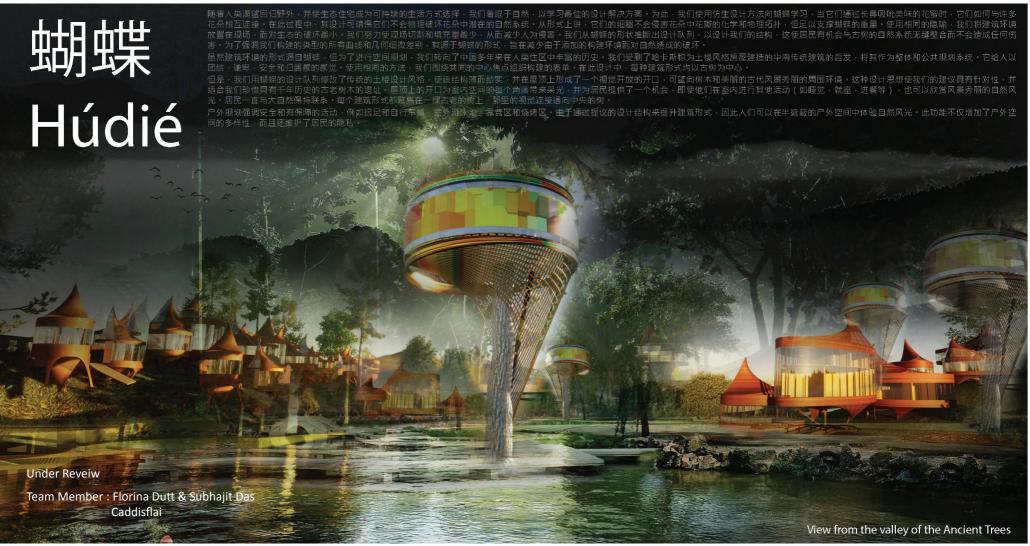


Tourist Houses in Ancient Tree Forest of Huizhou, China



A recent international urban design & architecture competition for planning a model of eco-hotel and guest houses preserving the natural forest and the ancient native trees. The site is situated in the Xiangtoushan National Nature Reserve, Guangdong Province, China. We looked towards nature and traditional architectural style to learn the best design solution. To that end, we used a design approach that cause minimum physical disruption to the site and the underlying natural system. We strive to cause least amount of on site cut and fill thereby reducing artificial encroachment. We infer design queues from the form of a butterfly to design our structure which gives residents an opportunity to seamlessly integrate with the natural system without causing any harm. While the form of the built environment was derived from butterflies, for spatial planning, we turn towards China's rich history in human settlements over the years. We are inspired by the traditional architecture of south China built by the Hakas called Tulou style houses for their integrated and communal planning system. It gives a sense of togetherness, humility, security, and belongingness to the dwellers. Using the same approach, we organize our built forms around a common central focus point. In this design, each built form uses the ancient tree as the central focus point. However, we modified the traditional Tulou design style with design queues from a butterfly to give the form a thin and robust structural system and a visual opening on the roof which looks out towards the trees and the ancient scenic landscape.





daylighting and view to the trees

1. Tulou form

2. Roof cuts to see nature





Design variations inspired from butterflies with slender integrated columns

Tulous in South China







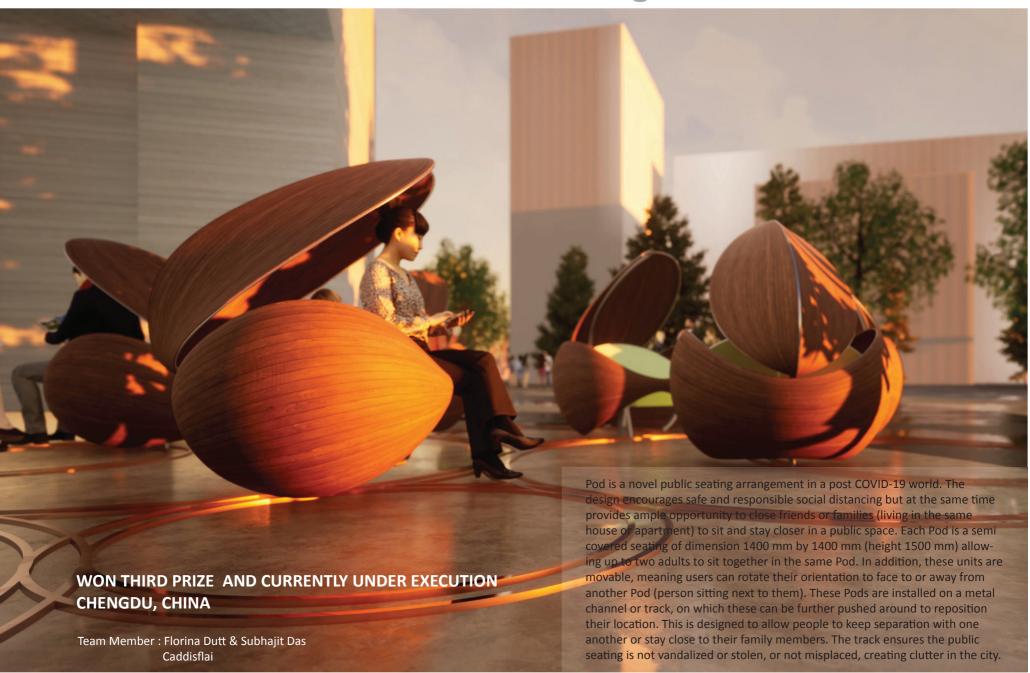
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PODS, Post Pandemic Urban Seating

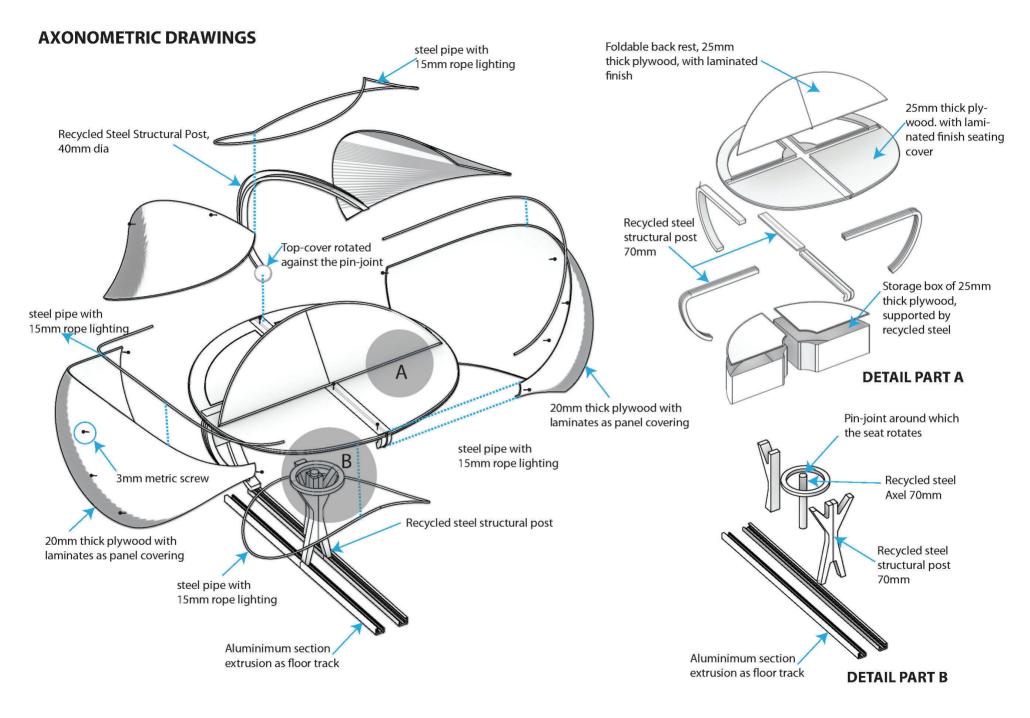




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San Jose Urban Landmark Design Competition Proposal





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In theatre and film, the screen forms an imaginary fourth wall, separating the audience from the action within the fictitious world. Just as innovative thespians have broken the fourth wall to engage directly with their audience, the Stage Street design helps break the fourth wall of Atlanta culture by blurring the boundaries of public and private spaces and inviting users to engage in a shared life. Elements such as plazas, balconies, rooftops, outdoor dining, a linear park, and event spaces create stages to see and be seen. Special attention is given to the ground floor of buildings, using a continuous street wall, facade transparency, activation, detailing, and variation to create an inviting pedestrian environment. The design uniquely blends entertainment industry, culture, and social spaces to create a dynamic, mixed-use development.

MARKET ANALYSIS

ENTERTAINMENT

ATLANTA NEEDS A DEFINED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT BUILD ON FOX THEATER AS CO-ANCHOR

REIGIONAL DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY





5TH STRONGEST OFFICE MARKET IN THE COUNTRY

CLASS A RENT +5.4% YEAR OVER YEAR & VACANCY AT 15-YEAR LOW

MAJOR COMPANIES RELOCATING TO MIDTOWN

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TARGETING FILM INDUSTRY





SHIFT IN DEMAND TOWARD WALKABLE, URBAN RETAIL

2.9% MIDTOWN VACANCY vs. 10.8% METRO VACANCY

750,000 SF METRO ABSORPTION IN Q1 AND Q2 2015

STRONG POTENTIAL FOR RETAIL AND RESTAURANTS



97.8% OCCUPANCY RATE FOR INTOWN CLASS A

+117% SUPPLY INCREASE OF CLASS A APARTMENTS IN MIDTOWN FROM UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND PROPOSED

ULI Student Design Competition 2016 FINALIST ENTRY - 10,000 Cash Prize

Team Member: Florina Dutt Megan McMullen, Yihan Wu, Xijia Huang, Subhajit Das

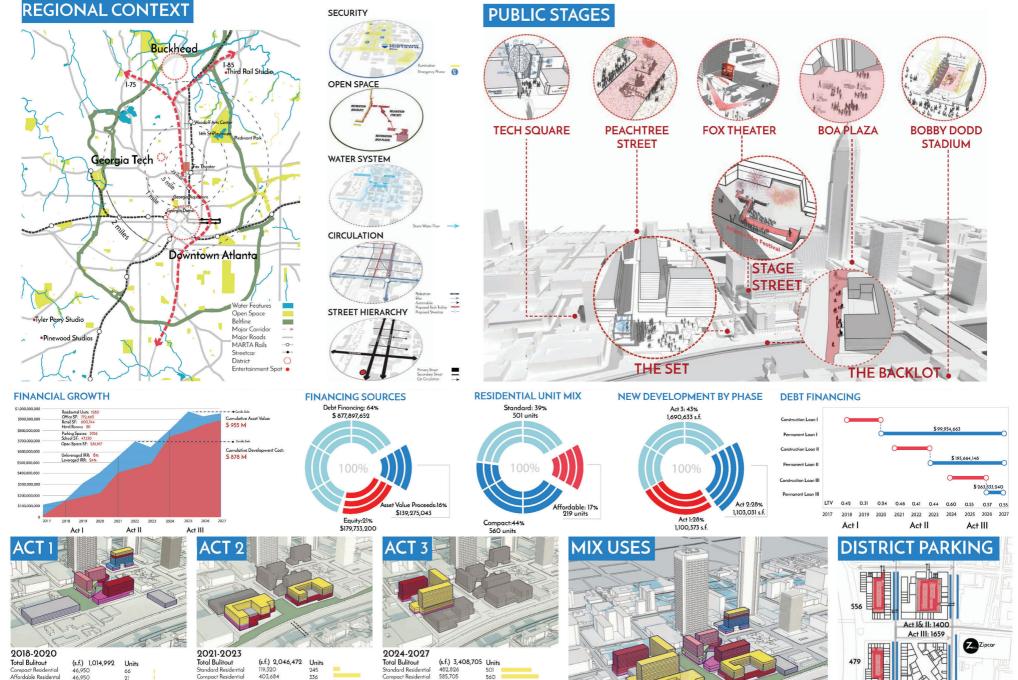
Academic Advisors: Ellen Dunham-Jones David Haddow, GEORGIA TECH

can grab food, have fun, and find an affordable place to live, just steps from my office. Only in Midtown!

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is the best place to see all the Oscar-nominated movies and independent films.

> Note this place. Running on my own, hanging out with friends, or attending the a slew of annual events at the park-there's always something to do...





Starring: Concert venue/Movie theater/Hotel + hostel/Restaurants + bars/

150.040

76,440

81.330

47,130

Office/Commercial

Extended Stay Hotel

Structured Parking Open Space

Entertainment

Retail

Hotel

School

GT/Emory Biotech Center/Office/School/Compact Residentia

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403,684 Affordable Residental 110.762 450,159 Office/Commercial Hotel 76,440 Hostel 49.630 386 Extended Stay Hotel 103 Entertainment School 47.130 Structured Parking Open Space 2846

> Starring: Residential/Makers Spaces/One Stop Center/Affordable Office Linear Park/International market

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Bike Share

Parkina Deck

On-street Parking

10%

22%

4%

33%

28%

Designed to be retrofitted

Office

-Residentia

-Open Space

-Entertainment -Parking

-Institutional/Education 1%

-Hotel

Starring: Residential/Grocery store/Office/National Retailers

Structured Parkina

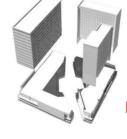
PARCEL B(F.A.R 3.77) GROUND FLOOR: Makers Spaces Starbucks FedEx Office Small Retail International Marketplace HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING CENTER UPPER FLOOR: **Apartments** PARCEL C(F.A.R 3.34) GROUND FLOOR: Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Concert Venue Java Vino Apache Cafe Chai Pani Morelli's Ice Cream P 4 ACTIVATED TUNNE Resraurants Art Gallery Fitness Studio Hair/Nail Salon A G Atlanta Film Society UPPER FLOOR: Atlanta Beer Garden Bar Louie Dance Club Marriott Moxy Hotel iHouse Atlanta 3RD STREET MARTA Offices ENTRANCE PARCEL D(F.A.R 4.99) GROUND FLOOR: The Varsity UPPER FLOOR: Mini Golf AT&T PARCEL E(F.A.R 4.16) FOX GROUND FLOOR: THEATER MARTA Station Atlanta Visitors Center **Tour Company** Grab and Go Restaurant **2** THE SET Midtown Blue UPPER FLOOR: Cristo Rey High School GT-Emory Biotech Center Medical office Apartments PARCEL F(Vision) Bank of America Palza Active Public Space NORTH AVENUE Water Feature Scuplture ALAMO () PARCEL G(F.A.R 9.68) GROUND FLOOR: Grocery Anchor Retail UPPER FLOOR: Office Apartment Condominums **PUBLIC SPACE** 1.The Backlot 2.The Set **3** STAGE STREET 3.Stage Street



BUILDING TYPOLOGIES



A - RESIDENTIAL, MAKER SPACE, PARKING B - RESIDENTIAL, RETAIL MAKER SPACE, PARKING



C - ENTERTAINMENT, HOSTEL, HOTEL, OFFICE



D - VARSITY , PARKING DECK



E - MIXED USE TOWER, PARKING DECK



G - RETAIL, GROCERY, CONDO, OFFICES

South Downtown Vision

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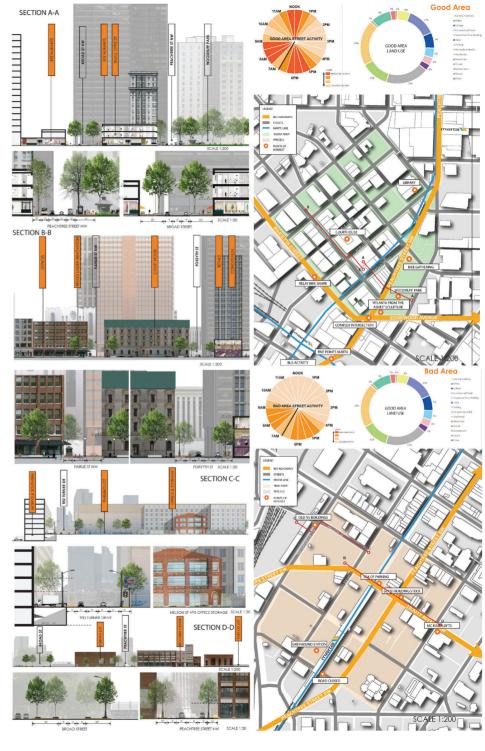
Business Demographics near Study Area

JOB COUNT BETWEEN AGE 30 - 54 - 5,310

JOB COUNT - 7,632

JOB BY RACE
WHITE - 24%
AFRICAN AMERICAN - 72%
JOBS EARNING MORE THAN \$3,300 - 66

Once a bustling business district adjacent to Atlanta's main rail-road station, **South Downtown is now home to many vacant build-ings and parking lots** intermingled with historic buildings and government offices. Anchored by the Garnett MARTA station in the center of the district and bounded to the east, west, and south by the Connector, the Gulch, and I-20, respectively, South Downtown boasts accessibility and proximity to the Georgia State Capitol, Georgia State University, and the Fulton County Government Center. The neighborhood plays an important role in linking the eclectic arts community Castleberry Hill with the core of Downtown Atlanta, but South Downtown has largely been overlooked for reinvestment amidst a wave of revitalization activity across Atlanta's in-town neighborhoods. While redevelopment activities have been minimal in South Downtown, the neighborhood contains many excellent foundational elements for a walkable, mixed-use community, including small block sizes, a navigable grid, good sidewalk conditions, and transit access. The greatest hindrance to the community is its volume of parking lots – over 50% of the land area in South Downtown is payed asphalt – but this also provides opportunity for new development. Our vision is to create a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood that is considerate of existing community needs while attracting new businesses and residents. We hope to achieve this by proposing a transit-oriented development that offers hotel, office, residential, commercial, and recreational uses within walking distance of Garnett Station. Key to this design is the integration of bike and pedestrian infra-structure, landscaping, and placemaking strategies that will improve the public spaces in South Downtown. Residential Demographics in 1/2mile radius of Garnett Station POPULATION - 4,757 HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN AGE - 30.8 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE - 1.94 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME - \$28,251 Field Study presented to the city by Academic Advisor, Michael Dobbins **GEORGIA TECH**



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



Nanjing river town cultural park and community Housing

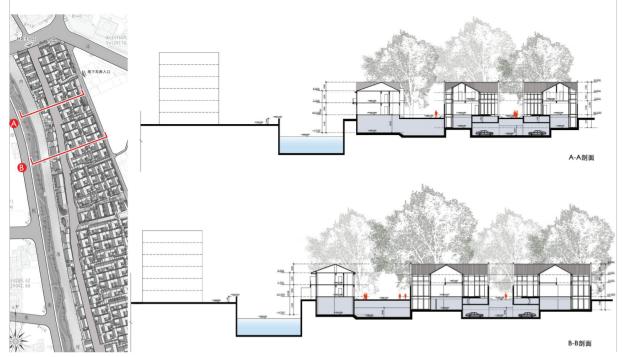




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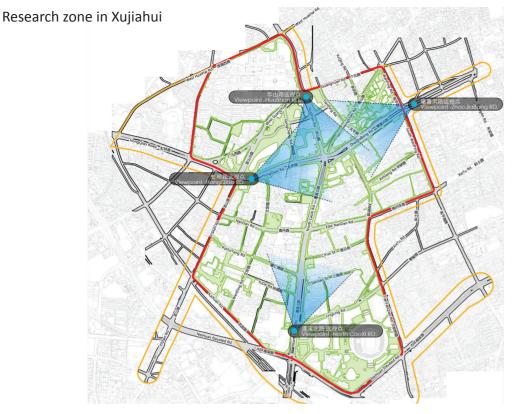






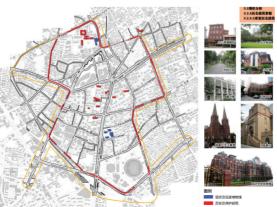


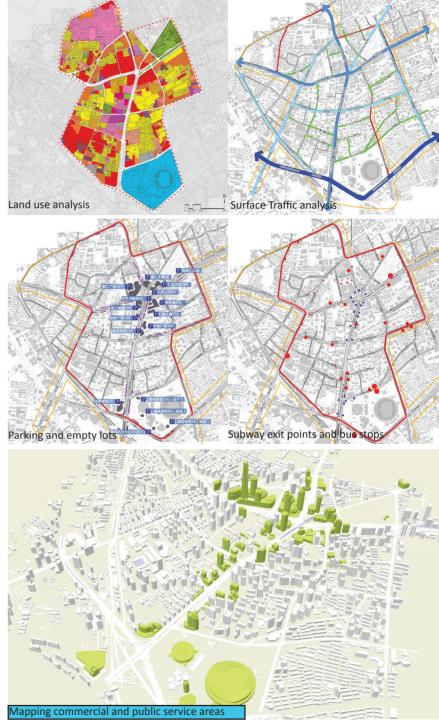
Xujiahui Tourism Development and Urban Renewal The detail plan has been adopted by the Xujiahui Urban Authority and phase whise execution since 2013. Team: Florina Dutt, Zhang Haowei, Yu Xianhao Vast Design



In the current urban structure of Shanghai, Xujiahui plays a key role as one of the central commercial hub. Nevertheless its commercial significance fails to impart any distinctive character to Xujiahui that would otherwise attract a big percentage of tourists as compared to other notable tourist spots in the city (Bund, Nanjing Road, People square). An initial study indicates that an incoherent delineation of different kind of public spaces is responsible for its failure to create an impactful urban space. The research outlines the existing fallacies in present urban design scenario and the process of finding appropriate design solutions that could be incorporated into urban planning guidelines to change lifestyles of people by changing their urban space.





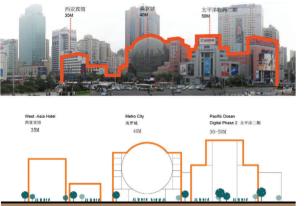


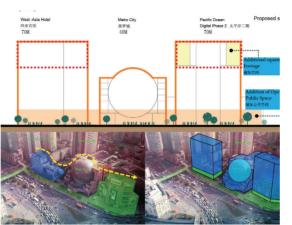
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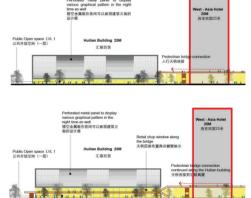
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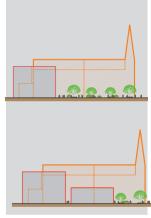
- Detailed inventory mapping of business centers, retails, landmark buildings and places of historic importance with an aim to create a significantly strong data base
- 2. Vehicular & pedestrian traffic analysis to find its relationship to the urban spaces
- 3. Identification of the gaps in the existing spatial design
- 4. Highlighting the specific requirements of tourism planning
- 5. Finding design solutions to meet the existing gaps
- 6. Policy making strategies to elevate Xujiahui as a 4A level tourist spot in China

Evaluations are made based on research inventory and successful existing urban design models of Bund and Nanjing road. Incoherence of urban space form is one of the primary shortcomings of Xujiahui. The archaic architectural landmarks like church, museums and old libraries are rarely emphasized to create appealing public gathering spaces. Some are overshadowed by cluttered modern built forms in spaces that previously existed as plazas. The commercial spaces are more focused on few specific type of trade and lacks diversity. The ambiance created by lighting and billboard systems apparently forms a chaos. The existing vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic system lacks efficient synergy with the urban spaces. The paper addresses both macro and micro level variances in the urban design, potential sustainable solutions and related advancement in the policy making systems in the urban planning regulations of Xujiahui to elevate it to 4A level tourist spot. The research also analyses the causality between the planning reform in Xujiahui and possibility of increased revenue generation from tourism that would further impact development.













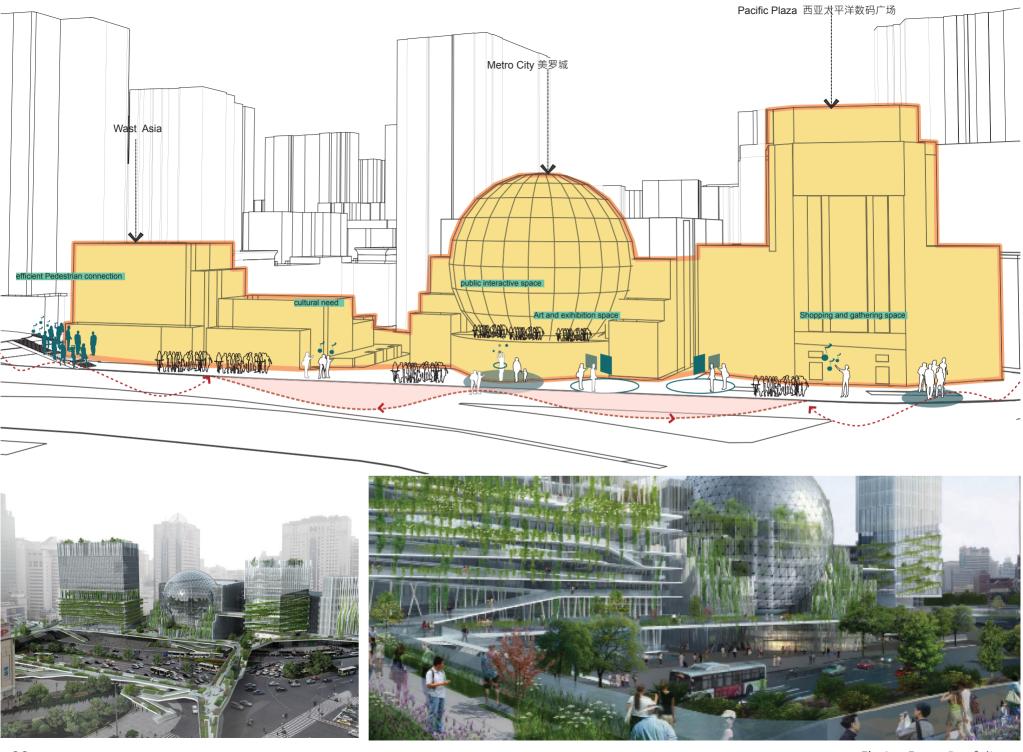
The Xujiahui Cathedral is a Gothic Catholic Church that bears long history. To contrast the ancient monument we have built extreme urban built form around the church. Our urban reform idea accentuates the axis of the church which in the present time is lost and fails to reconnect with the historic monument. The meteorological building and old library on the either side of the church marks its historical periphery. The modern high-rise building around it has little connection to the scale of this old Historic buildings as such we incorporate public activity area to incorporate interactive environment.







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South Bund Urban Redevelopment

Topic of this research project is the redevelopment of the old port area in south bund district of Shanghai and its due urban connectivity to the adjoining spaces, which currently is in bits and pieces. It fails to create any wholesome urban space for Shanghai. Unlike today, this old port in Shanghai was used to be in service for business and merchandize activities in yester years. So the project intended to recreate business and commercial value to the port district. At the same time it aspires to percolate green networks in the urban space. In such a model, built forms can be positioned around this innovative green channel for mobility.











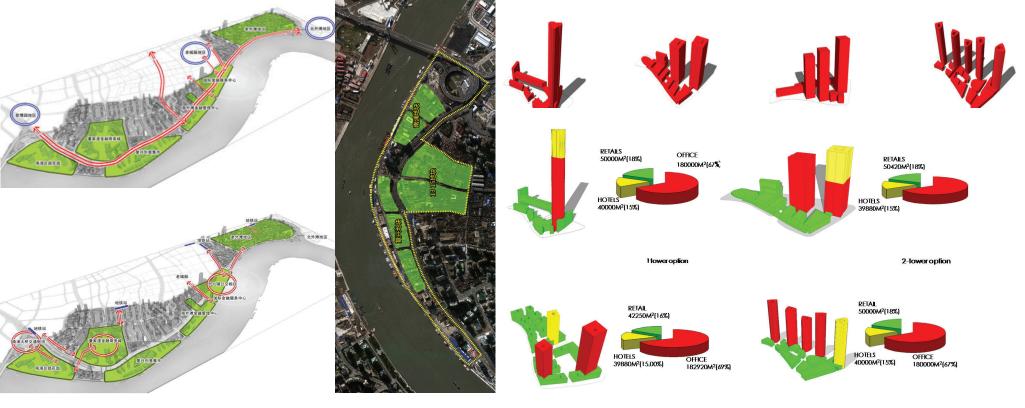


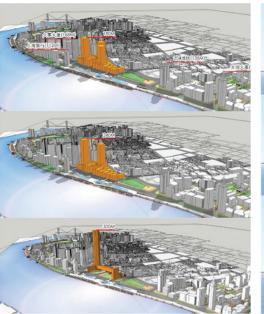


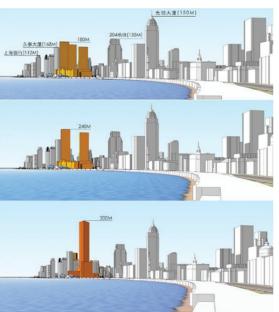


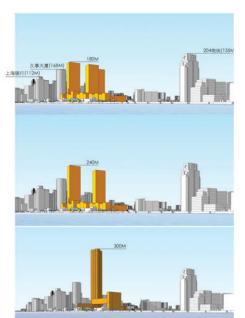






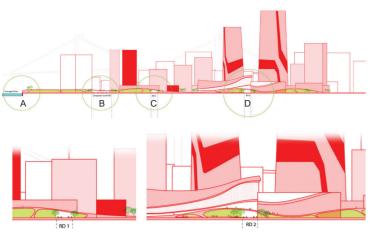








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With due considerations to all associated infrastructures & architectural factor, an elevated plaza cum green connection is proposed to connect all the neighboring urban spaces with this developed region. This green corridor shall be a continuous urban space (connected to all the surrounding built forms) which would be used both to inhabit and to connect neighborhoods to one another, by employing diverse & interesting public functions over it. The green bridge starts at the junction of a Donjaadu Road & Zongshan Road, where an old historic church is preserved and continuous to the newly developed waterfront area in the South Bund port district





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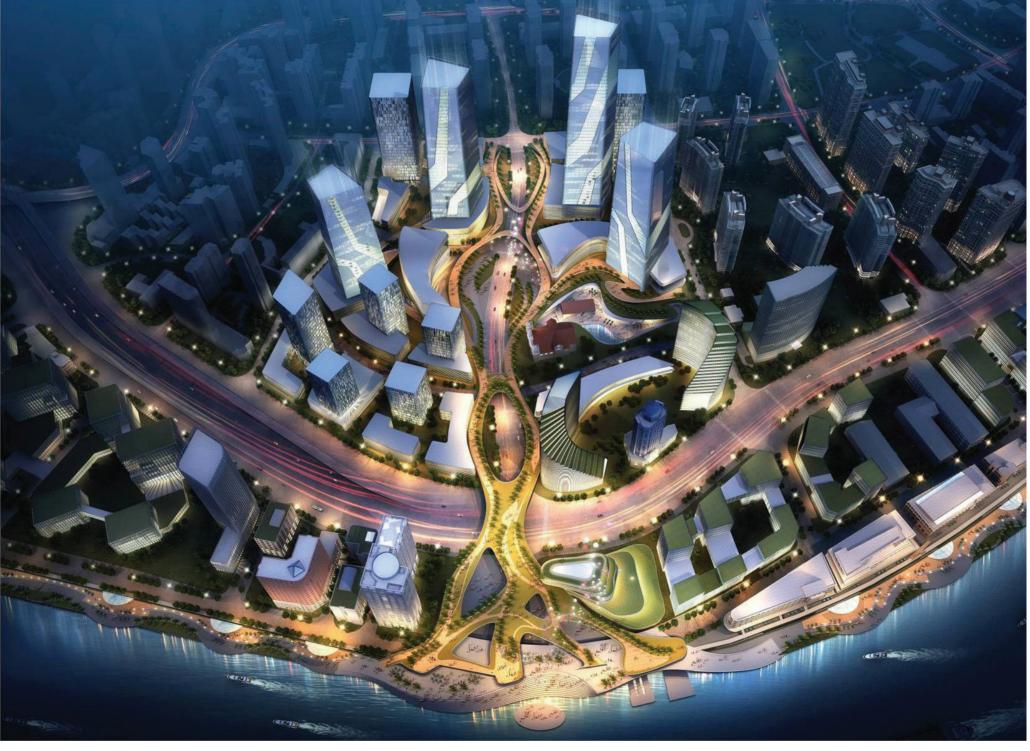
Adjoining this elevated green corridor high rise iconic office towers are positioned in a circular arrangement to create a wholesome urban space, substantially signifying the new ecological corridor to the city. Creating urban blocks in this fashion, allows users to experience the carbon free environment due to added plantations. Another remarkable purpose of the green corridor is to encourage people to walk or bike in and around the city without facing heavy traffic.

On the whole, this project aims to recreate a urban neighborhood, coupled with sustainable design strategies and green vegetation which significantly reduces carbon in the environment.. In a futuristic world of cloud computing, where virtual networks are encouraged to connect and make communities, this research paper addresses real infrastructure systems to form real green connections in the city to form livable and healthy communities.





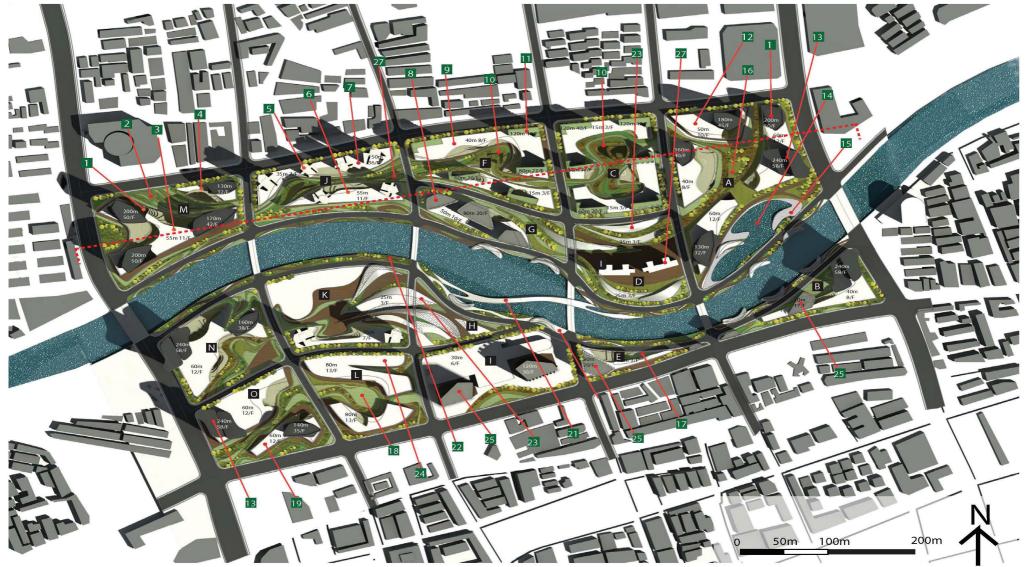














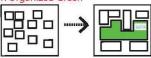
- 1 Office Tower
- 2 Public Green Plaza & Sky Garden
- 3. Brand Showrooms
- 4.Boutique Restaurants
- 5. Service Apartment Tower
- 6. Clubs
- 7. Restaurant & Retail
- 8. Hotel Towers
- 9. Utility Small Retails

- 10. Residential Private Park
- 11. Residential Towers
- 12. Shopping Mall
- 13. Landmark Tower
- 14. Retention Pond
- 15. Bio Swale
- 16. Continuous Ecological Corridor
- 17. Power Plant
- 18. Bio Swale & Stormwater Mgmt.

- 19. Bank & Finance
- 20. Bus & Jogging Trail
- 21. Solar Power driven shuttle stop
- 22. Ferry Stop
- 23. Cultural Centre & art gallary
- 24. Eco technology Museum
- 25. Existing Hotel Tower (renovated)
- 26. Existing Residential Tower
- 27. Urban Farming Open Space

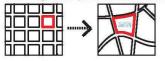
Proposal Summary- Green Technologies Employed

1. Organized Green



The built forms are re organized to create organized green networks, as opposed to non green neighborhoods.

3. Re-Organized plot sizes and orientation



Small grid shape regular plots are re oriented aligning with the landscape and waterbody, with optimized shapes and sizes to create valueable built forms.

2. Organized waterfront development



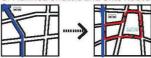
Planned waterfront development creates interesting public spaces in front of the river.

4. Re designed eco city skyline



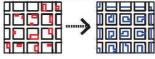
Exisiting haphazard random skyline is redesigned with proper aesthetics, rythm and balance to create wholesome builtforms and urban space.

5. Planned Shuttle and Bike Routes



As opposed to current condition where only bus routes travers the site, planned electric shuttle and bike routes are implemented to create fuel free transportation system.

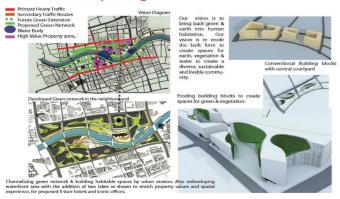
6. Organized Retail and shops



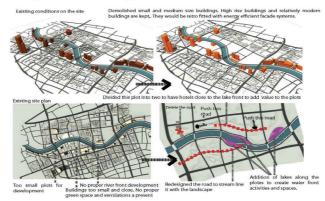
Planned and coherent retail blocks and shops are proposed as opporsed to scattered, random incoherent retails spaces currently.

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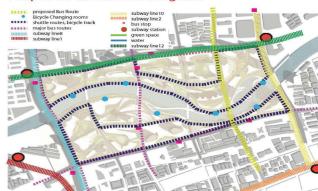
Vision & Concept Diagram



Design Process Diagram



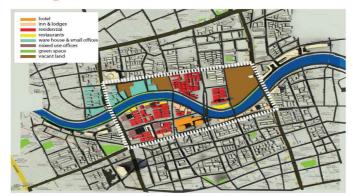
Proposed Circulation Diagram



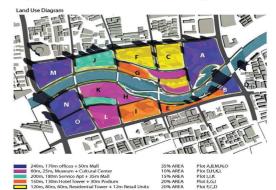
Existing Transit Routes



Existing Land Use Pattern

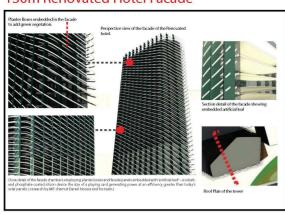


Proposed Area & Land Use Diagram

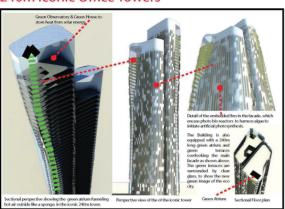


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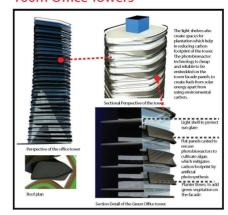
130m Renovated Hotel Facade



240m Iconic Office Towers

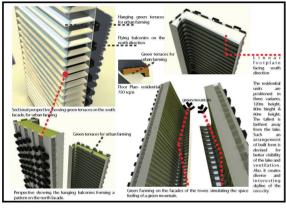


160m Office Towers

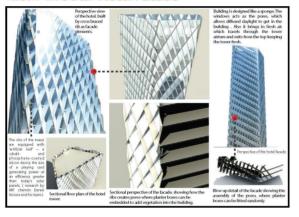




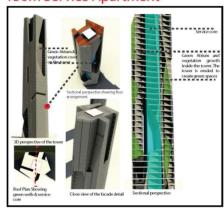
120m, 80m, 60m Residential Tower



120m five Star Hotel Facade

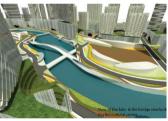


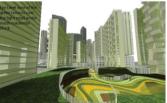
150m Service Apartment



Flat panels on the facade encasing photobioreactors to cultivate algae, which reduces



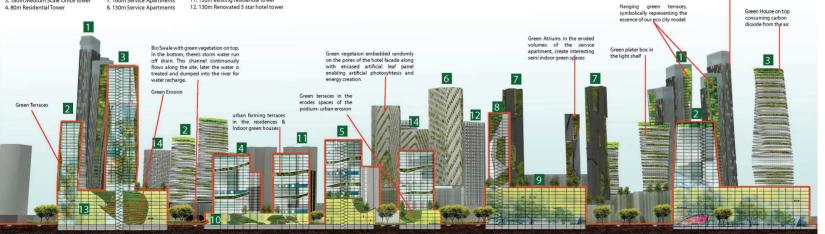




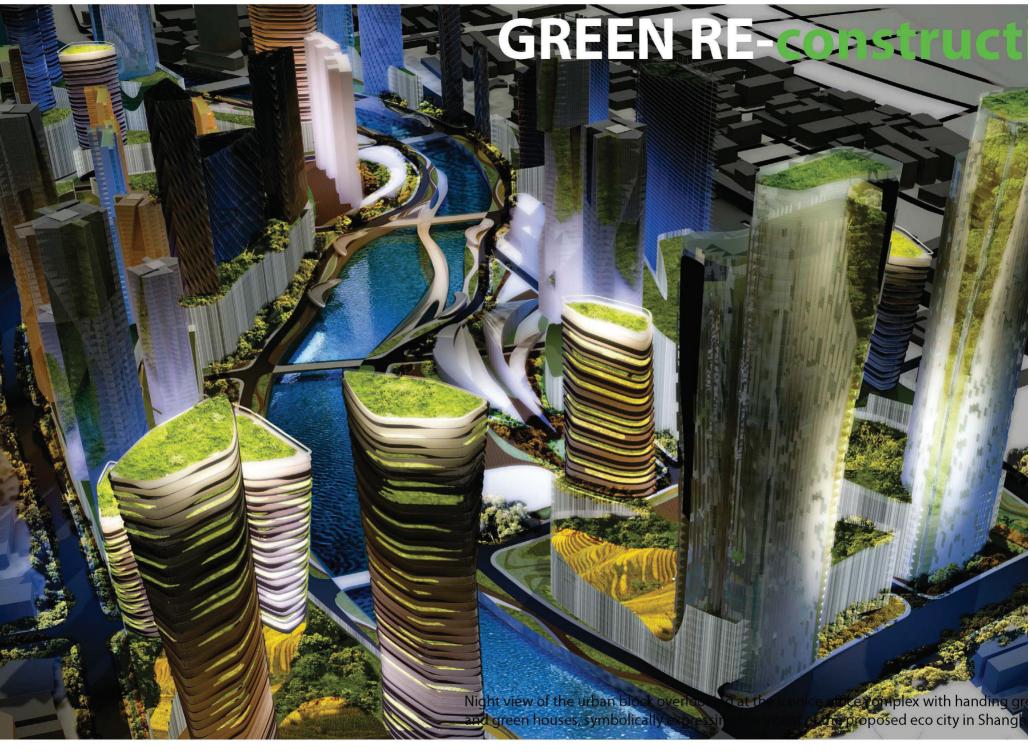


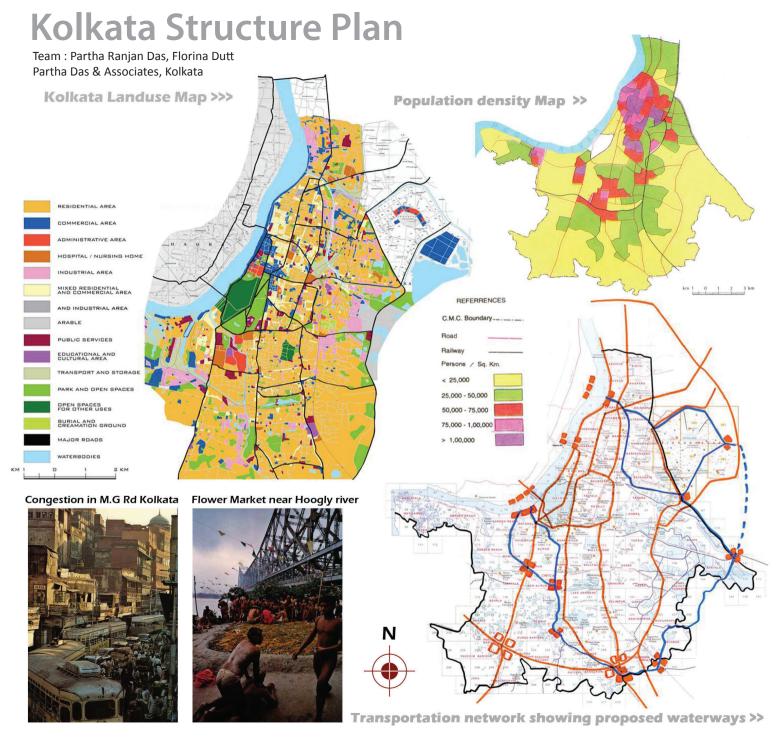
Section A-A

- 1. 240m iconice office tower 2. 130m Medium Scale Office tower
- 6. 160m 5 star hotel Tower 3. 180m Medium Scale Office tower
- 5. 120m Residential Tower 7. 160m Service Apartments
- 11. 120m existing residential tower
- 9. High end Club & Restaurants 10. Light retail under residential blocks 14. 120m 3 star hotel tower
- 13. High End Shopping Mall & Luxury Showrooms







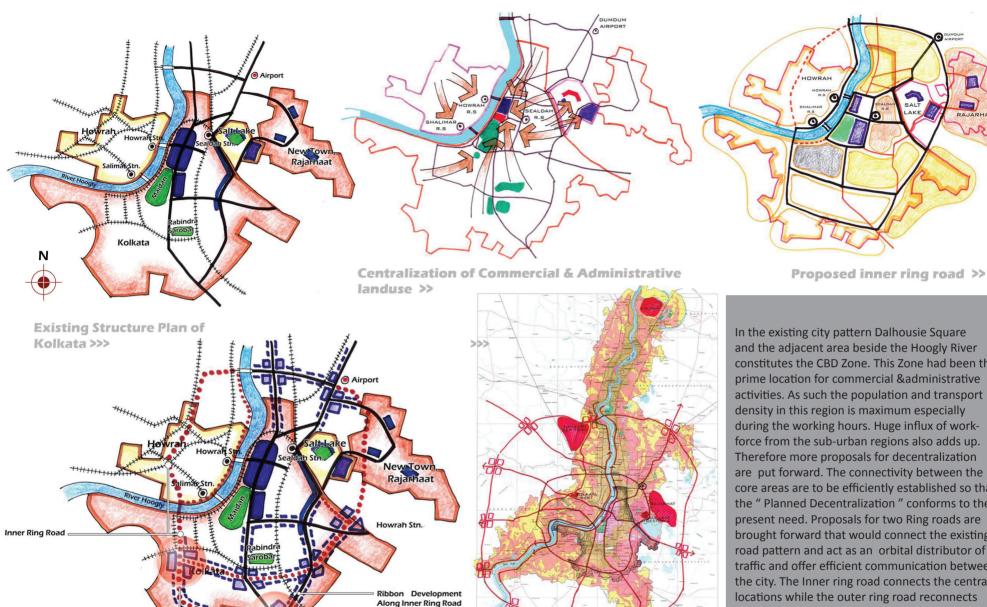


Kolkata is an old heritage city. During Colonial rule In India, Kolkata had been the capital City. Architecture in Kolkata was greatly influenced by the vernacular as well as various classical styles that evolved during the British Rule. The city planning is based on 300 year old colonial proposals, Least had been done to reform its character based on present demands of increased population and consumerism. So a Stage has reached when the Government encourages the architects to give preliminary proposals - indicating present land use pattern and the action areas. One such proposal for metamorphosis had been worked out by architect Partharanjan Das and I had been involved in the huge task of analysis, synthesis, and proposal making process. It is beyond the scope of the portfolio to represent the entire process and work progress. I have tried to exemplify few such study and proposals.



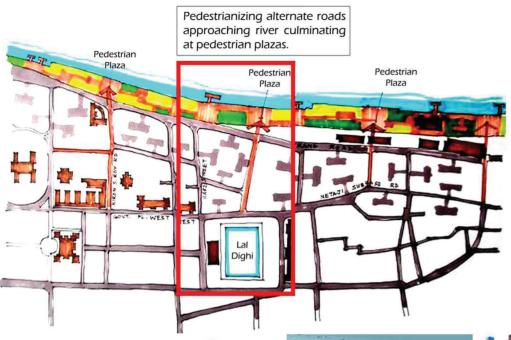






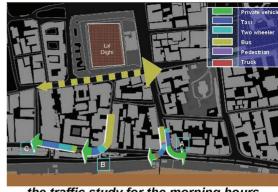
Proposed structure plan of Kolkata >> Proposed outer Ring Road >> constitutes the CBD Zone. This Zone had been the prime location for commercial &administrative activities. As such the population and transport density in this region is maximum especially during the working hours. Huge influx of workforce from the sub-urban regions also adds up. Therefore more proposals for decentralization are put forward. The connectivity between the core areas are to be efficiently established so that the "Planned Decentralization" conforms to the present need. Proposals for two Ring roads are brought forward that would connect the existing road pattern and act as an orbital distributor of traffic and offer efficient communication between the city. The Inner ring road connects the central locations while the outer ring road reconnects them to the fringe areas.

New Nodes (Decentralization)

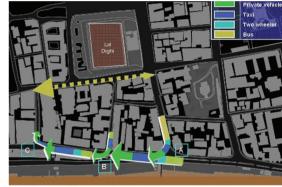




The city scape is thought to be given a renewed look. Restoration and refurburishment of the long stretches of old yet traditional buildings were proposed



the traffic study for the morning hours



the traffic study for the evening hours

The Dalhousie Square is the Prime CBD of kolkata so the work started with detailed designing and planning of the place. Some of the landscape work proposals & images are given below.



