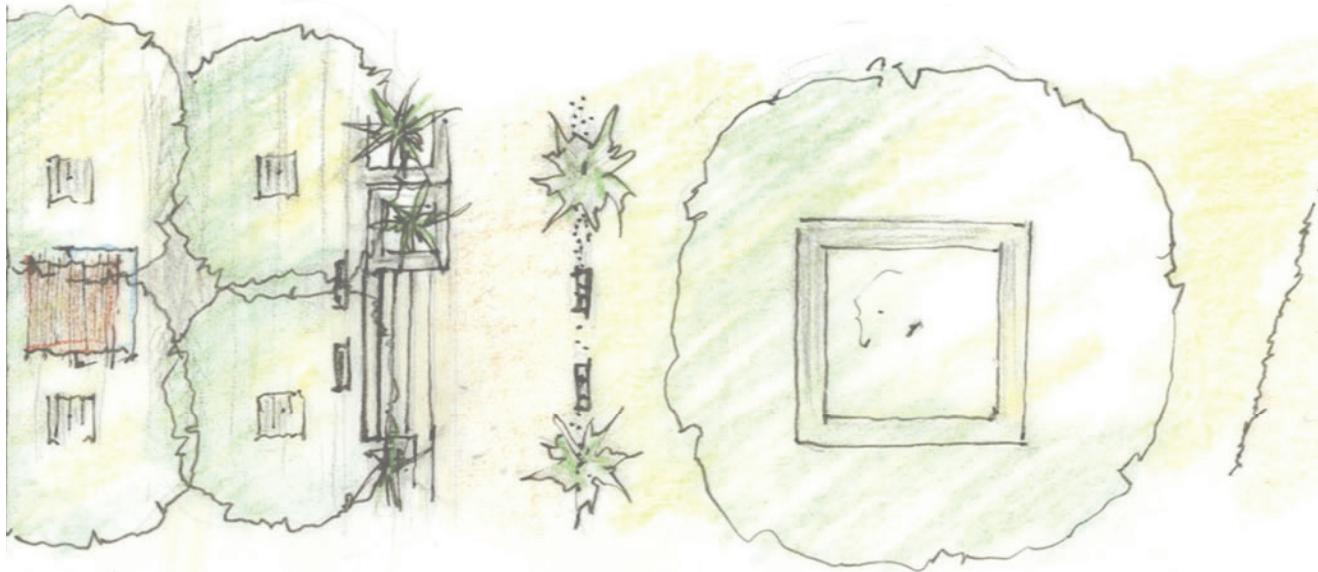
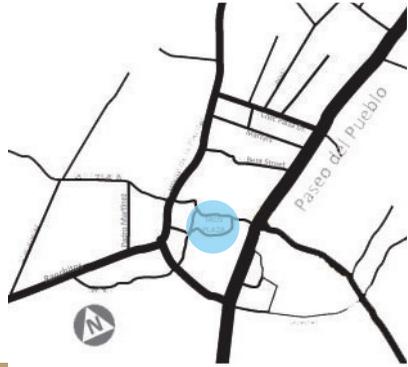


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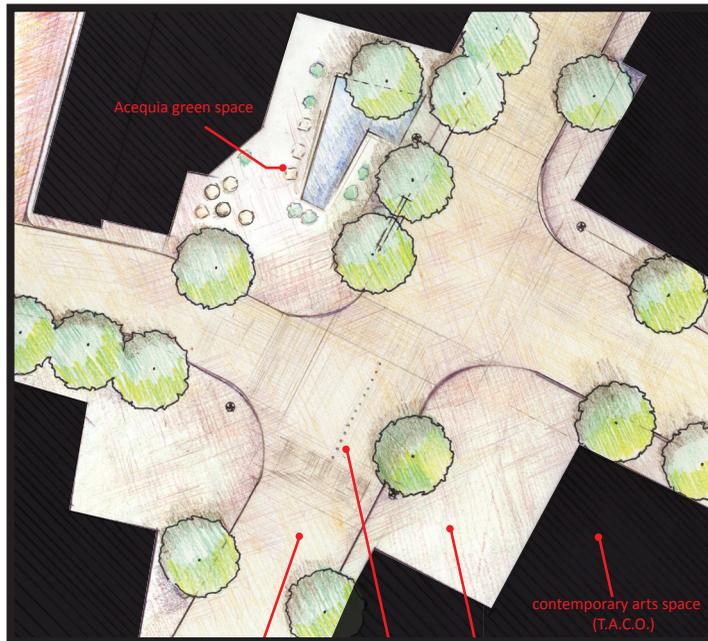




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KIT CARSON SQUARE

The Intersection at Paseo del Pueblo Norte and Kit Carson Rd. is a confluence in which automobiles and pedestrians vie for unimpeded movement with conflicting results. Businesses on the east side of Paseo between Bent St. and Kit Carson suffer from a lack of pedestrian flow due to the difficulty in safely maneuvering across streets. Even businesses located east of Paseo within short distance from the central plaza accept a reduction in foot traffic because of the convoluted means of crossing the main street of Taos.



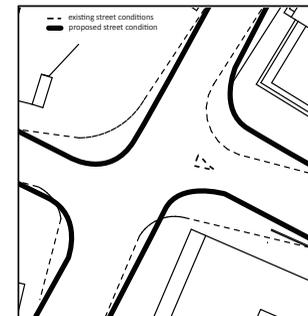
integrated paving pattern with Plaza

expanded art/sculpture plaza with Plaza

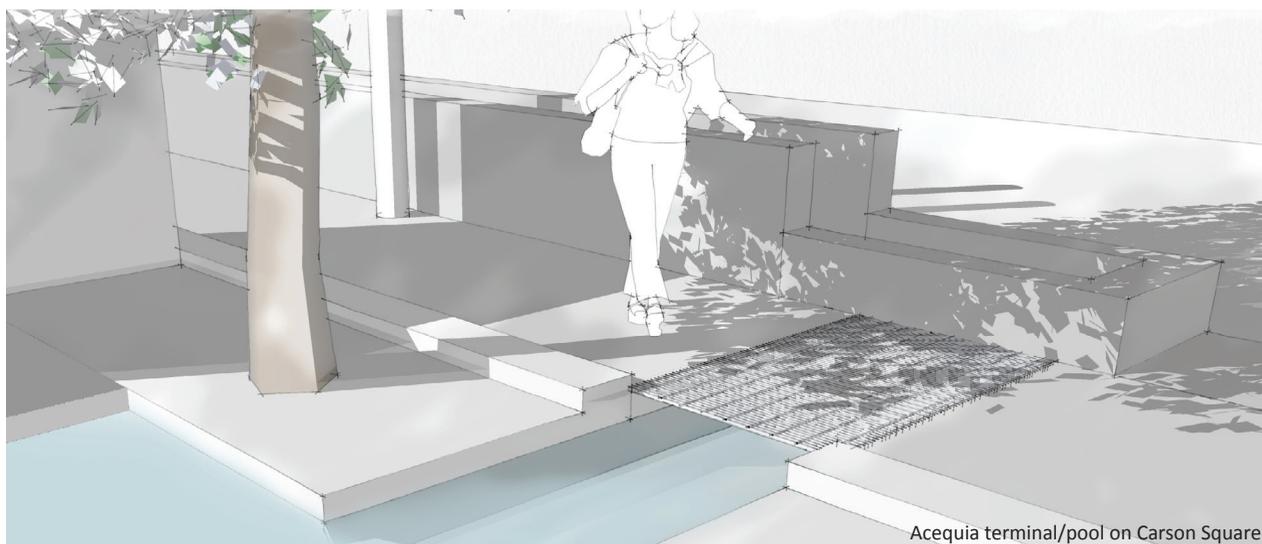
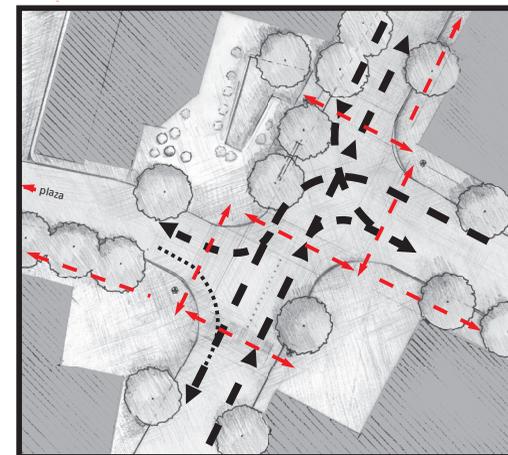
installed "no turn" traffic bumps

contemporary arts space (T.A.C.O.)

