



Upper Kirby Livable Centers Study

Workshop # 1

Existing Conditions and Draft Alternative

January 13, 2010

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

1. Project Overview and Timeline
2. Ongoing and Previous Studies
3. Planning Area Overview
4. Transportation Conditions Overview
5. Economic Conditions Overview
6. Draft Alternative Overview
7. Small Groups - Discussion and Comments
8. Reports Back
9. Next Steps



PROJECT OVERVIEW AND TIMELINE

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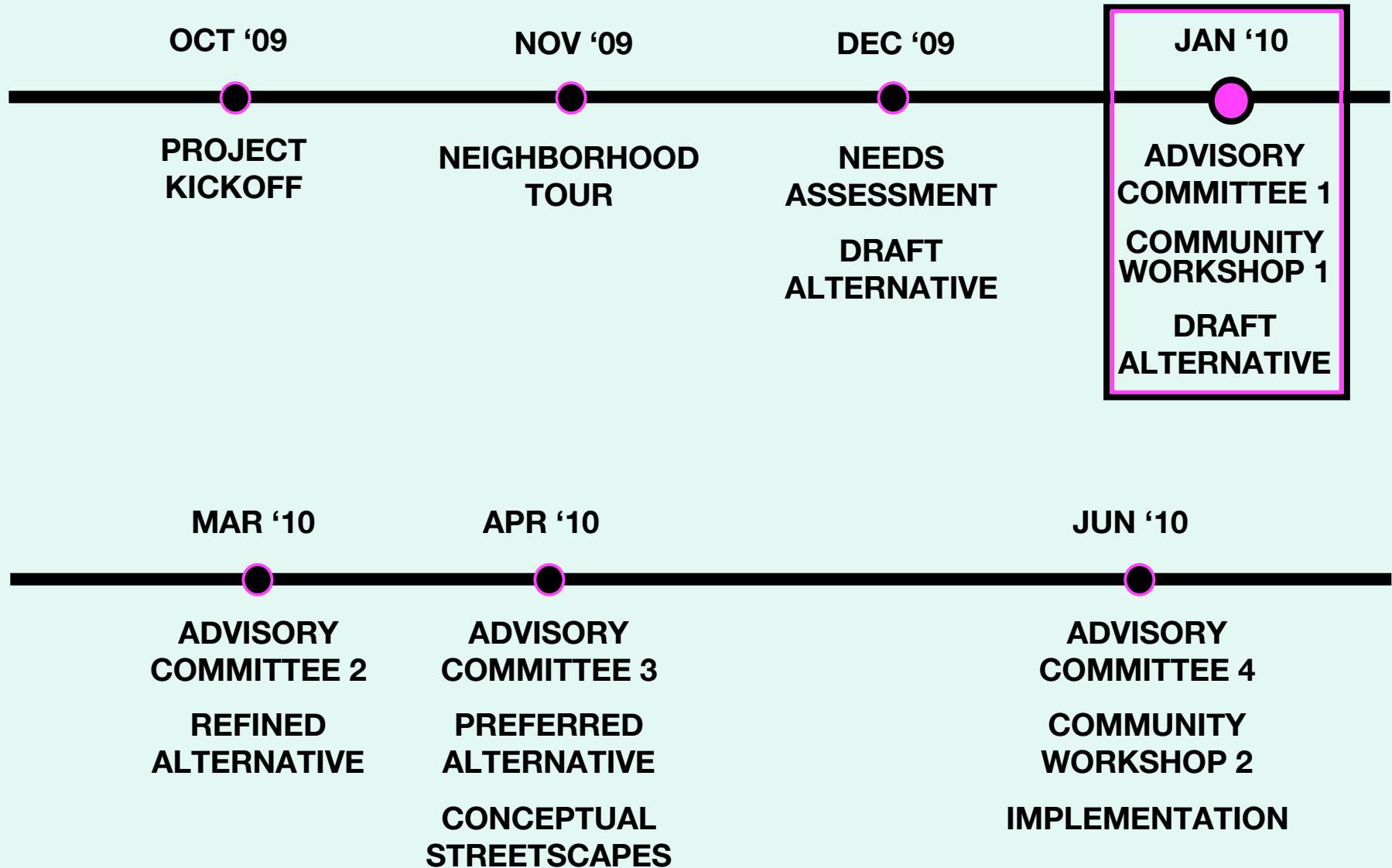
THE LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM

Seeks to create neighborhoods that are:

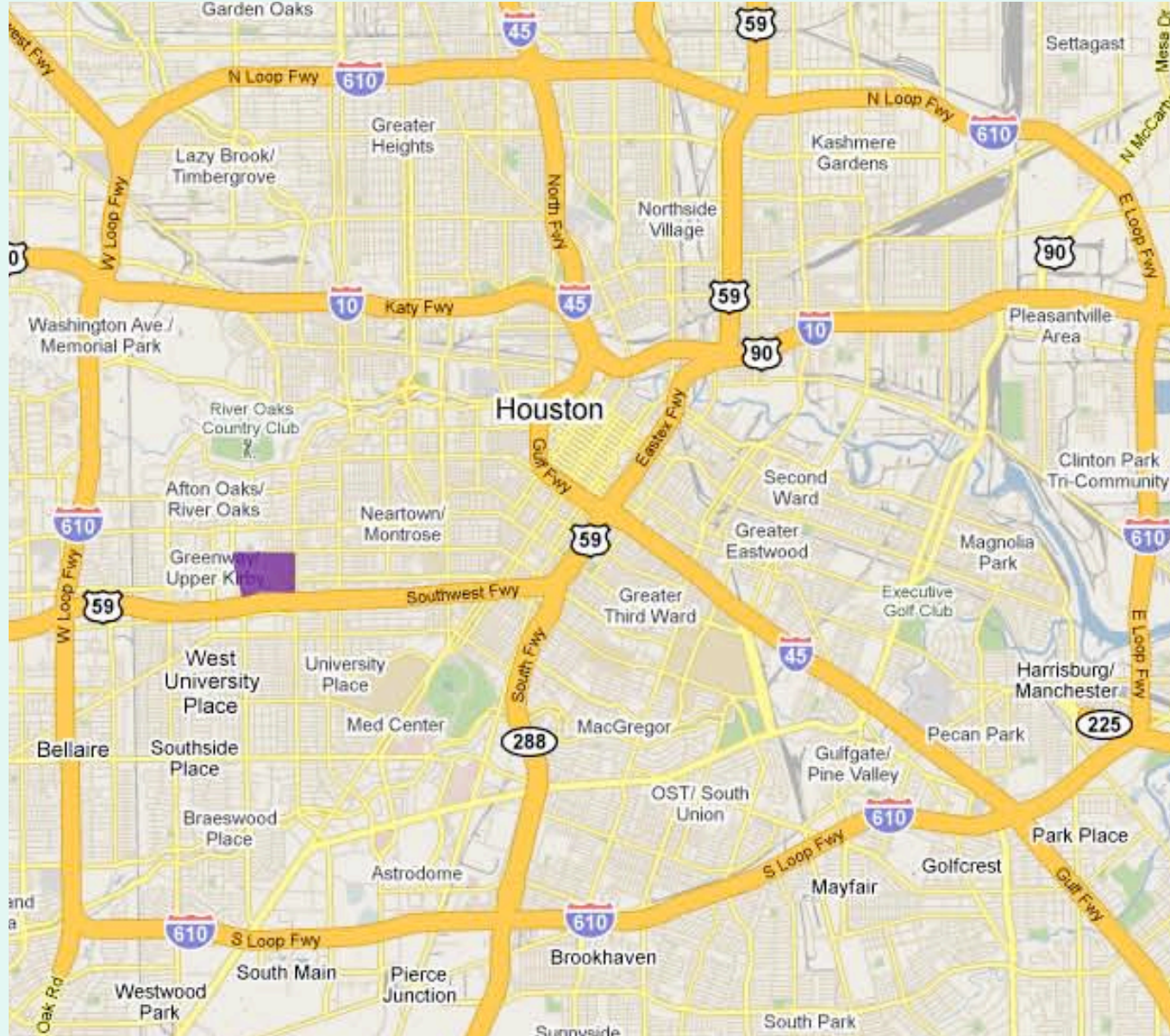
- Compact and Mixed-Use
- Designed to be Walkable
- Connected and Accessible



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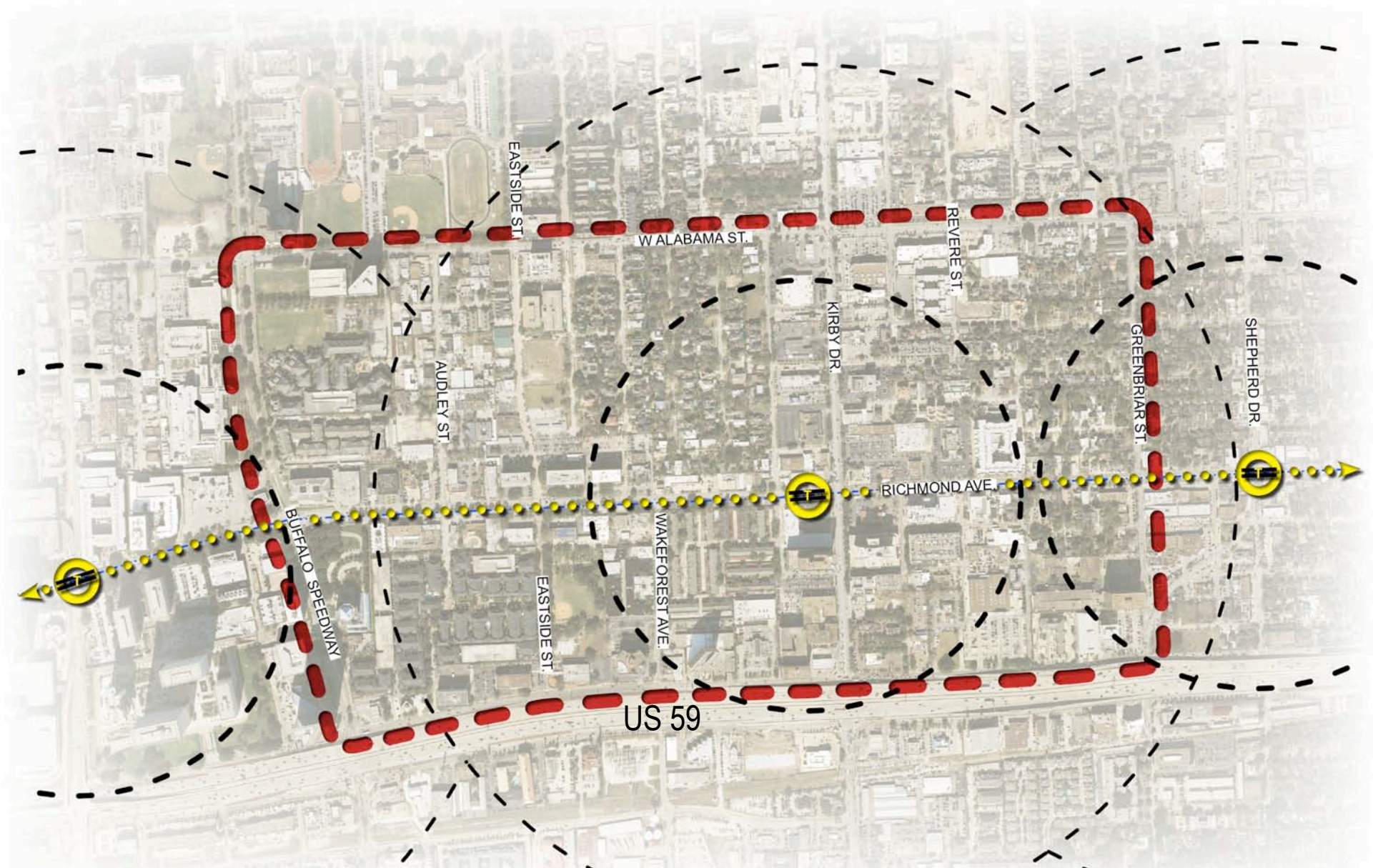


LOCATION AND CONTEXT



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UPPER KIRBY - A LOOK BACK



Upper Kirby District - 1957

WHAT IS TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT?

