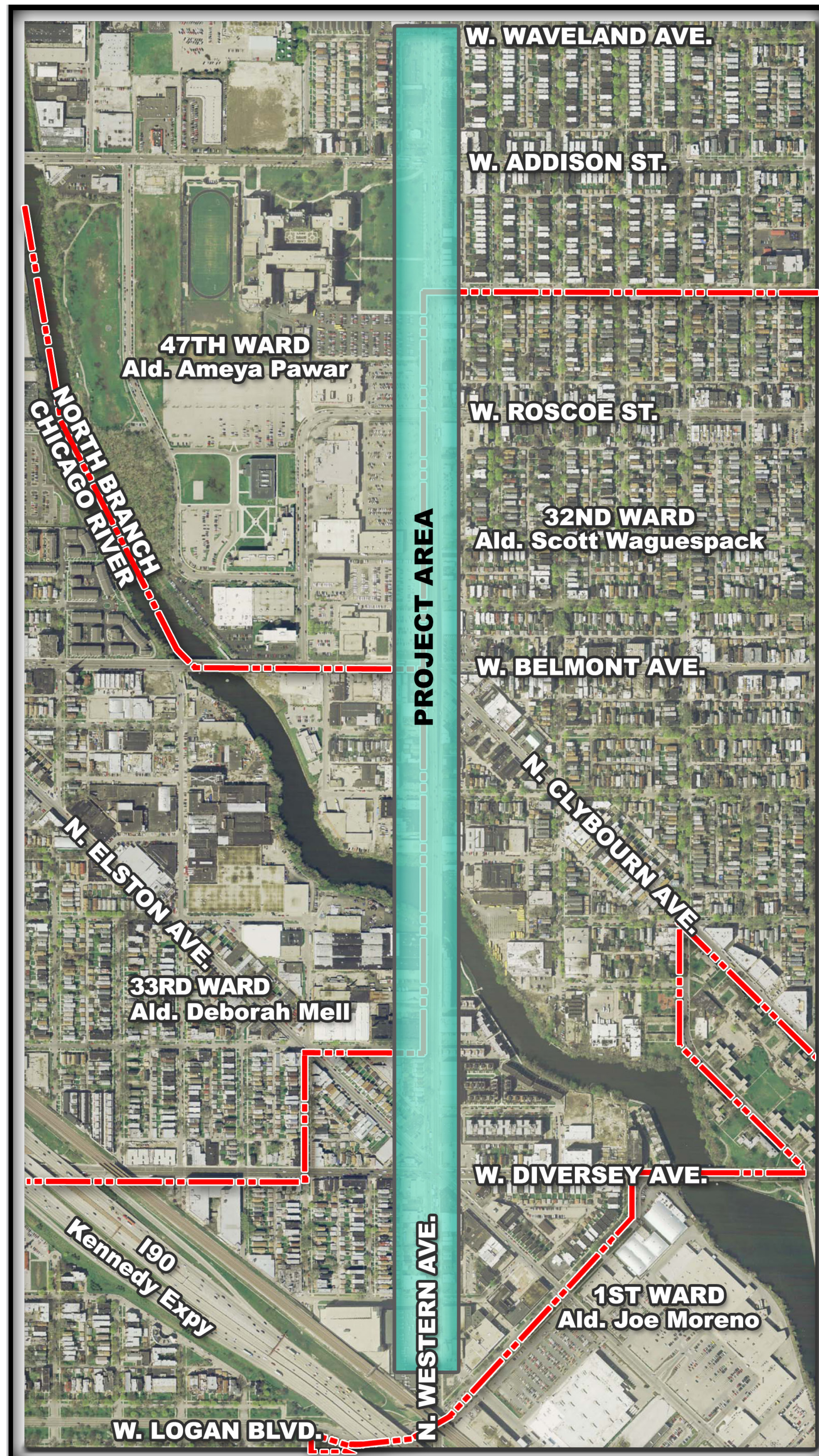


Welcome

Western Avenue Improvement Project



*Map Shows 2015 Ward Boundaries

Open House

June 9, 2014

Public Informational Meeting Process

1. Sign In
2. Take a Brochure
3. View Exhibits
4. Ask Questions of the Project Team

Corridor Improvements Overview

Corridor Improvement Scope

Project Purpose

The 52-year-old Western Avenue Viaduct over Belmont and Clybourn is deteriorating and reaching the end of its useful life. While it is still safe, it is time to implement a long-term solution that addresses the structural deficiencies of the existing viaduct.

Project Limits extend along Western from Jones to Waveland

- Remove viaduct and reconstruct the intersection with Belmont and Clybourn
- Rehabilitate the Western Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River
- Reconstruct/resurface roadway from Jones to Waveland
 - Provide 13-foot sidewalks
 - Provide a third travel lane during peak hours (requires peak hour parking restrictions from 7:00 - 9:00 AM and 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday)
 - Provide over 80 new on-street parking spaces
- Interconnect traffic signals and optimize timings to improve traffic flow
- Install pedestrian countdown signals and ADA ramps at corners
- Construct new medians and plant trees along sidewalks

Key Benefits of Corridor Improvements

Safety

- Removing the viaduct eliminates numerous factors contributing to crashes
- Intersection improvements include pedestrian countdown timers, increased time for pedestrians to cross Western, marked crosswalks and accessible ramps
- Medians provide pedestrian refuge at unsignalized crosswalks

Traffic Congestion

- Travel time along Western is improved through 3rd travel lane during peak hours and signal interconnect system
- Intersection timing improvements reduce delay on side streets

Neighborhood Impacts

- Improved traffic flow along Western minimizes traffic diverting into neighborhood
- Medians restrict access to side streets and enhance physical environment
- Wide sidewalks and on-street parking enhance accessibility and pedestrian experience

Land Acquisition

- No homes or active businesses will be displaced

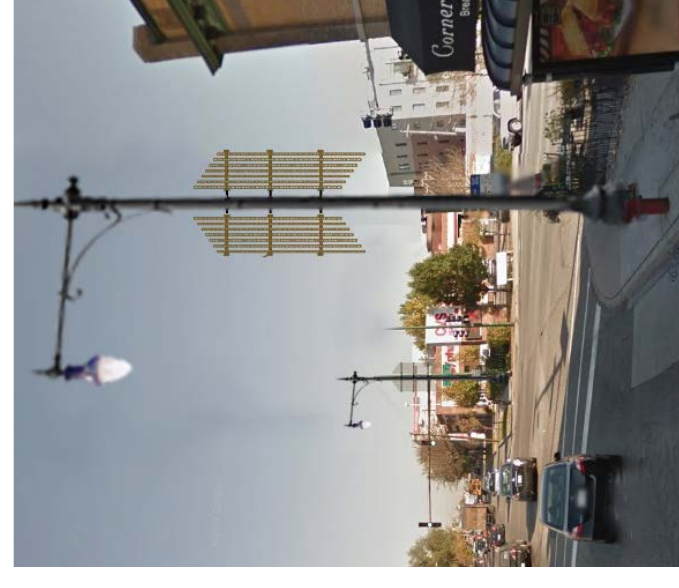
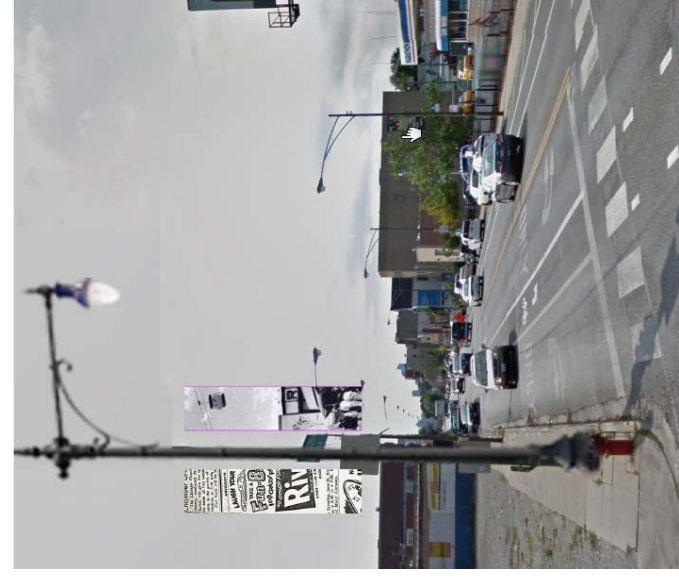
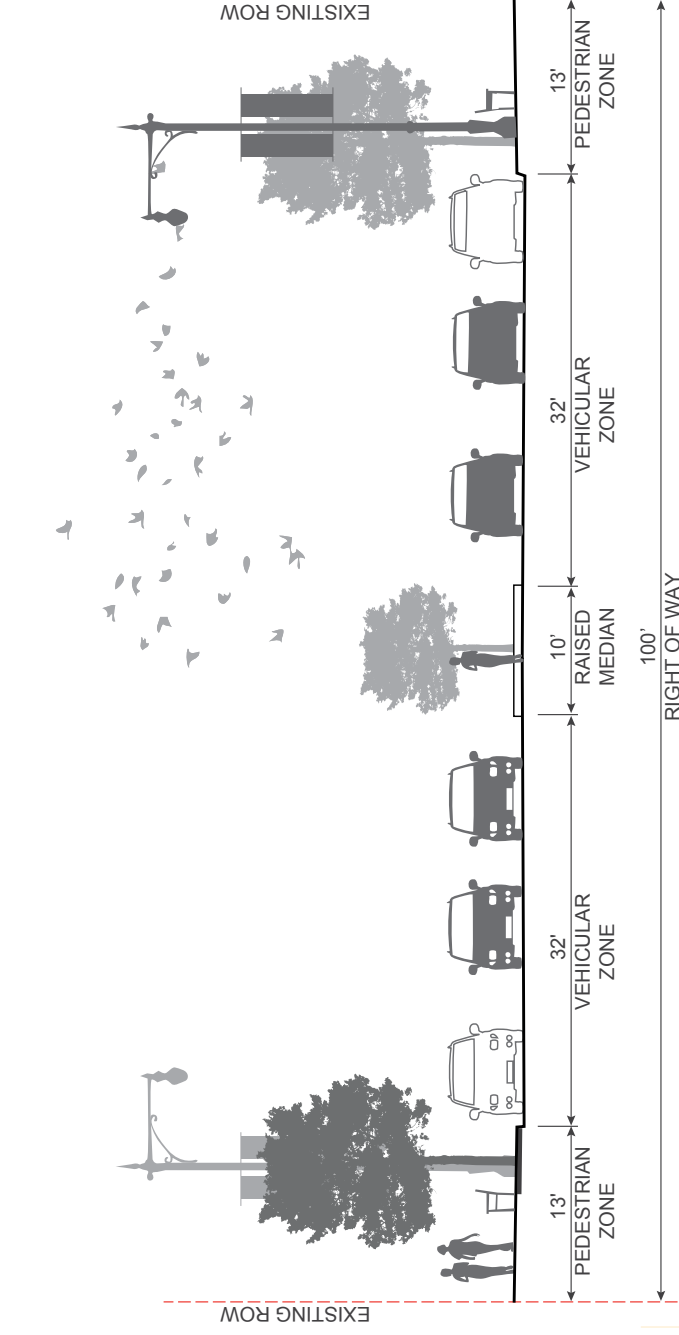
Primary Issues

From the questions and comments received from the previous meeting, the primary issues derived from the public's responses involved:

- Safety
- Traffic congestion
- Neighborhood Impacts (traffic on local neighborhood street network)
- Land Acquisition Impacts
- Cost

Through public involvement received at these meetings, the project team reviewed input from stakeholders, studied and evaluated alternatives, and expanded the study through the development of a corridor improvement concept to fully address the various concerns.

