



City of Arvada City Council Agenda

**MAY 8, 2023
WORKSHOPS**

Councilmembers:

**Marc Williams, Mayor
David Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bob Fifer, At large
John Marriott, District 3
Randy Moorman, District 1
Lauren Simpson, District 2
Lisa Smith, At large**

Staff Members Usually Present:

**Lorie Gillis, City Manager
Linda Haley, Deputy City Manager
Don Wick, Deputy City Manager
Rachel Morris, City Attorney
Jacqueline Rhoades, Director of Public Works
Sharon Israel, Director of Utilities
Ryan Stachelski, Dir. of Community & Economic Development
Bryan Archer, Director of Finance
Gabriella Bommer, Director of Human Resources
Rob Smetana, Manager of City Planning & Development
Rachael Kuroiwa, Director of Communications & Engagement
Kristen Rush, City Clerk**

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
2. WORKSHOPS
 - A. Olde Town Strategic Reinvestment Plan Update
 - B. Staff Updates
3. ADJOURNMENT



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

AGENDA ITEM
2.A.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Olde Town Strategic Reinvestment Plan Update

Report in Brief

In April, 2022, the City team kicked off the Olde Town Strategic Reinvestment Plan in partnership with the Olde Town BID. The project team hired Dig Studios to lead the work. Over the course of the past 12 months, Dig Studios has led an extensive community engagement process gathering information on a project vision, key themes, and design concepts. This workshop will focus on design concepts which will be included in the final plan.

Background

The original setup of the closures in Olde Town was done with temporary barriers starting in June, 2020. On March 8, 2021, the City Council supported the plan to transition the Olde Town Street Closures to a "semi-permanent" design which does not make any significant changes to the overall public infrastructure of Olde Town, yet enhances the closures in order to integrate the appearance of the closures into the historic district. This plan was implemented and completed in October, 2021.

The semi-permanent street closures are intended to be a pilot for the next five years. During that time, the City team will engage in a more robust community planning process that will look at the long term strategic reinvestment of Olde Town, including all aspects of the infrastructure and ambience of the area. The Olde Town Strategic Reinvestment Plan is that plan.

Strategic Alignment

The work is supportive of the principles stated within the Community and Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Vibrant Communities and Neighborhoods Priority Areas of the City Council Strategic Plan.

Next Steps

This workshop is intended to be the final workshop for the plan ahead of plan adoption. Following this workshop, the team will incorporate City Council feedback into the plan. The plan will then be put on the City's website for a 30 day comment period. Following the comment period, updates may be made to the plan. Once the plan is finalized, the plan will come to the City Council for adoption later in 2023.

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Enclosure, exhibits & attachments required to support the report

Arvada City Council

May 8, 2023

Public Open House, Online Survey Results & Next Steps



Public Open House

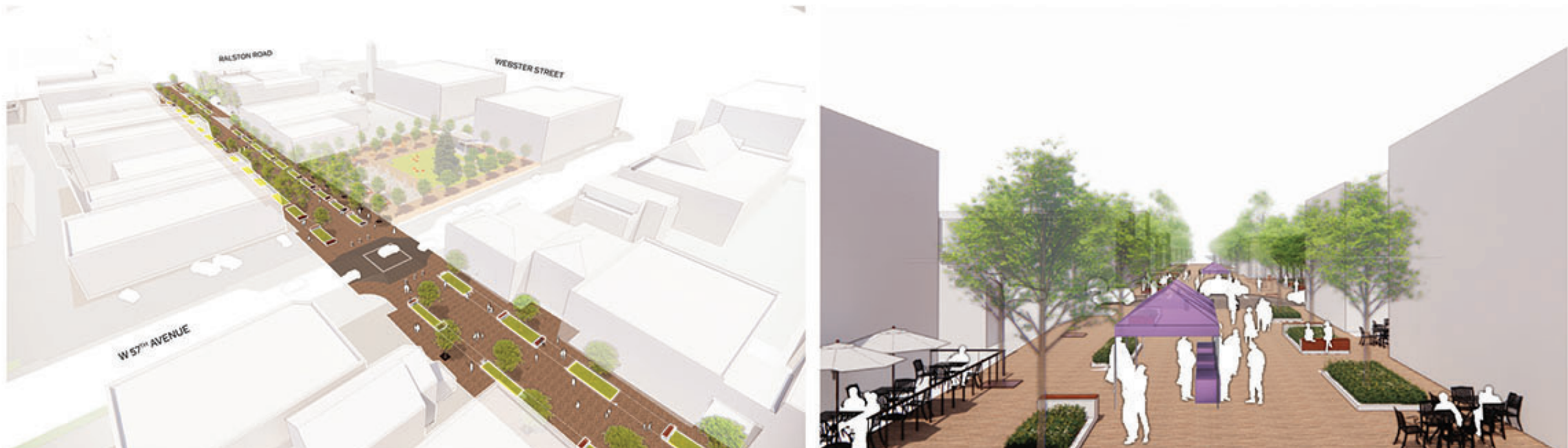
March 8, 2023

Public Open House



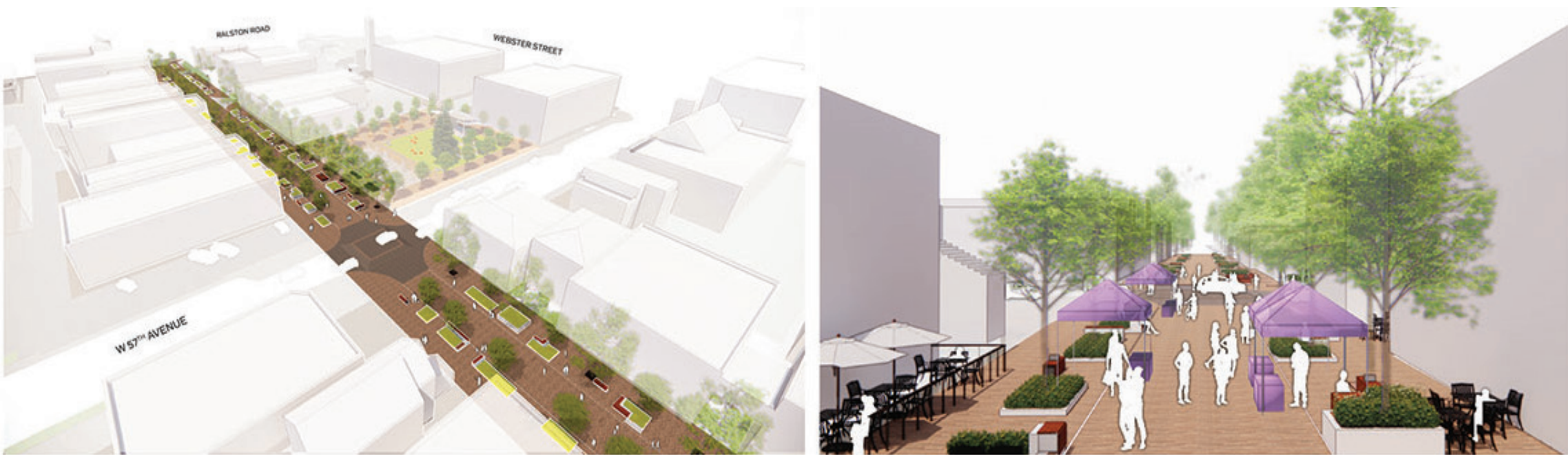
Online Survey Snapshot

548 respondents



OPTION #1

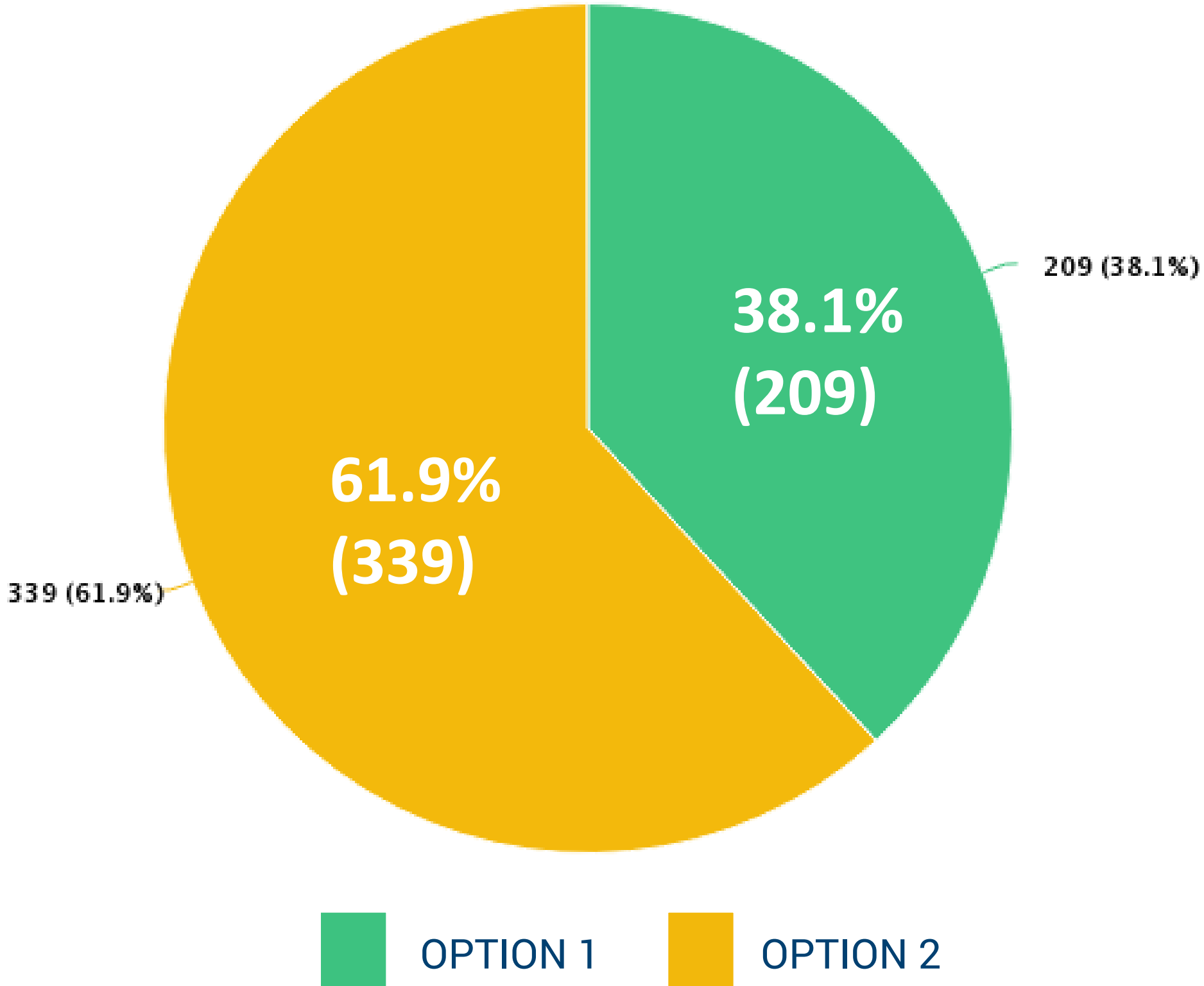
- Asymmetrical street design with third row of street trees on most blocks
- Outdoor dining zones 10' wide on both sides of street
- Consistent linear street tree planters with 6" curb and integrated seating elements, or some existing trees in grates
- Secondary 6' wide walking zone on one side of street (alternates each block) provides additional pedestrian flow during events



OPTION #2

- Symmetrical street design with equal 12' wide outdoor dining zones, street trees on both sides, and central walking zone
- Variety of raised planters, flush planters and integrated seating elements in different configurations

Q1: Which concept for the A and B blocks provides the best overall amenity space and best enhances the olde town arvada experience?



Online Survey Snapshot

533 respondents

DINING OPTION #1

Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant

- 10' wide outdoor dining zone on both sides of street

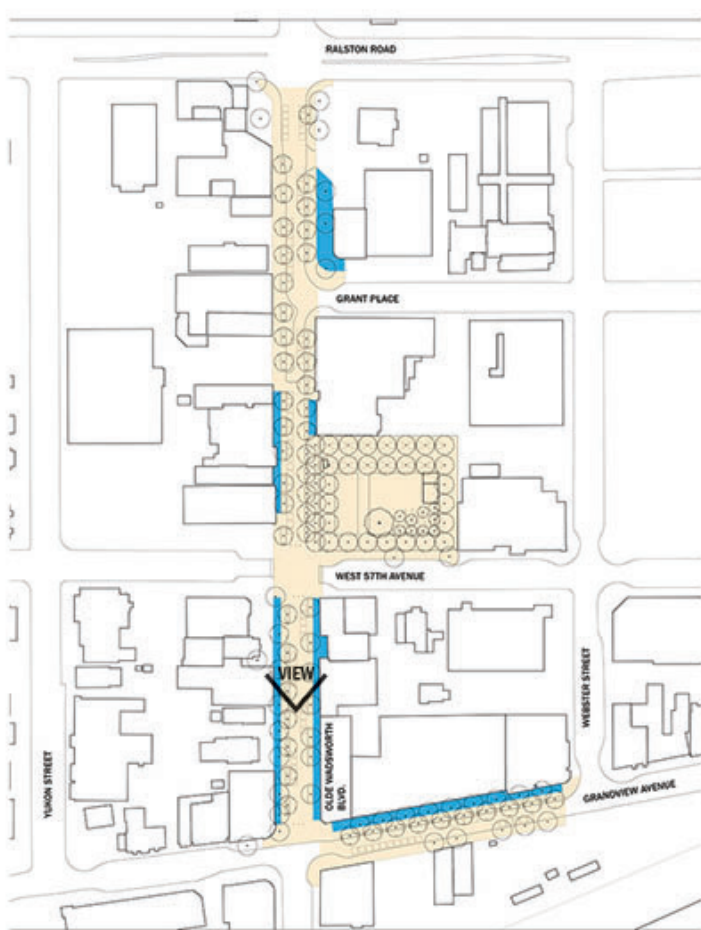
Grandview

- 10' wide outdoor dining zone on north side of street

Olde Wadsworth - Grant to Ralston

- Outdoor dining zone is primarily within private property or in extra-wide right-of-way space

