

# JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

SPRINGWELLS  
COMMUNITY MEETING

JUNE 20, 2024





# AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. PROJECT BACKGROUND
3. SPRINGWELLS
4. DISCUSSION
5. NEXT STEPS



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# INTRODUCTIONS

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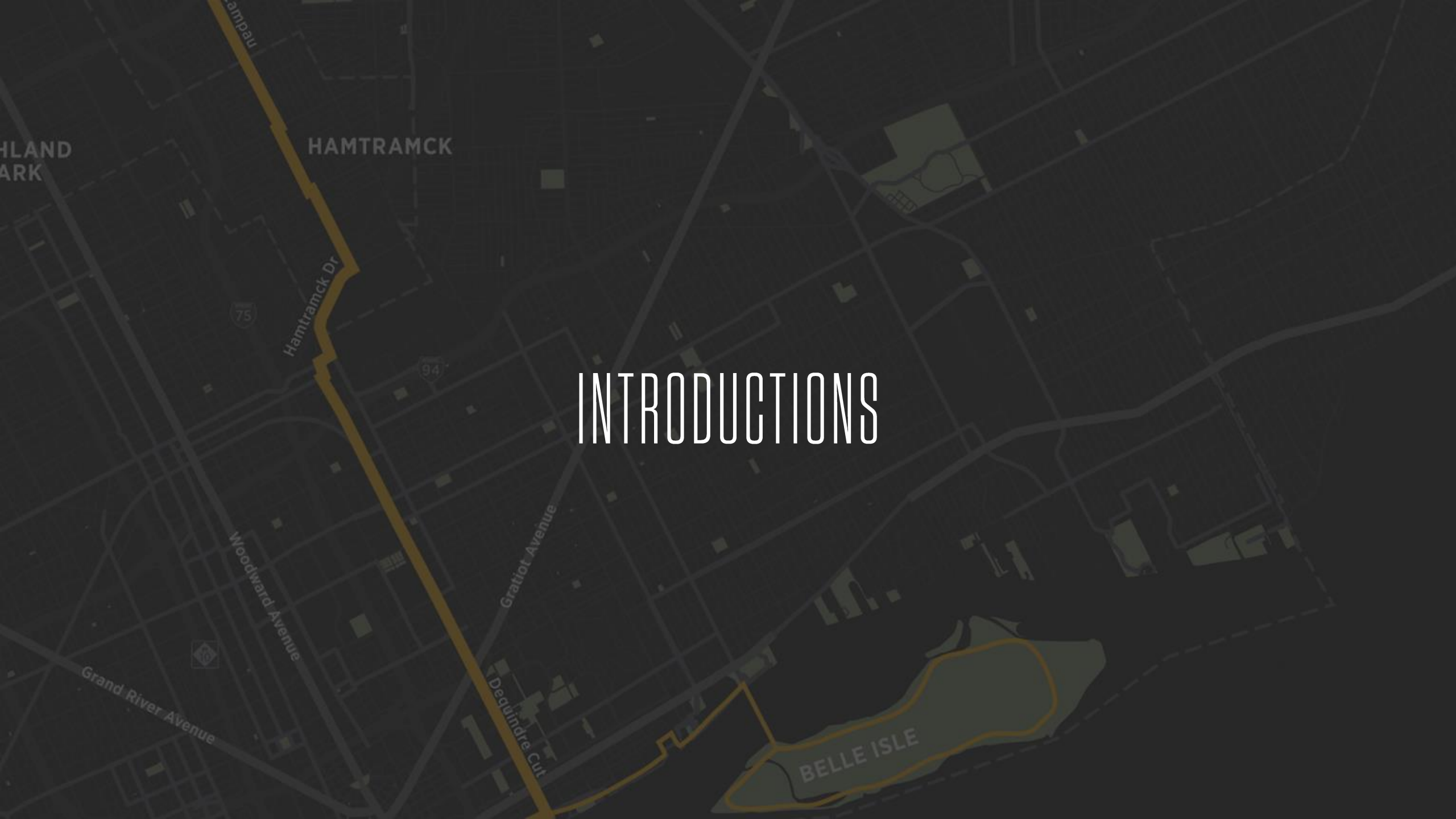
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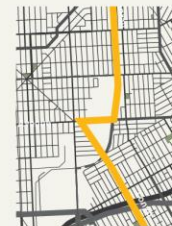
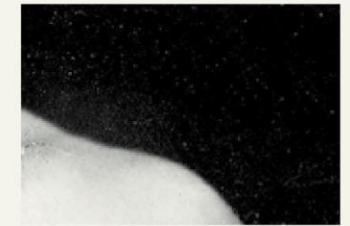
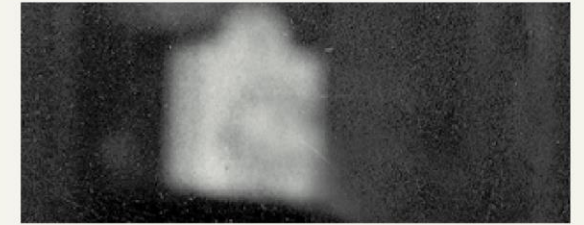
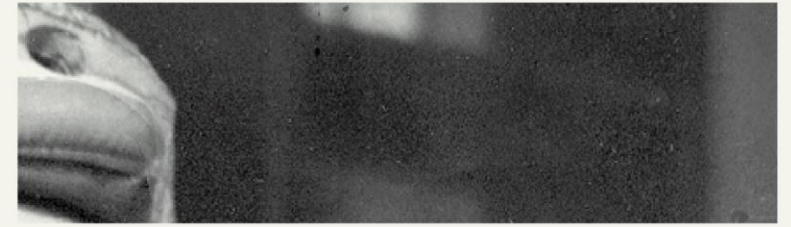




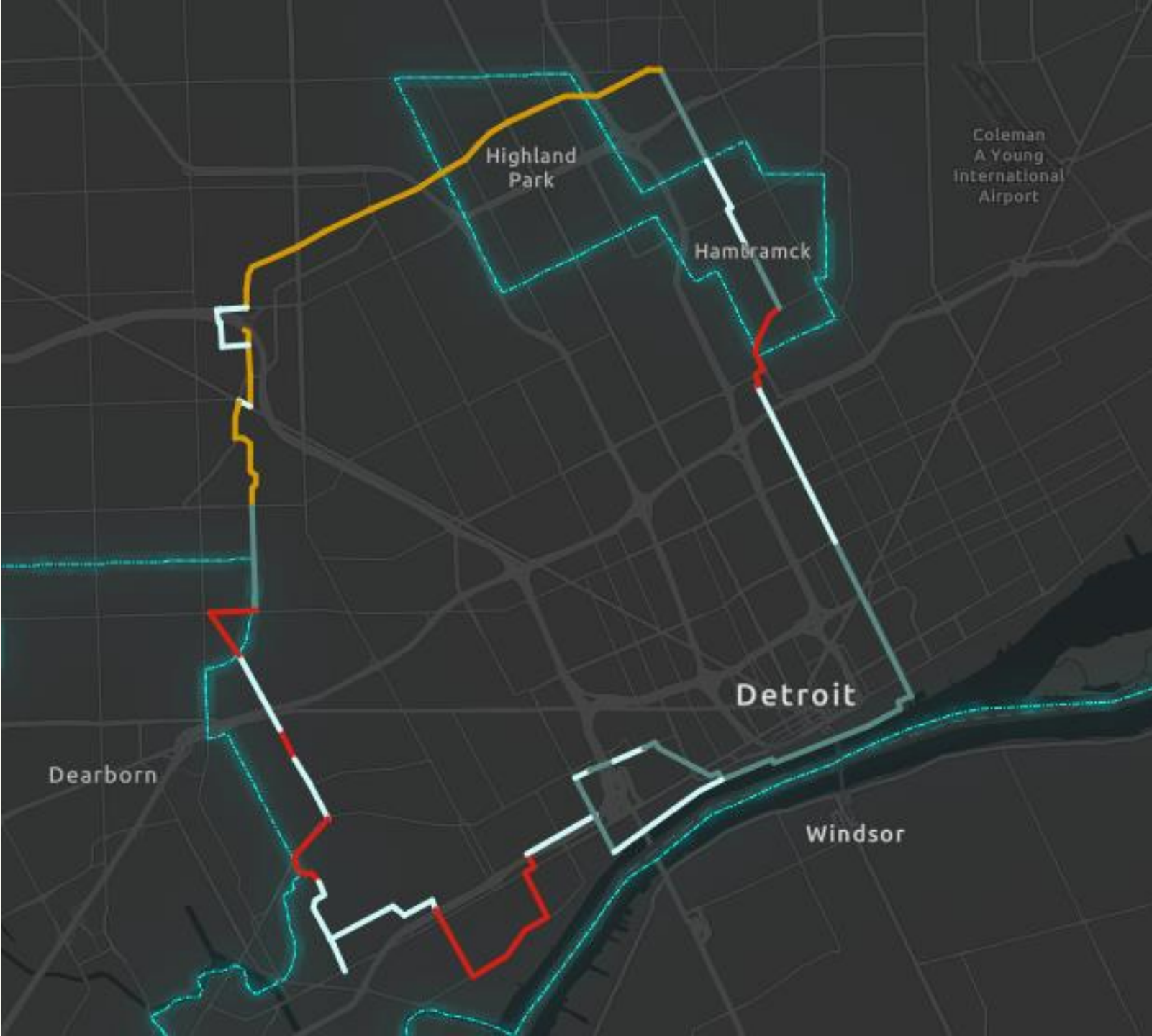
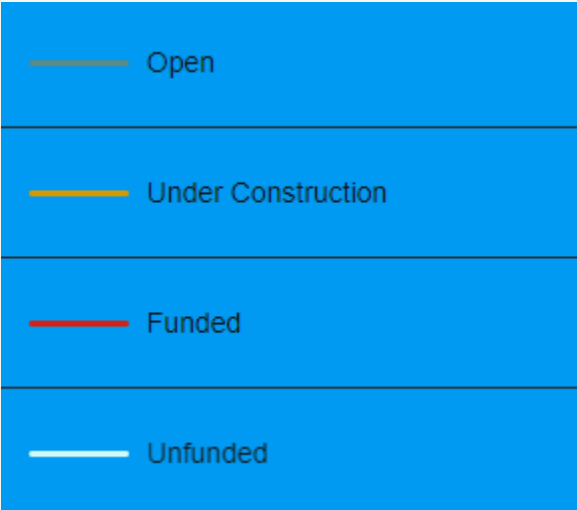
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# FRAMEWORK PLAN

