DALLAS HIGHWAY LCI STUDY

APD Urban Planning + Management

1/18/19

AGENDA

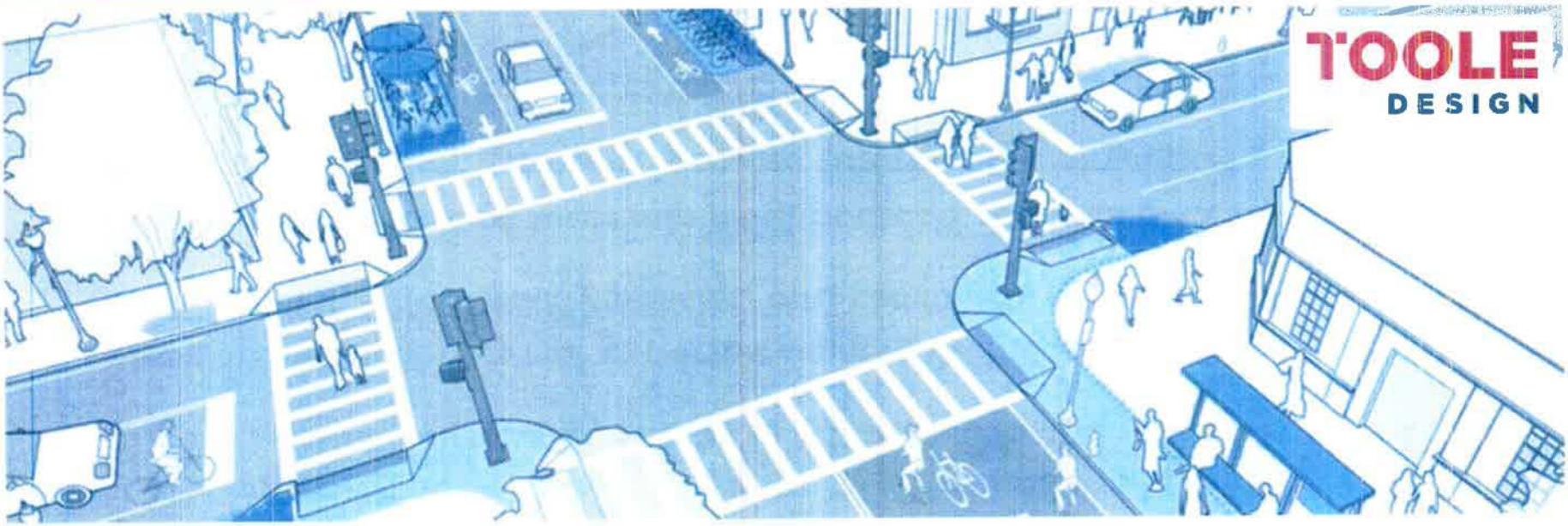
- Introductions
- Scope of Work
  - Current Conditions
  - Project Goals
  - Project Tasks
- North Side Redevelopment Plan Recommendations
- Schedule of Meetings and Project Timeline
- Next Steps

APD
Urban Planning + Management

30 years

OF PLANNING EXPERIENCE

- **APD-U established in 1990**
- **Minority-owned firm with offices in Atlanta, GA and Jacksonville, FL**
- Over 30 years of national expertise on neighborhood planning, housing development, affordability policies, and community development
- Proven track record of success in neighborhood redevelopment projects and management of land use and resource prioritization strategies



- **Toole established in 2003 - Over eighteen offices in the United States and Canada**
- One of the country's leading planning, engineering, and landscape architecture firms specializing in bicycle and pedestrian transportation
- Responsible for some of the nation's most forward-thinking Complete Street redesigns
- Toole specializes in streetscapes, road diets, street "right sizing", protected bike lanes, and green street designs.
- East Lake MARTA LCI and additional ARC work - Chamblee Multimodal Plan, complete streets workbook, and safe streets for walking and biking.

PROJECT GOAL & PURPOSE

Goal: To provide a study with design recommendations, projects and project costs for the Dallas Highway LCI Corridor between Strickland and Brown Street.

