

July 14, 2026
Public Hearing

The current proposal is:

Preservation Department – Item 10, LPC-26-09973

Kimlau Square, Chatham Square – Kimlau War Memorial Individual Landmark – Borough of Manhattan

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CHINATOWN CONNECTIONS

LPC PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION

7/14/2026



AGENDA

1. PROJECT CONTEXT
2. PROJECT LOCATION AND SCOPE
3. MEMORIAL ARCH RESTORATION SCOPE
4. POTENTIAL MEMORIAL ARCH RELOCATION
5. PROPOSED DESIGN

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT



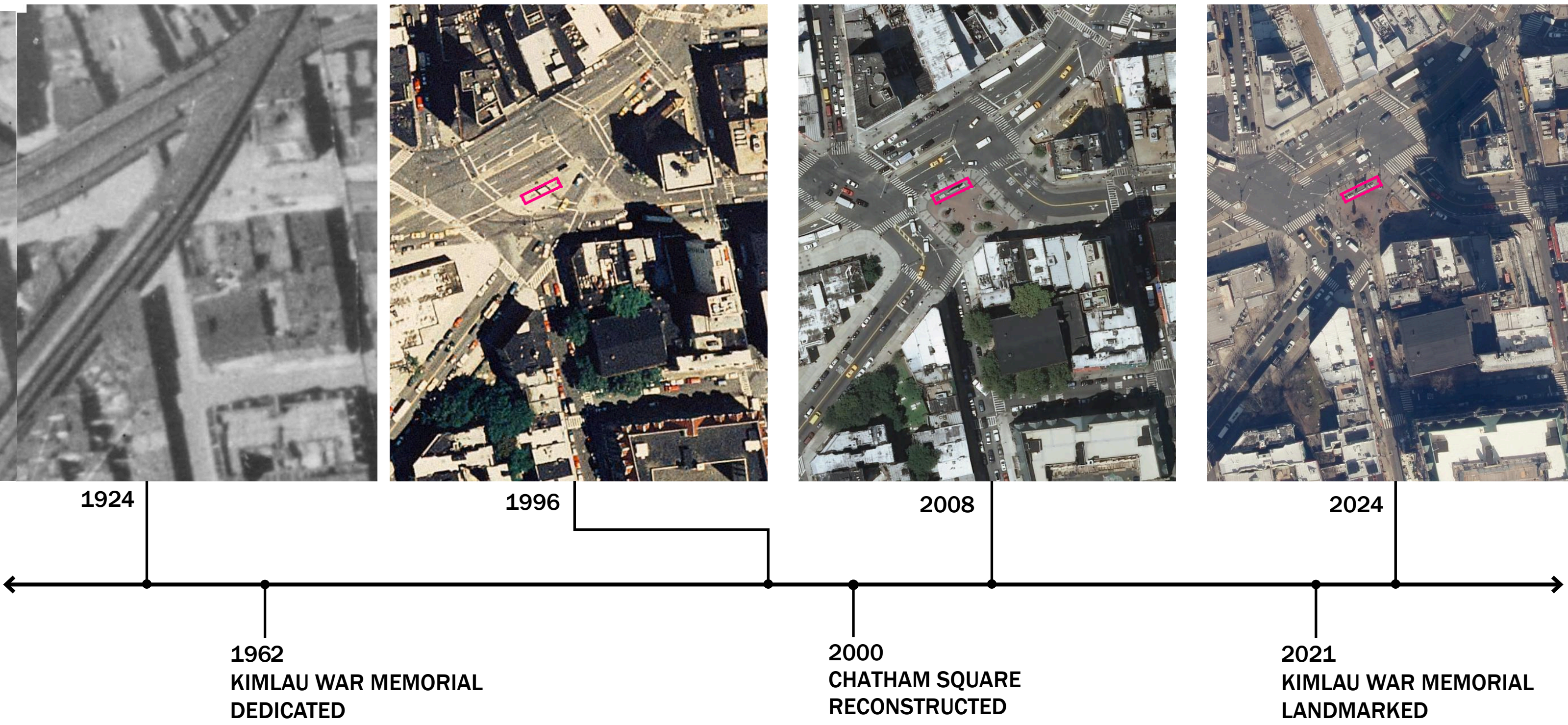
SITE & PROJECT SCOPE



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SITE HISTORY







紐約華裔軍人忠烈坊開幕情形。

Dad's Work of Art — in a HK magazine



1970'S-1980'S



Property of Museum of Chinese in America

1973



Museum of Chinese

2001



KIMLAU MEMORIAL ARCH RESTORATION

Updates:

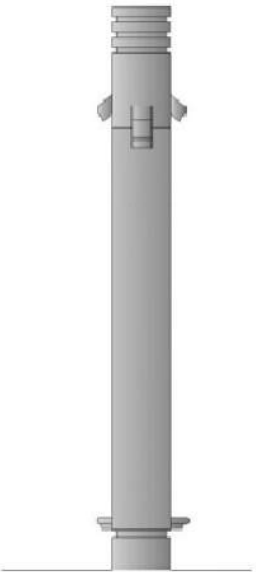
- Construction duration is anticipated for 1 year (completion summer 2026)

Scope of work

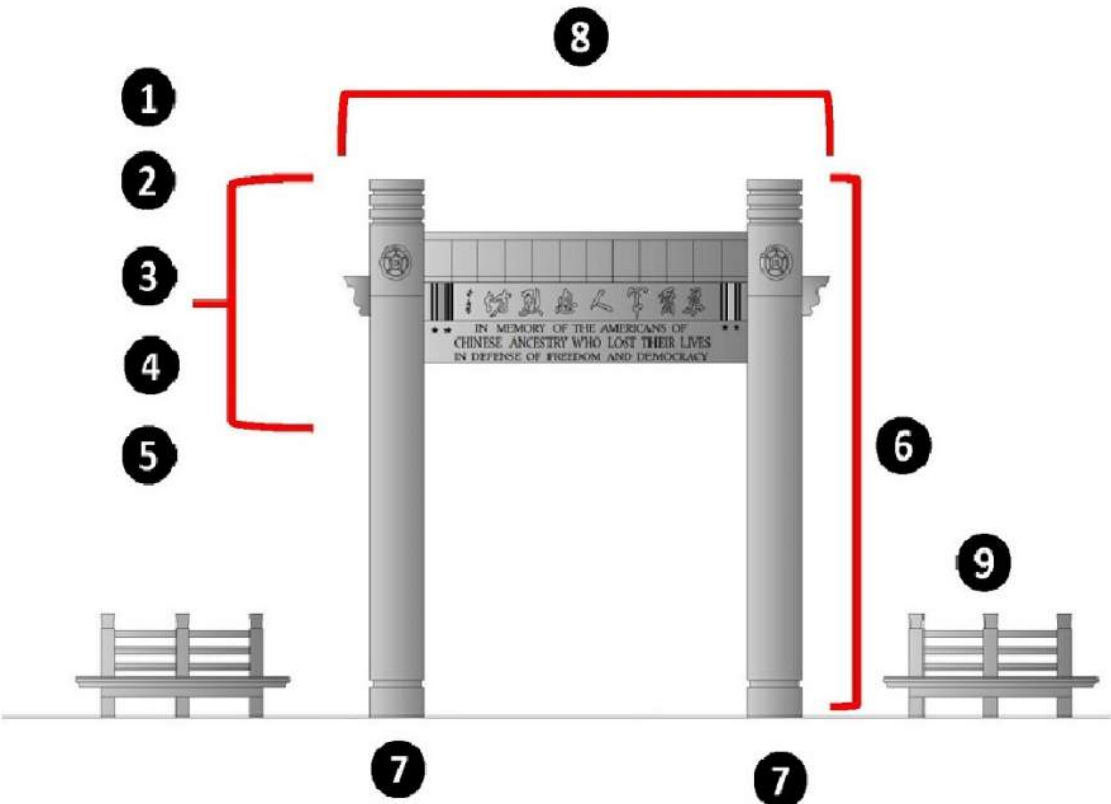
Proposed Work Key

Work shown is typical for all elevations

1. Disassemble arch lintel/column connections and lintel roof stones.
2. Remove cracked portions of granite and hold for re-use or for modeling new replacement units
3. New and/or refurbished structural steel assembly and connections
4. New matching granite components or reinstall salvaged building fabric wherever possible
5. Rout and replace failed mortar joints
6. Chemically clean/wash entire structure
7. Footing/foundation stabilization as required
8. Install new bird deterrent apparatus along roof ridge, column tops and projecting side brackets.
9. Restore and chemically clean existing cast concrete benches