Simply reducing traffic with a bypass may facilitate pedestrian circulation, however, vehicular movement along the Paseo is a critical component to the urban vitality, commercial strength and cultural relevance to Taos.



Proposed Pedestrian/Vehicular Movement



Acequia terminal/pool on Carson Square.

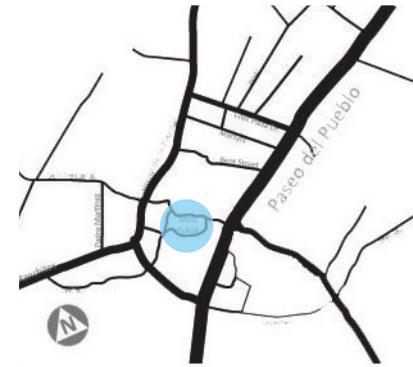


Proposed public arts building to occupy southeast corner.

Realigning the Paseo/ Kit Carson intersection will improve both pedestrian and vehicle circulation. Traffic lights will be pushed back from the intersections to increase a pedestrian friendly zone. Northbound Paseo traffic is reduced to one lane with traffic bumps prohibiting left turns into the plaza. The overall width of the road is reduced to 24' allowing easier cross pedestrian traffic and shorter walk signals. The width of Kit Carson road is reduced to 36' total width without any traffic islands. The perpendicular intersection accommodates safer pedestrian movement from all directions. The improvement of this junction is critical to circulation, connectivity and walkability in downtown Taos.

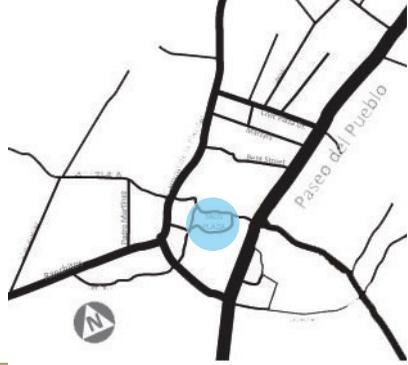


View looking northeast toward intersection.



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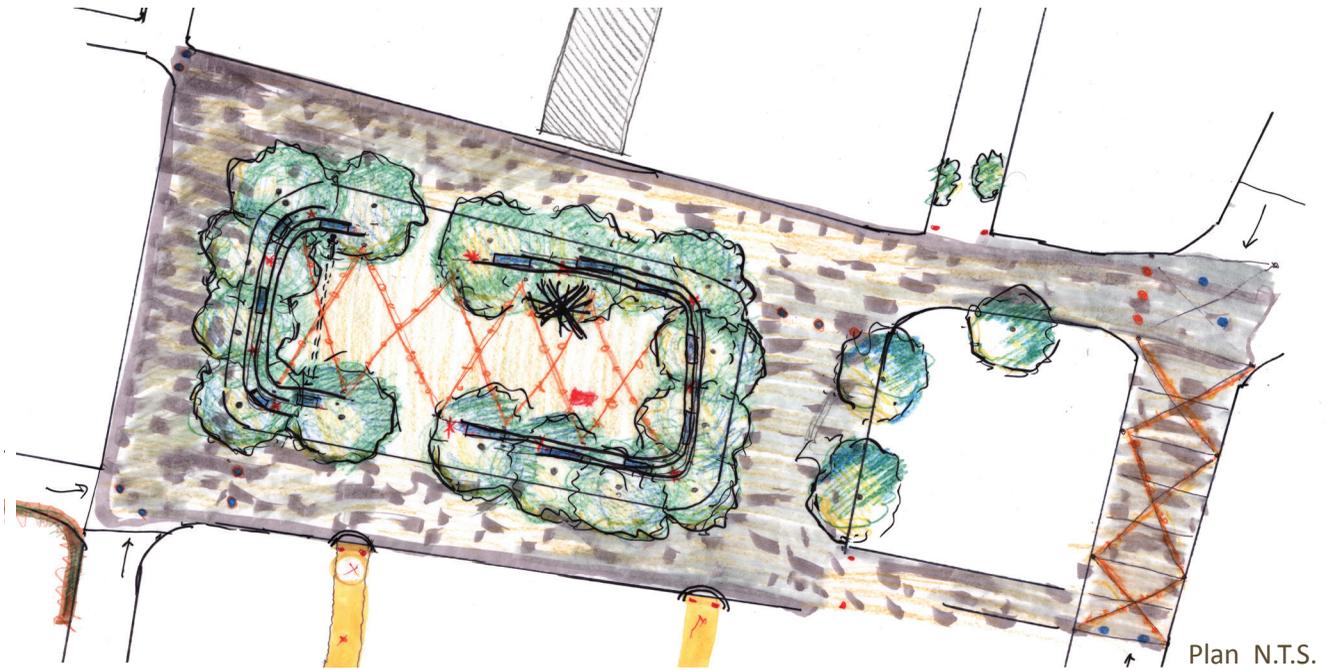
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

EVENTS:

Old Taos
Senior Citizen Day
Taos Plaza Live
Drumming Circle
Art Making
Farmers' Market
Movies
Yoga Classes
Tai Chi
Dancing

EVERYDAY:

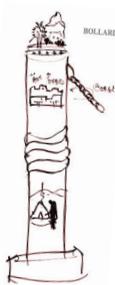
Buskers
Food Venders
Places of Shade
Gypsy Wagons
Photography History
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Plan N.T.S.

Key:

-  Granite
-  Tree
-  Sculpture Ped
-  Gateway
-  Planter box
-  Flag
-  Lights
-  Movie Screen



Bollard

ADAPT AND RE-USE SUGGESTIONS

COURTHOUSE:

Visitor's Center
Gallery Exhibit
Preservation of Frescoes

MOVIE THEATER:

Performance Space
Bar/Restaurant

ADDITIONAL:

RV Parking
Technology-History Tours
Mayordomo "Plaza Steward"
"Localize" Fiesta
Veteran's Memorial
Father Martinez Statue

PHYSICAL SPACE SUGGESTIONS

FLOOR/GROUND:

Level Space
Resurface
Regrade

CEILING:

String of Lights
Tree Canopy

FURNISHINGS:

Native Plants
Shade Benches
Drinking Fountain
Water Feature
Art Pedestals
Bollards
Alley Arches

Current Water Flow



Water Flow After Regrading



Sheet Flow Away From Store Fronts

Trench Drains to Catch and Direct Flow towards Planters

Plaza Solutions

Brings Plaza Floor to Grade With Current Vegetation. Handicap Accessibility on Entire North Side

Splitting the Difference Allows Handicap Accessibility Naturally on Opposite Corners + Less Grade Change

Cut Plaza into Surface Brings Plaza Level to South Side. Handicap Accessibility on South Side

