

01. Bell Street Park is a four block hybrid of park spirit and street function. A flexible geometric framework organizes park elements onto a diagonal grid to provide continuity for the park while responding to diverse programmatic needs and physical conditions.

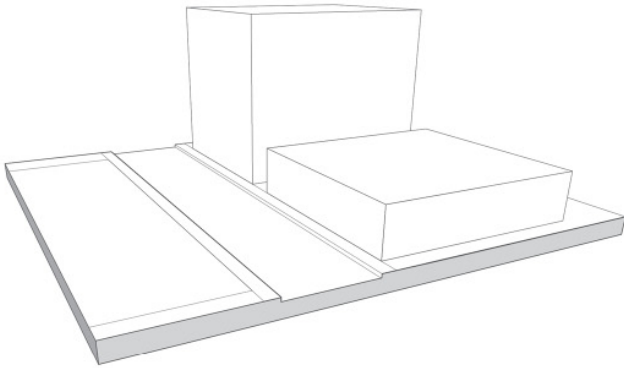


02. Prior to construction, Bell Street was composed of two westbound vehicular lanes flanked by parking and narrow crumbling sidewalks on either side. Storefronts were vacant, walking and biking were poorly accommodated and neighbors were concerned about rising crime.

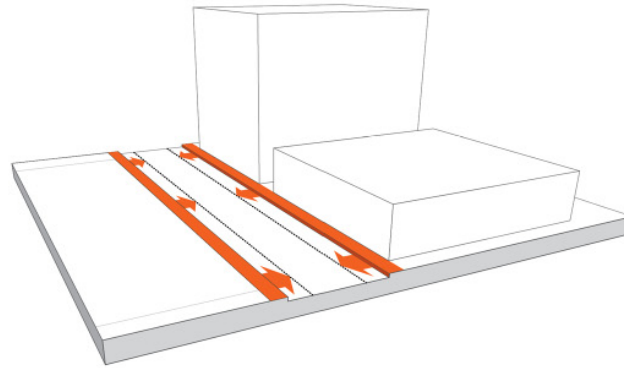


03. After construction, Bell Street Park is a curbsless shared space with slower vehicular speeds and abundant street life. New businesses are open, sidewalk cafes are full and the diverse residents of Belltown have a shared outdoor living room.

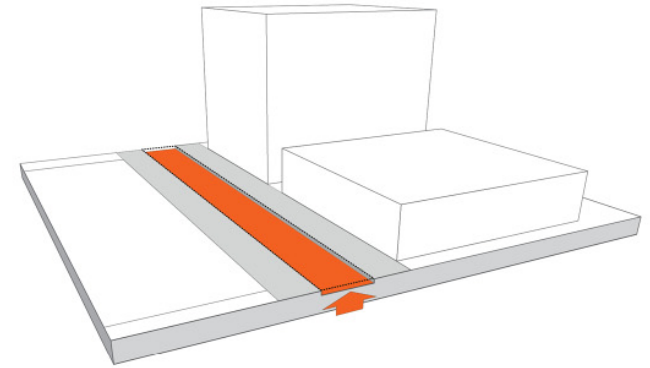
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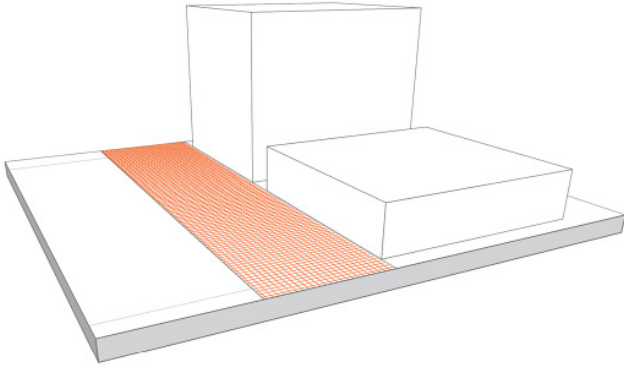
1. RECLAIM



