

South Halsted and 175th Street Station

This station area is near the site of the newly opened Wind Creek Casino and hotel. Ideally the station would be located close to the casino and hotel at 174th Street as indicated by A1 and B1 on the map. However, due to right-of-way issues and conflict with the casino parking lot with the southbound station location at 174th Street, the recommended station location is at the existing Route 352 stop at 175th Street (A2/B2).

The proposed access improvements in this station area are illustrated on the following page. Access improvements include high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian signals at 175th Street, and a recommendation to reduce the corner radii with the intention of slowing down turning vehicles. Sidewalks on the east side of Halsted and along 175th Street are also recommended. The 175th Street location is also more feasible due to the potential operational and vehicle conflict issues with the potential northbound station at 174th Street. The 174th Street station would have to be located just south of where the lane channels into an entrance ramp to I-294 causing conflict between a stopped bus and vehicles merging over to the right turn lane to enter onto the expressway.



Aerial Image Source: Google Earth Pro (2025)

Proposed Improvements: S Halsted Street & 175th Street

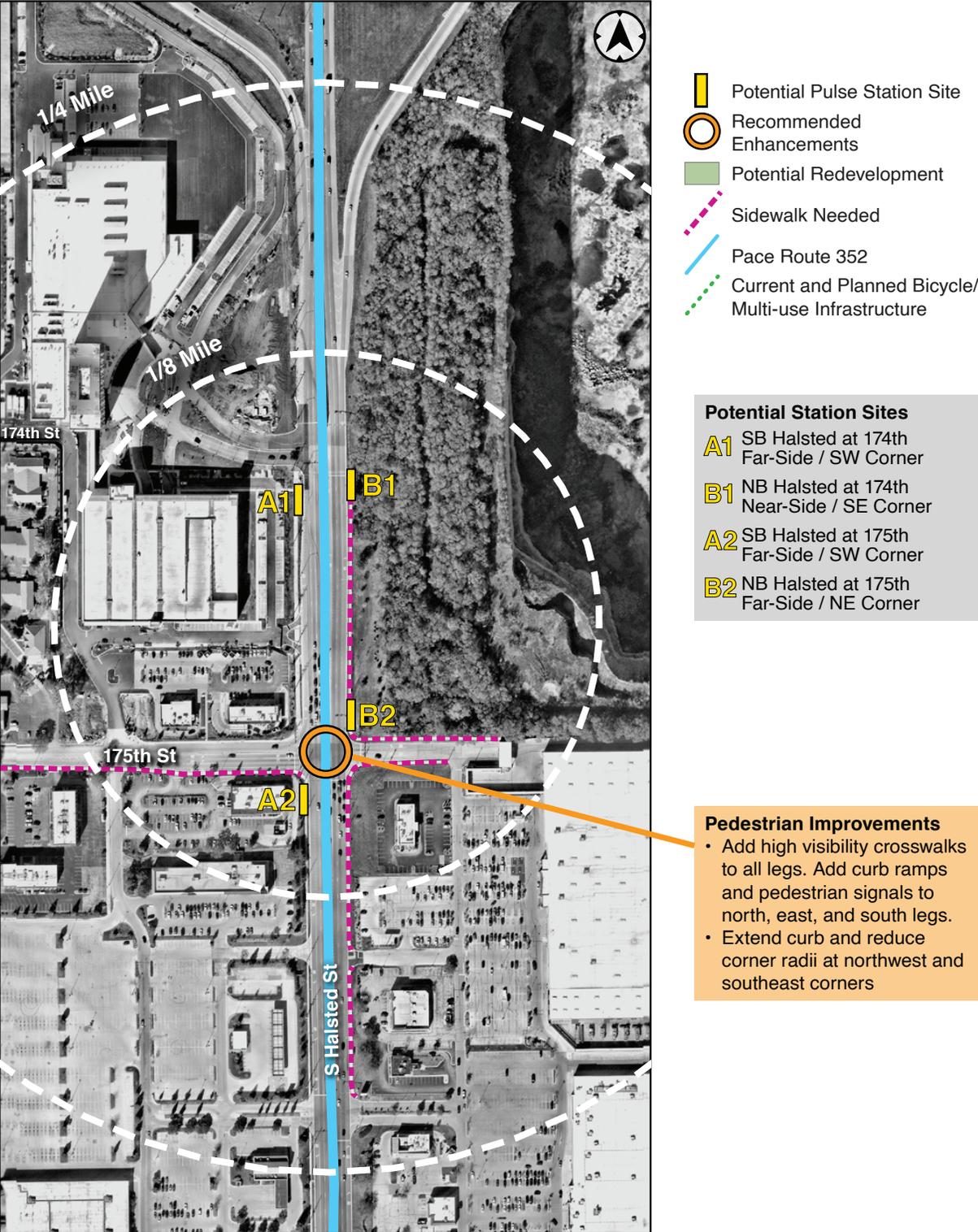


Figure 29: South Halsted and 175th Street Station

South Halsted Street and Maple Avenue Station Area

The proposed access improvements in this station area are illustrated on the following page. This station area is a major retail area and employment center with shopping centers located on both sides of Halsted Street. This station is currently a high ridership stop for Route 352. Access improvements include high visibility crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, and refuge islands at Maple Avenue and at the Park Place Plaza Driveway north of Maple Avenue. Sidewalks are proposed on both sides of the street.

This station has the potential to improve the operating speed of the Pulse service by installing a transit queue jump or Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane for northbound and southbound buses approaching Park Place Plaza Driveway and approaching Maple Avenue.

