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SDH Plan Progress Update

International Special Review District
August 12, 2025

Overview

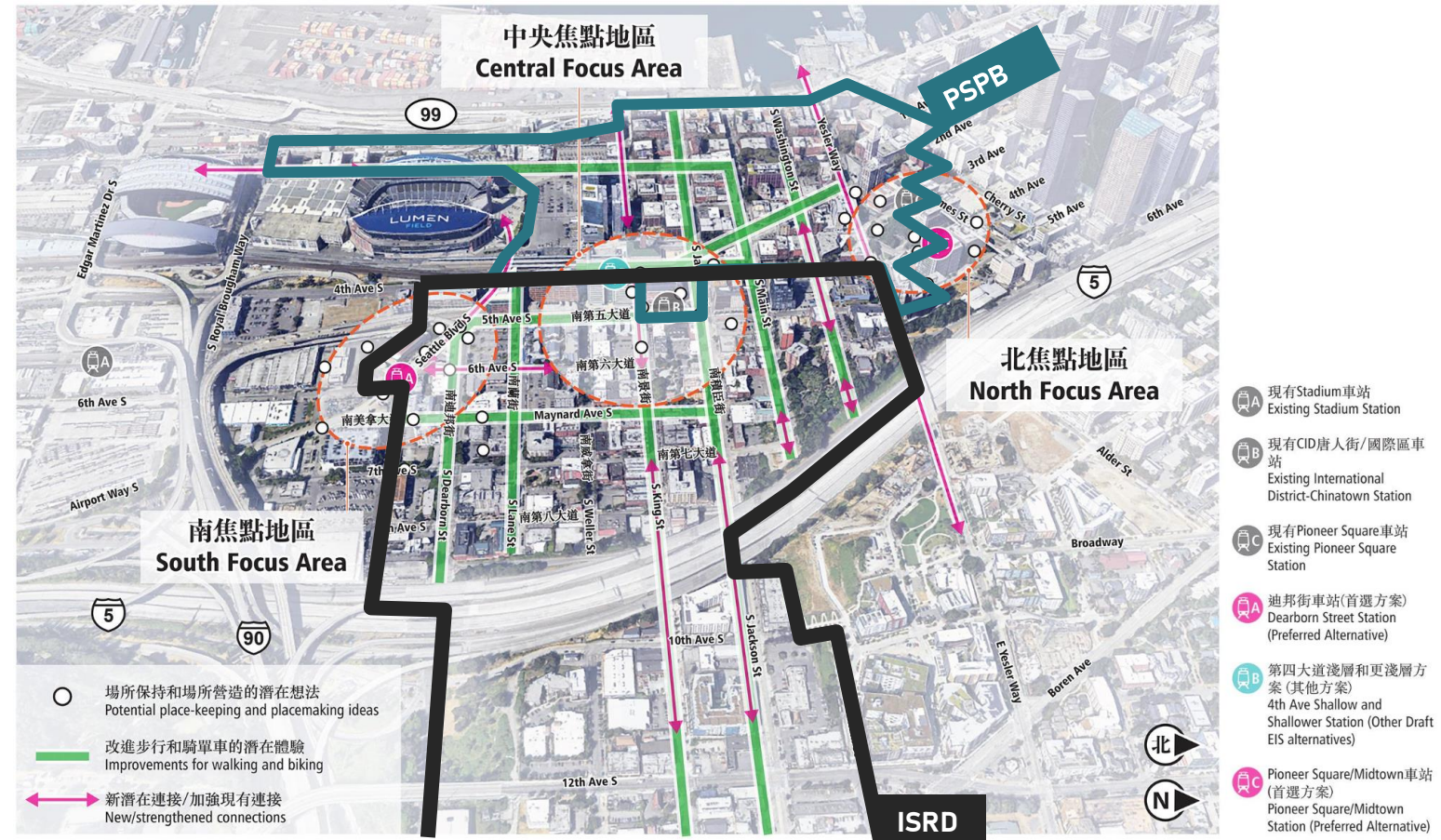
- ❑ Partnership of Sound Transit, City of Seattle, and community, in coordination with King County, towards an implementable plan.
- ❑ Through engagement series, working on **visioning and prioritization of potential investments to streets and public spaces** that help connect neighborhoods and regional transit modes.
- ❑ Builds upon and scales up past **community-based plans and concurrent projects** and planning initiatives.

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South Downtown Hub Plan: Scope

- ❑ Overall framework for urban design and transportation
- ❑ Detailed concept plans for Union Station activation, IDS Plaza improvements
- ❑ Integration with station planning for North (Midtown), South (CID) station areas; King Street Station Improvement Project
- ❑ Detailed concept plans for improving key connections between stations and neighborhoods
- ❑ Cost estimates and implementation plan

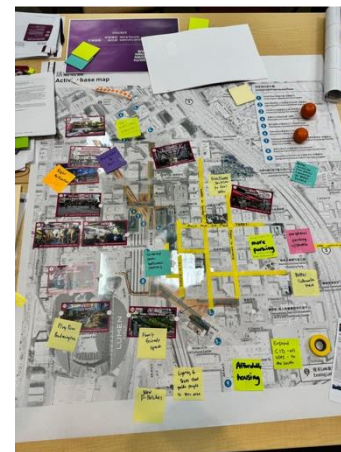
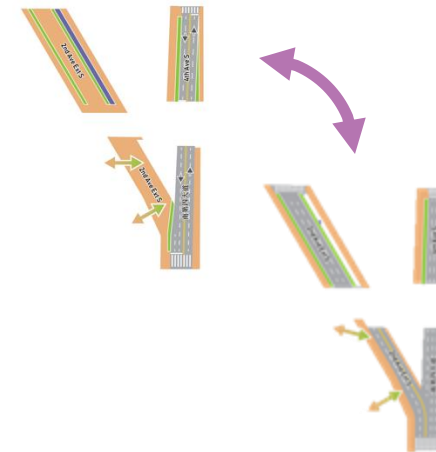


South Downtown Hub Plan: Process

- ❑ Review past plans and synthesized goals and objectives into eight community themes
- ❑ Develop scenarios that integrate and interpret project concepts from past plans and recent community engagement
- ❑ Engage community in both developing and evaluating community themes and design concept scenarios
- ❑ Coordinate with peer agencies on advancing conceptual design and develop an implementation plan



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Community and Interagency Engagement

Overview of Activities and Findings

Outreach and Engagement: Overview

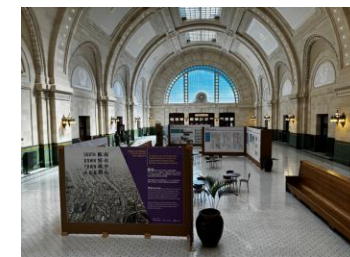
- ❑ **Over 1,000 impressions made thus far in the planning process**
- ❑ 18 in-person events held, including 4 large public events, and 14 meetings with community-based groups
- ❑ 2 public exhibitions documenting engagement results and planning concepts in Union Station Great Hall in summer 2024 and spring 2025
- ❑ 2 phases of online surveys held in summer 2024 and spring 2025

