Mifflin (and Carroll) Plazas

Public Meeting #4

November 9, 2026

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Agenda

- What’s happened since last public meeting?
- Mifflin Block Design progression
- Construction & approval schedule



What's happened since last public meeting?

Why such a long pause?

Events/activation critical to success

City paused design process to identify existing and new partners to make space vibrant and well used







Construction

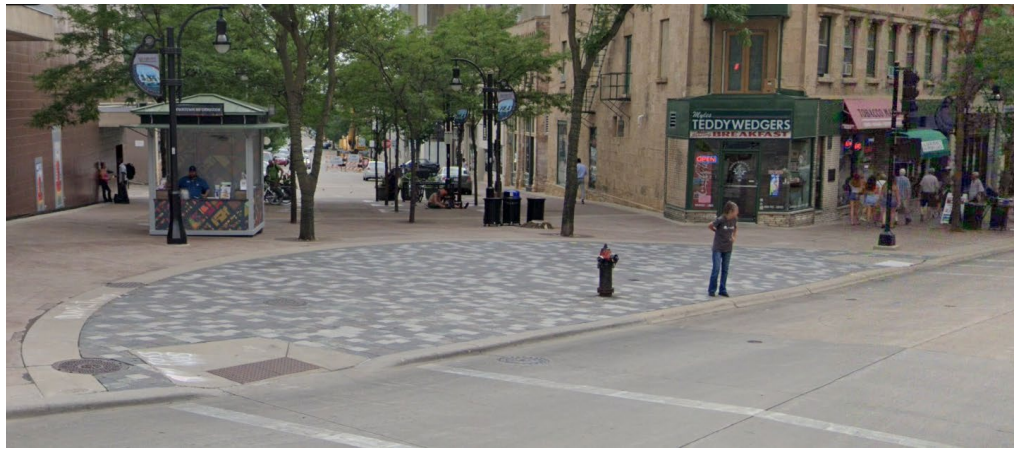
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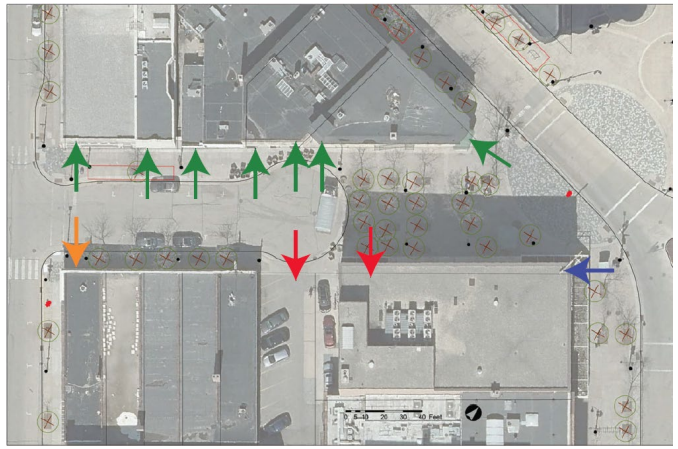


Grades, Accessibility and Design Details









Design Progression

Radiating v2 – from October 2025 public meeting



Feedback from community and partners

- General positive response

What elements do you like?

- Radiating paving pattern; asymmetrical and interesting
- Planters, trees and balance of paving and greenspace
- Low-speed shared space for bikes and pedestrians (with very limited vehicular traffic)
- Lively character with public and café seating
- Openness of concept

