



SAFETY & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS IN COURT SQUARE

Public Space Unit . February 2021



Agenda

Introductions

- Chat
- Live Poll

Presentation

Design Workshop

- Breakout Sessions

Closing Conversation

- Workshop Summaries
- Next Steps
- Q & A

Introduction

DOT Queens Borough Commissioner's Office

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



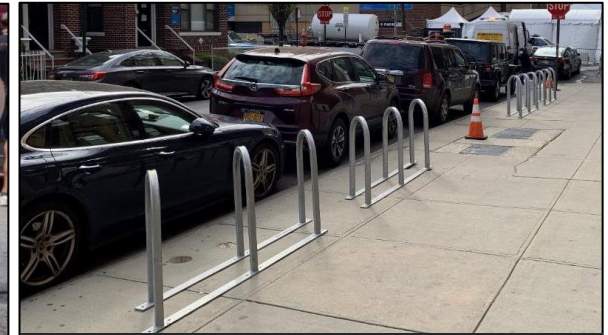
Open Streets: Restaurants



Open Streets: Plazas



Open Streets: Play



Emergency BikeCorrals

Why Court Square?



Fastest Growing Neighborhood



Rebalancing for Pedestrians & Vehicles



Economic Recovery & Resilience



Live Poll

**What is your
primary mode of
transport
to/from Court
Square?**

December 2020 Virtual Workshops

Workshop Summary



DOT Public Realm Improvements in Long Island City

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NYC DOT & the Public Realm in LIC



