

# 29: North Main Pedestrian Connectivity and Parks

## Conectividad Peatonal y Parques en North Main

### Description:

Currently, I-45 divides the Near Northside and Greater Heights neighborhoods. Existing pedestrian amenities and safety conditions at North Main Street are perceived as insufficient. TxDOT has proposed a concrete cap at this location that can accommodate a more generous pedestrian realm. Outside funding is necessary to transform the cap into a park or other amenity.

### We Heard:

### Also Addresses:

**Flooding** **Traffic**

### Key:



The many detention ponds included in this plan should be designed as park areas or maintained green space in collaboration with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The original I-45 construction bisected one community into two. [...] There are constant efforts to reunite the communities but the swath of freeway that separates them remains a physical barrier. Create a deck park over the freeway near North Main. This will be a physical reattachment point [...]

## TxDOT Proposal (5.5 acres)

TxDOT is currently proposing a concrete cap at the intersection of North Main Street and I-45. The proposal is limited to a concrete cap, additional funding will need to be secured to transform the cap into a park or other amenity.

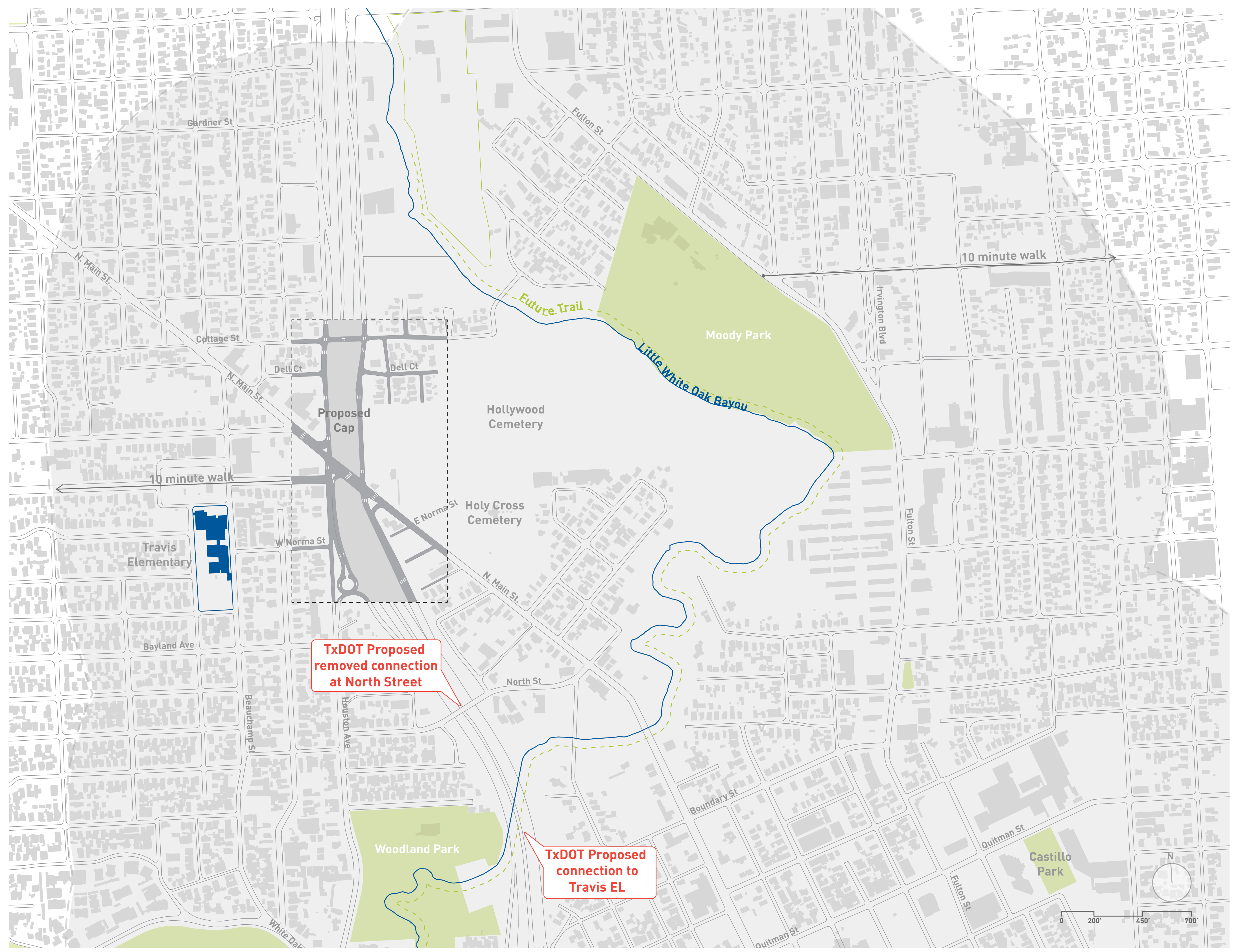
- PROS**
- Connects Greater Heights and Near Northside
  - Potentially provides additional park space for both communities without taking up any pre-existing real estate