The Chicago Department of Transportation is providing an overview for public information on the proposed improvements along Western Avenue. Design is still in progress.



WESTERN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN

LEGEND

- EXISTING PARKING LANE
- EXISTING PARKING LANE WITH RUSH HOUR RESTRICTIONS
- PROPOSED PARKING LANE WITH RUSH HOUR RESTRICTIONS



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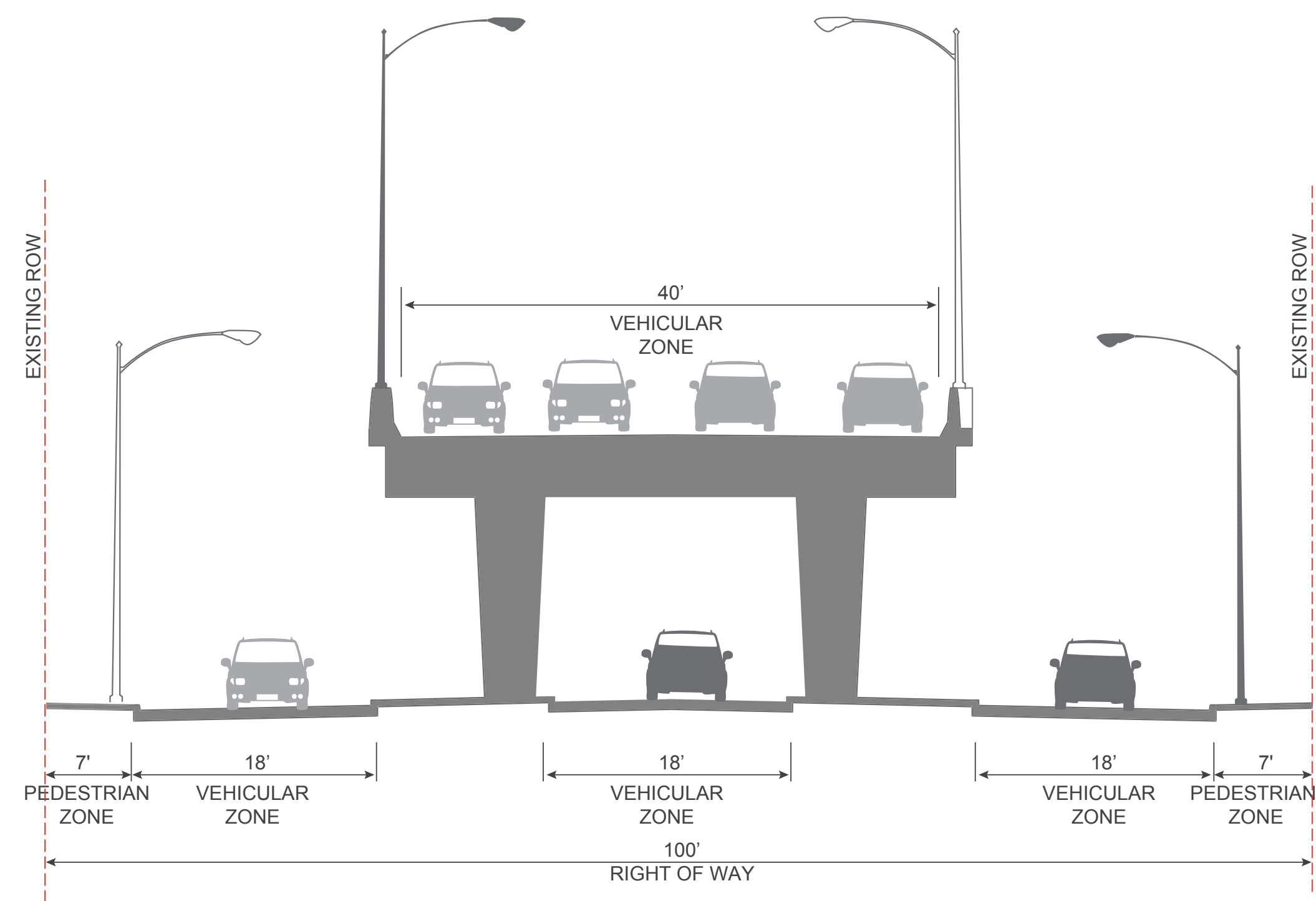
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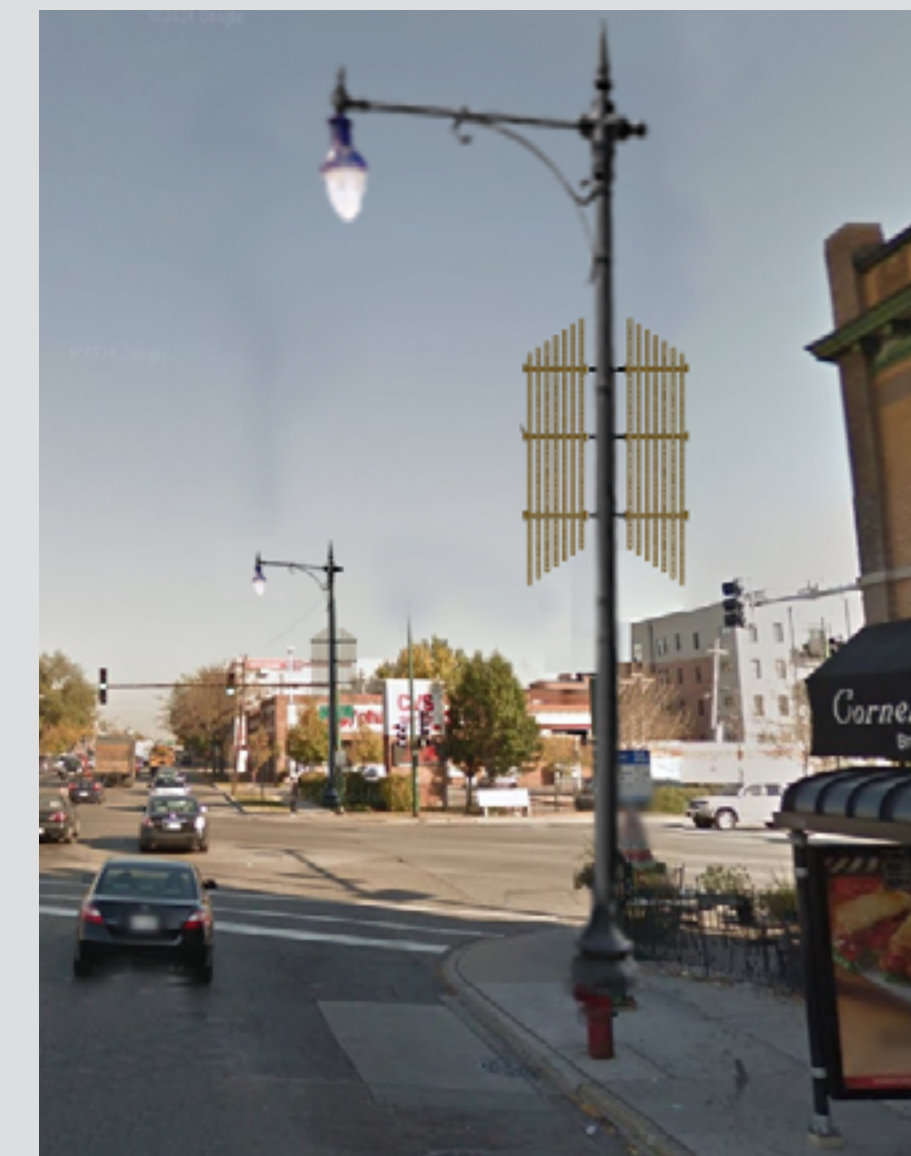
