

28th Street/Little Portugal Station

Design Development Framework (DDF)

Plaza Comparisons

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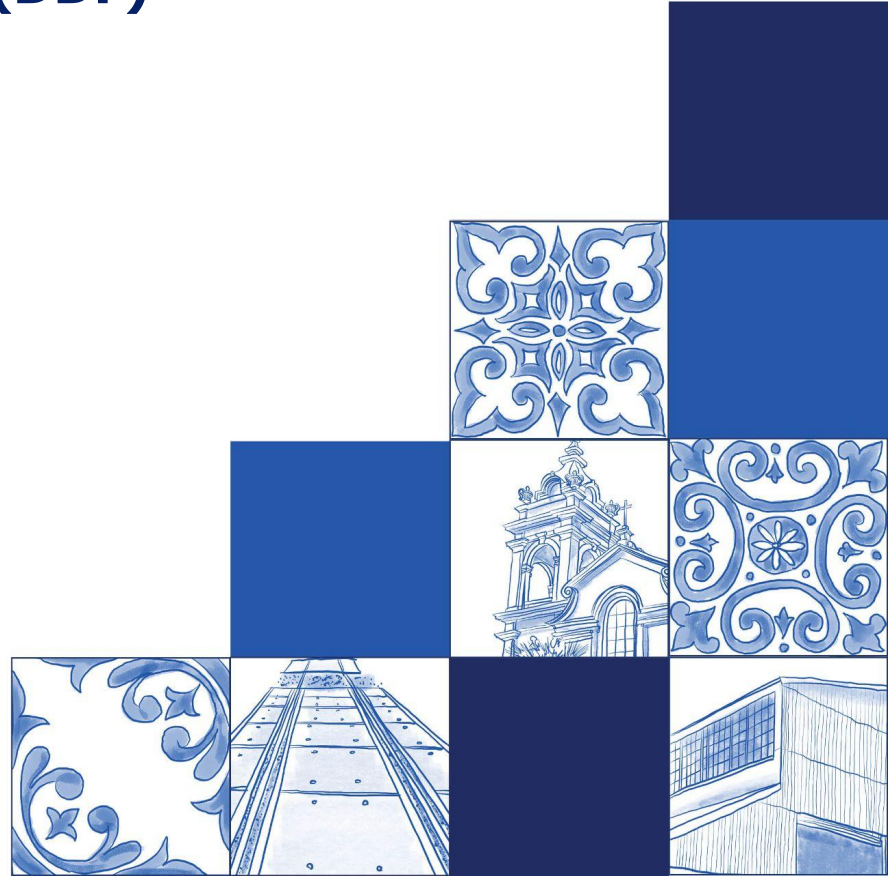
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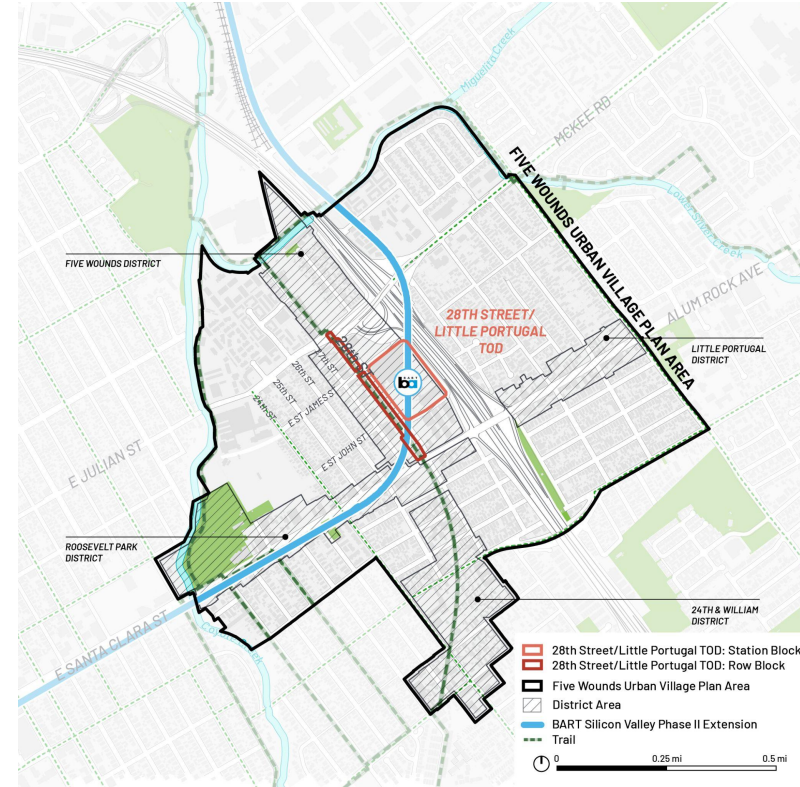
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Introduction

