

What we Heard

Community Goals & Themes of the Project

7/30/2024

Early Thoughts & Themes from the Community

"An artful bridge that is safe, accessible to all, and merges the history of the area with the natural environment"

"Would love to see this be a start to rectify the wrongs of I-94 cutting off north side from the river"

"Any connection between parts of the city that have been walled off from others is a step in the right direction."

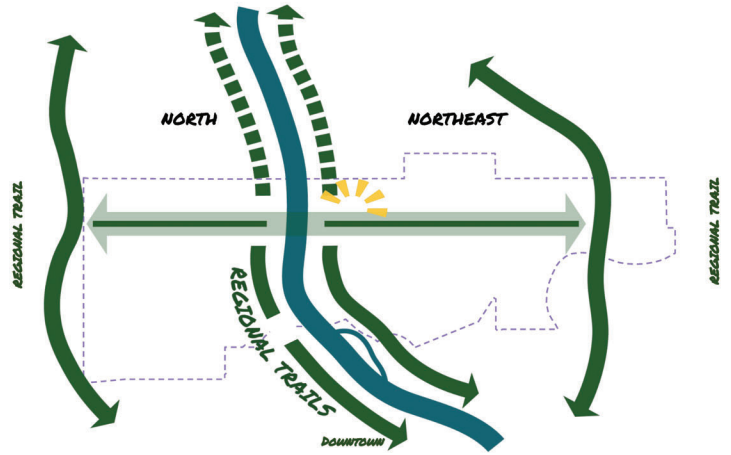
"Connecting Northeast and North Minneapolis would be a transformational walking and biking connection"

"High visibility, easy to and use, iconic, and a place to stop and enjoy the river."

"Music, food vendors, kids activities, learning and river"

"Accessible, walkable, bikeable, rollable."

"It would be good to see ~~at~~ ^{bridge} that was in harmony with the environment."



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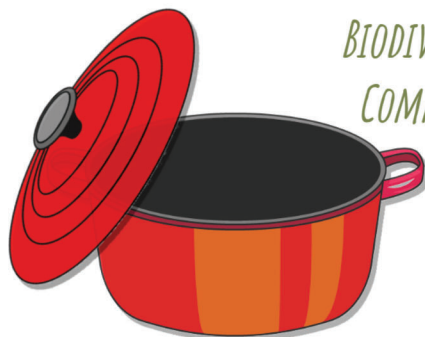


Safety

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What are our ingredients for building a river crossing?



LANDSCAPE & FRAMING

STROLLING AND ENJOYING THE SCENERY

ACCESS & CONNECTION

SLOW TRAFFICKING & APPROACH

FLEXIBILITY

BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGY

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & RECREATION

COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT

GATHERING & LINGERING

ART AND CULTURE

RELAXATION AND RESPITE

EDUCATION & ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP



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What we heard? Applying Values

Recent Events and Ongoing Engagement

Who have we heard from:

- Recent Engagement
- Open houses
- Site tours
- Neighborhood and community meetings

Key questions to ask when looking at the conceptual direction to date.



Where can the crossing



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- handrails
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Precedents & Themes

to guide the design of a new crossing
Between Open House #2 and an online follow-up survey the project engaged with approximately 600 more people across the community.

Feedback was provided in various forms, including survey responses, conversations, and written opinions.



Site Tours & Continuing Engagement

Throughout discussions we heard that arts and culture should be represented strongly on the bridge, and be framed by robust environmental treatments on both sides of the river.



Verbal and written feedback focused on preference for amenities, park program, materiality, and the types of activities the community at large would like to see happen on the new crossing. These themes of connection have remained consistent through both phase 1 and 2 engagement.

