

## ***City of Victoria - Official Community Plan Transportation Goals***

7(B) Victorians move freely and efficiently via a safe, integrated and convenient network of public transit, bike routes, and a supportive, inviting pedestrian realm in preference to driving alone

# JBNA Multipronged Program



## ATCommittee

Getting Around  
James Bay

Late 2017 -  
Our Streets

## Live on Douglas

GETTING AROUND  
JAMES BAY PROJECT

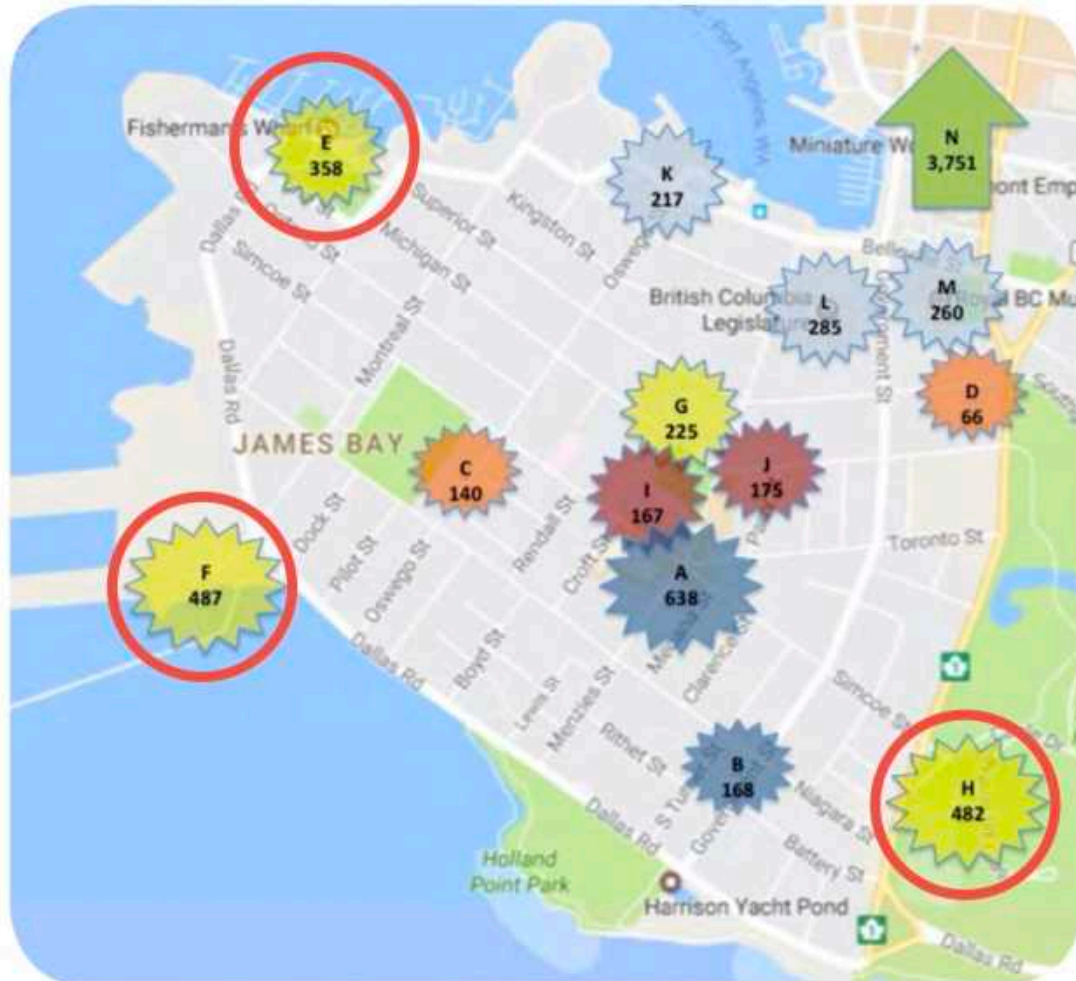
JAMES BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD  
ASSOCIATION ALTERNATIVE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*Survey*

**Results**

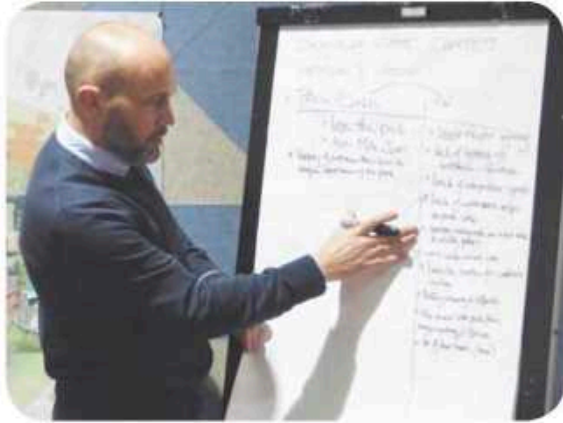
# where people go within James Bay

- A:** Five Corners
- B:** Niagara Grocery
- C:** James Bay Community School
- D:** South Park School
- E:** Fisherman's Wharf
- F:** Ogden Point
- G:** Irving Park
- H:** Beacon Hill
- I:** New Horizons
- J:** James Bay Community Project
- K:** Hotel District
- L:** Legislature
- M:** Royal BC Museum
- N:** Destinations outside of James Bay



# January 9th Charrette





**Objective:**

- A friendlier softer edge to Douglas
- Reunification of 2 alienated triangles of park
- Realignment of Douglas-Dallas corner
- Create a link for James Bay residents to the Park

