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Downtown Urban Design Strategy: **Keeping it Kimberley**

The City is embarking on a **Downtown Urban Design Strategy: Keeping it Kimberley** to develop a new vision and create a consistent and coordinated approach to improvements and investments in the downtown to respond to the needs of the community.

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Introduction

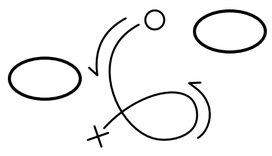
In January 2023, the City launched the Downtown Urban Design Strategy: **Keeping it Kimberley** to plan for the future of the community's core. In February, the City hosted in-person and online engagement events to ask residents, community members, organizations, and businesses to provide their feedback on the future of Kimberley's downtown.

The feedback from the community was crucial in developing the draft design concepts for Downtown Kimberley and updating the vision and guiding principles for the Downtown Urban Design Strategy: **Keeping it Kimberley.**

Draft Vision

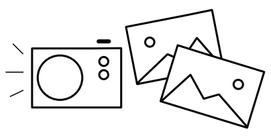
> Downtown Kimberley is a good place for people. This inclusive and safe community core is built to be a great place for people to gather at any time of the day. Downtown supports a vibrant economic atmosphere where businesses and entrepreneurs thrive and serve our community's diverse desires, interests, and needs. The Platzl "feel" expands throughout the downtown.
>
> It is easy and safe to travel to and around downtown. Infrastructure meets the demands of the growing downtown population and reflects Kimberley's distinct style while respecting the environment.

Draft Guiding Principles



MOBILITY

- Ensure mobility options for people of all ages and abilities are included in the downtown transportation network including walking, biking, and transit options
- Create safe access to, through, and around downtown for all modes of transportation
- Ensure people of all ages and ability can access downtown comfortably and safely by foot or by wheel



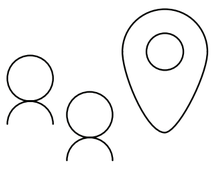
VIBRANT

- Welcome creativity and innovation in downtown redevelopment
- Promote a vibrant atmosphere that attracts and supports businesses, entrepreneurs, and talent to provide diverse employment opportunities
- Encourage a compact mix of land uses to provide opportunity for everyone to access places to live, shop, interact, play, work, and eat



ENVIRONMENT

- Incorporate green spaces into the streetscapes and public places that reflect the beauty of surrounding natural areas
- Adapt to the changing climate by enhancing the resiliency of our infrastructure and reduce the impact of infrastructure on the environment
- Value the environment and protect ecological functions for everyone's enjoyment



SENSE OF PLACE

- Provide inclusive and welcoming spaces for residents and visitors of all ages, lifestyles, and abilities
- Prioritize places for people in the downtown that create places for memorable connection
- Foster enhancements that reflect the diverse history of the City and celebrate community identity



LIVABILITY

- Embrace downtown as a good and easy place to live
- Shape the public realm to serve as a "backyard" for downtown residents
- Invest in infrastructure to support the future needs of downtown residents

What We Heard

The two draft design concepts for Downtown Kimberley were developed based on the feedback from the engagement events held in February 2023 as well as urban design best practices. The key themes and ideas identified by the community are outlined below. These themes and ideas are reflected in the draft design concepts.

Themes:

The key themes and priorities that emerged from the community open house and online engagement:



Public Realm

1. Prioritize Public Spaces
2. Green spaces and greenery
3. Public art and murals
4. Gathering spaces and seating
5. Public recreation
6. Expand the Platzl



Road Safety & Traffic

1. Better access to parking
2. Traffic management
3. Lower speed limits
4. Improve dangerous intersections
5. Realign Ross Street
6. Winter pedestrian safety



Active Mobility

1. Raised intersections
2. Safe crosswalks
3. Pedestrian safety
4. Safe bike routes
5. Connections to trails
6. Bike parking

Ideas:

Ideas and preferred precedent images that emerged from the community open house and online engagement:

"Exciting signage / branding"



"Lots of benches, picnic tables, and flower beds make people want to hang out together in the Platzl"



"More outdoor seating for restaurants"



"It would be cool to see some more seating options other than benches for outdoor spaces around the downtown area"

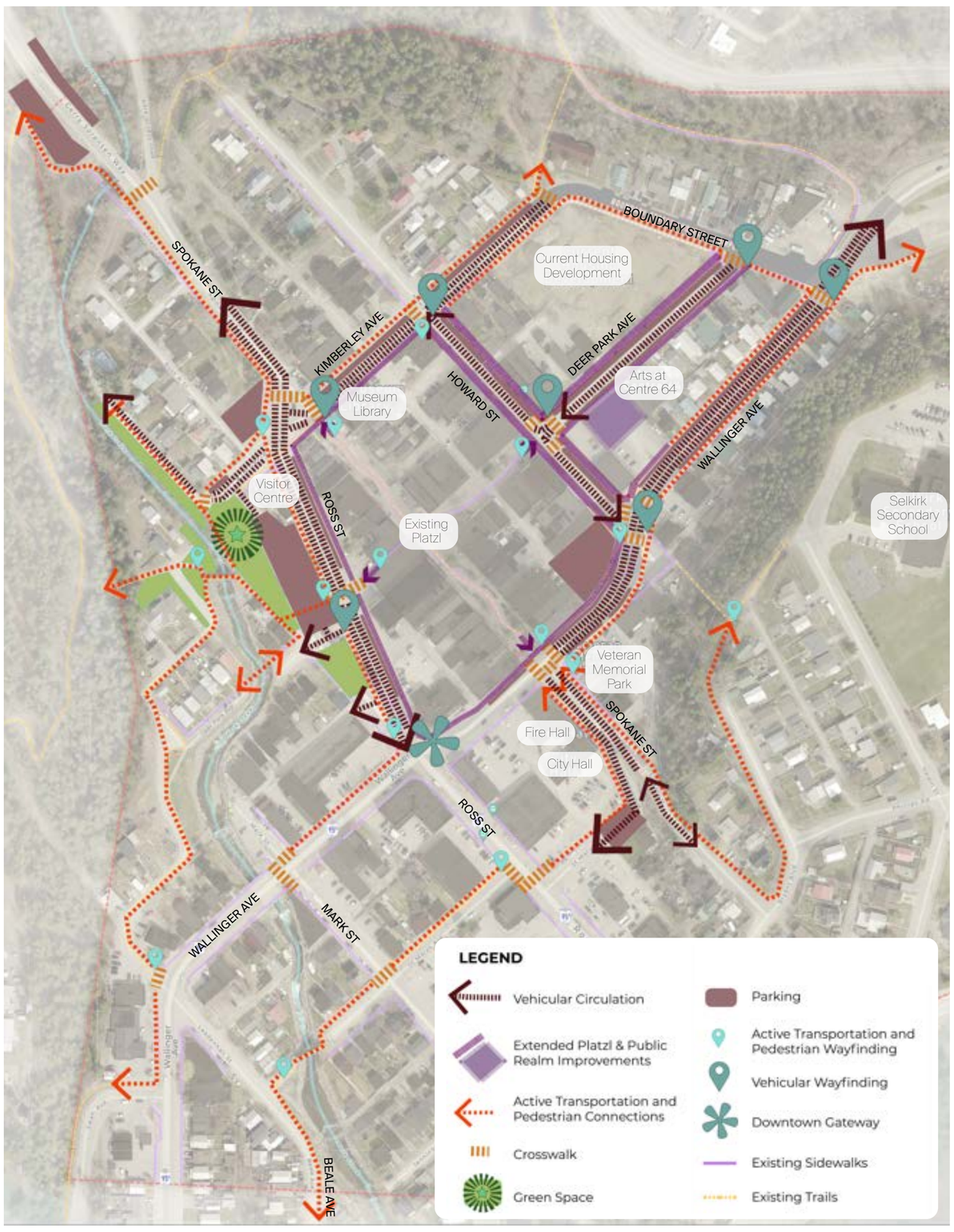


"Platzl needs upgrading, lighting, and seating"

