



# ROC THE RIVERWAY

## PONT DE RENNES & BROWNS RACE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Public Meeting #2

March 16, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



City of Rochester, NY  
Malik D. Evans, Mayor  
Rochester City Council



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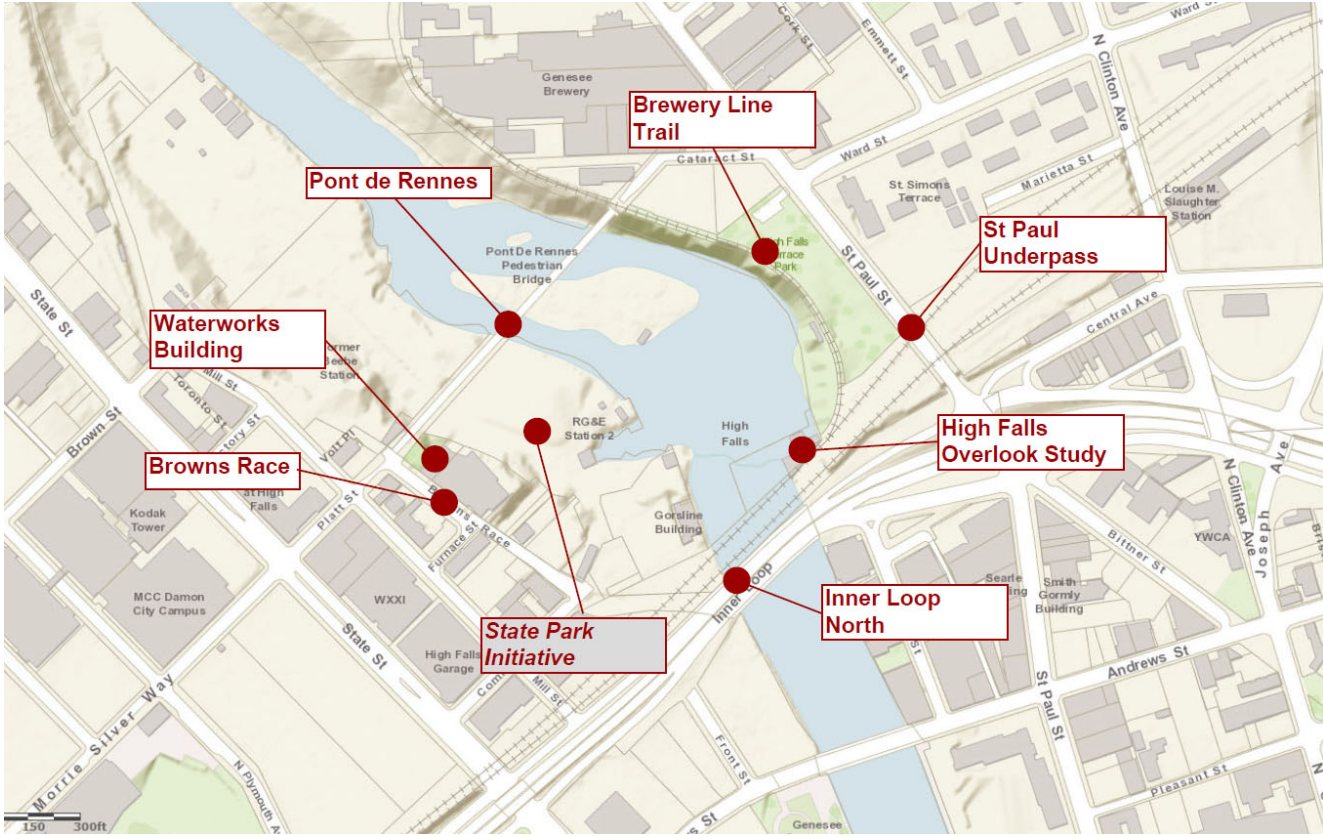
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# Agenda

- Area Projects
- General Project Overview
- Draft Conceptual Alternatives
- Q&A / Discussion

# Area Projects

# Area Projects



# Project Investments

	Project	Phase	Budget	Funding Source
1	Pont de Rennes	Preliminary design	\$ 8.9 M	State (RTR) / City
2	Browns Race	Preliminary design	\$ 1.8 M	City
3	Brewery Line Trail	Award / construction (spring)	\$ 1.6 M	DASNY / State (RTR) / City
4	High Falls Overlook Study	Complete	\$ 0.15 M	State (RTR)
5	Inner Loop North Study	Report	\$ 1.0 M	State (RTR)
6	St Paul Underpass	Concept	\$ 0.50 M	RTR / City
7	Waterworks Building	Concept	\$ 5.0 M (phase 1)	State (ESD) / State (OPRHP) / City
8	<i>NY State Park Initiative</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>\$ 6.0 M</i>	<i>State</i>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18.95 M+</b>	

← \$100M State's budget proposal

← Visitors Center

← \$10 M+ over multiple years

# Future Area Investments



High Level  
Conceptual Design

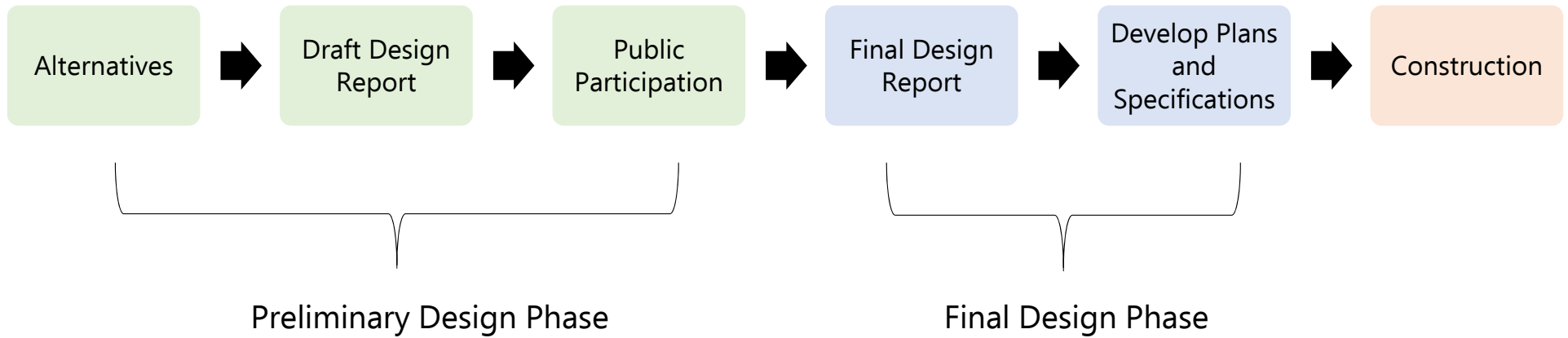


High Level Conceptual  
Design. NYSDOT  
beginning Public Input  
Process.

