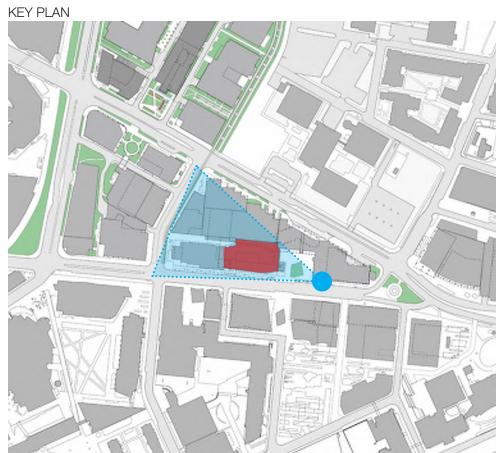
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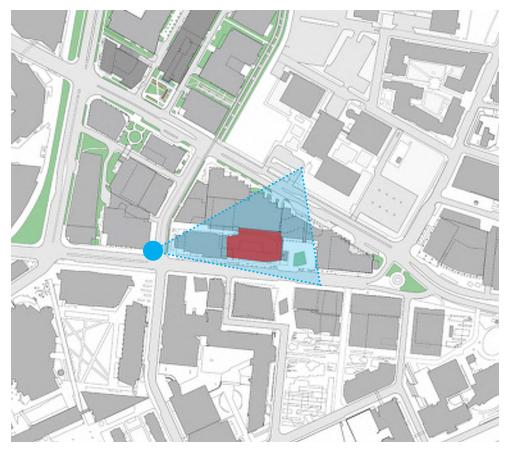
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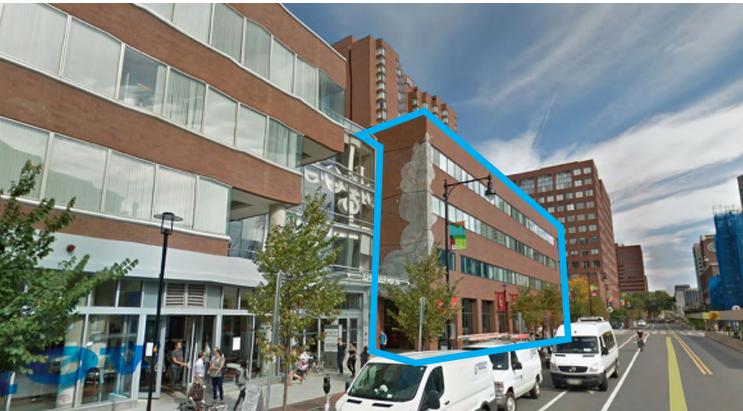
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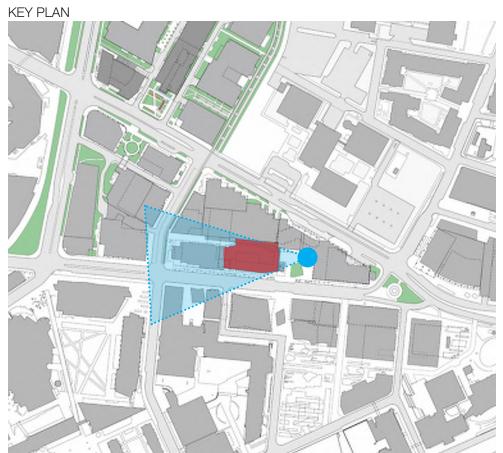




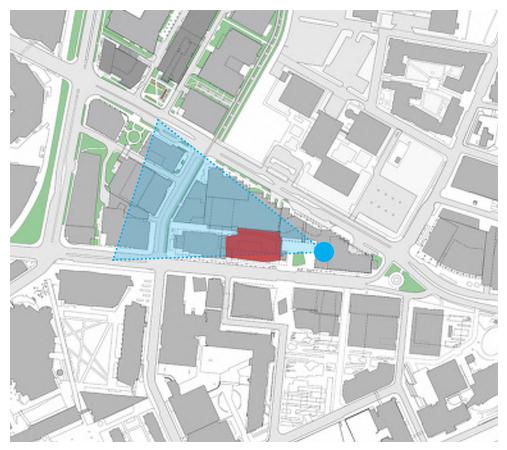




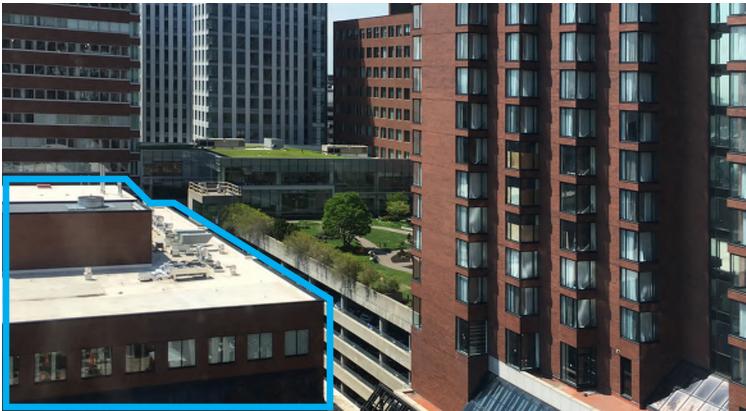
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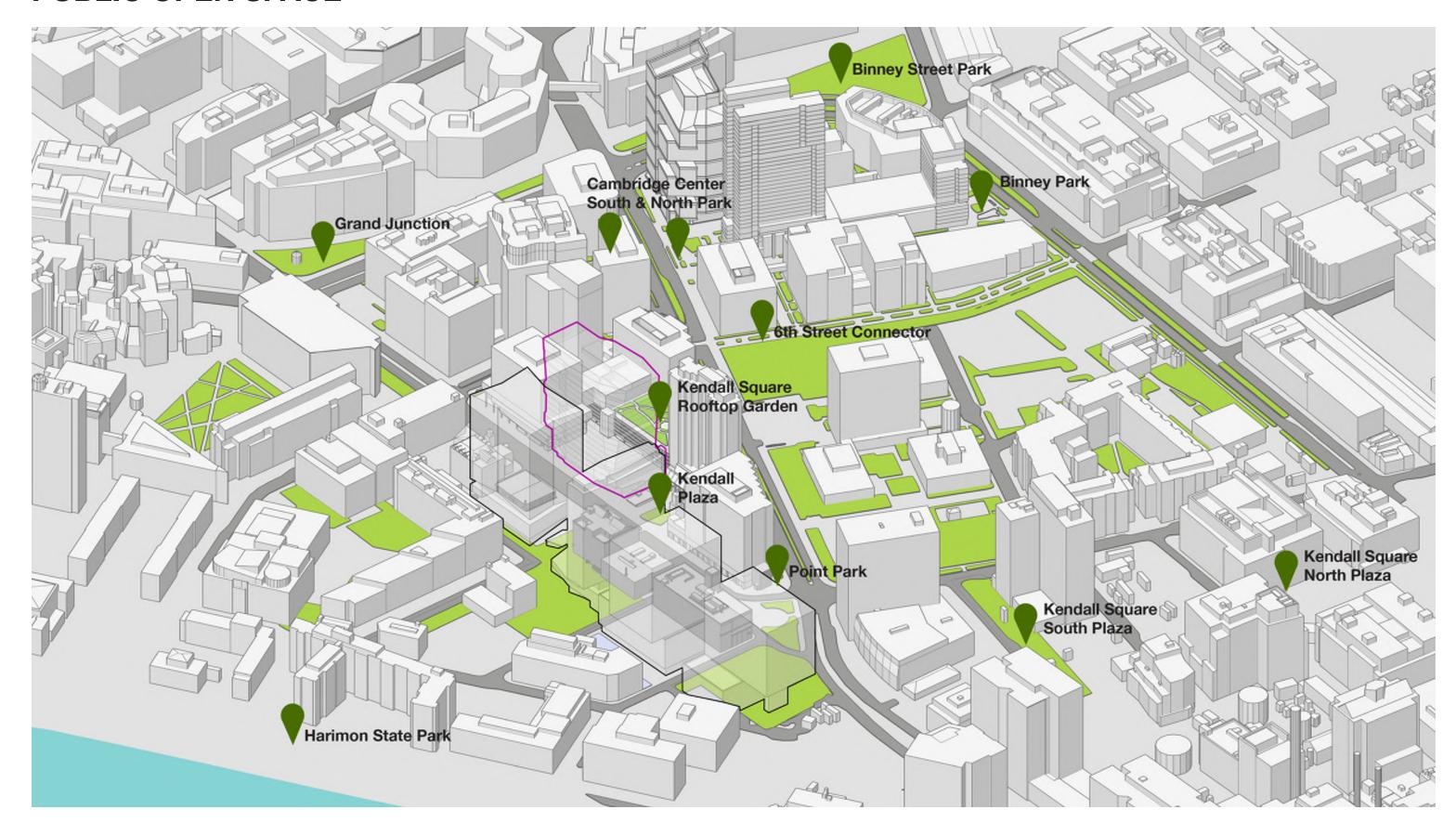
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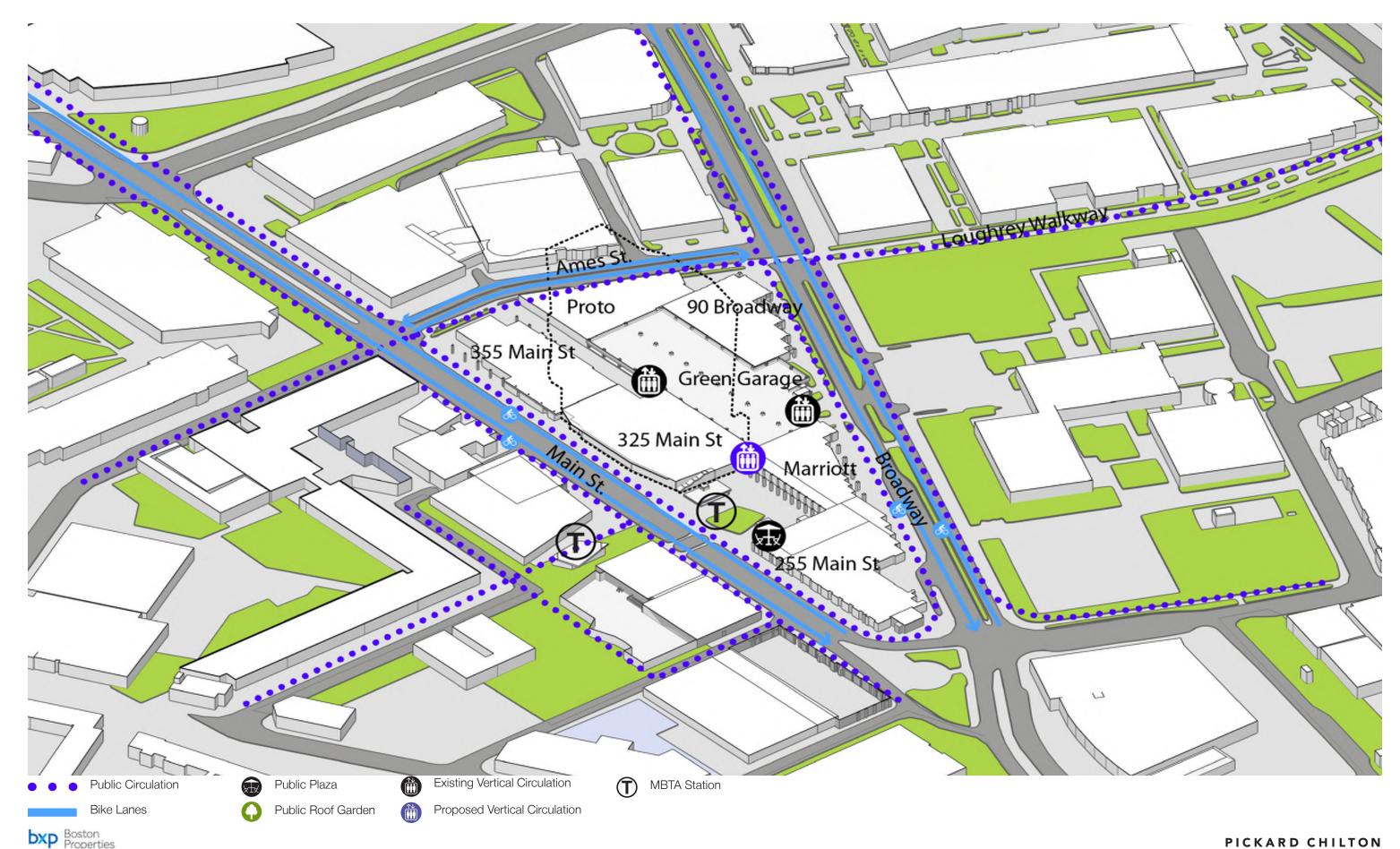




