

New Bedford State Pier Use Study

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State Pier Images



Aerial view of the State Pier



View of a cargo ship along the East Wharf



Aerial view looking West



View from the Whaling Museum

Existing and Proposed Uses

Existing Uses
American Cruise Line
Buildings No.1 (Dry Storage) & No.2 (Cold Storage)
Cargo Operations
Ferry Terminals (Cuttyhunk & SeaStreak)
Fishing and Transient Vessels
Massachusetts Environmental Police
Massachusetts State Police
Pier Oil
Schooner <i>Ernestina-Morrissey</i>
Seaport Economic Council
Tonnessen Park

Proposed Uses (Out of 7 RFP Proposals)		
	Proponent	Proposed Use
1	American Cruise Lines	Cruise Terminal and Park
2	BASE Seafoods	Seafood Auction, Seafood Market, and Fishing Heritage Center (FHC)
3	Cuttyhunk Ferry, Town of Gosnold, and Buzzards Bay Coalition	Cuttyhunk Ferry and <i>Ernestina-Morrissey</i> Visitor Pavilion + Vessel Operations Facility
4	Coast Line Transfer	Cargo/Offshore Wind (Building No.1) + Cold Storage (Building No.2)
5	NB Foss Marine Terminal	Offshore Wind & Training Facility (Building No.1)
6	SeaStreak	SeaStreak Ferry
7	Servedwell Hospitality	Restaurant at Southwest Corner
Other Expressions of Interest		
	MassCEC	Maker Space

Project Goals and Assumptions

1. The State Pier is **not big enough** to accommodate all of the proposed uses.
2. The mix of uses on the pier should be **mutually compatible and beneficial**.
3. It is important to clearly **separate pedestrian and vehicular activity**.
4. The existing semi-trailer truck routes can be made **more efficient** to reclaim space for other uses.
5. **Shared and well-managed parking** can reduce the area needed for surface parking lots.
6. The State Pier should **complement the character** of downtown New Bedford.

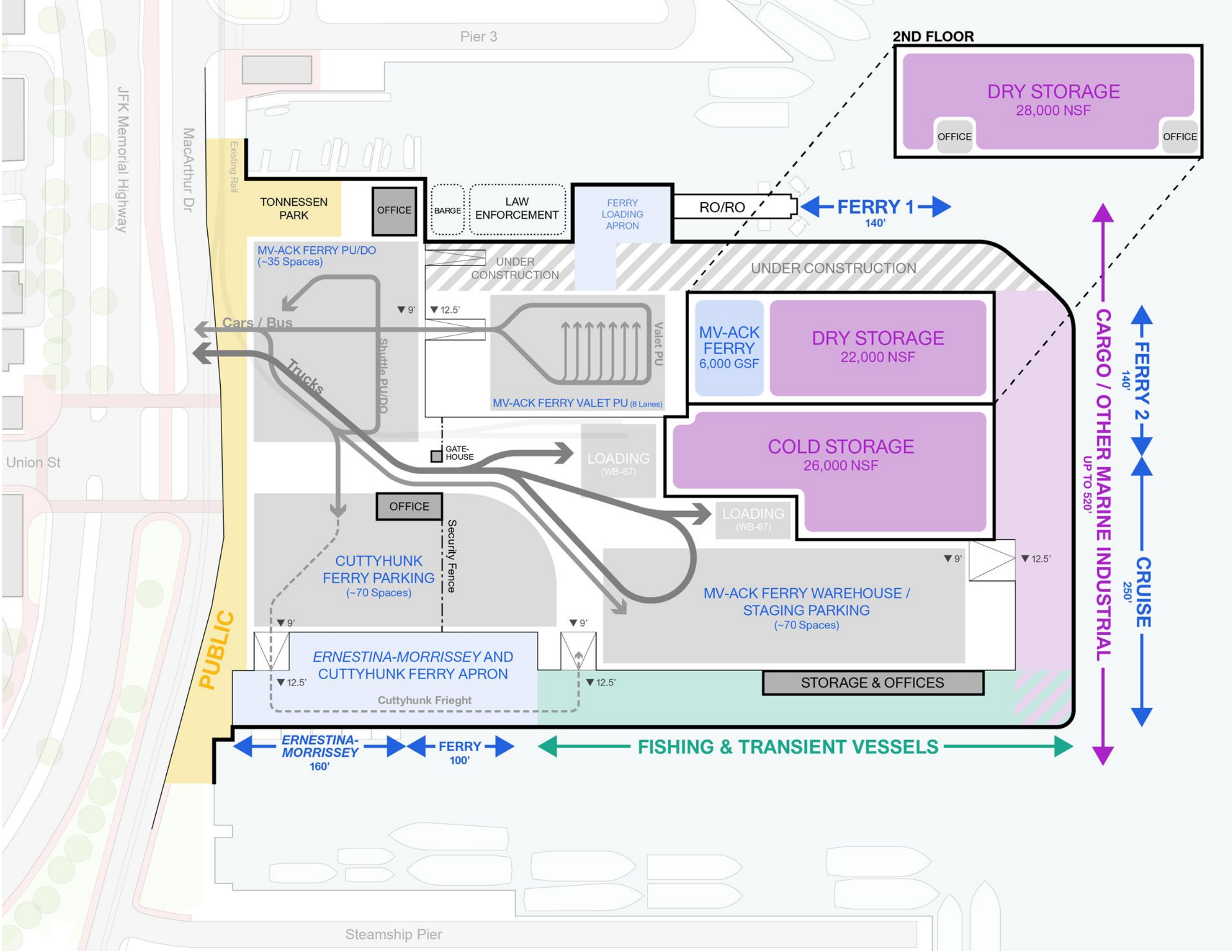
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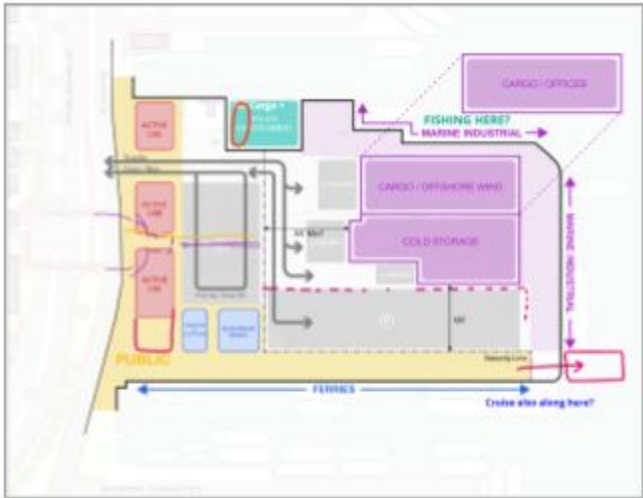
Existing Conditions Diagram

