

# **Boston University**

## **Center for Computing & Data Sciences**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**STUDENT RESIDENCE FOCUS**

**Project Briefing and Construction Management Plan**

**December 3, 2019**

# Today's Agenda

## Project Introduction

*David Zamojski and Walt Meissner*

## Building Design

*Luigi LaRocca, KPMB Architects*

## Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

*Dennis Carlberg, Associate Vice President, Sustainability*

## Project Impact: What to Expect

### Overview/Project Schedule

*Walt Meissner, Project Executive*

### Construction Management Plan

*Chris Kenny and Tom Spall, Project Manager and Superintendent*

### Noise and Vibration

*Bryan Sweeney, GeoTech Engineer*

## Q&A



# Center for Computing & Data Sciences

- New home for newly created **Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences**, Departments of **Computer Science** and **Mathematics & Statistics**, and **Hariri Institute for Computing**
- 19 stories, 345,000 square feet of classroom, lab, and collaboration space on Commonwealth Avenue; construction to begin in spring 2020
- A game changer for BU in the rapidly growing field of data science



# Why Does Boston University Need It?



World is more interconnected and data-driven than ever before; rapidly increasing demand from students for relevant courses/majors



Emergence of AI and machine learning, as well as the use of data to boost research across all disciplines



Highly competitive landscape among institutions in this field – one where BU is well-positioned to lead



“Data Scientist” ranked hottest job in US four straight years; rise of data science needs expected to create 11.5 million new job openings by 2026

# What the New Building Brings to BU



Enhanced capability for interconnected research by bringing together leaders and emerging scholars from multiple fields under one roof



Physical capacity for strategic institutional growth in rapidly expanding fields



Transformative design and sustainability on evolving Charles River Campus cityscape

# Building Design

Luigi LaRocca

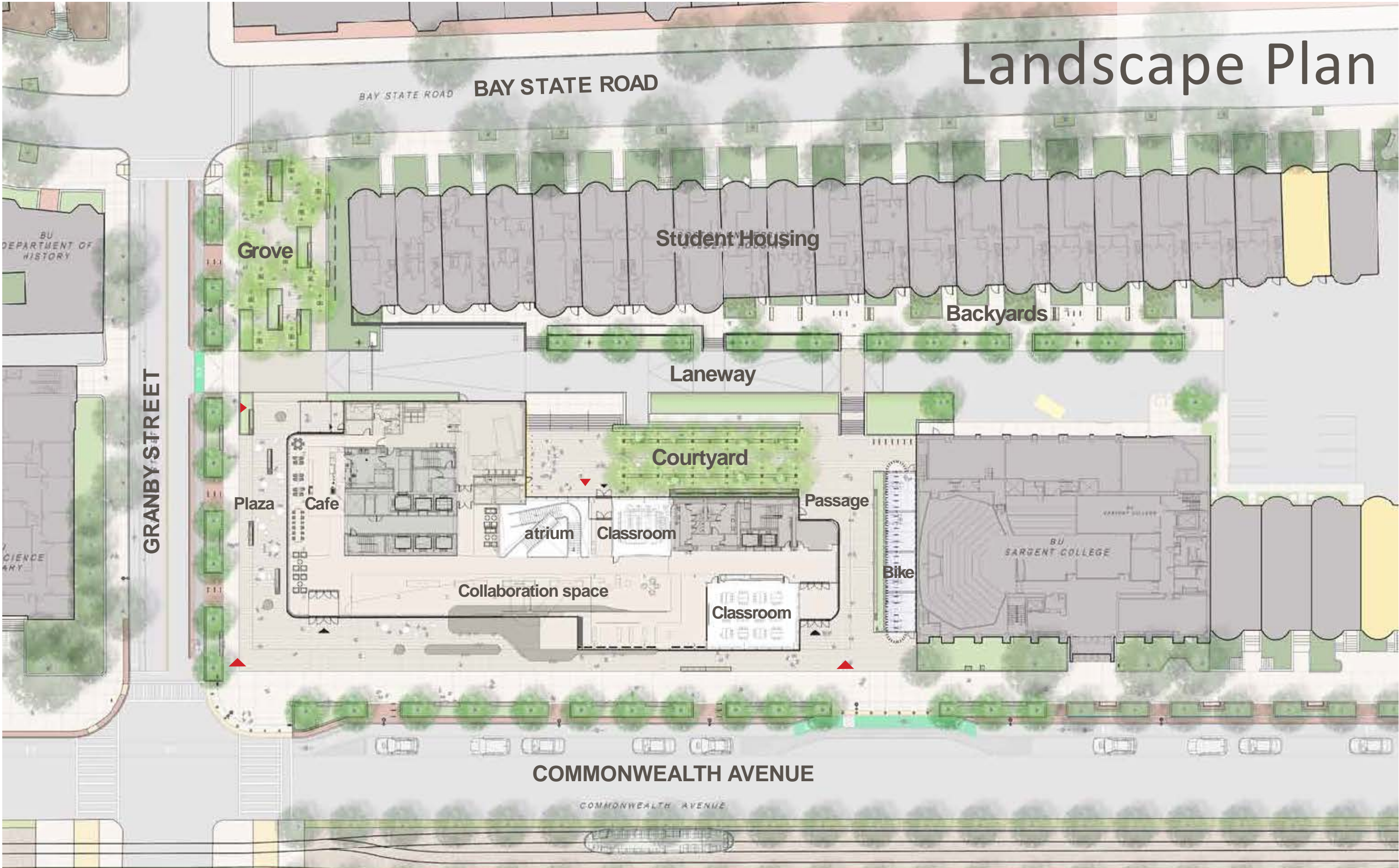
*Principal, KPMB Architects*

# A Vertical Campus

- Create spaces of collaboration and solitude
- Synergies of data and people
- porosity, warmth and vibrancy
- Open ground floor & second floor
- Flexibility
- Develop Departmental Identity



