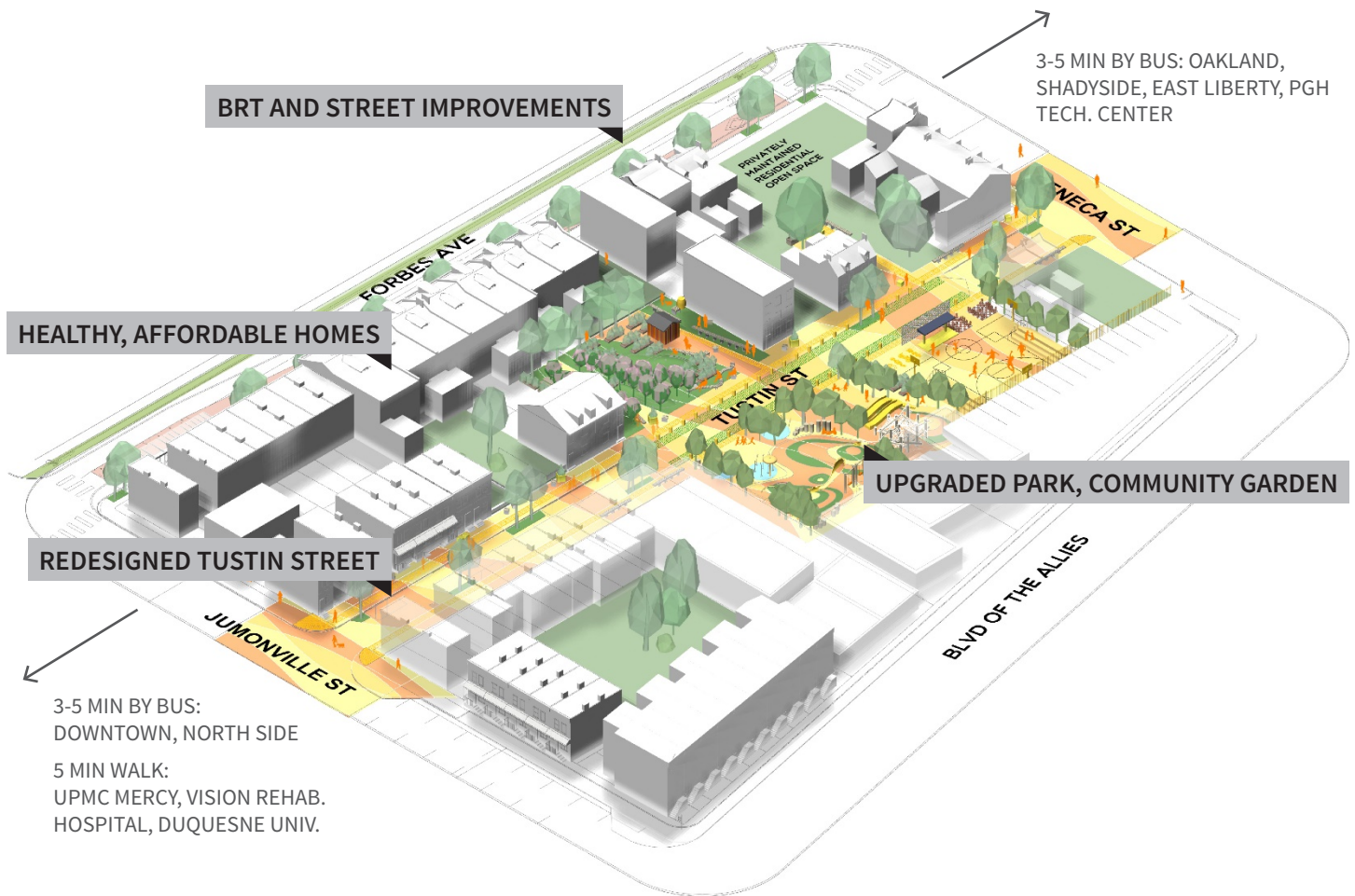


# Tustin Smart Block

A public-private partnership to improve Uptown's only park, surround it with healthy and affordable housing, and connect it to jobs via Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Consistent with the ECOINNOVATION DISTRICT PLAN vision, the Tustin Smart Block concept proposes public and private investment in one of Uptown's few intact residential blocks. Infrastructure and homes in need of upgrades present a unique opportunity to lock in affordability at the

same time that improvements to the park and surrounding streets make this area a healthier, more enjoyable, and better connected place to live. A community-led program of block-level planning could follow to help transform Uptown while maintaining affordability.



## Tustin Smart Park

Free wifi, solar powered outlets and lights, and public art are part of a City project already underway. Future improvements to the park and community garden will be tied together by a street that prioritizes community uses and trees.

## Water and Sewer

PWSA is currently costing replacement of lead water lines and new sewer laterals that connect to Forbes Ave. Costs of making these improvements can be reduced by including them as part of BRT street reconstruction.

## Better Homes

Improvements to homes will make them energy efficient and healthy, and may include establishing a solar collective using the block's roofs to provide its power. Investments must be linked to agreements that keep homes affordable.

## Bus Rapid Transit

A rebuilt Forbes Ave will have trees, green infrastructure, safe crossings, and protected bike lanes. With BRT, Downtown, Oakland, East Liberty, and the North Side will minutes away.

POTENTIAL PARTNERS: CITY DEPTS, PAAC, PWSA, URA, UPMC, UPTOWN PARTNERS, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, CCI, PROPERTY OWNERS, ETC.

