



Sense of Place

Who are Angelenos? What is Los Angeles? As noted historian Dr. Leonard Pitt stated, "No other available 32 acres holds as much opportunity to enlighten us about the history and culture of Los Angeles and this region..." The Park site and its surroundings have a sense of place rooted in a long history of settlement. There are opportunities for discovery and revelation based on the untold stories, some contained in the remnant material culture of the site. The tangible resources today appear to be few, but we can still hear the whispers of the past resonating in the voices of the present, proclaiming the future of the area.

Looking more closely, or through different filters, other features can be seen or sensed, contributing to the uniqueness of the site. These features include the nearby rolling hills, the more distant mountains, and the relative proximity to the Los Angeles River; the industrial and commercial tradition of the site; nearby 19th Century architecture; and the surrounding cityscape. The success of the Park will be the physical manifestation of the site based on the memories and stories of the people and their cultural heritage, which will make the Park a vital component of the city, region, and state.

The site has been the crossroads and hub for many peoples in the past and is still in a transportation corridor that is connected to the larger region by rail, the nearby river, and major thoroughfares. It has been the scene of discovery, adventure, and tragedy. Struggles and triumphs were part of the changing landscape of the people passing through, moving in, moving out, forced out, and returning. It is the core of a town that grew to a megalopolis with global influence that was, and still is, often veiled in myth and controversy.

On the other hand, the Park is nestled into the heart of Los Angeles' urban core surrounded by clusters or pockets of identifiable neighborhoods and communities that have long rooted connections to the history of the city. While intimately connected to the surrounding dense urban development, the open space of the 32 acres of this site will be able to provide escape from the structure and pace of urban life.

The people and stories have changed over time. How the people lived on and used the land changed, but the stories remained - stories whispered, stories shouted, stories remembered, and stories forgotten. Now the stories will be shared and heard by many - the flow of history will continue.

The Committee saw the Cornfield as a place to engage both nature and culture, to create a regional gathering space around the theme of a larger, more diverse L.A. history, which re-connected the city to the river.

-- Cornfield State Park Advisory Committee

Recommendations Report

SOUTHERN/BROADWAY ALIGNMENT



SPRING STREET ALIGNMENT



LOS ANGELES STATE HISTORIC PARK— LOS ANGELES AERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART)



