

## MPC FEASIBILITY & **PROGRAMMING STUDY**

Strategic Plan Goal:

No. 3-Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

3.1- Improve the visual impression of the community

No. 4-Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through recreational, cultural and educational environments

## EXPAND YOUR PALETTE AT THE ART SPOT

Consider a varied arts-focused environment for curation, creation, and exploration. View different art displays and performances by locals or create your own artwork.











## COOL OFF AT THE DOWNTOWN OASIS

Consider an accessible space for patrons of all ages to cool off in and around refreshing water features and displays.









## 2 Feasibility and Programming Prefinal Results:

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Site/Program/Urban Design/Master Plan | Gensler

Market/Economic Assessment | CSL/Legends

Architectural/Structural Assessment | Countryman & Co. Walter P. Moore/Mijares-Mora/Rider Levett Bucknall Ltd.





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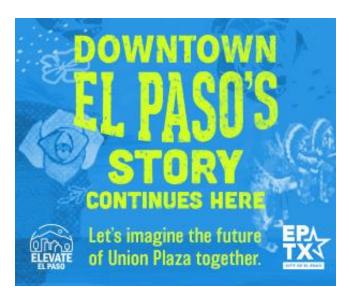
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## **Agenda**

- 1 Overview of Study Process and Deliverables
- Steering Committee, Public Engagement and Online Engagement Results
- Market Assessment/Economic Feasibility Report CSL/Legends
- Site Plan, Building Massing/Typology Analysis Gensler







## **I.I Council Directive**

Council approved the study in April 2022 by hiring Gensler and Associates, an architect-led consulting team, to continue a positive step forward in the City's voter-approved signature bond project. The multi-phase study kicked off in May 2022.

Results are expected to be presented to Council in early 2023.

The professional services and deliverables include:

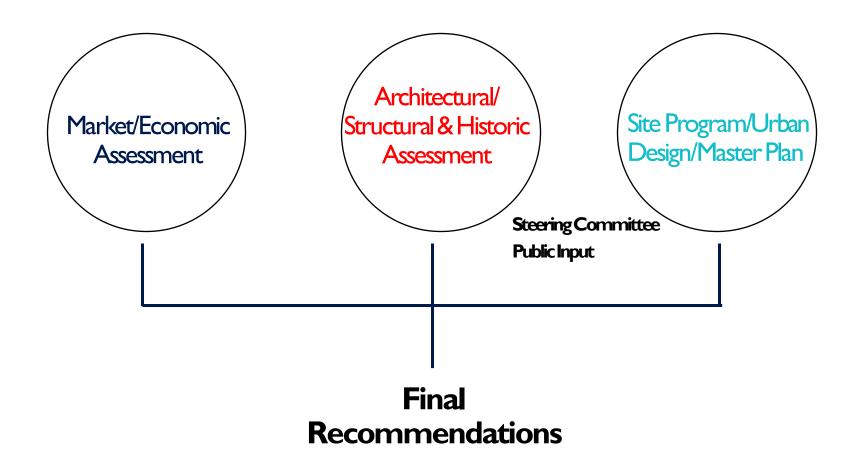


- Public-private opportunities
- Opportunities for preservation of existing buildings and the historic character of the neighborhood
- Recommendations on how to safeguard dilapidated buildings, and options for funding sources that align with the current status of the litigation





## 1.2 Process and Approach





## Working together to craft a vision

## **Steering Committee 1**

Our first steering committee meeting brought together a range of community leaders to collaboratively craft inputs to inform the project brief.

The pages that follow are attempts to synthesize these inputs into a cohesive vision.



## The Vision

This district should breathe new life into downtown drawing people from all different walks of life to performances, green spaces and food options in the district. At the heart of the district is a multipurpose venue that acts as a concert venue at night but can also support local markets, family events and related local businesses at other times. The venue/site itself should be porous and integrative, connecting to the community on all sides with passthroughs for pedestrians and bikes and pocket parks that support community wellbeing and connection, while also understanding the story of the area it is sited in.

The district should be viewed as an asset to the community, a place where children can **play and learn**, friends can **share a meal**, local businesses can **incubate** and out-of-towners can **marvel** at El Paso.



## 2.2 Guiding Design Principles



## **Authentic**

Retain connections to history and enable organic growth.



## Integrated

Take cues from the existing neighborhood scale and context to be connecting and enhancing.



## Generative

Provide new community assets and resources and grow new businesses and connections.



## **Flexible**

Draw people from morning till night with spaces that can serve different needs at different times.



## Inviting

Welcome people from different walks of life with many ways to access and engage.



## **Vibrant**

Celebrate El Paso's rich culture and natural beauty.



