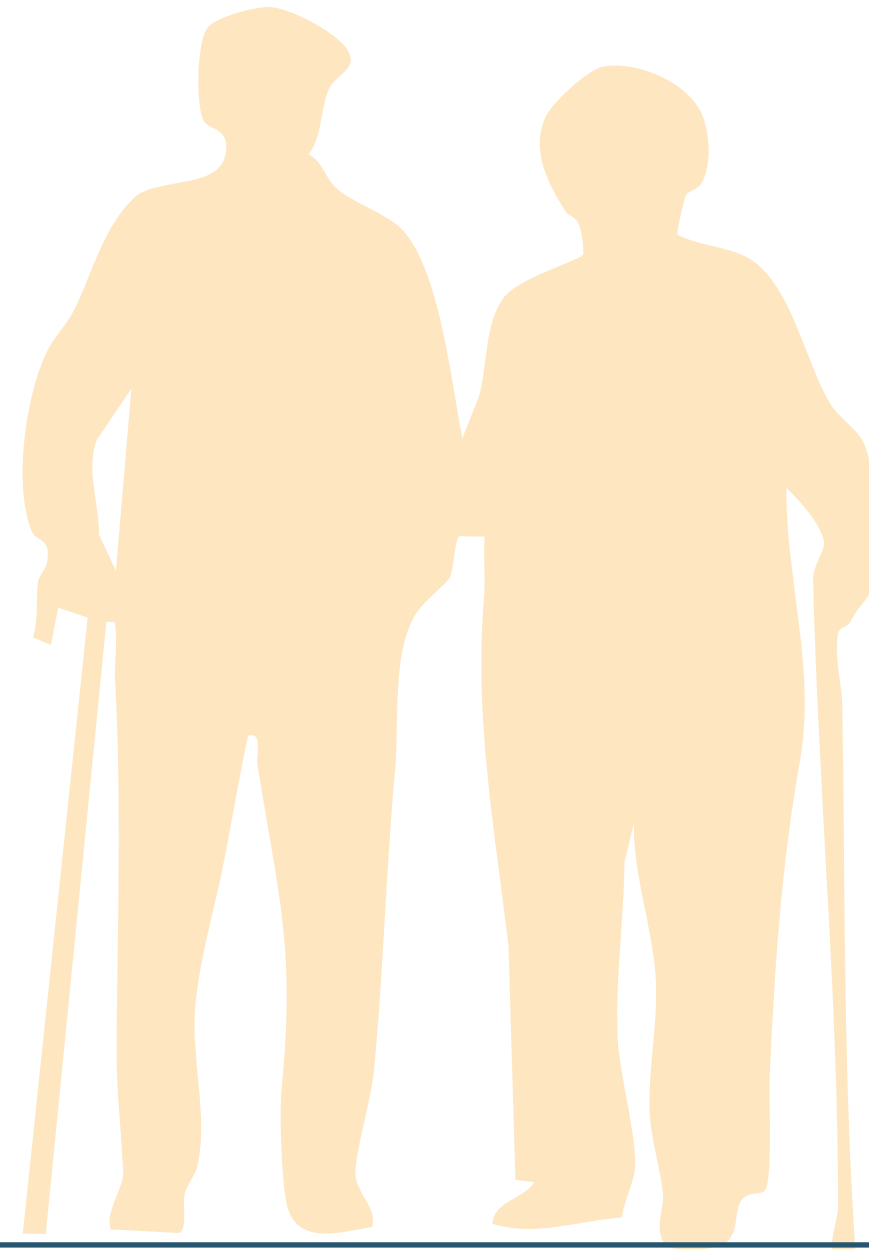
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INTERPRETING HISTORY

Information Pedestal

describing the storytelling themes and highlighting historical resources along the trail

