



# Devon Avenue Enhancement Project

Public Meeting  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# Overview

- Presenting Final Design and Overall Project Update
  - Project Purpose and Need
  - Improvements
  - Project Funding
  - Project Timeline
  - Key Stakeholders
  - Typical Sections
  - Renderings
  - Plan
  - Geometry / Access Management
- Questions / Comments

# Project Purpose and Need

- Improve pedestrian safety
- Traffic calming / crash reduction
- Upgrade pedestrian accommodations
- Aesthetic upgrades

From Urban Land Institute Sept 2013 Report

# Improvements

- Geometry improvements including median/center turn lane adjustments
- Full width resurfacing, street signage
- ADA compliant sidewalk and on-street parking stalls
- New Street lighting (both sides of street)
- Site Furnishings(benches, bike racks, trash receptacles)
- Paver Parkways
- Overhead rapid flashing beacon crossing at Kimball with protective median
- Tree replanting. Turf/planted medians
- New Village 8" water main and services (Christiana to McCormick)

# Project Funding

- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds
- Anticipated Total Project Cost: \$6.10 Million
  - STP Grant Funds approved: \$4.88 Million
  - Remaining Local Match: \$1.22 Million

# Project Timeline

- Concept and Feasibility – 2016
- Phase 1 Design – 2017
- **Phase 2 Design – 2025**
- Construction – 2026



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# Project Timeline

- 2013
  - Urban Land Institute (ULI) engaged to provide recommendations for the TIF District area. Village Board endorses the ULI Report
- 2014
  - The Devon-Lincoln TIF is established
  - Develop Preliminary Concept in conjunction with City of Chicago
  - Submit Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant Application
- 2015
  - Concept development
- 2016
  - Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) meeting
  - Meet with EDC, Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Alderman, and Village Traffic Commission
  - Hold public meeting
  - Submit Concept Plan/draft Phase I Report for Review
  - Receive comments and Update Concept Plan
  - IDOT issues Policy Memorandum regarding pedestrian accommodations across 4-lane roadways (moratorium on crossings)

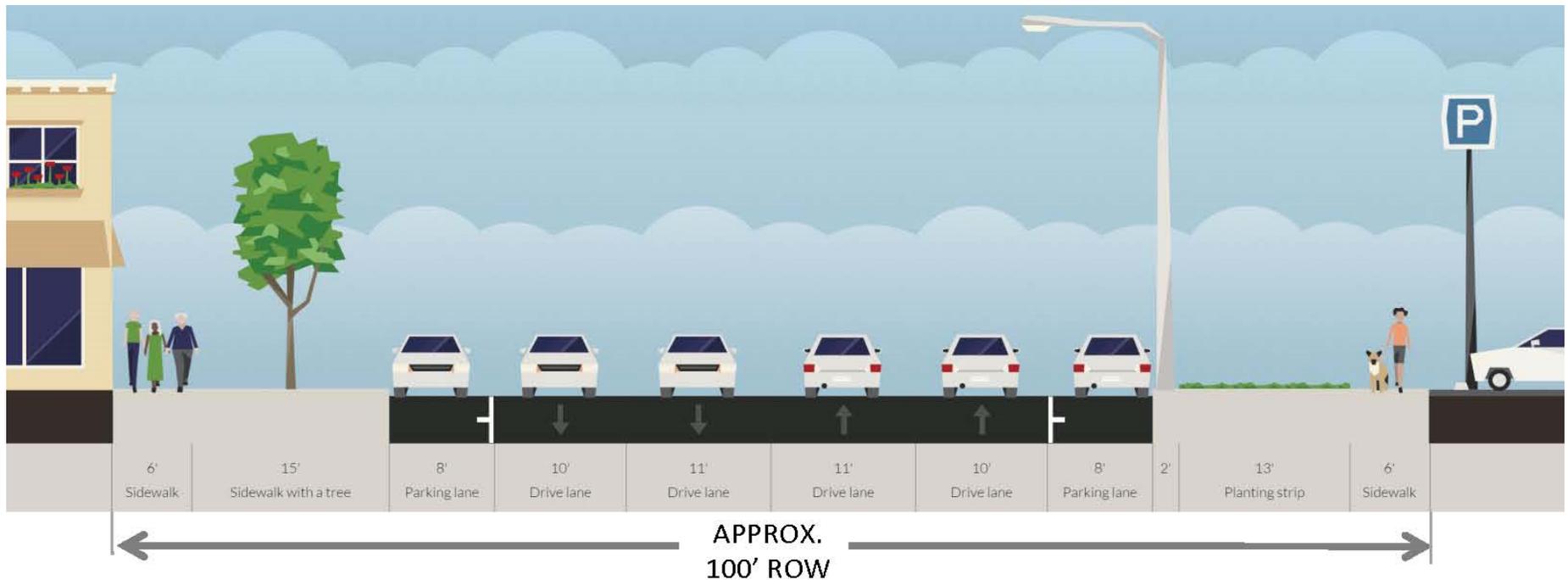
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- 2017
  - Present at Traffic Commission
  - Submit Final Phase I Report to Village, City, and IDOT for concurrence
  - Receive Phase I Approval
  - Secure Federal/Local funds for Phase II Engineering
  - Determine Streetscape Palette/Site Furnishings and preferred locations
- 2019
  - IDOT Policy TRA-23 released, approving crossing at Kimball Ave
- 2023
  - MWRD sludge line installation (10' below surface along westbound existing outside lane/park lane line).
- 2025
  - **Phase II Engineering**
  - Secure Federal/Local funds for Construction / Construction Engineering
- 2026
  - Utility relocations
  - Construction

