KING STREET STATION PLAZA AND UNION STATION SQUARE CONCEPT DESIGN
## PROJECT TIMELINE & PROCESS

### 2017

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### 2018

| Coordination with Jackson Hub (Alliance + Framework) | **Final Concept Design**<br>Steering Committee 3<br>Jan 2019<br>Open House 3<br>*Preservation Board* | | |
KING STREET STATION
TRANSPORTATION HUB

Arrive | Depart
ICONIC ART DESTINATION

Interact | Experience
PLAZA CHALLENGES

- Intense Sun
- Structural Limitations
- Lack of Things to Do
- Retail Vacancies
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Plaza Challenges

- Hot & Exposed in Summer
- Trees Obscure View of Building
- Structural Limitations
- Lack of Things to Do
- 1st Floor Vacancies
- Loose Gravel Surface
- No Clear Path to Entrance
BUILDING ACCESS / CIRCULATION

existing building vent to remain
SUN/SHADE STUDIES

The following renderings demonstrate the sunlight intensity on the plaza and backlighting on the building facade throughout the year at 12 noon.
Open House 1 Content
NOTABLE EXISTING CHARACTER
CONCEPT 1 - ART PERFORMANCE + SHADE CANOPY
CONCEPT 1 KEY ELEMENTS

shade canopy

platforms/ performance
SHADE & BUILDING FACADE VISIBILITY
A shade canopy could be designed to provide less obstructed views of the historic King Street Station façade than the existing trees.
SHADE CANOPY CONCEPTS
A shade canopy could be retractable, flexible, fixed or kinetic and provide gradients of dappled shade.
CONCEPT 2 - GARDEN TERRACE
CONCEPT 2 KEY ELEMENTS

gardens

communal table
CONCEPT 3 - PAVING GRAPHIC
CONCEPT 4 - WATER FEATURE
CONCEPTS 3 & 4 KEY ELEMENTS

water feature

paving / graphics
Concept 1 - Art Performance + Shade Canopy

Concept 2 - Garden Terrace

Concept 3 - Paving Graphic

Concept 4 - Water Feature
UNION STATION SQUARE
OASIS

Relax | Watch | Connect
PLAZA CHALLENGES

- Uninviting
- Existing seating not communal
- 3rd Avenue S. hinders flow between park and retail edge
Simple upgrades could make the park more accessible and inviting.

3rd Ave S could be closed periodically for events such as markets or music.
EXISTING LAYOUT

View from 2nd Ave Extension S.
PROPOSED DESIGN

View from 2nd Ave Extension S.

- new bus shelters per 3rd Avenue Plan
- rearranged + new seating
- new curb alignment (per 3rd Ave Plan) plus pedestrian paving
CONCEPT

To King Street Station

Open Bus Shelters Per 3rd Ave Corridor Plan

Most existing trees would remain to keep the parks shade canopy

Rearranged artist granite seats by Bill Will, allow for groups to sit together

Proposed Curb (3rd ave Transit Corridor)
Potential for activating 3rd Ave
Open House 1 Feedback
Summary of Key Feedback

- Reflect the historic significance of the site
- Support the neighborhood
- Accommodate a range of activities
- Shade is essential
- Noise buffer on the east edge would be helpful
- Create a transitional space that is beautiful when empty
- Design should draw people to the front door
- Plaza should be eye-catching, and a place to linger
PUBLIC FEEDBACK

CONCEPT 1 - ART STAGE

Public Feedback

58% Like It
22% Not Sure
20% Don't Like It

CONCEPT 2 - GARDEN TERRACE

Public Feedback

56% Like It
24% Not Sure
20% Don't Like It

CONCEPT 3 - WATER FEATURE

Public Feedback

26% Like It
30% Not Sure
44% Don't Like It

CONCEPT 3 - PAVING GRAPHIC

Public Feedback

20% Like It
28% Not Sure
52% Don't Like It

Note: The Steering Committee and Preservation Board preferred this option
Open House 2
Design Options
HYBRID 1 - TIME TRAVELER’S PLAZA

Time Travelers Plaza is inspired by the transformation of landscapes over time and the history of the Pioneer Square District as a former tidal marsh. This option features a life-sized map of the King Street Station area prior to development, engraved in new granite paving with a small interactive water feature placed along the route of a former creek. This option maximizes flexible space by focusing improvements on the ground plane, a simple frame of benches, and a shade canopy above. The canopy will be a light structure that may include a movable scrim, and will be designed to respect views of the station. It may also be used to define market and event space, and provide a structure from which to hang supplemental lighting or mount temporary art installations.
TIME TRAVELLER’S PLAZA

FEATURES
1. Shade Canopy with Lighting
2. Historic Map Paving
3. Water Feature
4. Potential beer garden
5. Fixed seating and movable seating
TIME TRAVELLER’S PLAZA
TIME TRAVELLER’S PLAZA

