

# Kennedy Plaza Improvements

October 2018 Update

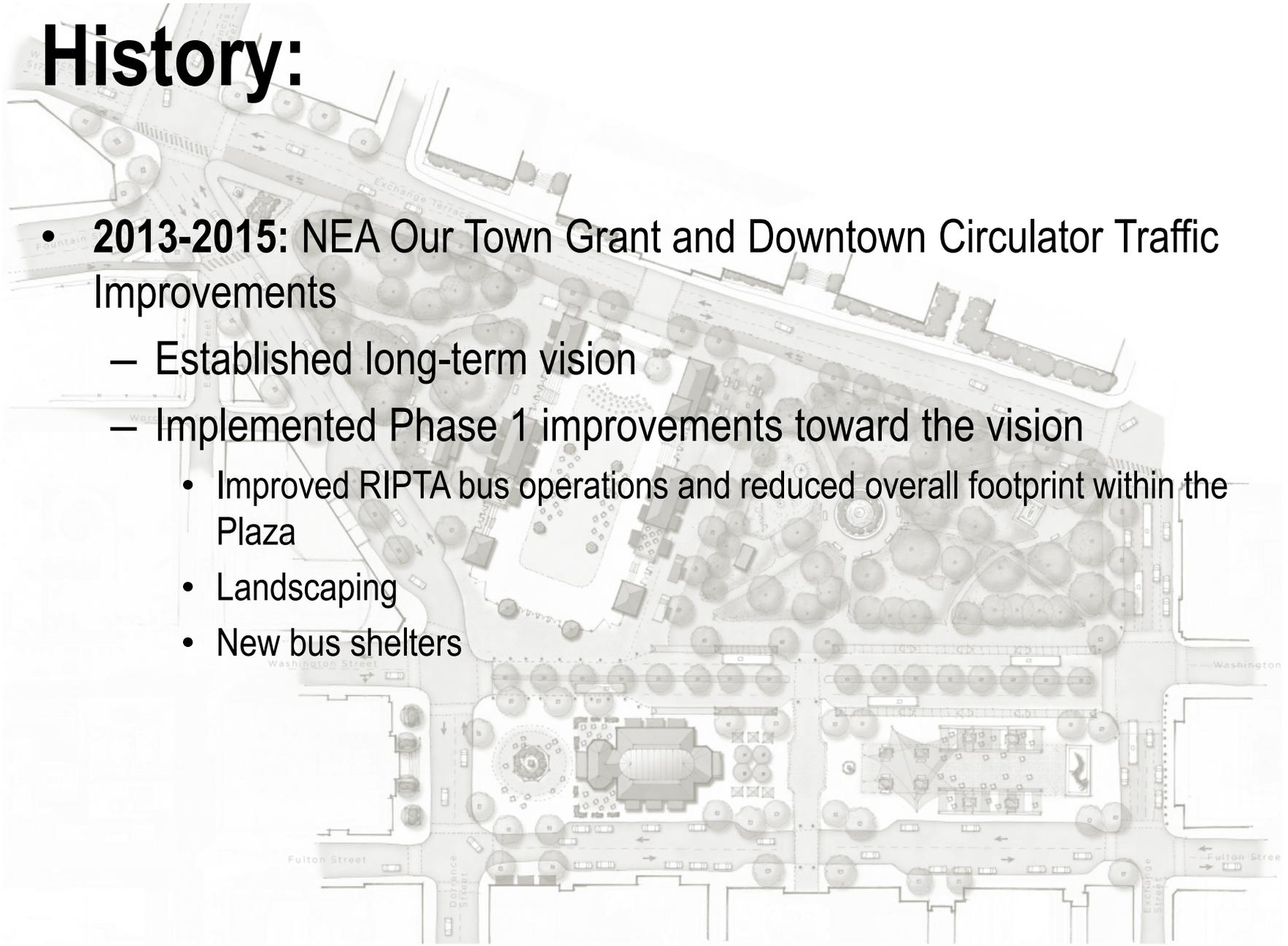


**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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# History:

- **2013-2015: NEA Our Town Grant and Downtown Circulator Traffic Improvements**
  - Established long-term vision
  - Implemented Phase 1 improvements toward the vision
    - Improved RIPTA bus operations and reduced overall footprint within the Plaza
    - Landscaping
    - New bus shelters



# Planning Process:

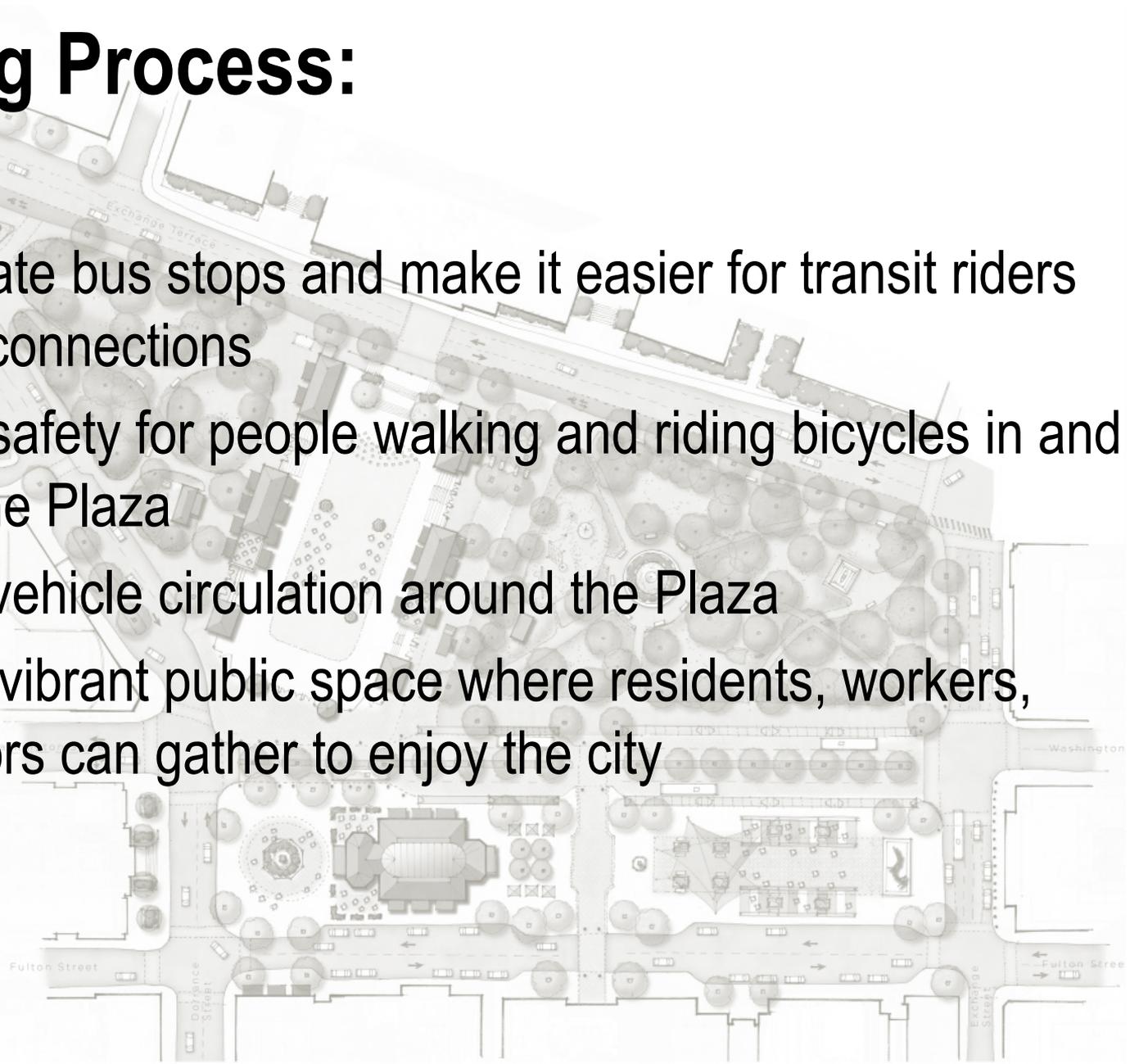
- **2017: Community Input** about next steps for GKP
  - Update 2013 vision to reflect new conditions- **Downtown Transit Connector, pedestrian safety issues, and Providence Intermodal Transit Center**
  - Build off of improvements constructed in 2015