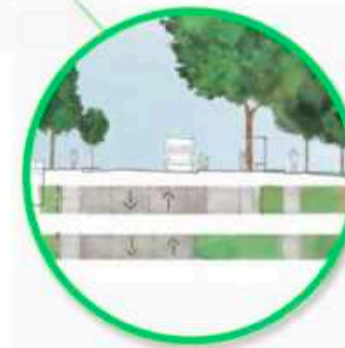
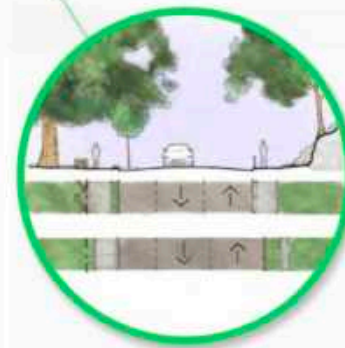
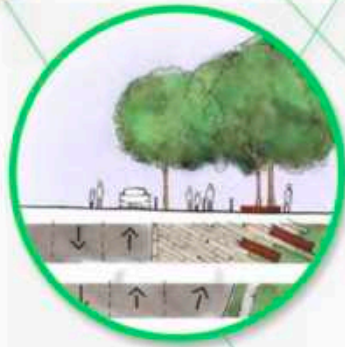






This vision focuses on three guiding principles:

- 1. Retain and strengthen the ecological, historical, and social/cultural significance of Beacon Hill and James Bay.**
- 2. Improve the quality of access across Douglas Street.**
- 3. Improve the experience of moving along Douglas Street whether by foot, car, bike, or any other mode.**





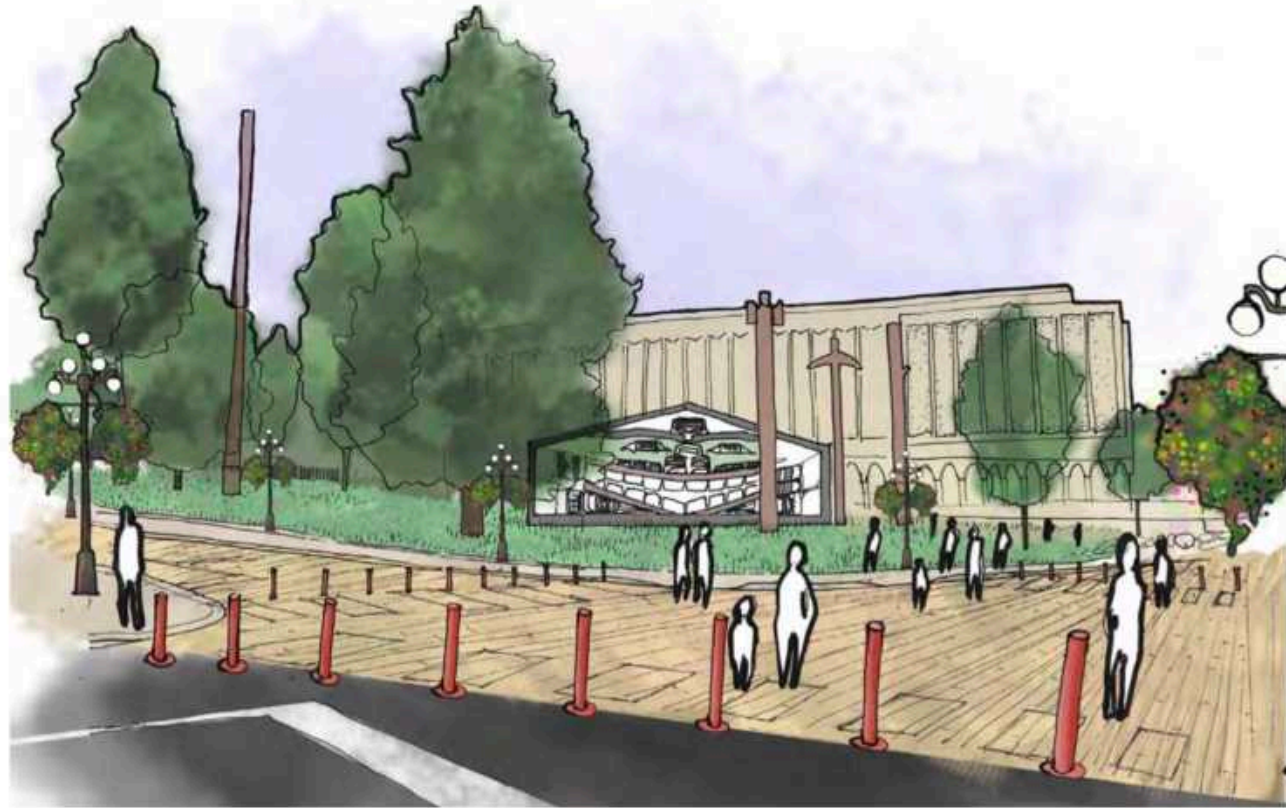
## 2. Downtown Connection

A simple and effective change is extending the hanging baskets from downtown to the entrance to Beacon Hill Park, tying downtown to James Bay.

## 1. Special Events Intersection

Belleville and Douglas is a significant intersection for James Bay and the entire regional community. For James Bay it is a gateway into the neighbourhood. For visitors it is the point of transition from the urban cultural destinations such as the Empress and the Royal BC Museum to the more residential and natural setting of James Bay and Beacon Hill Park. Often closed for special events, this intersection has the potential to become a more vibrant addition to the civic space of Victoria. This intersection could have a handsome re-imagining that would allow it to be a gateway for everyday traffic while transforming into a public square when closed for special events with retractable bollards.