L-Space: Dutch Kills



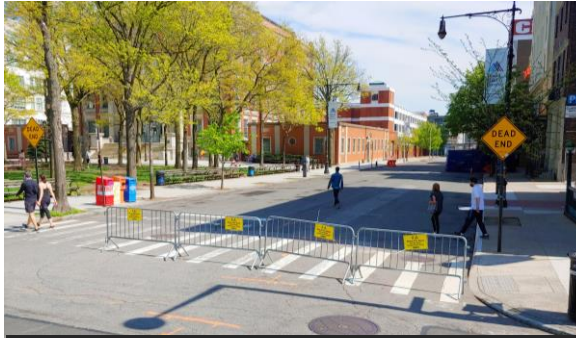
44th Dr. StreetSeat



12th StreetSeat



Weekend Walks: Vernon Blvd

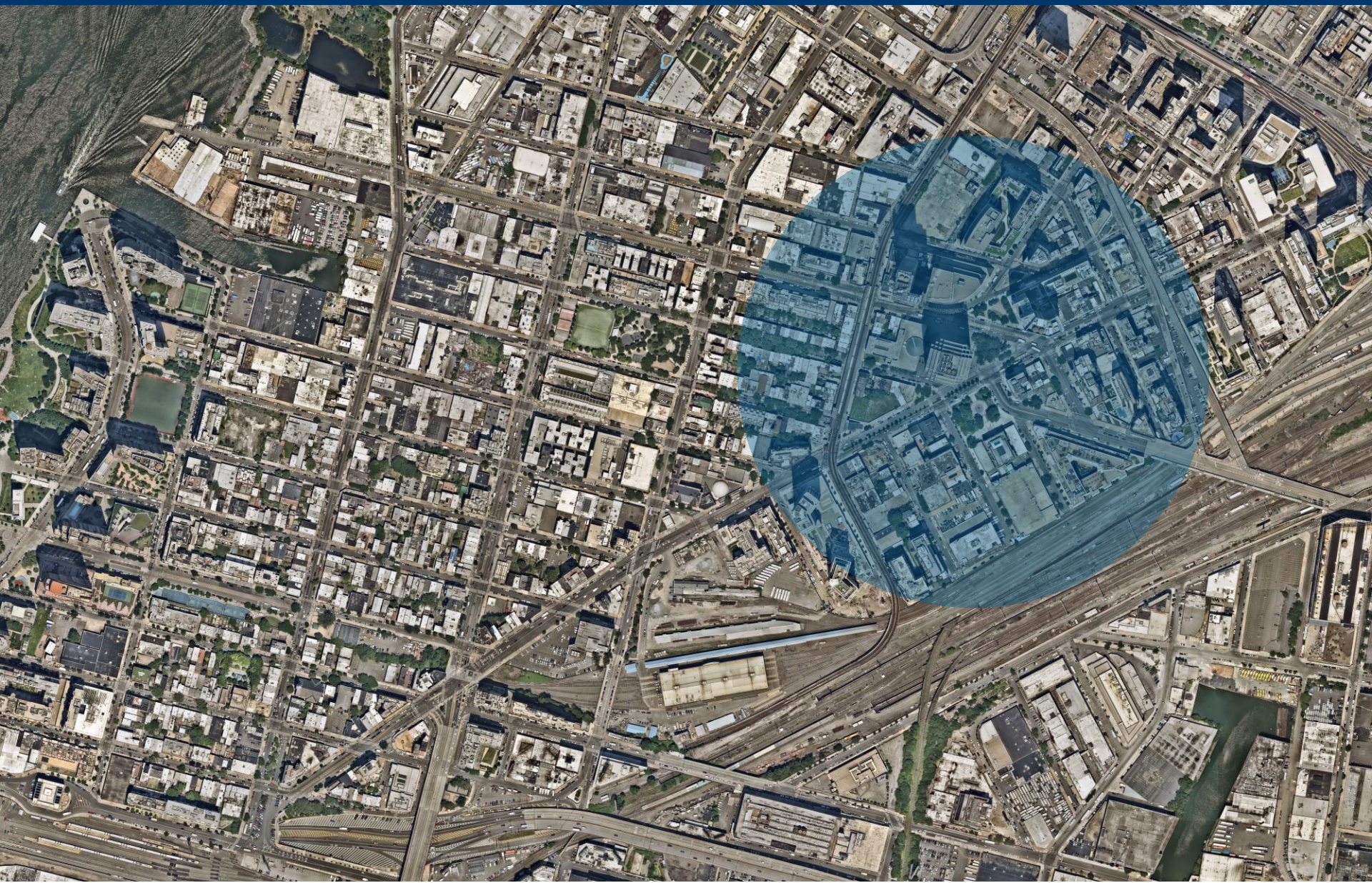


2020 Open Streets



NYC Open Restaurants

Court Square



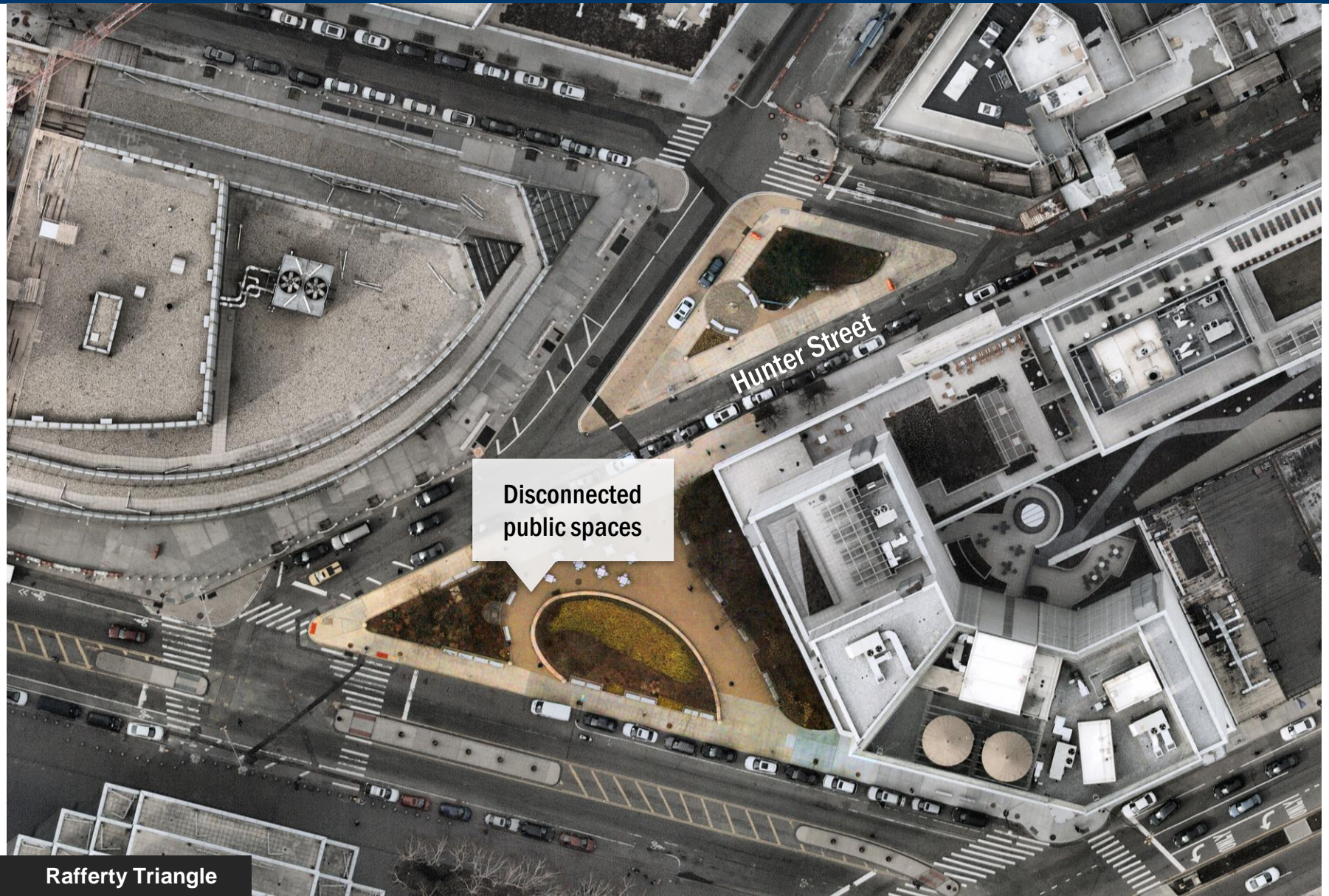
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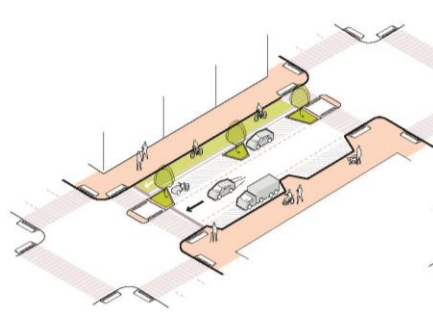


Rafferty Triangle

