

Portsmouth Square Community- Based Transportation Plan: Stakeholder Meeting

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Tuesday, August 4, 2020
11:00am to 12:00pm

Agenda (60 min)



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- Presentation (20 min)
 - Study Objectives
 - Project Status
 - Summary of what we heard
 - Recommendations
- Q & A (5 min)
- Breakout Discussion (15 min)
- Group Discussion (15 min)
- Wrap Up (5 min)





Improve safety, circulation and access to Portsmouth Square - the community's 'living room' - and to Chinatown as a whole.

- Analyze the existing circulation and conditions*
- Conduct outreach and engagement with community members and stakeholders*
- Recommend strategies and projects for site improvement*



Portsmouth Square Community Based Transportation Plan

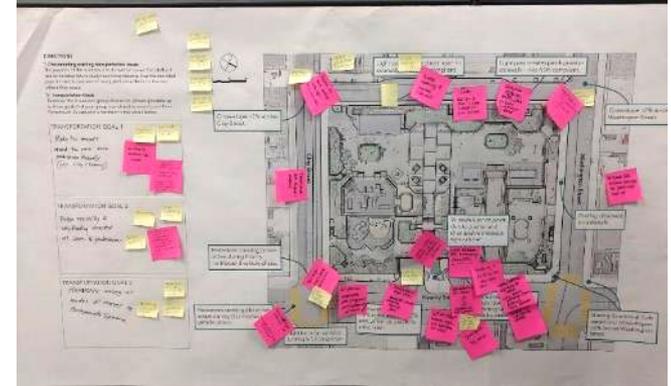
- **PRIOR WORK** - Identified transportation issues and needs around Portsmouth Square through:
 - Review of past plans
 - April 2019 Stakeholder Meeting
 - Summer 2019 Business & Intercept Survey
 - Site Visits and Discussions with the Garage Operator
- **FOR DISCUSSION TODAY**
 - Present and prioritize improvement concepts for the final plan

Summary of What We Heard



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- Improve pedestrian safety
- Improve visibility, lighting and wayfinding for both cars and pedestrians (Pedestrian friendly streets)
- Prevent roadway and sidewalk blocking (loading)
- ADA upgrades and other modernization



April 2019 Stakeholder Meeting

“create harmony among all modes of travel to Portsmouth Square”

Challenges



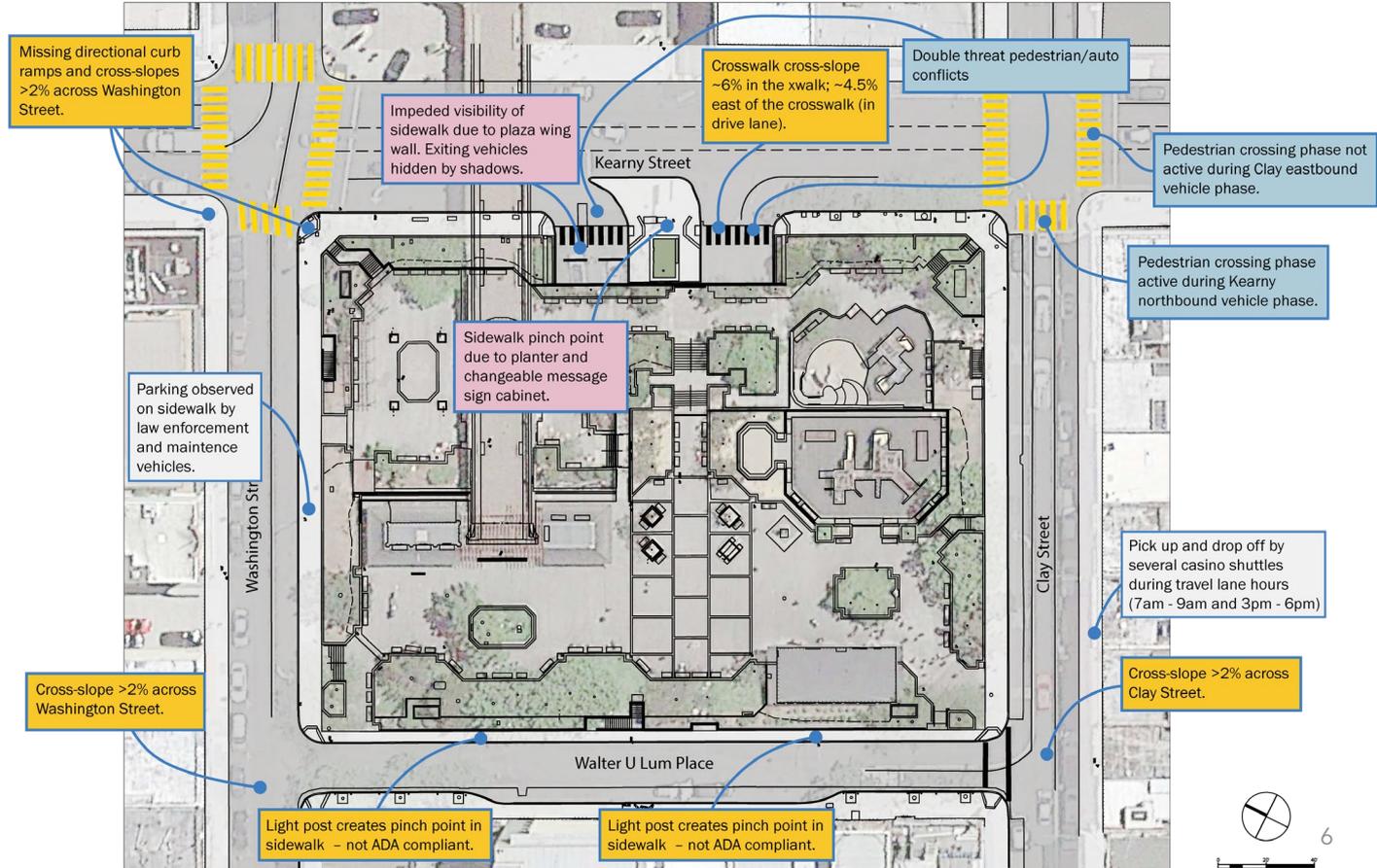
Challenge Key

Pedestrian Safety

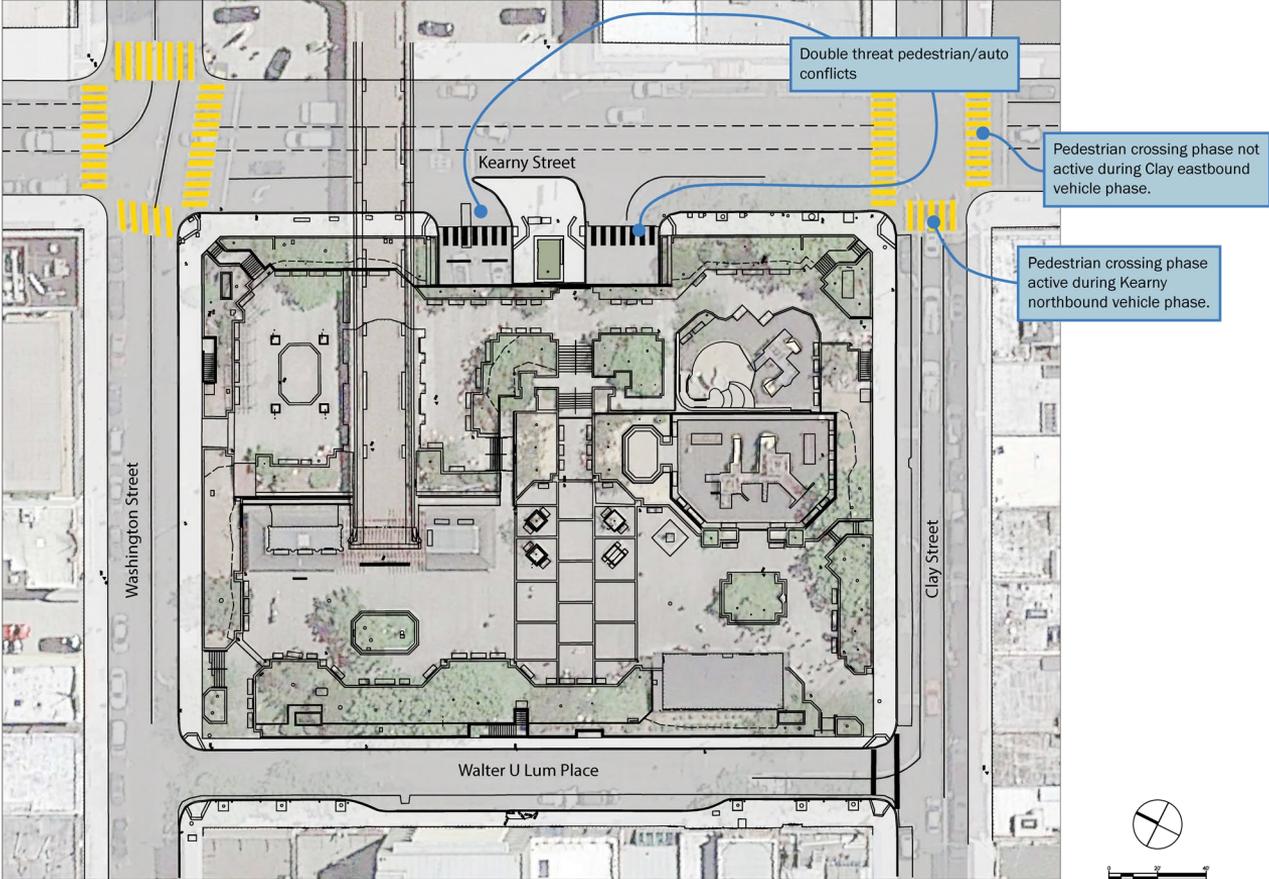
Pedestrian
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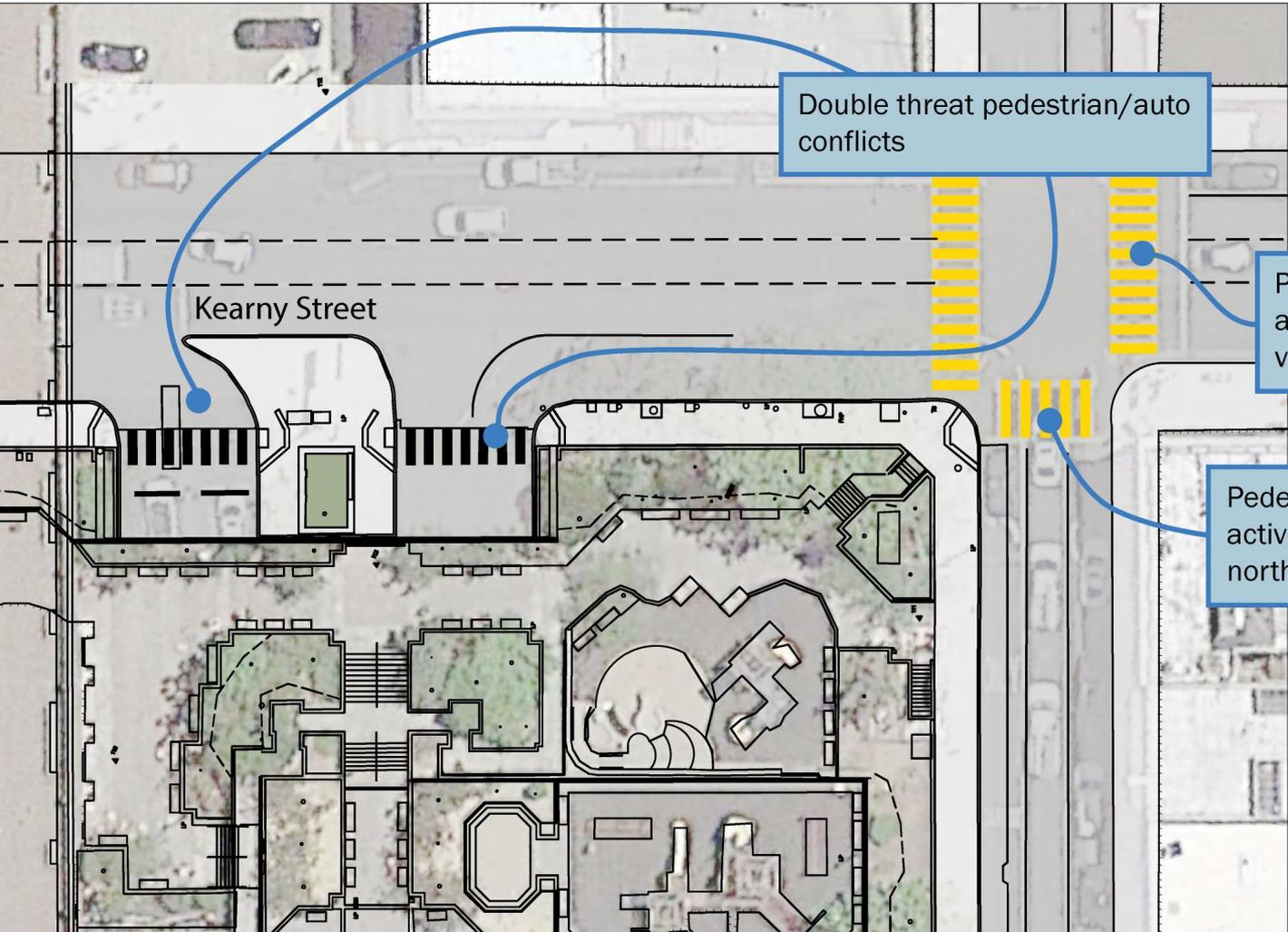
ADA &
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Loading Issues



