

**CADDO COMMISSION
WORKING GROUP**

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EXPLORING THE WORK OF

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FORWARD



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SHARED PRINCIPLES

- Strengthening the relationship between residents, business, and government.
- Designing streets and neighborhoods that are safe, walkable, and connected.
 - Supporting local economic development and productive land use.
 - Creating spaces that make community interaction part of daily life.
 - Encouraging environmental responsibility and resilience.

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OUR ASSERTION

Shreveport's future will not be determined by large projects.

It will be shaped by many small decisions made by the community over time.

I. OUR VISION FOR COMMUNITY CREATION

What's old is new again.

THE SHREVEPORT FORWARD NORTH STAR FRAMEWORK

1. Empower Residents to Be Creators of Their Community's Future
2. Create Human-Scaled Places for Daily Life
3. Reconnect Neighborhoods and Soften Boundaries
4. Design for Safety
5. Ensure Access to All Modes of Transportation
6. Revitalize Neighborhoods Without Displacement
7. Preserve and Amplify Culture, Identity, and Belonging
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9. Expand Opportunity Across Generations
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THE NORTH STAR

CREATE HUMAN SCALED PLACES FOR DAILY LIFE

Prioritize the design of public and private spaces that invite people to linger, from shaded sidewalks and pocket parks to patios, plazas, and storefronts scaled for daily life and social interaction. Invest in comfort, greenery, and basic infrastructure that makes public life possible.



THE NORTH STAR

RECONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS AND SOFTEN BOUNDARIES

Reconnect communities separated by highways, railroads, and major roadways through safe, seamless connections for all people, regardless of their mode of transportation. Prioritize sidewalk networks, bridge and underpass repair, and the removal of physical barriers that isolate neighborhoods.



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THE NORTH STAR

DESIGN FOR SAFETY

Create safe neighborhoods through thoughtful design rather than relying solely on enforcement. Promote street lighting, infill development, and active local businesses that keep streets engaged and watchful, encouraging the “sidewalk ballet.”



CHANGE IN ACTION

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

- Walking blocks and taking notes.
- Teaching observation.
- Encouraging dreaming.
- Exercise in determining priorities.
- Delivered to neighborhood assns.
- Delivered to Block by Block.



CHANGE IN ACTION

STREET ART & BEAUTIFICATION

- Slowing Traffic.
- Reinforcing neighborhood identity.
- Creating landmarks.
- Encouraging foot traffic
- Promoting economic activity.



CHANGE IN ACTION

RIGHT OF WAY MODIFICATION

- Slow by Design, Not by Sign.
- Curb Extensions
- Bigger, Bolder Crosswalks
- Transit-Forward
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Beautification Elements



CHANGE IN ACTION

RESTORING TRUST. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS.

- Residents learn what makes the public right of way work for them.
- Departments learn what community members actually want and need.
- Relationships form, and mutual trust is gained.



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II. OUR COMPLETED WORKS

Change is not a future idea; it's present and ongoing action.

COMPLETE

ALLIGATOR X-ING

- Centenary Blvd at Rutherford St
- First painted crosswalk in Shreveport.
- Centenary art students.
- Served as platform for process.
- Painting roadways.
- Durability tests.
- Additional painting (forthcoming)
- Approximate budget: \$1,500





COMPLETE

HIGHLAND CTR CROSSWALK

- Olive St at Highland Ave
- Largest street mural in NW Louisiana.
- Largest crosswalk in NW Louisiana.
- Bringing back the mid-block crosswalk.
- Private donation-driven.
- Art by centenary students.
- 150 volunteer painters.
- Approximate budget: \$4,500 not including in-kind contributions





IN-PROGRESS

COLUMBIA x CRESWELL

- Brand new bar-style crosswalks.
- New ADA ramps.
- State of the art bike parking.
- New tamper-resistant bike station.
- Fed grant supported.
- Local government additive.
- Paint day (Forthcoming)
- Approximate budget: \$10,000





