

Pragmatic Urbanism

South Bend's West Side Main Streets

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OVERVIEW

- Context of West Side Main Streets
 - Lincolnway West and Western Avenue
- The Plan (2014)
- Initial Projects
 - Details & Lessons Learned: Street Projects















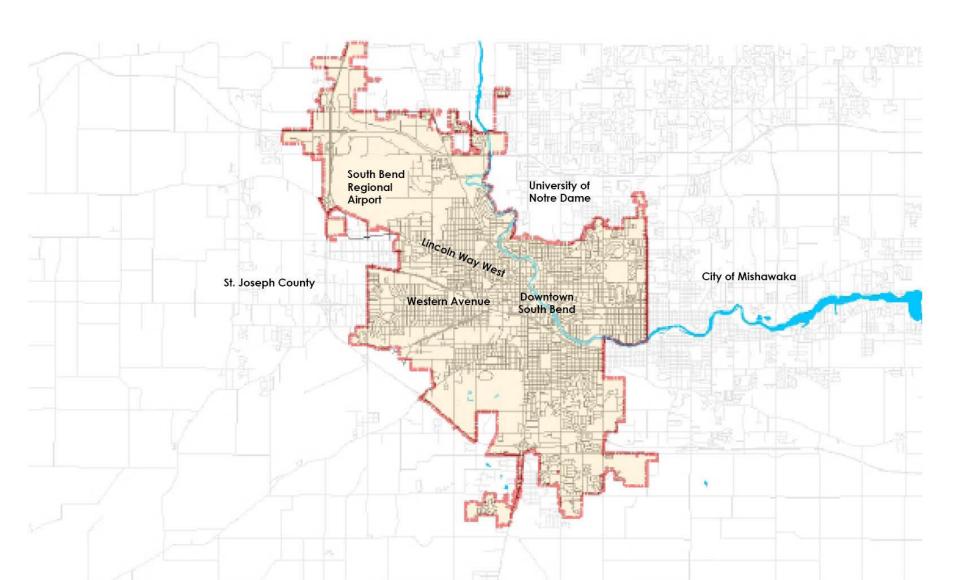








CONTEXT



WEST SIDE MAIN STREETS

- Population declines
 - Up to 50-75% population loss since 1960
- Concentration of low-income households
- Housing conditions & vacancy
- Vacant land
- Crime
- Weak market conditions

WEST SIDE MAIN STREETS

- Center of African American and Latino communities
 - Small-business entrepreneurialism
- Strong institutions
- Proximity to assets
 - Downtown, airport, parks, trail
 opportunities, reviving industrial sector



LINCOLNWAY WEST

- Downtown to Airport (13,000-19,000 ADT)
 - Provides first impressions of City
- Part of Lincoln Highway, formerly US 20
- Residential land uses dominant
- Commercial and industrial uses at key intersections/nodes (traditional pattern)











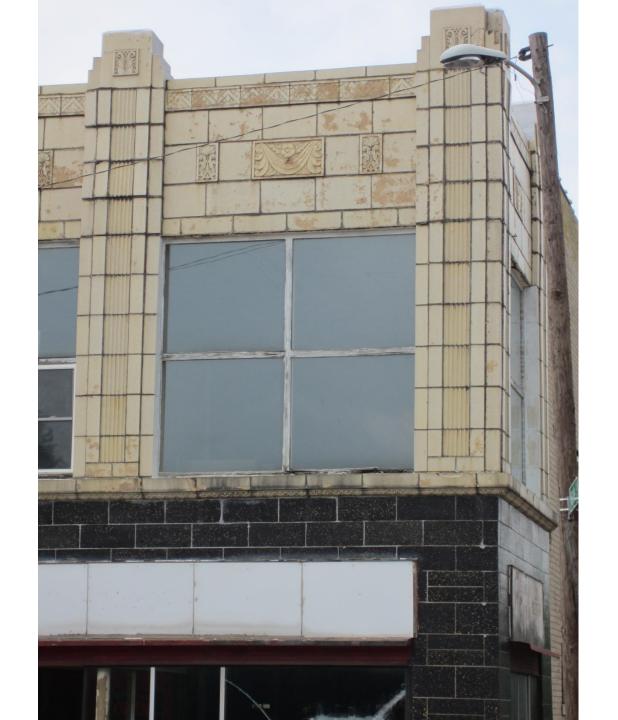
WESTERN AVENUE

- Downtown to West / Chicago
 (10,000–16,000 ADT)
- Formerly State Route 2
- More commercial land uses (strip pattern)
- Some large industrial uses and residential areas

















