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PRESENTED TO:

Advisory Committee

DATE: APRIL 22, 2021

WELCOME!

Advisory Committee Meeting

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UNION STREET

Reconfiguration and Streetscape Improvement Study



Union Street Advisory Committee Members

Advisory Committee Members:

- Tricia Arndt, Office of State Planning
- Sarah Lester, Westside Grows Together
- Adele Meehan, 7th District Neighborhood Planning Council
- Jackie Castaneda, Westside Grows Together
- Nukun, Bangkok House
- Marina Liapis, 3 Stars
- Christa-Bell Josiah, Christa-Bells
- Jack Michael, Jack Michael Hair Salon
- Julie Mundis, Telo Massage
- Robin Robino/ Andrea Wakefield, Mrs. Robinos
- Tom Ogden, Mayor's Office

Advisory Committee Members:

- Donna Gooden, Woodlawn Trustees
- Brian Raughley, Dead Presidents
- Richi Ayala/ Luis Palaez, El Toro/ Papa's
- Jo Pressey, Salon Ollae
- Islanda & Maria Finamore, Sheila's Dreams
- John Constantinou, Walter's Steakhouse
- Tony Latina, Corleto Latino Funeral Home
- Jim Ursomarso, Union Park Auto
- Francesco Vattilana, Union Park Auto
- Dino Thompson, Dino's Ice Cream
- Frank Pagliaro, Frank's Wines
- Susan Collins, Little Italy Neighborhood

Advisory Committee Members (Elected Officials):

- Sen. Sarah McBride
- Sen. S. Elizabeth Lockman
- Rep. Sherry Dorsey Walker
- Rep. Gerald Brady
- Rep. John Mitchell
- Bregetta Fields, City Council
- Yolanda McCoy, City Council
- Christofer Johnson, City Council
- Hon. Michael Purzycki, Mayor



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Union Street Advisory Committee Role

Advisory Committee Members:

- Confirm Issues
- Guide Solutions
- Outreach Partner



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Wilmington Area Planning Council

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TODAY'S AGENDA



1. Project Overview
2. Discuss Issues and Opportunities
3. Visioning Outreach
4. Schedule and Milestones

1.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purpose, Limits, Previous Efforts, Goals



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Project Scope of Work

- Community Driven Reconfiguration and Streetscape Concept Study to develop alternatives to improve Union Street's aesthetics and transportation configuration.
- This project is focused on the use of the Public Right of Way and its connections to the overall transportation network.



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Project Goals

Making a **Great Union Street**

- Inviting to all users
- Urban design to respect all transportation modes and provide safe routes
- Beautification
- Improve heat island microclimate
- Destination Street
- Encourage economic revitalization

Each block has a unique personality that needs to be interconnected through common themes and transportation modes



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Source: Pensacola.com Pensacola, FL



Source: suisman.com Burlington, VT

Project Overview

Project Area

- Sycamore St. – Pennsylvania Ave.
- ~ 79' right-of-way / ~ 55' curb to curb

Current Corridor Configuration

- One Way Southbound with 2 travel lanes
- Southbound bike lane on the left side transitions to sharrows at Maple Street
- 8 bus stops
- Varying sidewalk widths
- On-street parking (parallel and diagonal)
- Overhead utilities and utility cabinets
- Planters, signs, benches, garbage cans



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STUDY AREA

- RAIL
- OPEN SPACE
- BUS STOP
- BUS SHELTER

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Corridor Sub-Sections:

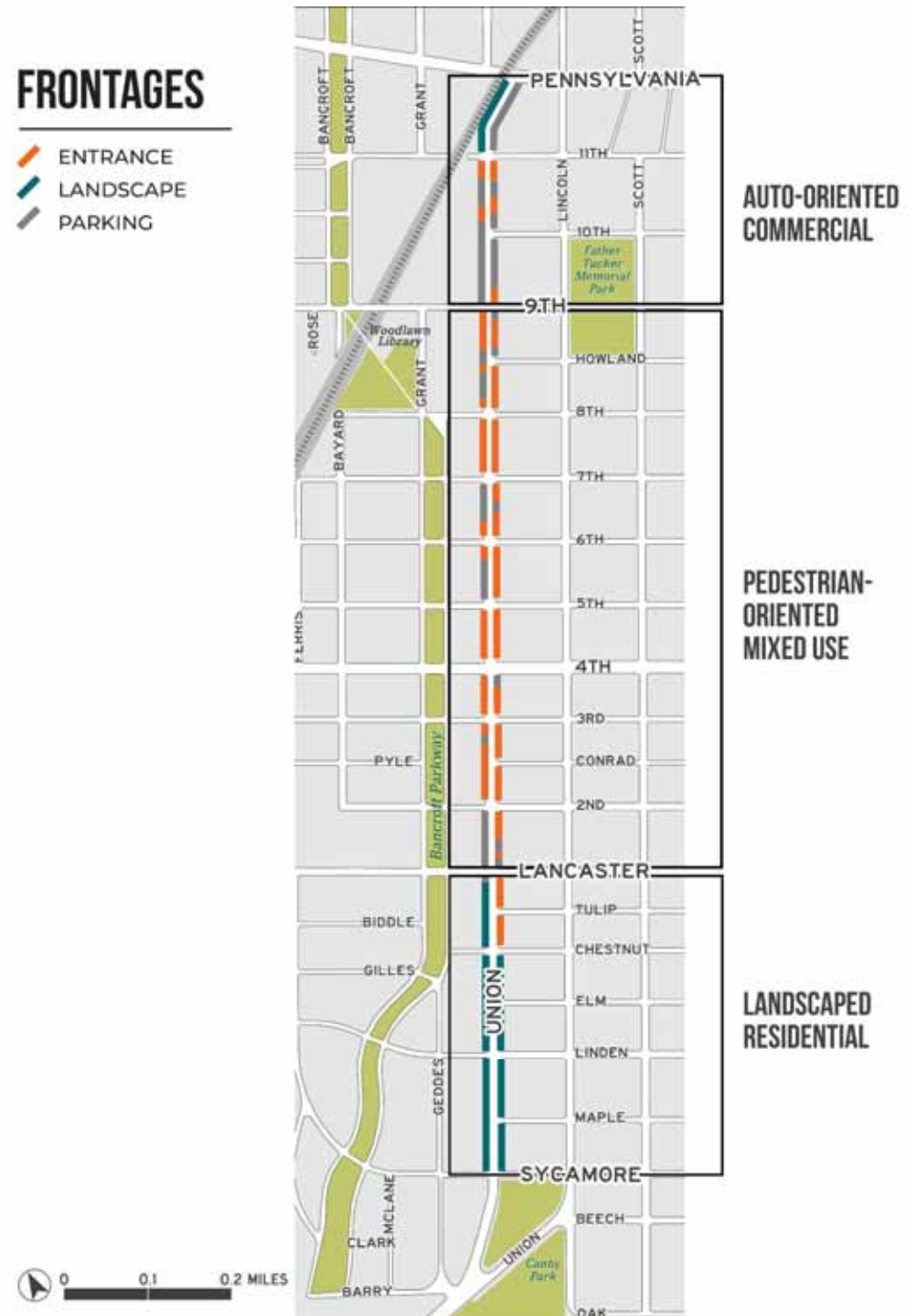
- Auto-Oriented Commercial
- Pedestrian Oriented Mixed Use
- Landscaped Residential



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FRONTAGES

- ENTRANCE
- LANDSCAPE
- PARKING



Project Overview

Auto-Oriented Commercial

Pennsylvania Avenue – 9th Street

- On-street parking mix of parallel and back-in angled parking
- Some Entrances
- Signalized crosswalk with curb extensions at 9th street
- Wider sidewalks