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



DINING OPTION #1

DINING OPTION #2

Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant

- 12' wide outdoor dining zone on both sides of street

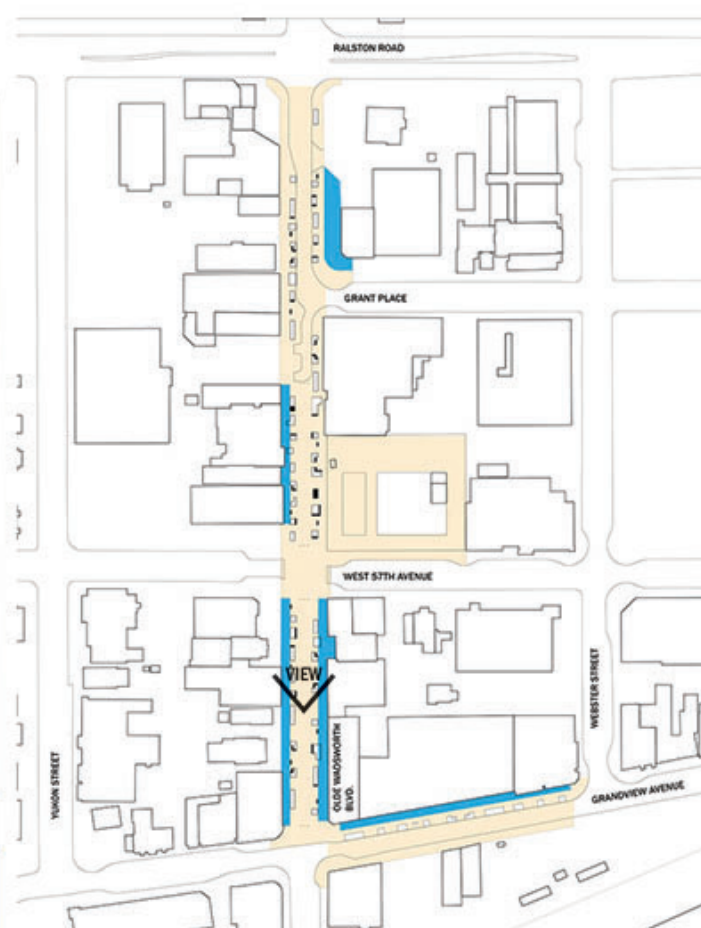
Grandview

- 8' wide outdoor dining zone on north side of street

Olde Wadsworth - Grant to Ralston

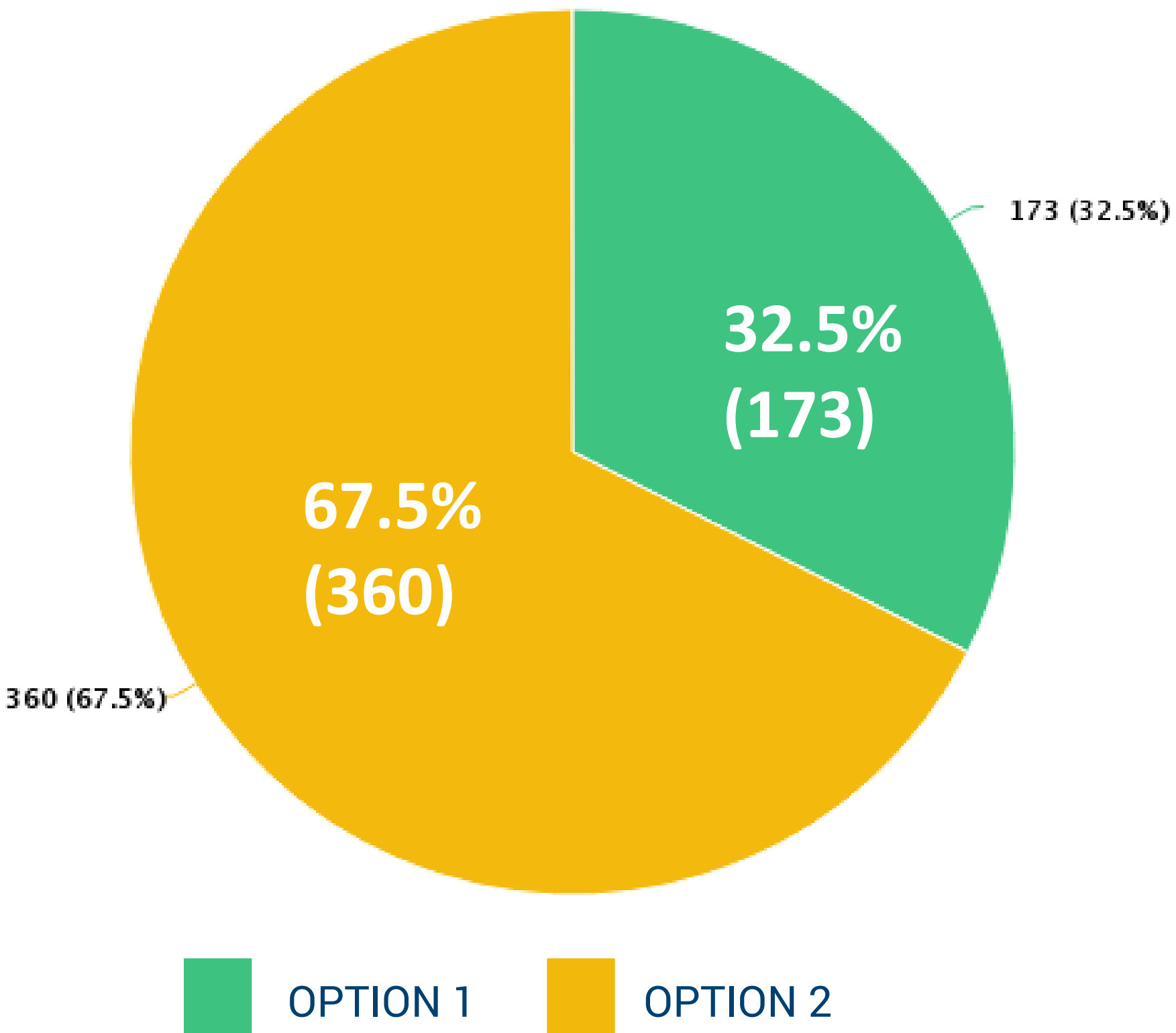
- Outdoor dining zone is primarily within private property or in extra-wide right-of-way space

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



DINING OPTION #2

Q2: Which concept provides the best DINING EXPERIENCE for Olde Town Arvada?



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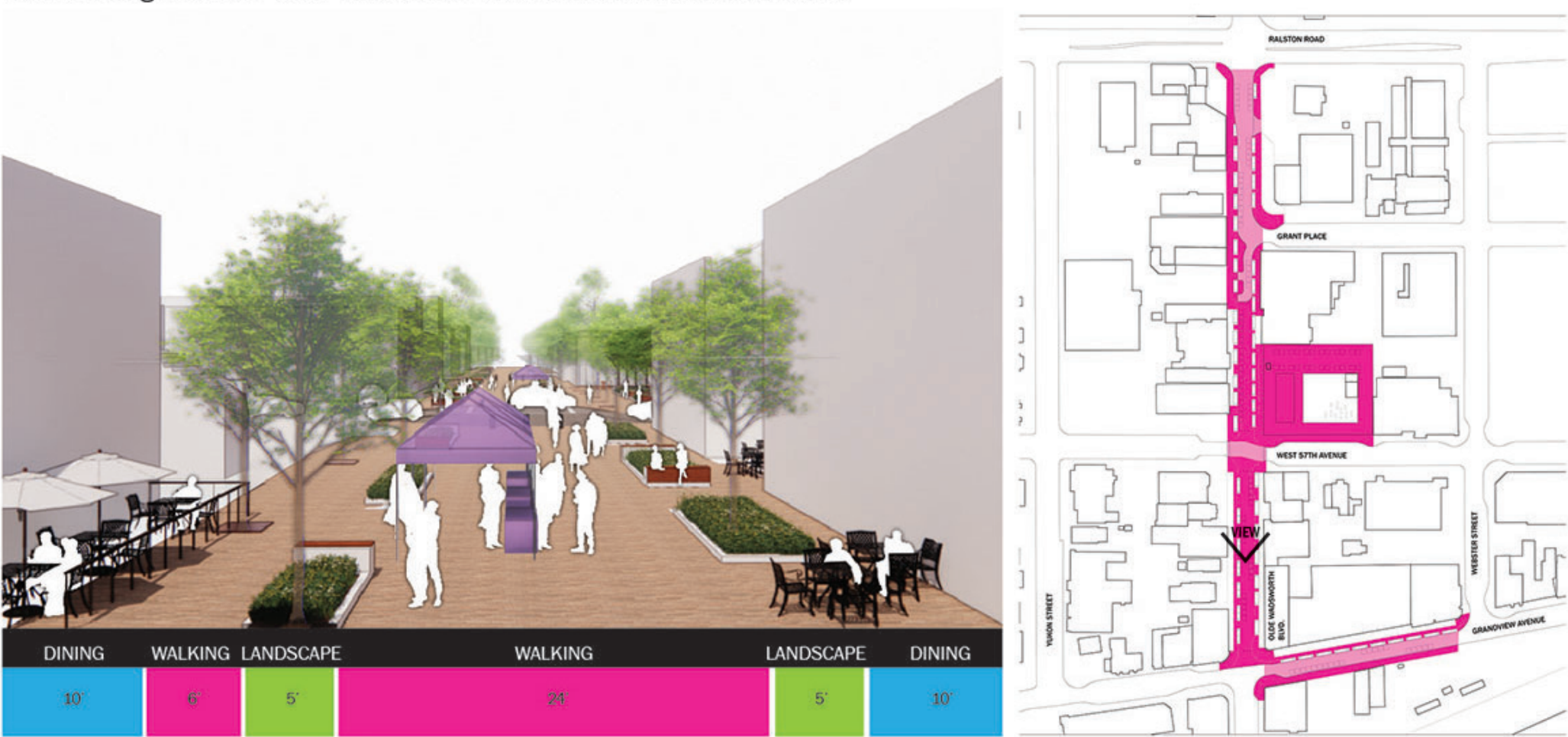
538 respondents

WALKING OPTION #1

- Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant
- 24' wide central clear zone for walking, mingling & event space
 - Additional 6' wide walking path on one side (alternates each block)

- Olde Wadsworth (north block) & Grandview
- Standard pedestrian sidewalks on each side
 - Roadway zone becomes pedestrian walking space during special events when closed to traffic

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



WALKING OPTION #1

WALKING OPTION #2

- Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant
- 20-36' wide central clear zone for walking, mingling & event space

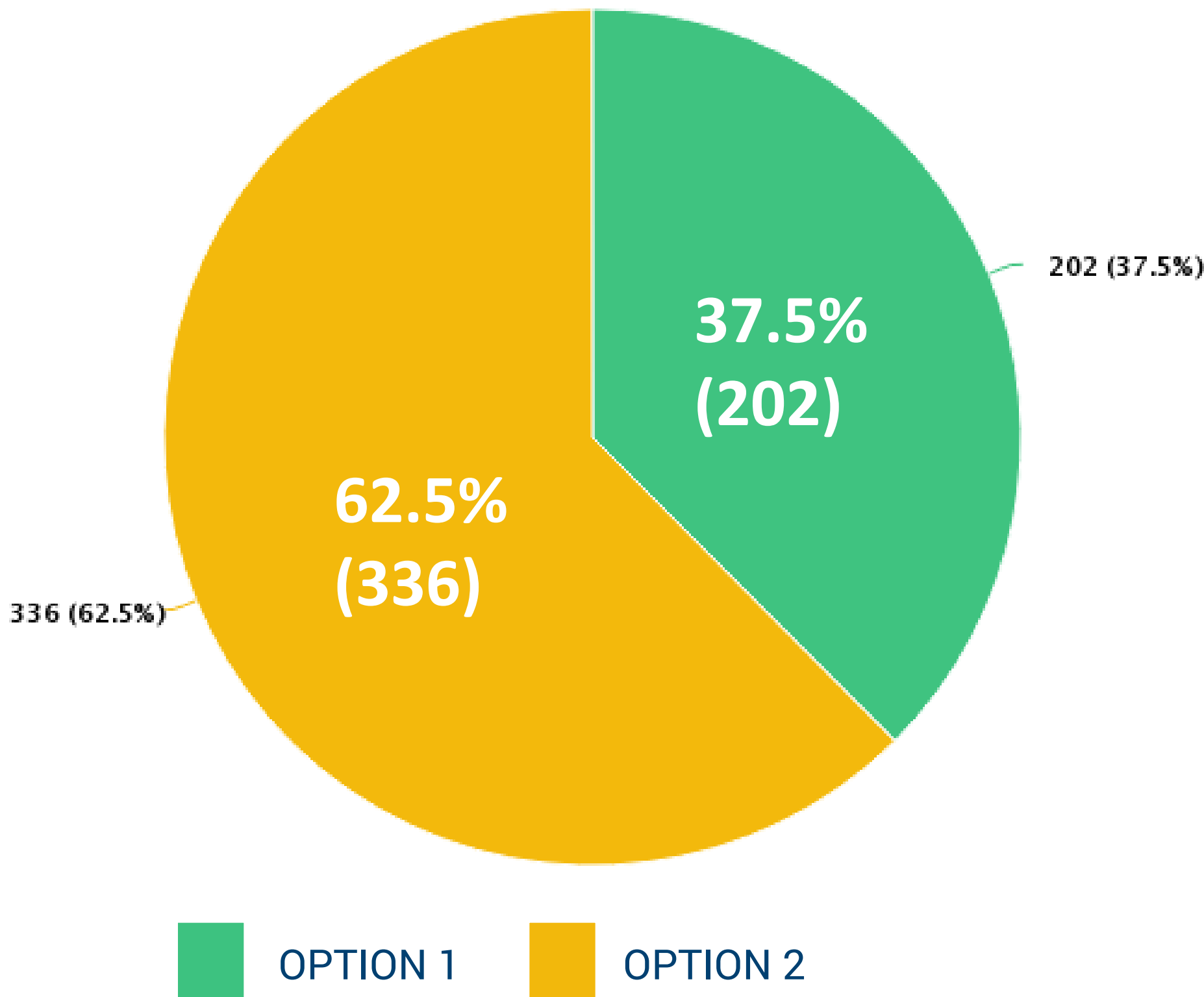
- Olde Wadsworth (north block) & Grandview
- Standard pedestrian sidewalks on each side
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View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



WALKING OPTION #2

Q3: Which concept provides a better WALKING EXPERIENCE for Olde Town Arvada?



Online Survey Snapshot

538 respondents

LANDSCAPE OPTION #1

Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant

- Adds 3rd row of street trees in open planting areas
- Adds open planting areas to existing street trees on one side
- Removes 10 street trees to allow for continuous dining and walking zones
- Seating elements incorporated into open planting areas

