

# Facer Street Design Study

2026-04-07 Public Open House



## Welcome

Facer Street, between Niagara Street and Grantham Avenue, is set for reconstruction, including the road surface and underground utilities. This work provides an opportunity to revitalize the street into a more pedestrian-friendly space. The City aims to improve the street's quality, comfort, and appearance, making it both a better route for travel and a vibrant neighborhood destination.

Today, Facer Street is a diverse corridor with a mix of housing, local businesses, shops, and restaurants, and it is also identified in the City's Official Plan as an intensification corridor.

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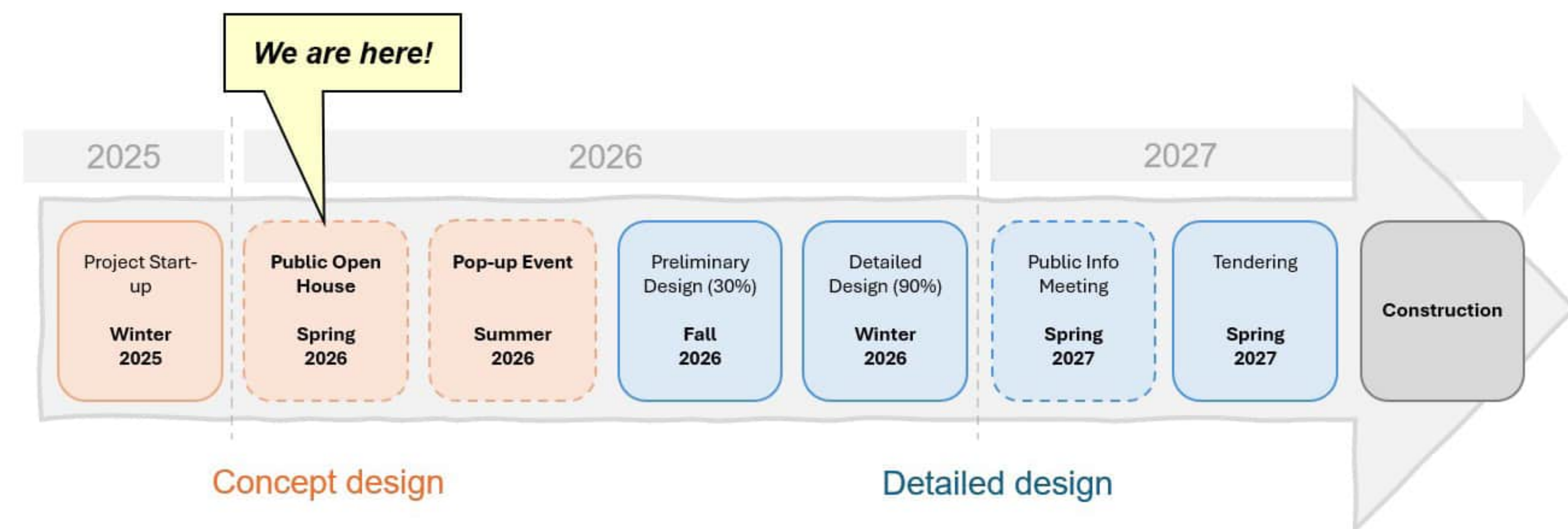
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## PROJECT TIMELINE

The Facer Street project will follow several key stages, starting with design and planning, moving through detailed engineering, and ultimately leading to construction and completion.

Along the way, there are important opportunities for community input, so you can help guide decisions and shape the street into a safer, more comfortable, and vibrant space for everyone.



# An Exciting Opportunity

## PURPOSE

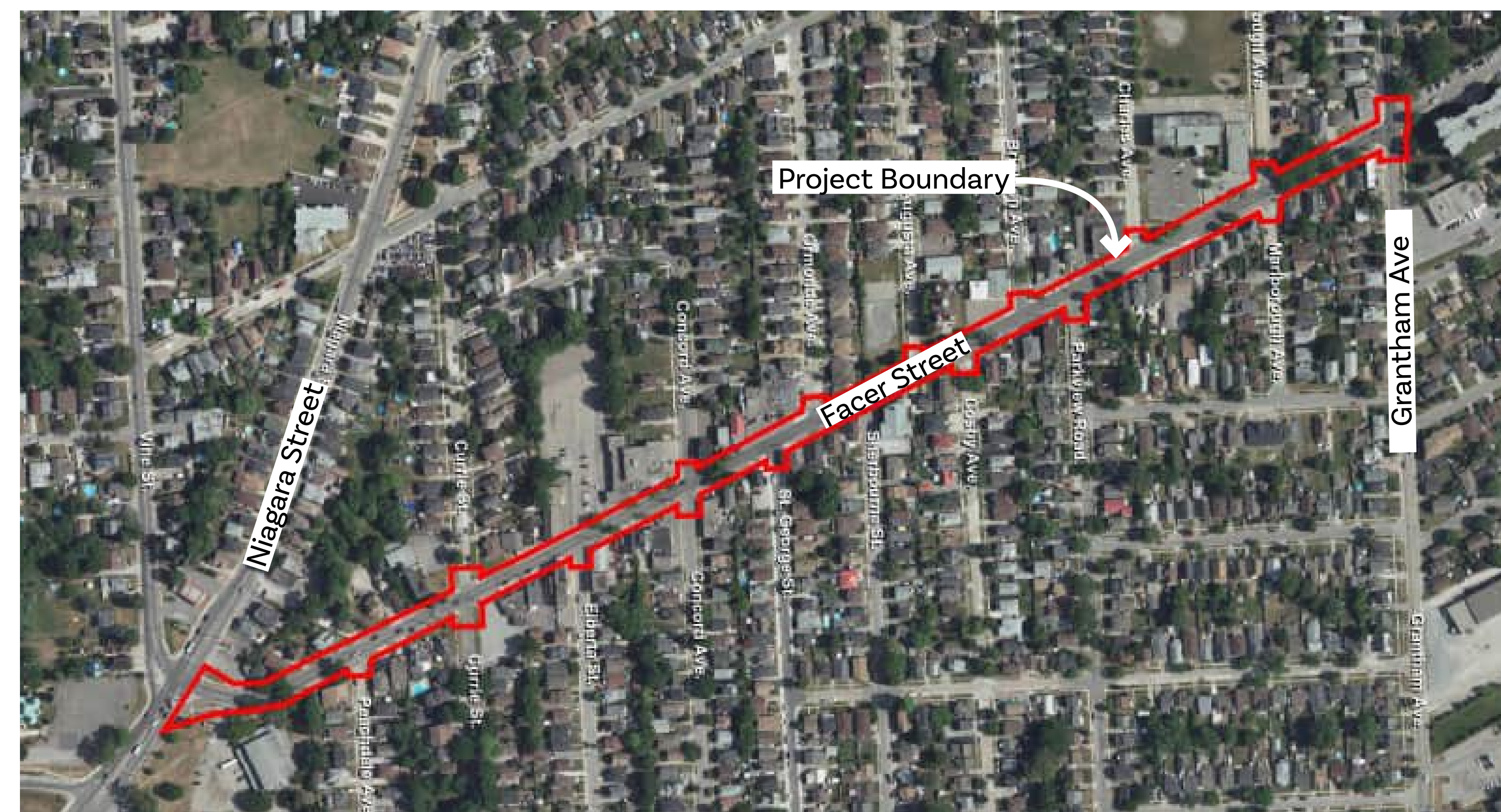
This Open House is an opportunity for you to learn about the proposed improvements for Facer Street and provide feedback.

We want to share our design concepts, explain the ideas behind them, and present the work completed so far, including preliminary street analysis, layout options, and two distinct concept design directions for Facer Street.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

At this Open House, you can explore proposed concepts for Facer Street, review ideas for public spaces and street improvements, and share your thoughts with the project team.

Your input will help guide the final design and ensure the street meets the needs of everyone!



Project Boundary



Aerial photograph of the project site, from above.





Aerial photograph of Facer Street and the surrounding neighbourhood.

# Street Analysis

The team has studied existing conditions on Facer Street to understand how the street functions today. This includes reviewing land uses, traffic operations, driveways, parking, sunlight, utilities, connections, trees, and green spaces to identify opportunities and challenges that help guide the design.



