



6th Street Preliminary Engineering

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Agenda

- Safety Pilot Overview
- PER Process
- Review of Alternatives
- Public Feedback
- Staff Recommendation
- Next Steps



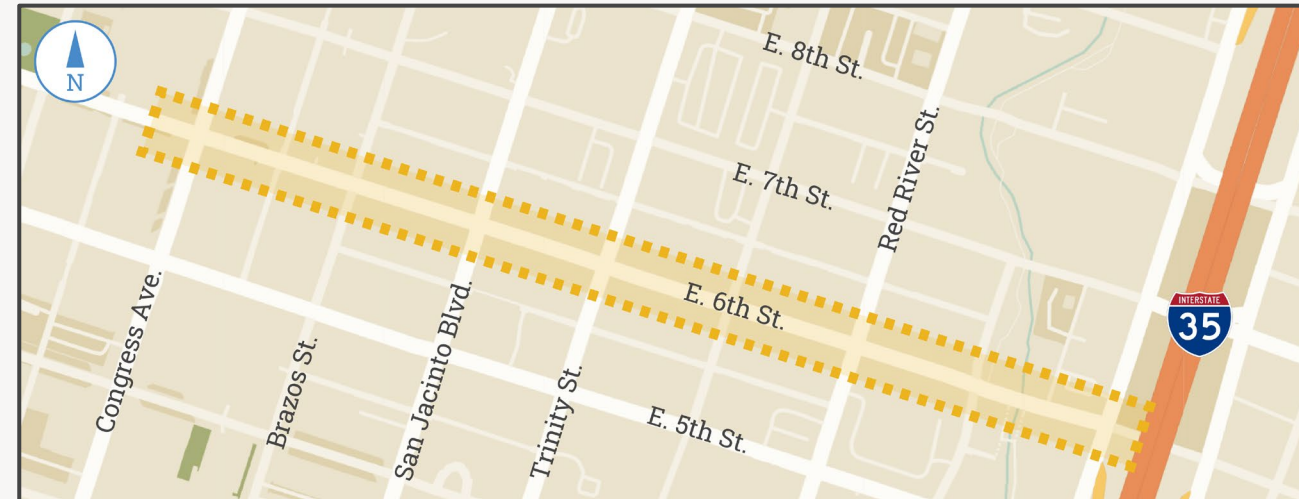
6th Street Safety Pilot



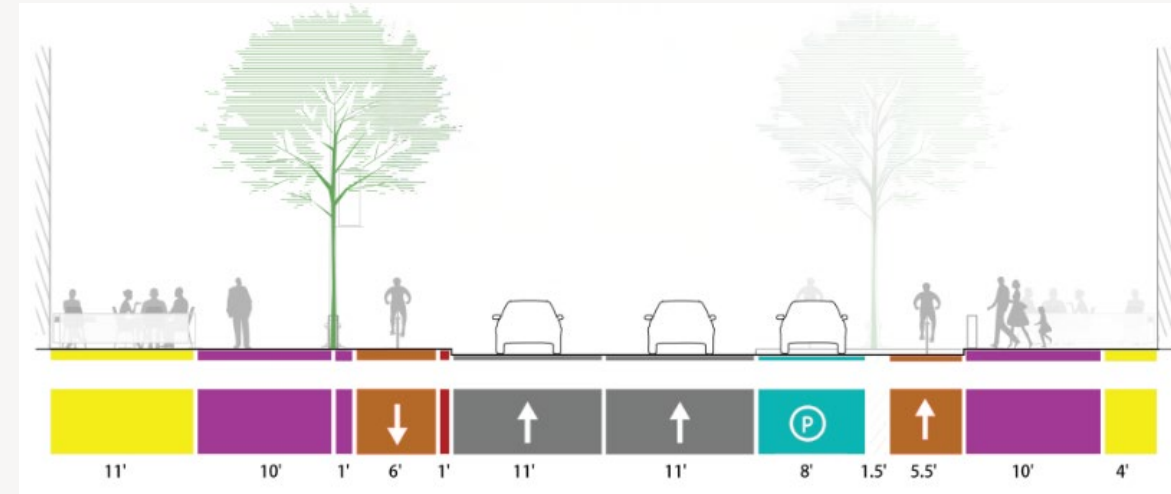
- Multi-department initiative to improve safety in the District
- ATPW assisted with temporary materials to “test” new widened sidewalks, change in vehicle lanes
- Signal timing changes to promote slow speeds, increase ped x-ing times
- Close monitoring of pedestrian safety and traffic operations

6th St PER – Study of Long-Term Improvements







- **Study Area:** 6th Street (IH-35 to Congress Avenue).
- **Purpose:** Identify transportation and mobility improvements to form the long-term vision for the street.
- **Goal:** Develop a set (1) of recommended improvements with their associated costs.
 - Build on lessons learned during pilot phase
- **Schedule:** Conclude PER by end of 2025; begin design in 2026