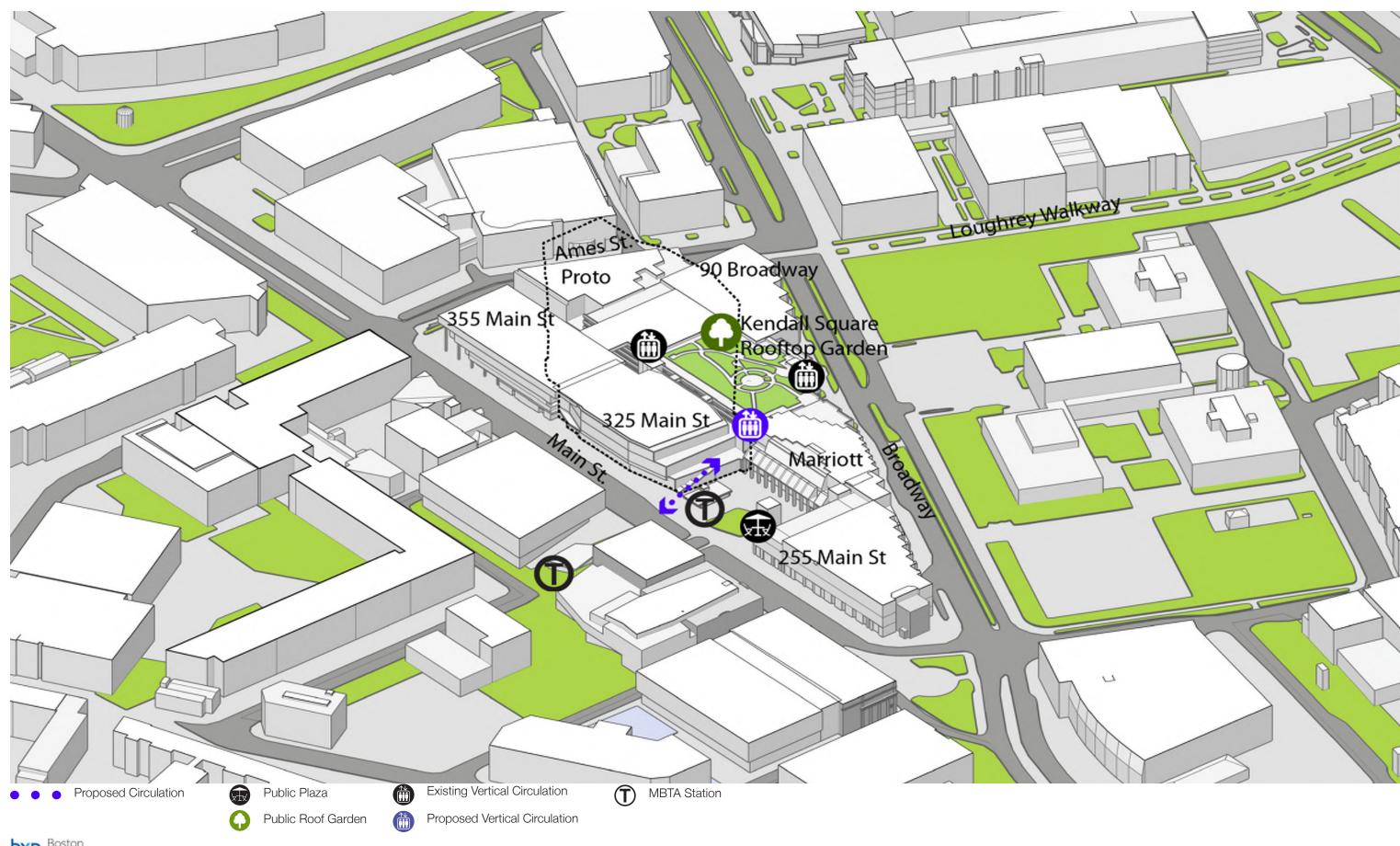
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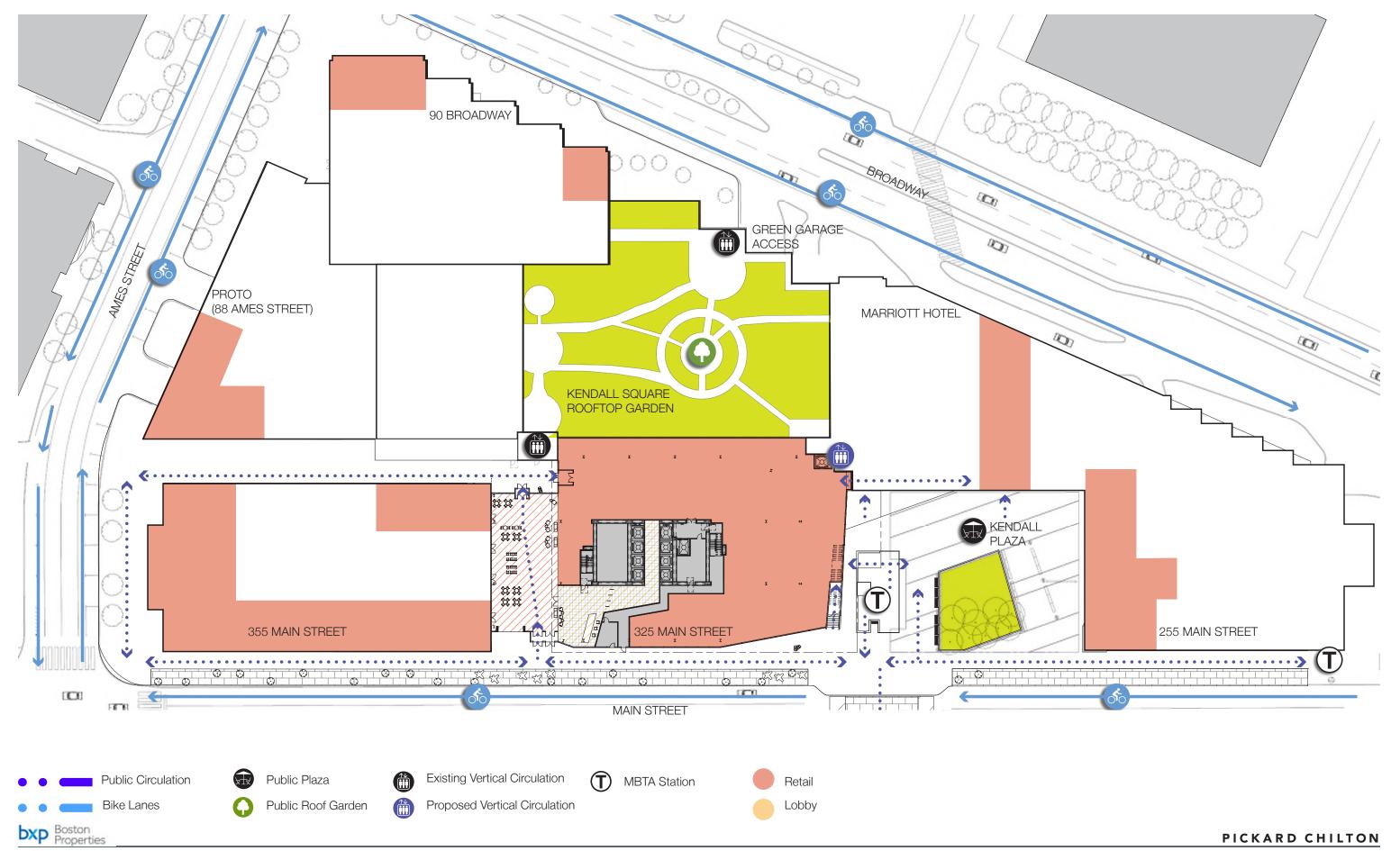
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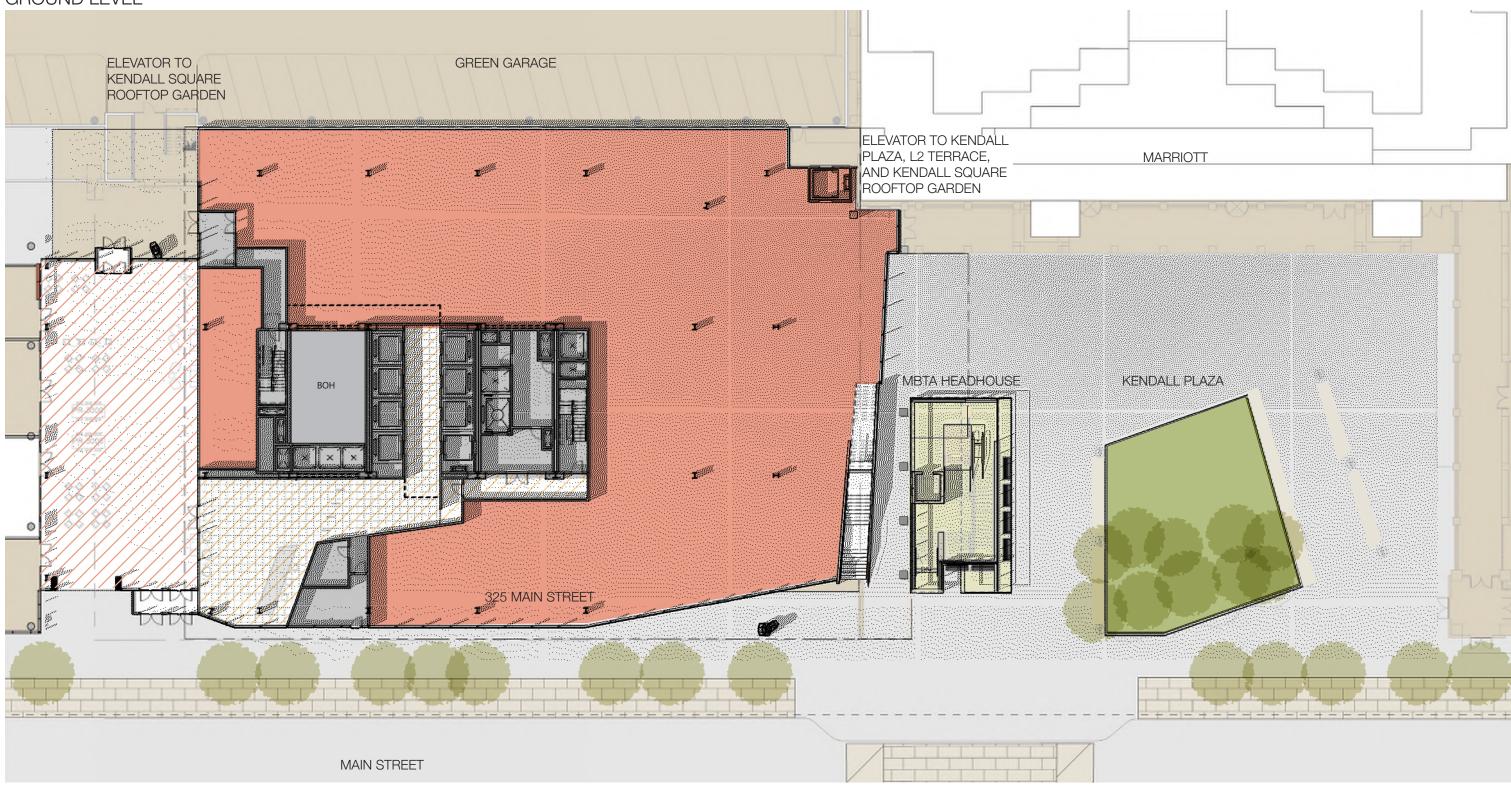


