

PLACE



THE PRAIRIE LINE

REGENERATION OF AN URBAN CORRIDOR TO PLAN A STRONGER COMMUNITY

2017 ANNUAL WASLA CONFERENCE

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A green-tinted photograph of a wooden walkway with grass growing between the planks, overlaid with the word "PROCESS" in white text. The walkway is made of wooden planks and is surrounded by tall grass. The background shows a gravel area and a concrete structure. The word "PROCESS" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

PROCESS



ART MUSEUM & COMMENCEMENT BAY

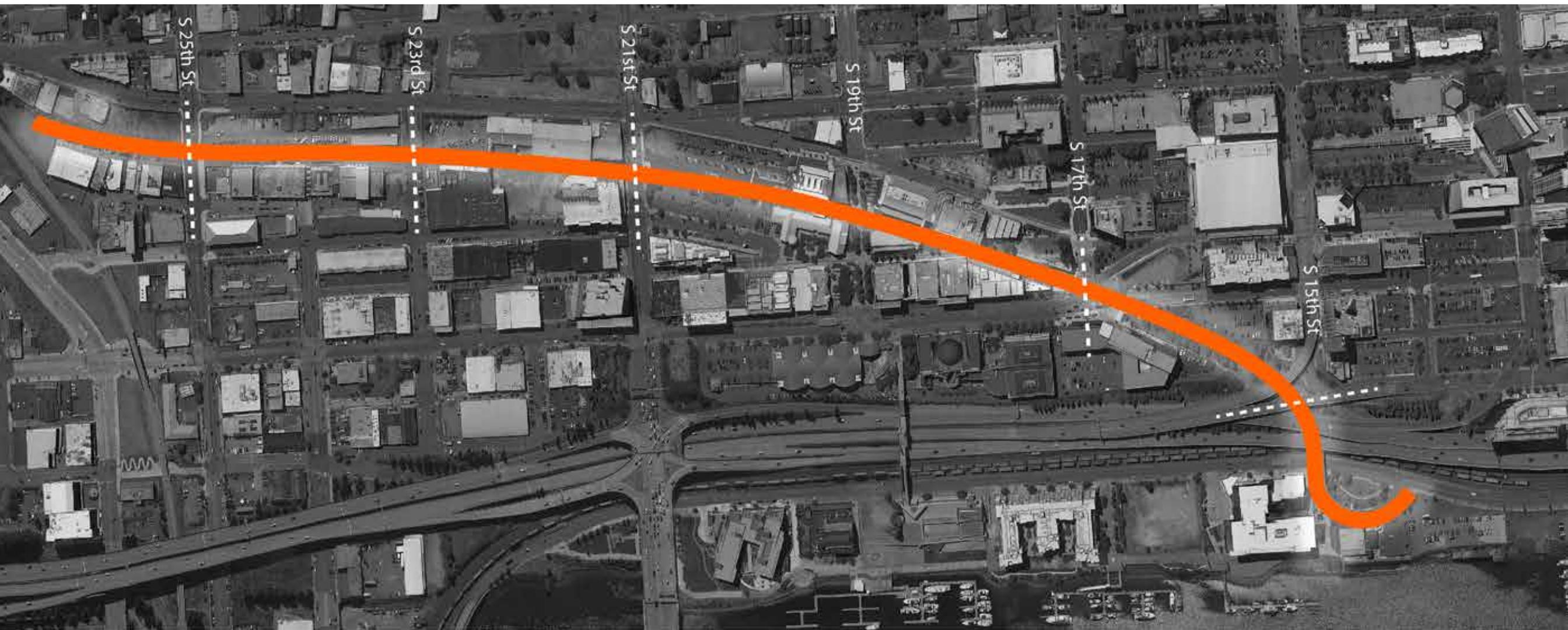
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

BREWERY DISTRICT

TACOMA DOME

PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL

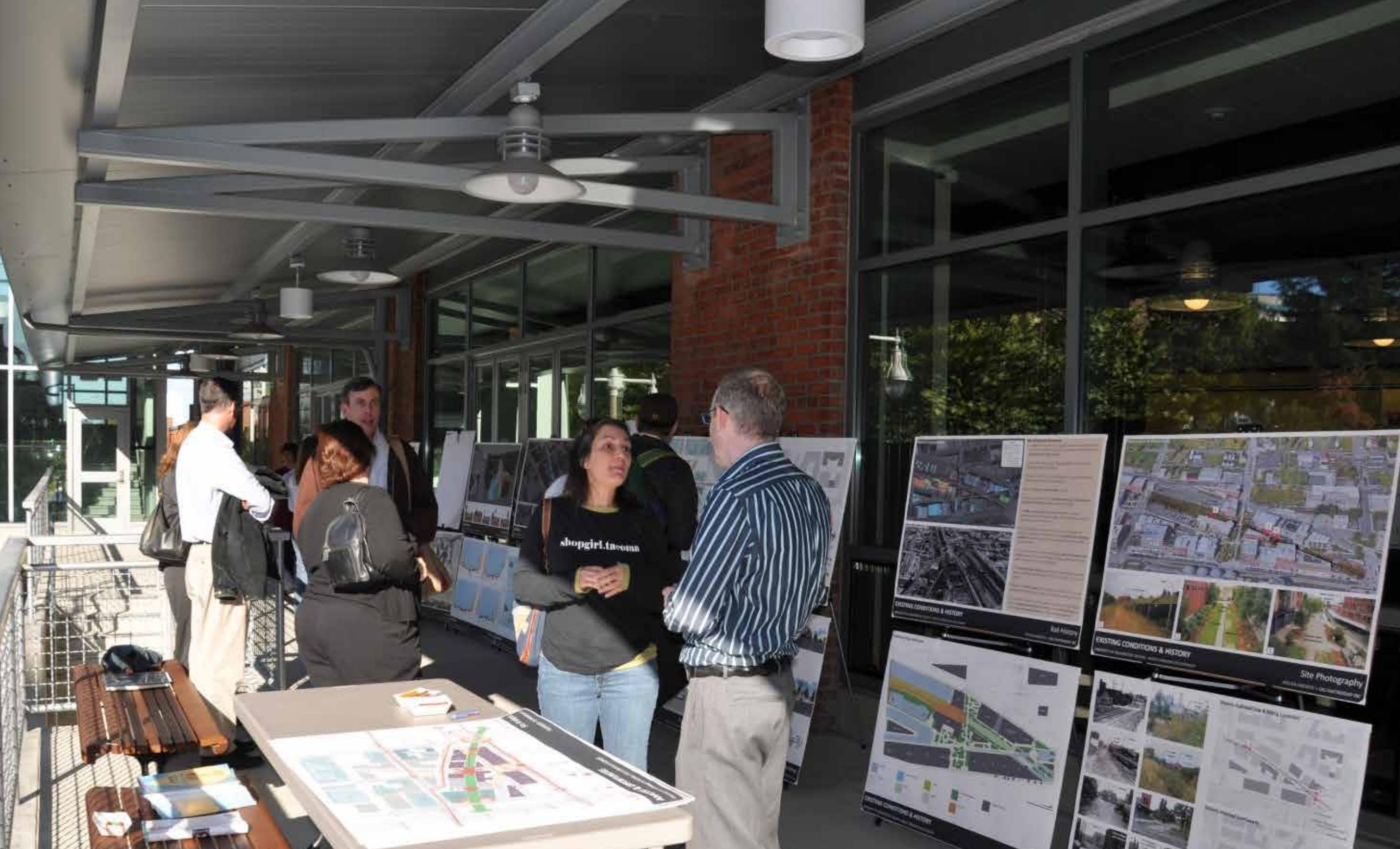
- Prairie Line Trail
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail





Design Team Workshops













Collaboration with Academia PSU ARCH 488 DESIGN STUDIO PRESENTATIONS AT TAM

URBAN INCIDENTS / URBAN THEATRE



ZOE BAIRD



THOUGHTBARN
(DANE GREGORY MEYER)



"Urban Incidents" are playful, site-specific artist interventions that enhance the sense of discovery for people walking or biking along the trail. "Urban Theatre" projects are event-style projects, such as performances, projections, dances, interactive art, or very short-term installations. They could be located almost anywhere along the trail corridor.

Urban incidents and urban theatre projects could be initiated by almost anyone. They will contribute a sense of change and dynamism, and the expectation that every day the trail might offer a new experience. These artworks should come in many media, though they generally will be of a smaller scale, and will be up for a short time duration.



