## UNION STREET CONCEPT

DESIGN COMMISSION OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2013



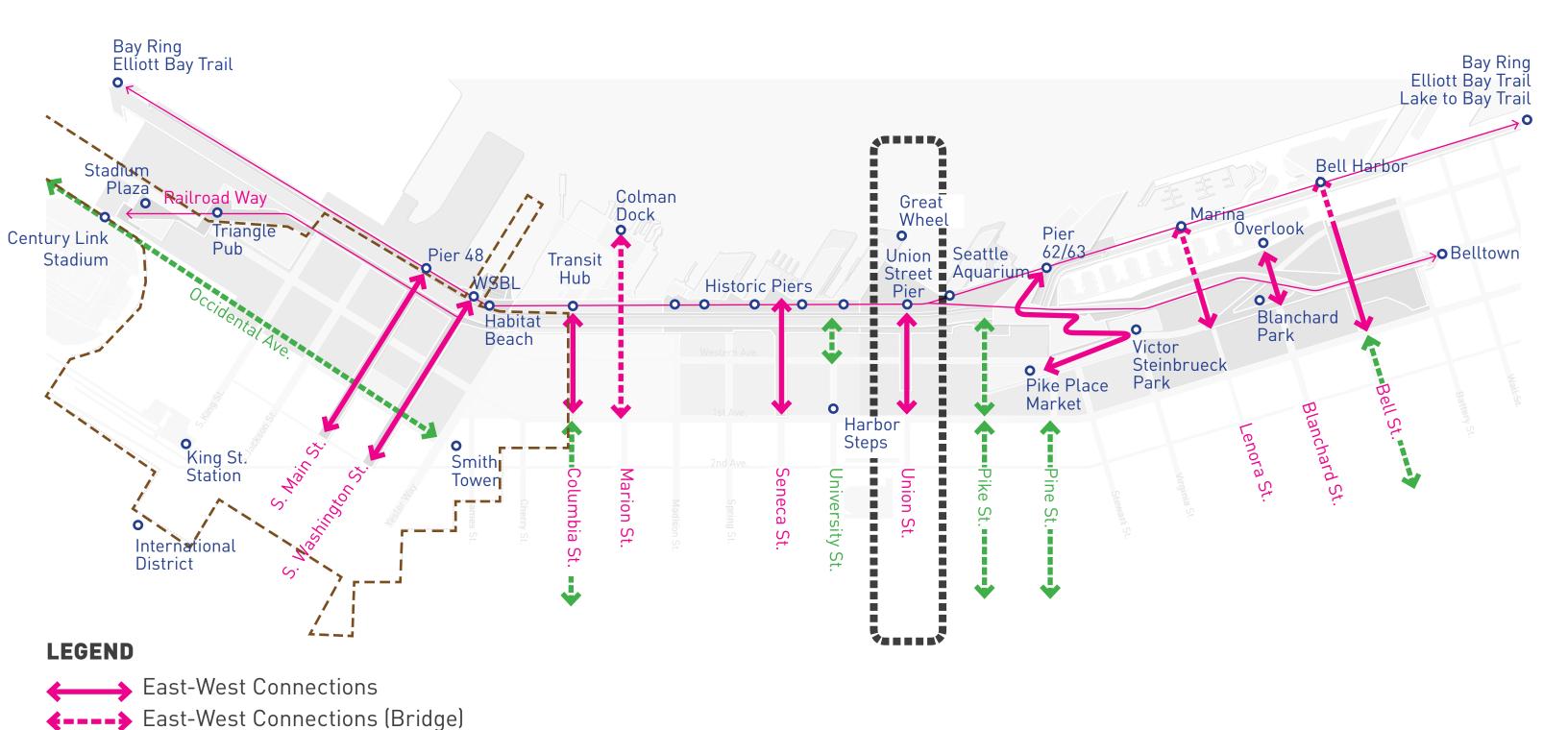
North South Connections

Pioneer Square Historic District

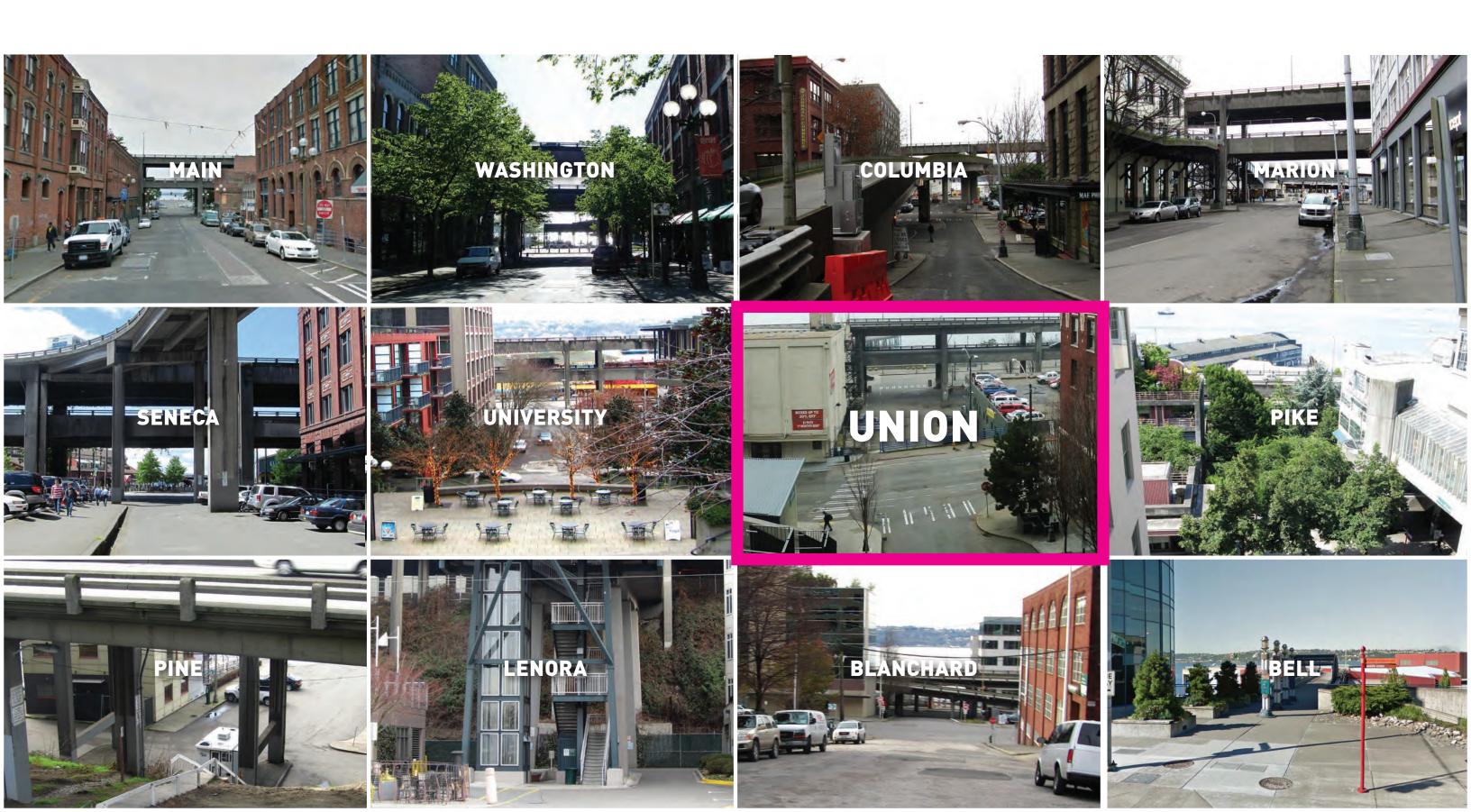
**Key Destinations** 

**←----** Partner Projects

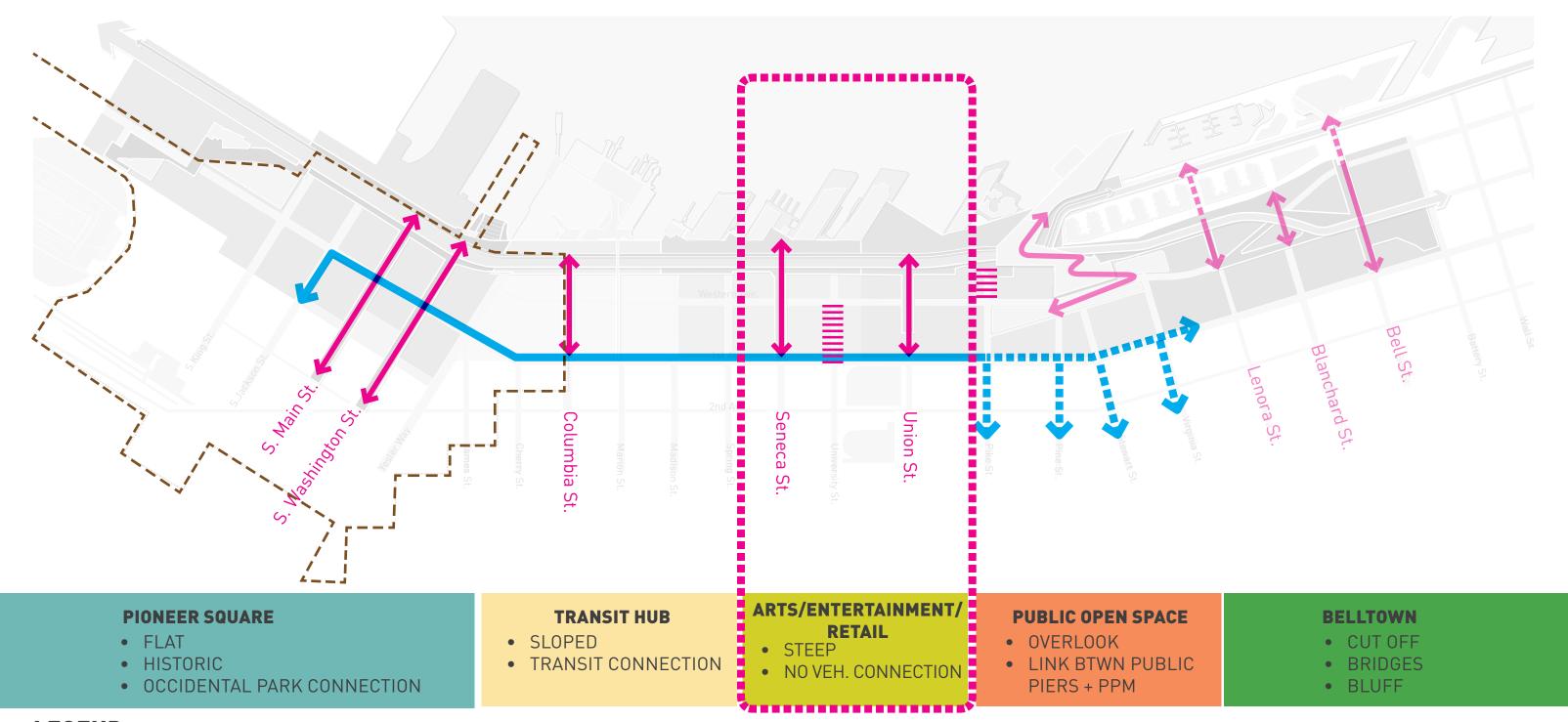
### RECONNECT THE CITY TO THE WATERFRONT