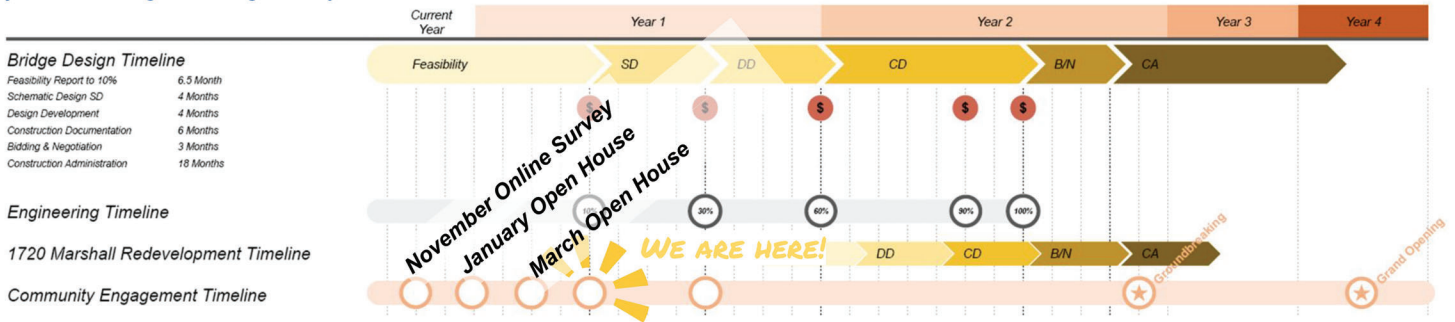


Project Information

Timeline & agencies having jurisdiction over the project

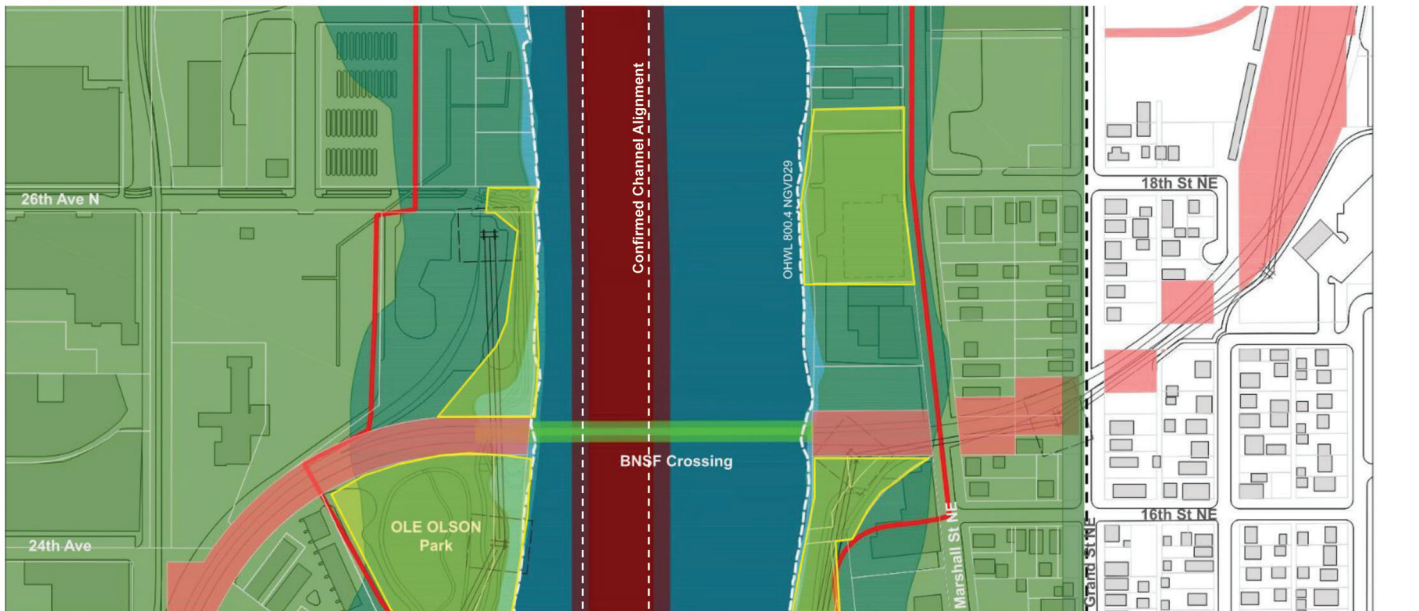
Project Timeline*

*Project Timeline Contingent on funding availability



Who we have met with so far

MARCH 6TH U.S. Coast Guard
FEBRUARY 27TH U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
FEBRUARY 25TH National Park Service
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
 BNSF RAILWAY
MARCH 4TH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FEBRUARY 26TH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 MPCA Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
 BWSR Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources
 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
MARCH 5TH Minneapolis City of Lakes
MARCH 4TH MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
 City of Minneapolis Public Works
 Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (non-regulatory)



- USACE Commercial Channel (decommissioned)
- BNSF & Soo Line Property
- MNDNR Shoreland Boundary
- - - Miss. River Critical Area
- USCG Navigable Waterway
- NPS Jurisdiction
- Above the Falls Regional Park Boundary
- - - OHWL (800.4)
- MnDOT lateral clearances
- FEMA Floodplain
- Study Area



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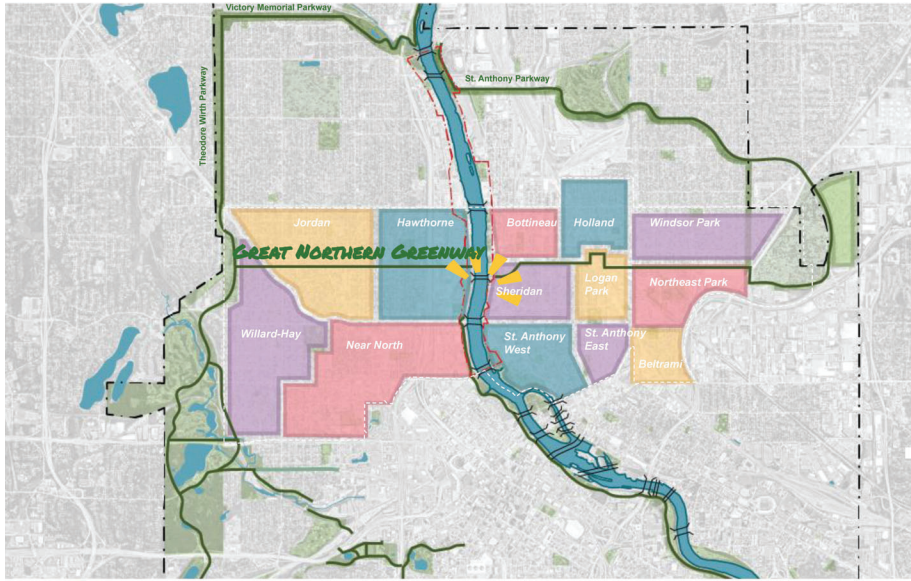
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The Study Area

