

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Pedestrian Bridge and Connecting Trail Over Arizona Avenue, NW

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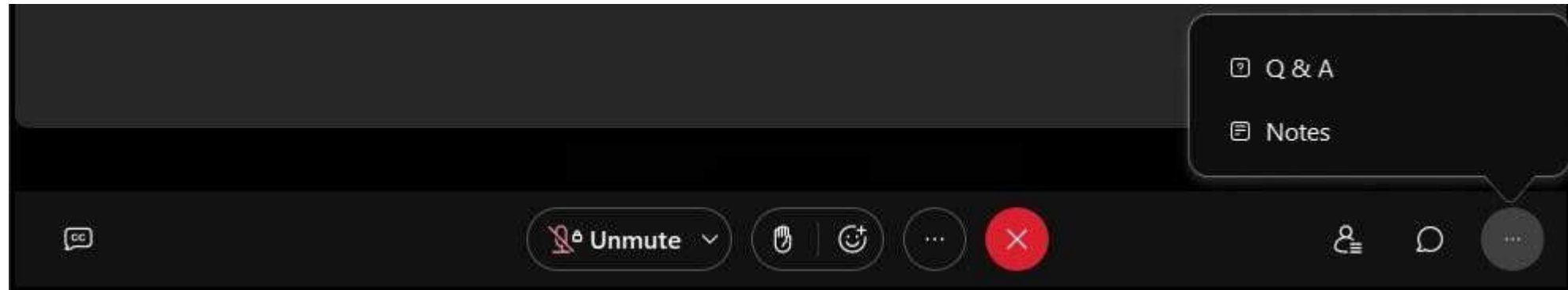
To begin, we will review some basic controls to help you participate on this platform.

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- If you do not wish to have your voice recorded, please do not ask to speak. You may enter any questions or comments in the Q&A which we will review shortly.

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Using Webex – Audio & Video



Audio/Muting

- Everyone is on mute. You cannot unmute yourself. We can unmute you during the Q&A and Comment period. This helps ensure the meeting runs smoothly and there are no auditory disruptions during the presentation.
- To request to speak, you will need to use the **Raise Hand** feature, but only after the formal presentation is complete.

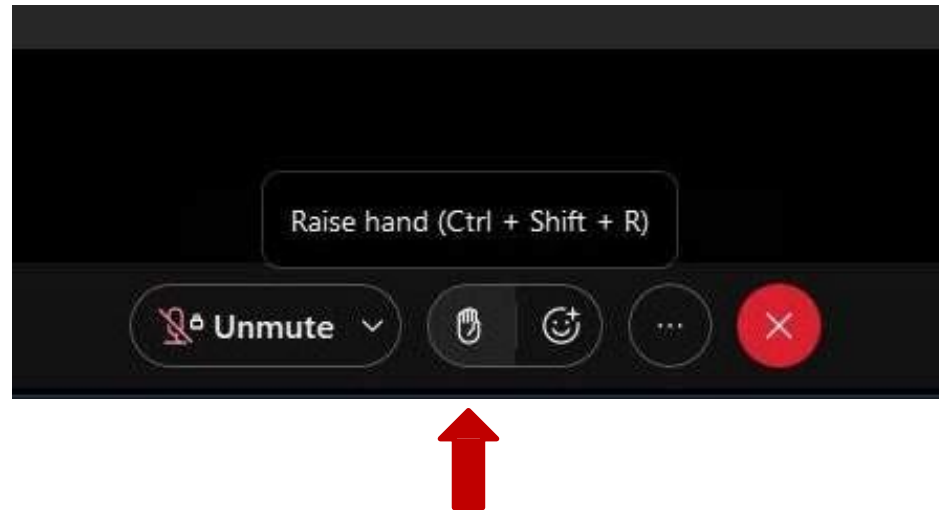
Closed Captions

- Webex has automatic system-generated Closed Captions available during the meeting. **Click the CC icon** in the lower left corner of the window to turn on Closed Captions. There are additional settings so you may adjust the appearance of the captions if needed.
- Using the Webex Mobile Application? **Click the 3 dot (...) icon, scroll down and select the Closed Captions option.** Make sure the toggle switch is blue.

Video

- Your video camera is off by default, and you will not be able to share video.

Using Webex – Raise Hand



If you have a question or comment that you would like to speak up about, please **raise your hand**. This indicates to the Project Team that you would like to speak. You will be called upon (and unmuted) following the formal presentation, in the order that you raise your hand.