Legend

- Commercial
- Schools
- Public / Community
- Residential

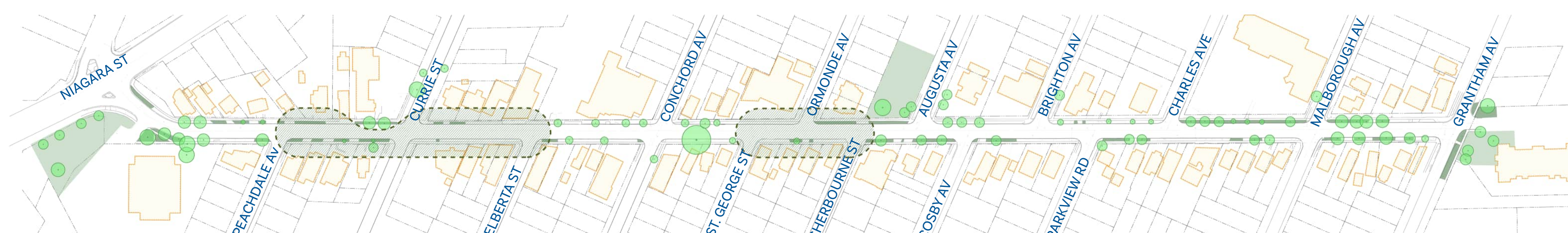
Existing Land-Uses



Legend

- Surface Parking
- Driveways

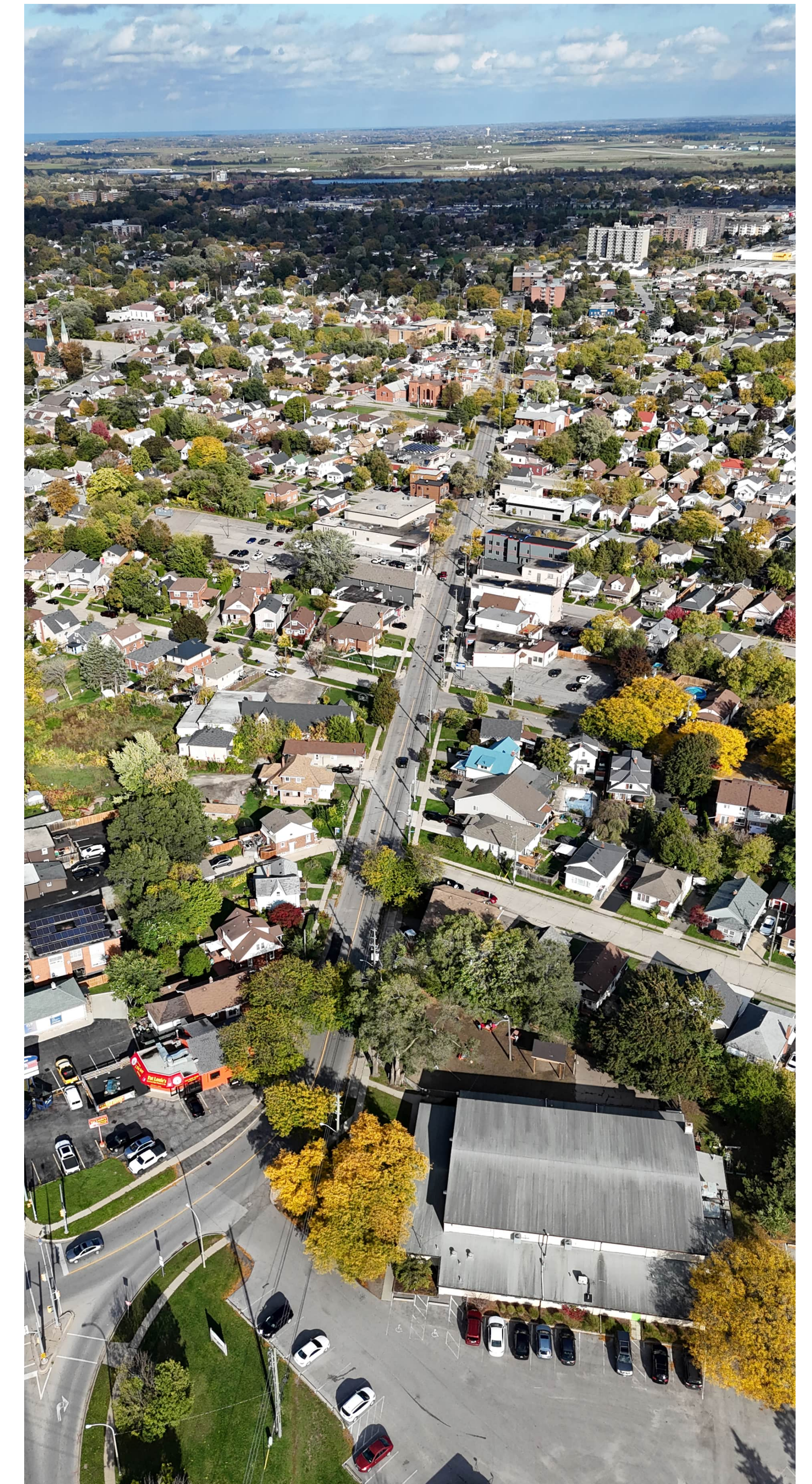
Existing Driveways and Parking Lots



Legend

- Softscape areas
- Canopy gap areas
- Existing Trees

Existing Trees and Green Spaces



Aerial photograph of Facer Street and the surrounding neighbourhood.

# Functional Design

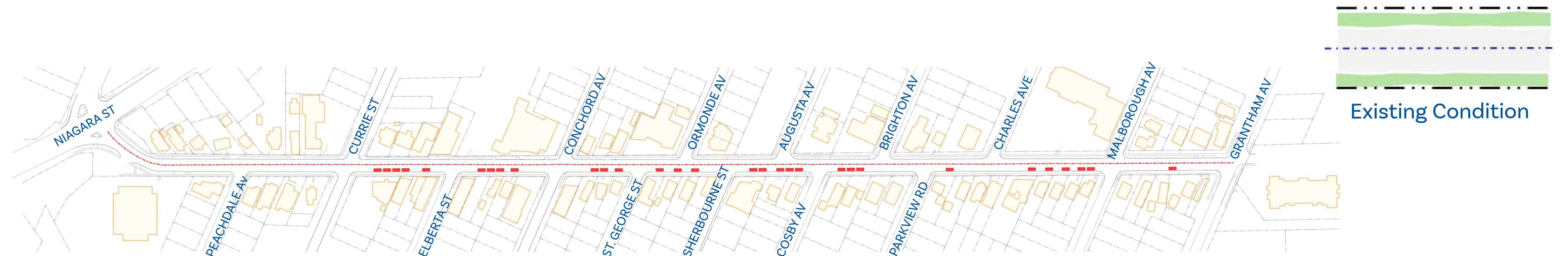
## ROAD CENTERLINE & LANE WIDTHS

Because the street is being fully reconstructed, there is an opportunity to adjust the road centerline to make better use of available space. Narrowing lanes and small shifts in the roadway create more room for trees, benches and other streetscape features while supporting a safer and more comfortable street.

## ON-STREET PARKING

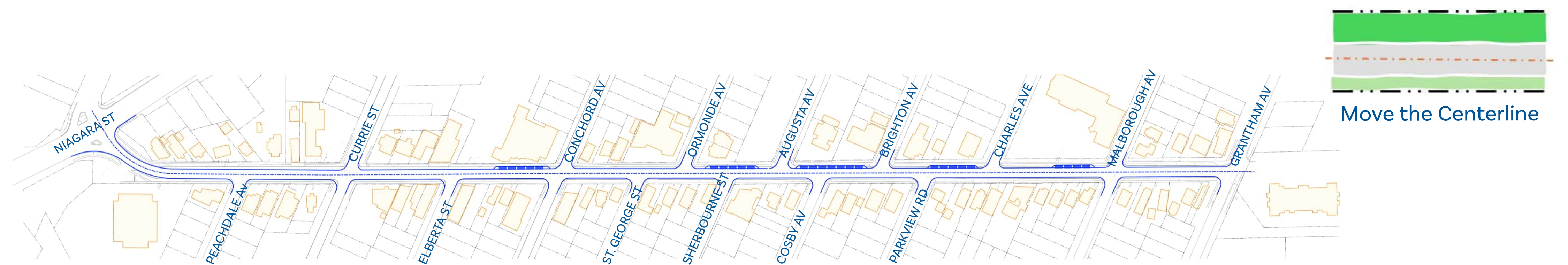
Adjusting the road alignment also creates flexibility for where on-street parking can be located. Different layout options can help organize parking more efficiently while balancing space for other public realm elements.

The two scenarios shown here illustrate different approaches to parking layout — **let us know what you feel works best for the street.**



### Existing On-Street Parking

The existing street has approximately 30 parking spaces along the south side, located between driveways and other street features.



### Road Scenario 1 - Move the Centerline

Moving the road centerline south creates additional space along the north side of the street for trees, where they do not conflict with overhead hydro lines. In this scenario, widened boulevards on the north side also allow on-street parking to the north side.



### Road Scenario 2 - Shift the Centerline

Shifting the road centerline north at select locations can also create additional space along the south side of the street. This allows the roadway to gently shift up and down, creating opportunities for more space on either side of the street. In this scenario, some parking is kept on the south side but it also puts some trees on the south side where they will be under hydro lines.