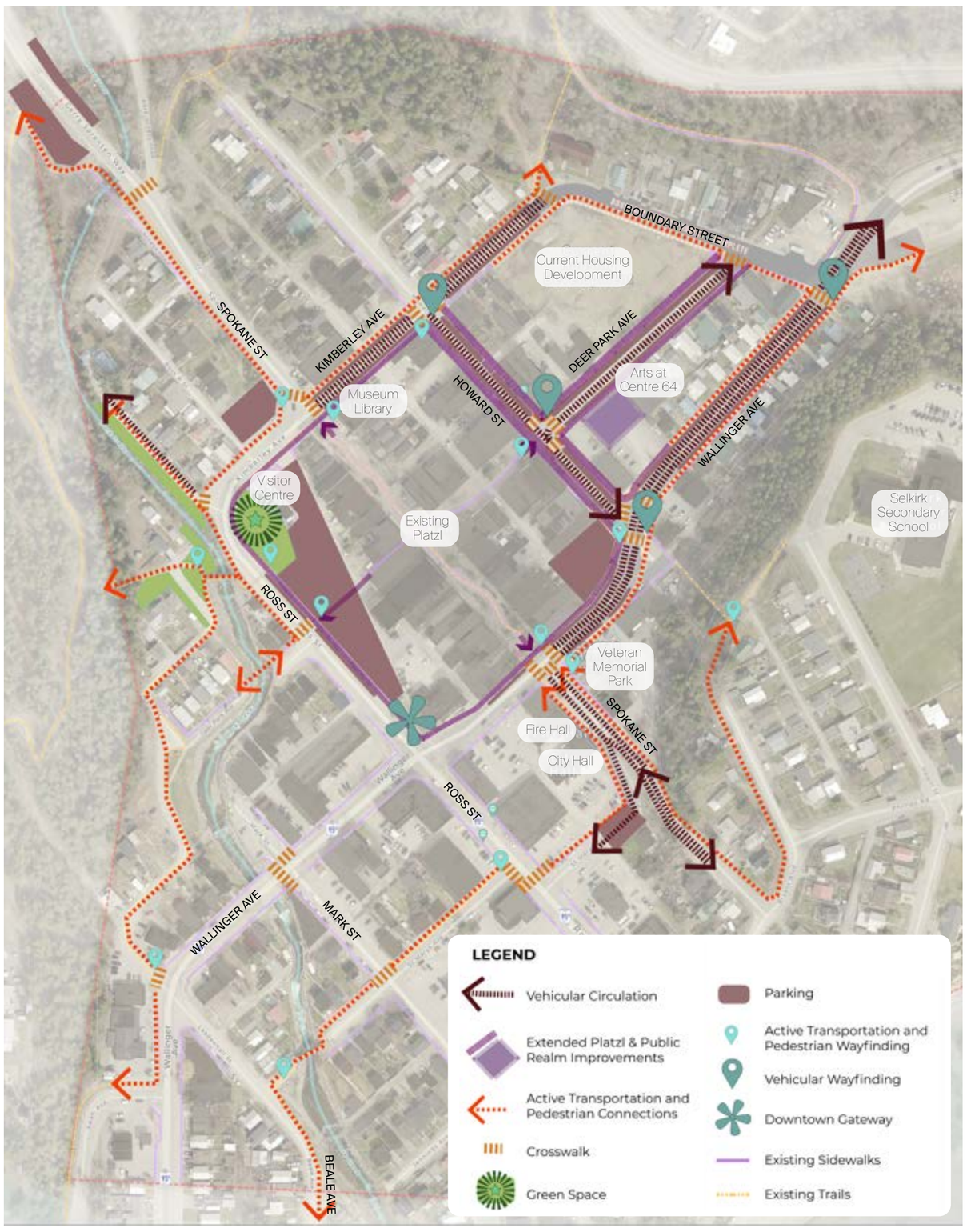
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Draft Framework Plans

Concept 1



Concept 2



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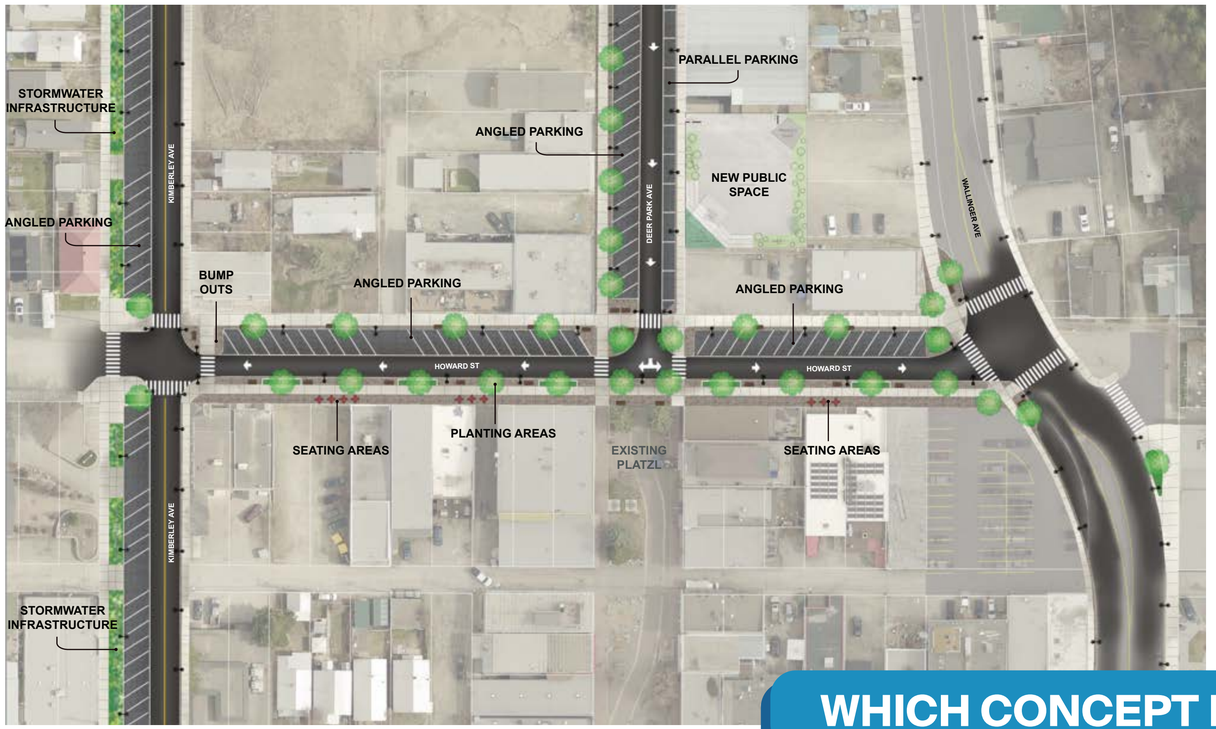
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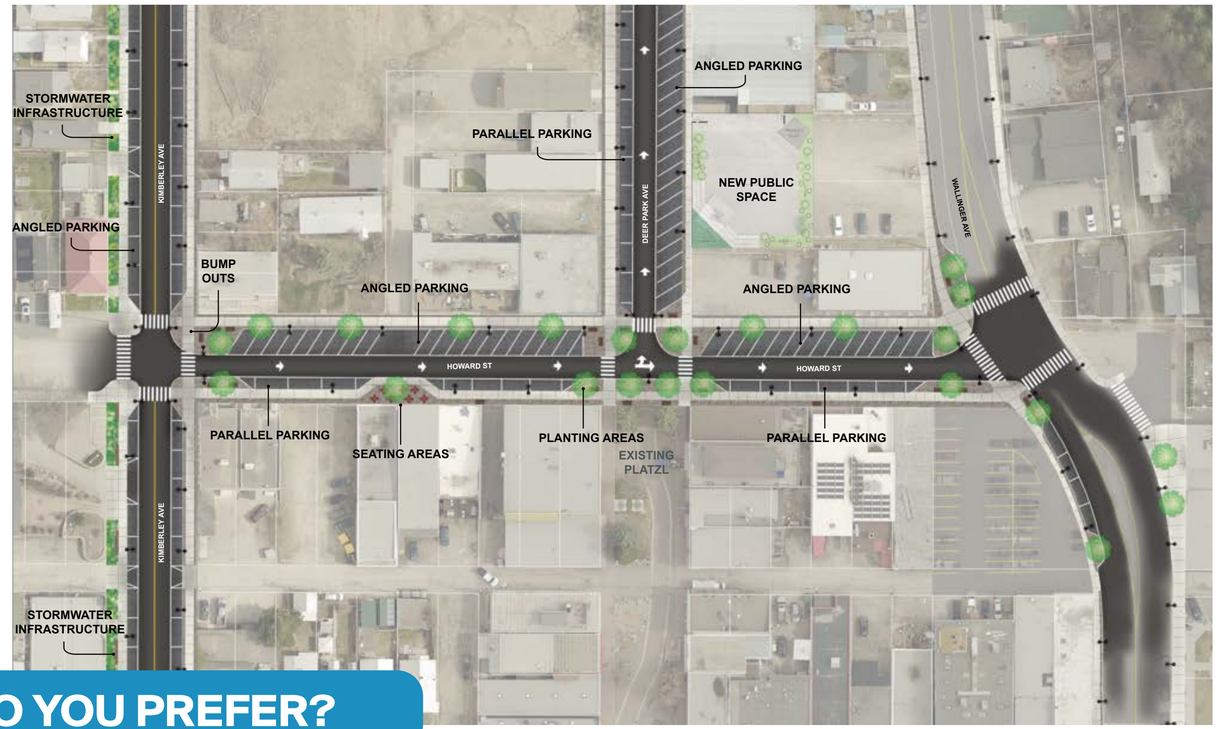
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Draft Downtown Plan