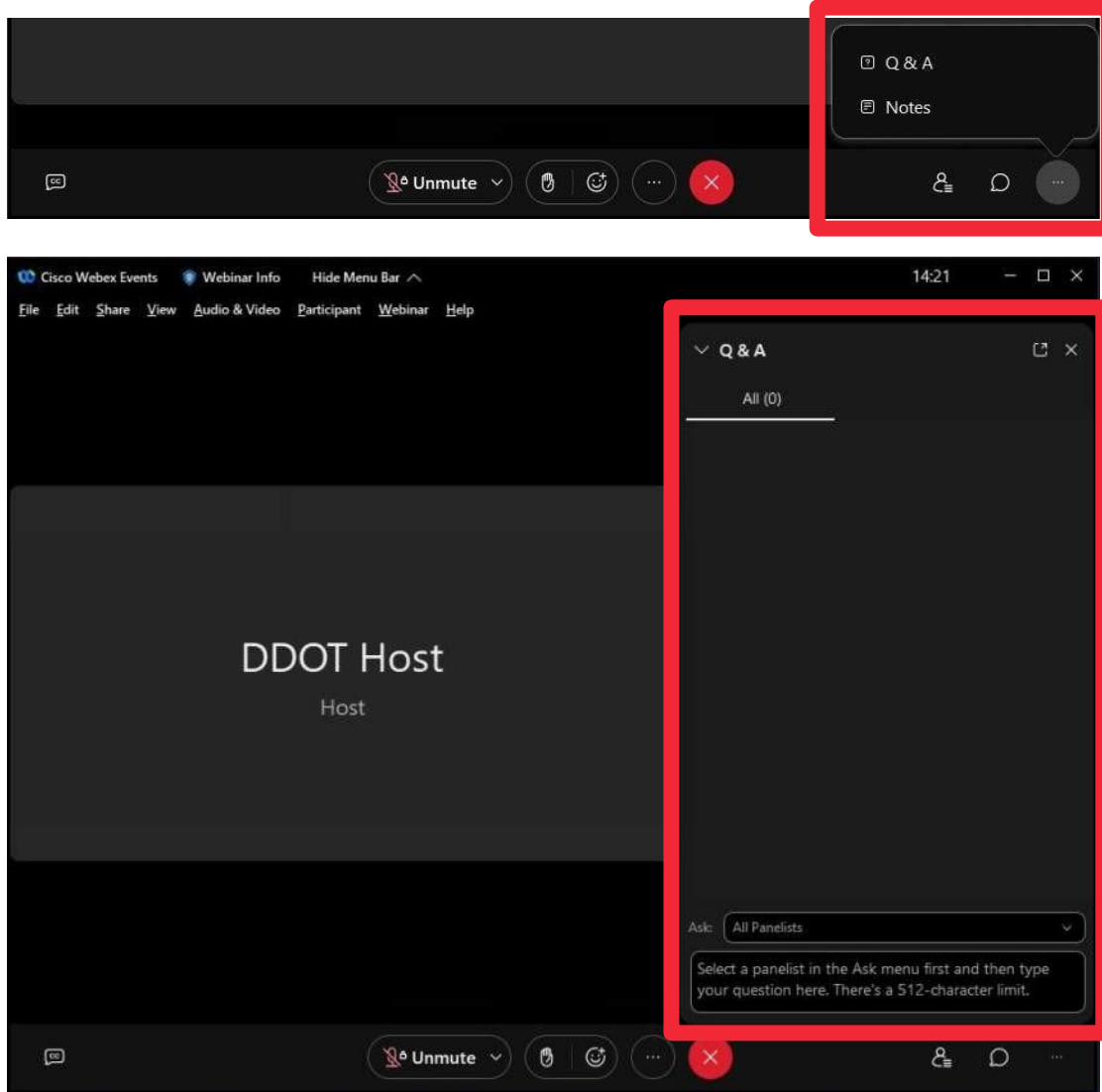
To virtually raise your hand:

- Click the “**Raise Hand**” icon on the bottom center of the Webex window.
- Alternatively, you may **press the Ctrl + Shift + R keys** on your keyboard to raise your hand.

If you joined via browser or mobile app, click the **3 dot (...)** icon and select **Raise Hand**.

If you dialed in by phone, **dial *3** to use the Raise Hand function.

Using Webex – Q&A



If you have a question during the presentation, send it via the Q&A feature.

Note: If Q&A is enabled, the Q&A panel will be open by default when you join the Event.

To Send a Question:

- Click the **“three dot icon (...)”** in the bottom right side of the Webex window and select **Q&A**.
- A new panel or window will appear. In the **“Ask”** field, select **All Panelists**.
- Click the text box to type your question and press the Enter key to send it.

If you joined via Browser or Mobile App, click the **Q&A or Question Mark icon** to access the Q&A to ask a question.

If you dialed in by phone, **dial *3** to use the Raise Hand function. This indicates to the Project Team that you would like to speak and ask a question.

Ground Rules on Q&A

- Participate openly; express your concerns and disagreements respectfully
- Please save your questions for the Q&A period – we will provide detailed instructions for how to submit questions at that time
- “Step Up, Step Back” – Make room for others to provide questions and feedback. We will ask you to limit your questions/comments to 1 minute.
- The chat box has been disabled, and you will use the Q&A box to submit questions.
- Phone participants and others providing verbal comments: Please wait until you are called on before providing your question/feedback.

Additional questions and comments? We will accept written comments and additional questions via email following the meeting.

