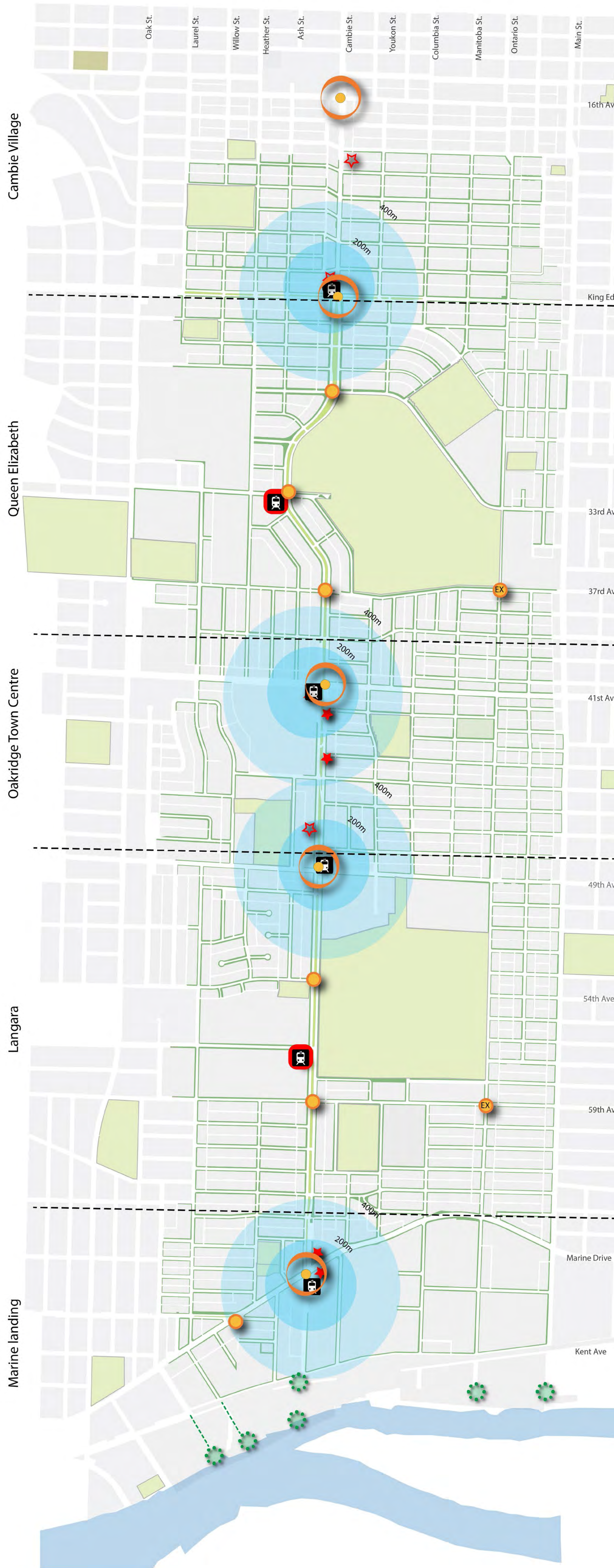


# 13 MATERIALS & ELEMENTS



## GATEWAYS, NODES AND PLAZAS

**GOAL: CREATE A HIERARCHY OF PUBLIC SPACES THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR THAT REINFORCE THE GREEN NETWORK AND ANIMATE THE PUBLIC REALM**

