#### **Maury Street Streetscape Phase 2**





#### **Urban Design Committee Meeting**

September 11, 2025

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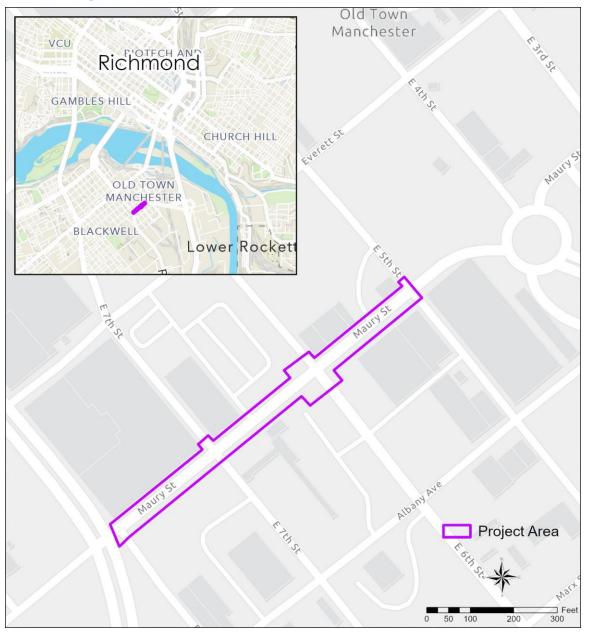
#### **Purpose & Location**

- Provide pedestrian connectivity and uniform cross section
  - Safety and mobility
  - Anticipated residential redevelopment
- Existing Industrial Area
  - Add sidewalk on south side
  - Improve connectivity
- Traffic
  - Existing curbs remain
  - Resurface and re-mark
  - One EB and two WB lanes



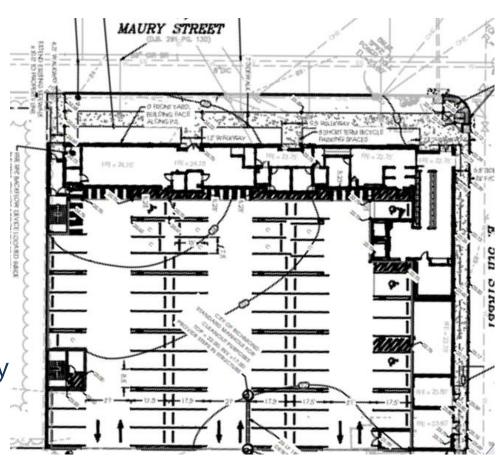
Photo looking east from 700 block of Maury Street adjacent to Hopper Lofts

