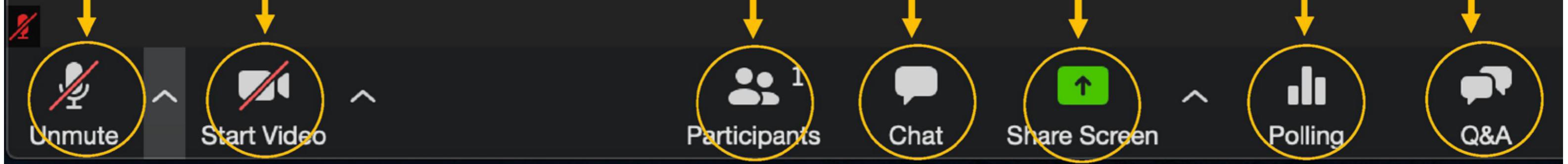


HUDSON RIVER GATEWAYS PUBLIC MEETING #1

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TONIGHT'S MEETING AGENDA

- ① **Project Introduction & Goals**
- ② **Existing Sites Discussion**
- ③ **Inspiration & Examples**
- ④ **Discussion**

HUDSON RIVER GATEWAYS PROJECT GOALS & SCHEDULE

① Project Goal

Promote and enhance the connections between downtown Albany, the Warehouse District, and the Riverfront

