
DATE: Monday, April 6, 2026
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Verdell Jones III, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Chaundra Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Troy Richmond, Vince Gustafson, Michael Cervantes, Carla Boyd, Larry Boone, Darius White, Matt Roeschley, Olivia Jovine, Nick Olsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Abbi Littell, Prevention Education Coordinator of Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services; Jaya Kolisetty, Executive Director of Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services; Ann Panthen, Chair of the Human Rights Commission; Jane McClintock, Member of the Civilian Police Review Board; David Hayes, Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission; Katherine Holliday, Commissioner of the Historic Preservation Commission; Ashley McLaughlin, External Affairs Director & Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District

Chair: *Shirese Hursey, Ward 3*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Hursey called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Trent Shepards shared the City of Urbana's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has been discussing the topic of the Urbana Civic Center at length in recent meetings. Requested for Council to consider the advice of the HPC. *Dennis Roberts* requested Council consider utilizing the Urbana Civic Center through adaptive reuse, rather than demolishing the building, for the development of a downtown transit center. Shared a group of students from Urbana's Sister City, Thionville, France, recently toured the area. Shared the Plan Commission, in their upcoming April 16 meeting, will be considering a proposal from DMC Properties for development along the Boneyard Creek on Springfield Avenue which would dedicate a portion

of the Boneyard Creek pathway to the City in exchange for a height-variance allowance. Stated this would allow for the City to begin building a connection between the existing paths. **Katina Wilcher** voiced support for Mayor Williams's effort to create spaces for youth support through the Urbana Police Department's (UPD) Community Engagement Team. Stated youth voices must be heard and amplified in addition to dismantling the separation between youth and law enforcement through building relationships. Emphasized the importance of the relationship between law enforcement and the community, especially within the Black community, to dismantle discrimination and systems of oppression. **Bonnie Miller** questioned why mothers must reckon with gun violence. Voiced support for Mayor Williams's vision for establishing the UPD's Community Engagement Team as no other approaches have successfully addressed gun violence. Grieved for the people in the community who were killed by gun violence and for the surviving families. Requested for people to place their trust in Mayor Williams based on his involvement within the community. **Denitra Harris** shared April 11, 2026 will be six years since her child was shot and killed in Urbana. Spoke on the need for change for youth who hope for a different future and the need for safe spaces that are open through the evening. Expressed confidence in a greater possibility for change when proposals come from trusted community members. **Seon Williams** stated he considers the streets of Urbana an island due to the lack of anything to do for people across all ages. Called on Council to attend the funerals of the residents that were killed by gun violence under their terms and see mourn alongside the families and friends of the victim. Voiced appreciation for Larry Boone, Chief of Police, for using data to support his approaches and urged Council to support him in addressing the issues of the community. Questioned what Council's legacy will be. **Angela Urban** emphasized the importance of having areas, such as downtown, where people can feel safe and engage in celebration together. Voiced appreciation for Mayor Williams's message to the HPC and noted they are in alignment with wanting a safe and vibrant downtown.

b. Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Williams proclaimed April 2026, Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Urbana in recognition and support of survivors, sexual assault prevention efforts, and the work of communities committed to ending sexual violence. Encouraged residents to support survivors, promote education and prevention efforts, and cooperate in creating a safer community. Presented the proclamation to representatives from Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services (RACES).

c. Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services (RACES) Overview of Services and Upcoming Events – CM Wilken and RACES

Presented by Jaya Kolisetty, Executive Director of RACES; and Abbi Littell, Prevention Education Coordinator of RACES. Jaya Kolisetty shared the confidential 24/7 help line at RACES can be reached at 217-384-4444. Shared RACES is the oldest rape crisis center in the State of Illinois and one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1971 by community activists under the banner of Champaign County Women Against Rape. Stated RACES serves the counties of Champaign, Ford, Douglas, and Piatt.

Abbi Littell stated RACES provides prevention and response services regarding sexual violence and stalking, available for survivors and non-offending significant others. Stated their services are confidential and survivor-centered, where survivors fully determine their actions and receive support from RACES at no cost.

Jaya Kolisetty elaborated on the confidentiality between survivors and rape crisis counselors, protected by absolute privilege per 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1 (d), where all information will not be

released unless waived, regardless of a subpoena. Stated confidential information cannot be shared, without a waiver, with partner organizations as violations of the absolute privilege are misdemeanors. Noted staff members are still mandated reporters.

Abbi Littell shared RACES provides services through the crisis hotline, therapy, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, and public education and training on responding to sexual violence. Stated crisis intervention services can be accessed through the 24/7 crisis hotline and in-person during their business hours. Spoke on the therapy services available across the age groups of 11 and younger, 12 to 16 years old, and 17 and above. Jaya Kolisetty added that the City of Urbana supports the therapy services through grant funding and allows for their needs for youth therapy to be sufficiently met, greatly benefiting survivors.

Stated RACES works closely with Carle Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program and has advocates available to respond to hospitals 24/7 to provide survivors with material goods, transportation, referrals, and emotional support. Further noted RACES provides legal advocacy and case management services for both criminal and civil cases. Stated RACES commonly assists with the process for protective orders, Title IX cases, and accessing victim assistance programs. Highlighted the UPD for being the first in Champaign County to allow for RACES to participate in scheduled interviews alongside survivors.

Abbi Littell added RACES provides education programming for youth and training courses for adults across the County. Stated RACES has recently been awarded by Darkness to Light, a non-profit located in the State of South Carolina, to educate adults and raise awareness for preventing child sexual abuse.

Spoke on the upcoming events through April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, beginning with the April 7 Teal Tuesday to wear teal and display support for survivors.

Motion to extend the presentation time by 5 minutes by CM Evans, seconded by CM Wu.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Shared on April 18, RACES will be hosting Take Back the Narrative, which features an art exhibit, resource fair, and variety show for reconciling with and moving forward from sexual assault; followed by the April 24 Healing Through the Senses session on using your senses to cope with stress and trauma; ending with the April 29 Denim Day to wear denim in support of people who are survivors of sexual violence.

Jaya Kolisetty shared thanks to the funders and supports of RACES for allowing for their work to continue within the community. Questions and discussion followed.

**d. Human Rights Commission (HRC) and Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB)
Surveillance Ordinance Input – HRC and CPRB**

Presented by Carla Boyd, Human Rights and Equity Officer; Ann Panthen, Chair of the HRC; and Jane McClintock, Member of the CPRB. Ann Panthen stated the HRC has concluded it does not need to be formally included in the review process of surveillance technologies due to the workload and cases required for review by the HRC will naturally arrive at the HRC by existing policies.

Jane McClintock stated the CPRB welcomes the opportunity to participate in the review process regarding items for the UPD as it aligns with the CPRB's goals, noted existing policy already allows for the CPRB to review complaints regarding UPD's use of technology.

Questions and discussion followed.

e. The Urbana Civic Center and the Role of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in City Consultative and Decision-making Processes – CM Evans and HPC

Presented by David Hayes, Vice Chair of the HPC and Katherine Holliday, Commissioner of the HPC. David Hayes stated the presentation seeks to inform Council on the historic preservation practice of adaptive reuse in property development due to recent interest in the Urbana Civic Center.

Katherine Holliday stated historic preservation can be used to creatively reuse historic buildings through active collaboration instead of acting as roadblocks for development. Emphasized the necessity of historic preservation to ensure the past remains authentically connected to the present and the future while creating significant landmarks to aid in community development.

Stated the HPC was not engaged in the development of the City's Strategic Plan and the future of the Urbana Civic Center. Shared the State of Illinois's Historic Preservation Office has determined the Urbana Civic Center to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Stated the City rejected the classification without speaking with the HPC and the HPC currently supports the building to be recognized as a landmark. Stated the building connected the past with the present by referencing the pyramidal cap of the Champaign County Courthouse in the design of the pyramids on the roof of the Urbana Civic Center. Stated historic preservation can benefit economic and community development if they are involved in the planning process. Invited Council to tour the building in-person.

