

INNER LOOP EAST

TRANSFORMATION PROJECT



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Orientation



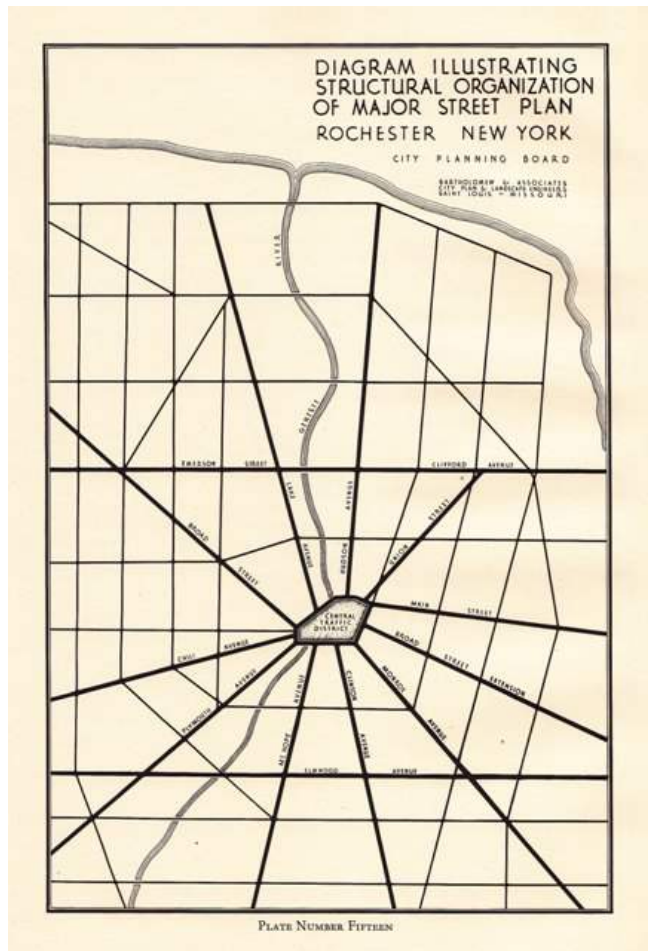
Inner Loop East – History

- City population peaked in 1950s at over 330,000
- Built in late 1950's and early 1960's
- Better Distribute Traffic Through and Around Downtown
- Connect to I-490
- Ultimately complete I-390 extension and Northern Expressways (*never built*)
- 149 parcels razed

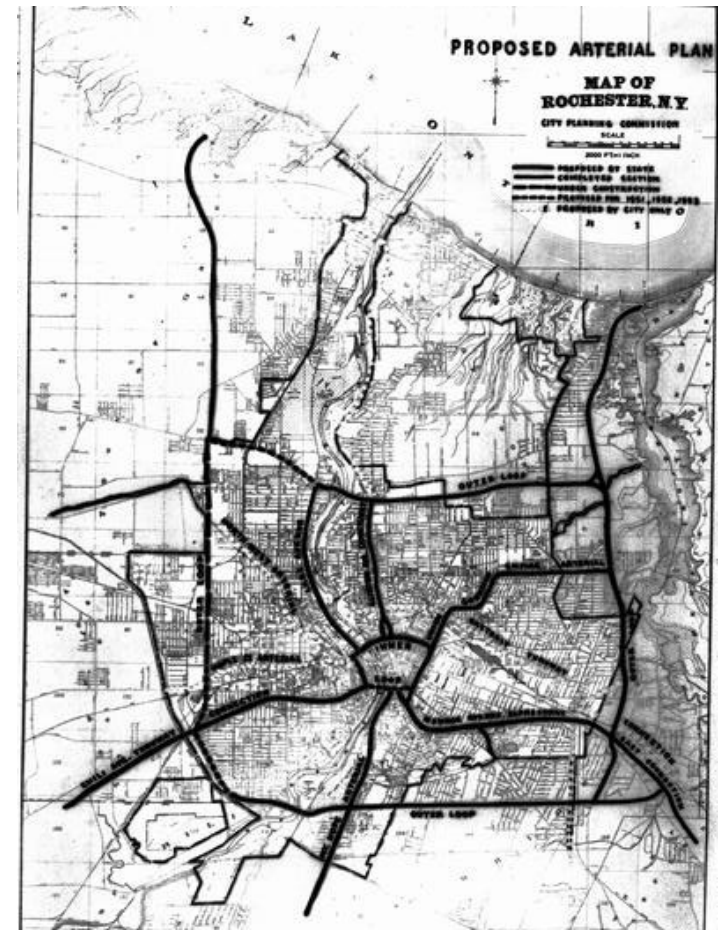


Completion of the Inner Loop in mid 1960's
(looking east at Monroe Ave)