Olde Wadsworth - Grant to Ralston

- Adds open planting areas to existing street trees

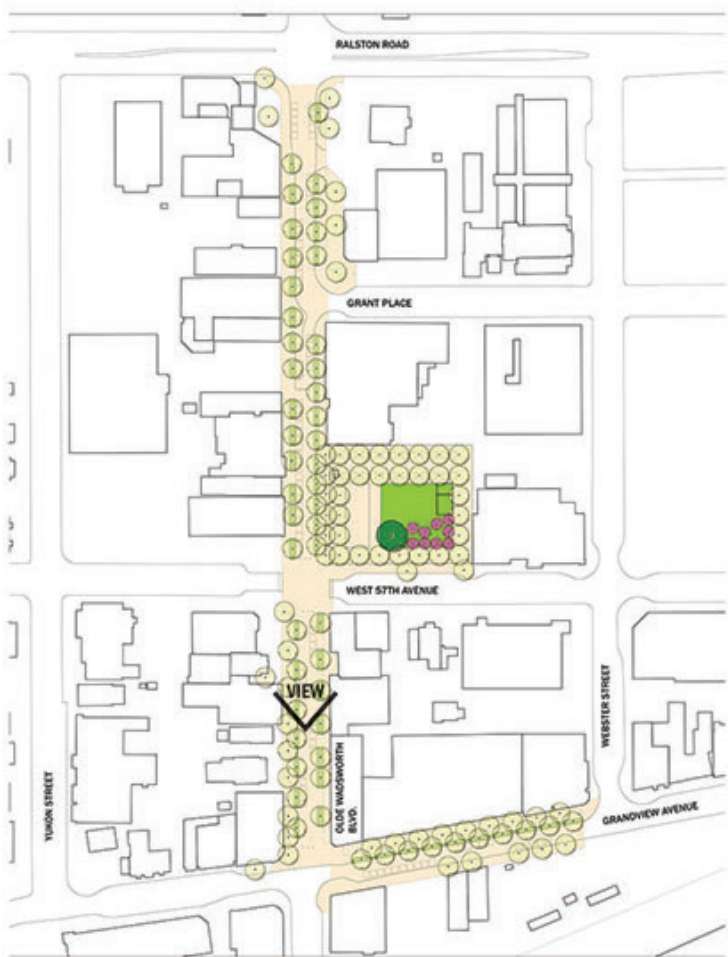
Grandview

- Adds 3rd row of street trees in open planting areas on north side

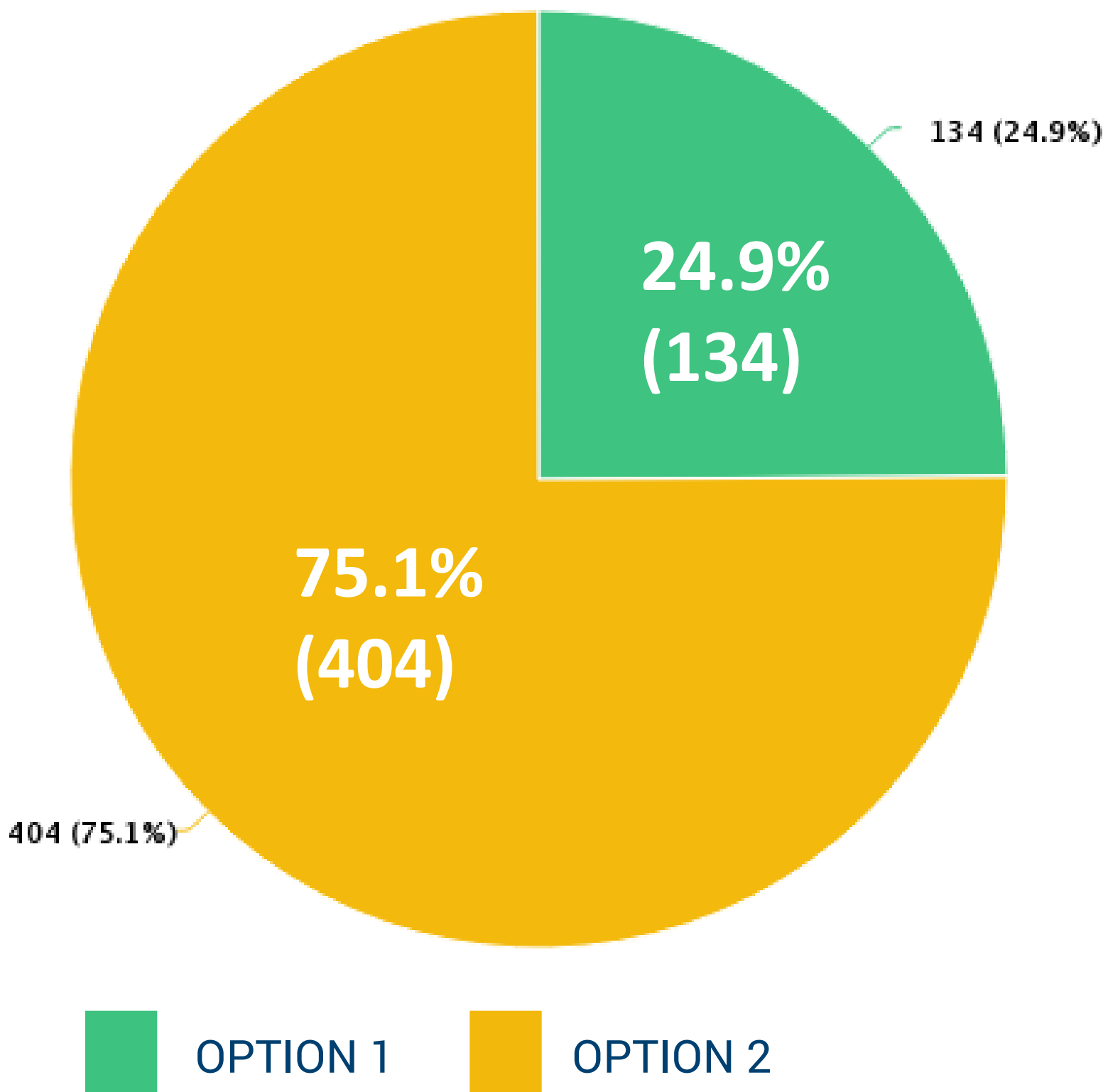
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LANDSCAPE OPTION #1



Q4: Which concept provides a better LANDSCAPE EXPERIENCE for Olde Town Arvada?



LANDSCAPE OPTION #2

Olde Wadsworth - Grandview to Grant

- Adds open planting areas to some existing street trees
- Preserves all existing street trees
- Provides a variety of flush and raised planting areas with integrated seating

Olde Wadsworth - Grant to Ralston

- Adds open planting areas to most existing street trees

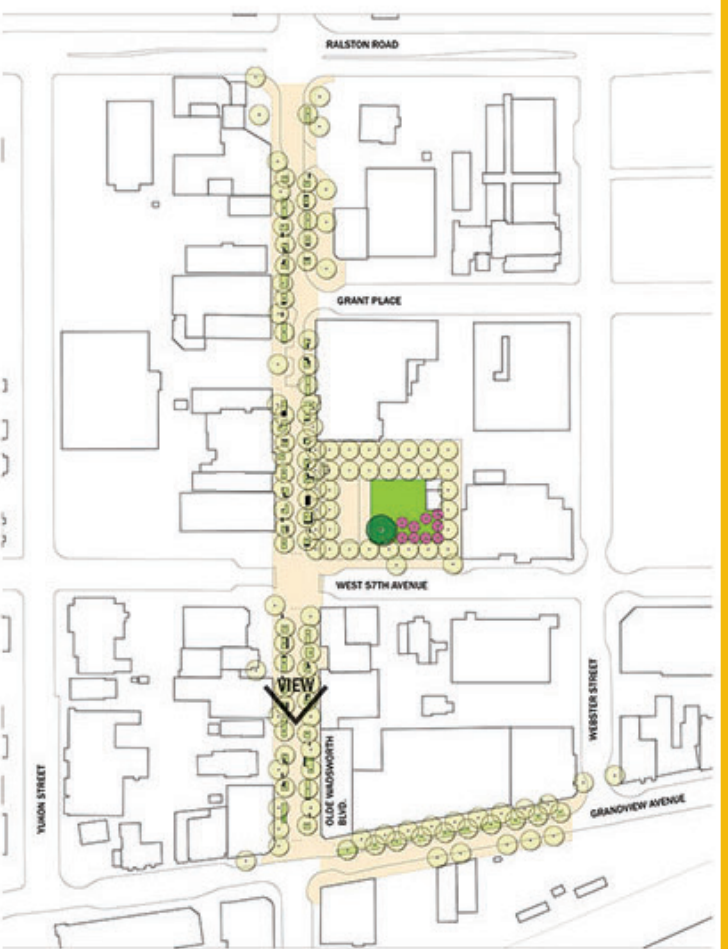
Grandview

- Adds 3rd row of street trees in open planting areas on north side

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



LANDSCAPE OPTION #2



Online Survey Snapshot

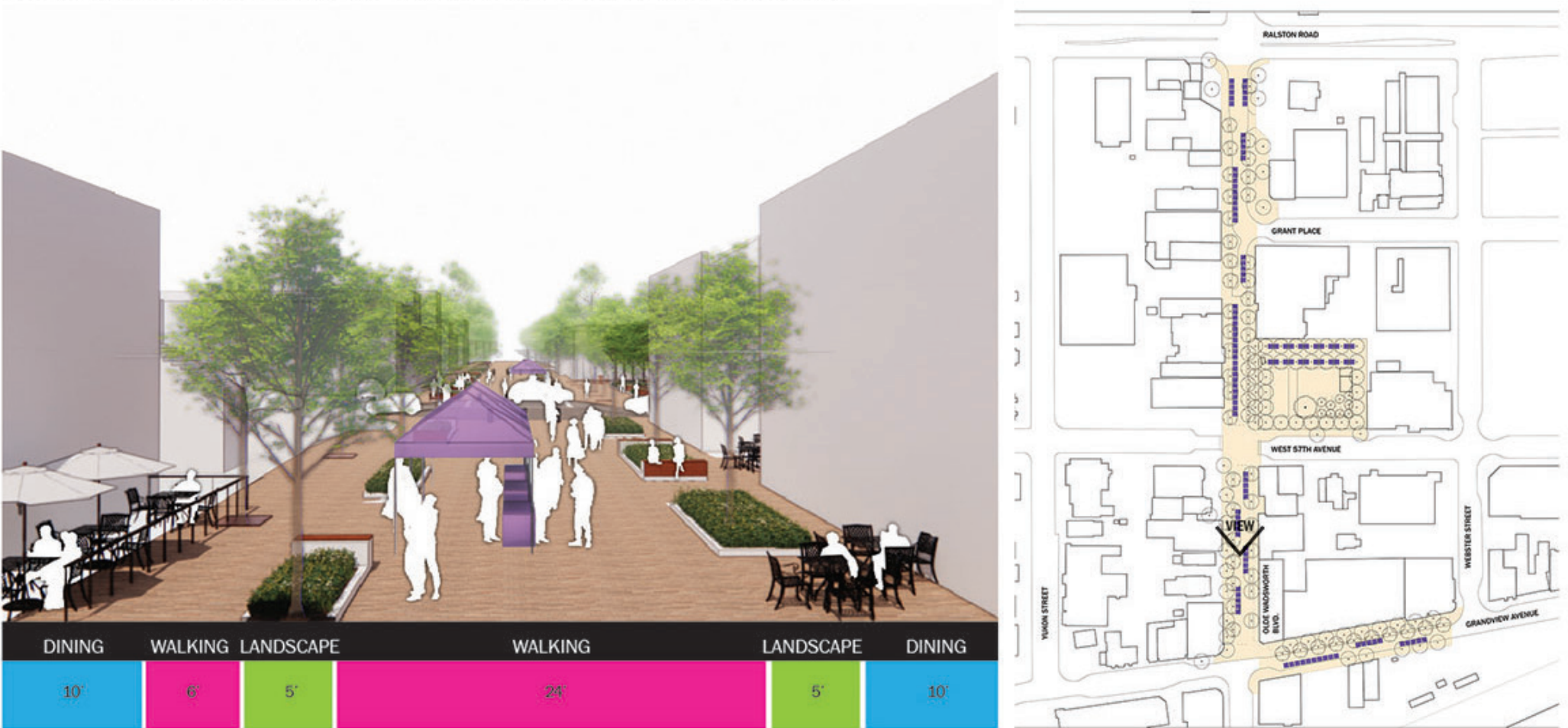
537 respondents

EVENT OPTION #1

All Streets

- Tents alternate sides to allow space for walking in central zone
- Tents occupy north side of Olde Town Square
- Comfortable space for 110-120 tents through 4 blocks and Square