TOD can have significant benefits to individuals, communities, regions, states, the economy and the natural environment.

- MOBILITY CHOICES
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- BOLSTER HOUSEHOLDS' DISPOSABLE INCOME
- DECREASES INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- REDUCES AIR POLLUTION
- TRANSIT RIDERSHIP
- CONSERVE RESOURCE LANDS AND OPEN SPACE
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





ONGOING AND PREVIOUS STUDIES

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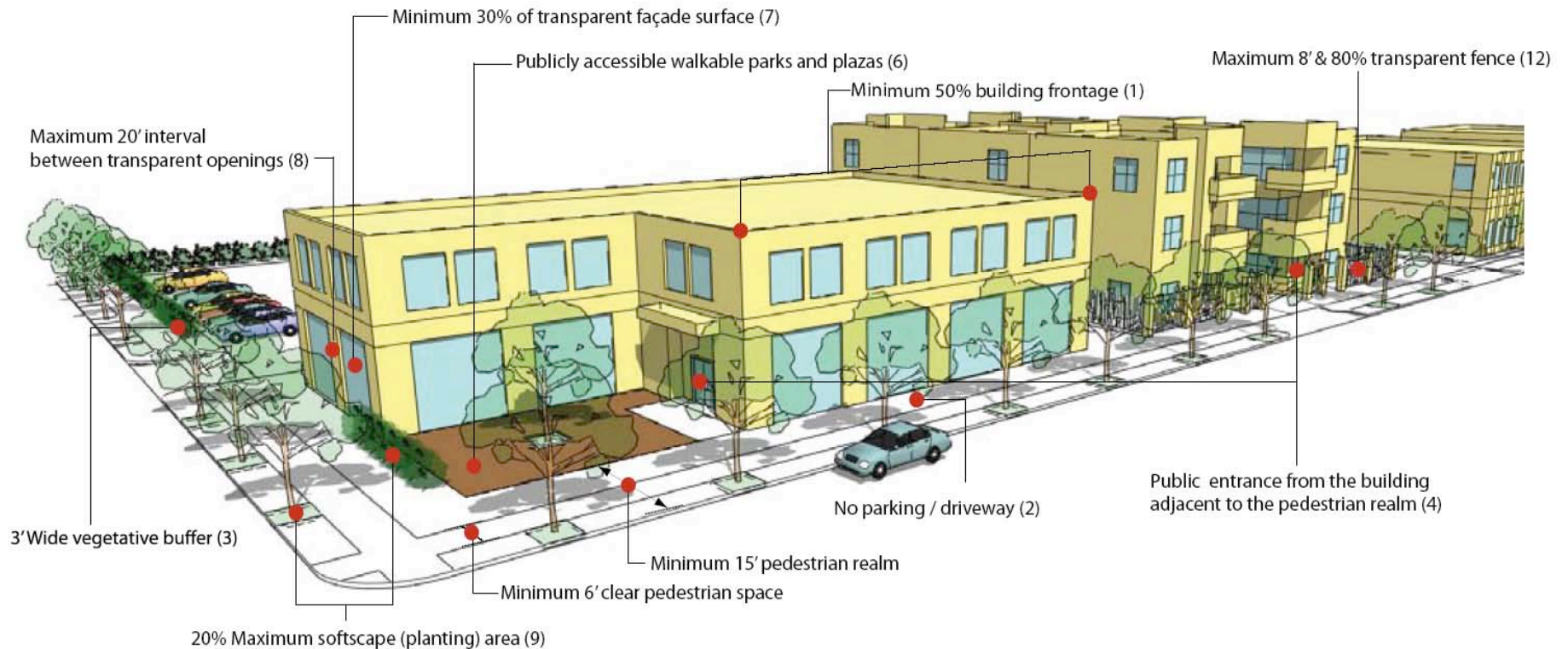
METRO SOLUTIONS TRANSIT PROJECT



- 11.3 Miles Long
- 19 Stations
- 2014 Estimated Completion

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HOUSTON URBAN CORRIDORS PLANNING



URBAN DESIGN MASTER PLAN

Emphasizes the planning and design of the built environment while promoting reinvestment and development

- Promote a user friendly environment within the District
- Enhance Upper Kirby's Visual Image and Identity
- Create identifiable entries into the Upper Kirby District
- Create a framework for civic improvements to occur throughout the District



MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A Plan to enhance the quality of the pedestrian environment and to accommodate extensive new growth while enhancing the use of Metro.



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UKMD



Mobility Improvement Plan



December 2007
Updated March 2009

The Goodman Corporation 

CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

Balanced, multi-use community venue

- 4.16 Acre Site
- 4k, 300 Seat Theater
- Urban Plaza
- 4-Story Community Center
- 350 car parking garage
- Health Club and Natorium





PLANNING AREA OVERVIEW

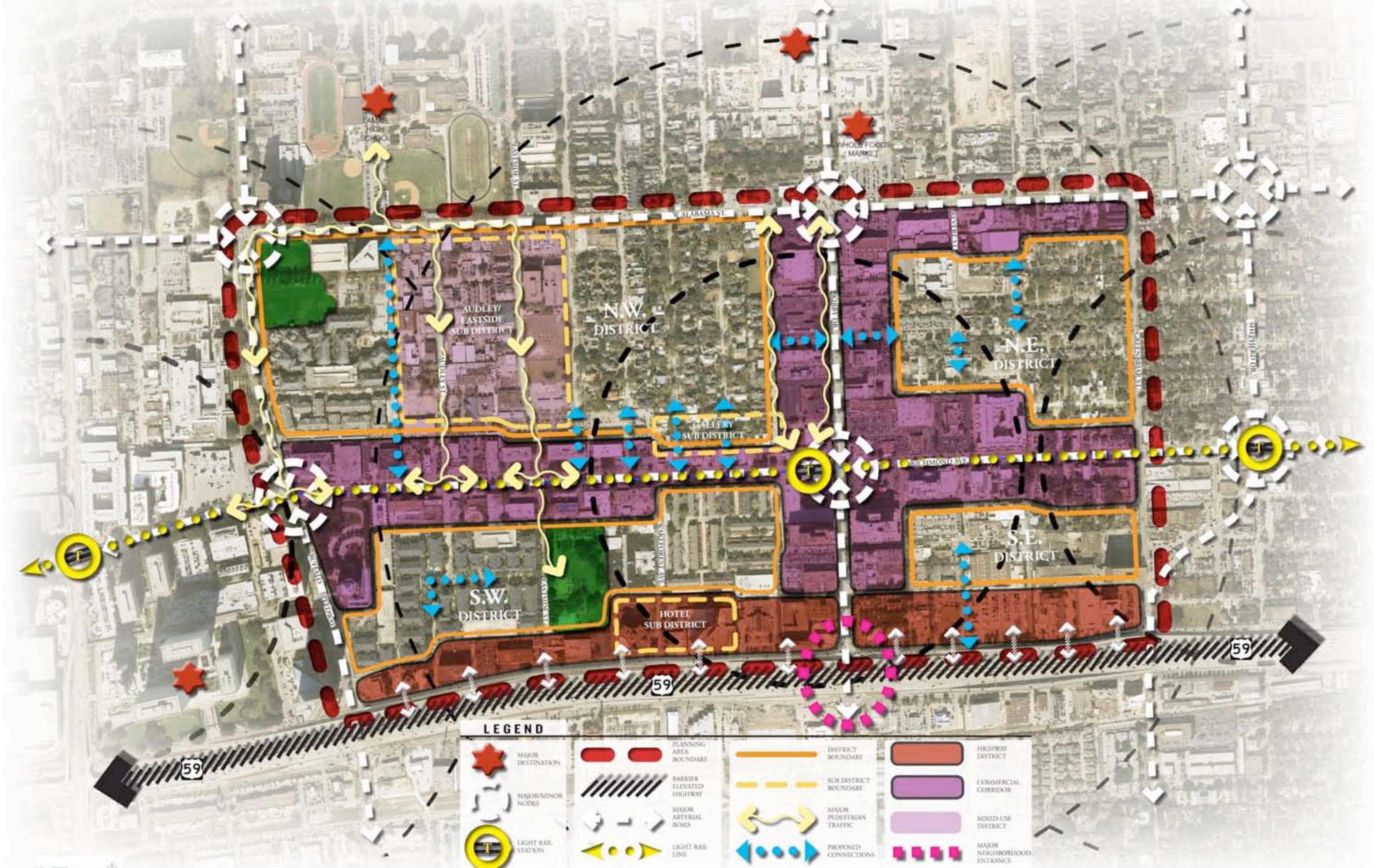
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ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITES



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DISTRICTS AND CONNECTIONS

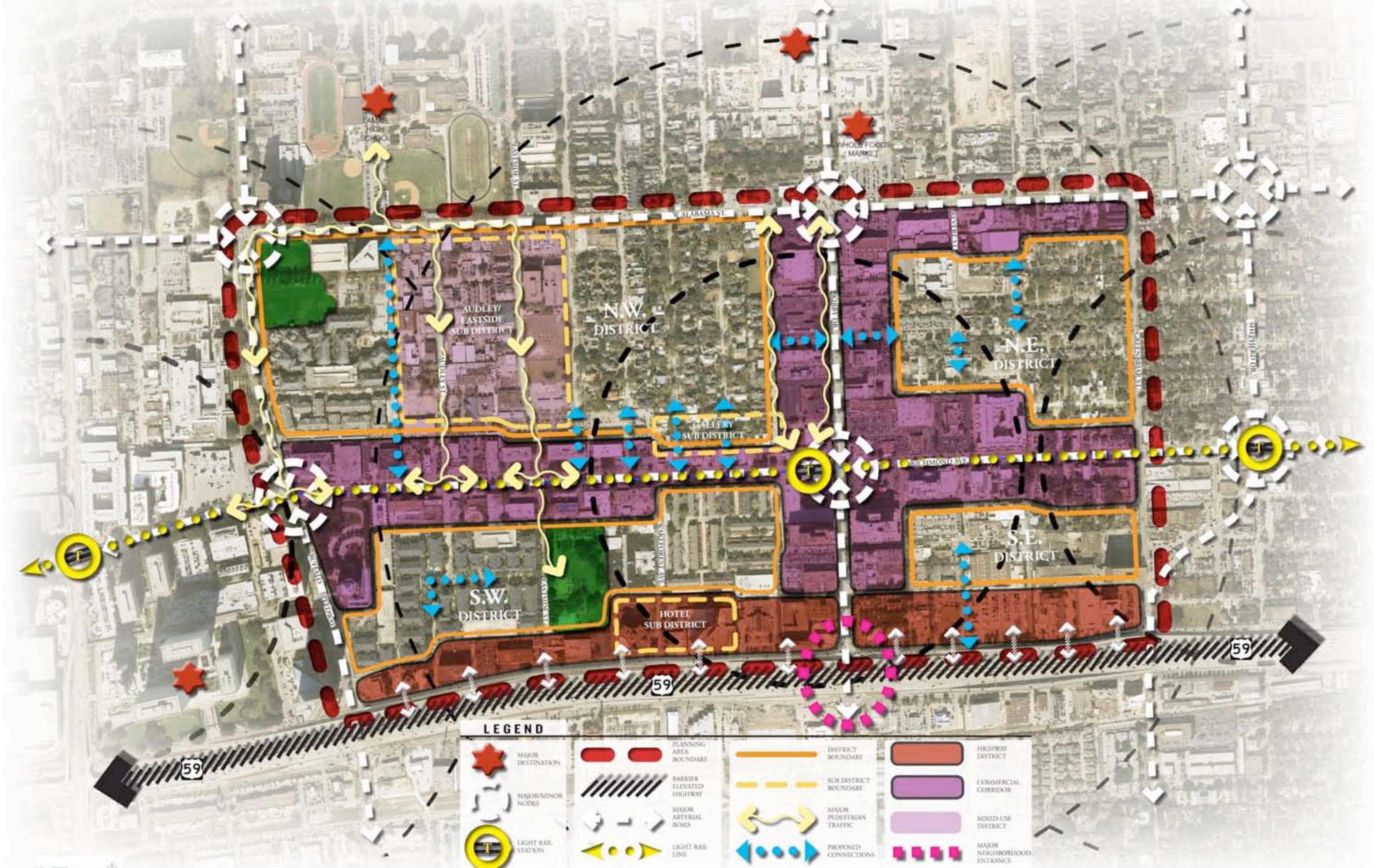


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N.W. DISTRICT



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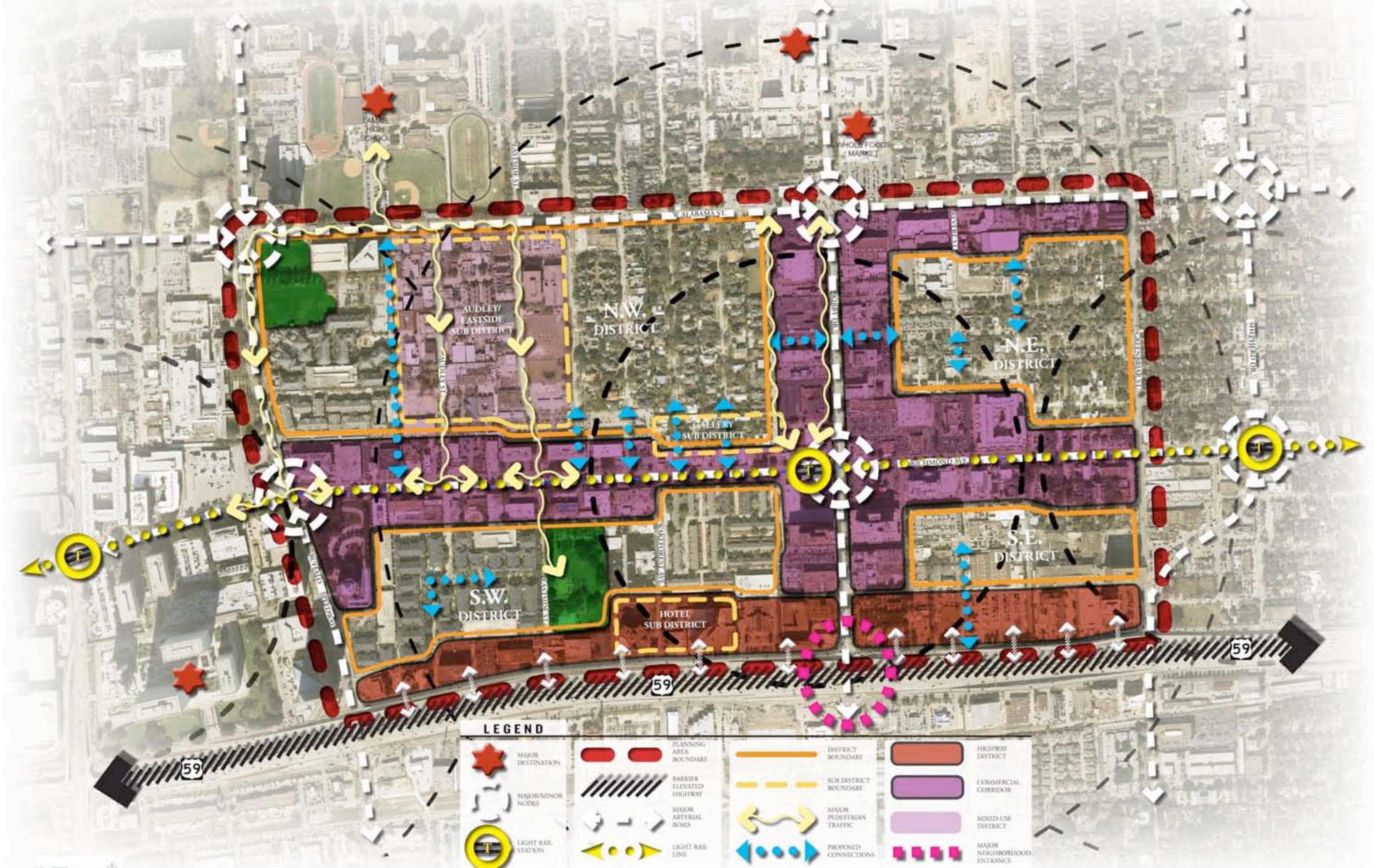


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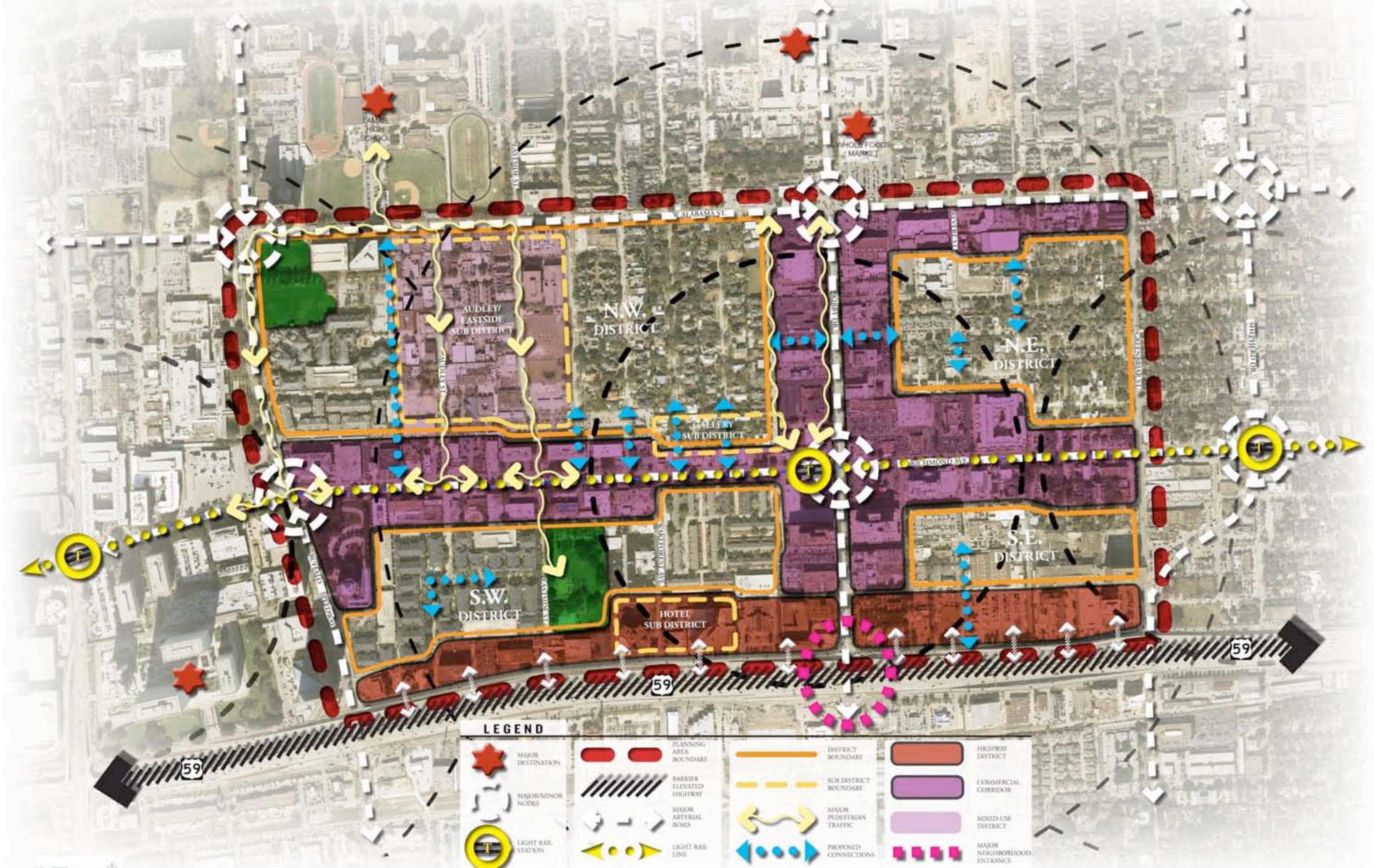


