

Chinatown's Cultural & Historic Hub:

Expanding the Continuity of Culture & History

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History of Honolulu's Chinatown:

Honolulu's Chinatown was the earliest city center in Honolulu and one of the oldest Chinatowns in the United States.

1. Chinatown's beginnings

Chinatown was a mud flat with coral outcroppings where the Hawaiian people settled.

2. Hawaii's first Chinese

In the late 1800s, Honolulu became an important port for whaling. Chinese laborers started arriving in Honolulu to work in the sugar plantations.

3. Chinatown took shape

This soon developed the urban core of Honolulu's Chinatown after the Chinese established their own family-run businesses.



Honolulu Harbor



Chinatown took shape

History of Honolulu's Chinatown:

4. Fires

Chinatown experienced two major fires. The fire of 1886 and 1900.

5. Chinatown's redevelopment

Tourism arrived in Chinatown which made businesses grow as part of city center. Other immigrant groups joined the neighborhood as residents.

6. Chinatown today

Today, Chinatown has preserved a significant portion of its architectural and cultural identity. But still it has districts in need of revitalization.



Great fire of 1900



Chinatown today

Current Analysis



Currently, the historic buildings are mainly located along Hotel street and Merchant street.

The historic landmarks are also located along Hotel street.

Strategy

Continuity

- TOD Project
- Fort Street Mall
- Japan Town
- Botanical Garden
- Chinese Cultural Plaza
- A'ala Park
- Aloha Tower

Multi Cultural & Historic Preservation

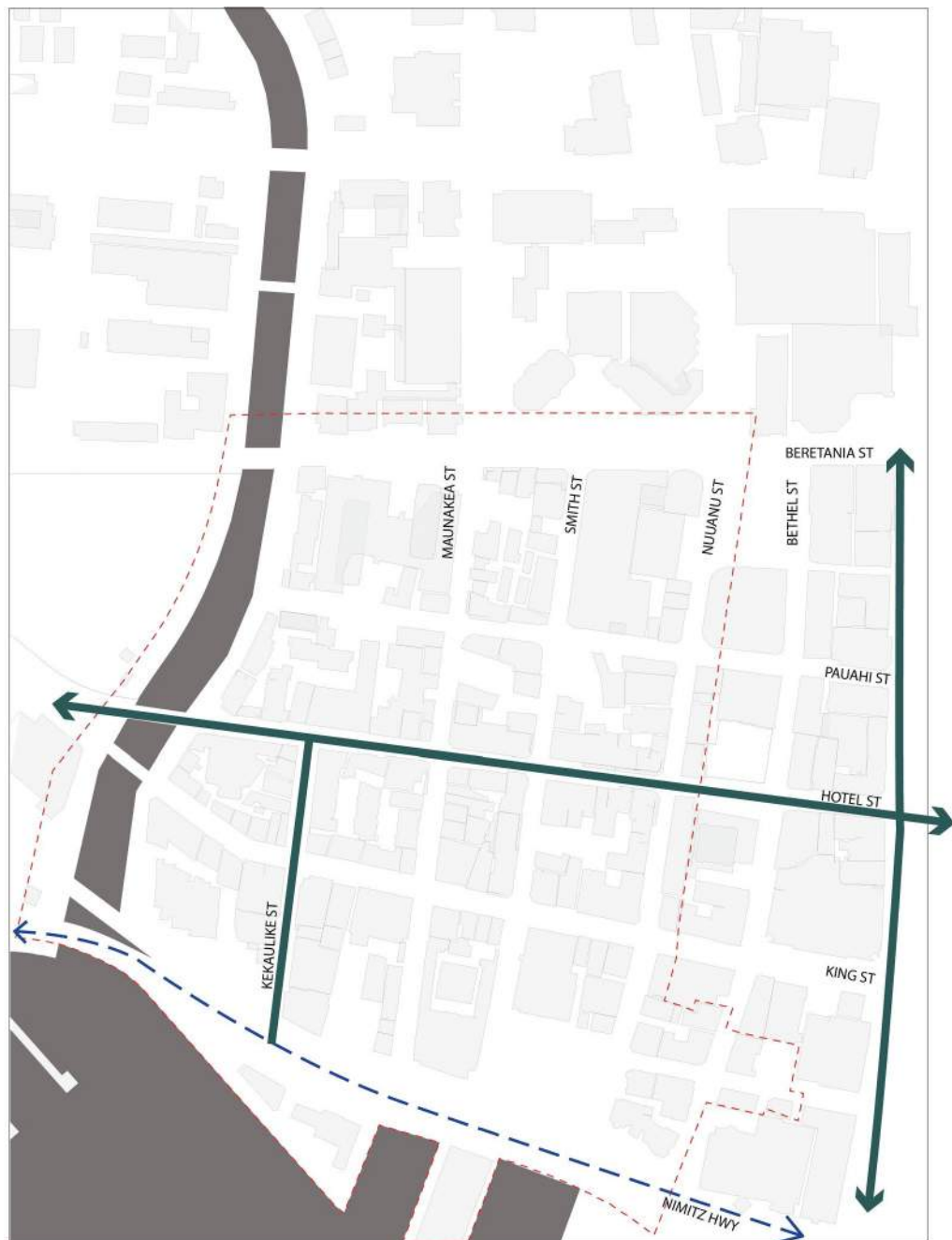
- Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Korean,
- Micronesian, Caucasian, Puerto Ricans.