PHILIP BLACKBURN,
ART CARS OF MINNESOTA
(NORTHERN PARK)



SANS
FACON



SCOTT KILDALL,
VICTORIA SCOT



SEYED ALAMI



GREGORY, KRUPA, HANSEN
(DANE GREGORY MEYER)





INVENTORY

IN 1864 PRESIDENT LINCOLN SIGNED LEGISLATION WHICH CHARTERED THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD TO COMPLETE A LINE BETWEEN THE **MID-WEST AND PUGET SOUND**

- PRAIRIE LINE REFERS TO THE **“BURNT PRAIRIE”** ROUTE ACROSS THE NISQUALLY DELTA FROM TENINO
- DIAGONAL TACOMA ROUTE WAS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE MOST POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVE AVAILABLE
- BUILT BY **CHINESE CONTRACT LABOR** IN 1873
- WHEN BUILT, IT BECAME THE **PACIFIC TERMINUS OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD** THAT LINKED TO THE GREAT LAKES
- IN **1885 A MAJOR FIRE** DEVASTATED DOWNTOWN TACOMA, PROMPTING THE FIRST BUILDING CODES, WHICH CALLED FOR BRICK AND STONE PERMANENT STRUCTURES
- THE LINE BECAME A DEVELOPMENT TRUNK FOR THE GROWTH OF TACOMA, SPROUTING RAIL SIDINGS TO SERVE **INDUSTRIAL AND SHIPPING FACILITIES** IN WHAT IS NOW THE WAREHOUSE AND BREWERY DISTRICT, INCLUDING UWT
- THE AREA HAS BEEN A **CONSTANTLY CHANGING WEB OF RAIL SPURS AND SIDINGS** SERVED BY BRICK WAREHOUSES, LOADING DOCKS AND FREIGHT YARDS THAT GAVE FORM TO THESE DISTRICTS
- THE **FIRST PASSENGER DEPOT** WAS LOCATED ON THE MILGARD PROPERTY. IT WAS PHYSICALLY MOVED IN 1892 TO THE SITE OF WHAT IS NOW UNION STATION
- MANY OF THE **DOCK SPACES** YOU SEE ALONG THE CORRIDOR ARE ACTUAL **RAIL SIDINGS** FOR LOADING AND FREIGHT CAR ACCESS TO BUILDINGS/CRANES

WHEN YOU WANT A POINTER REGARDING YOUR WESTERN TRIP

ALL ON YOUR NEAREST TICKET AGENT OR ANY DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

OR ADDRESS
GHAS. S. FEE
GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Text on the right side of the map:
 In 1864 President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation which chartered the Northern Pacific Railroad to complete a line between the mid-west Puget Sound. The legislation included the reward of a 40-million-acre land donation. With that challenge in place, each of the local communities attempted to persuade the North Pacific Railroad to choose them as a western terminus. Great prosperity and development would result for the chosen community. The list of finalists for the terminus included: Olympia, Tacoma, Mukilteo and Seattle.
 By 1870, the Northern Pacific had raised enough money in bond sales to begin the line westward from Minneapolis.
 In May of 1873, construction began in the general direction of Olympia. After years of study, on July 14, the Northern Pacific Board finally chose Tacoma on Commencement Bay for the Puget Sound terminus.





Historic Background

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Character

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Artifact

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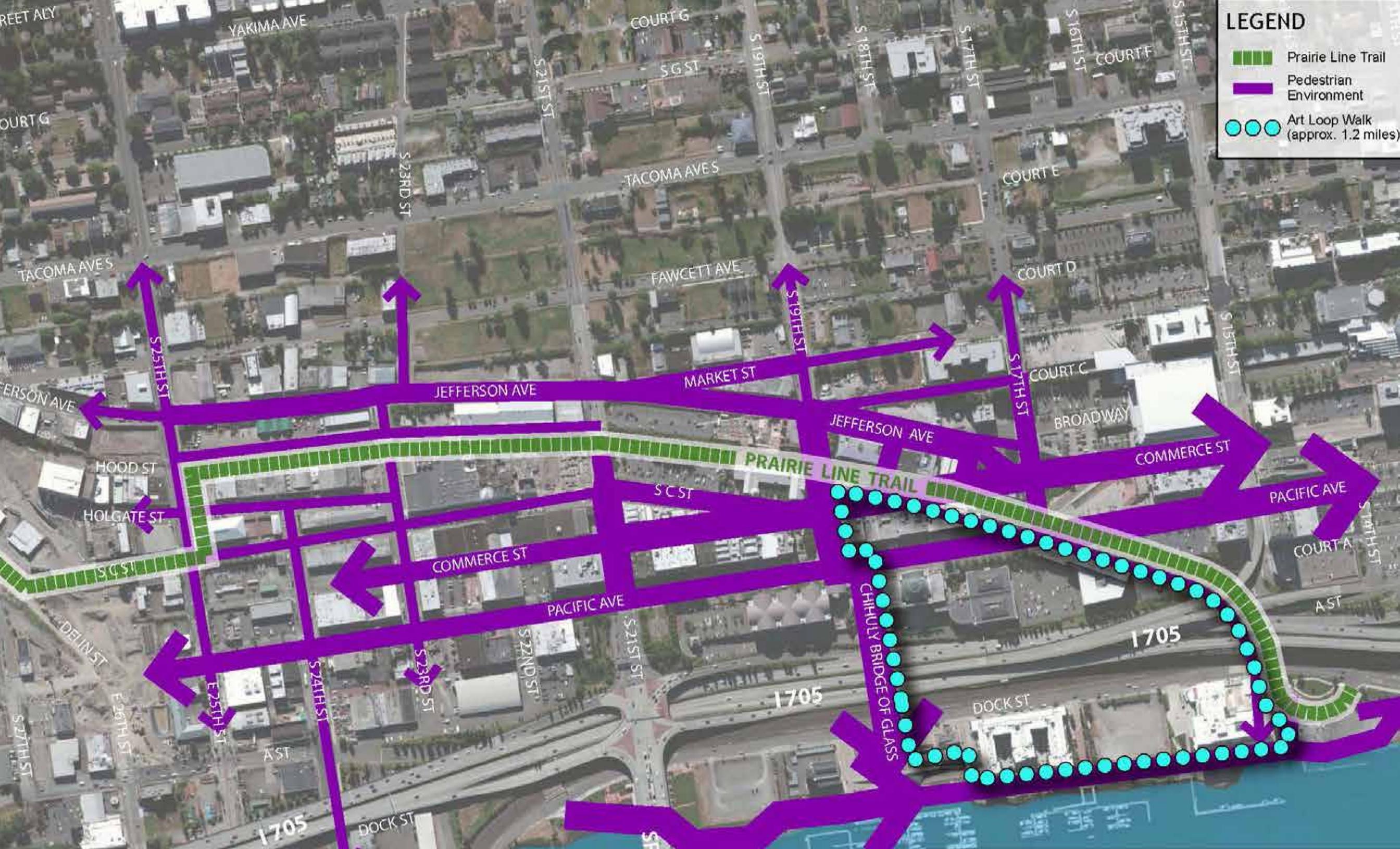


