

# Broken Connections



*Creating a Partnership of Mankind, Nature and Place Through Transportation*  
*Justin Warner*

# Presentation Overview

- Discovery of a Thesis
- Passenger Trains in America
- Parameters of a Successful Design Solution
- Designing for the Future of the Passenger Rail
- Discussion





# Discovery of a Thesis



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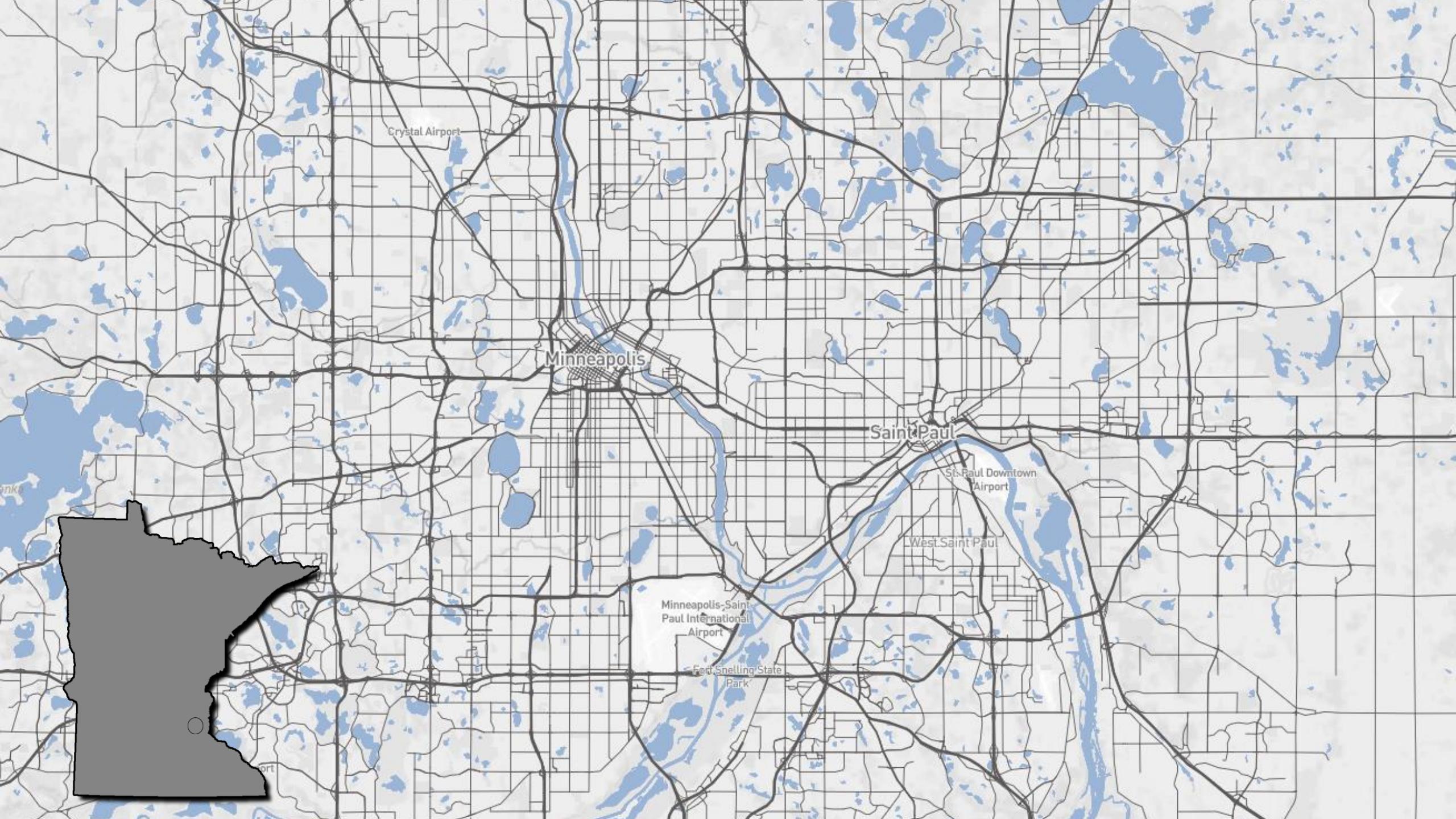


