

Melrose Promenade

WELCOME

Thank you for coming. Please sign in and explore the project from 5:30-7 PM.

Learn More, Tell Us What You Think

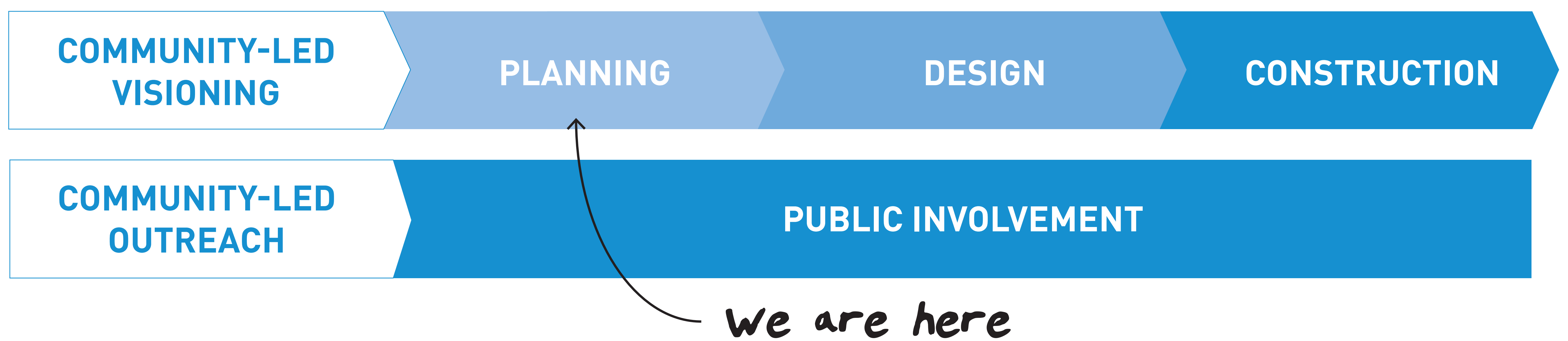
We're here to talk with you about the community-driven Melrose Promenade vision, and get your feedback.

Give specific feedback by leaving notes on the big maps and filling out a survey either here or online.

Partners

You'll see community stakeholders who came up with the Melrose Promenade vision and representatives from Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One. We're all working together.

Schedule



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We're launching the Melrose Promenade project to create a safer, more inviting street for everyone.

Our goals build off the community-driven promenade vision, focusing on connecting people and places and improving transportation safety. The corridor is a key walking and biking route in our citywide network.