David Hayes spoke on the history of the Urbana Civic Center, which opened May 3, 1970, and now stands as an example of midcentury modern public architecture. Shared details on Professor Joseph Altshuler's recent Fall 2025 design studio where students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) imagined potential futures for the site. Elaborated on the social history of the Urbana Civic Center and how it provided an affordable space for the community until its closure in 2019. Stated it is assumed the Urbana Civic Center must be demolished to develop the CU-MTD's planned mass transit center. Shared visuals from the projects conducted by UIUC students demonstrating cases of adaptive reuse.

Katherine Holliday offered HPC's expertise to support future development while satisfying the community members engaged in preservation. Questions and discussion followed.

f. Urbana Civic Center History – PW and Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District (CU-MTD)

Presented by Troy Richmond, Public Facilities Supervisor; Vince Gustafson, Public Works Director; and Ashley McLaughlin, External Affairs Director & Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison with CU-MTD. Vince Gustafson stated the presentation seeks to provide historical context to the Urbana Civic Center and the perspective of Public Works on the management of the facility. Shared the Urbana Civic Center was built in 1974 as a low-cost option for community gatherings, venue for the City, and was staffed by three part-time employees in addition to the Facilities Manager.

Stated the closure of the Urbana Civic Center was due to various financial factors including its operation at a loss of around \$40,000 annually, without taking into account the cost of maintenance and staffing. Noted the revenues were trending toward increasing but was still not enough to cover the costs for repairs and projected increases to operational costs.

Troy Richmond spoke on the condition of the Urbana Civic Center and shared in 2018, the cost of the deferred maintenance was estimated to be around \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Stated the entire roof would have to be replaced entirely due to the leaks and accumulation. Listed the upgrades, replacements, and updates required to the building for it to be in usable condition. Noted the estimated cost from 2018 is likely to have increased significantly due to market changes and the estimate also does not include replacing the three HVAC units for the building. Displayed photos of the Urbana Civic Center's interior, roof, and exterior to demonstrate the need for maintenance.

Vince Gustafson stated the City evaluated renting the Urbana Civic Center out and found it would have required an increase of 70% to the rental rate in order to accommodate the building maintenance, making the space less affordable and accessible for residents. Noted Urbana faced a significant structural budget deficit from 2017 and 2018 and the consideration to close the Urbana Civic Center began in May 2018. After discussion, Council passed the Fiscal Year 2019 budget with the inclusion of the option of closing the Urbana Civic Center at the end of the calendar year due to the financial challenges faced by the City at the time.

Motion to extend the presentation by 5 minutes by CM Wu, seconded by CM Evans.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Further stated the cost to rehabilitate the building exceeded the projected revenues and the City intended to collaborate with the CU-MTD after using Central TIF funds to demolish the site. Noted those funds for demolition are still present in the budget. Questions and discussion followed.

5. Staff Report

City Administrator Darius White announced the Urbana Housing Needs Study is currently underway in partnership with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC). Invited members of the public to provide public input through the survey between March 30 and April 30 at “www.CCRPC.org/Urbana-Housing”.

6. New Business

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-04-013R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bonding Authority (Private Bond Cap Allocation – EIEDA, Series 2026) – CD

Presented alongside Resolution No. 2026-04-014R by Nick Olsen, Interim Grants Manager. The Resolution approves the transfer of half of the City's 2026 Private Activity Bond Cap, in the amount of \$2,688,592.50, to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA). Nick Olsen stated the two Resolutions are regarding the City's 2026 Private Activity Bond Cap, authorized by the United States Treasury and based on municipal population, for the issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds. Stated private activity bonds can be allocated toward eligible activities such as affordable housing, non-profit construction, and economic development. Stated municipalities can transfer bonding authority to organizations for the purpose of being used to finance eligible activities, functionally similar to a low-interest loan. Noted Urbana has \$5,377,185 in bond cap issuance authority for 2026 and has received two requests from EIEDA and IHDA.

Shared EIEDA issues bonds for affordable housing and economic development across 10 counties in the State of Illinois, including Champaign County. Stated EIEDA has previously invested in affordable housing developments within Champaign County and can be a resource for future projects.

Shared IHDA uses the bonds to finance construction of affordable housing and provide mortgage assistance, for eligible households in partnership with local lending agencies, across the State of Illinois. Stated IHDA has recently supported affordable housing in Urbana such as Crystal View, Highland Green, and Steer Place. Noted IHDA also shares its mortgage assistance data with Urbana, showing 147 households have benefitted from the IHDA program since 2015.

Stated the Community Development Commission reviewed the requests and voted in support of evenly distributing the bond cap between EIEDA and IHDA. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Jones.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

- b. **Resolution No. 2026-04-014R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bonding Authority (Private Bond Cap Allocation – IHDA, Series 2026) – CD

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Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Jones.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

c. **Resolution No. 2026-04-015R:** A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – CD

Presented by Nick Olsen, Interim Grants Manager. The Resolution approves the 2026-2027 City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan (AAP), a one-year component within the five-year Consolidated Plan that guides the implementation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funded projects. Nick Olsen stated this is the second year of the five-year 2025-2029 HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan, which guides the use of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Provided background on CDBG funds, used within municipal boundaries, and HOME funds received and used through the Consortium that includes the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and unincorporated entities within Champaign County.

Stated the variation in the numbers between the documents in the packet are due to Congressional budgeting cycles and the actual funding amounts being announced closer to the submission deadline. Noted the HUD authorized estimates of funding used in the application process are an average of previous years and are replaced with the actual figure.

Shared the anticipated funding amount, received from HUD this morning, for CDBG is \$367,658.00 and the anticipated funding amount for HOME is \$642,999.25, marking a slight decrease in funding for CDBG and a slight increase for HOME.

Spoke on CDBG and HOME Consortium funding allocation figures and noted the figures provided in the presentation reflect the new, anticipated funding amount. Shared the programs funded by CDBG focus on addressing high priority issues for the community, such as emergency rental assistance and homelessness prevention, which were identified through the public input processes for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Stated local non-profit organizations recognized by the Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) are eligible to receive HOME Consortium funding. Provided Habitat for Humanity and FirstFollowers as examples of organizations that recently received support through this program. Shared the HOME Consortium funds the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, which is operated in partnership with organizations including CCRPC and Courage Connection. Noted the HOME Consortium additionally allocates funding toward non-CHDO affordable housing development within Urbana and Champaign, based on population.

Stated HUD requires the action plan to be submitted by May 15, and the Community Development Commission reviewed the action plan during its March meeting, forwarding the item with a recommendation for approval. Questions followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Wilken.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

7. Discussion

a. Surveillance Ordinance

City Attorney Matt Roeschley presented on the proposed Section 7 regarding destruction of improperly collected data. Stated the intent is to protect the community against the collection of data through unapproved technologies. Stated provisions are included to follow laws and procedures set by the State of Illinois and the federal government. Expressed the language creates space for legal review to occur to check for any legal obligations regarding the information before the data is destroyed. Council discussed possible scenarios and how the process is intended to function. City Attorney Roeschley clarified the language is to allow for legal review of the improperly collected data to occur before destruction to find if there are any legal obligations that apply which would require the data to be turned over as evidence for an ongoing investigation or trial. Further suggested to add “Unless otherwise required by law...” to the beginning of the first sentence under Section 7(a).

Council discussed if there is a legal distinction between “data” and “information”. Council further discussed what determines proper and improper procedure and handling of improperly collected data.

Council discussed legal issues and hypothetical scenarios surrounding drone use.

City Attorney Roeschley spoke on the documentation process covered by Section 7(e). Stated it intends to create a straightforward trail of actions, consistent process, and makes the process more legally defensible.

Motion to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. by CM Wu, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Quisenberry

NAY: Wilken

Larry Boone, Chief of Police and Michael Cervantes, Interim Deputy Chief of Police presented on the UPD’s findings on operational gaps and public safety considerations regarding Ordinance 2024-12-042. Larry Boone stated the presentation seeks to address language identified in the Ordinance that may lead to operational issues for the UPD without compromising the goal of establishing greater transparency and oversight.

