

The background is a photograph of a street scene. On the left, a sign for 'PAISANO FOOD STORE' is visible. The sky is overcast. A large, dark purple rounded rectangle is centered over the image, containing the title text. Below the title, a white rounded rectangle contains the event name. The entire image is overlaid with a pattern of white arrows pointing in various directions (up, down, left, right, and diagonally) and wavy lines, suggesting movement and traffic flow.

A Crime Prevention Model for Complete Streets

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TRADITIONAL TOOLS FOR CRIME PREVENTION

SYMBOLISM



Symbolic barriers like material changes and landscaping

Direct barriers like signage, fences, and gates

SURVEILLANCE



Elements that create “eyes on the street”, including busy storefronts, increased patrols, lighting, cameras

ACCESS CONTROL



Widening or Narrowing walkways, gates, bollards, turnstiles to improve or impede access

MAINTENANCE



Upkeep and investment in the physical environment, such as lighting, sidewalks, and buildings

POLICING



Increasing police presence in neighborhoods

TARGET HARDENING



Denying or limiting access through physical barriers like locks or through presence of security

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

Tools for Implementation in Precinct 4

*A MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY
APPROACH TO
PREVENT CRIME BY
ADDRESSING THE
WAY WE BUILD AND
MANAGE PUBLIC
SPACE.*

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNALING



Encorporating identity
into a place through native
plants, or culturally relevant
art work

ACTIVITY SUPPORT



Encourage intended
patterns of use through
program and events

MAINTENANCE



Ensuring our public space is
well cared for

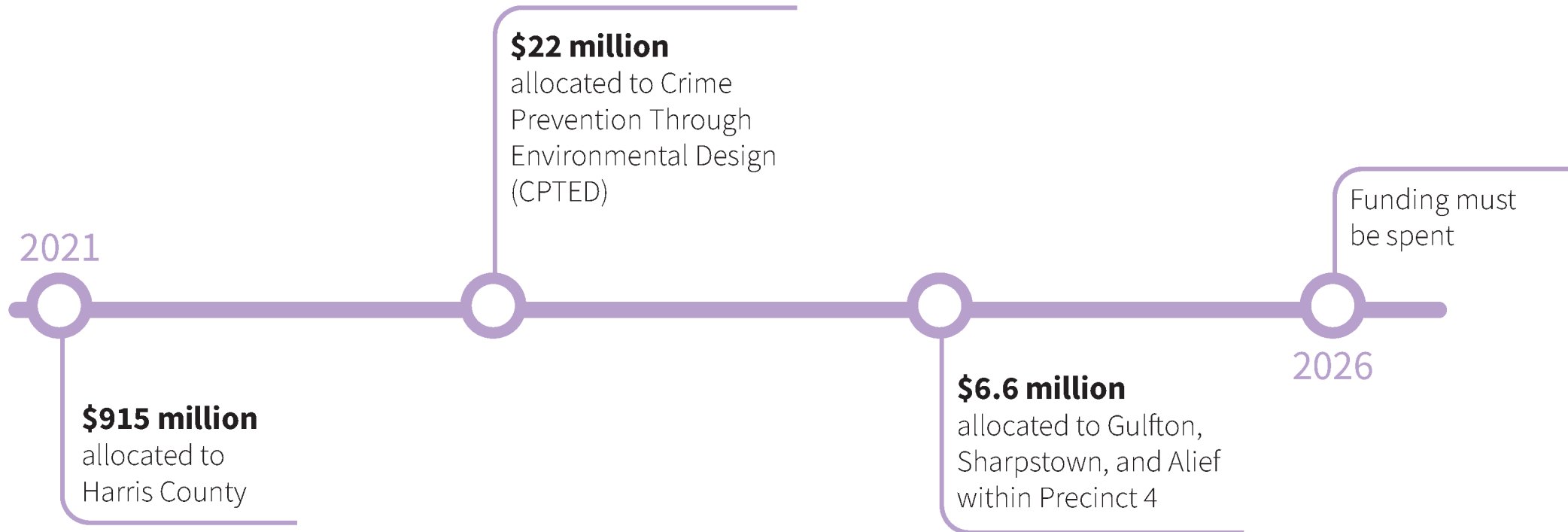
VIBRANCY



Public art, seating, lighting,
and other elements that
encourage "eyes on the
street"

