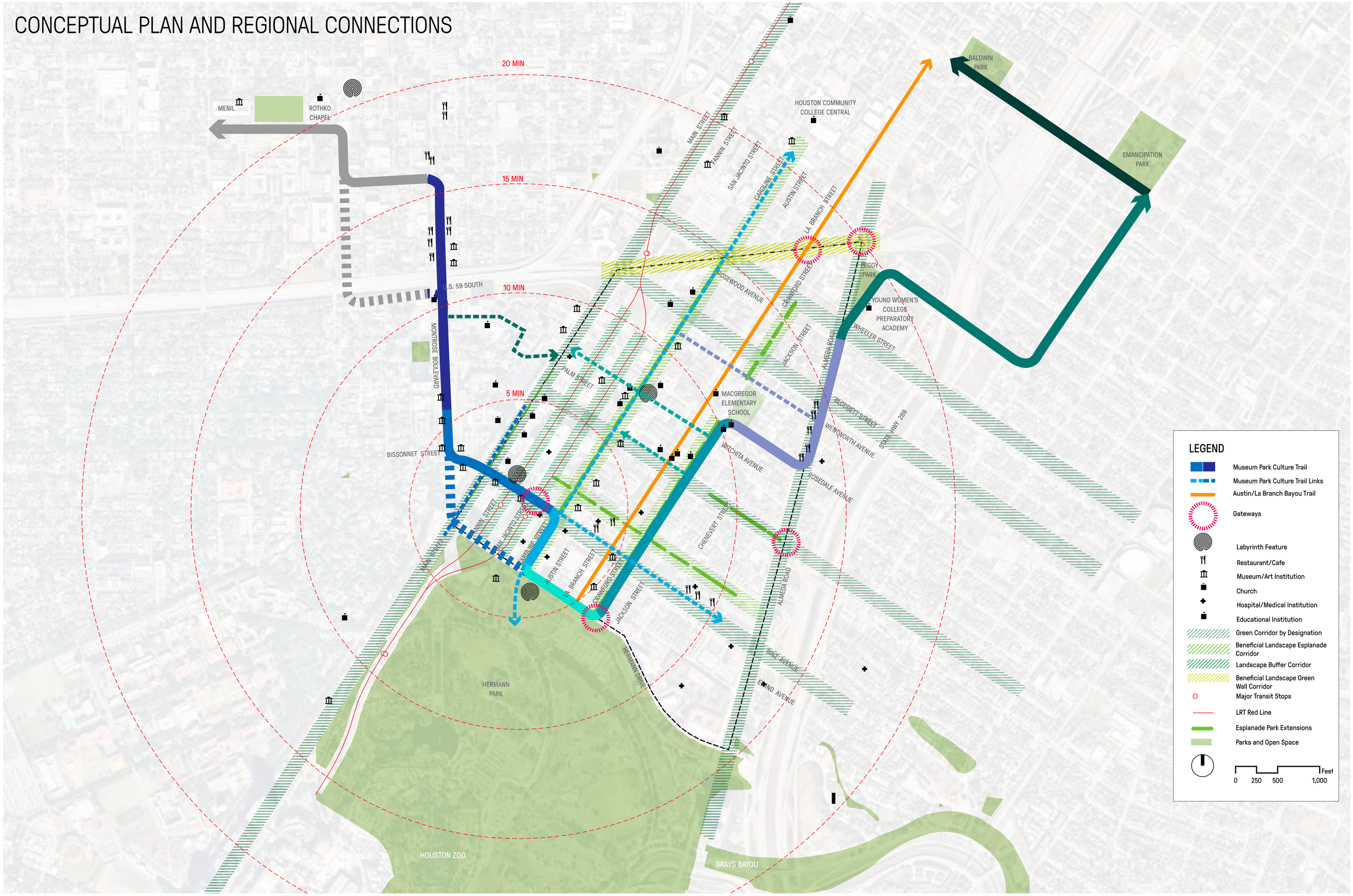
CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND REGIONAL CONNECTIONS



CONCEPTUAL PLAN FRAMEWORK

The organizing elements for Conceptual Plan framework include five subject areas, three scales of project recommendations, and six livability principles as defined by H.U.D. Also included in finer texture are community-defined project goals. Each component of the plan fits within this framework and its value is measured against the Livability Principles and Project Goals criteria.

Each recommendation suggests several actionable items (described in further detail on individual pages). The recommendations are not organized in any specific order. The community may prioritize recommendations as partnerships and funding opportunities for plan implementation become available.

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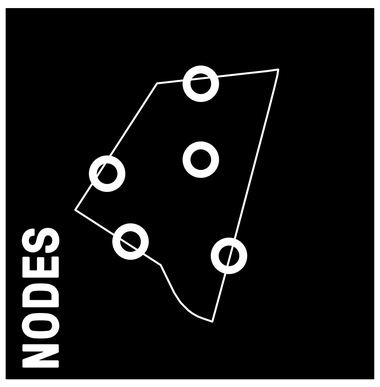

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:

NEIGHBORHOOD

01 HOUSING CHOICE

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SUBJECT AREAS

TRANSPORTATION

Recommendations relating to multi-modal transportation: automobility, bicycling, pedestrian facilities, transit and roadways.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Recommendations relating to businesses, economic development and management entities.

HOUSING CHOICE

Recommendations relating housing and built form.

PLACEMAKING, BRANDING AND WAYFINDING

Recommendations relating to community branding, cultural amenities and identity.

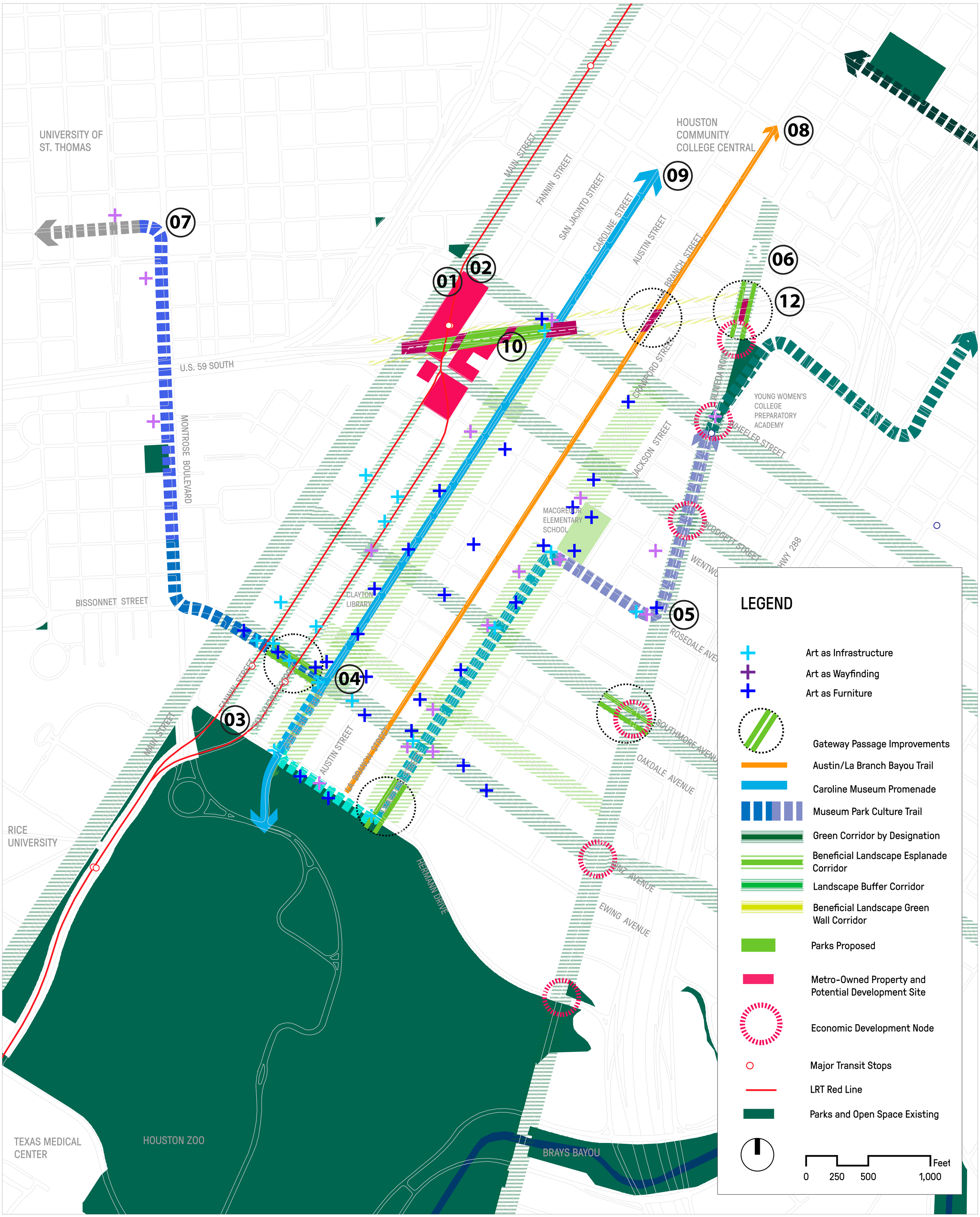
SUSTAINABILITY AND OPEN SPACE

Recommendations relating to open space, parks, environmental issues and sustainability.

LIVABLE CENTERS PRINCIPLES

1. Provide more transportation choices
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing
3. Enhance economic competitiveness
4. Support existing communities
5. Leverage federal policies and investment
6. Value communities and neighborhoods

CONCEPTUAL PLAN MAP



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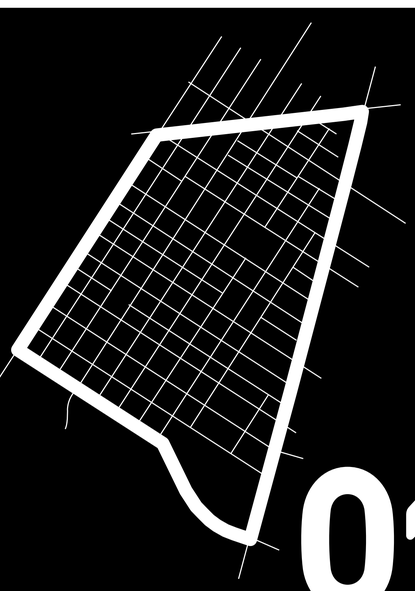


01

HOUSING CHOICE

Collaborate with METRO to develop a T.O.D. mixed use site on METRO-owned property that includes mixed income housing, senior housing and commercial, retail development

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

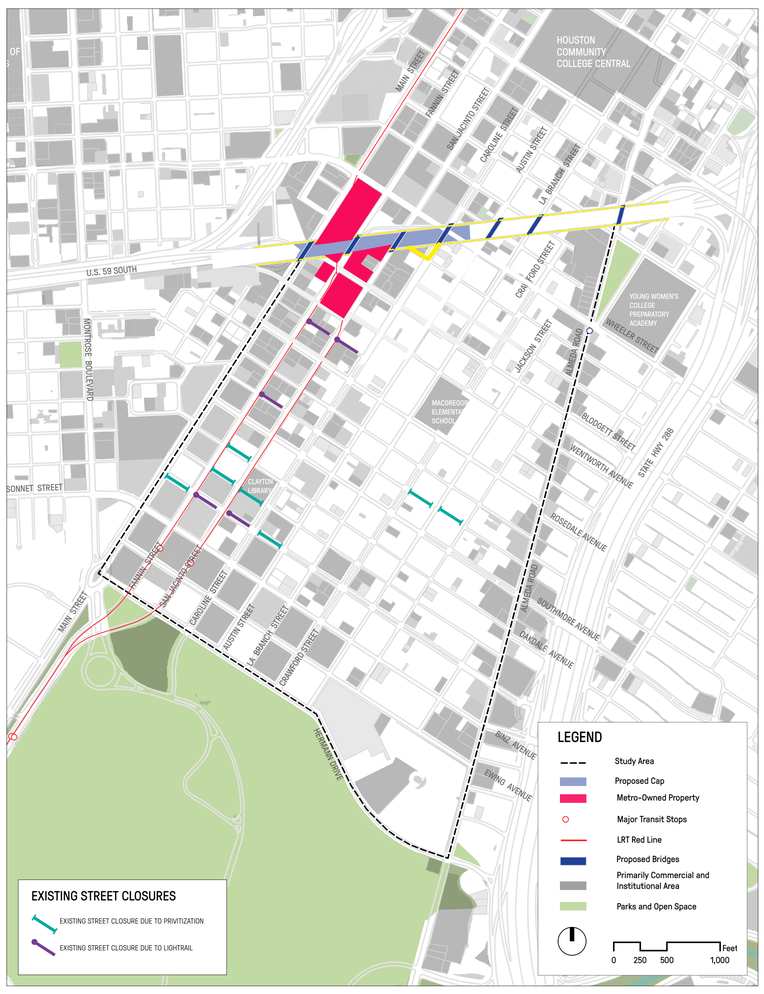
PARTNERS: COH, METRO, PROPERTY OWNERS

FUNDING: SUBSIDIES, LOW-INTEREST LOANS, GRANTS

IMPLEMENTER: METRO, MD, PROPERTY OWNERS

01.1 CONSTRUCT MIXED INCOME HOUSING AT MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT SITE

01.2 EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES FOR FACILITATING AGING IN PLACE



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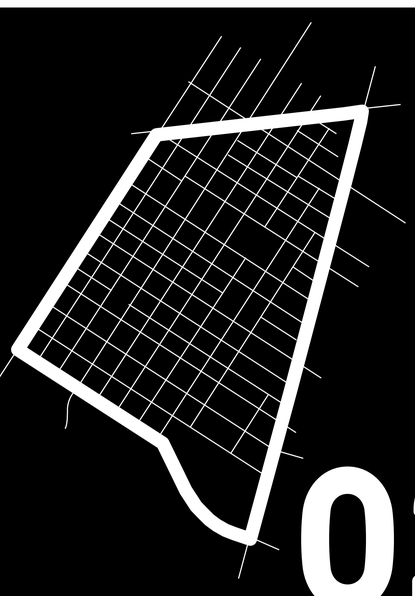


