

You are visiting Silver Spring. You arrive via Metro or bus and pull into the transit center. What's your first impression?

**Incomplete
transit
infrastructure**

**Usually don't
know where
I'm going
unless I use
my GPS**

**Overwhelming with
how much is going.
Confused as to
where I needed to
go.**

**Wayfinding is
needed because
most of the major
destinations are not
near the transit
center**

**Not much
around the
center. Dirty,
grungy and
not inviting
location**

**Busy
and
lively**

**Feels like a
nice
downtown.
One of the
better
downtowns**

**What a mess!!
There isn't
much there**

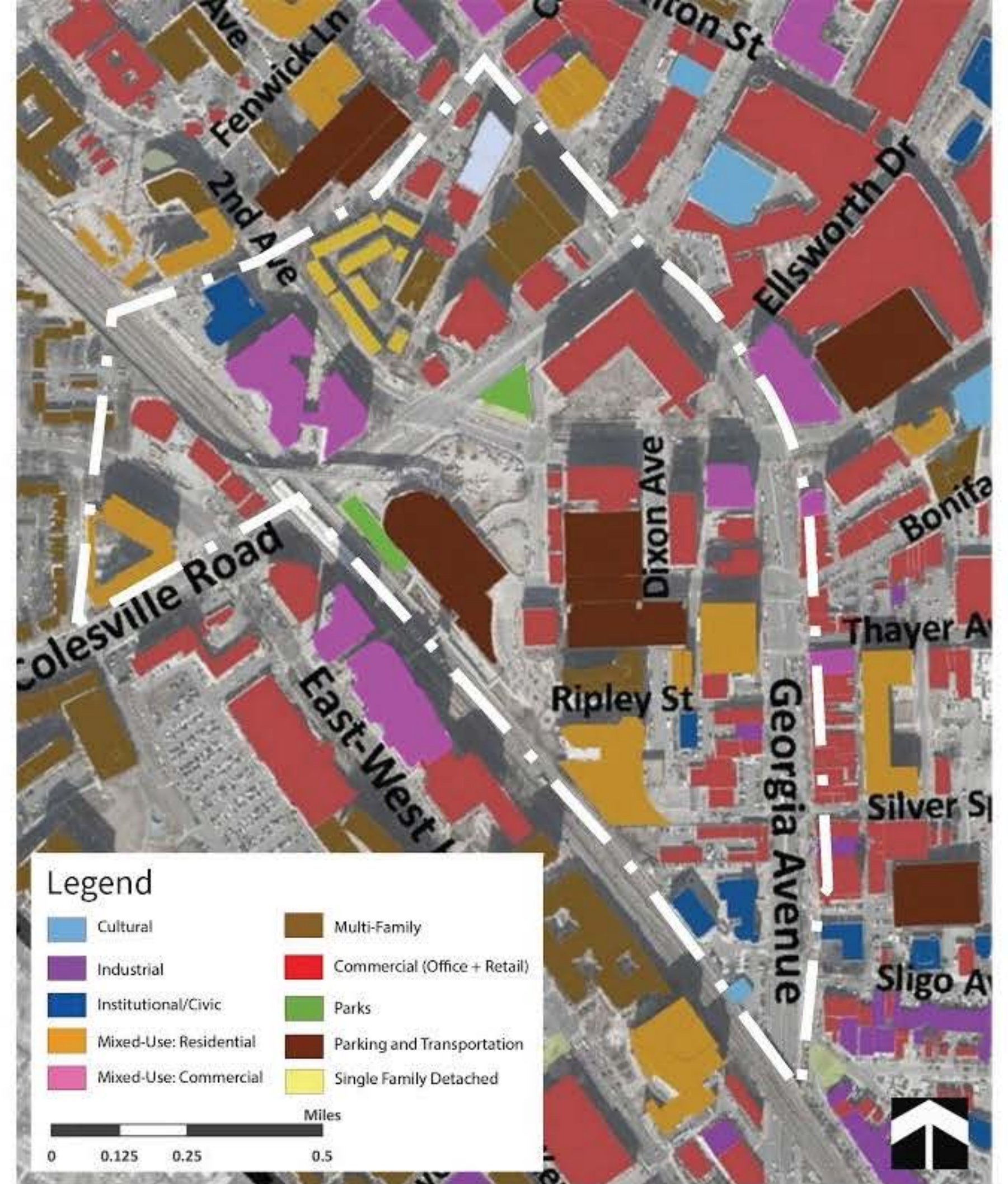
**Not much
available
around the
area. Would
like to see
more!**

Metro Center / Ripley District Visioning will focus on....