Michael Cervantes expressed that the approval process established by Section 2 creates an operational difficulty for the UPD where access to new technologies can be delayed and the use of existing tools that received recent updates can be restricted. Recommended implementing a tiered approach where new technologies require approval from Council; updates that do not expand surveillance capacities are applied and Council is notified; and emergency uses of technologies are authorized by the Chief of Police (or their designee), causing a written notification to be sent to Council by the City Administrator, and having a report to Council by the City Administrator. Stated the intent of the exigent use language is to empower officers to react to incidents and then report on the use of unapproved technologies afterward. Council noted the application of software updates may already be covered under Section 6(c) of the Ordinance and can be clarified if deemed necessary.

Michael Cervantes spoke on the UPD’s concerns on Section 4(b)(iii) requiring the continued use of a surveillance technology to stop if the request remains under review from Council after 180 days, unless otherwise extended. Provided a hypothetical scenario where the deadline and

stoppage of the use of surveillance technology threatens an investigation. Recommended Council implement language allowing for the continued use of surveillance technology while the approval process is pending, provided the relevant department has already submitted all documentation in good faith and no violation of law or policy has been identified. Stated the language accounts for rare scenarios to ensure there are no stoppages that could hinder City activity.

Larry Boone shared concerns regarding Section 6 of the Ordinance and the “Disaster Circumstances” definition in Attachment A. Stated exigent circumstances within law enforcement are a daily occurrence for police officers and they are already trained on the Fourth Amendment, kept apprised of case law and legal standards, and are taught decision-making skills. Stated “Exigent Circumstances” have court recognized legal standards to allow for police officers to quickly act when people are endangered or evidence is at risk of being lost. Expressed that the current language risks the lives of everyone in emergencies. Shared hypothetical scenarios that qualify as exigent circumstances and the surveillance technologies considered for use in response. Shared a news reel from the City of Atlanta in the State of Georgia covering the Atlanta Police Department’s use of drones in facilitating the arrest of a murder suspect by entering their apartment and issuing commands through the drone.

Proposed a separate definition for “Exigent Circumstances” to be added, aligned with established law, to allow for immediate law enforcement reaction to situations where delay causes people to be endangered, suspects to escape “hot pursuit”, or evidence to be destroyed. Stated uses of exigent circumstances are to be limited in scope and duration to the incident, documented, and reported to City Council when practicable.

Council and Larry Boone discussed what qualifies as “Exigent Circumstances”, what exigent is understood as under constitutional law, and how the proposed definition can be adjusted to better suit its intent. Chair Hursey passed the Chair to CM Wu.

Motion to extend the meeting to 11:15p.m. by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Jones.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones

NAY: Wilken, Quisenberry

Larry Boone requested, if the proposed definition for “Exigent Circumstances” is not accepted, for a clause in the Ordinance under the “Disaster Circumstances” definition to exclude Fourth Amendment exceptions.

Chair Wu relinquished the Chair to CM Hursey.

Michael Cervantes proposed a subsection to be added to Section 7 in order to prevent officers from feeling discouraged to collect data and evidence when acting in good faith and acting in scope of their duties.

Further recommended language to be added to Section 8 to prevent exposure of “Sensitive Surveillance Technology Information” that could risk City infrastructure, operations, and is not legally subject to disclosure. Stated the UPD fears use reports describing the use of certain surveillance technologies can compromise cases, endanger officers and informants, and hinder investigations. Stated publicly reporting on technologies used by law enforcement allows people to learn how to evade law enforcement.

Larry Boone requested the definition of “Surveillance” and “Surveillance Technology” align

with national standards to be narrow and cover technologies that are automated, persistent, or operated at a large-scale. Stated the changes intend to reduce the burden of compliance for City departments. Shared proposed definitions for “Surveillance” and “Surveillance Technology”. Voiced his perspective and role focuses on the logistics of law enforcement and he understands City Council focuses on finances and policy.

8. Council Input and Communications

CM Wu expressed openness to considering adaptive reuse for the Urbana Civic Center in any form it could take. Requested clarification on the cost of demolishing the Urbana Civic Center. *CM Jones* voiced appreciation for the UIUC students and their contributions to the conversation on the Urbana Civic Center and development. *CM Quisenberry* thanked the public for sharing their experiences and supporting Mayor Williams’s programs. *CM Evans* apologized to Mayor Williams and the public for last week’s tense conversation on the Community Engagement Team and equating his personal family issues with the issue of gun violence in the Black community. Thanked the Mayor for rallying the community of Urbana and expressed hope for building peace and prosperity in Urbana alongside him.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Hursey adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#).

Minutes approved: 6/8/26



RAPE
ADVOCACY,
COUNSELING, &
EDUCATION
SERVICES

24/7 Hotline: 217-384-4444

OVERVIEW OF
RACES SERVICES &
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR
COLLABORATION



JAYA KOLISSETTY, MA, MBA

- Executive Director
- She/her/hers



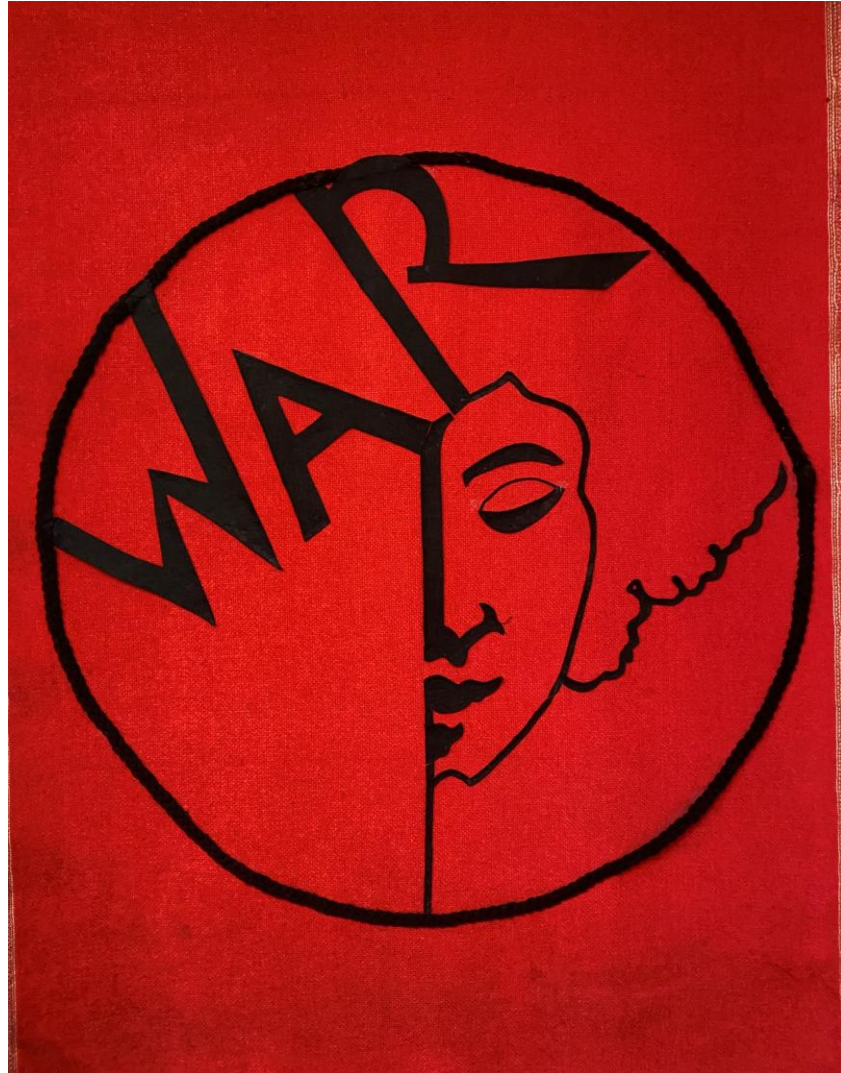
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ABOUT RACES





