

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – January 2, 2014

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Scott McBrayer at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln Park Stadium Tower – Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: David McInay
Dr. Scott McBrayer
Gary Schroen
Kristy Emerson
Marc Litzen
Scott Coleman
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Bob Wiig

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Mike Mendelson, Head Golf Pro

Guests: Paul Jagim
Trent Prall
Marty Chazen

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Scott Coleman moved to approve the December 5, 2013 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. David McInay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: North Avenue Update

Paul Jagim and Trent Prall presented the proposed North Avenue Streetscape Project (See attached). The project has received a federal FHWA grant from the Transportation Community and System Preservation Program. The renovations are intended to provide a road that is designed to be safe for all users, drivers, transit users, pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and bicyclists. The plan does not consist of completely reconstructing North Avenue, but does include adding new features to the existing road, such as street furniture, lighting, landscaping, and possibly street art.

The project total is \$1,487,624, of which the City is providing a 20% match (in-kind services, such as design and construction engineering services). Funds for the project will be administered through CDOT, as North Avenue is a state highway. The project is currently in the design phase and has already hosted its

first open house for public feedback. The designing will continue through April 2014, with construction scheduled for November 2014. The goal is to have the project completed prior to JUCO 2015.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for an on-street bike lane; however, the lane is not scheduled for this phase of the construction, due to numerous stretches along North Avenue being too narrow. The project will include an 8' sidewalk, which will provide a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Board also discussed the proposed bus pullout adjacent to the golf course, with Board members and staff expressing there would be numerous safety concerns at the proposed location, due to flyaway golf balls.

Item 4: Golf Software Update

Mike Mendelson stated studies have shown the courses that are doing better are the ones who have made an investment in technology, recruitment, and marketing. Both Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado golf courses recently underwent a software conversion to Active gen, and now offer exciting new features, including online tee times and a mobile application. The new software will provide great marketing opportunities to help improve the overall attraction to the Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf Courses. In addition, the new system will provide more efficiency related to the financial operations, as it has been integrated with the City's New World Financial System.

The system includes a branded mobile application for smart phones, iPhones, and Android designed by Gallus Golf. The website is golfgrandjunction.net, and will allow customers to set up a profile, book mobile tee times, track their scores at both courses, and more. It also includes GPS technology that includes hole yardage and allows staff to track the location and speed of the players. The mobile app also includes a custom weather page, news feed, and the ability for players to post directly to social media sites, such as Facebook or Twitter. When the golf staff becomes more familiar with the new system, they plan to develop numerous instructional YouTube videos for their customers.

Item 5: Project Updates

The first Matchett Park Master Plan community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014. Efforts to spread the word have included numerous press releases, email blasts, Facebook, and the City's website.

There was great attendance at the recent Las Colonias stakeholder's meeting, at which the committee decided to reapply for the GOCO grant. The group is very motivated and passionate about the project and is currently working to generate a higher match for the application.

Item 6: For the Good of the Community

No additional items were discussed

Item 7: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist



North Avenue Streetscape Project

**Project Funds received from:
Transportation, Community, and
System Preservation Program
(TCSP) Federal Grant**

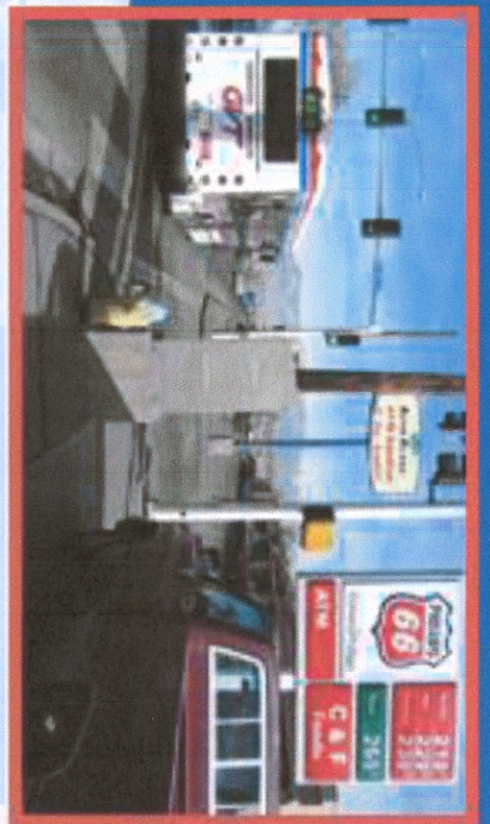


This project has also been referred to as the:
North Avenue Complete Street Project

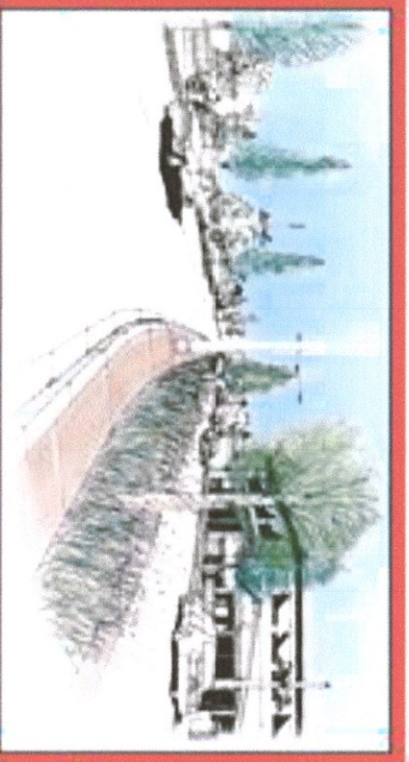
A complete street is a road that is designed to be safe for all users; drivers, transit users, pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and bicyclists.