Where we're looking

Project Context



Green Parkway Connection
Above the Falls Park Boundary

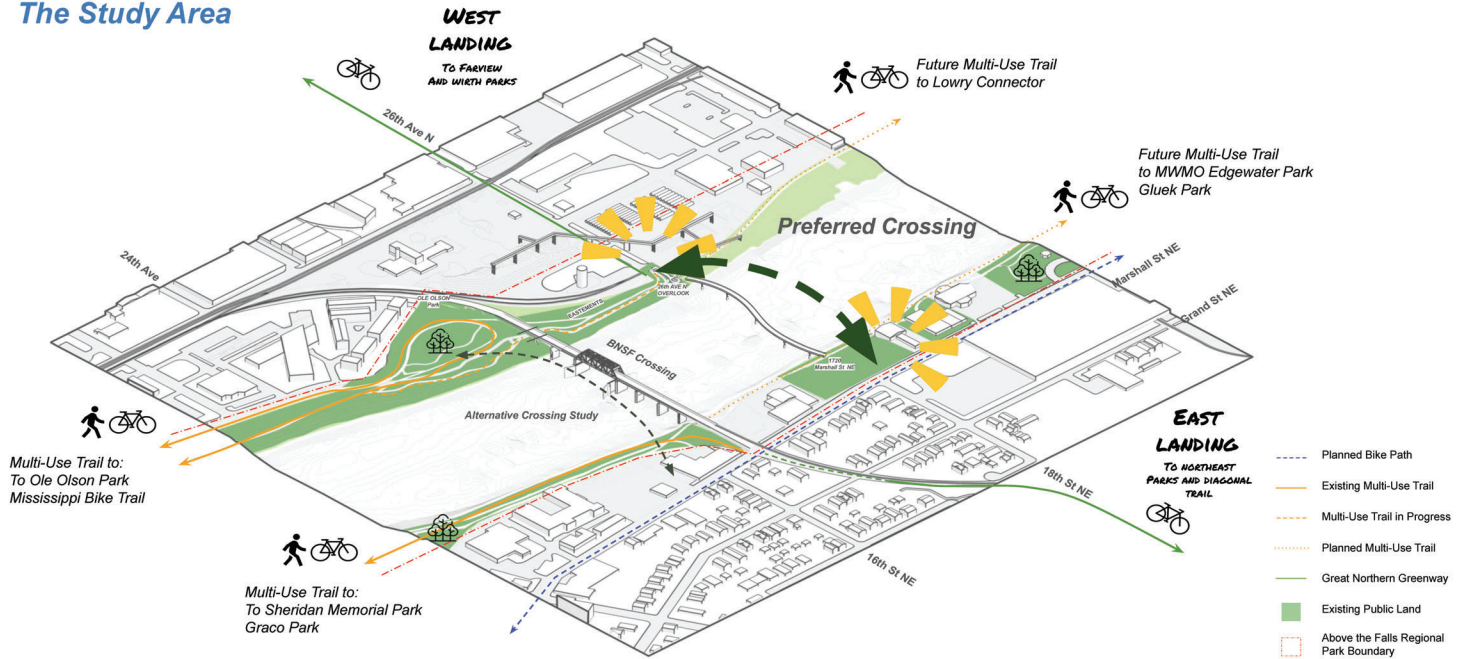


East Bank Connection, NE 18th Ave Multi-Use Trail Profile



East Bank Connection, N 26th Ave Multi-Use Trail Profile

The Study Area



West Bank



West bank at 26th Ave N Overlook



Adjacent industrial use

East Bank



East bank at 1720 Marshall St NE



Steep asphalt rubble edge at 1720 Marshall St NE



Shallow riparian edge at 1720 Marshall St NE



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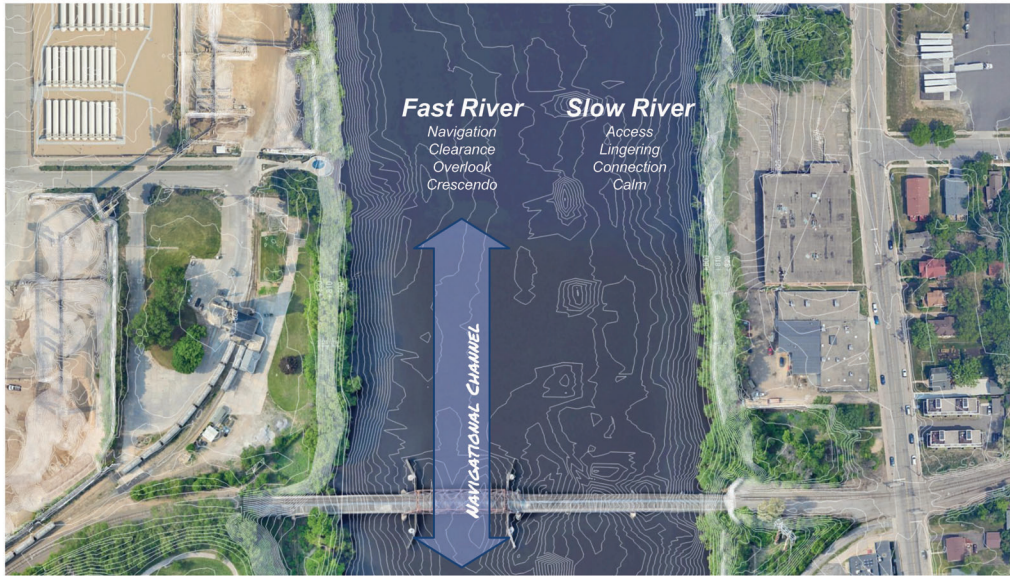
Fast & Slow, Experiencing the Mississippi River

How to create Access to the River

East & West Connectivity



How would you like to engage with the river



River access parameters

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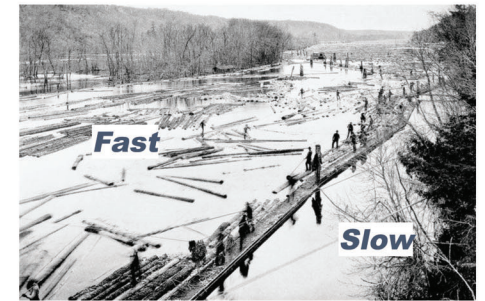
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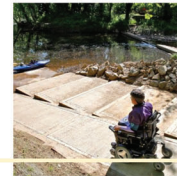
Gathering
Create spaces for people to gather
... provide opportunity for gathering at the river (near, on, around). Provide seating, benches, grass, or shaded areas.

Safety
Make it comfortable for people walking, biking, and rolling
... ensure safety with:
- good lighting
- covered / protected areas
- Visual connection and access
- Minimize conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians

Project Values



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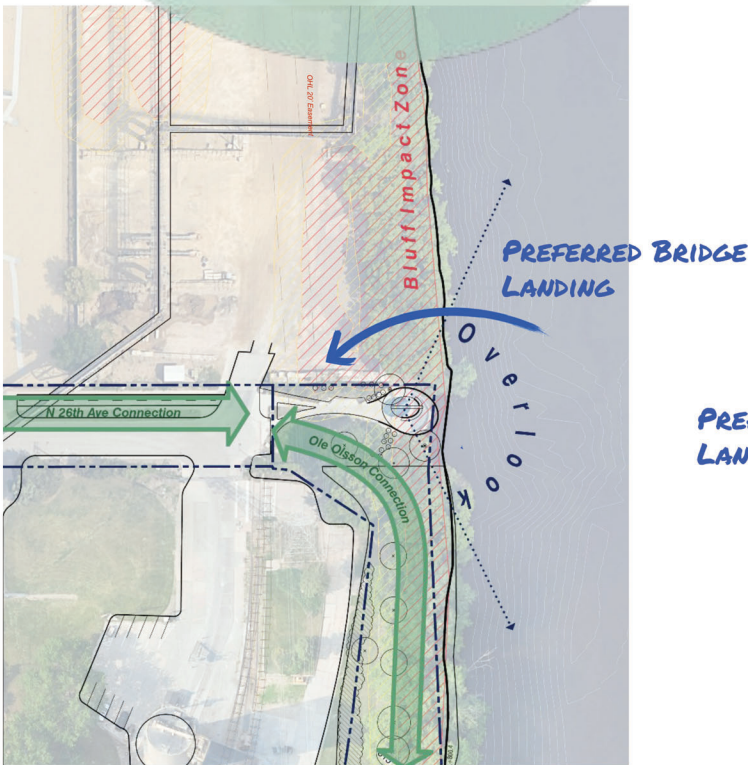
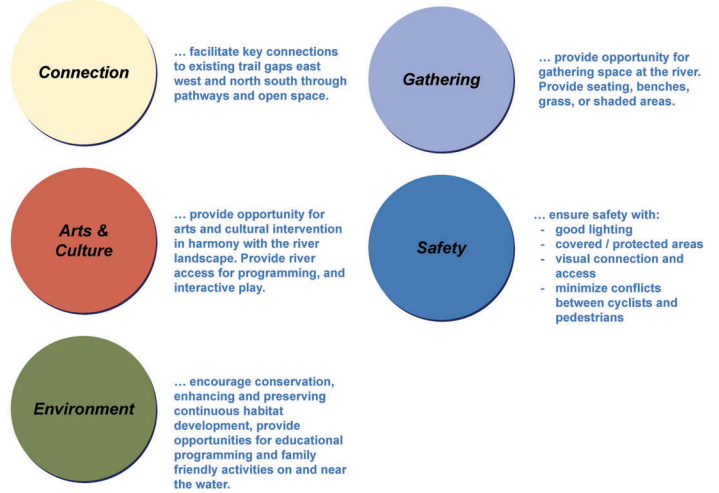
Creating a place for gathering & connection

