



Buffalo Urban Development Corporation
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Request for Proposals Addendum

**Buffalo Urban Development Corporation
Design, Planning, and Engineering Firms
Temporary Intersection Redesign and Installation**

RFP Issue Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

Pre-proposal meeting: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

RFP Submittal Deadline: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.



Pre-Meeting and Written Questions:

What is the desired Lifespan of redesign interventions?

BUDC is open to concepts/designs that span a range of lifecycles. A lifespan of about 2 years was mentioned in the RFP but this is not a firm requirement and concepts that last longer or shorter will be considered.

What is the anticipated schedule for monitoring outcomes/data collection?

City of Buffalo DPW and BUDC anticipates the need for non-continuous data collection that captures the impact of the interventions during all 4 seasons. (i.e. some measuring for a short period in summer, fall, winter, and spring)

Is maintenance an expected part of this contract?

BUDC is looking for teams to incorporate specific recommendations and plans for the maintenance/upkeep of their designs and concepts. However, explicit scope for maintenance of the redesign interventions once installed is not included in this contract. This is subject to change as maintenance planning will be done in coordination with City of Buffalo DPW.

Is roadwork (i.e. repair or remediation of potholes, cracks etc.) part of the scope?

Once the final site selection happens, any needed repairs to the ROW or adjacent infrastructure will be coordinated with City of Buffalo DPW.

Will additional weight be given to bids that come under the posted range?

BUDC encourages creativity of approach and efficiency of budget to the greatest extent possible.

Are there any specific liability issues or limitations to public involvement with the installation process?

The selected consultants/team will be responsible for coordinating all permitting for the installation. BUDC has no specific issue with the concept of public involvement pending insurance and permitting are handled properly.

Some of the shortlisted intersections involve state routes, are there any expected issues with NYDOT and permitting?

Early engagement of the NYDOT will be crucial given the shorter timeline for the project. City of Buffalo doesn't anticipate issues given that DPW does have shared maintenance agreement for Broadway.

Pre-Bid Attendance List:

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Pre-Bid Meeting Slides:

Temporary Intersection Redesign And Installation



Source: Bloomberg Philanthropies



BUDC's Mission:

The mission of Buffalo Urban Development Corporation (BUDC) is to support the urban economic development efforts of the region through the acquisition, remediation, and management of distressed properties, and to engage in related real estate development activities to attract and/or retain new and existing businesses to the City as part of the region.

The mission of BUDC also includes supporting the revitalization of downtown Buffalo by serving as the lead management entity for Buffalo Building Reuse Project (BBRP) and Race for Place initiatives, working in collaboration with the City of Buffalo, including the coordination of financial assistance for downtown adaptive re-use projects and public right-of-way improvements. BUDC also serves as the lead management entity for the Ralph Wilson Park transformation.



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Unique public-private partnerships
to amplify regional collaboration



Innovative and inclusive community
engagement to impact workforce
retention and recruitment



