



METRO Blue Line Franklin Station Renovation 90% Update to TAAC

October 7, 2026

Topics

- Project Review
- Design Updates from 90% Plans
- Engagement
- Schedule & Up Next



Project Priorities



Accessibility

- Provide reliable, safe, and consistent access throughout the station area.



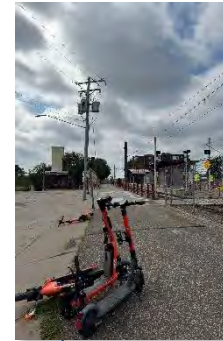
Community Identity

- Create a welcoming platform area that celebrates the culture and history of the community surrounding the station and seeks to connect station users to the community.



Customer Experience & Safety

- Prioritize comfort, cleanliness, visibility, wayfinding, and personal safety to support a better station experience for all.



Mobility

- Improve bus, walking, and bike access in the station area and encourage safe interactions between these transportation options.



Neighborhood Connection

- Strengthen neighborhood connections and support community-led development in the station area.



Sustainability & Resilience

- Pursue sustainable and resilient design choices to support station maintenance and increase resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.

Station Overview



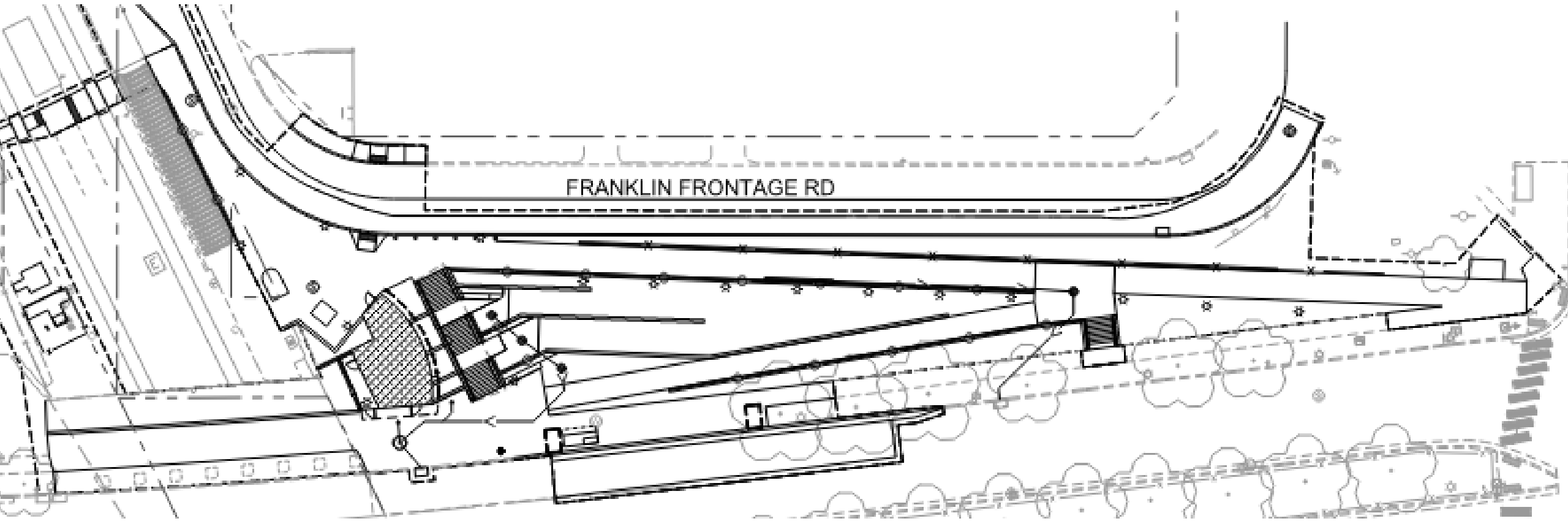
- Improves NE ramp with 10' mixed-use trail connection to Cedar Avenue
- Redesigns elevators in existing locations
- Expands sidewalk under the bridge and at station-level, continues design of mid-block crossing
- Adds a ramp to the West with a connection to the corner of 17th and a switch back from the station
- Enhanced security features such as cameras, e-tels and improved sightlines
- Lighting that is decorative and meets requirements
- Determines opportunities for art and cultural place-keeping
- Sites secure bike parking, public restroom, MTPD staff facility

Station Looking West

Key Plan



Northeast Entrance Features



The northeast entrance today has a ramp that no longer meets ADA standards. The new entrance features a widened path that connects with Cedar Avenue for connection to the bike trail at the corner of Cedar and Franklin. The walkway also has a switchback that meets the bus stop. Resting places, and bike runnels are built into the stairs.