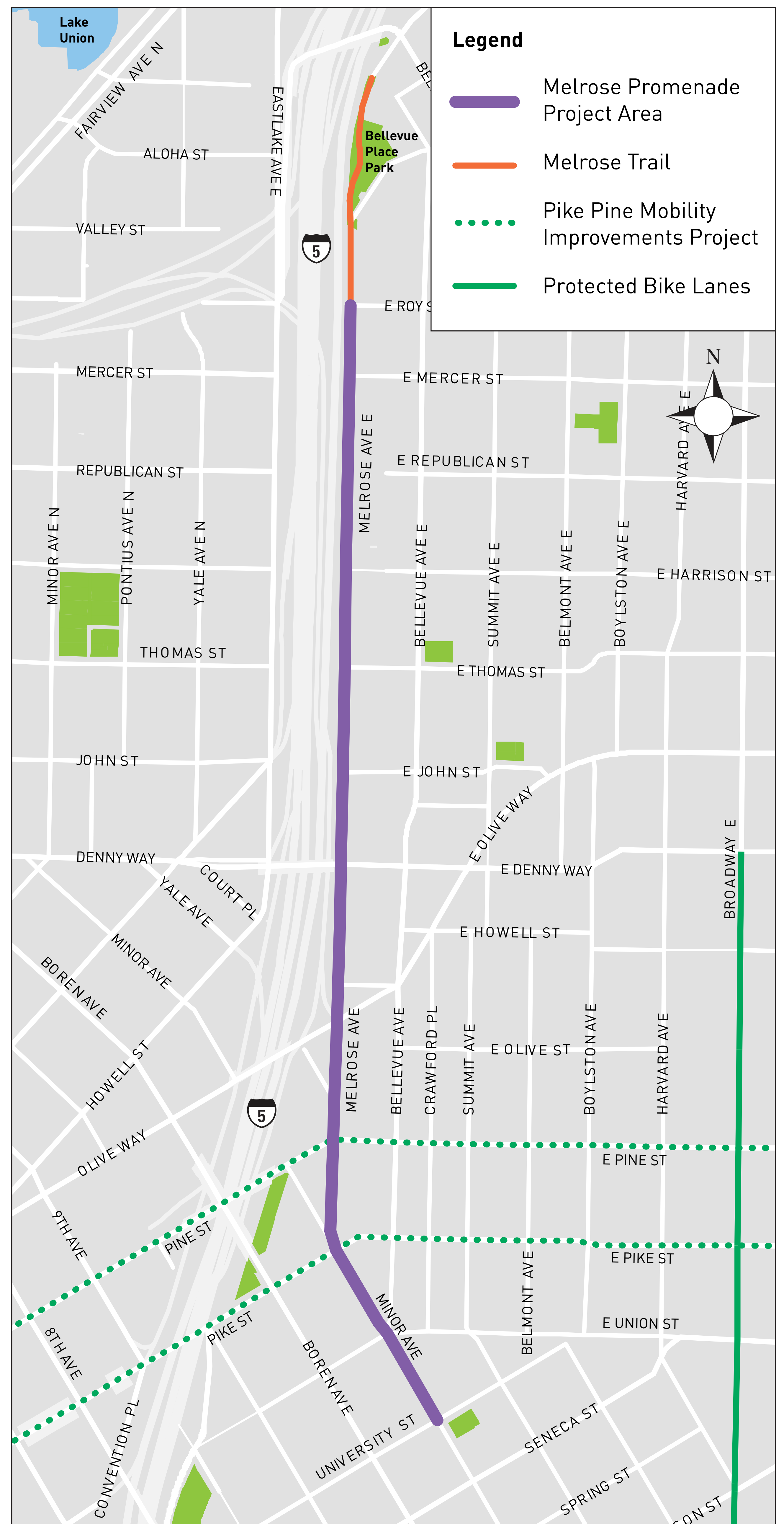
Right now, there are crash patterns, streets can be difficult to cross, people driving use Melrose Ave as a cut-through to I-5, and sidewalks can be missing or narrow.

Ideas for updating Melrose Ave have included:

- traffic calming
- sidewalk upgrades
- street crossings
- public space
- lane redesign
- wayfinding signs
- lighting
- seating
- bike facilities
- pavement repair

Melrose Ave is in our Bicycle Master Plan and part of the project area is a designated pedestrian zone.

Project Map



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The construction of Interstate 5 created a barrier between Capitol Hill and its downhill neighbors. Melrose Ave was rebuilt atop a high retaining wall with western views and a trail through the park at the north end, and remained a neighborhood street among historic buildings and a business district at the south end.

Starting about 8 years ago, Capitol Hill residents, businesses, and regional safe streets advocates worked to reimagine what Melrose Ave could mean to the community. Their vision saw potential in the street and proposed a “vibrant and visually stunning promenade.”

