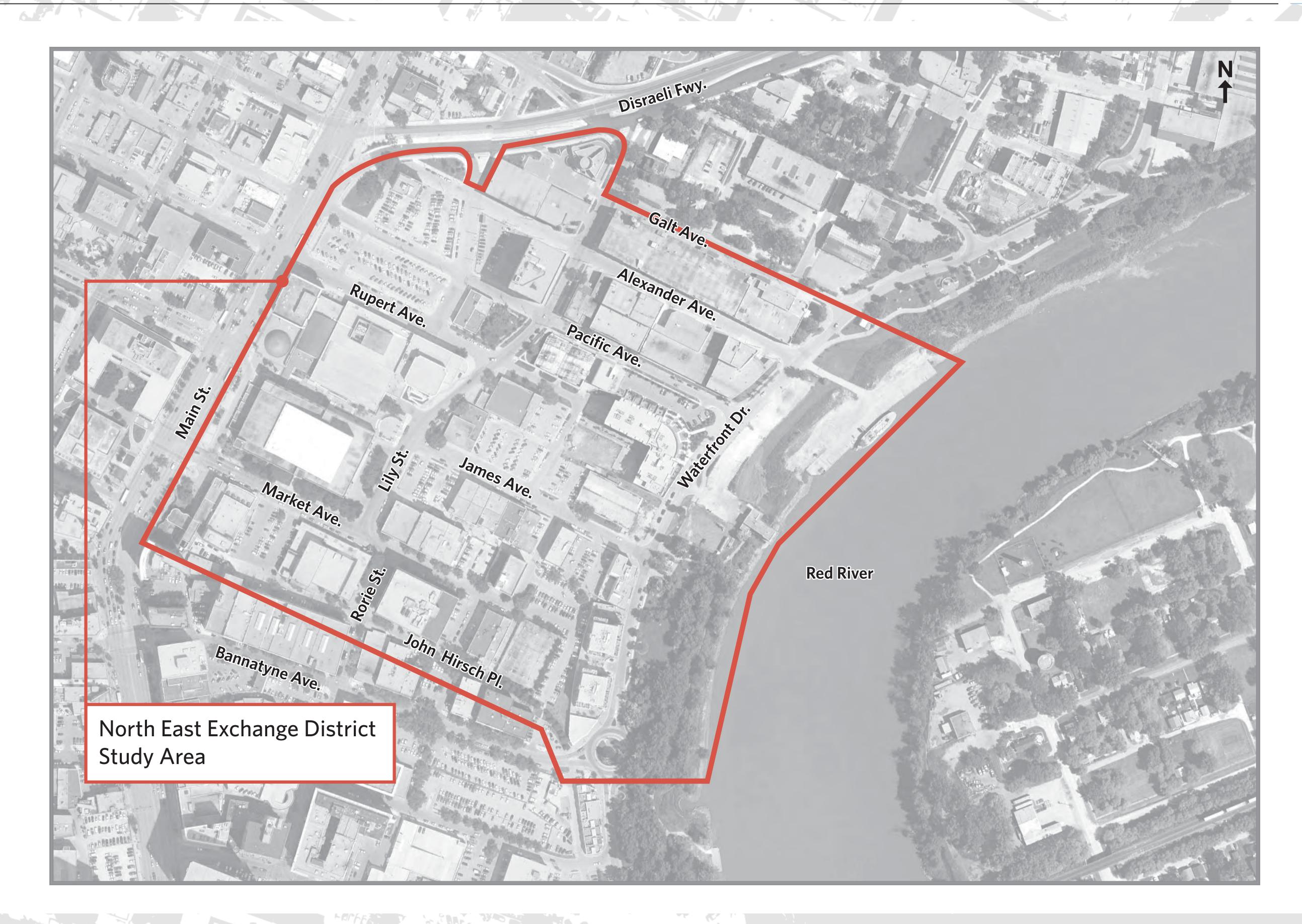
# City of Winnipeg`s North East Exchange District Engineering Study

# Public Information Display Session

March 25, 2014

# Study Area







## Purpose of the PIDS

# This Public Information Display Session (PIDS) is intended to:

- » Provide an overview of the North East Exchange District Engineering Study.
- » Share highlights from the public input gathered to date.
- » Gather your input and answer any questions you may have.

#### What do YOU think?

- » What type of infrastructure improvements would you like to see in the North East Exchange District?
- » Which improvements are the most important to you and why?
- » Where would you like to see these improvements occur and why?

#### How will your input be used?

» The information gathered today will help inform the prioritization of infrastructure improvements in the study area.