Purpose: To provide the city with the tool necessary to request additional funding for proposed from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

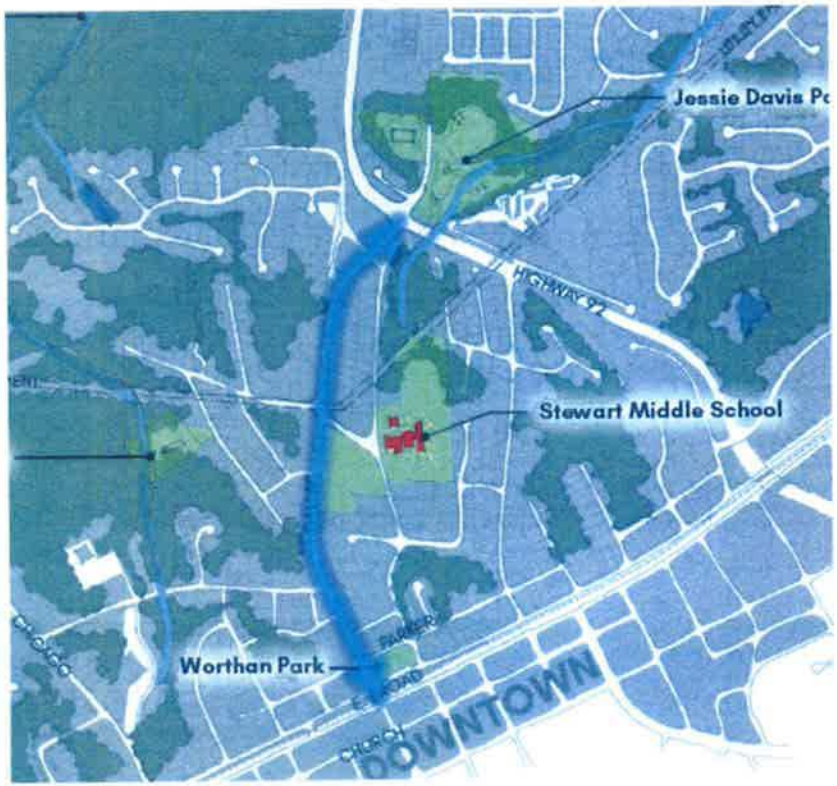
CURRENT CONDITIONS

Recently Completed Development

- Dallas Highway transition from State Highway to Local Road
- Improvements are along

TEAM OBSERVATIONS

- The realignment of Highway 92 offers the city with a rare opportunity to improve a crucial gateway into Downtown
- Dallas Highway concentrates the North Side community's major amenities: parks, schools, and commercial and faith facilities
- Available right-of-way allows for a major overhaul
- Existing pedestrian infrastructure can be improved: cross walks, lighting, road design speed, etc.



Source: APD-U

PROJECT TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

Task 1: Existing Conditions

- Utilize Existing Data to Create Maps
- Collect New Data on:
  - Sidewalk Gaps
  - Intersections
  - Crash and Volume Map
  - Right of Way