# Planning Process:

## Goals

- Consolidate bus stops and make it easier for transit riders to make connections
- Improve safety for people walking and riding bicycles in and around the Plaza
- Improve vehicle circulation around the Plaza
- Create a vibrant public space where residents, workers, and visitors can gather to enjoy the city



# Planning Process:

## Background

- Community provided input on four possible scenarios



Washington St

Fulton St

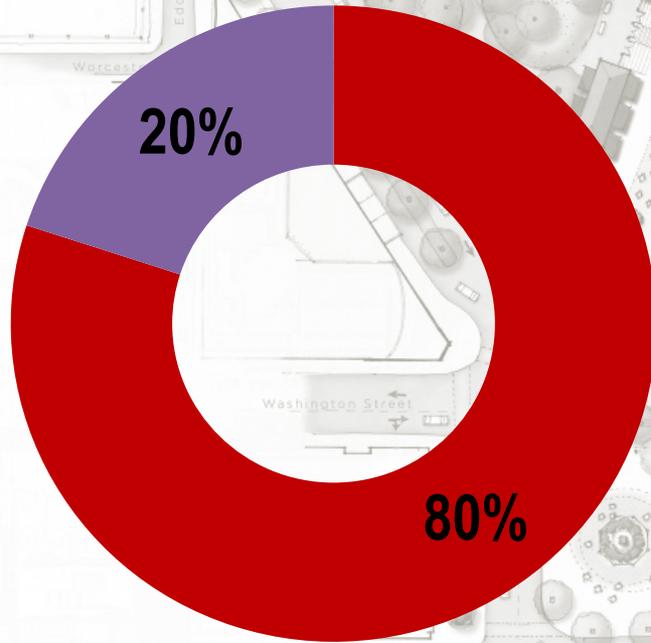
Washington

Fulton Street

# Planning Process:

## Background

- Community preferences were clear:



■ Washington Transit Only Street

■ Expanded East Approach

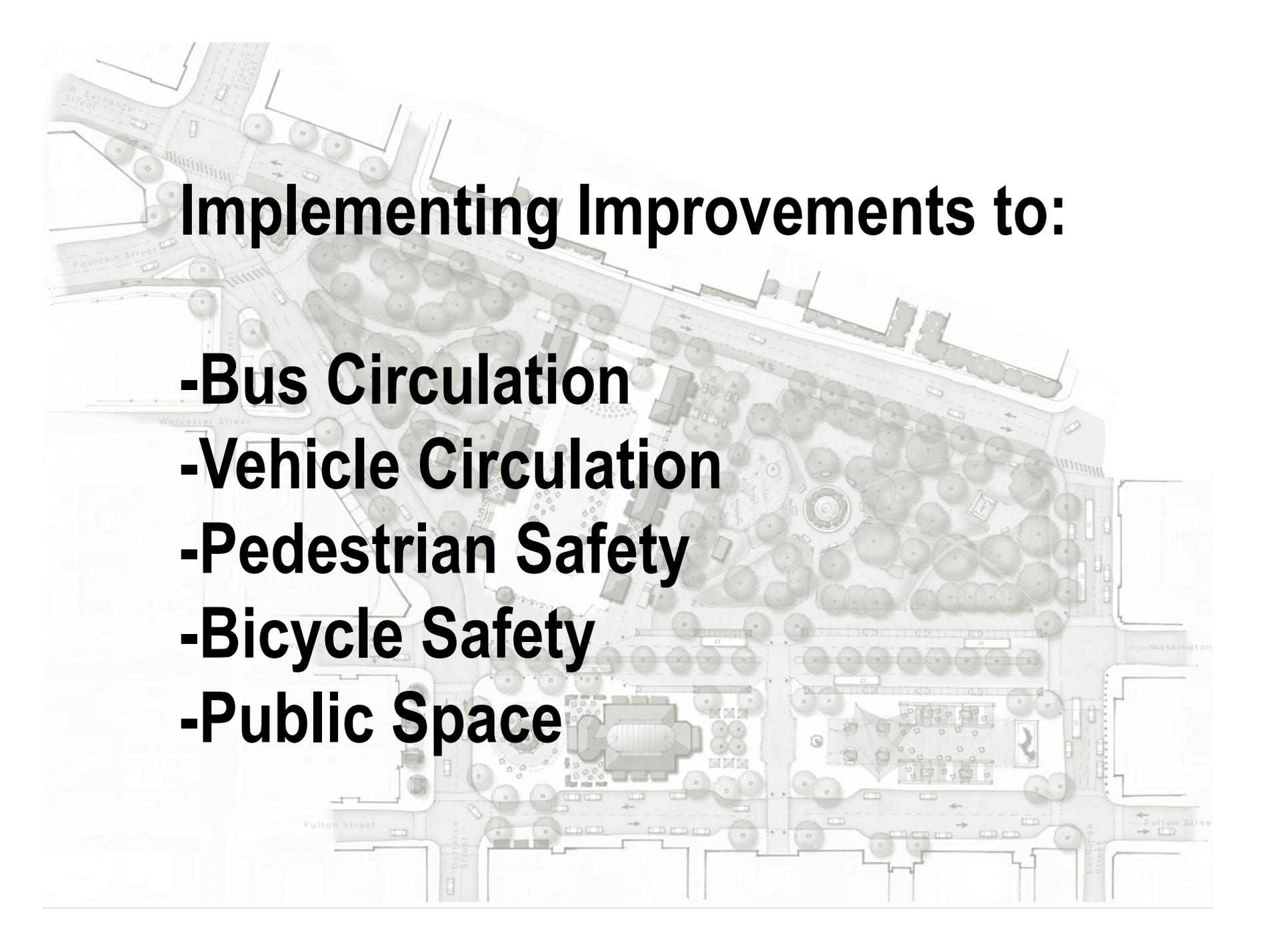


# Planning Process:

Background

**August 2017:**  
City announced  
updated vision



An architectural site plan of a city block, overlaid with a semi-transparent text box. The plan shows a grid of streets including W Exchange Street, Fountain Street, Worcester Street, Fulton Street, Doak Street, Exchange Street, and Washington. Buildings are represented by grey footprints, and trees are shown as circular symbols. The text is centered over the plan.

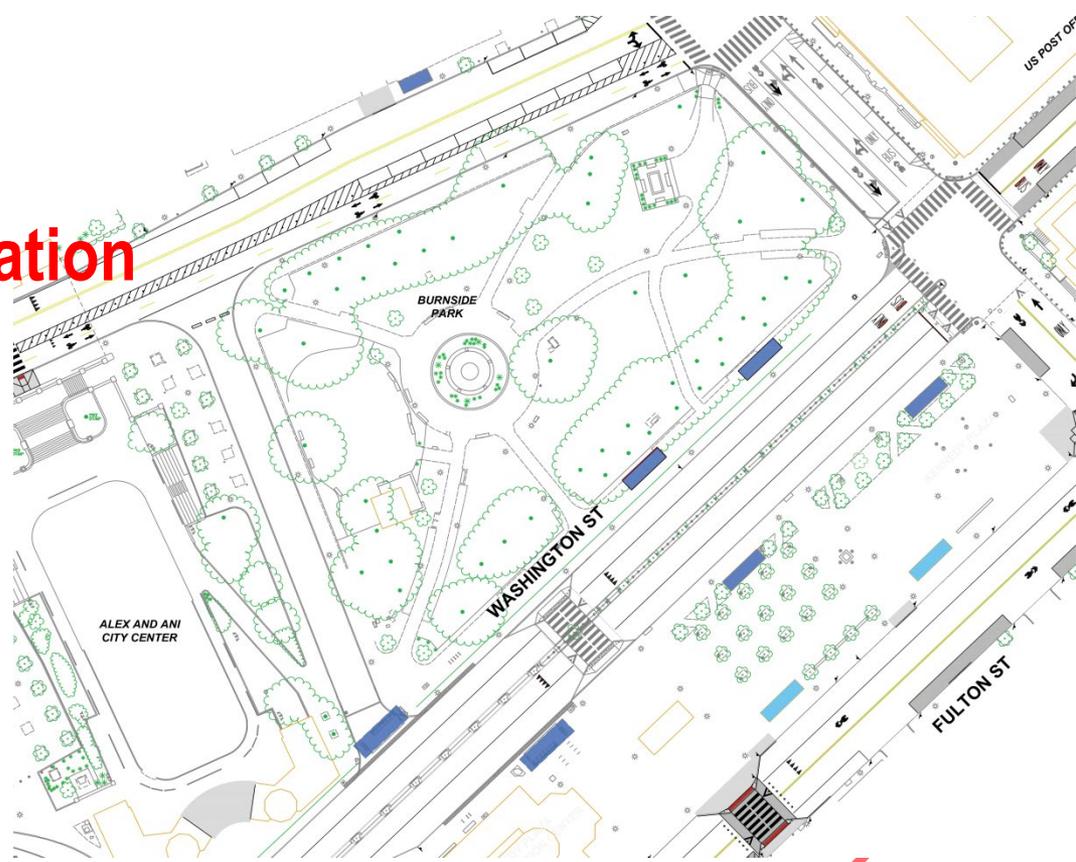
# Implementing Improvements to:

- Bus Circulation
- Vehicle Circulation
- Pedestrian Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Public Space

# Bus Circulation

## RIPTA Bus Stop Consolidation

- RIPTA stops on **Exchange Terrace** will be removed and consolidated onto **Washington St** (Except *Berth X* which will be relocated upon completion of *Providence Intermodal Transit Center*)
- All bus activity will be removed from **East Approach** and consolidated onto **Washington Street**
- 2 of 4 existing RIPTA stops on **Fulton Street** will be consolidated onto **Washington Street** (Working with RIPTA to consolidate remaining 2 onto **Washington** as well)



ABOVE: Planned RIPTA Bus Berths in Kennedy Plaza  
BELOW: Existing RIPTA Bus Berths in Kennedy Plaza