② Project Funding/Grant Money

New York State Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund

③ Project Team



City of Albany

Owner



Highland Planning

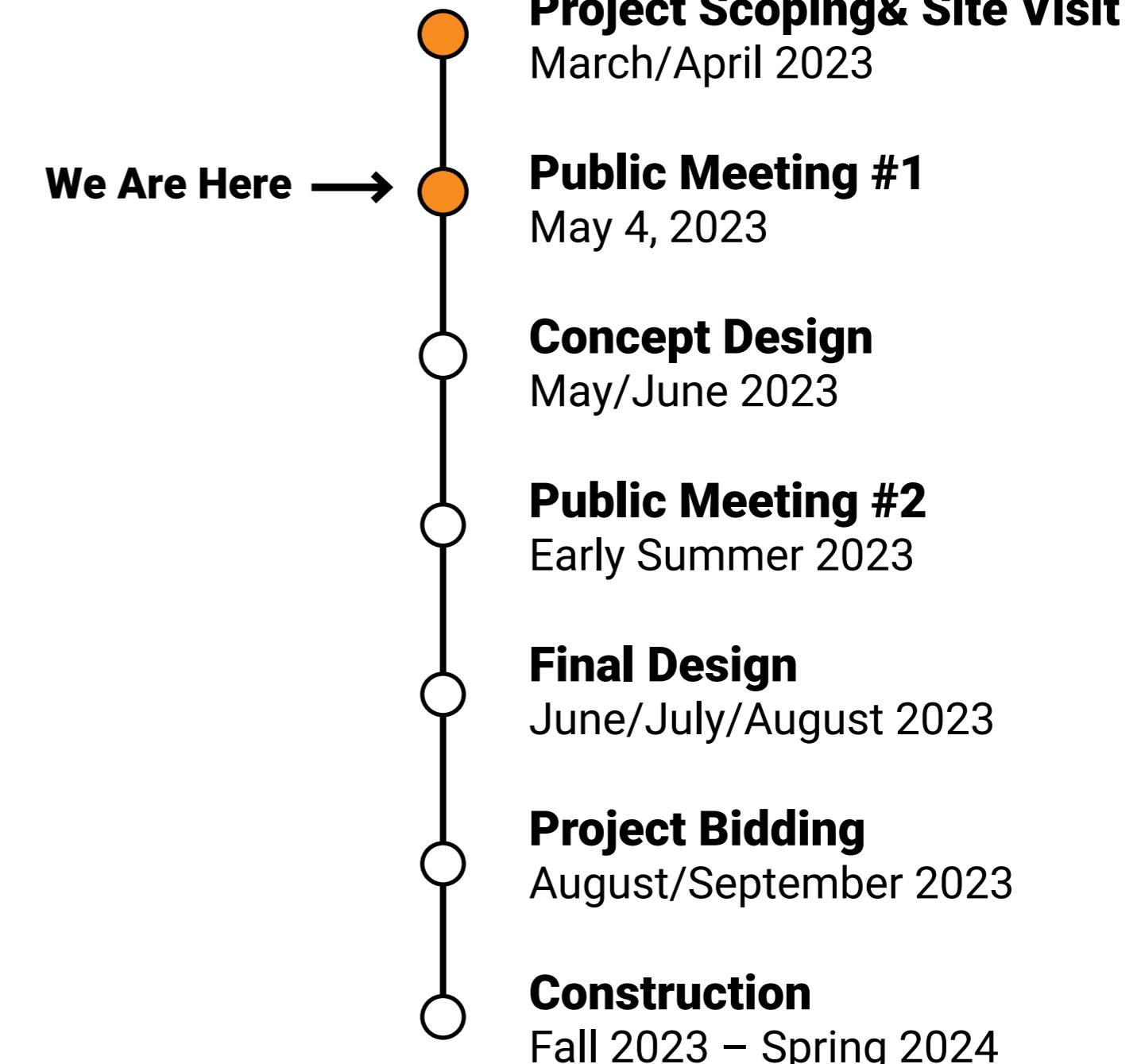
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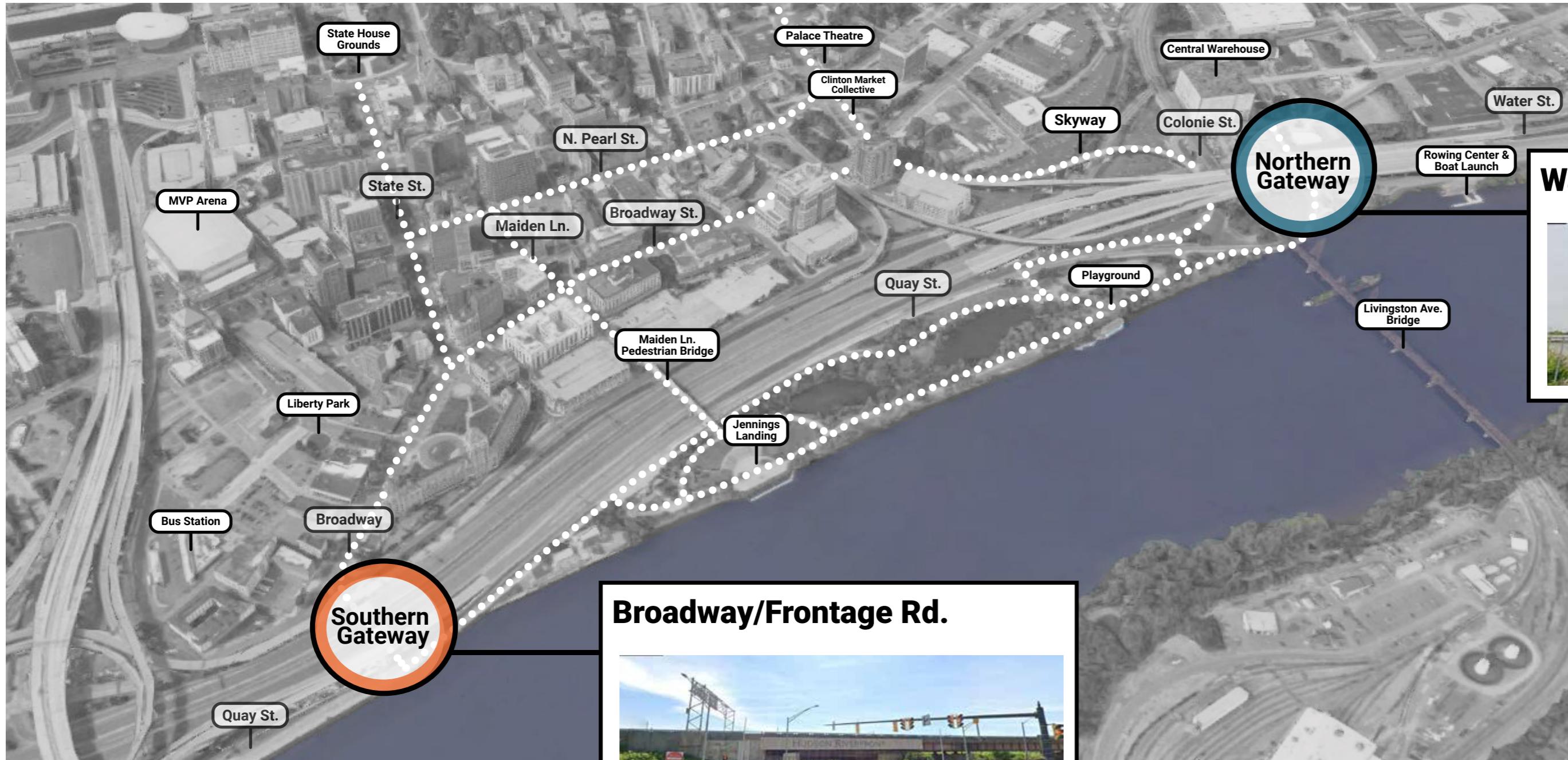
Stantec Planning & Landscape Architecture