Metro Center / Ripley District

Tonight's discussion will
focus on the area inside
the white dashed line



Transit Center and Surroundings



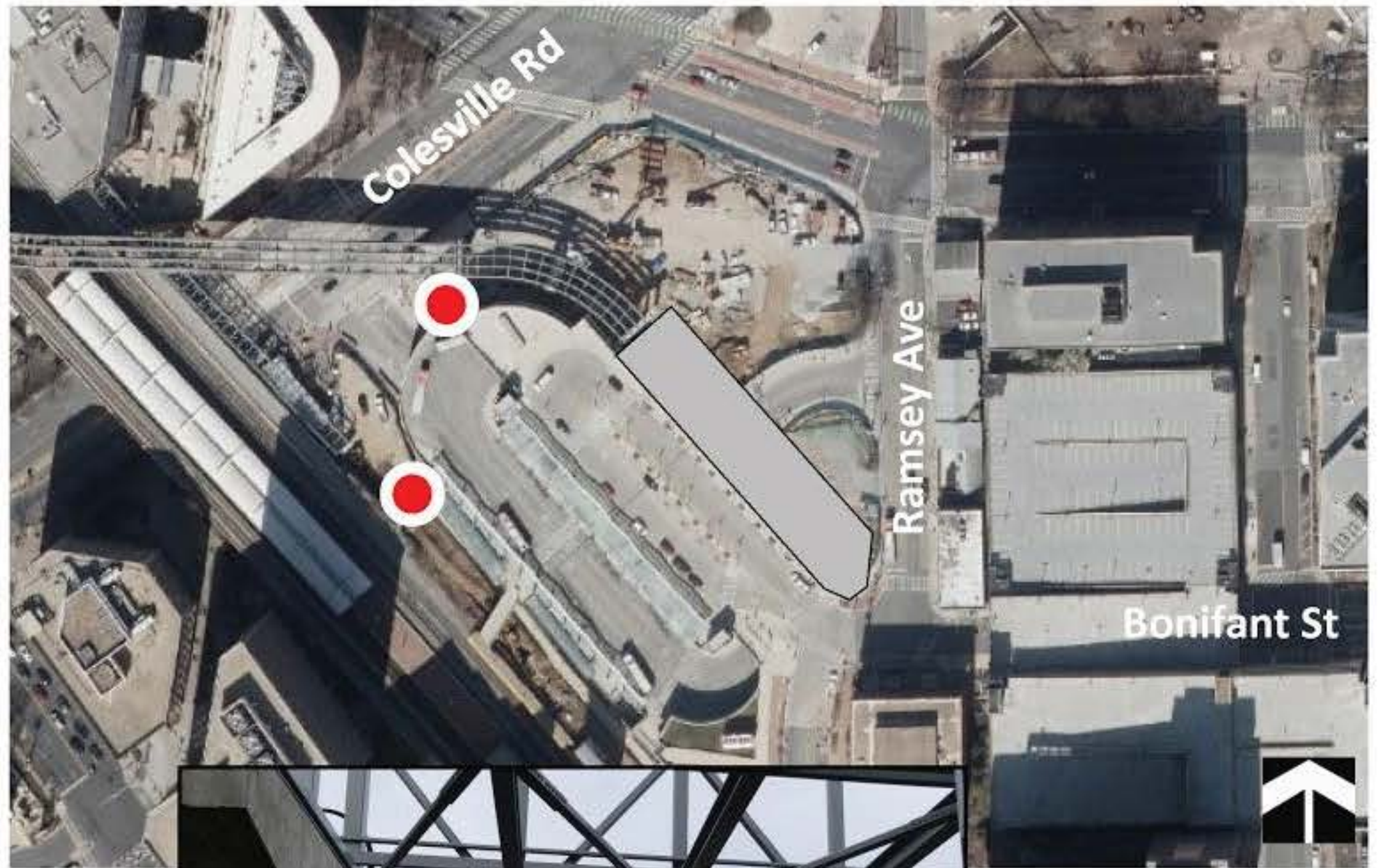
Two separate entrances on Colesville is really confusing. Wayfinding that lets you know what's available on each side

Transit Center:

When you get off the train or bus, where are you?