Bring benefits to residents

- Current population of **54,237**
- **2.2%** Change of population since 2010
- Median Age **43** years old



Concept Diagram



- Primary circulation
- Proposed Rail Transit
- Chinatown District Boundary

CIRCULATION ANALYSIS

Aloha tower

Concept Diagram



- Primary circulation
- Secondary Circulation
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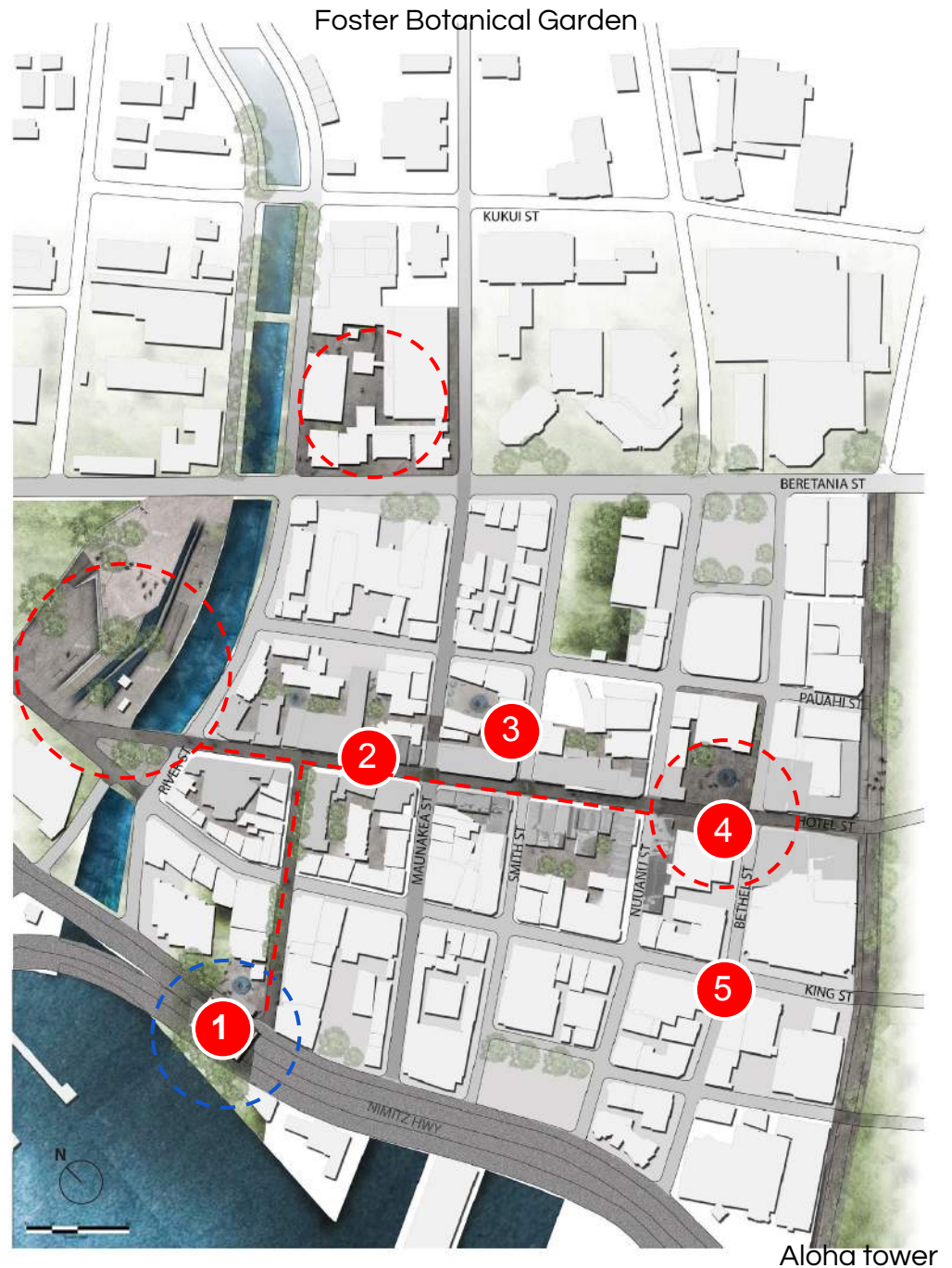
- Primary Circulation
- Historic Intersections
- Secondary Circulation
- Third Circulation
- Proposed Rail Transit
- Historic Hub
- Historic District Entrance
- Information Center
- Chinatown District Boundary
- Chinatown Transit Station