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# CURRENT CONSTRUCTION





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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Community meetings and presentations

5/8/2024 Springwells Meeting #2

4/4/2024 JLG Planning Southwest Meeting

4/2/2024 SDBA Business District Meeting

3/18/2024 Stakeholder Meeting

2/21/2024 Springwells Design Meeting #1

11/14/2023 Toole Design Field Visit - Stakeholder Feedback

10/27/2023 Southwest JLG Move & Talk

8/31/2023 Springwells Community Meeting #2

8/28/2023 Patton Park Meeting 3 (Viva Patton Park)

7/20/2023 Springdale Woodmere Block Club

07/12/2023 Patton Park Master Plan Community Meeting #2

05/19/2023 Urban Neighborhood Initiatives - Healthy Bodies  
and Communities Series

5/11/2023 Patton Park Master Plan Community Meeting #1

06/28/2022 PRSP Open House - Patton Park Recreation  
Center

11/5/2022 Patton Park Projects Update at SDBA's Run of the  
Dead Community Event (In-Person)





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# SPRINGWELLS ALTERNATIVES





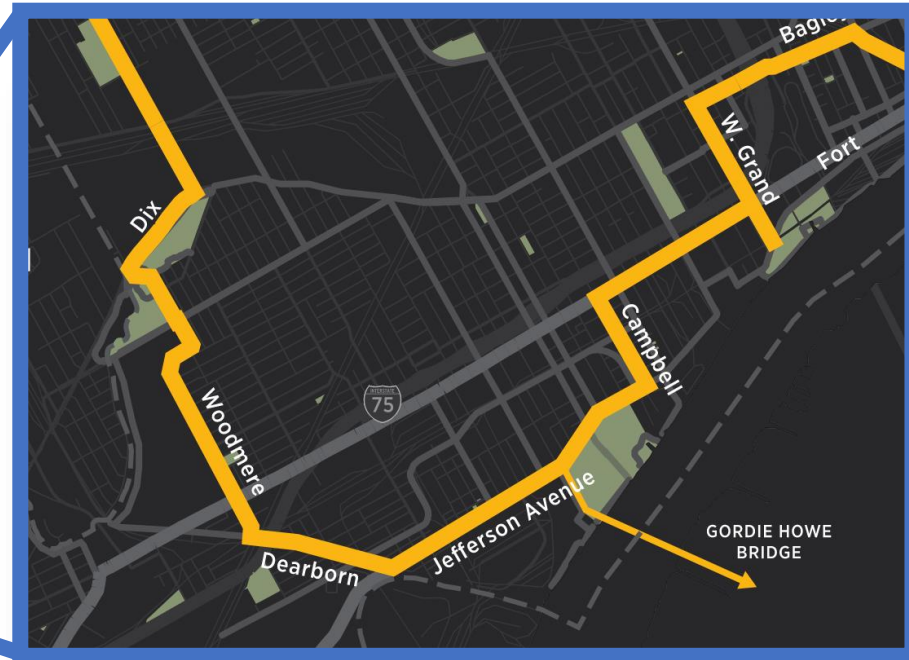
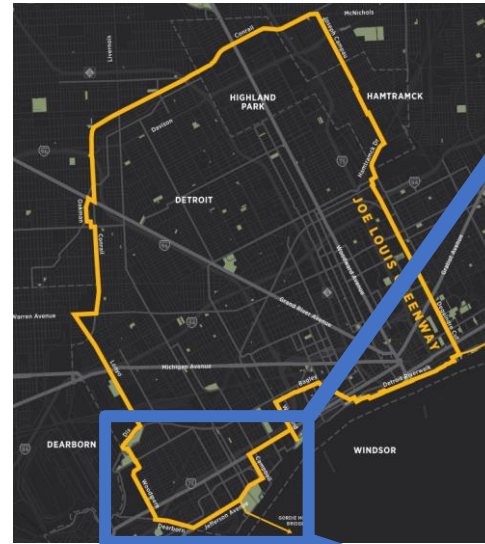
# WHY WE ARE CHANGING THE ROUTE