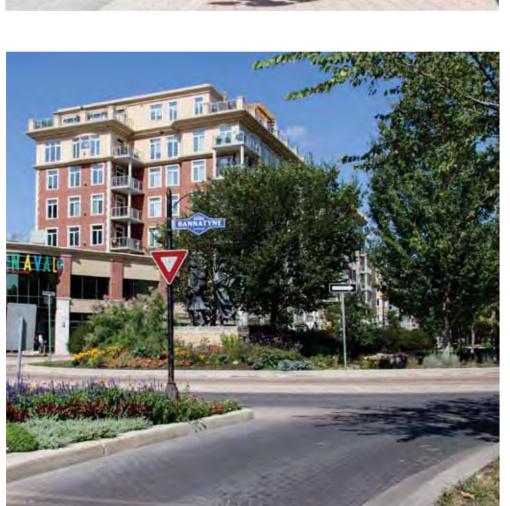
## Purpose of the Study

To provide the City of Winnipeg with a blueprint for prioritized infrastructure improvements in the North East Exchange District in accordance with the City of Winnipeg Transportation Master Plan and the Complete Communities Direction Strategy.

#### What is INFRASTRUCTURE?

- » Roads
- » Parking
- » Sidewalks
- » Bicycle paths and amenities
- » Transit amenities
- » Underground services and utilities
- » Street trees
- » Street furniture



































- » Compatible rights-of-way with existing and future development.
- » Surface works coordinated with underground improvements.
- » Walkable and accessible neighbourhood.
- » Improved rideability, drainage and condition of pavement.

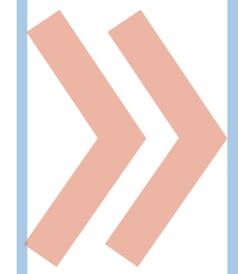
- » Accessible and available public transit amenities.
- » Improved bicycle parking and facilities.
- » Safe and secure neighbourhood.
- » Sustainable and practical tree installations, street lighting and other amenities.
- » Adequate future loading and on-street parking supply.



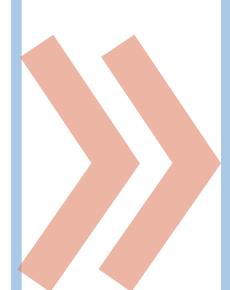


## Outcomes & Deliverables

Produce a final report outlining the planning process, preliminary street designs and an implementation plan.



Identify a proposed timeline, cost estimates and any risks associated with the preliminary designs.



Assess Market

Avenue street

improvements.







## Technical Review & Background Research

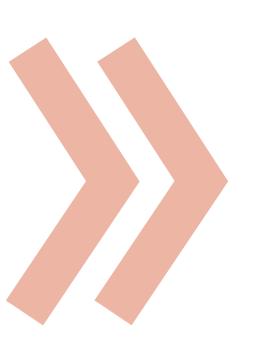
On-site survey

Land use review

Transportation facilities needs assessment

Right-of-way planning

Review Market Avenue performance



February: June 14

## Public Engagement & Consultation

Guided by Steering Committee

Stakeholder Meetings

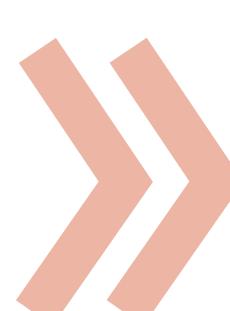
Study Area Walkabout & Community Conversations

Public Information Display Session

Online Survey

Follow up with Stakeholders

Open House





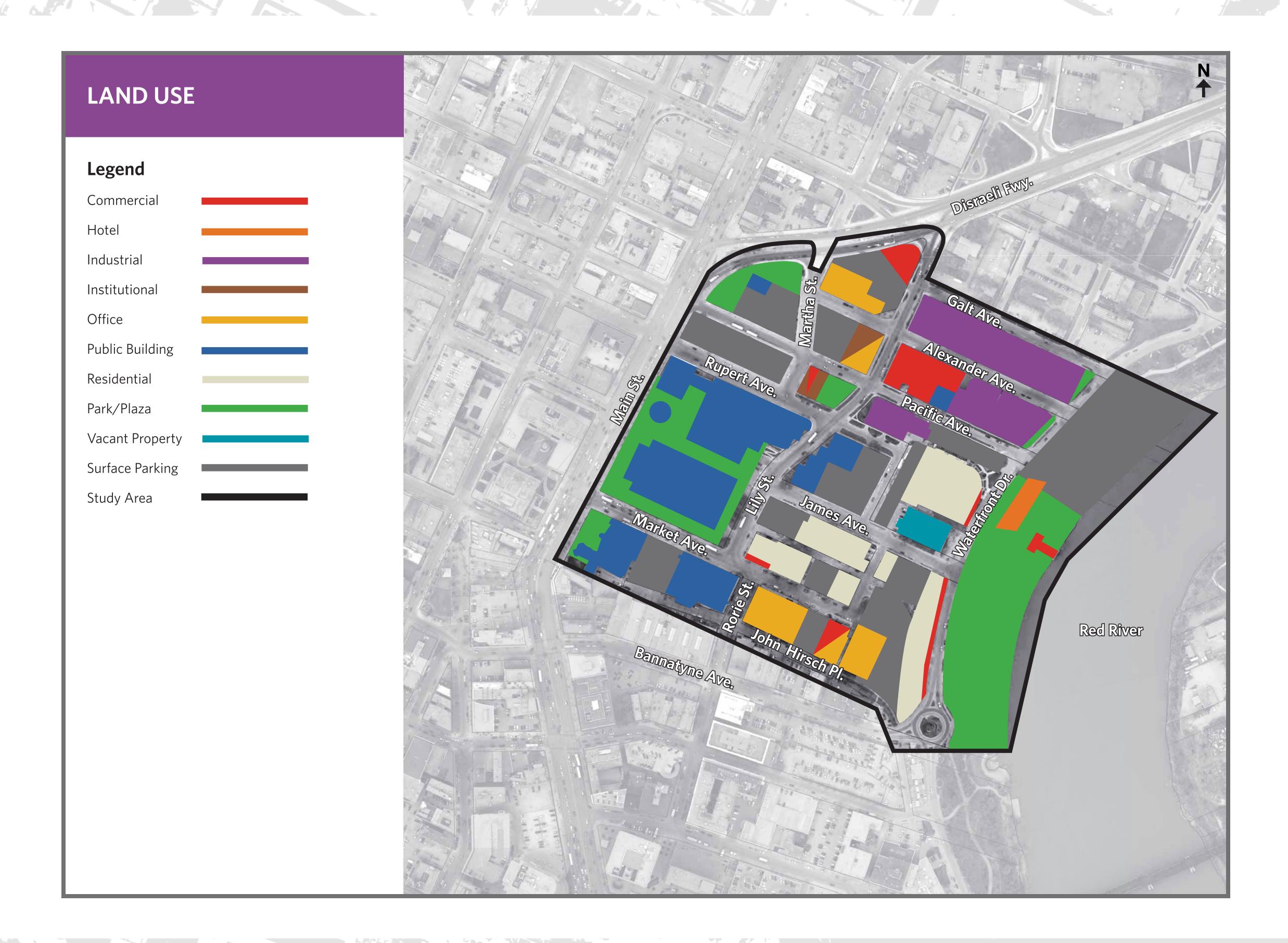
## Preliminary Design & Implementation Plan

