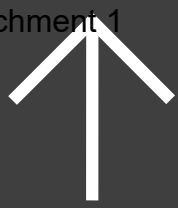




Existing view at BC Parkway Patterson East.





# royal oak bonsor metrotown patterson central gateway



Key view of the area

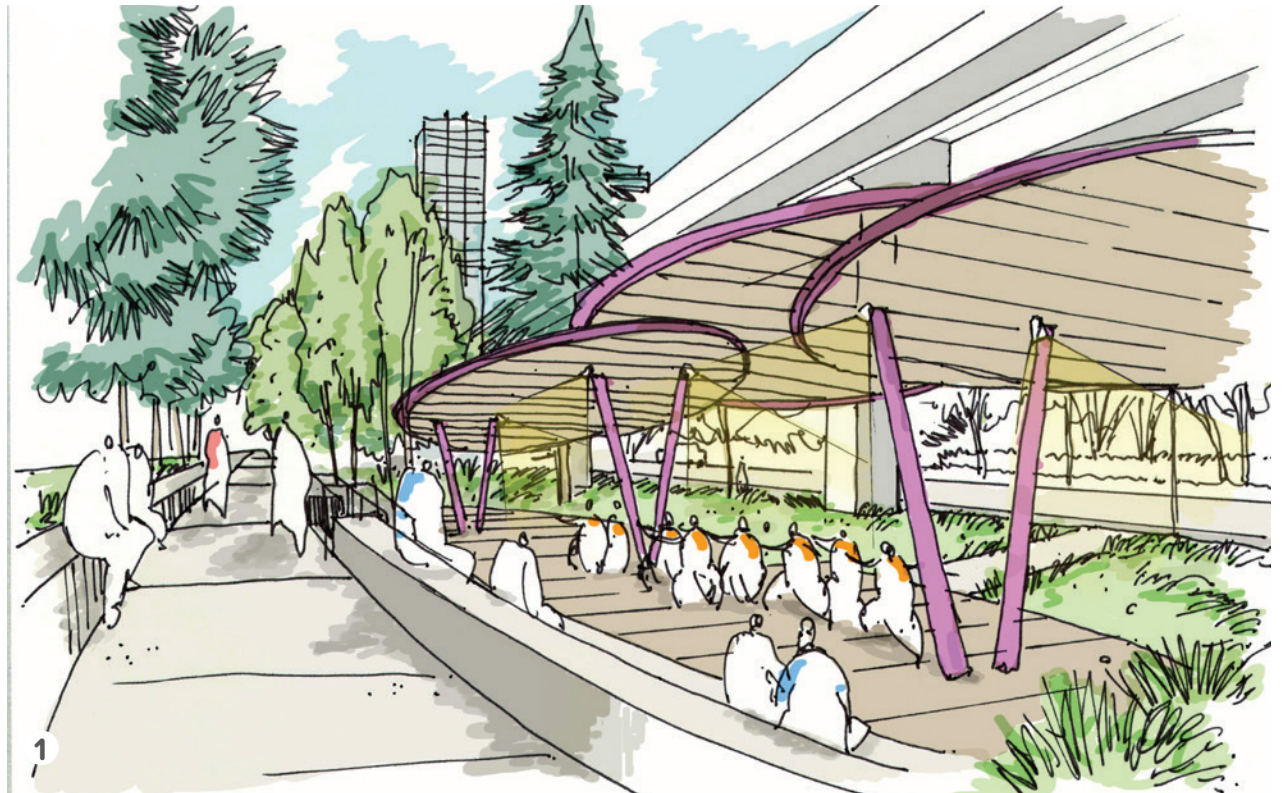
## 4.5 METROTOWN STATION

This part of the Parkway corridor flows through the heart of Burnaby's downtown and plays a critical role in placemaking for the community and in showcasing the City's identity. It also has the important criteria to function as a place for gathering and celebration, while also accommodating a smooth flow of people along cross directional desire lines.