02

T.O.D. AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Encourage and support mixed-use and transit-oriented development on mixed-use corridors and potential transit-oriented development corridors, with the goal of increasing retail options

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

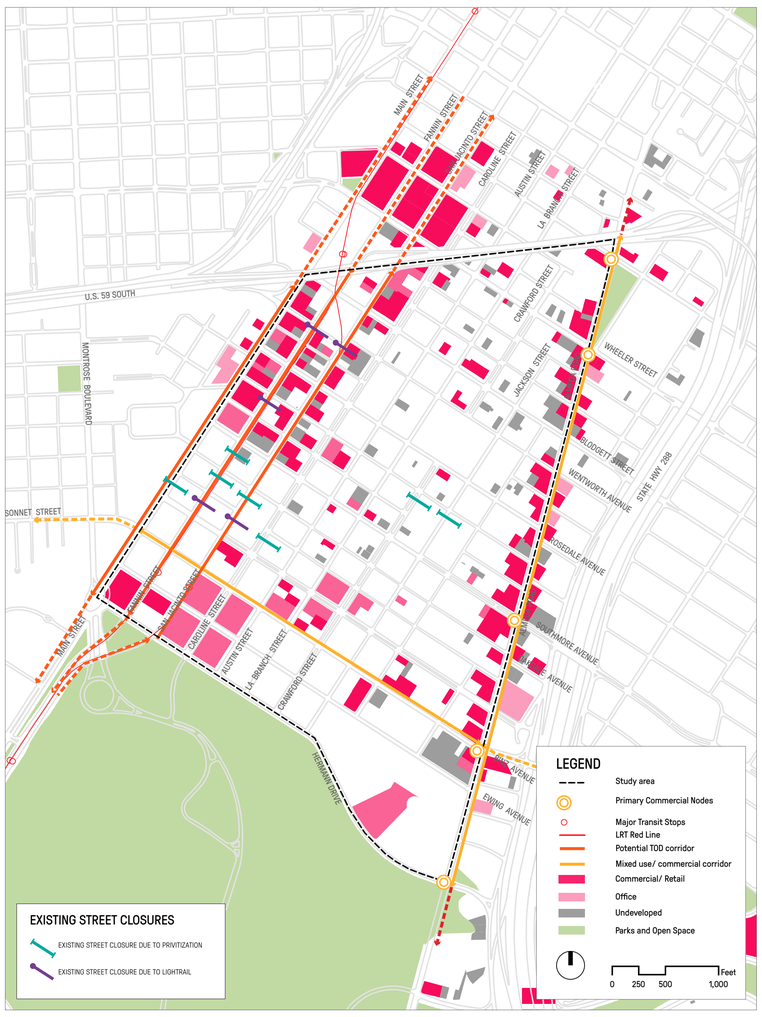
PARTNERS: COH, METRO, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, MPNA, PROP. OWNERS

FUNDING: SUBSIDIES, LOW-INTEREST LOANS, AND GRANTS

IMPLEMENTER: COH, METRO, MD, PROPERTY OWNERS

02.1 DESIGNATE ALMEDA ROAD AS A TARGETED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

02.2 CONSTRUCT A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON METRO-OWNED PROPERTY



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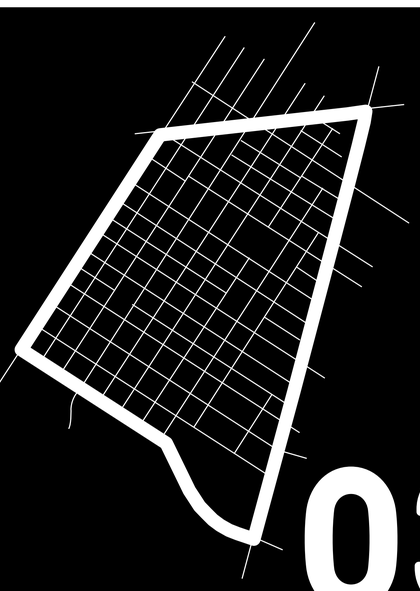


03

PARKING MANAGEMENT

Put into place parking requirements and management strategies that incrementally balance parking choice. Considerations for aesthetic values and non-automotive trips are highly encouraged.

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, METRO, MIDTOWN, MPNA, MDA, HPC, RICE, PBD

FUNDING: PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT

IMPLEMENTER: PBD

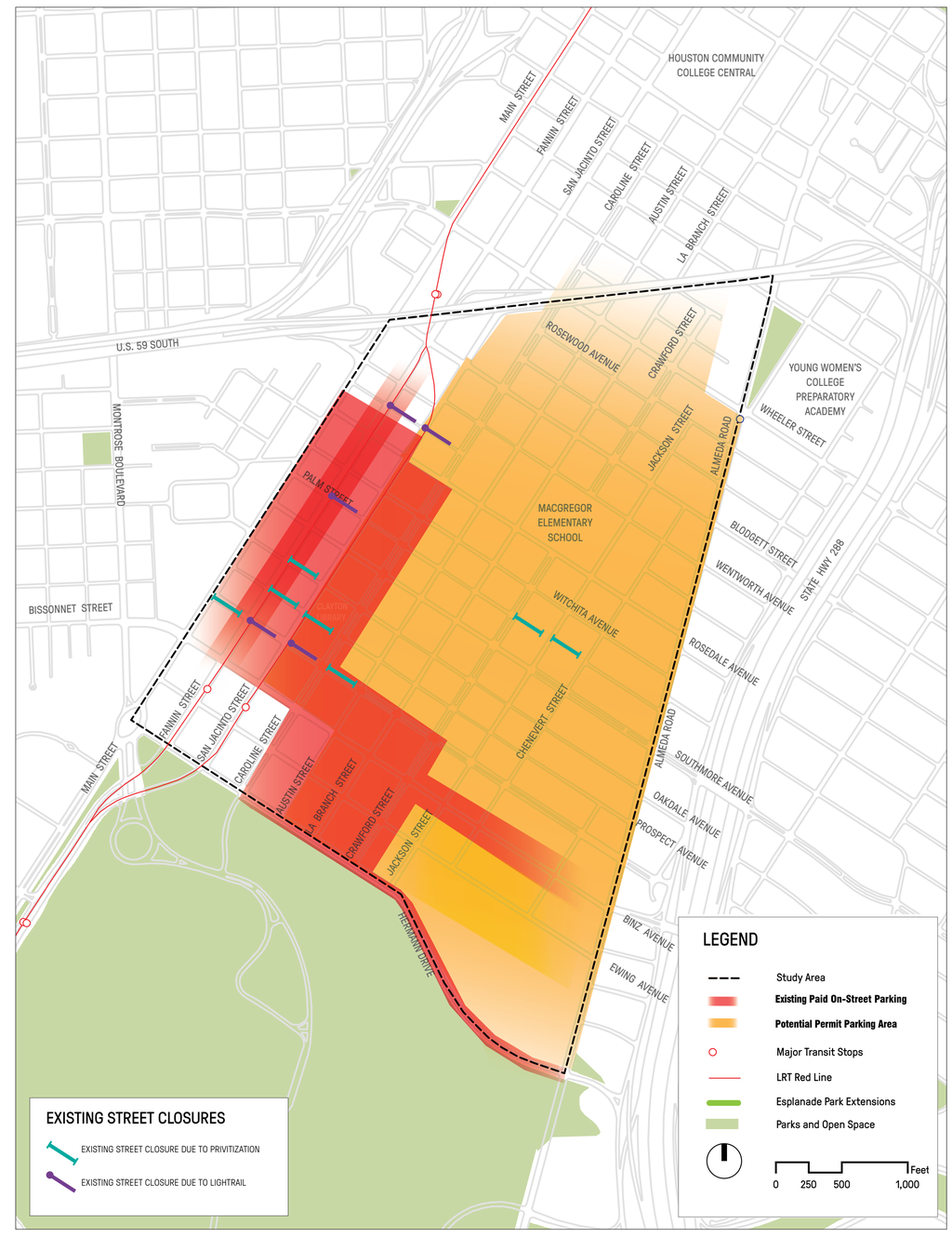
03.1 CREATE A PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT

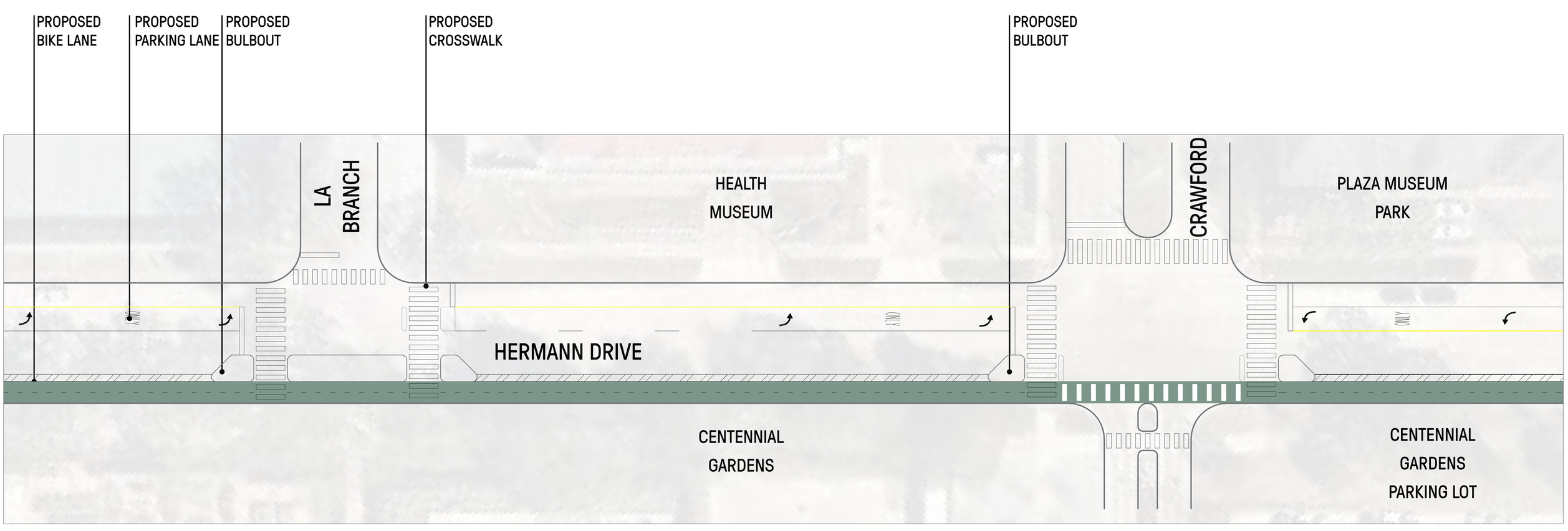
03.2 COORDINATE ADDITIONAL BUS PARKING

03.3 COORDINATE & COMMUNICATE SURFACE PARKING

03.4 REVISE PAID PARKING FEE STRUCTURE

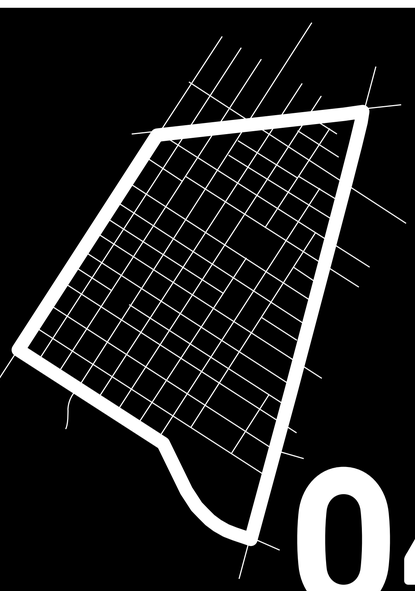
03.5 EXAMINE PERMIT PARKING FOR RESIDENTS





TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING CONCEPT FOR HERMANN DRIVE

NEIGHBORHOOD



04

"THE WALK OF ART" BRANDING PROGRAM

Develop a custom placemaking program with functional art that highlights pedestrian loops/routes through the neighborhood

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: HSEMD, MD, MMD, MPSN, MDA, PROPERTY OWNERS