A Park to Welcome the Bridge

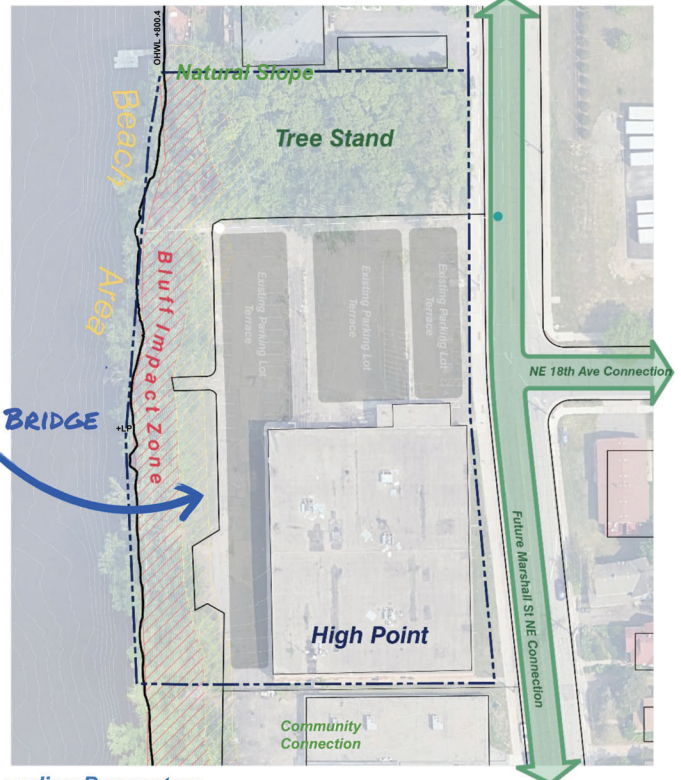
Park Ambitions



Park Parameters

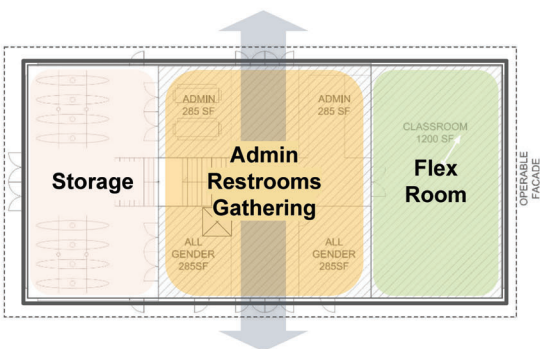


West Landing Parameters



East Landing Parameters

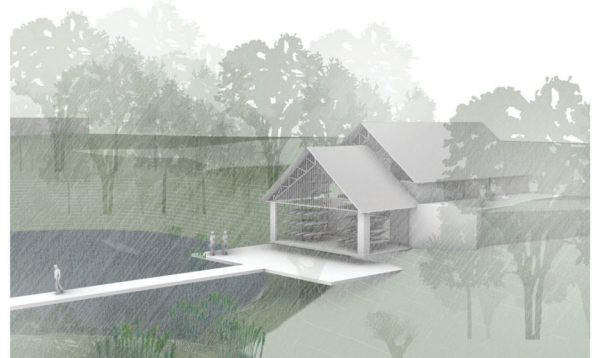
New Water Access & Parks Board Outpost



Preliminary Program

3,000 - 5,000 sf +/-

- Community classroom spaces (x2)
- Storage for kayaks/canoes + rec
- Administration / reception entrance
- Public restrooms
- Loading ability for kayaks/canoes to river



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Bridge Design & Structure 101

Overview of Structural Systems

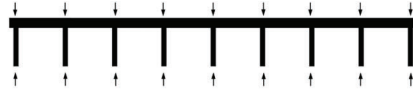
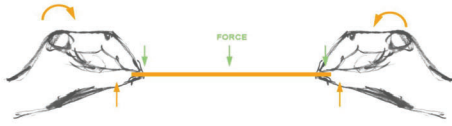
Structural Forms

Typical bridge structures can be developed based on a few predominate structural forms represented below. Each form has its own benefits relative to span length, efficiency, materiality, and constructability.

Bending

Structure: beams elements typically **below** bridge deck

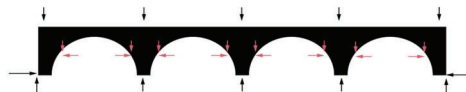
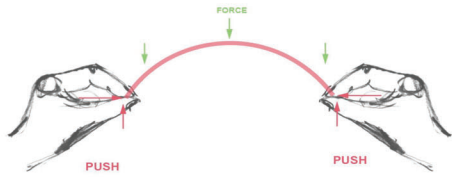
Materials: Steel, concrete, timber



Compression

Structure: arch structures **above** or **below** bridge deck

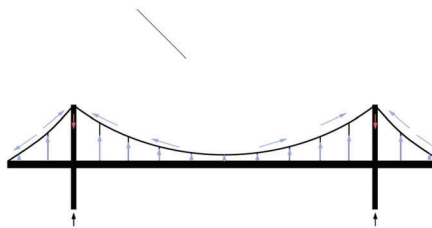
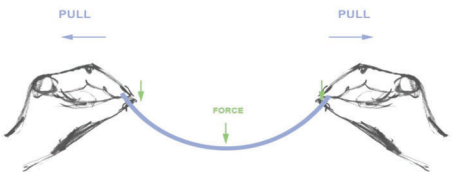
Materials: Steel, concrete, timber, stone



