

# Living Bridges

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# Reimagining infrastructure

single-use bridges as high performing social & cultural urban health generators



# **Community Building**

Spending directed toward the challenges of mixed-use & affordable housing

## Side-effect

Successful cities: the quality of life is become unaffordable to those that are essential to the cities success

Governments are struggling to respond as there are few immediate land options

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# Infrastructure Spending

Governments are committing billions toward the building & repair of Infrastructure .... yet centrally located properties for use as affordable housing in our cities are hard to come by

# Squandered Places?

single use liabilities? connectors or dividers?

Could we literally bridge our weak urban links between neighbourhoods to forge stronger community connections?

# Mixed-use

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Multi-use, multi-functional buildings & neighbourhoods has been a core ingredient to creating successful cities.

## Mixed-use?

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...yet the create of urban infrastructure is all single use

## New idea?

Building multi-use infrastructure was invented long before car-centric planning dominated our thinking about urban bridges.

Infrastructure as a revenue generating asset, rather than an expense

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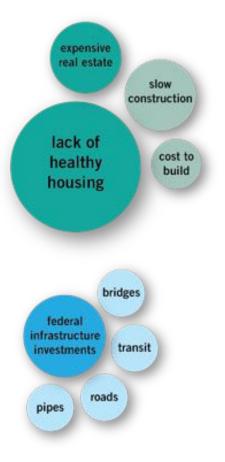
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London Bridge, London

