

project overview

East Tulsa is one of the most diverse areas in the city, and it's in need of urban image improvement and better conditions that favor its community to be integrated and have access to opportunities that provide them of quality of life.

Often overlooked, East Tulsa is a suburban development that has untapped resources and the potential to become a center of substantial economic development; it is also a vibrant, multicultural site that requires spaces that facilitate social interaction, inclusion, celebration and exchange.

With proper guidance, East Tulsa can become:

- An attractive destination for visitors and locals
- A source of employment that favors economic growth and opportunity creation.
- An immigrant and diversity reception point that promotes acceptance, tolerance and integration for Tulsa.





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Due to the rising prices of living in inner cities and gentrification, immigrants and diverse groups are moving to suburbs like East Tulsa.

The melting pot approach in planning, which tries to unify multicultural groups under the same values, language, needs and constitutional rights is not valid.

Heterogeneity and blending are achieved through a new process:

Interculturalism, which means adapting elements, heritage, customs and traditions from different groups into everyday life, providing them of a local identity.

The main goal of this project is to study the potential East Tulsa has towards becoming a multicultural destination with prospective economic development; to do so, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the area, as well as its capability to reflect the identity of its residents, are key elements.

The outcome, a plan with a vision of "what could be".







methodology

- 1. Research diversity in America and case studies. benefits and challenges, planning, policy, needs, examples
- 2. Site analysis and data study on East Tulsa. evolution, uses, demographics, employment, connectivity, crime
- **Engage with the community.**user study and feedback from stakeholders, community and government
- 4. Analyze existing plans and codes that have been adopted, and review content and projects on East Tulsa.

 Comprehensive Plan, Fast Forward, Go Plan, Zoning Code, East Tulsa Plan
- Develop recommendations and implement them.

 develop a plan following a recommendation framework





1. CASE STUDIES: AMERICAN CITIES ARE DIVERSE

- 2. FOCUS AREA: EAST TULSA, OKLAHOMA
- 3. USER STUDY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 4. EXISTING PLANS: EAST TULSA

5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION







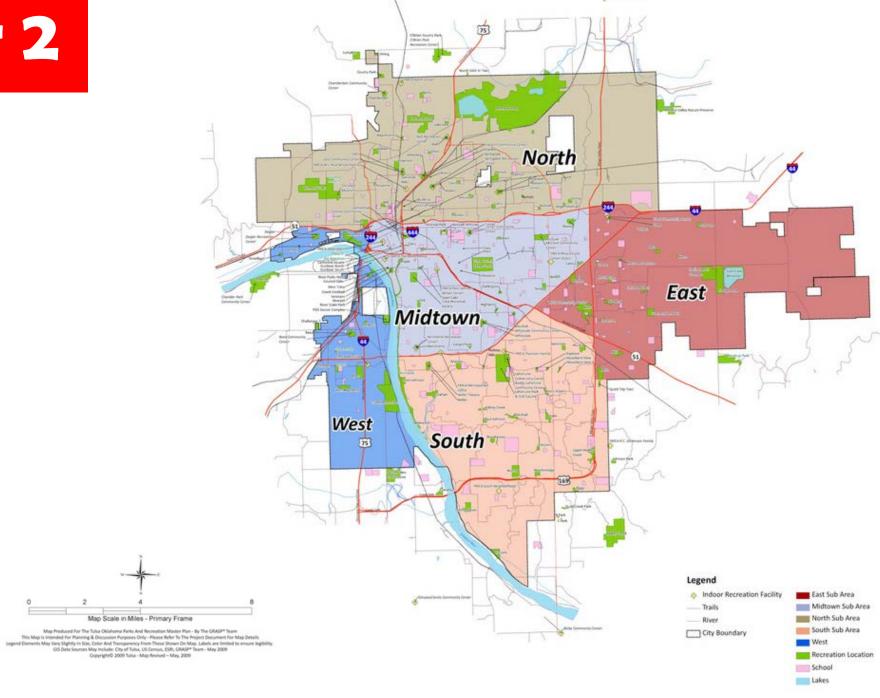




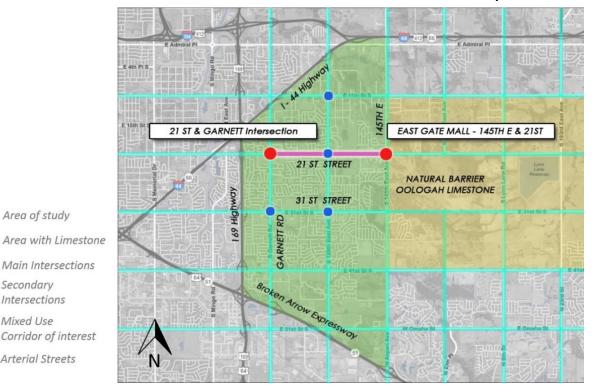








16.63 Sq. Miles





Area of study

Secondary Intersections

Mixed Use

Arterial Streets

Main Intersections













EMPLOYMENT



















































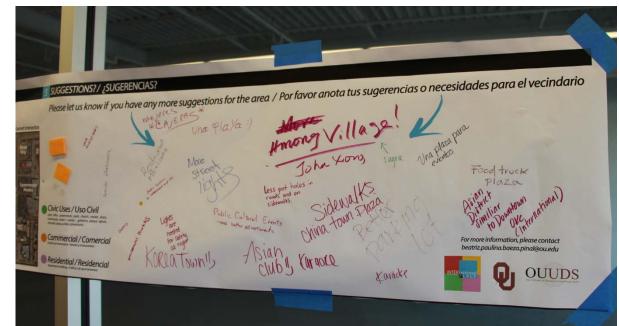




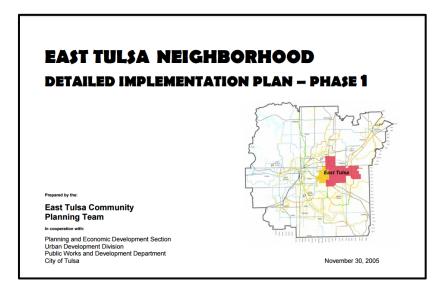


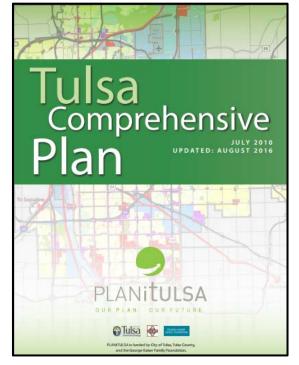








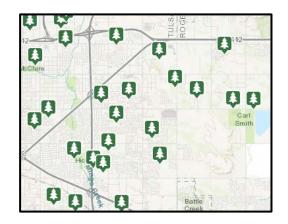




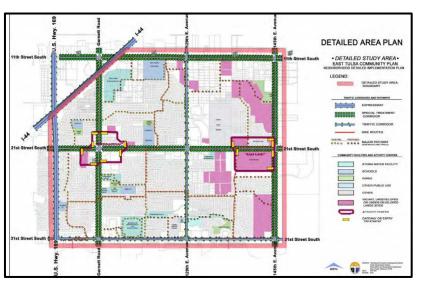


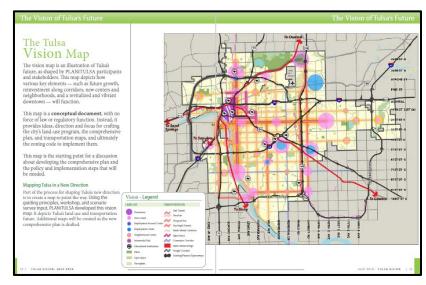


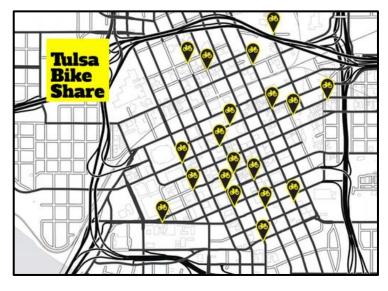
Tulsa Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan
A PLAN FOR PEOPLE POWERED MOVEMENT