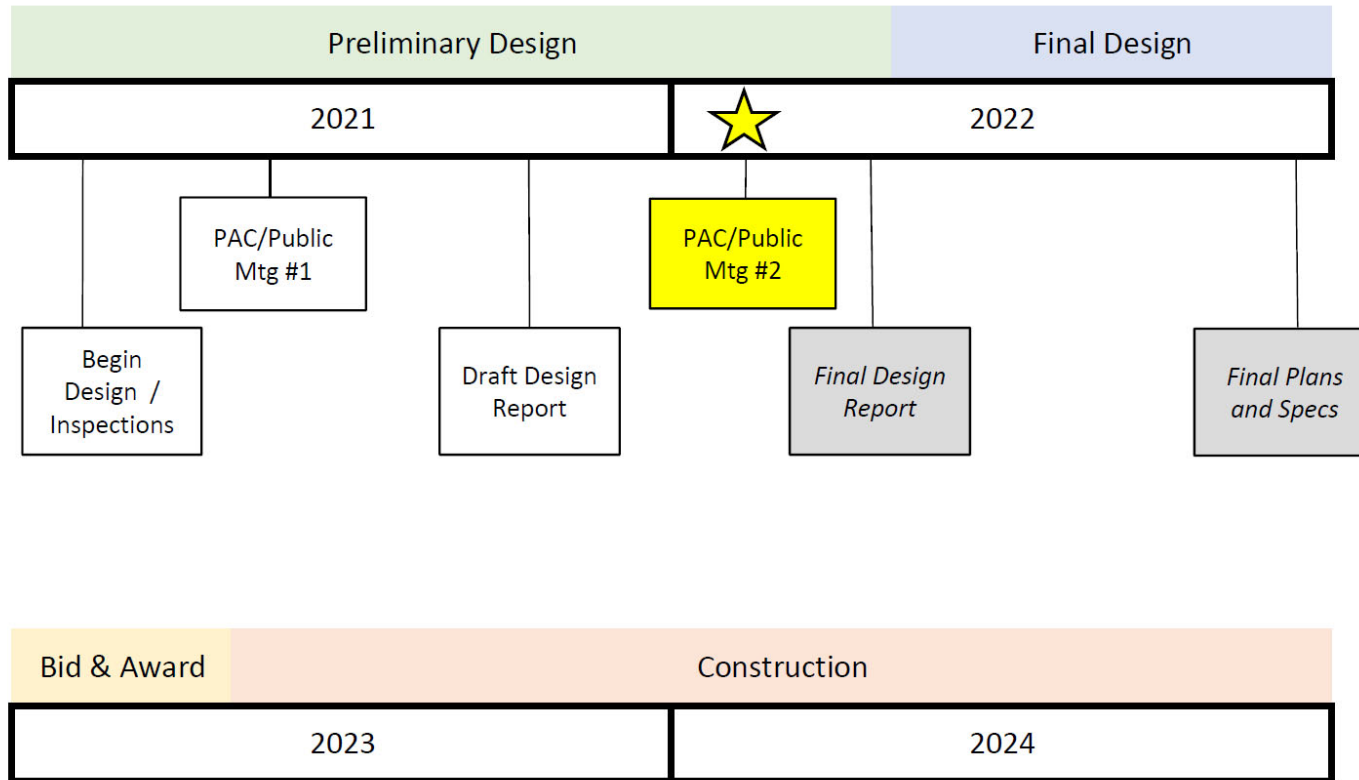
# General Project Overview



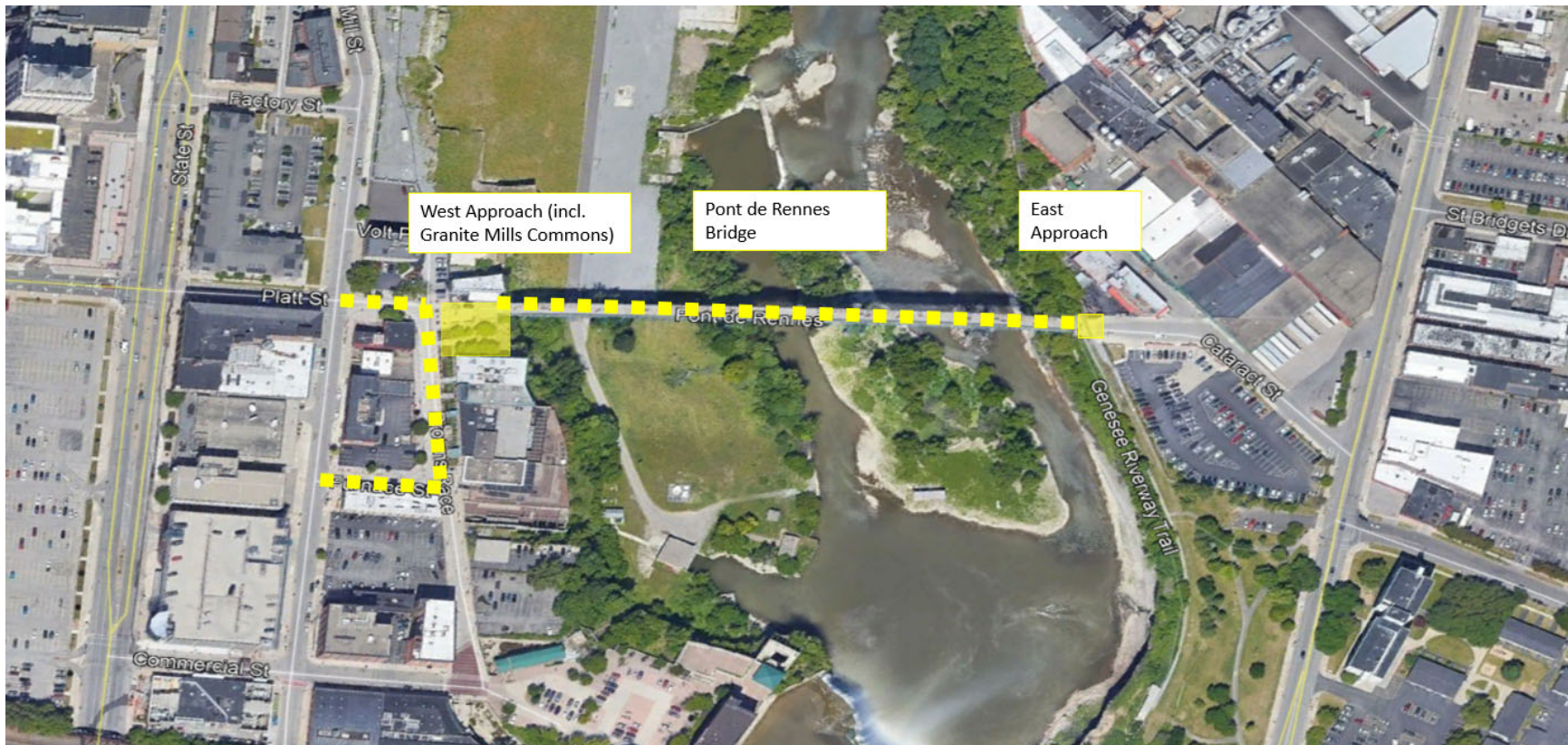
# Project Process



# Project Schedule

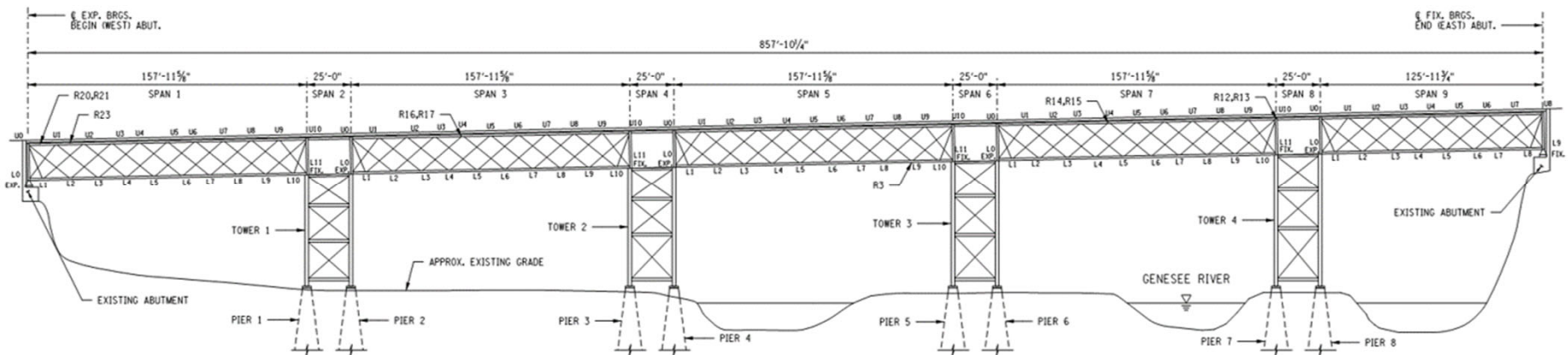


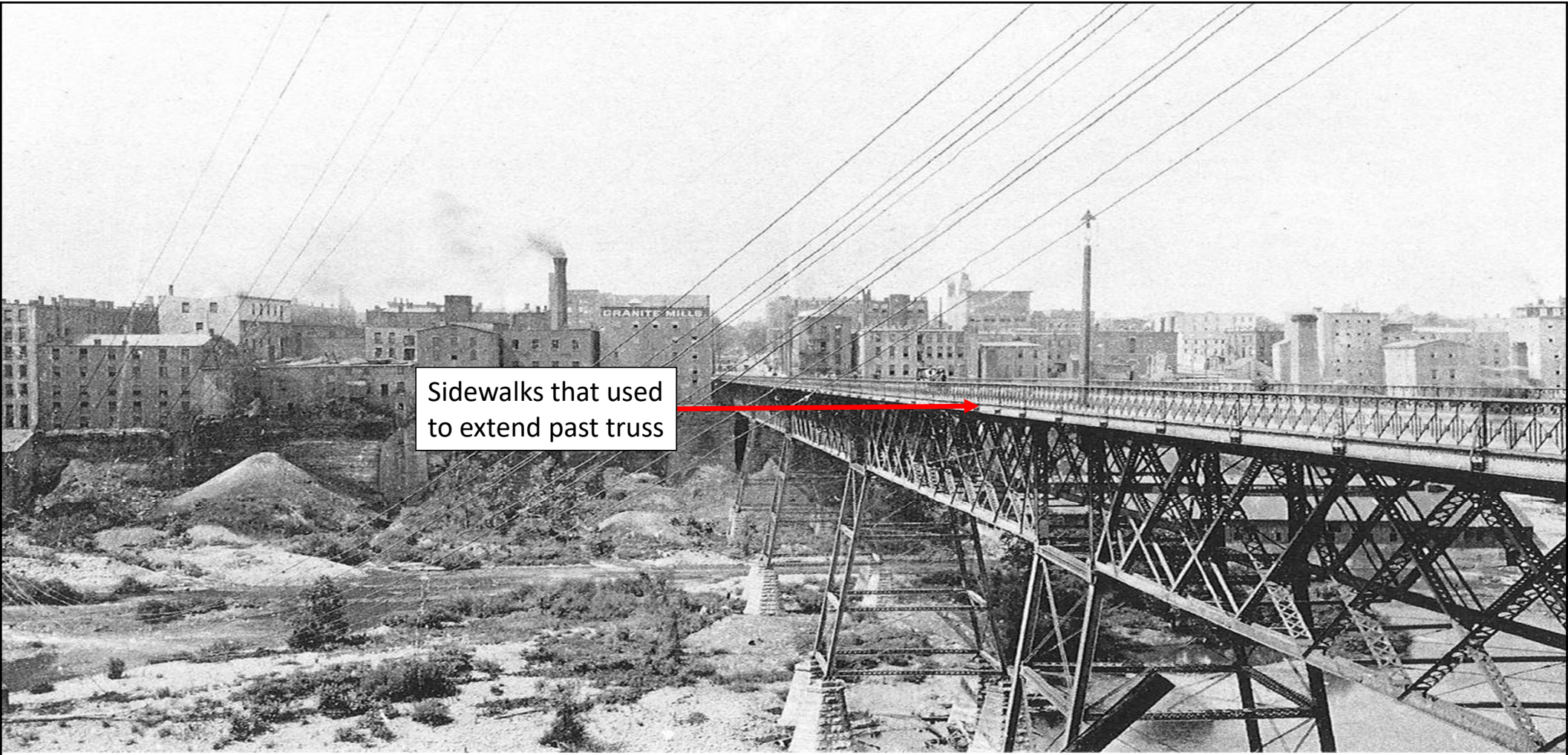
# Project Limits



# Pont de Rennes Bridge

- Built in 1891
- Originally known as the Platt Street Bridge carrying vehicular traffic
- Closed to vehicular traffic in 1970's and converted to a pedestrian bridge in 1980
- 858 ft long, 100 ft above water



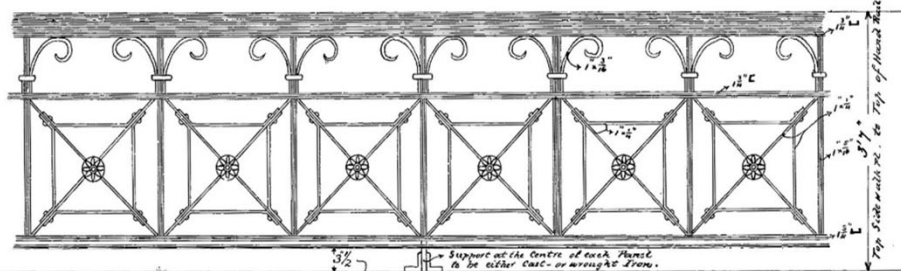


