

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**  
**FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
  
2. CURRENT BUSINESS
  - A. Grape Street Pocket Park – “Betty F. Day Park”  
Discussion of Proposed Renaming
  
  - B. Griffith Park – Civilian Conservation Camp Plaque  
Discussion of Proposed Plaque Installation
  
  - C. North Atwater East Bank Riverway - Los Feliz Boulevard to State Route 134  
Discussion of Proposed Riverway Project
  
  - D. Slauson Connect Recreation and Community Center  
Discussion of Proposed Project

February 16, 2023

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments by the Public on Matters within Task Force Jurisdiction.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force Meeting is tentatively scheduled telephonically through Zoom for March 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m..

5. ADJOURNMENT

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## **Grape Street Pocket Park – Proposed Renaming**

### **Background:**

Grape Street Pocket Park is located at 10726 Grape Street in the South Los Angeles area of the City. This 0.12-acre facility provides picnic tables, benches and water fountains. Approximately 8,335 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Grape Street Pocket Park.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002, RAP acquired the property parcel for Grape Street Pocket Park through a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction from the City of Los Angeles Department of General Services. Currently, Grape Street Pocket Park is named administratively for its geographical location on Grape Street. This current name is consistent with RAP's naming policy and the park has never gone through a community-driven naming process.

On May 11, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion requesting that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) rename Grape Street Pocket Park as "Betty F. Day Park" in honor of Betty F. Day. (CF# 22-0396).

On February 1, 2023, the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion requesting that RAP report back on the status of this naming request (CF# 22-0396-S1).

RAP staff conducted a preliminary review of Grape Street Pocket Park and determined that there are no grant deed restrictions or other restrictions that would prevent the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park.

### **Nexus/Appropriateness of the name to the site:**

#### **About Betty F. Day**

Betty F. Day was born on February 2, 1940. During the "Second Great Migration," her parents moved from Texas to California with hopes of creating a better life for her family and generations to come. In 1955, Ms. Day married her husband Arthur and settled in the Watts community on Grape Street, where she would continue to live for over 70 years. After raising her eight children along with her husband, they provided love, care, and support to numerous children as foster parents.

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Betty Day passed away at the age of 82.

#### **Community Outreach:**

RAP staff has reviewed the proposed name and determined that it is within the RAP Naming Policy as the proposed naming would be after individuals who are deceased and have made exceptional contributions to the community within which the park is located.

RAP staff is seeking preliminary approval from the Task Force prior to assigning staff resources to the processing of this request and conducting additional outreach. Thus far, RAP has received one letter of support for the proposed name.

**Funding source for the appropriate park signage:**

Funding for signage will have to be identified prior to forwarding this request to the Board for consideration.

**Attachments:**

- 1) Motion approved by City Council to rename the Grape Street Pocket Park
- 2) Second Motion approved by City Council
- 3) Letter of Support
- 4) Articles about Betty F. Day

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

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I **THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename Grape Street Pocket Park, located at 10726 Grape Street, 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community.

PRESENTED BY: Joe Buscaino  
JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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The request is still pending and has not been placed before the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners for consideration and dispensation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report back on the status of the City Council's request to rename Grape Street Pocket Park, located at 10726 Grape Street, 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community.

PRESENTED BY:   
TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Department of Social Welfare

*Creating Knowledge and Opportunity for a Better Society*

January 24, 2023

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
221 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Grape Street Pocket Park renaming to Betty F. Day Park (CF 22-0396)**

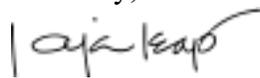
Dear Recreation & Parks Commissioners:

It is an honor for the both the UCLA Watts Leadership Institute and the UCLA Social Justice Research Partnership to stand in support with Councilmember Tim McOsker in the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park in the Watts community of Los Angeles.

Betty Day was many things – all of them with great meaning for the Watts community. She was a fierce advocate, a devoted organizer, and a beloved surrogate mother to so many. I still can't believe I won't hear her voice saying, "Hello, this is your mommy calling." But she was so much more than a personal inspiration. For over 70 years, she played multiple roles in Watts – running the Watts Towers Teen Post and always aligning her efforts with the Towers Art Center. Miss Day – as so many called her -- was deeply committed to the children and youth in Watts, working with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Watts Labor Community Action Committee. Most notably, when Watts was viewed as the epicenter of gang violence, Miss Day stepped in and said, "Enough!" With her deep belief in community strengths, she became founder and Board President of the Watts Gang Task Force and held everyone, from the LAPD to the local residents, accountable for community safety. She donated money to the WGTF and when the Grape Street Pocket Park was created, she supported it, rain or shine. So much so that during budget crises, she spent her own money on park maintenance. I fondly remember a day not long before her death when she asked me to accompany her to "her" park to see if the gardener was doing a good job.

When so many receive perfunctory recognition, it is crucial that the City of Los Angeles recognize the myriad contributions Ms. Betty F. Day has made. We strongly urge the commission vote to support the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park.

Sincerely,



Jorja Leap, Ph.D.

Professor

Executive Director, Social Justice Research Partnership

Co-Director, Watts Leadership Institute

Cc: Councilmember Tim McOsker



*Reducing Gang Violence and  
Improving the Quality of Life in Watts*

Watts Gang Task Force Council  
Donny Joubert, President



Councilman Tim McOsker  
Council District 15 – Watts Field Office

January 31, 2023

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
221 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Grape Street Pocket Park renaming to Betty F. Day Park (CF 22-0396)**

Dear Recreation & Parks Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board of the Watts Gang Task Force it is both our honor and our responsibility to stand in support with Councilmember Tim McOsker in the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park in the Watts community of Los Angeles.

There are many things we will write to explain why the Park should be renamed but the single most significant reason is that there would be no Watts Gang Task Force without Betty Day. Even though this community-based organization fulfilled a desperate need and has flourished in the years following its establishment, from the beginning Betty Day was the driving force behind all the goals it met and the things WGTF accomplished. She was the woman who declared, “Enough” and started gathering residents, elected officials and law enforcement to bring down what was an epidemic level of gang violence and pain in the Watts community.

Betty Day played many roles things – all of them with great meaning for the Watts community. She was a forceful political advocate, an adept community organizer, and a devoted mother and grandmother to so many. Even when she could barely stand, as her health began to deteriorate, she would admonish everyone gathered at the WGTF Community Meetings, “We have to remember the children! We have to do things for the children!” Everyone was aware of Miss Day’s long marriage, large family, children and grandchildren, but her true love was the Watts community. It is still difficult to imagine the WGTF meetings without her tiny and fierce presence. And it is not hyperbole to say, everyone who met Betty Day will remember her.

For over 70 years, she worked in so many parts of Watts – running the Watts Towers Teen Post and the Watts Towers Art Center. She alternately supported and hectored multiple mayors, County supervisors, city councilmembers and visiting politicians. “I do it all for the children” she would explain, working with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Watts Labor Community Action Committee. As described above, she became founder and Board President of the Watts Gang Task Force and held everyone, from the LAPD to the local residents, accountable for public safety and community peace.

There is no one who worked harder for her community. For this and so many other reasons, it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles recognize the myriad contributions Ms. Betty F. Day has made. We strongly urge the commission vote to support the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park.

Sincerely,

*Donny Joubert*

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Recreation & Parks Commissioners:

It is an honor for Sisters of Watts to stand in support with Councilmember Tim McOsker in the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park in the Watts community of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Betty F. Day was a pillar of the Watts community for over 70 years where in her 20's she ran the Watts Towers Teen Post, closely connected to the Towers Art Center. Her dedication to the children of Watts drew her to work with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Watts Labor Community Action Committee. Ms. Day later became founder and Board President of the Watts Gang Task Force. Mrs. Day was key in establishing this pocket park and during tough financial times for the City, spent her own money to help maintain the park.

It is important for the City of Los Angeles to recognize the contributions Ms. Betty F. Day has made to this city and we ask that the commission vote to support the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park.

Sincerely,

Sisters of Watts

Cc: Councilmember Tim McOsker

## **Betty F. Day**

February 2, 1940 - March 17, 2022

Betty was a resident of the Watts community for over 70 years. During the “Second Great Migration” in the 1940s, her family moved from Texas to California with hopes of better economic access.

Betty met and married Arthur Day in 1955. They were married for 65 years until his death in December 2020. And to their union they had eight children. After raising their own, they provided love, care and support to numerous children as foster parents.

Mrs. Day lived a life of service. Dedicated to the betterment and advancement of her beloved community, Watts. Starting in her early 20s, she ran the Watts Towers Teen Post, affiliated with the Watts Towers Art Center. Providing a safe place for children after school, promoting black love & pride, and supporting the growth of the music & arts culture. Years later, after closure, she continued to work locally in succession, for WLCAC and LAUSD.

Upon retirement from LAUSD, Betty developed an entrepreneurial spirit. She owned and operated a handful of different businesses.

Her latest and final task was as founder and board president of the Watts Gang Task Force Council . The safety and well-being of the residents of Watts were a couple of factors that led to the creation and development of the organization. And the work will continue...

Betty Day is greatly missed but her love and spirit will live on in the hearts of many.

## ATTACHMENT 4

### *'Why Target Us? Why Destroy Us?'*

Los Angeles Times  
BY JOHN L. MITCHELL  
MAY 18, 1996 12 AM PT

Betty Day unlocks the metal security door of the Watts house where FBI agents and police officers conducted a dramatic raid on Wednesday, seeking to arrest her son. She points to the peeling paneling, the tattered leather furniture, the aging water bed and asks bitterly:

"Is this the home of a godfather, a drug kingpin who made millions? Where are the millions? They are not here. He needs upholstery, he needs drapes, he needs a new carpet. If he made millions, I don't see it."

Day, 56, paints a vastly different picture of Wayne Alfred Day than the one offered by the officers who unsuccessfully raided his Grape Street house and her home across the street. They say he is an "Original Gangster" suspected of running a massive national drug empire from Watts; he had yet to be taken into custody as of Friday. His sister, another suspect, was also on the lam. Tonight Wayne, 39, will be a star on the "America's Most Wanted" TV show.

For the parents, the TV program will be the most public reminder yet of the contradiction between their upright image and their son's wayward existence.

Betty Day is the block captain of her Neighborhood Watch and serves as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Southeast Division community advisory board.

"She has been involved in the betterment of the community," Sgt. Ted Maillet said.

On Grape Street, no stranger to families in which parents are stained by the sins of their children, Betty Day and her husband, Arthur, have lived for years with Wayne's reputation. Betty Day in particular walks a tightrope, acknowledging her son's past misdeeds but arguing that they are being blown out of proportion.

The Days have been married 41 years, have lived in the same house for a quarter-century, raised six other children and are considered part of the stable fabric of the neighborhood. Arthur, a heavily muscled, barrel-chested man, runs a trucking business. Betty takes care of three foster children.

Authorities have long described Wayne Day as the head of the Grape Street Crips, which dominates the neighborhood's Jordan Downs housing project.

But sitting on the porch of their neat wood-frame house with rosebushes in the front lawn, the parents denied the allegations and criticized the FBI for raiding their house.

"I have always cooperated with the police, worked with them on projects. Why target us? Why destroy us?" Betty Day asked.

Yes, Arthur Day said, his son did have a gang past but he ended that years ago. The father produced a handful of shipping receipts with his son's signature, proof, he said, that Wayne was working with him, hauling tomatoes by truck.

As for any criminal activity these days, Arthur said: "I haven't seen that side of him."

The parents said they purchased and have maintained their home and Wayne's. Suspicious eyes might see the two Corvettes and two lowrider Cadillacs outside the two homes as the possible fruits of drug money; the parents say the cars were purchased cheaply at auctions and restored by Arthur and Wayne, who are hobbyists. Wayne, they say, is president of the neighborhood's car club.

The Wayne Alfred Day that federal agents are looking for was known as "Honcho" on the streets. The federal indictment that led agents to his door Wednesday charges him not with typical street gang activity but with crime on a grander scale: trafficking in stolen merchandise and conspiring to sell cocaine and crack cocaine, with sales of those drugs to confidential informants.

All told, FBI agents seized more than \$500,000 in cash and confiscated more than 40 kilograms of crack and powdered cocaine in sweeps seeking 49 suspects, including 11 who were arrested in Los Angeles and others in Oklahoma City, Minneapolis and Jackson, Miss. All of those arrested were linked to the Grape Street Crips, authorities said.

No one was arrested and no drugs were seized at the Day houses.

Among those still being sought on drug charges is Day's younger sister, Bridgette--another part of the harassment, the parents say.

Wayne Day "was one of the legends" of Los Angeles street gangs and the drug business gang leaders spawned in the 1980s, said Jim Galipeau, a veteran South-Central county probation officer. "He became part of the folklore."

It is often typical of gangsters to maintain low profiles in their home communities, stashing their riches elsewhere. Federal agents raided four homes in Watts and Compton looking for Day. Galipeau suggested that agents "would be better off checking out Encino, Palos Verdes" for Wayne Day. "He has places all over."

Federal agents say Wayne Day has managed to distance himself from street-level violence while still managing the drug enterprise.

Wayne Day's attorney, Kirt Hopson, condemned the government for refusing to accept the notion that his client has turned his life around.

"They were never able to put him behind bars after they labeled him a kingpin," Hopson said. "They have to prove a point. Some of those arrested may be friends of his, they may be kids he grew up with."

On Grape Street late this week, neighbors called and streamed into Betty Day's house, offering comfort.

"She is a good person very well respected in Watts," said El Dora Winston, who serves on the Southeast LAPD community advisory board with Betty Day. "If there was something bad on her, they would have never let her on the committee."

The neighbors talked about the Days with appreciation: How Betty organized neighbors and police to paint the house of a needy friend. How Wayne Day got neighborhood men to clean a vacant lot for children to play in.

Betty Day said she has not heard from her son but that she hoped he would give himself up to clear his name.

As for herself, she wondered what effect the fallout from the raid would have on her ability to remain licensed as a foster care provider--and on her standing with the police advisory board.

"They haven't called me yet," she said.

## LA PEOPLE 2009: SALT AND SPICE — BETTY DAY, THE GODMOTHER OF JORDAN DOWNS AND BEYOND

LA Weekly - MICHAEL KRIKORIAN  
APRIL 22, 2009

**Betty Day doesn't take shit** from anyone. She'd tell off Obama if he pissed her off. Hell, she'd cuss out Putin in a heartbeat while walking the streets of Moscow at midnight. That's Betty Day, the godmother of the Jordan Downs.

