

Windward Avenue Concepts for enhanced pedestrian use

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Purpose and Objectives

For 35+ years, plans have existed to turn Windward Avenue between Speedway to Pacific into a more pedestrian area.

Improving the pedestrian environment on Windward Avenue is a policy objective of the existing Venice Land Use Plan.

The approaching Olympic Games provide an opportunity to implement this project.

This PowerPoint presents, for consideration, possible pedestrian enhancement concepts for Windward Avenue between Speedway and Windward Circle.

Concept 1W - Basic Reconfiguration of Windward Ave. between Speedway and Pacific Ave. (center two traffic lanes are shifted north)



Concept 1W – Ground Level:



Pedestrian Plaza

Roadway

Concept 1E – Basic Reconfiguration of Windward Ave. between Pacific Ave. and the Circle. (traffic lanes are shifted north)



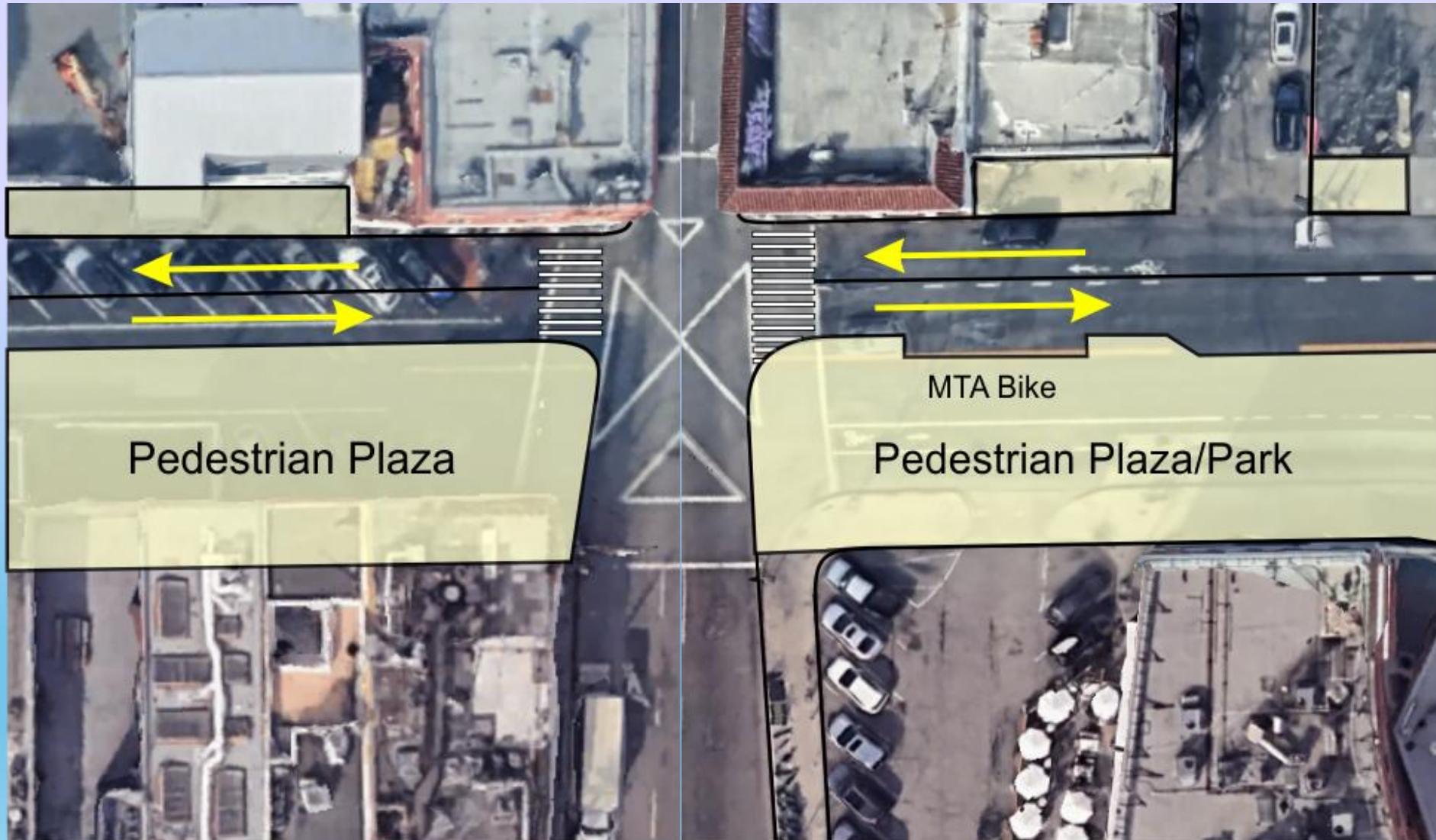
Concept 1E – Ground Level:



Pedestrian Plaza

Roadway

Concepts 1W and 1E at Pacific (traffic lanes align)