Sidewalks that used to extend past truss

~ Plan No. 102 ~  
 Style of Hand Railing and Braced Post at Floor Beams  
 for  
 Platt St. Bridge  
 Rochester N.Y.

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 DRAWING IS NOT RELIABLE  
 AND MUST BE CHECKED.

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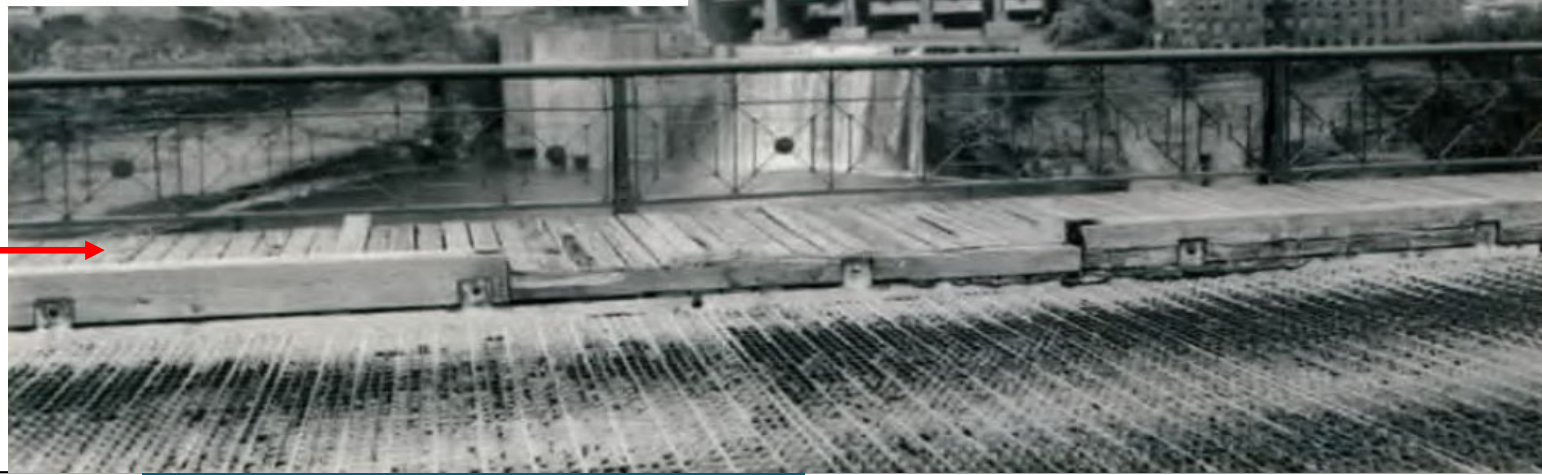
Note: This distance may be  
 varied slightly; but it must be made  
 so that lower channel does not interfere  
 with side for connection of 3" flat to  
 panel joint plate.