Existing Uses

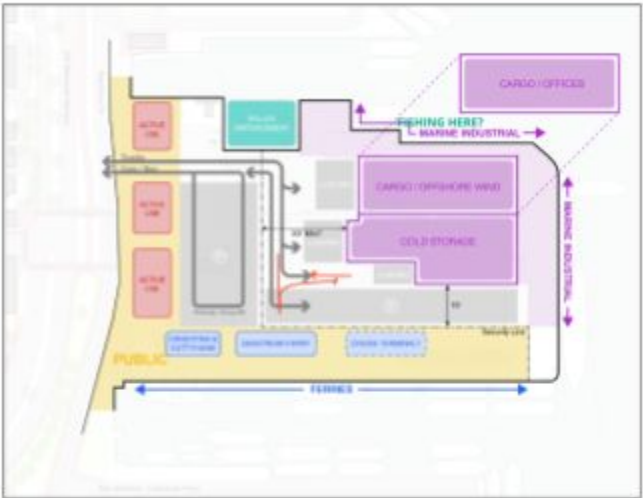
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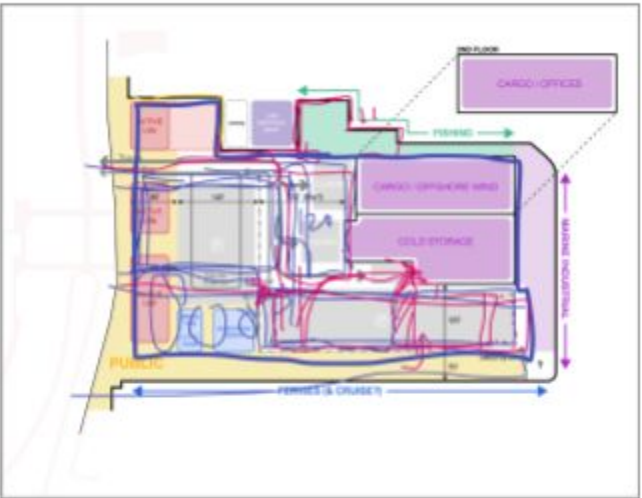
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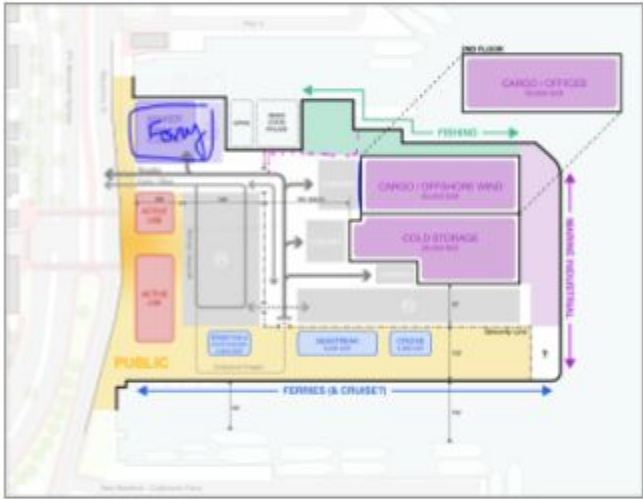
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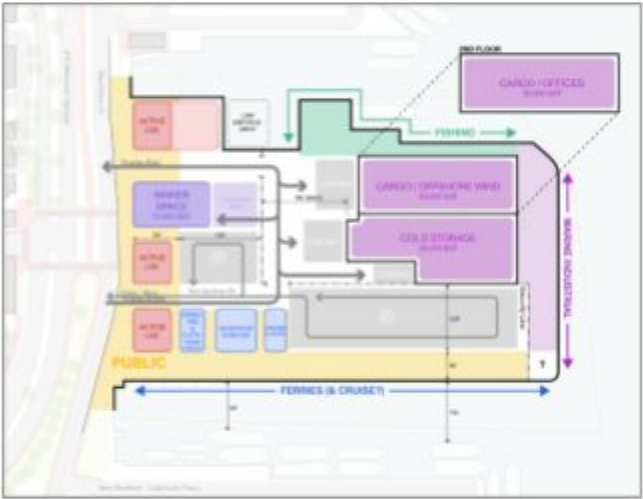
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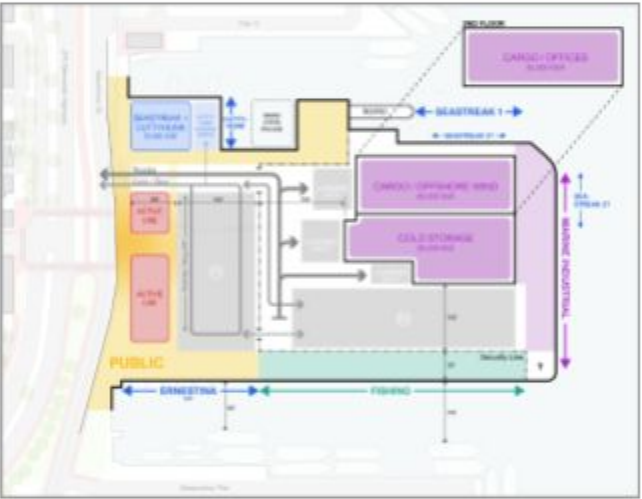