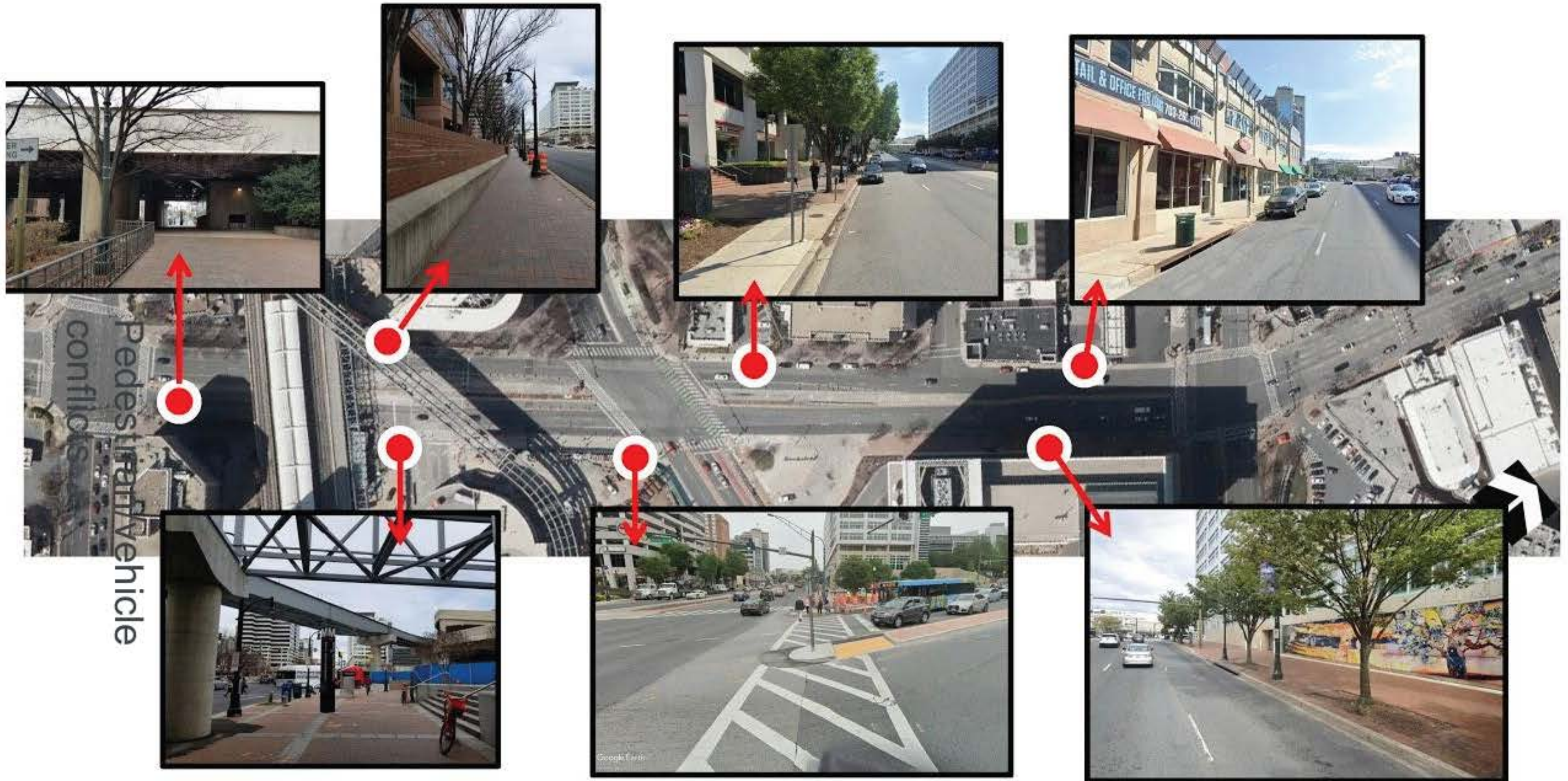
What is your pedestrian experience like?

Micromobility or bike access?



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Don't necessarily mind crossing Colesville, but understand it could be an issue for others

Discovery side being monotonous -- but love the murals too!

The incline is difficult along Colesville

Northside walking from the metro is friendlier not crossing with buses. Also towards Dixon-don't have buses turning behind you.

Big and busy intersections. Vacant buildings by the gas stations. Feels very underutilized

Ped experience is secondary to vehicular experience. More direct connections to tailor to peds

Bus make wide turn and other vehicles are an issue. Could get more time crossing

Parts of the sidewalks can be narrow. Esp North side of Colesville

That strip in the bottom right picture (pg 7) is extremely underutilized + the gas station to the north of it

Don't like the pavers. Always kicking bricks back into place.

Not much to look at while you're looking esp on the southside compared to the north

Doesn't make a difference to make a wider sidewalk. Maybe utilize the space where the hotel didn't get developed and put attraction there to get people to want to take the metro to SSP

Possibly remove on street parking, expanding the sidewalk, and put in more trees (pg 7 bottom right)

Don't like crossing Colesville. Needs to be more ped friendly

Slope is difficult

Need escalator

Transit Center:

Colesville Road:
WMATA site

What would you like to see here?

Short term?

Long term?

Greenspace to
match with
future park

Food
trucks,
arts,
activities

Greenspace/trees
may be too short
term for maximum
benefit.