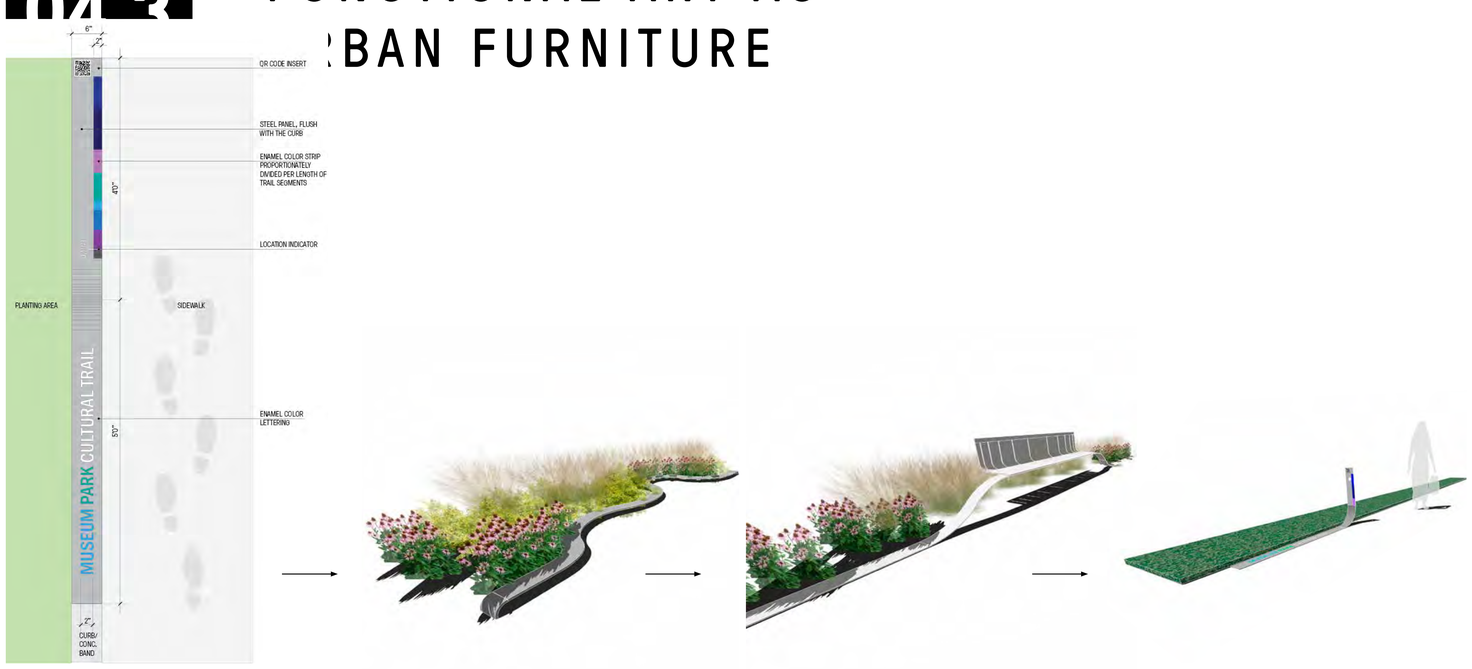
FUNDING: MD, ???

IMPLEMENTER: HSEMD, MD, MMD, MPSN, MDA, PROPERTY OWNERS

04.1 FUNCTIONAL ART AS INFRASTRUCTURE

04.2 FUNCTIONAL ART AS WAYFINDING

04.3 FUNCTIONAL ART AS URBAN FURNITURE

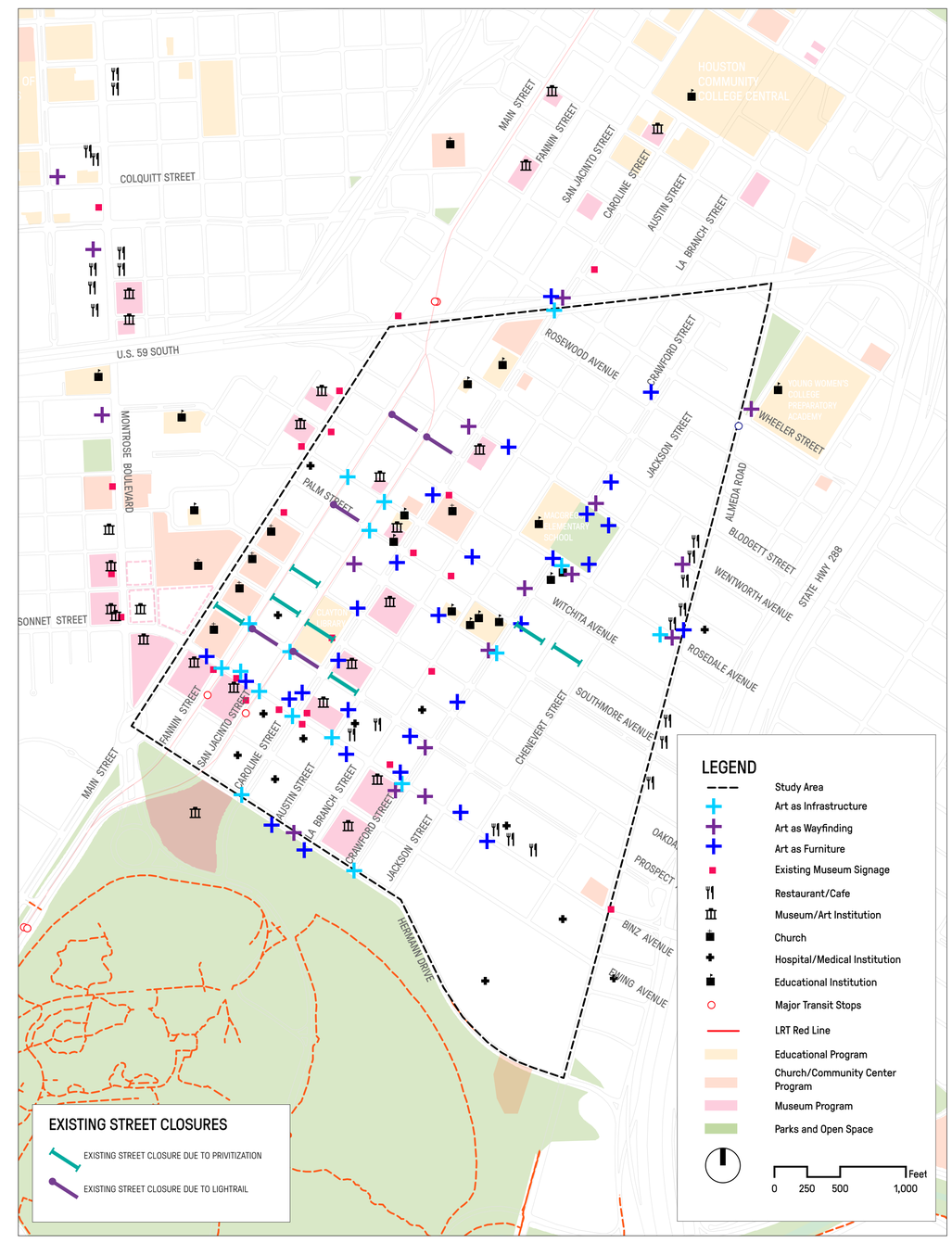


PAVING-EMBEDDED WAY-FINDING

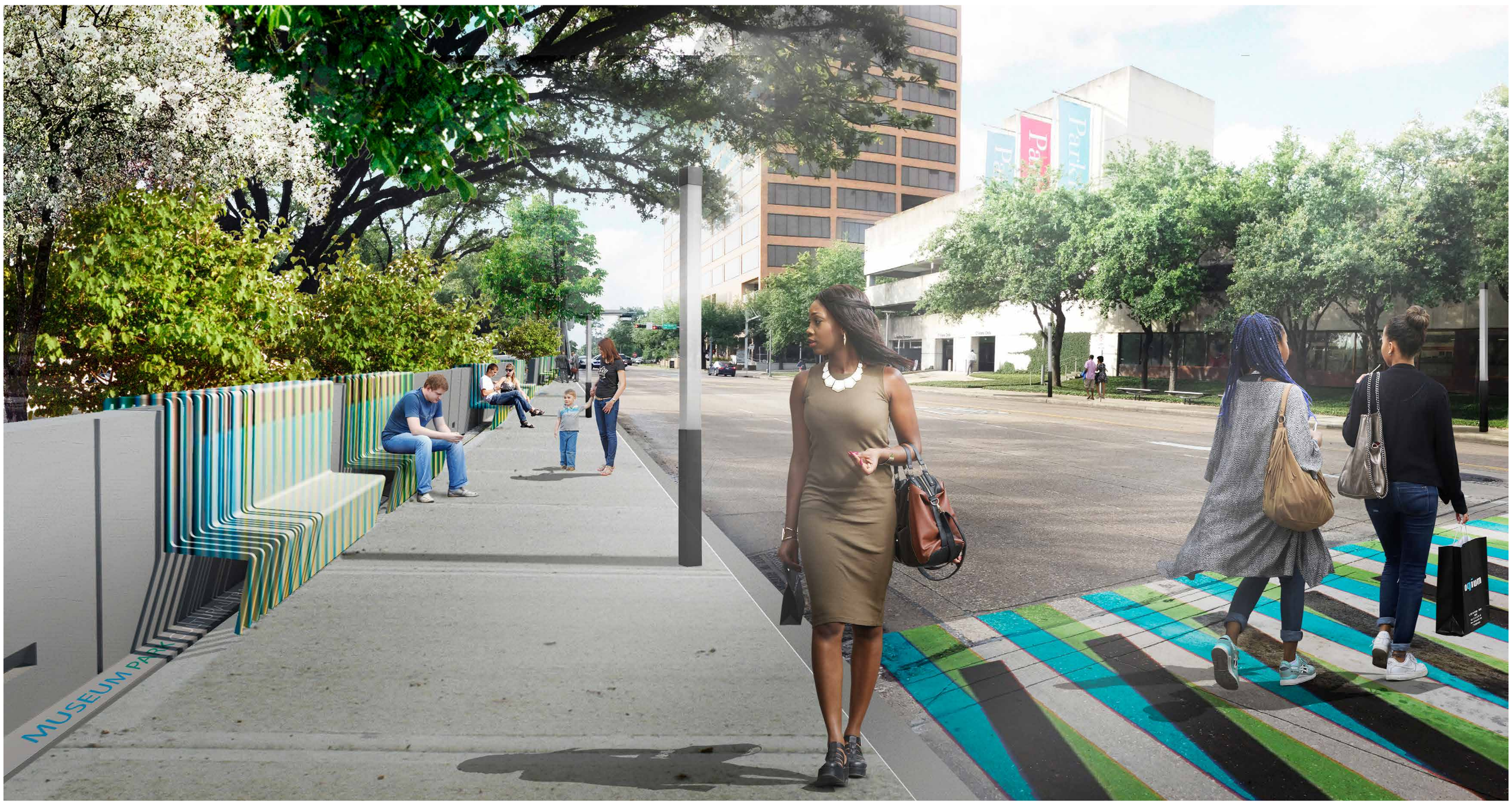
GARDEN RAIL

BENCH

BIKE RACK



URBAN FURNISHINGS AND CROSSING AT BINZ AND FANNIN



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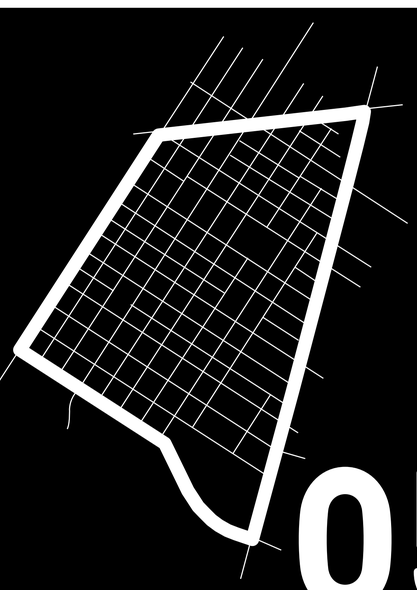

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES

Develop advocacy, marketing, and communications strategies by building on Marketing and Communications plan by Houston Southest, to promote neighborhood awareness, participation, and fundraising

PROJECT GOALS: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, MDA,PBD **FUNDING:** GRANTS, PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT **IMPLEMENTER:** HSEMD, MPSN, PBD

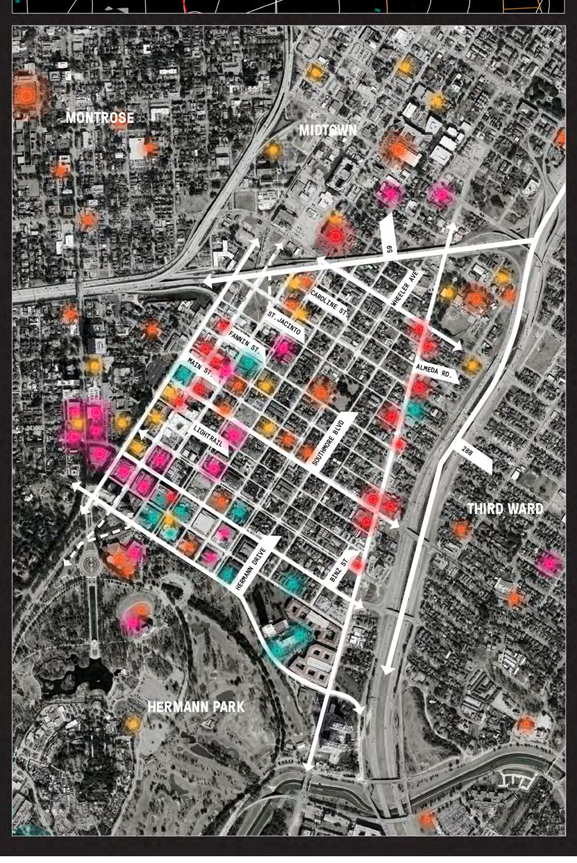
05.1 PARKING WAYFINDING APP COLLABORATION

05.2 CREATION OF 501(C)(3)

05.3 AREA PROGRAMMING APP COLLABORATION

05.4 "WALKING GUIDE (MAP) TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD" INITIATIVE