Artifact

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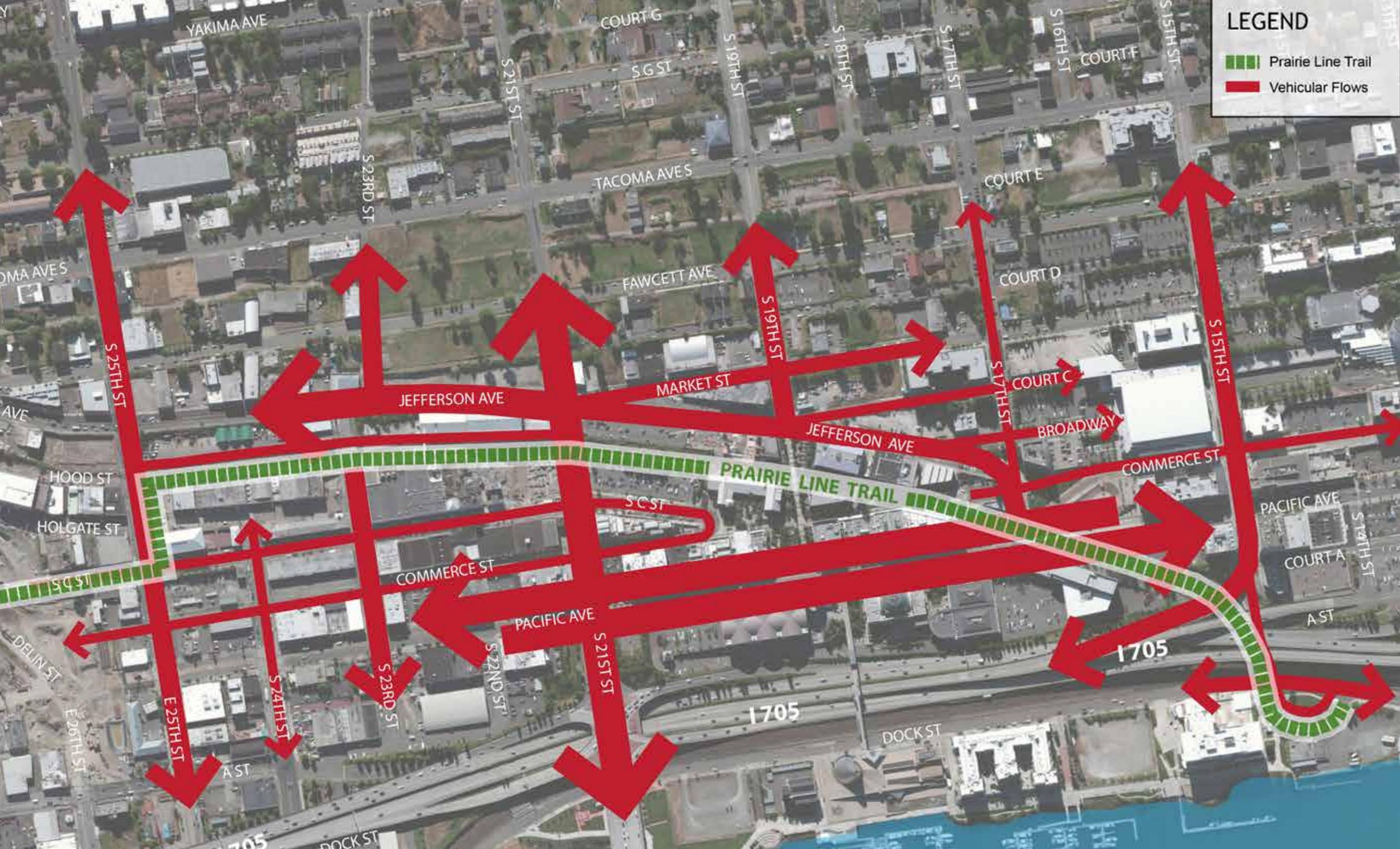


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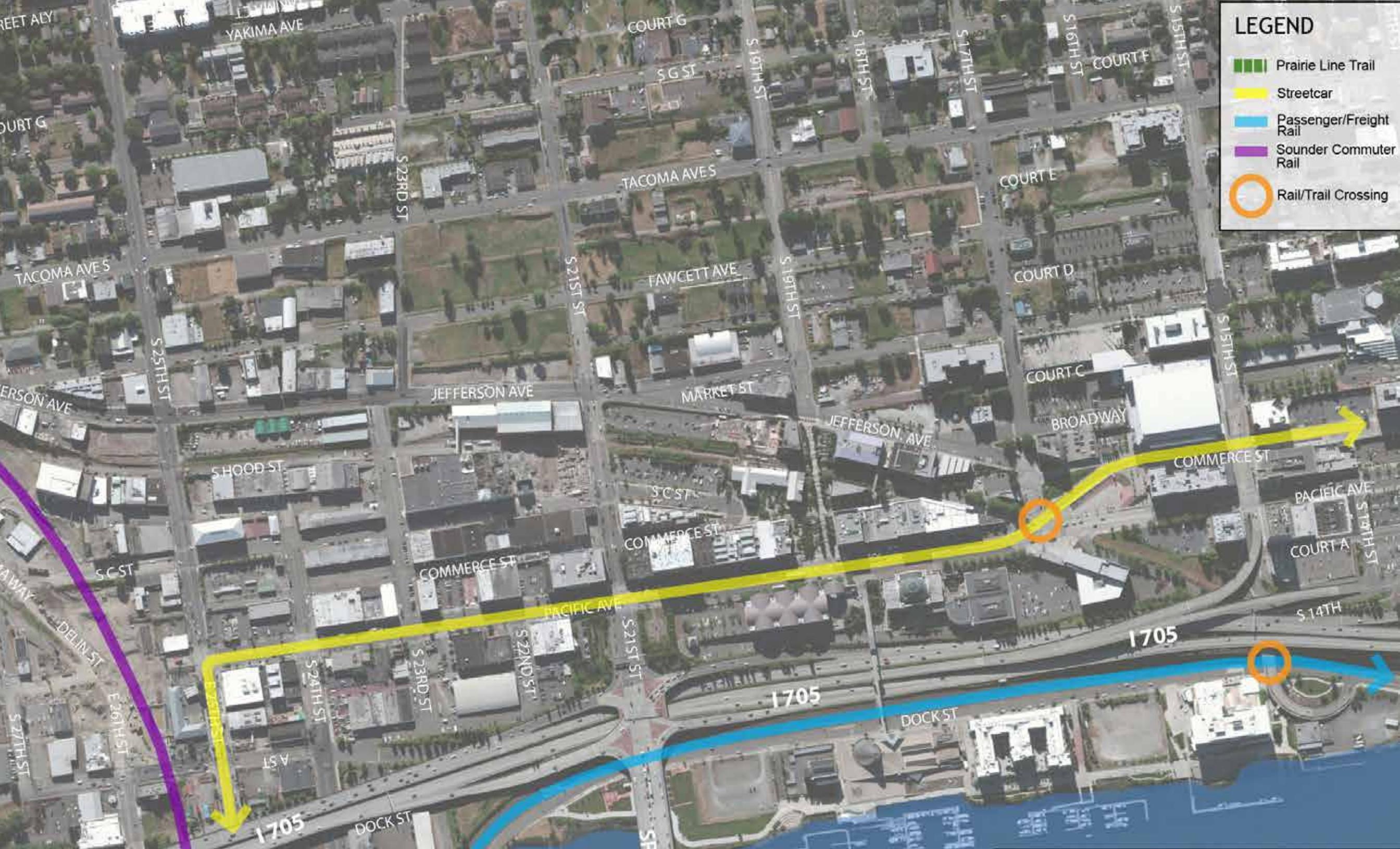
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- Prairie Line Trail
- Pedestrian Environment
- Art Loop Walk (approx. 1.2 miles)