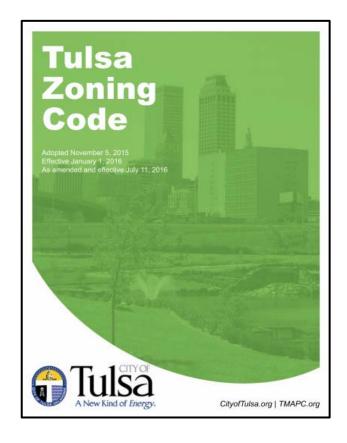


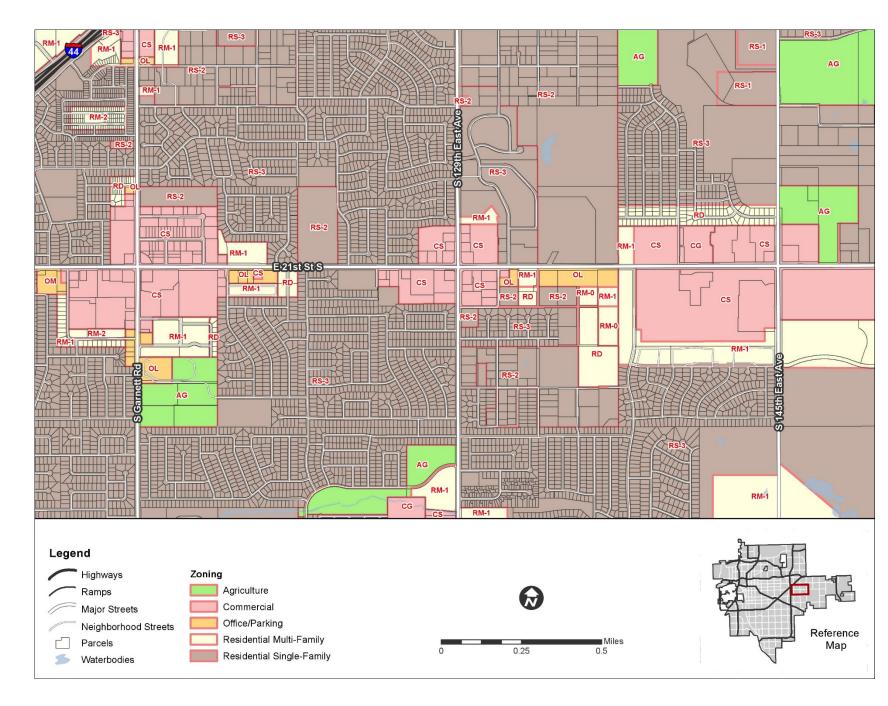












main issues







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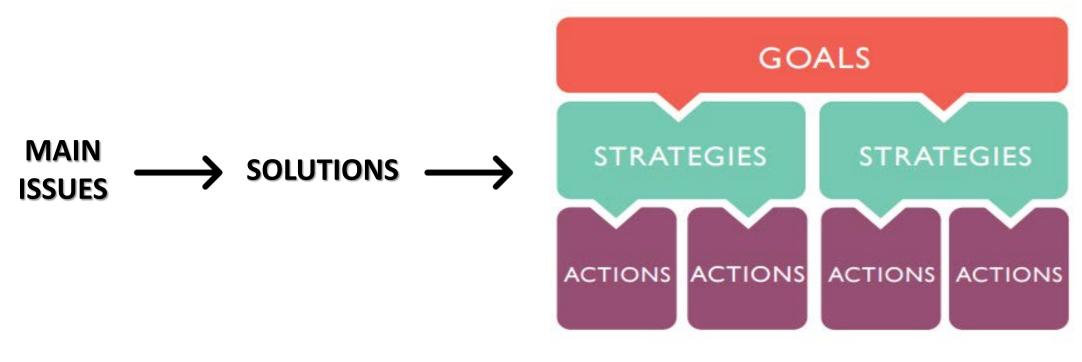
East Tulsa is a low-density suburb. Problems derived from sprawl include: discontinued development and lack of necessary uses close by, like proper job sources, affordable housing, spaces for startups, civic places and integration programs, examples include business or skillset development workshops, legal counseling, language classes and even neighbor meetings.

2. UNSAFE AND DISCONNECTED

The area's development is car oriented. People who don't have access to a motor vehicle are excluded, don't have access to opportunities or feel unsafe. Traffic going 45 miles per hour and long distances makes it difficult to bike, and due to dispersion and single uses, the area is disconnected. Multimodal transportation hardly exists due to present conditions.

3. LACKS IDENTITY AND NEEDS IMAGE IMPROVEMENT

The area needs beautification, and a proper image and uses that reflect the diversity of its community and provides for its needs. The corridor lacks spaces such as a civic plaza or a larger park, which make it difficult to formally host cultural festivities and events on site that facilitate interaction and promote inclusion and integration.



A PLAN THAT FOLLOWS A RECOMMENDATION FRAMEWORK

recommendations

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IMPROVEMENT

1. RETROFIT

Identify areas with potential for repurposing along the corridor, and recommend potential projects, programs and partnerships that encourage opportunity development, economic growth, densification and interaction between diverse groups.

2. CONNECT

Improve safety and prioritize pedestrian and cyclist accessibility.

3. INTERCULTURALIZE

Create a vibrant, welcoming multicultural district that displays the identity of its diverse community, and invites locals, visitors and future residents.