Concept 1



Concept 2



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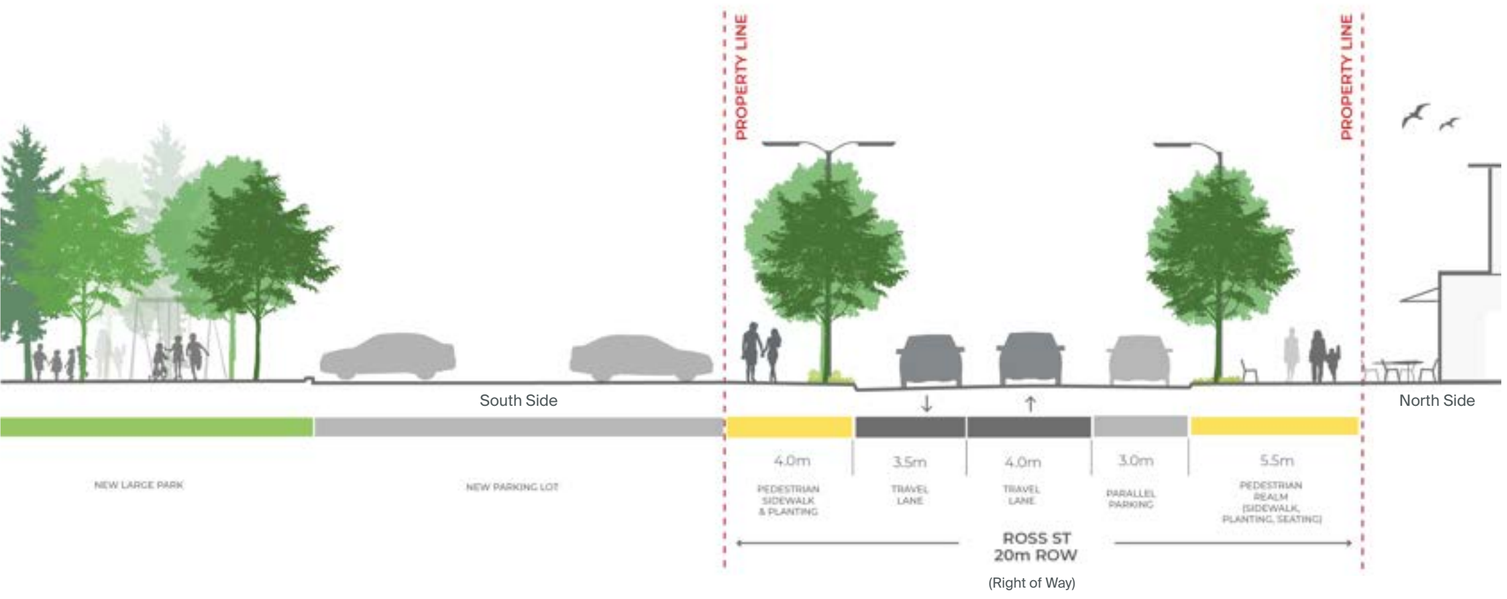
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Ross St

Concept 1



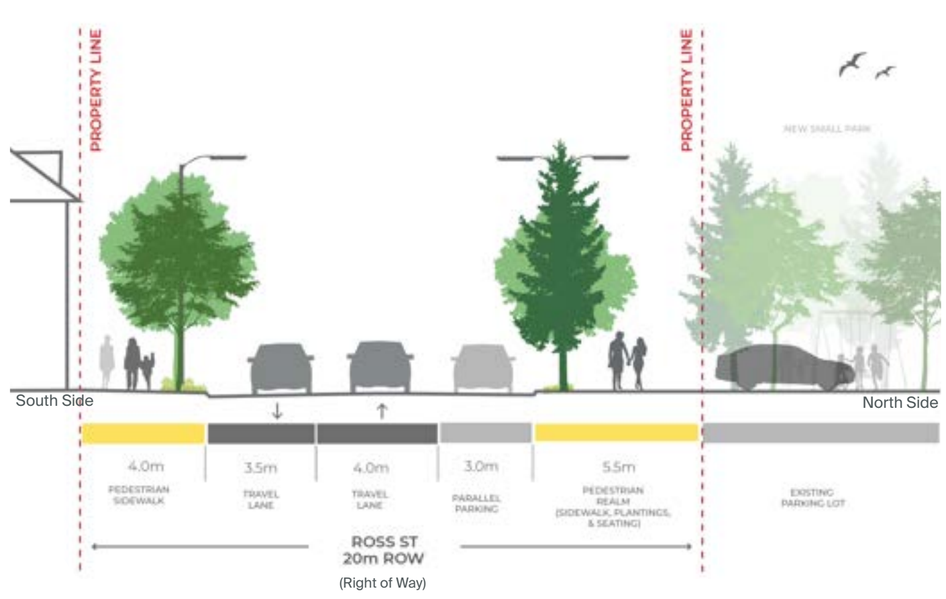
- Re-alignment Ross St, with improvements to Platzl connections and extension of Platzl feel
- New large park and public space beside creek and Visitor Center
- New parking lot and street parking along Ross St



Concept 2



- Improvements with Platzl connections and extension of Platzl feel
- New small park beside the Visitor Center