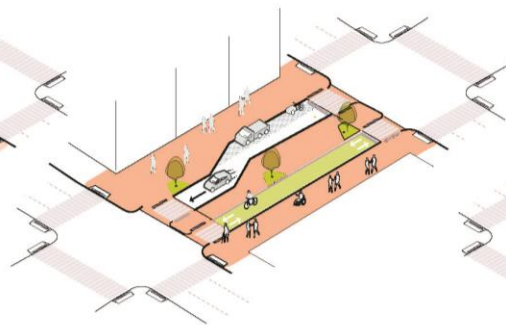
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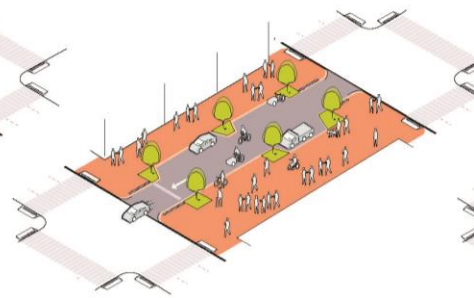
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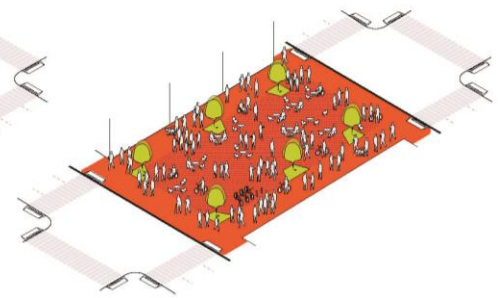
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SLOW BLOCK



SHARED BLOCK



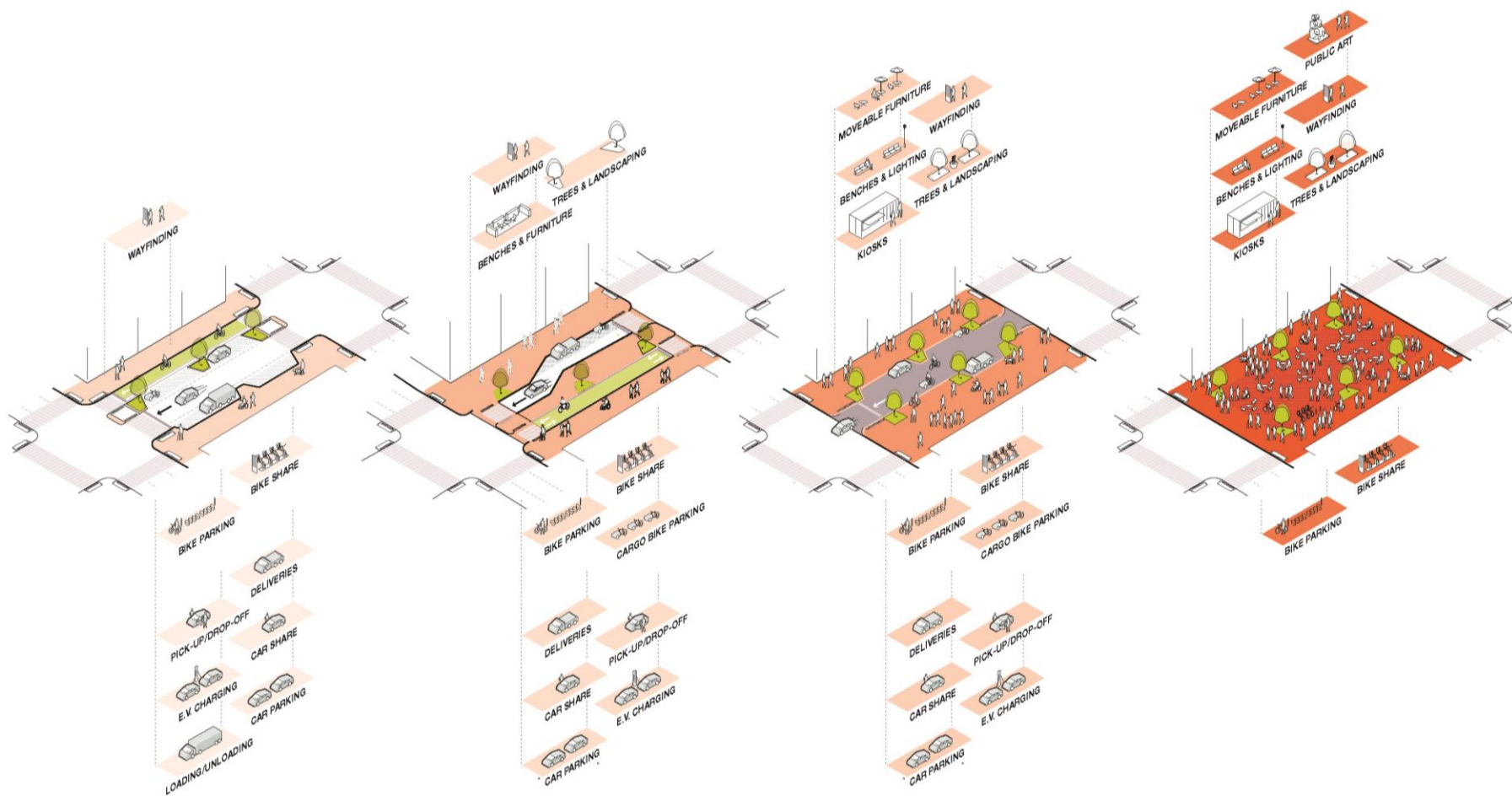
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SHARED BLOCK