Truck Traffic, Railway crossing and  
highway ramps on Dearborn St

Lack of destinations

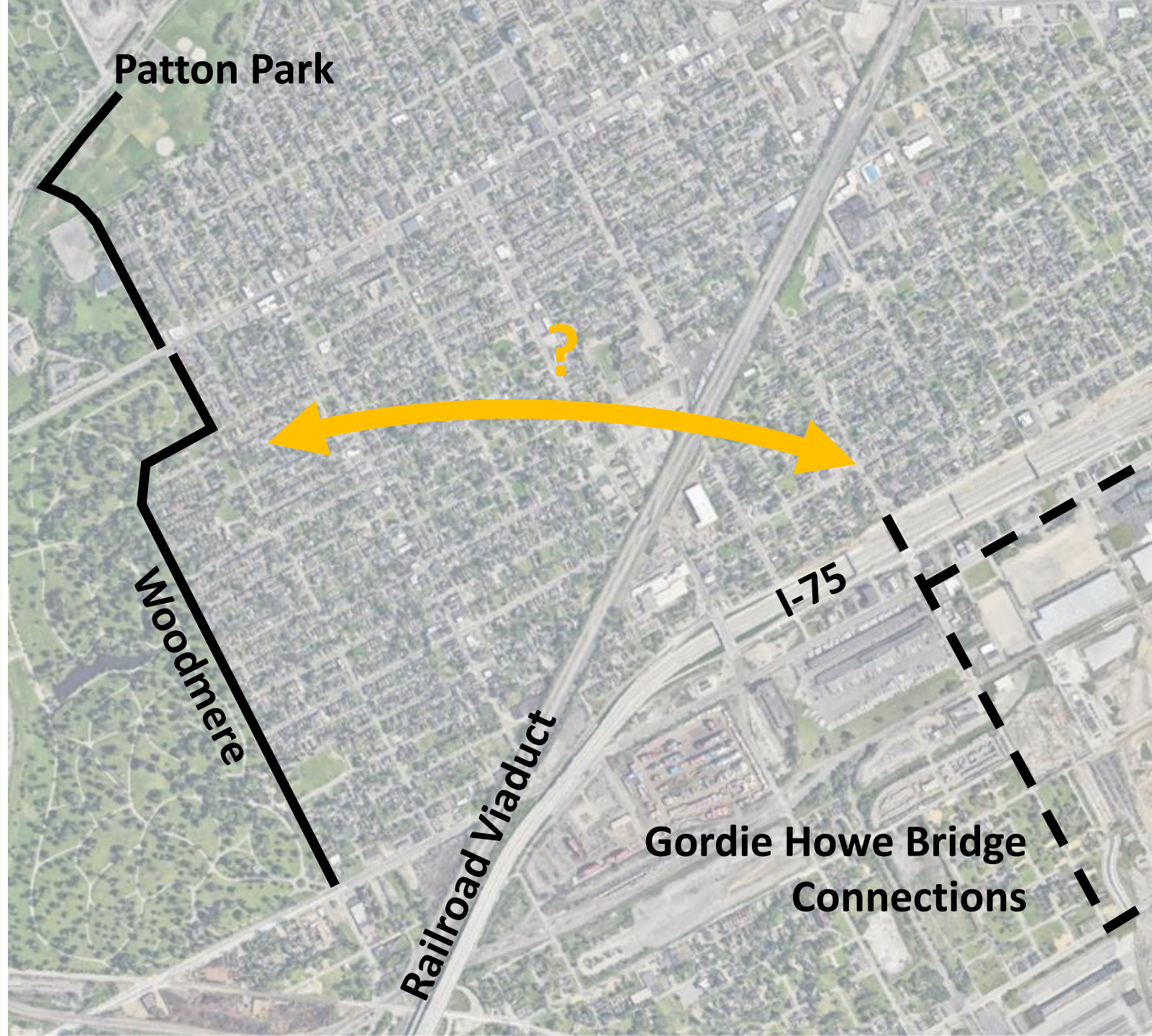
Gordie Howe Bridge connection

Neighborhood connections and safety  
improvements





# IDENTIFYING ALTERNATIVES





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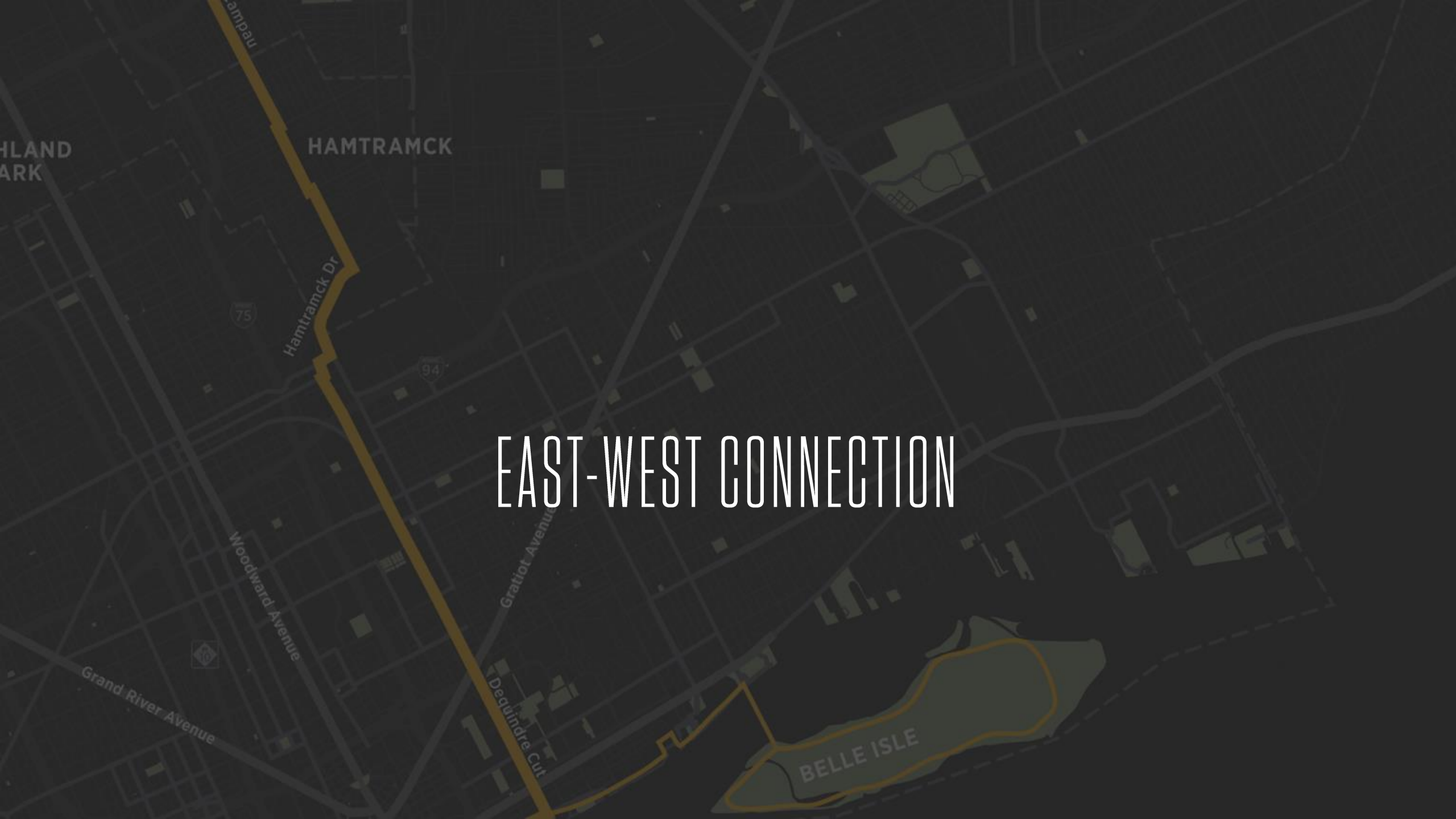
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# EAST-WEST CONNECTION