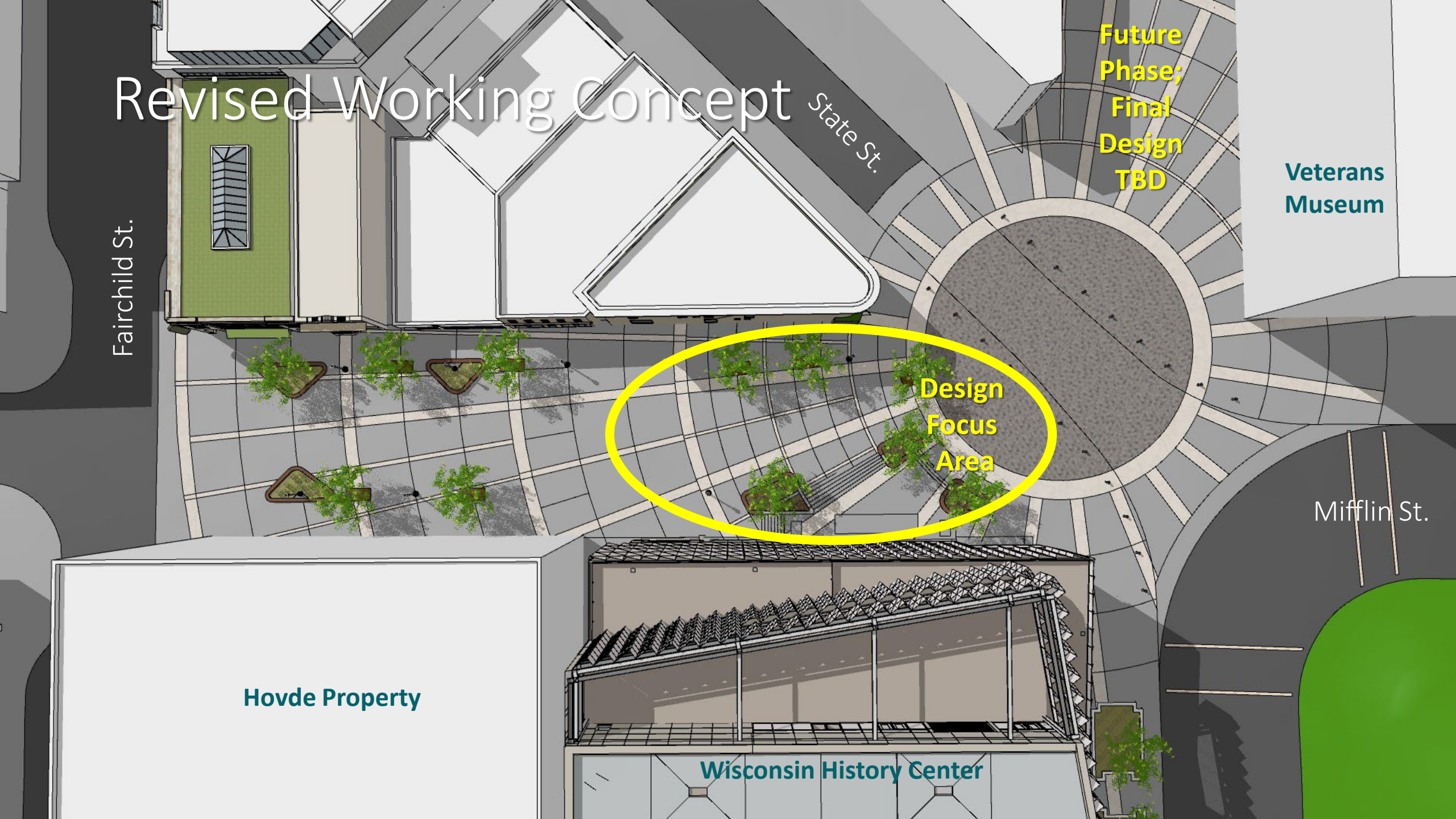
What elements do you not like?

- Removal of parking/loading areas
- Allowance of any vehicles in the spaces (should be only pedestrians and bikes)
- Concern space will attract unhoused individuals
- Location of certain planters may not work with future redevelopments.
- Concern about access for businesses and residents

What is missing from the designs?