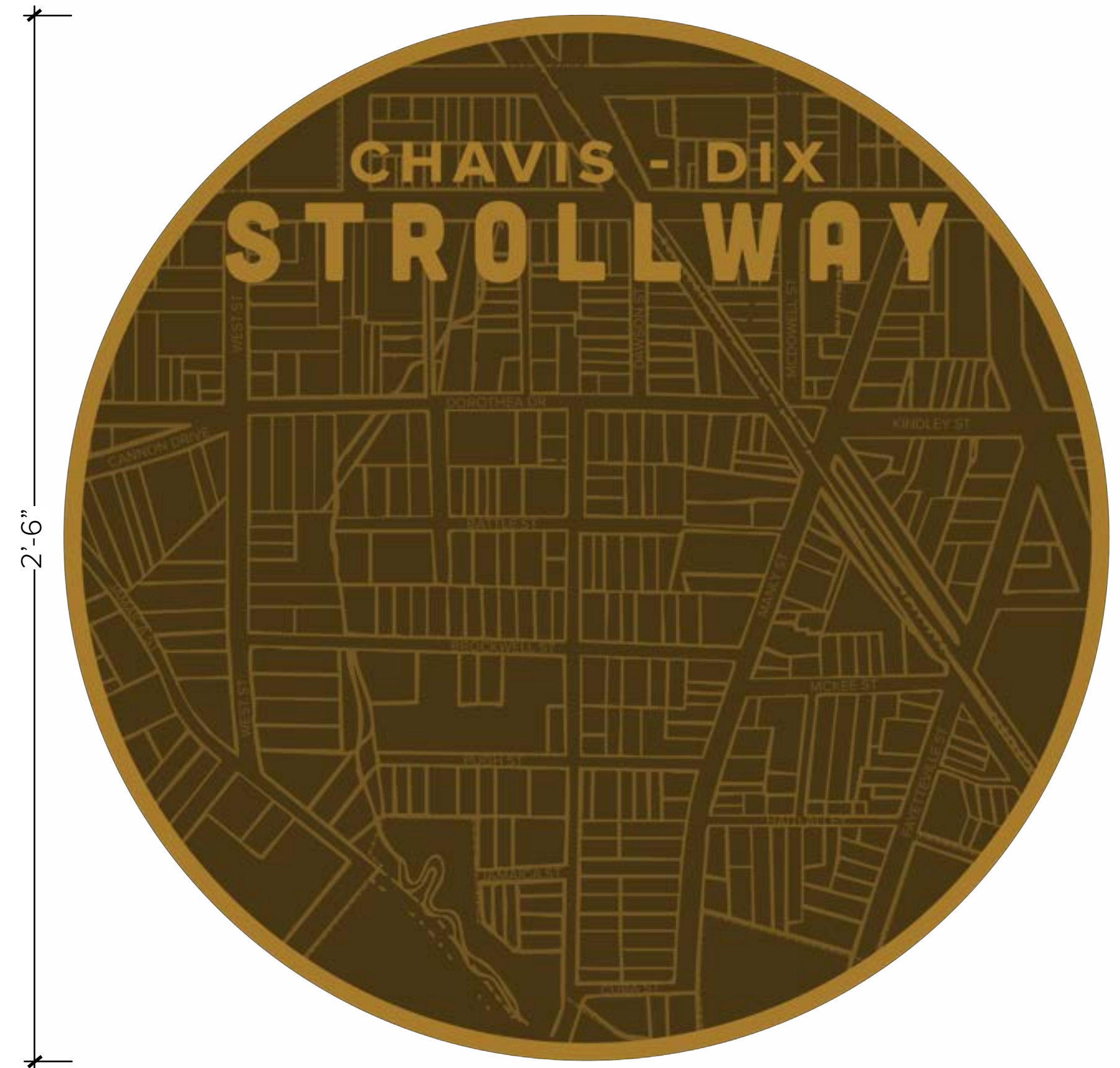


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INTERPRETING HISTORY

Metal Medallions

placed within the sidewalk commemorating
historic structures along the Strollway



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INTERPRETING HISTORY

Metal Sidewalk Plaques

marking intersections from the historic Fourth Ward street grid

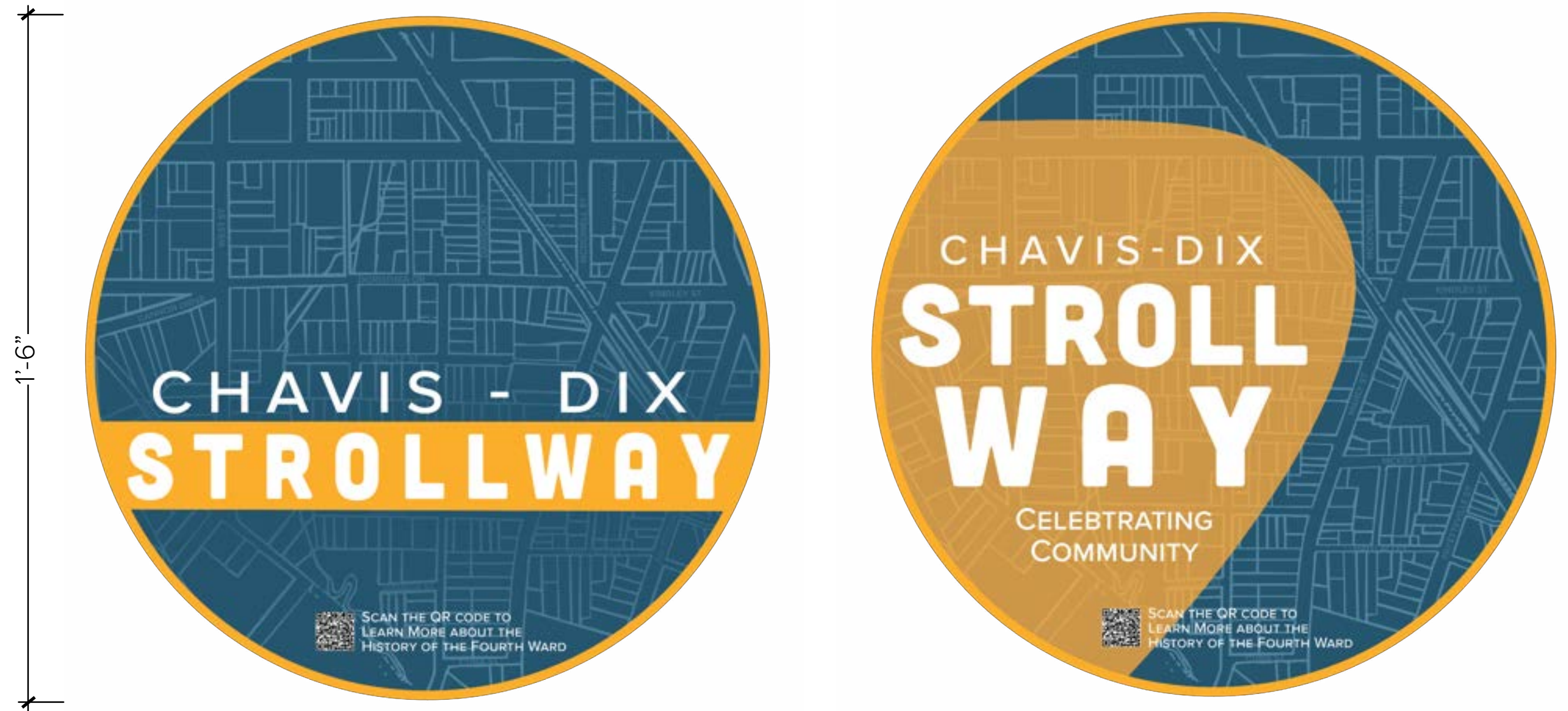


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Thermoplastic Sidewalk Decals