Tension

Structure: cable systems typically **above** bridge deck

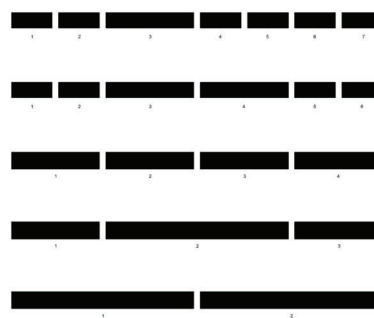
Materials: Steel



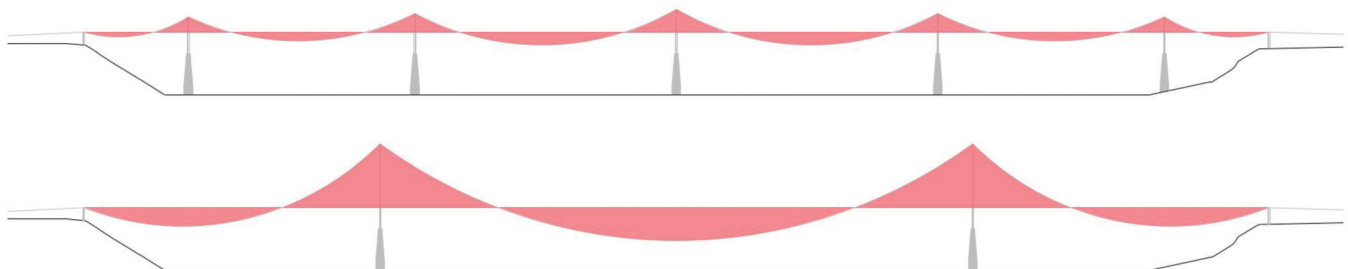
Effects of Bridge Span on Structure

A greater number of supports allows for the applied forces to be carried more efficiently through the structure. This is one reason why bridges are often divided into several pieces or spans. The red areas shaded above and below the bridge decks represent the magnitude of the bending moments (stresses) experienced by the bridge in the two schemes shown. Minimizing span lengths reduces the demand on the bridge structure.

Span Scheme



# of Supports	Structure Aligned with Span	Relative Material Usage	Relative Cost
2	●	++	\$\$
3	● ●	+++	\$\$\$
4	● ● ●	++++	\$\$\$
5	● ● ● ●	+++++	\$\$\$\$
6	● ● ● ● ●	++++	\$\$\$\$



Magnitude of Bending



Bridge Design & Structure 101

Overview of Structural Systems

References - Span



Re-naturalizing the Water's Edge

Creating Access and Landscape Immersion at the Bridge's East Landing

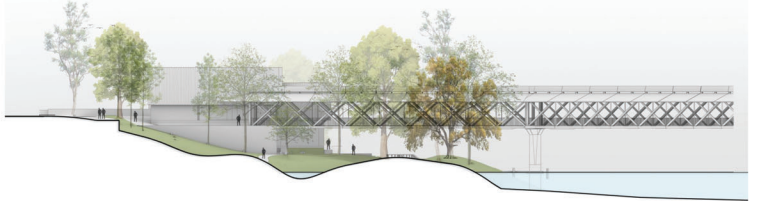


CONCEPTUAL RIVERSIDE PARK UPDATE



OPPORTUNITY FOR PARK ECOTONES

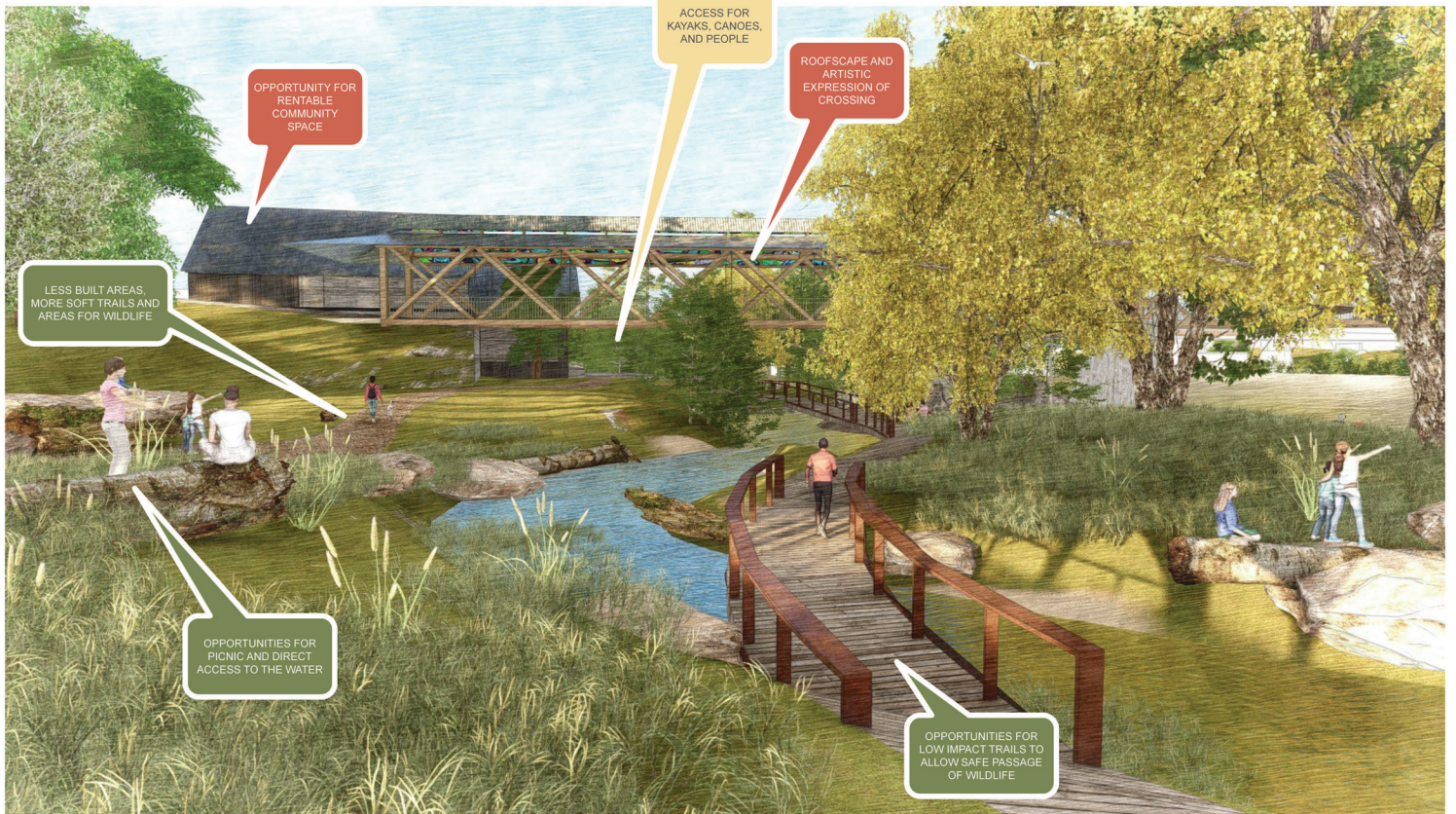
SLIGHT COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR HABITAT FOCUS OF RIVERSIDE HAVEN ECOTONE



