



Re-imagining Graham Avenue

The time to re-imagine Graham Avenue is now.



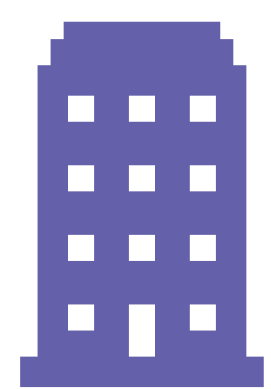
Buses will no longer use Graham Avenue in the next 5 to 10 years



Central location in Downtown's sports, hospitality, and entertainment district (SHED)



Lots of great destinations on Graham Avenue and within a short walk



New development to come at Wehwehneh Bahgahkinahgohn (former HBC building)



Many future development opportunities



Key bike linkage Downtown

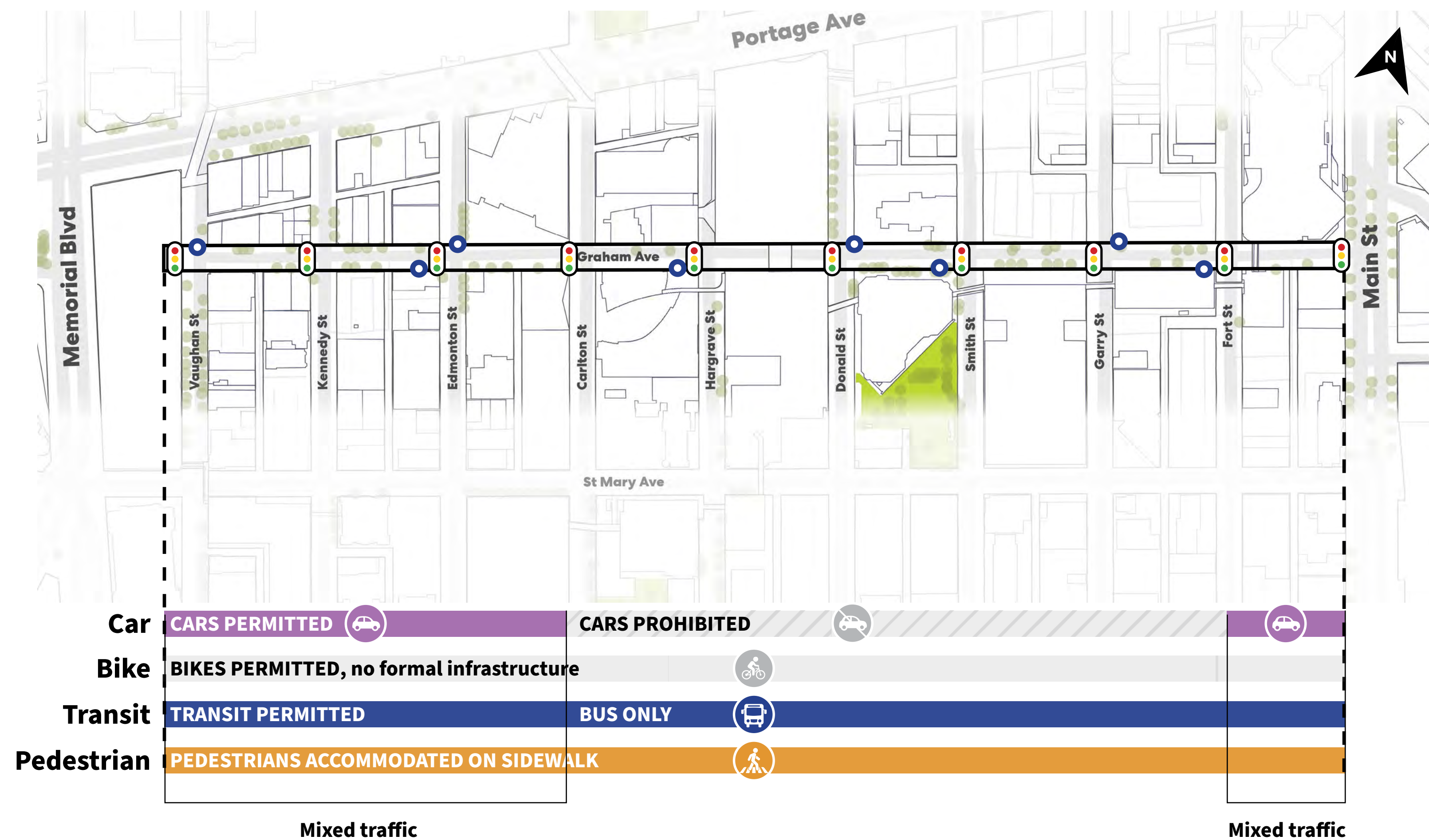


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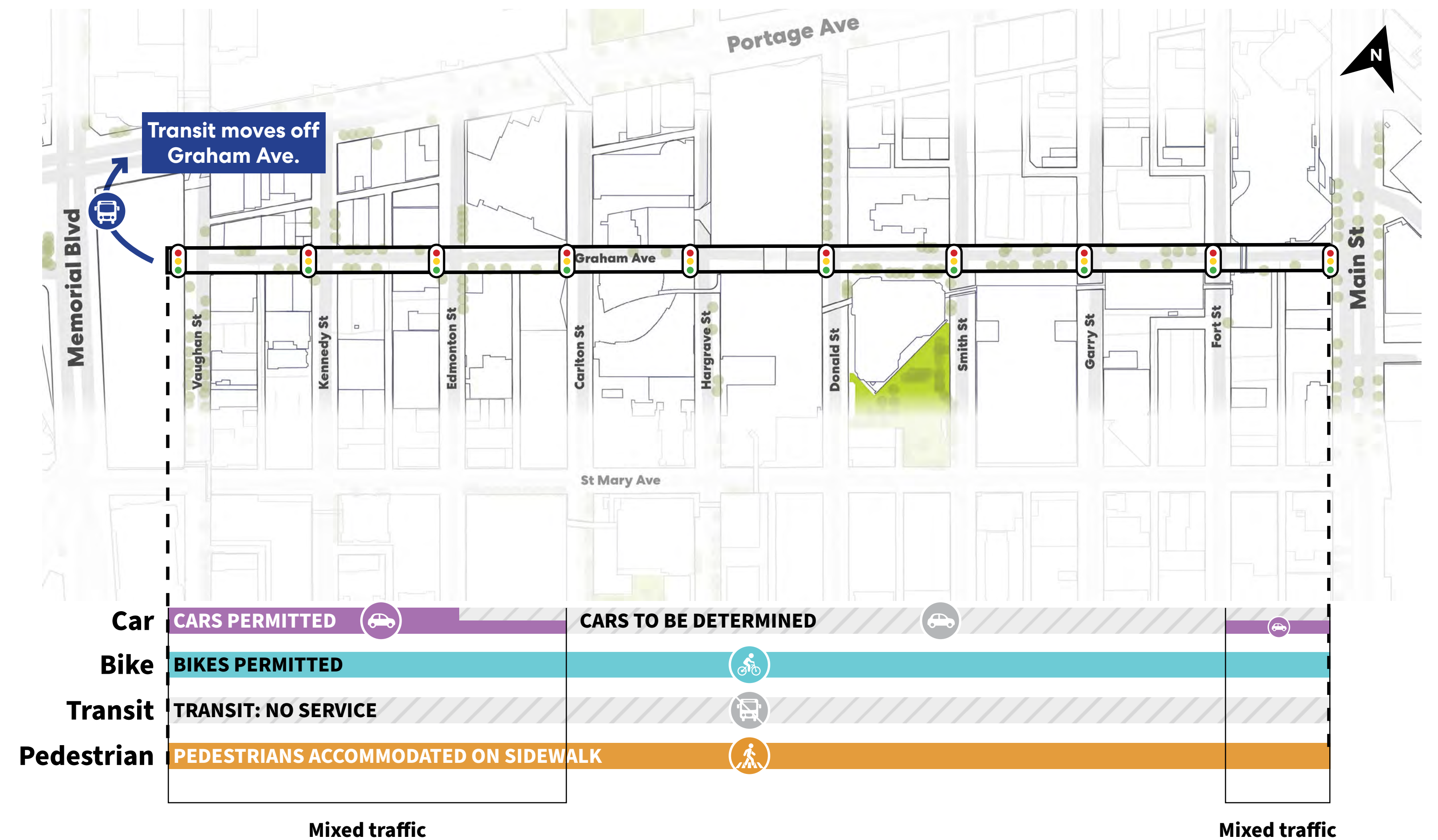
What's Changing on Graham Avenue?

Today, Graham Avenue is primarily a bus, bike, and pedestrian only street, with cars permitted on the three most western blocks, and between Fort and Main streets. Over the next five to ten years, Winnipeg Transit will be moving off Graham Avenue. This gives us an incredible opportunity to re-imagine how we use that space and design a street to meet the needs of people living, working, and visiting Downtown.

