

PROJECT AREA 1 SUMMARY REPORT (from Montgomery St to E14th St)

KEY STATISTICS:

- 07/29 Community Engagement Workshop at Church of St. Brigid
 - 90 sign-ins (counts exclude City & consultant team members but include media (1) and elected officials reps. (4))
- 07/30 Community Engagement Workshop at the Manny Cantor Center
 - 131 sign-ins (counts exclude City & consultant team members but include media (1) and elected officials reps. (4))
- 09/10 Community Engagement Workshop at Henry Street Settlement
 - 89 sign-ins (counts exclude City & consultant team members but include media (0) and elected officials reps. (3))

WORKSHOP FORMAT:

After the presentation, participants engaged in roundtable discussions where they collectively discussed the pros and cons of three conceptual design alternatives for each of the following access points to East River Park: Delancey St. bridge, Houston St. overpass, E6th St. bridge and E10th St. bridge. An additional table focusing on the Montgomery St. tie-back and Pier 42 area was introduced at the 09/10 workshop. Using illustrative physical models at a 1:200 scale, facilitators guided workshop participants through the workshop exercise. At the end of the session, one representative from each table reported their group's findings to the whole audience.



KEY FINDINGS:

1. Conceptual design alternatives:

Delancey St. Bridge

The Grand St. access point emerged as a polarizing issue but, overall, participants expressed support for the modest-impact bridge span in Alternative B where:

 - A new Delancey St. bridge would facilitate separate bike and pedestrian circulation and;
 - An extensive berm would offer unprogrammed space in the park (*Alt. B and C*)

Houston St. Overpass

There was near universal support, amongst participants, for the Alternative C improvements where:

 - The “punchthrough” would offer gentle access to the waterfront and create new family-friendly spaces in the park

E6th St. Bridge

While fewer in number, participants showed support for elements of Alternatives B and C where:

 - Stair access, in addition to a ramp, would allow for quick entry into the park from the city (*Alt. B*) and;
 - Park-side ramps would bring visitors closer to the waterfront esplanade

E10th St. Bridge

Participants voiced strong support for the wide, landscape landing and span of Alternative C with:

 - Additional access from the FDR Service road and an extensive berm landscape

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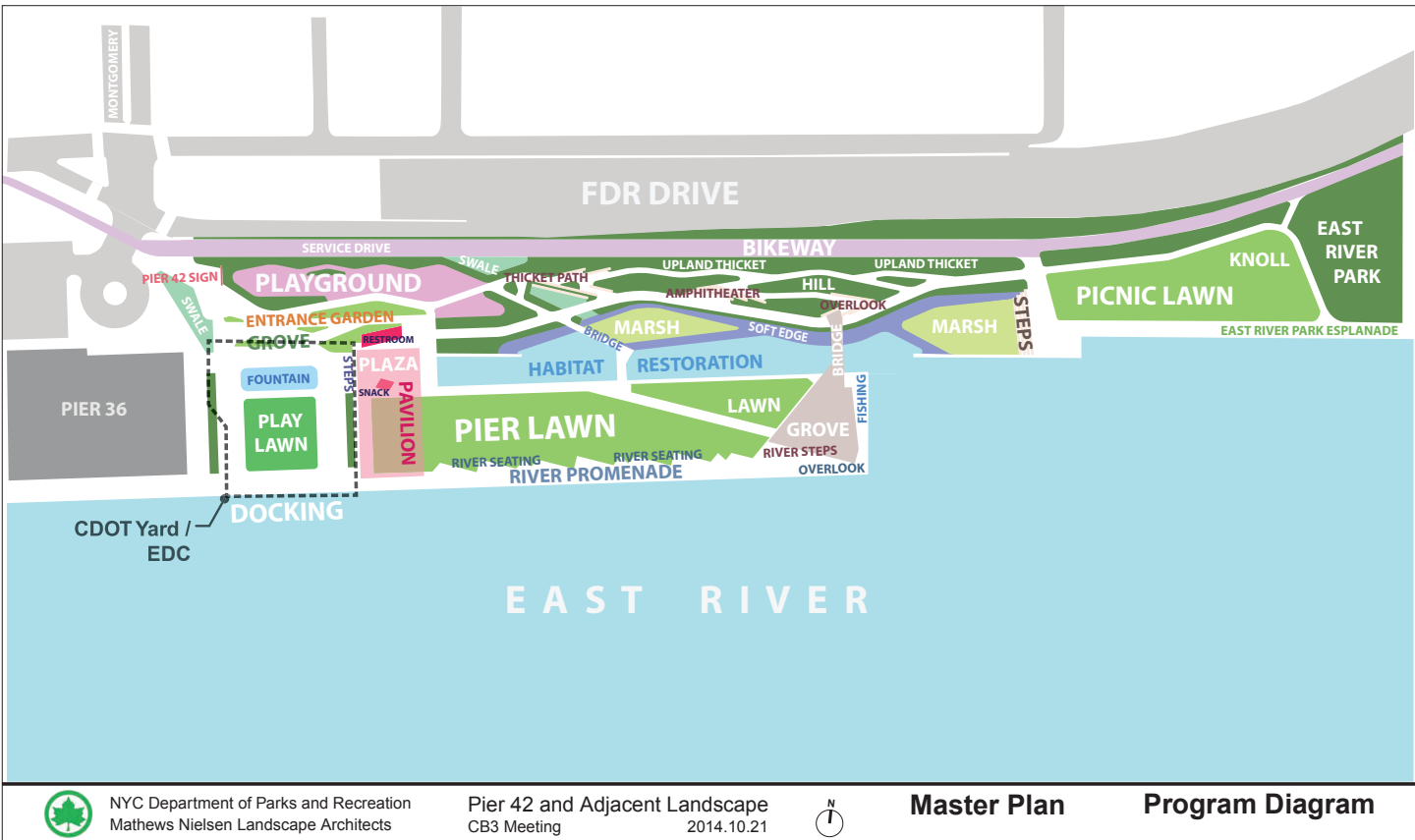
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MONTGOMERY STREET TIE-BACK AND PIER 42 MASTER PLAN: COMMUNITY COMMENTS

During the community engagement workshop on 09/10, ESCR team members and Pier 42 lead designers, Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects, led a group discussion focused on the Pier 42 master plan and its integration with the ESCR project. Workshop participants were invited to share their concerns and queries in a small and inviting forum. The Pier 42 master plan, as represented below, was approved by CB3 Parks Committee and the Public Design Commission in January 2014.

Workshop participants inquired about the following items:

- Pier 42 Phase I timeline
- Access improvements at Pier 42 entrance
- Removal date of existing shed
- Use of additional LMDC funding to advance the Pier 42 master plan, if applicable
- Governance, maintenance, and operation of the deployable flood gates at Montgomery Street
- Nature of subsurface constraints at the Montgomery Street tie-back
- Approximate location of future ferry terminal