A 3 GOAL FRAMEWORK

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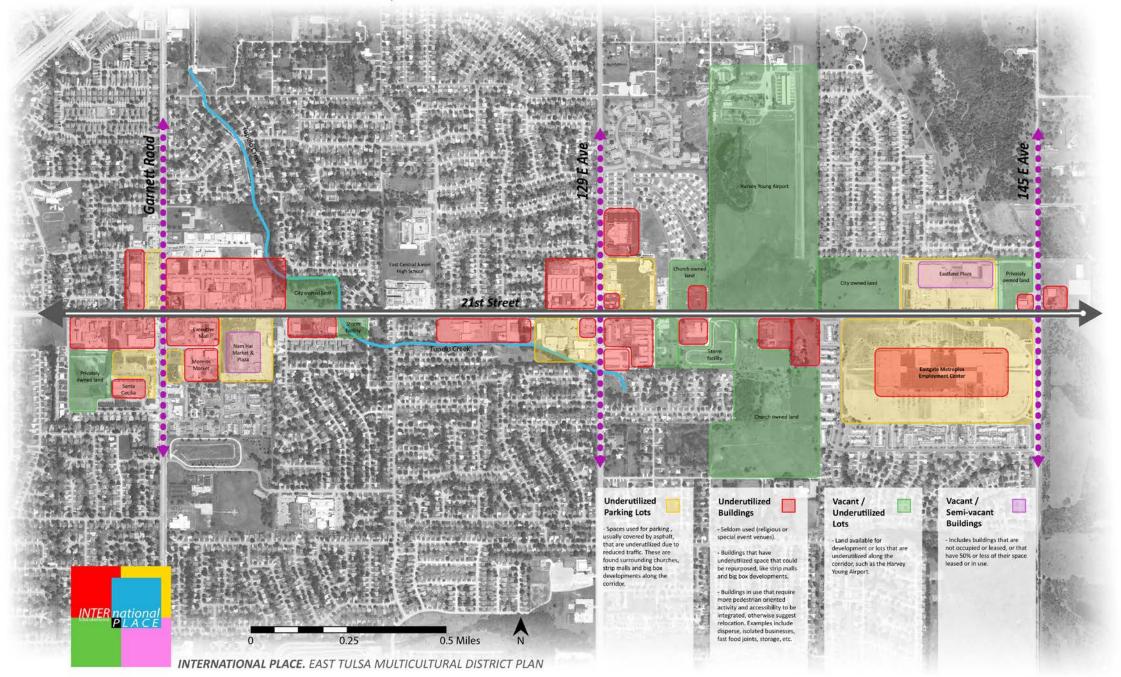
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AREAS WITH POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH, RETROFITTING AND INTEGRATION EAST TULSA, OKLAHOMA





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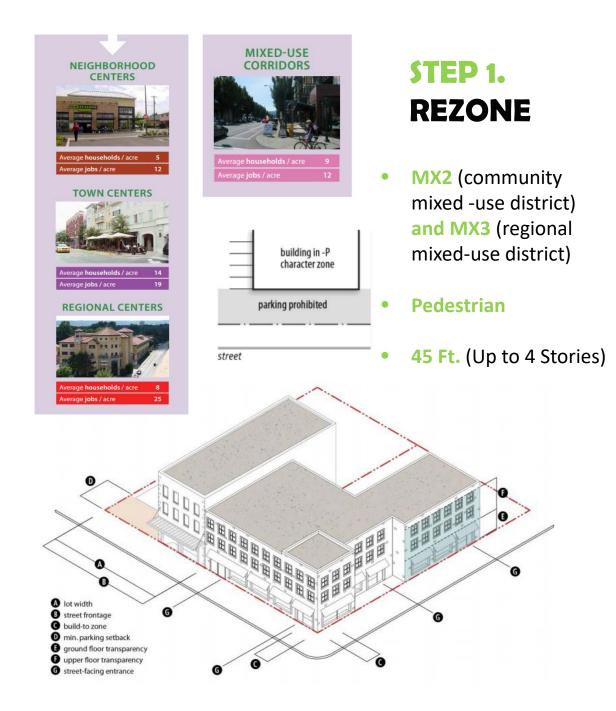














4-71. Existing shopping center



4-72. Short-term repair: Transforming the intersection into a square



4-73. Medium-term repair: Creating a retail loop



Shopping mall



STEP 2. RETROFIT





Main intersection

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BEFORE

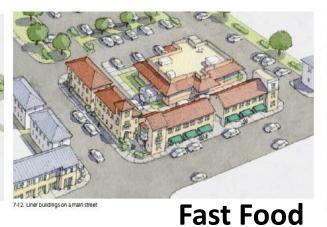
















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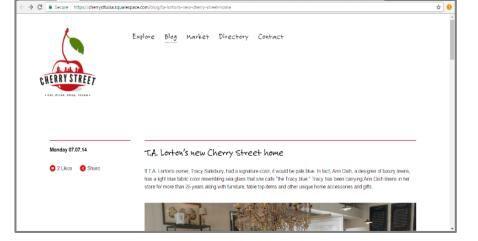
ACTION 3. Create an image for the District and promote using technology.

Entertainment districts IN TULSA



proposed logo and branding

- Create a Website
- Social Media
- Media (TV, Radio, Print)















STRATEGY 1.3 Support existing commerce and encourage entrepreneurial development and immigrant business incubators

ACTION 1. Create Strategies that help property owners keep their spaces leased and facilitate the development of startups and small businesses.



Several existing spaces remain underused or vacant.

The City and property owners should partner to address these challenges; options may include:



Changing the format or layout of vacant/underused spaces to increase density and adapt smaller spaces for startups and small businesses.

OPTION 2.

Get support from government incentives and loans, such as entrepreneurial grants, tax reliefs, credit for property owners and neighborhood improvement grant

OPTION 3.

Seek donations from local foundations or community organizations to help support new businesses and social initiatives in favor of diversity.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

Sales Tax Financing

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Incubator Site Tenant Tax Exemption.

Quality Jobs Incentive Program

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program (WOTC)

Small business venture capital loans

Investment/New Jobs Tax Credit,

Pre-lease programs

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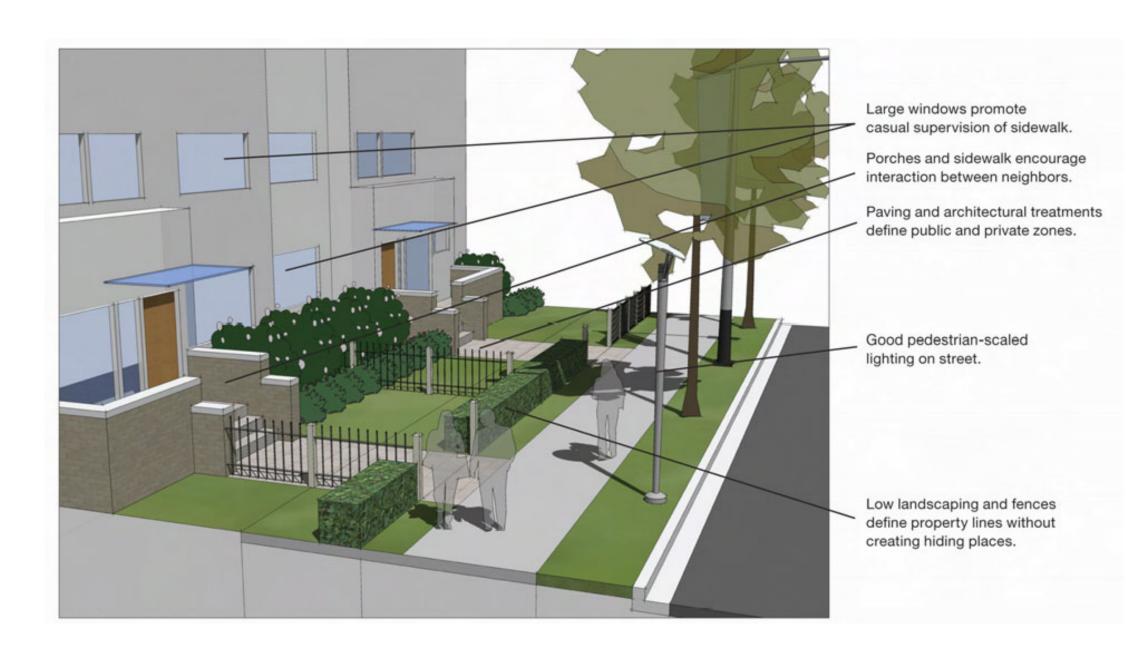