Note: This support must be designed  
 so as to have 1/2" between under side and  
 top of channel flange. By inserting  
 geller in this joint, a perfect alignment  
 can be obtained.

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Sidewalks that  
 used to extend  
 past truss



# Project Scope

**ROC THE RIVERWAY**  
A VISION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF ROCHESTER'S GENESEE RIVERFRONT  
PHASE I - MAY 2018

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Lionel A. Warren, Mayor | Rochester City Council

A Joint Initiative of New York State and the City of Rochester

III-72 Phase I Recommended Projects

## PONT DE RENNES BRIDGE

**Description | Background**

Pont de Rennes is an 1898-vintage wrought iron bridge spanning the Genesee River Gorge. Once carrying vehicles as the Platt Street Bridge, it was converted to a pedestrian bridge in 1982 and named for Rochester's Sister City, Rennes, France. It is recognized as one of the best places in the city to view the falls and river gorge, hovering 100 feet over the Genesee River. In order to protect this asset for generations to come, significant structural repairs are needed to ensure the safety and viability of this historic infrastructure.

In addition to City and State investment in the structural repairs, ROC the Riverway funds will be used to create a more dynamic public space along the bridge with creative lighting, public art, plantings, and trail connections to enhance the visitor experience. The project will build off of proposed investments to High Falls Terrace Park, the Brewery Line Trail, and the continued expansion of North American Breweries (Genesee Brewery). The potential exists to hold an international design competition to maximize the potential of the space while engaging the community in an exciting forum.

**Justification**

This major pedestrian connection between High Falls and the eastern banks of the river provides breathtaking views and connectivity between critical community institutions such as MCC's Downtown Campus, Kodak headquarters, and the Genesee Brewery. It is also an important connection between neighborhoods on both sides of the river immediately north of downtown. While bridge usage is growing with the popularity of the Genesee Brew House, public space enhancements have the potential to make this a world-class destination, capitalizing on

dramatic views of the only downtown waterfall in any major American city. Investment will ensure its long-term viability, with City funds focused on structural repairs and State funds focused on enhancements to the top of the bridge that will draw visitors, create unique event spaces, and enhance a major river crossing for trail users.

**Leverage Opportunities**

This project builds off of the great planning, investment, and partnerships with North American Breweries, Greentopia, and other High Falls stakeholders and neighbors. Work by the City of Rochester on surrounding trail/park improvements is set to begin in the summer of 2018.

**Funding Breakdown**

Total project costs: \$8.475M

Conceptual designs, final designs, and construction funded by:

**\$4M recommended from NY State through ROC the Riverway**

\$4.475M from City of Rochester

**Structural Repairs**  
- safety and viability

**Dynamic Public Space**  
- creative lighting  
- plantings  
- trail connections to enhance visitor experience

# Project Scope

## In-Depth Bridge Inspection



## Steel Repairs





# Steel Repairs



Address steel deterioration



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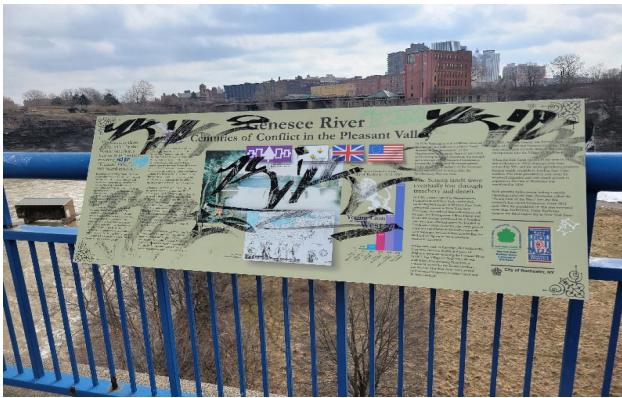
## Revitalization!!!



- Replace existing deck
- Rehab railing (new paint)
- Upgrade amenities: lighting, benches, planters, shade structures
- Upgrade approaches to bridge
- Upgrade to Granite Mills Park (minimal)

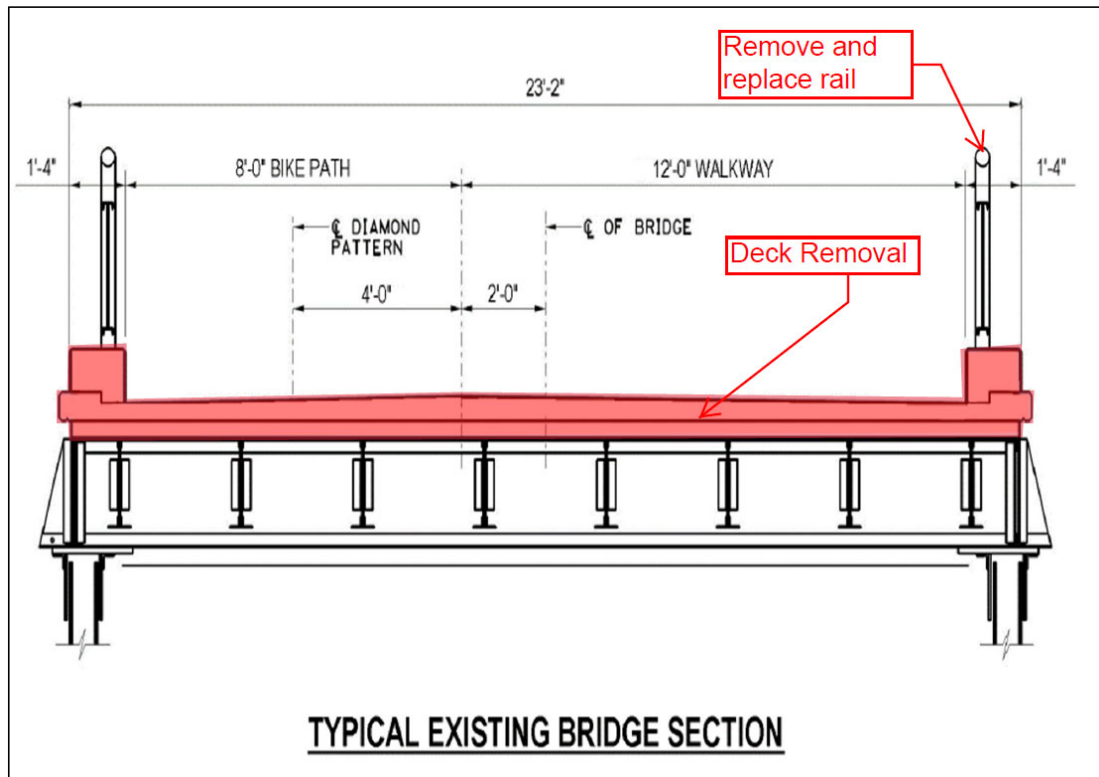


# Rehab/Replace Signs and Plaques



Walking Tour Stop #20 Sign missing

# Project Scope - Bridge



- New Deck
- Public Space
  - Creative Lighting
  - Plantings
  - Seating
  - Interpretive signage
  - Sculptural shade elements
  - Delineated pedestrian areas