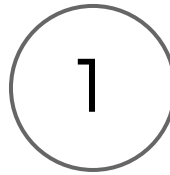
CONCEPT DIAGRAM

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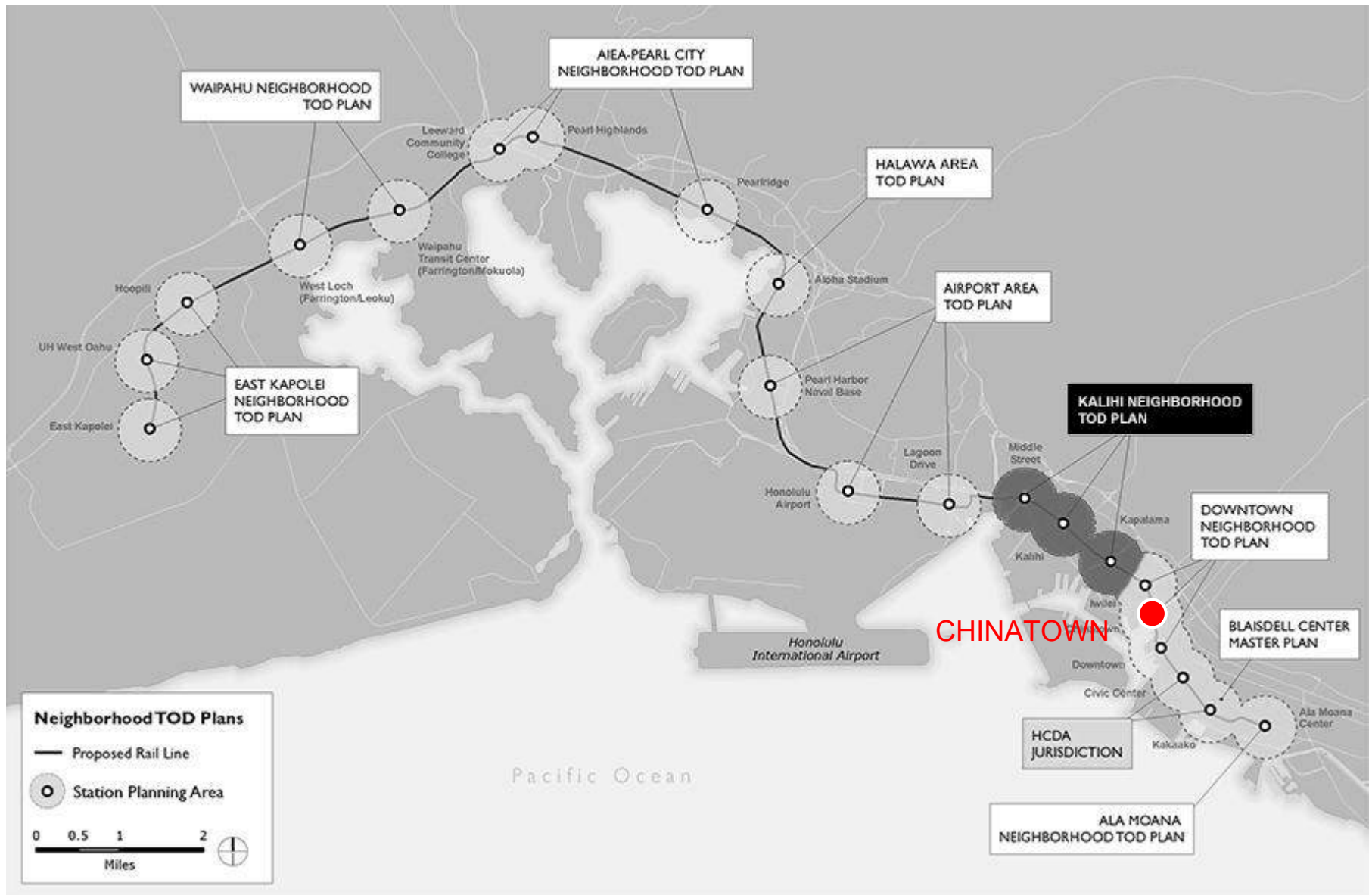
Chinatown's Cultural & Historic Hub

-  History Hub
-  Transit Hub





Connect information centers to Rail Stations



Honolulu TOD Plan



Chinatown Mapping
 -Introduction of Main Tourist
 Destination
 - Flyers, Chinatown Map

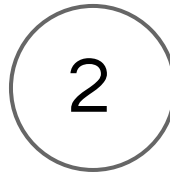
Distinct
 Signage

vivid
 color

Volunteer
 Working in
 Information
 Center

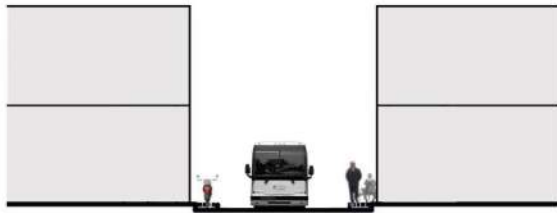
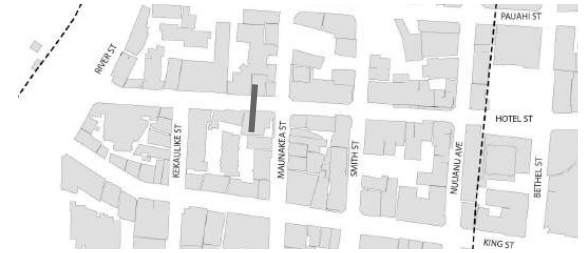
Boards
 showing
 History of
 Chinatown

