

Henry Street Bridge Public Meeting

May 9, 2023

Indianapolis DPW Updates



AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Henry Street Bridge Purpose & Need
- What we've heard in past meetings
- Historic & Archaeological Updates
- Henry Street Bridge Updates
- Timelines for Design & Construction
- Break-out for Questions and Open Viewing





Henry Street Bridge Purpose

Purpose:

- To provide added vehicular & pedestrian connectivity between the west side of Indianapolis and downtown
- To reduce existing congestion on adjacent roadways (Oliver Avenue & Washington Street)

Henry Street Bridge Need

Need:

- To address existing and expected congestion due to development
- To provide improved access to area facilities

The proposed bridge crossing would provide another east-west connection across the White River, making travel to and within the area more attractive for vehicular traffic and pedestrians, and would reduce congestion experienced at nearby intersections.

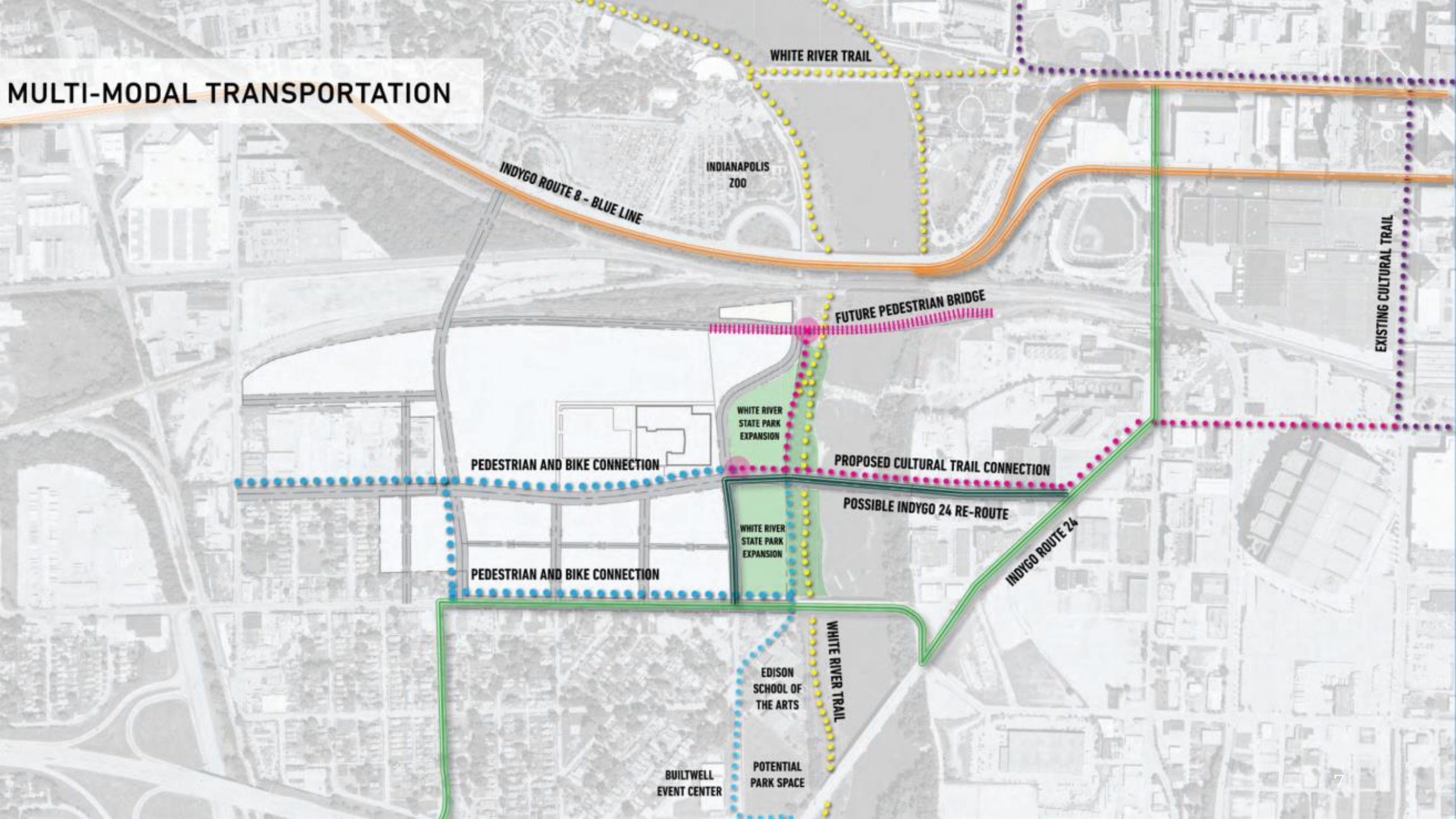
CONCEPT PLAN



Henry St Bridge

- PROJECT SITE
- - - ELANCO CAMPUS
- - - PARCEL 1 (PART OF IEDC PARCEL)
- - - MIXED USE - OFFICE (PART OF IEDC PARCEL)
- - - MIXED USE - RESIDENTIAL (PART OF IEDC PARCEL)
- - - WHITE RIVER STATE PARK (PART OF IEDC PARCEL)