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S.E. DISTRICT



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AUTO-ORIENTED PLACES



PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED PLACES



Revere Street



Kirby Drive

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TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

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GROWTH TRENDS

- Population and Employment: slow annual growth to 2035
- Areas surrounding study area expected to grow more rapidly bringing additional traffic



 Excellent
 Fair
 Poor
 No sidewalk

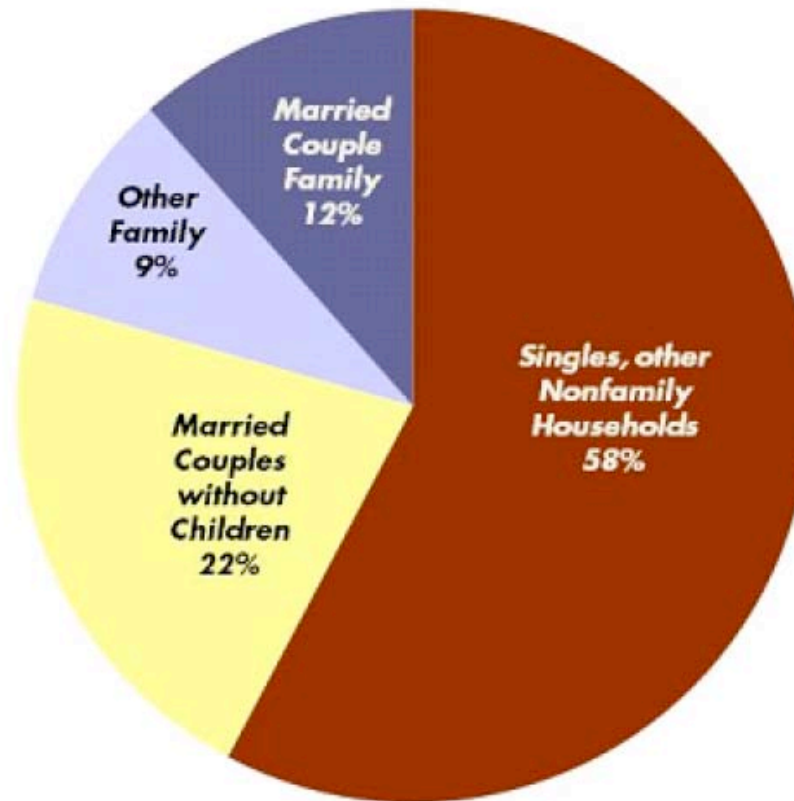
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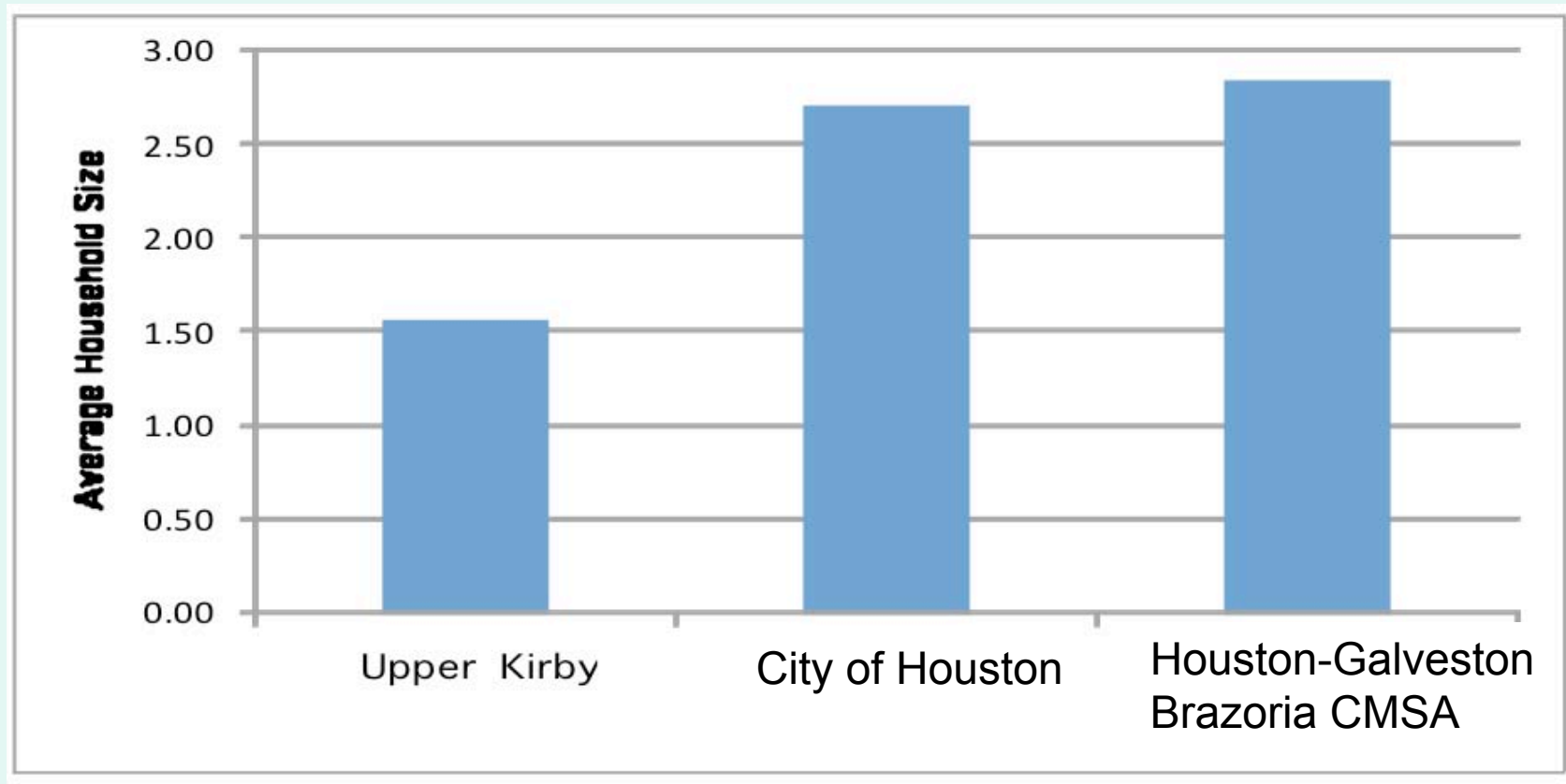
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

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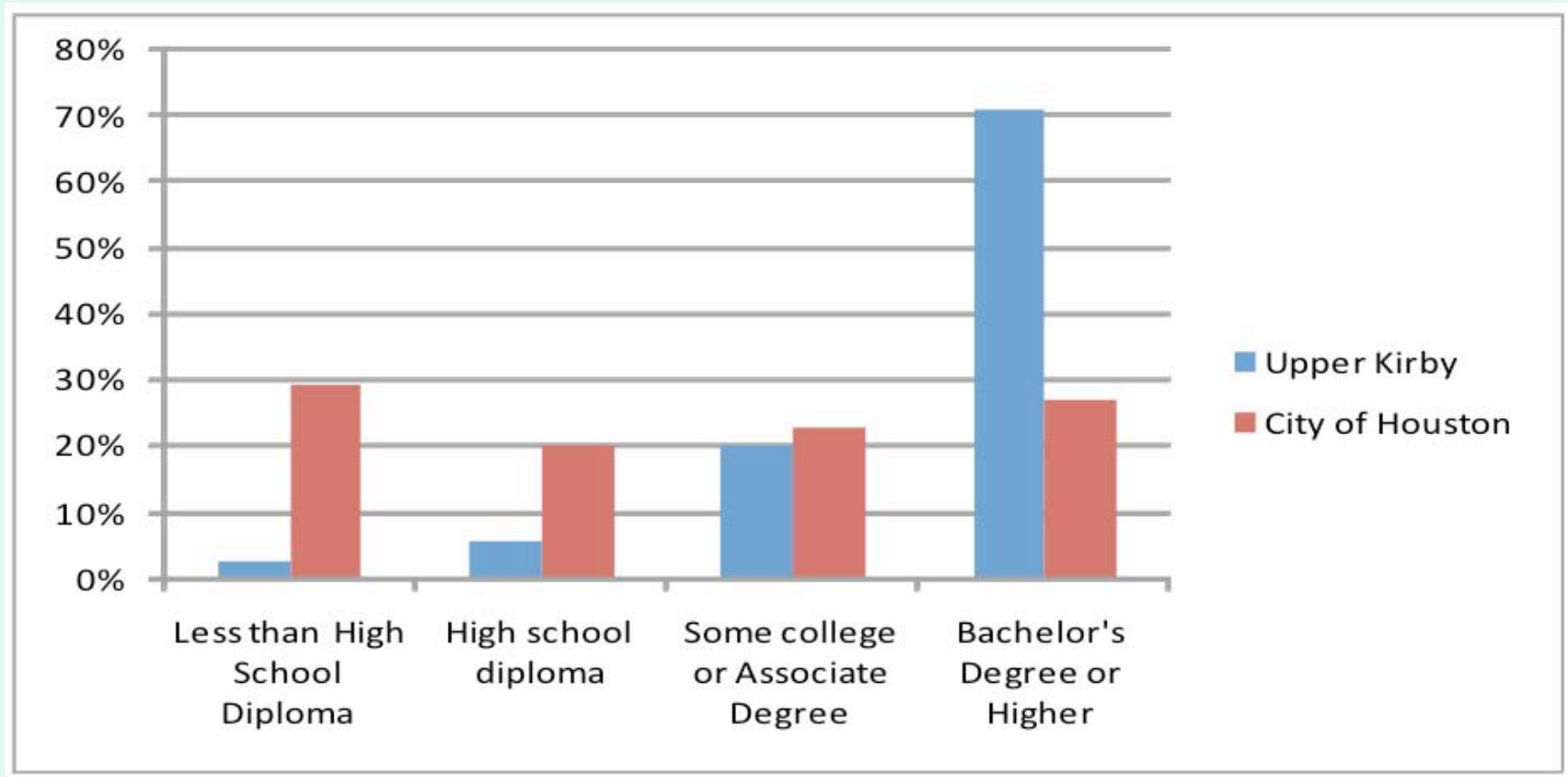
NATIONAL DEMAND FOR TOD 2030