05.5 SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE DESIGN



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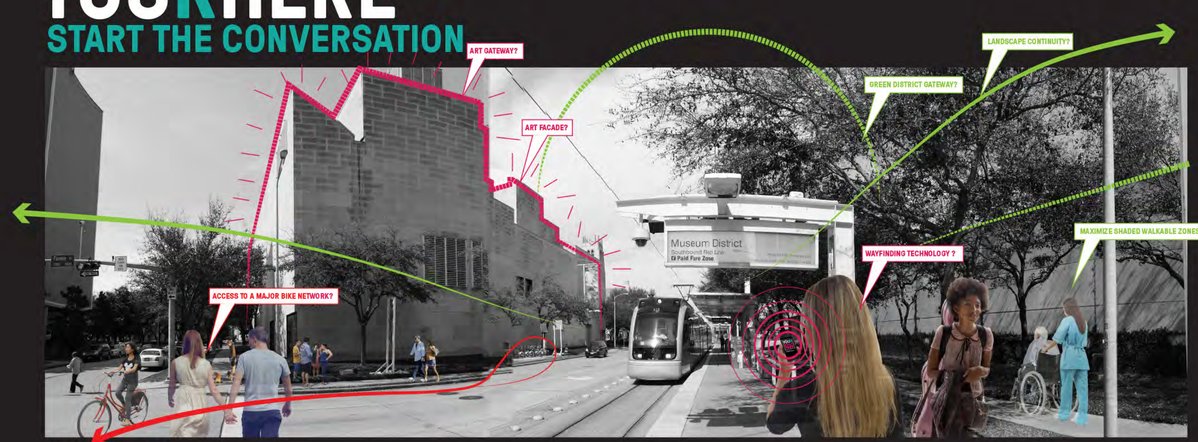

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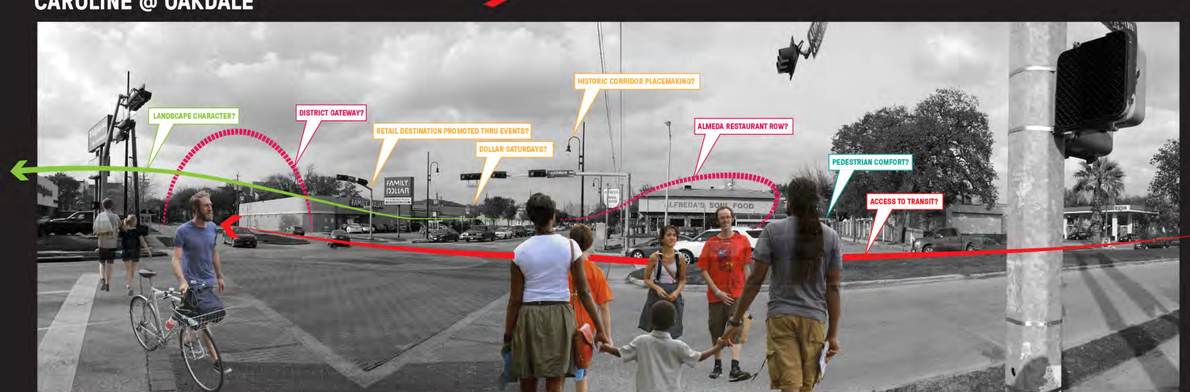


ALMEDA @ SOUTHMORE

PROCESS
STRATEGIES AND OUTCOMES

PHYSICAL WELLNESS
ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
ACCESS TO HEALTH EDUCATION
ACCESS TO FOOD

SPIRITUAL WELLNESS
ACCESS TO ART EDUCATION
ACCESS TO NATURE
ROOTEDNESS IN PLACE
ACCESS TO ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE

SUSTAINABILITY
RESILIENT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVED ACCESS TO WELLNESS

INSTITUTIONAL OUTREACH

COMPLETE STREETS
IMPROVED SAFETY AND COMFORT IN PEDESTRIAN REALM
IMPROVED BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

MULTI-ISTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION
CROSS-PROGRAMMING
ART SHUTTLE
STRATEGIC PLANNING
INTEGRATION

WALKABLE VILLAGE

PARKING STRATEGY
IMPROVED PARKING COORDINATION
BUS TRAFFIC COORDINATION

DESTINATION BRANDING
THE ROLE OF ART AND HEALTH THEMES IN PLACE MAKING STRATEGIES

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY
BOULEVARD AND GATEWAY HIERARCHY
LANDSCAPE AS ART
CHARACTER AND CONTINUITY

ACCESS TO TRANSIT
OPTIONS FOR "PARK & RIDE"

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
INTELLIGENT GROWTH STRATEGIES
SUPPORT OF EXISTING COMMERCE
MIXED-INCOME HOUSING STRATEGIES

SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

SOCIAL NETWORKS
FACEBOOK PAGE
TWITTER ACCOUNT

FUNDAMENTAL WEB PRESENCE
HOMEPAGE
LINKS TO SOCIAL FEEDS
NEWSLETTER
LIGHT BLOG

ACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
DINING DESTINATIONS
GROCERY AND CONVENIENCE RETAIL
DISTRIBUTION AND DENSITY
RETAIL CORRIDORS

BRAND-NEW TECHNOLOGY
PLACE PIXEL
#MUSEUMPARK

SUPER-BLOCK PARTIES
ENGAGEMENT AS CELEBRATION

IMMEDIATE WINS
VISUAL COMMUNICATION/BRANDING
PILOT PROJECTS

GREEN GRID

Develop area landscapes as a robust green network that extends the park character and benefits into the city

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, TXDOT, METRO, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, MPNA, MDA, PROP. OWNERS

FUNDING: HSEMD, TXDOT, COH PARKS DEPARTMENT

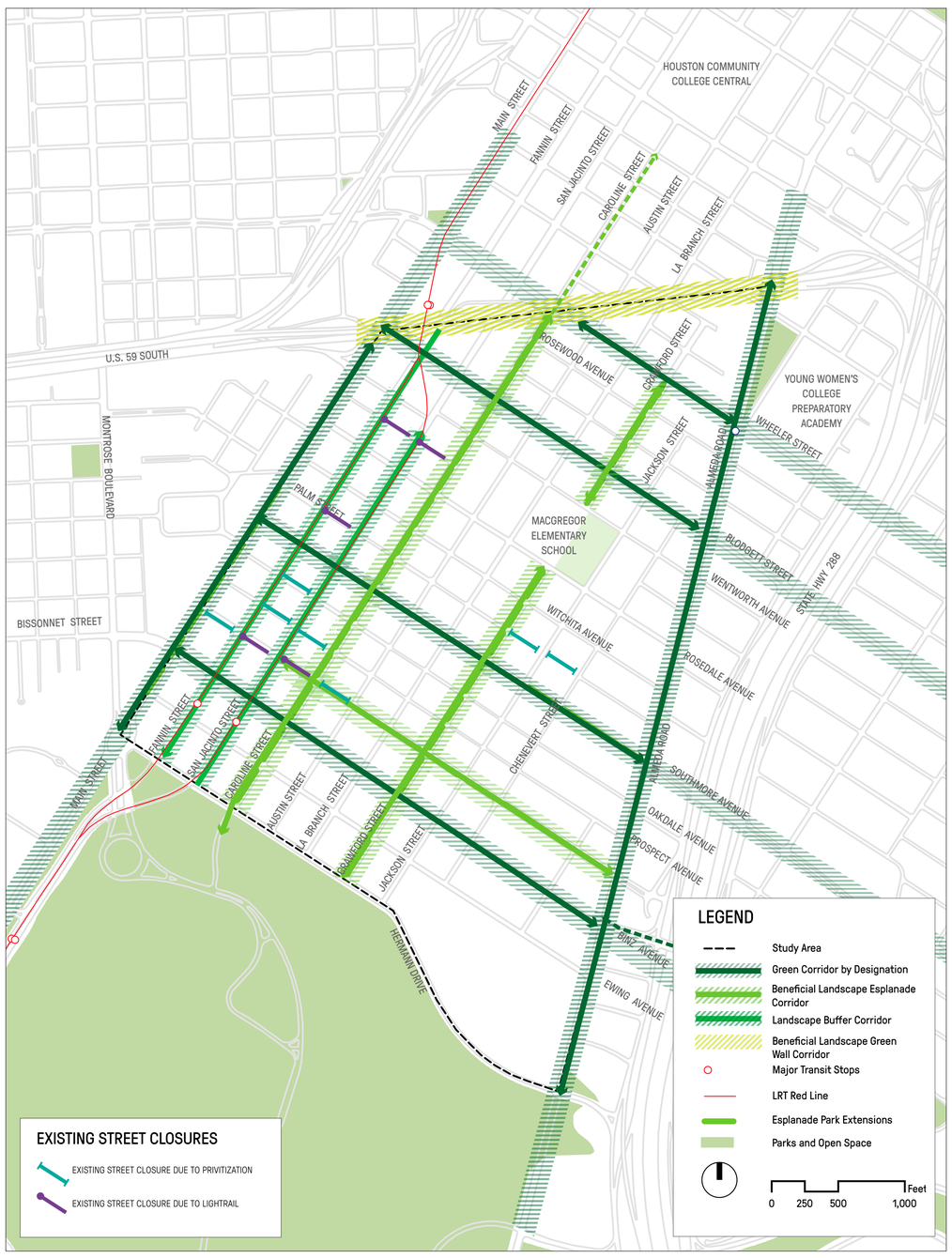
IMPLEMENTER: COH, TXDOT, METRO, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, PROPERTY OWNERS

06.1 NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN GRID DESIGNATION: IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION FOR MAIN, ALMEDA, FUTURE DESIGNATION FOR SOUTHMORE, BLODGETT, WHEELER, BINZ

06.2 BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPES IN ESPLANADES ON CRAWFORD, CAROLINE, CALUMET, AND SOUTHMORE

06.3 GREEN BUFFER ISLANDS ON SAN JACINTO AND FANNIN

06.4 U.S. 59 BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPES GREEN WALL PLANTING AND GREEN CROSSINGS



VIEW OF PROPOSED CAP PARK OVER US 59

CORRIDORS

07

MUSEUM PARK CULTURAL TRAIL

Designate an east-west walking/biking trail that connects the Menil Campus with Hermann Park and Almeda Corridor via Museum Park neighborhood, extending to historic Third Ward

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, METRO, HSEMD, MD, MMD, MPSN, MDA, HPC, PROP. OWNERS

FUNDING: GRANTS, PARTNERS

IMPLEMENTER: COH, HSEMD, MD, MMD, HPC, PBD

07.1 MENIL/ST. THOMAS TRAIL

07.2 MONTROSE TRAIL

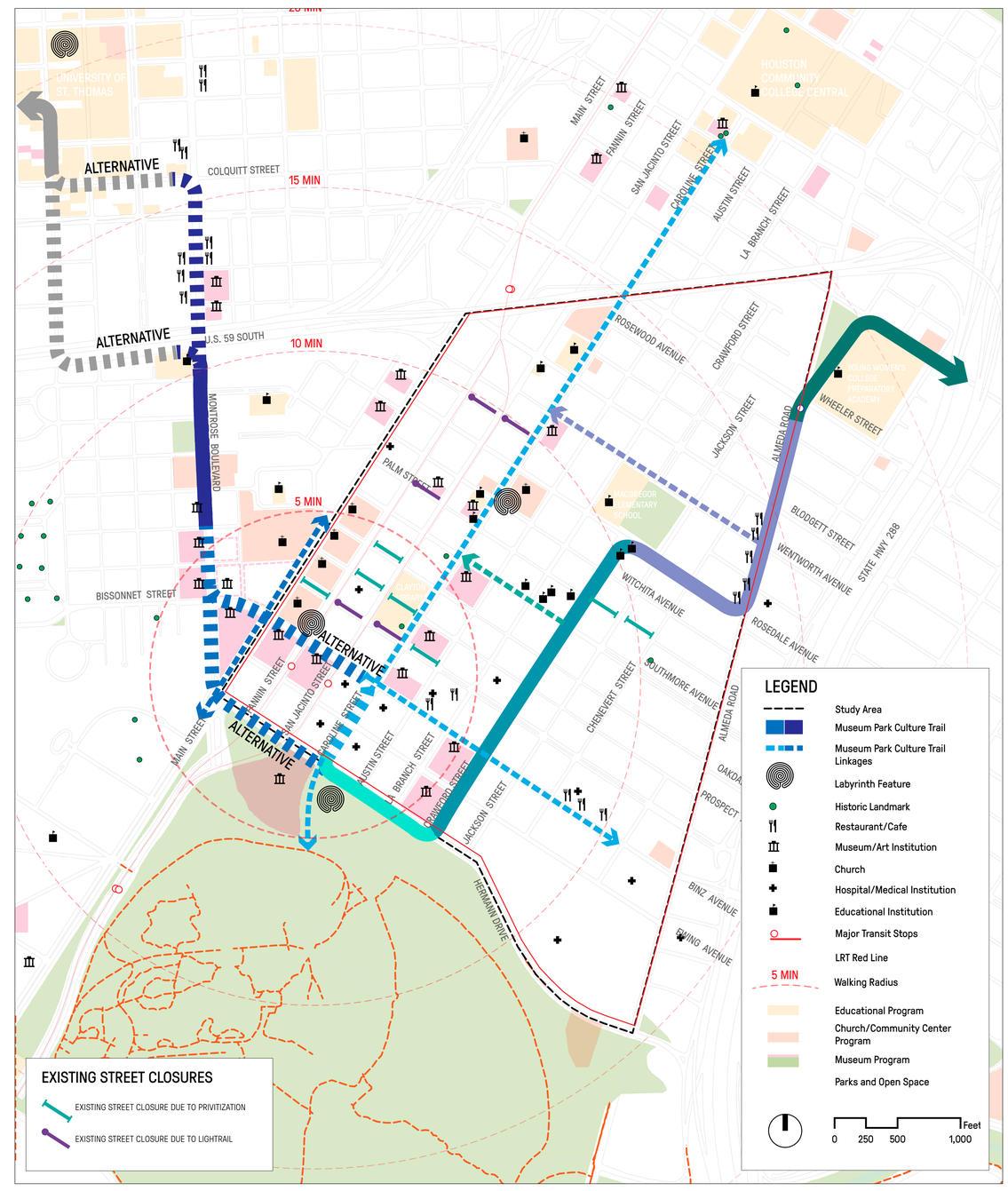
07.3 MFAH TRAIL AND GATEWAY PASSAGE

07.4 HERMANN PARK CENTENNIAL TRAIL

07.5 CRAWFORD OUTDOOR CLASSROOM TRAIL

07.6 ROSEDALE/ALMEDA TRAIL

07.7 HISTORIC THIRD WARD TRAIL



VIEW OF HERMANN DRIVE CROSSING AT CRAWFORD

CORRIDORS

08

BAYOU TRAIL AND BIKE FACILITIES NETWORK

Develop a comprehensive bicycle trail network based on COH Bike Plan, with particular focus on regional connectivity, prioritizing north-south regional connection to Buffalo Bayou via Downtown and HCC