Design Consultant

④ Project Schedule



SITE CONTEXT GATEWAY LOCATIONS & GREATER CONNECTIONS



Water St./Colonie St.



Broadway/Frontage Rd.



NORTHERN GATEWAY HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SPACE AS IT IS TODAY?

- What's your current perception of this location?
- How might these areas be used in the future (10-15 years)?
- Is there anything about this location (history, nearby neighborhoods or landmarks) that you think should be considered or represented through the gateway concept?



Notes: Pull-off to Riverfront parking is easy to miss when exiting 787 on Water St.



Notes: Good view of bridge and Riverfront, but is apparent dead-end for pedestrian and bicycle use



Notes: Dominating hardscape



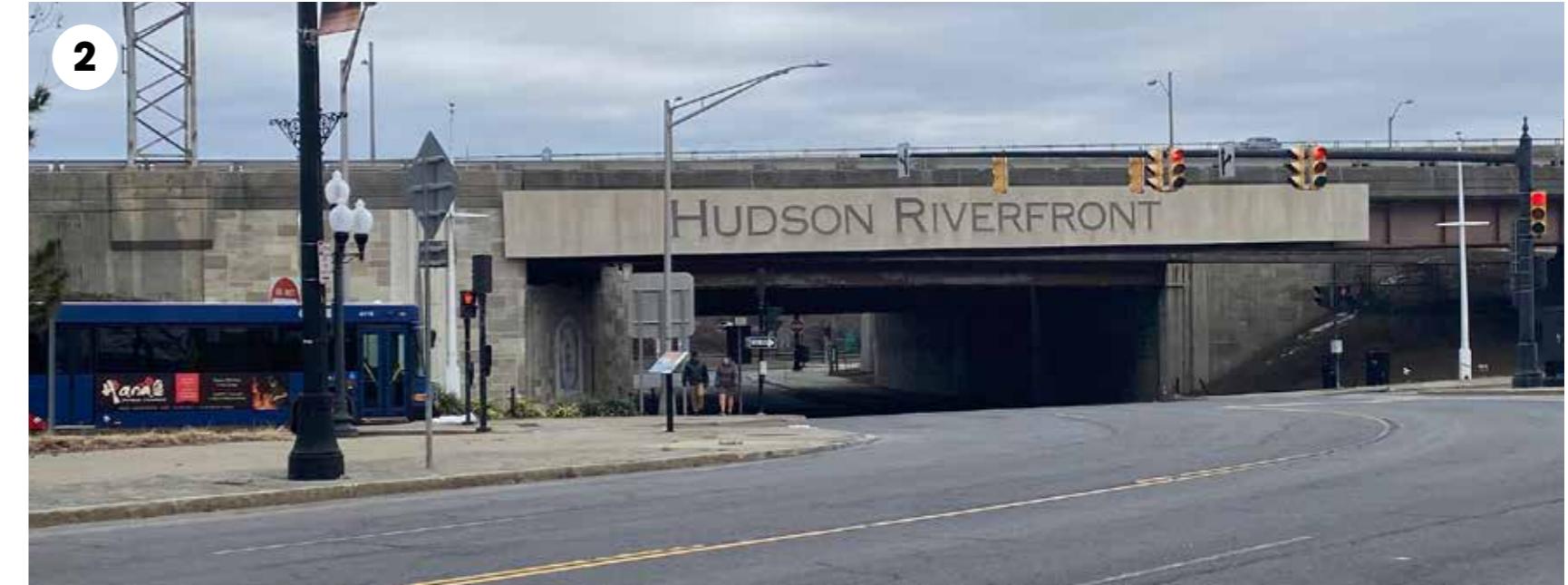
Notes: 1-way traffic with no entry for vehicles coming from Water St. , dominating hardscape