At a weekly Monday-morning meeting of the Watts Gang Task Force at Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office on Compton Avenue, Day, president of the community group, storms out to confront Father Peter, the priest of the nearby St. Lawrence of Brindisi church across the street. Day has heard that Father Peter is leaving the pulpit, and she is having none of it. Someone from the church puts a hand on Day's shoulder; she shrugs it off. She turns to Father Peter and says, "You're not going anywhere. If I have to go all the way to the Pope, you're staying in Watts."

Father Peter responds by turning to an onlooker and saying, "Betty is wonderful. She loves the people. She loves the poor." He's known Day for 20 years.

Just then, Day gets word via cell phone that there has been an overnight break-in at Jordan High School. At least 12 of the school's already scant number of computers have been stolen. She gathers some of her people and they head to the parking lot where she waits as other members of her group jog two blocks to get a car to take them to the high school a half-mile away.

"Why don't they call the LAPD?" she says. "They got lots of cars around there. But, no, they call me instead. What does that tell you?"

Earlier in the Gang Task Force meeting, a white man put his hand on Day's shoulder, apparently a popular place. "I was gonna punch that motherfucker," she says. "I'm not playing games."

That's Betty Day, too. Age 69.

As she waits for the car, Day talks about how Jordan Downs, one of the most notorious housing projects in the United States, has had only one homicide so far this year, a stat backed up by the LAPD.

"The people themselves are just tired of the violence. It's been going on for so long. I just do what I do best. I am a people person. I understand and I listen. Most people, they don't listen. If people would listen, things would be much better.

Day says she works all "four corners of Watts," referring to not only Jordan Downs but the Nickerson Gardens, Imperial Courts and Gonzac Village projects as well. The car finally arrives to take her to Jordan High.

Forty-five minutes later, back at the task force meeting, LAPD Sgt. James Linder of Southeast Division's Community Relations gets a phone call telling him that 12 computers have been stolen from Jordan High School. Day is already at the school dealing with the situation, but this is the first word the sergeant is getting. He tells his captain. It's news to him, too.

“Betty’s got a big heart,” Linder says. “She has helped bridge the gap between the community and the LAPD. She’s been instrumental there. Some of our officers have had trouble accepting her because of the past,” he admits, “but, in my eyes, she is golden.”

That “past” is mainly due to those officers’ feelings toward her son, the former infamous leader of Grape Street Crips, Wayne “Honcho” Day, whom the FBI once described as the “Godfather of Watts.” Honcho served more than 11 years in federal prison on drug charges and was released last year.

Even the commander of the Southeast Division has good things to say about Betty Day. Like Linder, Capt. Phil Tingiridessays she has helped the relationship between Jordan Downs and the LAPD, a place that traditionally has had a poorer relationship with the LAPD than the Taliban has with the Green Berets. “Helping the relationship is much appreciated,” he says. “She seems to be genuine.”

James Phillip Smith, president of Youth Employment Solutions, says Day “gets things done. She’s connected politically and she’s connected on the street, which allows for her to get the proper resources. She is always trying to help someone. People respect her.”

“Betty brings a lot to the community,” says Donnie Joubert, a peace activist based in Nickerson Gardens. “She is serious about the peace. She is a strong activist for Watts.”

When told Day was to be the subject of a small profile, Councilwoman Hahn looks surprised. “Small profile? You could write a book about Betty Day. Betty is the heart and soul of the Watts community. She is the salt of the Earth. She provides the spice, too. She also provides some stability from the history of Watts to the future of Watts. She is the core.”

## THE MAGNIFICENT FAREWELL OF BETTY DAY, GODMOTHER OF JORDAN DOWNS, QUEEN OF WATTS

April 12, 2022  
Krikorianwrites.com

There was the city equivalent of a state funeral here in town over the past weekend as Royalty was memorialized and laid to rest. The local television news didn't cover it, nor did the Los Angeles Times. To their credit, PBS did try to film the memorial service, but were turned away.

Still, none of the over 1,000 people in attendance – other perhaps than myself - cared the media wasn't out in force. These folks - from the proudest neighborhood in Los Angeles - are accustomed to being left alone and all they wanted to do was honor their Queen.

That queen was Betty Day, 82, long known as the “Godmother of Jordan Downs”, and more recently promoted by her peers Queen of Watts. The person that announced her Queen title at the memorial says much about the woman who was referred to by men who have spent 12 years at Folsom as “Ms. Day”. It was announced by no more appropriate authority than activist Big Donny Joubert, from Nickerson Gardens, the once frequent deadly enemy of Jordan Downs. Joubert, like many, talked about Betty's toughness, compassion and desperate pursuit to bring peace and end to the maddening gang violence in Watts.

I will say here this is an op-ed piece even if much of what follows might be more like an obituary or a news story about a dead person and not an op-ed. But my opinion - and why I am writing this - is everyone in this city and even the entire county should know about Betty Day and honor the Bettys Days of the communities still out there.

Betty was born 1940 in Kilgore, Texas but came to Watts not long after. At 15 she met and married Arthur Day and they were together 65 years until his death in 2020. I met Betty, all five feet, 100 pounds of her, in 2005 when she was 65. After more than a decade of relative peace in the Watts community between the Grape Street Crips of Jordan Downs, the Bounty Hunter Bloods from Nickerson Gardens and the PJ Crips from Imperial Courts, the killings were back.

Betty was instrumental in founding the Watts Gang Task Force, an organization consisting of gang members, community activists and police officers that met at then-15th District Council

member Janice Hahn's office. At the first 2005 meeting, when she became the first and still-only president of the task force, Betty famously yelled "Enough!"

LAPD Deputy Chief Emada Tingirides was at sergeant back then and spoke to the masses of that first Watt Gang Task Force meeting. "I saw her and thought 'Whose is you?' and she saw me and thought 'Whose is you?' Later, she took me aside and said 'Oh, girl, you are going to learn from me.' I did."

Tingirides spoke fondly of being at a dining function and, at the end of it, Betty scooping up all the packets of ketchup, honey, mustard on the table and putting them into her purse.

Janice Hahn, now a L.A. County Supervisor, spoke next. Hahn didn't have a prepared speech and spoke from her heart. I've seen Hahn speak for close to 20 years, but I have never seen her so relaxed, so smiling as she talked and laughed at the memories. In Hahn's talk – an Tingirides' - the wonder of Betty Day came shining through. She was a human whose personality was such that you realized she was special. She was on a mission of great importance, and she wanted you along for the ride, Betty had that lovely quality to make you feel important. If I didn't go to the gang task force meeting for a few weeks, when she saw me, she'd call out in her borderline raspy voice, "Krikorian! Where you been?" By the way, Hahn ended by raving about Betty's brisket and how it was the best she ever ate, and how Betty would not give up some secret ingredients. "Now I know," Hahn said smiling. "It was those packets of honey and ketchup she took."

Other spoke, but it all seemed opening acts for Betty Day's son Wayne to get up and address the crowd. He did. Anyone familiar with Watts might not know him as Wayne, but everyone knows who "Honcho" is. Honcho was the leader of the Grape Street Crips, the notorious gang that ran Jordan Downs. The federal authorities referred to him as the "Godfather of Watts" and he ended up doing 11 years in federal prison for drug-related offenses. He got out in 2007, went straight and eventually worked for a law firm as a para legal.

"I want to thank everyone who came," he said. Then he singled out a group. "I especially want to thank the LAPD for showing up."

In the way back seats where I was, a man next to me mumbled, "Damn, Honch thanked the LAPD." If someone had told me 15, 20 years ago Honcho would one day thank the LAPD for showing up anywhere, I woulda laughed. That's like Al Capone thanking Elliot Ness and the FBI for showing up. But he did. And all because of his mother.

Wayne spoke of his mother's passing. "I have no regrets about her life and that she's gone. It wasn't like she caught a stray. She went in the proper order."

After the service, I didn't go to the burial, but instead drove through Jordan Downs. It was empty. I drove by Betty's home on Grape Street near 107th. Across the street from her house is tiny Grape Street Park. The state legislature announced at her service it would be changed to Betty Day Park.

I wrote an article about Betty in the LA Weekly 2009 "People" issue. I can't use all the colorful language the Weekly did back then. But the lede was basically this. *"Betty Day doesn't take shit from anyone. She'd tell off Obama if he upset her. Hell, she'd cuss out Putin in a heartbeat while walking the streets of Moscow at midnight. That's Betty Day, the godmother of the Jordan Downs."*

That was 13 years ago. Today I say, "Thank you, Queen Betty."



## Installation of a Civilian Conservation Corp Educational Sign

This report is a request to the Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force to accept and forward for final approval to the Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners.

### Council District 4

The area in Griffith Park, now known as Travel Town, was once home to a Civilian Conservation Camp. Like other camps located throughout the country, it was purposed to meet a wartime need for internment camps. In December 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, Griffith Park was allocated \$32,400 by the War Department to build a campsite. Griffith Park was designated as a Prisoner of War Enclosure known as the Griffith Park Internment Camp. Immigration and Naturalization Service used Griffith Park to detain small groups of first-generation immigrants. Approximately 101 Japanese, 21 Germans and 4 Italians were detained for periods of one night to several months during World War II. The Army closed this site in 1943 as the need for military guards increased throughout the war effort and were deployed elsewhere. Long term detention never occurred at the Griffith Park Civilian Conservation Camp site; however, this location is historically significant to Griffith Park and the City of Los Angeles. We appreciate and recognize the rich, beautiful and sometimes difficult history throughout our landmark park. The installation of educational signs in appropriate locations is a reminder to never forget.

The Los Angeles Parks Foundation has received a generous donation from the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Foundation for several new educational signs at significant locations throughout the park. Each sign is approximately \$4,200.

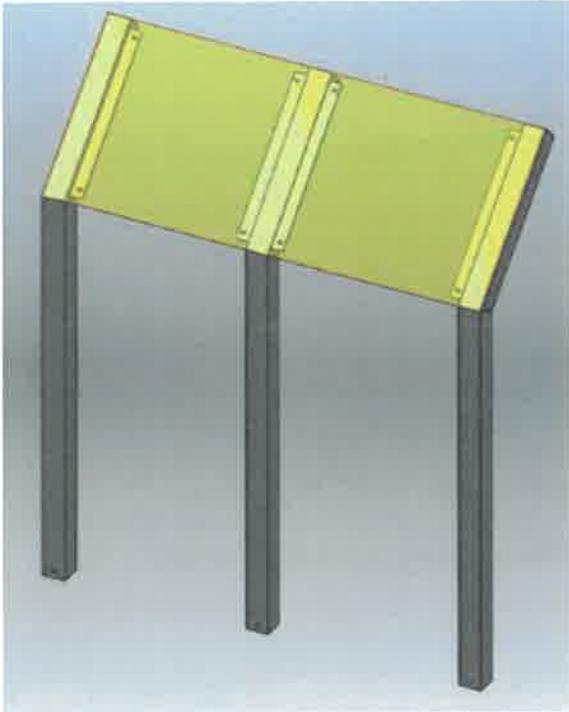
This item was presented for public review on June 23, 2022 before the Griffith Park Advisory Board and is enthusiastically supported.

The sign installation will have no impact on trees or shade.

End of Report



Triple cantilever pedestal. Panel sits on face of all 3 post. In-ground or surface mount available.



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## **Griffith Park Advisory Board**

*Community Stewards of LA's Largest Park & Great Urban Wilderness*  
Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles  
[www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory](http://www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory)

November 9, 2022

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

Griffith Park has an undeniably rich and often storied history, which should be available and accessible to all users of the park. Over the past year, Recreation and Parks staff has done an amazing job identifying locations and narratives of historical significance to be highlighted through educational and informational signs throughout the park. We applaud this effort to bring both the positive and complicated stories to life.

During World War II, thousands of Japanese, German, and Italian immigrant leaders were confined without due process in US detention and internment camps as suspected threats to national security. One such camp, operated by the Army, resided in Griffith Park at the site of the former Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Riverside, now home to Travel Town Museum and Los Angeles Live Steamers. For more than a year, this small camp, which could accommodate over 500 people, served as a staging area for larger camps in other parts of the country.

While this shameful part of our nation's history is problematic, we applaud the effort to acknowledge it and educate visitors. Shining a light on our park's role in this sad chapter will enhance the experience of visitors by deepening the public's understanding of its history. We strongly support the signage proposal for the Griffith Park Internment Camp and look forward to seeing more proposals for educational signage brought forward by Recreation and Parks staff and others who are knowledgeable about the park's history.

Sincerely,

Michelle Crames  
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Cathie Santo Domingo; Darryl Ford; Stefanie Smith; CD4: Emma Taylor

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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

North Atwater East Bank Riverway also referred as (NAEBR) project will transform 2.2 miles of a currently dilapidated asphalt maintenance road into a clearly marked multi-use, accessible, Riverway along the LA River; Connecting disadvantage communities and priority population to one of the few reaches fo the River with an earthen bottom that supports a riparian habitat , a functioning wildlife corrido, and provides access to essential community resources. NAEBR multi use trail would be constructed on the East Bank of the Levee between Loz Feliz Blvd and State Rte 134

NAEBR will achieve multiple benefits including stormwater management, active recreation for multimodal transportation, green space enhancement, and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions. The Project will use beautiful California native plants, pervious trail surfaces, bioswales, recycled materials, and signage throughout the pathway. The new path will also include a living habit wall and local artwork that will provide the public with an interpretation of the local natural/cultural relevant history of the LA River. In addition to the aesthetic, ecological, and interpretive improvements to the Riverway, the multi-use trail will enhance the connectivity of this disadvantaged community by creating safe and sustainable access to multiple transit options that will reduce vehicle miles traveled.

The Project's existing site conditions are that of an unlocked asphalt maintenance road alongside a power corridor. It is maintained to a minimal standard, meaning large debris, encampments, and graffiti are often present. The road is unlocked and used by equestrians, pedestrians, and cyclists, but, the experience is uninviting and does not meet trail standards. The community has described the maintenance road as an "attractive nuisance" wherein trash dumping, illegal camping, and illegal drug use happen. This proposal addresses community concerns and River master planning recommendations by formalizing a passive River-adjacent recreational trail that provides safe linkages between the neighborhood, area parks, and open space.

Funding for NAEBR will come from the California Natural Resource Agency. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund – Urban Greening Grant program North Atwater East Bank Riverway. BOE wont the grant for 2 million dollars to make this project possible. One of the grant conditions is to plant California native plants, so hydroseeding will be involved in this project. However, no tree planting will be allowed due to USACE restriction. List of plan species and Mix quantities can be found on the 99% plans sheet L414.