#### **Project Location Map**



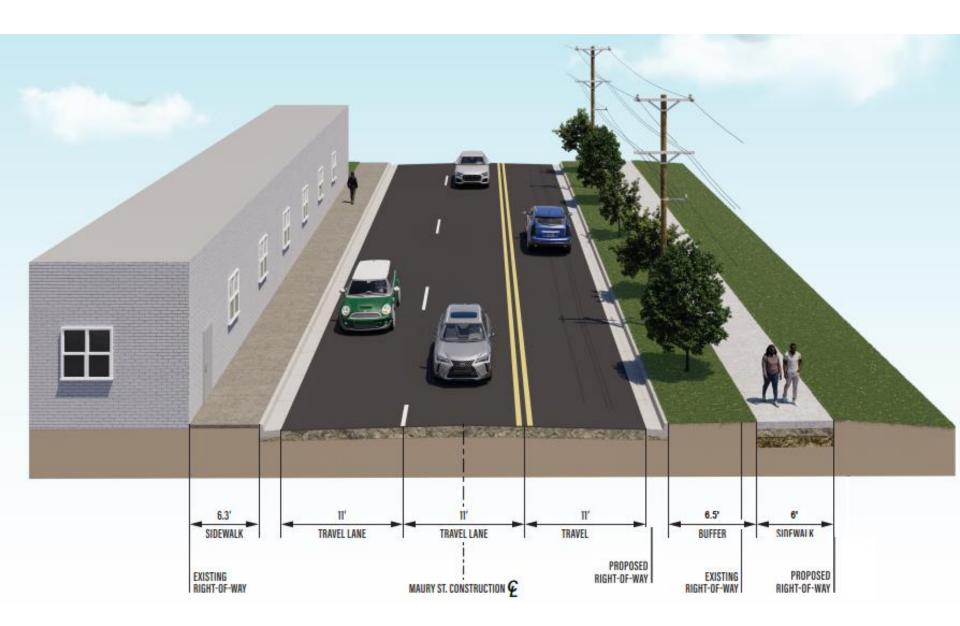
#### **Project Design Information**

- Commerce to 6<sup>th</sup>:
  - 6' Concrete Sidewalk
  - 6.5' Grass Buffer
  - Minimize Right-of-Way while avoiding utility relocations
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>:
  - 7' Concrete Sidewalk
  - 8.5' Grass Buffer
  - Match Section Proposed by 500 Maury Development
- Avoids existing utilities
- Adds ramps to north side

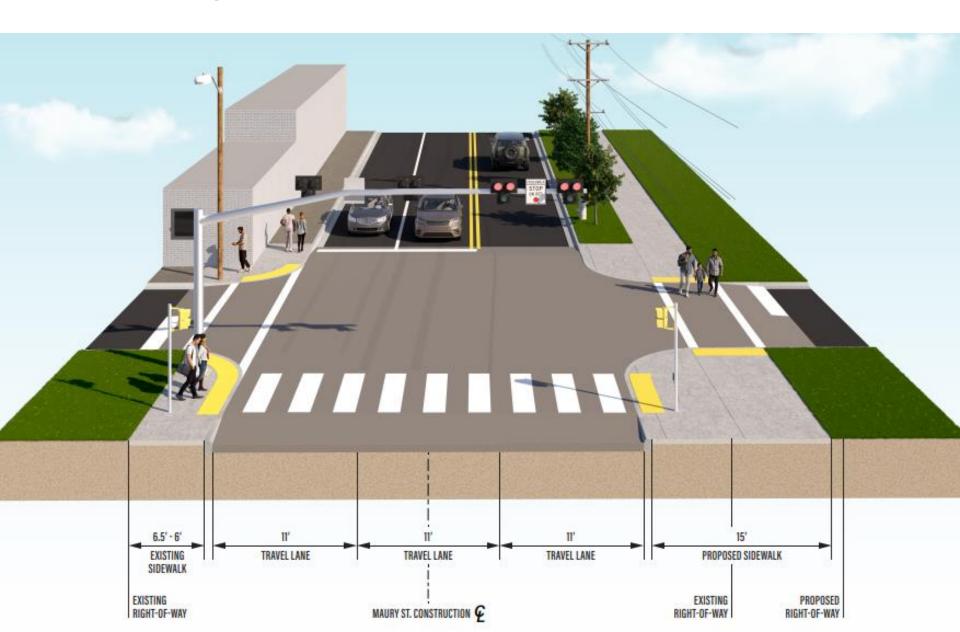


500 Maury Street Site Plan

#### **Typical Section – Commerce to 6th**



#### Typical Section – 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>



#### **Design Features**

- Raised Intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Traffic Calming Measure
  - Visual Cue to Motorists and Pedestrians



#### **Design Features**

- Pedestrian Roadway Crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)
  - High-Vis Crosswalks

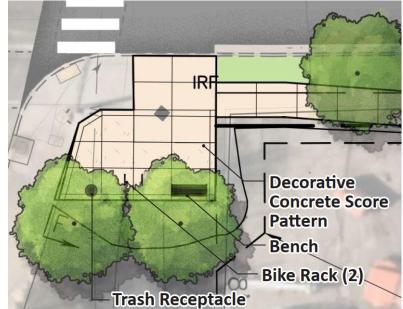


Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Grove Ave and Somerset Ave

**Design Features** 

- Landscaping & Trail Amenities
  - Street Trees along South Buffer
  - City-specified Species with Vertical Root Systems
    - Trident Maple
    - Eastern Hophornbeam
    - American Hornbeam
  - Hardscape area at Commerce
  - Benches and bike racks







# **Approved Species** Trident Maple Carolina Hornbeam

Eastern Hophornbeam

#### **Stormwater Design**

- Nutrient Credit Purchase for Water Quality
- Permeable Concrete for New Sidewalk
  - Underground storage drains to storm sewer

