

CHINATOWN CONNECTIONS

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CB3 PRESENTATION
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AGENDA

1. Concept Design

2. Project Timeline

SITE & PROJECT SCOPE



EXISTING SITE PHOTOS AND CONDITIONS



1: LACK OF INTEGRATION OF CURRENT CULTURAL MARKERS



2: UNCLEAR AND UNSAFE TRAFFIC PATTERNS



EXISTING SITE PLAN



3: UNDER-UTILIZED PUBLIC SPACE



4: LONG CROSSING AND SHORT CROSSING TIME

STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Standard, four-way intersections are safer, more predictable for pedestrians, and function more smoothly.
- Straight, thru-travel movements are safer and more efficient than turning movements.
- Shorter crosswalks reduce exposure and are more accessible/easier to cross for pedestrians, specifically seniors and children.
- Distance between intersections reduce congestion and queuing.
- Larger, consolidated open spaces are more flexible and can better meet a variety of needs.



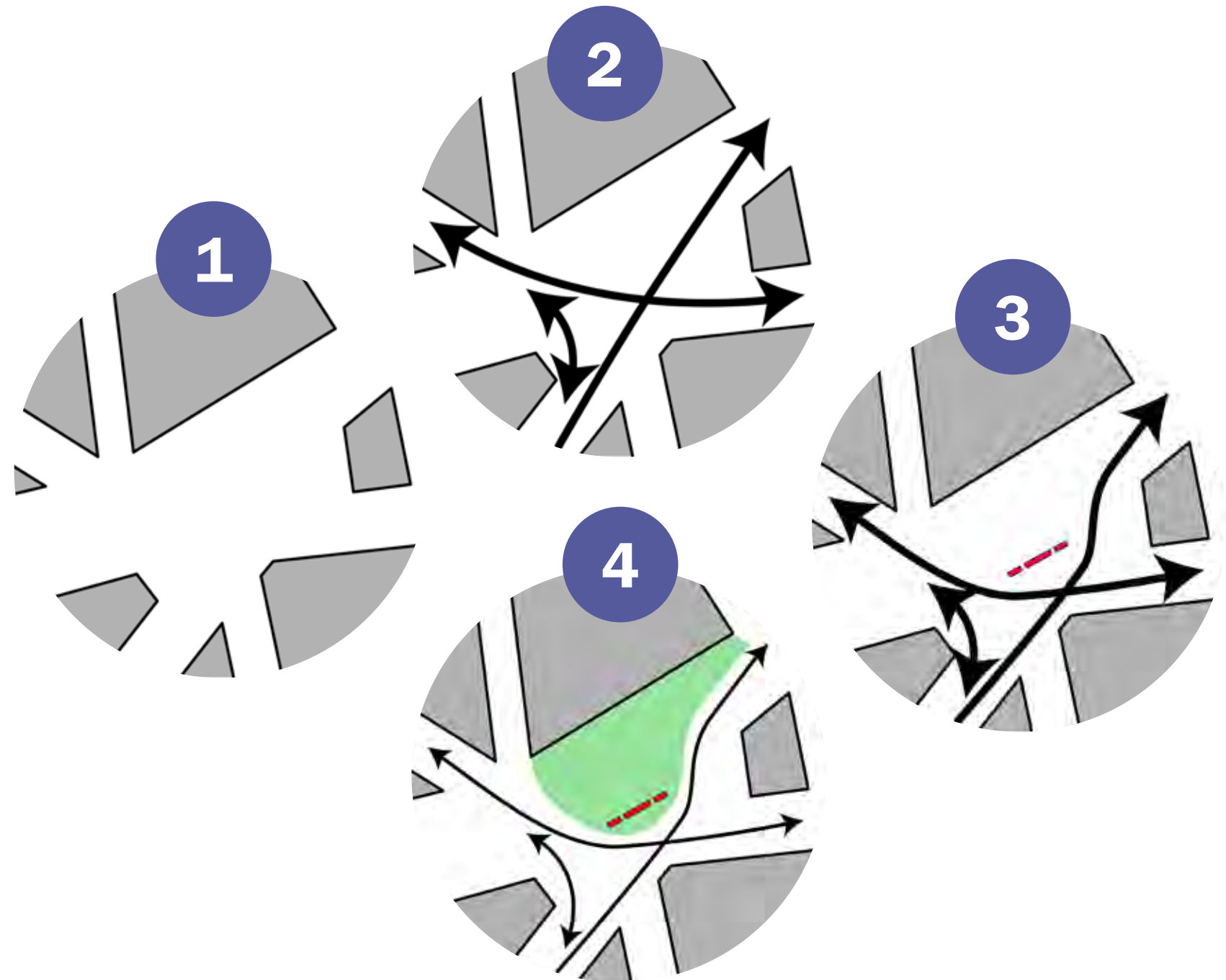
STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN PROCESS

1. WORK WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARIES.

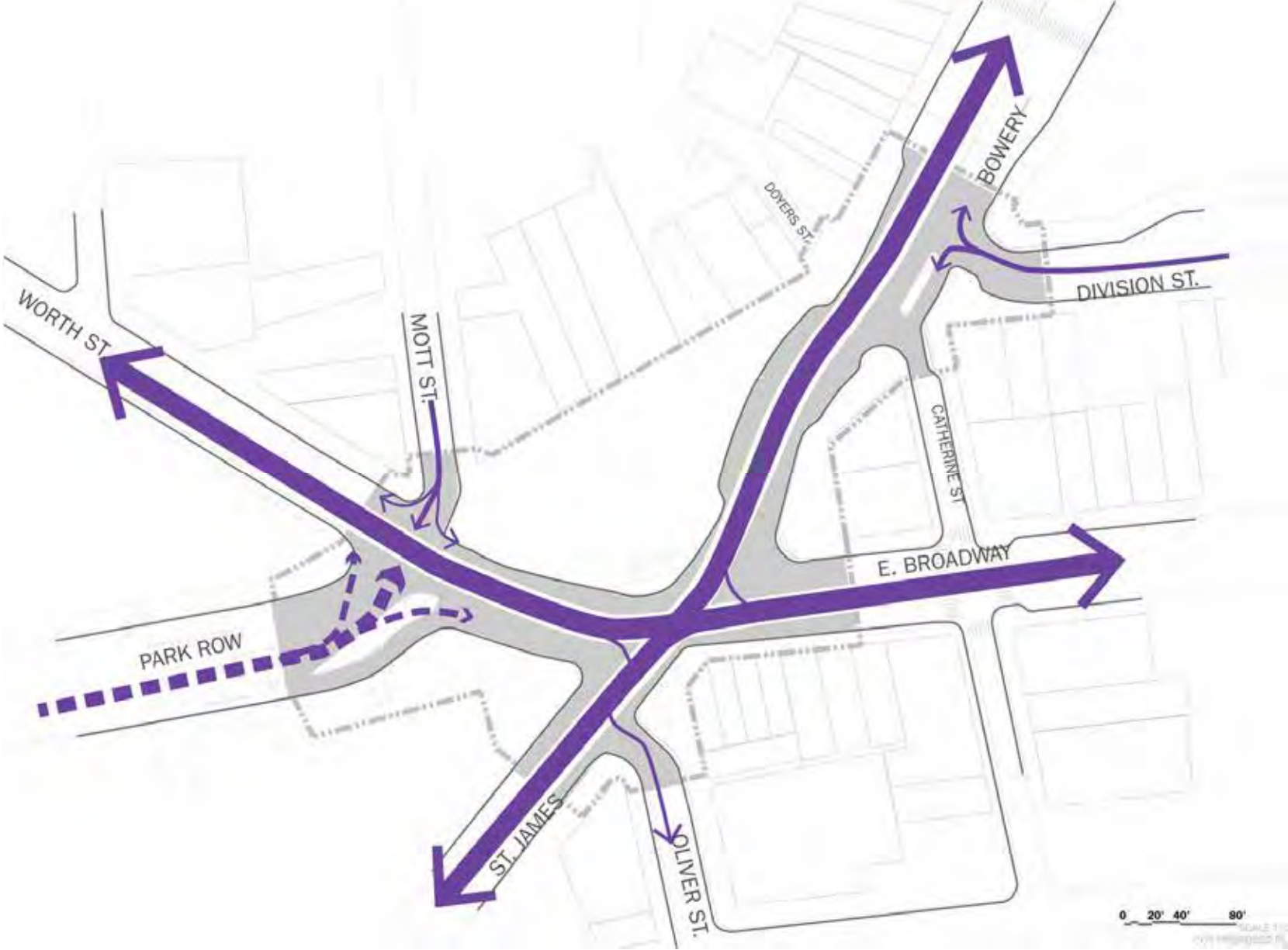
2. REALIGN INTERSECTION TO STANDARD FOUR-WAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS

3. RECENTER/RELOCATE MONUMENTS

4. PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SPACE WITHIN THE INTERSECTION



PROPOSED PRIMARY VEHICULAR FLOWS



REALIGNMENT SIMPLIFIES MOVEMENTS

ONLY 1/3 OF MOVEMENTS WOULD BE TURNS

FULFILLS THE GOALS OF SIMPLIFYING TRAVEL PATTERNS AND CREATING A MORE TYPICAL AND PREDICTABLE INTERSECTION

PROPOSED





THROUGH 2025, THE TEAM CONDUCTED 19 ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ACROSS CHINATOWN

2025年3月到6月期間，我們的設計團隊在華埠舉辦了19場“社區參與”活動



19 ENGAGEMENT EVENTS
19 場 社區參與活動

GROUPS ENGAGED:
SENIORS, CHILDREN, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, VISITORS

參與人群：
老人、兒童、社區居民、社區代表、民選官員、游客

700+ PEOPLE ENGAGED
700+ 人參與

332+ WRITTEN COMMENTS
332+ 份手寫建議

268 VOTES ON DESIGN ELEMENTS
268 份設計元素投票

148 SURVEY RESPONSES
148 份問卷回答

COMMUNITY VISION 社區願景

1

A PLACE TO GATHER

A green, shaded, comfortable gathering place where mature trees, thoughtful amenities, and flexible spaces invite people of all ages to connect, rest, play, and celebrate together.

提供一個相聚之處

一個綠意盎然、樹蔭林立和舒適的聚集場所——有成熟的樹木，周到人性的設施和靈活多變的空間，歡迎各年齡段的人群相聚、休憩、玩耍和慶祝的空間。

2

SAFE AND CONNECTED

A road design that improves pedestrian safety and neighborhood connectivity and that minimizes friction at key crossings to Kimlau Square.

安全和暢通

道路設計提供人行安全和各個街區的連接暢通性。最大化地減少劉錦廣場周邊人行橫道的衝突。

3

CELEBRATE & SHARE CULTURE

A space that respects and reflects the neighborhood's history and cultural context.

慶祝和分享文化遺產

一個尊重和體現街區歷史和文化背景的空間。

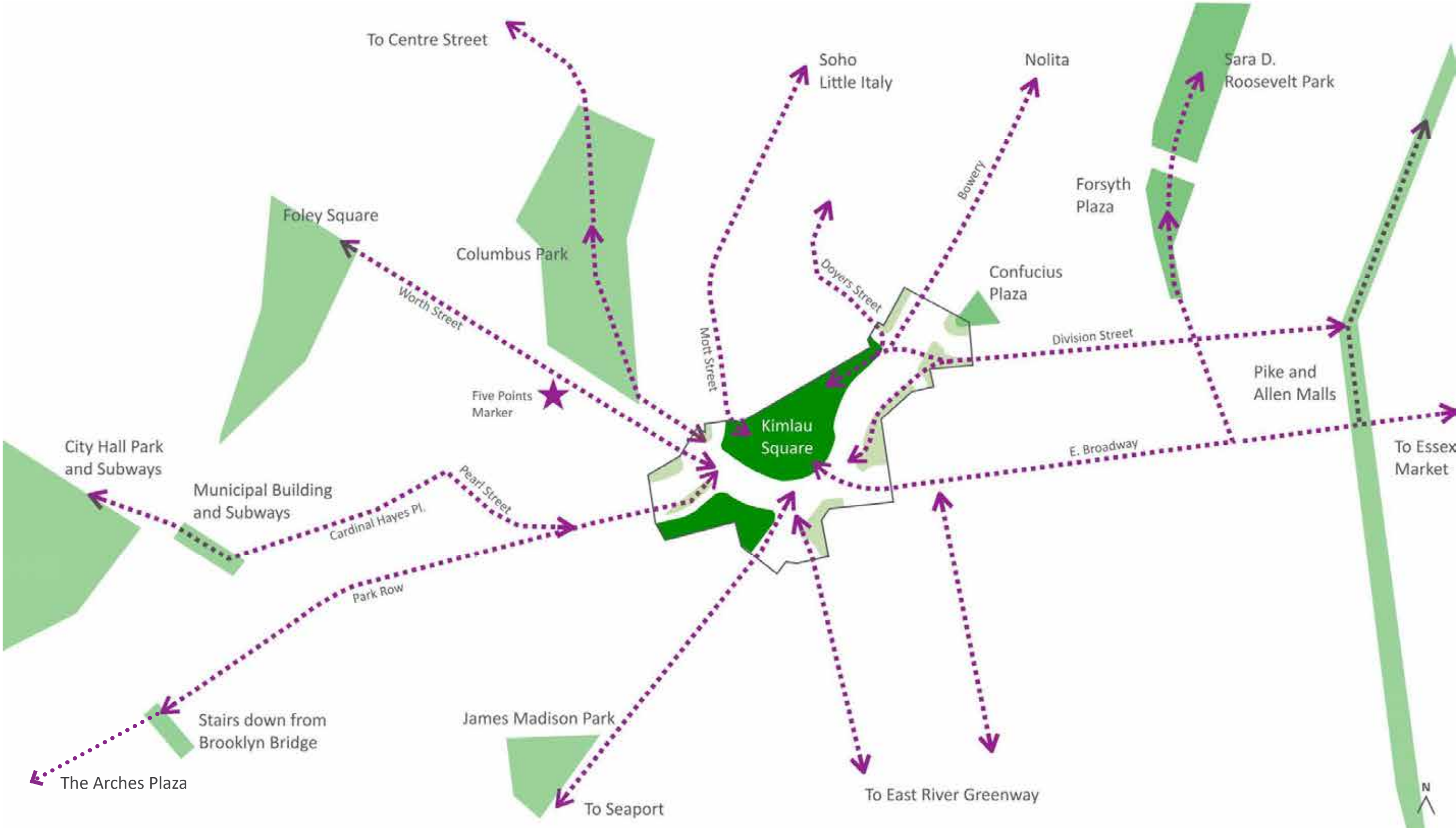
INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTABLE

An inclusive space that should be designed flexibly to accommodate many different types of programming, uses, and people.

包容性、無障礙和靈活性

為多種類型的活動、使用 and 人群設計一個包容和靈活的空間。

CHINATOWN PUBLIC REALM: CREATING CONNECTIONS



DESIGN INTENT

The new public plaza will **serve as a gateway** to Chinatown, **expand the public space**, and **minimize conflicts between different modes of movement.**

SITE & PROJECT SCOPE

Current: ~ 11,250 SF



Proposed: ~ 27,700 SF

Enlarged x2.5



DESIGN GOALS

Safe and Connected



Simplify the existing travel patterns in the square to create a more typical intersection and ensure smoother, more direct connections for all roadway users

Celebrate and Share Culture



Develop a cohesive design standard for the square to create a visually distinctive entrance to the neighborhood that highlights the existing memorials and statues and provide a location for a new gateway installation