## 2.3 Design Considerations

## The site should ...

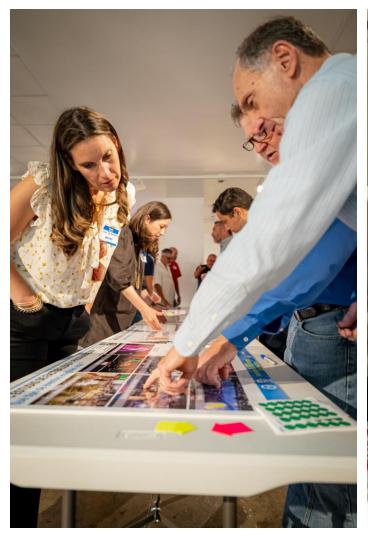
- Respond to the Surrounding Context
- Respect the Neighborhood's Scale
- Take Structures of Cultural Significant into Account
- Generate the Vibrant Street Life that the Area was Known For
- Provides Opportunities for Local Businesses and Organizations to Flourish Enable Access for El Pasoans Across the Socio-Economic Spectrum
- Draw Investment and be Financially Viable

## The site should not be ...

- A Monolithic structure disconnected from the context
- An entirely new place that disregards local history
- Flashy or exclusive

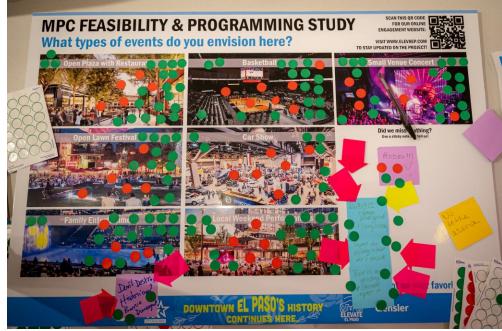


## 2.4 Sept. 15 Public Meeting









## 12 **2.5 Online Survey Results**

What city council district do you live in?

1357 out of 1466 answered

District 1 (Peter Svarzbein)	340 resp.	25.1%
District 8 (Cissy Lizarraga)	176 resp.	13%
District 3 (Cassandra Hernandez)	159 resp.	11.7%
District 5 (Isabel Salcido)	157 resp.	11.6%
District 4 (Joe Molinar)	141 resp.	10.4%
District 2 (Alexsandra Annello)	130 resp.	9.6%
District 6 (Claudia Lizette Rodriguez)	127 resp.	9.4%
District 7 (Henry Rivera)	127 resp.	9.4%

## **2.6 Survey Summary Points**

- 61.1% Approve the project
- 89.1% Approve the MPC project, with building restoration that reimagines the use of existing buildings
- 75.7% Think that it's important to preserve the memories and history in our built environment
- Great support (66% to 73%) seen for integrating outdoor events, and existing urban context into the project
- Over 50% support an indoor facility that can host concerts, family shows, sporting events or open style events.



# MPC FEASIBILITY & PROGRAMMING STUDY

## 3.1 Study Methodology



Sakeholder Engagement



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Competitive Landscape



Comparable Benchmarking





Building Program Evaluation



Financial Projectons



Economic&Fiscal Impacts



Partnership Opportunities

## 3.2 Stakeholder And Promoter Feedback

## **KEY ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED**

Note: Only lists organizations contacted to estimate demand for events and attendance and key building program preferences, does not include other project stakeholders or community leaders.





- 1. Economic Development
- Sports Tourism & Events
- Membership&Events



THE ROAD COMPANY









Strong Market Need for a New Venue



**Limited Market Competition** 



**Ideal Tour Routing** 



Desire for Multi-Purpose / Flexible Venue



Significant Positive Impact from Juarez Market



Potential for Redevelopment of Downtown

## PREFERRED EVENT TYPES





Family Shows



## 3.3 Proposed Market Sustainable Venues







**ARENA** 



Concerts: 22%
Other Events: 27%

Non-Ticketed Events: 51%

Potential for numerous sporting events

Potential for conventions, conferences, and trade shows

SEATING CAPACITY: 12,000

FLEXIBLE HYBRID VENUE



Concerts: 60%

Other Events: 3%

Non-Ticketed Events: 37%

Ability to host a variety of concert types due to flexibility indoor & outdoor capabilities

SEATING CAPACITY: 8,000







## 3.4 Estimated El Paso Venue Utilization

		Estimated	l Utilization			
	Arena			Flexible Hybrid Venue		
Utilization Summary	Events	Average Attendance	Total Attendance	Events	Average Attendance	Total Attendance
Concerts						
Tier 1	4	12,000	48,000	0		
Tier 2A	4	10,000	40,000	7	6,000	42,000
Tier 2B	4	8,000	32,000	15	4,500	67,500
Tier 3	4	7,000	28,000	25	3,000	75,000
Tier 4	4	5,000	20,000	20	1,500	30,000
Other Performances	5	5,000	25,000	5	5,000	25,000
Subtotal	25	7,833	193,000	72	4,000	239,500
Other Events						
Family Shows	15	4,000	60,000	4	2,500	10,000
Other Sporting Events	10	6,000	60,000	0		
High School Sports	6	3,000	18,000	0		
Subtotal	31	4,333	138,000	4	2,500	10,000
Non-Ticketed Events						
Community Events	10	750	7,500	10	750	7,500
Private Rentals	35	150	5,250	35	150	5,250
Special Events	8	7,500	60,000	0		
Trade Shows / Consumer Shows	5	7,500	37,500	0		
Subtotal	58	3,975	110,250	45	450	12,750
Total	114	5,381	441,250	121	2,000	262,000

## 3.5 Recommended Building Program



## Arena



**SEATING CAPACITY** 

12,000 total seating capacity



**PREMIUM SEATING** 

1,000 total premium seats 600 club seats

20 loge boxes (4 seats perbox)