The Bureau of Engineering has also held community meeting held on 7/15/2022 and 08/19/2022 to discuss the project goals and any concerns the community may have with the project. Overall the community was in support of this project. The audio and visual recording of the meeting are available.

Currently NAEBR is in the final design phase and will be ready to go to bid and award in the summer of 2023. All that is need is the USACE 408 Permit and LA County Flood Control Permit. Two agreement have been drafted and are being reviewed currently. An MOU with LADWP and a Use Agreement with LACFCD. Both of these agreements will be with RAP and will need RAP Board approval in order to implement the project. Once the Use agreement has been finalized and approved, we can obtain the flood control permit for this project.



# NORTH ATWATER EAST BANK RIVERWAY



In partnership with the Atwater Village community, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, and the National Park Service

USACE Meeting – February 9, 2022

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

The North Atwater East Bank Riverway Project will transform 2.2 miles of existing asphalt maintenance road into a clearly-marked, multi-use, accessible riverway.

## Project Location

- East Bank of the levee between Los Feliz Blvd and State Rte 134. Known as North Atwater East Bank Riverway

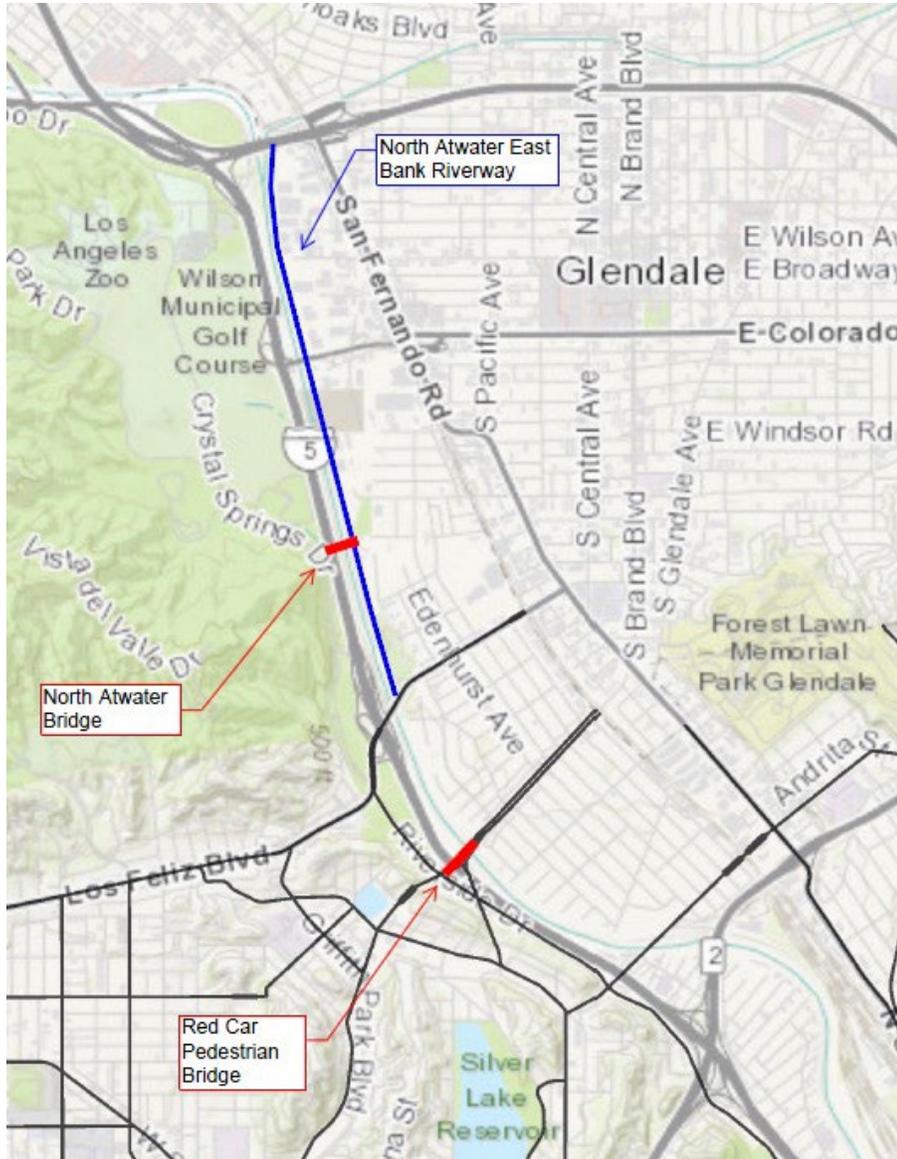
## Funding Source

- Estimated construction budget is \$1.99 M
- Funded by CA Urban Greening Grant thanks to support from the community

## Community Outreach

- Community meeting held on 7/15/20 & 8/19/20

Activity	Timeline
Planning & Design Phase	January 2020 – TBD
Bid & Award Phase	TBD
Construction Phase	TBD



# PROJECT SCOPE:



## GRANT FUNDED ITEMS:

- Replace existing asphalt paving with stabilized DG to facilitate use by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.
- Install 1100' of new fencing to separate equestrian path.
- Install new signage to identify the Riverway and to prevent potential user conflicts.
- Manage stormwater runoff by creating planted bioswales
- Install new native planting and habitat walls with irrigation.
- Install community-based artwork on pylon bases.
- Install new trash and recycling bins.

## **Plant and Tree Specification:**

- No tree planting due to USACE Restriction, only hydro seeding.
- Remove existing shrub and install new native planting and habitat walls with irrigation. 99% plans L414 for species and mix quantities.



# PLANTING

## PLANTING SCHEDULE

QTY.*	SIZE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	WUCOLS**
<b>SHRUBS &amp; PERENNIALS</b>				
50	1 GAL.	ARTEMISIA CALIFORNICA 'MONTARA'	MONTARA SAGEBRUSH	L
50	1 GAL.	BACCHARIS 'PIGEON POINT'	DWARF COYOTE BRUSH	L
25	1 GAL.	ENCELIA CALIFORNICA	BUSH SUNFLOWER	VL
25	1 GAL.	EPILOBIUM CANUM	CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA	L
25	1 GAL.	ELYMUS CONDENSATUS	GIANT WILD RYE	L
50	1 GAL.	ERIOGONUM FASCICULATUM	CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT	VL
50	1 GAL.	OPUNTIA LITTORALIS	COASTAL PRICKLY PEAR	VL
25	1 GAL.	RHAMNUS CALIFORNICA 'MOUND SAN BRUNO'	MOUND SAN BRUNO COFFEEBERRY	VL
25	1 GAL.	RHAMNUS CROCEA	REDBERRY	VL
25	1 GAL.	ROSA CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA WILD ROSE	L
25	1 GAL.	SALVIA LEUCOPHYLLA 'POINT SAL SPREADER'	POINT SAL SPREADER PURPLE SAGE	VL
25	1 GAL.	SALVIA MELLIFERA	BLACK SAGE	VL
25	1 GAL.	SALVIA SPATHACEA	HUMMINGBIRD SAGE	L
25	1 GAL.	RIBES SPECIOSUM	FUCHSIA-FLOWERING GOOSEBERRY	VL
20	1 GAL.	VITIS GIRDIANA	DESERT WILD GRAPE	L
<b>PERENNIALS &amp; SUCCULENTS FOR GABIONS</b>				
10	1 GAL.	DUDLEYA LANCEOLATA	LANCE-LEAVED DUDLEYA	VL
10	1 GAL.	DUDLEYA PULVERULENTA	CHALK DUDLEYA	VL
10	1 GAL.	MIRABILIS CALIFORNICA	WISHBONE BUSH	VL

\* PLANT QUANTITIES LISTED APPLY TO THE ENTIRE PROJECT AREA. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SHALL PLACE ALL CONTAINER PLANTS IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

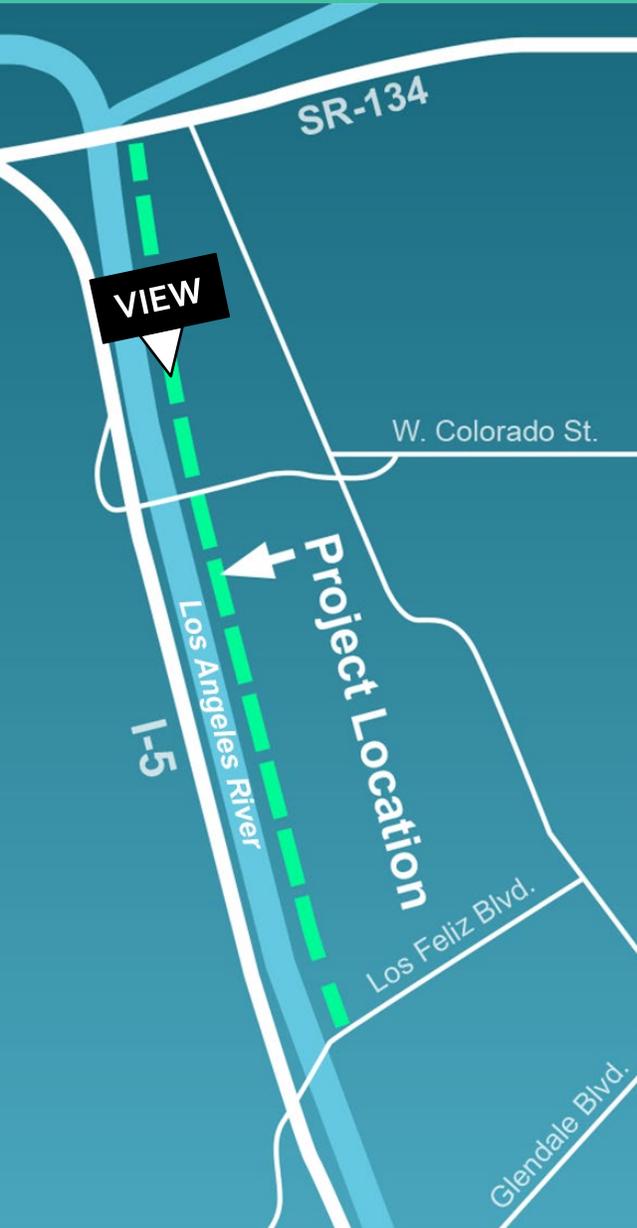
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## HYDROSEED SCHEDULE

HYDROSEED MIX #1		
HATCH	HYDROSEED MIX DESCRIPTION	
	SEED MIX FOR NON-IRRIGATED AREAS	
LBS / ACRE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
3.0	ACMISPON GLABER	DEERWEED
1.0	ARTEMISIA CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH
1.0	ARTEMISIA DOUGLASIANA	CALIFORNIA MUGWORT
1.0	BRICKELLIA CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA BRICKELLBUSH
0.5	CLARKIA BOTTAE	PUNCH BOWL GODETIA
0.5	CRYPTANTHA MURICATA	PRICKLY POPCORN FLOWER
3.0	ERIOGONUM FASCICULATUM	CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT
3.0	ERIOPHYLLUM CONFERTIFLORUM	GOLDEN YARROW
1.0	GUTIERREZIA CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA MATCHWEED
1.0	HELIOTROPIUM CURRASAVICUM	SALT HELIOTROPE
1.0	LAYIA PLATYGLOSSA	TIDY TIPS
2.0	MIMULUS LONGIFLORUS	BUSH MONKEYFLOWER
4.0	MUHLENBERGIA MICROSPERMA	LITTLESEED MUHLY
2.0	NEMOPHILA MENZIESII	BABY BLUE EYES
1.0	PHACELIA DISTANS	COMMON PHACELIA
2.0	POA SECUNDA	ONE-SIDED BLUEGRASS
2.0	SALVIA COLUMBARIAE	CHIA
1.0	SOLIDAGO VELUTINA SSP. CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA GOLDENROD
<b>TOTAL LBS / ACRE = 30.0</b>		