Challenge: Pedestrian Safety





Double threat pedestrian/auto conflicts

Kearny Street

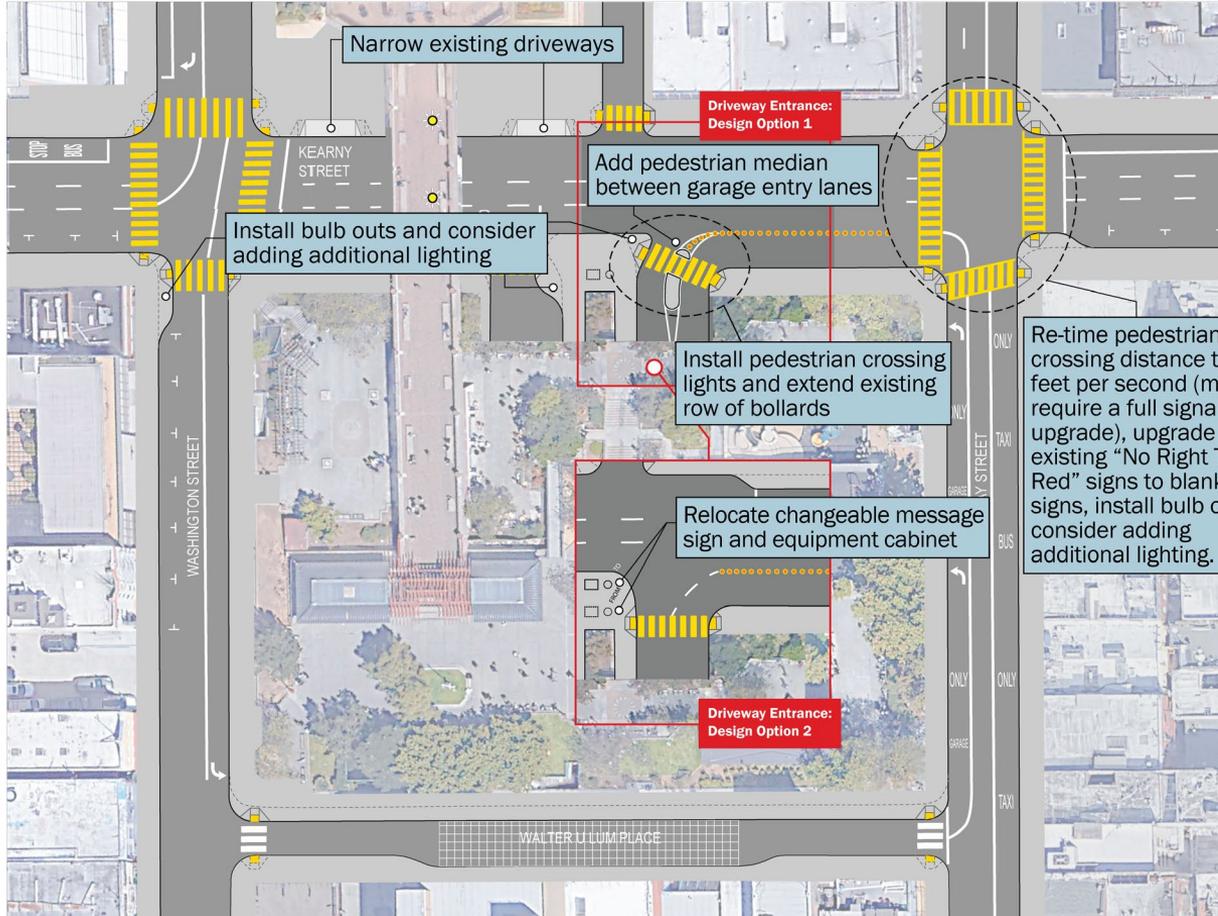
Pedestrian crossing phase not active during Clay eastbound vehicle phase.

Pedestrian crossing phase active during Kearny northbound vehicle phase.

Solutions: Pedestrian Safety



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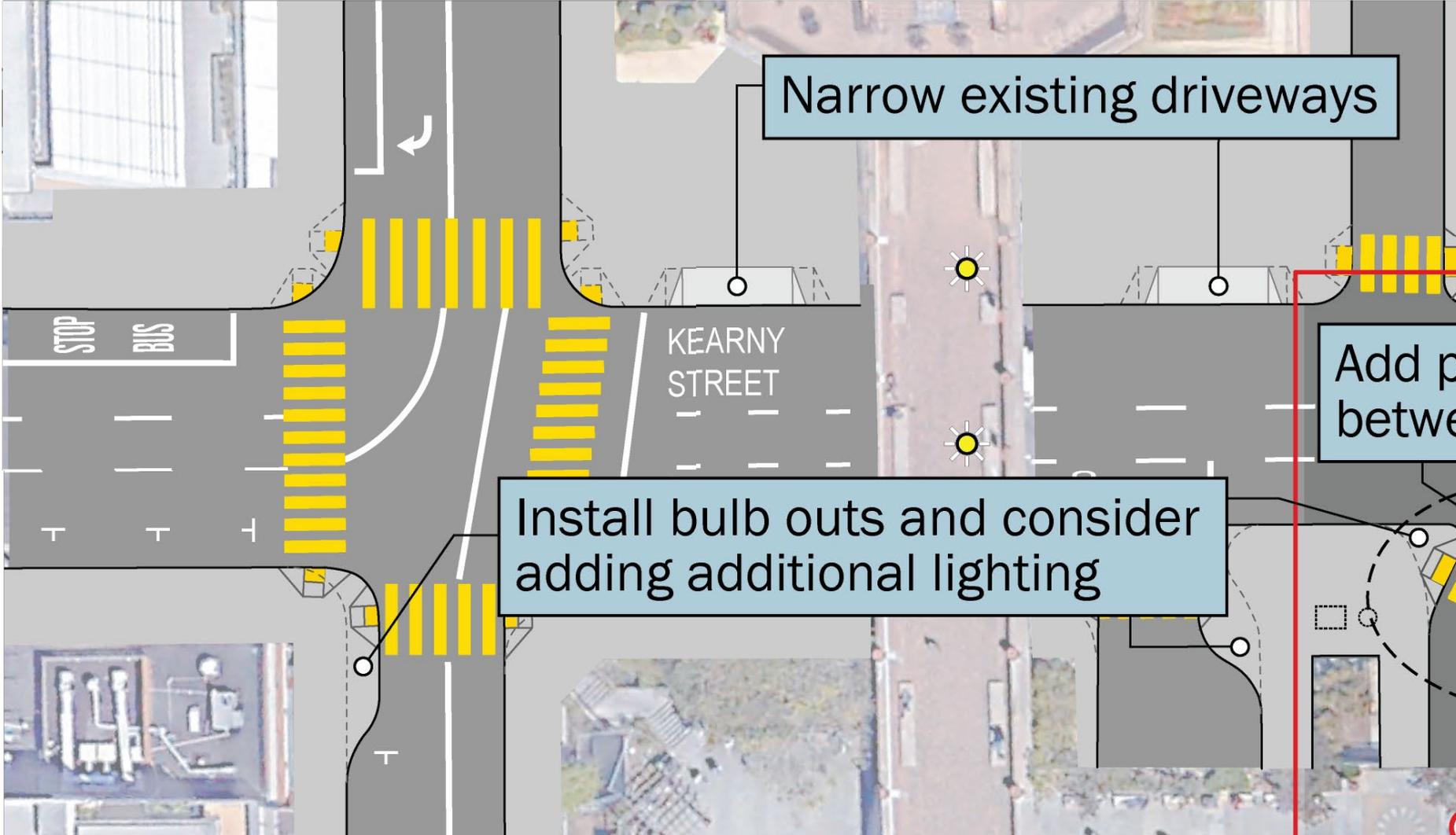
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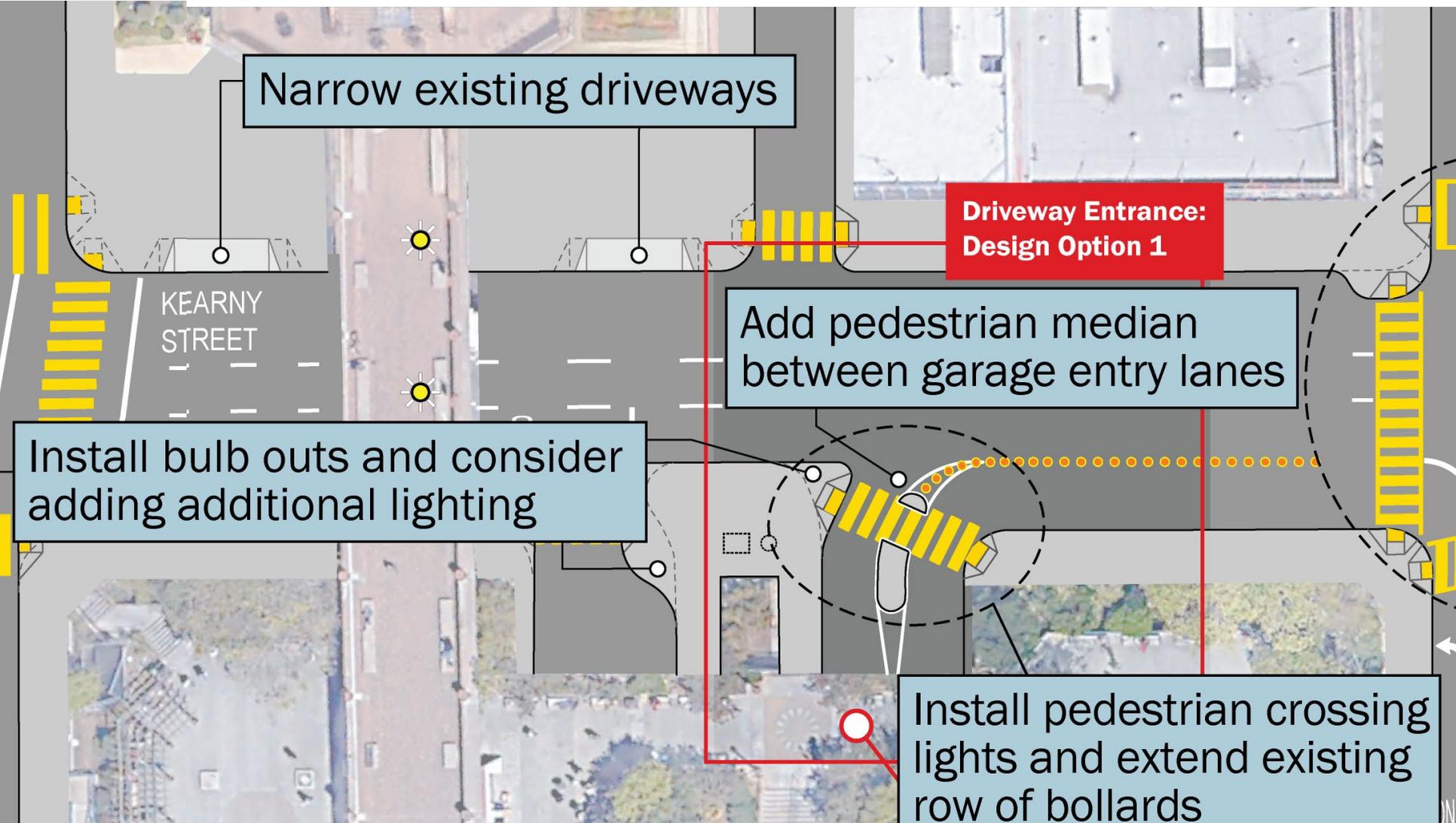
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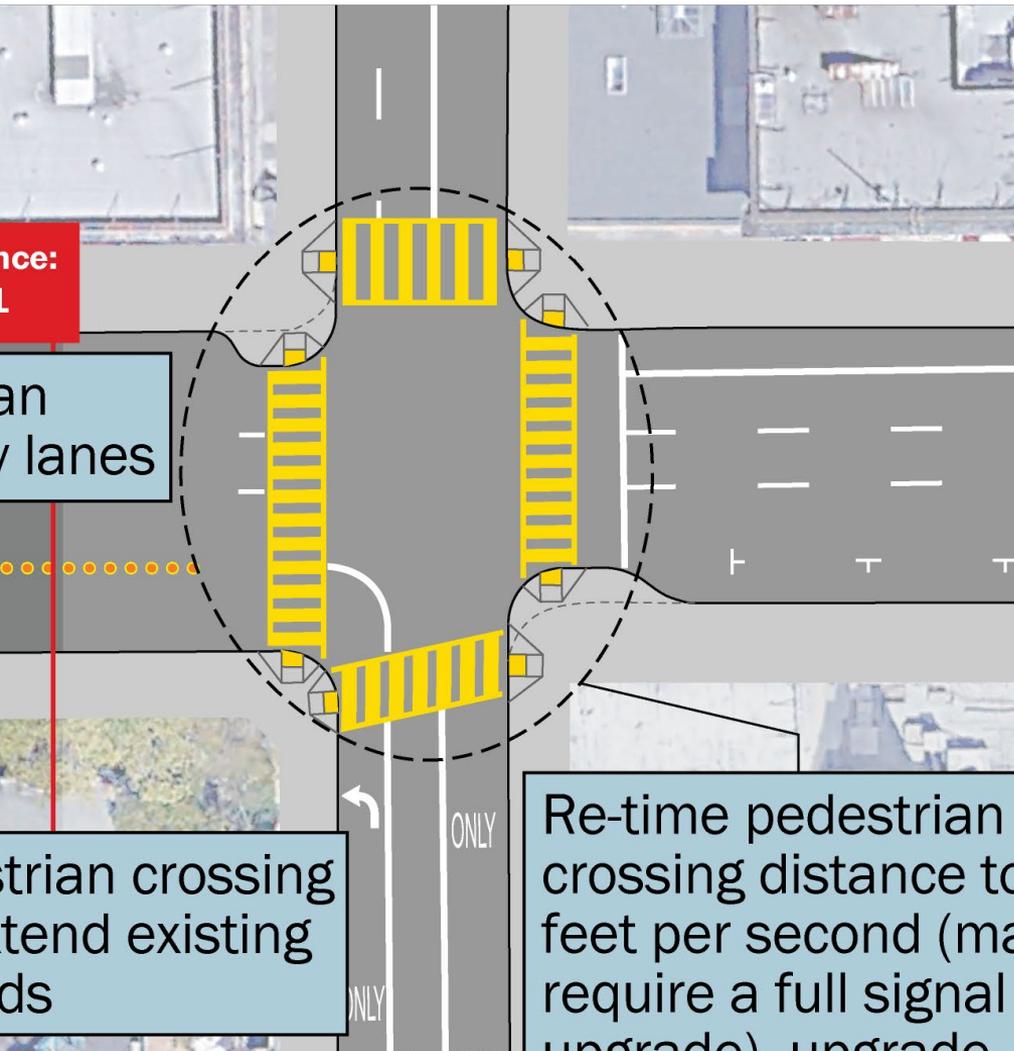
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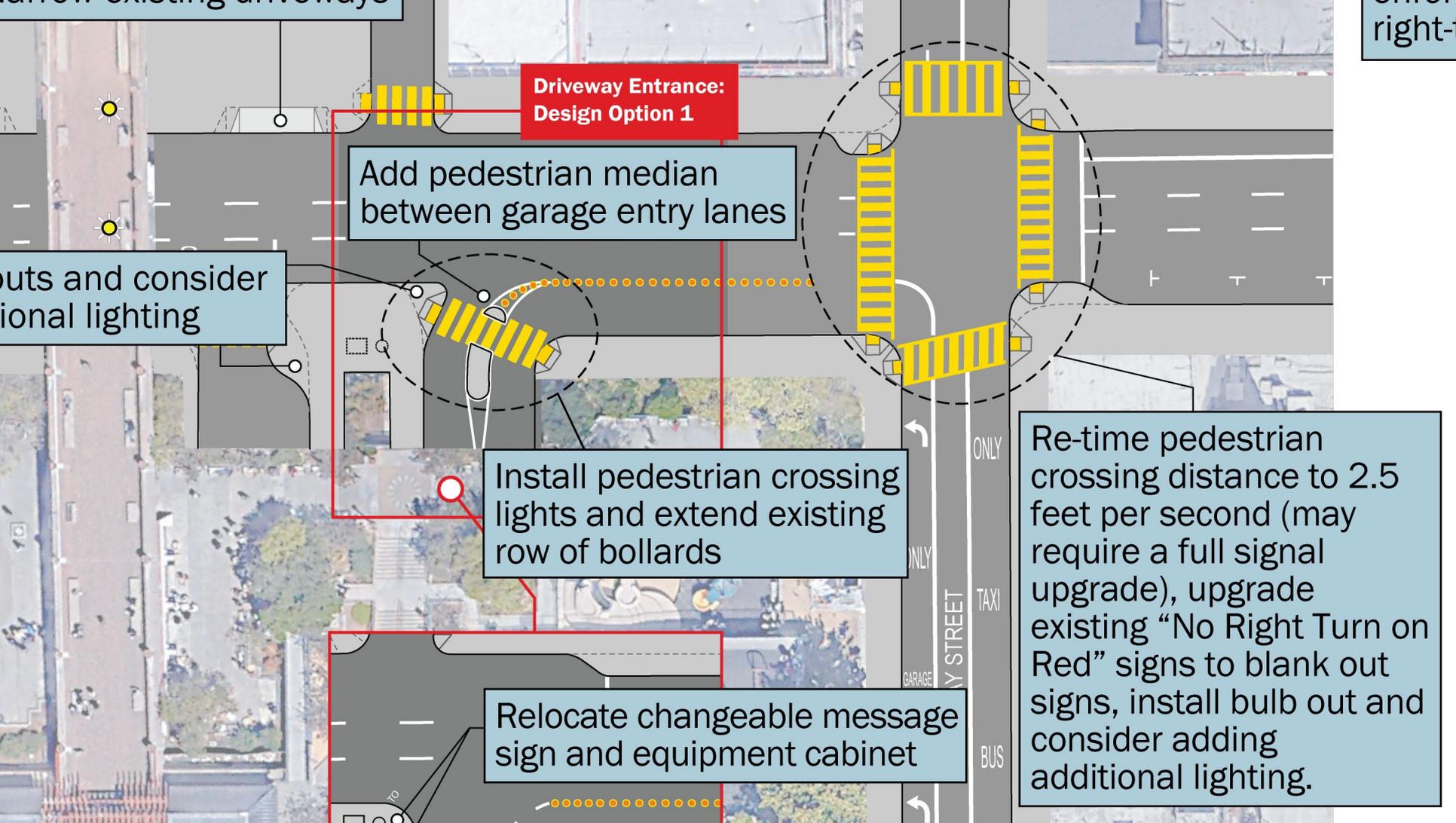
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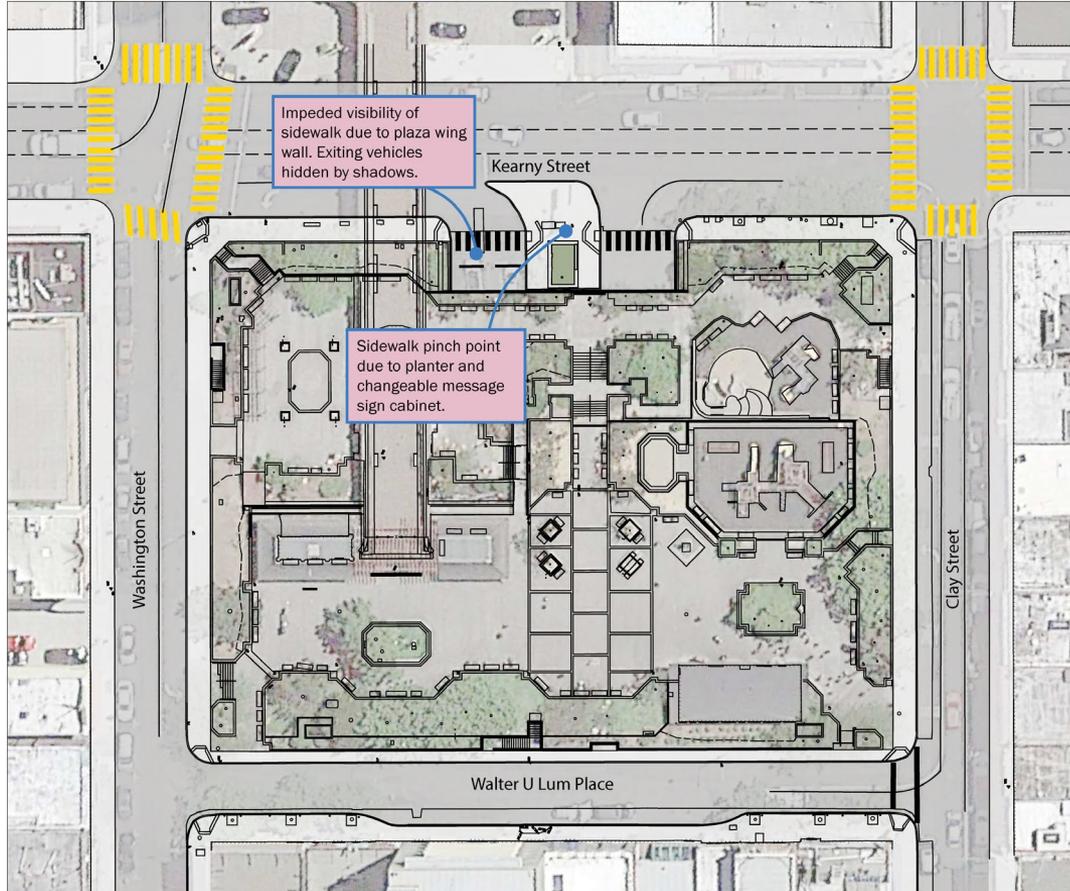
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Challenge: Pedestrian Friendly Streets



