

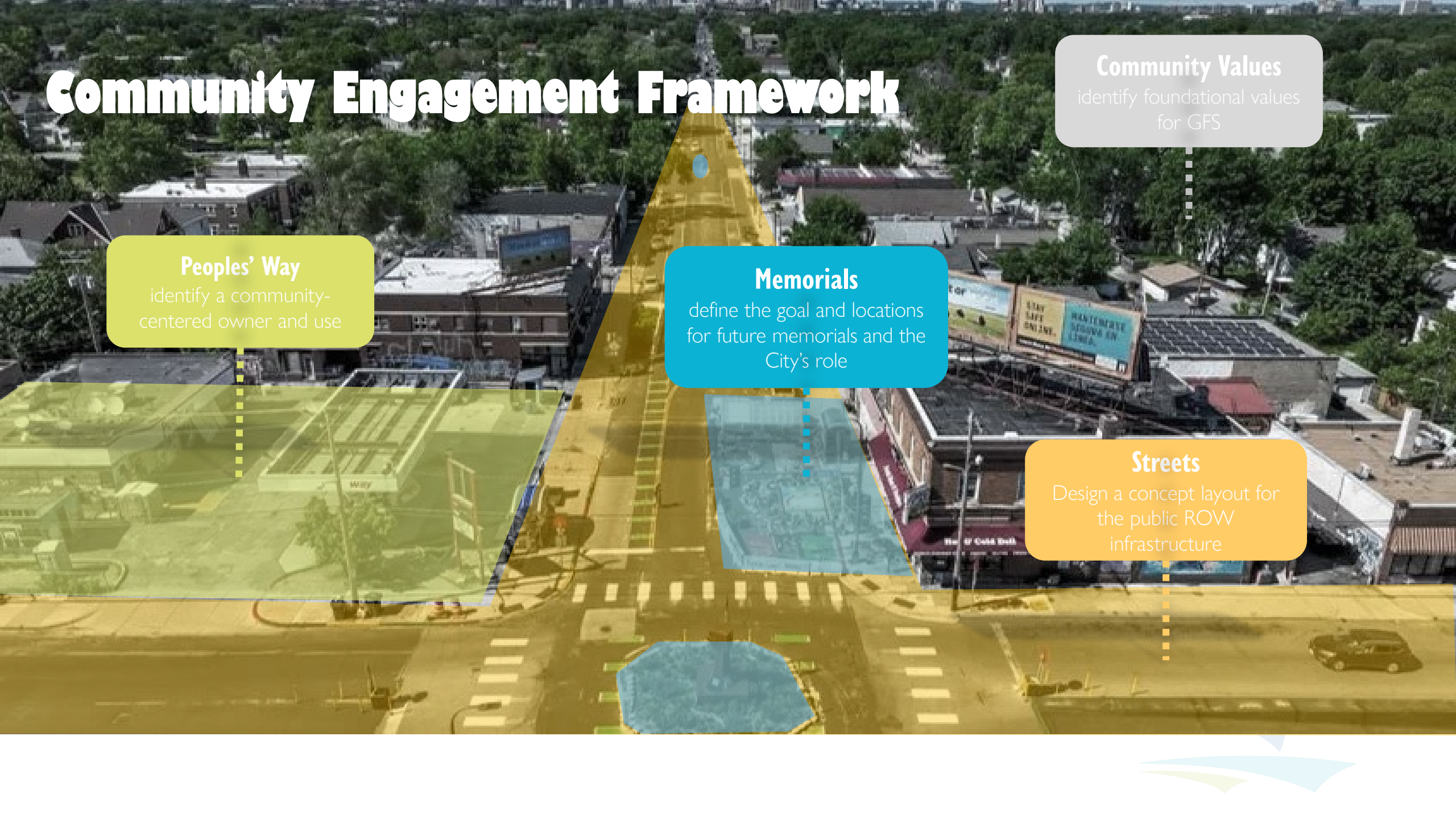
George Floyd Square Project Update

June 8, 2026 Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee

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Community Engagement Framework

An aerial photograph of a city street intersection serves as the background. A large, semi-transparent yellow pyramid is centered over the street. Four colored callout boxes are positioned around the pyramid: a yellow box on the left, a blue box in the middle, an orange box on the right, and a grey box at the top right. Dashed lines connect each box to a specific area on the street. At the bottom of the image, there are stylized blue and green arrows pointing to the right.