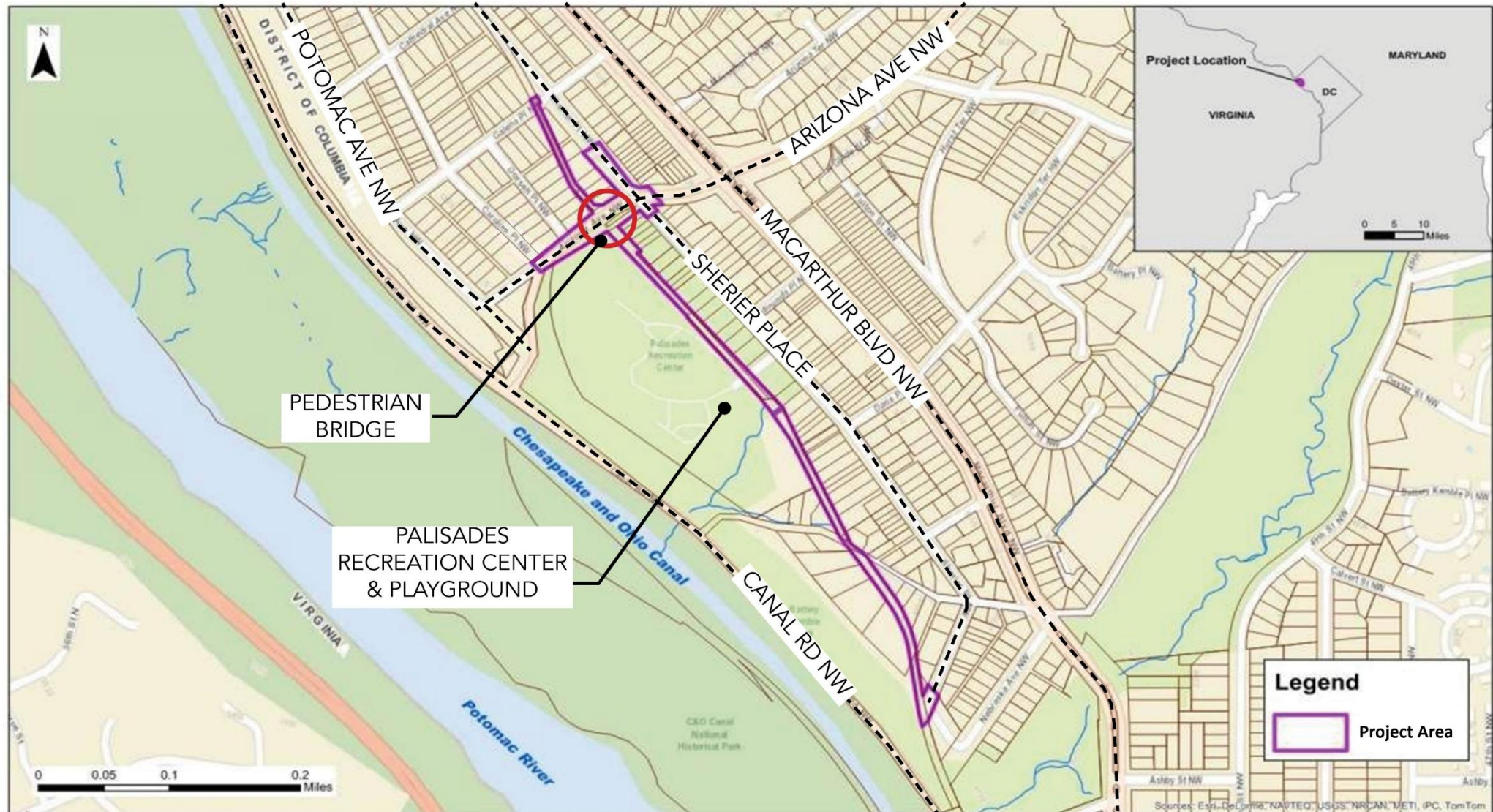
Design Team

- **DDOT**
 - Ghirmay Tesfamichael, PE - Project Manager
 - Christian Piñeiro - Public Involvement
 - Zahra Dorriz, PE - Program Manager - Bridge Design Branch
 - Mohamed Dahir, PE - Supervisor - Bridge Design Branch
 - Kirti Rajpurohit - Senior Policy Analyst - Environmental Program Branch
- **Consultant Team**
 - Peter Bonaccorsi, PE - Team Project Manager
 - Michael Perrotta, PE, AICP, PTP - Deputy Project Manager
 - Matthew Waskiewicz, PE - Lead Structural engineer
 - Richard LaShier, PE - Traffic Engineer
 - Robert Burke, PMP - Environmental Scientist
 - Rebecca May, PLA - Consultant Landscape Architect
 - Eric Feldman, AICP - Public Involvement Specialist

Agenda

- Project Purpose and Limits of Improvements
- Project Timeline & Public Feedback
- Final Design Overview
 - Pedestrian Bridge
 - Sidewalks & Pedestrian Crossings
 - Aesthetic Treatments & Landscaping
 - Palisades Trail
- Final Design Recommendations
- Next Steps
- Questions (*appr. 6:45pm*)