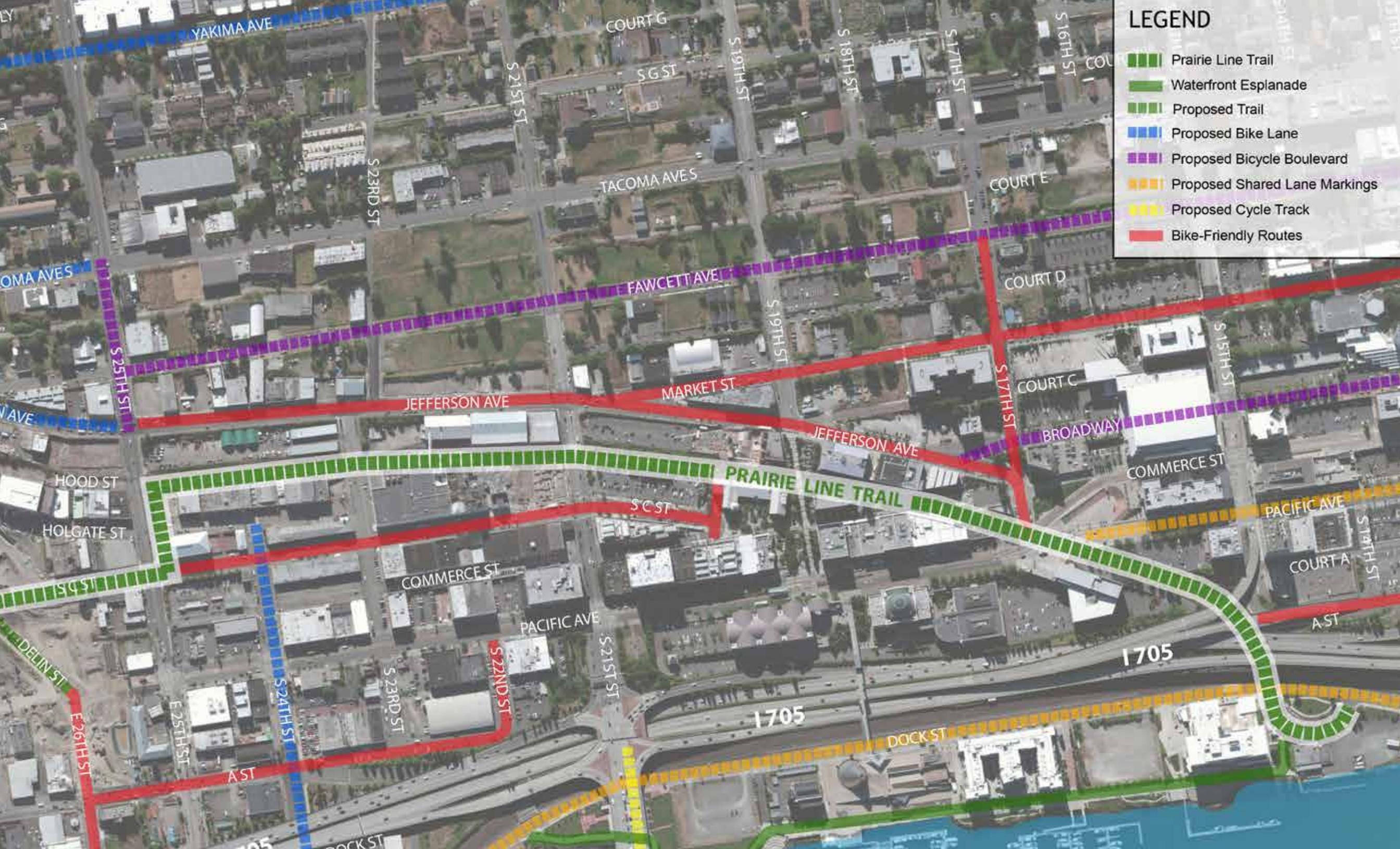
LEGEND

-  Prairie Line Trail
-  Vehicular Flows



LEGEND

- Prairie Line Trail
- Streetcar
- Passenger/Freight Rail
- Sounder Commuter Rail
- Rail/Trail Crossing



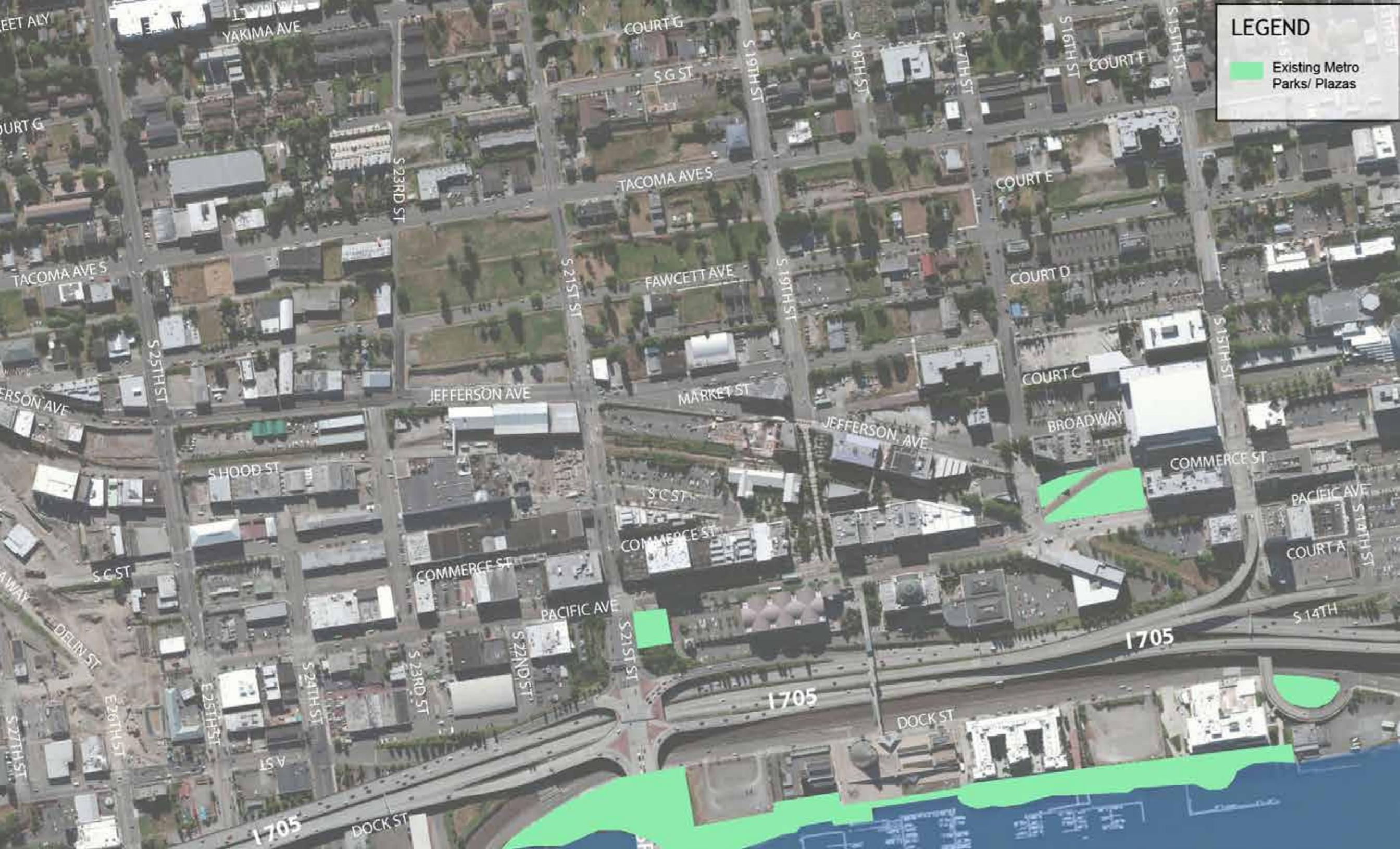
LEGEND

- ▬▬▬ Prairie Line Trail
- ▬▬▬ Waterfront Esplanade
- ▬▬▬ Proposed Trail
- ▬▬▬ Proposed Bike Lane
- ▬▬▬ Proposed Bicycle Boulevard
- ▬▬▬ Proposed Shared Lane Markings
- ▬▬▬ Proposed Cycle Track
- ▬▬▬ Bike-Friendly Routes



LEGEND

- Identified contributing buildings in a Landmark/ Historic or Conservation District
- Buildings with contributing historic character per 2001 inventory
- Buildings with more significant historic value per 2001 inventory



LEGEND

Existing Metro Parks/ Plazas



UNDERSTANDING

DEVELOPMENT

CATALYZE ECONOMIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT BY CREATING A SIGNATURE PUBLIC SPACE THAT **CONNECTS** DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS, MAINTAINS ACCESS FOR ADJACENT PROPERTIES, ATTRACTS PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND **HARMONIOUSLY** INTEGRATES WITH AND ENHANCES ITS SURROUNDINGS.

MOVEMENT

CONNECT THE FOSS WATERWAY, DOWNTOWN DESTINATIONS AND REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORKS VIA A SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND ACCESSIBLE **MULTI-USE PATHWAY**.

GATHERING

DEVELOP A SERIES OF ATTRACTIVE, SAFE, AND **MEANINGFUL OPEN SPACES** THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO **INTERACT, LEARN AND PLAY**.

HISTORY

RESPECT THE **HISTORY OF THE PRAIRIE LINE**, PARTICULARLY THE CURVE AND GRADE OF THE TRACKS, AND THE STORY OF ITS LAND, PEOPLE AND ECONOMY THROUGH PRESERVATION AND INTERPRETATION.

CULTURE

INTEGRATE **PUBLIC ART** AND DESIGN FEATURES THAT CREATE CONNECTIONS TO TACOMA'S PLACE, CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORY.