PLAZA BLOCK



Community Outreach

Lessons Learned

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2019 On-street 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



2020 December Virtual Workshop

Over 50 attendees
December 15 & 17, 2020



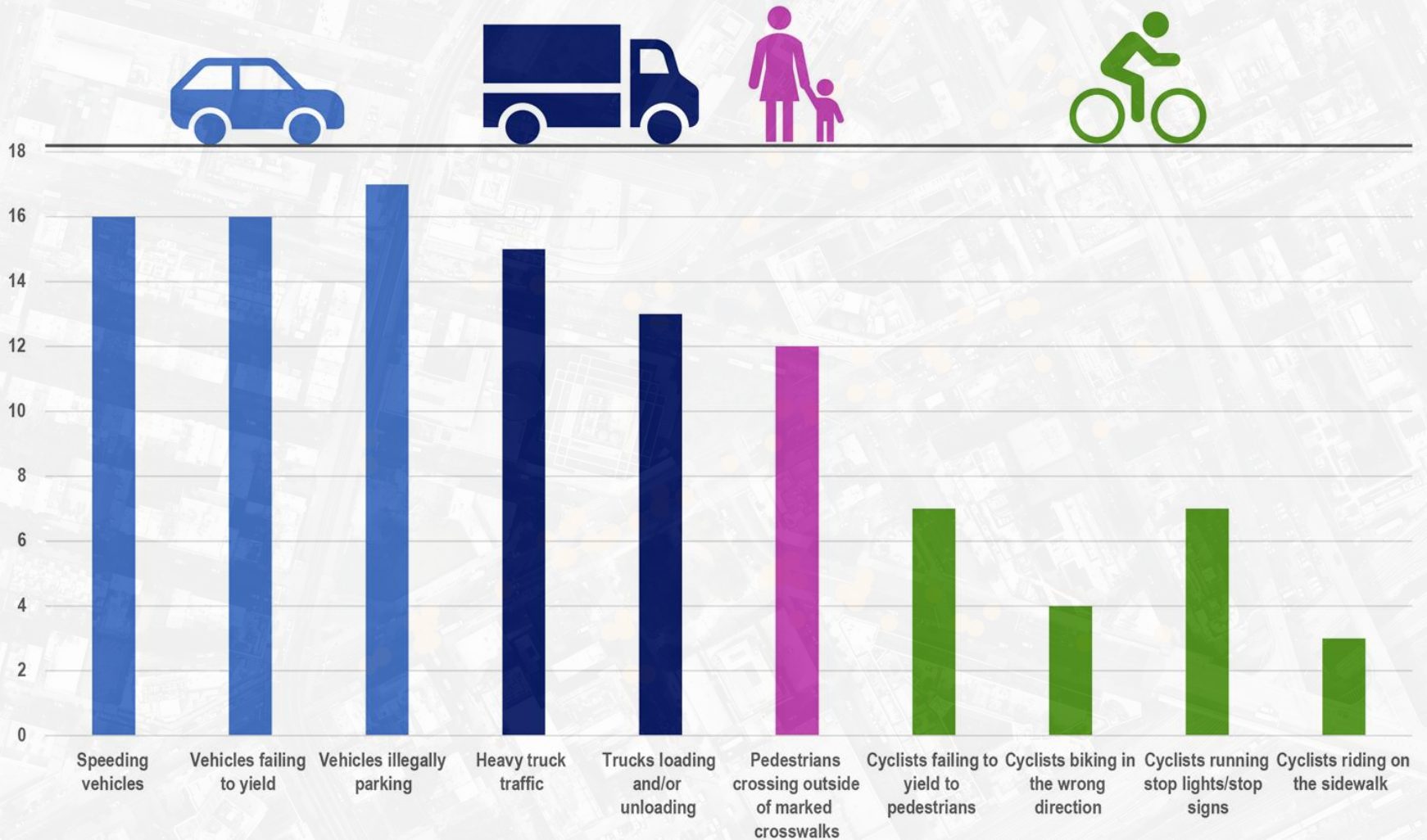
Areas of Improvement

1. Poor pedestrian connections
2. Lack of crosswalks or sidewalk
3. Issues with double parking
4. Median on Jackson Ave



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Live poll results



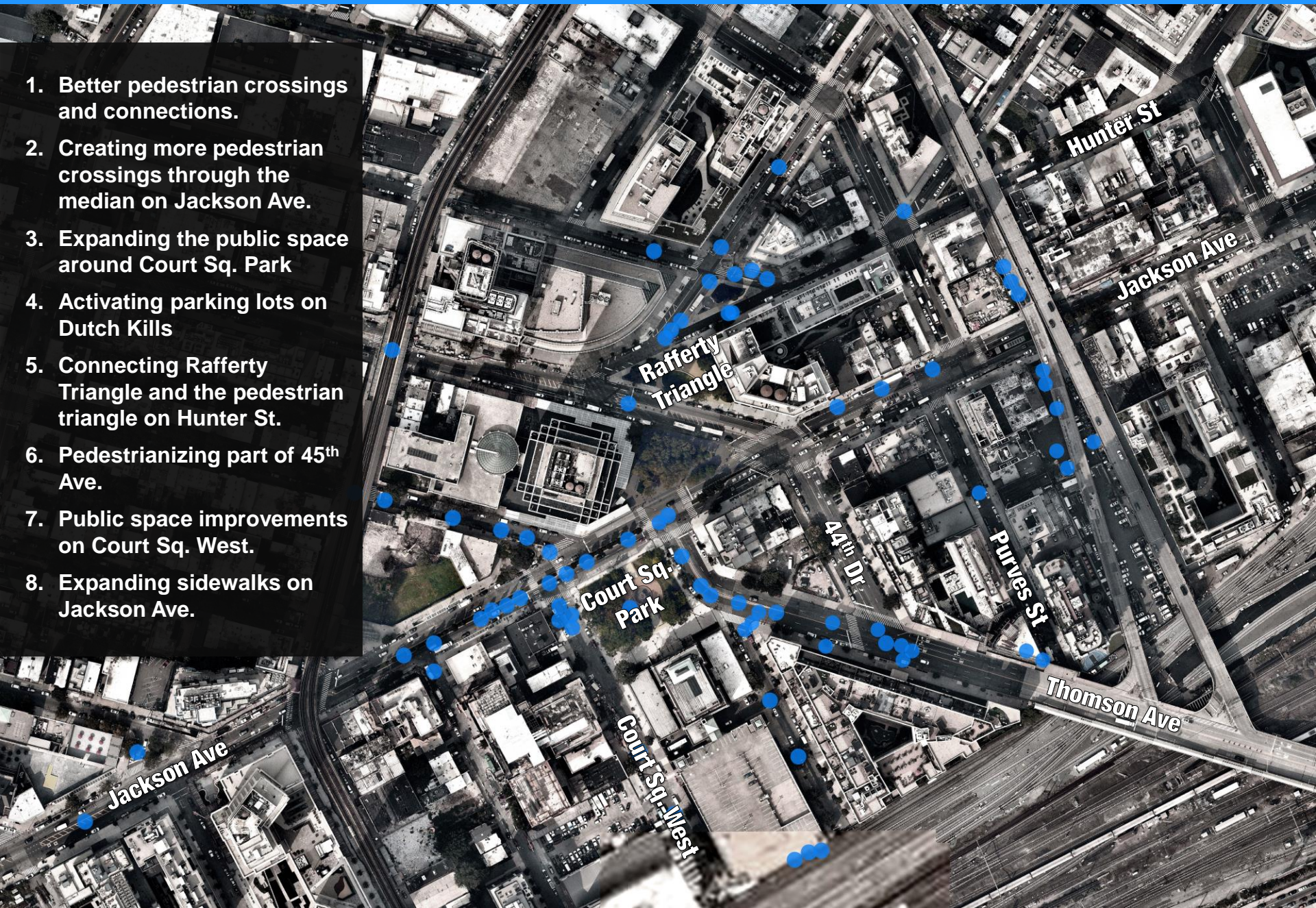
Community Assets

1. All green spaces such as Rafferty Triangle and Court Square Park
2. Businesses on Jackson Ave and Crescent St
3. Public space activations such as the 44th Dr StreetSeat and L-SPace
4. Local cultural institutions



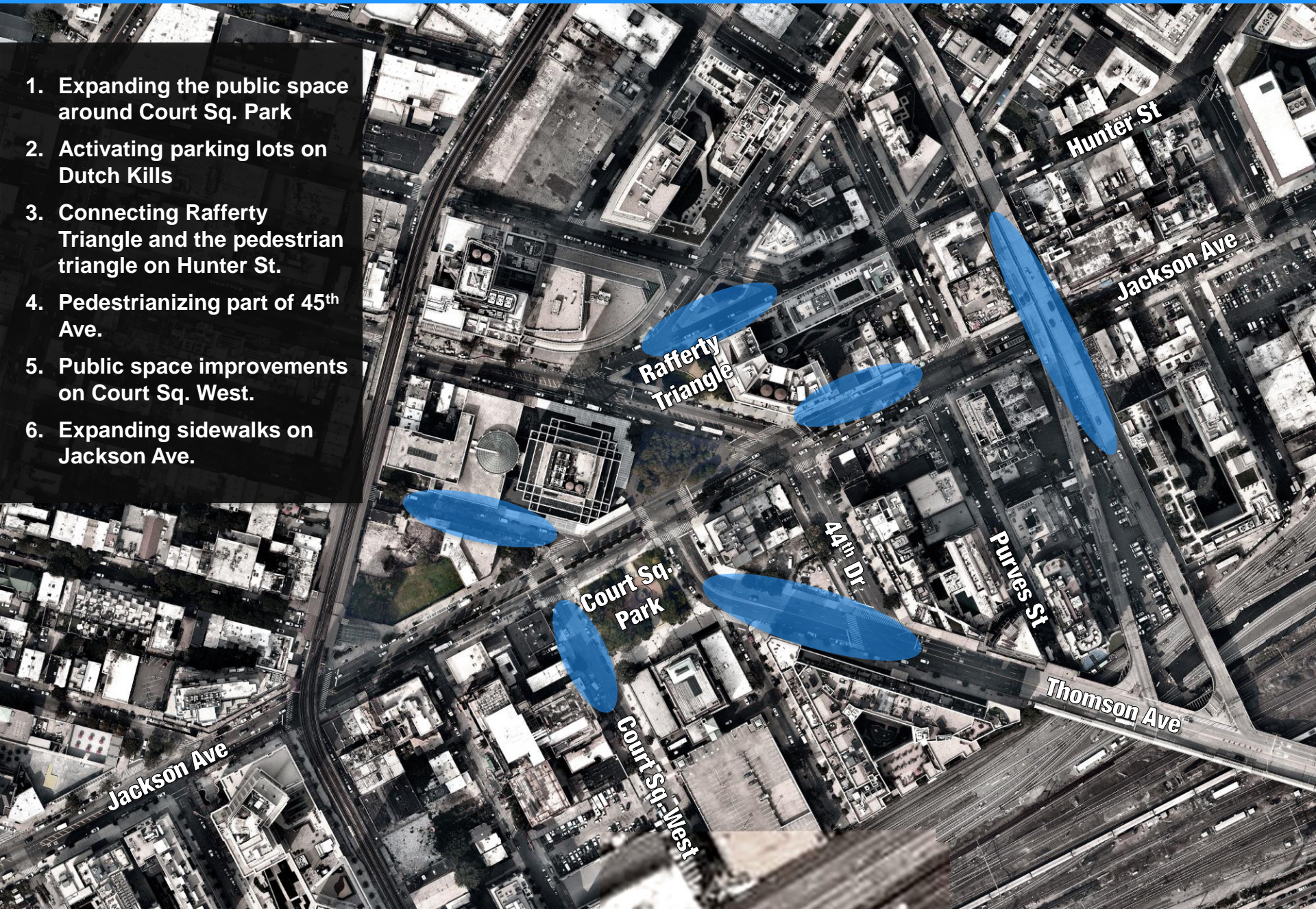
Project Ideas

1. Better pedestrian crossings and connections.
2. Creating more pedestrian crossings through the median on Jackson Ave.
3. Expanding the public space around Court Sq. Park
4. Activating parking lots on Dutch Kills
5. Connecting Rafferty Triangle and the pedestrian triangle on Hunter St.
6. Pedestrianizing part of 45th Ave.
7. Public space improvements on Court Sq. West.
8. Expanding sidewalks on Jackson Ave.



Project Ideas Proposed at December Workshops

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NYC DOT's Near-Term Project Ideas