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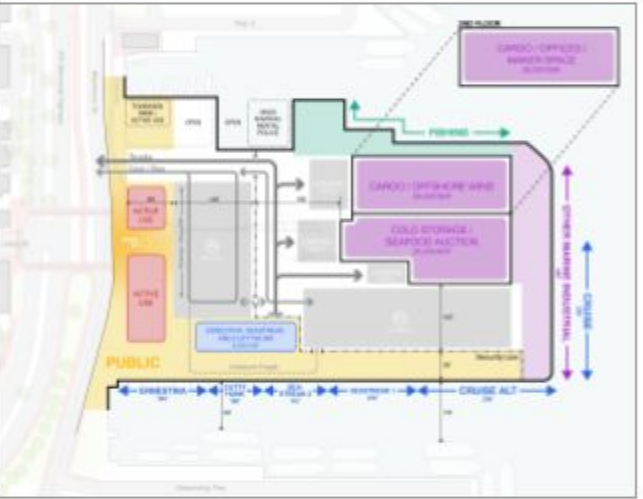
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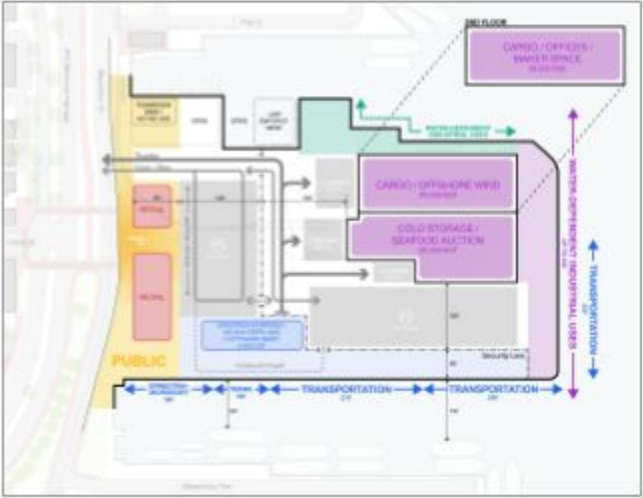
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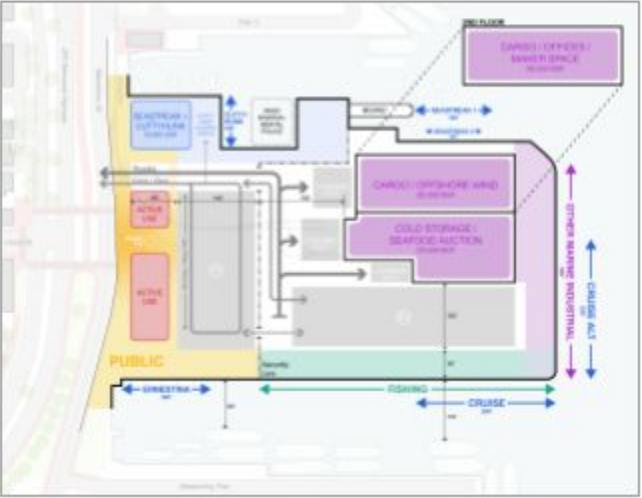
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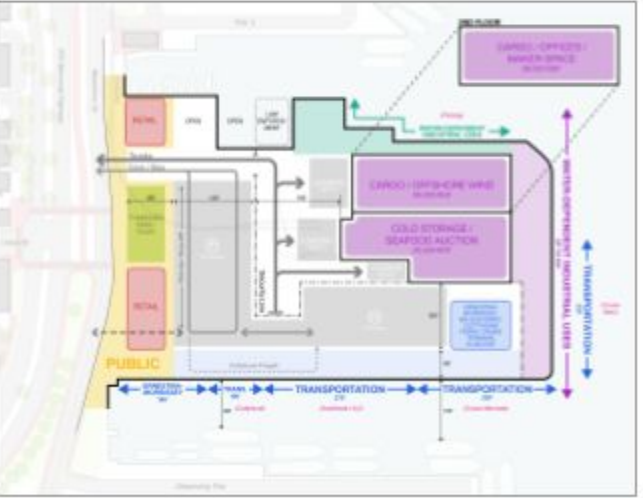
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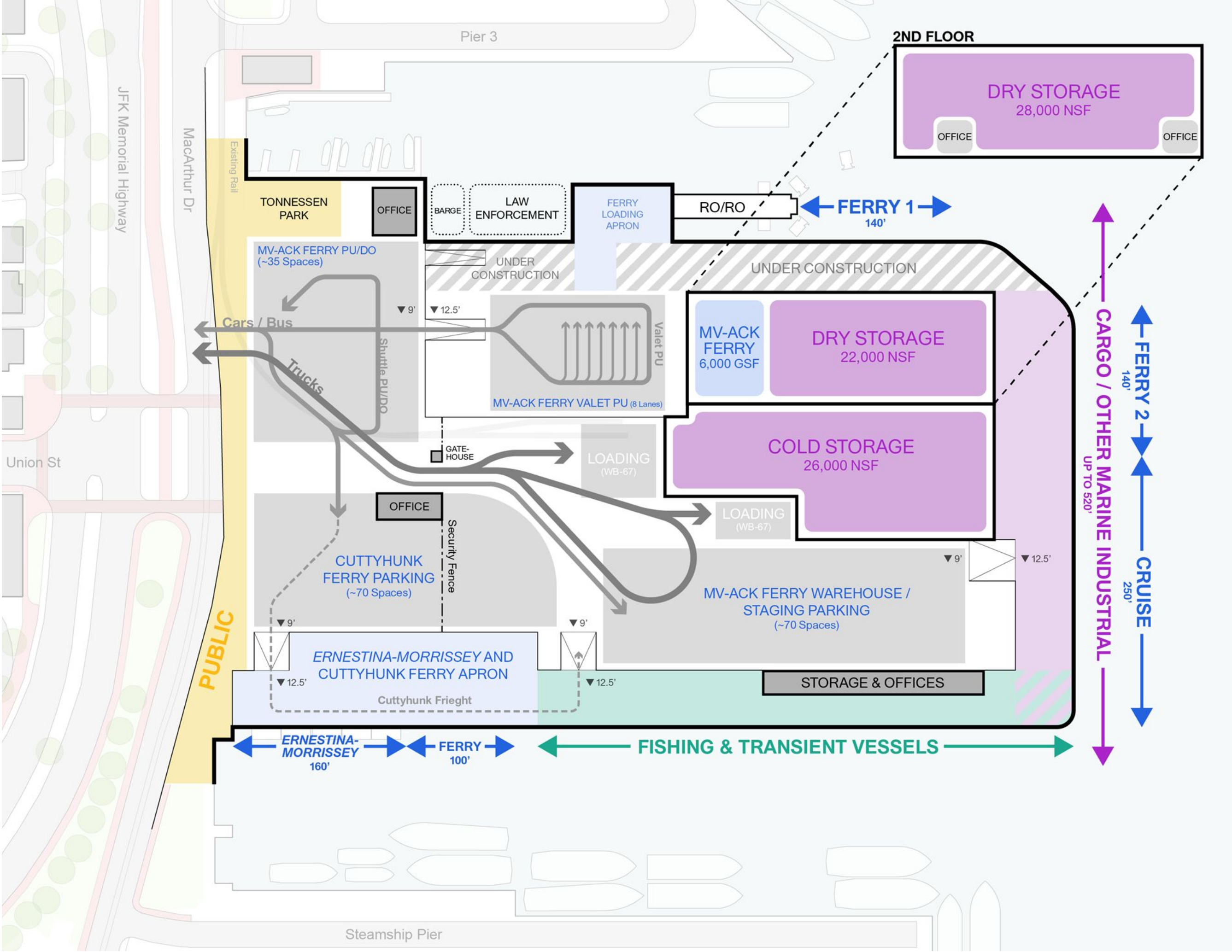


