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Southwest LRT Station Area Planning - Minneapolis

Framework Concepts

August 27, 2010

Process notes

The attached concepts are *working drafts* and were presented to the Community Members' Working Group on August 24. Ongoing work will be presented to the general public at open houses to be held on September 14 and 15. Feedback from both of these groups will be used to modify and refine the concepts. An additional group of plans resulting from this feedback/modification cycle will be presented at the final Community Members' Working Group and public open houses, currently scheduled for November 2010.

To provide comments or additional feedback on the concepts, please plan to attend an upcoming open house:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Harrison Recreation Center
503 Irving Avenue North

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Jones Harrison Residence
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue

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with additional questions or comments.



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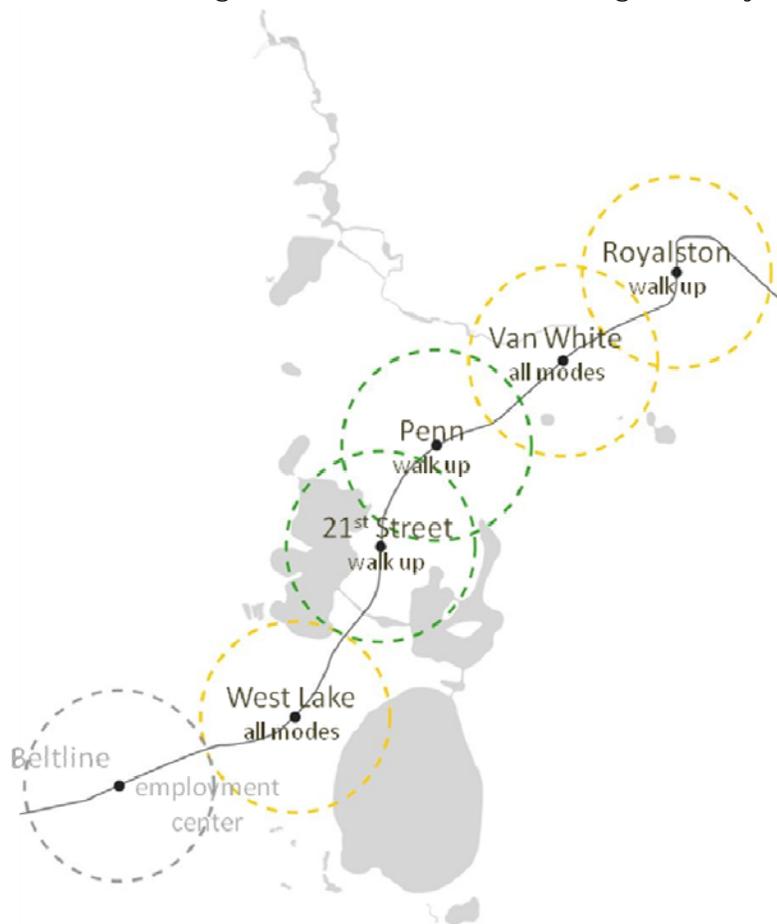
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Corridor Notes

In order to understand the context and potential of each station, the design team first looked at how the group of stations within the study area would work together. A successful transit corridor is one in which stations complement, rather than compete with, each other.

Land use is the single biggest determinant of station character and function. The Minneapolis station roles are anticipated to be as follows:

- Royalston:** transitional mixed use station, critical multi-modal transfer and reverse commute
- Van White:** transitional mixed use station emphasizing a classic urban mix of residential, commercial, office, light industrial
- Penn:** walk-up, low profile station emphasizing neighborhood and recreational use
- 21st Avenue:** walk-up, low profile station emphasizing neighborhood use
- West Lake:** mixed-use 'urban village', with a retail core and high-density residential; potential for joint-use and shared parking





Station Context: Royalston

Top Issues

- point of origin for reverse commute
- bus transfer critical
- relief station for Target Field
- lack of sidewalks
- kiss-n-ride function
- grade at Border Avenue

Principles

- align with NLSAP
 - identify Phase I?
- provide modal transfer
- increase connectivity (internal, external)

Points for Discussion

Royalston 2020

- alignment w/ LPA station location
- flexibility for Farmers' Market expansion
- refines NLSAP by defining connectivity
- alignment w/ North Loops Small Area Plan
- Farmers' Market visibility

Royalston 2050

- residential in center
- commercial along roadways
- intermodal transfer distance



