

The Sacramento Railyards Proposal

Normative Theory of Design:
 "Improve upon existing design practices"
 "What should be"

Changes to existing plan:

- 1 Innovation District
- 2 Housing (same number of units)
- 3 Central Shops
- 4 Waterfront

Kept from existing plan:

- 1 Kaiser Hospital campus
- 2 MLS Stadium and parking
- 3 Intermodal Station
- 4 Vista Park
- 5 Housing (some changes made)
- 6 Civic/Office

The Sacramento Surge

A diverse, outdoor, community-oriented network connecting Sacramento's urban core.
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BIKE/ PEDESTRIAN SKY-GARDEN

LINEAR PLAZA WITH LOCAL SHOPS

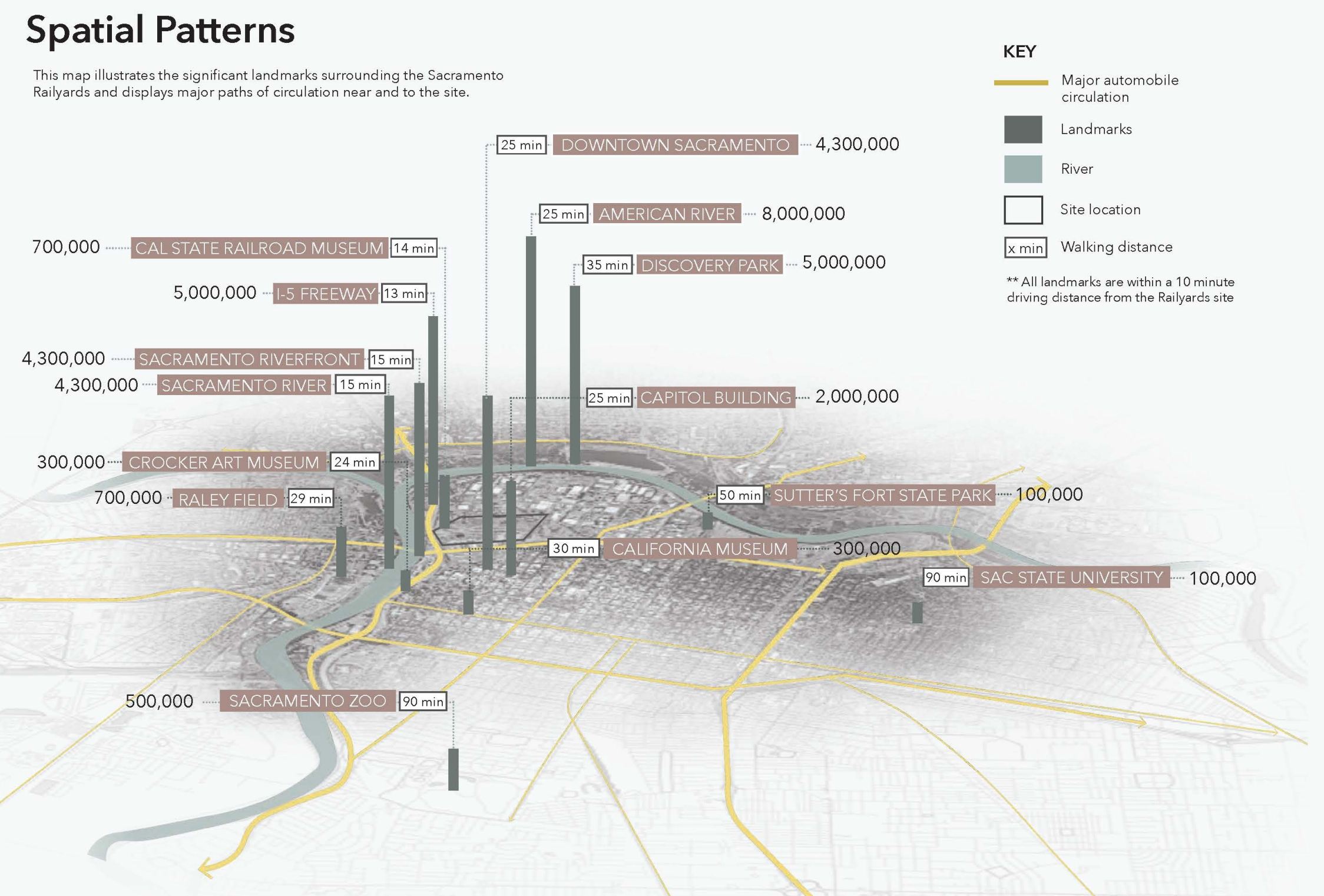
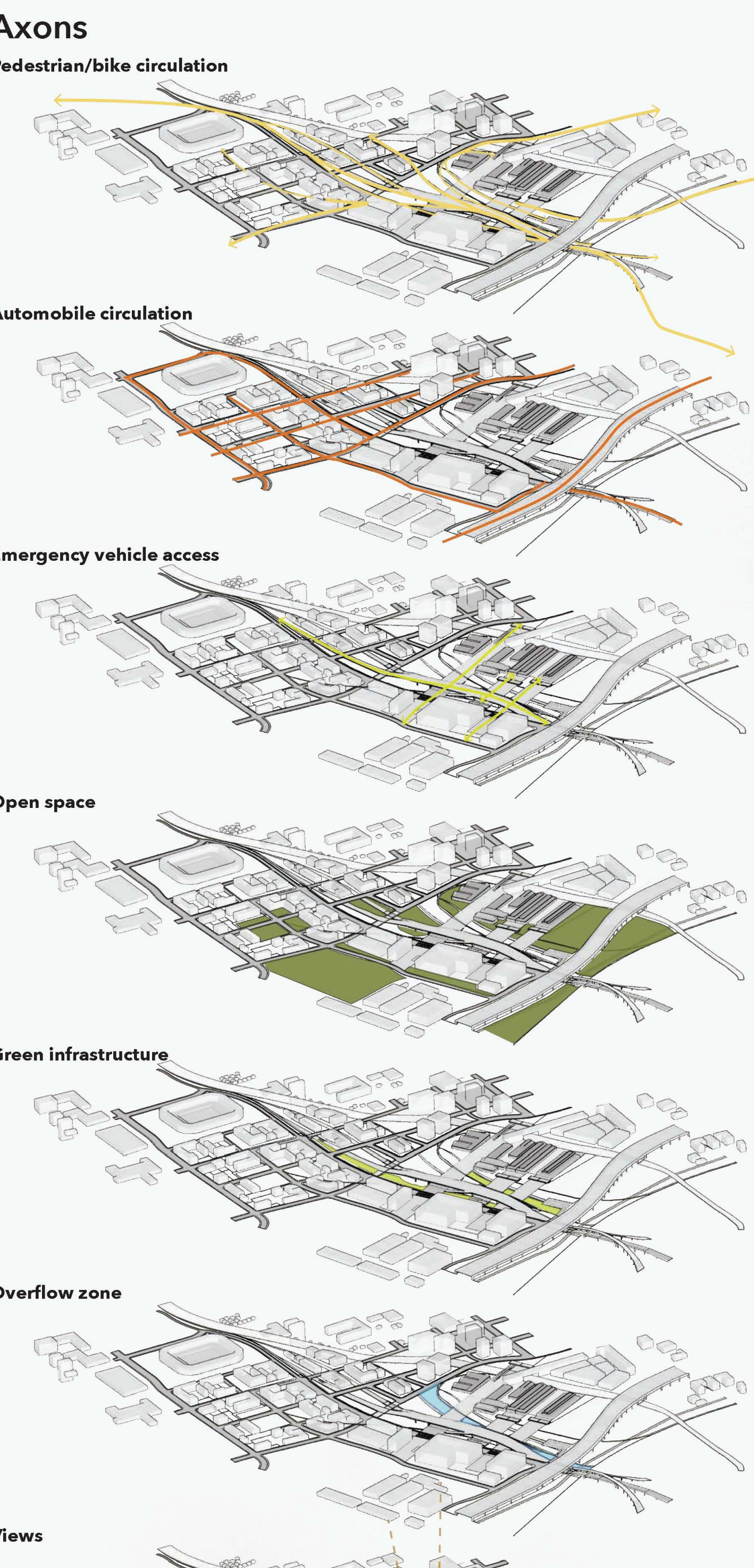
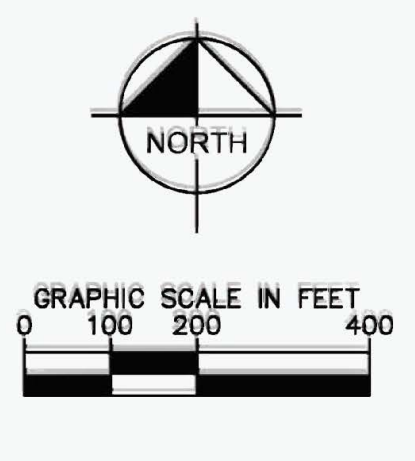
WEST SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO RIVER