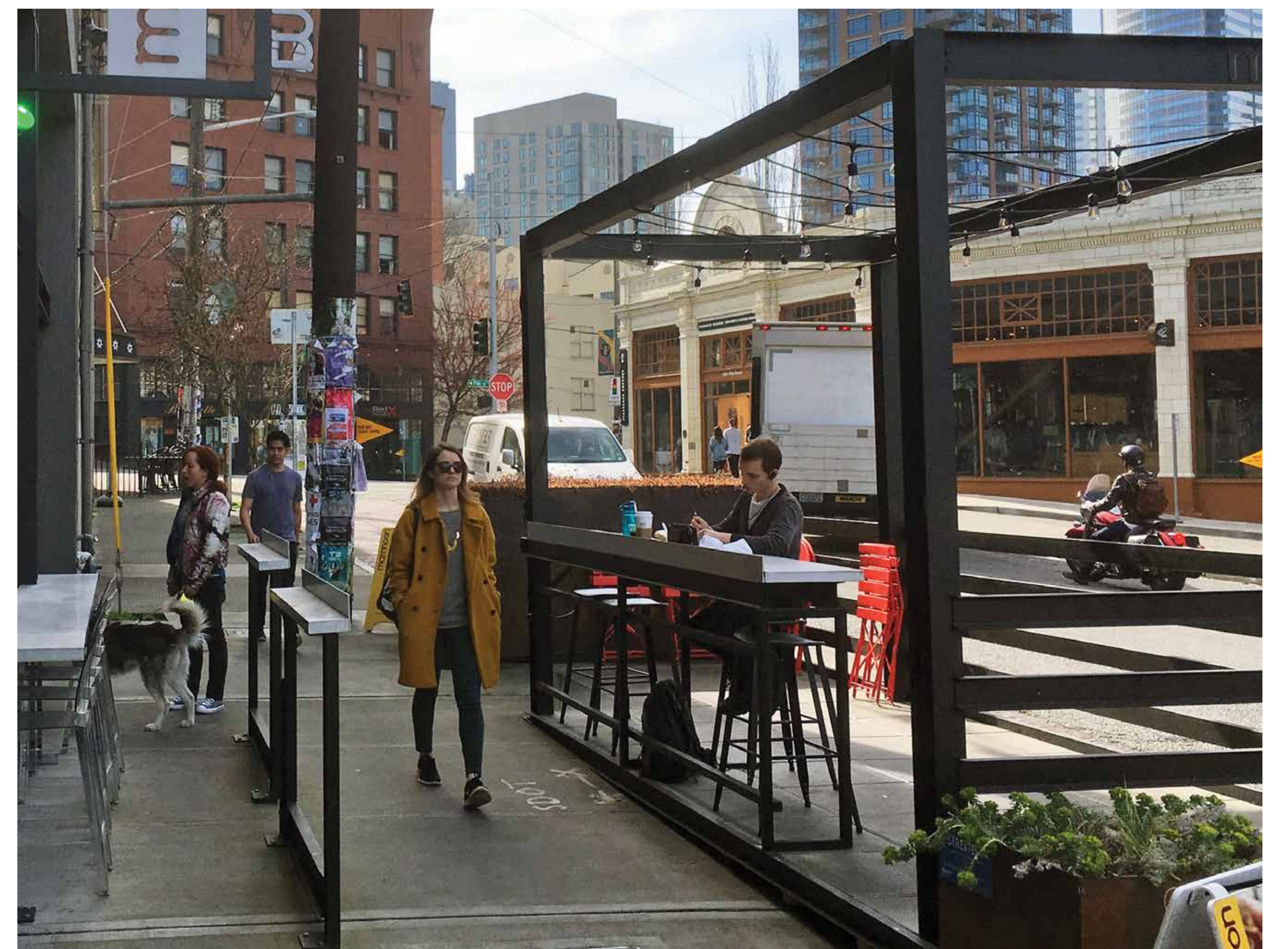
Since this concept aligns with our mission and vision for Seattle, we applied for and were awarded a grant to continue developing the vision and construct as much of it as possible.