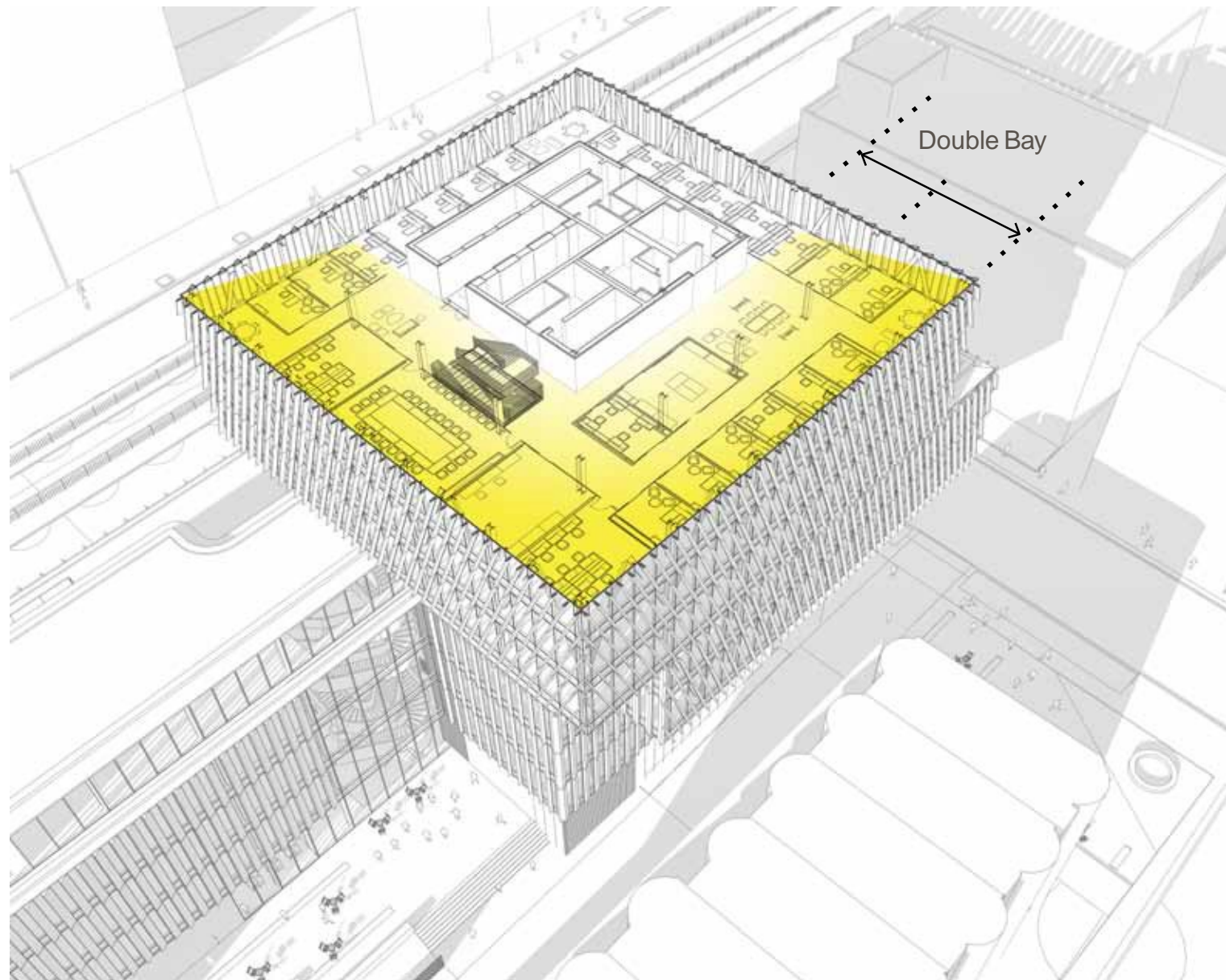
# Landscape Plan





# Tower Façade Conceptual Framework

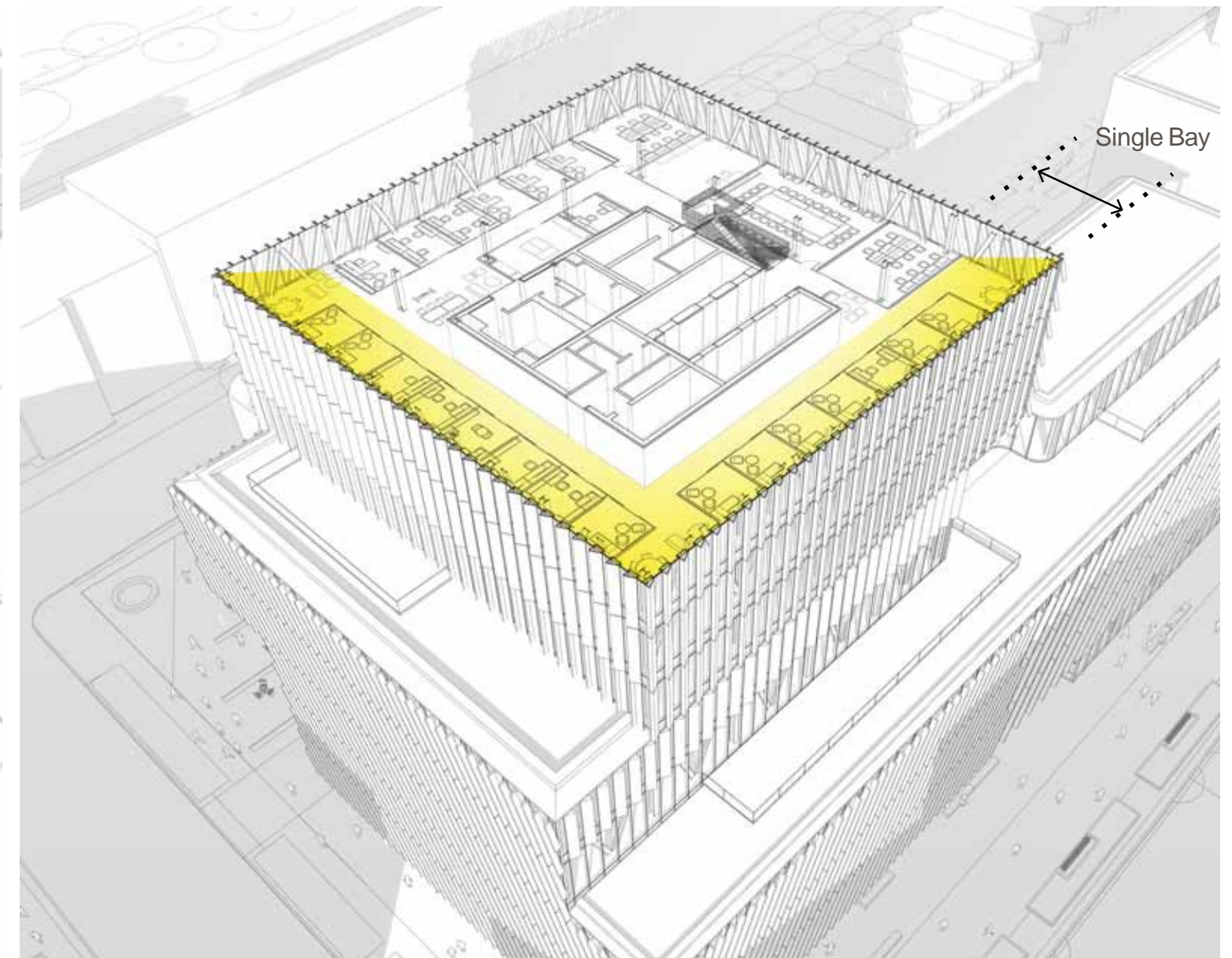
## Diagonal Louver Façade Design



### Diagonal Louvers Along Double Bay Depth

A diagonal louver in front of 60% vision glazing is used in the deep floor plate zones to cut out the solar gain and drive daylight deep into the plan.

## Sawtooth Façade Design



### Saw Tooth Façade Along Single Bay Depth

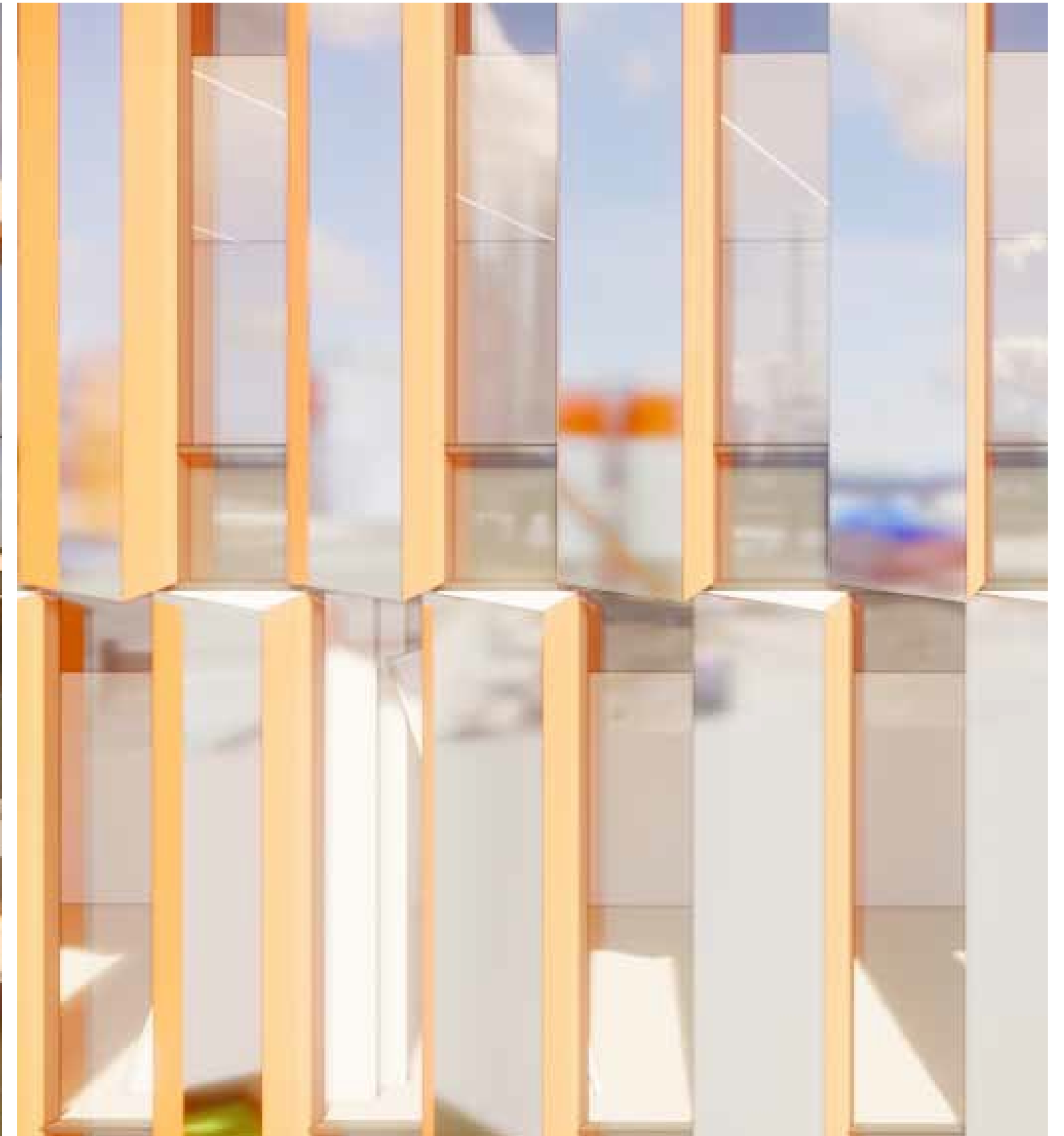
A vertical sawtooth with 40% vision glazing is used on the shallow single bay depth floor plate zone where daylight does not need to penetrate as deep into the floorplate.

# Tower Facade Conceptual Framework

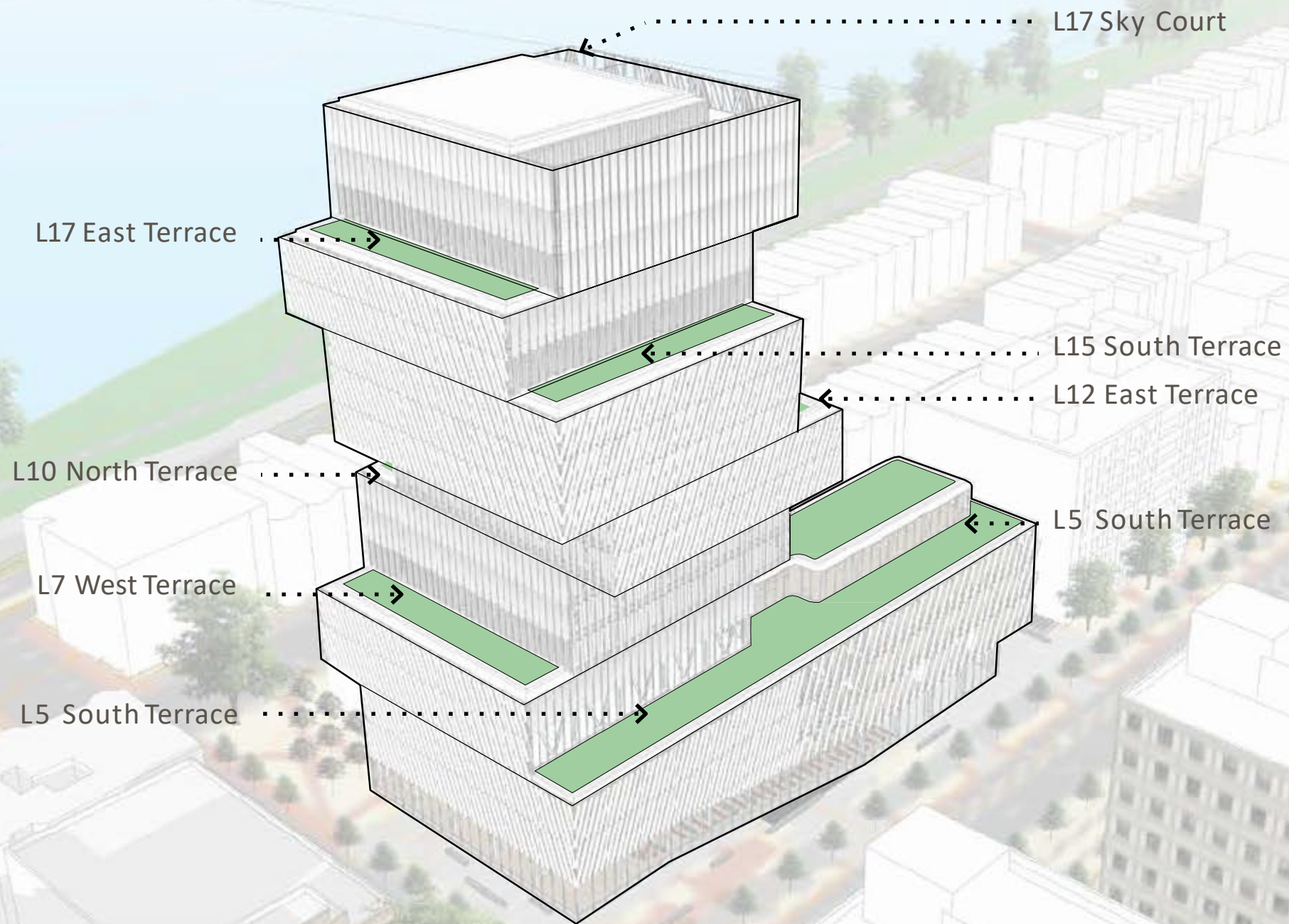
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## Sawtooth Facade Design