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, MDA, PBD

FUNDING: TRANSPORTATION GRANTS,PARTNERS

IMPLEMENTER: COH, METRO, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, HPC

08.1 LA BRANCH CONNECTION TO MIDTOWN/ DOWNTOWN

08.2 AUSTIN CONNECTION TO BAYOU

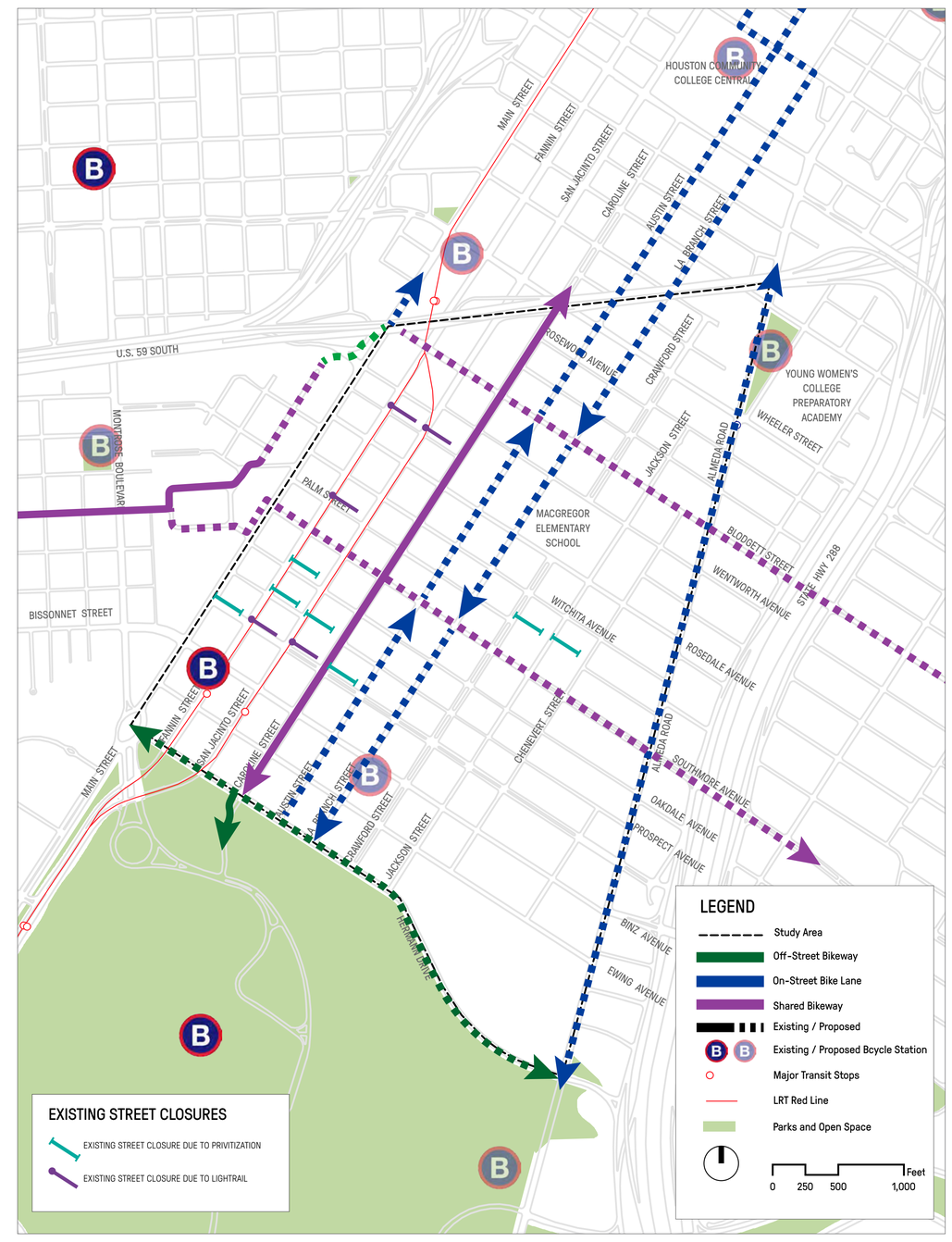
08.3 ALMEDA CORRIDOR

08.4 BLODGETT CORRIDOR

08.5 SOUTHMORE CORRIDOR

08.6 BIKESHARE NETWORK

08.7 BIKE PARKING POLICY



VIEW OF PROPOSED GREEN BRIDGE OVER US 59 AND REGIONAL BIKE TRAIL ALONG LA BRANCH

CORRIDORS

09

CAROLINE MUSEUM PARK PROMENADE

Tie north-south educational and cultural institutions from HCC to Hermann Park with beneficial landscaping and unique placemaking.

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, MDA, PBD

FUNDING: PARTNERS, COMMUNITY GRANTS

IMPLEMENTER: COH, HSEMD, MD, MPSN, PBD

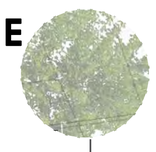
09.1 ESPLANADE RE-DESIGN WITH BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPING

09.2 ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS STREETSCAPE UPGRADES

PROPOSED TIP HABITAT GARDEN

Perennials that attract pollinators are recommended at the tips for seasonal color and benefit.

PROPOSED TREE CANOPY HABITAT

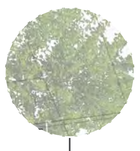


The right of way is often too narrow to support healthy growth of Live Oaks. Where possible lines of Live Oaks should be extended. Smaller trees, like the Yaupon Holly, are recommended for limited planting areas.

PROPOSED UNDERSTORY HABITAT GARDEN

Select ornamental trees and shrubs from the 'Shade' and 'Avaian Garden' typology. Alternate the stem arrangement for maximum effect.

EXISTING TREE CANOPY HABITAT



Live oaks gracefully line the streets, especially at the southern end of the corridor.

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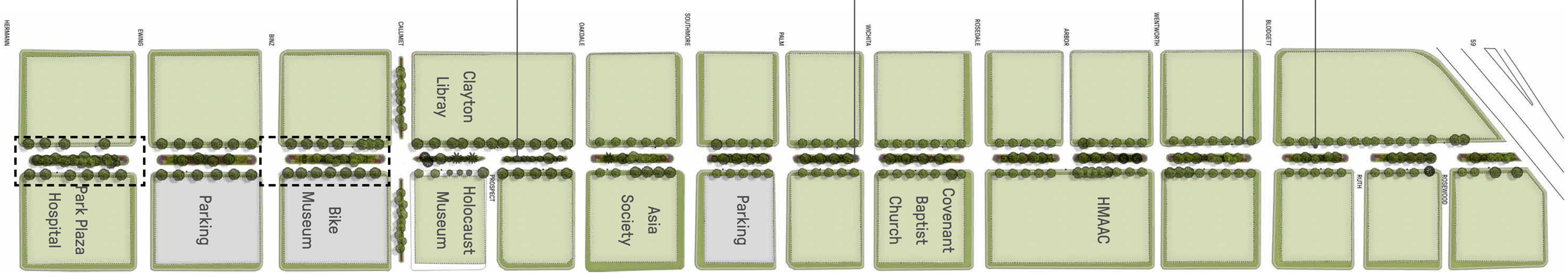
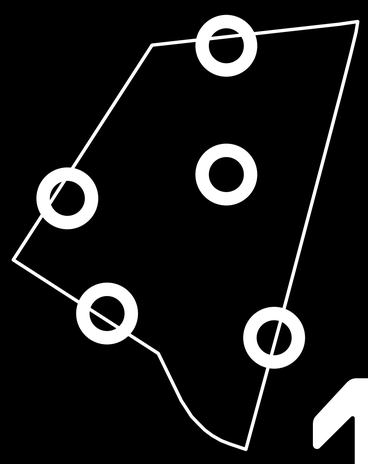


VIEW OF STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CAROLINE

NODES



10 METRO T.O.D. DEVELOPMENT AND CAP PARK

Develop plans for the Wheeler Transit Center node as a T.O.D. site, with a cover, or cap, over the US-59 depressed freeway section extending from Main past Caroline and programs to include high density mixed-use, residential and a park amenity on the cap

PROJECT GOALS: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

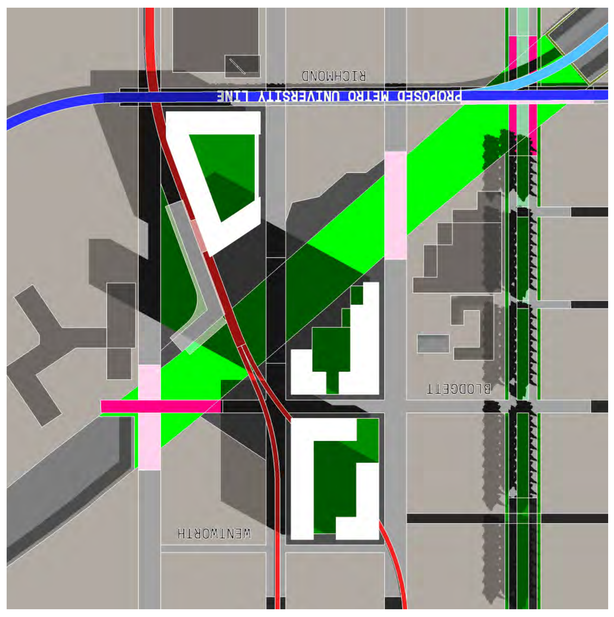
LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

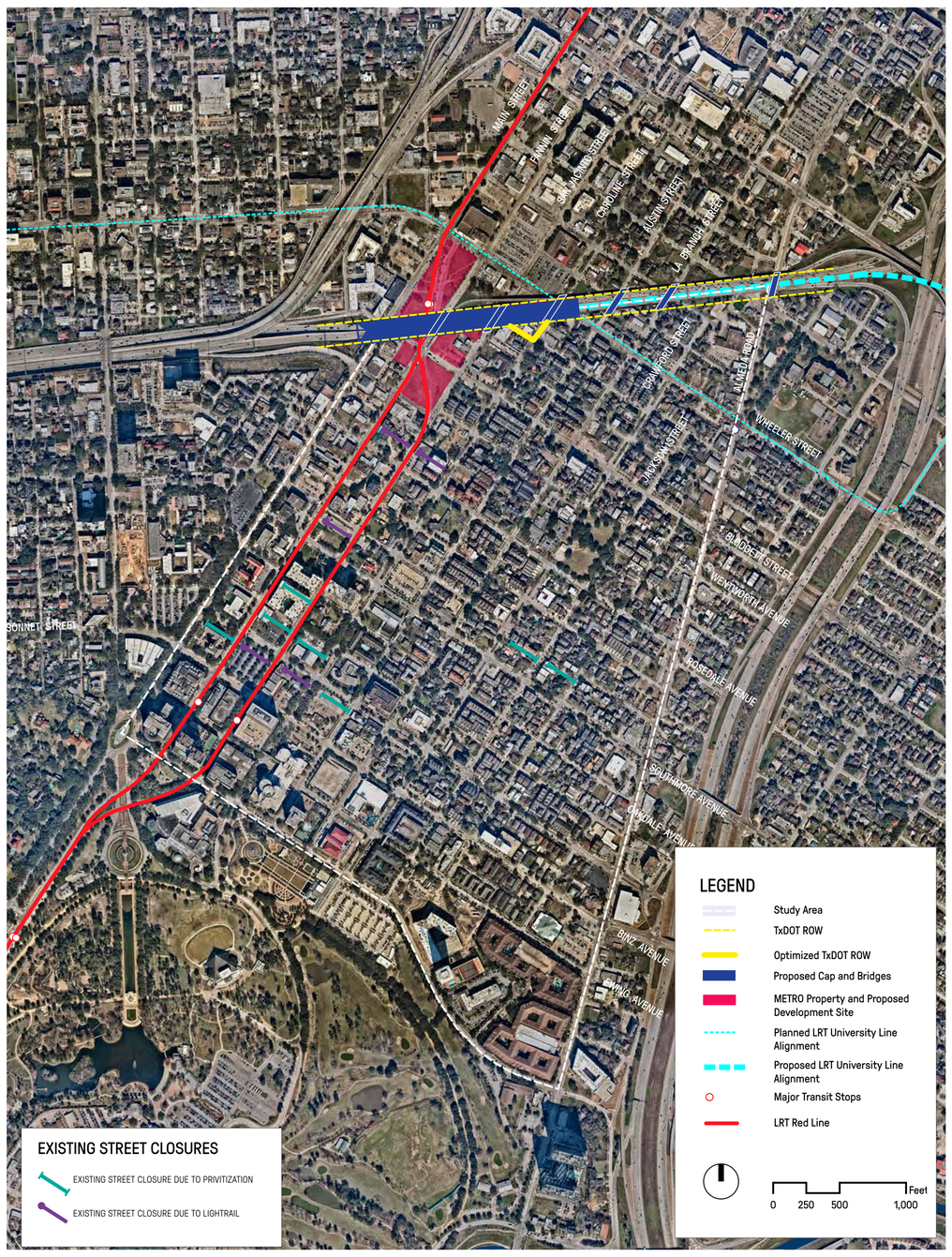
PARTNERS: COH, TXDOT, METRO, MD, MPSN, PROPERTY OWNERS **FUNDING:** METRO, TXDOT, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS **IMPLEMENTER:** COH, TXDOT, METRO, MD, PROPERTY OWNERS

