



LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE

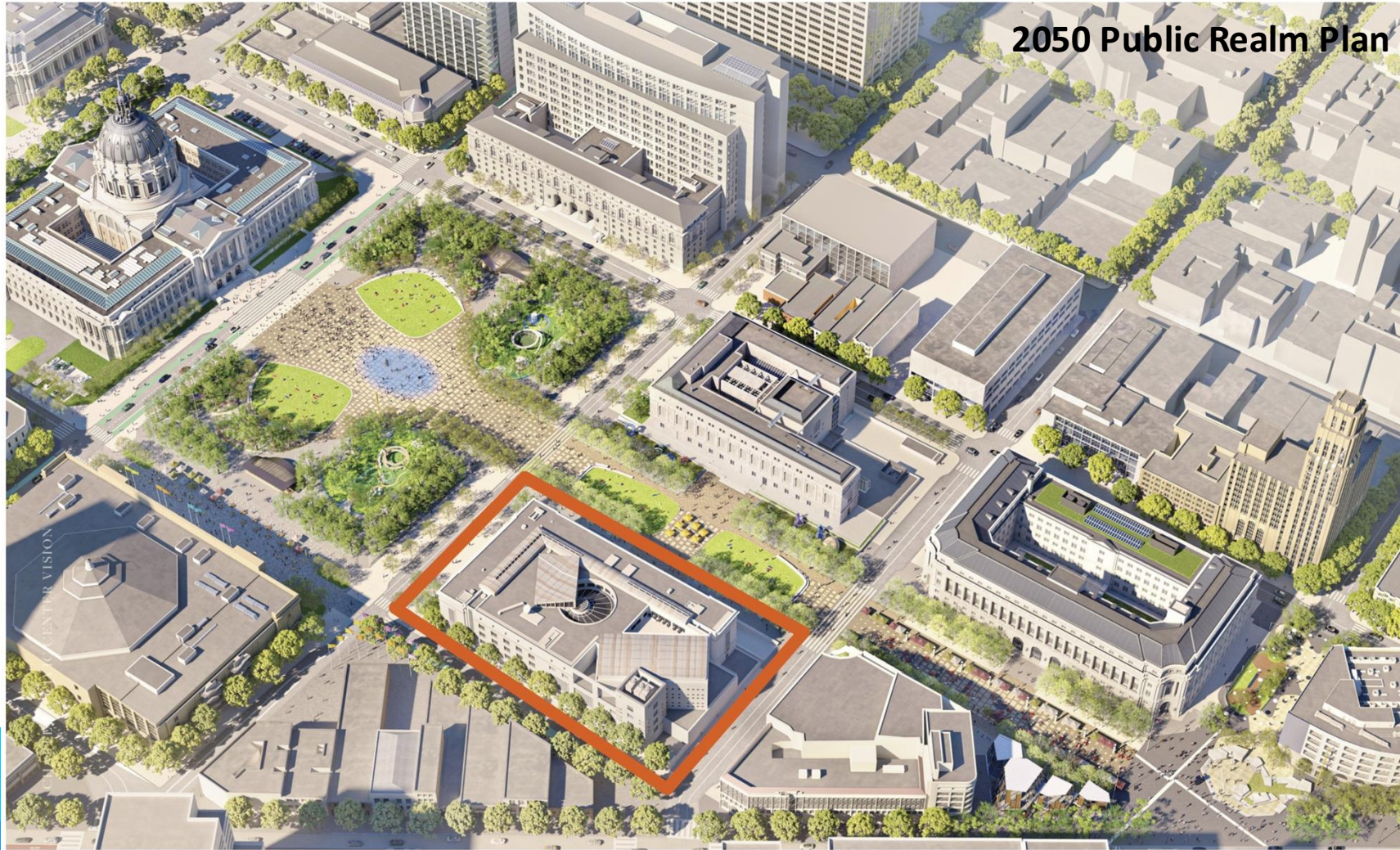
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The Future of Libraries: **Pathways to Discovery**



Our Research



2050 Public Realm Plan

- More space for services and education programs
- Make community events clear. Center affinity groups and spaces.
- Need designated social workers and spaces for vulnerable populations
- Increase community access to outdoor spaces
- Make art exhibits more visible and integrated into the program
- Easily accessible levels
- Security concerns: make entrances clear and visible
- Create access to modern technologies through courses



Conceptual Design Pillars

Visibility



Make people, services, and activity visible.