- - - UNDETERMINED USE (PART OF IEDC PARCEL)

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION



Historic & Archaeological Consultants

Assembled An Accomplished Team of Professionals

- Team of specialists including researchers, archivists, historians, archaeologists, bio-archaeologists, including the former State Archaeologist
- All with advanced degrees in their respective fields;
- Years of experience in Indiana and Indianapolis history
- Researcher who has spent years studying the history of the former Greenlawn Cemetery
- Experience in exhuming burials in various settings
- Expert in the exhuming African American burials

Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Where are we in the process?

- Completed the Section 106 Study
- National Register-listed or -eligible resources affected
 - Indianapolis Park & Boulevard System HD
 - Diamond Chain Company
- Memorandum of Agreement signed November 2, 2022
- A Tree Study and Photo Documentation submitted to Corps – Comment period ended March 10, 2023
- Photo documentation completed
- Implementation of plan for natural enhancements and final report

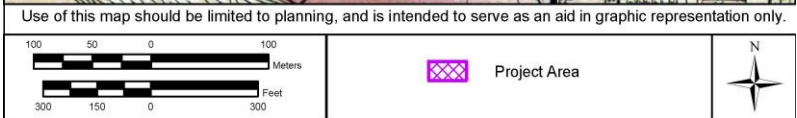
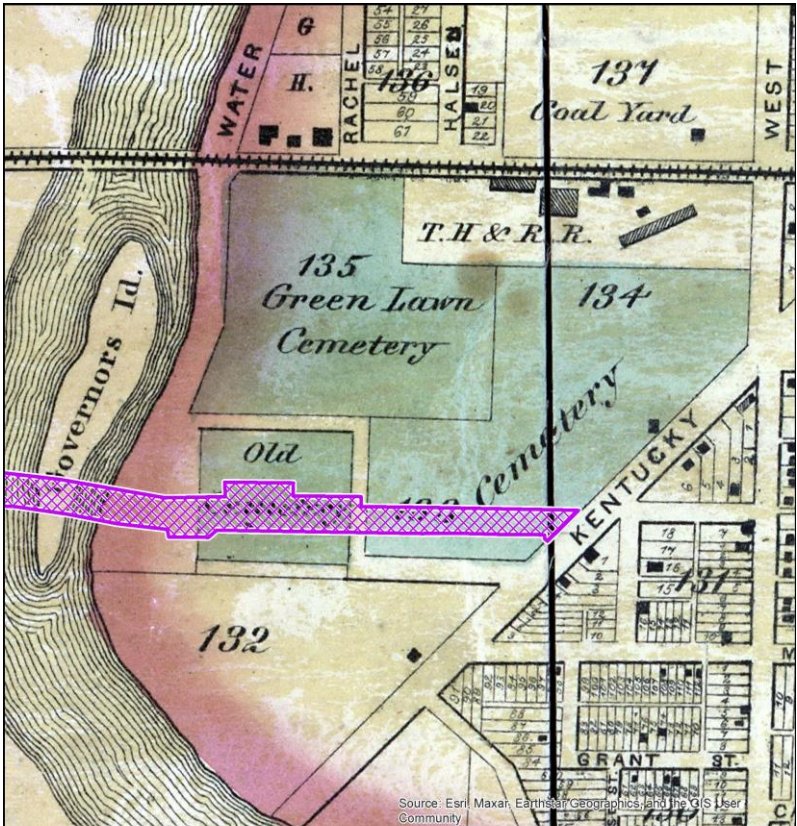
Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Archaeological Study: Burial Ground