GRAHAM AVENUE TODAY



GRAHAM AVENUE IN THE FUTURE (buses moved to Portage Avenue)



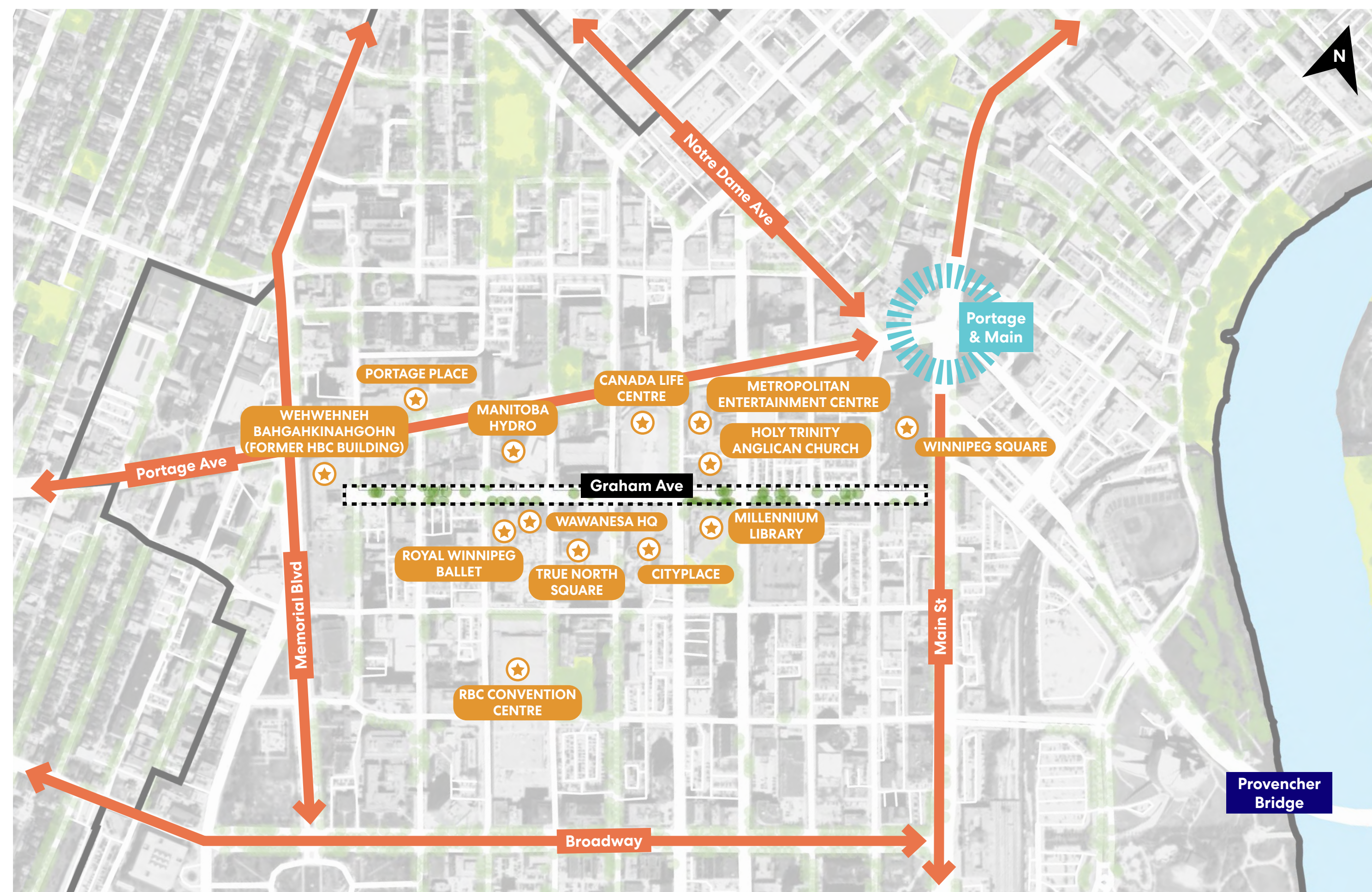


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The Opportunity

Centrally located, with lots of great destinations along its length as well as some prime development sites, Graham Avenue is perfectly situated to be Downtown's signature open space.

GRAHAM IN THE CONTEXT OF DOWNTOWN



The following objectives will help to guide the re-imagining of Graham Avenue.



Placemaking

Attracting people by creating a place to stay, rest, play, and shop. A new destination in the Downtown.



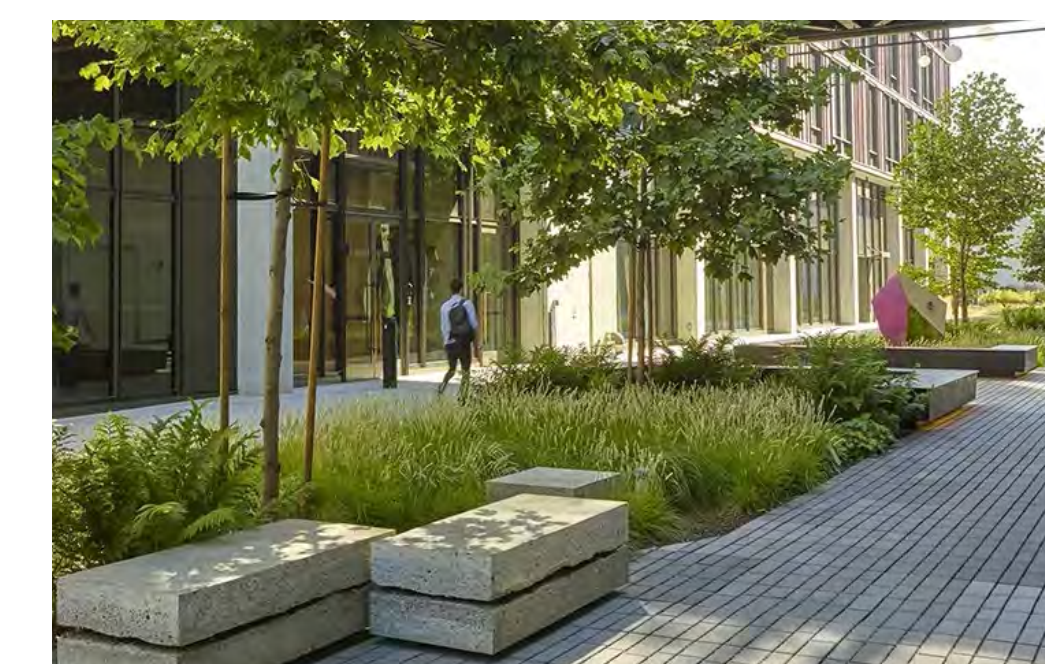
Bike connectivity

Maintaining Graham Avenue's role as a key bike connection in the Downtown that runs parallel to future transit on Portage Ave.



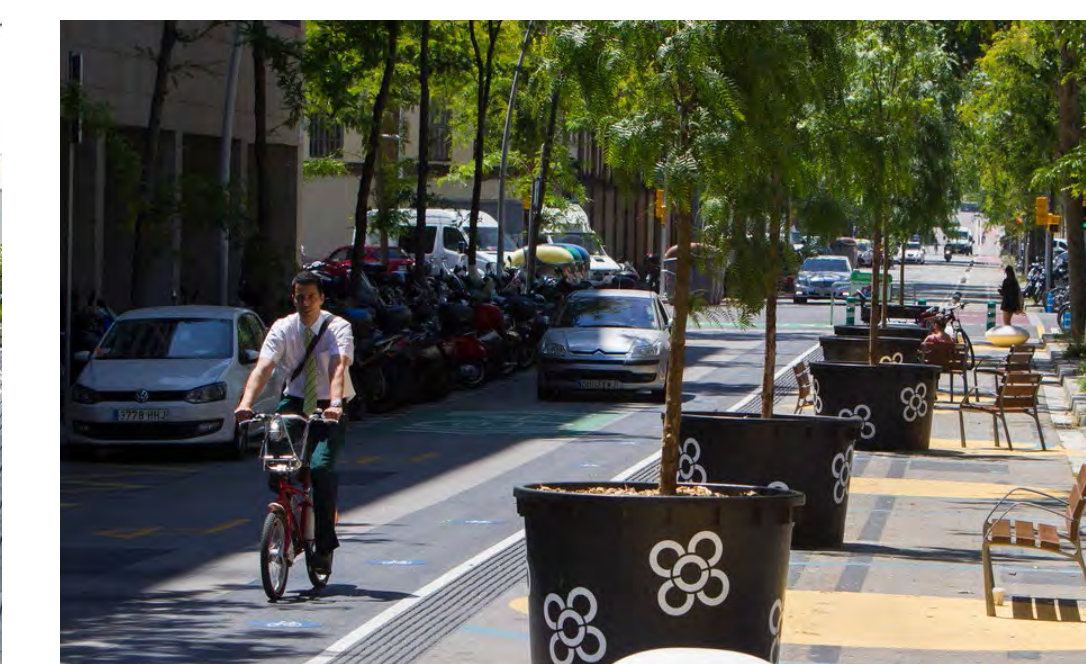
Encouraging infill development

Supporting investment along Graham Avenue, including the redevelopment of large existing parking lots.



