

• MEET ME ON •
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KENT, WASHINGTON



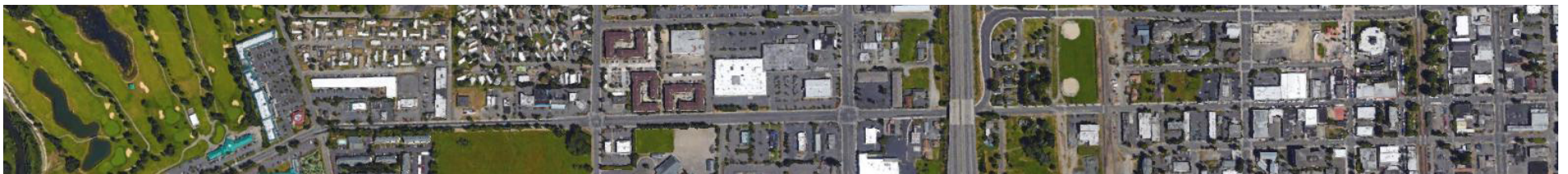
WHAT IS MEET ME ON MEEKER?

The City of Kent is engaged in a project to **redesign Meeker Street**, called “Meet Me on Meeker.” The project seeks to reimagine a key commercial corridor and gateway to our downtown into a **multimodal, urban complete street with a strong sense of place**.

The City worked with urban design consultants to develop a conceptual cross section for the corridor that includes a **multimodal promenade on the south side**, and now city standards are being updated in advance of **imminent private development** on major parcels adjacent to the street.



Conceptual rendering of Meet Me on Meeker street frontage at the new Marquee on Meeker development (in progress) on the former Par-3 golf course site.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT?

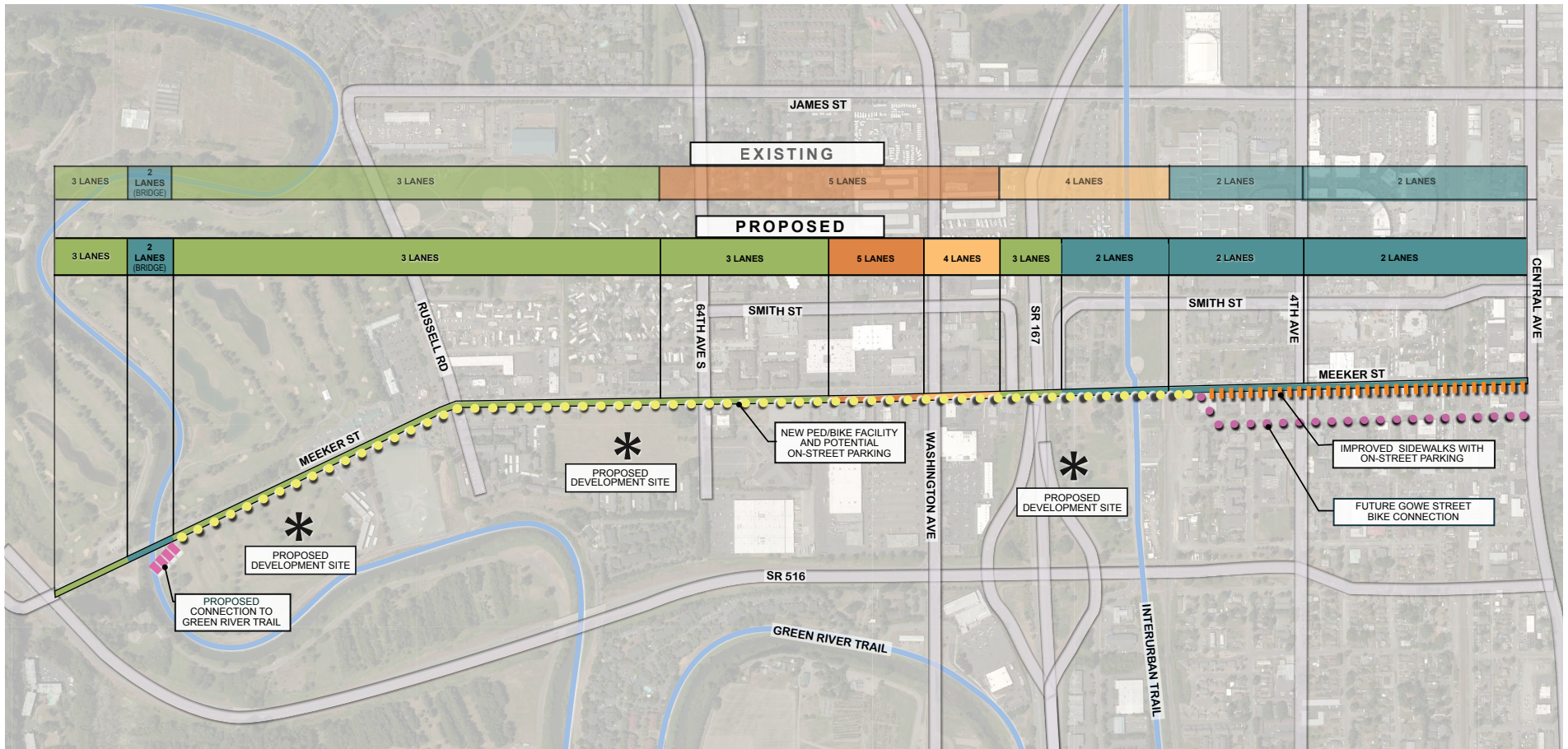
- Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, residents, employees, students at nearby schools, visitors
- Create a sense of place and distinctive identity
- Connect visitors to the historic core
- Support incoming new development

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE ENVISIONED?