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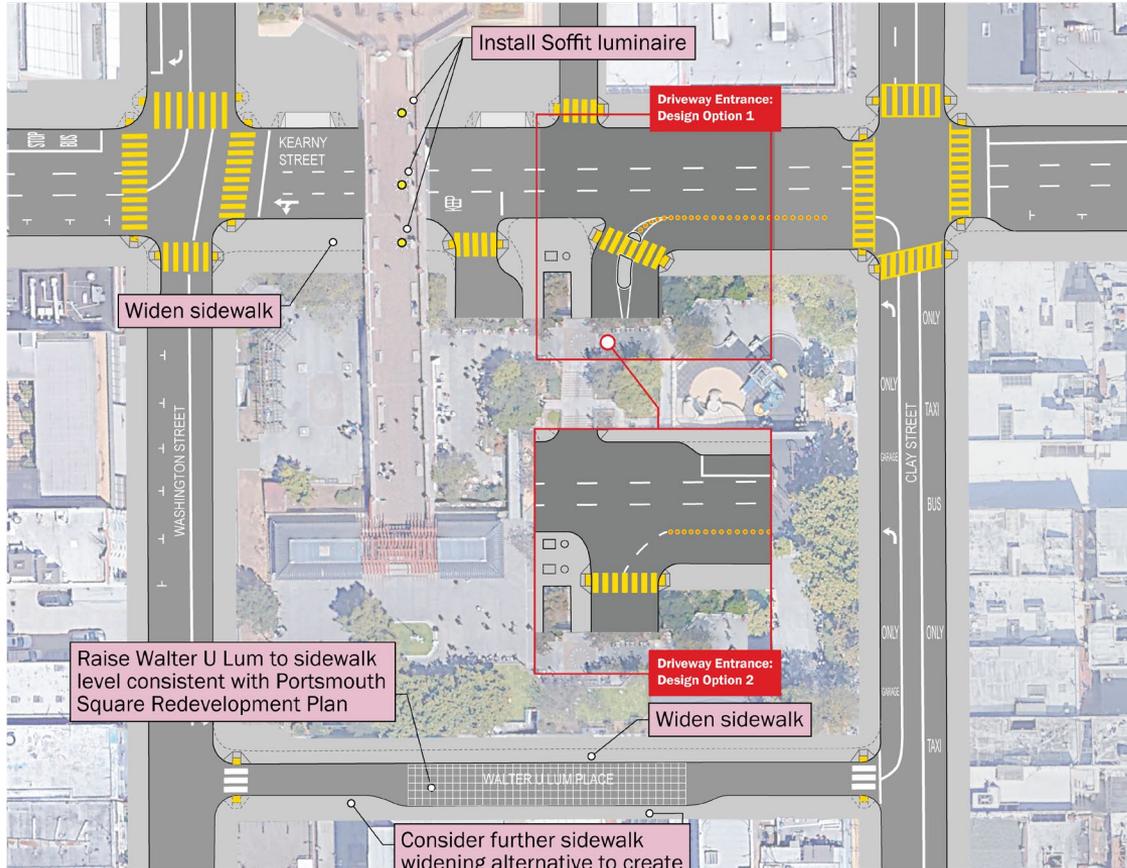


Impeded visibility of sidewalk due to plaza wing wall. Exiting vehicles hidden by shadows.