Based on public input and prioritization criteria





## Existing Land Use







## Recent & Proposed Development

#### RECENT & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

#### Legend

Study Area

#### 1 Mere Boutique Hotel & Cibo Restaurant

- » 63 hotel rooms
- » Construction complete

#### 2 Sky Waterfront Phase II

- » 33 residential units
- » 3 main floor commercial units
- » Construction complete

#### 3 109 James Avenue (former Pumphouse) & the City owned lot adjacent to Waterfront Drive

» Proposal not finalized

#### 4 110 James Avenue

- » Redevelopment of existing building
- » 19 residential condominium units
- » Construction complete, now selling

#### 5 120 & 128 James Avenue

- » Redevelopment & new construction
- » PHASE 1 10 condominium units & main floor commercial office
- » Construction complet
- » PHASE 2 existing structure at corner of Bertha Street & James Avenue will be demolished

#### 6 130/132/134 James Avenue

- » Redevelopment of existing building
- » 49 condominium units
- » Spring construction, now selling

#### 7 140 James Avenue (previously part of 134 James Avenue)

- » Currently a 48-stall surface parking lot
- » May be developed into a +/- 84 residential condominium unit building in the future
- » Design & construction on hold pending parking availability

#### 8 Parking Lot & Existing Warehouse on North Side of James between Amy Street & Lily Street

#### » Conceptual feasibility study for 520 parking stalls & 20,000 sq. / ft. commercial space

#### 9 133 Market Avenue

- » Redevelopment of existing building
- » 15 condominium units
- » Fully occupied

#### **10** 139/145 Market Avenue

- » 67 residential condominium units
- » 2 commercial rental units (14,700 sq. / ft.)
- » Design complete, construction on hold pending parking availability