Who will take the
metro for a quarter
acre park?? Really
think about the
height in this space

shorter
buildings.
anything that
activates the
site

Development to
match nearby
buildings but not
too overwhelming
to block views

Could be a
spot for
additional
wayfinding

Mixed-use
development
would be
great

Don't build
something the size
of TTT. Preferably
of housing because we
don't have much of
it.

Housing should be
the priority and
sounds like a good
opportunity to work
with WMATA.



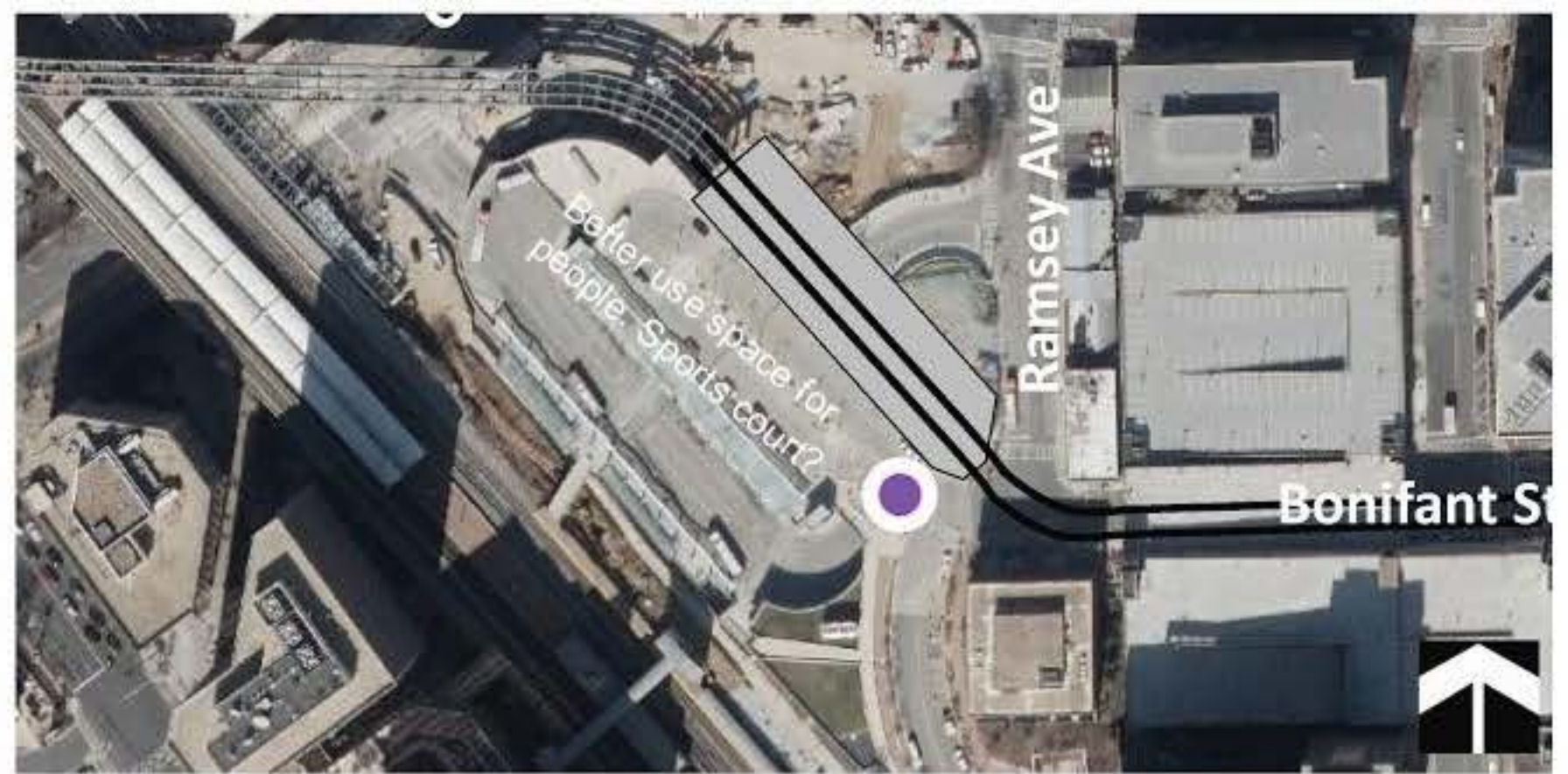
Develop at the right
height. This could
create a new focal
point for Downtown
Silver Spring

Greenspace
on transit
center and
comfortable
viewpoint for
pedestrians



Transit Center:

When you get off the Purple Line, what will your pedestrian experience be?



Turn the top of parking garages to green spaces

Bleak area. Usually go out the Colesville side. Need greater police visibility.