COMPLETE

HIGHLAND PARK RESTORATION

- Using City bond funds, Parish resources, and private contributions.
- New walking path and mile markers.
- Replaced disc golf goals
- New playground.
- New bike infrastructure.
- Erosion mitigation
- New tree planting.
- Approximate budget: \$250,000



COMPLETE

PROVIDENCE HOUSE XING

- Private funds only
- Volunteer hours
- 2 hour installation
- Repainted crosswalk from parking lot to Providence House
- Approximate budget: \$250



COMPLETE

CADDO COMMON PARKLET

- Created a space for events and gathering prior to Caddo Common Park's construction.
- Using existing City park resources resources (tables and trash cans)
- Private contributions (lights, extension cords)
- Bike Infrastructure.
- Approximate budget: \$1,000 not including in-kind contributions



COMPLETE

COLUMBIA PERGOLA REPAINT

- Spearheaded by Highland Neighborhood Association
- Collaboration with SPAR which provided paint and guidance.
- Volunteers re-painted the entire pergola area.
- SPAR also cleared some overgrowth.
- Approximate budget: \$2,000 not including in-kind contributions



IN-PROGRESS

KINGS HWY CORRIDOR

- Safer crossings
- Better sidewalks
- Street trees and shade
- Public transit infrastructure
- Storefront activation
- Human-scaled infrastructure to make pedestrians and businesses at least as important as moving vehicles, if not more so.
- \$7M raised, \$12M total budget





PROJECTS BY PARISH DISTRICT

Projects Completed:

- **District 3 (Victor Thomas)** - Centenary Alligators, Providence House (Original Crosswalk), Common Parklet
- **District 4 (John-Paul Young)** - Highland Center, Highland Park, Columbia Park

Projects In-Process:

- District 7 (Stormy Gage-Watts) – Looney Street Crosswalk
- District 8 (Grace Anne Blake) – Broadmoor
- District 3 (Victor Thomas) – Cotton Street at the Providence House (new)
- District 4 (John-Paul Young) – Fern Avenue
- District 3 & 4 (Thomas/Young) – Kings Highway