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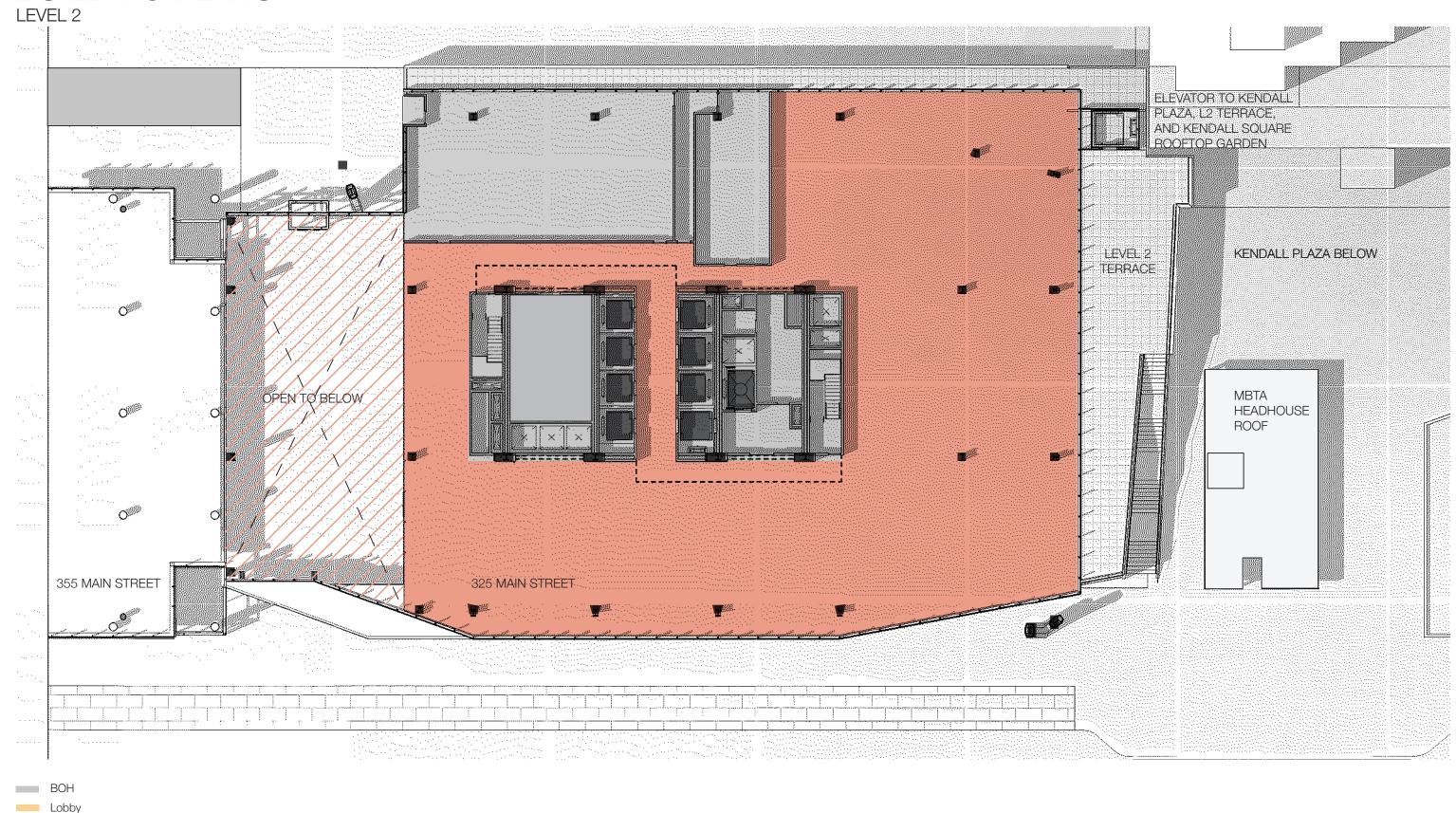
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## **BUILDING PLANS**