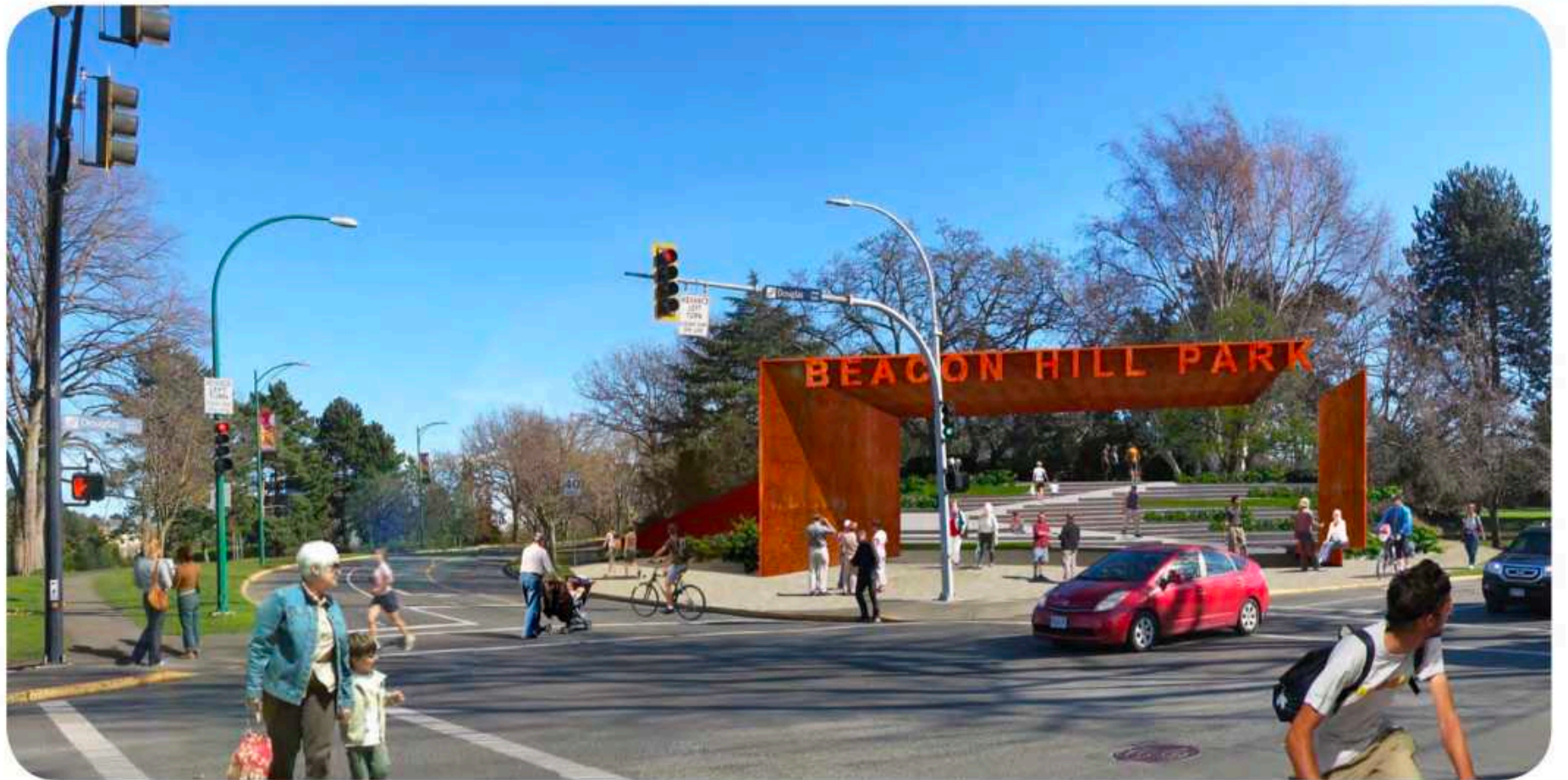




### 3. A New Public Gateway

Beacon Hill deserves a better entrance from the city. A considered investment in connecting the city to the park with a pedestrian oriented urban entrance would greatly improve the quality and clarity of accessing Beacon Hill.







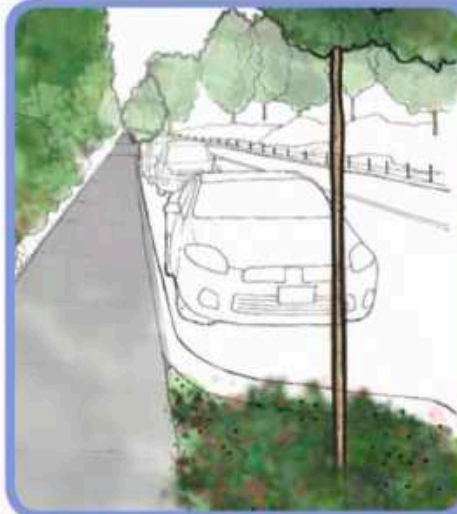
#### 4. A Clear Path

Respecting the natural space of the park requires clear paths of travel for people to get where they want to go. This is particularly true for the natural edge along the Beacon Hill side of Douglas Street. A continuous pedestrian edge is a must. This edge is an accessible sidewalk with down-lit bollards, providing safety from cars on the road and interfacing with the park's trail network as it meets the road.