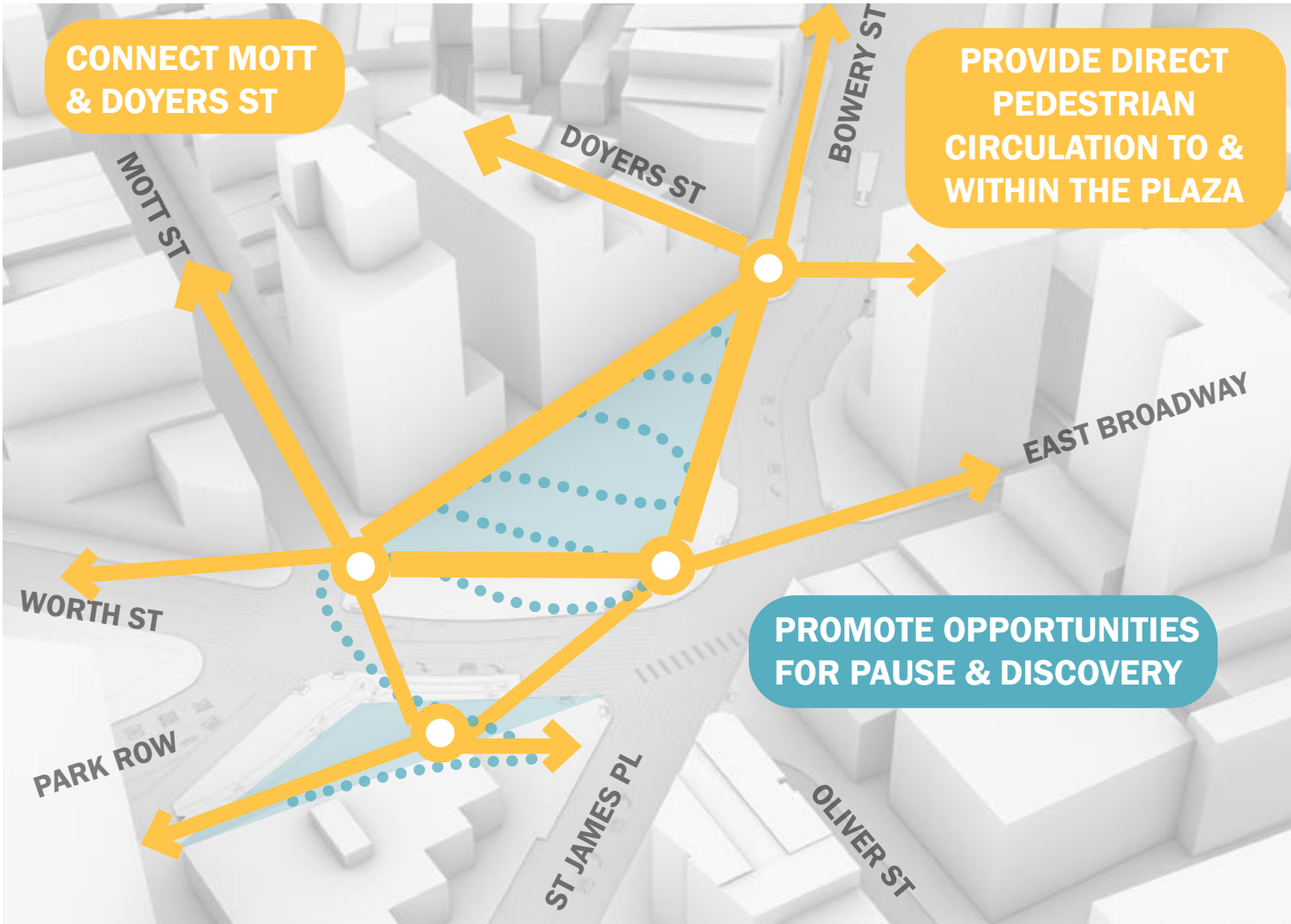
A Place to Gather



Create a premier, expanded, and more functional open space for Chinatown to better accommodate the plethora cultural festivities and gatherings that occur in the neighborhood.

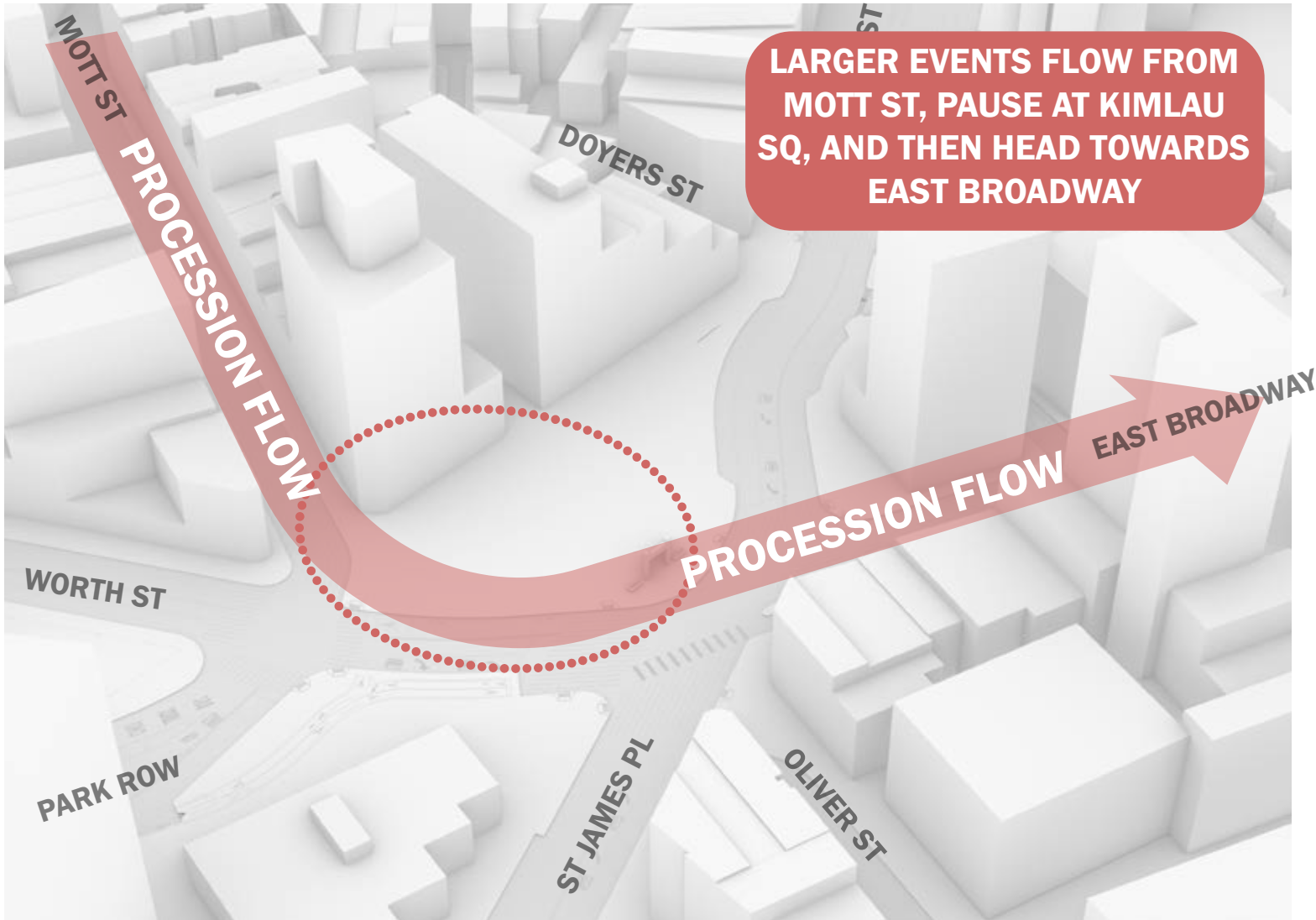
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

CIRCULATION - PEDESTRIAN DAY TO DAY



- DIRECT PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- MEANDERING PATH

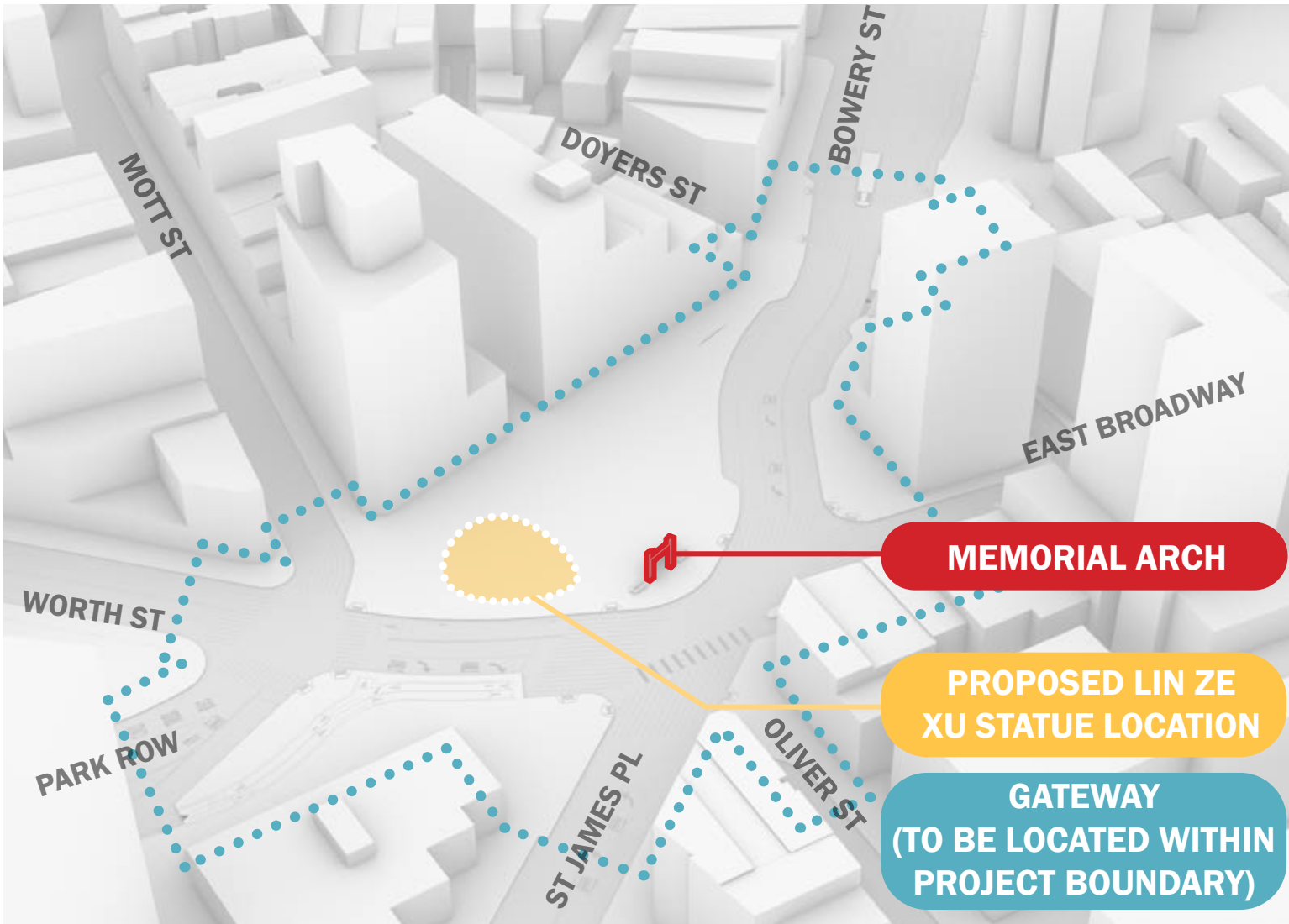
CIRCULATION - EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS



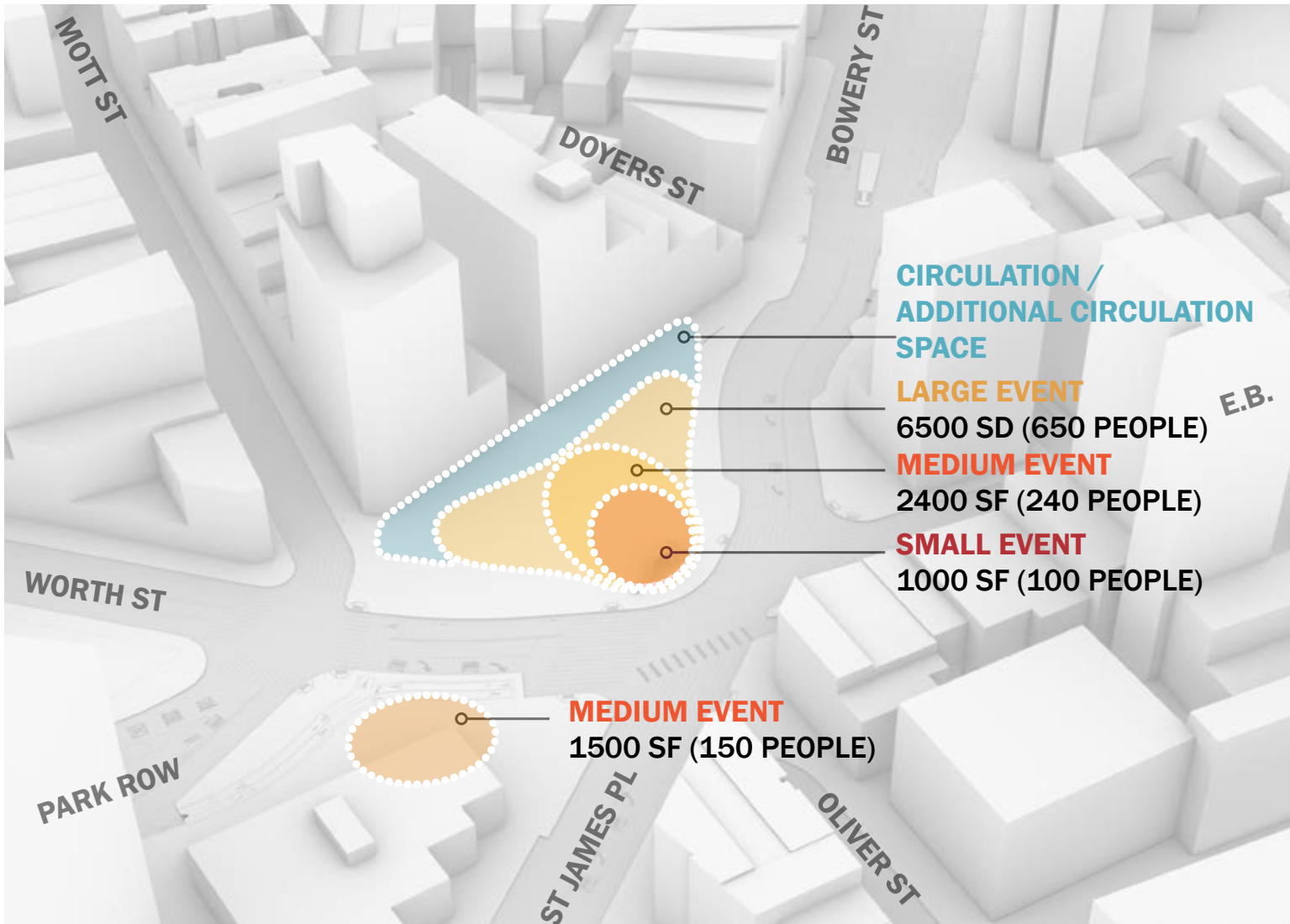
- PROCESSION FLOW

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

FLEXIBILITY - GATHERING SPACE FOR DIFFERENT CULTURAL MARKERS



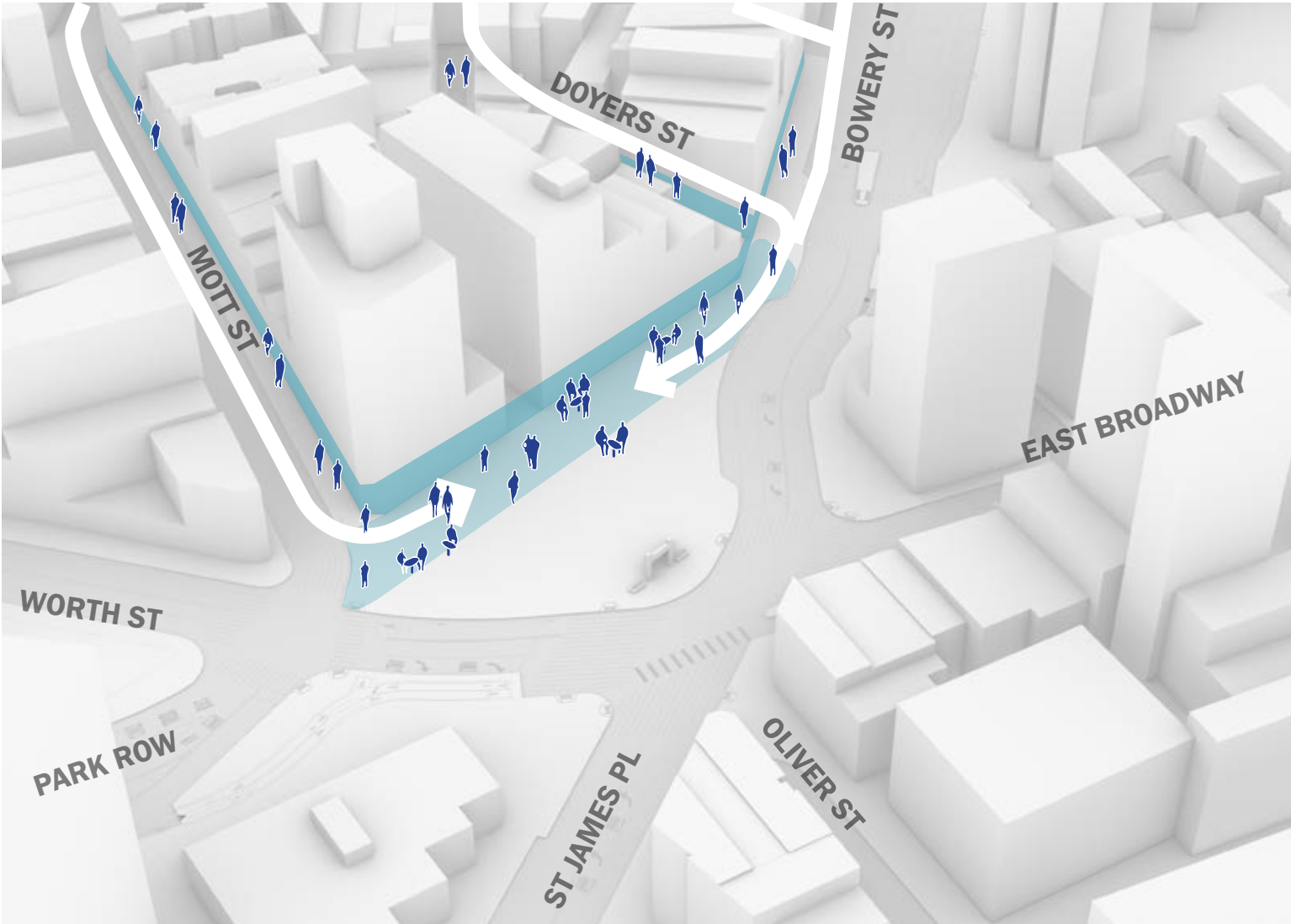
FLEXIBILITY - GATHERING SPACE FOR DIFFERENT SCALES



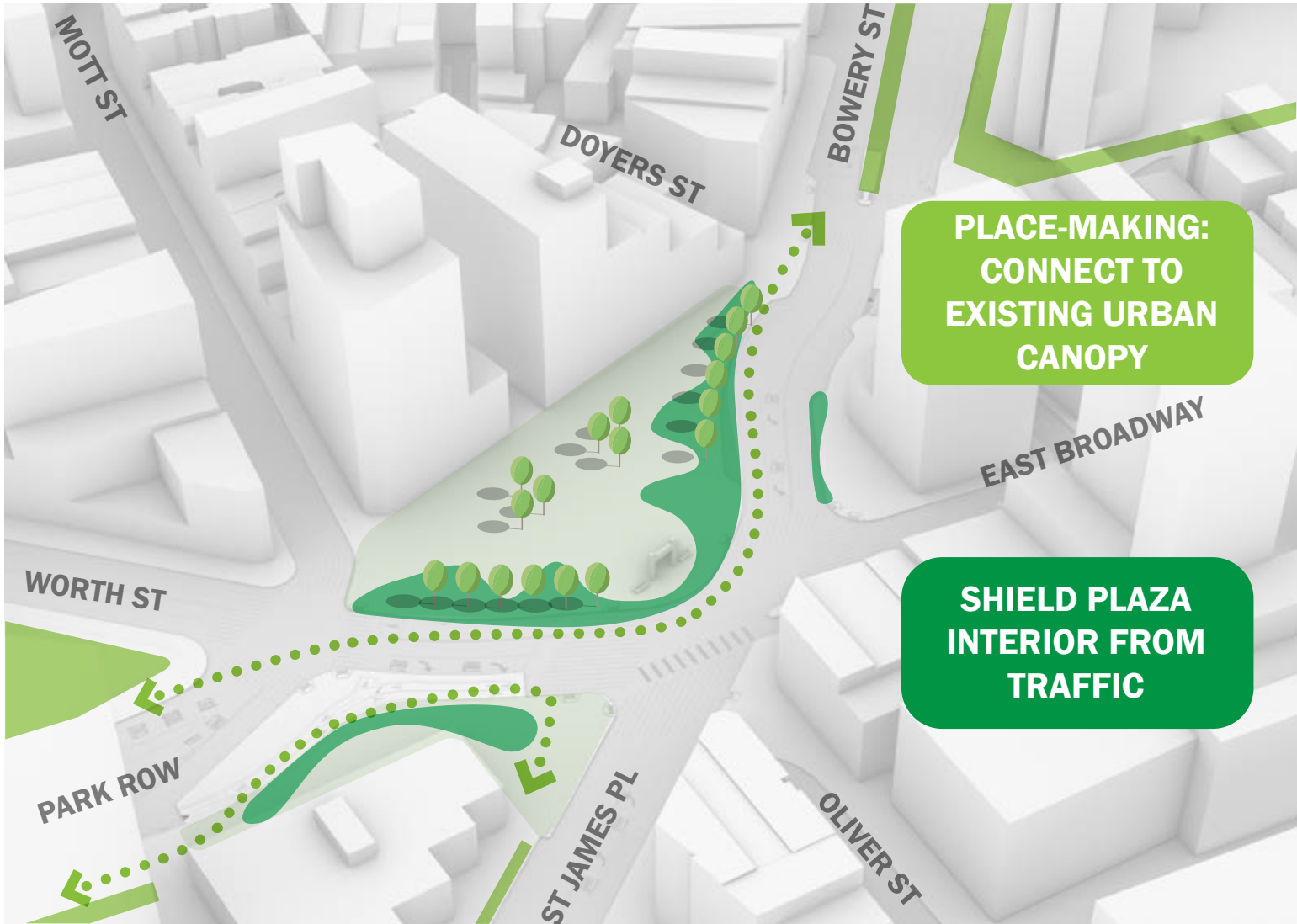
Estimated event capacity is based on coordination with the Chinatown Business Improvement District and attendance from their current programs. The diagram above assumes 10 SF/ person (i.e. arms-length, loose crowd).



CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

STREET LEVEL COMMERCIAL ACTIVATION



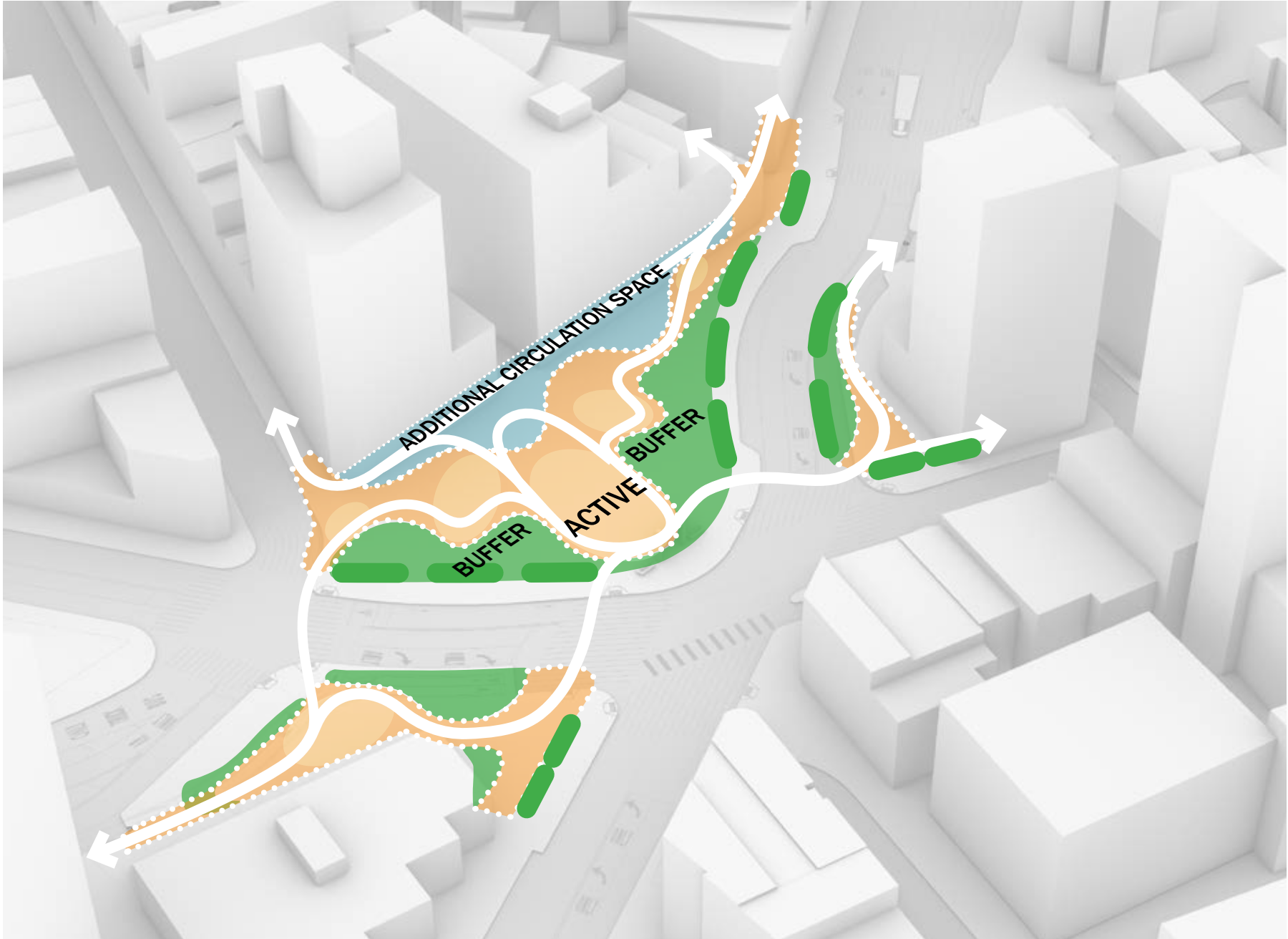
PLANTING - BUFFER



-  PROPOSED PLANTING BUFFER
-  EXISTING TREE CANOPY

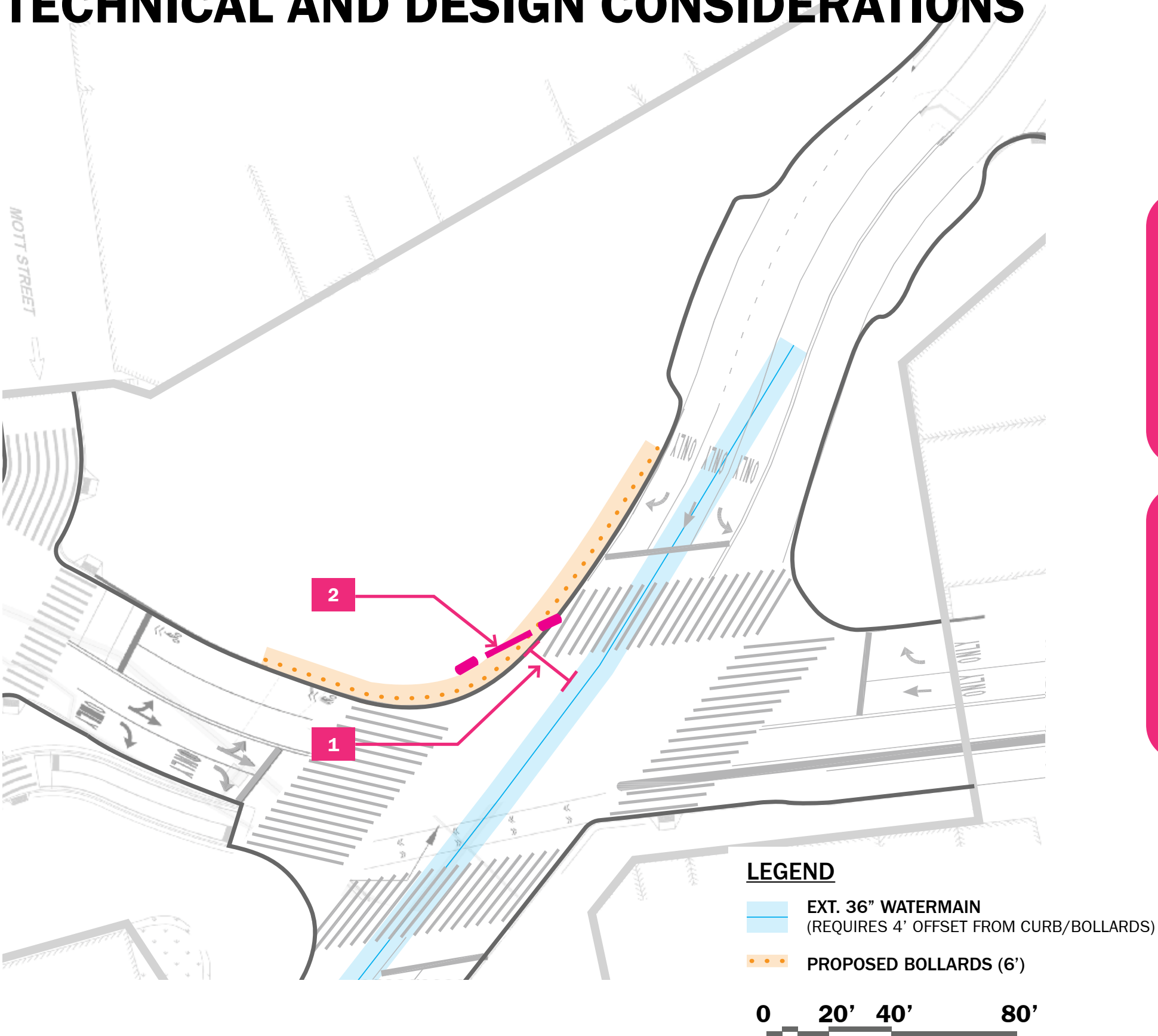
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK - MEANDERING

THE MEANDERING GEOMETRY IS A SPATIAL FRAMEWORK THAT LINKS THE ARRAY OF COMPONENTS WITHIN THE