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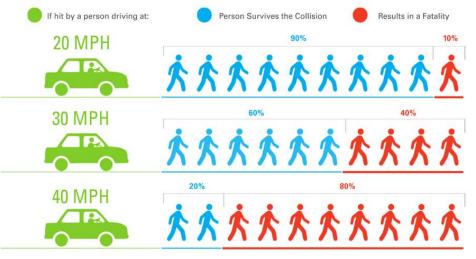




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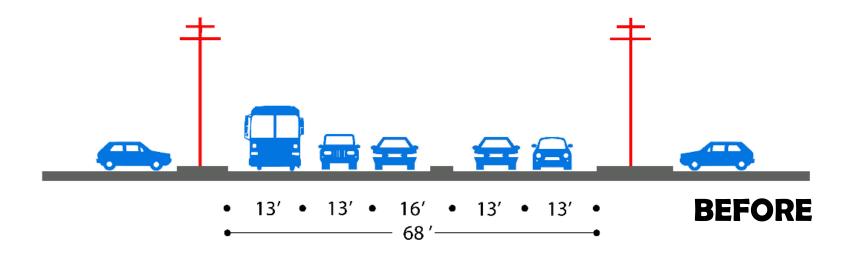


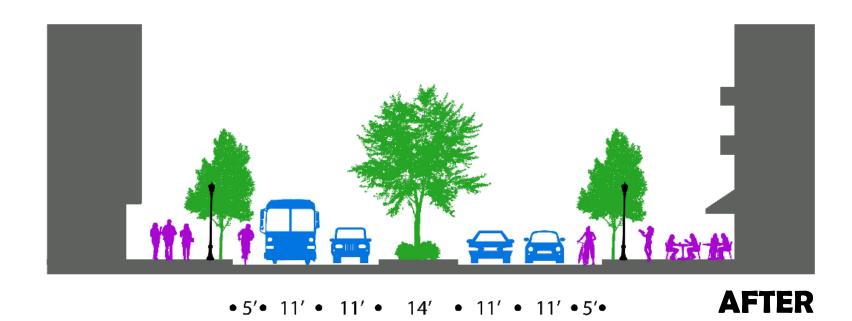


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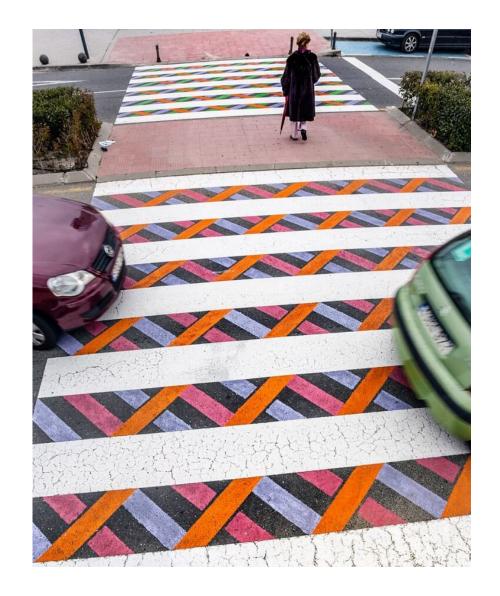


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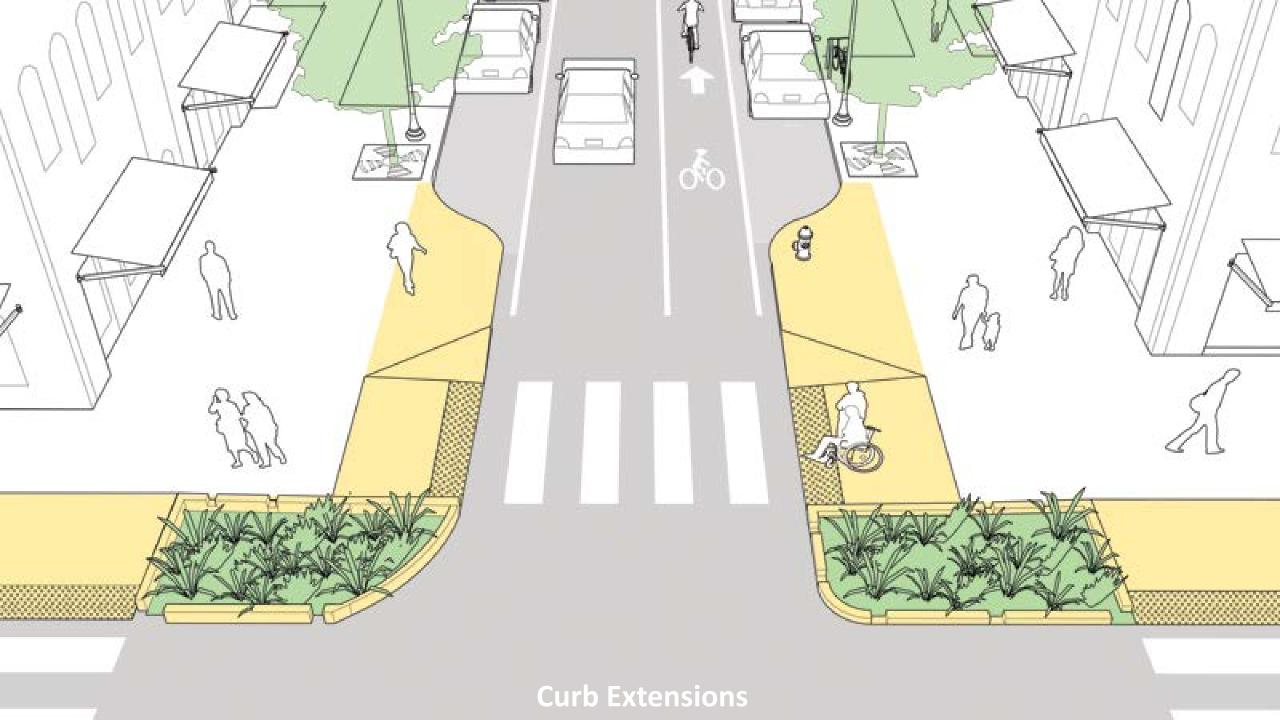
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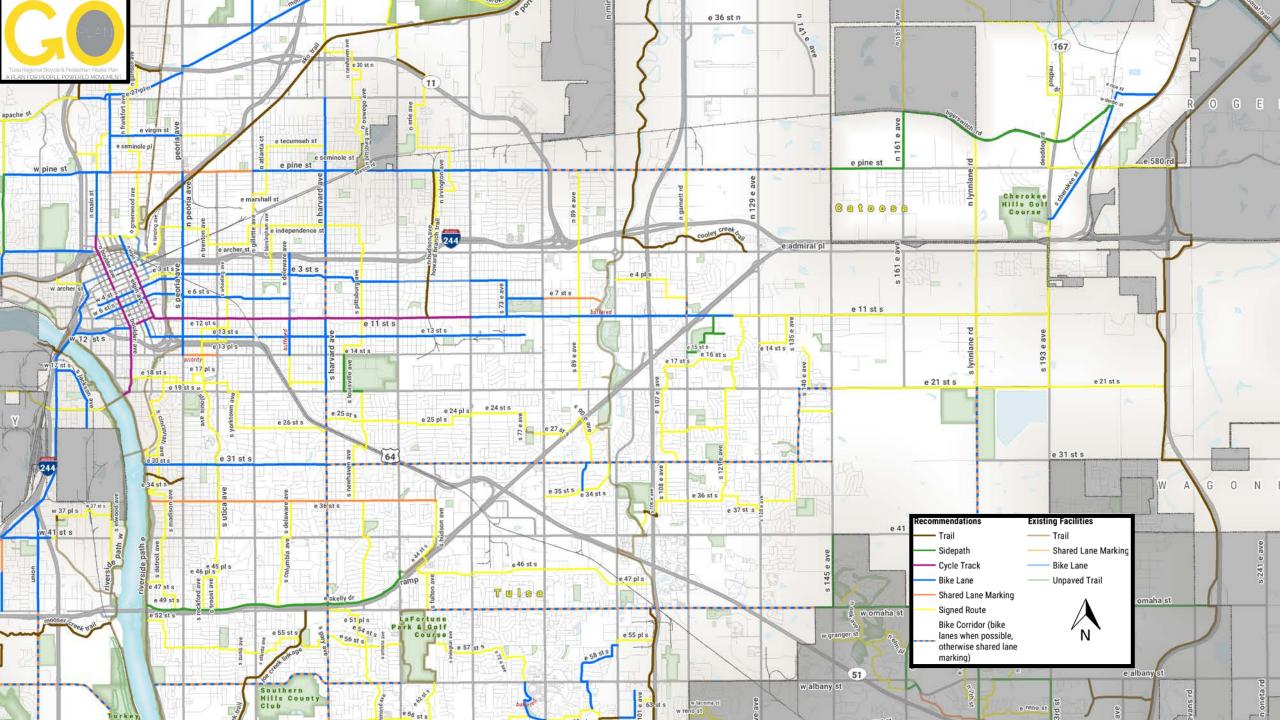