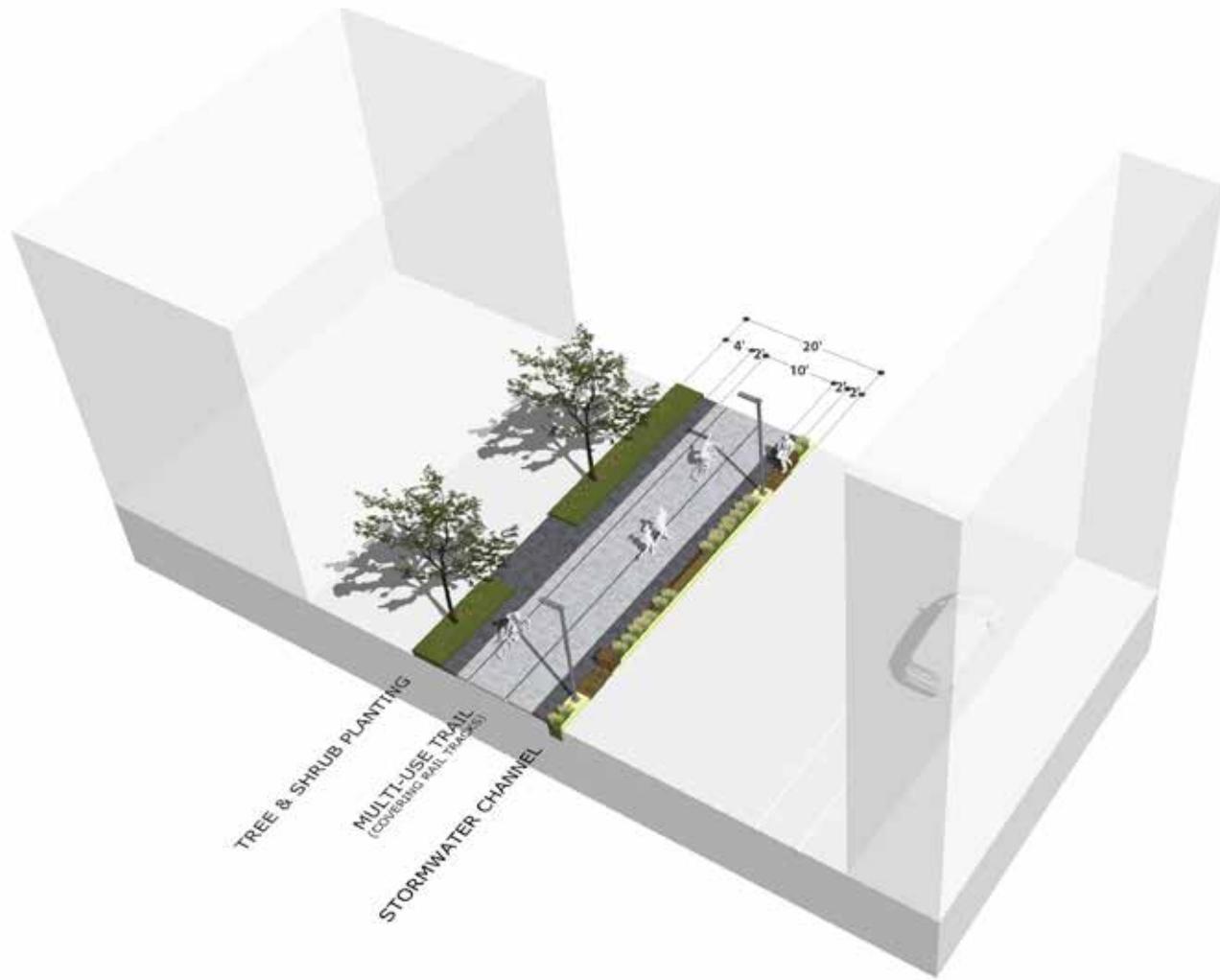
NATURE

INTEGRATE NATURAL FEATURES AND SYSTEMS, INCLUDING INNOVATIVE **STORMWATER** STRATEGIES, AND INSPIRE INTERACTIONS WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.











OVERLOOK WATER STREET URBAN FLEXIBLE UWT STATION CIVIC ART PARK FOSS CONNECTOR

CONTINUITY + IDENTITY + FUNCTIONALITY + FLEXIBILITY + MAGNET

A green-tinted photograph of a railway track. The rails are visible, with tall grass growing between them. The word "CONCEPT" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

CONCEPT





PYTHIAN TEMPLE

WALKER

WALKER

NEW YORK and WASHINGTON
OUTFITTING CO.

Proposed: Water is Conveyed, Detained, Infiltrated and Polished



Existing: Rainwater Piped Underground



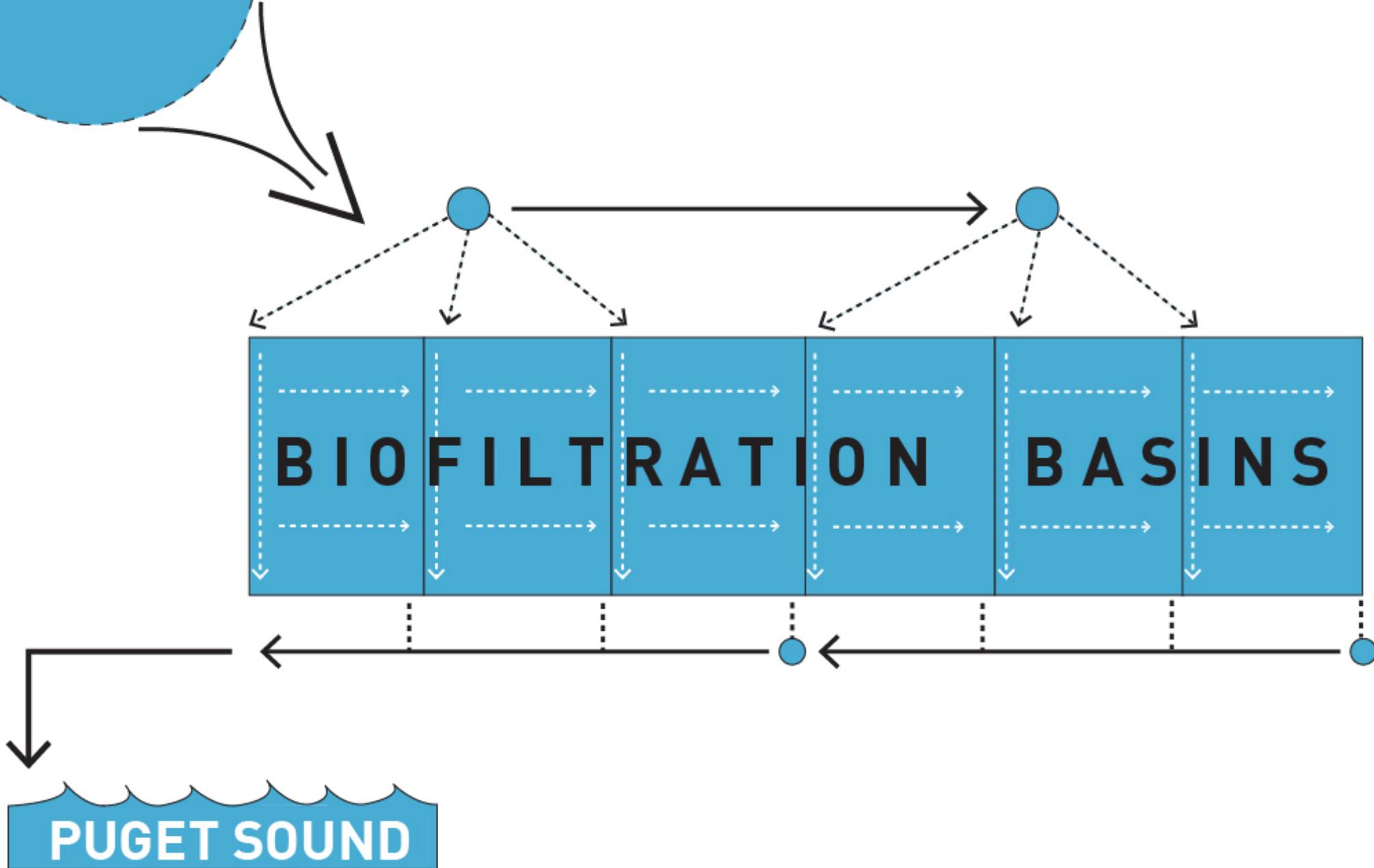
Proposed: Roof Water Collected for Re-Use