#### 11 125 Pacific Avenue

- » 7,000 sq. / ft. commercial space
- » Now selling

#### Market Avenue Streetscaping

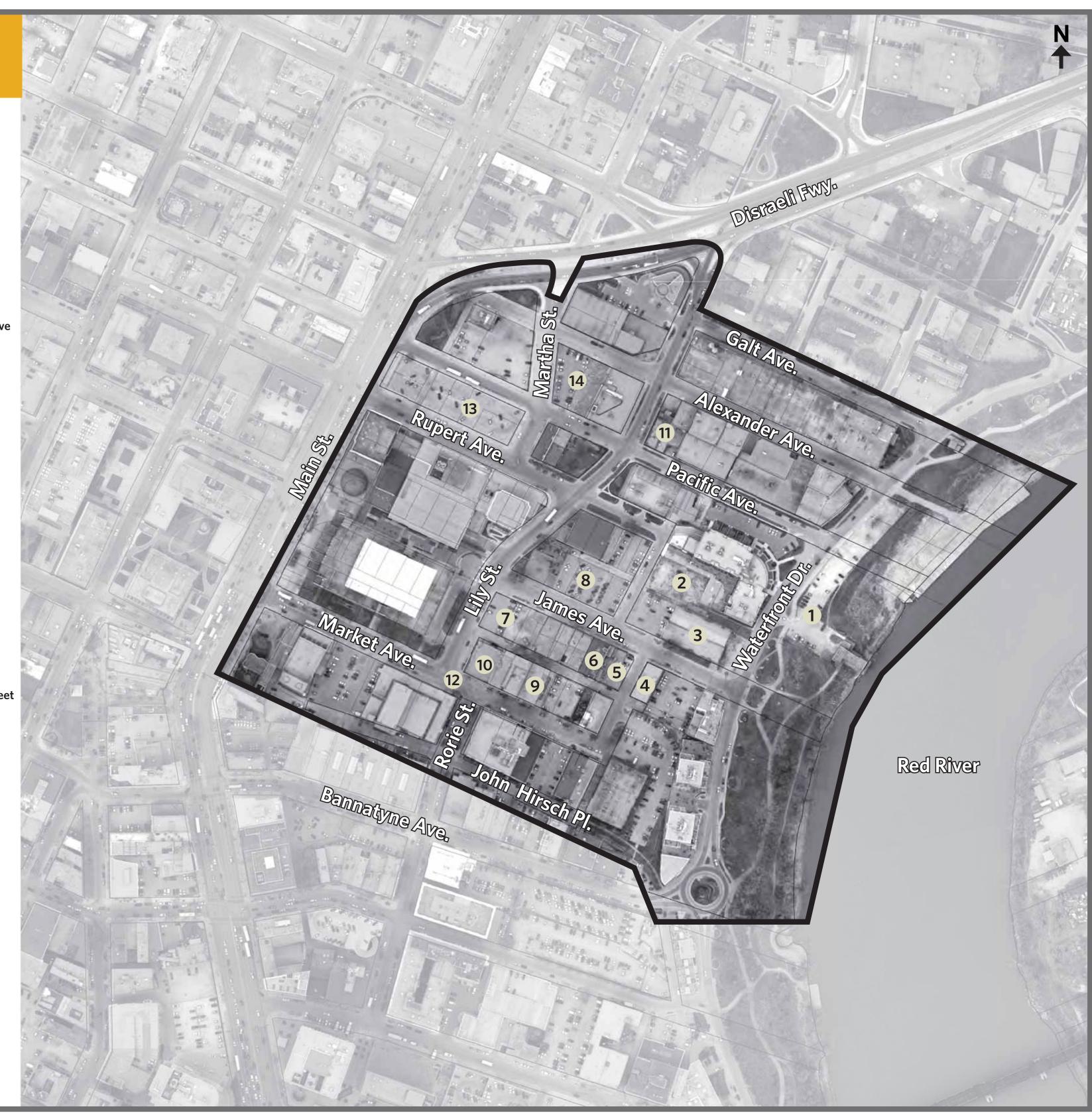
- » Main Street to Rorie Street
- » Complete

#### Manitoba Museum

» Capital Renewal Plans

#### Sports Manitoba Addition

» PHASE 2 expansion







## Heritage Designations

#### HISTORICAL BUILDINGS & SITES

#### Legend

Study Area

#### **Buildings Conservation List (Municipal)**

- 1 112 Market Avenue
- 2 113 Market Avenue
- 3 136 Market Avenue
- 4 180 Market Avenue
- **5** 109 James Avenue
- **6** 145 Pacific Avenue
- 7 1175 Main Street

#### **Historical Buildings Inventory (Municipal)**

- 8 133 Market Avenue
- 9 139 Market Avenue
- 10 145 Market Avenue
- 11 90 Alexander Avenue
- 12 130 Galt Avenue

#### **Nationally Designated**

- 13 180 Market Avenue
- 14 174 Market Avenue

#### The Exchange District National Historic Site

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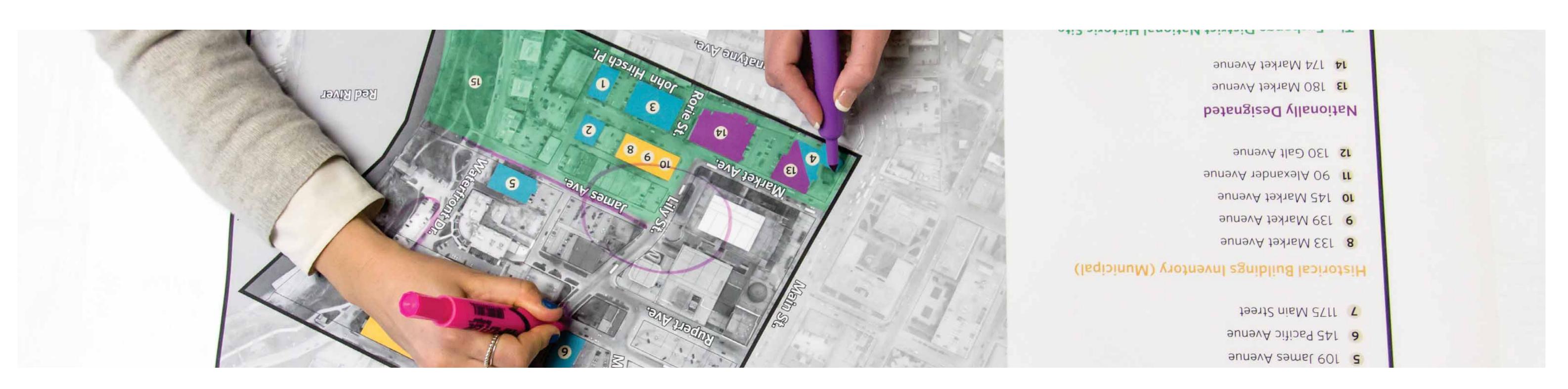