Peoples' Way

identify a community-centered owner and use

Memorials

define the goal and locations for future memorials and the City's role

Streets

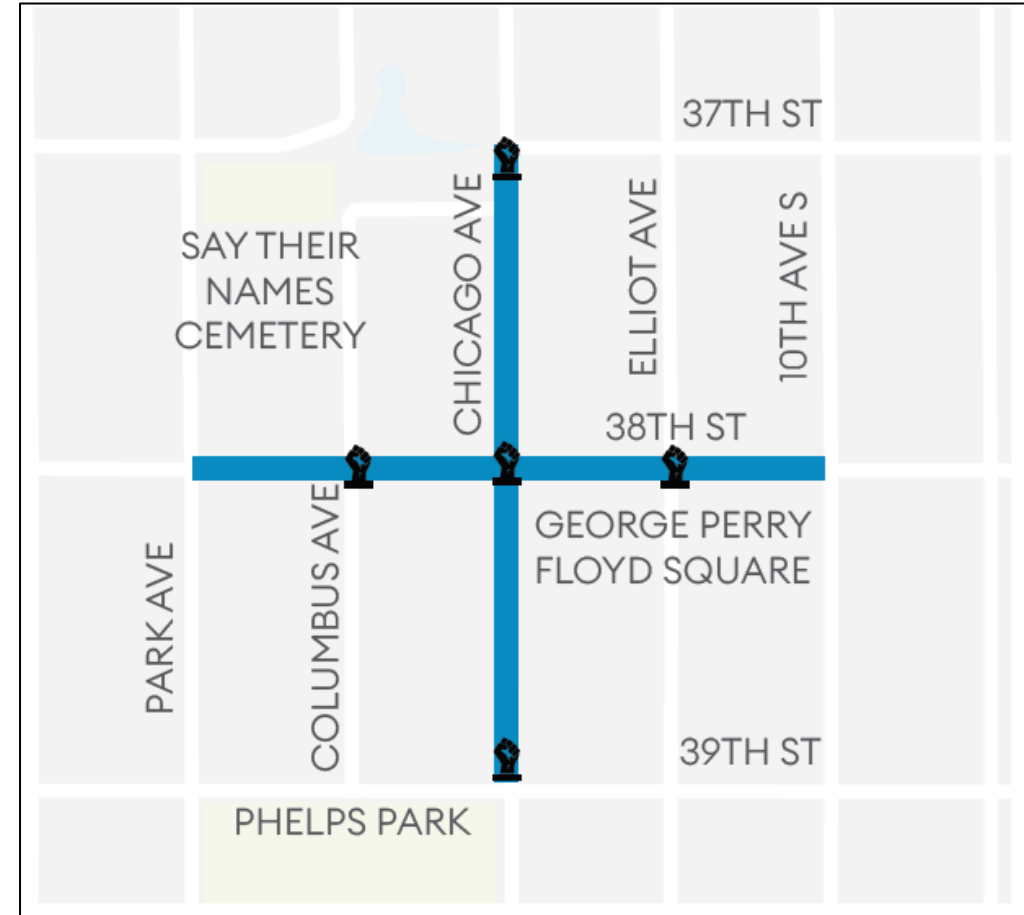
Design a concept layout for the public ROW infrastructure

Community Values

identify foundational values for GFS

Street Project Scope

- Redesign and reconstruction of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue
 - Streets built between 1957 and 1963
 - Infrastructure has exceeded its useful life
 - Streets no longer meet users' needs



38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned project history

2018

- 38th Street and Chicago Avenue reconstruction included in city Capital Improvement Program

2019

- Thirty-Eighth Street THRIVE Strategic plan kicked off

2020

- 5/25 George Perry Floyd murdered
- Intersection closed to vehicles for community gathering

2021

- The 38th Street THRIVE Strategic Development Plan completed and adopted
- Street reopened through phased reconnection of 38th & Chicago (led by Agape)
- Rise & Remember (formerly the George Floyd Global Memorial) began preservation of the living memorial

2022

- Learning table sessions

2023

- Community engagement framework developed for George Perry Floyd Square
- City purchase of the Peoples' Way property

2024

- 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned engagement
- 11/12 Committee of the Whole: Visioning and Priorities Report Update received and filed

2025

- 2/27 City Council: Pedestrian Plaza Study Legislative Directive adopted
- Community engagement for Pedestrian Plaza Study Legislative Directive
- 12/4 C&I Committee: Legislative Directive Presentation
- 12/11 City Council: Approval of "Flexible-Open" Concept Layout and resolution supporting advancement of CVC priorities

2026

- Community engagement on layout resolution elements, assessments, and construction
- Construction start

“Consider the people who live here and move through the space daily, as well as the international visitors are youth. Consider their experiences and grief.”

– Visioning Workshop 2

“Transit service along Chicago is vital for residents. Visitors, and businesses.”

– Visioning workshop 4

“Pedestrian safety is paramount in any improvements to the Square.”

– Visioning Workshop 2

“Memorialize the murder, the response and the movement.”

– Visioning Workshop 1

1,000+ attendees at engagement events!

1,600+ comments from engagement!



700
Post Cards
and Door
Hangers



320
Door Knocks
Residents and
Businesses



18
GovDelivery
Emails
(12,880 recipients)



9,827
Online
Impressions
(Total number
of website
visitors)

25,000+ total interactions!