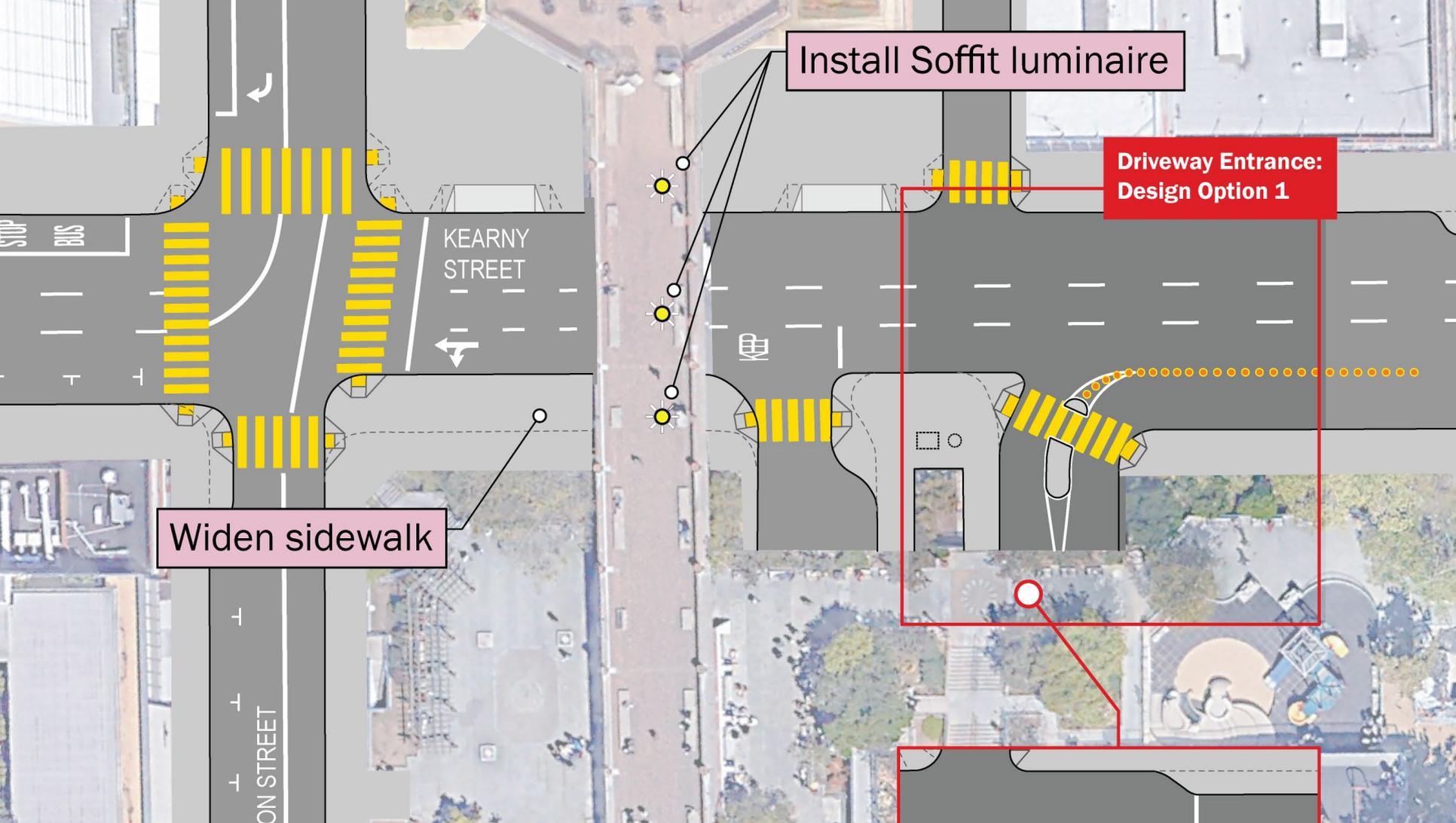
Kearny Street

Sidewalk pinch point due to planter and changeable message sign cabinet.

Solutions: Pedestrian Friendly Streets



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Install Soffit luminaire

Driveway Entrance:
Design Option 1

Widen sidewalk

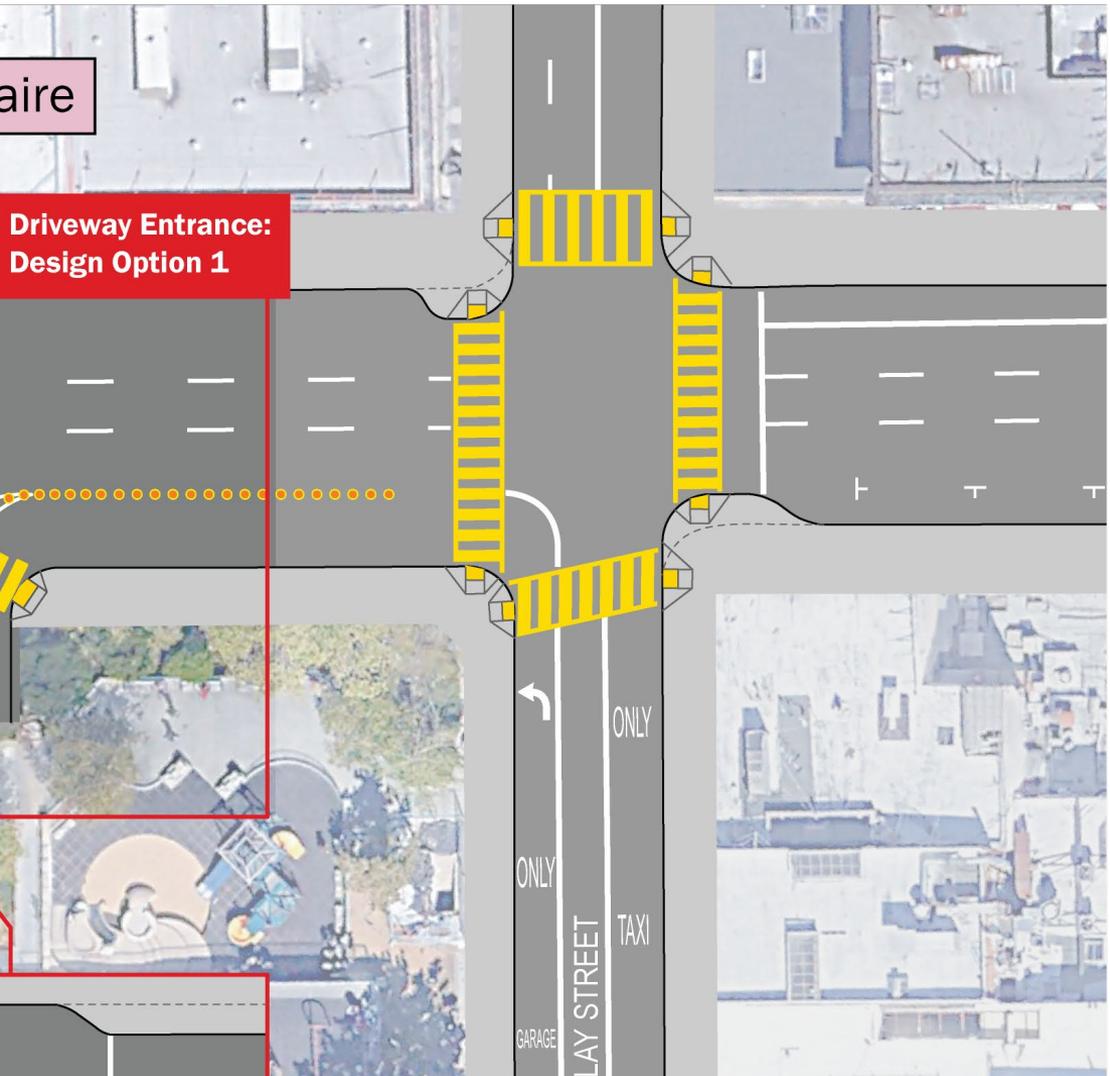
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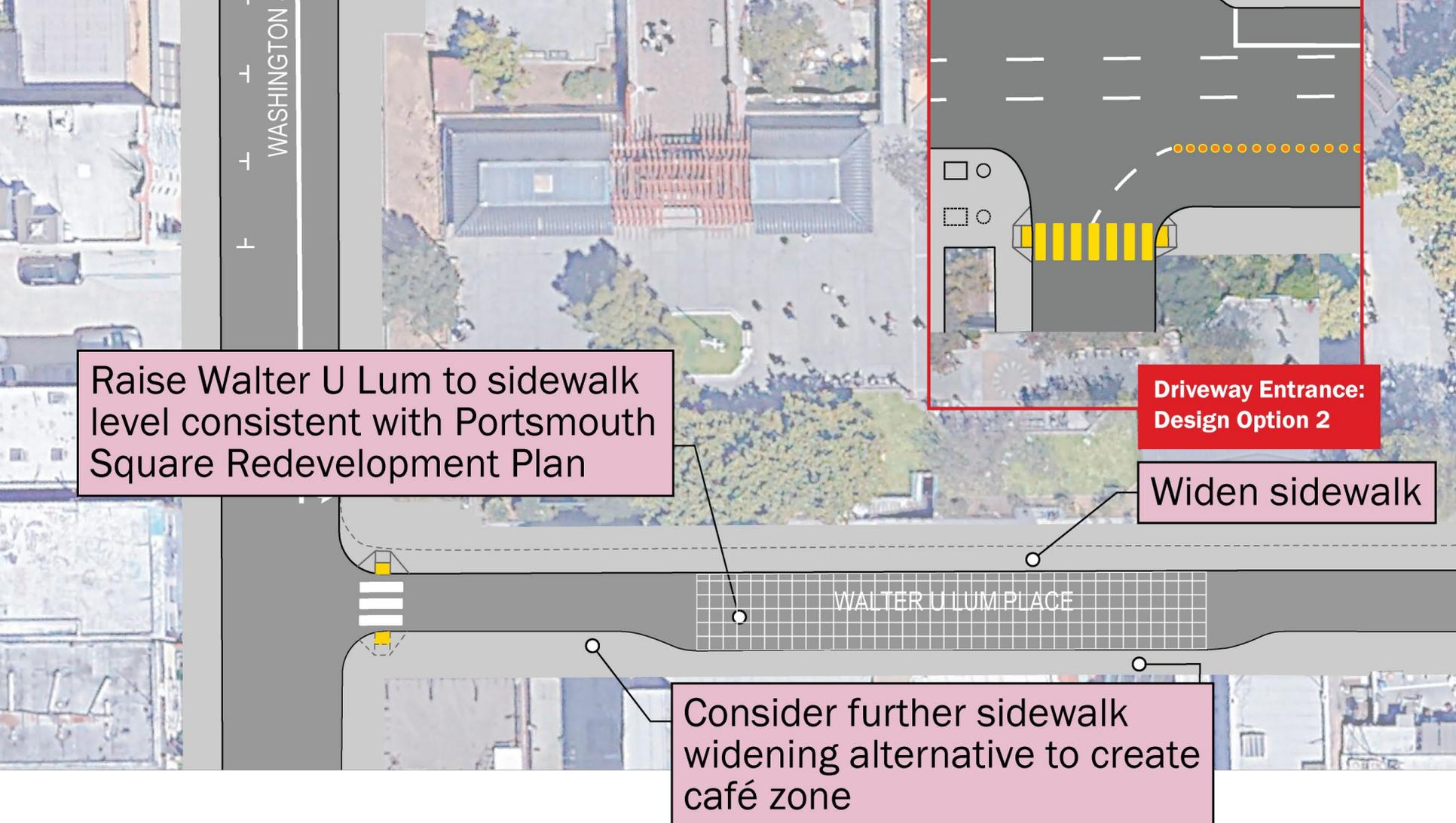
Raise Walter U Lum to sidewalk level consistent with Portsmouth Square Redevelopment Plan