Ad. Boards
 showing current
 and upcoming
 events

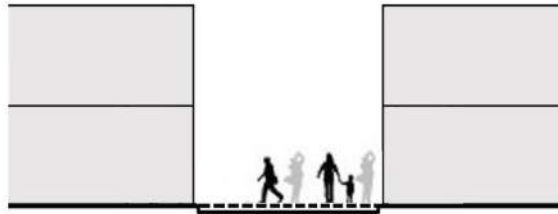


Hotel Street Pedestrian Friendly Walkway

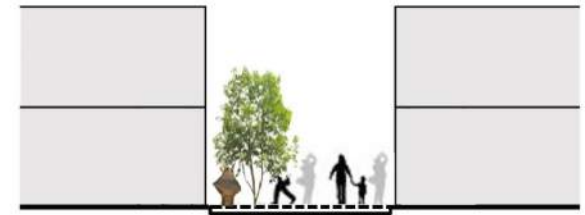
Convert Hotel Street to a "Pedestrian Friendly Walkway"



Current
Public Transit

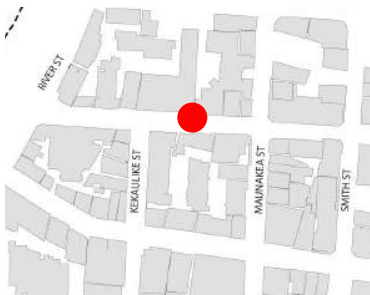


Phase 1
Pedestrian Walkways



Phase 2
Landscaping & Wayfinding

Hotel St
Maunakea Market

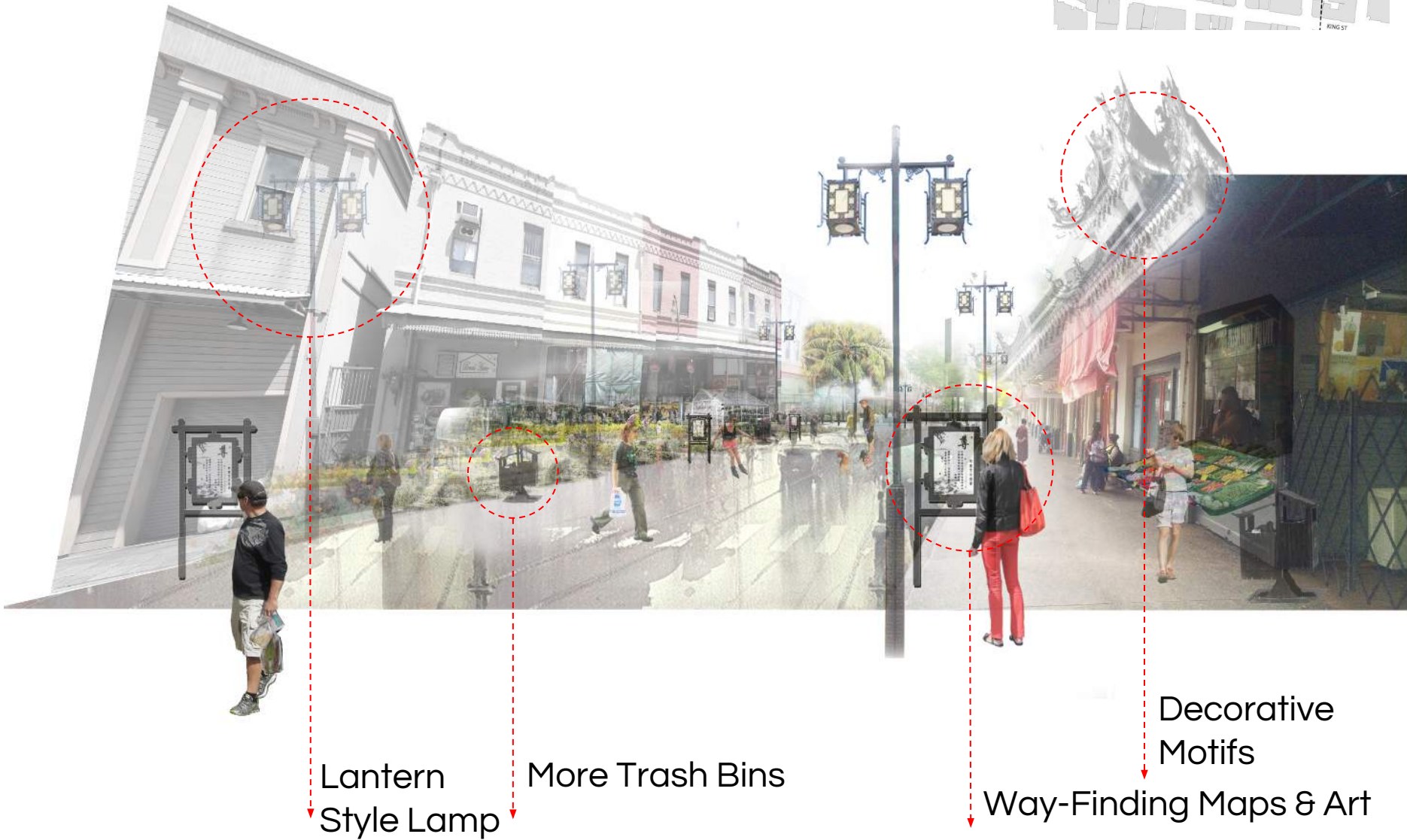
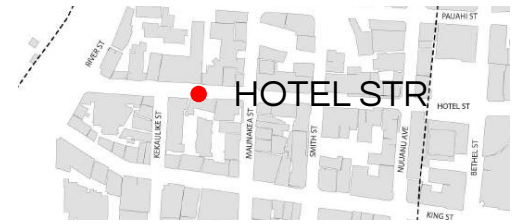


10 a.m.