North/South Elevation



East/West Elevation

construction fence boundary



Kimlau Memorial Arch Reconstruction
Kimlau Square | Borough of Manhattan



KIMLAU MEMORIAL ARCH RESTORATION (NYC PARKS)

EXISTING CONDITIONS



JUNE 2023



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KIMLAU MEMORIAL ARCH RESTORATION (NYC PARKS)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

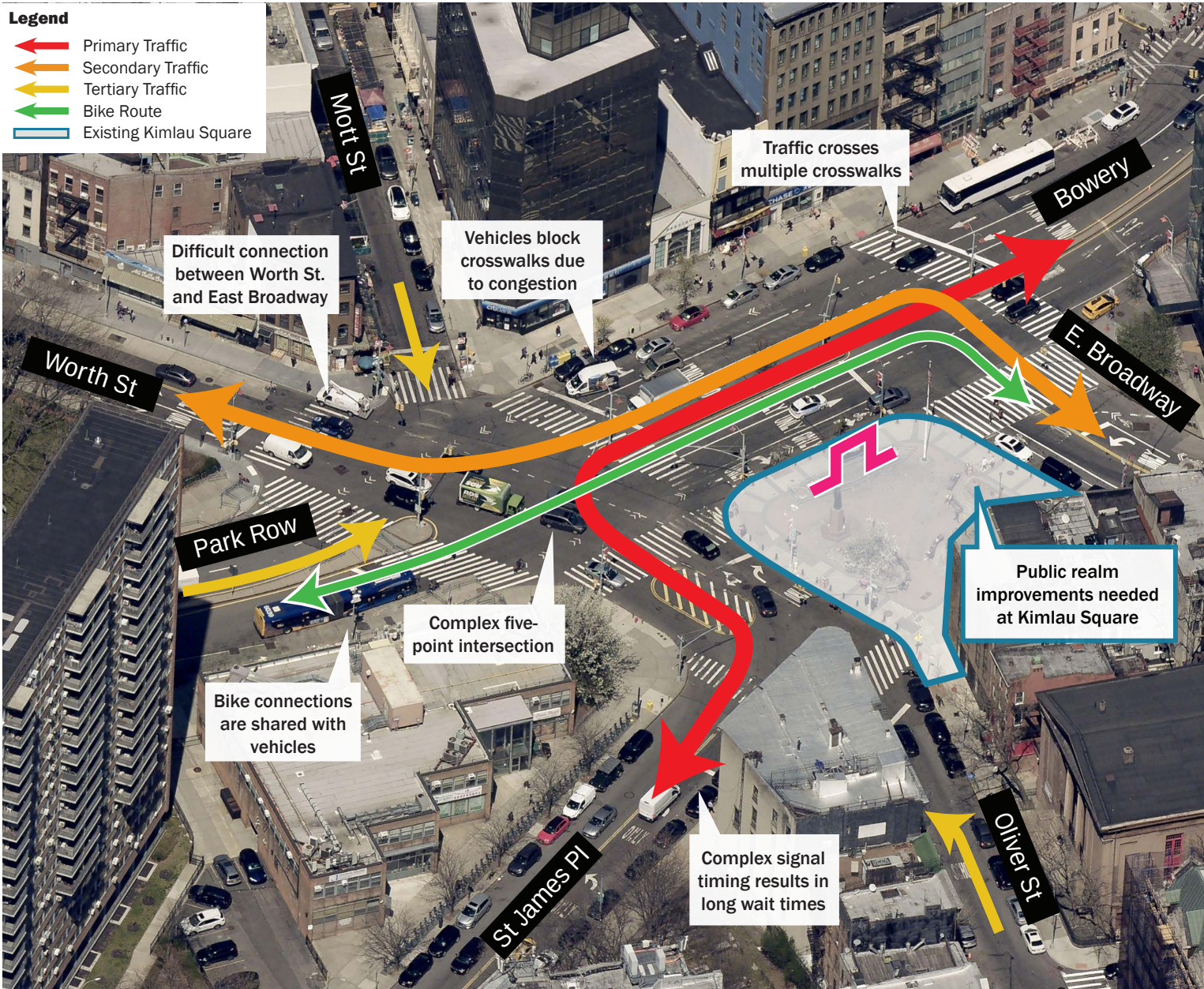


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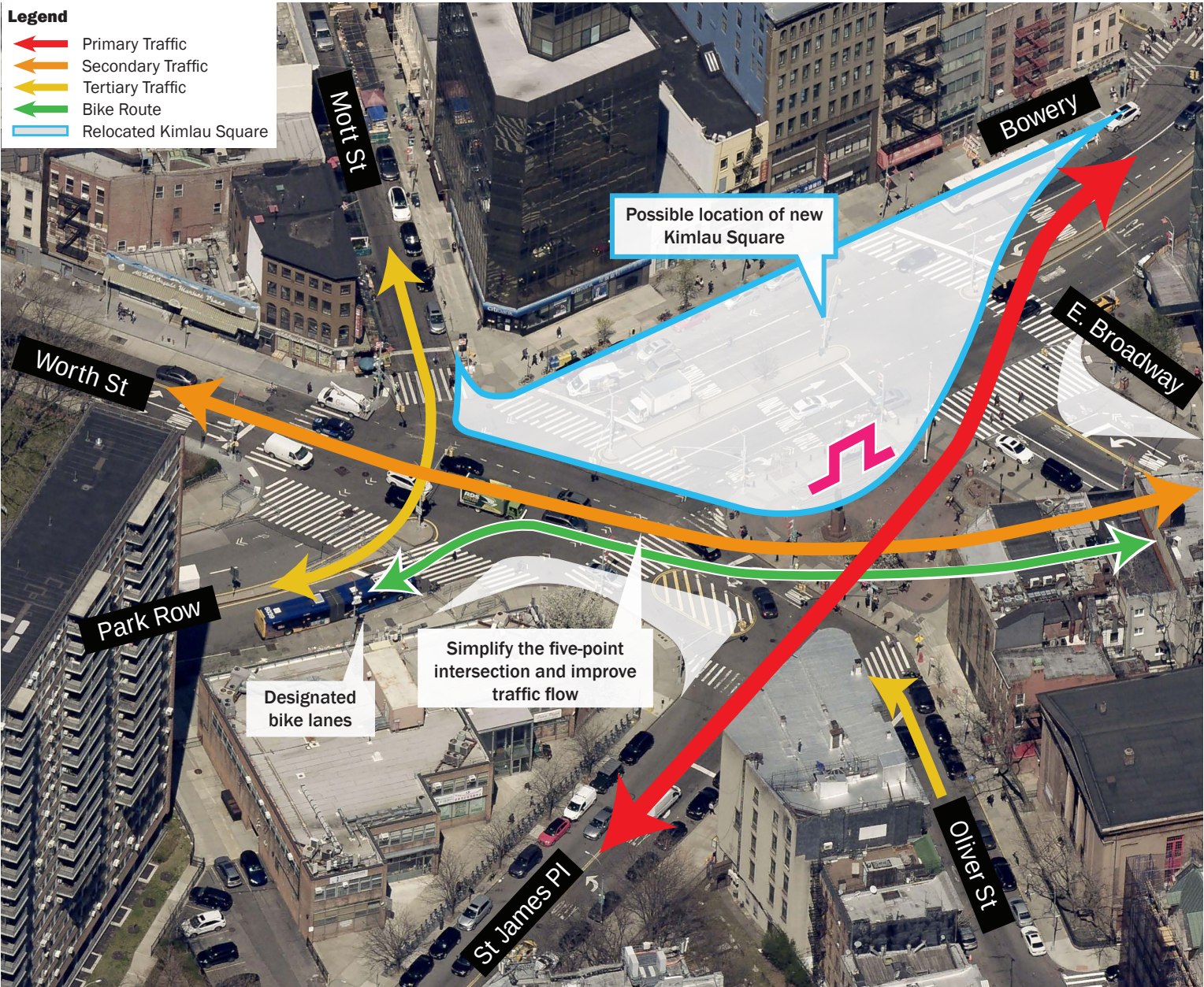