- CONS**
- Funding to transform the cap into a park or other amenity will need to be secured
  - Safe pedestrian access to the cap will need to be negotiated across frontage road traffic

**Give us your input.**  
Put your #29 sticker on the alternative you prefer.

#### TxDOT Proposal

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## Alternative 29.1 - Cap Park (5.5 acres)

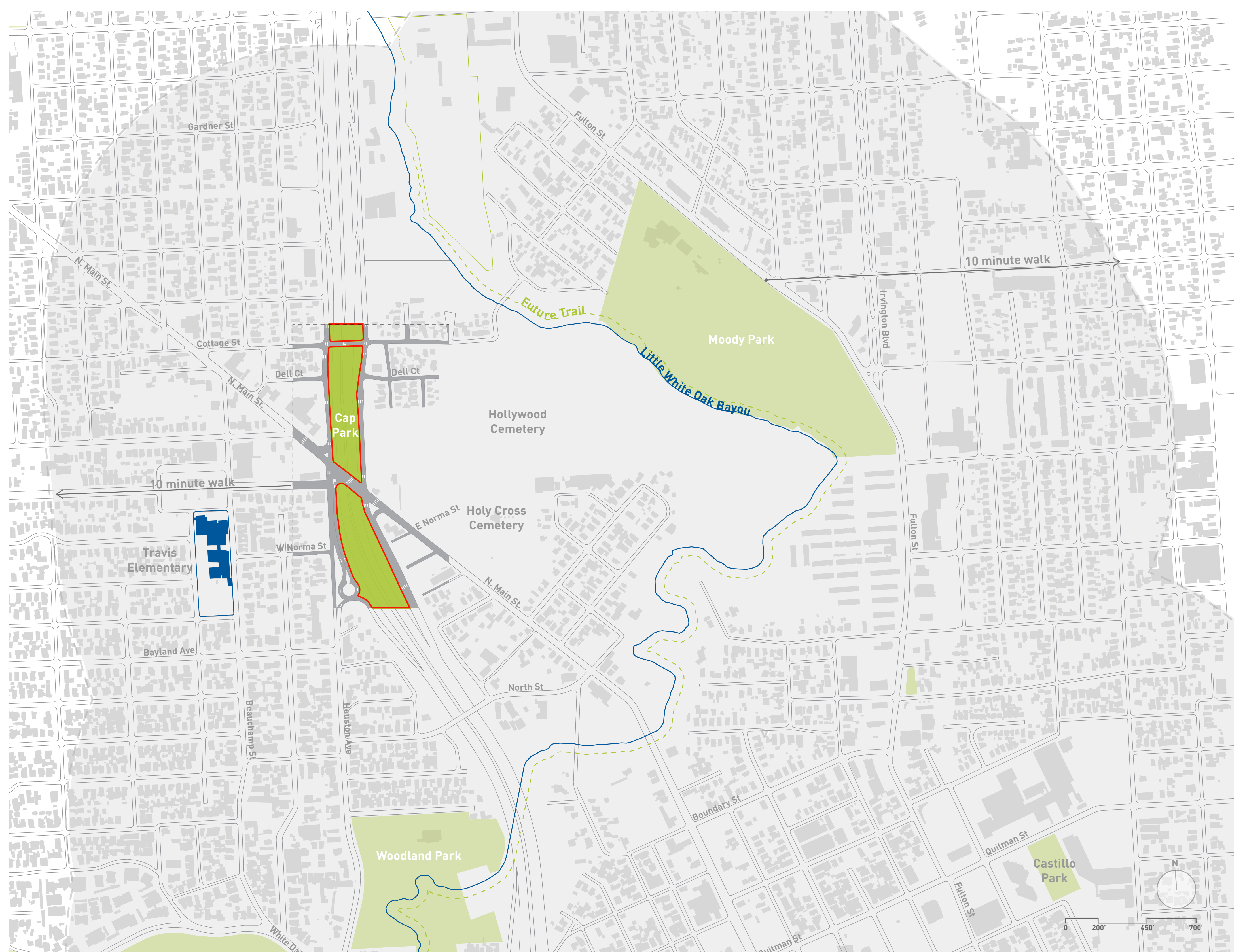
Alternative 29.1 proposes a cap park at the intersection of North Main Street and I-45 in combination with the TxDOT proposed concrete cap.

- PROS**
- Connects Greater Heights and Near Northside
  - Creates park space for both communities without taking up any pre-existing real estate

- CONS**
- Pedestrian access to the cap park will need to be negotiated across frontage road traffic

#### Alternative 29.1 - Cap Park

A grid of 100 empty circles for voting on Alternative 29.1.