Design Concepts

Breakout Sessions

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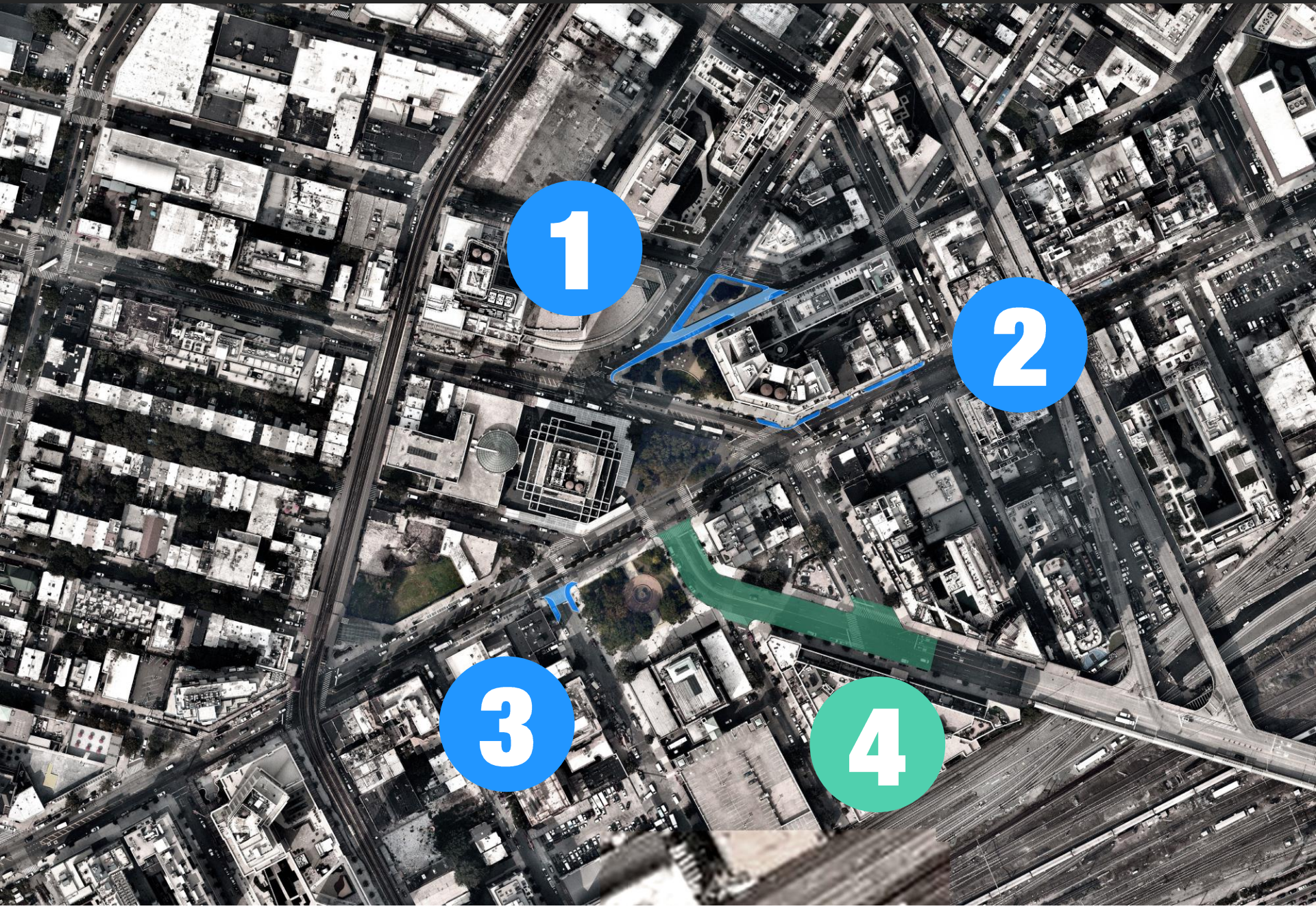
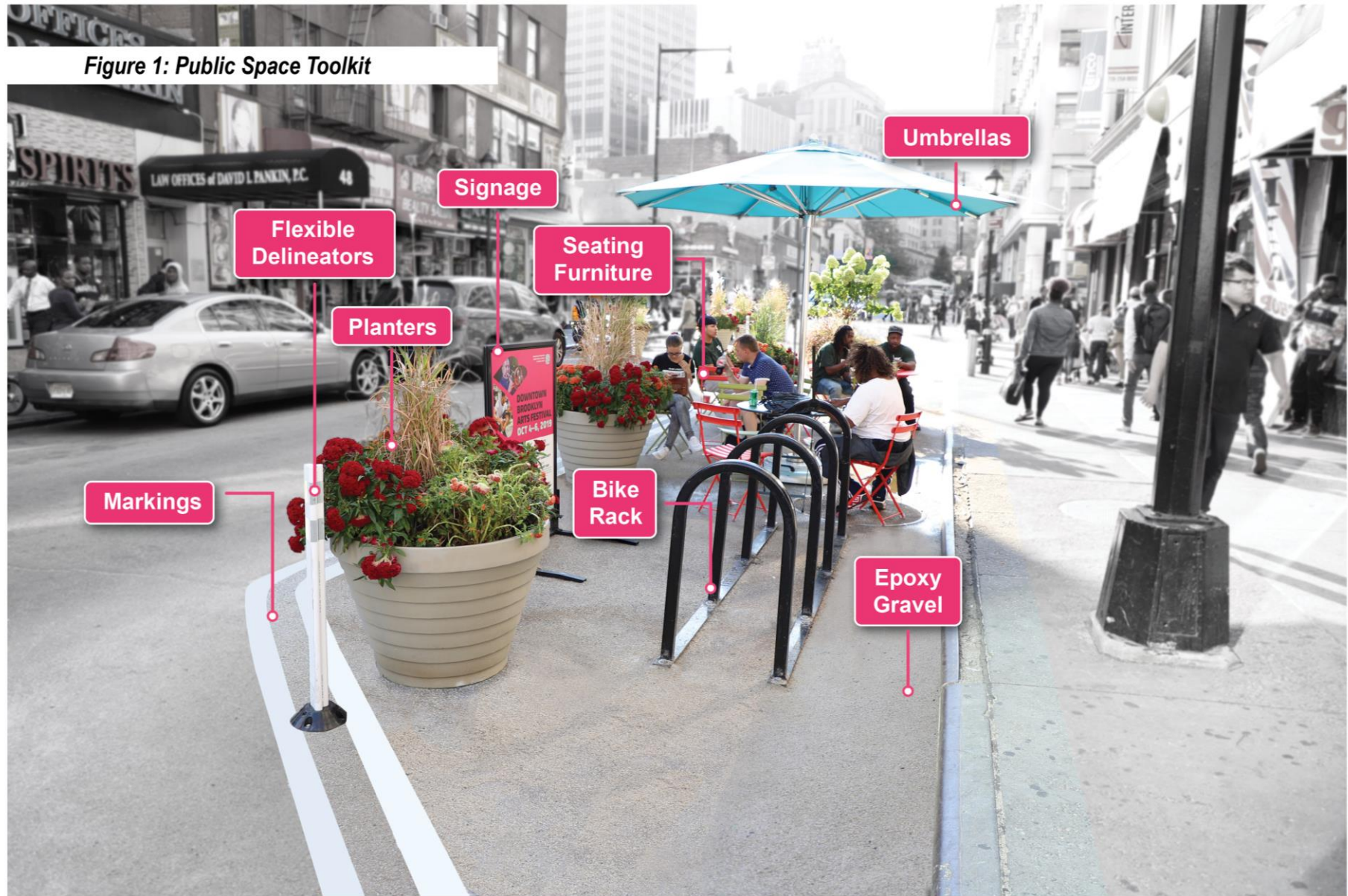
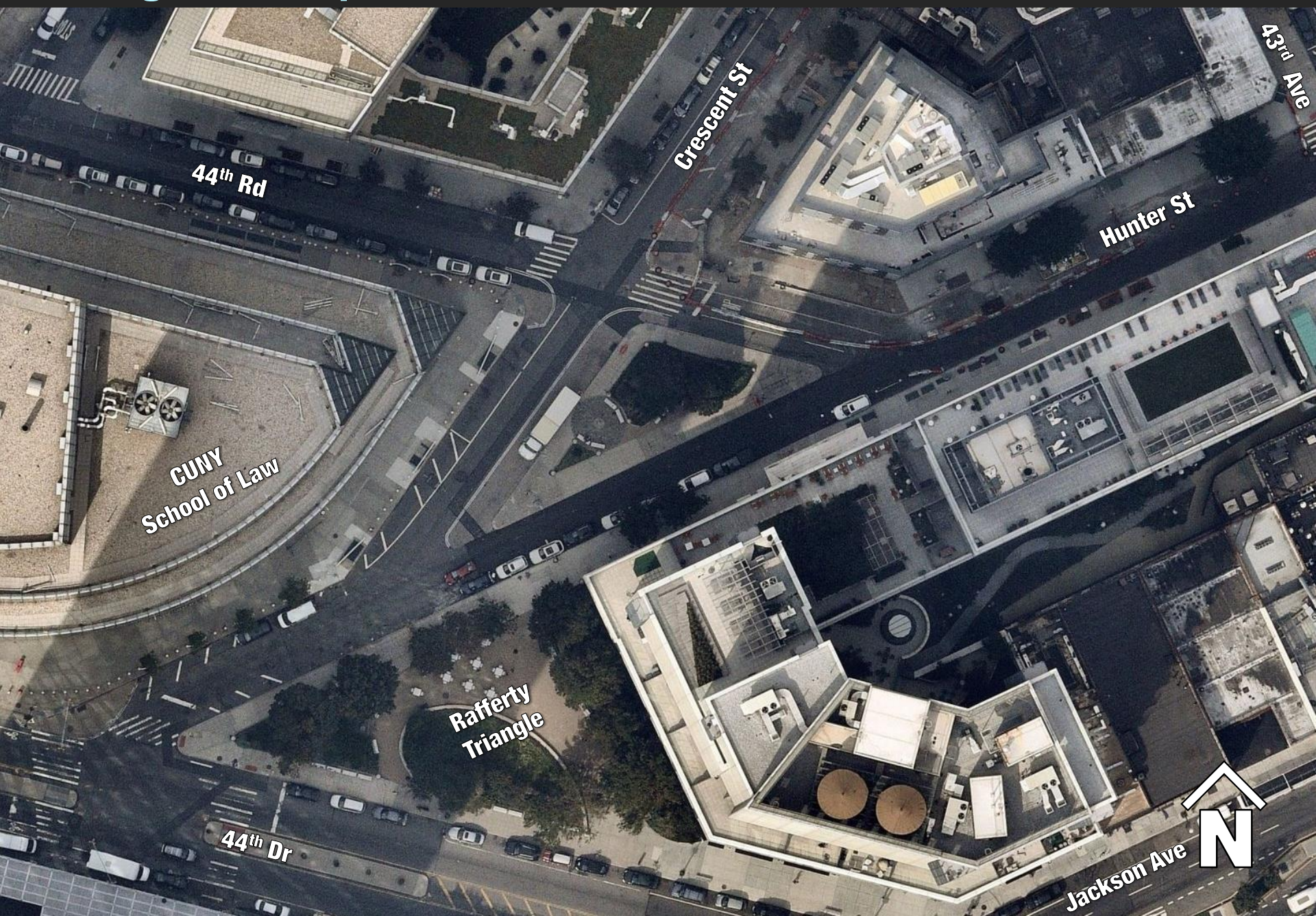