PLAZA. DRIVEN BY A THEME OF CONNECTION, THE DESIGN FACILITATES A NATURAL FLOW OF PEOPLE WHILE INTENTIONALLY CARVING OUT POCKETS FOR RESPITE AND REST.



- ↔ MOVEMENT THROUGH SPACE
- GATHERING SPACE
- GREEN BUFFER
- ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION SPACE

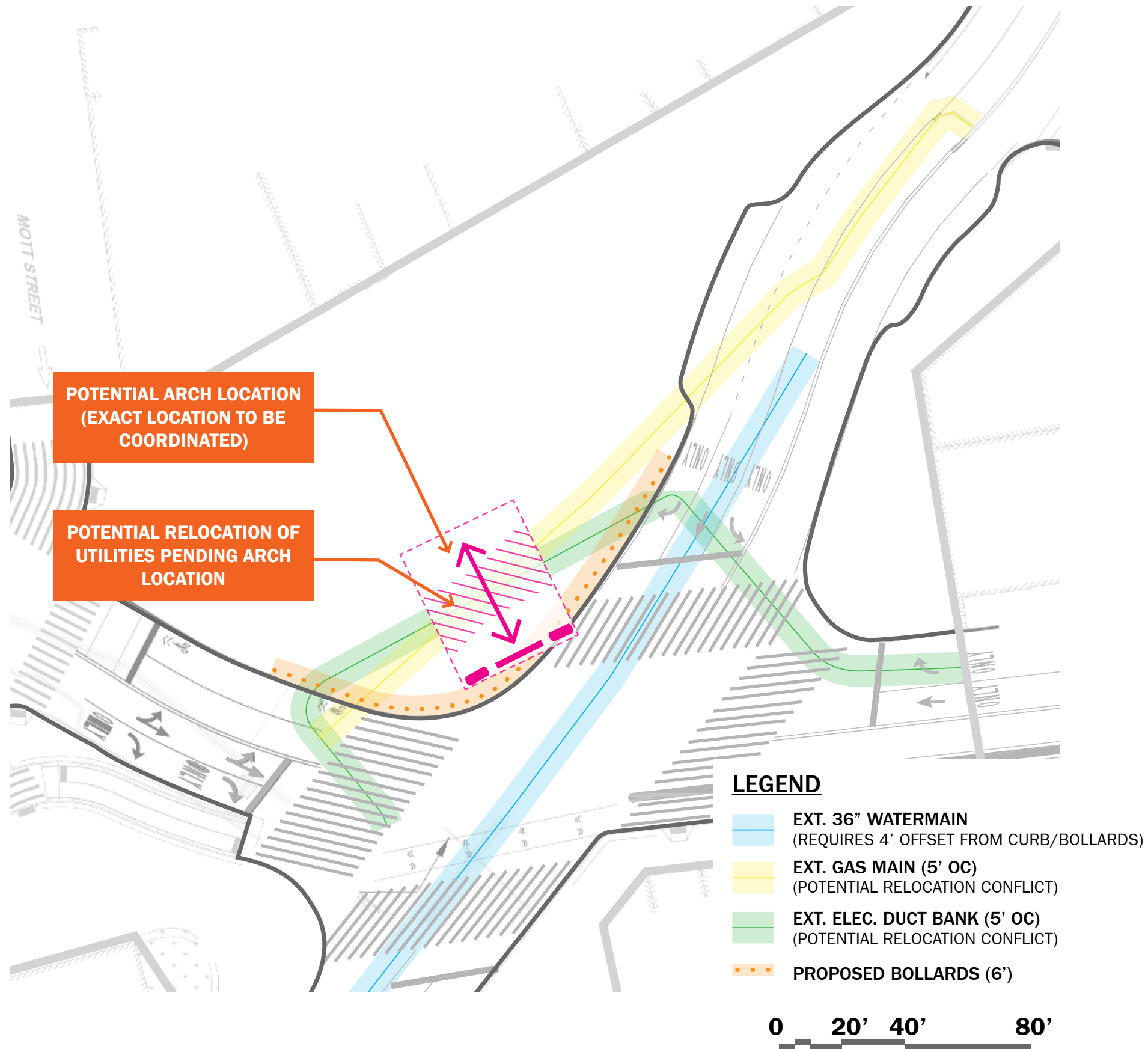
MEMORIAL ARCH RECENTERING TECHNICAL AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