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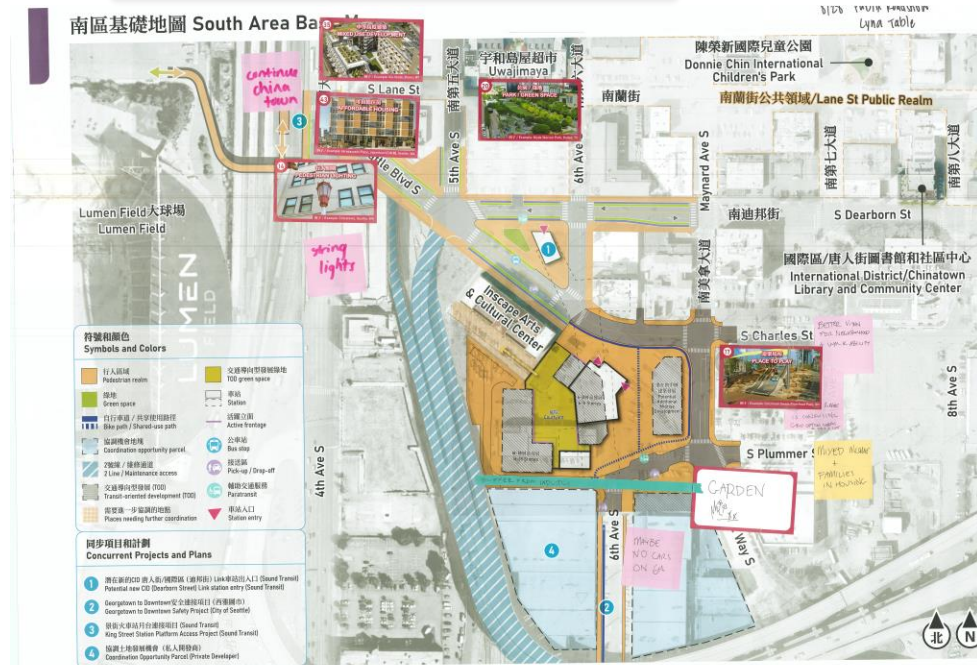


623
completed
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Outreach and Engagement: Tools

- ❑ Developed a “vision board” exercise that allows facilitated, participatory exploration of design concepts
- ❑ Concept options printed on transparent overlays to allow participants to see variations in design approach
- ❑ Playing cards depicting photographs of features, amenities, and attributes of urban spaces, tied to community themes
- ❑ Full facilitation support of activity and translation of materials into Traditional and Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese



Building Upon Past Planning Efforts

- ❑ Many plans have been developed in CID and PSQ to address specific needs and desires, with uneven record of implementation
- ❑ Recognition of historic harm to CID and PSQ communities from past policies and major civic projects
- ❑ First step in SDH process was to review all past plans and identify common themes, key project ideas, and problems that need further definition or study in order to implement

CID 唐人街/國際區 NEIGHBORHOOD 策略計劃
CID NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIC PLAN

由 / By:
CID Visioning Advisory Group

計劃年度
Project Year
2022

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partners
City of Seattle, Tu Consulting and Mary Murray, MEMconsultants and more; see Page 2 of plan



This plan establishes a vision, goals, objectives, and equitable engagement structures to guide and support public and private investments in Chinatown-International District. It calls for equitable engagement and community empowerment in decision-making regarding development of the neighborhood, as well as preserving the neighborhood's Asian identity into the future.


這個計劃建立了一個願景、目標、對向和公平的參與結構。以引導和支持唐人街/國際區的公共和私人投資。這個計劃鼓勵在社區發展決策中公平參與和賦予社區權力，同時保護社區亞洲身份直到未來。

社區街道照明研究
NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING STUDY

由 / By:
SCIDpda

計劃年度
Project Year
2018

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partners
SparkLab, City of Seattle Office of Economic Development



This study focuses on addressing lighting issues in Seattle's Chinatown-International District, including complete deployment of fixtures to areas lacking pedestrian scale lighting, and a need to better connect Little Saigon with the core area. The study aims to develop an action plan for improving neighborhood lighting, which should enhance safety, encourage evening activity, and contribute to the perception of this neighborhood as a welcoming and secure environment.

本研究的重點是反映西區國際CID唐人街/國際區的街道照明問題。包括在缺乏行人規模照明區域全面部署照明燈具，以及需要更好地將小西貢與核心區域連接起來。該研究旨在制定一個改善社區照明的行動計劃。該計劃應提高安全性，鼓勵夜間活動，並有助於將該地區視為一個受歡迎和安全的環境。

積臣街樞紐概念規劃
JACKSON HUB CONCEPT PLAN

由 / By:
Framework

計劃年度
Project Year
2019

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partners
Downtown Seattle Association, Historic South Downtown, and more; see page 4 of plan



Union Station and King Street Station in Seattle together define an active transportation hub, but the area currently lacks pedestrian amenities and wayfinding, creating a disconnect between neighborhoods and destinations. Early planning for light rail expansion prompted community efforts to prioritize pedestrian improvements and envision a more welcoming Jackson Hub, incorporating feedback from the community and various stakeholders to guide future planning and design.

西雅圖的聯合車站和國王街車站定義了一個活躍的交通樞紐。但該地區目前缺乏步行設施和方向指示系統，造成社區和目的地之間的脫節。輕軌擴建的早期規劃促使社區努力優先考慮行人改善，並設想一個更受歡迎的積臣街樞紐，結合社區和利益相關者的反饋來指導未來的規劃和設計。

開拓者廣場區域市場研究
PIONEER SQUARE DISTRICT MARKET STUDY

由 / By:
ECNorthwest

計劃年度
Project Year
2023

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partner
Alliance for Pioneer Square



This market study aims to assess the current conditions in the commercial and real estate market, employment trends, and visitor patterns in Pioneer Square. The goal is to inform strategic actions for supporting economic development and resilience in the district.

這個市場研究旨在評估Pioneer Square的商業和房地產市場現狀、就業趨勢和遊客模式。目標是為提供資訊和策略來支持區內經濟發展和韌性。

東北PIONEER SQUARE總體規劃
NORTHEAST PIONEER SQUARE FRAMEWORK PLAN

由 / By:
Alliance for Pioneer Square

計劃年度
Project Year
2022

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partners
City of Seattle, Historic South Downtown, MIG, Broadview Planning



This framework plan outlines a 10+ year vision that involves collaboration, long-term project planning, budget priorities, and public engagement processes. The plan focuses on the unique aspects of Northeast Pioneer Square, including public spaces, government services, residences, small businesses, and development potential, and highlights this area as a gateway to the City of Seattle.


該計劃概述了十多年的願景，涉及協作、長期專案規劃、預算優先事項和公眾參與流程。該計劃重點關注東北Pioneer Square的獨特之處，包括公共空間、政府服務、居民、小型企業和發展潛力，並強調該地區作為西雅圖城市的主要門戶。

YESLER CRESCENT 公共生活行動計劃
YESLER CRESCENT PUBLIC LIFE ACTION PLAN

由 / By:
Seattle Dept. of Transportation

計劃年度
Project Year
2019

計劃合作夥伴
Project Partners
Seattle Parks & Recreation, Berk Consulting



This action plan focuses on improving public spaces in Pioneer Square's Yesler Crescent area by collecting data on people's experiences and needs. This data-driven approach identifies opportunities for positive transformations in these public spaces and aims to guide strategic investment decisions.

這個計劃主要是透過收集有關公眾的體驗與需要的資料，來改善Pioneer Square的Yesler Crescent區的公共空間。這個以收集資料為驅動的計劃識別了公共空間內正面的轉變機會，並旨在指導投資決策。

Developing Community Themes and Common Strategies



Source: Office of Planning and Community Development synthesis of key themes from 13 past community planning documents

Open House: Mapping project concepts and ideas

- ❑ Some past plans were area-specific, some thematic
- ❑ Some concepts proposed in isolation of broader analysis
- ❑ First engagement activity mapped place-specific ideas and street improvements concepts from past plans
- ❑ Participants invited to mark up spaces in which they want to see improvements



場所保持和場所營造的潛在想法
(來自進一步研究和過去的規劃工作)
Potential place-keeping and placemaking ideas
(derived from Further Studies and past planning efforts)

- ① 設計和選址新街景元素來體現社區及社區的連續性
Design and site new streetscape elements that reflect the community and continuity
- ② 激活聯合車站以供社區使用
Activate Union Station for community use
- ③ 更新廣場以簡化架空結構，提供更多的聚集空間，為攤當和社區活動提供空間，並融入公共藝術
Update plaza to simplify overhead structures, provide more gathering space, allow space for vendors and community events, and incorporate public art
- ④ 改善行人街道的照明
Improve neighborhood pedestrian scale lighting
- ⑤ 鼓勵重新啟用歷史建築，提供符合歷史街區特徵的街道設施
Encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings with street-level amenities that match the character of the historic district
- ⑥ 改善前往聯合車站南側的通道
Improve access to Union Station at the south end
- ⑦ 在火車軌道上建造一個蓋子，用作公共空間、行人設施和景觀美化
Construct a lid over train tracks for public space, pedestrian amenities, and landscaping
- ⑧ 與景街改造規劃工作互相協調，以更好地連接景街站
Coordinate with King Street improvements for better connections to King Street Station