# Key Stakeholders

- Devon Avenue Businesses
- Devon Avenue Property Owners
- Devon Avenue Adjacent Residences
- Village of Lincolnwood
- Chicago 50<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Debra Silverstein
- Chicago Department of Transportation
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- US Postal Service
- Public and Private Utility Companies
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Devon Avenue Existing Conditions



**Village of Lincolnwood**

**City of Chicago**

## Devon Avenue (FAU 1349)

- 24,800 ADT
- 30 MPH posted speed limit
- IDOT jurisdiction
- Village/City boundary is at roadway centerline
- 1800' project length (Lincoln Ave. to McCormick Blvd.)

# Devon Avenue – Proposed



## Village of Lincolnwood

### IMPROVEMENTS

- Improvement to frontage/ pedestrian zone/ greenspace-furniture zone
- Roadway/pedestrian lighting
- ADA route improvements
- Site furnishings & general enhancements
- Add raised landscape median
- Widen pavement to accommodate for median (reduce frontage width from 21' to 11'/20')

## City of Chicago

### COORDINATION

- IDOT Phase I/II design
- Utilities
- CDOT coordination/design
- Spring 2026 construction (duration: 8 months)

# Finalized Plan

## Devon Avenue – Overall Plan Lincoln Ave. to McCormick Blvd.



Drake Ave.

St. Louis Ave.

Trumbull Ave.

Kimball Ave.

Christiana Ave.

