

OUR FUTURE 35

Austin's Cap and Stitch Program



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PROGRAM
OFFICE

City Council
Mobility Committee Meeting
January 19, 2023 | 1:00 pm

HISTORY OF I-35 IN AUSTIN

A Legacy of Community Division

Tillotson Convocation on East Avenue – 1930s

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I-35 TODAY

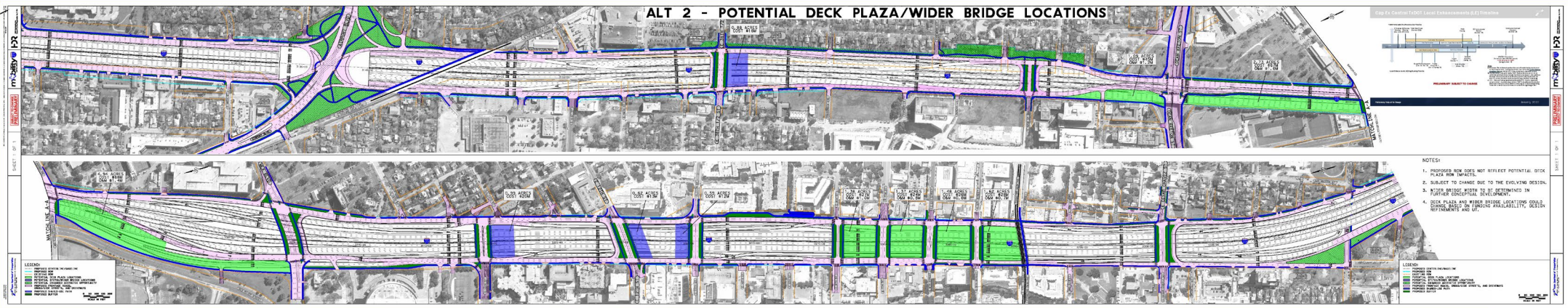
The East/West Divide



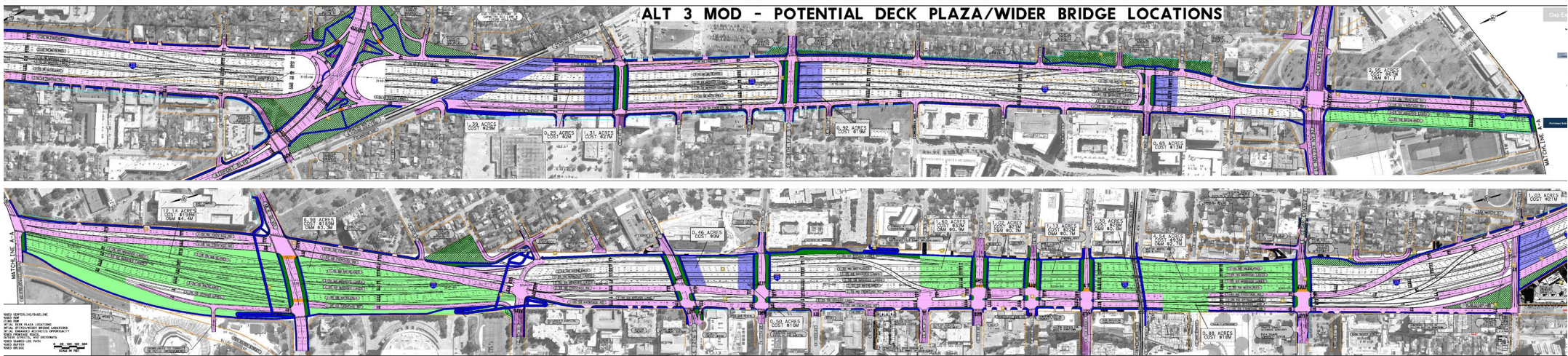
TXDOT IDENTIFIED CAP AND STITCH OPPORTUNITIES