Positioning Buffalo Niagara to
maintain global relevance

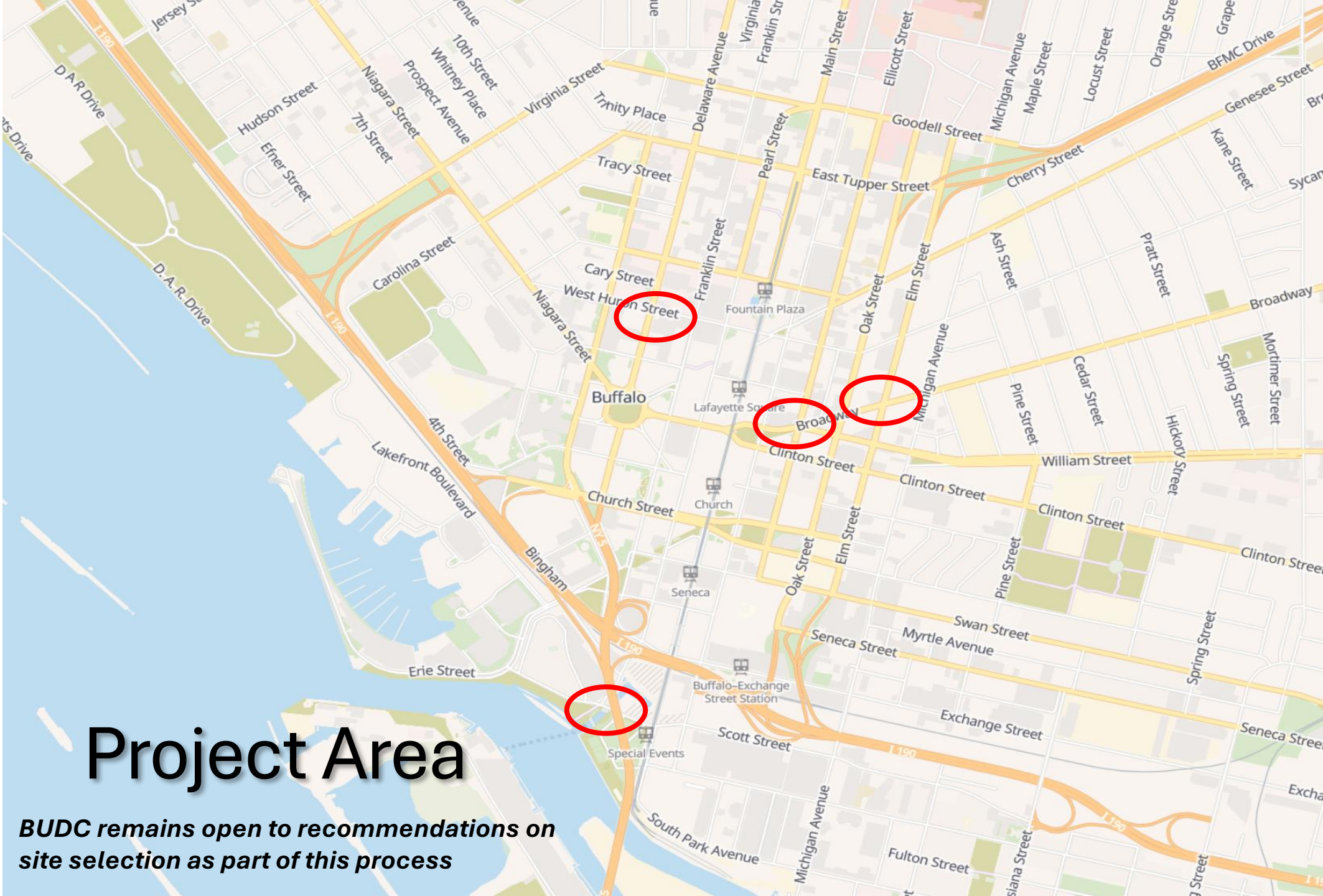
BUFFALO'S RACE FOR PLACE



Creation of Accelerator Fund to
expedite infrastructure improvements

Project Context:

- BUDC is seeking proposals from experienced **design, planning, and engineering firms** for the **temporary redesign of multiple intersections in downtown Buffalo.**
- The goal: develop **low-cost, high-impact tactical urbanism interventions** that improve **safety, vibrancy, and wayfinding.**
- Redesigns should emphasize **traffic calming, pedestrian safety, multimodal access, and public art.**
- Work will align with ongoing **revitalization efforts (Canalside, Michigan Street Heritage Corridor, and Downtown Revitalization etc.)**
- Estimated budget: **\$250,000–\$300,000** (inclusive of all costs)
- Anticipated installation By **Spring 2026**
- **BUDC remains open to recommendations on alternative sites and design concepts as part of this process.**