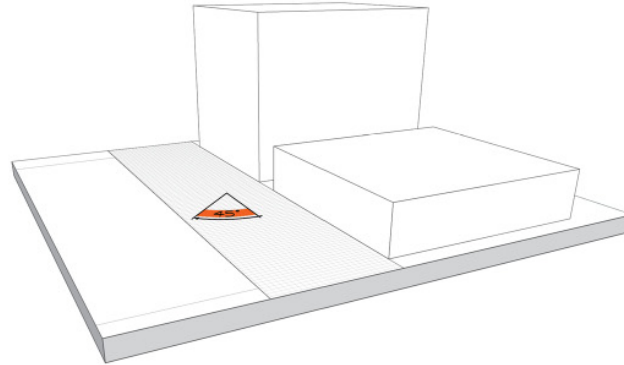
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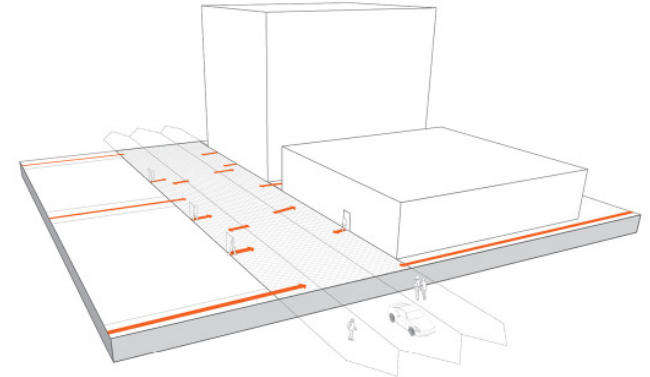
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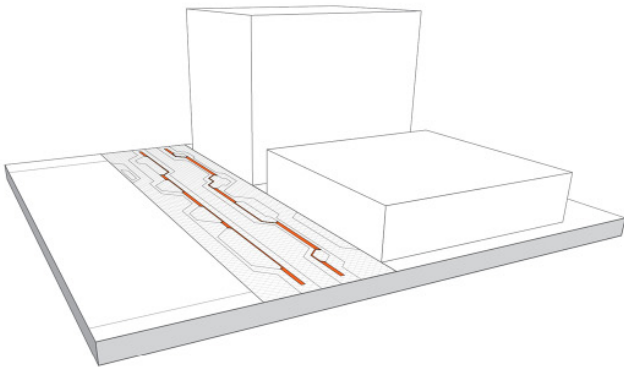