An Input for Our Future 35

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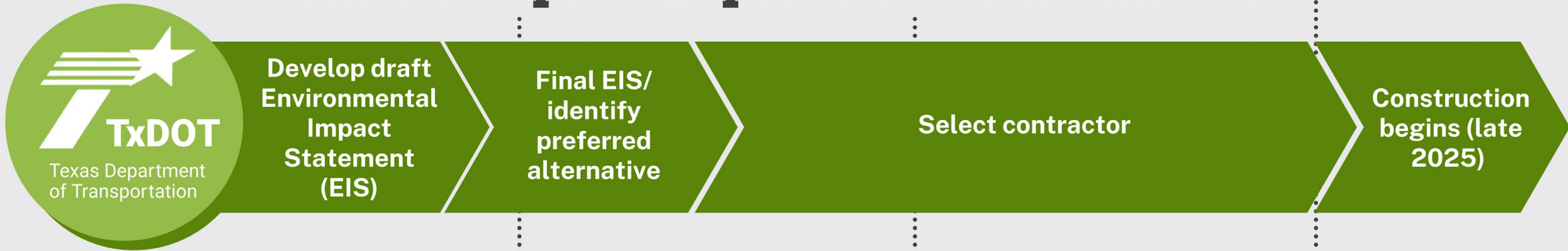


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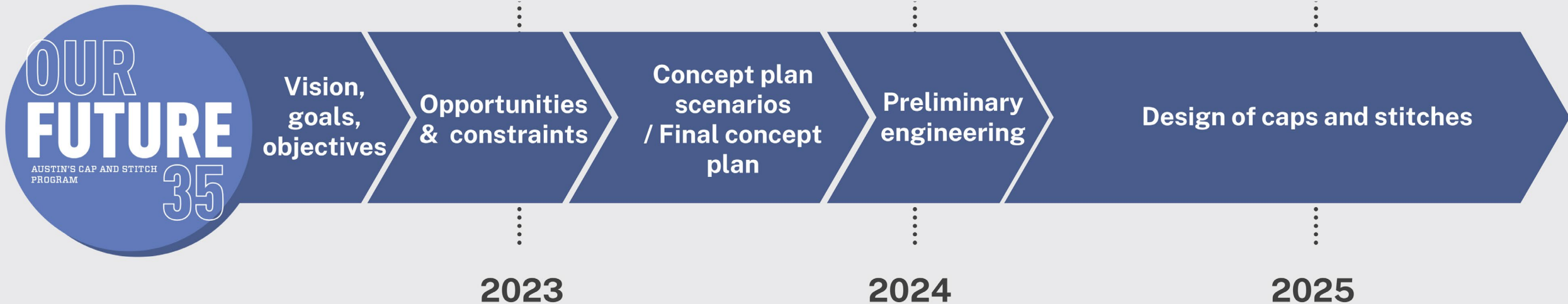


2023 2024 2025

TxDOT Capitol Express Central Timeline



Our Future 35 - Cap and Stitch Design Timeline

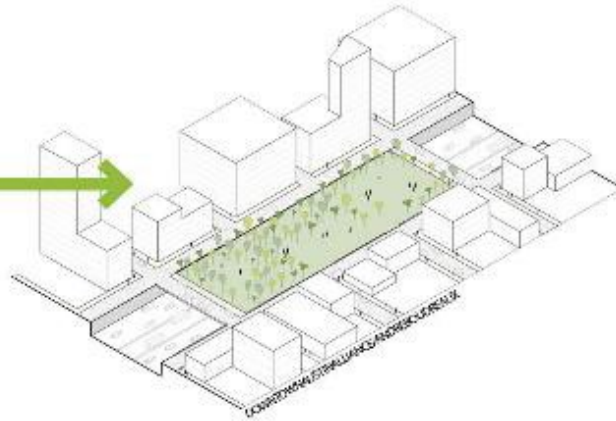


A NEW OPPORTUNITY

What is “Our Future 35?”