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## DESIGN GUIDELINES

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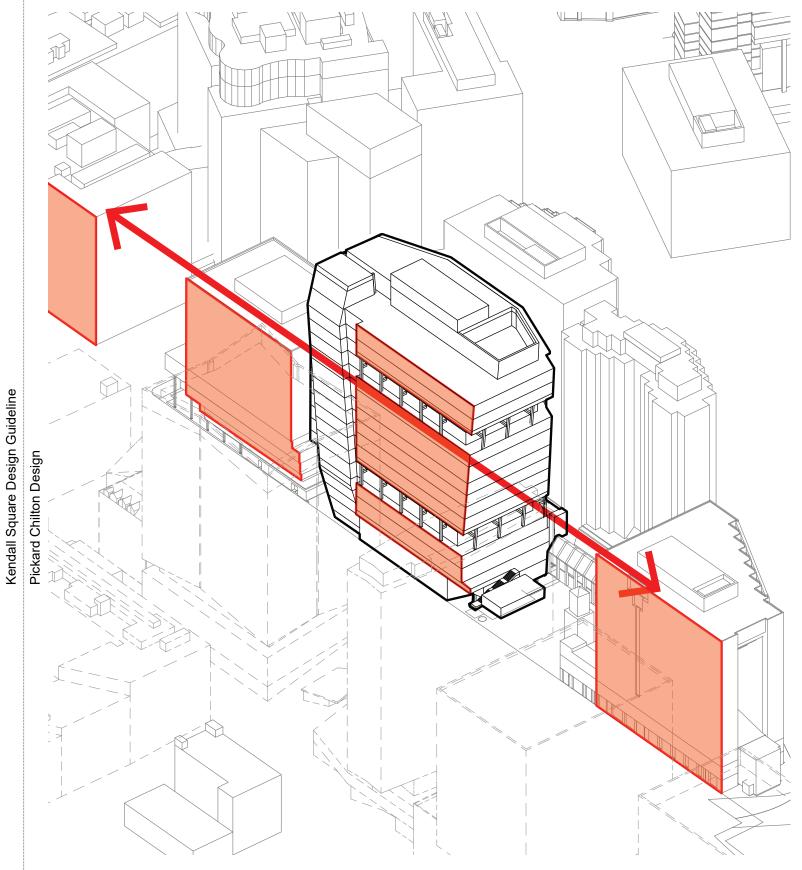
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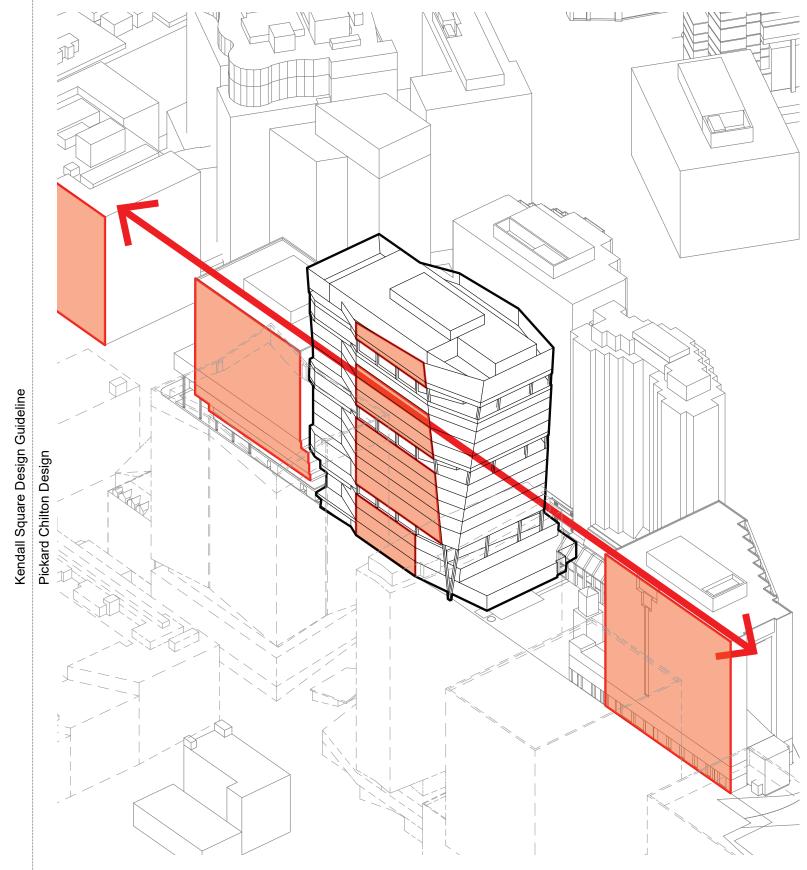
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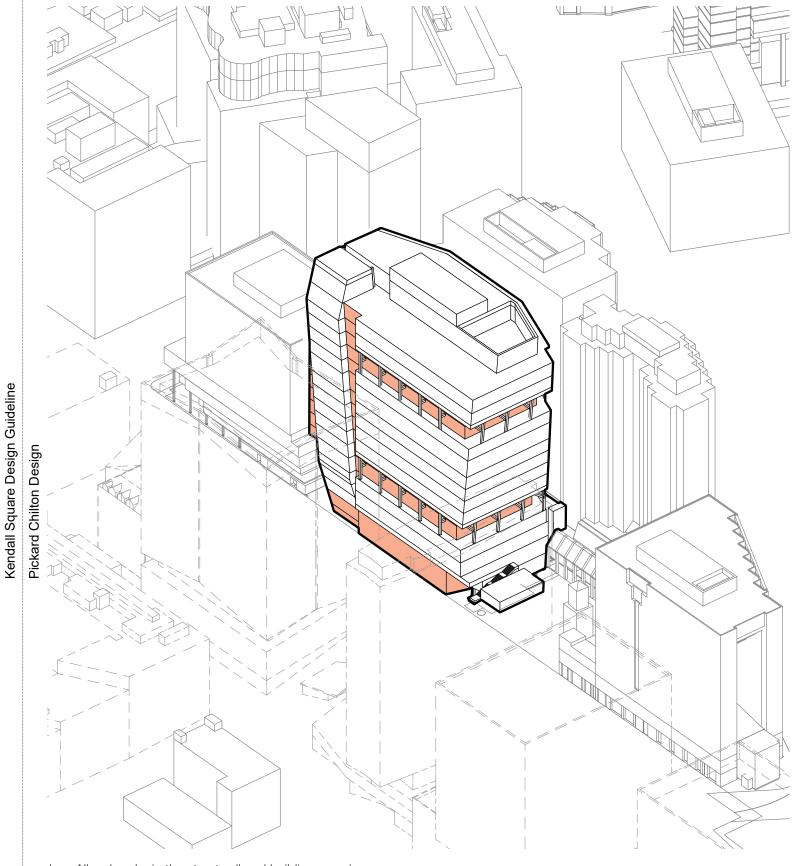
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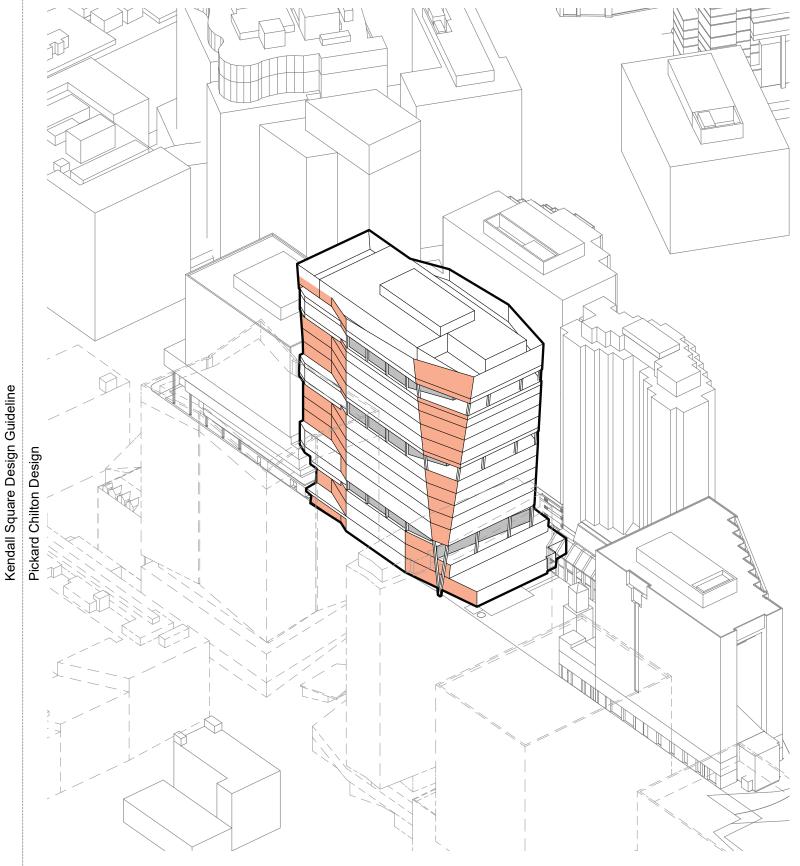
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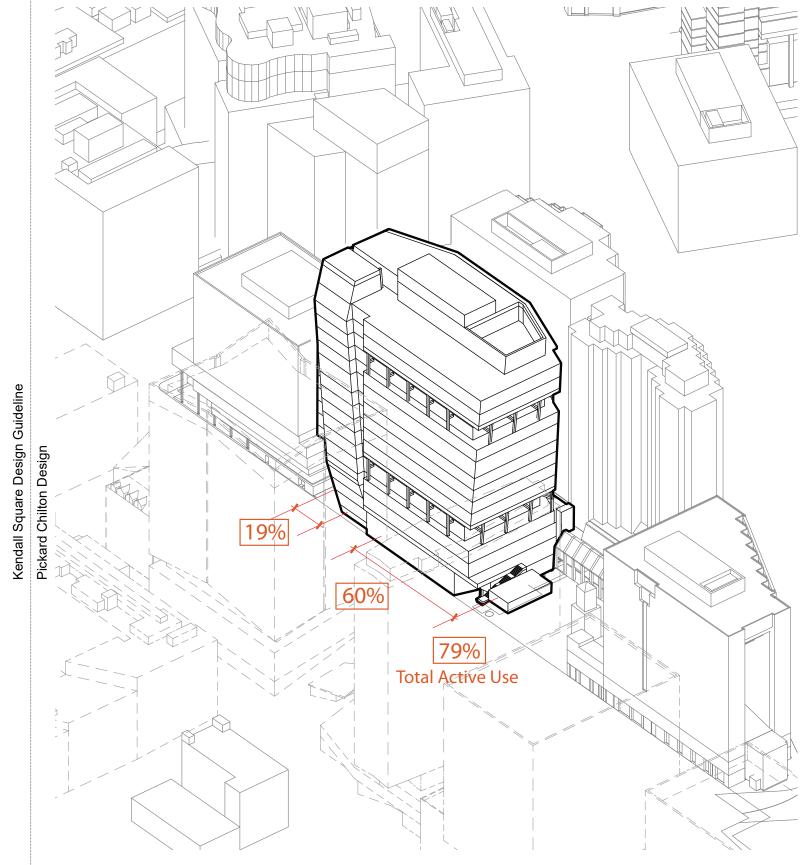
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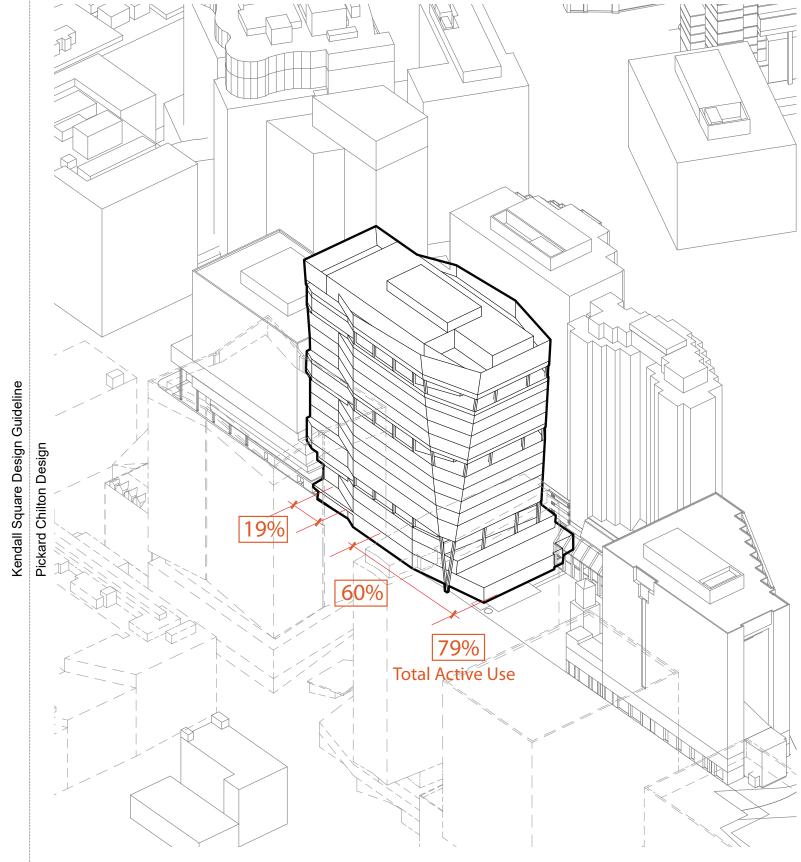
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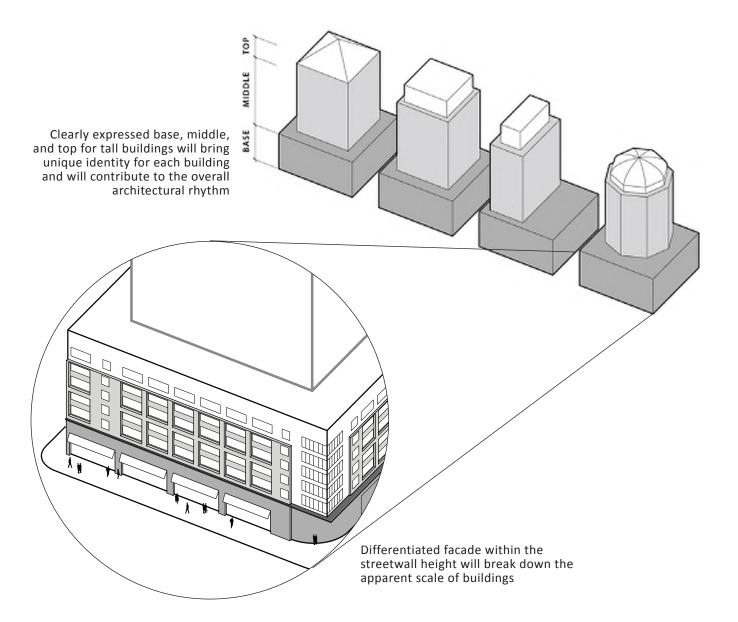


