



# Upper Kirby Livable Centers Study

***Advisory Committee Meeting #2***

***Preferred Conceptual Plan***

***March 3, 2010***

## **AGENDA FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #2**

- Project Overview and Timeline
- Planning Area Overview
- Workshop #1 - What We Heard
- Preferred Conceptual Plan Overview
- Civic Center Focus Area
- Discussion and Comments
- Next Steps



# ***PROJECT OVERVIEW AND TIMELINE***

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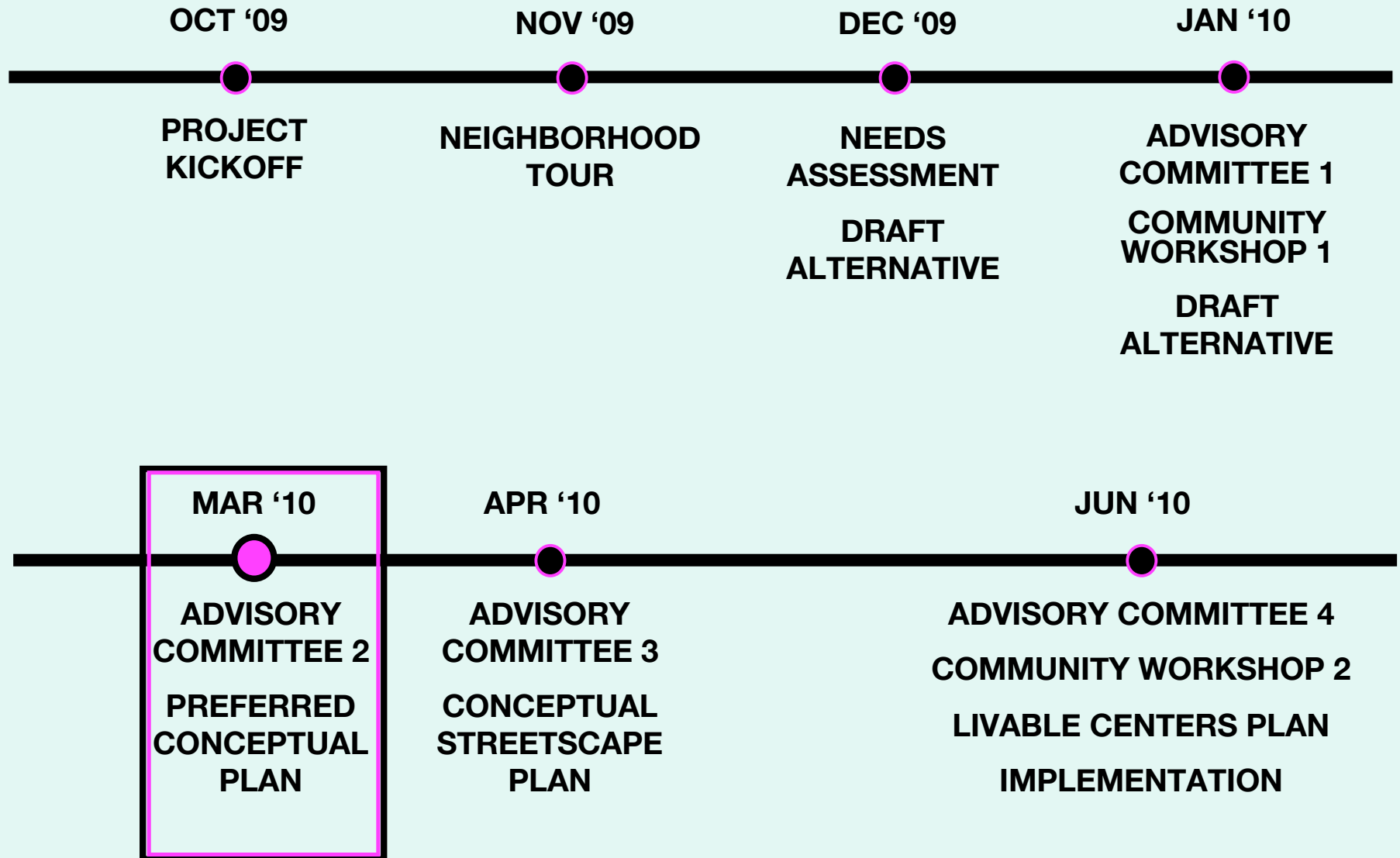
# THE LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM

Seeks to create neighborhoods that are:

- Compact and Mixed-Use
- Designed to be Walkable
- Connected and Accessible



# PROJECT OVERVIEW



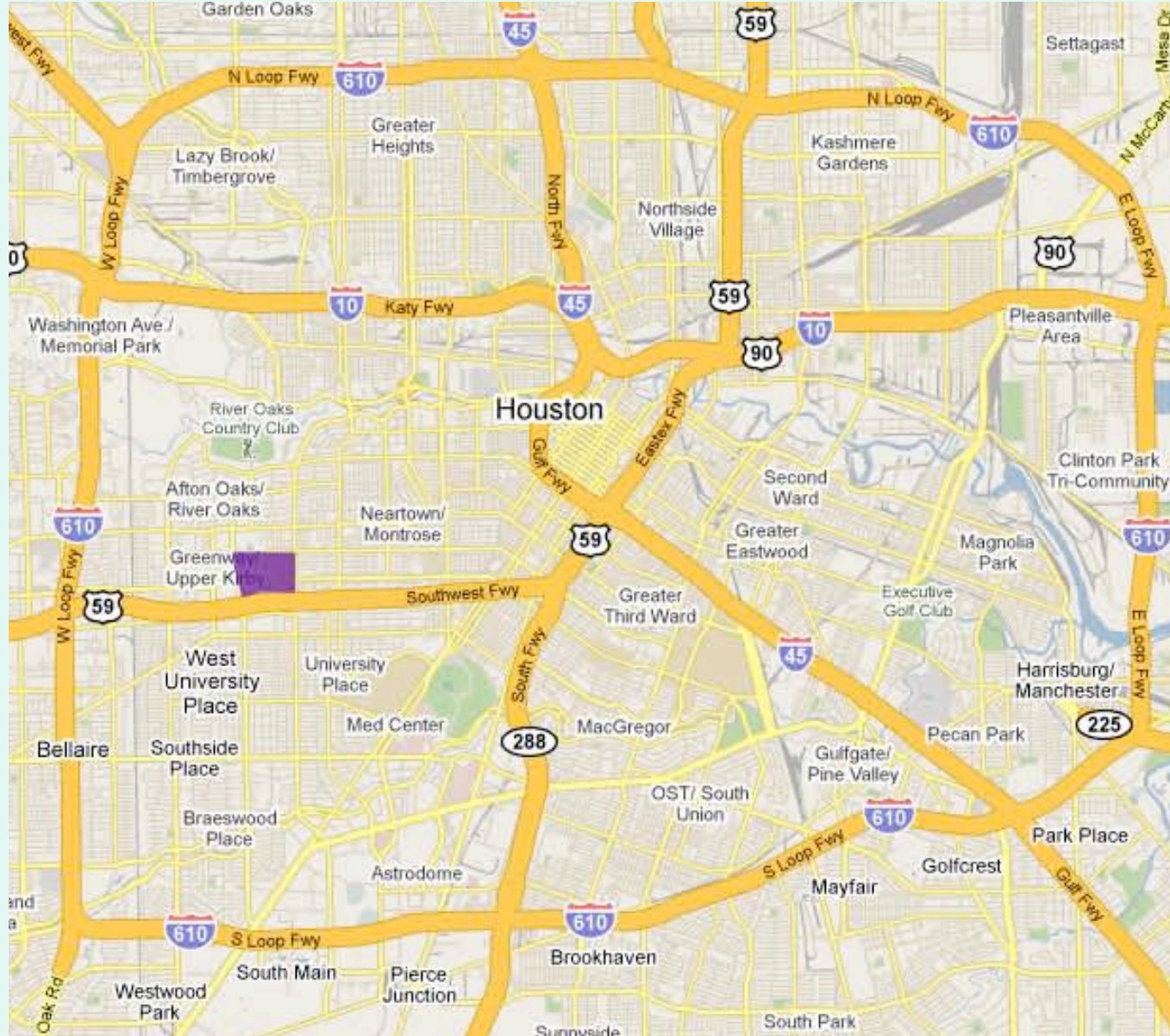


# ***PLANNING AREA OVERVIEW***

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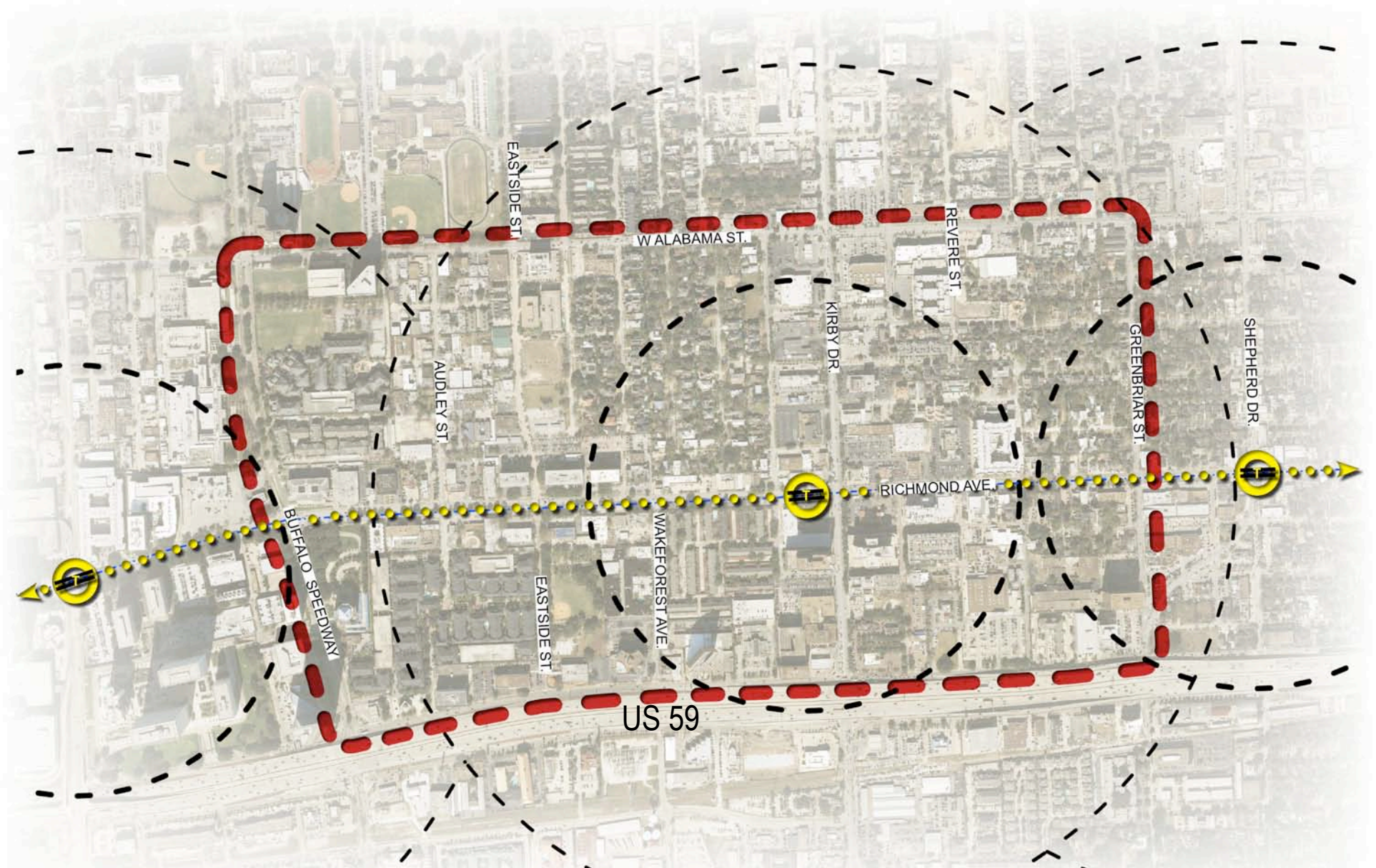
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# ***COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - WHAT WE HEARD***



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## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Upper Kirby has the potential to be the “total package” for urban, mixed-use living. We need to promote Upper Kirby’s urban identity.





## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Parking should be treated as a utility / amenity. We need to create parking districts to ensure shared parking.



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- We must ensure that rail doesn't cause massive congestion in the planning area.





## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- The Civic Center area is the heart of Upper Kirby and should be higher intensity, vibrant and mixed use.



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- The Northwest District (Audley / Eastside) is ripe for redevelopment.





## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- It all starts with good sidewalks and crosswalks. Prioritize enhanced sidewalks on Richmond, Kirby, Eastside and Alabama.



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Partner with Metro to provide a landscaped transit corridor.



Paris, France



Barcelona, Spain



Grenoble, France



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- New neighborhood connections are needed, bringing together residential, office and retail areas.



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Gateways at I-59, Buffalo Speedway, Kirby and Greenbriar are critical.



*Interstate 59 at Kirby Drive - Existing View*



*Gateway Concept at Interstate 59 - Upper Kirby Urban Design Master Plan*



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Create more greenspaces and small pocket parks where possible.



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- Pedestrian crosswalks on Richmond Avenue are absolutely essential to bring the neighborhood together.





## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - What We Heard

- The Gallery Sub-District is a unique neighborhood amenity that should be celebrated.