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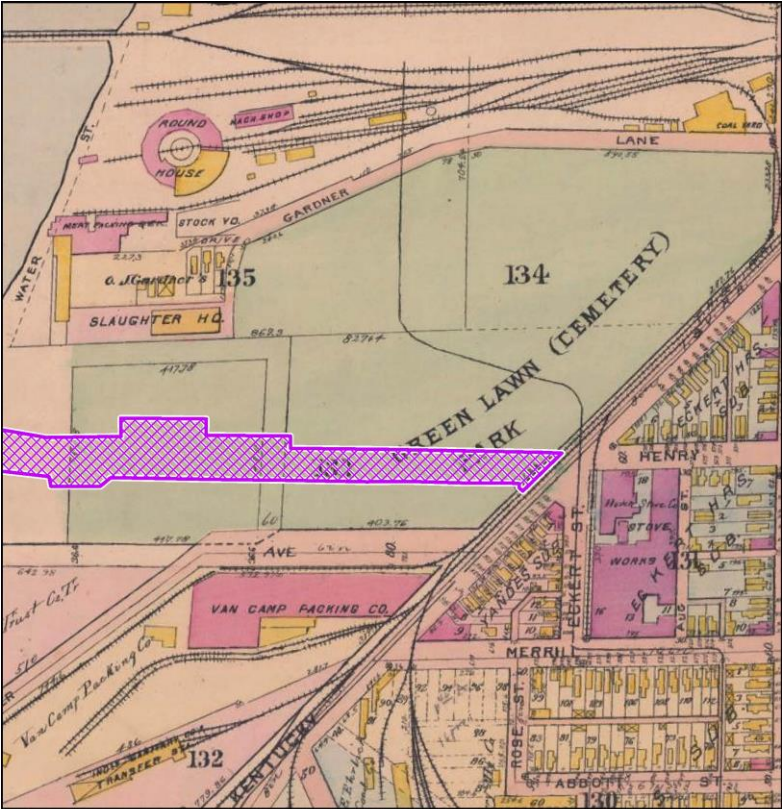
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Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Archaeological Study: Other uses of area

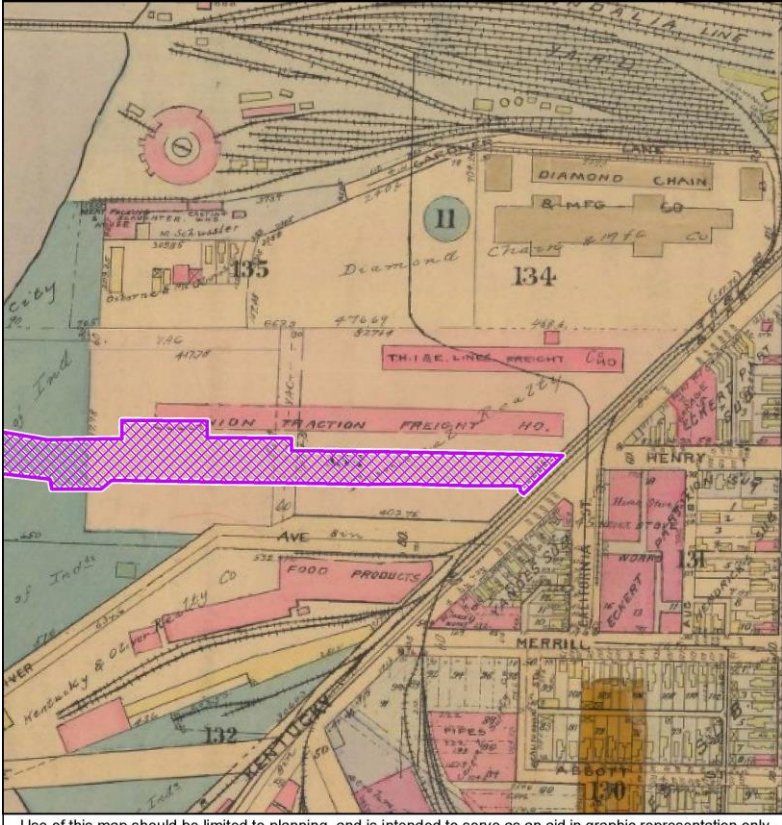
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1927



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Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Archaeological Study: Current uses of area



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Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Archaeological Study: Monitoring during construction. What happens if human remains are encountered?