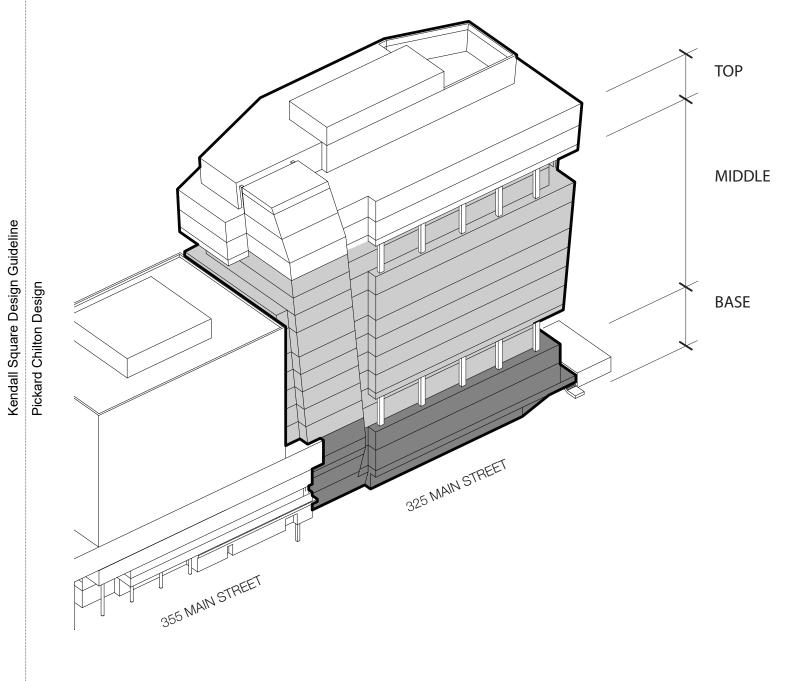
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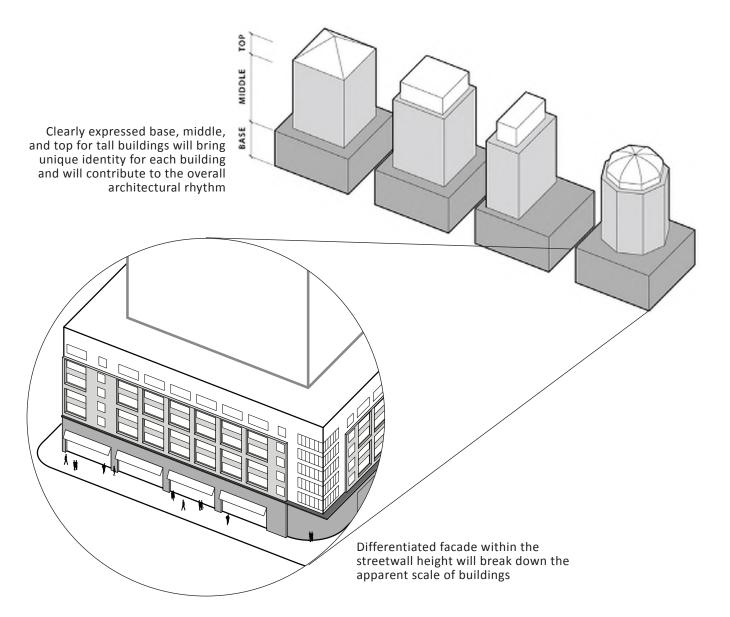