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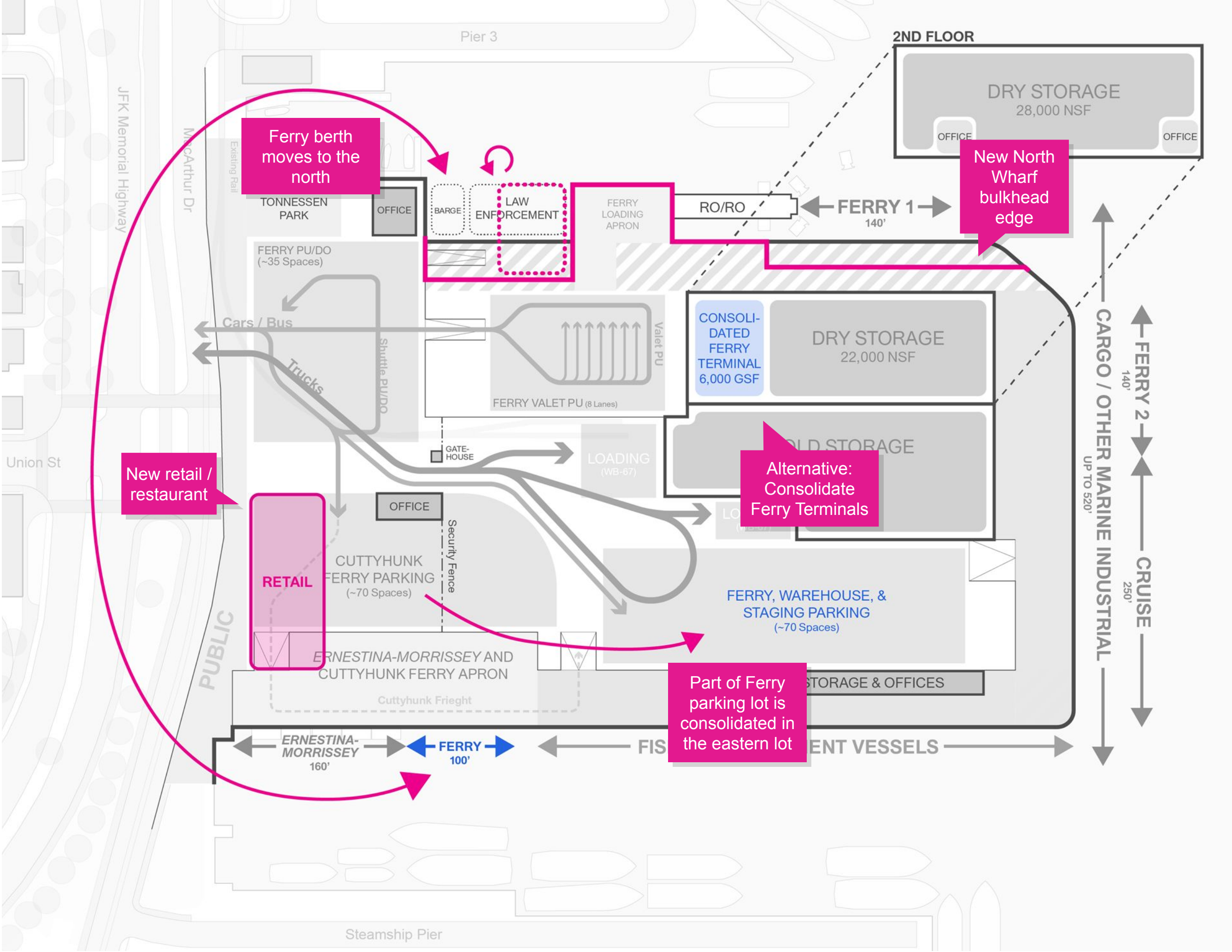
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Potential Near-Term Changes