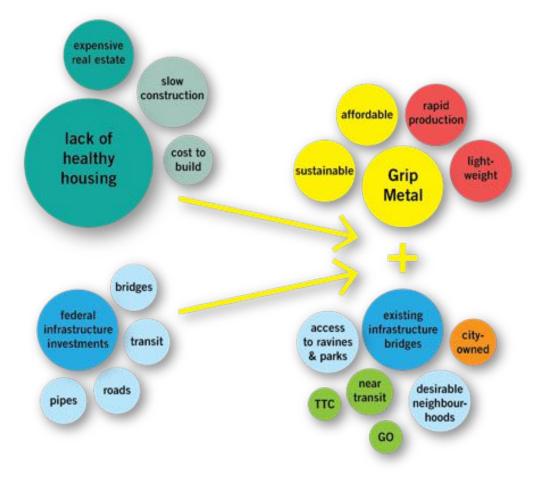


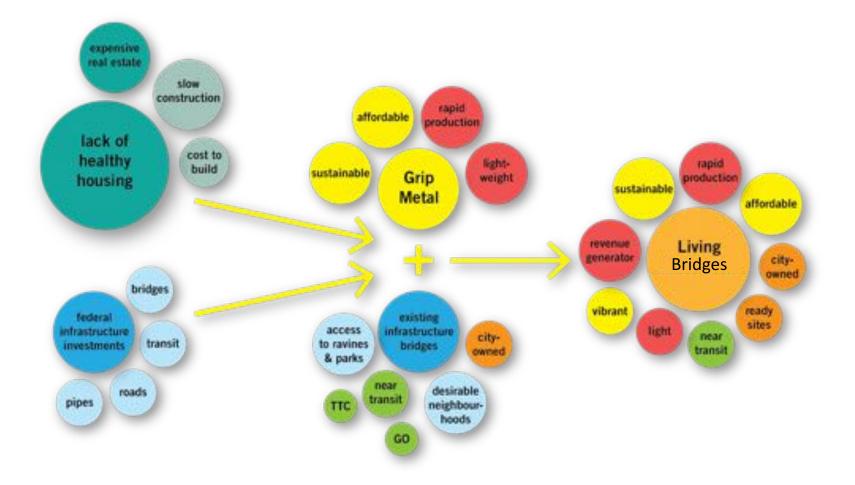
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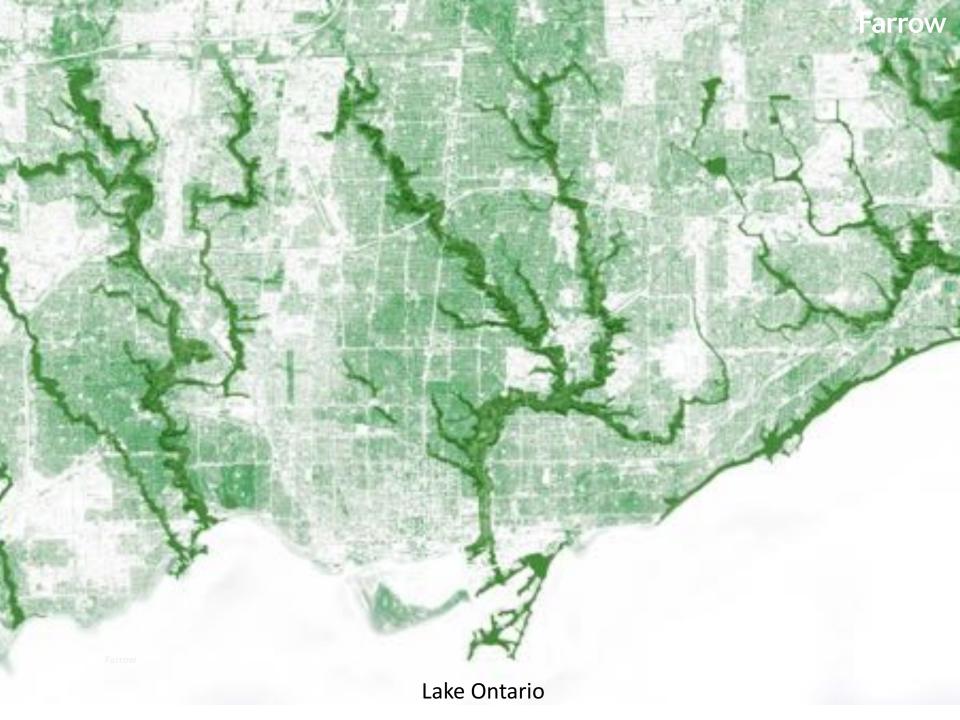




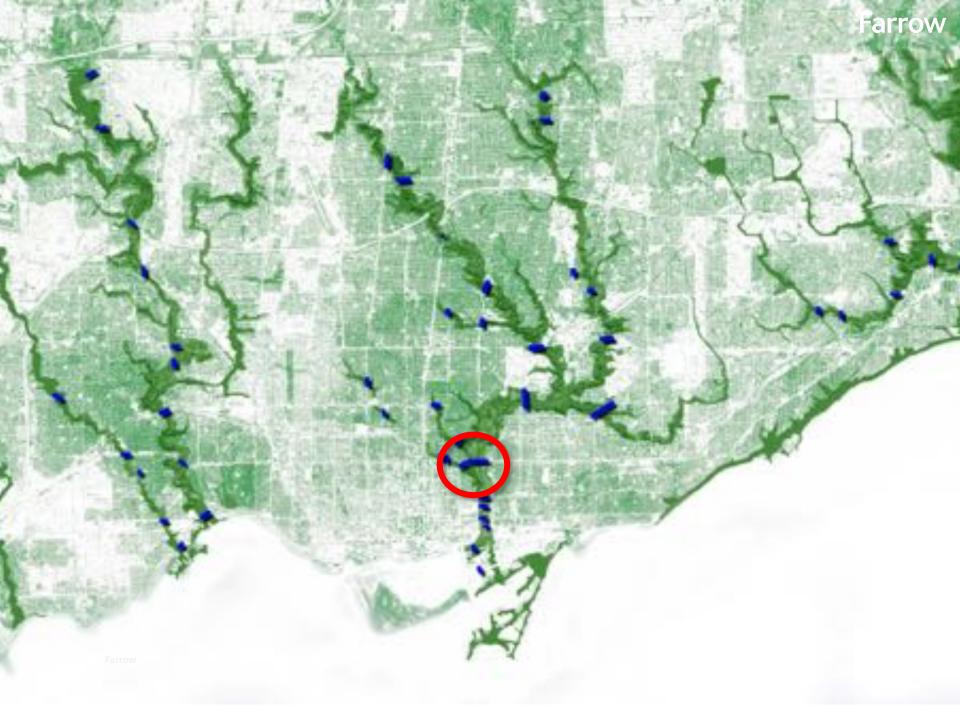














The Prince Edward Viaduct designed in 1912 by Edmund Burk



## Bloor Street Viaduct

## The Danforth

**Bloor Street** 







While it provided **spectacular views** of the valley and city originally . . . . ....now it is a 500 metre traffic-dominated wasteland