No added footprint for stormwater management

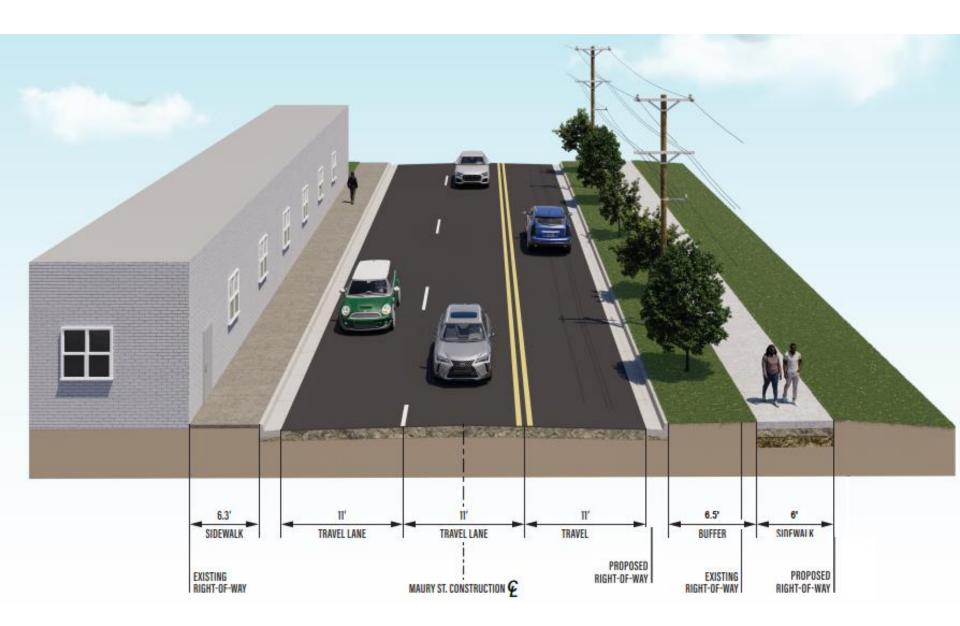


Example Permeable Concrete Sidewalk

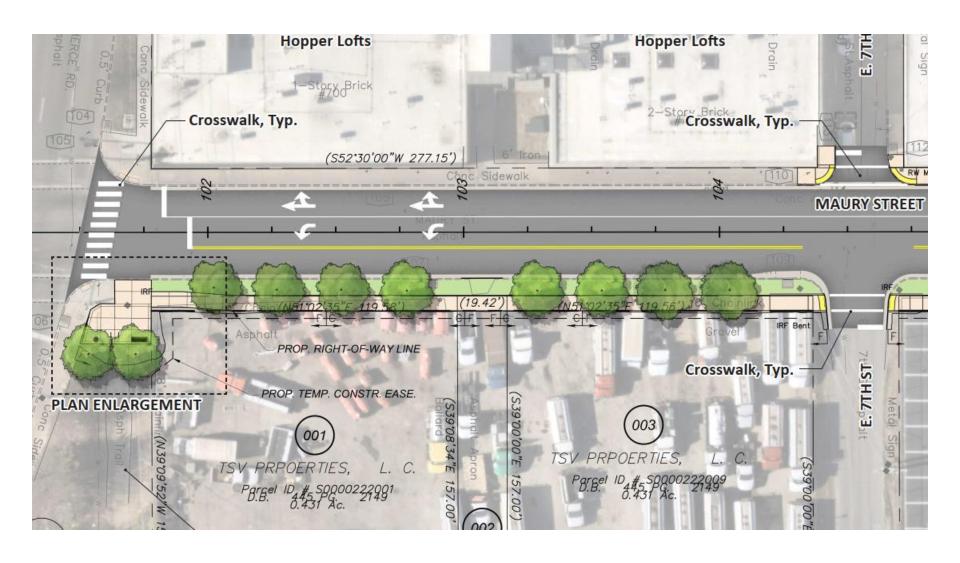
#### **Plan**



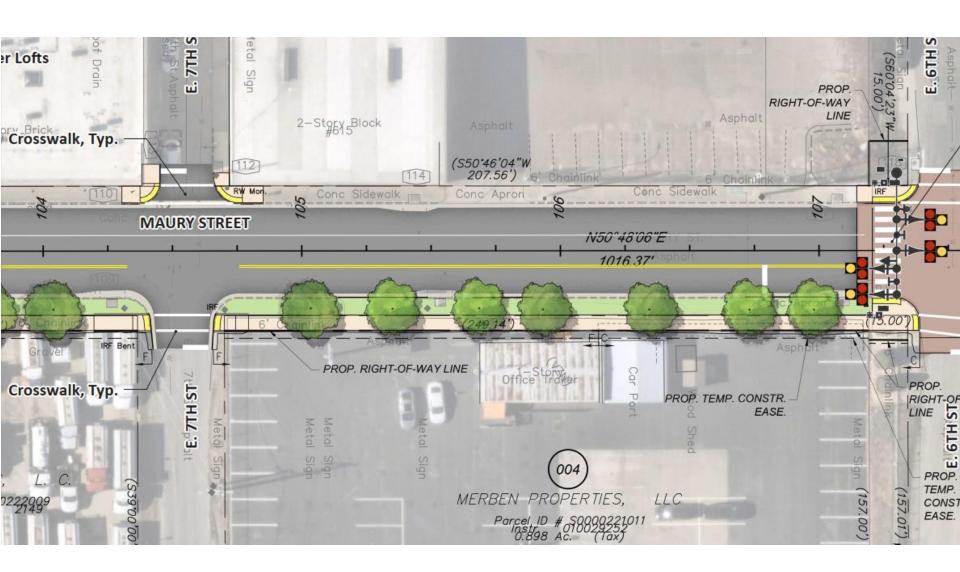
