

Envision Needham Center
Working Group
Meeting 8

April 28th, 2025



Agenda

1. Updated & Refined Concept
2. Pilot Implementation – Strategy
3. Pilot Implementation – Plan Recommendations
4. Future Meetings



WG Meeting #7 Recap

WG Meeting #7 04.04.25 – High Level Concept Discussed

- **Key Question:** can all project goals fit within the space?
 - Safety & Mobility for all
 - Travel safety
 - Multi-modal accommodations
 - Beautification & Placement
 - Enhance local charm
 - Create a vibrant, welcome, and unique destination
 - Sustainability & Resilience
 - Support ongoing climate-related concerns
 - Help address flooding within the Center
- **Initial Design Exploration** said:
 - Yes, but with tradeoffs
- **Feedback Received:**
 - Identified key concerns to address in refined concept



Design Update

Concept Refinement



Refined Concept

Feedback

- Shade
- Street Trees
- Traffic Congestion
- Deliveries
- Parking
- Pedestrian Safety
- Flexibility in Design

Design Translation

Provide shade opportunities (trees, structures, etc.)

Health of trees, concern of blocking business signs

Assessments will be ongoing through pilot

Curb Management (Loading zones, limited time spaces, etc.)

More in-depth look at tradeoffs

Shorter crossing distances, additional crosswalks, LIT Lanes

Simplified cross section

Refined Concept

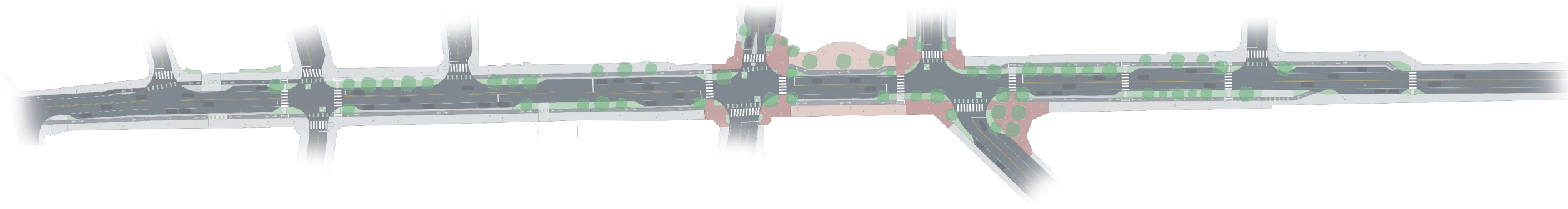
Core Concepts & Takeaways

- Staggered spacing
- ^ Natural gateway to Center
- Activated corners between true center (Chapel/Chestnut to Highland/Dedham)
- Community Gathering Opportunities (Actual design TBD)
 - 1 Expanded
 - 1 New
- Gives way for curb management strategies
- LIT Lanes provide safer options for pedestrians and cyclists
- Public art opportunities TBD in collaboration with stakeholders