Inner Loop East – History



1929 Bartholomew Street Plan



1951 Arterial Plan for City

Inner Loop East – History



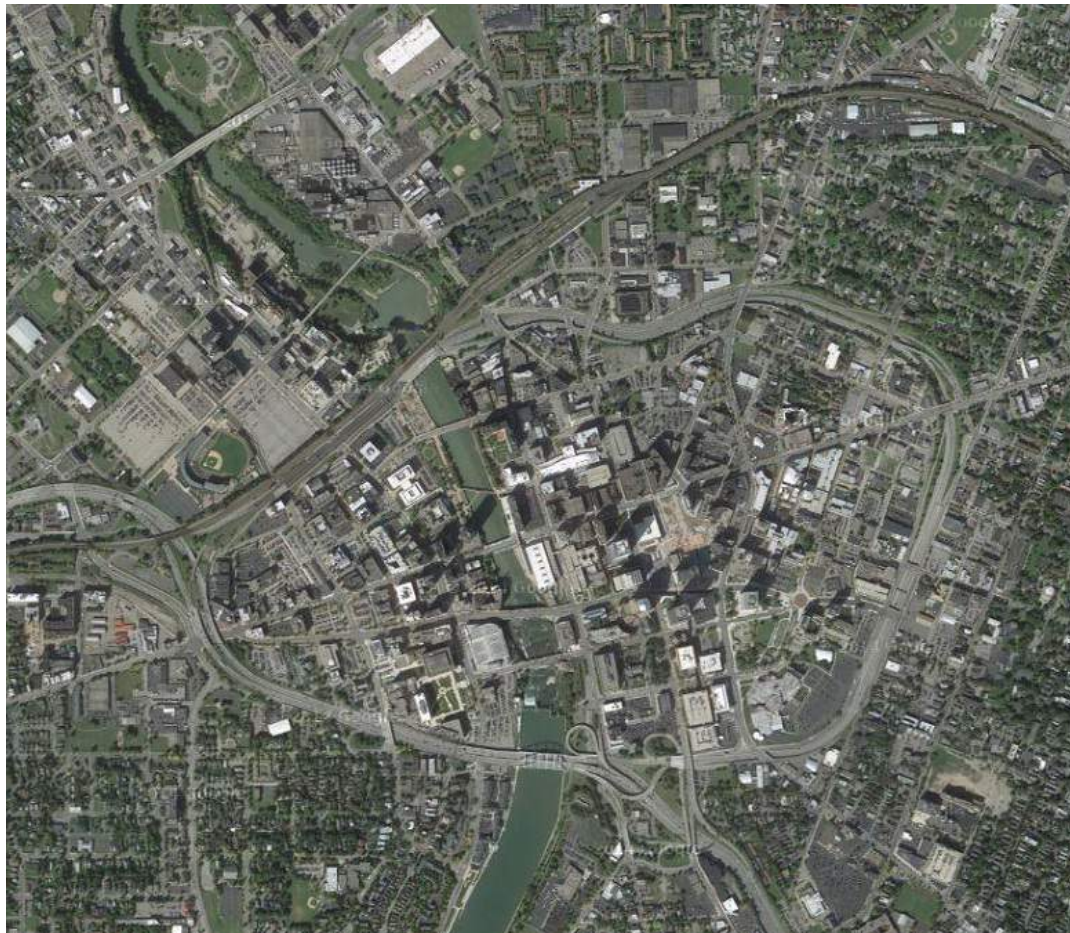
Center City - 1930

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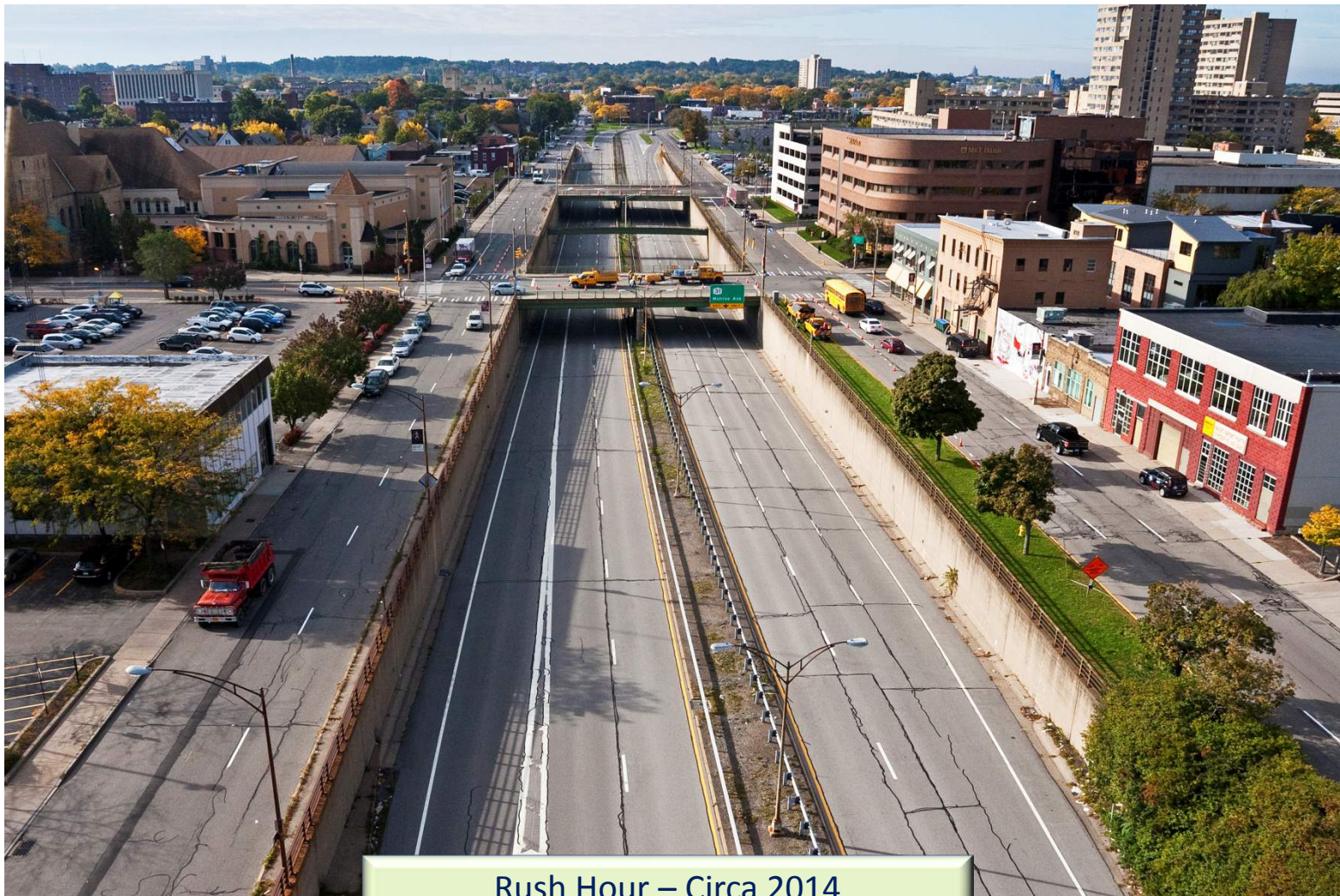
Center City - 1961

Inner Loop East – History



Center City - 2014

Inner Loop East – History



Rush Hour – Circa 2014

Background

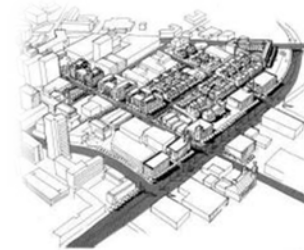
- NYS Route 940T – Federal Aid Principal Arterial Expressway
- 4 -6 Expressway Lanes
- Parallel 2-3 Lane Frontage Streets
- Entrance and Exit Ramps
- Up to 12 travel lanes (355 feet wide)
- 6,990 AADT (north end)
- 10,560 AADT (south end)
 - Union St – 3,515 AADT
 - Pitkin St – 3,353 AADT