## Public Engagement & Consultation

#### Stakeholder meetings were conducted with the following groups:

- » Exchange Biz board
- » Business owners
- » Developers, real estate agents and property managers
- » Residents and local services
- » Culture and heritage groups

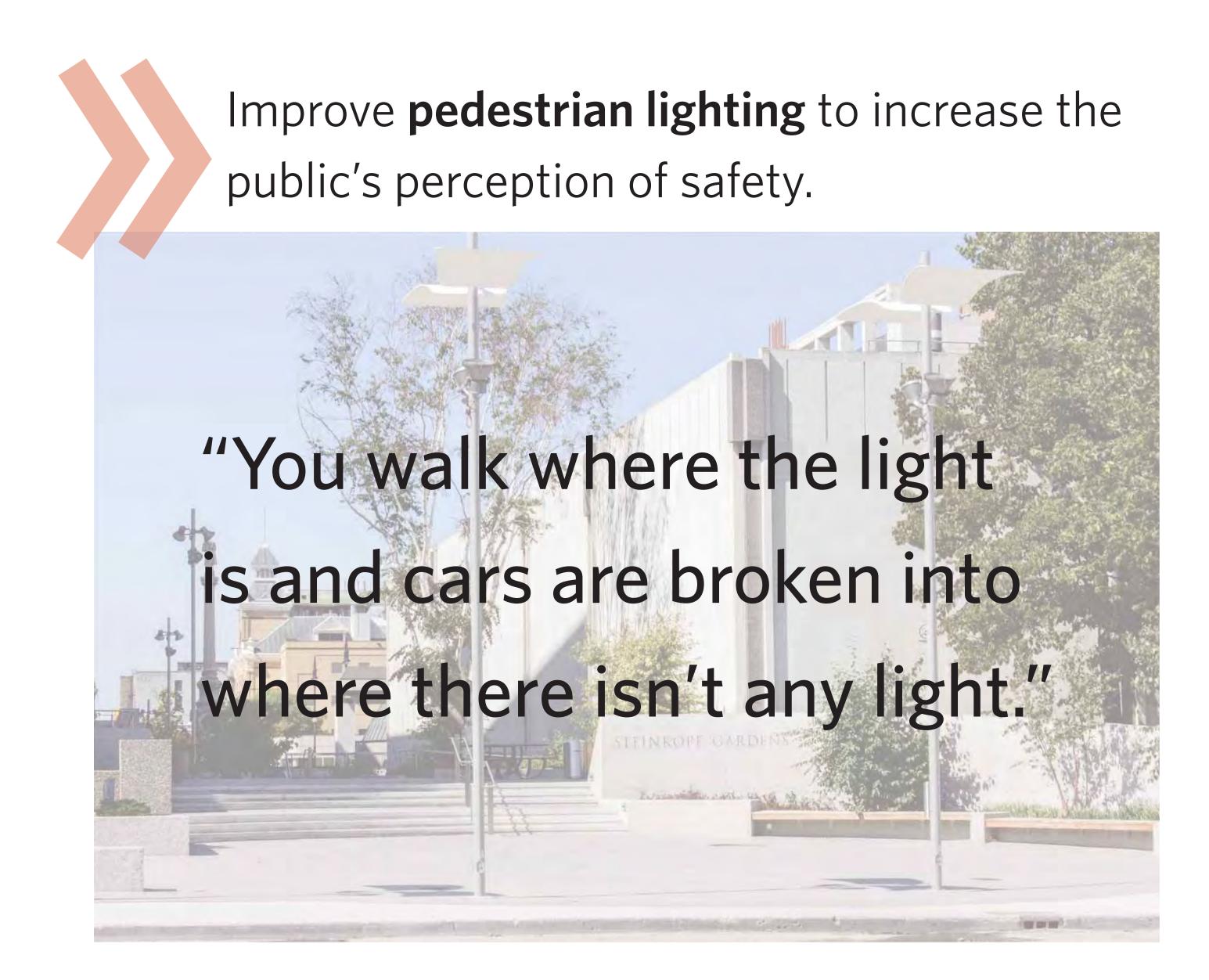






"If you see a different design every two blocks, it doesn't feel like a community anymore."

Ensure improvements to the public realm (lighting, streetscaping, benches, etc.) are **consistent** and **cohesive** throughout the study area and with adjacent areas.







Preserve and protect the area's **heritage elements** through design and interpretive signage.

"The area is full of history & stories that many of us know nothing about. It is important to preserve, enhance and celebrate the historic elements of the District."