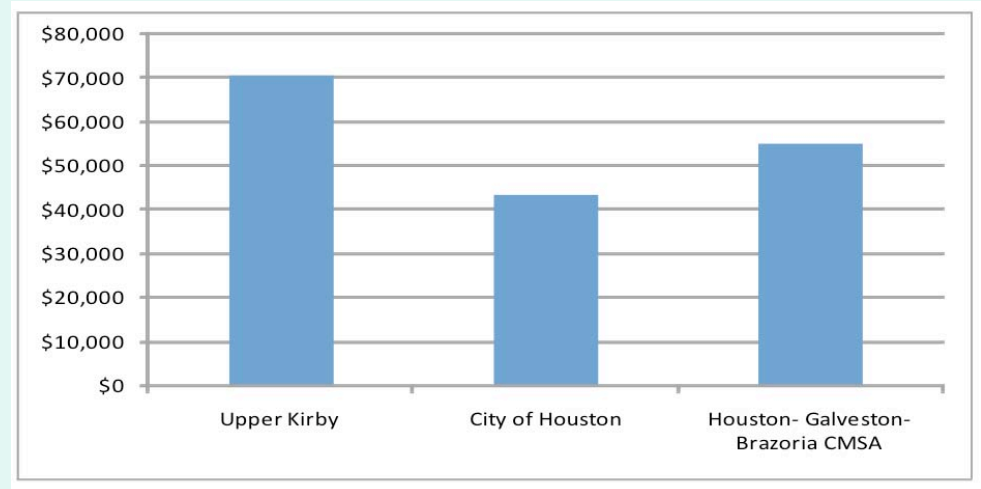
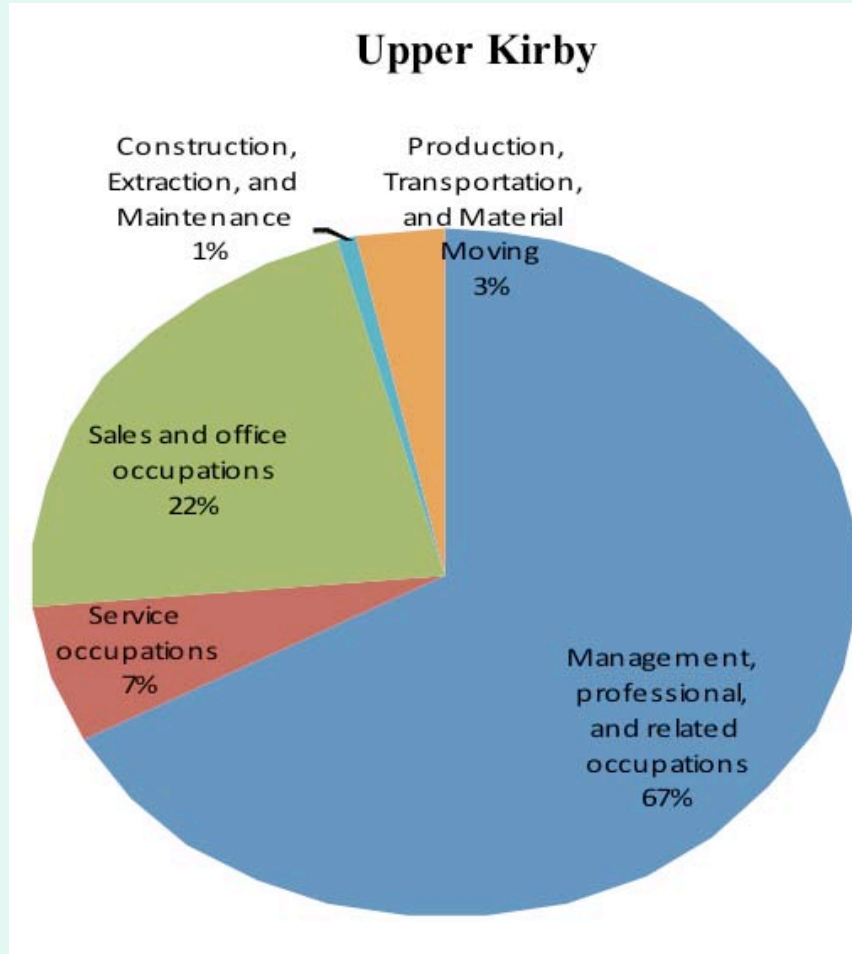
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE



EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT AND MEDIAN INCOME



KEY FINDINGS

- Upper Kirby is well-positioned to capture demand for residential TOD
- Housing units that cater to small households will be most in demand
- The Upper Kirby Civic Center has the potential to serve an important role in defining the area as a walkable TOD neighborhood
- While there is long-term potential for additional office space to be successful, this market is not as strong as the residential market in the near term

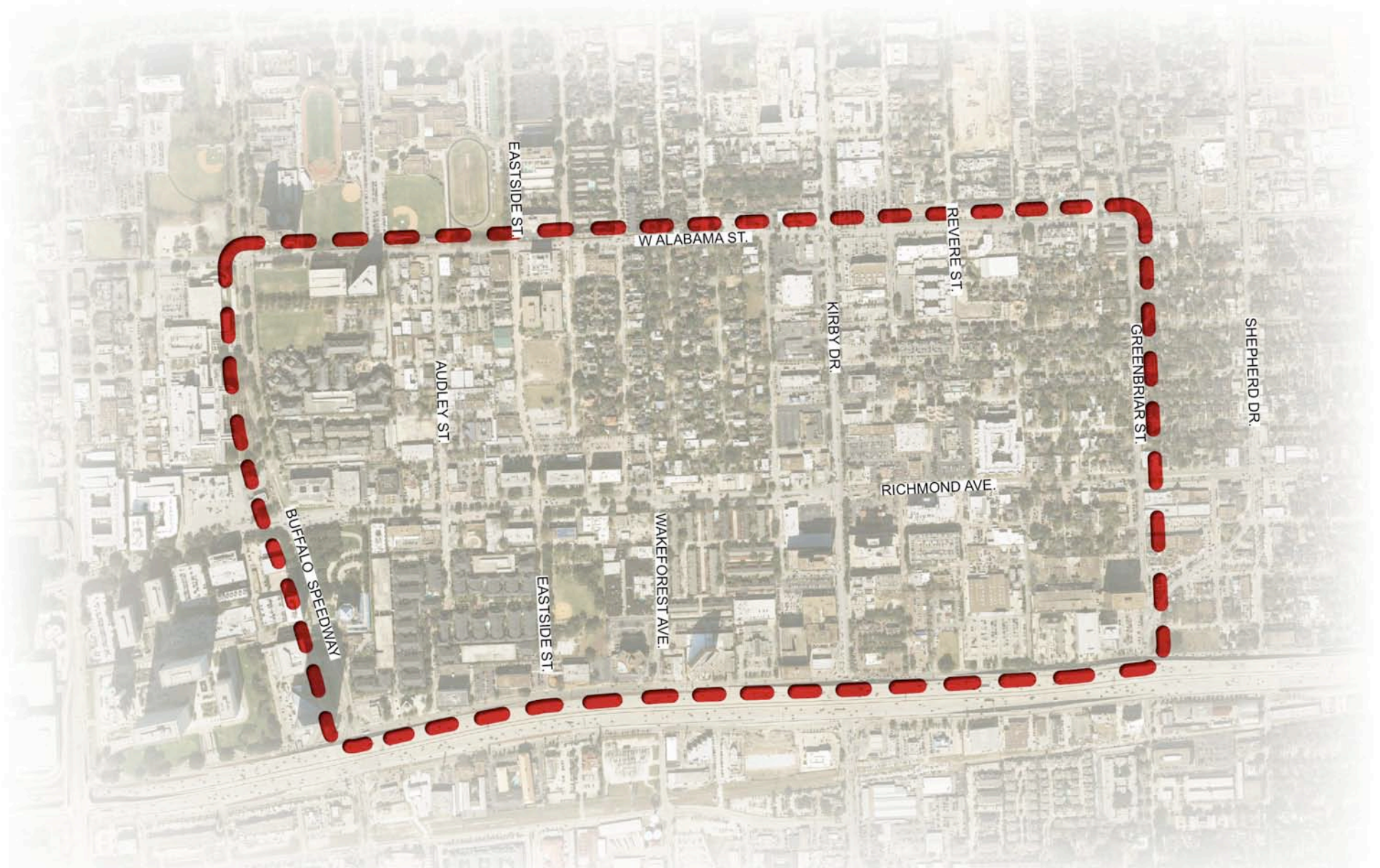




DRAFT ALTERNATIVE OVERVIEW

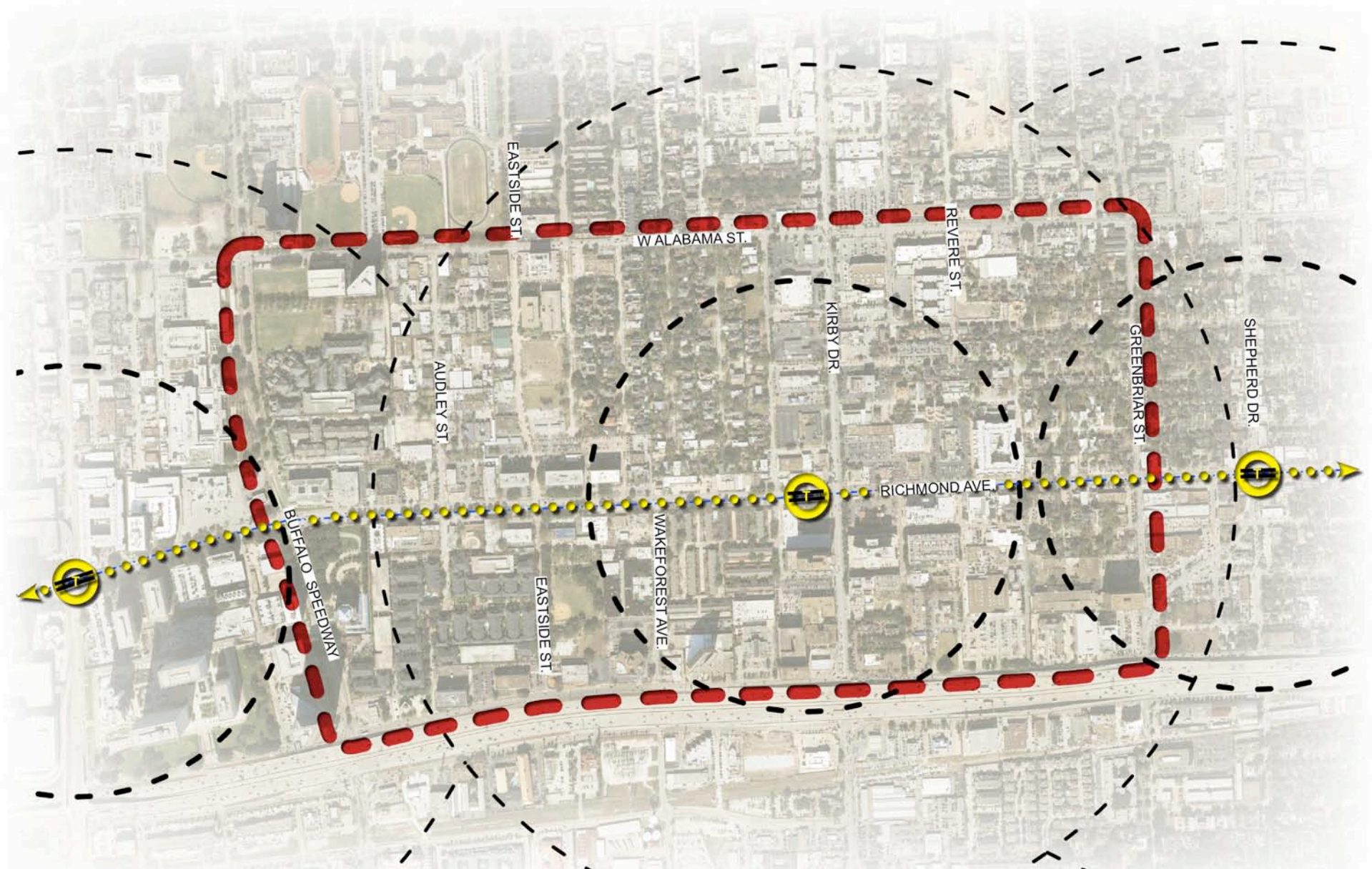
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PLANNING AREA