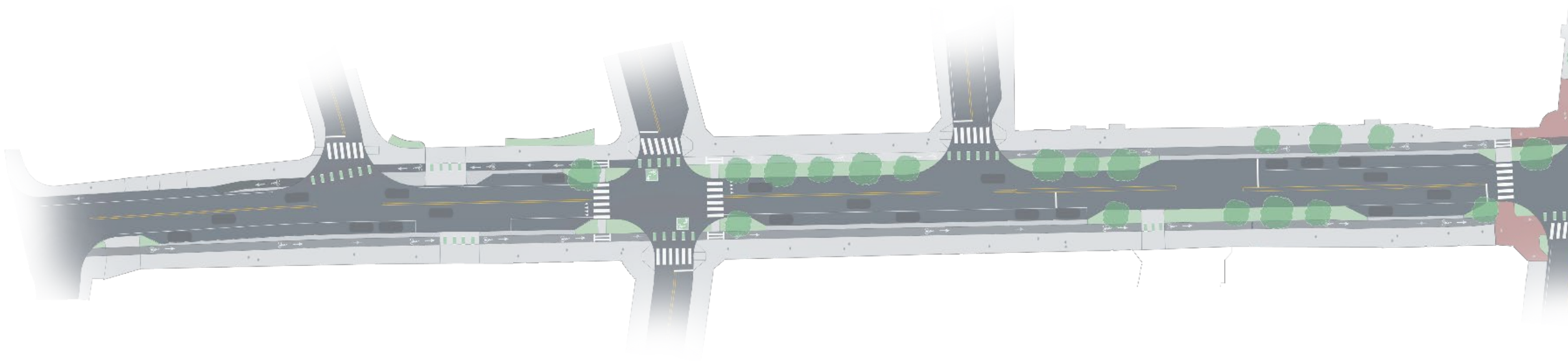
Refined Concept

- Plan Walk Through



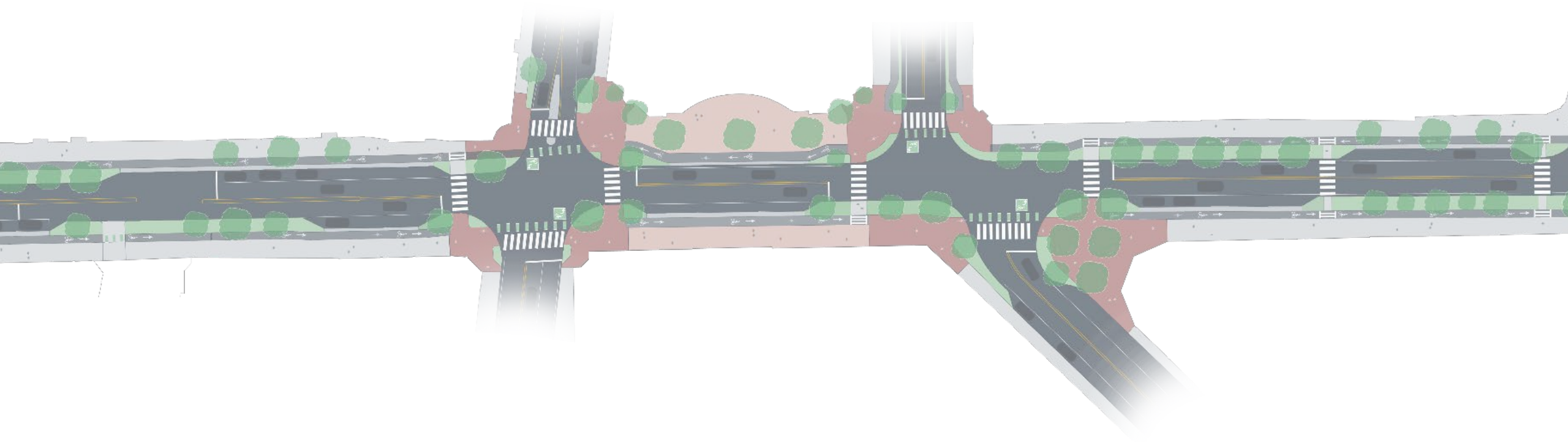
Refined Concept

- West View



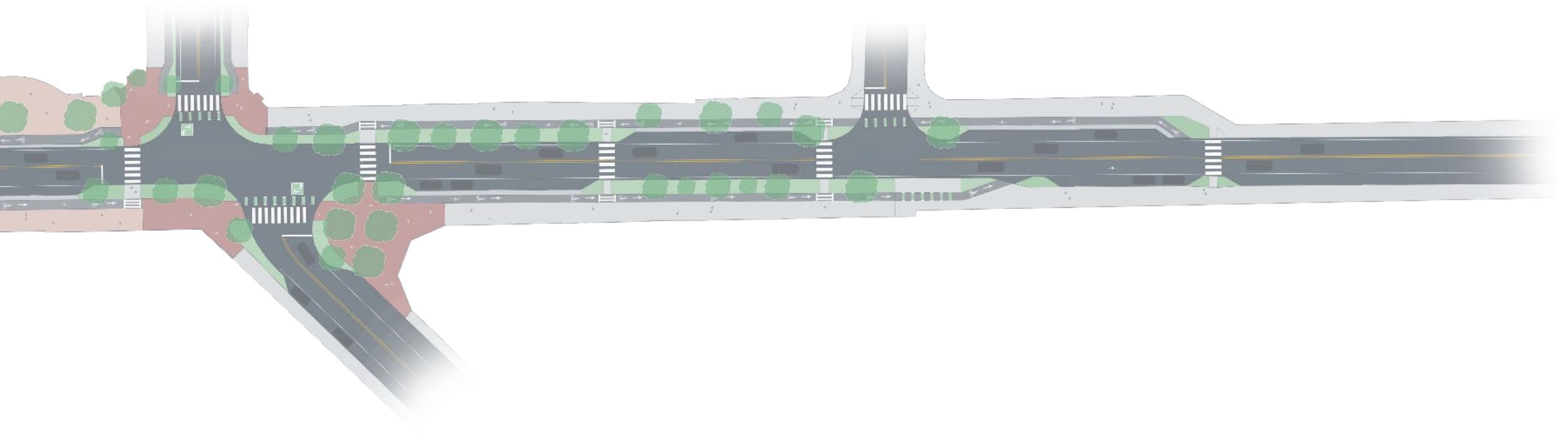
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- Central View