Northeast Sloped Walkway



Northeast Plaza



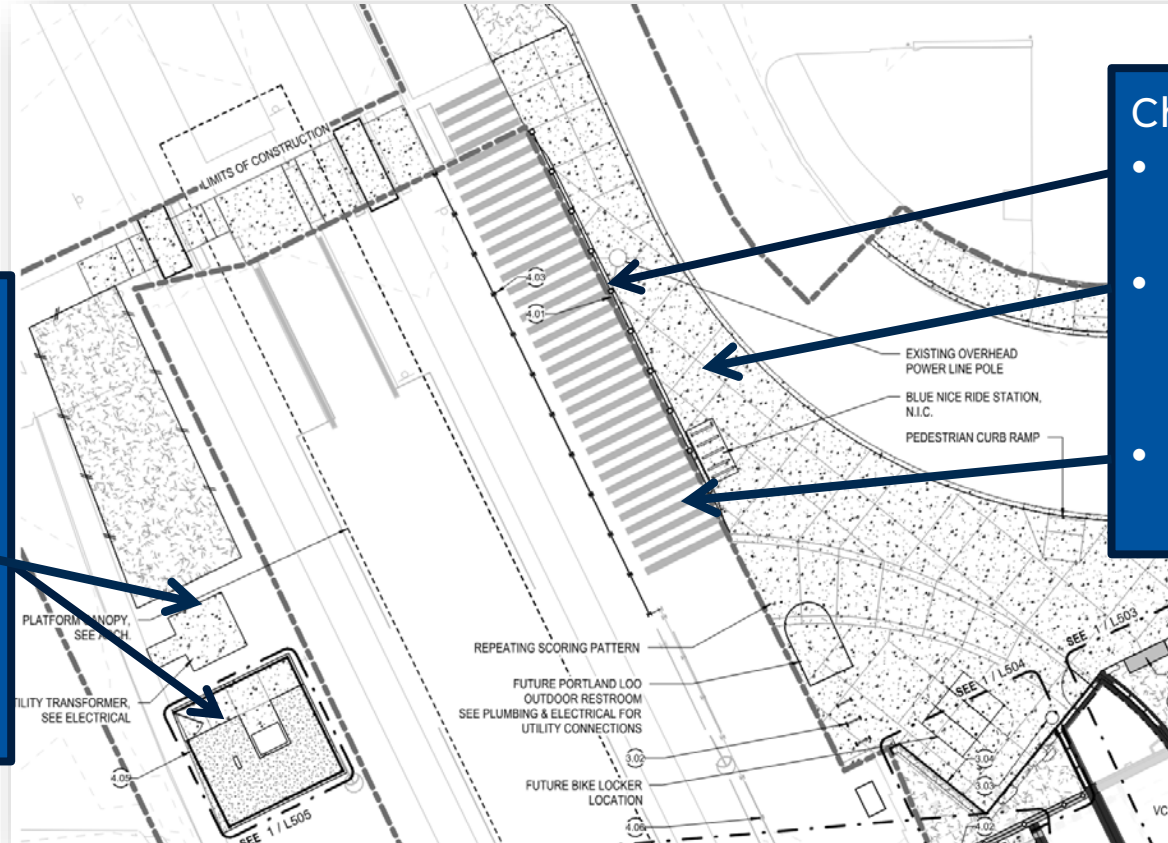
The sidewalk is widened and the road is narrowed at station level. This makes way for a more direct path from the elevators for users. It also accommodates future bike secure bike storage and a public restroom. Additional improvements include a crosswalk and other bike and scooter parking loops.



North Side of Platform Entrance

Changes to the west side

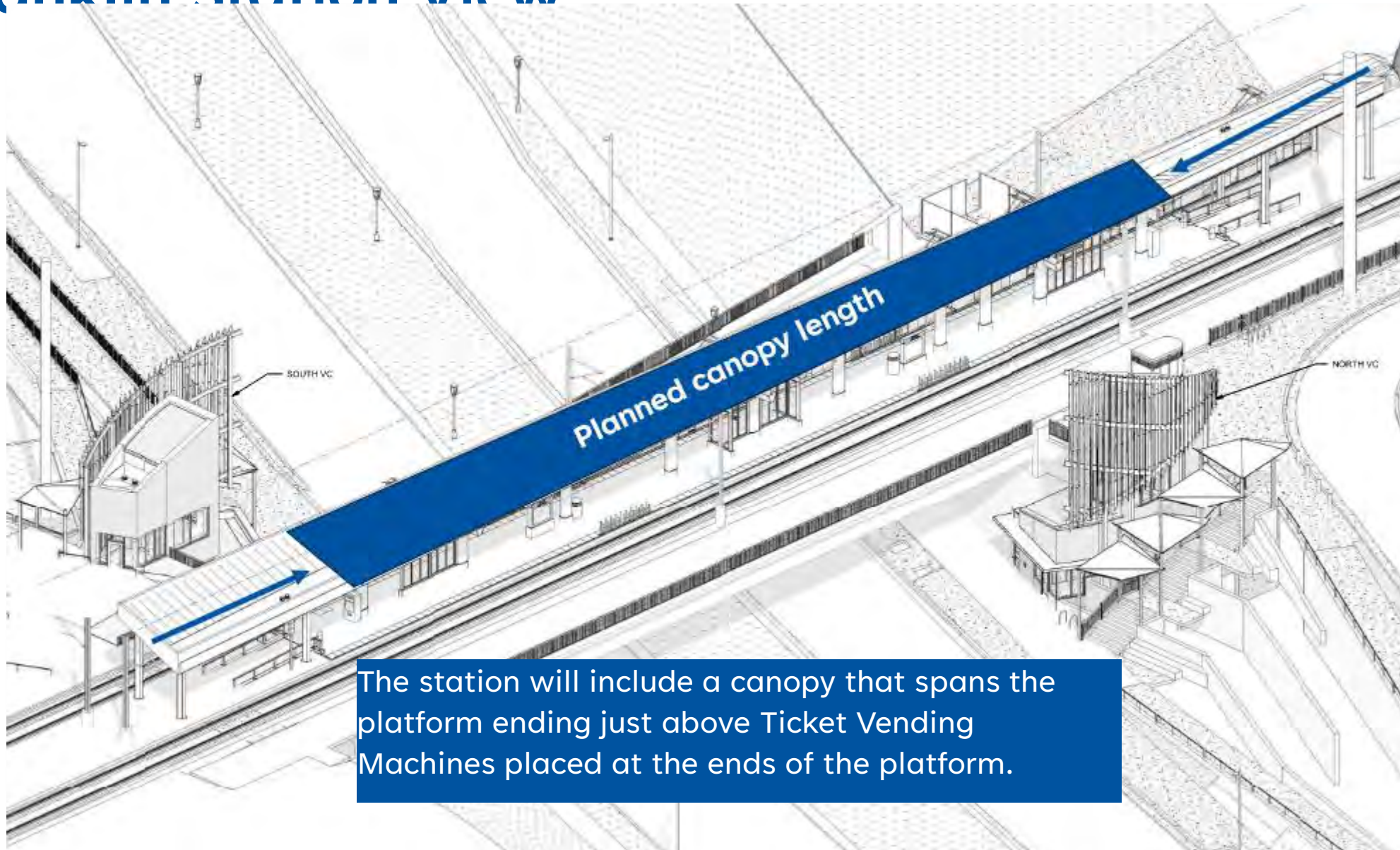
- New transformer
- Comms cabinet moved from platform to west side