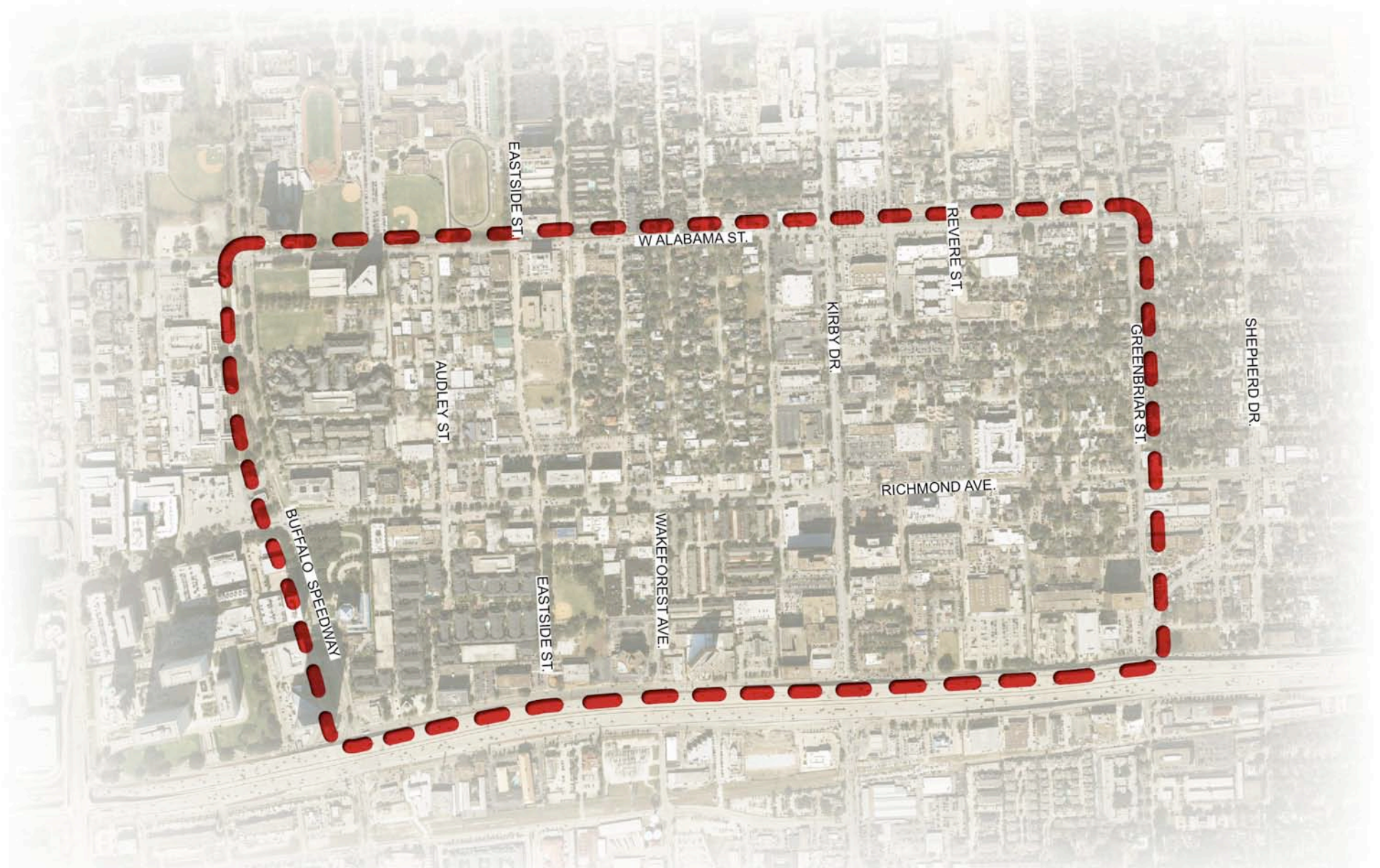


# ***PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL PLAN OVERVIEW***

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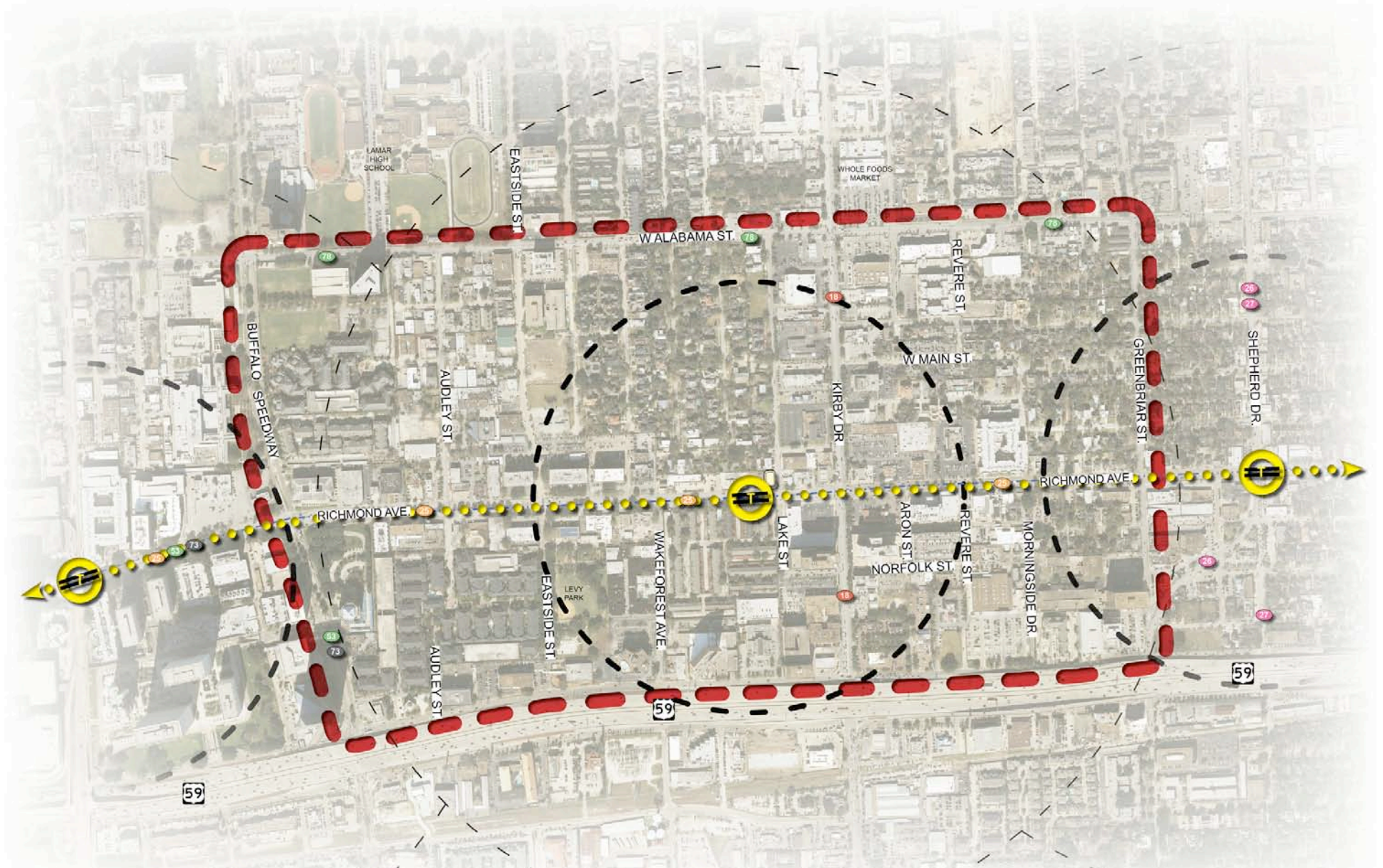
# PLANNING AREA