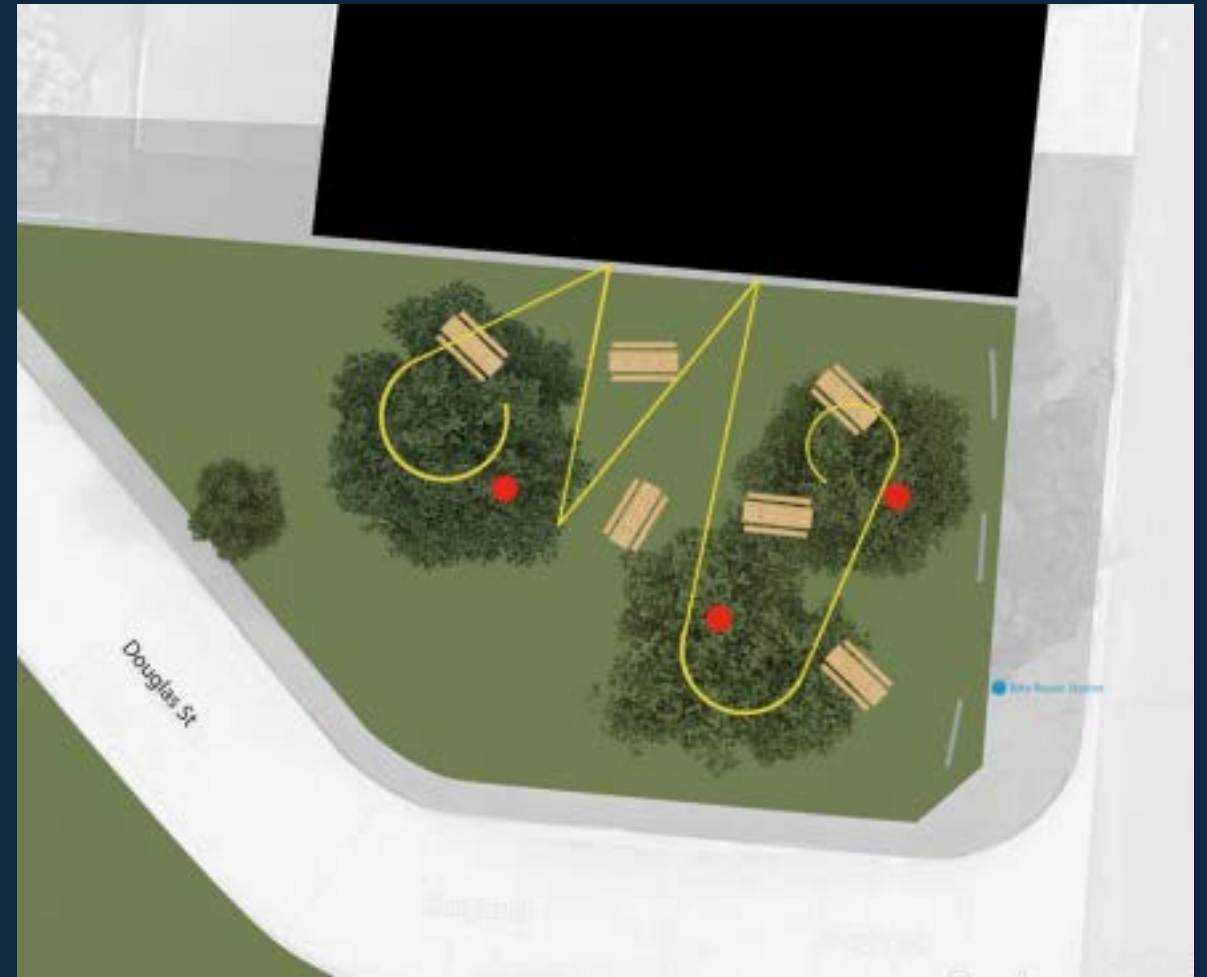
III. CONCEPT PROJECTS

Thought experiments on areas that could use improvements.

PLANNING PROCESS

HOW TO IDENTIFY & CREATE PROJECTS

- Identify community leadership.
- Find spaces where people do or might gather.
- Observe the potential uses and improvements.
- Host neighborhood idea sessions.
- Follow the process:
 - Outline the goals.
 - Establish the project team.
 - Determine project timeline.
 - Create a budget and acquire funds.
 - Implement the improvement.
 - Measure and assess the results.