Congested,
Narrow
Sidewalks

6 p.m.

Trash Left on
Sidewalk
& Overflowing
Trashbins



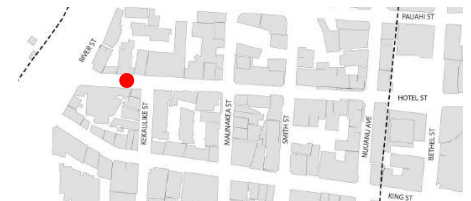
“Pedestrian Friendly Walkway”



Hotel street 1890

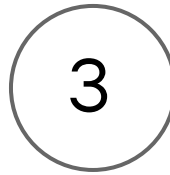


Hotel street 2010

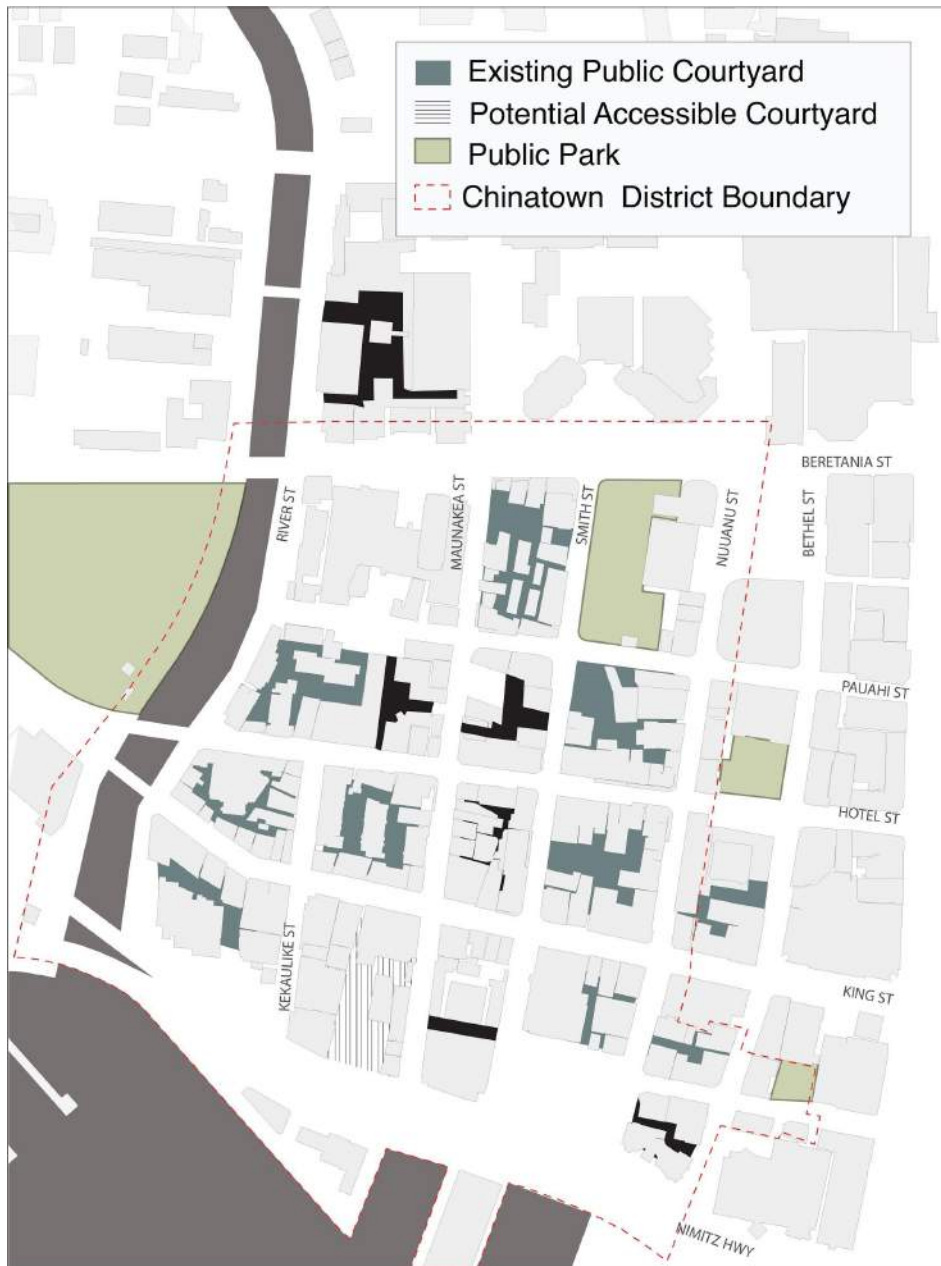


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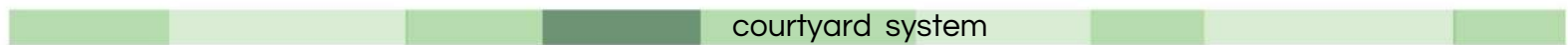
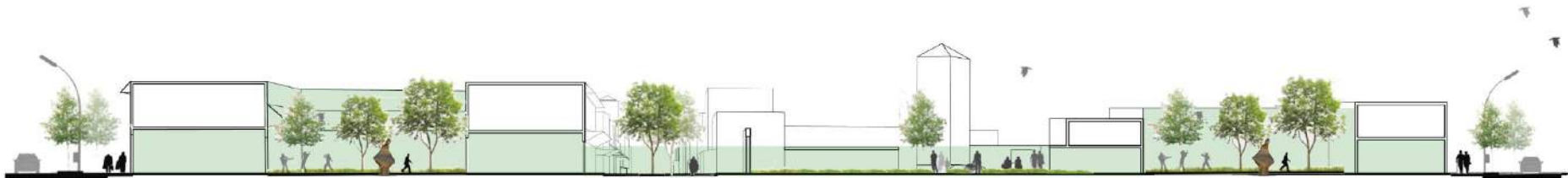