Accessibility



Remove barriers between people and resources.

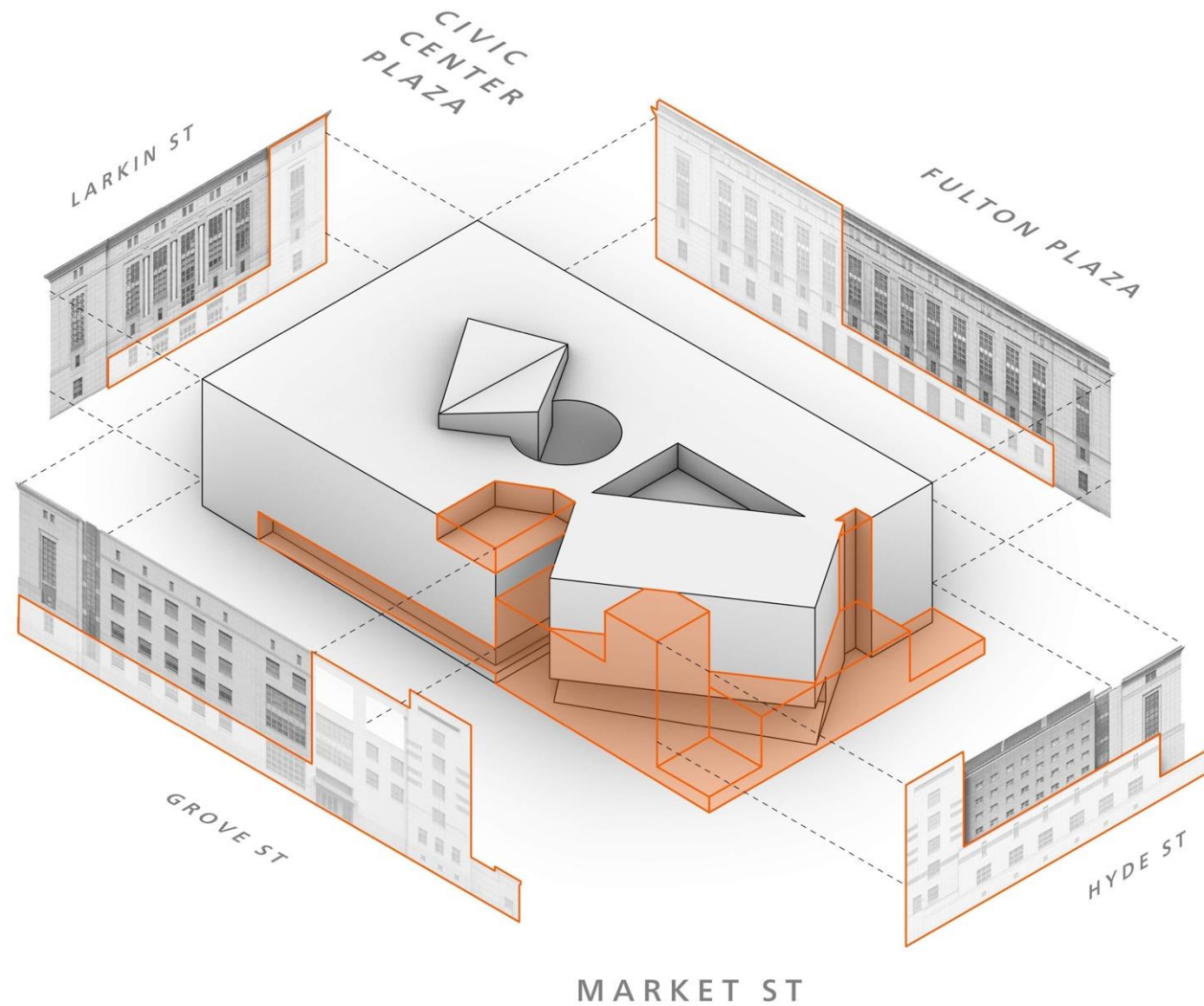
Transparency



Create openness, clarity, and trust.