WHO WE SERVE
CHAMPAIGN, FORD, DOUGLAS &
PIATT COUNTIES

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Prevention & response services related to sexual violence & stalking
- Response services are available for survivors and their non-offending significant others
- RACES utilizes a survivor/victim-centered approach
- All services are offered at no cost
- All services are confidential

A NOTE ABOUT RAPE CRISIS PRIVILEGE

- Absolute Privilege:
 - State Statute: Communication between the rape crisis counselor and the victim is confidential and protected by absolute privilege as defined by [Illinois law](#), 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1(d)
 - Violation of this privilege is a misdemeanor.
- Still mandated reporters

SERVICES



Crisis Hotline



Therapy



Medical Advocacy



Legal Advocacy & Case Management



Public Education & Training

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES



- 24-Hour Crisis Hotline:
217-384-4444
- In-person during business
hours

THERAPY

- 11 and younger: requires guardian consent for counseling services
- 12-16 years: Up to eight 90-minute sessions without guardian consent
- 17+: No cap on the number of sessions a client may attend

MEDICAL ADVOCACY

- Advocates respond to hospitals 24-hours a day
- Support, information and referrals
- Provision of clothing, hygiene products & transportation assistance
- Work closely with Carle's SANEs

LEGAL ADVOCACY & CASE MANAGEMENT



CRIMINAL



NO CONTACT
ORDERS



CIVIL LAWSUIT



TITLE IX



VICTIM
ASSISTANCE



DIRECT
ASSISTANCE



REFERRALS

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Prevention education programming provided for student's pre-k through adult
- Age-appropriate
- Evidence-Informed



APRIL
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Know Your Reproductive Rights

Join us for an educational workshop on abortion rights and access!

7:00 – 8:30 PM CDT at R.A.C.E.S. Office (301 S. Vine St., Suite 103, Urbana, IL)

APRIL
7

Day of Action: Teal Tuesday

Wear the color teal to show support for survivors, raise awareness, and promote prevention!

APRIL
18

Take Back The Narrative

Join us for an art exhibit, resource fair, and variety show!

6:00 – 9:30 PM CDT at the IMC (202 S Broadway Ave, Urbana, IL 61801)

APRIL
24

Healing Through the Senses: An Event

Explore how engaging our senses can help us cope with stress and trauma!

7:00 – 8:30 PM CDT at R.A.C.E.S. Office (301 S. Vine St., Suite 103, Urbana, IL)

APRIL
29

Day of Action: Denim Day

Wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate yourself and others about sexual assault!

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS



United Way of
Champaign County



CONTACT US

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The Urbana Civic Center and the Role of the Historic Preservation Commission in City Consultative and Decision-Making Processes

Presentation by Historic Preservation Commission

City Council, Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026, 7:00pm

Renovate, retrofit, reuse:

Uncovering the hidden value in
America's existing building stock



Myth: Historic preservation
freezes the past

Reality: Historic preservation
is creative and flexible



Myth: Historic preservation
stops community development



City of Dallas

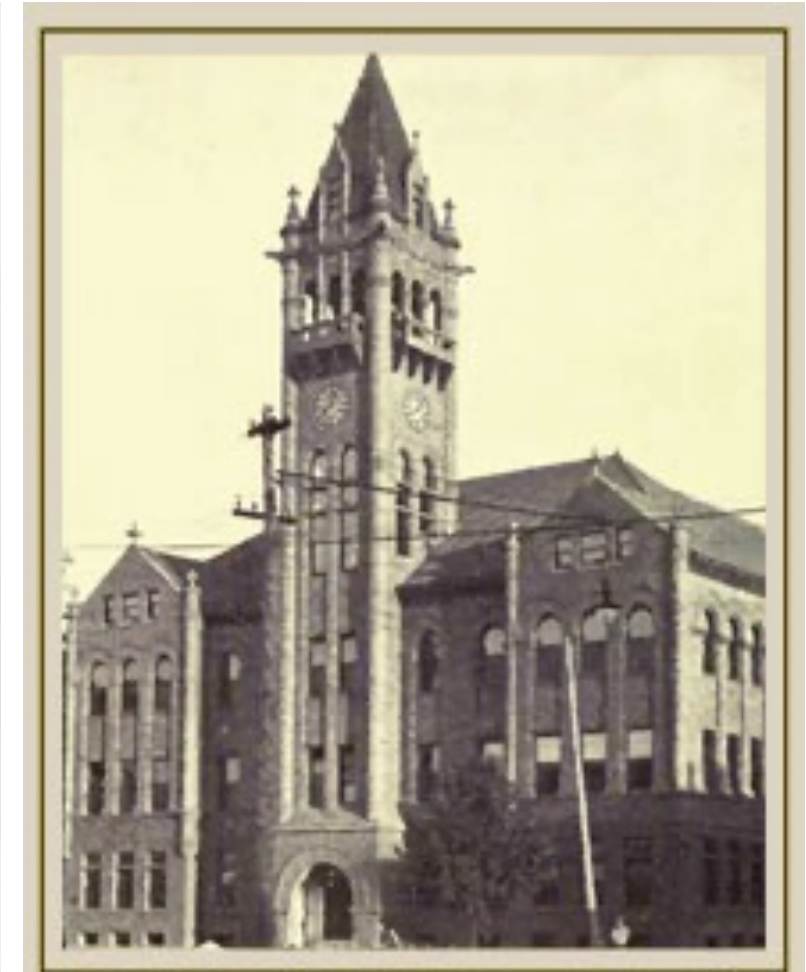
Reality: Historic preservation
is a vital catalyst for
community development



Historic Preservation in Urbana

Inclusion, Consultation, Opportunity

Urbana Civic Center: Eligible for the National Register



Reuse | *Preserve*

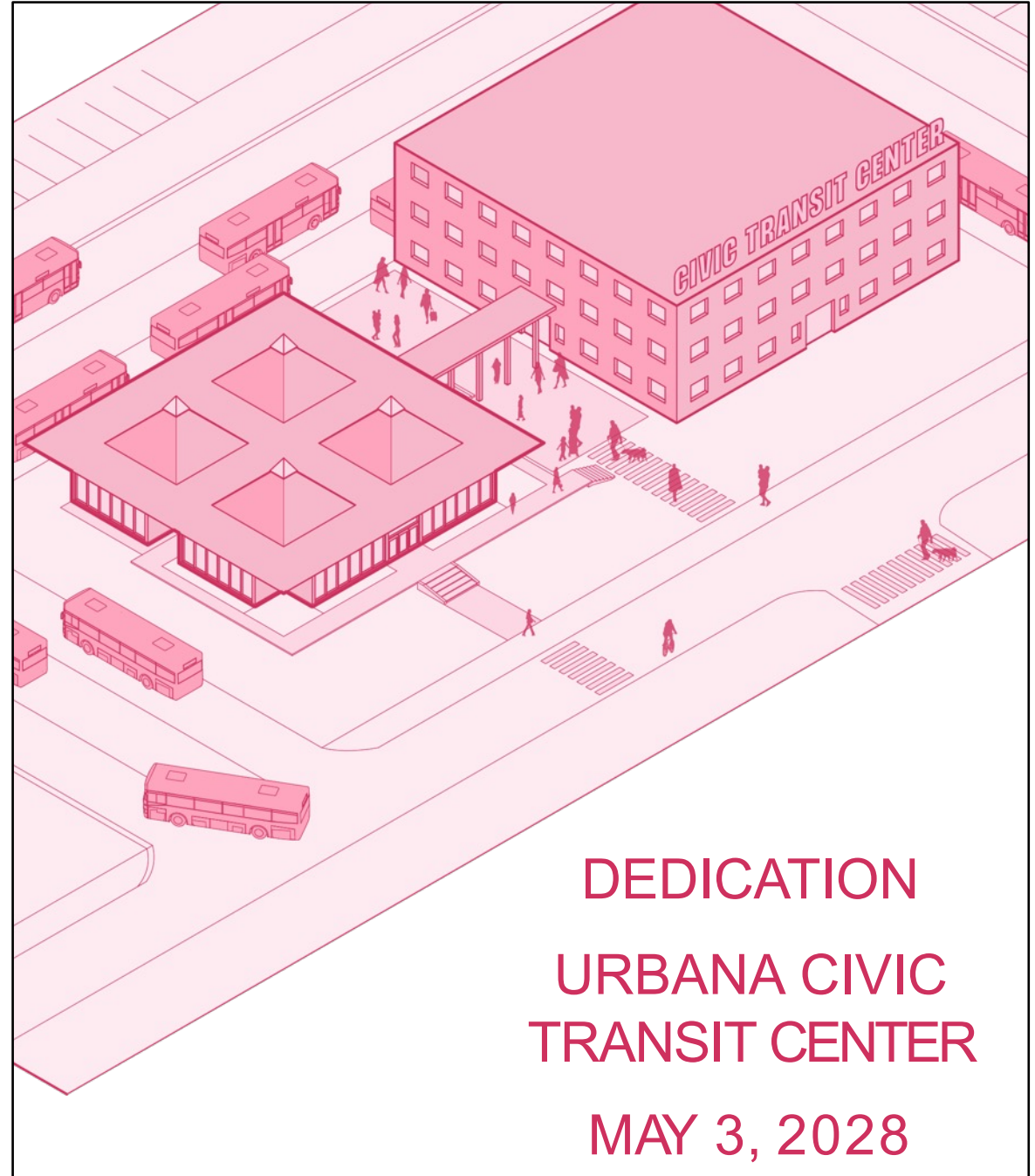
Link community pride of place to future growth