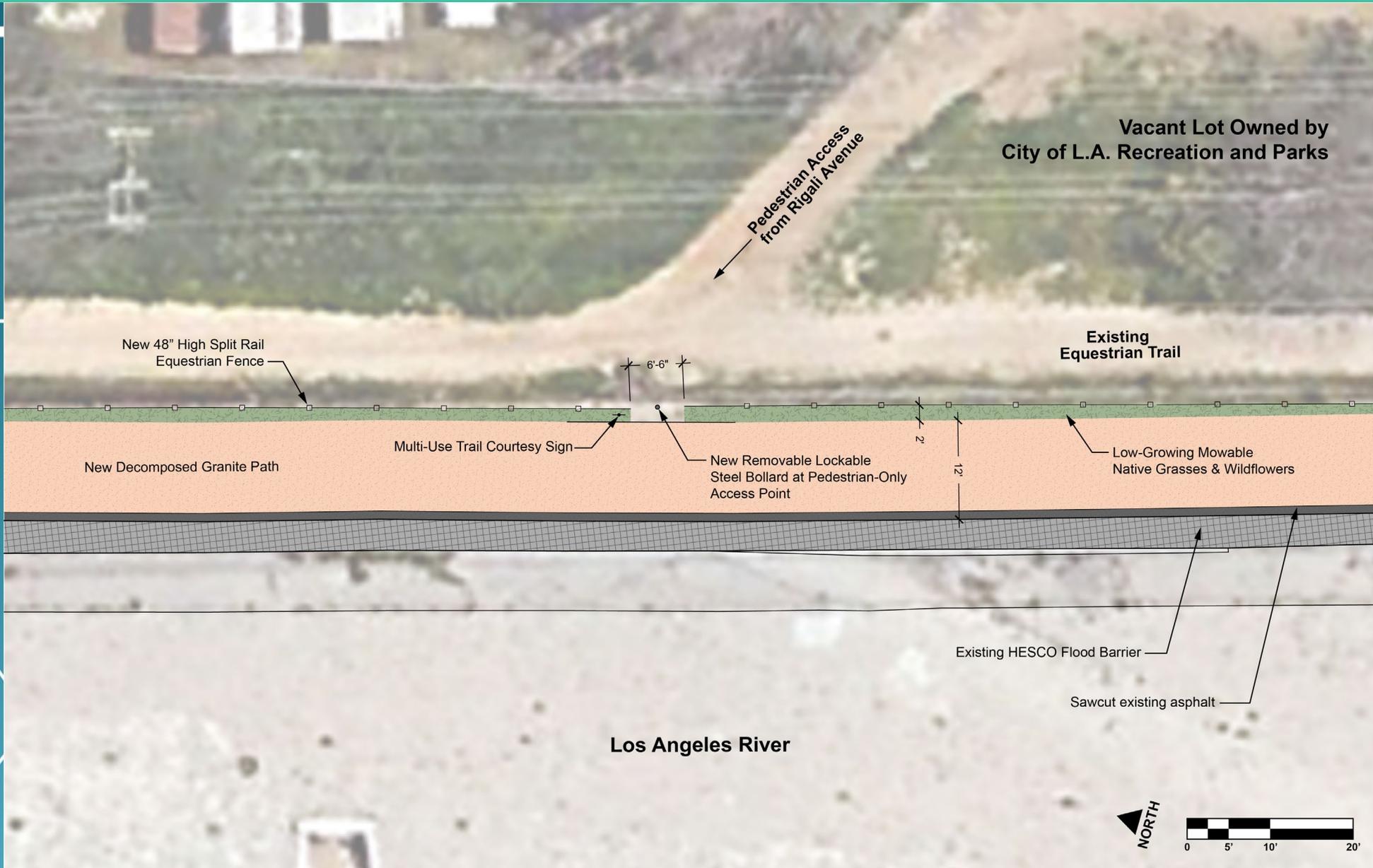
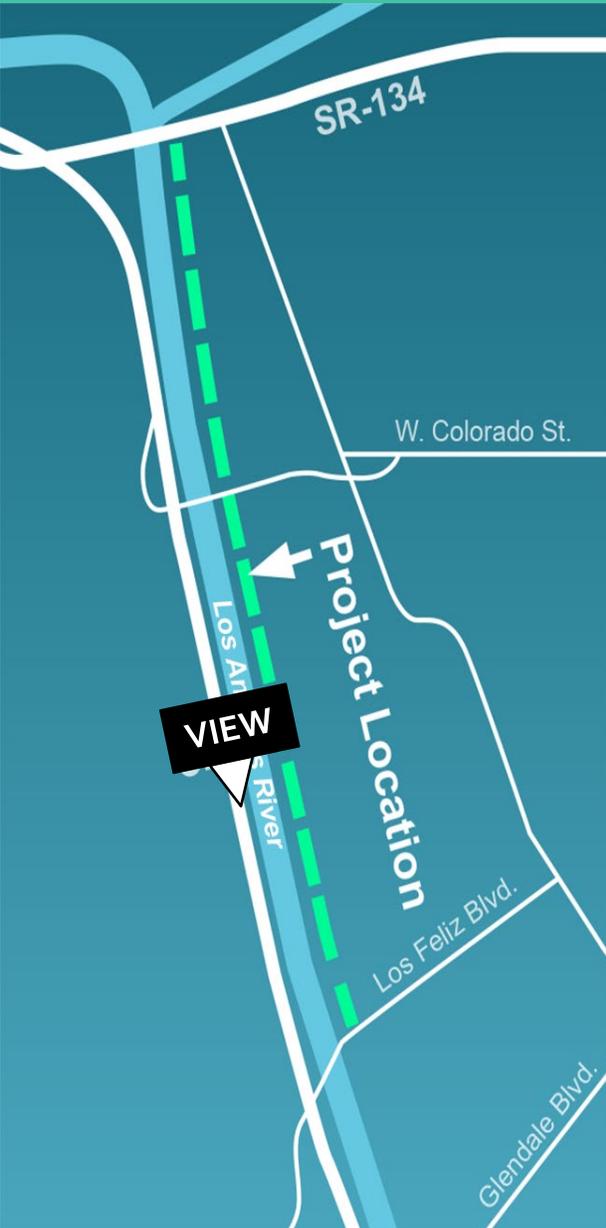
HYDROSEED MIX #2		
HATCH	HYDROSEED MIX DESCRIPTION	
	SEED MIX FOR IRRIGATED AREAS	
LBS / ACRE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
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1.0	ARTEMISIA DOUGLASIANA	CALIFORNIA MUGWORT
0.5	CLARKIA BOTTAE	PUNCH BOWL GODETIA
1.0	COLLINSIA HETEROPHYLLA	CHINESE HOUSES
0.5	CRYPTANTHA MURICATA	PRICKLY POPCORN FLOWER
3.0	ERIOPHYLLUM CONFERTIFLORUM	GOLDEN YARROW
1.0	HELIOTROPIUM CURRASAVICUM	SALT HELIOTROPE
3.0	KOELERIA MACRANTHA	PRAIRIE JUNEGRASS
2.0	MELICA IMPERFECTA	COAST RANGE MELIC
2.0	MIMULUS LONGIFLORUS	BUSH MONKEYFLOWER
4.0	MUHLENBERGIA MICROSPERMA	LITTLESEED MUHLY
2.0	NEMOPHILA MENZIESII	BABY BLUE EYES
1.0	PHACELIA DISTANS	COMMON PHACELIA
2.0	SALVIA COLUMBARIAE	CHIA
0.5	SOLIDAGO VELUTINA SSP. CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA GOLDENROD
0.5	VERBENA LASIOSTACHYS	WESTERN VERVAIN
<b>TOTAL LBS / ACRE = 27.0</b>		

# TYPICAL PATHWAY SECTIONS



North Atwater East Bank Riverway – 134 to Colorado Blvd

# DETAILED PLAN VIEW





QUESTIONS?



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
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FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE BRIEFING  
February 16, 2023

Project Name: Slauson Connect Recreation Center

Requested Action: Approval/ Acknowledgment of Plan and Specifications.

The Slauson Connect Recreation and Community center project is being presented to the Task force for the preliminary approval of the 100% Design Development plans and specifications to be issued as the 30% bridging documents to procure a Design-Build contractor, via the Board of Public works.

The project is located in Council District 9 at 1301 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90037. The overall project site is approximately 81' wide by 1,250 feet long totaling approximately 2.29 acres. The project is sited on Metro Land that will be leased by the City, which is being coordinated by the General Services Department and City Attorney's Office. The lease agreement is being finalized and will be in place prior to the award of the construction contract.

The scope of work for the project will include a 12,000 square foot multifaceted facility that will also house flex spaces to accommodate a variety of recreation related programs, childcare center, and classrooms alongside a substantial passive public park, and intensive green roof garden.

Sustainable design features for the project include photovoltaic panels, a vegetated roof (Green Roof), a Stormwater treatment system, and energy efficient Mechanical , Electrical and Plumbing systems. The project will be designed and constructed in order to obtain a Silver level certification for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system of the latest United States Green Building Council (USGBC) requirements.

#### Funding

The project will be supported through the following funding sources:

- Prop K - \$13,245,200,
- CDBG:PY47 - \$1,265,000,
- CDBG: PY48 at \$1,000,000,
- CD9 Discretionary funds at \$2,500,000,
- CTIEP 21-22 at \$800,000,
- Sites and Facilities (CF 19-0926-S1) at \$250,000,
- Sites and Facilities (CF 20-1021-S3) at \$262,879,
- MICLA (FFE's) at \$3,390,000

Total = \$22,713,079 confirmed funding.

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The project is pending approval or appropriation for the following fund sources:

CTIEP 23/24 at \$6,000,000,

CTIEP 24/25 at \$2,500,000,

Prop 68 \$5 Million dollars

Funds pending approval = \$8,500,000 funds pending

**Budget:**

The project budget has been adjusted to accommodate the rising rate of construction costs and is currently estimated to be approximately \$33 Million dollars

**Community Outreach:**

Several community outreach meetings were provided to solicit local input in addition to LVNOC meetings to fulfill the Prop K funding requirements.

Initial outreach was conducted in the pre-design phases led by CD9 office to gather preliminary information from the local community how to best utilize the site for their needs.

As the project proceeded through the COVID-19 pandemic, the integration of virtual meeting options was provided to conduct community outreach meetings. The BOE and CD9 team conducted a general Community Outreach workshop on October 28, 2021 at the CD9 Constituent Services Center which included participants from the general public, Councilmember Curren Price, CD9 Staff, BOE staff and the Consultant team. This meeting was followed up by 2 Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee meetings (LVNOC), which were conducted on November 01, 2021 & December 15, 2021 in a virtual format. with 7 local community members selected by the council office in conjunction with representatives from RAP were in attendance. Additionally, a local youth focused meeting was arranged at the near by Augustus Hawkins High School varying from grades 9 through 12 multi-lingual students. Approximately 120 students provided survey feedback regarding the proposed programming for the future project building and site.

**Trees and Shade:**

The building and landscape design provide several shade opportunities throughout the project. The entrance to the building is identified with a cantilevering multipurpose classroom at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor which creates a covered entrance court to the facility. The green roof garden incorporates trellis elements that provide shade for patrons on the roof. Shade for the patrons in the multipurpose parking lot is provided by a solar canopy. In order to ensure that the children's play areas are well used during hot summer months, childcare center playground structures integrate shade sail canopies, and a covered

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playhouse. Deep overhangs to the classrooms at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and signature mesh shade screen at the southern face at the head of the building extend shade to the circulation spaces throughout the building.

The building, solar canopy, and tensile shade structures will provide roughly 10,000 square feet of shaded outdoor space.

The project was previously an abandoned railroad site with little to no trees or planting. The project introduces an extensive park with trees to shade the patrons which integrates and complement the adjacent Metro planting palette along the pedestrian and bike path that crosses the entire length of the project. This is to help create a respite for the local travelers on their journey along the path created by Metro.

The tree palette includes Allee Chinese Elm, Coast Live Oak, Western Rebud, Brisbane Box, Western Sycamore, and Marina Strawberry Tree.

As estimated 15,900 square feet of shade will be provided by the trees once they reach full maturity.

The roof garden the plant palette includes - Dessert/ Succulents including Blue Flame Agave, Sunburst Aeonium, Corsican Stonecrop, Narrow Leaf Chalk stalks, Angelina Stonecrop, and Red Yucca - Upland/Grasslands that include California Poppy, Foothill Sedge, Yarrow, California Fescue, Narrowleaf Milkweed, and Crinkled Onion & - Coastal Sage Scrubs that include 'Blonde Ambition', Dwarf Coyote Brush, Chalk-Live Forever, and Purple Three Awn.

Throughout the park the shrub and groundcovers include Narrow Leaf Milkweed, Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass, Foothill Sedge, California Buckwheat, Canyon Prince Wild Rye, Yankee Point Ceanothus, California Poppy, Coast Sunflower, Bladderpod, Deer Grass, Toyon, Sticky Monkey Flower, Purple Sage, Black Sage, White Sage, Fortnight Lily, Trailing Lantana, Mauritius Hemp, Lavender Trumpet Vine, Potato Vine, Morning Light Coast Rosemary, Tango Pincushion, Majestic Purple Lily Turf, Elk Blue California Gray Rush, and Prostrate Germander.

A greenscreen fence is provided around the facility parking lot for security and to soften the building facade at the pedestrian level acting. It will also act as a passive indirect anti-graffiti deterrent, and will be planted with Lavender Trumpet and Potato Vines.

Please see the attached presentation that provides further details and imagery of the building, site, and landscape concepts.

The project has been circulated to RAP staff for comments, which have been incorporated into the design documents.

slauson **CONNECT** RECREATION CENTER

**City of Los Angeles** Slauson Connect Recreation Center  
Submission to the Department of Cultural Affairs  
Prepared by Paul Murdoch Architects  
October 19, 2022

# SOUTHWEST AERIAL VIEW



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
**SLAUSON CONNECT RECREATION CENTER**  
OCTOBER 19, 2022

**CURREN D. PRICE, JR.**  
Los Angeles City Councilmember

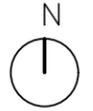


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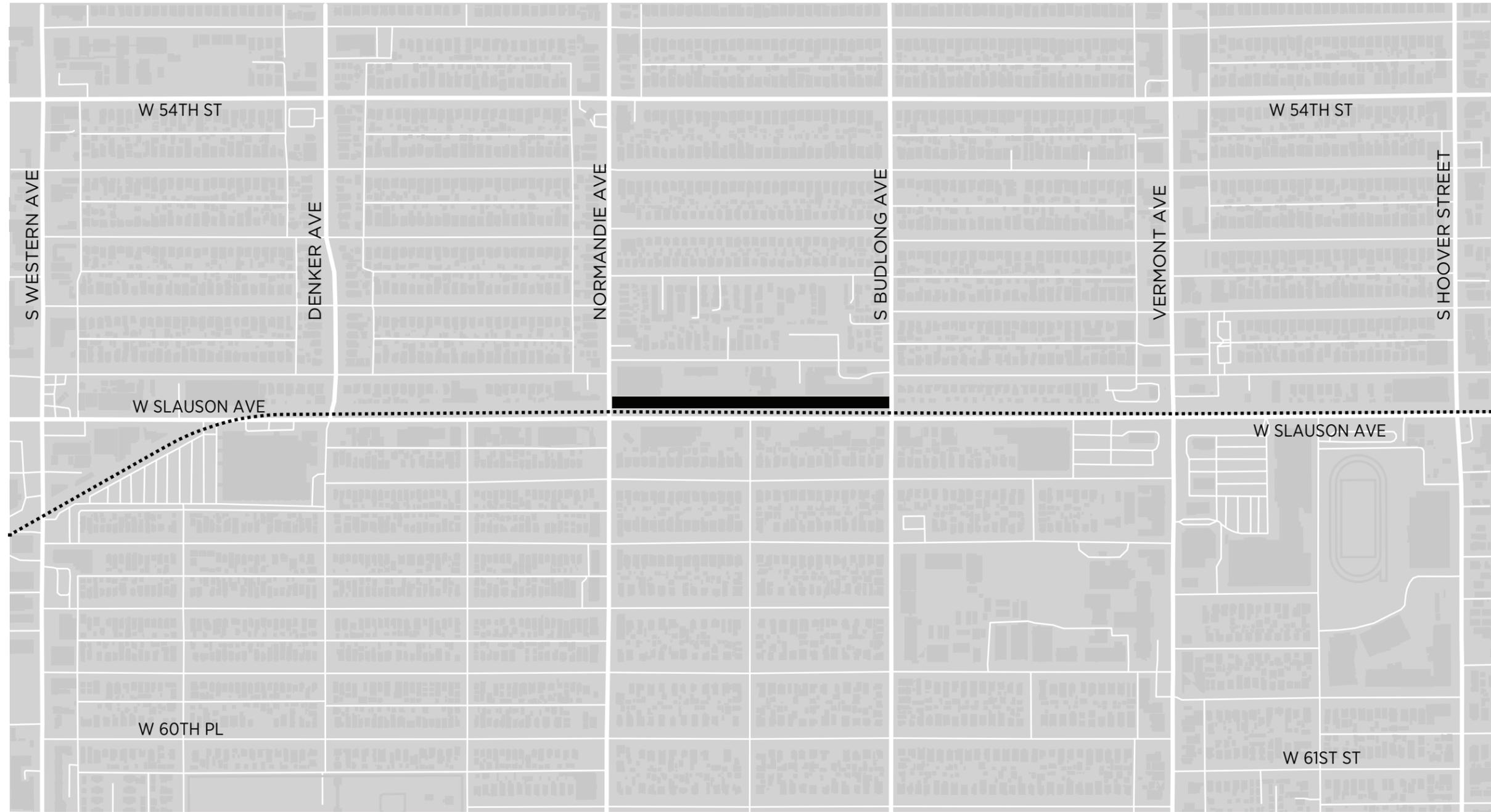
# LOCATION MAP