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CHINATOWN CONNECTIONS PROJECT (NYCDOT)



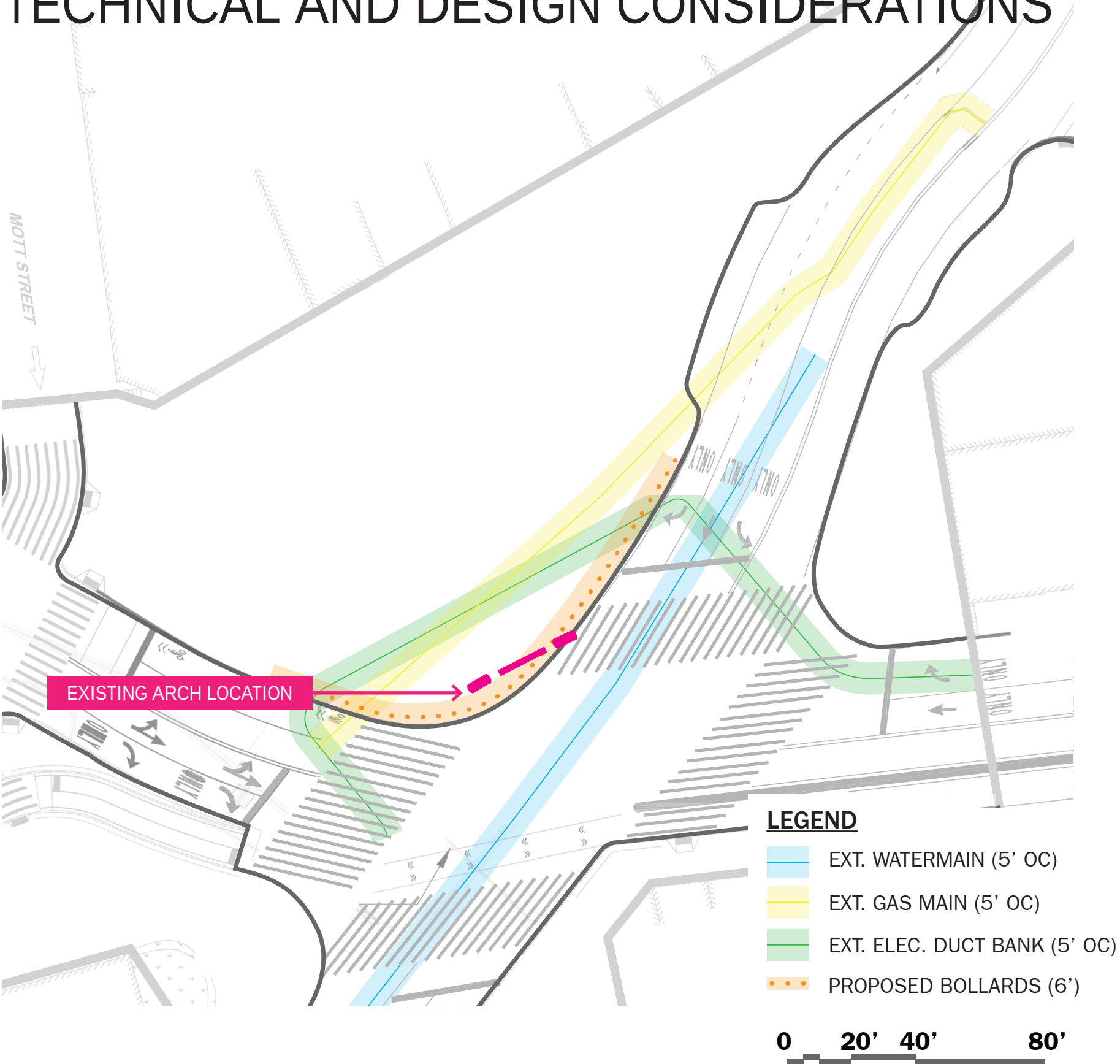
EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED CONDITIONS

CHINATOWN CONNECTIONS PROJECT (NYCDOT)

TECHNICAL AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

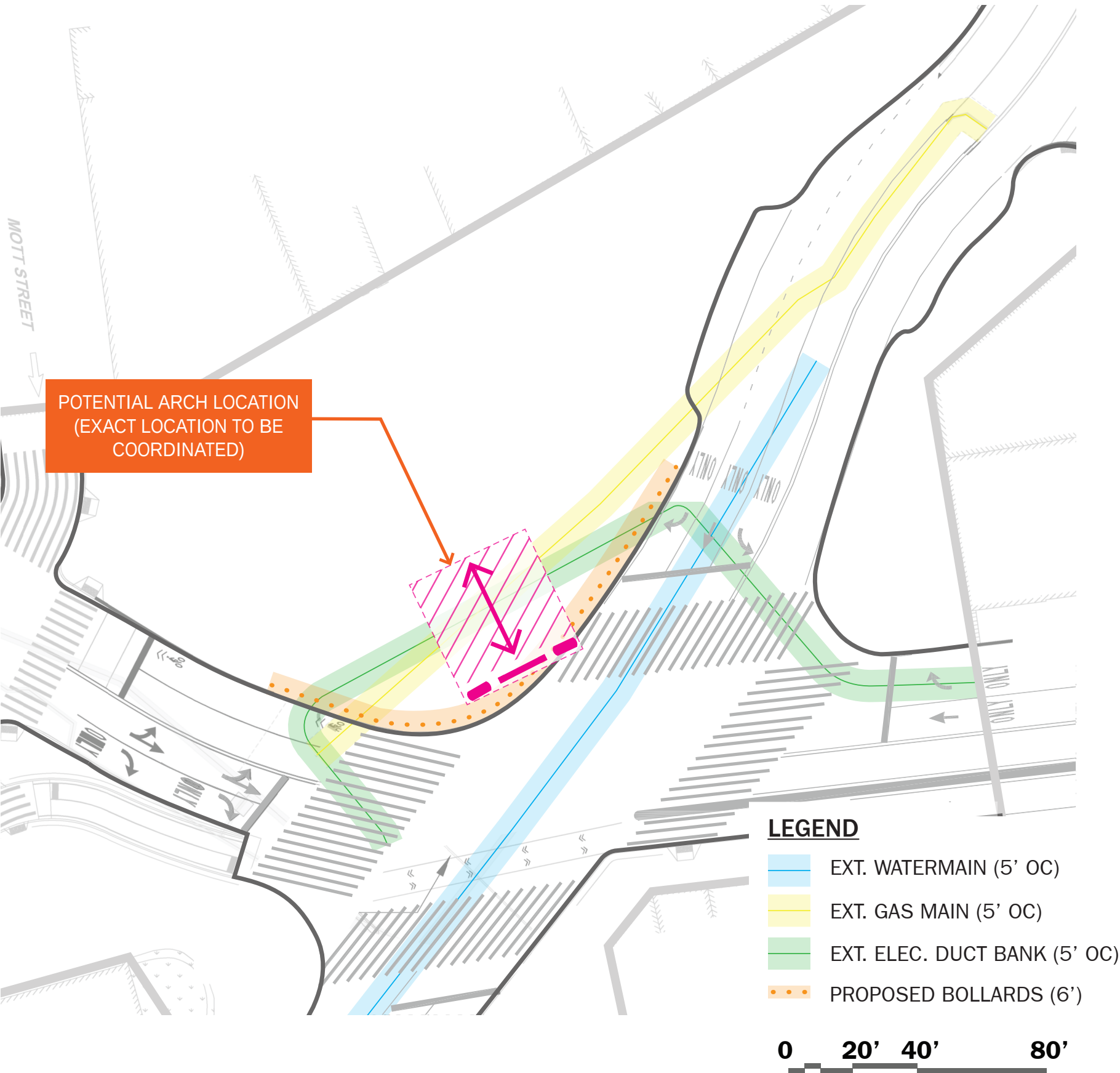


KEEPING THE MEMORIAL ARCH IN ITS EXISTING LOCATION:

1. CONFLICTS WITH PREFERRED ROADWAY GEOMETRY NEEDED FOR SAFE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

2. CONFLICTS WITH BOLLARDS REQUIRED TO PROTECT GATHERING SPACES AND MEMORIAL ARCH

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR RELOCATION



1. SETTING

- RESPECT ORIENTATION
- ALLOW USE ON ALL SIDES
- MAINTAIN ALIGNMENT

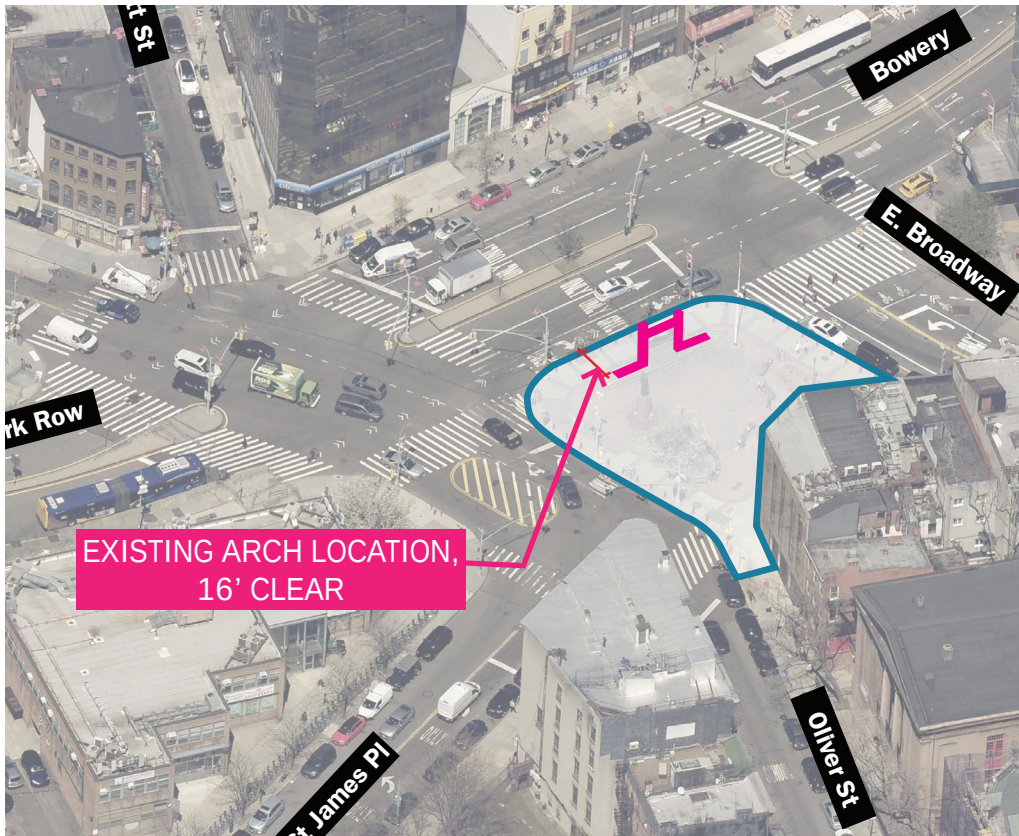
2. VIEWSHEDS

- MAINTAIN SIGHTLINES FOR PEDESTRIANS
- CONSIDER PROXIMITY TO OTHER STRUCTURES
- VEHICULAR SIGHTLINE CLEAR

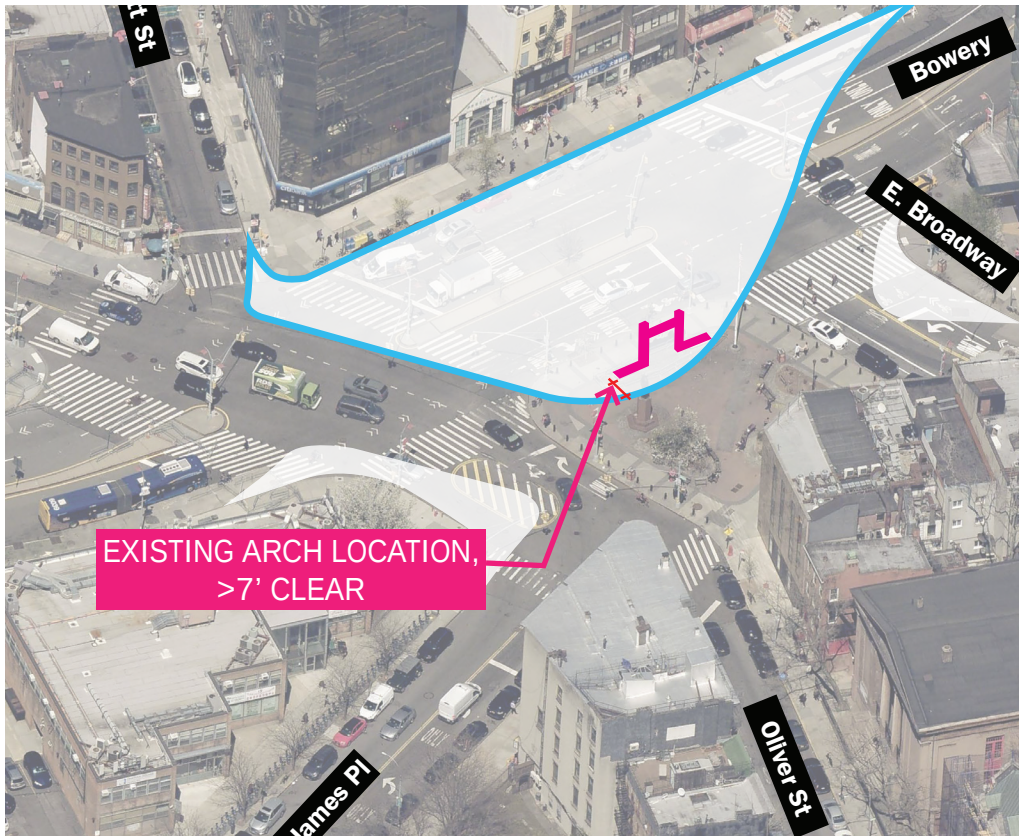
3. COMMUNITY

- SAFER PUBLIC SPACE
- FACILITATE LARGER COMMUNITY EVENTS

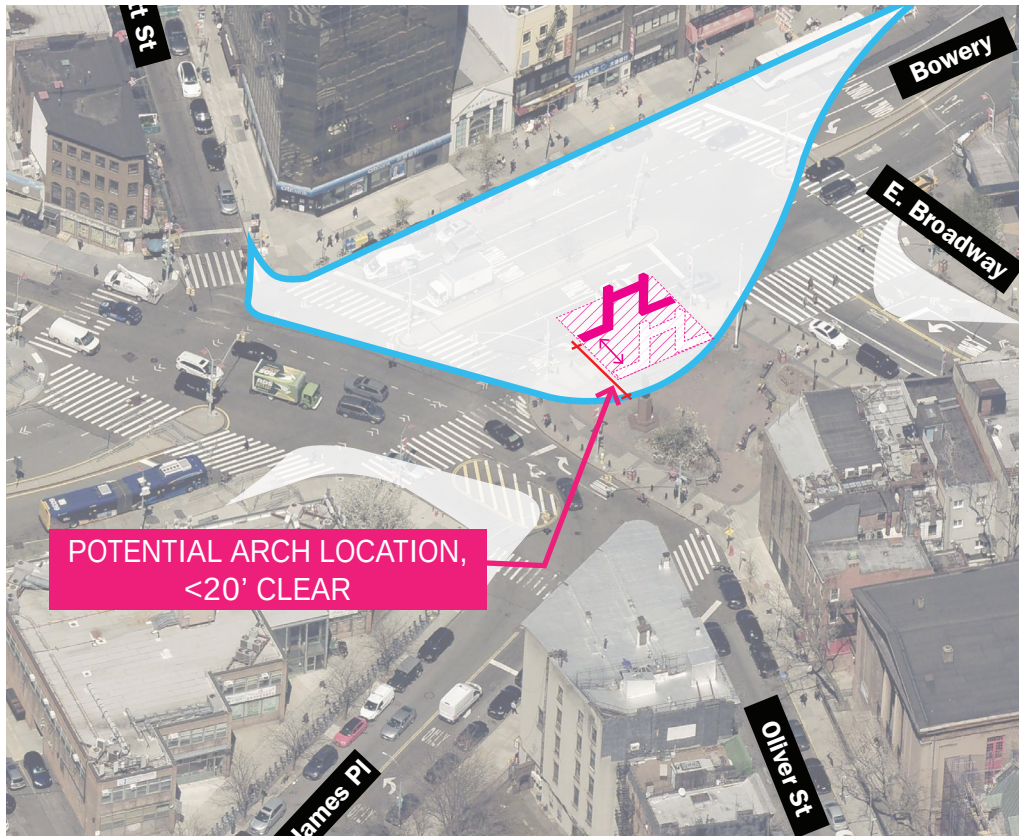
EXISTING VS POTENTIAL MEMORIAL ARCH LOCATIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