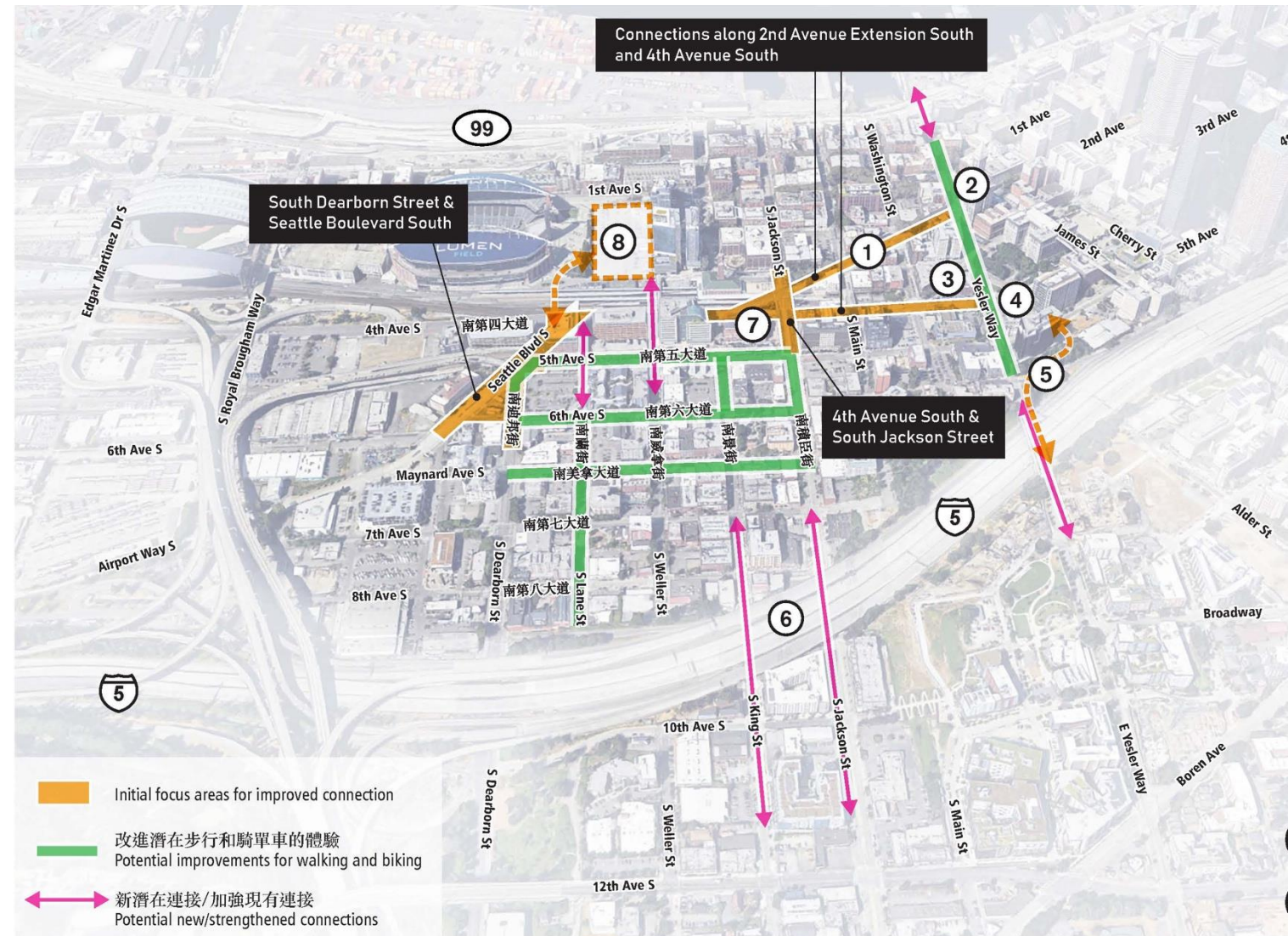
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Participate!

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- 在這裡改善街道和行人道以便步行、滾動、騎單車和公交連接
Improved streets and sidewalks for walking, rolling, biking, and transit connectivity here
- 在這裡改善或新建公共的開放空間
Enhanced or new public open space here
- 在這裡保護這棟建築/這個地點的特色
Preservation of the important character of the building/place here
- 在這裡形造一些有利社區發展，例如經濟適用房或商業空間的機會
Opportunities for development benefiting the community, such as affordable housing or commercial space here

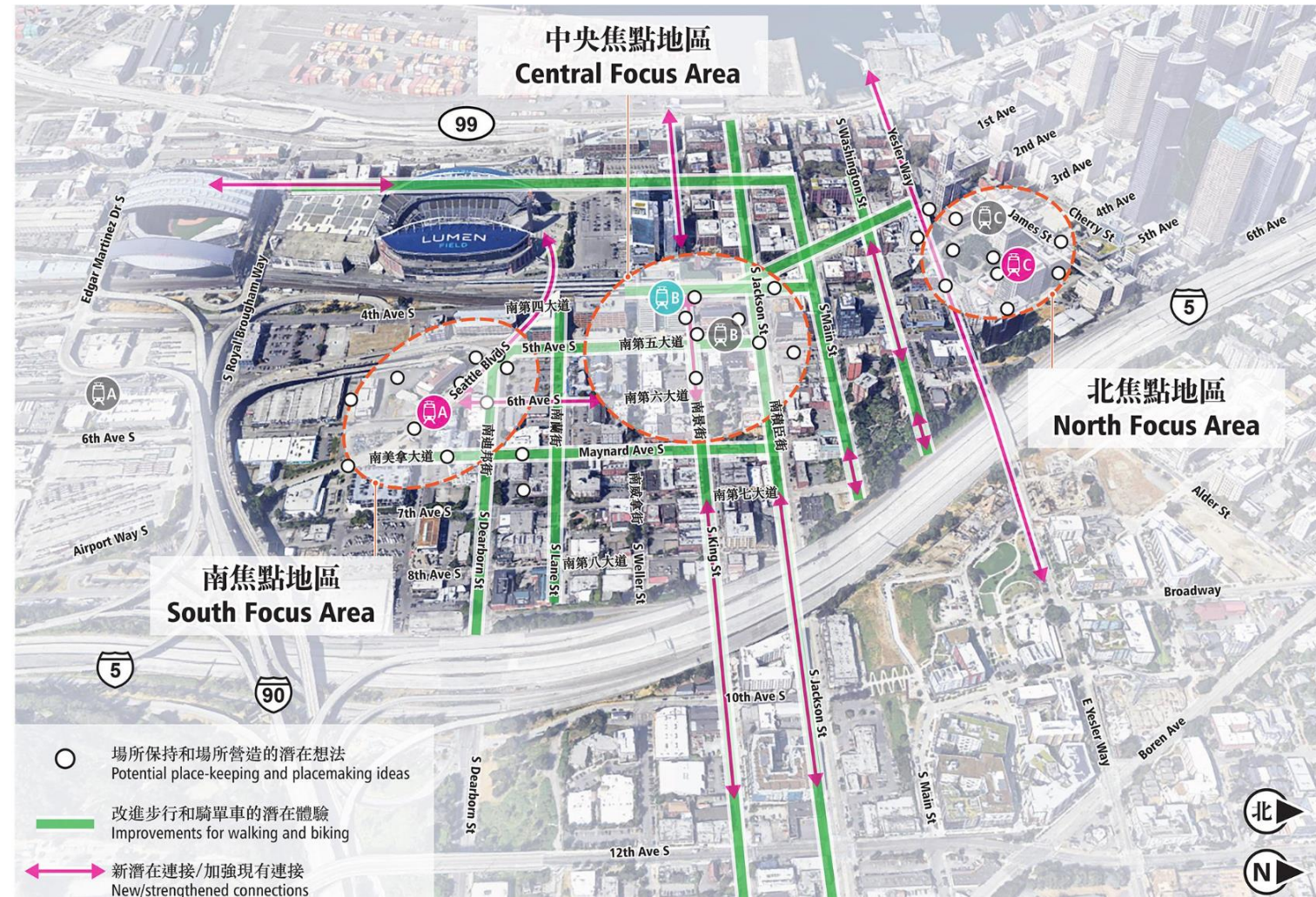
Workshop 1: Engagement Summary

- ☐ **Strong support for converting 2nd Ave Ext S into public space and people-focused Green Streets**
- ☐ **Strong support for traffic calming and streetscape improvements on S Dearborn St**
- ☐ **Strong support for grid realignment south of S Dearborn St**
- ☐ **Some concerns about traffic impacts and the programming and management of additional public space**