# Project Scope – Browns Race

## Rehabilitation

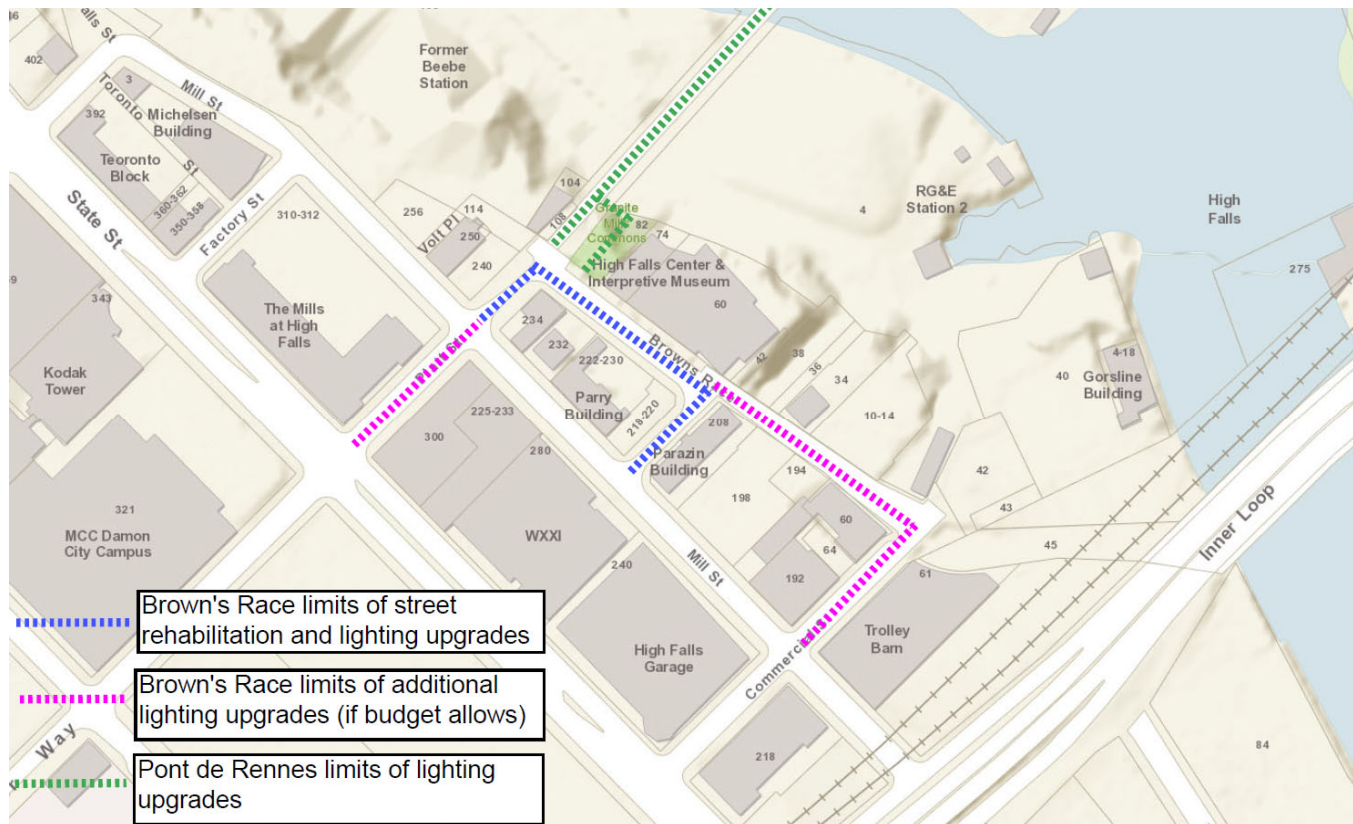
- Replace street stone pavers
- Replace slot drain system
- Rehabilitate bollards and bike racks

- Reconstruct brick sidewalks

- Replace Street Lighting



# Project Scope – Lighting Improvements



# Project Budget - Summary

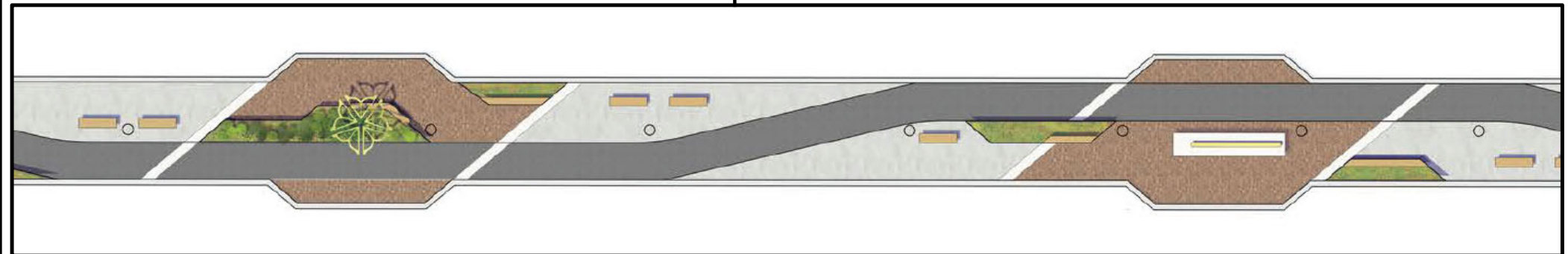
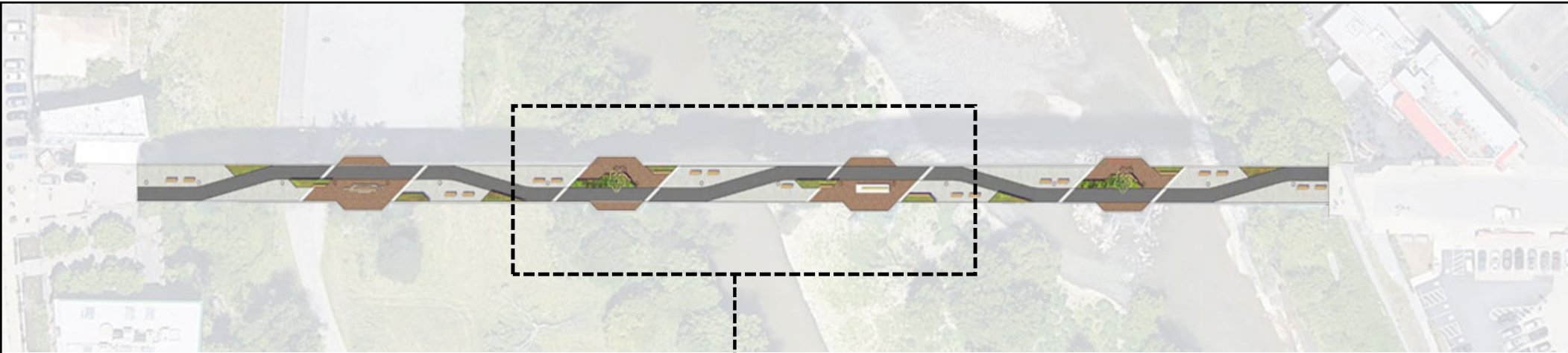
Phase	Pont de Rennes	Browns Race
Design	\$1,052,000	\$125,000
Construction	\$6,824,000	\$1,438,000
RPR	\$1,050,000	\$220,000
Sum	\$8,926,000	\$1,783,000
Total	\$10,709,000	

# Bridge Draft Conceptual Alternatives

Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architecture  
Margot Chiuten, RLA, ASLA