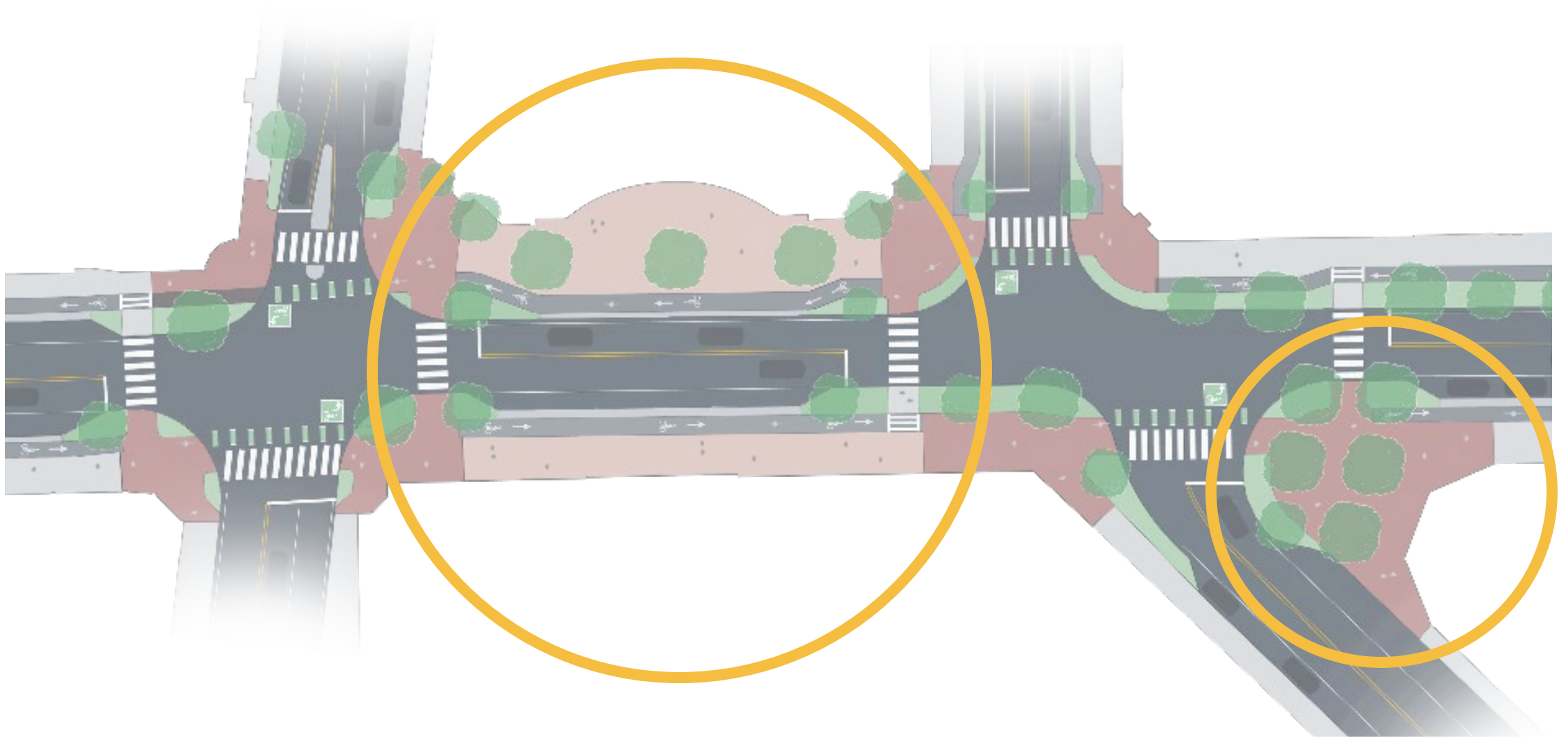


Refined Concept

- East View



Enhanced Experience





Special Conditions IDEA:

Elevating the Block

Option: Flush Condition for Town Common Block

- Creates a special space
- Accessible block
- Expanded community space (markets, special events, etc.)