- Wider sidewalks and more safe street crossings
- Pedestrian-scale lighting
- Curb bulb outs (for pedestrians waiting at intersections)
- Street trees and landscaping
- Separated, buffered bike path (connecting Green River and Interurban trails)
- Benches, bike racks, other street furniture

WHAT ABOUT TRAFFIC?

- Two-lane Green River Bridge too expensive to replace or widen
- Kent-Des Moines Road/516 is a high-speed, 4-5 lane facility running parallel to Meeker Street
- By adding intersection improvements, Kent-Des Moines Road/516 could carry more traffic than it does now



WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE? WHO WILL PAY?



The **south side of Meeker** is the “promenade” side, with a wider pathway and buffered sidewalk/bicycle zones. The **north side** is intended to match the materials and landscaping of the south side, but with more standard sidewalk dimensions.

The drawings and plans show the **ideal vision**; the City will work with **each property as redevelopment occurs** to determine the best fit for the frontage in each particular location, taking into account utilities, cost, present and future needs, timing, etc.

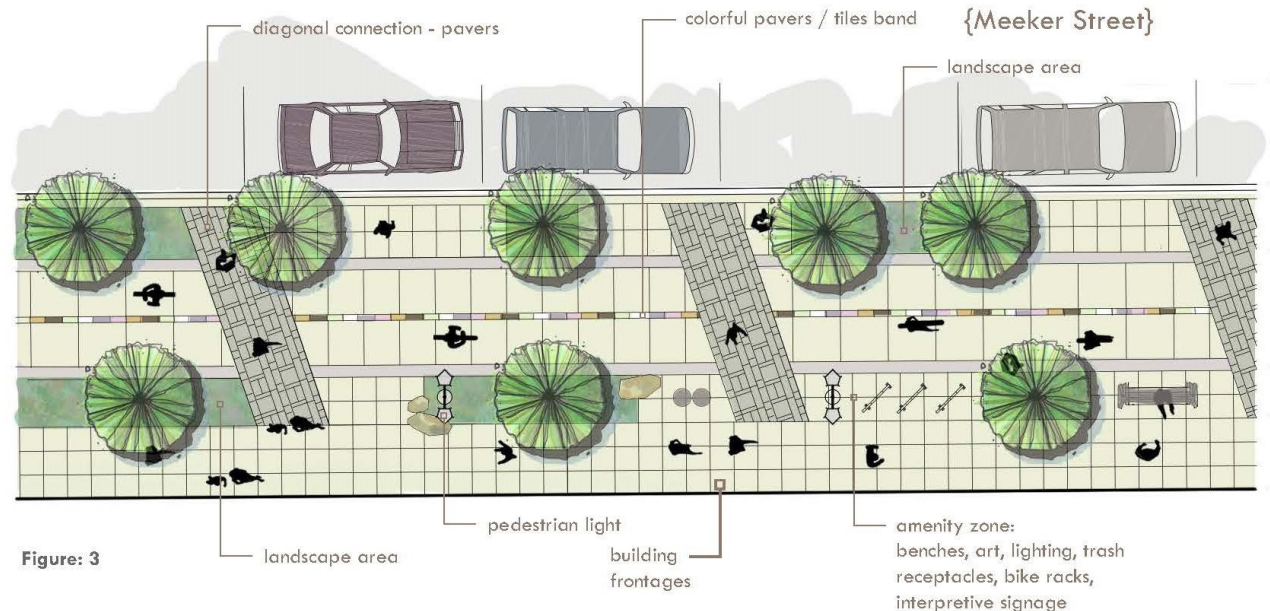
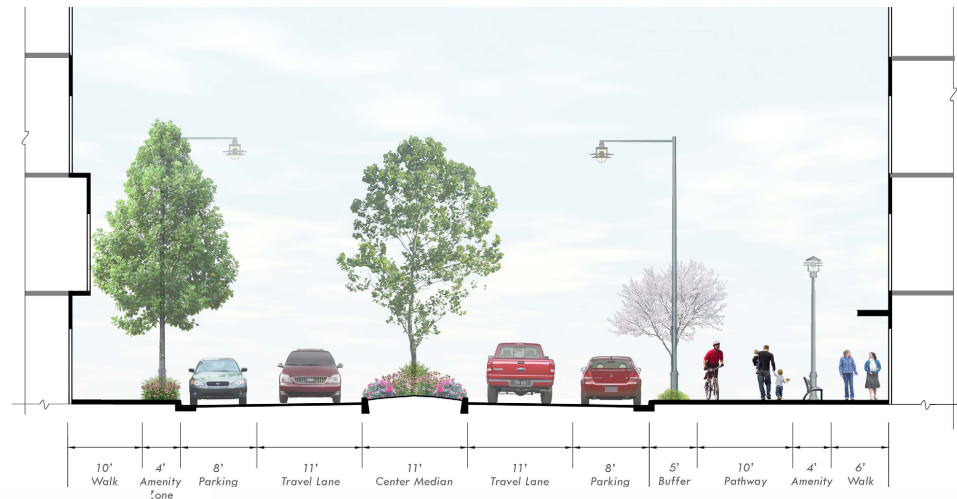