- **On-Site** Archaeologists monitoring excavation required for the roadway construction
- **Stop** all work stops 100 feet of discovery
- **Contact** the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology and local law enforcement

Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Monitoring during construction. What happens if human remains are encountered?

- **Secure** the area; respectful treatment
- **Document** human remains
- **Remove** human remains to a secure facility at IUPUI
- Respectfully **analyze** by qualified professionals
- **Re-bury** in a local cemetery
- City will convene a **community advisory group** to engage on historical & archaeological findings

Historic & Archaeological Considerations

Memorials and Commemoration

- **Acknowledge & recognize** what is found
- **Seeking community input** on what this looks like
- Locations for **markers and art** are being planned in the ROW
- Undetermined what markers or art will look like until we know more information
- **We have a plan, and are continuing to examine ways we can be responsive to community feedback**

What we have heard at the previous meeting:

- Connectivity for all non-vehicular users
- Circles were greatly liked by stakeholders and the public
- Circles feel unique, iconic, grabs attention, statement for the City, alters the skyline positively
- Artistic, visual prominence – doesn't look like a highway bridge
- Can lighting be included?
- Can art be incorporated?

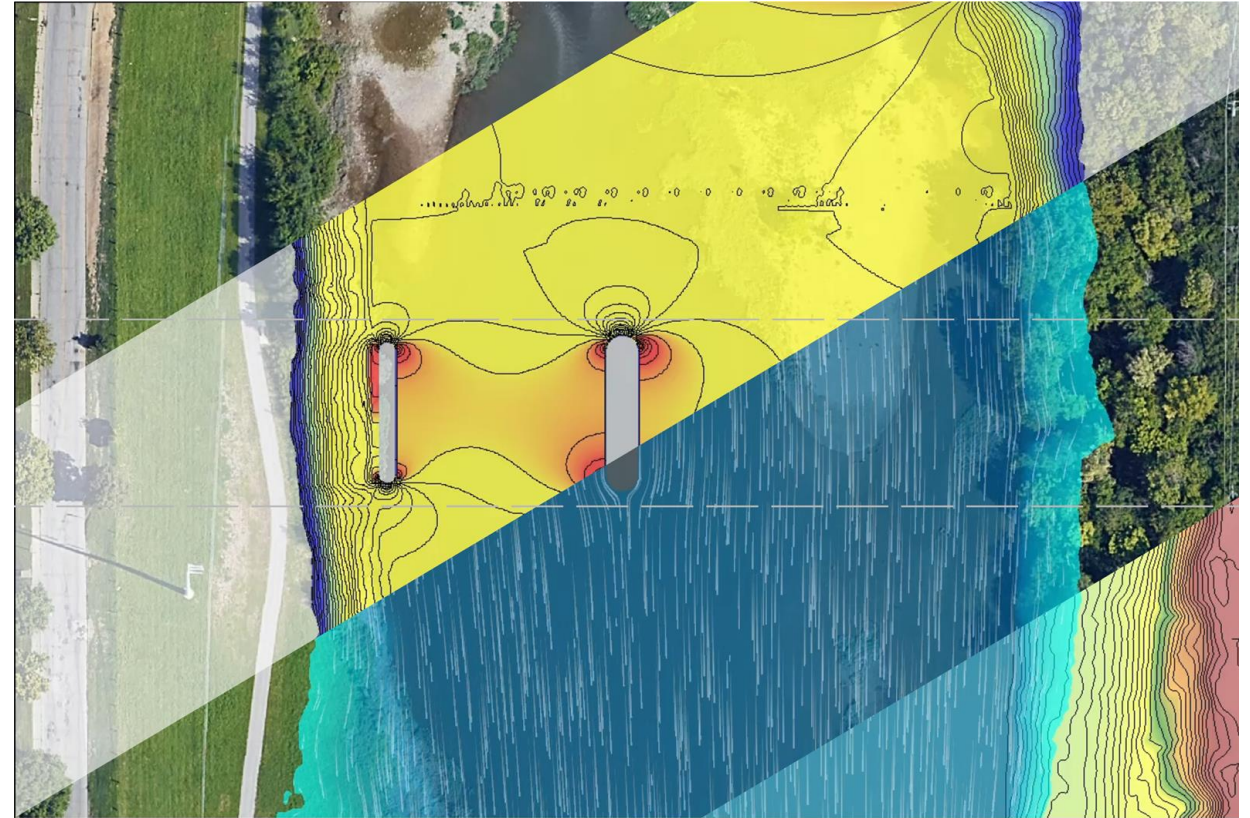
Henry Street Bridge Design

Discussion of development of design based on prior public meetings

- Determined through public input that the Circle City Gateway was the preferred option
- Design was developed and iterated upon into what we are presenting today
- Added featured "Community Identity and History" element areas and art placement locations
- Added connectivity with the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, over the bridge

Henry Street Bridge Design

- White River Hydraulics
 - Structure size
 - Orientation
 - Low profile in the river
- Multi-modal crossing with a focus on pedestrian space, multi-use trails, and amenities
- "S" alignment for signature look, unique bridge shape, and function
- Ultimately tasked with a bridge that met waterway, environmental, and budgetary constraints