## **EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS - EARLY WIN**



### **EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS - BY AREA**



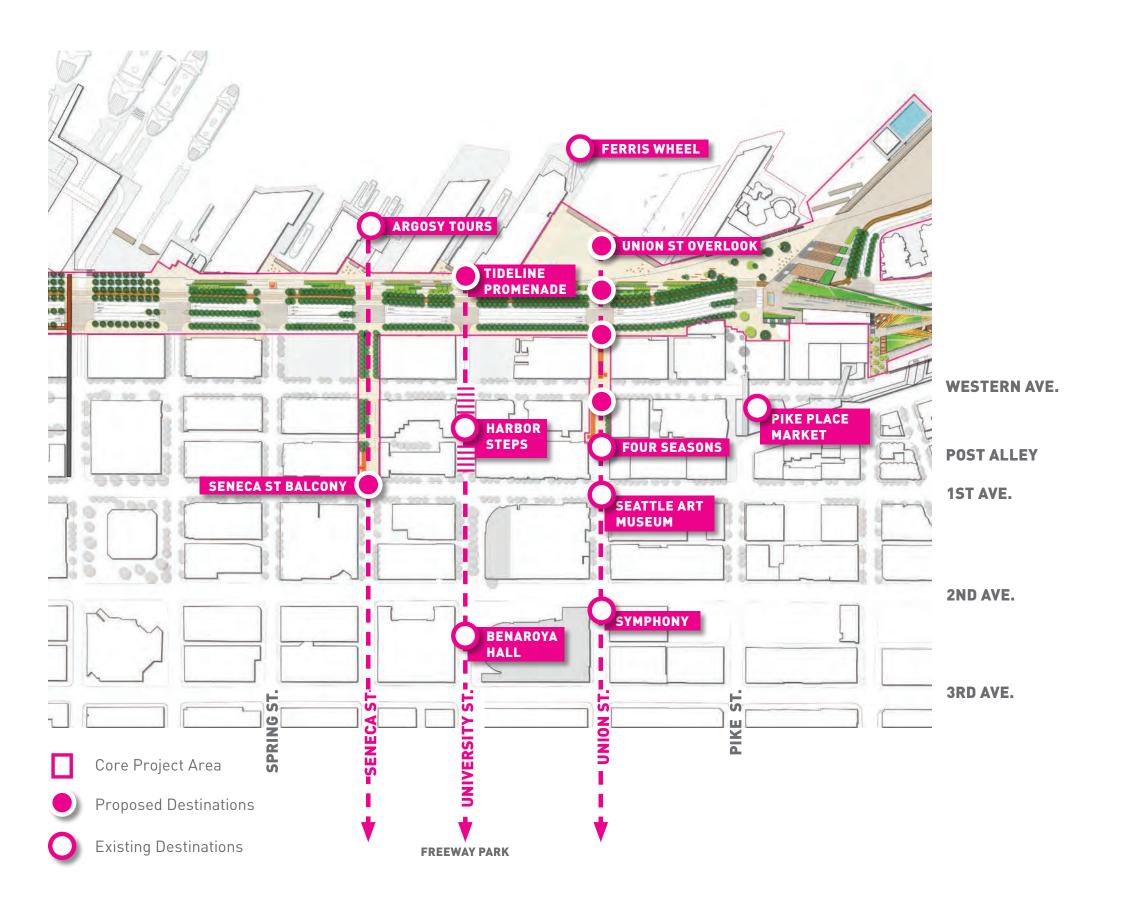
#### **LEGEND**





First Hill Street Car

## UNION STREET RETAIL CORE CONNECTIONS







UNION STREET
EXISTING CONDITIONS

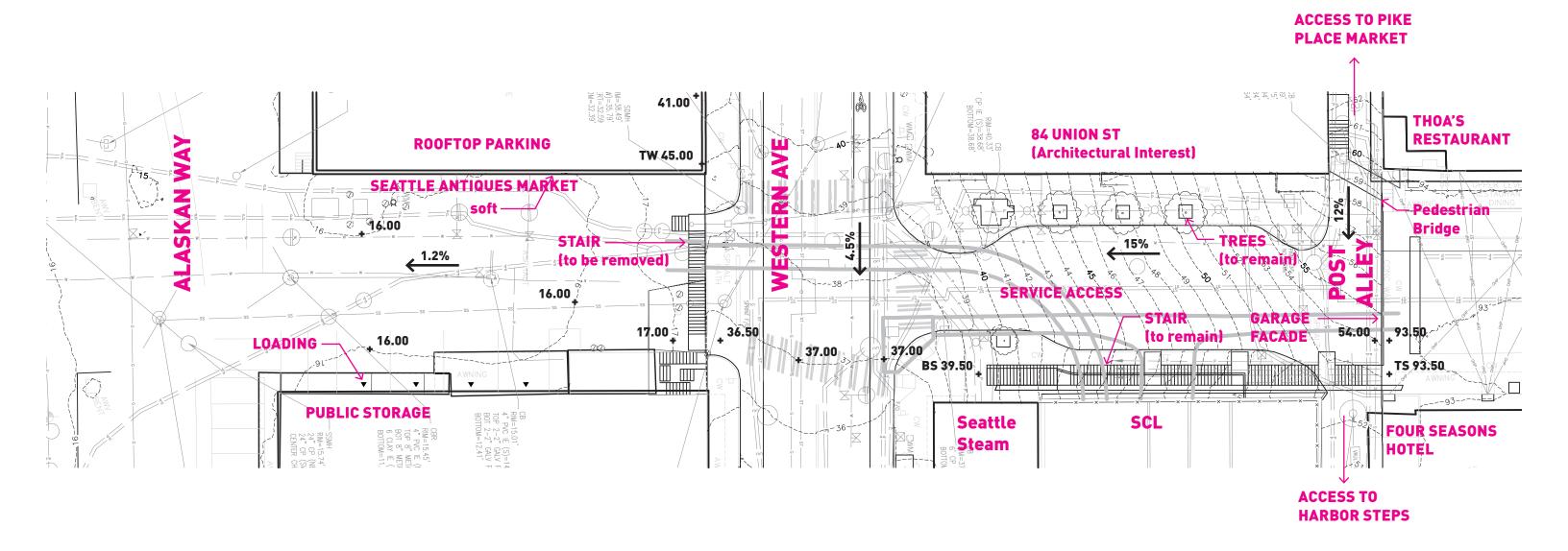




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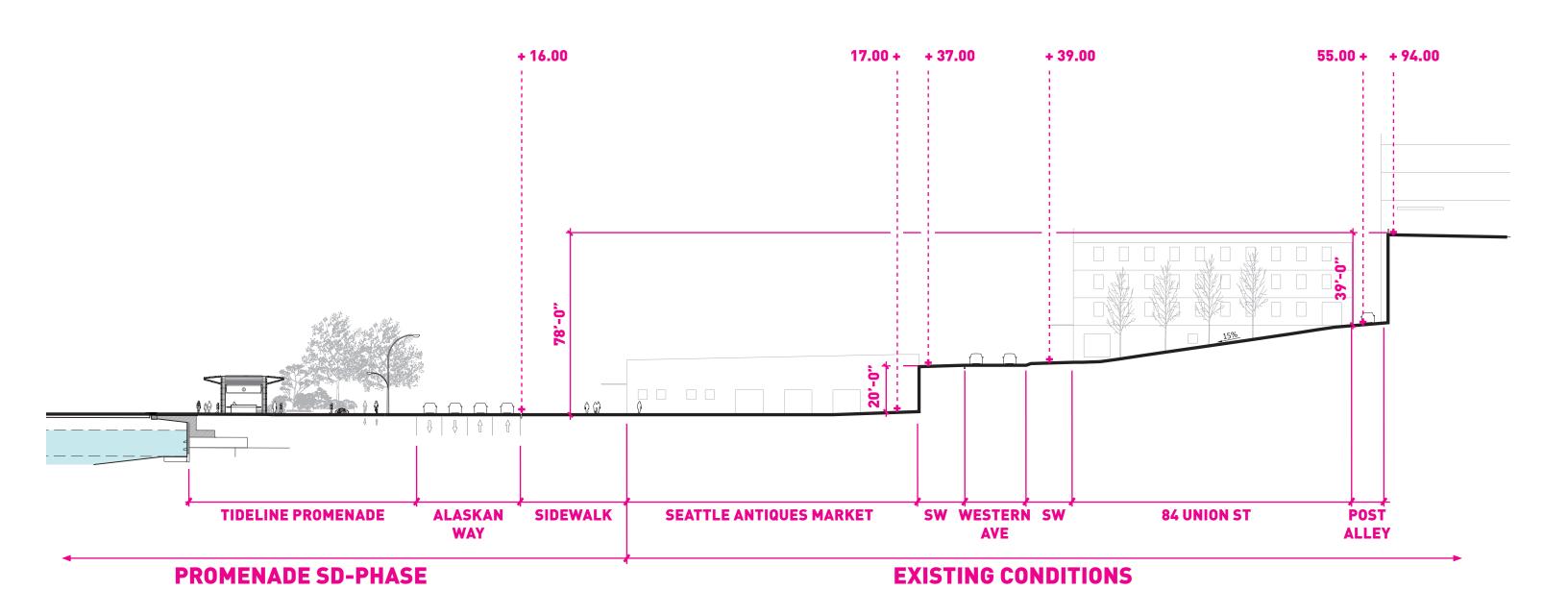


# UNION STREET EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



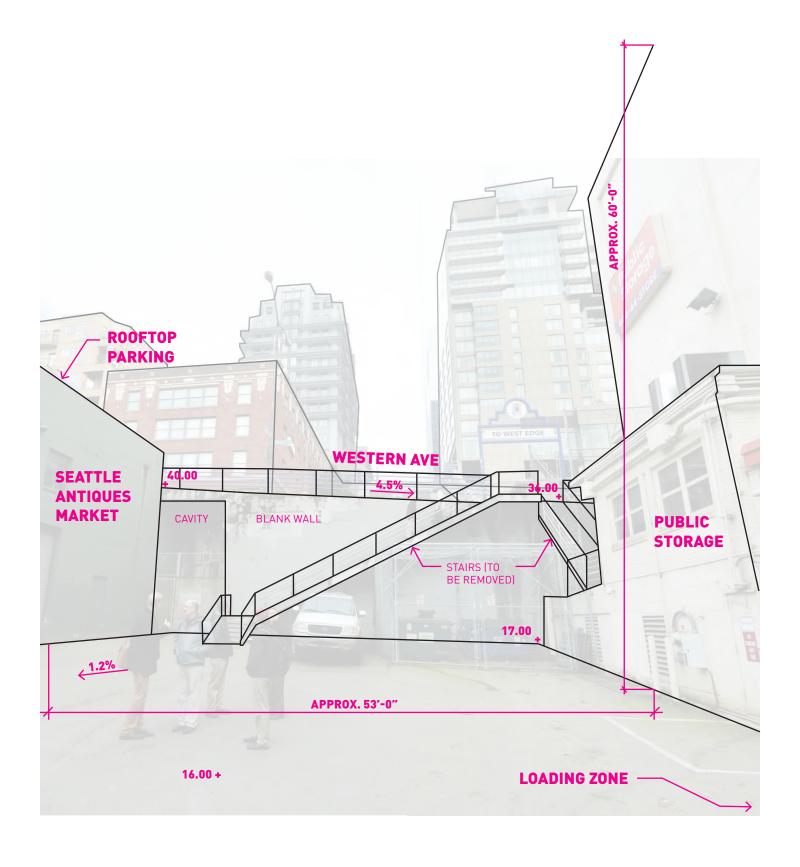
\* NO ADA-COMPLIANT ACCESS FROM UPPER LEVELS TO WESTERN WAY OR ALASKAN WAY

# UNION STREET EXISTING CONDITIONS CROSS SECTION



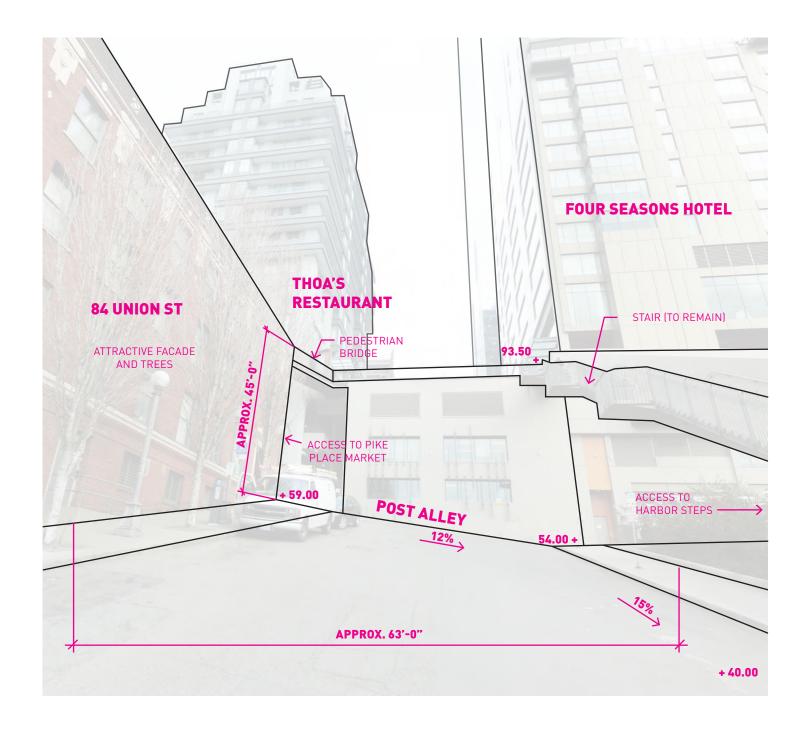
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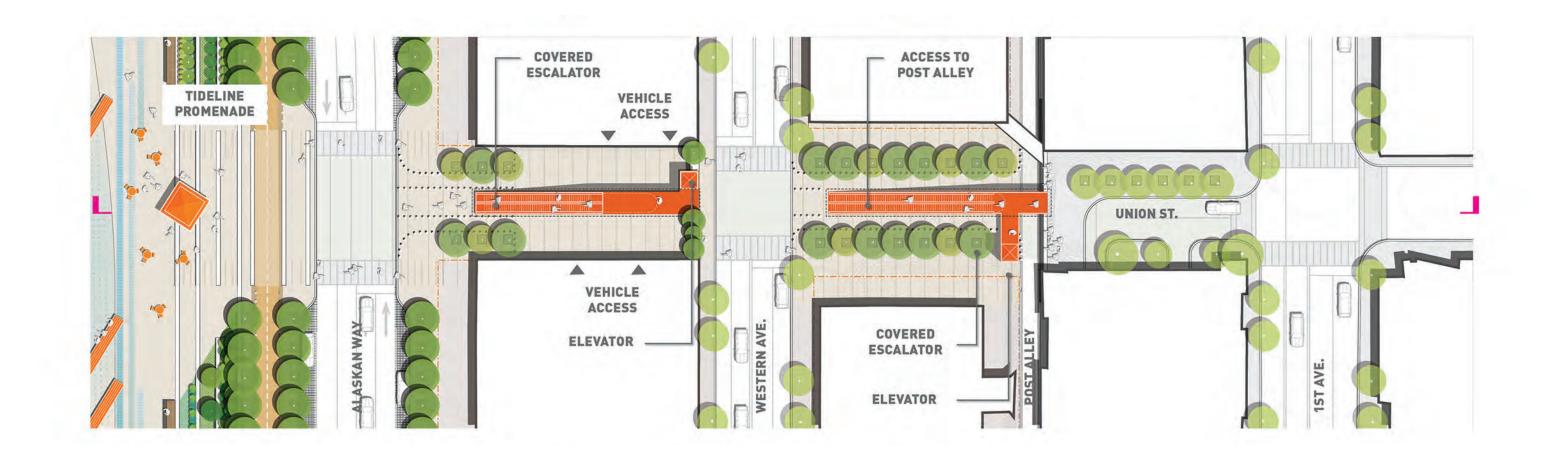


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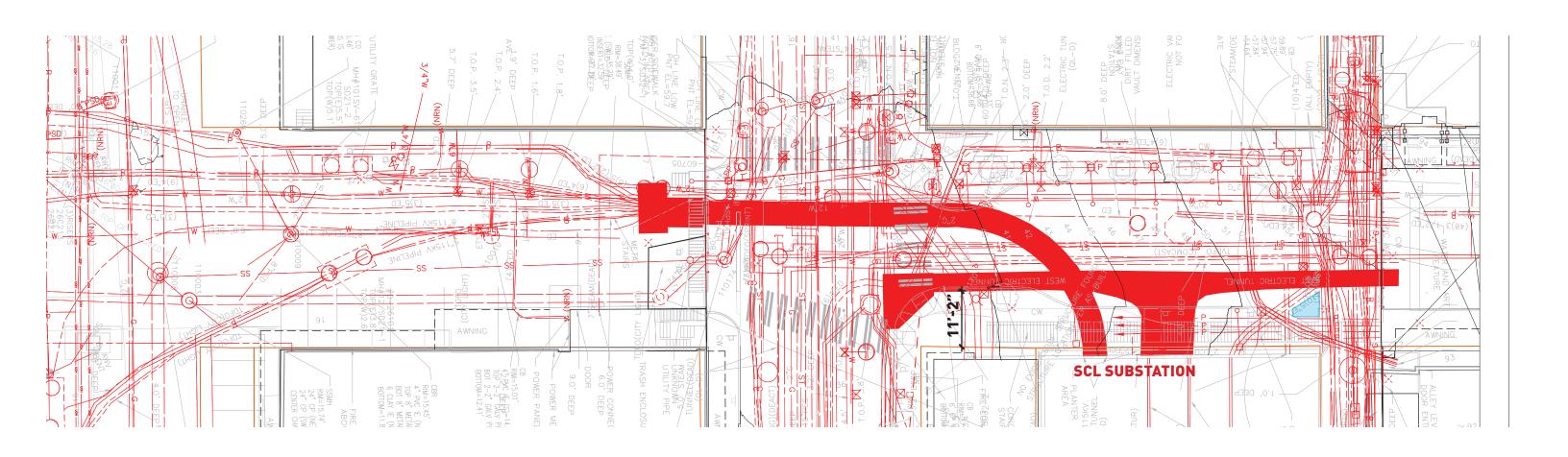


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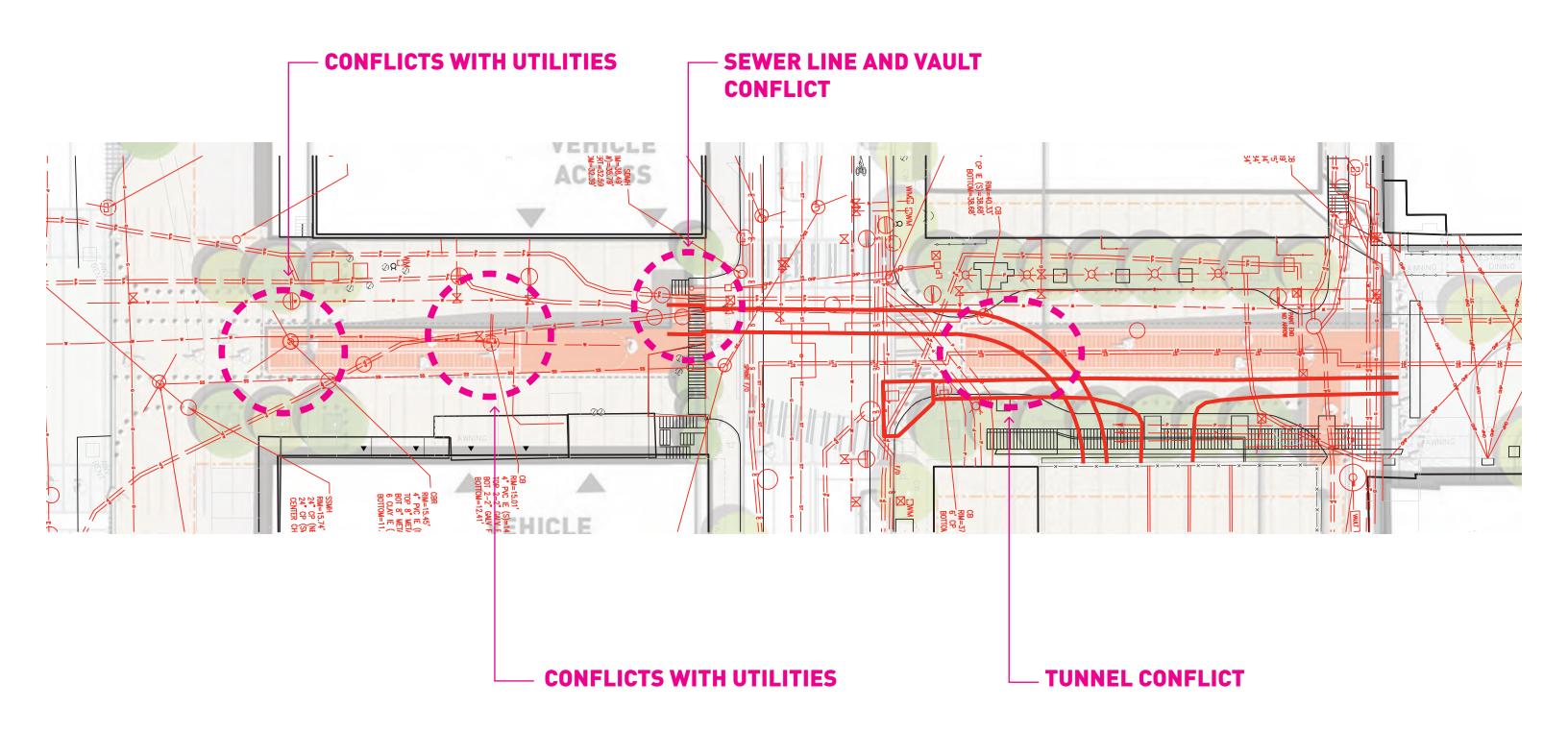


