

KENMORE

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Community Open House

09.22.2018

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AGENDA

TODAY'S TOPICS

- 1 What We Heard
- 2 Market Study
- 3 City Framework
- 4 Reimagine the Boulevard
- 5 Implementation



INTRODUCTION

PROCESS

TASK 1

UNDERSTANDING

MONTHS 1 + 2

- + Neighborhood Tour
- + Existing Conditions Analysis and Plan Review
- + Steering Committee Meeting
- + Stakeholder Interviews (April 16th and 17th)

Community Activity #1:

Jane's Walk + Gathering Session (May 4)

TASK 2

DEVELOPING + TESTING IDEAS

MONTHS 3+4

- + Conceptual Plans and Draft Strategy Development
- + Idea testing with Core Team and Steering Committee

Community Activity #2:

Highlighting Components of the plan (August 3)

TASK 3

DECIDING

MONTHS 5+6

- + Draft final plan with recommendations, implementation steps and action items
- + Support final Steering Committee and Community meetings

Community Activity #3:

Plan "Hand-Off" (September)



Community Input Recap



BETTER BLOCK

BETTER BLOCK (2017)

THE PROJECT

The Better Block project in 2017 addressed both sides of Kenmore Boulevard, from 16th Street to approximately 13th Street. The area was chosen due to a number of factors: its potential for partnerships with local businesses, lack of street level parking lots (a huge benefit to the continuity of the block), vacant buildings that could be used to house pop-ups, an empty lot that could be converted into public space, and the two bus stops located on Kenmore Boulevard. The 13th Street to 16th Street stretch of Kenmore Boulevard is the core of the business district and, should long-term redevelopment occur, will become the economic center of the neighborhood.



COMPONENTS

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Bike Lanes

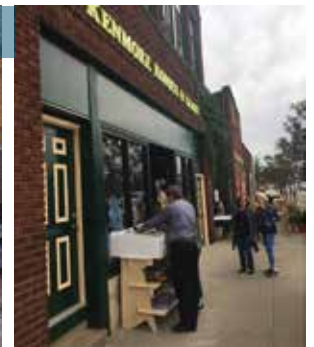


Sidewalk Extensions/Parklets



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Pop-Up Shops and Food Trucks



Beer Garden



THE DATA

Which elements would you like to continue?

1 BENCHES	3 CAFE SEATING	5 FLOWER PLANTERS	7 POP-UP SHOPS	8 BEER GARDEN
2 MUSIC/ACTIVITY	4 PROTECTED BIKE LANES	6 MEDIAN LANDSCAPE	9 STREET NARROWING	10 MIDDLE LANING
			11 BUS STOPS	

Activation & Programing



Crosswalks, Intersection, Bumpout

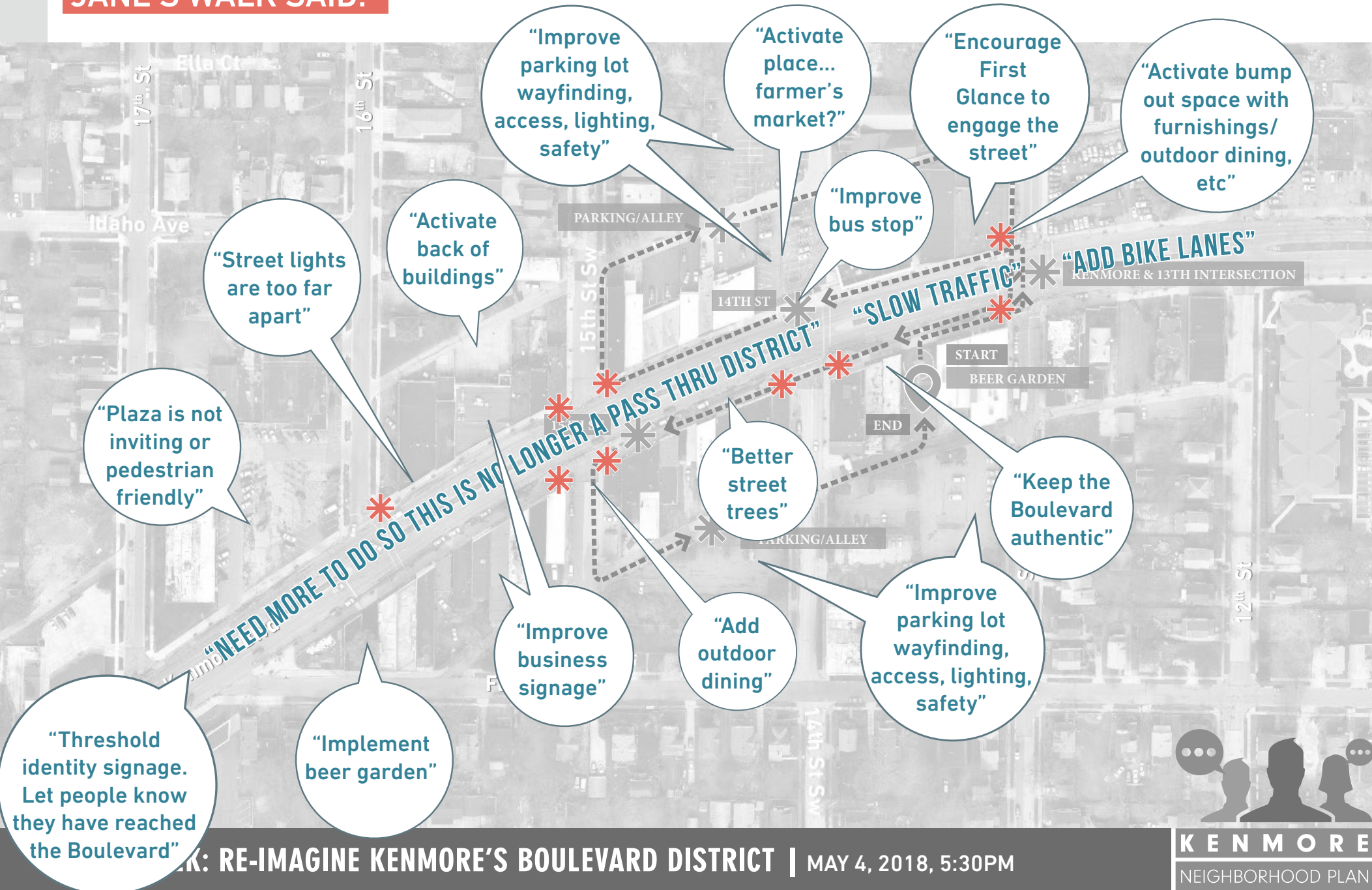


Bus Stop and Bike Share Drop Off



JANE'S WALK: REIMAGINING KENMORE BLVD

JANE'S WALK SAID:



BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE ON KENMORE BLVD

PREFERRED OPTION

60
ONLINE
RESPONSES

100+
EVENT
PARTICIPANTS



OPTION

VOTES

ONLINE SCORE

Option 1: Buffered Bike Lane received

10

1.96

Option 2: Protected Bike Lane received

53

2.16

Option 3: Protected Bike Lane & Parklet

99

1.98

COMMUNITY EVENT 2

OVERVIEW

60+
PARTICIPANTS



PROJECT ONLINE PRESENCE

OVERVIEW

31
RESPONSES

[HOME](#)[ABOUT KENMORE](#)[NEWS](#)[EVENTS](#)[ABOUT KNA](#)[NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN



Thanks to all those who attended the Busk Until Dusk event on Aug. 3. We had a great turnout and heard lots of valuable feedback from the community. If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to review the draft concept improvements below and [answer three questions](#).

COMMUNITY INPUT OVERVIEW

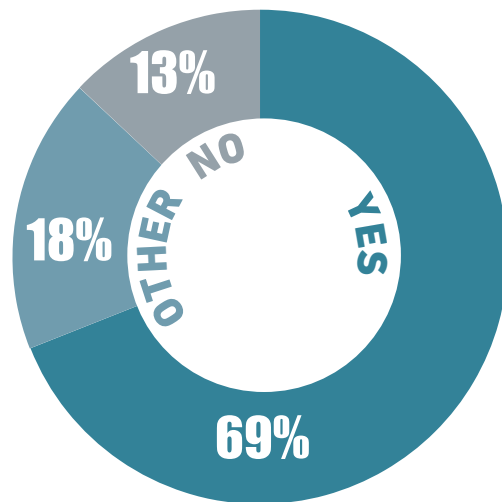
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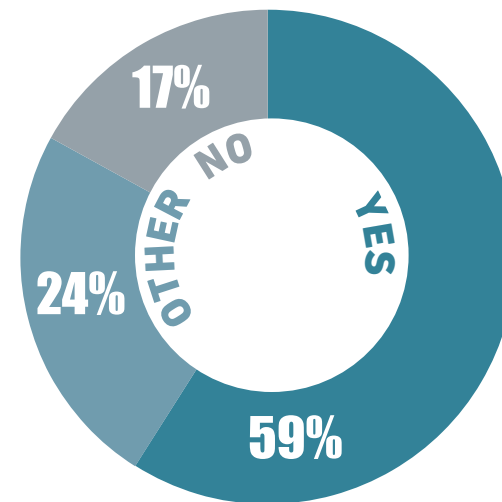
COMBINED SURVEY RESULTS

60 RESPONSES

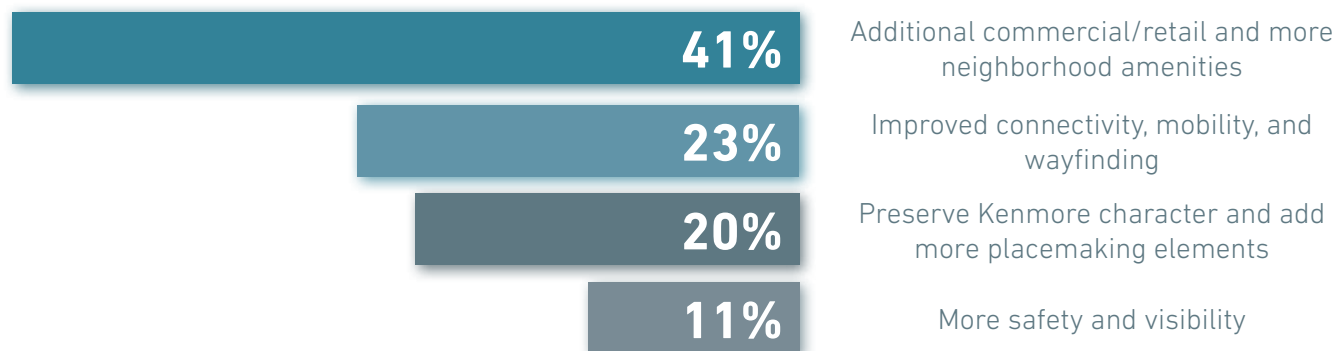
WOULD THESE IMPROVEMENTS ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEND MORE TIME ON KENMORE BOULEVARD? WHY OR WHY NOT?



WOULD THESE IMPROVEMENTS MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO WALK OR BIKE BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATIONS? WHY OR WHY NOT?



ARE THERE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OR IMPROVEMENTS THAT THIS PLAN SHOULD CONSIDER?