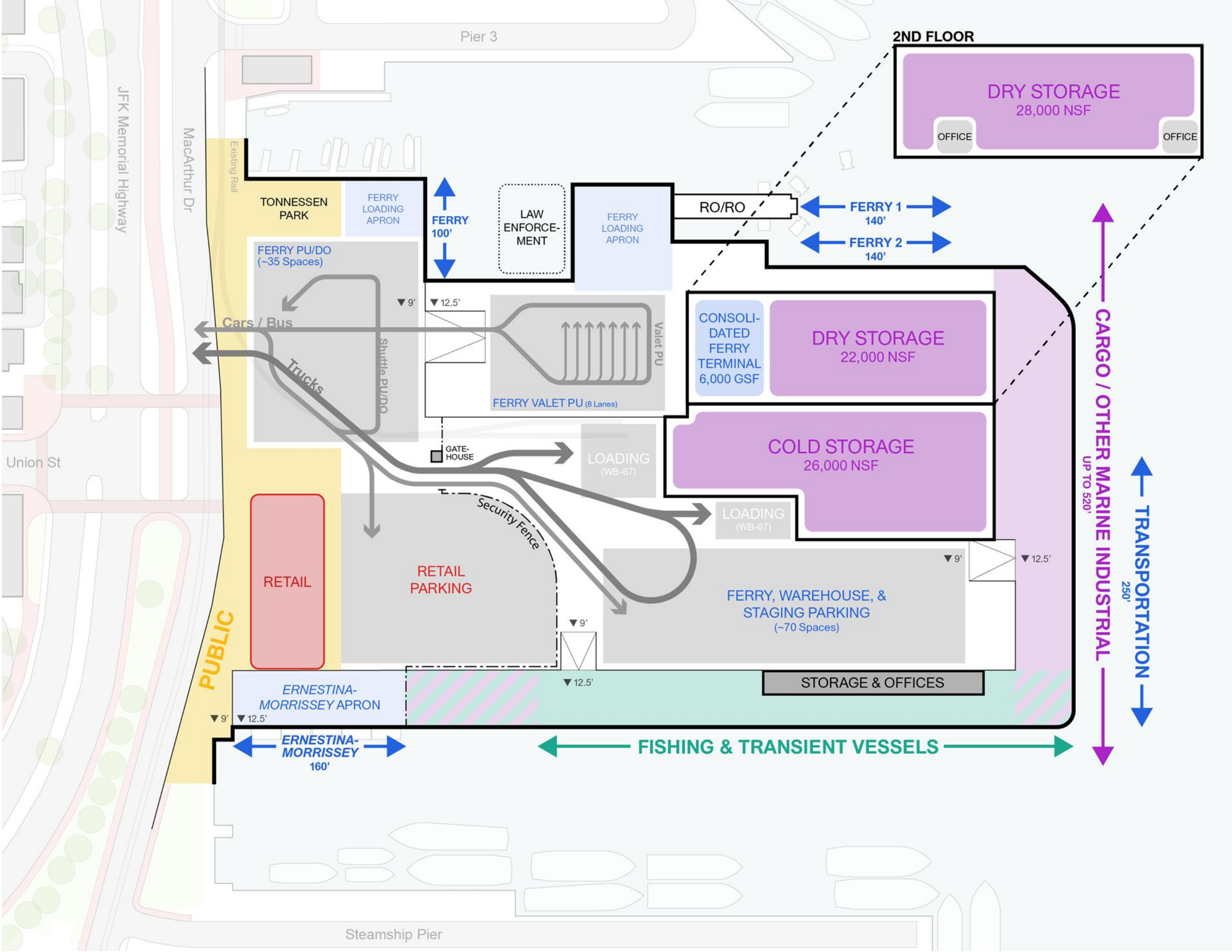
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Potential Near-Term Scenario

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Potential Long-Term Scenario 1: Ferries at North Wharf