10.1 COMPLETE A MARKET STUDY FOR SUPPORTED USES

10.2 ADDRESS COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL USES IN A COMMUNITYU BENEFITS AGREEMENT

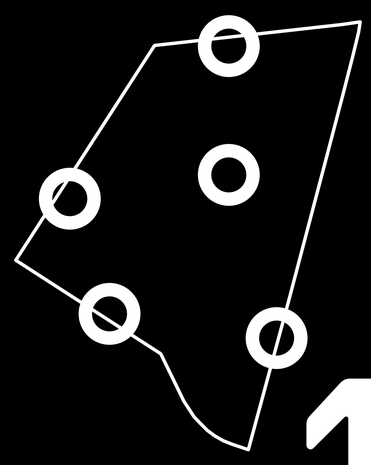
10.3 CONSTRUCT A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON METRO-OWNED PROPERTY





AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED CAP PARK AND T.O.D. DEVELOPMENT OVER US 59

NODES



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CRAWFORD COMMUNITY SPACE

Open MacGregor Elementary green space to the community by negotiating open access for a more connected, walkable, and green neighborhood with school's needs for programming and security

PROJECT GOALS:

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LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: HSEMD, MPSN, MPNA, PROPERTY OWNERS, SPARK, HISD

FUNDING: PARTNERS

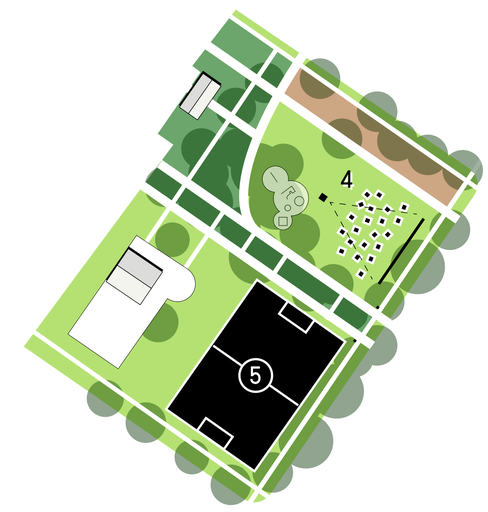
IMPLEMENTER: HSEMD, MPSN, SPARK

11.1 FRAME AND OPEN PARK BY CREATING PORTALS AND INTRODUCING AESTHETIC TREATMENTS TO CHAIN LINK FENCE

11.2 ACTIVATE THE PARK WITH WALKS, PROGRAM AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE SEASONAL VARIETY AND A COMMUNITY CENTRAL GATHERING SPACE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

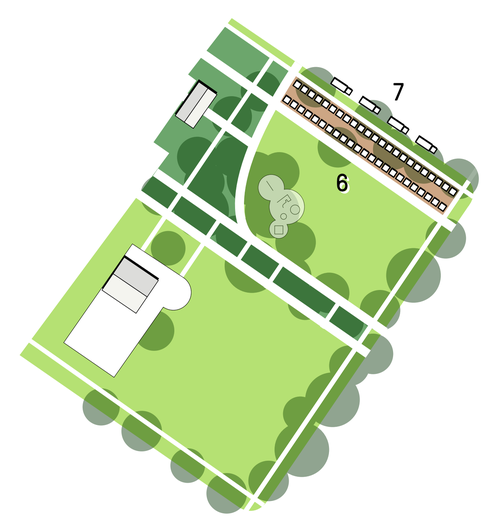
SPRING

(1) SWINGS (2) PLAY (3) SPORTS



SUMMER

(4) MOVIE NIGHT (5) PICK UP SOCCER



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(6) MARKET (7) FOOD TRUCKS

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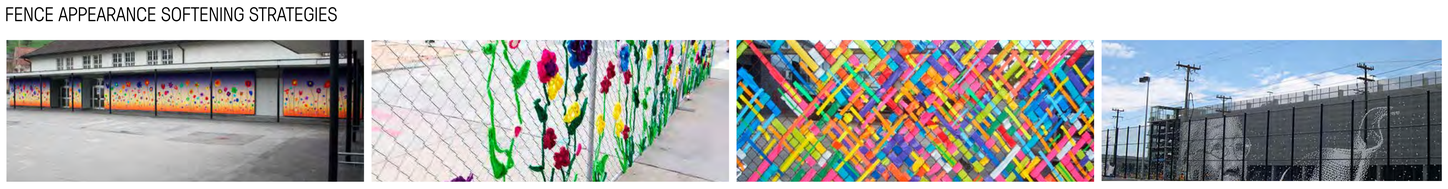
FENCE APPEARANCE SOFTENING STRATEGIES



VIEW OF PROPOSED CRAWFORD PARK AND COMMUNITY SPACE

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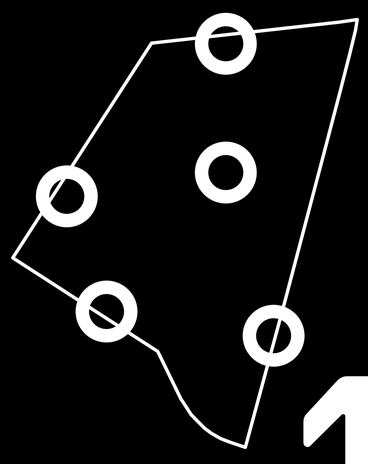

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ALMEDA GATEWAY PASSAGE

US59/Almeda underpass is a major gateway to the area from Downtown and Midtown. Atmospheric lights and landscaping will contribute to a safer and more aesthetically considered gateway experience

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MPSN, MPNA, PROPERTY OWNERS

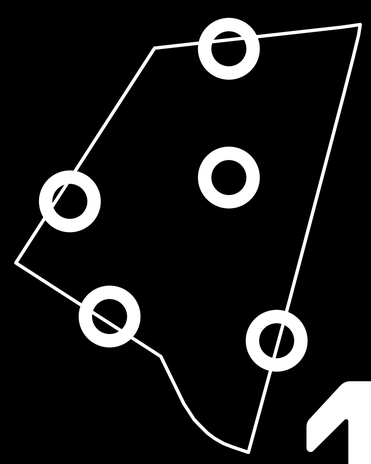
FUNDING: HSEMD

IMPLEMENTER: HSEMD, MPSN

12.1 COORDINATION WITH HSEMD MARKETING AND BRANDING PROGRAM

12.2 SAFETY AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS

VIEW OF PROPOSED GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS UNDER US 59 ALONG ALMEDA, LOOKING SOUTH



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SOUTHMORE GATEWAY PASSAGE

A stretch of Southmore at 288 and Almeda is a regional gateway to Museum Park and Historic Third Ward. Create a cohesive gateway experience, while improving the visual and multimodal link from Museum Park to historic Third Ward across 288.

PROJECT GOALS:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MPSN, MPNA, PROPERTY OWNERS

FUNDING: HSEMD

IMPLEMENTER: HSEMD, MPSN

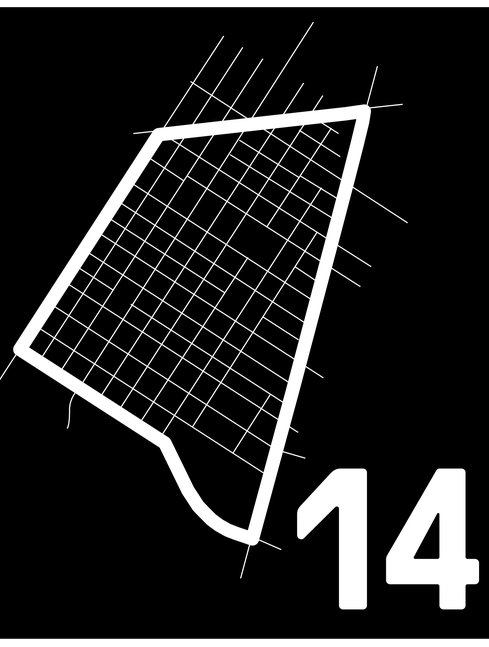
13.1 WORK WITH HSEMD TO CREATE A COHESIVE REGIONAL GATEWAY TO THE AREA VIA HW288

13.2 LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION

13.3 FORGE CONNECTIONS TO THE BIKE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

VIEW OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTHMORE AND ALMEDA

NEIGHBORHOOD



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COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARACTER STANDARDS

Focus a regulatory environment to support the development of buildings and community amenities that are context appropriate and conform to community desires and building best practices

PROJECT GOALS:

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LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

PARTNERS: COH, HSEMD, MPSN

FUNDING: SUBSIDIES, LOW-INTEREST LOANS, GRANTS

IMPLEMENTER: COH, HSEMD, MD, PROPERTY OWNERS

NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED

In this area, single and multi-family residences are intermixed with commercial/retail, public/institutional, and office uses, negotiating the balance of form among them towards low to mid-rise structures. Living, working accommodations are seamlessly intertwined with dining/entertainment/culture destinations.

1. CONNECTED
- Multi-modal options are expanded to enhance local and regional accessibility, with emphasis on bicycle connectivity
- Street ROW grid is preserved to keep it porous and route choices uninterrupted

2. CONTEXTUAL
- A mix of development maintains a primarily low-rise profile and low density towards the center and low-to-mid-rise profile on the edges where it meets the park to the south and freway to the north.
- Evolving architectural styles create high-quality design environment
- Private development has welcoming gesture to the street
- Public art and the public realm are seamless

3. WALKABLE
- The pedestrian scale and uninterrupted street grid encourage walking
- Shaded walkways provide comfort
- Wider sidewalks exceed the regulatory minimum
- New street trees fill the gaps to create an uninterrupted street canopy

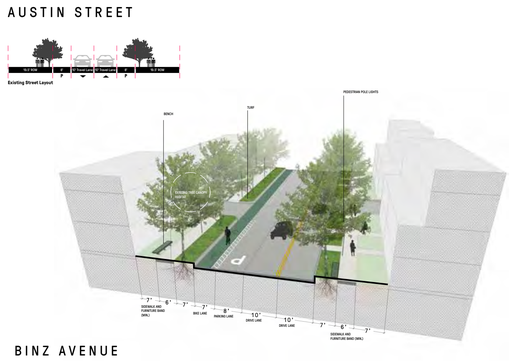
4. CONVENIENT
- Local destinations for services, entertainment and employment are well integrated within private residential neighborhood
- Public on-street parking predominates
- Management of private institutional parking aids in accommodating increasing public parking demands
- Private driveways are grouped to maximize on-street parking

5. GREEN
- Wheeler, Blodgett and Binz designated as "Green Corridors" under amended ordinance
- Beneficial Parking District supports and maintains enhanced streetscapes
- Open space is provided on private property to enhance mix of uses that attract customers and blur the public private divide
- Overhead power is relocated / buried to reduce sidewalk obstructions, street clutter and allow wider choice for street trees

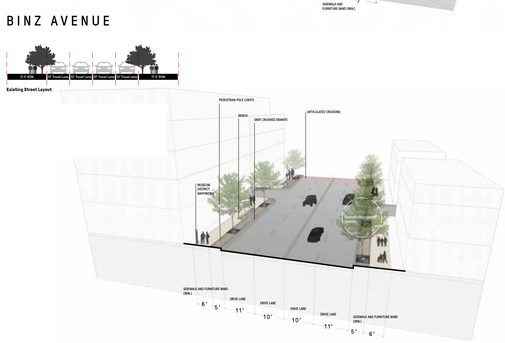
6. DYNAMIC
- New development while primarily residential also provides for neighborhood services and cultural destinations

7. URBAN SANCTUARY
- District is a diverse community of residents, workers, visitors
- District is community-focused, inviting and safe day and night

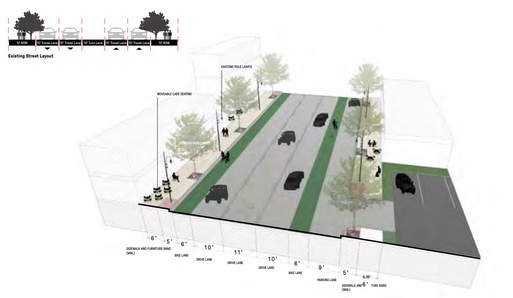
AUSTIN STREET



BINZ AVENUE



ALMEDA ROAD



NEIGHBORHOOD MAIN STREET

In this zone, commercial/retail, public/institutional, and office uses are grouped in a commercial spine along Almeda Road. As a historically significant center for community life in Third Ward, the corridor is envisioned as a low-rise Main Street and a commercial center for a generally low-rise neighborhood that surrounds it.