20 luxury suites (16 seats persuite)



OTHER AMENITIES

3,000 parking spaces 40 concessions points-of-sale 240 WCs & 120 urinals 4+ locker rooms

## Flexible Hybrid Venue



**SEATING CAPACITY** 

8,000

total seating capacity (Approximately 50 percent fixed seats)



**PREMIUM SEATING** 

350 total premium seats 250 club seats

25 VIP boxes (4 seats perbox)



OTHER AMENITIES

2,000 parking spaces 27 concessions points-of-sale 160 WCs & 80 urinals 2+ star dressing rooms

## 3.6 Financial Projections: Building Program Scenarios

BUILDING PROGRAM	SCENARIOS				
Arena					
Seats	Square Feet	Total Estimated Project Cost	Including Existing Bldg. Renovations		
8,000	228,000	\$257,572,000	\$287,572,000		
0,000	285,000	\$321,965,000	\$351,965,000		
12,000	342,000	\$386,357,000	\$416,357,000		
15,000	427,500	\$482,947,000	\$512,947,000		
Flexible Hybrid Venue	Flexible Hybrid Venue				
Covered Seats	Square Feet	Total Estimated Project Cost	Including Existing Bldg. Renovations		
4,000	96,000	\$99,840,000	\$129,840,000		
4,000	104,000	\$108,160,000	\$138,160,000		
4,000	112,000	\$116,480,000	\$146,480,000		
4,000	120,000	\$124,800,000	\$154,800,000		
6,250	150,000	\$156,000,000	\$186,000,000		
6,250	162,500	\$169,000,000	\$199,000,000		
6,250	175,000	\$182,000,000	\$212,000,000		
6,250	187,500	\$195,000,000	\$225,000,000		

Note: Total project cost includes both hard and soft costs.

## 3.6 Financial Projections: 3 Proposed Models

## **Key Assumptions**

- Owned by the City of El Paso
- Assumes no sports team tenant
- Assumes third-party operator

- Parking revenue is not assumed
- All Costs include 30% soft costs
- Base Management Fee: \$300,000
  - F&B % Fee to Management: 20%
  - Partnerships Commission % Fee to Management: 8%

## 1. Arena

12,000 seat Capacity

**Project Cost: \$386 Million** 

Square Feet: 342,000

Capital Reserve: (\$1.9 Million)

Historic Renovation Costs: \$30 Million

Total Cost: \$416 Million

## City Economic & Fiscal Impact

(32-Year NPV)

Total Output: \$570,914,000

lobs (FTEs): 595

Sales Tax Revenue: \$3,154,000

Occupancy Tax Revenue: \$2,917,000

## 2. Flexible Hybrid Venue A

8,000 seat Capacity
4,000 indoor / 4,000 outdoor

**Project Cost: \$113 Million** 

Square Feet: 108,000

Capital Reserve: (\$565,000)

Historic Renovation Costs: \$30 Million

Total Cost: \$143 Million

## City Economic & Fiscal Impact

(32-Year NPV)

Total Output: \$338,202,000

Jobs (FTEs): 260

Sales Tax Revenue: \$1,973,000 Occupancy Tax Revenue: \$1,687,000

## 3. Flexible Hybrid Venue B

8,000 seat Capacity
6,500 indoor / 1,500 outdoor

**Project Cost: \$183 Million** 

Square Feet: 175,500

Capital Reserve: (\$915,000)

Historic Renovation Costs: \$30 Million

Total Cost: \$213 Million

## City Economic & Fiscal Impact

(32-Year NPV)

Total Output: \$365,064,000

Jobs (FTEs): 340

Sales Tax Revenue: \$2,075,000 Occupancy Tax Revenue: \$1,687,000



## 3.6 Financial Projections: Pro Forma

FINANCIAL PRO FORMA			
	1. Arena	2. Hybrid Venue A	3. Hybrid Venue B
Operating Revenues			
Rental Income, Net	\$1,674,000	\$1,637,000	\$1,637,000
Premium Seating	\$1,622,000	\$982,000	\$982,000
Concessions, Net	\$2,352,000	\$1,948,000	\$1,948,000
Catering, Net	\$750,000	\$595,000	\$595,000
Merchandise, Net	\$266,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Advertising & Sponsorships, Net	\$1,620,000	\$918,000	\$918,000
Ticket Rebates, Net	\$648,000	\$857,000	\$857,000
Facility Fees	\$662,000	\$499,000	\$499,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,594,000	\$7,591,000	\$7,591,000
Operating Expenses			
Staffing	\$2,811,000	\$2,198,000	\$2,198,000
Management Fees	\$1,526,000	\$1,213,000	\$1,213,000
General & Administrative	\$788,000	\$791,000	\$791,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$75,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Utilities	\$1,368,000	\$432,000	\$554,000
Insurance	\$342,000	\$108,000	\$138,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,910,000	\$5,042,000	\$5,194,000
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$2,684,000	\$2,549,000	\$2,397,000

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## 3.7 Partnership Opportunities

