31: Fifth Ward / Lyons Avenue Connectivity To Downtown

Conectividad de la Avenida Lyons y Fifth Ward

Description:

Lyons Avenue is the main street of historic Fifth Ward, a neighborhood impacted by the NHHIP. The Fifth Ward connectivity to Downtown is limited, impacted by prior freeway construction. Currently, Lyons Avenue dead-ends abruptly in an obscure area without a direct connection across I-10. Three alternatives have been developed to enhance the connection of Lyons Avenue to Downtown.

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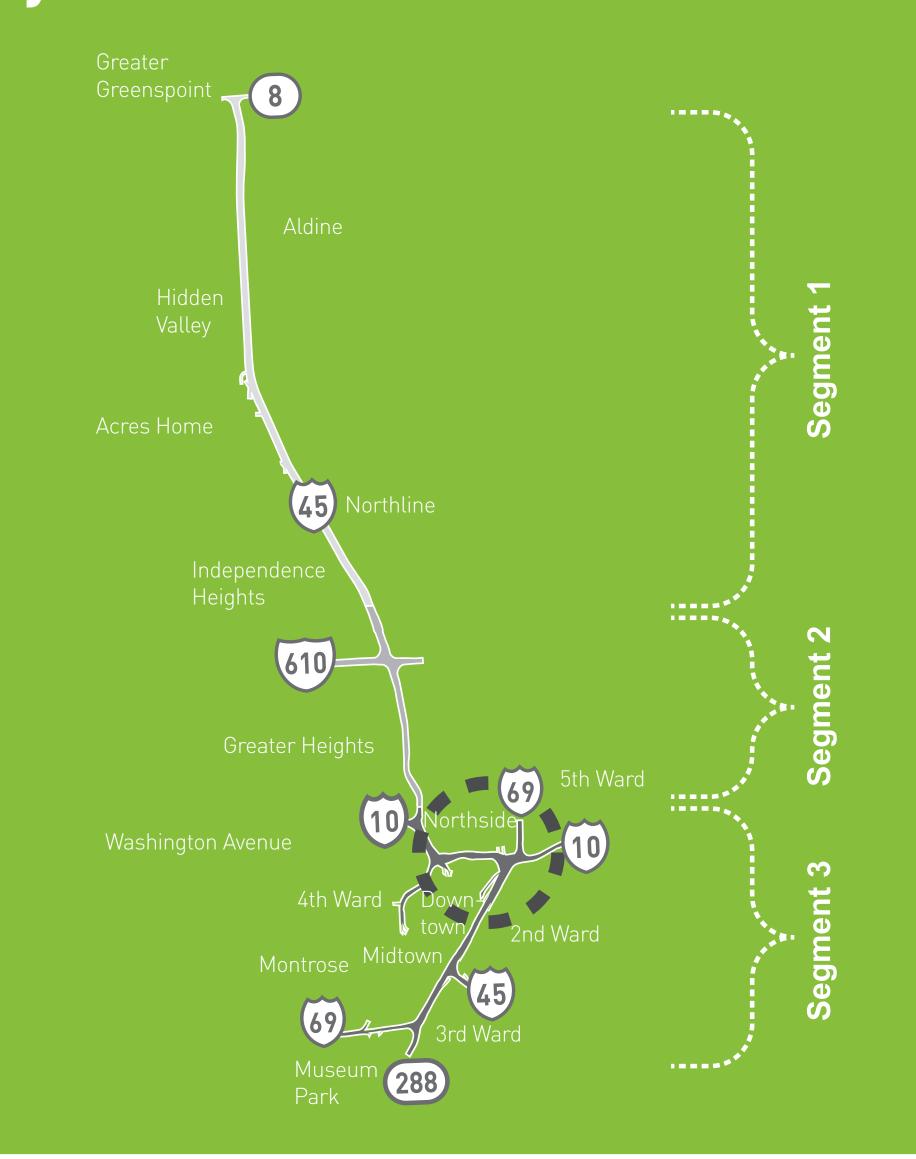
Lyons Avenue is the main thoroughfare that runs east and west through our historic community. It is frequently used to drive into the downtown area by residents and other stakeholders

Also Addresses:

Traffic

...Evaluate the option to clean up transition from Lyons to McKee to make smoother and more legible.