### **CONSTRAINTS**

- UTILITIES AND SCL TUNNELS
- BUDGET



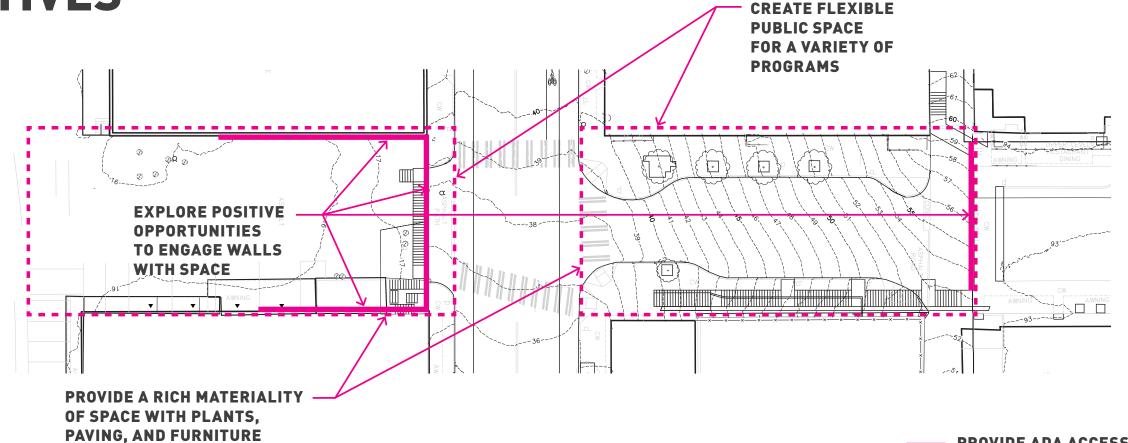
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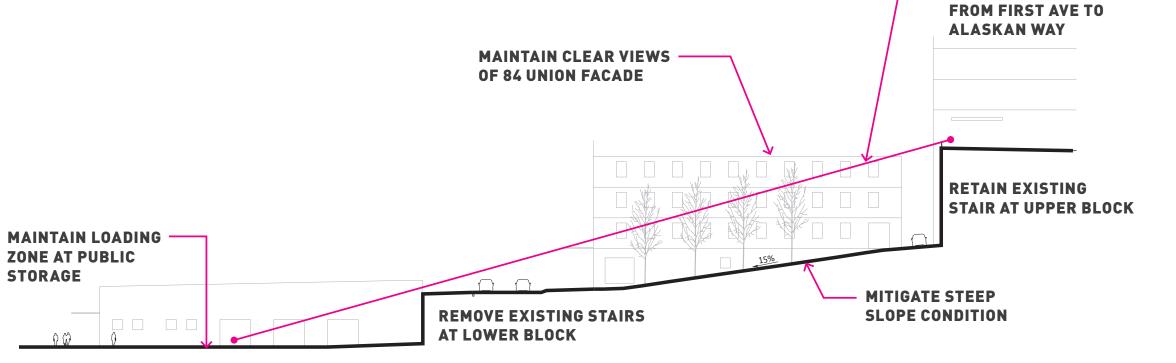
## **PRIMARY OBJECTIVES**

**PLAN AND SECTION** 

**PUBLIC REALM:** 

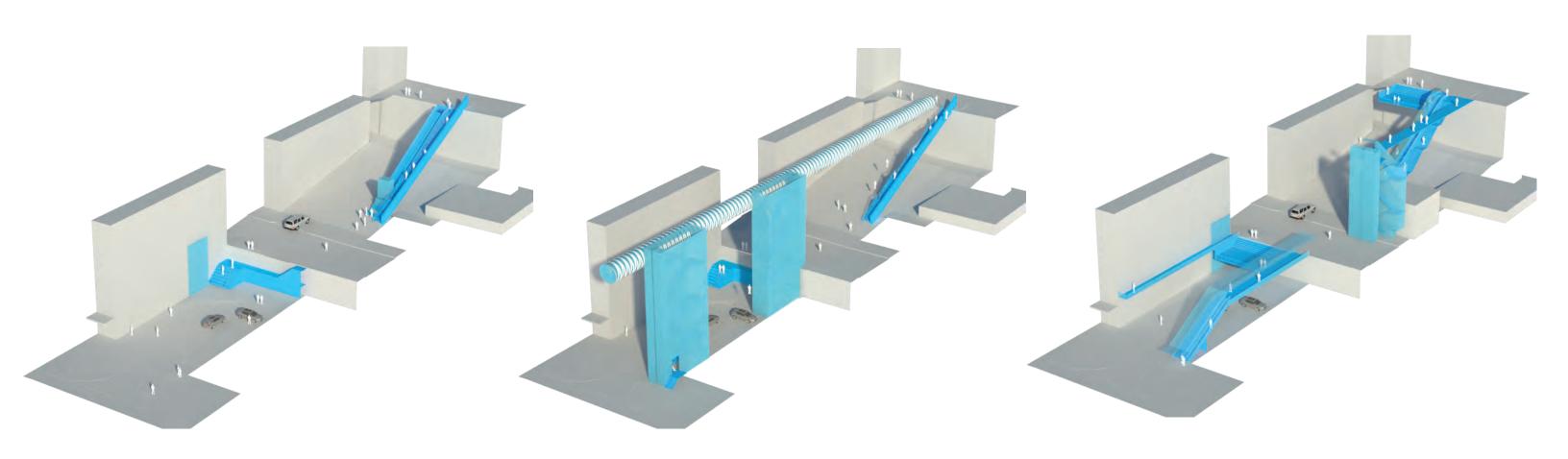


**ACCESS:** 



**PROVIDE ADA ACCESS** 

# UNION STREET **STUDIES**



MINIMAL IMPACT APPROACH

**MONUMENTAL APPROACH** 

**DIRECT + LEBIGLE APPROACH** 

## UNION STREET STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

#### **ANTIQUES WAREHOUSE**

- A mews will be difficult to activate
- Like an elevated pedestrian connection on the lower block
- Prefer elevated pedestrian connection on the north side so their retail frontage on Western could wrap around to Union on the second level.

#### **ALIGNMENT**

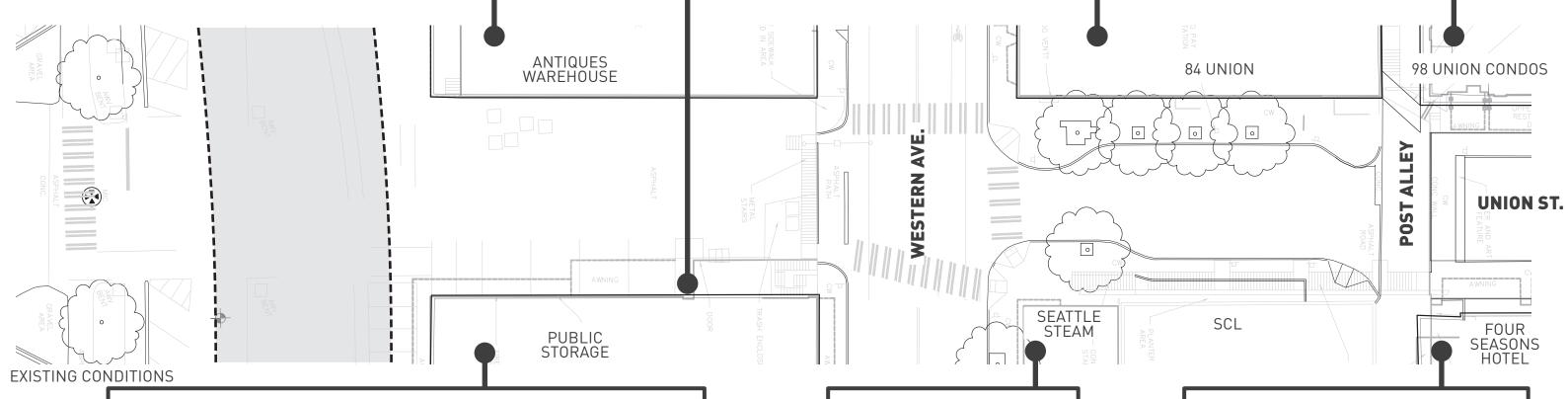
 Connection from 1st Ave. to Alaskan Way should be very "linear".

#### 84 UNION (MARKETSIDE FLATS)

 Concerned with view impacts, and loss of street parking.

#### 98 UNION CONDOS

- Concerned with garage access at Union and Post Alley
- Concerned with turning movements between Union and Western



#### **PUBLIC STORAGE**

- Very active warehouse-life facility, with truck loading on Alaskan and Union.
- Several uses/facilities encroach on the public ROW.
- Public Storage is not assumed to redevelop their property in the near term

#### **SEATTLE STEAM**

- Priority to keep current levels of truck access on Alaskan Way and Western Ave.
- Open to selling a portion of their Western Ave. wood unloading facility. This would require compensation.

#### **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL**

- Concerns about maintenance + security with the existing stairs, and new elevators or escalators.
- Access to their garage + loading dock must be maintained
- Guests would like a hillclimb assist

## UNION STREET DOS FEEDBACK

- Create an iconic path on Union
- Build an iconic structure on Union
- Emphasize Union in the context of E/W connection between arts/ entertainment/retail core and waterfront
- Preserve views to waterfront
- Design to allow for future adjacent development
- Site challenges should not drive design
- Schedule should not drive design

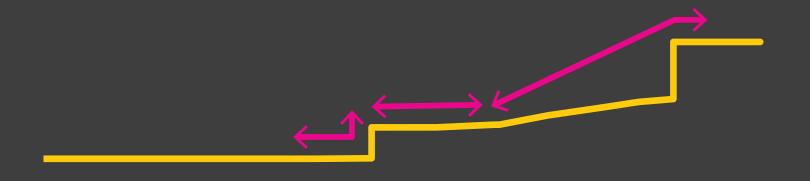
## UNION STREET DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS

- Early win
- Provide direct and legible vertical circulation
- Provide ADA access
- Preserve views to open water
- Strengthen system of EW connections
- Integrate Union into arts/entertainment/ retail core
- Preserve integrity of Historic Building at 84 Union
- Maintain vehicular access to Post Alley

- Work with Antiques Market redevelopment
- Assume Public Storage remains long term
- Accommodate Public Storage Access and loading on Union
- Accommodate existing utilities
- Existing public and private stairs can be removed

# UNION STREET CITY DIRECTION

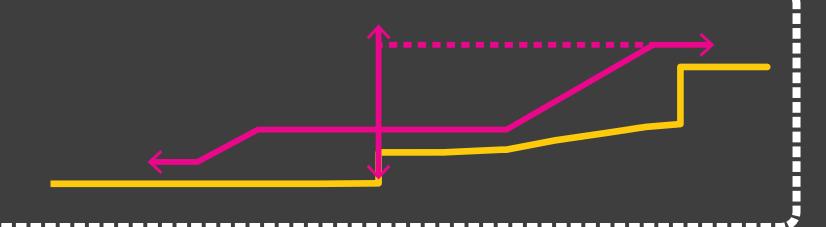
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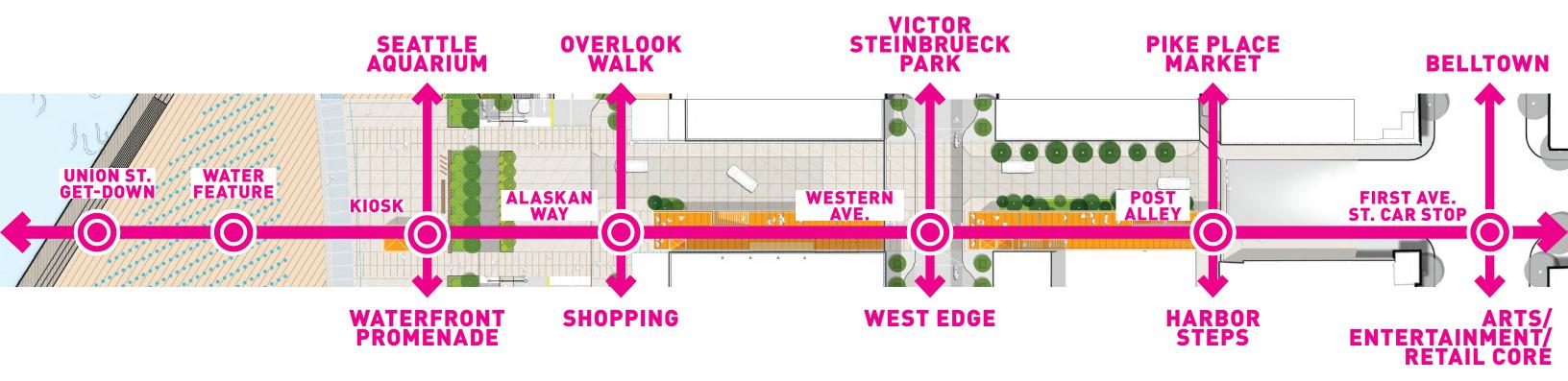
2) MONUMENTAL APPROACH



