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BOULDER TRANSIT CENTER EXPANSION




To Enhance Access and Connection our team proposes to expand the existing RTD bus facility to incorporate the adjacent street and right of way. This expansion and new overhead structure accomplishes many things.

Triple the Capacity - With new BRT and presumably Light Rail coming to Boulder expansion will have to occur at Boulder main transit hubs. Unfortunately this facility is land-locked, so to accommodate this expansion we propose to annex the street and right of way and make it only available to public transit. By incorporating the street we have given the station two external lanes to compliment the internal loading area on the interior. This block already has many bus stops on either side. We suggest to take this idea all the way and make it a bus only street to better mitigate the expansion in the coming years.

Overhead Structure - To protect the passengers from the elements an overhead structure would really make a dynamic impact and statement. The structure would be constructed of high grade steel with a white finish. The roof would be covered with frosted glass. The structure would attach to the existing parking garage and down to the street below where applicable. The piece would be practical, but also sculptural in an effort to show the threshold from common street to transit station.

THE NEW BOULDER MARKET

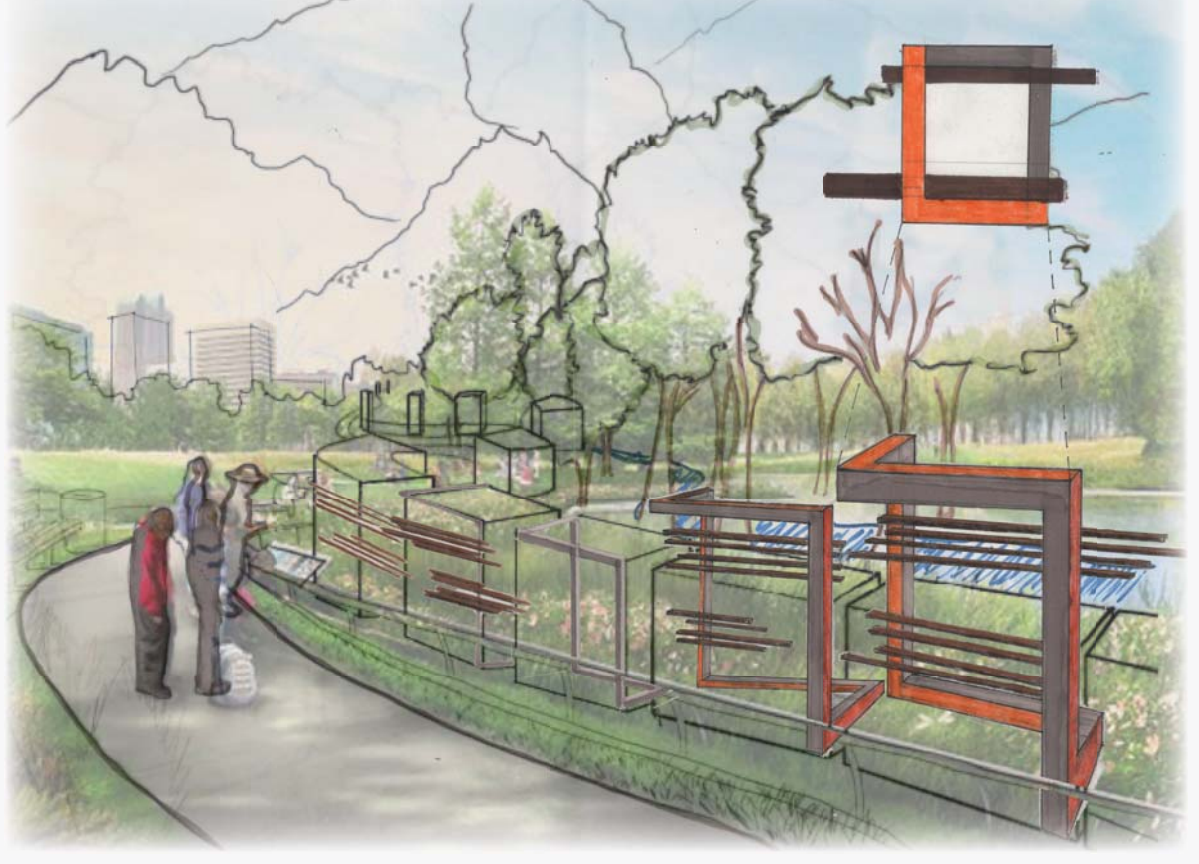


Boulder has a long standing tradition of hosting farmers markets here for 25 years. To commemorate this accomplishment and encourage future sustainable activities we propose that the city make a public market 4 season market to anchor the new park. This structure would not only make this park a destination but also benefit the entire area and local community. This building would be a symbol of how Boulder supports the local food economy and dedication to its residents and farmers alike.

Boulder Market - This structure would be built in the parking lot on the corner of 14th & Canyon. It would be attached onto the existing city offices which would be transformed into additional farmer market space. The structure would have a central atrium with a glass roof to allow in plenty of natural light. The architecture would be similar to that of the campus and the city with a classical yet modern style. The exterior would be clad with regional sand stone brick with red clay tile roof seen throughout Boulder. The building could be completely LEED certified with photovoltaic cells and thermal heating systems mounted onto the south side of the roof.

Clock Tower - In order to get people downtown, we wanted to give them a gathering point. Located within the new market is a 4.5 story tall clock tower with a public observation tower. Here visitors, residents, and students can look out upon the park, the mountains and all of Boulder.

RECONCILING MAN WITH NATURE

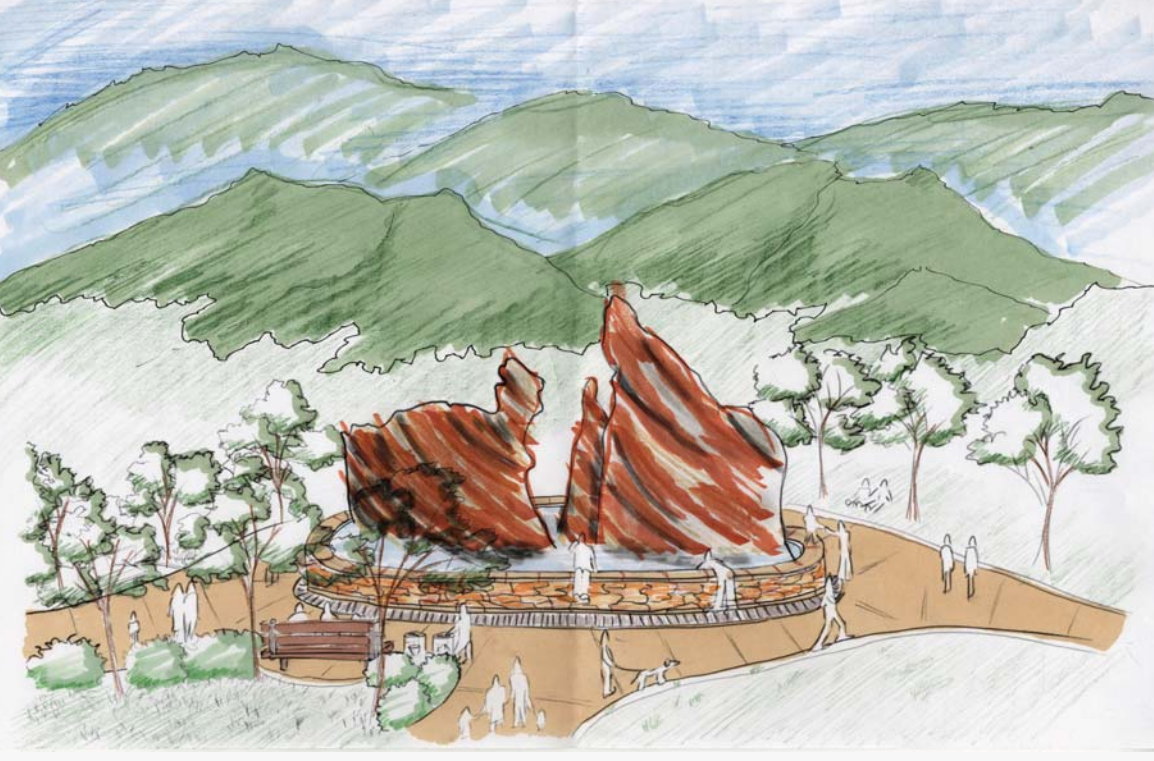


The main goal of any urban park is to reconcile the difference between urban and rural, the built environment with the natural. To represent this conflict and to show how the two can be harmoniously combined we came up with a twofold solution.

Weaving Paths
The paths now mimic the creek with a gentle weaving pattern around the water. Each one of these curves would be landscaped with indigenes flowers and shrubs. In a park the journey is more important than the destination. Having the circuitous routes will add interest and showcase the creek which has been so important to the formation of Boulder. It will also give alternate routes for the return trip which will also add interest.

Man Vs. Nature Sculpture
Boulder is known for its sustainable land use patterns and general philosophy of protecting the environment. To show the relationship between man and nature we recommend that some type of sculpture line the paths. On the west side would be entirely nature and the east side would represent the built environment. The two would then meld together in an even gradient. Could be deep.

FLATIRONS FOUNTAIN



At the center of the park and next to the Great Lawn would be another sculptural piece in the form of a fountain. Rocks in the middle would resemble the nearby Flatirons formations. The water would spiral around the rocks and crash down upon them. The fountain could recycle grey water from the library and other municipal buildings or help aerate the creek. Either way this would be a completely unique fountain and a perfect complement for Boulder's Central Park.

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This is the opportunity presented here with this project. The city of Boulder has the chance to turn this area into a central green node to be enjoyed for generations to come. As the site sits presently, the areas are broken by parking lots, out-dated civic buildings and unrelated land uses. Pockets of the park are well planned but there is no contiguity of the space. We wanted every resident, student and visitor to have a space in which they can completely connect with Nature. To usher in the new park we recommend the following improvements.

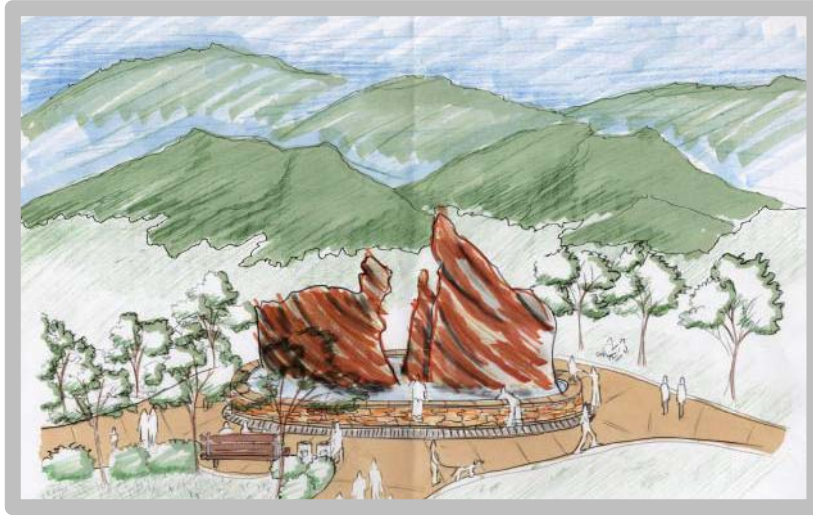
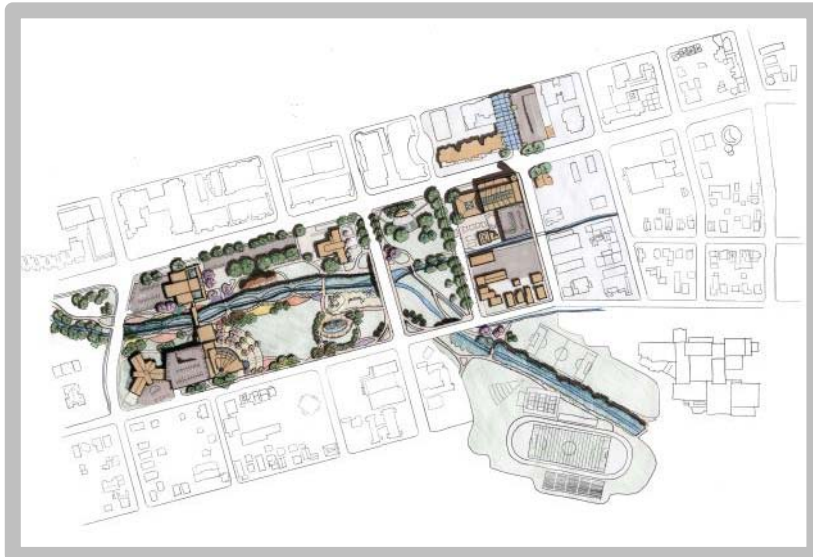
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- Connectivity of Green Space to Boulder Creek
- New Farmers Market Building
- Expansion of RTD Bus Station on 14th & Canyon
- New fountain sculpted like the Flat Irons
- New redesigned public plaza surrounding the library
- New children play area
- New central green space
- New public Rock Climbing area.
- Community Gardens



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Approach



Reconciling the Urban with the Rural

- Eliminate surface parking and replace with green space. Push parking areas to the extremities.
- Have a space for everyone. Provide more specific programed areas such as Children's play ground, Yoga areas, and rock climbing wall
- Weave in bike/ pedestrian paths in with the creek
- Have all the paths ramble to emphasize the journey not the destination.
- Make the park a destination an Attraction , not a pass through
- Construct a new Farmers Market building to be the anchor of the park.
- Showcase community gardens and sell the goods in the market
- Use indigenes landscaping along with community gardens.



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Why Choose Our Design?

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What about your proposal is innovative or inspirational?

Our top priority was to get people to the park and give them a space to feel free in nature. The biggest changes are happening at the intersection of 14th and Canyon Blvd. with a new farmers market and the redevelopment of Boulder Transit Center.

BOULDER MARKET

The Boulder Farmer's Market has been happening for 25 years strong. We wanted to commemorate this outstanding achievement by building a permanent farmer market on the corner of 14th and Canyon Blvd. This market would reinforce the current market activity and also be a catalyst in transforming the entire area.

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CLOCK TOWER

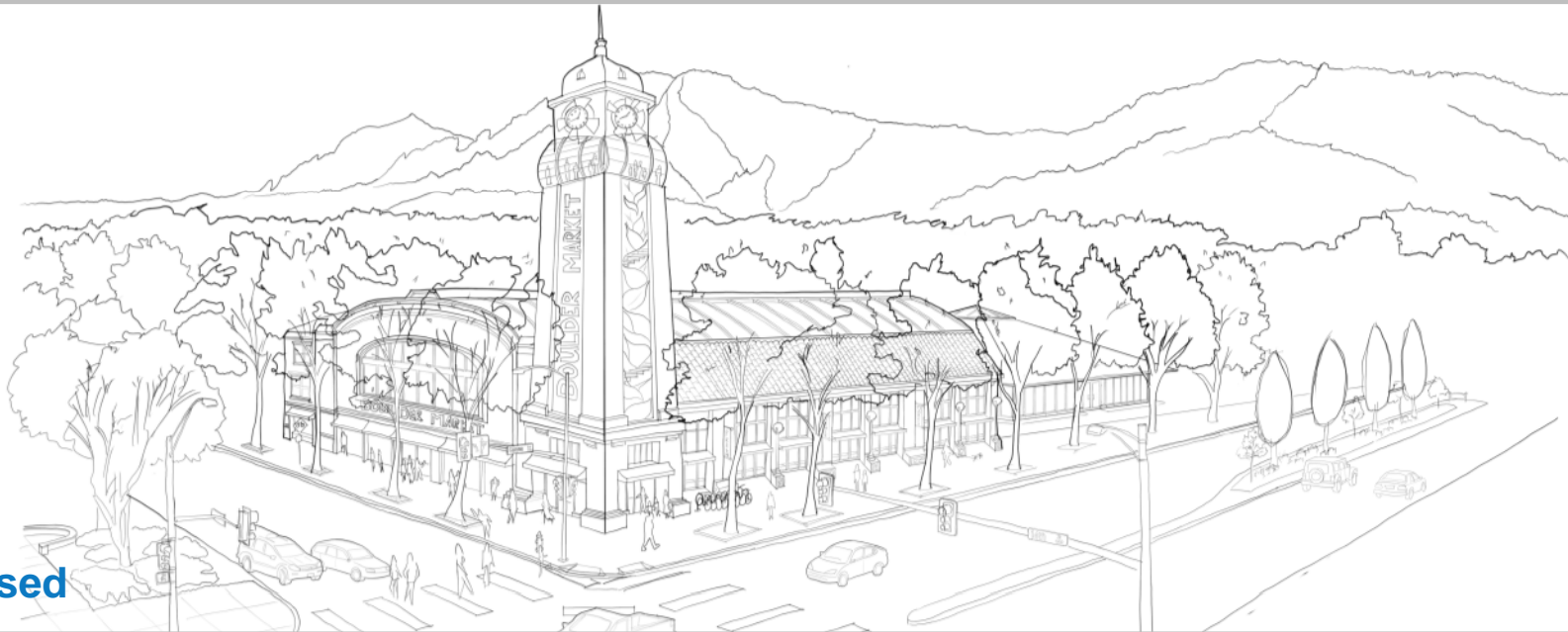
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Required Principle: The Civic Heart of Boulder

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Proposed



Existing

Come One, Come All

In order to get people to gather you need to give them the opportunity. The new central lawn, the clock tower, market, Flat Irons fountain are all attempts in which to get people to come together and gather and truly make this the new Civic Heart of Boulder. The biggest magnet or destination will be the market around which a new heart of Boulder will form.

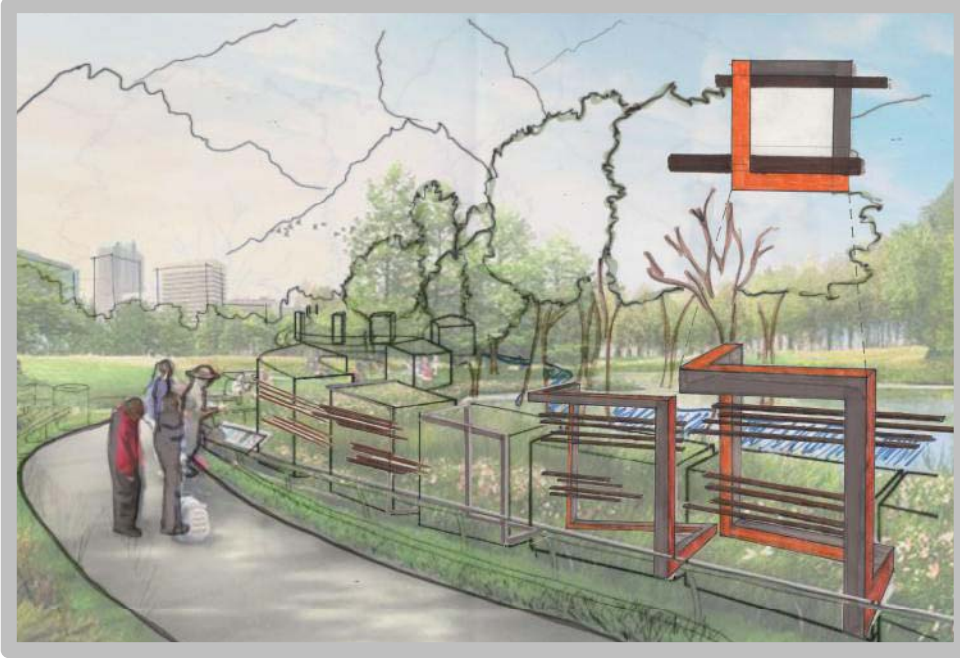
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Required Principle: Life and Property Safety

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Mother Nature Always Wins

Every part of this designed with the potential dangers of the creek in mind. Surface parking and structures were moved out of the High Hazard Zones and replaced with natural landscaping that can weather the storm. All new proposed buildings are designated out side the Conveyance area in the suggested development areas.



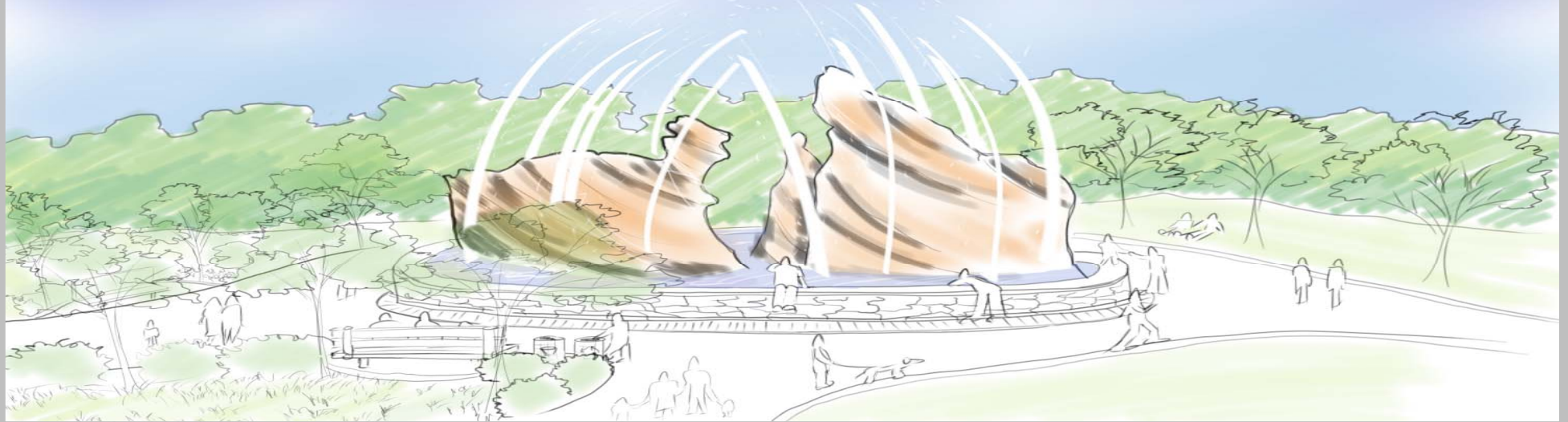
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Add. Principle: A Place for New Community Activity and Arts

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Proposed Flatirons Fountain



Existing: City Offices

Making a New Focal Point for Boulder

Central Park will now be the new destination for outdoor activities and community functions. There are designated programed elements for a diverse variety of people but also large open lawns that allow for a multitude of activities and give the space flexibility. The new community market in junction with the other park improvements will be an asset to the community for generations to come.



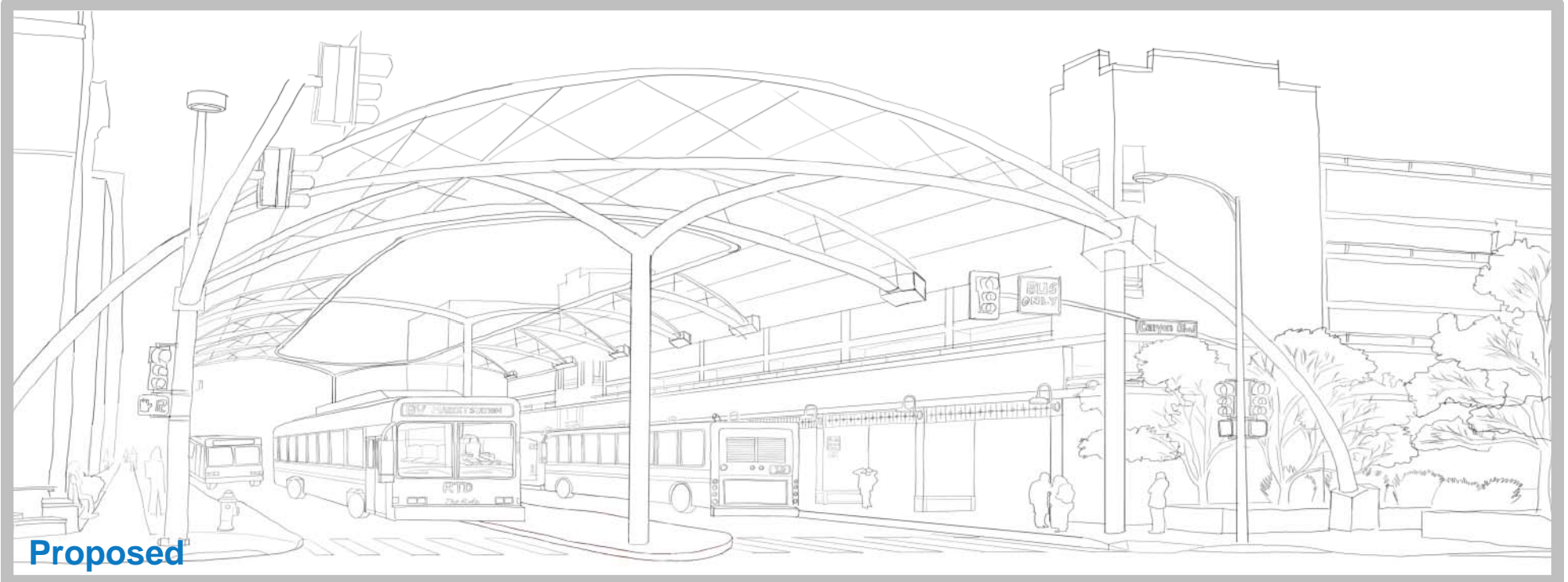
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7 Add. Principle: Enhanced Access and Connections

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In anticipation to the BRT lines connecting Boulder and Denver and the anticipation of Light Rail eventually continuing up through Boulder, it is an ideal time to expand and enhance the Boulder Transit Center on 14th and Canyon.

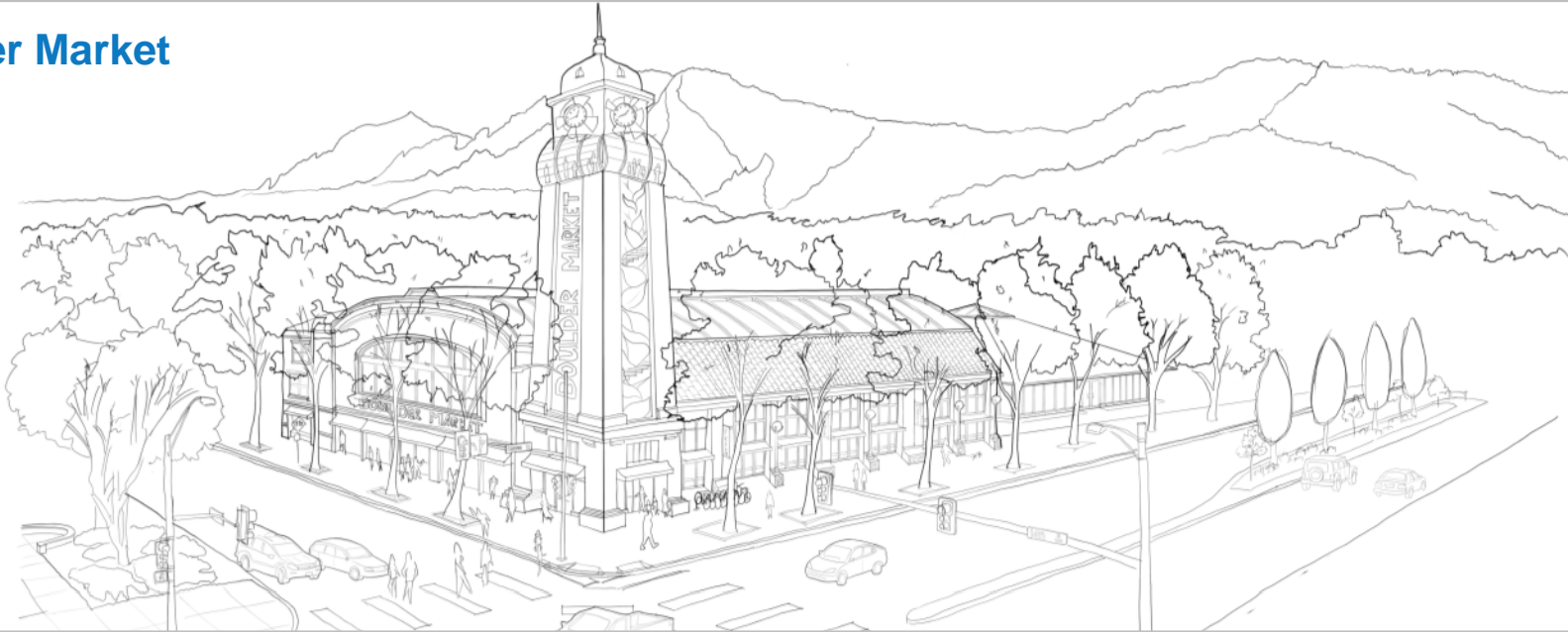
For bikes and pedestrians all paths in the central park of the park have been reworked to streamline access but also include more intrigue. Connections across the park to Pearl St. and paths into the surrounding hinterland were maintained.



Add. Principle: A Viable and Sustainable Future

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Boulder Market



Boulder Transit Center Expansion



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An Investment for the Future

The investments in the park, the Market and Transit hub will transform the entire area. The market will bring in new business year round to the area and support near by businesses. It will be a symbol how Boulder supports sustainable locally grown food and the local economy. This park in combination with the market will be a viable for years to come.

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Central Park Site Plan



A Natural Retreat within Urbanity

A key design priority were to mix the urban in with the natural. Instead of having linear paths that parallel the creek, now the path weaves in harmoniously reflecting the creeks flow and curves. Large open greens along with indigenes landscaping will bring in the wilderness into the urban setting.



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