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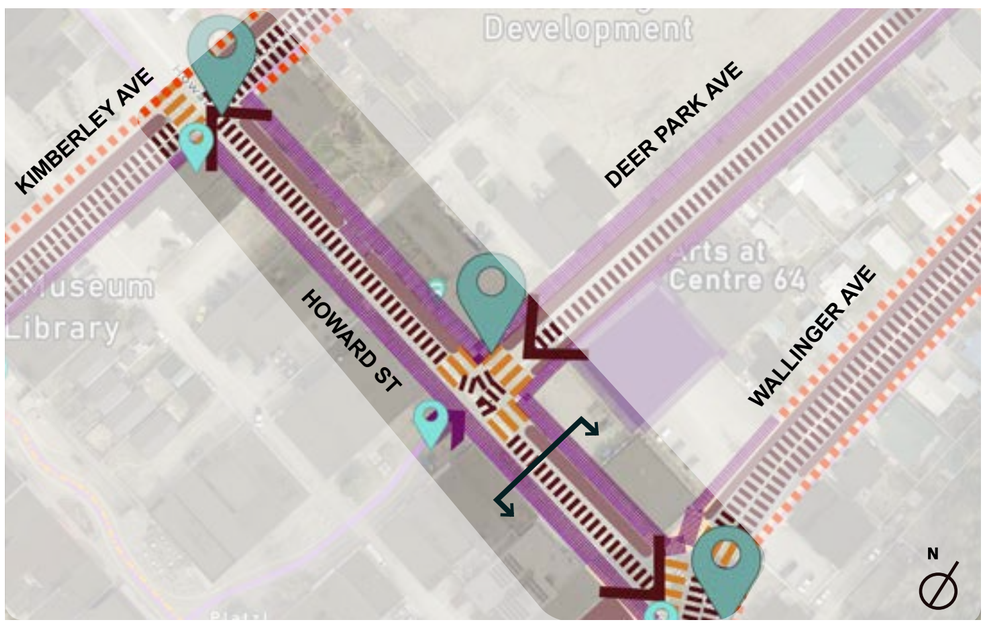
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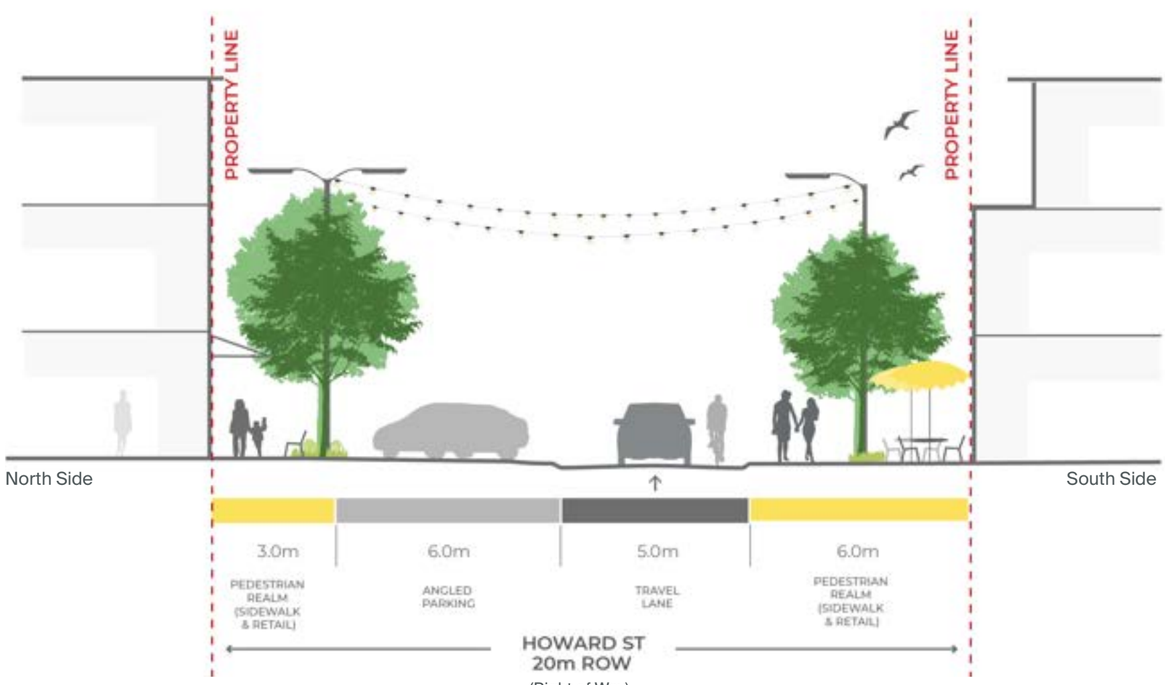
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Howard St

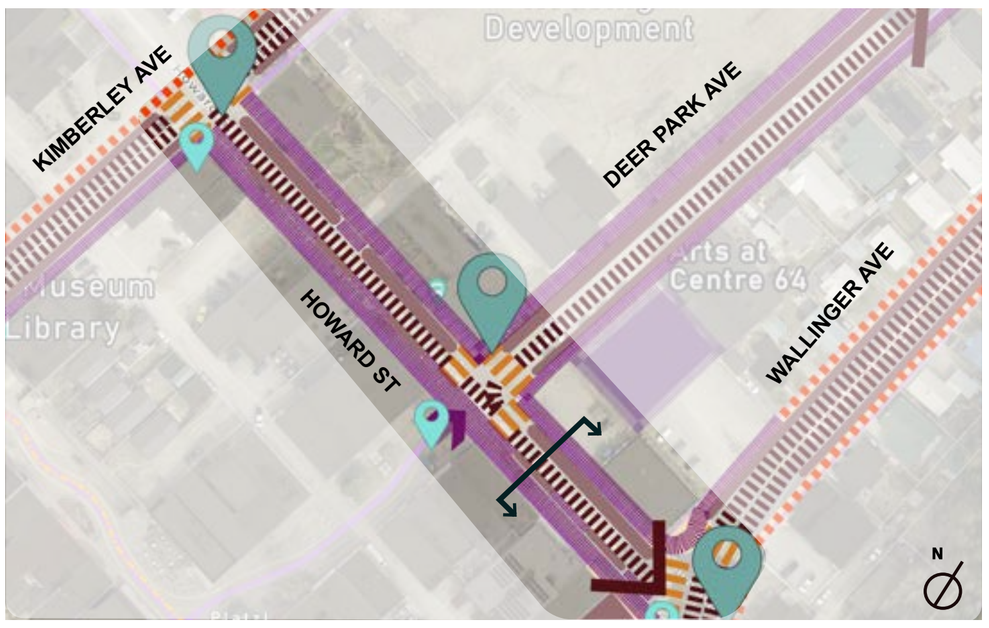
Concept 1



- One way westbound traffic from Deer Park Ave to Kimberley Ave
- One way eastbound traffic from Deer Park Ave to Wallinger Ave
- Angled parking on the north side of the street



Concept 2



- One way eastbound traffic from Kimberely Ave to Wallinger Ave
- Angled parking on the north side of the street
- Occasional parallel parking on south side of street



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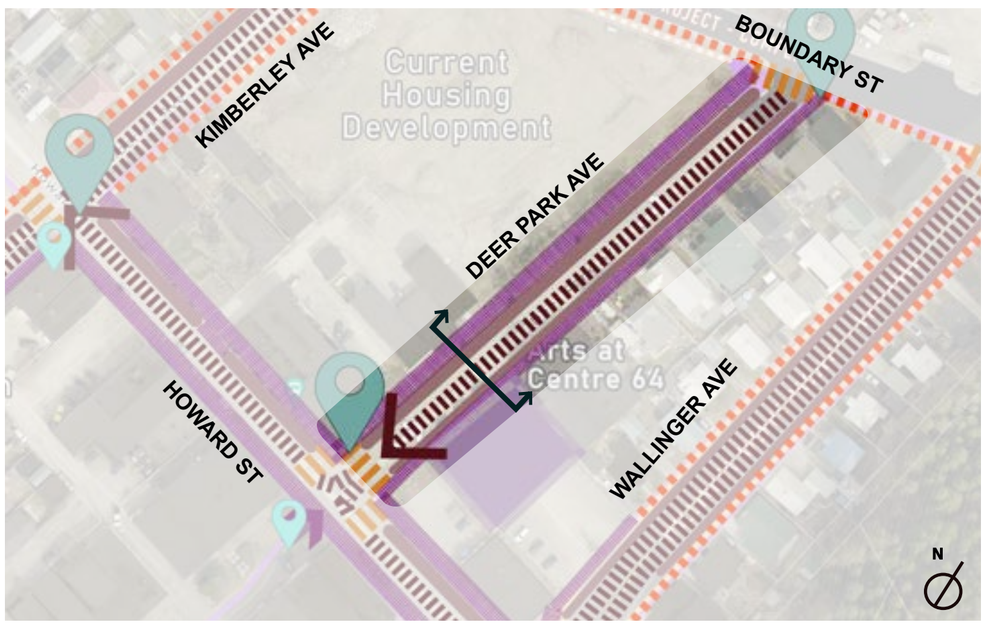
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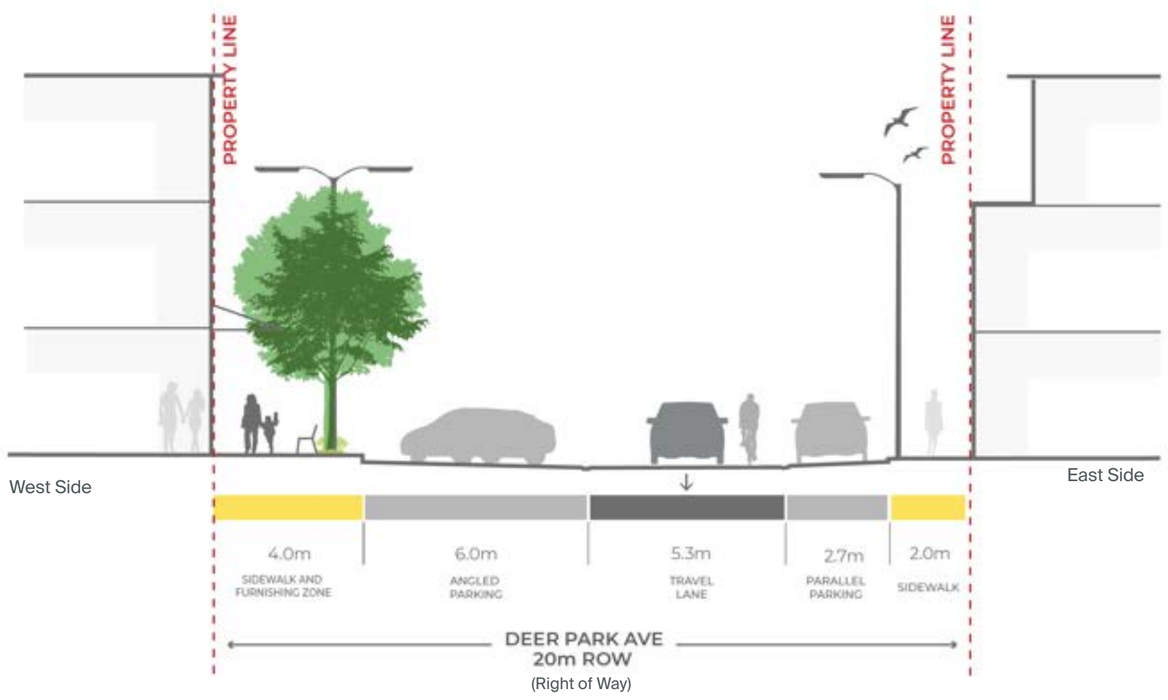
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Deer Park Ave

