

Mandela Station Community Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:30 – 8:30 PM PT





Community Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- 7th Street Streetscape & Street Trees Update
- BART Plaza & Paseos / Masterplan Openspace Revisions
- Public Art Update
- Construction Schedule Update
- Q&As

General Updates

- 5th Community Meeting This Year
- Next Meetings
 - Meetings generally scheduled last Wednesday of month
 - September 30th – follow up items, T3 affordable housing public art
 - October 28th – follow up items, BART parking update
- Website Update – go to www.mandelastation.com
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
 - Posted FAQs on project website

7th Street Streetscape & Street Trees Update

- What We Heard – General Meeting Feedback & Themes
 - Poor sound and acoustics
 - Breakout group introductions were confusing
 - Lack of clarity on timelines & what can be changed or not
 - Concerns about parking overflow into residential neighborhoods that already lack enforcement
 - Extensions of parking permitting for businesses, visibility of permits so 311 requests can be useful for long-term parking by non-residents

7th Street Streetscape & Street Trees Update

- We Also Heard – Streetscape Meeting Feedback & Themes
 - Safety and traffic congestion concerns with bike lanes, passenger loading zones, crosswalks, and bus stops
 - Desire for stronger maintenance plans, confirmed ownership & funding for tree maintenance
 - Opportunity to teach tree maintenance to community members
 - Desire to preserve existing trees
 - Desire for more California native trees

7th Street Streetscape & Street Trees Update

- What We Did
 - Removed tree tags from 7th Street trees
 - Research tree species alternatives
 - Revised plans to preserve three additional existing trees
 - Reviewed Conditions of Approval to determine available options
 - Discussed alternatives with City of Oakland and BART
 - Conducted outreach to targeted community members & groups

7th Street Streetscape & Street Trees Update

- Streetscape
 - Revised cycle track to preserve strawberry tree at Center and 7th St
 - Added flashing pedestrian crossing beacons to the 7th and Chester intersection
- Trees
 - Preserved one strawberry tree at Center and 7th
 - Preserved two Italian stone pines in the T2 BART Plaza area
 - Changed the species of the 9 trees proposed in the 7th Street median from ghost gum to California sycamore

Existing Trees to be Preserved

TWO ITALIAN STONE PINES AT PLAZA



STRAWBERRY TREE AT CENTER ST AND 7TH



7th Street Streetscape Timeline

- Tree Removal
 - 7th Street trees being removed will be red-tagged for removal
 - 30-day comment period
 - 7-day appeal period
 - City of Oakland makes determination
- Removal & Replacement Period
 - South side trees removed around 1st quarter of 2027 and replaced with new trees around 3rd quarter of 2027
 - North side trees removed around 3rd quarter of 2027 and replaced with new trees around 1st quarter of 2028

BART Plaza & Paseo Update

- Open Space Plan Revisions (2020 to 2026)
 - Concrete color
 - Bioretention planters
 - Retaining existing stone pine trees
 - Additional trees
- Entitlement consistency determination
 - Planning Department will review revised plan and determine consistency with entitlements

