



NYC Criminal Justice

NYC Department of Design and Construction

Borough-Based Jails

Community Design Input Workshop #4

March 10th, 2026

BX The Bronx Facility



Agenda

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Community Engagement and Design Input Process

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1) Pre-meetings with elected officials and Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

- **Dates:**
 - September 30, 2024 – Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
 - October 11, 2024 – City Councilmember Diana Ayala
 - November 13, 2024 – Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)
- **Purpose:** Introduce the selected Design-Build team, review previous community design input, and share the upcoming community design input plan.

2) Community Design Input Workshops and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 1 – December 17, 2024 (+ online feedback period 12/17/24-01/14/25)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation 1 – March 04, 2025
 - Workshop 2 – March 05, 2025 (+ online feedback period 03/05/25-03/20/25)
- **Purpose:** Receive and incorporate community input prior to PDC Conceptual Design Review.

3) Community Design Input Workshop and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 3 – June 23, 2025 (+ online feedback period 06/24/25-07/03/25)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation 2 – June 26, 2025
- **Purpose:** Receive and incorporate community input prior to PDC Preliminary Design Review.

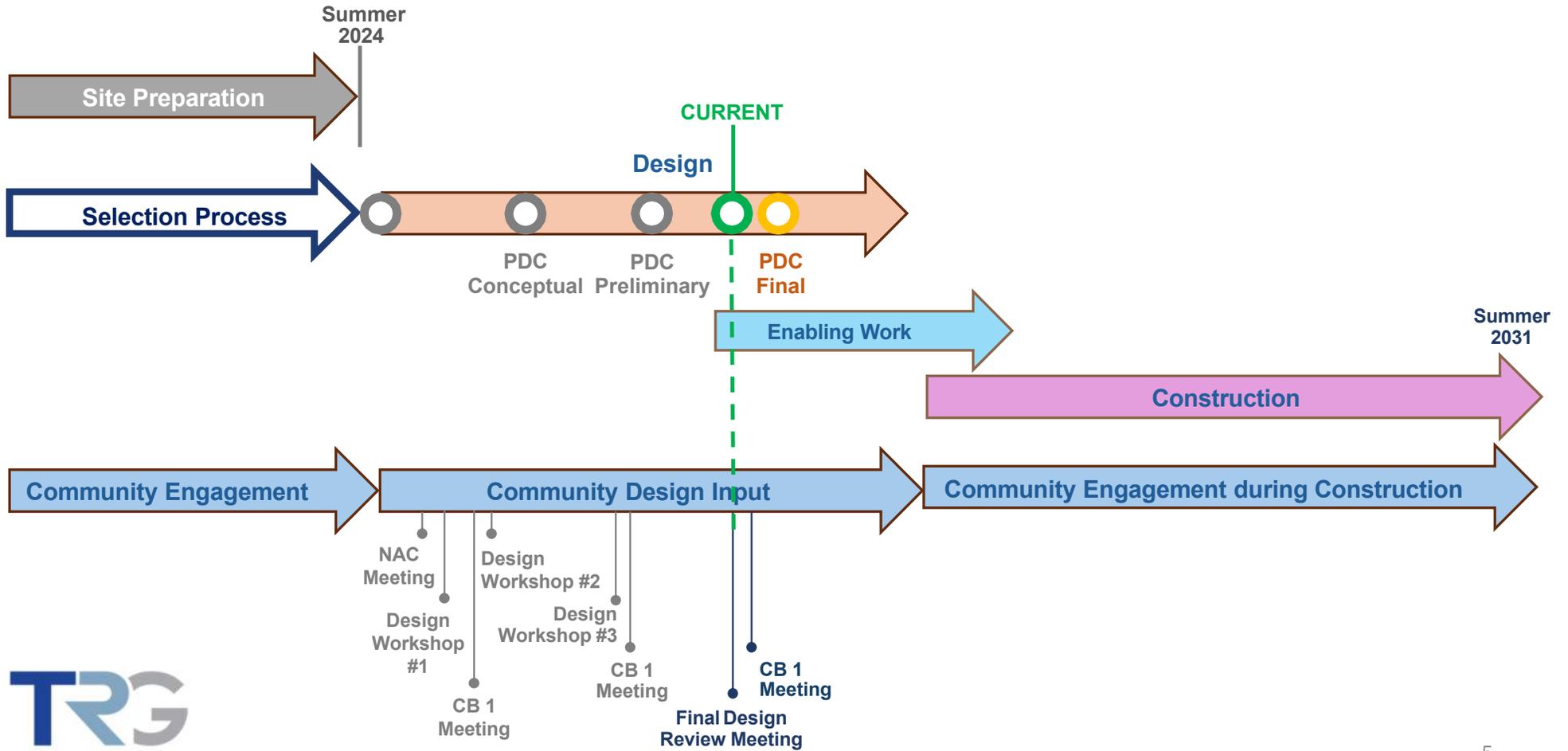
4) Community Design Input Workshop and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 4 – March 10, 2026 (+ online feedback period 03/11/26-03/18/26)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation - March 17, 2026
- **Purpose:** To illustrate and describe how community feedback is incorporated prior to PDC Final Design Review.



The community engagement schedule will be developed in coordination with Percent for Art timeline and Public Design Commission (PDC) timeline

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



BBJ Website
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/borojails/index.page>



Designated Phone Number
914-819-2153



Weekly Look Ahead
Posted to website



72-Hour Advisories for Impactful
Construction Activities
Posted to website



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Project Goals and Guiding Principles

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Purpose: To design and build safe and humane facilities that support NYC's commitment to justice reform.