1. CONNECTED
- Transit Corridor designation helps further enhance the area's character and aid economic development
- Multi-modal options are expanded to enhance local and regional accessibility, with emphasis on bicycle and transit connectivity

2. CONTEXTUAL
- A mix of development maintains a primarily low-rise profile and low density with occasional low-to-mid-rise profile when accommodating a mix of commercial and residential uses
- Evolving architectural styles create high-quality design environment
- Private development is welcoming to the street
- Public art and the public realm are seamless

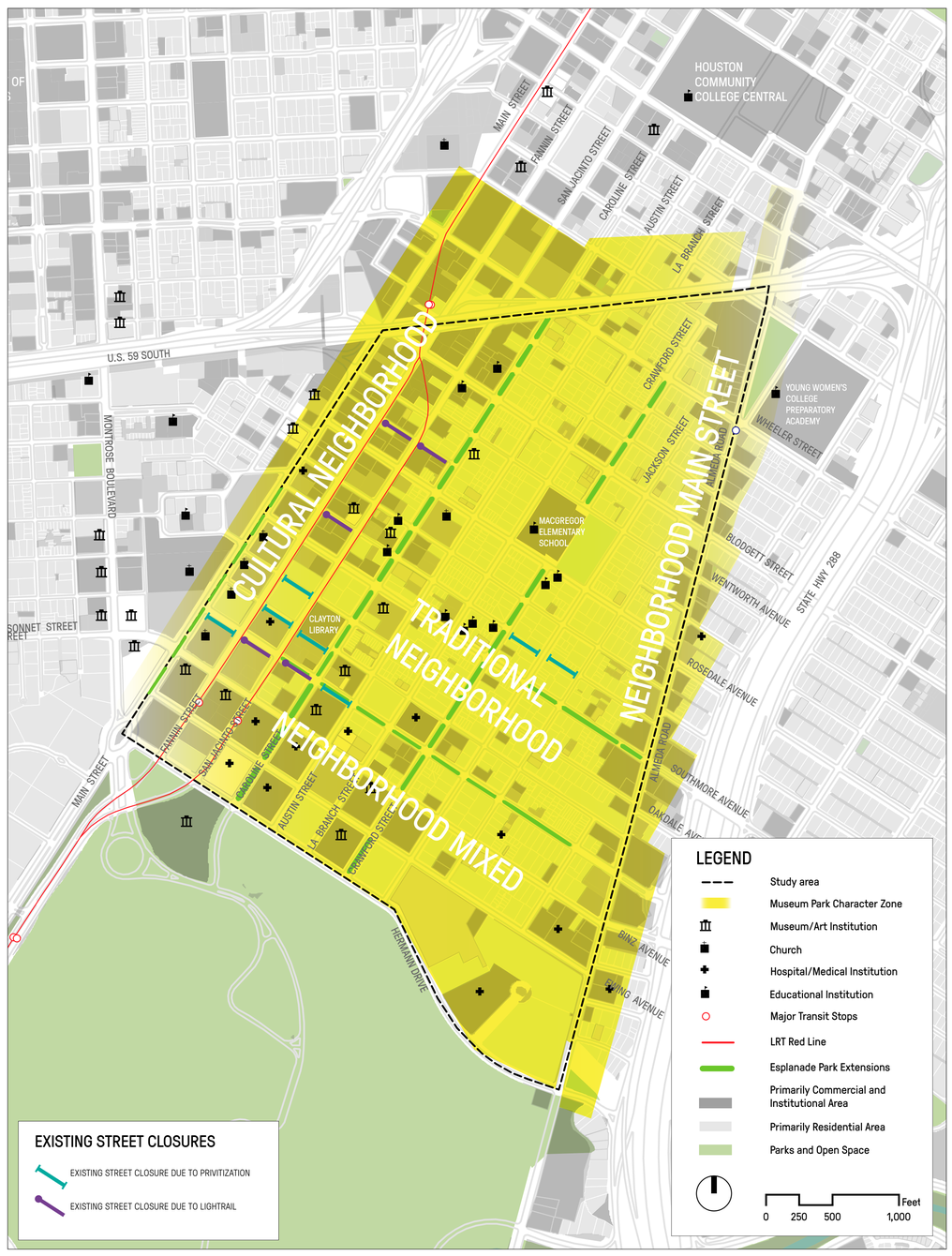
3. WALKABLE
- The pedestrian scale supports the feel of the area as a center of a "Walkable Village"
- Shaded walkways provide comfort
- Wider sidewalks exceed the regulatory minimum
- New street trees fill the gaps to create an uninterrupted street canopy

4. CONVENIENT
- Local destinations for services, entertainment and employment are easily accessible through the abundance of public on-street parking
- Private driveways are grouped to maximize on-street parking

5. GREEN
- Almeda designated as "Green Corridor"
- Beneficial Parking District supports and maintains enhanced streetscapes
- Open space is provided on private property to enhance mix of uses that attract customers
- Overhead power is relocated / buried to reduce sidewalk obstructions, street clutter and allow wider choice for street trees

6. DYNAMIC
- New development combines a variety and not one single use
- Mixed use on ground level prevails

7. URBAN SANCTUARY
- Area is a diverse community of residents, workers, visitors
- Area is community-focused, inviting and safe day and night



TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD

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1. CONNECTED
- Multi-modal options enhance local accessibility, with emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Street ROW grid is preserved to keep it porous and route choices uninterrupted

2. CONTEXTUAL
- Residential development maintains a low-rise, low-density profile
- Evolving architectural styles create high-quality design environment, new development strives to gain landmark architectural status that highlights local design talent and adds to historical architectural heritage of the area, residential building typologies elevate new development standards to support continuity of public realm in the neighborhood
- Private development embraces and welcomes the street

3. WALKABLE
- The pedestrian scale and uninterrupted street grid encourage walking
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4. CONVENIENT
- Local destinations for services and employment are seamlessly integrated within private residential neighborhood
- Public on-street parking predominates
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5. GREEN
- Southmore is designated as "Green Corridor" under amended ordinance
- Beneficial Landscape Program enhances ecological value of planting in the esplanades
- Available open space is fully developed and utilized as community parks
- Overhead power is relocated / buried to reduce sidewalk obstructions, street clutter and allow wider choice for street trees

6. DYNAMIC
- Streets, green esplanades, and park spaces are designed to become meeting spaces for the residents and accommodate lively com munity events on regular bases

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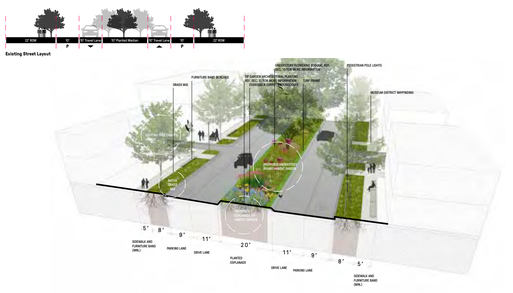
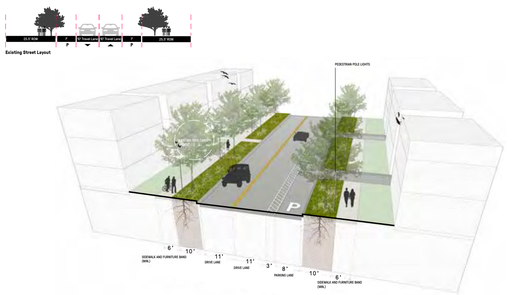


BLODGETT STREET



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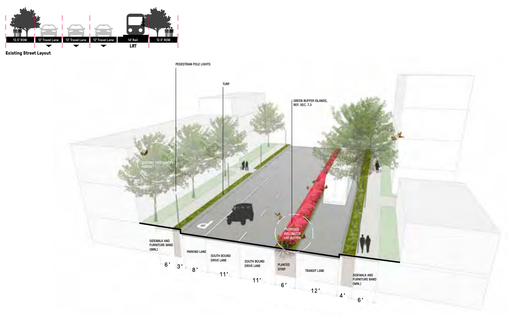

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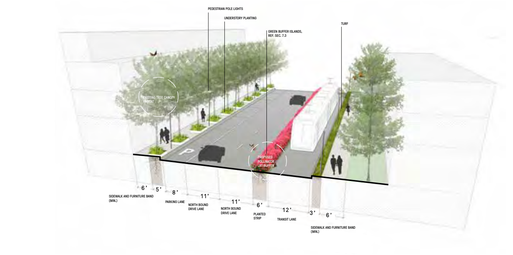
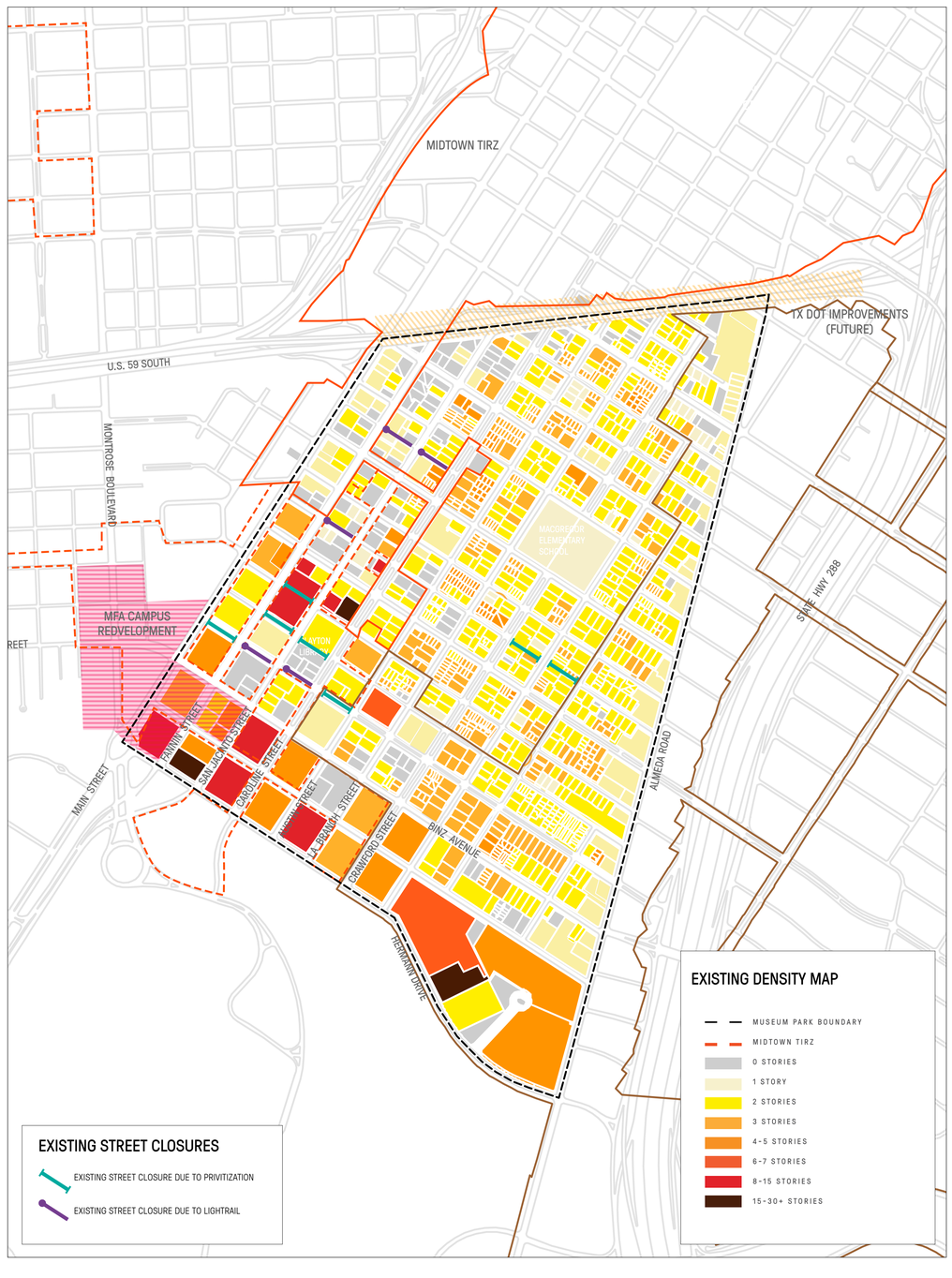




GOALS FOR PROJECTS

PEOPLE

1. Promote a healthy urban lifestyle by easing access to recreation and cultural education opportunities.
2. Ensure the community is actively involved in shaping the future of their neighborhood.

ENVIRONMENT

3. Promote environmental resiliency in the design of urban systems.
4. Prioritize environmental comfort in the experience of the area.
5. Design for ecological benefit in the urban natural systems.

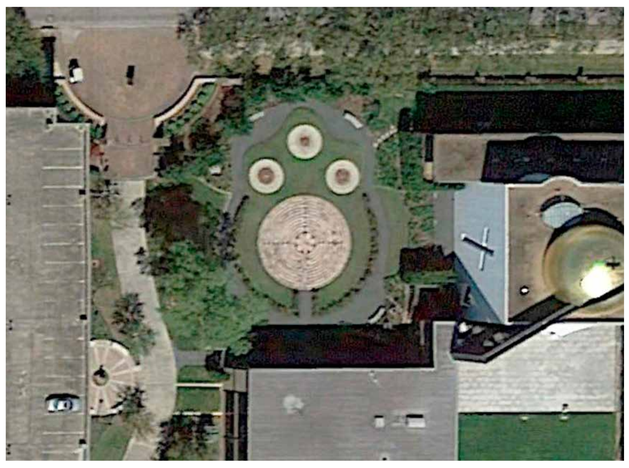
ECONOMY

6. Promote a diversity of housing choices in the area.
7. Support transportation choices with infrastructure that provides easy access to driving-mode alternatives.
8. Promote local and authentic businesses in the area by supporting their commercial success.
9. Support regional significance of the area as a visitor's destination while preserving the comfort and scale of local living.

LABYRINTHS AROUND MUSEUM PARK

The area in and around Museum Park has a surprising quantity of labyrinth installations. Labyrinths represent the wholeness and completeness of existence by providing a singular path for meditative reflection; this single path represents the linearity of the universal path of life, and by traversing its steps, the visitor can reflect upon their own life's path. The four labyrinths at St. Thomas University, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Covenant Baptist Church, and McGovern Centennial Gardens, provide unique experiences within their distinct contexts, but with a similar spirit. Like a walk through a museum, a garden, or a park, a walk through a labyrinth is an act of transformation, and if the concept of a labyrinth is brought to the scale of the neighborhood, the act of walking through a city can become a transformational experience in its own right, and walkability as a planning goal would acquire a whole new meaning.