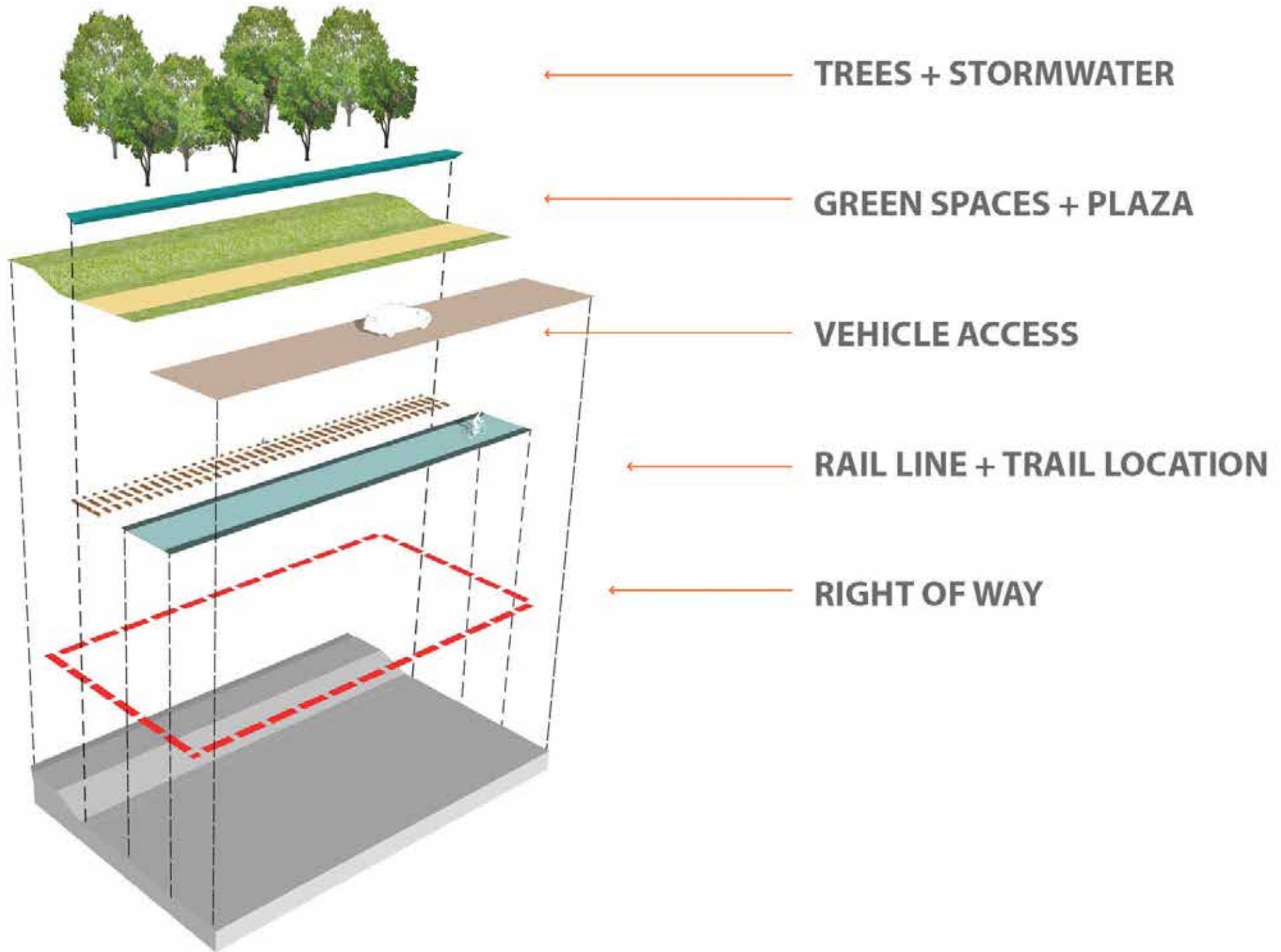


Proposed: Surface Water Collected for Re-Use

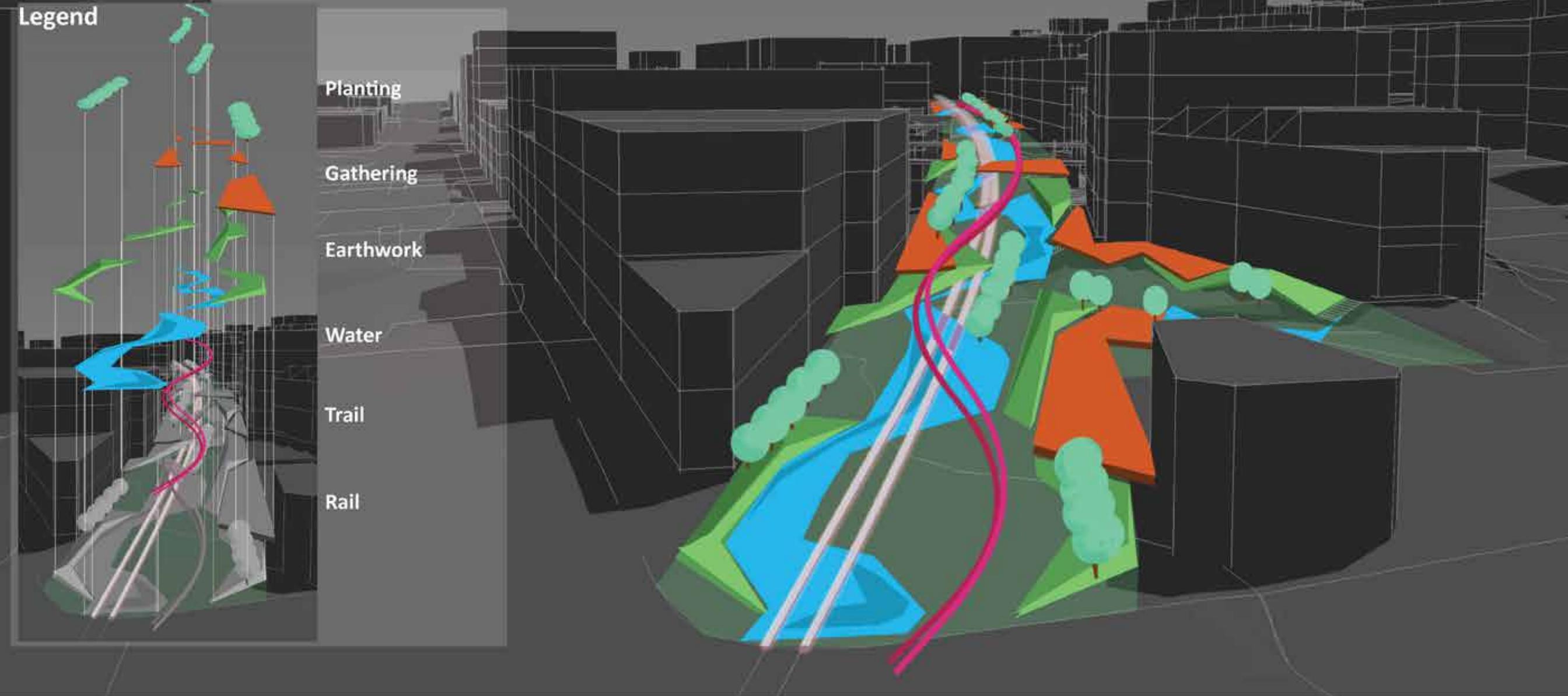


40 ACRES





Legend



Planting

Gathering

Earthwork

Water

Trail

Rail

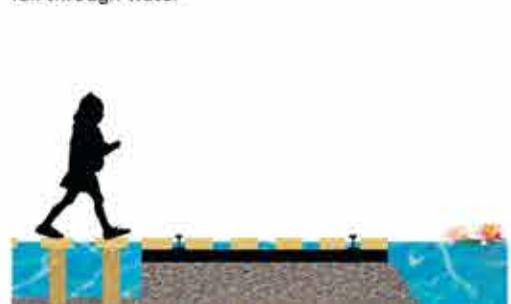
rail through planting area



rail through earthworks



rail through water



rail through decking



rail through paving





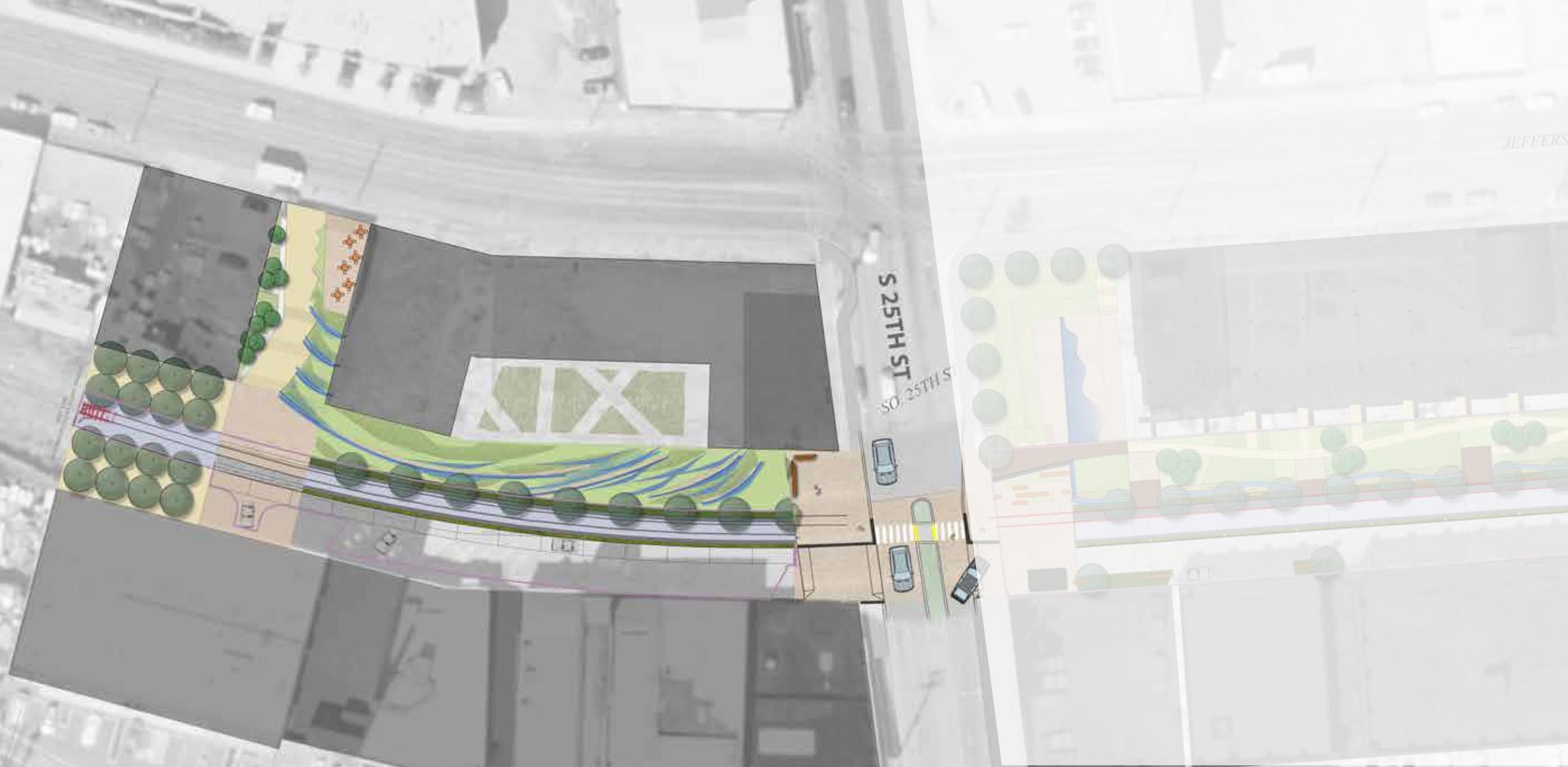














Water Street 25TH - 23RD STREETS

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Civic Art Park 17TH - 15TH STREETS

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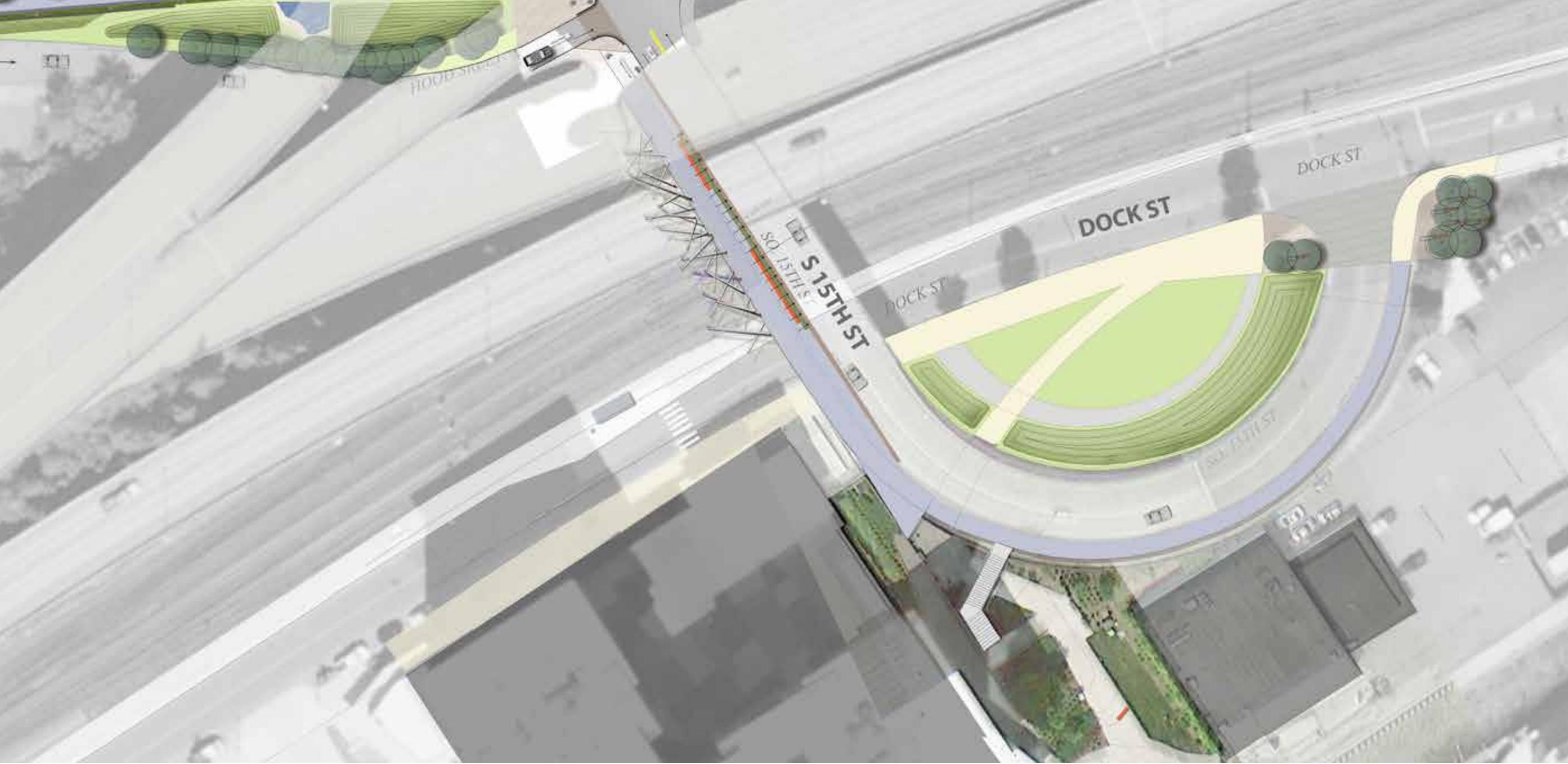




Prairie Line Trail Phase I AT 17TH STREET

Image courtesy of City of Tacoma

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UWWT STATION



Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station



Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station AT 21ST STREET Before



Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station AT 21ST STREET After

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Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station AT 19TH STREET Before



Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station AT 19TH STREET After





Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station **TIMBER WALLS**

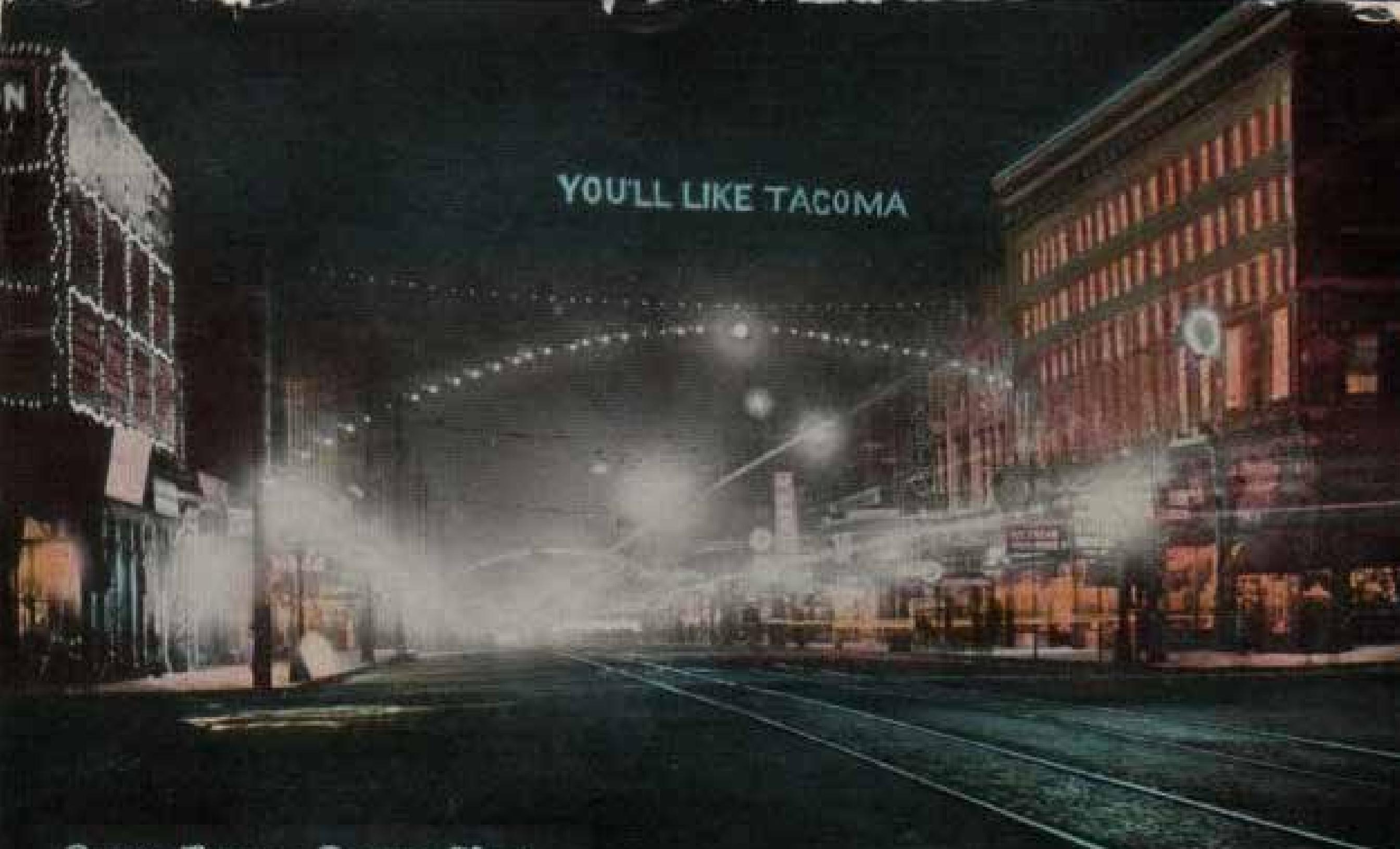


Prairie Line Trail at UWT Station CENTRAL PLAZA AT 19TH STREET

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**COMMUNITY
REGENERATION**



YOU'LL LIKE TACOMA





Investment in the Arts

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Pacific Brewing & Malting Co. reopens 2014