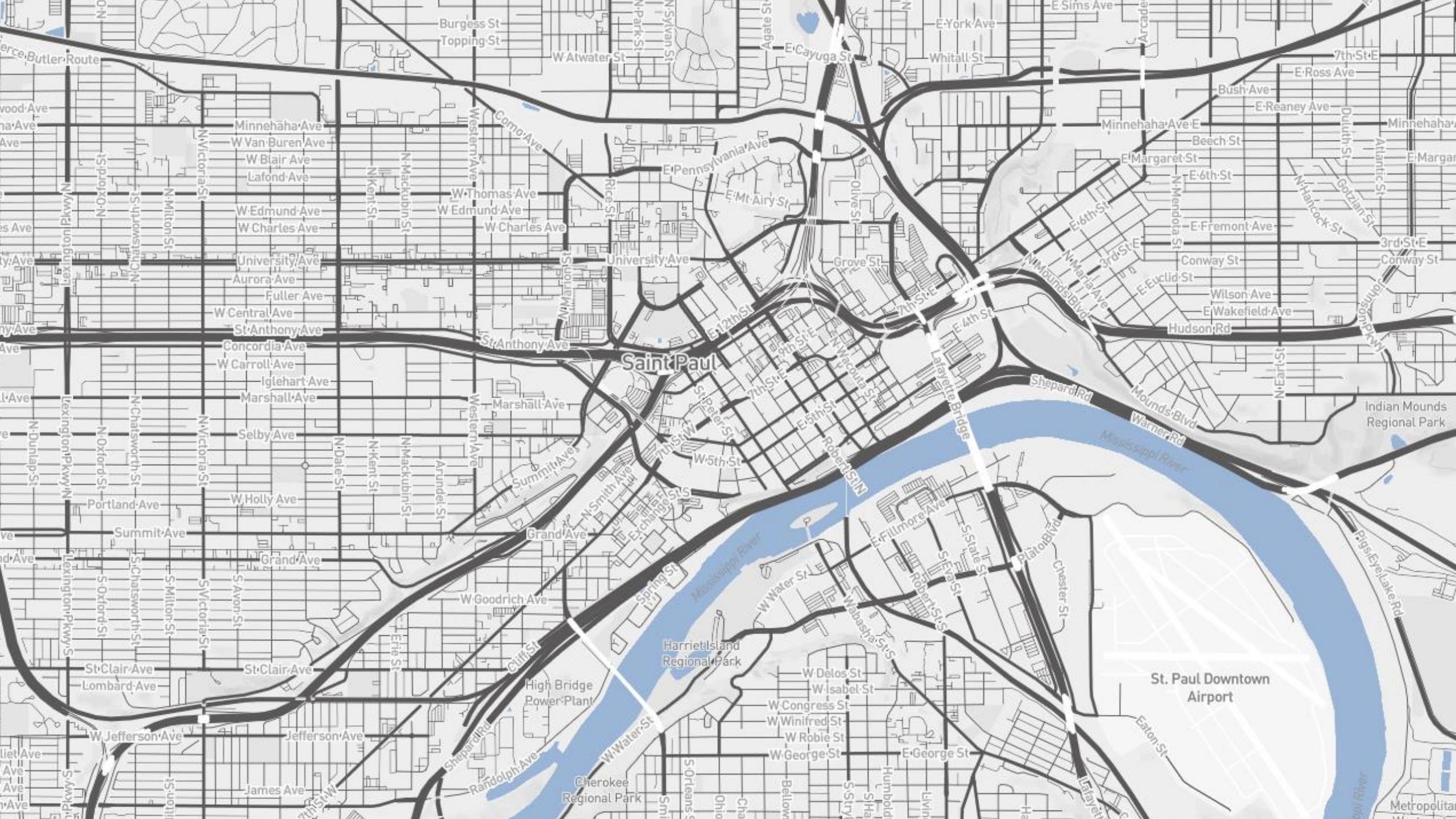
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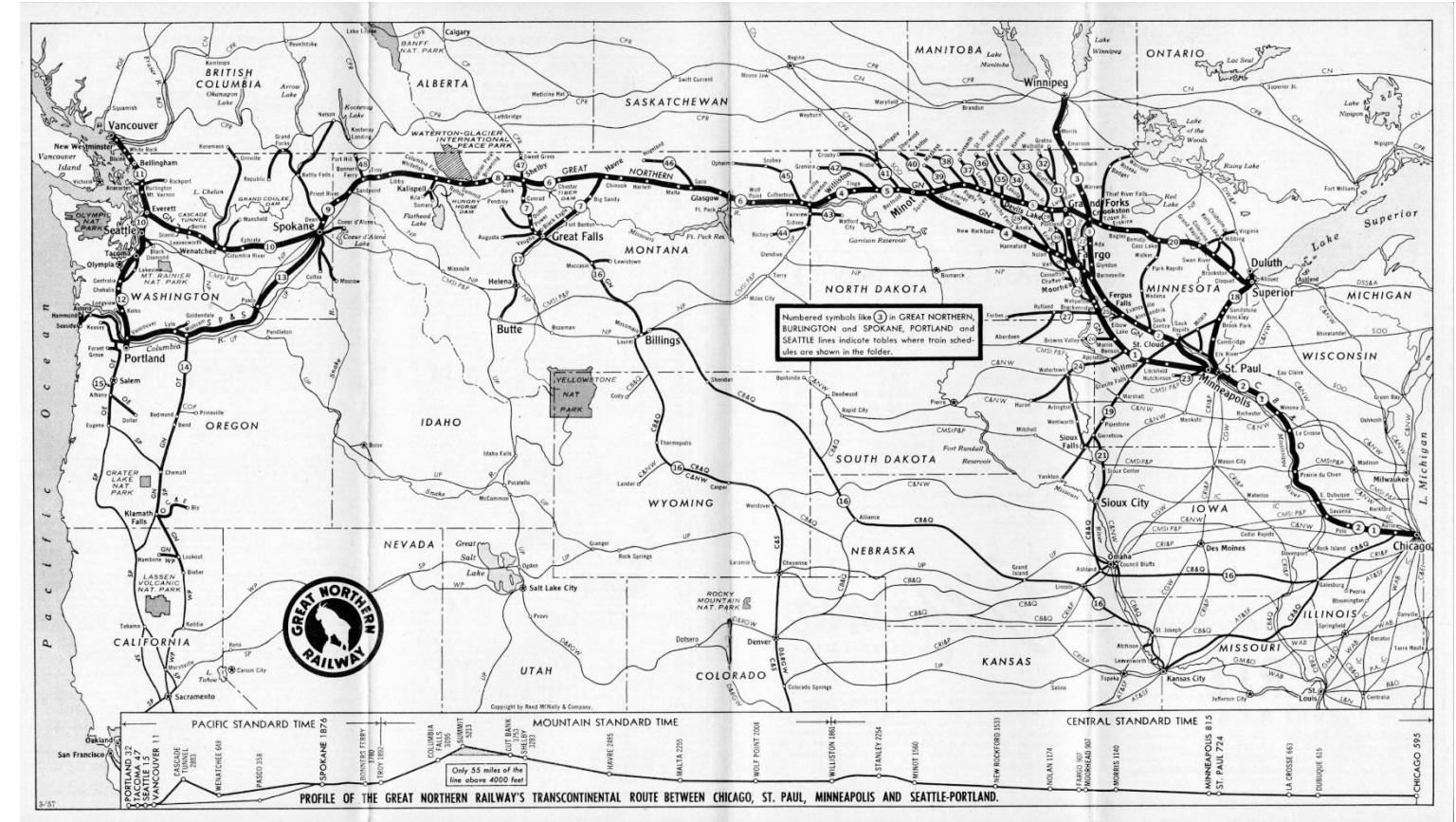
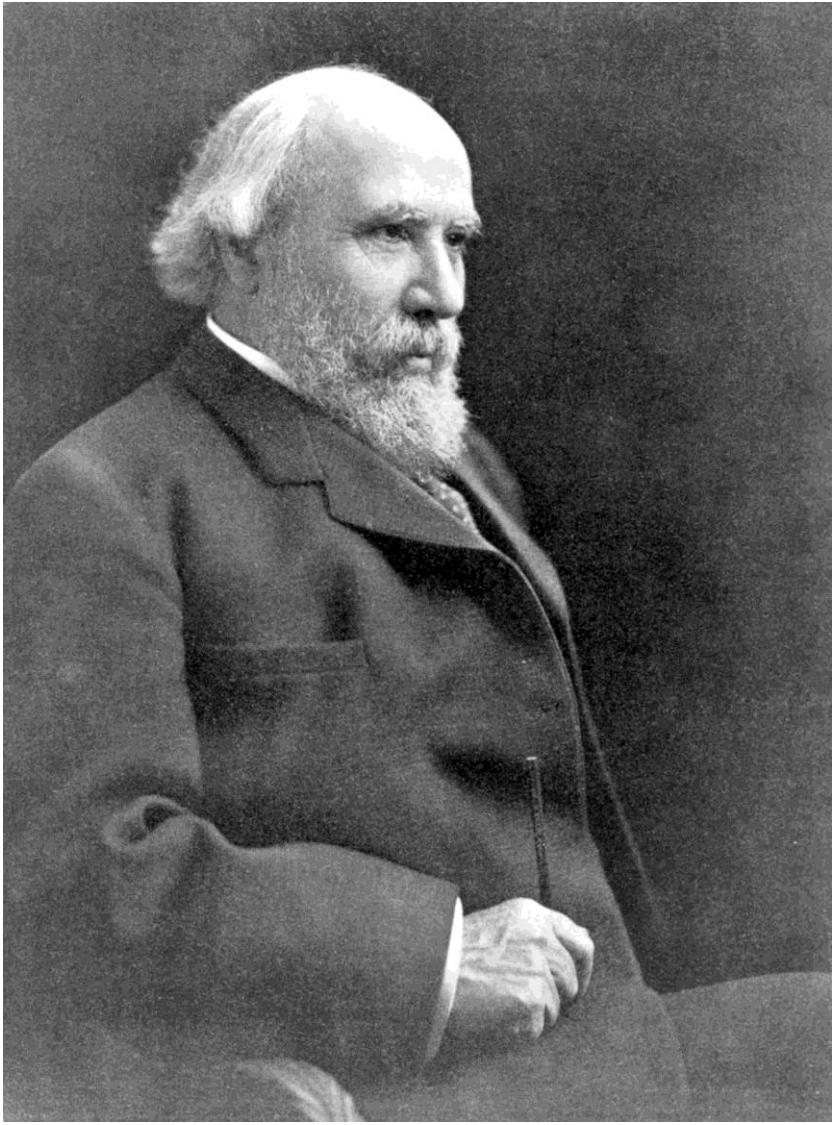
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## The Great Northern Pacific Railway

James J. Hill (1838 – 1916)



# Passenger Trains in America

# The Decline of the Passenger Rail in America

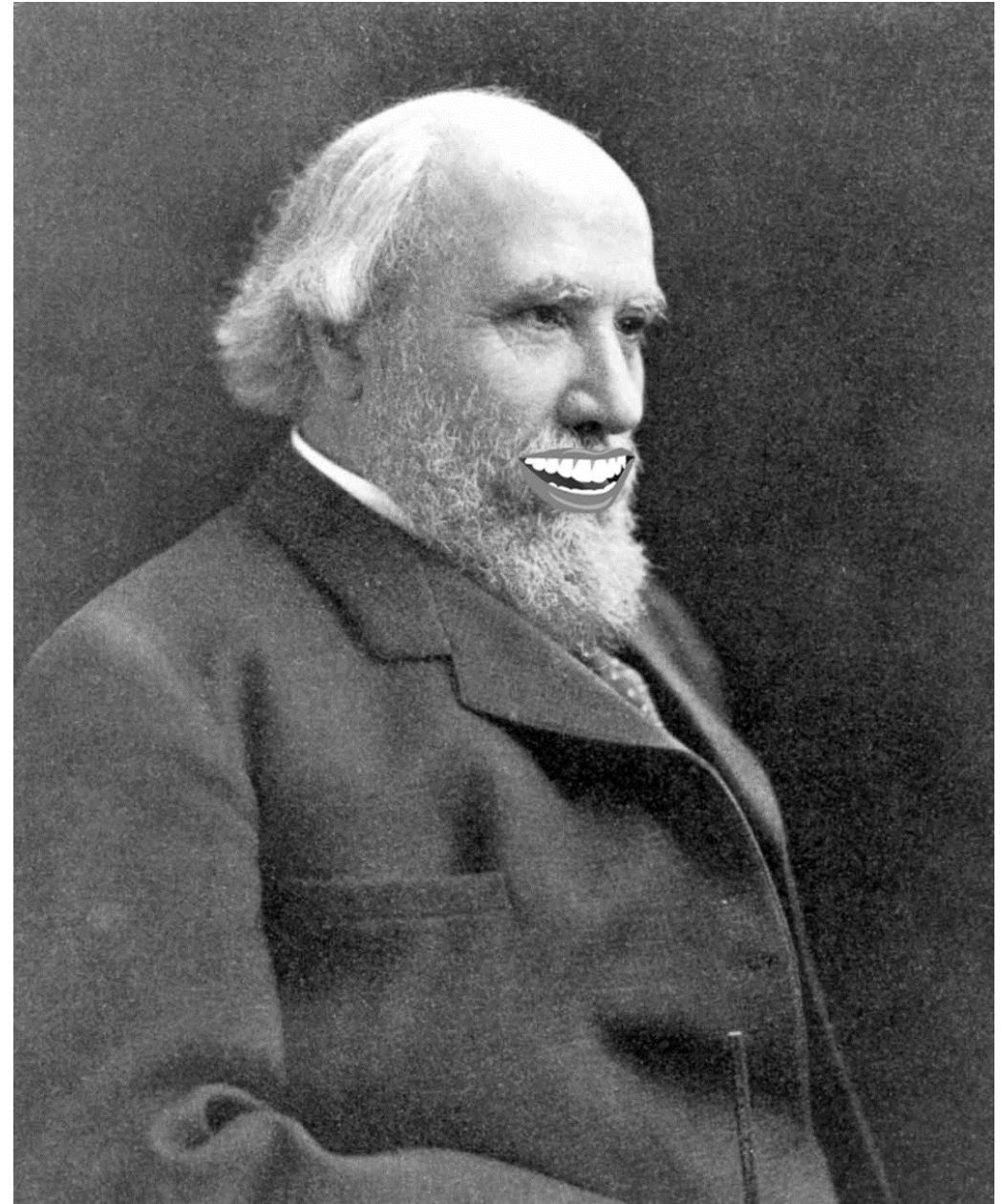
- Peak of the locomotive industry occurs in the late 1800's and early 1900's
- A brief revival sparked by war
- Automobile and the Interstate Highway system
- Airplanes
- Freight ownership of rail lines
- A lack of government spending
- A lack of comprehending the possibilities