Deliverables: Existing Conditions Memo with Accompanying Map

PROJECT TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

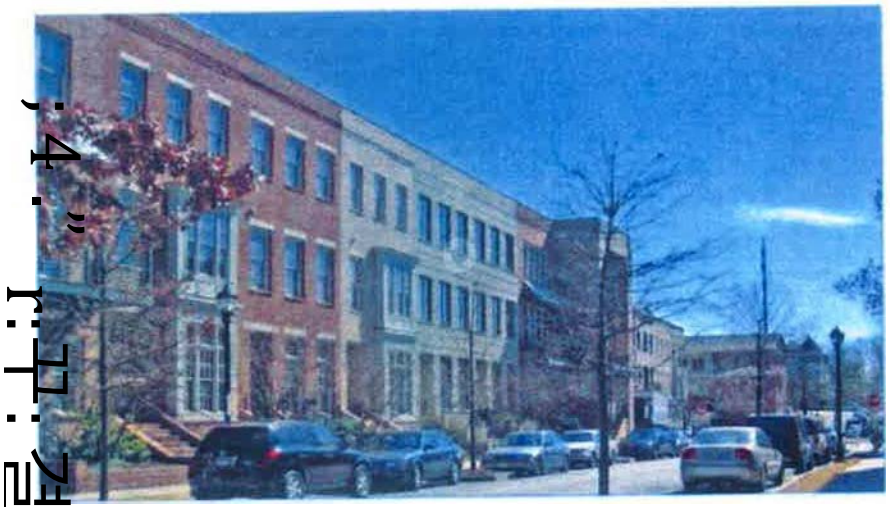
Task 2.2: Urban Aesthetics

Recommendations based on

- Building placement/scale
- Parking, service, and delivery

- Greenspace
- Gateways and boundaries
- Critical target areas for rebranding

Deliverables: Imagery, drawings, and diagrams of recommended urban design solutions



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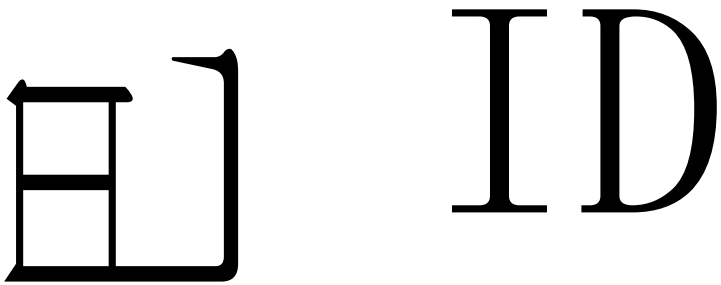
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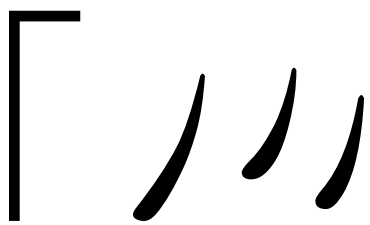

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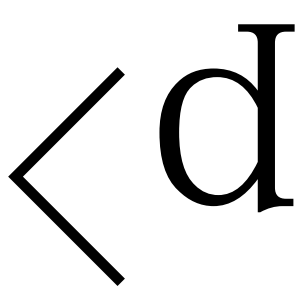

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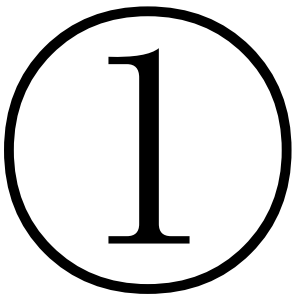

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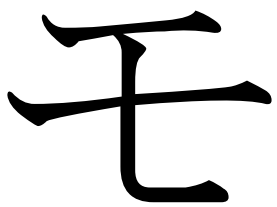

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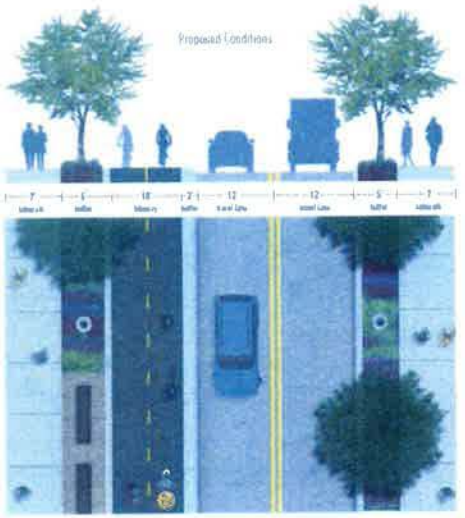
Task 2.3: Transportation Concepts

- Develop up to three (3) new cross sections
- Decision Making Matrix for facility alternatives
- High-level costs developed
- Consultation with City Staff and Steering Committee
- Selection of concept w/ hand rendered plan

Deliverables: Cross Sections; Decision Making Matrix; Plan View of Concept



Task 2.4: Proposed Innovation

- Explore various innovative corridor design options to facilitate safe pedestrian and biking activity.