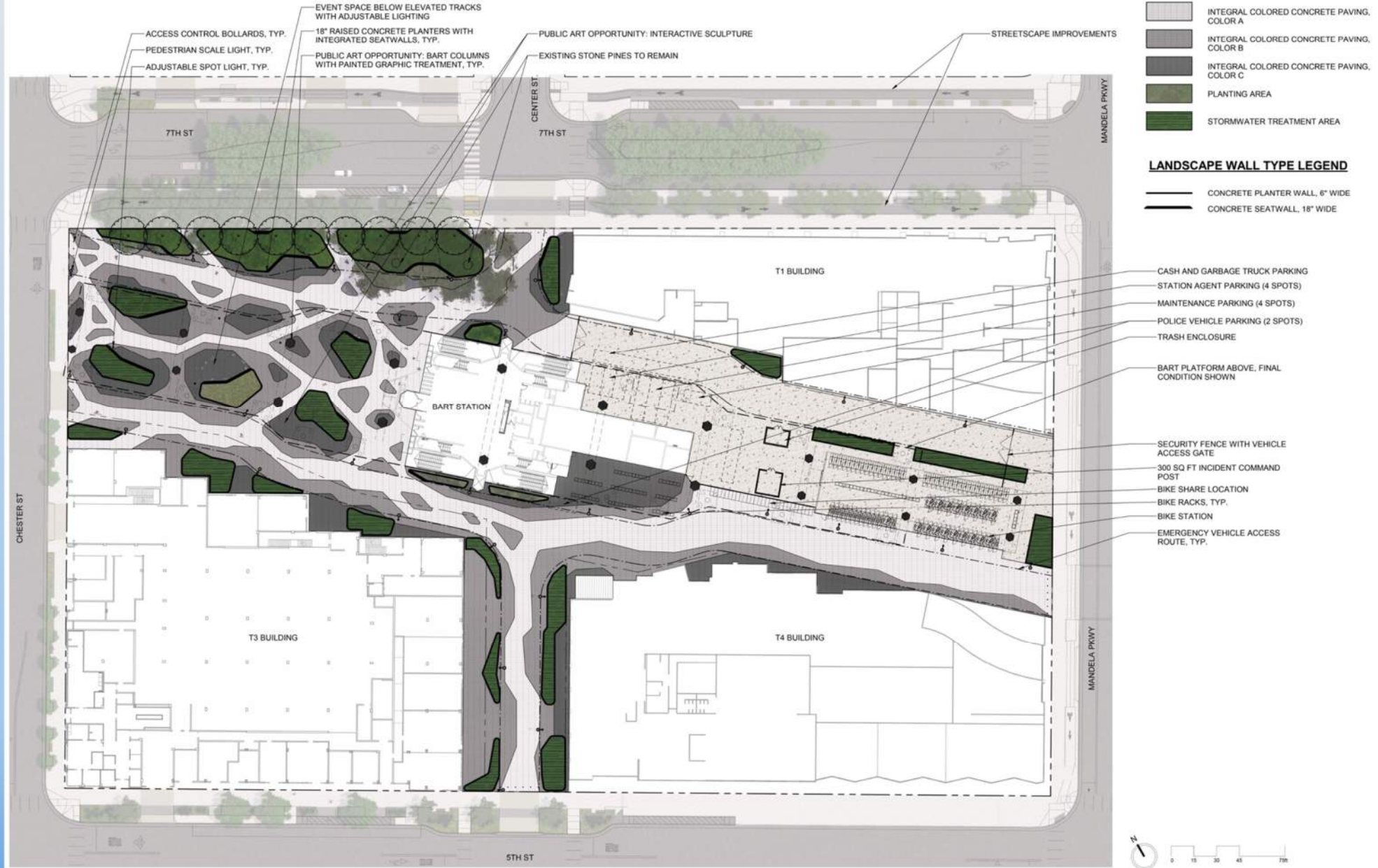
The site plan illustrates the proposed development around the BART station. The four main development zones are:

- T1 - Multifamily:** A large red-outlined area in the upper right, containing multiple residential units, a bike station, and a BART service area.
- T2 - Plaza:** A yellow-outlined area in the upper left, featuring a central plaza with a circular design, retail spaces, and a potential location for an art installation.
- T3 - Affordable:** A blue-outlined area in the lower left, consisting of several retail and commercial units, a community assembly space, and a parking lot.
- T4 - Commercial:** A green-outlined area in the lower right, including retail spaces, a potential location for a public art installation, and a parking lot.