# 29: North Main Pedestrian Connectivity and Parks (Cont.)

## Conectividad Peatonal y Parques en North Main (Continuación)

### Alternative 29.2 - New Detention Park and Cap Plaza (20 acres)

Alternative 29.2 proposes a “bridge plaza” at North Main Street, pedestrian bridges at Dell Court and Norma Street to create greater connectivity to Travis Elementary School and other destinations, and a new park at the TxDOT proposed detention site further north along Little White Oak Bayou.

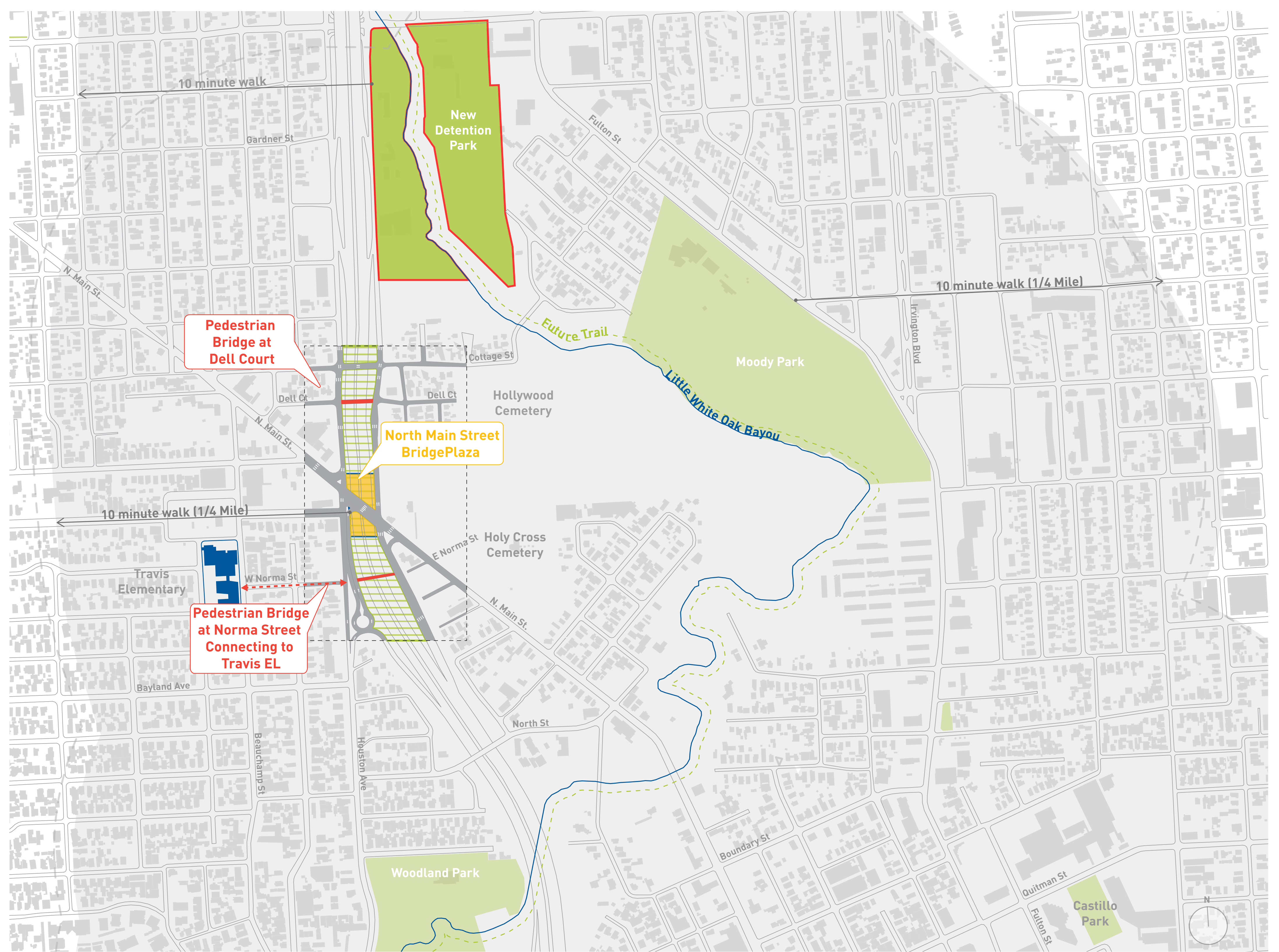
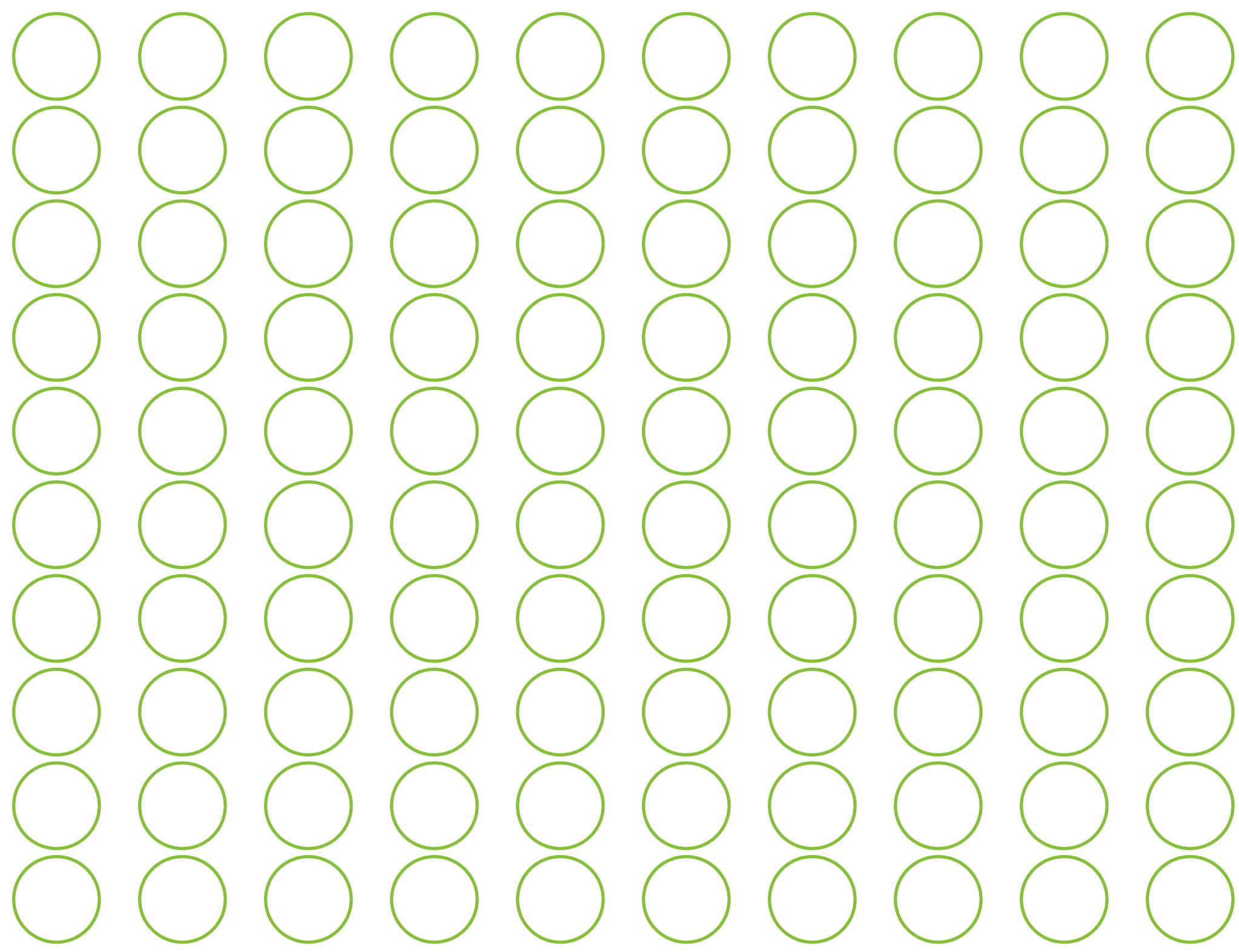
#### PROS

- Connects Greater Heights and Near Northside
- Provides a direct pedestrian and bicycle link to Travis Elementary for students
- Transforms required detention into a community amenity
- The proposed park is easily accessible to pedestrians on the east side of I-45
- Ties into the existing and planned park infrastructure along Little White Oak Bayou

#### CONS

- Inaccessible to pedestrians on the west side of I-45
- Although pedestrian bridges improve connectivity, access to the bridges are still challenged by frontage road traffic

#### Alternative 29.2 - New Detention Park and Cap Plaza



### Alternative 29.3 - Existing Park Improvements

Alternative 29.3 proposes a “bridge plaza” at North Main Street, pedestrian bridges at Dell Court and Norma Street to create greater connectivity to Travis Elementary School and other destinations, and mitigation investment to improve amenities at Woodland Park and Castillo Park.

#### PROS

- Connects Greater Heights and Near Northside
- Improves two existing and well-used parks in Greater Heights and Near Northside
- Provides a direct pedestrian and bicycle link to Travis Elementary for students

#### CONS

- Does not create any new park space
- Although pedestrian bridges improve connectivity, access to bridges is still challenged by frontage road traffic

#### Alternative 29.3 - Existing Park Improvements