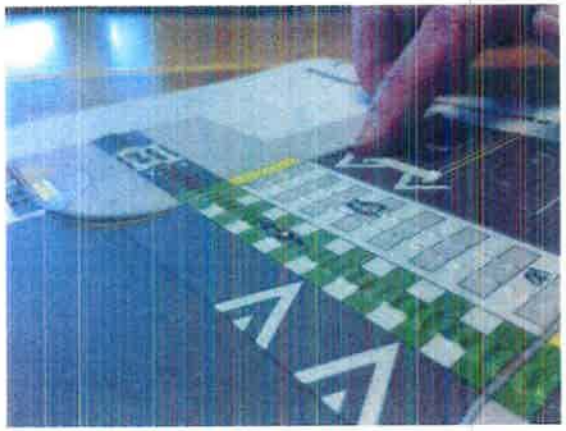
Deliverables: Innovative design solutions

PROJECT TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

Task 3: Community Engagement

- Walking Audit
- Stakeholder Interviews
- 1 - Community Open House

Deliverables: Walking Audit Map, Meeting notes, Meeting summary w/ collateral material



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Task 4: Implementation

This task will create an Implementation Plan that identifies:

- Project List
- Phasing
- Cost
- Land Use and Zoning
- Funding/Financing
- Responsible Parties/Partners
- Plan Integration

Deliverables: Implementation Plan and Matrix; Five-Year Implementation Plan, Project List and Costs

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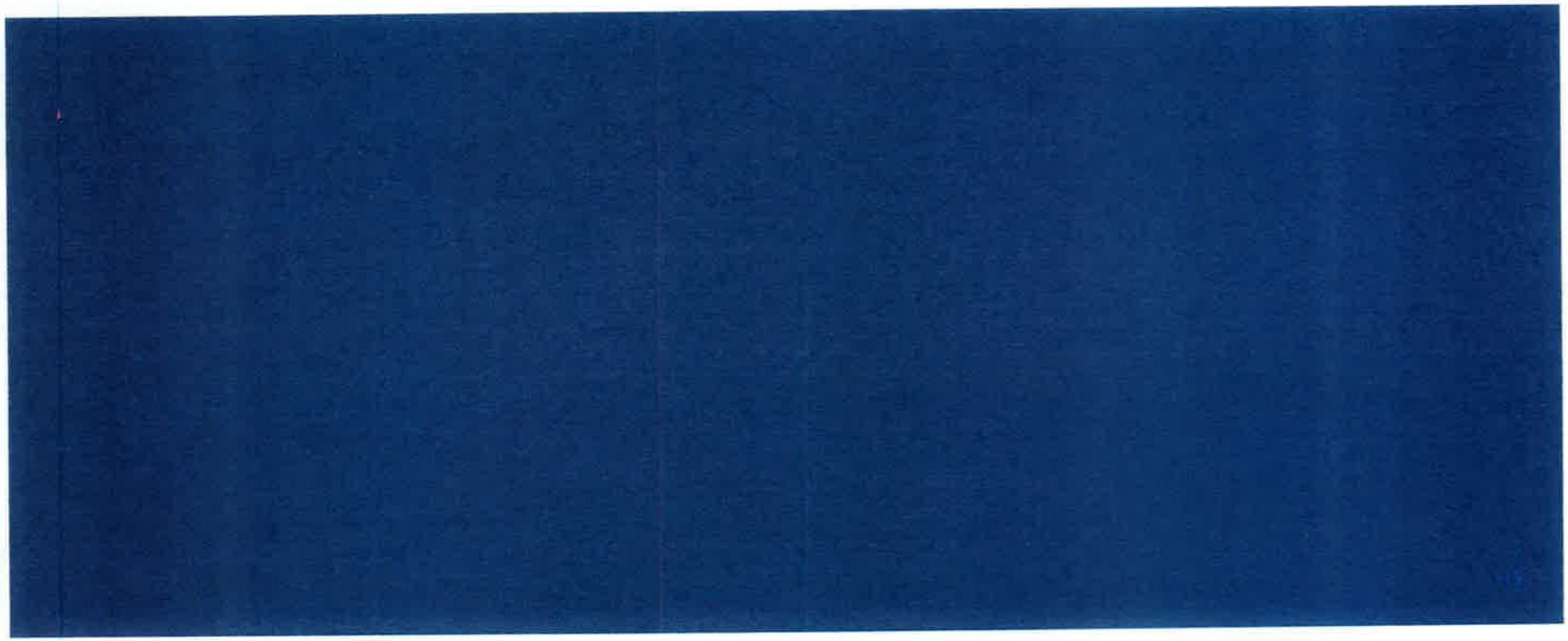
NORTH SIDE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