SECTION AA - VIEW LOOKING SOUTH



SECTION BB - VIEW AT OUTLOOK



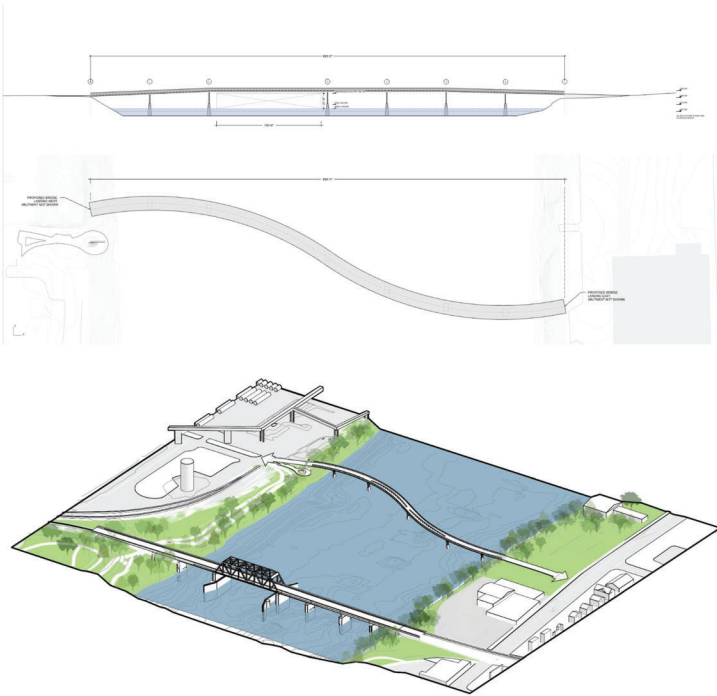
The Floodplain & the Crossing

Tailored Structural Design to the River

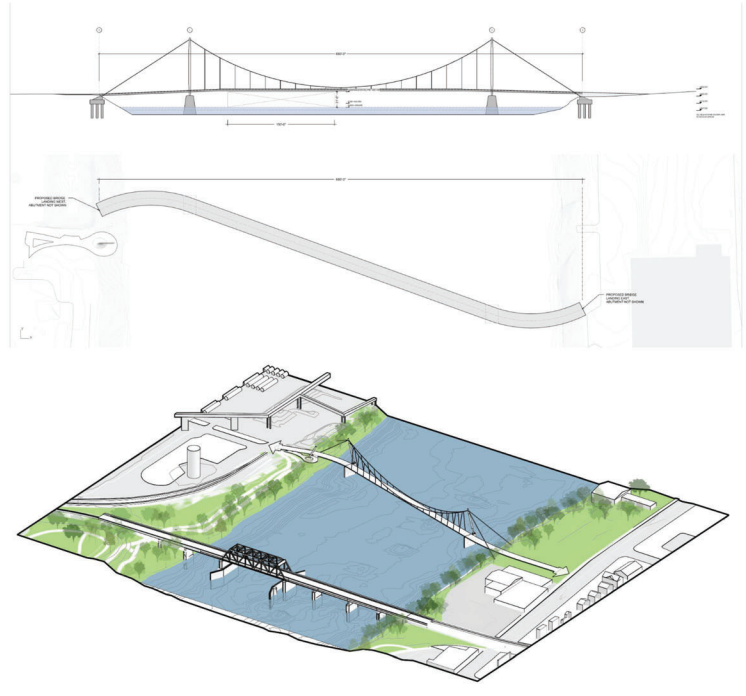
Why Does It Matter? What are we studying?

The following two scenarios show two bridges, one with multiple piers in the water and one with only two piers in the water. As the project moves past schematic design and is further funded, the MPRB and its partners will be required to study further the impacts to the floodplain. As estimated today, both scenarios increase the water level and floodplain by less than 0.75 inches. The project goal is zero rise.

Scenario A



Scenario B



Differing Structural Systems and Differing Qualities of Space ...