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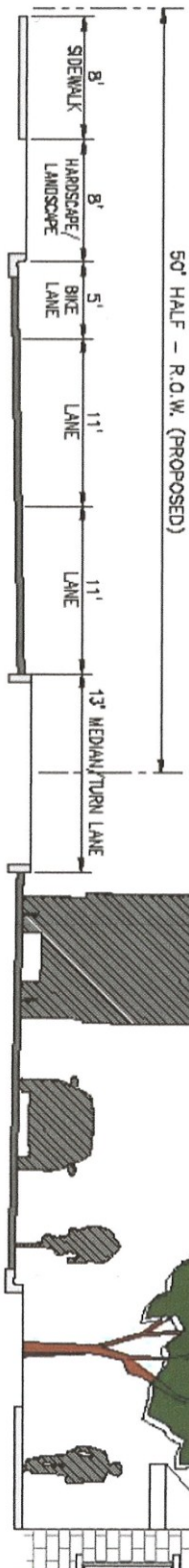
North Avenue Revitalization



- Aging corridor**
 - Long term redevelopment potential
- Safety**
 - Convert to safe corridor for transit, cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians

Option 3

- No changes would be made to the pavement width, curb-and-gutter location, turn lanes, or medians. The existing sidewalk would be removed and replaced with an 8' detached walk, and the pavement would be re-graded to accommodate a bike lane.
- 10' of additional right-of-way would be required from each side of the street, increasing the total right-of-way width from 80' to 100'.
- Provides an 8' detached sidewalk and an 8' buffer area between pedestrians and vehicular traffic. The buffer area could accommodate a landscape strip, urban tree grasses, benches, bike racks, public art, and/or bus pull-outs.
- Provides 5' striped blue lane (3 1/2' paved width, 1 1/2' gutter width).
- Reduces the width of the existing traffic lanes from 13 1/2' to 11'. The 11' lanes provide a measure of traffic calming, but must receive special approval from CDOT.



The Goal: a Complete Street

Completely reconstruct the entire street? No.

Add missing features to the existing road to make it a "Complete Street"

- Safety:** move people and goods safely
- Access and Mobility:** Accommodate all street users Transit, Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Pedestrians
- Context:** fit into neighborhoods
- Livability:** create a vibrant public realm with high-quality public spaces
- Sustainability:** Contribute to a healthier and more sustainable environment
- Cost-Effectiveness:** Provide the greatest possible value to the public