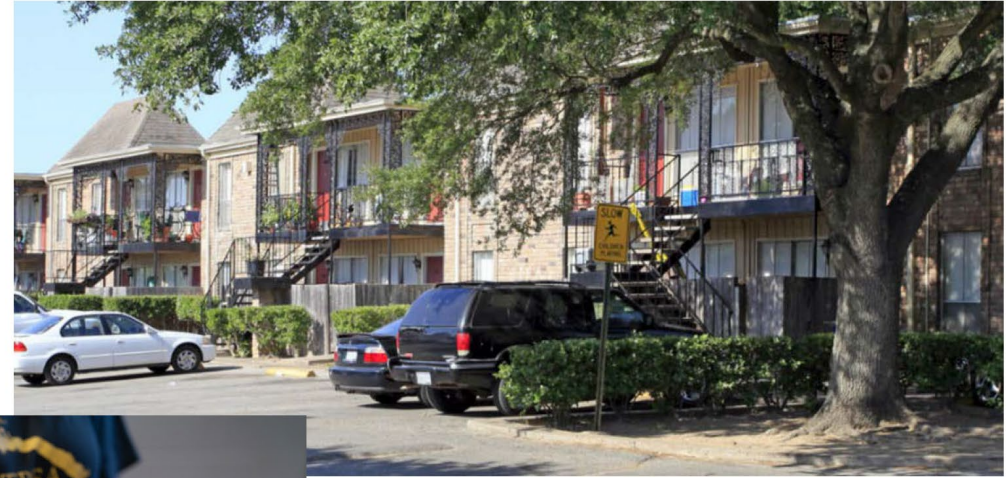
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Selection of priority neighborhoods was based on crime statistics
- Gulfton, among others, ranks in the top 90th percentile for homicides and assaults in Harris County



MEET GULFTON

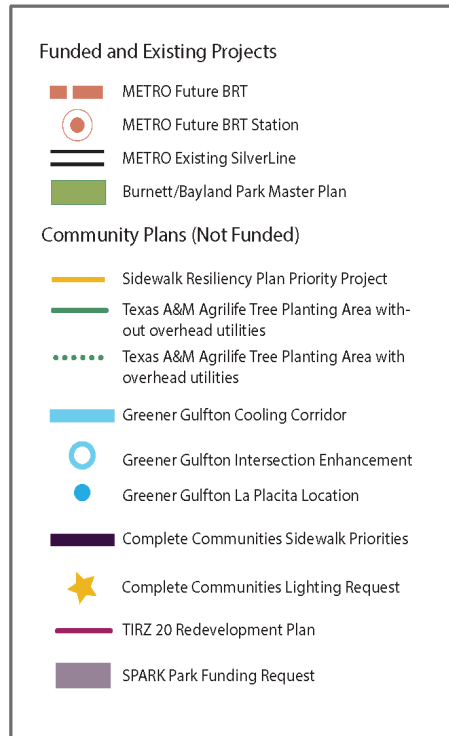
- ~3 square miles
- 70% speak Spanish at home
- 3,443 persons/square mile (5x the City of Houston)
- 12% do not own a vehicle (2x the City of Houston)
- Median household income = \$36,152



- Home to active civic groups including:
- Gulfton Super Neighborhood Council
- Madres del Parque

A HOT SPOT FOR PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

- 15+ separate plans since 2018
- 70+ planned infrastructure projects
- USDOT Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods 2024 award \$21+ million for sidewalks and trees