Project Area

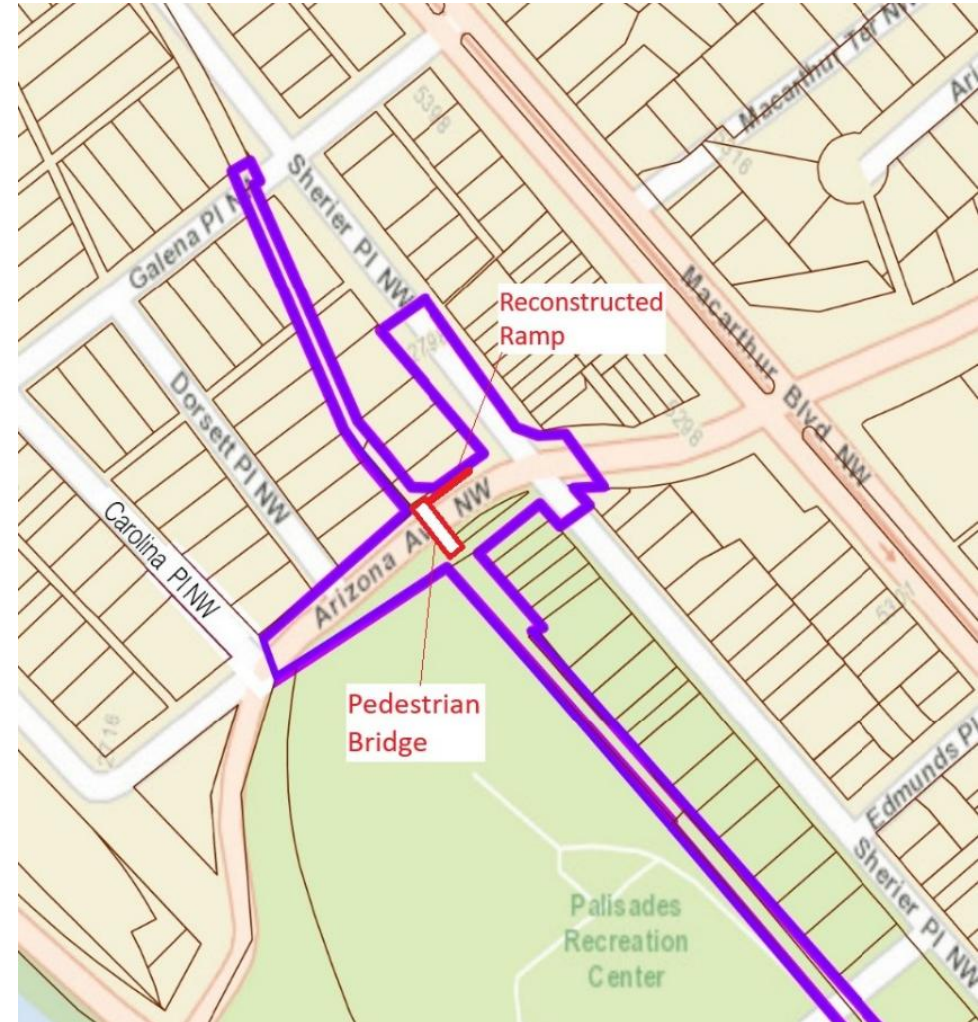


Purpose

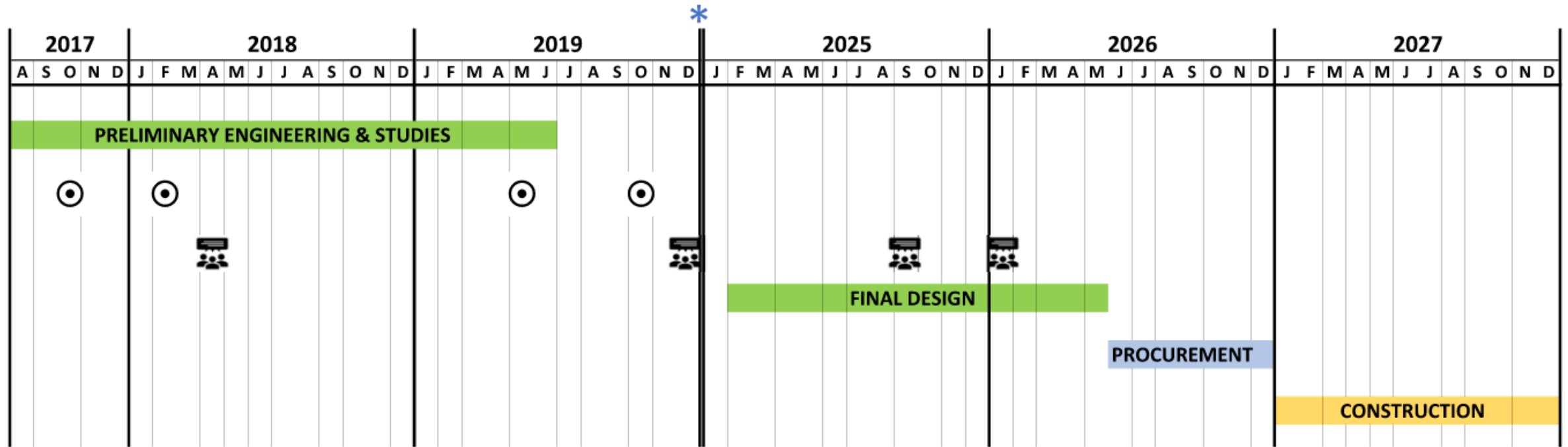
To rehabilitate the existing pedestrian bridge over Arizona Avenue NW due to the existing bridge not meeting current roadway clearance standards *AND* is nearing the end of its service life.

To improve the connecting trail to provide a durable all-weather surface providing safe accessibility for all users to the Palisades Recreation Center.

To upgrade the sidewalks along southbound Arizona Ave and improve pedestrian safety at the intersection with Sherier Place.



Project Timeline



⊙ Community Representatives Meeting

Public Meetings

* Project On Hold from January 2020 to February 2025

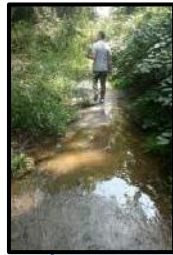
Key Elements of Bridge and Trail Improvements



Bridge and Pedestrian
Ramp Rehabilitation and
Reconstruction



Multi-Use Trail Designed
to Meet Accessibility
Guidelines



Stormwater Management
and Surface Drainage
Improvements



Sidewalk & Crosswalk
Safety Improvements



Context Sensitive Design
and Environmental
Compliance

Pedestrian Bridge

Existing Pedestrian Bridge

- Constructed in Early 1980's
- Vertical Clearance
 - Existing Minimum = 14'-2"
 - AASHTO/DDOT Standard Minimum = 17'-6"
- Structural Condition
 - Recent Inspection (2024)
 - = 5 (Fair Condition) (0 to 9 scale)
 - Prestressed Concrete Box Beams



Pedestrian Bridge

- Main Span over Arizona Avenue
 - Prefabricated Steel "Box" Truss
 - Safety Handrails at 42"
 - Mesh Panels
 - Concrete Deck
 - Minimal Arch



Sample of a Box Truss



Sample of a Box Truss

Pedestrian Bridge

- Pedestrian Access Ramp
 - Replace Existing West Access Ramp Structure
 - Design Follows Accessibility Guidelines
 - Raised Trail Profile = Longer West Access Ramp