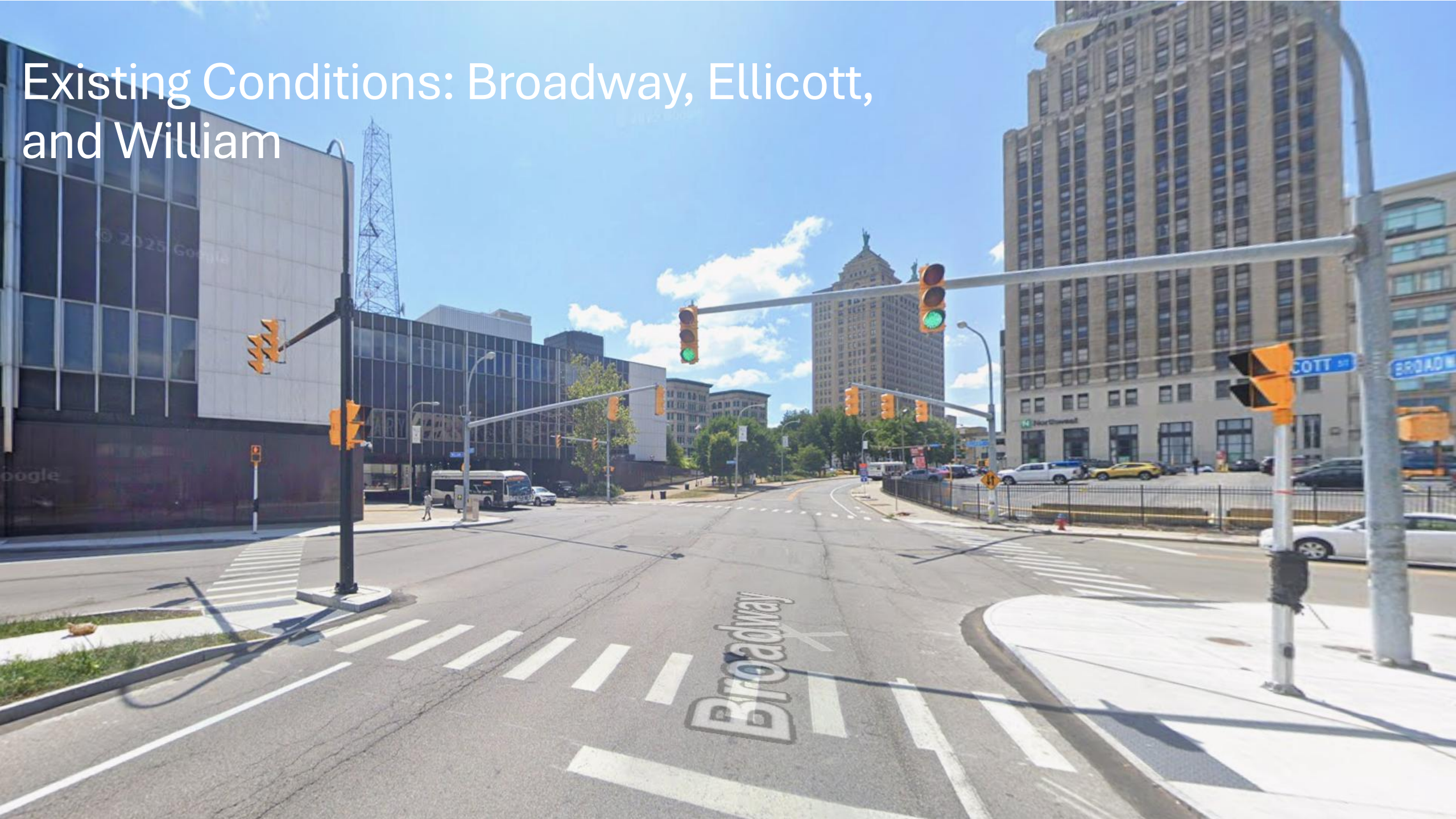
Project Area

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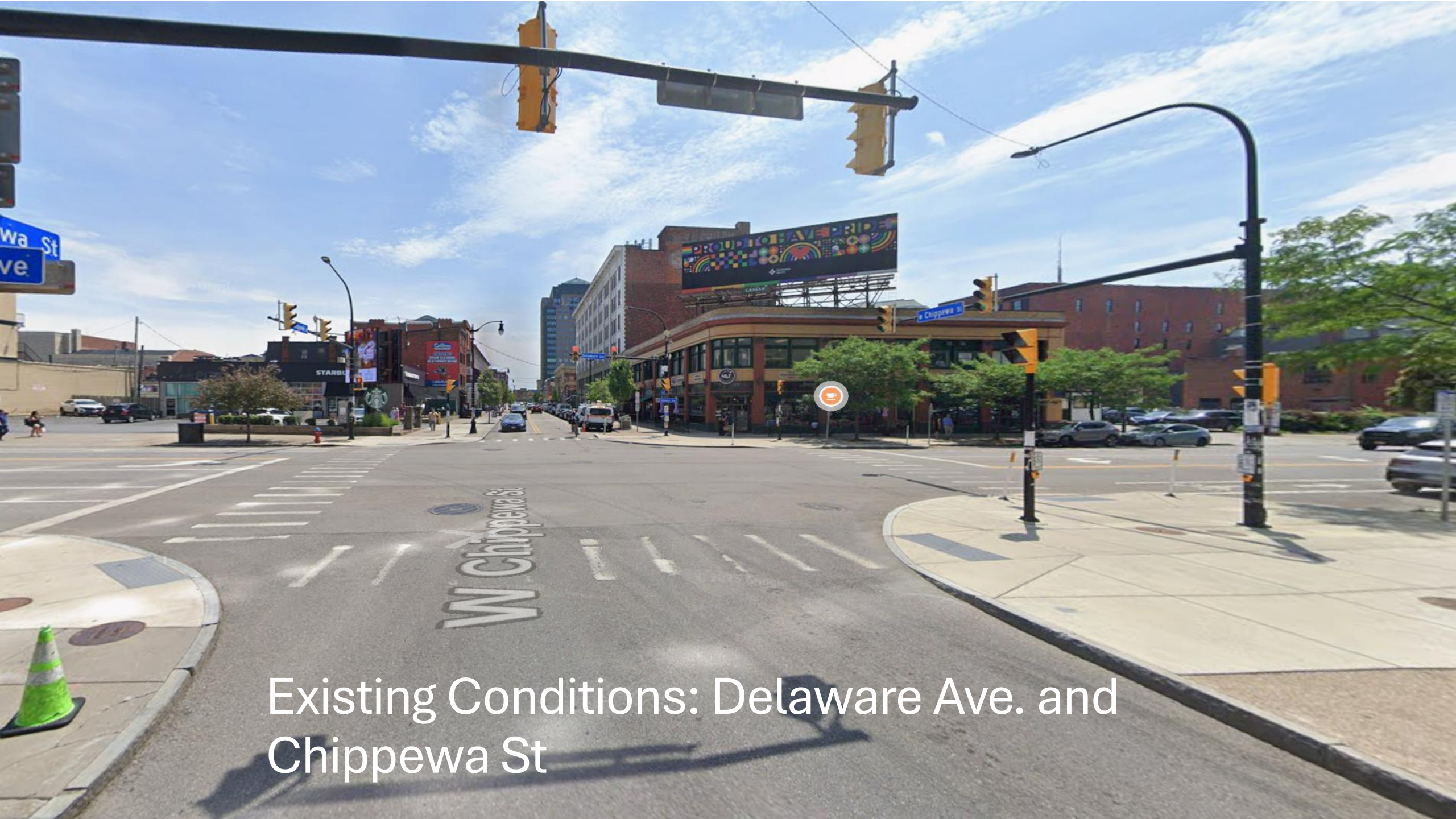
Existing Conditions: Marine Dr. and
Commercial St.

Existing Conditions: Broadway, Ellicott, and William





Existing Conditions: Broadway and Michigan St.
Heritage Corridor



Existing Conditions: Delaware Ave. and
Chippewa St

Project Overview:

- Enhance **pedestrian and cyclist safety** through tactical urbanism.
- Introduce **asphalt/concrete murals, curb extensions, bollards, and planters** to create visual and physical points of interest.
- Improve vibrancy while also providing a traffic calming effect
- Improve **wayfinding** to connect Downtown, Canalside, and surrounding destinations.
- Strengthen **neighborhood identity and placemaking** through public art.
- BUDC envisions interventions that are low-cost, flexible, and incorporate tactical urbanism.

Project Scope:

1. **Planning & Coordination** – kickoff meeting, stakeholder engagement, site analysis.
2. **Design Development** – design workshop, conceptual and revised designs.
3. **Permitting & Approvals** – regulatory compliance and city approvals.
4. **Implementation Planning** – materials, volunteer recruitment, logistics.
5. **Implementation/Installation** – site prep, installation supervision.
6. **Monitoring & Evaluation** – observation, data collection, evaluation report.

Notes:

- BUDC seeking firms (or teams) with full capacity for planning, design, and implementation of temporary interventions and artwork.
- Goal of 25% MBE, 5% WBE, and 5% SDVOB firm participation



Project Schedule

- **RFP Issue Date:** October 20, 2025
- **Pre-Proposal Meeting:** October 29, 2025 @ 1:00 PM (via Zoom)
- **Questions Due:** November 10, 2025 @ 1:00 PM
- **Proposal Due:** November 17, 2025 @ 1:00 PM
- **Interviews:** Late November 2025
- **Contract Award:** December 2025
- **Installation Deadline:** June 2026

Submission and Contact Info:

- **Proposal Submittal:**

-  Due Monday, November 17, 2025, 1:00 PM
-  Submit to: Brandye Merriweather, President bmerriweather@buffalourbandevelopment.com

- **Questions:**

Send written questions to James Bernard, Project Manager
jbernard@buffalourbandevelopment.com

- **Deadline for questions:** Monday, November 10, 2025, 1:00 PM

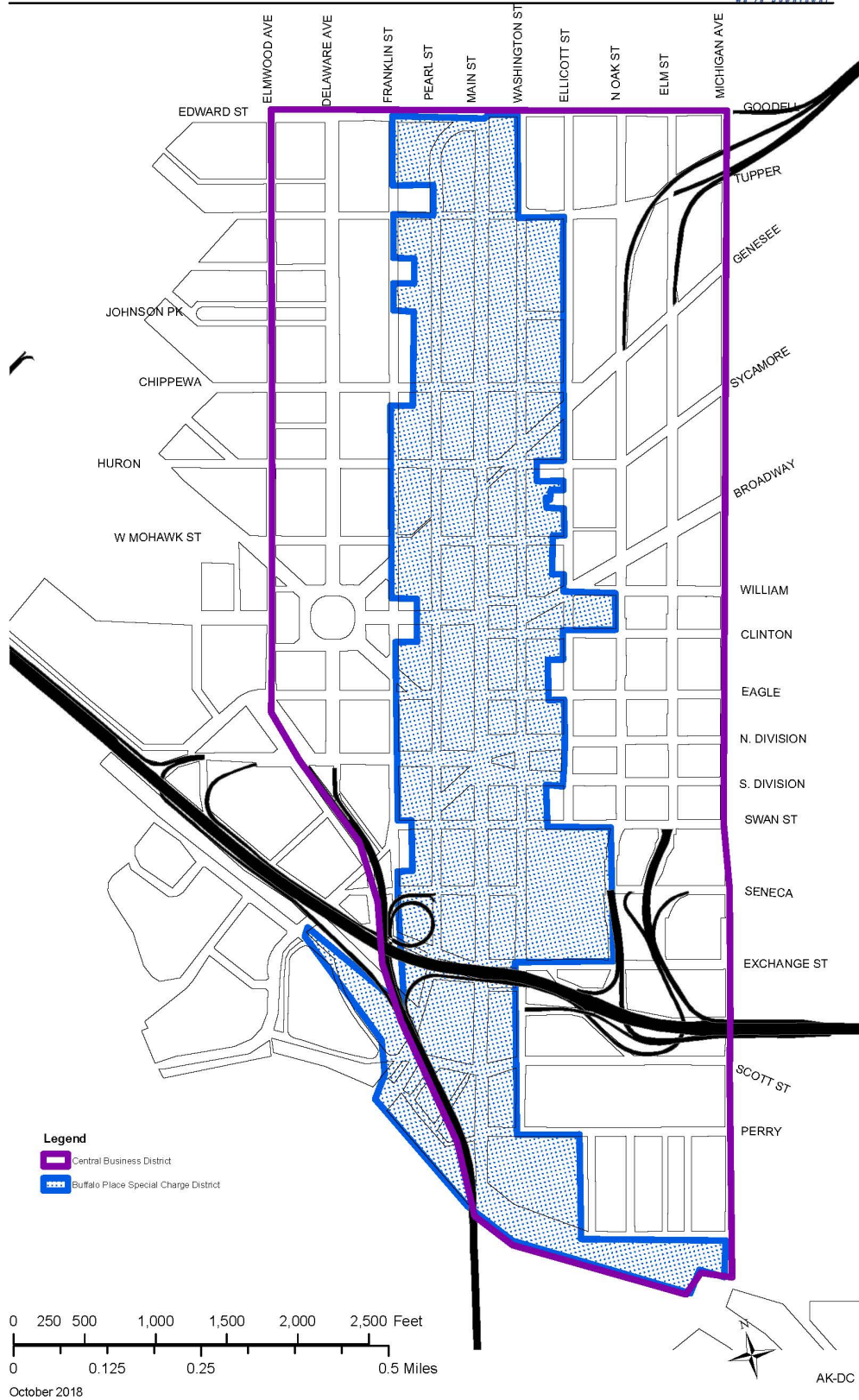


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Questions?

Special Charge District Map





ACCELERATOR FUND



Downtown Infrastructure Accelerator District