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Design Development Framework (DDF) provides a concept vision and guiding principles for real estate development at the 28th Street/Little Portugal Transit Center (the "Station") in San José, California. The DDF will be used by VTA and stakeholders to guide and evaluate developers' future proposals and designs for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) on approximately 12 acres of VTA-owned property by the Station (www.vta.org/28LPdevelopment). The Station is being constructed as part of the BART Silicon Valley Phase II (BSVII) Extension Project (www.vtabart.org).

The diagrams and figures provided in this DDF document are conceptual and subject to change. They reference BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project (BSVII) plan sets updated through April 2025. This content is for preliminary planning purposes only; it is not a formal planning application nor a regulatory document. Unless otherwise noted, all figures in this document were created by SITELAB urban studio for VTA.

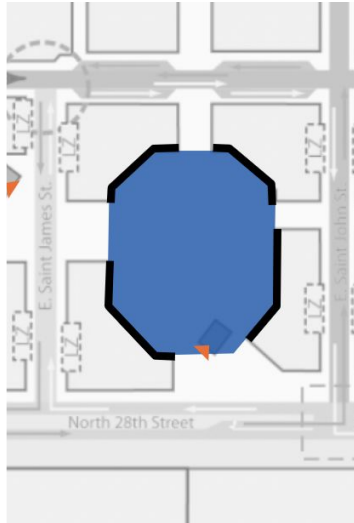


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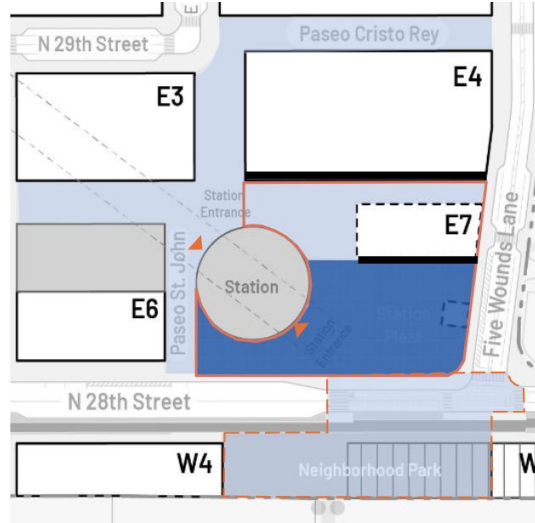
Move People



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CommUniverCity
Gathering Place



