Smithfield St. Reconstruction
Pre-Construction Stakeholder Meeting



412 Boulevard of the Allies
7/8/2026, 4pm

Meeting Overview

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project Information and Scope
- Traffic Control and Detours
- Pedestrian Access
- Transit Access
- Project Schedule
- Communication
- Q&A

Introductions

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Project Manager, DOMI

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DOMI Communications

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Director, DOMI

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Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

Purpose of the Meeting

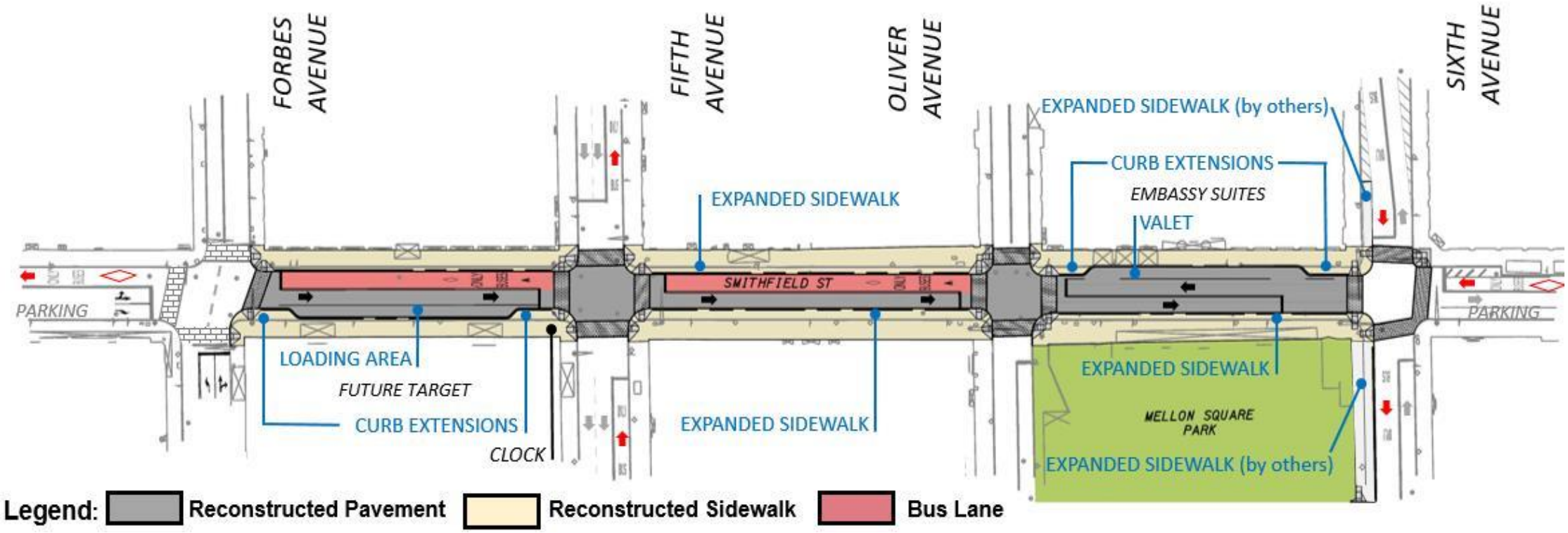
- Re-introduce project to the corridor stakeholders
- Present planned traffic control and pedestrian accommodations
- Establish communications expectations
- Discuss vault access
- Answer questions

- Project Purpose:
  - Promote pedestrian safety as well as provide the potential for new activation opportunities like outdoor dining. Further, rebuilding the roadway will increase the useful life of the road.