Pedestrian Bridge and Access Ramp



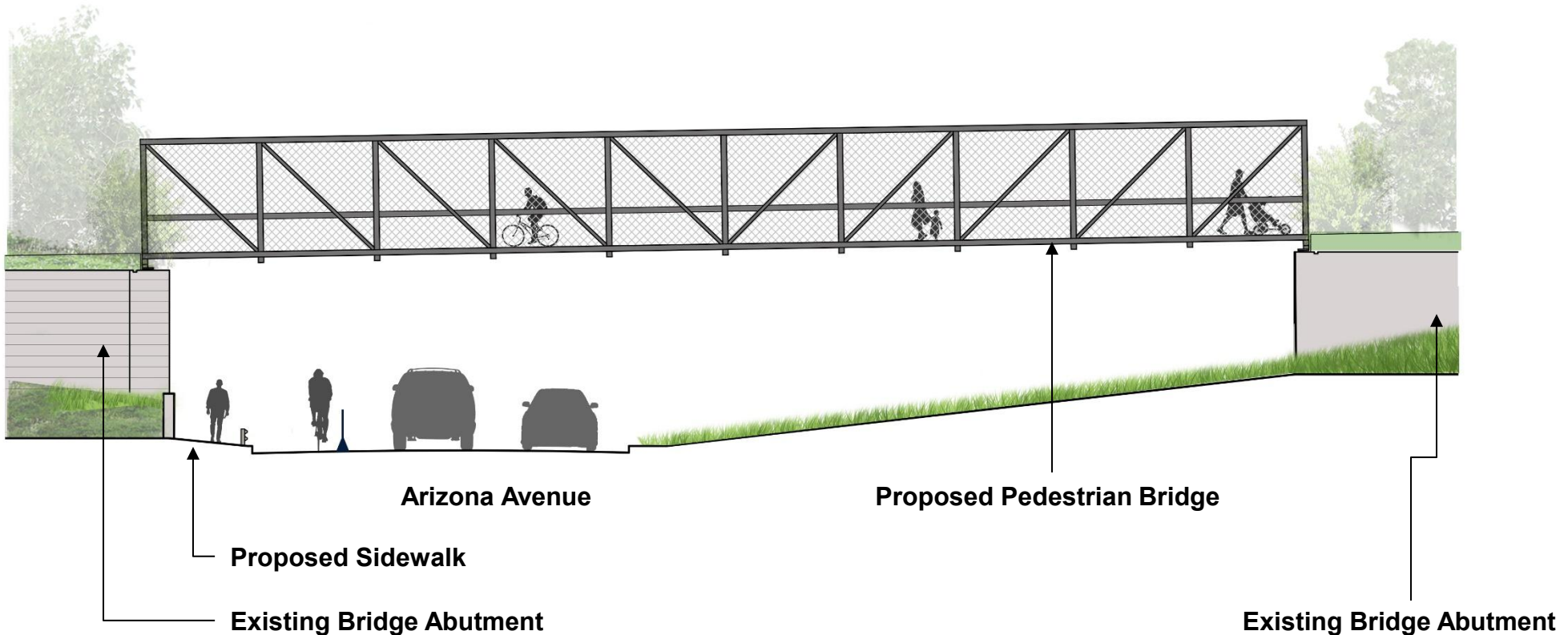
Final Design – Access Ramp



Existing Conditions

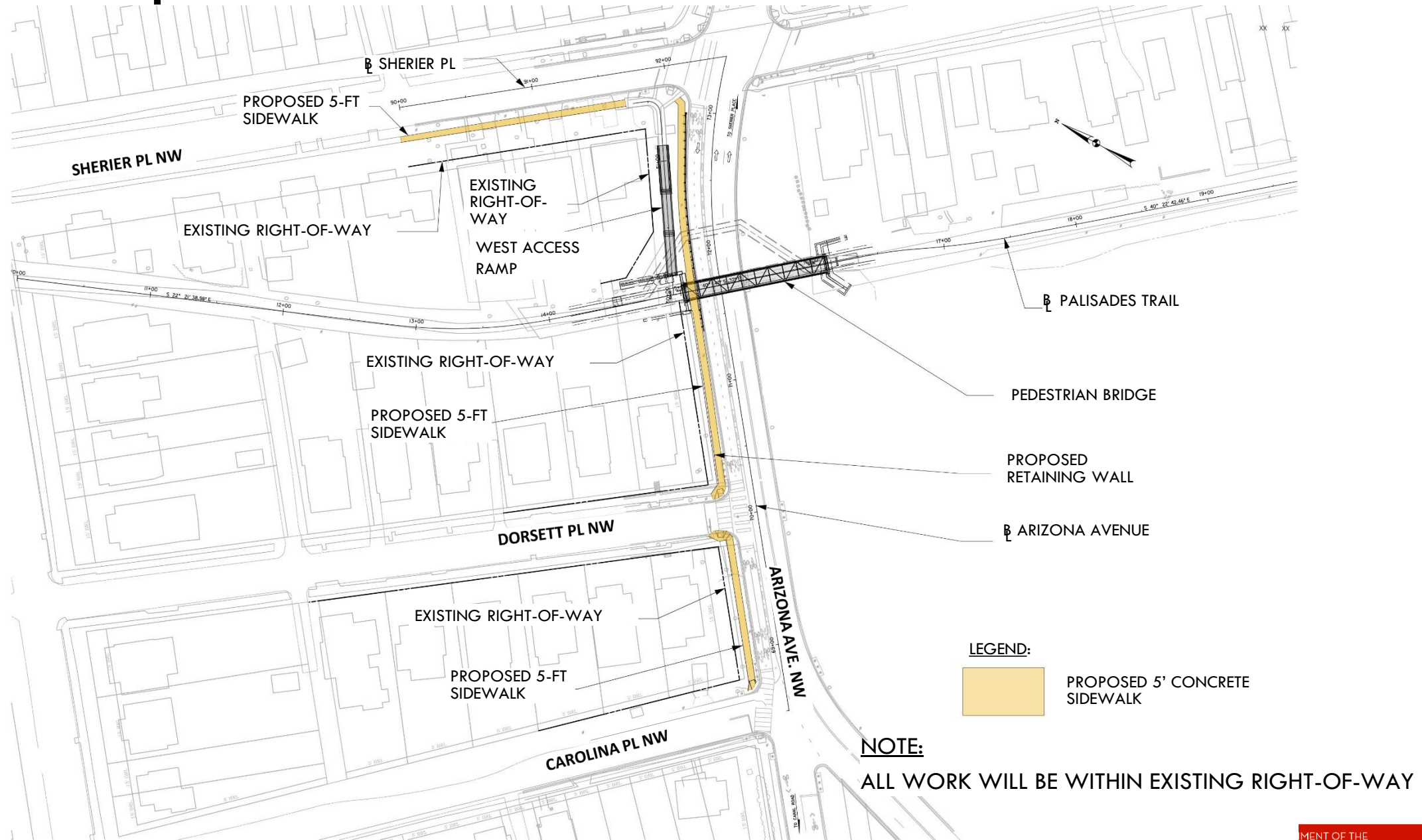
Final Design

- View from South Side of Bridge



Sidewalks & Pedestrian Crossings