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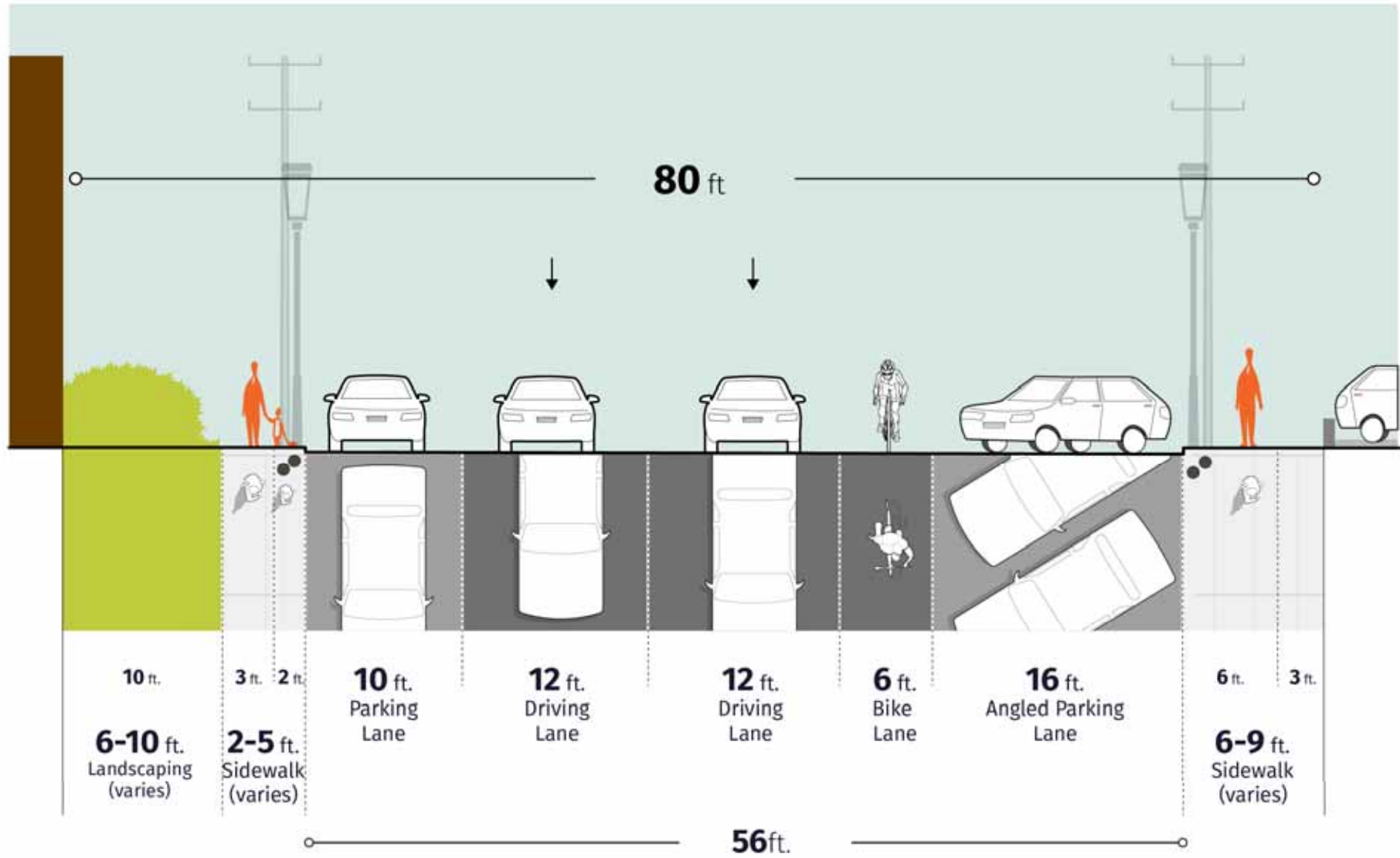
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Union Street - Auto-Oriented Commercial (Pennsylvania Avenue - 9th Street)

Existing



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Auto – Oriented Commercial Pennsylvania Avenue – 9th Street



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Project Overview

Pedestrian-Oriented Mixed Use 9th Street – Lancaster Avenue

- On-street parking mix of parallel and back-in angled
- Variety of retail/ commercial/ mixed use
- Wider sidewalks
- Many entrances
- Signalized crosswalk with curb extensions at 8th Street, 7th Street
- Signalized crosswalk at 4th Street, 2nd Street, and Lancaster Avenue
- Fire Station on 3rd Street