A PATH FORWARD

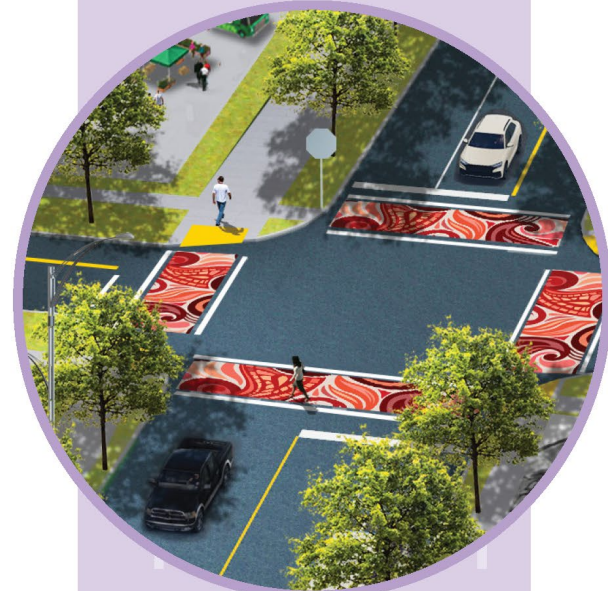
PRIORITIZE STREETS



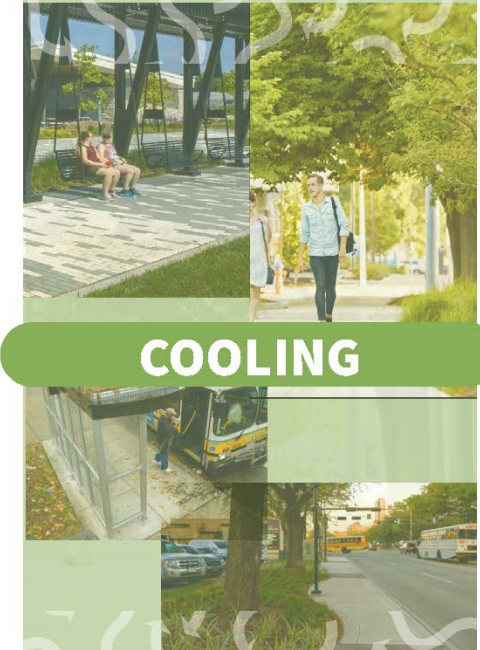
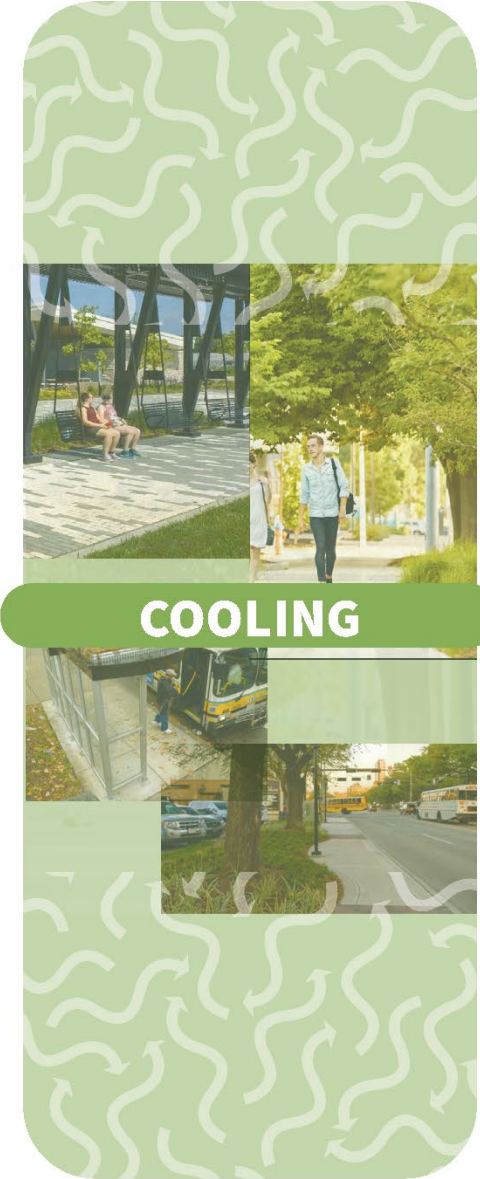
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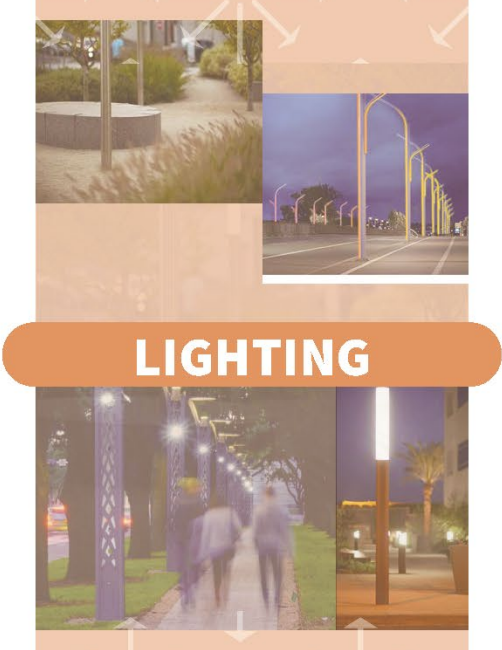
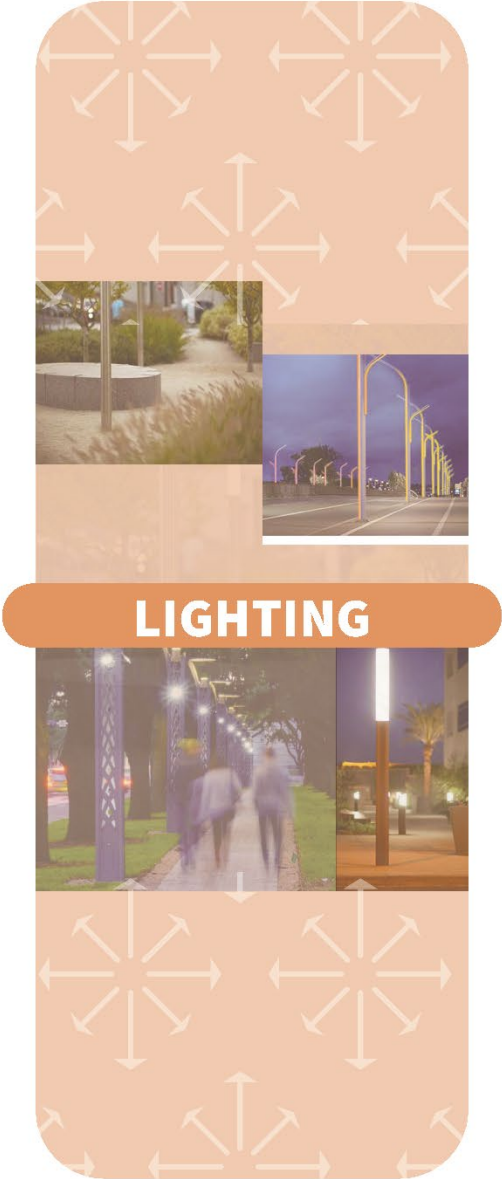
DEVELOP CONCEPT