BSVII Station
Plaza

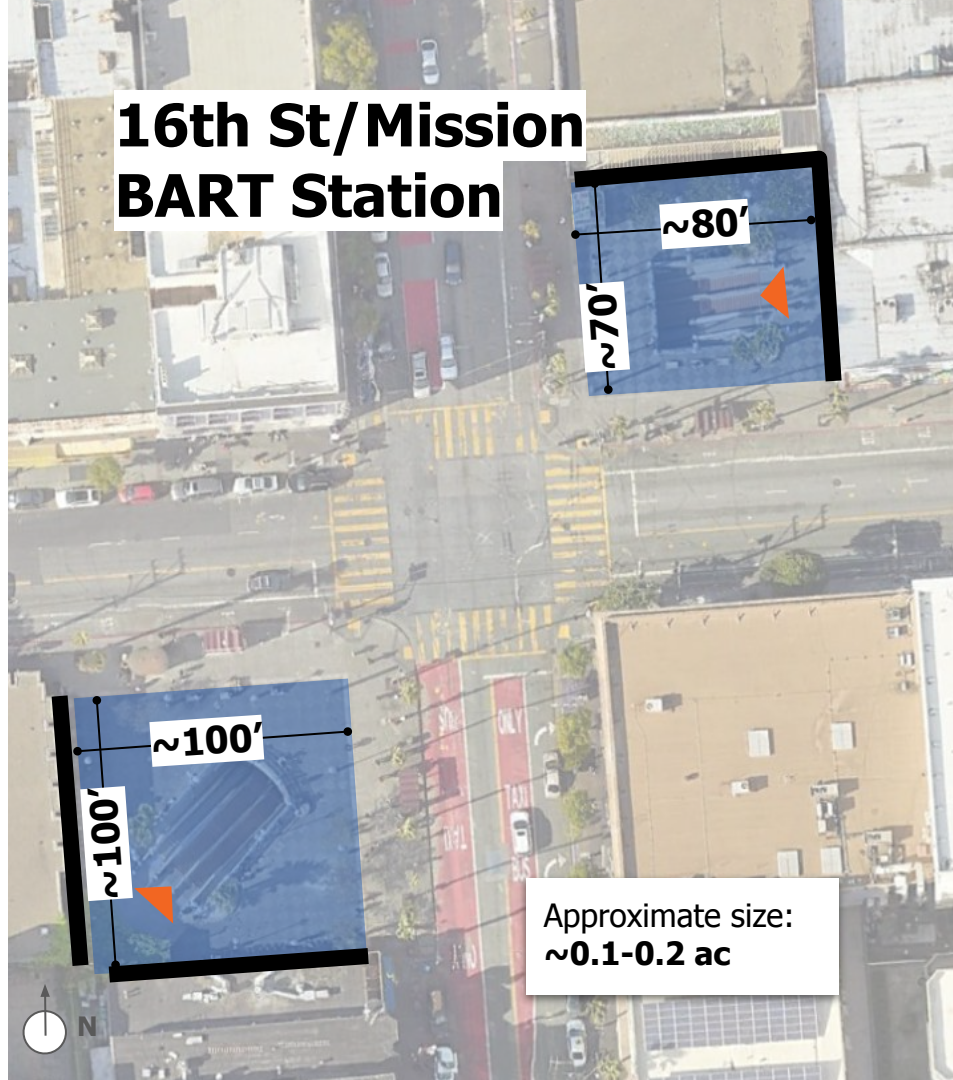


16th St/Mission
BART Station

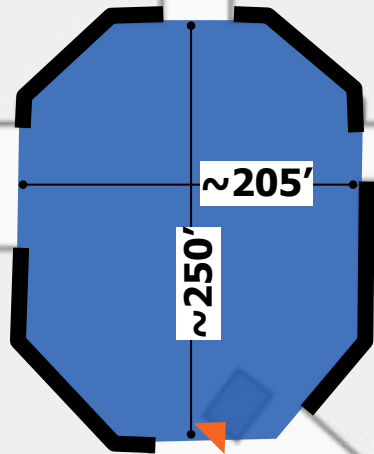
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16th St/Mission BART Station