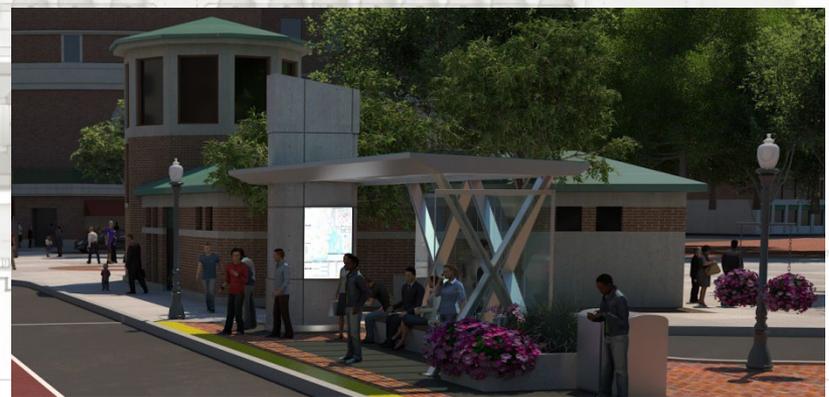


# Bus Circulation

## Bus Only Lanes between Kennedy Plaza and Bus Tunnel

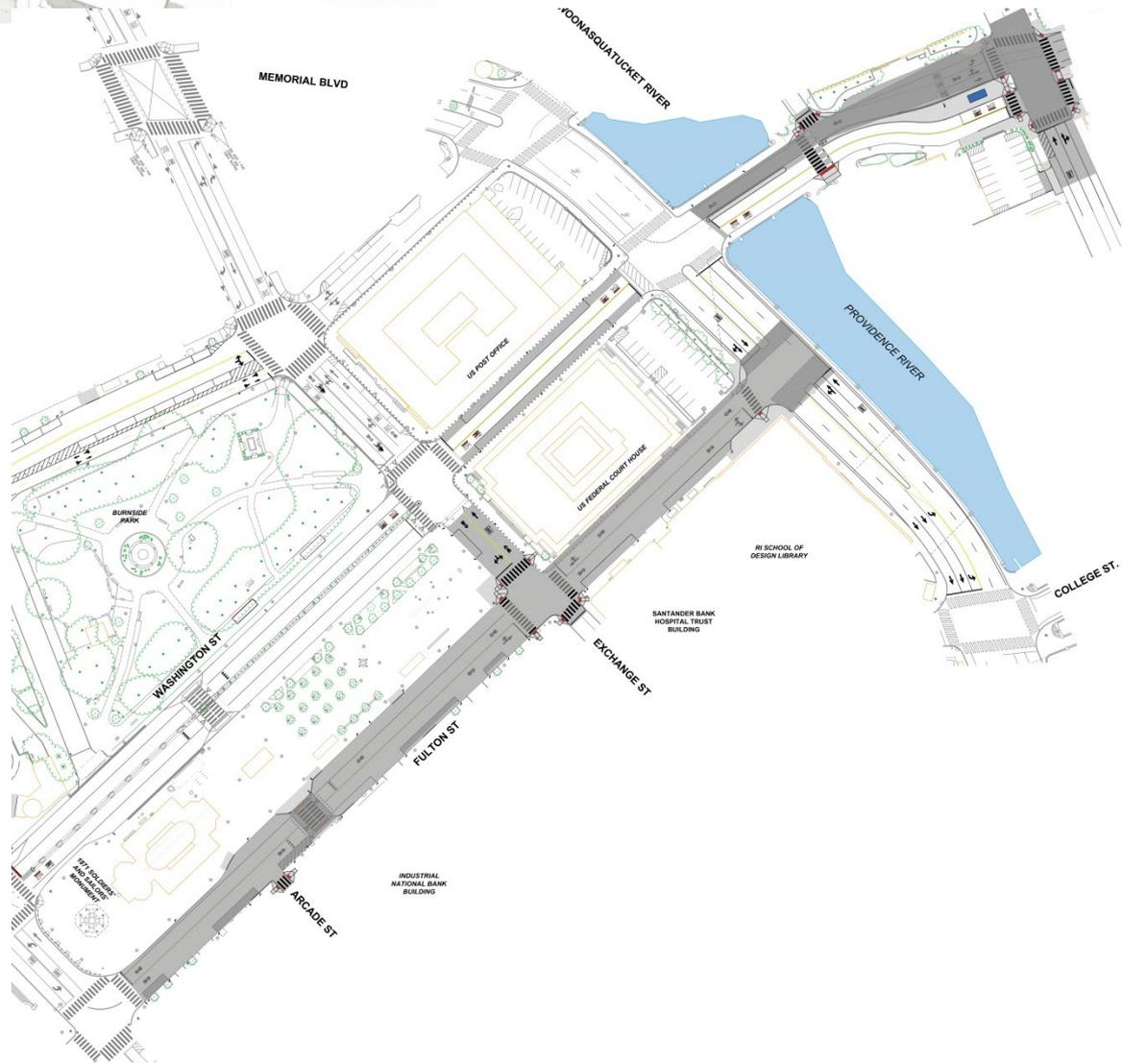
More efficient bus service between Kennedy Plaza and Thayer Street





# Vehicular Circulation

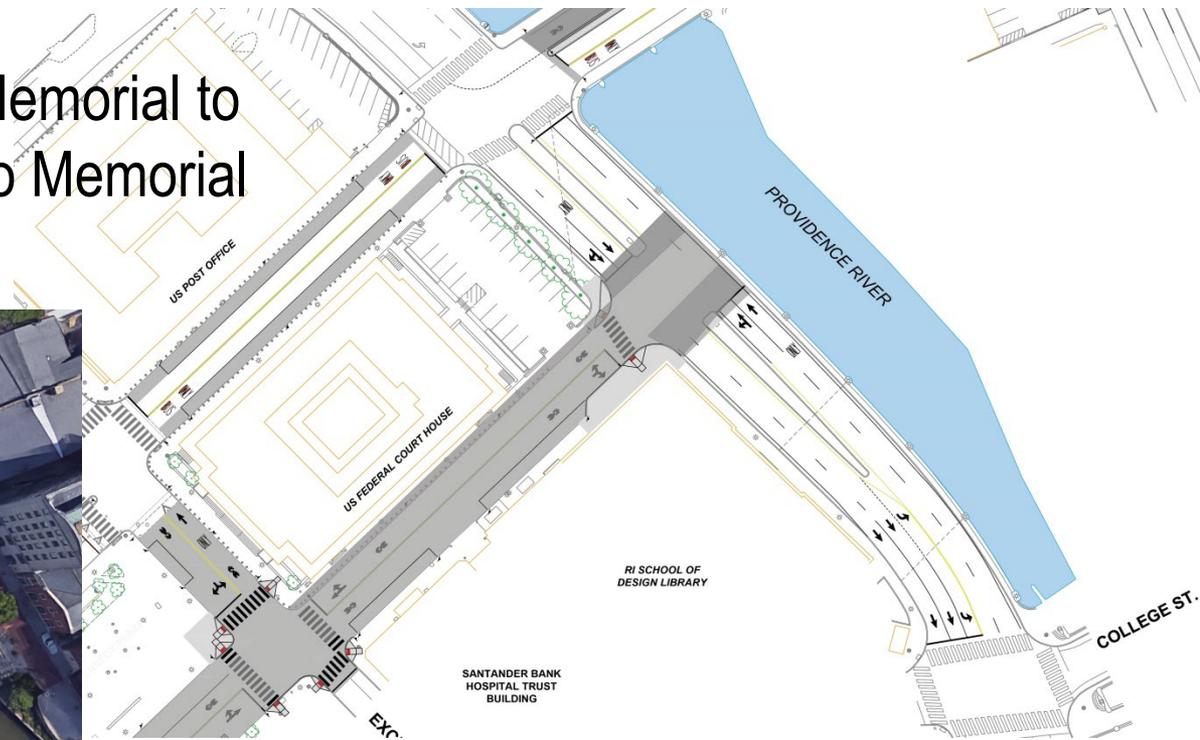
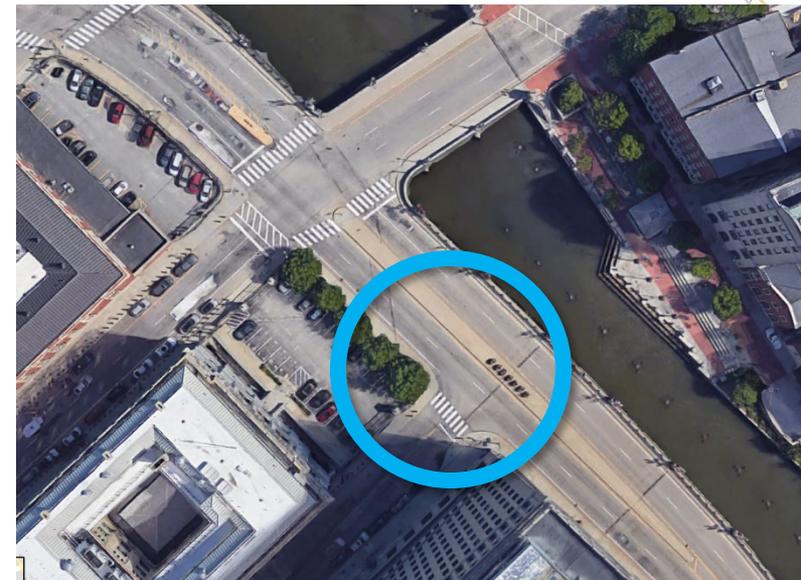
## Two-Way Fulton Street



