LOWERING THE FINISH FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE KIOSK WILL IMPROVE ADA ACCESSIBILITY.

BY REMOVING SOME OF THE “CLUTTER” FROM WITHIN THE PLAZA (WALLS, STAIRS, PLANTERS, LIGHT POLES, INFO KIOSK), A LARGER MORE FLEXIBLE SPACE IS POSSIBLE.

BUFFERING THE SPACE FROM MASS AVE WOULD RESULT IN SAFER & MORE COMFORTABLE GATHERING.

STEPS AND RETAINING WALLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THE GRADE CHANGE BETWEEN MASS AVE AND THE PLAZA.

RECONFIGURING THE STEPS AND ADDING ONE RISER WILL LEVEL THE PLAZA.

REMOVING A TAXI SPACE COULD AMELIORATE CIRCULATION PINCH POINT ALONG KIOSK.

RETAIN SEATING IN “THE POINT”. ENSURE PRIMARY CIRCULATION ROUTE REMAINS FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS.

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LOWER THE FINISH FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE KIOSK WILL IMPROVE ADA ACCESSIBILITY.
THE AREA WITH THE LEAST CIRCULATION IS SUBDIVIDED BY WALLS AND STEPS AT THREE DIFFERENT ELEVATIONS

HEAVY PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT THE PLAZA LIMITS GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

POTENTIAL TO RECONFIGURE THE WALLS AND STEPS, CREATING ONE LARGER, FLEXIBLE SPACE

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**EXISTING ELEVATION**

- **UPPER**
- **INTERMEDIATE**
- **LOWER**

**PLAZA IS SUBDIVIDED INTO THREE LEVELS LIMITING CIRCULATION AND USAGE**

**WEST SIDE OF KIOSK IS 6" HIGHER THAN EAST SIDE RESULTING IN A STEP DOWN OUT OF KIOSK**

**EXISTING PLAZA SLOPES ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH CURRENT ADA/MAAB REGULATIONS**

**EXISTING ELEVATION DIAGRAM**
PROPOSED ELEVATION

- **UPPER**
- **INTERMEDIATE**
- **LOWER**

RECONFIGURED STEPS AND WALLS CREATE ONE LARGER GATHERING SPACE AT INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

KIOSK ELEVATION IS LOWERED 6" PROVIDING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO BOTH EAST AND WEST ENTRANCES

PLAZA SLOPES ARE COMPLIANT WITH CURRENT ADA/MAAB REGULATIONS

PROPOSED ELEVATION DIAGRAM
RECONFIGURED STAIRS AND WALLS

- RETAINING WALLS/STEPS
- WALL AND STAIRS REQUIRED TO RETAIN HIGHER ELEVATION OF MASS AVE
- ADDITIONAL RETAINING WALL REQUIRED TO SEPERATE PLAZA FILL FROM MBTA HEADHOUSE FACADE
- RECONFIGURED STEPS AND ADDITIONAL RISER AT HEADHOUSE ENTRANCE
PROPOSED TREE LOCATION

ADEQUATE SOIL DEPTH FOR
FLUSH STREET TREES

STREET TREES PLANTED IN A FLUSH
PERMEABLE PAVING CONDITION
REQUIRE APPROX. 4’ DEPTH FROM
FINISH GRADE TO TOP OF STRUCTURE

PROPOSED TREES WERE LOCATED
OUT OF CIRCULATION ROUTES WHERE
THEY COULD FRAME VIEWS TO THE
KIOSK

ADEQUATE SOIL DEPTH FOR TREE PLANTING
POTENTIAL FOR A TERRACED SEATING FEATURE OVER THE EXISTING SLOPED BRICK WALL.  MUST BE REVIEWED AND DETERMINED STRUCTURALLY FEASIBLE.
CURB LINE MODIFICATIONS

EXPANDED PLAZA AREA

REMOVE ONE TAXI SPACE TO INCREASE PLAZA AREA AROUND KIOSK WHILE MINIMIZING CIRCULATION PINCH POINT

MODIFY CURB LINE TO ACCOMODATE TAXI AT EASTERN EDGE OF PLAZA

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ADDITONAL "GREENING"

MOVEABLE PLANTERS

PLANTERS ALONG THE PERIMETER SERVE TO BUFFER THE ROADWAY AND DIRECT PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

ADDITIONAL PLANTERS CAN BE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE PLAZA ADDING SEASONAL INTEREST
- Trees in permeable pavers
- Tables and chairs
- Bike racks
- Planters and bollards to enhance space
- Remove one taxi space to ameliorate pinch point
- Lower finish grade of kiosk for accessibility
- Trees in permeable pavers
- Retaining seat wall
- Tables and chairs
- Level flexible plaza space
- Widened sidewalk
- Terraced seating feature
- Reconfigured stairs
- New glass MBTA elevator
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