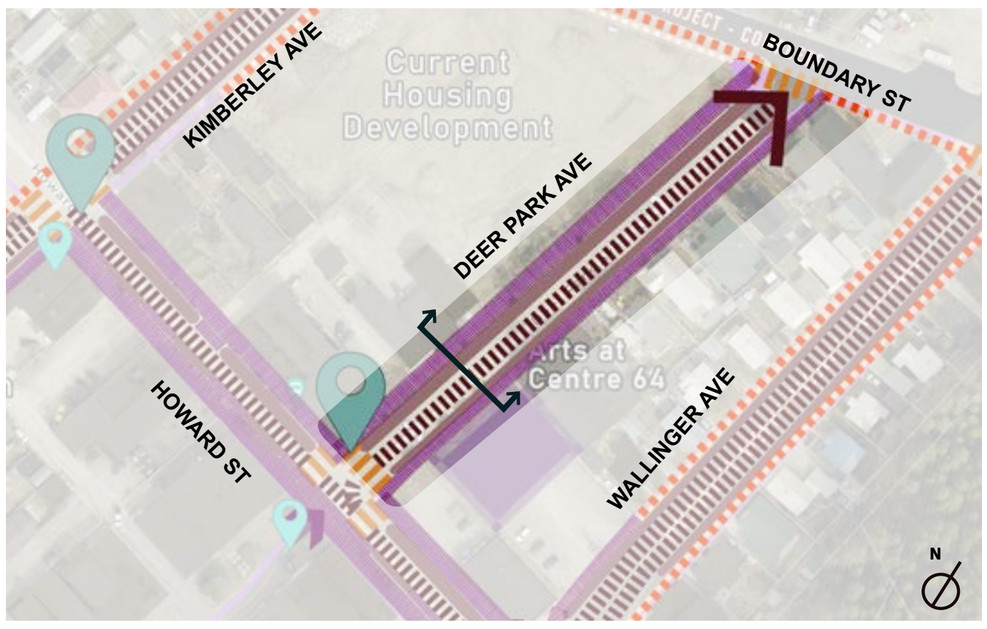
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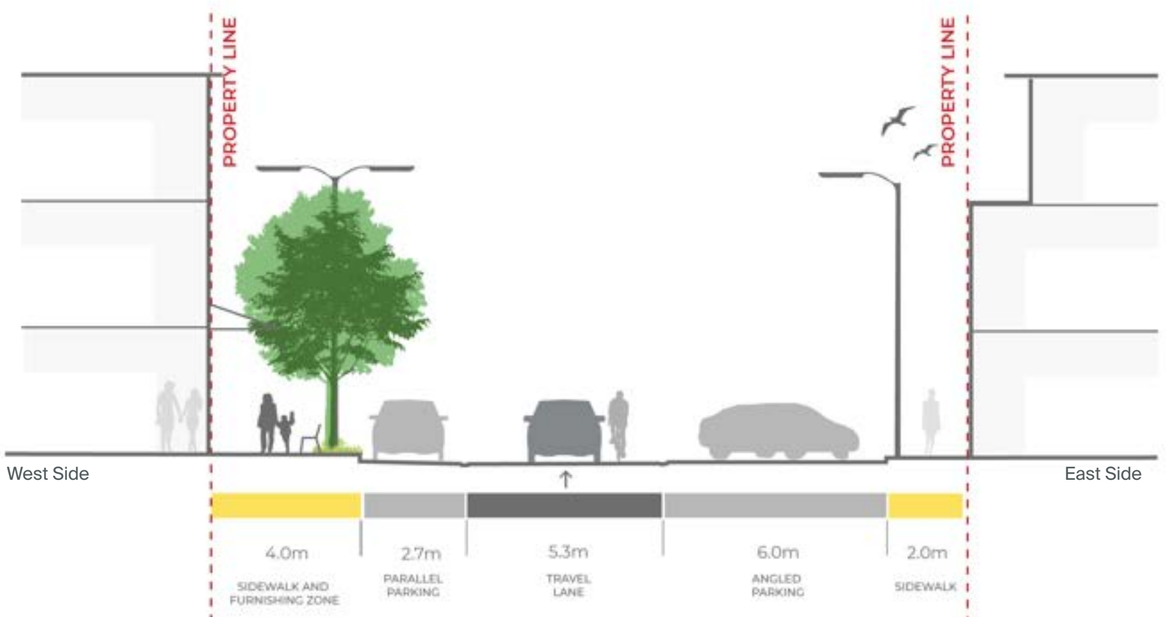
- One way southbound traffic from Boundary St to Howard St
- Angled parking on the west side of the street
- Parallel Parking on the east side of the street



Concept 2



- One way northbound traffic from Howard St to Boundary St
- Angled parking on the east side of the street
- Parallel parking on the west side of street