SECTION 2

MARKET ANALYSIS

Report Takeaways



MARKET ANALYSIS

TAKEAWAYS

1 ENHANCE DEMAND AND ATTRACT NEW PATRONS

2 IMPROVE BUSINESS AND PATRON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

3 ENHANCE CRITICAL MASS AND MIX OF BUSINESSES

4 SUPPORT BUSINESS STRENGTH

90,000

WORKERS WITHIN A
10-MINUTE DRIVE TIME AREA

17%

RETAIL VACANCY IN THE
5-BLOCK KENMORE CORE

7

NEW FULL-SERVICE
RESTAURANTS THAT KENMORE
CAN SUPPORT

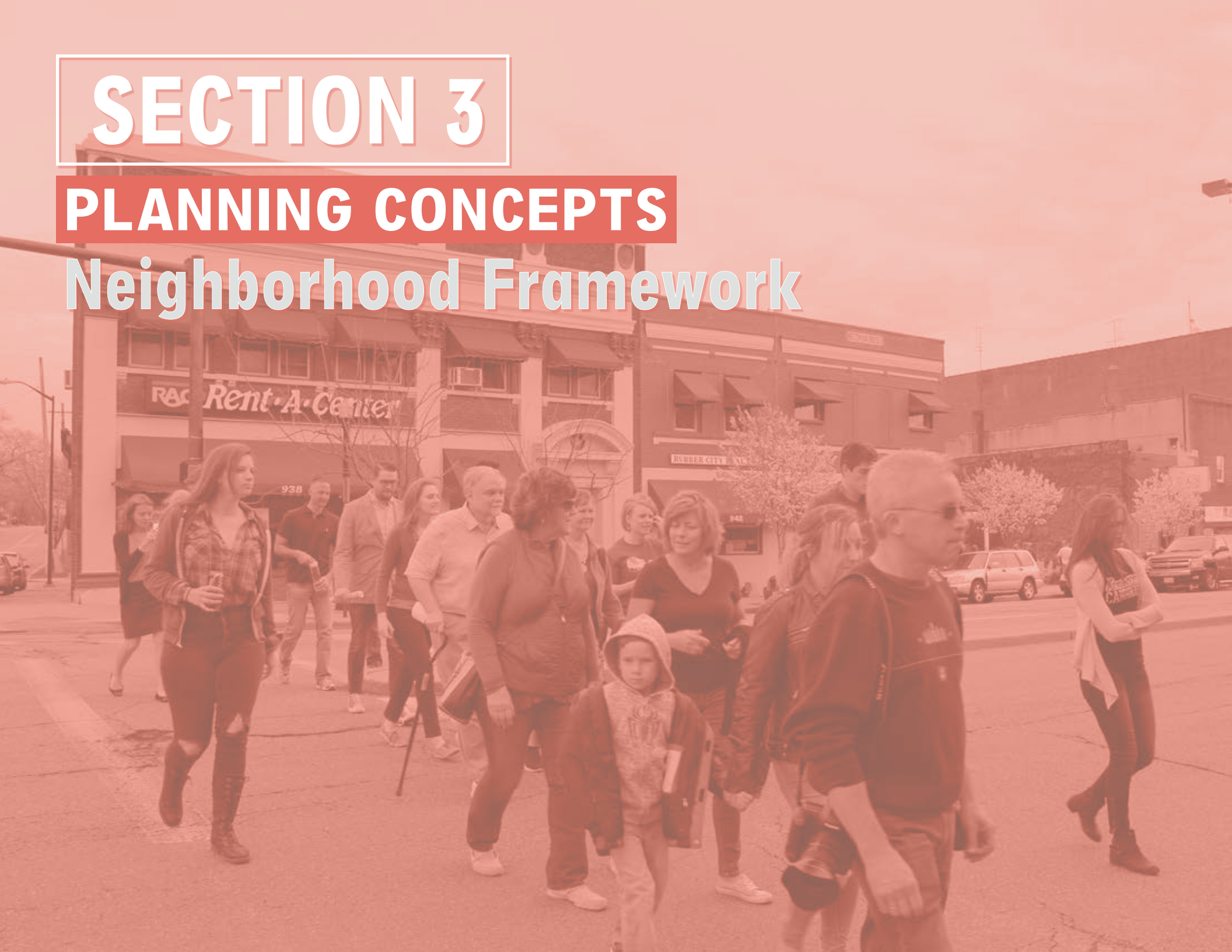
86%

WALK-IN CUSTOMERS FROM
OUTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

SECTION 3

PLANNING CONCEPTS

Neighborhood Framework



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

A ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Investigate potential for road diet at Carnegie Ave and Manchester Rd, Waterloo Rd near Conrad Ave and Edwin Ave, along Manchester Rd near Stanford St
- 2 Explore Manchester Rd bypass removal

B PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- 1 Summit Lake Master Plan
- 2 Sound barrier needed for Chestnut Ridge Park
- 3 Chestnut Ridge Akron Park Challenge Winner
- 4 Construct foot/bike path round Nesmith Lake
- 5 Potential to work with MetroParks to create park/trails at City Nursey

C PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

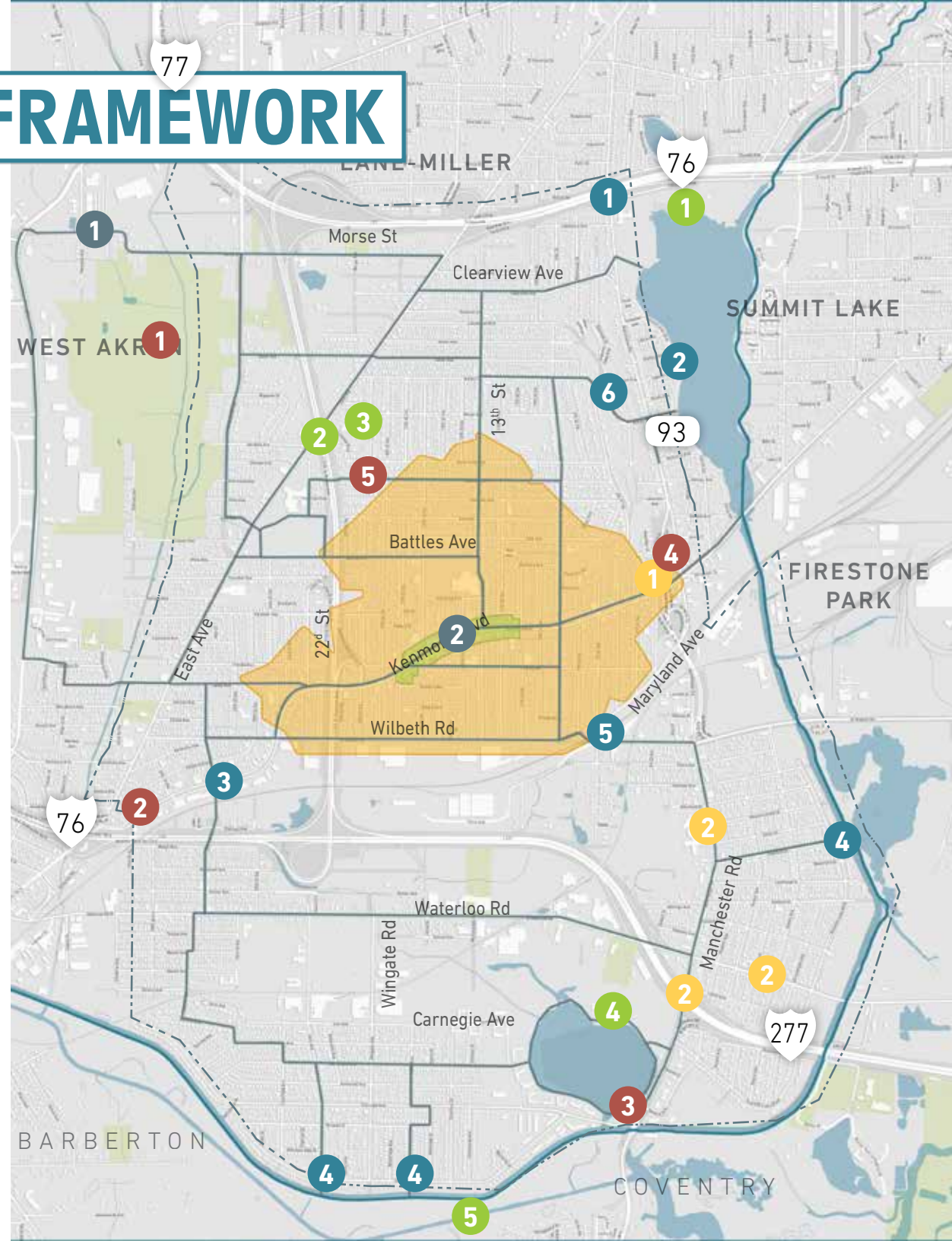
- 1 Improve pedestrian crossings near Summit Lake on Manchester Rd
- 2 Proposed pedestrian loop path near Summit Lake Blvd and Lagoon Ave
- 3 Build stairway directly from bridge down to Blvd
- 4 Evaluate possibility of footbridge: to Towpath at Corey, at Pike Ave and at Stanford St
- 5 Improve pedestrian footbridge at Maryland Ave and Wilbeth Rd
- 6 Explore foot/bike path near Indian Trail and Summit View Ave

D ON STREET BIKE NETWORK

- 1 Proposed Kenmore bike/pedestrian infranetwork
- 2 Protected bike lanes along Kenmore Blvd

E ADAPTATIVE REUSE & IMPROVED ASSETS

- 1 Explore potential housing opportunities at Mud Run
- 2 Improve center of street parking safety at Kenmore Blvd south of Wilbeth Rd
- 3 Young's Restaurant site beautification
- 4 Improve commercial area at Kenmore Blvd and Manchester Rd
- 5 Explore adaptive reuse at Smith School site