- PROJECT SITE
- RAIL TO RIVER BIKE PATH
- CRENSHAW/ LAX TRANSIT CORRIDOR
- METRO SILVER LINE
- METRO BLUE LINE



# VICINITY MAP



■ PROJECT SITE      ..... ABANDONED RAIL LINE



# SITE PHOTOS



Aerial View over Site Looking East



West End of Site Looking West



West End of Site at Normandie Avenue



Interior of Site Looking East



Mural over Industrial Building on 58th Street



Slauson/ Normandie Intersection Looking West

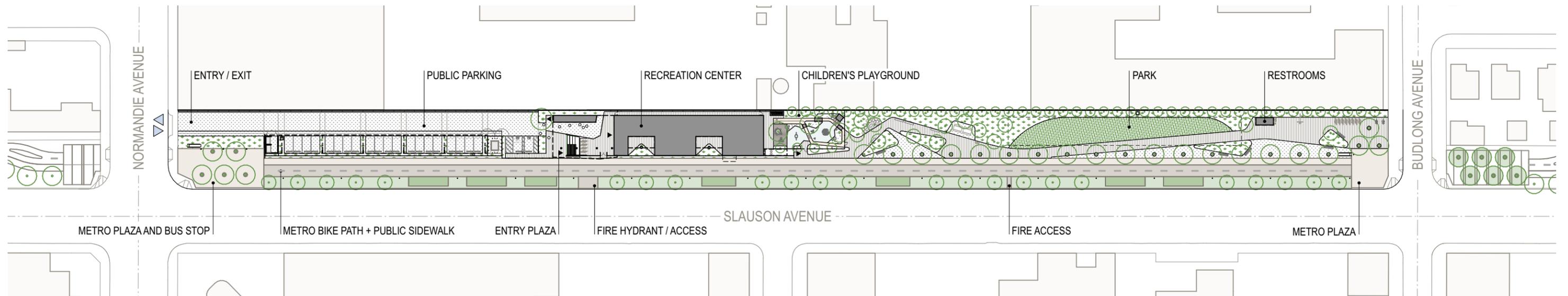


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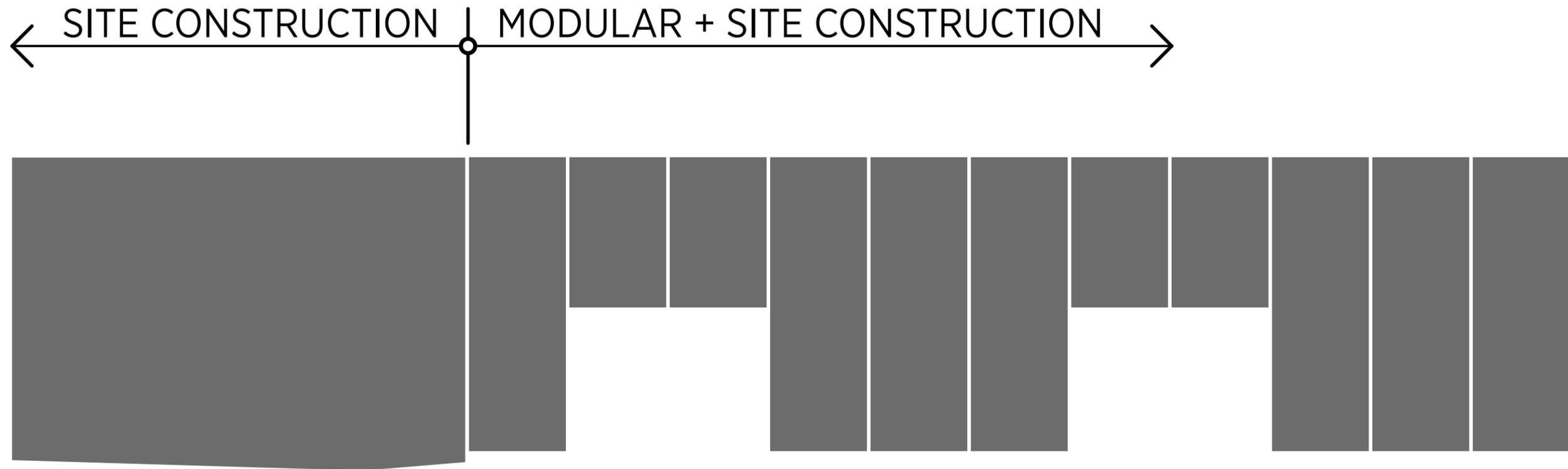


Adjacent Residential Neighbor along Budlong Avenue

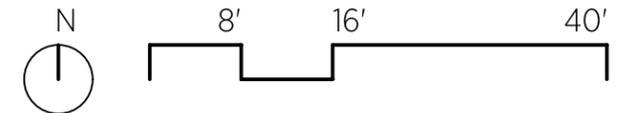
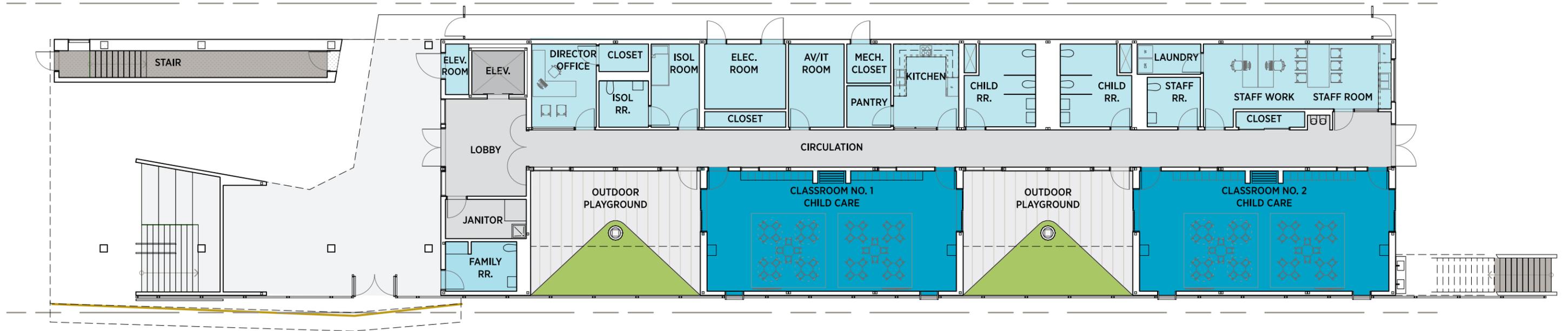
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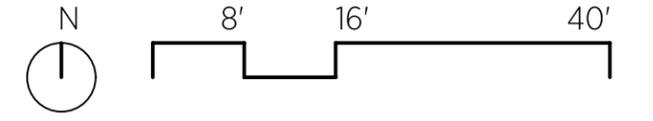
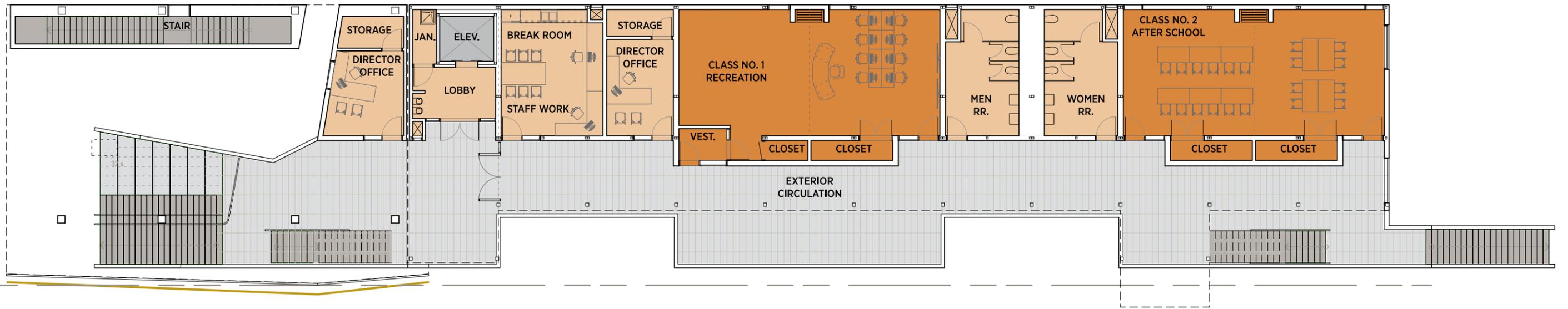
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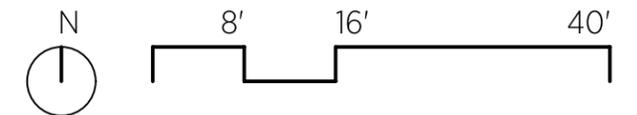
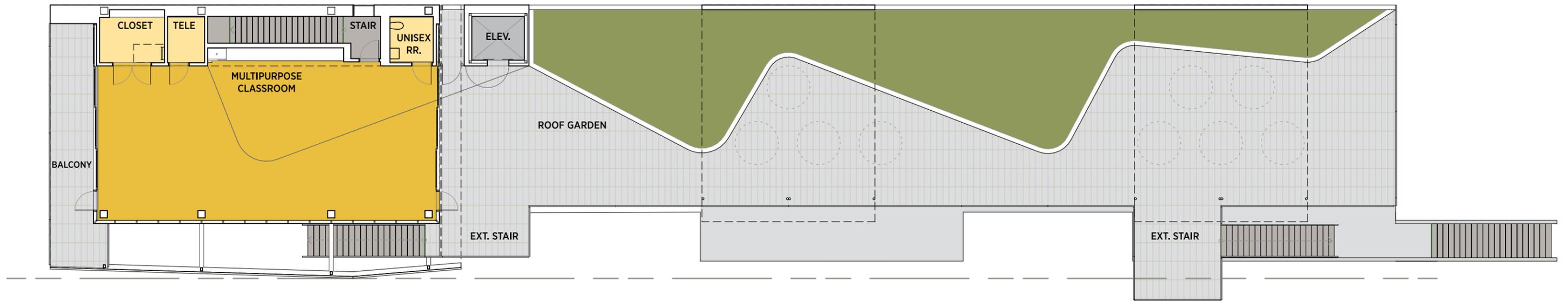
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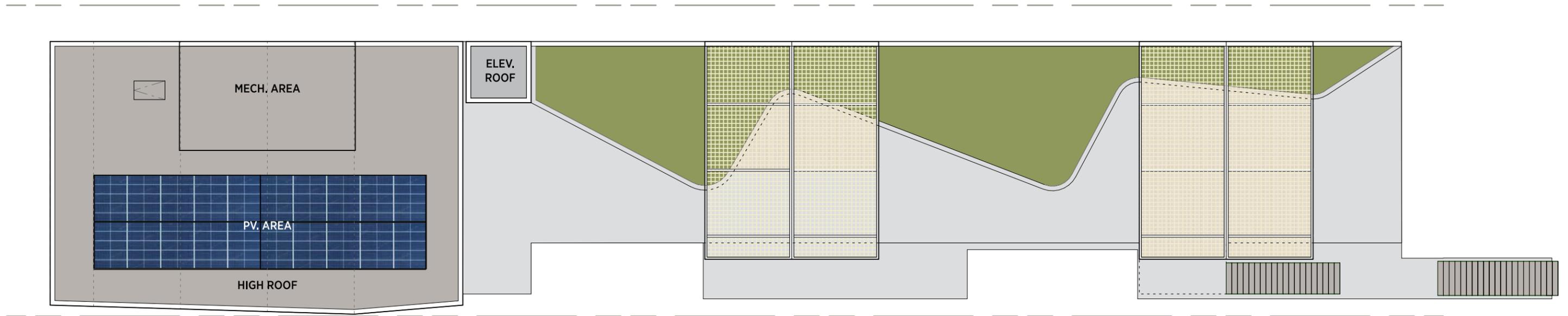
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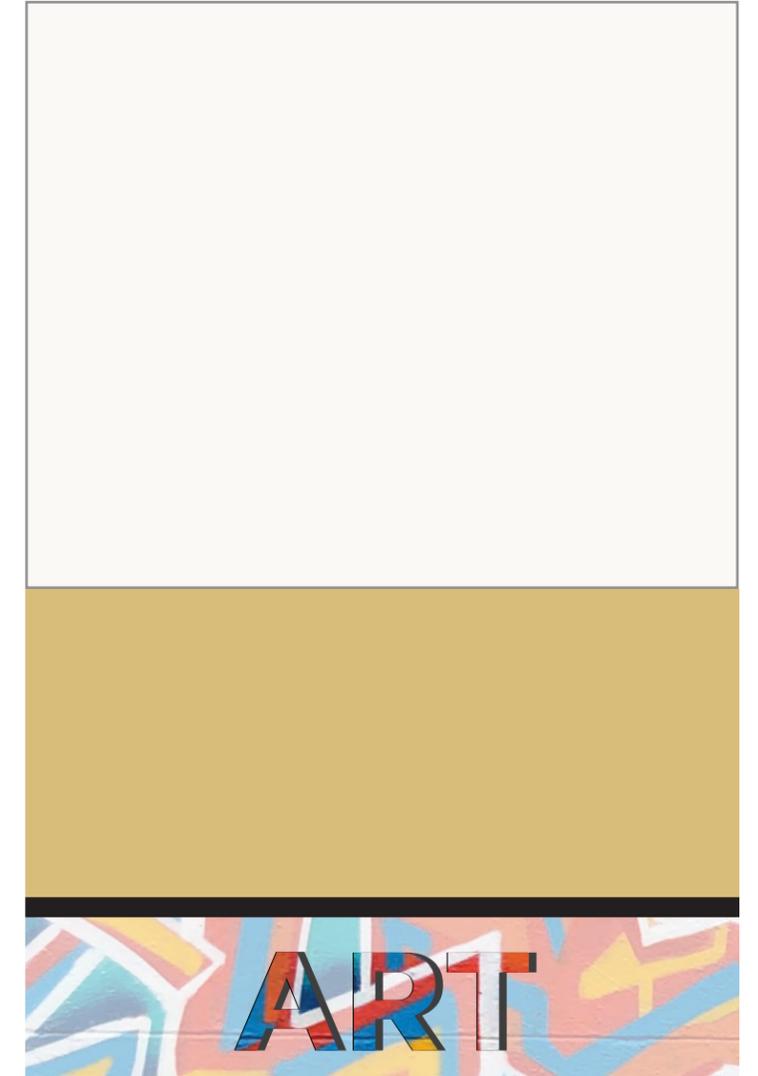
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# ROOF PLAN