Massing Strategy



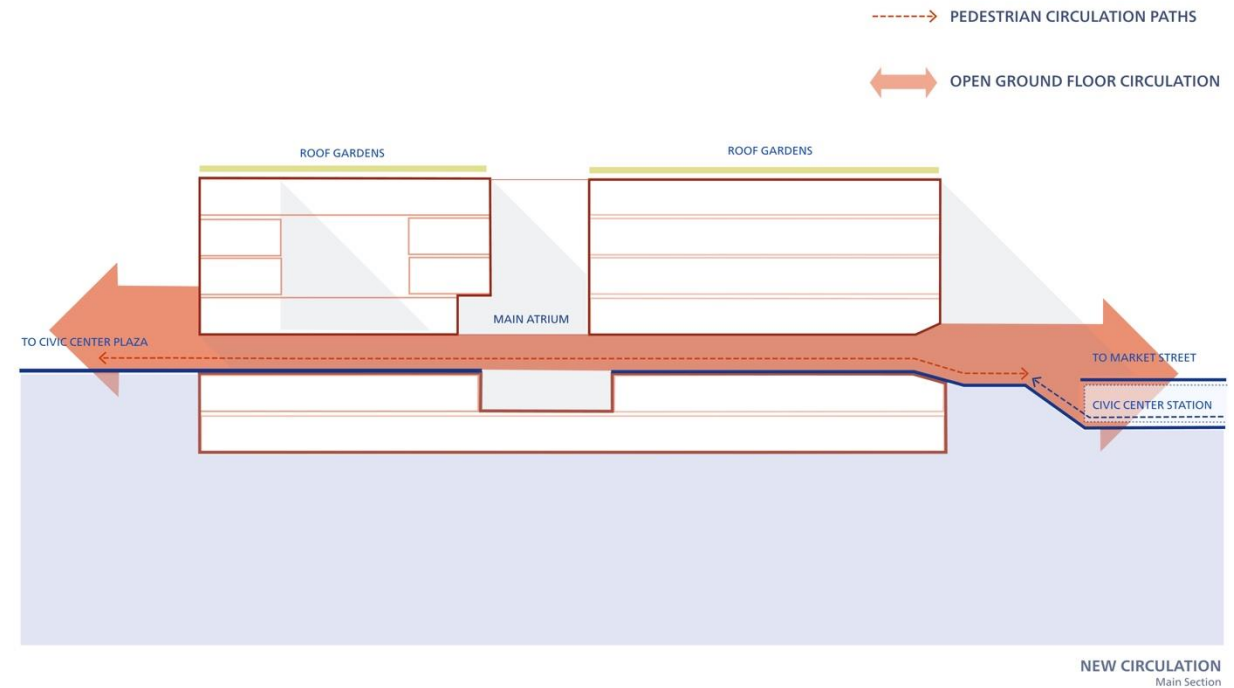
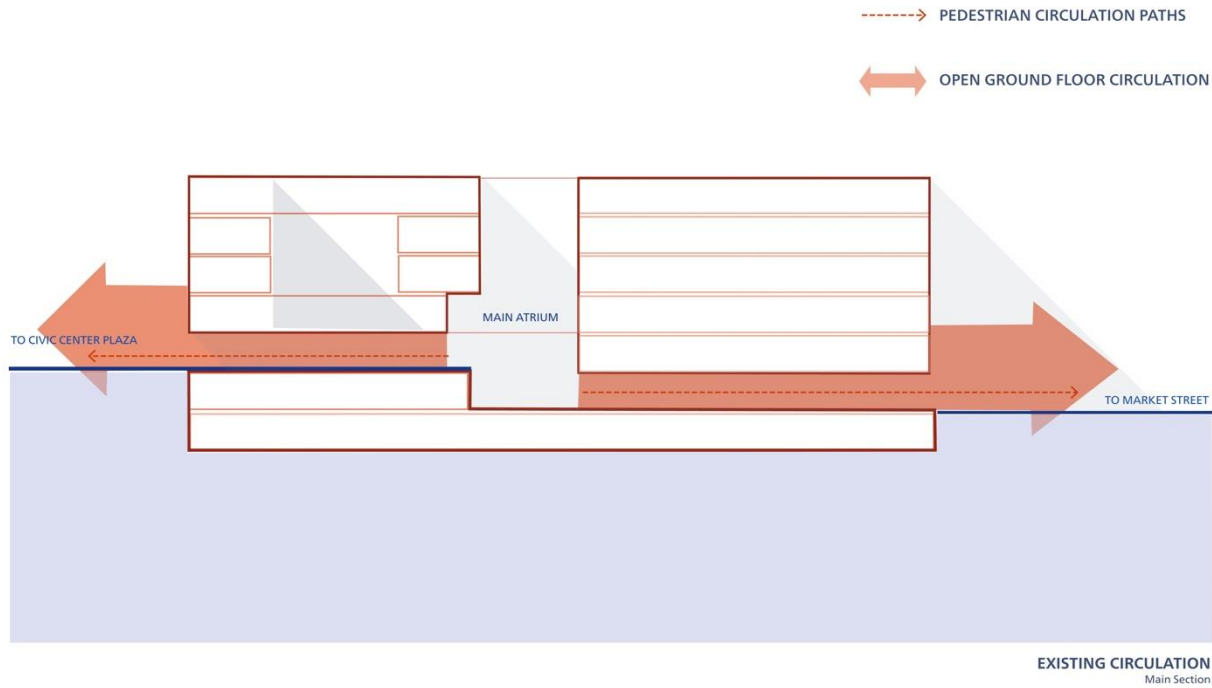
View from Market Street