The shifted volumes break down the scale into vertical neighborhoods and create outdoor collaboration spaces on all sides of building





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View looking north from corner Commonwealth Ave and Granby St



View from Granby St. looking East to Laneway



View West from Laneway



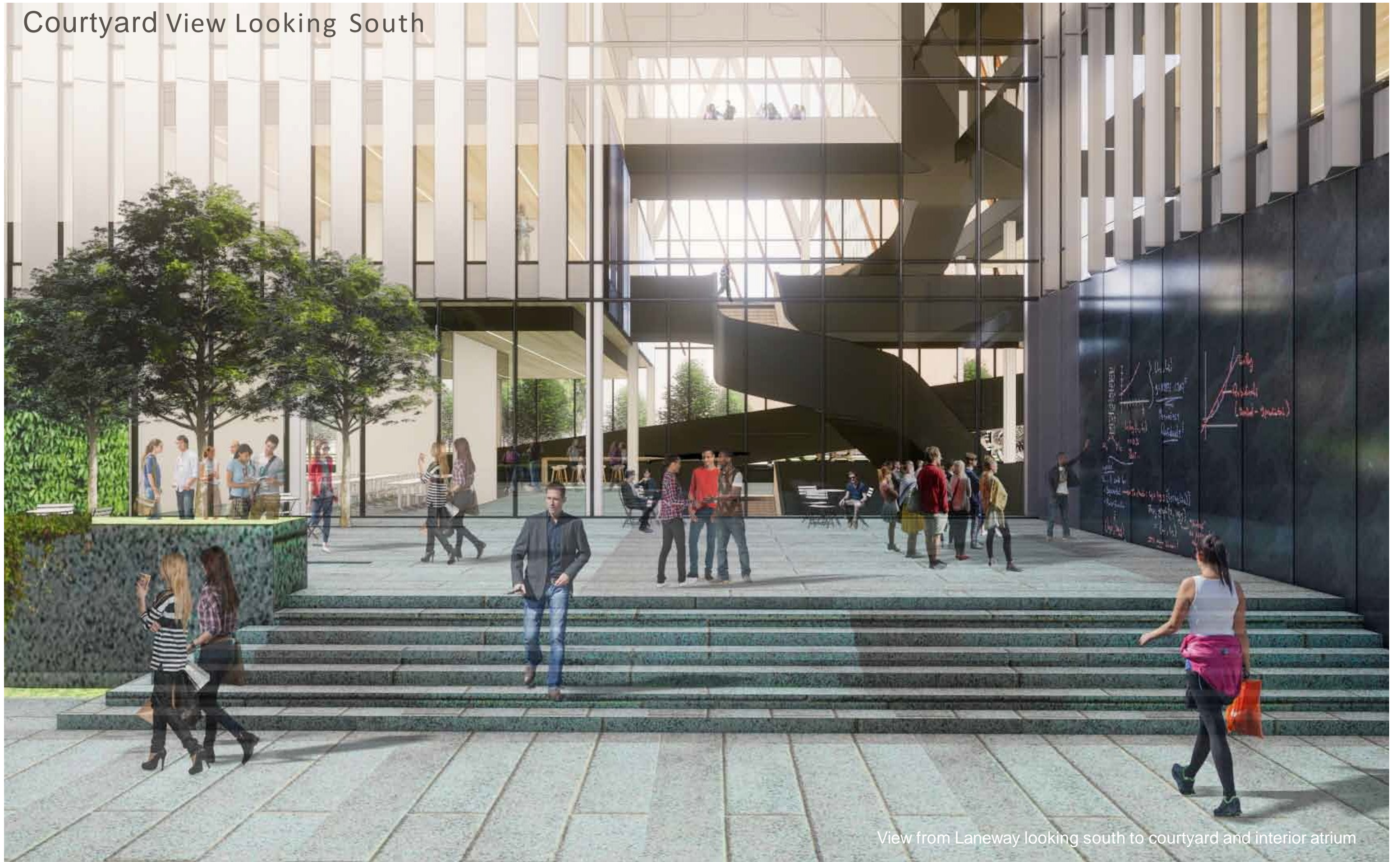
View East from Laneway



Laneway view looking southeast to courtyard and interior atrium



# Courtyard View Looking South



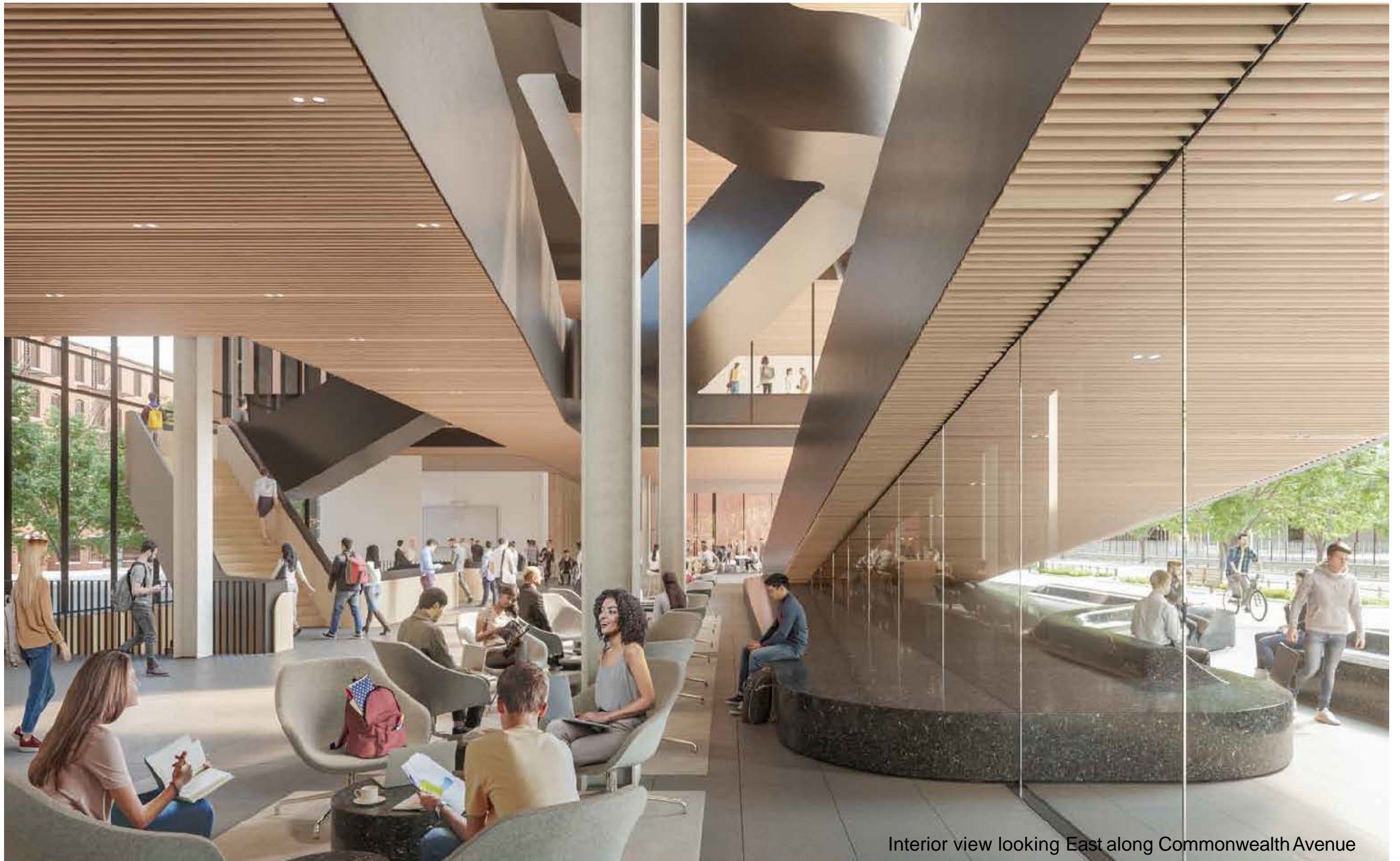
View from Laneway looking south to courtyard and interior atrium

View looking North to East Entrance, Passageway & Bike Shelter



View looking East along Commonwealth Avenue





Interior view looking East along Commonwealth Avenue

## Typical Tower Floor - Focused Collaboration Spaces



Fifth Floor Pavilion (Evening Event)