Driveway Entrance:
Design Option 2

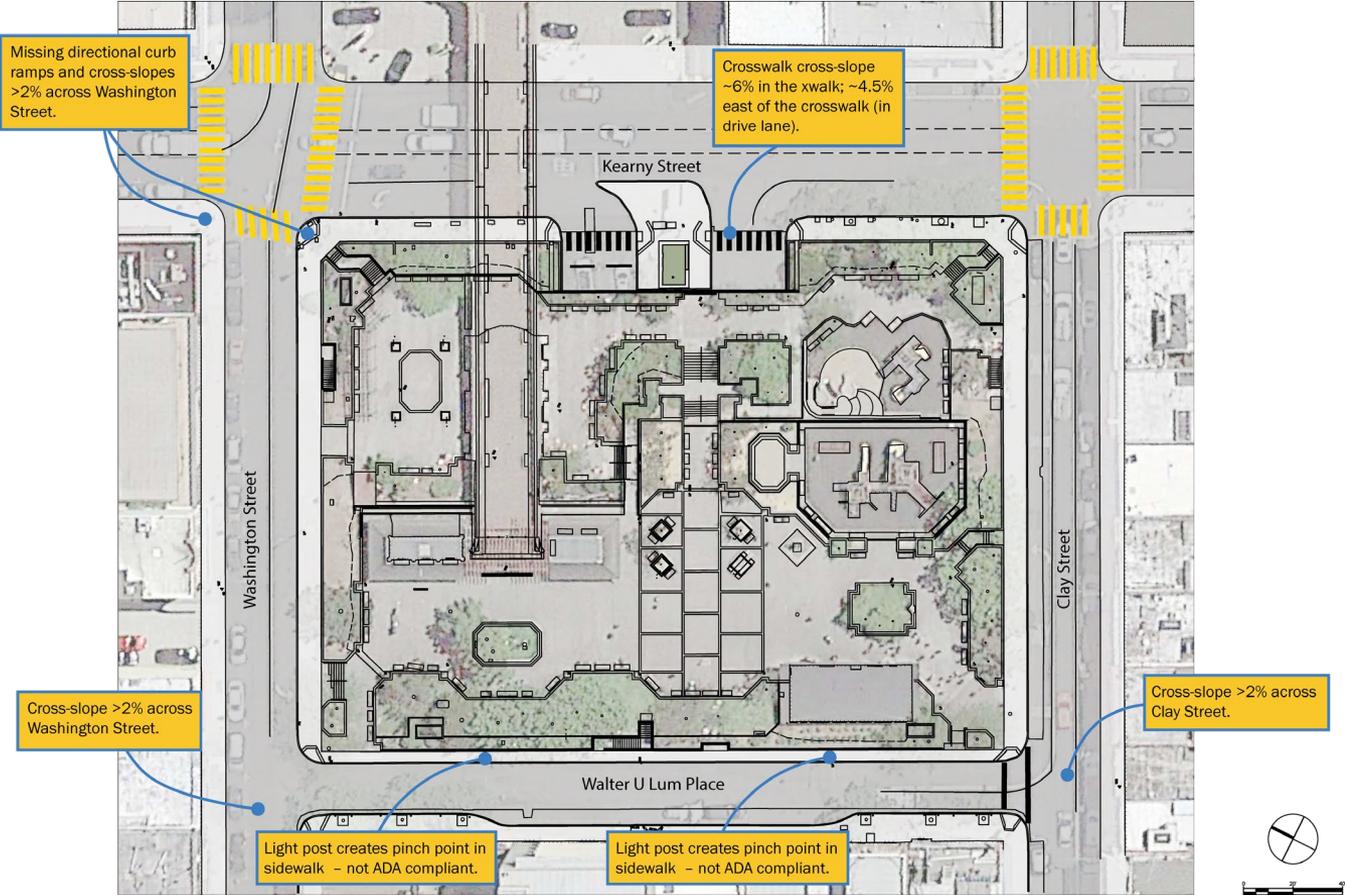
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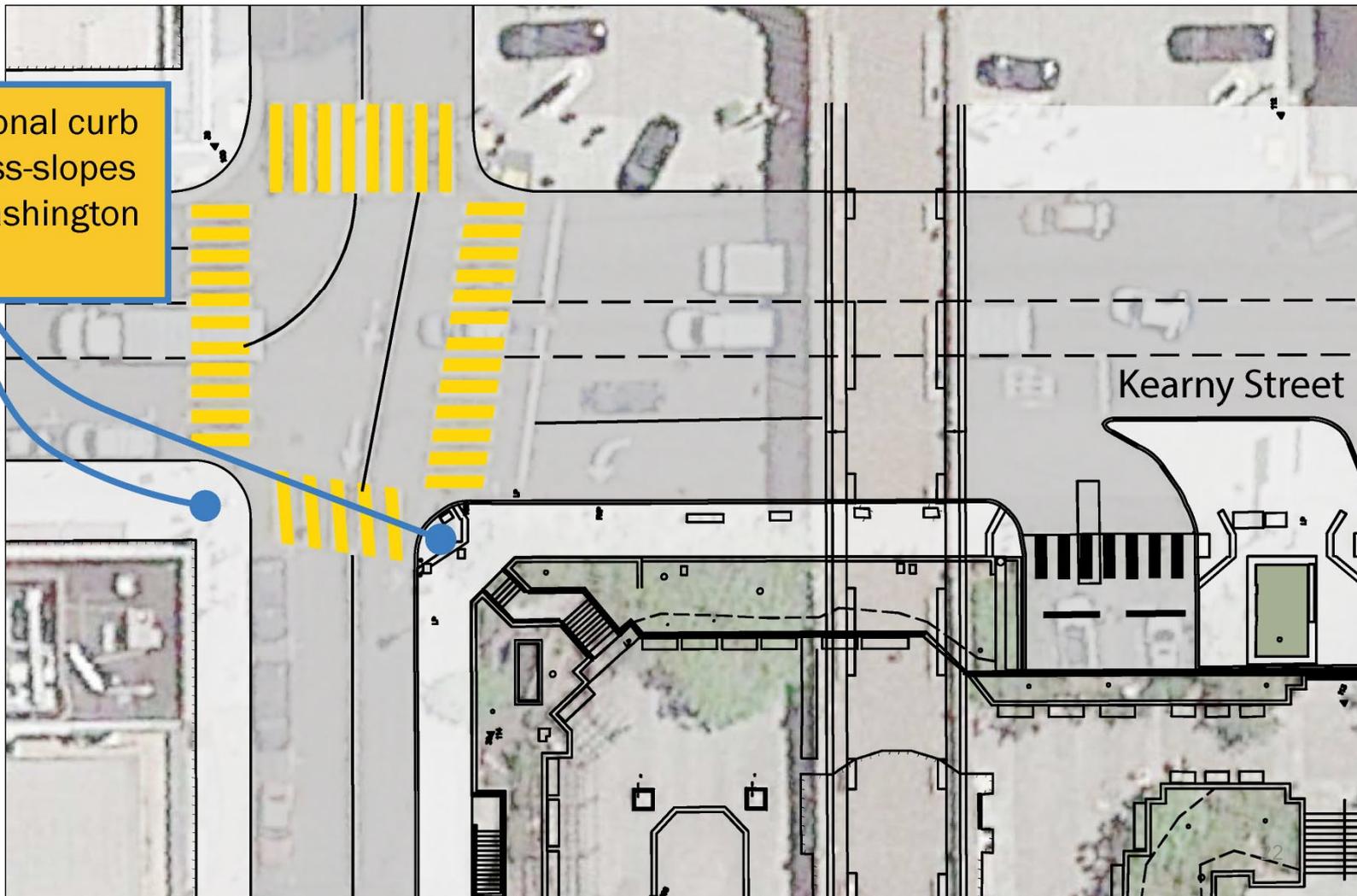
Consider further sidewalk widening alternative to create café zone



Challenge: ADA & Modernization

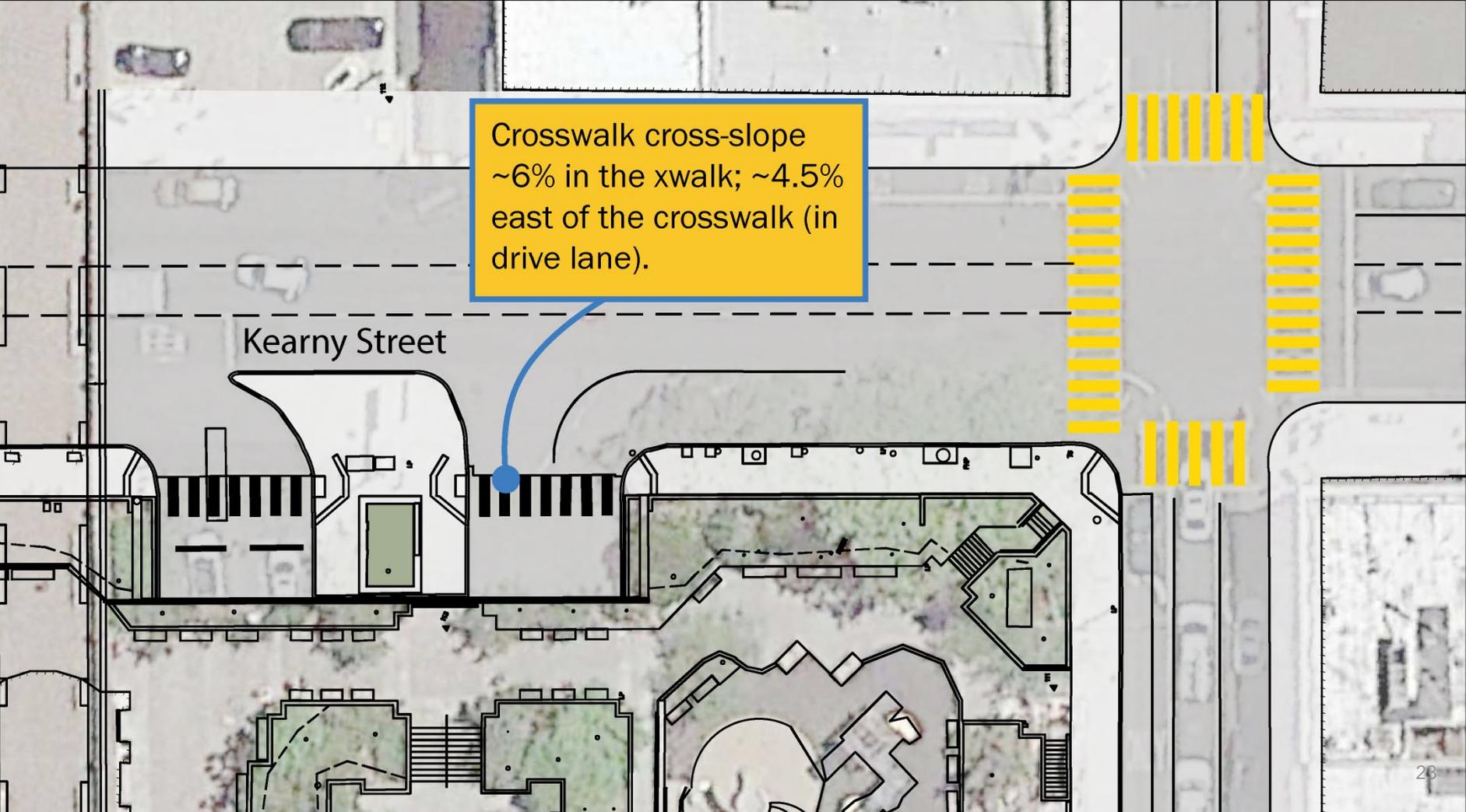


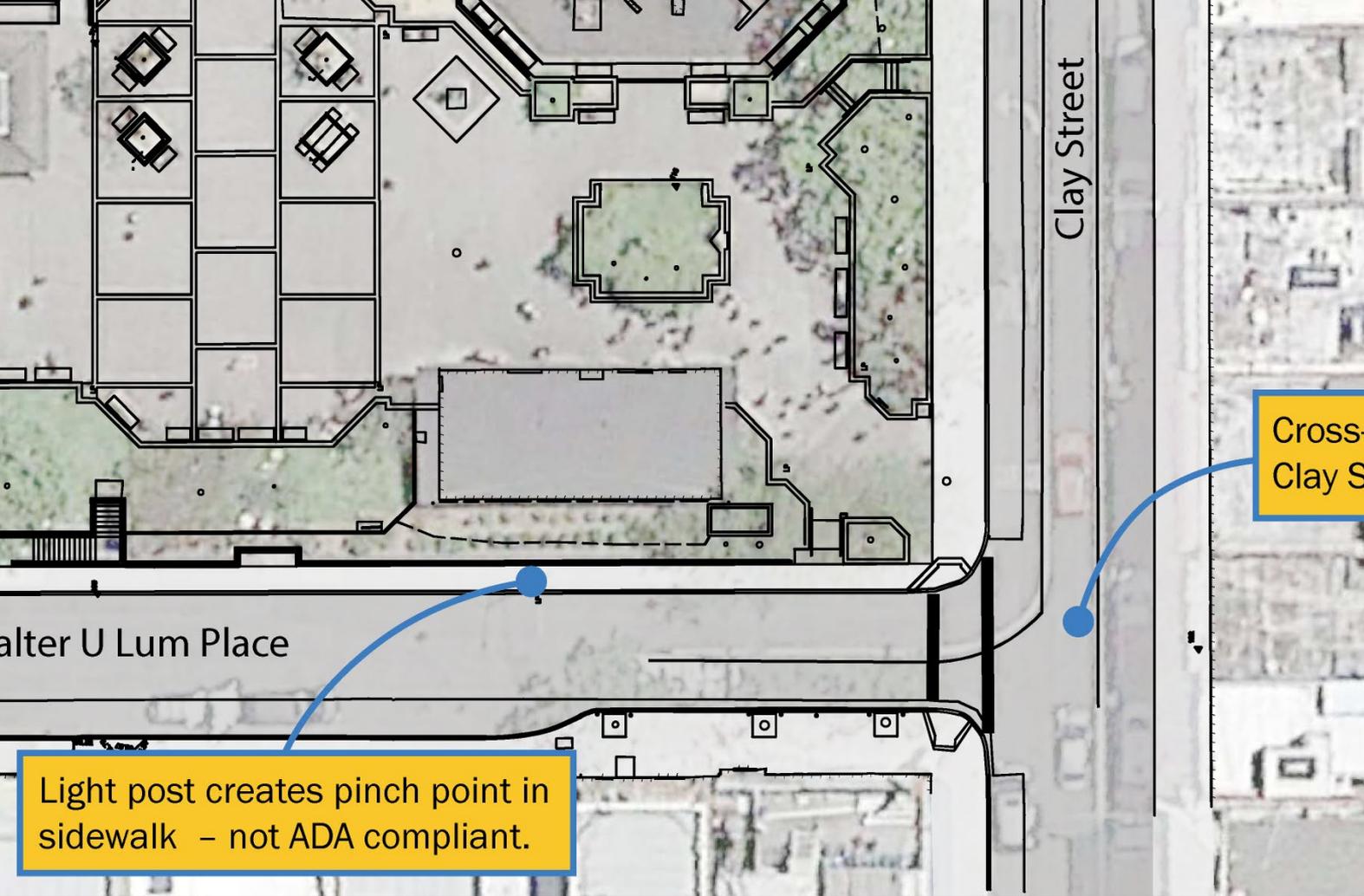
Missing directional curb ramps and cross-slopes >2% across Washington Street.



Crosswalk cross-slope
~6% in the xwalk; ~4.5%
east of the crosswalk (in
drive lane).

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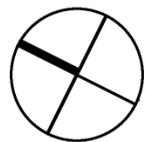


Clay Street

alter U Lum Place

Cross-slope >2% across Clay Street.

Light post creates pinch point in sidewalk - not ADA compliant.