Workshop 2: Engagement Summary

- ❑ Strong support for grid realignment south of S Dearborn St with additional open space and pursuit of higher-density, mixed-use development that includes affordable housing and serves community
- ❑ Strong support for Union Station activation with indoor gathering space as well as space for performances, events, and recreation
- ❑ Support for mixed use development in King County Civic Campus, with emphasis on a broad range of housing types, though mixed feelings on tall towers and amount of open space

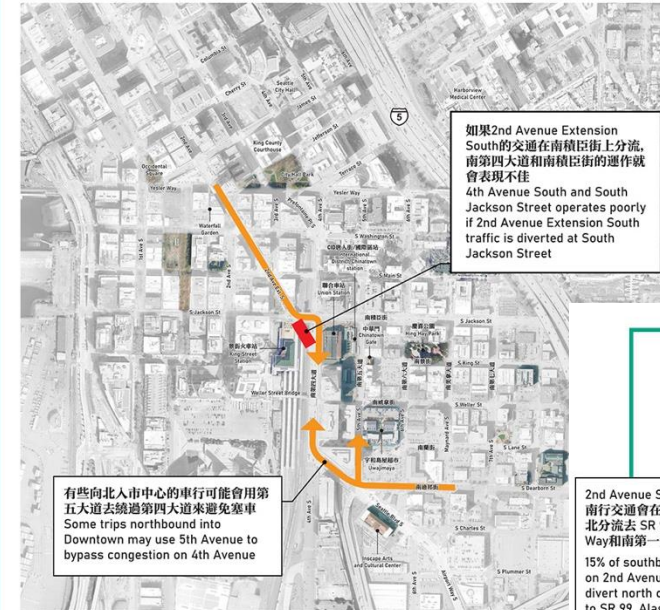


Key findings from further design and study

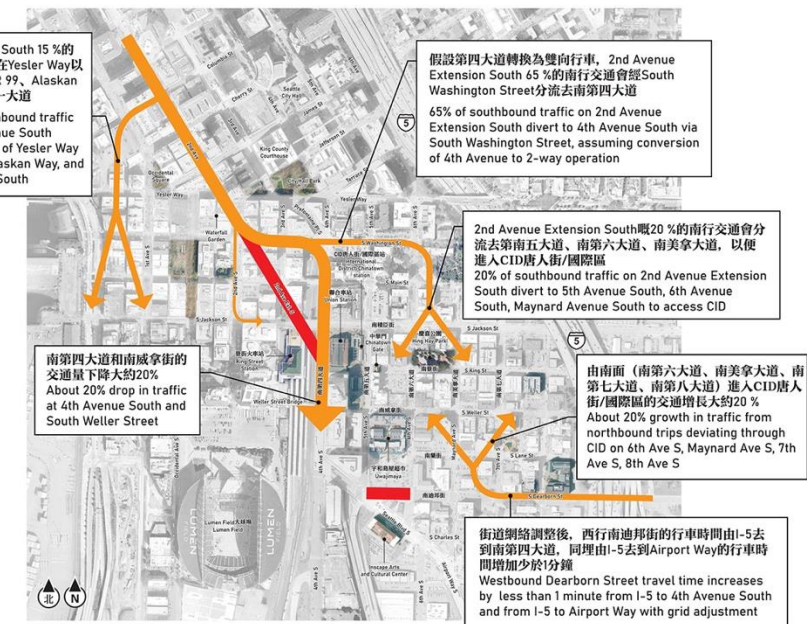
- ❑ Public space conversion of 2nd Ave Ext S and conversion of 4th Ave S to two-way travel is challenging to implement under current and interim (pre-2042) traffic and transit service patterns
- ❑ Adjustment to Dearborn St and grid realignment of Seattle Boulevard functions under current and projected future traffic patterns and transit service
- ❑ Direction from SDOT to show more conservative approach on 2nd Ave Ext S corridor, and grid transformation at Seattle Blvd



調整構想 ADJUSTMENT SCENARIO



轉型構想 TRANSFORMATION SCENARIO



- ❑ Roadway narrowing, streetscape and intersection safety improvements on 2nd Ave Ext S, 4th Ave S, and S Jackson St
- ❑ New crosswalks and improvements to crossings of 4th Ave
- ❑ People-focused street designs on Jefferson Street and King Street
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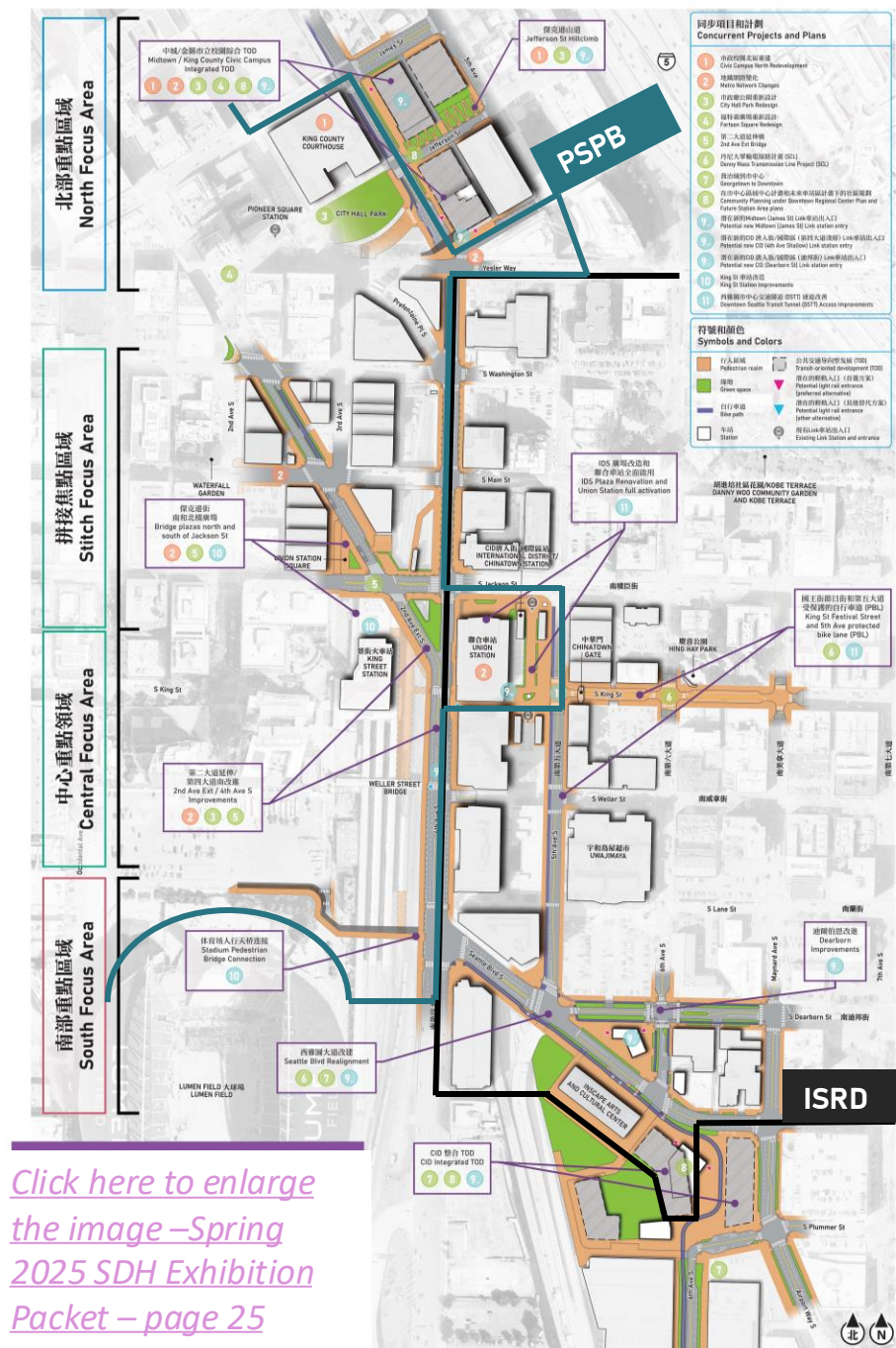
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Proposed SDH Concept Plan