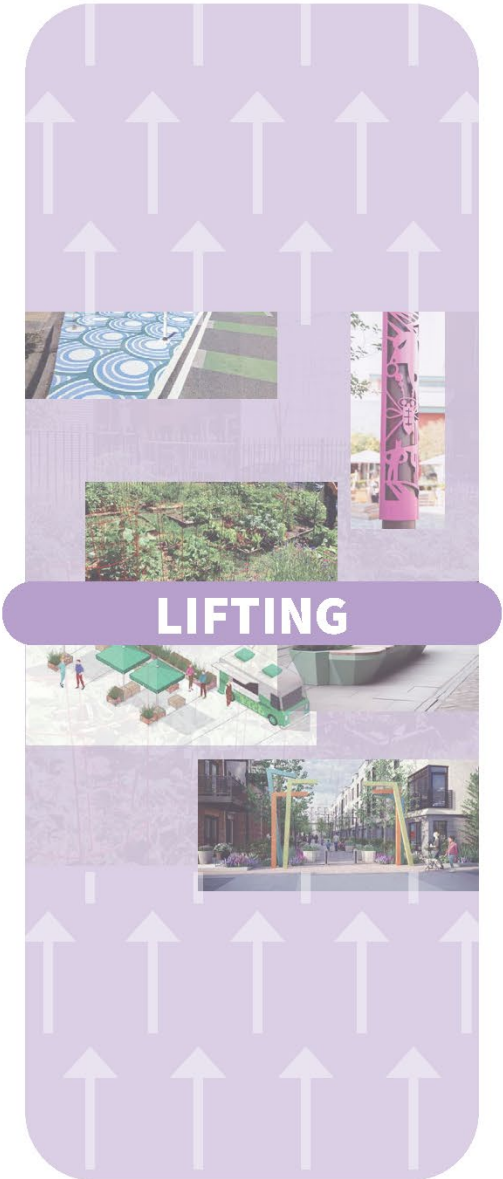
MERGING PREVIOUS PLANNING WITH CURRENT FUNDING



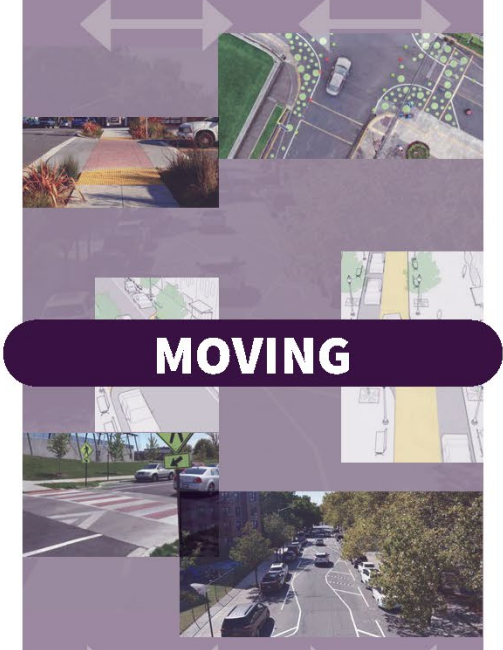
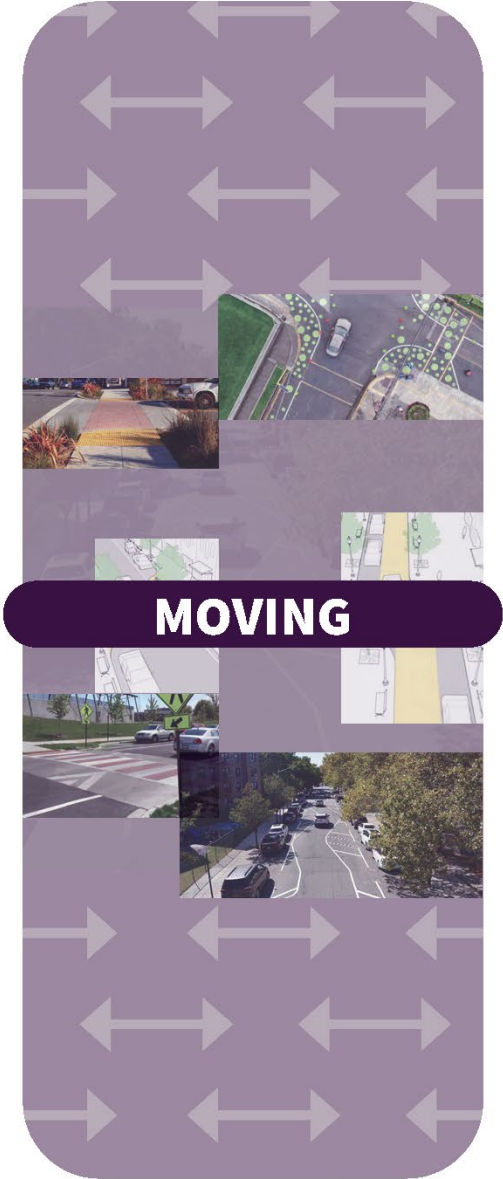
COOLING