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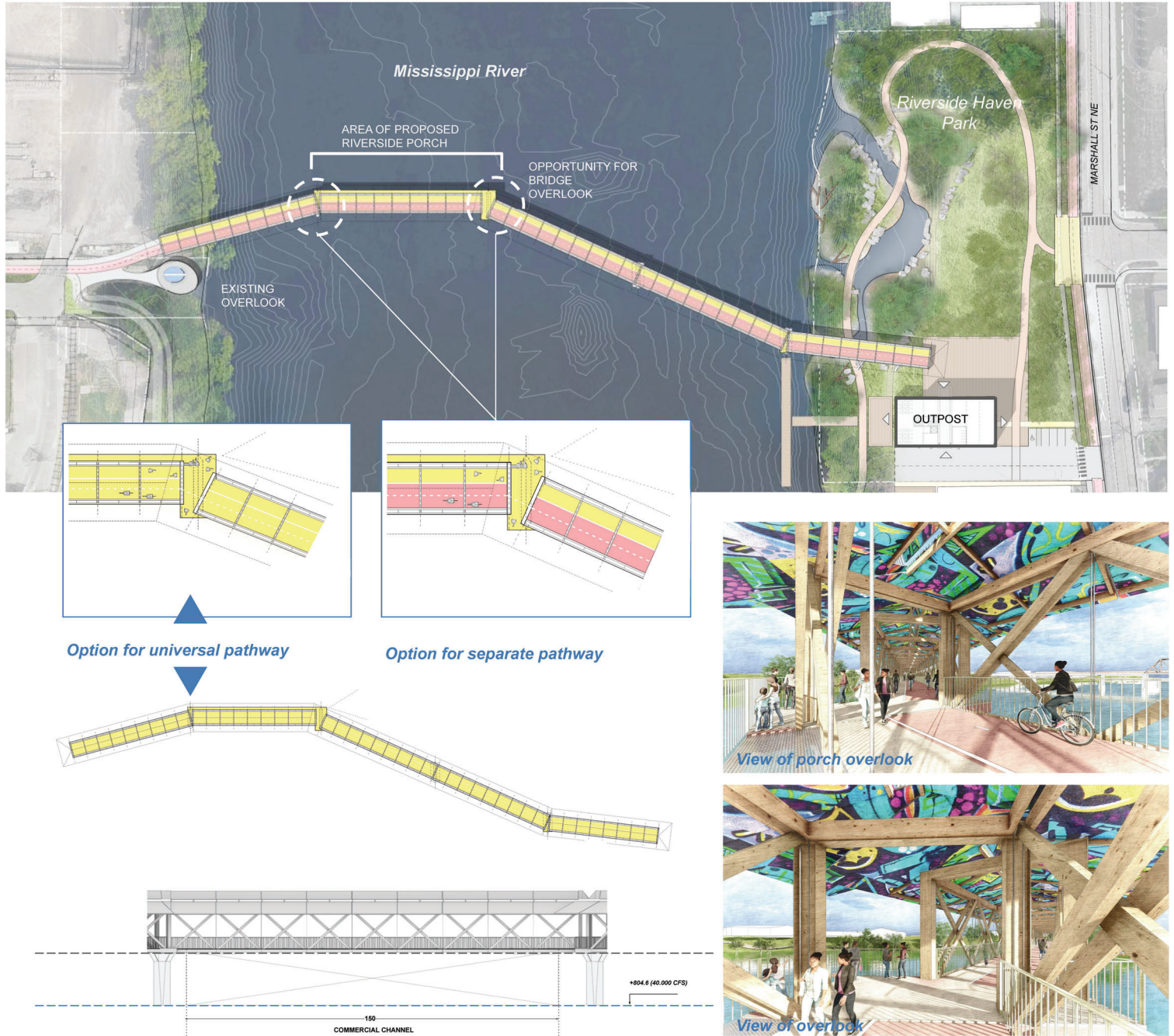
Scenario A - Covered Truss Bridge

Placemaking and River Crossing, An Opportunity for Artistic Expression

What We Heard for the Crossing Design

Understanding that placing piers in the water may have impact to the floodplain this design expands on the Community Desire for natural materials (wood), a close proximity to nature, and multiple opportunities for gathering along the crossing. A roofscape could be an opportunity for collaboration with local artists, another community desire.

Artist Impression of Wooden Truss Bridge



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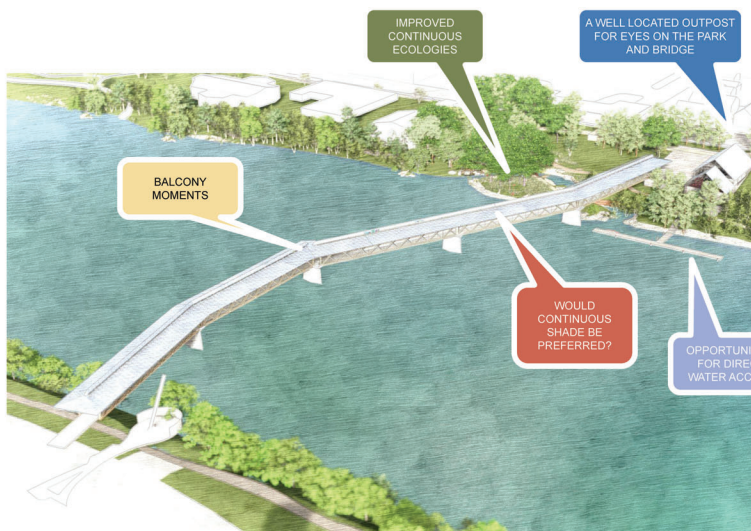
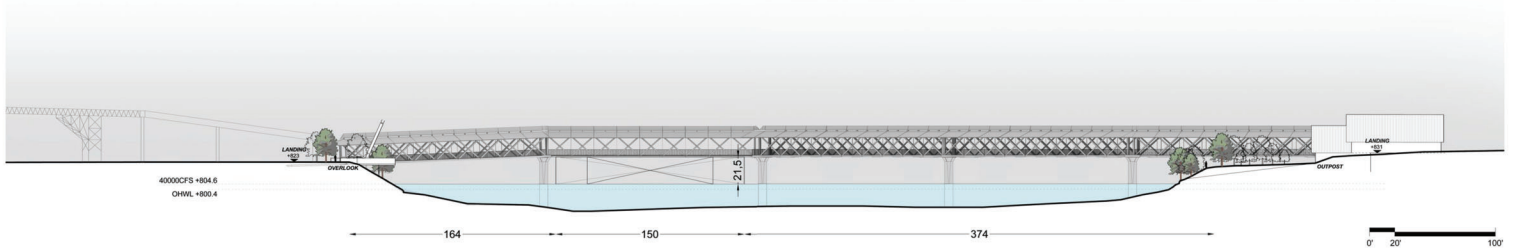
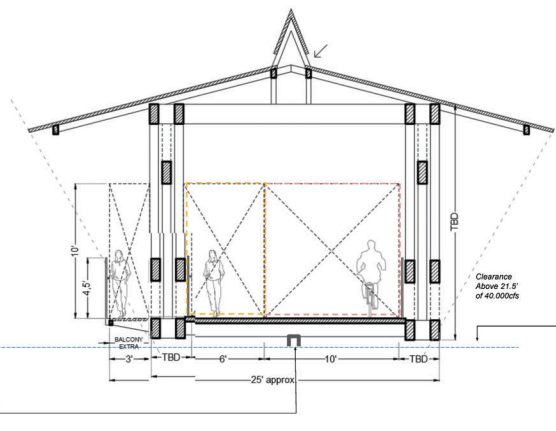
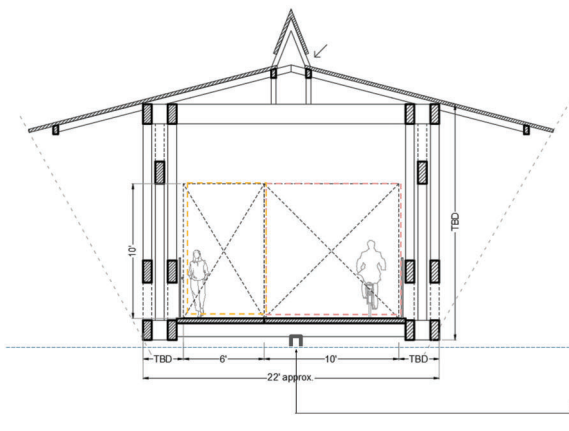
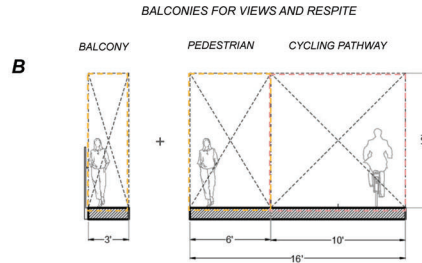
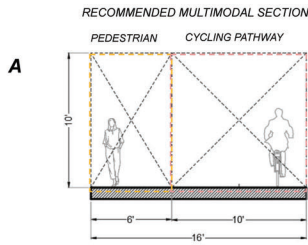
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Conceptual sections showing
How we could experience the bridge together