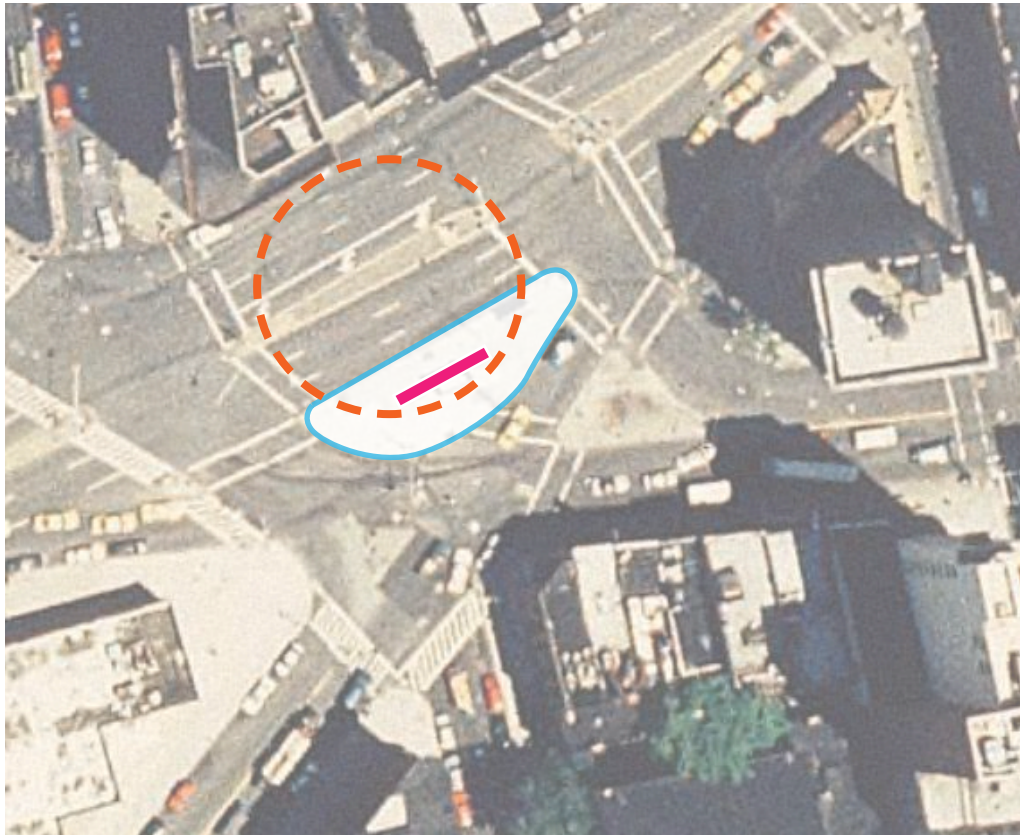


EXISTING MEMORIAL ARCH ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE



RELOCATED MEMORIAL ARCH ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE

THE MEMORIAL ARCH AS A GATHERING SPACE



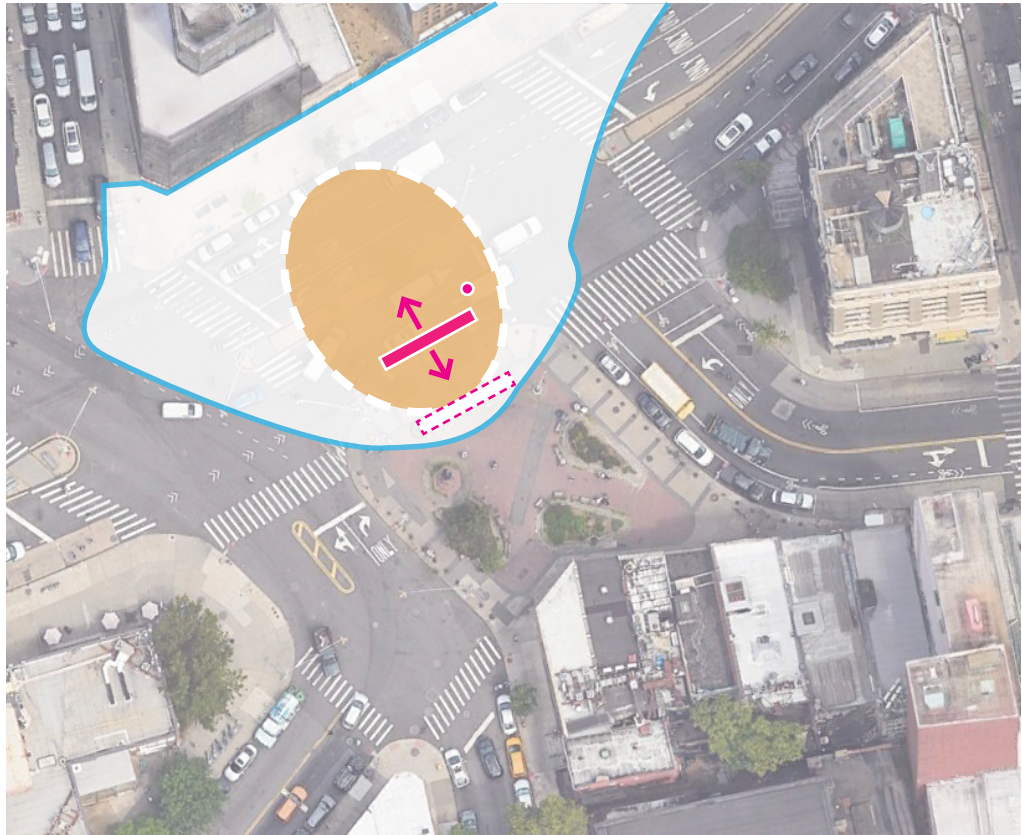
1960'S

GATHERING REQUIRES STREET CLOSURE



EXISTING CONDITION

LIMITED GATHERING IN SMALL PLAZA
OR WITHIN TRAFFIC



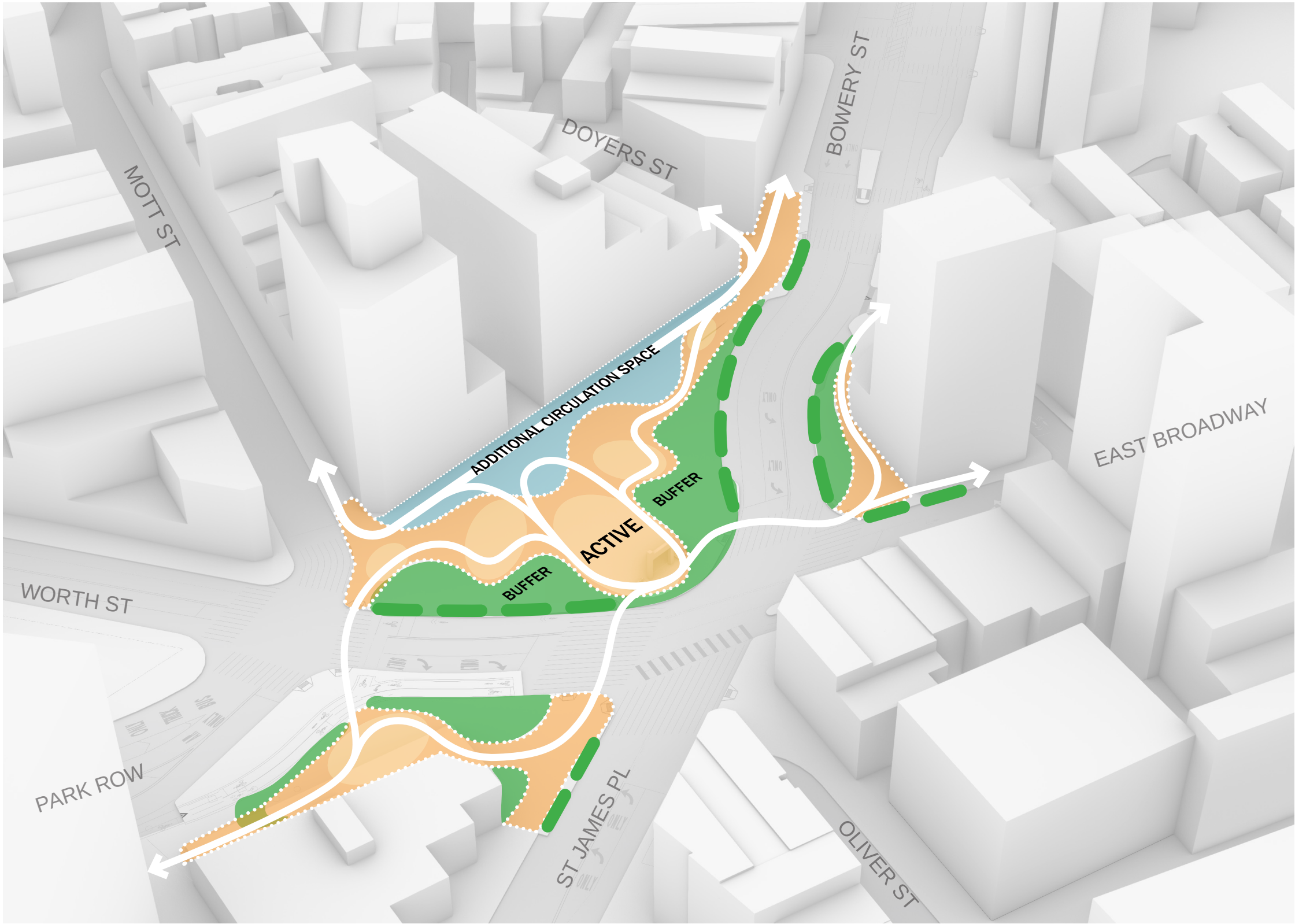