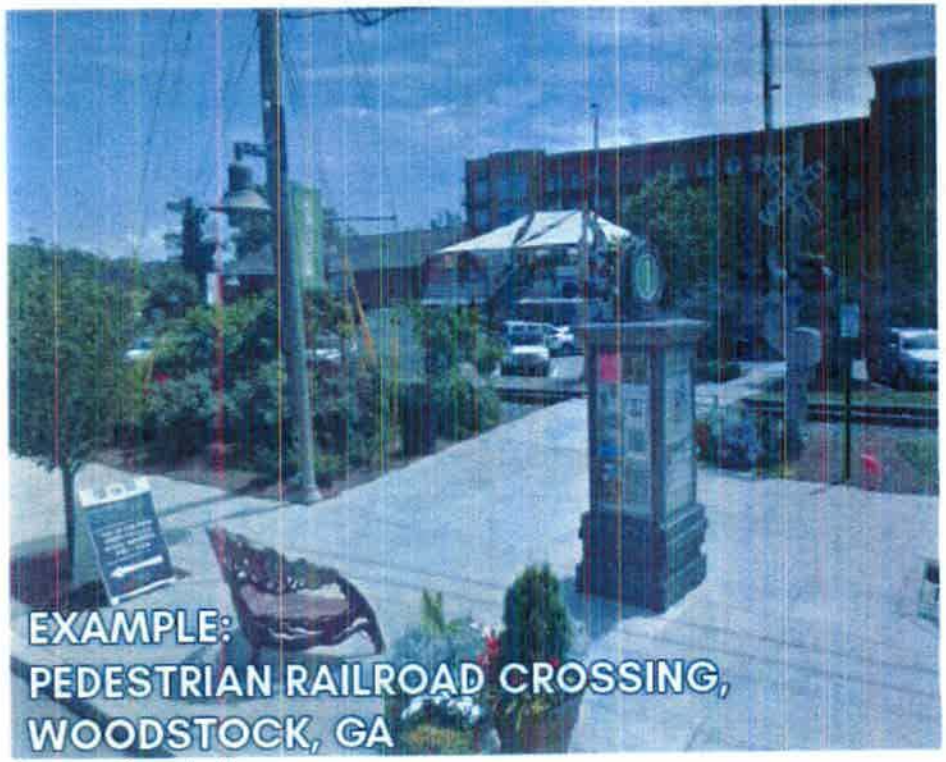


CONNECTIVITY

PROPOSED TRAIL NETWORK CONNECTING THREE MAIN PARKS

EXAMPLE: VEIRS MILL CORRIDOR, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Source: Montgomery County, MD Department of Planning



EXAMPLE: PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING, WOODSTOCK, GA