3) DIRECT + LEGIBLE PATH APPROACH



## UNION STREET DIRECT + LEGIBLE APPROACH















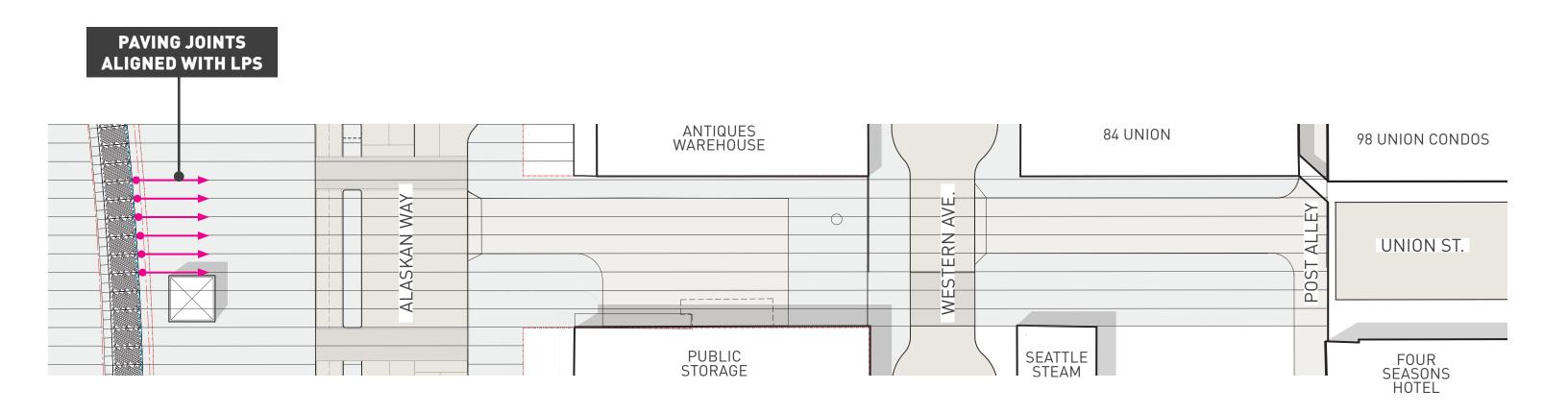




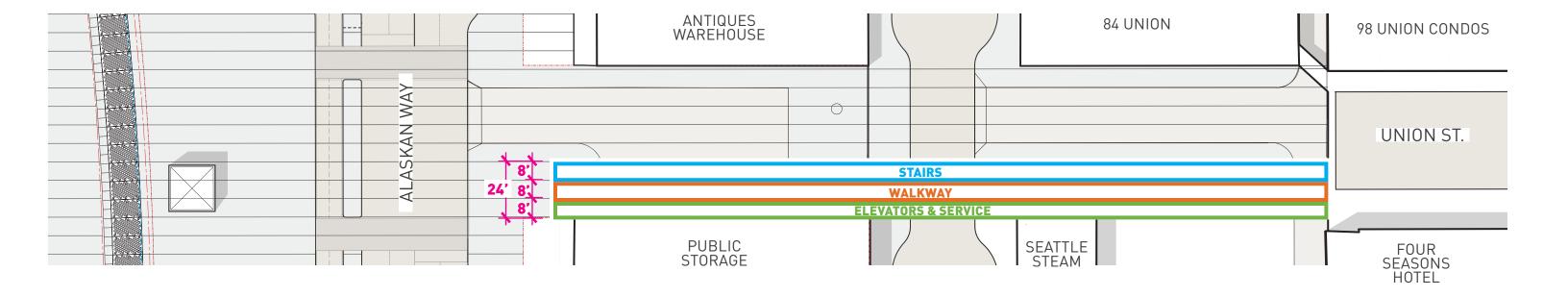




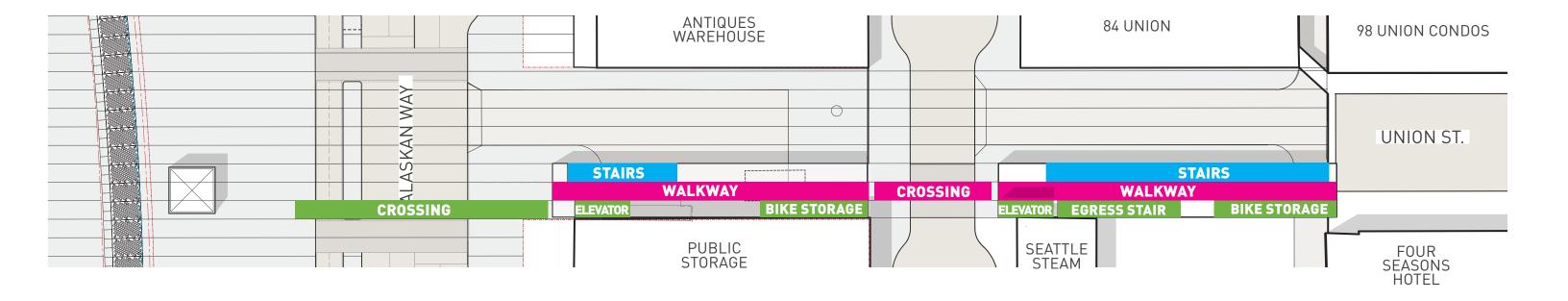
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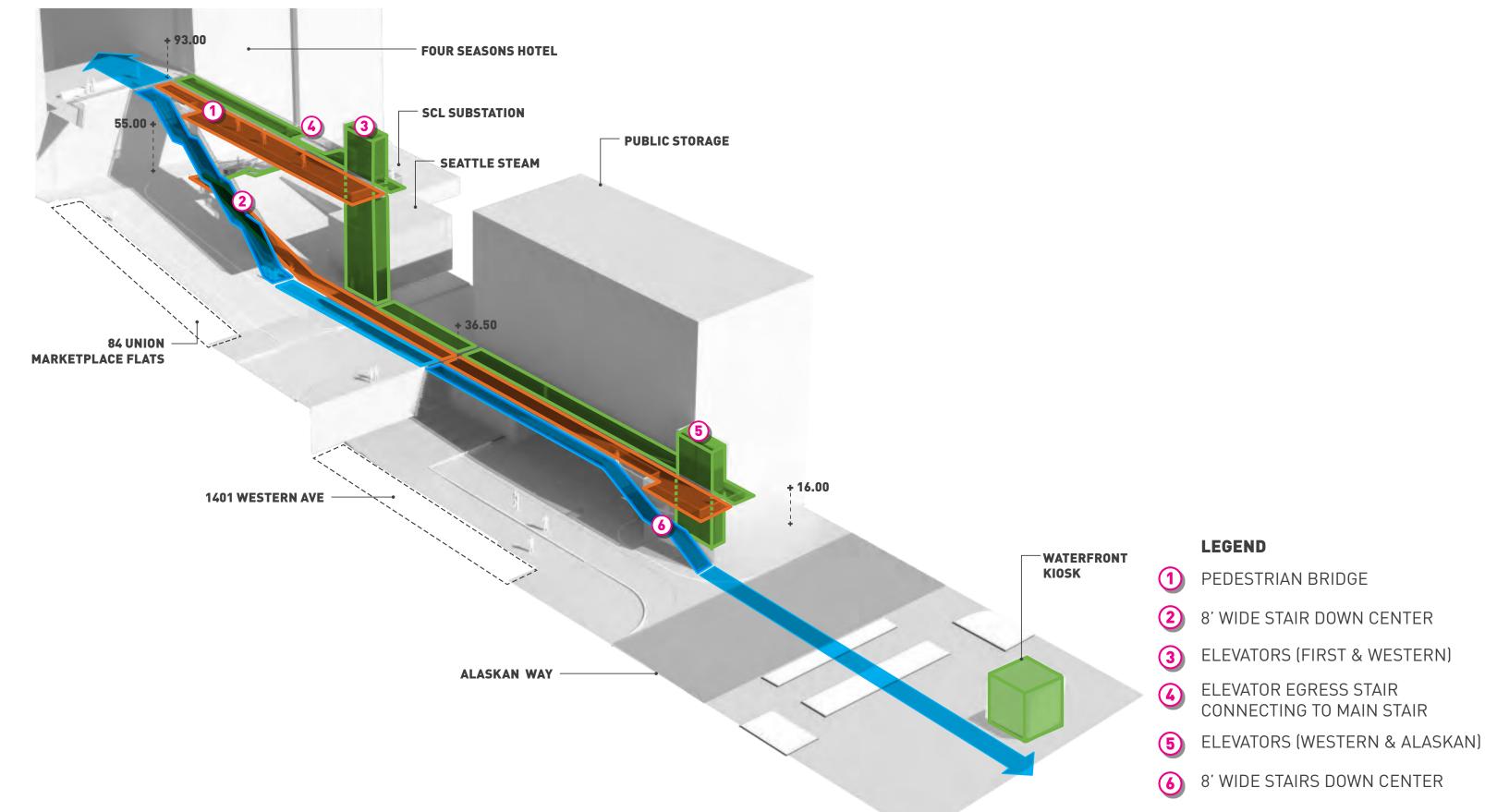
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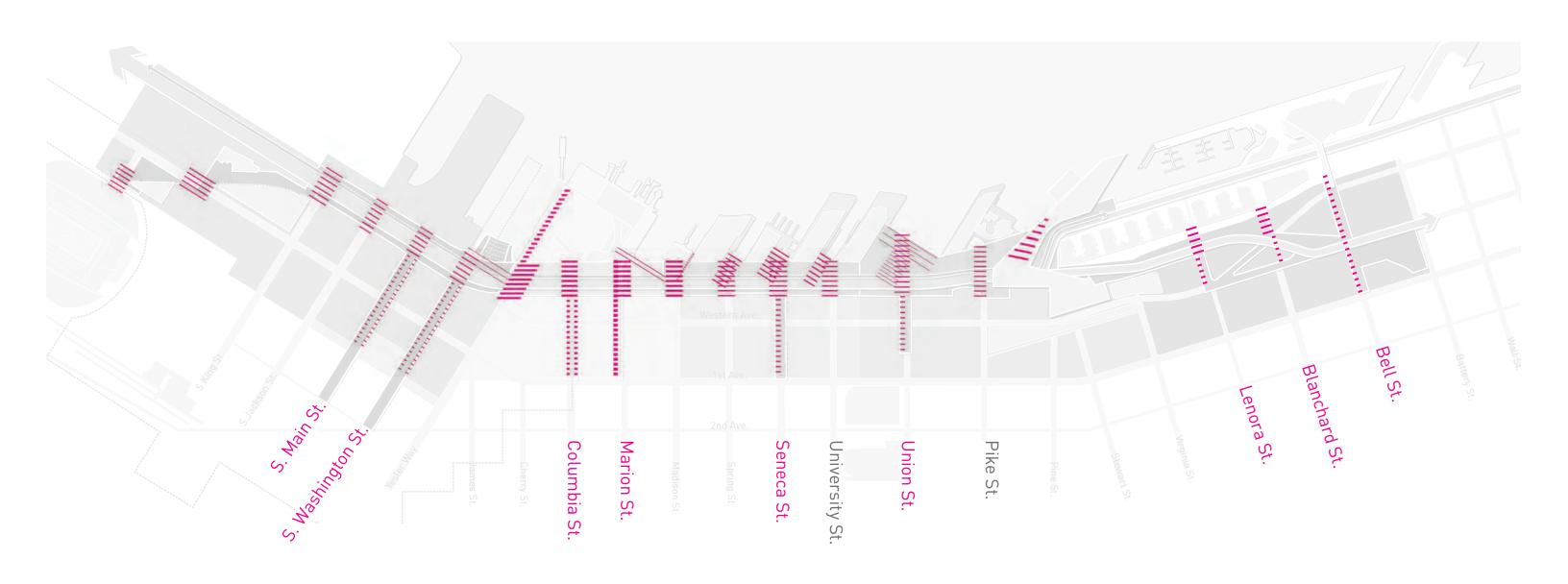
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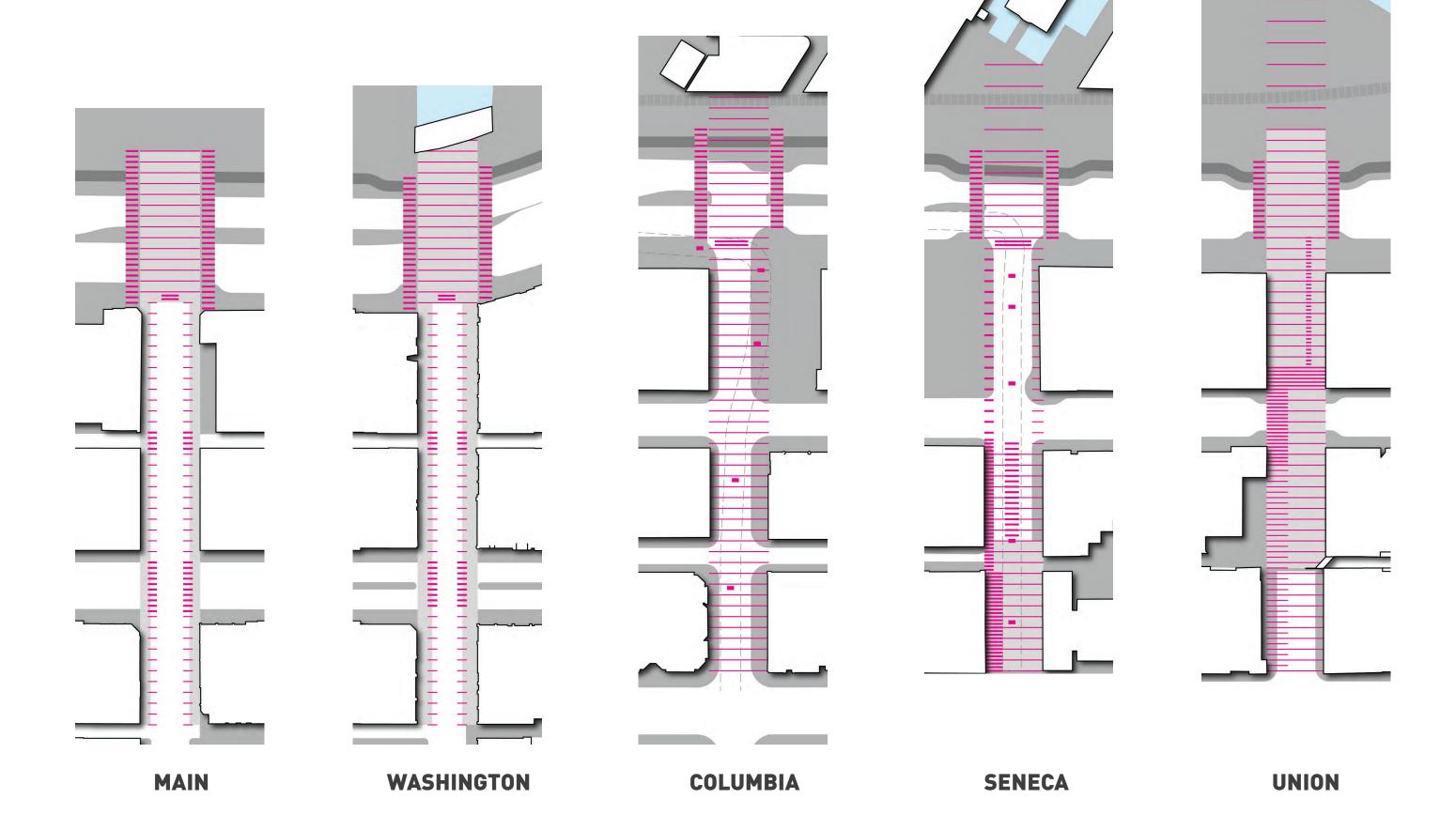
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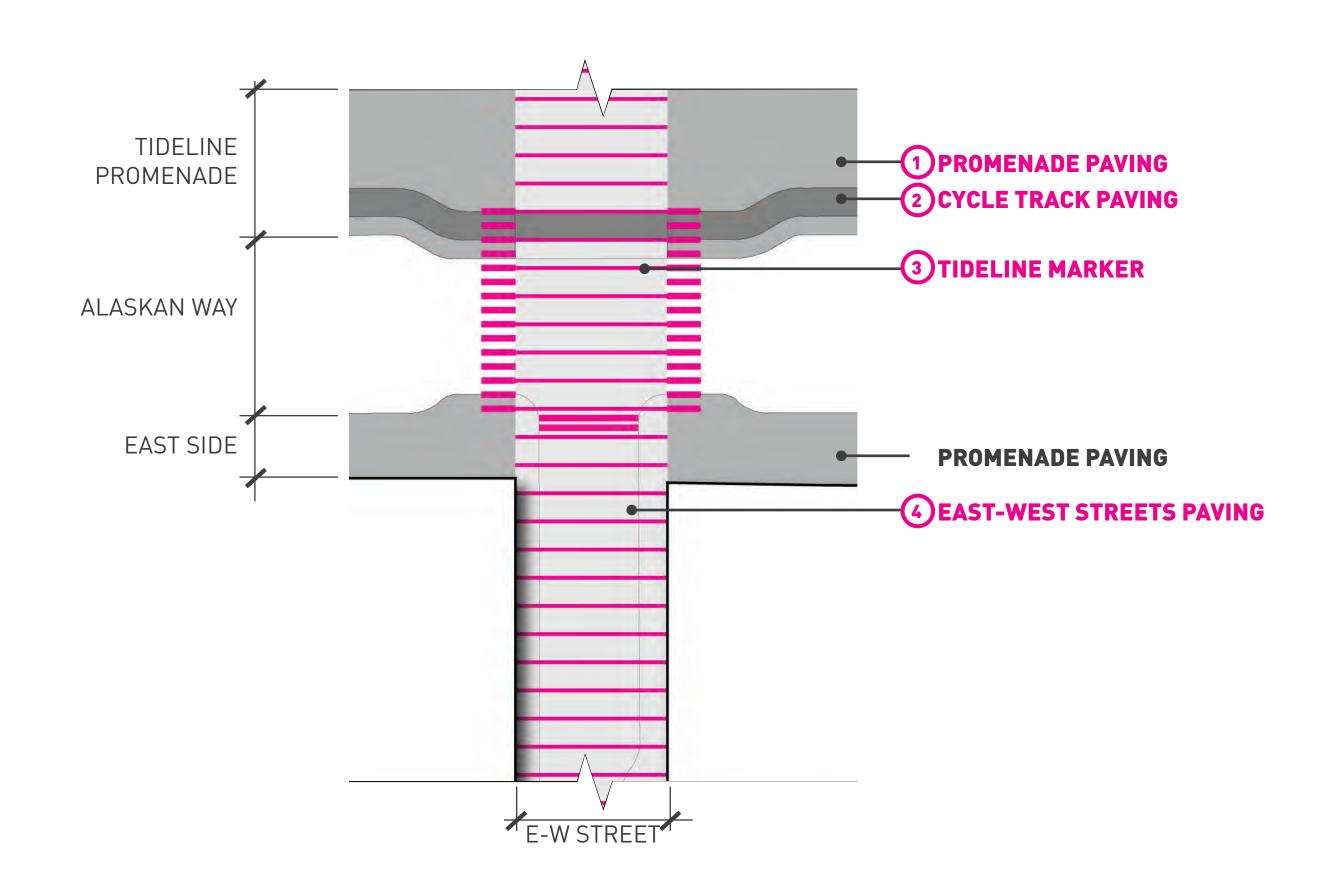
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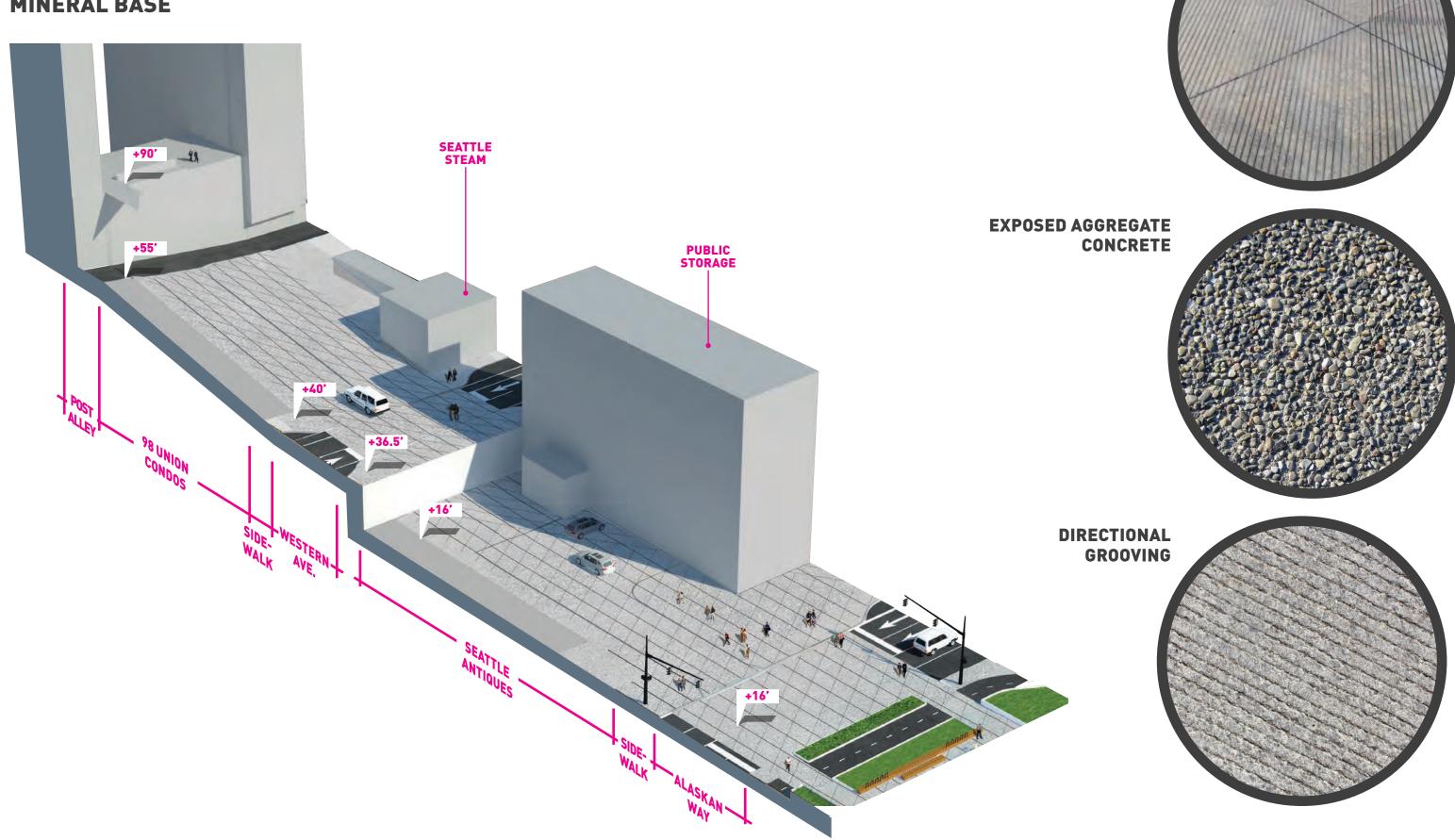
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#### EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS

#### TYPICAL TIDELINE DIAGRAM @ INTERSECTIONS



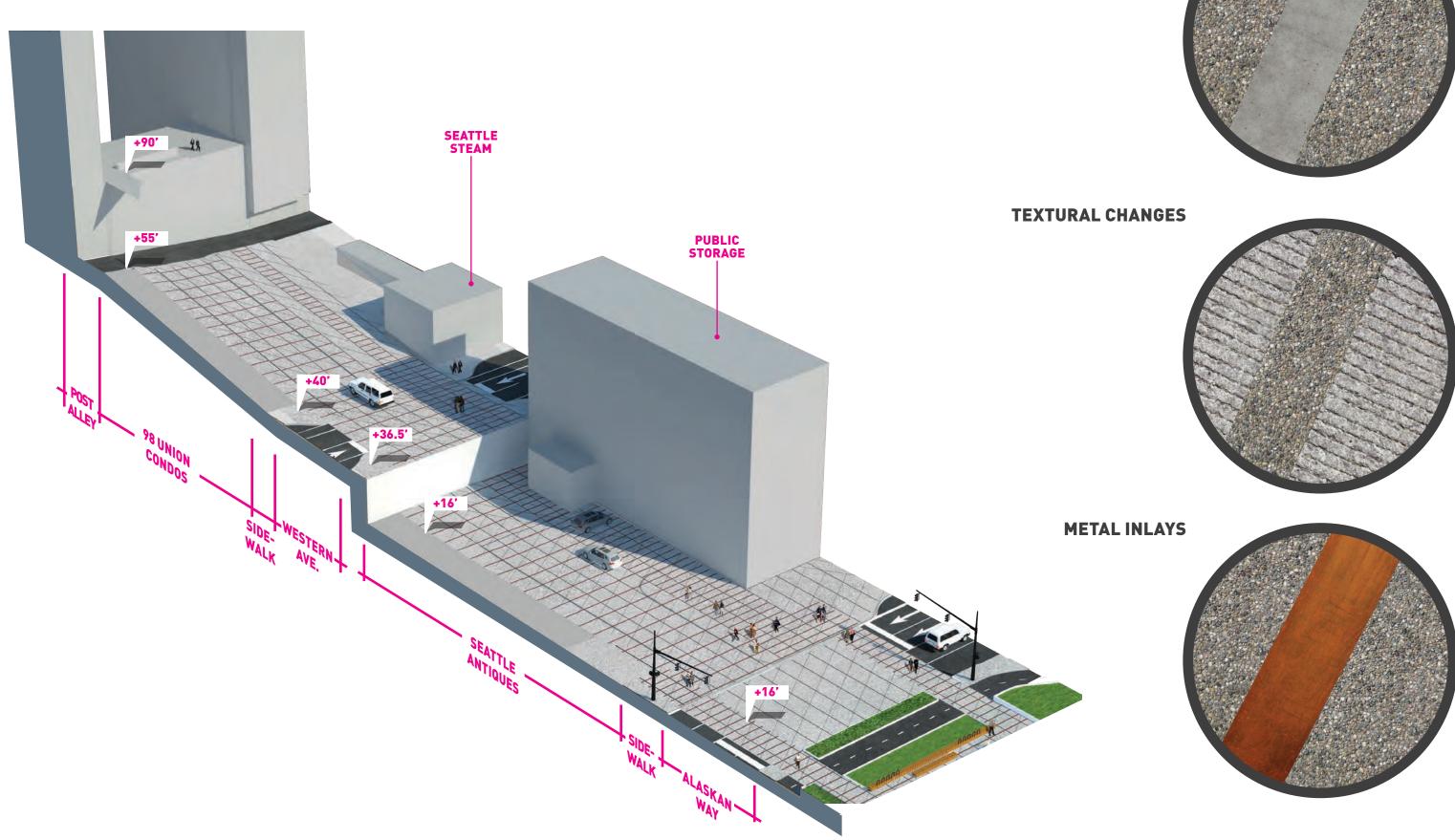
UNION STREET
URBAN FABRIC
MINERAL BASE



WATERFRONT

**SCORING PATTERNS** 

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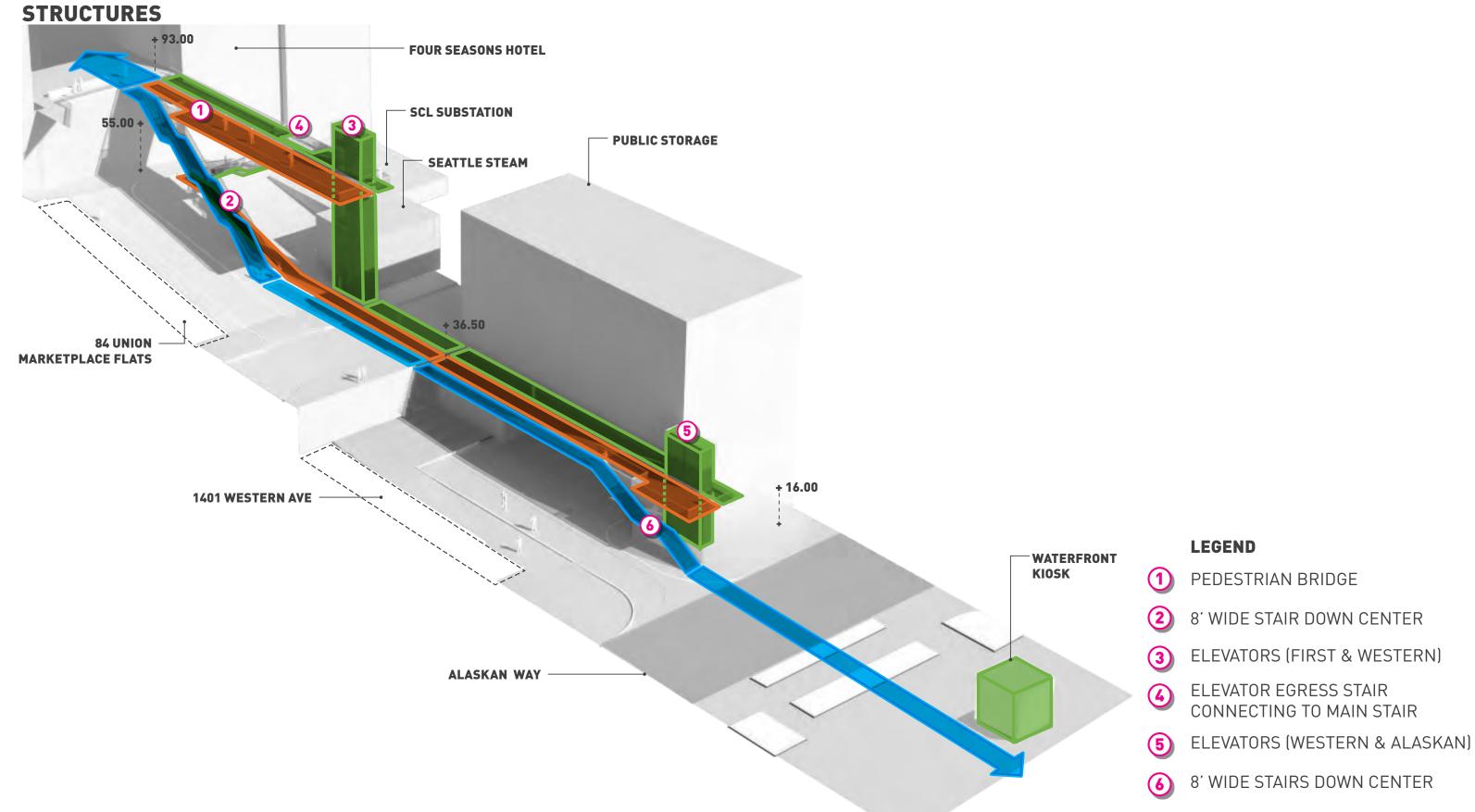


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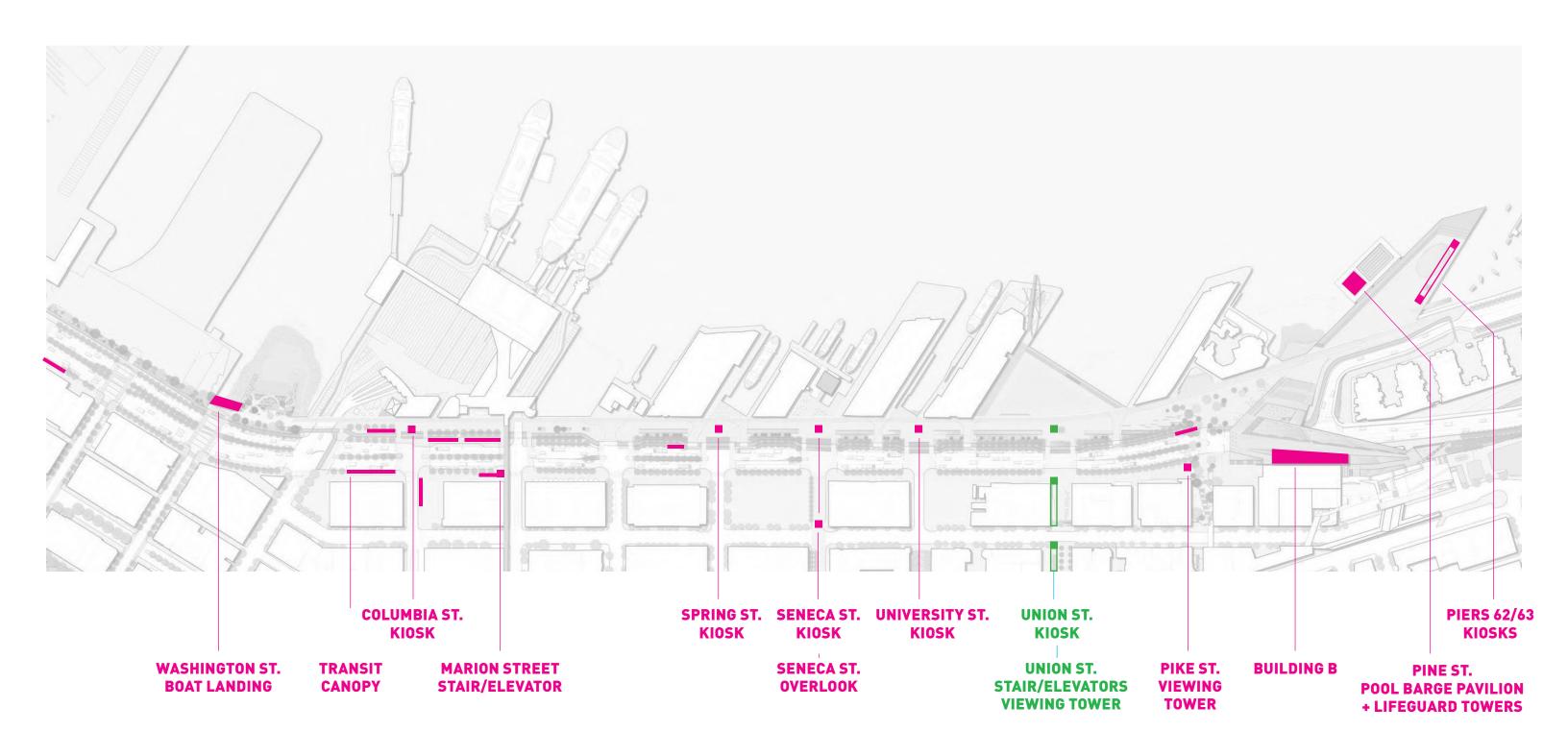
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### UNION STREET URBAN FABRIC