#### 7. Friendlier Parking

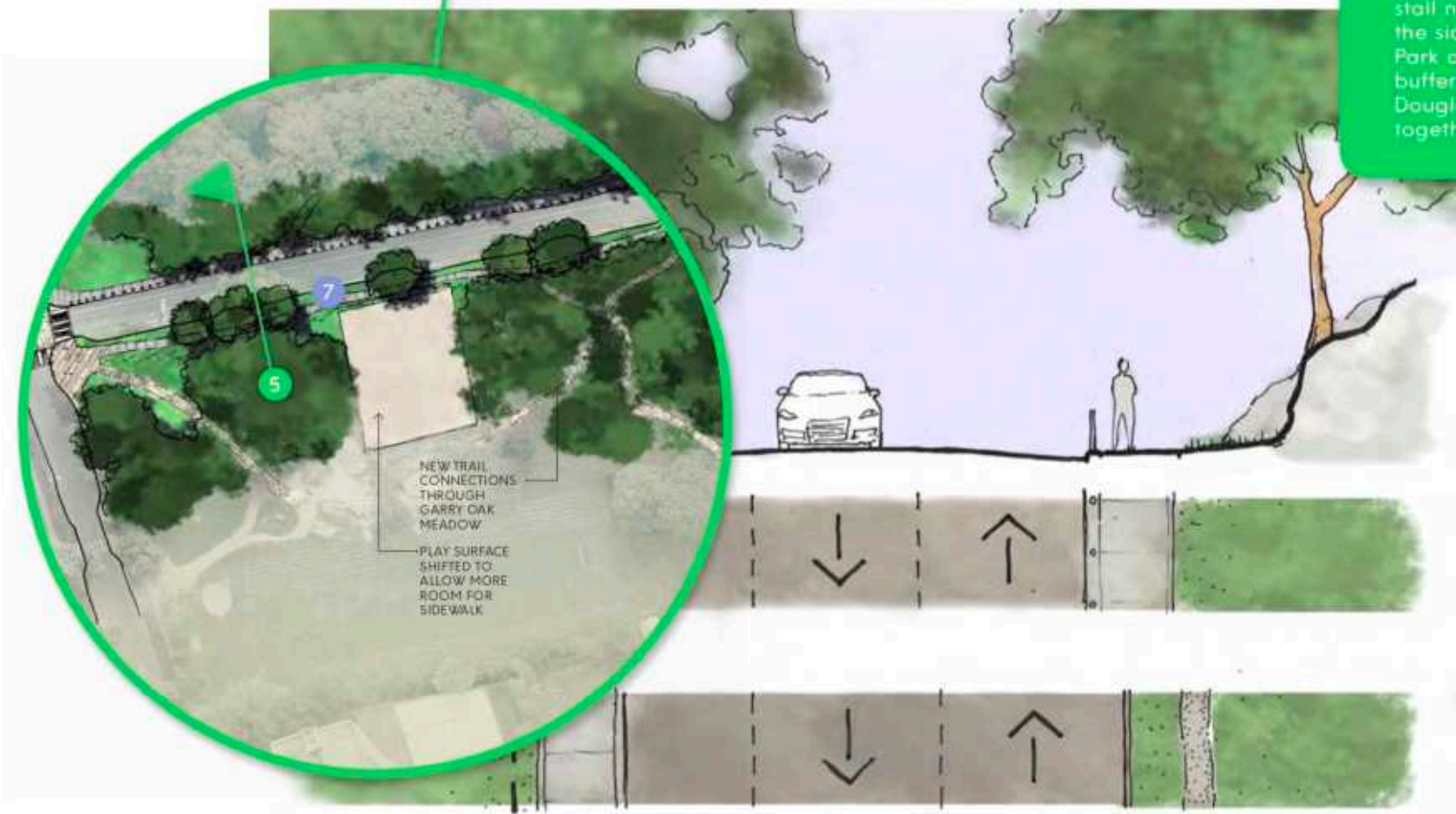
The parallel parking, particularly along this stretch of Douglas Street, is not defined and potentially dangerous. Extending curbs out with greenery and street trees the parking protects pedestrian and improves experiential quality. An improved trail along the park edge strengthens both the natural and urban conditions. This intervention occurs often along Douglas Street.