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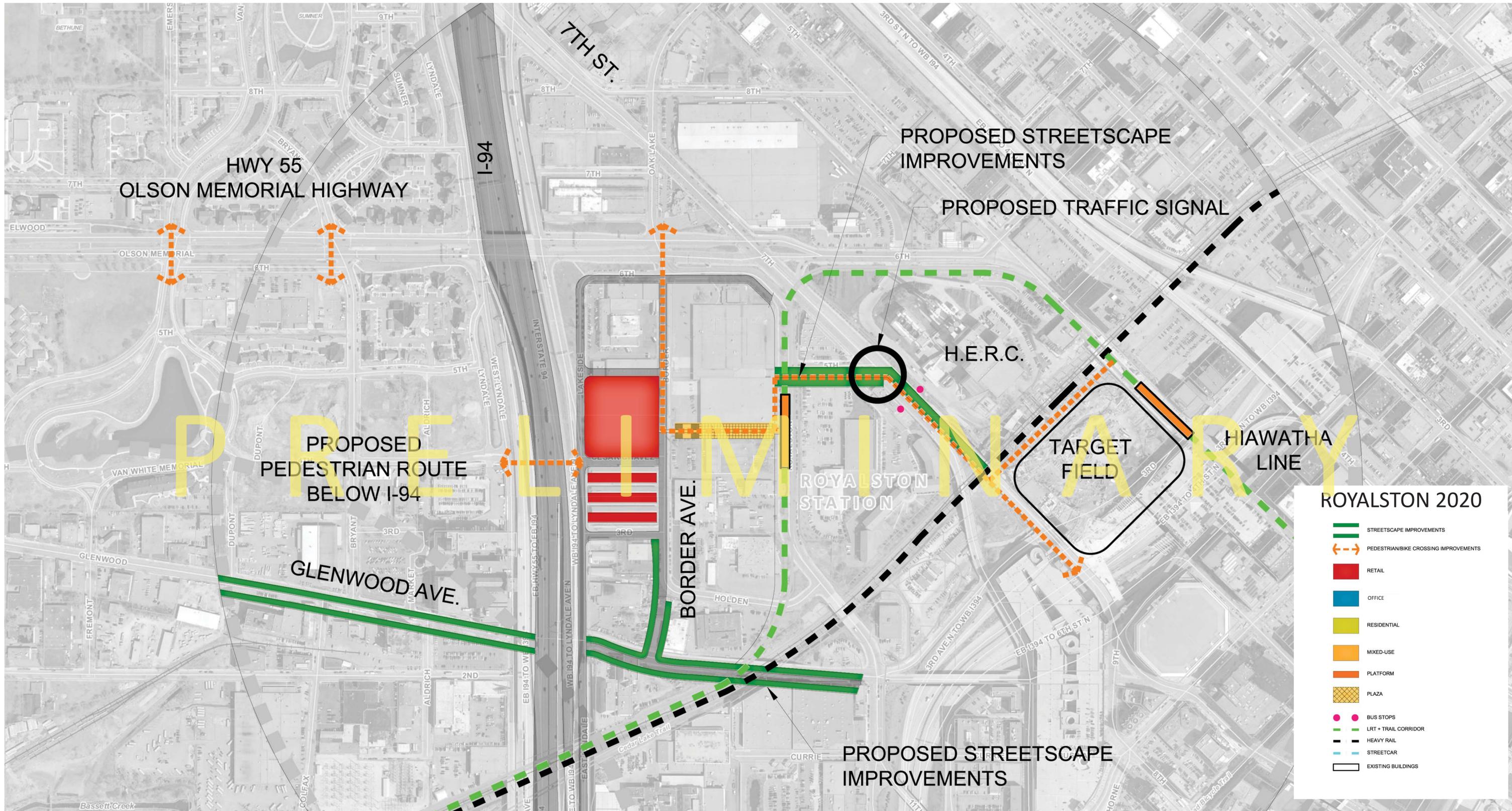
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Southwest LRT Station Area Planning-Minneapolis
Community Members' Working Group
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Small Group Discussion Notes

***All statements below represent individual comments from meeting attendees and represent the views or understanding of the individual speaker. The factual accuracy of these statements has not been verified.*