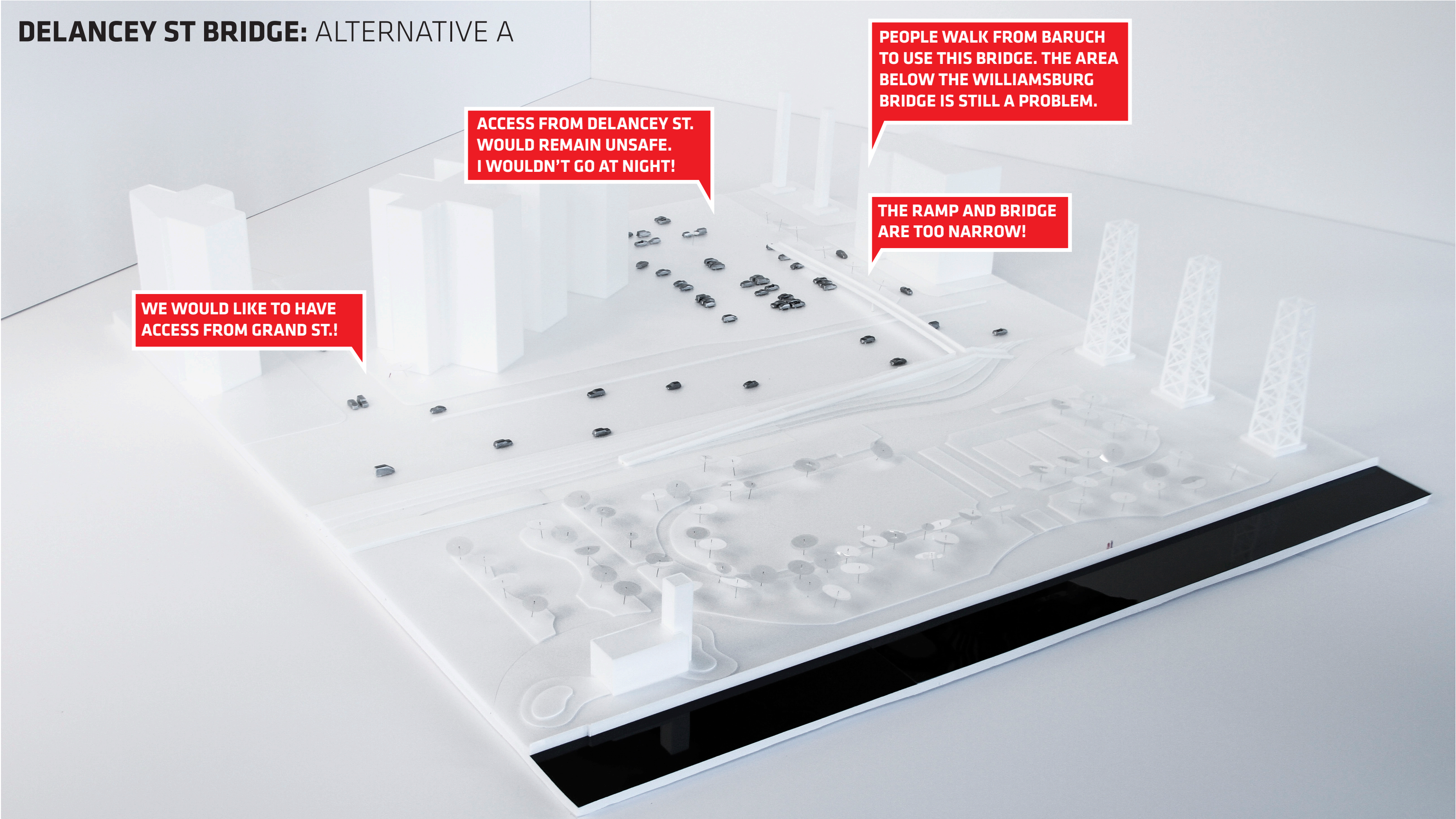


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DELANCEY ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE A

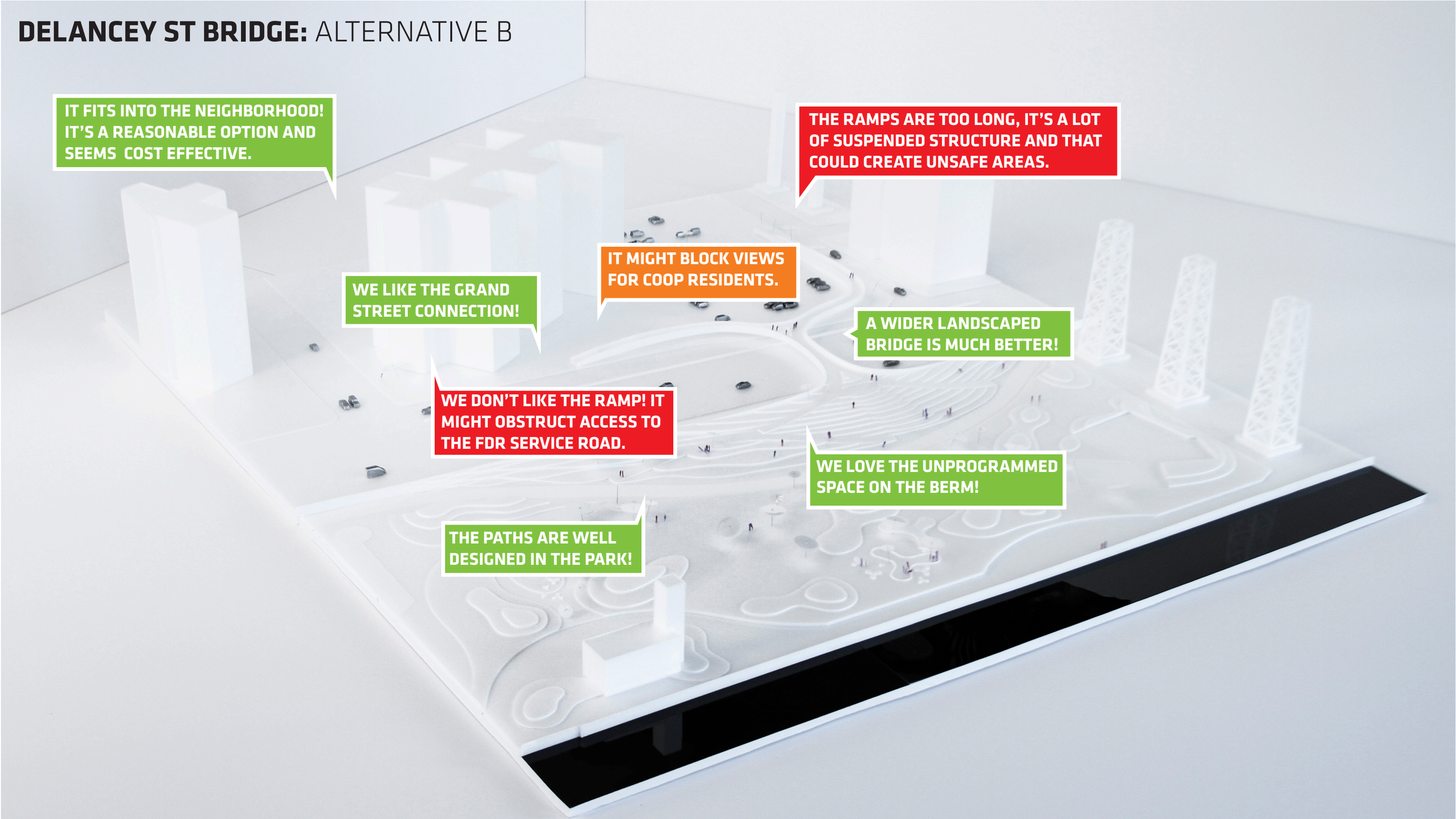


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DELANCEY ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE B