Project Scope - Overview

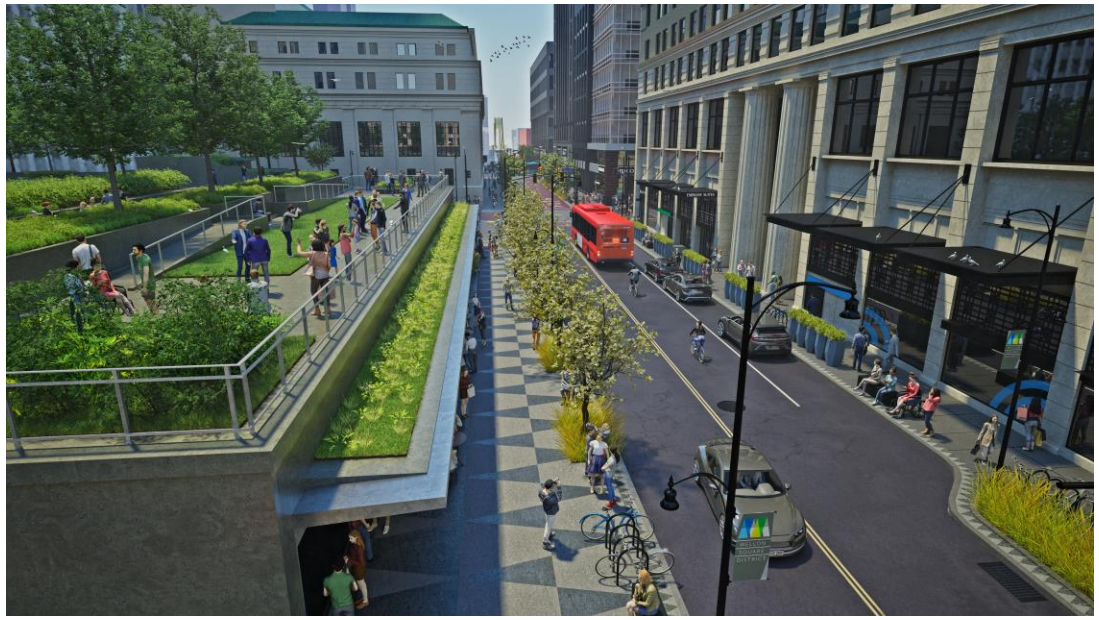
- Complete reconstruction of one of Downtown's most prominent streets with modern upgrades
  - Reconstruction of the roadway
  - Extended sidewalks
  - New curbs
  - Pedestrian safety bump outs
  - Signage and pavement markings
  - Street landscaping
  - Artistic lighting, funded through Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Partnership between City, State, and Federal government as well as local partners

