

EAST 66TH COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

COMMUNITY UPDATE OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 16, 2025



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AGENDA: East 66th Complete Street Project

Welcome & Introductions

- City and neighborhood leadership

Project Update - *Where we've been & where we are*

- Introduction of project team
- Project schedule
- Goals & project evolution
- Funding update
- Today's conversations

Info & Interactive Stations - *Talk to us*





Hough Cultural Preservation Project

June 16, 2025

E 66th Streetscape Meeting

How did we get here?



Celebrating the legacy of **Leo's Casino** through Leo's Listening Parties.



Engaging the community on the future of the **E 66th St corridor**. One resident asked "Where is the Black Avenue in Cleveland?"



A group 30 from TCF, MTC, and Hough neighbors visited the **Soulsville neighborhood** in Memphis.

Vision for Hough Cultural District



Wealth Creation

Encouraging Black-owned businesses to foster economic empowerment and reinvestment in the community.



Sense of Belonging & Identity

Cultivating culturally familiar spaces that connect residents to their heritage.



Self-Actualization & Creativity

Investing in the next generation of creatives, artists, and entrepreneurs who live or will find a home in Hough.



Celebration & Historic Significance

Highlighting and honoring Black history through landmarks, public art, and events.



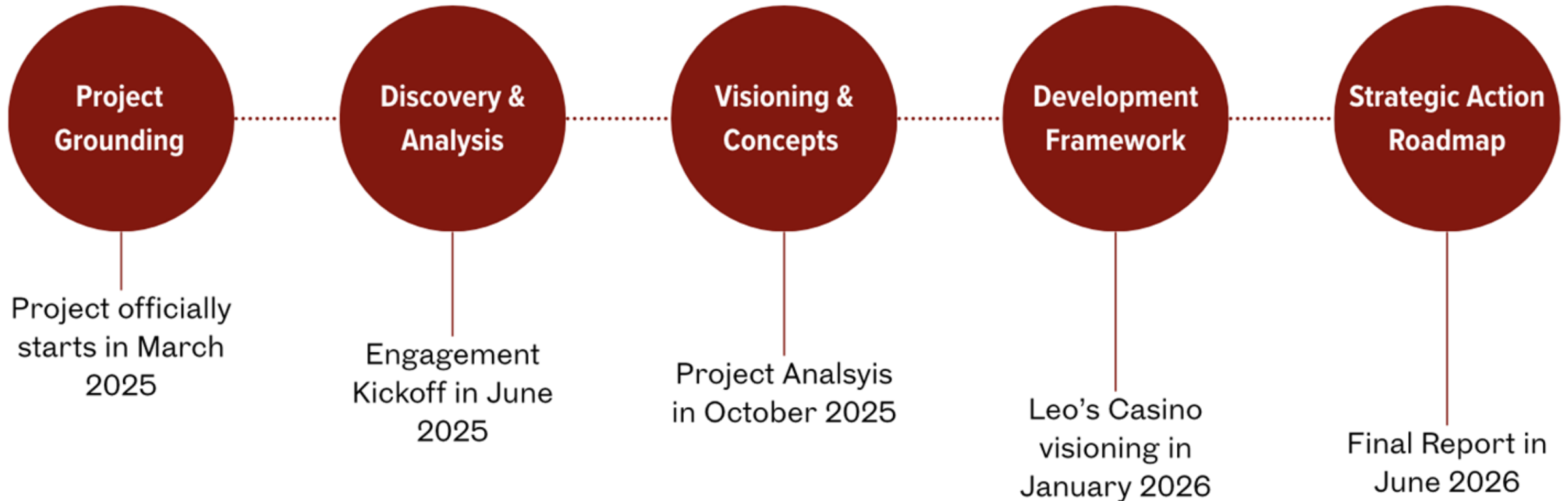
Anti-Displacement

Ensuring the retention of Black residents, businesses, and cultural elements to prevent displacement and preserve community identity.



Project Timeline

Key milestones from March 2025 to June 2026



Thank you!

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An aerial photograph of a city neighborhood, likely in Chicago, featuring a baseball field with a red infield and green outfield. The field is surrounded by residential houses, trees with autumn foliage, and a parking lot. In the background, the Chicago skyline is visible under a cloudy sky.

We're doing it!