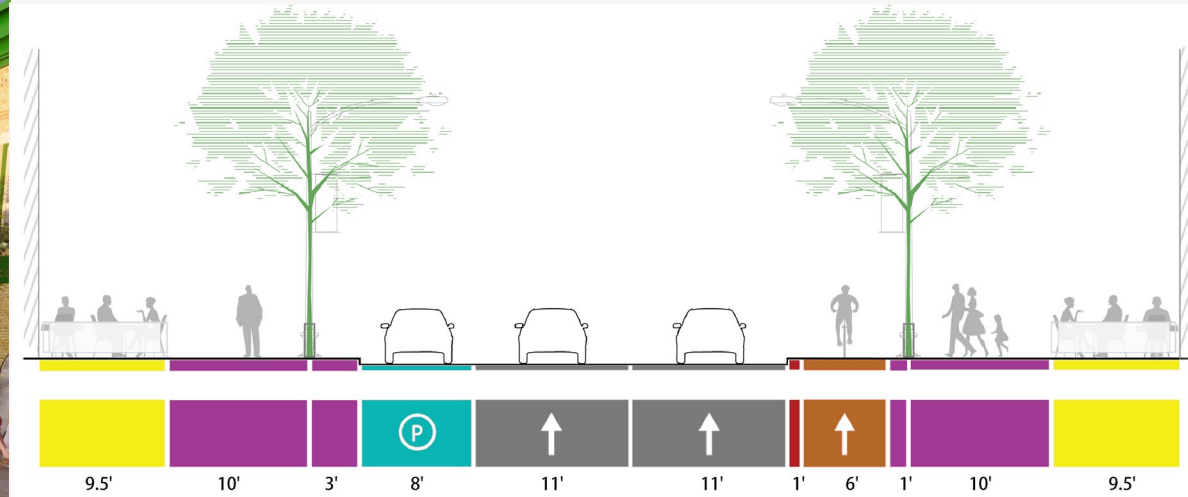
Alternative 1



LEGEND

-  Furnishing Zone (benches, bike racks, cafe, additional sidewalk, queues)
-  Sidewalk
-  Bike/Scooter Lane
-  Curb/Buffer
-  Vehicle Lane
-  Curb Access Lane (passenger loading/unloading, deliveries, valet, parking)

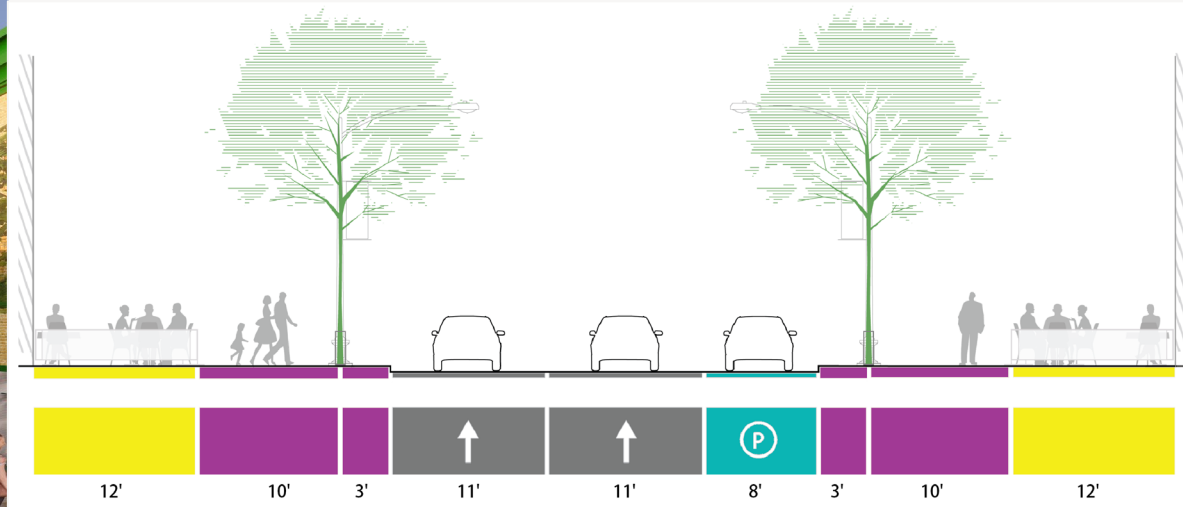
Alternative 2



LEGEND

- Furnishing Zone (benches, bike racks, cafe, additional sidewalk, queues)
- Sidewalk
- Bike/Scooter Lane
- Curb/Buffer
- Vehicle Lane
- Curb Access Lane (passenger loading/unloading, deliveries, valet, parking)

Alternative 3



LEGEND

- Furnishing Zone (benches, bike racks, cafe, additional sidewalk, queues)
- Sidewalk
- Bike/Scooter Lane
- Curb/Buffer
- Vehicle Lane
- Curb Access Lane (passenger loading/unloading, deliveries, valet, parking)

Public Feedback

- Preserving character and supporting local businesses
- Pedestrianization and car-free street
- Greenery, shade and trees
- Protected bike lanes
- Loading zones and delivery access
- Safety and cleanliness



Staff Recommendation: Alternative 3



Next Steps

- Publish final Preliminary Engineering Report for 6th Street – COMPLETE
- Initiate design process for 6th Street – *In Progress*
- Explore opportunities to add/improve east-wide bike lanes in downtown – *In Progress*