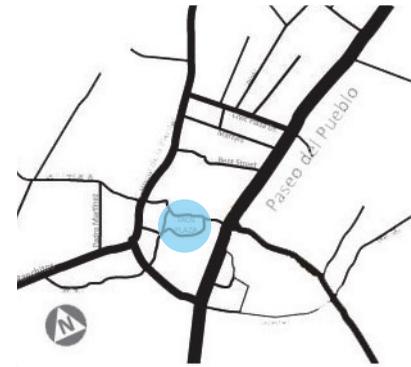
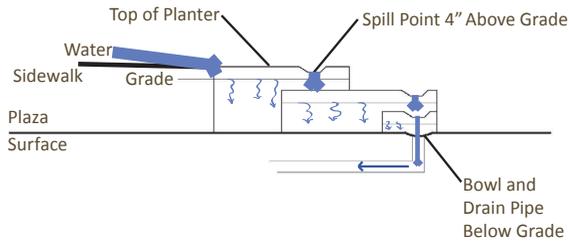


Current Water Flow



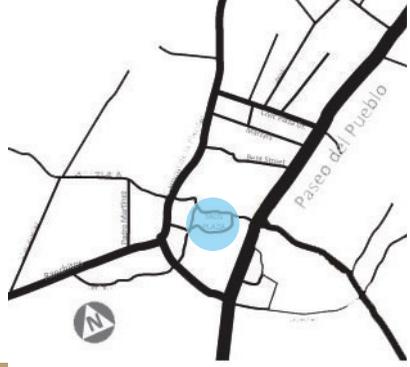
Creative Solutions -

Passive Three Stage Cleaning System



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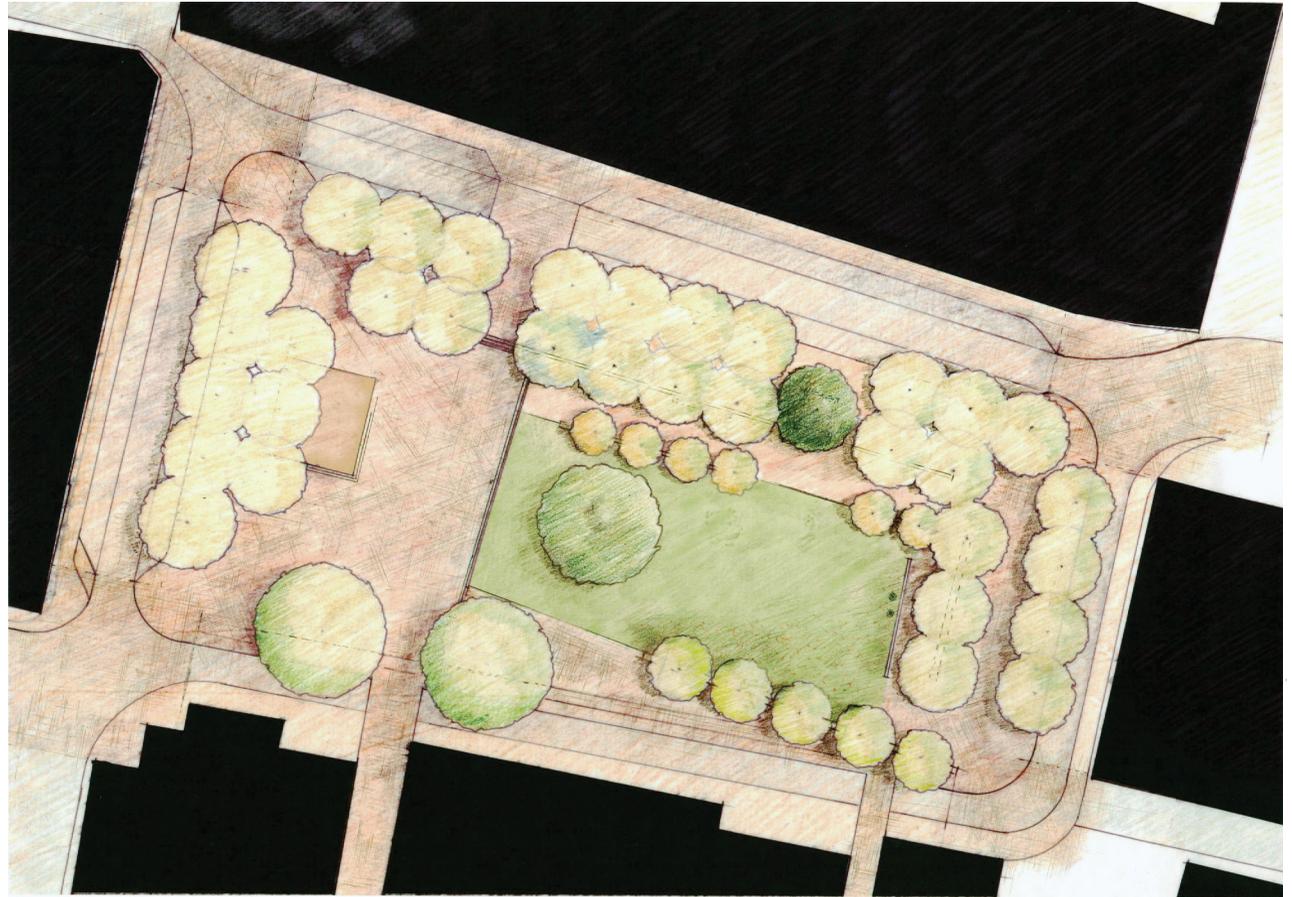
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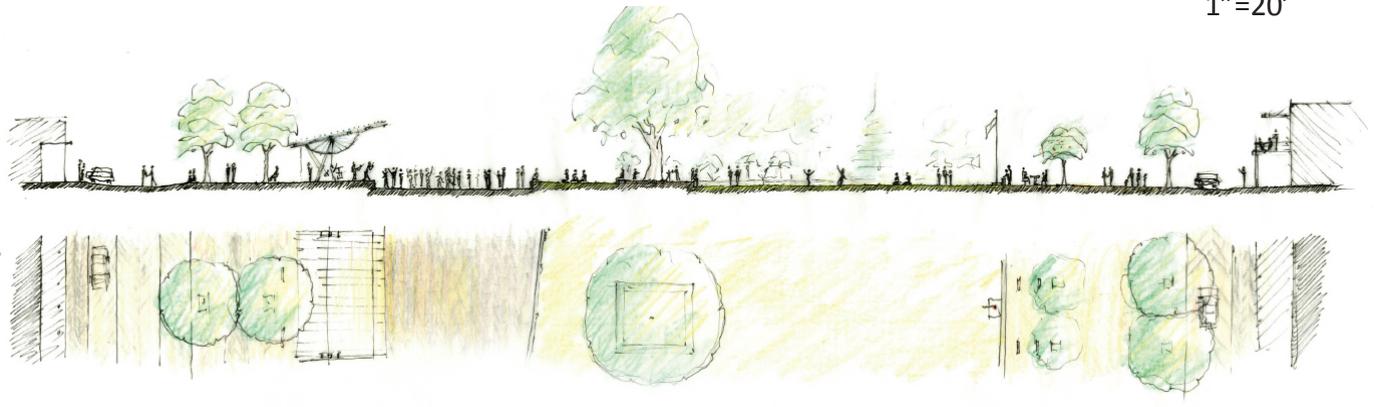
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TAOS PLAZA VISION

The vision for the Taos Arts and Cultural District is the same as that for the Plaza: reveal the living history of Taos and plan for a self-sustaining future. The primary methods for achieving these design goals are conservation and connectivity.



1"=20'



Revealing

The Plaza improvements focus on an opening up of the space. There is already a structure to the Plaza, to Taos, so a reinvention is not needed; but a revealing, of what it has been and what it could be, could help create a dynamic civic space of community and commerce.

- Highlighting native species in the planters and street trees.
- The pedestrian and vehicular circulation are clarified and clearly differentiated.
- Maintaining key historic trees, primarily the Pueblo gift tree and the largest, central cottonwood.
- Expressing how water travels through the plaza with an integrated system of stormwater management tying into a cistern buried under the plaza used to water the plantings.