Special Conditions IDEA:

Elevating the Block





Concept: The Grove



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Special Conditions CONCEPT: **The Grove**

The Grove @ Dedham

- Creates a special space
- Accessible area
- Expanded community space
- Shade protection



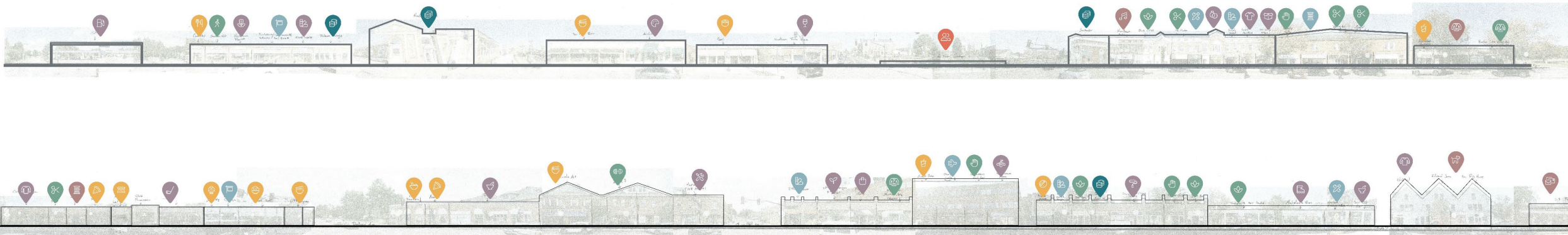
Pilot Implementation

Strategy



Pilot Implementation

- Granular look at what will enhance the corridor most
 - Furniture and amenity placement based on business locations



PUBLIC GATHERING



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



DINING ESTABLISHMENT



PERSONAL CARE & WELLNESS



RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT



FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Strategies & Solutions

If Concept Plan Calls For:

- Street furniture
- Shade
- Street tree
- LIT Lanes
- Wayfinding
- Special considerations

Pilot Will Include:

Furniture
Shade structure when possible
Plantings when possible
Barriers to mark off
Signage
Where possible

More Challenging

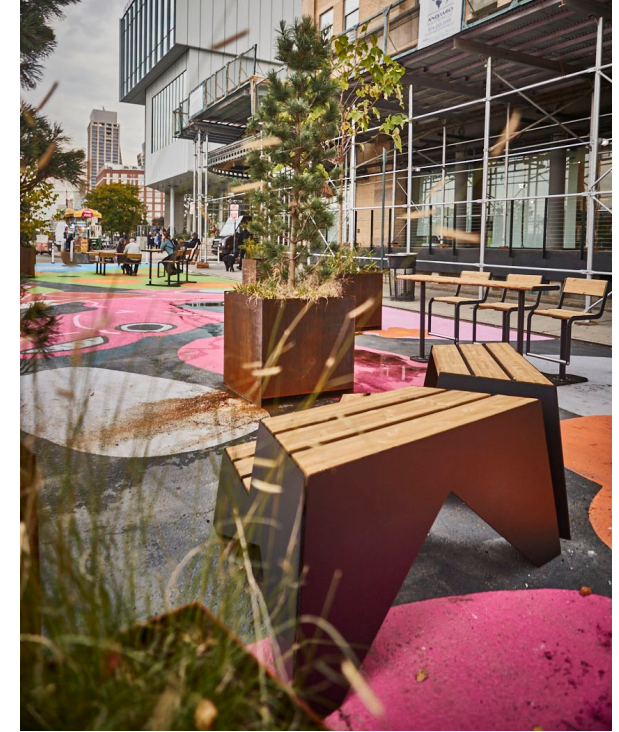
- Lighting
- Green Infrastructure
- PROAG Parking Spaces



Pilot Implementation Strategies & Solutions



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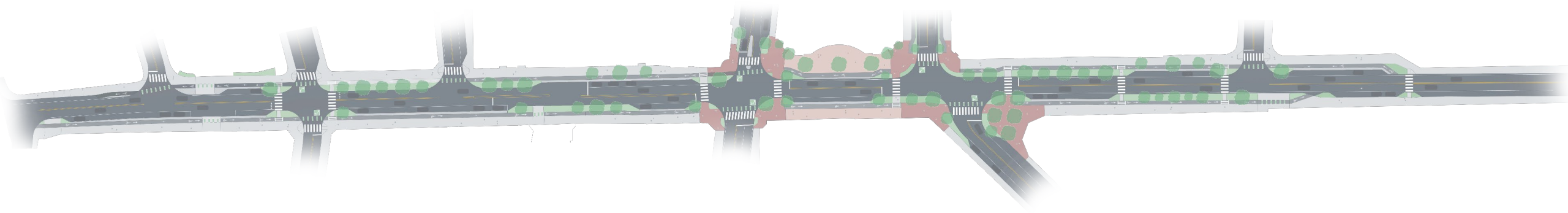


Pilot Implementation

Plan Recommendations



Pilot Plan



- Late Summer buildout
 - Less local traffic
 - School is out
 - Allows time for community to begin experiencing benefits
 - Allows layout to be tweaked as needed before school season begins

Thank you