Project Scope - Project Extents



Project Scope – Sample Renderings

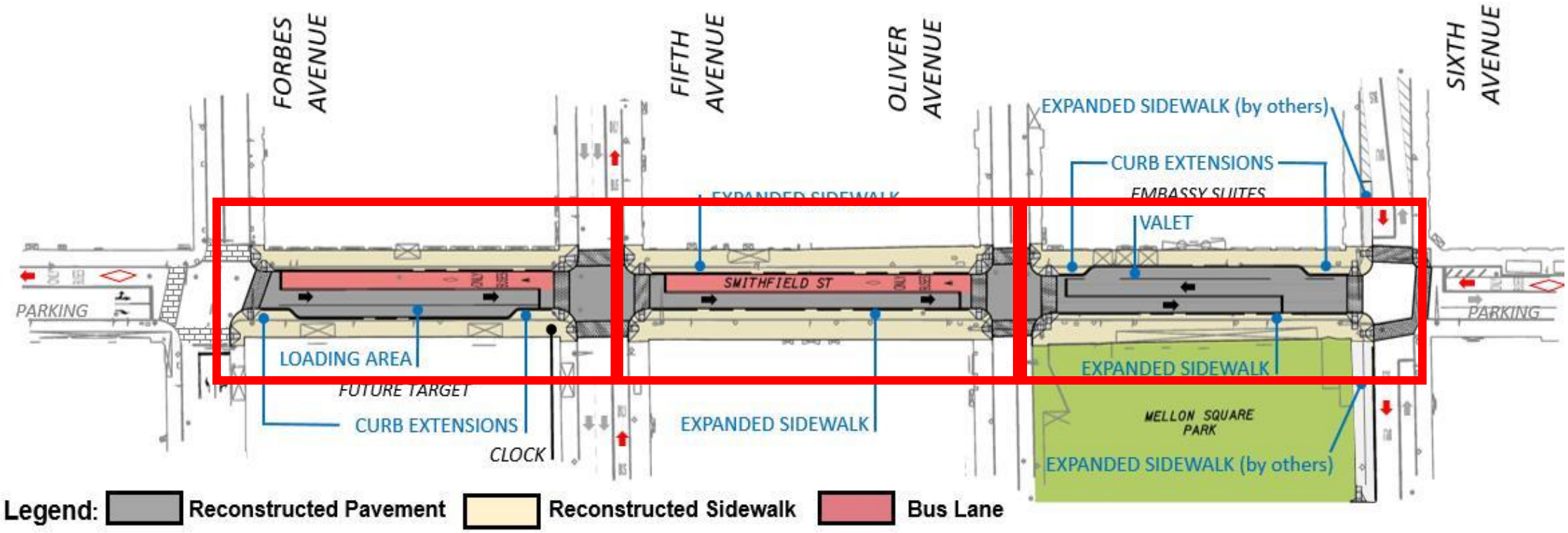




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Project Scope - Phasing

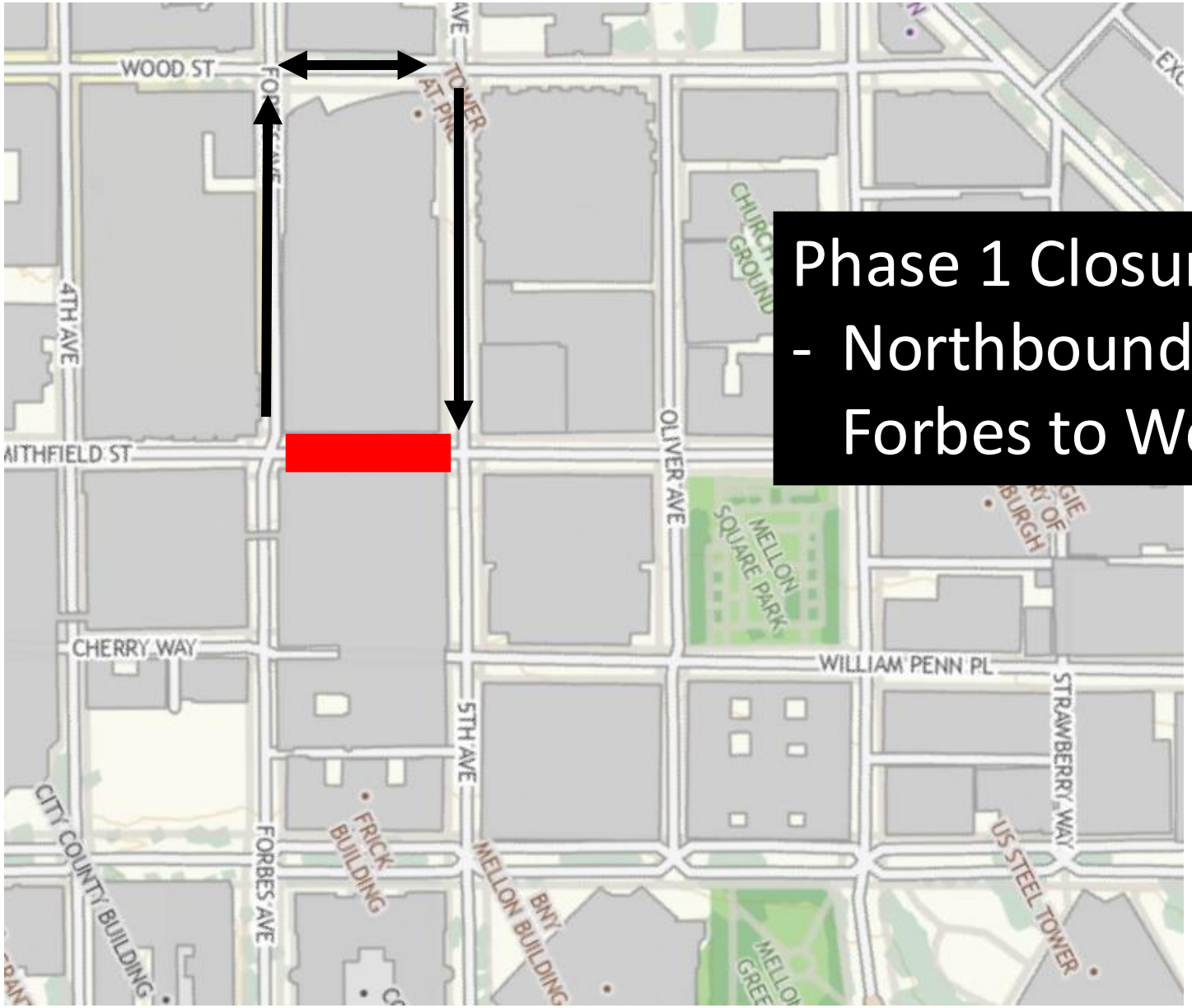


Phase 1 **Phase 2** **Phase 3**

Construction Information

- Contractor Merante will be working four - 10 hour days per week
  - Monday through Thursday
  - Tentatively 6am-4pm
  - Detour and closure to remain in place on non-working days