Greening streets

Creating a gathering, resting, and recreation space in the busy Downtown with lots of seating, shading, and greenery.



Mixing modes

Accommodating for the modes (cars, pedestrians, cyclists) that best support the function and activities of each segment of Graham Avenue.



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Tree Canopy

approximately

21% of Graham Avenue street sidewalks have public tree canopy



Graham Avenue has some street trees today, but many blocks would benefit from more trees to improve comfort for pedestrians.

Deeper setbacks between buildings and the sidewalk are not common on Graham Avenue. Where they exist, they are used for plazas, green spaces, or parking.

Did you know?

Street trees not only make our streets more beautiful, they are also important for providing shade, managing water, and making our city more resilient to climate change

Setback Zone

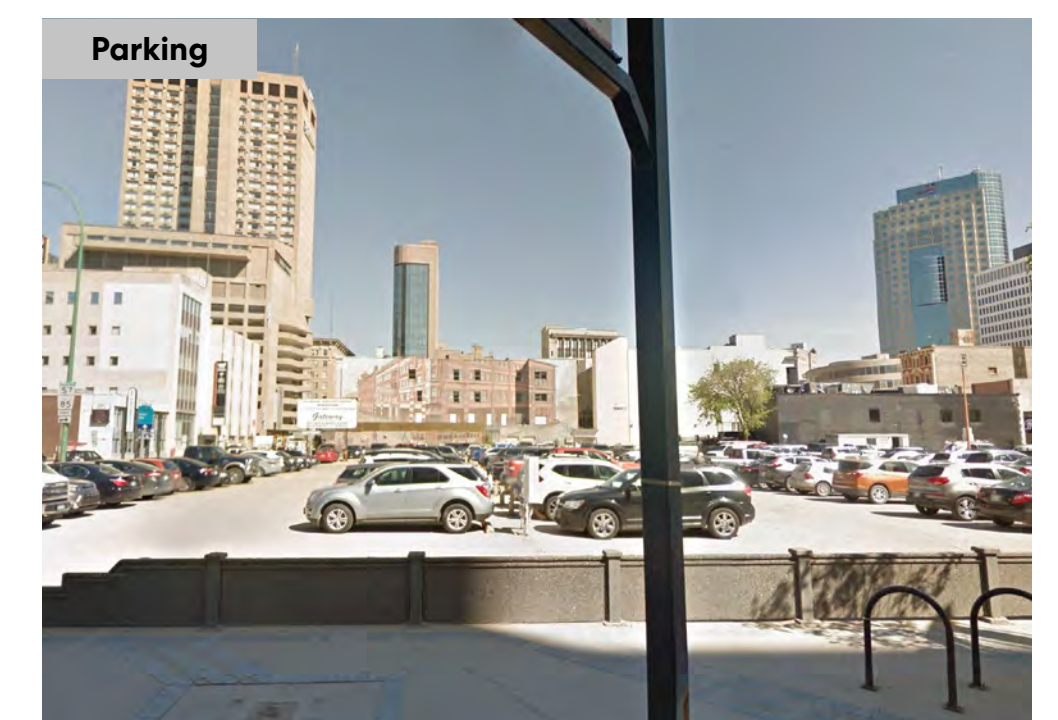
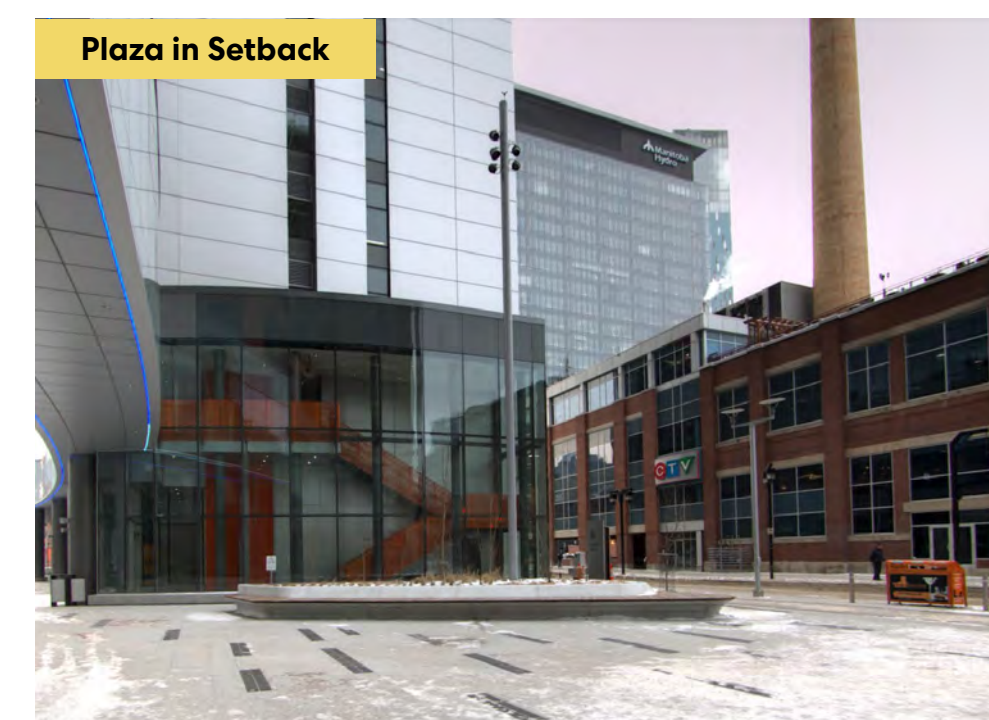
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62% of Graham Avenue properties have no setbacks



Did you know?

Setback zones are the spaces between the building and the property line. They are privately owned, but may be programmed and designed to make public streets more vibrant