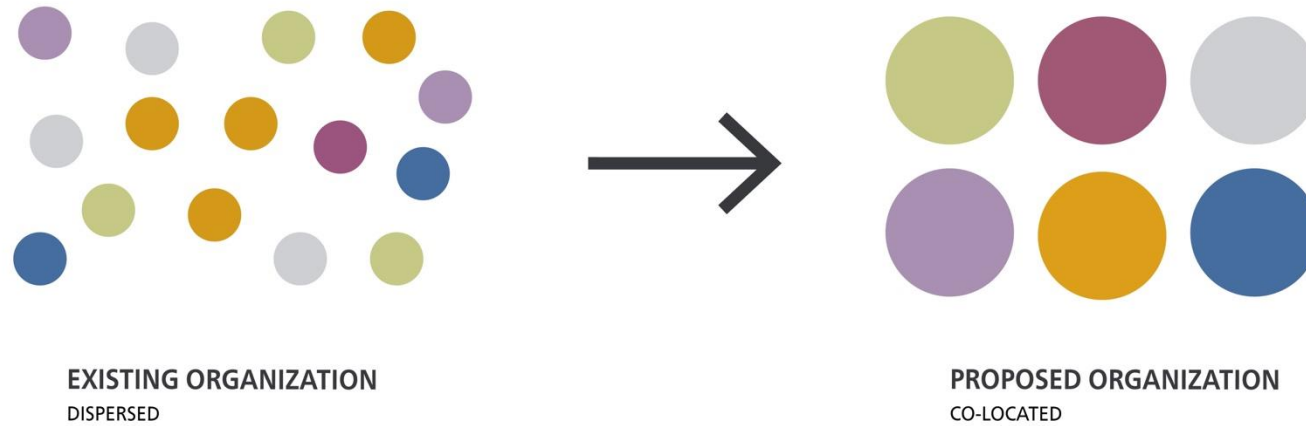
View from Fulton Plaza



Site Circulation



Program Organization

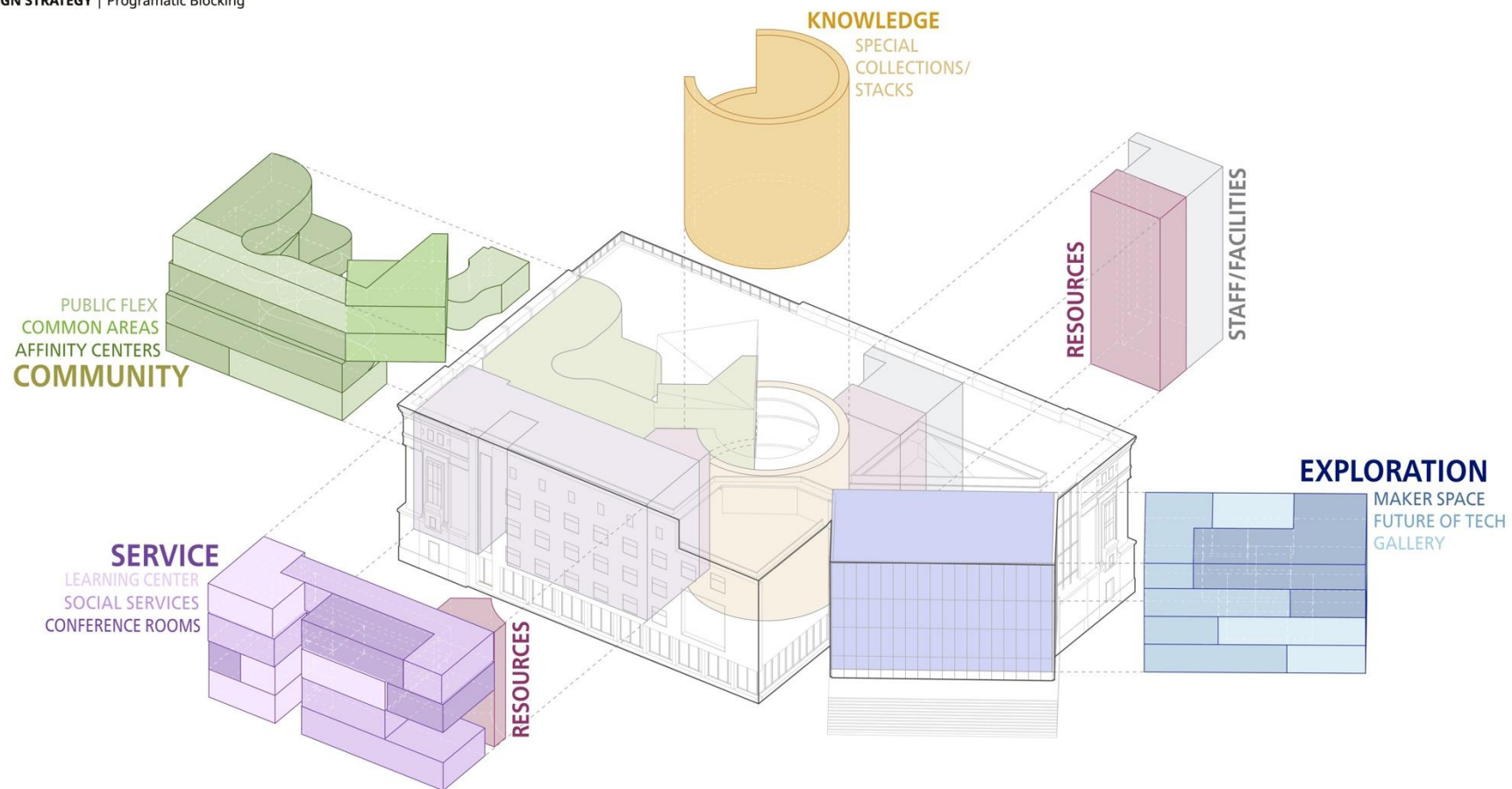


● COMMUNITY ● RESOURCES ● EXPLORATION ● SERVICE ● KNOWLEDGE ● STAFF FACILITIES



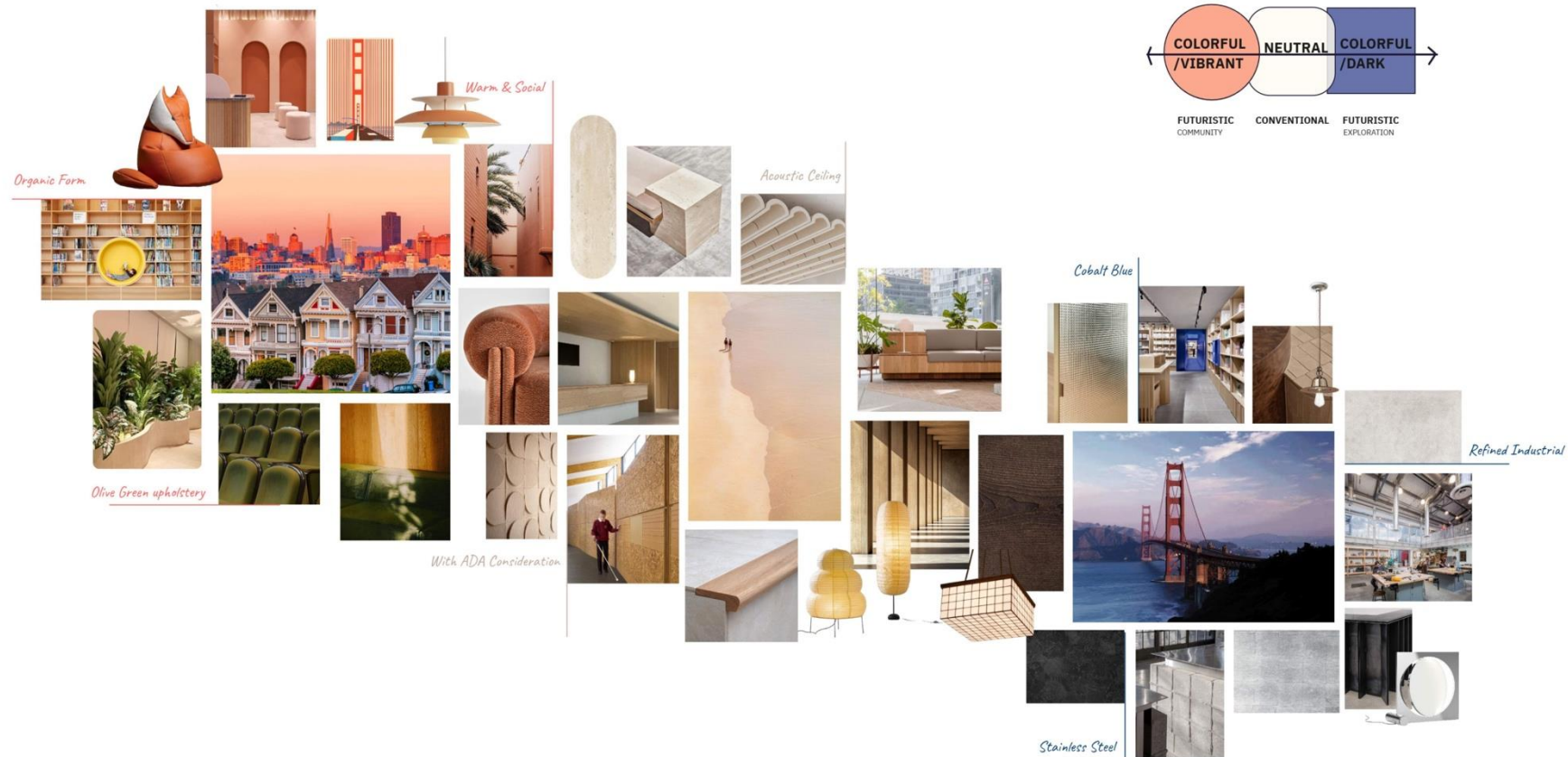
Program Blocking

DESIGN STRATEGY | Programmatic Blocking



Interior Strategy

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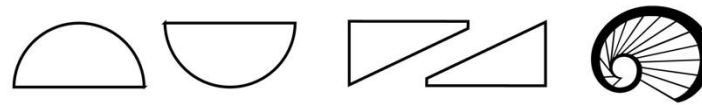
Visual Identity