North Avenue Streetscape Project

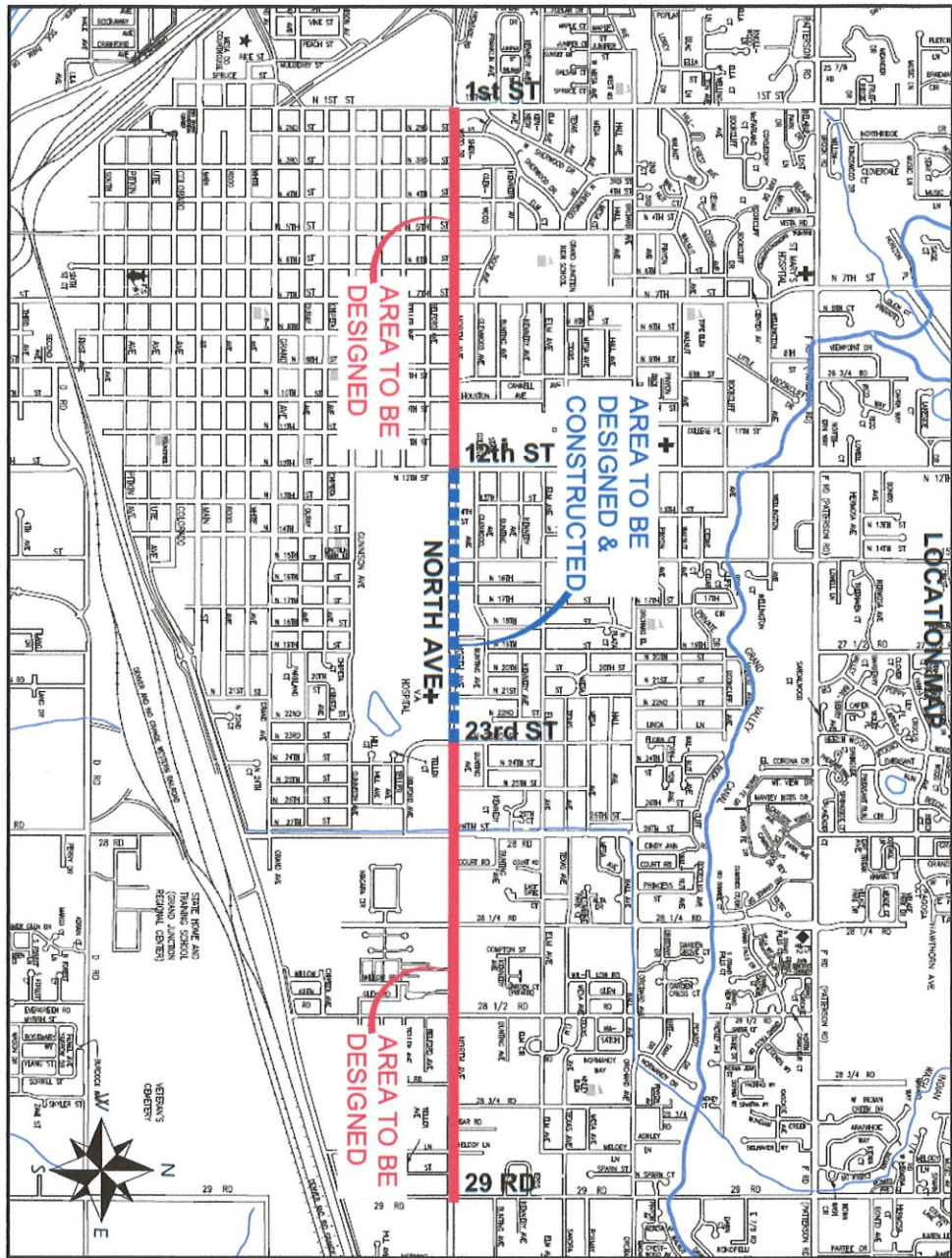
TCSP Program (Grant) funds: \$1,190,099
Matching Funds (20% Match): \$ 297,525

The City's matching funds will be in the form of design and construction engineering services.

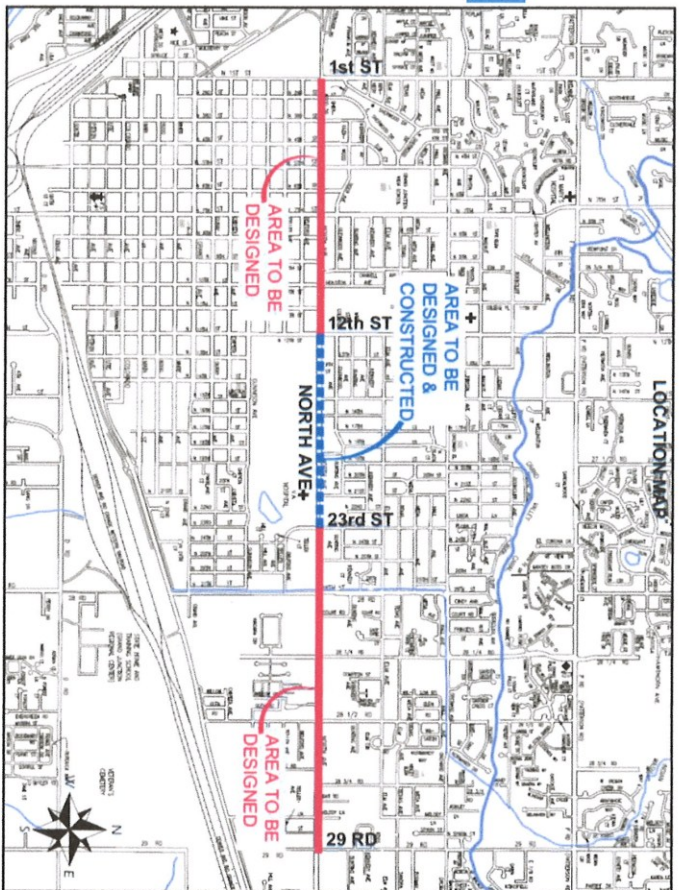
Total Project Costs: \$1,487,624

Grant Funds administered through CDOT. This project will be handled as a CDOT Local Agency project.





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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Gather Public Input & Design the 12th to 23rd Section:

Today - April 2014

Acquire Easements and Obtain Clearances:

April - October 2014

NOTE: Design revisions continue as needed during this process

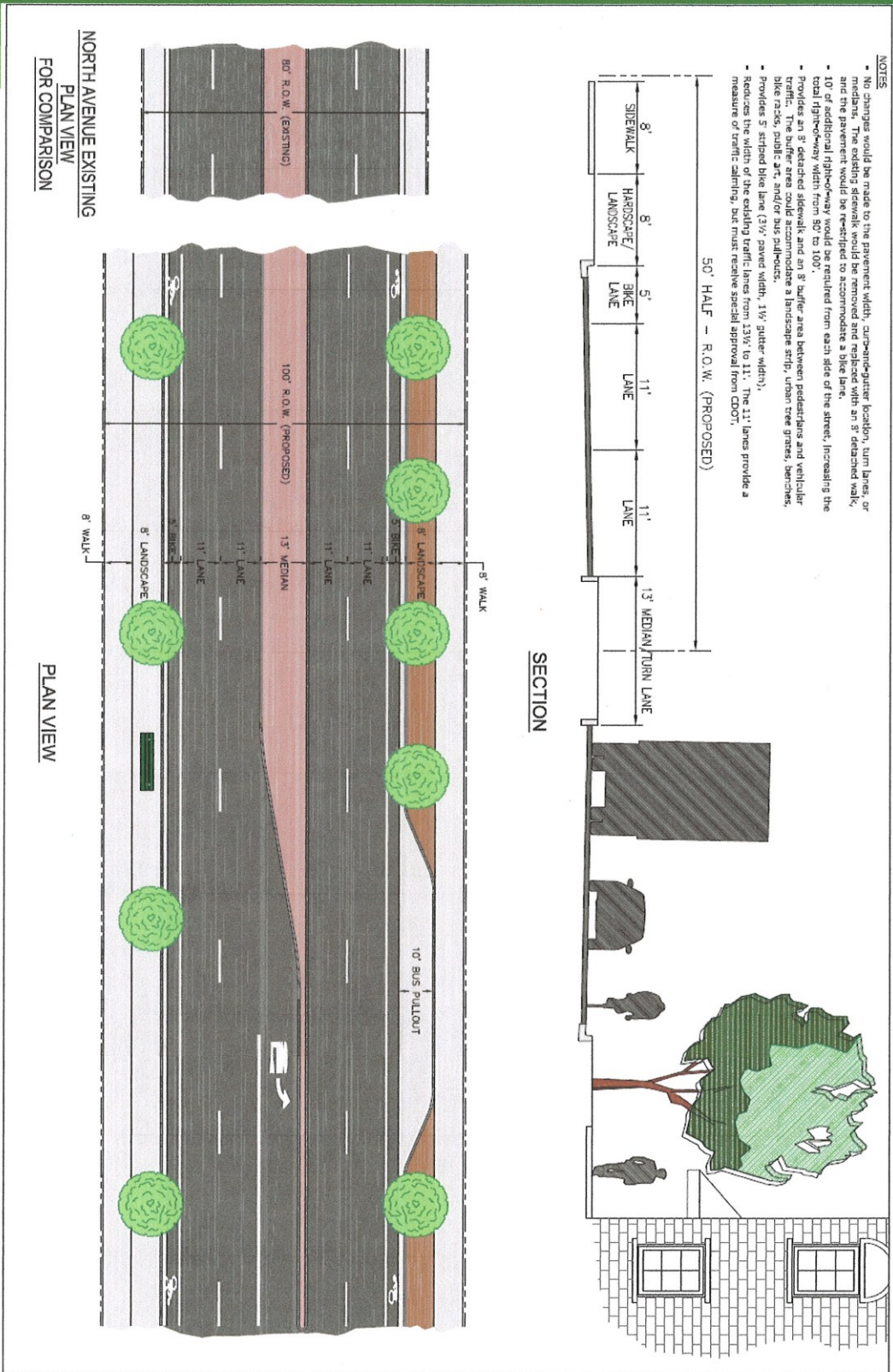
Design 1st to 12th and 23rd to 29 Rd Sections:

April - Dec 2014

CONSTRUCTION of 12th to 23rd Section:

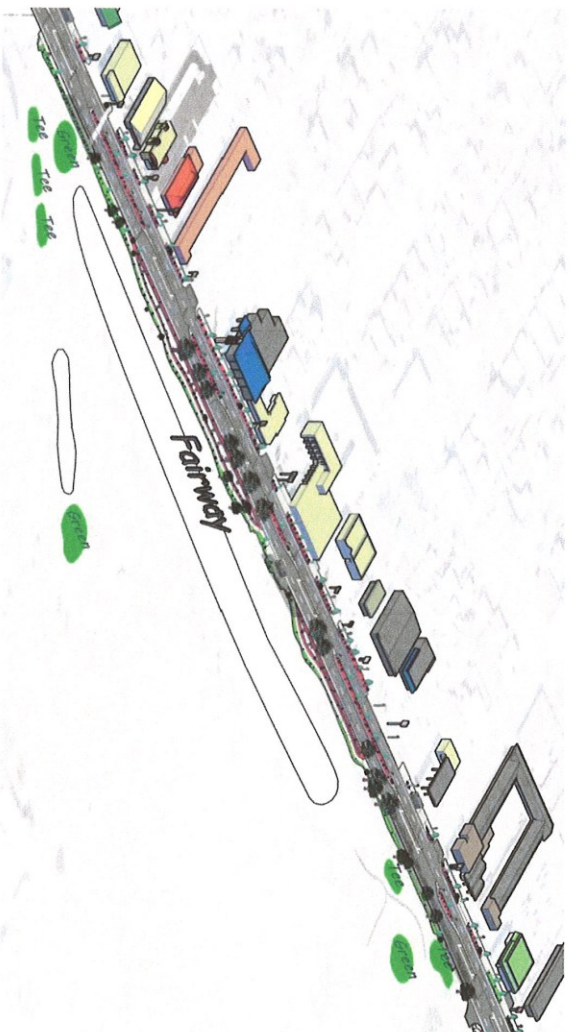
Nov 2014 - May 2015

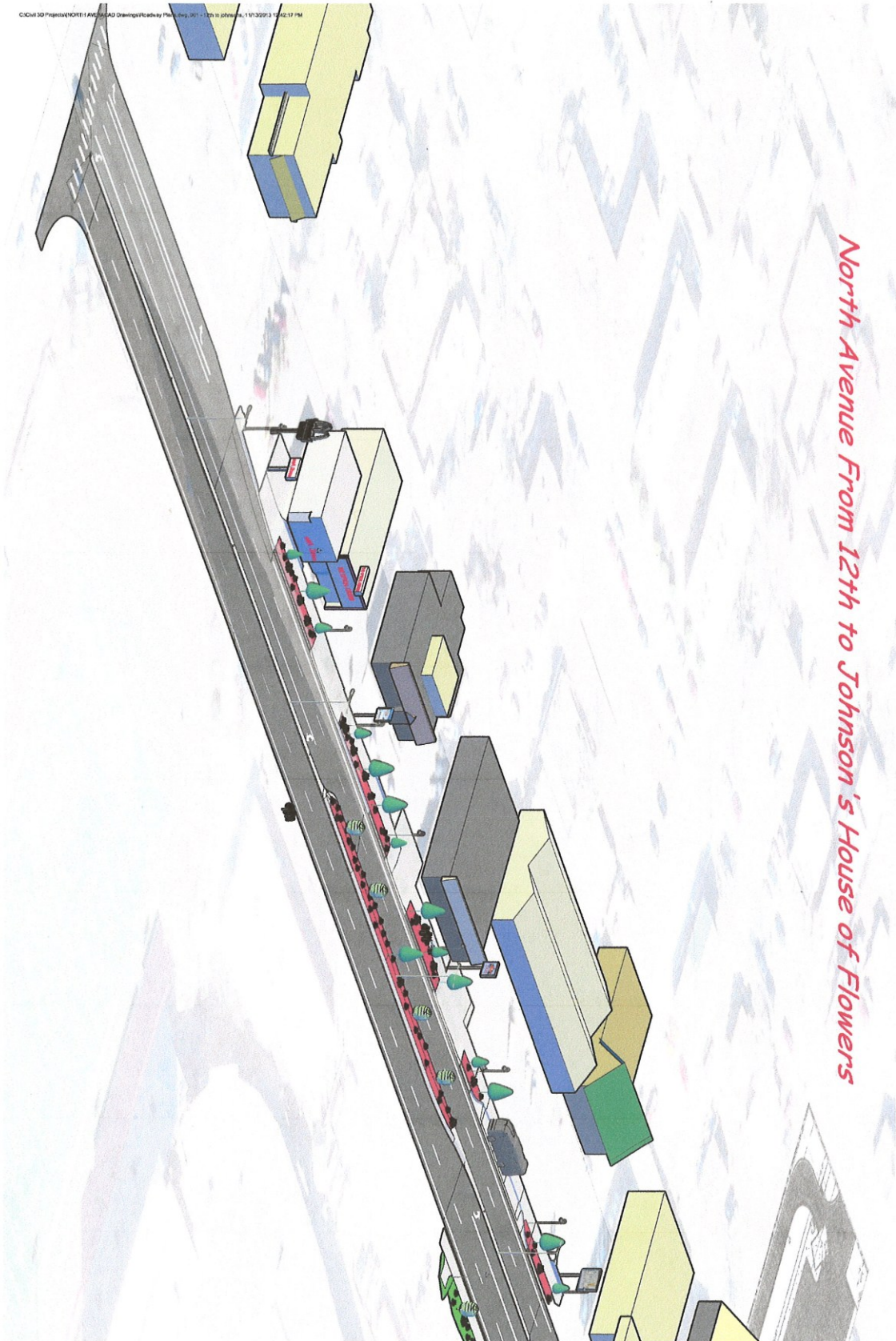


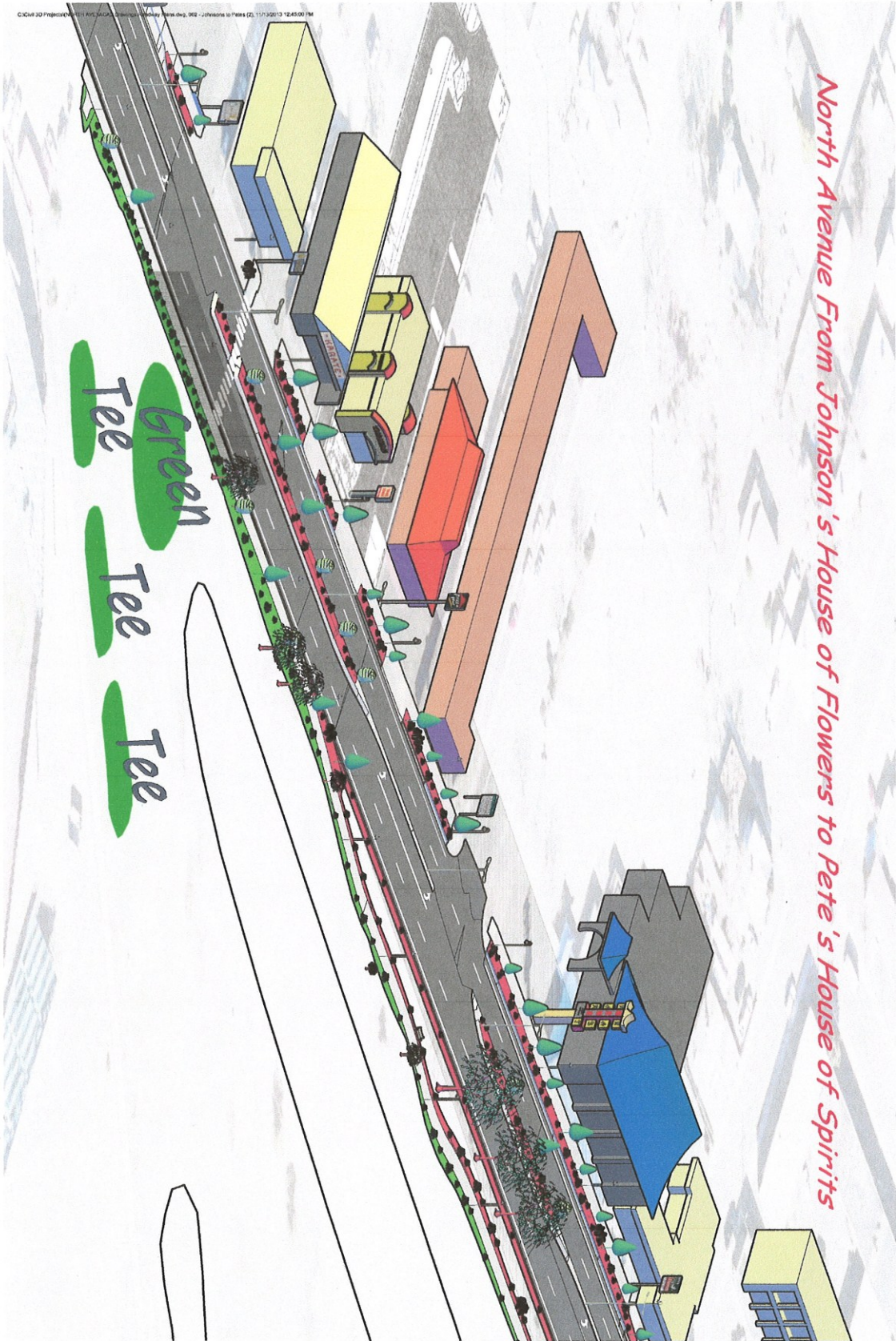


