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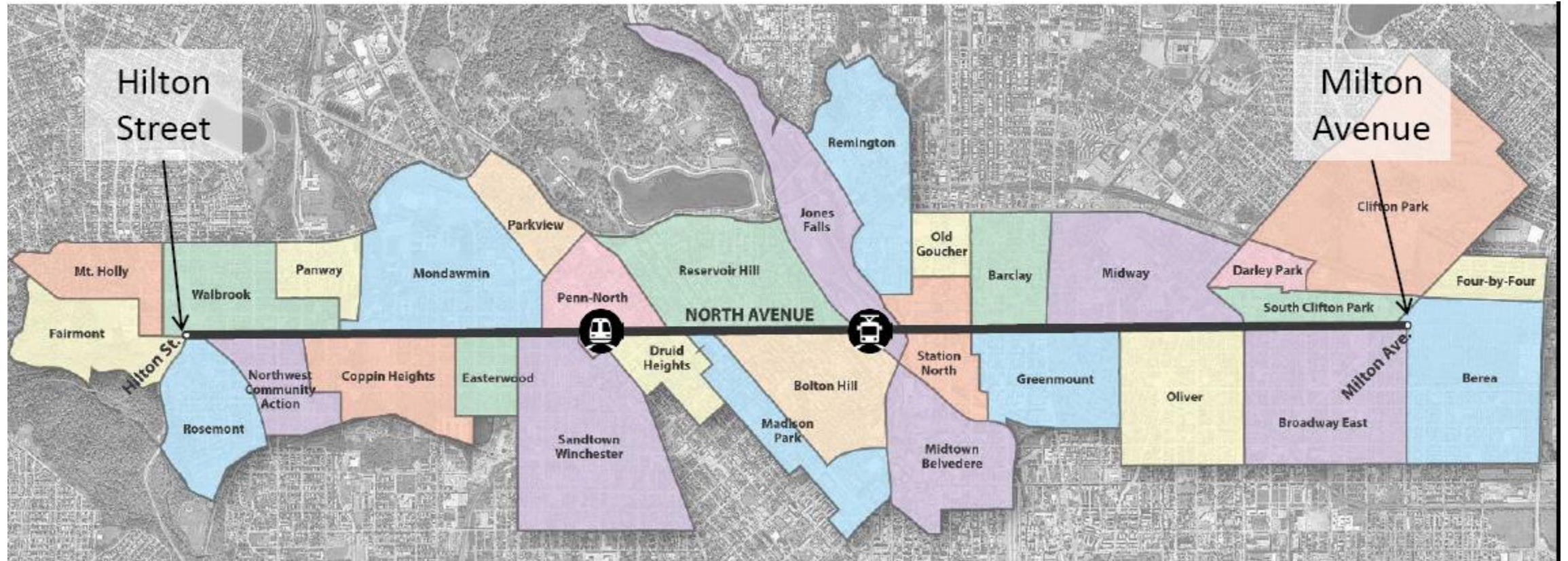
Community

- People
- Places
- Resources

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Background

- North Avenue for much of Baltimore's history was the northern border of the city, thus the name.
- Extending for 5 miles, it is one of the city's longest uninterrupted east west roadways stretching from Walbrook Junction in the west to Berea in the east.



History



Pennsylvania and North Avenues



Glorious Past

The current state of North Avenue marked by blight, vacancy and disinvestment is a far cry from its glorious past. In it's heyday North Avenue was a bustling and vibrant commercial corridor filled with theaters and boutiques, shops and restaurants that served a diverse population.



Charles Street and North Avenue

Swift Decline



- Streets that once were alive with energy as Baltimoreans of all status and hue patronized the numerous merchants and businesses along the avenue, yielded to white flight from the city and the steady decline of the industry sector upon which Baltimore had been so dependent.
- The streetcar lines that traversed back and forth were replaced with buses and cars, widened roads and increased vehicular traffic as North Avenue became more of a route through the city rather than the destination for which it had previously been known. Add to that declining retail options and a return to the stark lines of segregation from which Baltimore tried to free itself and this once great boulevard became a shadow of itself.

A Brighter Future???