## Comparable Venue Ownership Structures

	Owner	Operator
Arena		
PPL Center	Public	Private
Stockton Arena	Public	Priv ate
CHI Health Center	Public	Public
Amica Mutual Pavilion	Public	Priv ate
Van Andel Arena	Public	Priv ate
Flexible Hybrid Venue		
Toyota Music Factory	Private	Private
KEMBA Live!	Private	Private
Stage AE	Private	Private

63% Publicly Owned

**88%**Privately
Operated





Maximize Venue Programming



Property Tax Exemption



## 4. I Site Analysis / Existing Structures

## 12 Proposed Structures to remain for **Adaptive Re-use:**



Owned by the City:

Not Owned by the City:

Significant; Owned by the City:

7 Structures Identified as Independently Eligible for Historic Designation by County Survey; Owned by the City:



Address

Art Deco Style 331 S. Santa Fe 1930 | Over 50 City of El Paso 85437

Fire Station No.11

PA - 22

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PA - 03 309 Chihuahua St 1956 | Over 50 City of El Paso



PA - 08 Address 325 Chihuahua St. Year Built 1917 | Over 50 City of El Paso Owner 93216



Address 315 Chihuahua St. 1917 | Over 50 City of El Paso Owner



PA - **01** The Mansion House Address 306 W. Overland 1904 | Over 50 Owner City of El Paso 162938



PA - 02A ID No. Flor de Luna **Art Gallery** Address Year Built Owner

PID



PA - **02B** ID No. 302 Chihuahua St. 1905 | Over 50 City of El Paso



AKA Address Owner

PA - 14 The Chinese Laundry 212 W. Overland 1901 | Over 50 City of El Paso 8360359

PROJECT AREA

AKA Address

305 Chihuahua St. 1905 | Over 50 City of El Paso 241117

ID No.

## 4.1 Siting Analysis/ Place Making

## Structures/Properties that will be repurposed per Proposed Site Plans warehouses





ID No. AKA Address

PA - 16 308 Chihuahua St. 1950 | Over 50 City of El Paso 352702



ID No.

Owner

AKA

PA - 17 312 Chihuahua St. 1963 | Over 50 City of El Paso 400913



PA - 18A El Tiradero Market 215 W. Paisano Dr. 1962 | Over 50 City of El Paso 195454





EL TIRABÉRO MARKET-

Structures/lots to be removed/repurposed into project:





PA - 19 Address 307 S. Santa Fe Year Built 1975 | Less than 50 394786



ID No. Address Year Built Owner PID



PA - 20 309 S. Santa Fe 1928 | Over 50 City of El Paso 46741



Address Year Built

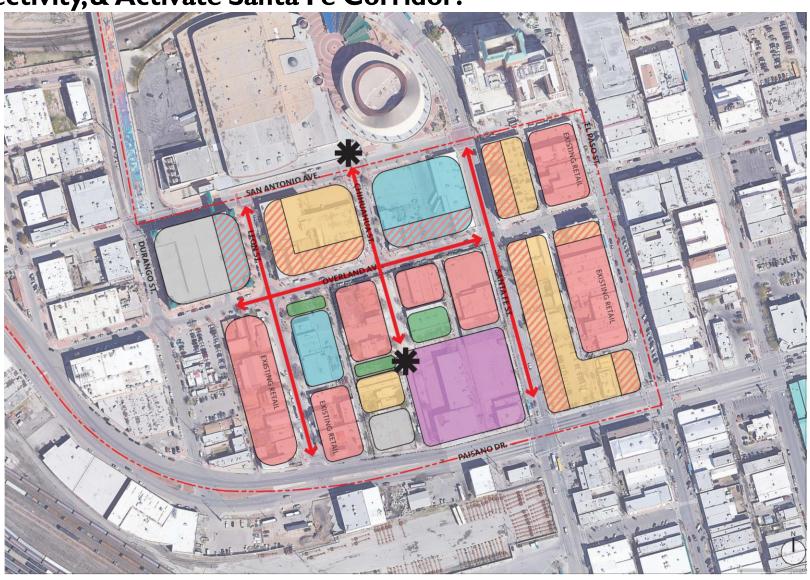
PID

Parking lot with small building. 325 S. Santa Fe Not Listed | Block Shed City of El Paso & Los Paisanos Autobuses 47625 & 498575

## 4.1 Site Analysis / Place Making

Proposed Conceptual Master Site Plan to Support project, Revitalize Union Plaza District, Enhance Connectivity, & Activate Santa Fe Corridor:





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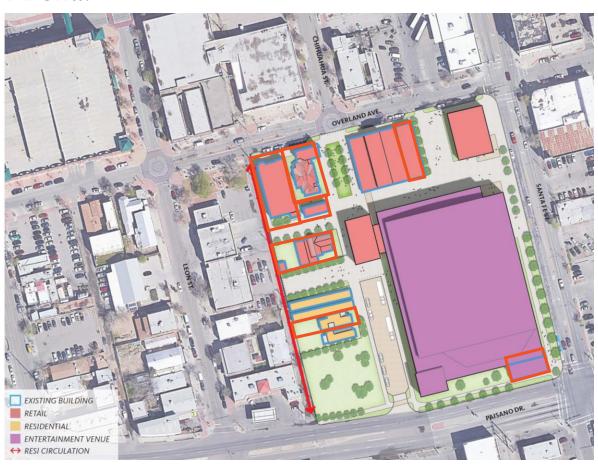
Site Plans for two proposed models