# ROUTE OPTIONS

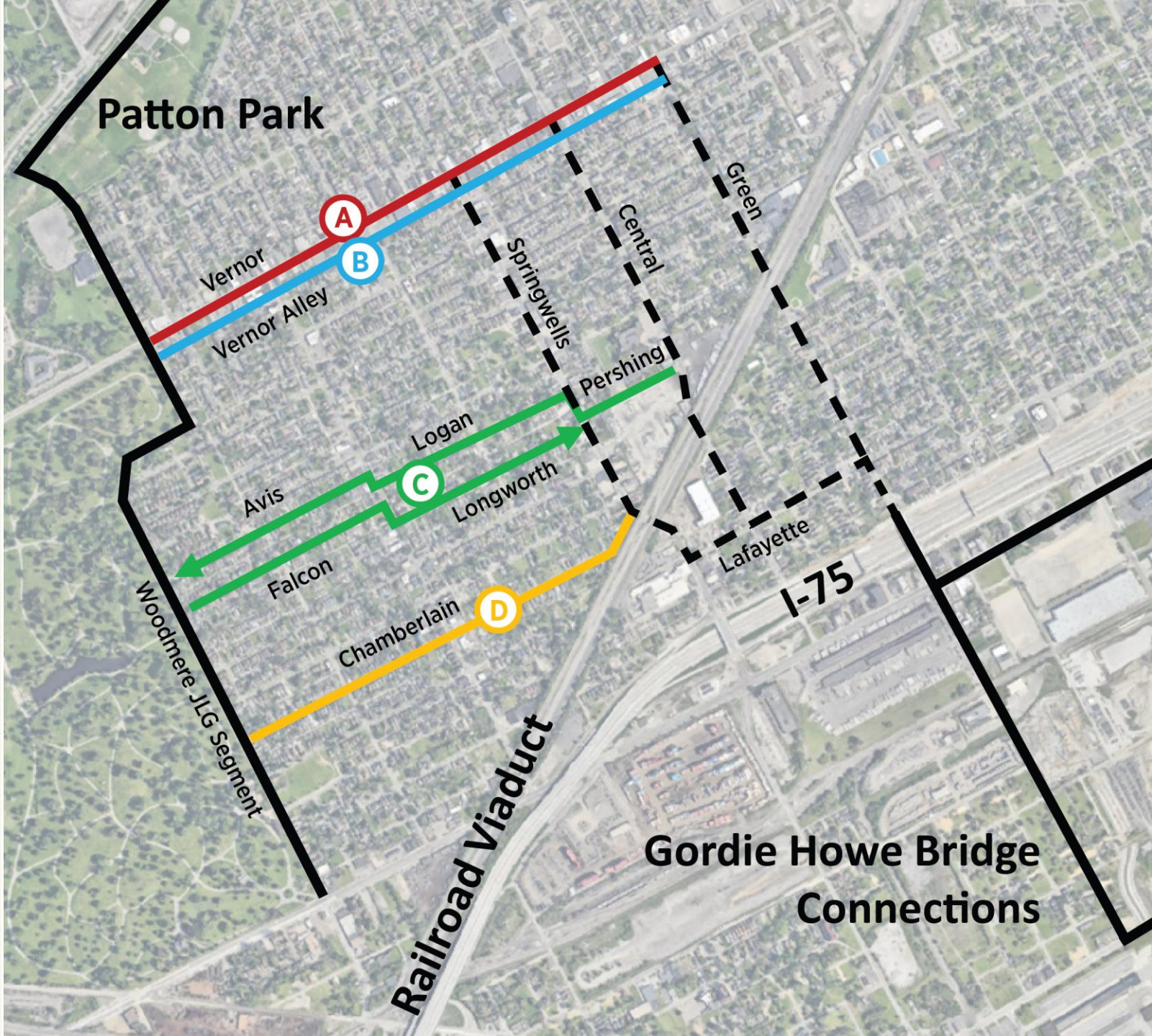
**A. Vernor Highway**

**B. Vernor Alley**

**C. 1-way Neighborhood Streets**

**D. 2-way Neighborhood Streets**

**Viaduct Crossings**





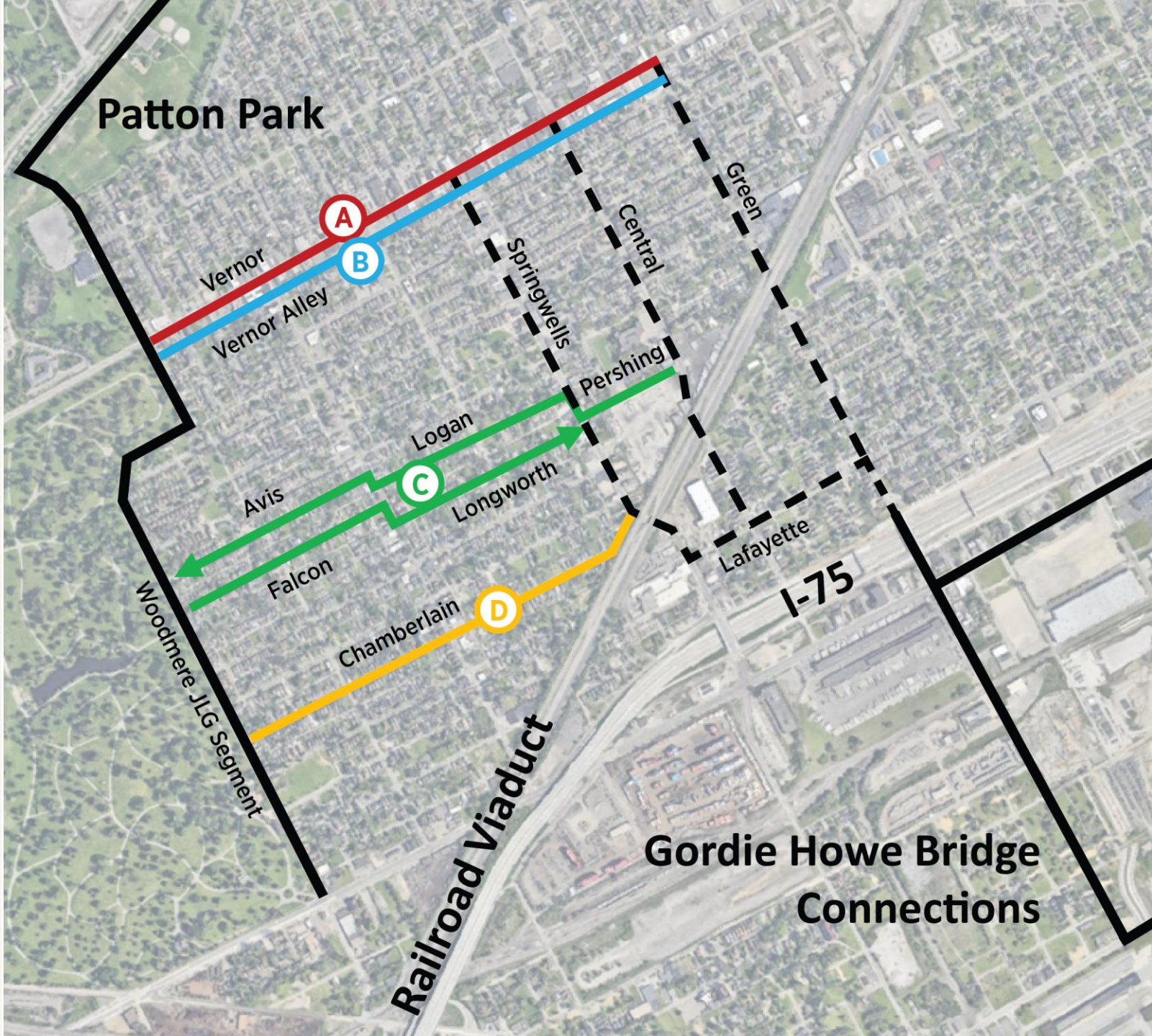
# ROUTE OPTIONS

## A. Vernor Highway

## B. Vernor Alley

Option C & D eliminated in Meeting #1 and early survey results

- No interest in one-way streets
- Safety/Engineering concerns with Springwells Viaduct at Chamberlain





# ROUTE OPTIONS

## A. Vernor Highway

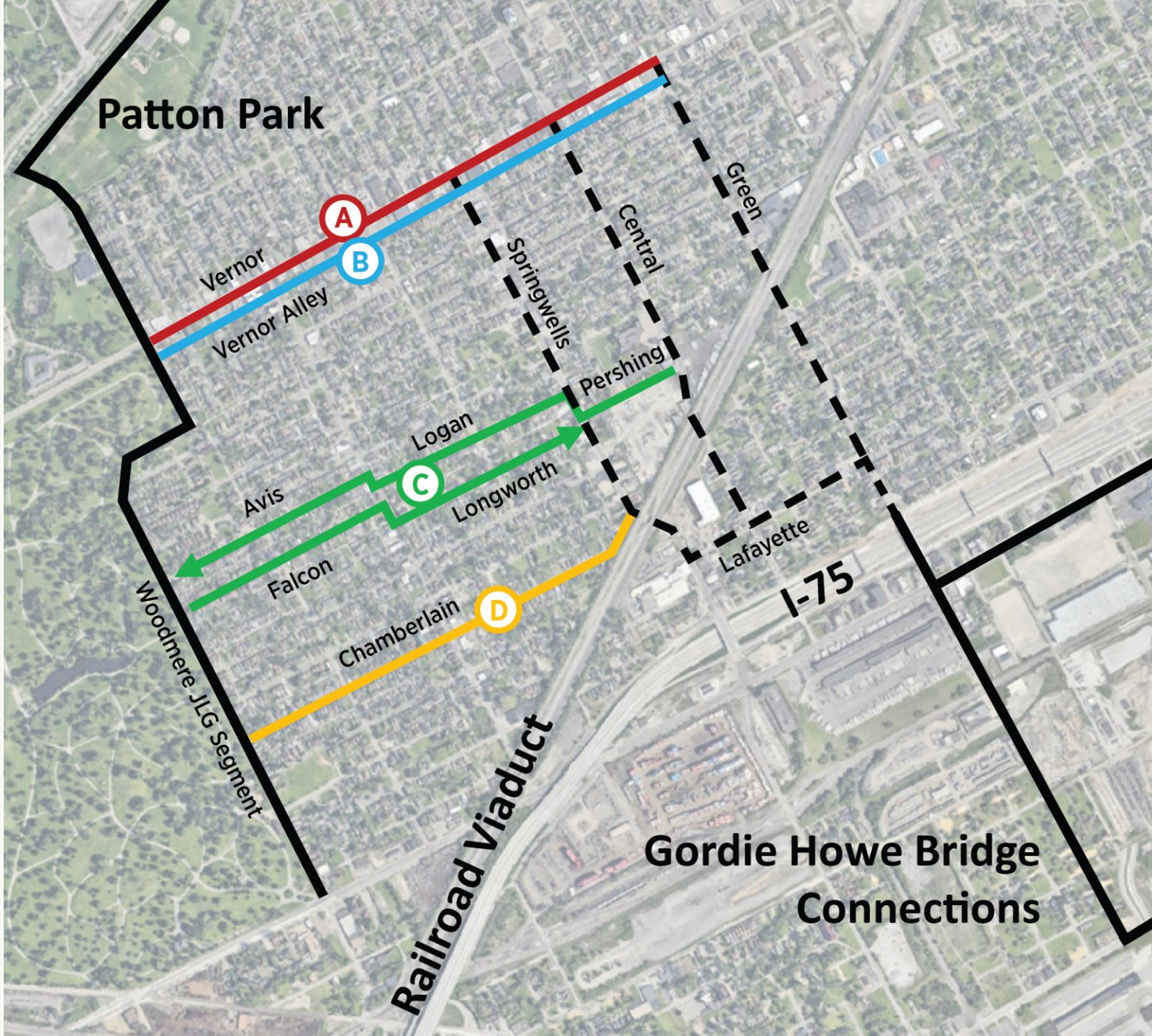
Pros: Address safety issues, improve existing bike lane, landscaping and maintenance

Cons: Remove parking on one side of the street, remove turn lanes

## B. Vernor Alley

Pros: Adjacent to businesses, Lower volumes, fewer conflicts with vehicles, improving safety and maintenance of alley.