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



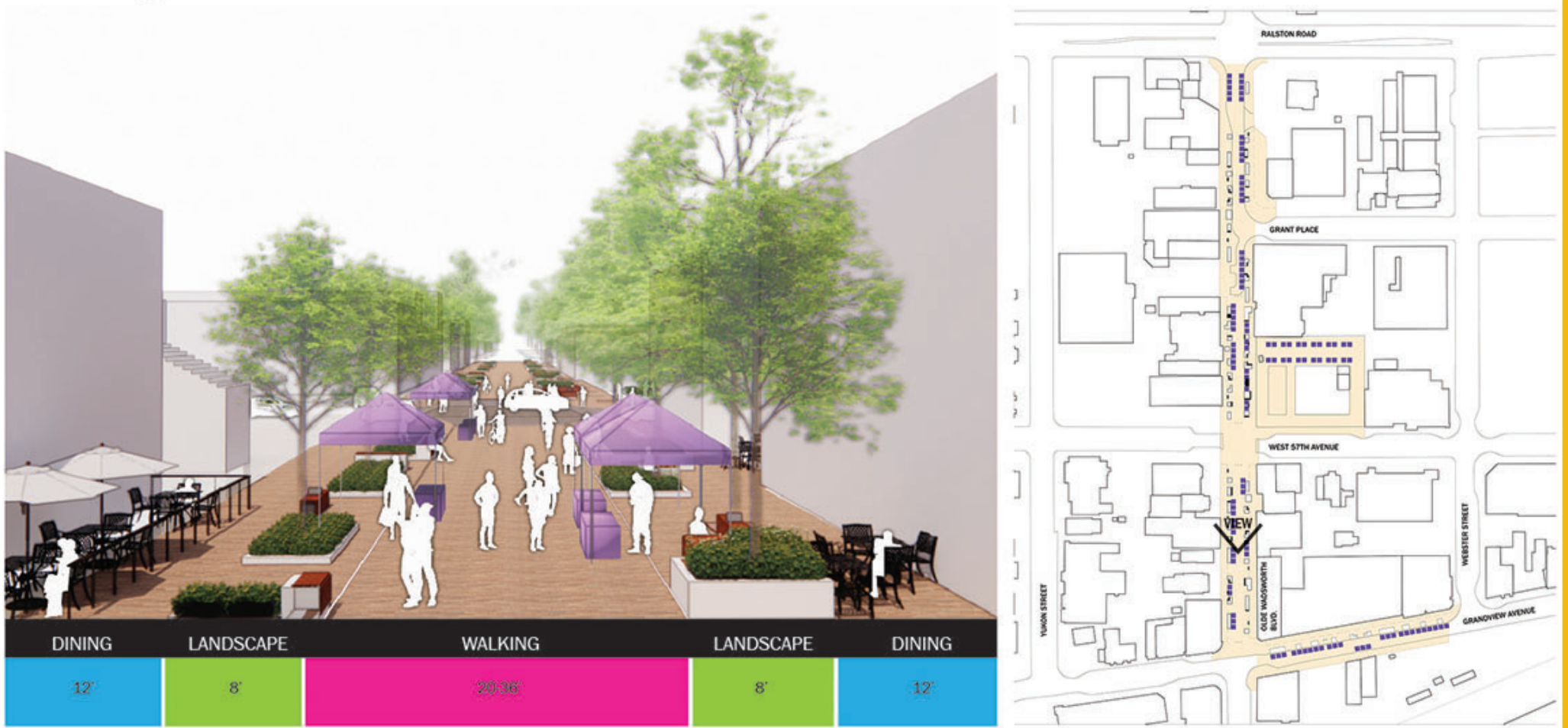
EVENT OPTION #1

EVENT OPTION #2

All Streets

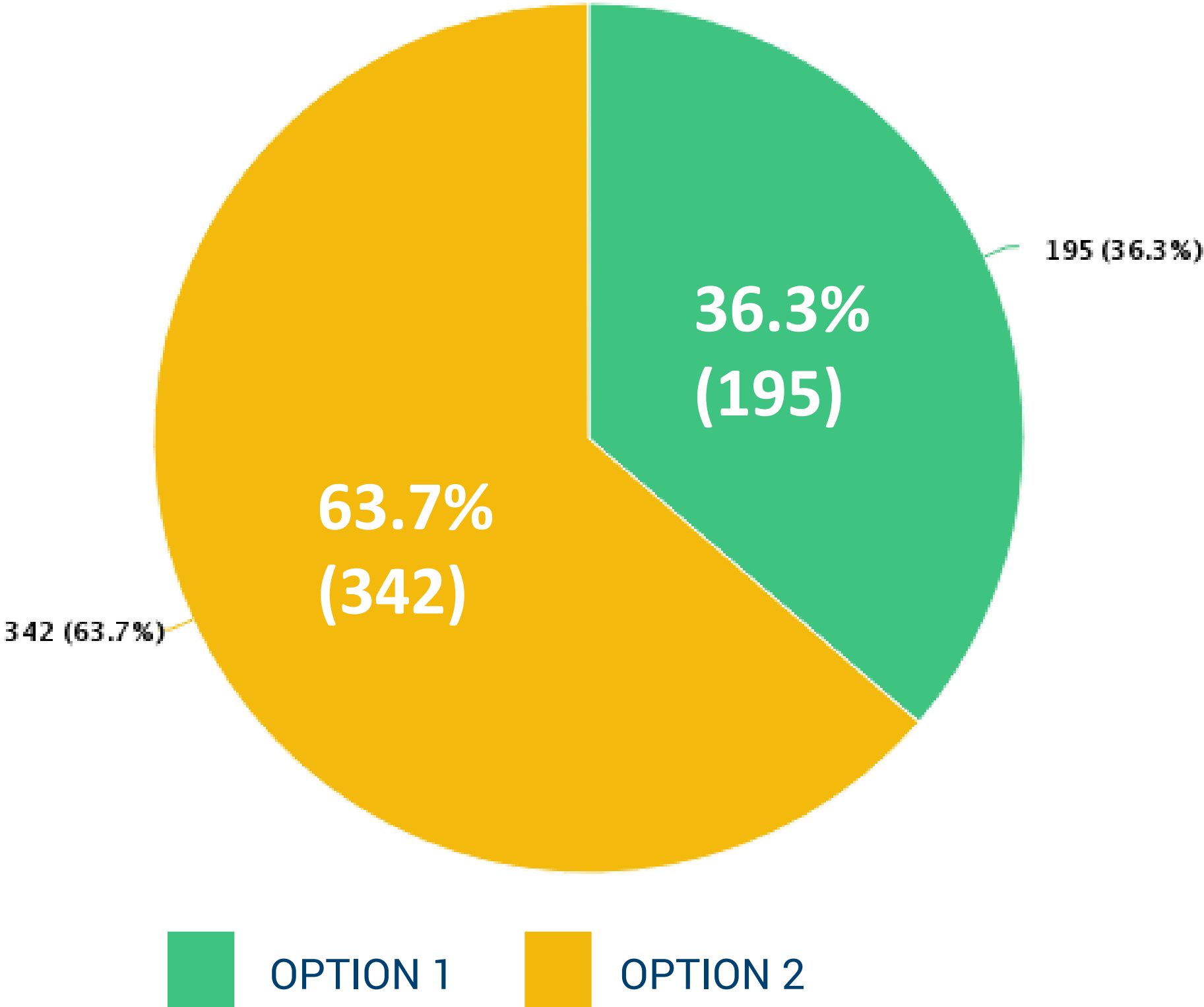
- Tents alternate sides to allow space for walking in central zone, and tucked into extra space between planting/seating elements
- Tents occupy north side of Olde Town Square
- Comfortable space for 110-120 tents through 4 blocks and Square

View looking north on Olde Wadsworth between Grandview & W. 57th



EVENT OPTION #2

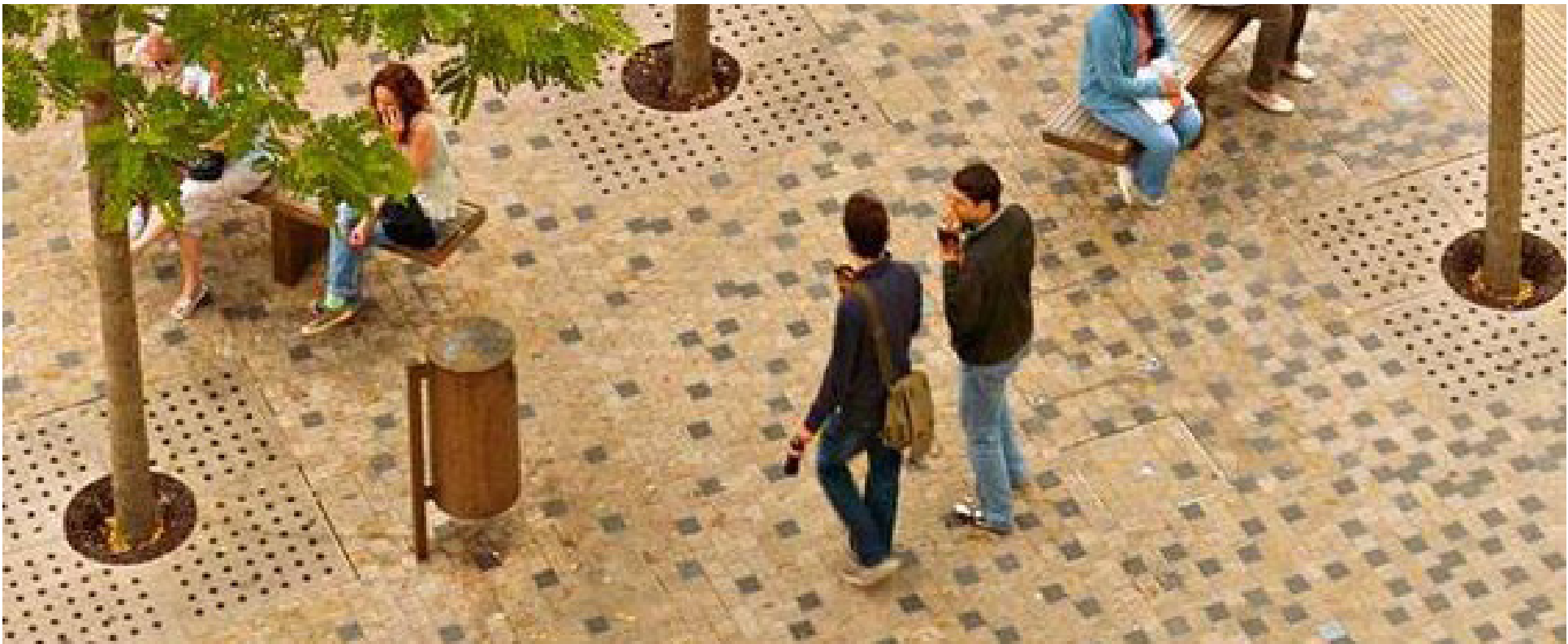
Q5: Which concept provides the most FLEXIBILITY FOR EVENTS in Olde Town Arvada?



Online Survey Snapshot

545 respondents

OPTION #1



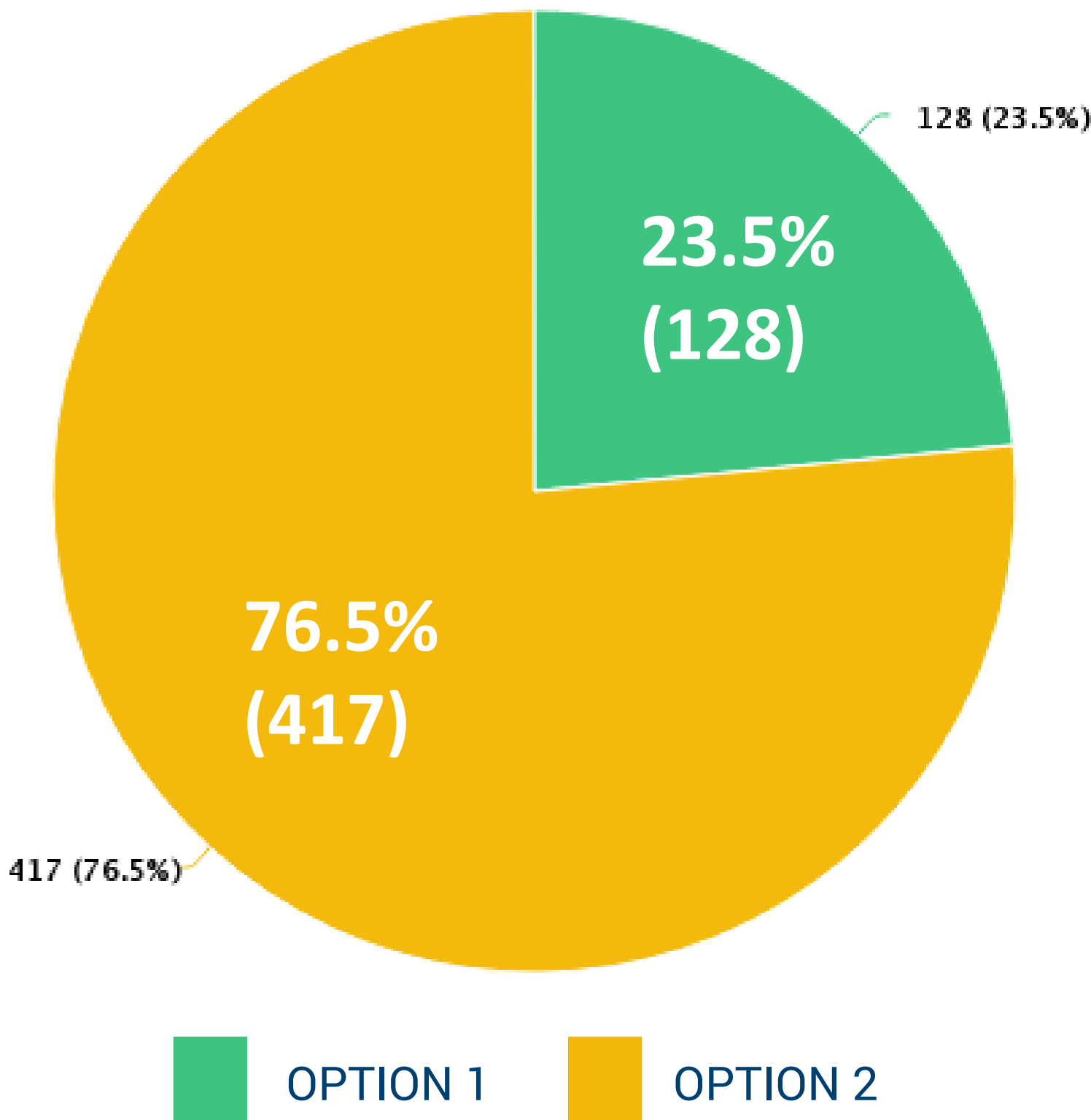
Lighter Colored Pavers with Dark Accents
• Modern look with a nod to a timeless application

OPTION #2



Warmer Colored Pavers with Dark Accents
• Traditional look with a modern twist

Q7: Which PAVING strategy fits best with the overall Olde Town Arvada Historic District look and feel?



Online Survey Snapshot

549 respondents

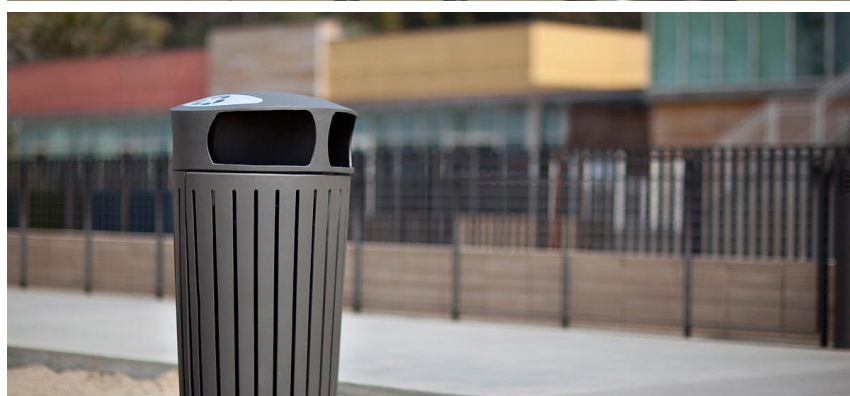
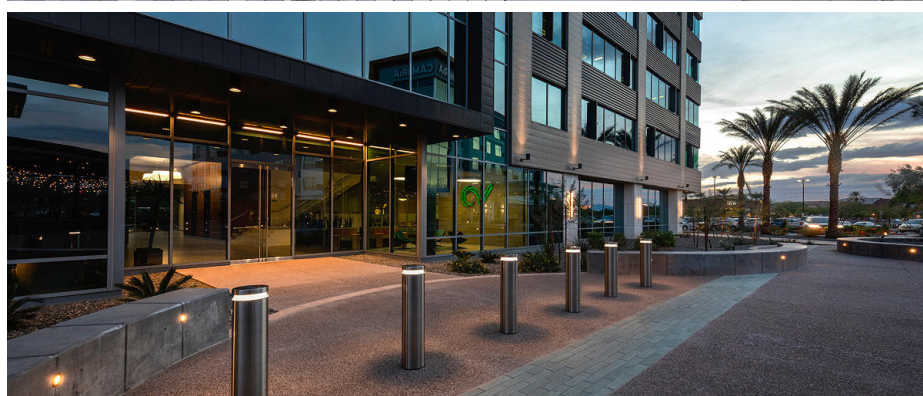
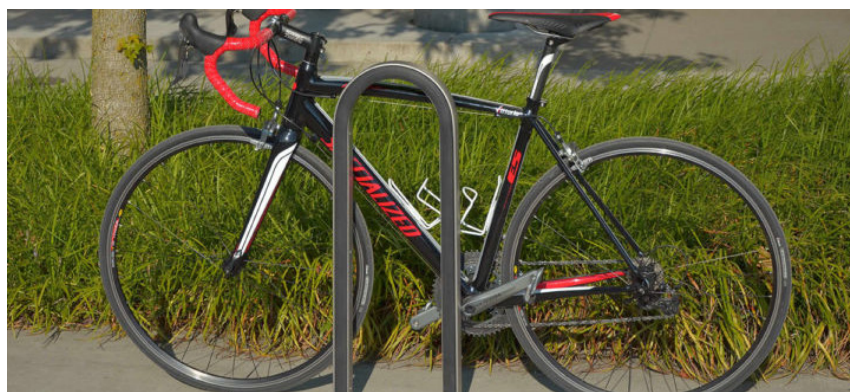
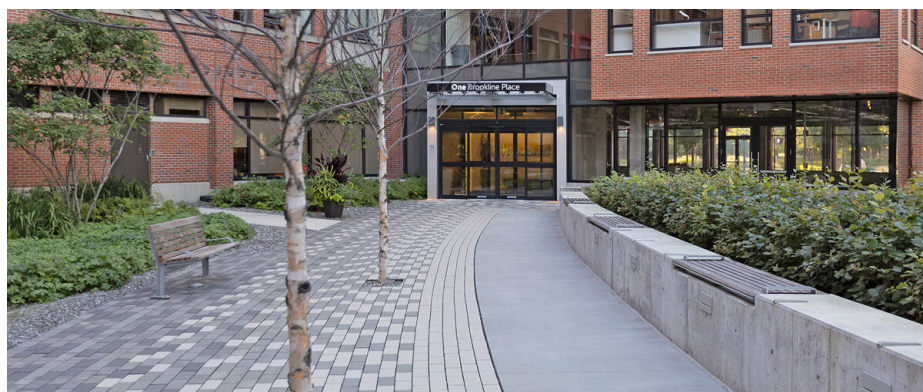
FAMILY #1



Modern Furnishings in Wood with Metal accents

- Benches integrated with planting areas.
- FSC & reclaimed wood material (sustainably harvested) with galvanized metal supports
- Oversized wood elements for long lasting and warm finish (will age and patina)