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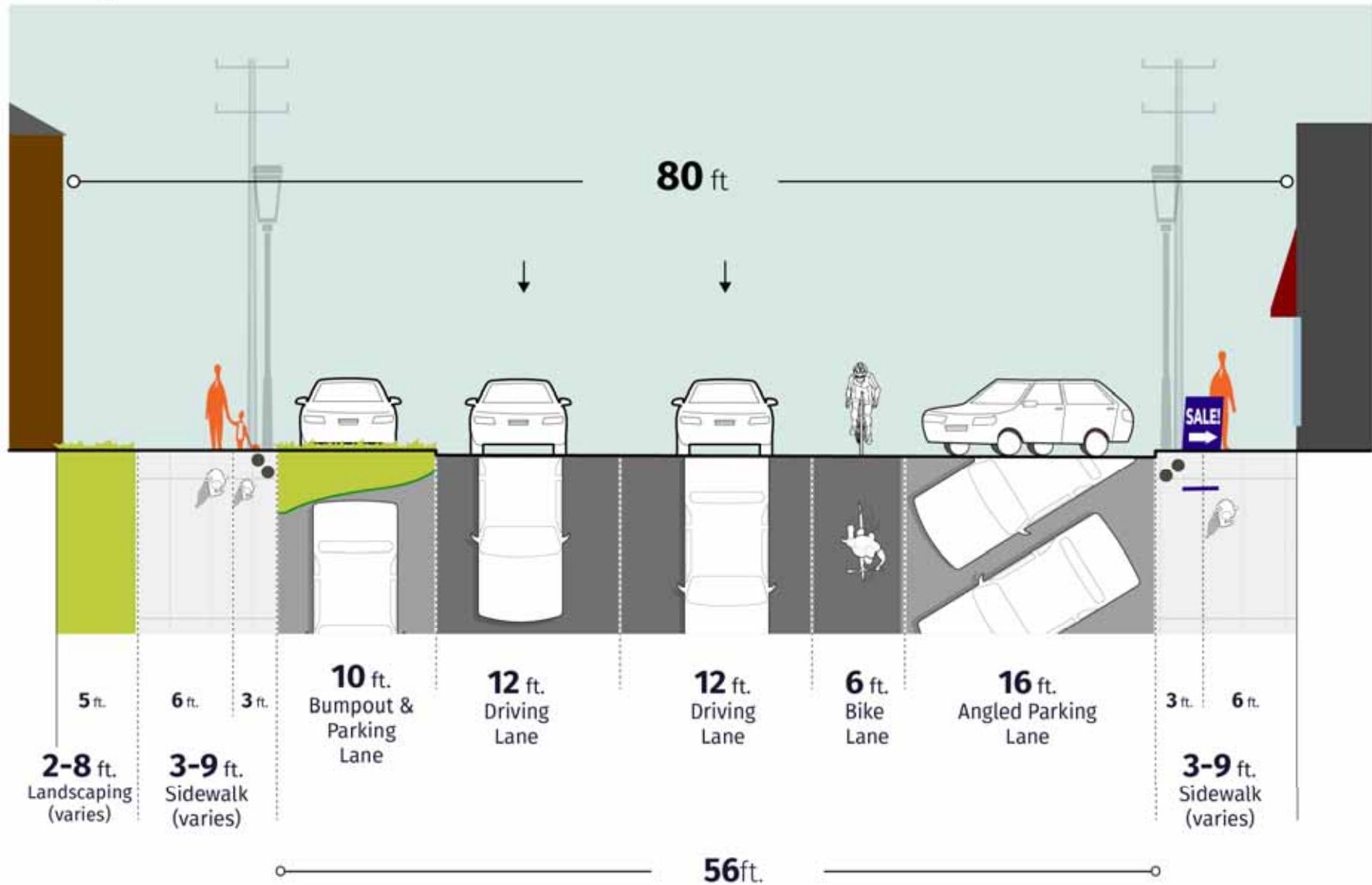
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Union Street - Pedestrian-Oriented Mixed Use (9th Street - Lancaster Avenue)

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Pedestrian – Oriented Mixed Use