# Planting for the future

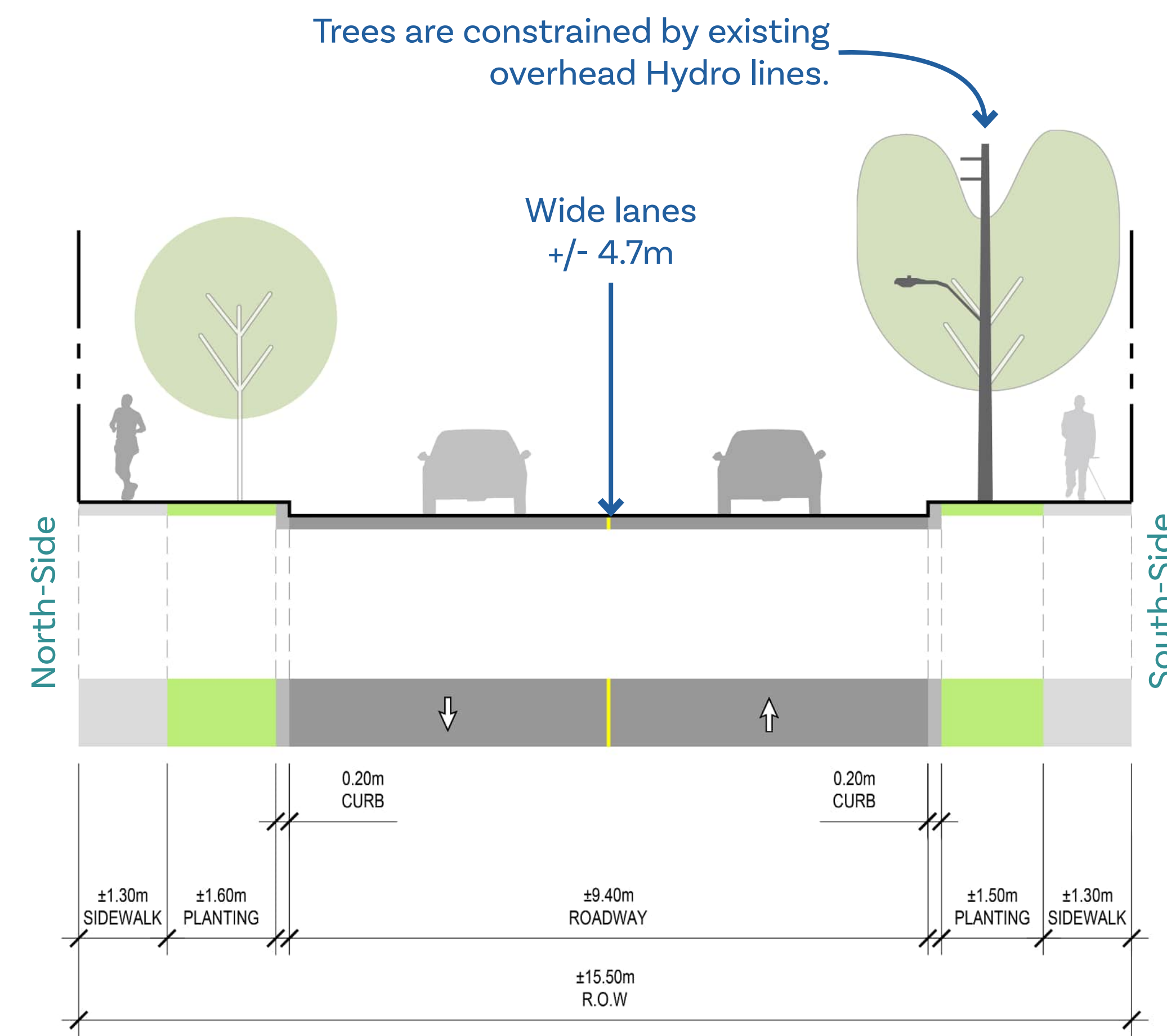
## STREET TREE PLANTING

With adjustments to road design, we can create more space along the north side of the street for new tree planting. All existing trees will be carefully reviewed by arborists, and every effort will be made to preserve as many as possible.

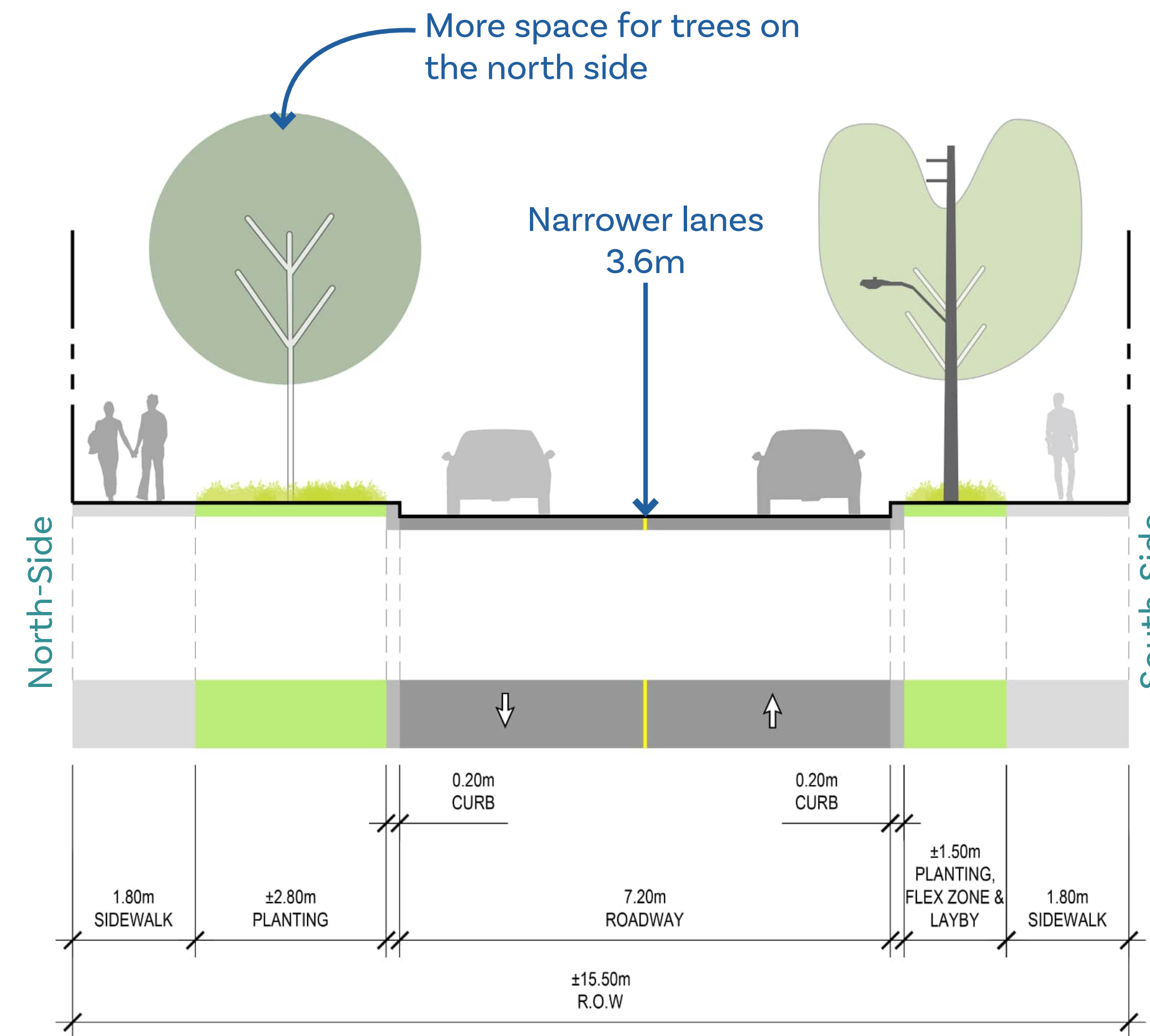
Placing new trees on the north side of the street, away from existing overhead power lines, ensures they can grow healthy and strong, providing shade and a greener, more inviting street for years to come.



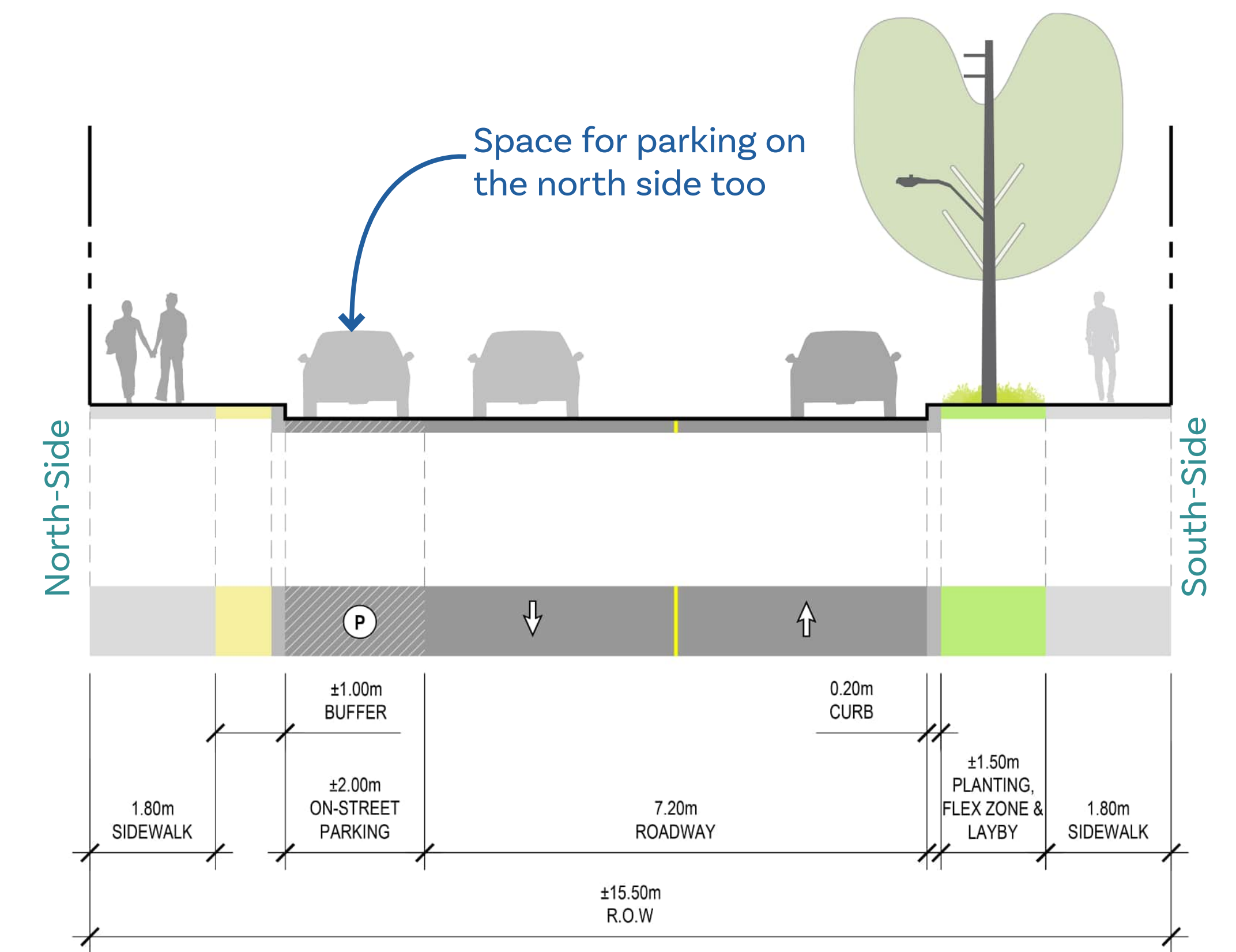
Photograph of existing street trees on Facer Street. Trees on the south side are impacted by Hydro lines.