Proposed Sidewalks

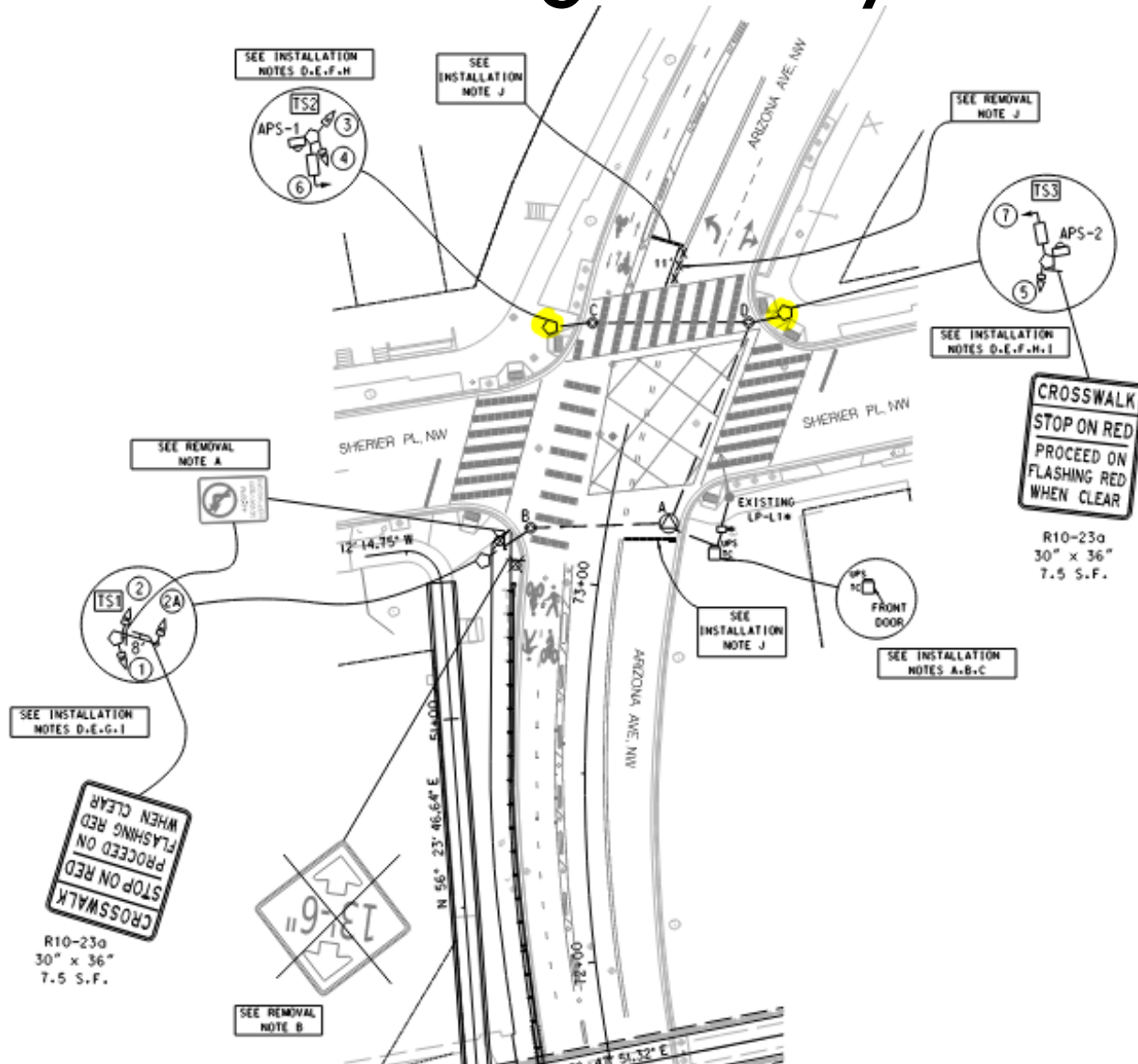


Traffic Study Results

- HAWK pedestrian signal meets DDOT requirements.
- Providing improved pavement markings and HAWK pedestrian signal at intersection of Arizona Avenue, NW and Sherier Place, NW.