Make it safer for pedestrians

Intersection of ramsey and bonifant to be difficult as a pedestrian, narrow the road and possibly widen sidewalks

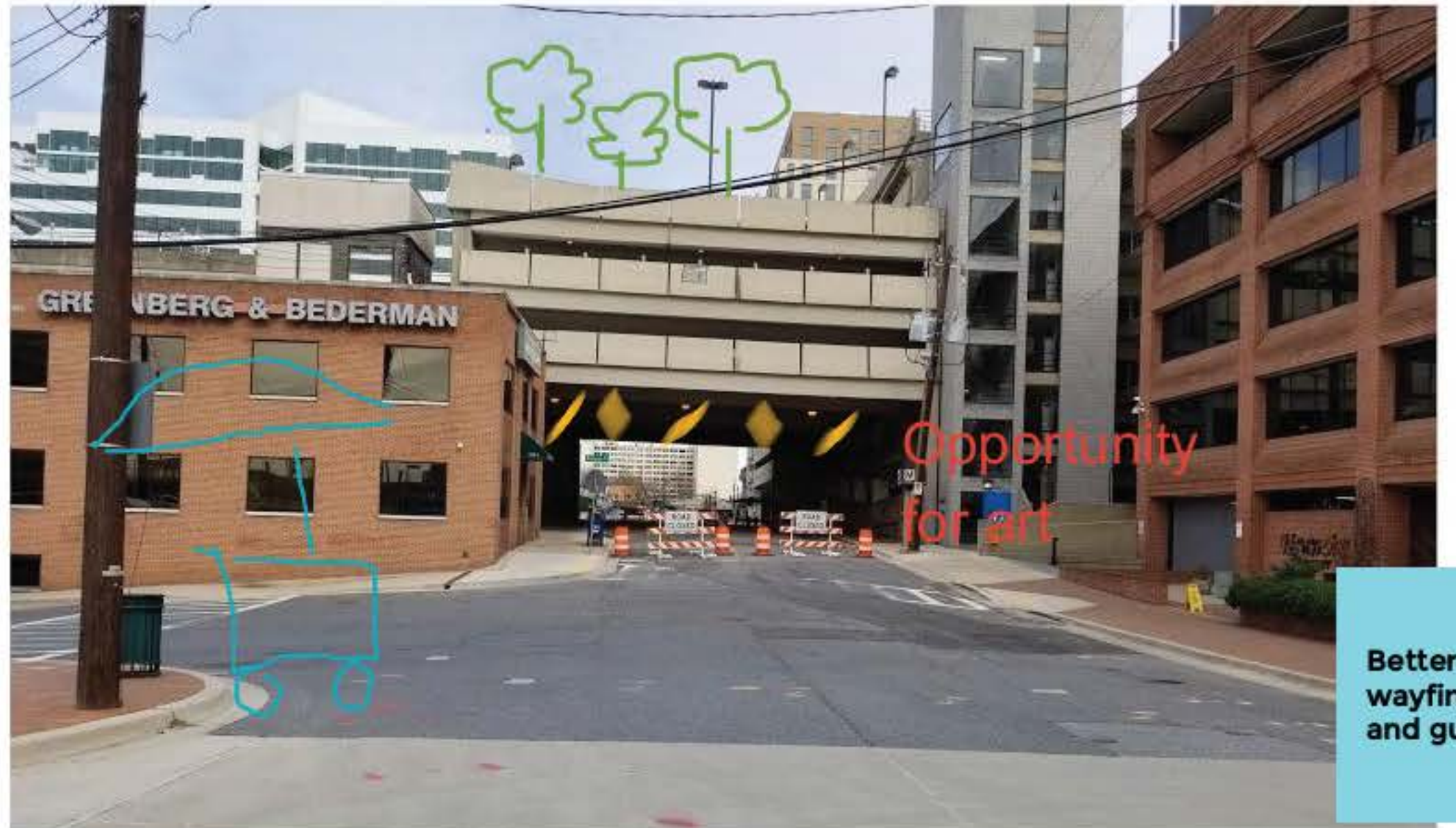
Brighten tunnel. Maybe LED lights and could be a real attraction