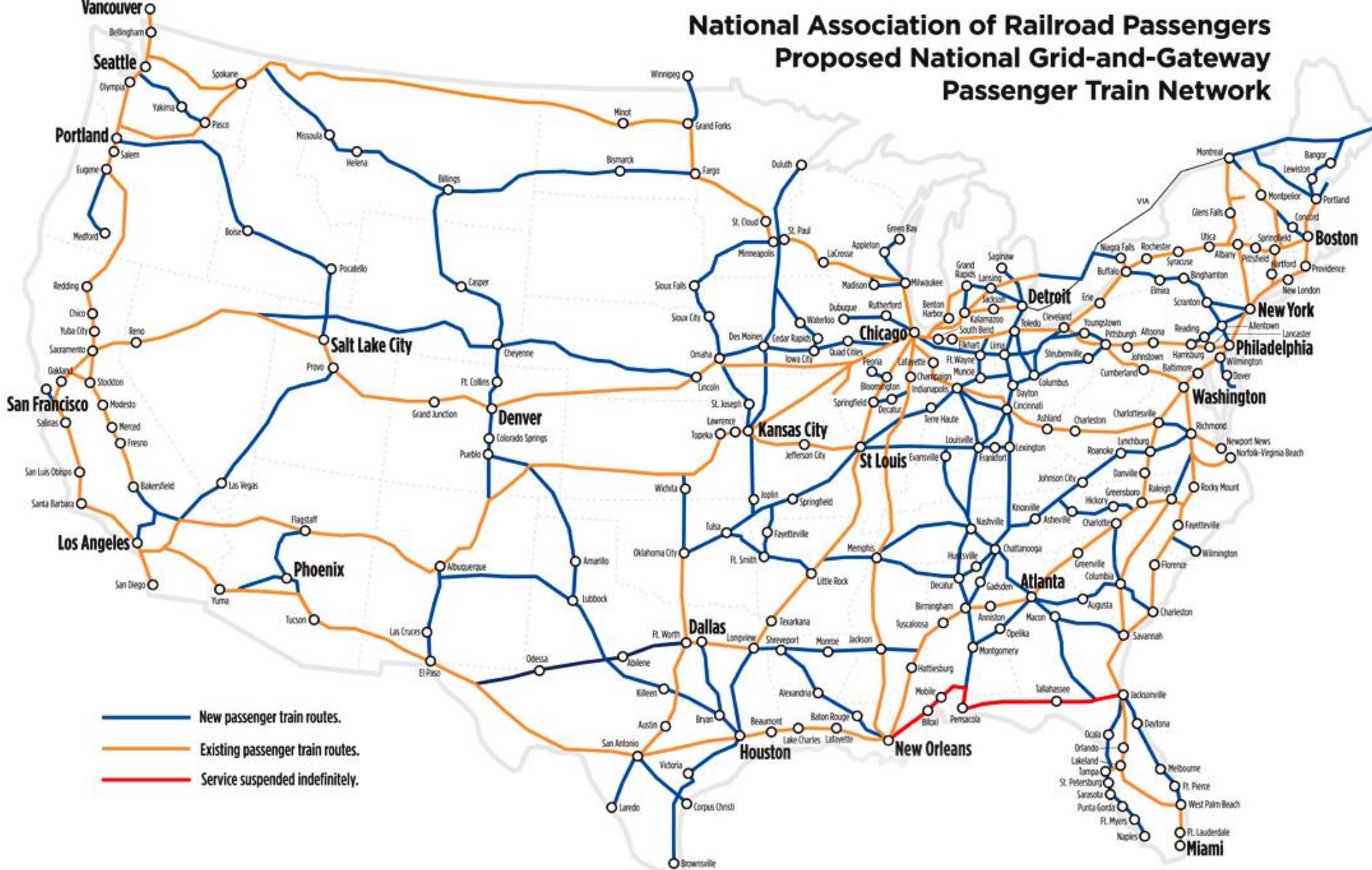
The history of the passenger rail has been bleak for many decades, but research points to a bright future.

# A Bright Future for Passenger Trains in America

- The increased efforts of national organizations such as Amtrak, NARP, APTA
- Increased government spending
- Improved technology
- Economic Validity
- Ecological Validity
- The West Coast and North East Corridors



# National Association of Railroad Passengers Proposed National Grid-and-Gateway Passenger Train Network



TRAIN: A TRAVEL CHOICE AMERICANS WANT



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
of  
RAILROAD PASSENGERS



Midwest High Speed  
Rail Association



# Parameters of a Successful Design Solution

# Goals of the Thesis Design

1. Establish the Importance in Reviving the Passenger Rail Industry and the affect this will have on America.
  - Competition between viable modes of transportation.
  - Economic and Ecological benefits
2. Re-establish a connection between the city and its natural surroundings.
  - Nature as an establishment of place
  - The effects of nature within the urban setting
3. Design a Station whose architectural qualities evoke the active, modern and technological nature of the future passenger rail.
  - A source of pride for the city of St. Paul
  - Re-creating the image of the passenger rail in America
4. Creating a source of activity and movement that will initiate a new wave of economic and social advances in St. Paul as well as the entire Midwest Region.
  - Breathe new life into an urban downtown that still suffers from the suburban movement



Liege – Guillemins Station, Belgium

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# Antwerp Central Station, Belgium



