

2.7 TRANSPORTATION

Oregon Avenue East is a well-connected community to a diverse set of transit options. The Broad Street Line subway connects the district to Center City and the rest of Philadelphia. There are 10 SEPTA bus routes that serve the area and connect people to their places of employment. The Schuylkill and Delaware Expressways interchange in the southeast corner of the area, offering residents with vehicles access to the metropolitan region.

Walk, Bike, and Transit Scores

Walk, bike, and transit scores are strong at locations close to Broad Street and gradually get weaker moving west to east along Oregon Avenue. Most of the residential area of Oregon Avenue East is well served by buses or the Broad Street Line; however, transit accessibility deteriorates rapidly moving east from the Delaware Expressway. Oregon Avenue East has strong walk, bike, and transit scores in the residential part of the area due to residents' accessibility to commercial assets that allow them

to achieve daily errands that offer basic services.

The area enjoys relatively strong walk and bike scores despite crowded, high-volume streets including Oregon Avenue and West Moyamensing Avenue due to the presence of sidewalks and some bike lanes and routes.

Commute to Work

Oregon Avenue East's access to transit is strongly reflected by the lower percentage of residents that commute to work by automobile and higher percentage of residents that commute to work

utilizing transit. Just under 35% of the residents living within the Oregon Avenue East boundaries commute to work utilizing transit although residents enjoy close access to the region's main two interstates. Figure 56 breaks down the commute to work percentages for all modes and compares the Oregon Avenue East rates to the citywide rates.

Figure 58 details the number of daily automobile trips that enter Oregon Avenue East, the number of daily automobile trips that are contained within the boundaries of the area, and the number of daily automobile trips leaving the area.