SMART STREETS

- South Bend's approach to Complete Streets
 - Downtown 2-Way Street Conversion
 - Lincolnway West and Western Avenue
- Neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and placemaking
- Traffic safety

SMART STREETS SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

THE PLAN



WEST SIDE MAIN STREETS

THE REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR LINCOLN WAY, WESTERN AVENUE, AND WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS

City of South Bend - Department of Community Investment I Urban Enterprise Association of South Bend Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc.





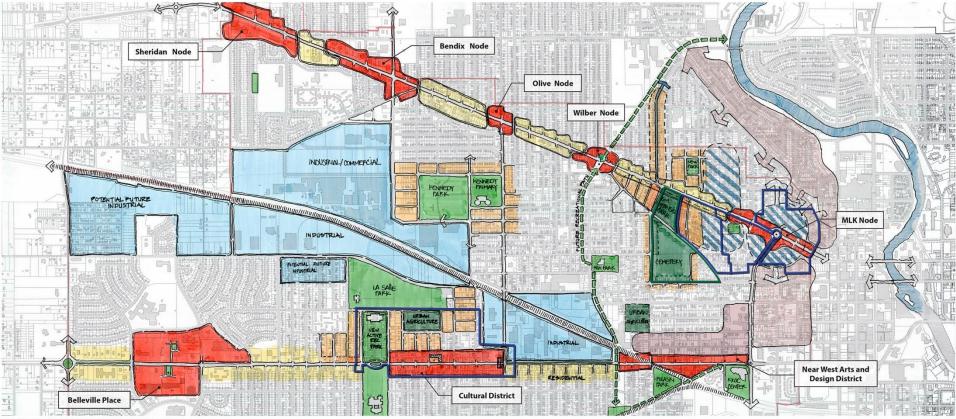
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 Restore the walkable development pattern along Lincolnway West and Western Avenue

 Reassert them as vital primary streets that give life to the neighborhoods they run through

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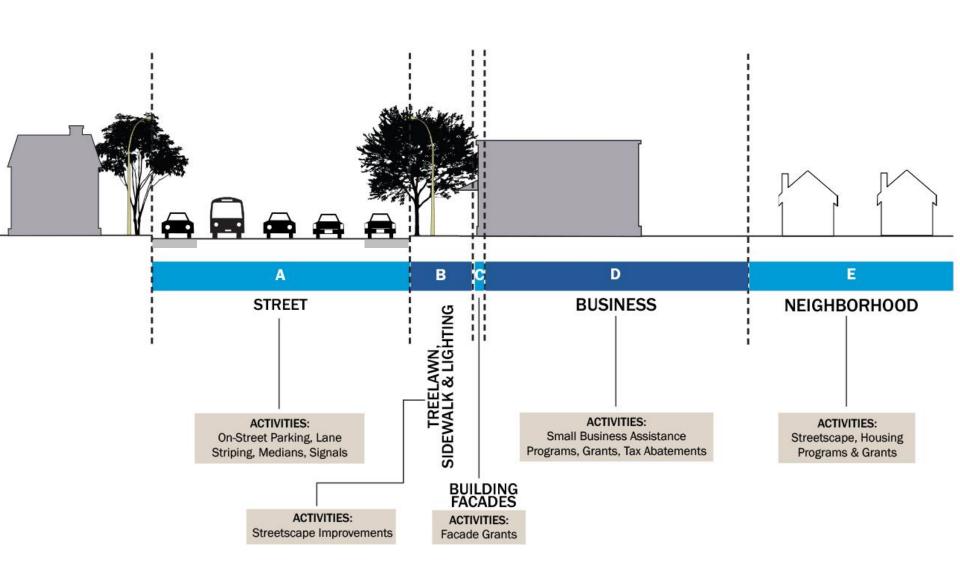
West Side Neighborhood Plan