SOUTHERN PARK ENTRY PLAZA—BEFORE



SOUTHERN PARK ENTRY PLAZA—AFTER

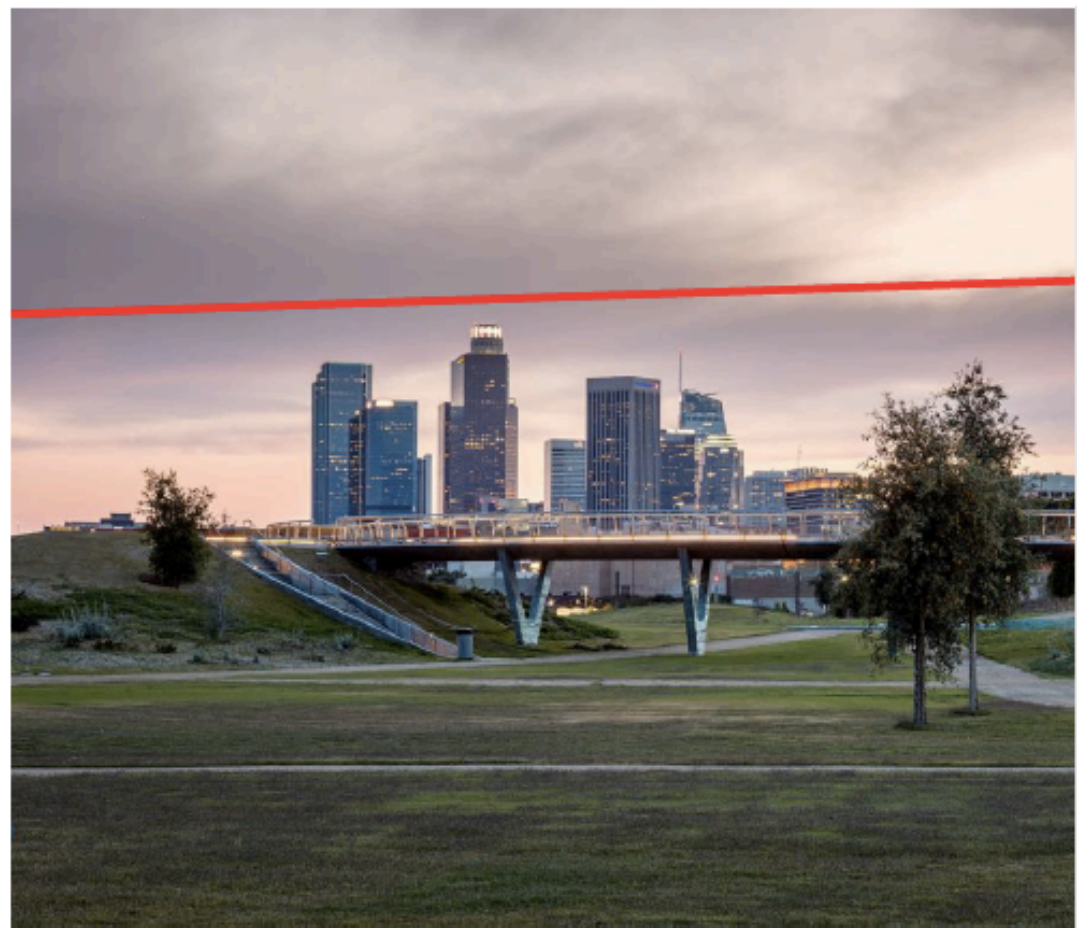


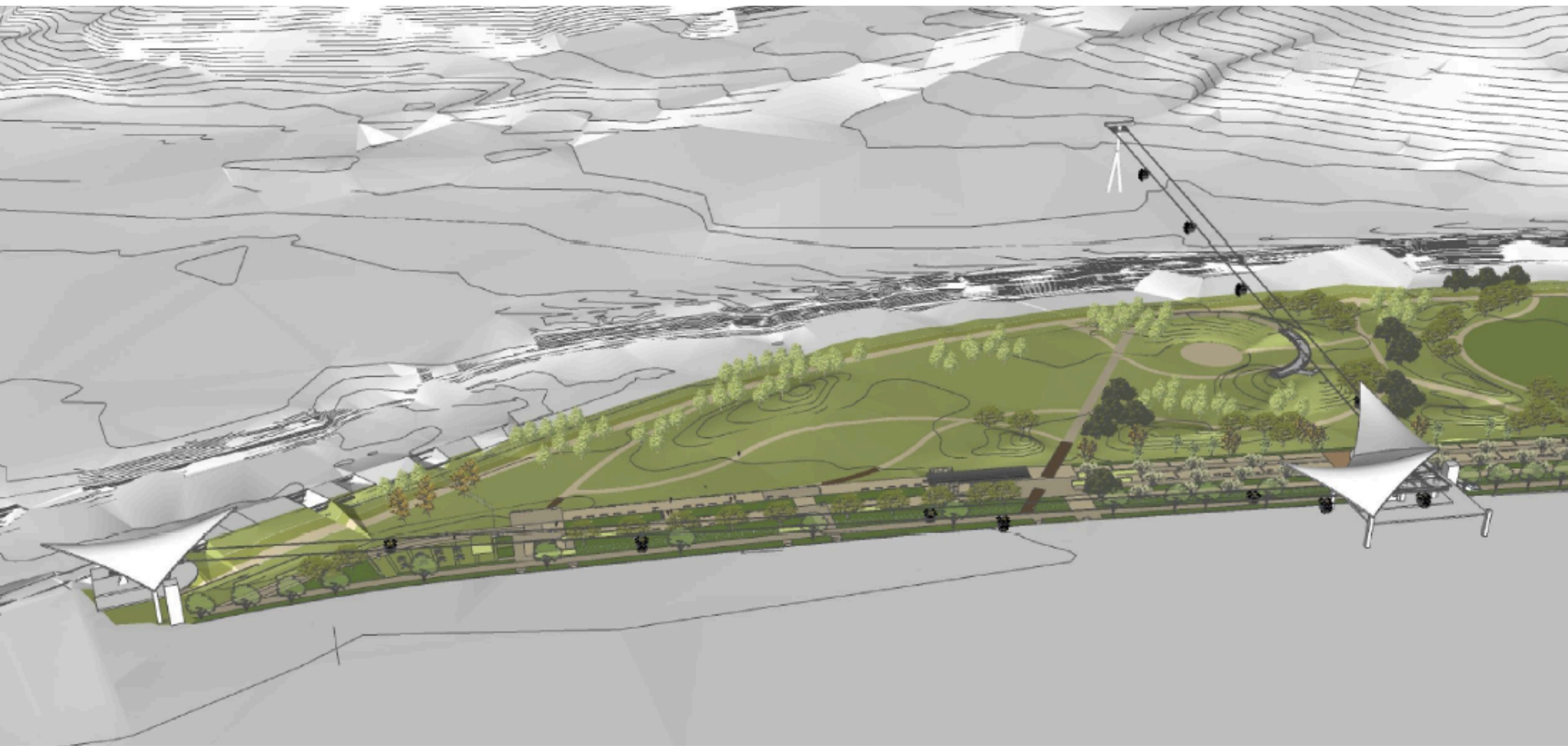