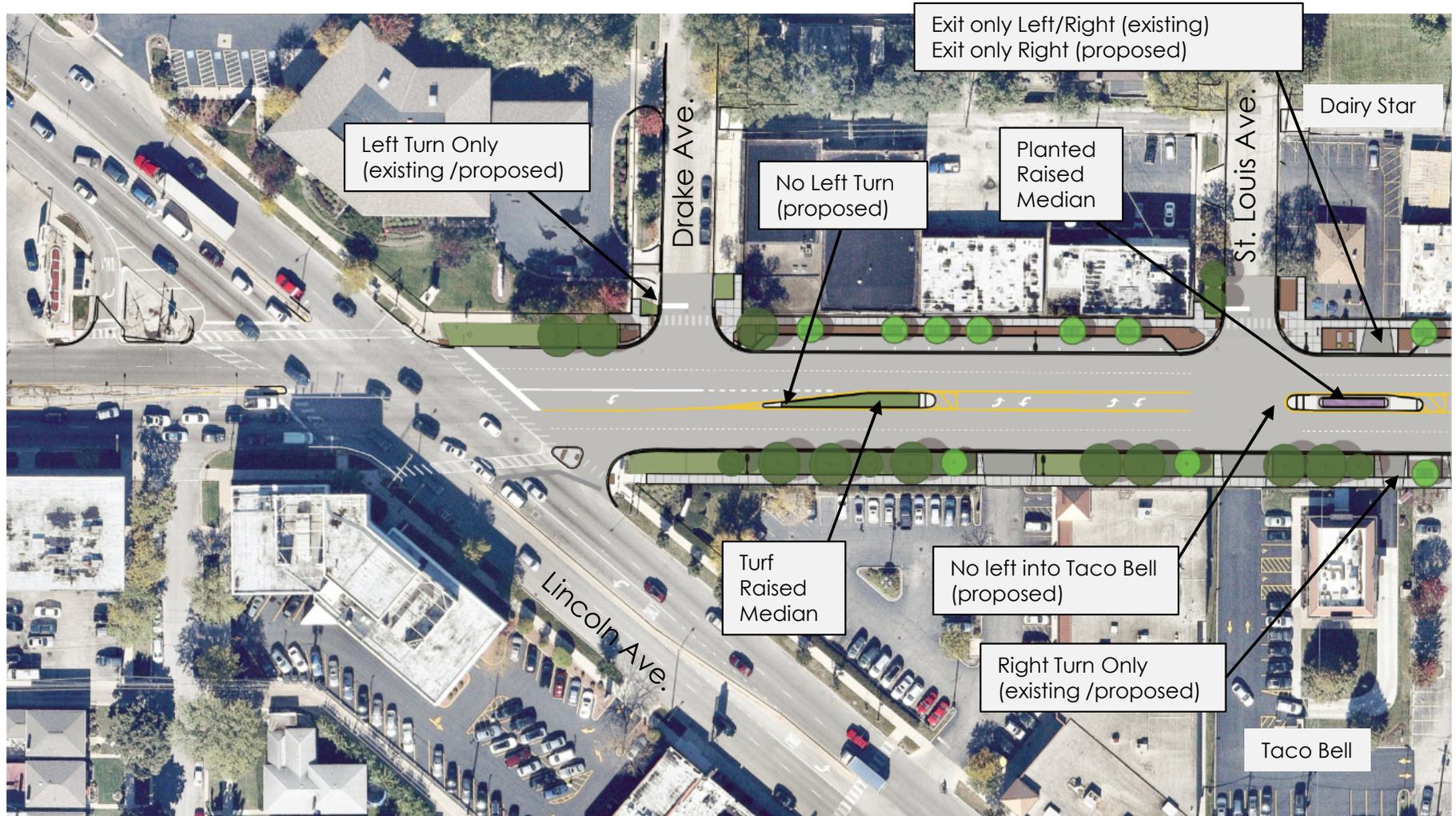
McCormick Blvd.

Kedzie Ave.

