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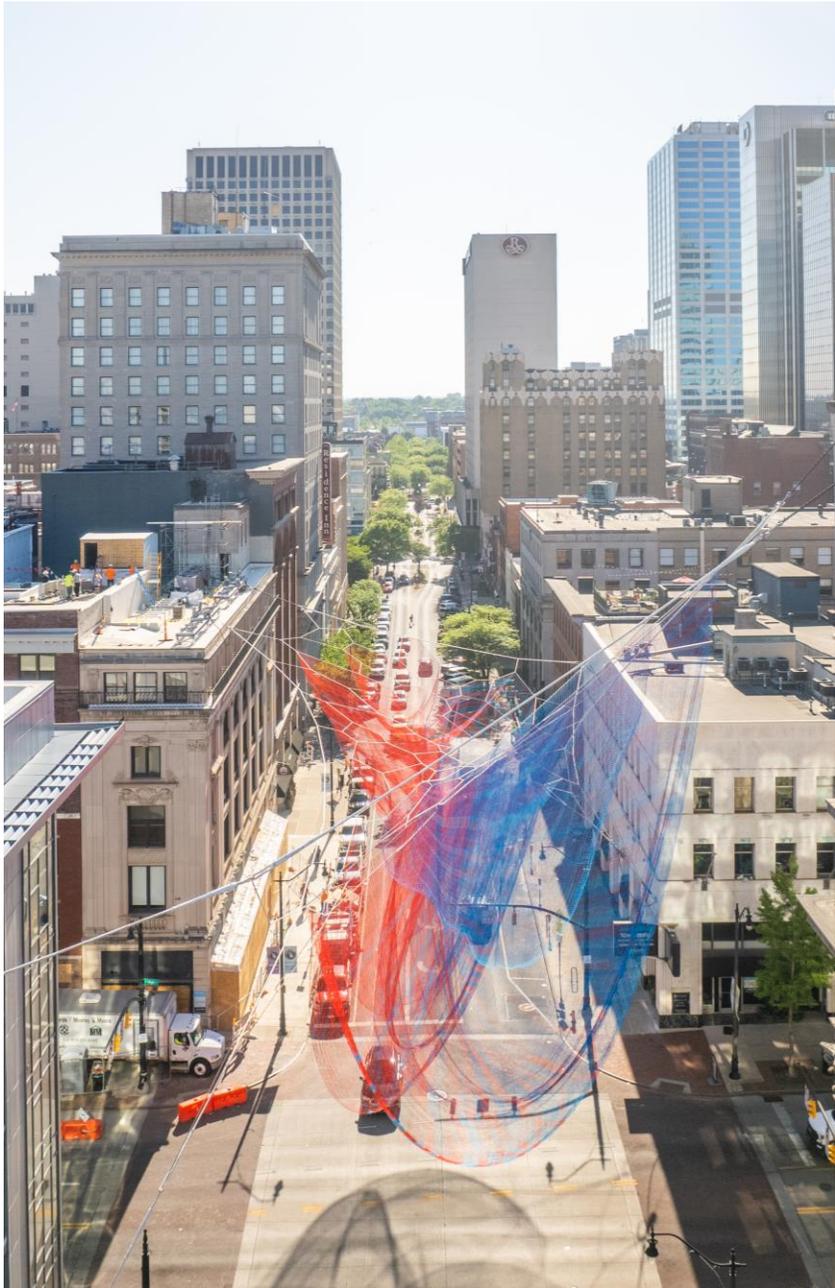
# The Capital Line

Business and Property Owner  
Meeting

March 19, 2026

**DOWNTOWN  
COLUMBUS**  **INC.**

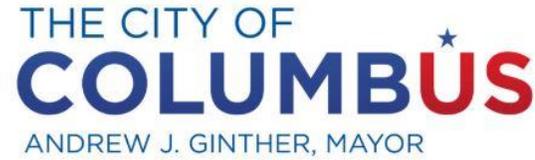




# AGENDA

- **Capital Line Overview and Design**
- **Construction Schedule & MOT**
- **Parking Support**
- **Support Grants**
- **Marketing & Communications**
- **Q&A**