\*Flexible Hybrid Venue B:



\*Flexible Hybrid Venue 'A' and Flexible Hybrid Venue 'B' have same facility footprint/site impact

## Arena:



Significant; Owned by the City:

## 28 **4.2 Hybrid Facility**: 4,000 Indoor seats + 4,000 Outdoor seats OR 6,500 Indoor

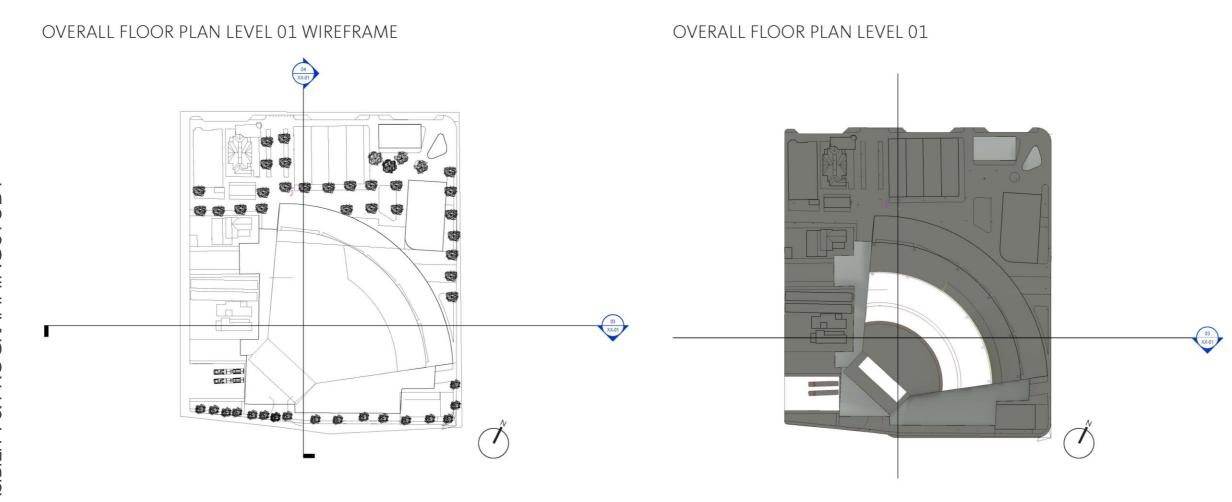
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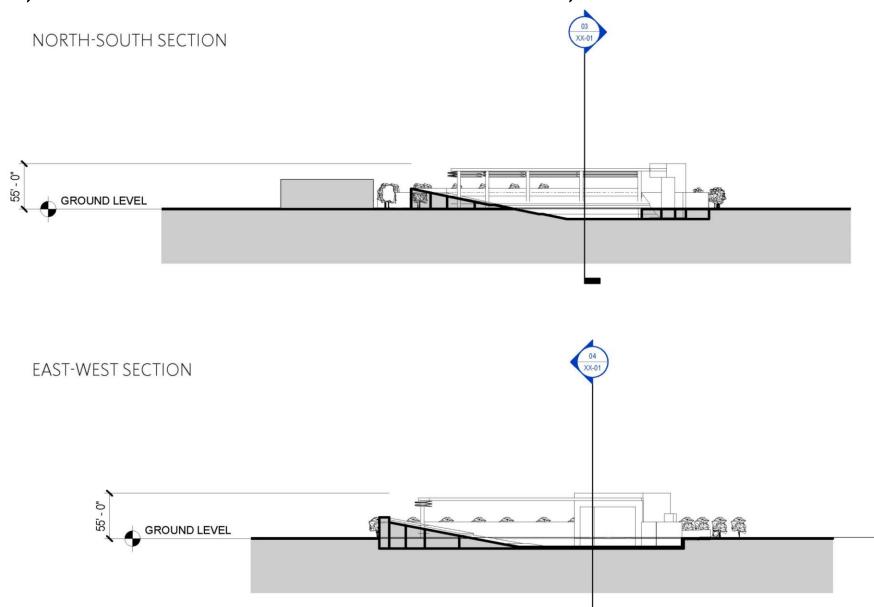




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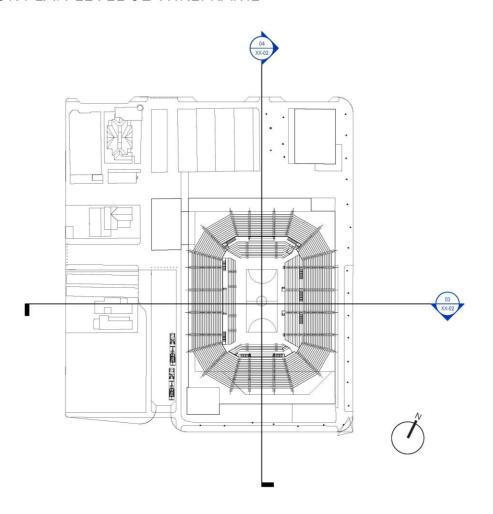