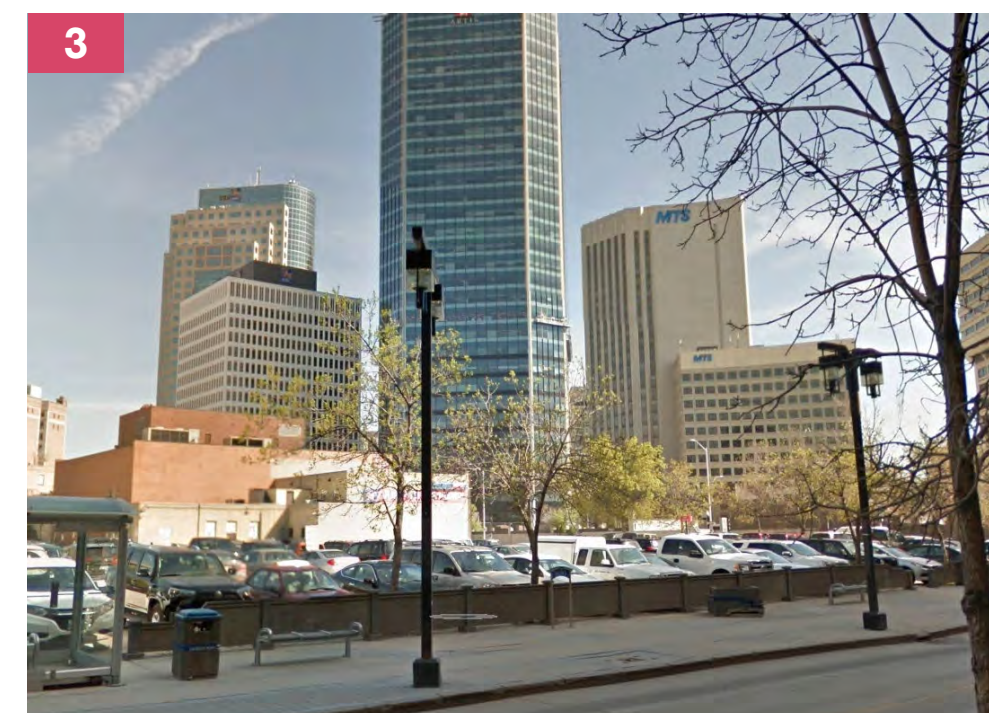
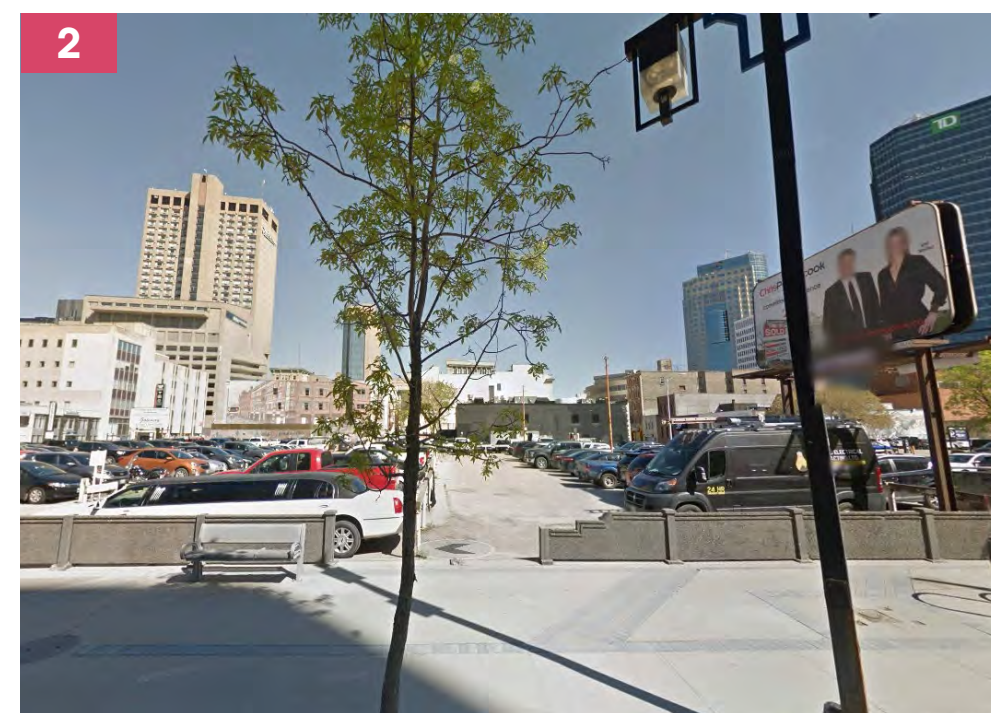
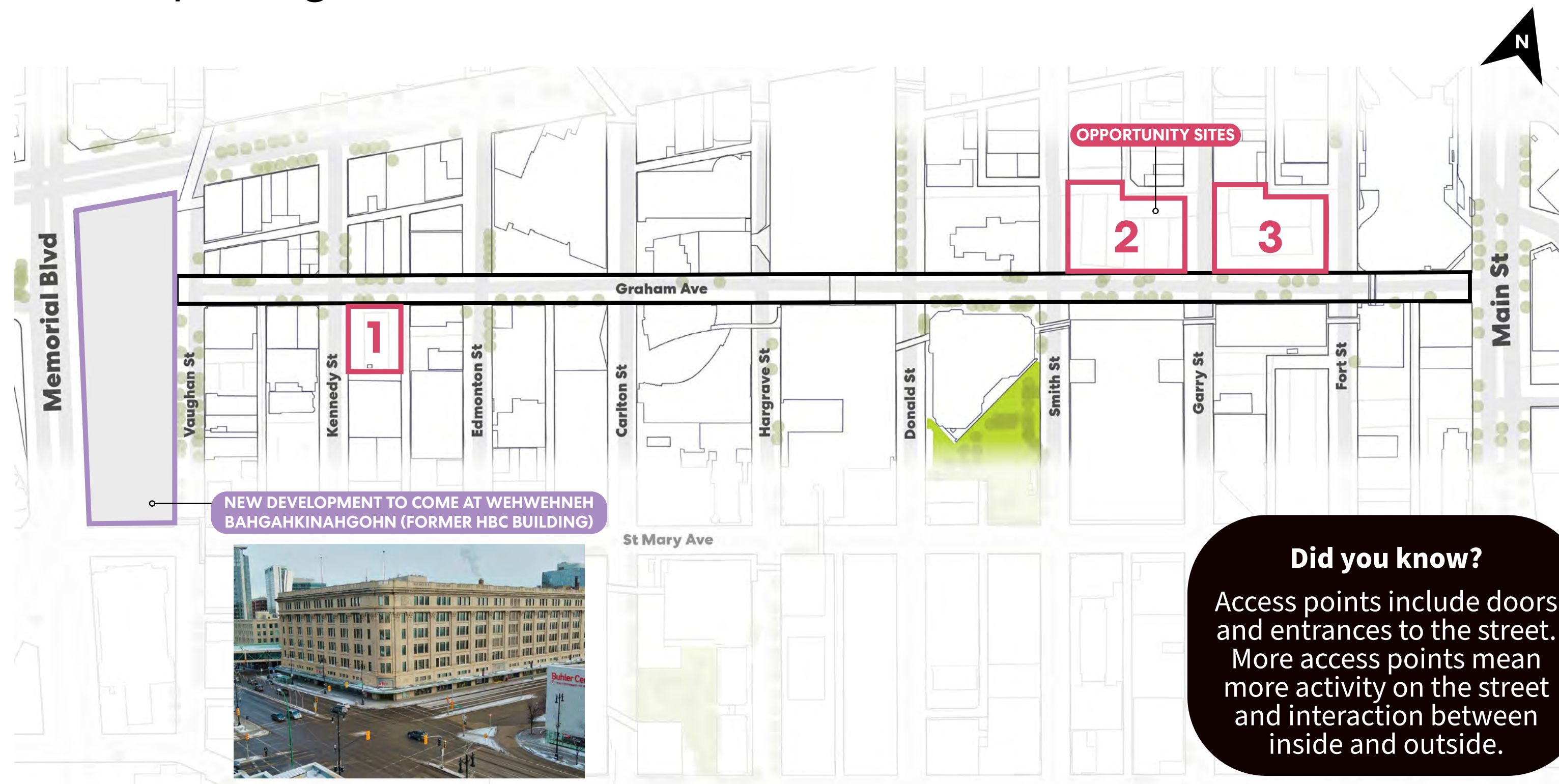