“This is a living memorial and will change over time – plans need to accommodate that change”
– Visioning Workshop 3

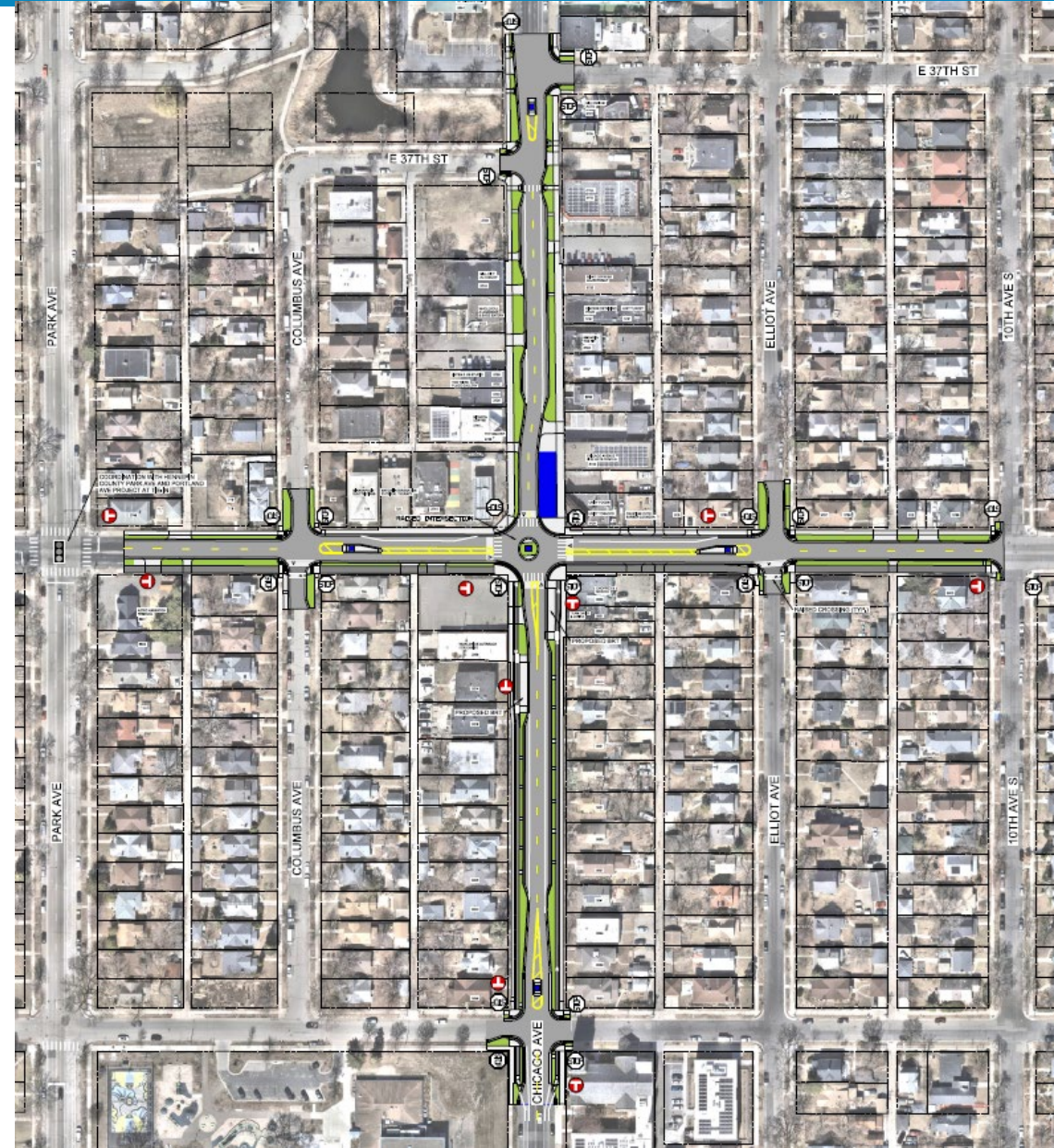
“Why a museum? It needs to be something more. It should be a place where people come for resources and help.” – Youth Focus Group

“Embed racial healing on individual, social, and systemic levels, aligning with the GFS vision.”
– Visioning Workshop 5