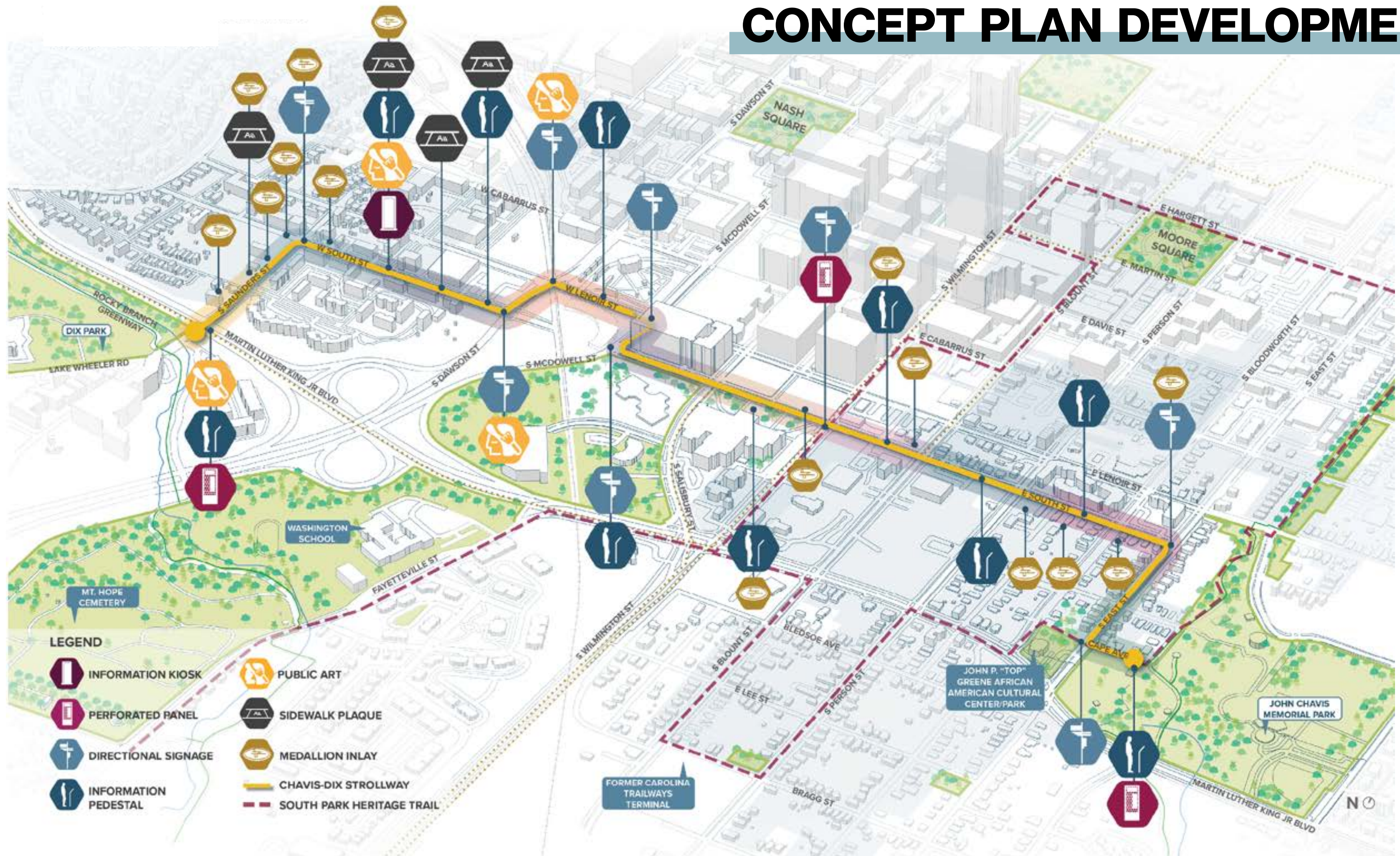
marking intersections and guiding users mid-block,
keeping trail visitors confidently on the route