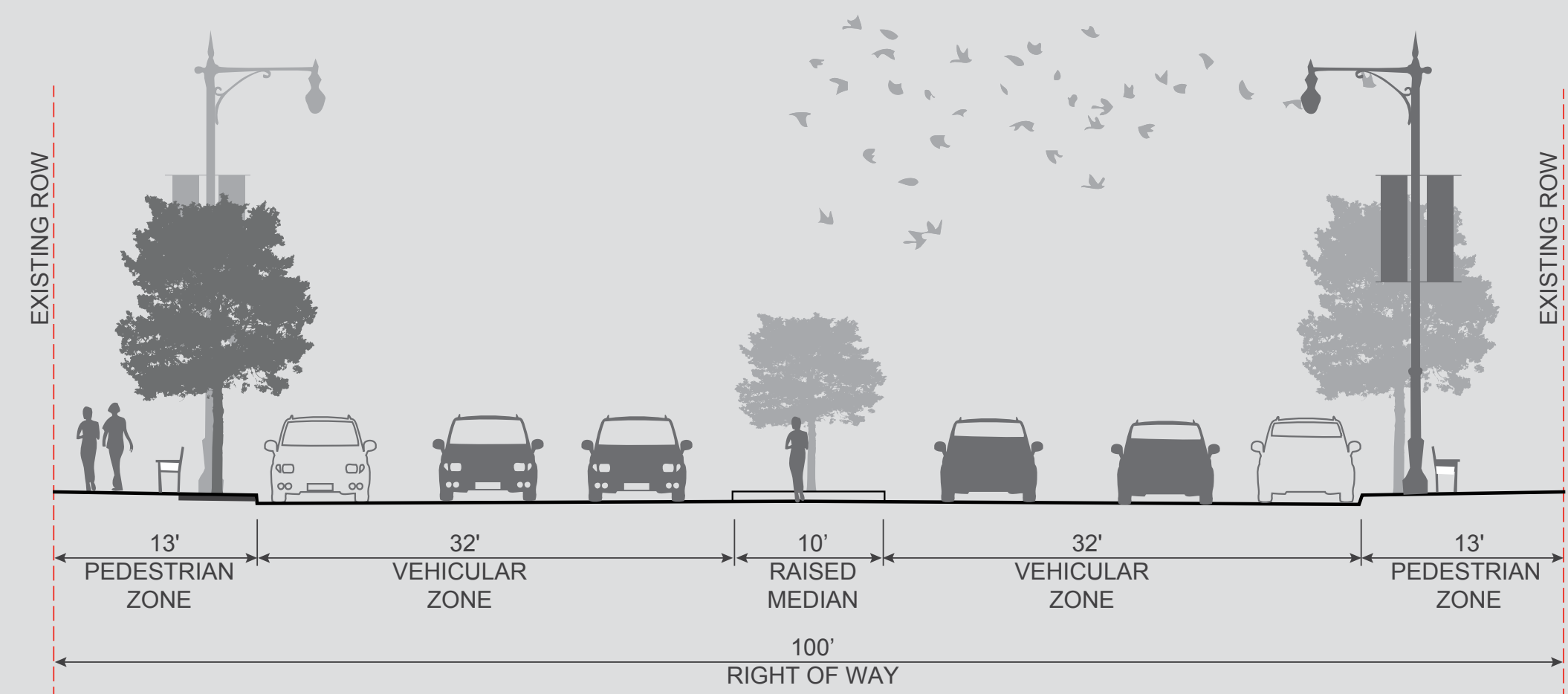
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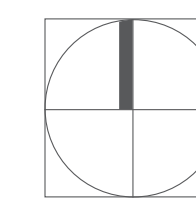
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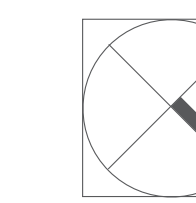
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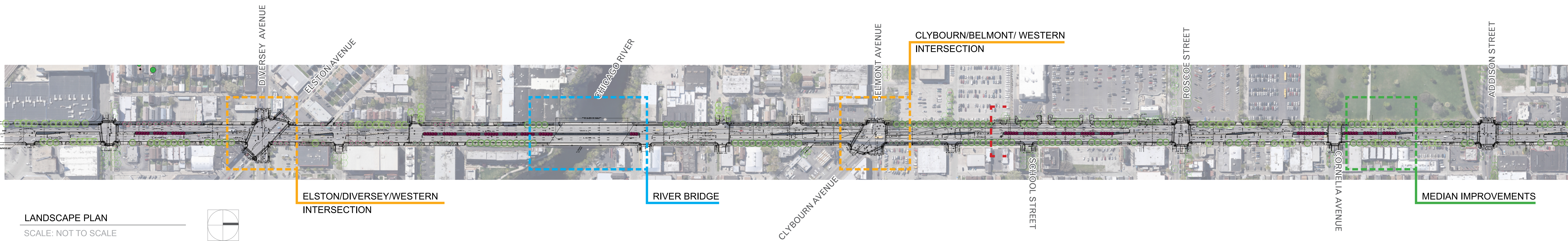
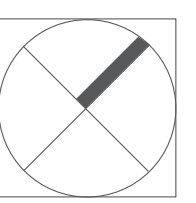
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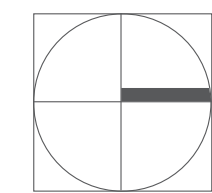
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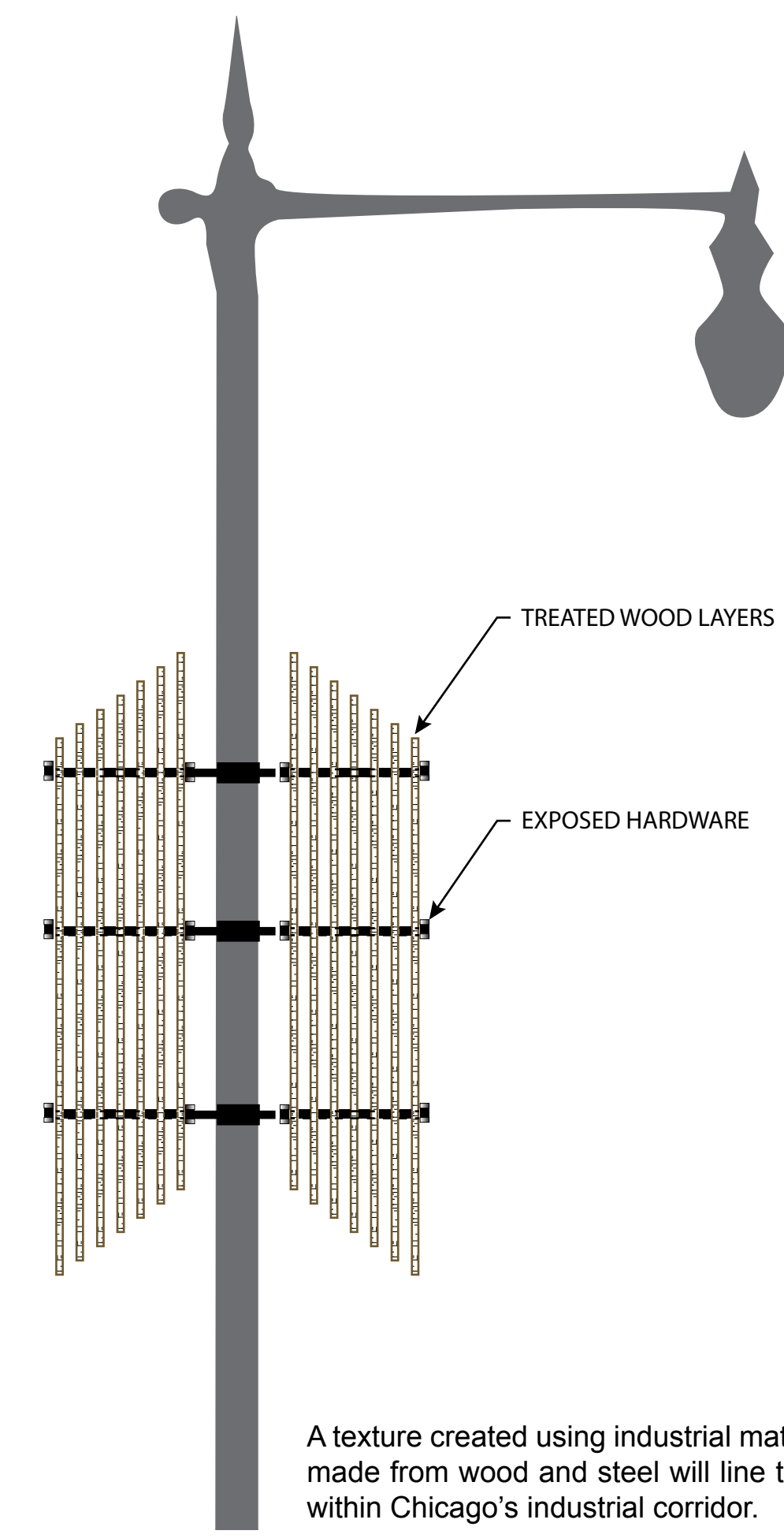
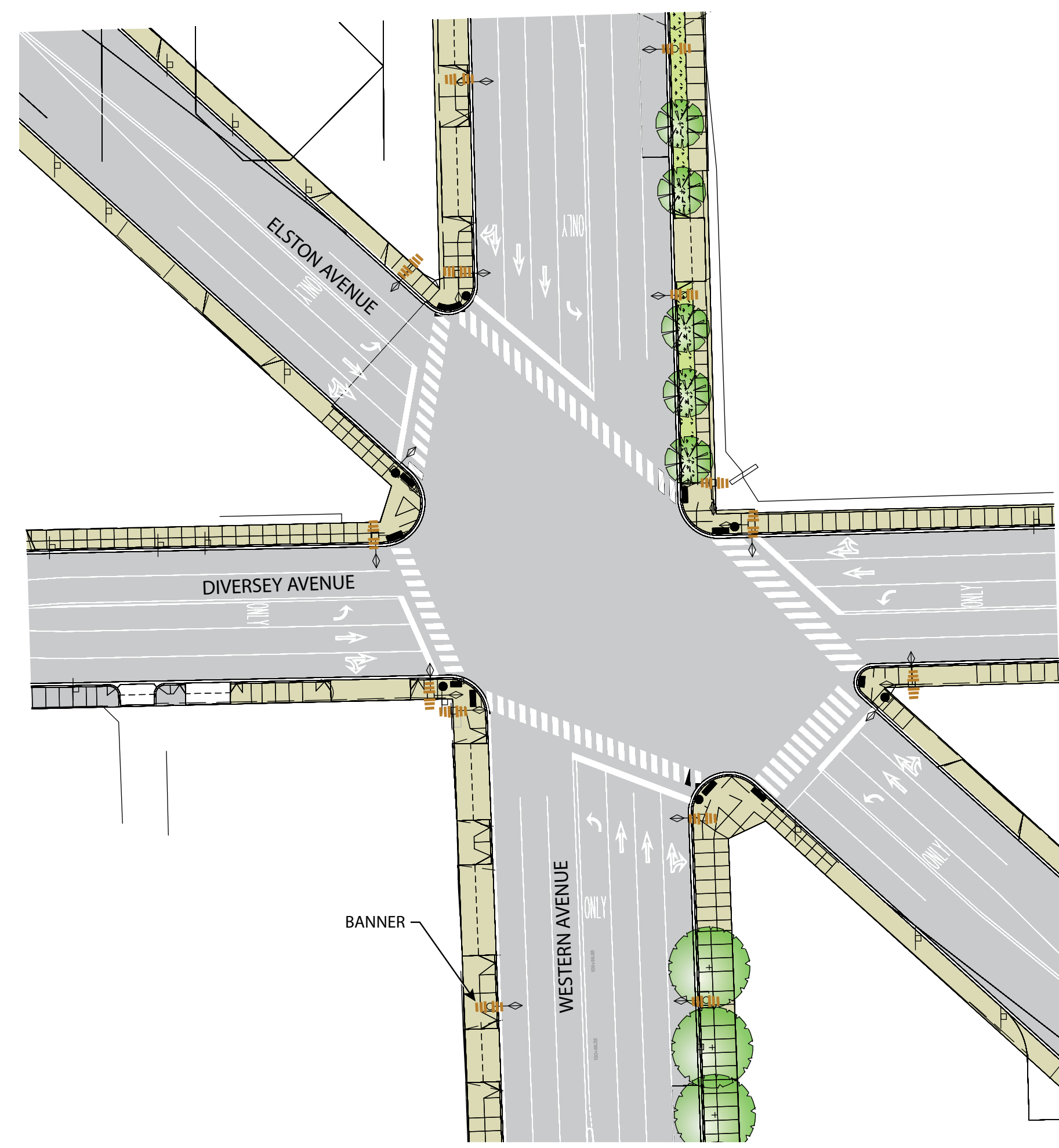