#### **Commerce to 7th**



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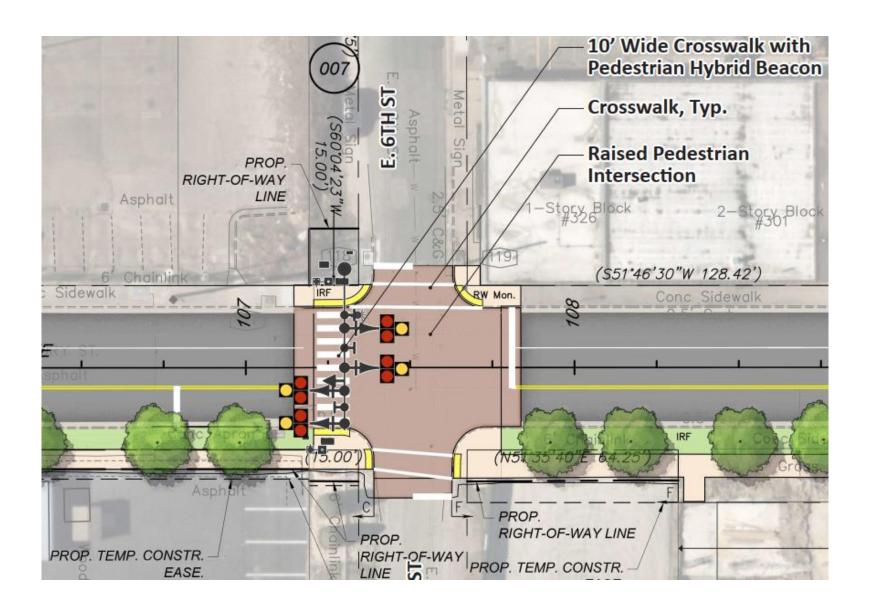
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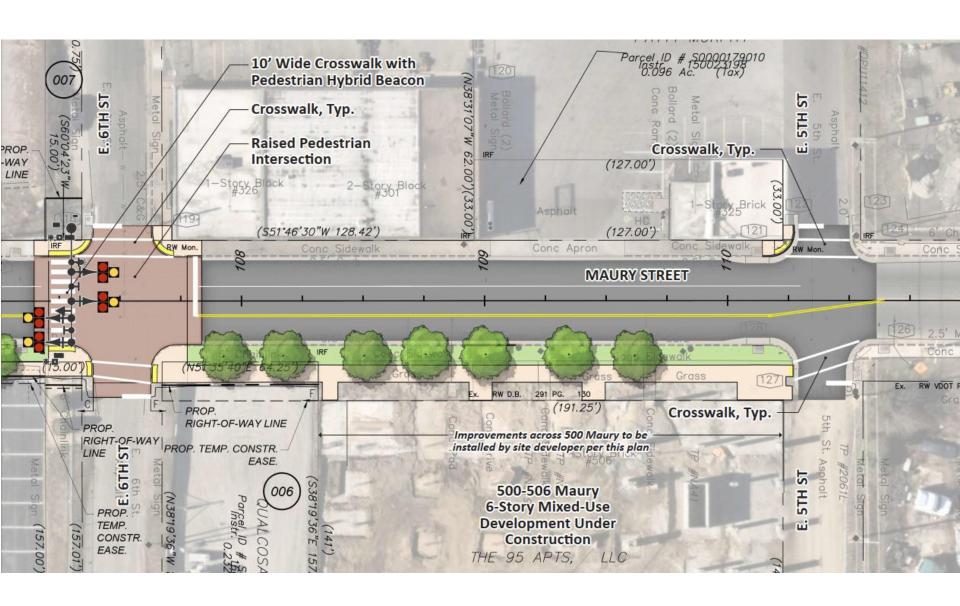
#### 6th Street Raised Intersection