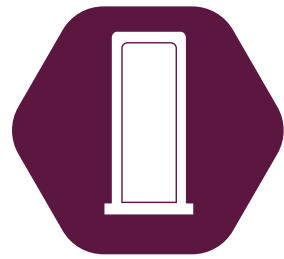


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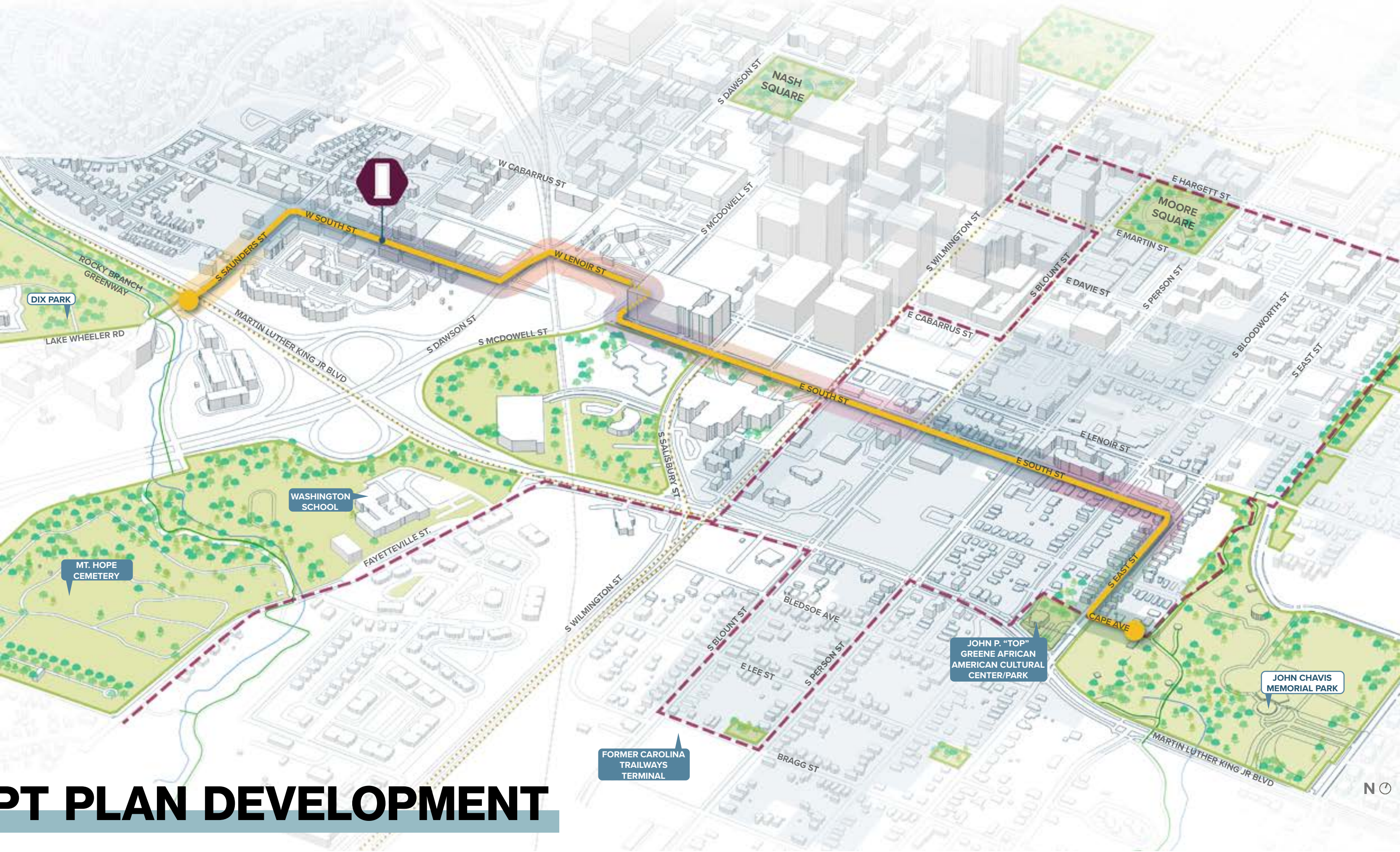
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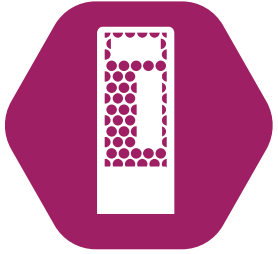