17th Floor Multi-Purpose Event Space / Outdoor Terrace



Interior view looking East along Commonwealth Avenue







# **Sustainability & Climate Action Plan**

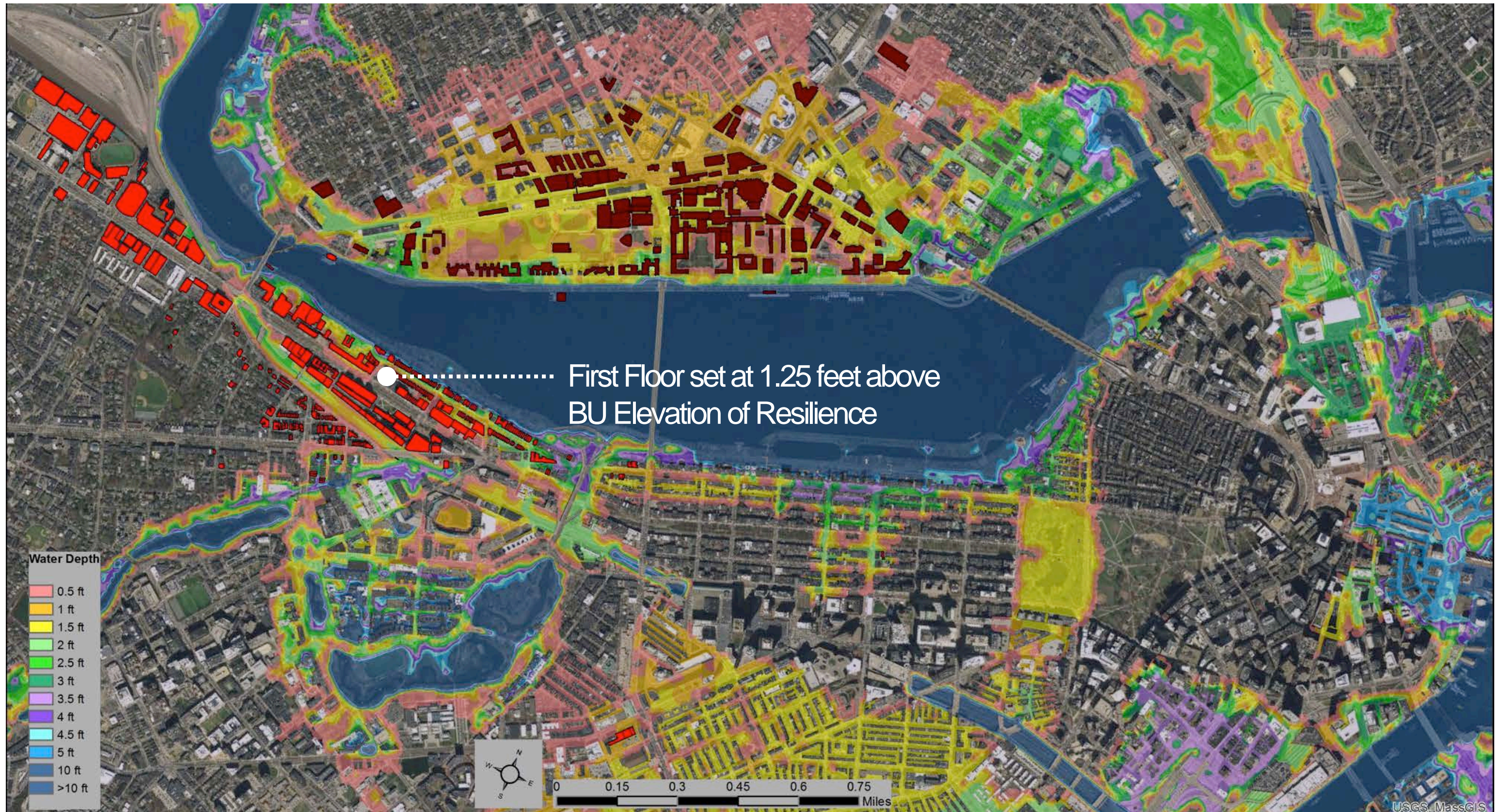
**Dennis Carlberg**

*Associate Vice President, Sustainability*

**5 Reasons  
This Building Will Be BU's Most  
Sustainable Yet**

# Reason #1 Resilient Design

Prepare for Climate Change



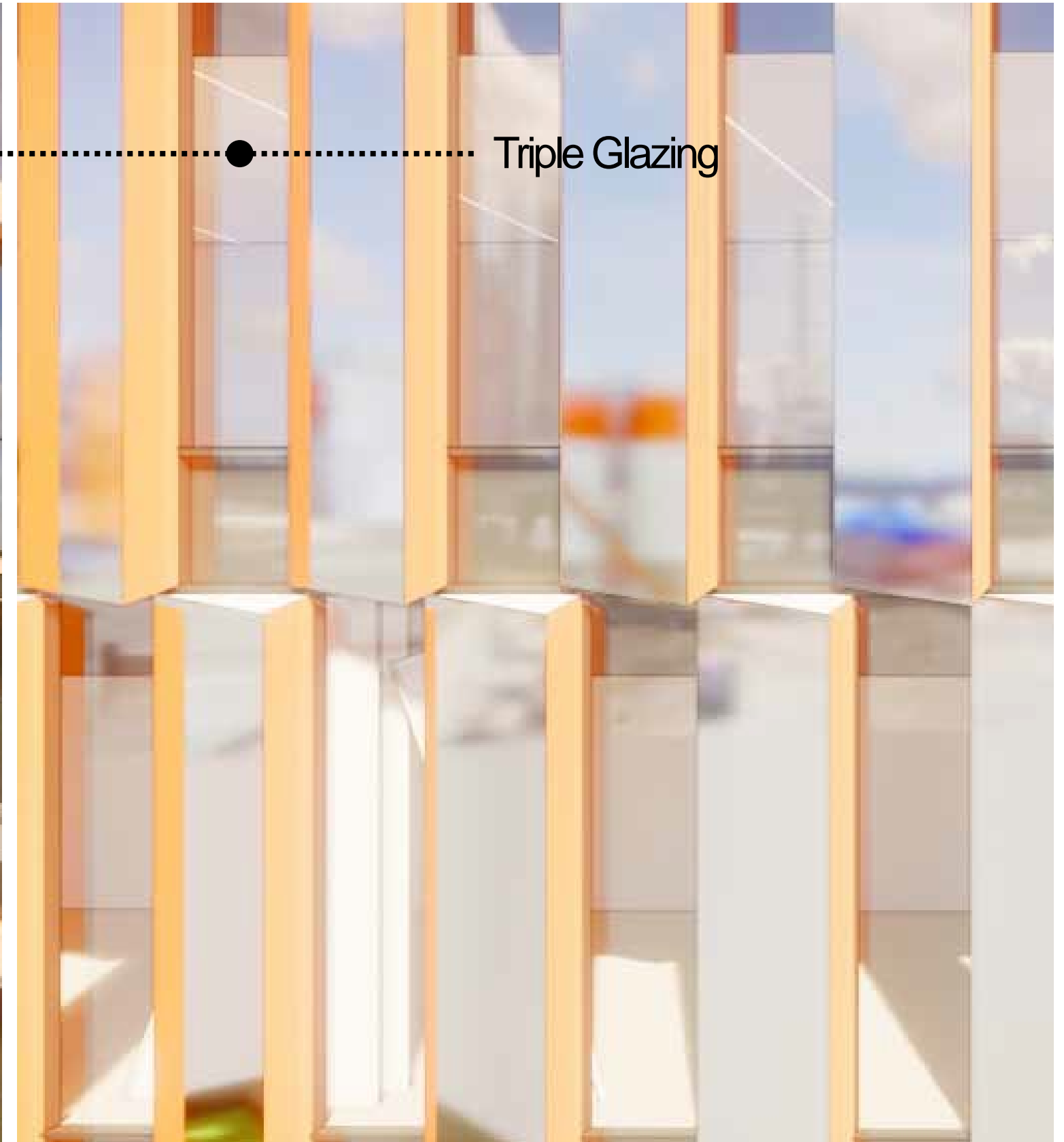
# Reason #2 Energy Efficiency

Diagonal Louver Facade Design



# Building Enclosure

Sawtooth Facade Design



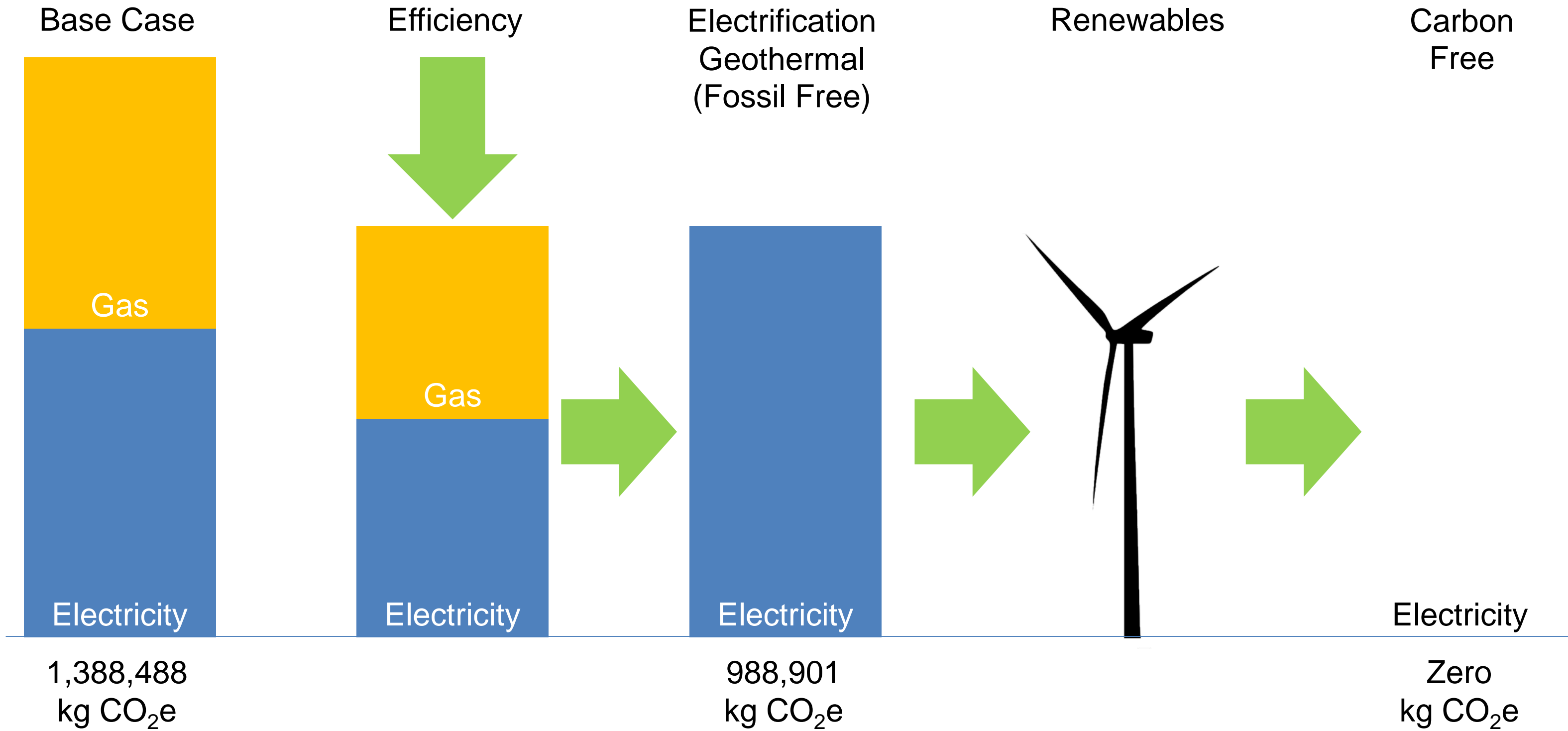


### Ground Source Heat Pump

1. Enhanced HVAC System
2. Chilled Beams
3. 1,500 foot deep geothermal

# Reason #3 Fossil Free, Carbon Free

## De-carbonizing Energy



# Reason #4 Indoor Environmental Quality

## Interconnected Spaces





# Reason #5 Climate Leadership

Seeking LEED Platinum



**Certified**

40-49 points earned

**Silver**

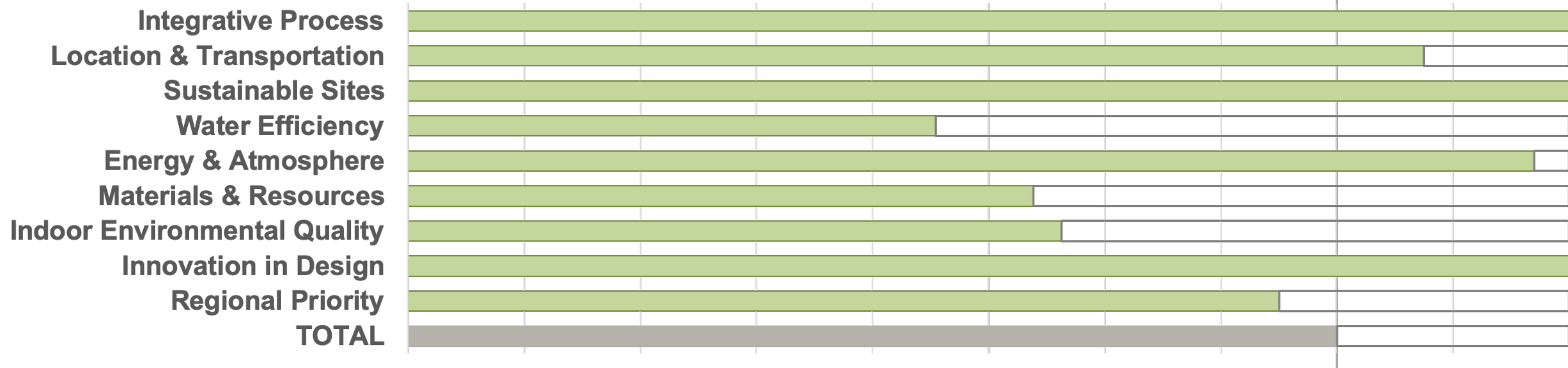
50-59 points earned

**Gold**

60-79 points earned

**Platinum**

80+ points earned



### City of Boston Climate Action Plan

- Chief of Environment  
Energy & Open Space
- Sharing Lessons  
Learned through the  
Green Ribbon  
Commission
- Boston Planning &  
Development Agency  
Exemplary Project