Changes to the east side

- New railing separating trail and pedestrian traffic
- More space for walkway between elevator and entrance
- More striping for ped/trail mixing zone

Franklin Station View



Platform Features – shelter for middle windscreens



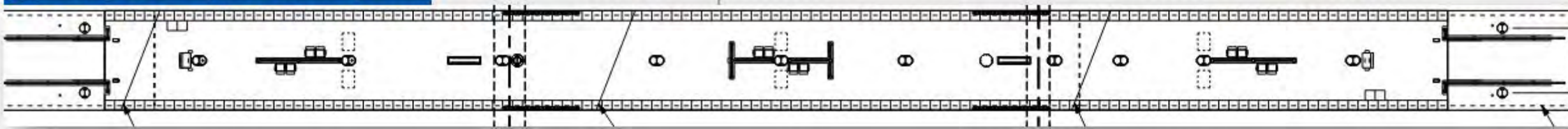
Entrance to platform

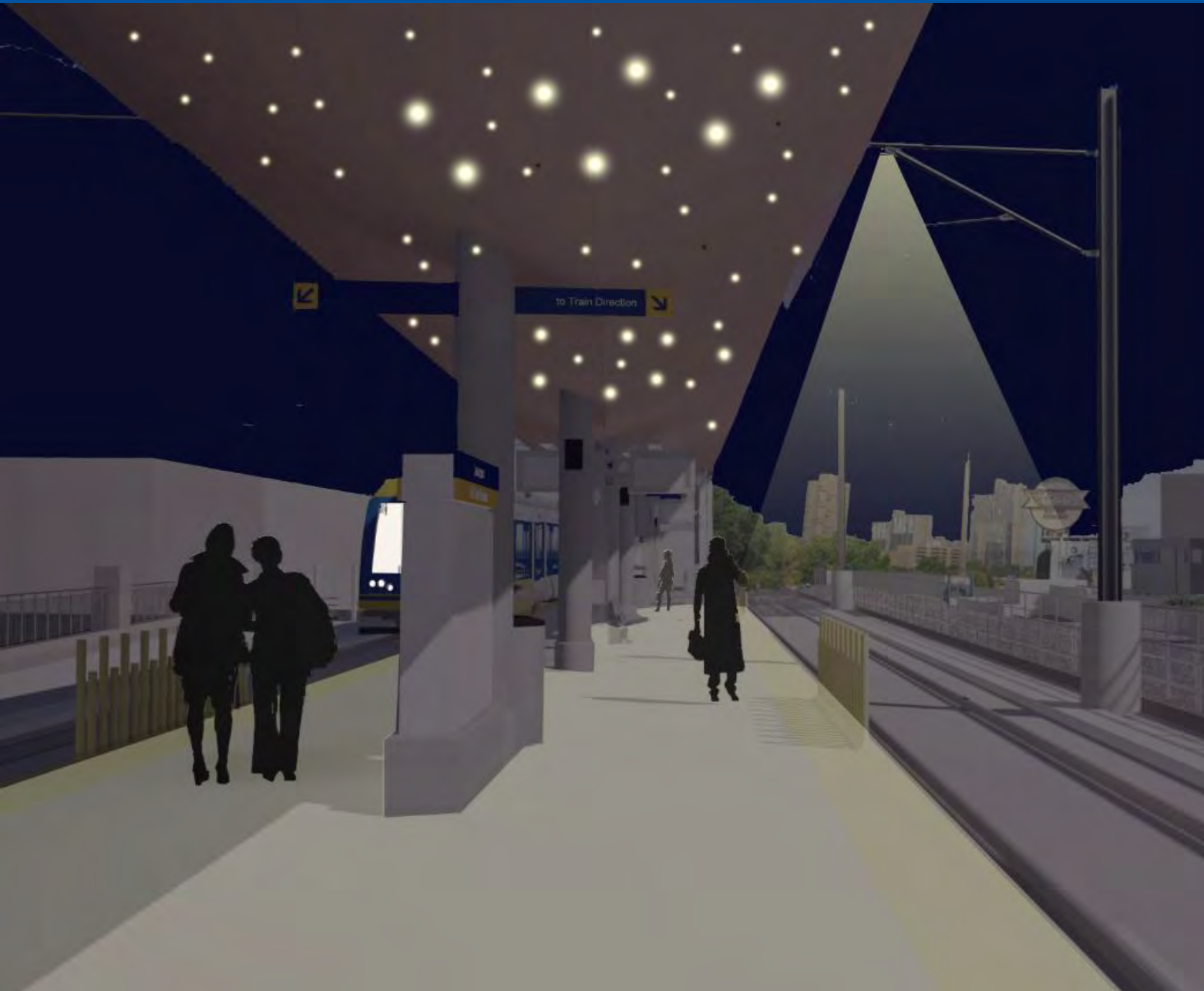


Platform Shelter

The platform features two flat windscreens and one with shelter walls. All equipment which is not part of the customer experience will be moved off platform.