INTERMODAL STATION

SURGE: "a sudden powerful forward or upward movement, especially by a crowd or by a natural force such as the waves or tide."

"Applying a normative approach to design, this project will connect the Railyards site with Downtown Sacramento, West Sacramento, the Alkali Flats neighborhood, and areas across the American River using pedestrian (and bike)-oriented transportation routes that promote socialization, embrace diversity, capture Sacramento's many identities, and ultimately enhance Sacramento's sense of community."



Interviews

Residents of Sacramento

Likes:

- Cultural diversity
- Sense of a small community
- Waterfront

Dislikes/Issues:

- Heat/ Lack of shade
- Homelessness
- Lack of night activities
- Lack of good public transportation
- Unsafe pedestrian/biking paths

People Living Outside of Sacramento

Likes:

- The trees
- The food

Dislikes/Issues:

- Homelessness issues
- Wast more night activity

Sacramento Railyards site:

- Make site a fun gathering space

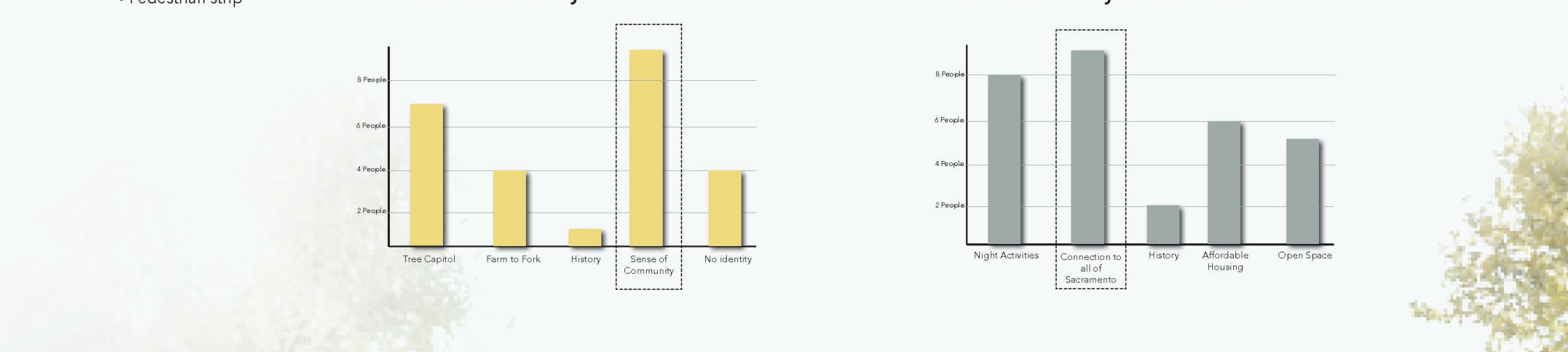
Site Developers

Sacramento Railyards site:

- Provide tourism and connectivity
- Catering to young crowds and families
- Economically feasible and dense housing

Their main concerns:

- How to activate riverfront
- Connection to North, East, South, and West Sacramento



Key Findings:

- There is opportunity to connect the Railyards to the central Downtown area of Sacramento and Old Town Sacramento.
- West Sacramento can be connected to the Railyards via a new proposed bridge.
- East Sacramento neighborhoods are connected through 7th Street.
- Connectivity is very important in making the Railyards site a widely traveled location.