LIGHTING



LIFTING



MOVING

MERGING PREVIOUS PLANNING WITH CURRENT FUNDING

COOLING

- Native Trees & Shrubs
- Shade Structures
- Bus Shelters

LIGHTING

- Pedestrian Lighting

LIFTING

- Murals / Sculptures
- La Placitas or “Little Plazas”
- METRO Rest Stops
- Gardens\
- Maintenance

MOVING

- Sidewalk / Side Paths
- Bike Facilities
- Crosswalk Improvements
- Accessibility Improvements
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Chicanes
- Bulb Outs
- Curb Extensions
- Gateways
- Speed Tables
- Lane Reconfigurations

PRIORITIZE STREETS WITH LAYERING TECHNIQUE

- 4 Stations (Cooling, Lighting, Lifting, Moving)



USE TRANSPARENT SHEETS TO
SHOW OVERLAPPING PRIORITIES



DIGITIZE RESULTS



NARROW OPTIONS BASED ON
PRIORITY



PRIORITY CORRIDORS



COLLECT NUANCED DATA : THE NIGHT WALK

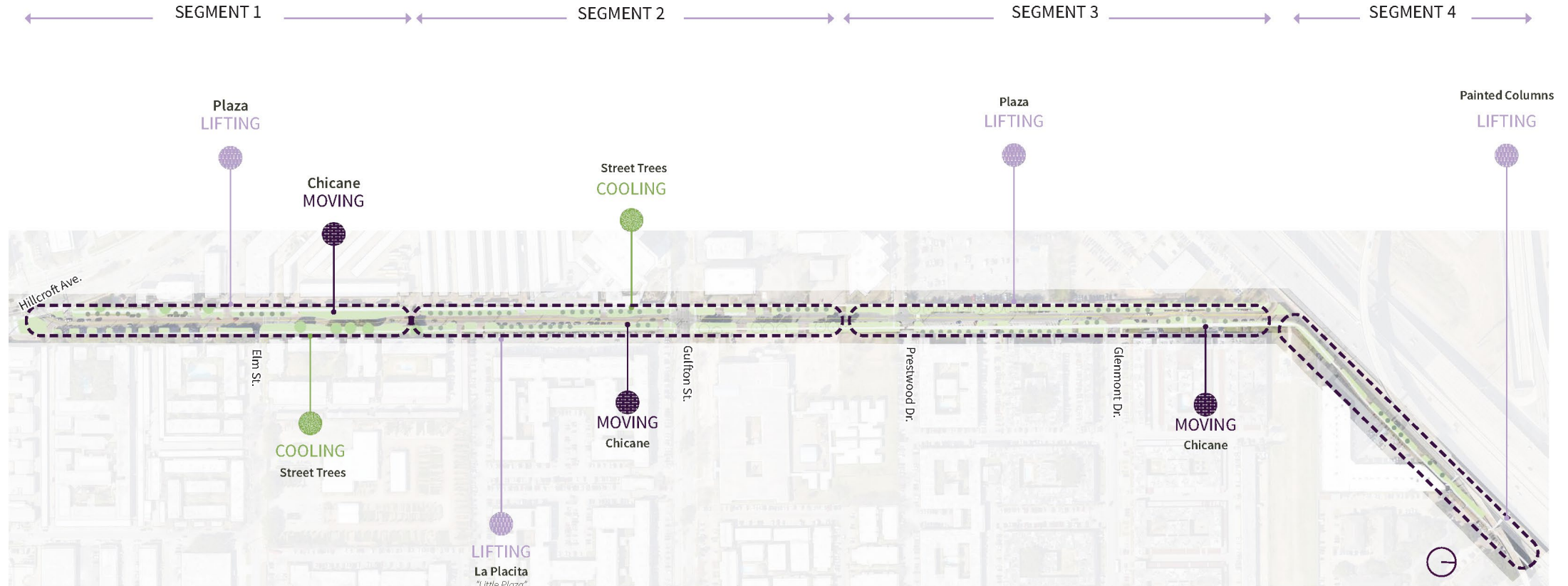


Lessons Learned:

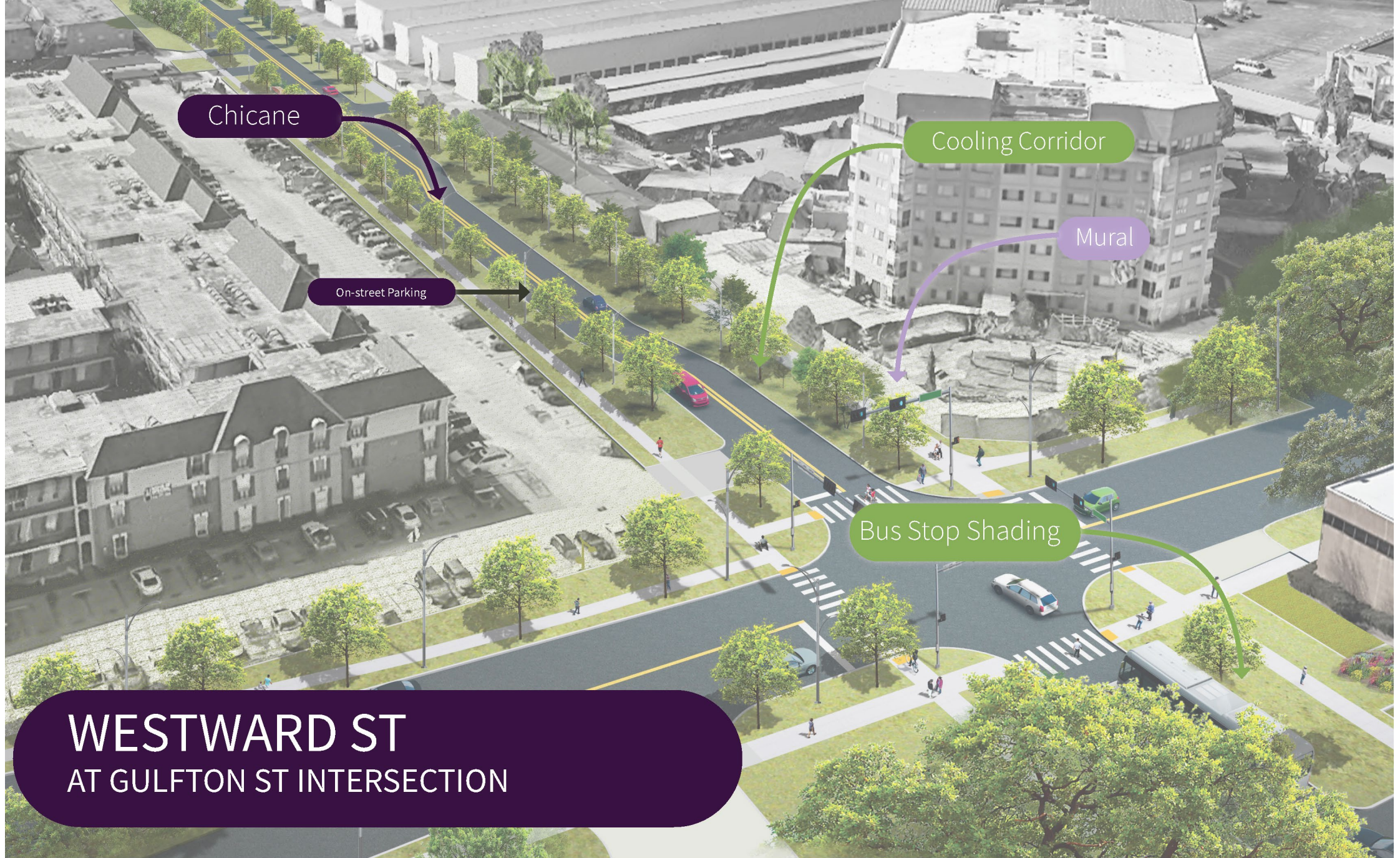
- Crime is an active threat on Westward in particular
- Maintenance along public ROW and private property is a challenge
- Speeding is likely along both Westward and Glenmont
- Lighting is mostly coming from private properties and is far too bright
- Several opportunities for art
- Eagerness and support from participants and Houston police to see change



