Federal Reserve Bank • Minneapolis

Heritage Landing Parking Ramp

Project Description

The new Heritage Landing Parking Ramp for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (FRB) will complete the downtown campus and provide parking for FRB employees, visitors, guests and contractors serving the Bank. The FRB intends to make a portion of the ramp available to the public.

The project consists of construction of a Parking Ramp just northwest of the current FRB Campus in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. The construction site is bordered by an Alley (accessing service and parking for the commercial buildings and the 212 Lofts) and Bike Path (accessing the Cedar Lake Bike Trail) to the south, the Cedar Lake Bike Trail to the west, West River Parkway to the north and the existing Federal Reserve Bank Building to the east. The site is currently occupied by surface parking of approximately 300 vehicles for the FRB use and open green space used by the FRB as well as periodically open to the public.

Project Need

The current parking demand for FRB use includes employees, visitors, guests and contractors serving the FRB. This demand is currently met with surrounding surface and structured parking as well as FRB surface parking (Heritage Landing Site - 300 vehicles) and parking below the FRB campus buildings (260 vehicles). The FRB promotes the use of mass and bicycle transit as alternatives to driving personal vehicles.

The current development of the North Loop area has reduced the amount of nearby surface parking available and thus the need to expand the parking available for FRB employees, visitors, guests and contractors. The FRB will also make available some parking for nearby North Loop Neighborhood businesses in the new Heritage Landing Parking Ramp.



Project Program

The proposed Parking Ramp will have a footprint of approximately 54,600 SF located to the north-west along the Cedar Lake Bike Trail. The remainder of the site will provide for an access drive to the ramp from the intersection of 2nd Avenue North and Azine Way as well as public open space with access to West River Parkway.

The Parking Ramp will provide 800 parking stalls in a 5 level concrete parking ramp structure with a roof completely covering the top level of parking. The overall project area will be approximately 273,000 SF

In addition to parking there will be FRB Mail Receiving space of approximately 750 SF located on Level 1 within the Parking Ramp.





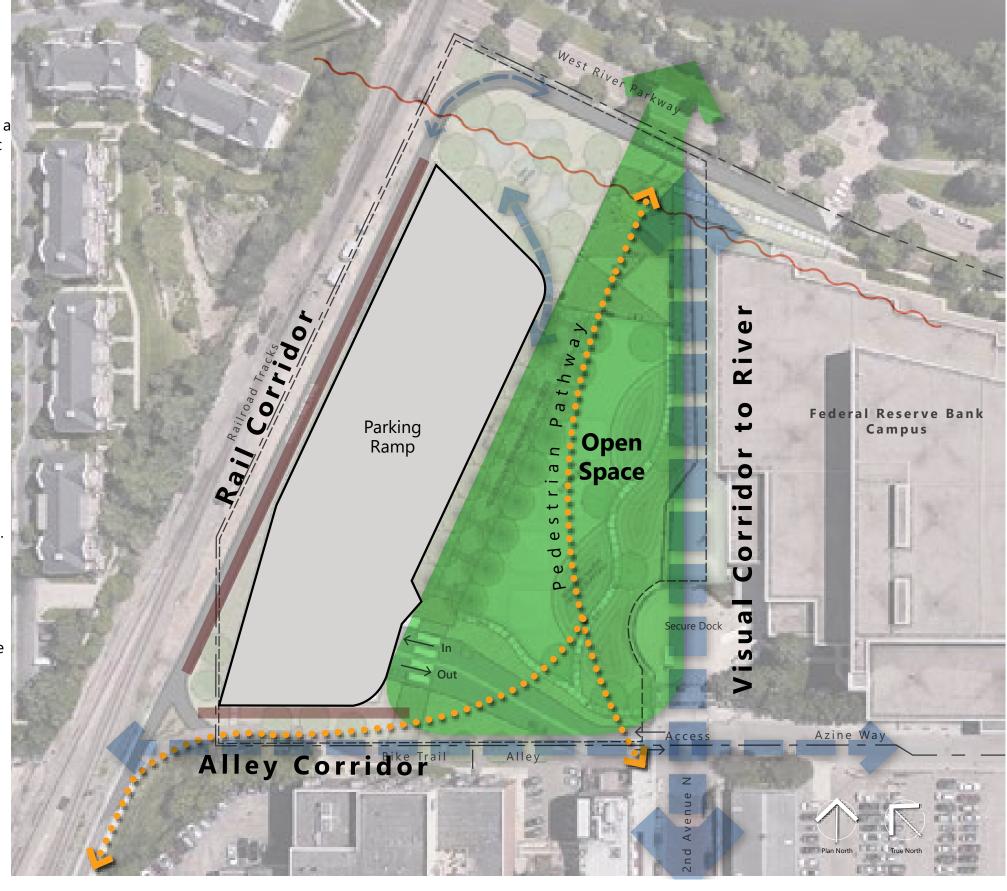


Design Approach

Site Organization

The Parking Ramp mass is intended to minimize the ramp footprint while creating a building height which is consistent with the surrounding buildings and the historic context. The Parking Ramp is positioned to the west and south sides of the site:

- Maintain the 2nd Avenue North visual corridor connecting the Ware house District with the Mississippi River corridor.
- Create the largest, most usable Public Open Space which be comes a public amenity as well as both a visual and pedestrian connection to the river.
- Maintain the view shed to the east of the River Corridor for the residential development directly to the south (212 Lofts Condominiums)
- Create a Public Open Space which can be developed to help interpret the past history of the site.
- Parking Ramp alignment to the west to reinforce the Rail Corridor edge.
- Parking Ramp alignment to the south to reinforce the Alley Corridor edge.
- Parking Ramp kept south of the River edge respecting both the
 existing River Corridor as well as the north edge of the existing
 Federal Reserve Bank Campus. This southern position also allows for
 the potential reconfiguration of the current Cedar Lake Bike Trail
 creating a safer curve in place of the existing 90 degree corner of the
 trail at the northwest corner of the site.
- Parking Ramp access from 2nd Avenue N and Azine Way is located at the south end of the site to reinforce the Alley corridor use and aesthetic as well as maintaining as much contiguous Open Space as possible.



















AERIAL IMAGE • Campus Context looking south



AERIAL IMAGE • Campus Context looking north