## PROJECT LEAD

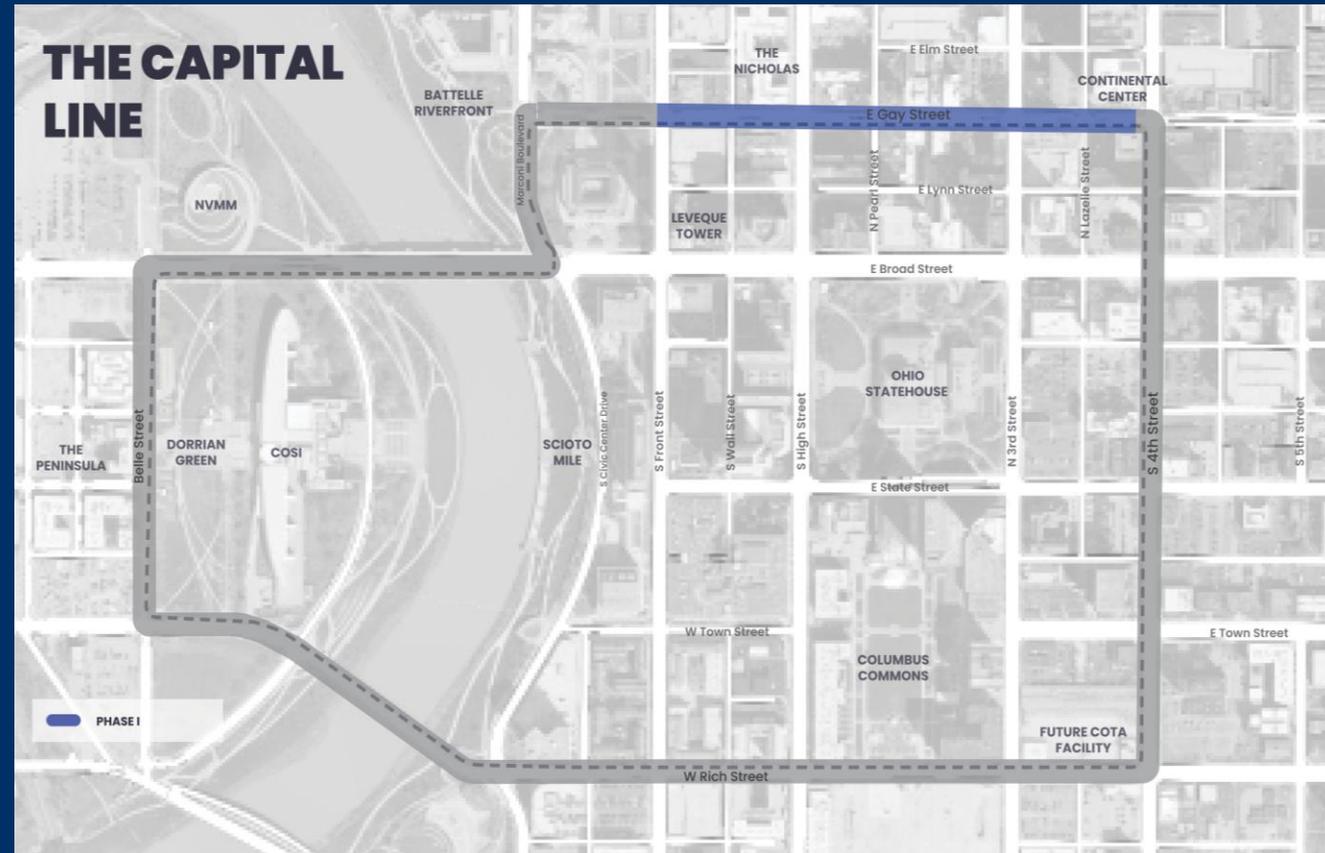


## PHASE I TEAM



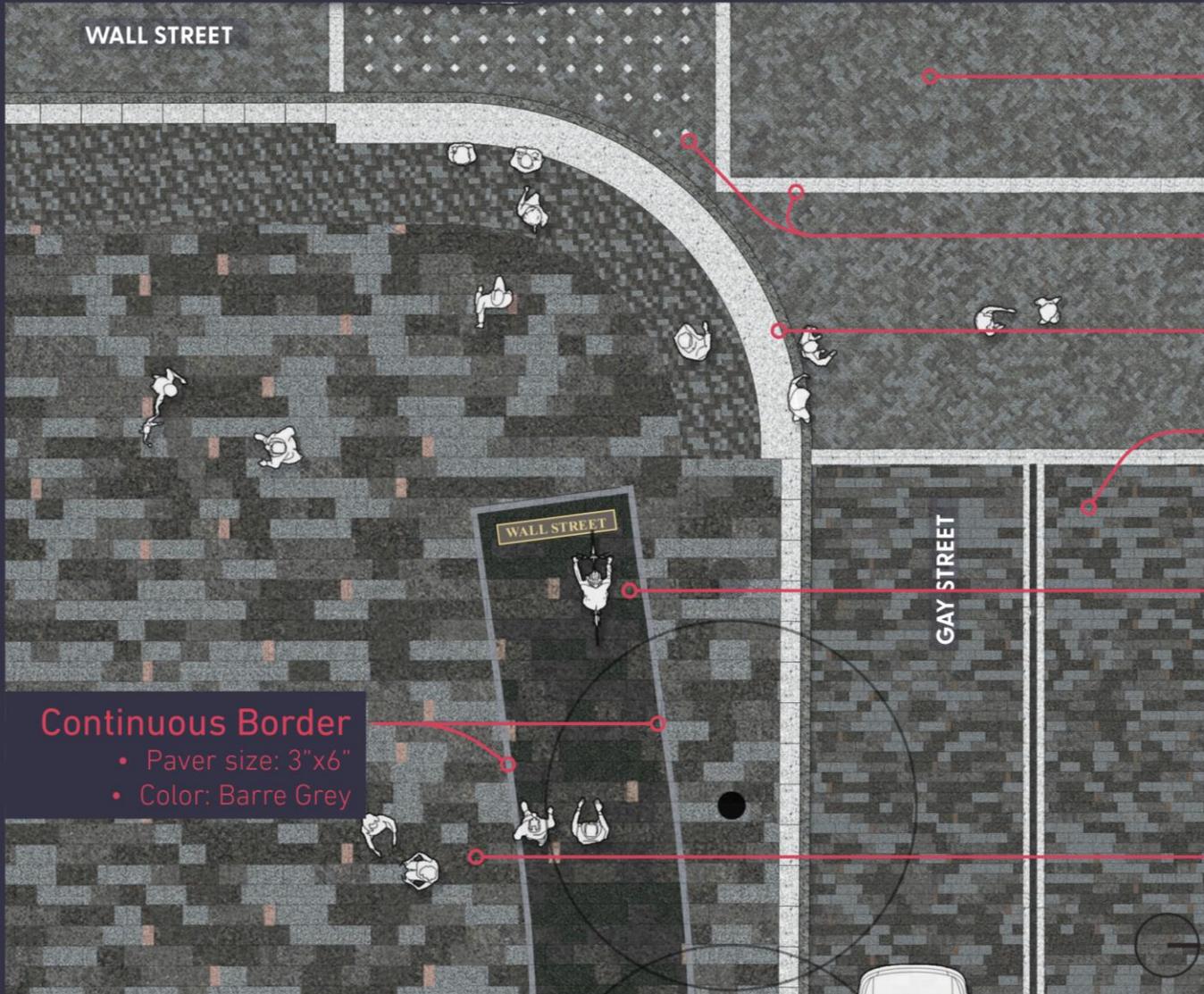
# ABOUT THE CAPITAL LINE

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# PAVER LAYOUT



## Vehicular Pavers

- Paver size: 3"x6"
- Colors: Mesabi Black / **Caledonia** / Barre Grey

## Pavement Markings

- Color: Bethel White

## Detectable Warning Pavers

- Color: Bethel White

## Vehicular Pavers [Festival]

- Paver sizes: 6"x3", 6"x8", 6"x12", 6"x16"
- Colors: Mesabi Black / **Caledonia** / Barre Grey

## Shared Use Path

- Paver sizes: 12"x16", 12"x18", 12"x24", 12"x30"
- Colors: Mesabi Black / Charcoal Black (**Diamond 100**) / Mesabi Black (Diamond 100) / Laurentian Rose

## Pedestrian Pavers

- Paver sizes: 12"x16", 12"x18", 12"x24", 12"x30"
- Colors: Mesabi Black / Charcoal Black / Barre Grey / Laurentian Rose