### UNION STREET WATERFRONT STRUCTURES





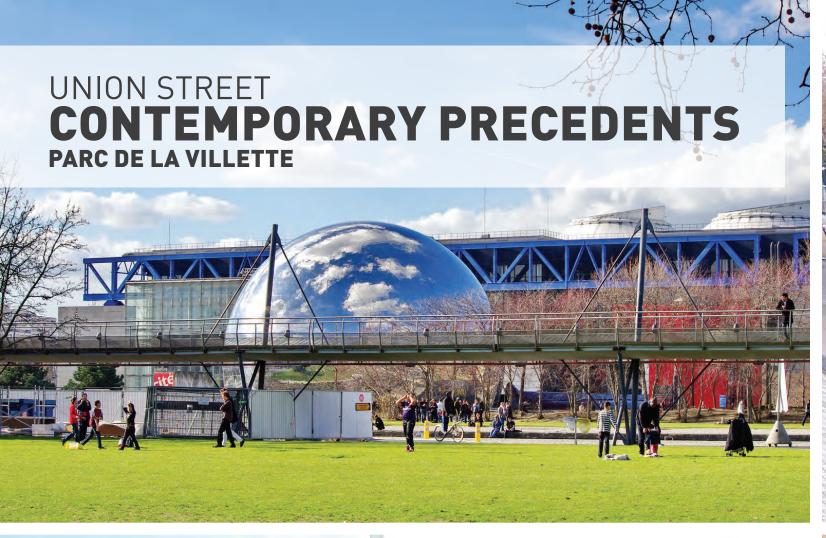
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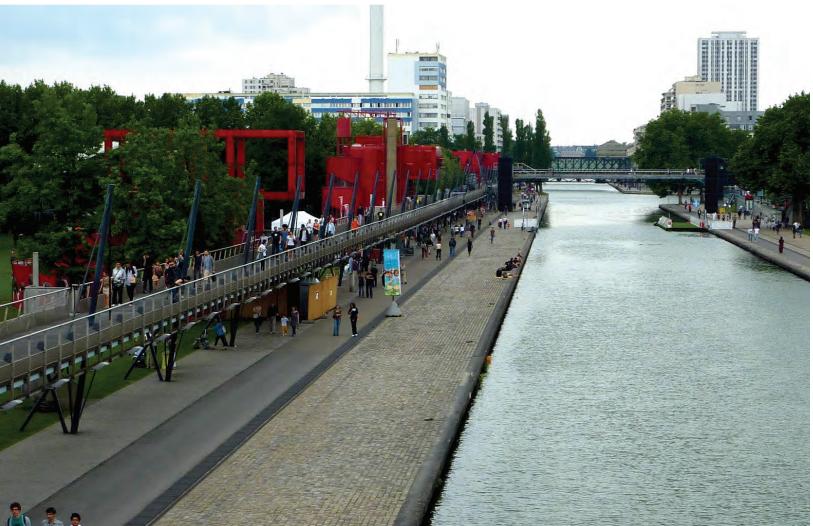
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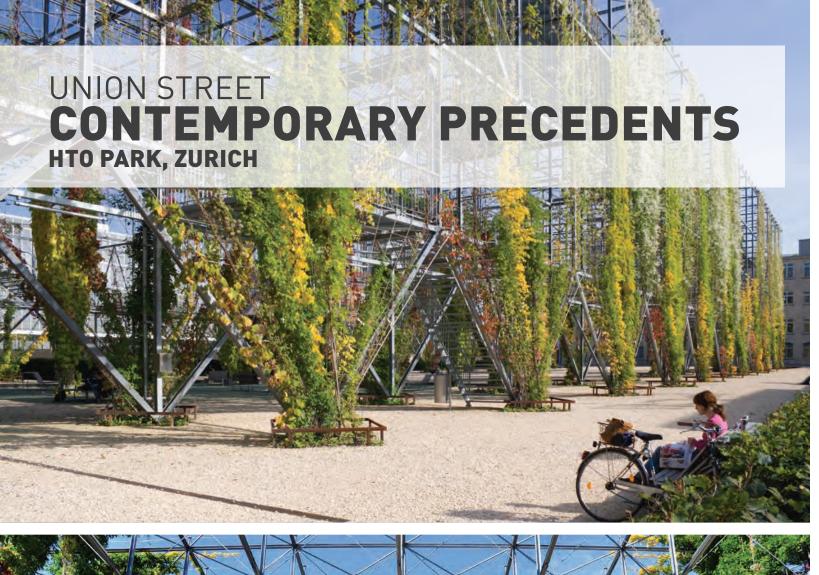
