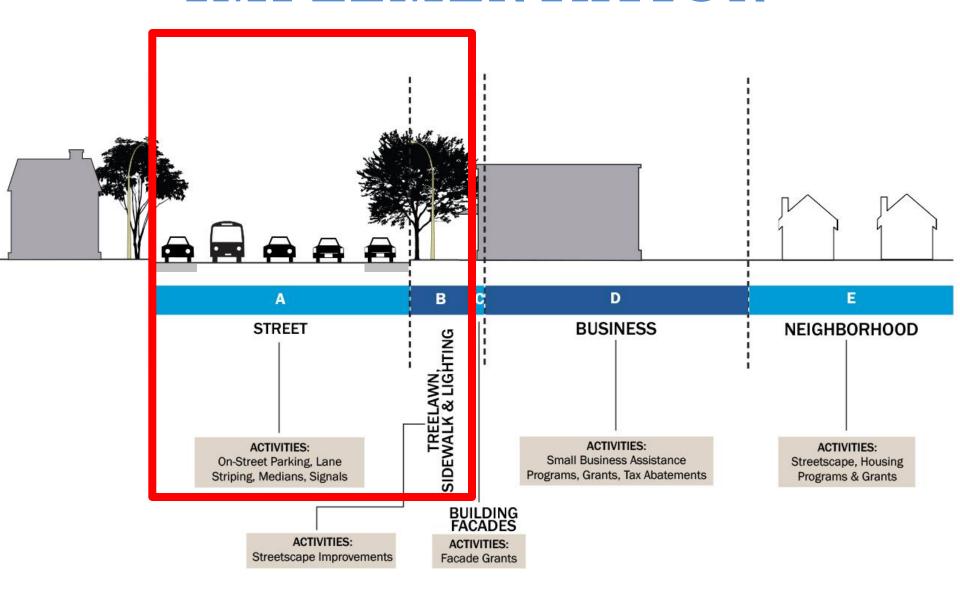
Boundaries Illustrated are Preliminary/Approximate and are Subject to Change

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IMPLEMENTATION



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LINCOLNWAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

- Road Diet (Striping Only)
 - 4-to-3 Lane Conversion
 - On-Street Parking
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- Targeted Full Streetscape (3 Blocks)

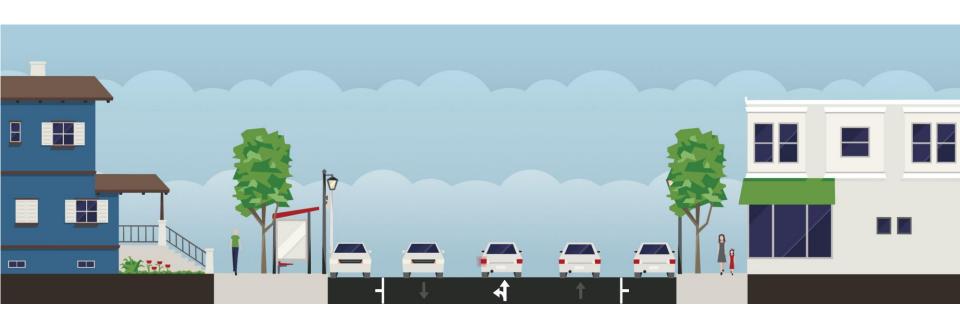
WESTERN AVENUE TARGETED STREETSCAPE

- Curbs, Sidewalks, Driveway Approaches
 - Curb Extensions
 - Access Management
- New Street Pavement (Concrete and Pavers)
- Trees, Hedges, & Landscape Planters
- Pedestrian-Scale Lighting
- Bus Shelters & Bicycle Racks