## Continuous Border

- Paver size: 3"x6"
- Color: Barre Grey

# FURNITURE



**Signature Bench**

Material: Metal



**Social Gathering Rooms**

Material: Metal

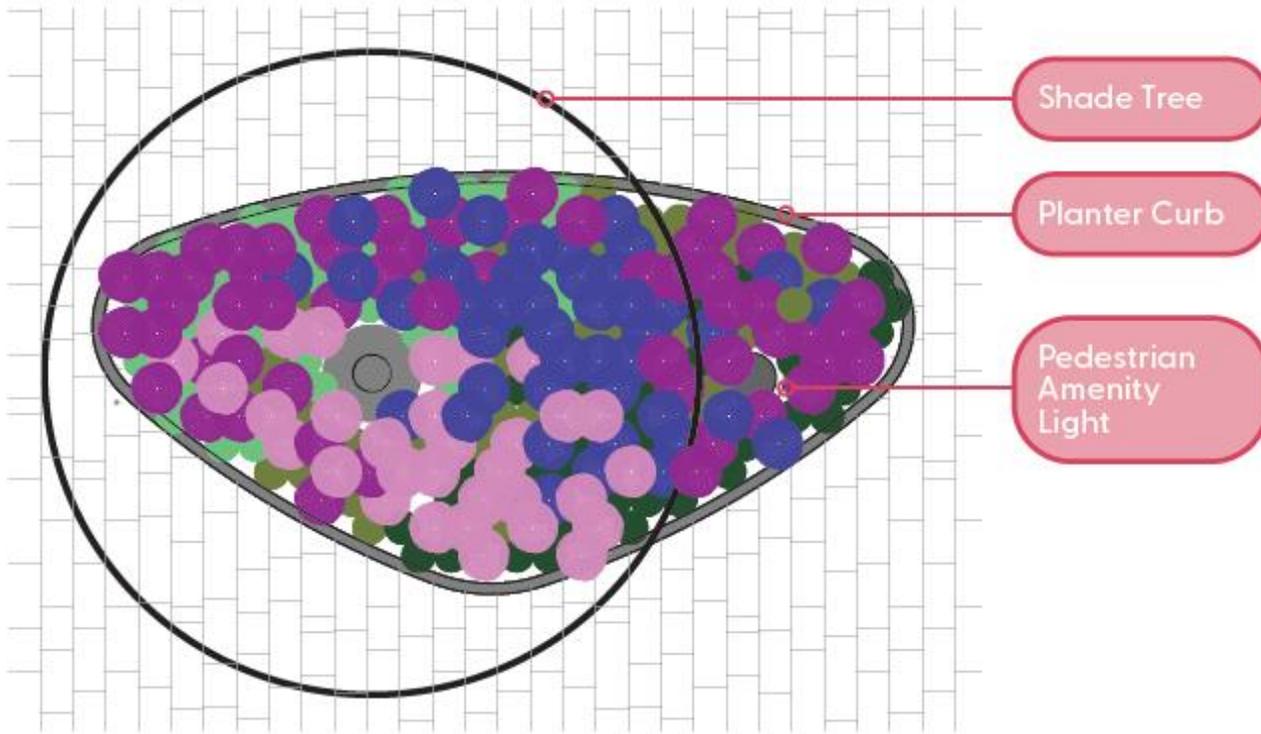


**Platform Bench**

Material: Wood + Metal

# ORNAMENTAL PLANTINGS

## METHODOLOGY



### Layered Planting

- + Seasonal layers of interest
- + Increased coverage of ground [reduced maintenance]
- + 12" o.c. spacing



# Construction Expectations & Schedule



# UTILITY ENABLEMENT

## April – July 2026

### Impact: Moderate

- This project involves coordination with 24 different utility providers. By getting ahead of utility relocation and splicing, the goal is to minimize delays during the block-to-block construction.
- This phase will include **partial street closures** to prepare underground utilities for construction.
- We will need to replace the water lines that directly connect to individual buildings, which will require temporary water shutoffs.
- Traffic will be maintained **one-way, eastbound**, when a block is affected.
- Pedestrian access will be limited, but a **sidewalk will remain open on one side of the street.**
- **Pedestrian access to all buildings will be maintained.**
- Alternate loading and drop-off zones have been identified for each block

BLOCK	UTILITY WORK	DURATION
Front to High	April - May 2026	7 weeks
High to Pearl	April – June 2026	7 weeks
Pearl to 3rd	May – June 2026	8 weeks
3rd to 4th	June – July 2026	4 weeks

Starting the week of April 27, 2026. Metered parking on Gay Street between High and Third will no longer be accessible. Center islands and trees will also be removed.



# MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC UTILITY ENABLEMENT



**April – August 2026**

- Work will occur on a rolling, block-by-block basis from west to east
- The full corridor will not be impacted at once
- Intersections will remain open throughout construction
- Traffic will be maintained one-way eastbound in impacted areas

# BLOCK-TO-BLOCK

June 2026 – Oct 2027

## Impact: High

- Block to block will be a multistep process to transform the street, including remaining underground work, site grading, concrete sub-base and paver installation.
- Each block will be closed to vehicular traffic for approximately **4.5-5 months**.
- Pedestrian access to individual buildings will be maintained throughout construction.
- Once construction is complete for a block, it will reopen to vehicles and pedestrians.
- **Finishing Touches.** Amenities such as benches, trees, and plantings, will be installed later. This work will not require closures, but you may notice crews working in the area.

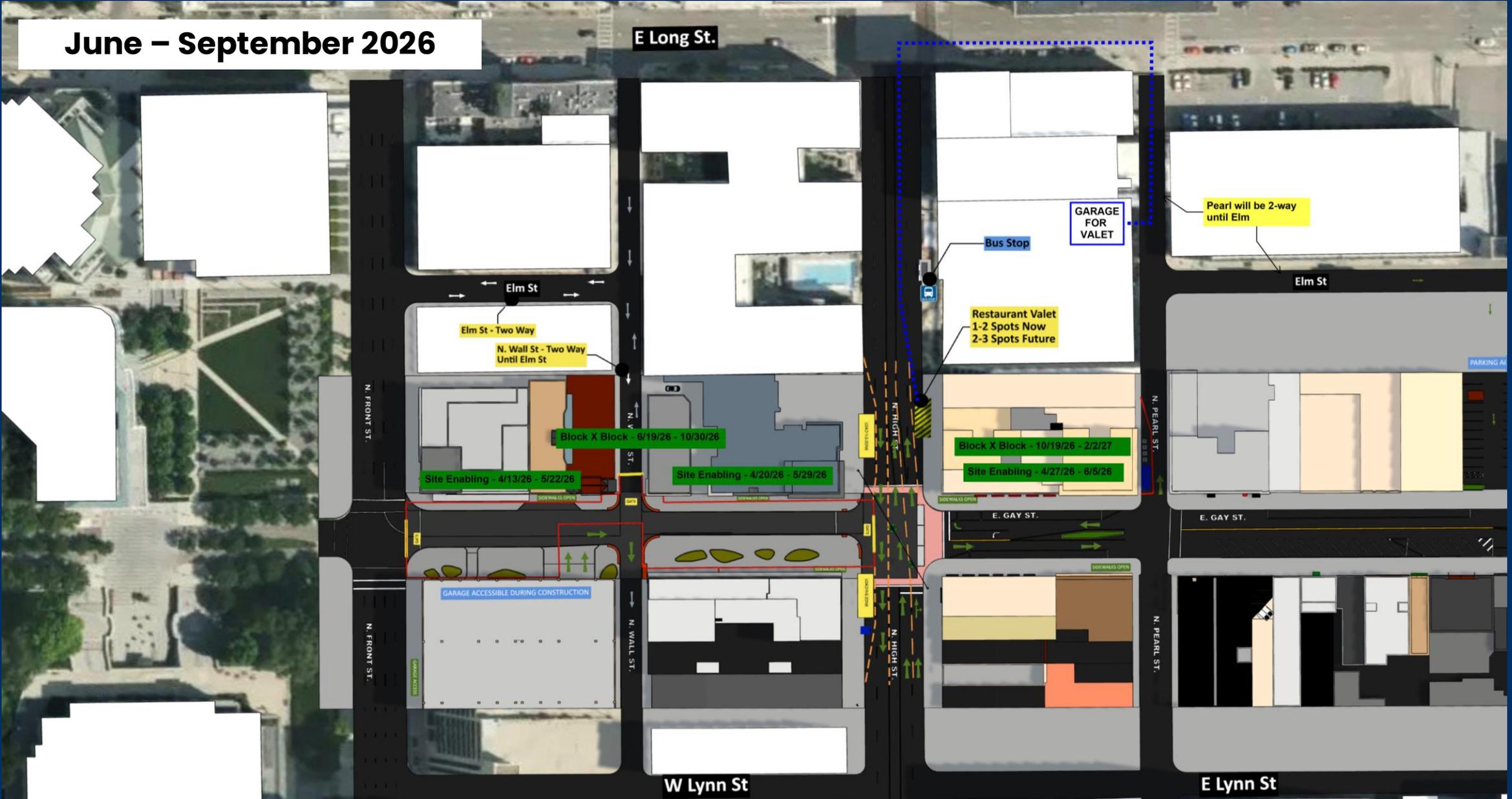
BLOCK	BLOCK TO BLOCK	DURATION	ESTIMATED BLOCK REOPENING
Front to High	June – October 2026	20 weeks	October 2026
High to Pearl	September 2026 – January 2027	17 weeks	February 2027
Pearl to 3rd	January – June 2027	18 weeks	June 2027
3rd to 4th	May – October 2027	20 weeks	November 2027



# FRONT TO HIGH

June – September 2026

E Long St.