**RELOCATED MEMORIAL ARCH
ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE**

LARGER GATHERING WITHIN PLAZA AND
TWO-SIDED MULTIPLE CONFIGURATIONS

LEGEND

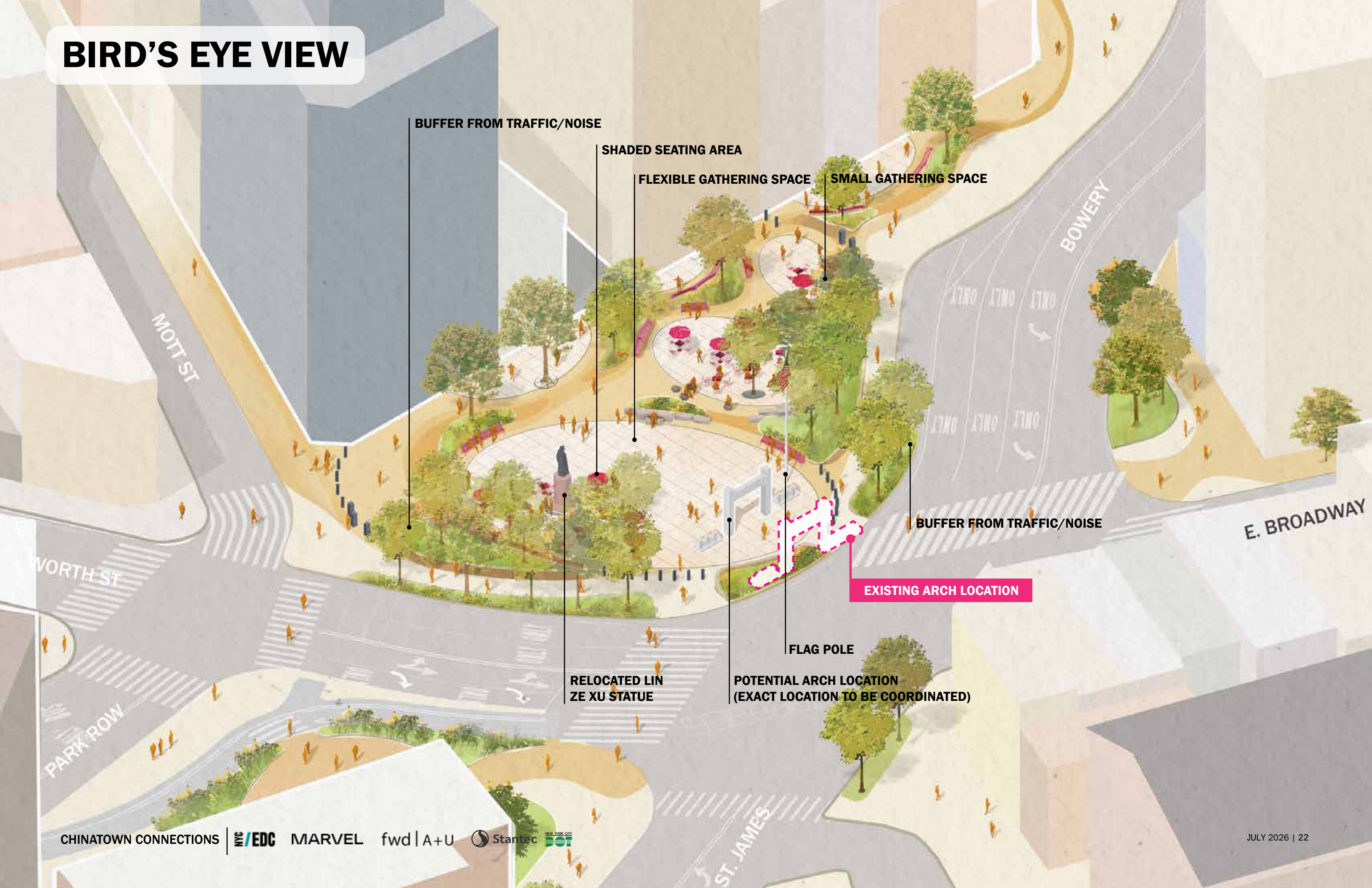
-  GATHERING REQUIRES STREET CLOSURE
-  GATHERING SPACE AT PLAZA
-  MEMORIAL ARCH
-  FLAG POLE
-  PLAZA BOUNDARY

PROPOSED KIMALU SQUARE PLAZA DESIGN



- ↔ MOVEMENT THROUGH SPACE
- ACTIVE PROGRAM ZONES
- GATHERING SPACE
- ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION SPACE
- GREEN BUFFER