Weaving

The Plaza itself must be woven into the broader context of Taos. The weaving analogy emerged from the design charrette as a useful concept for integrating the Taos Community. This integration will be encouraged through a visual reinforcement of continuity.

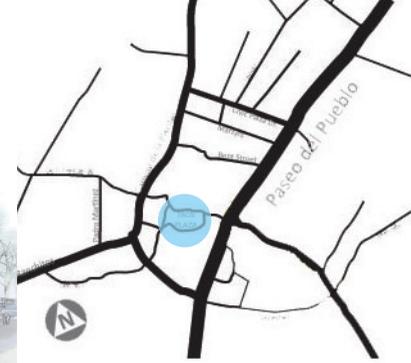
- Weaving a respect for the past with a progressively designed future
- Attracting tourists while enhancing amenities for locals.
- Balancing the culture of consumption with a culture of craft
- Allowing the constructed earth to celebrate the New Mexican sky



View from Carson Square into the NW corner of the Plaza



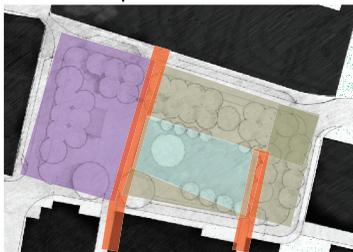
View of the lawn



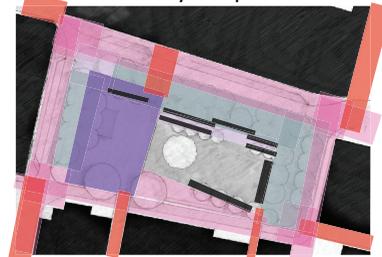
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REVEALING AND WEAVING

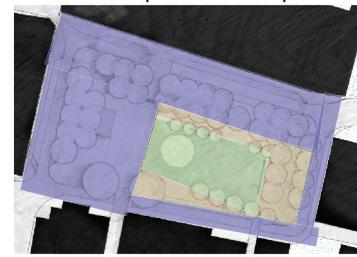
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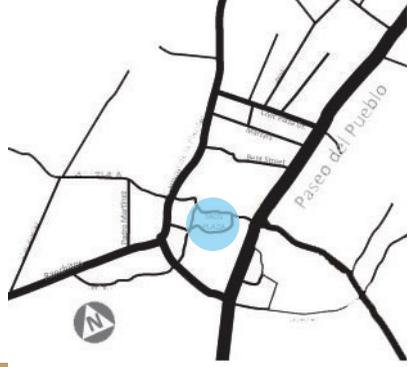


Hierarchy of Spaces



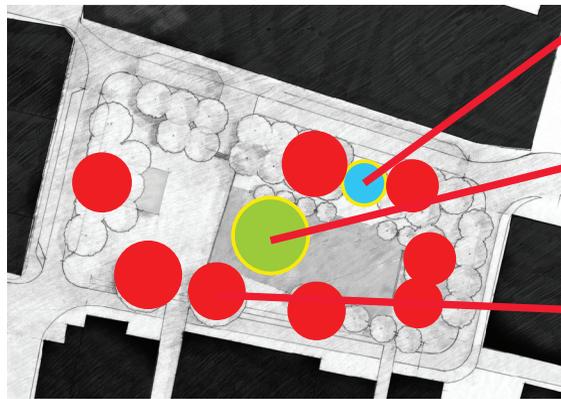
Hardscape to Softscape





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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

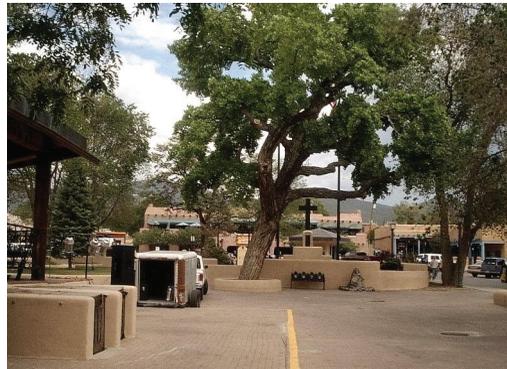


Douglas Fir
Beautiful evergreen given by the Taos Pueblo to the town will remain a cared-for specimen.

Cottonwood
Gnarled historic tree will also remain a central feature for as long as it lives.

Siberian Elms
High maintenance shade trees will gradually be replaced by less disruptive Ash and American Elm.

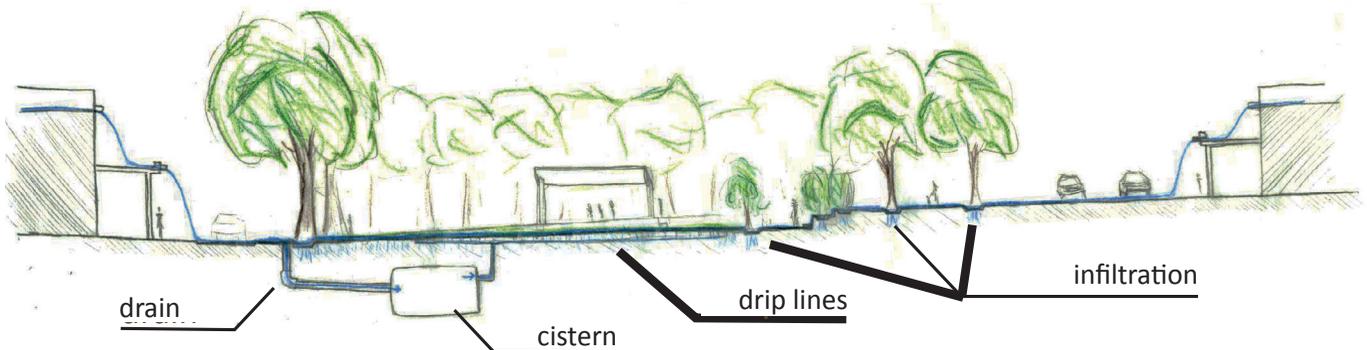
 "HANGING" TREE



 PUEBLO GIFT

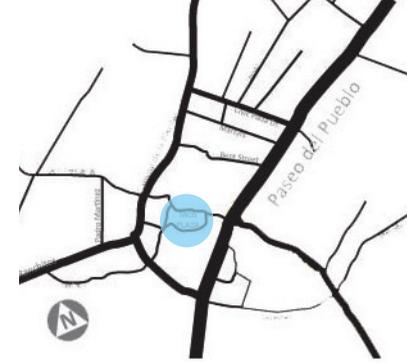


Stormwater Management



Proposed

The management of sustainable resources is critical to the long term viability of the Taos community. The main focus of the Plaza design is the conservation of the trees, water, and history. Historic and significant trees on the Plaza are preserved and protected. Re-grading of the Plaza allows for the collection of stormwater so that it may be re-used in the maintenance of trees and other vegetation in the Plaza. Plaques and signage commemorate trees and other items or areas of significance.