Key features and infrastructure include:

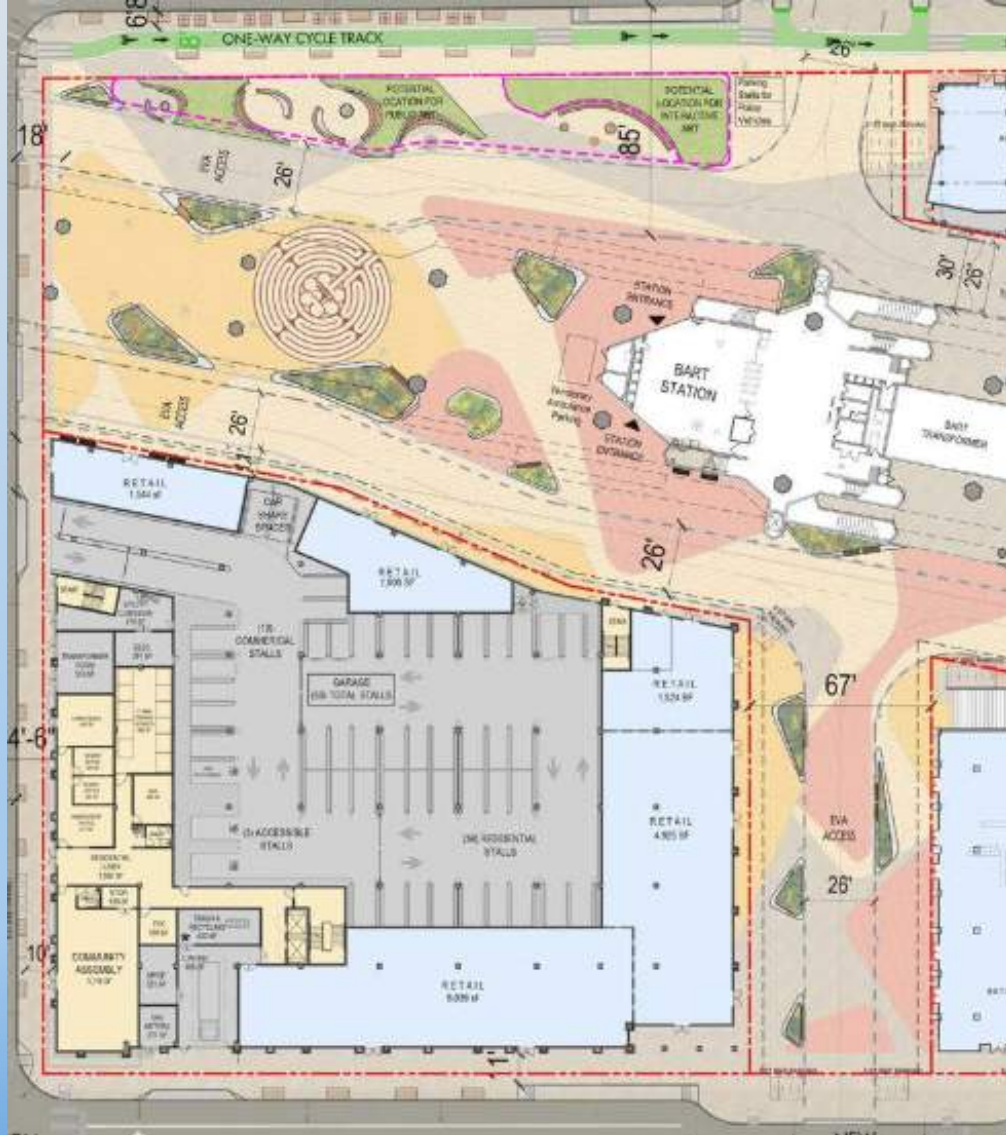
- BART Station:** Centrally located, with a station entrance and a temporary accessible parking area.
- Bike Station:** Located near the BART service area, with a note indicating it will be programmed, designed, and purchased by BART.
- Streets:** 7th St, 5th St, Chester St, and Mandela Pkwy are shown. 7th St and 5th St have one-way cycle tracks. Chester St and Mandela Pkwy have intersection improvements per C.500.
- Other Features:** A bus shelter, a temporary garage, a BART transformer, and various retail and commercial units are also depicted.