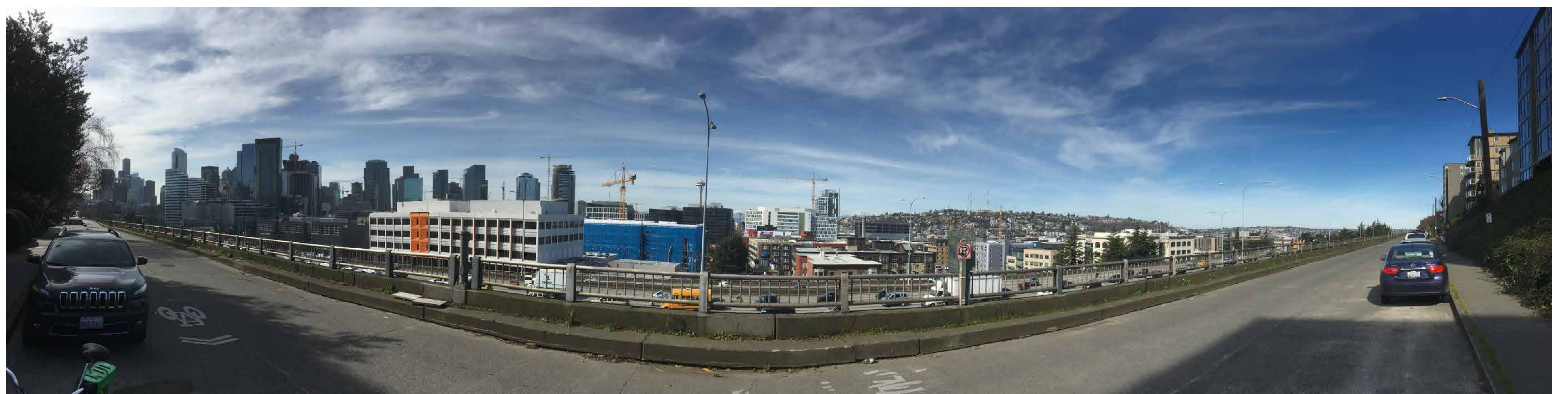
The community-led group released their Melrose Promenade Conceptual Plan in 2013. The plan was made possible by a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant from the City of Seattle.



Interstate 5 construction cuts off Melrose Ave and Capitol Hill from Eastlake. Photograph taken by Werner Lenggenhager on November 22, 2012. © Seattle Public Library



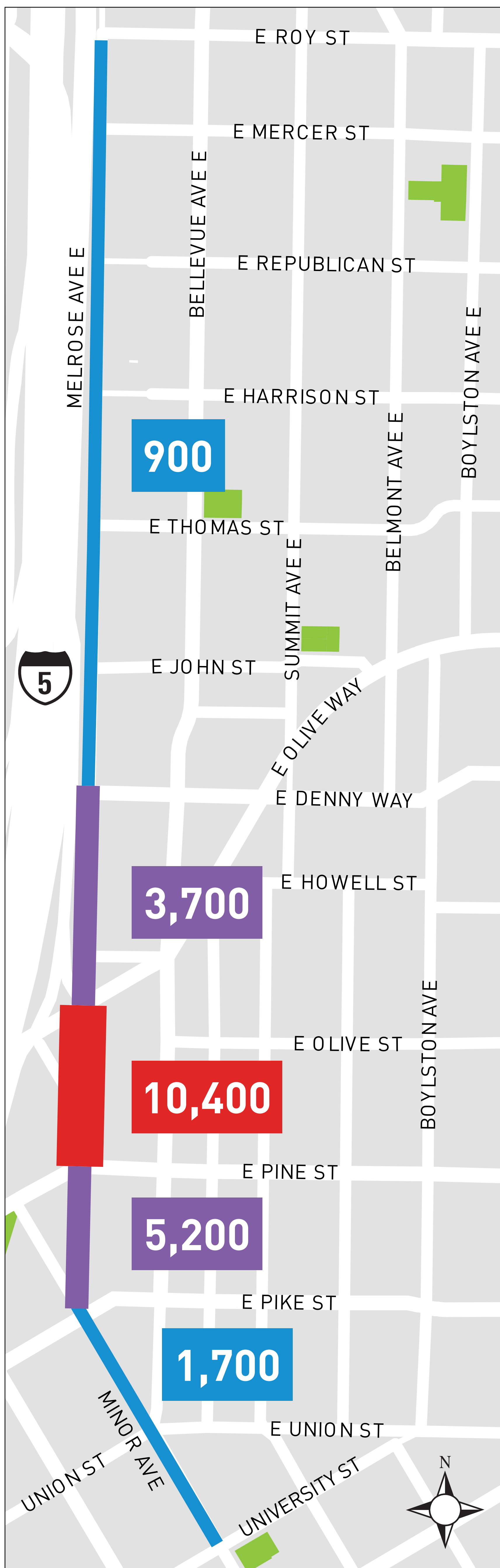
In recent years, street level retail and businesses have opened on Melrose Ave and more people are moving to Capitol Hill. 37% of nearby households are car-free.