ACCENT



NM Olive
Foresteria neomexicana
10'-15'

STREET TREE

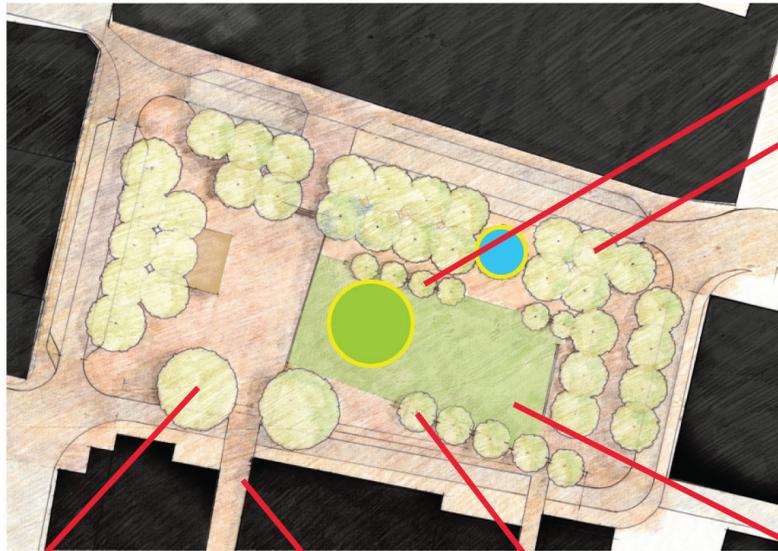


Green Ash
Fraxinus pennsylvanica
30'-40'

SHRUB



Fernbush
Chamaebatiaria millefolium
4'-6'



LARGE SHADE TREE



American Elm
Ulnus americana
40'-50'

PERENNIAL



Hollyhocks
Alcea rosea
6'-9'

ORNAMENTAL



Hawthorn 'Snowbird'
Crataegus spp.
15'-20'

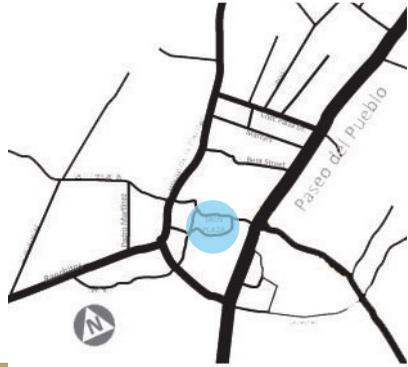
LAWN



Buffalo Grass / Blue Grama
Buchloe dactyloides/Bouteloua gracilis
turf mix

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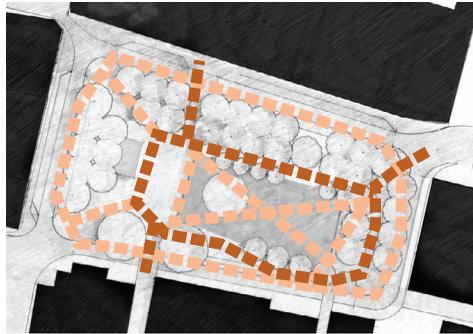
Circulation within the Plaza

The walkable green streets and alleys around the Plaza will connect a dynamic collection of civic spaces to encourage a confluence of diverse users and help foster a stronger sense of place and community.

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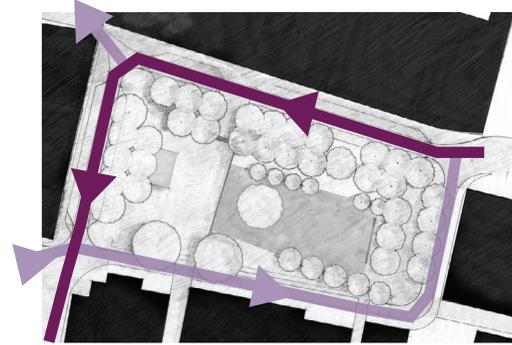
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Pedestrian Circulation



- primary pedestrian circulation
- secondary pedestrian circulation

Vehicular Circulation



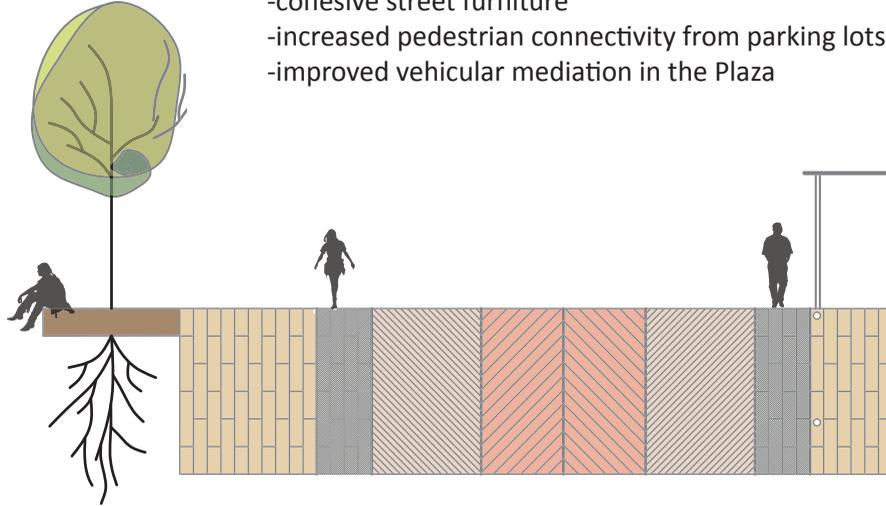
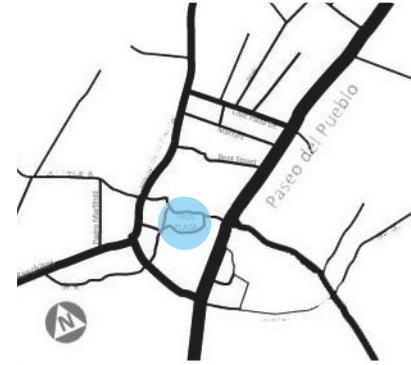
- primary vehicular circulation
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Looking east from the Plaza through a proposed alley of White Ash trees.

Plaza Circulation Enhancements

- system wide sidewalk and crosswalk improvements
- pedestrian clarity and prioritization through wayfinding and streetscape improvements
- street narrowing and realignment
- cohesive street furniture
- increased pedestrian connectivity from parking lots to Plaza
- improved vehicular mediation in the Plaza



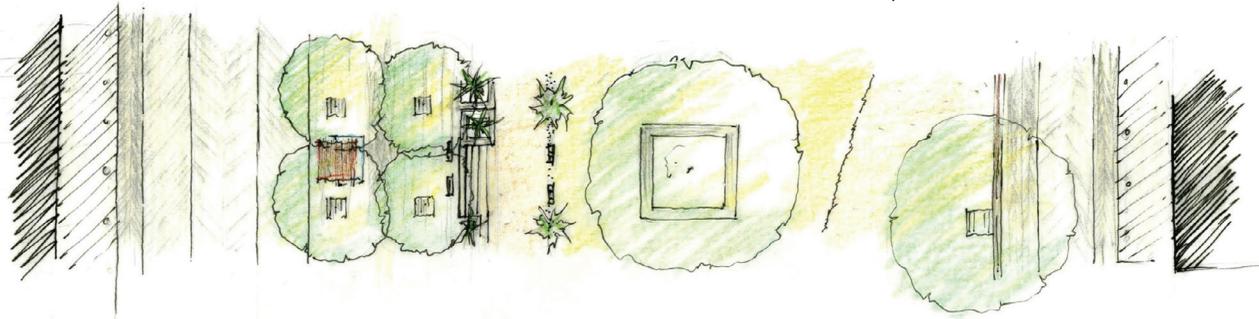
Plaza road surface: possible paving patterns.

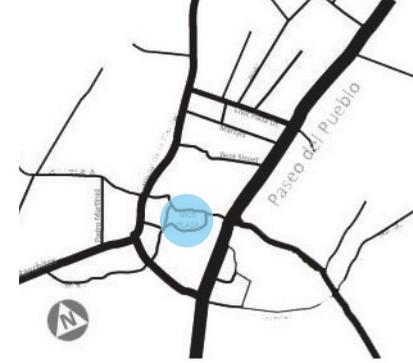
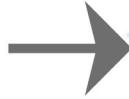
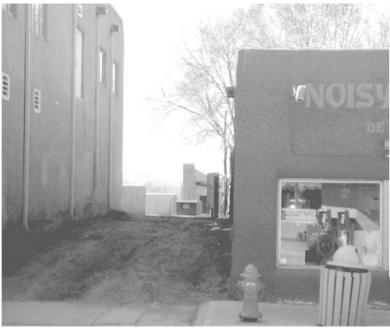


East/west Plaza section.

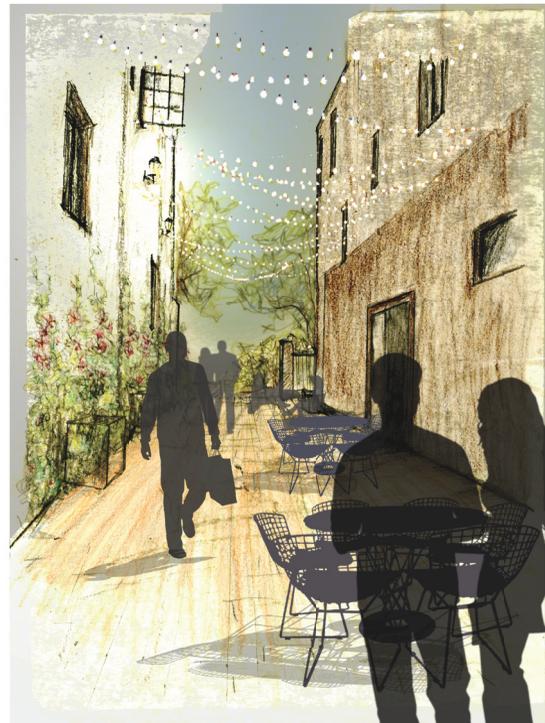
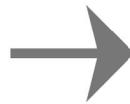
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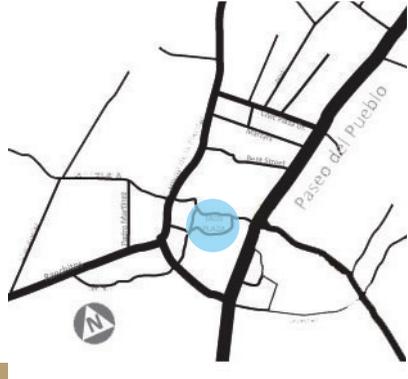
Proposal 1: alley gallery



Proposal 2: alley cafe

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Alleyway Solutions

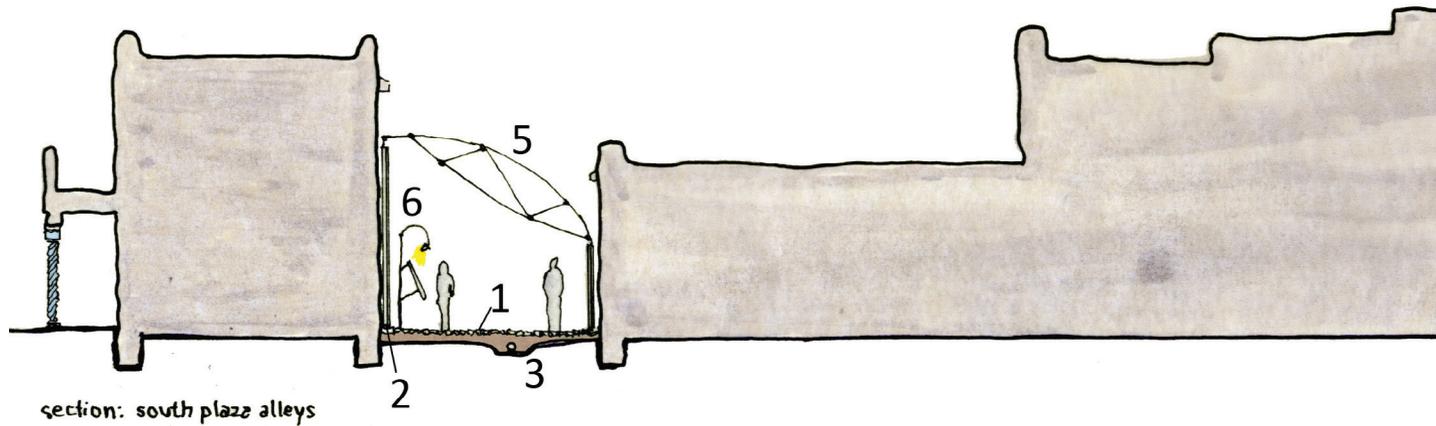
Greening the alleyways makes these passageways enjoyable spaces, creating a pleasant experience for the pedestrian as they move from destination to destination. Programming alleyways turns them into habitable corridors, a vibrant and active condition that exists between that of node and corridor.

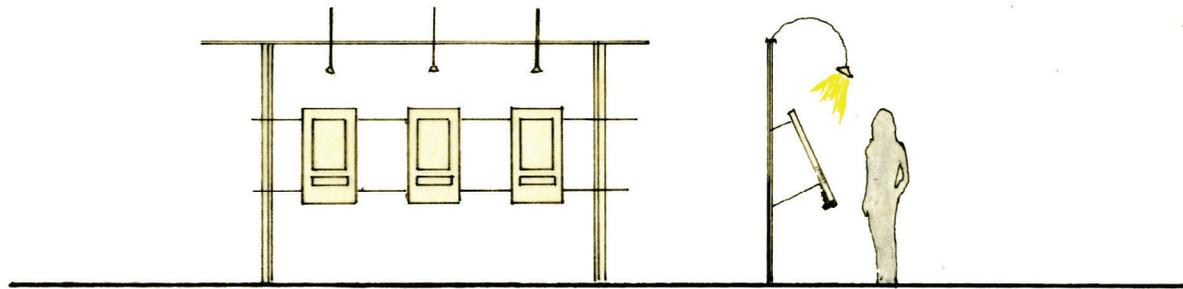
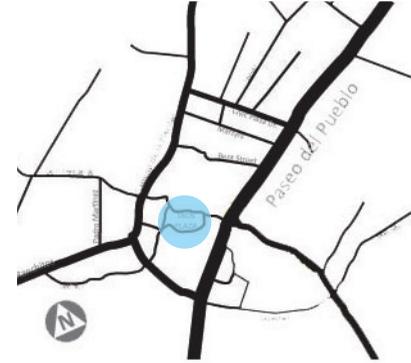
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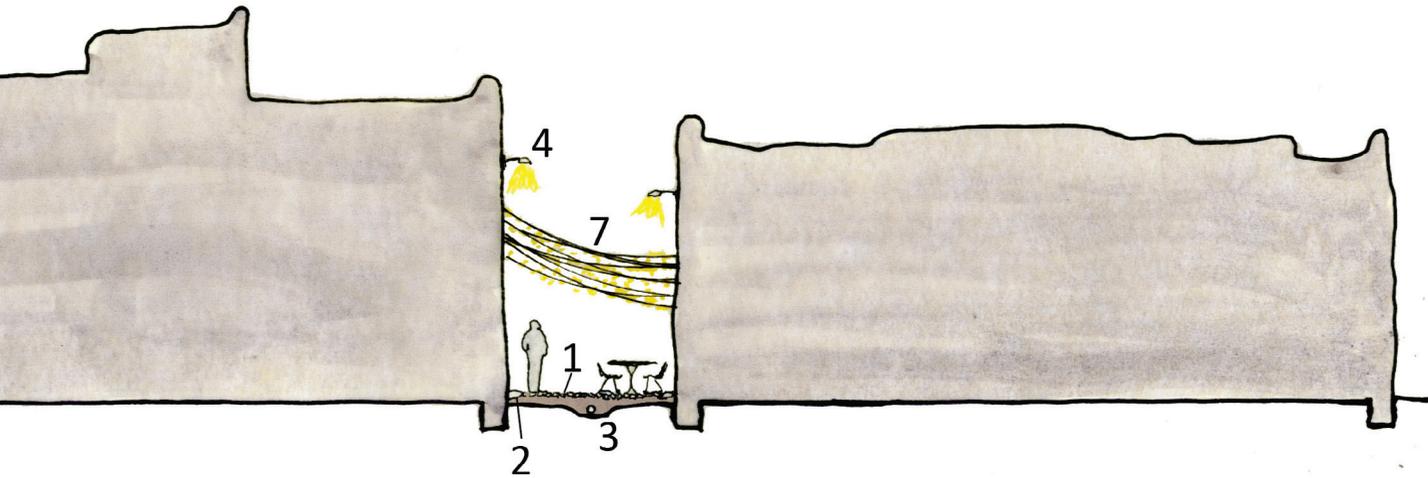
Legend