Cons: conflicts at intersection, shared with vehicles from businesses and adjacent homeowners, does not address Vernor Hwy safety issues





# SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

Survey results – 209 Responses, 130 Residents in Southwest

Business concerns about parking

Congestion caused by left turn lane removals

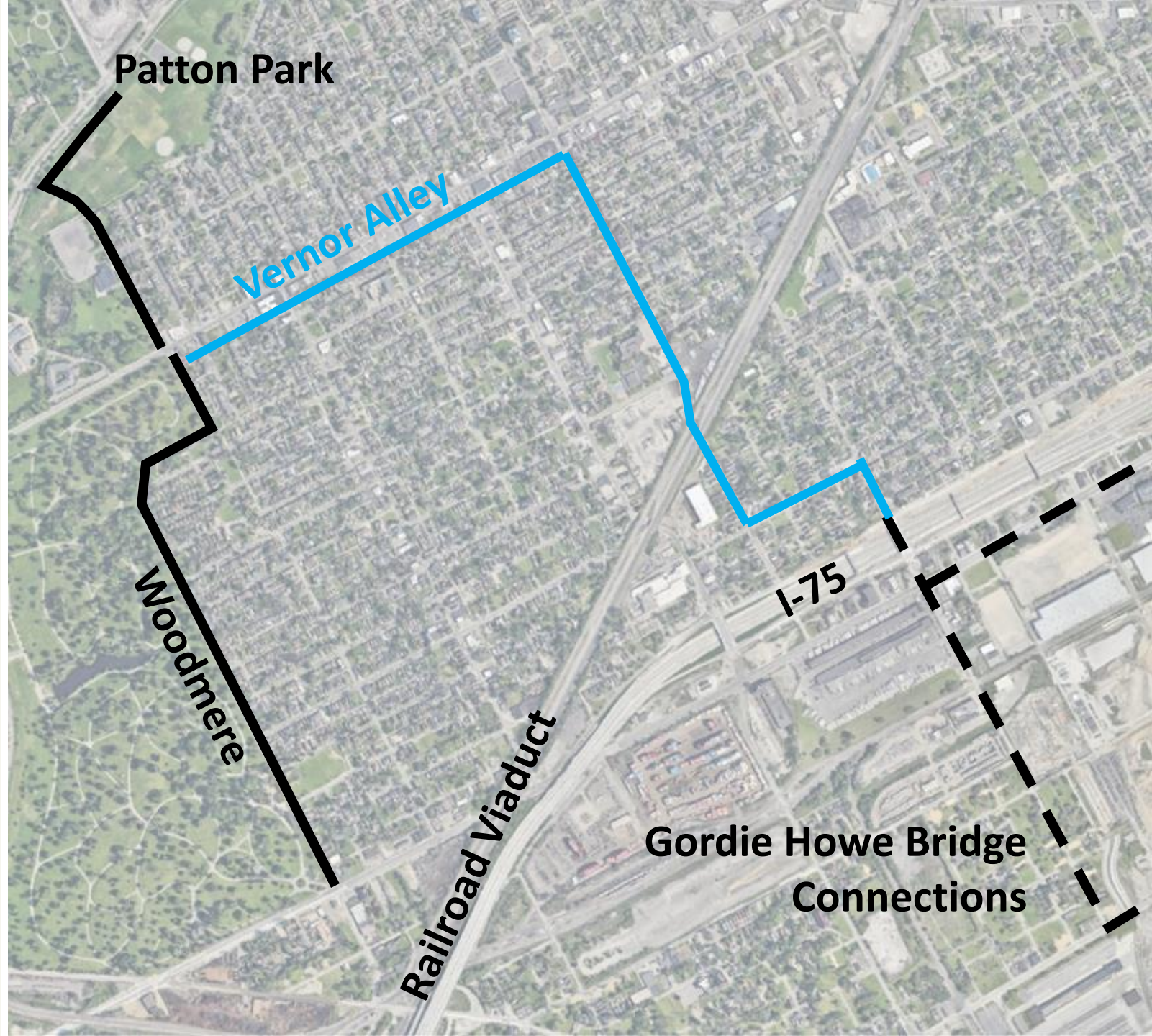


	Vernor	Vernor Alley	Avis	Chamberlain
1st	53	53	5	19
2nd	23	46	30	31
3rd	7	21	55	47
4th	47	10	40	33



# SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

Vernor Alley



# VERNOR ALLEY

## Existing Conditions

Pavement quality varies

Intermittent lighting

No crosswalks

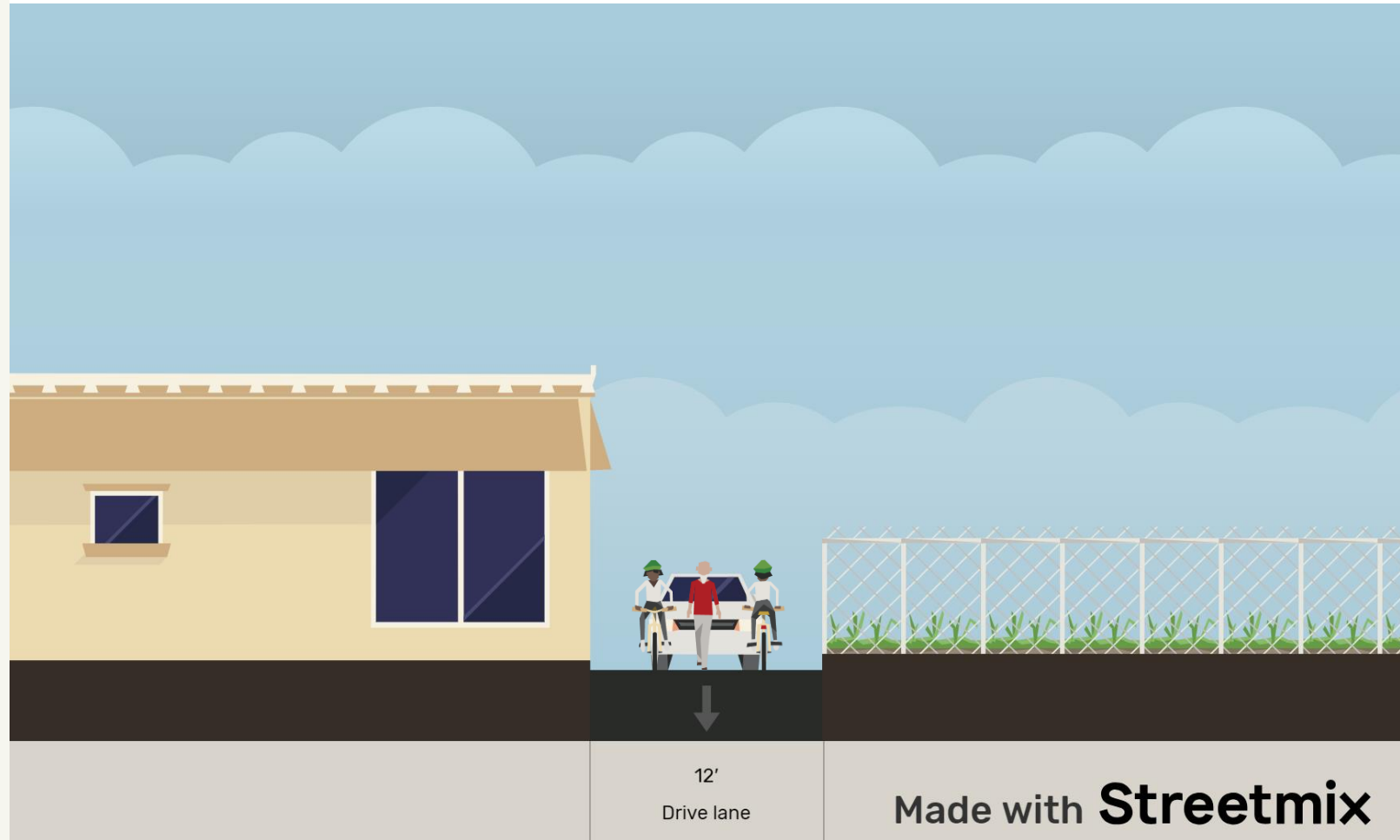




# VERNOR ALLEY

## Shared Space

- Low-speed, low-volume shared space
- Repave for smooth, accessible surface
- Improve lighting
- Add crossings at streets