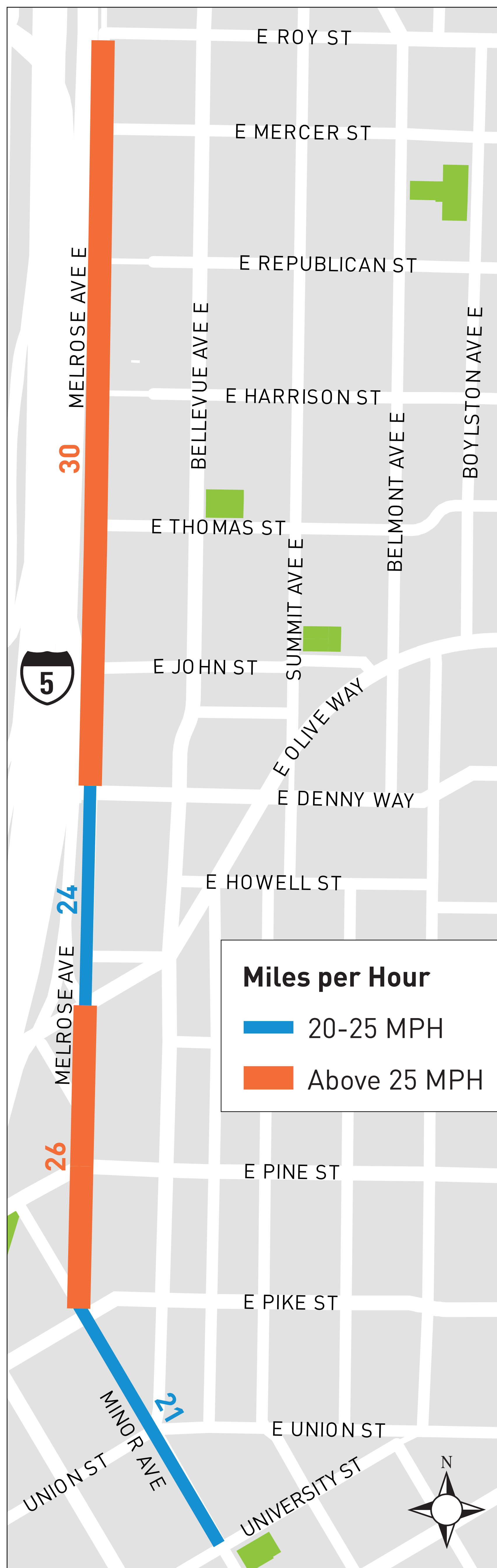
Much of Melrose Ave offers sweeping views of downtown Seattle, the Space Needle, Lake Union, Queen Anne, and the Olympic Mountains.

TRAFFIC DATA

Traffic Volumes*



Traffic Speeds**



Speeds are highest along the retaining wall north of Denny St.

The most traffic is leading to the I-5 northbound on-ramp at Olive Way.

Both speeds and volumes are higher than desired for a business district like we see between Pike St and Pine St.

South of Pike St is quieter, with less traffic and lower speeds.

* Volume: Traffic volume is the average number of vehicles counted on multiple weekdays at one location in each segment.