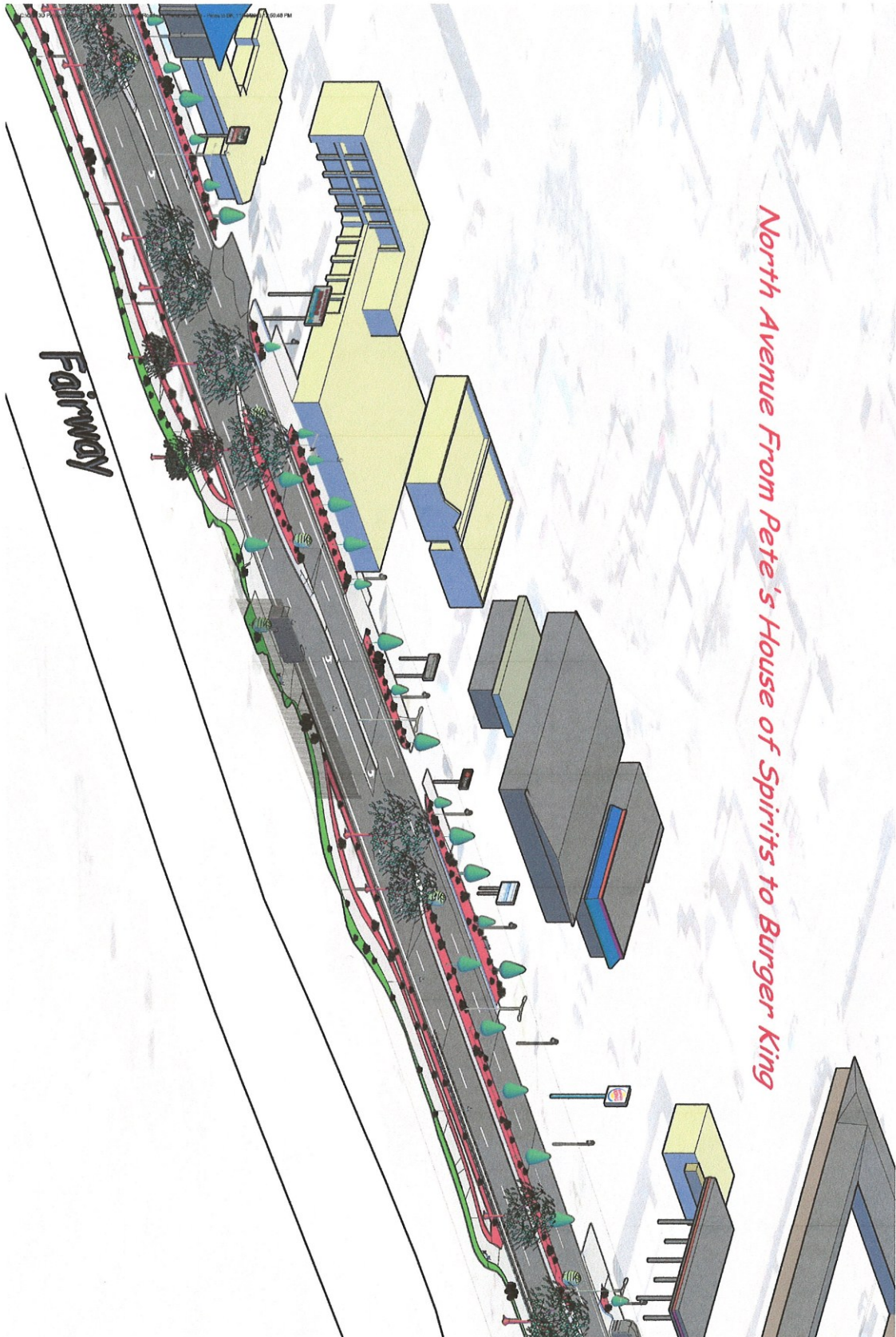
Let's take a look at the current design!