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

PARKS & OPEN SPACES



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

ON-STREET BIKE NETWORK



NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK

ADAPTIVE REUSE & IMPROVED ASSETS



SECTION 4

PLANNING CONCEPTS

Boulevard Framework



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

CALM THE BOULEVARD



PEDESTRIANIZE THE BOULEVARD



ACTIVATE THE BOULEVARD



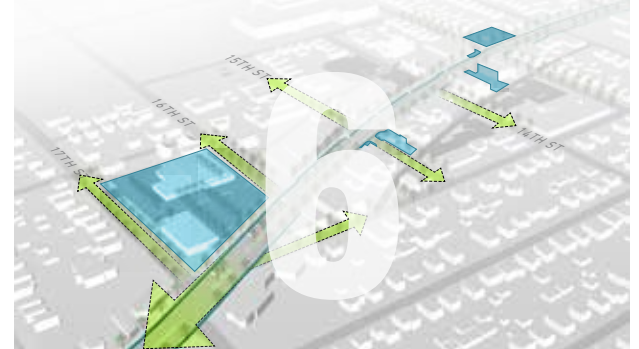
ACCESS THE BOULEVARD



BRAND THE BOULEVARD



CONTINUE TO PROGRAM THE BOULEVARD



INFILL THE BOULEVARD



CONNECT THE BOULEVARD



A VISION FOR THE BOULEVARD



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

1 CALM THE BOULEVARD

AFTER

BEFORE



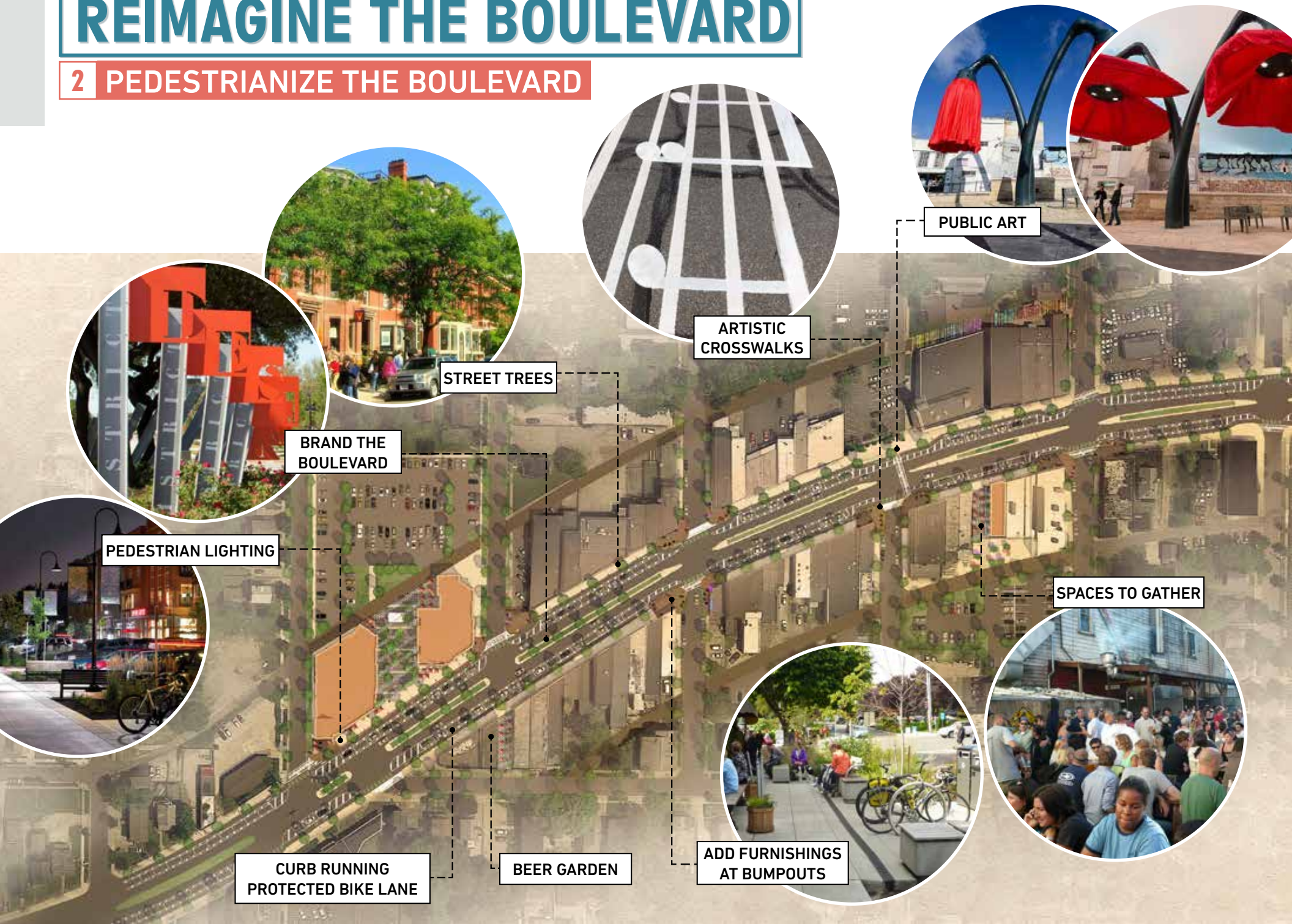
REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

1 CALM THE BOULEVARD



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

2 PEDESTRIANIZE THE BOULEVARD



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

2 PEDESTRIANIZE THE BOULEVARD

STREET TREES

ARTISTIC
CROSSWALKS

PUBLIC ART

BRAND THE
BOULEVARD

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

SPACES TO GATHER

CURB RUNNING
PROTECTED BIKE LANE

BEER GARDEN

ADD FURNISHINGS
AT BUMPOUTS

REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

3 ACTIVATE THE BOULEVARD



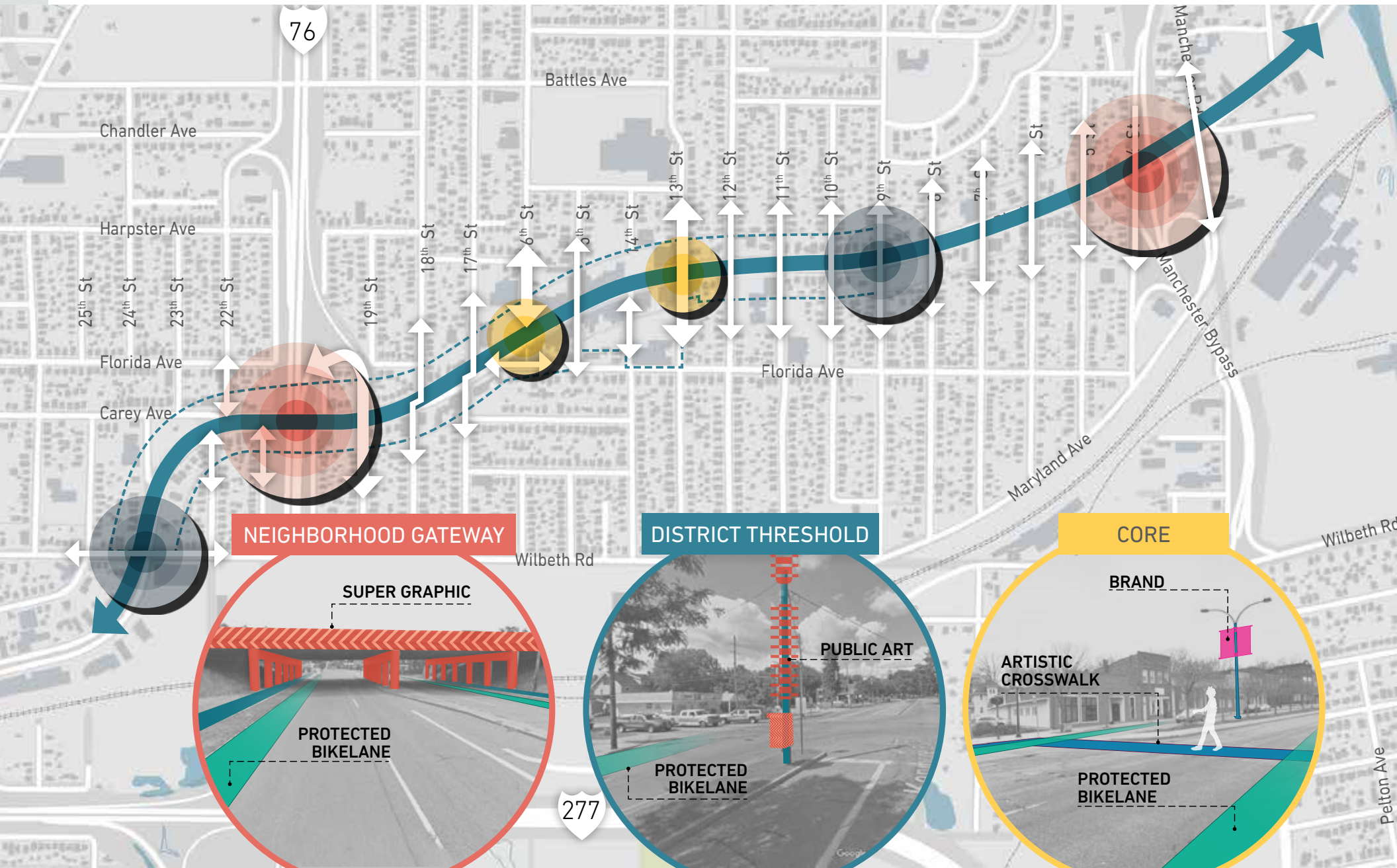
REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