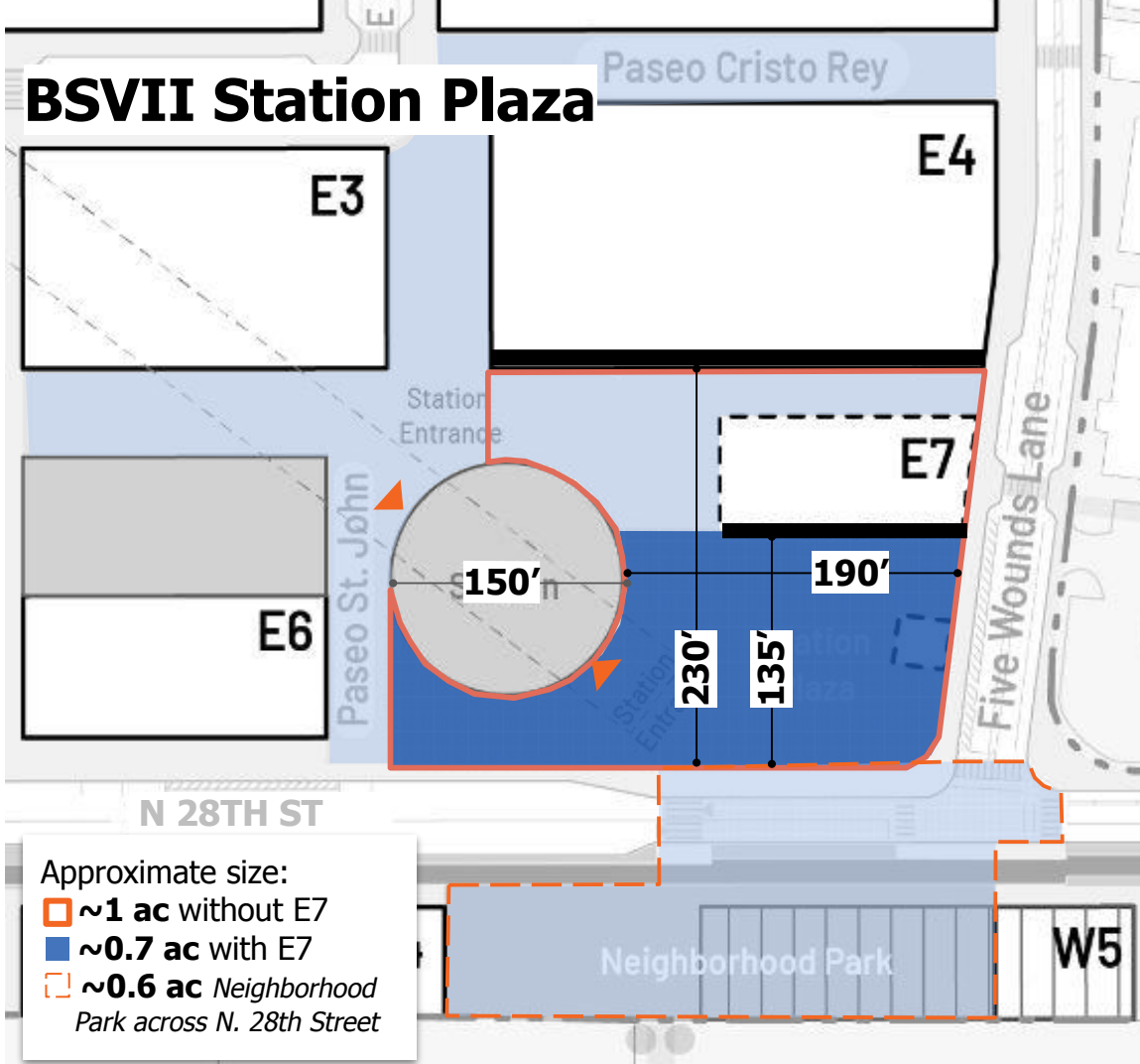


CommUniverCity Plaza



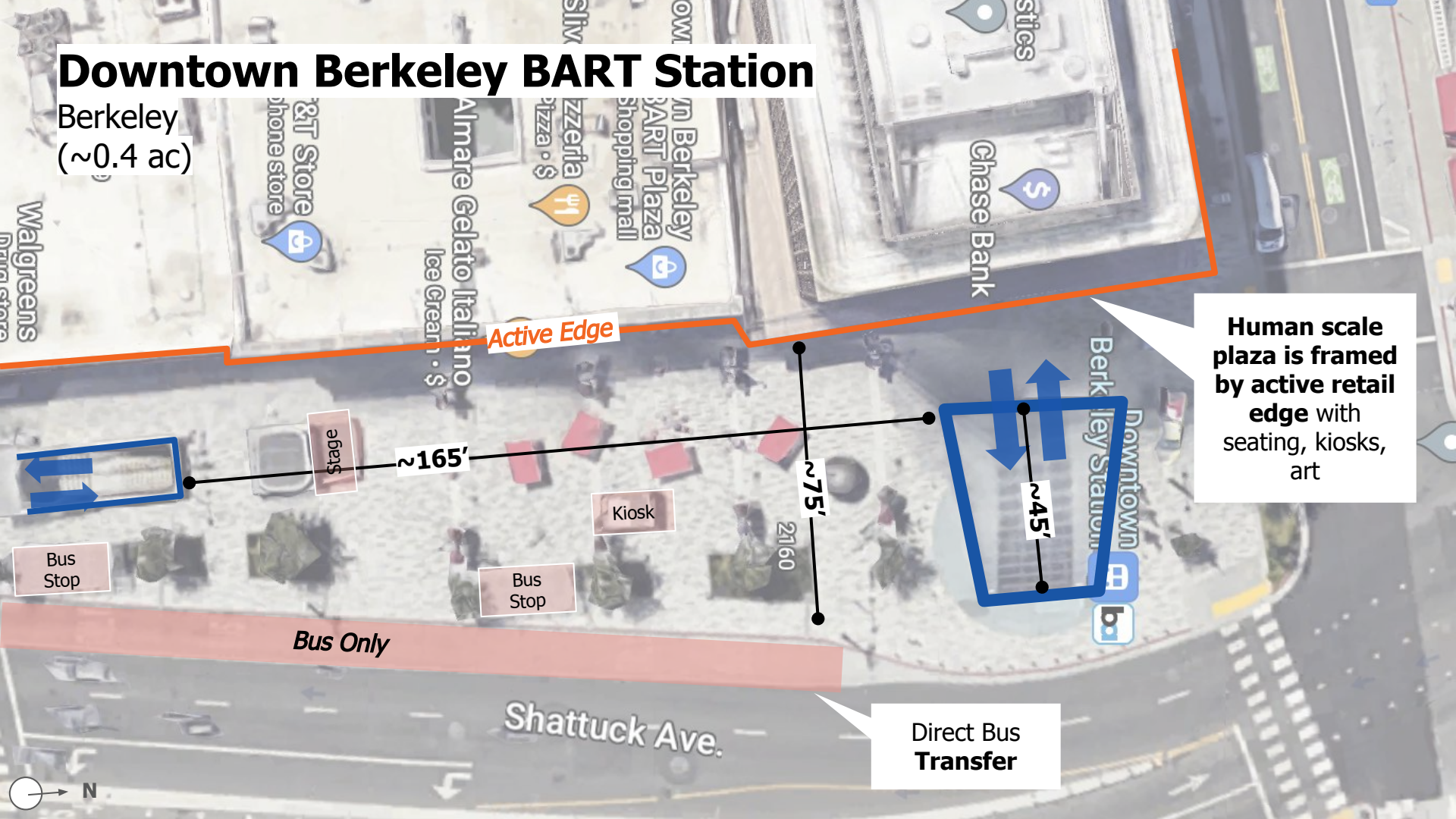
Approximate size:
~1.2 ac

BSVII Station Plaza



Downtown Berkeley BART Station

Berkeley
(~0.4 ac)



Active Edge

~165'

~75'

Kiosk

Bus Stop

Bus Stop

Bus Only

Shattuck Ave.