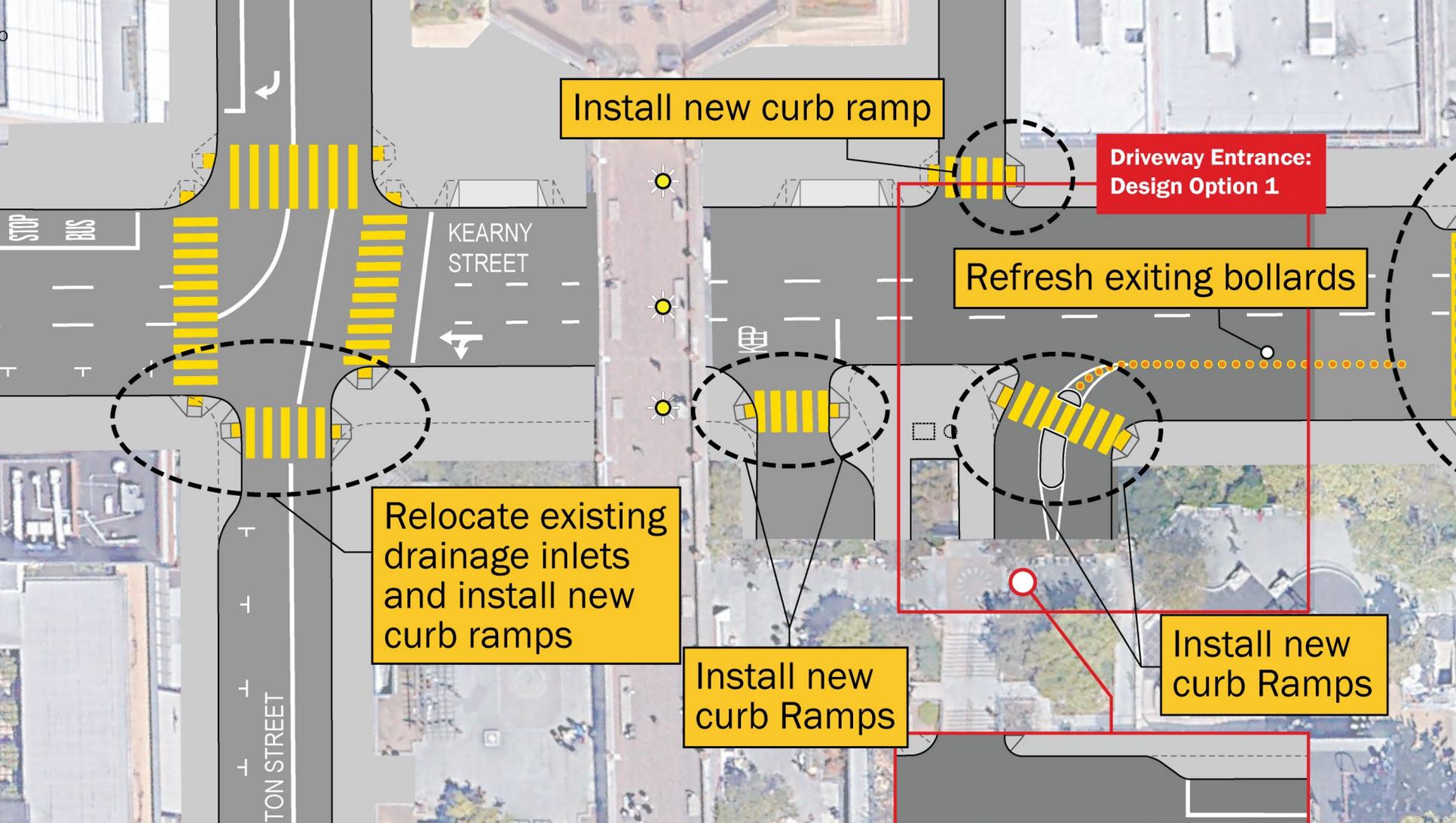
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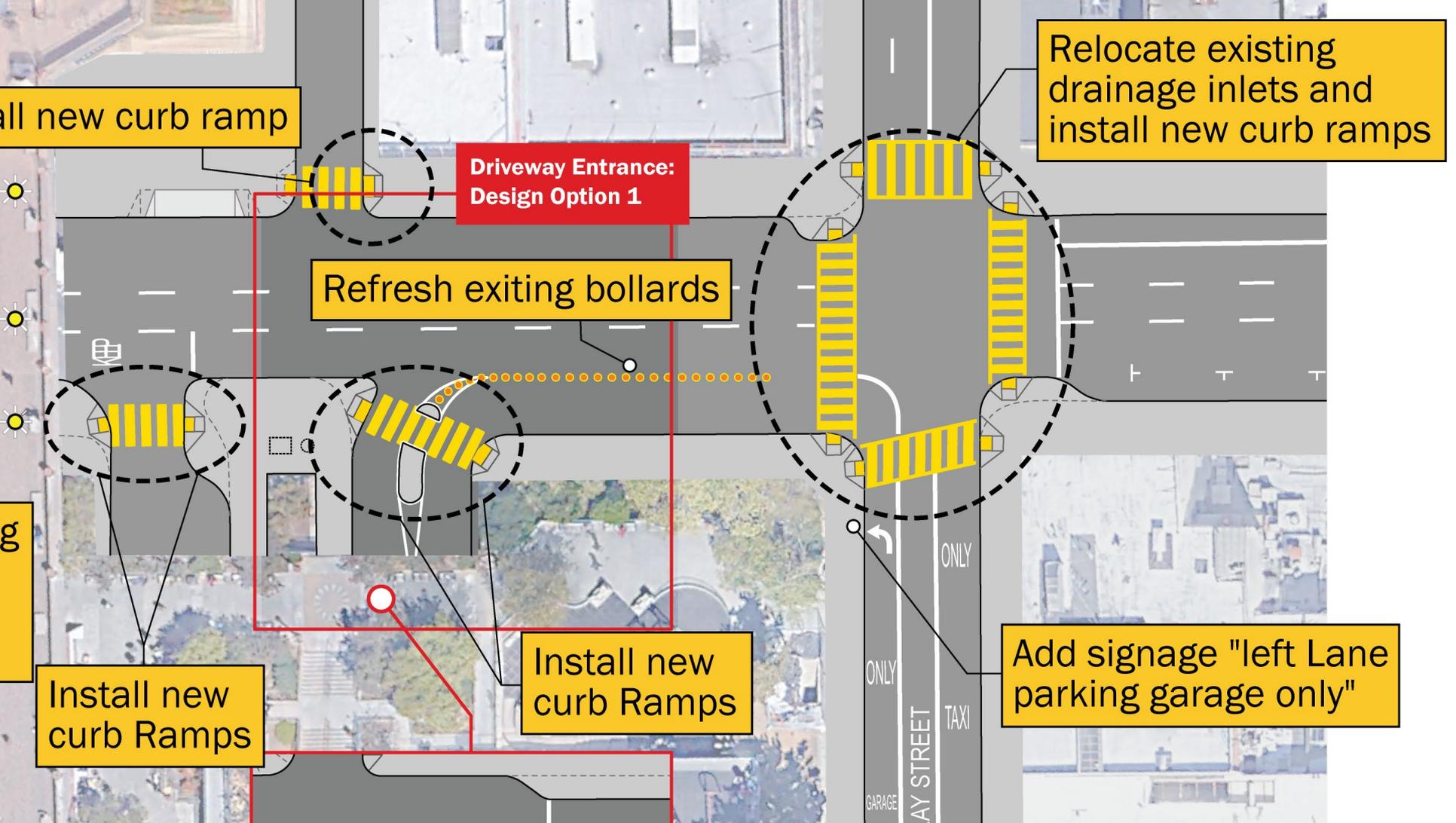
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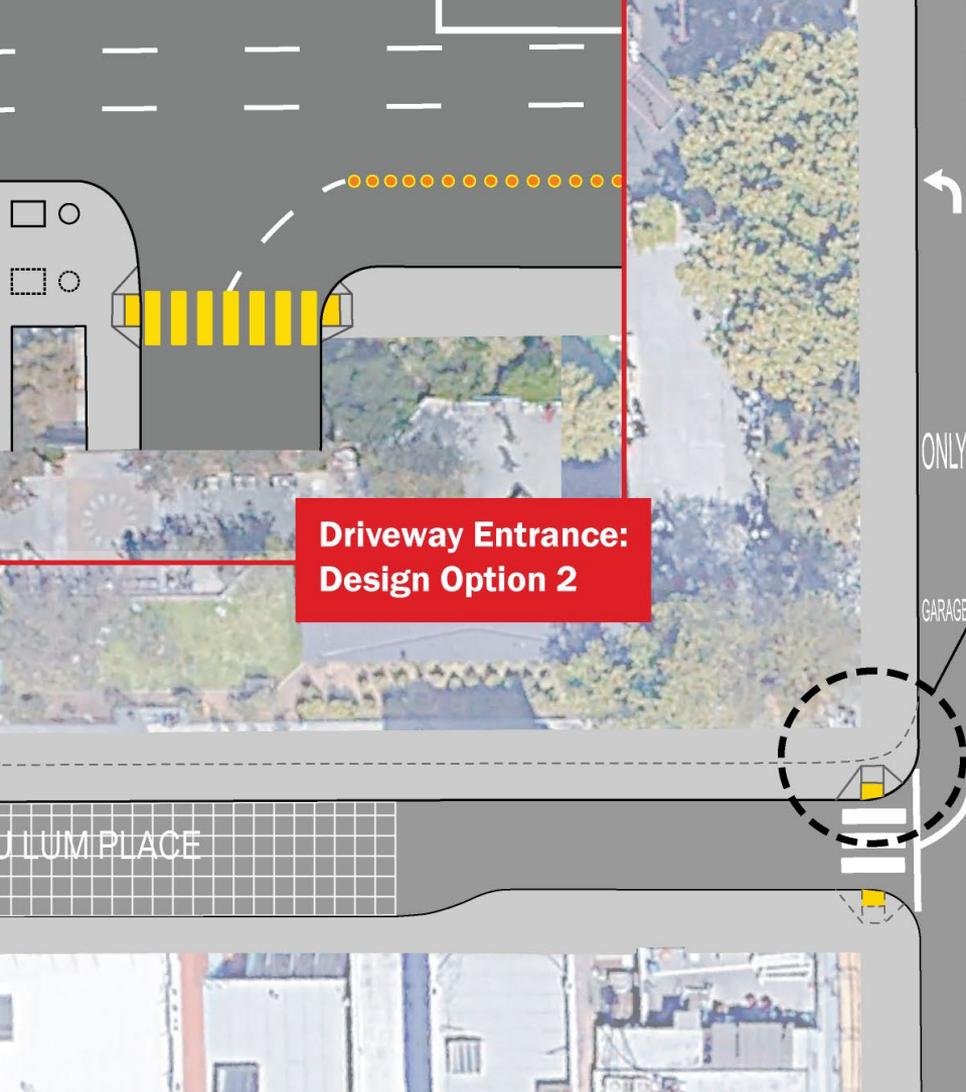
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Add signage "left Lane
parking garage only"

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**Driveway Entrance:
Design Option 2**

Install new curb Ramp

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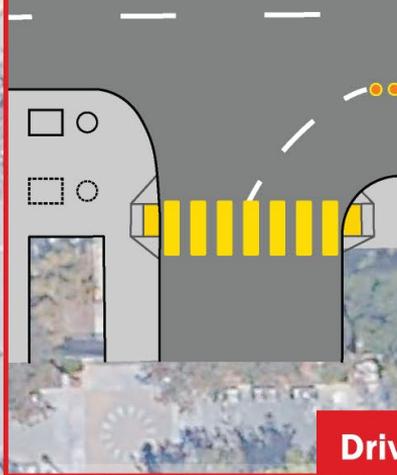
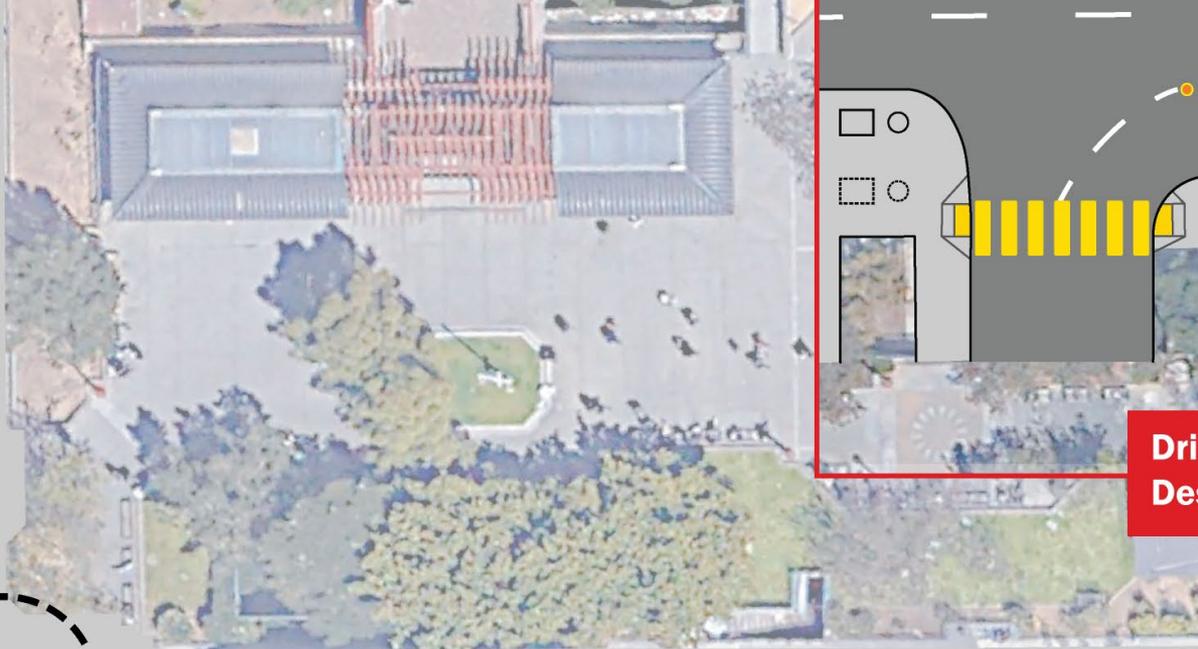
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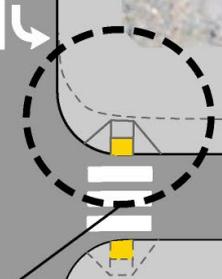
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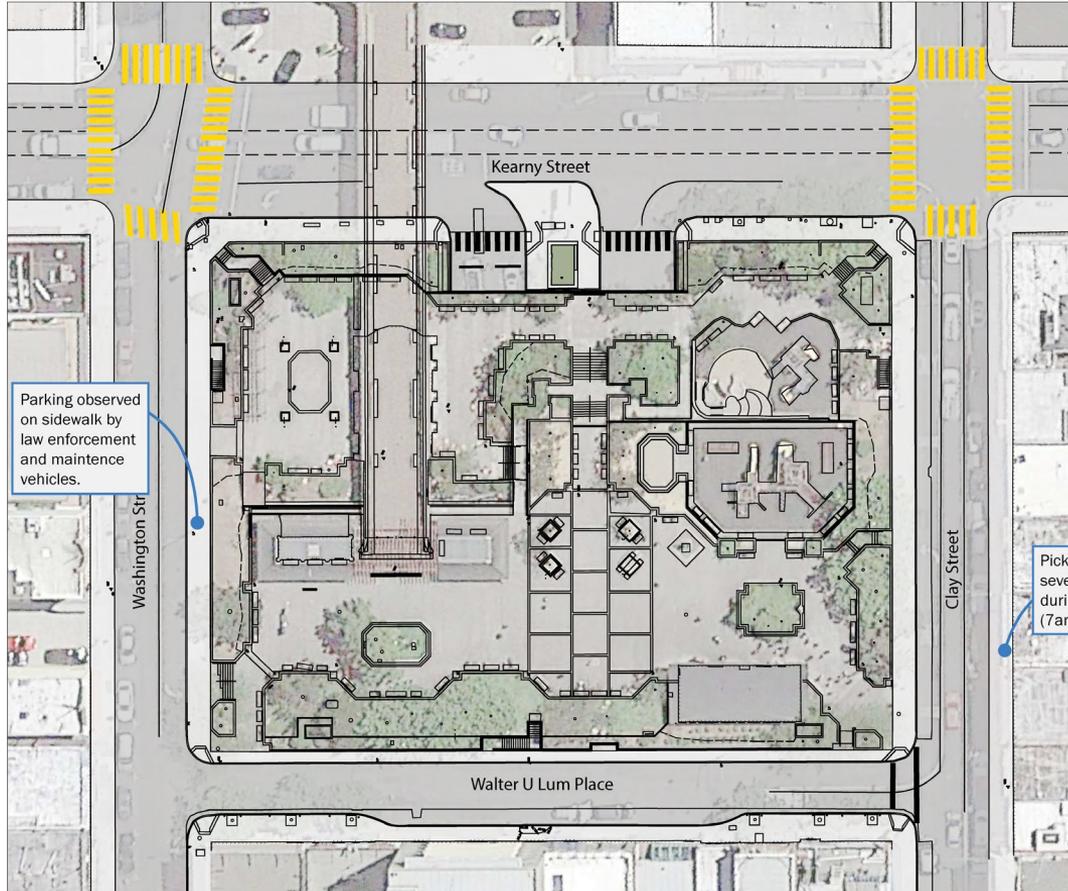
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Challenge: Loading Issues