Program Goals:

- Facility grounded in **dignity and respect**
- **Safe, humane, secure**, and efficient environment
- **Exemplary public architecture**
- Relate to the City it is in and **create a sense of place**
- **Thoughtful engagement** with city agencies and community partners
- **Minimize impacts** to neighboring properties/community
- Provide for **site safety**
- Optimize overall operations and maintenance efficiency
- Complete within budget and on schedule
- Robust **minority and women-owned** business enterprise participation
- Exemplify DDC's **principles of excellence** in design, construction, and project delivery

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

KEY ELEMENTS

- **1,040 beds for men**
 - Maximizes flexibility of movement between housing areas for populations that cannot mix
 - Balanced therapeutic capacity
 - Retains programmatic elements, including the gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, and educational and workforce development spaces
- **120 accessory parking spaces below grade**
 - Parking for authorized City vehicles only
- **40,000 SF of community/retail space**
 - Will operate separately from the jail facility

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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Past Events: Community Design Input Workshops 1, 2, & 3

EVENT DAY PHOTOS

COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #1



COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #2



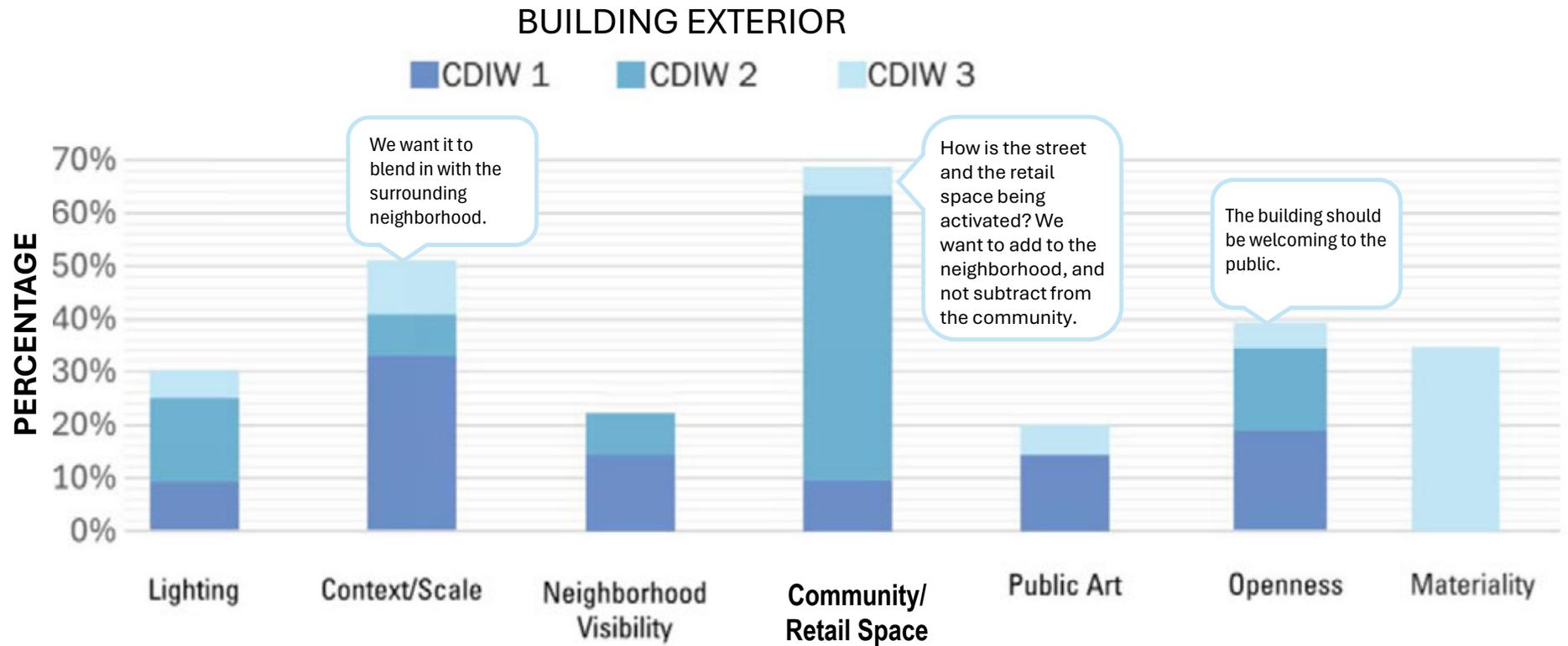
COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #3



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Proposed Design: Building Exterior

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



OVERALL TOPICS

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Prioritize a design that respects and integrates with the surrounding neighborhood context
- Include sufficient exterior lighting to prevent loitering

BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING



BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CONTEXT



**MATCHING
HEIGHT**

**MATCHING
SCALE**

**MATCHING
TONE / COLOR**

**MATCHING
GRID SIZE**

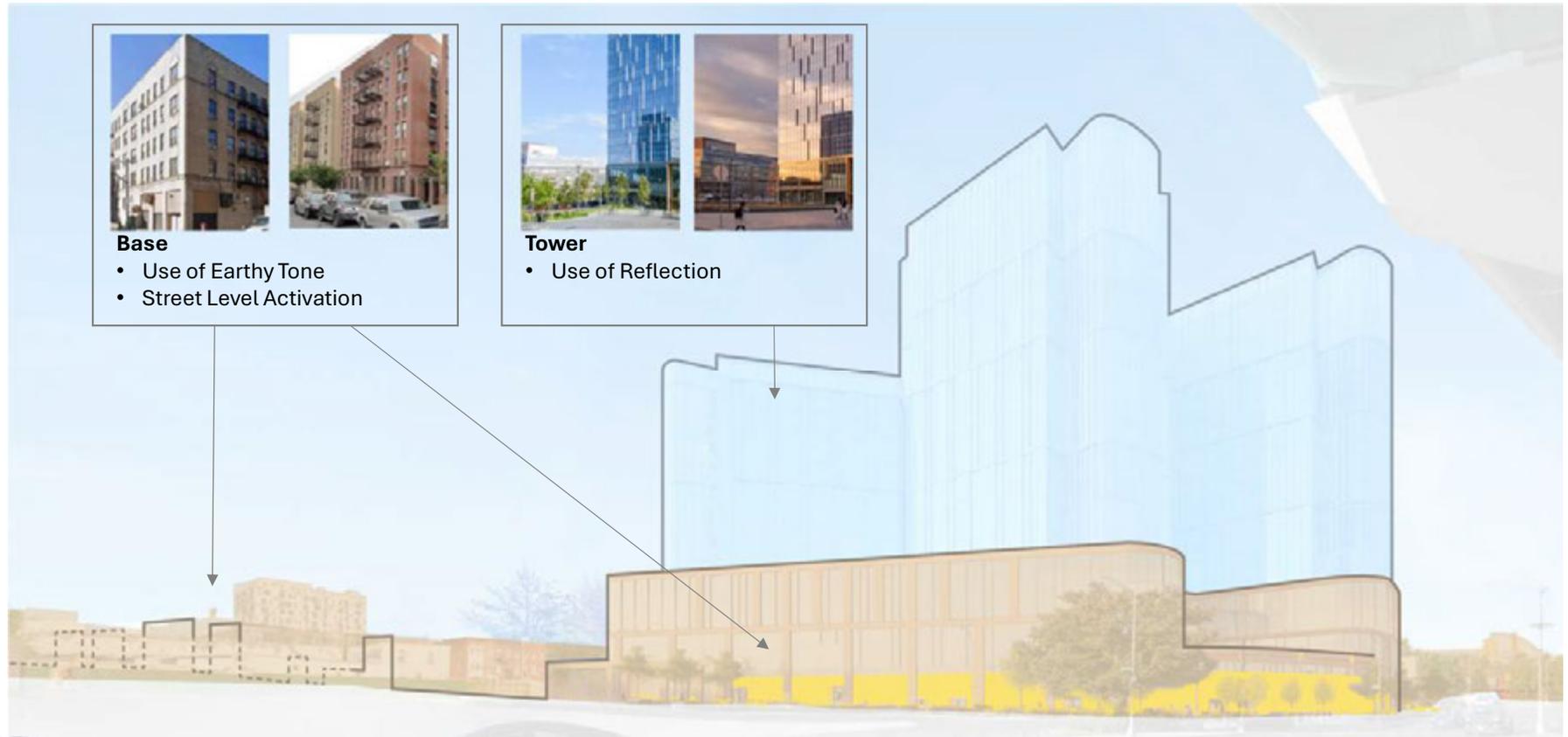
**MATCHING
HEIGHT**



EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD

BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING

BLENDING INTO CONTEXT (TONE / COLOR / TEXTURE)



BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY ENTRANCE

Tower
1. Reflective Glass

Base
2. Terracotta Panel
3. Clear Glass



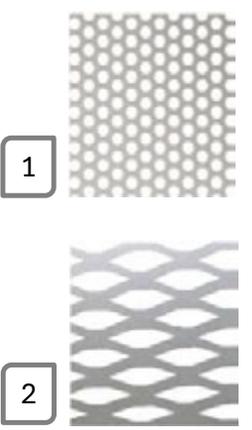
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BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

RENDERING - COMMUNITY ENTRANCE

Tower
1. Metal mesh at mechanical bulkhead
2. Expanded metal mesh at outdoor recreation



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BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

BUILDING VIEW FROM BRUCKNER EXPRESSWAY

What was said:

1. Are there any concerns with birds flying into the windows? It must be bird-friendly.
2. Do you have awnings for inclement weather?
3. Will the facility blend into the neighborhood context?

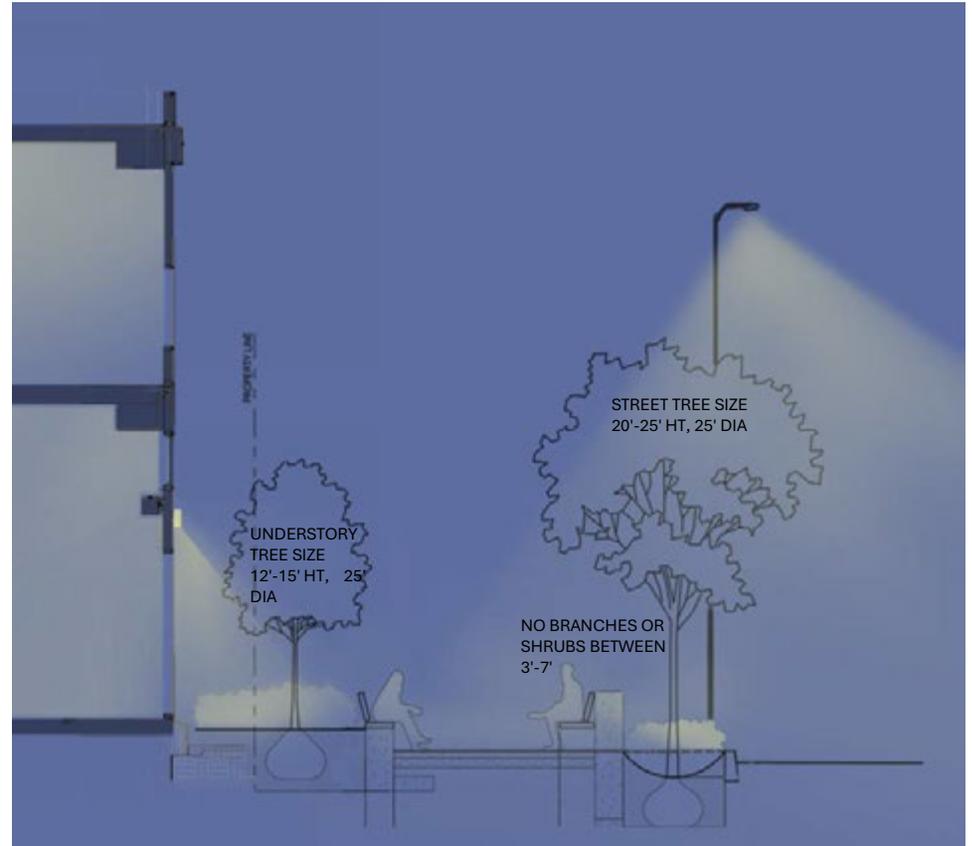
Design Features:

1. Bird-friendly **glazing** design.
2. **Canopies & overhanging roofs** provide coverage from inclement weather.
3. The façade expression will match the scale and materiality of the neighborhood.