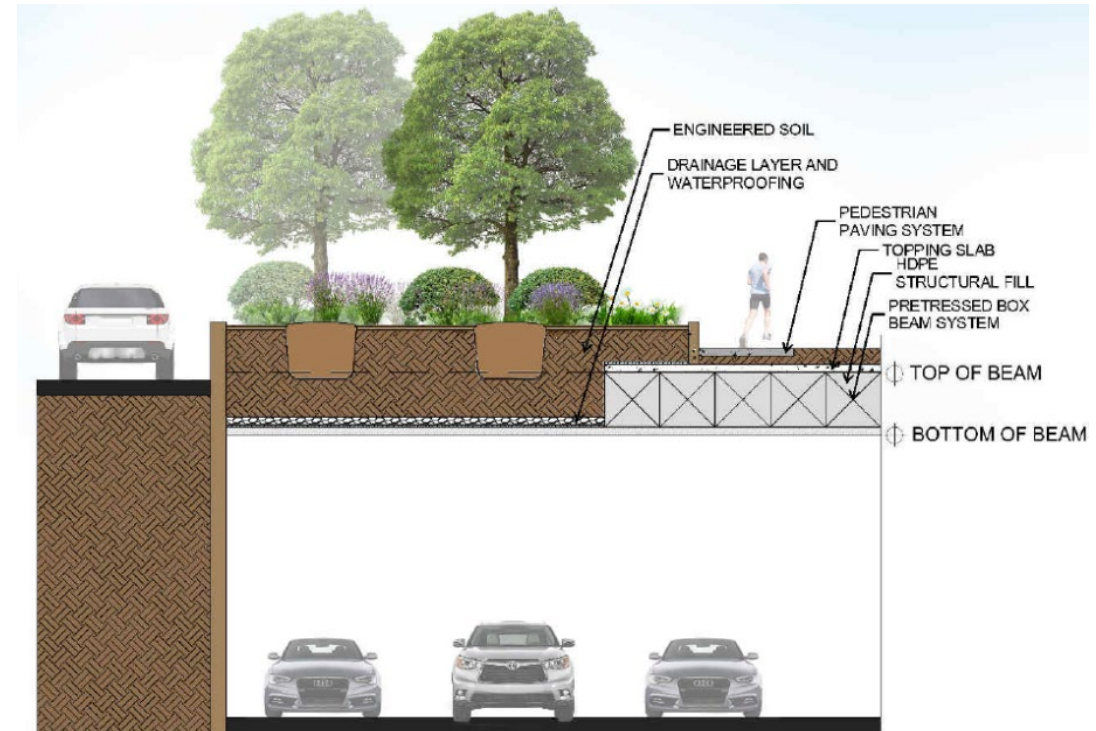
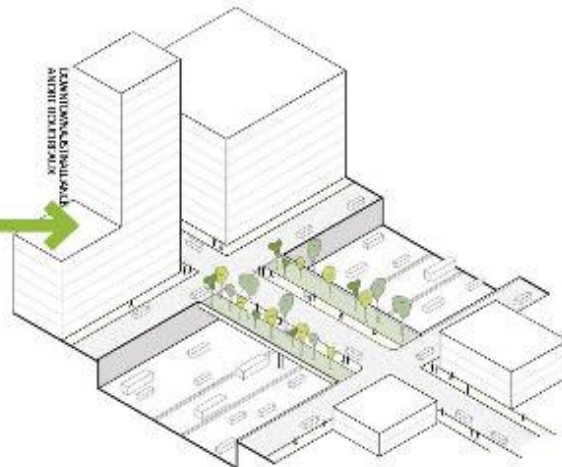
HIGHWAY CAP

A cap is a large deck over a highway to accommodate new programming such as structures or green space. Caps are also referred to as a deck, land bridge or lid.



HIGHWAY STITCH

A stitch is a widened bridge over a highway, connecting one side of the highway to the other. Amenities include landscaping, shade, and multi-modal enhancements.



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Key Components

- Working from Summer 2022 Atkins Feasibility Study
- Develop project vision and goals
- Community engagement
- Opportunities and constraints

- Develop and evaluate Cap & Stitch design and engineering concept alternatives
- Develop conceptual cost estimates
- Continue community co-creation
- Select preferred concept alternative

A detailed map of the Capitol Corridor project area. A thick yellow line runs vertically through the center, labeled 'CAP & STITCH PROJECT LIMITS'. Red lines indicate 'I-35 Bike Path Intersects' at various points along the corridor. The map shows a network of streets, including Airport Blvd, E. 20th St, E. 32nd St, E. Dean Keeton St, E. MLK Blvd, W. 11th St, W. 12th St, E. 7th St, E. 4th St, E. 1st St, and Holly St. Major roads are shown in grey, and the river is in blue. A green area labeled 'Capitol' is located near the center. A legend in the bottom left corner defines the symbols: Project Limits (yellow line), I-35 Bike Path Intersects (red line), Existing Bike Path (dashed line), Pedestrian Path (dotted line), Transit Stop (blue star), and Major Road (grey line).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Proposed Community Engagement Structure