Direct Bus
Transfer

Human scale
plaza is framed
by active retail
edge with
seating, kiosks,
art



Los Angeles
(~1.1 ac)

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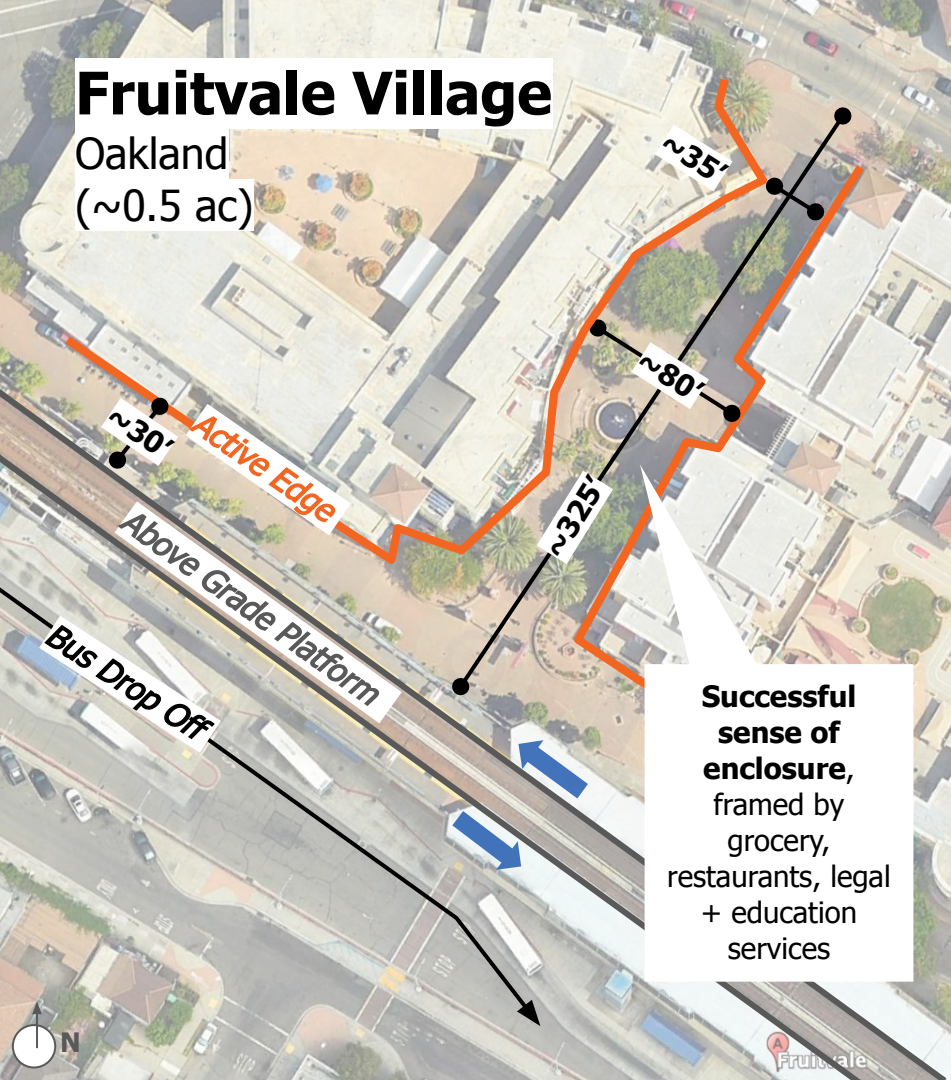
Inactive edges
(blank walls with landscaping) limits eyes on the plaza

Vending contributes to **temporary activation**, but otherwise **lacks invitations to stay**