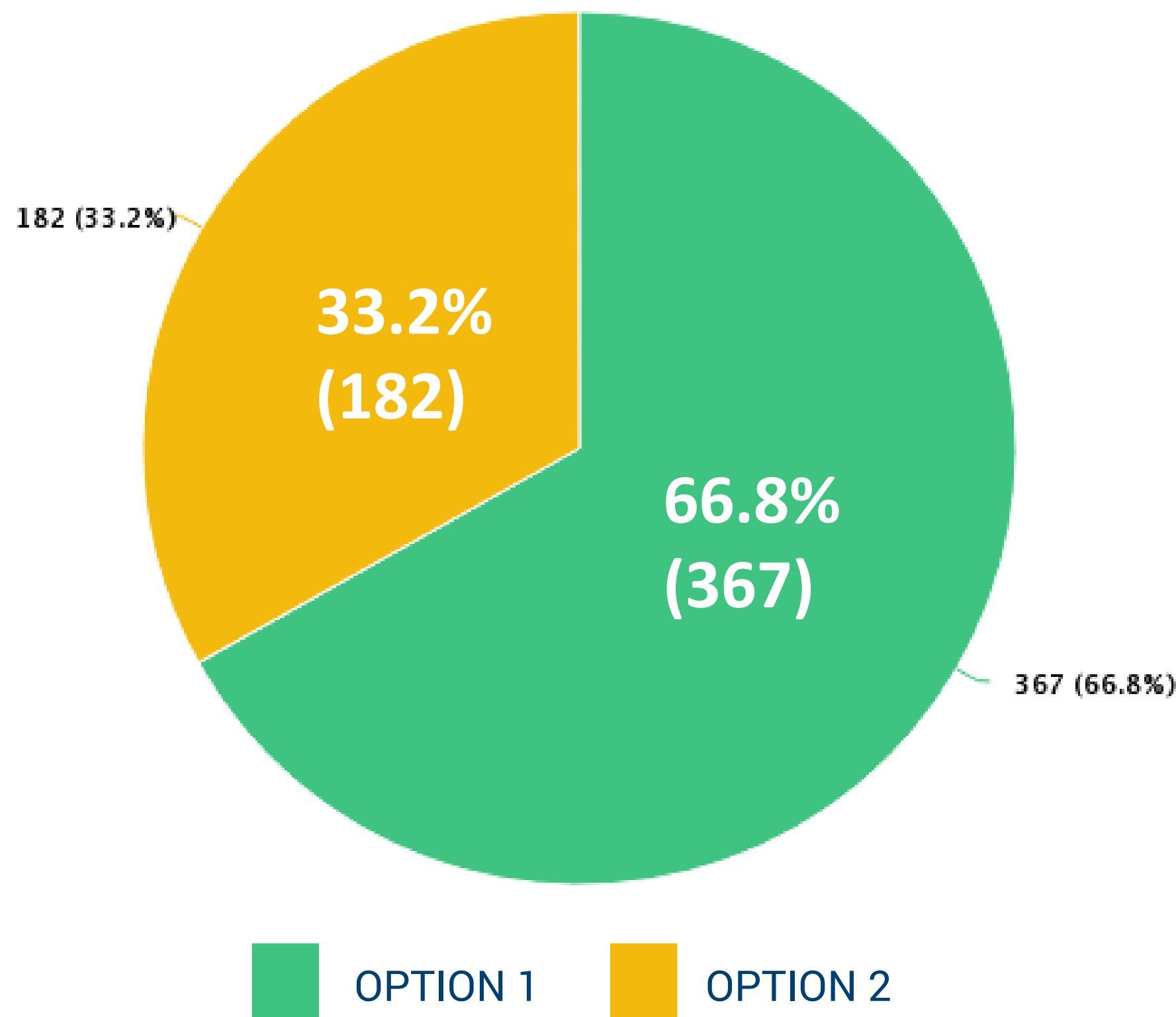
FAMILY #2



Traditional Furnishings in Metal

- integrated seating elements into raised planters
- Traditional and Timeless style to site furnishings
- Durable metal furnishings
- Powder Coated metal for low maintenance, clean look

Q8: Which STREET FURNISHINGS strategy fits best with the overall Olde Town Arvada Historic District look and feel?



Online Survey Snapshot

551 respondents

FAMILY #1



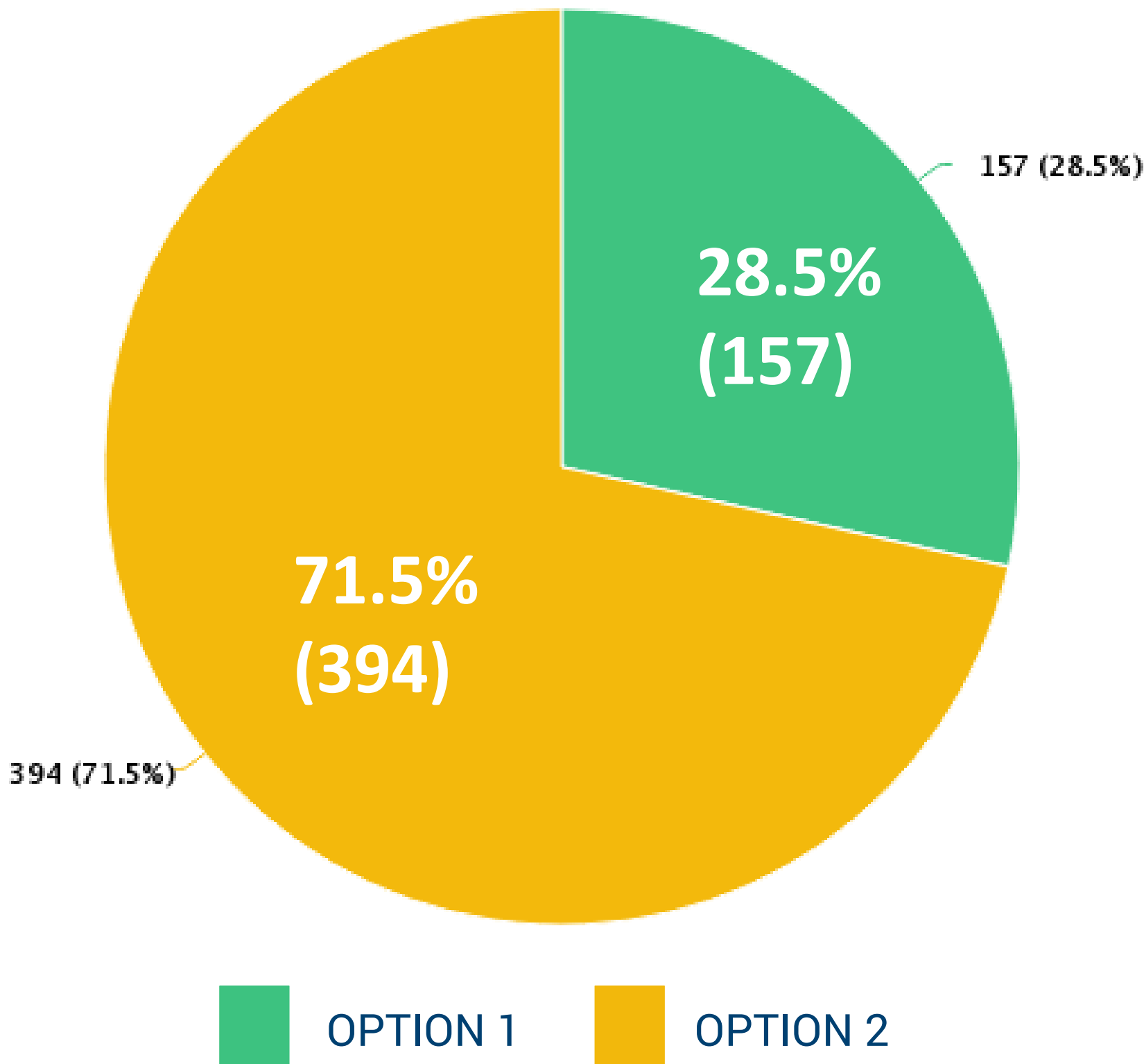
- Traditional Influences with Modern style
- cantenary lighting, fewer but larger overhead lighting strategically placed throughout streetscape.
 - modern look with a nod to timeless application
 - pedestrian scaled pole top lighting
 - Supplemental down lighting incorporated with benches

FAMILY #2



- Traditional Lighting with Historic Influence
- Overhead Tivoli/Festival lighting
 - Traditional pedestrian/street lighting
 - Supplemental landscape uplighting

Q9: Which LIGHTING strategy fits best with the overall olde town arvada historic district look and feel?

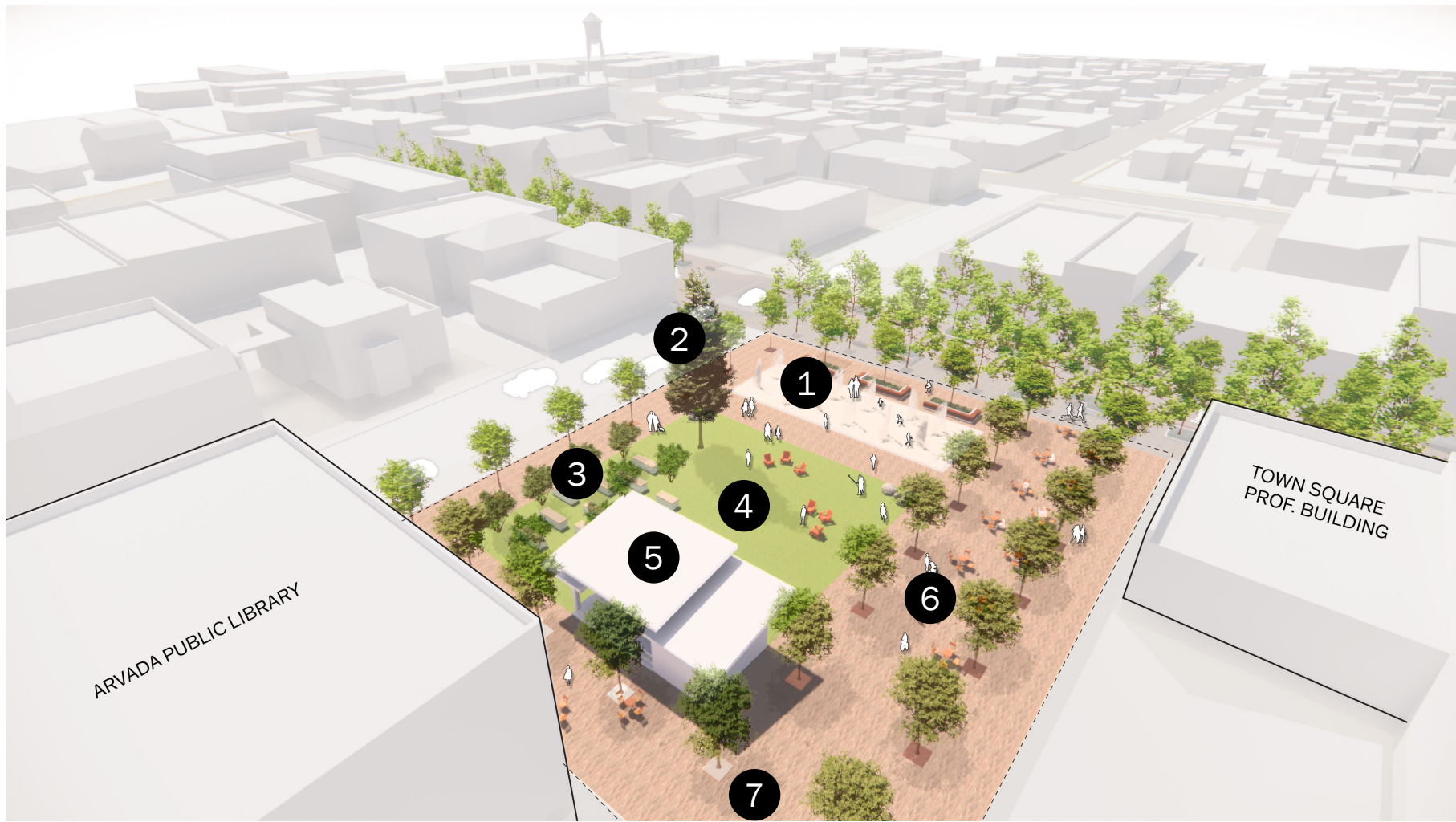
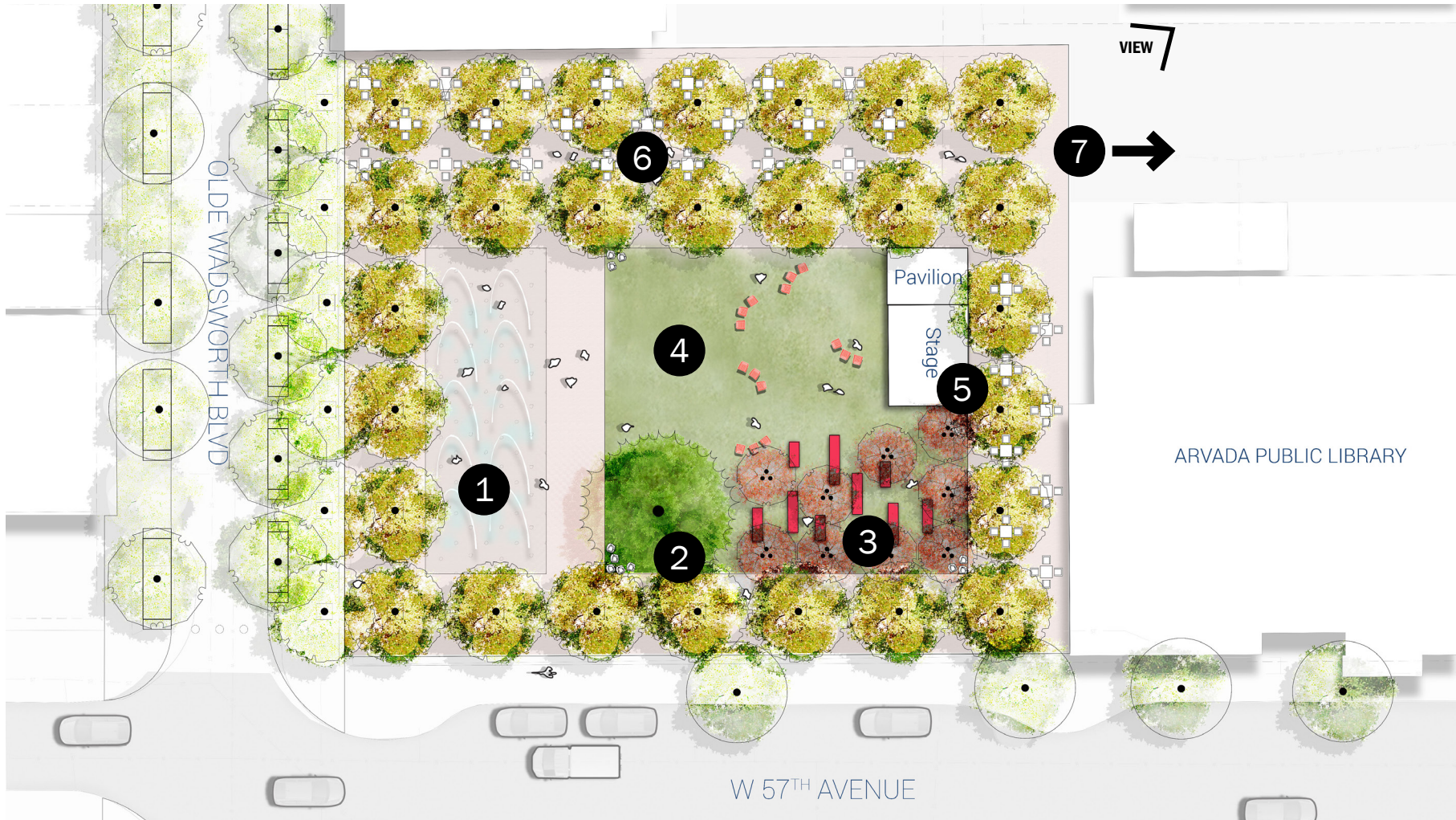