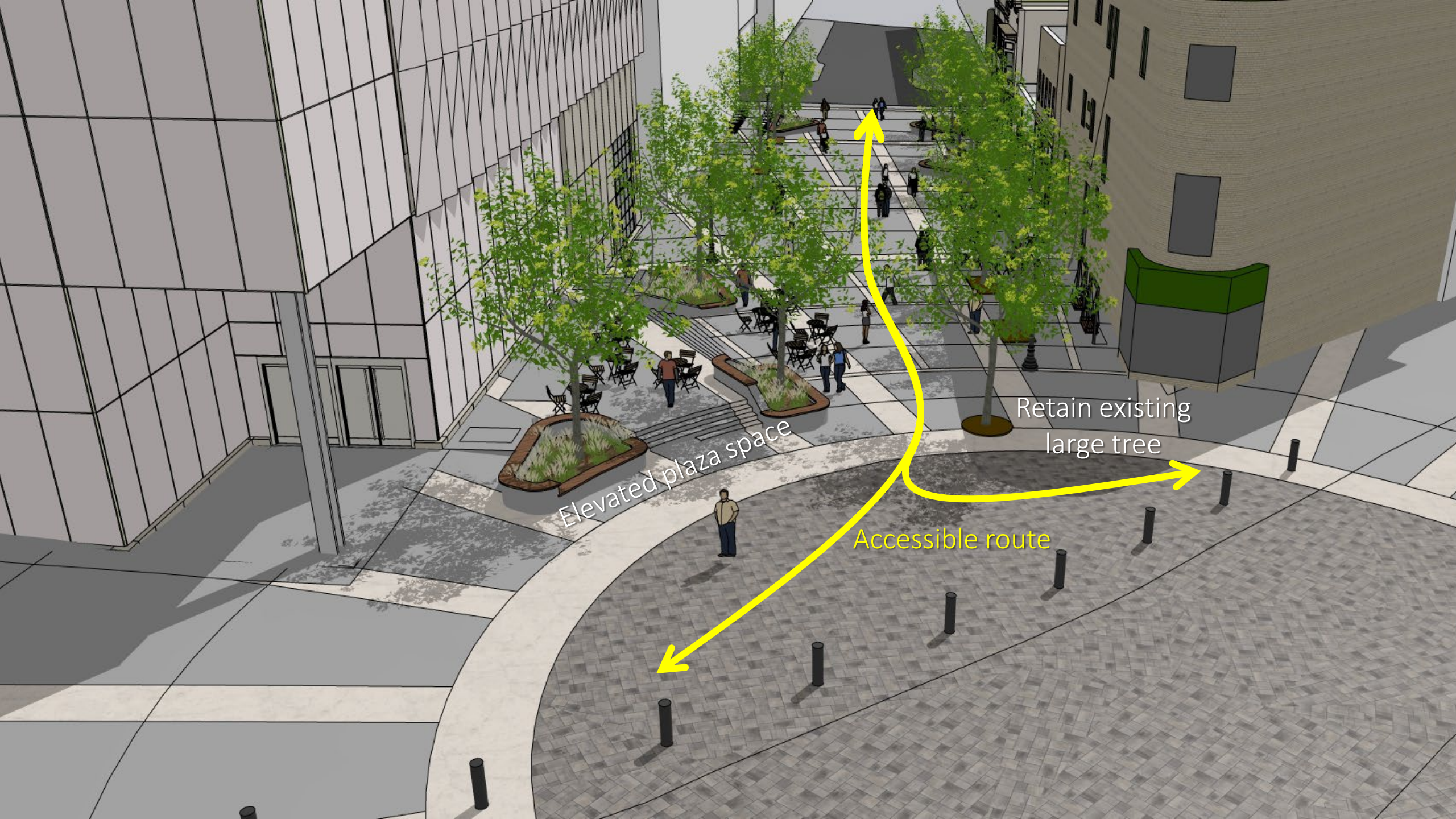
- What is being done to keep the space safe and comfortable
- Restrooms
- Wayfinding
- Lighting

Revised Working Concept





Looking west down Mifflin St.


Elevated plaza space
Retain existing large tree
Accessible route


Accessible route
Steps improve
access and porosity
Sloped planters
with wood-topped
seating walls