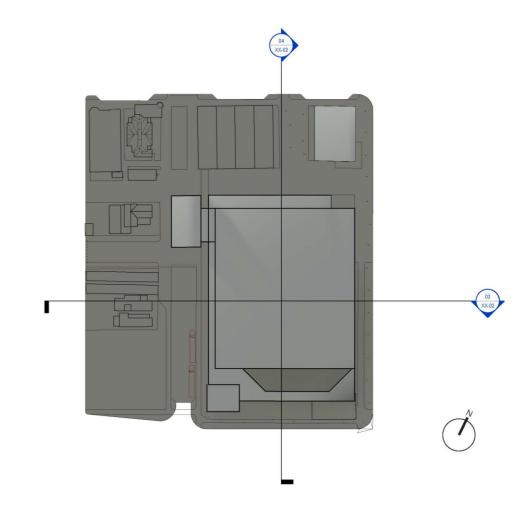


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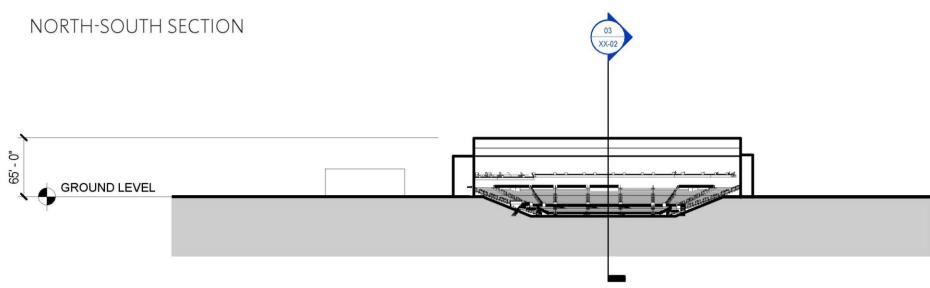
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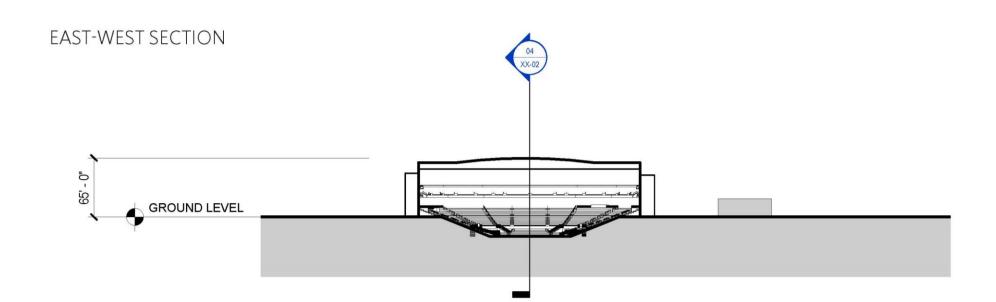


OVERALL FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 01



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THE **HISTORY** 



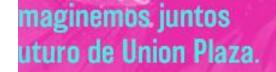
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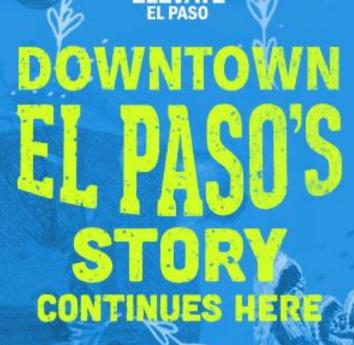
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Let's imagine the future of Union Plaza together.

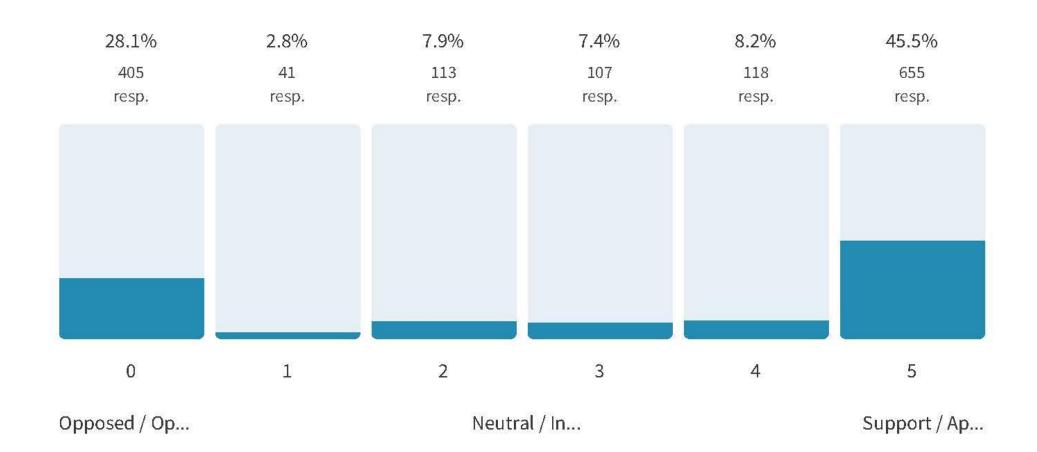




Do you support the construction or redevelopment of the Union Plaza area into a new multipurpose district or facility?