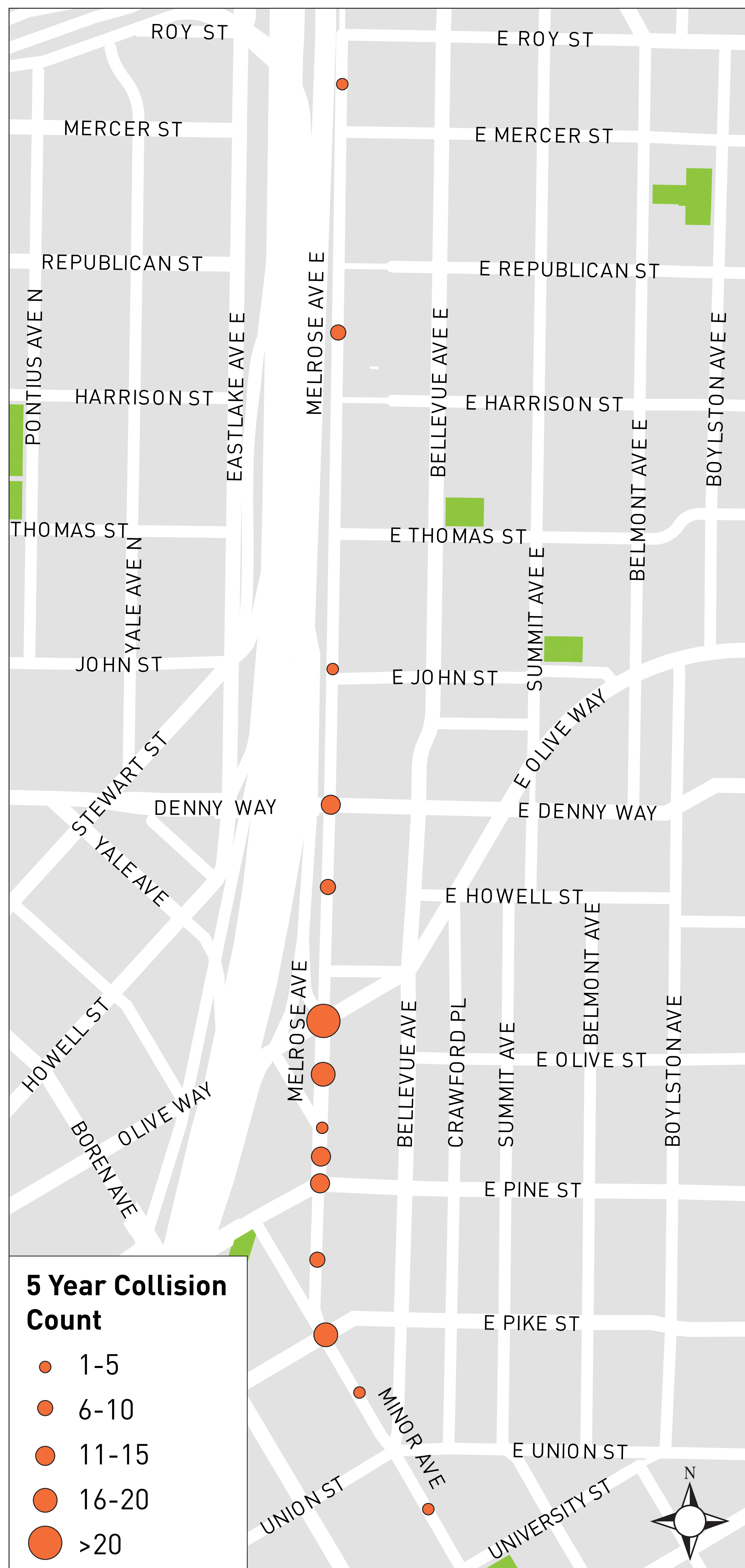
** Speed: This is an 85th percentile speed measurement. That's the speed at which 85% of all vehicles are traveling at or below.

