



# SAFETY & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS IN COURT SQUARE

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Public Space Unit . December 2020



# Agenda

## **Introductions**

- Chat
- Live Poll

## **Presentation**

- Live Poll

## **Design Workshop**

- Breakout Sessions

## **Closing Conversation**

- Workshop Summaries
- Next Steps
- Q & A

# Introduction

— DOT Queens Borough Commissioner's Office

— DOT Street Ambassadors

— DOT Public Space





# DOT Public Space



Seasonal Streets



StreetSeats



Plaza Program



CityBench



29-Day Concessions



BikeCorrals



# DOT Public Space: 2020 Recovery Efforts



Open Streets



Open Restaurants



Open Streets: Restaurants



Open Streets: Plazas



Open Streets: Play



Emergency BikeCorrals

**Live Poll**

**What is your  
relationship to  
Court Square?**



# Why Court Square?



**Fastest Growing Neighborhood**



**Rebalancing for Pedestrians & Vehicles**



**Economic Recovery & Resilience**





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# DOT Public Realm Improvements in Long Island City

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# L-Space: Dutch Kills





# 44<sup>th</sup> Dr. StreetSeat





# 12<sup>TH</sup> St. StreetSeat

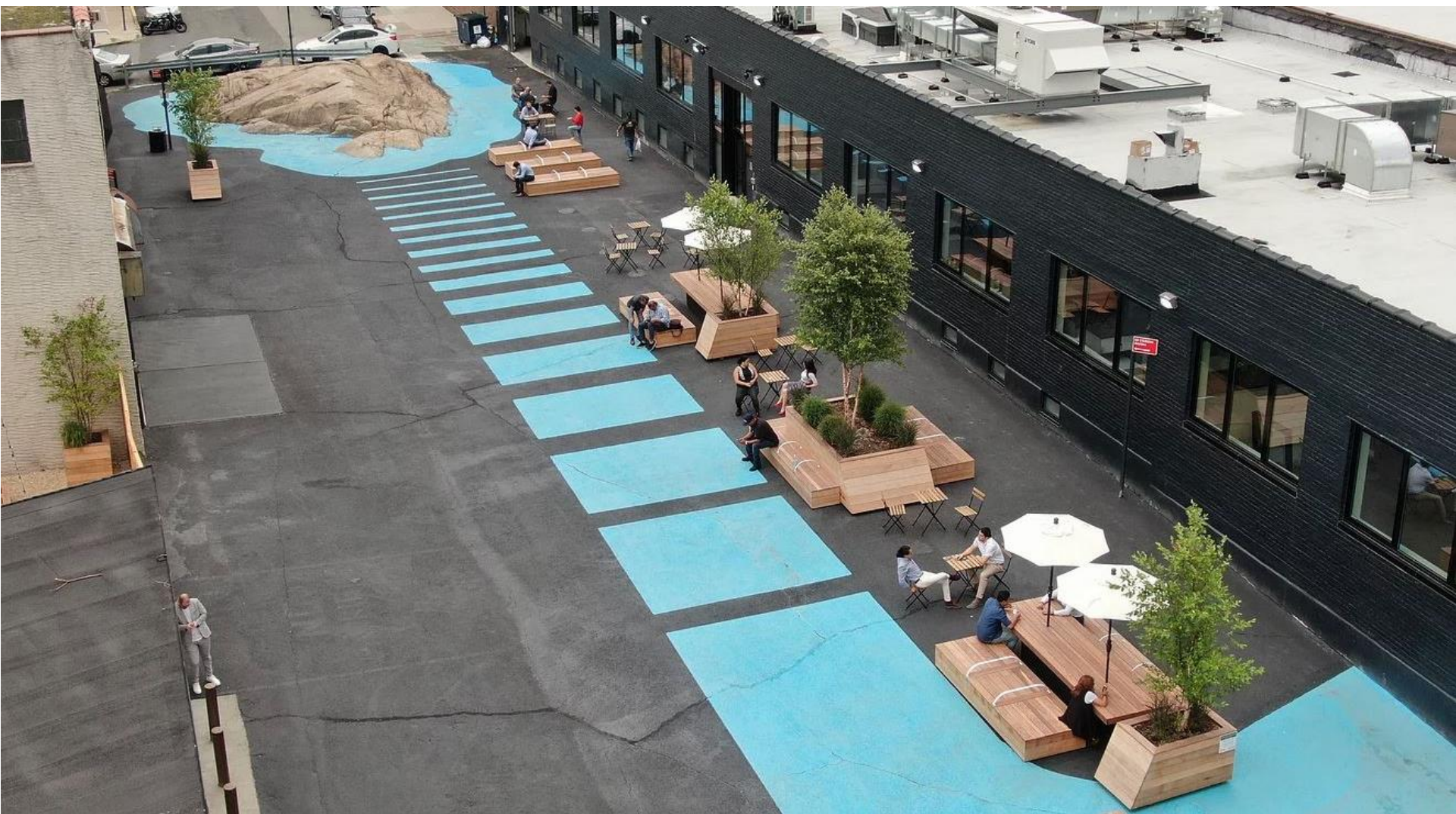


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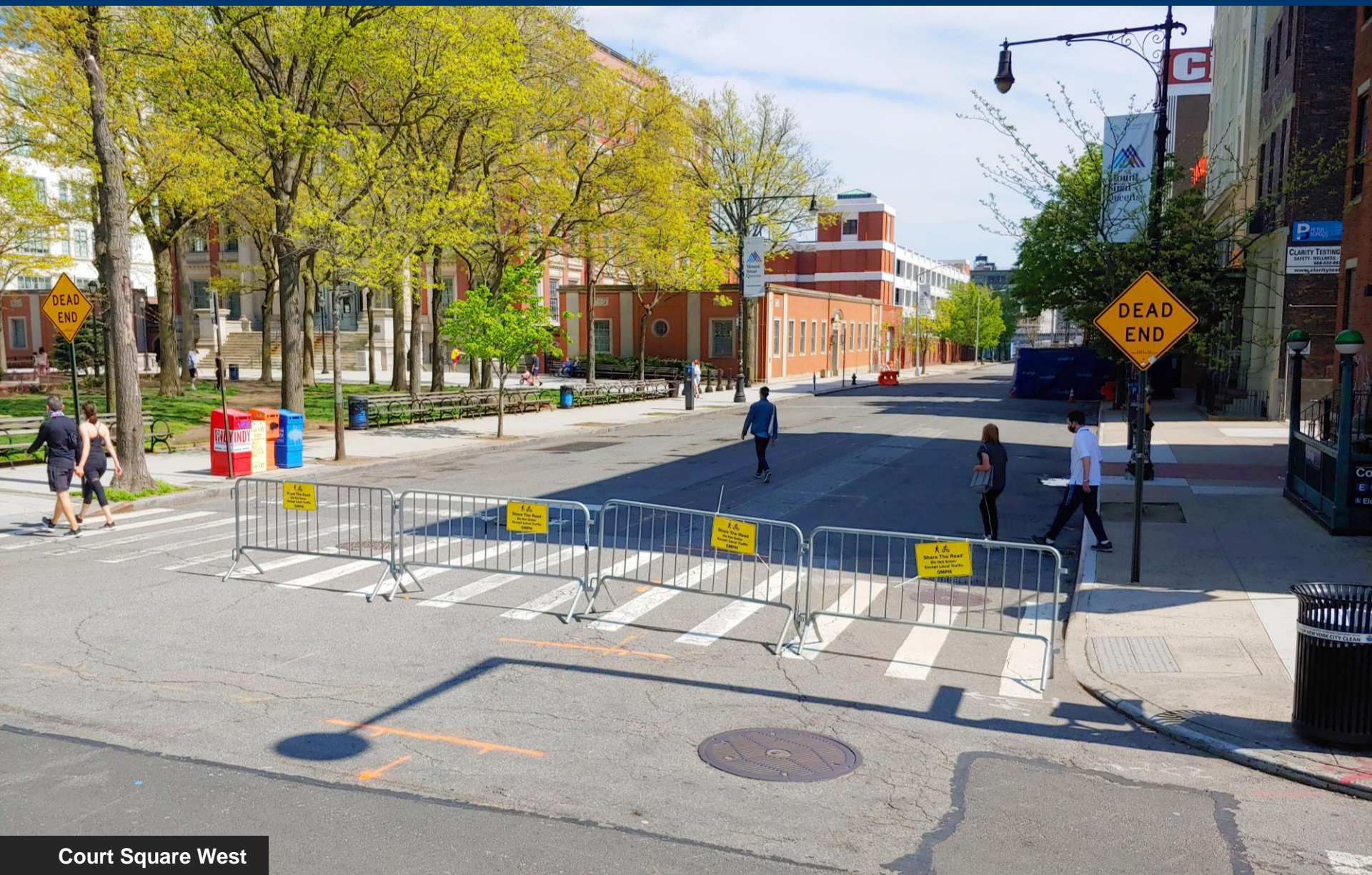


# 2019 Weekend Walks: Vernon Blvd.





# 2020 Open Streets



Court Square West



# 2020 Open Restaurants



Jackson Ave.

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## Lessons Learned: Challenges & Opportunities

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Court Square, Long Island City



# Court Square & the Public Realm





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# Court Square & the Public Realm



Rafferty Triangle



# Community Outreach

**53 interactions**

**2 deployments** on October 23 & 30, 2019



## —— Top Safety Concerns Reported ——

1. Vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians
2. Heavy vehicular traffic
3. Speeding vehicles
3. Vehicles illegally parked



## —— Top Improvements Requested ——

1. More pedestrian circulation space
2. More seating
2. More bike amenities





**Which of the following  
are traffic safety  
concerns for you, when  
traveling to/through  
Court Square?**



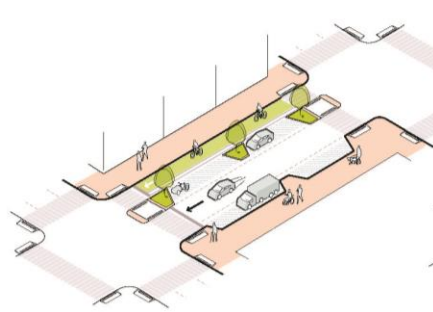
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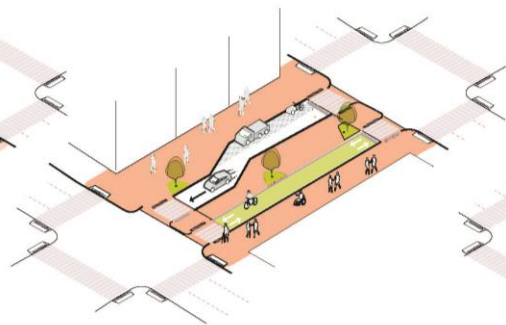
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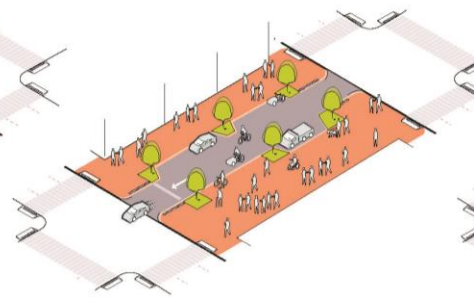
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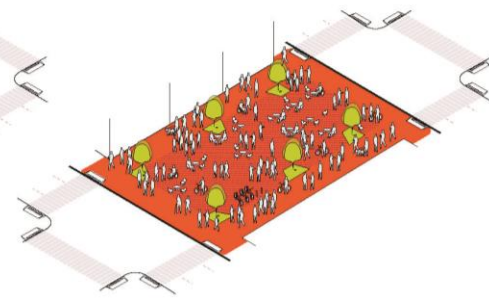
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**SLOW BLOCK**