DEDICATION
URBANA CIVIC CENTER
PHASE I

URBANA, ILLINOIS
MAY 3, 1970



DEDICATION
URBANA CIVIC
TRANSIT CENTER
MAY 3, 2028



Community Engagement Session
2012 Downtown Urbana Plan



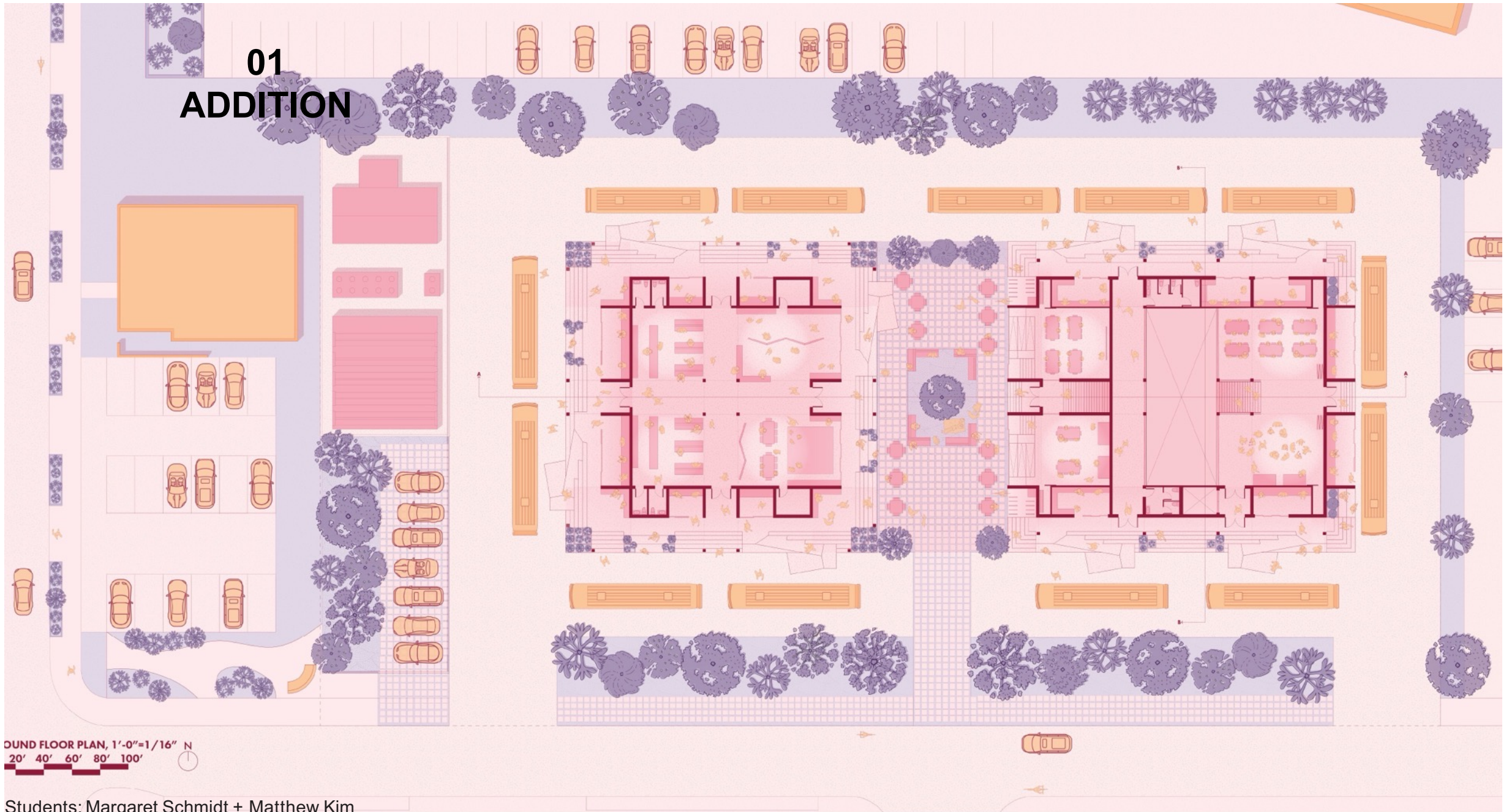
Urbana Art Expo
2016



01 ADDITION

GROUND FLOOR PLAN, 1'-0"=1/16" N
20' 40' 60' 80' 100'