Bring smaller retail/places of interest close to the purple line

More opportunities to find what you need

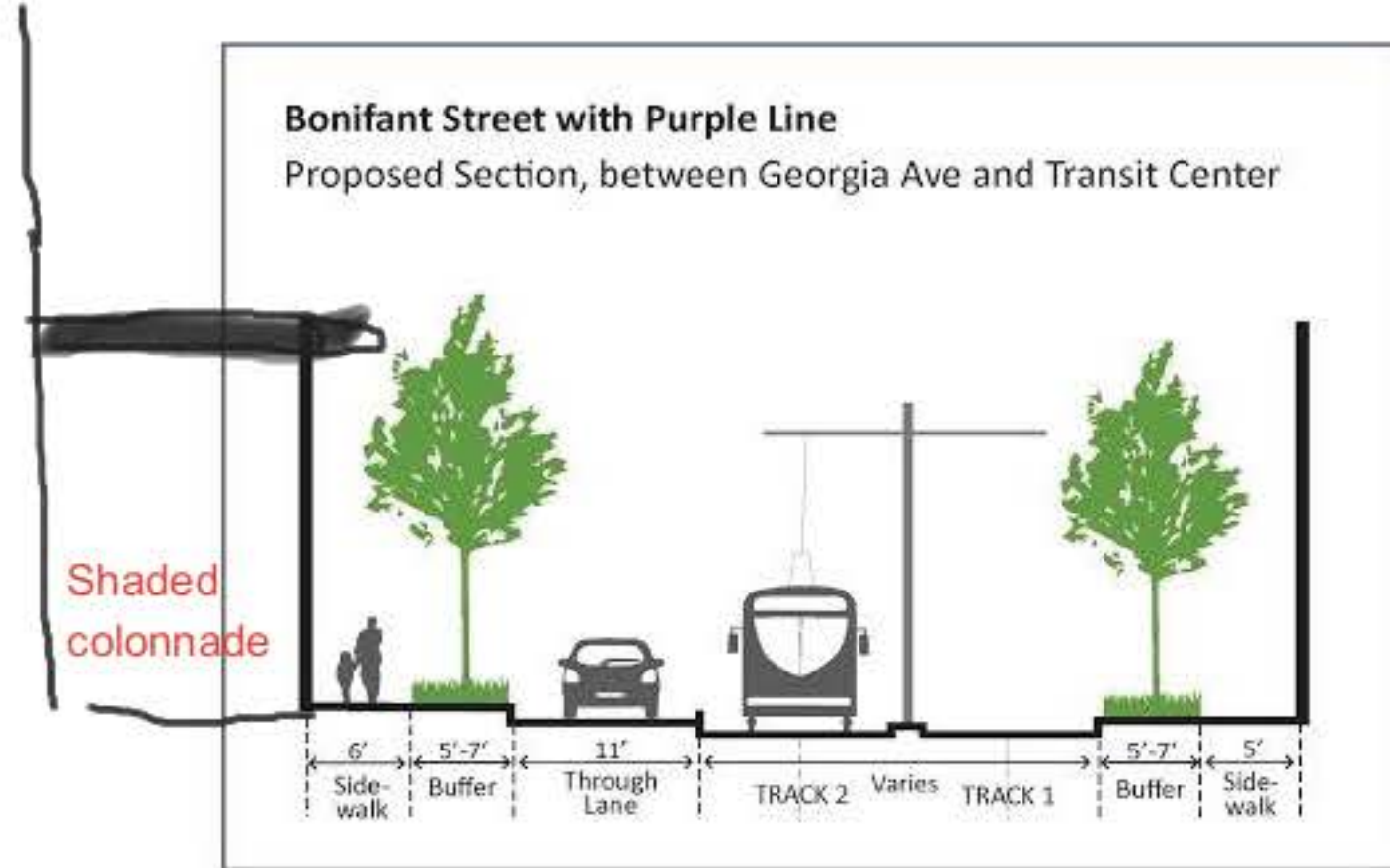
Retrofitting that purple dot. Adding basketball courts. spaces for bus drivers

Street vendors



Bonifant Street

What could Bonifant Street be in the future?



Activate both sides of the street along purple line, as they will feel disconnected by the trains.

redevelop some of the bldgs and put retail and encourage pedestrian level activity

Create a bicycle center

Put retail under the tunnel space where the garage is

More seating and green space.

Nice that bonifant street is leveled. Could be the perfect place for bicyclist to enter