HAWK Signal Layout Plan (65% Design)



- Signal faces proposed on both sides of intersection for better visibility with roadway geometry
- Stop signs remain on both sides of Sherier Place
- New signs and markings added to designate stopping point for vehicles in advance of crosswalk
- Existing pavement markings recently updated to high-visibility crosswalks



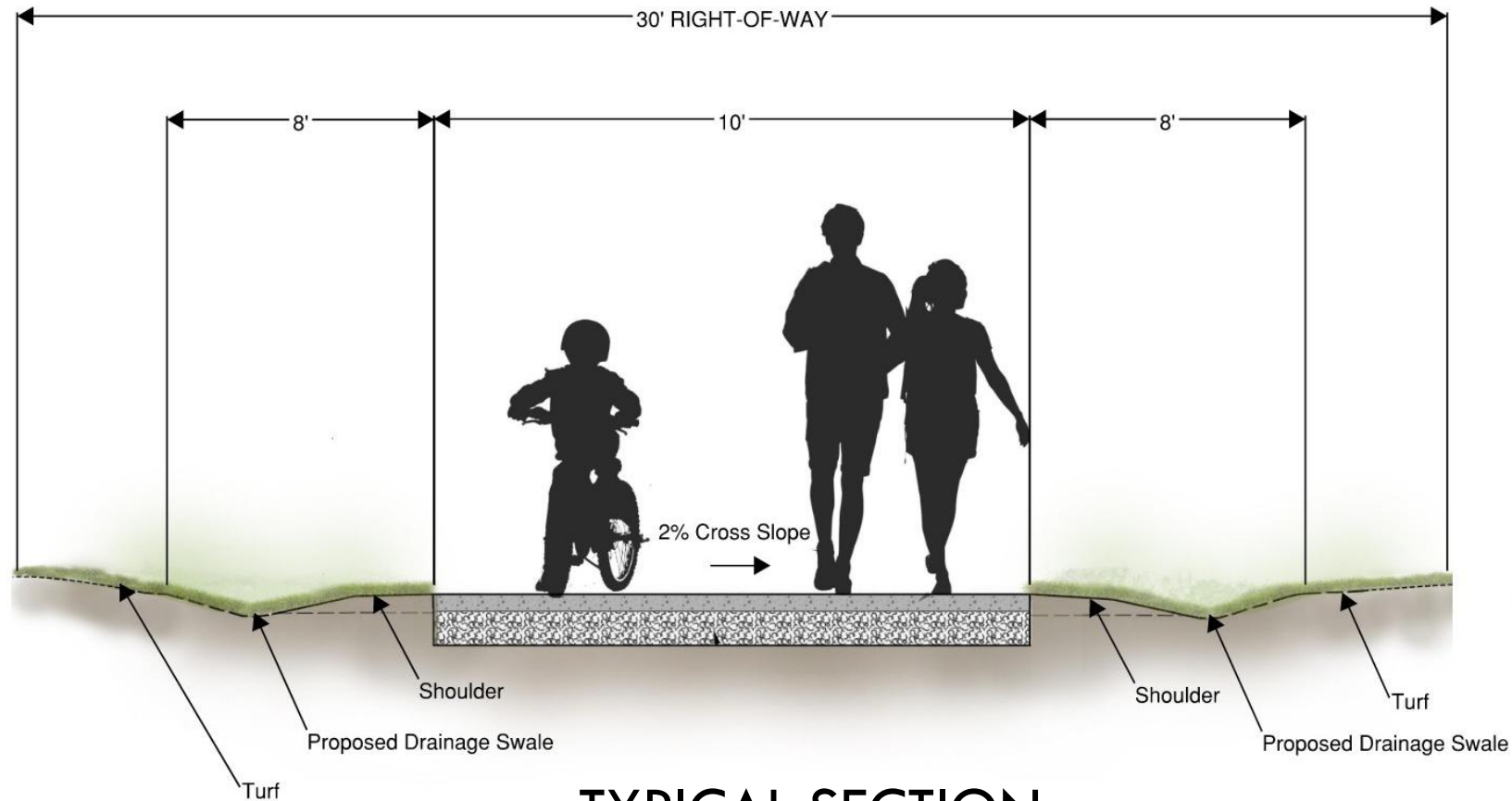
* Subject to change as design progresses

Trail

ANC, PCA & Citizen Group Feedback at End of Preliminary Phase

- PCA “Middle Ground” draft letter supporting improvements (April 2019)
- Trolley Trail Preservation Group letter opposing improvements (Fall 2019)
- Palisades Family Network petition supporting improvements (Fall 2019)
- ANC 3D letter supporting improvements (November 2019)
- January 2020 Public Meeting Comments

Trail Typical Section



TYPICAL SECTION

PALISADES TRAIL
N.T.S.

NOTE:
THERE WILL BE NO LIGHTING ON THE TRAIL

NOTE:
ALL WORK WILL BE WITHIN EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY.
NO PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL BE TAKEN FROM ABUTTING PROPERTIES.