**Reason #1** Resilient Design

**Prepare for Climate Change**

**Reason #2** Energy Efficiency

**Building Enclosure  
Building Systems**

**Reason #3** Fossil Free, Carbon Free

**De-carbonizing Energy  
Geothermal**

**Reason #4** Indoor Environmental Quality

**Interconnected Spaces  
Materials**

**Reason #5** Climate Leadership

**Seeking LEED Platinum  
City Climate Action Plan**

# Project Impact - What to Expect

*Walt Meissner, Associate Vice President, Operation*

*Chris Kenney, Project Manager, Compass Project Management*

*Tom Spall, Project Superintendent, Suffolk Construction*

*Bryan Sweeney, GeoTech Engineer, Haley & Aldrich*

# Project Team – Lead Consultants

## University Leadership

Jean Morrison, University Provost  
Gary Nicksa, Senior Vice President, Operations

## Project Management

Walt Meissner, Project Executive  
Amy Barrett, Program Lead  
Paul Rinaldi, Design Lead  
David Flynn, Construction Lead

## Government & Community Affairs

Stephen Burgay, Senior Vice President, External Relations  
Jake Sullivan, Vice President, Gov & Community Relations  
Ken Ryan, Director of City Relations

## OPM – Owner’s Project Manager

Compass Project Management

## Construction Manager

Suffolk Construction, Pre-Construction

## Permitting Services

Fort Point Associates

## Architecture / Structure / MEP / Landscape

KPMB Architects  
Entuitive, Structural  
Bard, Rao + Athanas (BR+A), MEP  
Richard Burke Associates, Landscape

## Sustainability Engineers

Transsolar Klima Engineering

## Civil

Nitsch Engineering

## Life Safety and Building Code Services

Jensen Hughes

## Geotechnical Services

Haley Aldrich

## LEED Consulting











The Green Engineer

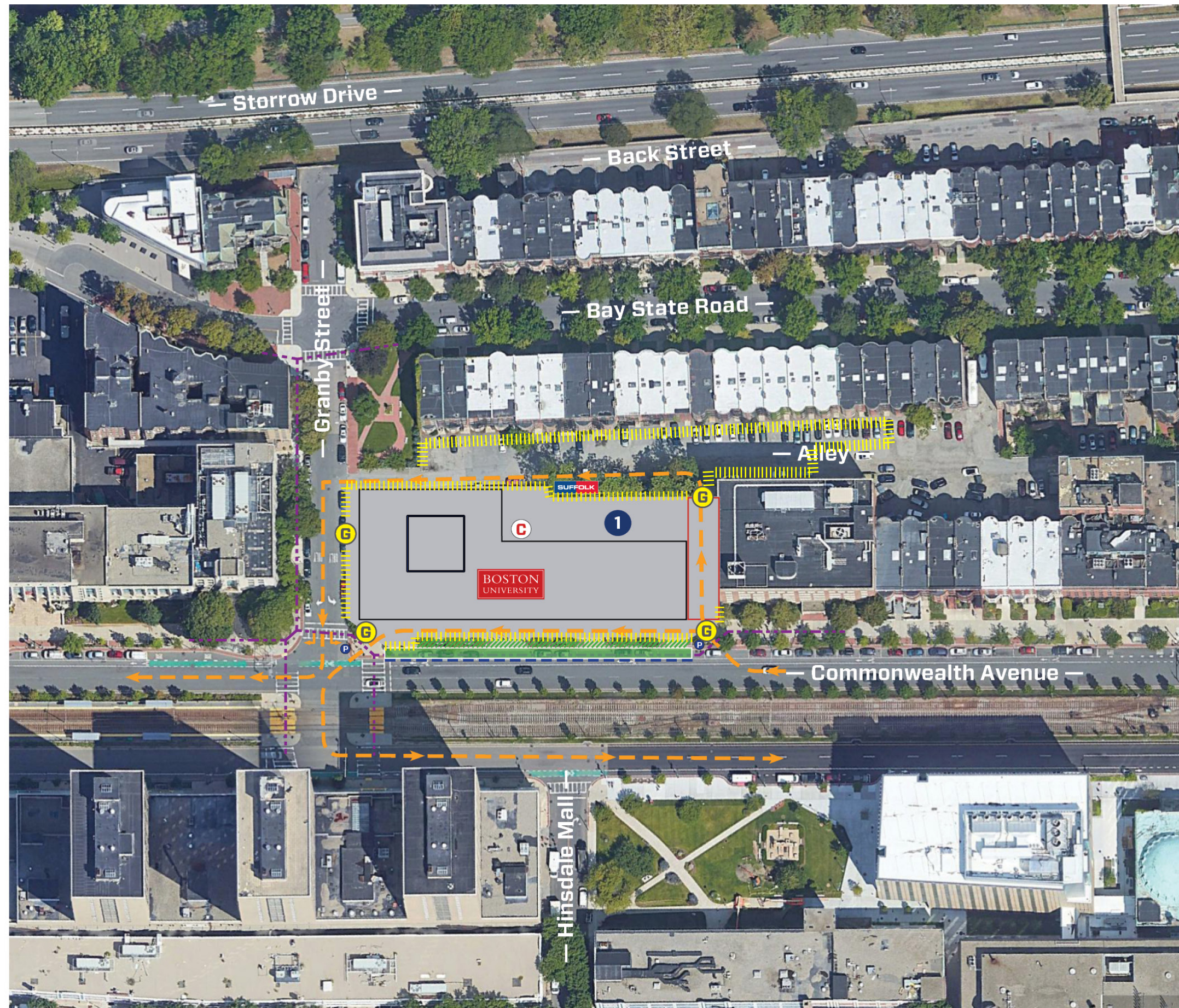
## Transportation

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- 1** Project Site
-  Boston University Center for Data Studies
- G** Gates
-  Site Fence
- C** Tower Crane
-  Jersey Barrier
-  Tree Protection
-  Core Walls
-  Site Trailers
-  Truck Routes
-  Pedestrian Egress
-  Access Ramp
-  Covered Walkway
- P** Police Detail