- this current version of the plans has been revised to include the public input gathered at an October 30th Open House and North Avenue Owners Association (NAOA) presentation.
- Future Open Houses will be scheduled after all design consultants are on board (Landscape, Lighting, Environmental, and Right-of-Way) AND additional focus group meetings have been held (Business & Property owners, Parks staff, etc.)

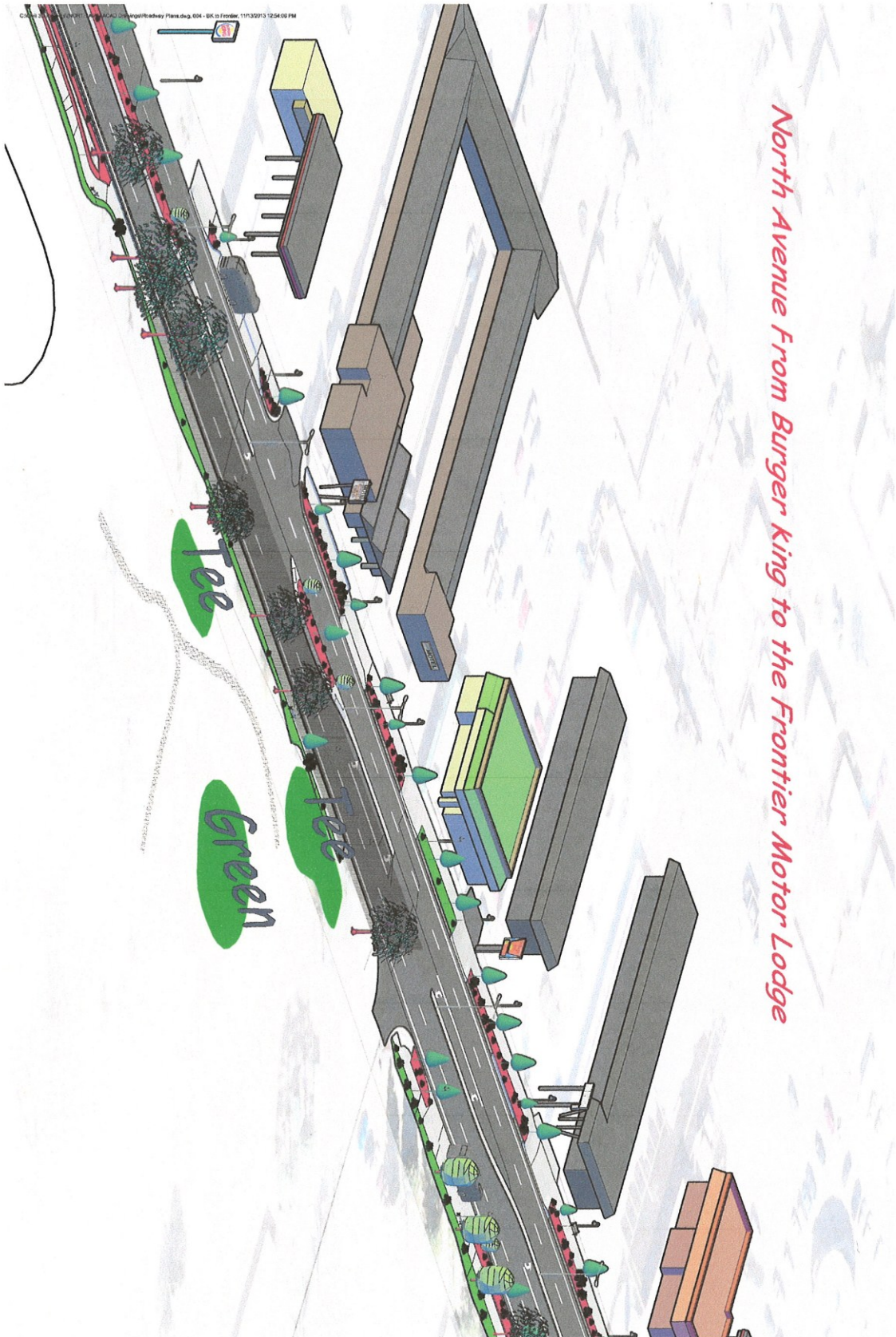


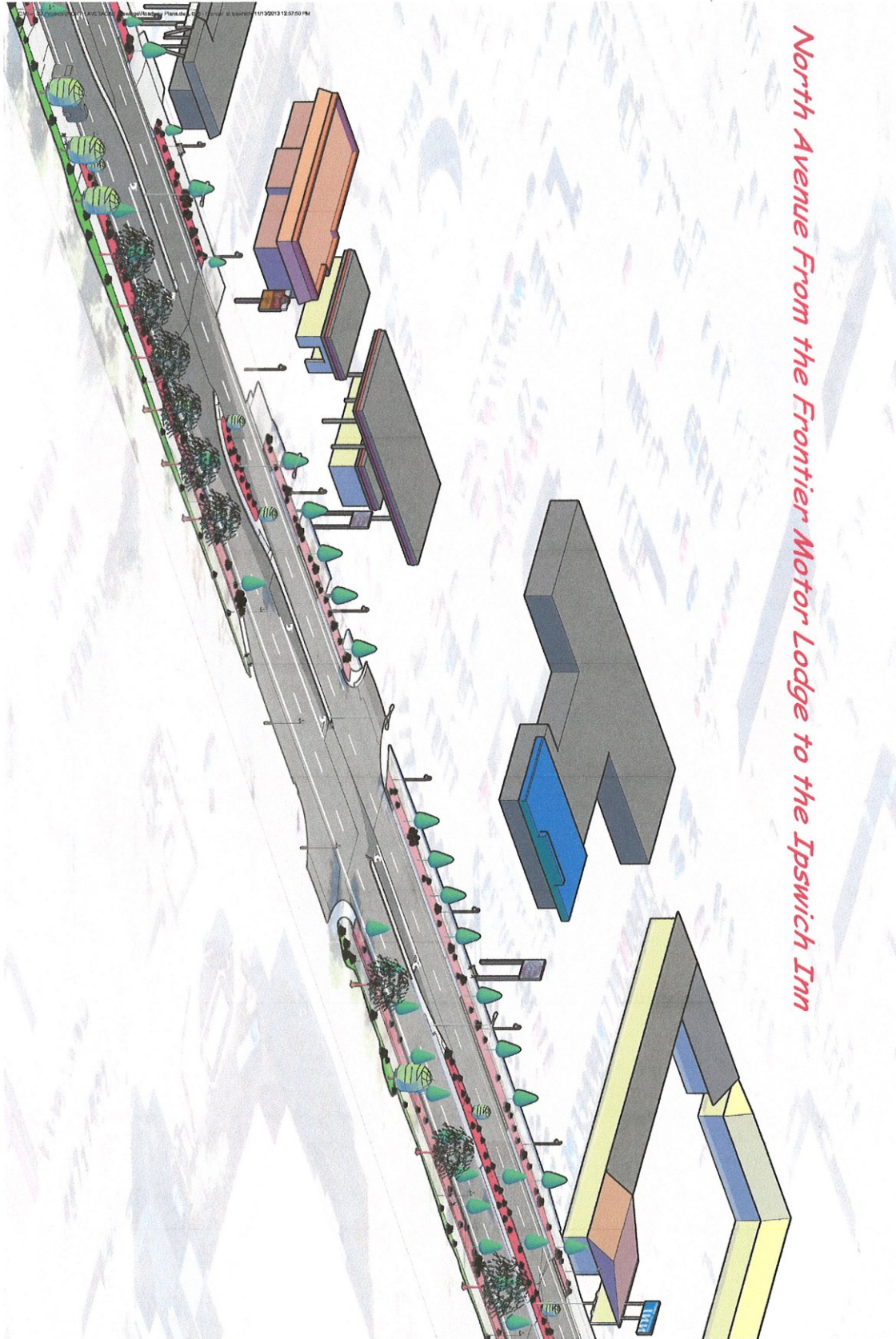






North Avenue From Pete's House of Spirits to Burger King





North Avenue From the Frontier Motor Lodge to the Ipswich Inn