INTRODUCTION | Visual Identity

Color Story



Building Blocks



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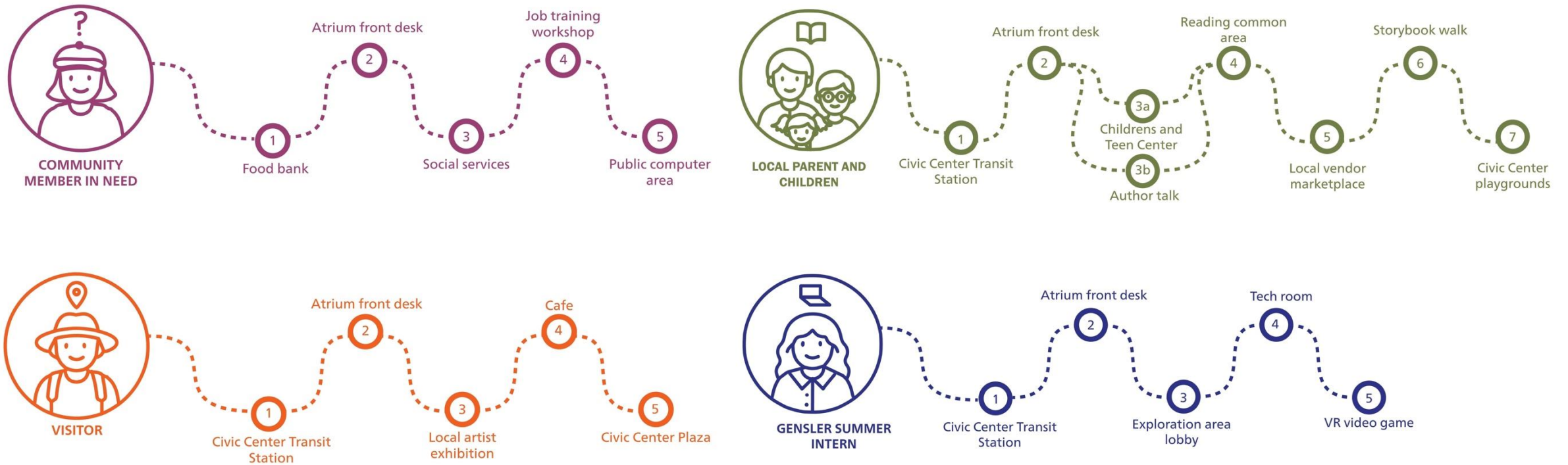


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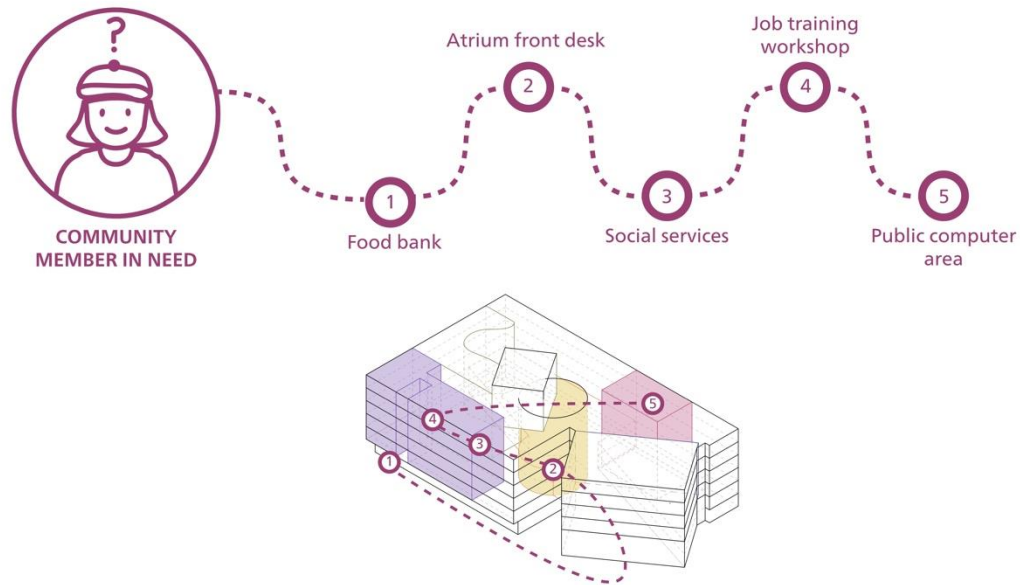
Graphic Elements



Pathways to Discovery



Day in the Life – Community Member in Need



Food Bank



Atrium Front Desk



Public Computer Area





Thank You!