In addition to the labyrinths, Museum Park Super Neighborhood has the highest concentration of other transformational walks in the City. They belong to parks and art institutions. We would like to use that idea and project it into the public realm at a larger scale, to the very streets of Museum Park. If the neighborhood as a whole is viewed as a gallery, a garden, a museum, and a park, it will provide a structure and a foundation for the kind of walkability that goes beyond attaining goals of physical health. A walk through the neighborhood will become an experience of a spiritual and intellectual retreat.



1 ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

Labyrinth of Retreat
Tucked away within the walls of St. Thomas University at the Chapel of St Basel, the visitor will find a garden and labyrinth in the context of education.

2 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Civic Labyrinth
At the intersection of Main Street and Binz Avenue, the congregation of St. Paul's invites you to use the labyrinth as a "Front Porch" for conversion, gatherings, and introspection.

3 COVENANT CHURCH

Neighborhood Labyrinth
Nestled away amongst the treetops of Caroline Street, the covenant labyrinth provides slow space for meditation.

4 MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS

Park Labyrinth
As the exclamation point of Centennial Gardens, the Mount provides visitors with panoramic views, exercise, and new perspective on the city.

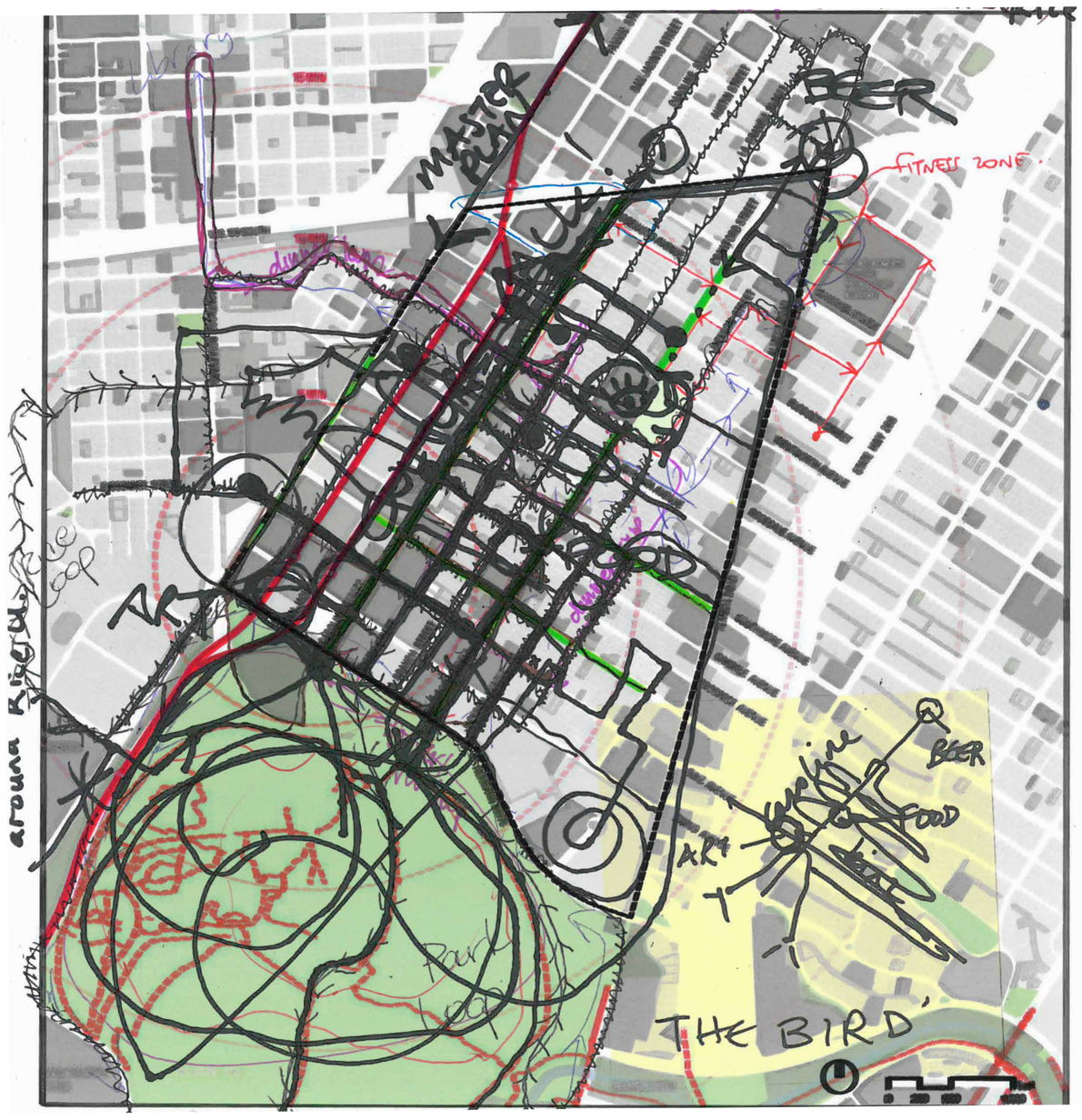
LABYRINTH AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOUR WALKING LOOP

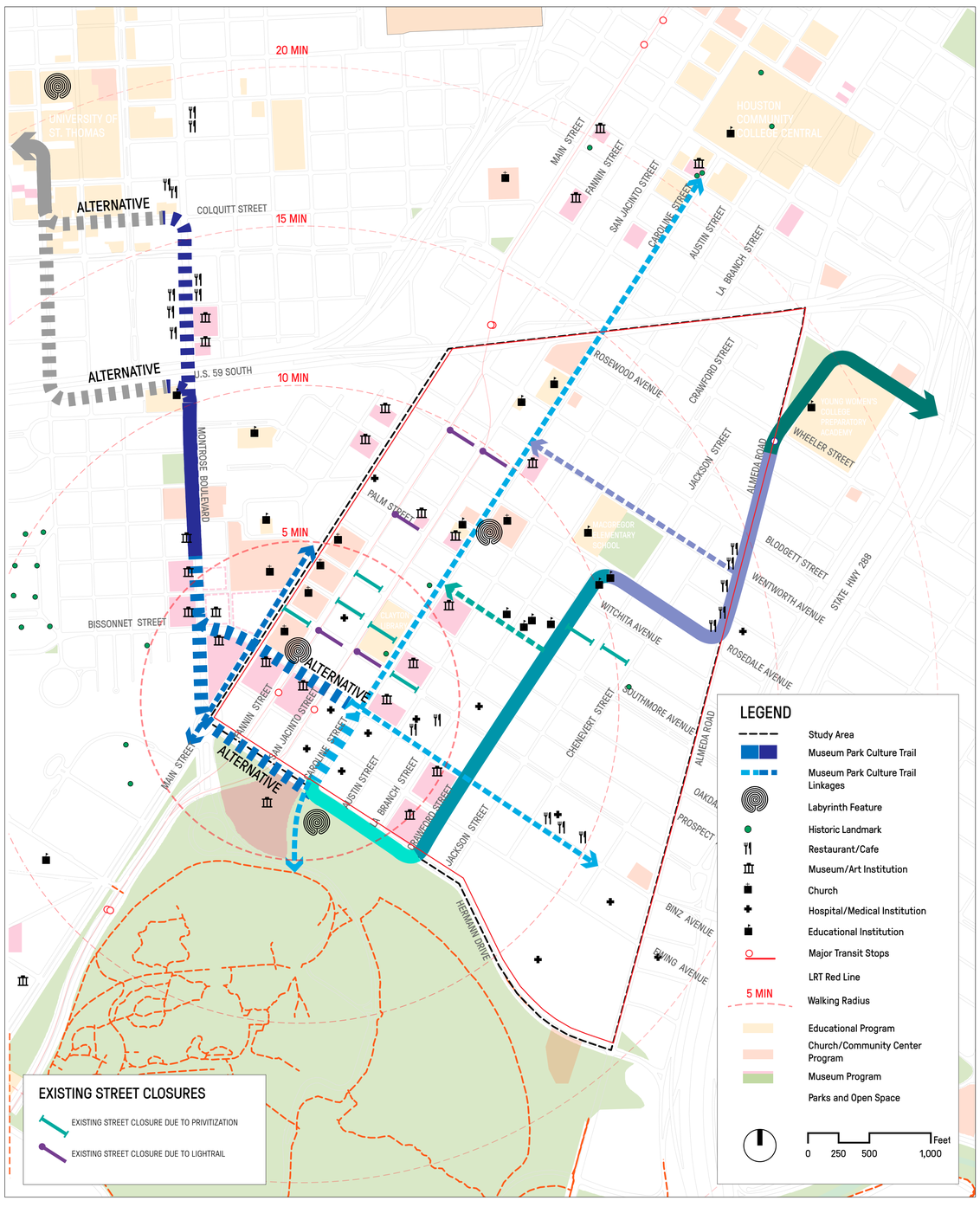
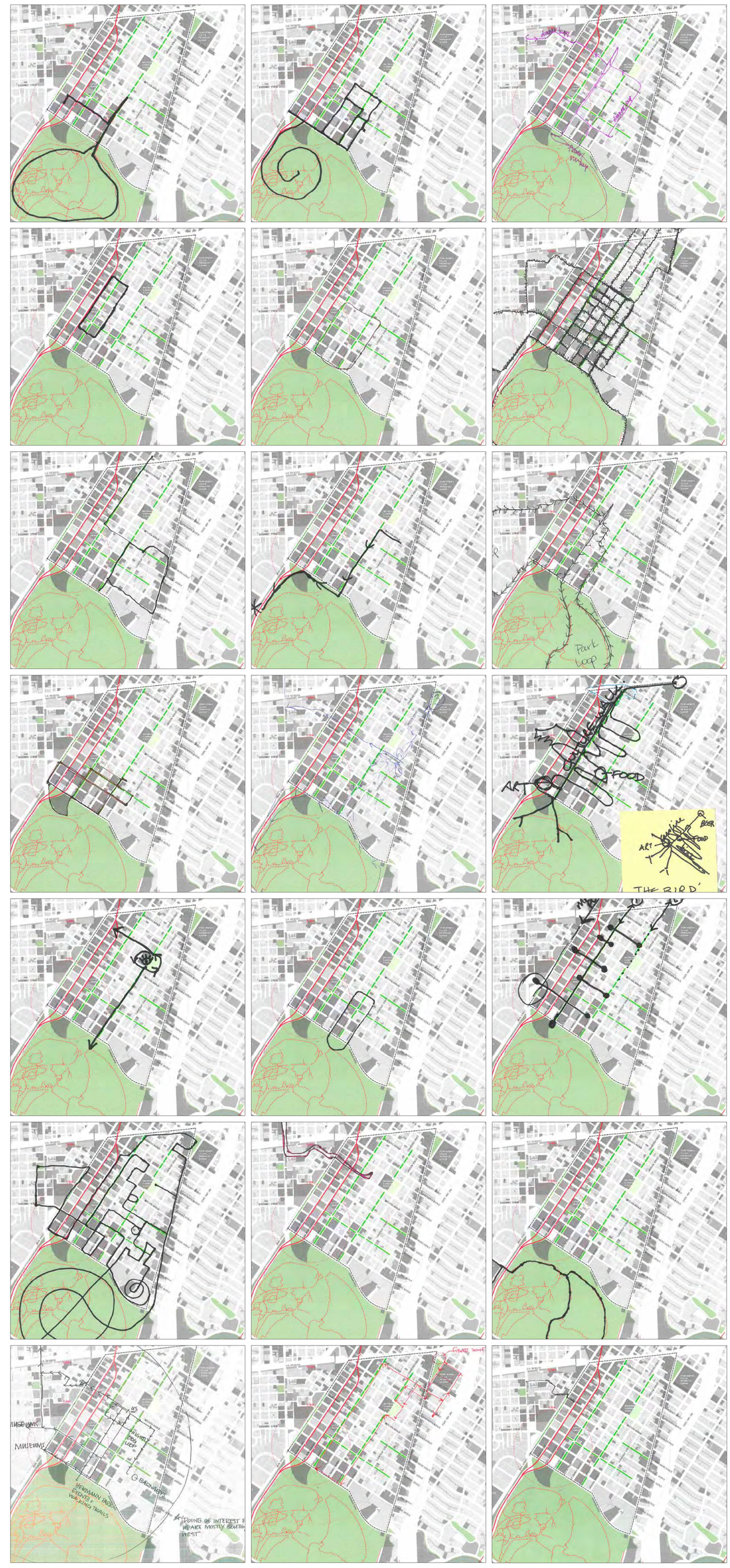
Walking patterns in the neighborhood are created in the residents' individual habits and preferences. Routes differ thematically, as some connect to specific destinations at a certain time of day, some are used for enjoyment and recreation, some for convenient access. Most of the routes collected in the process of public engagement, acknowledge Hermann Park by establishing a link to it.

The residents' insider knowledge of the neighborhood will serve as a foundation for formalizing improvements for a trail network and its specific elements. The primary and secondary routing of the Museum Park Cultural Trail, for example, will re-trace the patterns that are called out in the drawings and described by the residents as logical and desirable.

A COMPOSITE OF INDIVIDUAL WALKING LOOPS



PROPOSED MUSEUM PARK CULTURAL LOOP TRAIL ROUTE



RESIDENTS' INDIVIDUAL WALKING LOOPS THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD