

### Proposed Aon Center Observatory



### Meeting Agenda

- Welcome | Why we're here
- 601W's commitment to Chicago & the Aon Center
- Proposed changes to the Aon Center building
- The Observatory experience
- Traffic impact & proposed improvements

### Meet the Speakers



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## The 601W Companies



- Oversees one of America's leading private real estate acquisition, ownership, development and management portfolios
- In existence since the late 1990s
- First acquisition: Starrett Lehigh Building in New York City
- Since then, 50 million square feet with a market value of \$10 billion

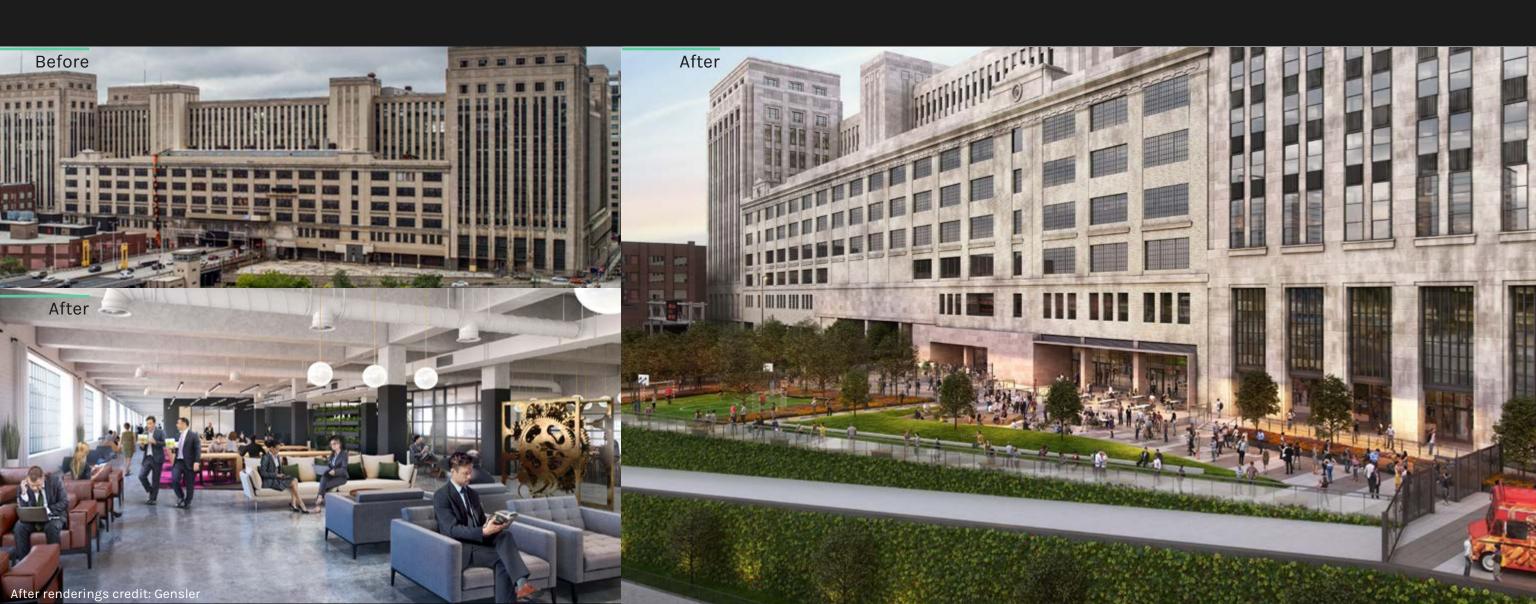
# The 601W Companies



- Entered Chicago
   market 12 years ago &
   acquired a dozen major
   office buildings since
- Currently owns
   20 million square
   feet nationwide
   (half in Chicago)

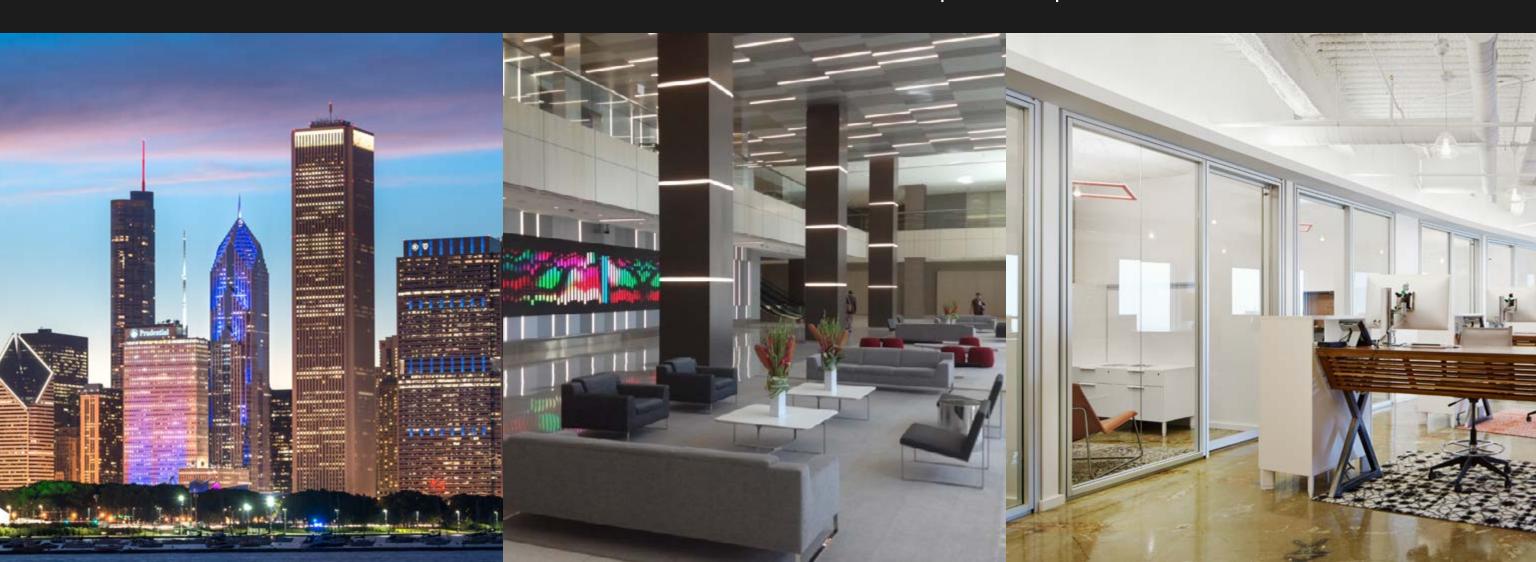
## Our Commitment to Chicago

- Currently revamping the Old Post Office building
- Will spend almost \$1B to demolish entire interior of the property, replace all mechanical systems



# Our Commitment to Chicago

- Prudential Plaza had become obsolete (60% vacant), needed significant capital improvements
- 601W completely transformed property
- At time of sale last month, building was close to 100% occupied
- New amenities were major catalyst for renaissance of East Loop marketplace



## Our Commitment to the Aon Center



# Why an Aon Center Observatory?

- Heart of the cultural center of the City
- One of the jewels of Chicago due to size, presence and high caliber of tenants
- Adding an observatory will provide the city with a new and spectacular family activity and experience



#### Aon Center Observatory

- \$900 million in direct economic impact over 20 years
- A return of more than \$218 million in tax revenue to the city
- Commitment to creating an amazing experience for visitors
- Assembled a first-class team of experts to do something that hasn't been done before in Chicago













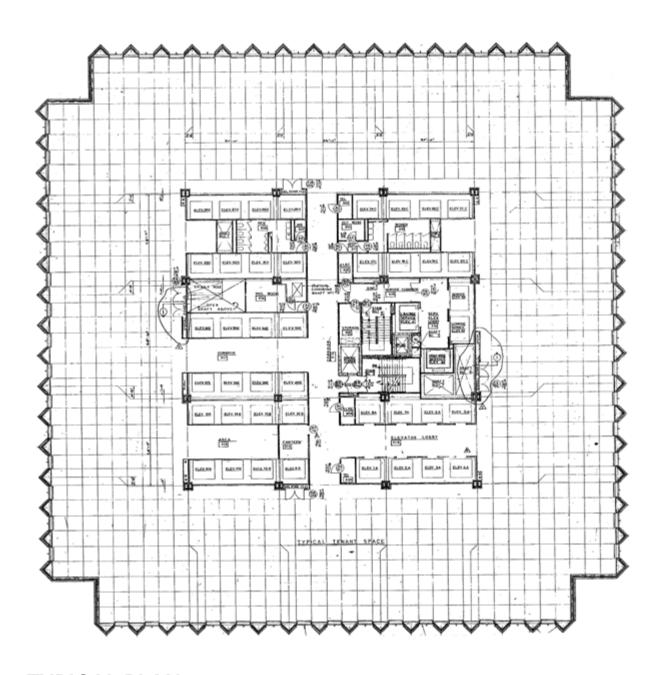
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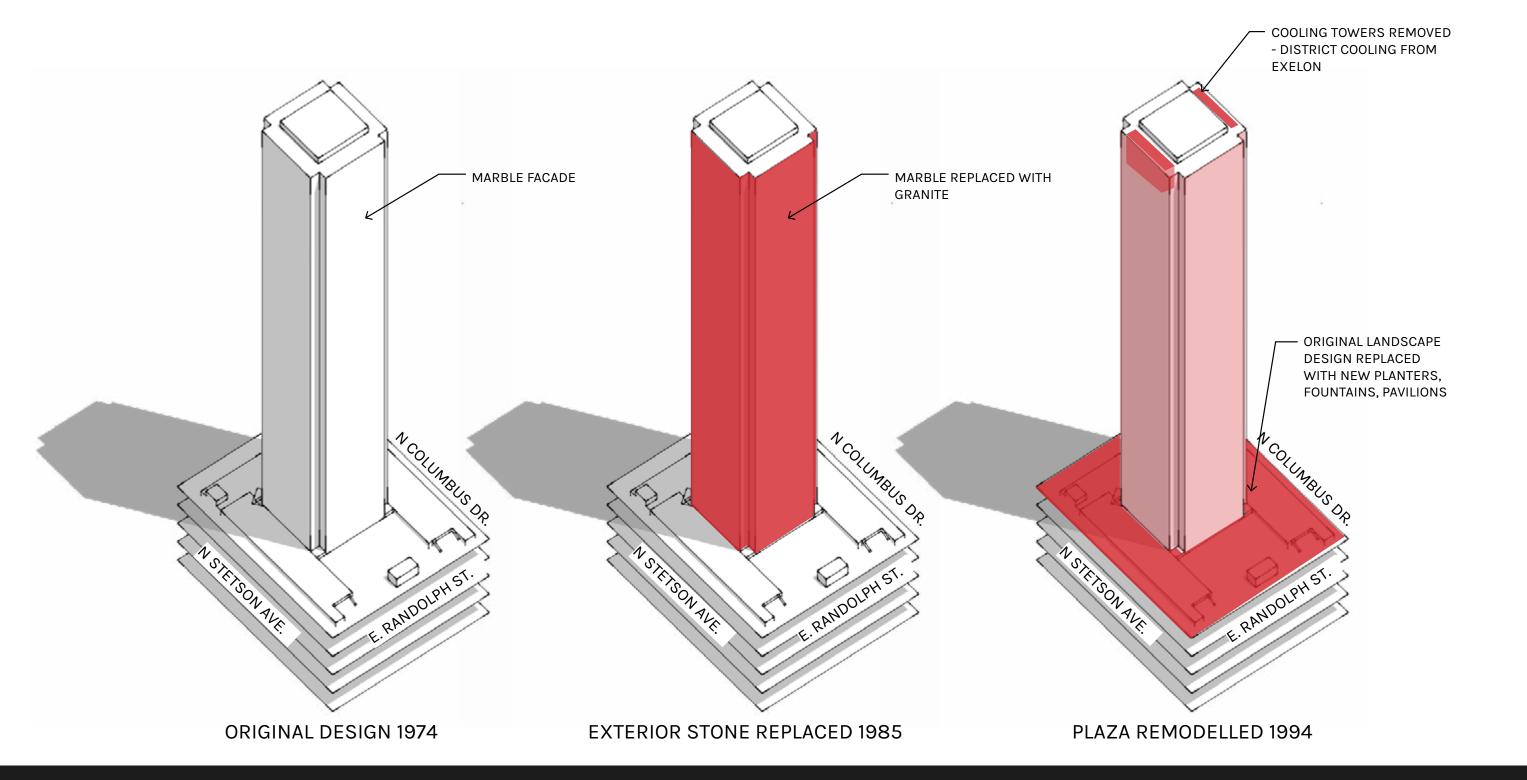




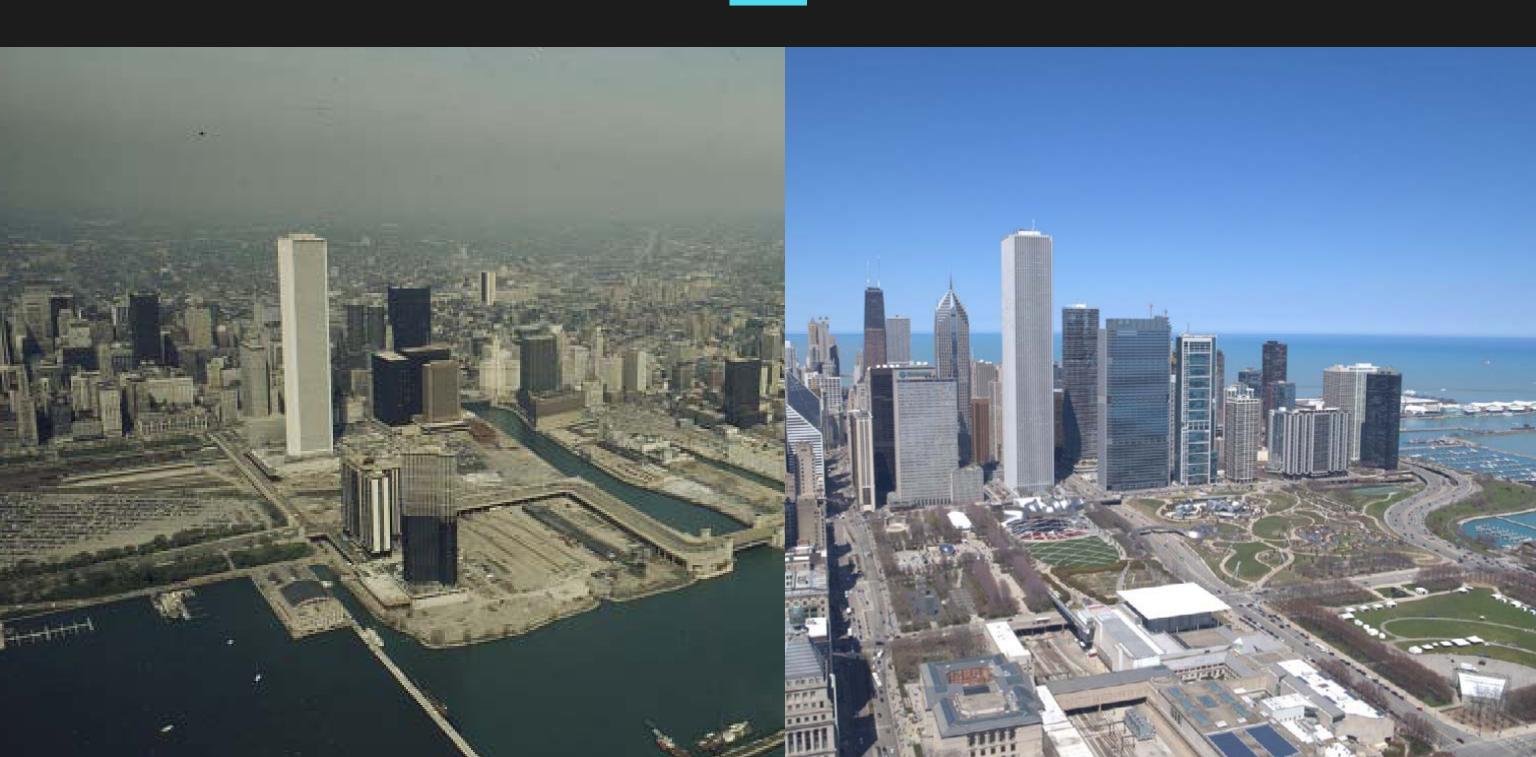


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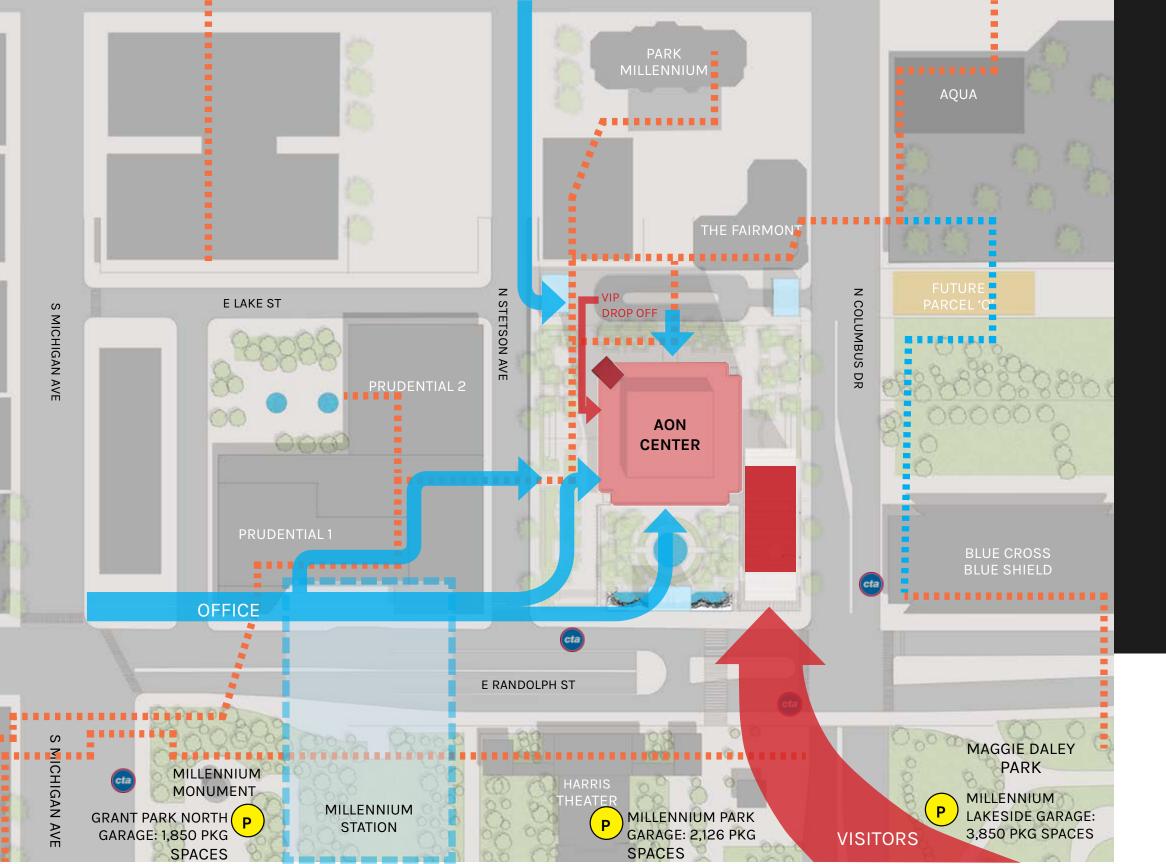


#### Transformation of Area Around Aon Center 1974-2018





55M: Total Tourism for Chicago



### 7,825 Parking Spaces Total



**BUS STOP** 



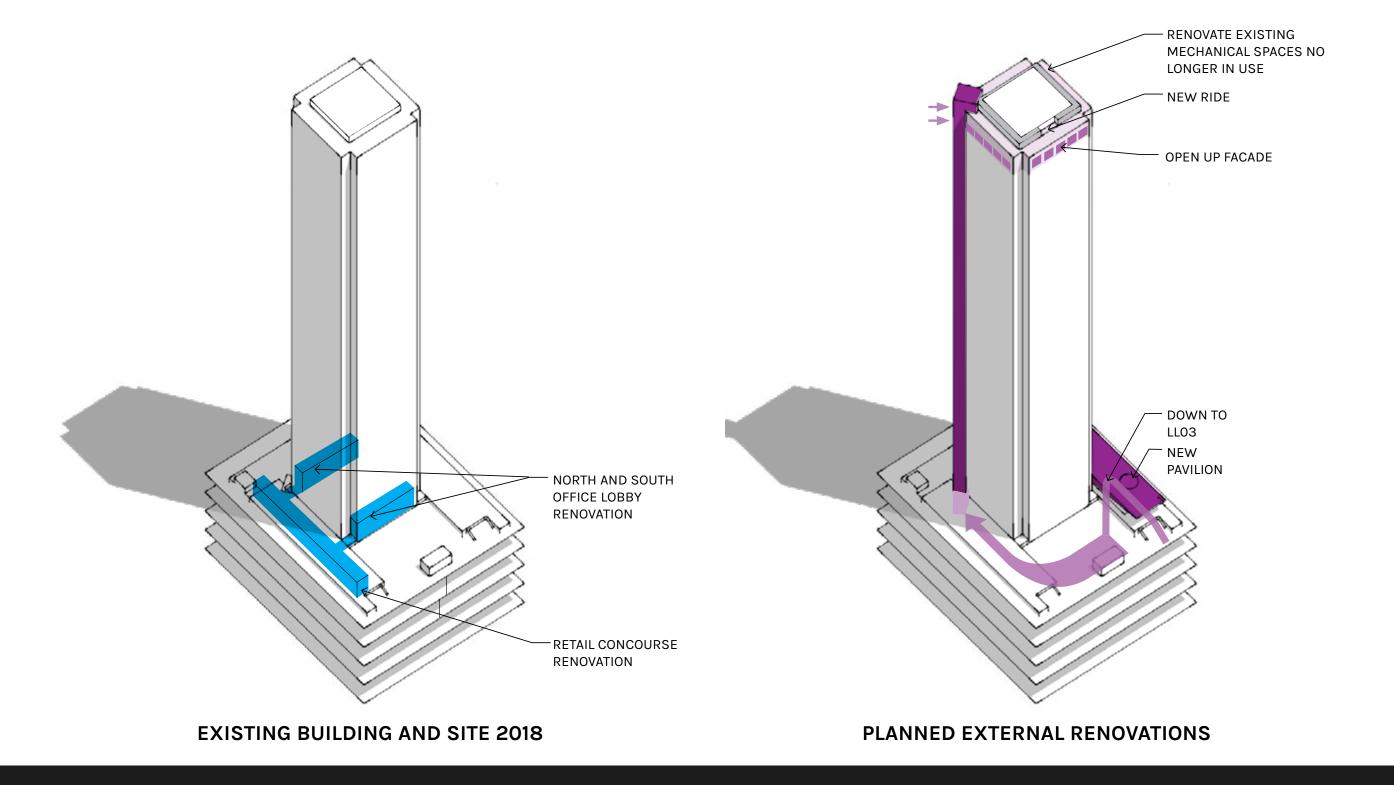
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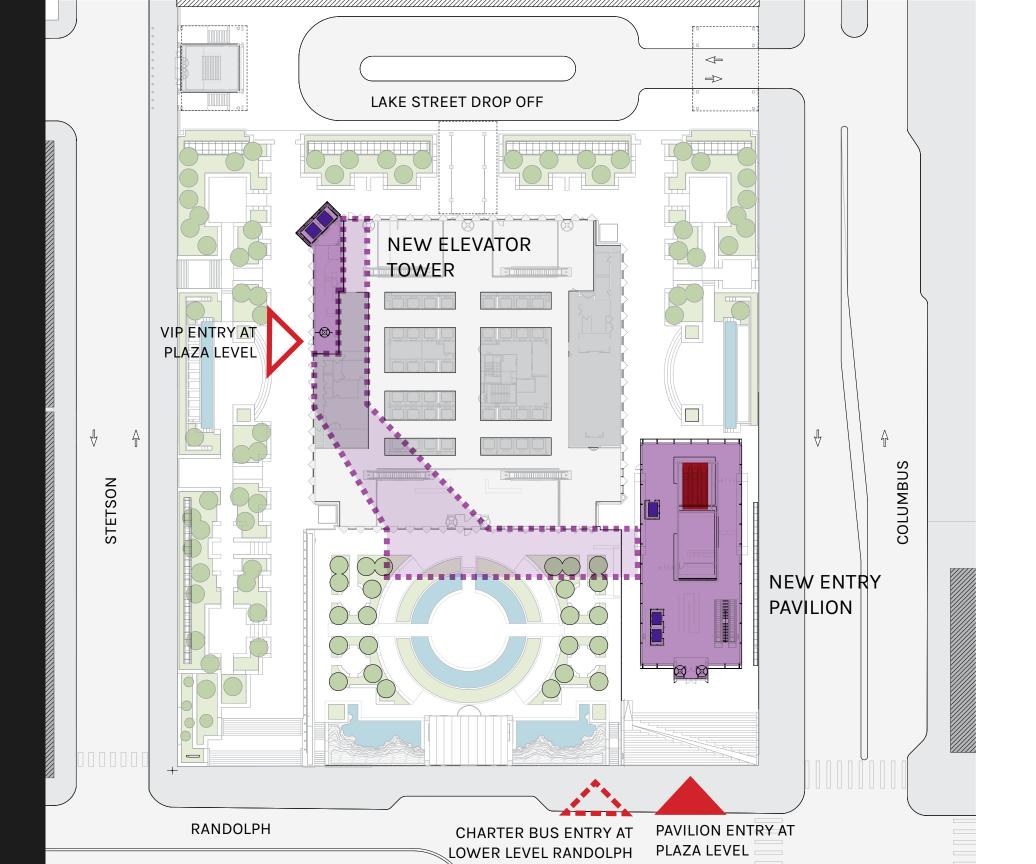
**PEDWAY** 



FUTURE PEDWAY

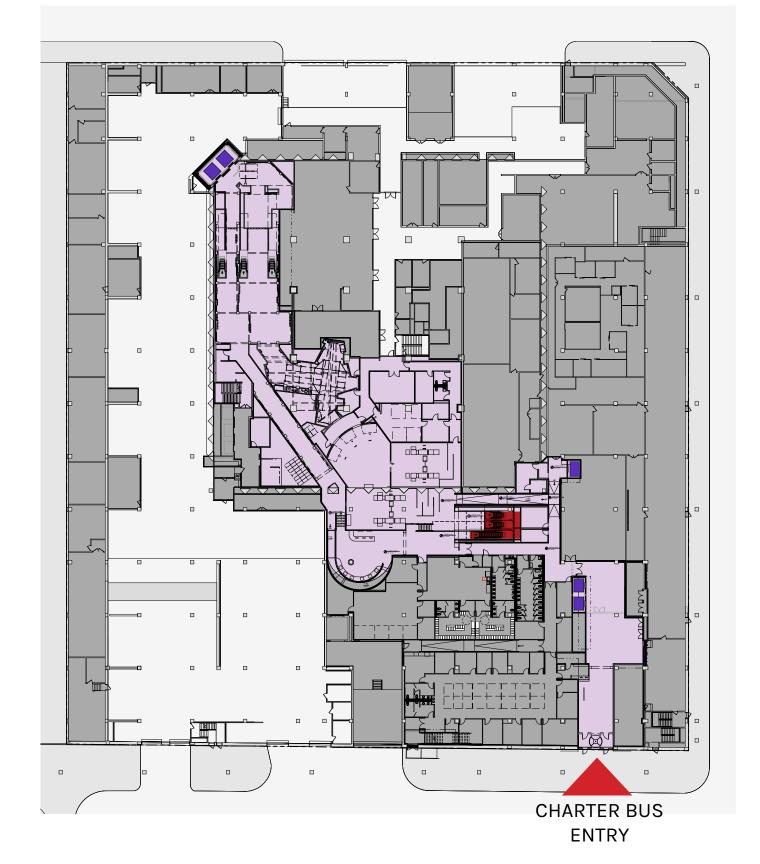


#### Plaza Level Plan





#### Lower Level 3 Plan



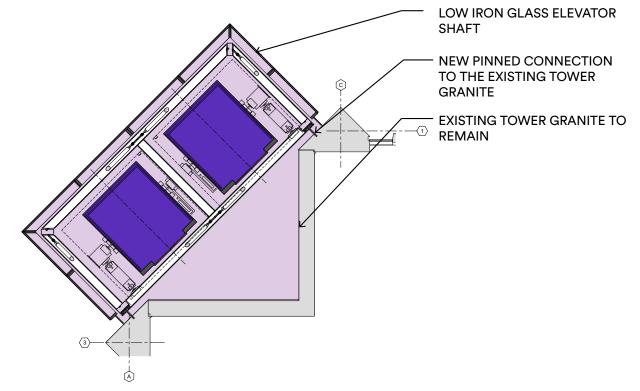




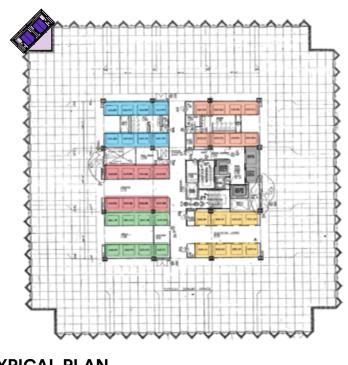
#### **OBSERVATORY ELEVATOR HIGH RISE SERVICE** STOPS @ LEVEL 82/82.5 **HIGH RISE BANK 02 HIGH RISE BANK 01** MID RISE BANK 01 MID RISE SERVICE **LOW RISE BANK 02 LOW RISE BANK 01** PLAZA LEVEL PAVILION ENTRY/EXIT **PLAZA LEVEL** VIP PAVILION ENTRY/EXIT

Observatory

Elevators





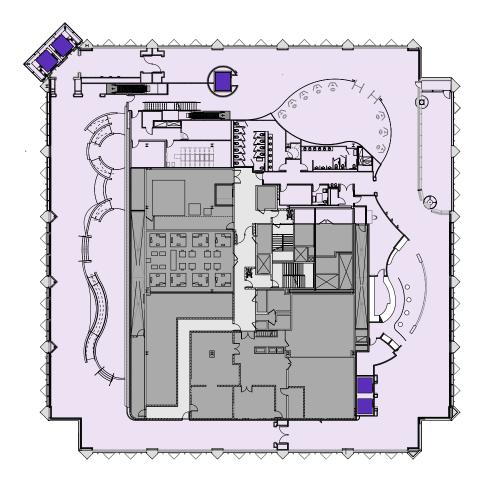


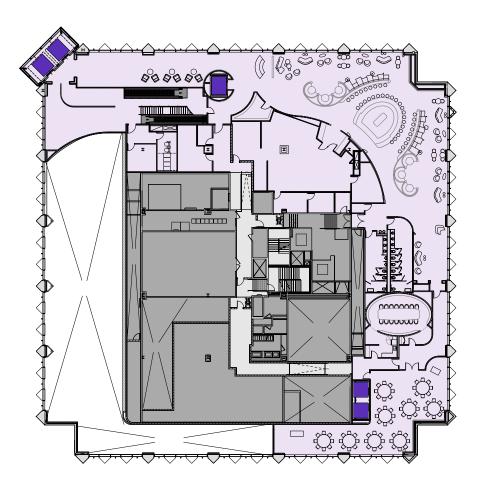
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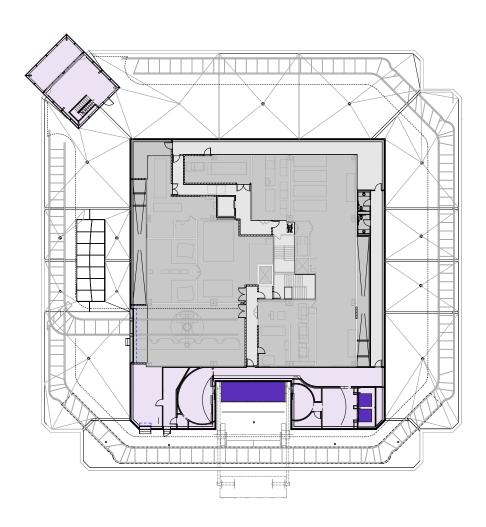


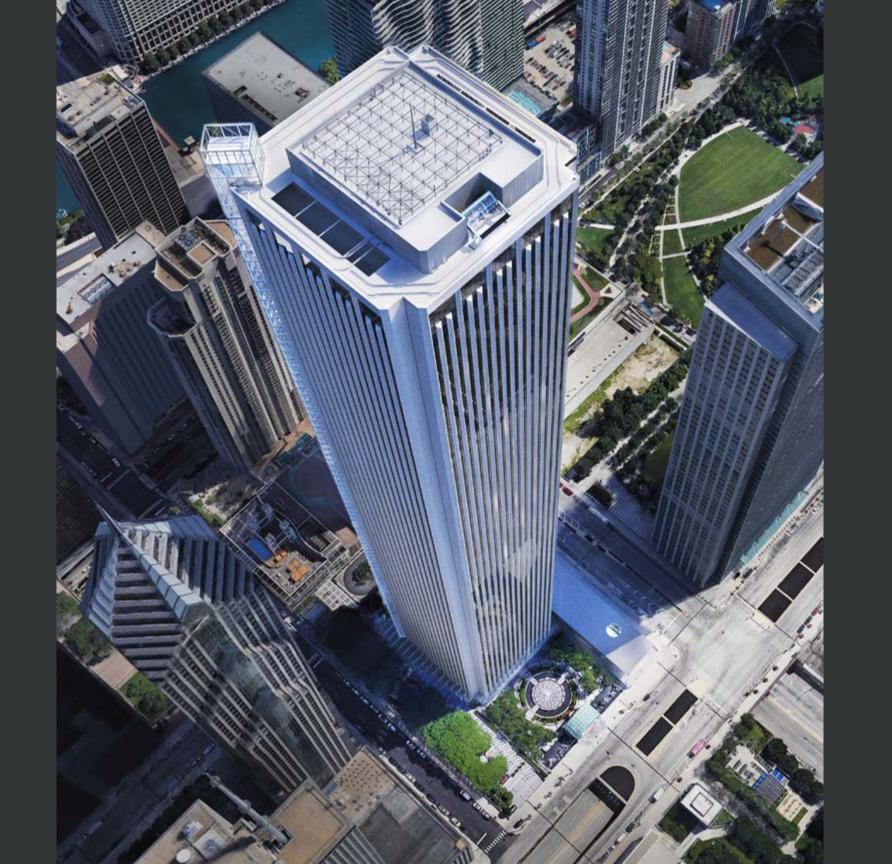








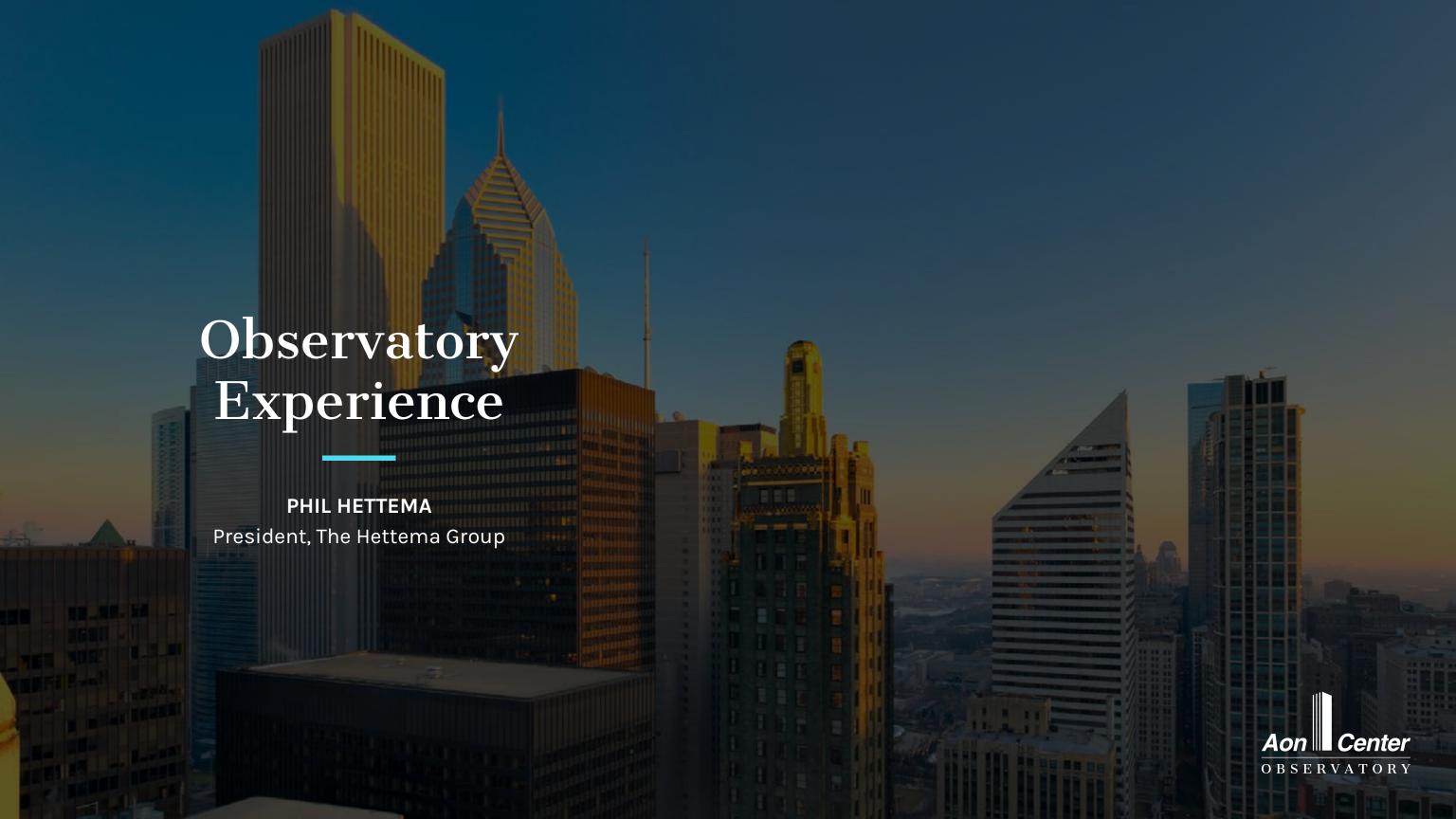
































































# Aon Center Observatory Experience



# Traffic Impact & Improvements

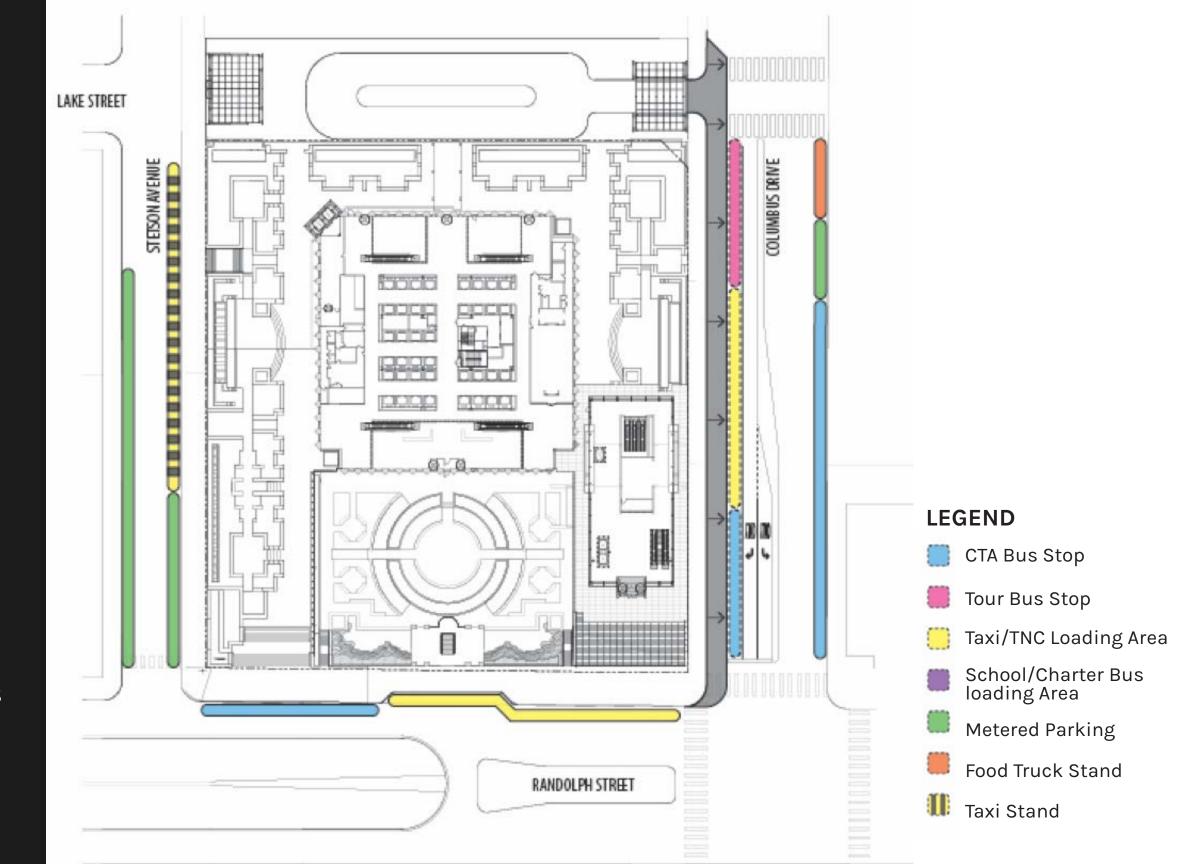
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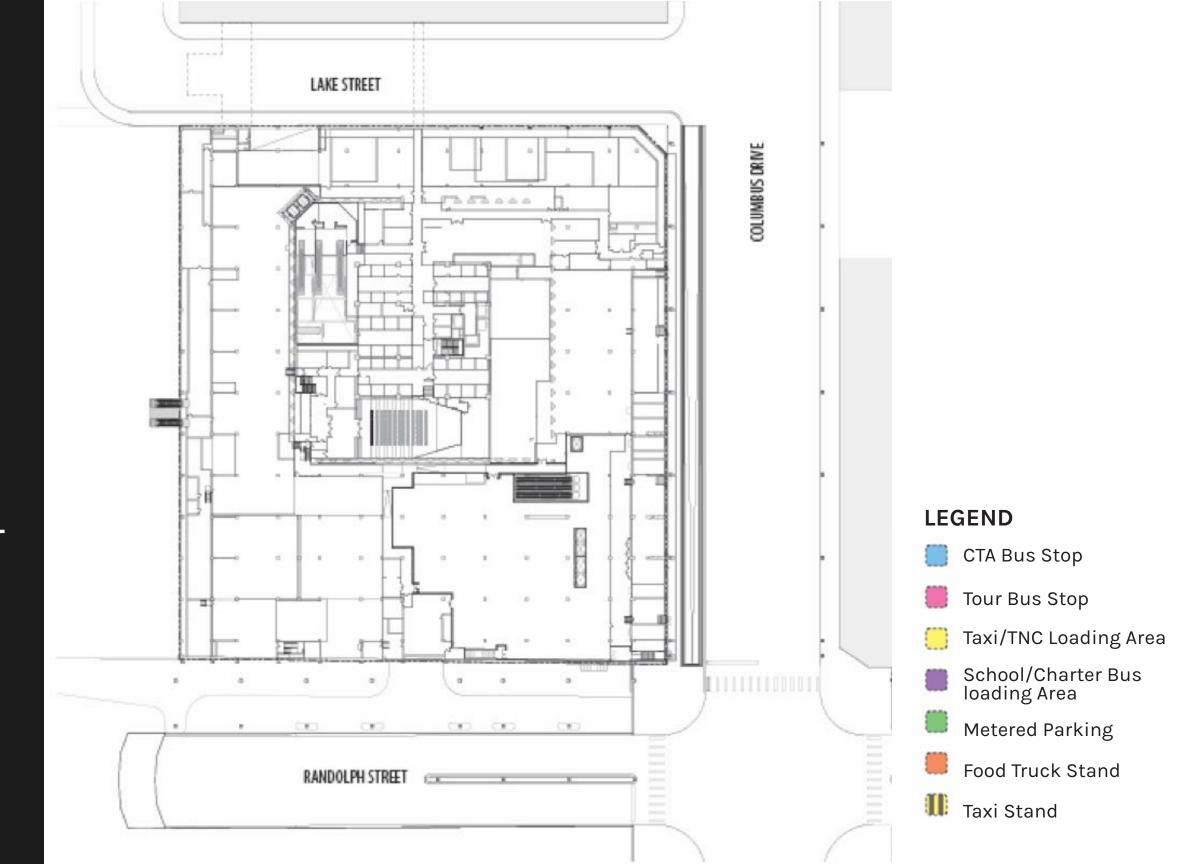
### **UPPER LEVEL**

- Pedestrian
- Bicycle
- CTA Bus
- Tour & trolley bus
- Taxi & TNC
- VIP



### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

— Parking (off-site)



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#### **LEGEND**

- [] Site
- Off-site Parking
- Parking Access Routes

### **SUB LEVEL**

- School/charterbus
- Parking



# Traffic Study Highlights

#### **KEY ASSUMPTIONS AND FACTORS**

- High-end attendance projection
  - » 2 million observatory
  - » 1 million venue with 40% shared trips
- All new traffic (no reduction applied for people already at Millennium Park)
- Incorporate seasonal and day-of-week factors
  - » July (peak month)
  - » Thursday PM
  - » Friday midday & PM
  - » Saturday midday & PM

#### MODE SHARE CHARACTERISTICS

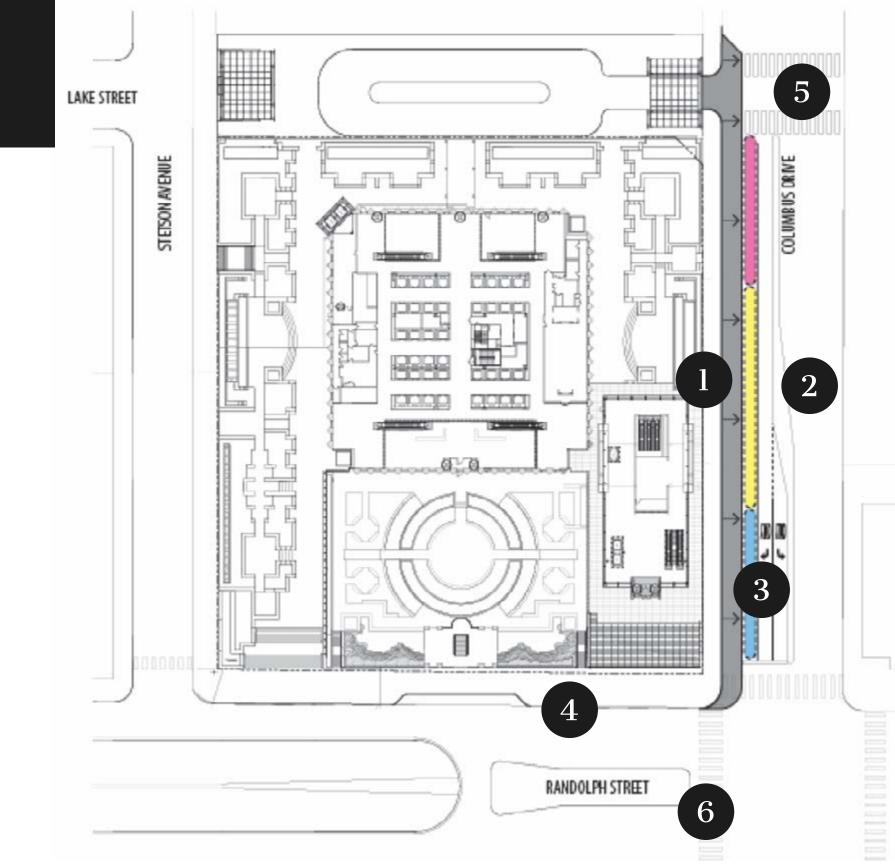
 Auto	40%

Walk & claist TO		Walk	& transit	40%
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Coach bus6%

## Recommendations

- 01. Widen Upper Columbus sidewalk 15 feet
- O2. Re-stripe Upper Columbus approaching Randolph
- O3. Establish zones for CTA Bus, Tour/ Trolley Buses, and Taxi/TNC on Upper Columbus
- O4. Establish loading zone for School/ Charter Buses on Sub Randolph
- 05. Install all-way stop control at Upper Columbus/Lake
- 06. Allow eastbound-to-westbound u-turns at Upper Columbus/Randolph
- O7. Coordinate Upper Columbus improvements with Lakeshore East Parcel O





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