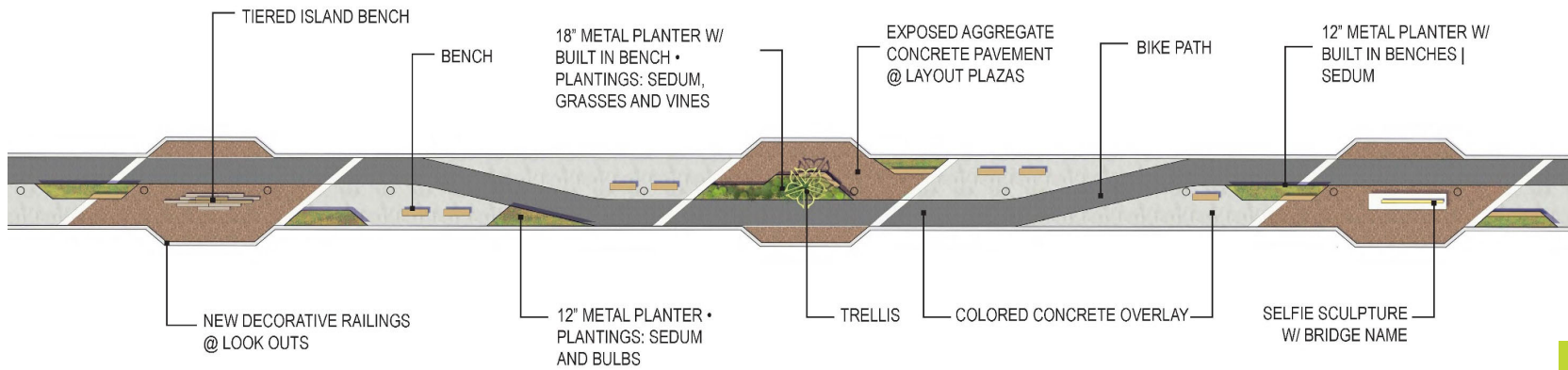
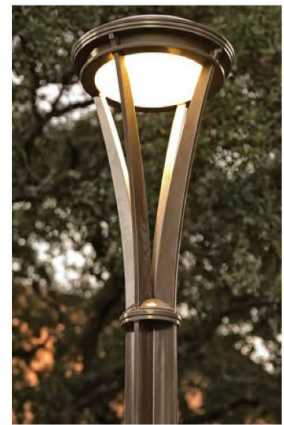
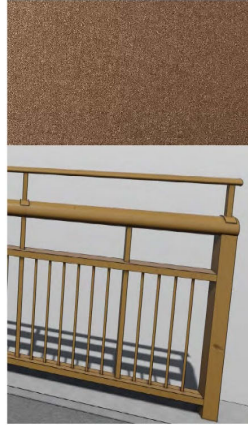
Alternative 1: Angular Path & Overlooks



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• BRIDGE PLAN ENLARGEMENT

## Alternative 1: Bridge Design Palette



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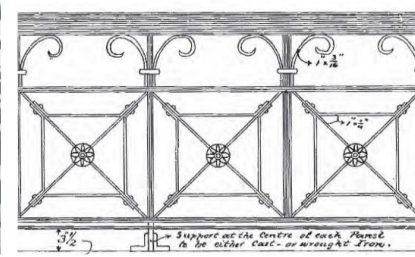
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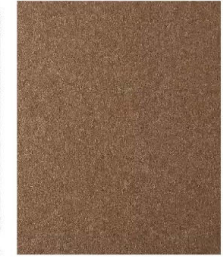
COLOR



SYNERGY OF MATERIALS



PLATT STREET BRIDGE ORIGINAL RAILINGS



BRONZE METALLIC FINISH



RETROFITTED EXISTING RAILING



ARCHITECTURAL MESH AND DECORATIVE CUTOUT PANELS

### Alternative 1: Railing Design





Alternative 1: West Bridge Approach



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Alternative 1: Rendered View – East Approach



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Alternative 1: Rendered View – Overlook



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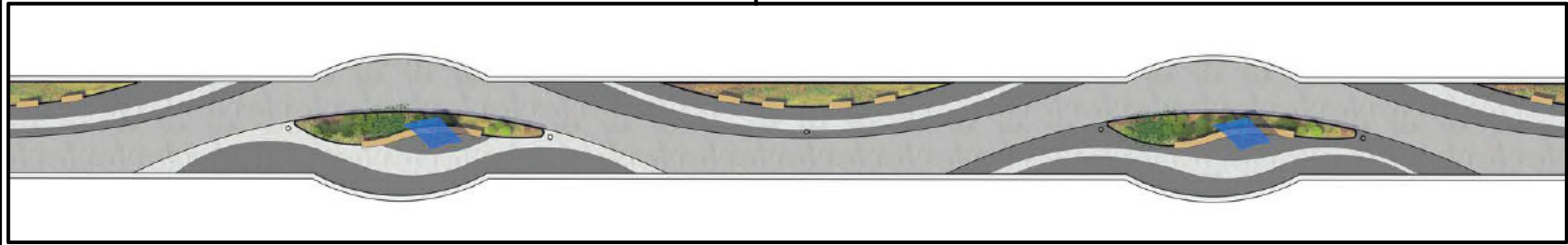
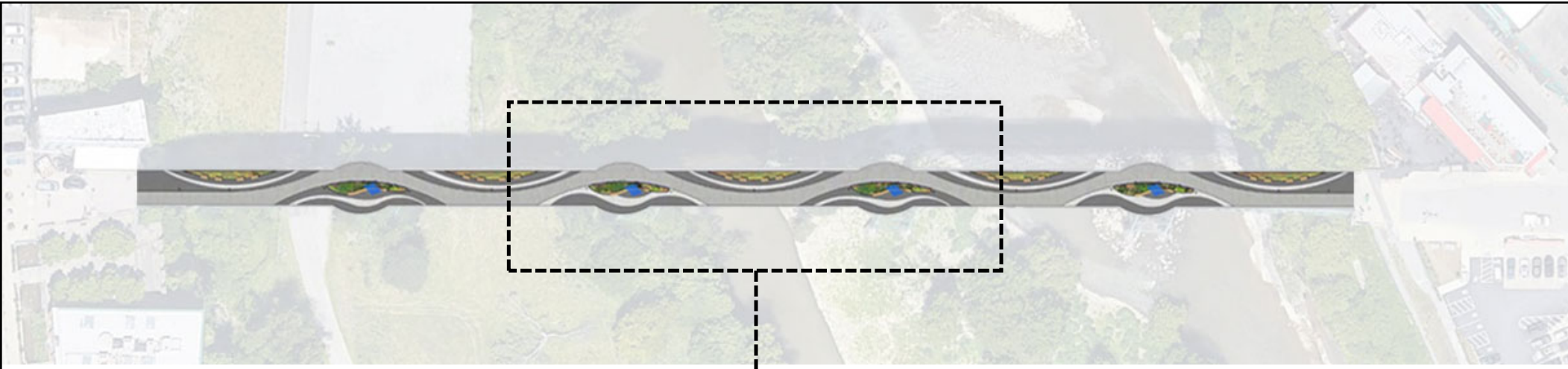
Alternative 1: Rendered View – Overlook



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## Alternative 2: Curvilinear Path & Overlooks