BIRD'S EYE VIEW



BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

SHADED SEATING AREA

FLEXIBLE GATHERING SPACE

SMALL GATHERING SPACE

BUFFER FROM TRAFFIC/NOISE

EXISTING ARCH LOCATION

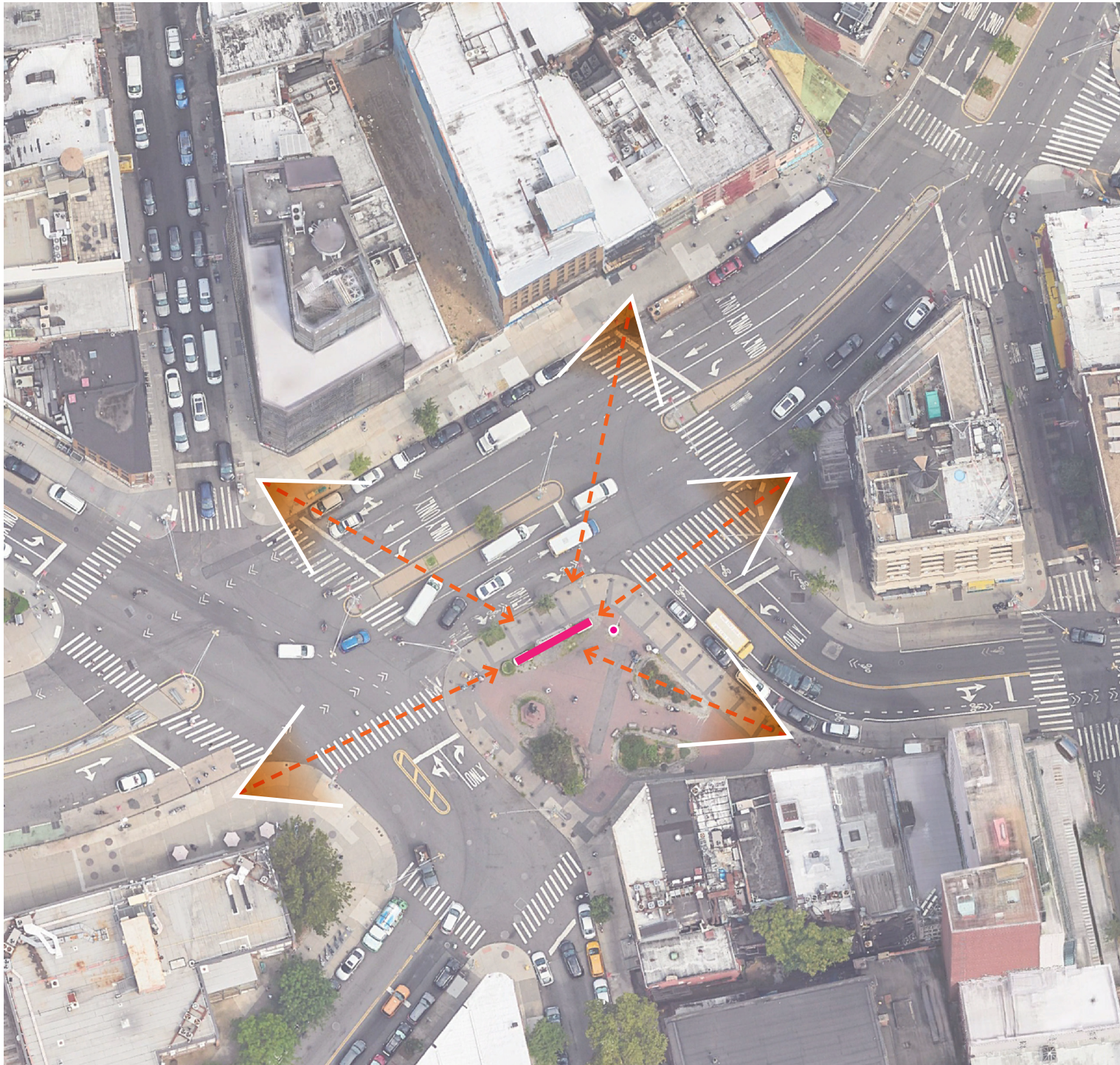
FLAG POLE

POTENTIAL ARCH LOCATION
(EXACT LOCATION TO BE COORDINATED)

RELOCATED LIN
ZE XU STATUE

MAINTAINING CLEAR SLIGHTLINES TO THE MEMORIAL ARCH

EXISTING CONDITION



RELOCATED MEMORIAL ARCH
ON PROPOSED KIMLAU SQUARE

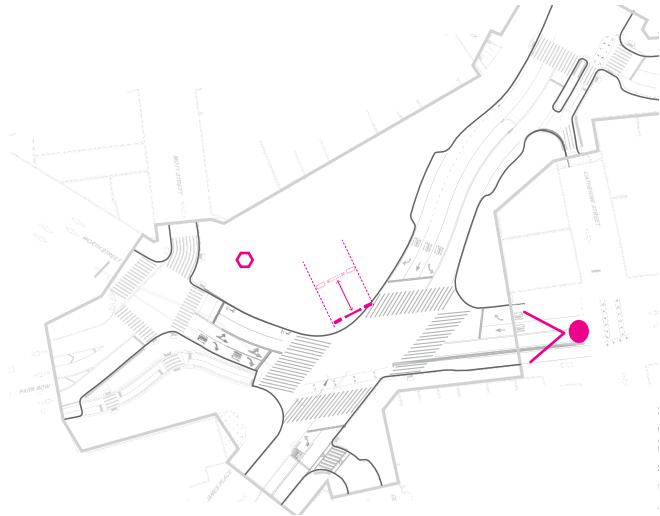


APPROACHING VIEWS FROM EAST BROADWAY

The David N Dinkins Manhattan
Municipal Building



EXISTING CONDITIONS

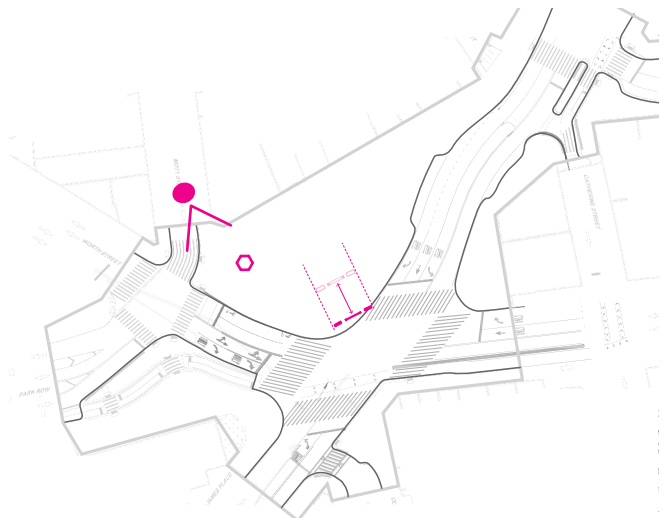


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PROPOSED CONDITIONS

APPROACHING VIEWS FROM MOTT ST.