SOUTHERN GATEWAY HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SPACE AS IT IS TODAY?

- What's your current perception of this location?
- How might these areas be used in the future (10-15 years)?
- Is there anything about this location (history, nearby neighborhoods or landmarks) that you think should be considered or represented through the gateway concept?



Notes: Hard to see Southern Gateway from Downtown, could use visual/structural element to signal or draw people to the gateway and further to the Riverfront



Notes: Dominating hardscape with no clear indication Riverfront is beyond underpass



Notes: Low level of lighting in underpass area, worn out roadway markings



Notes: Dominating hardscape with no clear indication of Downtown beyond underpass easy to miss when traveling on the nearby multi-use trail, landscape areas in shadow of 787

GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT IDEAS INSPIRATION & EXAMPLES

SOME BIG IDEAS WE'D LIKE FEEDBACK ON...

PAINT & MARKINGS

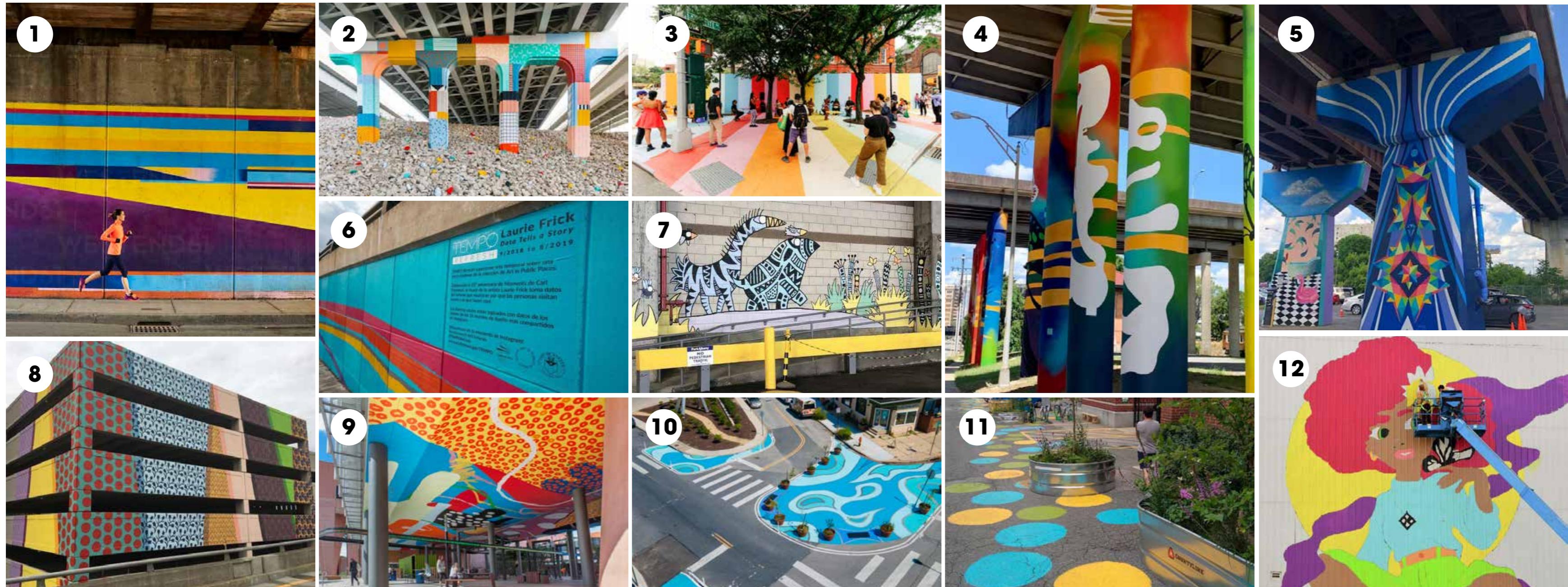
LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS

ICONIC SCULPTURE/LANDMARK SIGN

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

PAINT AND MARKINGS

- Colorful expressions to draw people in
- Murals on ground could continue onto vertical surfaces
- Could be themed around things like Albany colors, water/Hudson River, art installs/various muralists, cohesive graphics/abstract color blocking, graffiti-style, native plant or animal species, new/old folk lore, etc.



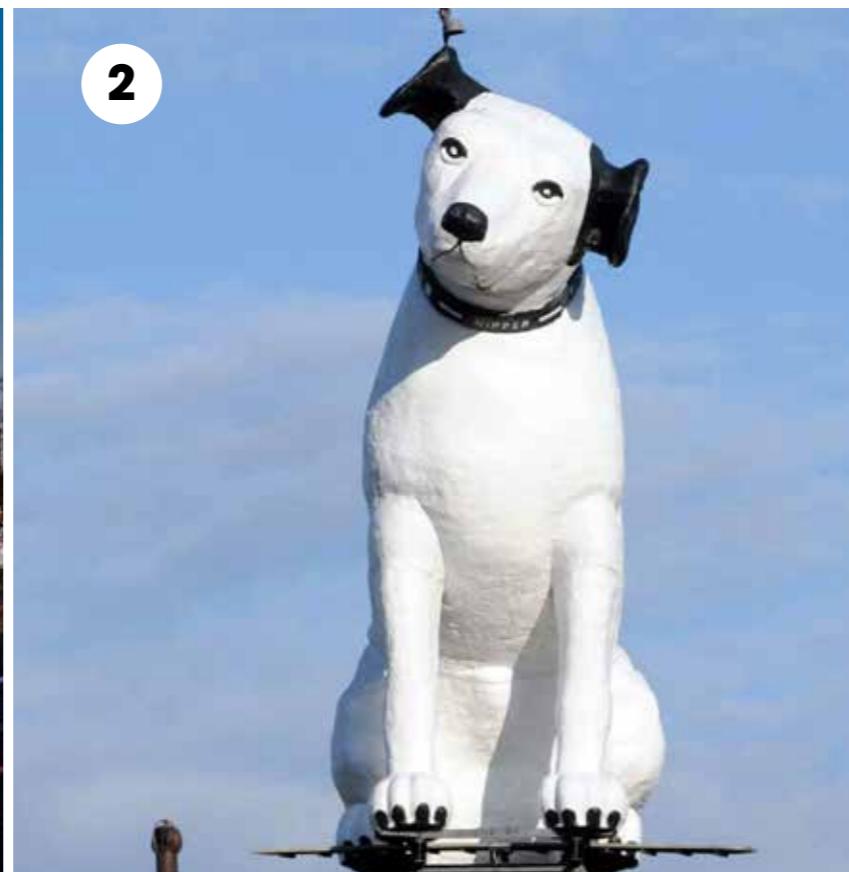
LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS

- Could be simple washes of light or more intentional light sculptures (like at Skyway)
- Lighting colors or shapes of fixtures could relate to murals (having colorful interest during the day and night)
- Could be quirky light poles or off-the-shelf lighting fixtures
- Incorporate projections? (seen at night)



ICONIC SCULPTURE/LANDMARK SIGN

- A landmark piece that creates a unique beacon that draws people to the gateways.
- Would be visible in day/night and would make a 'photo opportunity.'
- Create a new element to the skyline and/or make a unique piece that gives a sense of place/identity
- Uniquely 'Albany' (based on a current saying/tradition of Albany / plays off the quirkiness of local saying/traditions)



LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

- Use landscape to 'dress up/clean up' gateway zones.(boulder/rock gardens)
- Playful hardscape or durable materials (i.e. benches, landforms, shapes, playful placement of rocks).
- Basic planting improvements like maintenance/pruning of existing planting or limited new plantings.



ANY PREFERENCES? ANYTHING MISSING?

PAINT AND MARKINGS



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LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS



HOW MIGHT THESE IDEAS APPLY TO THE NORTHERN GATEWAY?

PAINT AND MARKINGS



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HOW MIGHT THESE IDEAS APPLY TO THE SOUTHERN GATEWAY?

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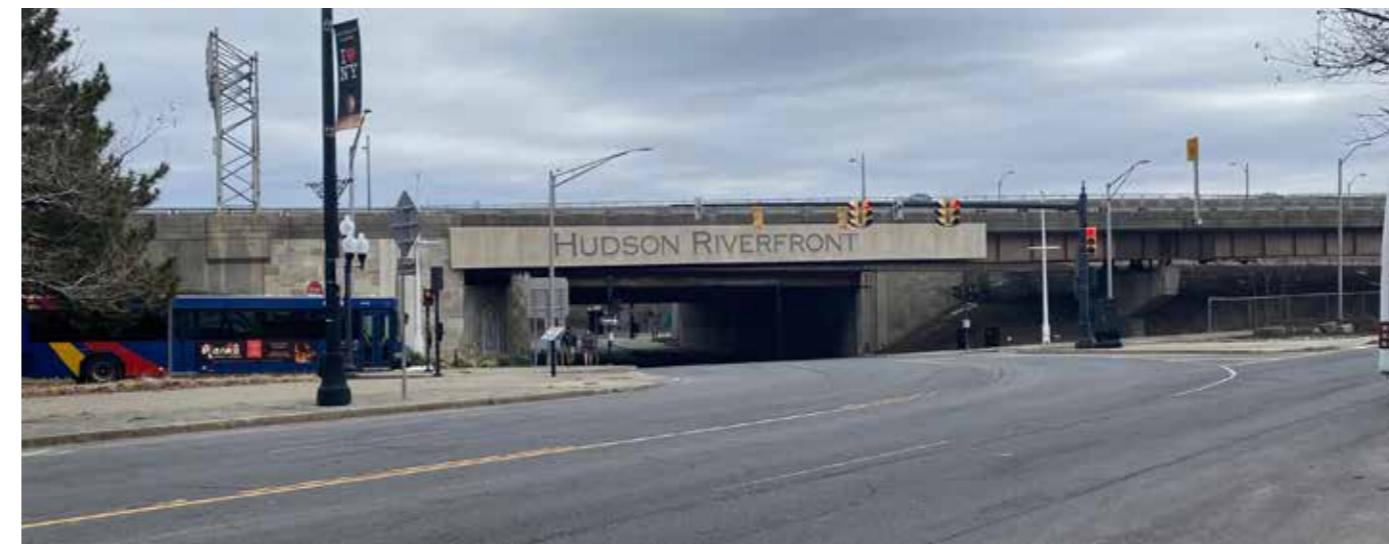
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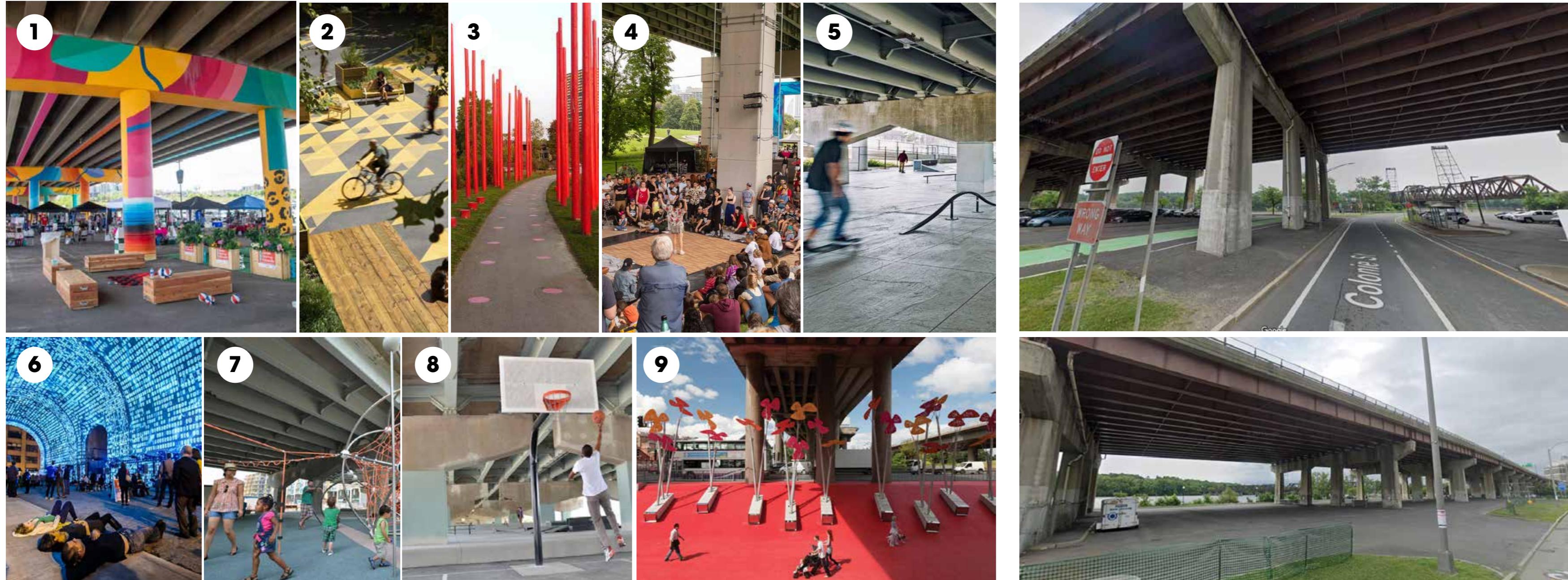
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THINKING ABOUT FUTURE PROGRAMMING/EVENTS

What types of activities/uses could you envision for the Northern Gateway in the future?

-Could create spaces for new activities like...skating, hanging out/sitting, playing, court games, climbing walls, parkour, markets, flea markets/vintage markets, festivals, arts showcases/events, lighting installations, concerts, community space, etc.



FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

SOME OTHER IDEAS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT...

BICYCLE CONNECTIONS

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

ANYTHING WE'RE MISSING?

THANKS FOR JOINING US! NEXT STEPS & WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

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