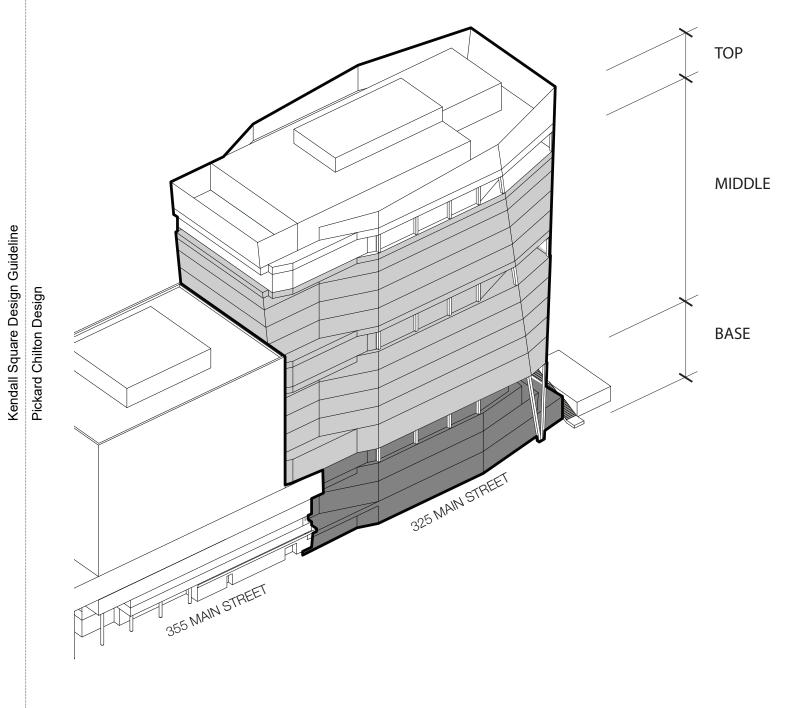


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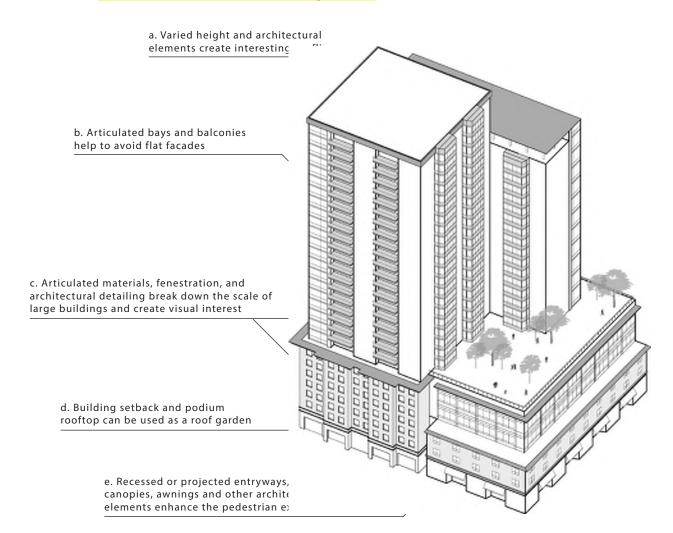
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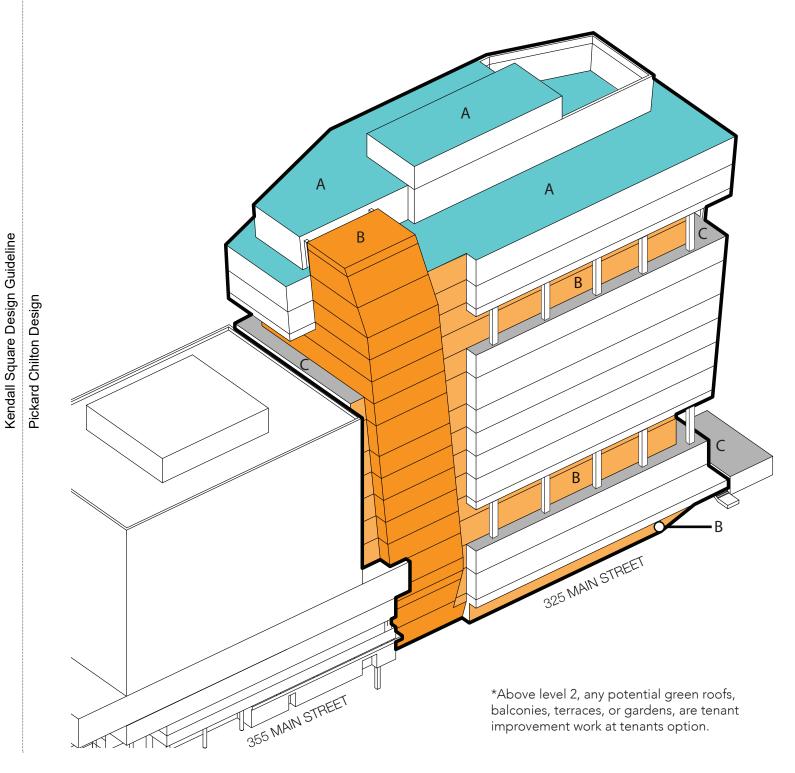
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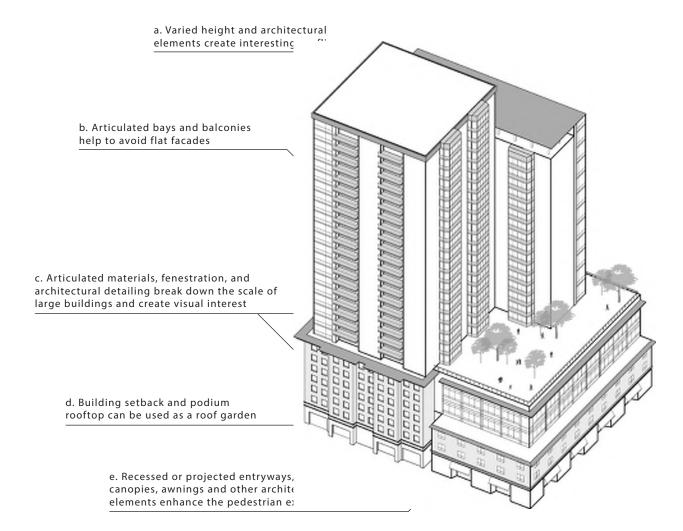
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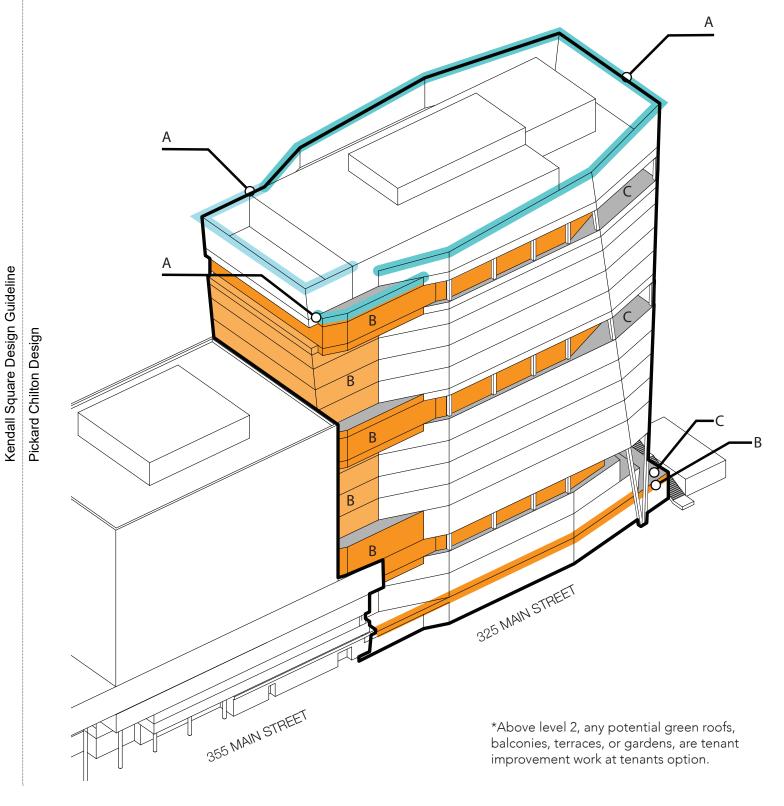
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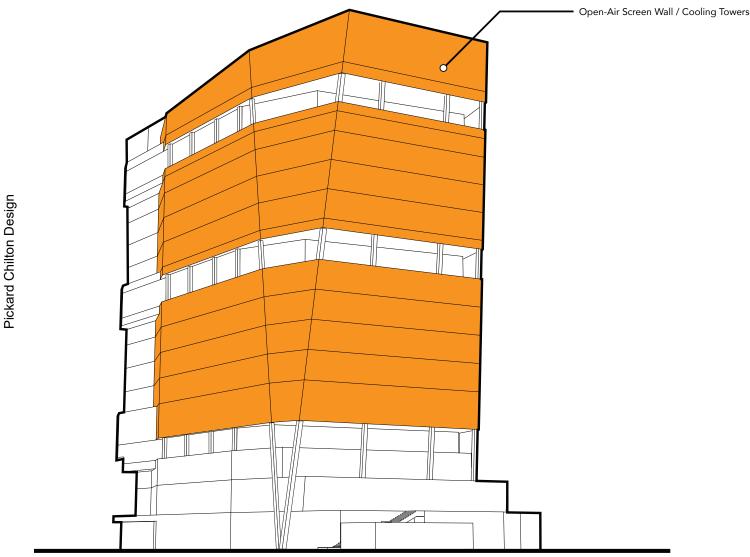


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## 5.2.1 GROUND FLOOR

RETAIL OR MIXED-USE GROUND FLOORS

#### **Ground Floor Design Guidelines**

#### a. Retail or Mixed-use Ground Floors

- Uses

Goal: First floors of the buildings should be actively used.