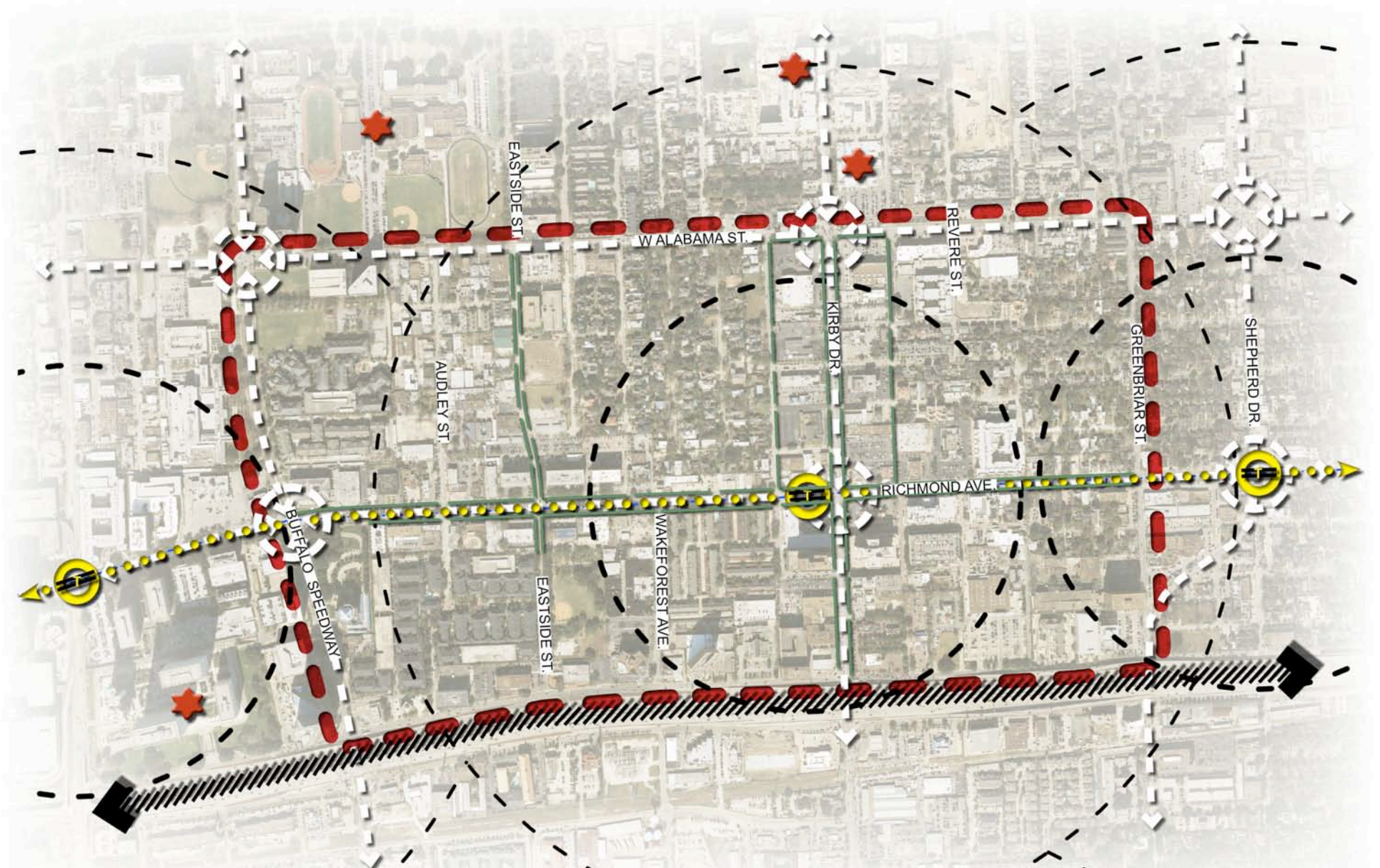
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NEW TRANSIT STATIONS



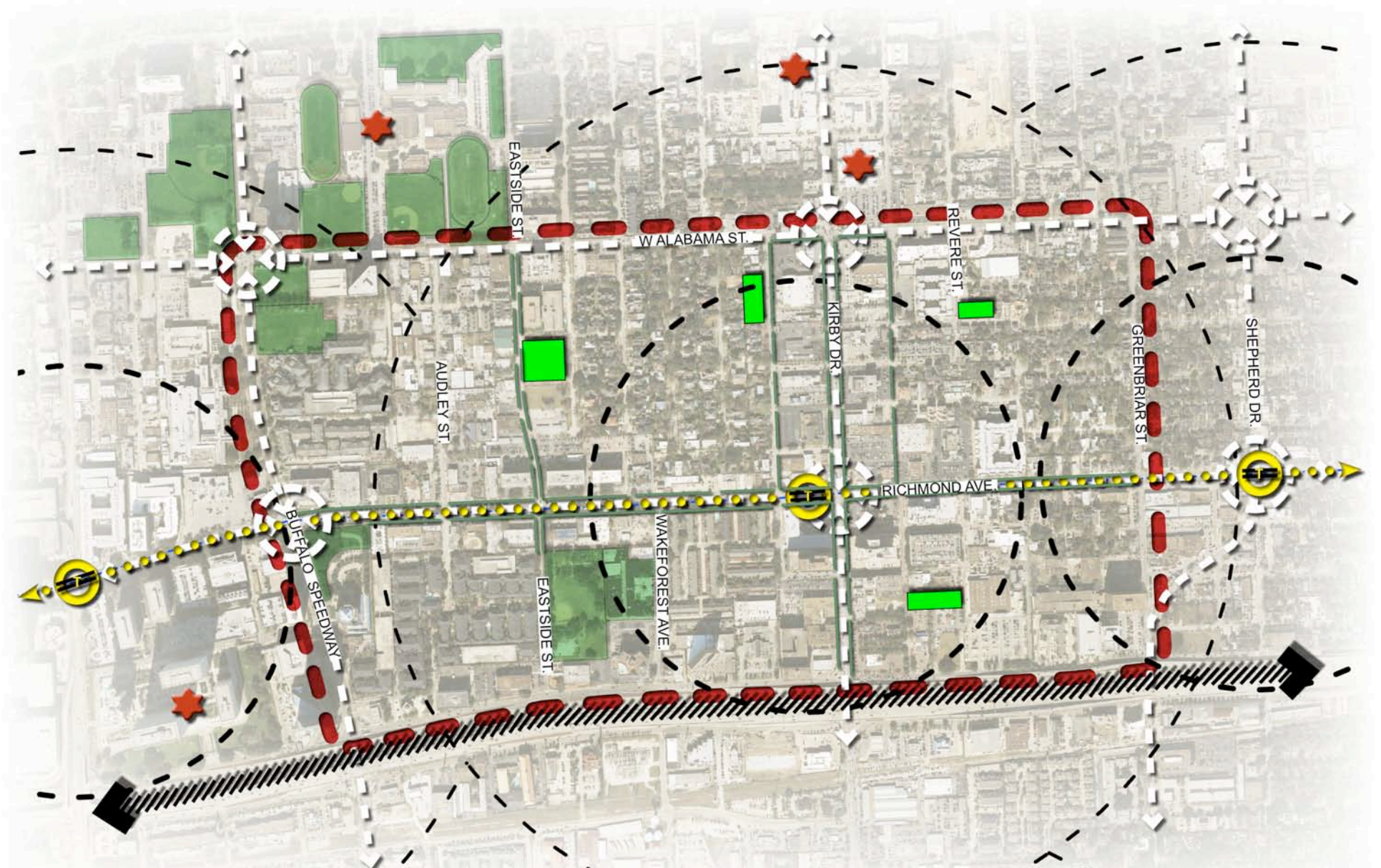
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SIDEWALK AND STREETScape



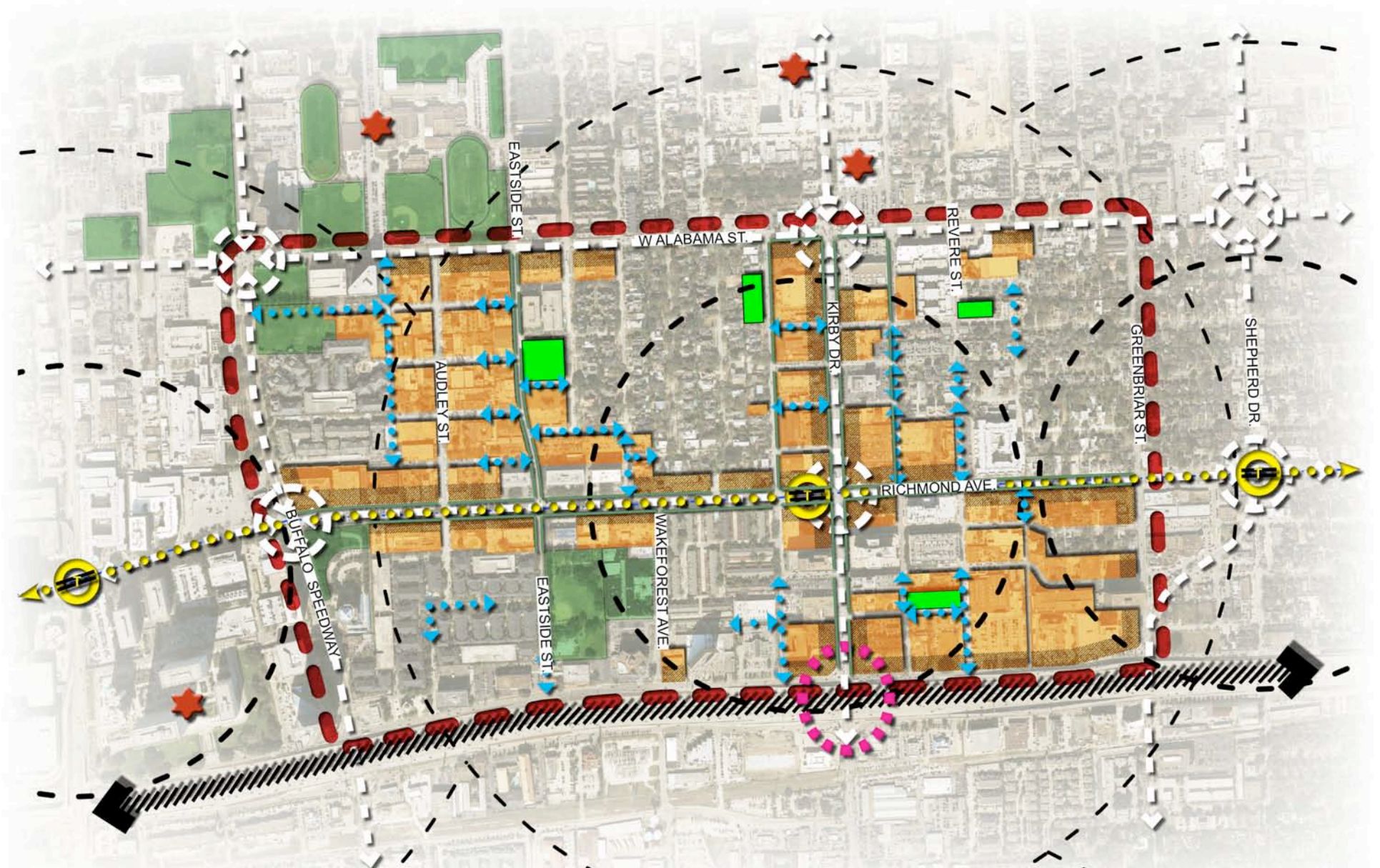
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PARKS AND OPEN SPACES