By 2003 the bridge was the site of **nearly 500 suicides** ... **second only** to the Golden Gate Bridge

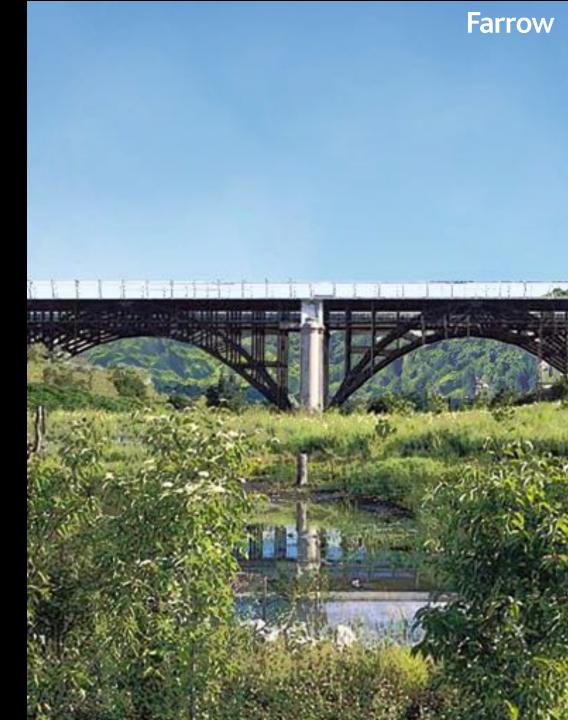
The 'Luminous veil': good answer to the wrong question

Use the three hinged steel arch bridge, supported on concrete piers to support light weight, less expensive and more resource efficient construction methods to house new multi-use communities

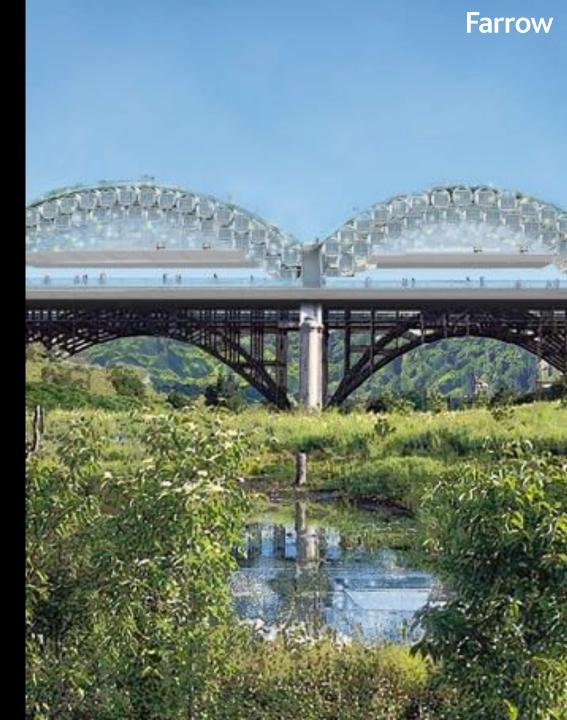
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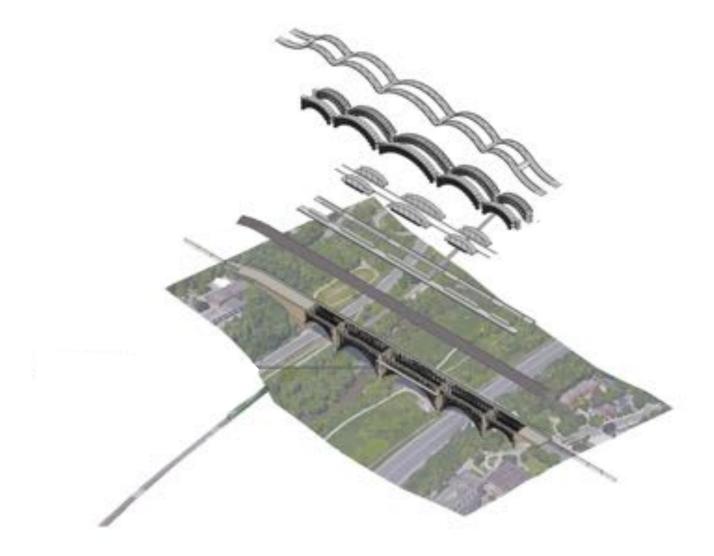