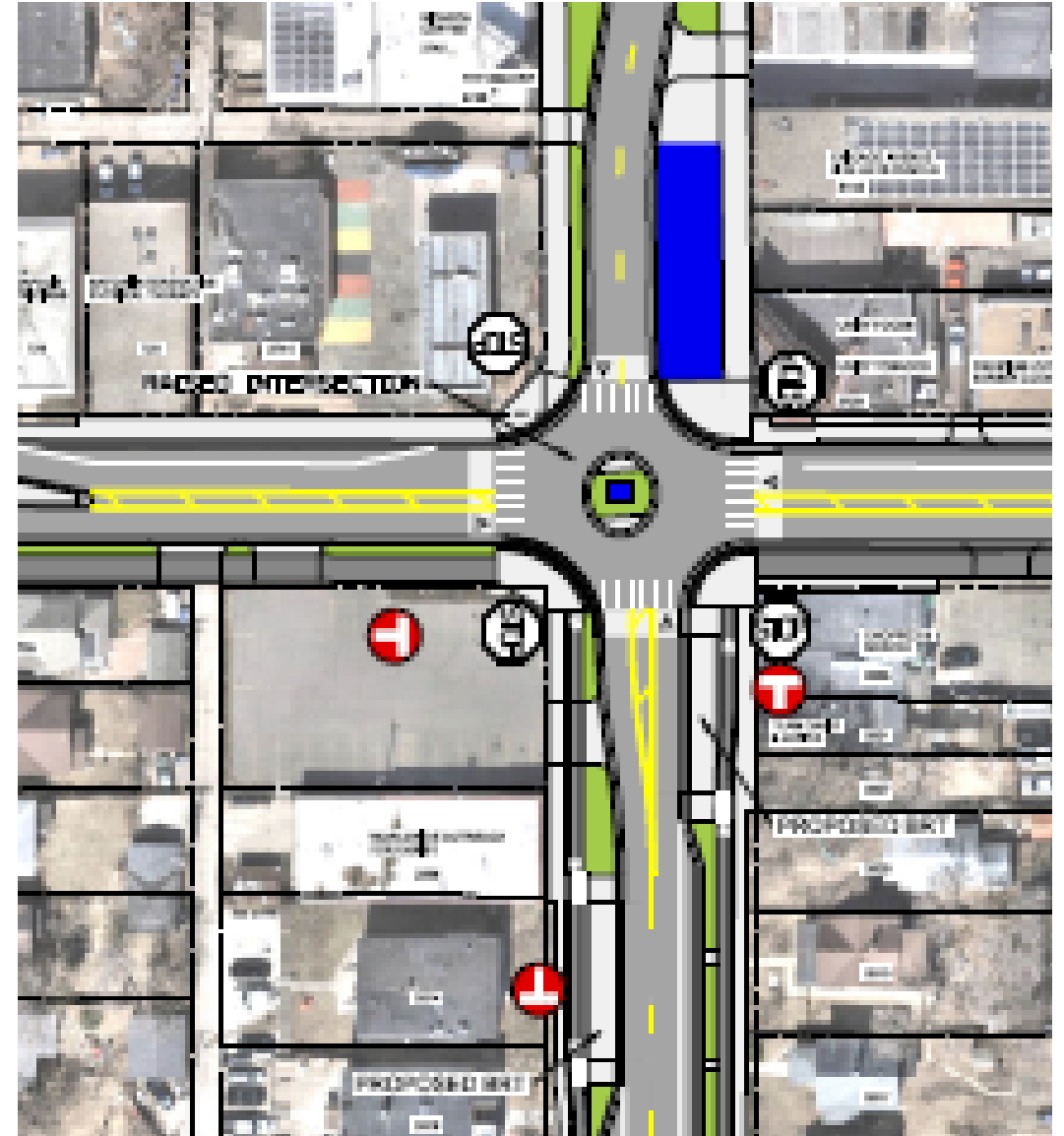
“The square provides a sense of community, so all the design should seek to support that”
– Visioning Workshop 3

City Council (12/11/2025)

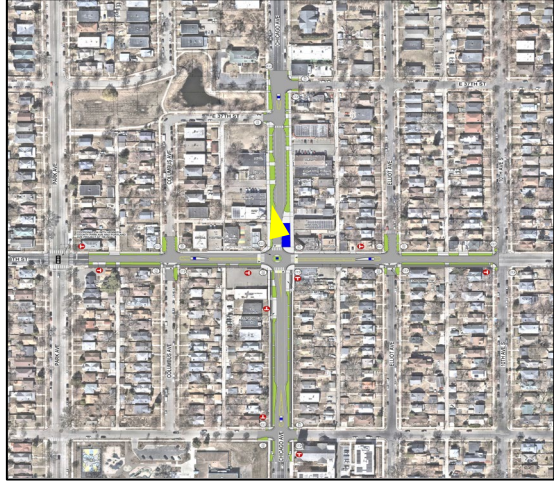
- Concept Layout Approval for the Flexible Open layout
- Resolution supporting advancement of the Community Visioning Council priorities at George Floyd Square



- Open / Flexible Concept:
 - Returns buses to north-south routing through intersection via Chicago Avenue
 - D Line platforms on south leg of intersection included in approved layout