Concept 3W – Full Pedestrianization of Windward between Speedway and Pacific Ave. (traffic lanes are removed)



Concept 3W – Full Pedestrianization Of Windward Ave, between Pacific Ave. and the Circle. (traffic lanes are removed)

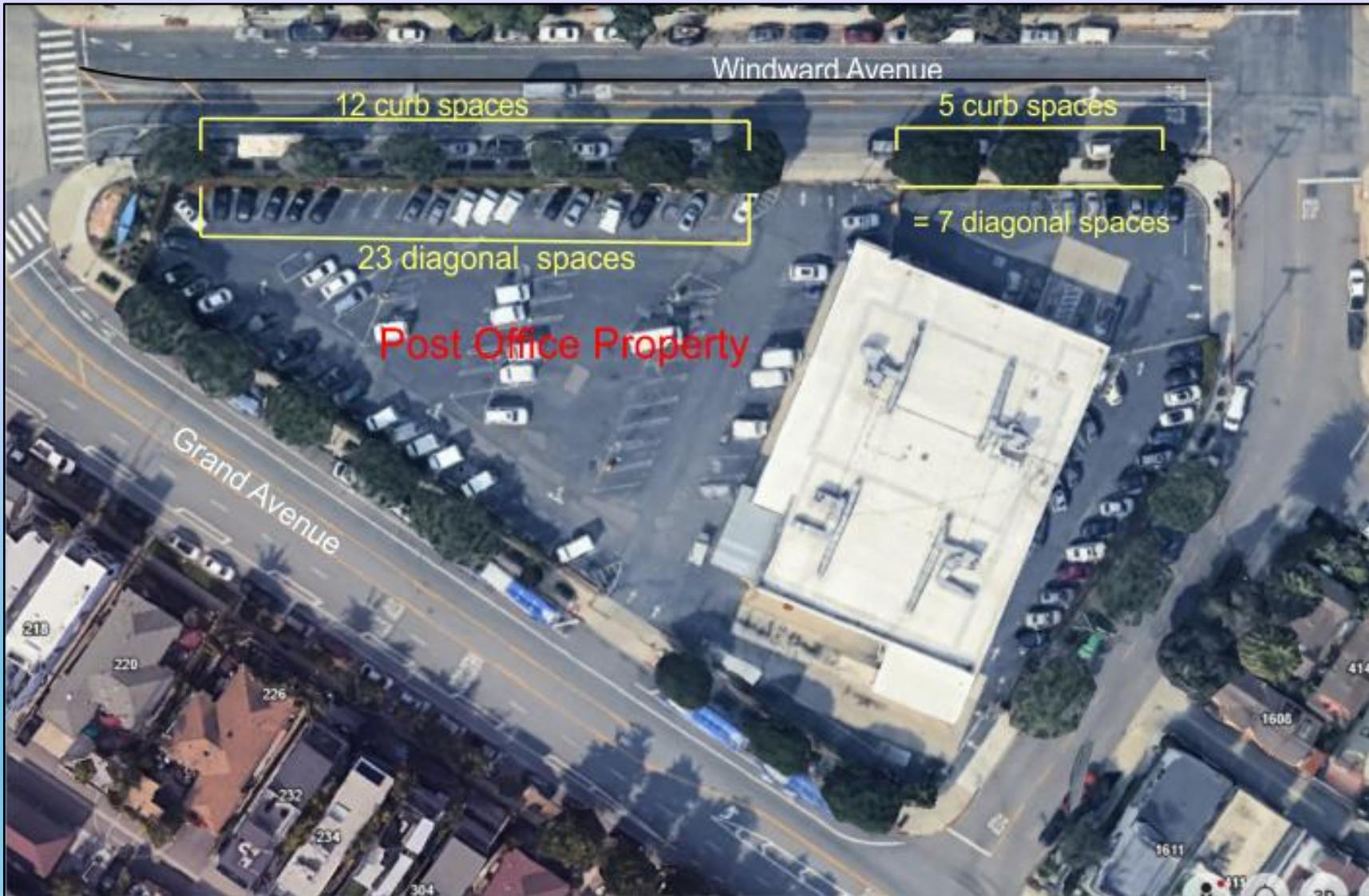


Issues to be pursued:

- What concepts, if any, have the most interest with businesses and the public?
- Is the project worth pursuing?
- What would be the design of pedestrian plaza/parks?
- What funding source(s) might be available for project?
- What agency(ies) would be involved in furthering project?

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Replacement Parking Option – Windward Ave between the Circle and Riviera Ave



Concept 1W - Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- Increases pedestrian area substantially.
- Retains access to private driveway.
- Traffic lanes and movements retained.

Problems:

- 19+ parking spaces may need to be relocated.
- Funding unknown.

Concept 1E - Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- Large pedestrian area for plaza/park.
- Continues access to private driveways.
- Brings many bus stops closer together for clearer transit access to OFW/Beach.
- Lines up with Windward Ave West roadway.