Trail Drainage Improvements

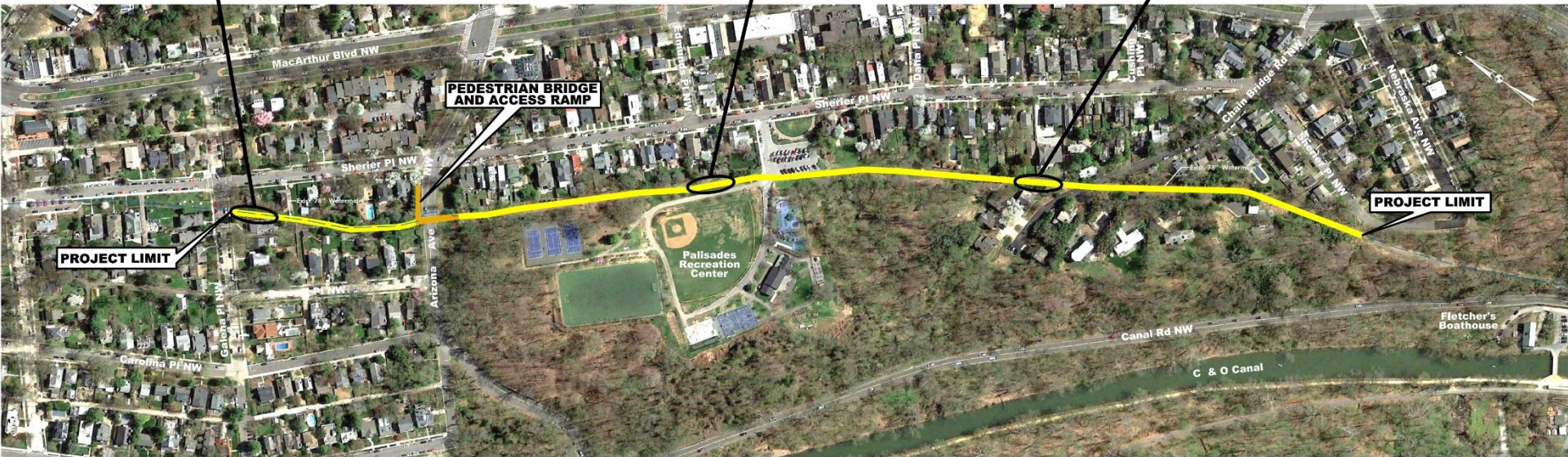
PROPOSED SWALE AND INLET ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF TRAIL



PROPOSED BIOSWALE ON SOUTH SIDE OF TRAIL



PROPOSED SWALE AND INLET ON NORTH SIDE OF TRAIL ALONG FENCE



PALISADES TRAIL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Trail Surface Evaluation

- Alternatives Considered
 - Stabilized decomposed granite
 - FlexiPave stabilized crushed granite
 - Permeable Concrete/Asphalt
 - Asphalt Trail (DDOT Preference)
- Selection considerations
 - Durability and all-weather performance
 - Smooth surface for strollers, bicycles and wheeled mobility devices
 - Not subject to erosion
 - Minimal maintenance required

Trail Surface



Asphalt Concrete Trail Surface
(Recommended)



No Action - Existing Trail Surface

Trail Surface comparison

Asphalt Concrete Trail Surface (DDOT Maintained)

- ADA Compliant
- Durable all-weather surface
- Smooth rolling surface
- Provide drainage improvements
- DDOT to maintain

No action - Existing Trail Surface

- Not ADA Compliant
- Not durable or all-weather
- Uneven rolling surface
- No drainage improvements
- No DDOT maintenance

Final Design Recommendations & Next Steps

Final Design Recommendations

- Trail Limits – Galena Pl. to Sherier Pl./Nebraska Ave.
- Replace Pedestrian Bridge (Steel Box Truss) & West Access Ramp
- Install HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalk Signal
- Install Sidewalk Improvements on Arizona Avenue and Sherier Place
- Implement Asphalt Trail Surface with grading and drainage improvements

Next Steps

- Complete Phase 2 - Final Design
 - 90% Design Submission (Late 2025)
 - Public Meeting at 90% Submission (Early 2026)
 - Final Plan Submissions (Spring 2026)
 - Bid Advertisement and Construction (Early 2027)

Title VI – rebrand.ly/Pedestrian Bridge and Connecting Trail Over Arizona Avenue, NW - Comments



IPMA Title VI Public Involvement Demographic Survey

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Demographic Data Collection - Why do we collect data?

To help us reach our goal and maintain compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all relevant federal and local nondiscrimination laws, we ask that you voluntarily complete the following survey.

All information you provide will be handled in confidence. For more information regarding DDOT's Title VI Program, please contact DDOT's Transportation Equity and Inclusion Division at 202.671.2700 or ddot@dc.gov.

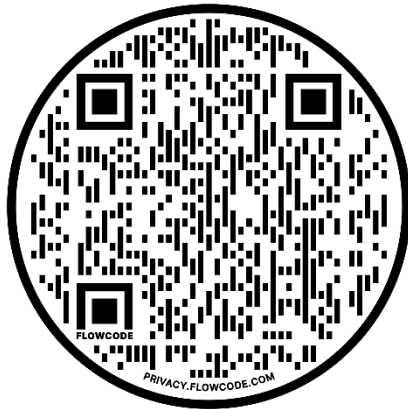
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Project comments and/or concerns may also be submitted through this form. We appreciate anyone who is willing to complete the form.

Thank you for your participation.



Thank you!



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Q & A Rules and Process

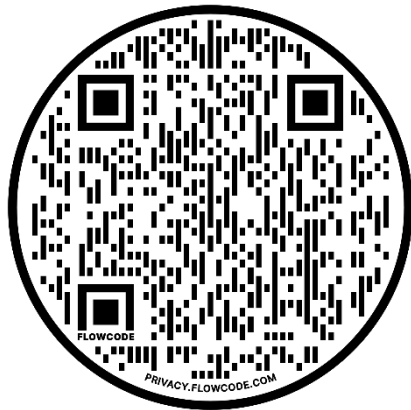
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