Students: Margaret Schmidt + Matthew Kim



02 SUBTRACTION

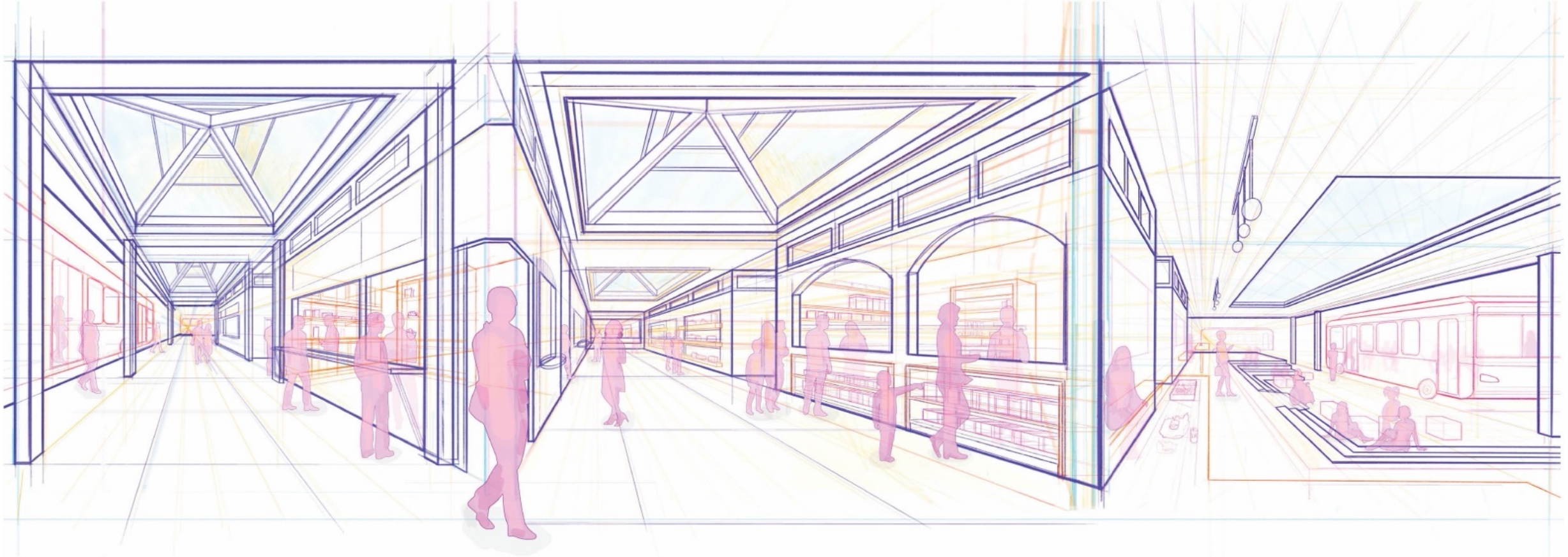


Students: Reese Bechtloff + Leaheey Jamen

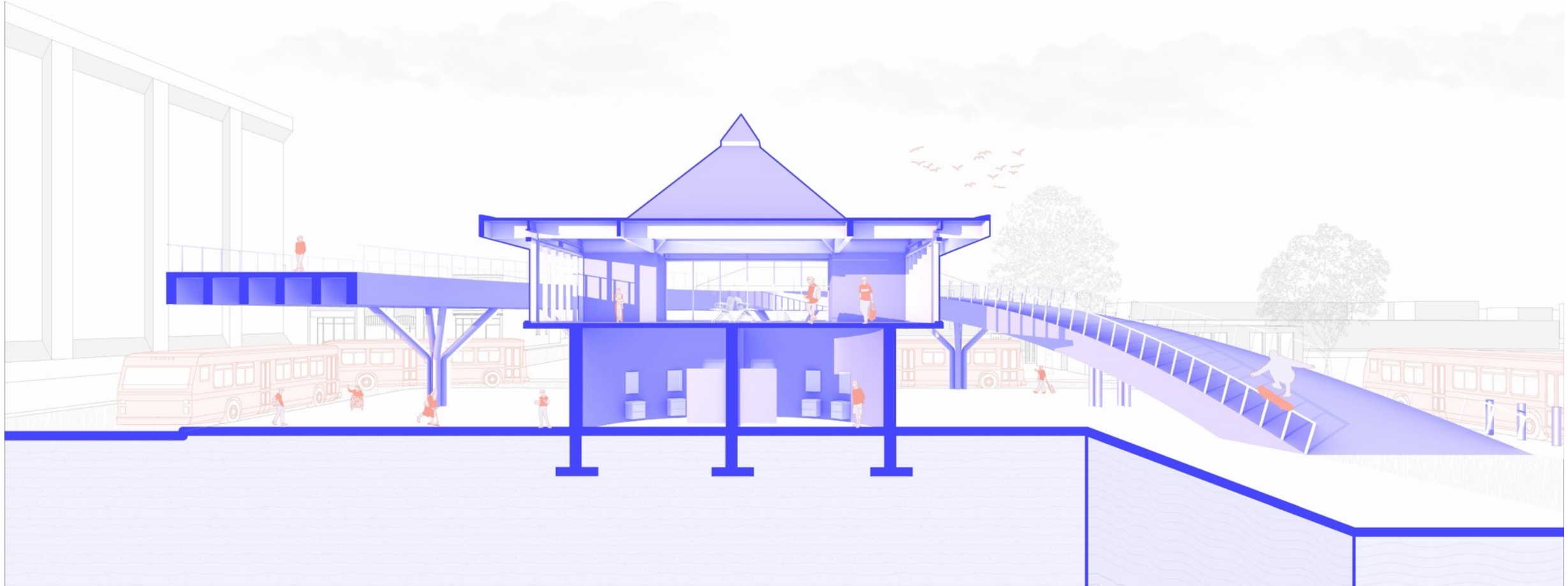


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OPEN