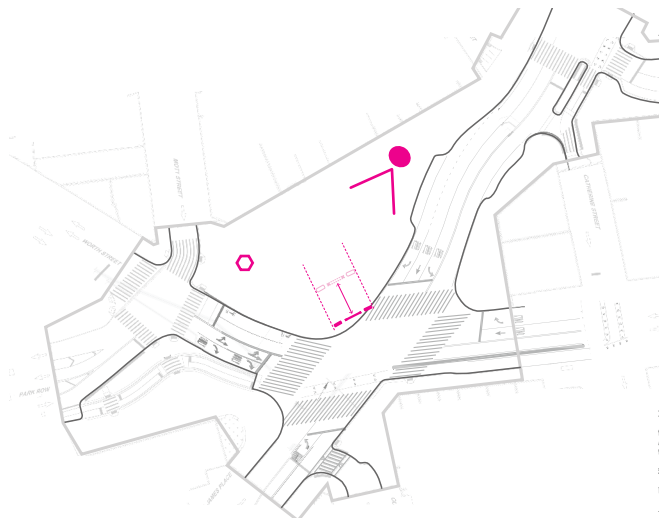


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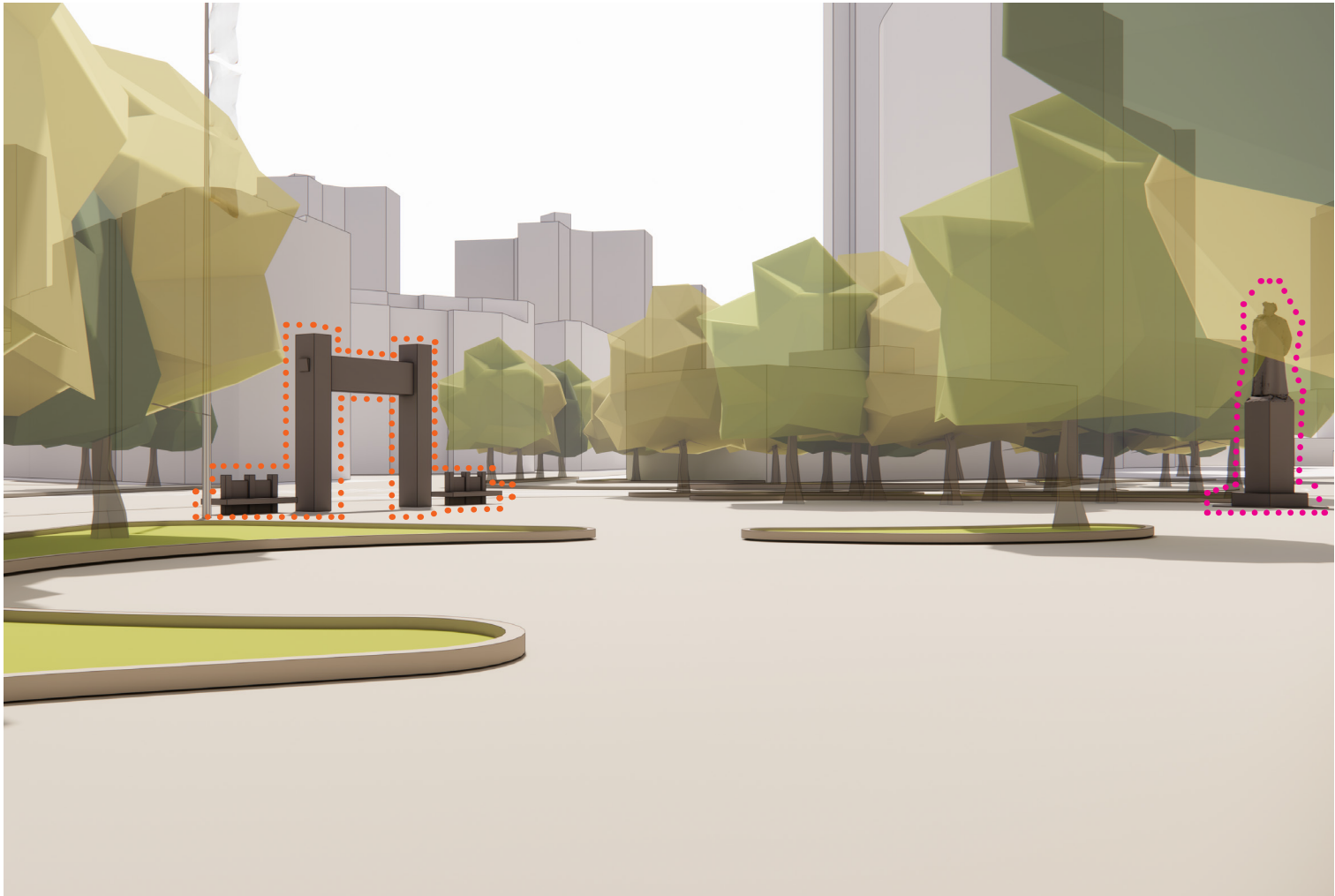


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APPROACHING VIEWS FROM BOWERY

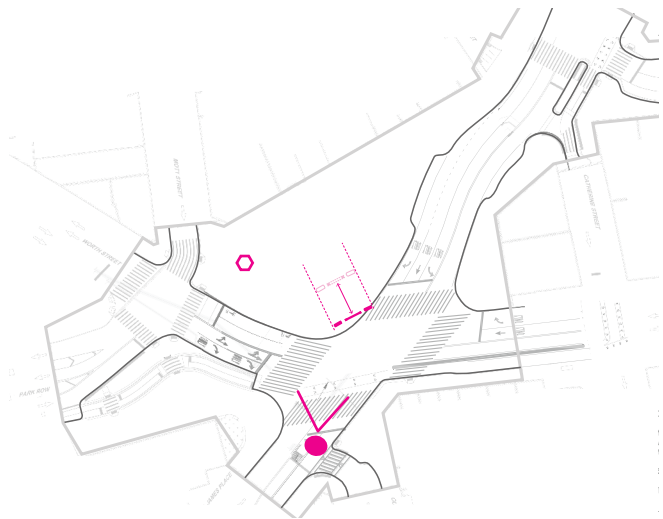


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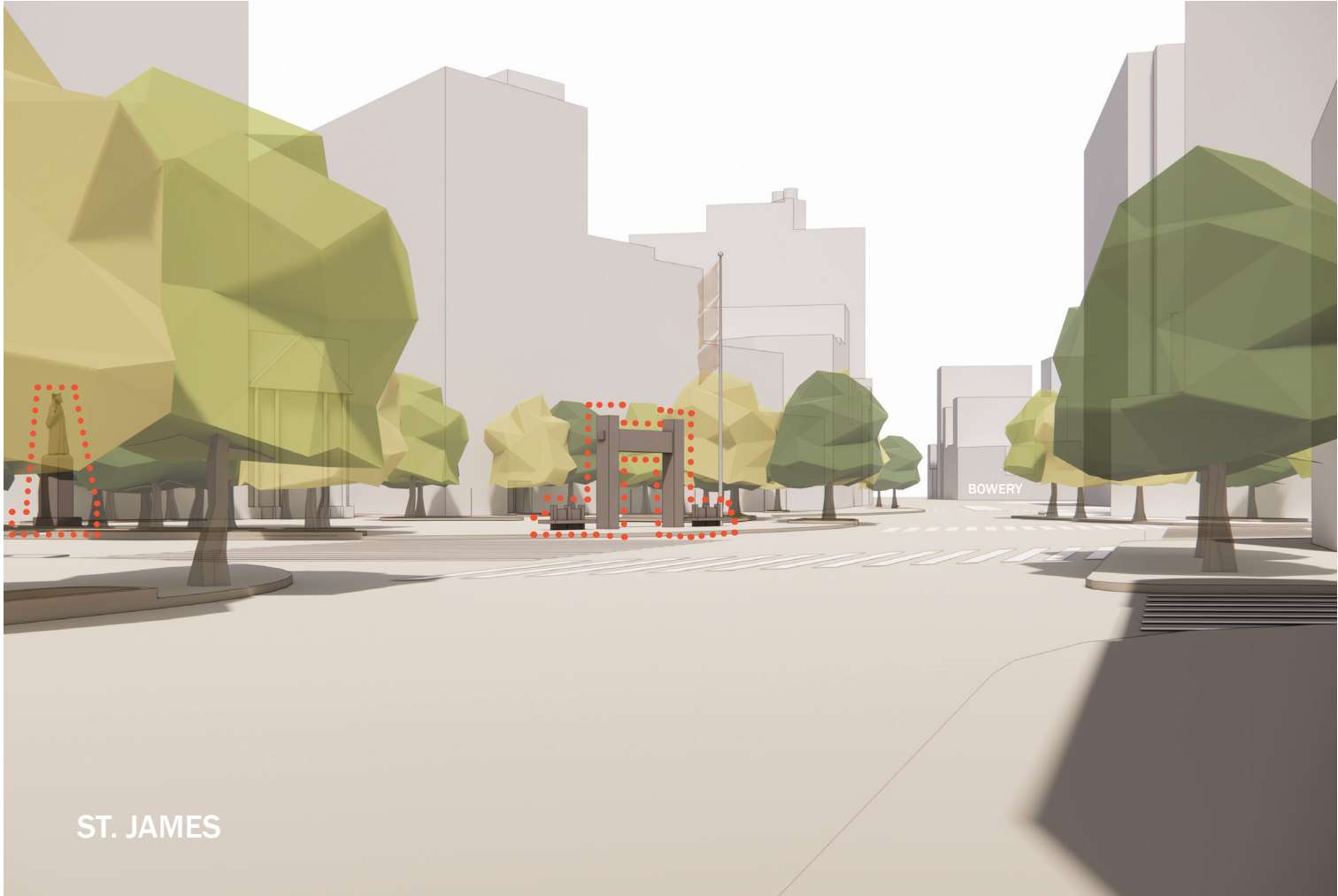


PROPOSED CONDITIONS

APPROACHING VIEWS FROM ST. JAMES



EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED CONDITIONS

VIEW FROM KIMLAU SQUARE FACING SW (PARK ROW)



VIEW FROM KIMLAU SQUARE FACING EAST BROADWAY



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PHASE 1:

- **STAKEHOLDER/AGENCY ALIGNMENT MEETINGS**
- **CHINATOWN BID, AMERICAN LEGION**
- **EDC/DOT/ NYCPARKS/ CITYHALL**

PHASE 2:

- **LOCAL CHINESE PRESS OUTLETS RELEASE (SING TAO, WORLD JOURNAL)**

PHASE 3:

- **CHINATOWN COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP MEETING #10**
- **COMMUNITY BOARDS**
- **QUARTERLY KEY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

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