

# Walter U Lum Place Public Space Study



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# Study Overview

Examine various scenarios for a people-first Walter U Lum Place and design strategies to connect the alleyway with Portsmouth Square.

Recommends a concept design that responds to community input, addresses trade-offs between pedestrian and loading access, and could be compatible with Portsmouth Square renovation



*Walter U Lum Place, October 2024*

# Outreach

## Two rounds of outreach guided concept development and refinement

- Steering committee
- Multilingual surveys
- Community meetings
- Merchant focus groups



*Project staff presenting at Community Tenant's Association meeting, June 2024*



*Project staff at a pop-up event, November 2024*

# Concept Development

## Three potential design concepts

- Developed based on technical analysis and outreach findings
- Test physical solutions for the alleyway
- Get feedback on community interest in design features



*Overview of three potential design concepts, shared in round 2 outreach*



# Recommended Concept

## Main Features

- Widened, ADA-accessible sidewalk
- Stepped curb
- Modified loading lane
- Expanded, raised crosswalk at Clay Street
- Common paving materials and pattern with Portsmouth Square
- Option for temporary street closure
- Arts and culture opportunities through street furnishings



*Top: Rendering of recommended concept, open to vehicle traffic*

*Bottom: Rendering of recommended concept, closed to vehicle traffic with street festival*

# Implementation Plan

- Detailed design and construction cost estimates
  - Detailed design: \$870,000
  - Construction: \$4,350,000
- Potential funding sources
- Timing needed to align with Portsmouth Square renovation



*Pedestrians on Walter U Lum Place, 2023*

# Thank you.

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