- Anticipate approximately 6-9 months per phase
- Completion expected Summer 2028

Traffic Control and Vehicular Detours



Phase 1 Closure - Forbes to Fifth

- Northbound detours will use Forbes to Wood to 5th

Traffic Control and Vehicular Detours



Phase 2A Closure - Fifth to Oliver

- Northbound vehicles
  - Fifth to Grant to Sixth

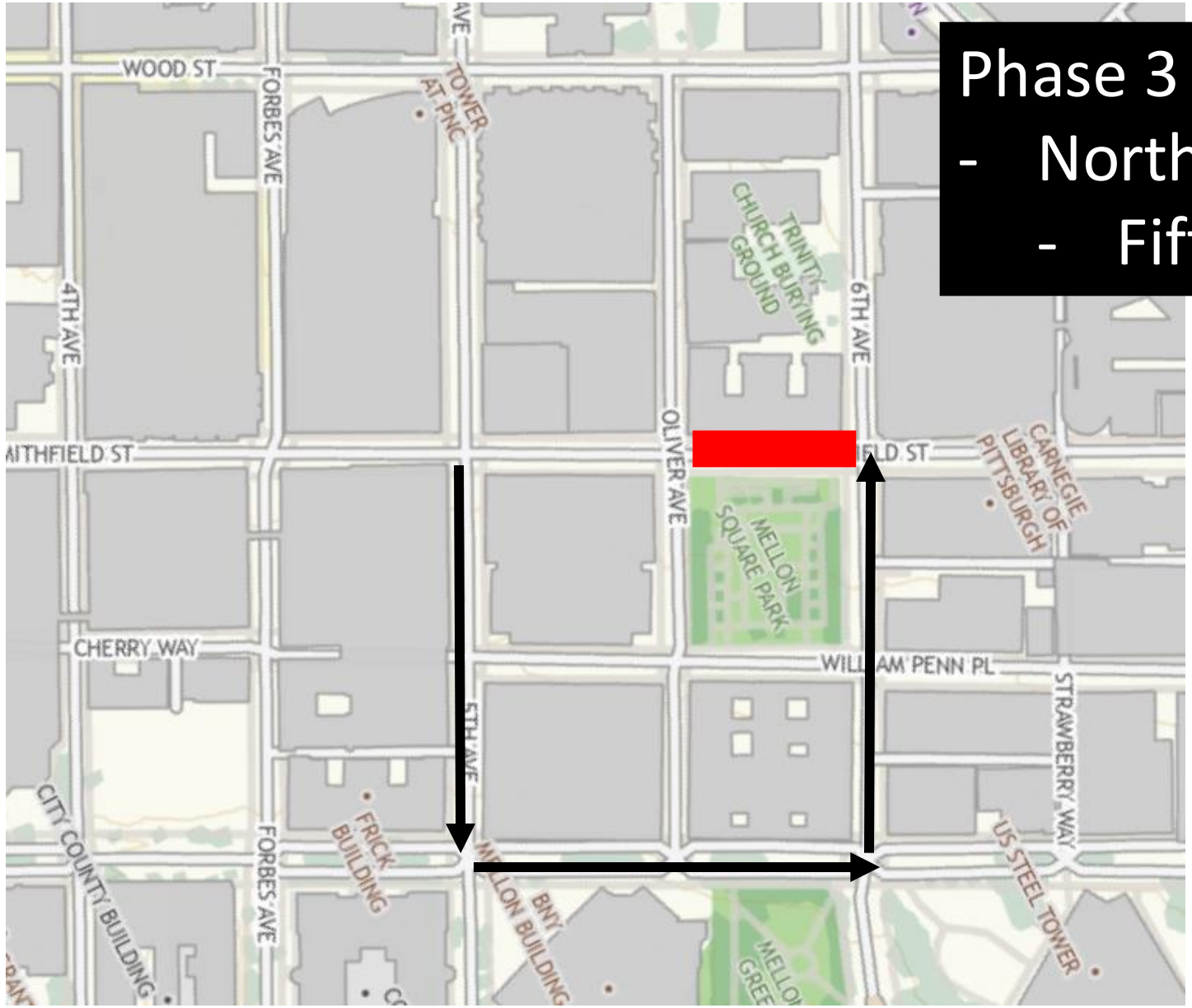
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Phase 2B Closure - Fifth and Smithfield intersection