Overview of Key Features

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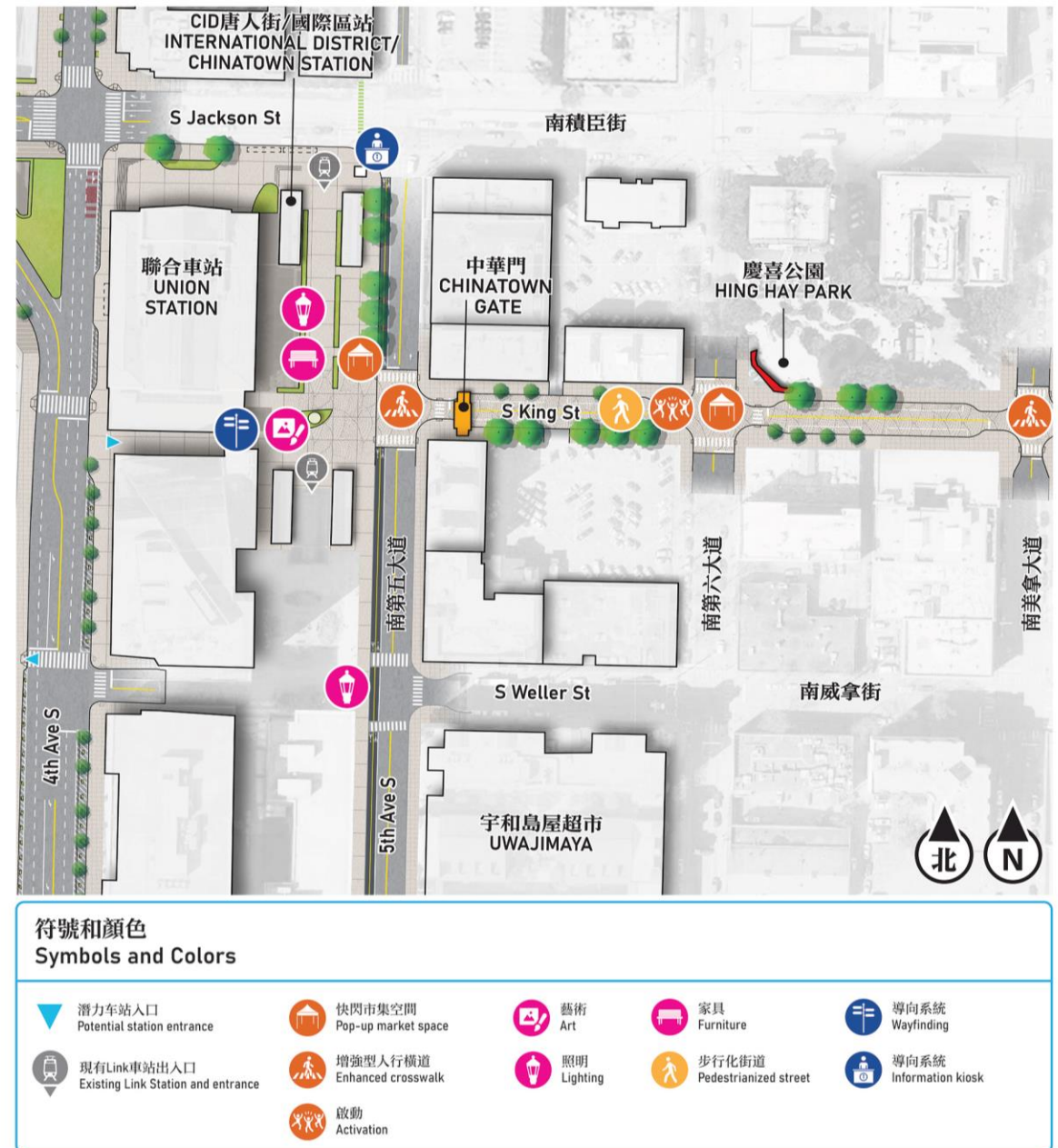
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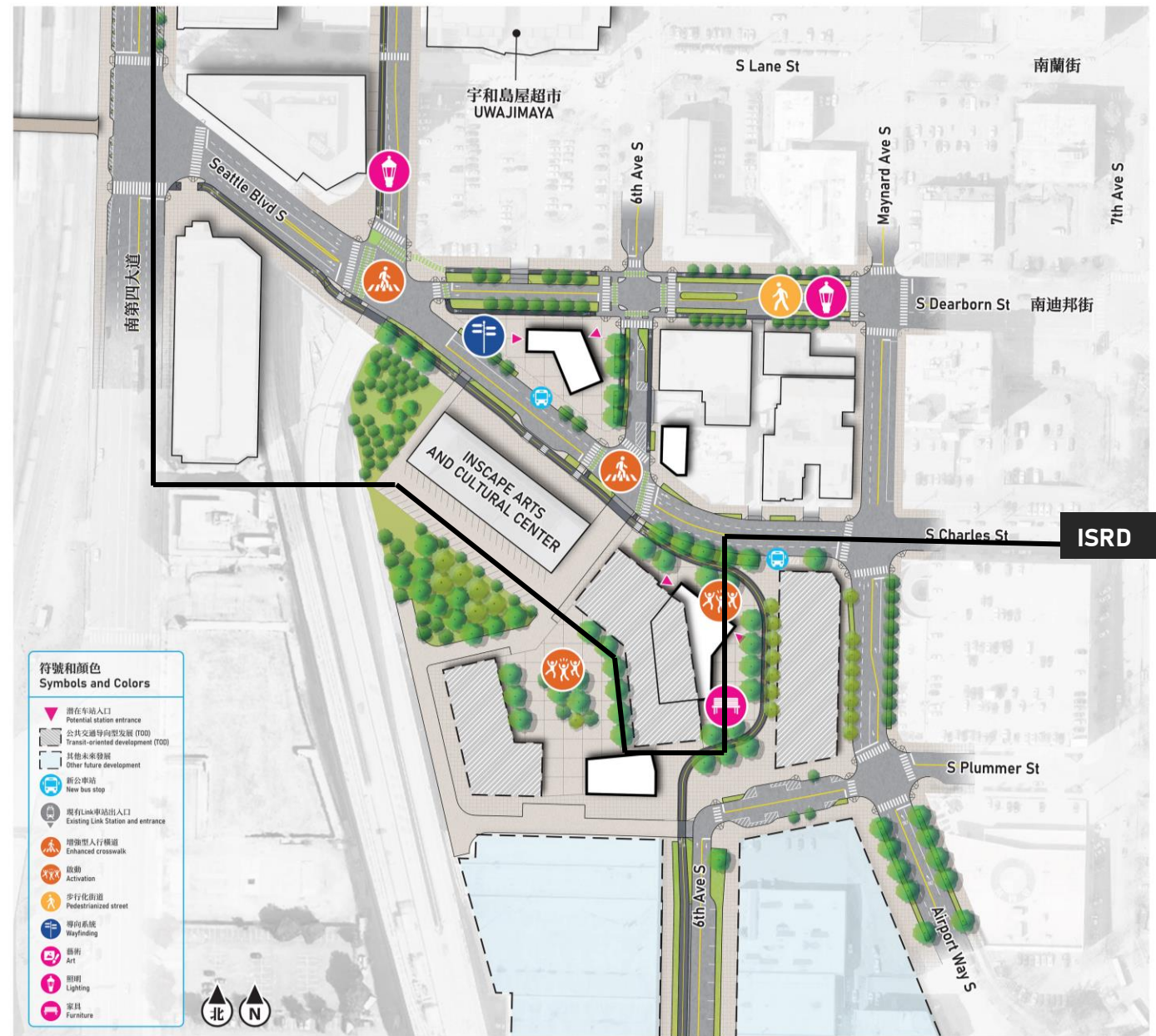
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Focus on areas of interest