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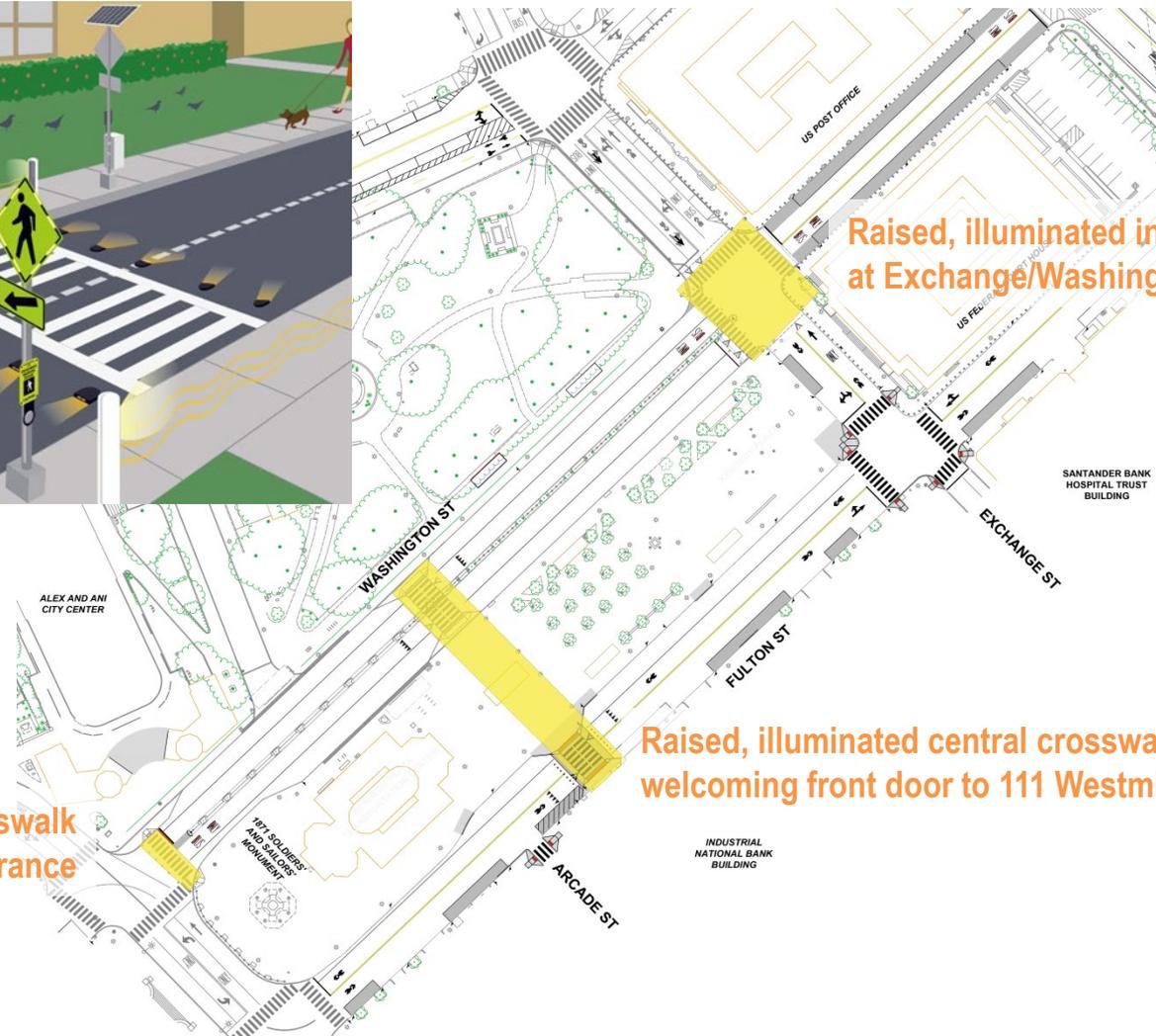
## Memorial/Fulton Intersection Reconstruction

- Median break and new traffic light at Memorial/ Fulton
- Allow left turns from Memorial to Fulton and from Fulton to Memorial