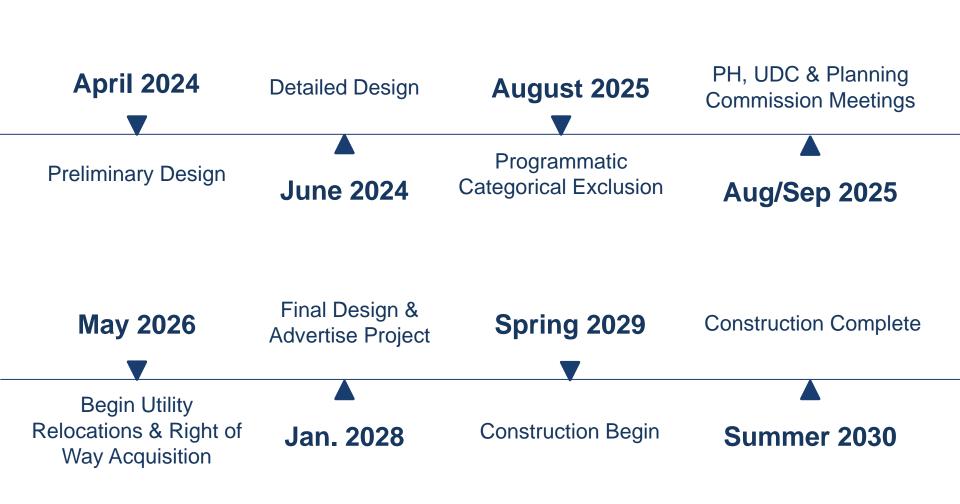
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#### 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street



#### **Project Schedule**



# **UDC Recommendations and Responses**

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- 1. Applicant to evaluate street tree spacing and select appropriate native species for inclusion in the final landscape plan submission.
  - A. Street tree species were specified by City Urban Forestry because the selected species have vertical root systems suited to the underground stormwater management system. The three species are proposed to be randomly placed. The spacing will be regular; however, proximity to existing utility poles and future light poles require the spacing to be adjusted. Final spacing includes shifted tree locations and gaps to accommodate this infrastructure.
  - B. Low-maintenance native ground cover species have been added for portions of the buffer strip area in lieu of standard grass mix.
- 2. Applicant to assess alternative material options for use at intersections.
  - A. DPW supports providing asphalt for the raised intersection to provide visual contrast to the pavement markings, as well as to simplify future maintenance.
- 3. Applicant to consider revising the 5th Street intersection crosswalk to be aligned perpendicular to the roadway rather than diagonal.
  - A. This crosswalk has been aligned perpendicular to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

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- 4. Applicant to study the feasibility of providing pedestrian crosswalks at all Maury Street intersections.
- 5. Applicant to consider providing additional raised crosswalks across Maury Street and across 7th Street.
  - A. For both Items 4 and 5: 7th Street north of Maury Street is not a public street and it is private property with no public access. 7th Street for this reason is not a good selection for a major pedestrian crossing of Maury Street as it does not draw pedestrians from the north. 6th Street is a better choice as it has public right of way that extends from Dinwiddie Avenue to Decatur Street or eight full city blocks. It is also a center spine street midway between Commerce Road and 4th Street. Further, the intersection of 7th Street and Maury Street is too close to the major intersection of Maury Street and Commerce Road and sits well within the operational influence area of the larger intersection at just 240 feet, which will routinely place queued vehicles across the 7<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. 6th Street is 550 feet from Commerce Road and 470 feet from the 4th Street Roundabout which is the most even spacing available with the existing street network. Locating the PHB at 6th Street crossing creates a more even distribution of controlled crossings for people of all ages and abilities. The proposed design mitigates these issues.