# HIGH TO PEARL

September 2026 – June 2027



# PEARL TO 3RD

January - June 2027



# 3RD TO 4TH



CAPITAL LINE  
**SCHEDULE**

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>Utility Work</b> April – August 2026	<b>Block to Block</b> June 2026 – October 2027	<b>Block Reopens</b>
Front to High	April - May 2026	June – October 2026	October 2026
High to Pearl	April – June 2026	October 2026 – February 2027	February 2027
Pearl to Third	May – June 2026	January – June 2027	June 2027
Third to Fourth	June – July 2026	May – October 2027	November 2027

*Vault work will be taking place from February 2026 – October 2026*



# Parking Support

Justin Goodwin, Mobility & Parking Services Administrator

## Employee Parking

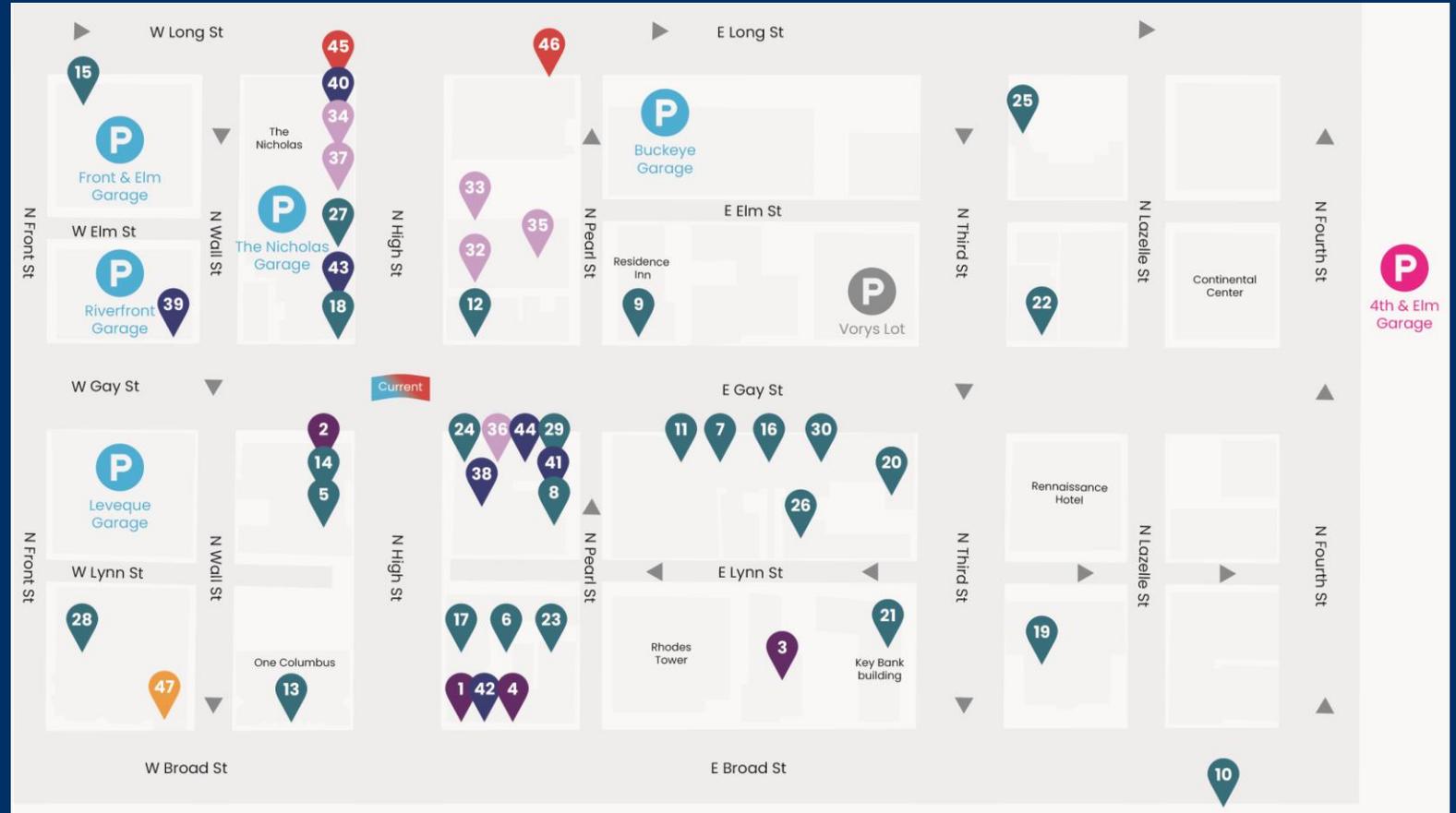
\$60/month parking passes for downtown service employees