Existing Street



Proposed Street - Trees



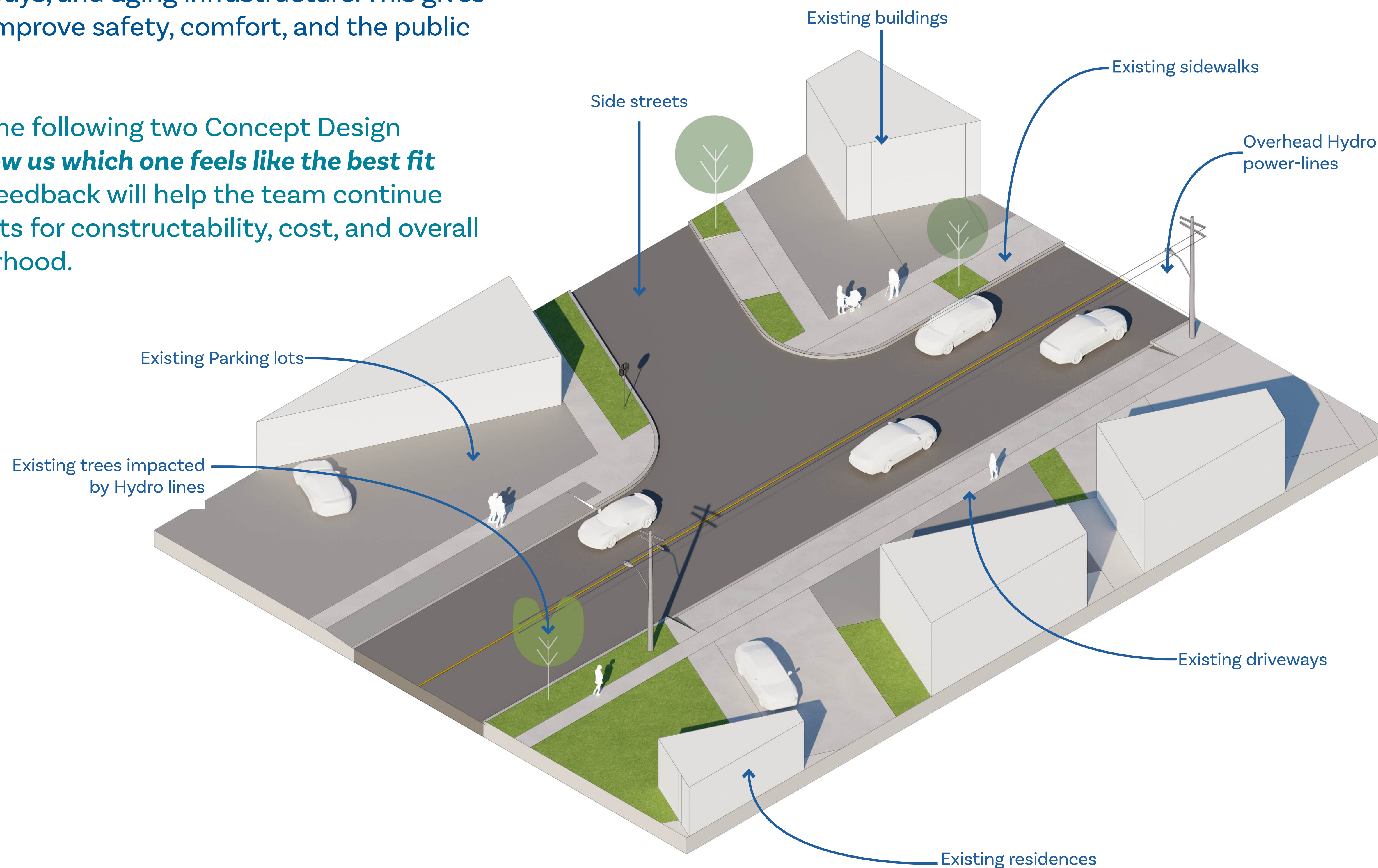
Proposed Street - Parking

# Facer Street today

## EXISTING STREET

Facer Street is ready for renewal. The street today has narrow sidewalks, wide driveways, and aging infrastructure. This gives us an opportunity to improve safety, comfort, and the public realm.

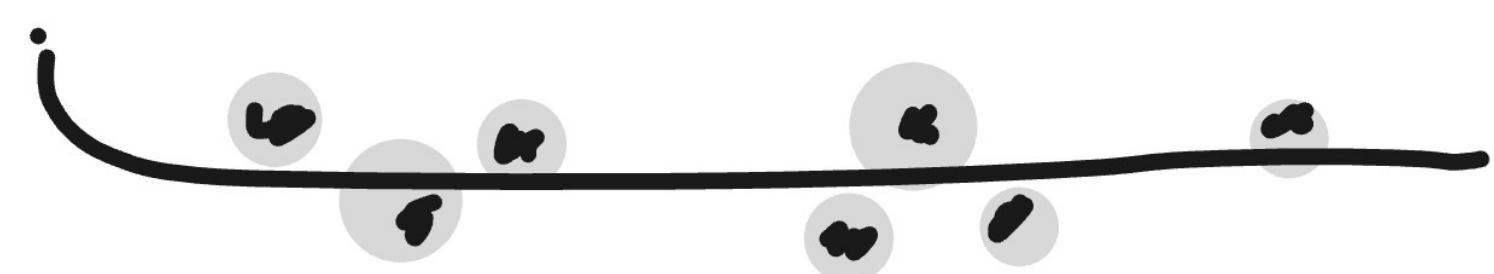
Please take a look at the following two Concept Design Options and **let us know us which one feels like the best fit for Facer Street**. Your feedback will help the team continue evaluating the concepts for constructability, cost, and overall value to the neighbourhood.



# Streetscape Concept 1

## THE “FRONT PORCH”

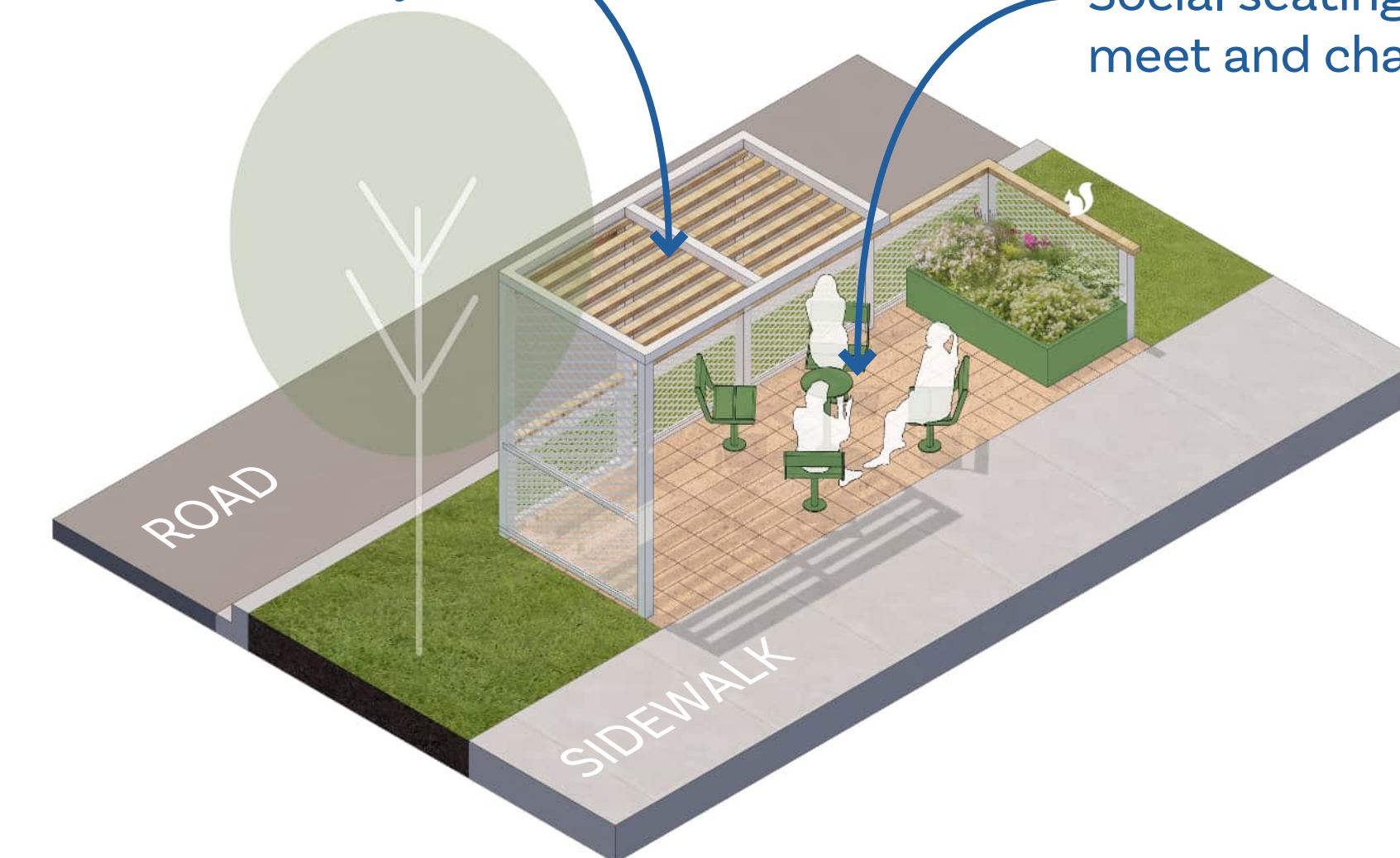
This concept brings the feeling of a front porch, a social space, to Facer Street. Distinct gathering nodes, or ‘porch moments,’ provide spaces for rest, socializing, and casual connection. Together, they create a new street that’s comfortable and human-scaled.