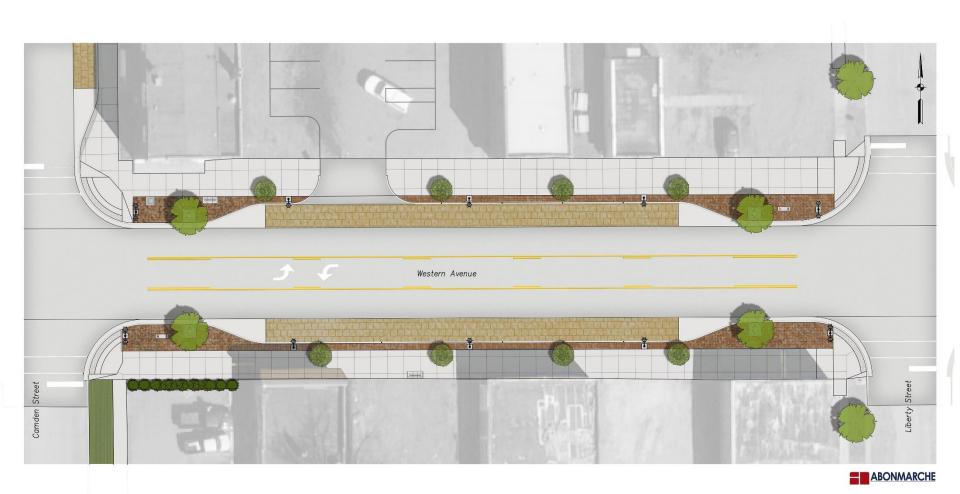
STREET SECTION



Parking Lane 8'

