



The design of Kedzie Plaza has been advanced since the last meetings, and we have been coordination with CDOT. Next, we'll go through the process of how we analyzed the site and what types of design features are being considered.

Circulation

Pedestrians

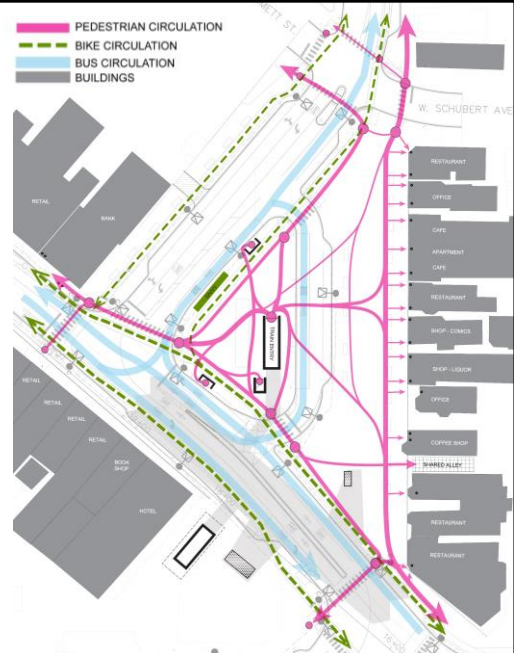
- Transit
- Businesses
- Logan Square
- Milwaukee Ave and Kedzie Ave

CTA Buses

- #56 along Milwaukee
- EB #76 on SB Milwaukee and NB Kedzie
- WB #76 on SB Kedzie, through terminal, and back on NB Kedzie

Bikes

- Separated lanes along Milwaukee Ave and Kedzie Ave
- Divvy station



In analysis and understanding of design decisions to pursue, we considered how people will move around the space, as well as transit boarding locations. Invite people along existing retail, but also provide space for outdoor programming and landscaping.

Underground Conflicts

- Subway
- Station Canopy Foundation
- Underground Utilities
 - Water
 - Sewers



There are existing utilities that provide some constraints about where we can build planting areas as well as permanent outdoor structures. We mapped those, including gas, water, and the underground train station.

Drainage

- Opportunities to use planted areas as low points with green infrastructure for stormwater infiltration
- Planting avoided above subgrade utilities and CTA structures

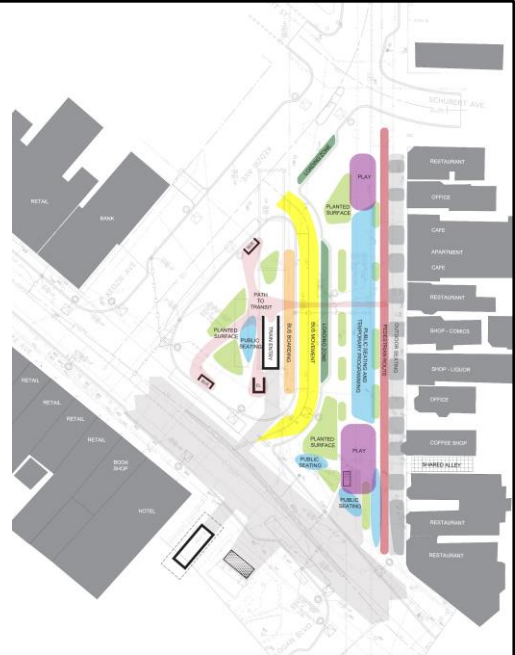


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Design Summary

Create “rooms” for different uses:

- Outdoor dining
- Transportation
- Play / Recreation
- Vegetation / Green Infrastructure
- Public Seating and Programming



This diagram shows how we can put more flexible programming toward the center of the plaza. Plant beds that don't impede ped movement.

Potential Design Features

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- Planters
- View of monument
- Recreational features
- Seating
- Electrical receptacles
- Programmed spaces

ST. LOUIS, MO
Plaza paving paving transitions



BADALONA, SPAIN
Protected plantbeds in plaza



MEXICO CITY
Subspaces defined within plaza



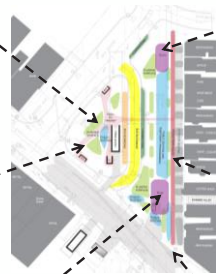
GREEN BAY, WI
Programmed play spaces



SAVANNAH, GA
Path along mature trees



ST. LOUIS, MO
Framed view to monument



These are examples of programmed spaces from around the world that show different types of paving and seating. Hard surfaces are installed for areas of high use and softer surfaces are used where people can slow down.

Layout Scheme

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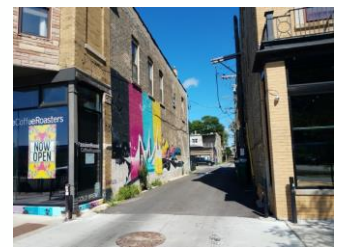
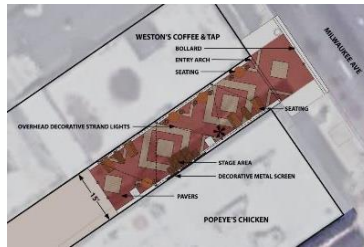
In this concept, we have shown a paving concept that associates with retail and directs people north-south, also connects with the Blue Line station.

Alley Closure

Change Alley Shape from a “T”
to an “L” Alley

Maintain access to utilities

Placemaking opportunities



With this design, we are proposing to close the alley to through traffic. Examples from other places as well as the City of Chicago.

Potential Furniture

- Accessible benches with armrests
- Durable recreational furnishings
- Furniture positioned to guide pedestrian flow
- Varied seating options for flexibility



We are also looking to integrate standard CDOT furnishings. There is an opportunity to add more specialty features that could accommodate larger groups and allow programming for recreation.

Planting Palettes

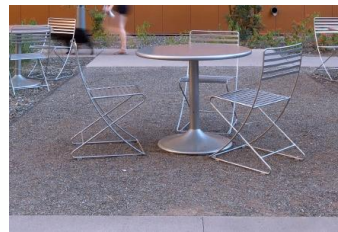
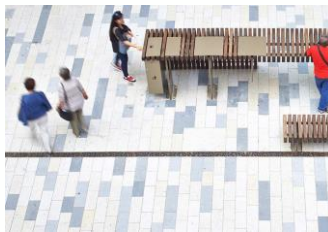
- Shade trees in sidewalk openings
- Adapted grasses
- Salt-tolerant perennials
- Moisture-tolerant plants near drainage inlets



Planting palettes vary. High circulation areas will have shade trees in sidewalk openings and other perennials. Possibly gravel and plants appropriate for bioswales.

Paving Materials

- Poured concrete with scoring and texturing
- Pavers to highlight key routes
- Accessible granular paving in programmed gathering areas



Paving materials vary from poured concrete to pavers and specialty options for programmed spaces.

Kedzie Plaza Section

Looking South to Centennial Monument



Existing



Existing view of Kedzie

Potential View



Potential view of Kedzie Plaza