Key:



TxDOT Proposed

The TxDOT NHHIP project maintains all connections across I-10 and the proposed realigned I-45 from Lyons Avenue to the south.

PROS

- Maintains existing conditions and connections

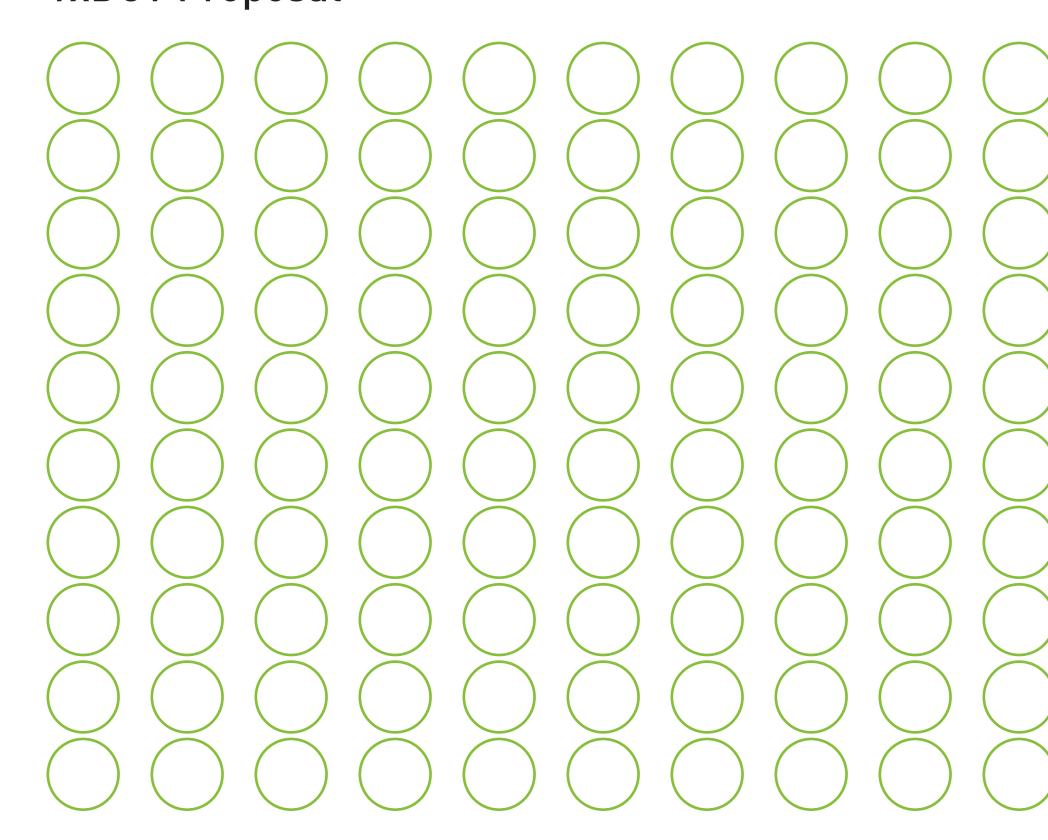