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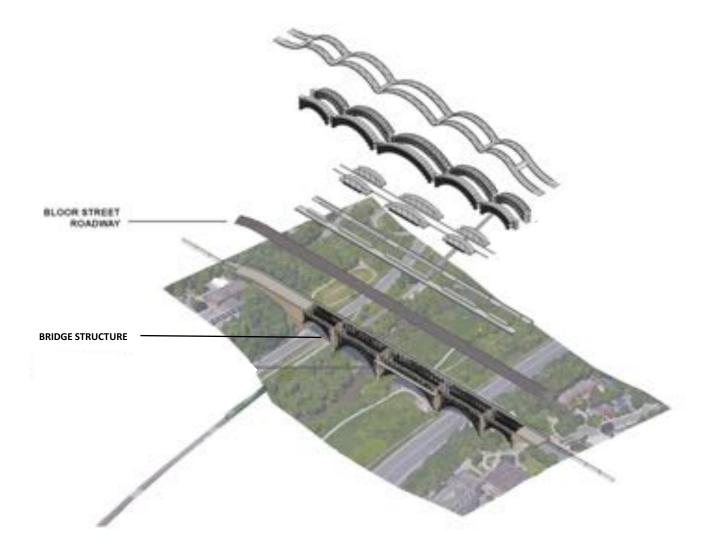


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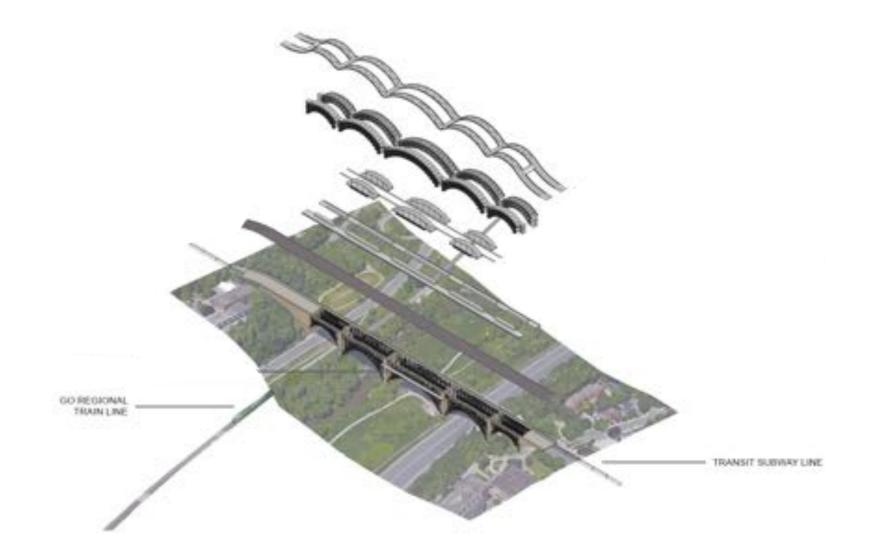
# Components