4 ACCESS THE BOULEVARD



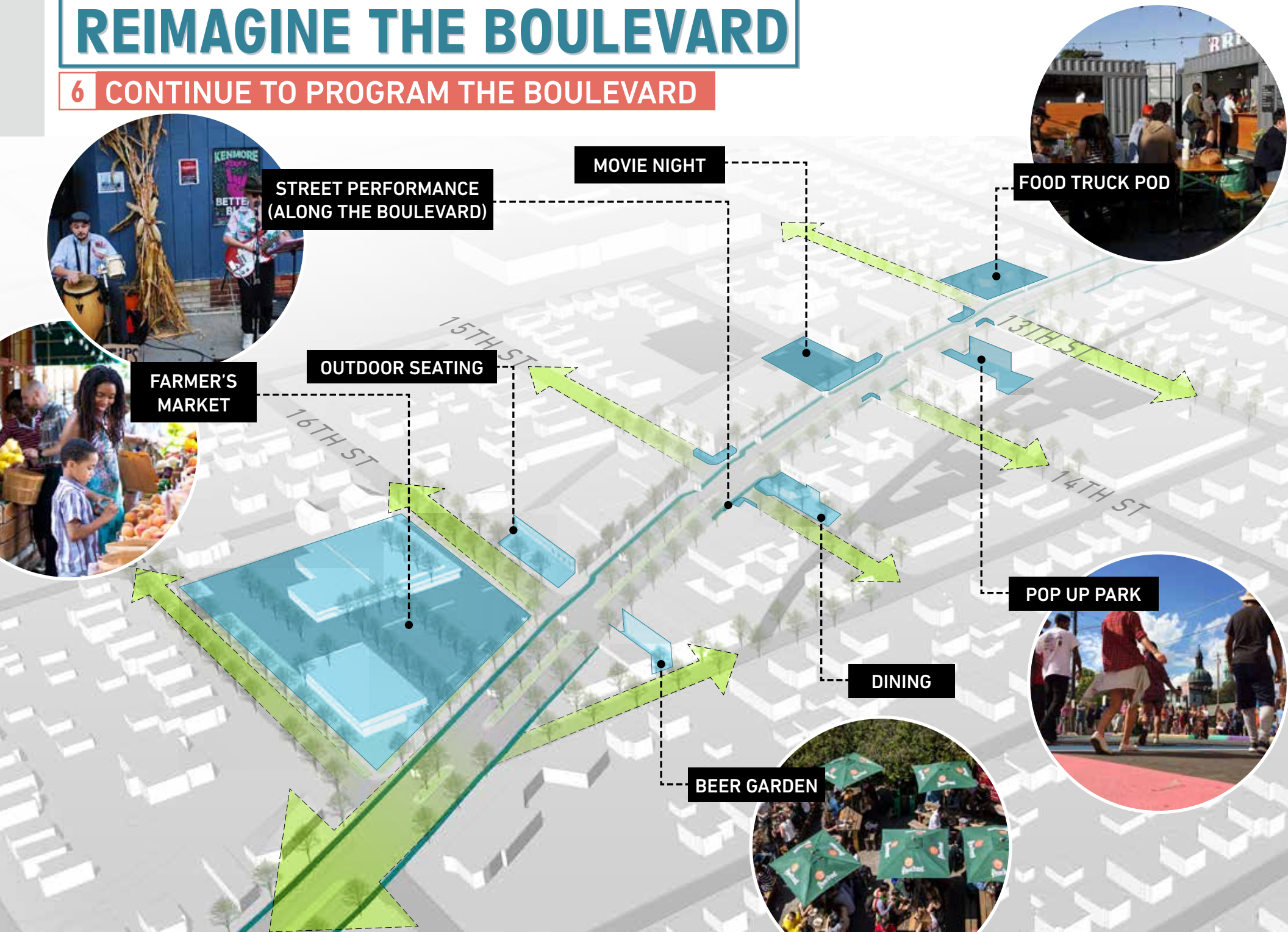
REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

5 BRAND THE BOULEVARD



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

6 CONTINUE TO PROGRAM THE BOULEVARD



STREET PERFORMANCE
(ALONG THE BOULEVARD)