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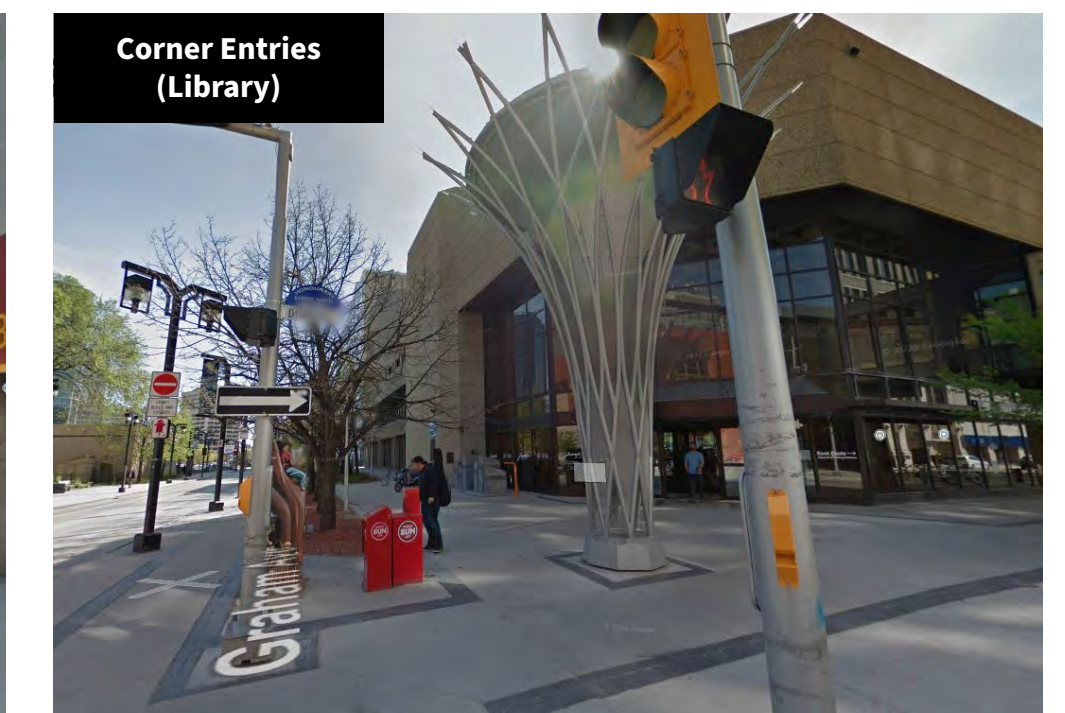
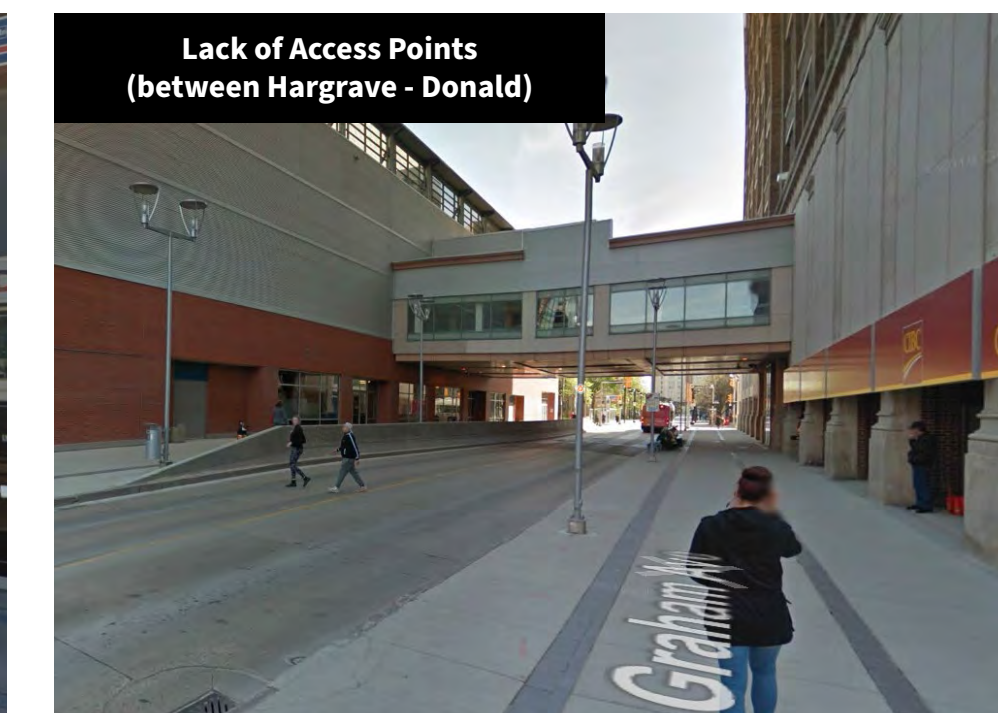
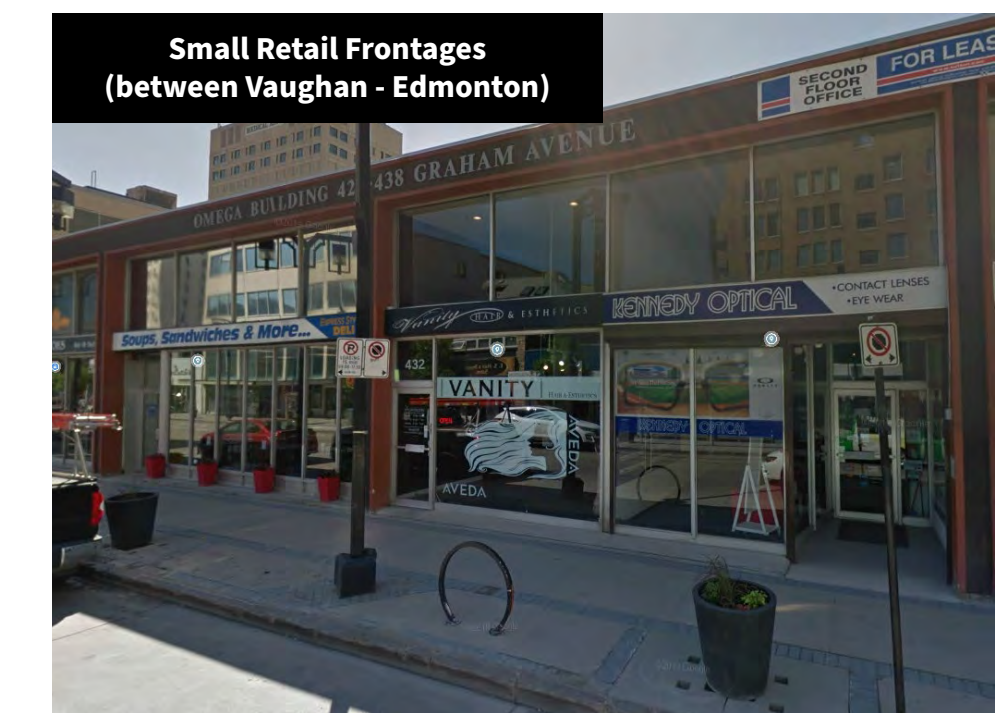
Future Development Opportunities

At the west end of Graham Avenue, the Southern Chief's Organization has plans to transform the historic Hudson's Bay building. There are several more opportunities for future development along Graham Avenue, primarily surface parking lots.



Uses and Accesses

Graham Avenue has a mix of uses that keep it busy throughout the day and evening. Its west end features a commercial zone with lots of doors and windows that add activity to the street. Blank walls and long distances between entrances become more common moving east.





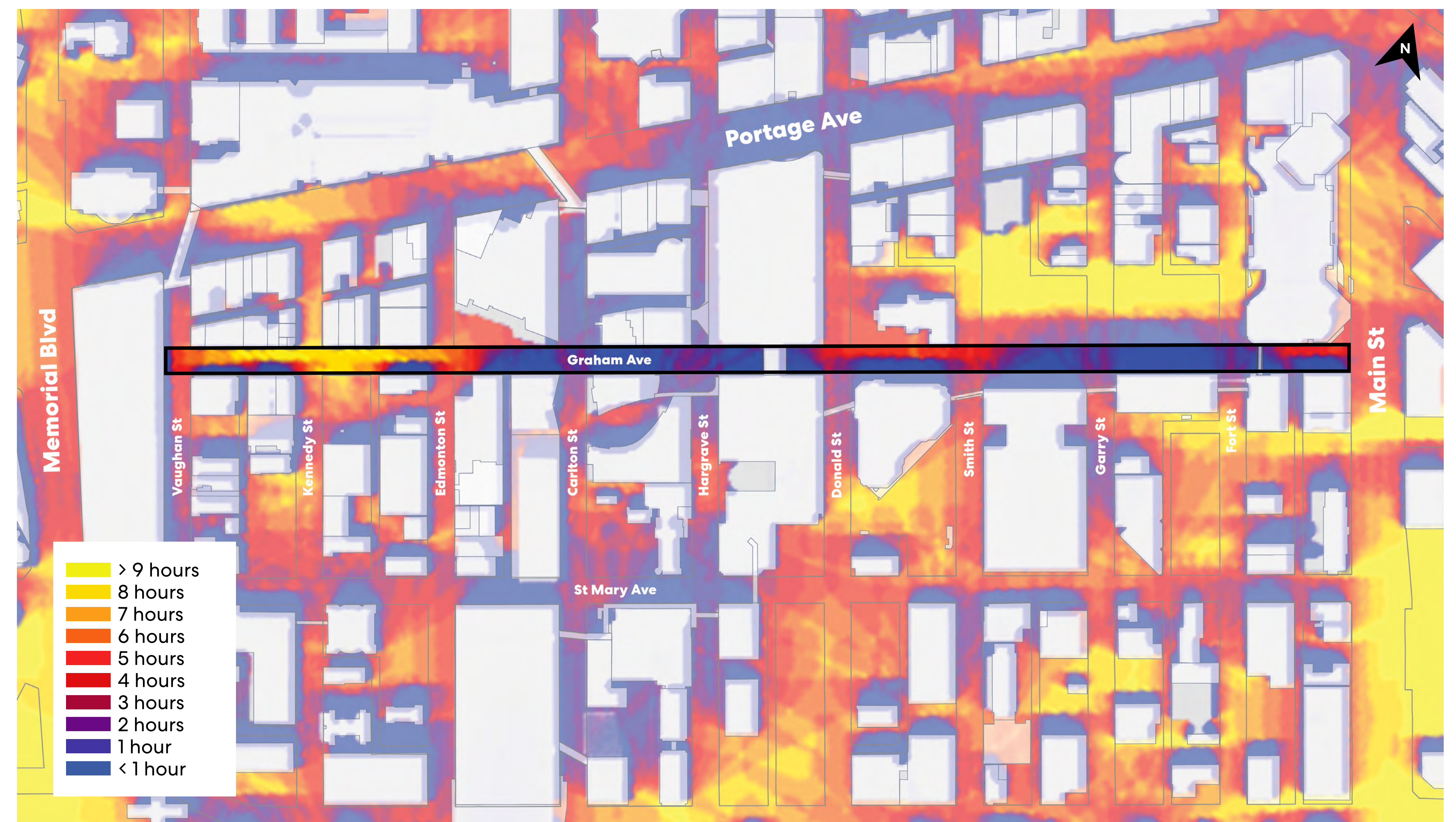
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Shadows

The west side of Graham Avenue receives the most sun throughout the day. Sidewalks on the north side of the street generally receive more sun than sidewalks on the south side of the street.