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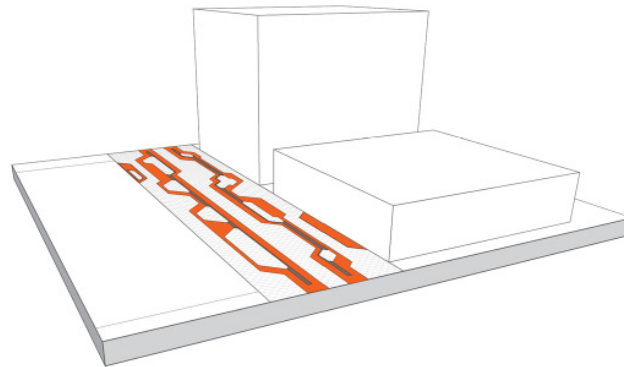
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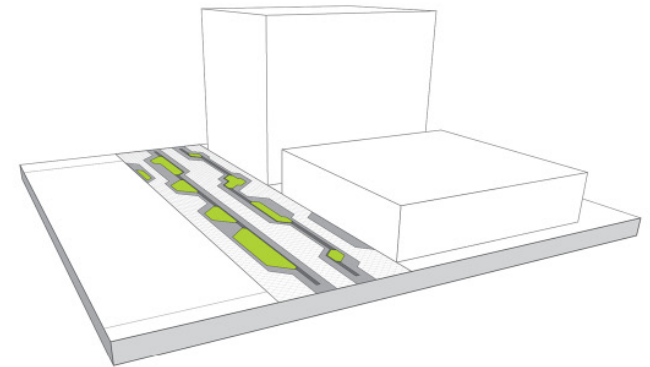
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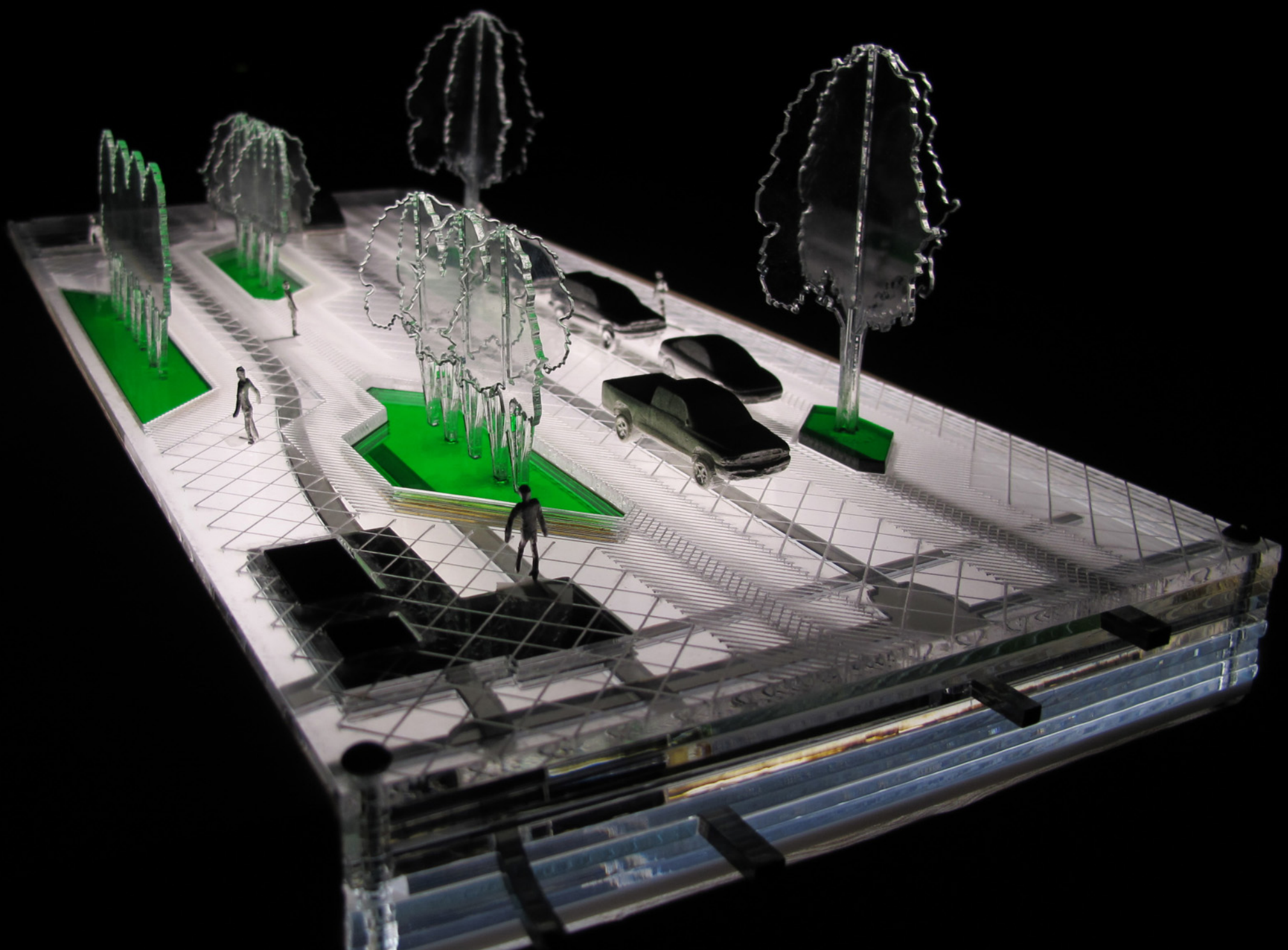
7. BLUR