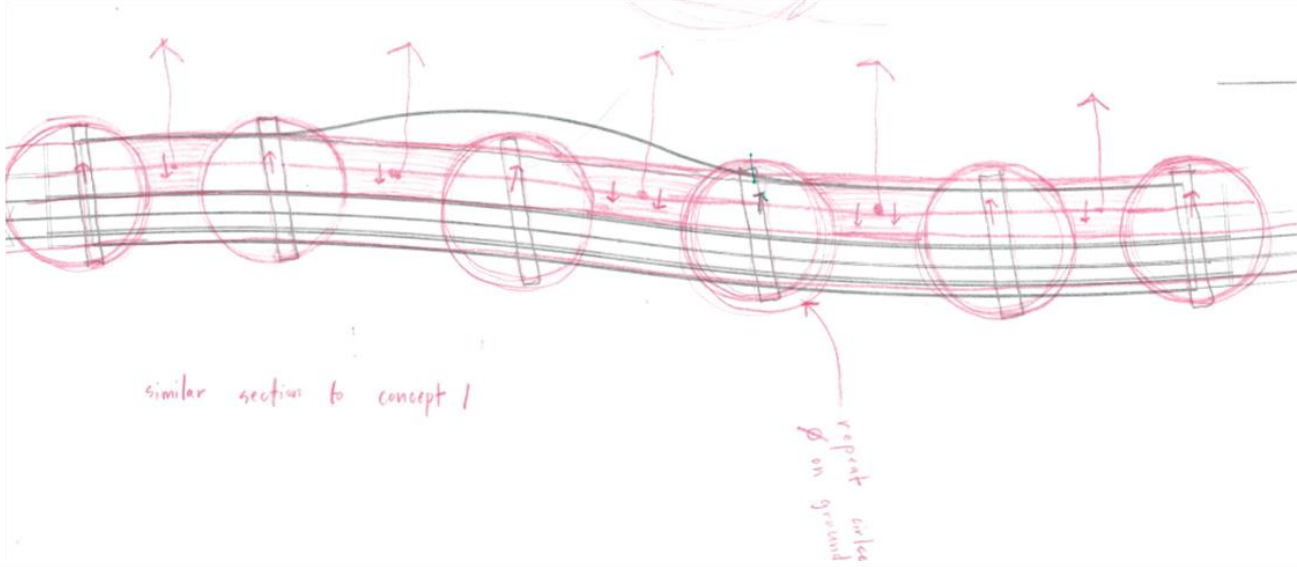
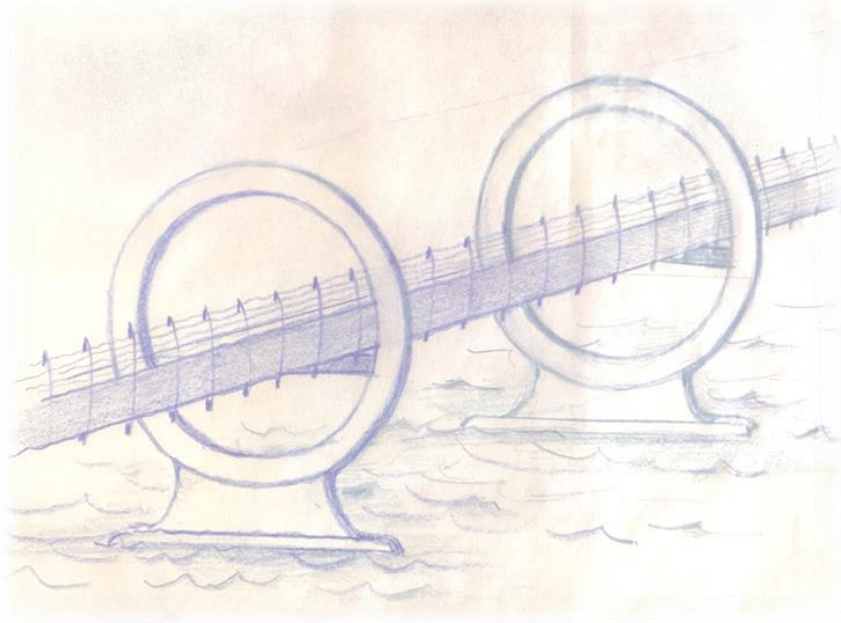
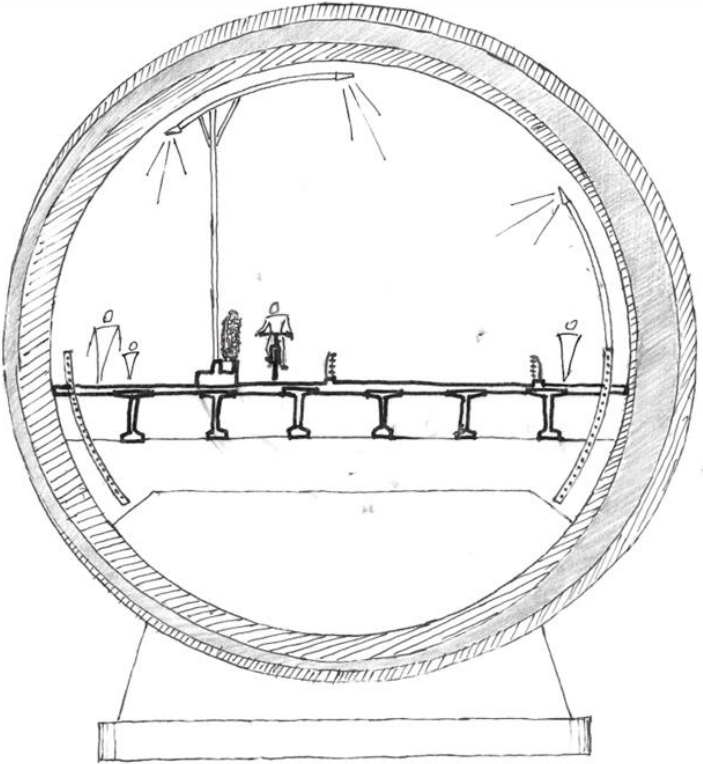
An aerial, grayscale photograph of a city square. In the center is a tall, ornate monument on a tiered base. Surrounding the square are several large, multi-story buildings. One prominent building has "PENNEY CO." visible on its facade. The square is paved and has some trees and streetlights. The overall scene is a historical or urban setting.