# ALLEY EXAMPLES

Proposed Joseph Campau  
Midtown Green Alley





# ALLEY CROSSINGS

Creating safe crossings

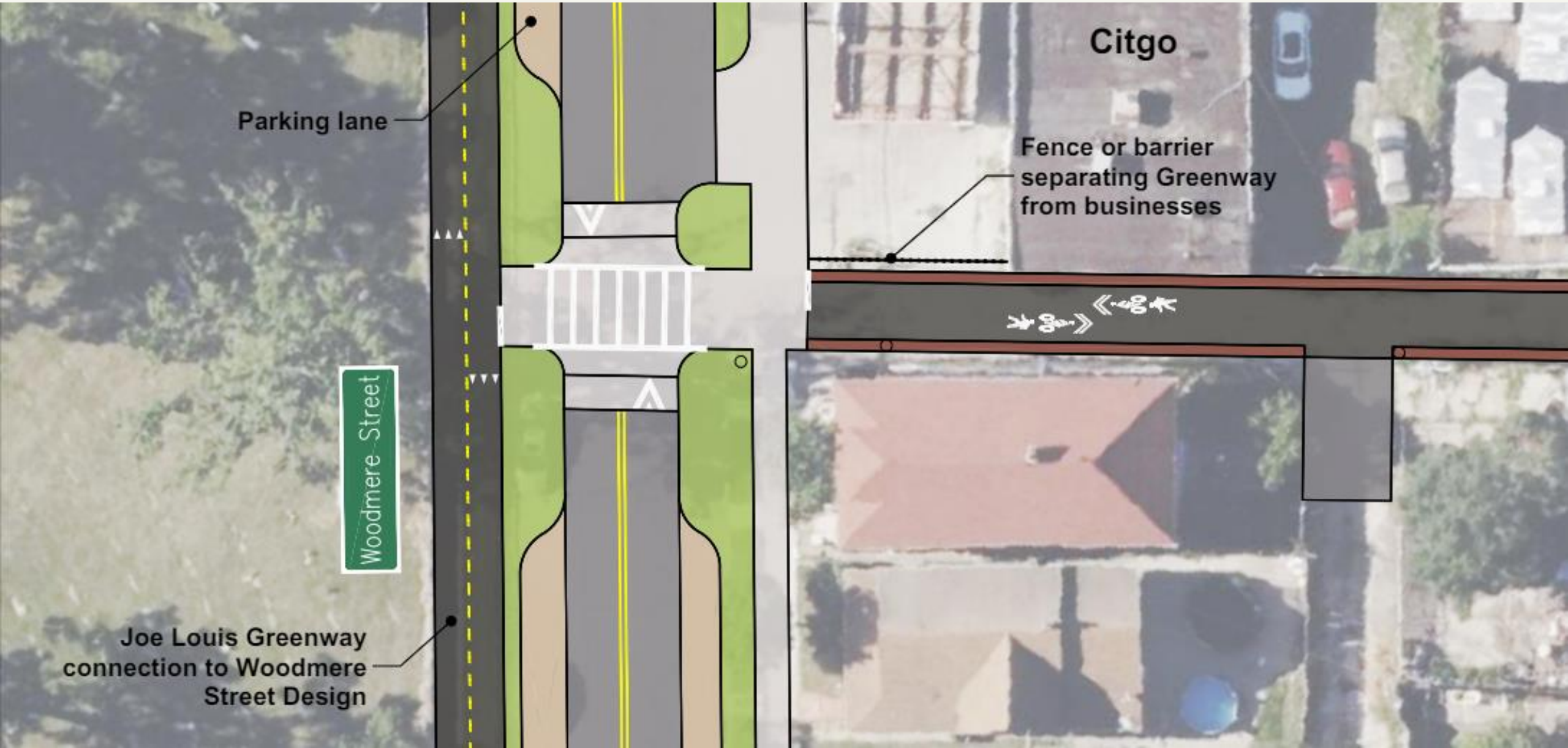
- Raised crossings
- Slow vehicles on cross street
- Increase visibility for greenway users