Chicago Union Station, Illinois



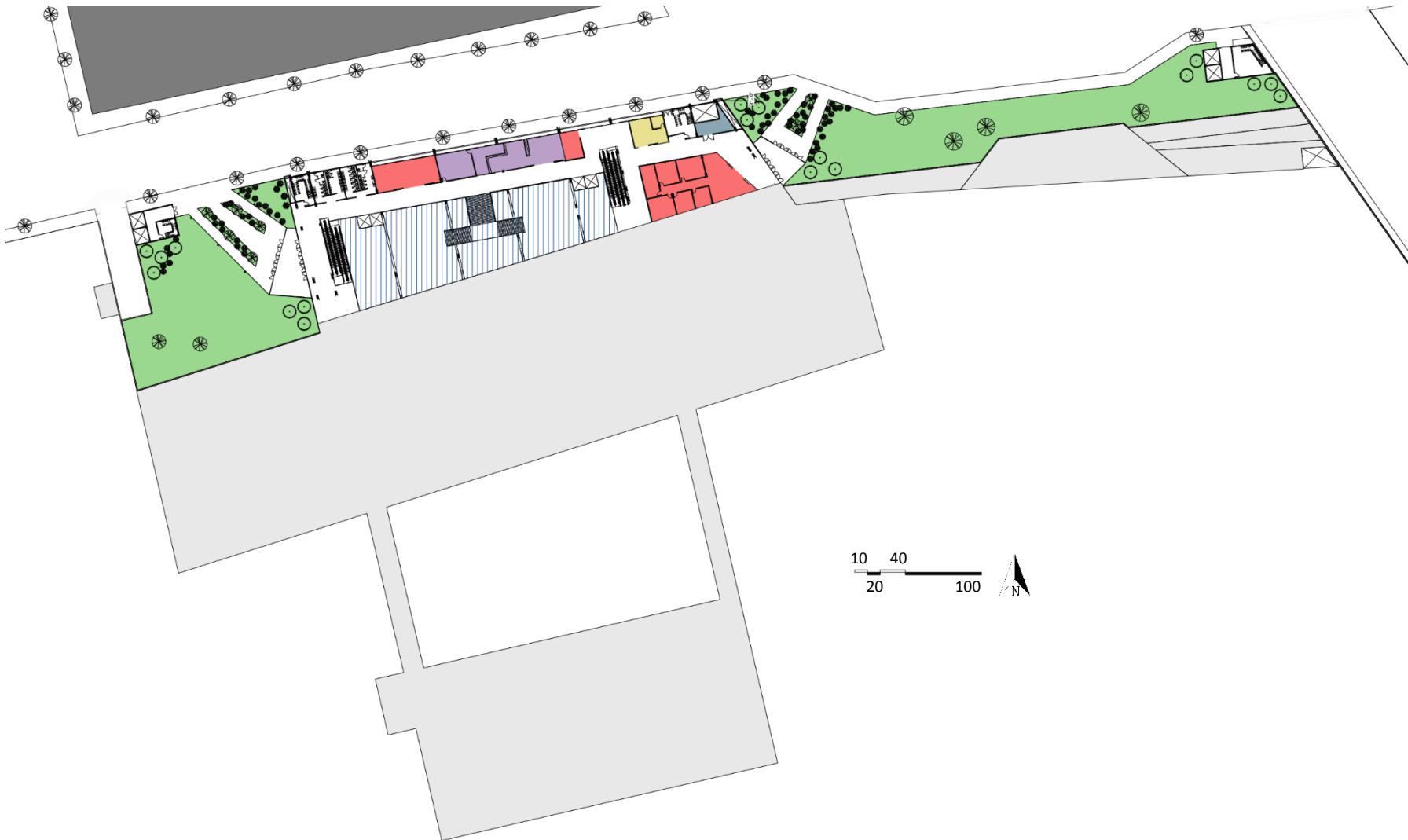
Designing for the Future of the Passenger Rail

# Level Seven – Top of Bluff / Downtown

## Major Program Elements

- Great Hall
- Traveler Services
- Ticketing
- Dining
- Green Roof
- Public Bluff Elevator

Platforms	Baggage Services
Retail	Passenger Services
Dining	Office Lounge
Event Space	Accessible Green Roof
Security	Storage
Office	Passenger Lounge
Parking	Open to Below
Ticketing	Mississippi River
Mechanical	Ground
Service	Existing Buildings

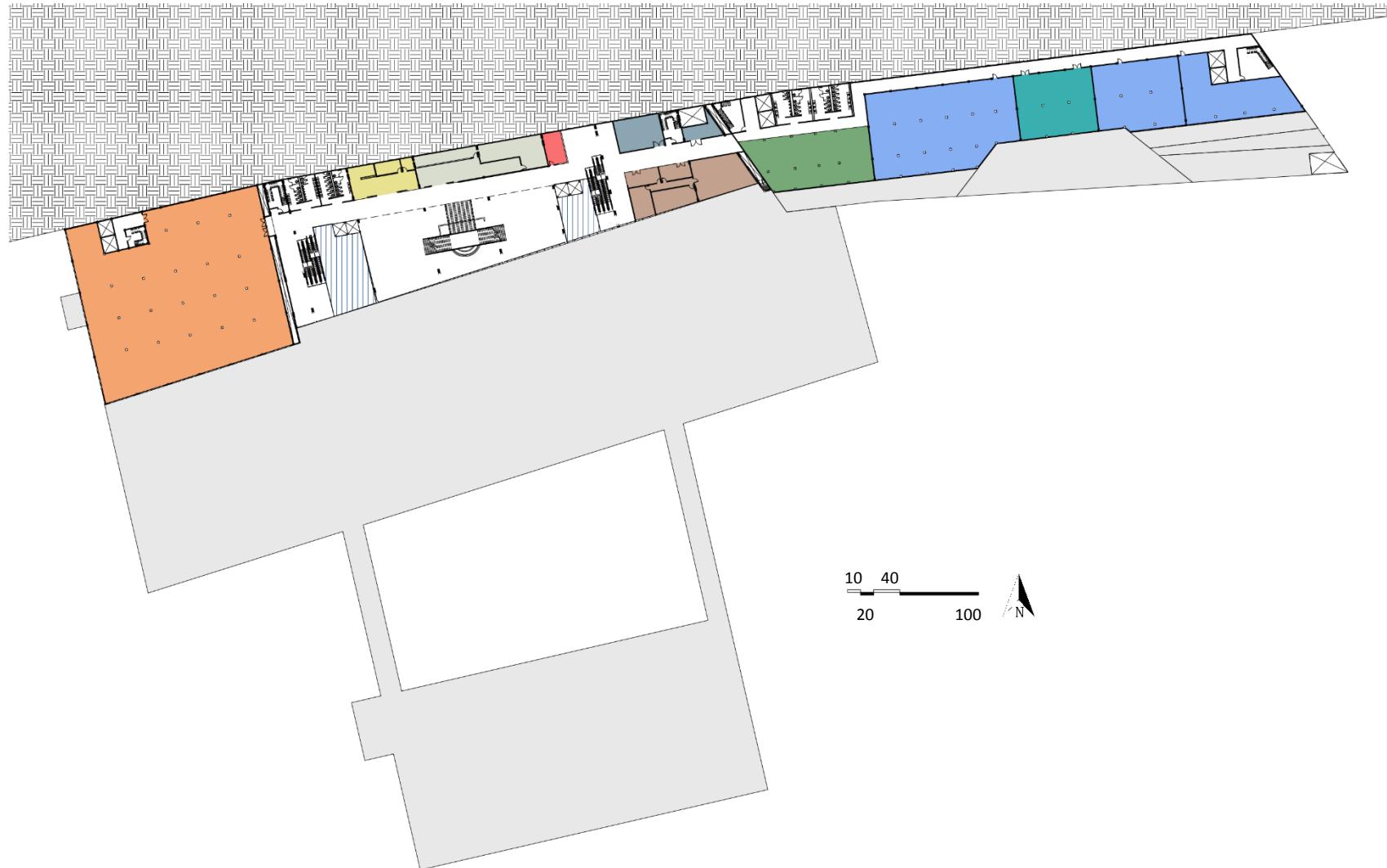


# Level Six

## Major Program Elements

- Great Hall
- Traveler Services
- Baggage Check
- Security
- Office Space
- Parking