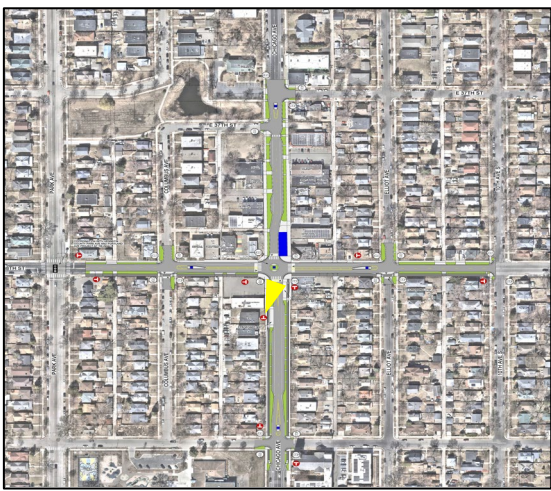


Final Concept Layout

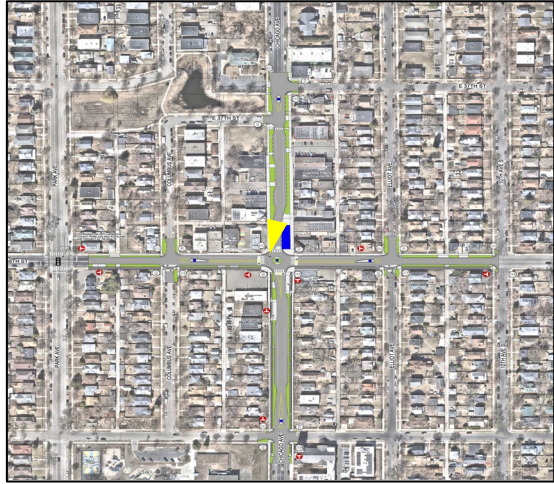


38th & Chicago View south towards George Floyd Square

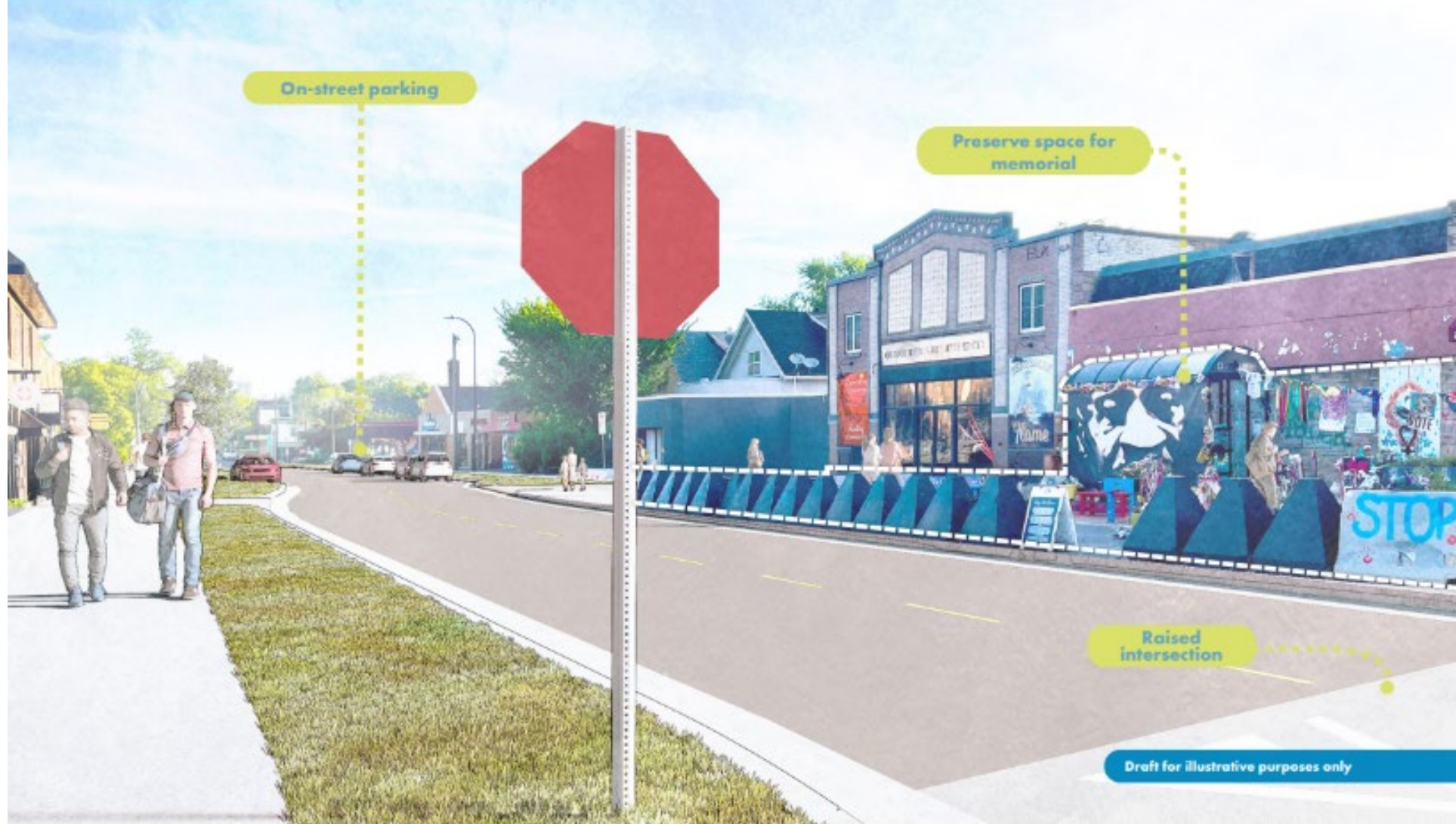




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38th & Chicago View north adjacent to George Floyd Square