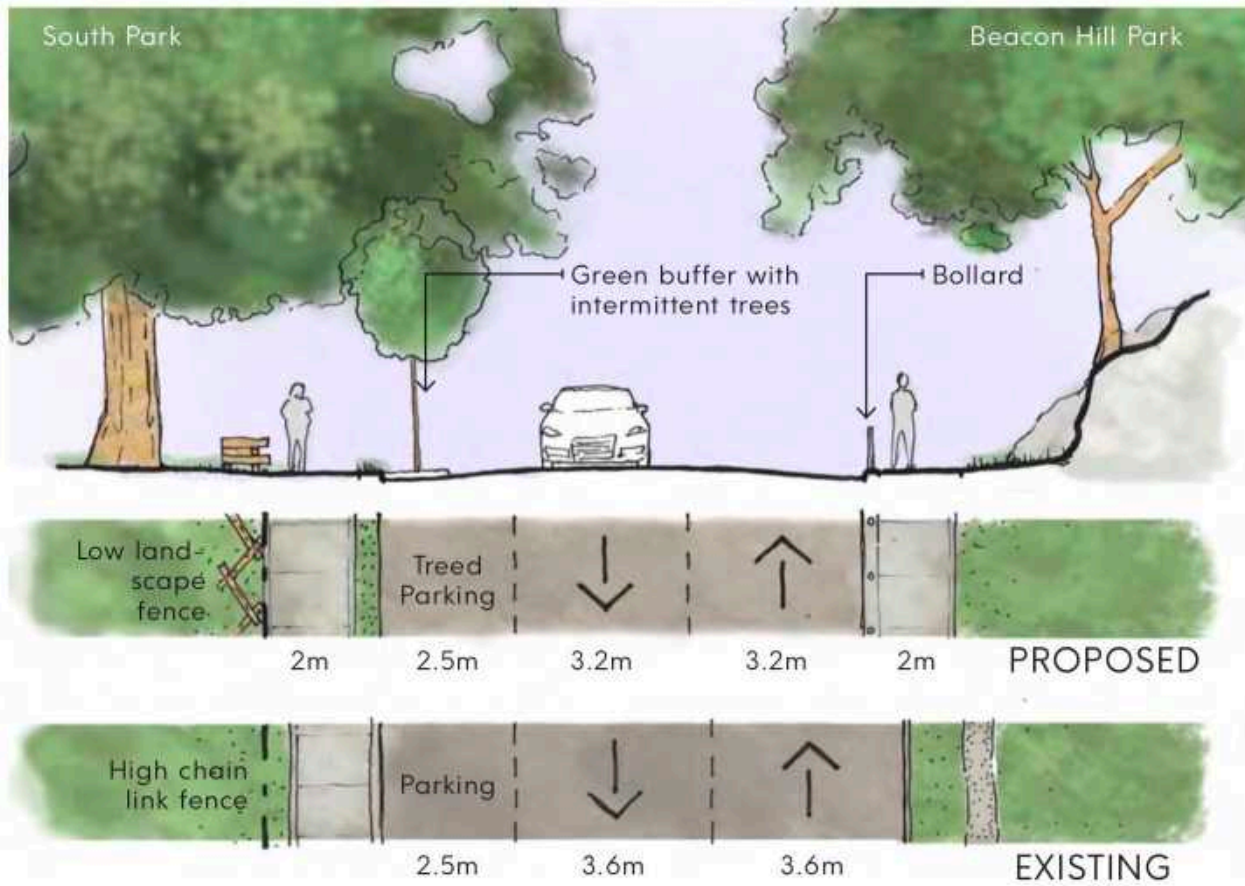


**Connecting to South Park**

The current sidewalk condition along South Park leaves much room for improvement. Reworking both park edges allows for safer, friendlier, and more connected pedestrian and vehicular access. Street trees added between parallel parking create safety and greenery with minimal impact to parking stall numbers. Bending the sidewalk into South Park allows for a green buffer along this stretch of Douglas, tying the two parks together across the street.