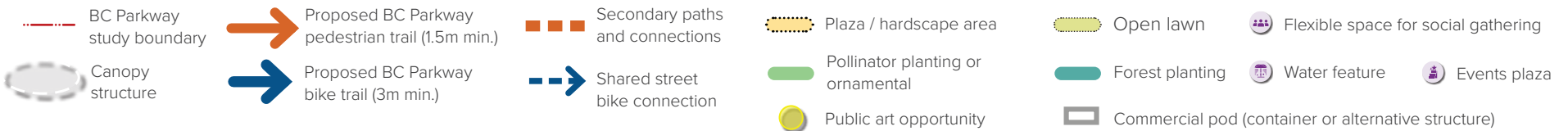
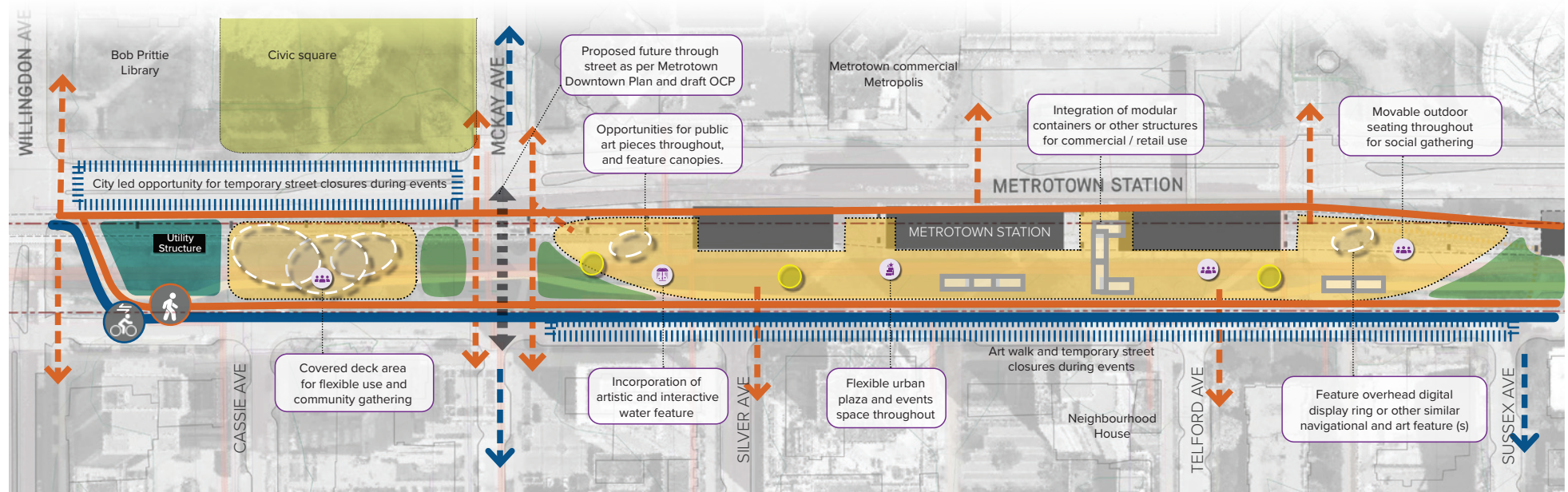
As a site with the busiest SkyTrain station in the City and large concentration of civic and commercial attractions on both sides of the Parkway, the corridor lands will need

to stay flexible, but also attractive in their design. Main attractions include Metropolis Centre and Beresford Street for shopping, and the Bob Prittie Public Library and civic square for various events throughout the year.

Future planning of this section needs to align with the Metropolis redevelopment and TransLink's priorities which have yet to be determined. Therefore the future planning of this section will need to have flexibility to accommodate critical long-term transit facilities and north-south crossings of significant transit passengers between the Metrotwon SkyTrain station and Metropolis.



Concept vignette across from Civic Square.



## PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES:

- Design the majority of the area as a large and flexible space, urban in character and hardscaped to withstand the high volume of pedestrian traffic flow in all directions. The paving choice must also withstand truck loads.
- Integrate mitigation of the subtle grade change from south to north into the design of the plaza space. For example, create a stepped custom seating edge along the length of the plaza with breaks for planting and access stairs at regular intervals.
- Incorporate a water element in the plaza as an artistic and potentially interactive feature for greater interest and animation during everyday use. The space should be designed to serve a multi-functional purpose where water is shut off during events or seasonal installations, or for service vehicle access. Consider protection from wind, and placement away from primary passages and include a seating area nearby.
- Ensure placement of all design elements in general to avoid conflict with pedestrian flows in and out of the stations and towards street crossings.
- Install pod structures or other temporary structures that could support small scale commercial use.
  - The type of small scale commercial use could be temporary, and complementary to the existing businesses, to serve the passerby in this area.
  - Pod structures, whether they be in the form of shipping containers or small architectural pavilions, should be beautified from the outside. Any permanent or temporary structure must be coordinated with and approved by BC Hydro and TransLink.
- Provide supplementary amenities in strategic locations that support the diversity of people crossing the area and to support event hosting. These can include a bike repair station, bike racks, water bottle filling station, misting station and others.





- Incorporate art across the area in a meaningful way. Consider adding to the Art Walk experience on Beresford Street which spill out onto the Parkway. Public art can be sculptural in nature / a landmark piece, an interactive and/or digitized piece, or integrated into furnishings and signage. The selected art pieces should contribute in a meaningful way to celebrate Burnaby's cultural identity and to mark the heart of the City's downtown.
- Incorporate wayfinding and navigational signage in strategic locations to assist in directing people to their desired destination but also to highlight key attractions for new visitors to the area.
- Design the western-most area of this Parkway section with a slightly different approach, given it is more removed from the main train stations and influx of people flow. This area is to serve as a quieter transitional place, designed with a flexible platform and free standing canopy to accommodate non-programmed light recreational use throughout the seasons. It is meant as a secondary space for a variety of groups that already gather (and compete for space) at the Civic Plaza across Central Boulevard for activities such as tai chi and breakdancing. Stormwater and grade change will need to be mitigated as part of the design.



Concept vignette at the north side of Metrotown Station.