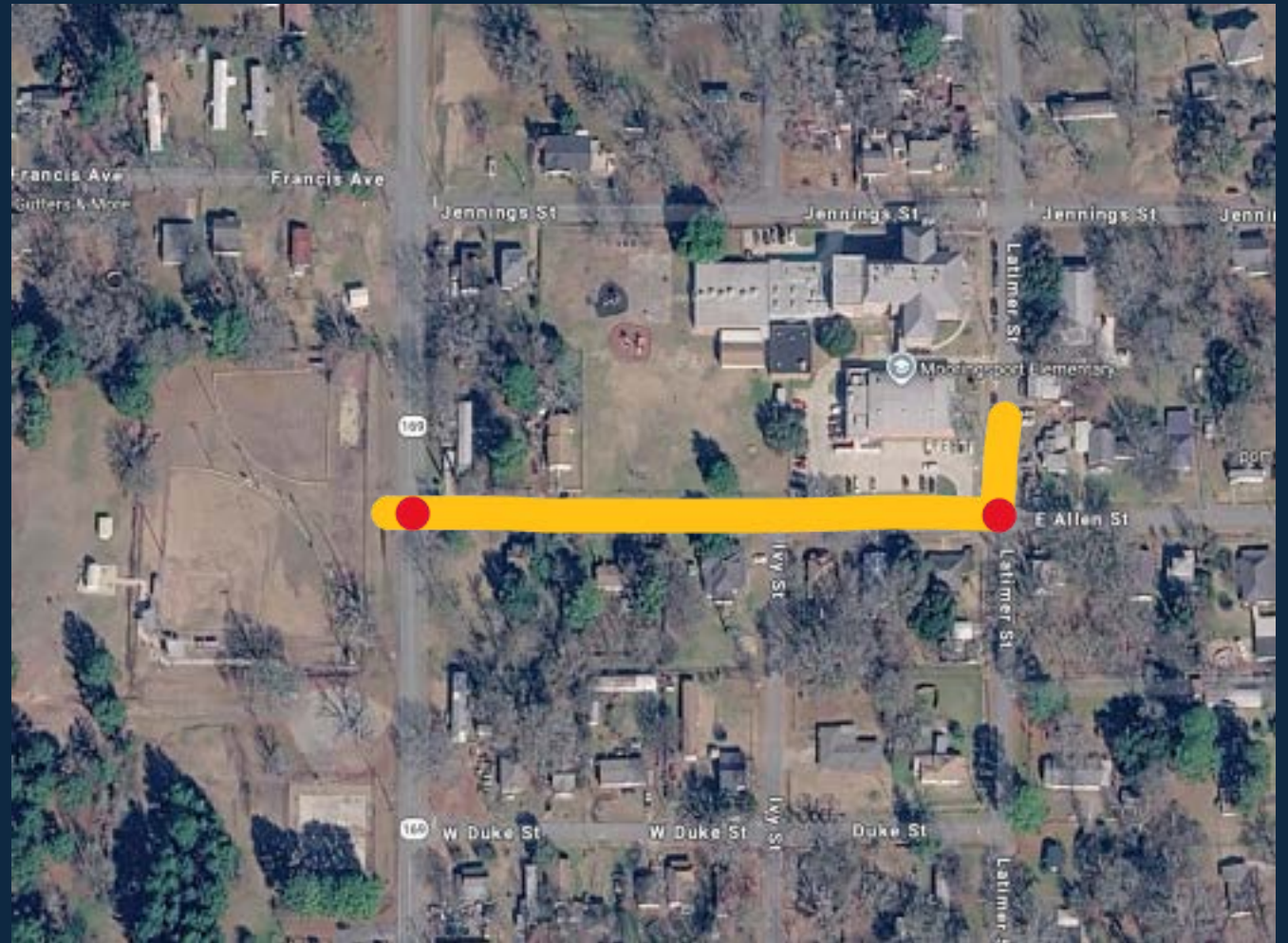


CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 1 CROSSWALKS

Mooringsport Elementary,
Library, and Ballpark

- Paint crosswalks.
- Street painting.
- New shade trees.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 2 CROSSWALKS

David Raines Recreation Center

- Paint crosswalks.
- Street painting.
- New shade trees.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 2 CROSSWALKS

Shreve Memorial Library:
David Raines Branch,
Education Centers, and
Neighborhood

- Paint crosswalks.
- Pedestrian refuge area.
- Street painting.
- New shade trees.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 3 MARSHALL ST.

Shreve Memorial Library:
David Raines Branch,
Education Centers, and
Neighborhood

- Convert street to two-way traffic.
- Paint crosswalks.
- Connect to Highland bikeway.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 5-6 HOLLYWOOD @ UNION

Hollywood/Union Library,
Businesses, Neighborhood

- Paint new crosswalks.
- Improve lighting.
- Plant trees.
- Possible future lane reconfiguration.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

**DISTRICT 7
SUNNYBROOK
@ W. CANAL**

Sunset Acres Elementary

- Paint new crosswalks.
- Street painting.
- Curb extensions to reduce crosswalk distance for pedestrians