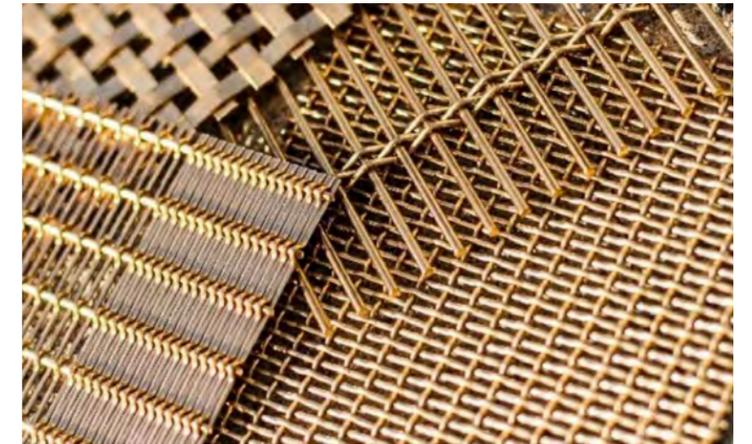
# SOUTH AERIAL VIEW



# ENTRY PLAZA VIEW

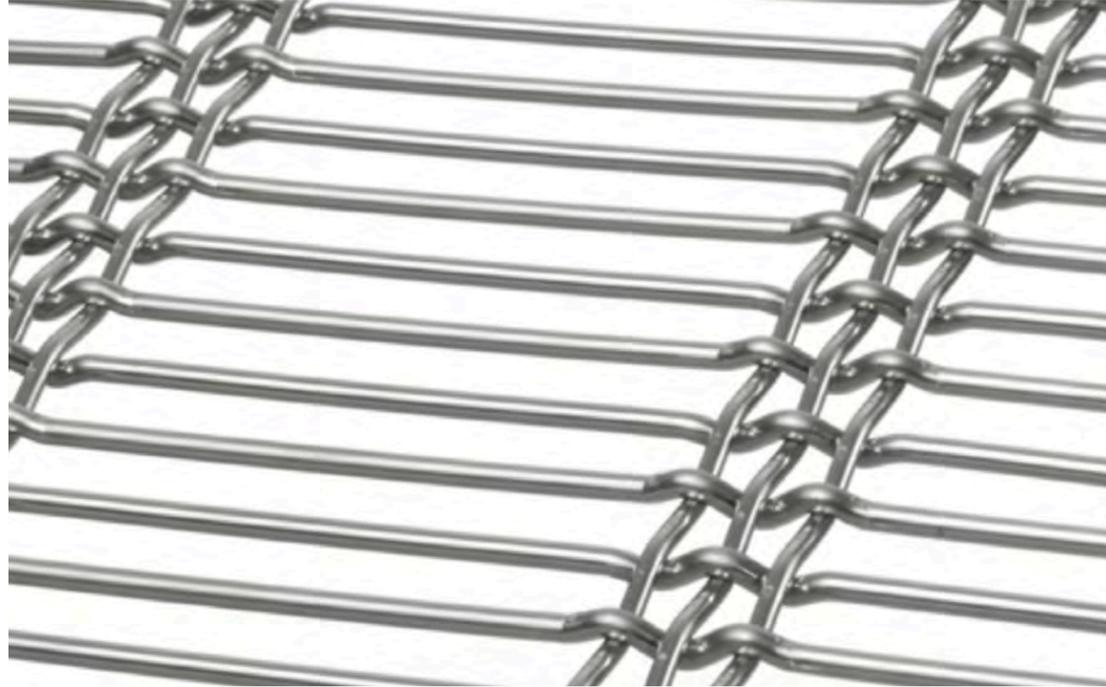


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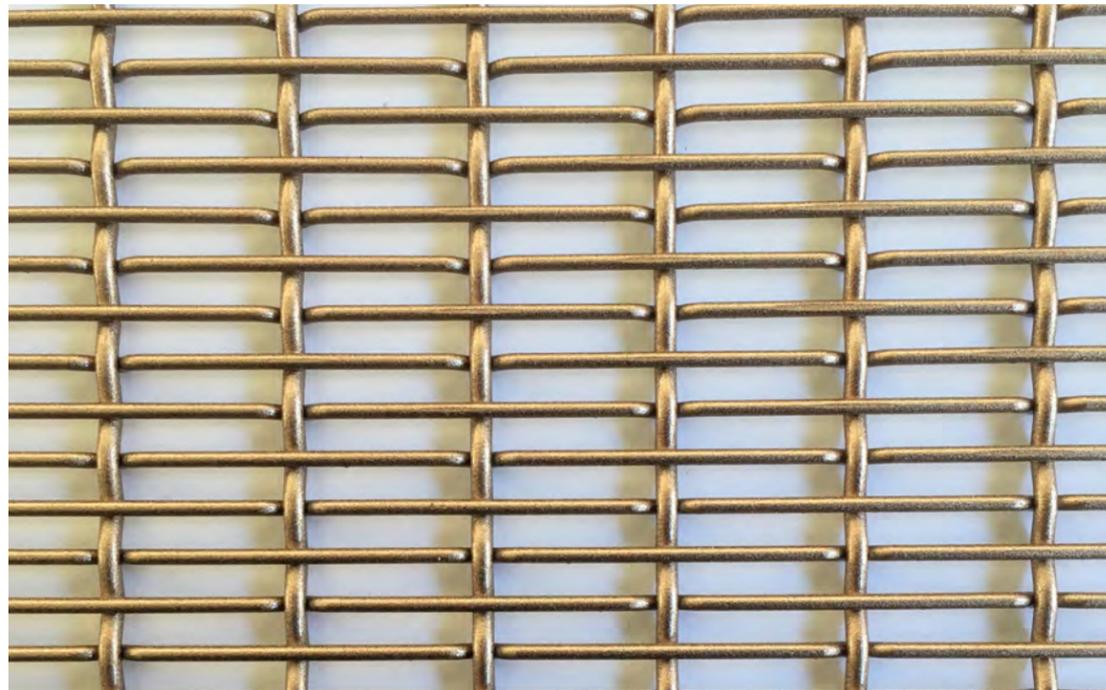
# ARCHITECTURAL WIRE MESH



FACADE - ARCHITECTURAL WIRE MESH



GUARDRAILS + TRELLIS - ARCHITECTURAL WIRE MESH



ARCHITECTURAL WIRE MESH COLOR

# SOUTHEAST VIEW FROM THE BIKE PATH



BUILDING MODULES



GREEN SCREEN FENCING

# CULTURAL CONTEXT MAP GRAPHICS

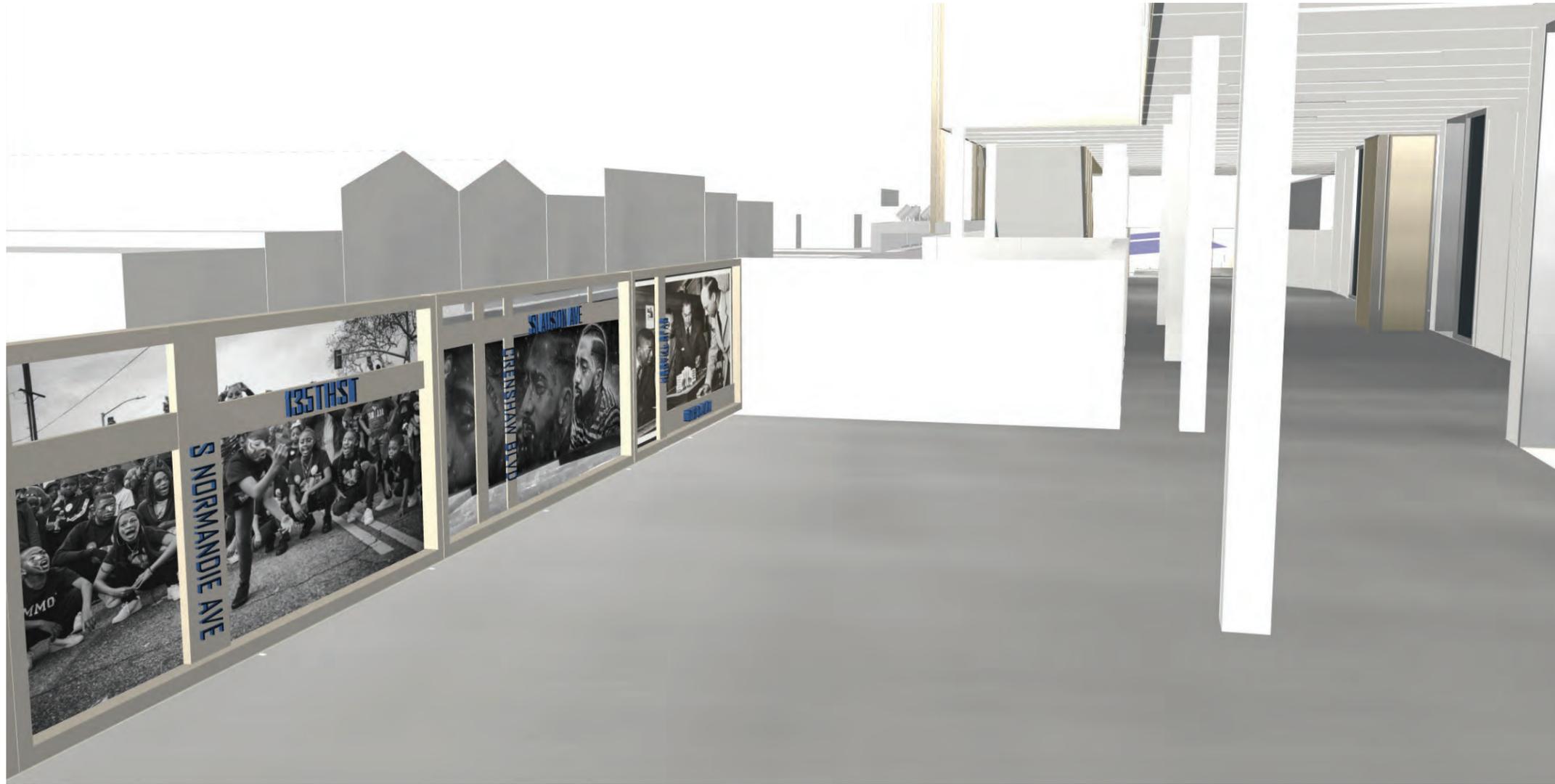
This design concept is meant to celebrate the neighborhoods in CD9. This district uses its streets differently than any other neighborhood in the world.; Block parties, Tommy the clown, lowriders, girls double dutching. The names of the streets are important, but not as important as the stories that give those streets meaning to it's residents. There is pride saying what street you were raised on, where your church or business is, or where a historic event happened.

With the help of a young South LA historian and native, Demarco Smith, we found stories that were critical to CD9's legacy. These design concepts are meant to celebrate the people's relationship to the street, telling stories of predominately CD9 residents, businesses, street vendors, and neighbors. The interchangeable images are to be digitally printed upon the bronze mesh guardrails. The contoured lines are pointing to the location of the story being told. Lastly, the names of the cross streets in a light blue tone to compliment the bronze.