**Nodal Porches:** a series of gathering nodes along the entire street

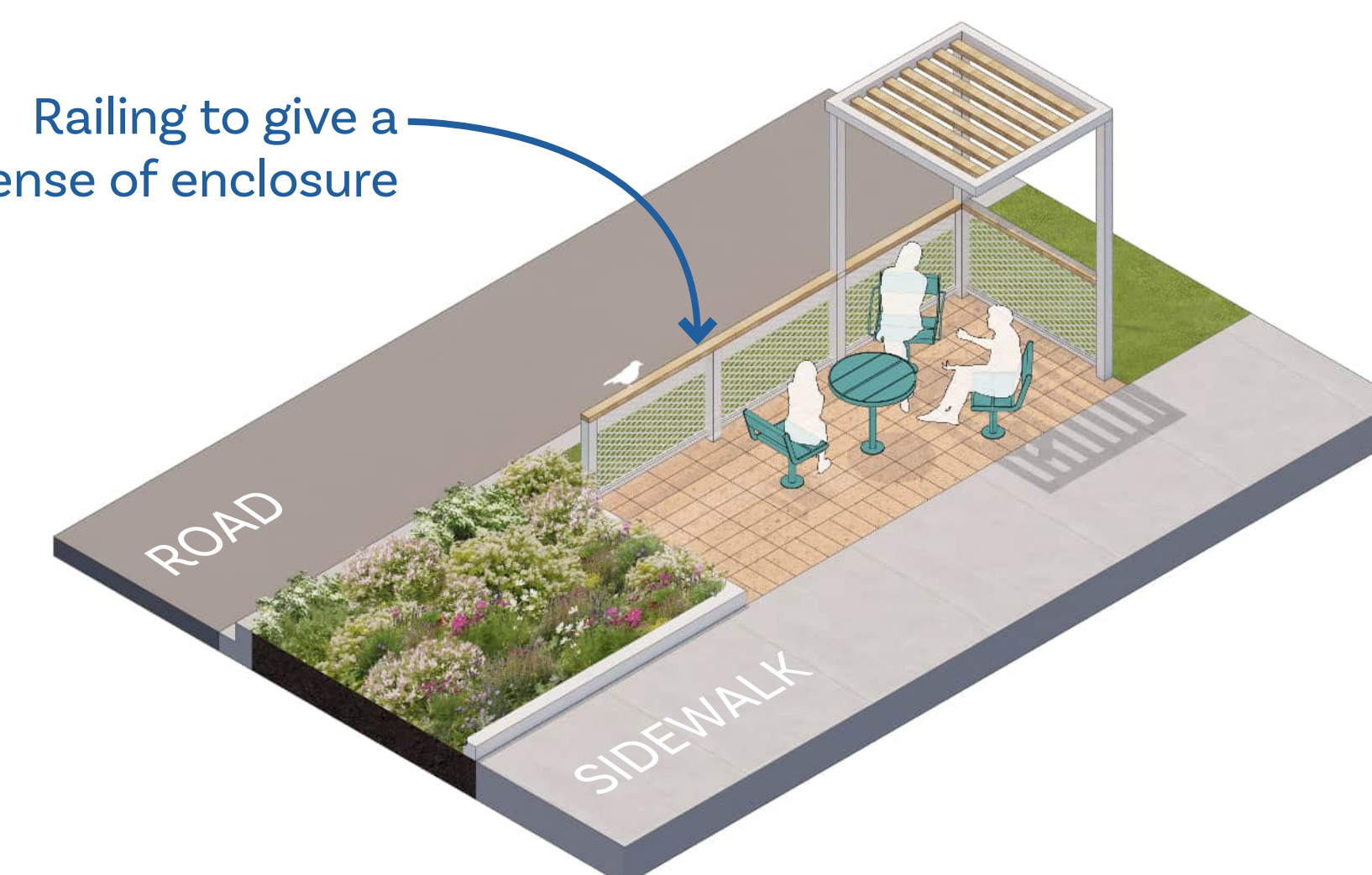


Canopy structure for shade on hot summer days

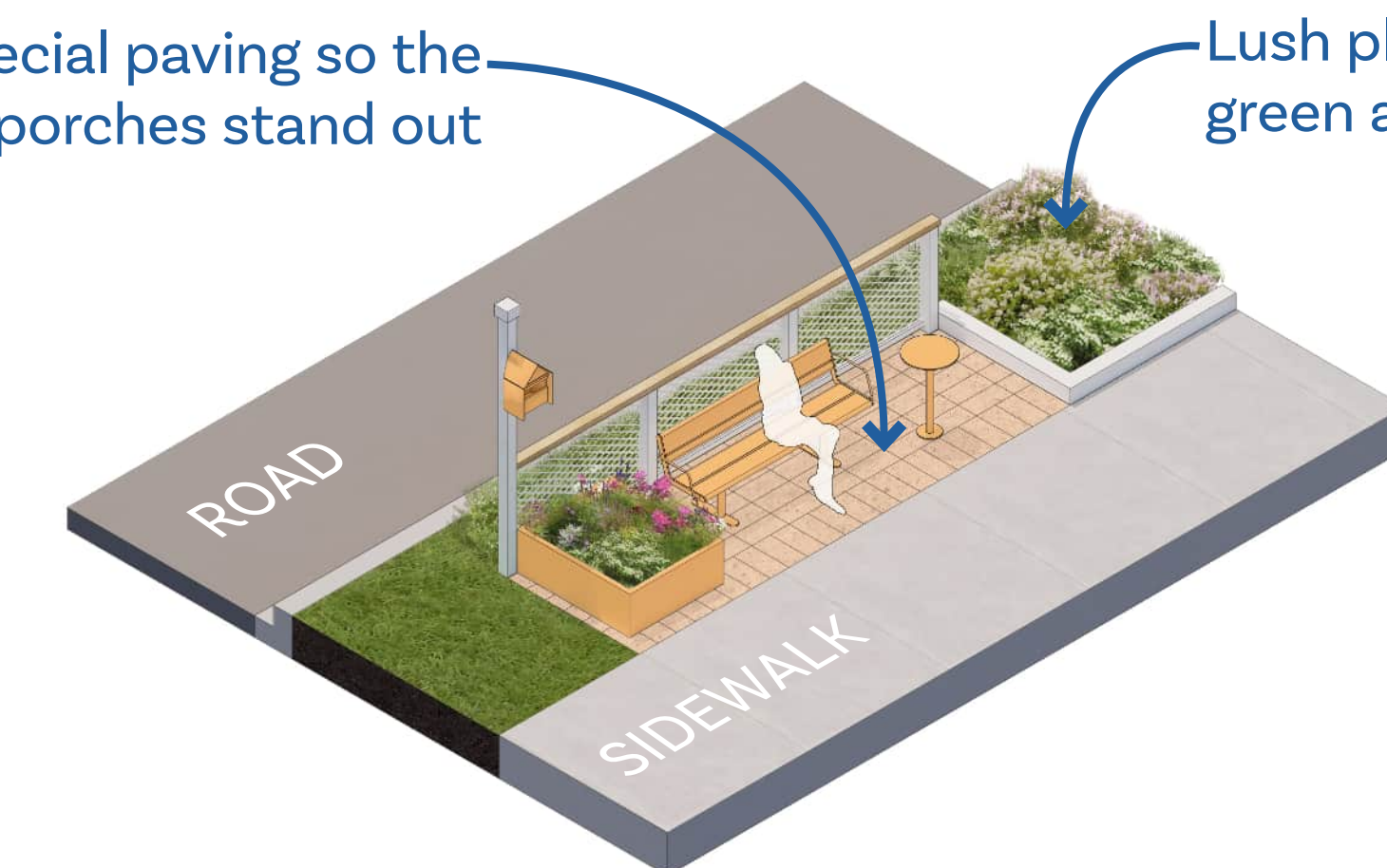


Social seating—places to meet and chat

Railing to give a sense of enclosure



Special paving so the front porches stand out