- Oliver/Forbes and Wood St.

Traffic Control and Vehicular Detours



Phase 3 Closure - Oliver to Sixth

- Northbound vehicles
  - Fifth to Grant to Sixth

General Pedestrian Access

- Sidewalks and basement vaults to be rebuilt as part of the first phase on each block
- Pedestrian walkway through the middle of the road with pedestrian access structures to buildings/businesses



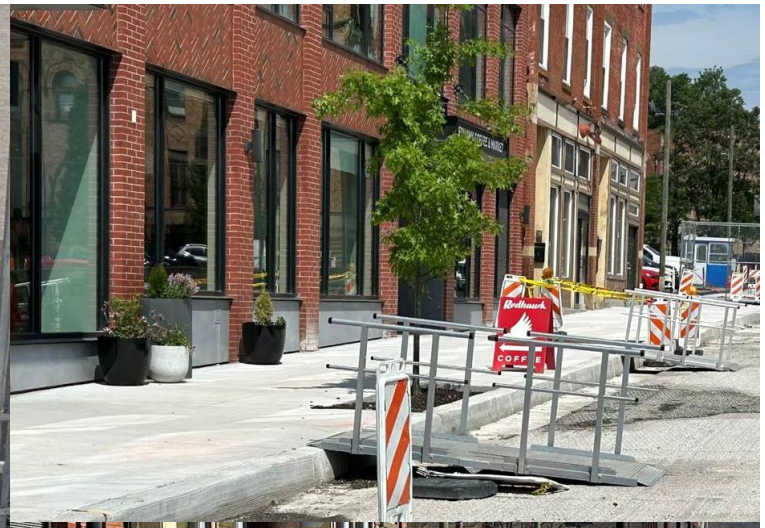
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- Phase 2 on each block will be roadway reconstruction and sidewalk access will be restored on the newly rebuilt sidewalks.