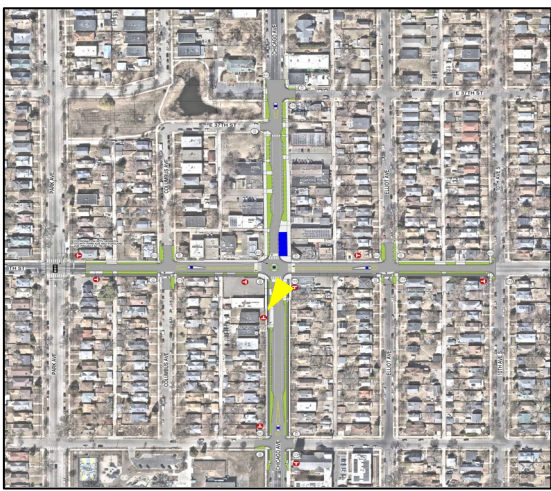
On-street parking

Preserve space for
memorial

Raised
intersection

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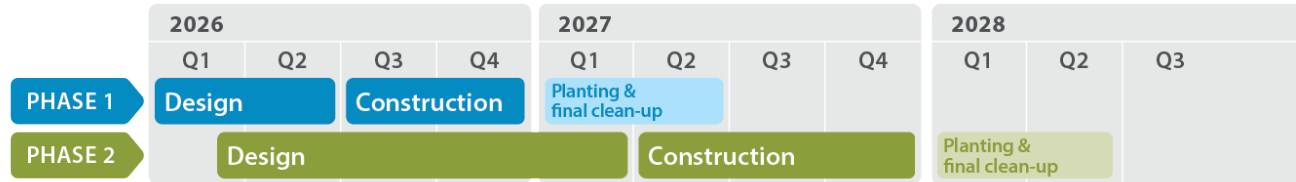
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38th & Chicago
View east, south of George Floyd Square