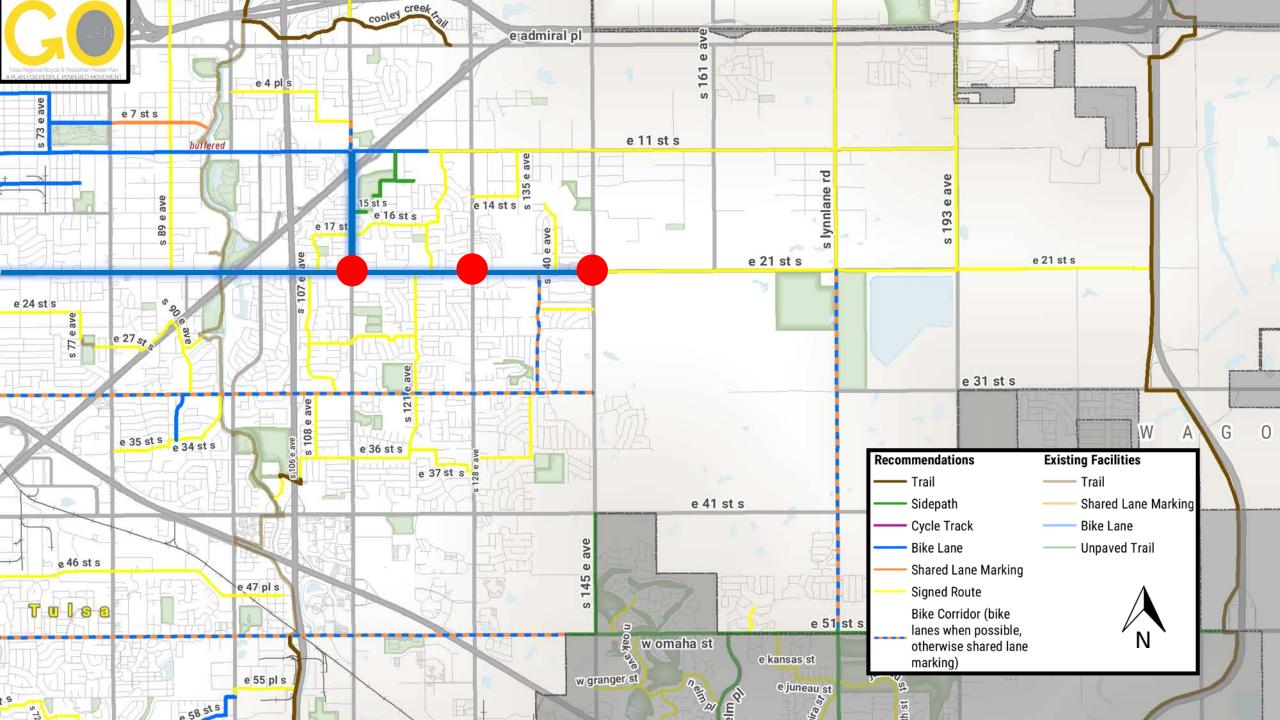




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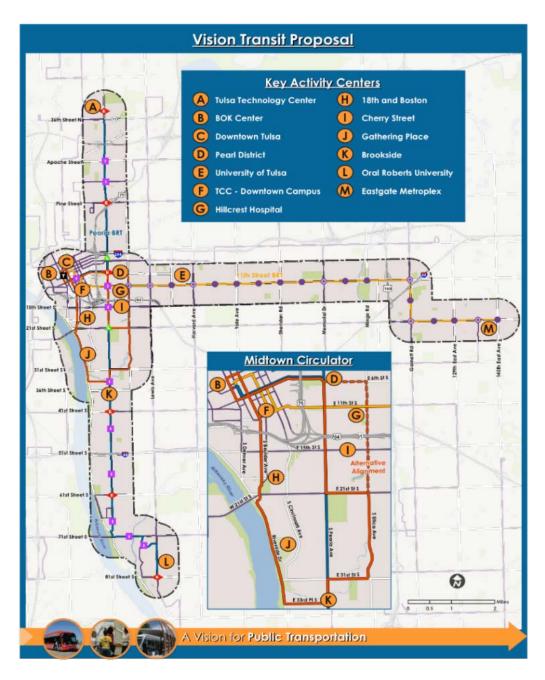