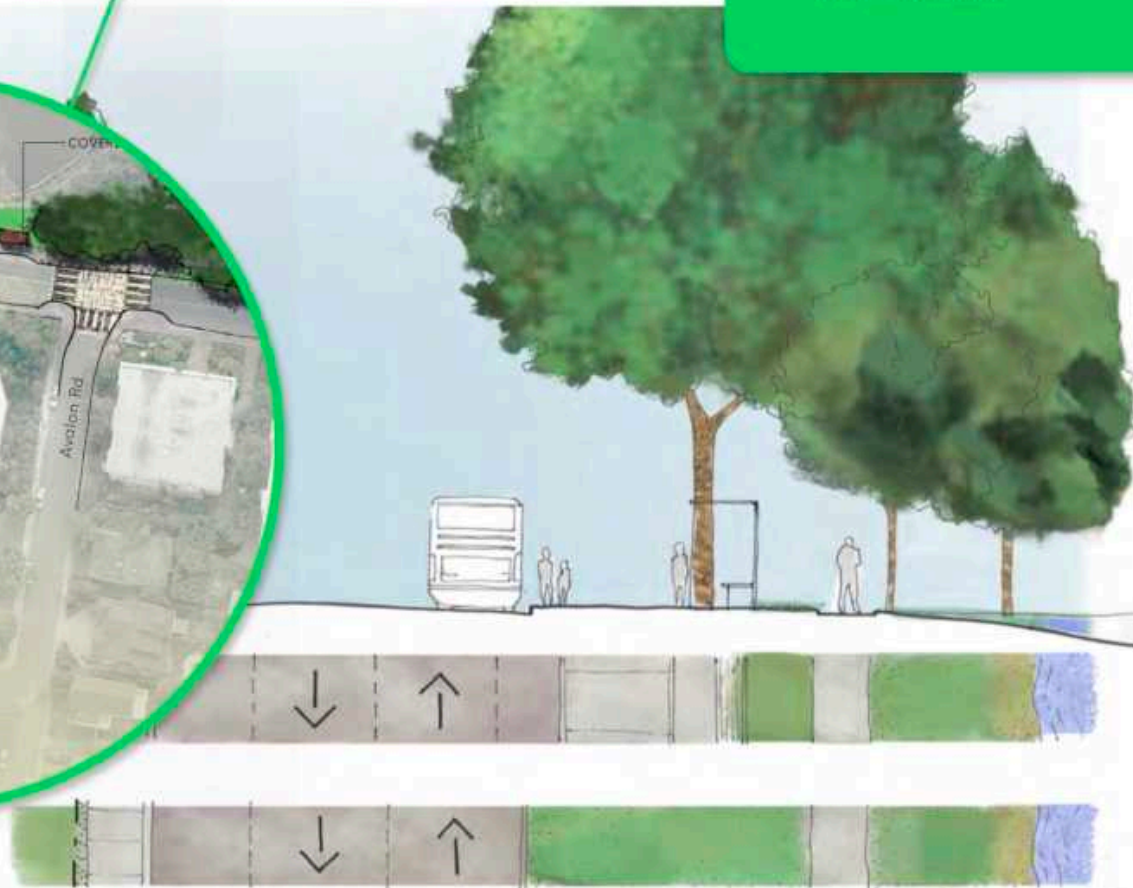


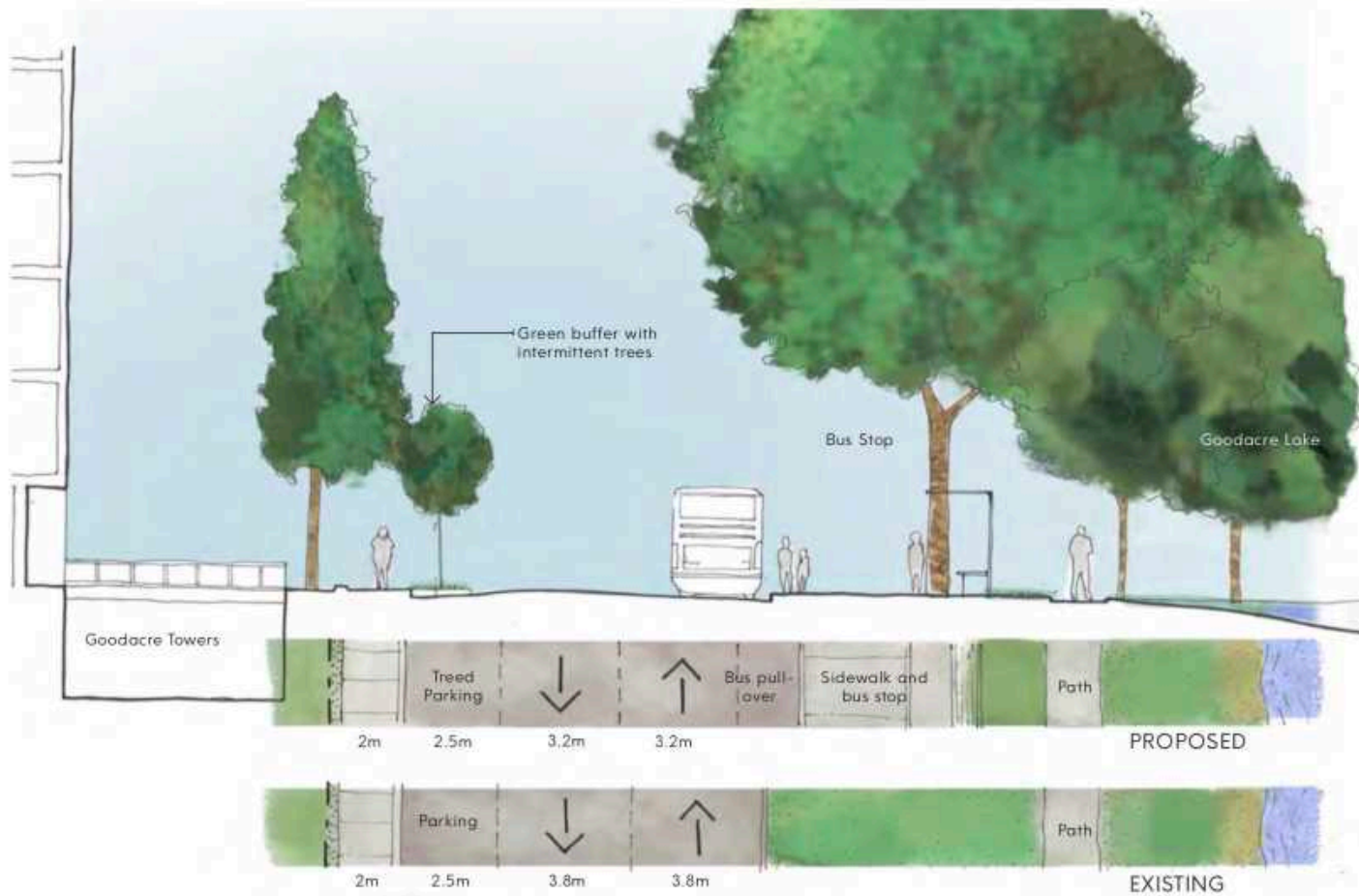




## 6. A Safer Street

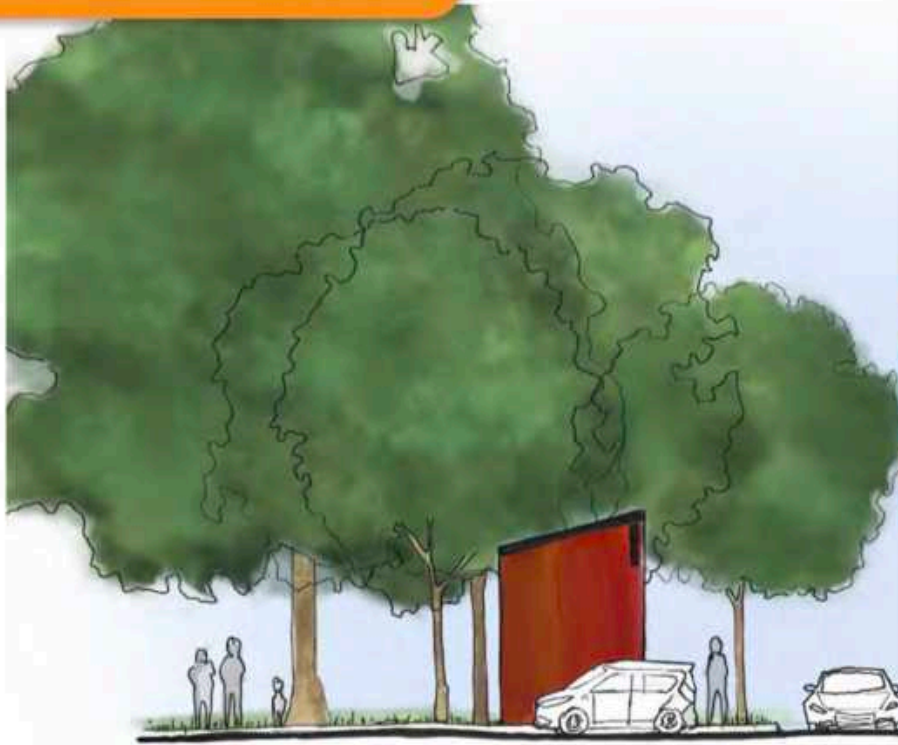
A great way to slow down traffic and make access to Beacon Hill from James Bay safer and more convenient is to add more and better marked crossings along Douglas Street. These can be done with creative changes in material, subtle grade changes and intensification of lighting. Providing covered seating and dedicated waiting areas for transit will make getting out and coming back safer and more enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