#### Measures:

- a. Along Major Public Streets Approximately 75 percent of the street frontage should be occupied by retail uses such as cafes, restaurants and shops.
- **b.** Along Secondary Streets Approximately 75 percent of the street frontage should be occupied by active uses. Active uses include:
  - retail (i.e. cafes, restaurants, shops)
  - educational and cultural venues
  - services for the public or for commercial offices (fitness centers, cafeterias open to the public, daycare centers, etc.)
  - community spaces (exhibition or meeting space)
  - art/information exhibition windows; live/work spaces
- c. Lobbies for office, research and residential uses are discouraged from occupying extensive ground floor frontage.
- d. Carefully designed residential stoops and entries that meet ADA requirements are encouraged.

**Goal:** Retail and services should serve local communities as well as people who work in the area.

#### Measures:

- a. Leasing of space to small, locally-owned businesses is encouraged.
- b. Diverse retail and service offerings that serve current and future Kendall Square residents and surrounding neighborhoods (e.g. pharmacy, greengrocer, bakery, drycleaner, and convenience store) are encouraged.
- c. Building frontage devoted to bank, trust company or similar financial institution should be limited to approximately 25 feet. Larger floor areas can be devoted to bank uses when fronted with other active retail uses.

**Goal:** Where retail is not provided, ground floor spaces should be designed to accommodate retail in the future.

#### Measures:

Standards for spaces convertible to retail include:

- a. Adequate floor-to-floor height (e.g. 15-20 feet) to allow food-oriented uses, with ventilation etc.
- b. Leasable ground floor depth from façade should average about 40 feet
- c. Ground floor level flush with or easily accessible from sidewalk
- d. Ground floor façade readily convertible to retail-style storefront
- e. Designed to accommodate venting and exhaust needs of food service uses
- f. Services such as interior power and HVAC zoned or easily convertible to enable convenient division and sublease of interior spaces to retail tenants.



- 1. 325 Main Street provides an active ground level with the majority of frontage along Main Street occupied by Active Use space and Active Public Gathering Space.
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## **HEAD HOUSE / GARDEN CONNECTION**