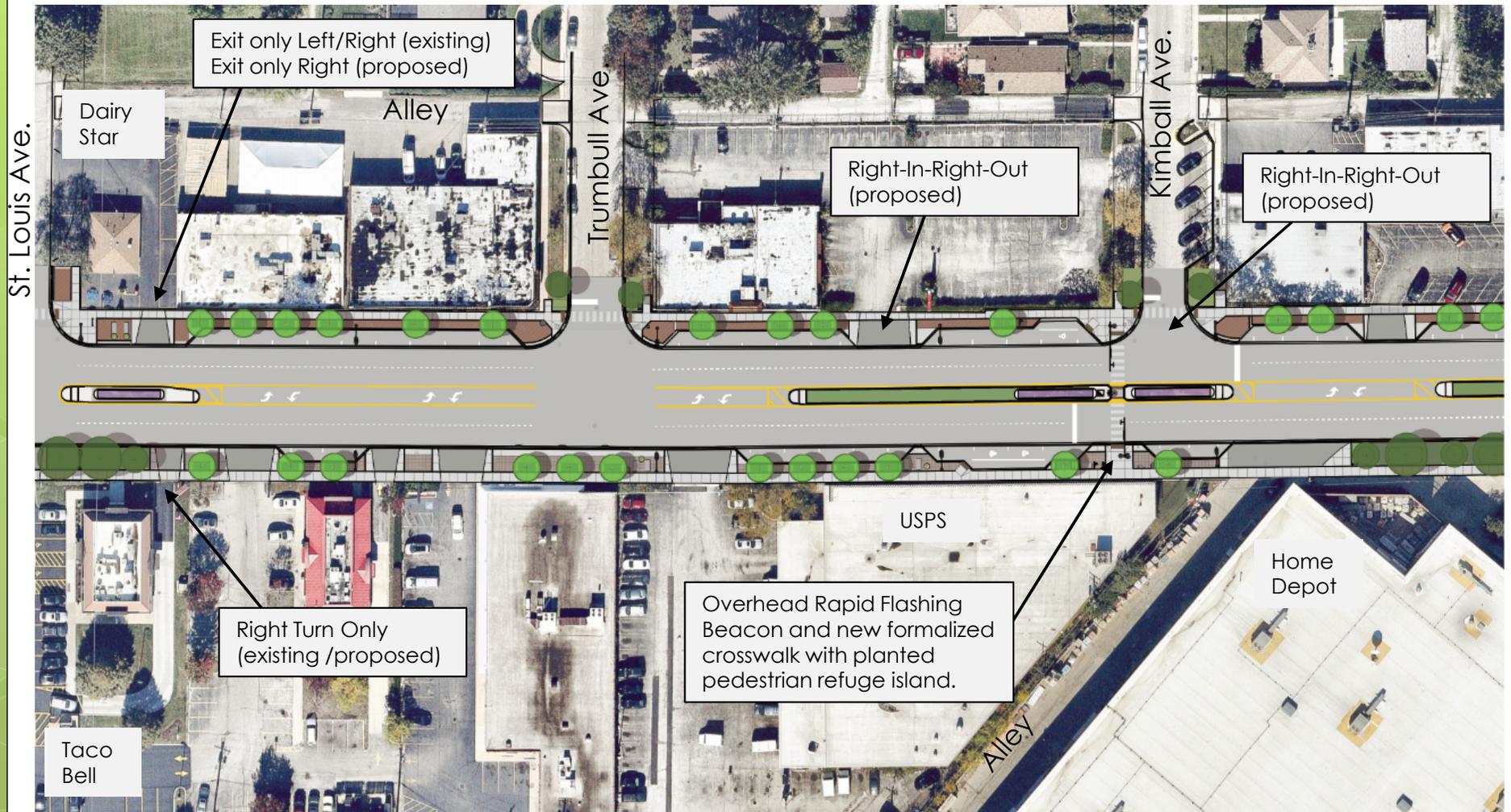


Lincoln Ave.

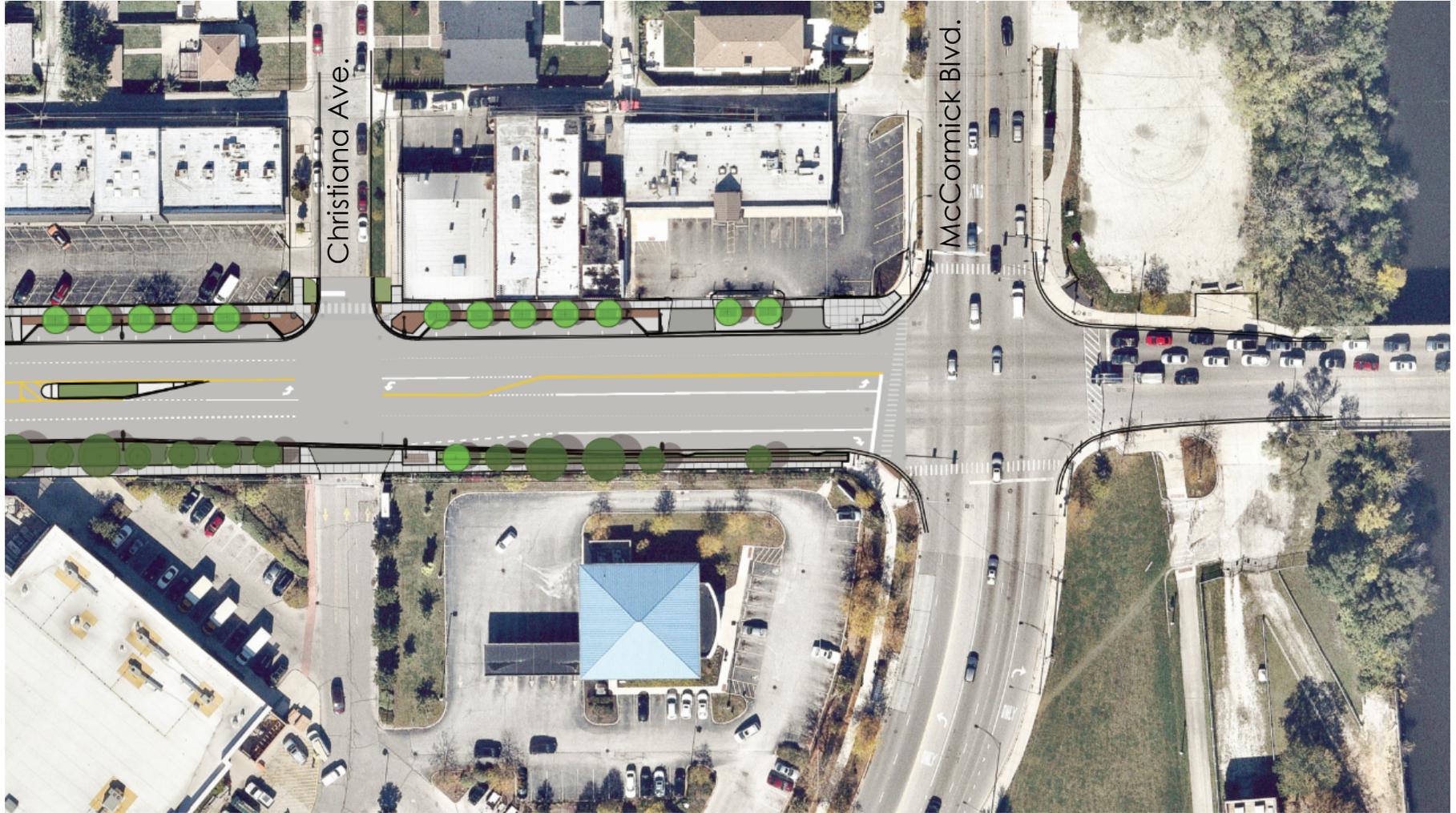
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# Proposed Streetscape Elements