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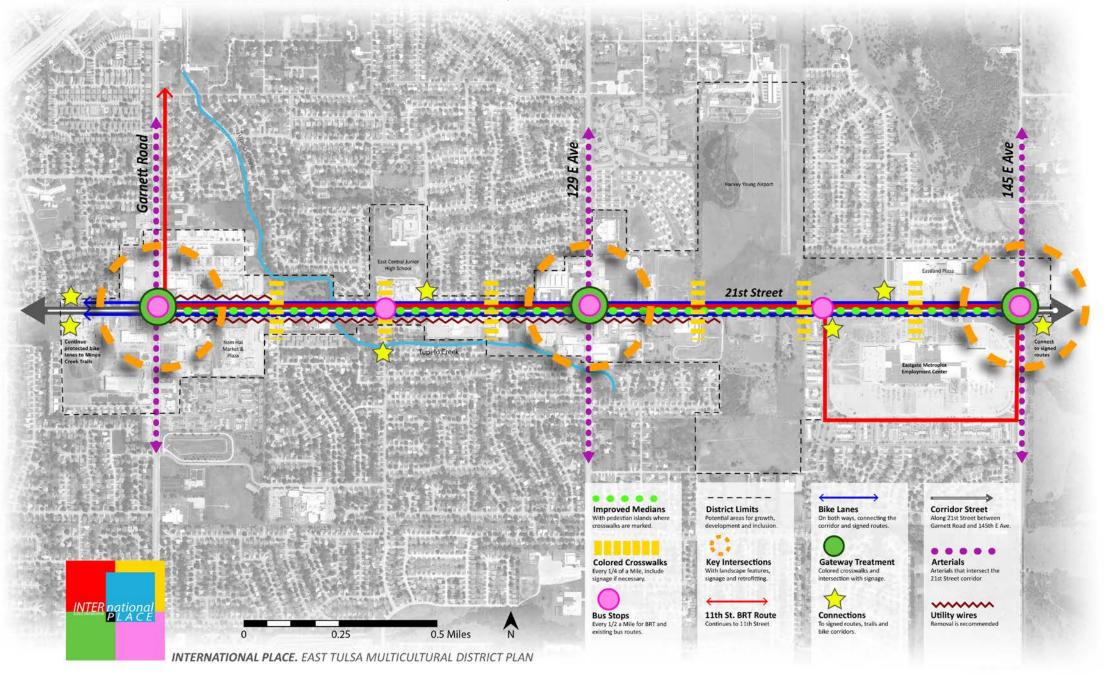
BRT on 11TH Street

- 15-20 minute frequency
- 6:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.
- Stops every ½ mile





STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FRAMEWORK EAST TULSA, OKLAHOMA





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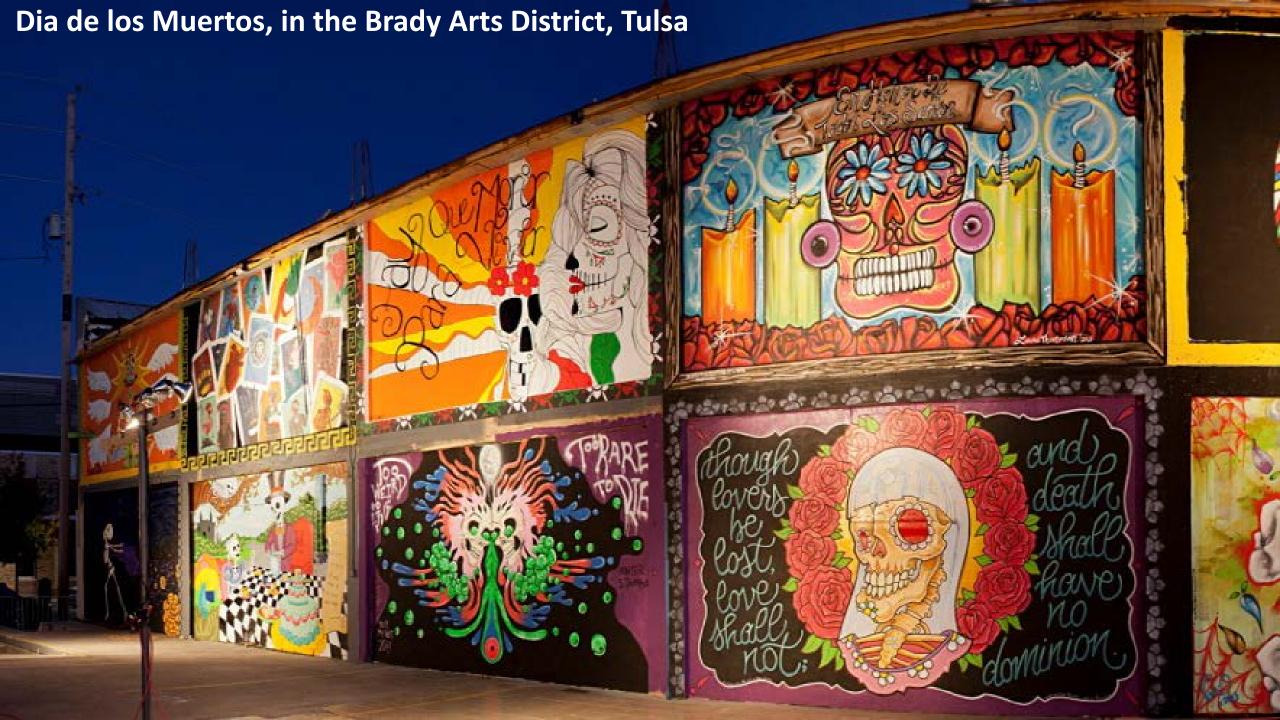
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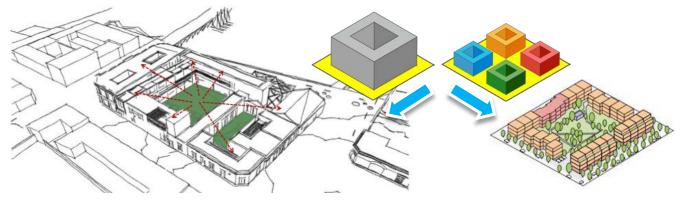
