9th Street – Lancaster Avenue



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Project Overview

Landscaped Residential

Lancaster Avenue – Sycamore Street

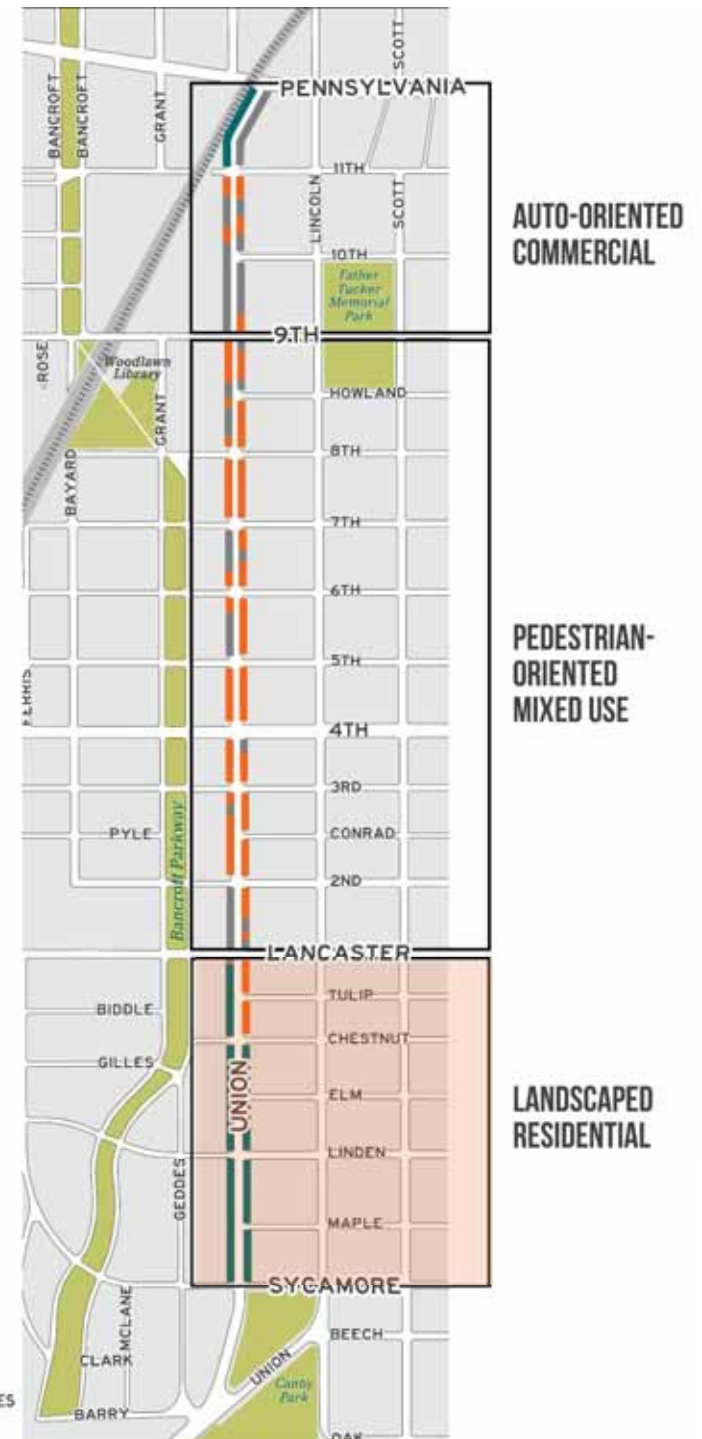
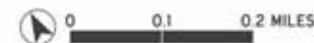
- Mostly residential
- On-street parking mix of parallel and back-in angled
- Narrower sidewalks
- Signalized crosswalk at Linden Street and Maple Street