Did you know?

Access to sunlight is one metric that can be used to determine the best location for certain activities and street elements. For example, patios and play areas are most successful in locations with lots of sunlight, whereas street furniture like benches and garbage receptacles works well in the shade.





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Activity

Now it is time to re-imagine Graham Avenue! Three brand new street zone types are described on the next three boards. Tell us where you think they should go along Graham Avenue!



Key Terminology

Multi-use Path

A path shared by pedestrians and cyclists.

Green/Play Space

A well-vegetated area for trees, seating, relaxation, and play.

Fixed Amenity Space

An area for street furniture that is “fixed” in place. This may include benches, waste receptacles, and bike racks, among others.

Flexible Amenity Space

An area for removable street and patio furniture that could accommodate temporary features like food trucks, a bouncy castle, or tables for a market.



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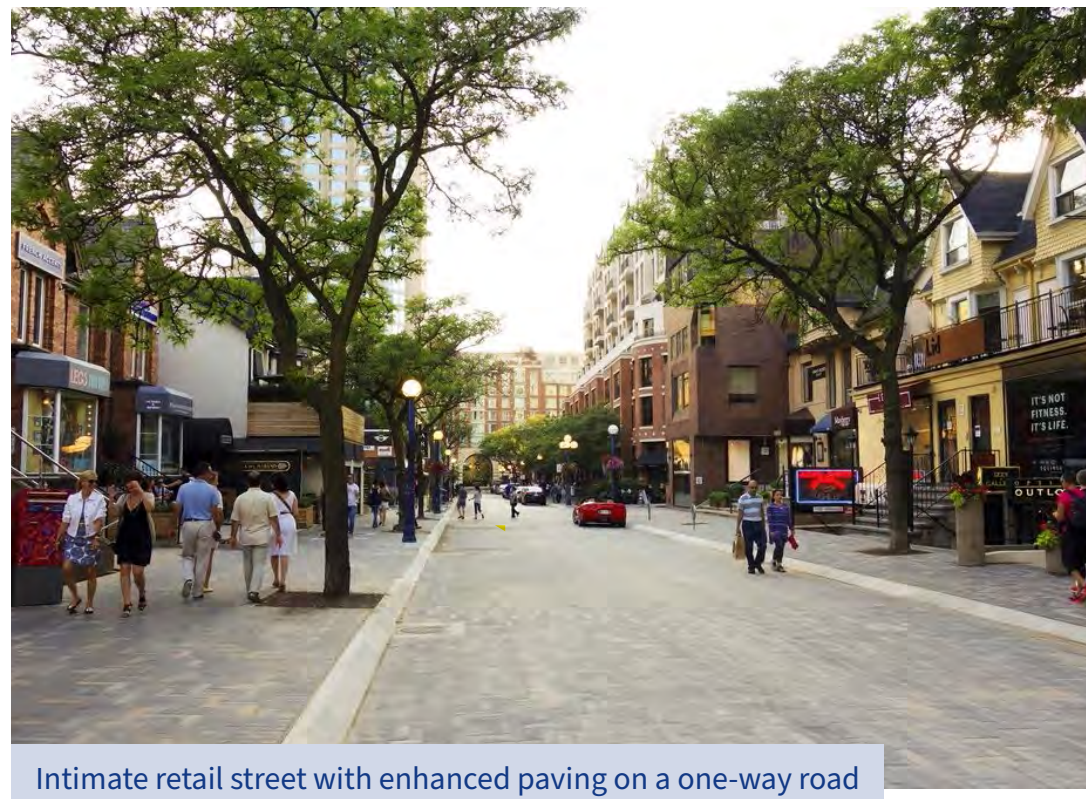
Street with curbside parking, bi-directional bike lanes, and a one-way road



Flexible Amenity Space complete with removable plantings and seating



Patio in the Flexible Amenity Space

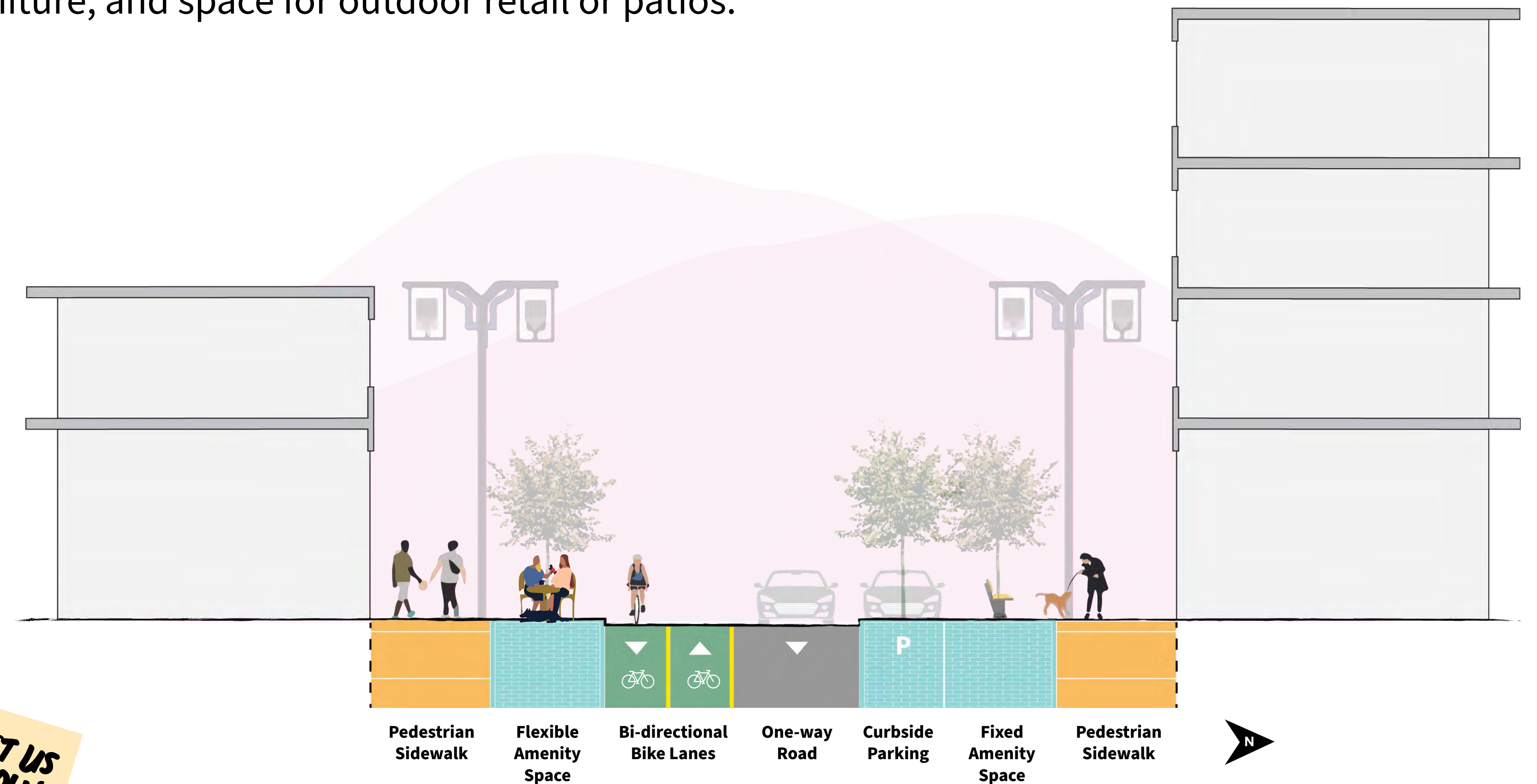


Intimate retail street with enhanced paving on a one-way road

Patios	☐
Public art	☐
Trees/plantings	☐
Seating areas	☐
Curbside parking and loading	☐
Street furniture (bike racks, garbage receptacles, etc)	☐

Shared Zone

In the Shared Zone cars would be permitted; however, more space would be dedicated to pedestrians, cyclists, and patios. Curbside parking and loading would be provided and a wide flexible amenity space would allow for landscaping, street furniture, and space for outdoor retail or patios.



LET US
KNOW!

What would you like to see in the Shared Zone? Place a dot beside all features you would like to see. Leave a sticky note to tell us more!