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EAST 66TH COMPLETE STREET PROJECT PROJECT TEAM

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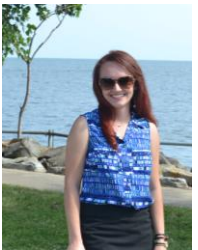
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Project Timeline & Schedule



complete street
safety improvements
community spaces

PROJECT UPDATES

funding sources
site amenities
connectivity

Project Approach

“Create a national model public space that emphasizes seamless connectivity and accessibility - promoting physical, social, and technological links – with an underlying commitment to justice and equity.”



Community Priorities

Project Priorities

Redesign the street and public spaces to **give greater priority to pedestrians, bicycles and alternate modes of transportation.**

Improve neighborhood connections through access to a **variety of transportation options**, and access to amenities and cultural resources that support improved quality of life.

Increase universal accessibility through wider, unobstructed paths, materials that resist freeze-thaw cycles and support smoother movement, and details that support safe crossing for people of all abilities, **with a goal of exceeding ADA and other industry standards.**

Provide signals, decrease



Project Priorities

Provide new trees, flowers and easily maintained landscaping that **add beauty and value** to the street.

Incorporate a range of benches, trash cans, bus shelters and other street furniture, as well as flexible spaces for outdoor activities to **bring back public spaces for the community.**

Include parking to support neighborhood activities, without allowing parking to dominate the neighborhood.

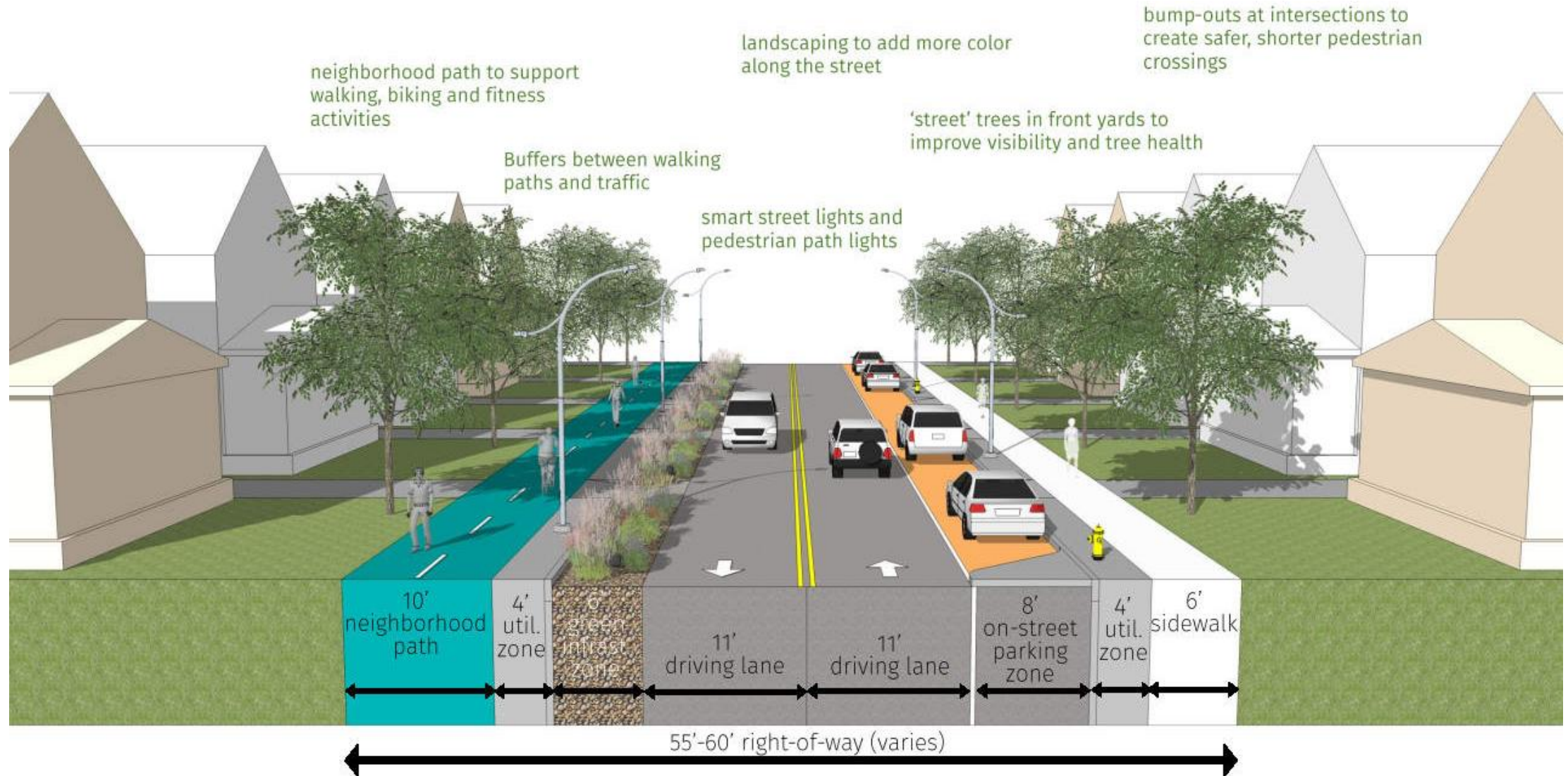
Create intersection details that prioritize pedestrian movement at Chester Avenue to **bridge the neighborhood divide** that was created with Chester Avenue's construction.