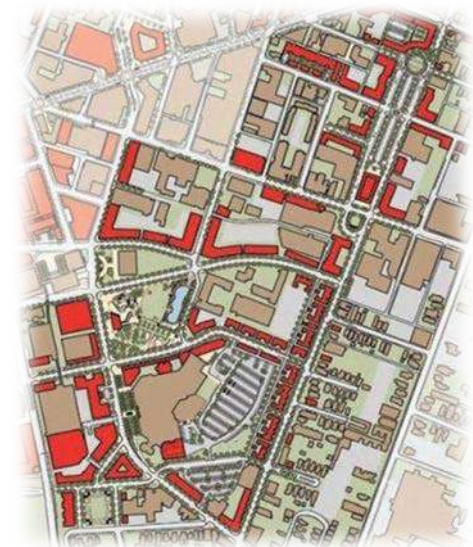
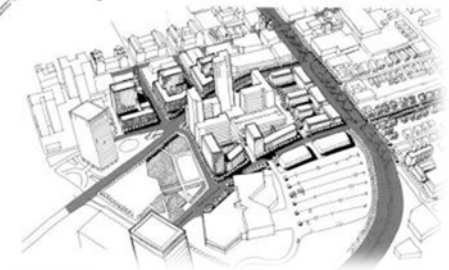
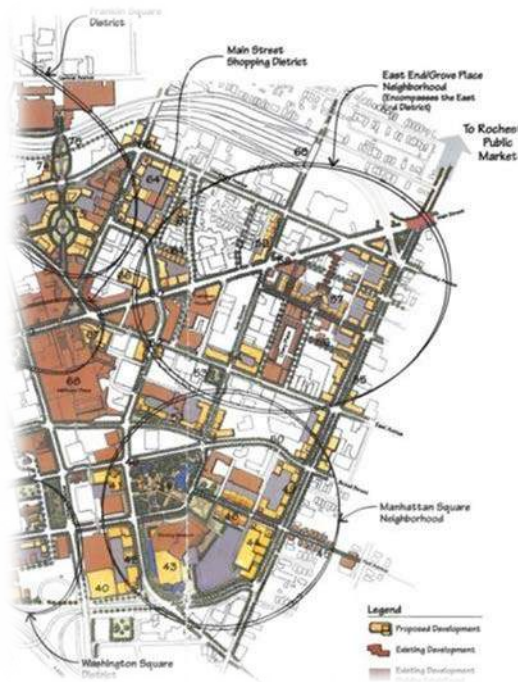
Inner Loop East – Studies

Visions of removal of the Inner Loop

- *The Vision 2000 Plan*
- *The Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Program*
- *City of Rochester's Inner Loop Improvement Study 2001*
- *Center City Master Plan 2003*
- *Rochester Regional Community Design Center – Charrette – A Community Based Vision Plan for Downtown Rochester 2007*
- *The Renaissance 2010 Comprehensive Plan*
- *GTC Long Range Transportation Plan 2035*
- *Scoping Document 2013*



1990 Vision Plan



Why?

- Reconnect Neighborhoods with Center City
- Create Mixed-Use Infill Development Sites
- Enhance Bicycle/ Pedestrian Environment
- Livability
- Remedy Mistake of Urban Renewal Era



Securing Funding - TIGER



- TIGER 2013 was third attempt
- Worked with Stantec (design consultants)
- \$17.7 million request for \$23.6 million project
- Notified August 30, 2013 that project was selected for full funding
- Third largest grant given during TIGER 2013 cycle
- Required quick turnaround – funds had to be obligated by June 2014
- <http://www.advocacyadvance.org/media/blog/winning-tiger-6-funds>