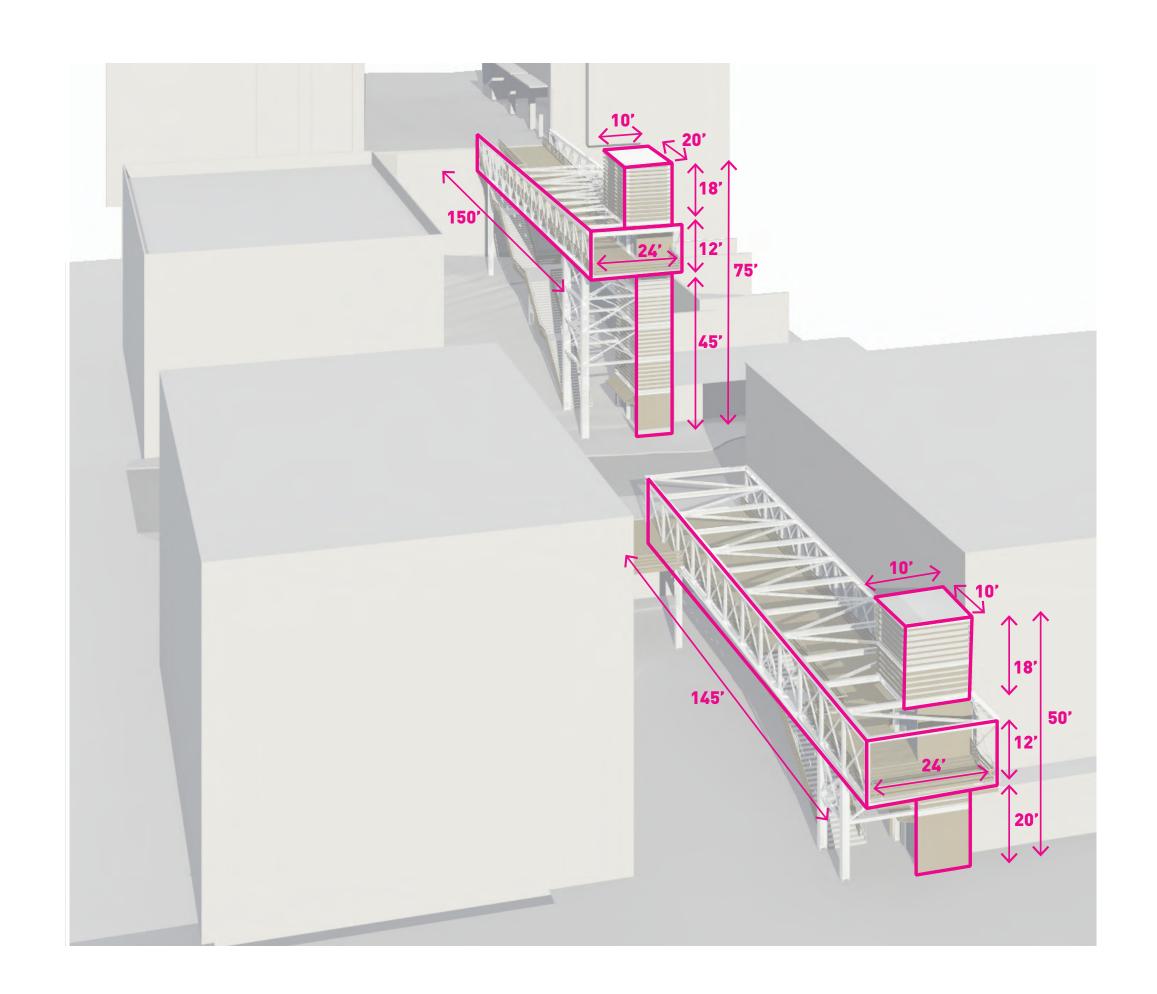




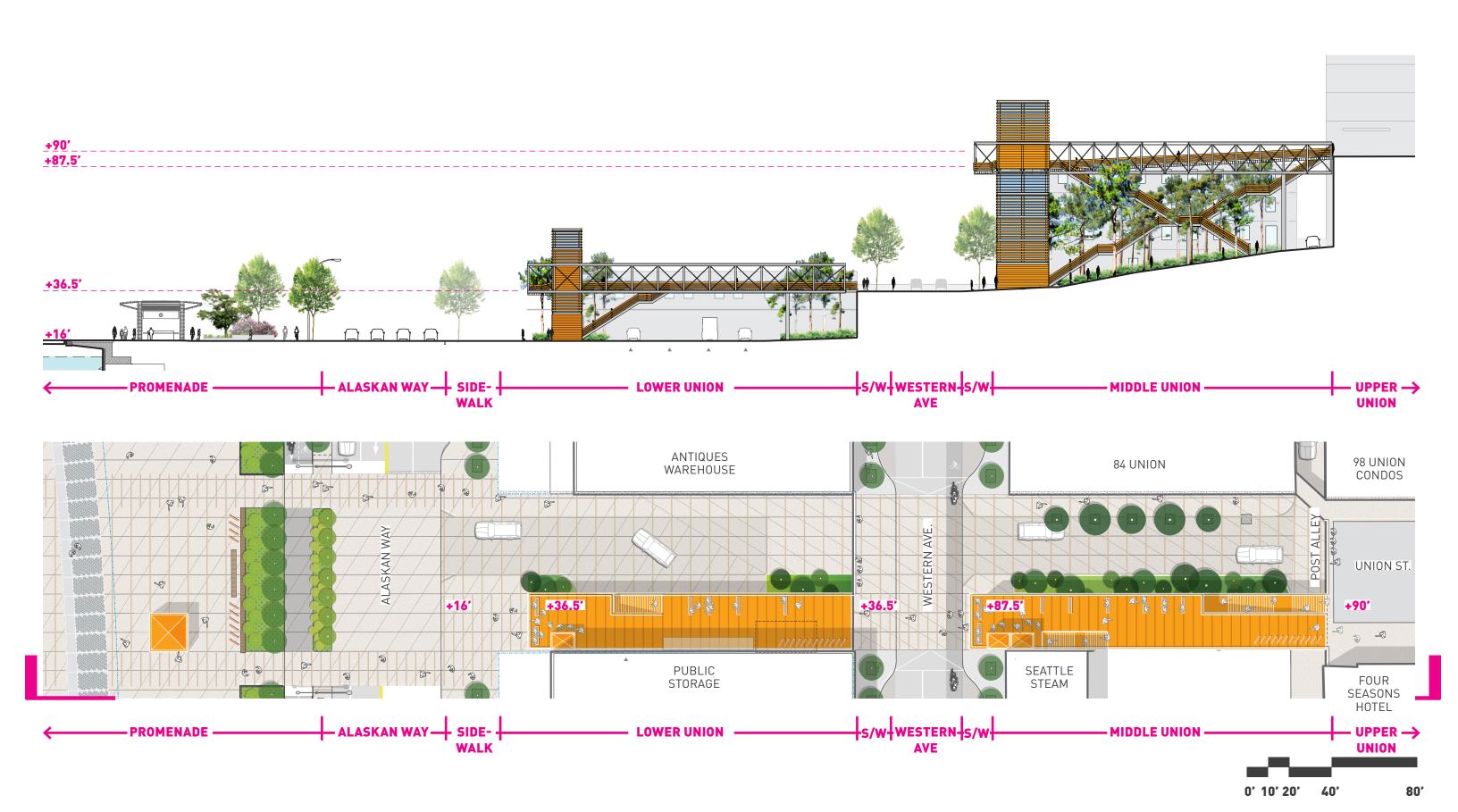




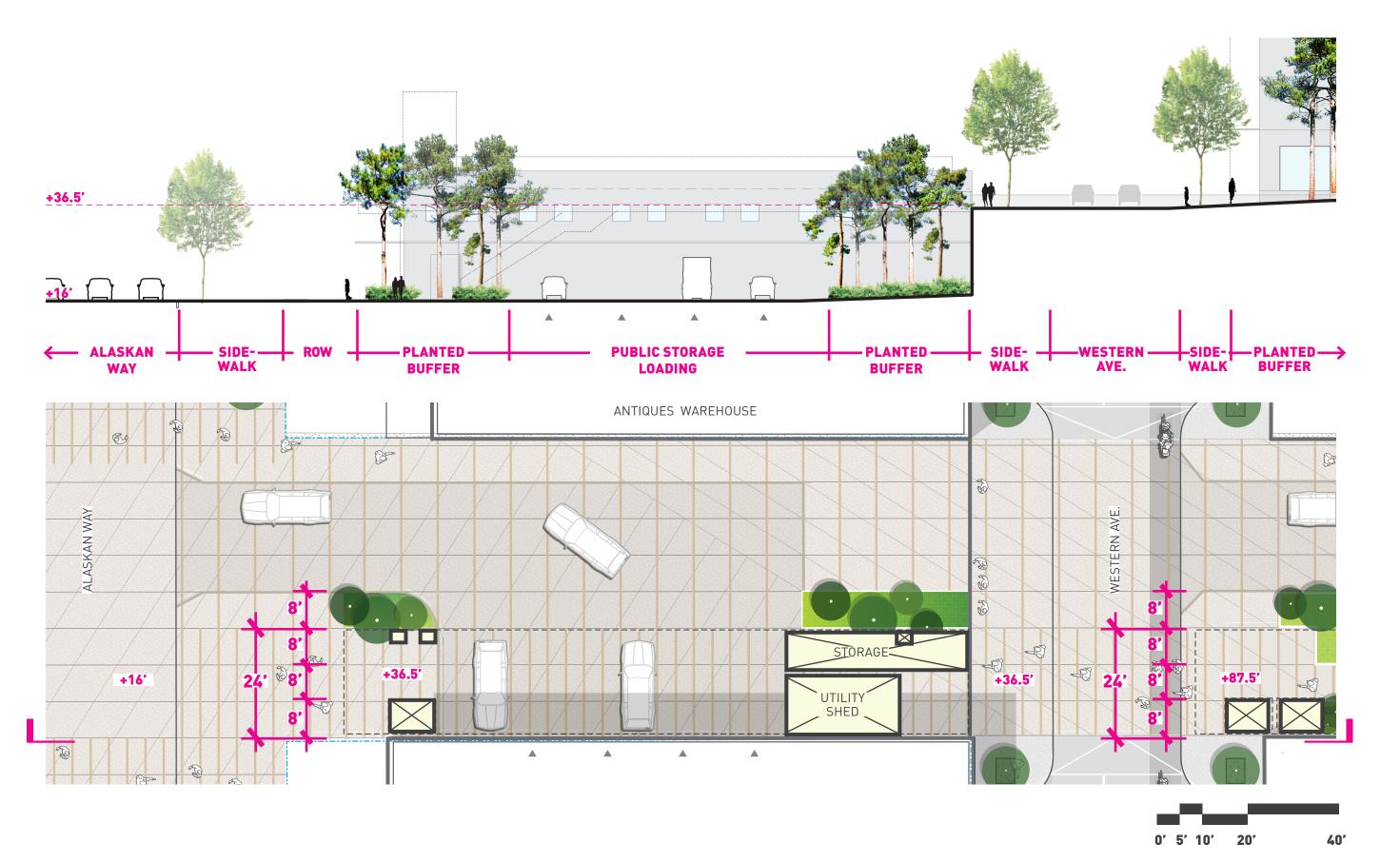
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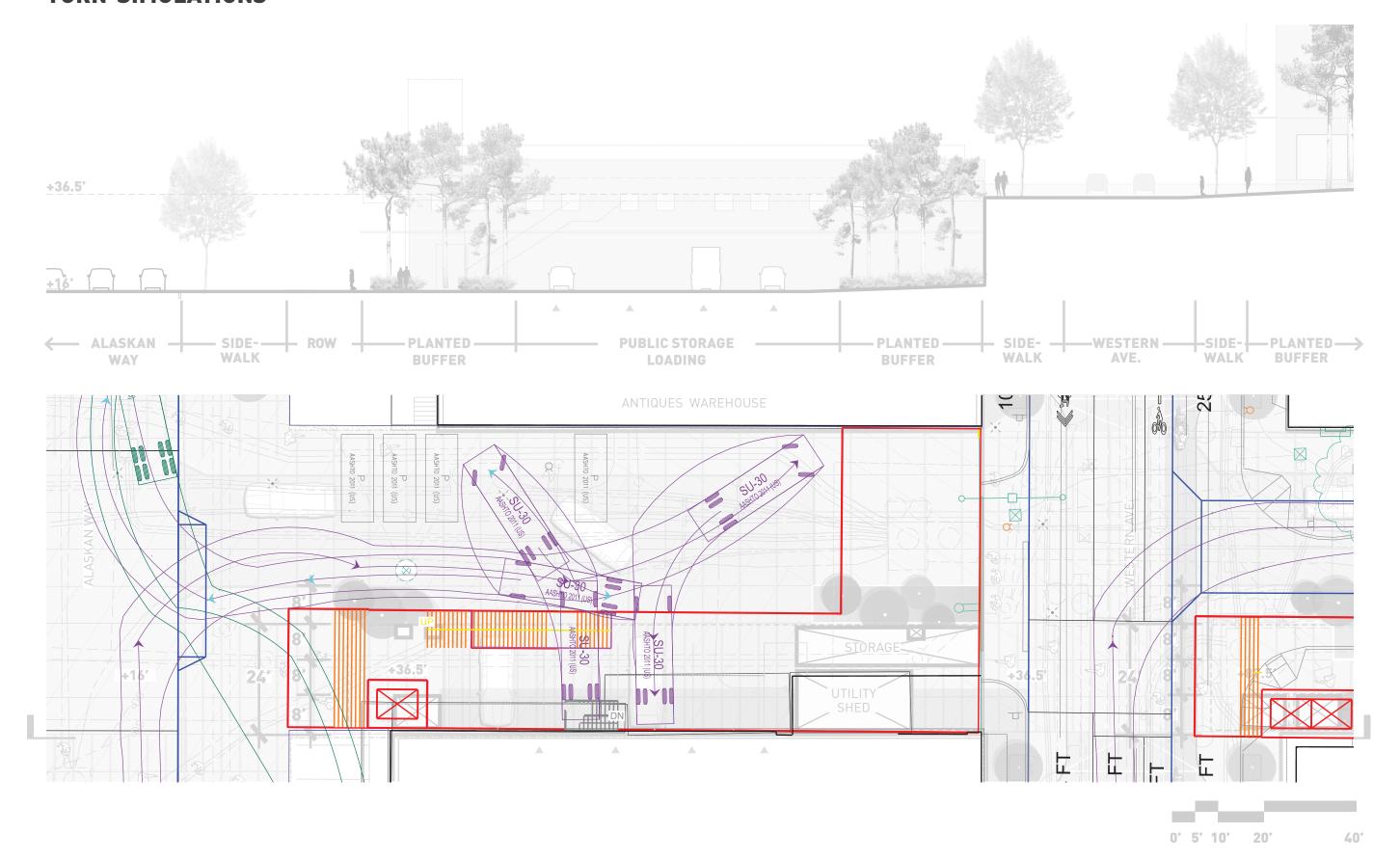
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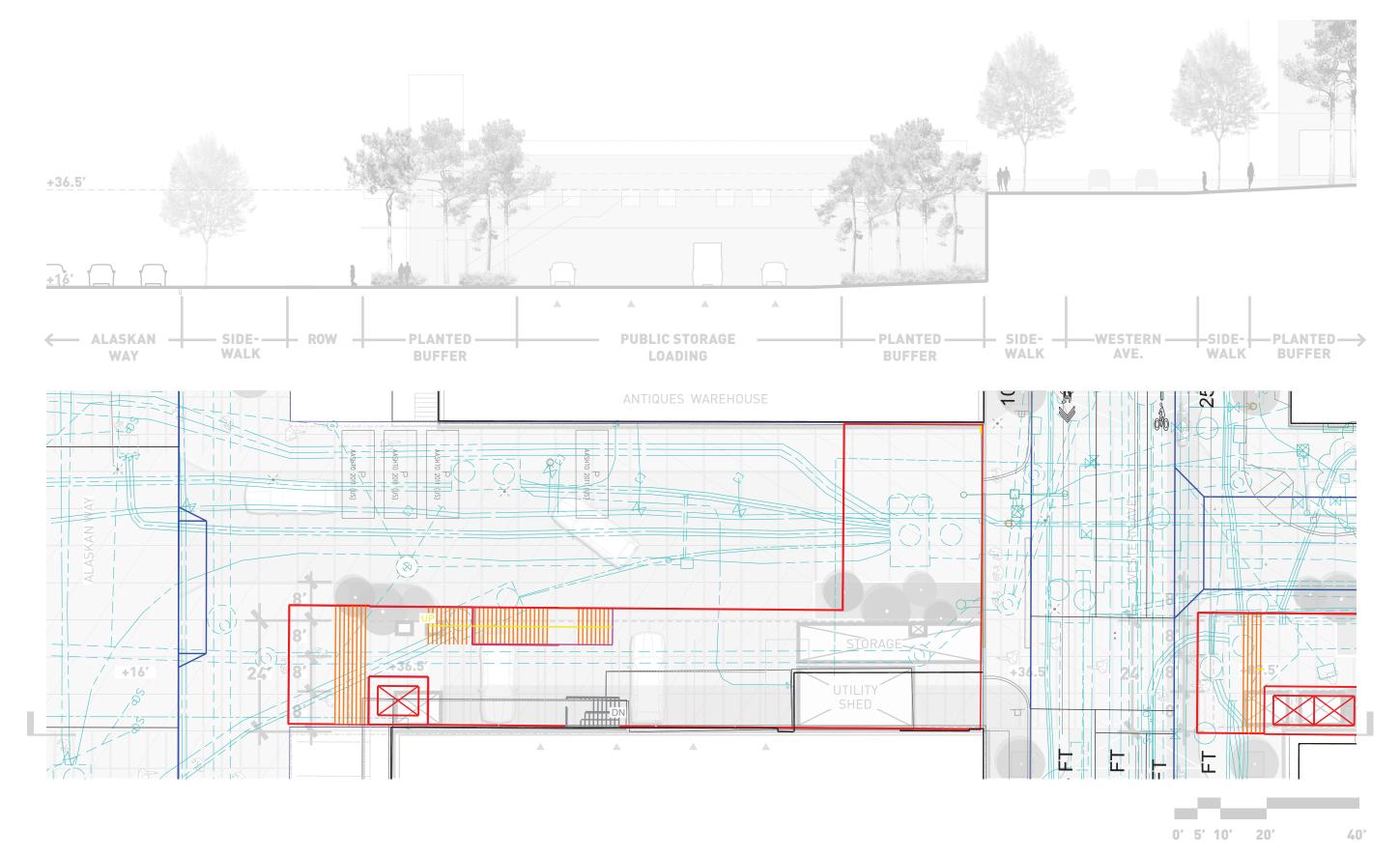
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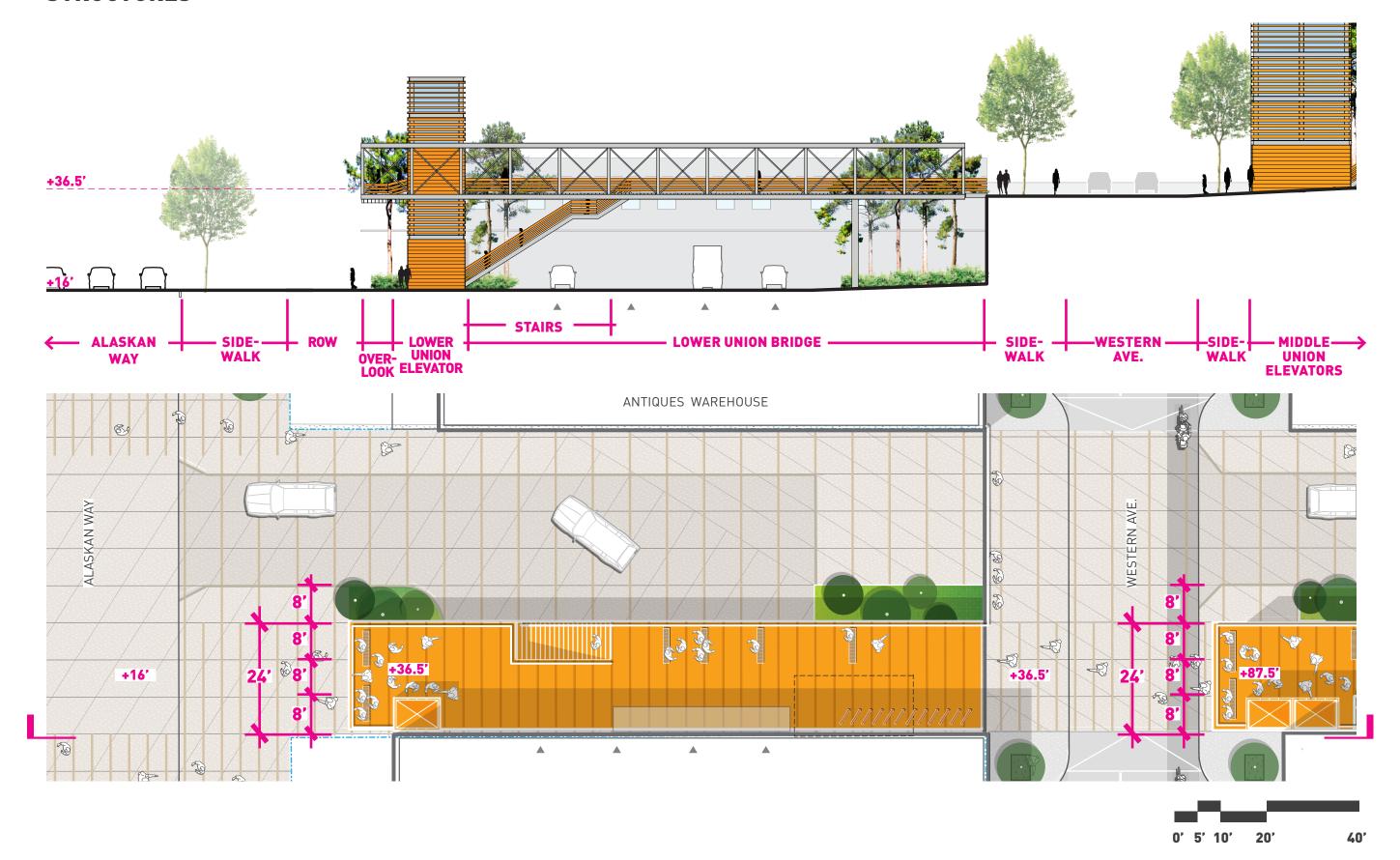
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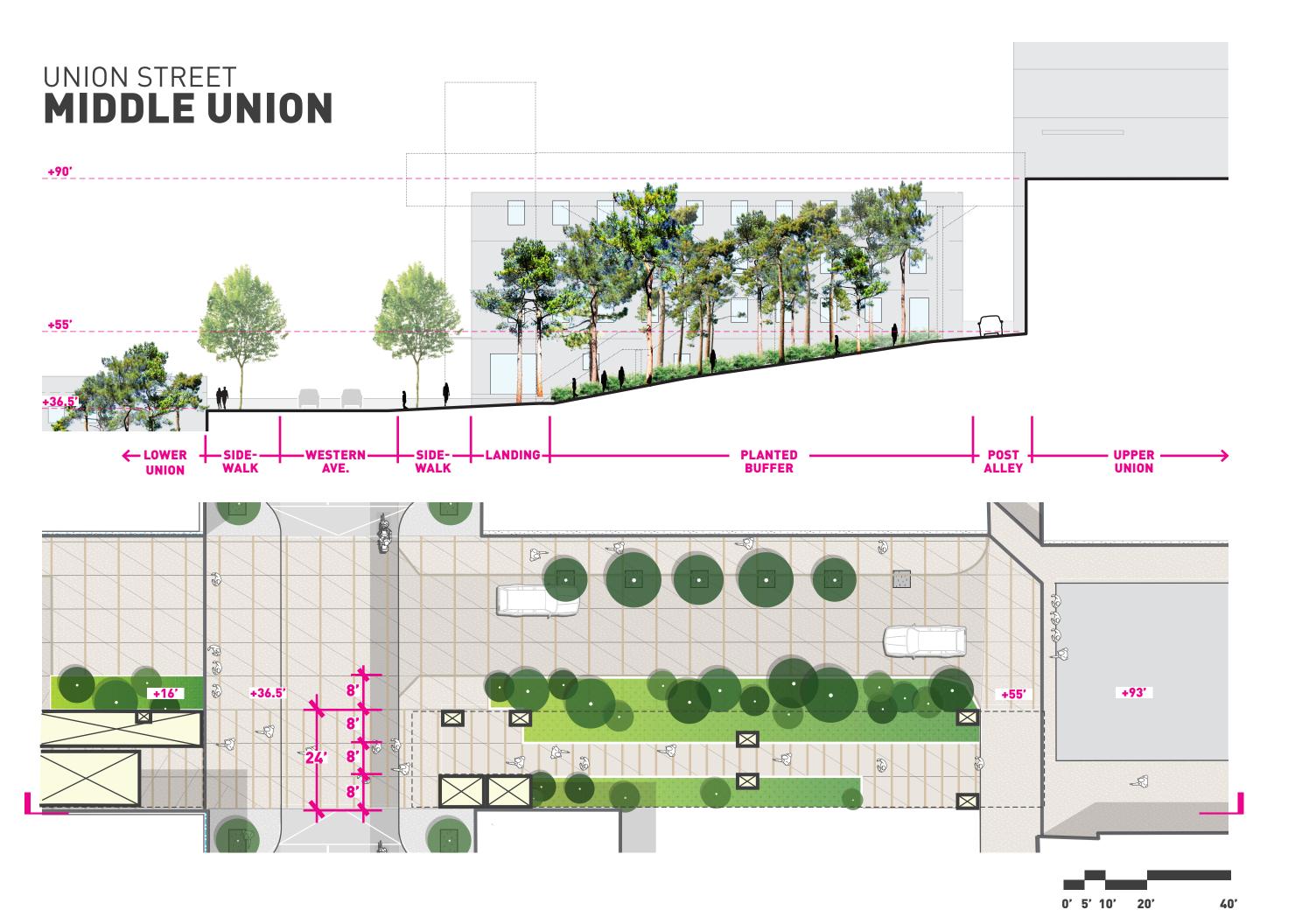