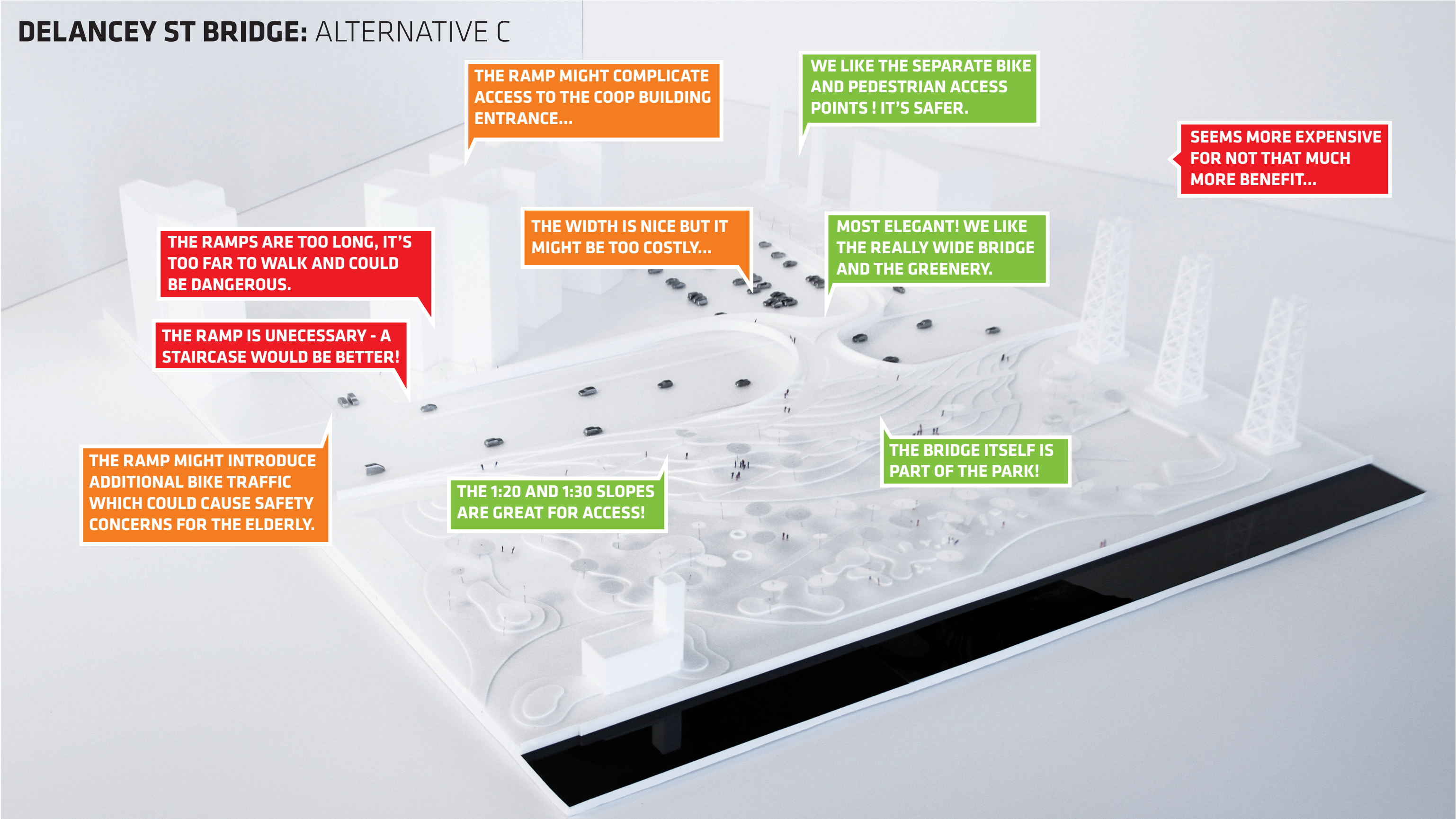


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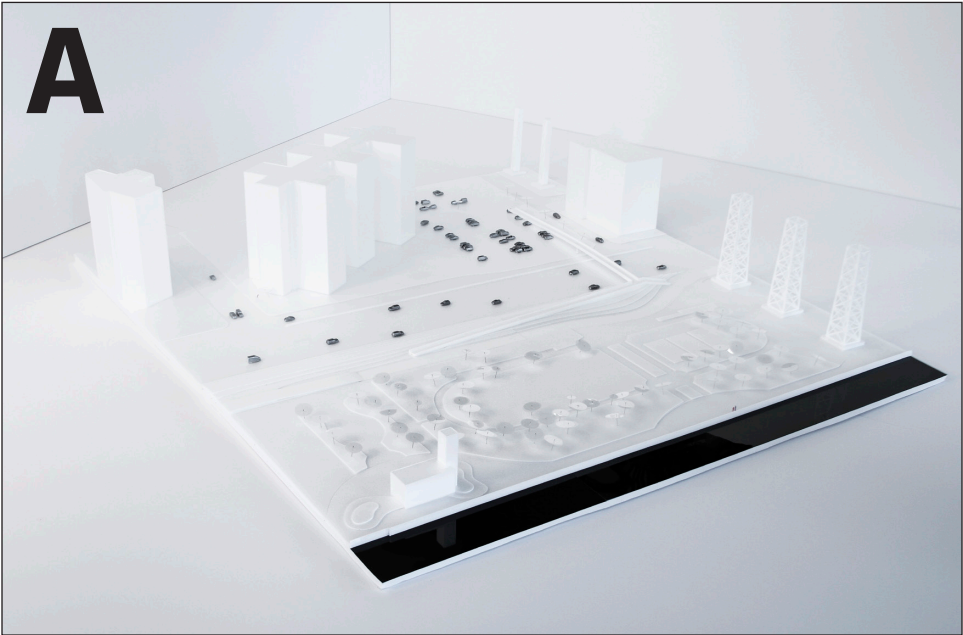
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DELANCEY ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE C



DELANCEY STREET BRIDGE SUMMARY



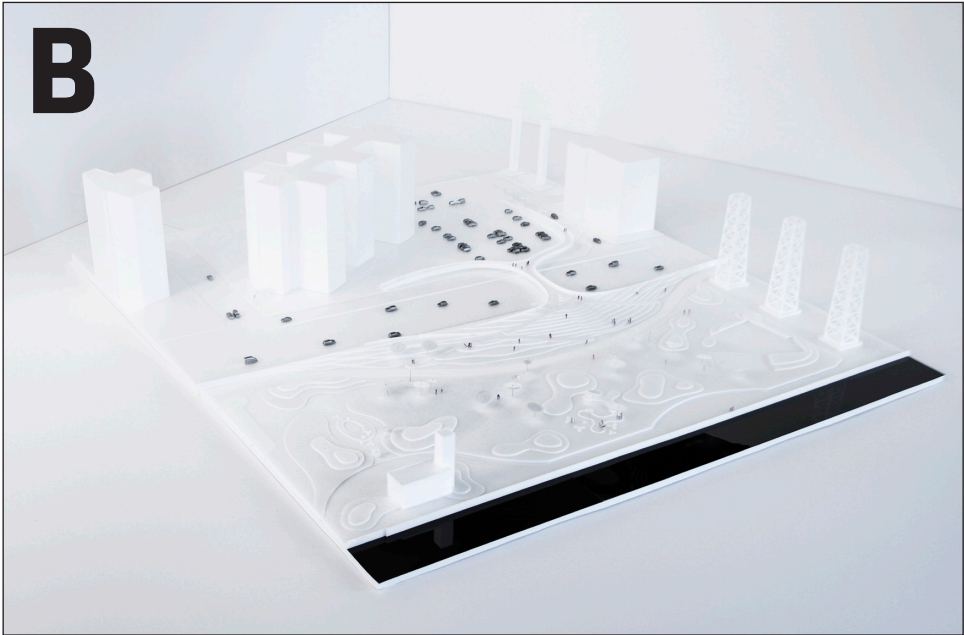
DELANCEY ST. BRIDGE
ALTERNATIVE A: BASELINE FLOOD PROTECTION

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Satisfies requirements for baseline flood control

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- The width of the existing ramp and bridge
- Lack of safety improvements near Delancey St. and under the Williamsburg bridge (lighting, parking lot hazard, etc.)
- Lack of open space improvements
- Lack of alternative access point



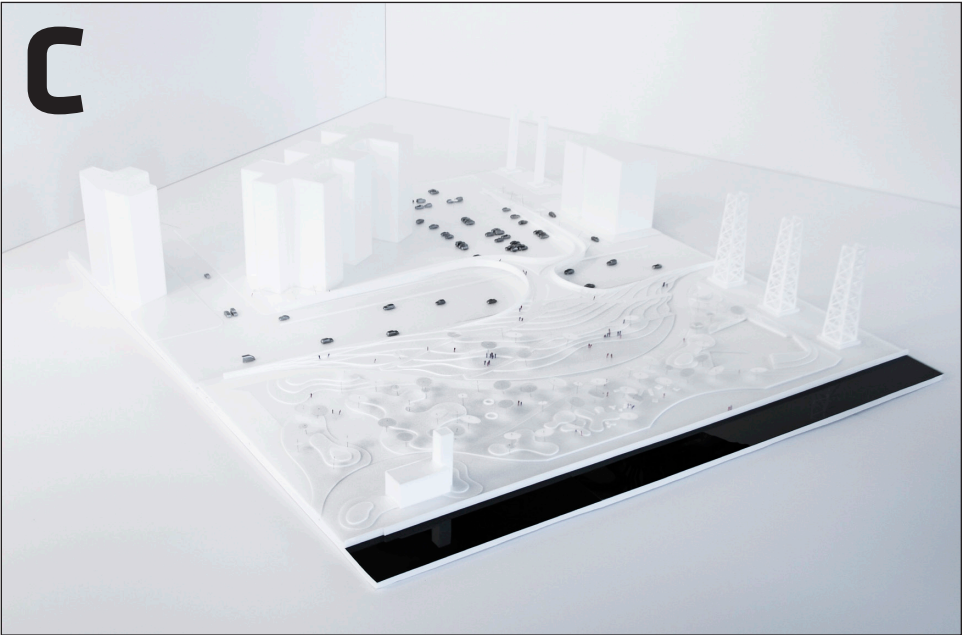
DELANCEY ST. BRIDGE
ALT. B: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - MEDIUM LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Ability to fit into the neighborhood
- + Grand St. access point
- + A wide but not excessive berm
- + Unprogrammed space on the berm
- + Sequence and progression of the pathways
- + Width of the bridge and landscaping additions
- + Cost-benefit value compared to Alternatives A&C

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Grand St. access ramp
- The length of both access ramps on the city side and their potential to create undesirable spaces
- Visual impact of the Grand St. ramp for Coop residents
- Potential impact on circulation along the FDR Service Road



DELANCEY ST. BRIDGE
ALT. C: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - HIGH LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Alternative B improvements, plus:
- + Generous width of the bridge and landscaping additions
- + Smooth transition into the park
- + Ease of access via the 1:20 and 1:30 ramps on the park side
- + Separate access ramps for bikes and pedestrians

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- The length of the access ramps on the city side
- Lack of staircases along the ramps
- Visual impact of the Grand St. ramp for Coop residents
- Potential impact on circulation along the FDR Service Road
- Cost-benefit value compared to Alternative A&B