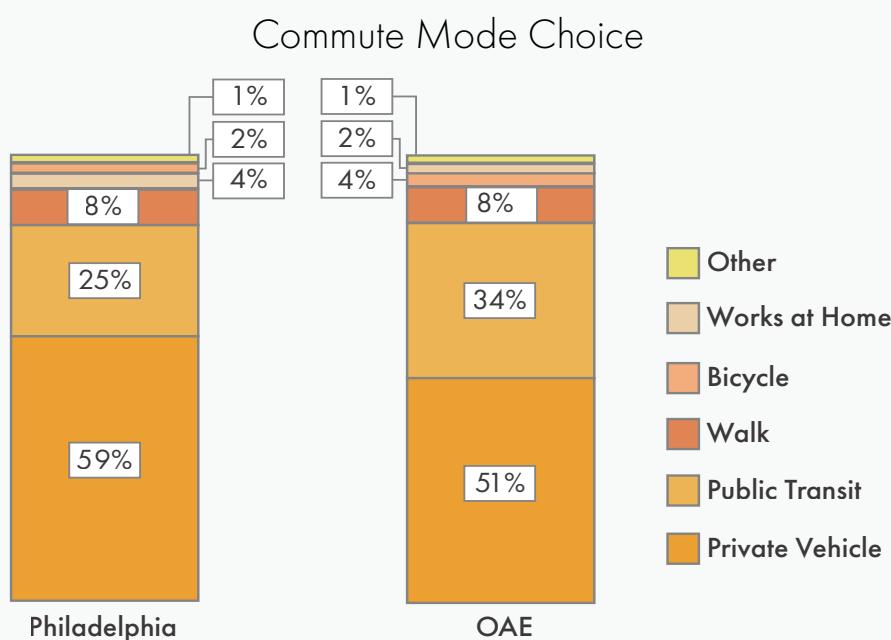


Figure 56. Commute Mode Choice Compared

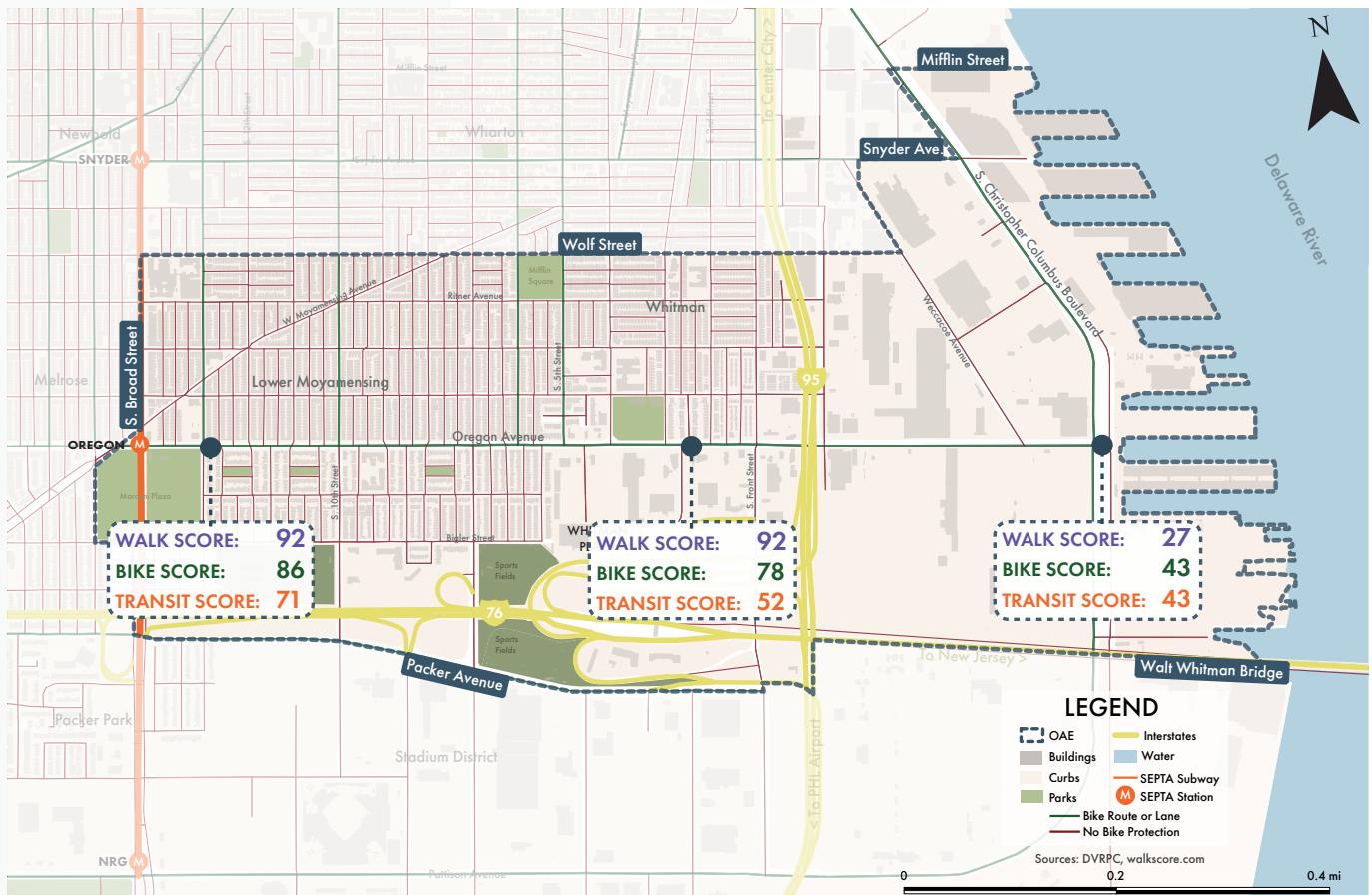


Figure 57. Walk, Bike, and Transit Score Map Along Oregon Avenue

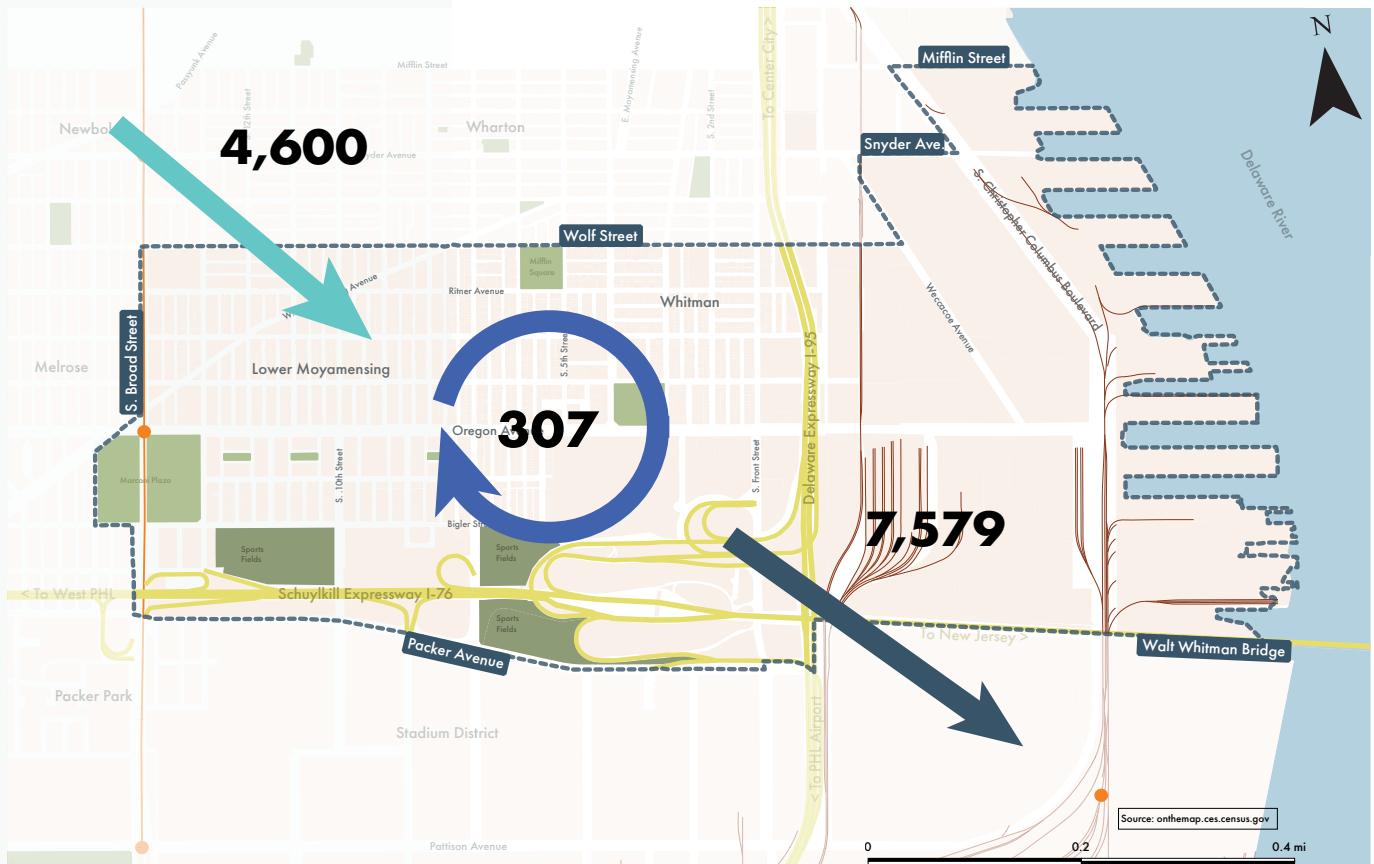


Figure 58. Daily Trip Patterns

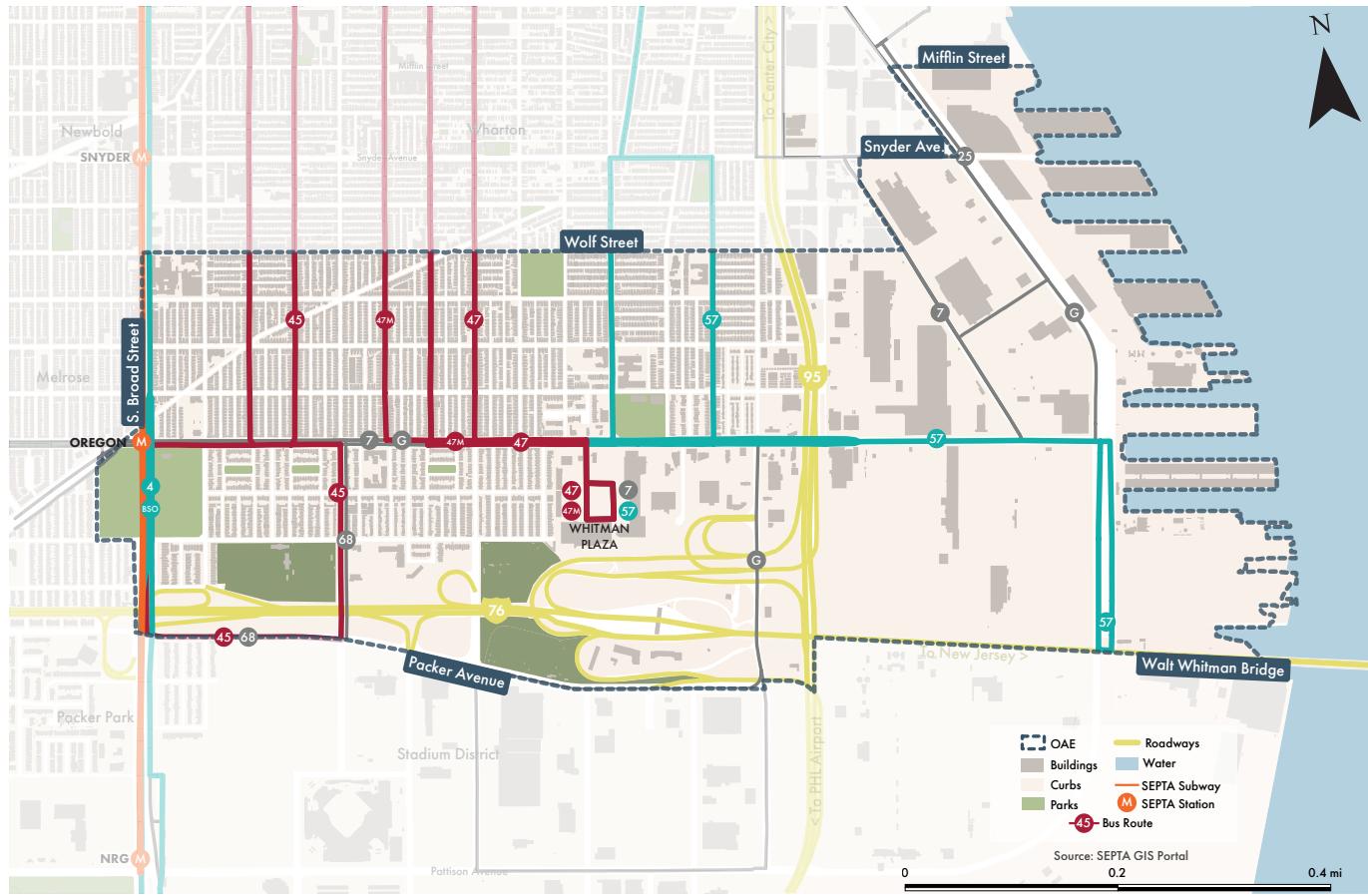


Figure 59. Transit Map

Transit

Oregon Avenue East was historically served by streetcar lines that were connected to overhead electrical cables. While the tracks remain, SEPTA buses have supplanted streetcars within Oregon Avenue East and South Philadelphia. However, the Broad Street Line has been servicing the

neighborhood since the 1970s, which is a north-south line that connects Oregon Avenue East to Center City, North Philadelphia, and other transit lines.

Oregon Avenue East is well-connected for automobile users. The Schuylkill and Delaware Expressways cordon off the residential area of Oregon

Avenue East from the industrial and heavy commercial areas. Broad Street, Oregon Avenue, and Columbus Boulevard provide residents and visitors with access to and through Oregon Avenue East. This network of major thoroughfares is especially utilized by the commercial and industrial businesses that operate around PhilaPort.