Platforms	Baggage Services
Retail	Passenger Services
Dining	Office Lounge
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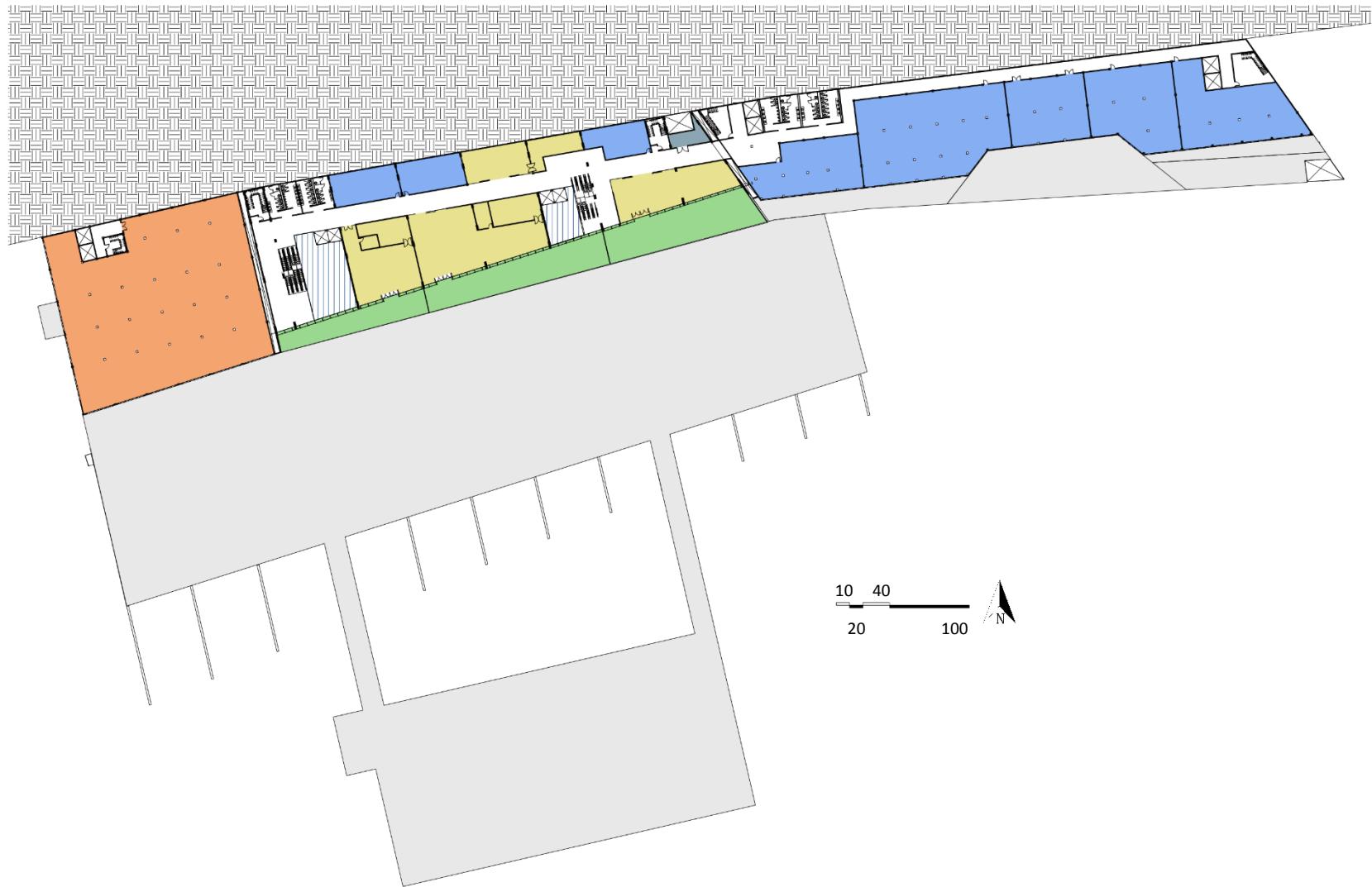


# Level Five

## Major Program Elements

- Dining
- Outdoor Dining
- Office Space
- Parking

Platforms	Baggage Services
Retail	Passenger Services
Dining	Office Lounge
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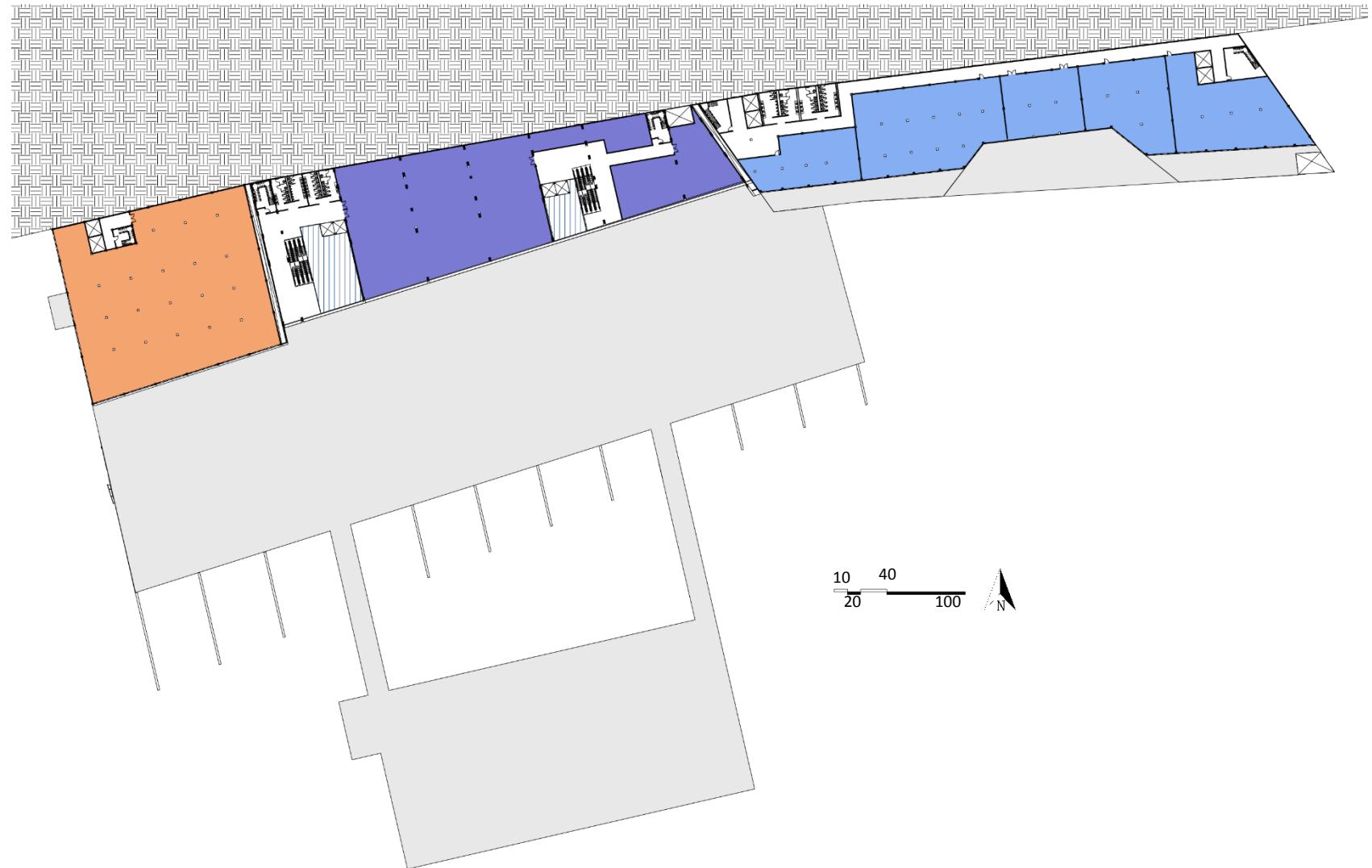


# Level Four

## Major Program Elements

- Office Space
- Mechanical
- Parking

Platforms	Baggage Services
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Dining	Office Lounge
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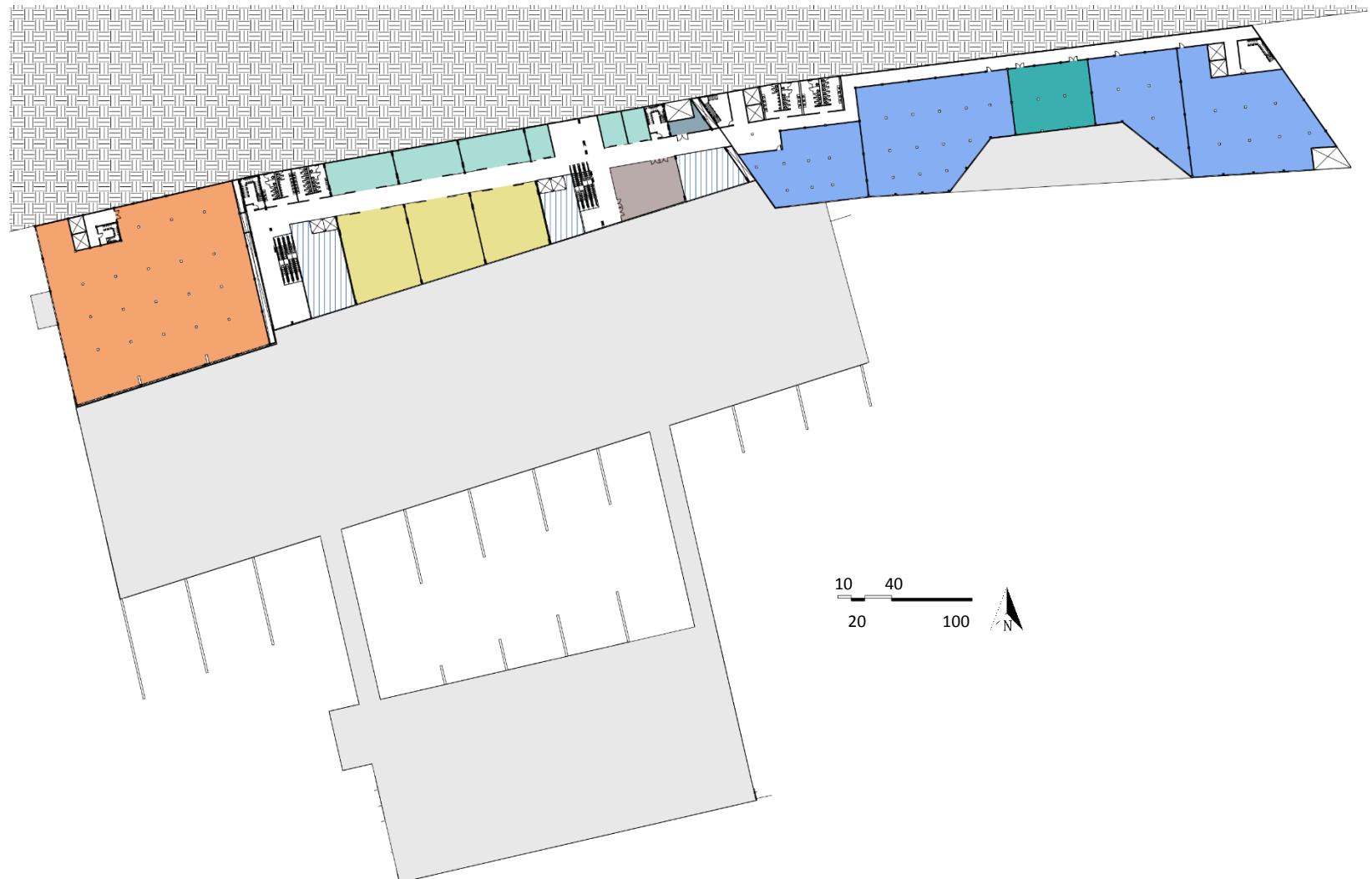