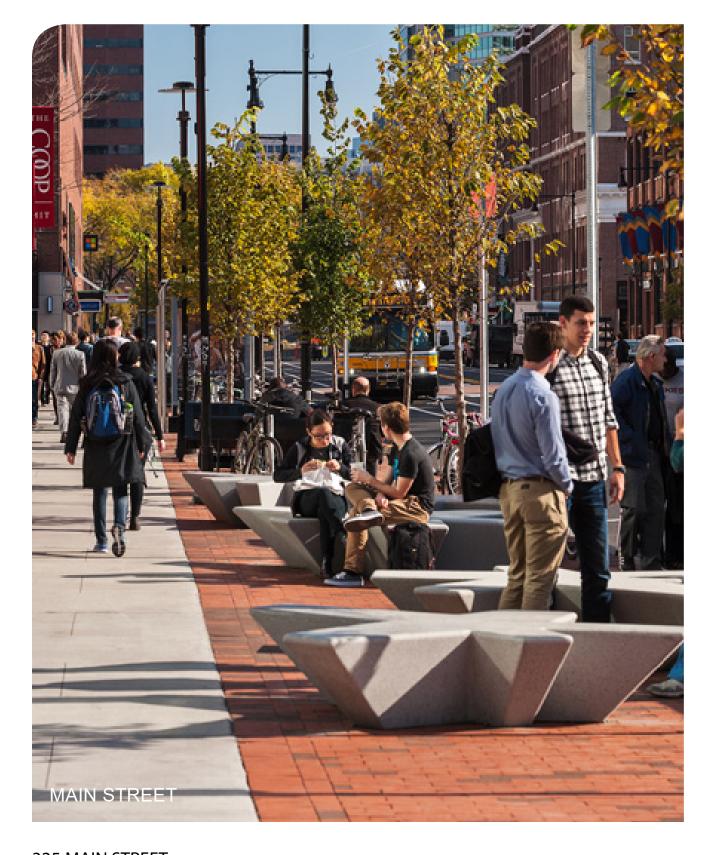


## 4. LANDSCAPE

## 4.1 325 MAIN STREET LANDSCAPE

#### **OPEN SPACE OVERVIEW**

325 MAIN STREET

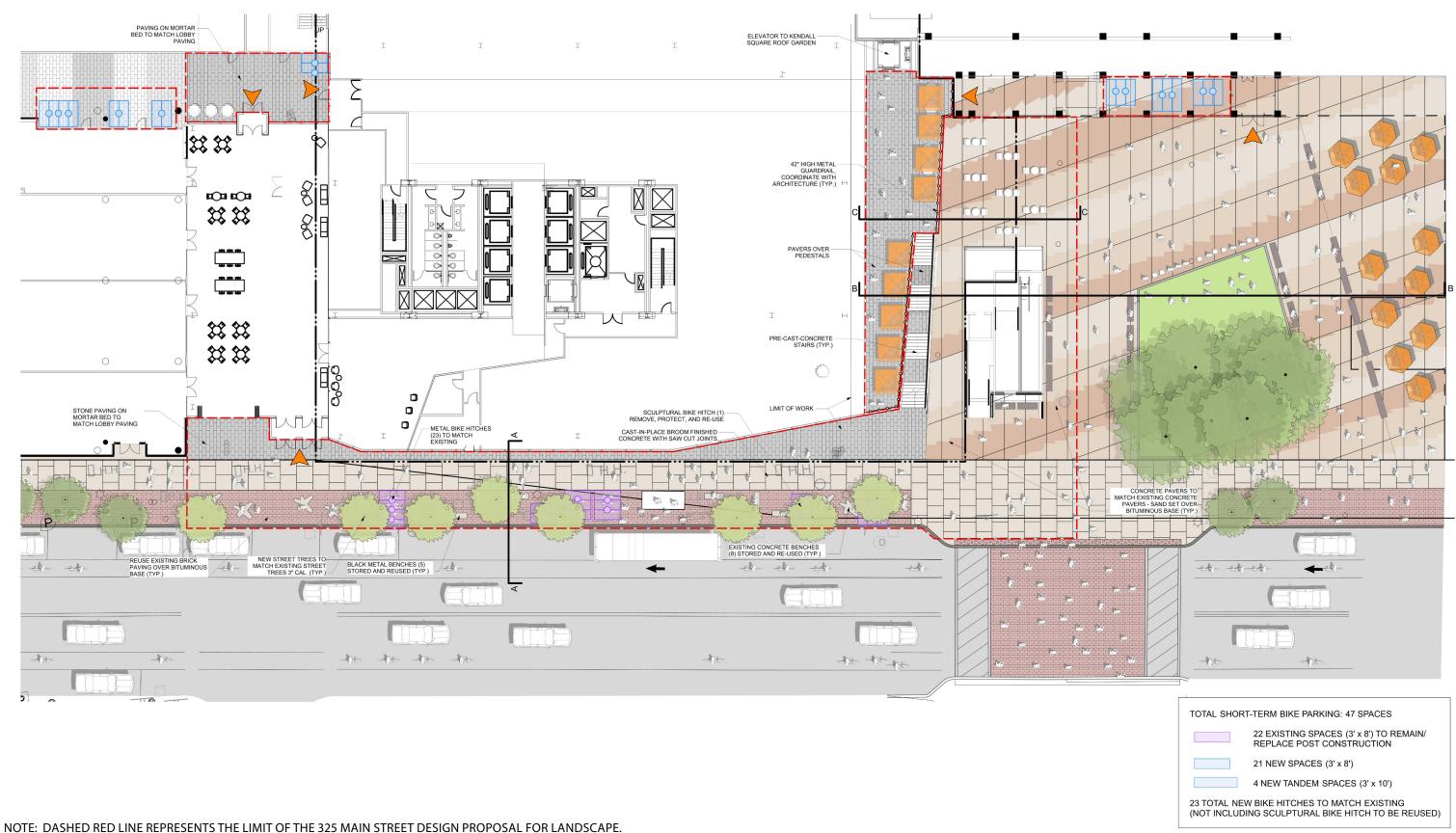




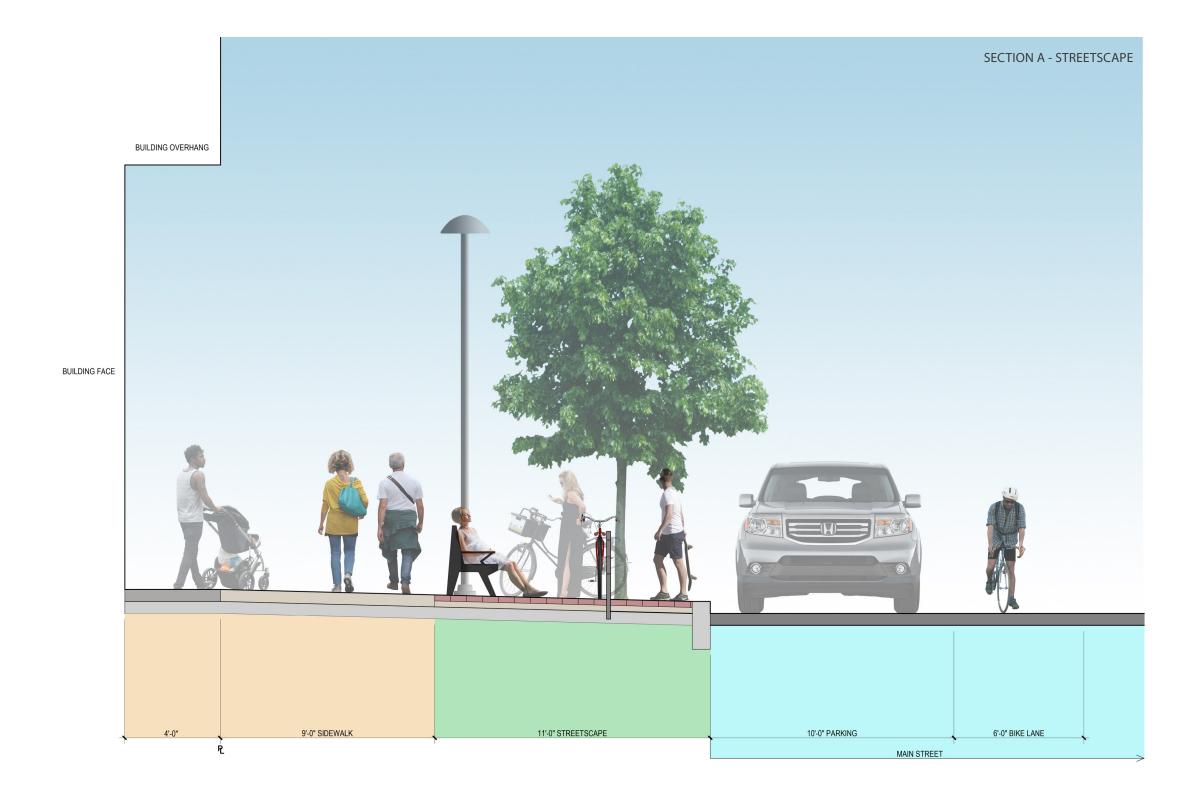


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SITE PLAN AND CONTEXT - LEVEL 01 & 02



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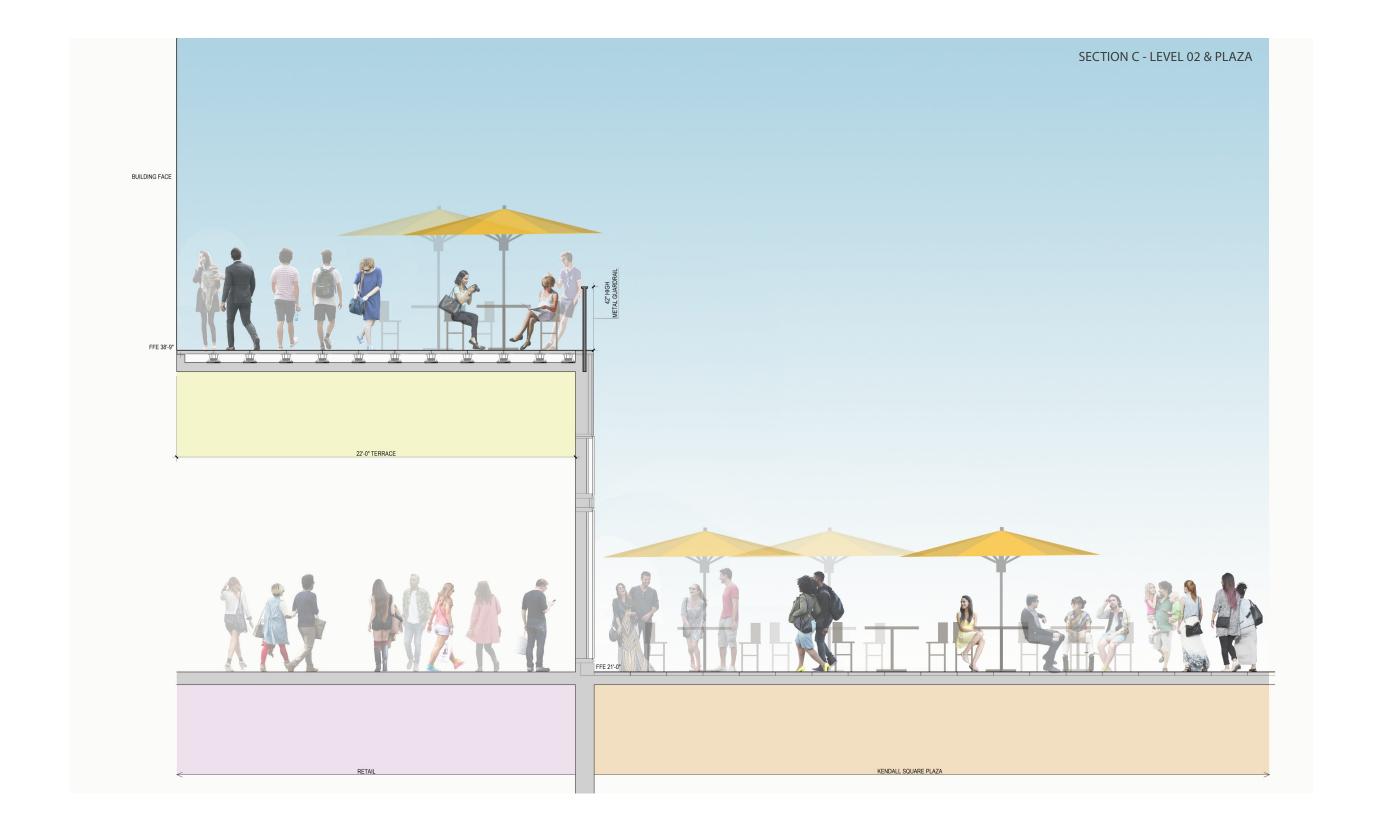


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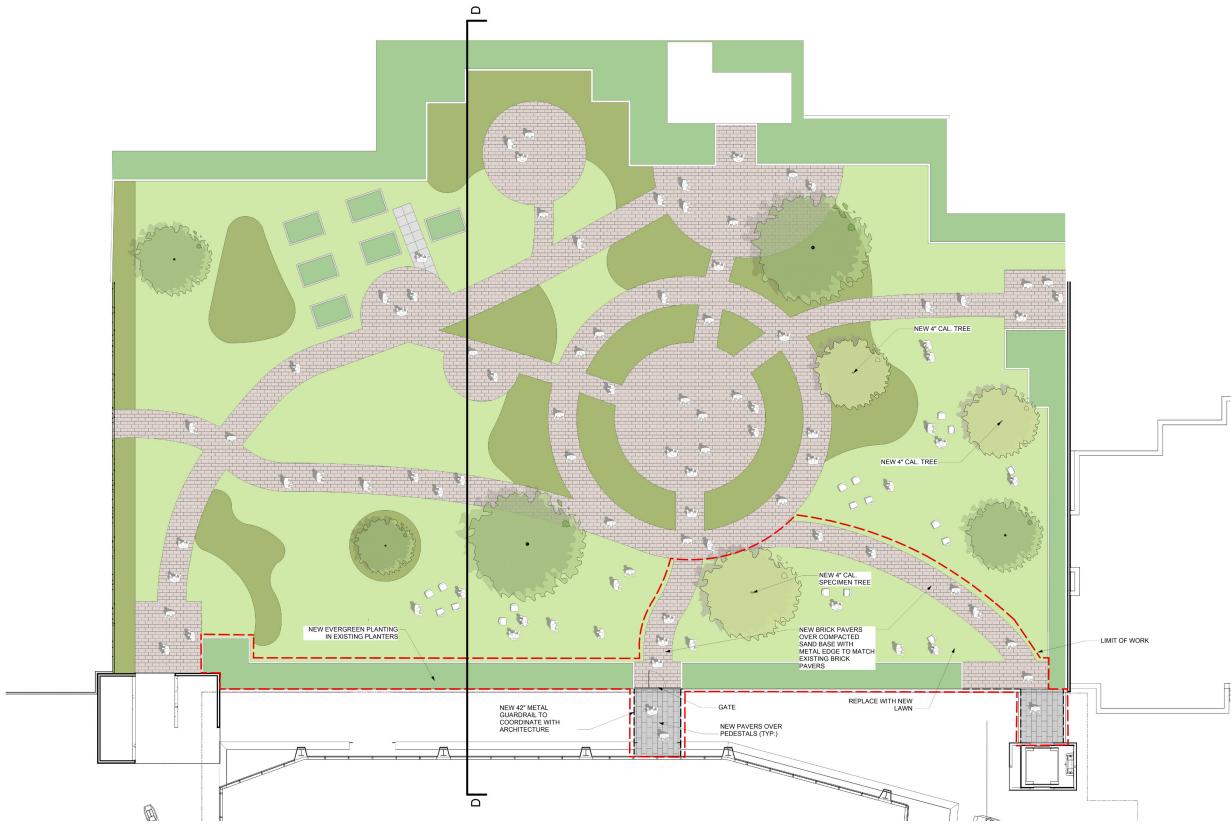


SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

#### SITE PLAN AND CONTEXT



SITE PLAN AND CONTEXT - KENDALL SQUARE ROOF GARDEN



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