THE WALLS

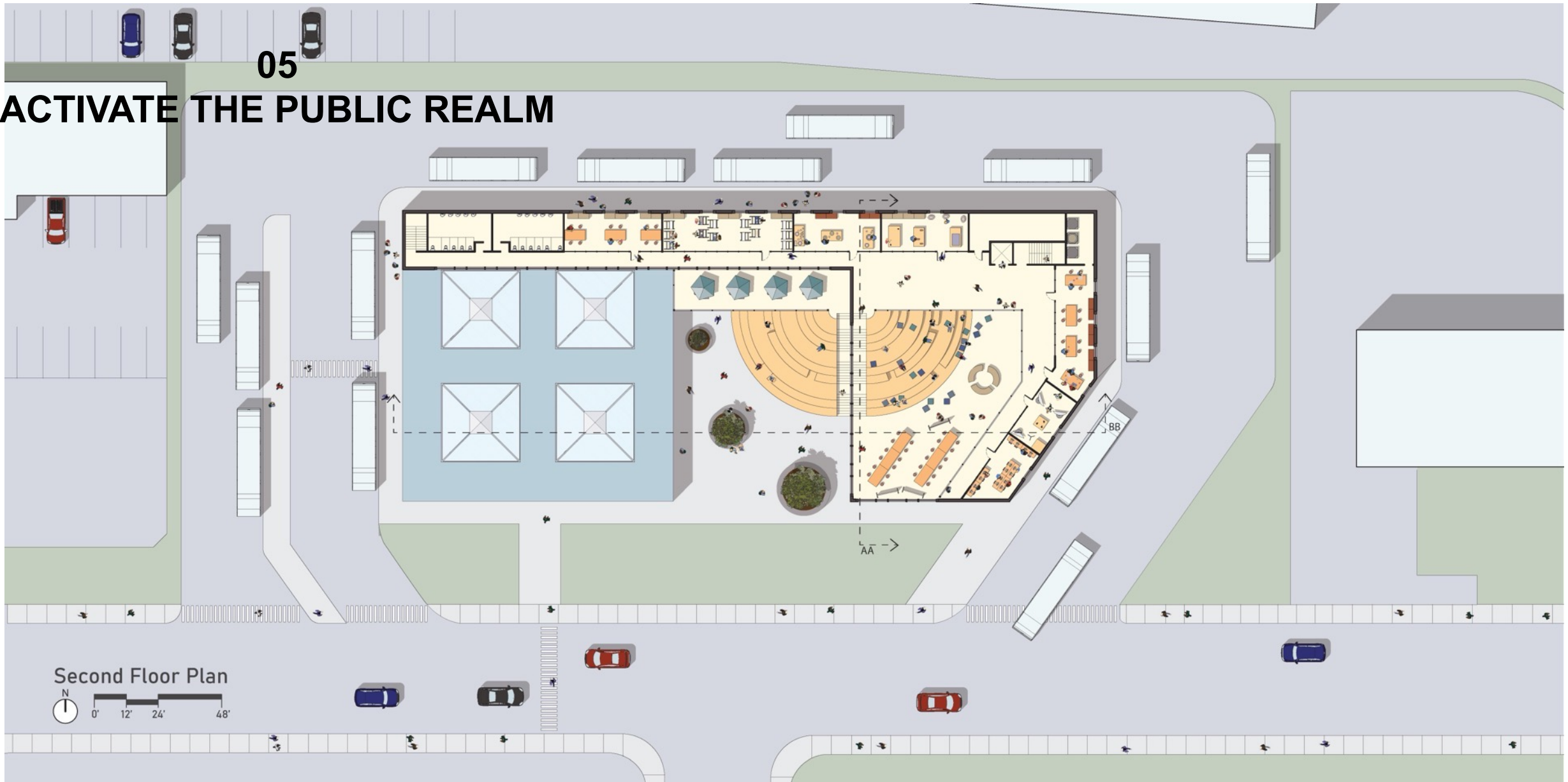


04 RAISE THE ROOF



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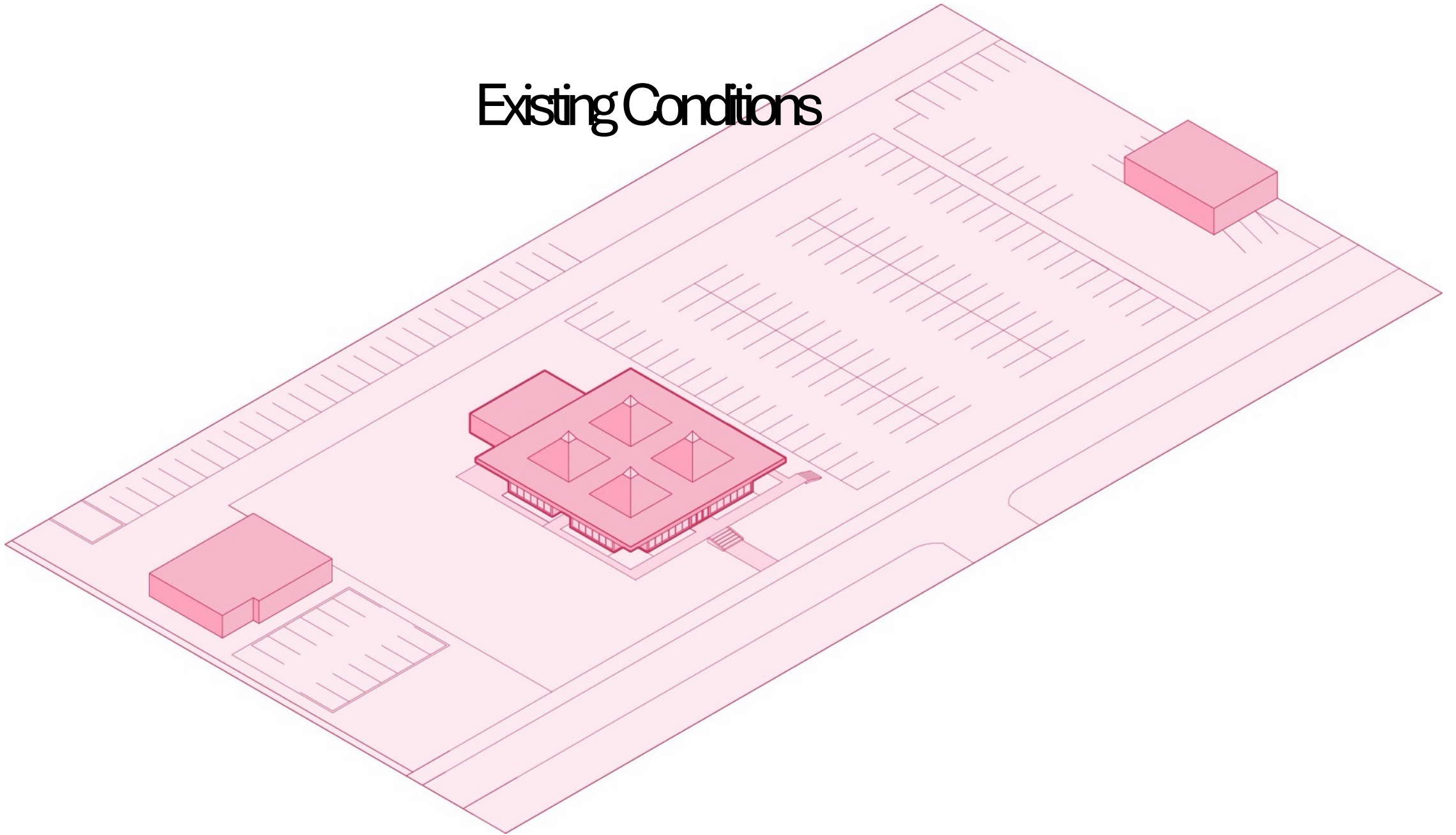
ACTIVATE THE PUBLIC REALM