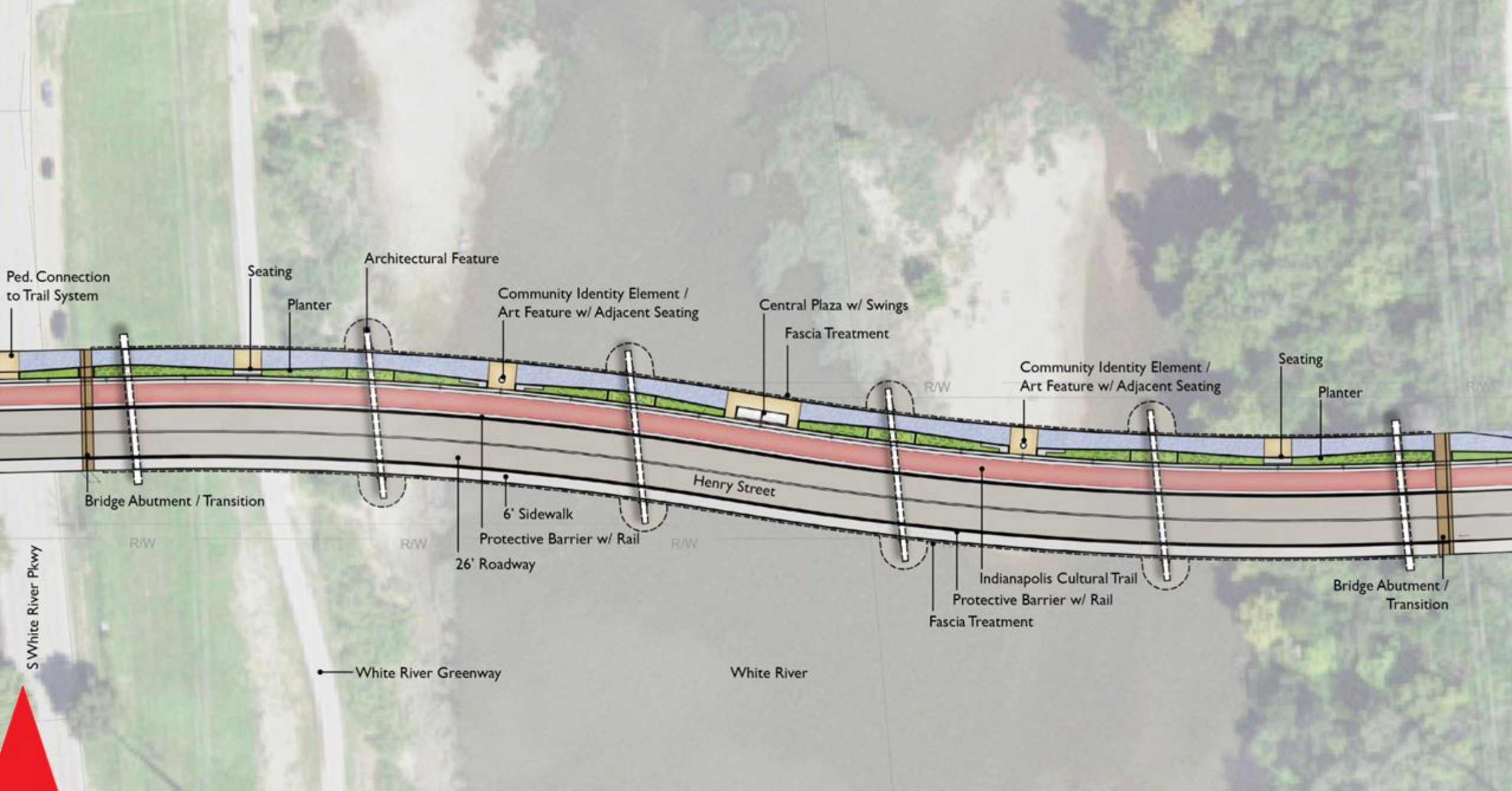
Circle City Gateway

Design Statement: This concept is inspired by Indianapolis as the Circle City and its role as the Crossroads of America. The circular gateways symbolize a center at the crossroads, and thresholds that mark renewal. Users are transported by threading through the series of gateways, connecting them to significant destinations on either side of the White River, but also weaving them into the history of the Circle City.