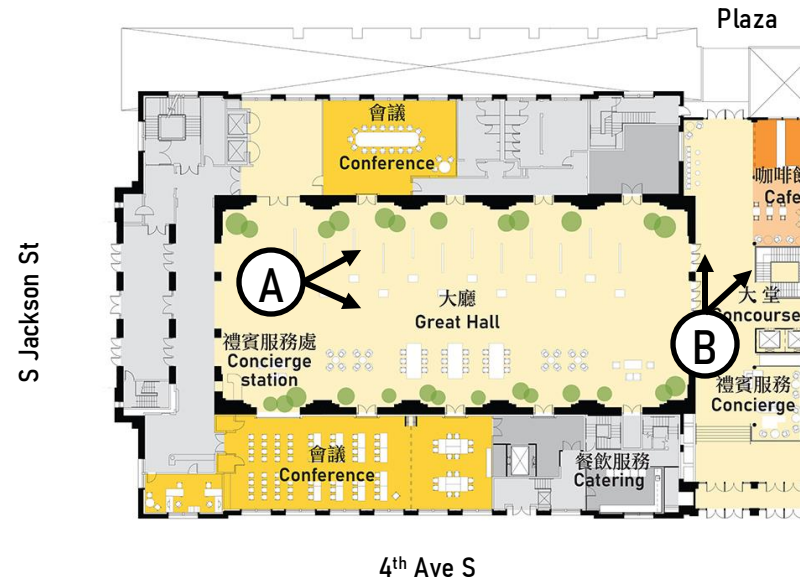
Union Station Activation: Great Hall Concept

New furnishings, community-driven programs, meeting space, and travel support functions in Great Hall and surrounding spaces

- Nearly all survey respondents and open house attendees supported this concept
- Many liked the public access through concourse and prospect of using Great Hall for dancing, games, casual meetings



Ⓐ Great Hall Winter Garden and Community Space



Ⓑ Concourse Passageway and Cafe

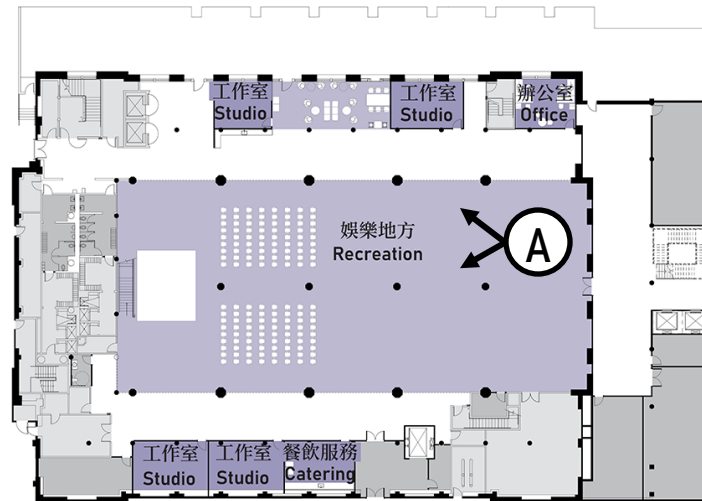
Union Station Activation: Basement Concept

With investments in physical building plan, expand community programs to lower level with studio spaces and flexible performance/recreation space, and office space in mezzanine level

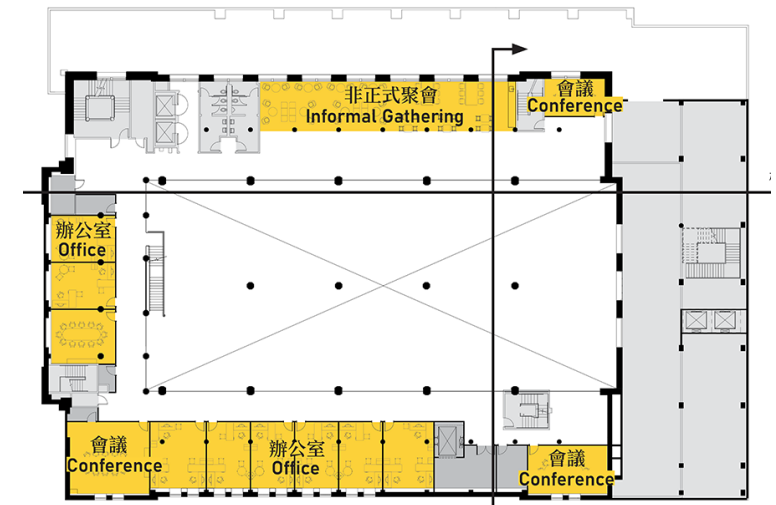
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Ⓐ Community festival in Garden Level Flex Space



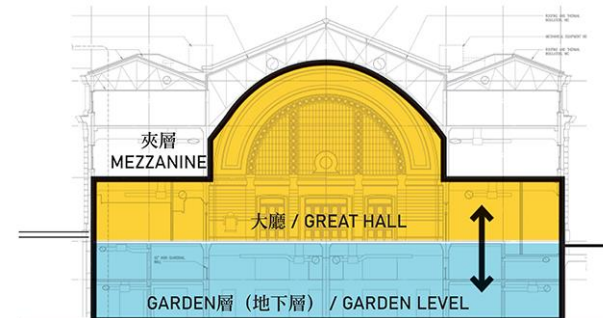
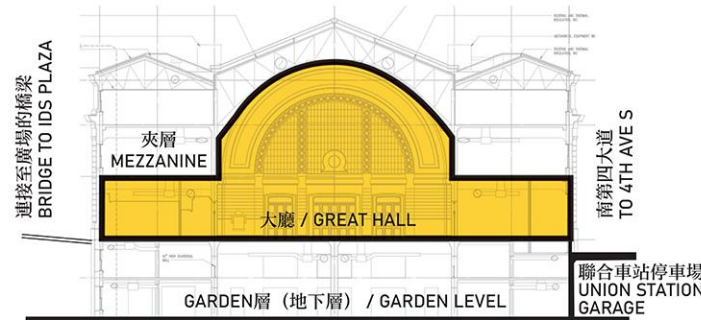
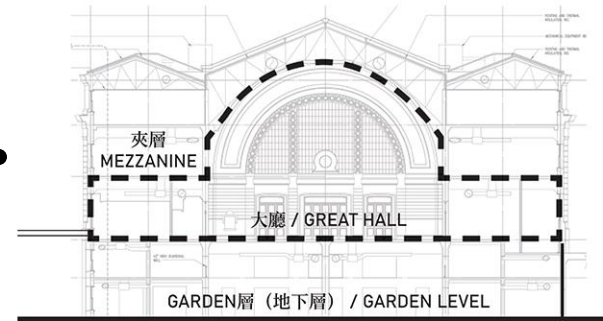
Garden (Basement) Level Plan