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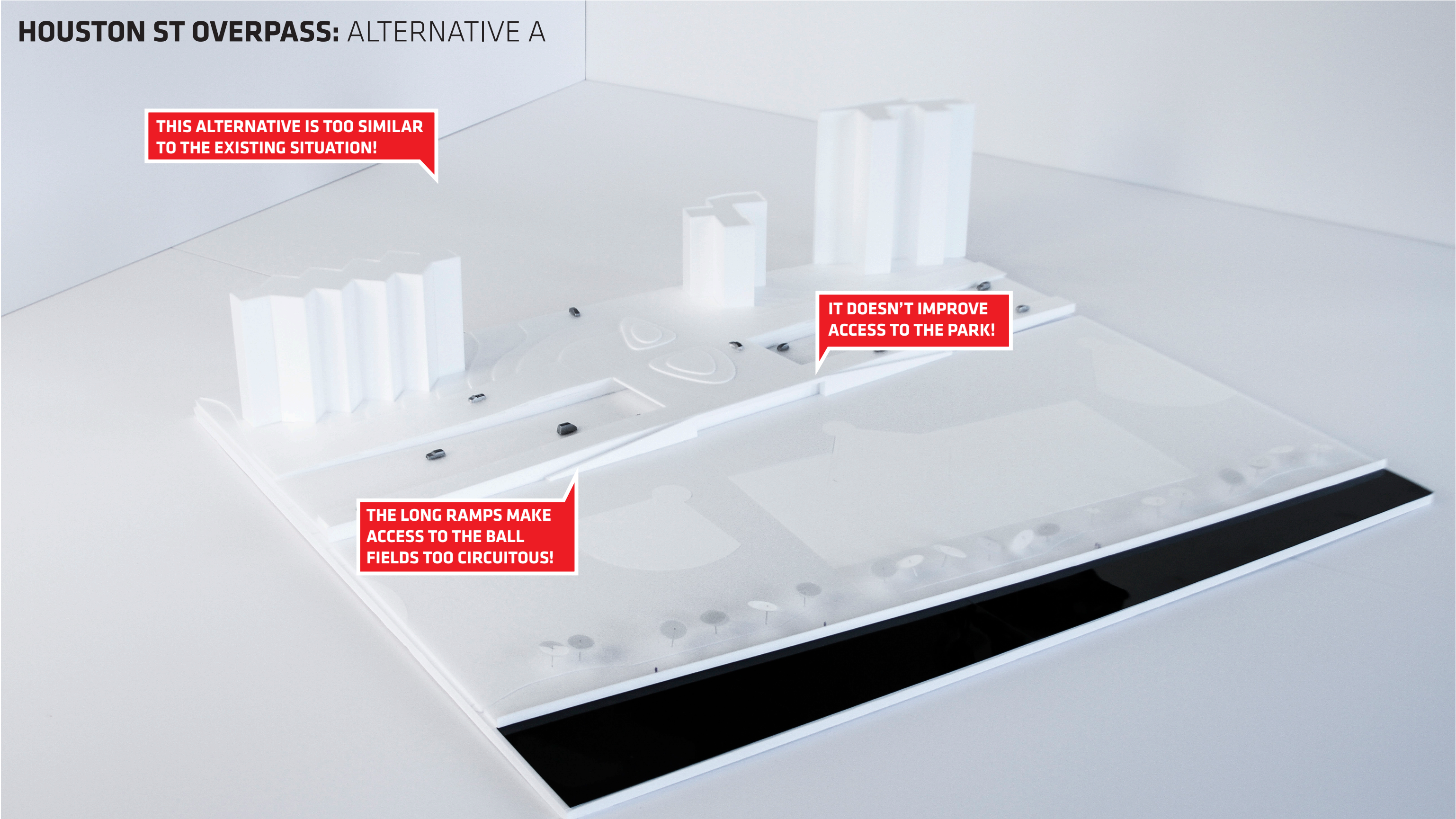
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HOUSTON ST OVERPASS: ALTERNATIVE A

THIS ALTERNATIVE IS TOO SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING SITUATION!

IT DOESN'T IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE PARK!

THE LONG RAMPS MAKE ACCESS TO THE BALL FIELDS TOO CIRCUITOUS!

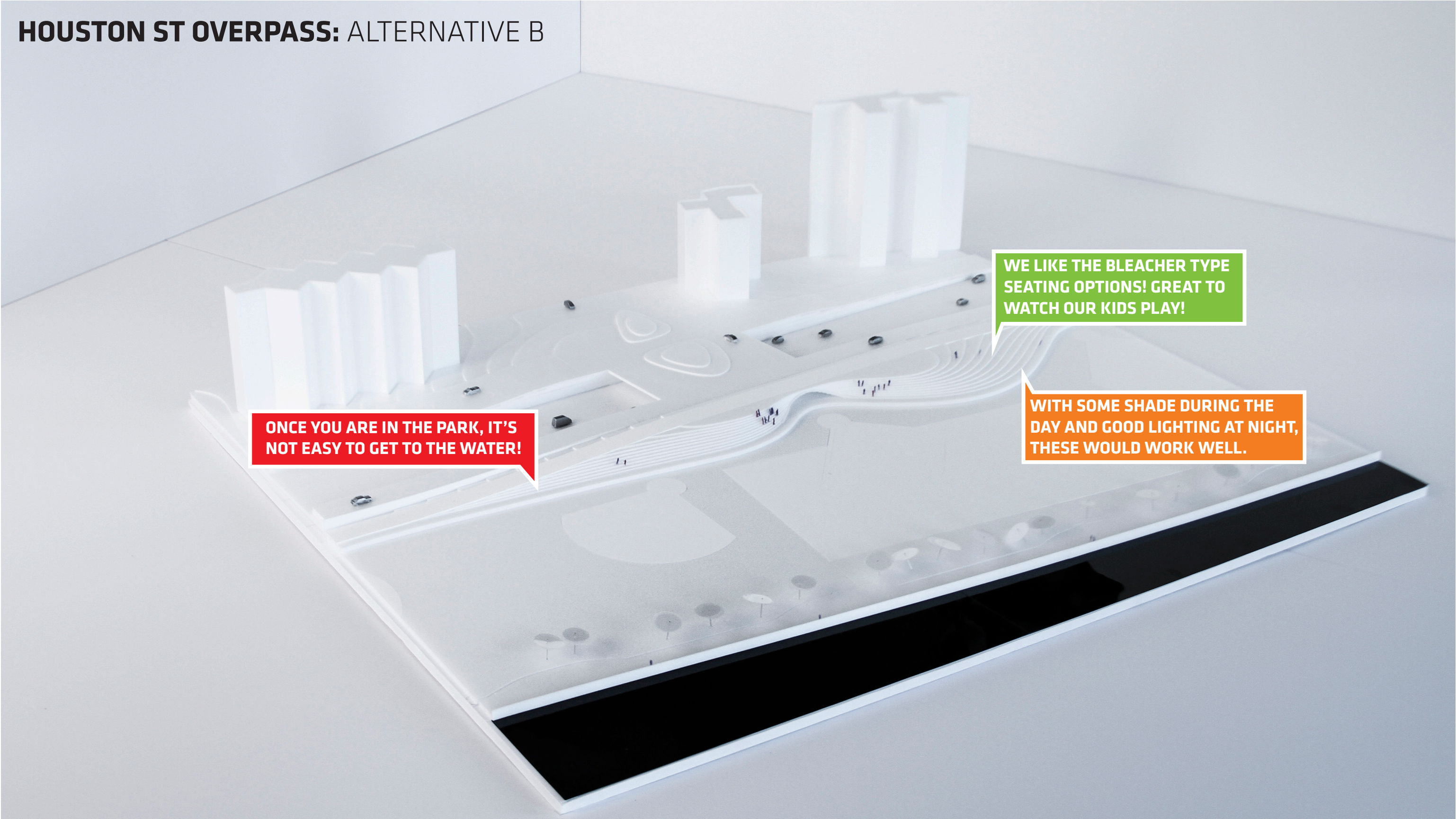


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HOUSTON ST OVERPASS: ALTERNATIVE B



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HOUSTON ST OVERPASS: ALTERNATIVE C

THIS IS THE BEST OPTION, IT'S SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, AND BRINGS YOU TO THE WATER QUICKLY!

THIS AREA WOULD NEED TO BE WELL LIT AT NIGHT!

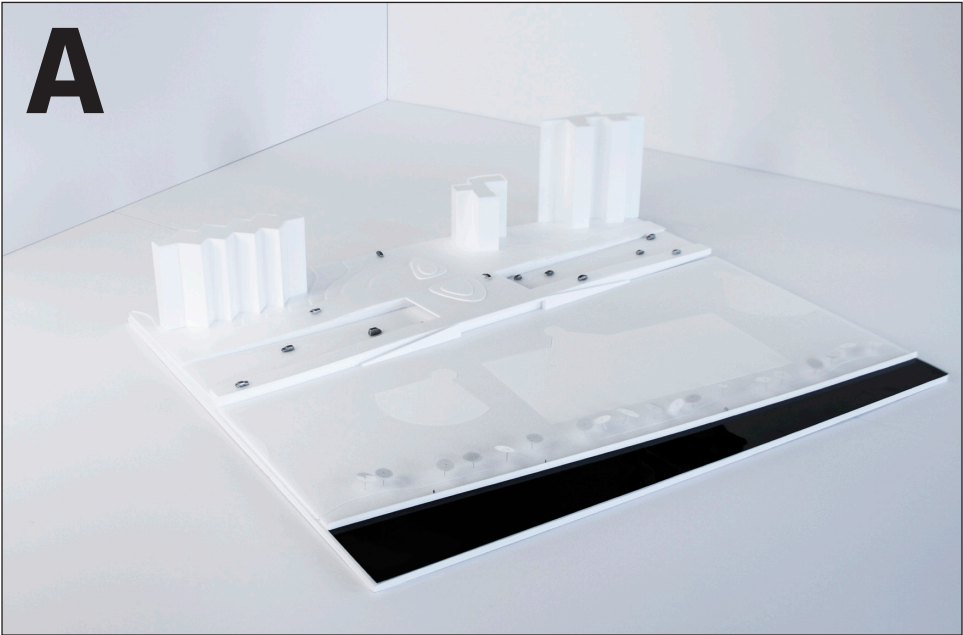
THIS IS SO USEFUL FOR FAMILIES WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN! WE LIKE THE FAMILY FRIENDLY TERRACES AND PICNIC AREAS A LOT.