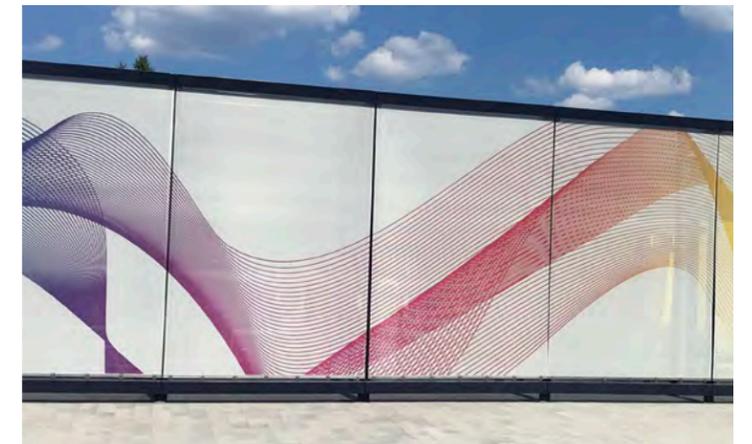
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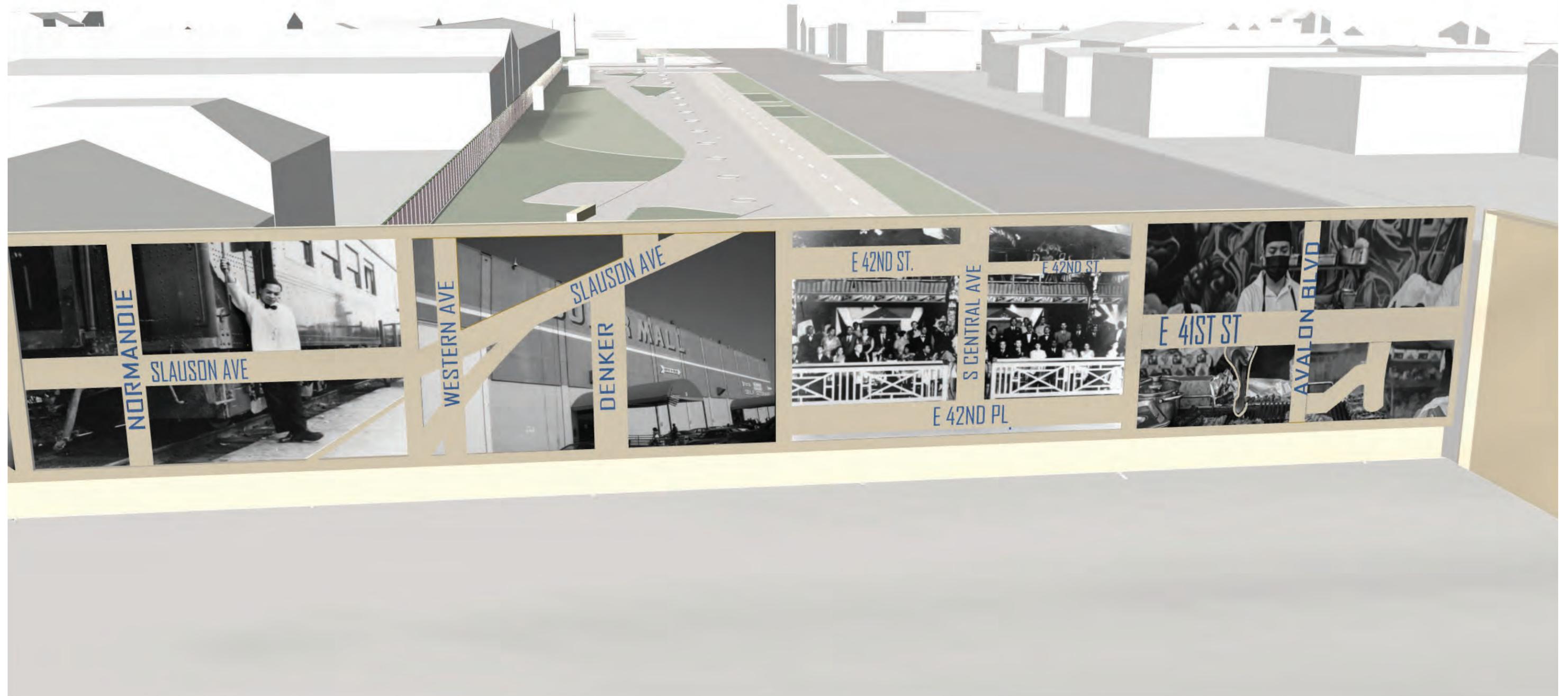


PAINTED METAL MESH



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# PERSPECTIVE VIEW 2



# ENTRANCE



# BUILDING IDENTITY SIGNAGE



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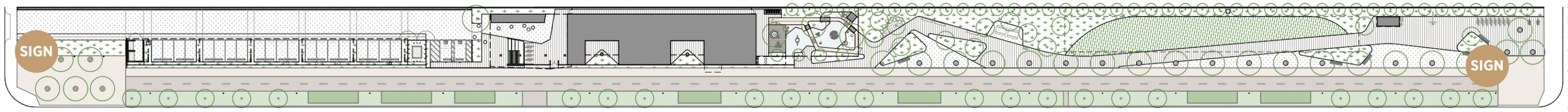


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# SITE MONUMENT SIGNAGE



NORMANDIE AVENUE



BUDLONG AVENUE

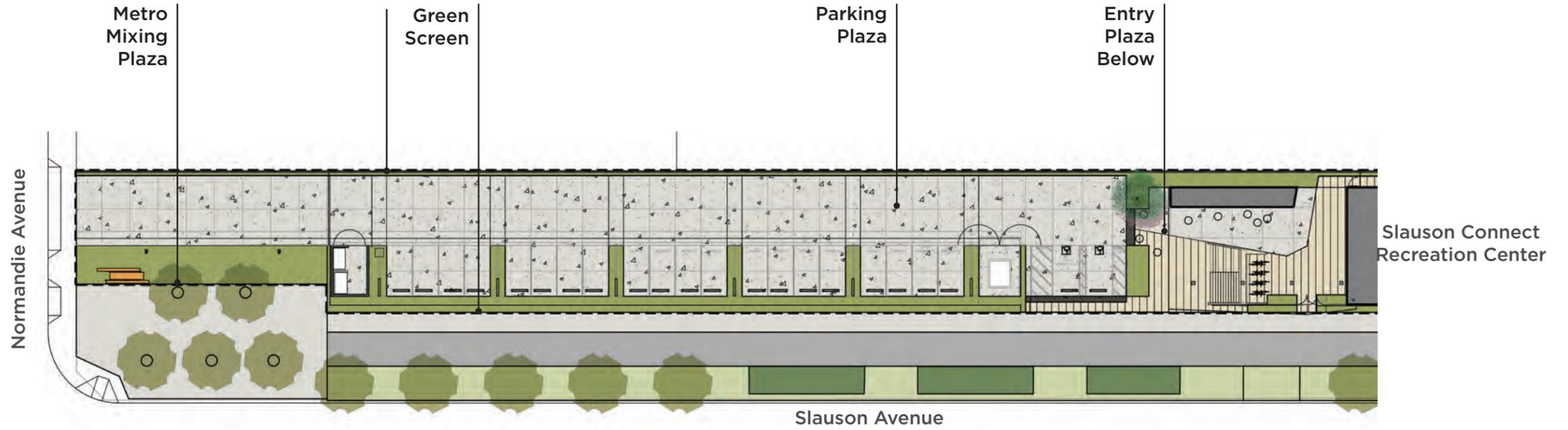
SLAUSON AVENUE

# LANDSCAPE SITE PLAN



# LANDSCAPE ENLARGEMENT SITE PLAN

## ENLARGEMENT A: ENTRY PLAZA AND PARKING



### PLANT PALETTE: VINES AT GREENSCREEN



*Clytostoma callistegioides*  
Lavander Trumpet Vine



*Solanum laxum*  
Potato Vine



# LANDSCAPE ENLARGEMENT SITE PLAN

## ENLARGEMENT B: CHILD CARE PLAY AREA



Tricycle Storage



Tricycle Track



Sensory Musical Play



Play House



Resilient Surfacing



Natural Seating



Flexible Play with Garden Planter

Slauson Avenue

Sand & Water Play Table



Basket Swing



Climbing Structure with slide, and shade sail canopy

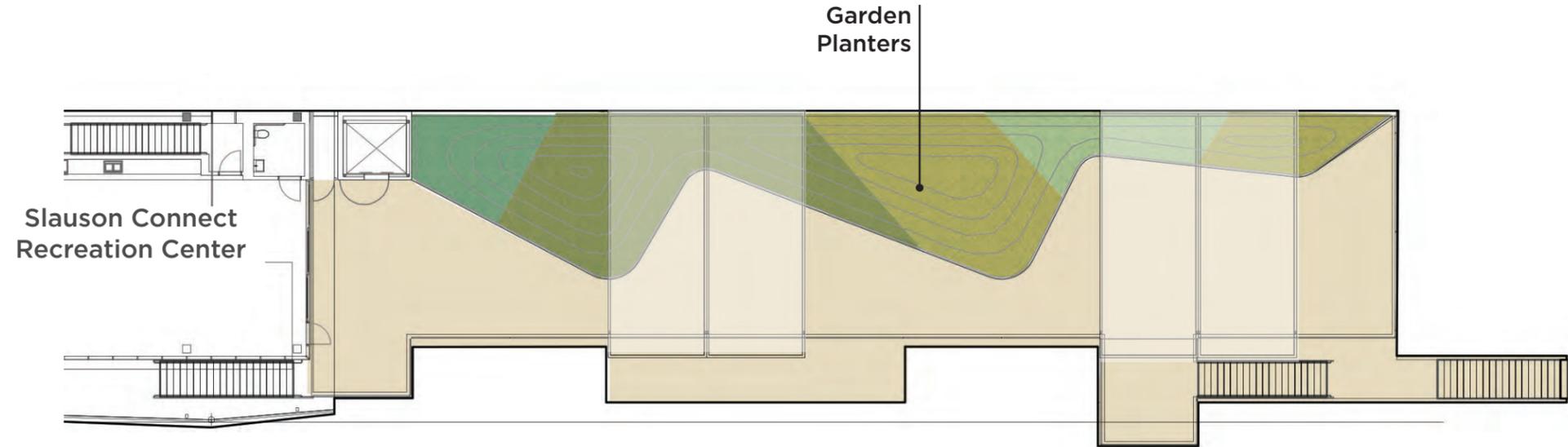


Key Plan



# LANDSCAPE ENLARGEMENT SITE PLAN

## ENLARGEMENT C: ROOF GARDEN



## PLANT PALETTE: ROOF GARDEN

### DESERT / SUCCULENT



*Agave 'Blue Flame'*  
Blue Flame Agave



*Aeonium 'Sunburst'*  
Sunburst Aeonium



*Sedum dasyphyllum 'Major'*  
Corsican Stonecrop



*Senecio vitalis*  
Narrow Leaf Chalkstalks



*Sedum rupestre 'Angelina'*  
Angelina Stonecrop



*Hesperaloe parviflora 'Brakelights'*  
Red Yucca

### UPLAND / GRASSLAND



*Eschscholzia californica*  
California Poppy



*Achillea millefolium*  
Yarrow



*Asclepias fascicularis*  
Narrowleaf Milkweed



*Carex tumulicola*  
Foothill Sedge



*Festuca californica*  
California Fescue



*Allium crispum*  
Crinkled Onion

### COASTAL SAGE SCRUB



*Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'*



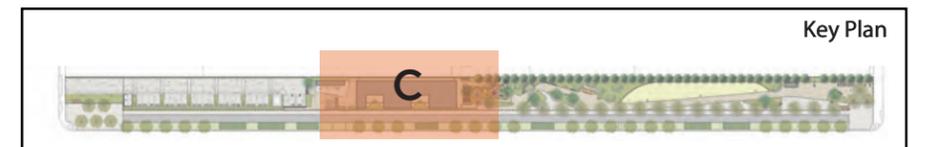
*Dudleya pulverulenta*  
Chalk-Live Forever



*Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point'*  
Dwarf Coyote Brush



*Aristida purpurea*  
Purple Three Awn



# LANDSCAPE ENLARGEMENT SITE PLAN

## ENLARGEMENT D: SLAUSON CONNECT PARK



Discovery Garden: Outdoor Classroom



Discovery Garden: Habitat Garden with Bee Hotels/Bird Houses



Flexible Lawn Area with Mounds



Educational Trail with Decorative Pavement

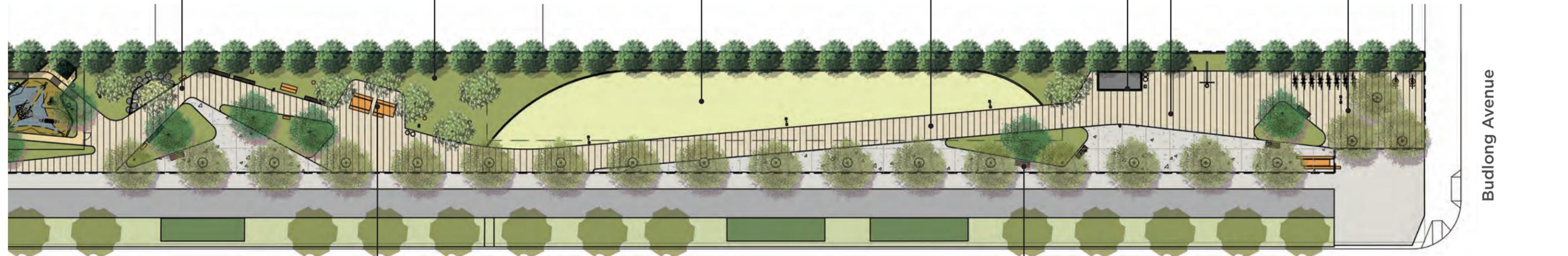


Exeloo Self-Cleaning Restroom



Multipurpose Plaza with Basketball Hoop

Metro Mixing Plaza with Bike Amenities



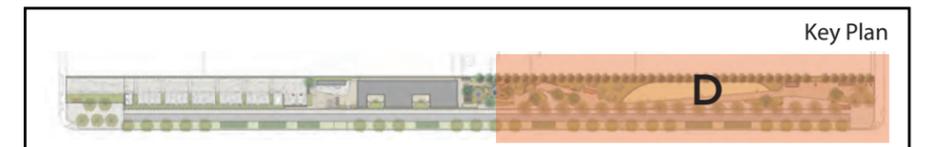
Slauson Avenue

Budlong Avenue

Discovery Garden: Community Picnic Tables



Park Bench



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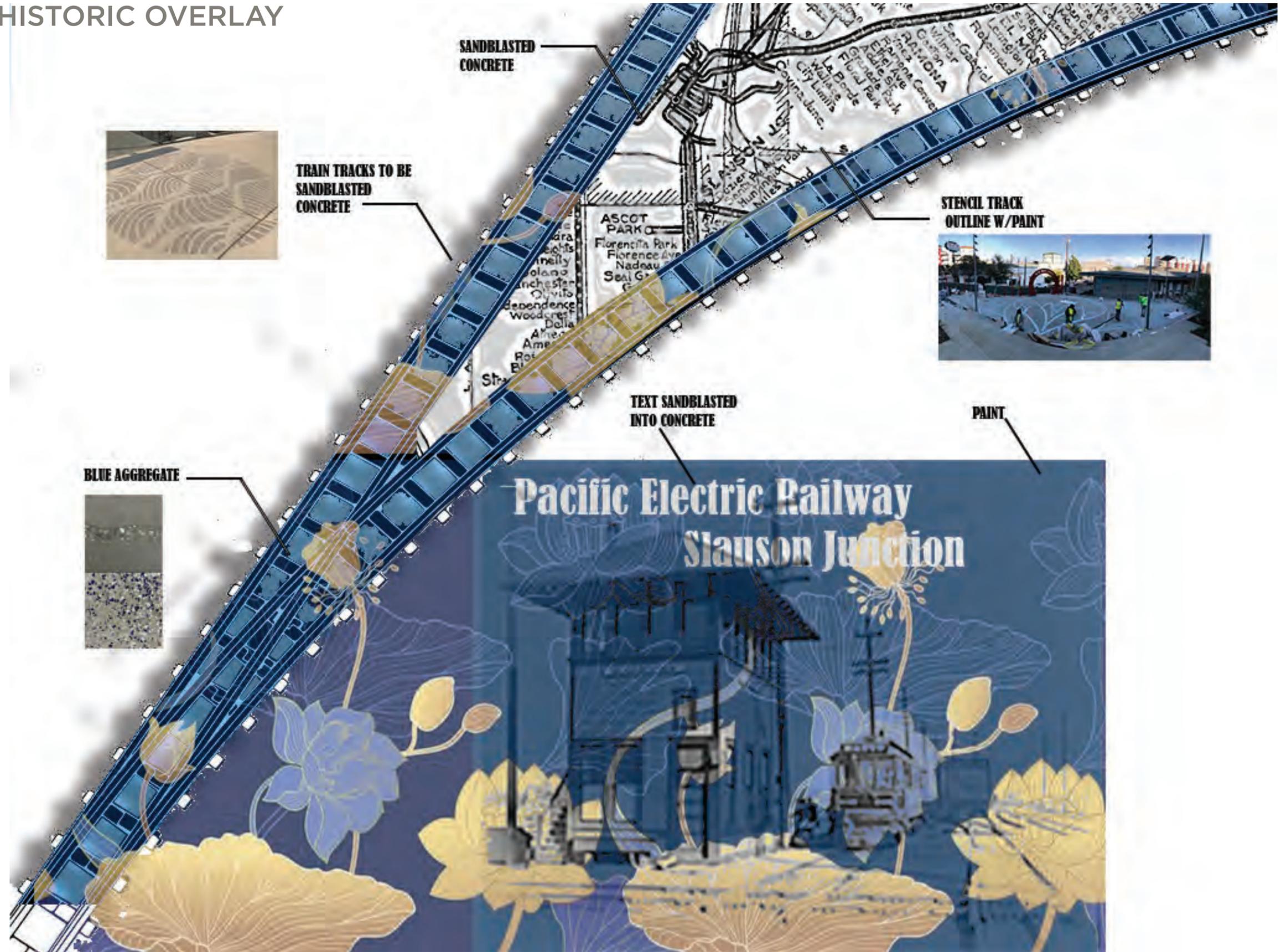