Pedestrian Access Structures - Examples







Anticipated Transit Access Changes

- Busses will also be running on detour
- Transit stops will be relocated or temporarily out of service
- Ongoing coordination with PRT to finalize

What We Need From You

- Vault access – Please reach out to Merante
- Contact information – for project communications
- Clear communication – help us help you

Project Communication – Proactive Communication

- **Project Updates**
  - Monthly email to stakeholders
    - Use sign-in sheet to get on the list
  - Public updates from EngagePGH, quarterly:
    - https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/smithfield-street-project
  - Ask others to subscribe by clicking



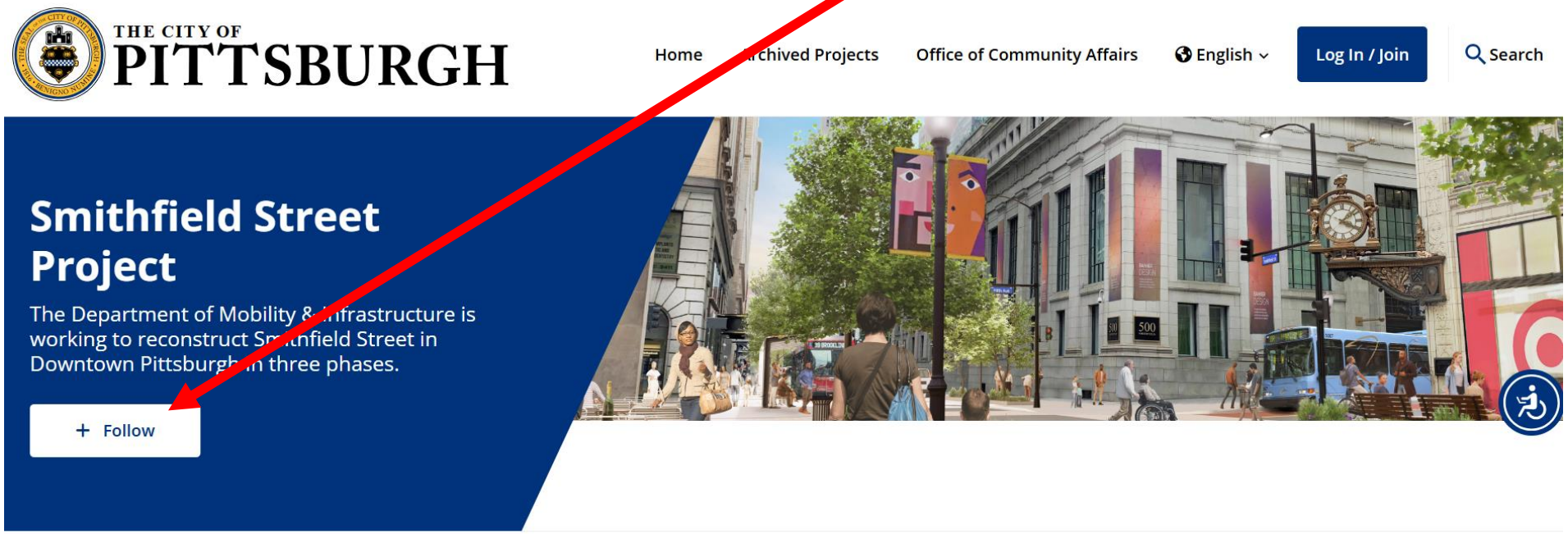
- **Additional communication as needed**
  - Phase changes, addressing issues/challenges

Project Communication – On-site Issues

- **Day to day issues**
  - On the ground contacts:
    - Merante foreman
    - Construction Manager: Michael Baker
- **If escalation is needed, DOMI Project Manager**
  - Mike Panzitta
- **Communications questions**
  - Jan Raether
  - RCO: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

Project Communication

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Next Steps and Project Timeline

- Vault Access – Please work with Merante to schedule as soon as possible

- Construction Begins – August 2026
  - Starting with vault remediation (Forbes to Fifth)
  - Phase 1 Detour (Forbes to Fifth) beginning September 2026
  - Phase 2 (Fifth to Oliver) Spring 2027 - Summer 2027
  - Phase 3 (Oliver to Sixth) Fall 2027 – Spring/Summer 2028
- Substantial Completion – Summer 2028

Thank you!

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