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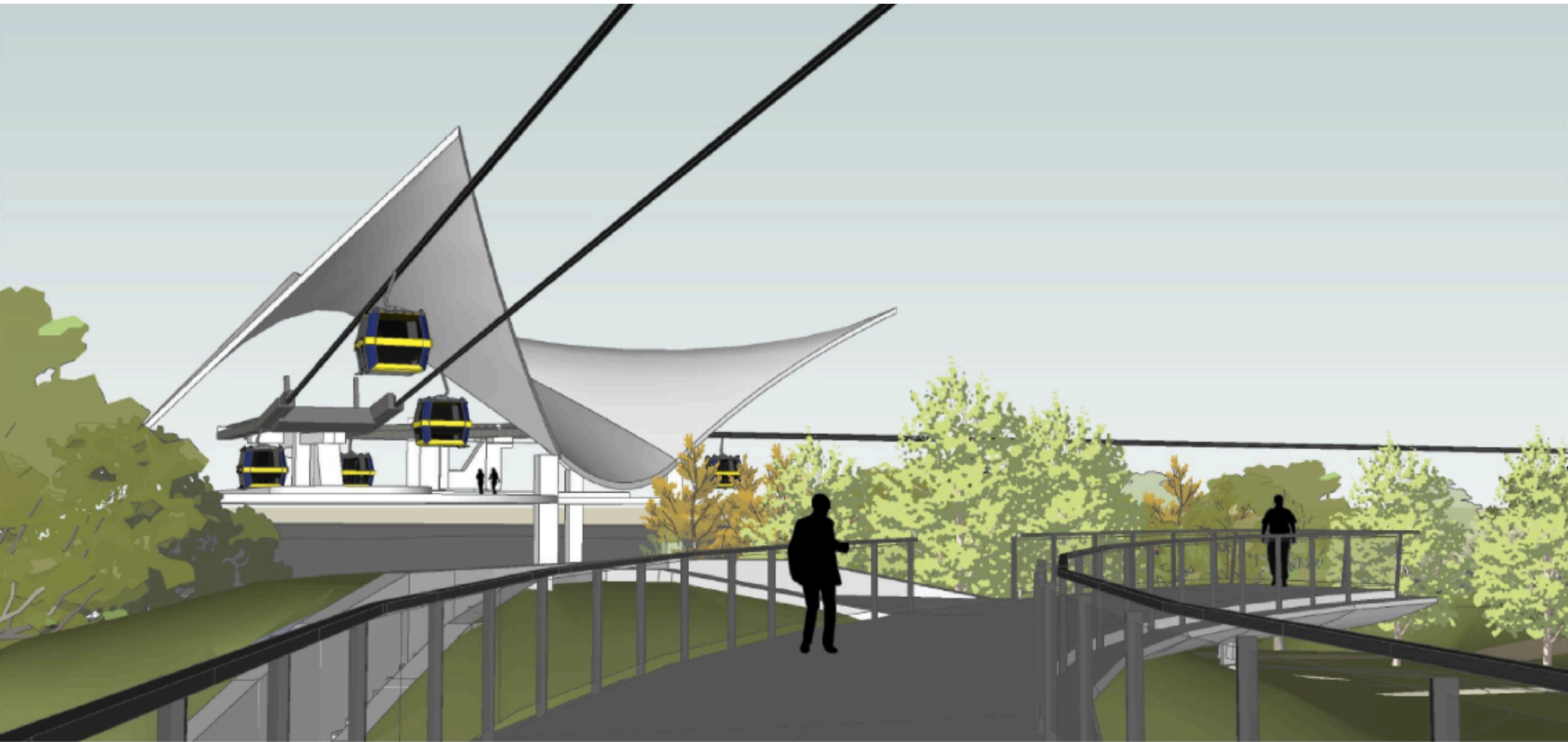
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MASSING STUDY - APPROXIMATE IMPACTS