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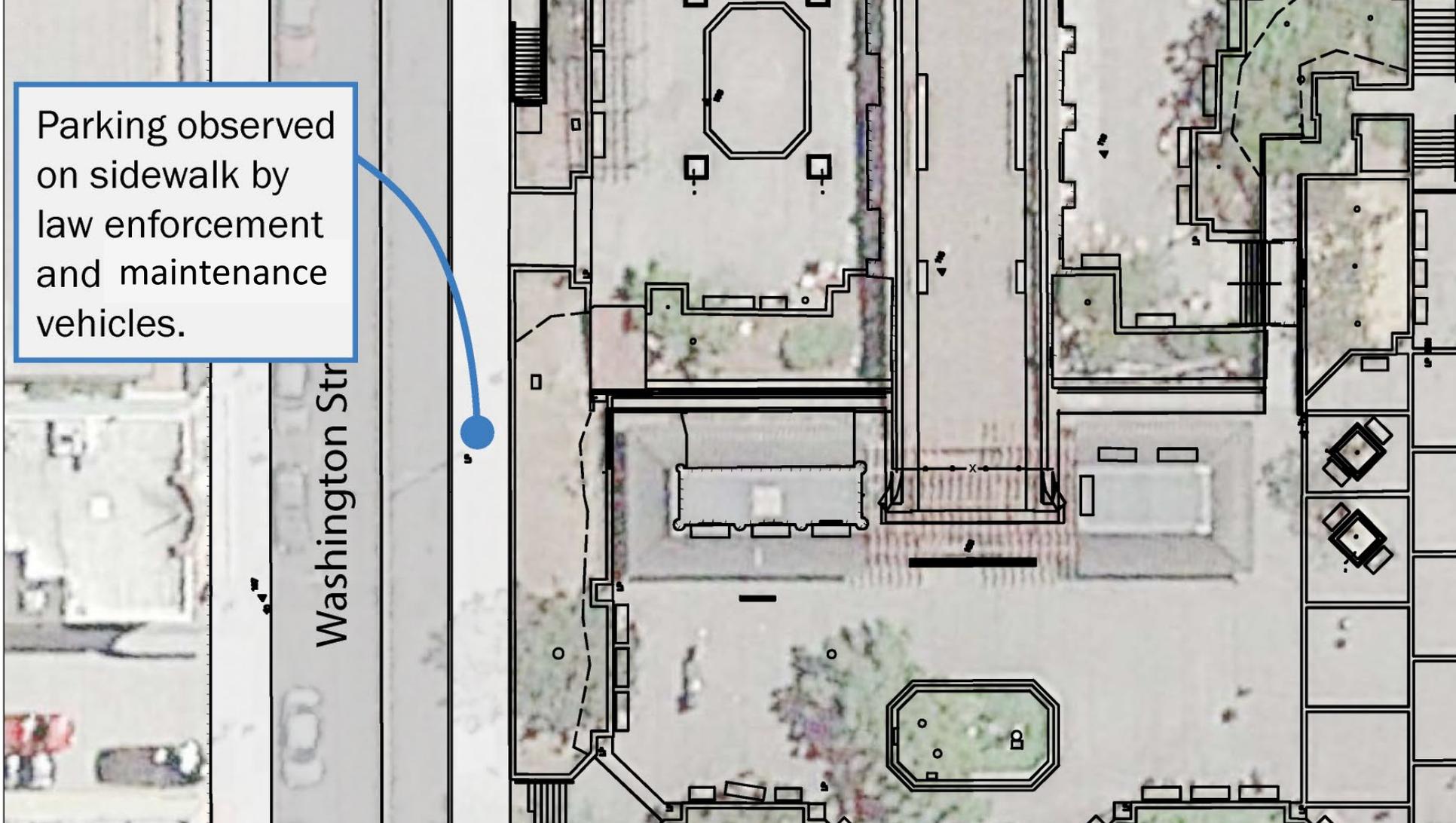
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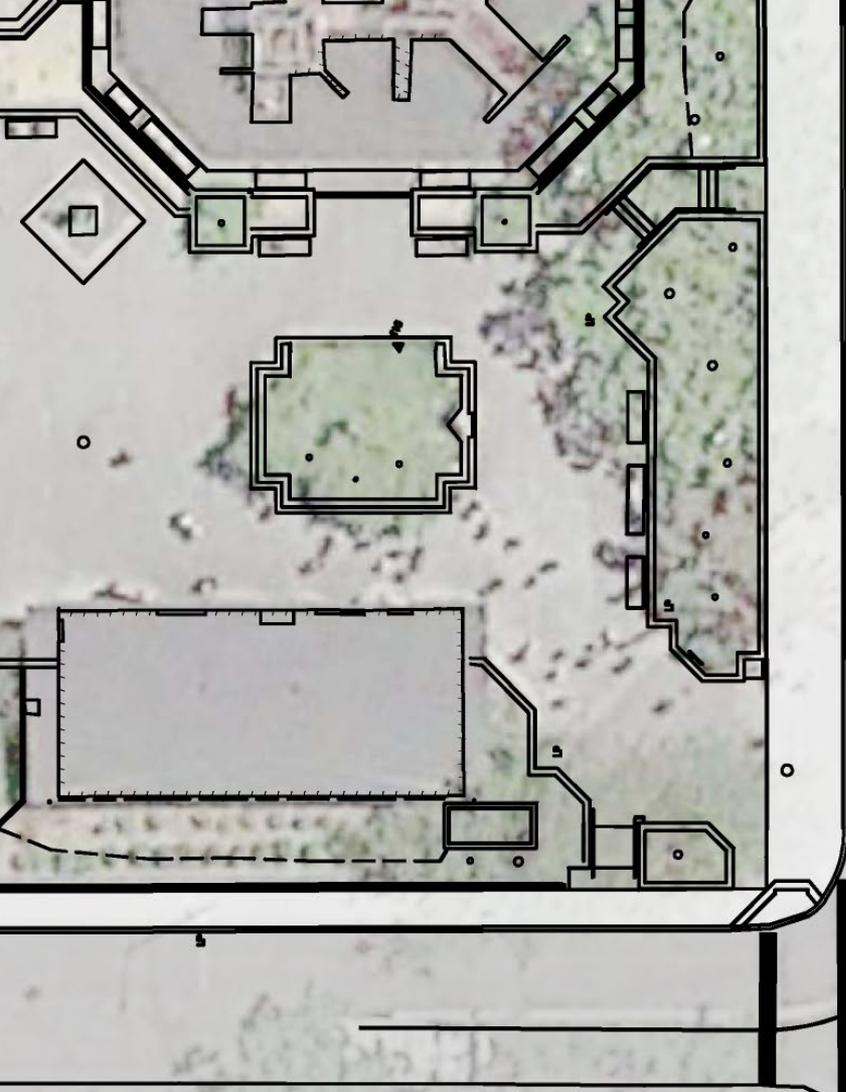
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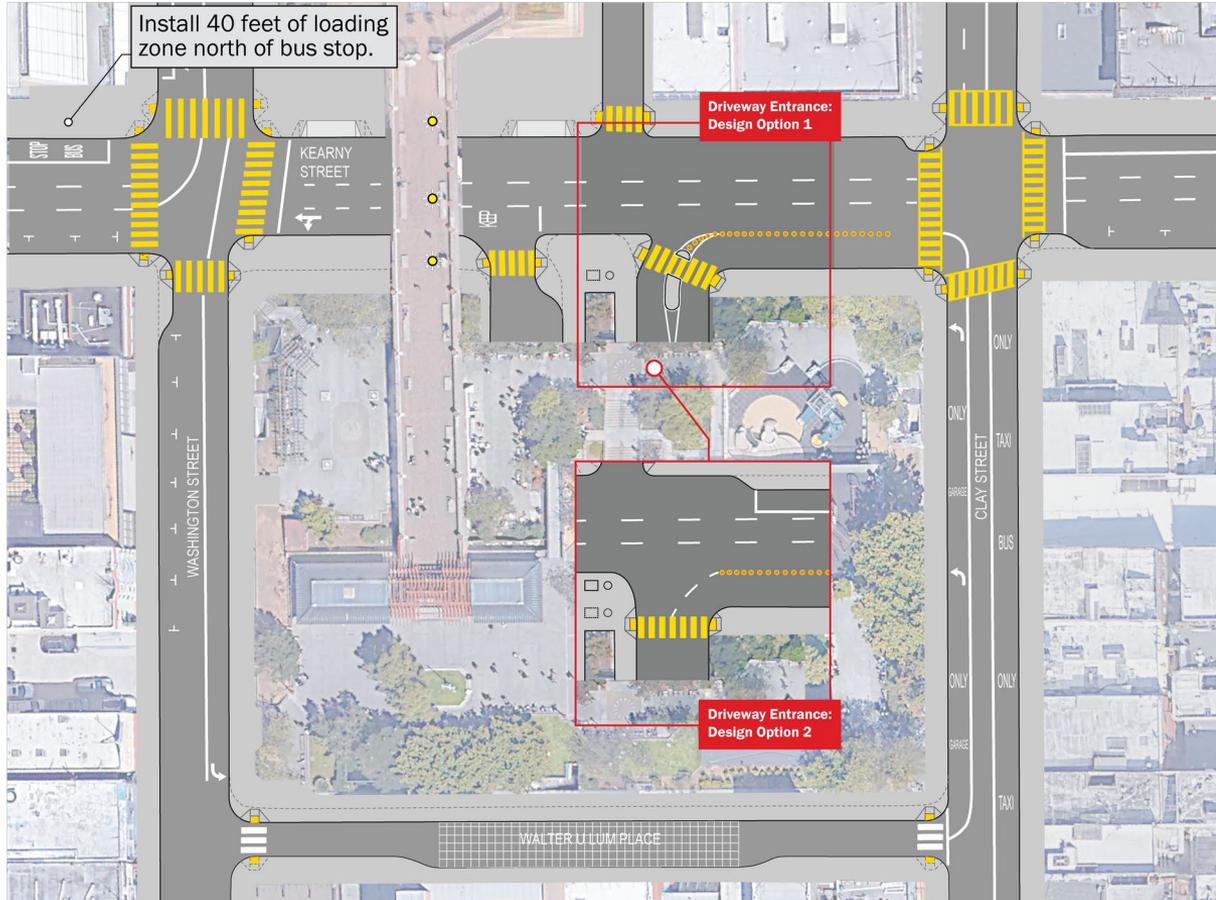
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Solutions: Loading



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Install 40 feet of loading zone north of bus stop.