# Level Three

## Major Program Elements

- Retail
- Dining
- Passenger Lounge
- Office Space
- Parking

Platforms	Baggage Services
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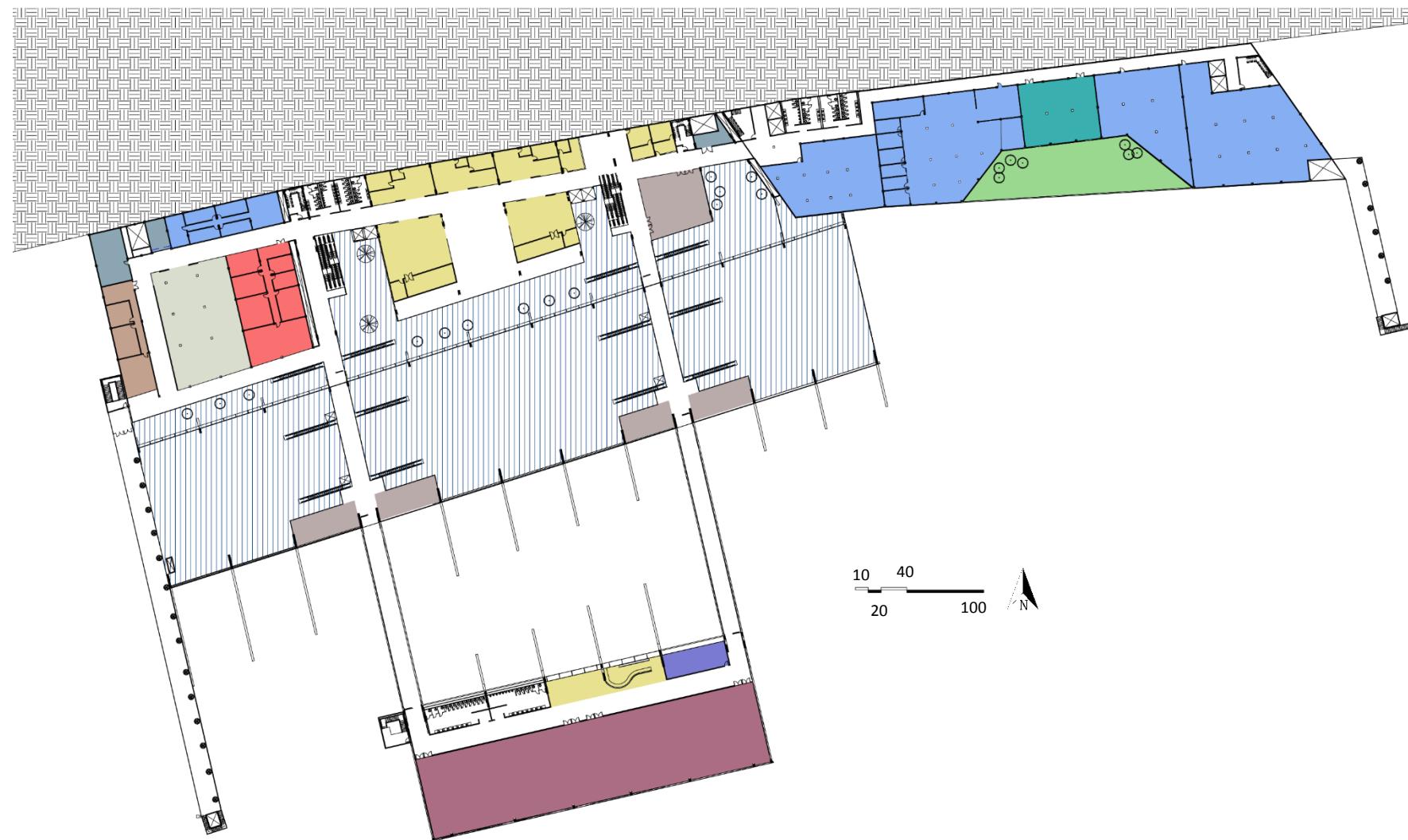


# Level Two

## Major Program Elements

- Dining
- Retail
- Passenger Lounge
- Traveler Services
- Baggage Services
- Security
- Community Event Space
- Office Space
- Accessible Green Roof
- Public Bluff Elevator
- Pedestrian Bridges
- Mechanical

■ Platforms	■ Baggage Services
■ Retail	■ Passenger Services
■ Dining	■ Office Lounge
■ Event Space	■ Accessible Green Roof
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■ Office	■ Passenger Lounge
■ Parking	■ Open to Below
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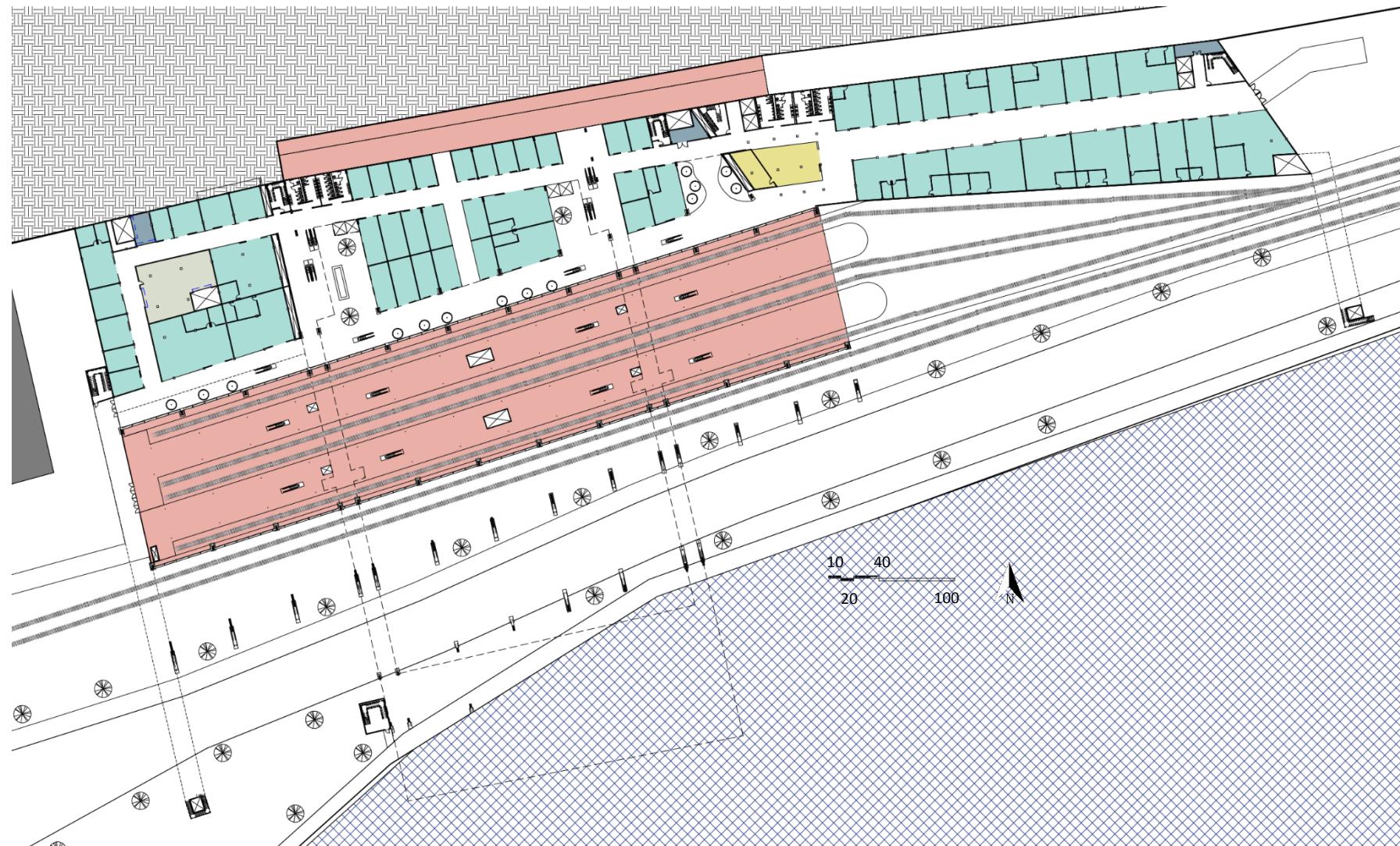