WE LIKE THE BLEACHER SEATING LOCATED CLOSE TO OTHER AMENITIES.

EASY ACCESS IS A BIG PLUS! WE LIKE THE GENTLE RAMPS.

WE WOULD HAVE GREAT VIEWS OF THE PARK FROM HERE!

HOUSTON STREET OVERPASS SUMMARY



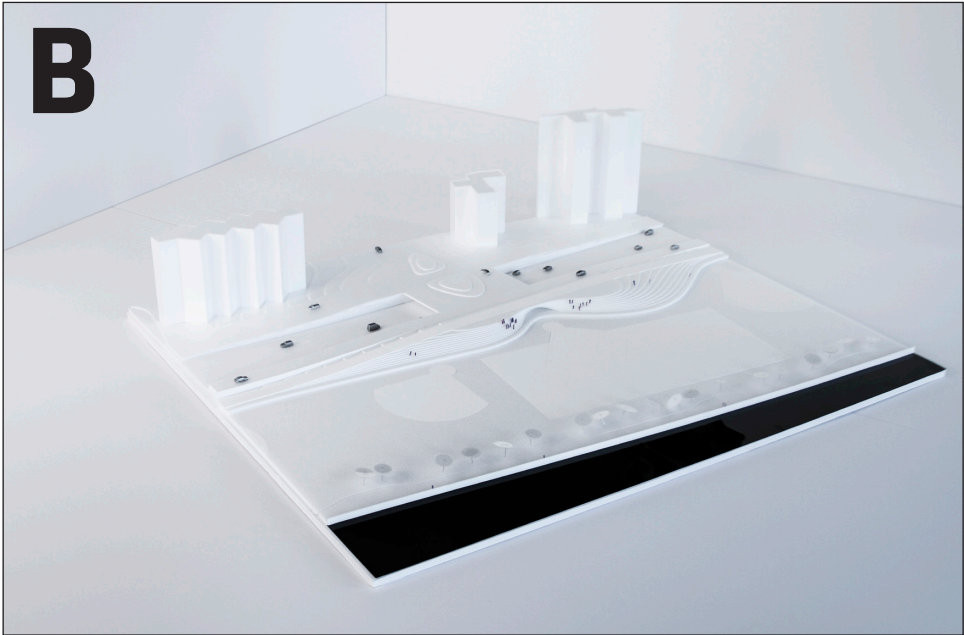
HOUSTON STREET OVERPASS
ALTERNATIVE A: BASELINE FLOOD PROTECTION

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- (no comments from workshop participants)

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Circuitous access to the heavily utilized athletic fields
- Length and trajectory of the existing ramps which bring visitors to the back of the park, far from the waterfront
- Lack of access improvements



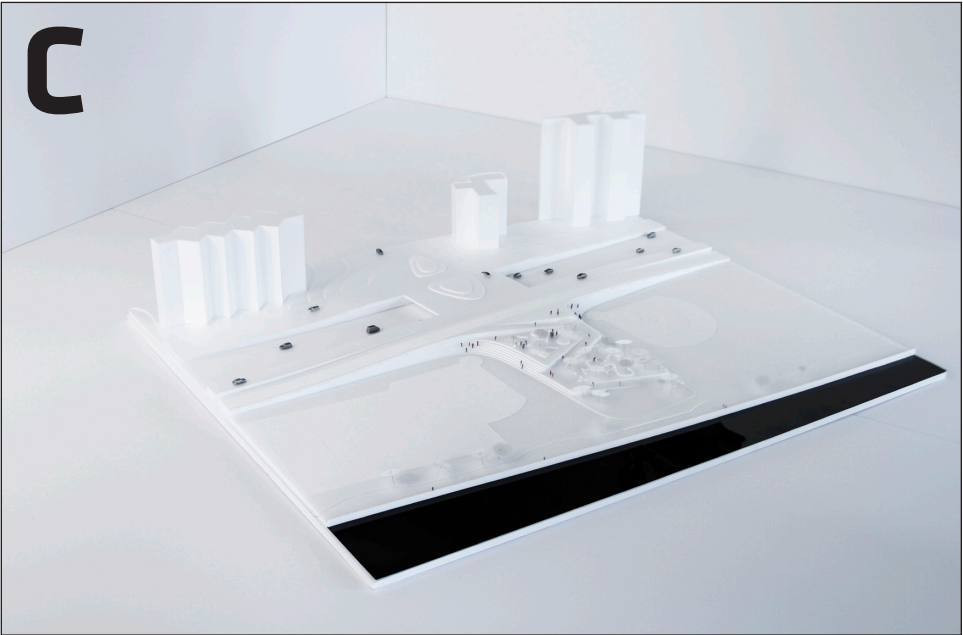
HOUSTON STREET OVERPASS
ALT. B: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - MEDIUM LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- Bleacher-type seating options close to the athletic fields

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Ramps do not facilitate access to the athletic fields or waterfront
- Concerns about lighting and shade for the bleacher-type seating



HOUSTON STREET OVERPASS
ALT. C: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - HIGH LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- Alternative B improvements, plus:
- Quick, easy and safe access to the waterfront for all
- Gentle 1:20 slopes that criss-cross the “punchthrough”
- Family friendly terraces and potential picnic areas
- Elevated vantage point to enjoy views of the park

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Concerns about lighting

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E6TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE A

WE PREFER THE EXISTING
SITUATION, IT'S SAFER
AND SECURITY IS ESSENTIAL!



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E6TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE B

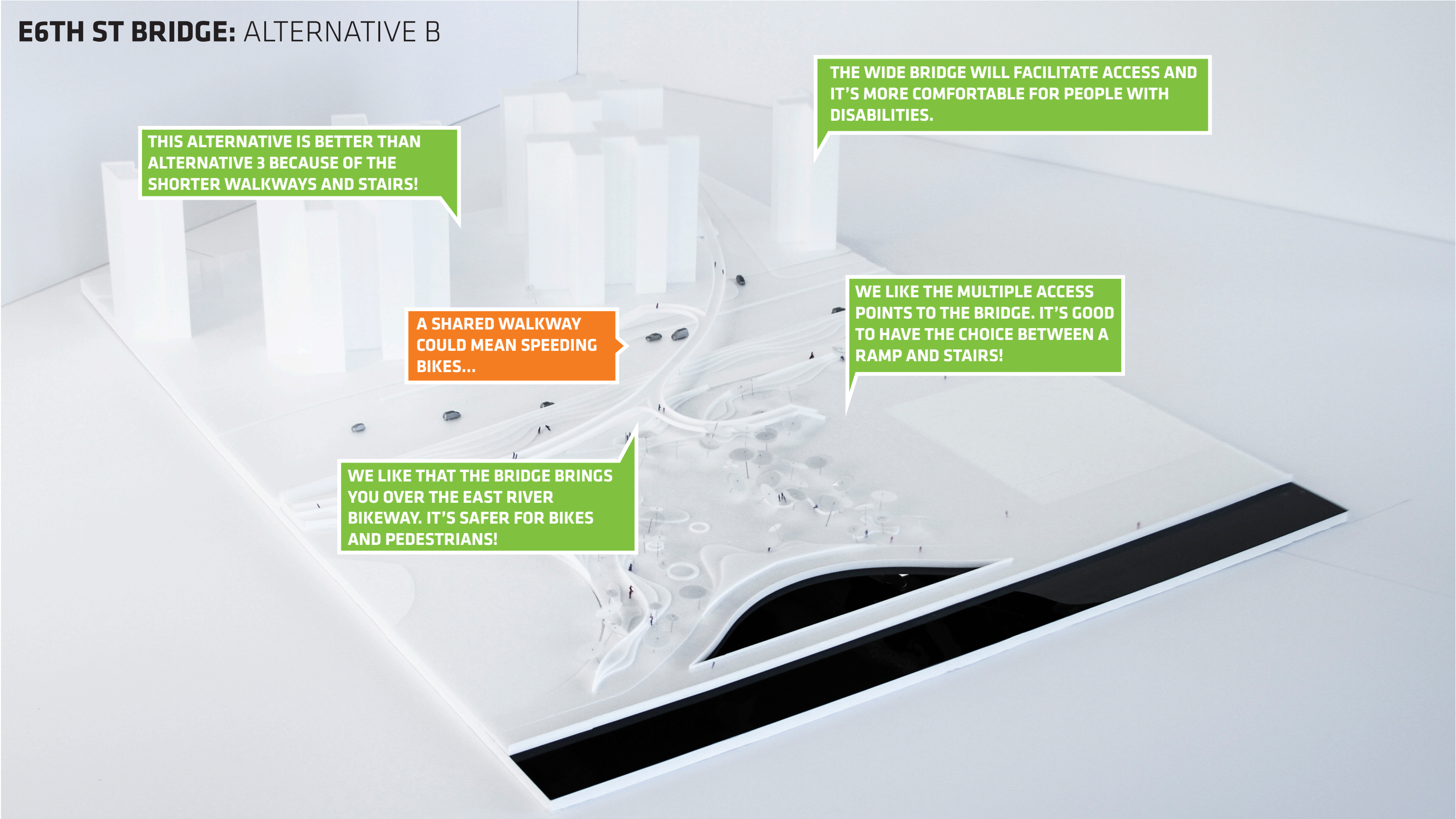
THIS ALTERNATIVE IS BETTER THAN ALTERNATIVE 3 BECAUSE OF THE SHORTER WALKWAYS AND STAIRS!