1. permeable pavement material
2. high albedo concrete paving with recycled aggregate and slag
3. pipe under drain
4. energy efficient and New Mexico Dark Sky compliant lighting fixtures
5. shade and weather canopy
6. lighted display stands
7. energy efficient string lighting



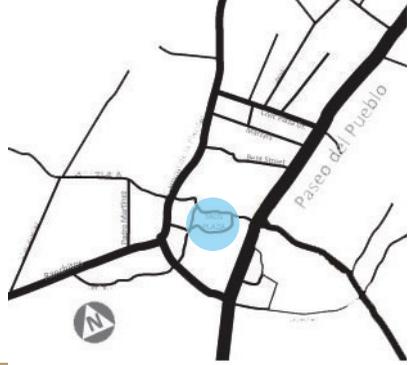


detail: display stands



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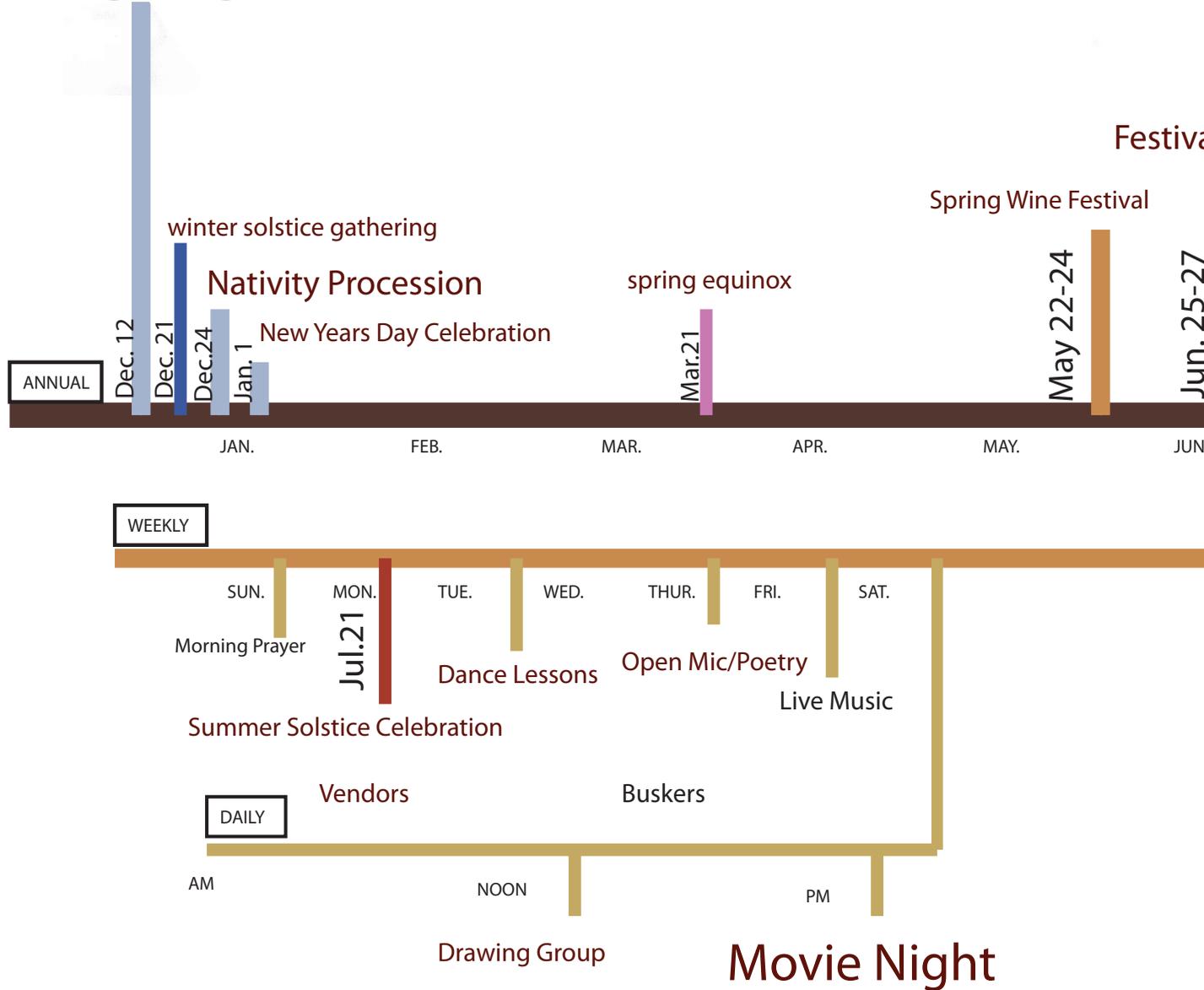
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TAOS PLAZA EVENT TIMELINE