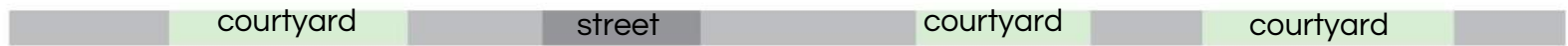
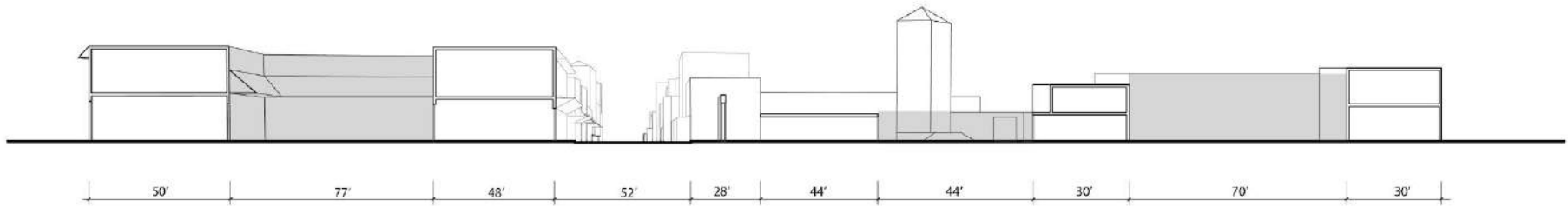
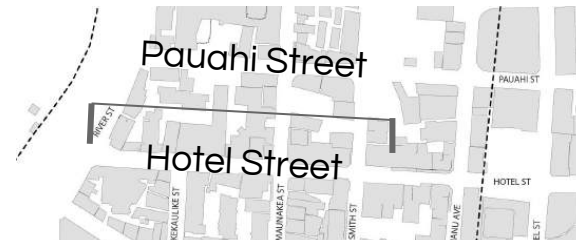
Historic Network - Interconnecting nearby courtyards

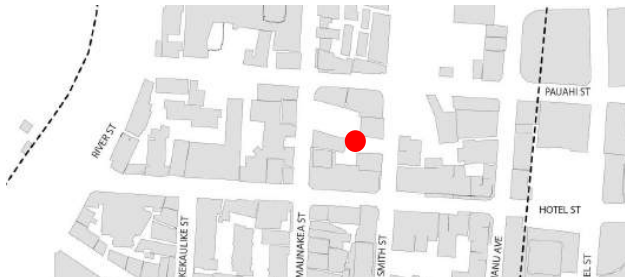


COURTYARD ANALYSIS

Currently,
Chinatown lacks public space.

Goal:
Hotel Street will be created into a walkable area. Connecting the nearby courtyards will activate the unused spaces, which can be used for leisurely activities.