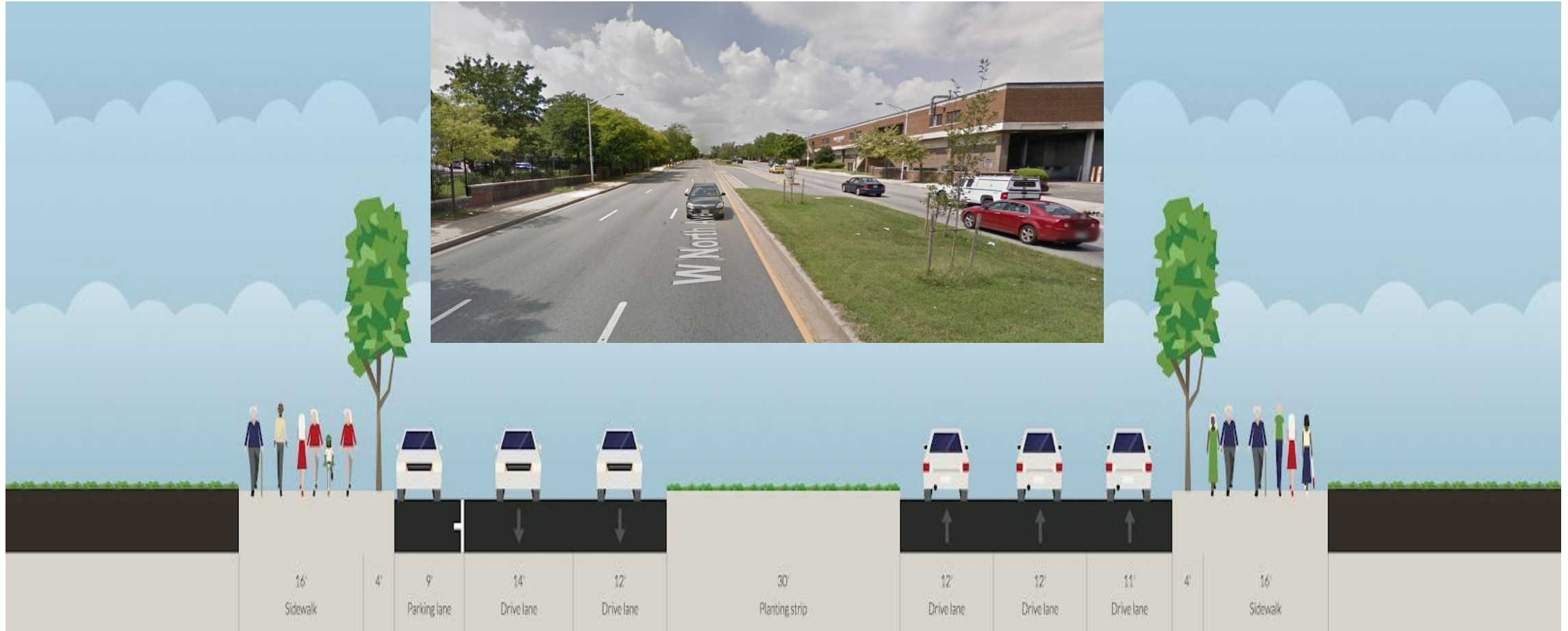
- Along many parts of North Avenue what remains today is a hodge-podge of failed businesses as North Avenue has become the outward expression of the lack of investment and social ills that are commonplace in far too many of the communities that border it.
- Central North Avenue has experienced a renaissance that has yet to reach the communities at either end of the corridor.
- Whether this redevelopment will have a ripple effect beyond the core of North Avenue is yet to be seen. Projects like North Avenue Gateway I and II, the Columbus School House Apartments and recent developments in the Coppin Heights Community bring hope that there are investment opportunities throughout North Avenue.