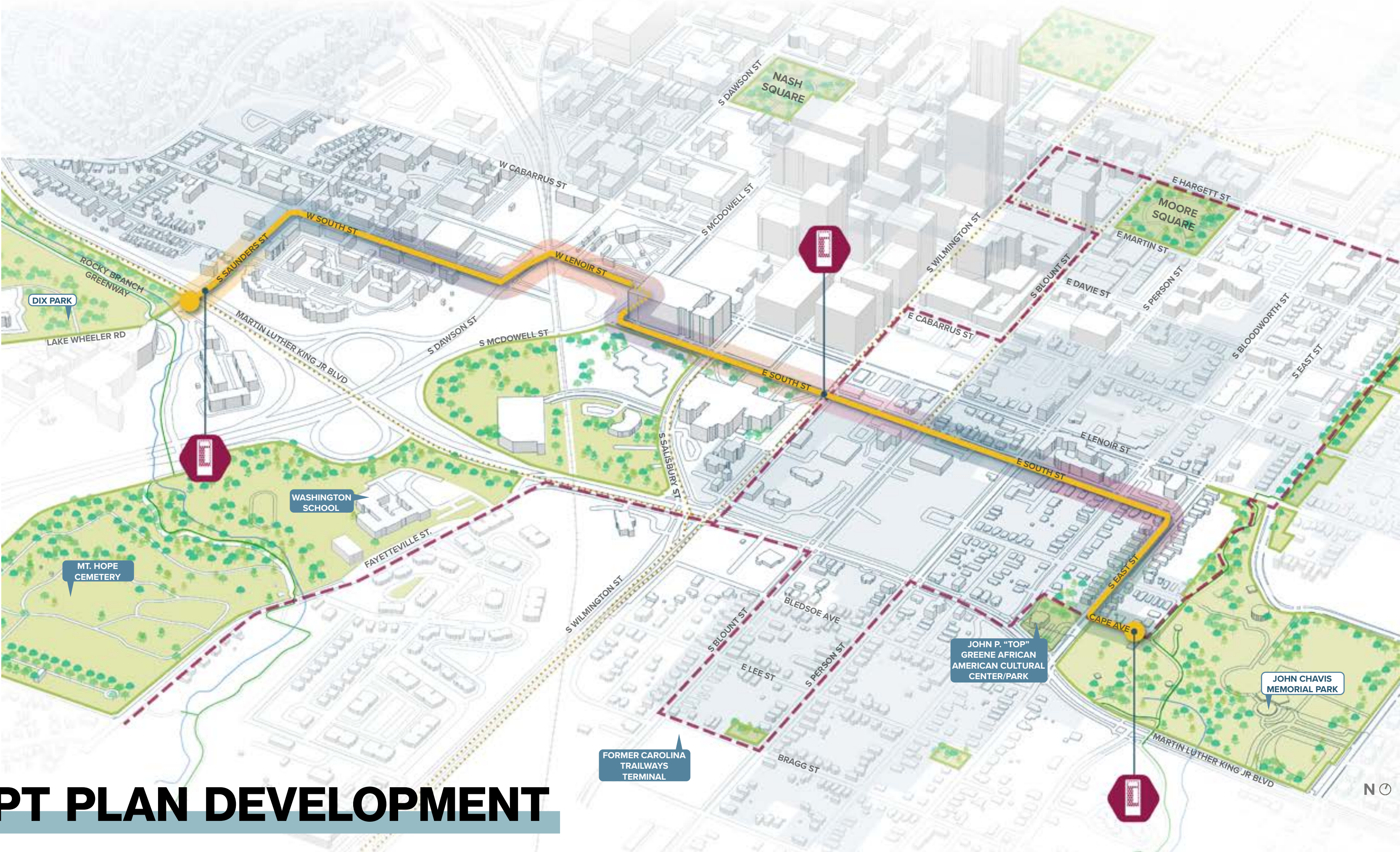
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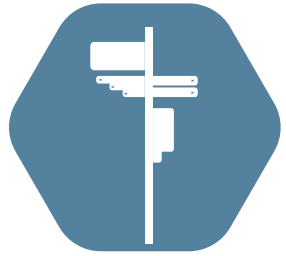
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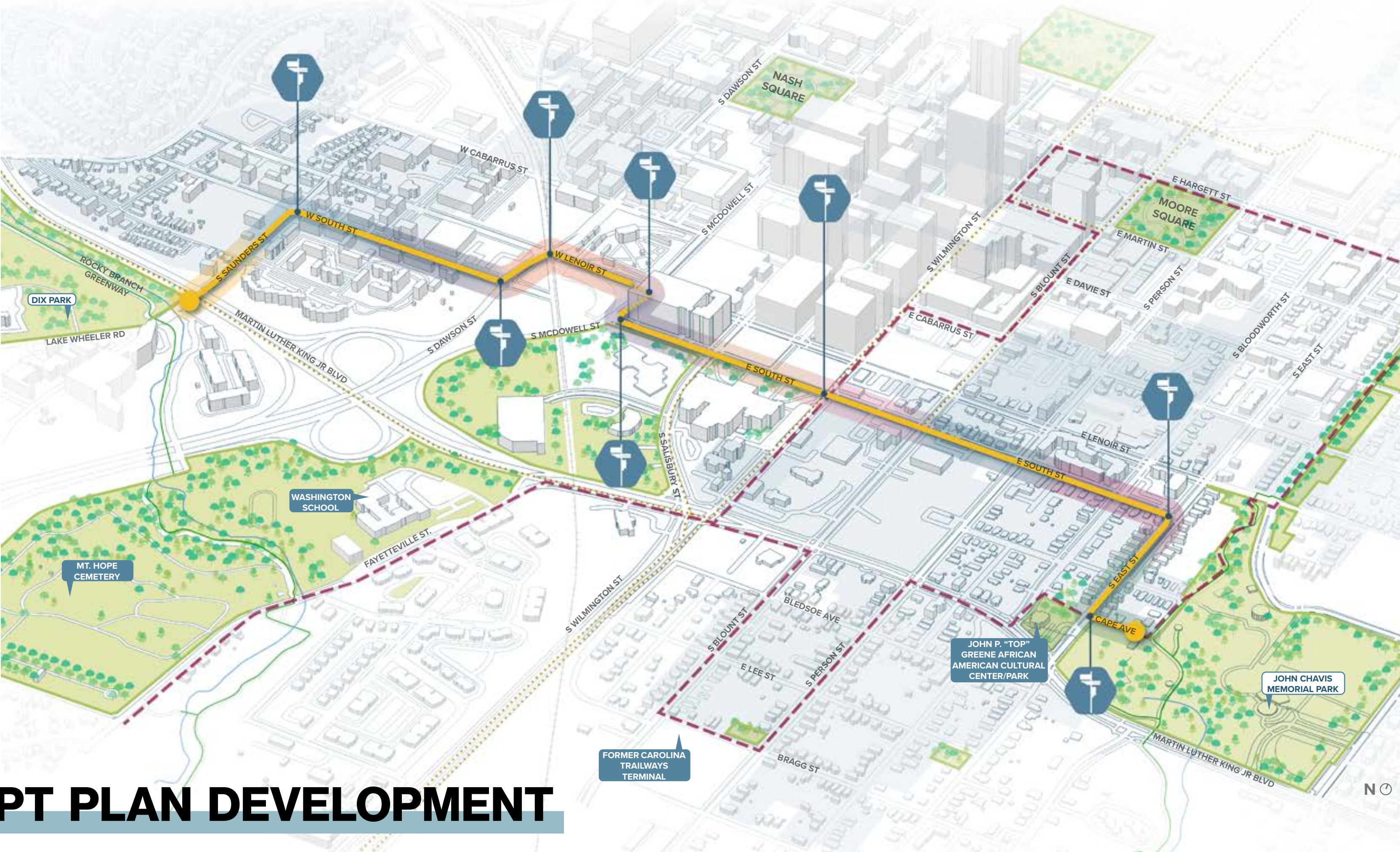