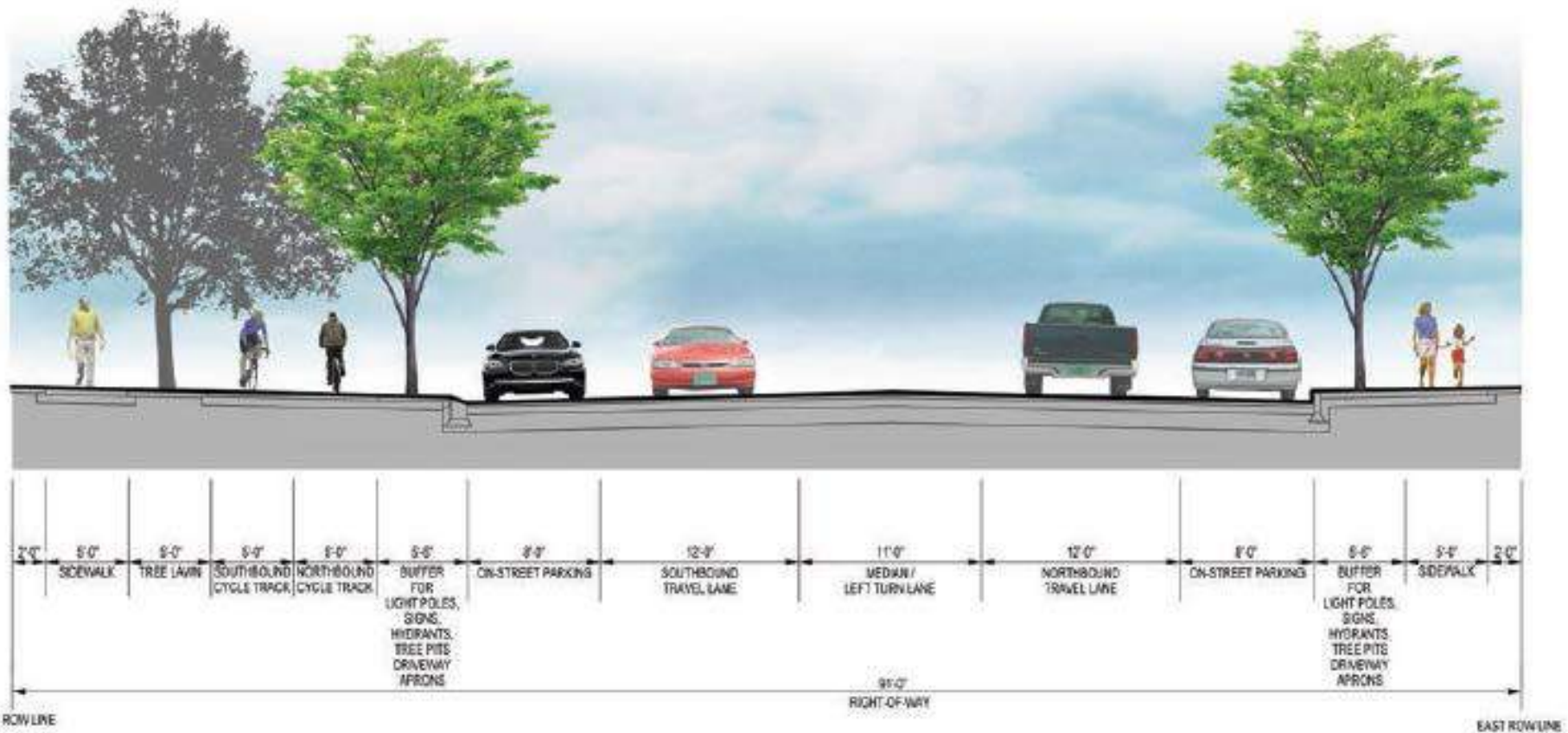
Final Design Recommendation

Proposed Complete Street:

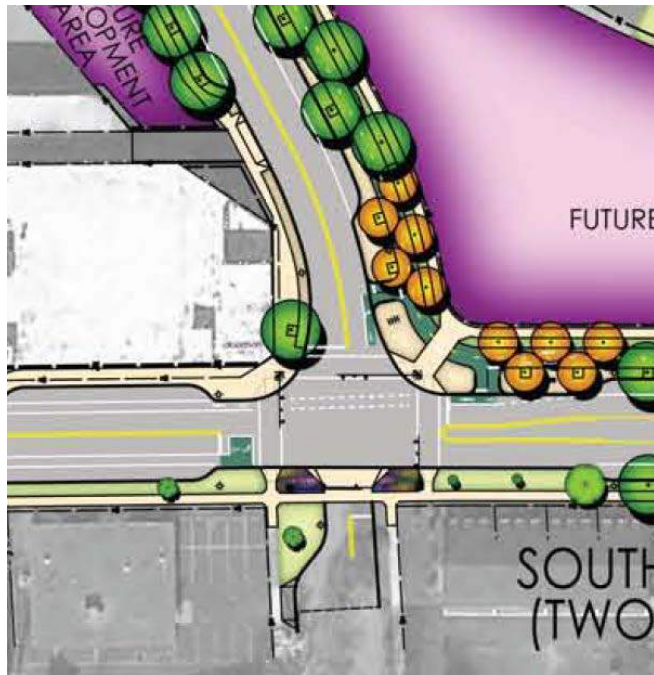
- Wide sidewalks
- Two Way Cycle Track w/ Bike Lanes at approaches
- On-street parking
- Generous tree canopy
- 3-4 travel lanes
- Two-way traffic operations
- Reconnected City streets