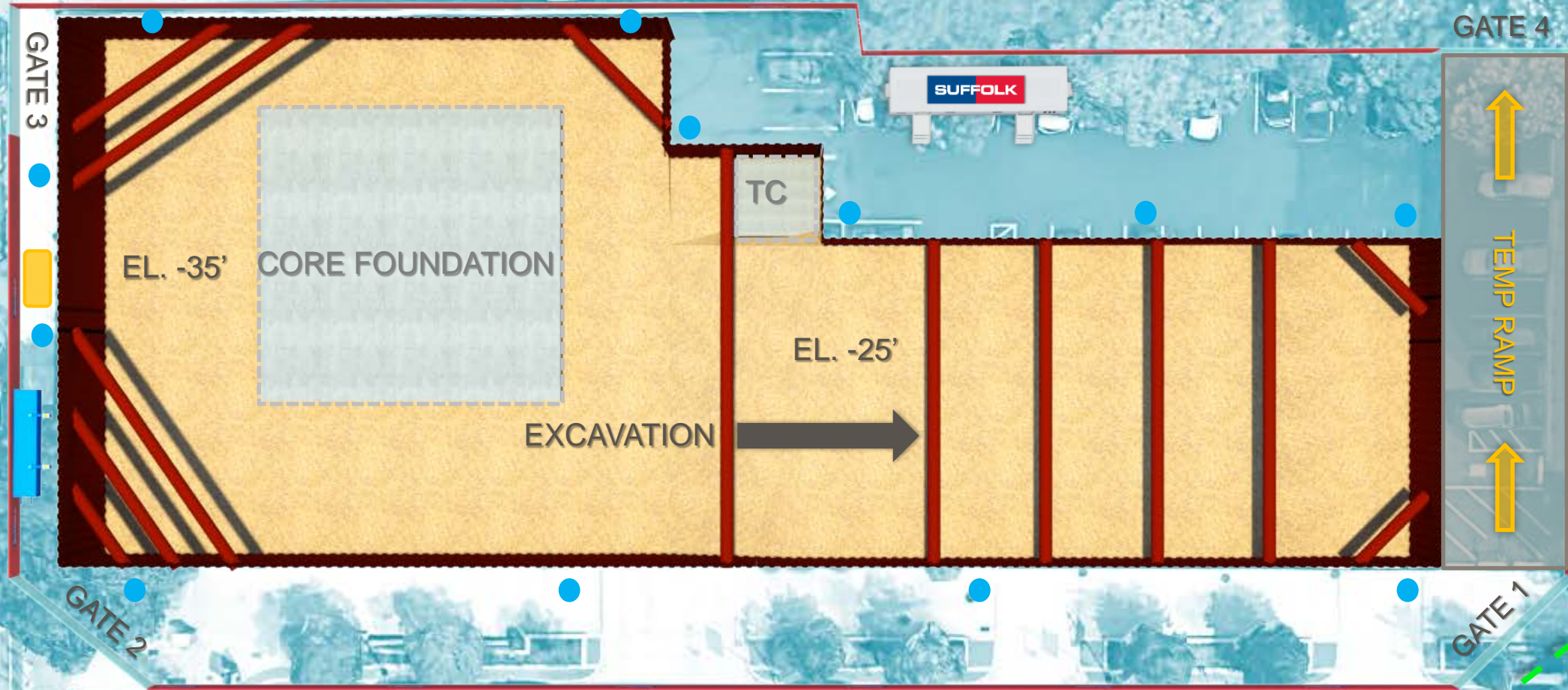




# MAR – OCT 2020

## MASS EXCAVATION/SUPPORT OF EXCAVATION

GRANBY STREET



OVERHEAD PROTECTION

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

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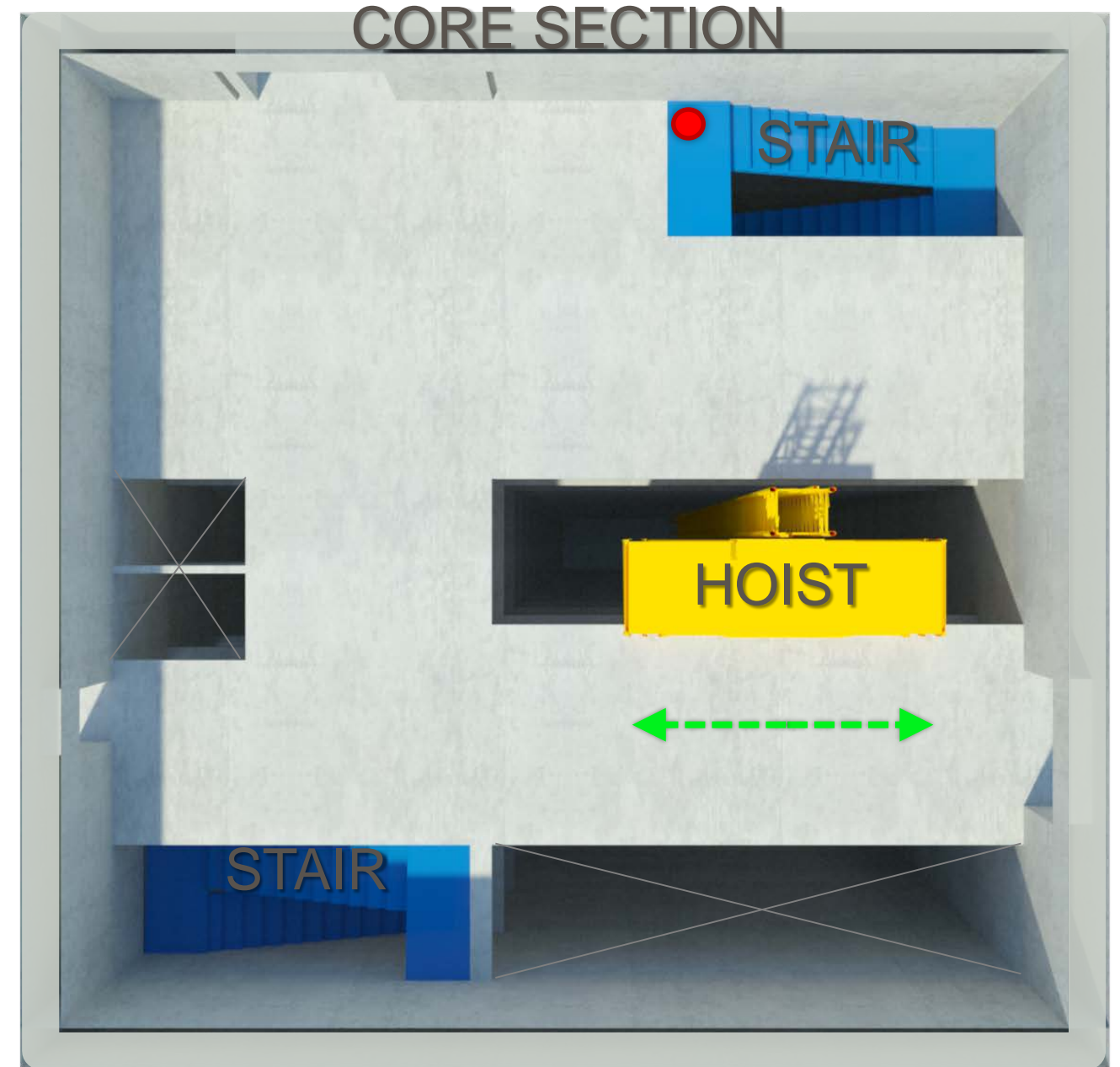






# NOV 2020 – FEB 2021

## CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS/CORE CONSTRUCTION



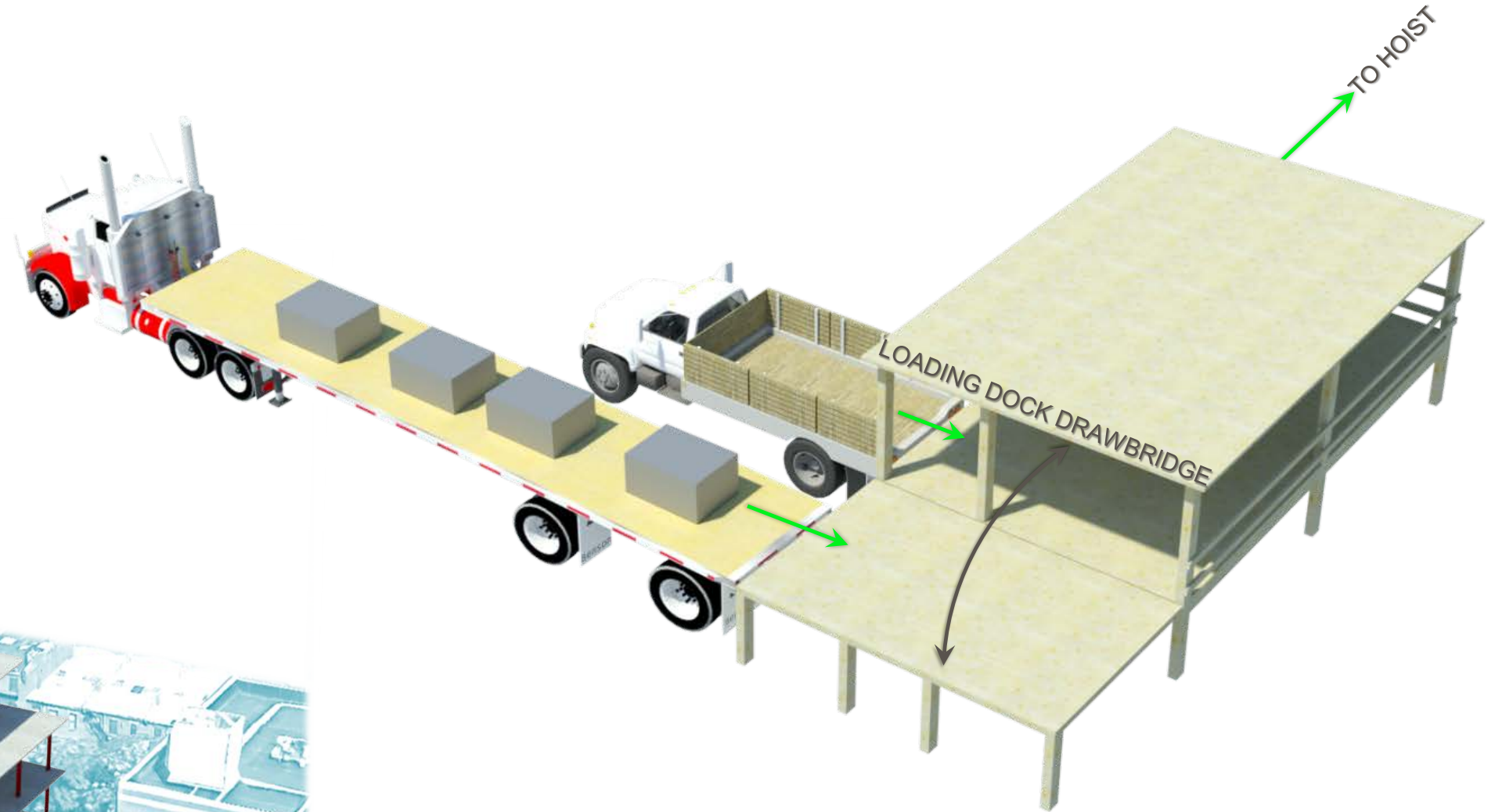
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# FEB – SEP 2021

CONCRETE AND STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE



MATERIAL HANDLING

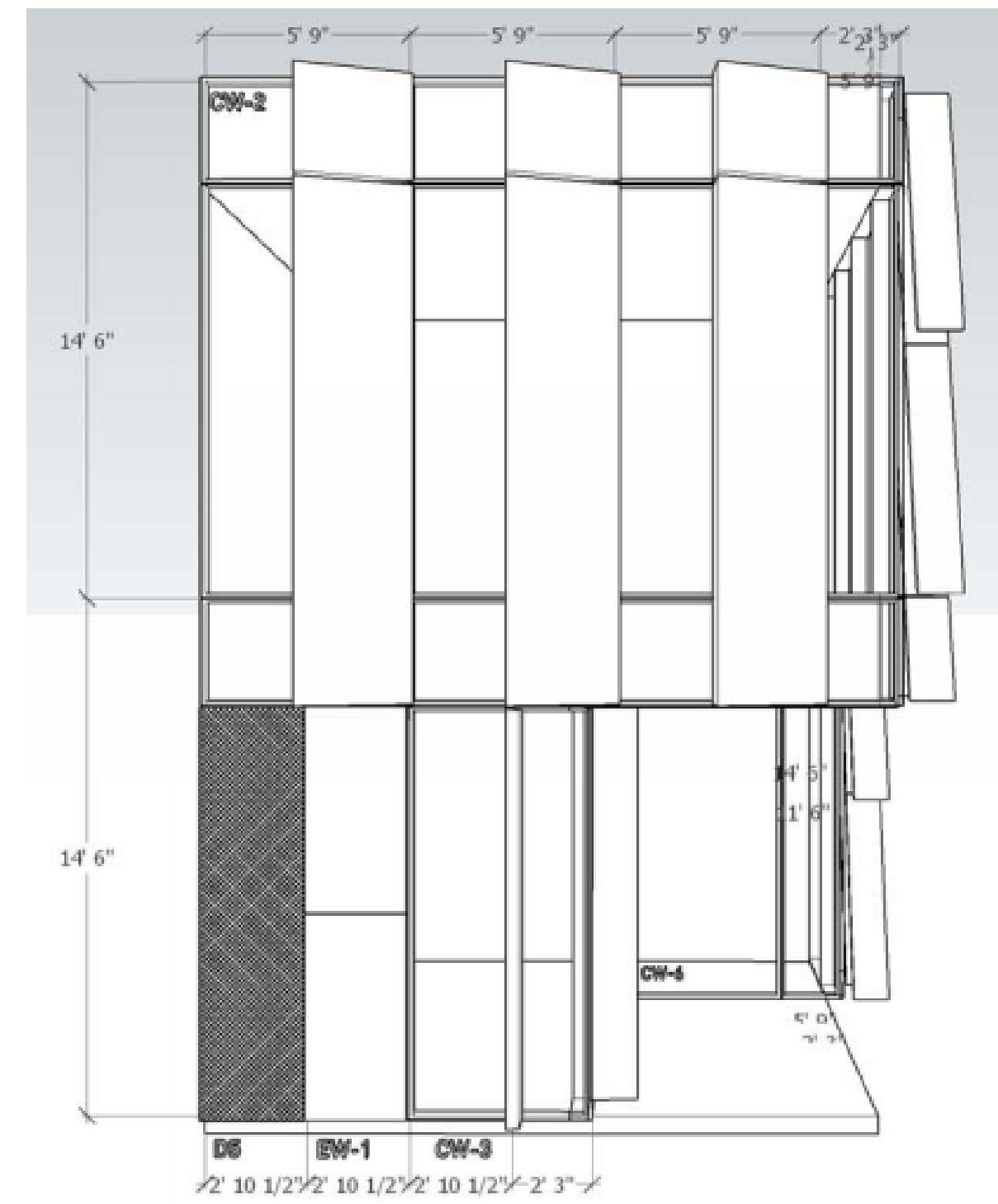
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# JUN 2021 – JUL 2022

## CURTAINWALL/ROOFING/SOFFITS



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# JUN – SEP 2022

FINAL HARDSCAPE/LANDSCAPE



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# Boston University Center for Computing and Data Sciences

Bryan P. Sweeney, P.E., Ph.D.