A SHARED WALKWAY COULD MEAN SPEEDING BIKES...

WE LIKE THAT THE BRIDGE BRINGS YOU OVER THE EAST RIVER BIKEWAY. IT'S SAFER FOR BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS!

THE WIDE BRIDGE WILL FACILITATE ACCESS AND IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

WE LIKE THE MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS TO THE BRIDGE. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THE CHOICE BETWEEN A RAMP AND STAIRS!



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E6TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE C

THE RAMPS ARE TOO LONG! WE NEED A QUICKER ACCESS OPTION WITH STAIRS OR SHORT RAMPS.

THE WIDE BRIDGE WILL FACILITATE ACCESS AND IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

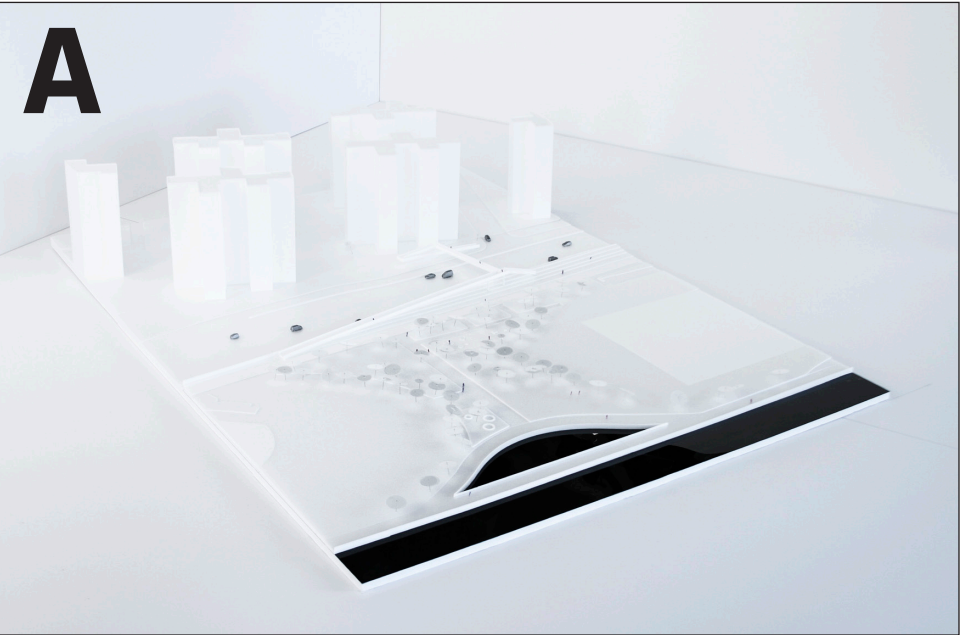
A SHARED WALKWAY COULD MEAN SPEEDING BIKES...

WE LIKE THE NATURE WALK!

WE LIKE THAT THE BRIDGE BRINGS YOU OVER THE EAST RIVER BIKEWAY. IT'S SAFER FOR BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS!

IT GETS YOU CLOSER TO THE WATERFRONT ESPLANADE!

E6TH STREET BRIDGE OVERPASS SUMMARY



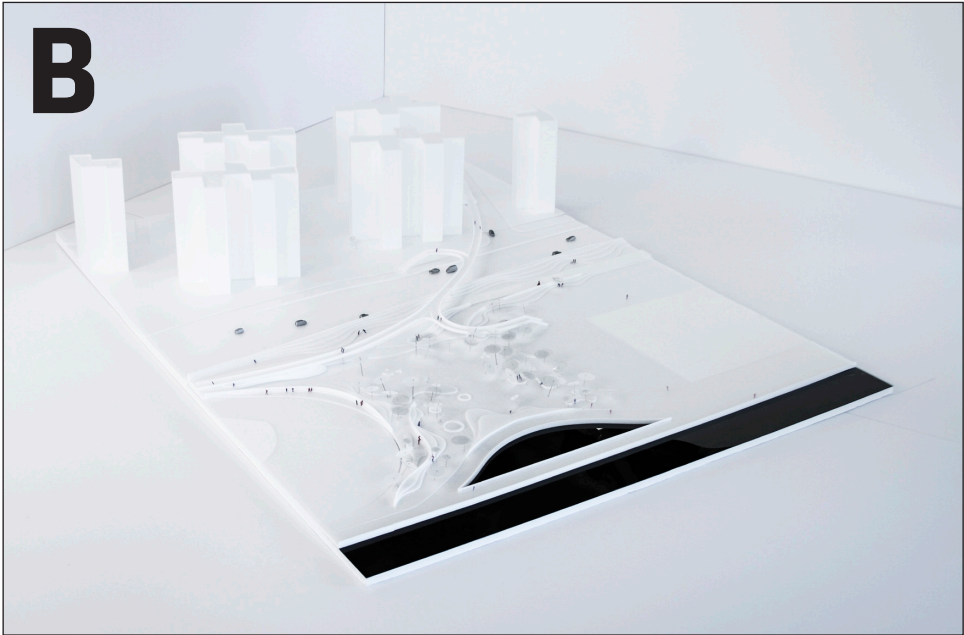
E6TH STREET BRIDGE
ALTERNATIVE A: BASELINE FLOOD PROTECTION

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + (no comments from workshop participants)

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Concerns about safety of proposed alternative led to a preference for existing conditions



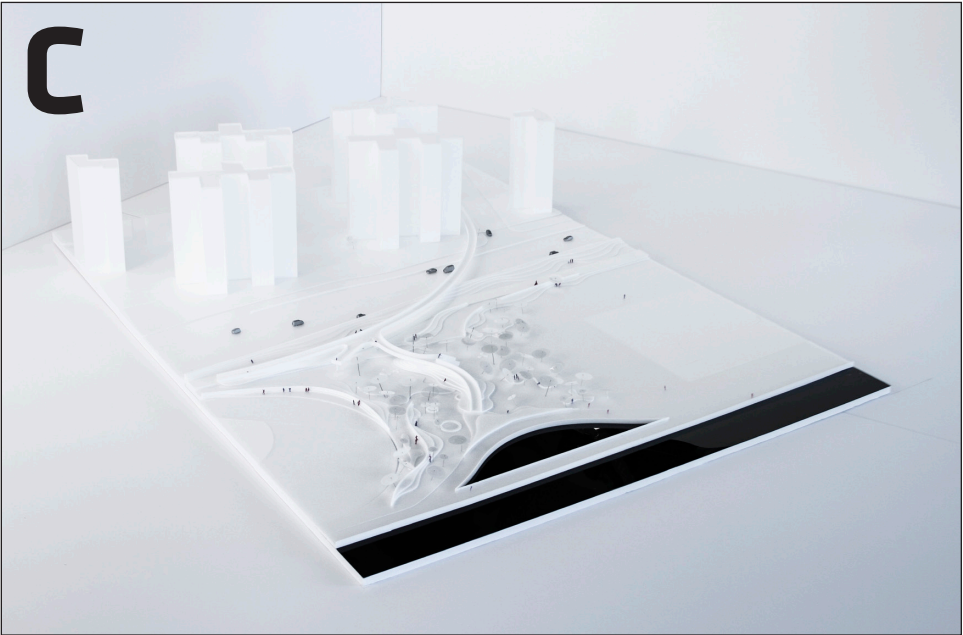
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ALT. B: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - MEDIUM LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Quantity and variety of access points (stairs or ramps)
- + Shorter walkways mitigate safety concerns
- + Width of bridge facilitates access for physically impaired visitors
- + Bridging over the East River bikeway reduces the potential for bike and pedestrian collisions