# Level One – Bottom of Bluff / Riverside

## Major Program Elements

- Interregional Platforms
- Local Light Rail Platform
- Retail
- Dining
- Baggage Services

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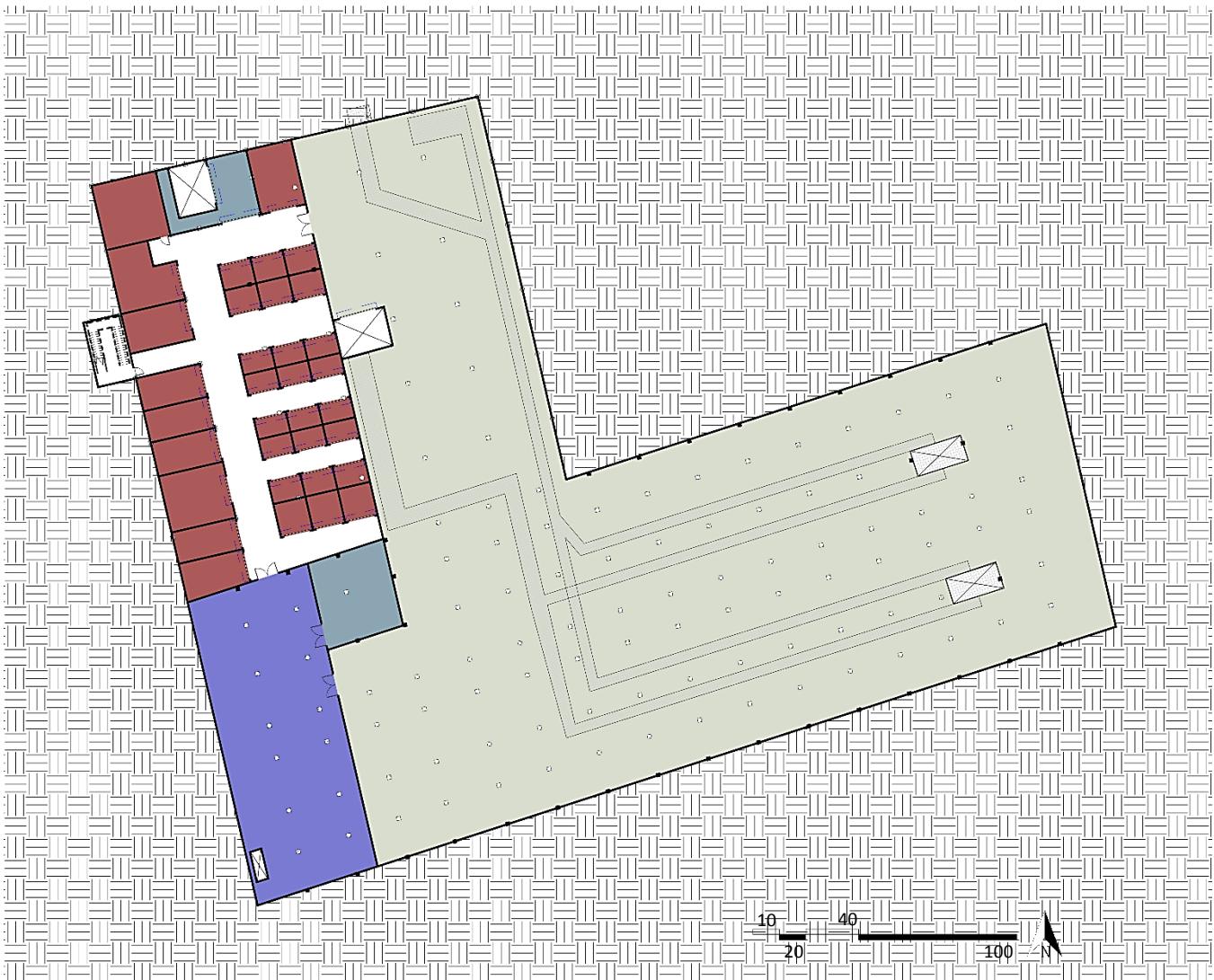