BUILDING EXTERIOR LIGHTING

LAYERS OF LIGHT IN SUPPORT OF SAFETY

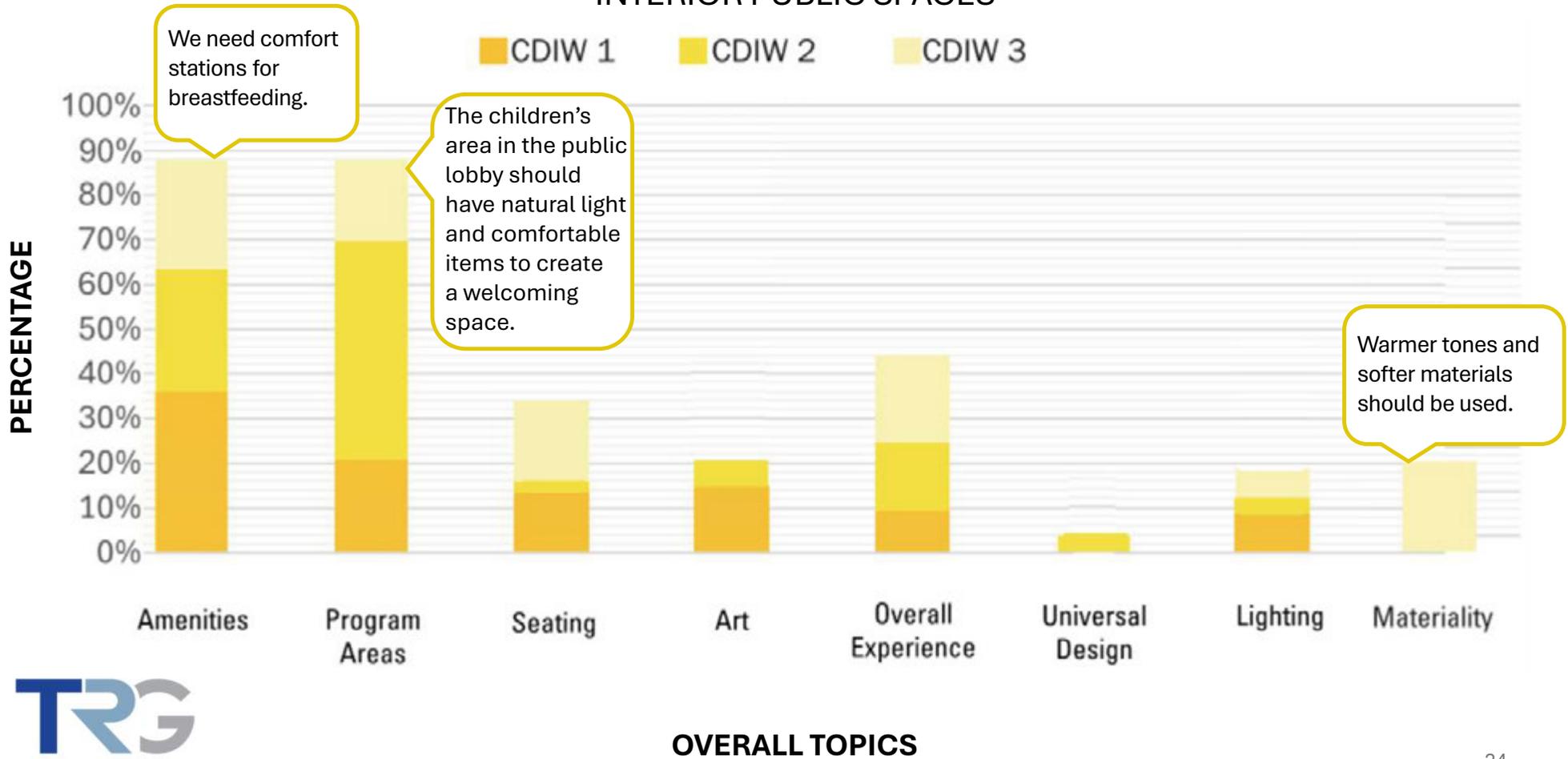


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Proposed Design: Interior Public Spaces

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACES



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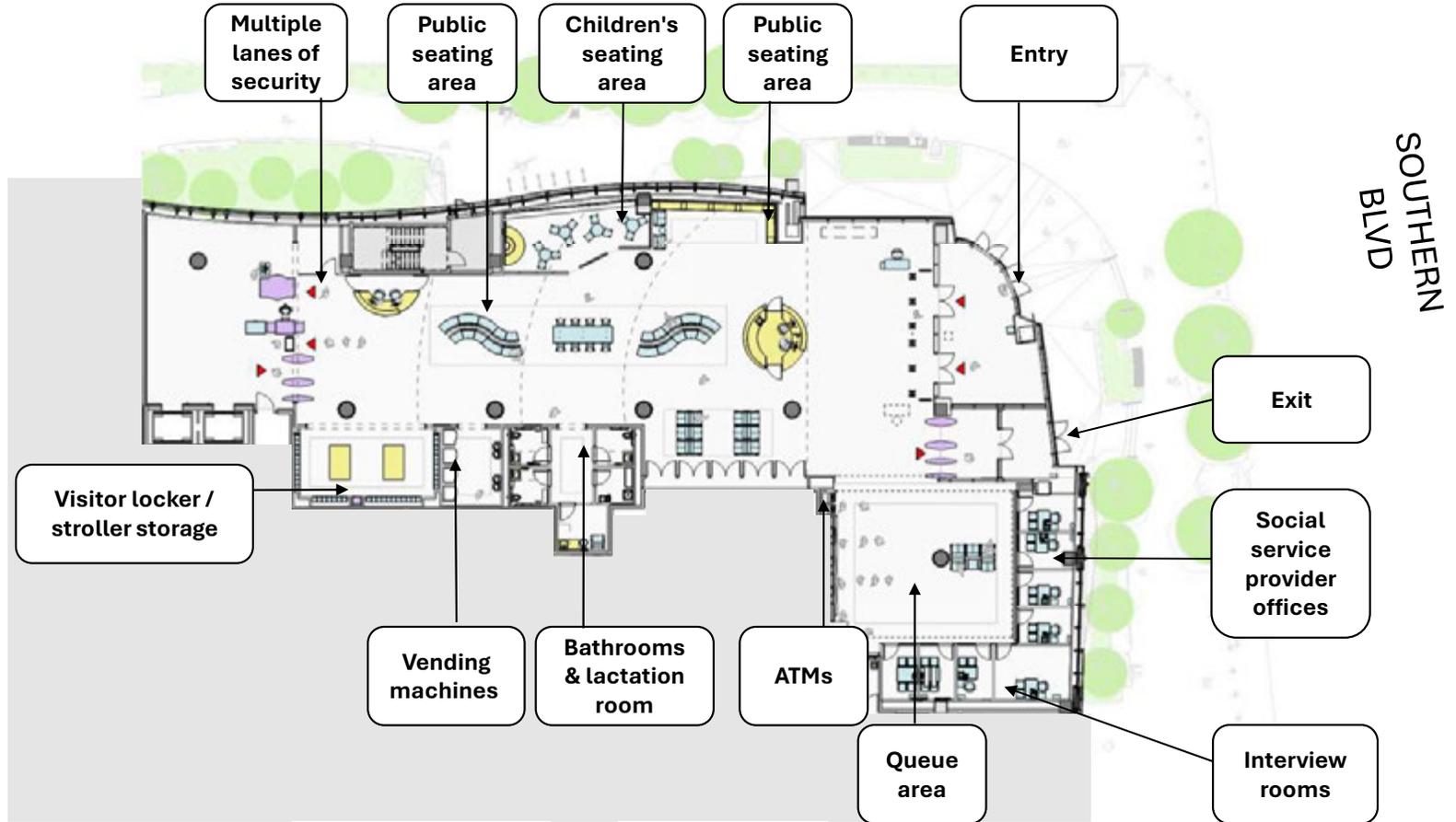
DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Specify finishes and colors that promote a calm and welcoming environment
- Provide a space for breastfeeding
- Prioritize the design of a safe and comfortable visiting space for families

INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

FLOOR PLAN OF PUBLIC LOBBY

E 142 St



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- We need comfort stations for breastfeeding.
- Warmer tones and softer materials should be used.

Design Features:

- A **lactation room** is available for public use.
- **Materials** that create a soothing environment for staff and visitors.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

Design Features:

- **Natural light** throughout the space is complemented by warm, inviting finish materials to enhance overall experience.
- **Seating** tailored to both individual and group needs.
- **Social services** for people in custody and their families.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- The public lobby should have a space for kids with natural light and comfortable furniture.

Design Features:

- A children's area within the public lobby space that incorporates **natural light** and **comfortable furniture**.



INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- Where are water fountains and vending machines located?
- What features can we expect to see within the public lobby?

Design Features:

- **Water fountains** and **vending machines** that are located throughout the lobby in easily accessible areas.
- **Locker areas** that are provided for visitor storage.
- **Seating solutions** for both individual and group settings, featuring **warm materials** and a **welcoming color palette** to promote comfort and engagement.



INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – VISITORS WAITING AREA

Design Features:

- **Natural light** that is incorporated throughout the space.
- **Seating** made with inviting materials and a thoughtful color palette to enhance **comfort and visual appeal**.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING - VISITING AREA

Design Features:

- **Natural light** is provided throughout the space.
- A **welcoming color palette** is used to create a bright and inviting environment.



INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – CONTACT VISITING – CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Design Feature:

- A welcoming and engaging children's play area.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – NON CONTACT VISITING BOOTH

What was said:

- Are some visiting spaces private?

Design Feature:

- Private **non-contact booths** for visits with friends, family and lawyers.



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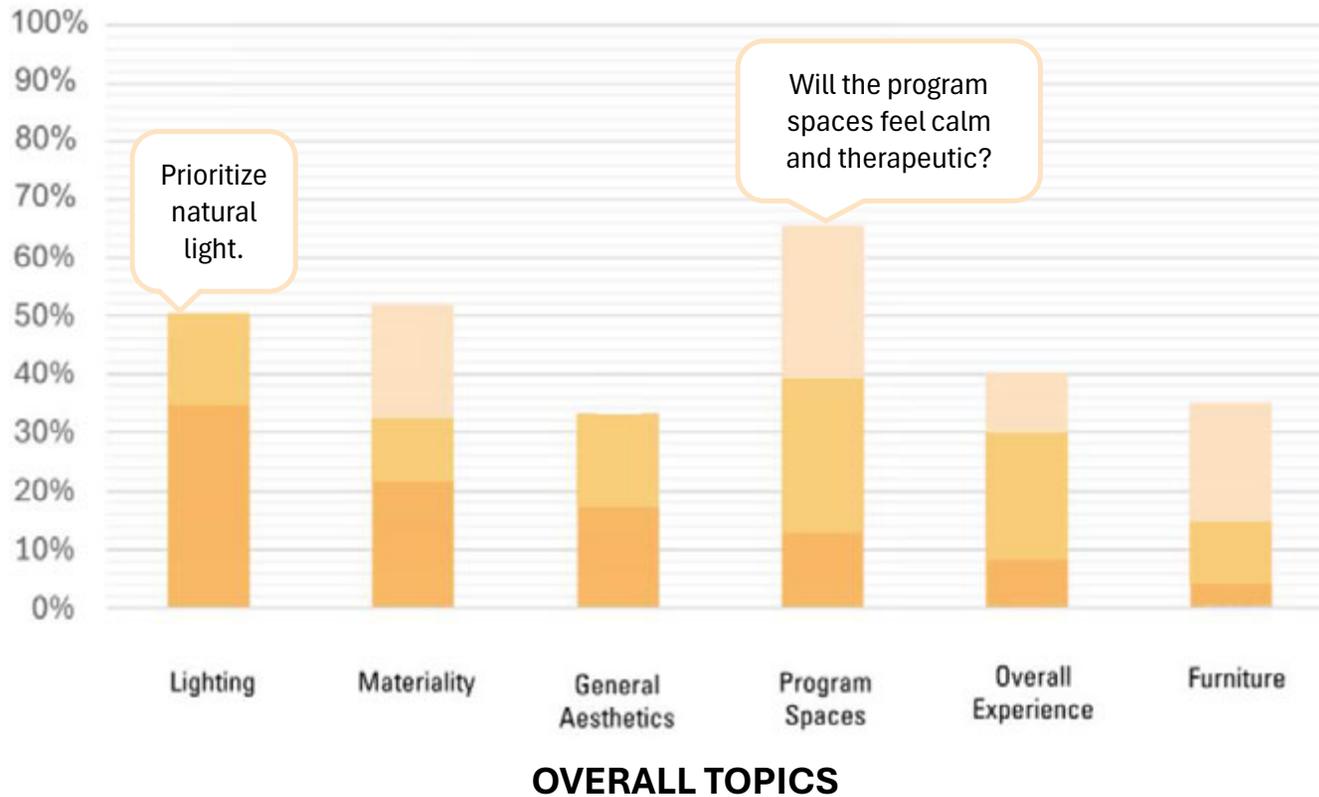
Proposed Design: Interior Secure Spaces