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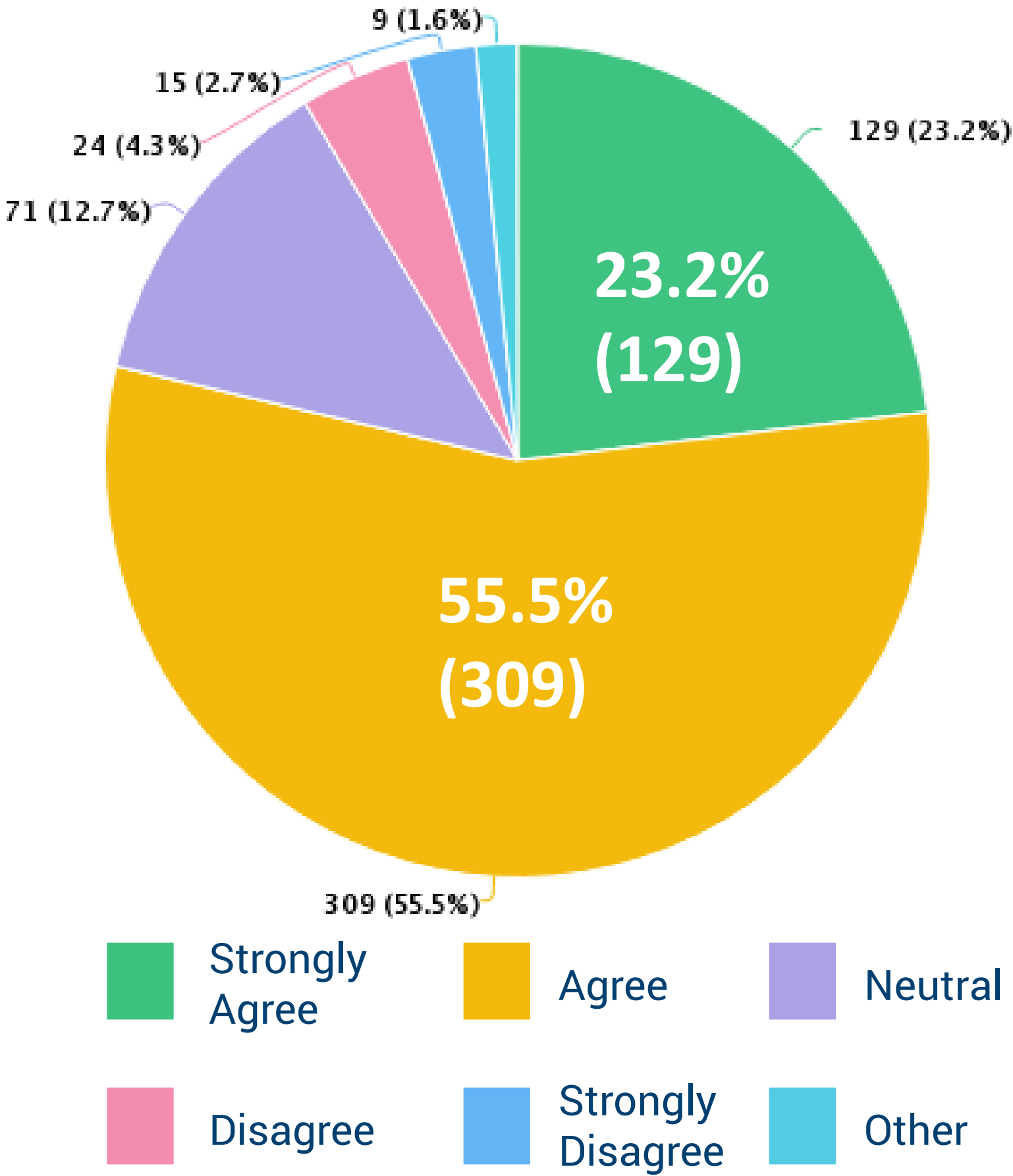
557 respondents

- 1 New, larger splash pad/ice rink
- 2 Community Christmas Tree
- 3 Integrated seating area
- 4 Lawn
- 5 Combined community stage/multipurpose building
- 6 Flexible event zone
- 7 Future pedestrian connection to public parking

Olde Town Square Concept - Plan



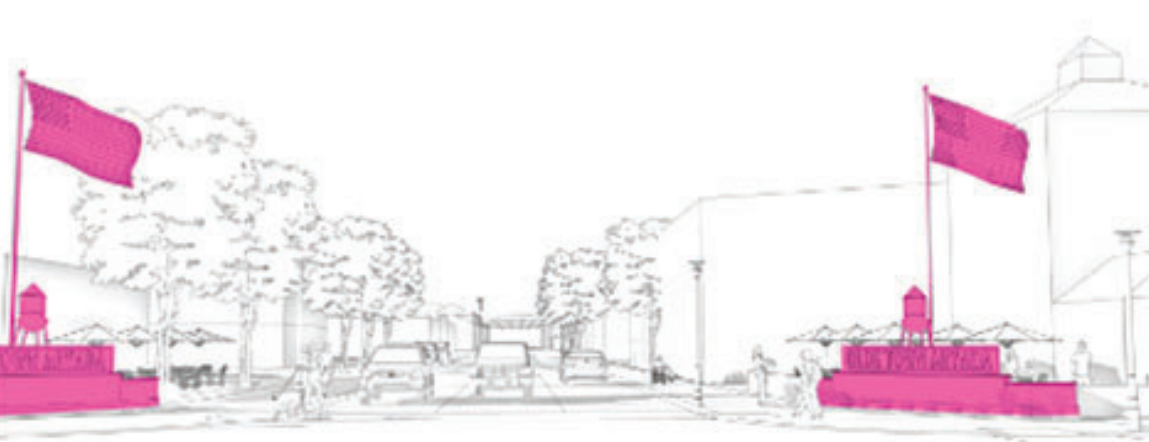
Q11: Does the proposed Olde Town Arvada Square concept fit with your preferred street design and the overall Olde Town Historic look and feel?



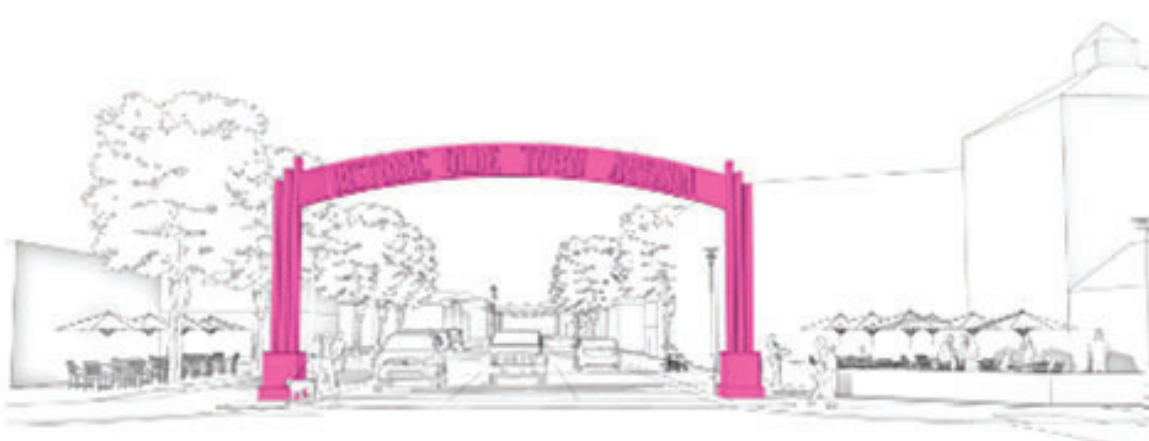
Online Survey Snapshot

549 respondents

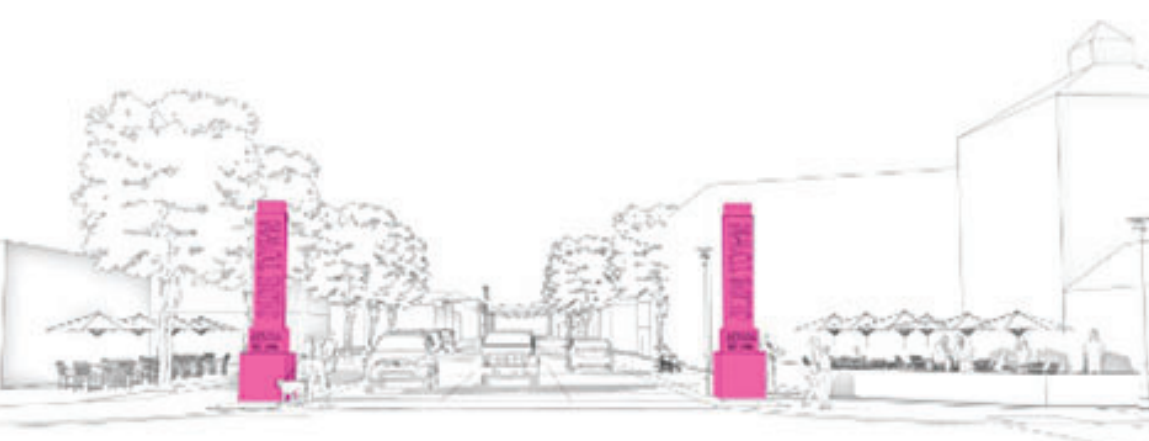
Option #1 - Traditional Site Walls



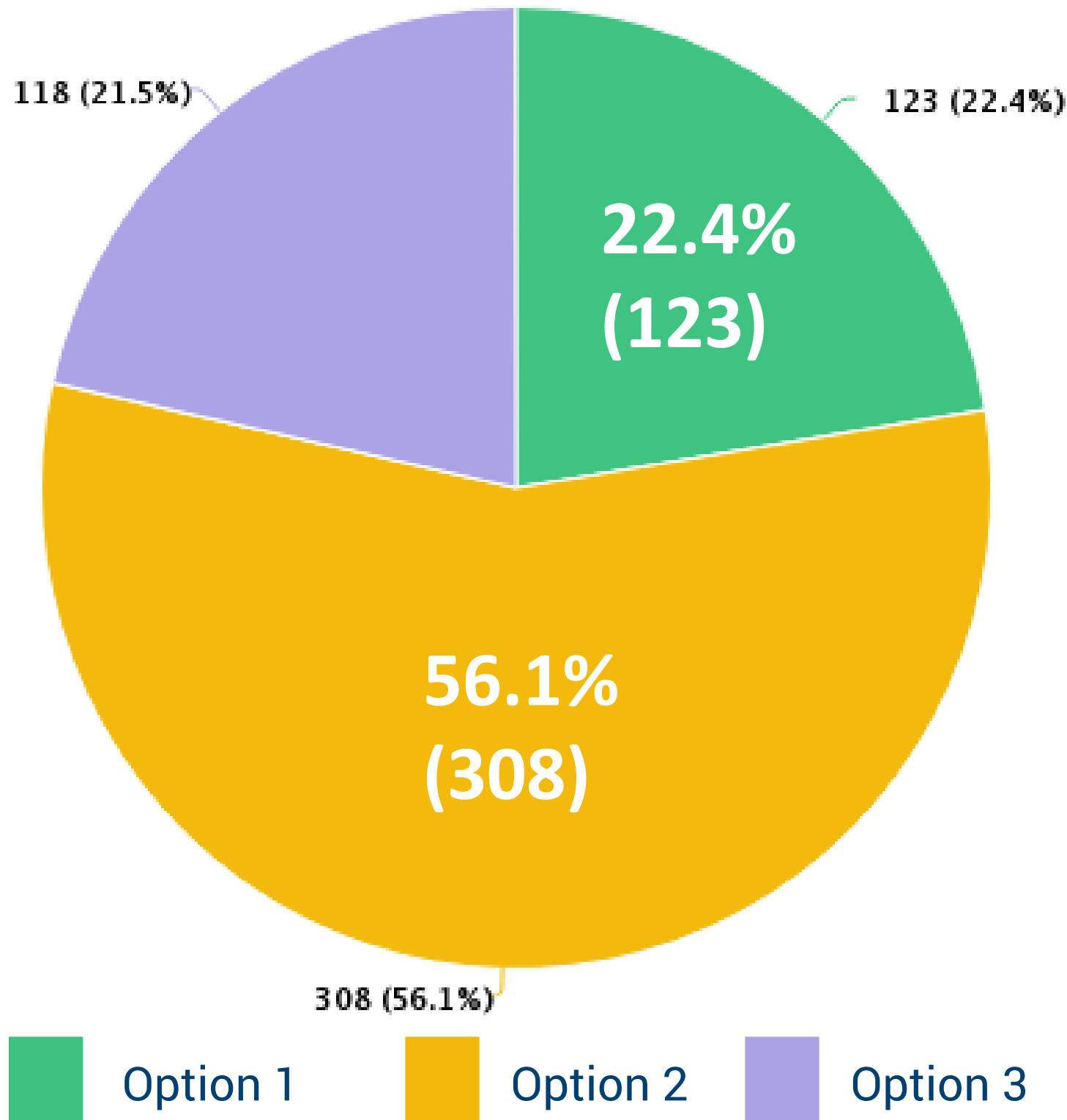
Option #2 - Overhead Archway



Option #3 - Vertical Column Elements



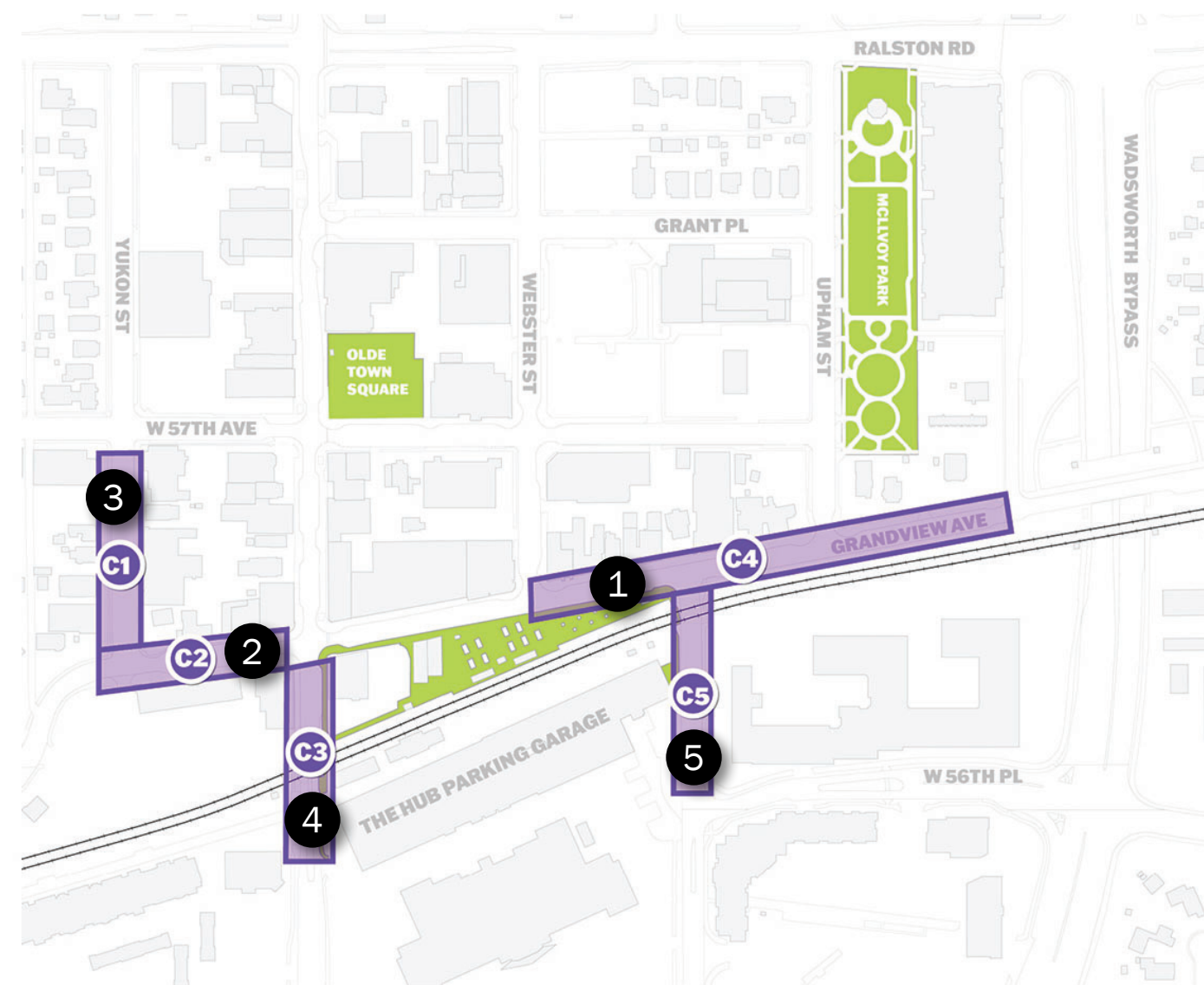
Q12: Which approach for Olde Town Arvada Gateway (Intersection "A" treatment) best fits with your preferred street design concept and the overall Olde Town Arvada Historic District look and feel?