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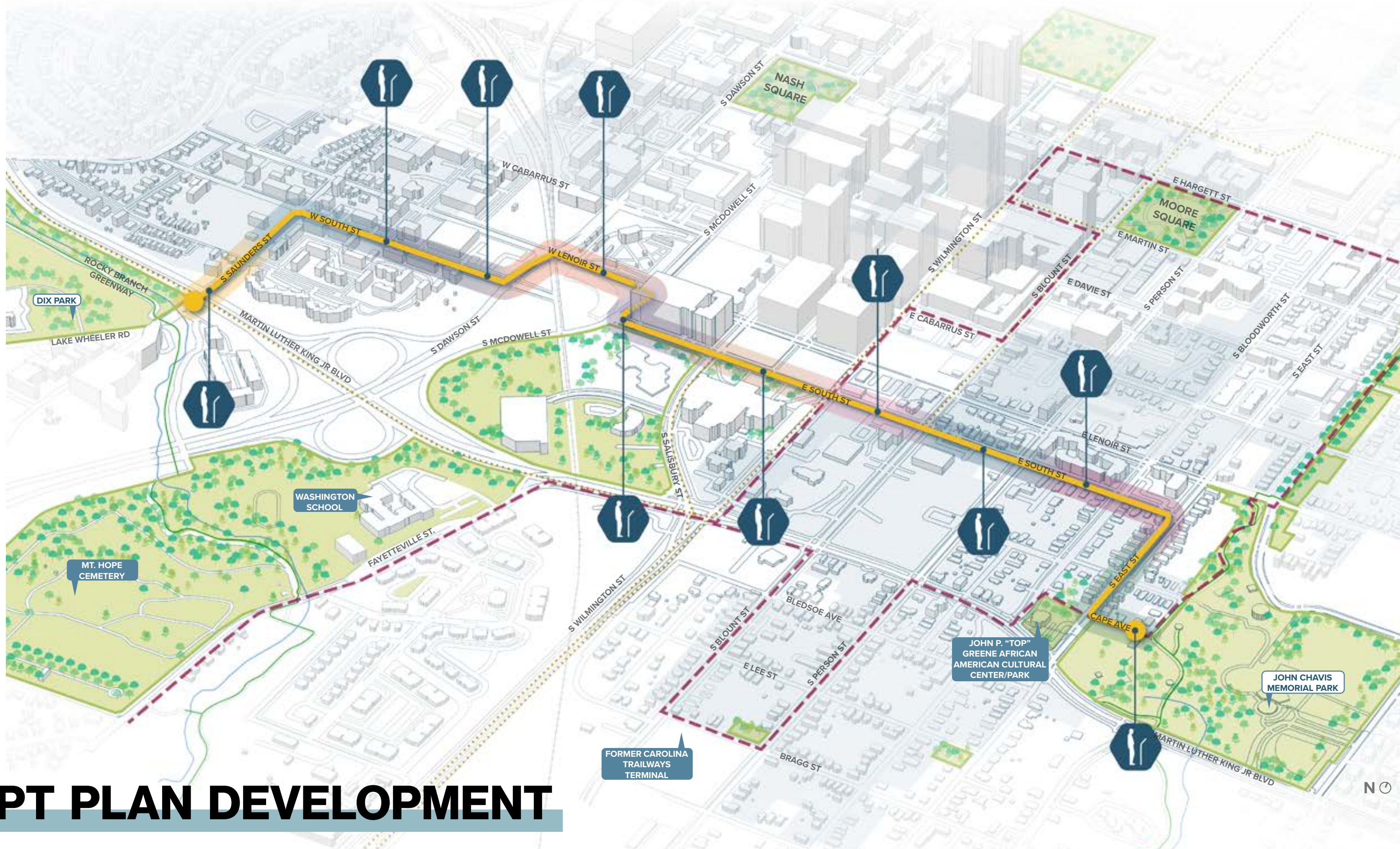
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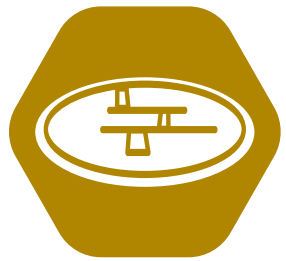
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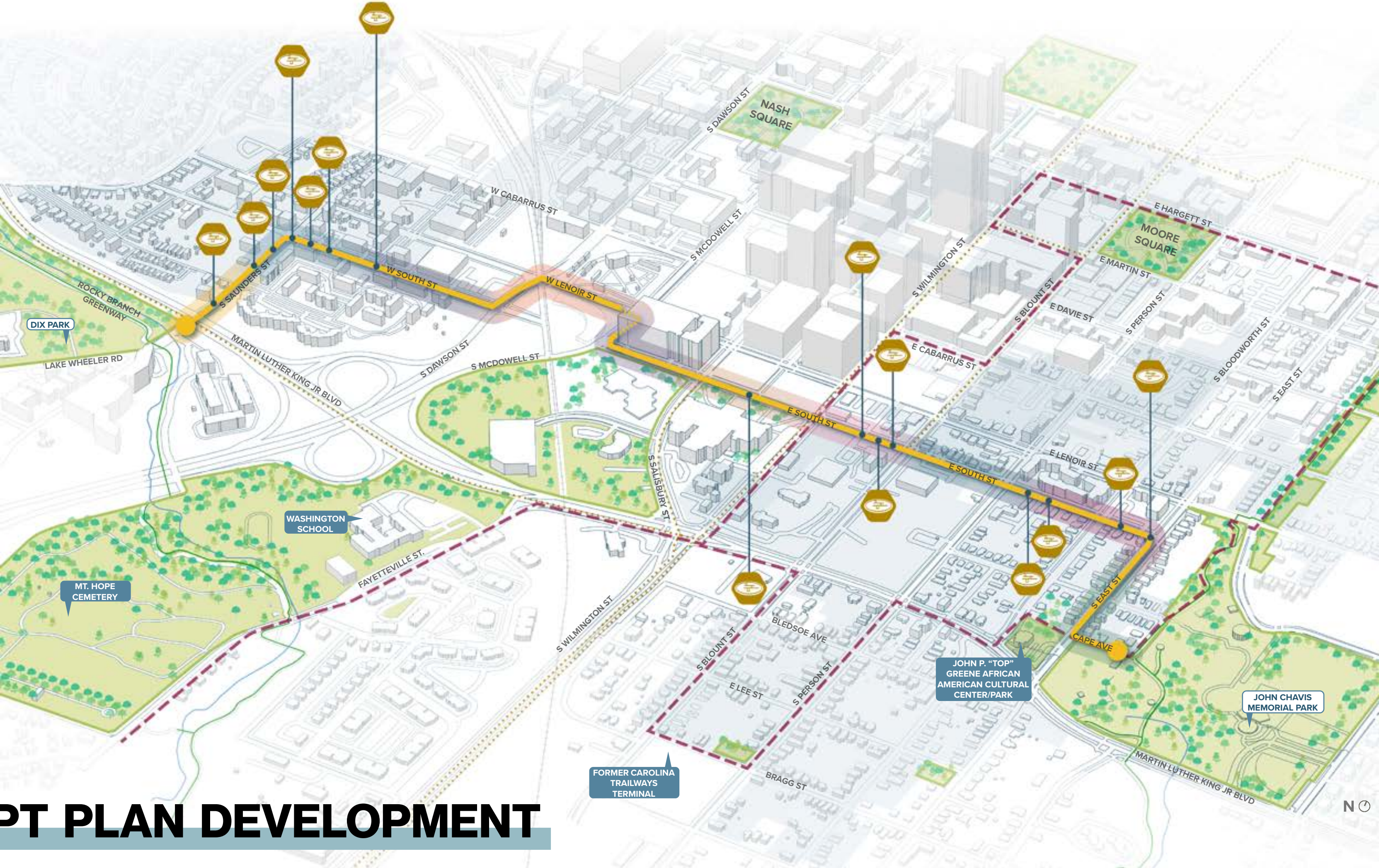