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Existing Conditions

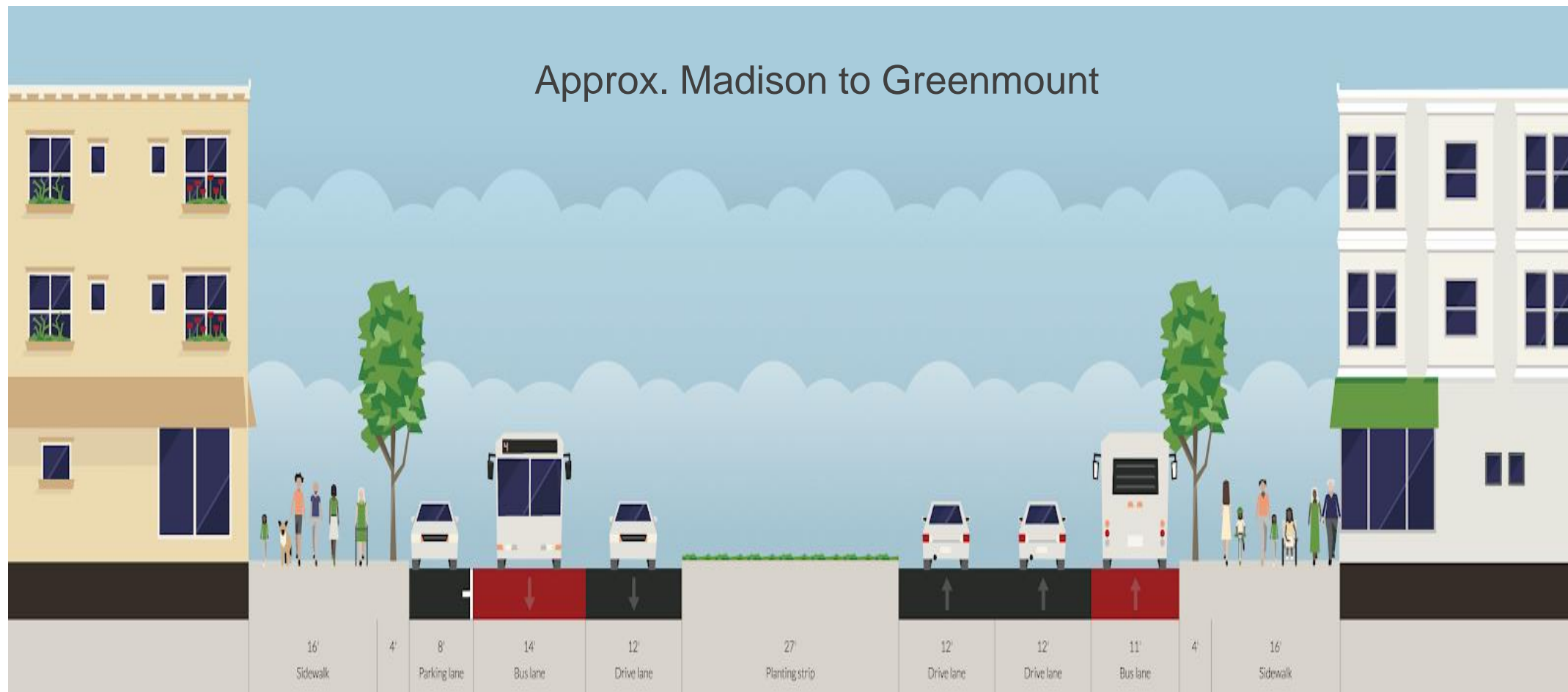


Approx. Madison Ave to Greenmount Avenue

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TIGER Initial Proposed Conditions

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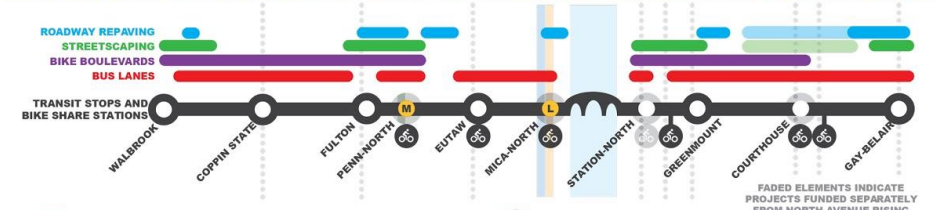
Current Plan

- Targeted streetscaping at specific intersections
- Resurfacing of existing road bed

Challenge areas:

- Targeted parking-adjacent bus lanes
- Bike share stations at key intersections
- “Parallel” bike boulevards

PROJECT ELEMENTS OVERVIEW



STREETSCAPING

- Sidewalk improvements, ADA compliant curb ramps, highly visible crosswalks, and pedestrian signals at commercial nodes
- Pedestrian lighting with a focus on safety and security
- Street trees, trash receptacles, and public art