# Pedestrian Safety

## Raised, Illuminated Crossings across Washington & Fulton



Raised, illuminated intersection at Exchange/Washington

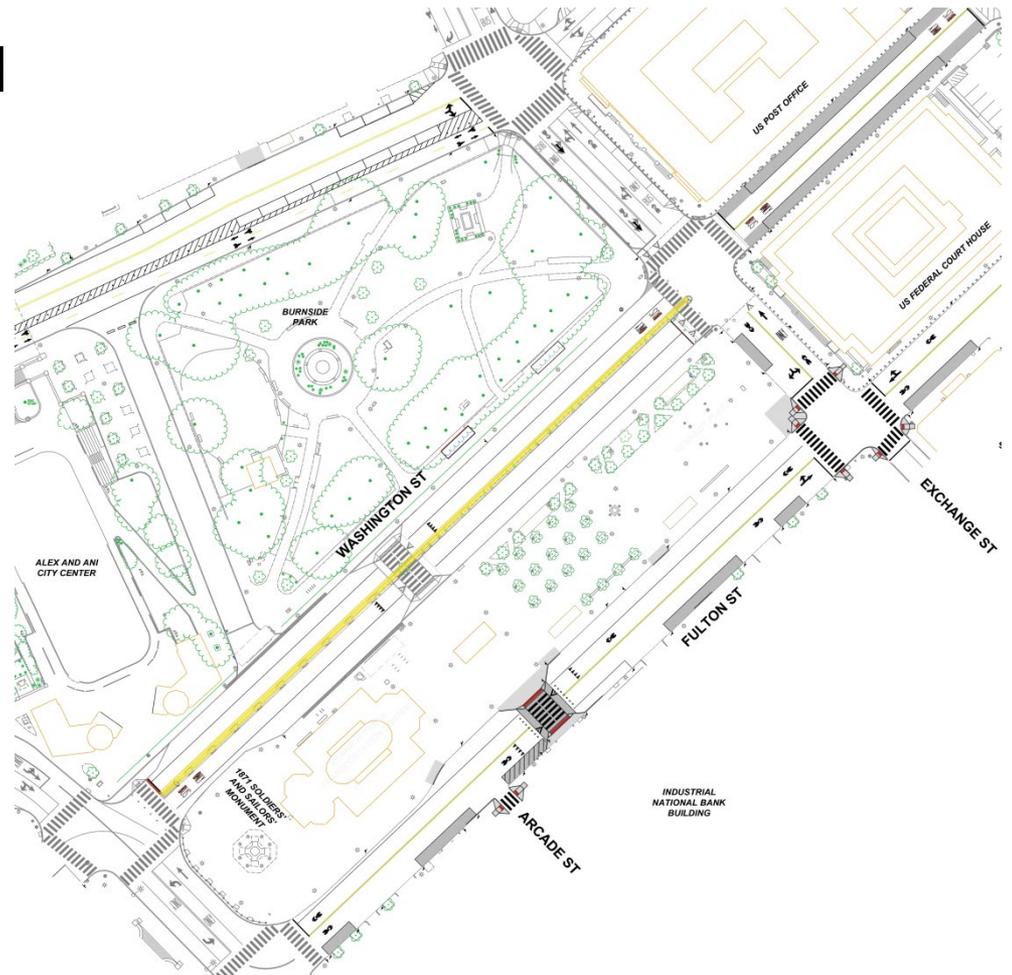
Raised, illuminated central crosswalk creates welcoming front door to 111 Westminster

Raised, illuminated crosswalk across Washington at Dorrance

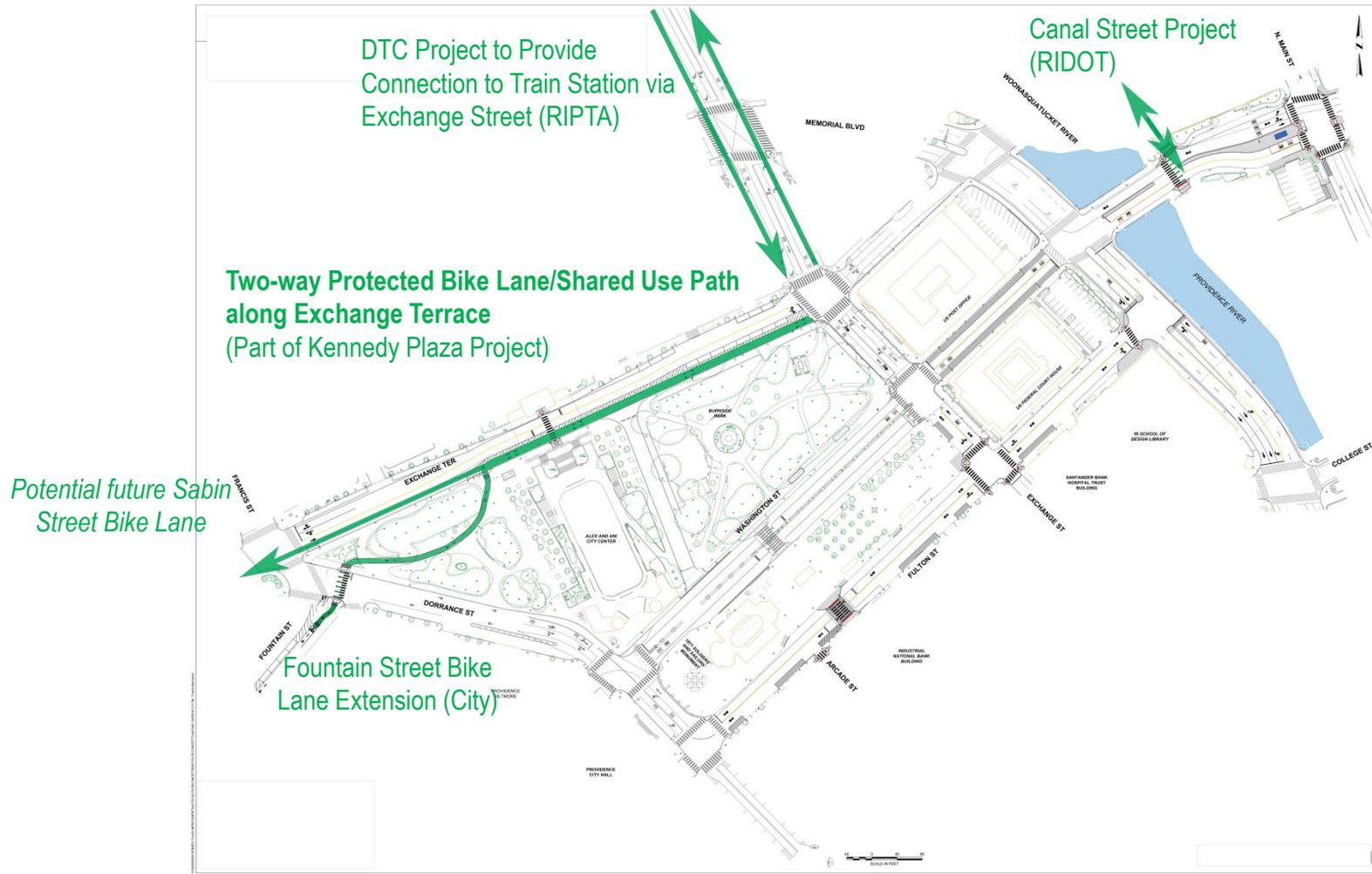
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## Enhanced Median along Washington Street