Drive Lane 11' Turn Lane 11' Drive Lane 11' Parking Lane

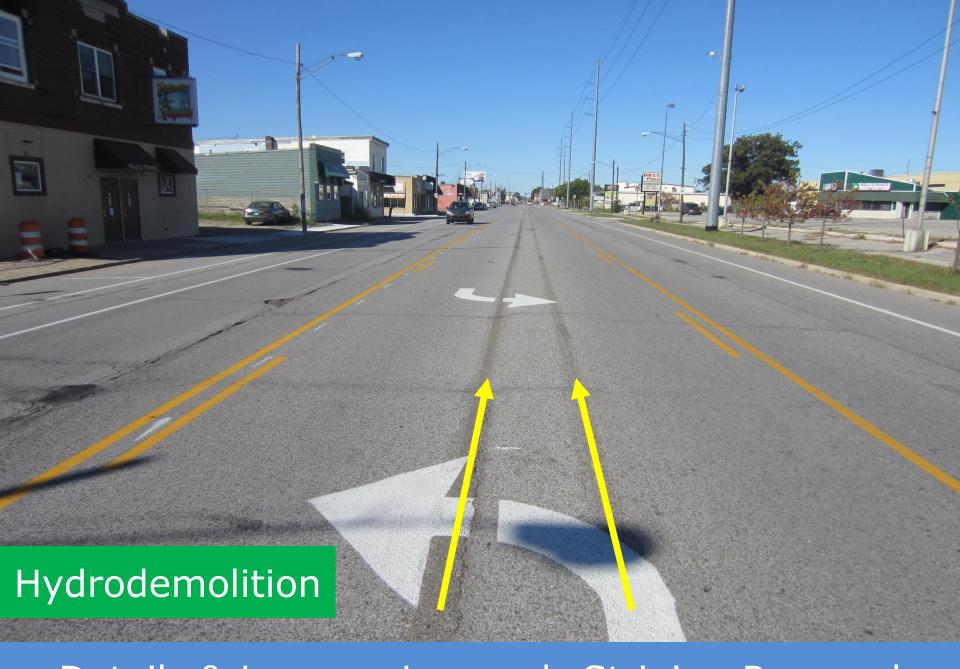
STREET PLAN











Details & Lessons Learned: Striping Removal

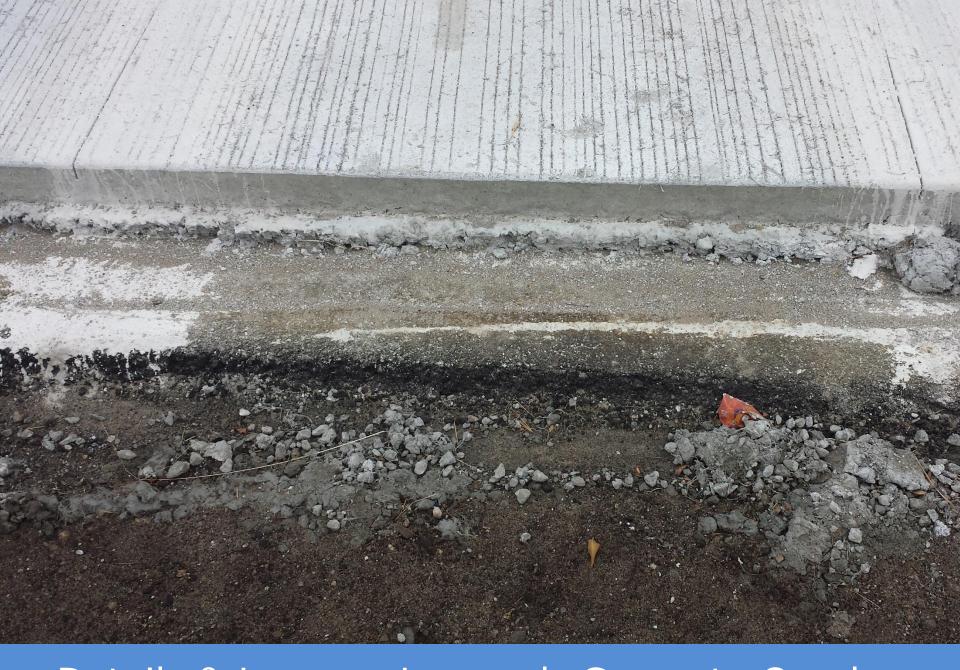




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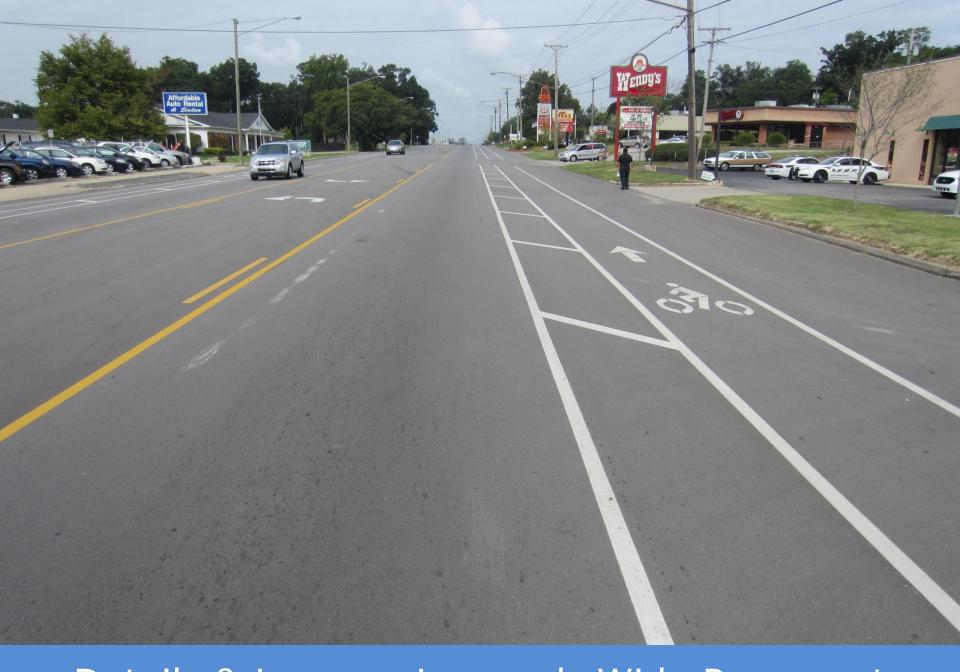
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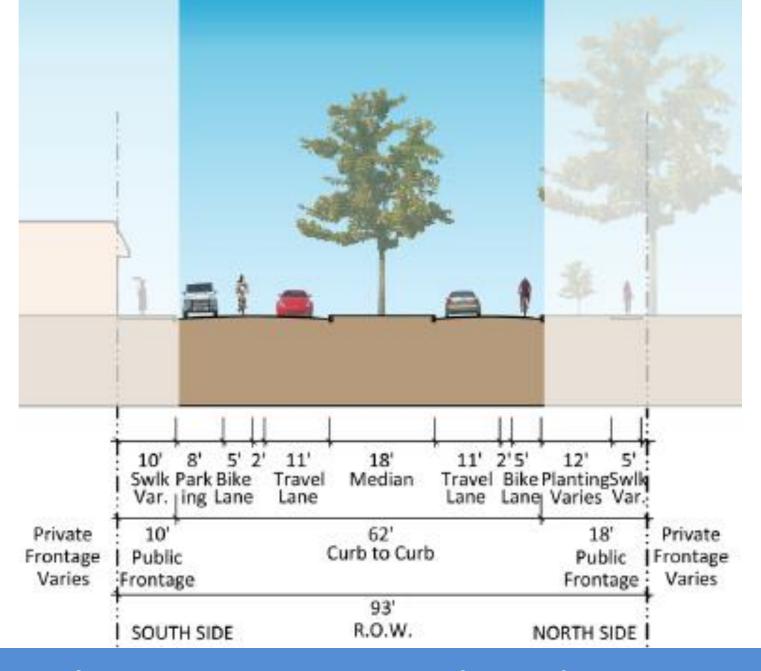
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Details & Lessons Learned: Wide Pavement