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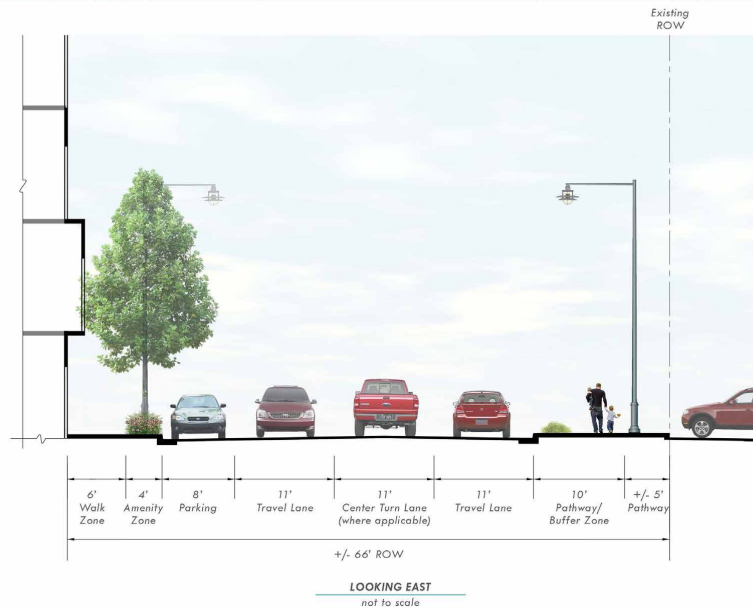
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For properties with no redevelopment plans, the City will seek **grant funding and partnerships to connect the corridor** in the short-term, until longer term changes can realize the full vision.

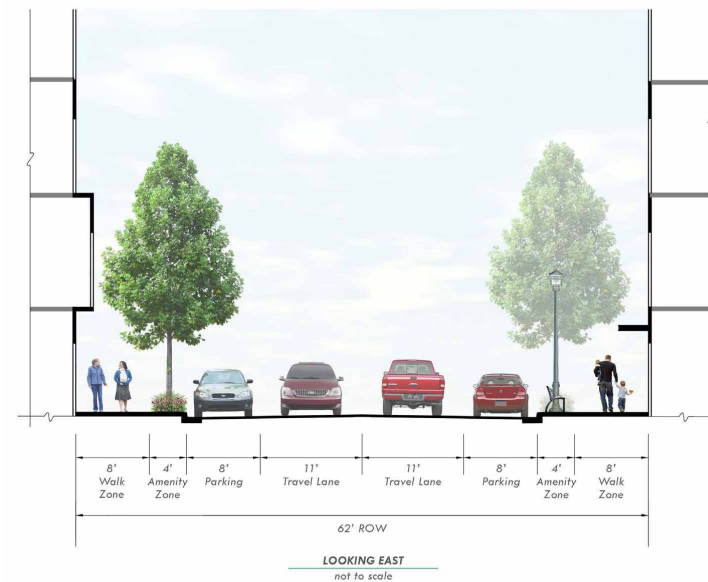
Preferred Section



Pre-redevelopment Section



East of 6th



HOW HAS THE PUBLIC BEEN INVOLVED?

From the start of the initiative, the City has conducted considerable engagement with the community surrounding Meeker Street, including:

- Ongoing partnership with **Kent Elementary School** on multiple events and community walks
- Tabling and surveying at various **residential properties** over several years (ongoing)
- **Online survey** asking participants to weigh in on improvement priorities
- Public **open house** for property owners
- Periodic **updates** on the project to interested parties including property owners, Kent Bicycle Advisory Board, City Council committees, and general public who have expressed interest

OKAY, SO WHAT NOW?

The challenge and opportunity is figuring out how to **mesh the vision for Meeker Street** with the actual properties along it. How can the promenade concept as currently envisioned be realized and successfully contribute to each property and the overall corridor? How can current and future property owners and tenants embrace the Meet Me on Meeker concept in a way that works for them, and how can we work together to fund the improvements?

Have ideas? Let us know: hbbonsteel@kentwa.gov