Figure 1: Public Space Toolkit



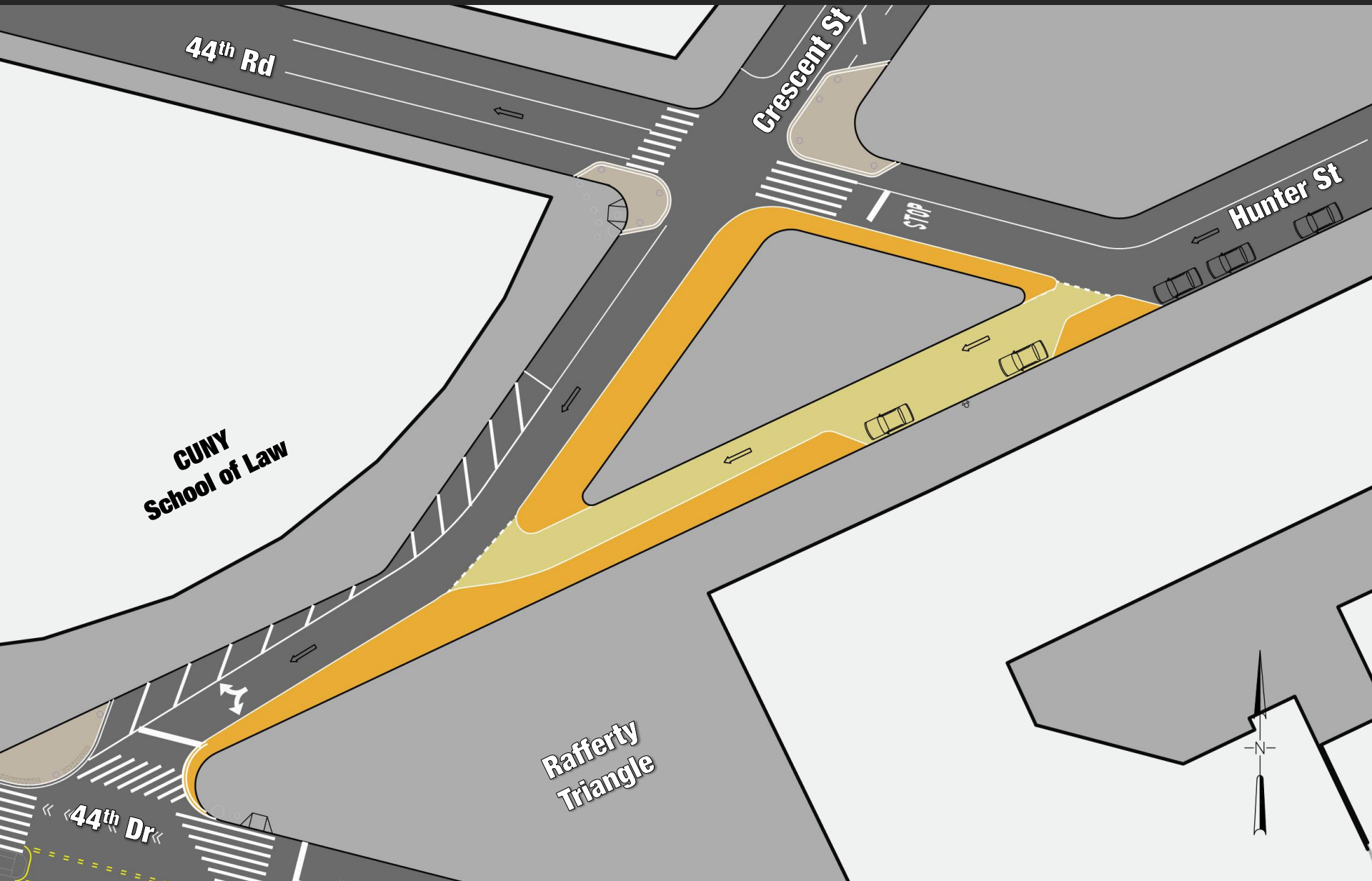
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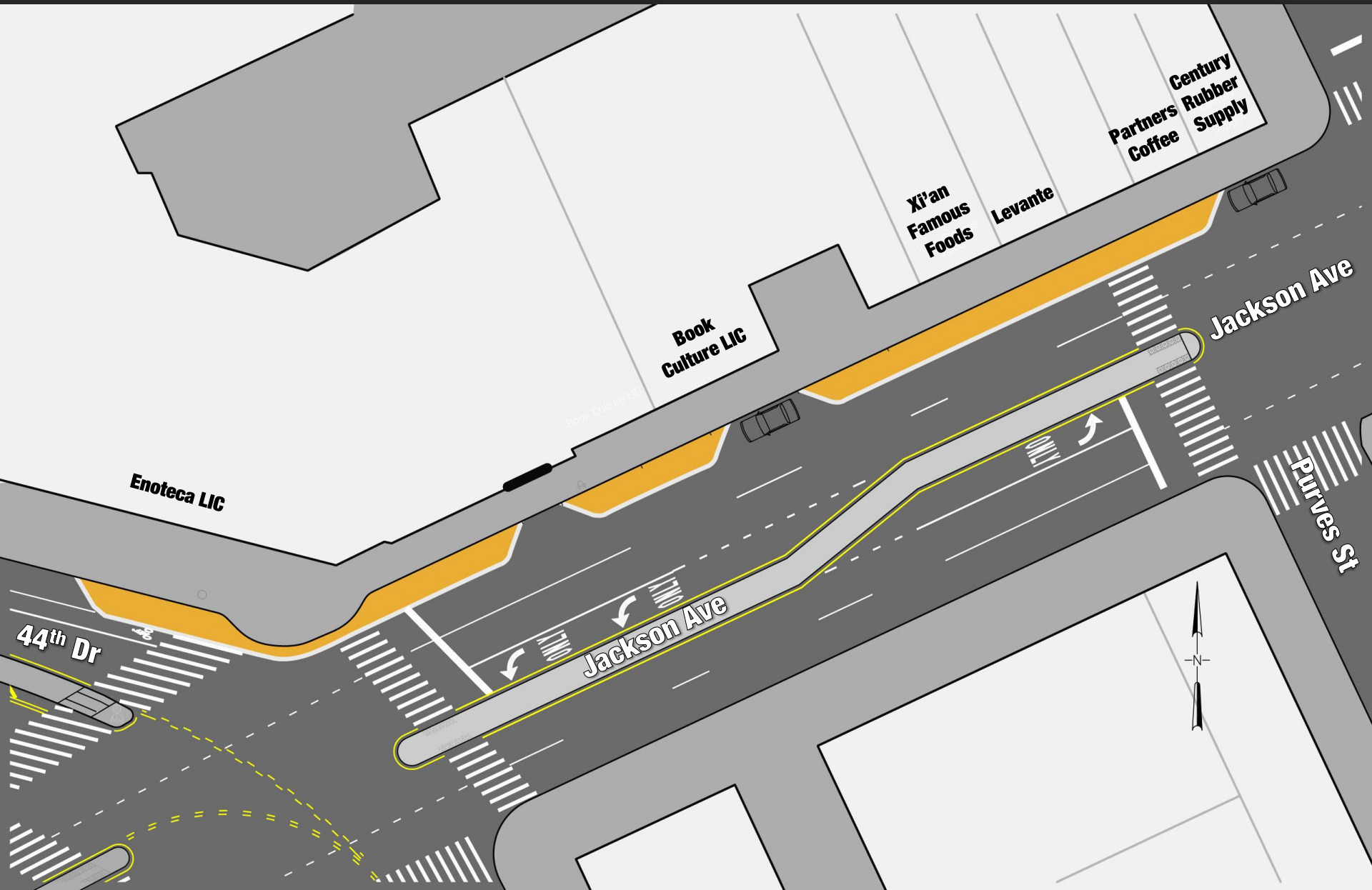
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Design Concept #2