Existing & Proposed Uses

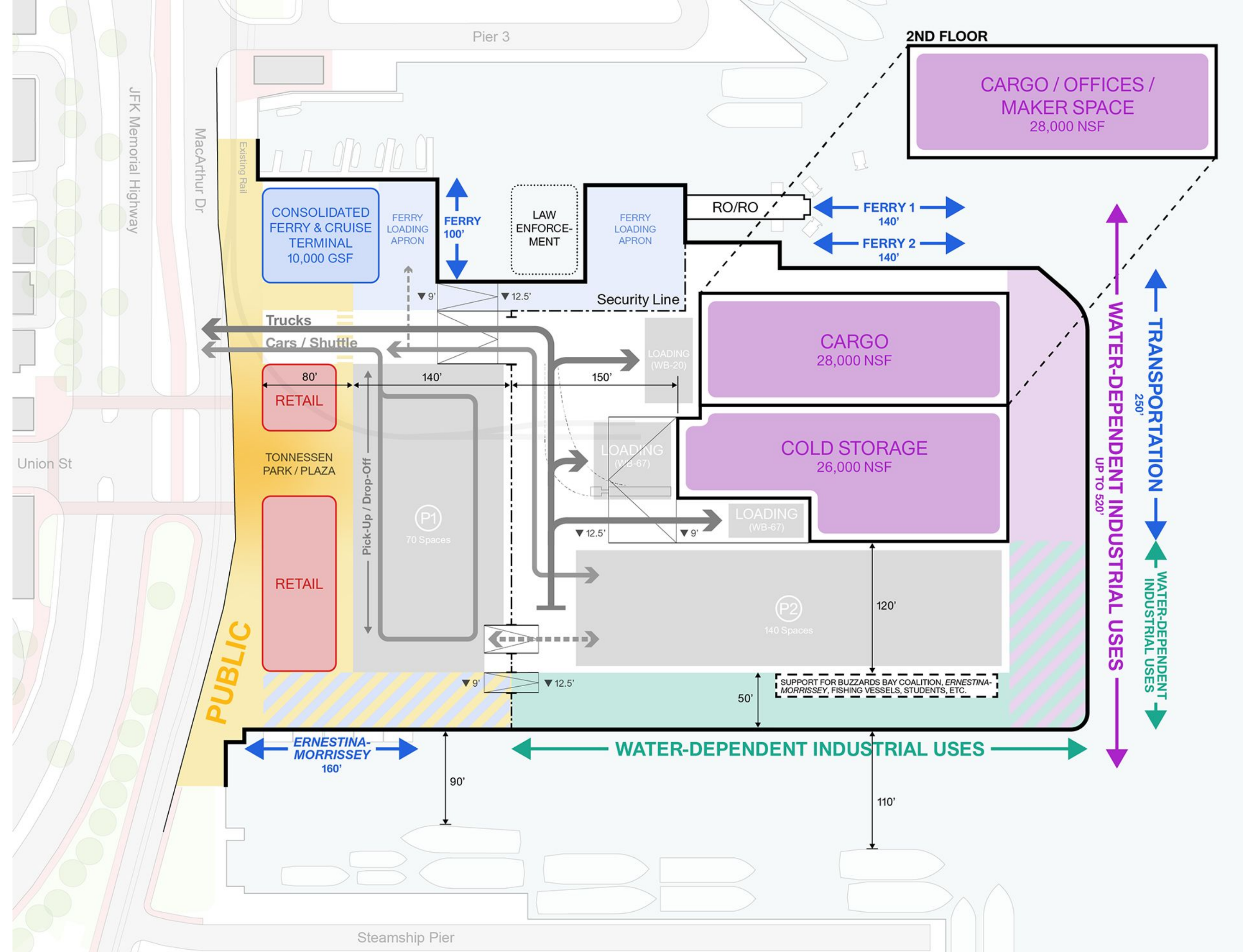
- Existing (excluding proposed below)
 - Buildings No.1, No.2, & Potentially No.6
 - Ernestina-Morrissey*
 - Fishing & Transient Vessels
 - Mass Environmental Police
 - Tonnessen Park (relocated on pier)
- Proposed (out of 7 RFP Proposals)
 - SeaStreak Ferry
 - Cuttyhunk Ferry
 - American Cruise Line
 - Restaurant (Servedwell or other)
 - + Additional Retail Building
 - + MassCEC Maker Space

Pros

- Single curb cut minimizes sidewalk disruption
- Curb cut is located north of Union St crossing
- SeaStreak can continue using Ro/Ro
- Increased dockage for fishing vessels
- Efficient truck maneuverability

Cons

- Single curb cut complicates car vs truck circulation
- Parking & Pick-up/Drop-off conflict with driveway
- Requires grading revisions for truck circulation