SAFETY DATA

COLLISIONS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

Total reported collisions by location

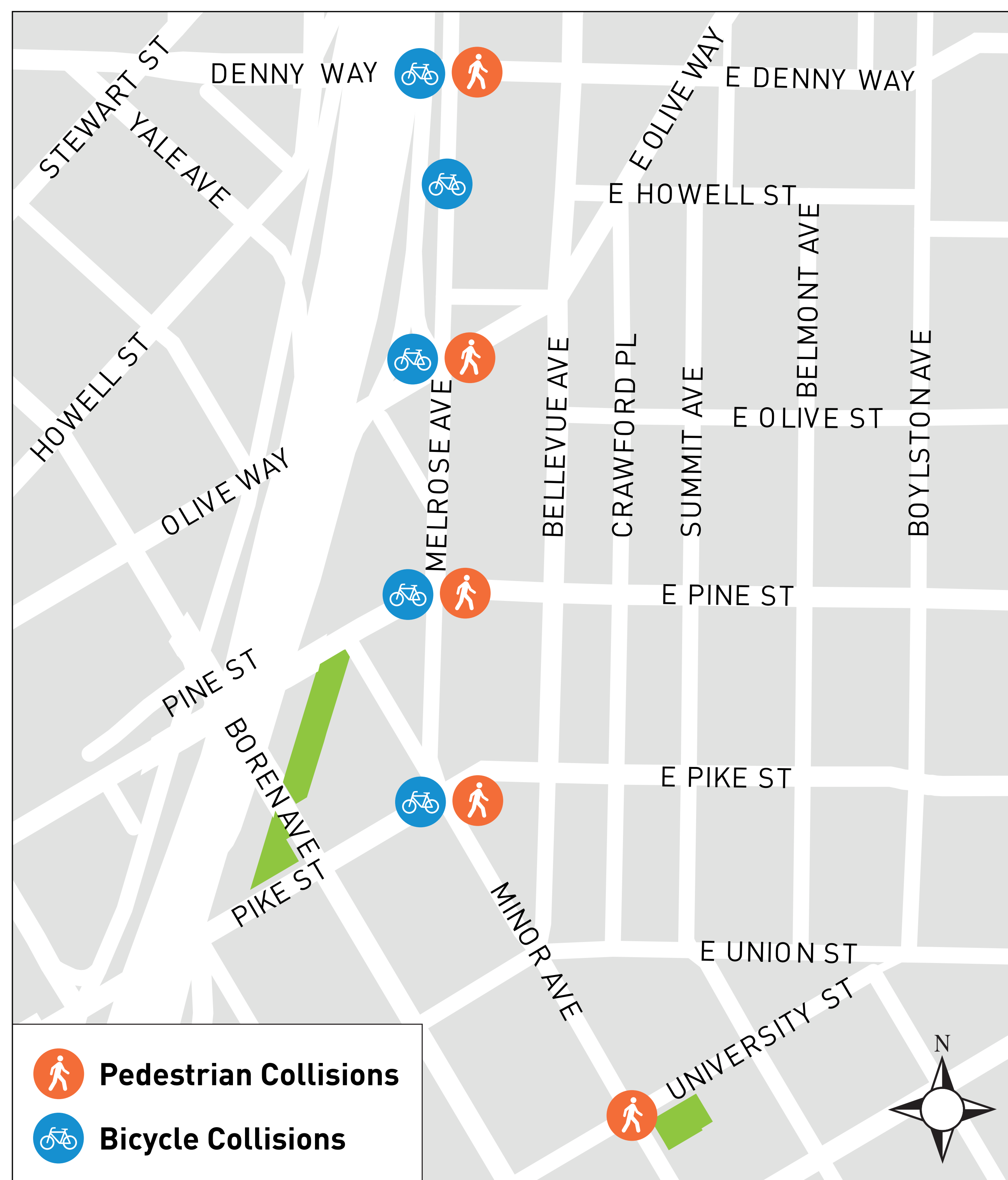
Since 2013, there have been a 141 crashes on Melrose Ave between Roy St and University St.



Collisions involving people walking and biking

In that time, all the serious injury crashes on Melrose Ave have involved either a person walking or biking.

All but 1 of these crashes occurred between Denny Way and Pike St. All pedestrian-involved were at intersections.



PROMENADE TOOLBOX:

What do you want added to Melrose Ave?



Lighting



Bike facilities



Natural drainage



New striping



Community activities



Traffic calming



Art



Parklets, streateries



Plazas



Pavement repair



New/wider sidewalks



Bike parking



Street trees, planting



Public seating



New/improved crossings



Wayfinding signs