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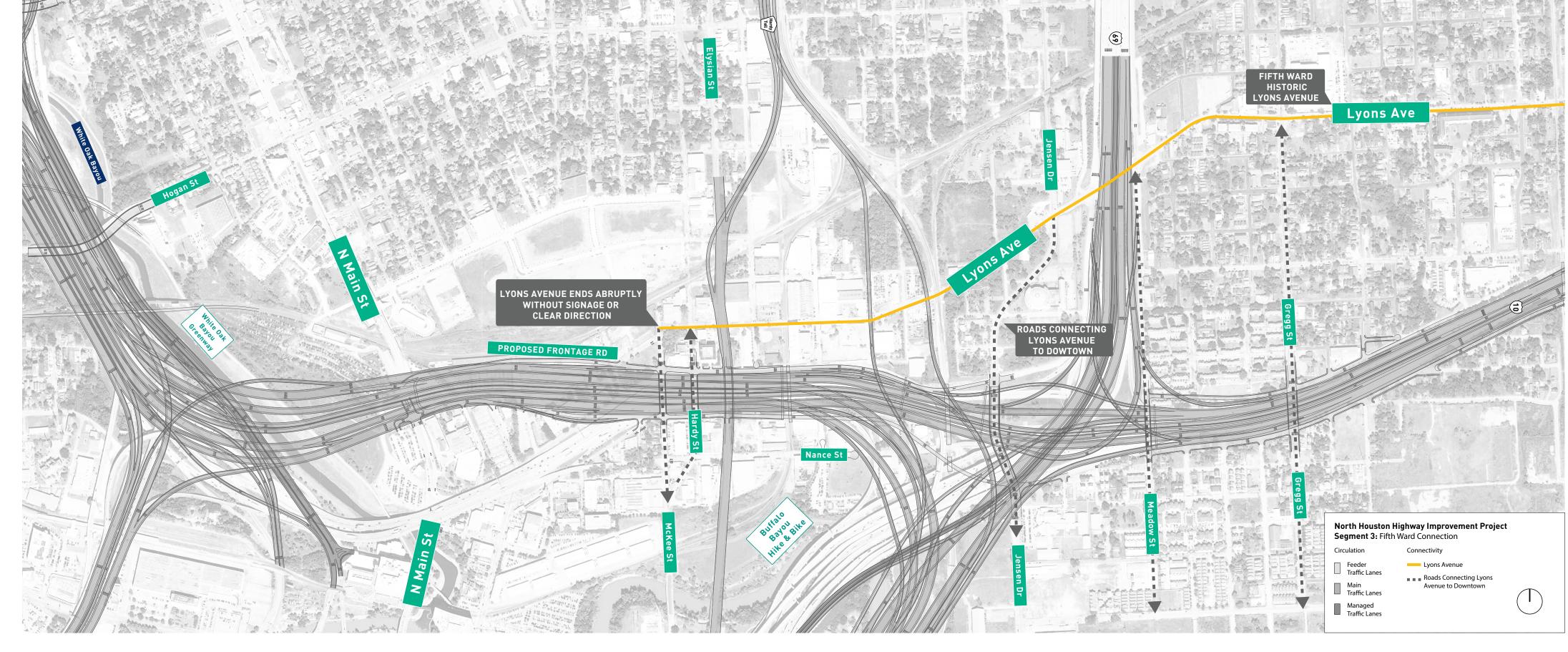
- Re-alignment of I-45 creates a greater visual and symbolic barrier between areas north of the I-10 and I-45 alignment, including Fifth Ward, Lyons Avenue, and Downtown