"When visitors and tourists come into the area, they are often confused & disoriented. Way-finding signage would help direct them where to go."

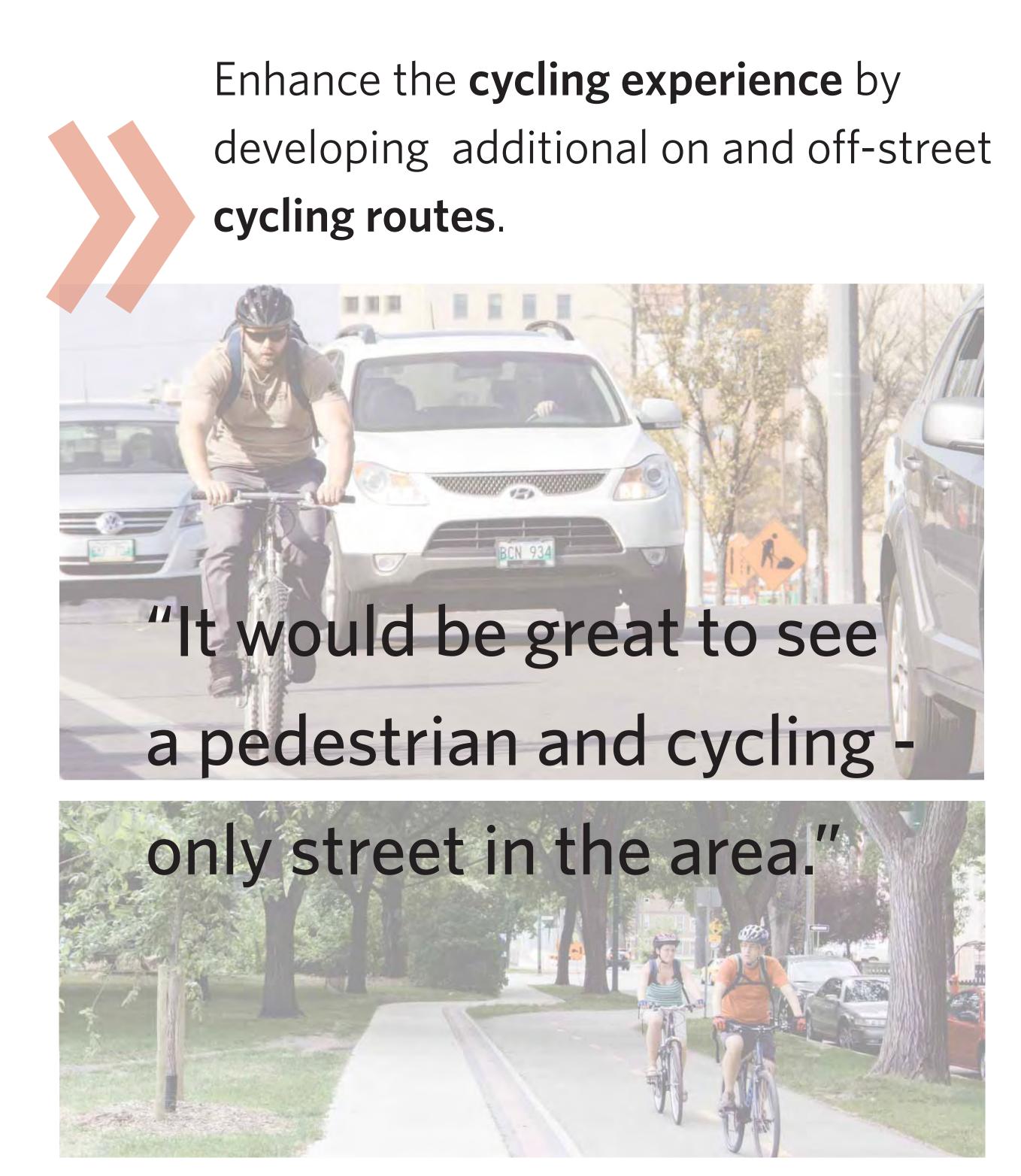
Enhance existing and incorporate additional way-finding signage to guide visitors and tourists.





"Many of the sidewalks are narrow and in disrepair, creating an uncomfortable and unsafe experience for pedestrians."

Enhance the **pedestrian experience** by repairing and widening **sidewalks**.







Encourage land uses that support activity on the street (e.g., coffee shop, cafes, grocery store, market, community gardens).

"Visitors should want to stroll through the area, not leave as soon as the show is over."

"Road, sidewalk and lighting improvements along James Avenue would strengthen the connection between Waterfront Drive and the West Exchange (through the Steinkopf Gardens)."

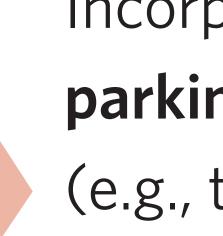
Strengthen pedestrian and cycling connectivity between adjacent destinations (e.g., The Forks, Disraeli foot bridge and West Exchange).





"We have been talking about parking in this area for years. Building a parkade should be a top priority."