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Details & Lessons Learned: Pole Painting



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Details & Lessons Learned: Lighting

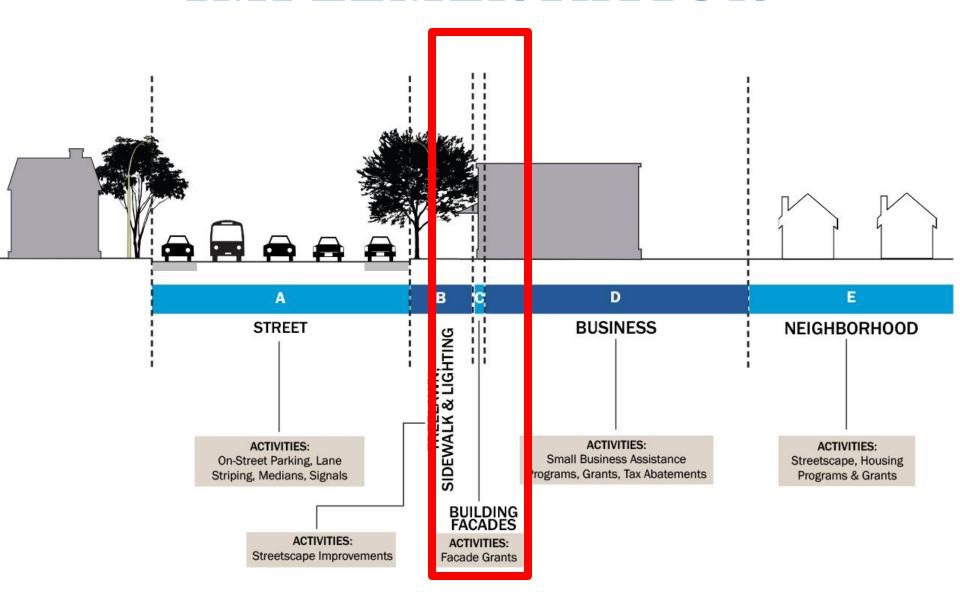
IN REVIEW: STREET

- Quick, inexpensive methods to make significant changes
- Use striping to change character of street
 - Speed, on-street parking, bicycle facilities
- Remove traffic signals no longer warranted

IN REVIEW: STREET

- Plant lots of trees
 - Character (screening), environmental,
 speed
- Paint traffic signal poles
- Plan for upkeep of elements
 - Professional (part-time) or community groups