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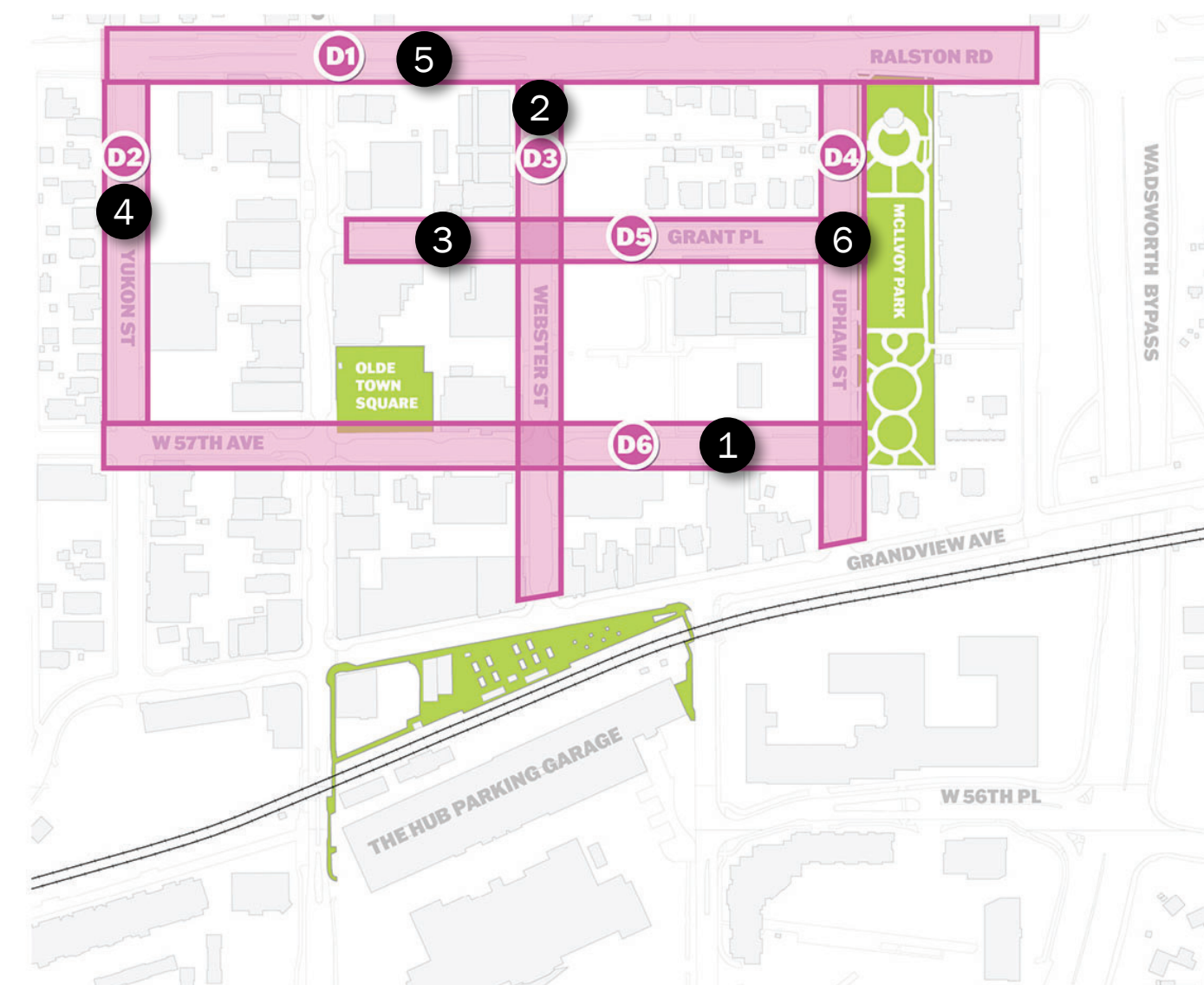
Q13: Besides the Pedestrian-Priority Blocks (A/B), which C blocks of Olde Town Arvada would you prioritize for future streetscape improvements (trees, lighting, paving, intersection treatments, street furnishings, etc.)? RANK YOUR ANSWERS.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
C4 - Grandview Ave. (Webster St. to Bridge)	2.13 1
C2 - Grandview Ave (Olde Wadsworth Blvd. to Yukon St)	2.49 2
C1 - Yukon St (Grandview Ave to West 57th Ave)	2.94 3
C3 - Olde Wadsworth Blvd (Grandview Ave to The Hub)	3.32 4
C5 - Vance St (Grandview Ave to West 56th Pl.)	4.02 5



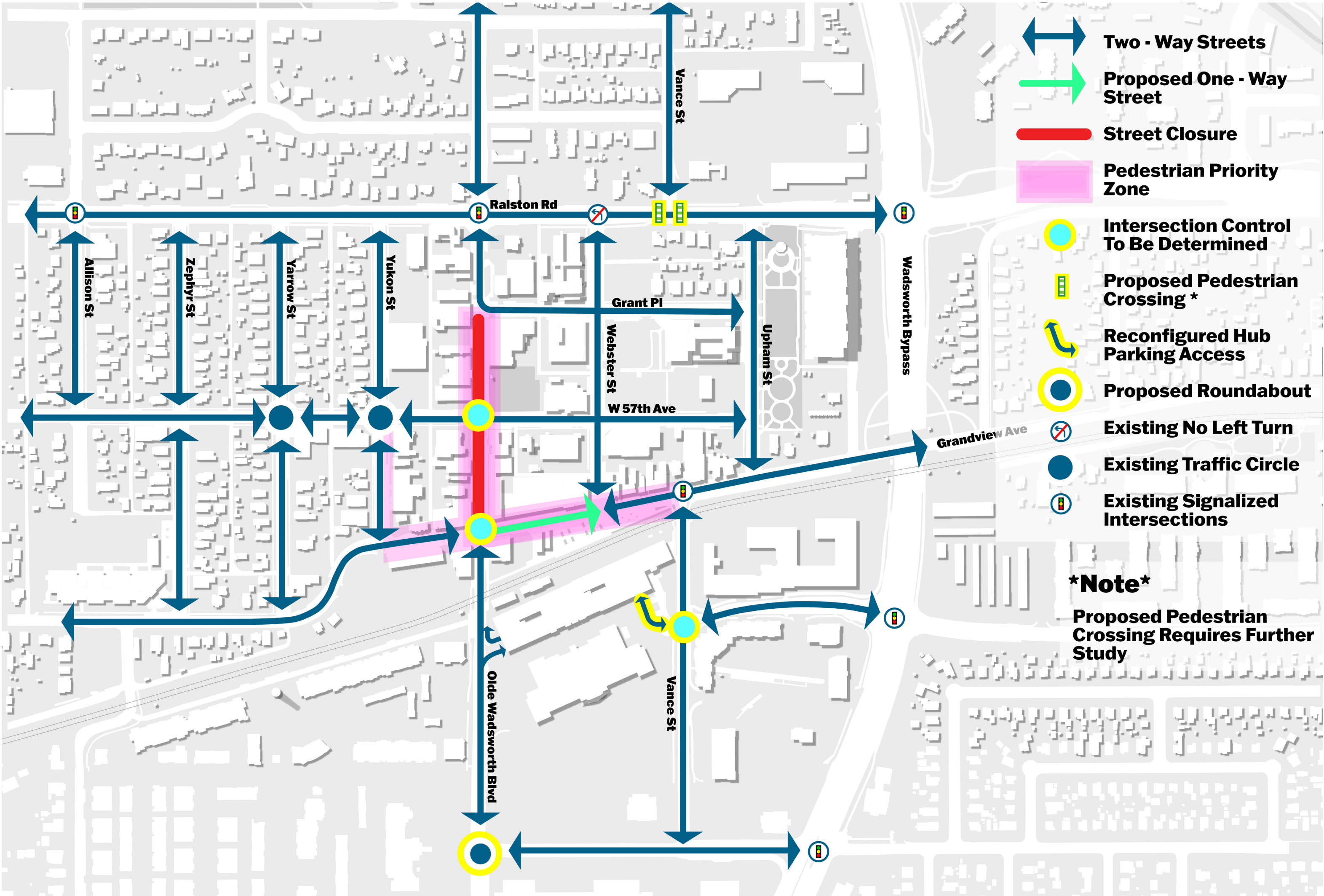
Q14: Besides the Pedestrian-Priority Blocks (A/B), which D blocks of Olde Town Arvada would you prioritize for future streetscape improvements (trees, lighting, paving, intersection treatments, street furnishings, etc.)? RANK YOUR ANSWERS.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
D6 - West 57th Ave (Yukon St to Upham St)	2.68 1
D3 - Webster St (Ralston Rd to Grandview Ave)	3.02 2
D5 - Grant Pl. (Upham St to Olde Wadsworth Blvd)	3.64 3
D2 - Yukon St (Ralston Rd to West 57th Ave)	3.70 4
D1 - Ralston Rd (Wadsworth Bypass to Yukon St)	3.80 5
D4 - Upham St (Ralston Rd to Grandview Ave)	4.02 6