Ensure existing on-street parking spaces are used to their full potential, and plan for adequate parking to meet the needs of future development (e.g., underground parking or a multi-level parkade with commercial development on the ground level).



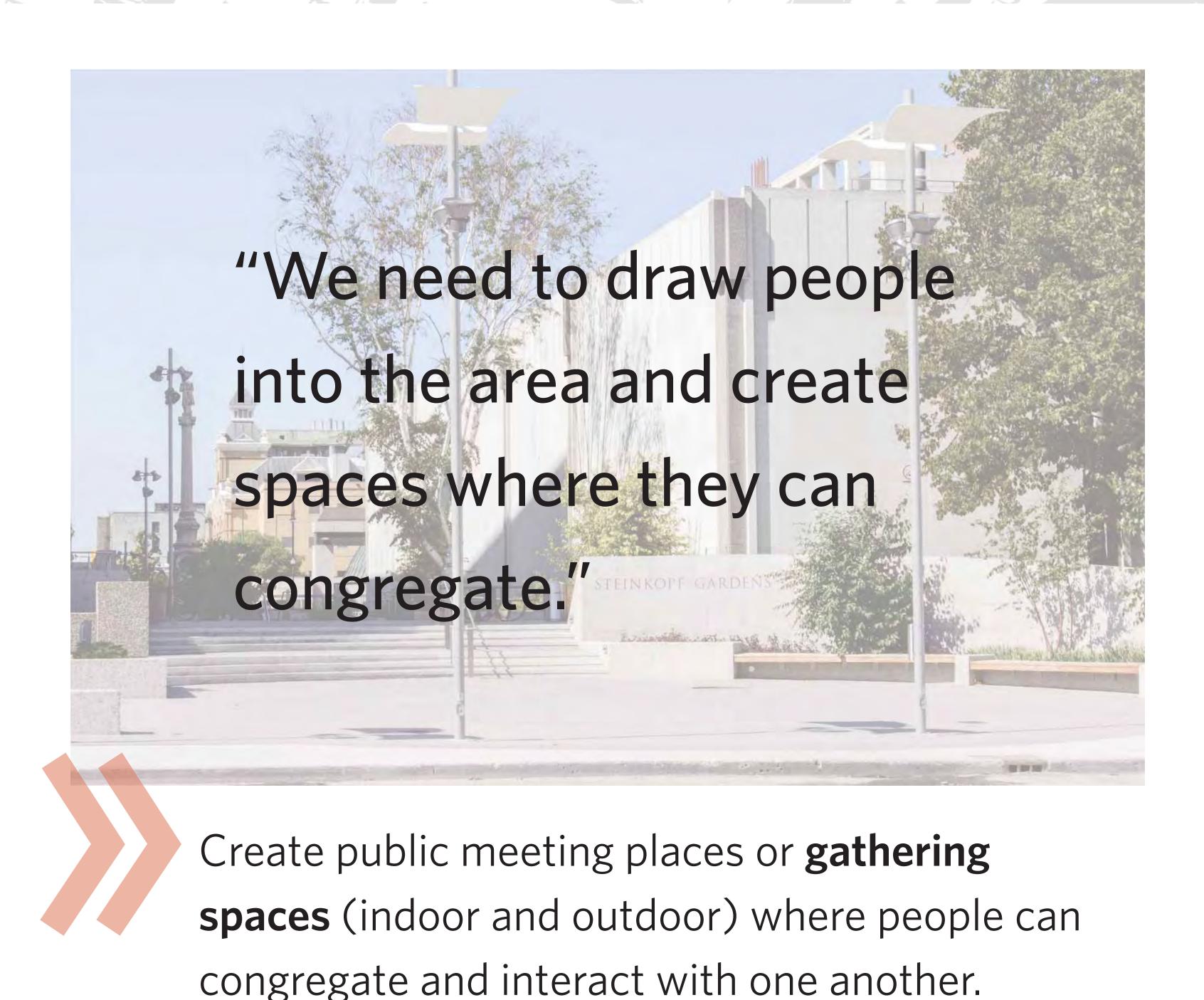
Incorporate transitional on-street parking uses in the warmer seasons (e.g., temporary patios).

"Patios enhance the humanscale of a neighbourhood and bring vitality to the street."





Explore creative methods for solid waste storage (specifically on John Hirsch Place). "John Hirsch Place is one of my favorite walkways, but I don't want to walk where I can smell garbage."







## Highlights from Walkabout

#### PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

- » Ensure all sidewalks and pathways are cleared of snow during the winter months.
- Ensure there are sidewalks on both sides of every street.
- » Provide above ground crosswalk signage.
- » Add a crosswalk at Lily Street & James Avenue and Waterfront Drive & in between James Avenue & Pacific Avenue.





#### **BUSINESS OWNER EXPERIENCE**

- » Create inviting streetscapes through sidewalk improvements, street trees and other landscaping features.
- » Encourage land uses that add people to the street (e.g., coffee shops, restaurants and small-scale retail).