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- A shared walkway may lead cyclists to speed



E6TH STREET BRIDGE
ALT. C: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - HIGH LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Alternative B improvements, plus:
- + The comfort of being dropped off near the waterfront
- + The nature walk

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- A shared walkway may lead cyclists to speed
- Length of access ramps
- Lack of staircase options

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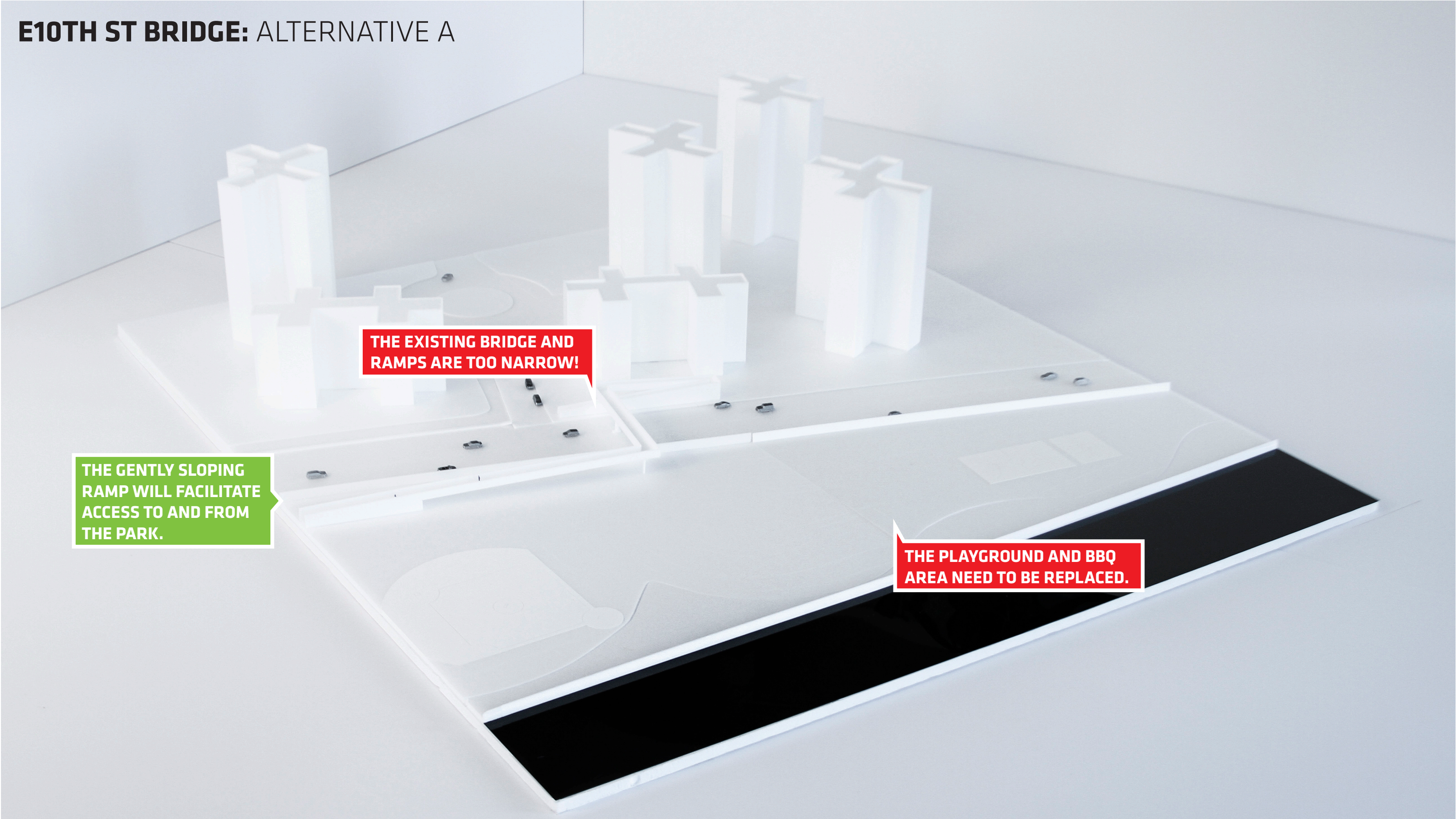
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E10TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE A

THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND RAMP ARE TOO NARROW!

THE GENTLY SLOPING RAMP WILL FACILITATE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE PARK.

THE PLAYGROUND AND BBQ AREA NEED TO BE REPLACED.



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E10TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE B

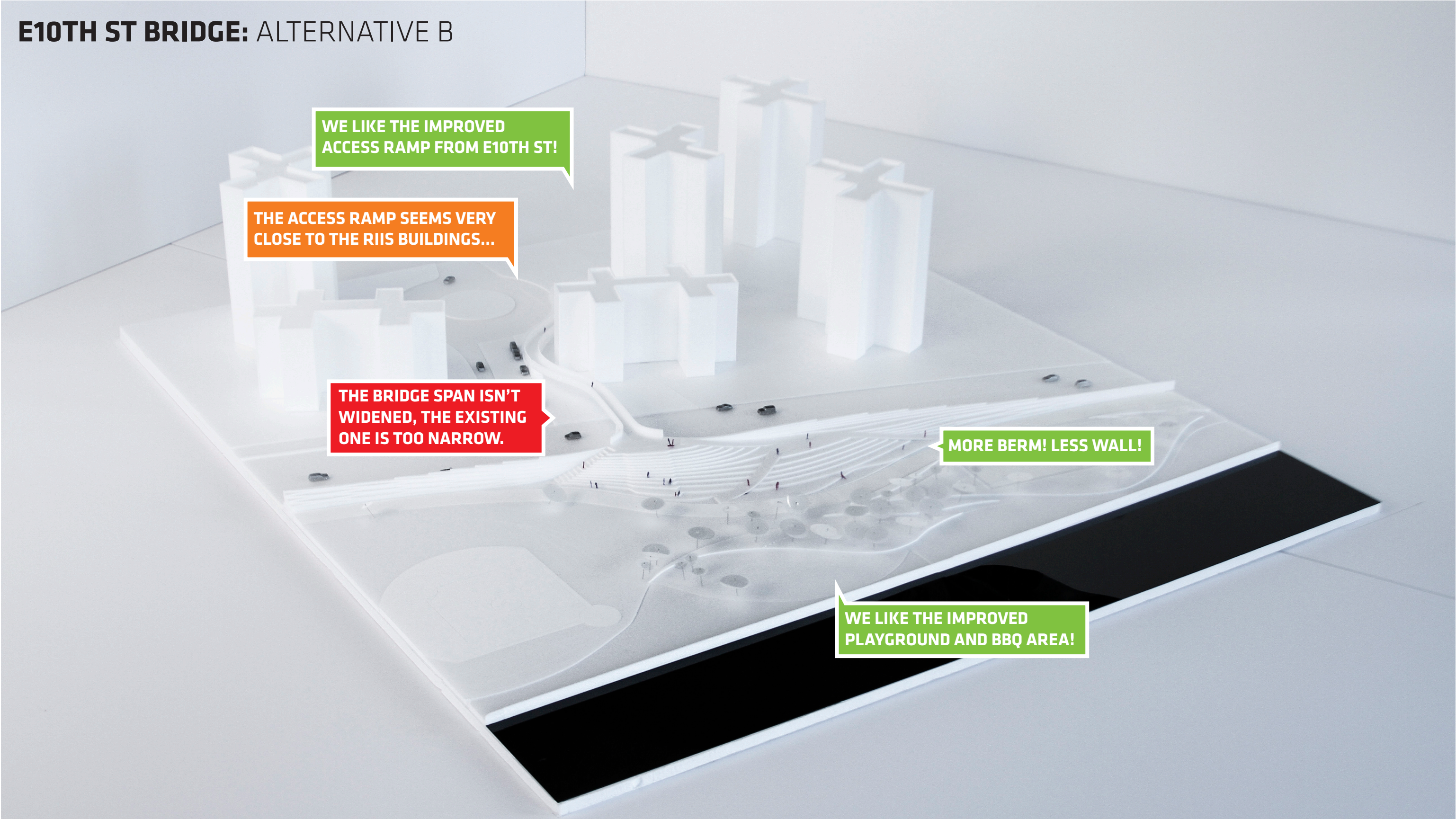
WE LIKE THE IMPROVED
ACCESS RAMP FROM E10TH ST!

THE ACCESS RAMP SEEMS VERY
CLOSE TO THE RIIS BUILDINGS...

THE BRIDGE SPAN ISN'T
WIDENED, THE EXISTING
ONE IS TOO NARROW.

MORE BERM! LESS WALL!

WE LIKE THE IMPROVED
PLAYGROUND AND BBQ AREA!