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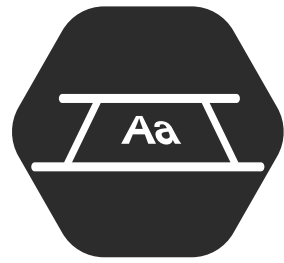
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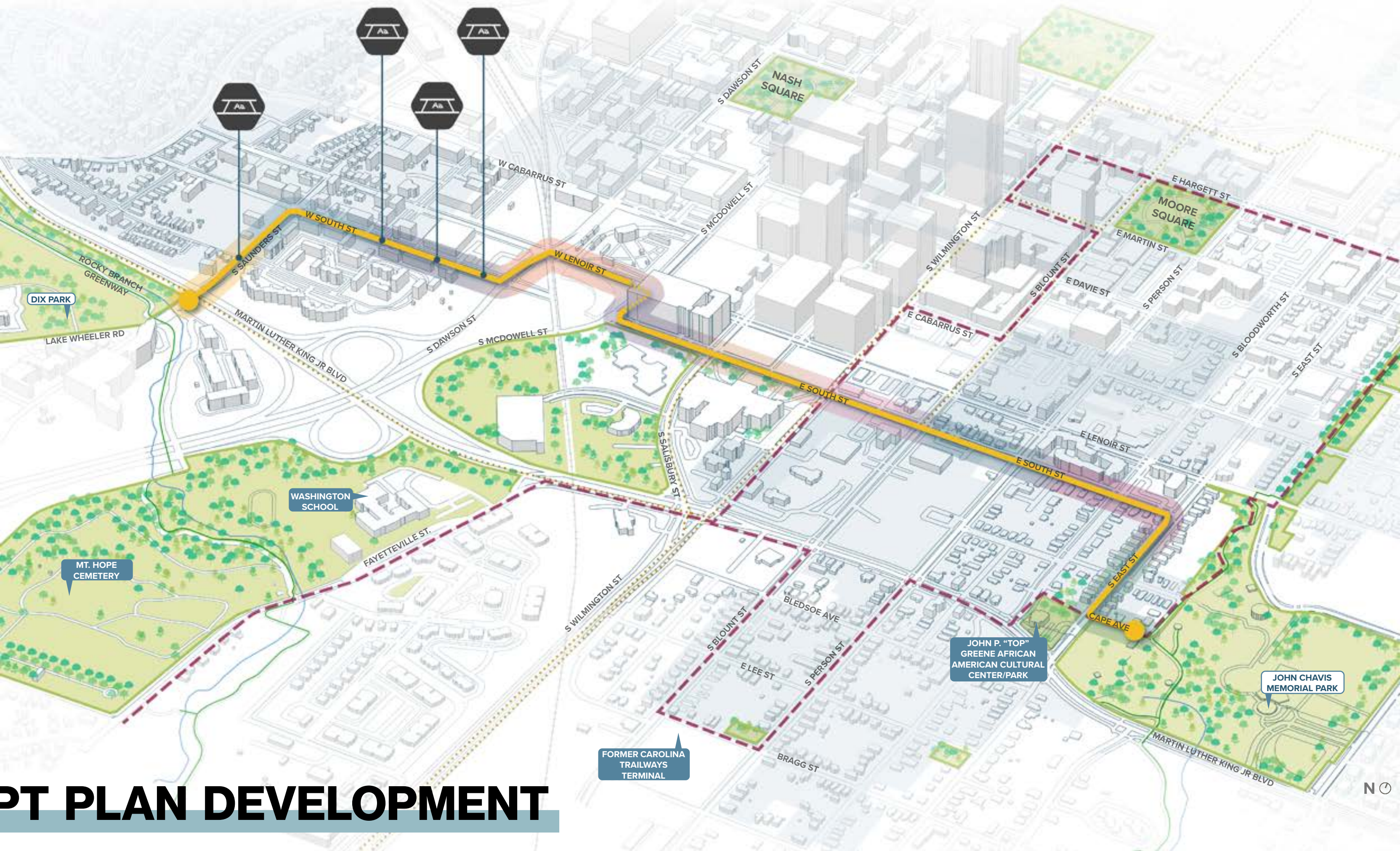
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