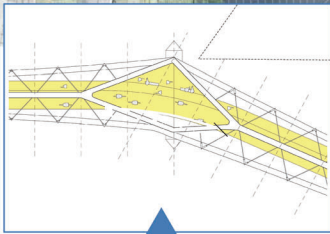
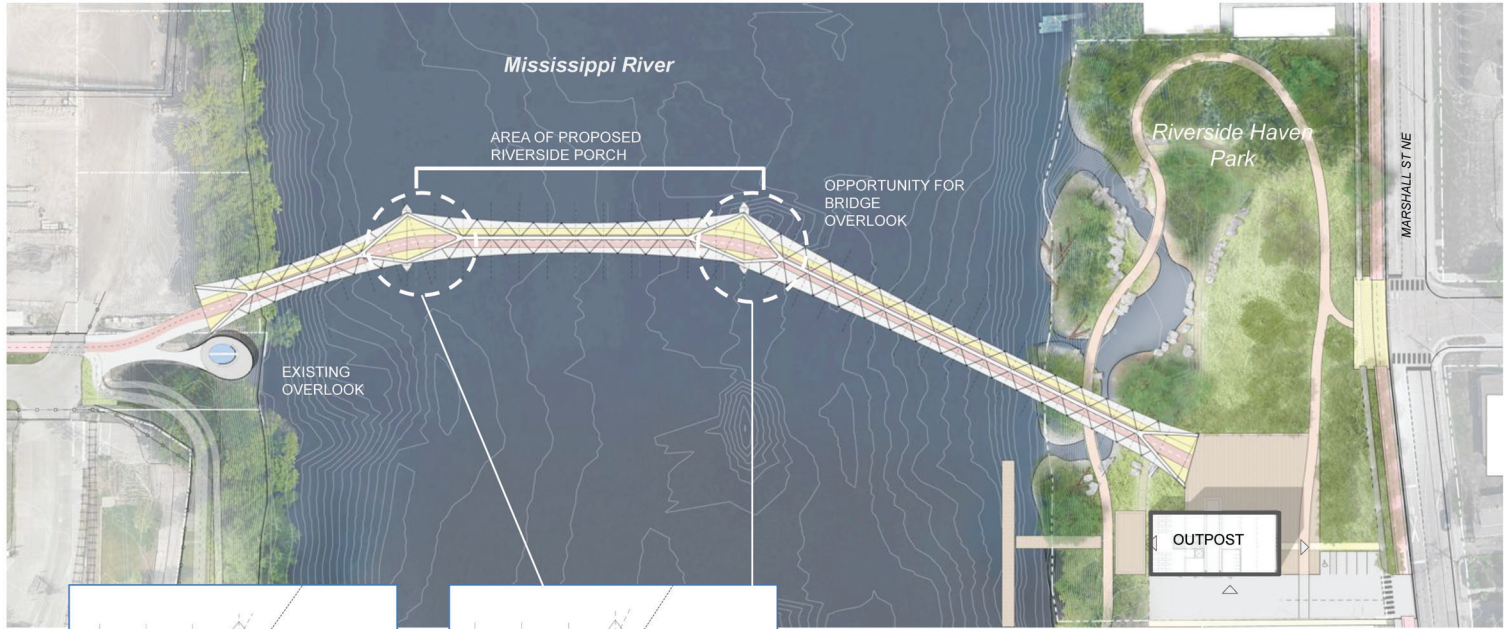
Scenario B - Athletic Steel Bridge

Minimizing Impact in the Floodplain with a Structurally Playful Crossing

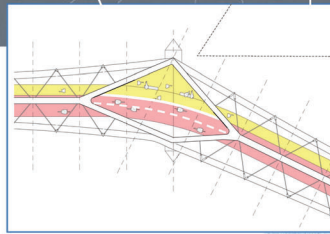
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Understanding that placing piers in the water may have impact to the floodplain this design minimizes impact on the floodplain by employing a more athletic and expressive structural system. This type of bridge can take many forms, conceptually shown this tied arch form may evolve to express the structure in different materials, or be could be designed to split arches or lower the profile.

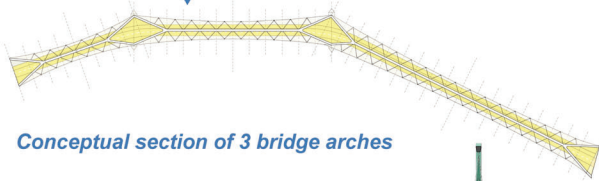
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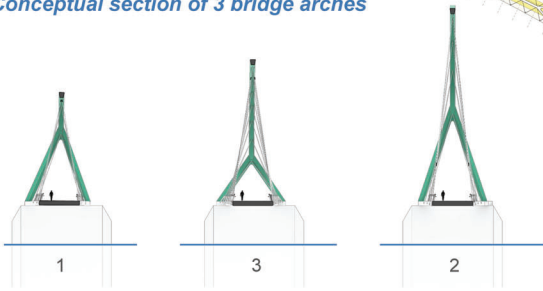
Option for universal pathway



Option for separate pathway



Conceptual section of 3 bridge arches



A conceptual view from the crossing

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