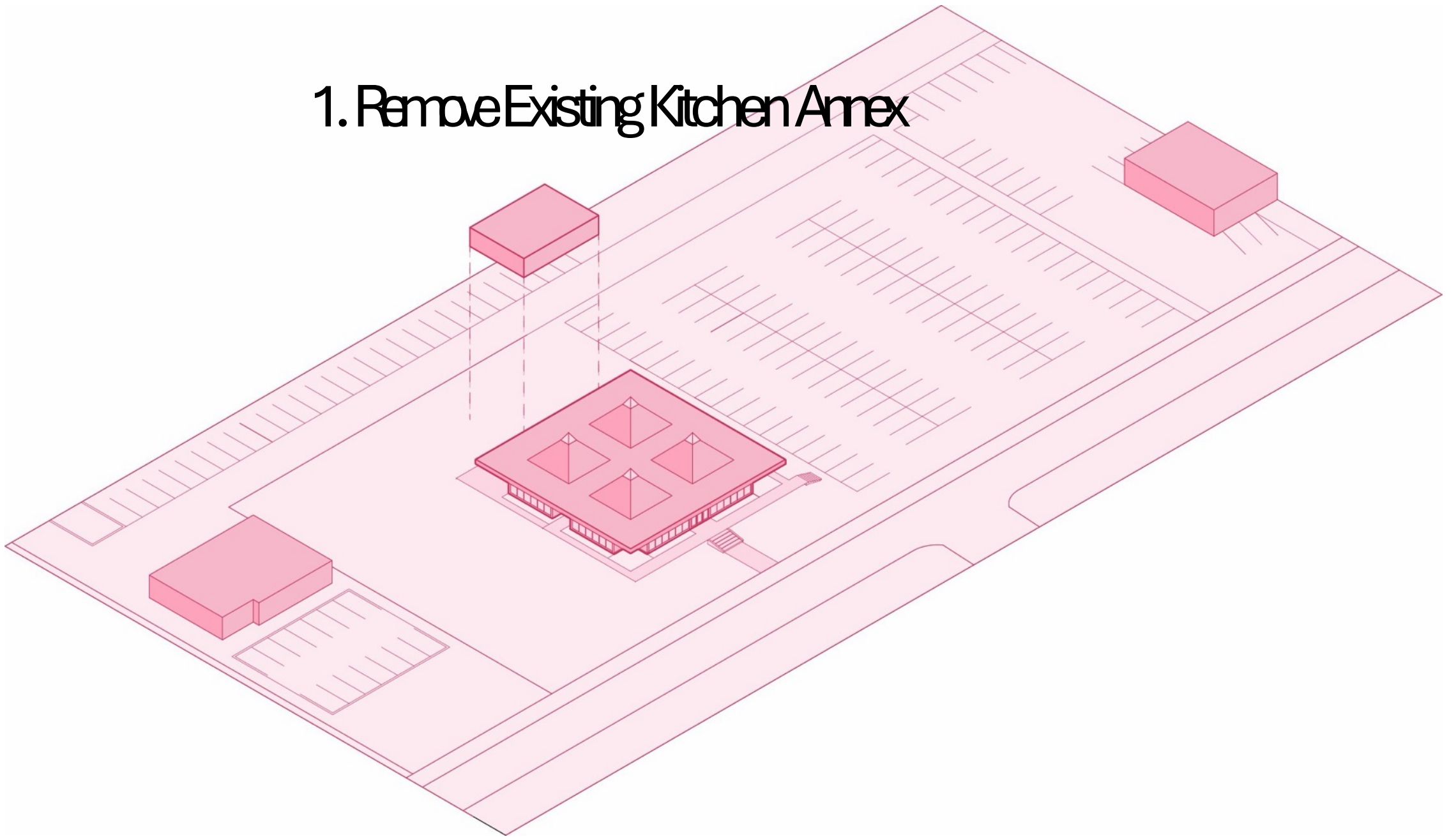
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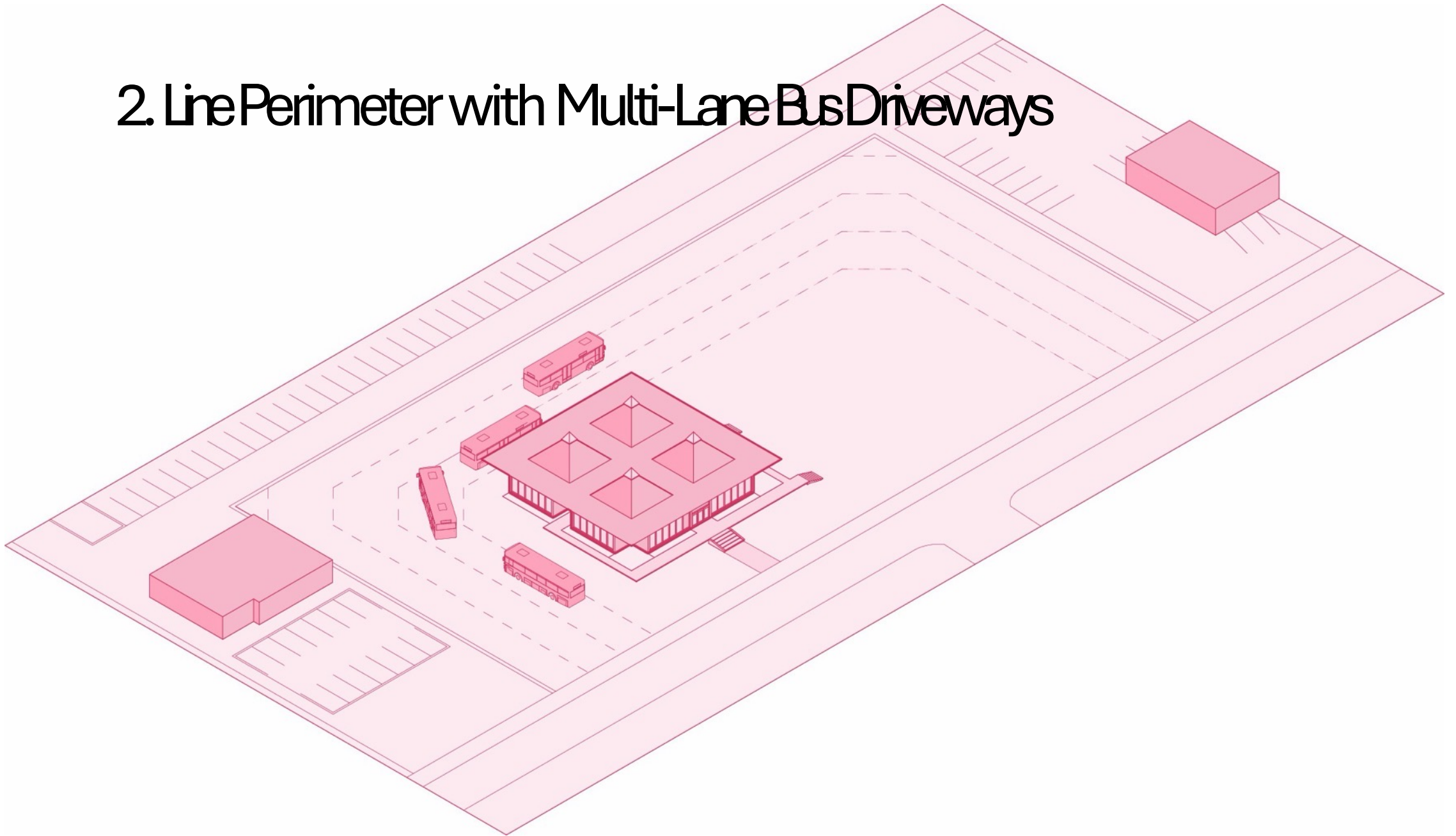
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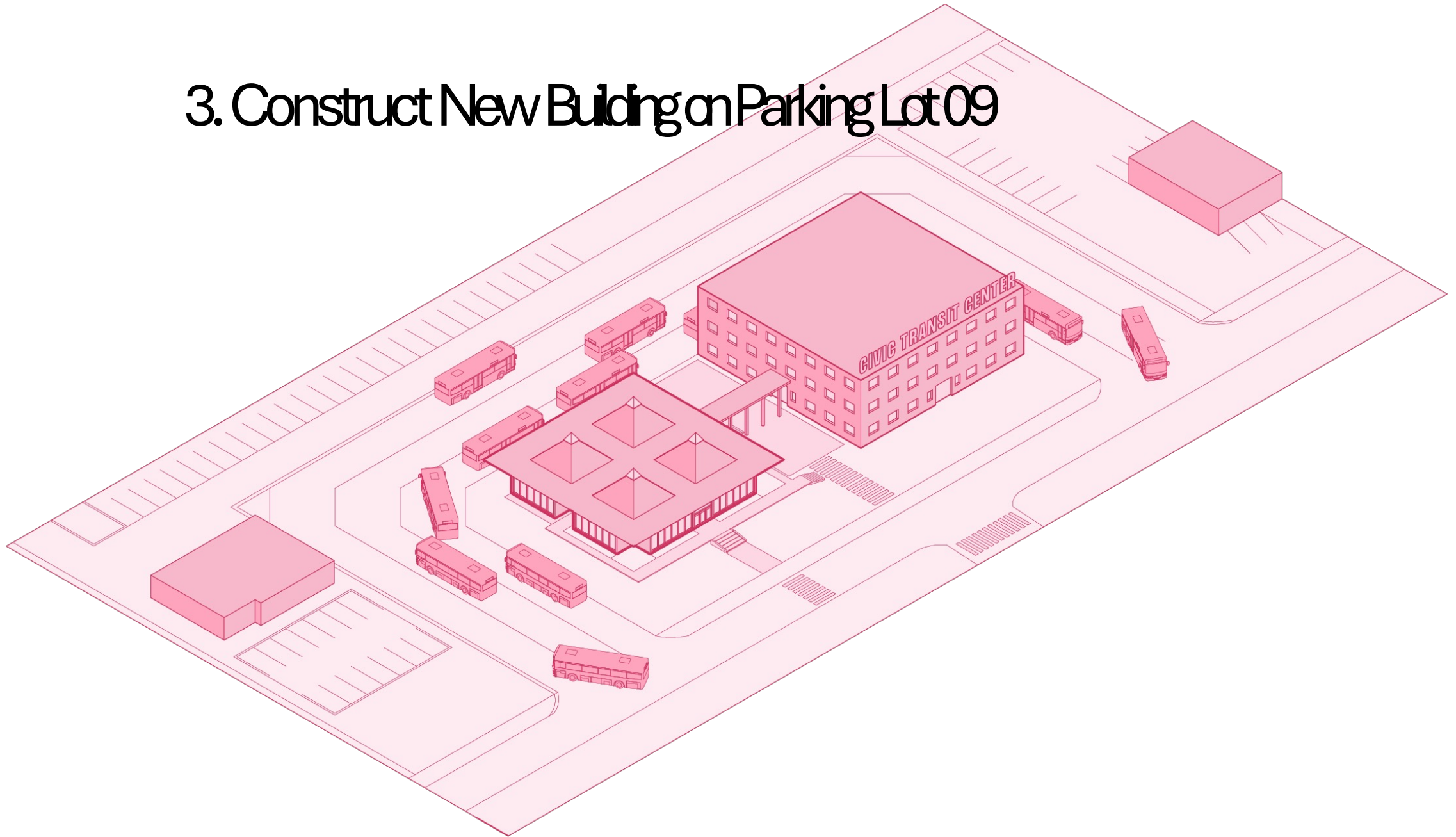
1. Remove Existing Kitchen Annex



2. Line Perimeter with Multi-Lane Bus Driveways



3. Construct New Building on Parking Lot 09



4. Stitch Public Plaza between Old and New