Source: Google Maps

CONNECTIVITY

A. Signalized Pedestrian Crossing

B. Pedestrian Railroad Crossing

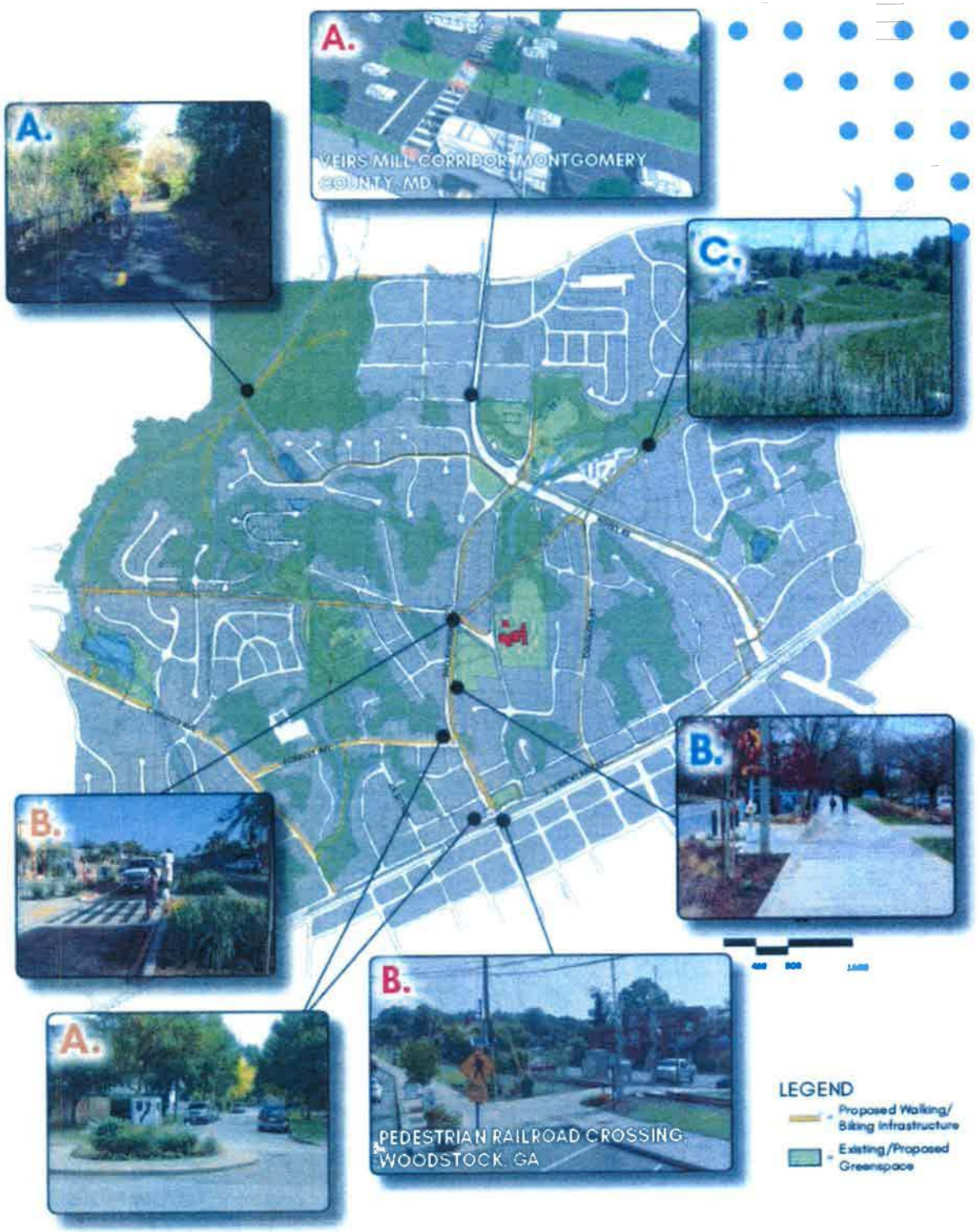
A. Nature Trails

B. Multi-Use Paths