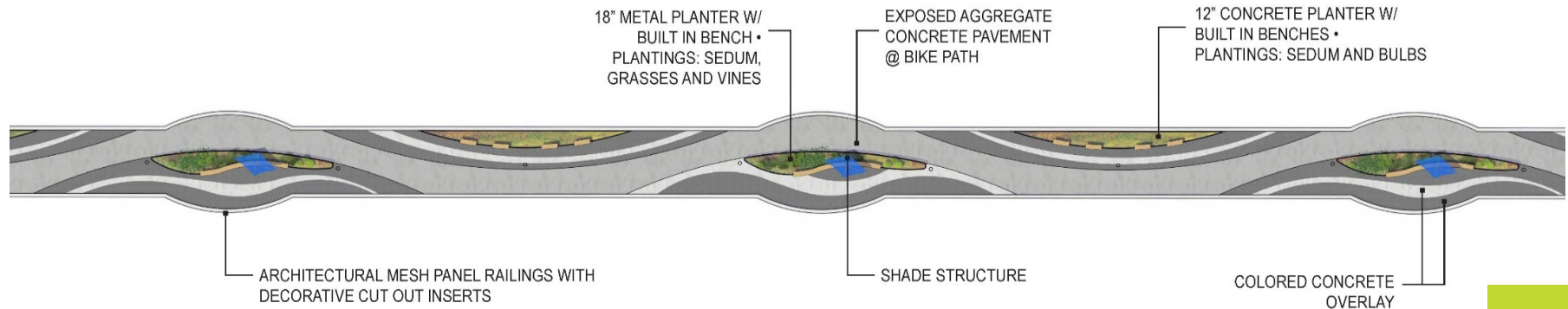


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## Alternative 2: Bridge Design Palette



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EACH OF FOUR OVERLOOKS WILL HAVE A UNIQUE THEME REPRESENTED IN RAILING DESIGN. THEMES TO CONSIDER:

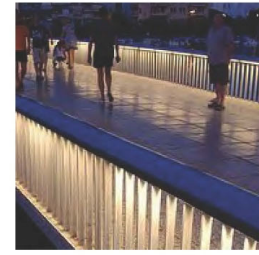
- RENNES - THE SISTER CITY
- MILL INDUSTRY
- BREWERY INDUSTRY
- SITE GEOLOGY
- NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE
- ORIGINAL BRIDGE DESIGN AND TRANSPORTATION HISTORY



UNIQUELY THEMED PANELS



TRANSPARENCY



BUILT-IN RAIL ILLUMINATION



AGED GALVANIZED OR DARK GREY METALLIC FINISH



RETROFITTED EXISTING RAILING



ARCHITECTURAL MESH PANELS WITH DECORATIVE CUT OUT INFILL PANELS

## Alternative 2: Railing Design



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Alternative 2: Rendered View – West Approach



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Alternative 2: Rendered View – East Approach



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Alternative 2: Rendered View – Overlook



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ADD REMOVABLE BOLLARDS AT BRIDGE ENTRANCE

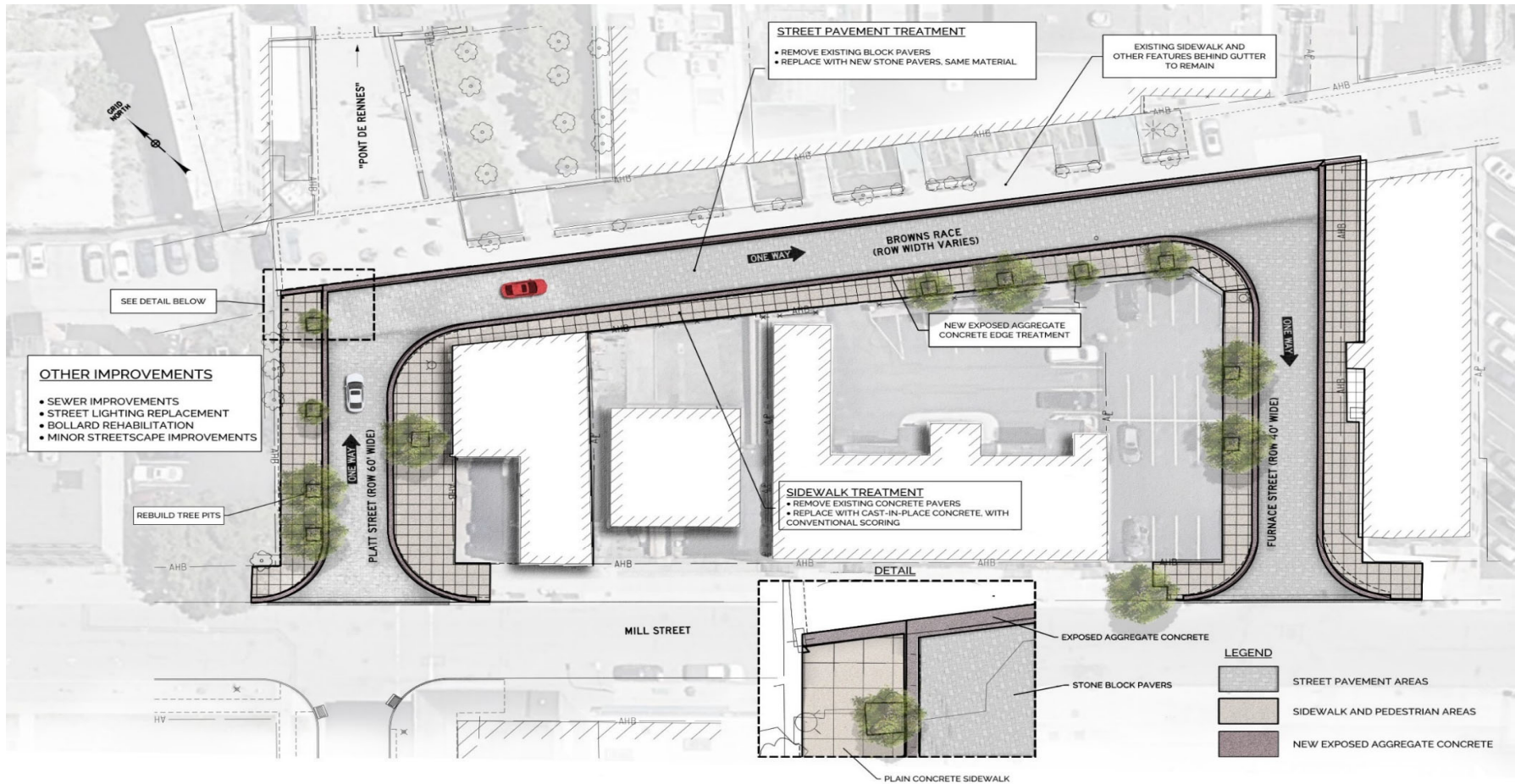
INSTALL NEW BENCHES TO MATCH BRIDGE DESIGN