1. MINIMUM OFFSET REQUIRED BETWEEN EXISTING WATERMAIN AND PLAZA CURB-LINE

2. EXISTING ARCH LOCATION OVERLAPS WITH PREFERRED ROADWAY GEOMETRY AND PROPOSED BOLLARD LINE

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR RECENTERING



1. SETTING

- RESPECT ORIENTATION
- ALLOW USE ON ALL SIDES
- MAINTAIN ALIGNMENT

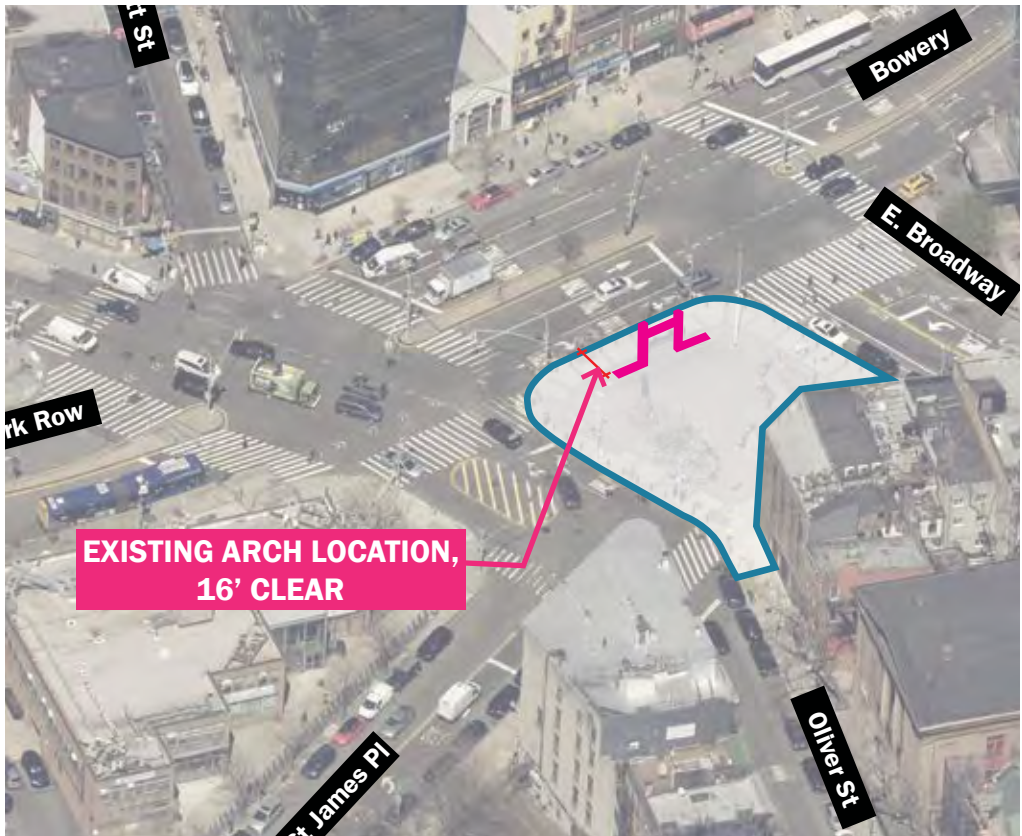
2. VIEWSHEDS

- MAINTAIN SIGHTLINES FOR PEDESTRIANS
- CONSIDER PROXIMITY TO OTHER STRUCTURES
- VEHICULAR SIGHTLINE CLEAR

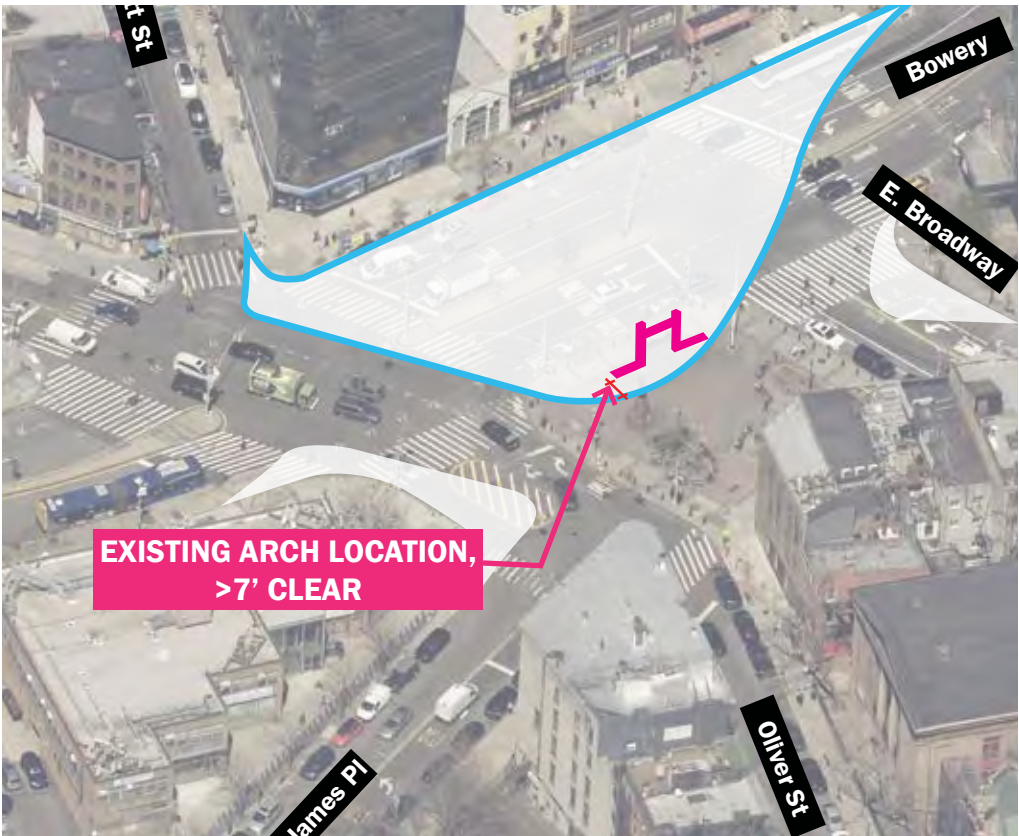
3. COMMUNITY

- SAFER PUBLIC SPACE
- FACILITATE LARGER COMMUNITY EVENTS

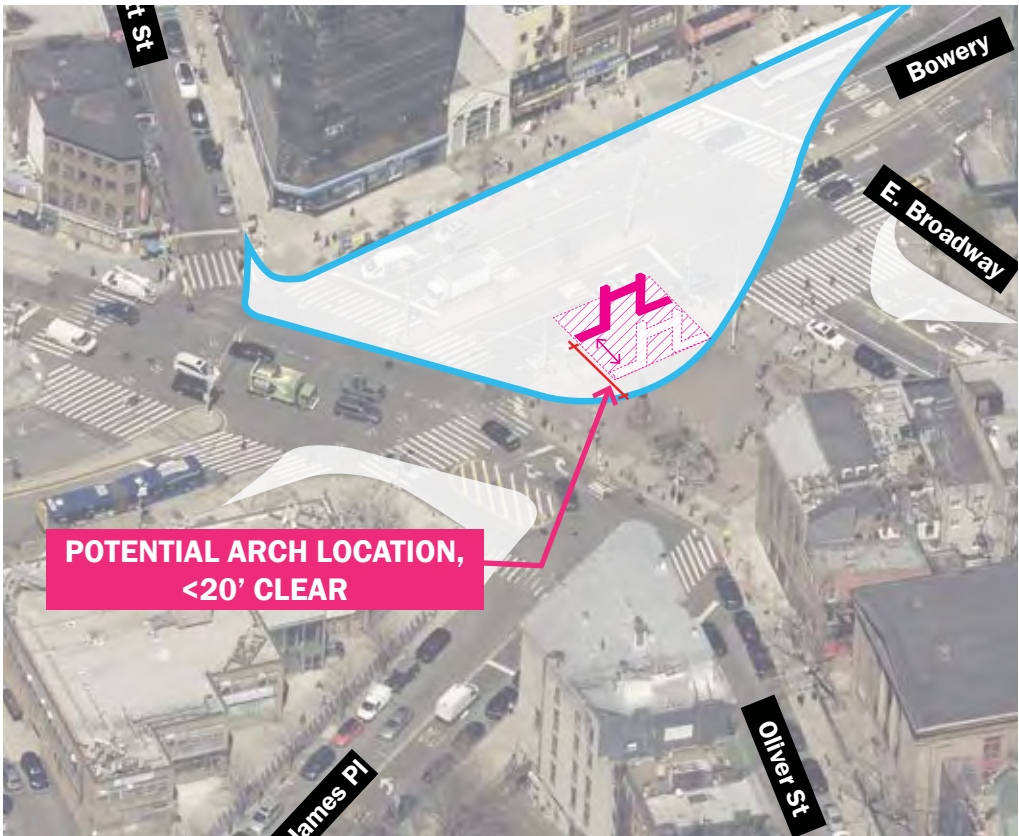
EXISTING VS POTENTIAL MEMORIAL ARCH LOCATIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