SEPTA Weekday Bus Ridership by Route

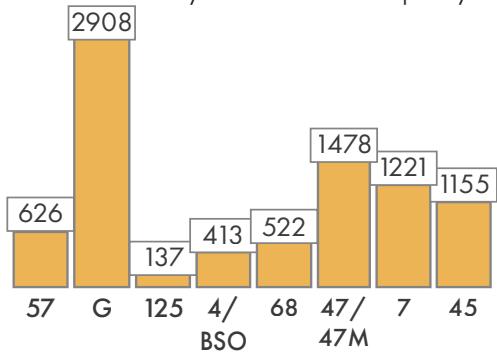


Figure 60. SEPTA Weekday Bus Ridership by Route

SEPTA Broad Street Line Ridership

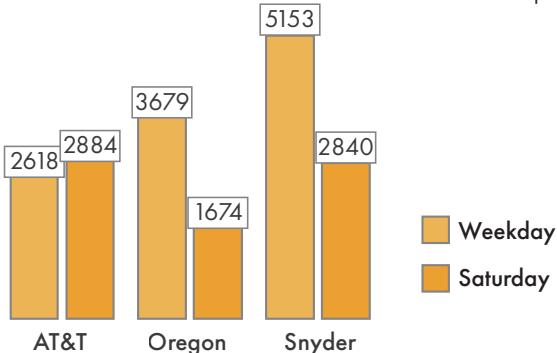


Figure 61. SEPTA Broad Street Line Ridership

Street Scape of Oregon Avenue

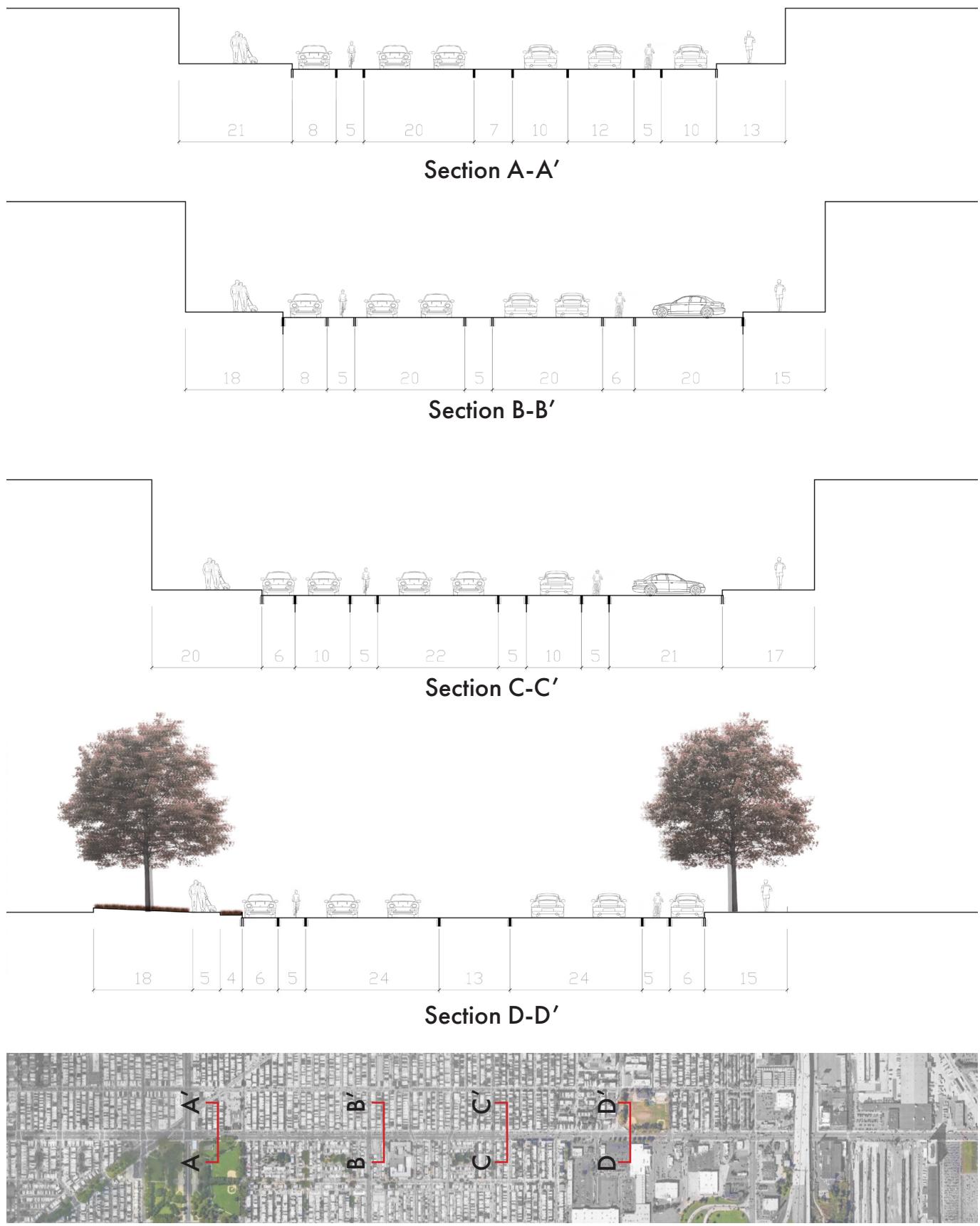


Figure 65. Roadway Cross Sections of Oregon Avenue within the OAE Boundaries