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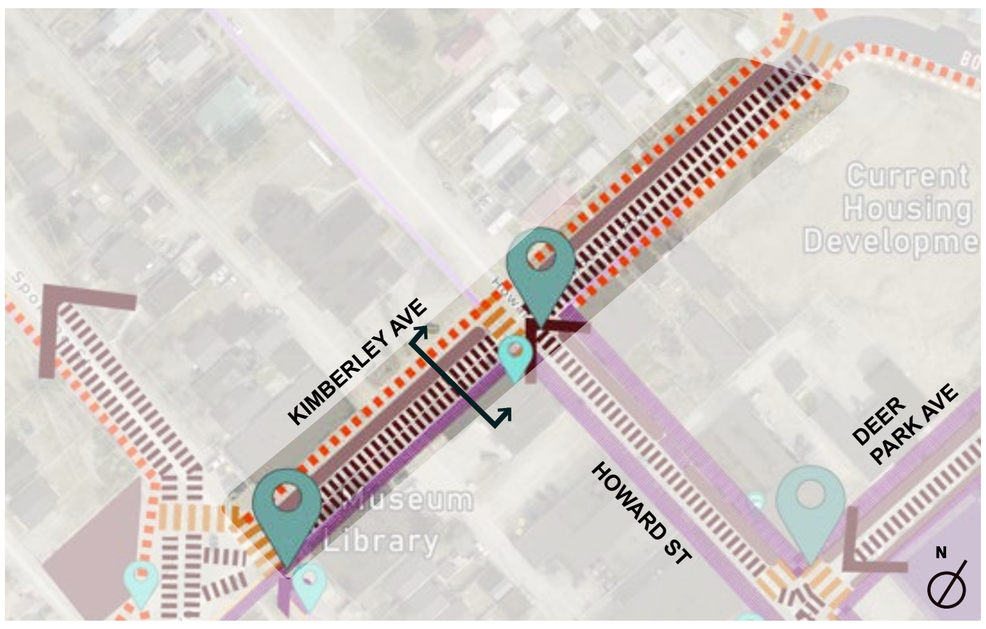
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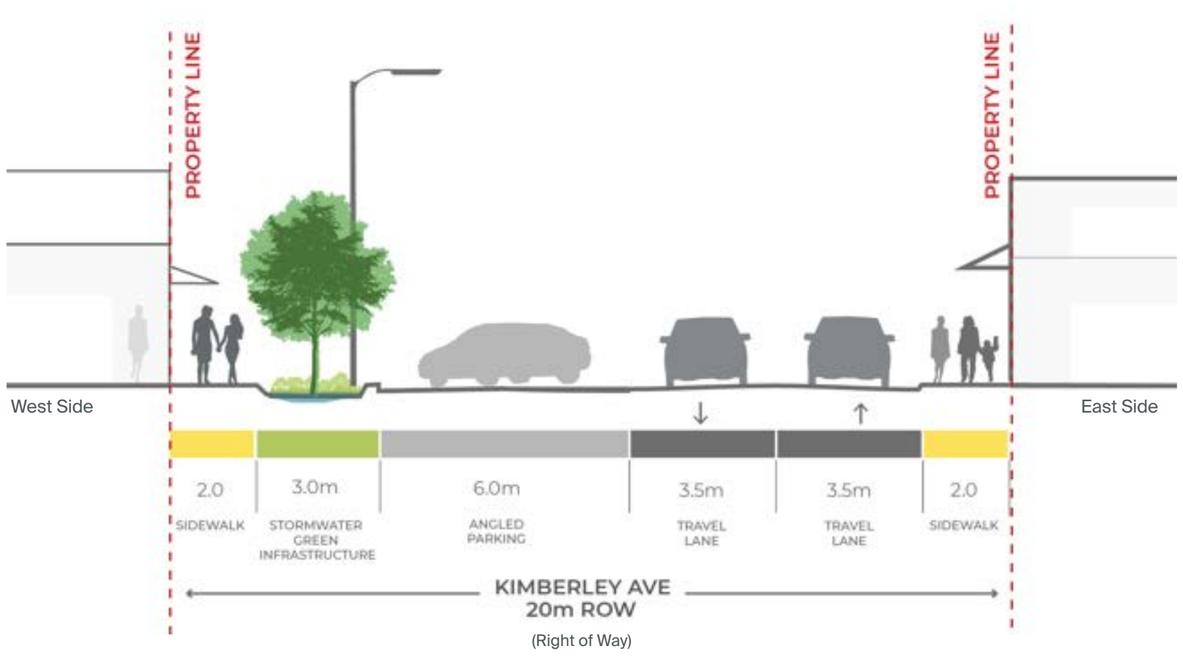
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Kimberley Ave

Concept 1



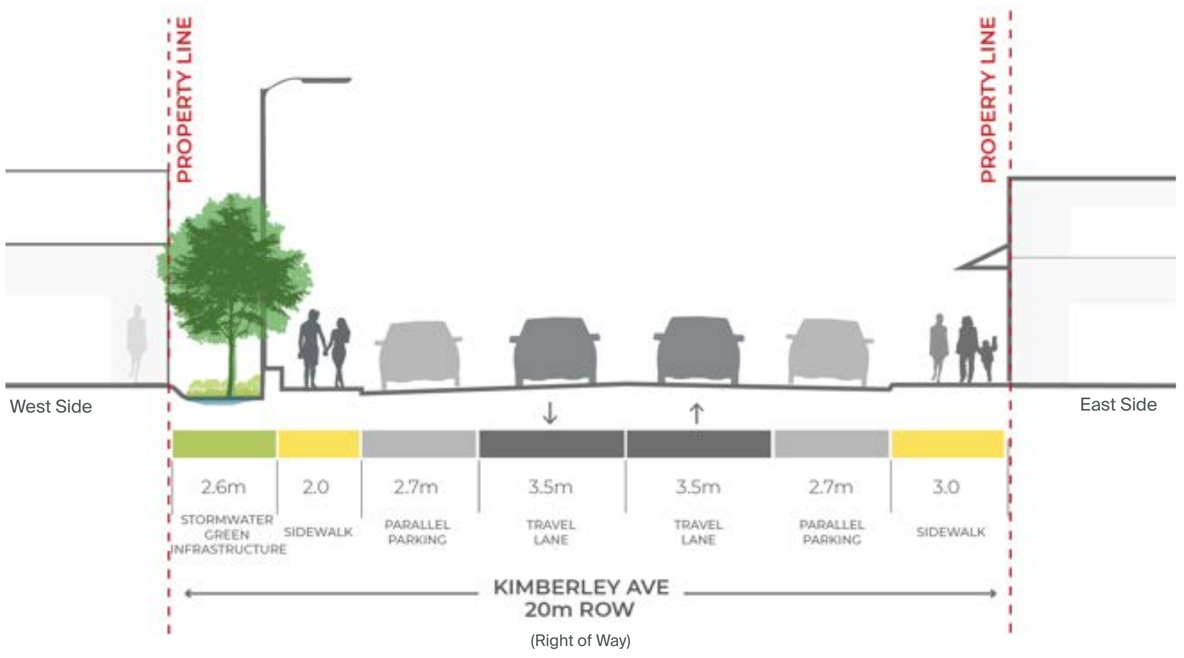
- Stormwater Green Infrastructure on west side of street
- Angled parking on the west side of the street
- Pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of the street



Concept 2



- Stormwater Green Infrastructure on west side of street
- Parallel parking on both sides of the street
- Pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of the street