Potential Long-Term Scenario 2: Ferries at South Wharf

Existing & Proposed Uses

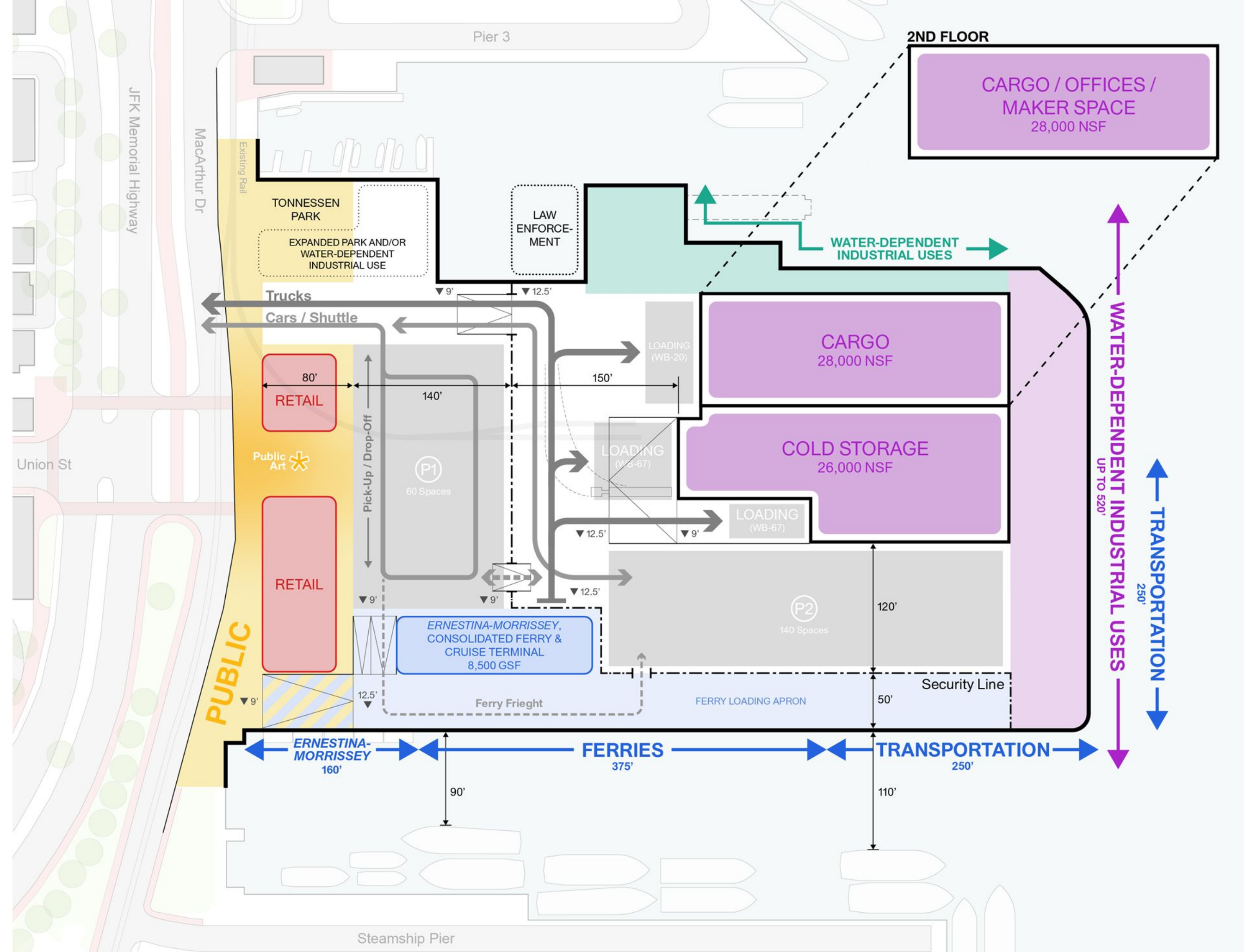
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Pros

- Single curb cut minimizes sidewalk disruption
- Curb cut is located north of Union St crossing
- Increased dockage for fishing vessels
- Tonnessen Park can remain in current location
- Efficient truck maneuverability

Cons

- Single curb cut complicates car vs truck circulation
- All ferries required to side-load passengers
- Requires grading revisions for truck circulation
- Requires removing the RO/RO