Balance the street with **the same level of detail in multiple locations** and consider phasing – **build equity into the details.**



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Conceptual Design



Preliminary Engineering – 2021-2022

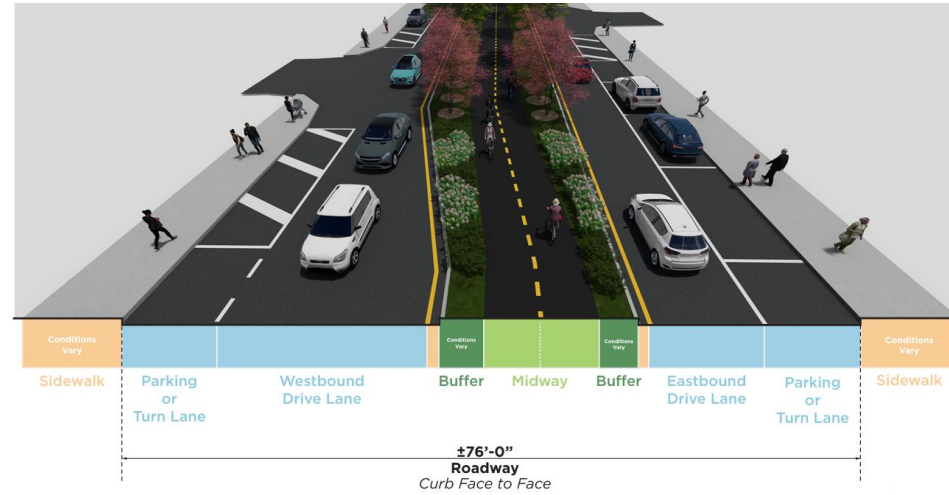
- Additional street furniture and amenities at transit waiting areas
- Addition of street trees in tree lawn area on west side of street as an alternate to green infrastructure zones
- Special pavement for crosswalks at Hough Avenue intersection
- Removal of crosswalk north of Belvidere
- Addition of pedestrian scale streetlights
- Adjusted spacing on stripes in multi-use path
- Public art at Hough Avenue intersection
- Additional planter areas for ornamental trees and pollinator plantings

- Removal of speed table at East 68 & Chester
- Wider crosswalks at intersection for increased visibility
- Incorporation of one pedestrian refuge island at the shared-use path
- Ornamental and pollinator planting beds at corner locations
- Addition of street trees in tree lawn area on west side of street as an alternate to green infrastructure zones
- Special pavement at crosswalks to the north and south of the intersection
- Addition of pedestrian scale streetlights
- Adjusted spacing on stripes in multi-use path
- Addition of special signage and public art

Primary Refinements:

- Addition of tree lawn
- Multipurpose path adjusted from 10' to 9'
- Preliminary locations for street furniture
- Removal of special paving in roadway locations
- Addition of pedestrian light poles
- Adjustments to East 66th & Chester crosswalks