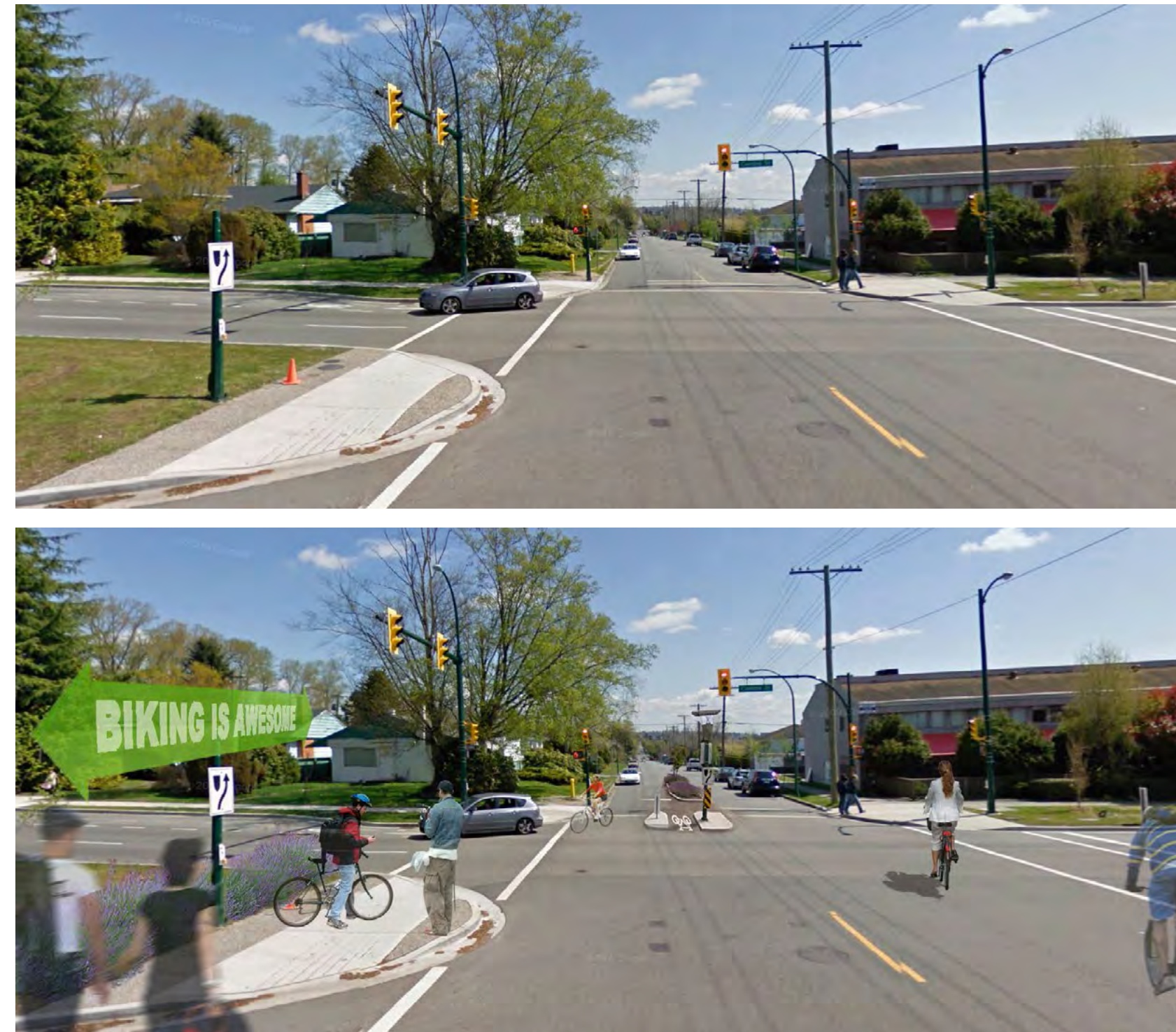


### Gateways and Nodes:

Gateways can be both celebrations of place and mark transitions to a new neighbourhood. Existing transit stations serve as Gateways in the corridor. Nodes are special places that are created where paths cross and energy is focused.

#### Ideas:

- Enhance the function of transit stations as Gateways through materials, public art and other improvements
- Utilize nodes for increasing biodiversity within the corridor
- Incorporate public art at gateways and nodes



### Plazas:

Plazas are gathering spaces at key locations. The varying character of these elements should reflect the neighbourhood and reinforce the Green Network idea.

#### Ideas:

- Incorporate urban plazas at major Gateways and introduce plazas along Cambie Street at other strategic places
- Plazas should vary in scale and interest
- Use retail edges at transit stations to animate Plazas and Gateways

#### Plaza Hierarchy:

##### Major Plazas are:

- Major public realm interventions with quality paving, custom site furnishings, public art, flexible spaces for a variety of activities, feature lighting, large trees and planting
- Adjacent to mixed use areas

##### Moderate Plazas are:

- At minor neighbourhood Skytrain stations or gateways
- Moderate public realm interventions with quality paving, custom / standard site furnishings, feature lighting, large trees and planting

##### Minor Plazas are:

- At key neighbourhood nodes and/or gateways along Cambie
- Minor and tailored public realm interventions. Distinct paving materials, lighting, standard site furnishings, trees and planting



Idea: Oakridge Town Centre Plaza, Night (Artist Interpretation)



Plaza Ideas

### Materials:

Introduce quality materials at plazas and nodes to reflect the history of the basalt quarry at Queen Elizabeth Park

#### Ideas:

- Increase paving quality with basalt features within a 200m radius of the station
- Use basalt features as a unifying paving material at all Plazas along Cambie Street.



Idea: King Edward Station -After, Proposed Addition of Basalt Inserts, Station Entrance



Queen Elizabeth Park Basalt Quarry

Neighbourhood  
200m

Neighbourhood  
100m

Station



Basalt pattern intensity

#### IDEAS

- Urban Plaza
- Sidewalk Plazas
- Special Space
- Node
- Gateway

#### EXISTING

- Existing Skytrain Station
- Future Skytrain Station
- Existing Nodes
- Walking Distance - 400m/5 min.
- Walking Distance - 200m/2.5 min.