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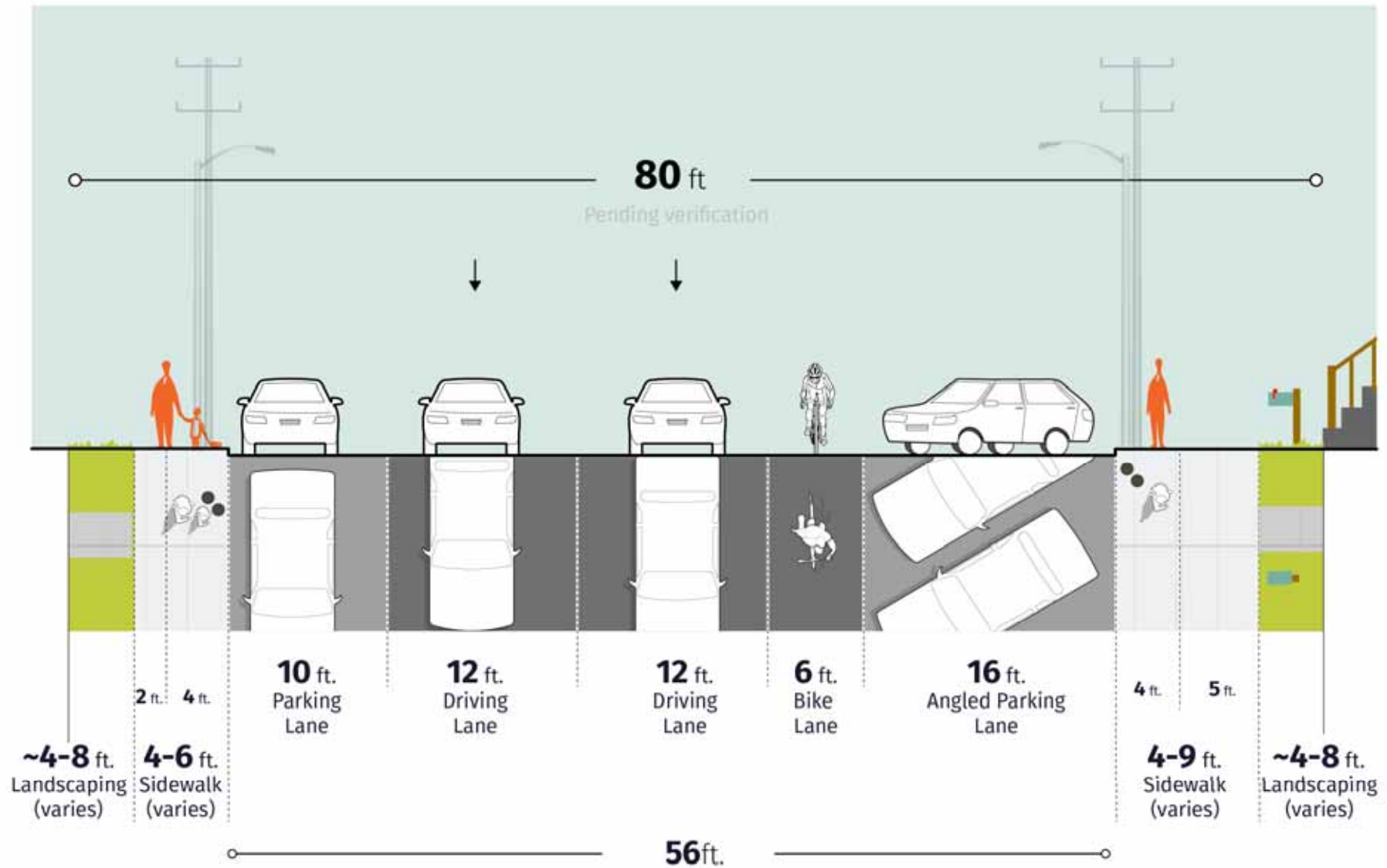
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Union Street - Landscaped Residential (Lancaster Avenue - Sycamore Street)

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Landscaped Residential Lancaster Avenue – Sycamore Street

Maple Street



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2. DISCUSS ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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What we heard from the Comp Plan Outreach

WHAT IS A GREAT STREET?

Activity from **Wilmington 2028**

TOP CHOICES FOR UNION STREET:

Downtown business district

Pedestrian-scale lighting
Tree canopy & landscaping
Wide sidewalks
Ground floor retail and restaurants



Neighborhood commercial

Public art
Temporary closure for events



Neighborhood commercial

"Parklet" uses parking lane to expand pedestrian space



DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS FOR UNION STREET:

fun
beautifying
dynamic
interesting
creative
festive
walkable
hybrid
accessible
multimodal
attractive
inviting
people-oriented

Issues and Opportunities

Multi-Modal Needs



Pedestrians

- Widen sidewalks
- Gathering spaces to support businesses and livability
- Crossing safety
- ADA upgrades
- Greenery/ Street trees



Bicycles

- Network connectivity
- Bike parking
- Explore two-way facilities
- On-street vs. Separated



Transit

- Transit amenities
- Maintain service times (floating bus islands)



Personal Vehicles

- Traffic calming/ Speed
- Emergency evacuation route/ Flooding @ PA Ave
- On-street parking
- Two-way conversion?