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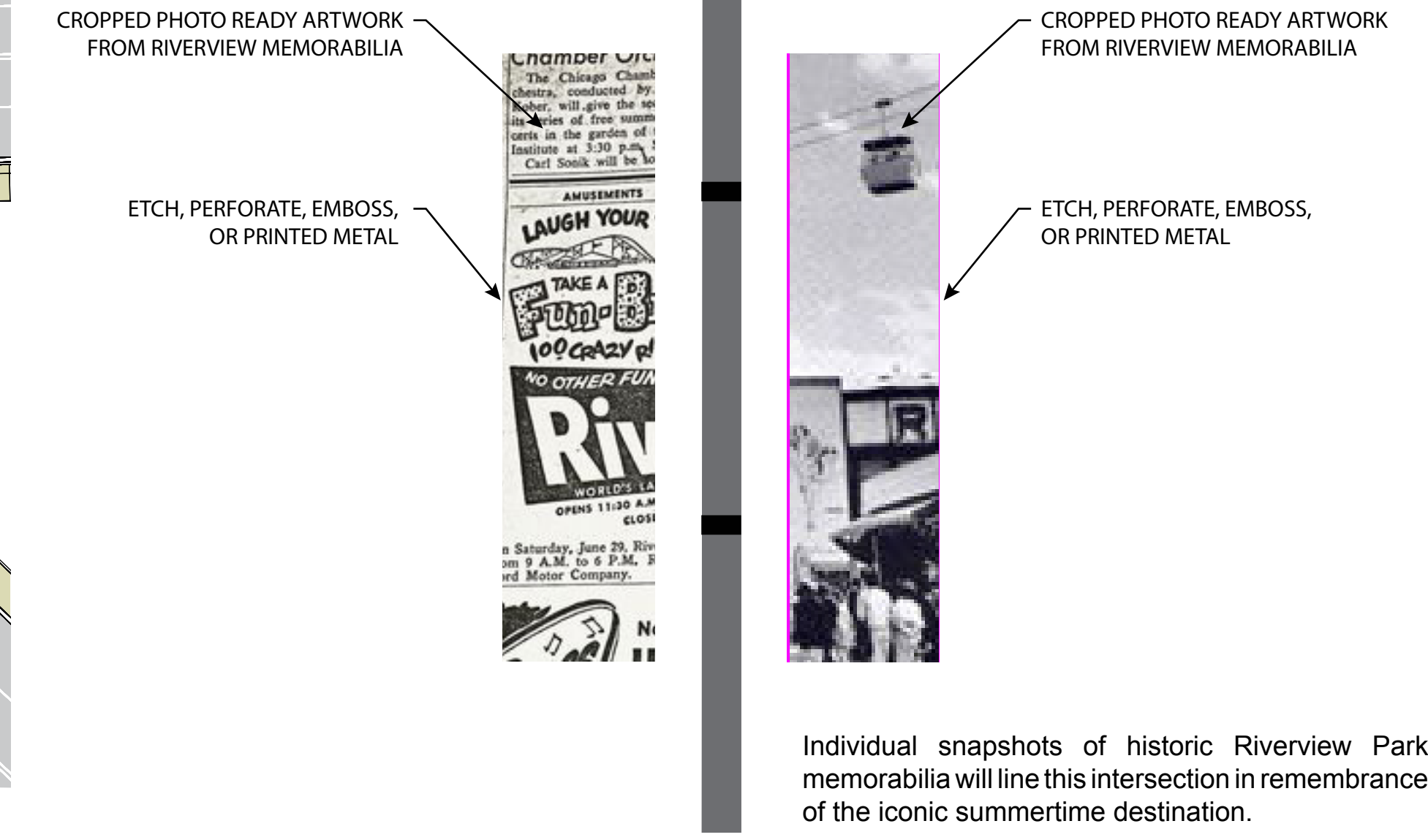
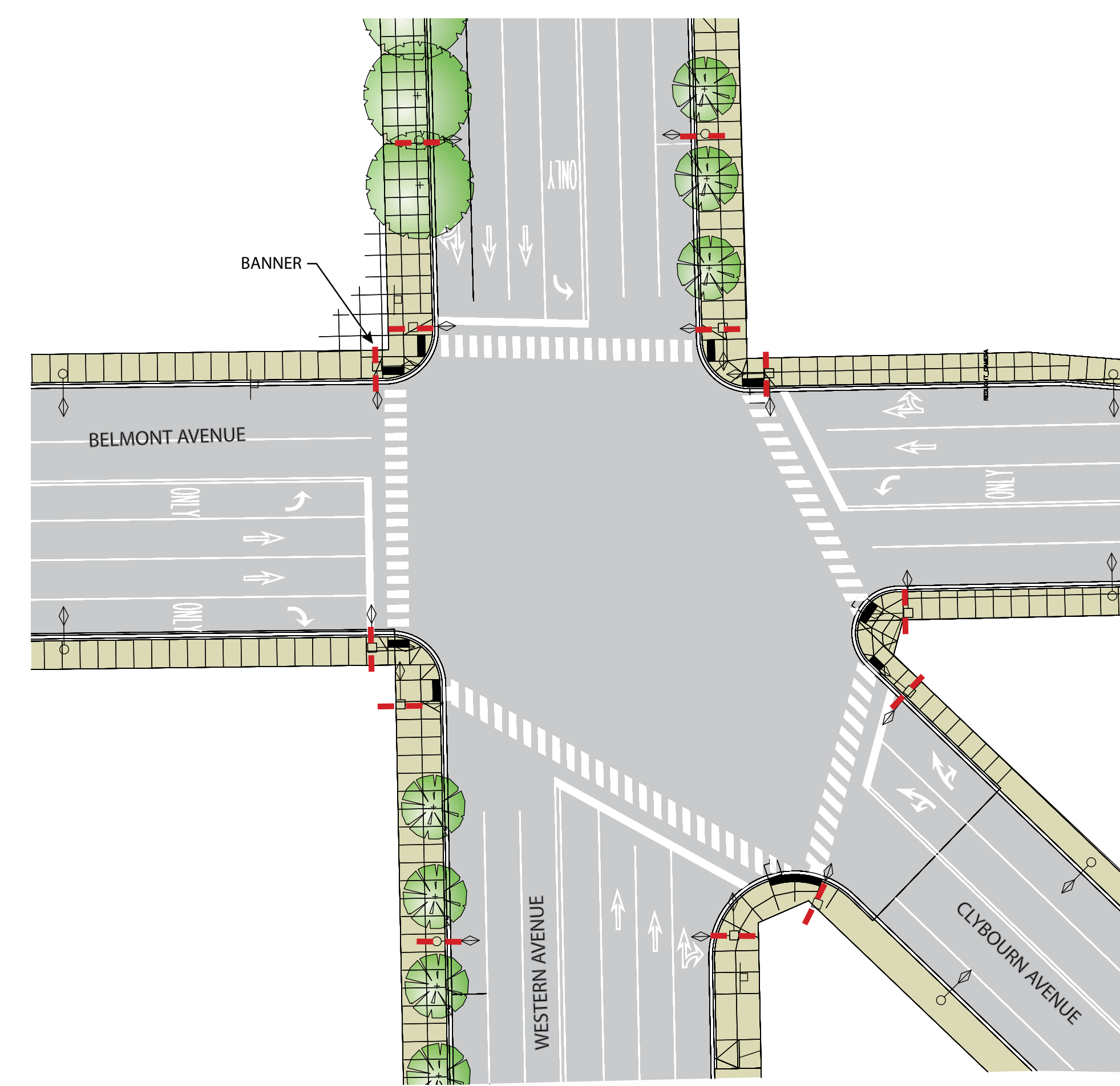
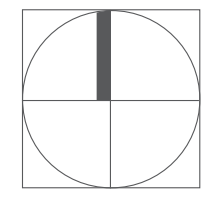
LEGEND

-  EXISTING TREES
-  PROPOSED SHADE TREES
-  PROPOSED ORNAMENTAL TREES
-  PAVED MEDIANS



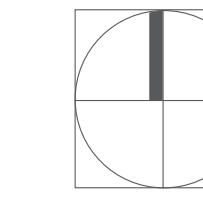
A texture created using industrial materials and form made from wood and steel will line this intersection within Chicago's industrial corridor.

ELSTON/DIVERSEY/WESTERN INTERSECTION
INDUSTRIAL AESTHETICS

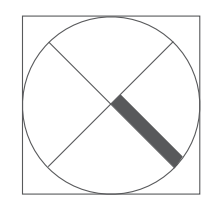


Individual snapshots of historic Riverview Park memorabilia will line this intersection in remembrance of the iconic summertime destination.