Aerial view of platform layout

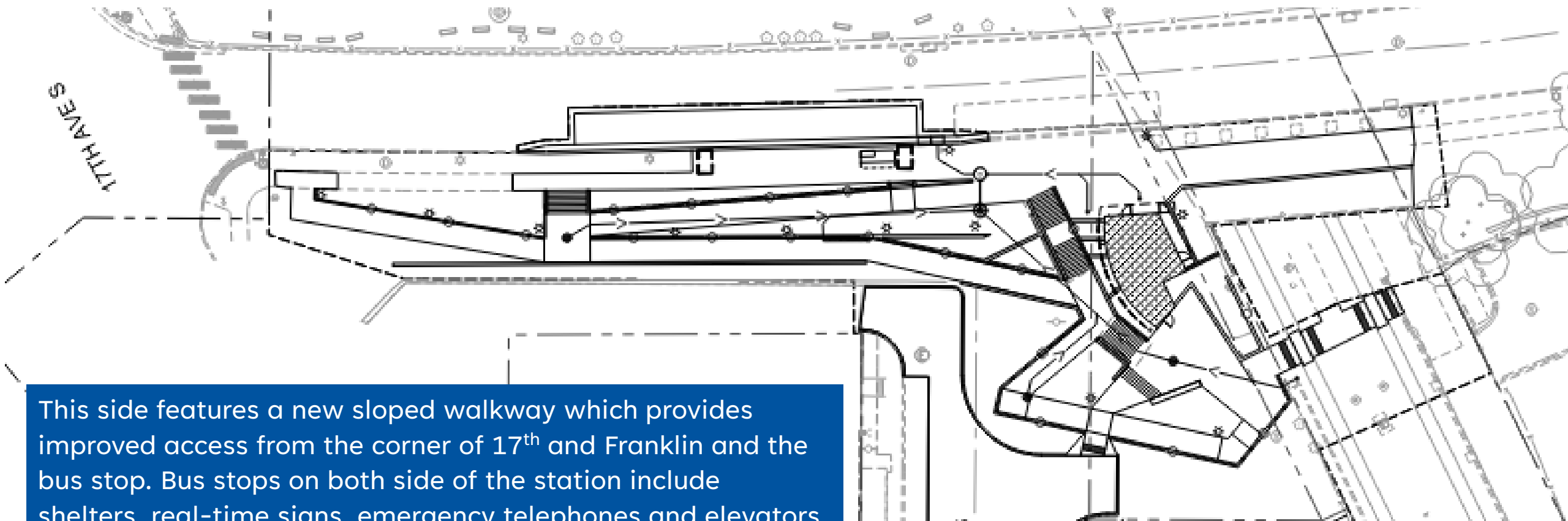




Platform Lighting

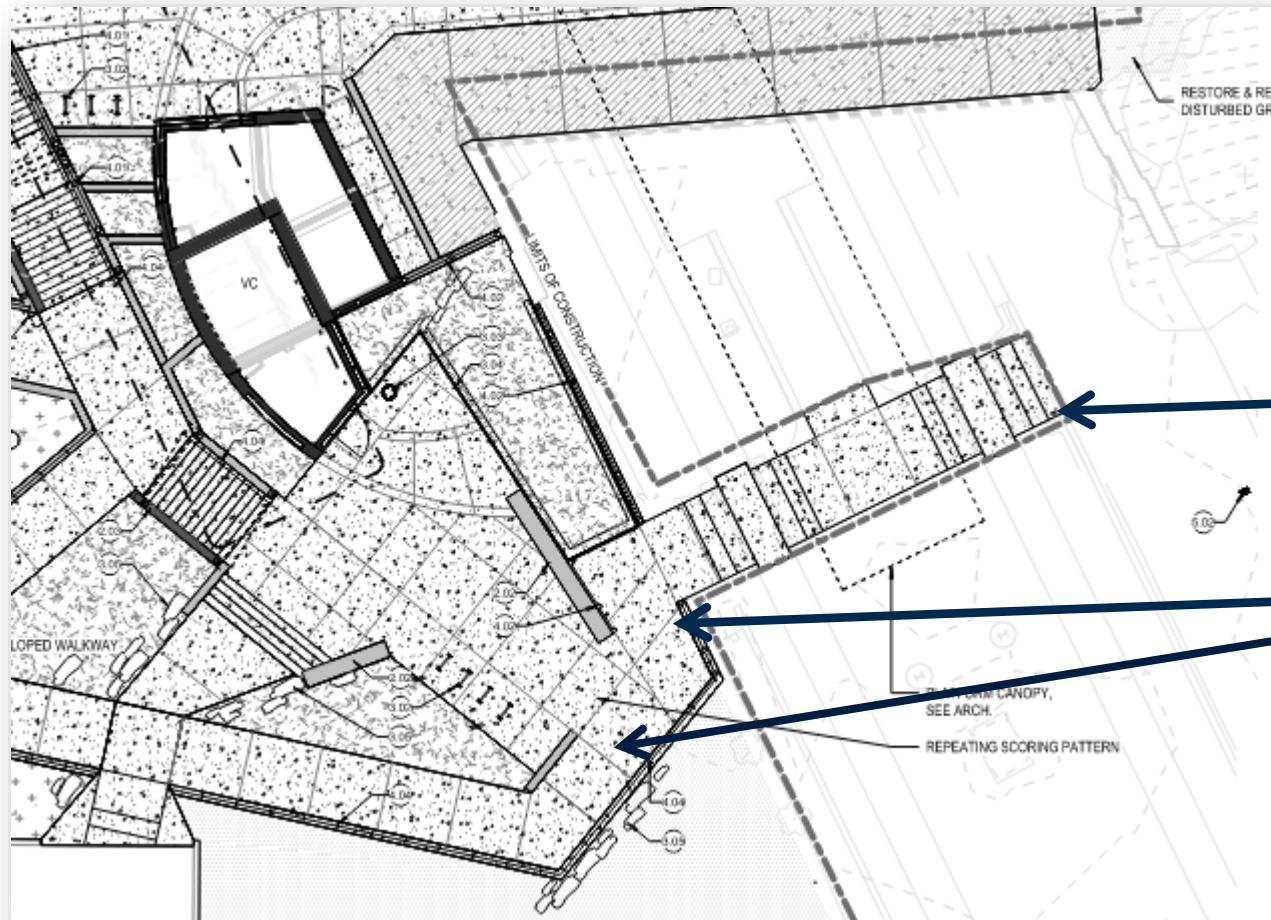
Platform lighting features two types of lights alternating to show constellations in a starry sky that represents a Dakota Star map. Platform lighting meets design requirements and will improve lighting quality from what exists today.

Southwest Entrance Features



This side features a new sloped walkway which provides improved access from