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

INTERIOR SECURE SPACES

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PERCENTAGE



SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Maximize access to fresh air and sunlight
- Provide a variety of recreation spaces

INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – CELL DESIGN

What was said:

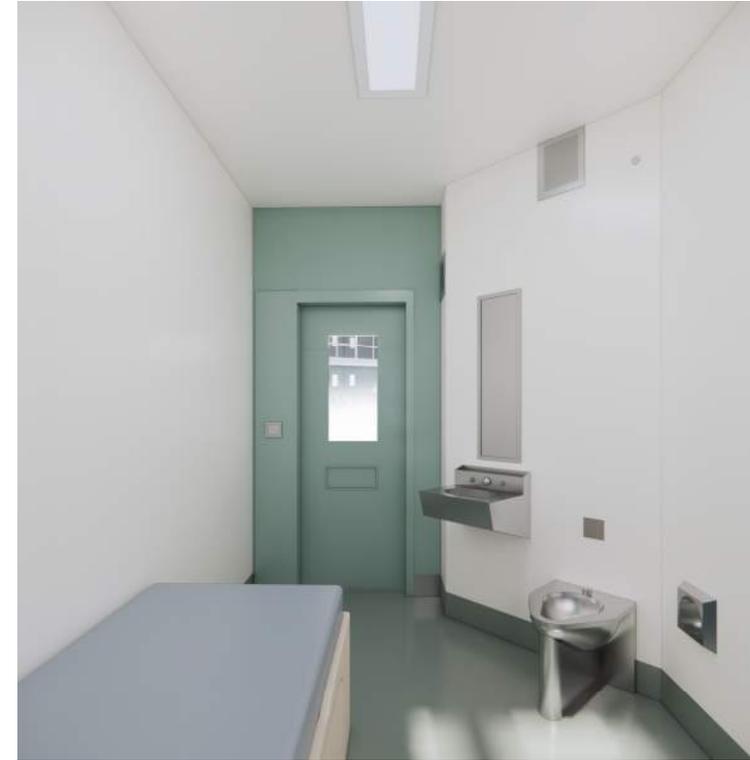
- Is there storage in the cells?
- Will sinks and toilets be in all cells?
- Will there be lighting in the cells?

Design Features:

- **Storage** that is embedded within the furniture.
- **Plumbing fixtures** are provided in the cell.
- **Overhead and task lighting** that are strategically integrated in each cell to provide balanced and functional interior lighting.
- Access to **sunlight** through the cell window.



Cell – Facing towards window



Cell – Facing towards door

INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – GENERAL POPULATION DAY ROOM

What was said:

- Add spaces for games/ programs in secure spaces.

Design Features:

- **Multi-purpose rooms** are available in each housing unit for group activities including games.
- The dayroom has incorporated **lighting fixtures** and **ceiling design** to improve the feel of the space.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION ACCESSIBILITY FROM DAY ROOM

Design Feature:

- **Outdoor recreation areas** are in every housing unit and can be accessed through the dayrooms.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION

Design Feature:

- The outdoor recreation area has 3 sides that are open to the elements, creating an open-air experience that allows for **natural light** and a **strong connection to the outdoors**.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION

Design Feature:

- Each **outdoor recreation** space will have stationary exercise equipment available for use.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING - INDOOR RECREATION

What was said:

- Is there an indoor recreation space as an alternative to the outdoor recreation space for bad weather days?

Design Features:

- **Large windows** and a **painted mural** aim to create a more humanized indoor recreation space.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR HORTICULTURE

Design Features:

- **Ample seating** is provided in a configuration that allows for large group collaboration and flexible uses.
- Southern exposure maximizes access to **sunlight and fresh air.**