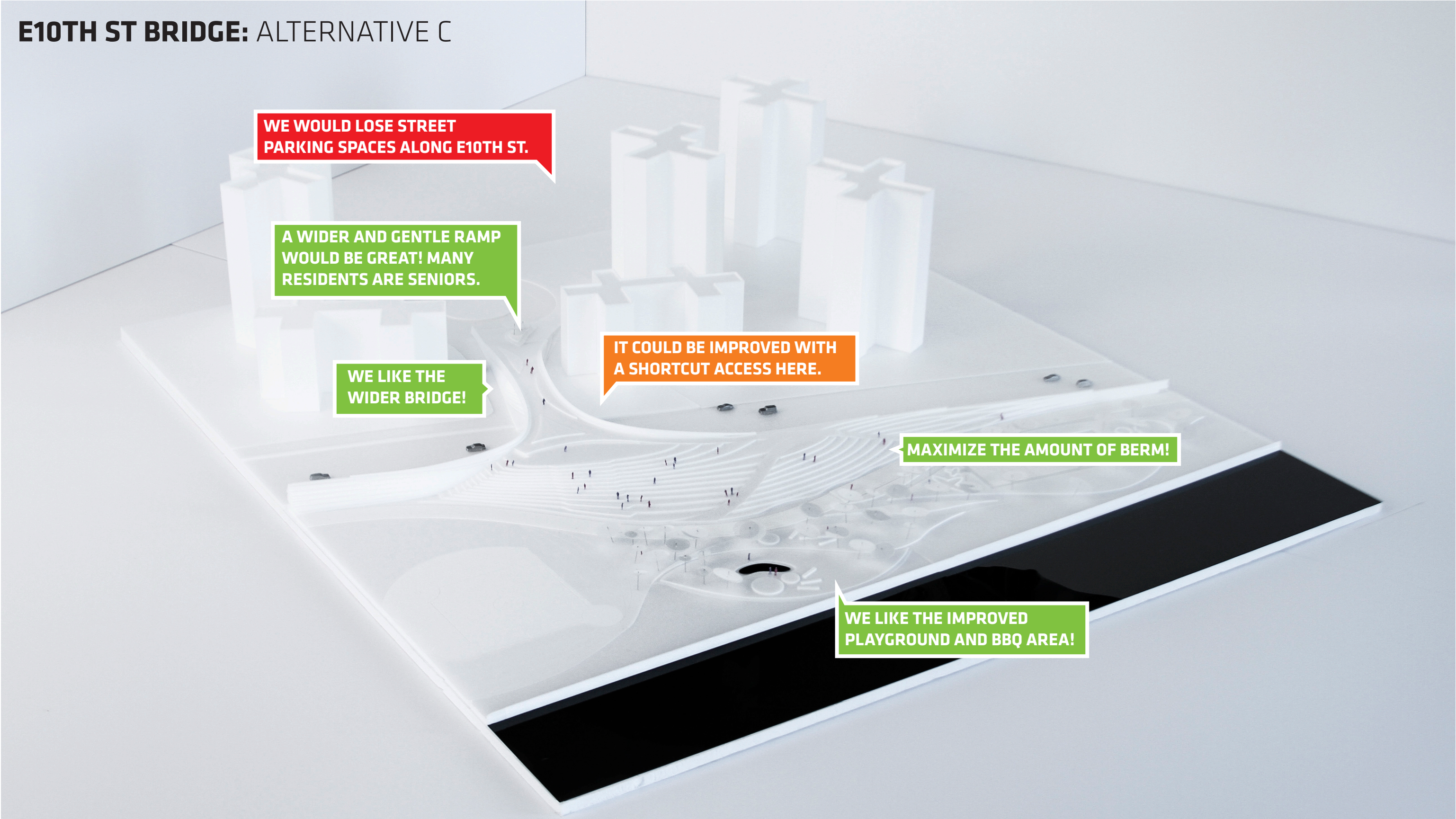


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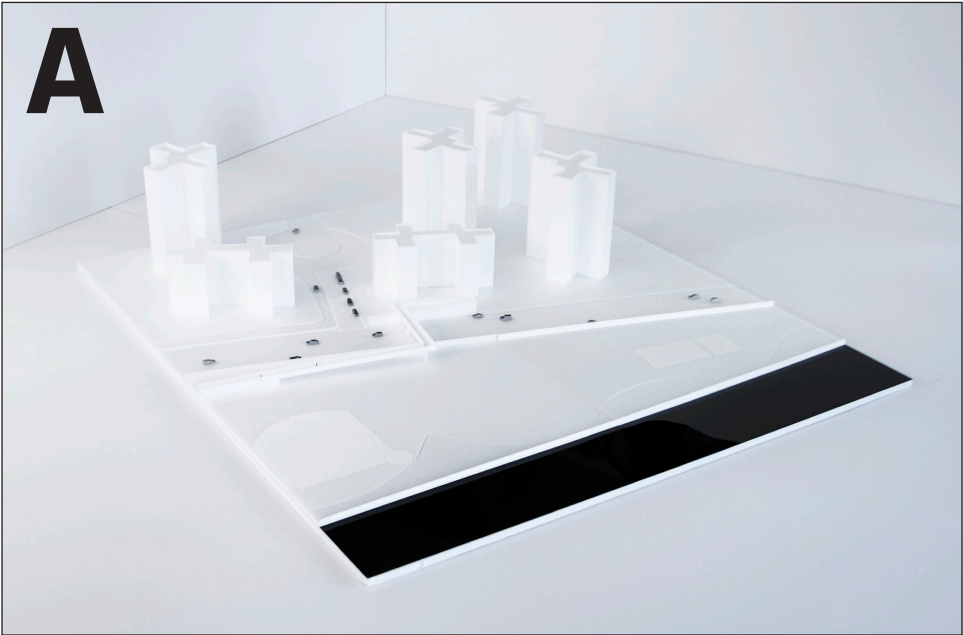
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E10TH ST BRIDGE: ALTERNATIVE C



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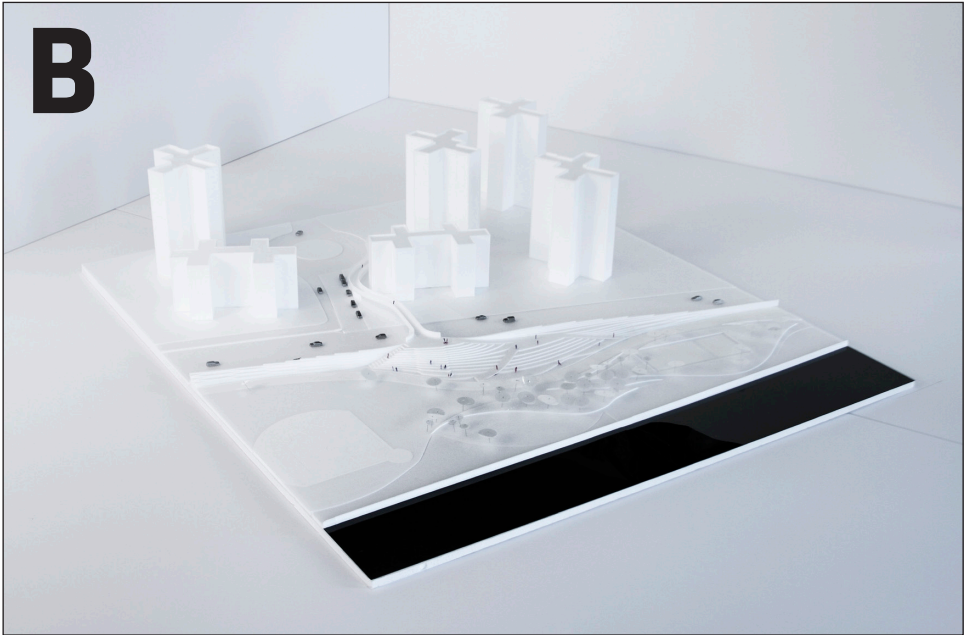
E10TH STREET BRIDGE
ALTERNATIVE A: BASELINE FLOOD PROTECTION

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Gentle 1:20 slope on the park-side access ramp

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Reuse of the existing bridge span and city-side access ramp
- No upgrade to existing park facilities (playground and BBQ area)



E10TH STREET BRIDGE
ALT. B: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - MEDIUM LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Gentle 1:20 access ramp on the city-side
- + Increase in use of berm over wall for flood protection
- + Upgraded playground and BBQ area

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Reuse of the existing bridge span
- Impact of new city-side access ramp on Riis buildings



E10TH STREET BRIDGE
ALT. C: ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS - HIGH LEVEL

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIKED:

- + Increase in use of berm over wall for flood protection
- + Upgraded playground and BBQ area
- + Wider bridge and city-side access ramp could facilitate access for seniors
- + High visibility of bridge landing from E10th St.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS DISLIKED:

- Loss of street parking spaces along E10th St