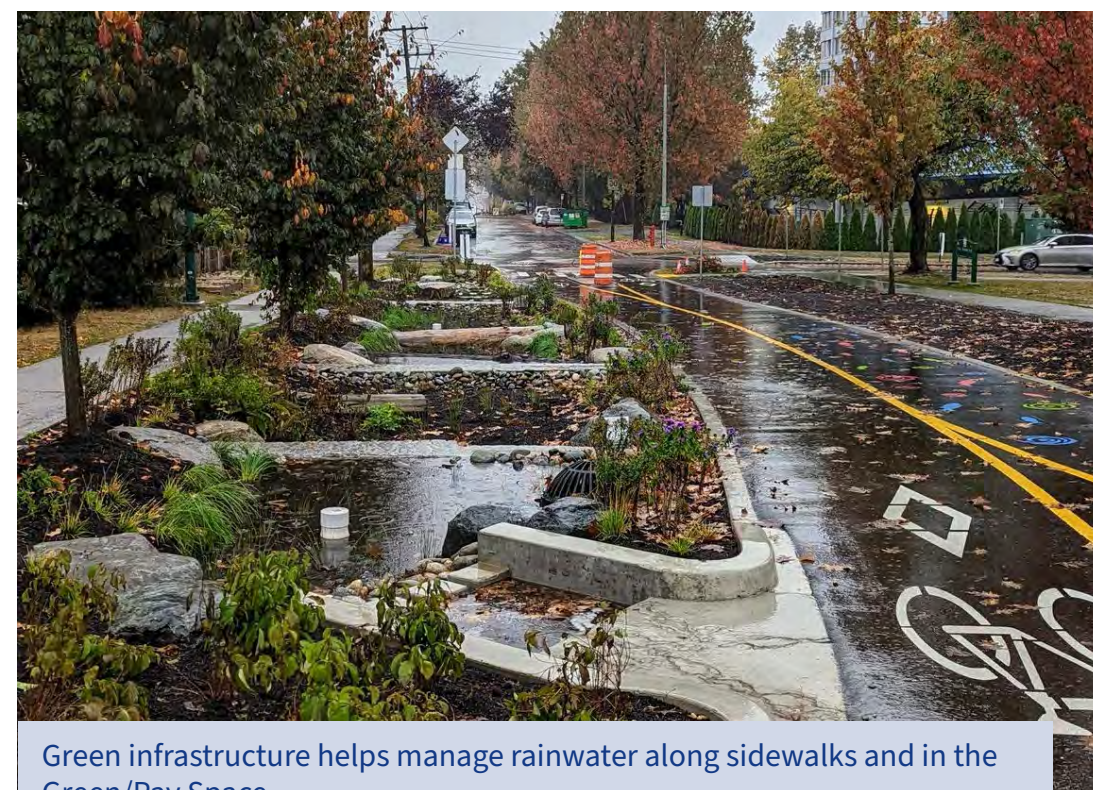
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Recreational court integrated in the Green/Play Space



Permeable paving on a multi-use path calms bike and pedestrian traffic



Green infrastructure helps manage rainwater along sidewalks and in the Green/Play Space



Landscaped Green/Play Space with seating next to multi-use path

Recreational amenities
(soccer court, play structure, winter skating area, etc.)

Public art

Trees/plantings

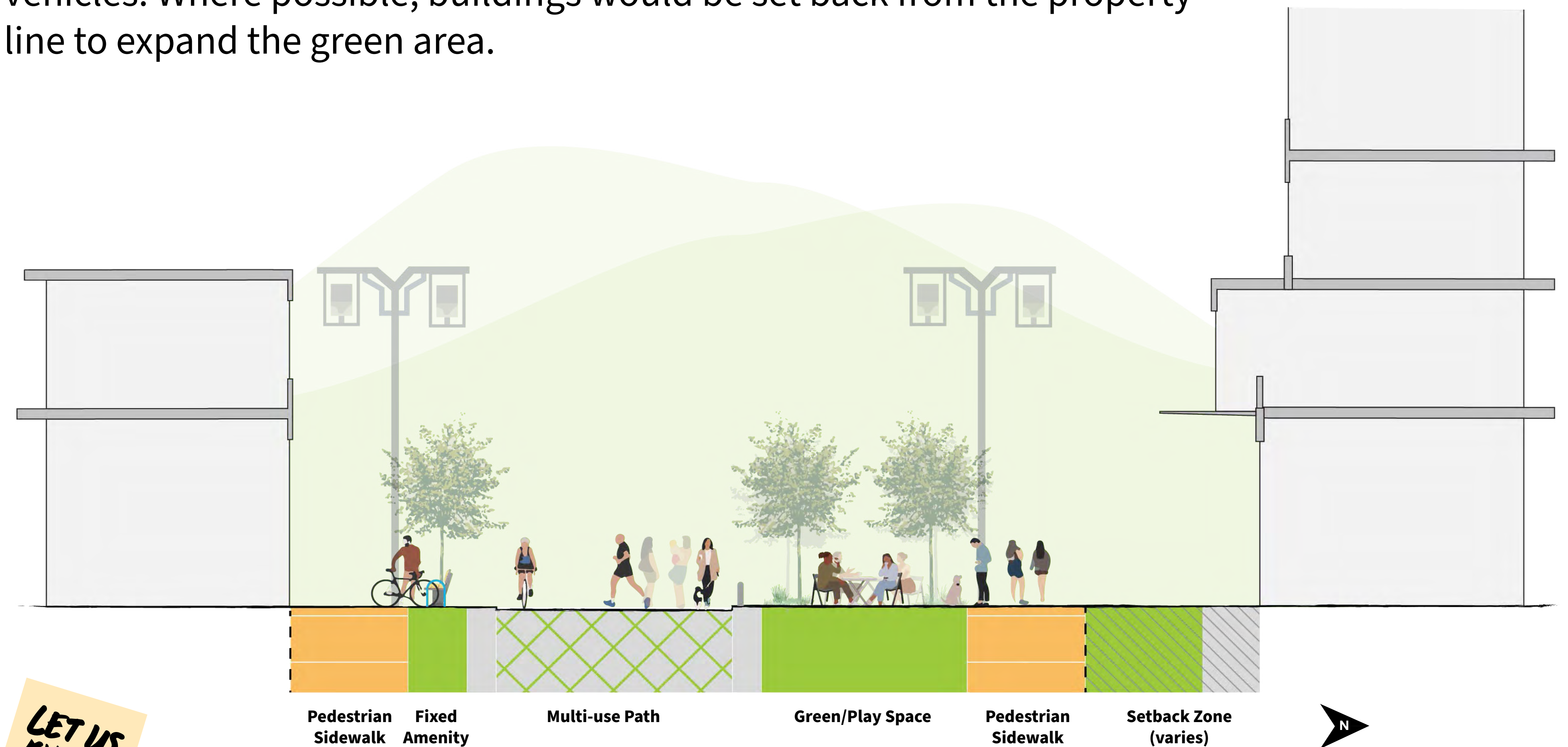
Seating areas

Food trucks

Green infrastructure
to capture rainwater and snow runoff

Green Zone

In the Green Zone, significant space would be dedicated to trees, plantings, recreational amenities, and seating. Pedestrians would have dedicated sidewalks on either side and could also use a multi-use path that would be shared with cyclists and accommodate emergency vehicles. Where possible, buildings would be set back from the property line to expand the green area.



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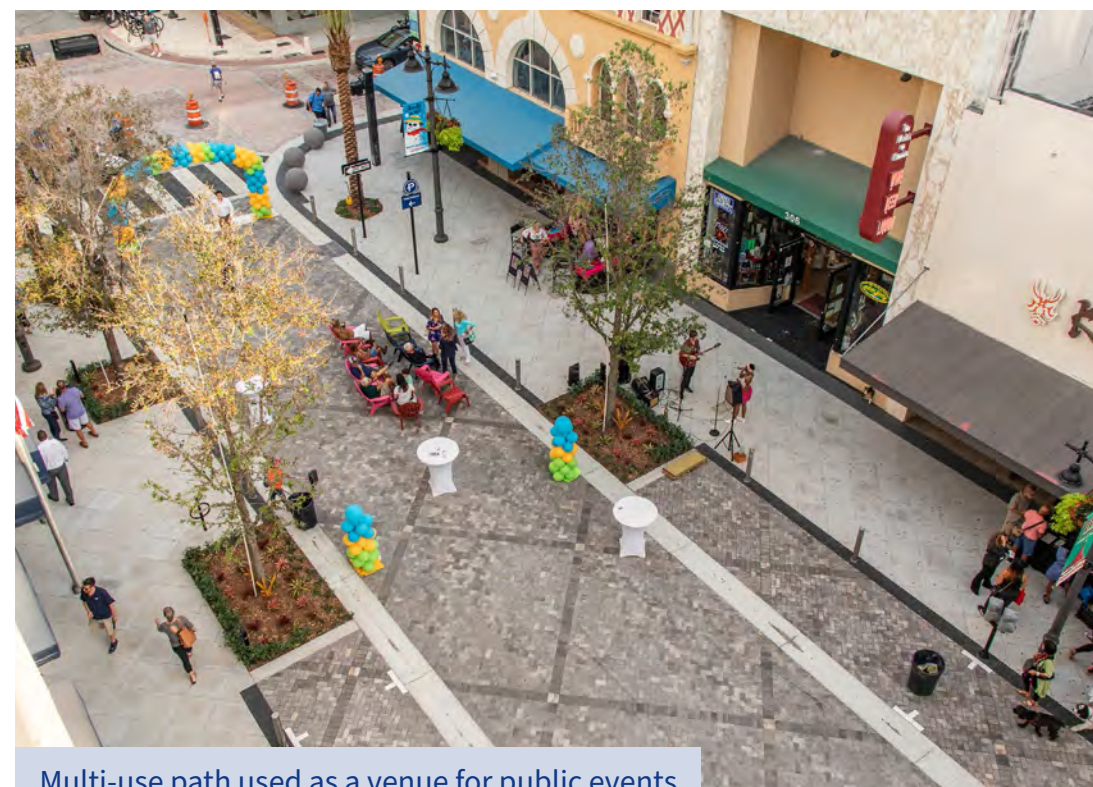
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Did you know?