Plaza Plan



Main Plaza Changes:

PREVIOUS DESIGN (2020):



CURRENT DESIGN (2026):



Concrete Color Change:

PREVIOUS DESIGN:



Brown, yellow, gold, and red
colored concrete.
-Low contrast
-Difficult to match across phases

CURRENT DESIGN:



Light, medium, and dark gray
colored concrete.
-More contrast
-Easier to match across phases

PREVIOUS DESIGN:



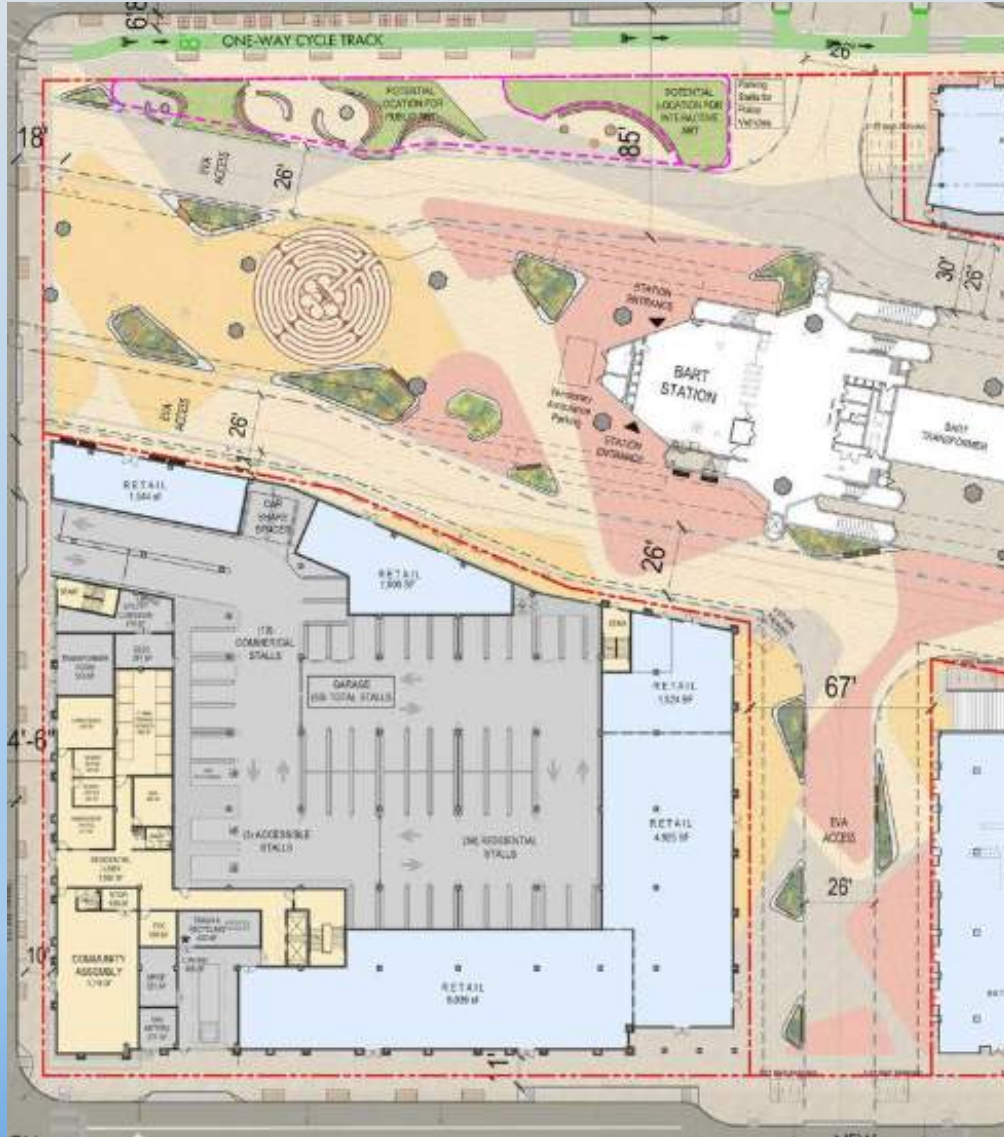
CURRENT DESIGN:



Changed bench color
from white to dark.