1439 out of 1466 answered

#### 3.0 Average rating





#### 3.2 Average rating

This image depicts a flexible outdoor space for smaller events and gatherings, open air lawn style seating and small commercial spaces nearby.

1418 out of 1466 answered

The next 3 slides show great support/preference for integrating outdoor events, and existing urban context into the project

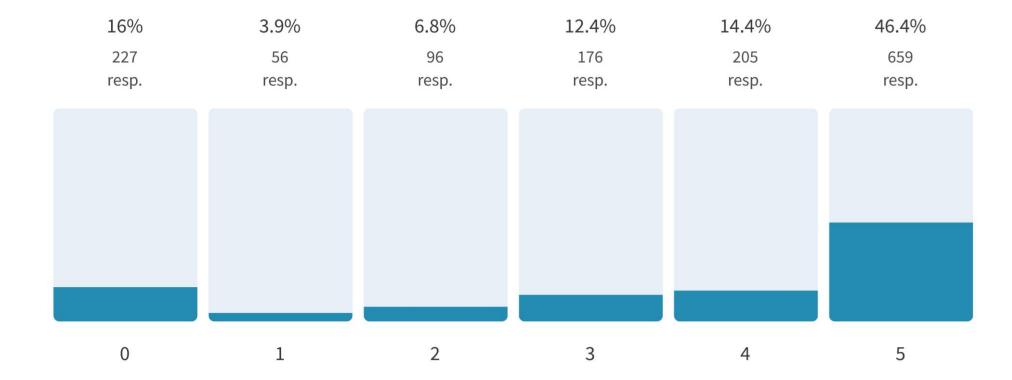
19.7%	3.8%	8.2%	12.1%	14.7%	41.5%
280	54	116	171	208	589
resp.	resp.	resp.	resp.	resp.	resp.
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The focus of this image is a space that can accommodate a variety of commercial uses in a boardwalk style, urban outdoor setting.

1419 out of 1466 answered

#### 3.4 Average rating

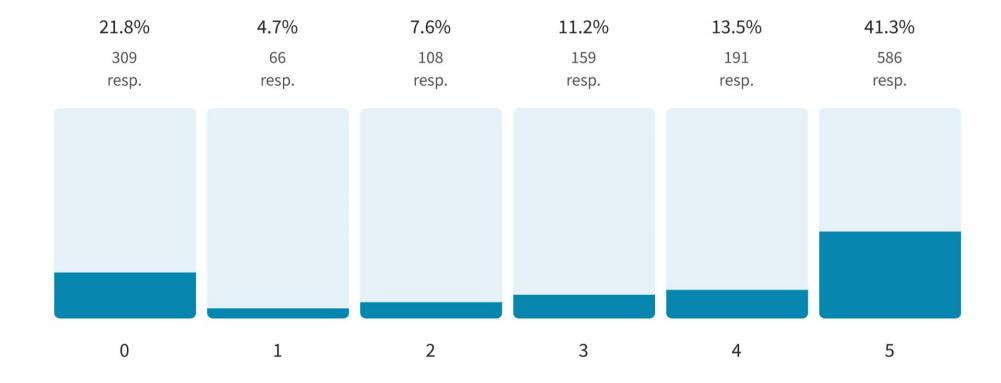




A large outdoor performance and night market style facility is highlighted in this image with a smaller, companion indoor venue in the distance.

1419 out of 1466 answered

#### 3.1 Average rating

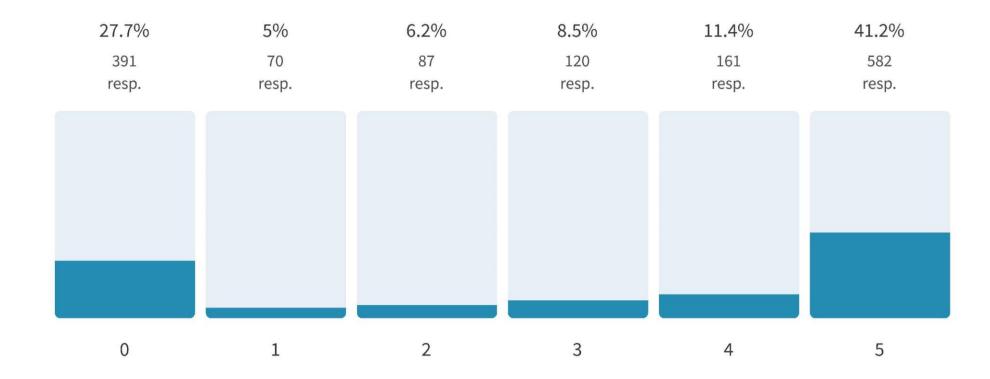




A facility that accommodates large indoor stage performances is depicted in this image. This type of facility would be size according to the ongoing market analysis.

1411 out of 1466 answered

#### 2.9 Average rating





This image highlights a larger, open air style facility that can accommodate a variety of events without structured seating.