Lighting of the Tree



Fiestas de Taos

al of Flowers

Parade

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autumn equinox

Sep. 21

Dia de los Muertos

Oct.31

Thanksgiving Dinner

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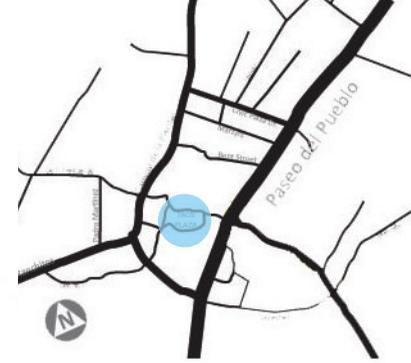
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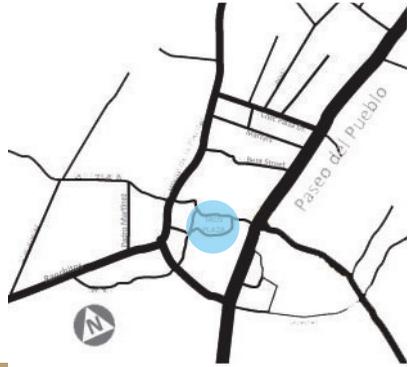
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Proposed Events
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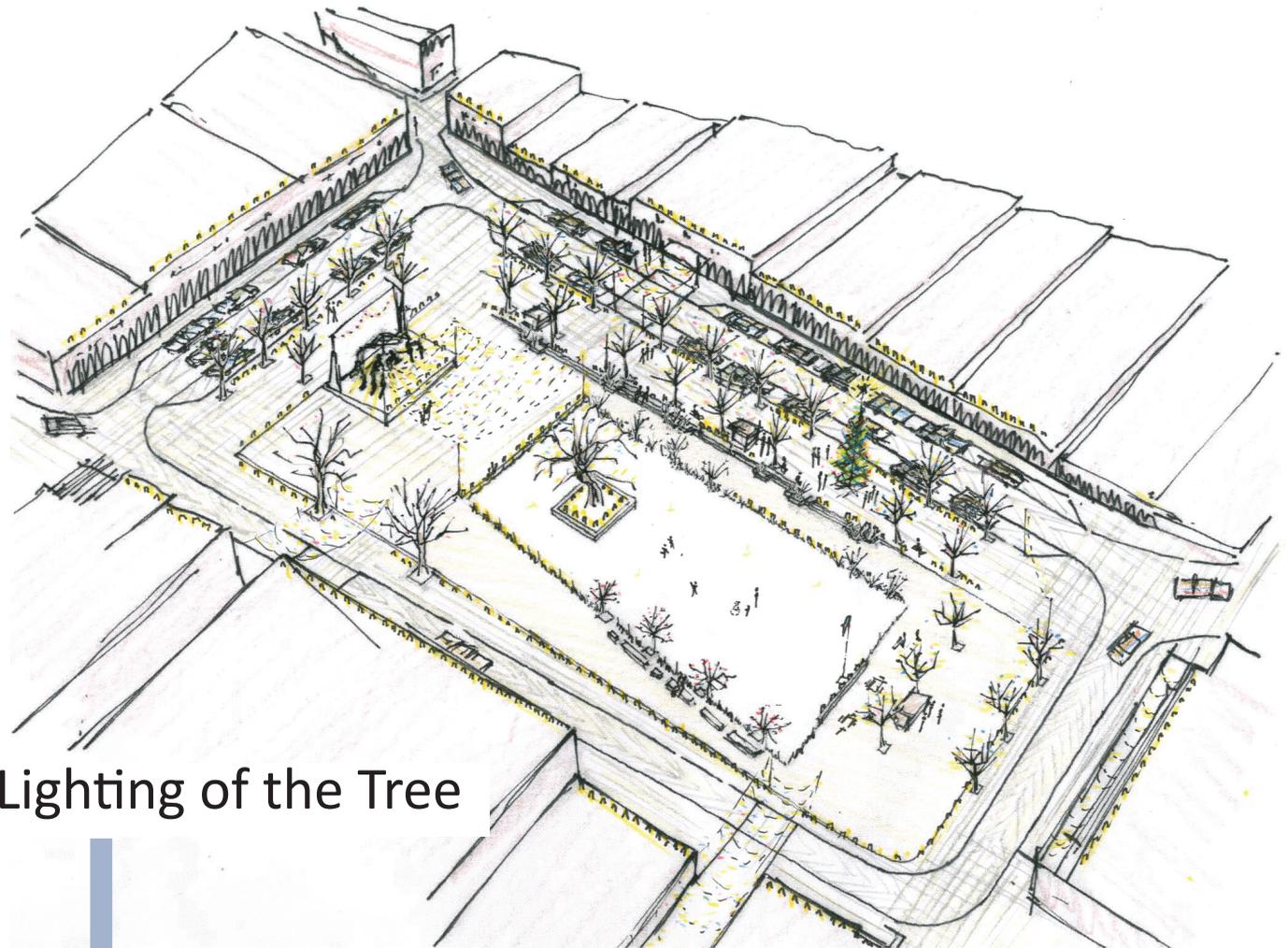
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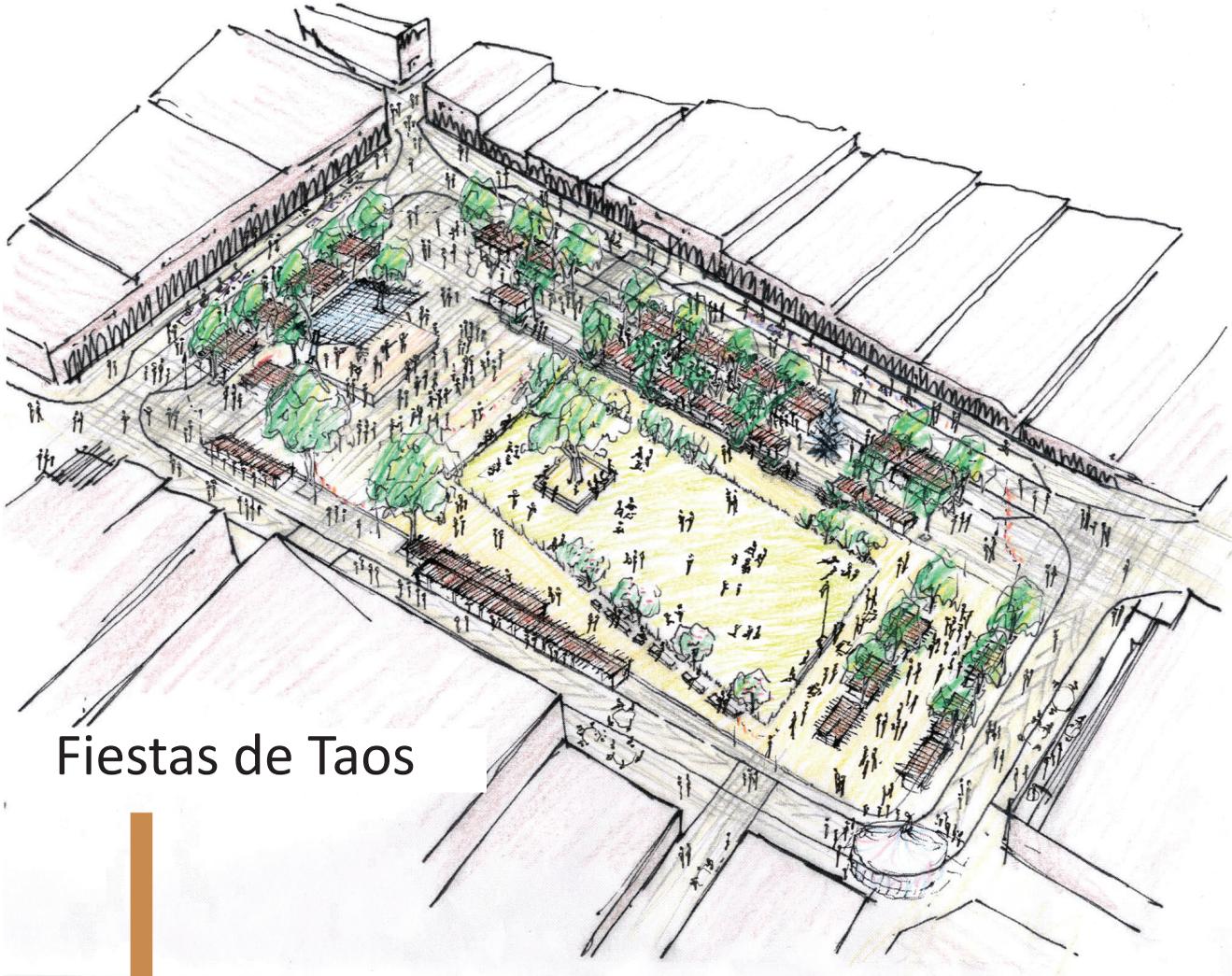
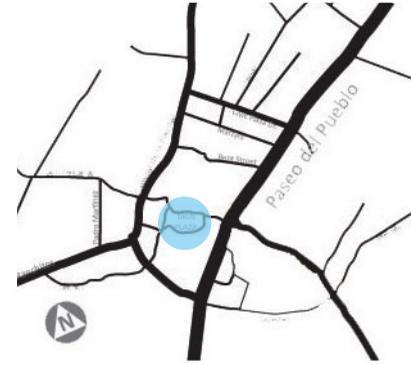


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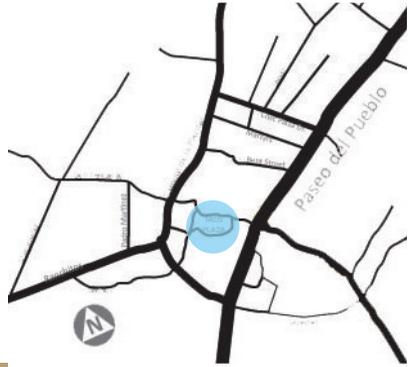
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