Royalston

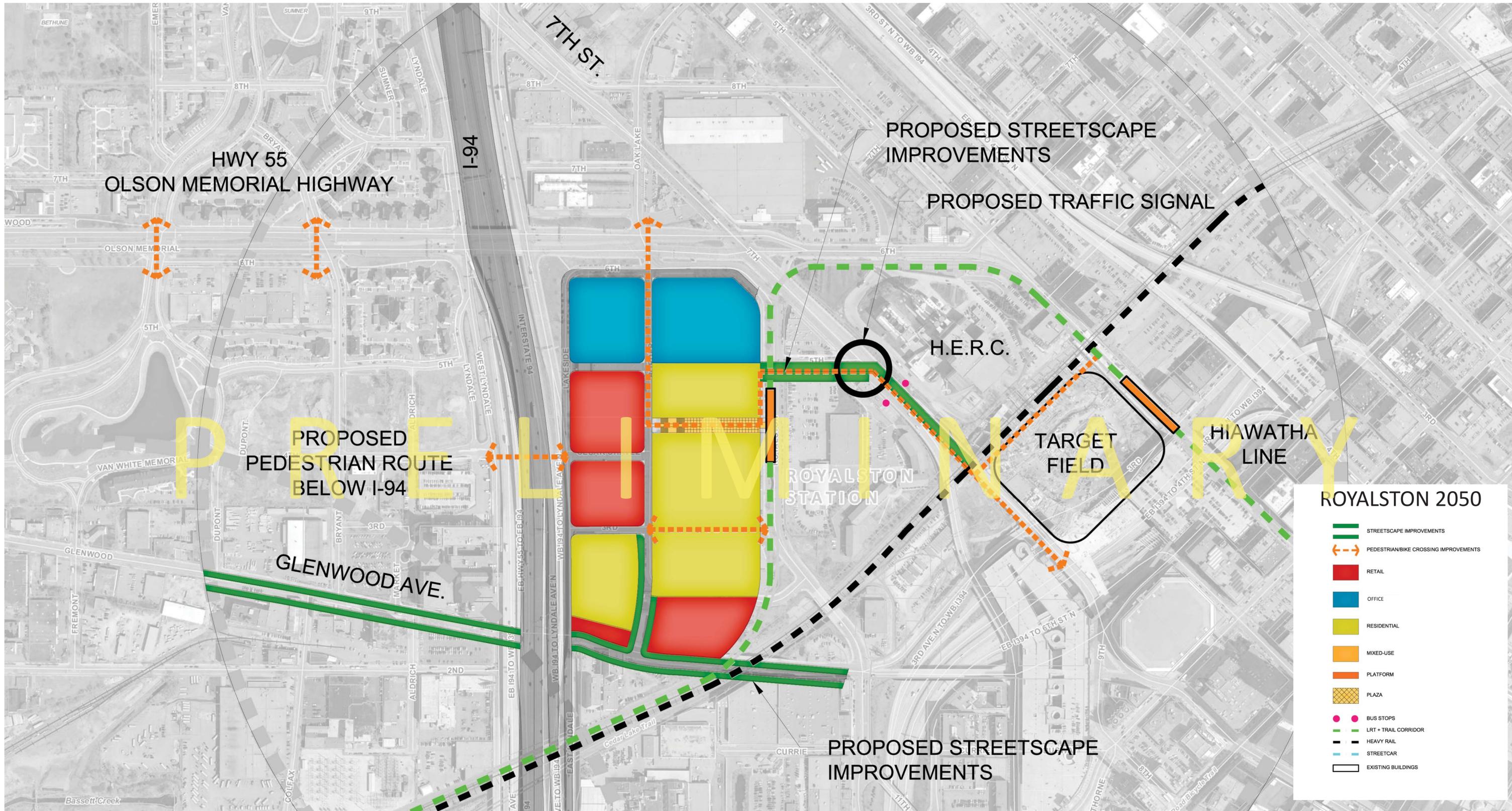
- Between Royalston and Border: need pedestrian & visual connection
 - Easement, Acquisition, PPP, etc. needed to make east/west connection
- Infrastructure at a height of 16-20' between Stark and EFS property; also an 16-20' existing roof overhang
- Not an enhancement for the current use, but future, yes
- Former 5th St. goes through EFS property—no grade change on that portion
- Three building access points affected by station on Royalston
- Consider station location at Glenwood (in the trench)—also would co-locate train storage



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ROYALSTON - VAN WHITE - PENN - 21ST - WEST LAKE





ROYALSTON 2050

- STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS
- PEDESTRIAN/BIKE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS
- RETAIL
- OFFICE
- RESIDENTIAL
- MIXED-USE
- PLATFORM
- PLAZA
- BUS STOPS
- LRT + TRAIL CORRIDOR
- HEAVY RAIL
- STREETCAR
- EXISTING BUILDINGS

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