## Patron Parking

Validations available at \$1/hour (up to 3 hours; \$3 max)

Businesses receive a fixed number of validations each month

First distribution begins in April



## Fourth & Elm Garage

78 N Fourth Street

Approximately 5-minute walk to most businesses on Gay Street



# Support Grants

Councilmember Nicholas Bankston

## Rent Support Grants

- Intended to help offset rent costs
- One-time, flat-rate grant focused on timely support during peak construction
- Grant amount is based on business square footage
- Informed by input from corridor businesses at the October meeting
- Distributed in alignment with block-by-block construction

## Eligibility

- First-floor storefronts on Gay St in Phase I (Fourth to Front)
- Open to the public with defined open hours (not appointment-only)
- Retail, restaurant, or direct-to-consumer services

To learn more scan QR code or visit:

[downtowncolumbus.com/capital-line-business-grant](https://downtowncolumbus.com/capital-line-business-grant)

Grant Amounts	
500–999 sq ft	\$6,300
1,000–1,999 sq ft	\$9,500
2,000+ sq ft	\$12,500



# Small Business Loans | Huntington Bank

## **Downtown construction upgrades are starting. An SBA Loan can help upgrade your business, too.**

We know the Capital Line project will further enhance the thriving downtown your business calls home. You may want to do some upgrades to your business during this time too—that's where we can help.

## **We're the #1 SBA Lender In The Nation.**

For the last 7 years, Huntington has been the #1 SBA Lender in the nation in number of SBA 7(a) loans<sup>†</sup>, and we have a proven track record of helping Midwestern Businesses.

## **A Limited Time Offer Just For You:**

We will waive Huntington origination and SBA guarantee fees when you open a SBA Loan up to \$350,000.<sup>‡</sup> Enjoy a one-year draw and 9-year repayment for leasehold improvements, equipment purchases, and working capital. It's just our way of lending a hand.

## **Ready to get started? So are we.**

### **Austin Huff**

Branch Manager  
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Columbus OH, 43215  
(614) 480-4326  
Austin.Huff@huntington.com

## **SBA FINANCING**

Open a new SBA loan and pay no Huntington origination or SBA guarantee fees.

Offer available through  
**November 30, 2025**

See offer details below.

## **BENEFITS**

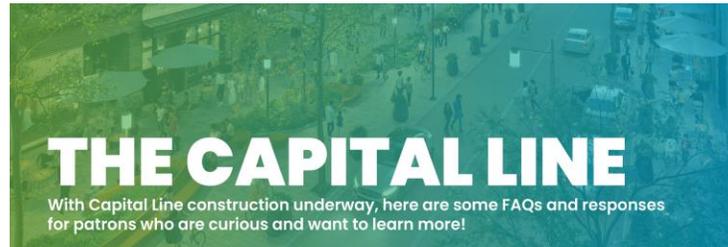
Borrow up to \$350,000

Bridge the gap for working capital and deferred maintenance until normal traffic flows resume.

6.50%-fixed rate.

# Business Communication

- Social Updates
- FAQs
- Business Toolkit
  - Back-of-House Posters
  - Hot cards or Coasters
  - Social Graphics



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## FAQS

### Who is funding this? How much does it cost?

Estimates based on similar projects suggest an approximate cost of \$100 million for the full two-mile path. Funding will come from both private and public sources, as well as philanthropic investments. Current funders include the State of Ohio, the City of Columbus, and the Columbus Foundation.