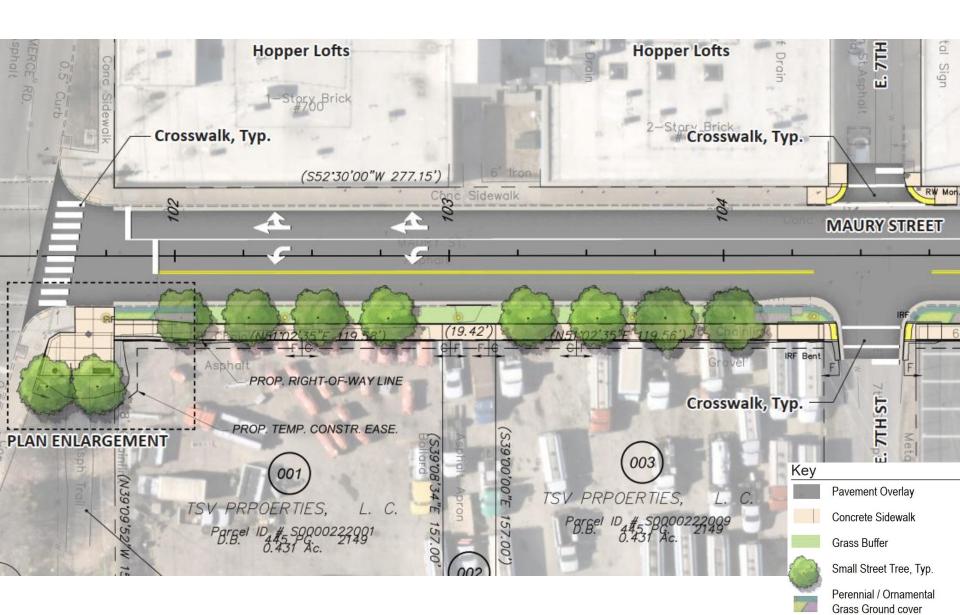
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- 6. Applicant to evaluate the removal of the left-hand turning lane.
  - A. The upcoming Fall Line Trail along Commerce Road will reduce the number of general purpose lanes on Commerce Road in favor of trail users. This redesign will require new signal phasing at the Commerce Road signal for new left turn movements, turn prohibitions, and trail crossings. After just two cycles of modeling, the 95th queue exceeds 575 feet or two blocks, well past 6th Street. In current field observations, traffic routinely backs up into the roundabout during the peak period or when incidents block the James River Bridge Crossing, causing operational and safety issues within the roundabout.

The proposed design and approved Smart Scale Program scope of work mitigates the current and future issues by providing two westbound storage lanes beyond the roundabout and increases the likelihood of the roundabout functioning.

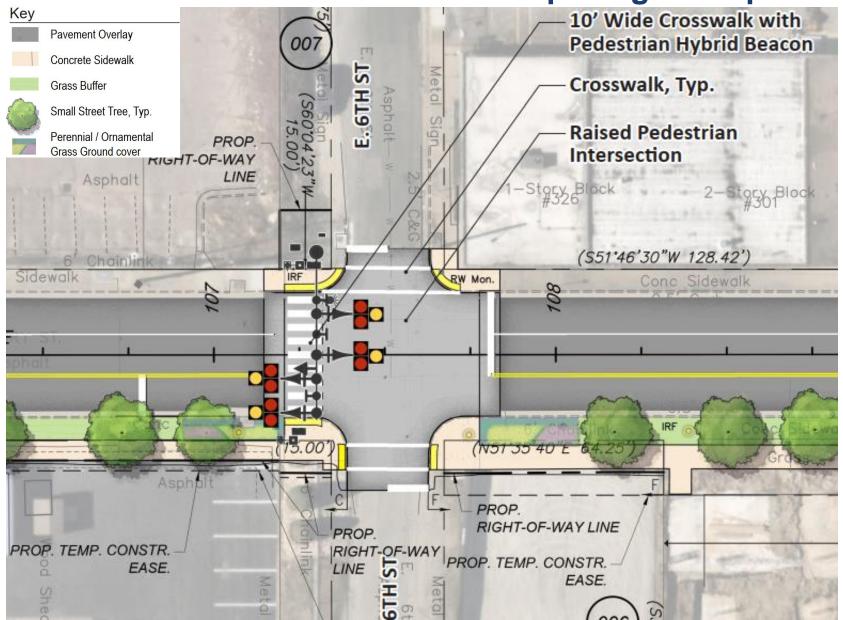
## **Revised Commerce to 7**<sup>th</sup> **Recommendation 1 – Tree Spacing and Species**