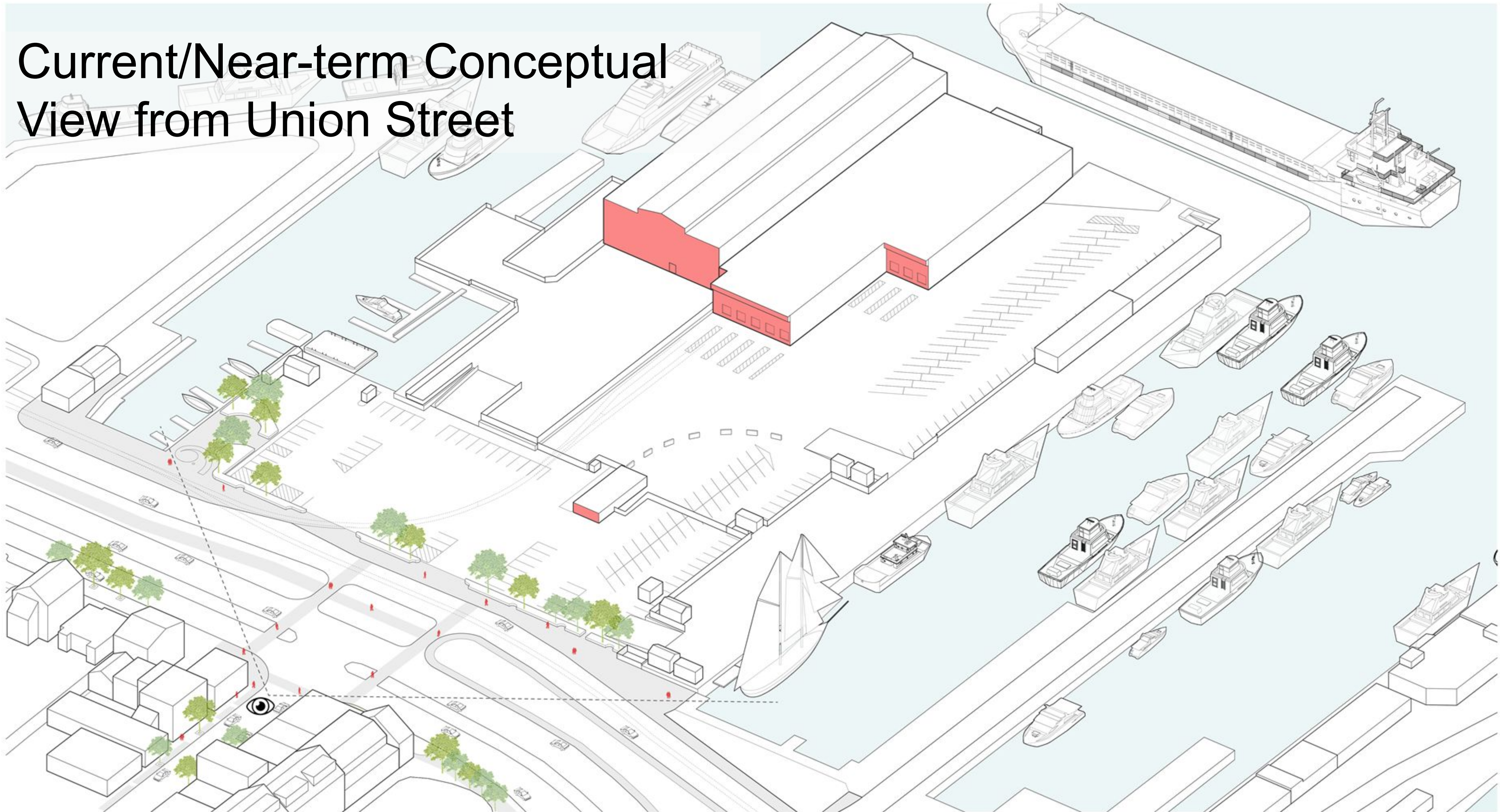


Urban Design Vision

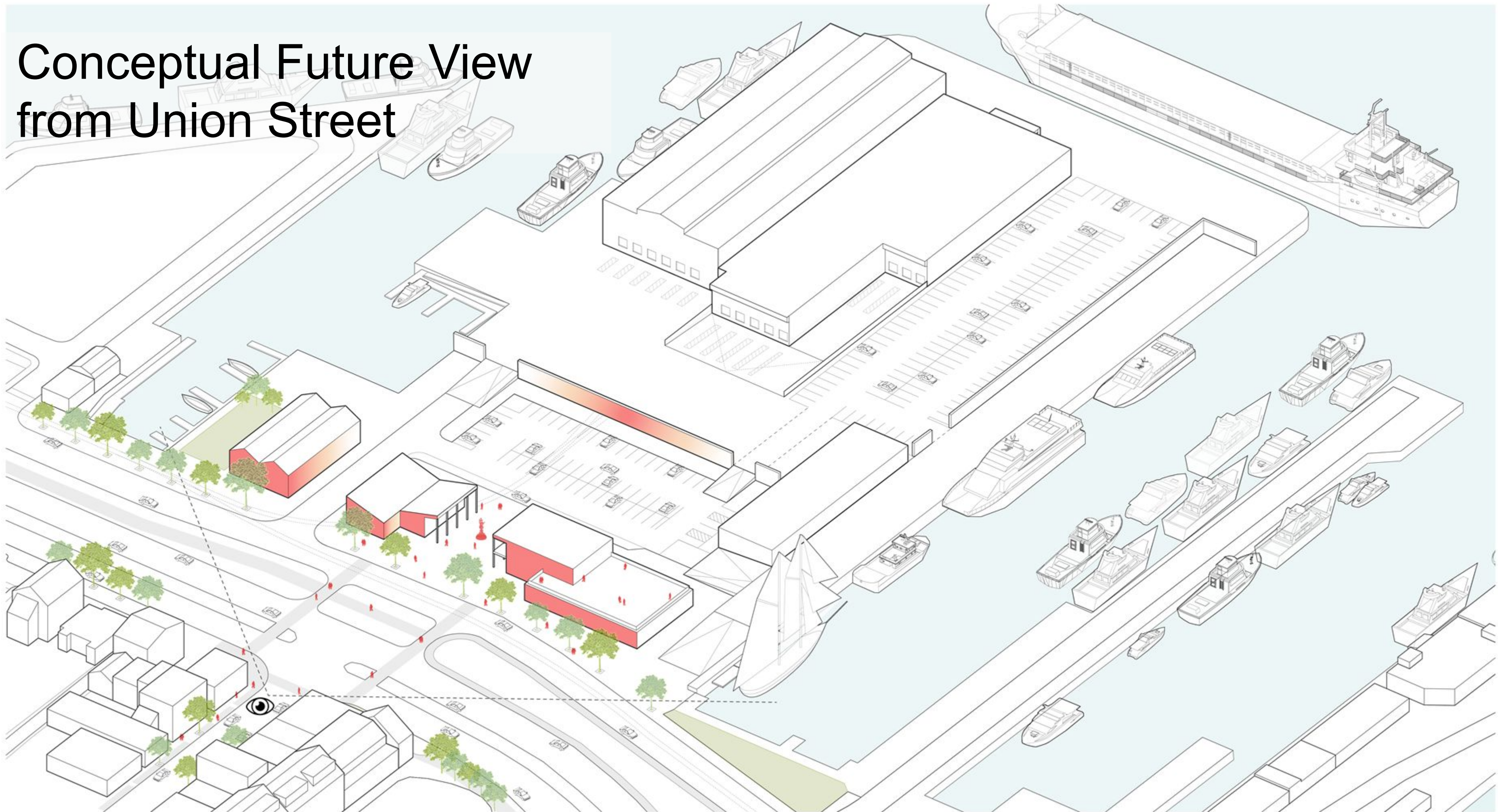
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Current/Near-term Conceptual View from Union Street



Conceptual Future View from Union Street



Conceptual Current View from Union Street



Conceptual Future View from Union Street





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