Freight Vehicles

- Deliveries
- Loading / Unloading



Issues and Opportunities Multi-Modal Needs

Placemaking / Aesthetics

- Pedestrian Amenities
- Landscaping / Rain Gardens/ Greenery
- Aerial Utilities
- Lighting

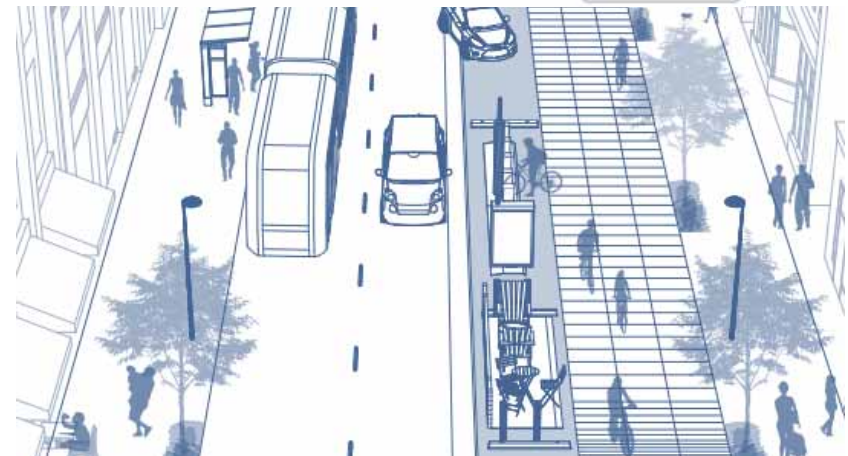
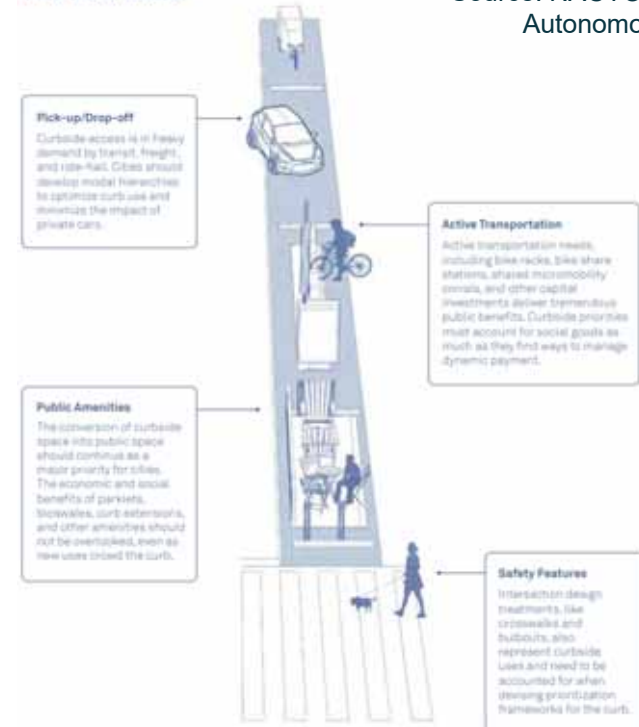
Flex Zone / Curb Side Management

- Parklettes - Public gathering spaces / Business Space for outdoor dining and retail
- Active Transportation Parking/Docking
- Short term parking: Uber, Loading zones
- EV Charging



The Flex Zone

Source: NACTO Blueprint for
Autonomous Urbanism



Issues and Opportunities

Multi-Modal Needs

- **Open Discussion:**
 - *What is great about Union Street? (i.e., what's working well, don't mess with it)*
 - *What is not so great? (i.e., what should change in the redesign)*



Issues and Opportunities

Multi-Modal Needs

- **Open Discussion:**
 - *What's the one thing you wish you could do on Union Street that you can't do now?*
 - *What should the Union Street Corridor look like in 10 years?*
 - *What issues would you like to see fixed with this study*



3. VISIONING OUTREACH

COMMUNITY INSPIRED COMMUNITY DRIVEN



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Help design a better Union Street!

We want to know what you think. There are two ways to learn more about the project and weigh in:

- 1 Attend a **live virtual public workshop** on May 19, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- 2 From May 19 - June 2, 2021 you can give us your input through an **online survey**.