Courtyard in Mendonca Building
Smith & Hotel



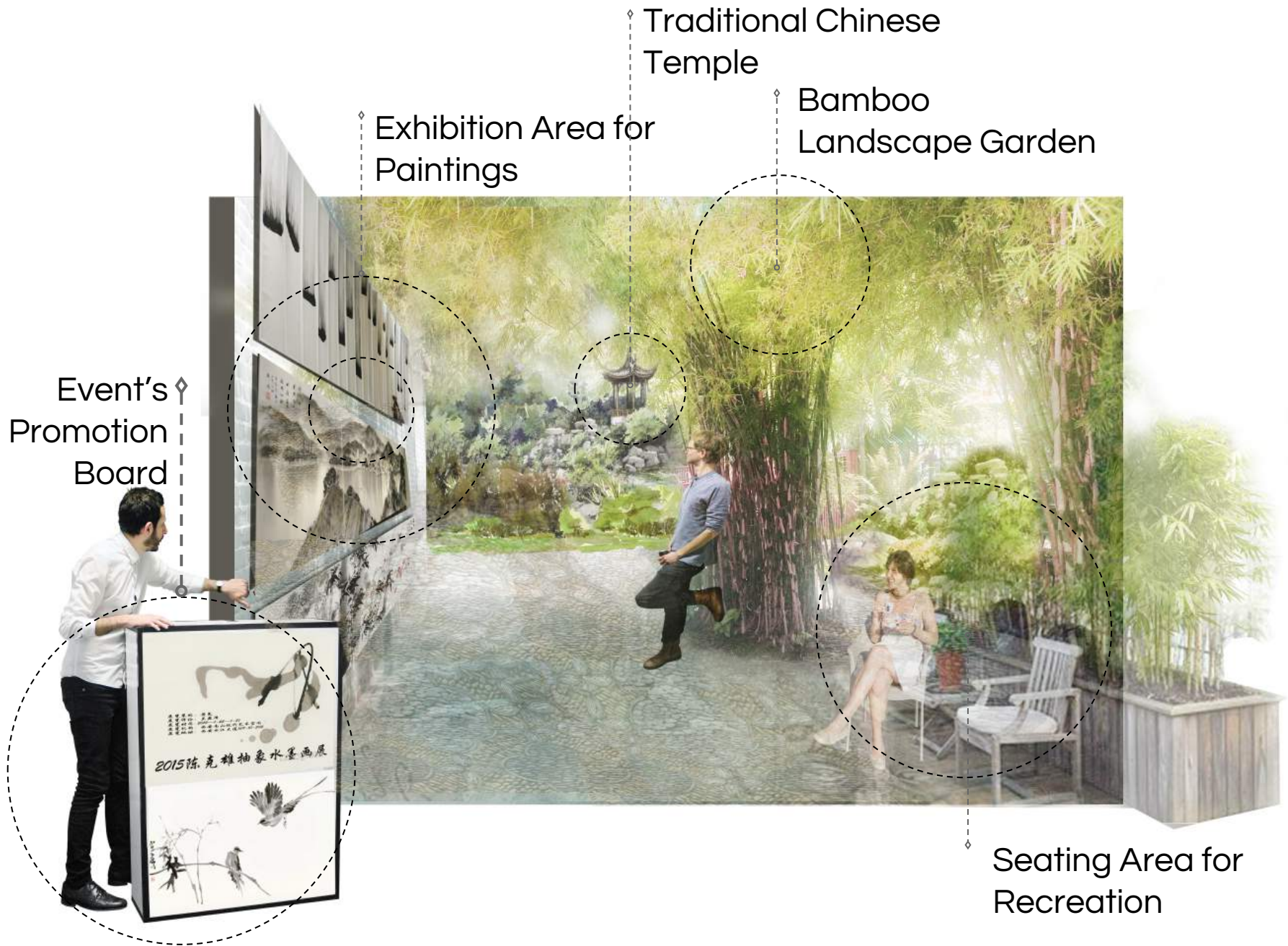
Traditional Chinese Temple

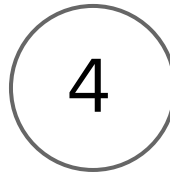
Bamboo Landscape Garden

Exhibition Area for Paintings

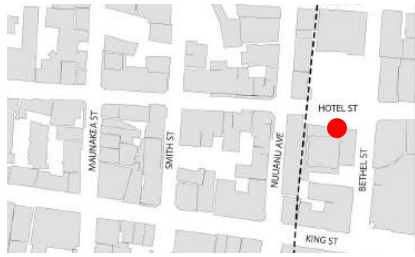
Event's Promotion Board

Seating Area for Recreation





Usage of wayfinding to historic sites



SUN YAT SEN MEMORIAL PARK BUS STATION

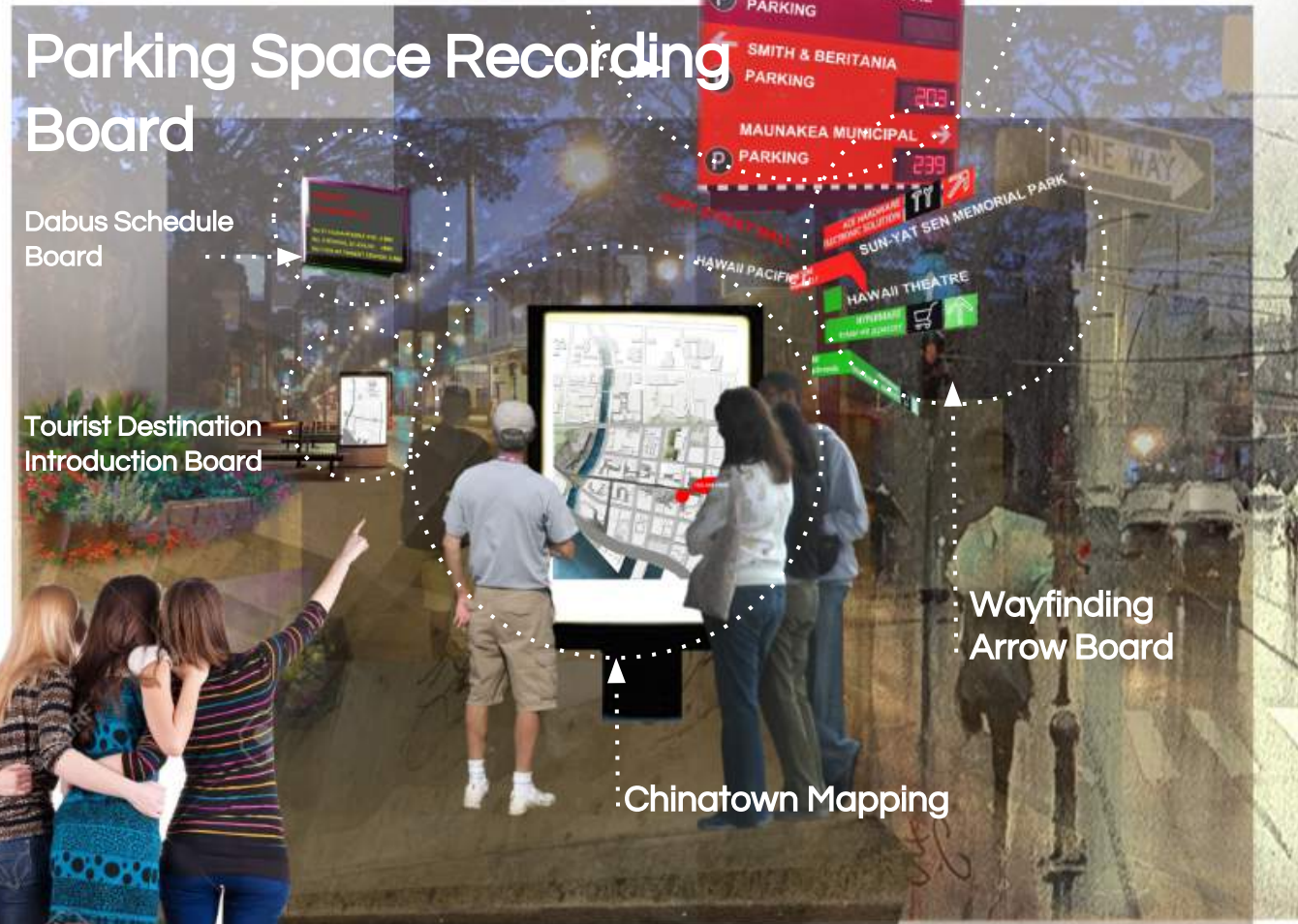
Parking Space Recording Board

Dabus Schedule Board

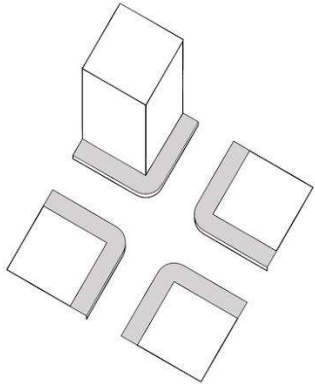
Tourist Destination Introduction Board

Chinatown Mapping

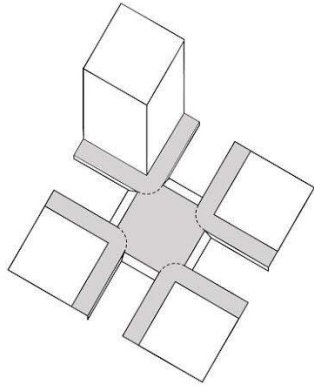
Wayfinding Arrow Board