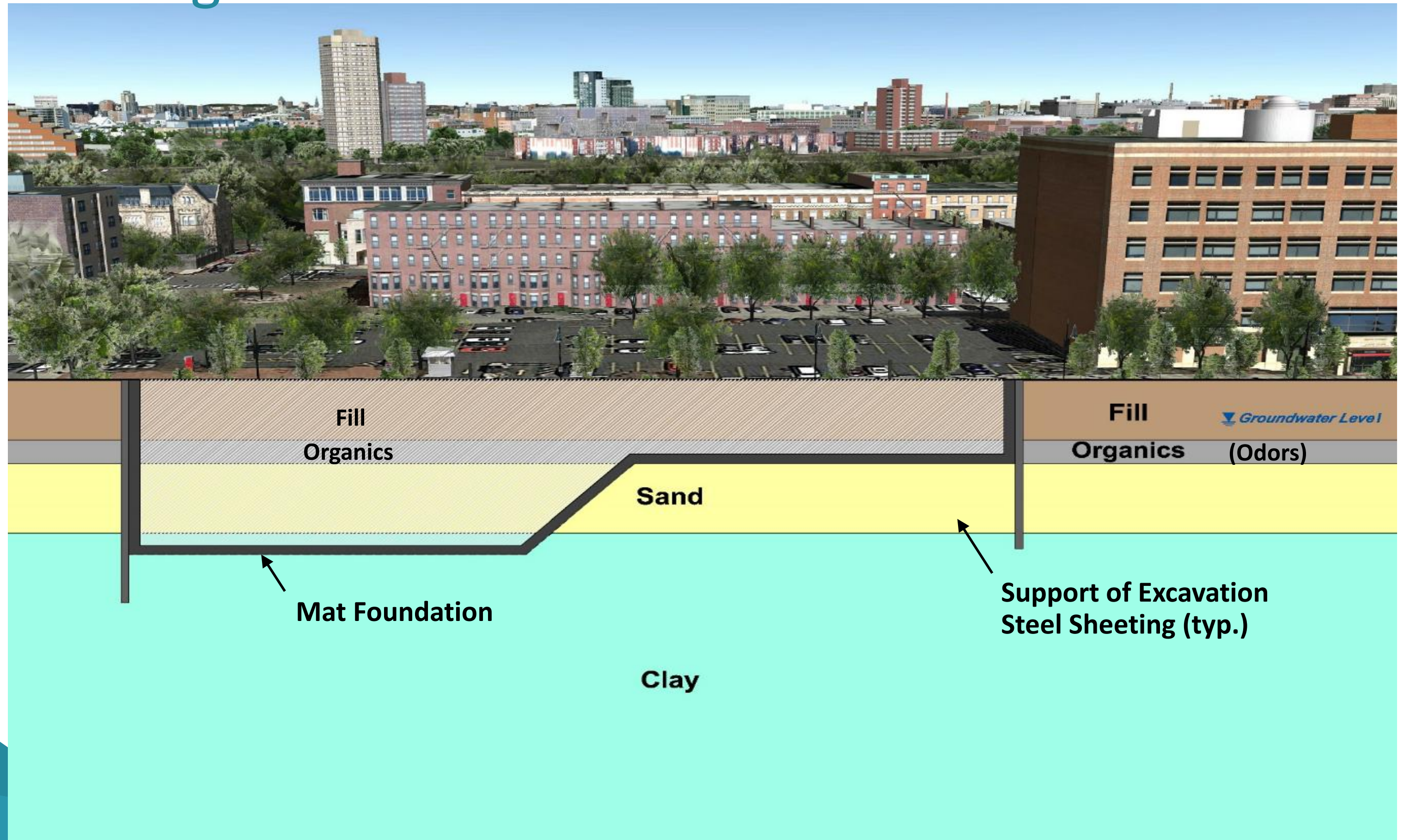


**HALEY**  
**ALDRICH**

# Proposed Building Excavation



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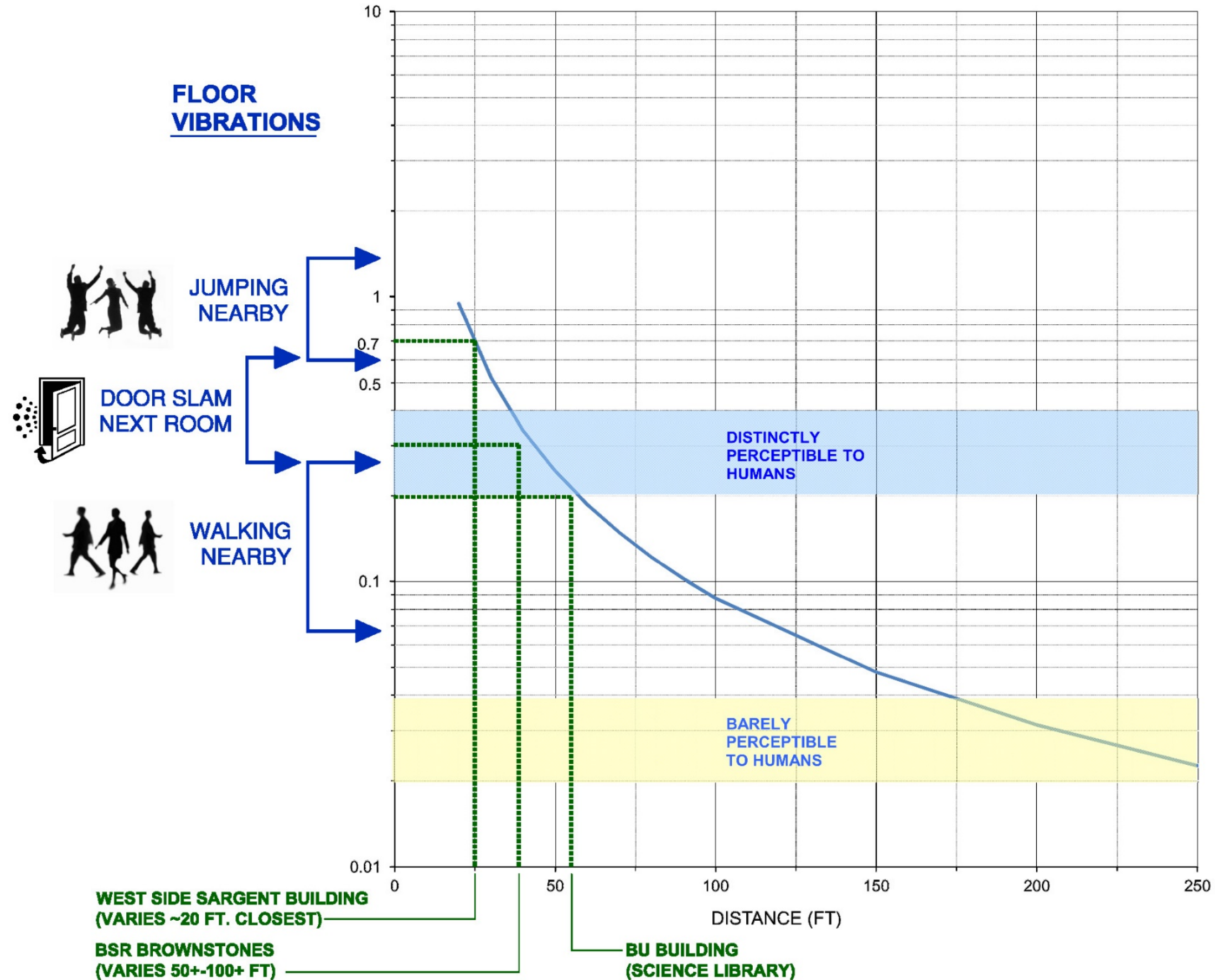