PLAZA ACTIVITY

- SMALL GATHERING OR INSTALLATION
- FOOD/COFFEE CART
- BEER GARDEN
- PLAY ZONE

800 SF
~1,000 SF
TIME TRAVELLER’S PLAZA

PLAZA ACTIVITY

- EVENT SPACE
- 10’x10’ TENTS
- FOOD CART
- FOOD TRUCK

~8,000 SF
HYBRID 2 - RAILWAY PARK

Railway Park is inspired by the railroad’s formative role in shaping the city of Seattle and connecting land to water. This option draws people into the space through the language of locomotive rails. Gathering areas are nestled within gardens, and colorful custom seating echoes the building’s iconic neon sign. A rotating turntable over the existing vent adds whimsy, and may serve as both seat and stage, while discreet umbrella-like shade structures are designed to be folded down or moved. The plaza may host small and medium sized events, such as art installations and dance or music performances.
RAILWAY PARK

FEATURES

1. Gardens
2. Moveable shade umbrellas
3. Turntable seat or stage
4. Rail track paving
5. Potential beer garden
6. Fixed and movable seating
RAILWAY PARK
RAILWAY PARK

PLAZA ACTIVITY

- SMALL GATHERING OR INSTALLATION
- FOOD/COFFEE CARTS
- FOOD TRUCK
- BEER GARDEN
- PLAY ZONE

~1,000 SF

600 SF

400 SF
RAILWAY PARK

PLAZA ACTIVITY

EVENT SPACE

FOOD TRUCK

BAND/STAGE

BEER/WINE GARDEN

FOOD/BAR CART

~ 6,000 SF

14'

~100'

King Street Station and Union Station Square Conceptual Design
UNION STATION SQUARE
UNION STATION SQUARE

Existing Layout

Previous Design

Park Challenges

- Existing Granite Blocks Don’t Allow for Socializing
- Not Easily Accessible
- Existing Bus Shelters Limit Views into park
- No Relationship to King Street Station Plaza
- No Relationship to 3rd Avenue Commercial Spaces

Public Feedback

47% Like It
51% Not Sure
2% Don’t Like It
UNION STATION SQUARE

Features:
1. Greater accessibility
2. Rearranged seating
3. Open bus shelters
4. Flexible use street
5. Relates to station plaza
6. Inviting commercial edge

View from 2nd Ave Extension S.
UNION STATION SQUARE

PLAZA ACTIVITY

To King Street Station

EVENT SPACE

10’ x 10’ TENTS

S Jackson Street

2nd Ave Extension S

3rd Ave S

UNION STATION SQUARE

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To King Street Station

EVENT SPACE

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2nd Ave Extension S

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UNION STATION SQUARE

PLAZA ACTIVITY

EVENT SPACE

FOOD/BAR CART

FUN ZONE
OPEN HOUSE 2 PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK
PUBLIC FEEDBACK - KING STREET STATION

CONCEPT 1 - TIME TRAVELLER’S PLAZA

- Like It: 45%
- Not Sure: 35%
- Don’t Like It: 20%

CONCEPT 2 - RAILWAY PARK

- Like It: 55%
- Not Sure: 46%
- Don’t Like It: 9%
PUBLIC FEEDBACK - UNION STATION SQUARE

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KING STREET STATION
FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN
**King Street Station and Union Station Square Conceptual Design**

- **Connection to Pioneer Square**
- **Union Station Square**
- **King Street Station Plaza**
  - King County Metro Privately Owned Public Plaza
- **Future Station Masters Garden**
- **King Street Entry Plaza**
  - King Street Station
- **Weller Pedestrian Bridge**
- **Union Station Entry Plaza**
- **505 Union Station Courtyard**

**LEGEND**

- **Parks & Plazas to be Improved**
- **Proposed Pedestrian Priority Right-of-Way**
- **Existing Plazas**
- **Transit Connections**
- **Key Historic Facades**
- **Pedestrian Connections to be Improved**
- **Existing Pedestrian Connections**
- **Potential Future Lid or Development with Integrated Public Realm**

*These projects are being developed as part of the Jackson Hub project with FRAMEWORK and the Alliance for Pioneer Square.*
Railway Park is inspired by the railroad’s formative role in transforming Pioneer Square from a tidal marsh into a cross-continental gateway. The design draws people into the space with locomotive rails, gardens, and colorful seating that reflect the building’s iconic architecture and sign. Small gathering areas are set within gardens, and movable tables and chairs provide open, flexible seating at the front of King Street Station and throughout the plaza. A rotating turntable displays the historic tidelands map and functions as informal seating, play platform and event stage. A shade canopy, designed to respect views of the station, provides comfort in the summer, and could support accent lighting and art installations.
FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN: RAILWAY PARK

FEATURES

1. Gardens
2. Shade Canopy with lighting
3. Turntable map
4. Rail track paving
5. Potential beer garden
6. Fixed and movable seating
The plaza offers flexible use spaces for a variety of events such as art installations, food vendors and performances, but also functions as a beautiful and attractive destination at less active times.
PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Public Open House, January 24th, 2019

FINAL PROPOSAL - RAILWAY PARK

8% Don't Like It
92% Like It
0% Not Sure
Summary of Key Feedback

- The design is inviting and leads you into the space and the building
- The interpretive elements (superimposed map, turntable and rails) provide an engaging way to tell the site history
- Trees, shade and planting are important
- Has potential to enhance the experience of visiting Seattle
- Beauty and respite should have equal consideration to activation
- Rail elements and map provide way to highlight cultural history
- Lighting and nighttime use should be encouraged
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