the corner of 17th and Franklin and the bus stop. Bus stops on both side of the station include shelters, real-time signs, emergency telephones and elevators in addition to the covered stairways with resting areas and bike runnels.

South side of Platform



East side

- No change to south platform entrance via trail

Changes to the west side

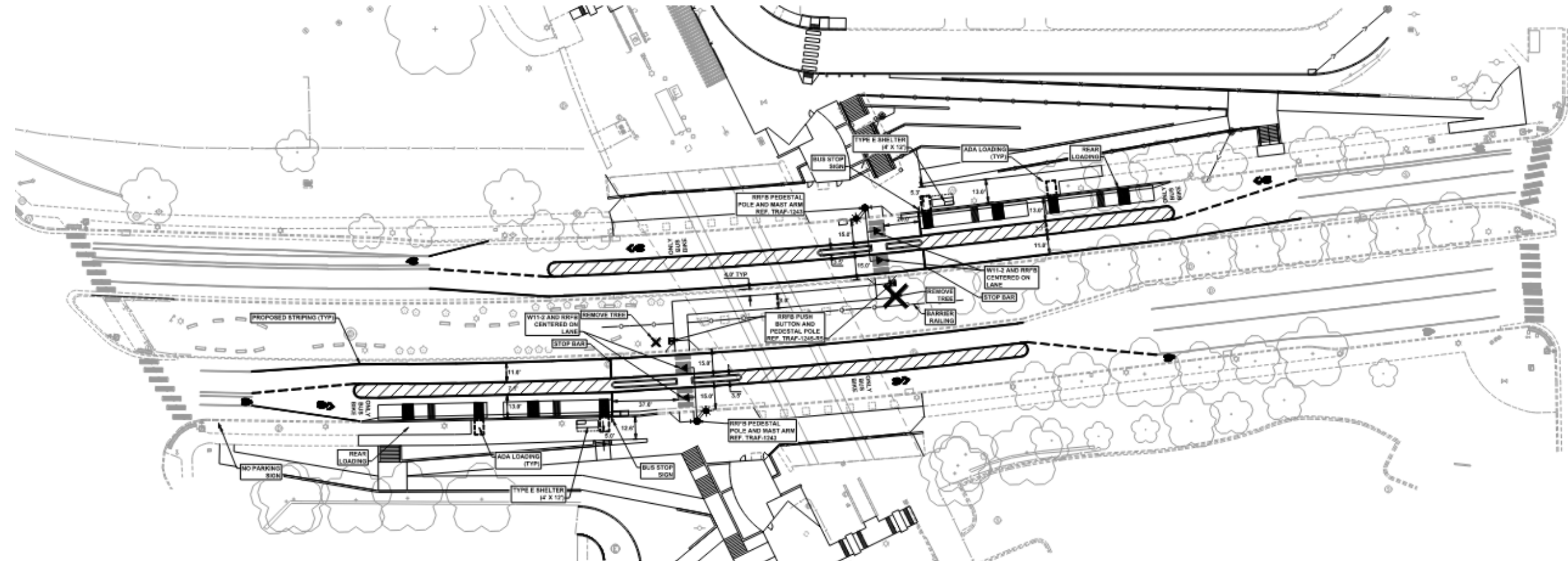
- Railing to navigate to slow all traffic/force a turn
- Ramp users turn to face SB train