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# NEW TRANSIT STATIONS



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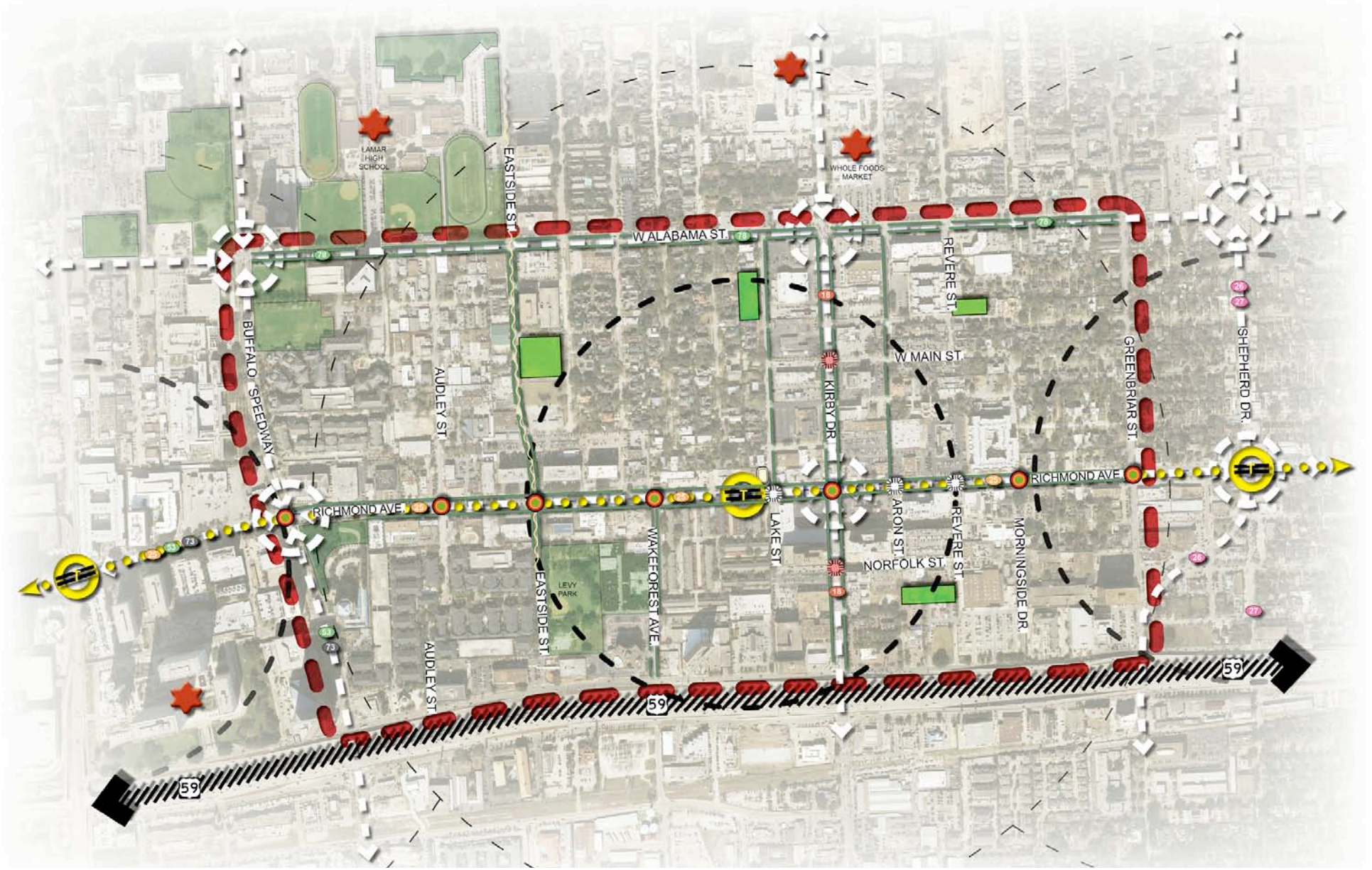
# PEDESTRIAN AND AUTO CROSSINGS