DEDICATED BUS LANES

- Dedicated bus/bike lanes, with clear signing and marking, to encourage compliance, with minimal impacts to on-street parking
- Clearly marked mixed-traffic zones to accommodate right turns
- Transit signal priority installed at key intersections to reduce delay at traffic signals

RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

- Improvements to the entrance of the Penn-North Metro Subway Station
- Customer facilities and pedestrian access improvements to the North Avenue Light Rail Station

ENHANCED BUS STOPS

- Installation of shelters at high-activity stops along the corridor
- Targeted investments to several major bus stops including landscaping, wayfinding signage, and real-time information
- Off-board fare options at key locations to reduce dwell time

ROADWAY RENOVATIONS

- Reconstruction of the Pennsylvania Avenue / North Avenue intersection
- Targeted sub-surface road reconstruction and repaving to bring the roadway to a state of good repair
- Restriping focused on improving safety of pedestrian crossings and travel of bicycles, buses, and automobiles

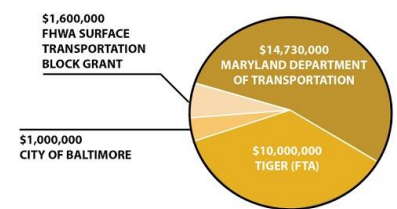
BIKE FACILITIES

- Bike share docks at key locations that connect to the citywide network
- Shared bus/bike lanes on North Avenue
- Bike boulevard treatments such as sharrows, signage, and bike-friendly speed humps along parallel streets that have lower automobile traffic

PROJECT BUDGET BY FUNDING SOURCE

Project Element	Cost (\$)
Streetscaping	\$8,473,000
Penn-North Station Improvements	\$4,915,000
Dedicated Bus Lanes	\$3,739,000
Roadway Repaving	\$3,470,000
Enhanced Bus Stops	\$2,500,000
Penn-North Intersection Reconstruction	\$2,000,000
Transit Signal Priority	\$1,555,000
Bike Share Docks	\$252,000
Bike Boulevards and Lanes	\$426,000
TOTAL	\$27,330,000