Recommended Final Design



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Corridor will have bike boxes, two stage turn queue boxes, bike lanes, contraflow lanes, colored lanes, and a two-way cycle track

Current Status

- Preliminary Design Complete February 2014
- Final Design Complete June 2014
- **Construction Began December 2014**
- Construction Complete Fall 2017
- First RFPs for Development – *Coming Soon*



Current Status – Looking West



Current Status – Looking East



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Redevelopment

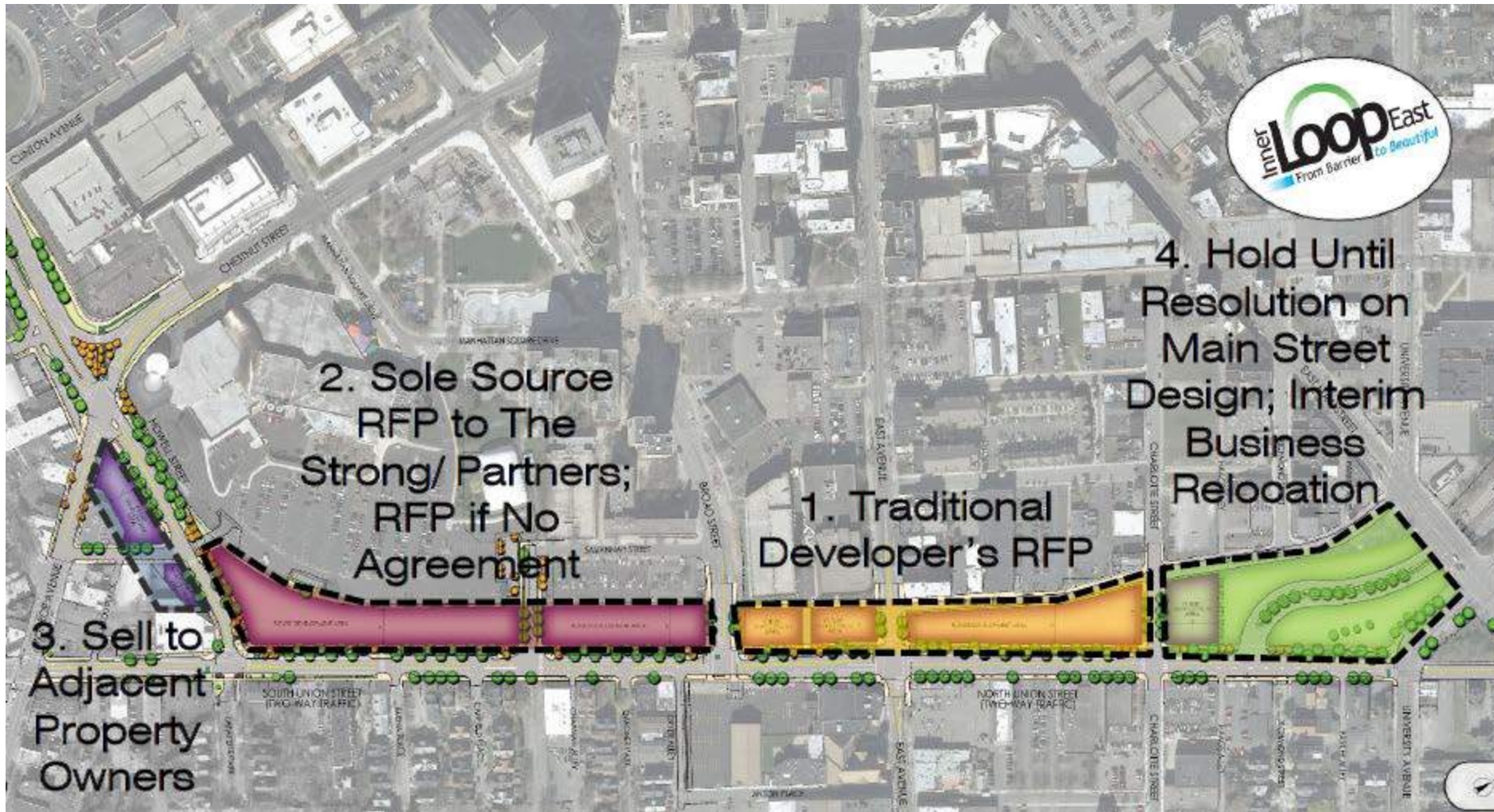
- SWBR completed Land Disposition Strategy for entire project area in early spring 2015
- Philip Michael Brown Studio completed Design Vision Report for core developable area in late spring 2015
- First Request for Proposals (RFPs) anticipated to be released in late-July 2015
- First development could break ground as soon as spring 2016 (must be coordinated with ongoing street construction)

Redevelopment

- Significant developer interest in these parcels
- Pending land availability has not stunted growth of downtown development – it is accelerating
- Property values are already increasing and investments are being made...