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TxDOT Proposal





Alternative 31.1: Extend Lyons Avenue West to Main Street

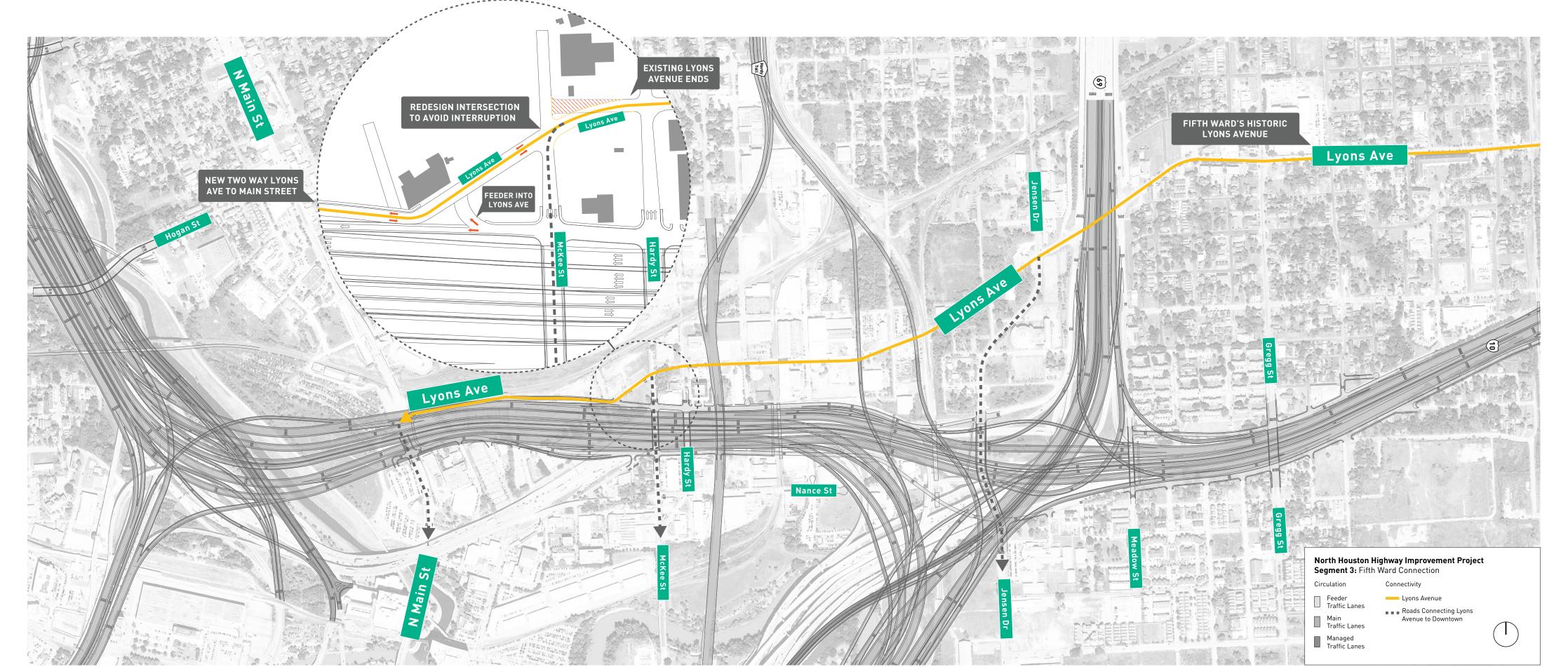
Alternative 31.1 proposes the extension of Lyons Avenue west to North Main Street, with a direct connection to Lyons Avenue from the I-10/I-45 frontage road just west of McKee Street.

PROS

- Extends Lyons Avenue (two-way street) west to Main Street
- Improves the symbolic and physical connectivity between Fifth Ward and Downtown
- Makes the process of accessing Downtown via Lyons Avenue less complicated
- Improves the dead end intersection at Lyons Avenue and McKee Street

CONS

- Introduces potentially dangerous two-way traffic to the frontage road between McKee Street and N Main Street



Alternative 31.1 - Extend Lyons Ave. West to Main Street

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Alternative 31.2: Extend Lyons Avenue South