Lush plantings to feel green and comfy

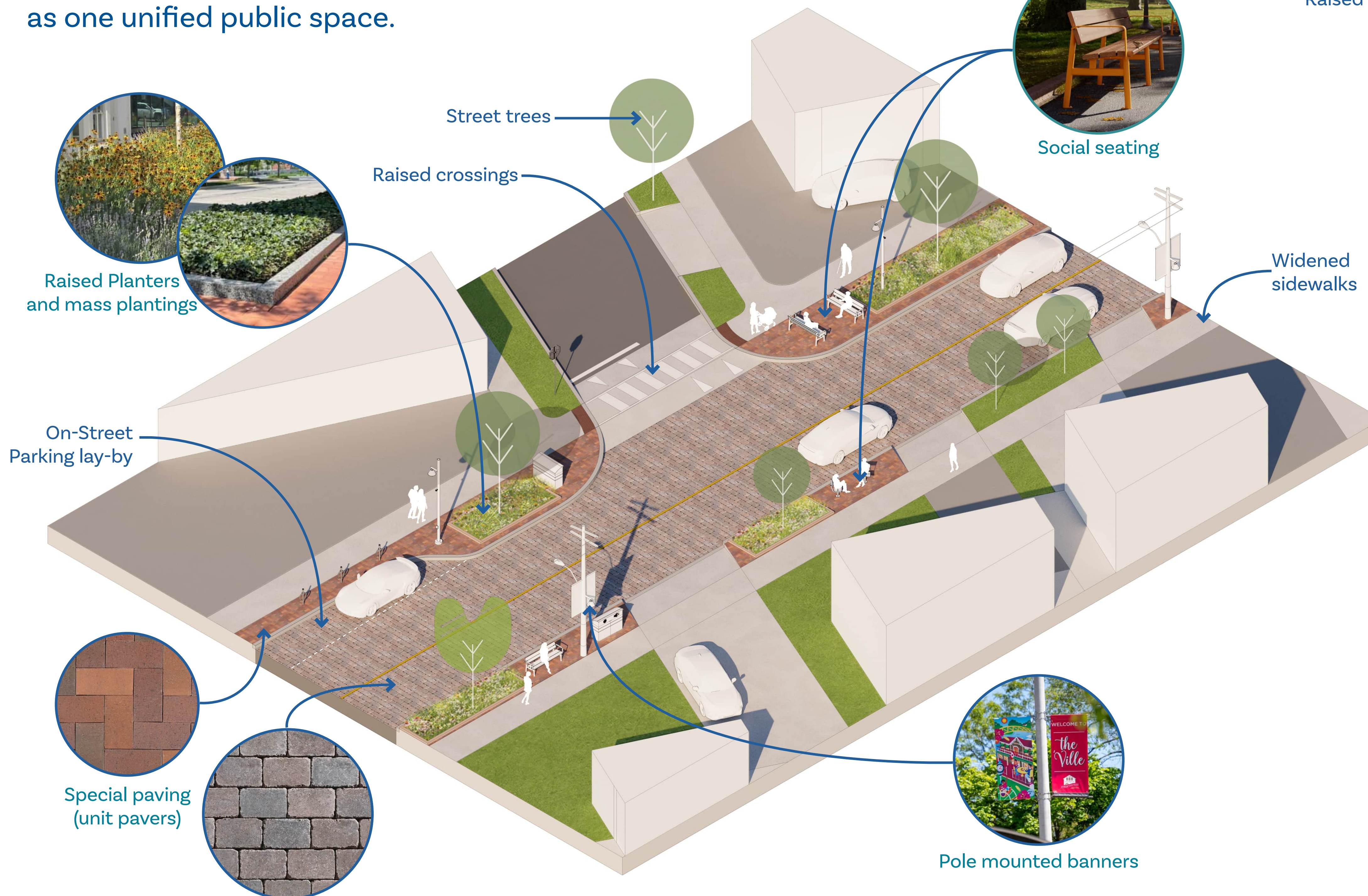
### A Unique Kit-of-Parts

A sense of enclosure can be created by combining different streetscape elements, such as railings, paving, canopy trees, planting, and other custom features.

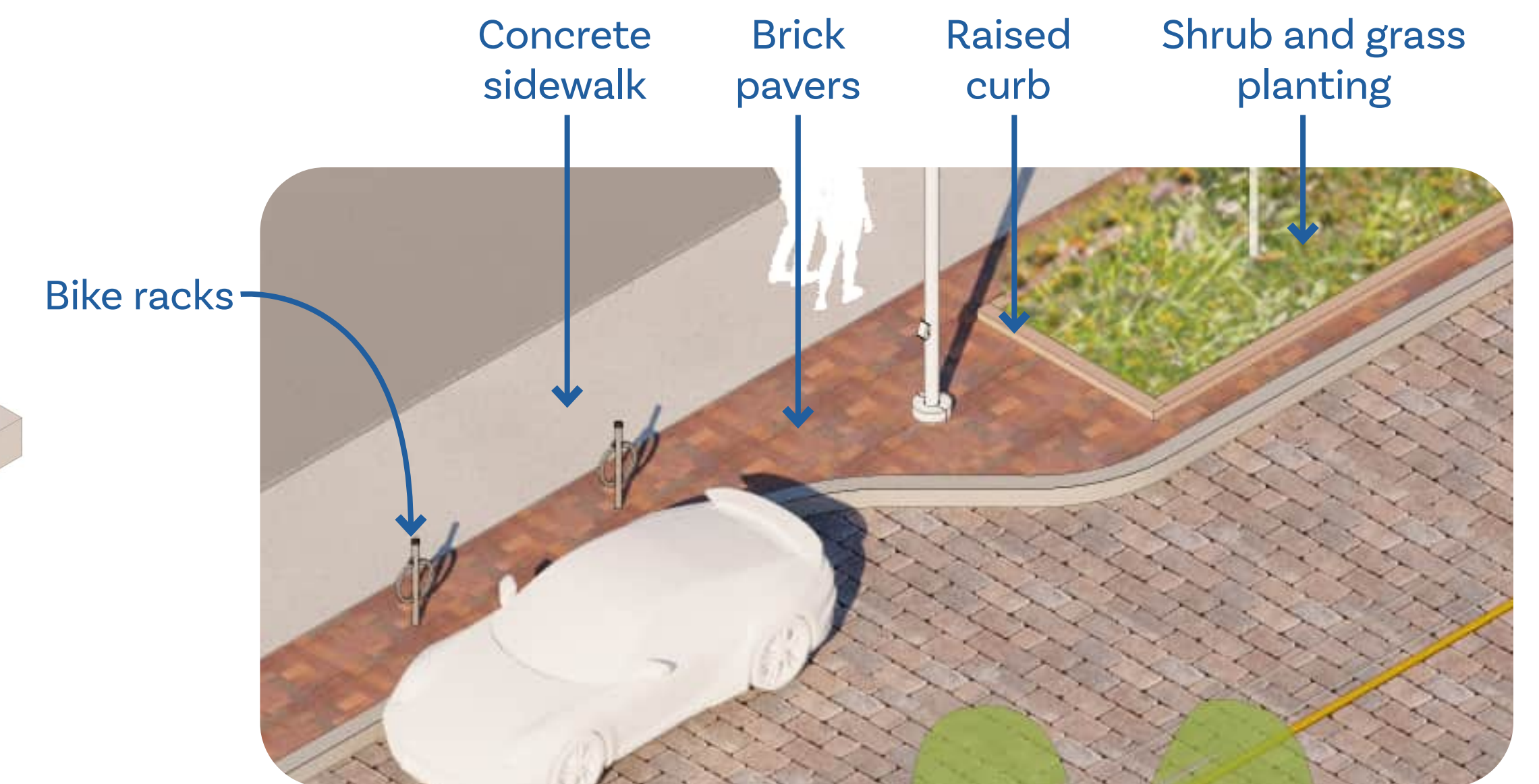
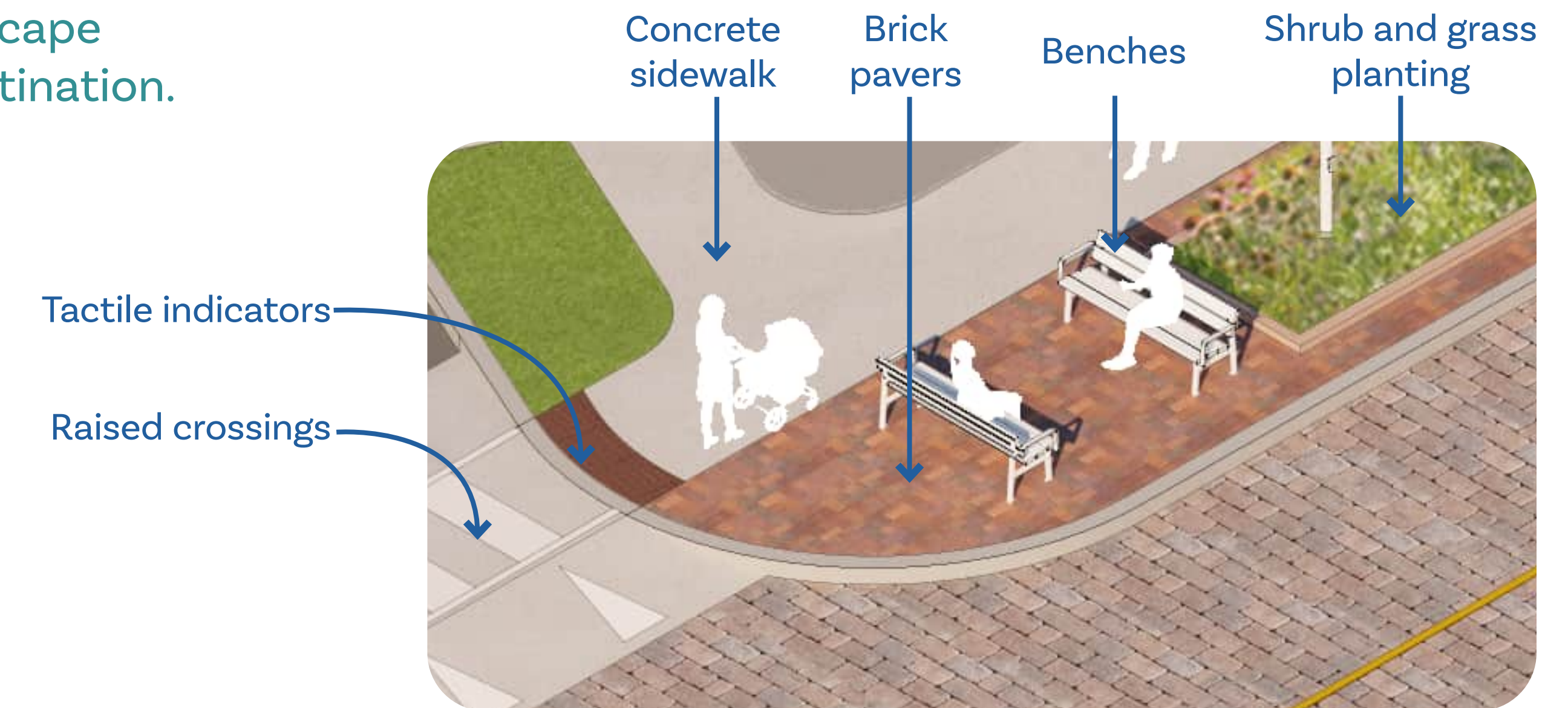
# Streetscape Concept 2