Sloped planters and lighting
address potential blind
spots created by slope



Swings against blank wall
by Teddywedgers

Art – benches





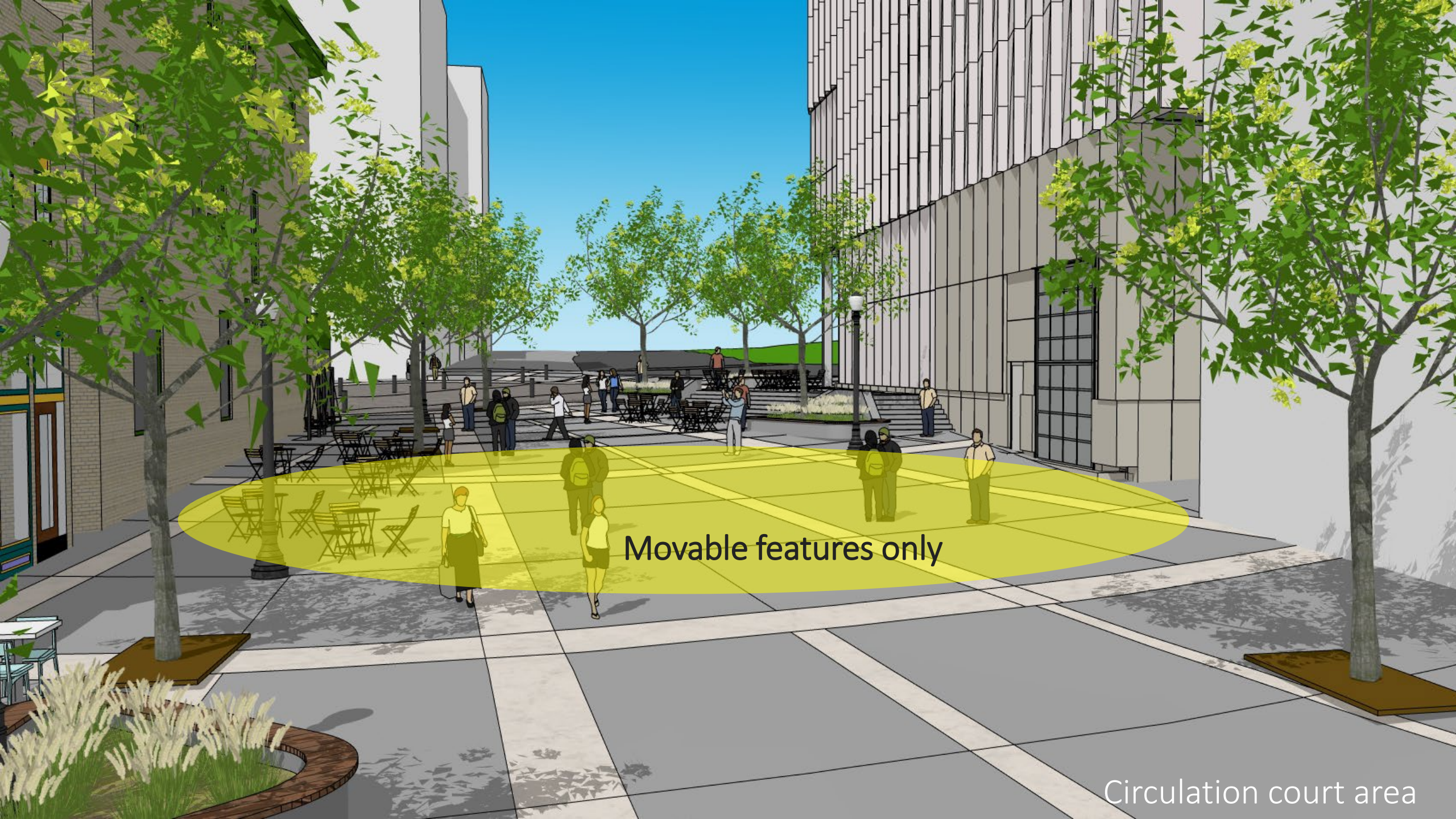
Art - wayfinders







Mifflin looking toward Capitol Square



Circulation court area



Possible temporary event set-up at Mifflin & State



Potential vending set up at State St.