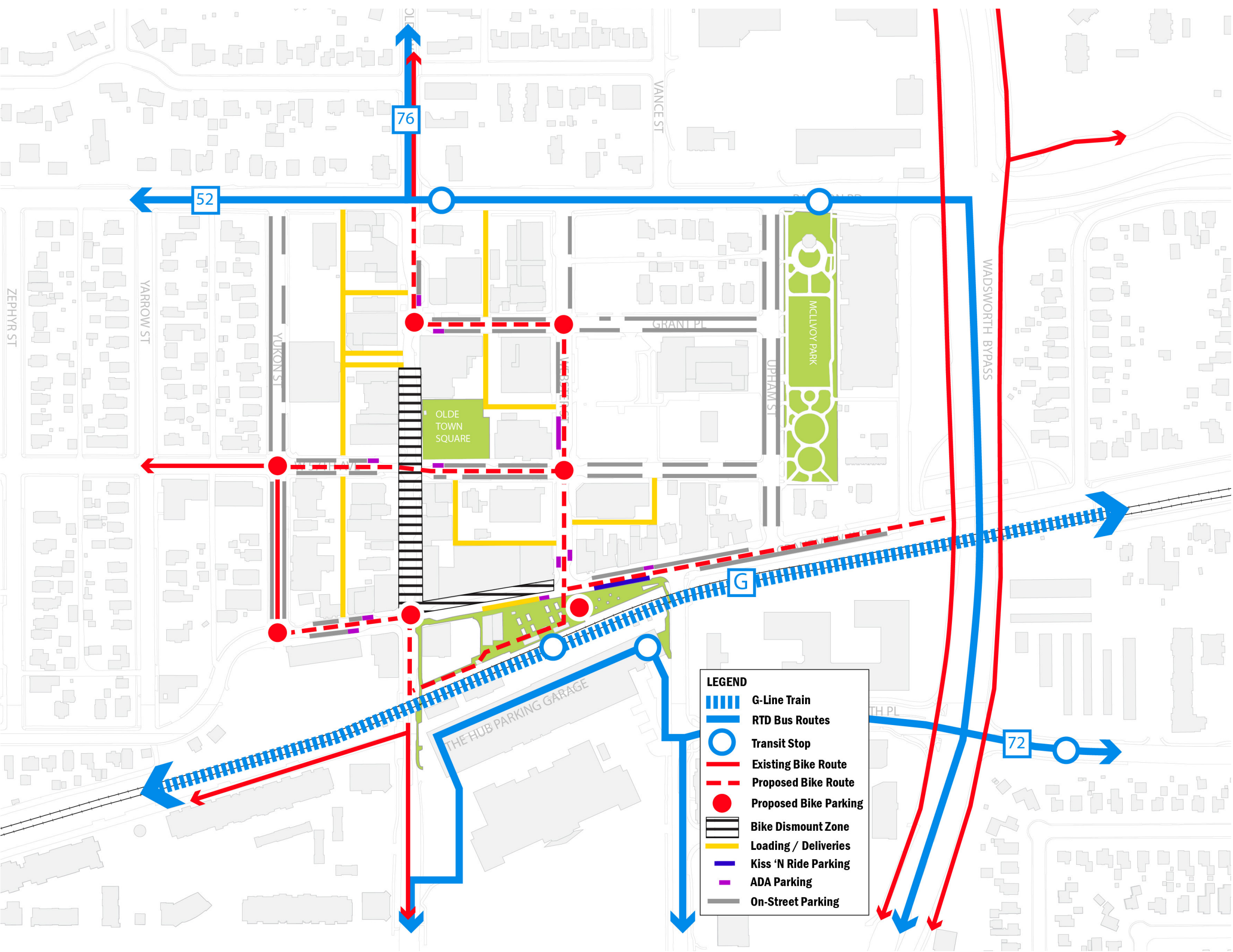


Preferred Design DRAFT

Vehicle Access - DRAFT



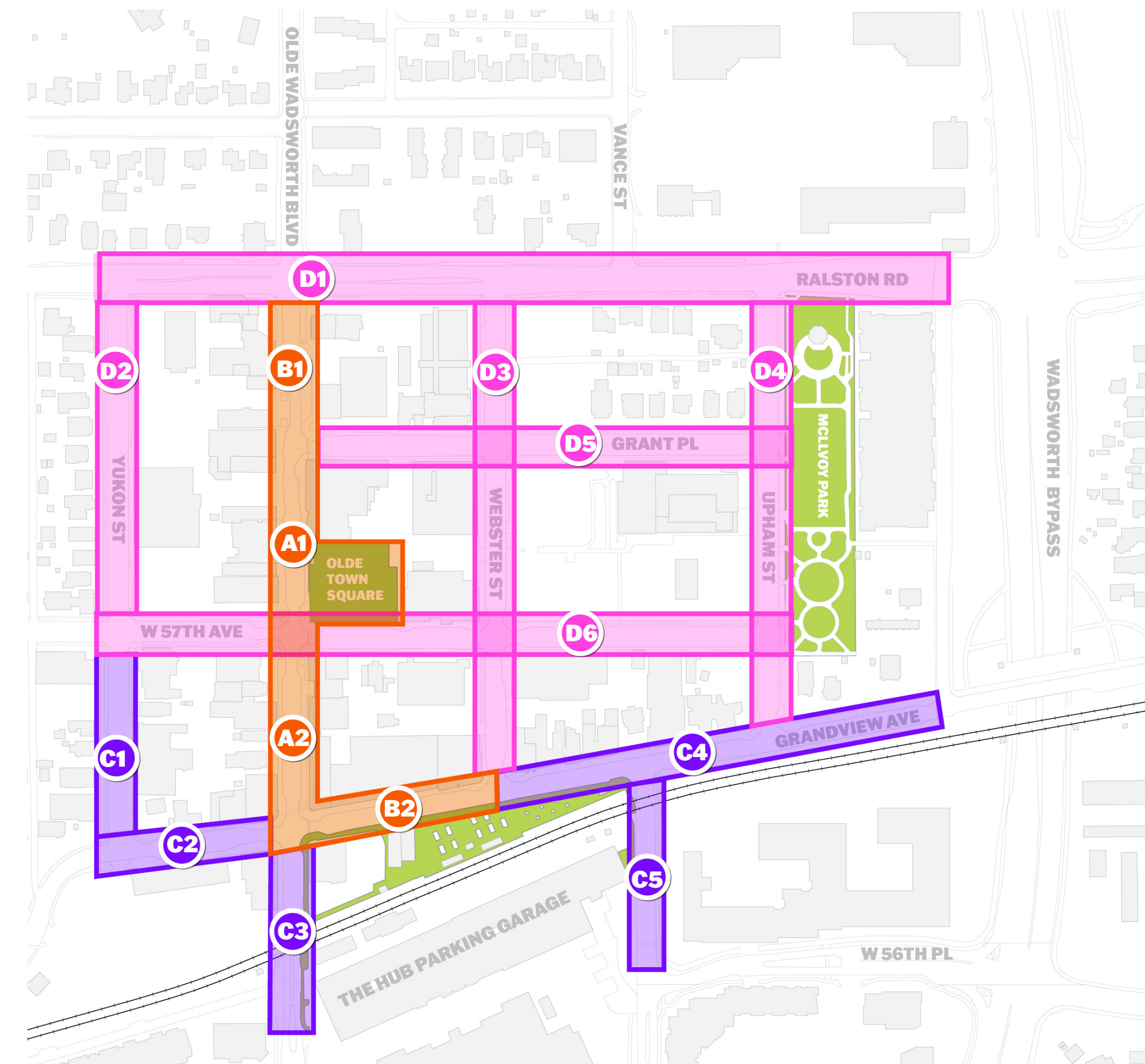
Circulation, Loading & Parking Access - DRAFT



- Connect bicycle routes through Olde Town, north-south and east-west
- Minimized pedestrian/bicycle conflicts with dismount zone on Olde Wadsworth
- Bicycle parking on corners at most intersections
- Consolidated and consistent delivery/loading zones in alleys and on Grandview
- RTD Kiss and Ride on Grandview
- ADA Parking close to corners

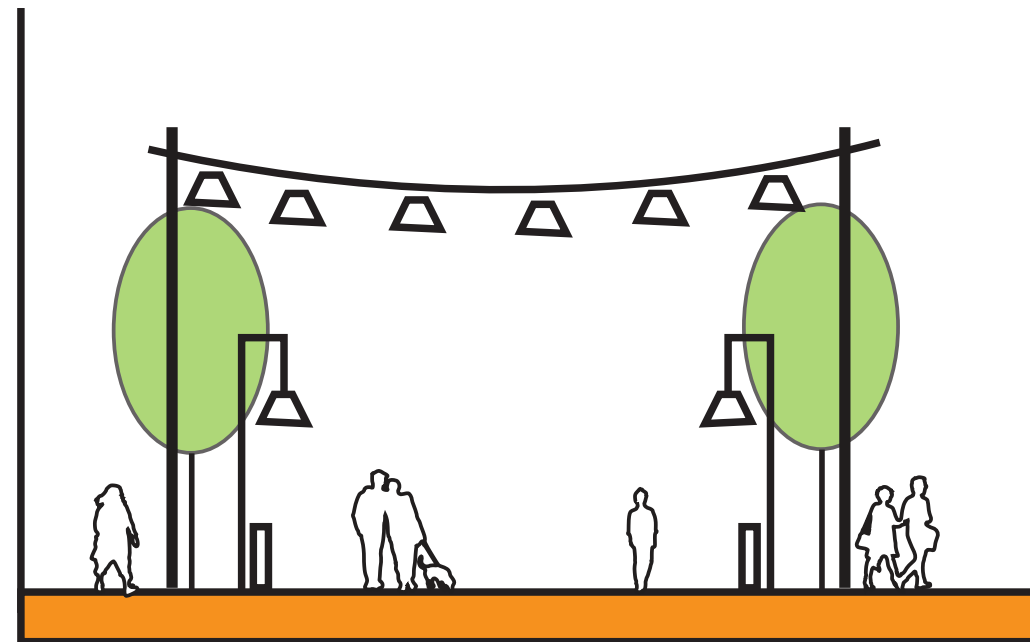


Street Functionality - DRAFT

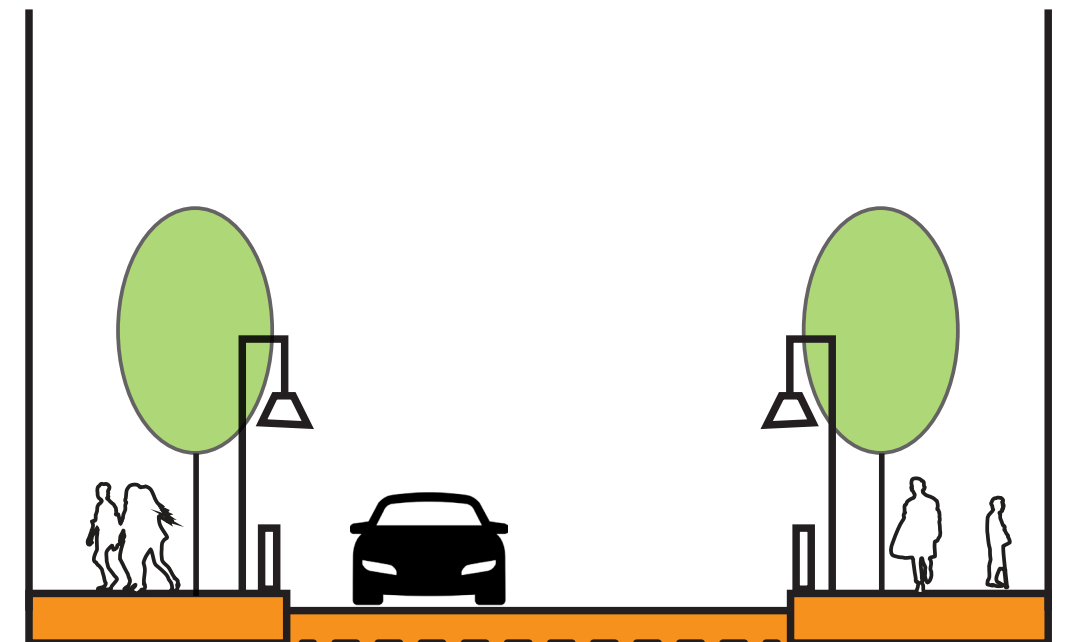


Olde Town Arvada Strategic Reinvestment Plan

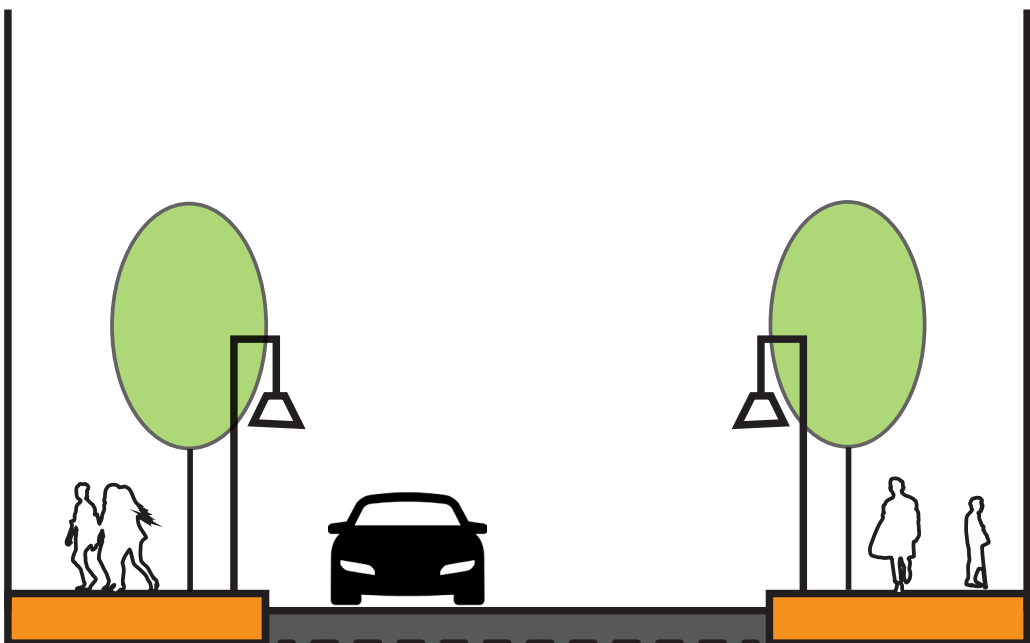
**A - Always
Pedestrian-Only**
**Emergency Access Only*
**Streetscape Improvements Building to Building*



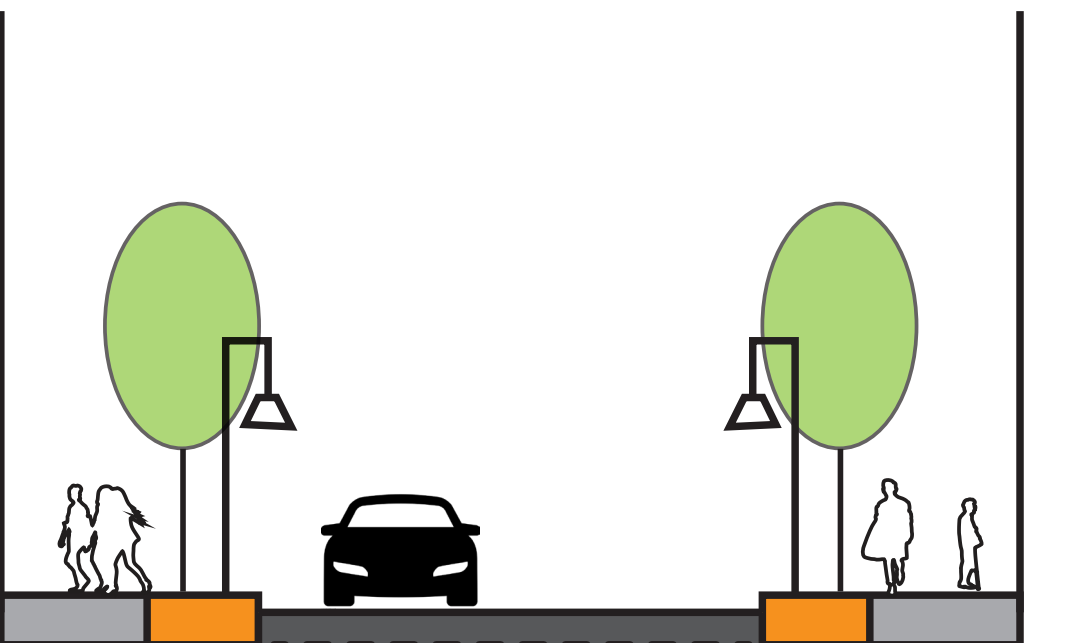
**B - Sometimes
Pedestrian-Only**
**Vehicles Allowed when No Event*
**Streetscape Improvements Building to Building*



**C - Vehicles Always
Allowed**
**Vehicles Always Allowed*
**Streetscape Improvements Behind Curb*



**D - Vehicles Always
Allowed**
**Vehicles Always Allowed*
**Minor Streetscape Improvements Behind Curb*



Olde Wadsworth Blvd. - DRAFT



Looking northeast from
W. 57th Ave.

Olde Wadsworth Blvd. - DRAFT



Looking south from
W. 57th Ave.

Olde Wadsworth Blvd. - DRAFT



Looking northeast above
Olde Wadsworth & W.
57th intersection

Olde Wadsworth Blvd. - DRAFT



Looking north from Grandview Ave.

12'
Cafe Zone

8'
Planting/Seating

20'-36'
Clear Zone/Emergency Access

8'
Planting/Seating

12'
Cafe Zone

Grandview Ave. - Opt. A: 1-way Traffic -DRAFT



Looking west from Webster St.

PROS

- Expanded sidewalk and planted areas
- Larger outdoor dining/seating spaces allocated to businesses

CONS

- Sidewalk is widened only on the northern portion of Grandview

Grandview Ave. - Opt. B: Pedestrian Only- DRAFT



Looking west from
Webster St.

PROS

- Fully pedestrianized zone from building face to building face

CONS

- No walkways in between planted areas and outdoor dining

Grandview Ave. - Opt. A: 1- way Traffic - DRAFT



Looking north from
RTD Plaza

PROS

- Delivery and RTD drop off zones
- Available parallel parking spaces/ handicap spaces
- Easy emergency access to RTD Plaza
- Improved circulation to the Hub parking garage east entrance

CONS

- Presence of cars and thru traffic flow

Grandview Ave. - Opt. B: Pedestrian Only - DRAFT



Looking north from
RTD Plaza

PROS

- Additional seating and planters on the southern sidewalk of grandview
- Opportunity for moveable play elements on the “street”

CONS

- No delivery access to Grandview
- Emergency access to RTD Plaza requires removal of bollards/ barricades

Grandview Ave. - Opt. A: 1-way Traffic -DRAFT



Looking northeast above
Olde Wadsworth &
Grandview intersection

PROS

- Improved traffic circulation through Olde Town

CONS

- Raised curbs for thru traffic

Grandview Ave. - Opt. B - Pedestrian Only - DRAFT



Looking northeast above
Olde Wadsworth &
Grandview intersection

PROS

- Matches the design on Olde Wadsworth

CONS

- Additional bollards/ barricades required to direct traffic existing bank drive thru
- Potentially confusing exit for bank drive thru
- Mixing vehicle traffic and pedestrians from bank drive thru exit to Olde Wadsworth intersection

Grandview Ave. - Opt. A - 1 way Traffic - DRAFT



Looking west from Webster St.

PROS

- Shared street to allows traffic flow from west to east
- Adaptable and flexible over “time”

CONS

- “Delineated” paths for pedestrians and cars

RTD Plaza	10' Sidewalk	20' Parking/One-Way Shared Street Zone	10' Planting/ Seating	8' Sidewalk	12' Cafe Zone
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Grandview Ave. - Opt. B - Pedestrian Only - DRAFT



Looking west from Webster St.

PROS

- Centralized pedestrian walk
- Porosity for people to walk to and from the RTD plaza and businesses fronting Grandview

CONS

- Closes off vehicular traffic and forces traffic flow onto other streets

RTD Plaza	12'	8'	20'-36'	8'	12'
	Cafe Zone/ Sidewalk	Planting/ Seating	Clear Zone/ Emergency Access	Planting/ Seating	Cafe Zone

Next Steps

Next Steps

April-May – Refinement of Preferred Alternative Design

April 25 – Presentation to BID Board

May 8 – Presentation to City Council

May 16 – Final TAC Meeting #6

June – Public Comment Period on Draft Plan

Mid to Late Summer – City Council Adoption



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM
2.B.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Staff Updates

Report in Brief

The purpose of this workshop is for staff to provide City Council with brief updates on projects and issues that do not require a full workshop.

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Approved by:

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