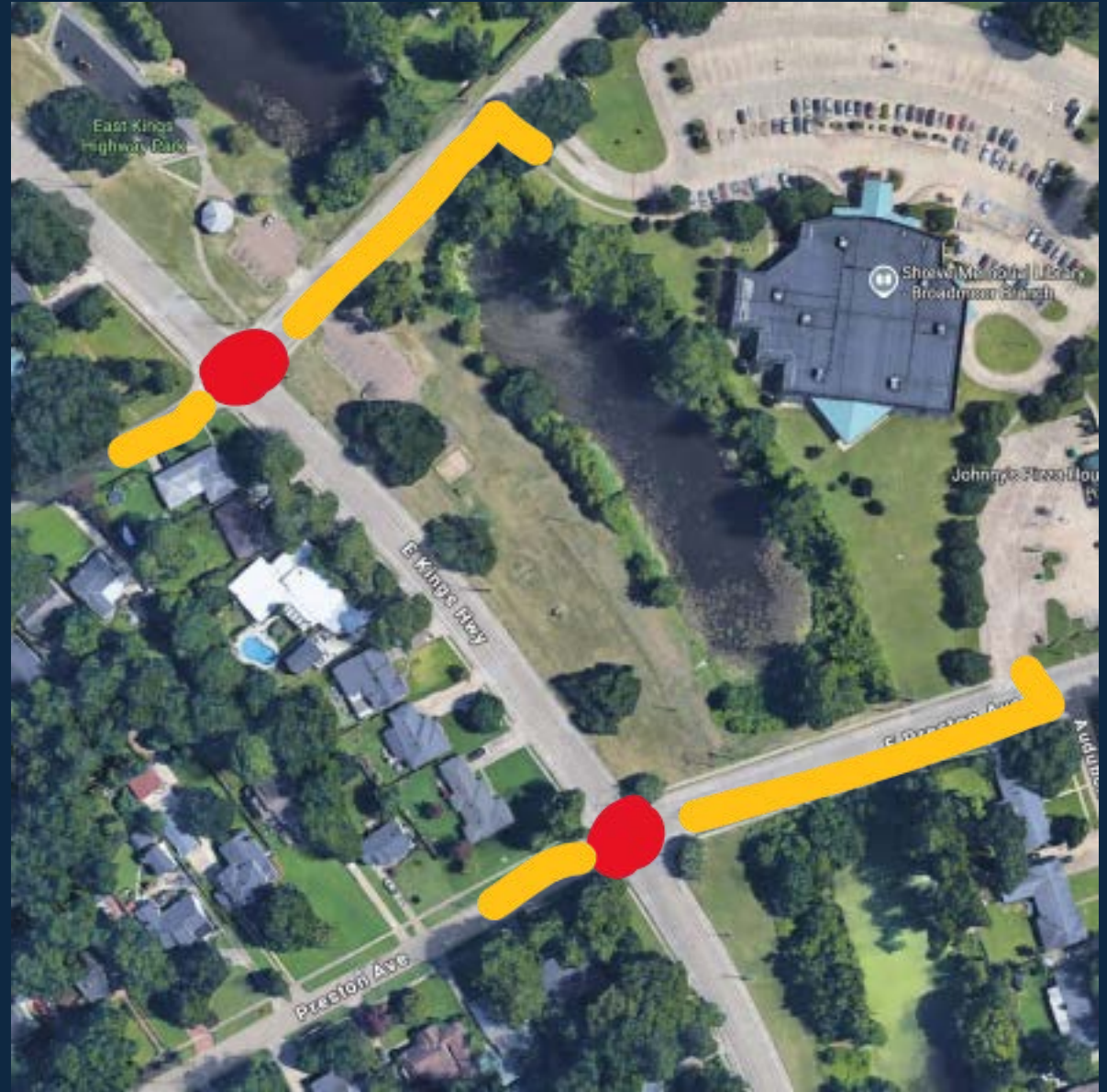


CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 8 E. KINGS HIGHWAY

Broadmoor Library, E.Kings Highway Park, and Neighborhood

- Paint new crosswalks.
- Install new protected crossing lights.
- Plant more shade trees.