# VERNOR ALLEY

Woodmere Street



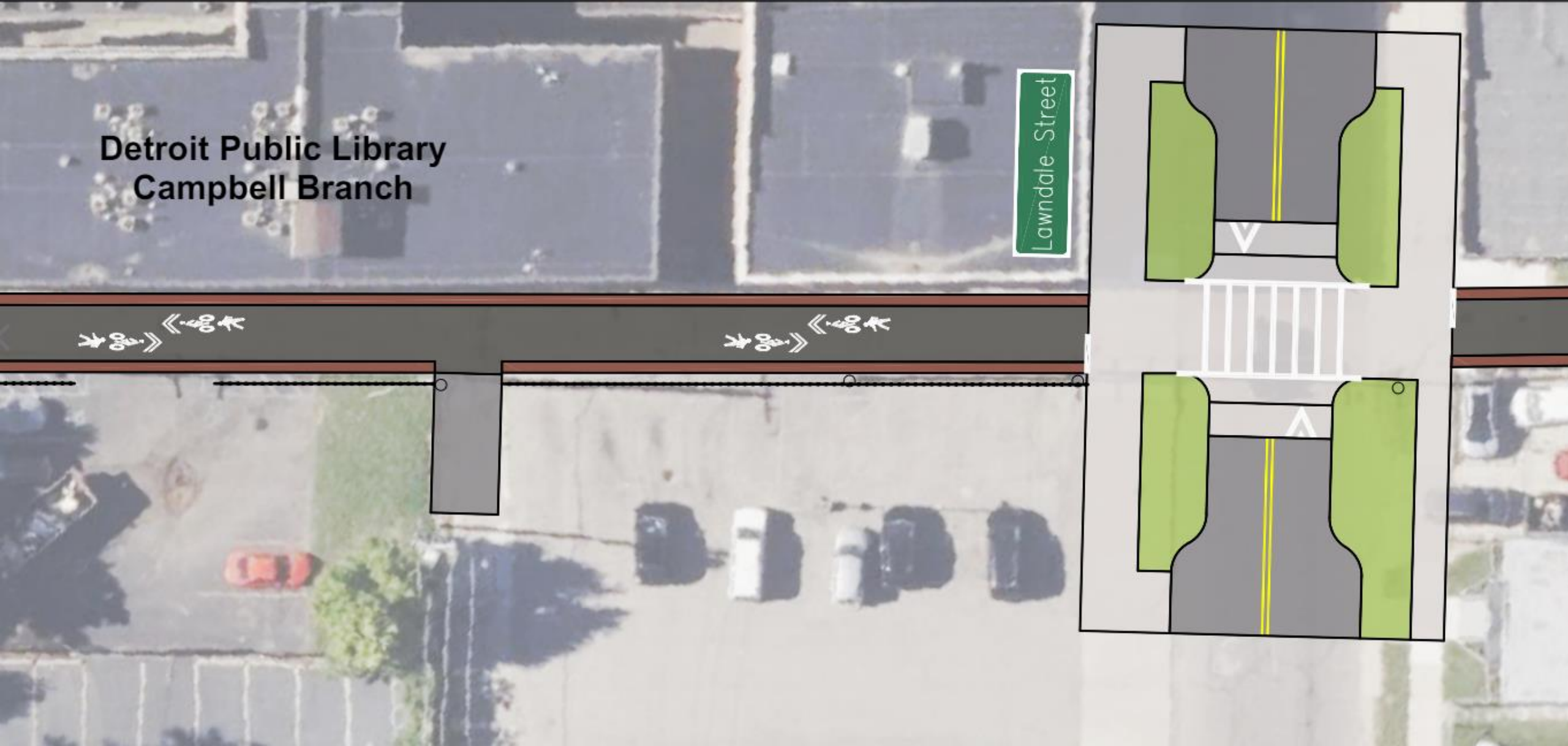


# VERNOR ALLEY

Cabot to Lawndale

**Detroit Public Library  
Campbell Branch**

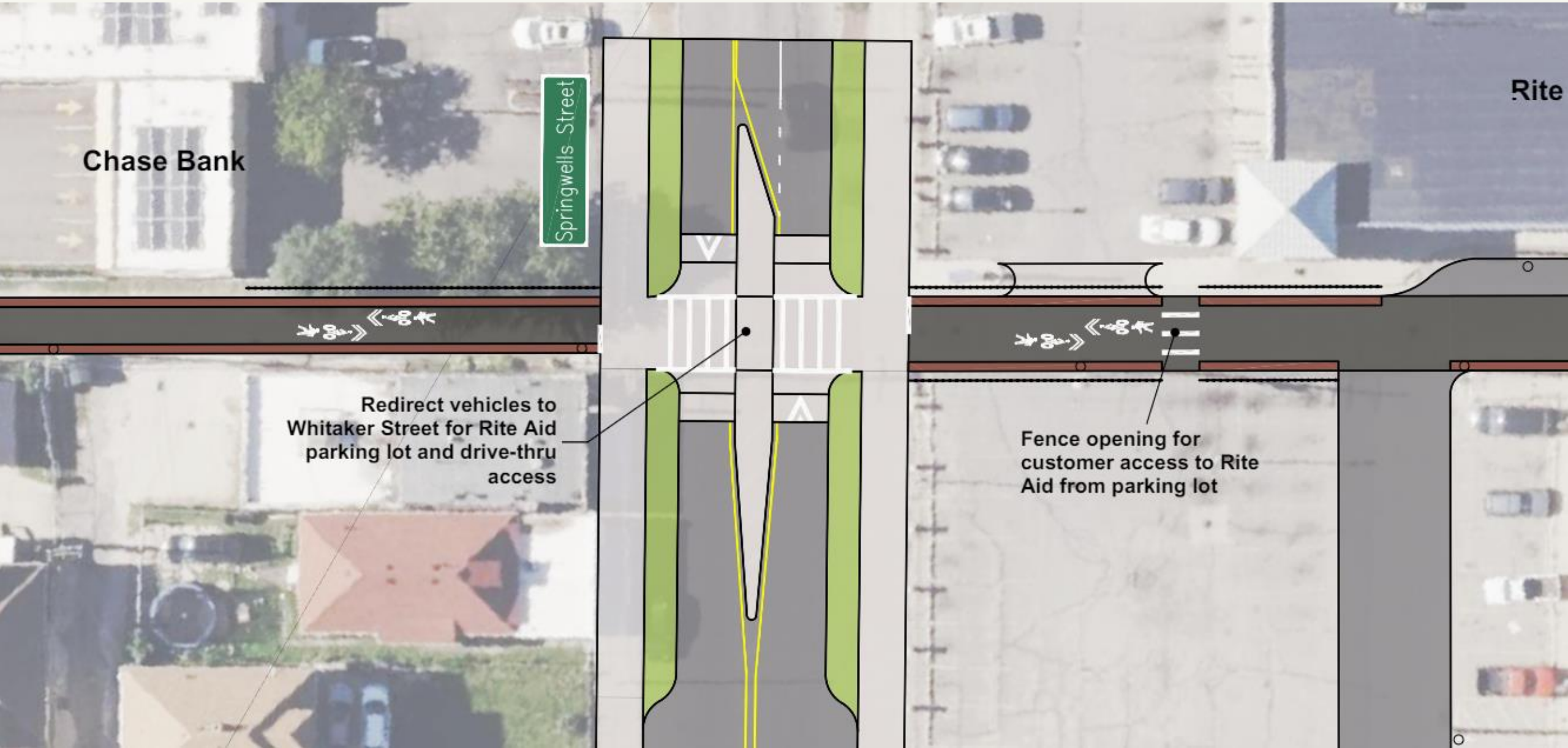
Lawndale Street





# VERNOR ALLEY

Springwells Street



Chase Bank

Springwells Street

Rite Aid

Redirect vehicles to Whitaker Street for Rite Aid parking lot and drive-thru access

Fence opening for customer access to Rite Aid from parking lot



# VERNOR ALLEY

Central Street



Greenway to connect to Central Street.  
Central Street design to be determined

Central Street

Joe Louis  
Greenway  
continues  
south to  
Gordie Howe  
International  
Bridge

Family of God Church



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# NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION TO GHB

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# RAILROAD VIADUCTS

Springwells safety issues

Central and Green have lower heights, less truck traffic

Central viaduct has wider sidewalks and no center beam

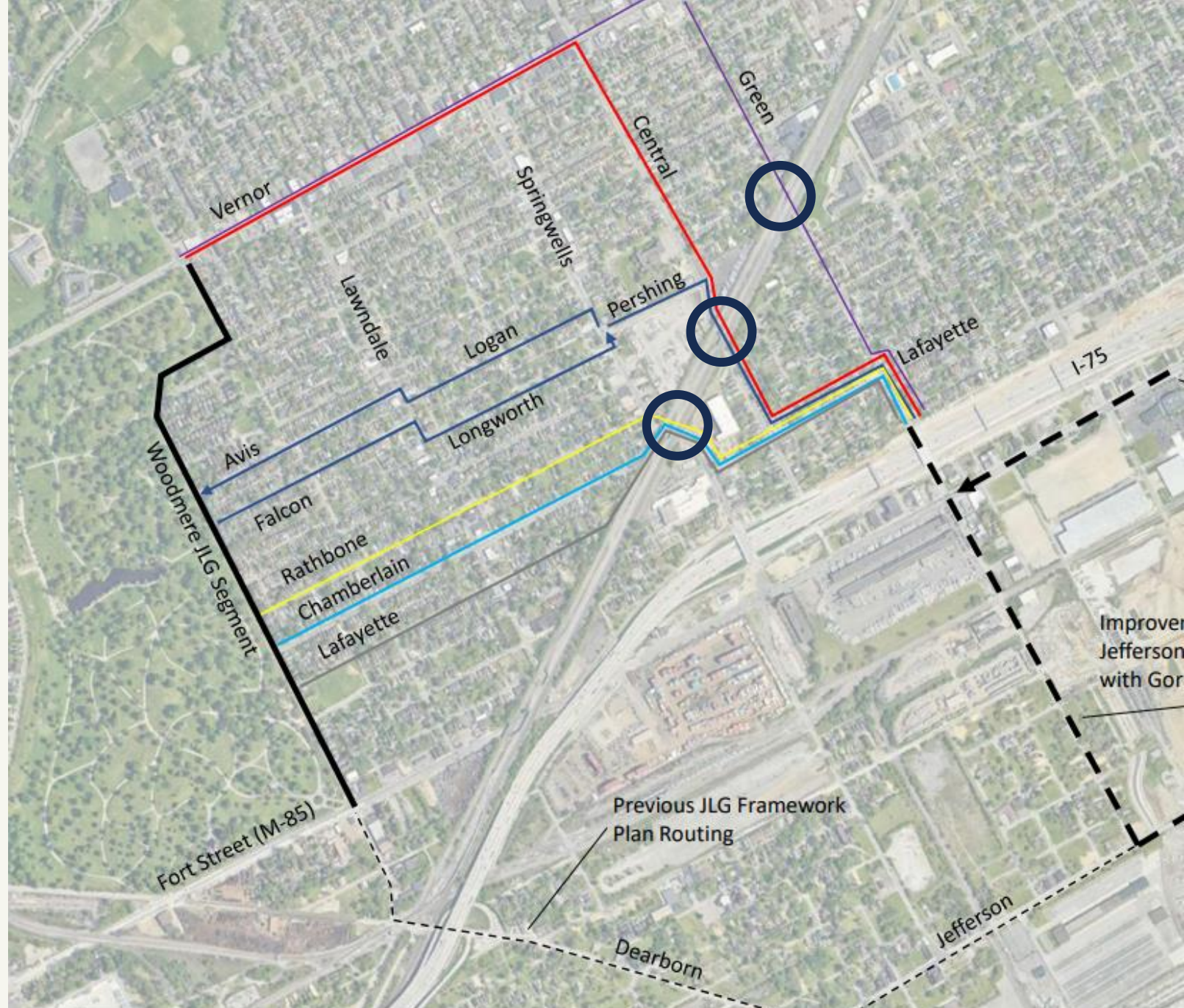
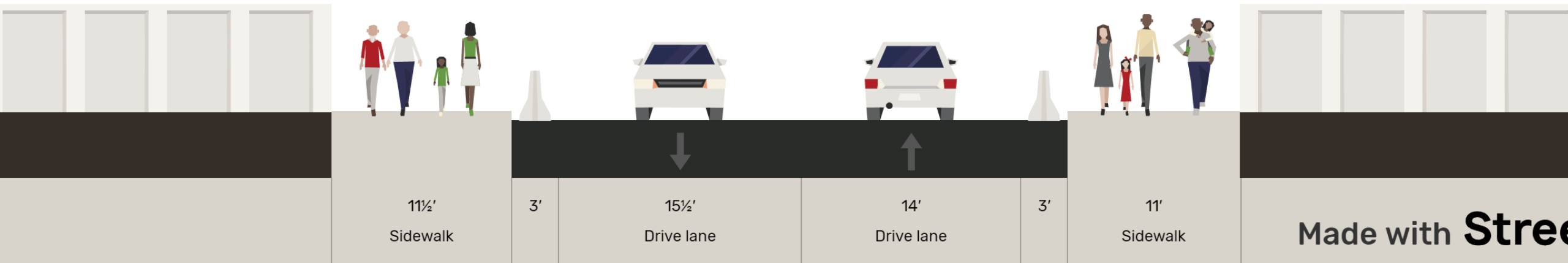