## Highlights from Walkabout



#### VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- » Maintain existing Market Avenue street improvements, and extend along the west side of Lily Street.
- » Create additional parking spaces in close proximity to the theatres, concert hall and museum (preferably indoor).
- » Enhance street lighting to improve the perception of safety.
- » Strengthen the east/west connections between the amenities on Waterfront Drive and the theatres, concert hall and museum.

#### OFFICE WORKER EXPERIENCE

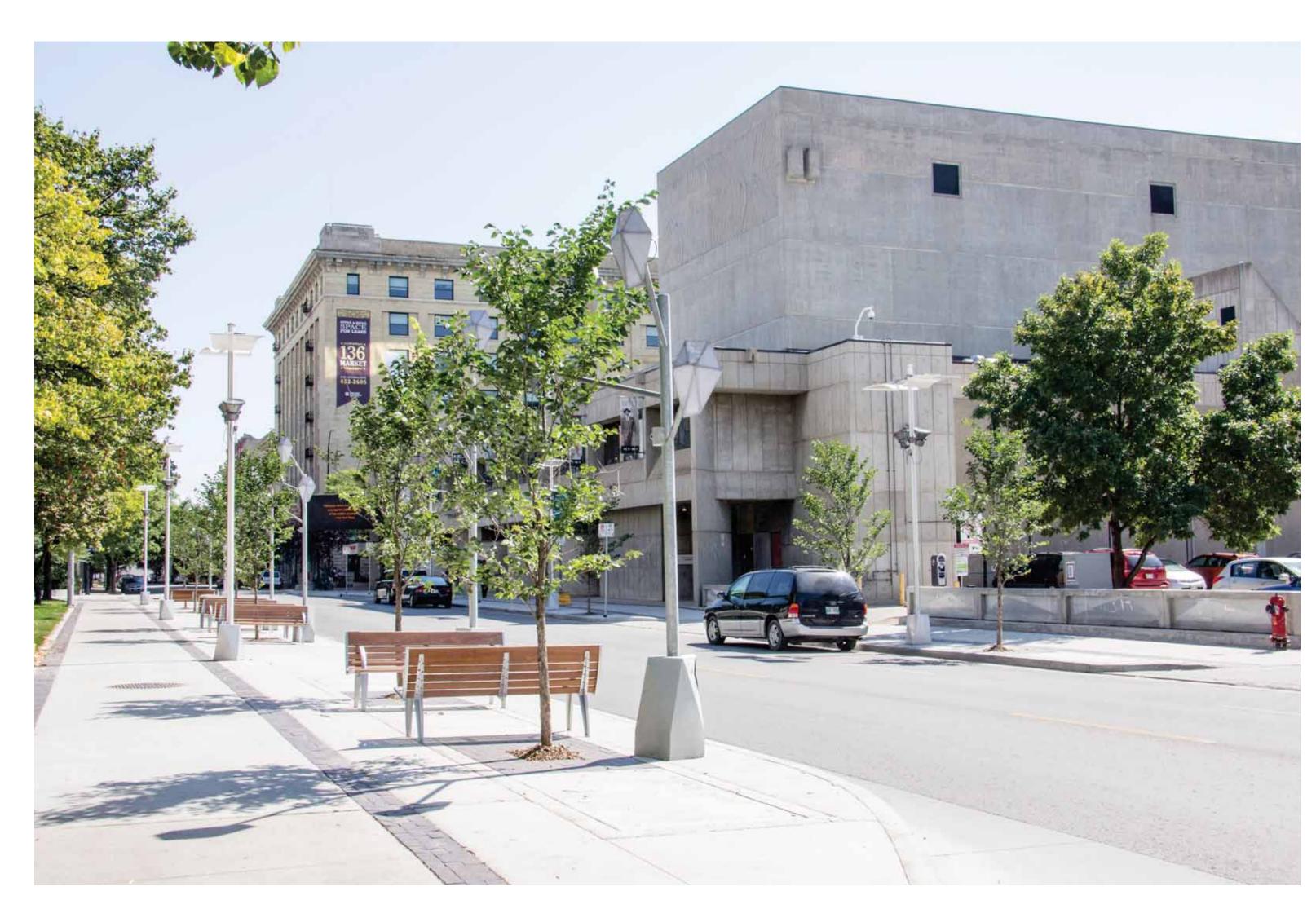
- » Create an 'all-hours' type District by ensuring a mix of uses (e.g., along Lily Street).
- Provide for amenities that will draw people outside of the buildings and onto the street.
- » Strengthen the cycling experience by upgrading on-street cycling lanes and off-street pathways.

How would you describe
YOUR EXPERIENCE moving
throughout the study area?





## Market Avenue Street Improvements





What do YOU think of the recent Market Avenue street improvements?





Please see the study area maps on the tables and provide your comments on the infrastructure improvements you would like to see in the area.



On behalf of the Project Team, thank you for your attendance and participation.

Please fill out a feedback form to let us know your thoughts and concerns.

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Come view the preliminary infrastructure designs and implementation plan at the open house in June 2014.