Bikes and Pedestrians

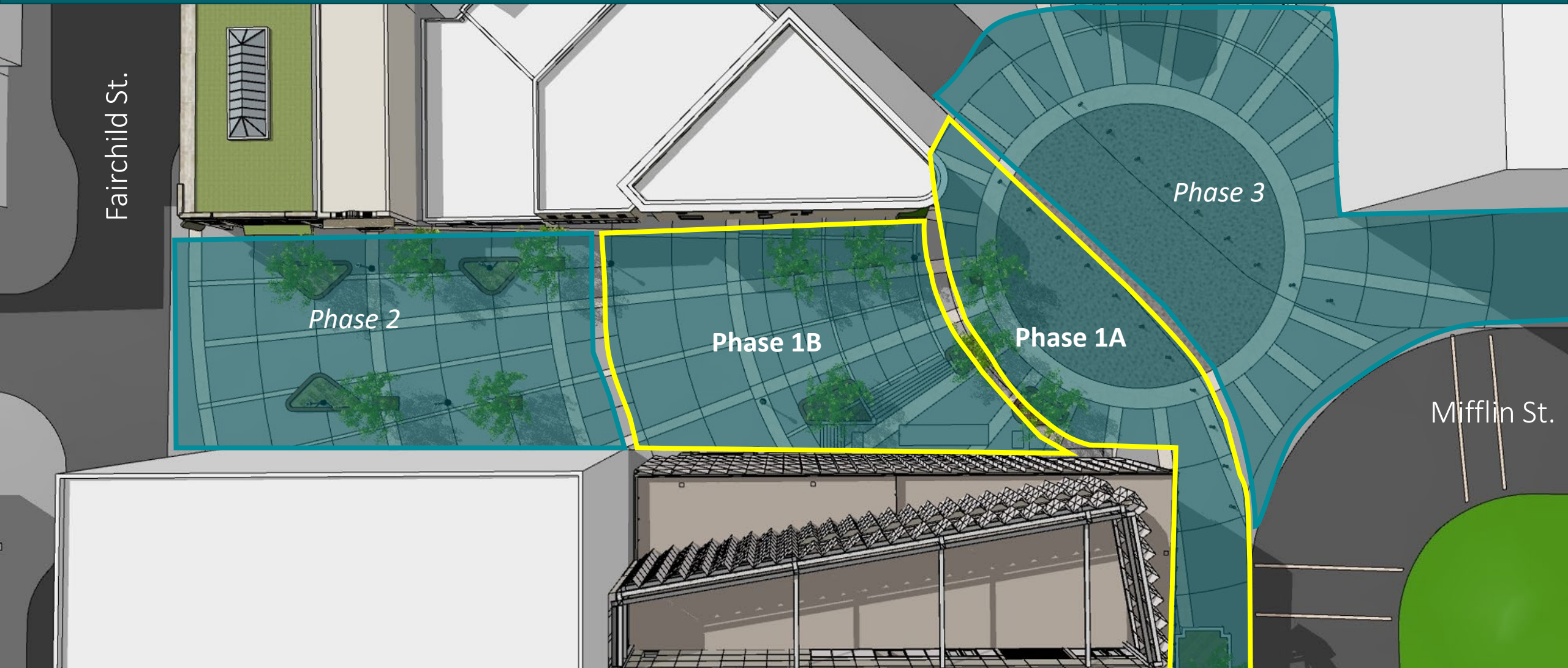
- Consulted City's Bike/Ped coordinator
- Low speed, shared space without separated facilities
- Short length with street crossings on each end
- Dedicated bike facility would increase speed of cyclists
- Pedestrians wouldn't perceive bike lane within closed street
- Minimum 16 ft. bike ped clear zone