Exhibit 1: Potential Springwells Area Alignment Alternatives



# CENTRAL STREET

## Viaduct Cross Section





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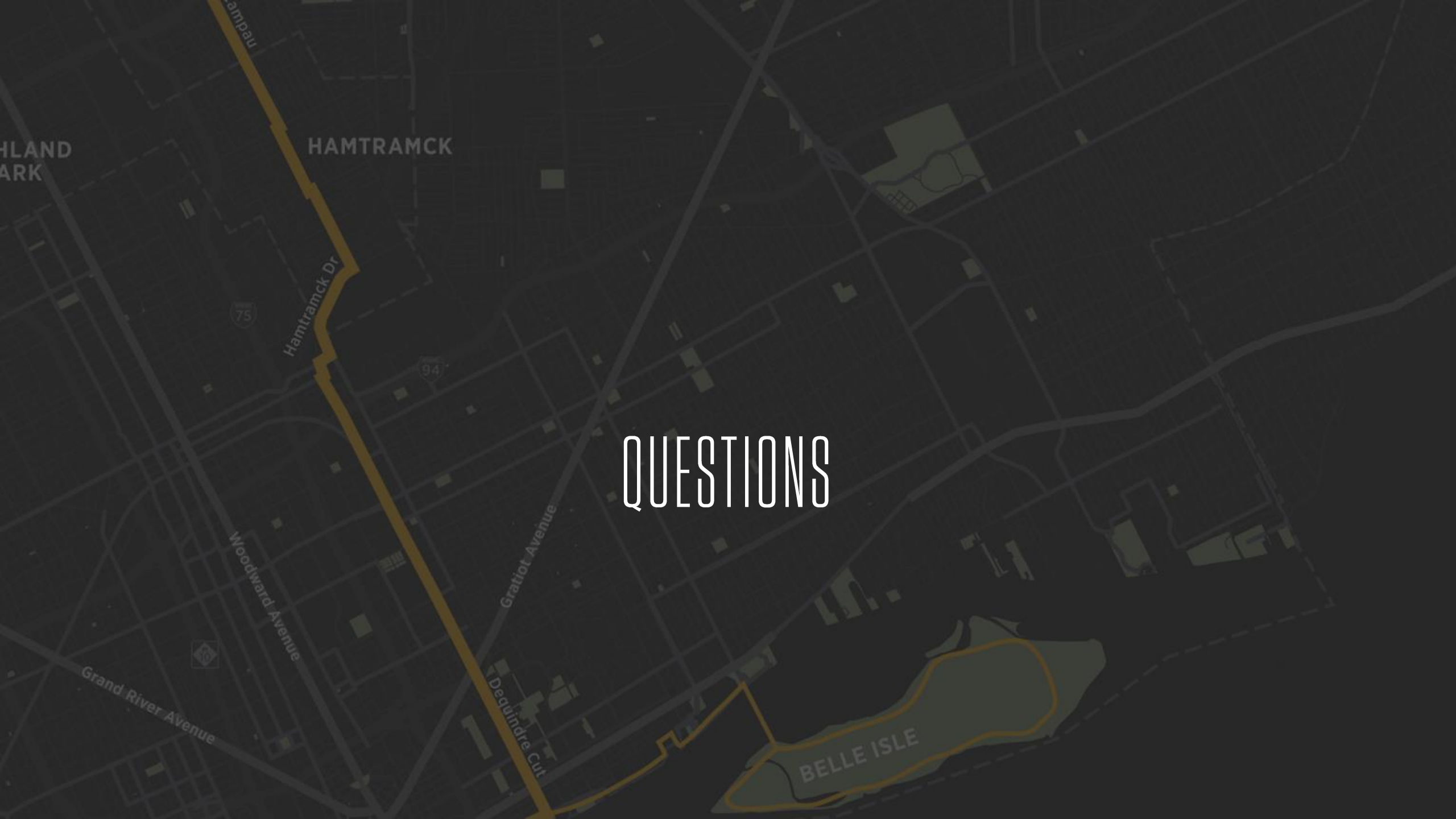
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# QUESTIONS

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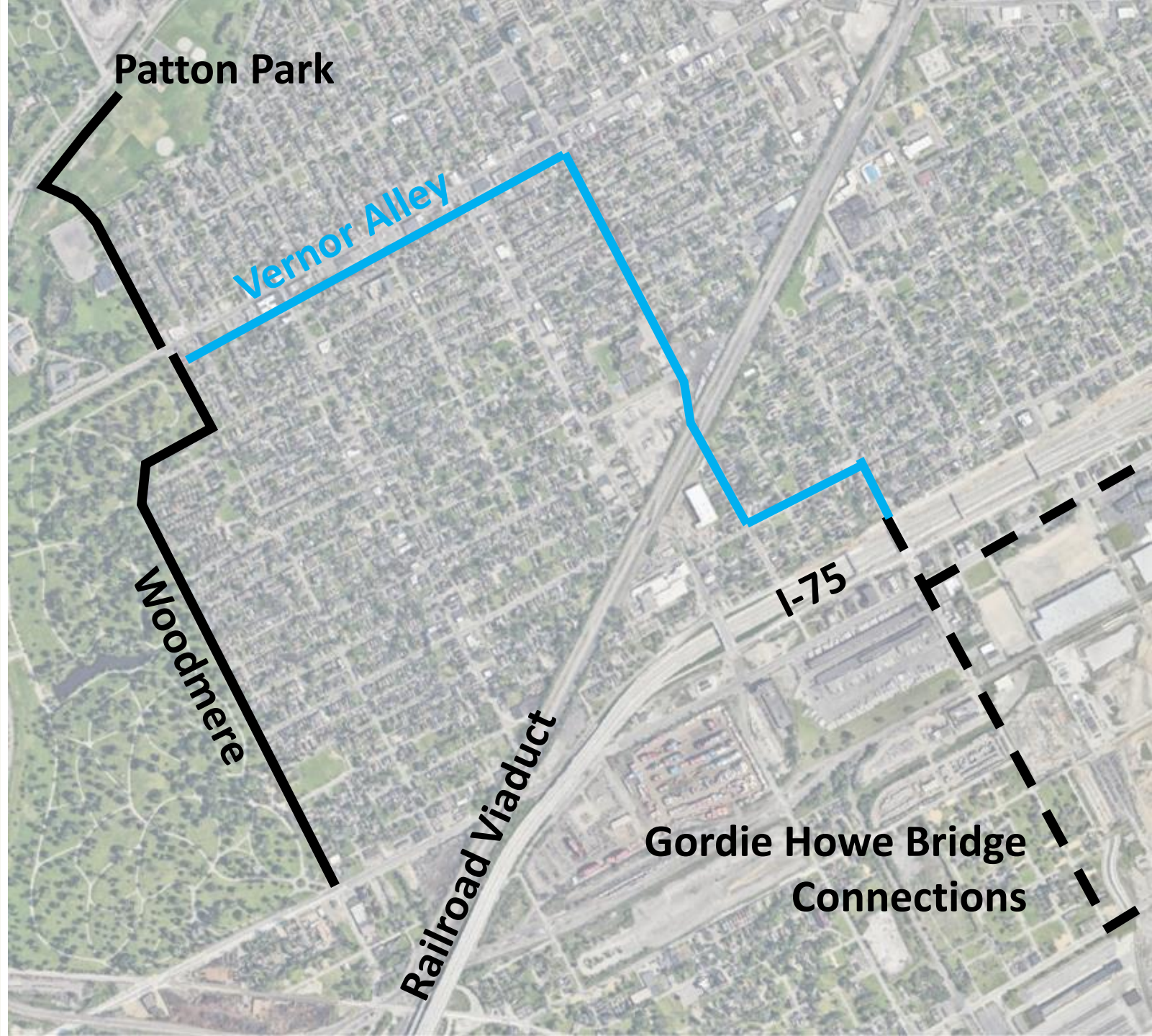
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Engage adjacent property owners along alley to confirm alignment

Identify funding for design

Complete design – additional community engagement

Construction





# STAY INVOLVED

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