Under Bridge Area



- Sidewalk 12'
- Under bridge is steeply sloped to the Sidewalk
- Daytime and nighttime lighting
- Security cameras & improved site lines
- Mural or mosaic along the bridge wall

Possible Project : Mid-Block Crossing



The mid-block crossing that would support a safer crossing of the street at the bus stops is still under review by project partners. This design would include a transit lane to improve bus speeds. The crossing would be signalized with a pedestrian-activated signal or RRFB.



Mid-block crossing: view behind bus

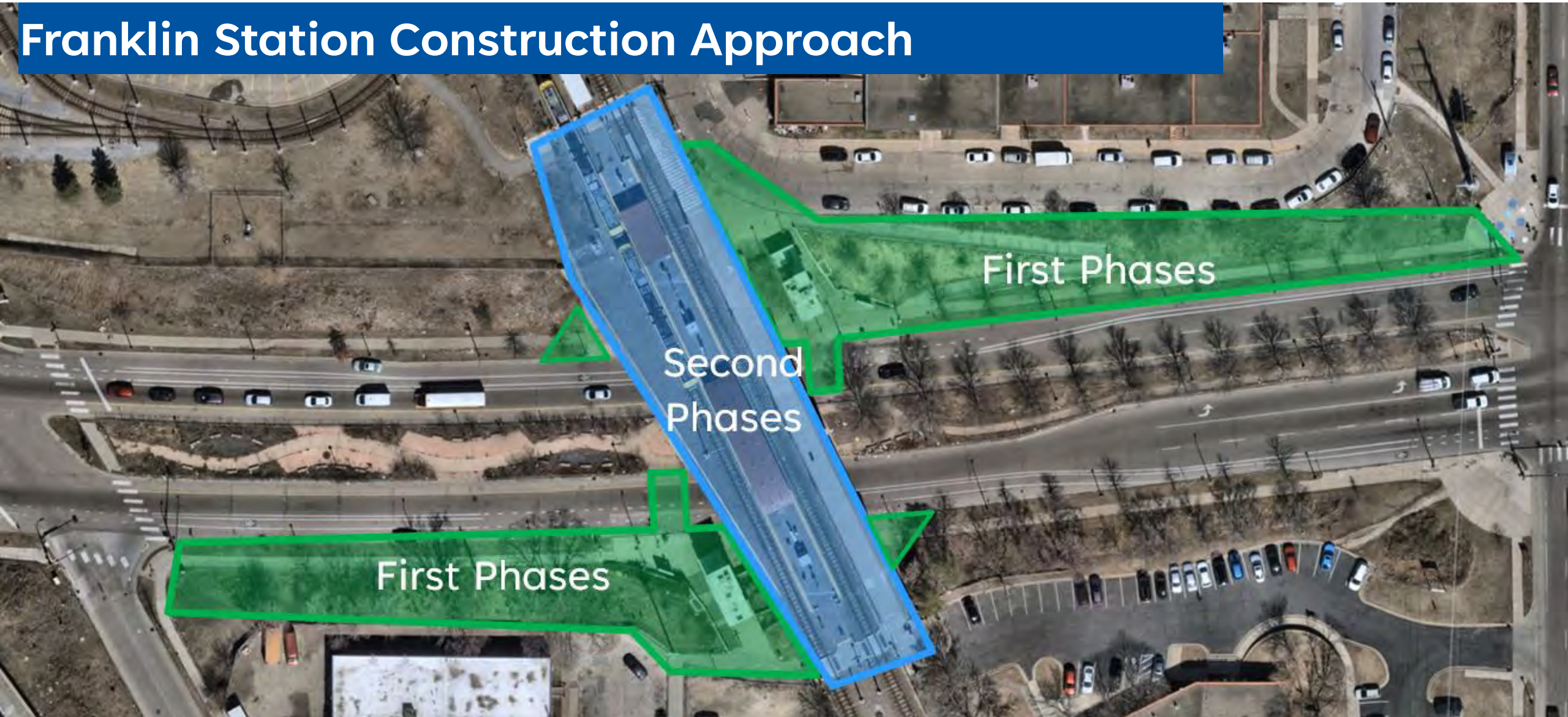


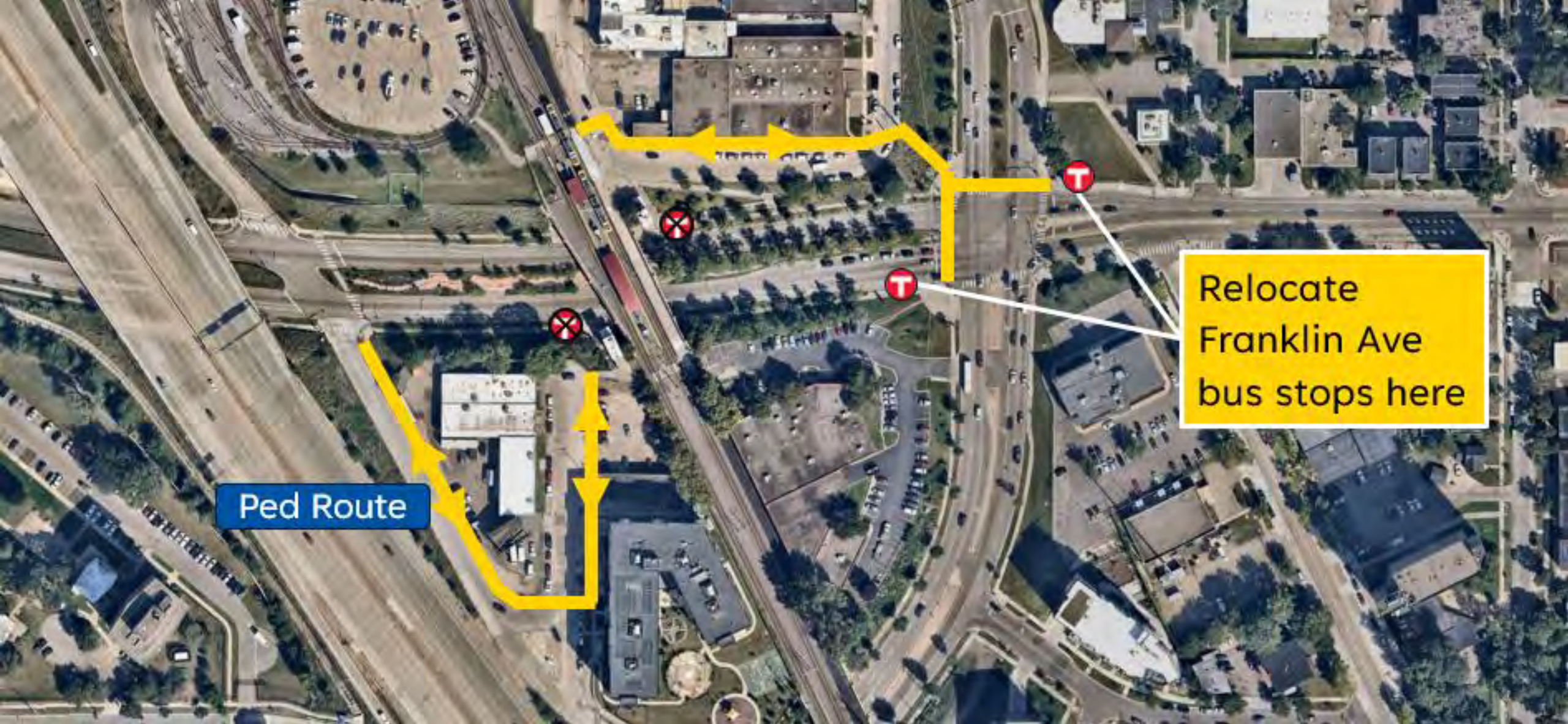