Construction Timeline + Phasing

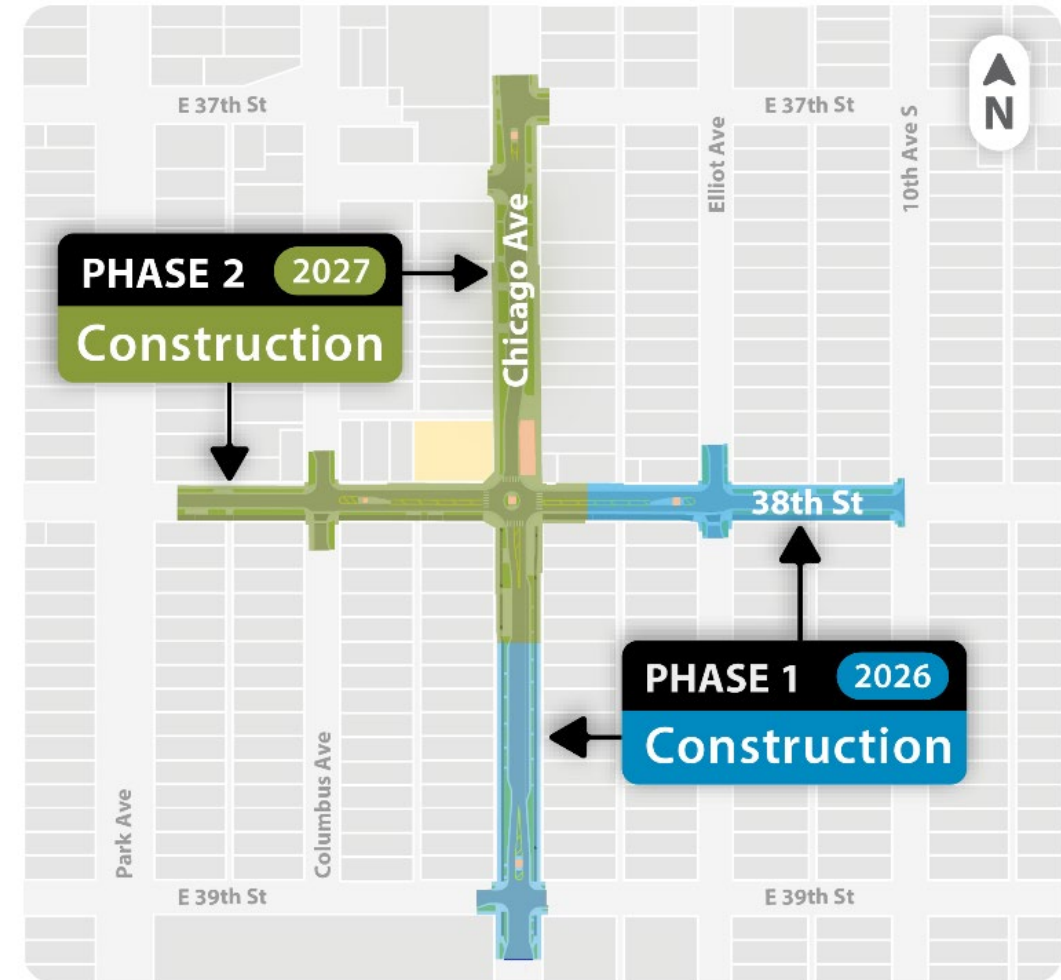


Phase 1

- 38th St between Chicago Ave and 10th Ave
- Chicago Ave between 39th St and 38th St (south of the BRT stations)

Phase 2

- 38th St between Park Ave and Chicago Ave (including intersection)
- Chicago Ave between 38th St and 37th St (including BRT stations)



Map Legend

George Floyd Memorial

Peoples' Way

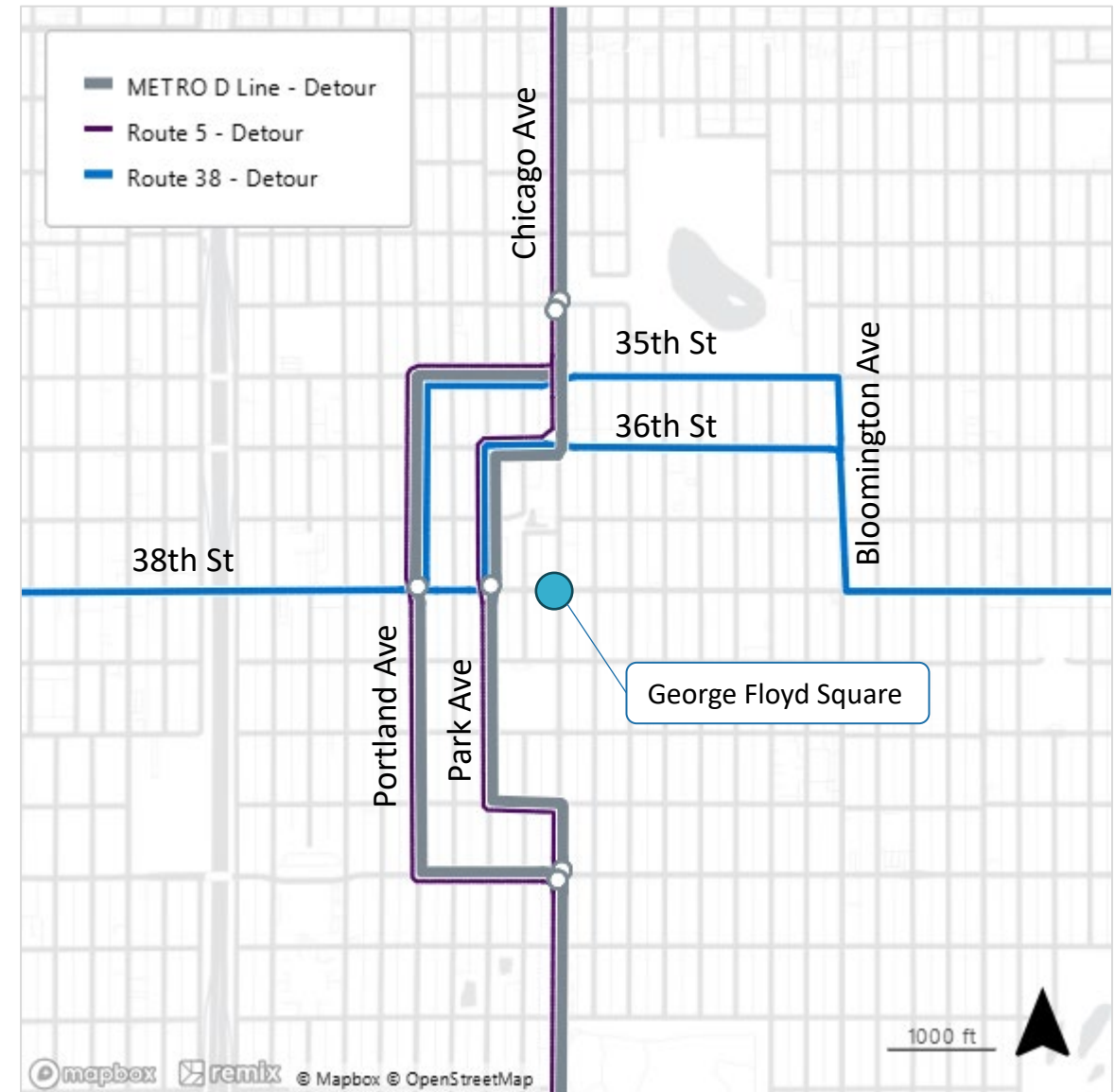
Phase 1 closures

Roadway closures will include:

- 38th Street E, from 10th Avenue S to Elliot Avenue
- Chicago Avenue, from 39th Street to south of 38th Street

Transit detour

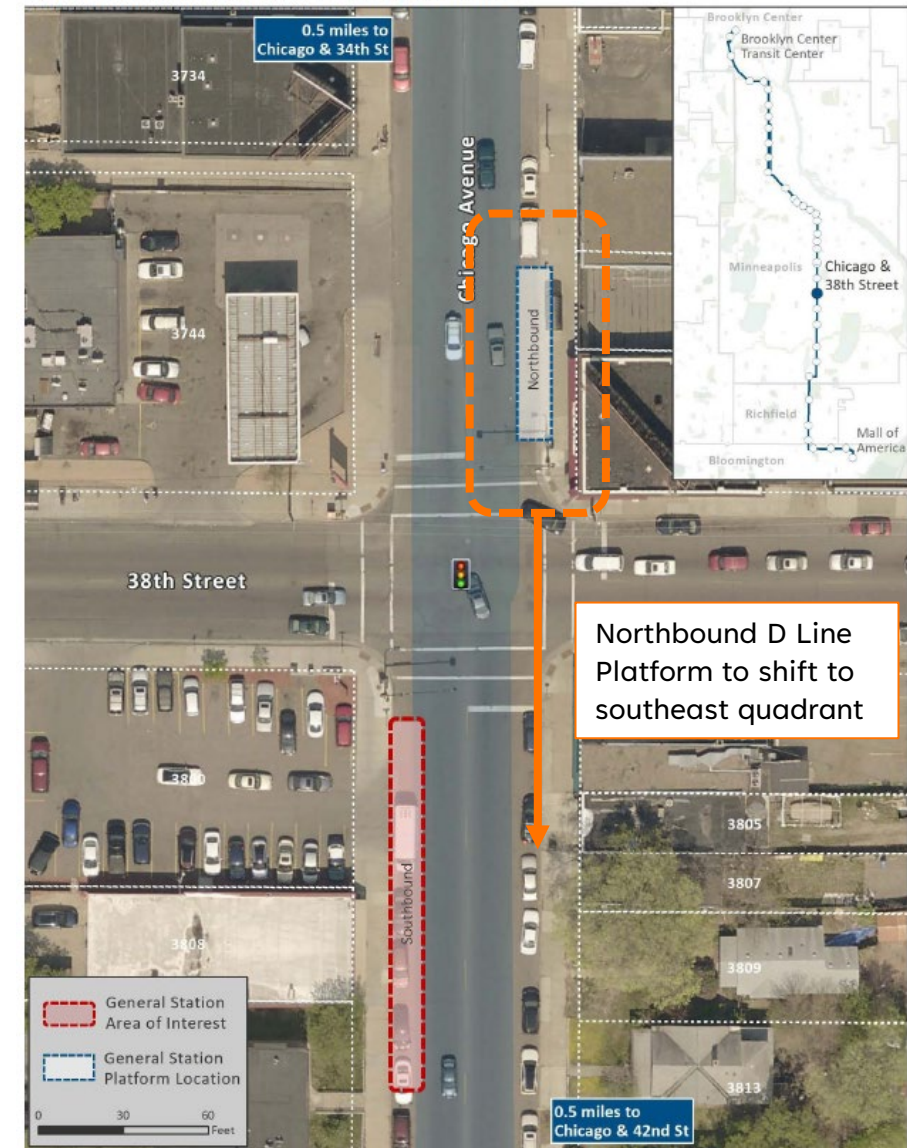
- METRO D Line and Route 5 remain on Park / Portland
 - Shift from 39th Street to 41st Street
- Route 38 shift to 35th / 36th Street from Bloomington to Park / Portland



METRO D Line Station Plan Amendment

- D Line Station Plan approved by the Metropolitan Council in July 2018
 - Identified a D Line platform on the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Chicago & 38th Street
 - Following the murder of George Floyd, station at this intersection was not advanced
 - Temporary stations installed at Park and Portland
- Amendment to D Line Station Plan to align with approved layout, locate D Line platforms on south quadrants of intersection
 - Transportation Committee June 22
 - Metropolitan Council July 8

Figure 45: Recommended station location – Chicago & 38th Street



July 2018 D Line Station Plan, to be updated