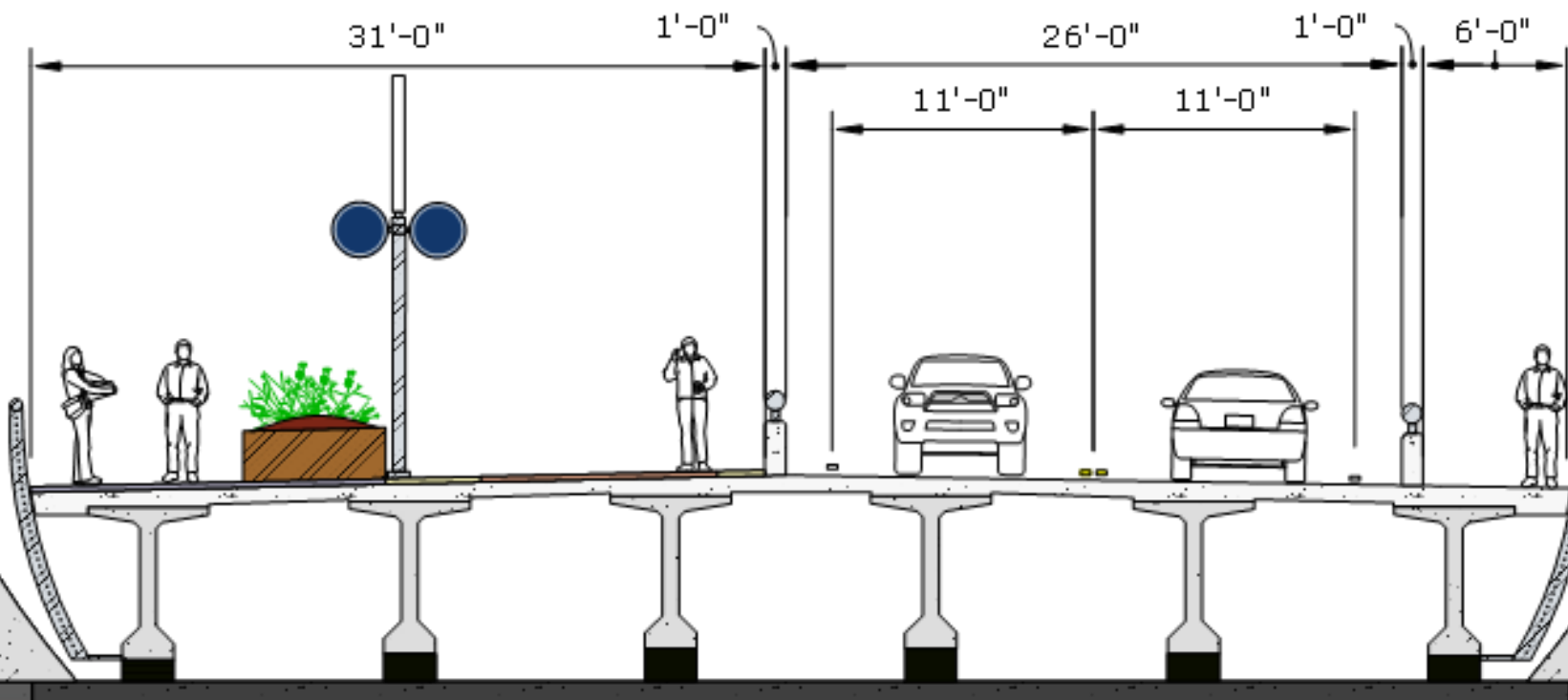
Henry Street Bridge Design

Circle Concept Sketches...





60% Pedestrian 40% Vehicular





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Henry Street Bridge Design

Opportunities for Community Engagement for art, memorial, plaques, commemorations

- 2 dedicated plazas on the bridge
- Additional opportunities to be determined with stakeholder engagement

Opportunities for Community Engagement



Timelines for Design & Construction

Roads – West side of the White River

90% design – June 2023

Procurement – August 2023

Construction Begins – September 2023

Construction Complete – November 2024

Timelines for Design & Construction

Bridge & Henry Street east of White River

Bridge Preferred Alternative

90% design – August 2023

Procurement – October 2023

Construction Begins – November 2023

Construction Complete – March 2026

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Break-out for Questions and Exhibits