**SHARED BLOCK**



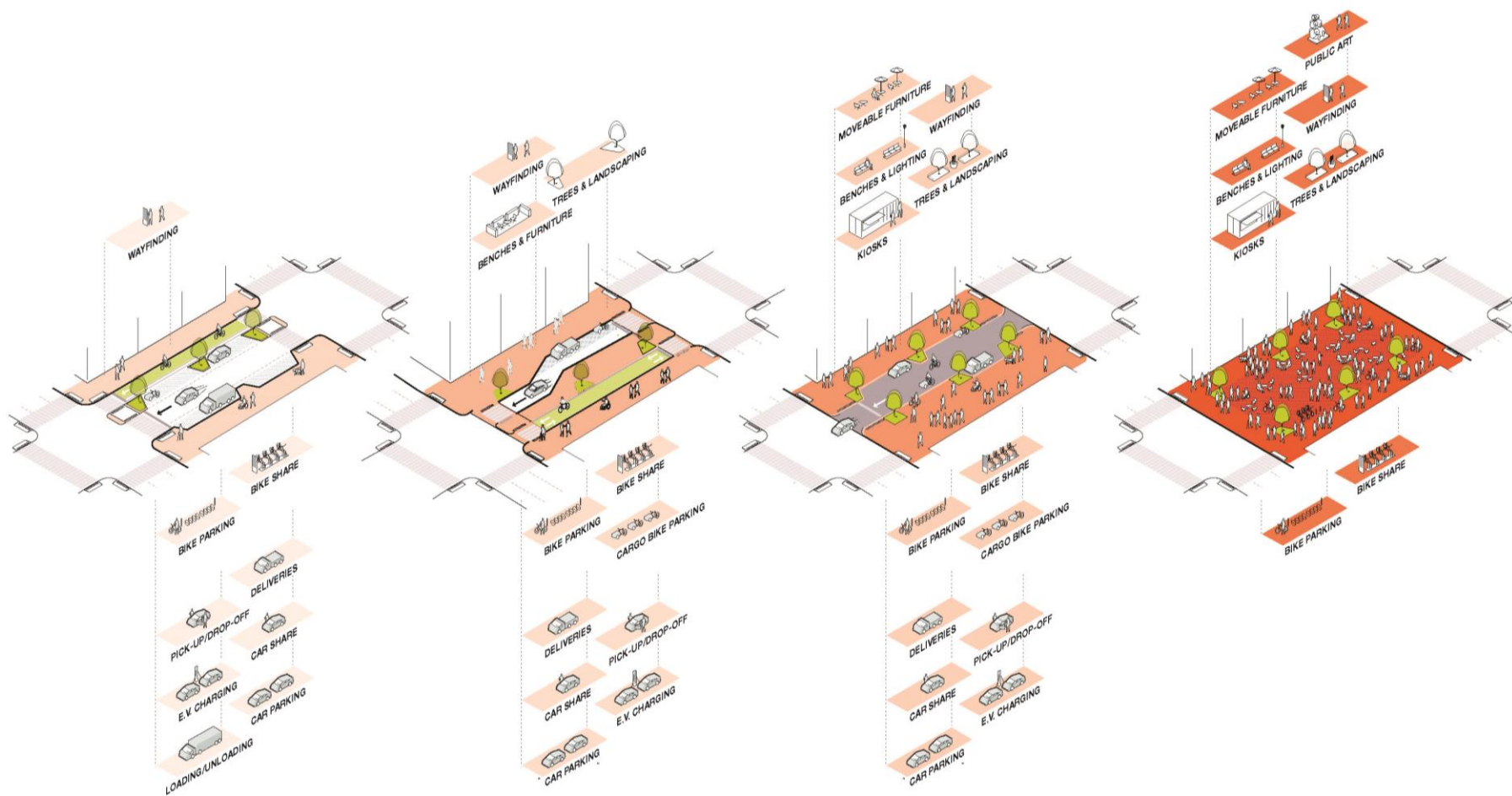
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## BASE BLOCK

## SLOW BLOCK

## SHARED BLOCK

## PLAZA BLOCK





# Base Block





# Slow Street Block





# Shared Street Block





# Pedestrian Plaza Block





# Public Space Activations





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## Breakout Sessions

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# Breakout Sessions









# Geographic Area #2

✖ Issue

♥ Asset

? Project Idea

Chat: Alt + H





# Geographic Area #3



Issue



Asset



Project Idea

Chat: Alt + H





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## Closing Conversation

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# Workshop Summary





# Next Steps

2020

- **December 2020:** Virtual design workshops: *Project Scoping*

2021

- **January- February 2021:** Virtual design workshops: *Conceptual design proposals*
- **March 2021:** CB2 Meeting: *Presentation of design proposals*
- **Late Spring – Summer 2021:** Implementation of interim improvements



Q & A

**Thank you!**



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