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street furniture











gateway design



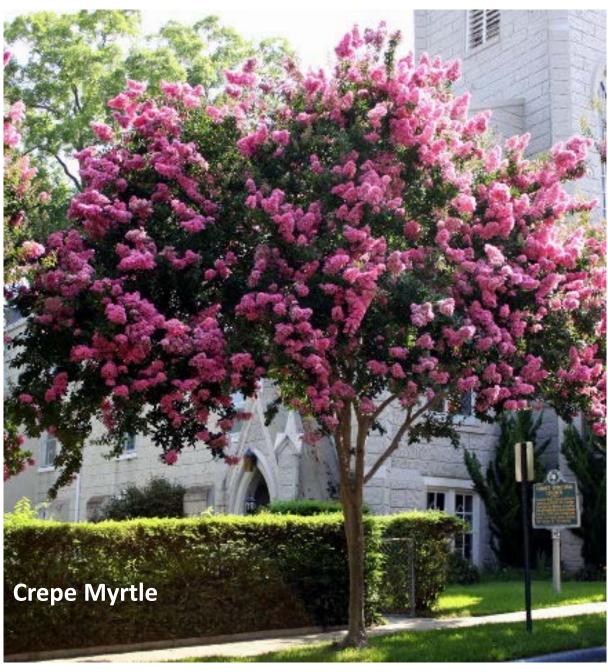














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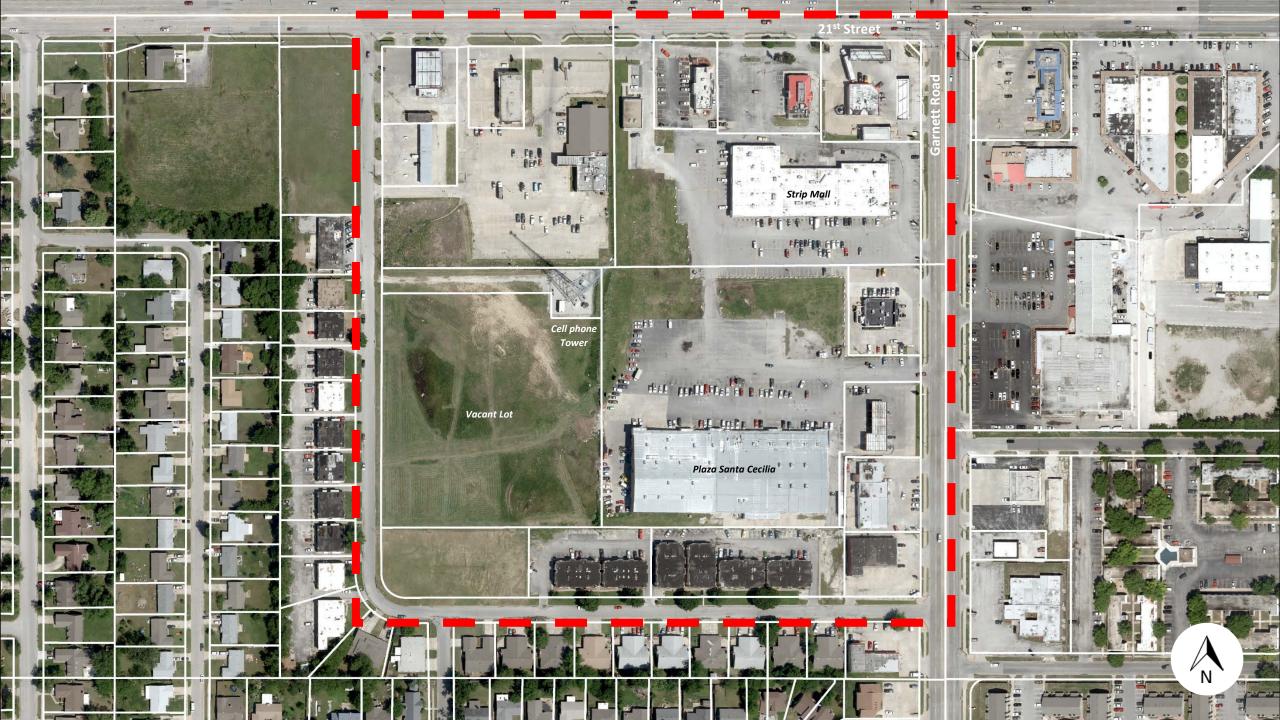
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RETROFIT | BEFORE

SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | CURRENT USES



- 1. Vacant Lot
- 2. Plaza Santa Cecilia
- 3. Cell Phone Tower
- 4. Christian Church
- 5. Strip Mall
- 6. Car Wash
- 7. Casa Herrera Mini Mall
- 8. Strip Mall
- 9. Sinclair Gas & Joy Mart
- 10. Pizza Hut Fast Food
- 11. Kentucky Fried Chicken Fast Food
- 12. H&R Block Tax Services
- 13. Buffet Palace Chinese Restaurant
- 14. Meineke Car Center
- 15. Gas & Minute Mart
- 16. Car Wash
- 17. Duplex Complex
- 18. Apartments
- 19. Single Family Residential

0.42 x 0.42 Miles



















29 acres

SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | CURRENT USES



View of Plaza Santa Cecilia's sign on 21st Street.

> View of Plaza Santa Cecilia's parking lot. Buses to and from Mexico leave from this area.





Business extension outside the plaza on the parking lot.

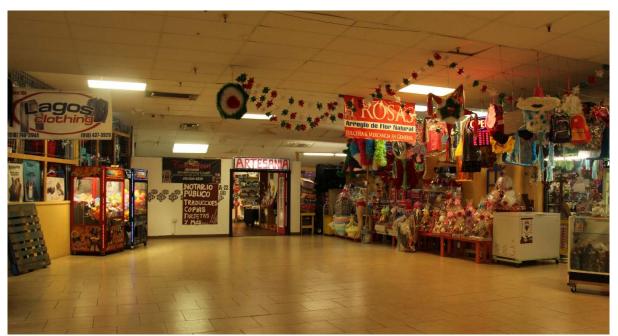


Main entrance for pedestrians to Plaza Santa Cecilia.





Plaza Santa Cecilia is the perfect candidate to retrofit and transform into a landmark for the proposed district. A former bowling alley, it has been repurposed several times to adapt its space to house immigrant oriented businesses, especially Hispanic. It includes 55 commercial spaces for lease, ranging from 200 to 2,000 Sq Ft and \$400 to \$2,500 in rent, including maintenance and utility fees. As of today, 36 spaces are occupied, including stores, restaurants, offices and the bus station.









SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | CURRENT USES



View of the parking lots on the block, and the predominant suburban environment defined by strip malls.

> View of Plaza Santa Cecilia's parking lot. Buses to and from Mexico leave from this area.





Vacant lot west of Plaza Santa Cecilia, on the south west section of the block.



Cell phone tower located north east of the vacant lot on the block.





The selected block offers both, a 4.5 acre vacant lot and a vast area that is currently occupied as surface parking, which is underutilized. The location of the block on the southwest corner of the 21st Street and Garnett Road intersection, represents a unique opportunity to redevelop and create a landmark for East Tulsa.