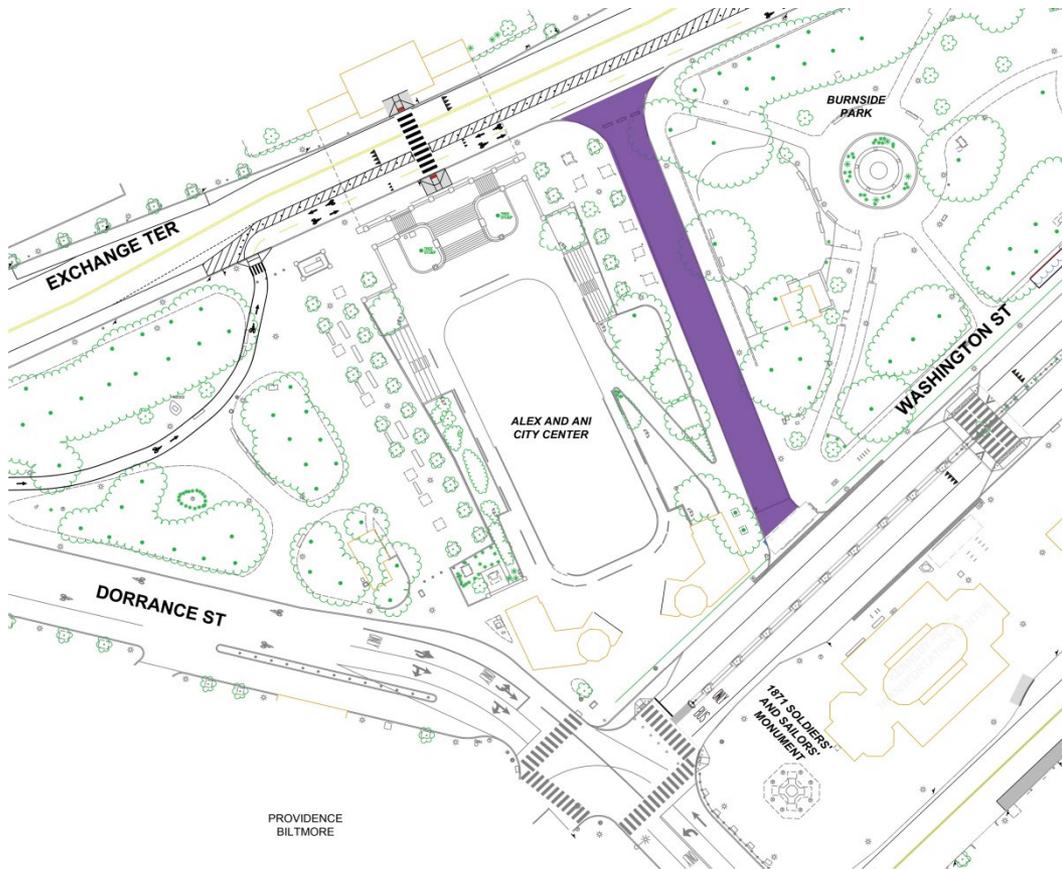
- Washington Street median will be extended and enhanced with ornate fencing and trees



# Bicycle Safety



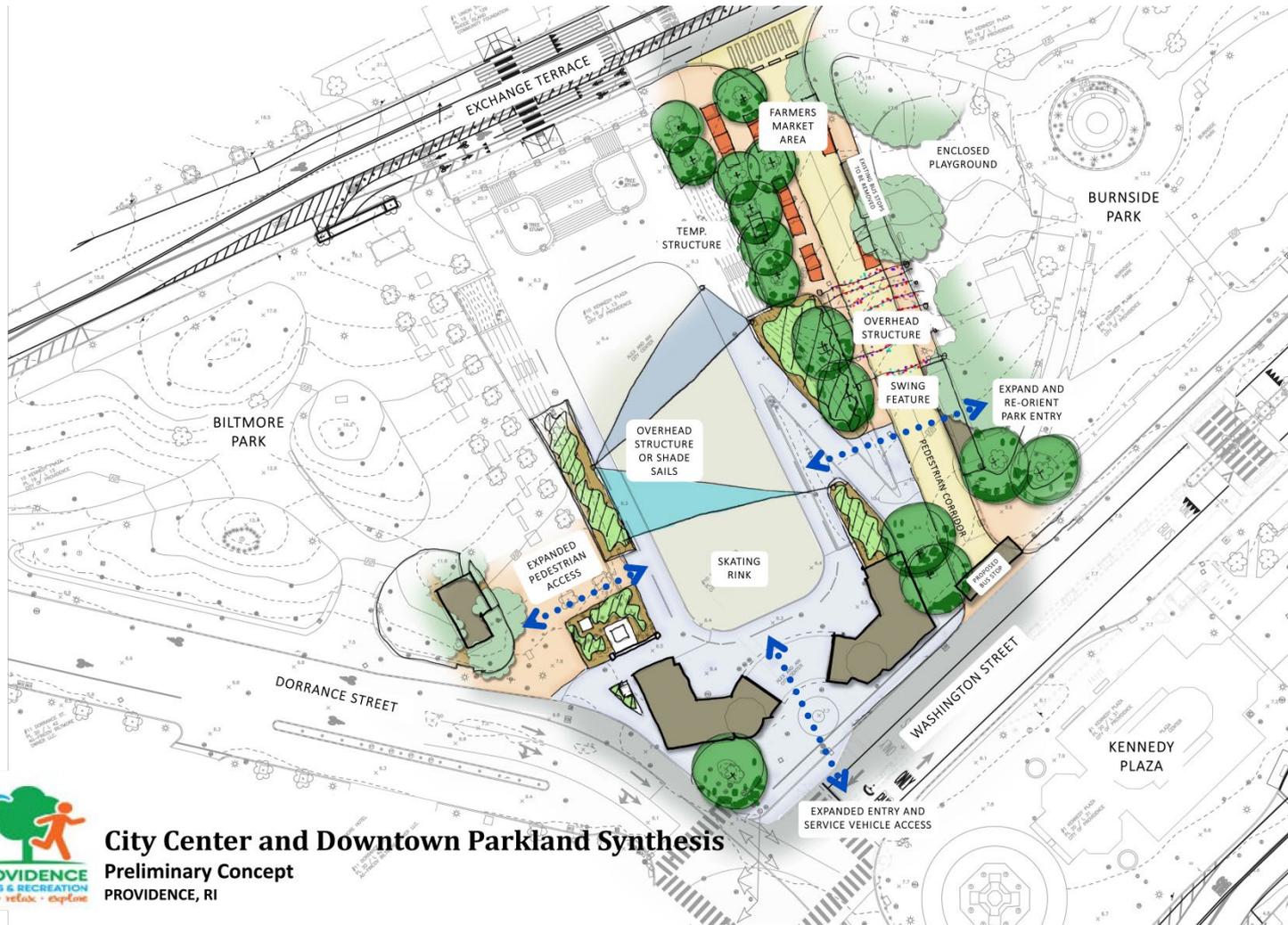
# Public Space: East Approach



East Approach will be closed to all traffic to provide a better connection between Burnside Park and the Alex & Ani Skating Rink.