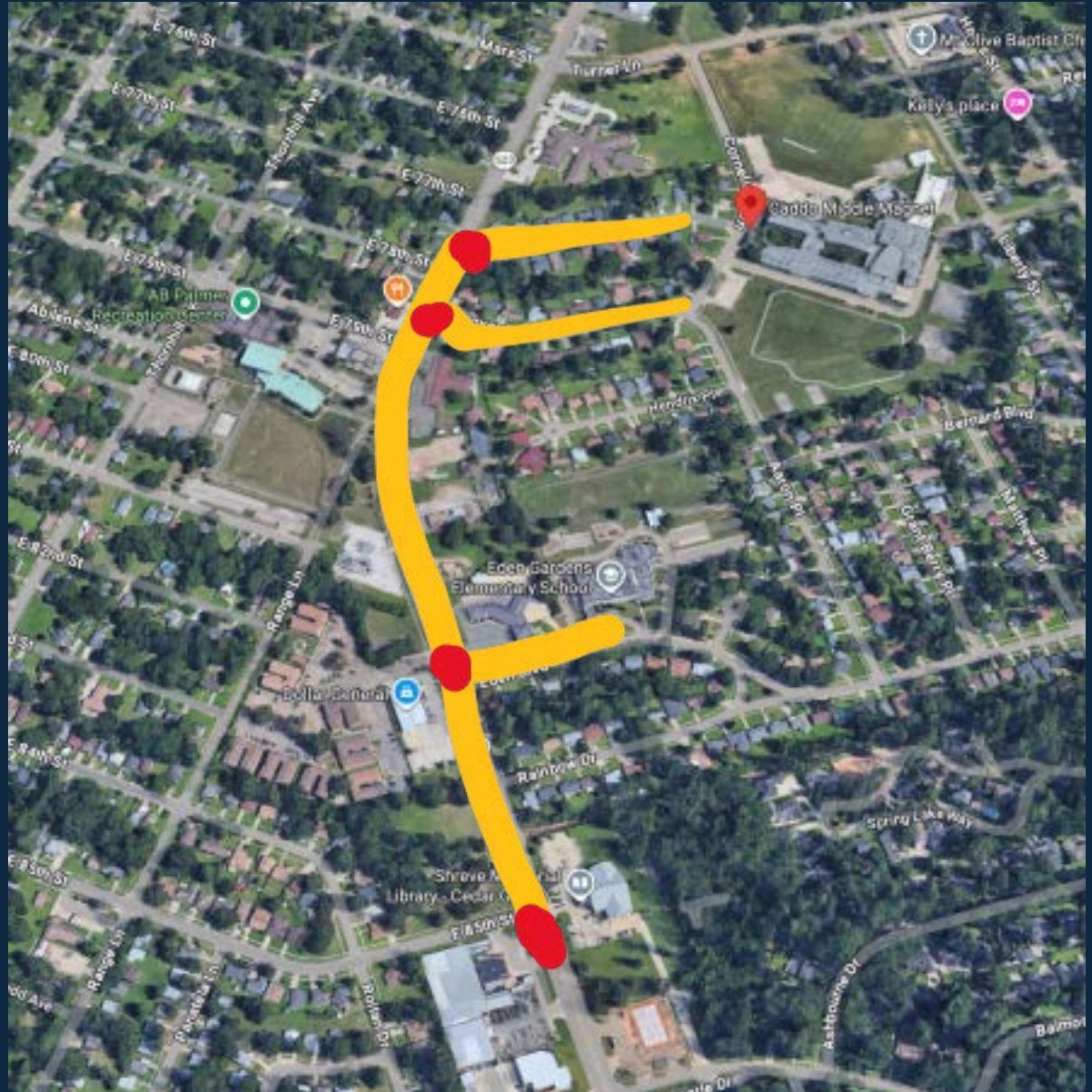


CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 10 LINE AVE SOUTH

Connecting Caddo Middle Magnet, Eden Gardens Elementary, AB Palmer Rec Center, and Cedar Grove Library

- Paint new crosswalks.
- Install new protected crossing lights.
- Plant more shade trees.



CONCEPT PROJECTS

DISTRICT 13 LINE AVE SOUTH

Connecting Higgenbotham-Bryson Library, William Peters Town Park, Farmers' Market

- Paint new crosswalks.
- Install new protected crossing lights.
- Plant more shade trees.



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