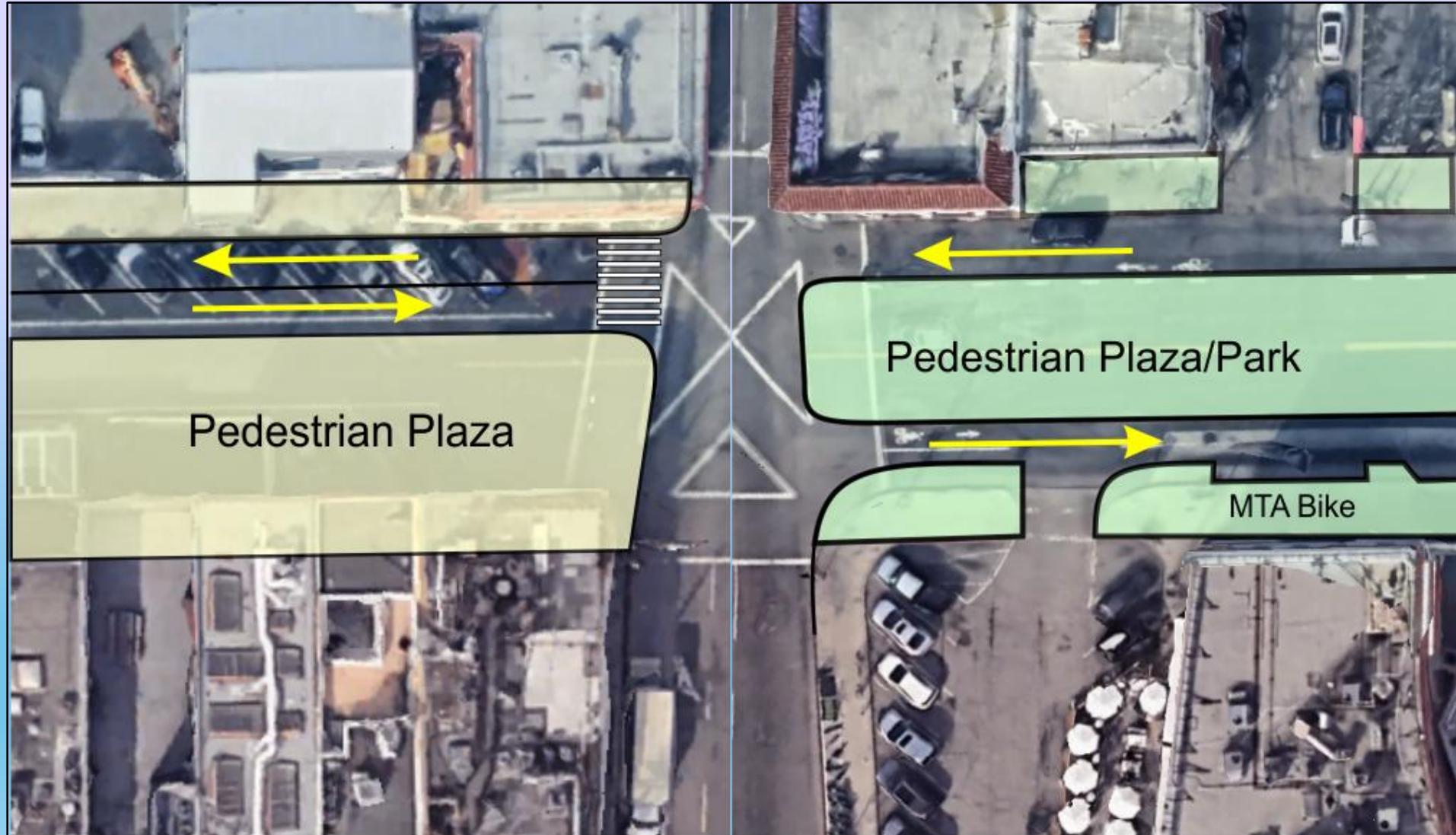
Problems:

- Funding source unknown.

Concept 2E – Reconfiguration of Windward Ave. between Pacific and the Circle (traffic lanes are split)



Comparing Concepts at Pacific Avenue Intersection – Concept 1BW and 2BE (traffic lanes do not align)



Concept 2E – Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- Retains Lot 761 driveway exit.
- Central position lines up with “VENICE” sign.

Problems:

- Roadways separate both sidewalks from central pedestrian plaza/park.
- Pedestrian area consequently not as large.
- Split roadways do not line up with Windward Ave’s traffic lanes west of Pacific Ave.
- Funding source unknown.

Concept 3W – Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- Far more pedestrian area for use.
- Retains driveway to Safety Park on Windward Ave.

Problems:

- Loss of traffic lanes may not be acceptable.
- Funding source unknown.

Concept 2E – Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- Far more pedestrian area for use.
- Retains driveway on north side of Windward Ave. to alley.

Problems:

- Loss of traffic lanes may not be acceptable.
- Funding source unknown.