Mezzanine Level Plan

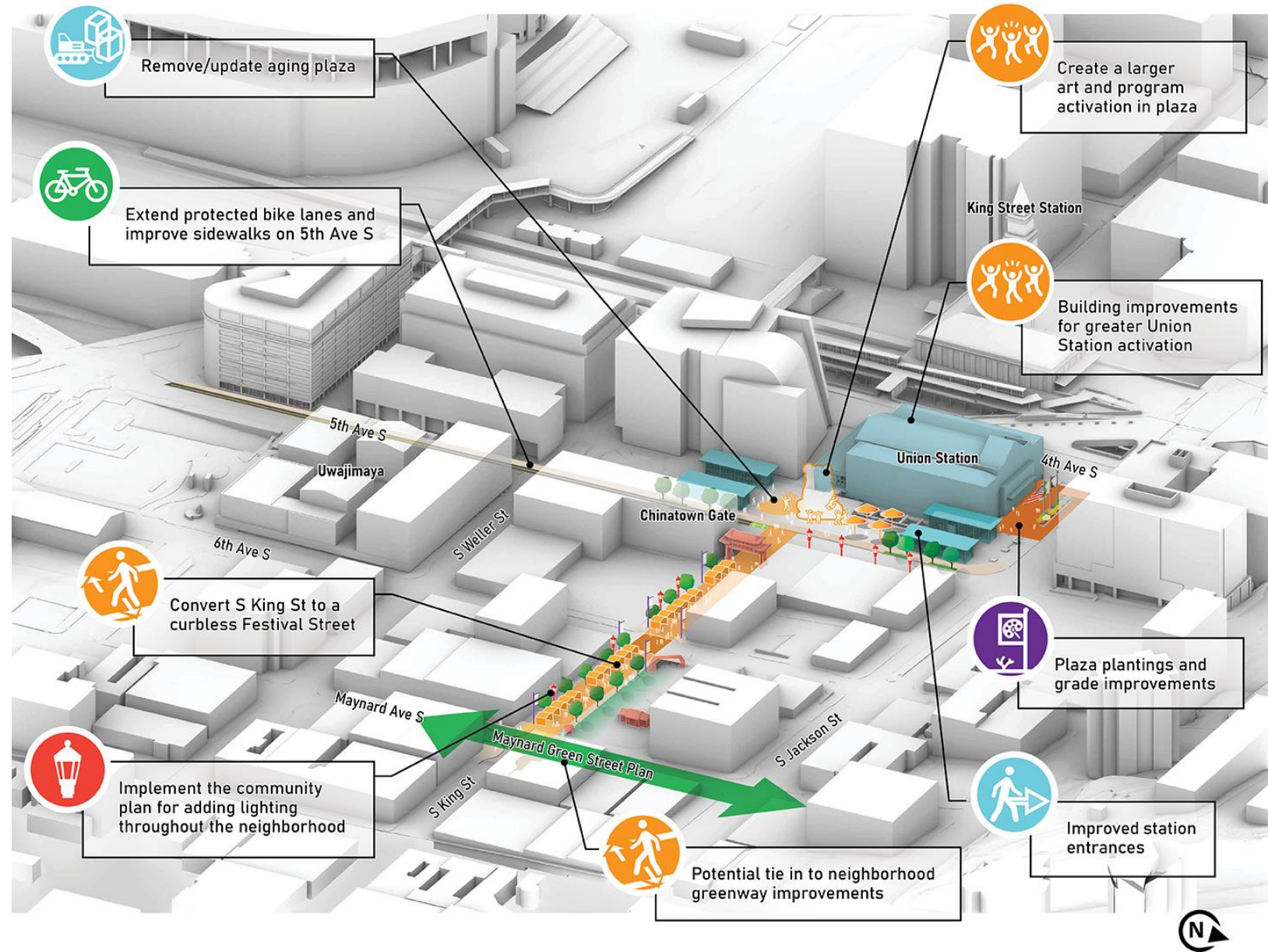
Union Station Activation: Phasing Approach

- **Phase 1** would reopen Great Hall to Public, begin community-based programming (already underway)
- **Phase 2** would improve loading and access as well as permanent operating plan, staffing, and capital campaign
- **Phase 3** would renovate basement and concourse subsequent to relocation of ST functions based in those spaces

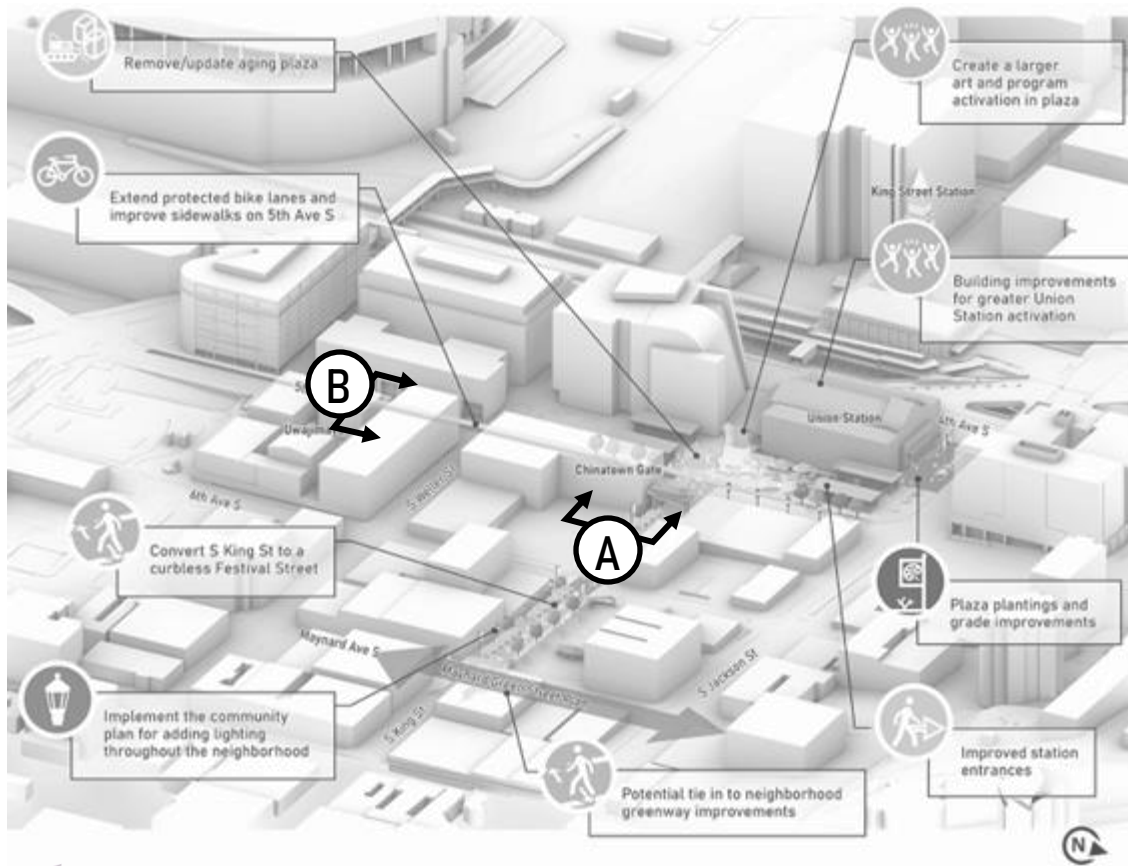


Central Focus Area Project Concepts

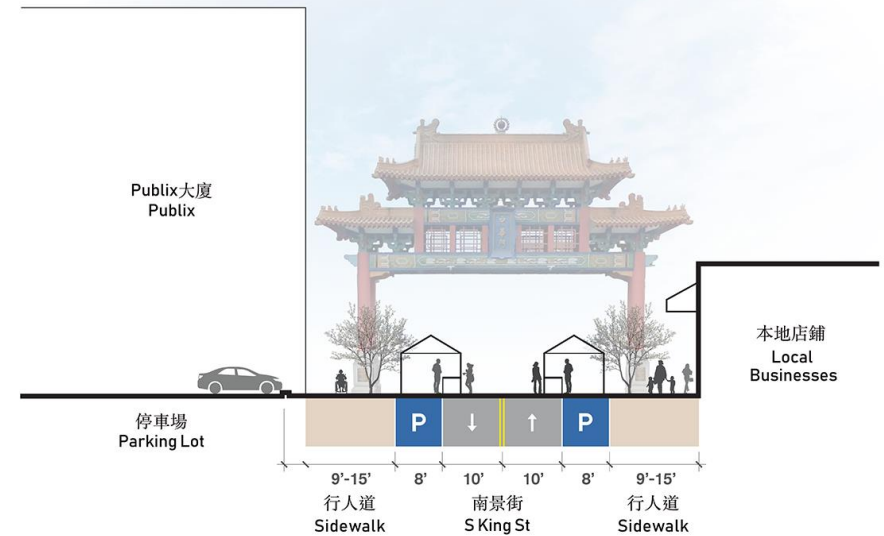
- Nearly all survey respondents and open house attendees supported this concept
- Many liked the prospect of improving King Street and plazas to prioritize pedestrians
- Some had concern about safety, security, and ability to support ongoing programming