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# PARKS AND OPEN SPACES



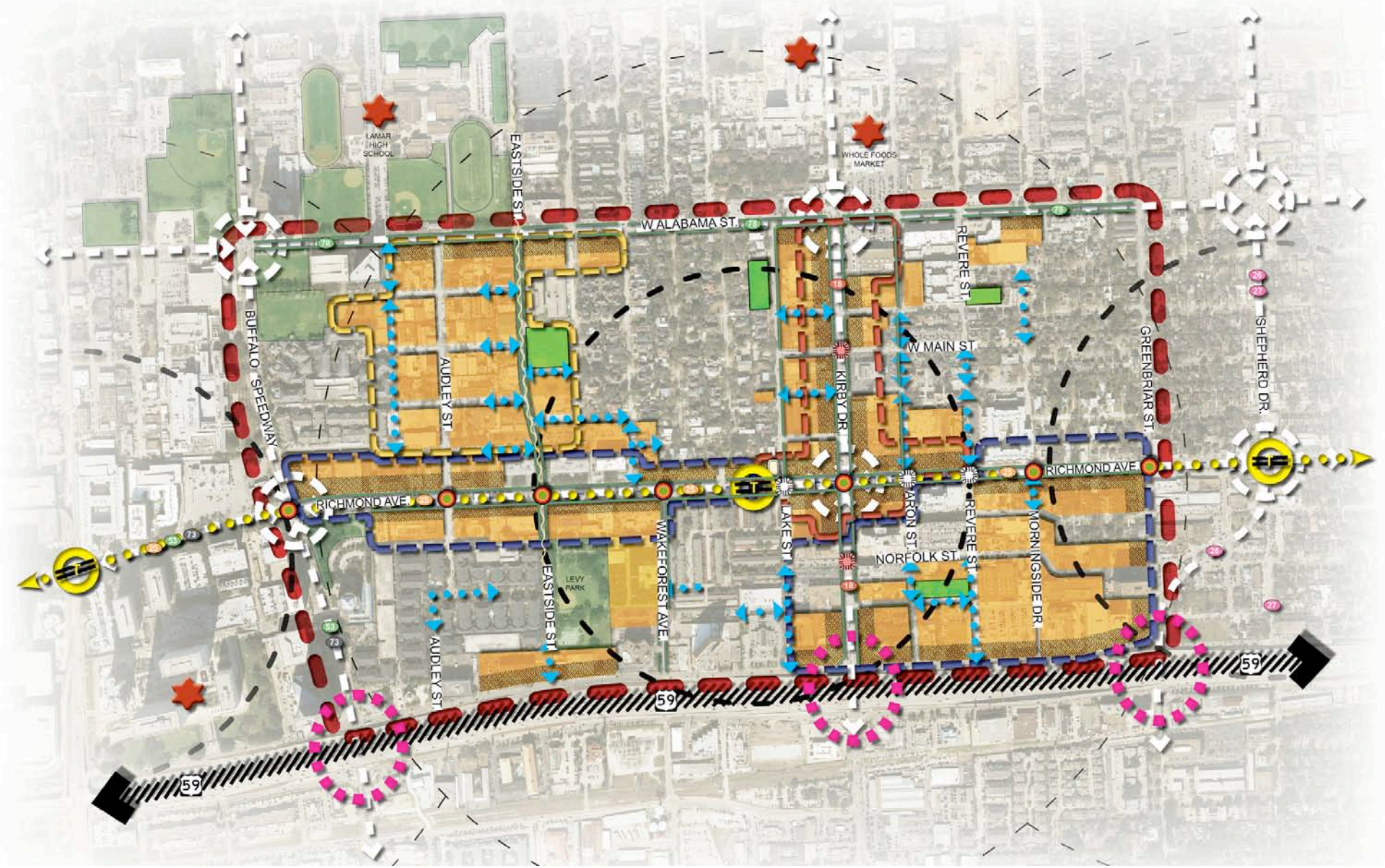
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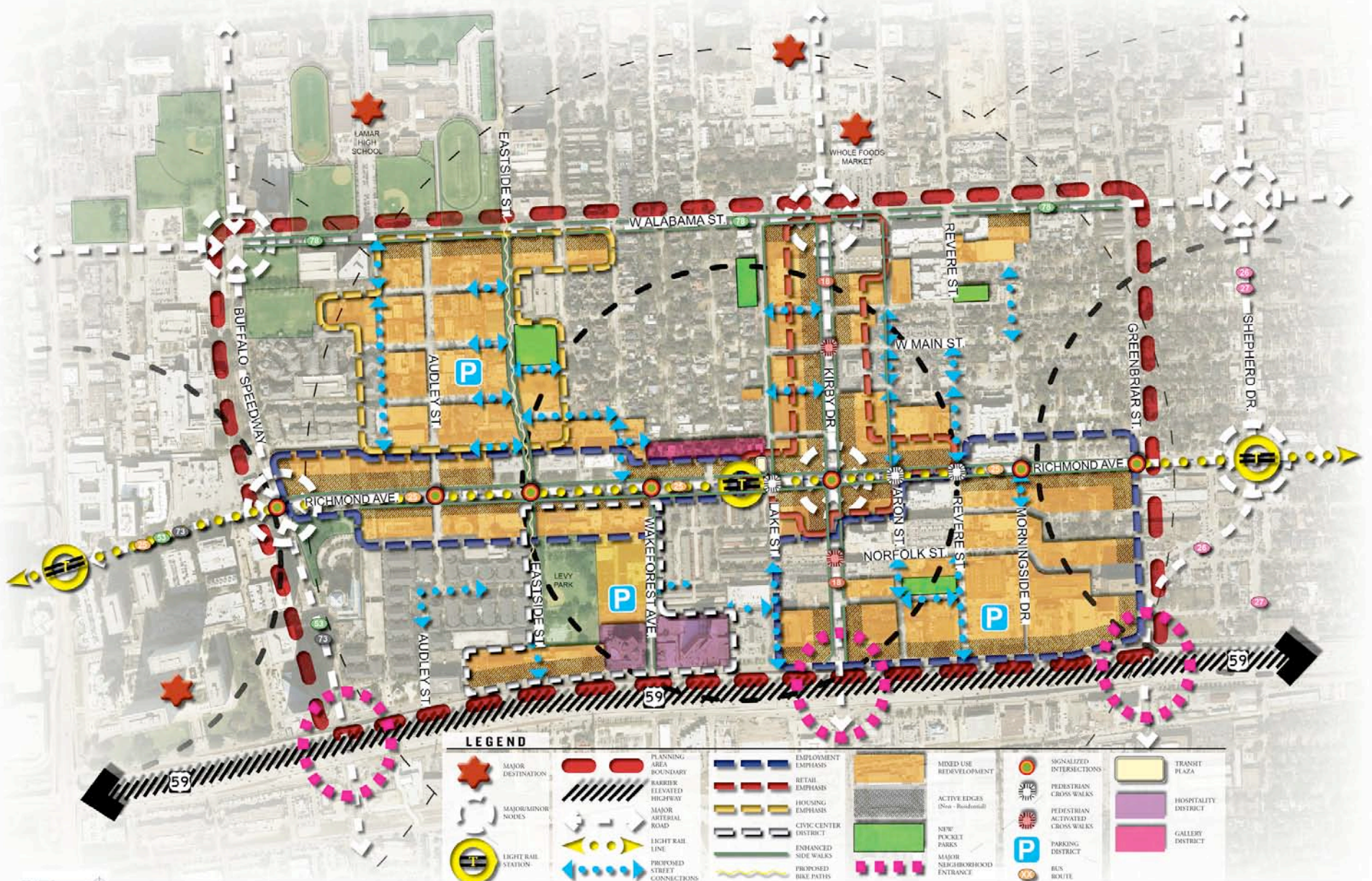
# DISTRICTS