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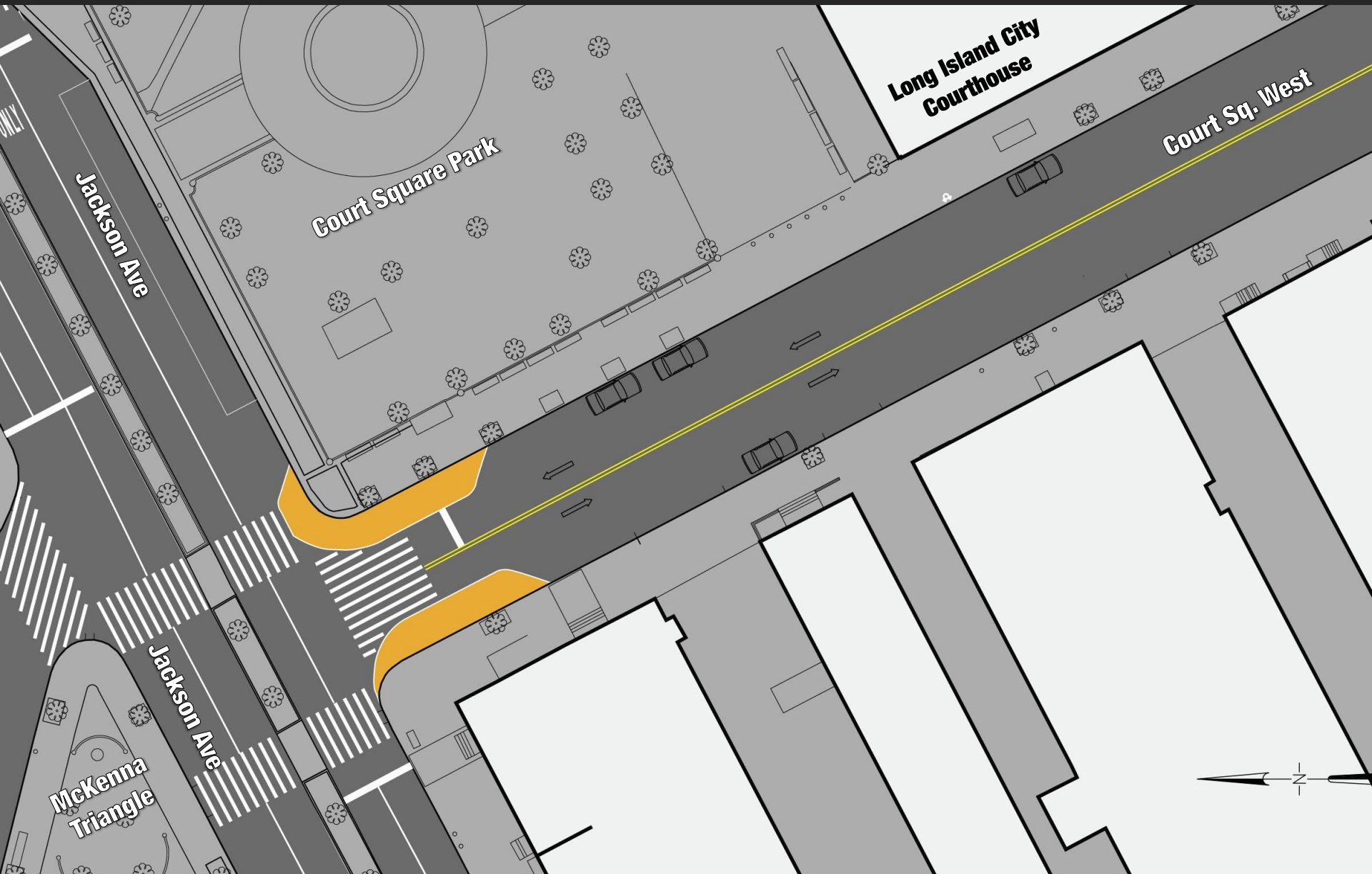
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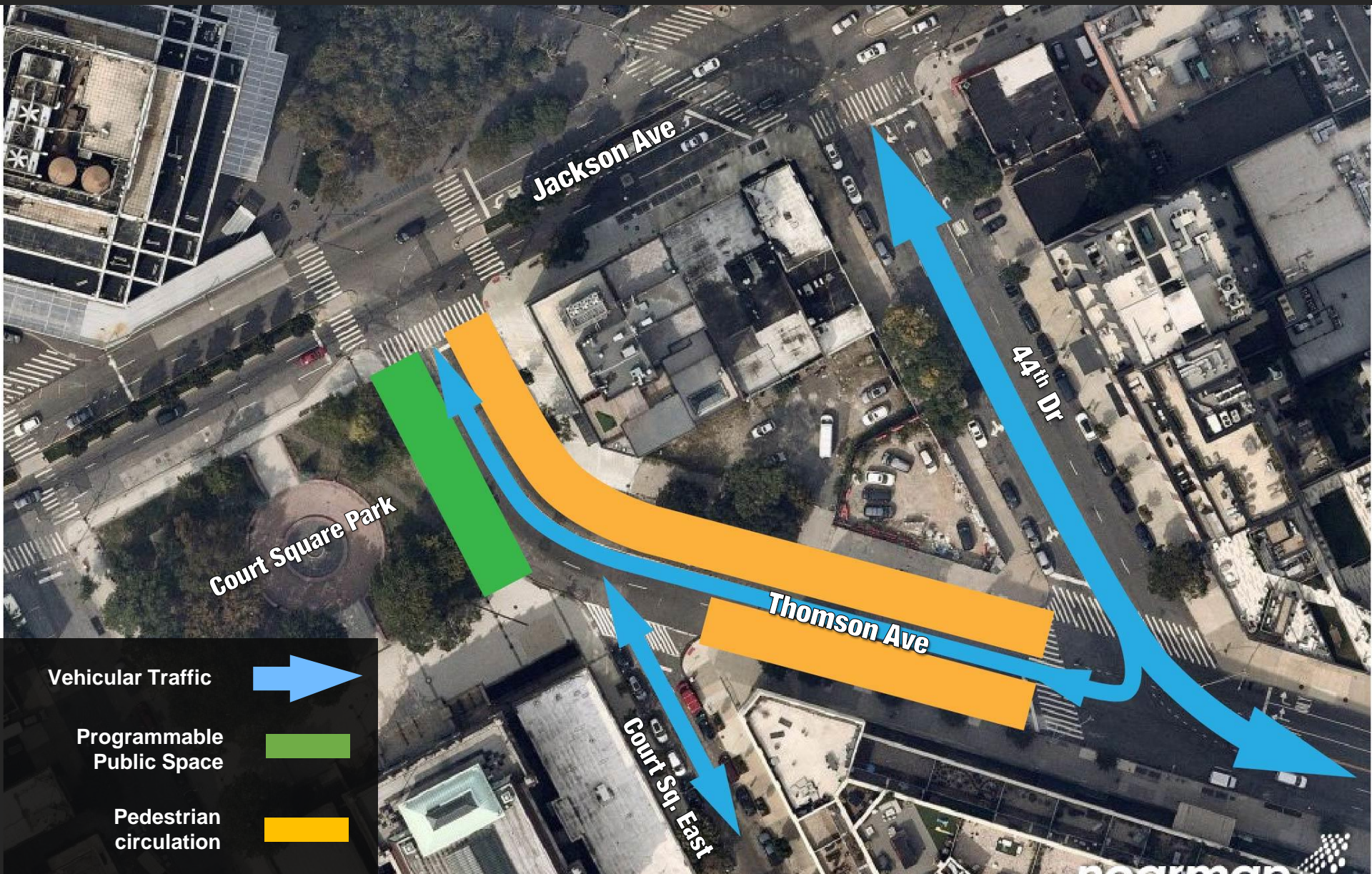
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Project Idea #4