LANDSCAPE GRAPHIC OPPORTUNITY ZONES

# LANDSCAPE GRAPHIC: HISTORIC OVERLAY

As the building is celebrating the Slauson neighborhood, the landscape is meant to celebrate the story of the Southern Pacific is a legacy rich with economic, transportation, political, legal, and engineering influence in America west of the Mississippi River. All these factors created an environment for the settlement of migrants and explosion of employment in Los Angeles as well as national opportunities for hundreds of thousands of families during the company's existence.

This is meant to be experienced as a collage, through the combination of methods; Sandblasted concrete, stencils, and paint. The flowers are phacelia grandiflora, Calochortus albus', both native to Los Angeles. By introducing these graphics into the landscape, we are intending to teach the youth, community members, and visitors, of the historic ground they are walking on. The interior of the tracks are exposing the Slauson Junction route map.



# GRAPHIC PLACEMENT



LANDSCAPE GRAPHIC DEPLOYMENT



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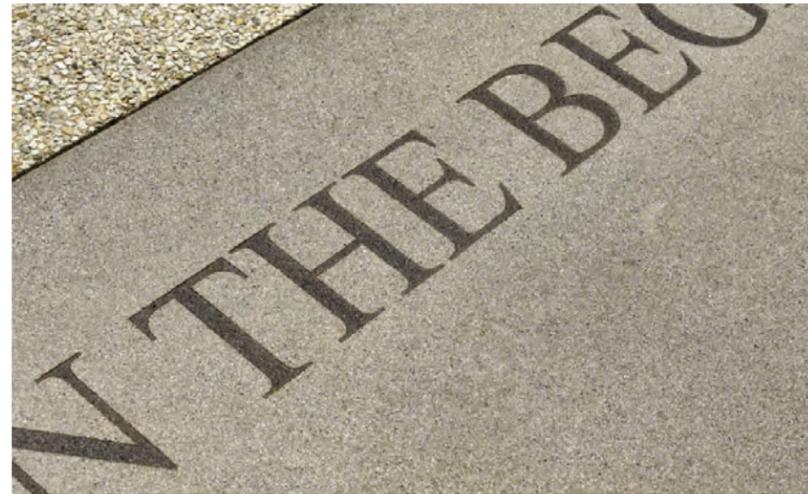
# MATERIALS



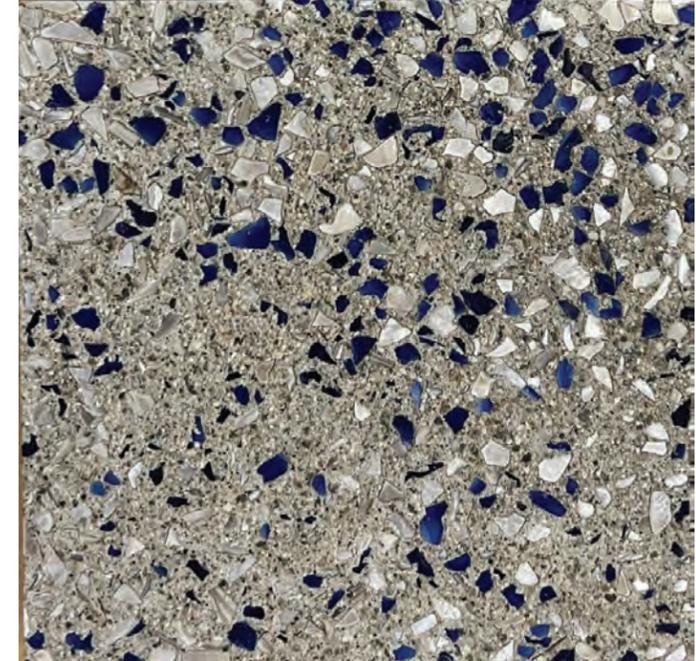
**STENCIL:  
FLORAL GRAPHIC**



**SANDBLASTED CONCRETE  
OPTION 1:**



**TEXT STYLE:  
INFO ON HISTORY OF SOUTHERN PA-  
CIFIC TRAIN, SLAUSON JUNCTION.  
TEXT TO BE ON SIDE OF TRACKS**



**AGGREGATE OPTION:  
TO BE PLACED BETWEEN  
TRAIN TRACKS**

# PLANT PALETTE

## PLANT PALETTE: TREES



*Ulmus parvifolia* 'Allee'  
Allee Chinese Elm



*Quercus agrifolia*  
Coast Live Oak



*Cercis occidentalis*  
Western Redbud



*Tristania conferta*  
Brisbane Box



*Platanus racemosa*  
Western Sycamore



*Arbutus* 'Marina'  
Marina Strawberry Tree

## PLANT PALETTE: SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS



*Asclepias fascicularis*  
Narrow Leaf Milkweed



*Bouteloua gracilis*  
'Blonde Ambition'  
Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass



*Carex tumulicola*  
Foothill Sedge



*Eriogonum fasciculatum*  
California Buckwheat



*Leymus condensatus* 'Canyon Prince'  
Canyon Prince Wild Rye



*Ceanothus griseus horizontalis* 'Yankee Point'  
Yankee Point Ceanothus



*Eschscholzia californica*  
California Poppy



*Encelia californica*  
Coast Sunflower



*Peritoma arborea*  
Bladderpod



*Muhlenbergia rigens*  
Deer Grass



*Heteromeles arbutifolia*  
Toyon



*Mimulus* spp.  
Sticky Monkey Flower



*Salvia leucophylla*  
Purple Sage



*Salvia mellifera*  
Black Sage



*Salvia apiana*  
White Sage



*Dietes* spp.  
Fortnight Lily



*Lantana Montevidensis*  
Trailing Lantana



*Furcraea foetida mediopicta*  
Mauritius Hemp



*Clytostoma callistegioides*  
Lavender Trumpet Vine



*Solanum laxum*  
Potato Vine



*Westringia Fruiticosa*  
'Morning Light'  
Morning Light Coast Rosemary



*Leucospermum* 'Tango'  
Tango Pincushion



*Liriope muscari* 'Majestic'  
Majestic Purple Lily Turf

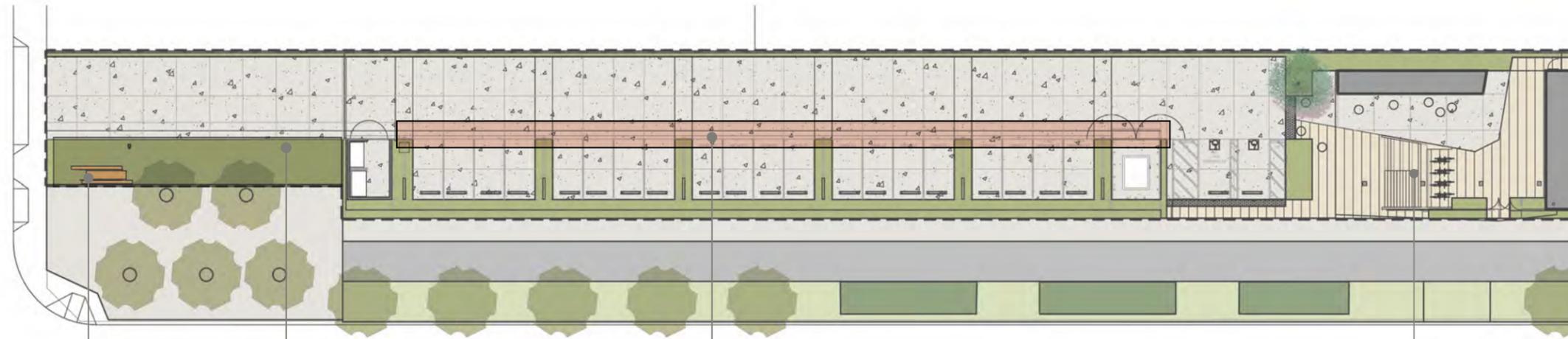


*Juncus patens* 'Elk Blue'  
Elk Blue California Gray Rush



*Teucrium chamaedrys* 'Prostratum'  
Prostrate Germander

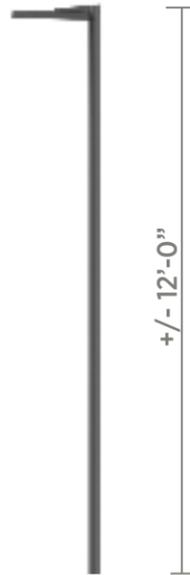
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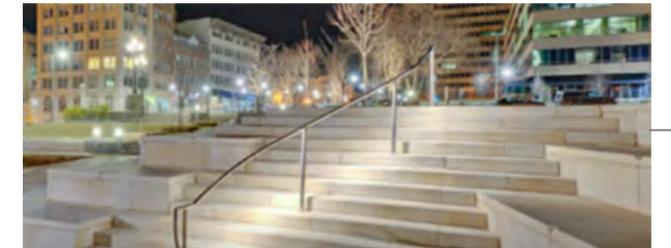
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LINEAR CANOPY LIGHTING-TYPE S2



HAND RAIL LIGHTING SYSTEM-TYPE S3



KEY PLAN



# LIGHTING CONCEPT PARTIAL PLAN



RECESSED STEP LIGHT AT  
ROOF-TYPE S5



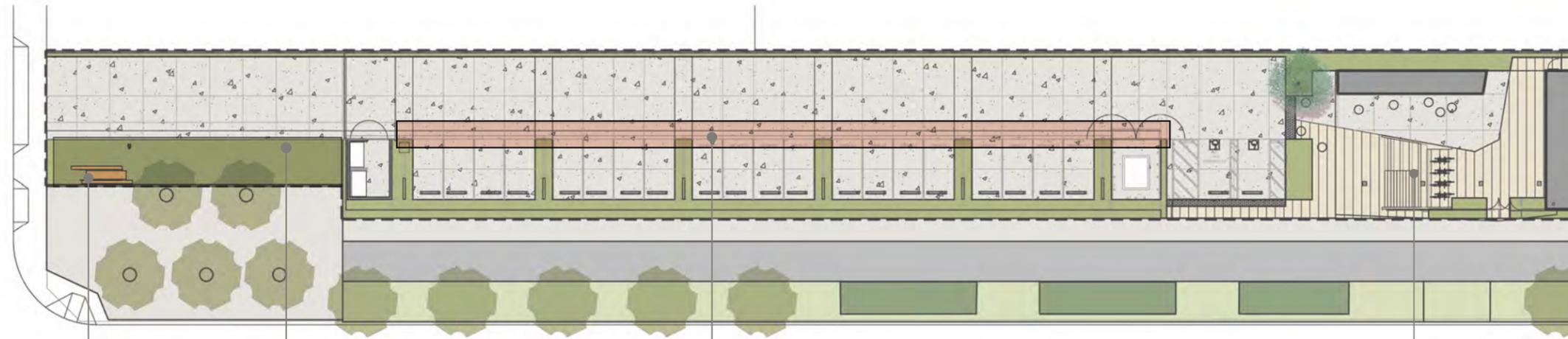
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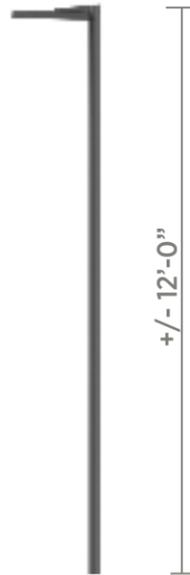
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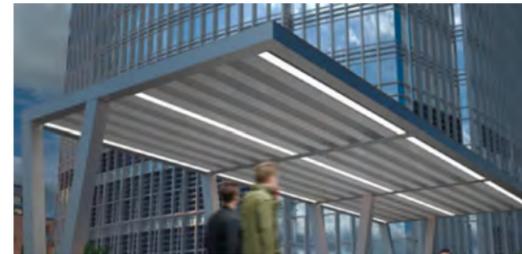
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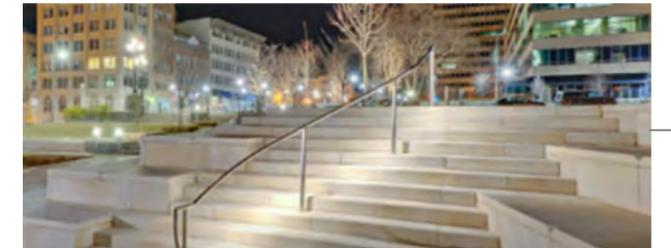
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KEY PLAN



# SITE ART OPPORTUNITIES

CD9 & BOE to discuss opportunity for mural wall with adjacent property owner

Large mural wall in entry "porch"

Building wall facing playground



Main entry gates and fencing

Play court side walls

Several sculpture locations in park

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