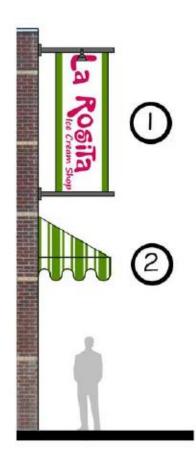
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MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

- Pays for 50% of cost of qualifying exterior improvements (building, landscaping, outdoor seating)
- Maximum Grant: \$25,000
- Minimum Grant: \$1,000



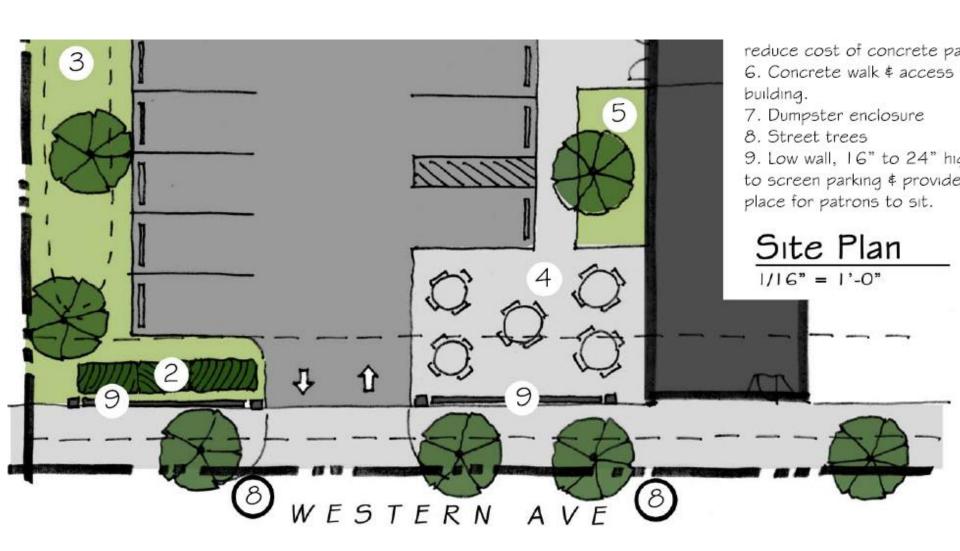


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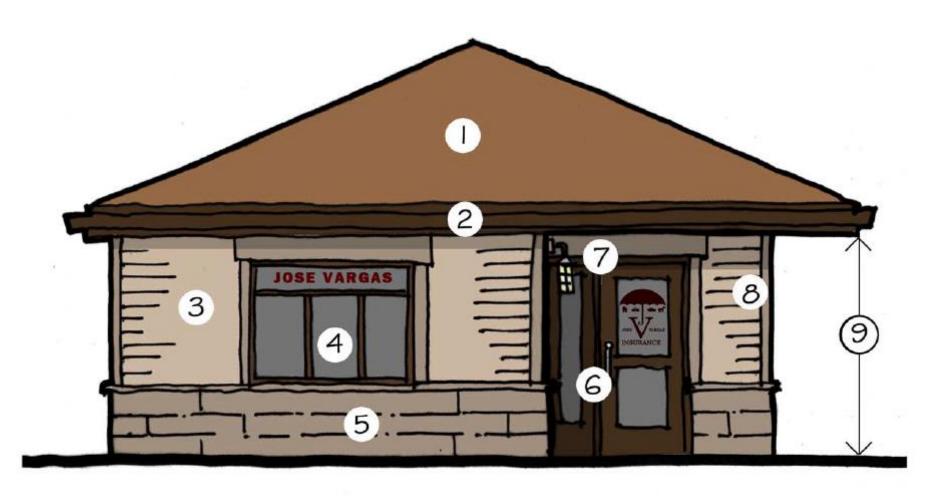
Elevations - Western Ave

3/16" = 1'-0"

side







Elevation - Western Ave

1/4" = 1'-0"