### What are the goals for the Capital Line?

The Capital Line will directly further the goals of the community to create a connected Downtown that puts people first, supports business growth, increases livability and inclusivity, and enhances the Downtown experience.

### When and where will construction begin?

Construction will occur in phases beginning with Gay Street starting in 2026. Future phases will follow with completion of the 2-mile loop in 2028. Construction manager, Messer Construction, is currently designing the full construction schedule.

### Will this create additional congestion on Downtown streets if lanes are reduced? What is being taken away?

It's not a reduction, it's a rightsizing. Downtown has evolved over the past decade from an employment center to an experience center.

By repurposing part of the existing right of way we are adding a safe protected space for pedestrians and bikers within the streetscape and narrowing too-large streets to calm traffic in key corridors.

## PARKING

Validated parking can be found at 4th & Elm 7 MIN WALK TO ARTISANS &



For more validation tickets call XXX and 614-xxx-xxxx

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



## CONTACT US & LEARN MORE

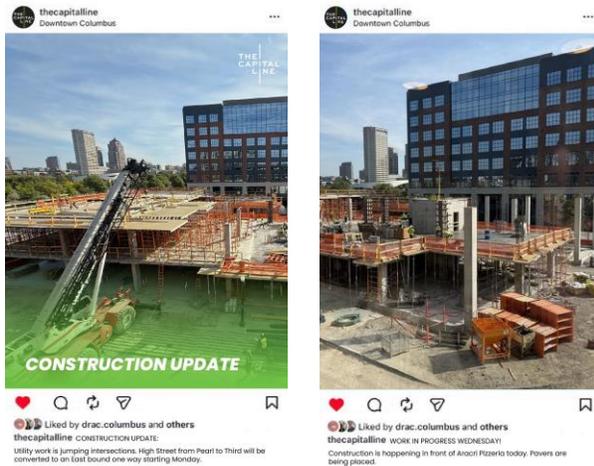
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More information can be found on the Capital Line website. [www.downtowncolumbus.com/capitaline](http://www.downtowncolumbus.com/capitaline)



Example: Social Graphics



Example: Social Updates  
Construction & Work in Progress Wednesdays



Example: Coasters

Example: Back-of-House Posters

# Marketing Gay Street

- Signage
  - Scrim on Construction Fencing
  - Window Signage
- Earned Media
- Develop a Retail Trail (Experience Columbus)
- Enhance the Gay Street Page of the Downtown Columbus Website.
- DCI Marketing Channels - Social, Newsletter, Website.
- Paid Media
- Hello Lampost



Example: Hello Lampost



Example: Window Signage

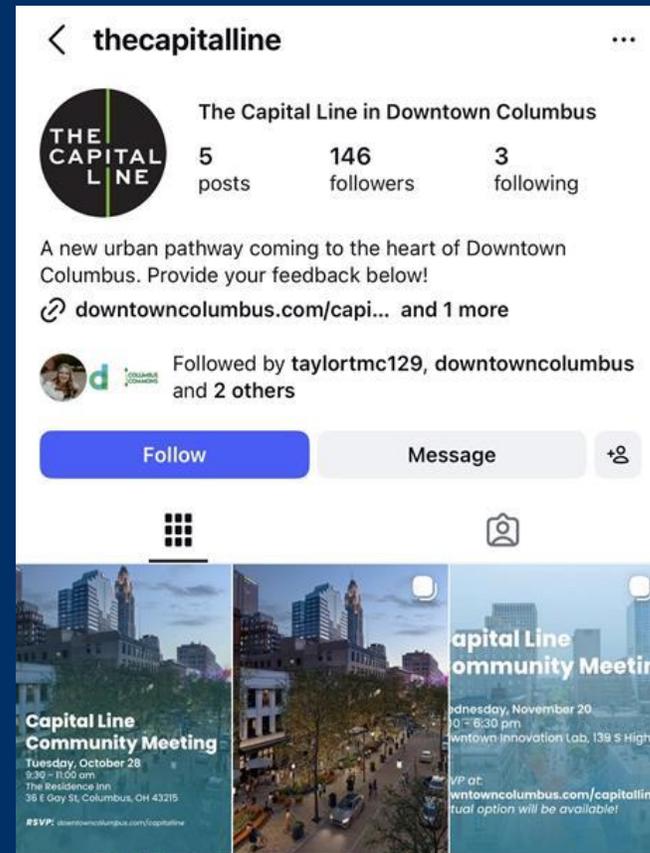


Example: Social Post

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