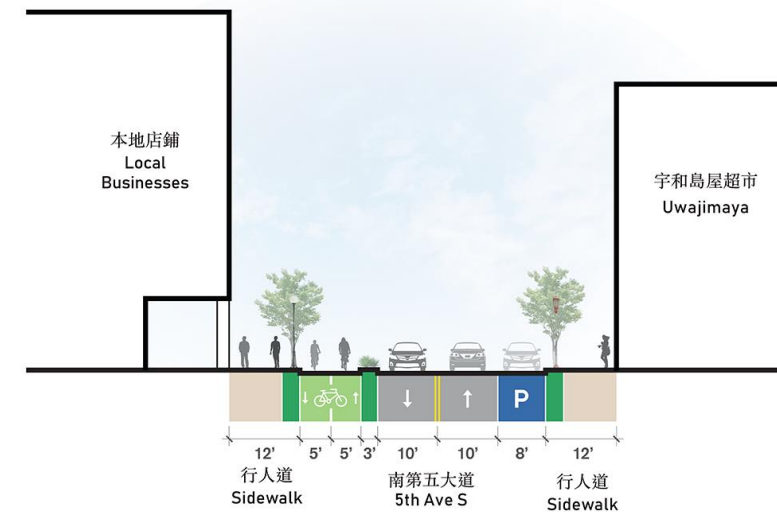
Central Focus Area Street Concepts



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A 南景街(節慶街)橫斷面圖
S King St (Festival Street) cross section

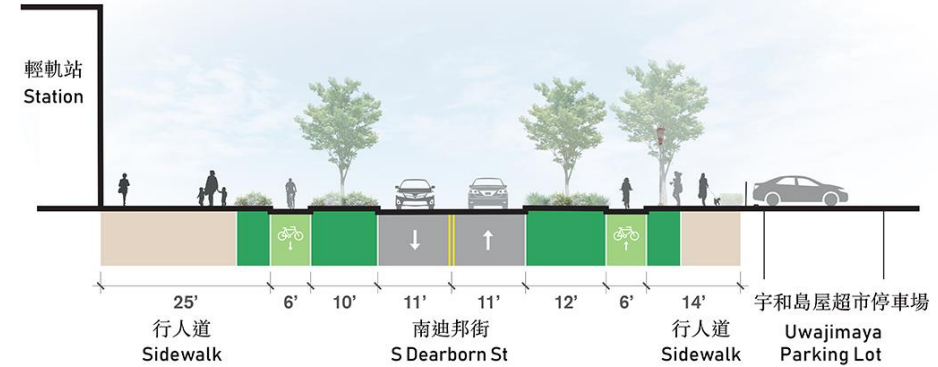
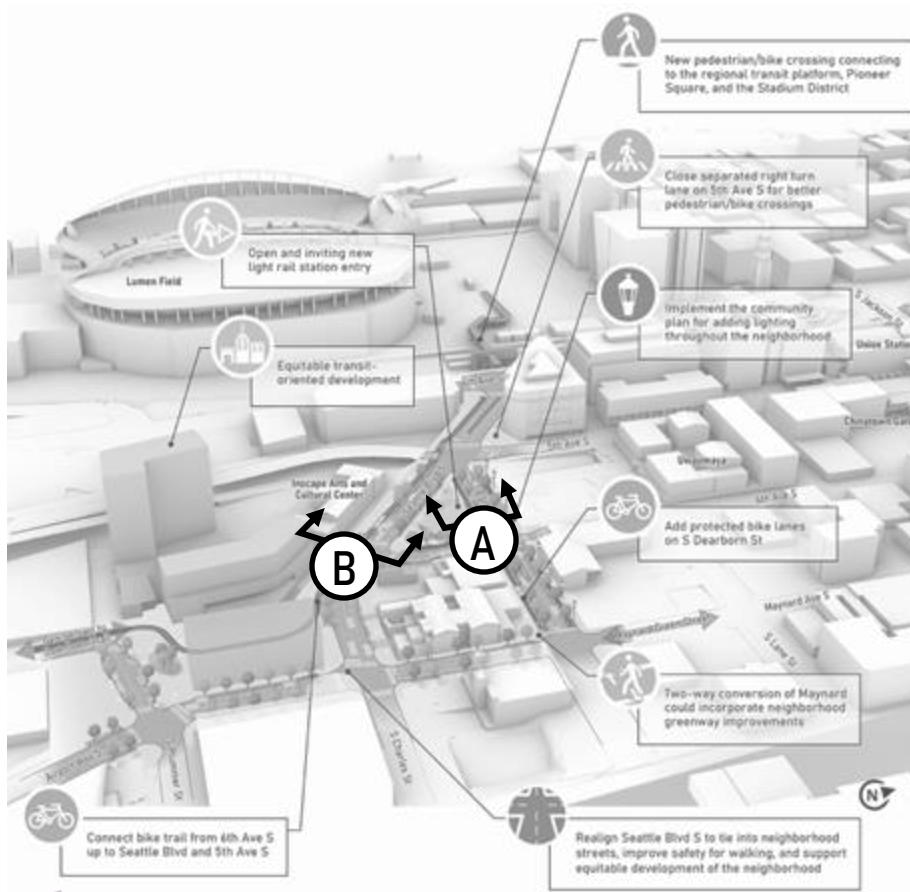


B 南第五大道橫斷面圖
5th Ave S cross section

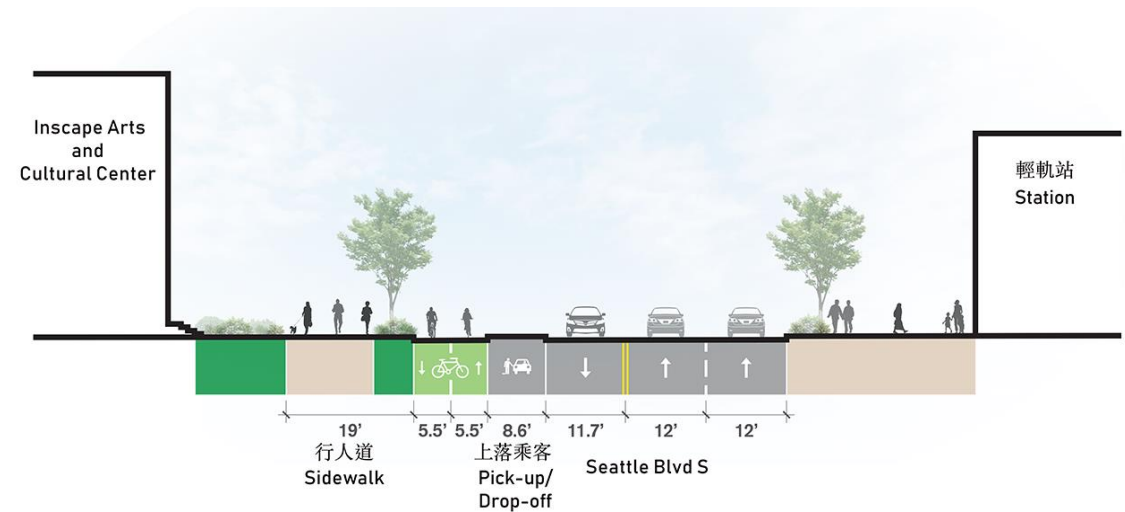
- Many survey respondents and open house attendees supported this concept
- Most liked the traffic calming and streetscaping measures and equitable TOD opportunity
- Some were skeptical of the concept and desired more interagency coordination to demonstrate ability to implement



South Focus Area Street Concepts



A 南迪邦街橫斷面圖
S Dearborn St cross section



B Seattle Blvd S橫斷面圖
Seattle Blvd S cross section



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Q&A and Discussion

Next Steps

- Currently developing design documentation and implementation plan, including funding, sponsorship, and phasing of projects
- Publish plan in early 2026, following Ballard Link Extension Draft EIS
- Community event to launch implementation of plan

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