8. GROW



04. Eight key moves can be distilled from the design for consideration in other urban settings: RECLAIM pedestrian space. ELEVATE the roadway. GRID the groundplane. TWIST the grid. MEANDER the roadway. GUIDE all users. BLUR the boundaries. GROW an urban oasis.



05. A complex network of existing utilities resisted typical streetscape spacing of trees and furnishings. Instead surface programming and flows are subtly adjusted in response to subsurface constraints. The result is a sensuous and dynamic rhythm of street park elements.



1) BACKGROUNDS

A matrix of predominantly evergreen plantings creates a durable and lush backdrop for the streetscape.



2) HIGHLIGHTS

A rhythm of repeated echinate bands associated with pedestrian lighting locations creates flickers of vibrancy along the corridor day and night.

PLANT MIX 1: LUSH

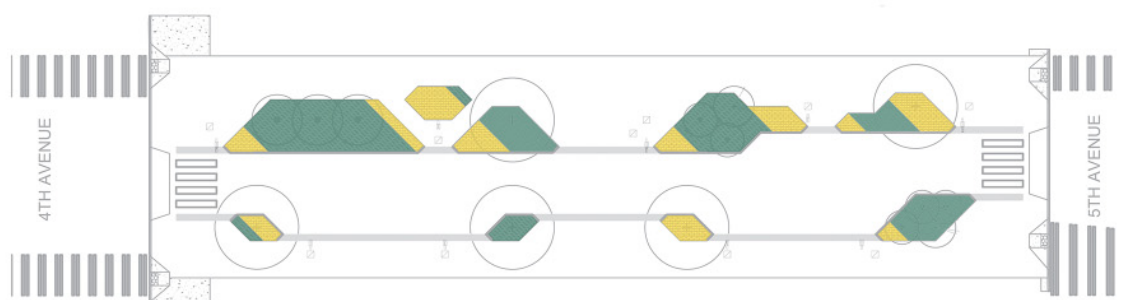
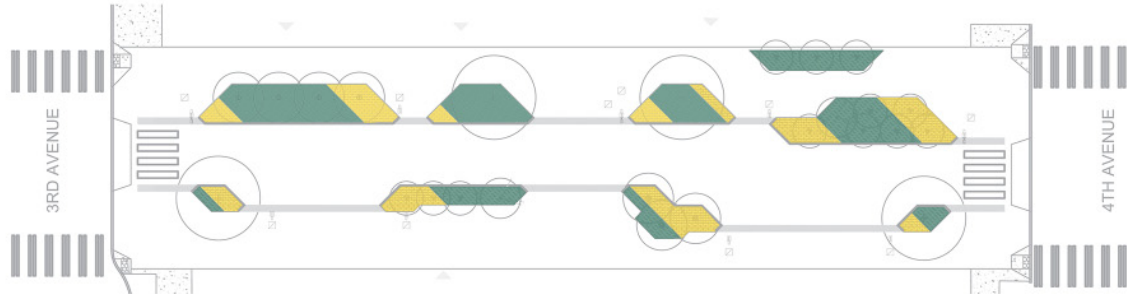
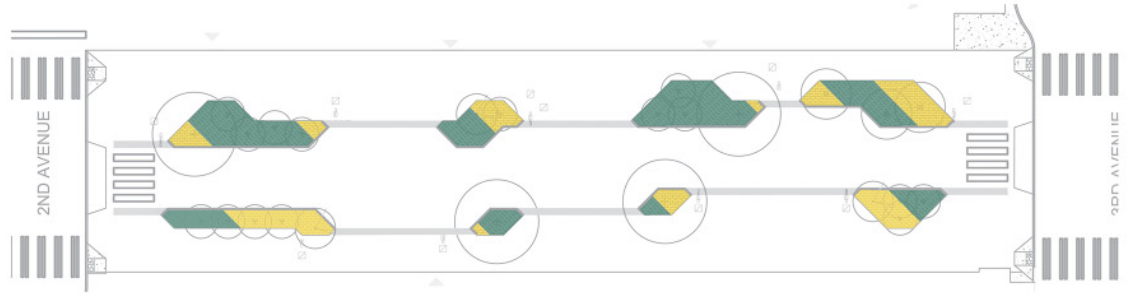
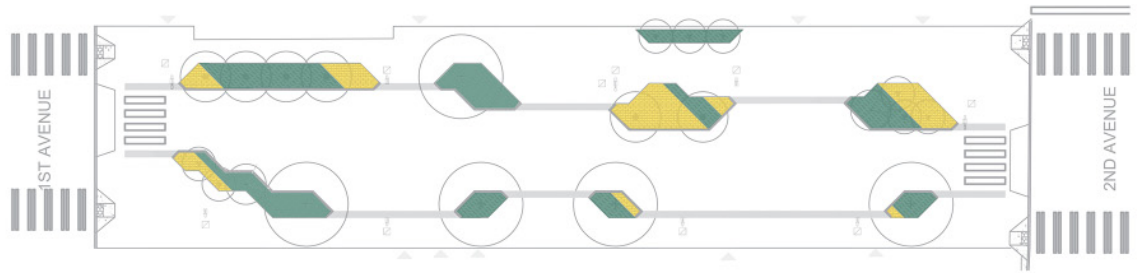
IMAGE	PLANT ID & SPECS	SEASONAL INTEREST	BLOOM PERIOD
	POLYETICHUM SETIFERUM (2' H, Evergreen, 1 gallon)	SOFT SHIELD FERN	JFMAMJJASOND
	ABELIA X GRANDIFLORA PROSTRAEA (2' H, Evergreen, 5 gallon)	GLOSSY WHITE ABELIA	JFMAMJJASOND
	PRUNUS LAUROCERASUS MT. VERNON (4' H, Evergreen, 5 gallon)	MT. VERNON LAUREL	JFMAMJJASOND
	LONICERA PILEATA MOSS GREEN (2' H, Evergreen, 2 or 5 gallon)	PRIVET HONEYSUCKLE	JFMAMJJASOND