# Support of Excavation Sheeting Installation

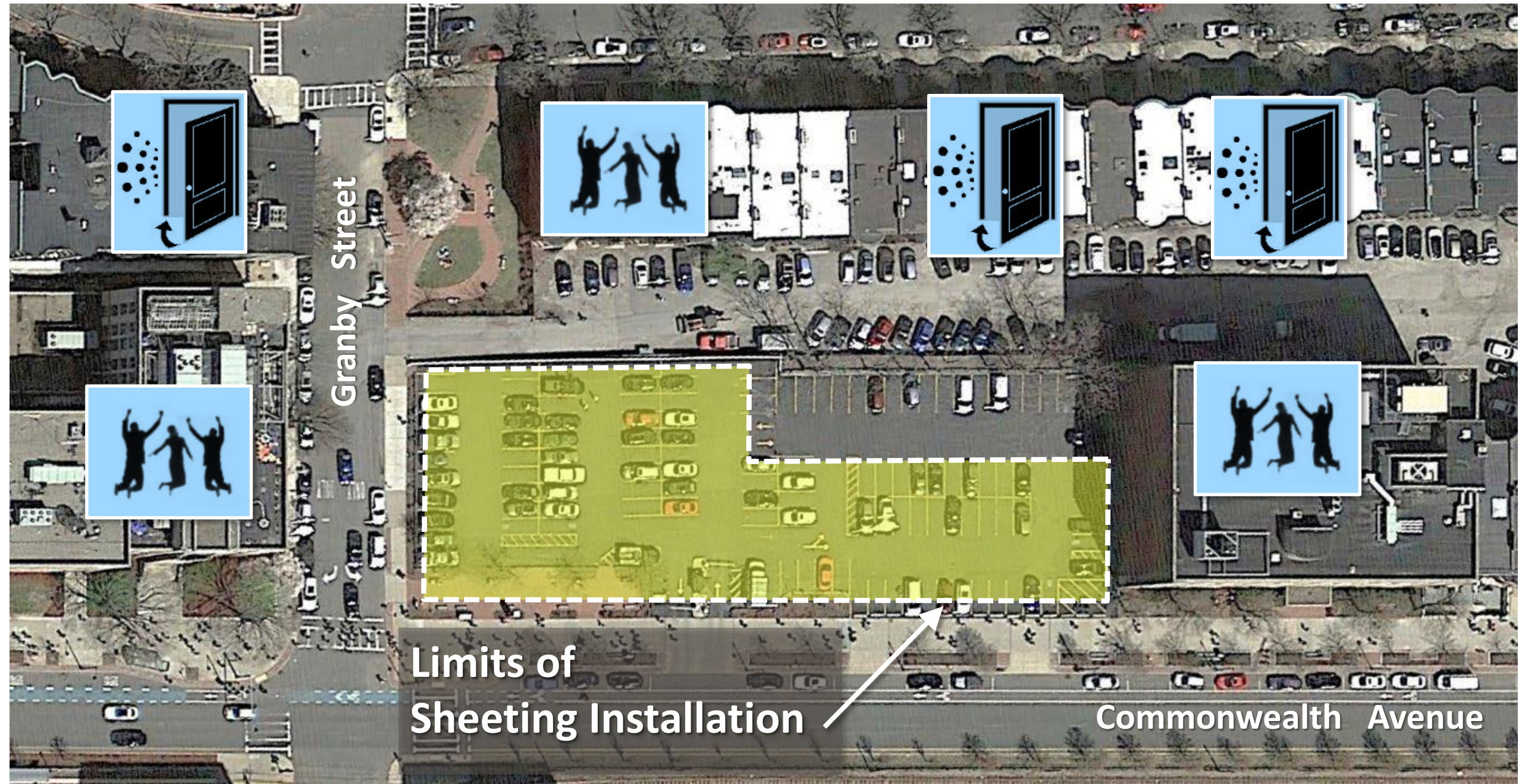




# Sheeting - Vibrations Generated vs. Distance



# Sheeting Installation



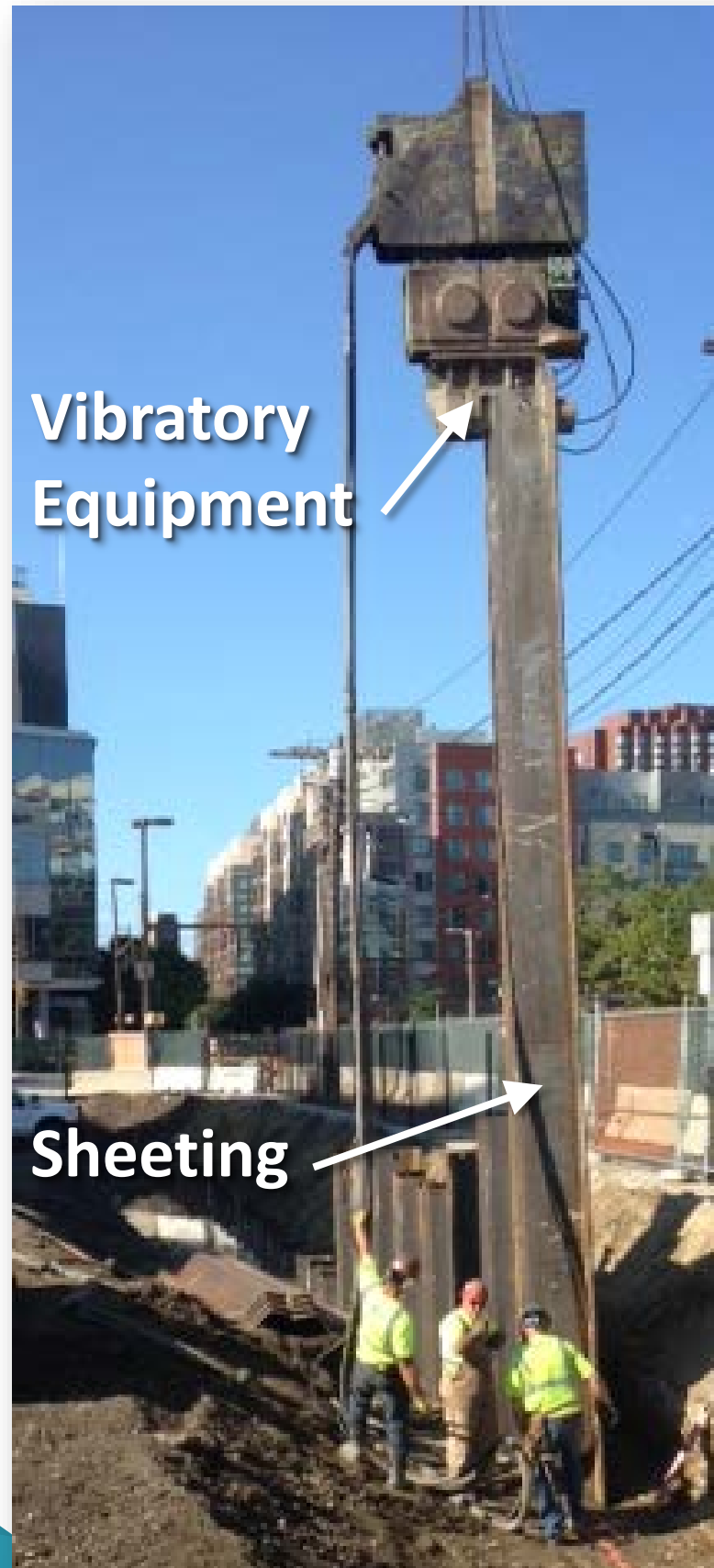
## Floor Vibration

 People jumping up and down

 Door slam next room

 Walking nearby

# Design and Construction Mitigation Measures



- Shallow mat foundation (not driven piles)
- Drilled mini-piles (not driven)
- Pre-excavation along sheeting alignment
- Permanent continuous steel sheeting for excavation support to reduce groundwater drawdown during construction of excavation support (not removed)
- Organic odors ( $H_2S$ ) during building excavation will be mitigated by spray-on odor control product, if necessary
- Instrumentation Program during construction

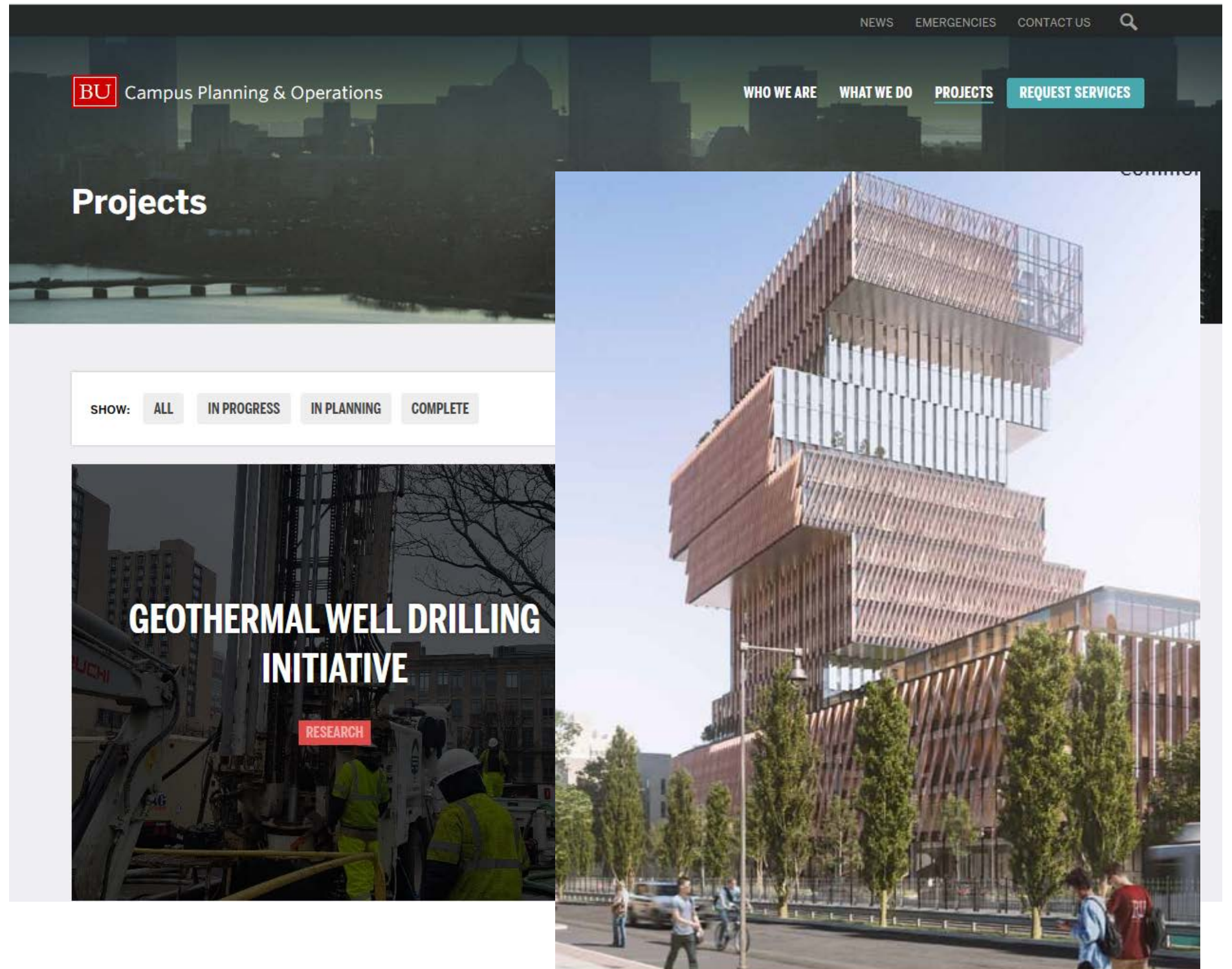
# Communication

- Project Management Office
  - Morse Auditorium (602 Commonwealth Ave.) Basement
- Compass Project Management – Owner’s Project Manager
  - Chris Kenney– Senior Project Manager
    - (617) 671-8669
  - Luke Apone – Assistant Project Manager
    - (617) 448-9230

# Online communications: Facilities website

Page on the Facilities website: [www.bu.edu/facilities/](http://www.bu.edu/facilities/)

- Where to find the page:
  - bu.edu/facilities
  - Projects
    - Research
      - Data Sciences Center
  
- Information on site:
  - Live Camera Feed
  - Project Notifications
  - Biweekly Schedule Updates
  - Logistic Changes
  - Deliveries
  - High-Impact Activities
    - Example: Noise, closures



# Closing Remarks & Discussion