1425 out of 1466 answered

#### 2.5 Average rating

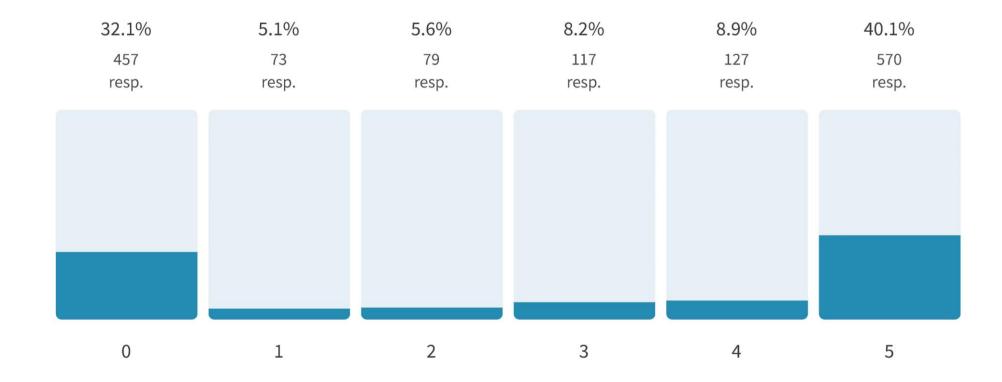




This image highlights a facility that accommodates indoor sporting events and structured seating for other compatible events.

1423 out of 1466 answered

#### 2.8 Average rating

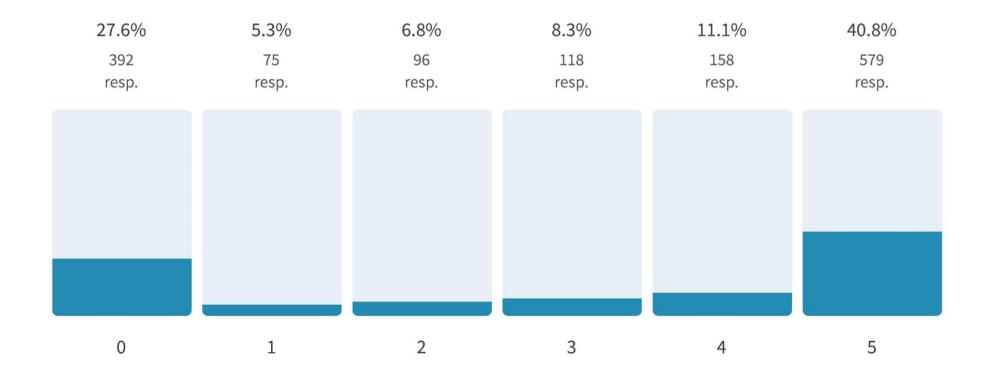




This image highlights a facility that accommodates family friendly events with a combination of flexible and structured seating for similar events.

1418 out of 1466 answered

#### 2.9 Average rating



Which option best describes the outcome or type of project you feel is most appropriate for the MPC site in Union Plaza?

1399 out of 1466 answered

I support a project that protects and rehabilitates existing historic structures. *Apoyo un proyecto que protege y rehabilita estructuras históricas existentes.* 

531 resp. 38%

I Support a project that reimagines existing buildings and outdoor spaces into a modern performance venue. Apoyo un proyecto que reinventa edificios existentes y espacios al aire libre en un lugar de actuación moderno.

367 resp. 26.2%

I support the original Multipurpose Performance and Entertainment Center project proposal. Apoyo la propuesta original del Centro Multifunción de Espectáculos y Entretenimiento.

348 resp. 24.9%

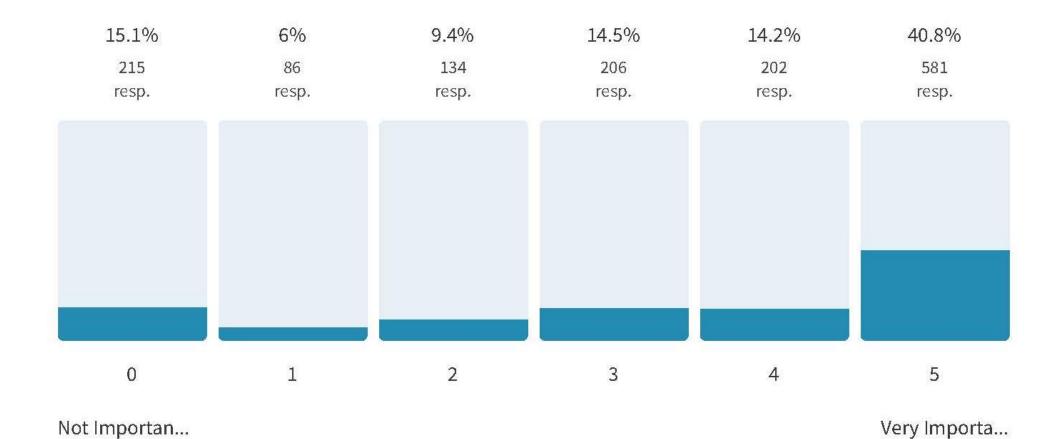
I support the preservation of the MPC site area in its current state with no improvements or new uses. Apoyo la preservación del área del sitio MPC en su estado actual sin mejoras ni nuevos usos.

153 resp. 10.9%

How important is the preservation of existing buildings in the Union Plaza area to you?

1424 out of 1466 answered

### 3.3 Average rating



How important is it to you that memories and stories about Union Plaza history and culture be reflected in the physical environment?

1432 out of 1466 answered

#### 3.5 Average rating