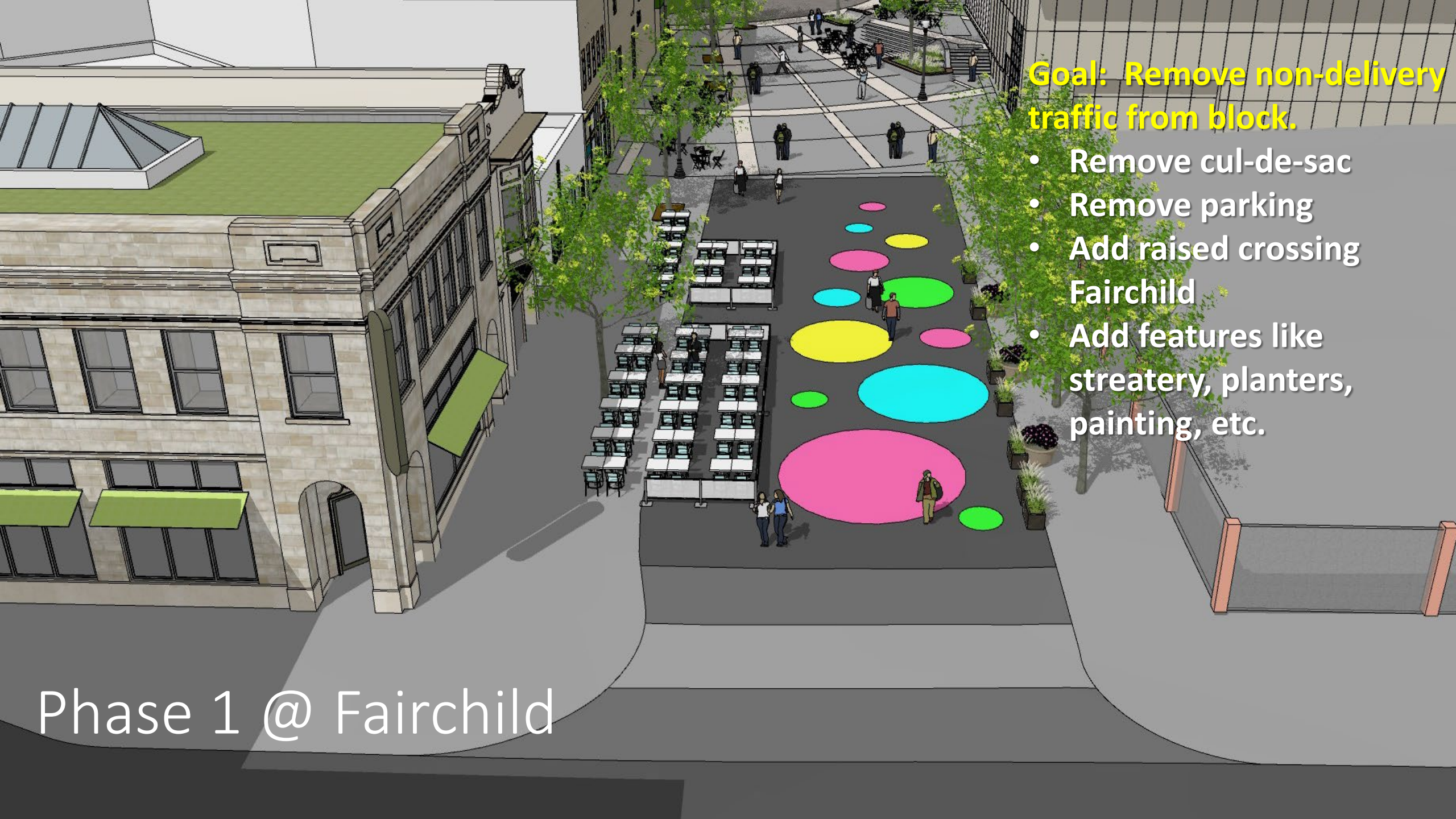


Construction & approval schedule

Timing and Phasing

Phasing





Goal: Remove non-delivery traffic from block.

- Remove cul-de-sac
- Remove parking
- Add raised crossing Fairchild
- Add features like streatery, planters, painting, etc.

Phase 1 @ Fairchild

Planned Approval and Construction Schedule

Mifflin and Carrol Plaza Meeting	Nov 9, 2026
Transportation Commission (TC) design approval	Dec 2, 2026
Board of Public Works (BPW) design approval	Dec 9, 2026
Common Council (CC) design approval	Jan 12, 2027
Release design for bid	Jan 28, 2027
Bid opening	Feb 11, 2027
BPW award contract	Feb 24, 2027
CC award contract	Mar 16, 2027
Contract signed	Mar 19, 2027
Preconstruction meeting	Apr 5, 2027
Start construction (earliest)	Apr 19, 2027

Next steps

- Construction documents
- Design Approval process
- Art progression
- MAC review January 19

Questions and Thank you!

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