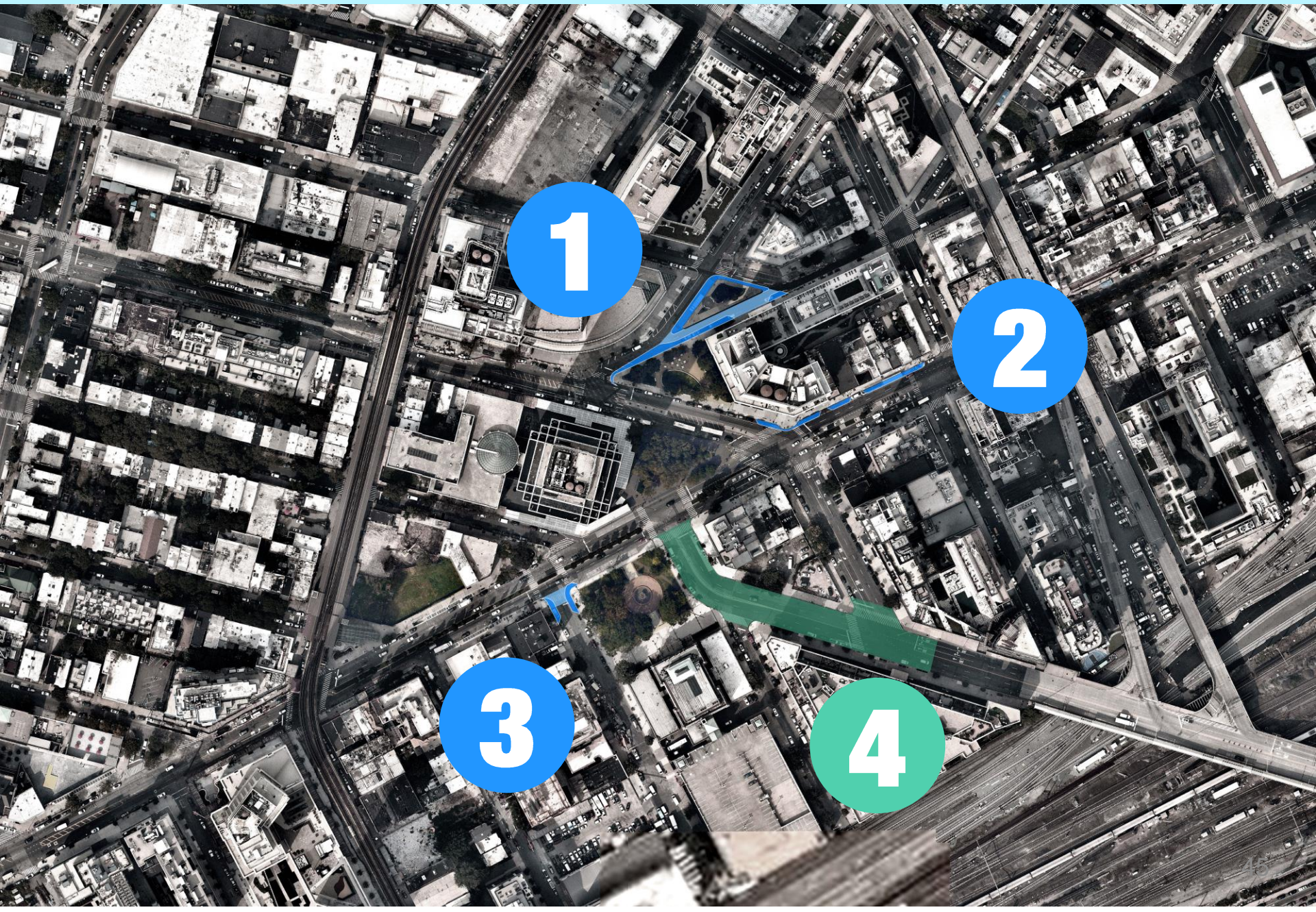
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Closing Conversation

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Workshop Summary



Next Steps

2021

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

Q & A

Thank you!



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