C. Utility Easement Paths

A. Traffic Circle

B. Median Cross Walk with Stop Sign



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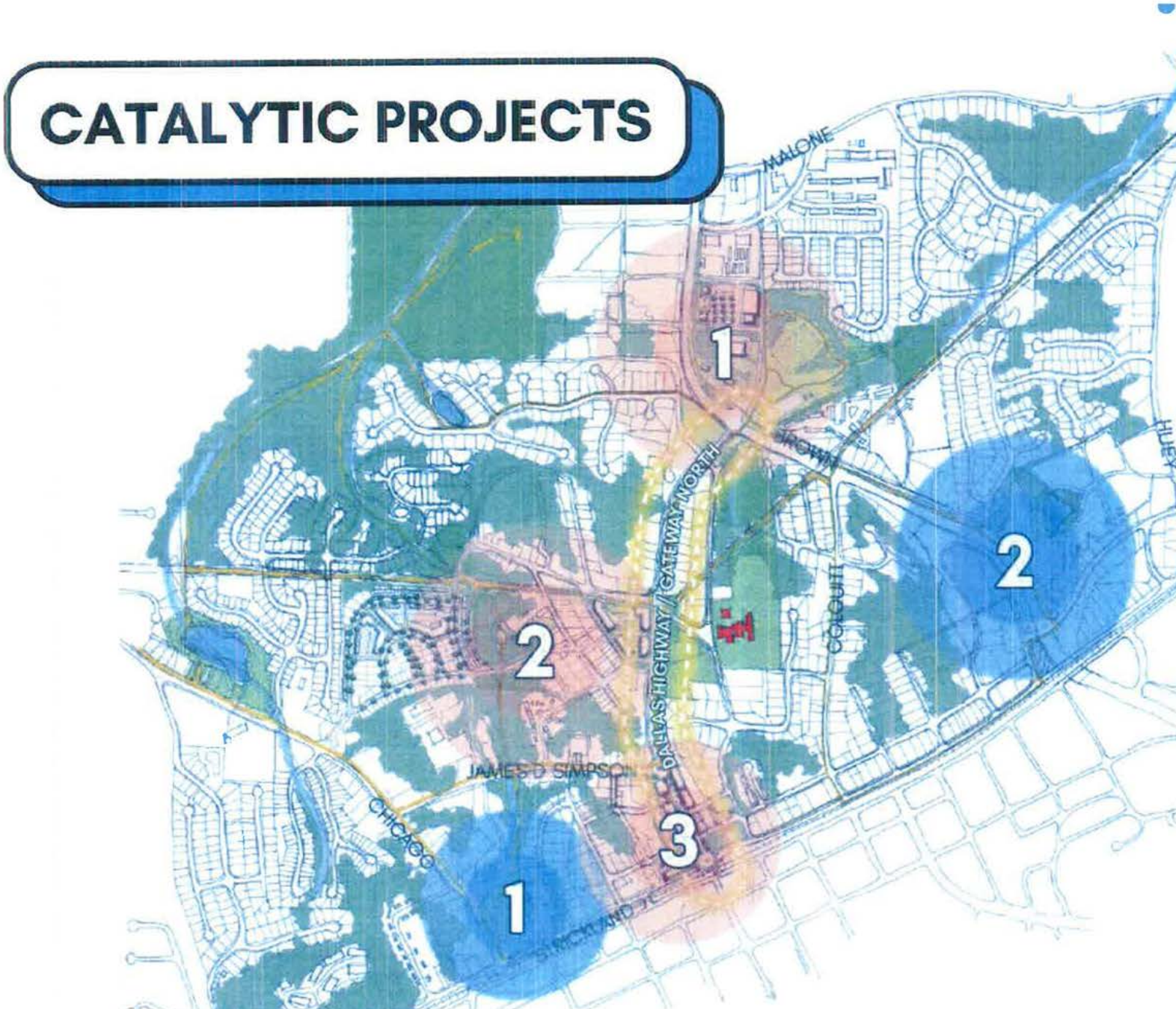