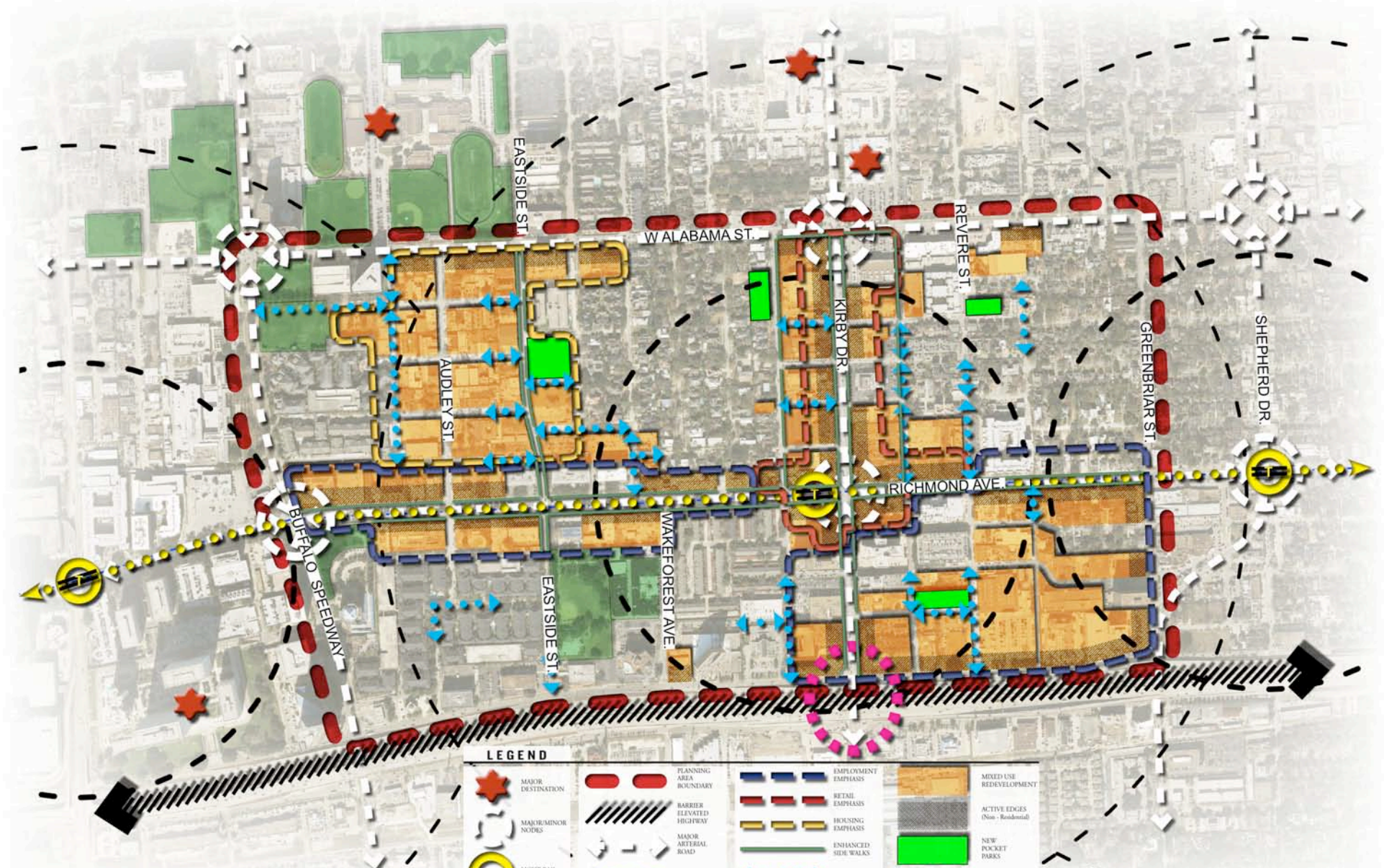
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OPPORTUNITY SITES



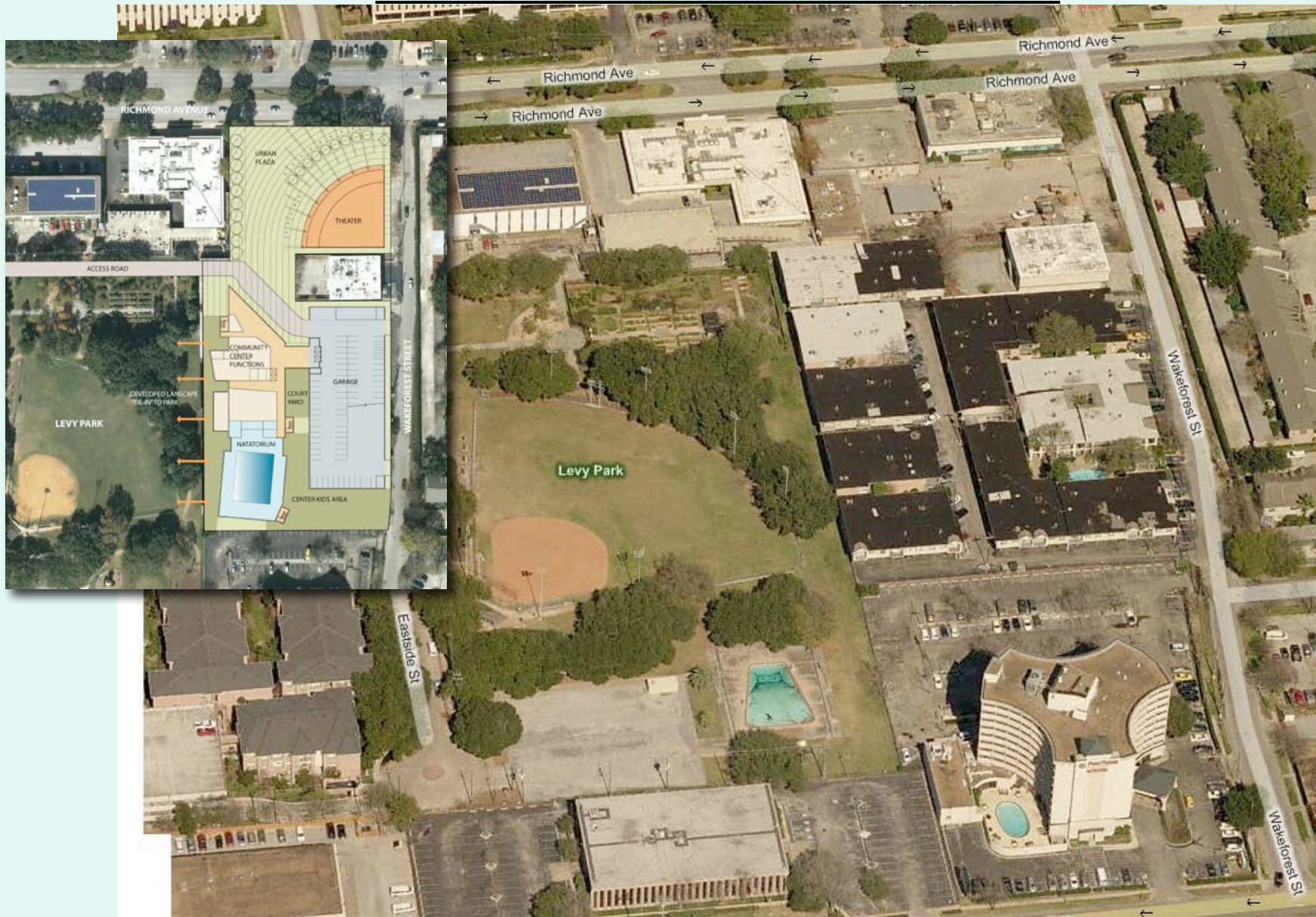
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DISTRICT LAND USE EMPHASIS