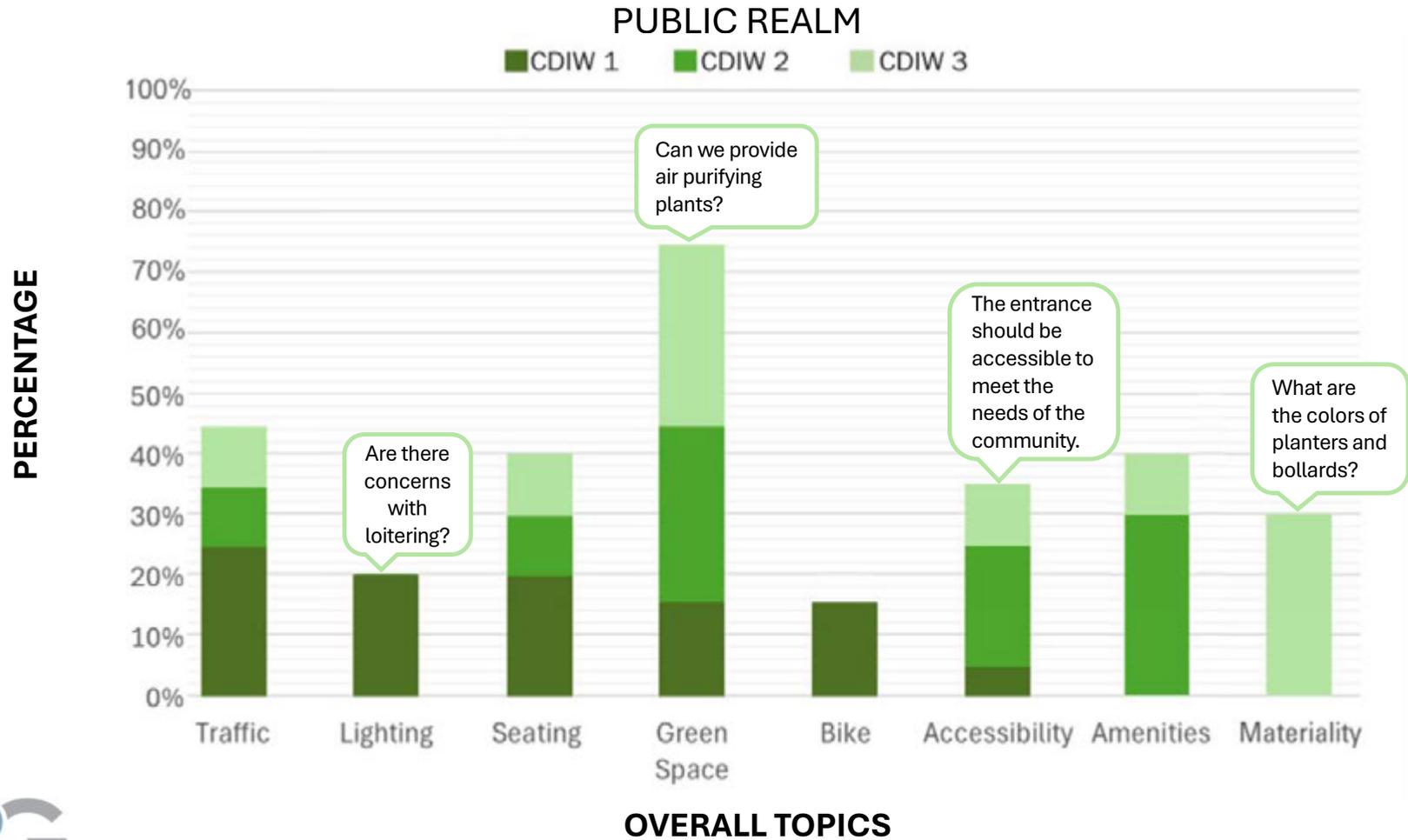


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Proposed Design: Public Realm

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



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DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Provide hardy and low-maintenance plants
- Site features should discourage loitering
- Specify materials that fit in with the surrounding neighborhood

PUBLIC REALM – SITE PLAN

What was said:

- The streetscape should be easily accessible for the families and staff.
- Are there spaces for pick-up?
- Would there be more color?

Design Features:

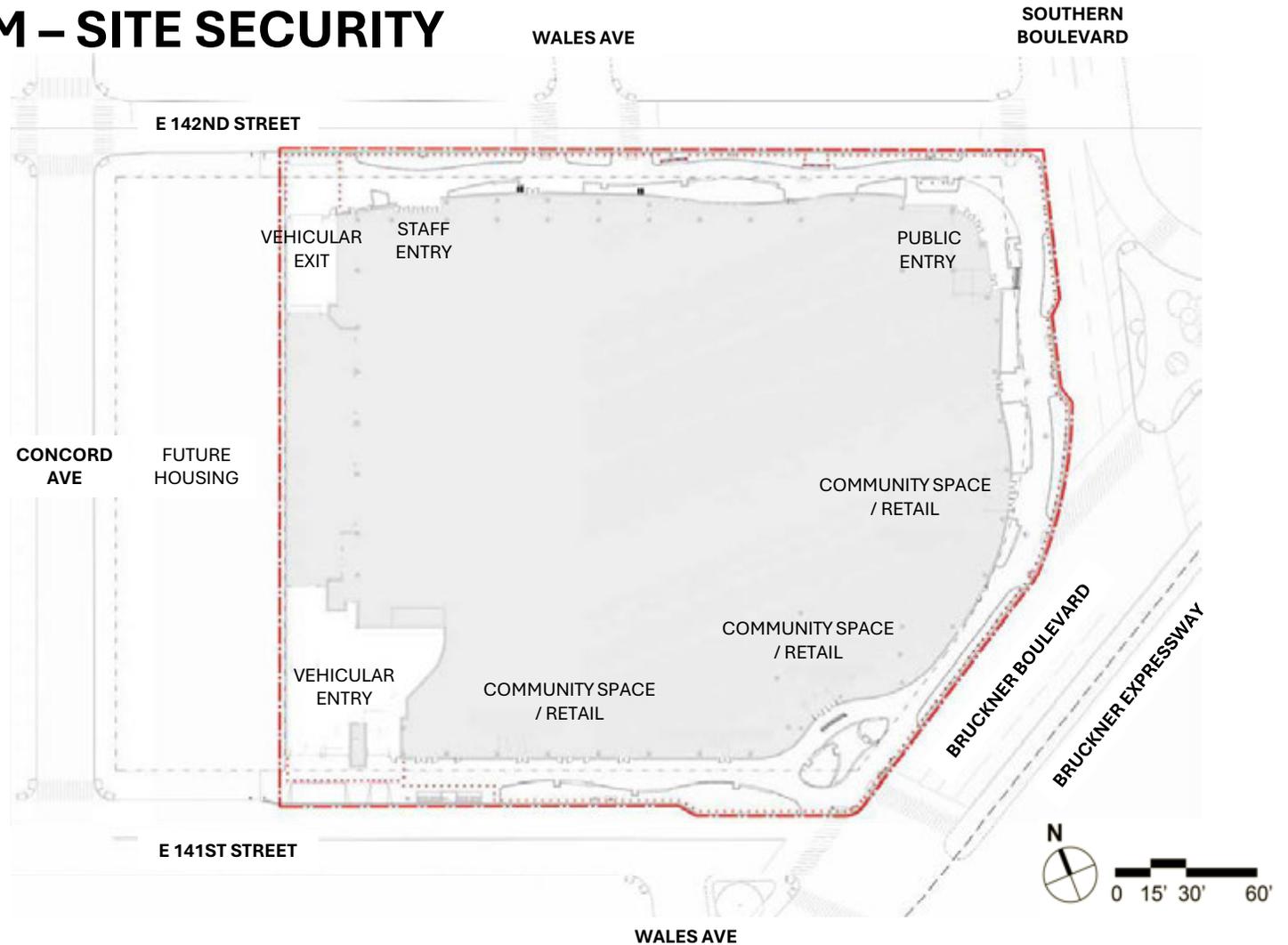
- **Formal planting** and **increased seating**.
- **Pick-up area** on Southern Blvd.
- **Seasonal interests** in planting design.



PUBLIC REALM – SITE SECURITY

Design Features:
Perimeter barriers that protect pedestrians and building occupants from vehicular threats include:

- Bollards
- Seat walls
- Structural walls



PUBLIC REALM – SITE SECURITY PALETTE

Design Features:

- **Perimeter barriers** protect pedestrians and building occupants from vehicular threats.



Crash-rated bollards



**Crash-rated bollards
with rails**



**Structural crash-rated
site furnishings**

PUBLIC REALM – GREEN ROOF PLAN

What was said:

- Create pollinator gardens.
- Provide air-purifying plants.