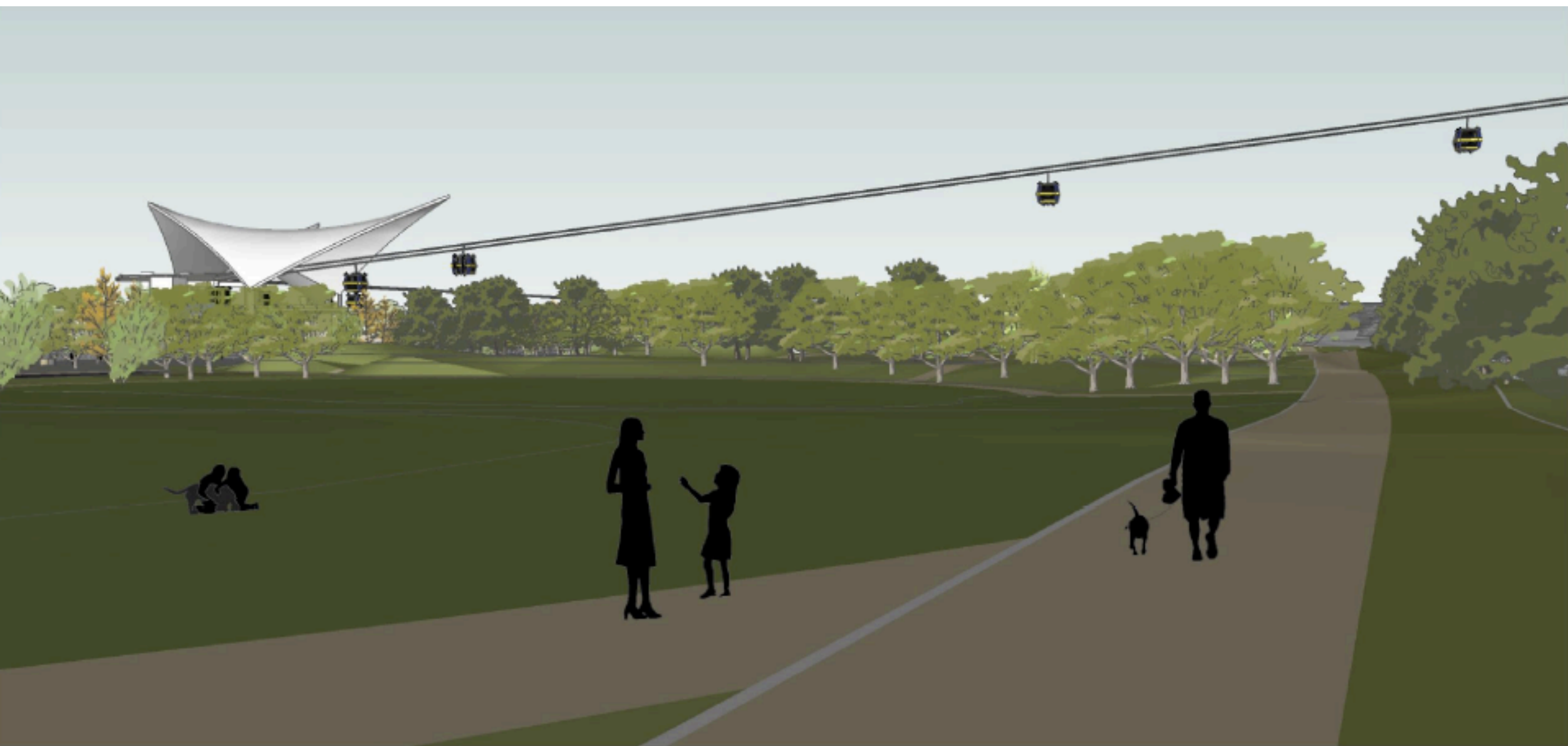




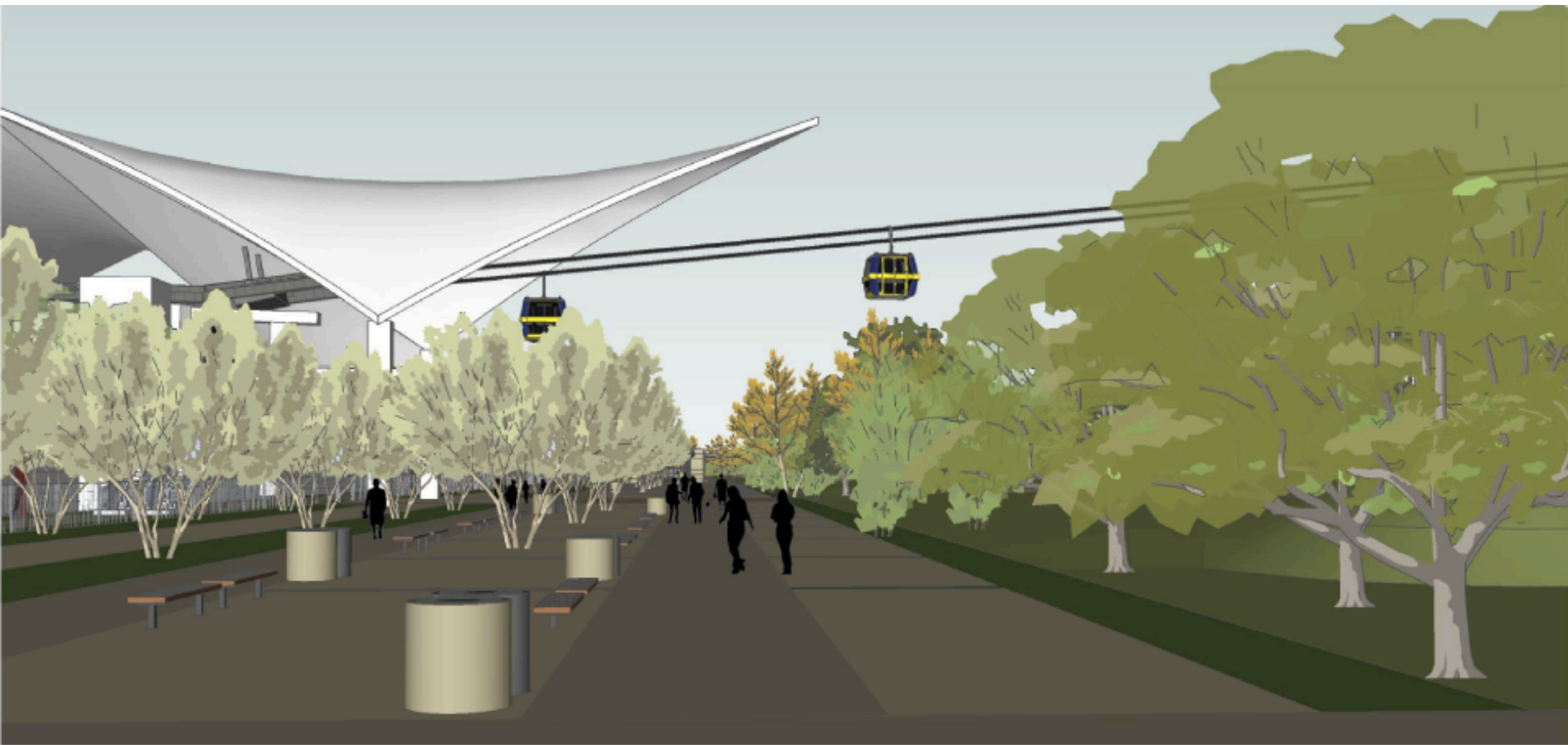
Spring Street - conceptual aerial view



Spring Street - conceptual view from bridge



Spring Street - conceptual view facing south



Spring Street - conceptual view down promenade