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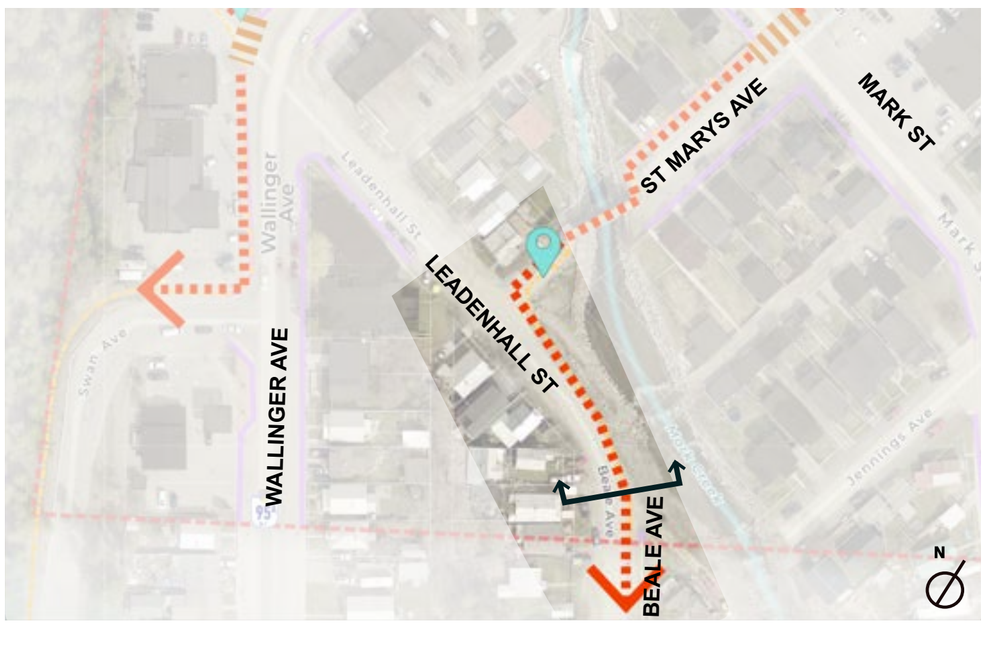
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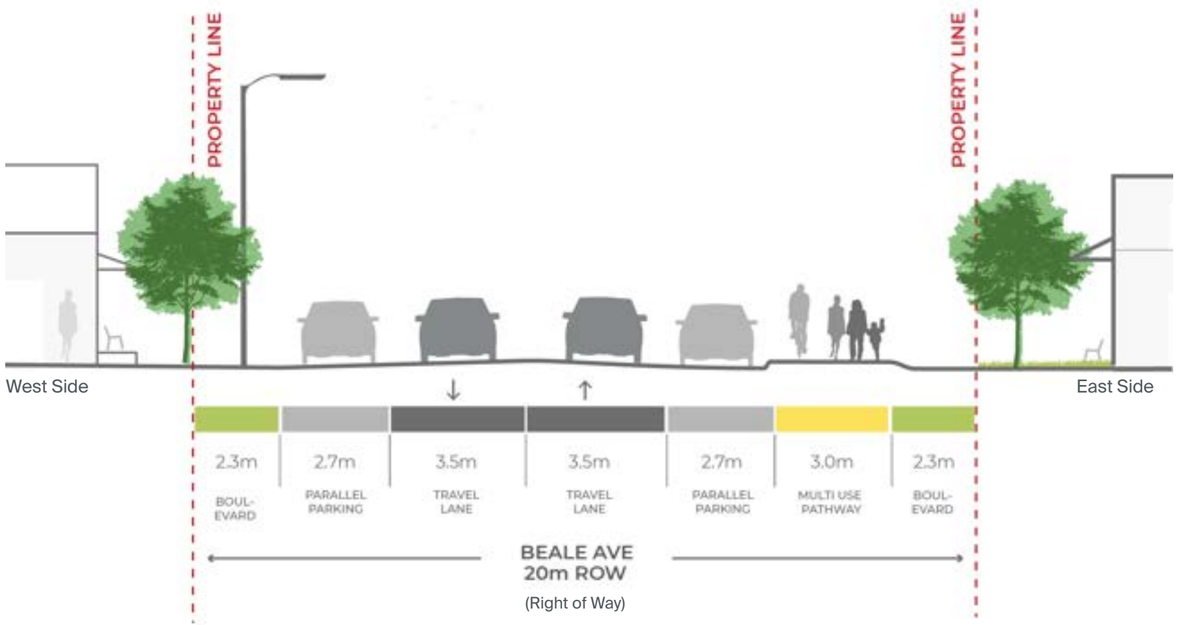
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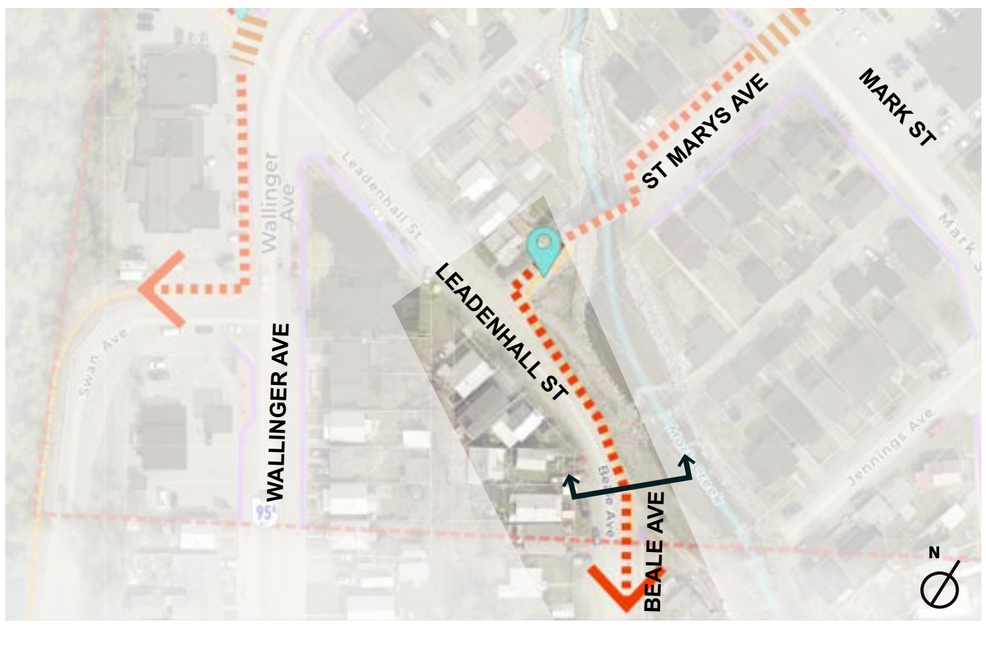
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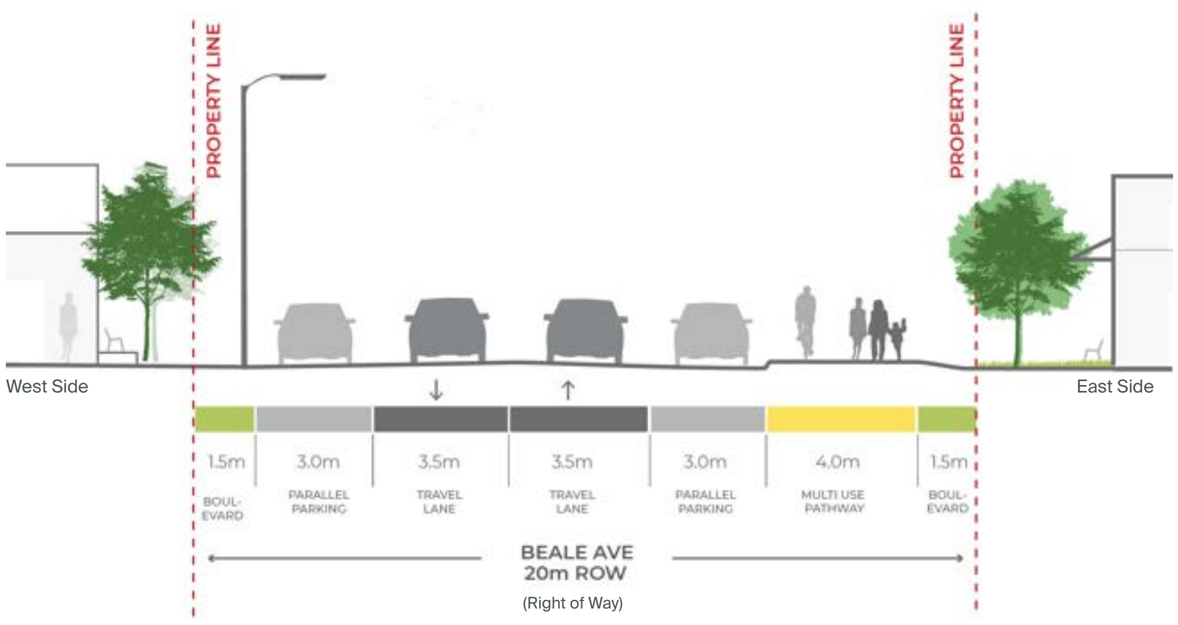
- New 3.0m multiuse pathway on the east side of Beale Ave
- Parallel parking on both sides of street
- Wider boulevards and smaller parking lanes



Concept 2



- New 4.0m multiuse pathway on the east side of Beale Ave
- Parallel parking on both sides of street
- Smaller boulevards and larger parking lanes