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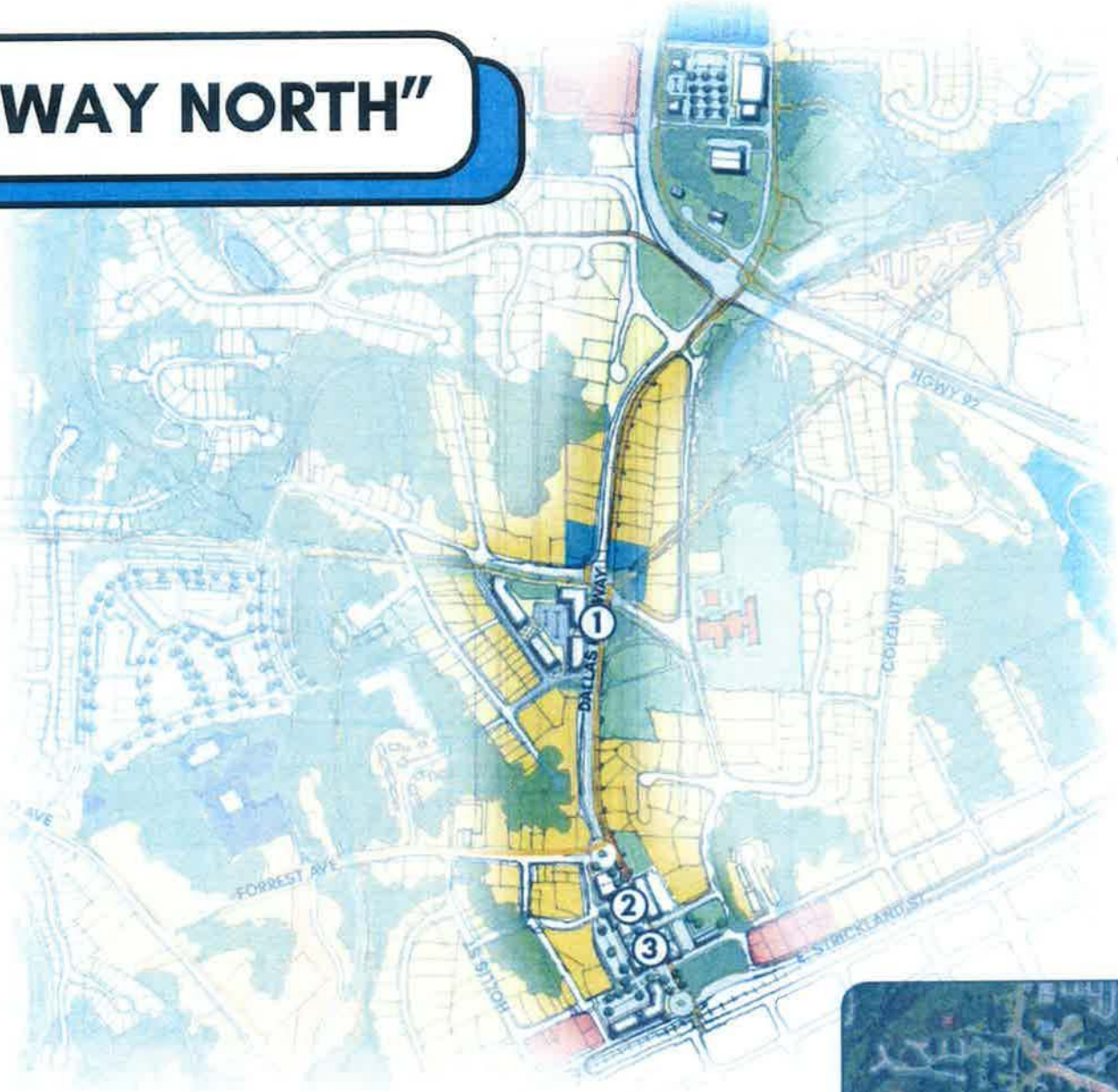

Source: Google Maps

Dallas Highway at Worthan Park

Rendering looking south towards Downtown Douglasville

Seen here, a remade Dallas Highway includes pedestrian and biking improvements, new residential and retail investments, and activity centers oriented towards existing and improved greenspace. This section of Dallas Highway extends the mixed-use Downtown Douglasville character area across the railroad tracks and into the North Side.

1
WILLING WORKERS PARK CATALYTIC PROJECT AREA STREETSCAPE
12'
Sidewalk
6'
Amenity
16'
Back-in angled parking
11'
Drive lane
11'
Drive lane
Varies
Buffer
10-12"
Shared-use path

2
WORTHAN PARK CATALYTIC PROJECT AREA STREETSCAPE
6'
Sidewalk
6'
7'
Parking lane
11'
Drive lane
11'
Drive lane
7'
Parking lane
3'
5'
Bike lane
5'
Bike lane
1'
8'
Sidewalk

PROJECT TIMELINE

Project Kick Off	January 18
Project Overview	February 7
Concept Development	March 21
Community Meeting	March 21
Concept Refinement	April 18
Implementation Plan	May 16
Final Report	**June 6**

STEERING COMMITTEE

Dates for Steering committee meeting

Every third Friday until June

Responsibilities

- Attendance
- Participation

NEXT STEPS

1. **Walking Audit (Literally)**
2. **Monthly Steering Committee – February 15**
3. **Existing Conditions & Concept Development**