Shaded spaces. More integration between inside and outside



Georgia Avenue

West side vs East side

Imagine having more housing on top of existing storefronts

Like Georgia Ave. A lot of independent retailers

East side issue is the depth of lots. The buildings are old and out of date

Additional crosswalks esp on Ripley St

Prioritize pedestrians

Fenton village is the most pleasant space. Keep the character

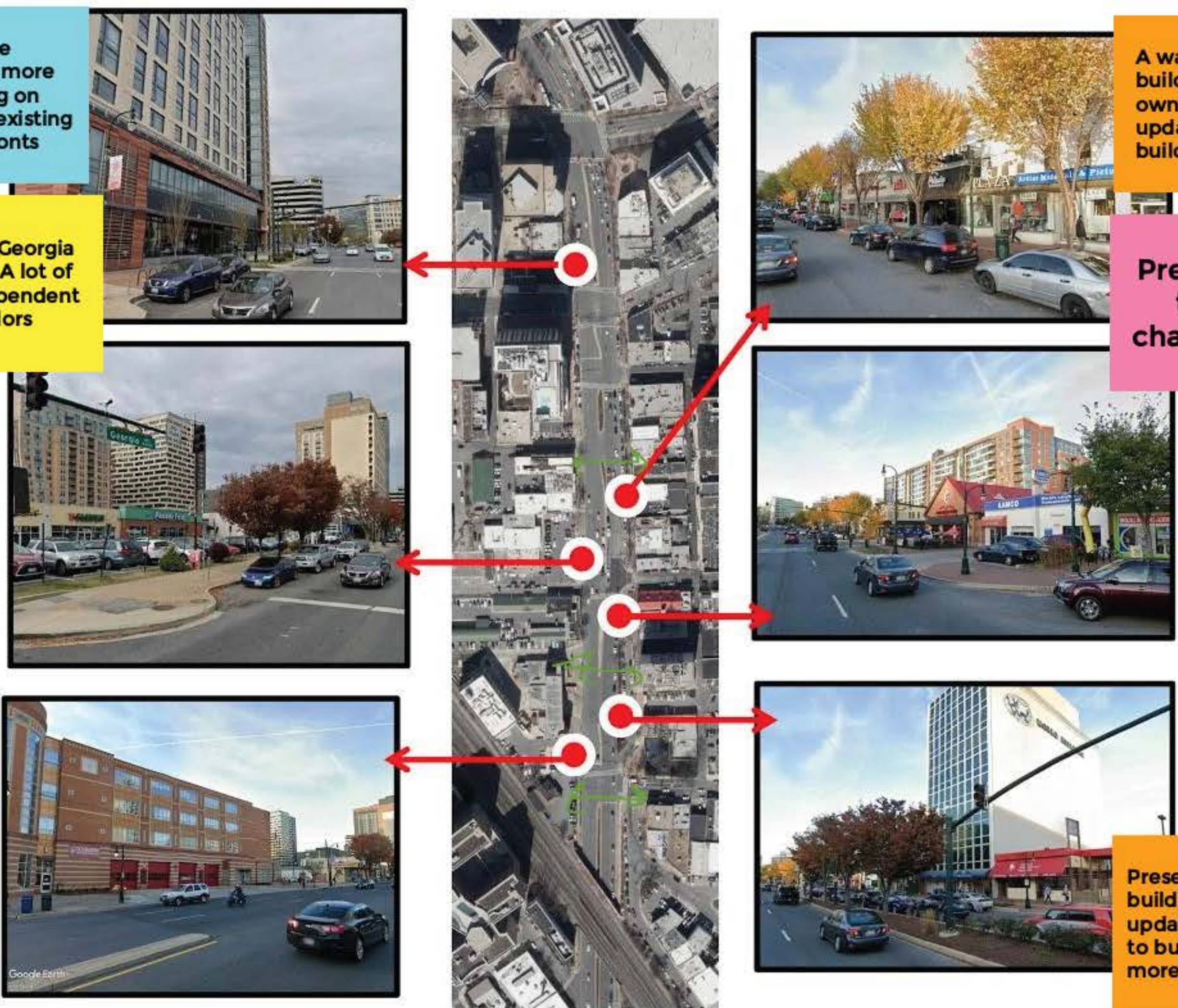
More crosswalks. Improve East/West connectivity

Overpass area could provide more lighting

A way for the building owners to update the buildings

Preserve the character

Preserve some buildings, update others to build with more density



Georgia Avenue

What is the pedestrian experience like along Georgia Ave? How can it be improved?