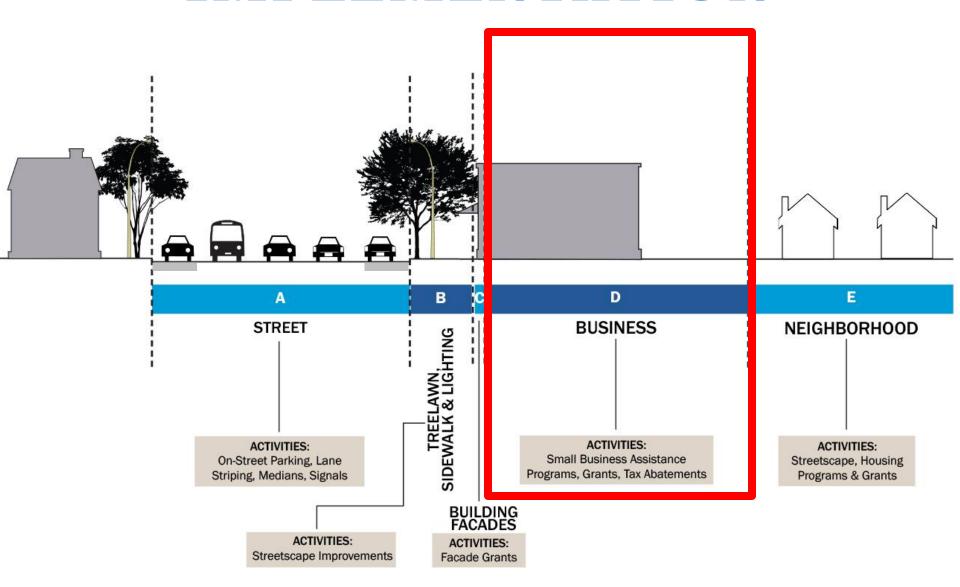




IN REVIEW: FACADES

- Include eligibility for placemaking elements
 - Landscaping, outdoor seating, bike racks
- Offer basic architectural services
 - Design guidance & inspiration
 - Conceptual designs to provide contractor

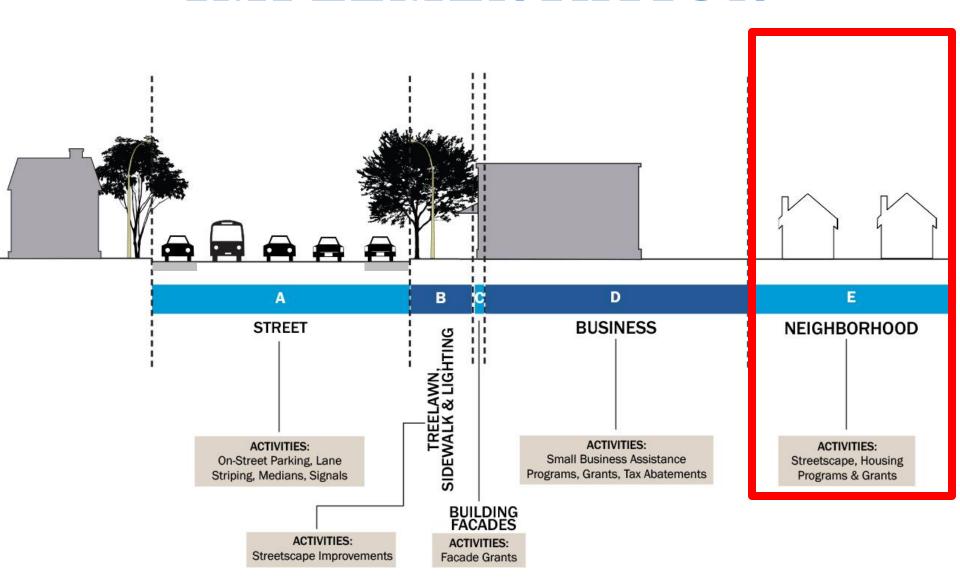
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BUSINESS

- Small business assistance
 - Financial, guidance
- Tax abatement

IMPLEMENTATION



NEIGHBORHOOD

- Vacant & Abandoned Housing Initiative
 - Housing repair
 - Vacant lots
- Zoning
 - Form-based code
 - Plan implementation: concentrate activity
 - Make development easier
- Housing projects: South Bend Mutual Homes



Thank you!

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