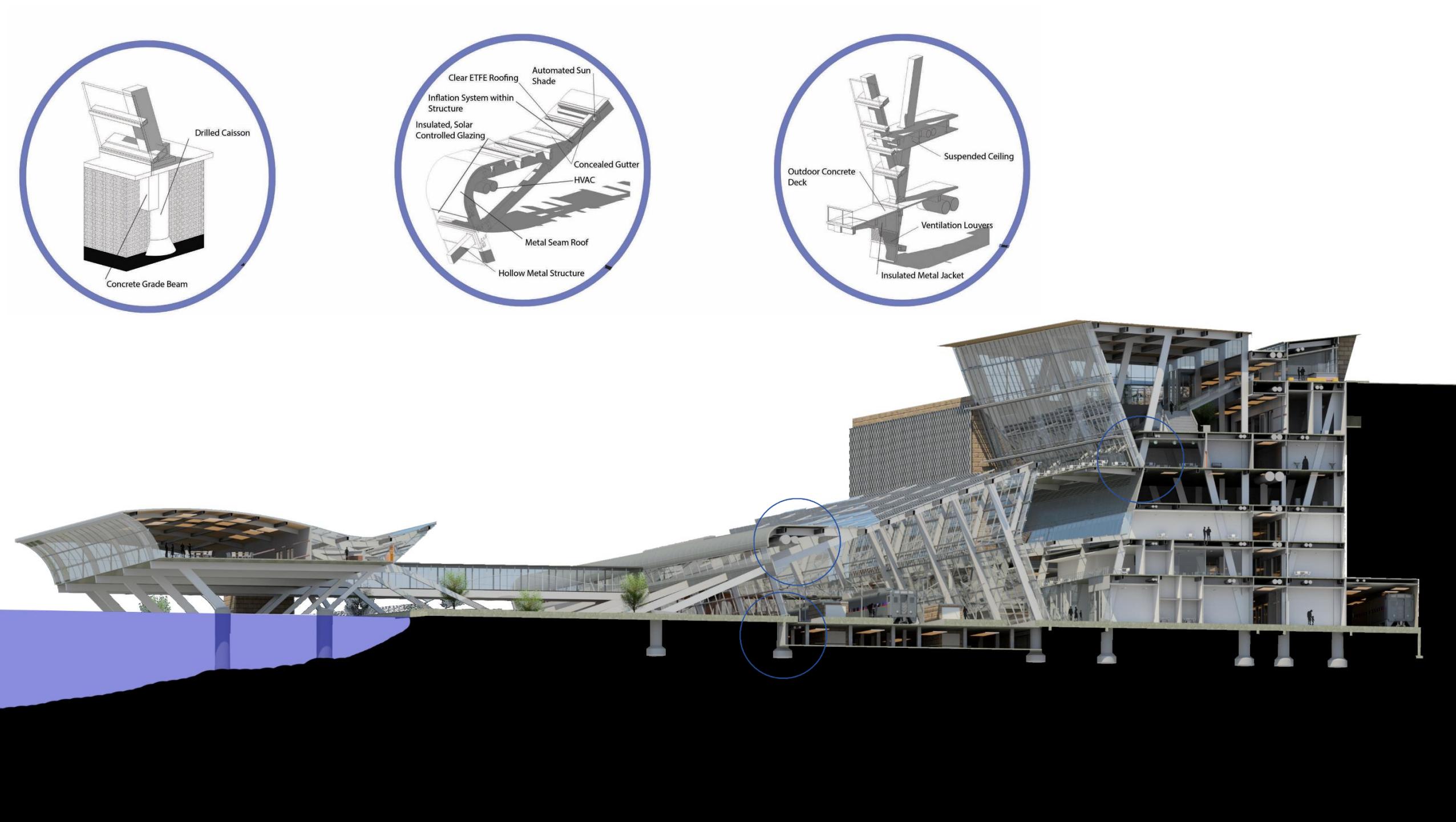
# Basement

## Major Program Elements

- Retail Storage
- Mechanical
- Baggage Service System

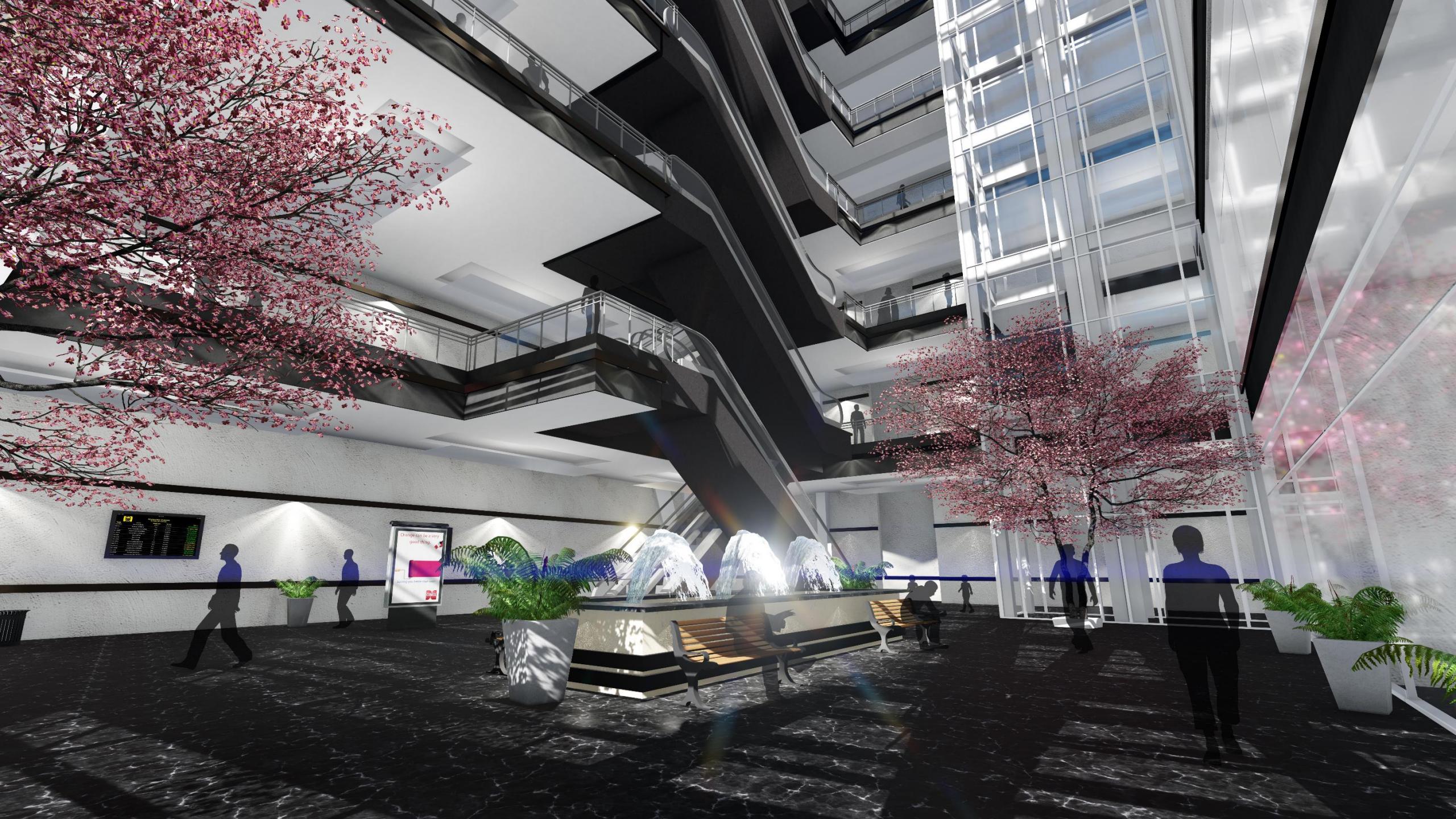
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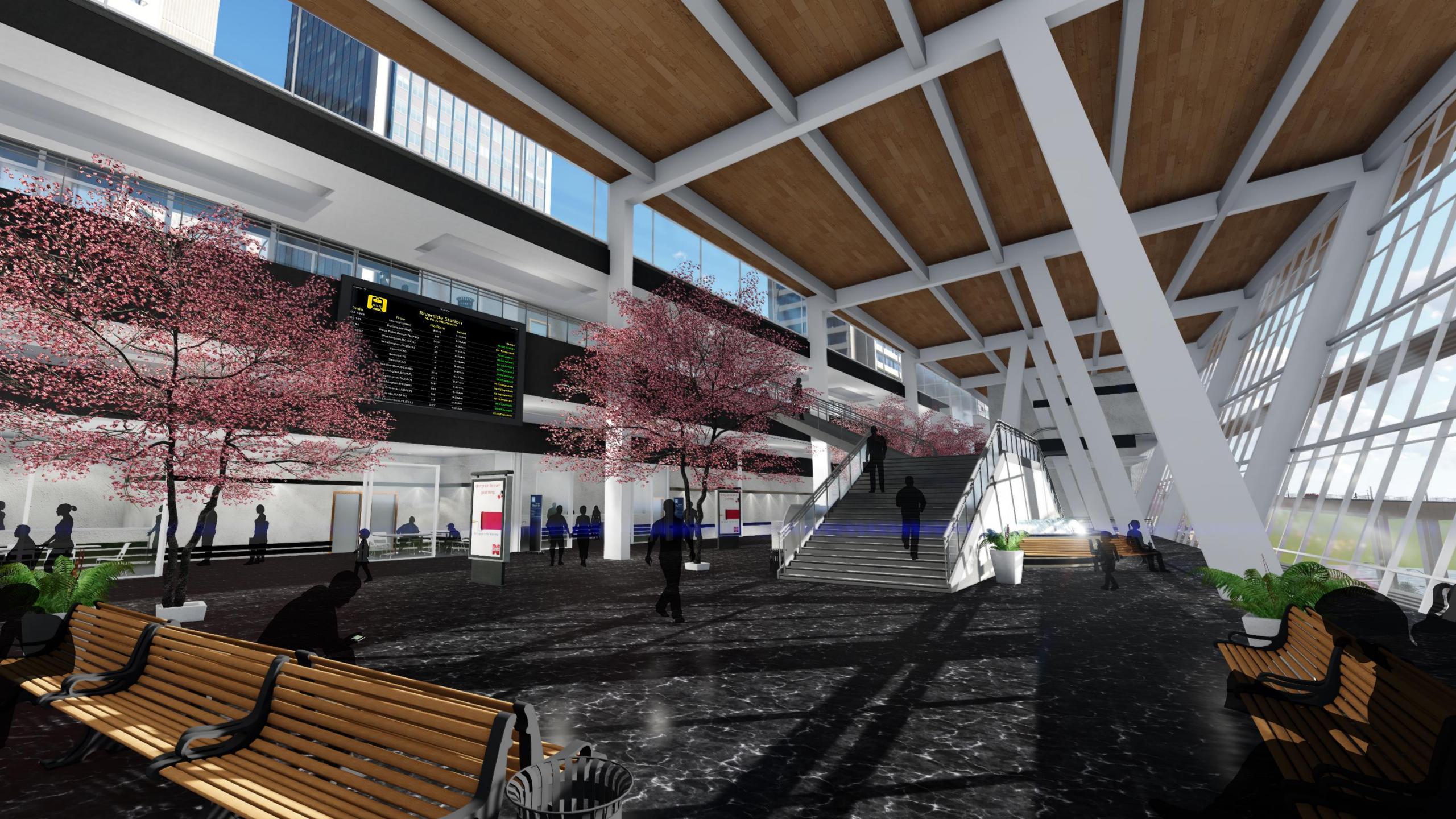




# Active Space









Nature in the City