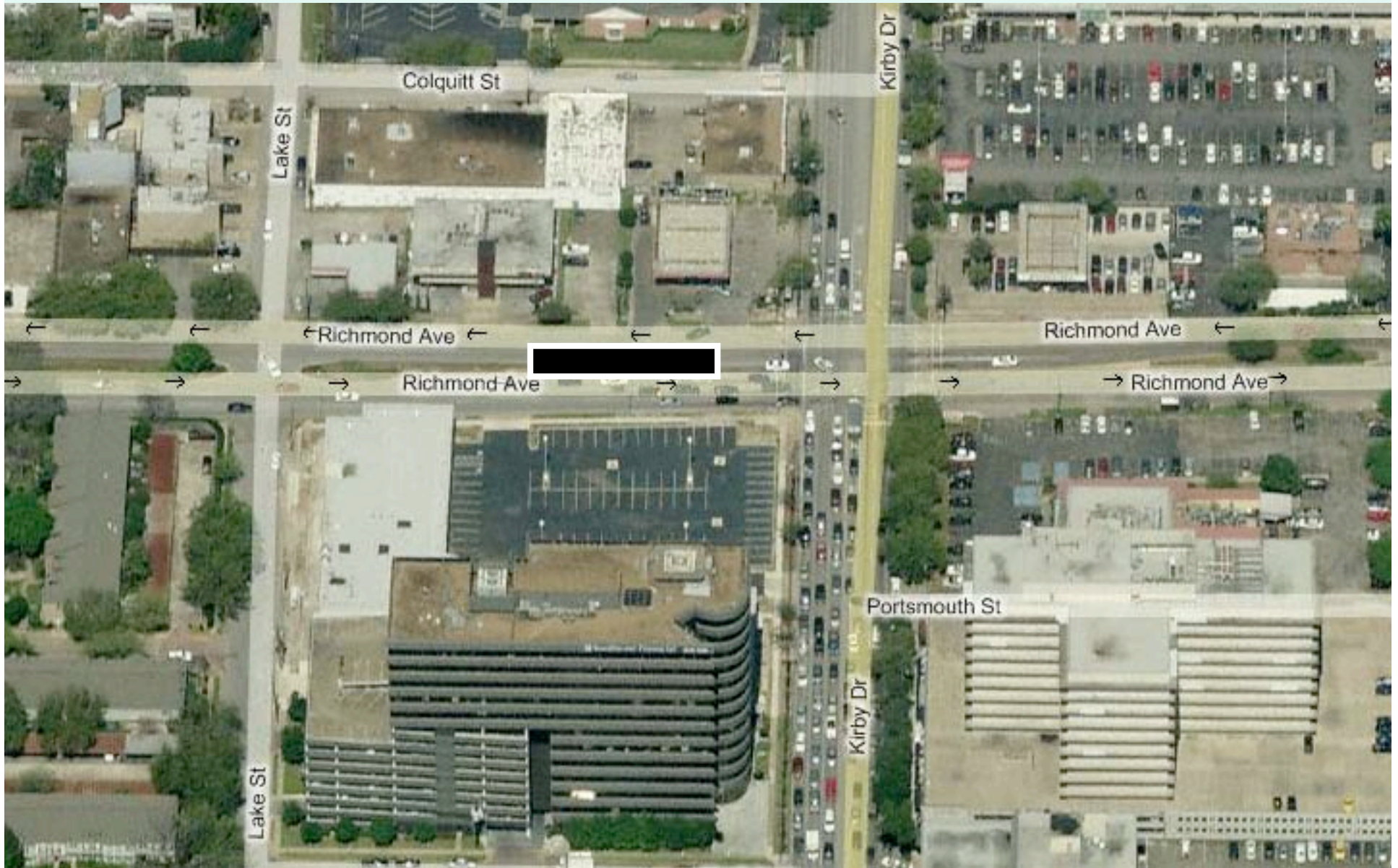
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FOCUS AREA: CIVIC CENTER



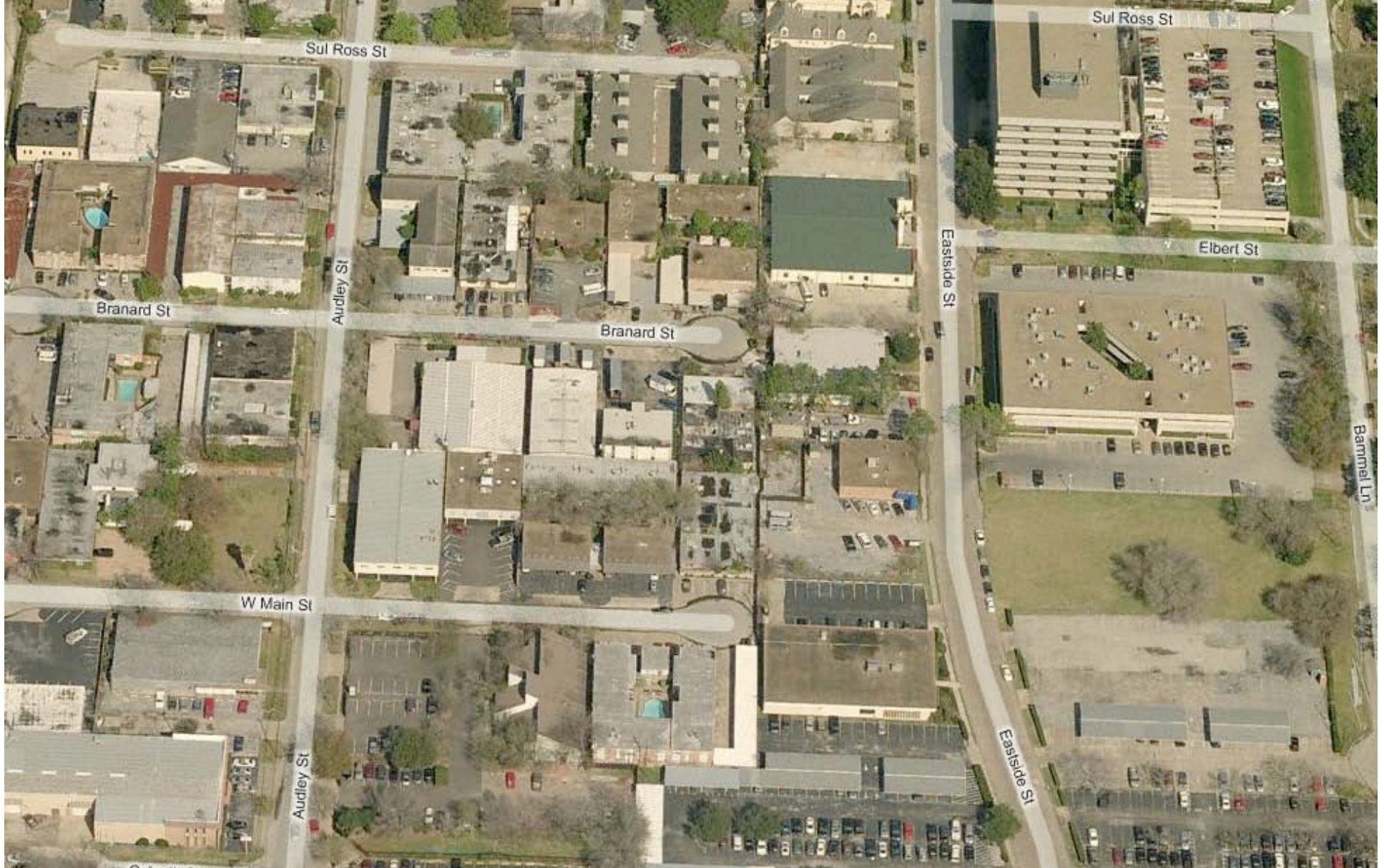
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FOCUS AREA: TRANSIT STATION AREA



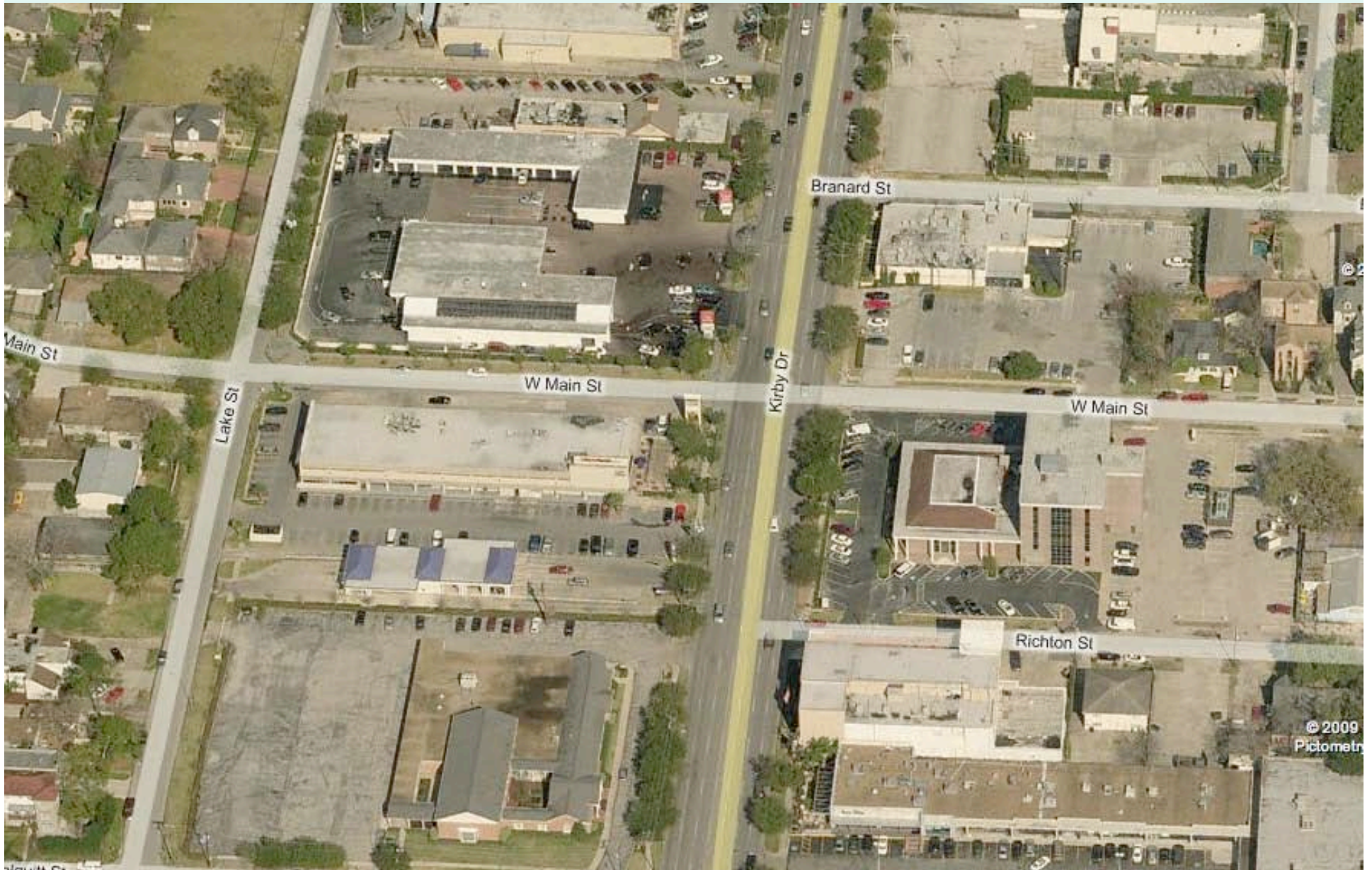
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FOCUS AREA: EASTSIDE / AUDLEY AREA



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FOCUS AREA: KIRBY DRIVE



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FOCUS AREA: RICHMOND DRIVE



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SMALL GROUP - WORKING SESSIONS



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NEXT STEPS

- Analysis of Feedback
- Creation of Refined Alternative
- Advisory Committee Meeting 2 - March
- Community Workshop 2 - June



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