Georgia Ave and Wayne Ave

Have been stuck at medians trying to cross

Tight turn going south on Georgia ave. Steep upgrade on the sidewalk

Awkward space at alley

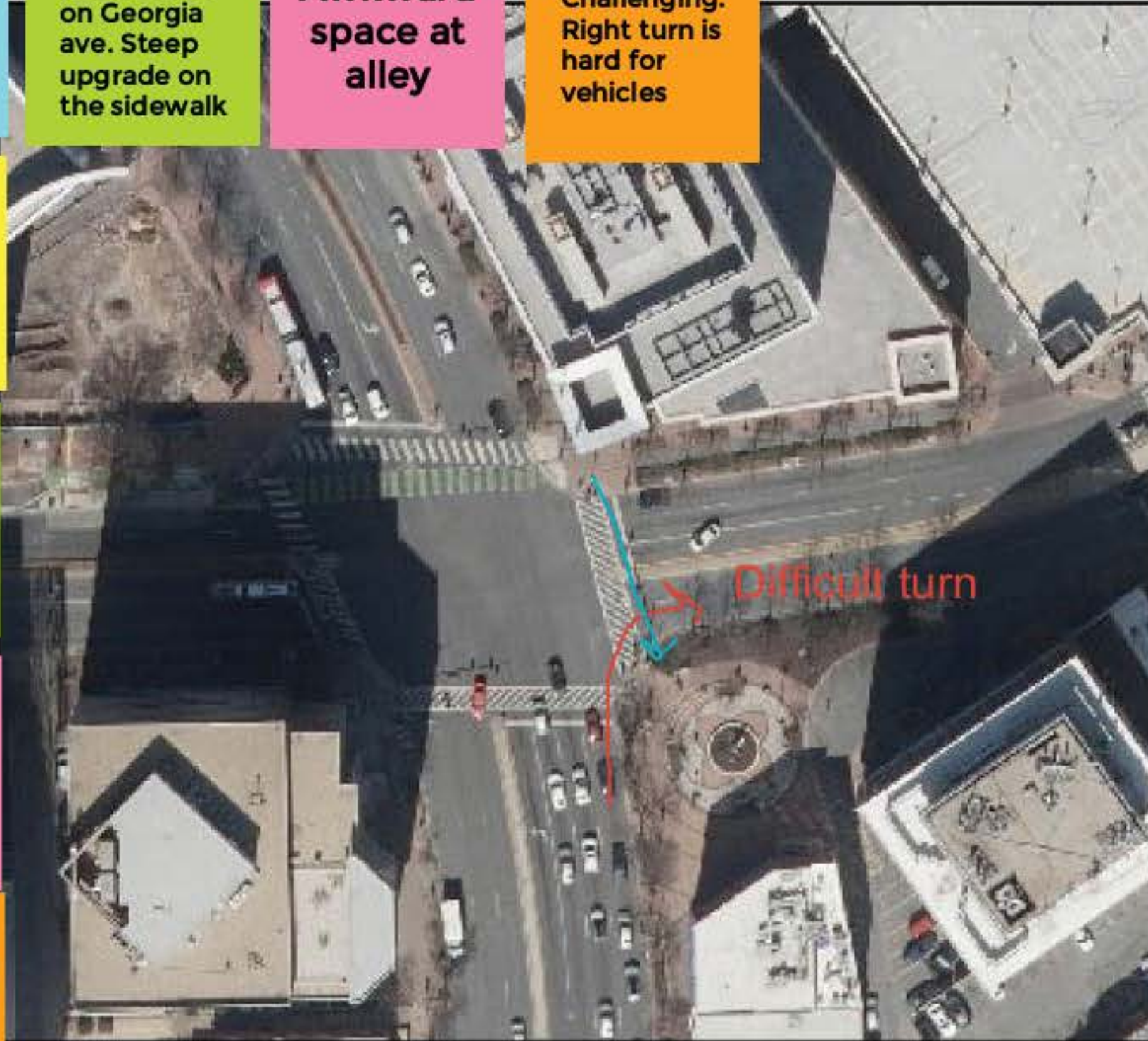
Challenging. Right turn is hard for vehicles

Crossing experience could be improved. More ped friendly

Conflicts with cars turning and provide longer times to cross

Never enough time to cross. Drivers lack respect for peds

Really don't like intersections. Either feel like I will be hit by car or I will hit someone with my car



Spaces often used to wait, kill time, or pass through

Space is rarely used

Used green/open spaces when waiting - not an attraction to visit



Nice space could be used for a small festival. Awkward with the bank being the main thing there

Not very attractive space

Georgia Ave

7-11/Patient First Site

Stormwater
management
in place of
large surface
parking area

Ripley District, potential redevelopment



FROM 2010 GREENSPACE
GUIDELINES

Not sure if
green space
still fits this
area

Creating a
space
that's user
friendly

Combine
development
and green
space

Green
space by
itself isn't
useful

Good
development
potential

Green space may
work here, but need
to make it
comfortable being
next to busy road

Great
place for
housing

The Patient First is
beneficial. The rest
of the space could
be better utilized



What else do you want to talk about?

Proper maintenance in the pavement and public realm

Parking garages may be too abundant for the fewer cars expected in the future. Think about how we envision people will visit and explore Silver Spring

Find out what support the plan needs to succeed. Not everything can be included in this Master Plan, but may affect its viability

I feel safe and want to be in downtown Silver Spring, and think investment of the plan will help entice others

Create SSP as a place to live and work

Silver Branch is nice and has been transformed

Area is dominated by office and needs to be reactivated to pop

Make people feel the area is safe, well-maintained, and economically friendly

Community activation rather than so much office space. (see Silver Branch as an example)

one of the things I'm worried about is losing the subsidized housing in my building, Lenox Park. Apparently there are 80 affordable units that are supposed to be lost by 2022