## **Commerce to 6**<sup>th</sup> Recommendation 1 – Tree Spacing and Species

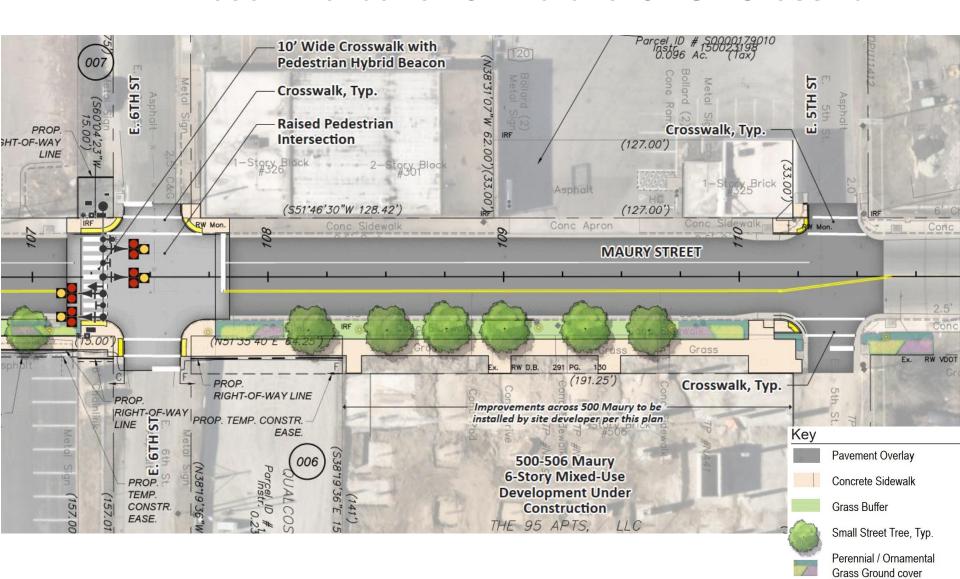


6<sup>th</sup> Street Raised Intersection Recommendation 1 – Tree Spacing and Species



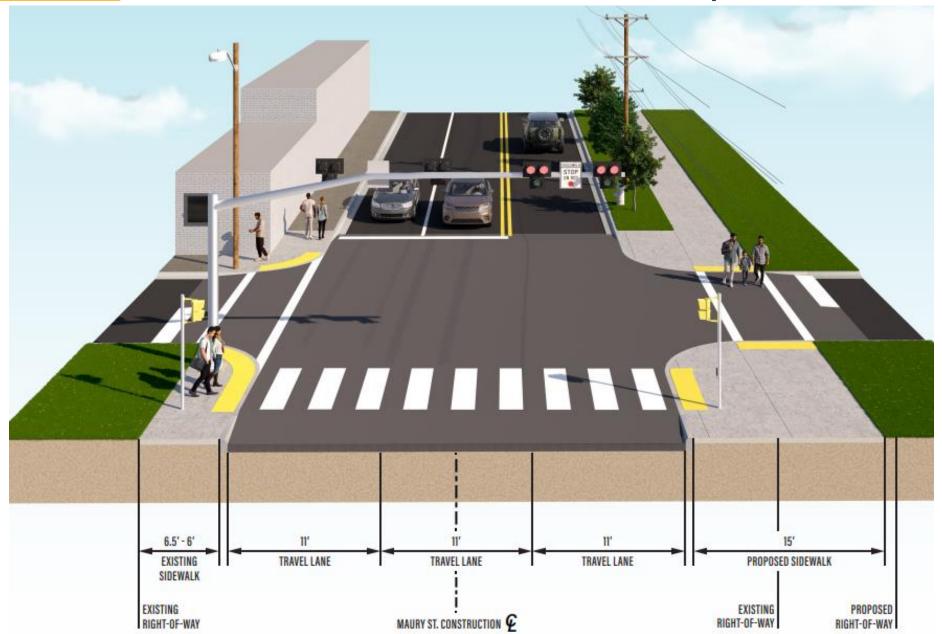
#### 6th Street to 5th Street

### Recommendation 1 – Tree Spacing and Species Recommendation 3 – Parallel 5<sup>th</sup> St. Crosswalk



#### Revised Typical Section – 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

**Recommendation 2: Raised Intersection Asphalt Surface** 



## Questions