Intersection design

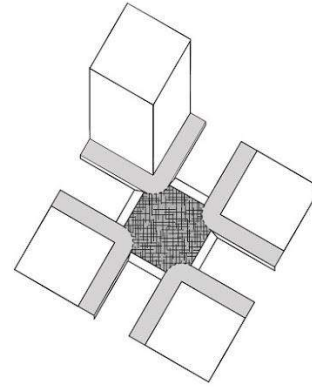
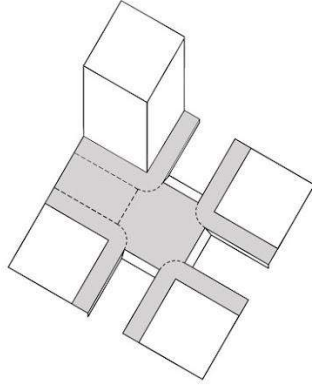


currently



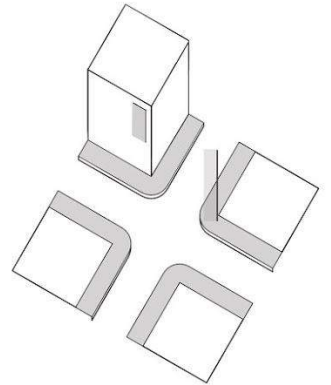
walkable

making it more
pedestrian friendly



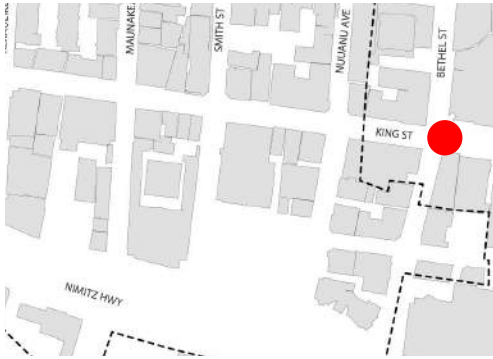
decorative + informational

adding signage to
intersection



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Increase street lighting and night activities



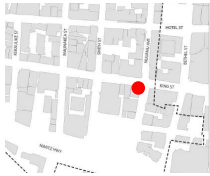
◇ Aesthetically Unexceptional Facade

◇ Desolate and Eerie at Night

◇ Insufficient Lighting



BETHEL & KING



◊ Watching Movie
on the Building

◊ Project lights

◊ Lightening
Lantern
Decoration

◊ Light Show