# Public Space



## City Center and Downtown Parkland Synthesis

Preliminary Concept  
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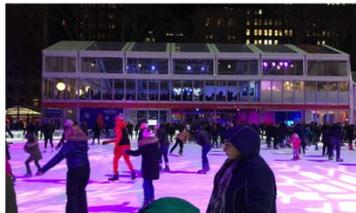
North  
(20 Scale)

# Public Space



POP UP ART INSTALLATION

- FARMERS MARKET
- CORRIDOR SURFACE PAINTINGS
- OVERHEAD STRUCTURE
- SWING FEATURE



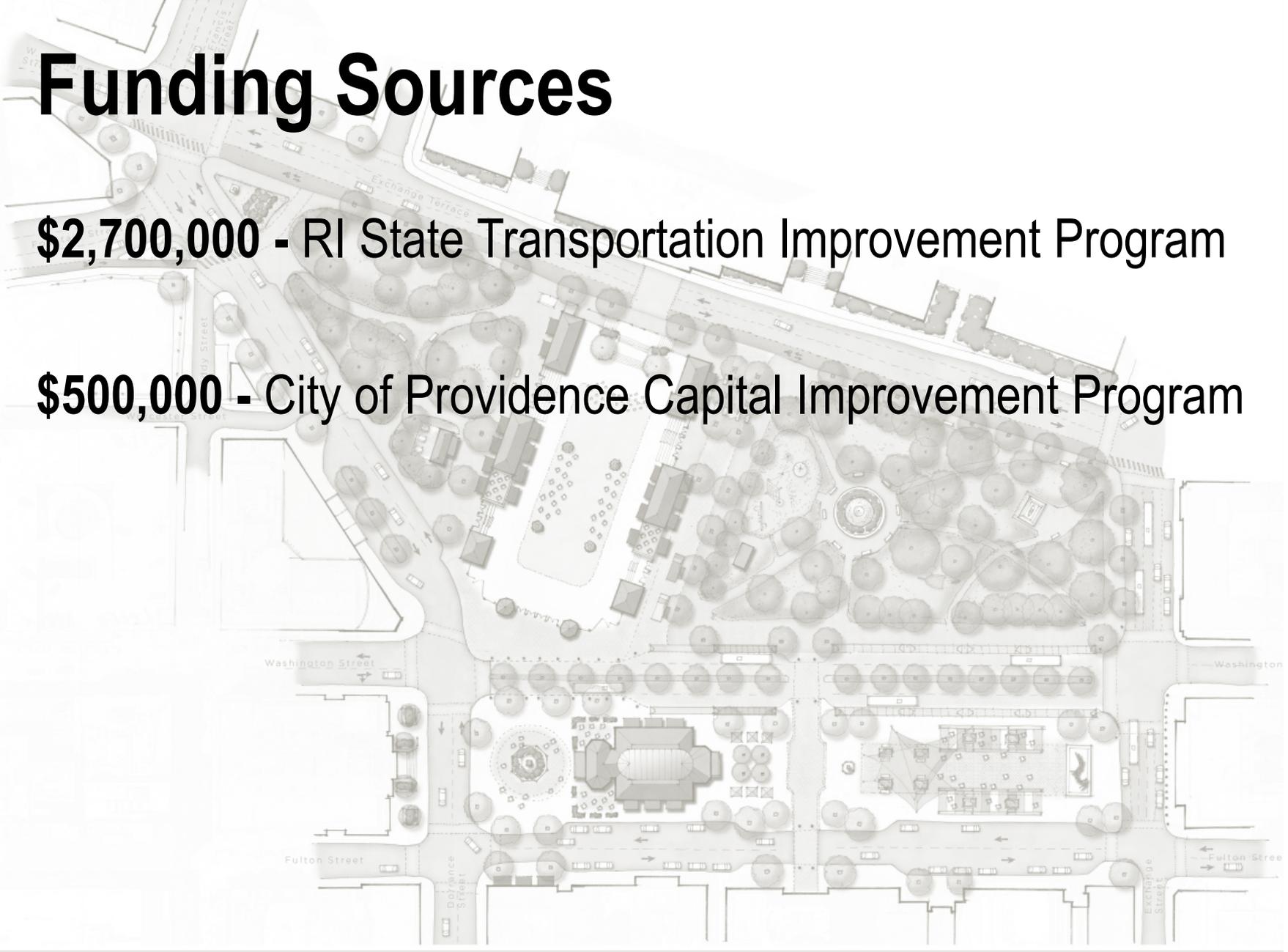
TEMPORARY STRUCTURE



**City Center and Downtown Parkland Synthesis**  
 Concept and Precedent Images  
 PROVIDENCE, RI

North  
 (20 Scale)

# Funding Sources

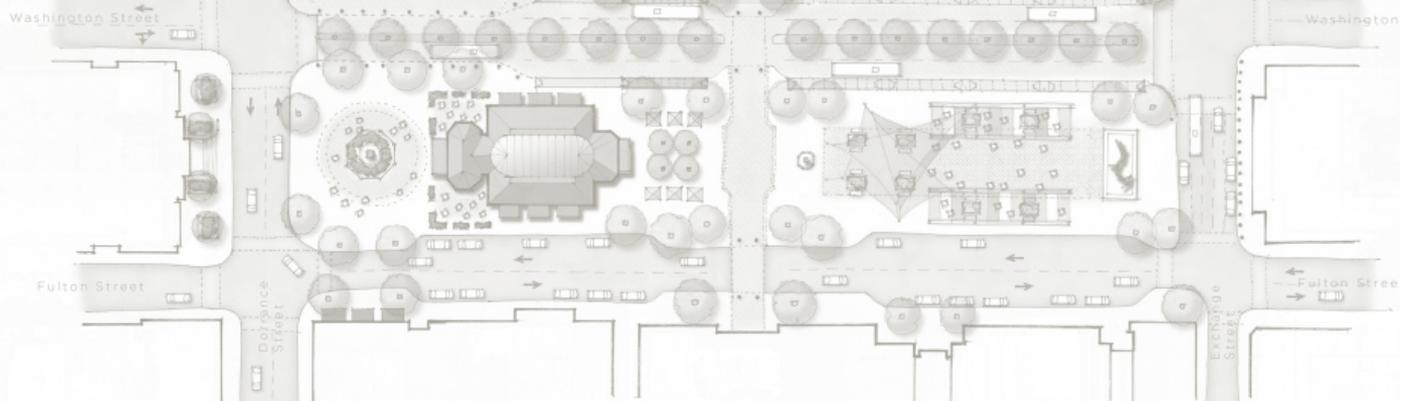
The background of the slide is a detailed architectural site plan of a city block. The plan shows a grid of streets including Exchange Terrace at the top, Washington Street in the middle, and Fulton Street at the bottom. Other streets shown are W. St., Exchange Street, and Exchange Terrace Street. The plan features various building footprints, parking lots, and numerous trees. Arrows indicate the direction of traffic flow on the streets.

**\$2,700,000** - RI State Transportation Improvement Program

**\$500,000** - City of Providence Capital Improvement Program

# Design and Construction Timeline

- **Spring 2018:** BETA Group, Inc. contracted for Design and Engineering Services
- **November 2018:** Design and engineering to be completed
- **Winter 2018/2019:** Construction goes out to bid
- **Spring 2019:** Construction contract awarded; construction begins



# Questions & Comments



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