RETROFIT | BEFORE AND AFTER

SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | FLOOR PLAN VIEW







Before

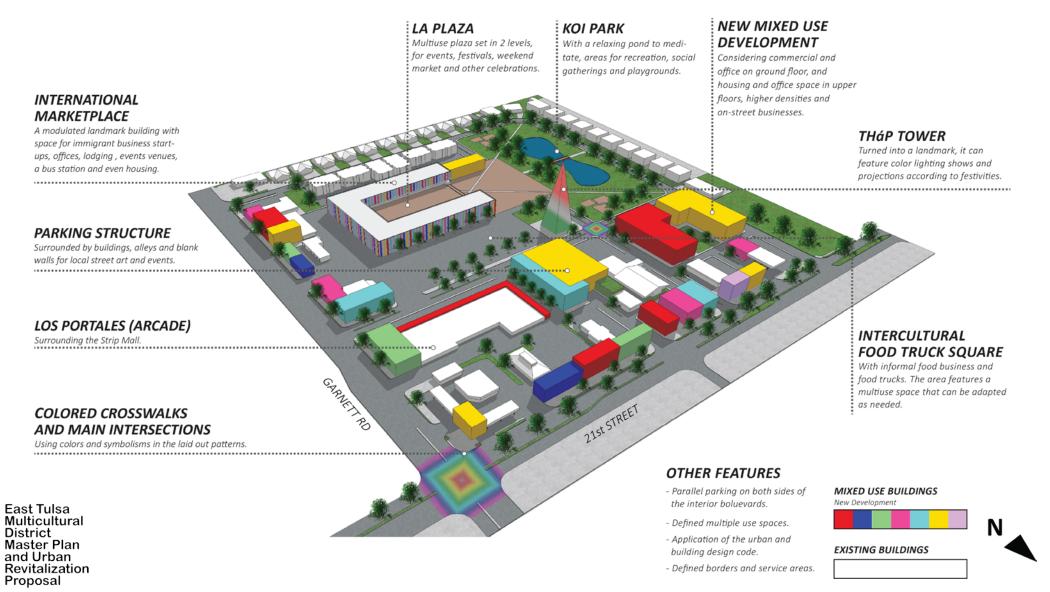
- Suburban development: sprawled, disperse & low density
- Disconnected: Lack of pedestrian and cyclist accessibility
- Underutilized parking and vacant lot, lack of identity

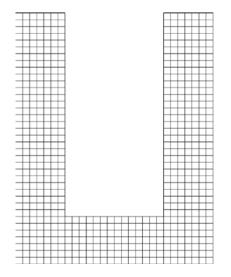
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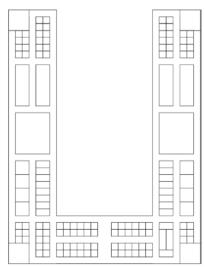
- Higher density and proximity through mixed uses
- Connected: Prioritizes pedestrian and ciclyst access
- Civic spaces that facilitate interaction, such as multi use plazas, park and marketplaces.



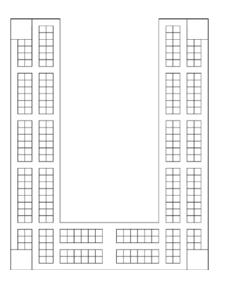


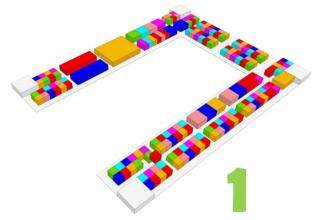


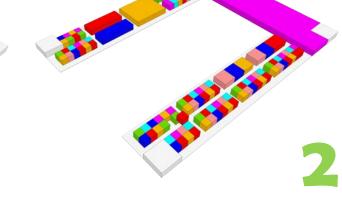








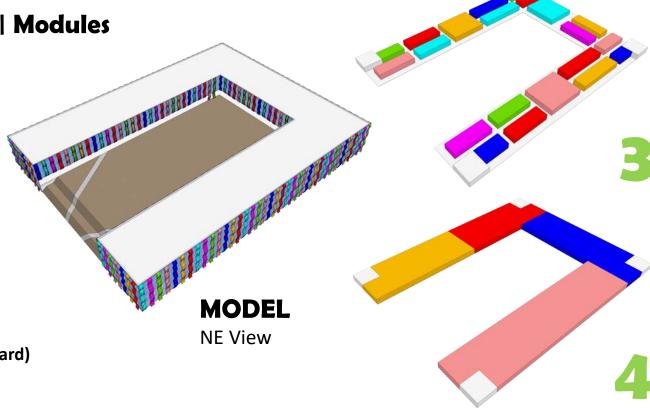




Marketplace Concept | Modules

FEATURES

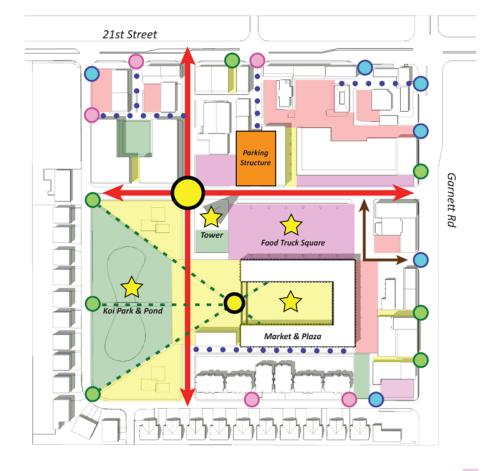
- 10 x 10 FT GRID (startups)
- 55 Spaces vs 308 (per level)
- 64,000 Sq. FT vs 61,600 (per level)
- Up to 246,400 Sq. FT
- 2 Plazas
 300 x 140 FT (42,000 Sq. FT, Courtyard)
 236 x 225 FT (53,100 Sq. FT)

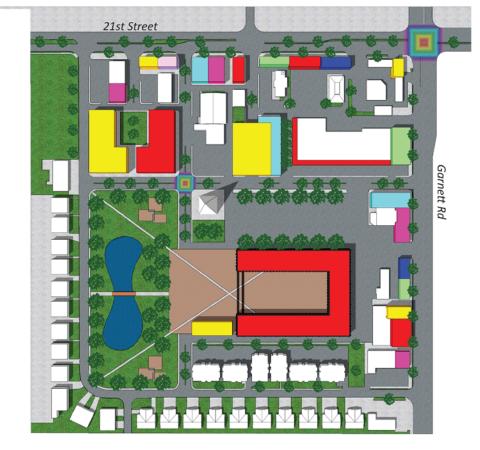


CONNECT | PROPOSAL

SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | FLOOR PLAN VIEW







MAIN ACCESS AND CONNECTION

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION

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PARK AND GREEN AREAS

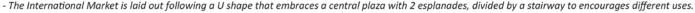




SOUTH WEST CORNER | 21st Street Corridor and Garnett Road | AERIAL VIEW



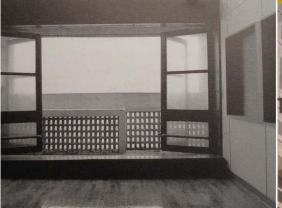
View from the south west the corner



- The cell phone can keep its main function, but be repurposed to become a landmark that displays color lights or projections according to festivities.
- The Intercultural Food Truck Square will have areas for tables and house trucks and food carts that offer a broad variety of international cooking.
 - Koi Park features a pond and explanades for playgrounds and social gatherings located on the north east and south east sections of the park.

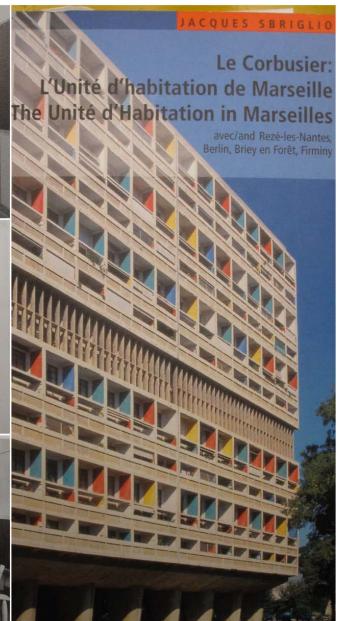




















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