MOVIE NIGHT

FOOD TRUCK POD

FARMER'S
MARKET

OUTDOOR SEATING

POP UP PARK

DINING

BEER GARDEN

REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

7 INFILL THE BOULEVARD

COZZOLI'S PLAZA

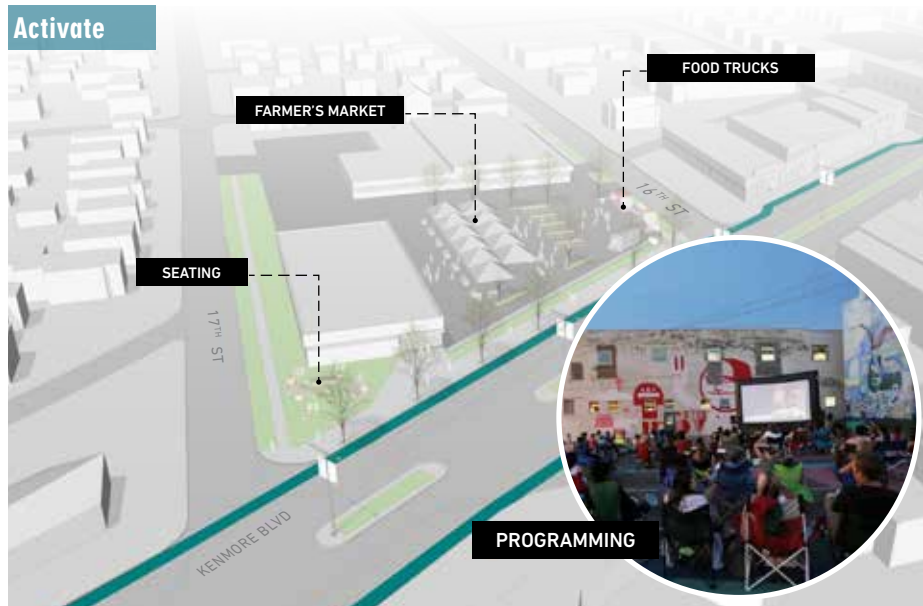
Existing



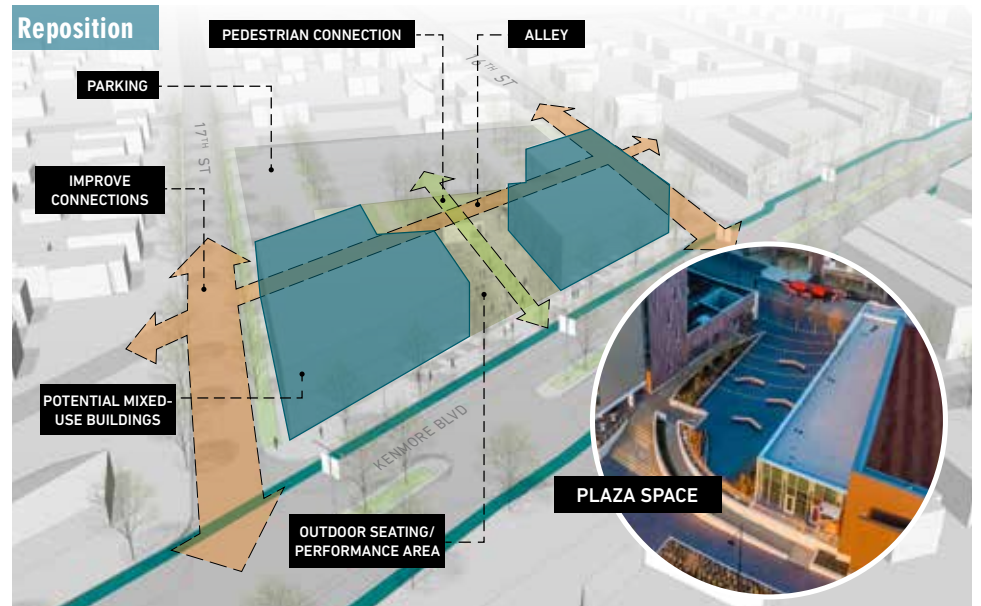
Enhance



Activate



Reposition



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

7 INFILL THE BOULEVARD



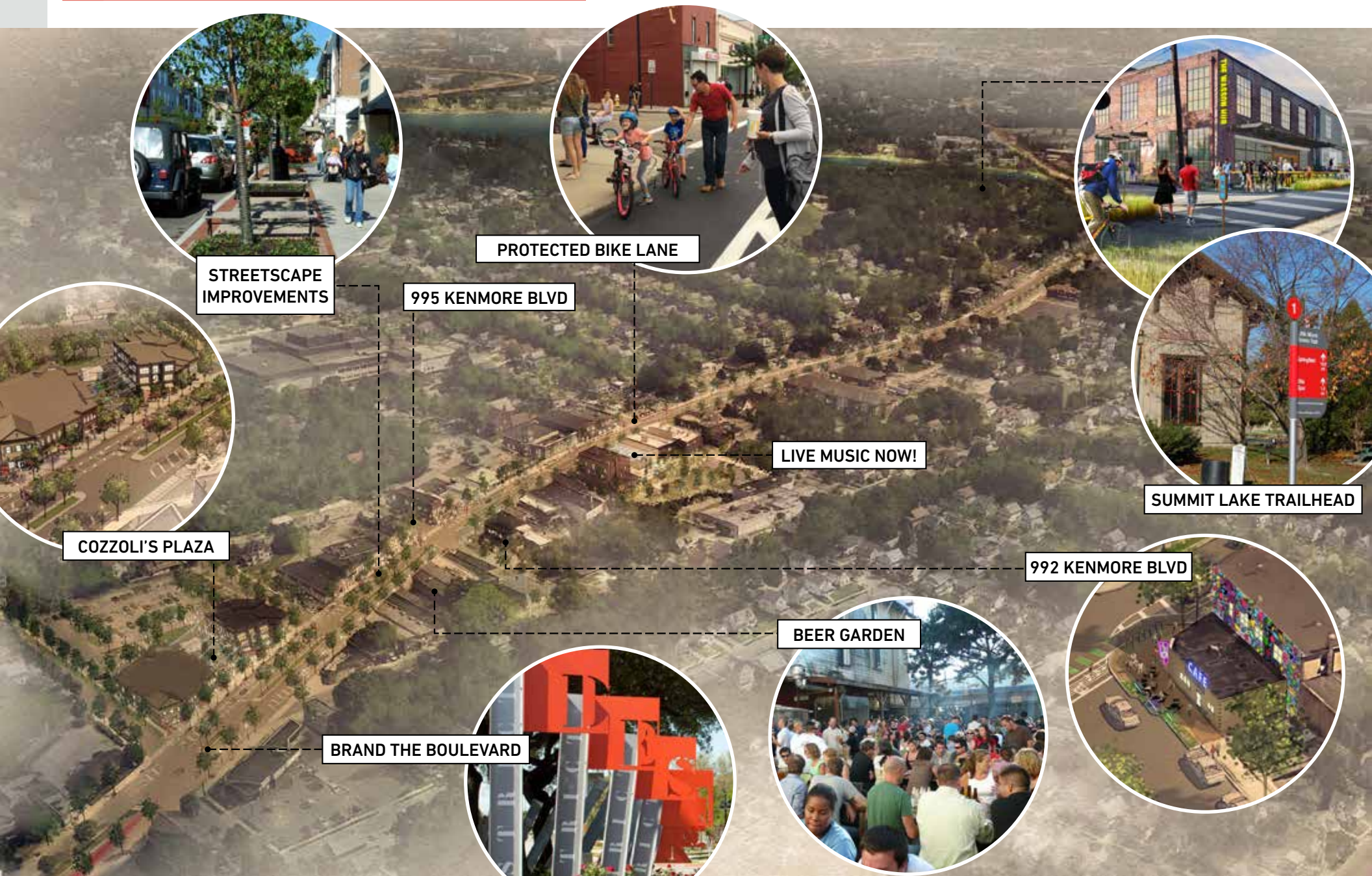
REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

8 CONNECT THE BOULEVARD



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

9 A VISION FOR THE BOULEVARD



STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS

PROTECTED BIKE LANE

995 KENMORE BLVD

LIVE MUSIC NOW!