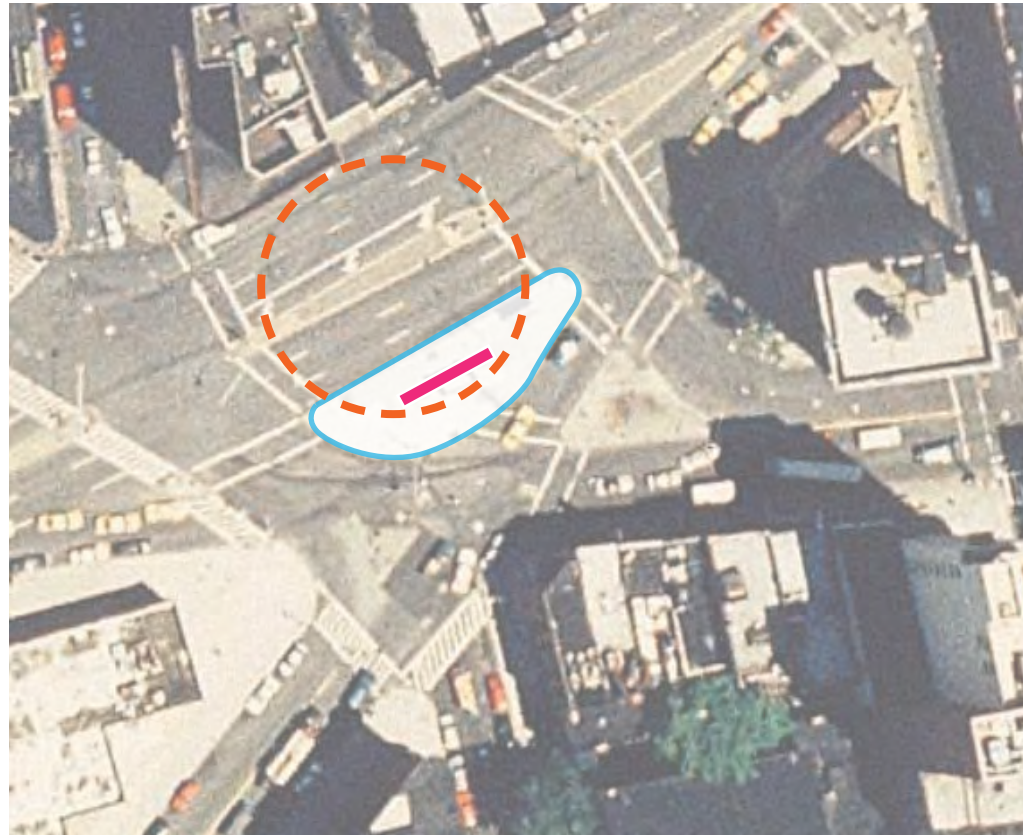


EXISTING MEMORIAL ARCH ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE



RECENTERING MEMORIAL ARCH ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE

THE MEMORIAL ARCH AS A GATHERING SPACE



1960'S

GATHERING REQUIRES STREET CLOSURE



EXISTING CONDITION






LIMITED GATHERING IN SMALL PLAZA
OR WITHIN TRAFFIC



**RECENTERING MEMORIAL ARCH
ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE**

LARGER GATHERING WITHIN PLAZA AND
TWO-SIDED MULTIPLE CONFIGURATIONS

LEGEND

-  GATHERING REQUIRES STREET CLOSURE
-  GATHERING SPACE AT PLAZA
-  MEMORIAL ARCH
-  FLAG POLE
-  PLAZA BOUNDARY

PLAN VIEW



TREE IN GRATE

TREE IN PLANTING BED

RELOCATED
LIN ZE XU STATUE

SHADED SEATING AREA

BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

MOTT ST. TO DOYER ST. CONNECTION

FDNY FIRE LANE ACCESS

LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE

BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

PROPOSED KIOSK LOCATION
(9' L X 12' W X 10' H)

FLEXIBLE GATHERING SPACE

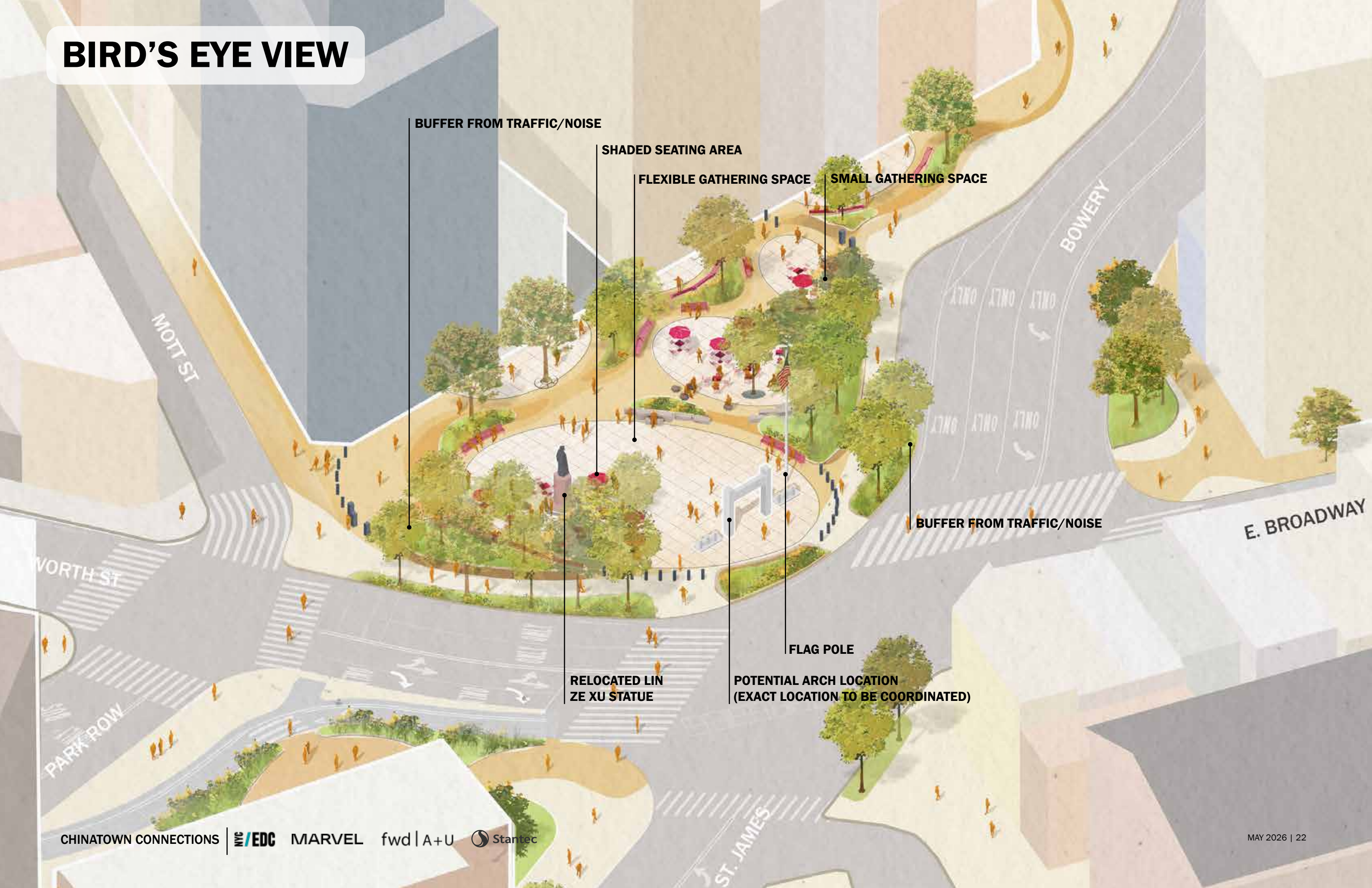
FLAG POLE

MEMORIAL ARCH

BUS STOPS



BIRD'S EYE VIEW



BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

SHADED SEATING AREA

FLEXIBLE GATHERING SPACE

SMALL GATHERING SPACE

BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

**RELOCATED LIN
ZE XU STATUE**

FLAG POLE

**POTENTIAL ARCH LOCATION
(EXACT LOCATION TO BE COORDINATED)**

VIEW FROM KIMLAU SQUARE FACING SW (PARK ROW)



VIEW FROM KIMLAU SQUARE FACING EAST BROADWAY



PROJECT TIMELINE