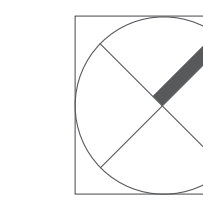
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RIVERVIEW MEMORABILIA



RIVER BRIDGE
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MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS
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PAVER TYPES



Tree in Pavers

Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'

GENERAL PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS



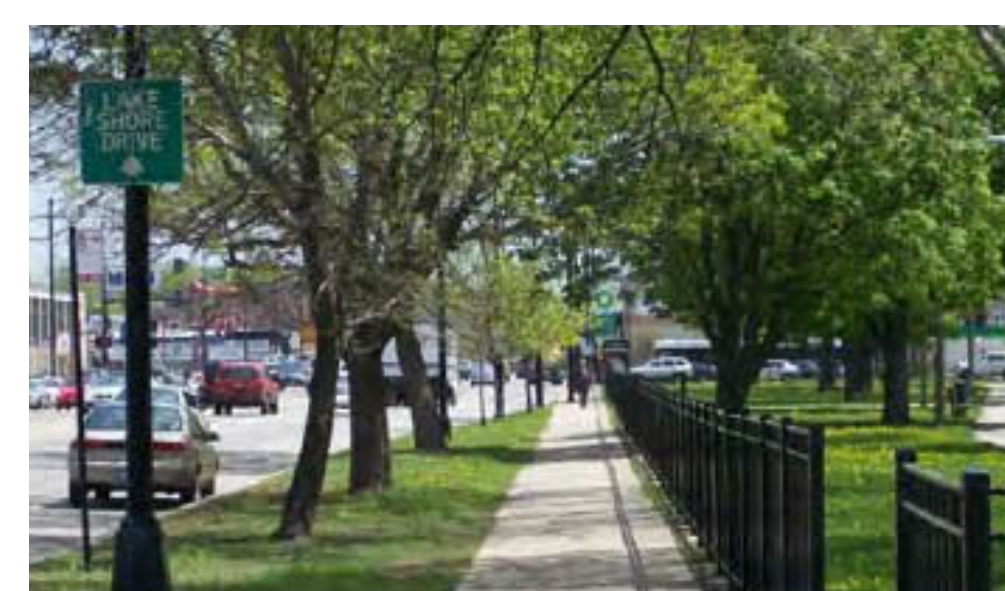
Trash Receptacles



Bench - Replace Existing



Bike Racks



Trees in Sod

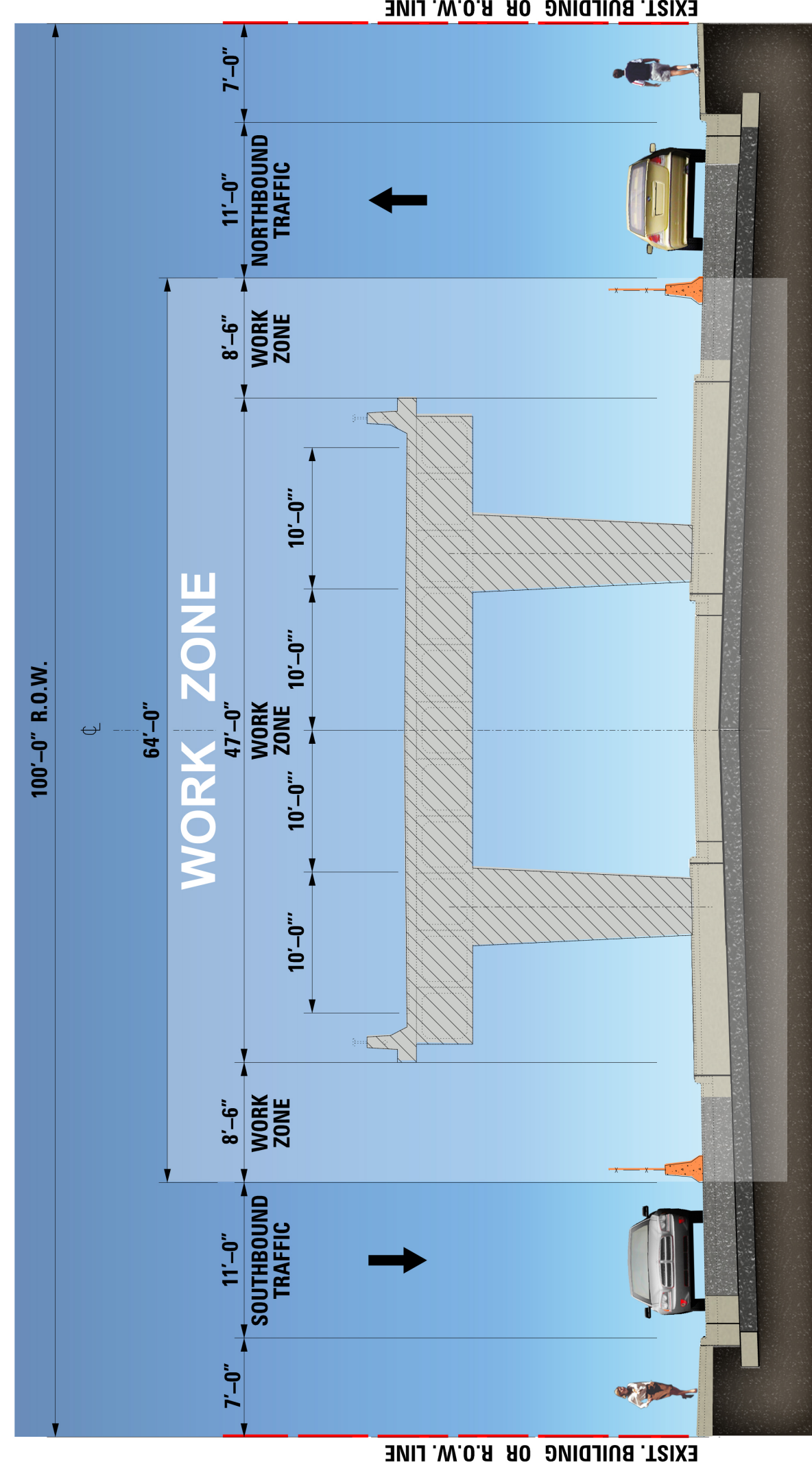


Pedestrian Refuge Island



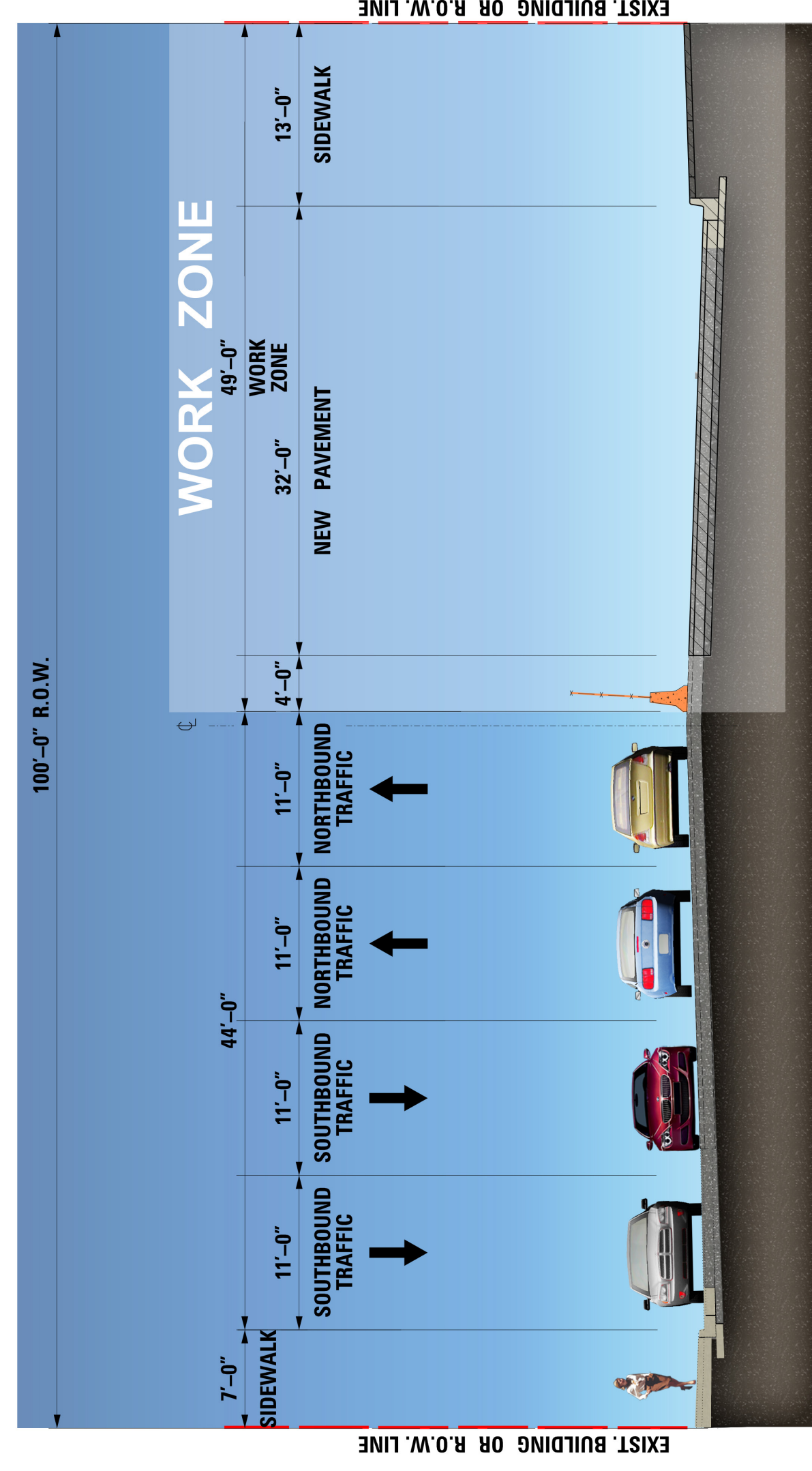
Tree in Grate

Construction Staging and Maintenance of Traffic



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STAGE 1



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STAGE 2

STAGE 1

Viaduct removal, deck replacement on the River Bridge, and roadway construction (Work zone extends from the south approach of the Chicago River Bridge north to Roscoe)

- Maintain local access roadways - 1 lane in each direction
- A signed alternate route will be in place throughout construction
- Western Avenue will require a short duration closure in one direction of travel in order to facilitate removal of the viaduct. A detour route will be provided.
- Belmont Avenue will require a short duration, full closure in order to facilitate removal of the span over the intersection. A detour route will be provided.
- CTA bus routes will remain in service (re-routed during closures)
- No parking allowed within work zone limits

ESTIMATED DURATION: 4-6 months

STAGE 2 & 3

Pavement reconstruction within viaduct footprint, pavement widening and resurfacing N/S of viaduct footprint, sidewalk reconstruction, traffic signal improvements, and roadway lighting. (Work zone extends from Jones north to Waveland; Stage 2: east half, Stage 3: west half)

- 2 lanes in each direction along Western Avenue
- Intermittent lane closures on cross streets to facilitate construction
- CTA bus routes will remain in service
- No parking allowed within work zone limits

ESTIMATED DURATION: 10-14 months (with partial winter shutdown anticipated)