PROJECT BUDGET BY ELEMENT

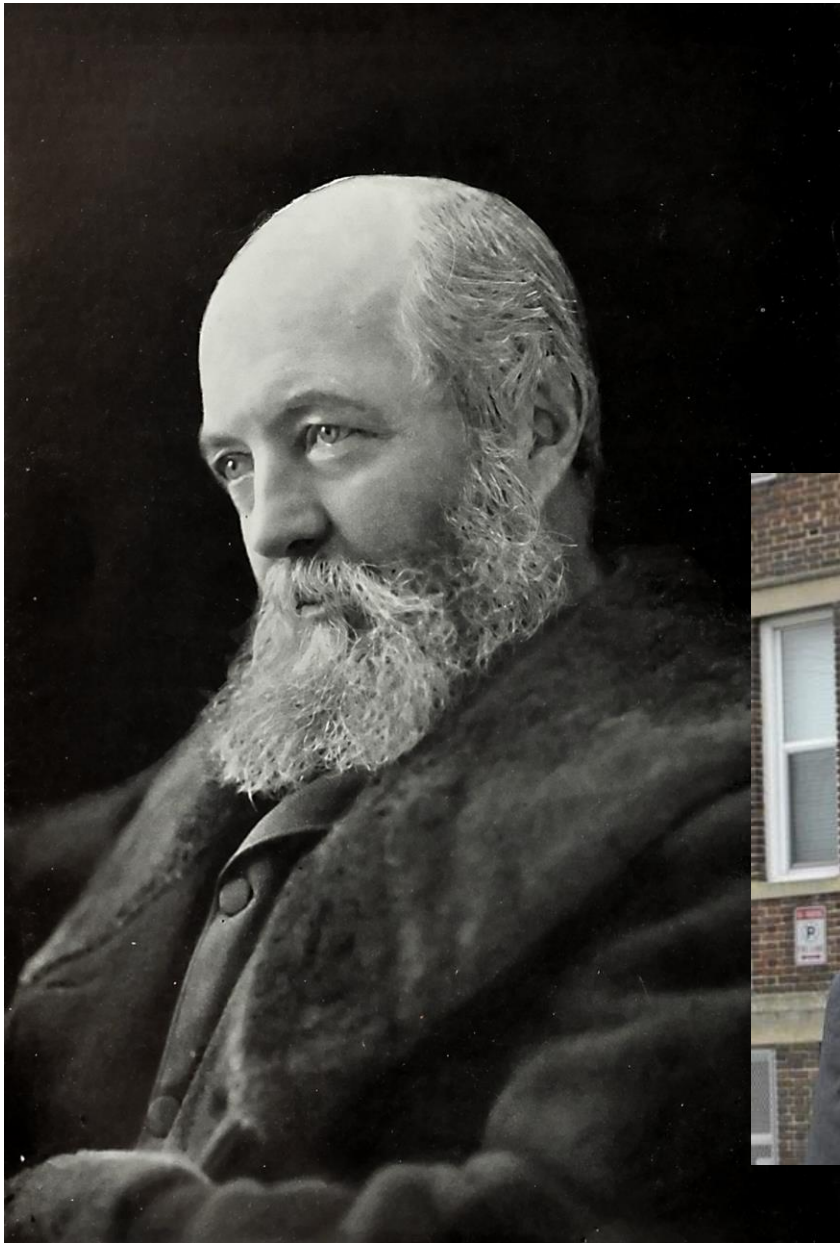


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Chain of Fools

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Anchor Institutions



HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ADAPTIVE REUSE



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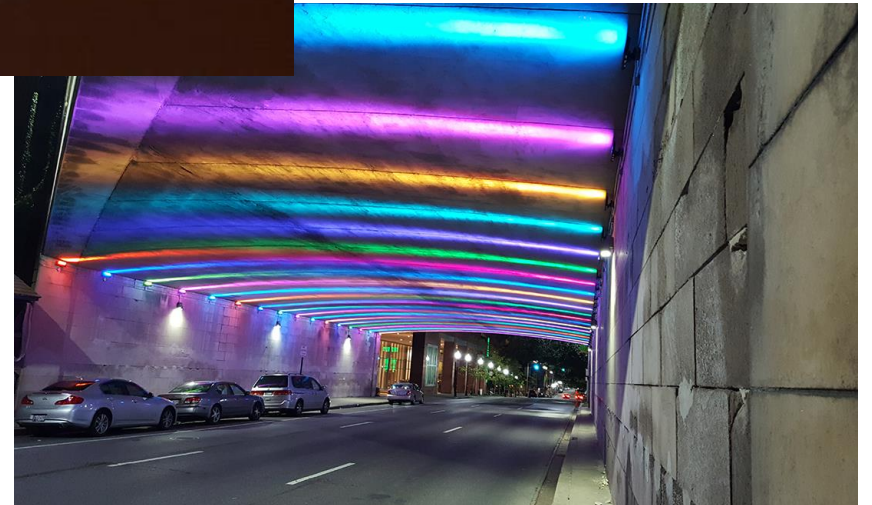
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Think

ART and TECHNOLOGY

The Midway Crossings
The University of Chicago



Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts & Entertainment District



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**YOU'RE ALL I
NEED TO GET BY**

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS



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RESPECT

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5 MILES vs 5 BLOCKS

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THE BIG JUMP

Big Jump Baltimore

The Big Jump is a new path accessible by foot, bike, and mobility devices along Druid Park Lake Drive and 28th Street. It connects neighbors to jobs and recreation, and allows people who use wheelchairs to cross 83 safely and easily for the first time.



Big Jump Baltimore

Project utilizes water-filled barriers for low-cost, temporary implementation. Designed to last through larger-scale corridor study beginning this year that will determine permanent configuration.





**THE BIG JUMP
BLOCK PARTY!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th
2PM — 6PM

At the lot at Linden Ave
and Druid Park Lake Drive

Food + music + interactive art

Group bike rides + walking tours
+ family friendly activities in the
Big Jump path

+ Lots more! Free!

WWW.BIGJUMPBALTIMORE.COM



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**Until You Come Back To Me
(That's What I'm Gonna Do)**

*“I'm gonna camp on your step
Until I get through to you*

*I've got to **change your view**
baby*

*'Till you come back to me
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
Aretha Franklin


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