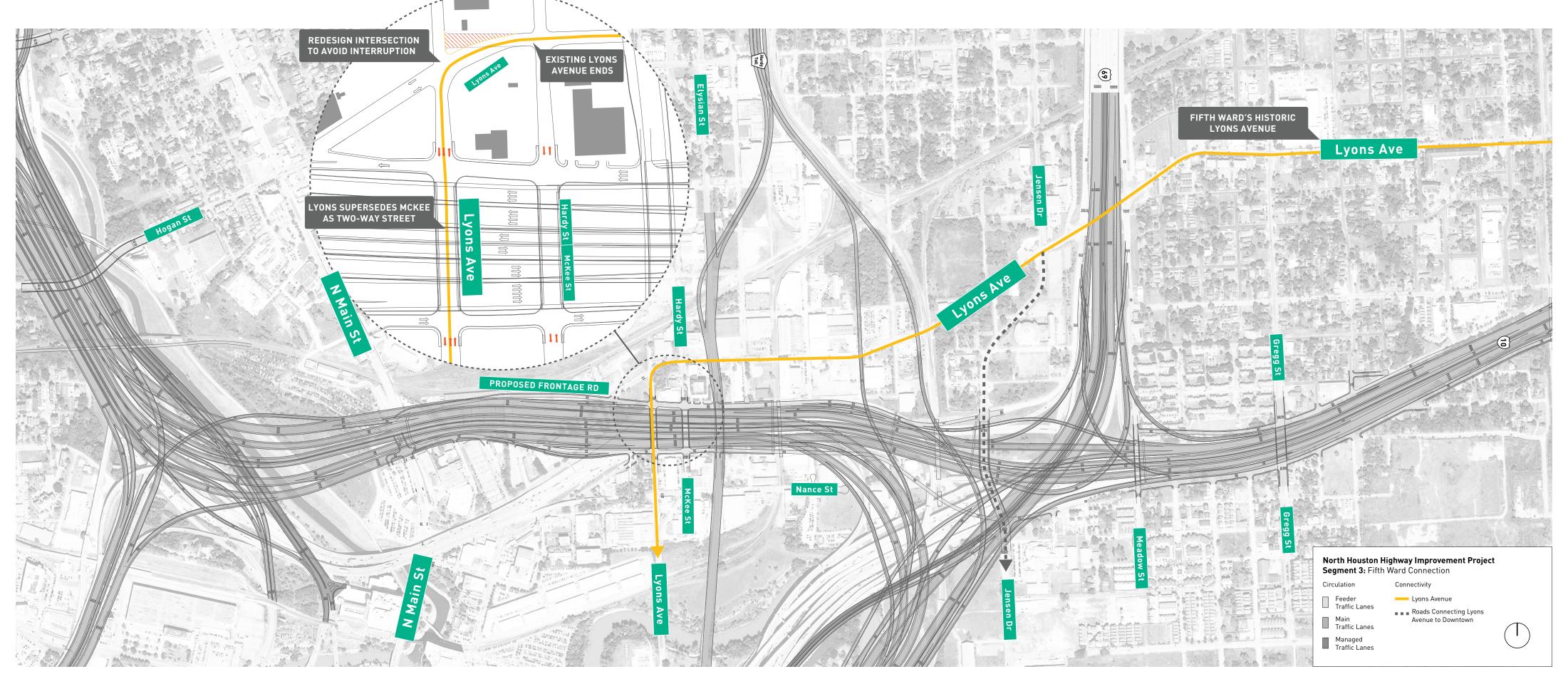
Alternative 31.2 proposes a re-designed intersection at Lyons Avenue and McKee Street, and the extension of Lyons Avenue (along the current McKee Street alignment) south to Downtown. The proposed Lyons Avenue extension south and the McKee/Hardy alignment become two-way streets.

PROS

- Extends Lyons Avenue (two-way street) south along the McKee Street alignment directly into Downtown
- Improves the symbolic and physical connectivity between Fifth Ward and Downtown
- Makes the process of accessing Downtown via Lyons Avenue as direct as possible
- Improves the dead end intersection at Lyons Avenue and McKee Street

CONS

- Process and potential impacts of changing street names and addresses
- Transforms McKee Street and Hardy Street from one-way streets into a combined two-way street



Alternative 31.2 - Extend Lyons Ave. South

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Alternative 31.3: Extend Lyons Avenue South and West