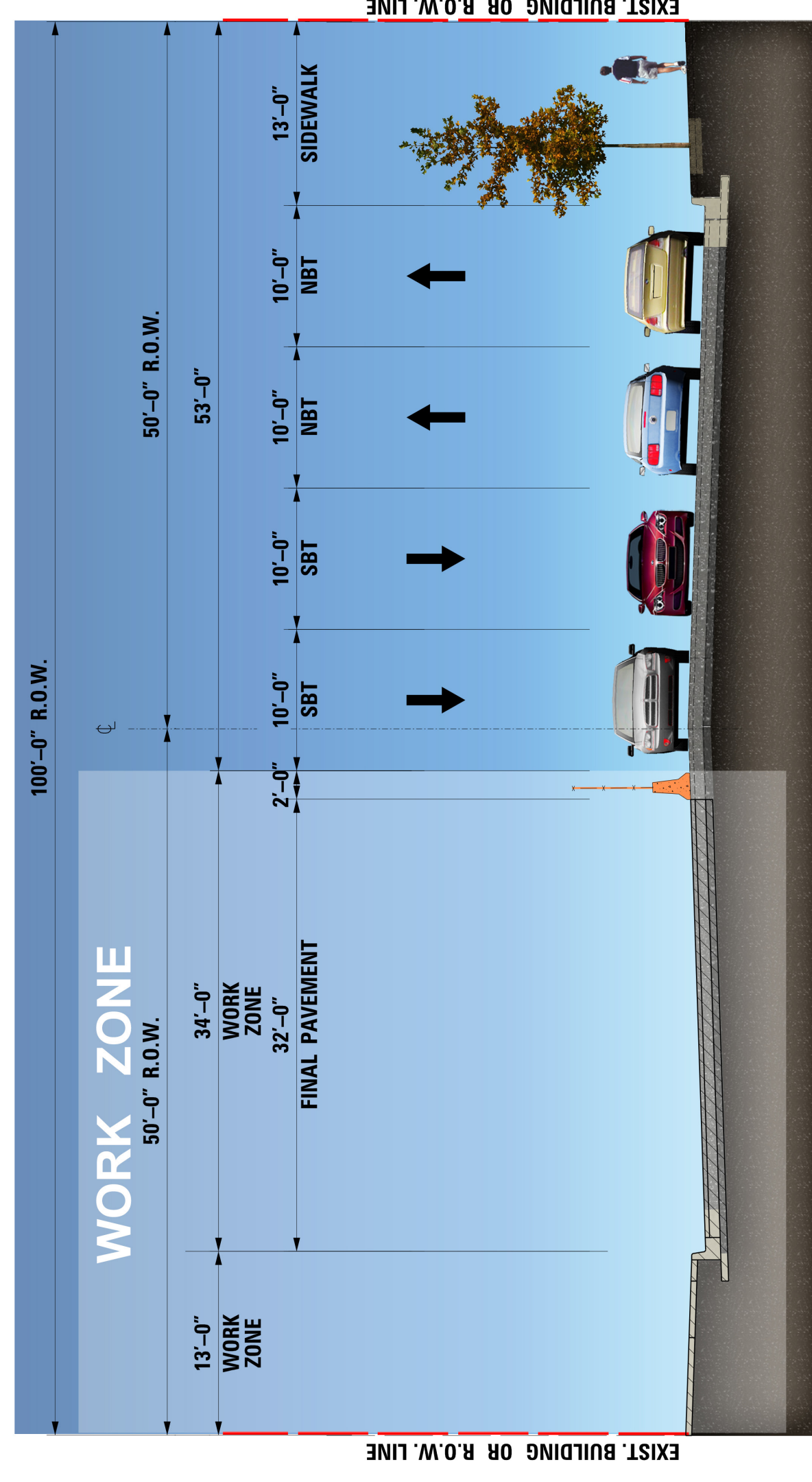
STAGE 4

Median construction, landscaping and miscellaneous parkway improvements. (Work zone extends from Jones north to Waveland in the center lanes)

- 2 lanes in each direction along Western Avenue
- Intermittent lane closures on cross streets to facilitate construction
- CTA bus routes will remain in service
- No parking allowed within work zone limits