The stations are located on the far side of the Halsted/Maple Avenue intersection. An alternative Pulse station could be located at Ridge Road at the south end of the station area to provide a better connection to the Homewood Park-N-Ride. However, a station at Halsted/Maple is recommended as it is more centrally located to the shopping centers.



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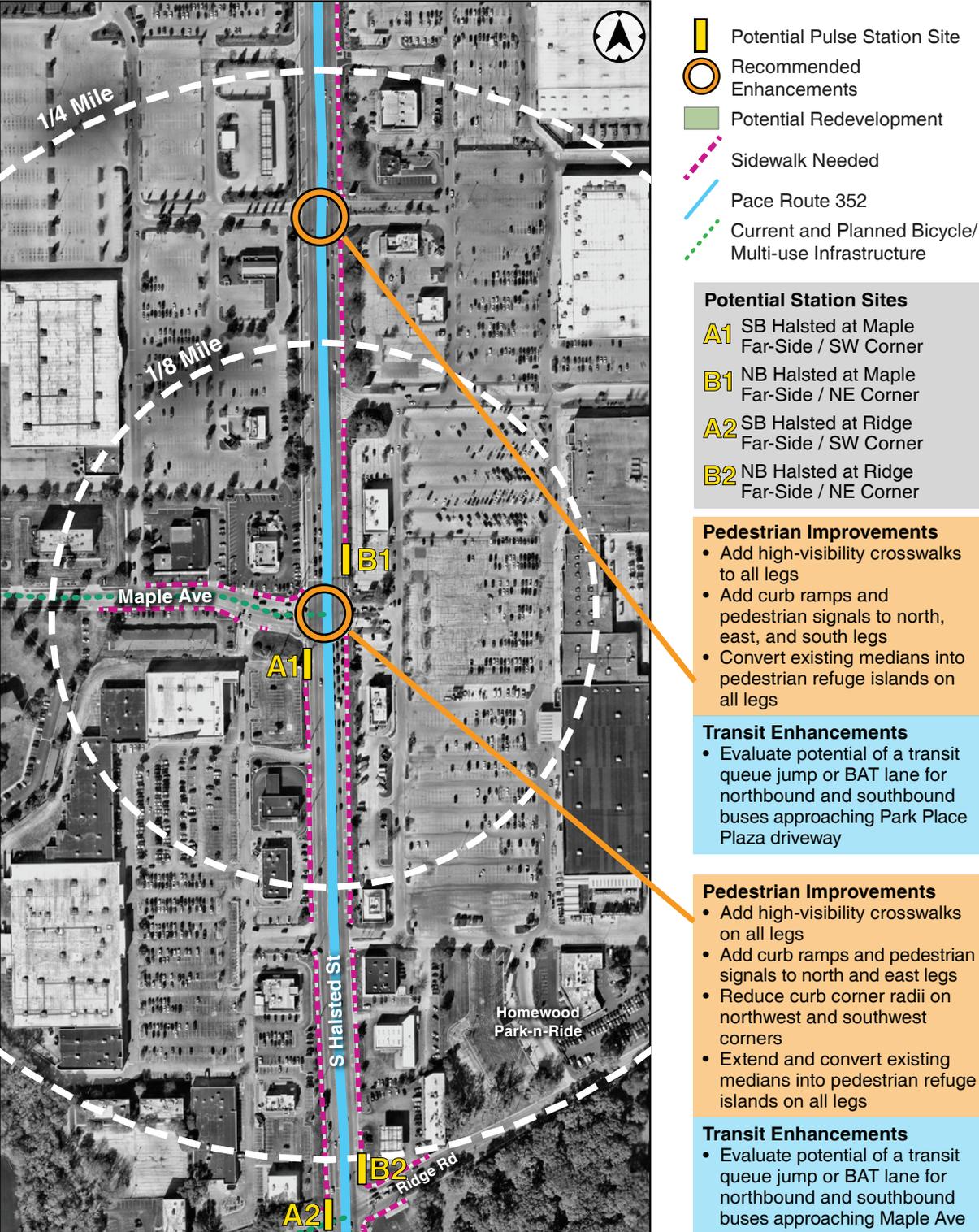


Figure 30: South Halsted Street and Maple Avenue Station Area

9.3.3 Implementation Matrix for Homewood

Improvement Options	Action	Implementer	Funding Options	Timing
Potential Station Locations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halsted and 175th Street Halsted and Maple 	<p>Village of Homewood and Pace to coordinate on exact placement of station.</p> <p>Pace to begin next phase of Pulse study in Far South Halsted corridor.</p>	Pace	Transit Funding Sources	Short-to Mid-Term
Pedestrian Infrastructure				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sidewalks Crosswalks Curb ramps Pedestrian signals Refuge islands Reduce corner radii 	<p>Village of Homewood to collaborate with IDOT on sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, corner radii reduction, and pedestrian refuge islands along Halsted Street.</p> <p>Village of Homewood to install sidewalks on Maple Avenue.</p>	<p>IDOT/Village of Homewood</p> <p>Village of Homewood</p>	<p>CMAQ</p> <p>ITEP</p> <p>TAP</p> <p>STP</p> <p>ATT</p> <p>IIC</p> <p>TIF (if approved)</p>	<p>Long-Term</p> <p>Mid-Term</p>
Other Improvements				
Transit queue jump lane or BAT Lane for northbound and southbound buses approaching Park Place Plaza and Maple Avenue; potentially a pilot installation		Pace to study feasibility /IDOT to implement	CMAQ STP	Short-to-Mid-Term
Transit supportive zoning amendments along corridor to encourage appropriate development		Village of Homewood	RTA CMAP	Mid-Term