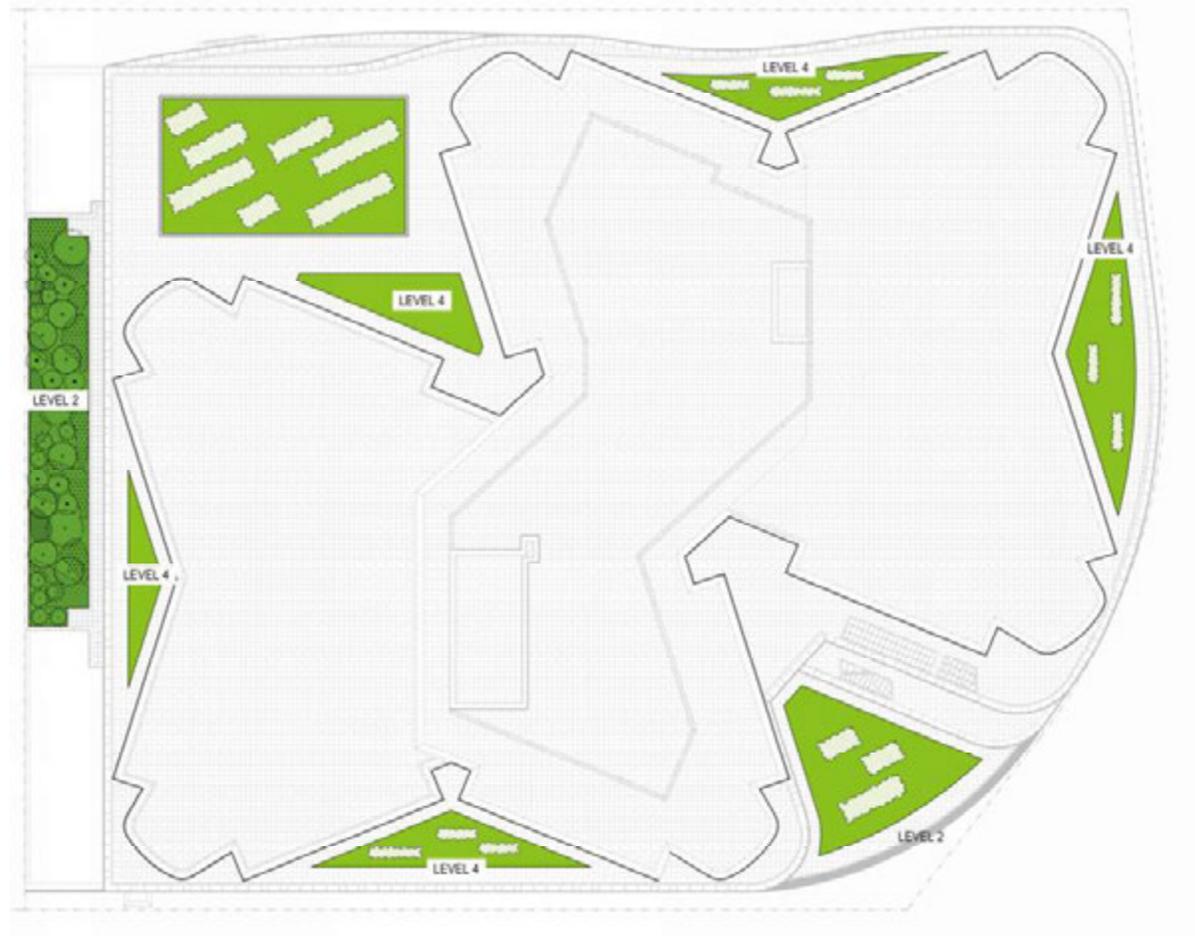
Design Features:

Level 2 West

- Trees and shrubs provide habitat for **pollinator species** and screening vents on the west side of the building.

Level 2 and 4 Green Roof

- Sedum green roofs with drifts of white flowering plants provide habitat for **pollinator species**.



PUBLIC REALM – PLANTING SELECTION

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE - TREES



Honey Locust Ginkgo Hornbeam Shadbush



Scholar Tree Elm Redbud Silverbell

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE – UNDERSTORY PLANTING



Oakleaf hydrangea Red Chokeberry Carpet Rose



Sumac Winterberry Virginia Sweetspire

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE – RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANTING



Chokeberry Milkweed Switchgrass Sundrop New York Aster Little Bluestem Goldenrod Liriope Hairy Alumroot Blue-eyed Grass

LEVEL 2, 3, 4 PLANTING PALETTE – GREEN ROOF



Shadbush Juniper Bayberry Magnolia Sumac Milkweed Switchgrass Sedum Pussytoes Sedum-pollinator

What was said:

- Provide native, low-pollen, low-maintenance plants.
- Provide colorful plants.
- Provide air-purifying plants.

Design Features:

- **Low-pollen selections.**
- **Low-maintenance.**
- **Colorful** from spring through fall.
- Deciduous and evergreen.
- Hardy.
- Pollinator-friendly.
- Air-purifying.



PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY ENTRANCE

What was said:

- Easily accessible for the families and staff.
- Seating near entrances.
- Bollard materials.
- Provide permanent canopy.

Design Features:

- **ADA compatible seating.**
- **Stainless steel bollards.**
- Extended **building canopy** over main entrance.
- Planters have been replaced with **in-ground planting.**



Streetscape of the public lobby entrance at the intersection of E 142 Street and Southern Boulevard

DESIGN SHOWN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – COMMUNITY/RETAIL ENTRY

What was said:

- What are the colors of the streetscape materials?
- How will we prevent loitering in the public space?

Design Features:

- **Color of streetscape materials matches the building façade.**
- Arm rests every 4-5 ft on benches and clear sight lines **deter loitering.**
- ADA accessible entrances.



Streetscape in front of community / retail space at the intersection of Bruckner Boulevard and E 141st Street

PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – SIDEWALK/STREETScape



Streetscape on E 142nd Street



Drop-off area at Southern Boulevard

What was said:

- Are there spaces for pick-up?
- How will we prevent loitering in the public space?

Design Features:

- **A pick-up area is provided on Southern Blvd.**
- Arm rests every 4-5 ft on benches and clear sight lines **deter loitering.**
- Stormwater is used to irrigate curbside planters.



Streetscape in front of community / retail space on E 141st Street

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Final Design Breakout

Final Board & Model Review Breakout

- A** Building Exterior
- B** Interior Public Spaces
- C** Interior Secure Spaces
- D** Public Realm

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Conclusion



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Thank You

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