Stagnant spaces behind headhouse

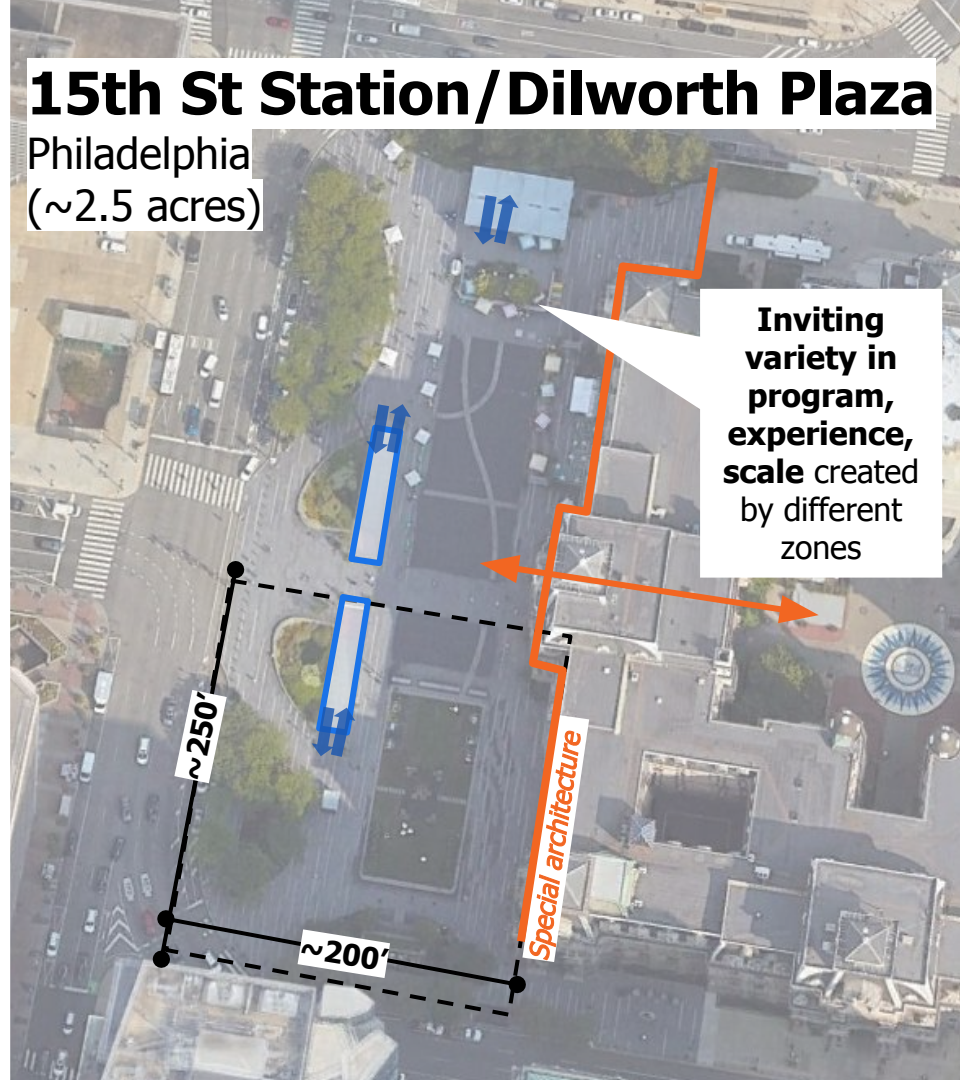
Fruitvale Village

Oakland
(~0.5 ac)



15th St Station/Dilworth Plaza

Philadelphia
(~2.5 acres)



Downtown Commons

Sacramento

(~2.4 ac)

Mall

~360'

~140'

60'

~160'

Ali Youssefi
Square

~160'

K St. LRT

Functional during
**peak ingress/
egress** + non-event
days for **gathering**

Golden
Center



In Chan Kaajal Park

Mission, SF
(~0.7 ac)

~130'

~240'

Neighborhood serving park
w/ events, playground,
community garden



Pioneer Square

Portland
(~1 ac)

Kiosks support plaza activation

~200'

~200'

* Light rail access

Different **public seating zones** and **vantage points**

Flexibility to accommodate **large events**



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the project website at
www.vta.org/28LPdevelopment