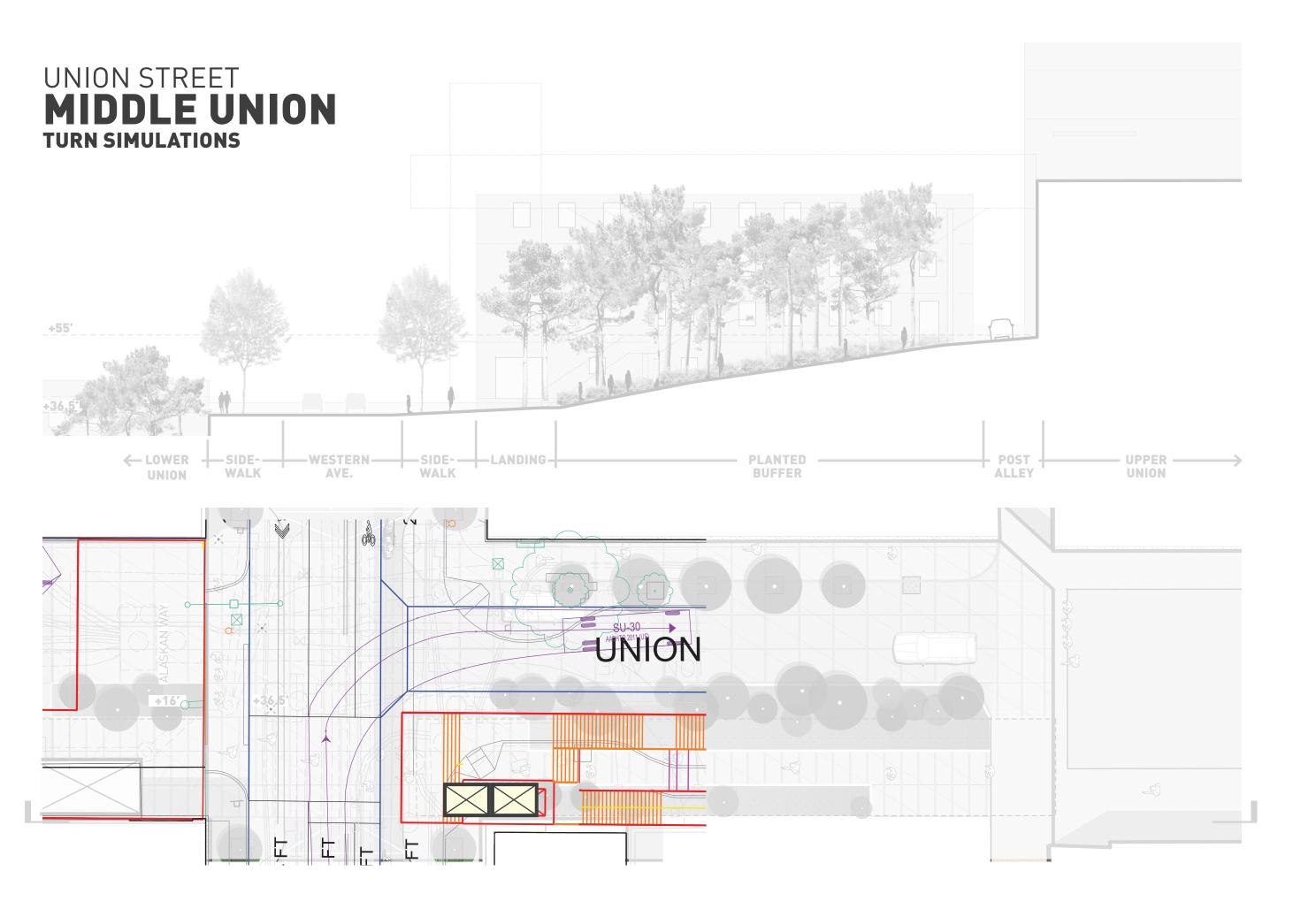
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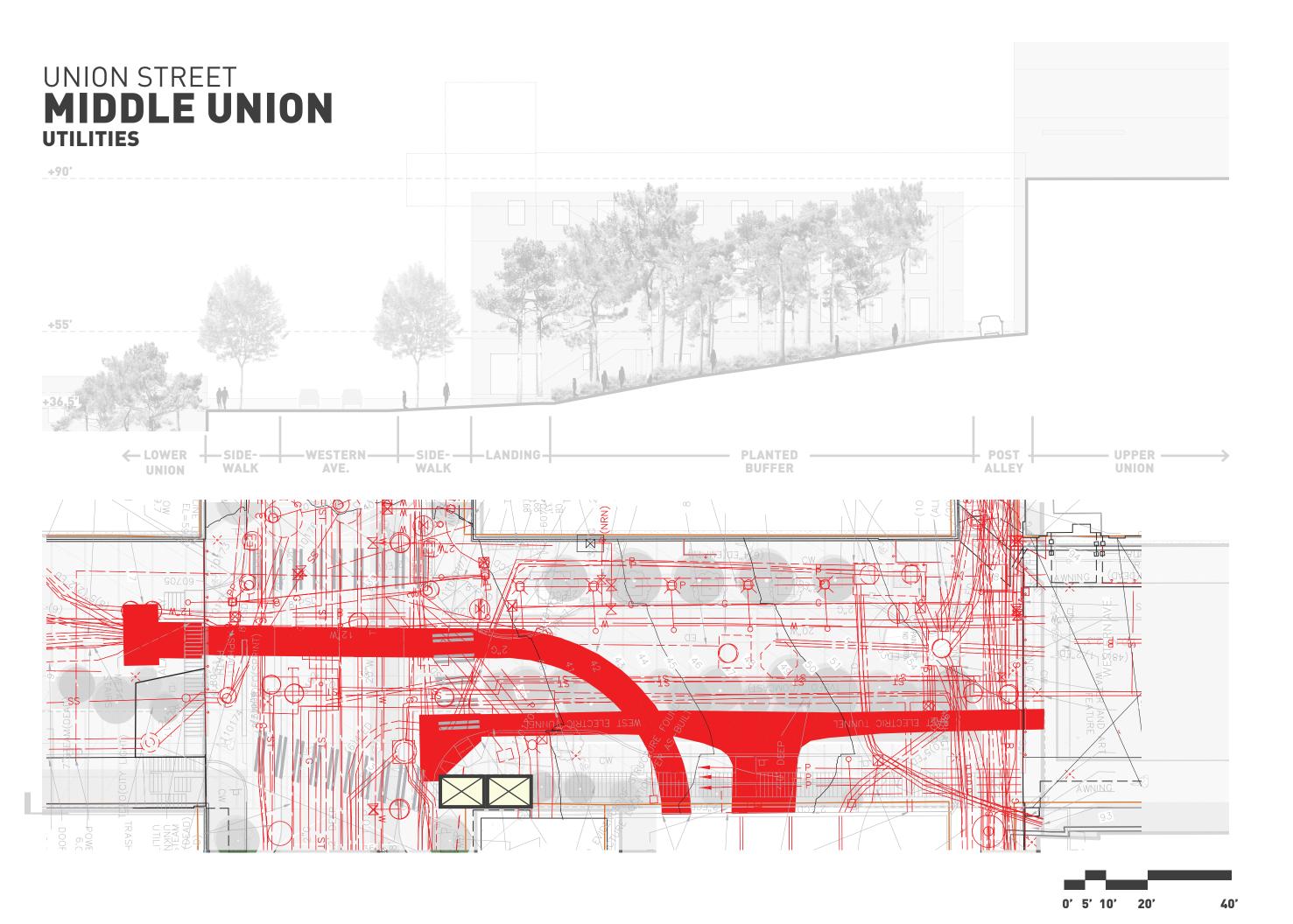


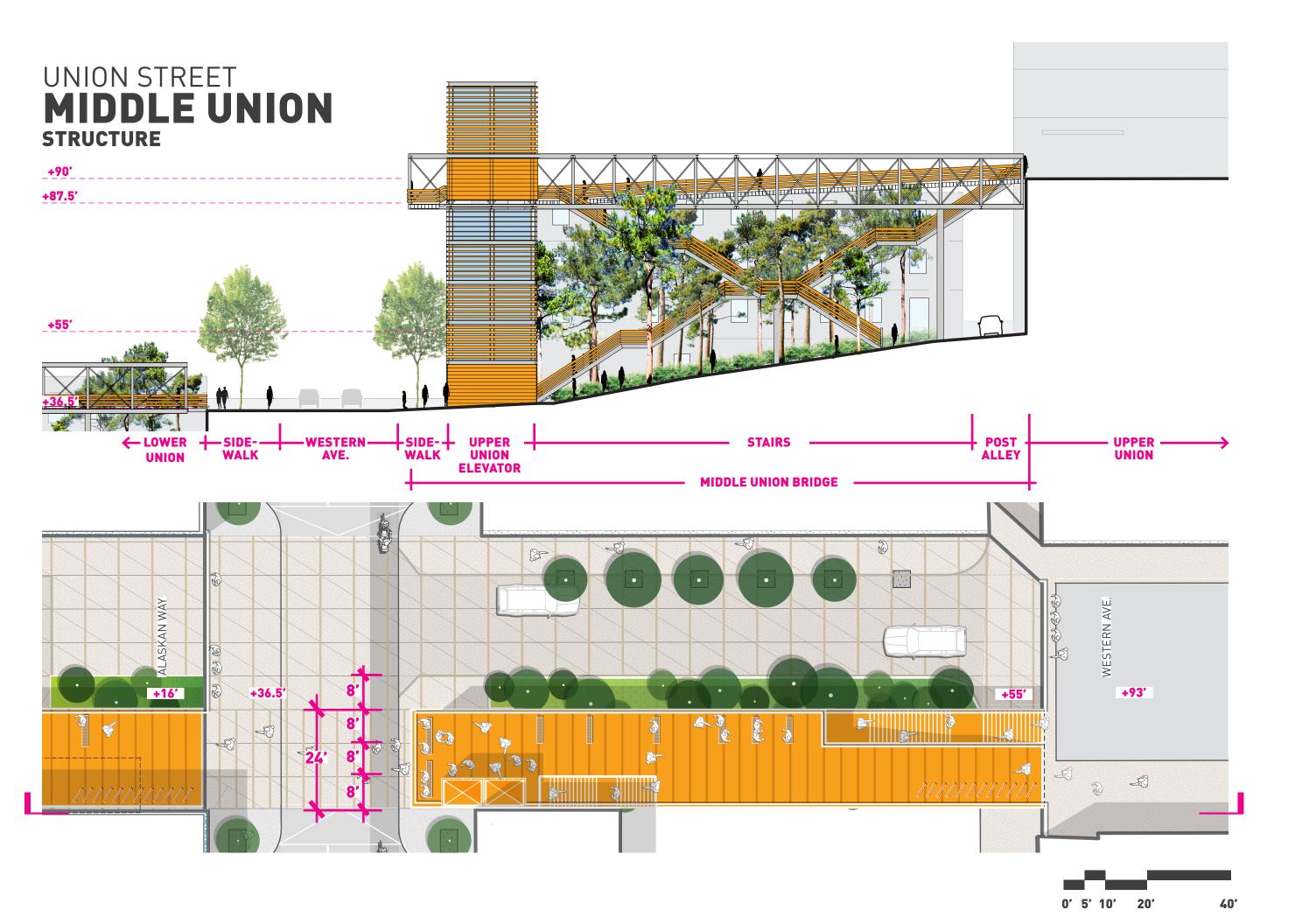
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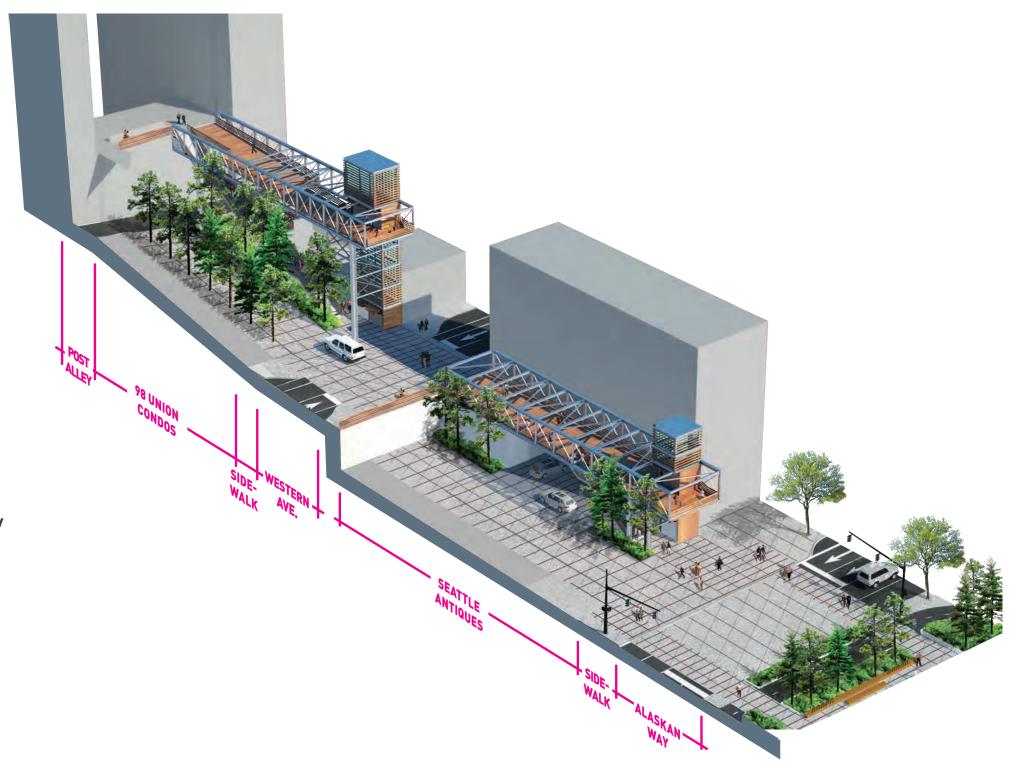




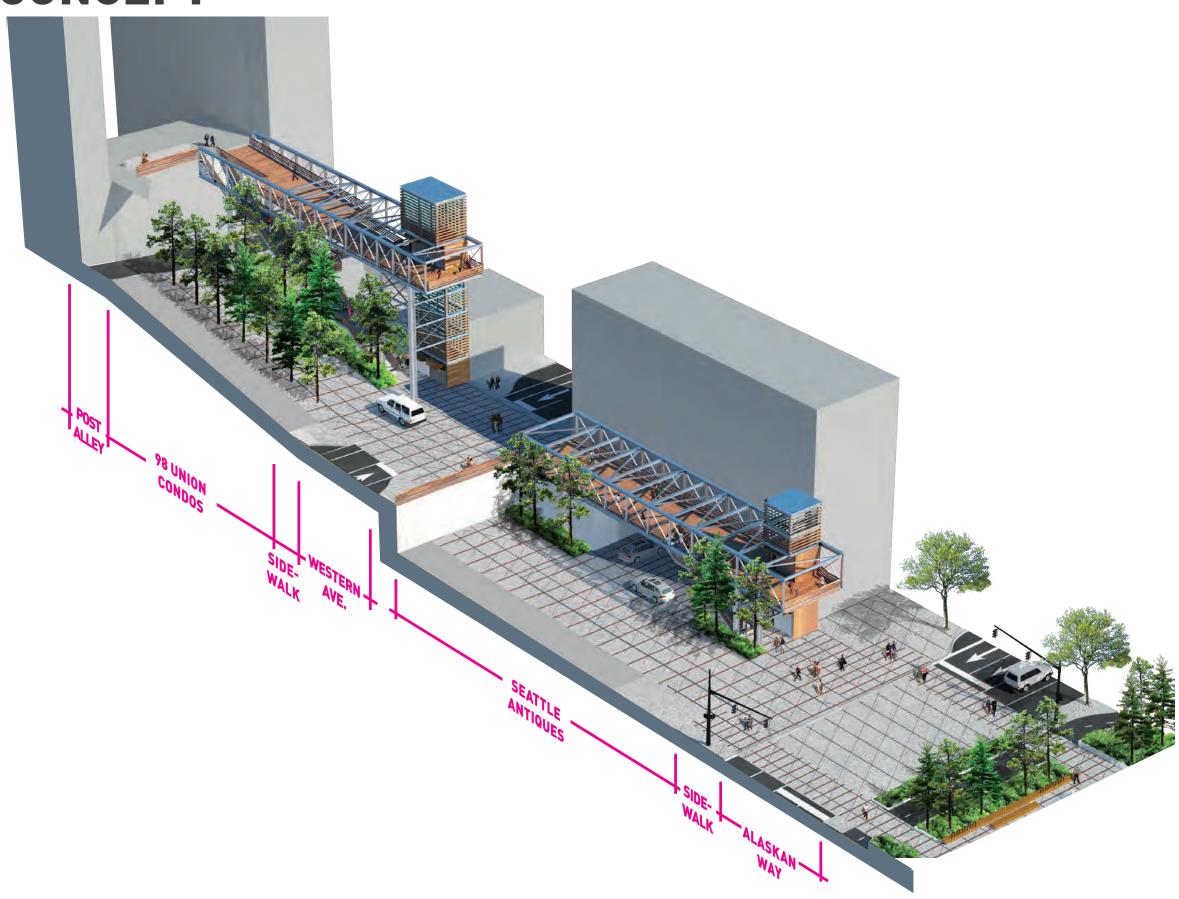


### UNION STREET ART OPPORTUNITIES

- Tidelines
- Pavement
- Vertical surfaces
- Seawall/Wall/Bluff
- Waterfront Bluff
- Wildlife
- Structures
- Overhead/underfoot
- Light/shadow
- Moving & Storage movement
- Seattle Steam sustainable energy
- Seattle City Light power
- 84 Union history



### UNION STREET CONCEPT



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