Main Plaza Changes:

PREVIOUS DESIGN (2020):



CURRENT DESIGN (2026):



ADDED ROW OF
SHADE TREES

PRESERVED TWO
EXISTING TREES

CHANGED COLOR OF
CONCRETE PAVING

INCREASED SIZE OF
PLANTING AREAS

Public Art Update

- Two Prior Community Meetings in early 2026 Focused on Public Art
 - Artist selection process
 - Community input
 - Artist selection
- City of Oakland provided initial stage approval
- Artist and consultant conducted additional focused community interviews during late spring 2026
- The artist is currently developing refined preliminary design concepts based on community feedback
- Focused public art discussion at the September 30th community mtg

Construction Schedule Update

- Transportation & Access Changes
 - T3 Affordable Housing Project
 - Sanitary Sewer Main Extension
 - Storm Sewer Main Extension
 - Undergrounding Overhead Powerlines & Sidewalk Curb Extensions
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- Timelines subject to specific BART and City approvals

Transportation & Access Changes

- Aug '26 Access Changes
 - Bus stops moving to 7th St & Mandela Pkwy
 - Passenger loading areas moving to 7th & Chester St
 - Bike facilities relocations within BART parking lot
 - Notifications underway starting August 5th



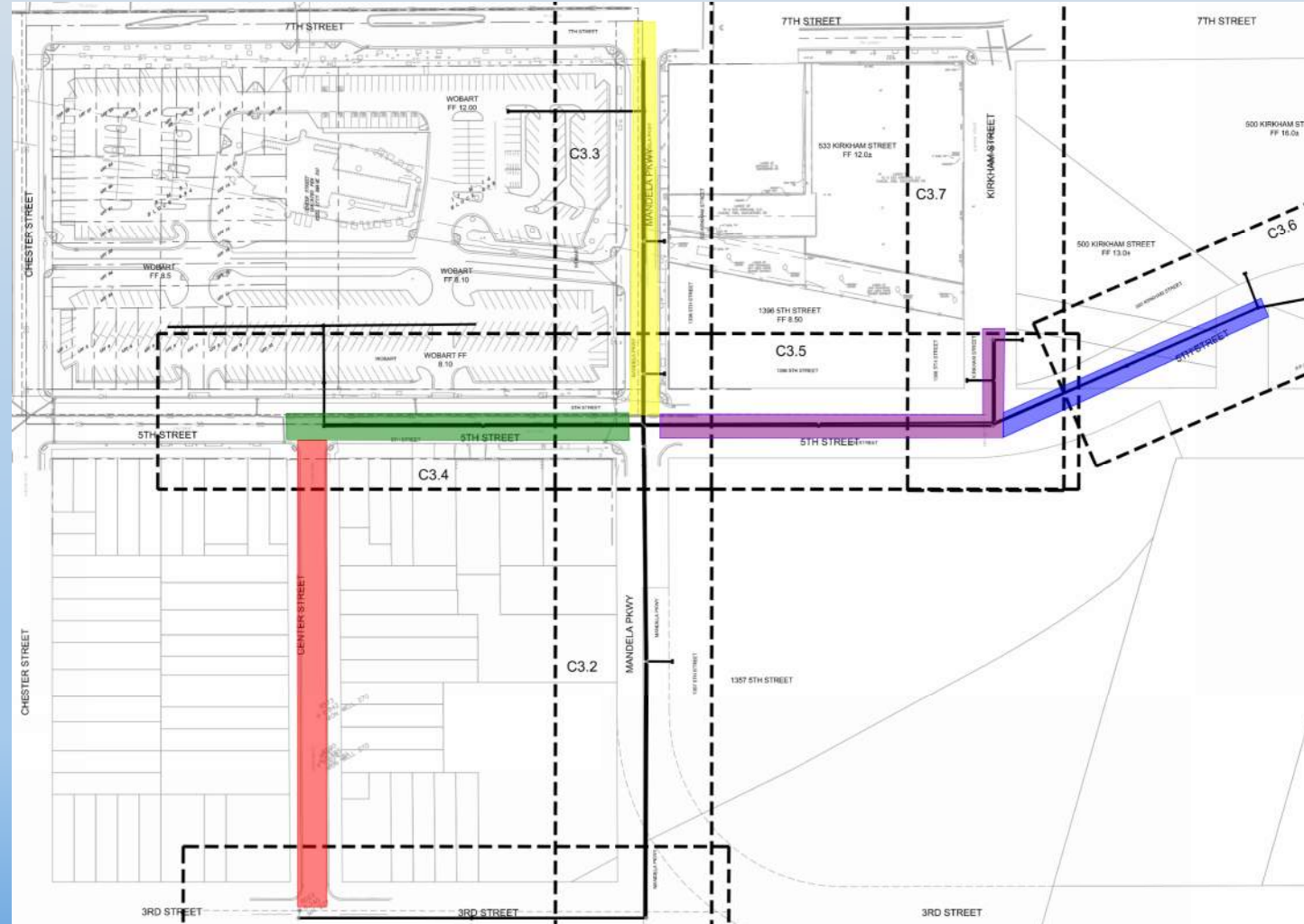
T2 Affordable Housing Project



- Sept '26 - Site demo, remediation ground improvement & slab
- Q3 '27 - Concrete podium construction
- Q4 '27 – Set modular units
- Q1 '29 – Completion

Sanitary Sewer Main Extension

- Sept/Oct '26 start
- Jan '27 completion
- Impact Areas
 - Center (3rd to 5th)
 - 5th (Center to Mandela)
 - Mandela (5th to 7th)
- Communication to Neighbors by August 14th



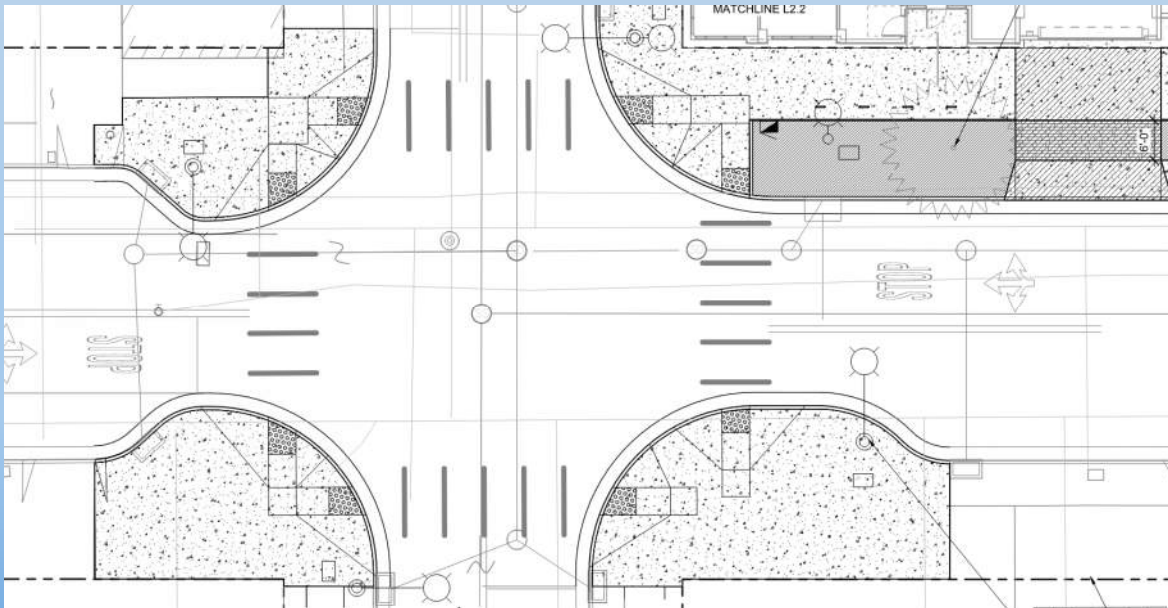
Storm Sewer Main Extension



- Oct '26 start
- Nov '26 completion
- Impact Areas
 - Chester (5th to 7th)
- Communication to Neighbors by early September

Undergrounding Power Lines & Sidewalk Curb Extensions

- Q2 '27 start
- Impact Areas
 - Chester (5th to 7th)
 - 5th (Chester to Center)



Q & A

- Next Meeting – September 30th