2022

2023

2024



COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Kicked Off in October 2022



- Convening through Summer 2023. Comprised of community leaders, local business owners, and industry experts.
- Community Steering Committee provides feedback and guidance on:
 - Project Vision, Goals and Objectives
 - Public Outreach and Marketing
 - Program Scope and Process
- For member/co-chair bios and photos visit <https://www.ourfuture35.com/community-steering-committee>

CAP AND STITCH DESIGN

Vision/Goals – August Public Open House



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

What Did We Hear? – Space Program Exercise

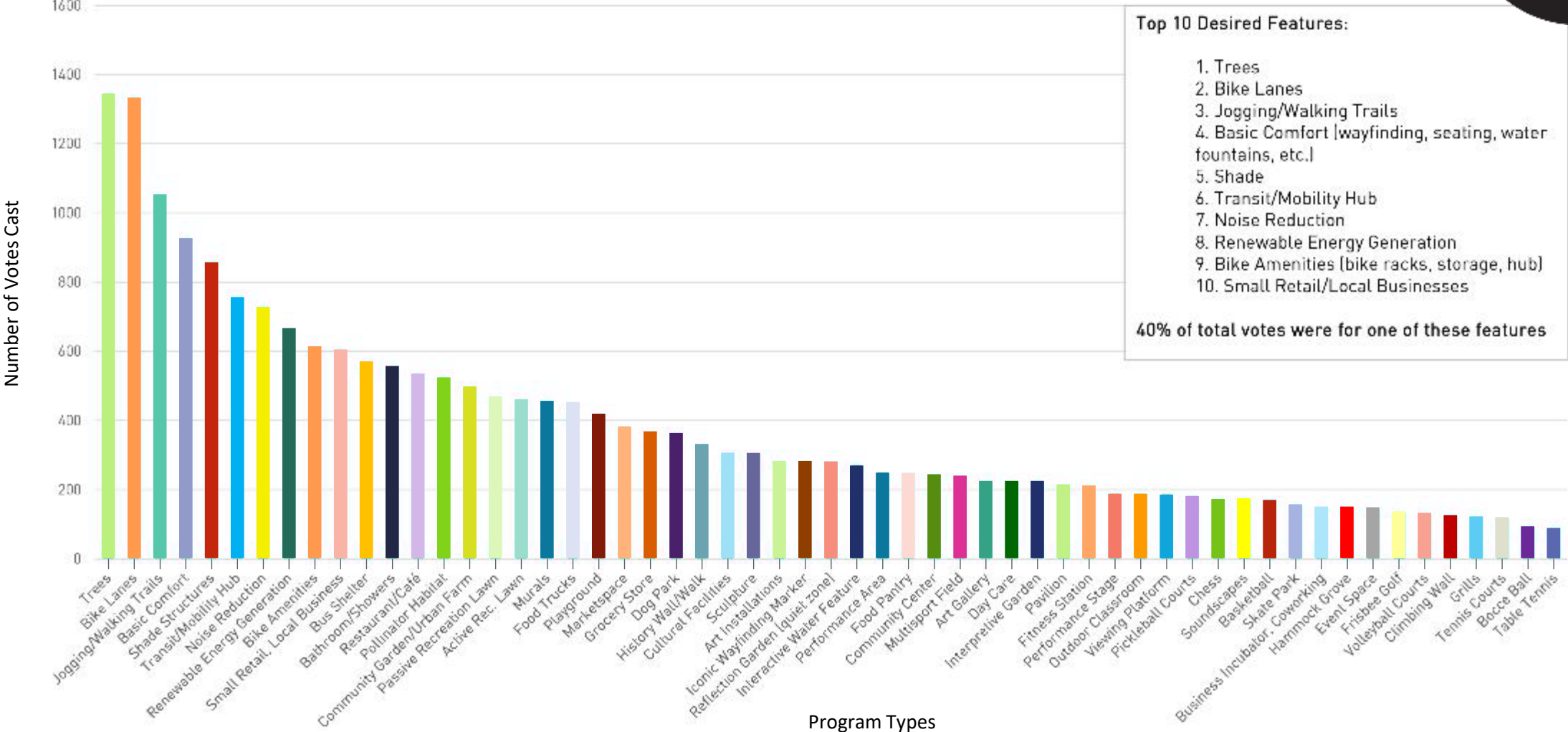


Chart summarizing votes from the programming exercise.

EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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The Equitable Development Strategy ensures that new civic amenities create positive benefits for the surrounding community.

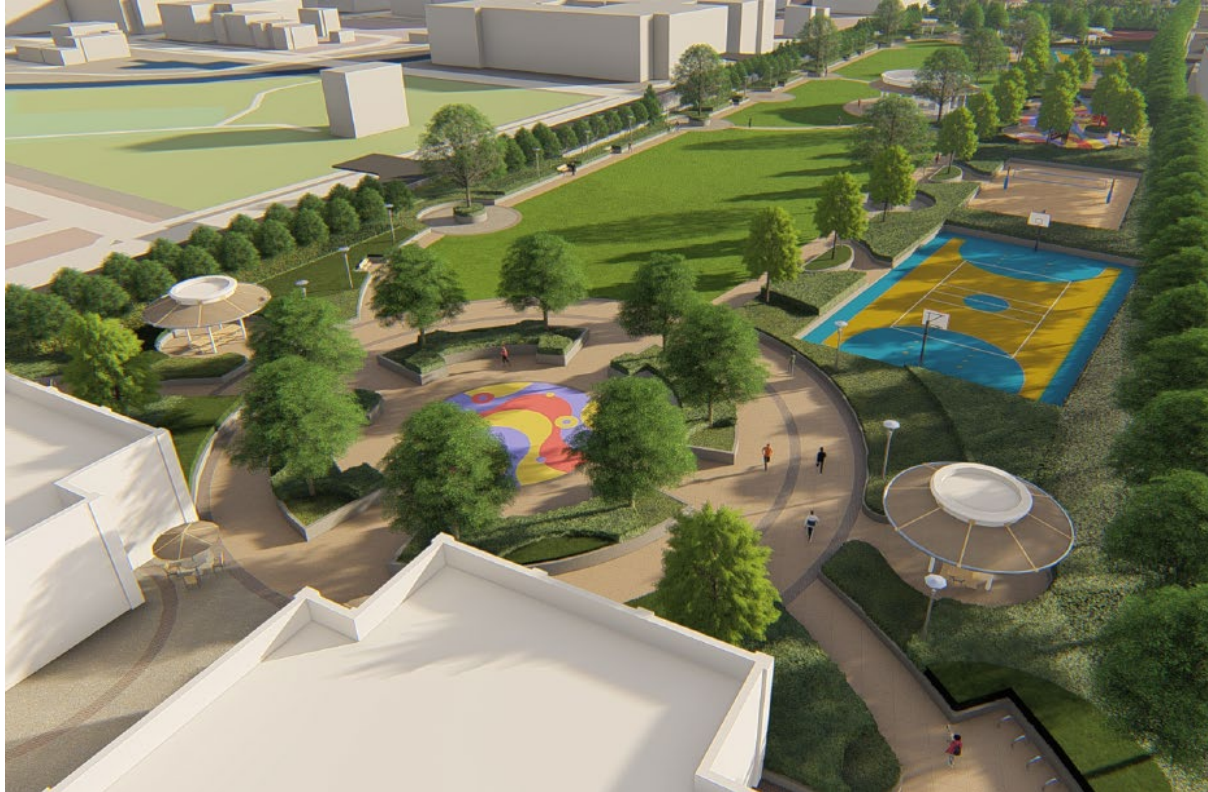
- Off-corridor community benefit
- Housing/anti-displacement
- Small business/workforce incubation
- Community development
- Arts, history, and culture opportunities
- Equitable development project opportunities
- Policy Recommendations



Credit: Six Square Facebook

MOVING THE PROGRAM FORWARD

Funding Strategy



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DEVELOP FUNDING STRATEGY

- Capital Improvements, Operations/Maintenance
- PRIORITY: Cap Structures

ASSESS ALTERNATE FUNDING

- Value capture
- P3, private/public partnerships
- Naming rights, Sponsorships

EXPLORE FEDERAL FUNDING, GRANTS

- USDOT Reconnecting Communities (Submitted 10/13/22)
- USDOT Build America Bureau Technical Assistance
- Other programs/opportunities

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING \$1.5M

- Sponsored by Representative Lloyd Doggett
- Scoping and RFQ process currently underway

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