Green streets are roads that include green infrastructure that captures rainwater and directs it to plants and trees. Their main environmental benefits include: managing stormwater runoff, cooling urban areas, and enhancing air quality.



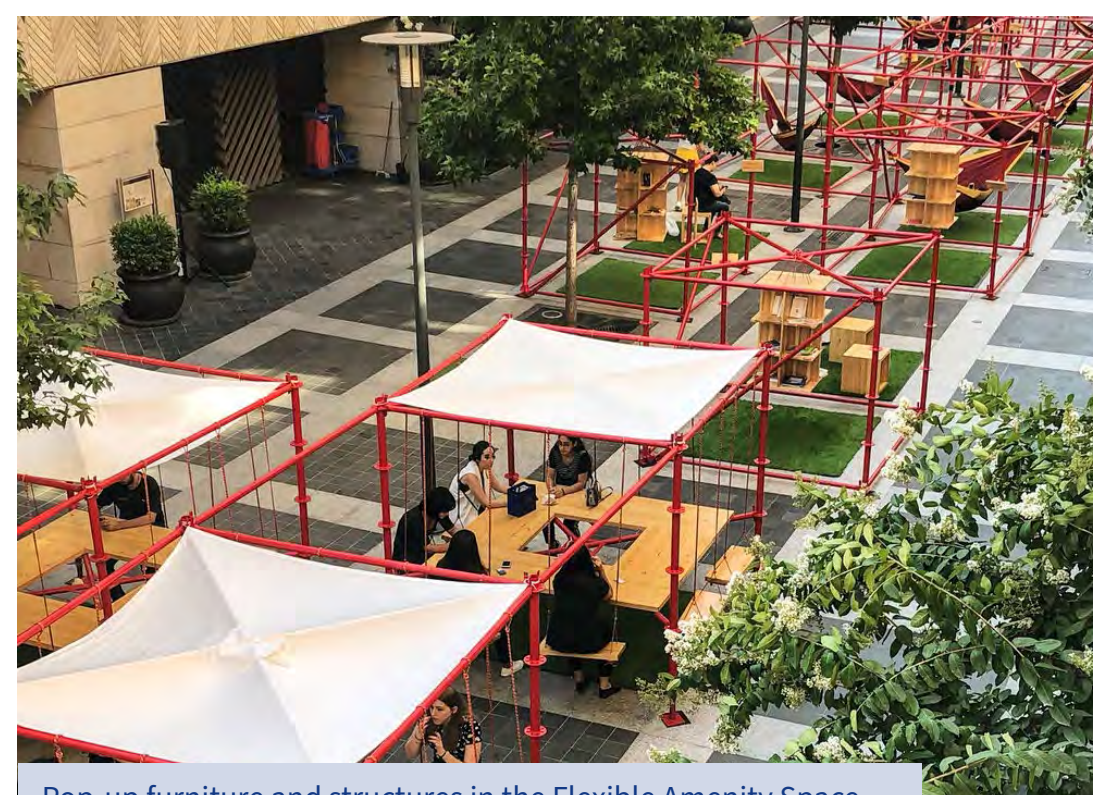
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Multi-use path used as a venue for public events



Opportunities for weekend and local markets in the Flexible Amenity Space



Pop-up furniture and structures in the Flexible Amenity Space



Opportunity for public art installations on the multi-use path and Flexible Amenity Space

Event space and support infrastructure
(e.g. electrical connections)

Public art

Trees/plantings

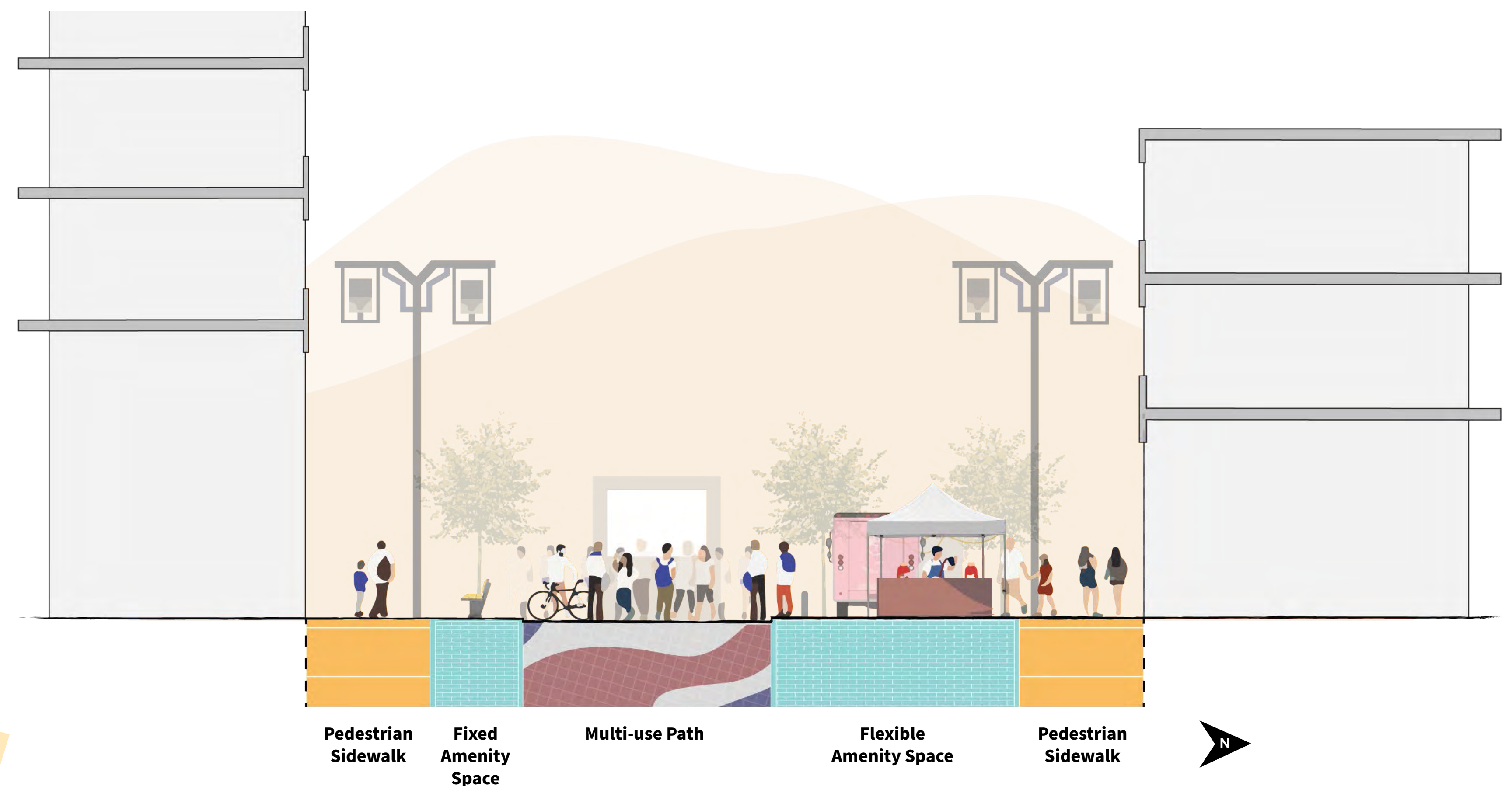
Movable street furniture
(e.g. chairs, tables)

Food trucks

Pavement markings
for sports and games

Celebration Zone

The Celebration Zone would be the new destination for street parties in the Downtown - from Winnipeg Jets' Whiteout parties to food truck festivals and beyond. Pedestrians would have dedicated sidewalks on either side, a multi-use path would support pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency vehicles and a wide flexible amenity space could be programmed with fun activities at all times of year, not just during events.



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What would you like to see in the Celebration Zone? Place a dot beside all features you would like to see. Leave a sticky note to tell us more!

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Thank you!

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