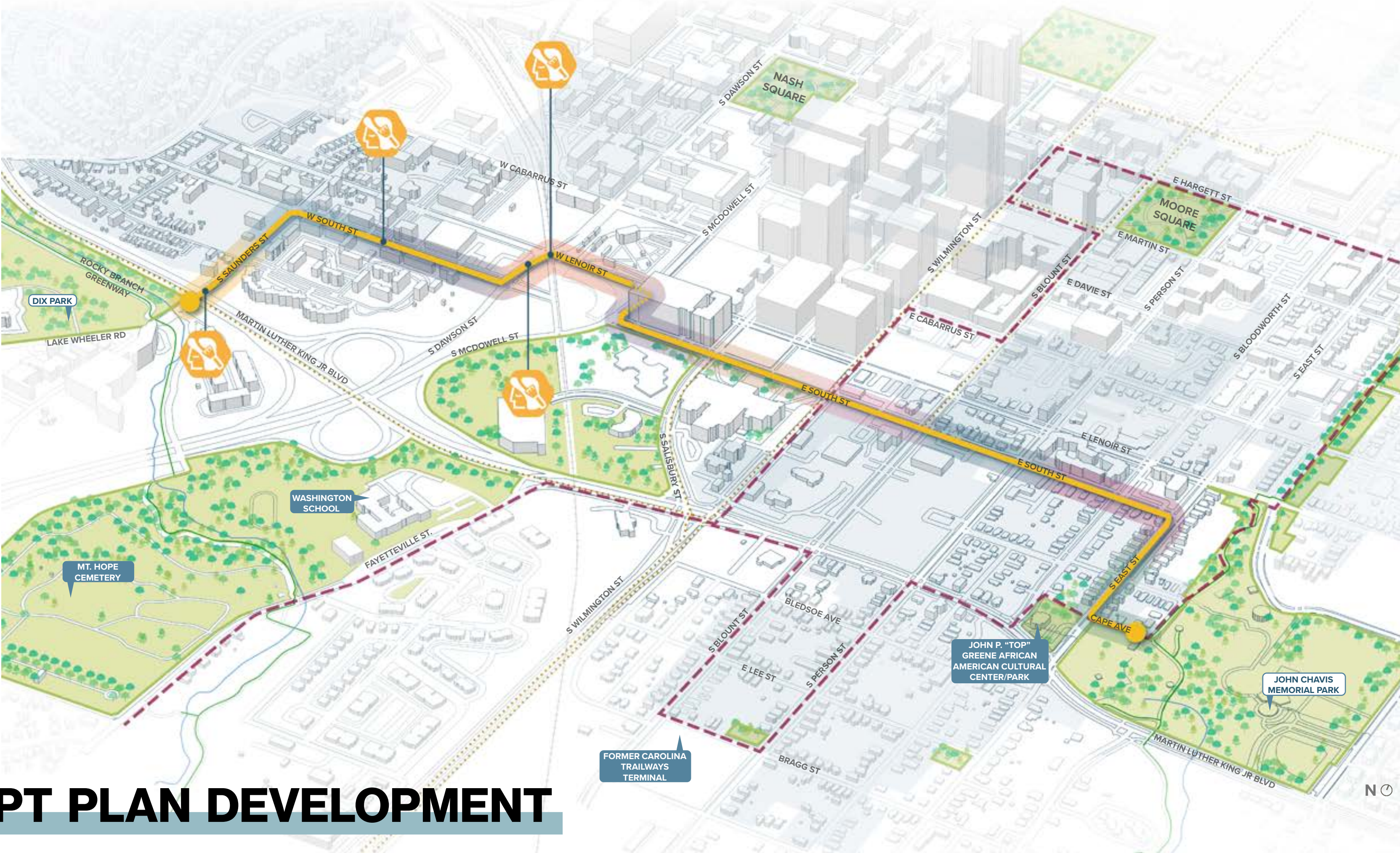
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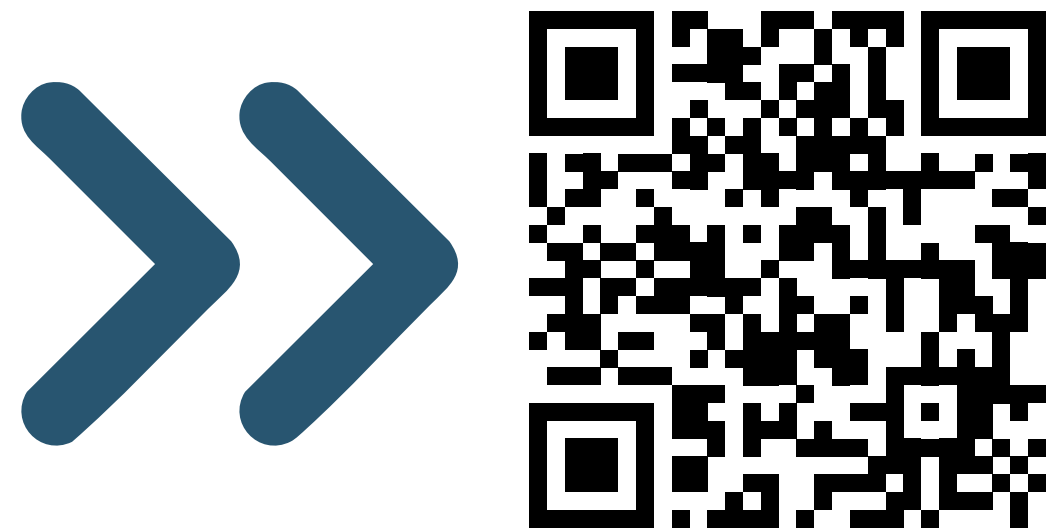


CONCEPT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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