## NEIGHBOURHOOD MAIN STREET

This concept creates a traditional main street feel through a consistent arrangement of streetscape elements in the core area of Facer Street, where most shops are. Rather than focusing on individual gathering nodes, the heart of the street is designed as one unified public space.



**Main Street:** A unified streetscape establishes Facer Street as a destination.



### Unified Streetscape Character

Consistent placement and materiality of street furnishings and materials in the core area to unify the streetscape and create a recognizable neighbourhood main street feel.

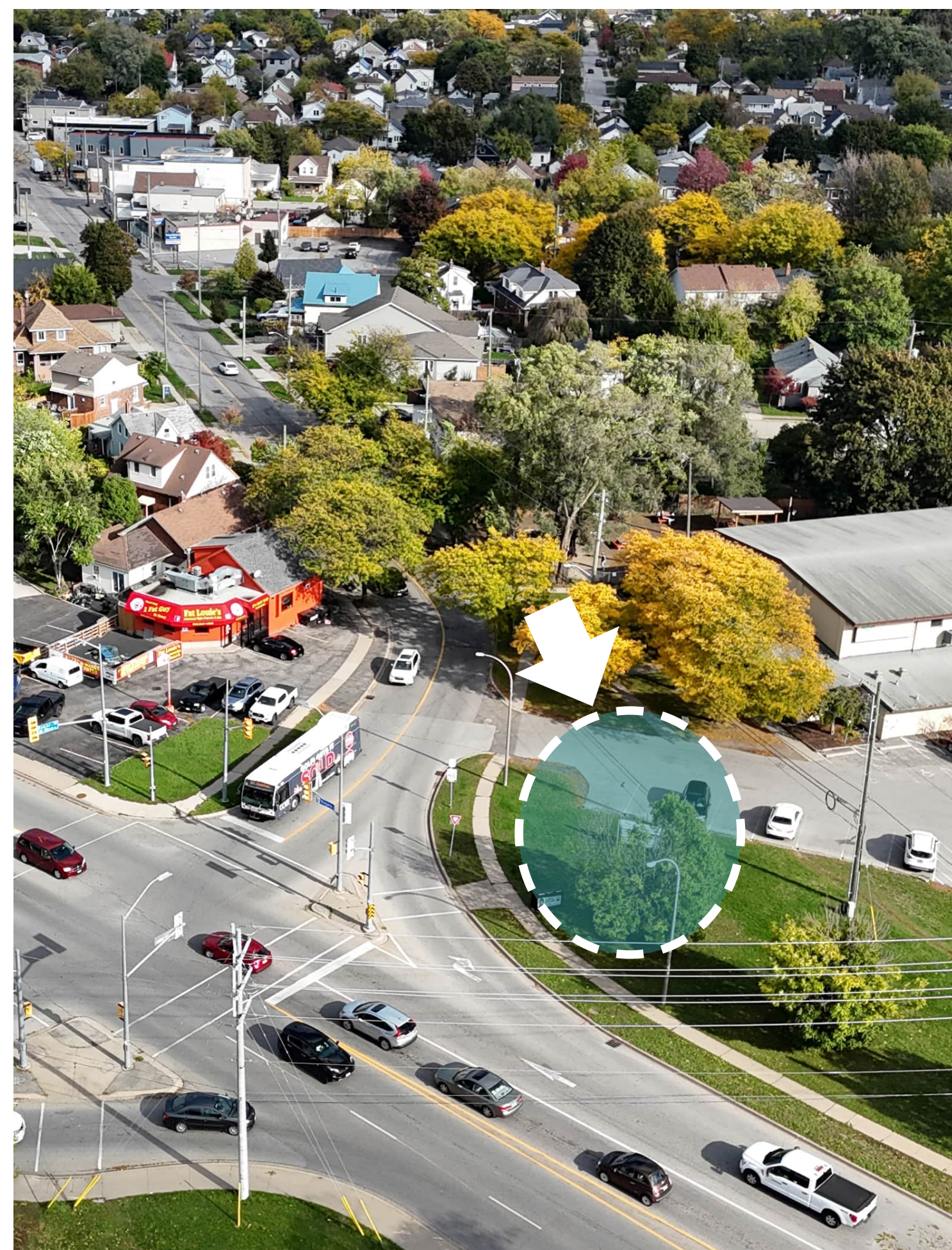
# A Place-Making Opportunity

## FACER STREET GATEWAY OPTIONS

Gateway features are proposed at both ends of the Facer Street to mark entry into the street and reinforce it as a unique neighbourhood. These elements signal arrival, strengthen local character, and create a stronger sense of place. Several approaches are possible, including vertical landmarks, overhead gateway elements, and small gathering spaces.

The gateway options shown on this panel illustrate different ways to mark the street entrance – *let us know which you prefer.*

Gateway feature at Niagara St.