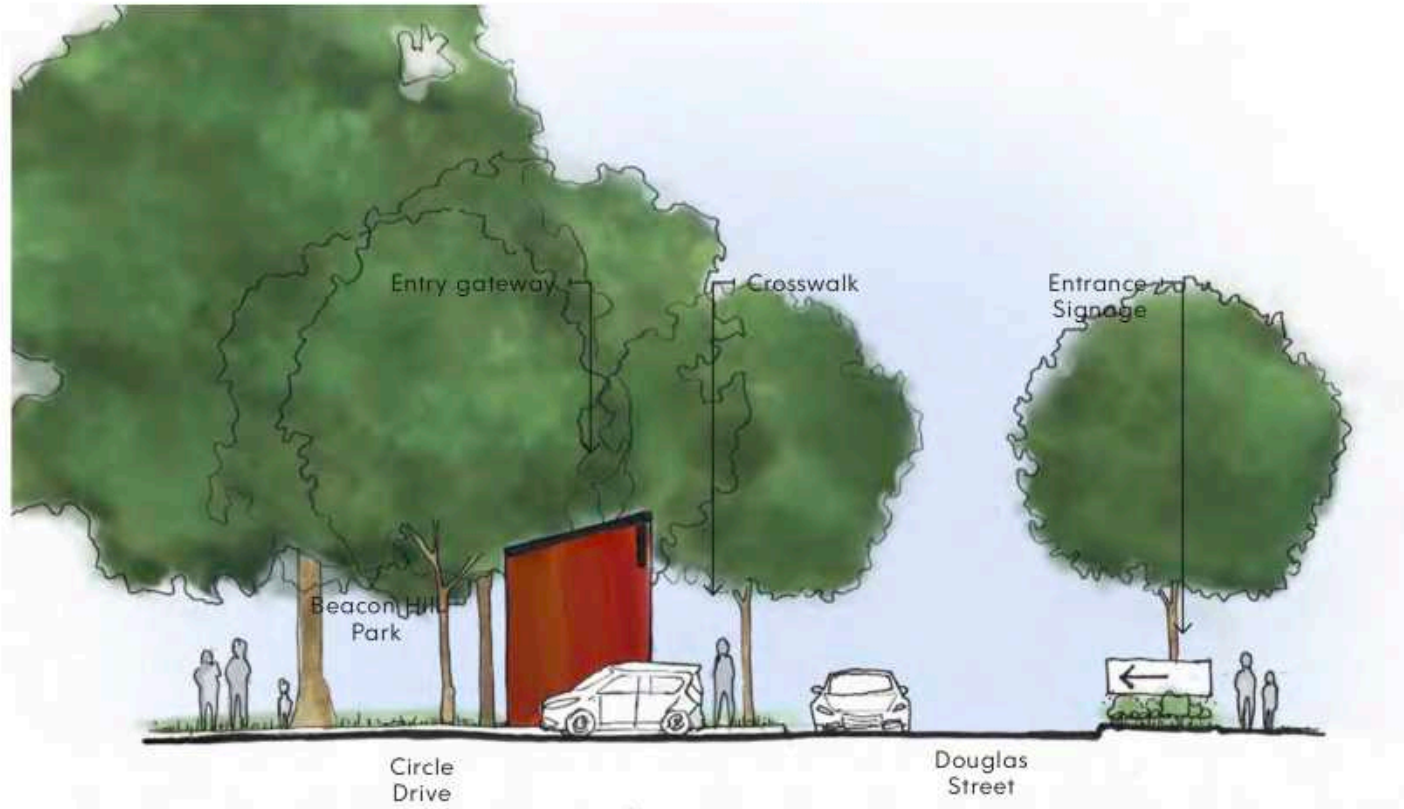




## 8. A New Park Entrance

The current entrance at Simcoe/Beacon is designed to prioritize the car. A large portion of the park is isolated on traffic islands amid vast expanses of paving. A clarification of the intersection allows for added natural green space, safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings, and clearer more efficient vehicular access. The historically significant Circle Drive is maintained as a multi-use trail continuing to Mile Zero and Dallas Road.