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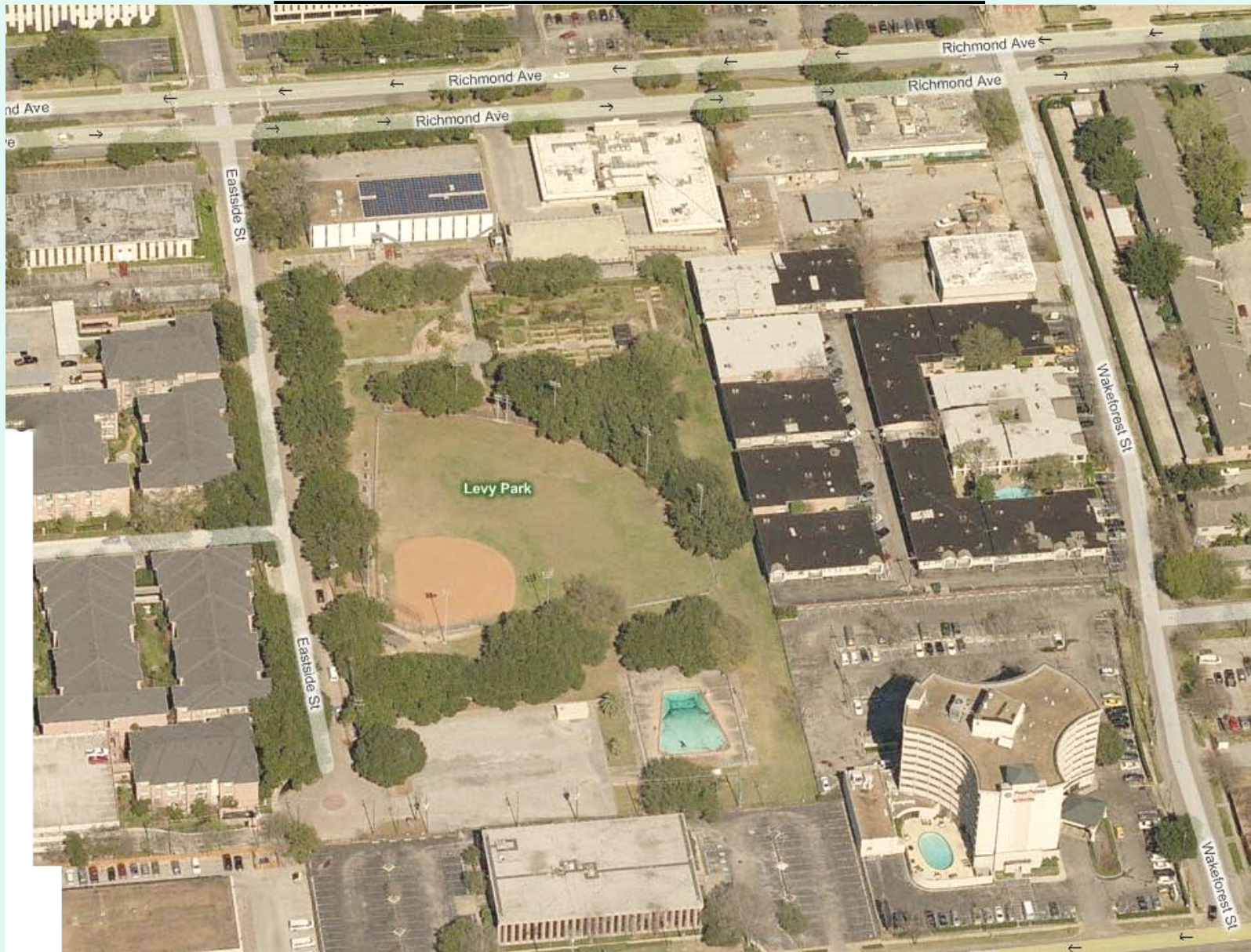
# CIVIC CENTER / GALLERY SUB-DISTRICTS