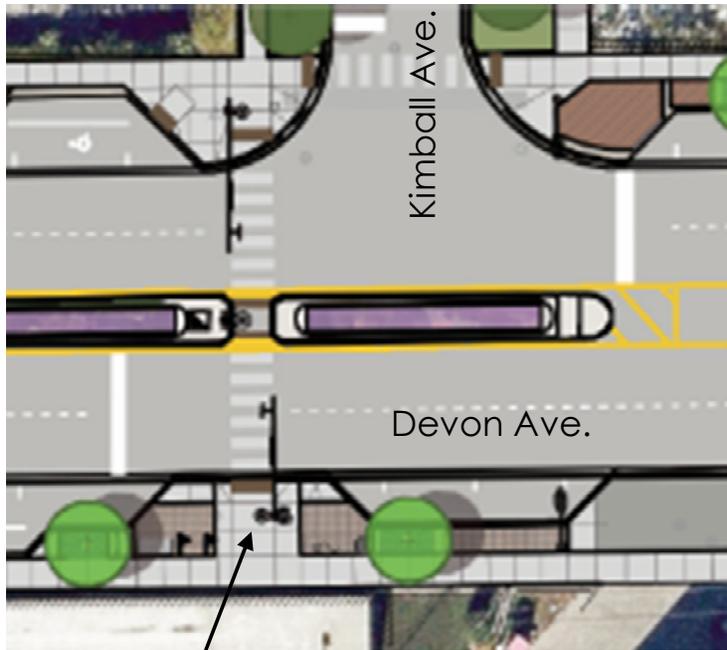


**Village Paver**



**City Paver**

# Proposed Rapid Flashing Beacon Crossing



Overhead Rapid Flashing Beacon and new formalized crosswalk with planted pedestrian refuge island.



Photos of a similar overhead rapid flashing beacon crossing



# Geometry / Access Management

- **Parking**

- 48 stalls on Lincolnwood side (1 ADA compliant stall included)
- 12 stalls on Chicago side (2 ADA compliant stall included)

- **Medians**

- Turn lanes, turn bays, planted, and raised/planted

- **Crosswalks**

- New at Kimball (with median and overhead flashing beacon)
- Maintain at Lincoln Ave. and at McCormick Blvd.
- Proposed Right-in/Right-out Access

- **Streets changing to proposed Right-In-Right-Out**

- Drake and Kimball

- **Driveways access changes**

- Dairy Star (exit eastbound/westbound to exit westbound only), Taco Bell (enter eastbound only), Former Whistlers property (right-in-right-out).

Thank You

Questions/Comments