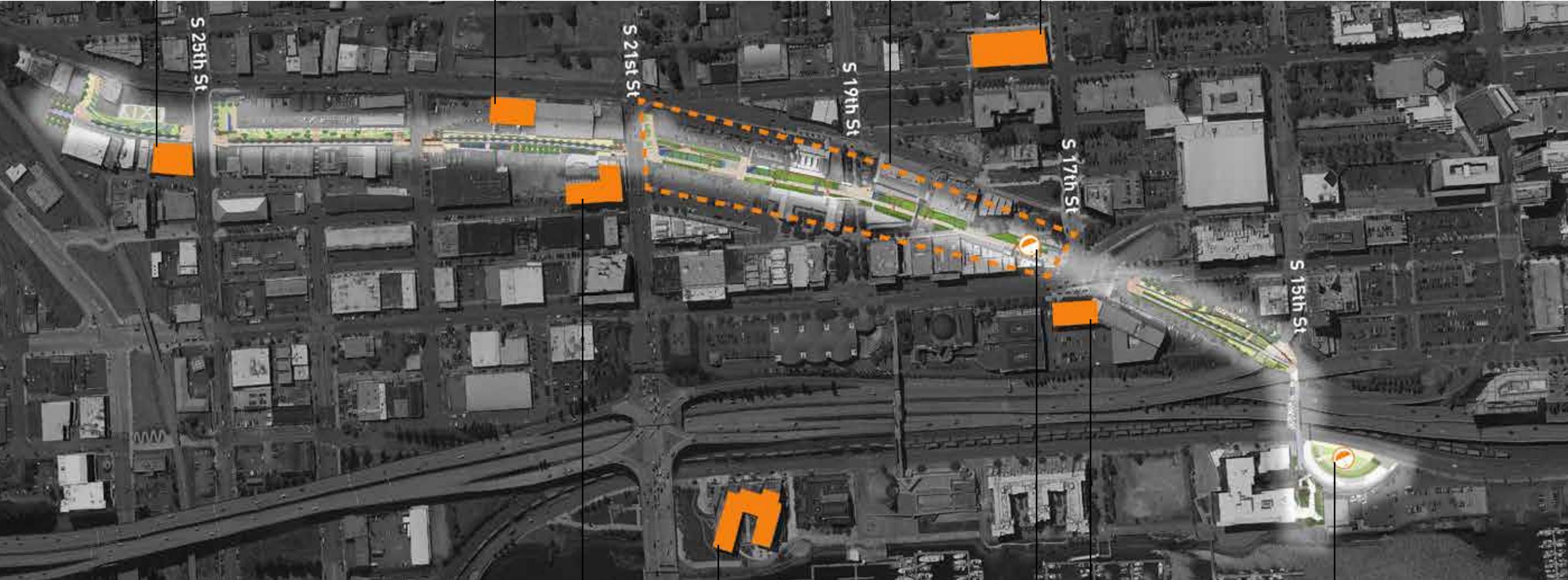
UW Tacoma Station 2014



Seven Seas Brewing 2016



University Y Student Center 2015



Holiday Inn Express 2013



Japanese Memorial 2014



Sun King 2016



The Henry Apartments 2015



TAM Haub Galleries 2014



Nisqually Power Station (RAM brewery expansion)

TAM Benaroya NW Art 2018

New Hotel at Convention Center

Heritage Grant: *Mural Puyallup*

Heritage Grant: *Pillar Painting*



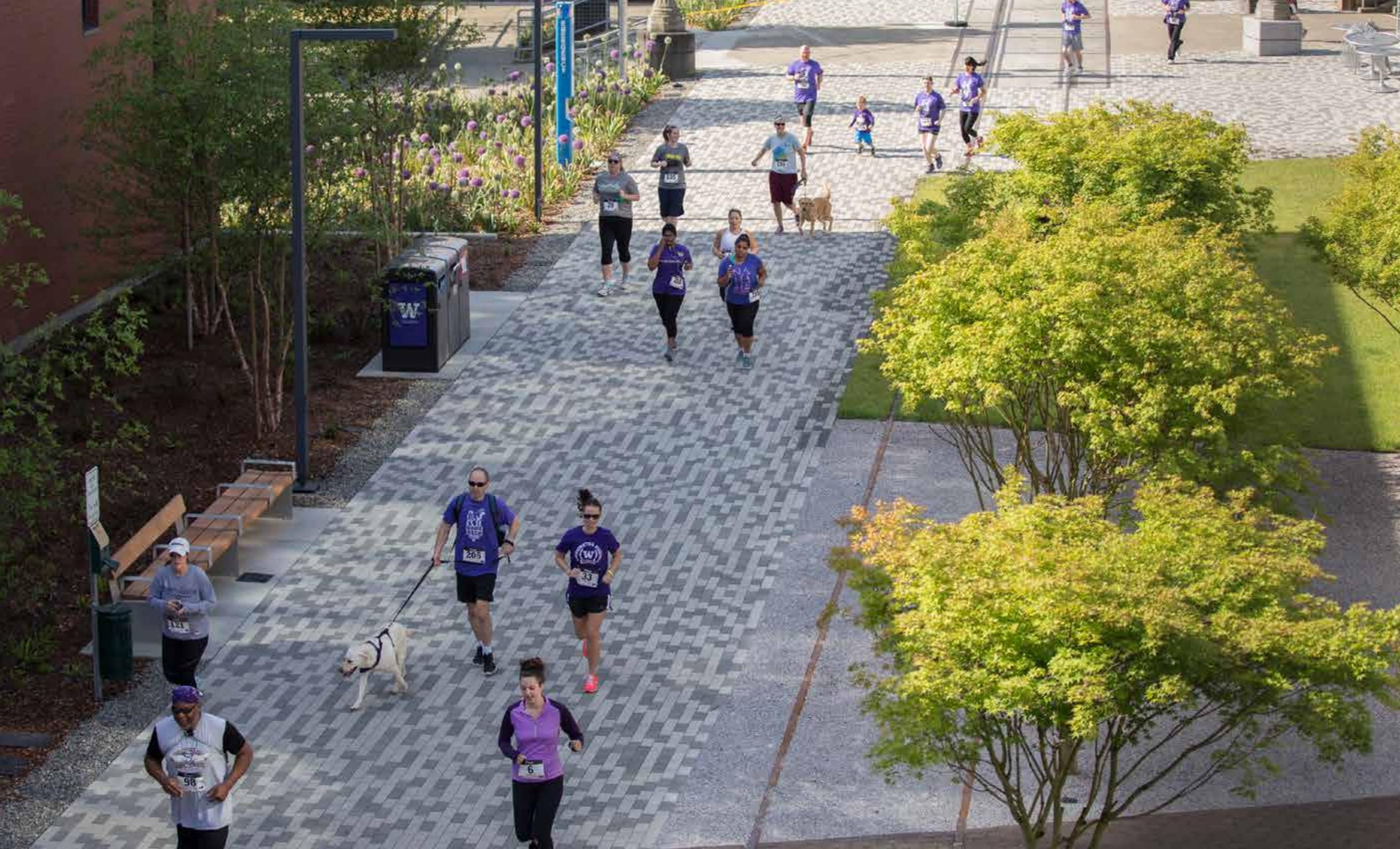
Heritage Grant: *Chinese Wagon*

Heritage Grant: *Bridge Sculpture*

Heritage Grant: *Children's Sculpture*







Thank You

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SEATTLE

BOGOTA

TOKYO

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