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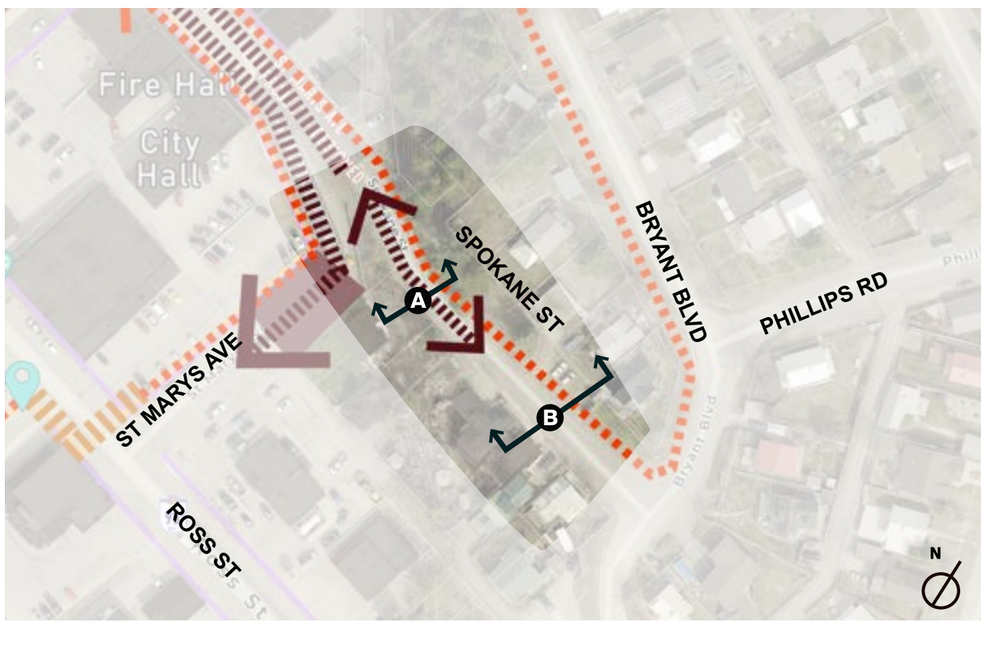
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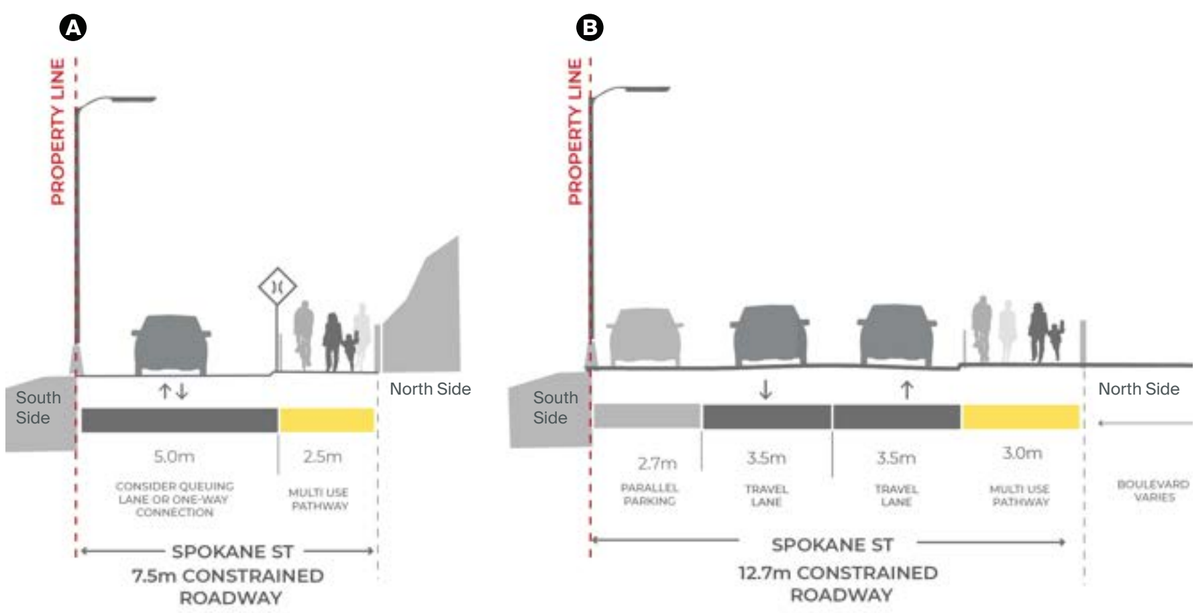
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Spokane St

Concept 1

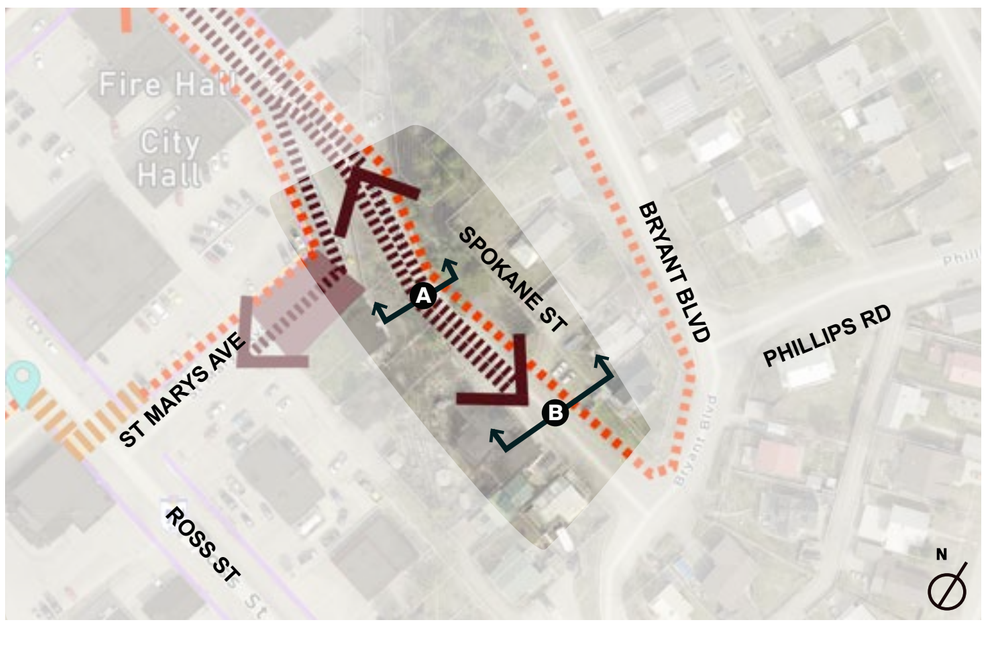


- Two-way queuing lane, or one way traffic lane
- New 2.0-3.0m multiuse pathway on the north side of Spokane St
- Parallel parking on south side of street when the constrained roadway is wider

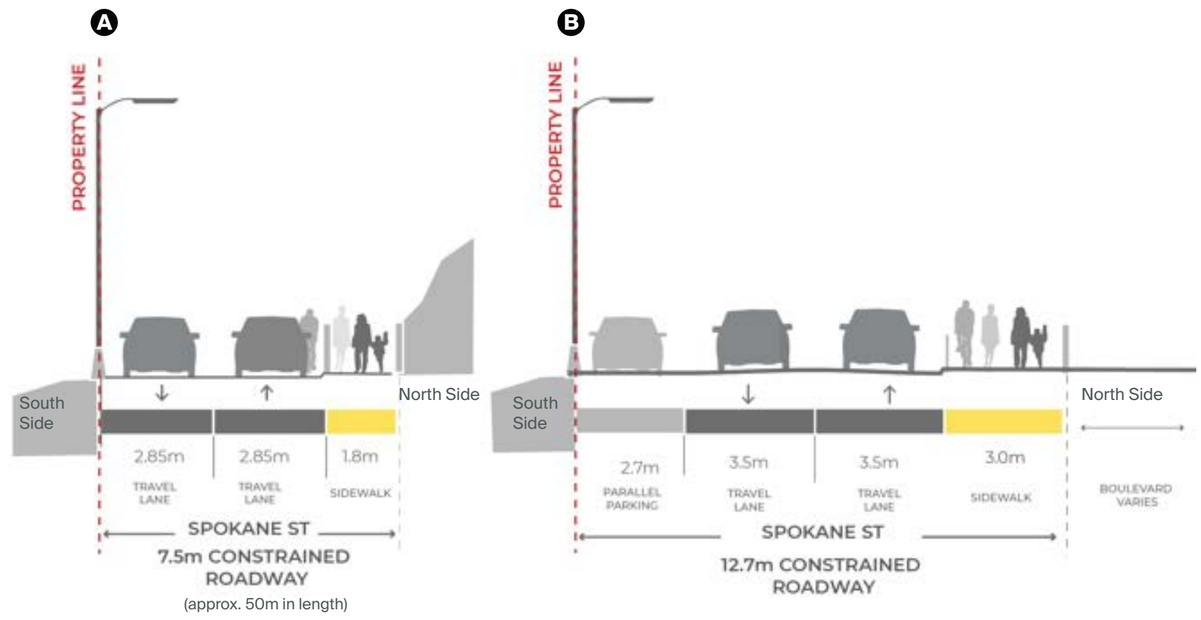


(approx. 50m in length)

Concept 2



- Two-way traffic lanes
- New 1.8-3.0m sidewalk on the north side of Spokane St
- Parallel parking on south side of street when the constrained roadway is wider



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