Redevelopment



Redevelopment – Strong Area



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Redevelopment – East & Union



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Redevelopment – Charlotte & Union

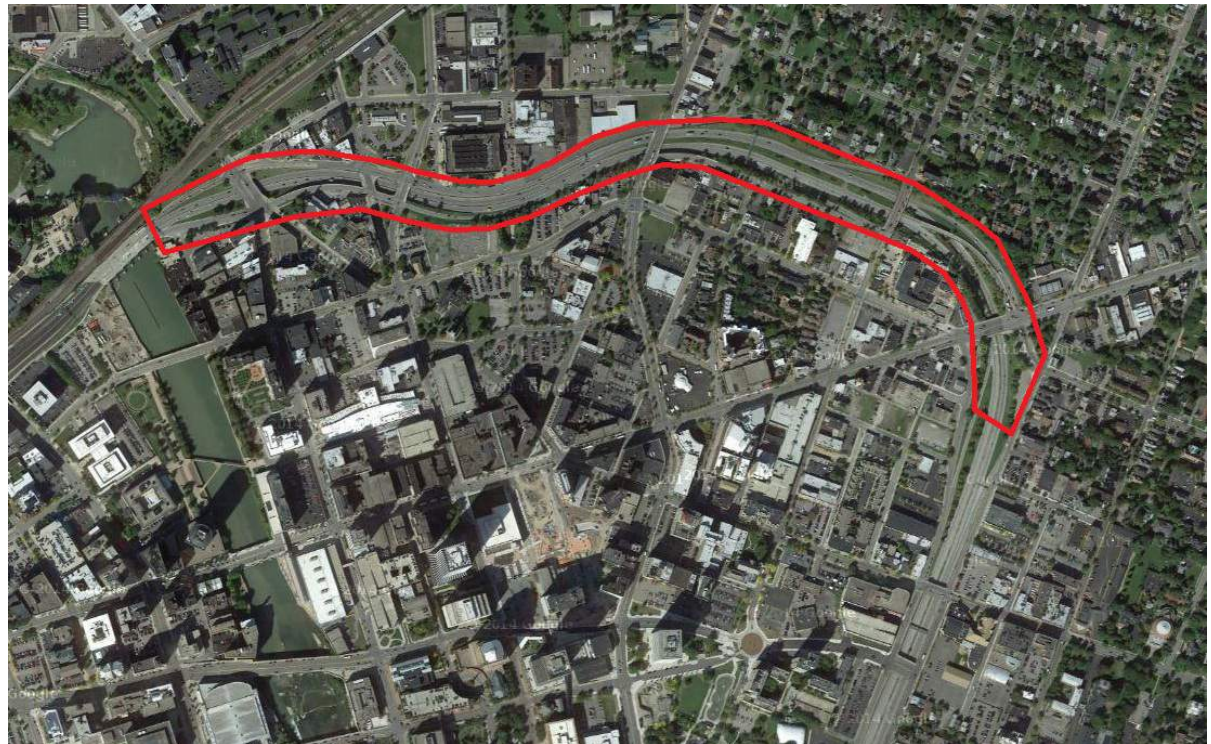


Redevelopment – Charlotte & Union



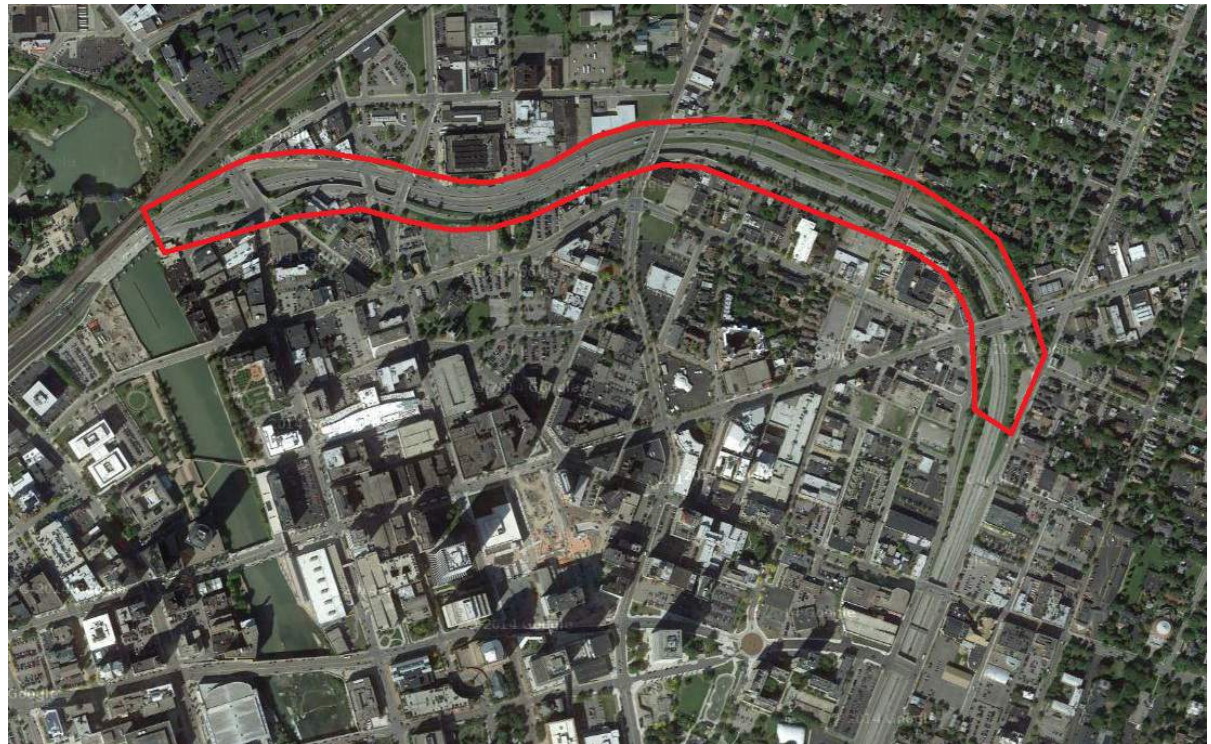
Inner Loop North (Phase 2+)

- Extend Highway Removal North and West
- Better Link Public Market with Center City
- Reconnect University Avenue
- Narrow East Main Street
- Additional Mixed-Use Infill Dev.
- Open Space



Inner Loop North (Phase 2+)

- Seeking \$1 million Scoping study to examine feasibility, define project(s), and analyze benefits and costs



Federal & State Reviews

- Need new paradigm for urban transportation impact analyses
- Vehicle LOS should be de-emphasized on most urban/inner city projects
- Multi-Modal LOS
- Benefit-Cost
- Economic Development is Valid Purpose

Statewide Policy Approach

- New York State can be national leader in freeways-to-boulevards movement
 - All of our major cities have “Robert Moses disease”
- Create TIGER-like program in NYS
- Need more transportation investment at federal and state levels

For More Information

Project Website

- Project overview
- Plans and [Simulation](#)
- Documents (TIGER Grant Application, Scoping Report and Design Report)
- Multimedia and Press Information
- Public Participation Information

Support from the Community

The following are letters to United States Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, in support of the City's Inner Loop East project. These letters were penned by local neighborhood associations, business associations, elected officials, property developers, and more. They illustrate the deep and varied community support that stands behind filling in the Inner Loop East.

Elected Officials

- City of Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards
- United States Senator Charles Schumer
- United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- United States Representative Kathleen Hochul
- New York Senator Joseph Robach
- New York Senator James Alesi
- New York Assemblyman Joseph Morelle
- New York Assemblyman Harry Bronson
- Rochester City Council



U.S. Senator Schumer visits Rochester to support the Inner Loop project.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Genesee Transportation Council, assurances and letter of support

Real Estate Developers Letters of Interest

- Buckingham Properties, a downtown real estate and property management company
- Christa Construction, a Rochester real estate development company
- Conifer, a Rochester real estate development company
- Flower City Development, a downtown real estate green development company
- Graywood, a Rochester construction and property management company

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Questions?

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