Mid-block crossing: view from median



Mid-block crossing: view before crossing

Franklin Station Construction Approach





Franklin Station Potential Temporary Access

Project Engagement Overview

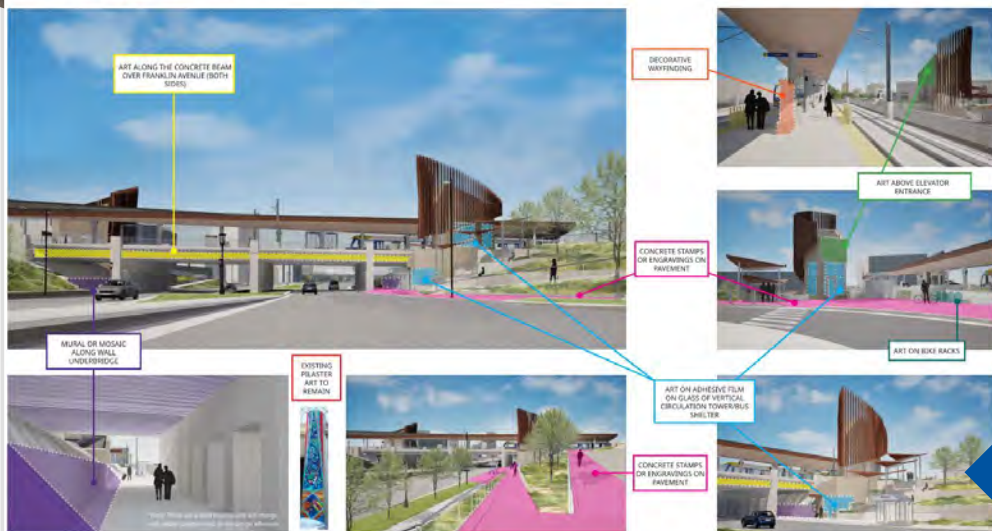
Direct Outreach

- Indigenous Community-Based Organization (CBO) & Indigenous community member workshops
- Community safety meetings
- Presentations to the AIAC and TAAC
- Regular meetings with station stakeholders (AICDC, AIOIC)

Public Outreach

- Neighborhood and station area pop-ups
- Public open houses
- Public surveys promoted in social media, etc.