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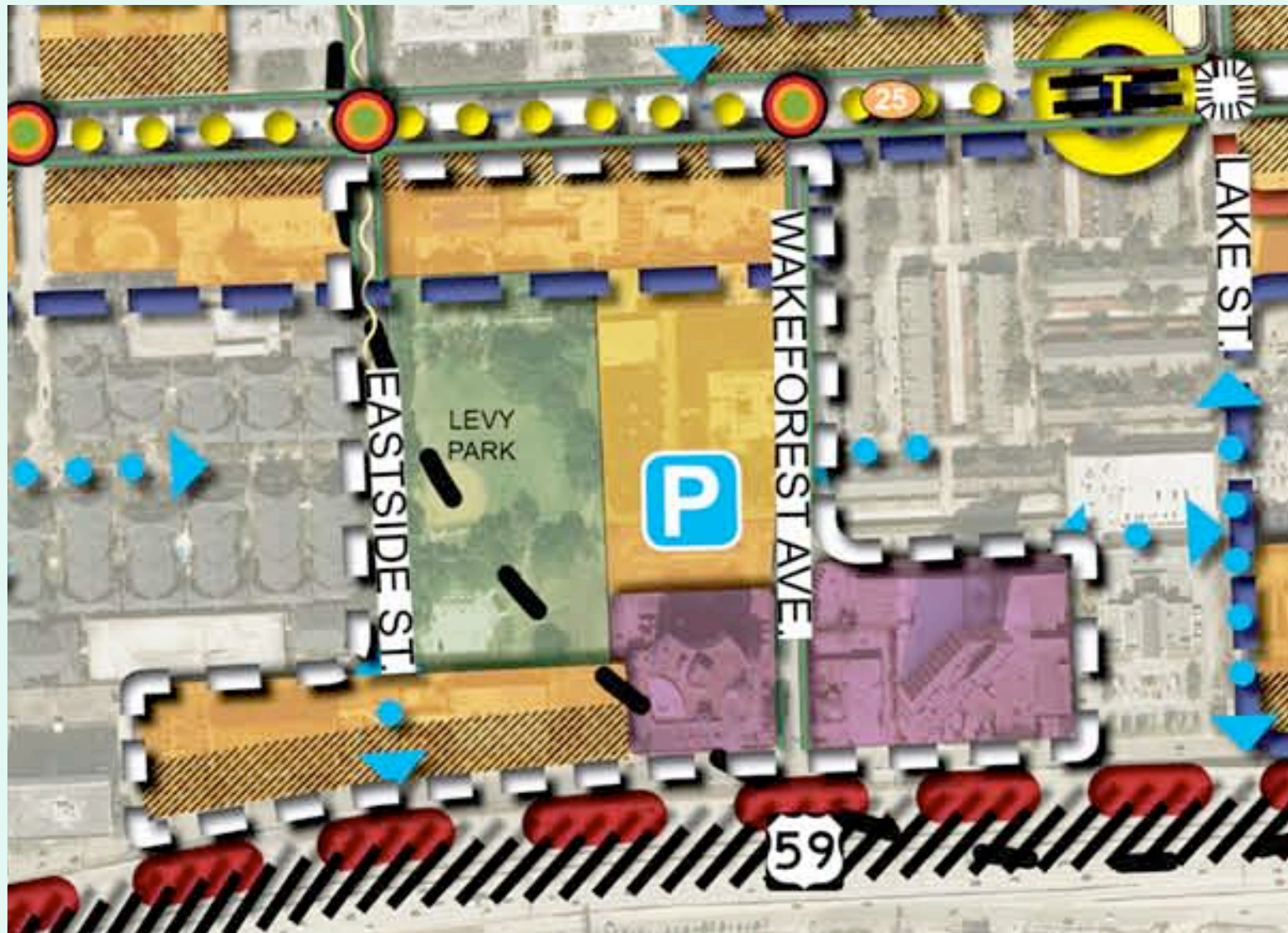
## FOCUS AREA: CIVIC CENTER



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## FOCUS AREA: CIVIC CENTER





## NEXT STEPS

- Analysis of Feedback
- Final Preferred Conceptual Plan
- Streetscape Concepts
- Advisory Committee Meeting 3 - April
- Community Workshop 3 - June



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