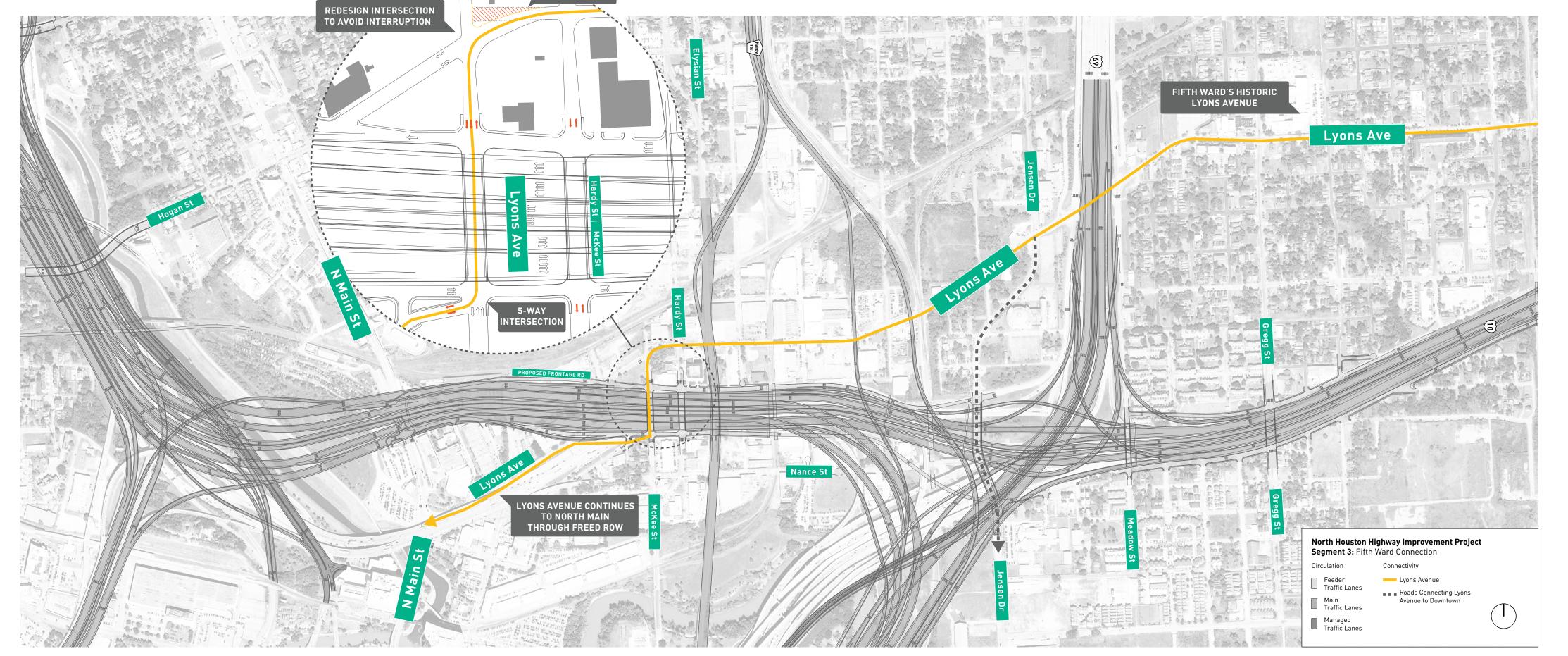
Alternative 31.3 proposes a re-designed intersection at Lyons Avenue and McKee Street, extending Lyons Avenue south along the McKee Street. Alignment into Downtown and then west to Main Street in the "north island" area of Downtown where the prior I-10 right-of-way was located.

PROS

- Extends Lyons Avenue south along the McKee Street alignment directly into Downtown
- Improves the symbolic and physical connectivity between Fifth Ward and Downtown
- Improves the dead end intersection at Lyons Avenue and McKee Street
- Utilizes prior freeway right-of-way for new connections
- Lyons Avenue crosses the freeway into Downtown.

CONS

- Process and potential impacts of changing street names and addresses
- 5-way intersection at McKee Street and I-10/ I-45 Frontage Road



Alternative 31.3 - Extend Lyons Ave. South and West