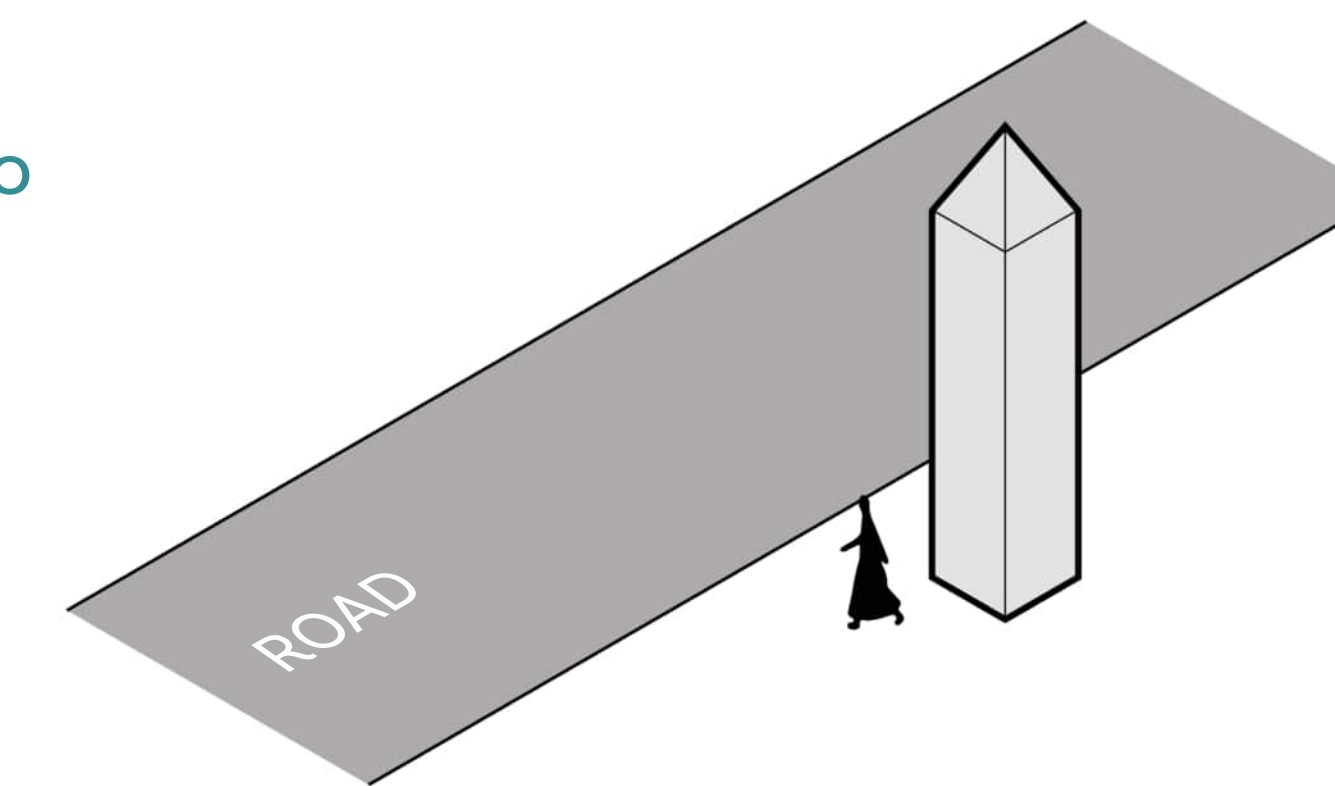


Gateway feature at Grantham Ave.



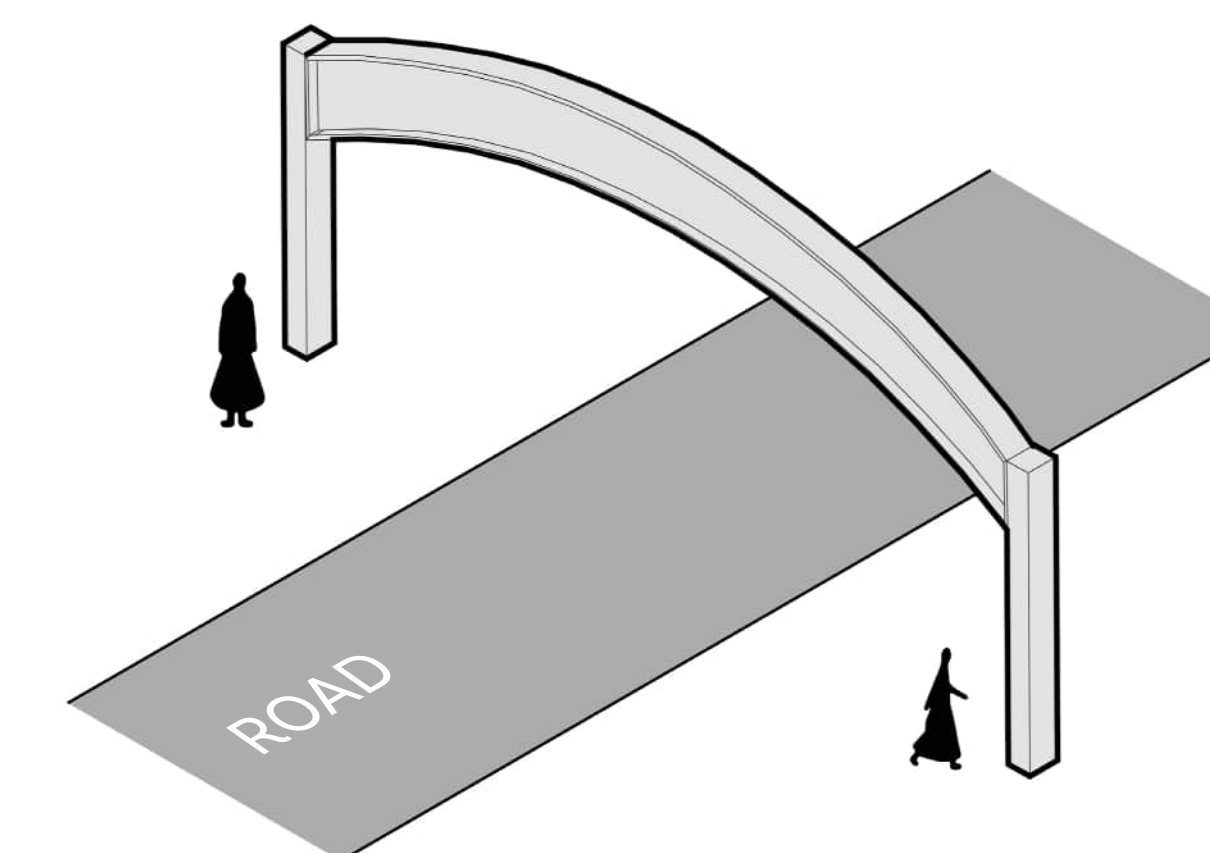
### Vertical Landmark

A vertical feature creates a visible marker at the entrance to the street and helps establish a strong identity.



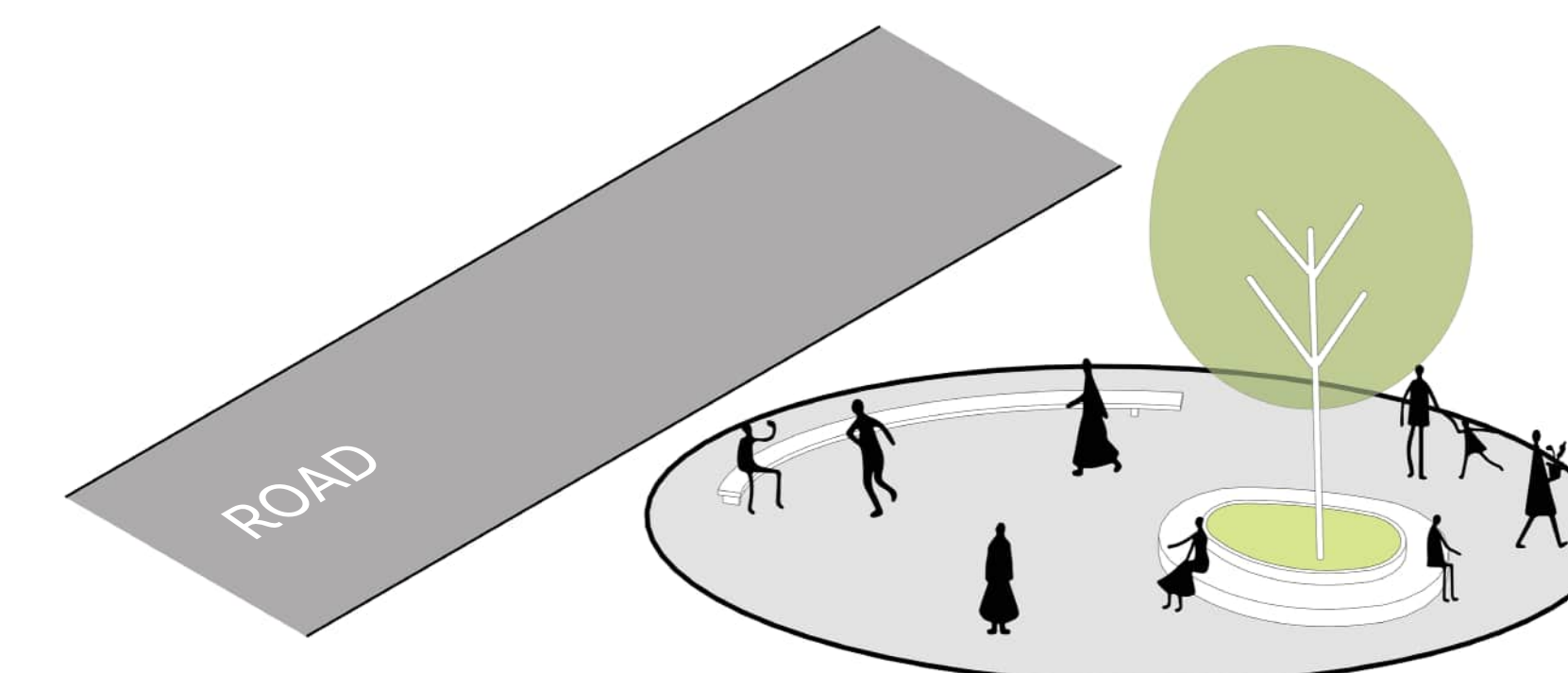
### Overhead Gateway

A feature spanning the street creates a recognizable entrance portal.



### Gathering Plaza

A small plaza creates a welcoming entrance while adding space for socializing.



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## Please share your Opinion

### NEXT STEPS...

The next step in the project is to finalize a series of on-going studies, including:

- Review comments and refine the concepts presented.
- Meet with relevant agencies and stakeholders.
- Complete ongoing studies including a transportation assessment, and a tree inventory and preservation plan.
- Select a preferred streetscape concept design.
- Prepare a Report for approval by Council.
- Proceed to detailed design and preparation of Tender Documents for construction.

Use this QR code to be added to the **Study Contact List** to receive future updates and notices.

Visit the Engage St. Catharines webpage at [stcatharines.ca/FacerStreet](https://stcatharines.ca/FacerStreet) or via the **QR code**.



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