Neighborhood Updates



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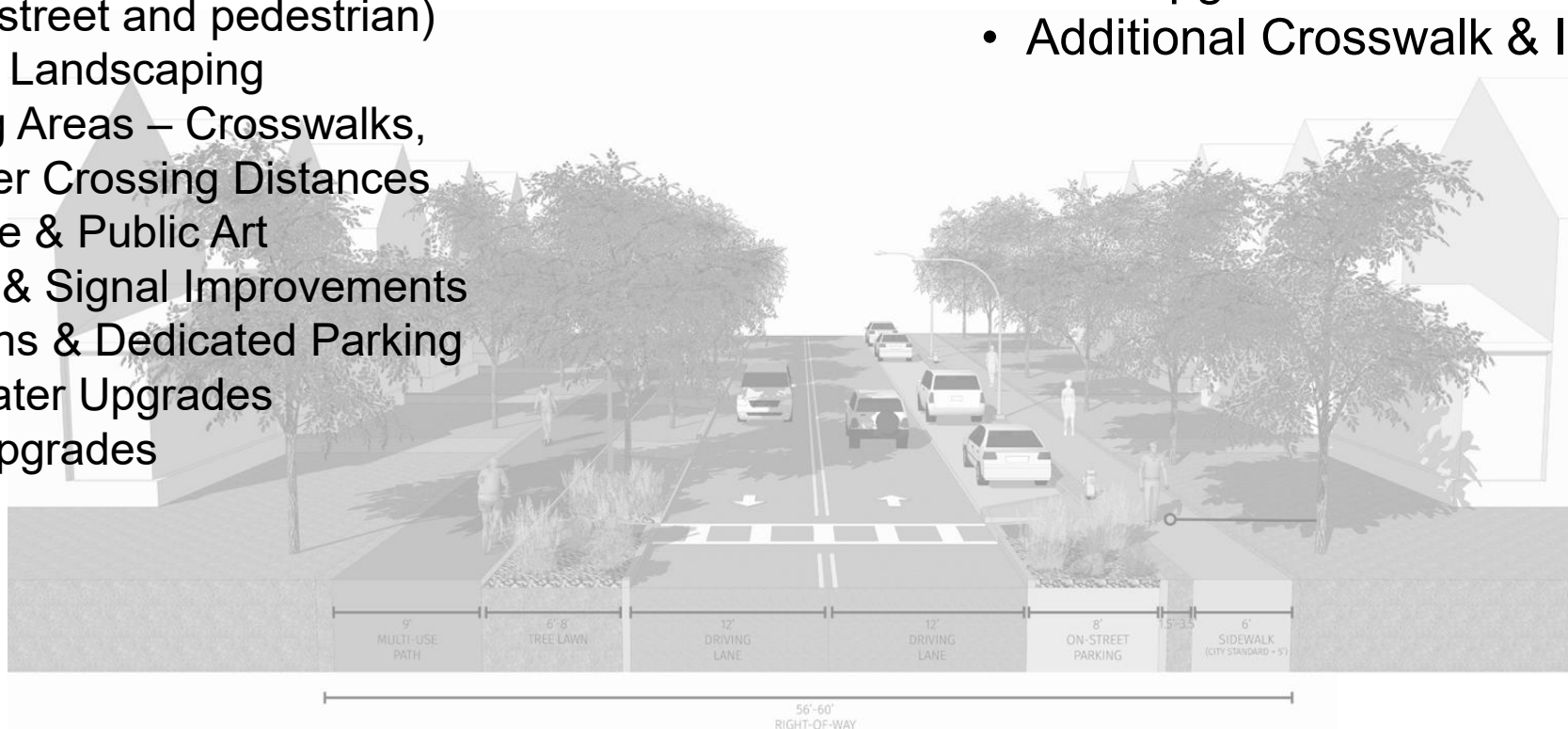
Project Funding & Scope Updates

What's the same:

- Roadway Repair & Curb Replacement
- Multipurpose Path
- Expanded Sidewalk Zone
- New Lighting (street and pedestrian)
- Street Trees & Landscaping
- Safer Crossing Areas – Crosswalks, Signals, Shorter Crossing Distances
- Street Furniture & Public Art
- Traffic Control & Signal Improvements
- Curb Extensions & Dedicated Parking
- Drainage & Water Upgrades
- Transit Stop Upgrades

What has changed:

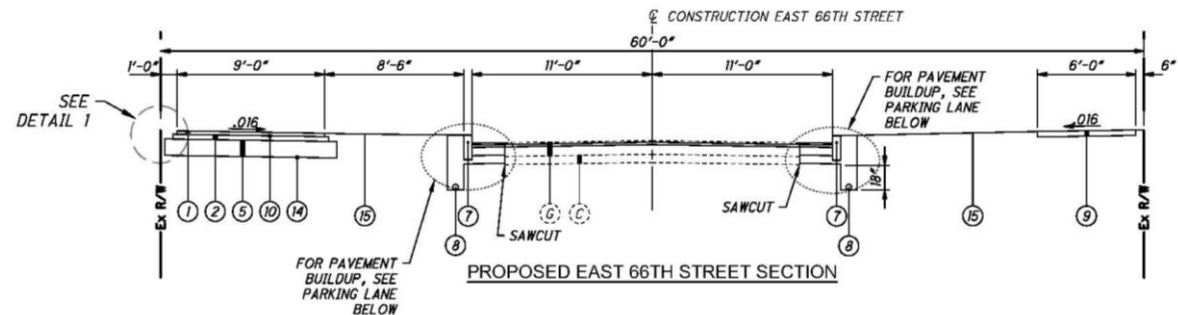
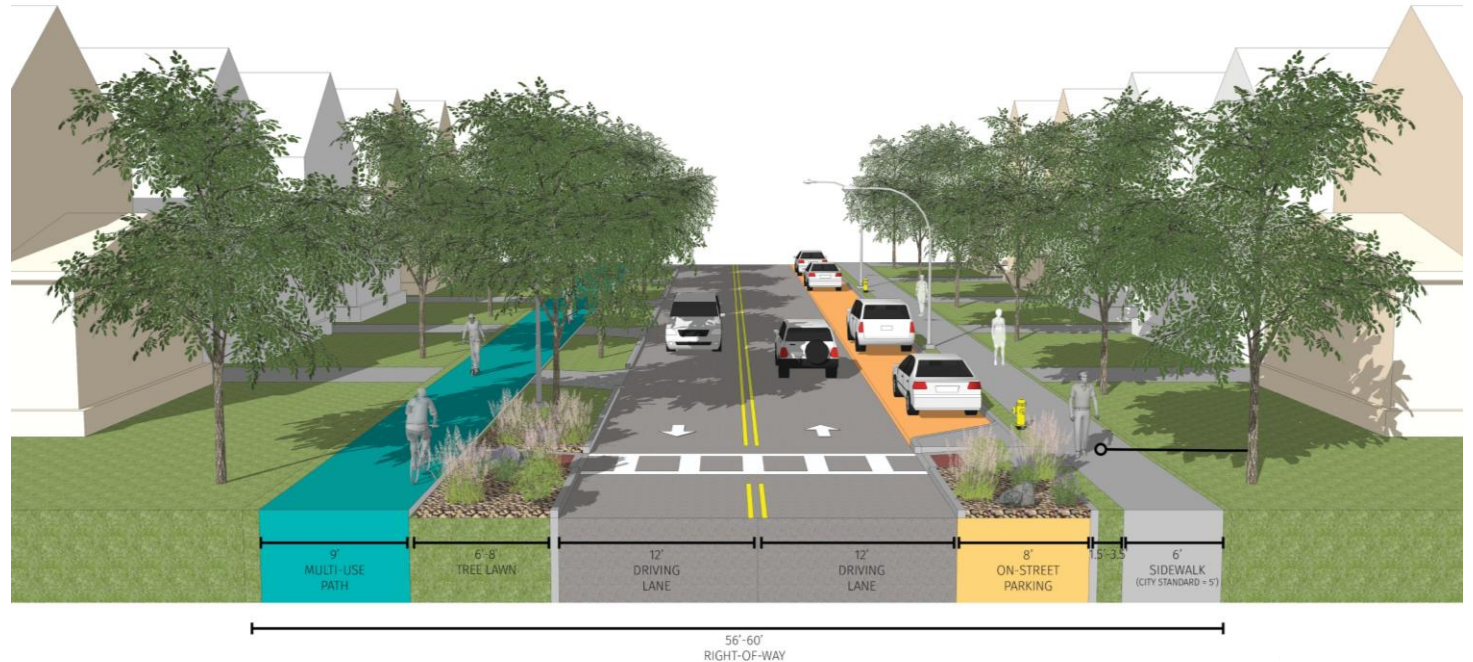
- Buried Utilities (Removed)
- Additional Transit Details
- Upgraded Pedestrian & Bike Details
- Additional Crosswalk & Island at Chester



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Final Engineering Phase

- Adjust street width along bus route
- Confirm final street tree and landscaping locations
- Update crosswalks to new City of Cleveland standards
- Consider additional safety upgrades
- Confirm street furniture locations
- Finalize on-street parking locations
- Update bus stop details
- Coordinate with utilities
- Adjust curb radii along bus route
- Develop material quantity lists and updated cost estimates



Final Design Details

What we need to figure out together:

- Additional safety features
- Site amenities & landscape details
- Public art & colors



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