RECONSTRUCT PLANTERS

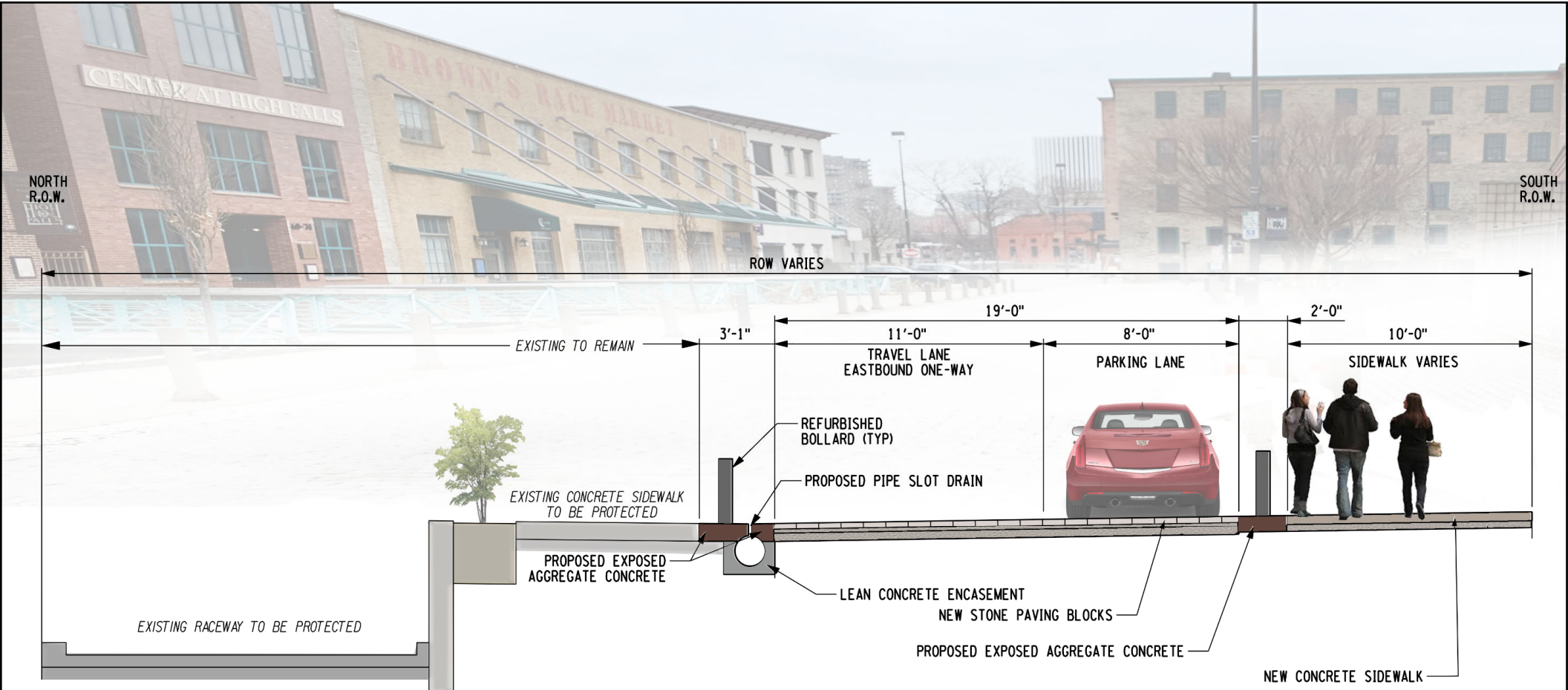
RESET PLAZA PAVEMENT

## Granite Mills – Basic Improvements



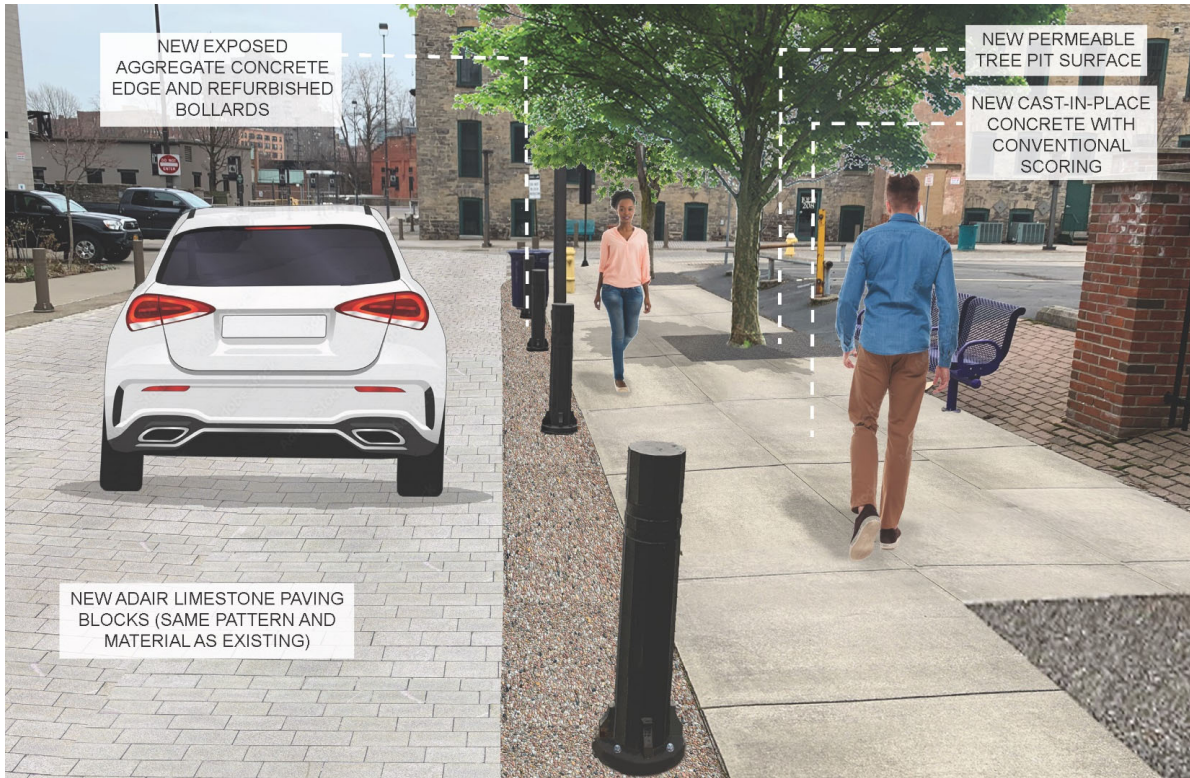


Brown's Race Rehabilitation – Plan View



Brown's Race Rehabilitation - Typical Section





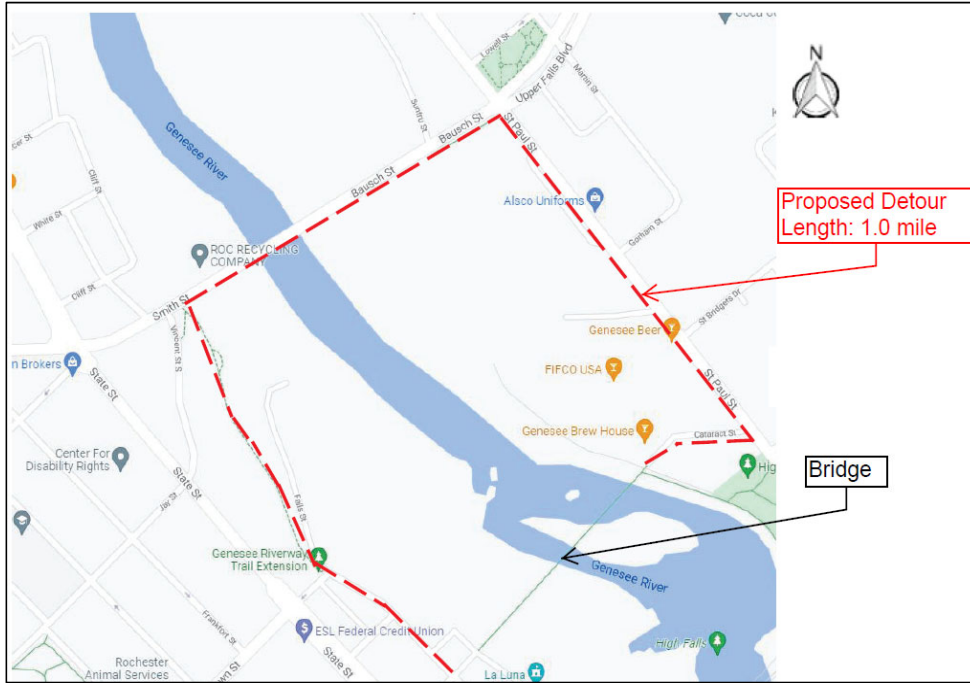
Simulated Street View



New Pedestrian Level Light Pole with High Falls Banner

Brown's Race Rehabilitation – Design Elements

# Detour Route



**\* Detour to be maintained during construction \***



Smith Street



St Paul Blvd

# Thank You



Questions?

Comments

Discussion