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Reconfiguration and Streetscape Improvement Study

Market event and survey through:

- Email
- WILMAPCO Website
- Social media
- Posters in Union Street business windows
- Postcards (doorstep distribution and/or with Union Street takeout orders)

Public Visioning Outreach

- Confirm known issues/needs of Union Street and identify any others.
- Informing the vision of the future Union Street.
- Multiple ways for the public to engage.

Live Virtual Public Workshop:

May 19, 2021 (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

Online A-synchronous Activities:

May 19 – June 2, 2021 (Anytime)



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4. SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

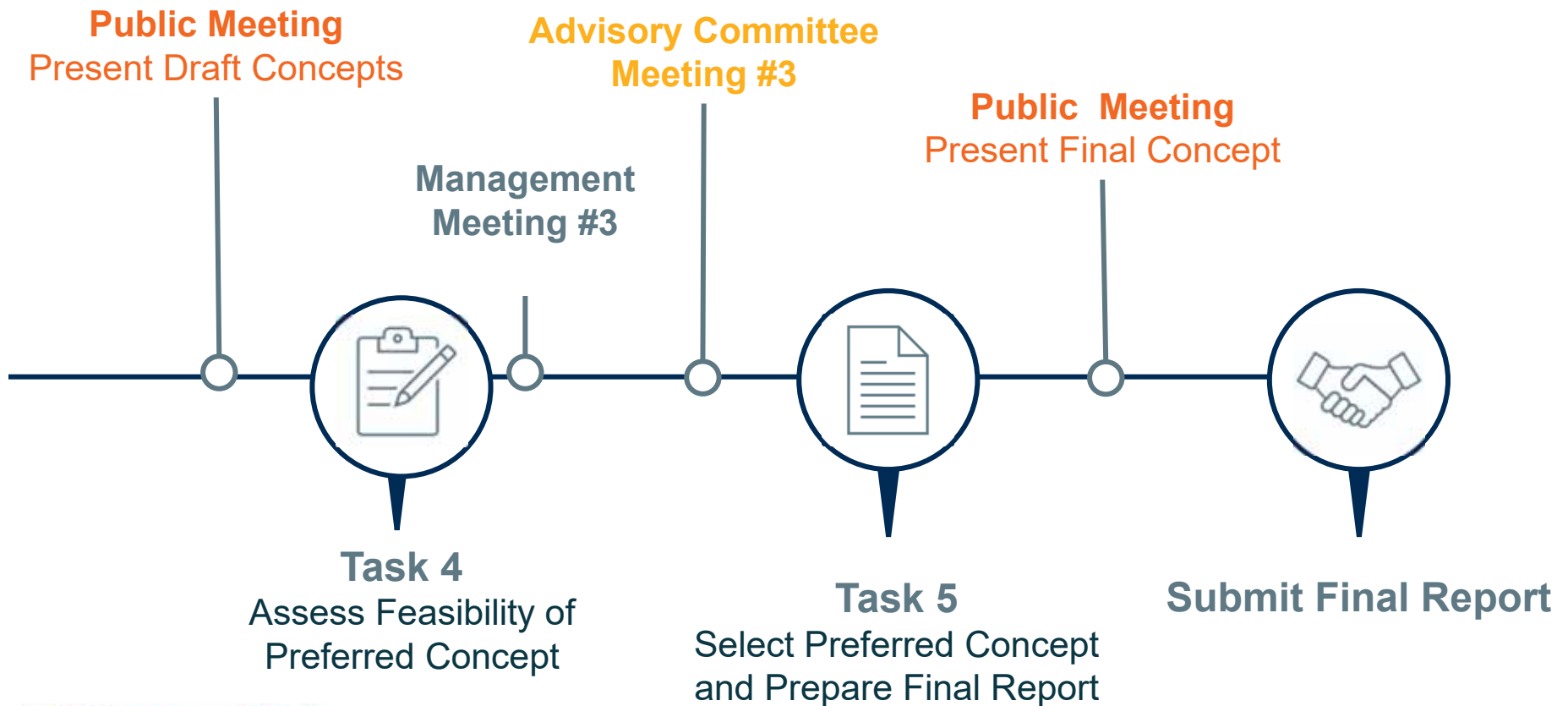


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Schedule and Milestones



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