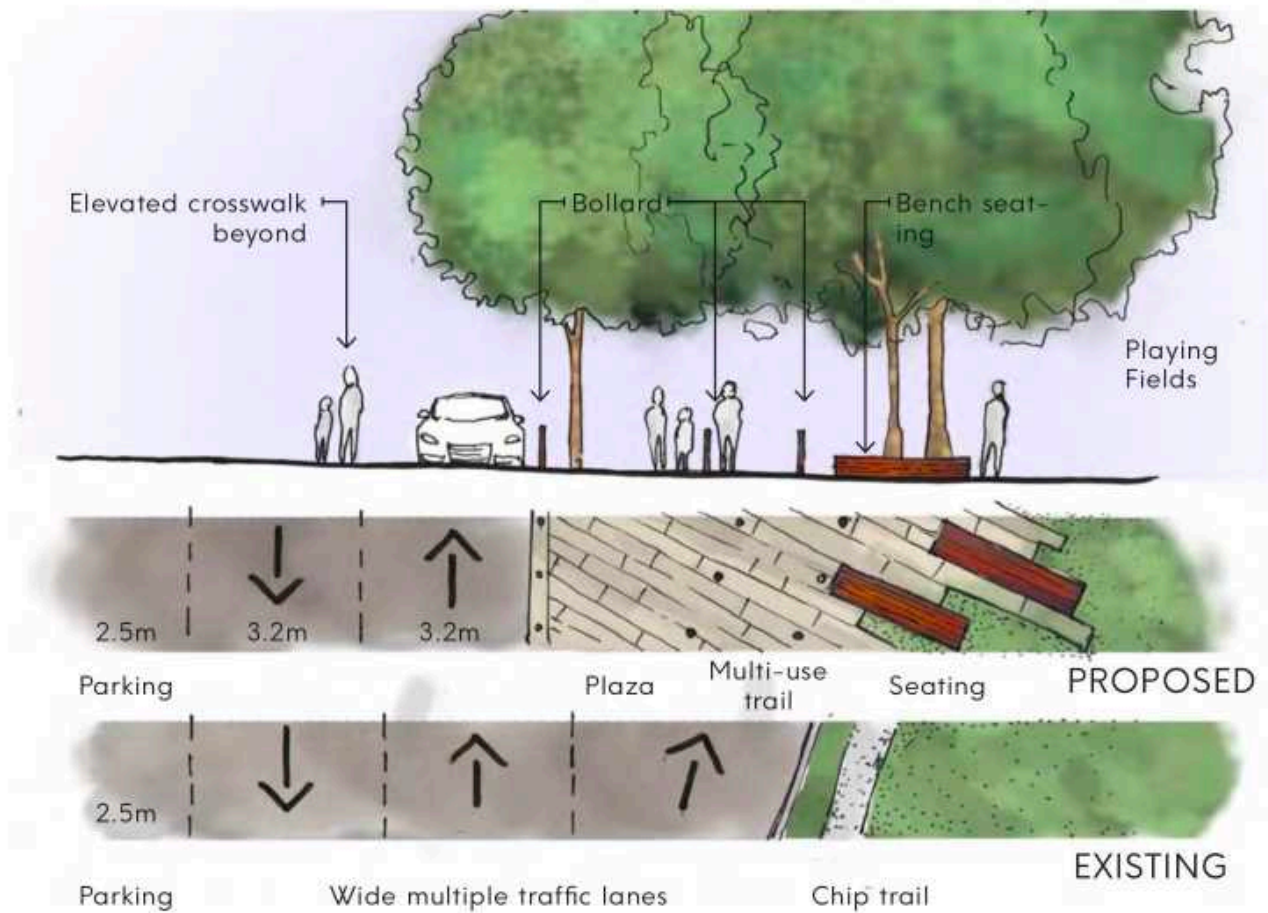




## 9. Beacon Street Plaza

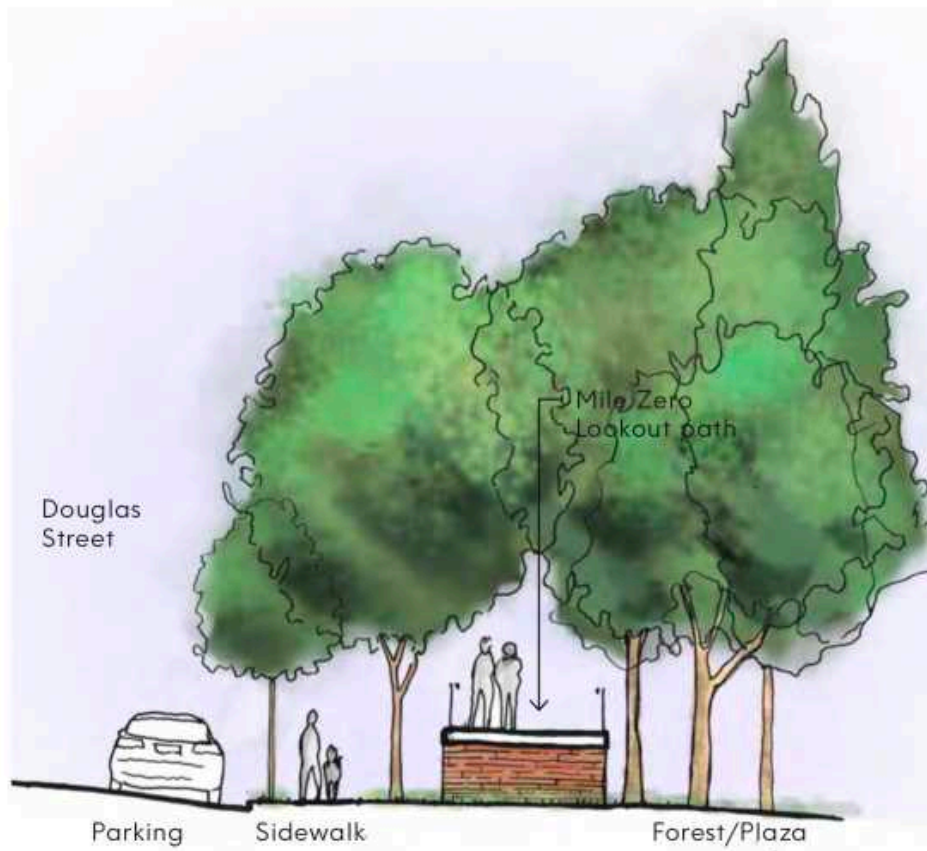
The conversion of Circle Drive into a multi-use trail creates opportunities for expanded naturalized park areas and better pedestrian access at the busy Beacon Street crossing. Whether visiting the Drive-In or dropping of kids for practice, a new plaza and loading zone at the intersection encourages pedestrian activity and allows for a safer and more pleasant crossing of Douglas Street.











## 11. A New Terminus

Mile Zero can be so much more than it is today. A dramatic design for a lookout connecting people over Dallas Road to experience the bluffs strengthens this destination. Visitors to Terry Fox and other monuments can have a much improved experience in a new public plaza adjacent to Dallas Road.



the DOUGLAS-DALLAS-BATTERY "corner"