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Ongoing art plan engagement: emphasis on unsheltered community and Indigenous youth, visiting neighborhood schools and organizations

Engagement Update

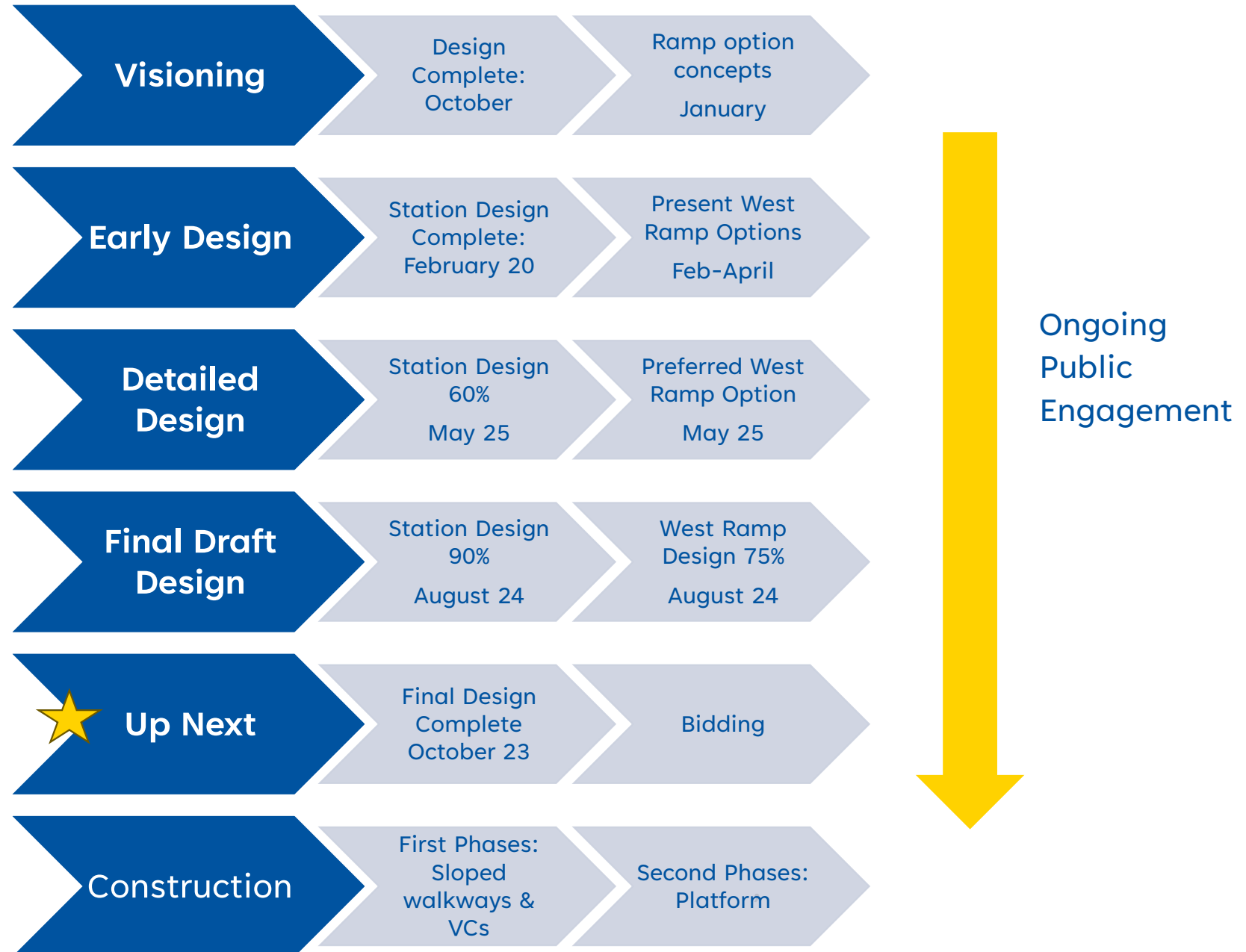


This photo shows the engagement team at Cedar Fest.

Please fill out the final project survey regarding public art by October 9. Input will be used to development the public art plan which will identify art themes, types of art and their placement around the station.

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Design Schedule



Thank you!

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