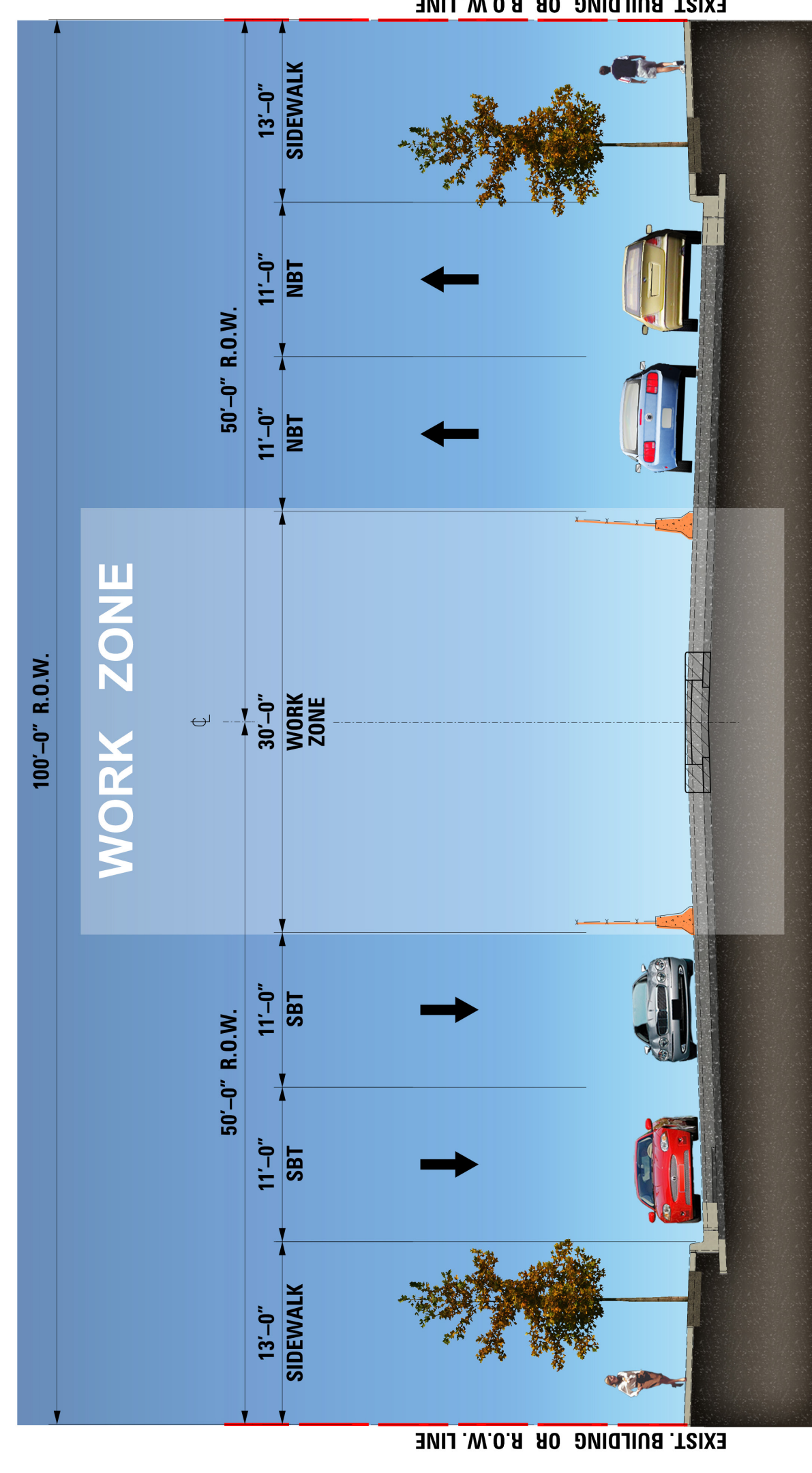
ESTIMATED DURATION: 4-6 months

**ESTIMATED OVERALL CONSTRUCTION
DURATION: 18 - 24 MONTHS**



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STAGE 3

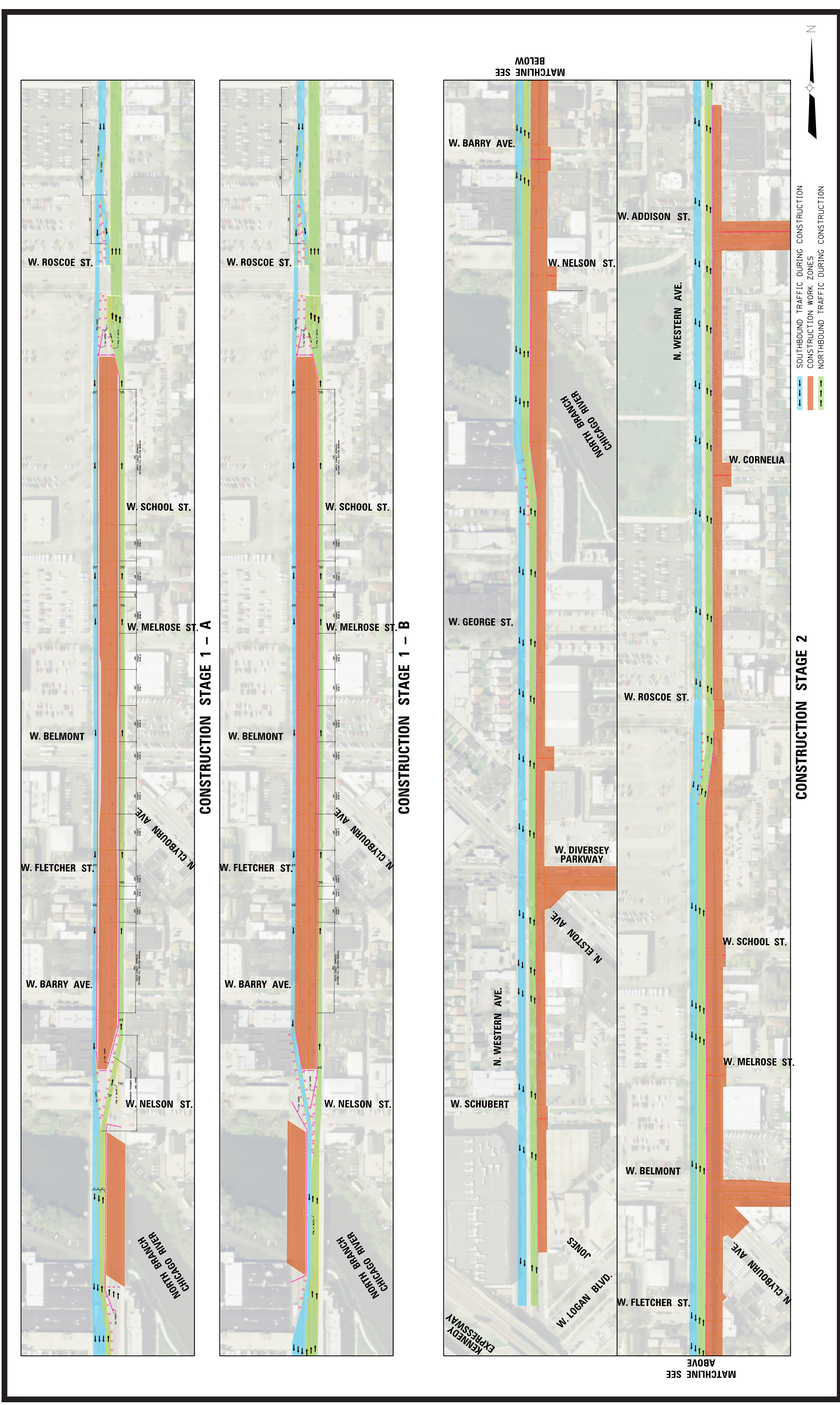


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STAGE 4

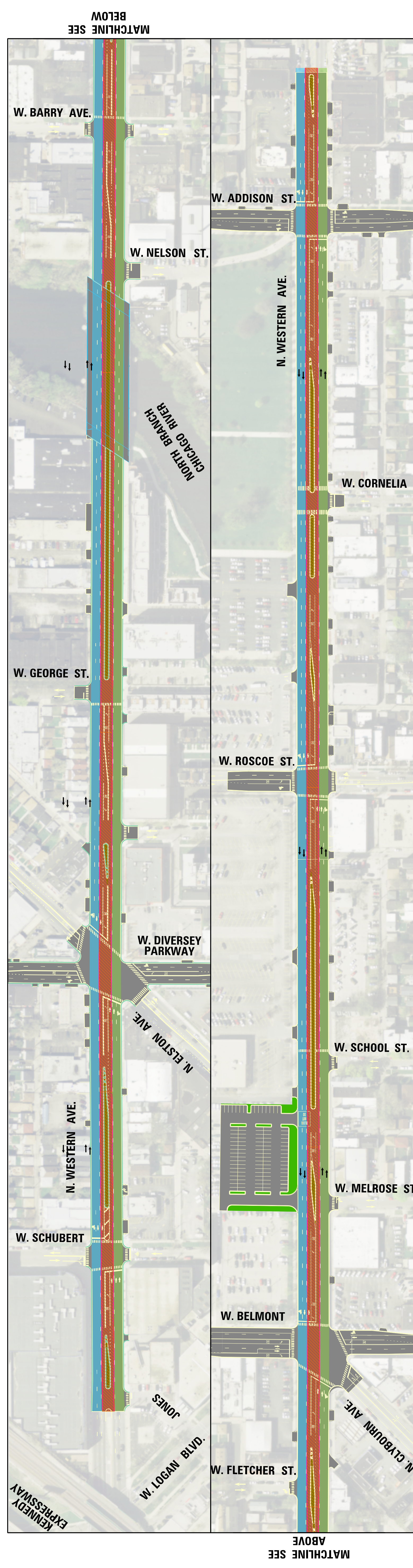
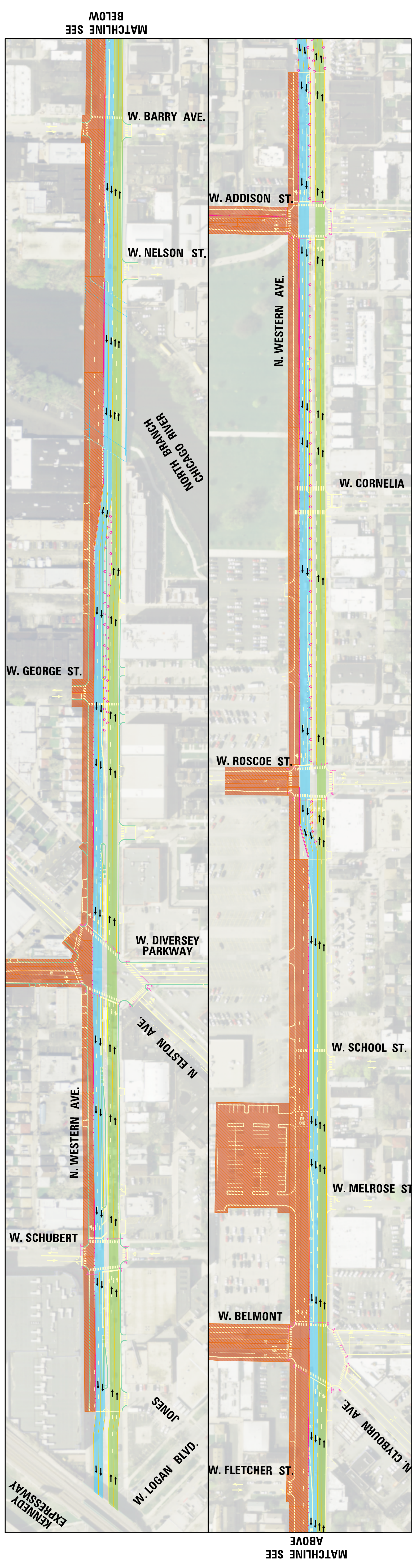
Construction Staging Plans

Stage 1 & 2

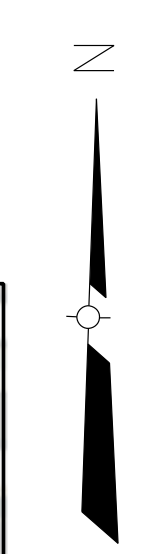


Construction Staging Plans

Stage 3 & 4

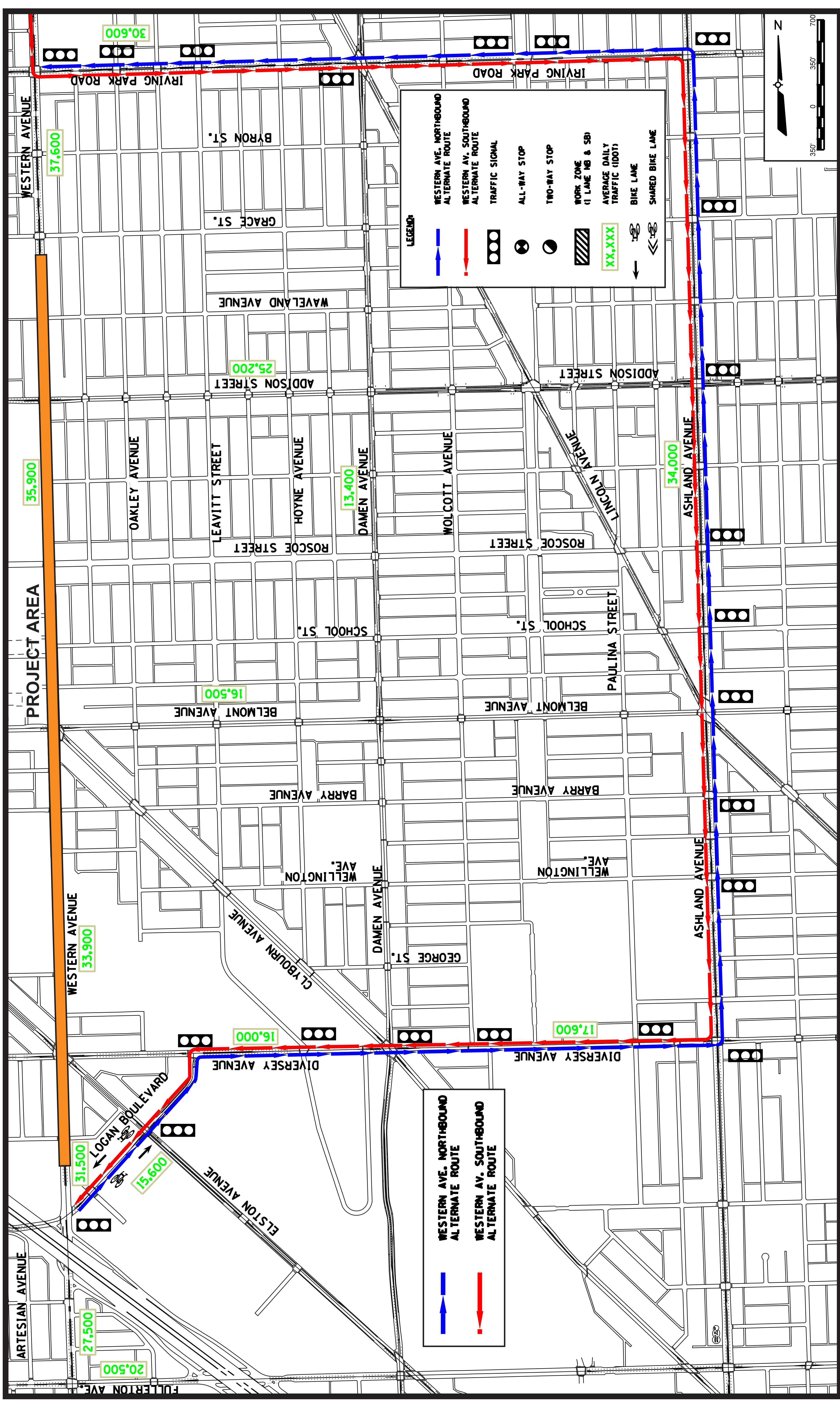


— SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION
— CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONES
— NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION



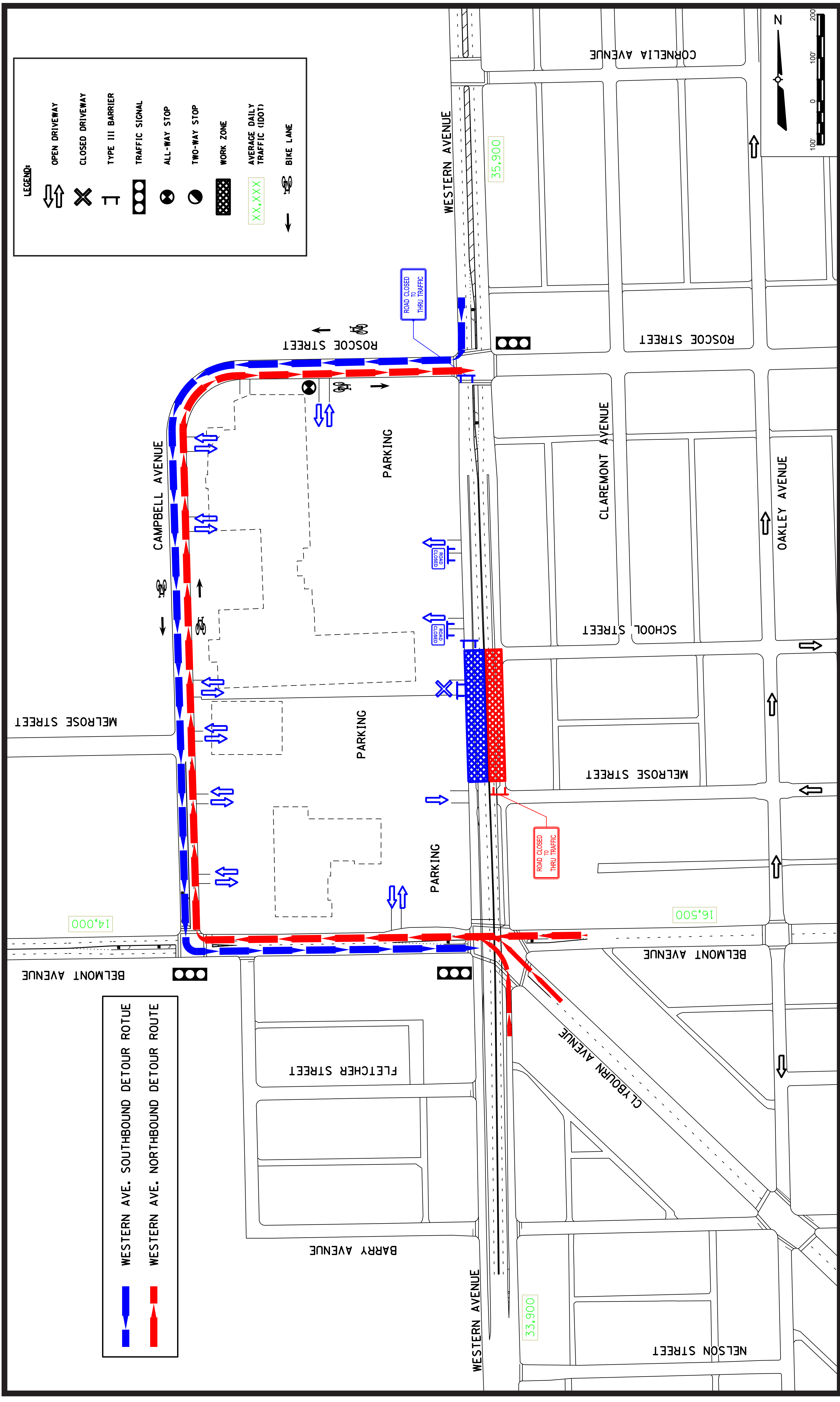
Alternate Route

Signed Alternate Route for Western Avenue - All Stages



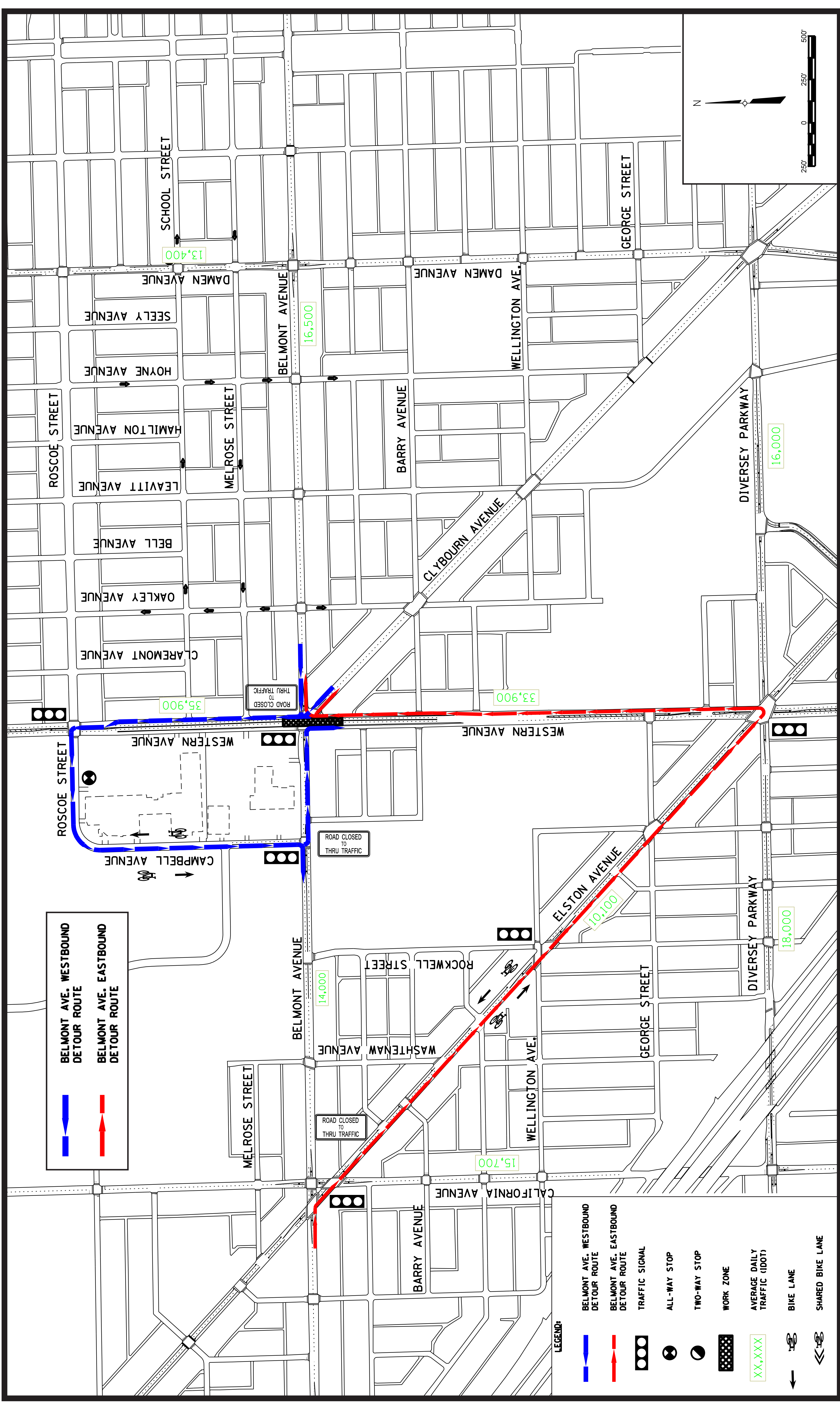
Detour Routes

Detour Route for Western Avenue - Short Duration Closure During Stage 1

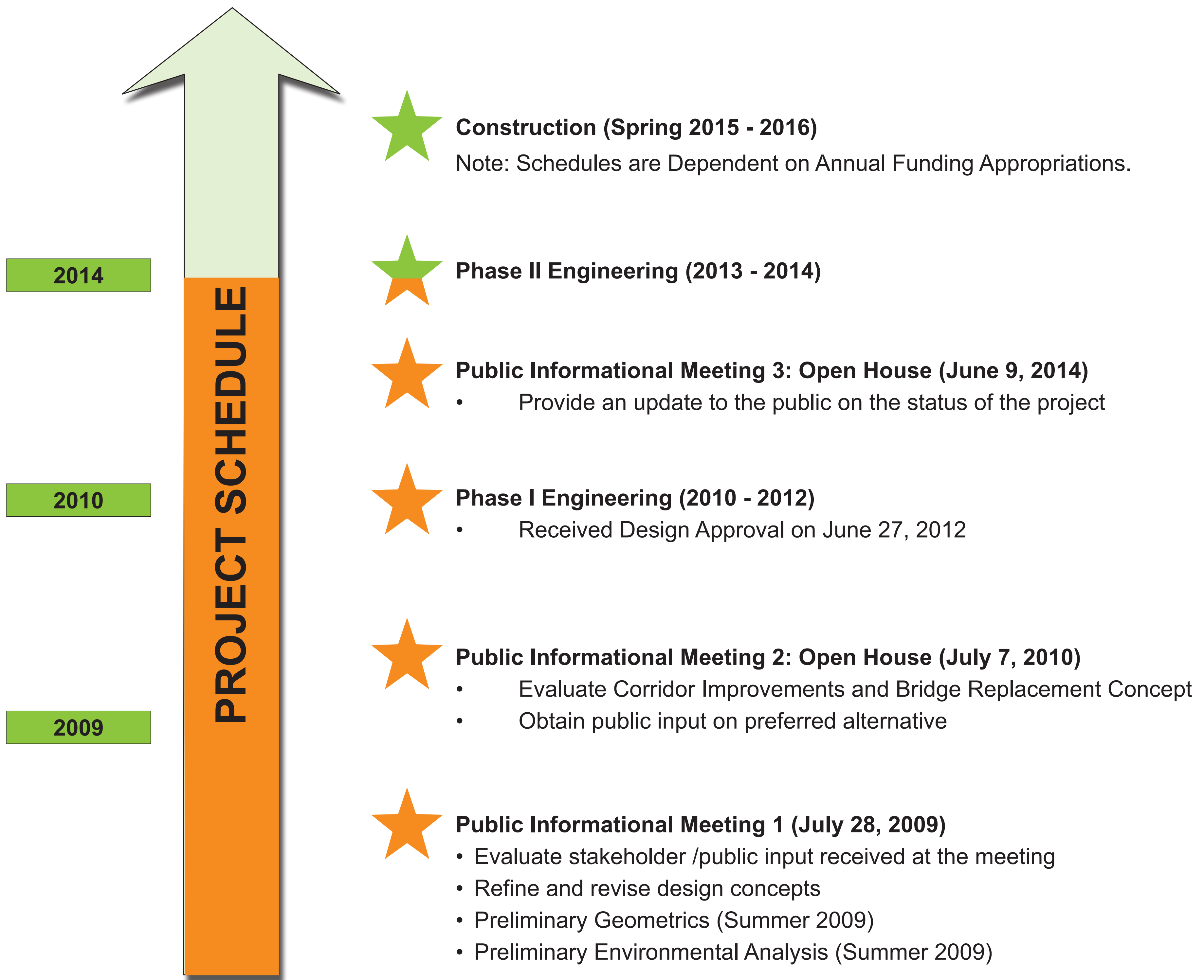


Detour Routes

Detour Route for Belmont Avenue - Short Duration Closure During Stage 1



Project Schedule and Next Steps



Questions, Comments and Information

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