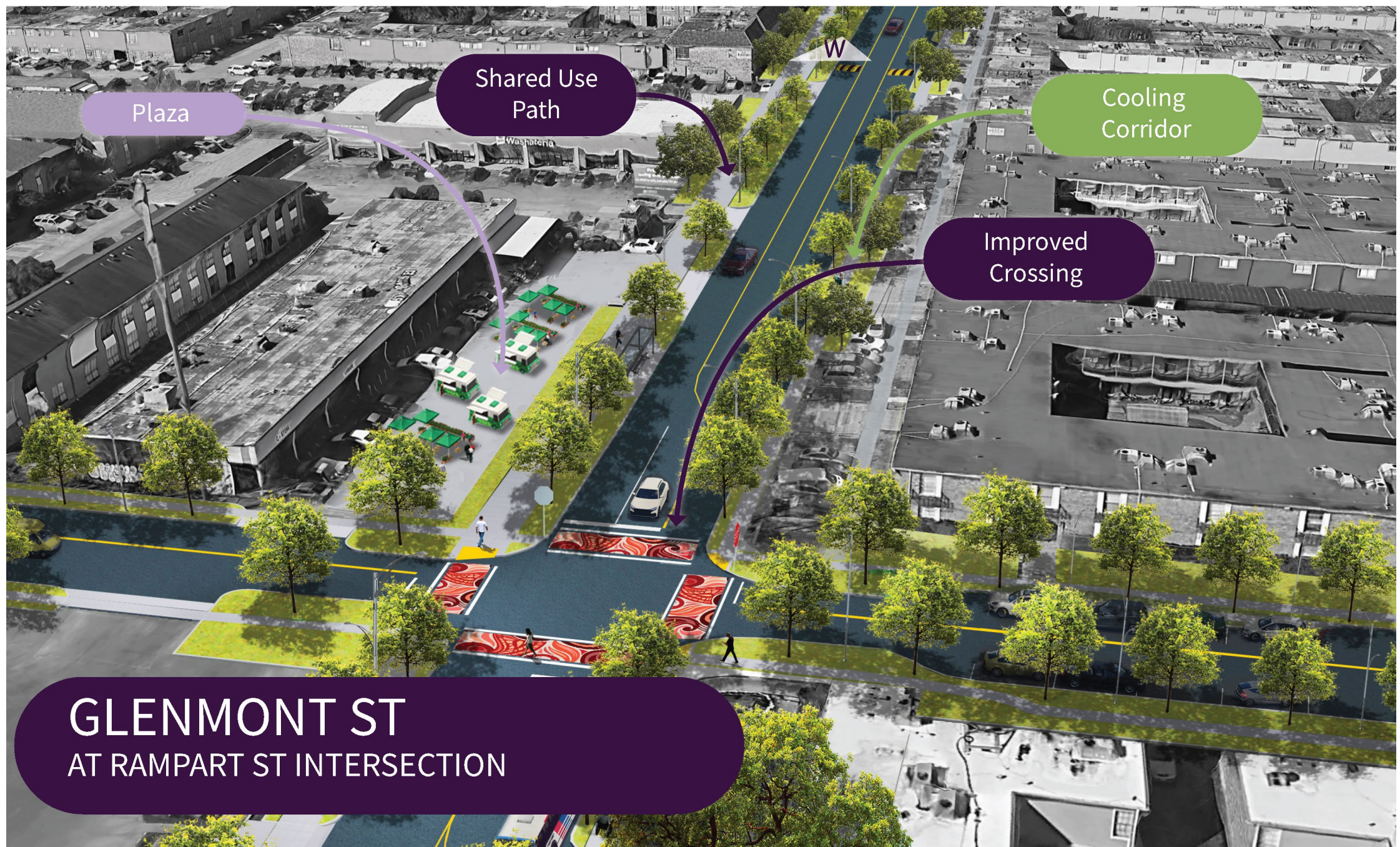
DEVELOP THE CONCEPT: WESTWARD STREET



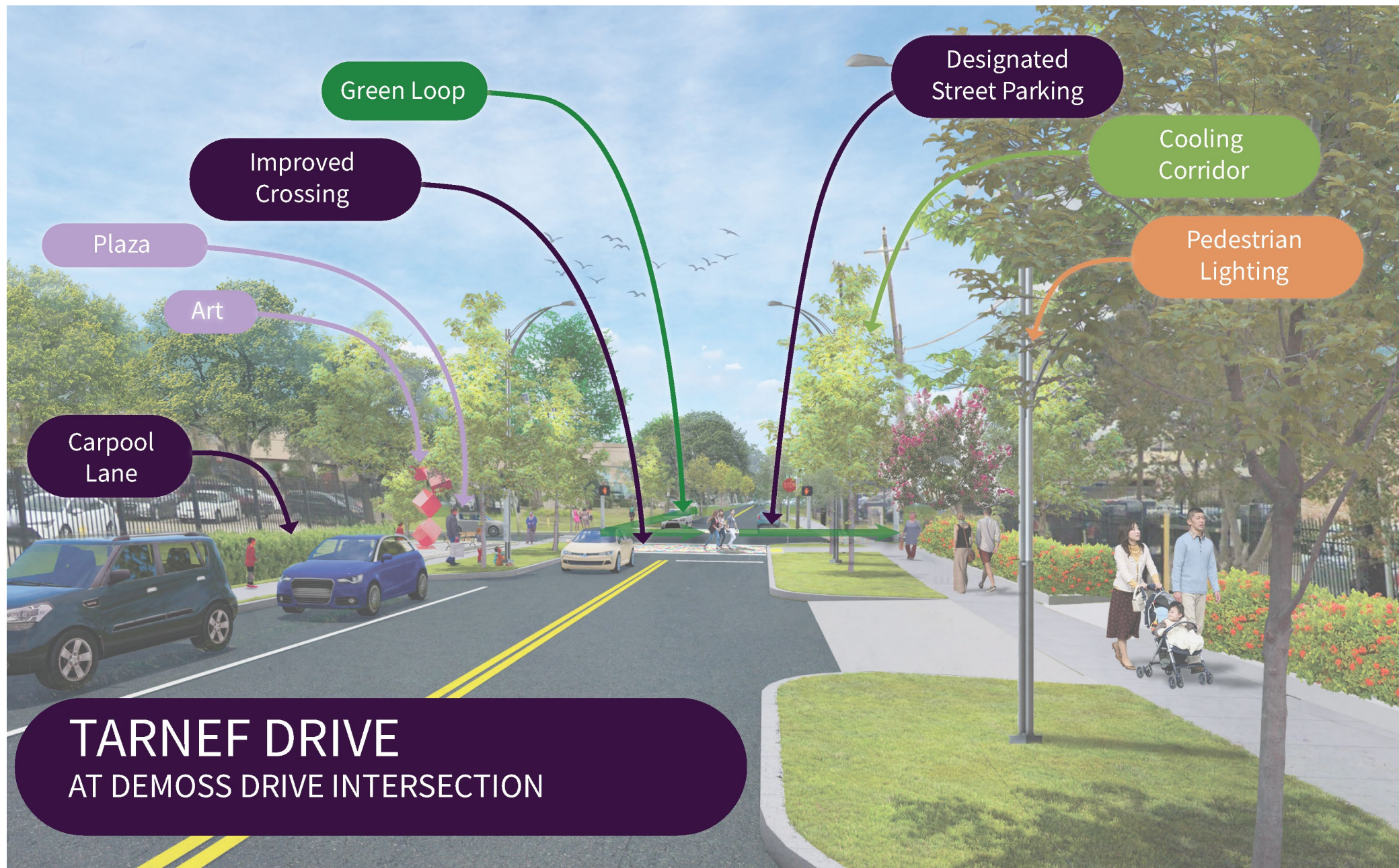
Proposed Shade Trees: 50
Proposed Ornamental Trees: 39



WESTWARD ST AT GULFTON ST INTERSECTION



GLENMONT ST AT RAMPART ST INTERSECTION



TARNEF DRIVE AT DEMOSS DRIVE INTERSECTION



La Placita

Cooling Corridor

Mural

Etoile Academy
Charter School

Reconfigured
Parking

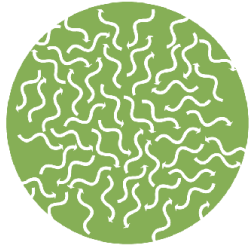
Bus Stop Shade

Mural

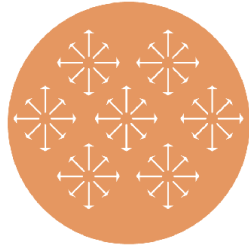
HORNWOOD DRIVE AT TARNEF INTERSECTION



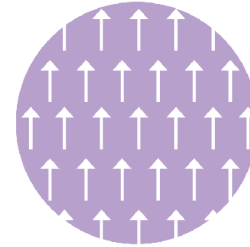
A complete street supports community development,
personal safety, and roadway safety.



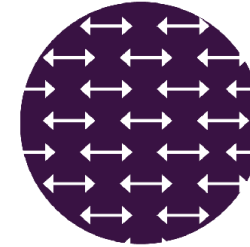
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