SUMMIT LAKE TRAILHEAD

COZZOLI'S PLAZA

992 KENMORE BLVD

BEER GARDEN

BRAND THE BOULEVARD

SECTION 5

IMPLEMENTATION



IMPLEMENTATION

FUNDING SOURCES

Akron Parks Challenge Grant (Chestnut Ridge Park)

Reimagine the Civic Commons	(Towpath, trail head, wayfinding/branding, and other improvements relating to connection to Towpath and Summit Lake)
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Great Streets Program	(Façade improvements; projecting signs, etc.)
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Historic District Designation	(Building improvements, tax credits, etc.)
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Summit County MetroParks	(Summit Lake improvements, trail head, etc.)
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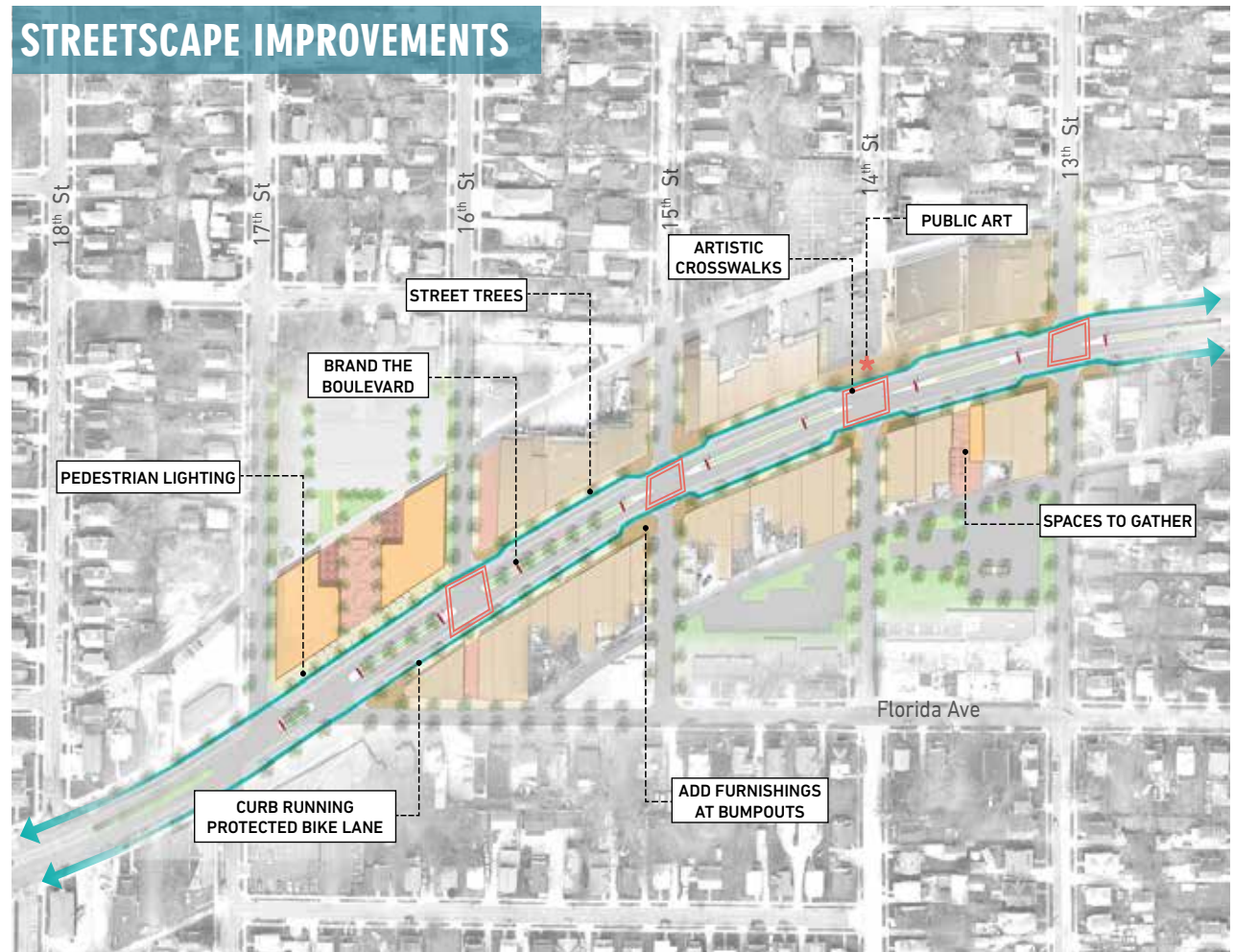
City Residential Tax Abatements	(New Housing)
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City CIP Budget	(Roadway improvements, streetscape, lighting, alley improvements, connections, etc.)
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REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

PEDESTRIANIZE THE BOULEVARD

- + Enhance the pedestrian environment on Kenmore Boulevard
- + Add street trees and pedestrian-scale lighting
- + Add places to sit, gather, and interact
- + Add local art that celebrates the community



REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

PEDESTRIANIZE THE BOULEVARD

	Kenmore NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME			
			IMMEDIATE (0-1 Years)	SHORT (1-3 Years)	MEDIUM (3-5 Years)	LONG (5-10 Years)
2	Pedestrianize the Boulevard - Create a comfortable pedestrian environment					
	Enhance the pedestrian environment on Kenmore Boulevard	KNA, Knight Foundation, City of Akron		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Add street trees and pedestrian-scale lighting	KNA, Knight Foundation, City of Akron		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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	Add local art that celebrates the community	KNA, Knight Foundation, PEG’S Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

REIMAGINE THE BOULEVARD

A VISION FOR THE BOULEVARD



STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS



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