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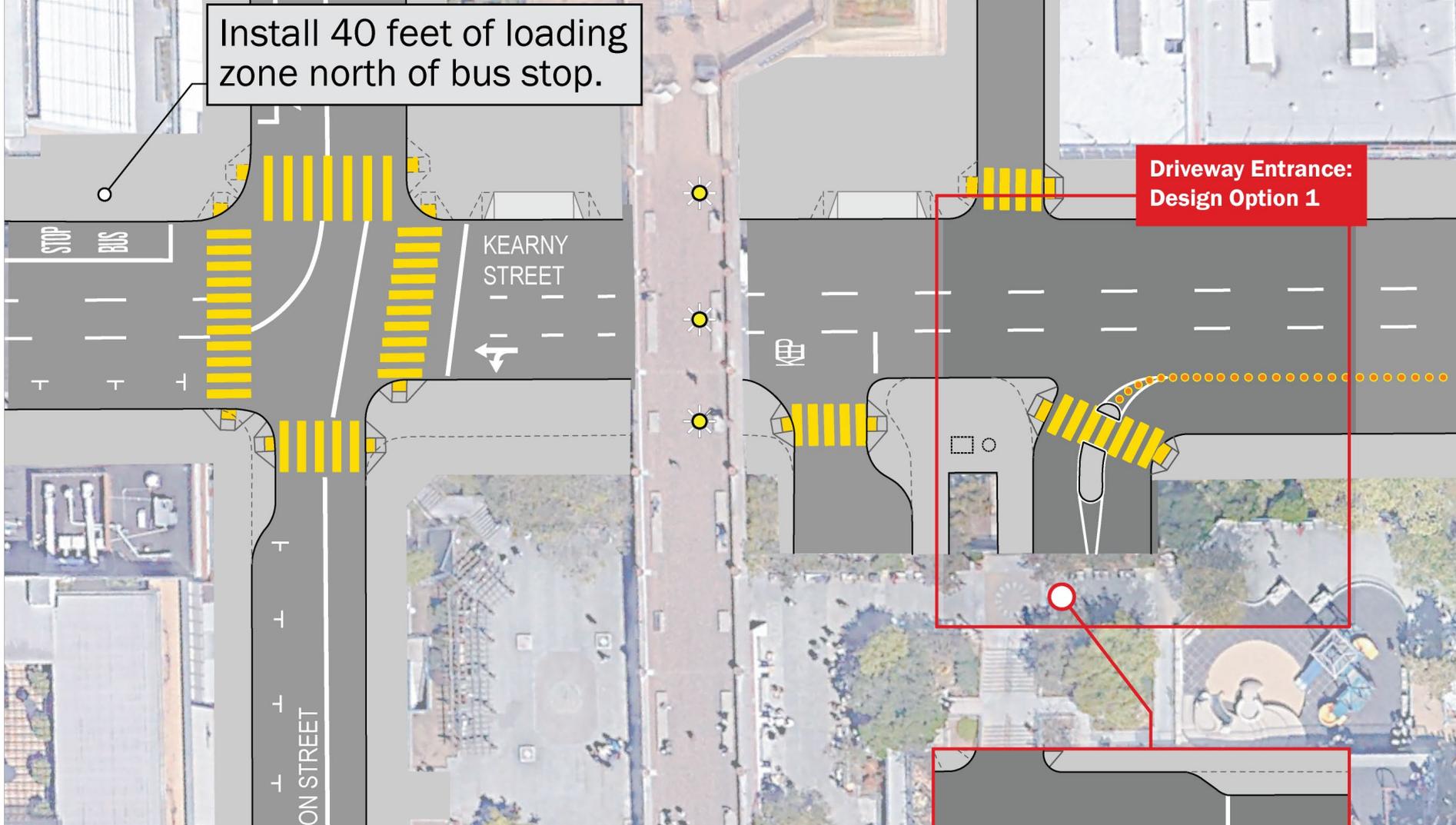
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Design Option 2

Increase enforcement of double parked vehicles stopping in transit-only lane.

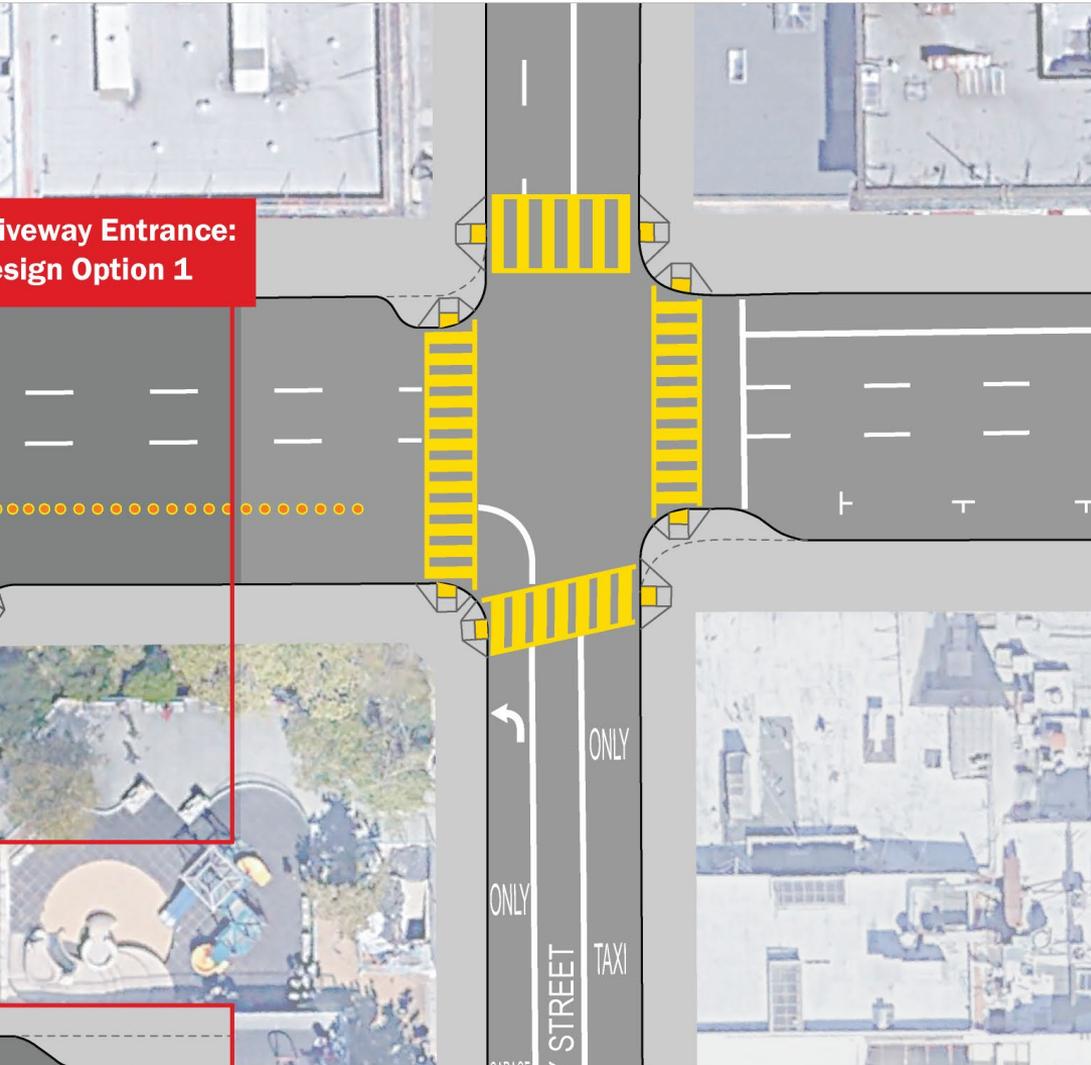
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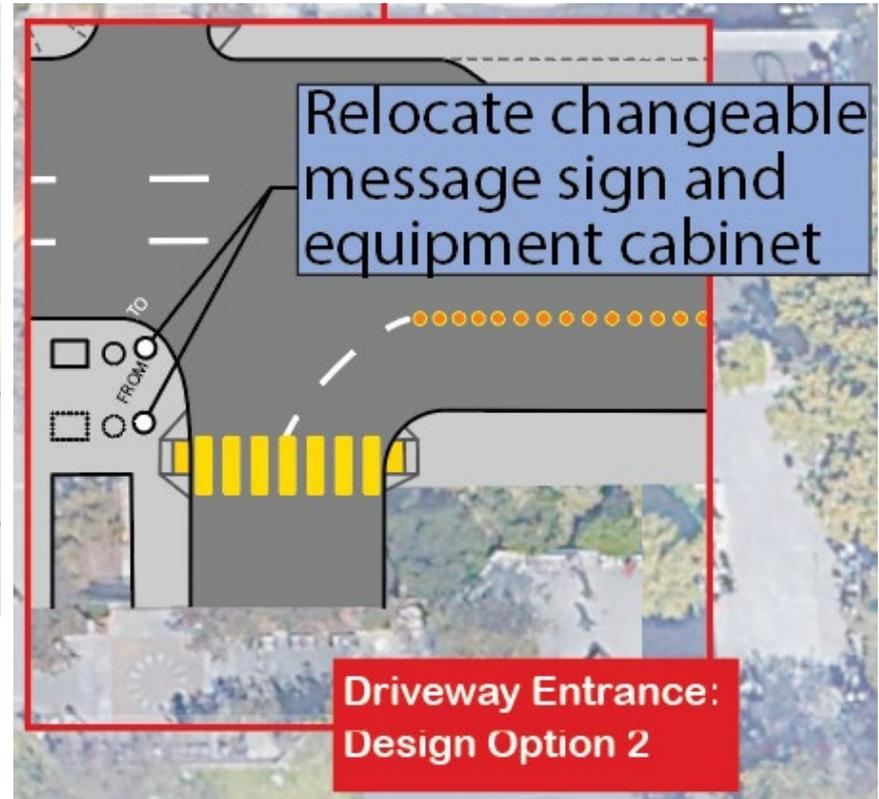
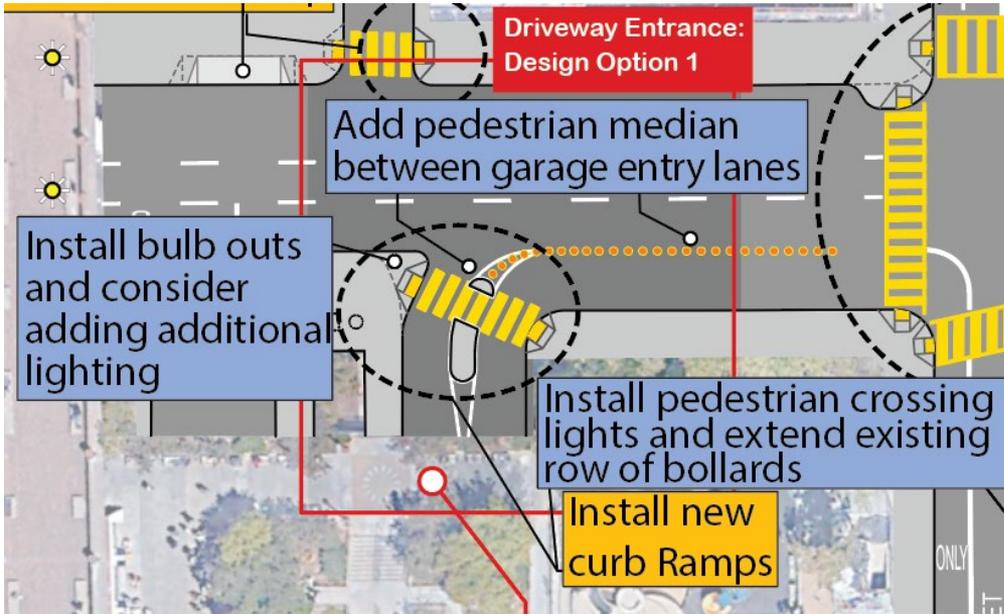
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Garage Entry Design Options



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Entry Option 1: Add Center Pedestrian Refuge Island

- Improved ADA accessibility
- Reduced pedestrian exposure and collision risk
- Drivers better able to yield
- Slower vehicle speeds entering the garage

- Drivers unable to change lanes
- Operation challenges for garage entry if a ticket machine is down

- **Cost & Feasibility:** ADA-compliance requires some regrading of the entry driveway at the relocated crosswalk. Does not require modifying plaza wing-walls

Entry Option 2: Move Changeable Message Sign and Cabinet, No Change to Garage Entry

- Improved ADA Accessibility
- Improved pedestrian visibility

- **Cost & Feasibility:** Requires regrading garage entry to provide ADA-compliant crosswalk due to existing cross-slope; may require modifying plaza wing-walls

Questions? (5min)



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- Please use the Raise your Hand function
- Or the Chat Box



We will now break into pre-assigned groups to discuss the following questions:

- Which category of improvements are most important to you? Are any specific improvement concepts especially important to you?
- Which of the garage configurations do you prefer?
- Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposed Portsmouth Square improvements?



- **What improvement concepts were identified as the most important?**
- **What improvement concepts were identified as a lower priority?**
- **Is there anything missing from the list of improvement concepts?**



- **Final Report**
- **Presentation to the SFCTA Citizens Advisory Committee and the Board of Commissioners in September 2020**

Thank you. Any Questions?

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