PLANT MIX 2: ECHINATE

IMAGE	PLANT ID & SPECS	SEASONAL INTEREST	BLOOM PERIOD
	ECHINACEA HARVEST MOON (2' H, Deciduous, 1 gallon)	HARVEST MOON CONEFLOWER	JFMAMJJASOND
	ACHILLEA MILEFOLIUM FIRELAND (2' H, Deciduous, 1 gallon)	FIRELAND YARROW	JFMAMJJASOND
	ECHINOPS RITRO VETCH'S BLUE (2' H, Deciduous, 1 gallon)	GLOBE THISTLE	JFMAMJJASOND
	IRIS FOETIDISSIMA VARI- GATA (4' H, Evergreen, 1 gallon)	VARIEGATED GLADYWIN IRIS	JFMAMJJASOND
	MOLINIA CAERULEA SSP CAERULEA "HEIDERHAUT" Purple 18" H, Intra 3' H, Deciduous, 1 gallon)	PURPLE MOOR GRASS	JFMAMJJASOND
	CAREX TESTACEA (4' H, Evergreen, 1 gallon)	ORANGE SEDGE	JFMAMJJASOND

LUSH BACKGROUNDS

ECHINATE HIGHLIGHTS



06. The groundplane planting concept includes alternating bands of lush evergreen vegetation with echinate grasses and forbs that act as highlights in contrast to the evergreen zones. Planting and lighting are coordinated to create flickers of light day and night.



07. Social eddies among the planters offer lots of opportunities for neighbors to gather and relax outdoors. Bike corrals are provided on both sides of all blocks.



08. Granite curbs from the site were reclaimed as perches for sitting and informal play.



09. Bell Street Park provides a safe place for neighbors and visitors to interact outdoors at all hours. Pole-mounted LED fixtures provide consistent light levels throughout the park and temporary string lighting adds extra sparkle through Seattle's long winter nights.



10. Bell Street Park was conceived as a flexible stage for activation. Detailed studies were conducted to ensure the street would function for food trucks, markets, buskers and more.



11. Bell Street Park is actively programmed by Seattle Parks & Recreation, the Downtown Seattle Association and the Friends of Bell Street Park. One block has been designated a festival street to support regular performances and events for the neighborhood.



12. An annual Belltown Wine Crush event was established in the park to celebrate local wineries and raise money for community charities.



13. Bell Street Park offers a shared front porch for the neighborhood.