ADOPT-A-MAX CAR
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Adopt-A-MAX Car is a program which repurposes retired MAX cars to provide resources and services to unhoused and low-income Portlanders. Businesses, non-profits, shelters, or schools can adopt a MAX car financially or through volunteer services. There are two models of cars: Tilikum and Trillium. Tilikum is a free pantry with food, home goods, toiletries, and a little library on each end (one for children’s books and one for adults). Anyone can drop by with donations and adopters should help provide goods as well. Trillium is a shower station which includes restrooms. Each shower has a changing area attached with a bench, hooks, storage space, and a perforated screen which separates the changing space from the shower, so guests can know their belongings are secure.

The MAX cars were designed with minimal renovations to keep costs down and maintain their functional aesthetic, while still being light, open, and welcoming. The cars have corrugated metal facades with hanging herb planters. Both cars have pops of color, including the prominent yellow mustard doors and roof which will become a beacon that communities can recognize.

The sites will be selected based on proximity to dense clusters of tent camps, space to accommodate the MAX cars, and nearby water and sewer infrastructure.

SITE STRATEGY

NOTABLE FEATURES
SHOWERS W/ ATTACHED CHANGING ROOM
MAINTAINS A SPACIOUS INTERIOR
MINIMAL STYLE DESIGN DECALS ON WALLS
POPS OF COLOR (INTERIOR + EXTERIOR)
ADA STALLS (SHOWERS + RESTROOMS)

MATERIAL ADDITIONS
CORRUGATED METAL SHEETS
REEDED GLASS WINDOWS
PERFORATED SCREEN WALLS
RECLAIMED WOOD FLOORING
TILE FLOORING
SHOWERTOILET STALLS (METAL)

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS
GUT INTERIOR - KEEP SHELL
ADD THICKER WALL FOR SHOWERS/TOILETS
HOOK UP WATER HEATER
ATTACH CORRUGATED METAL SIDING
CONSTRUCT RAMPS
ADD WOOD AND TILE FLOOR
INSTALL SHOWERS, TOILETS, AND SHELVING

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