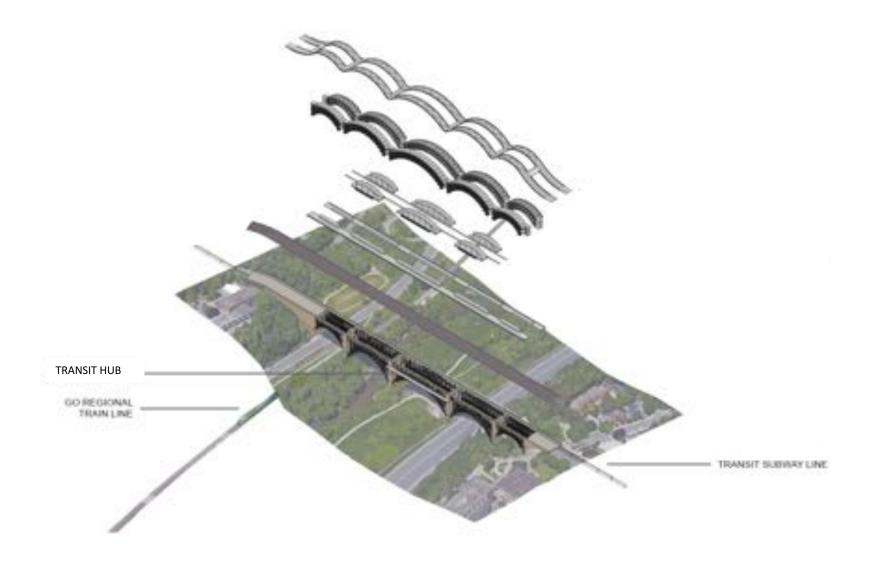
# **Exiting bridge and roadway**



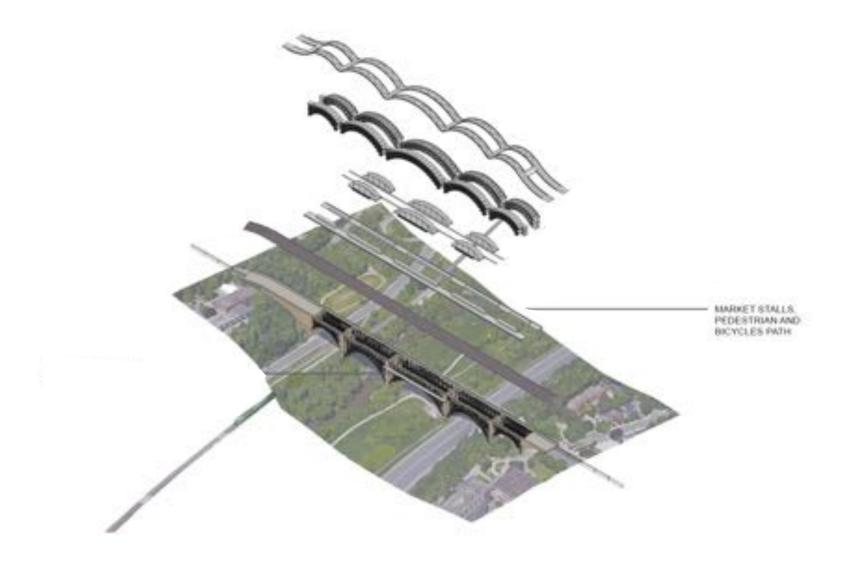
## **Existing regional train & subway lines**



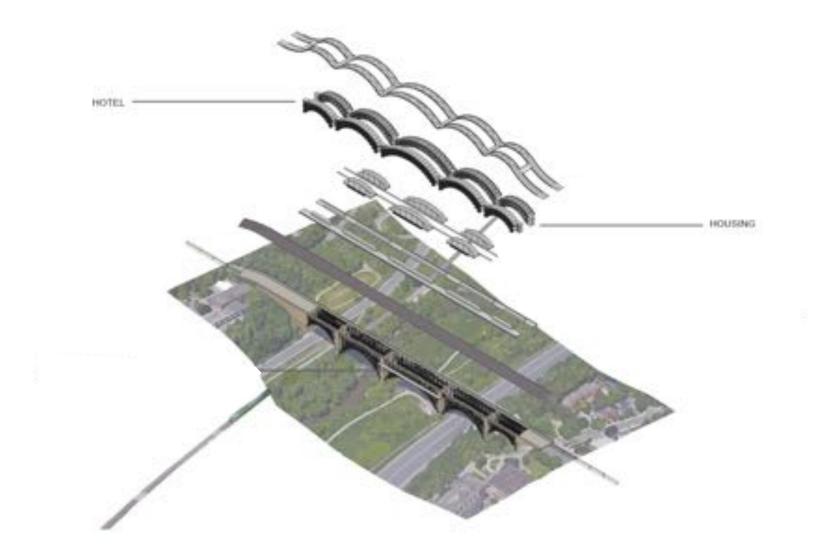
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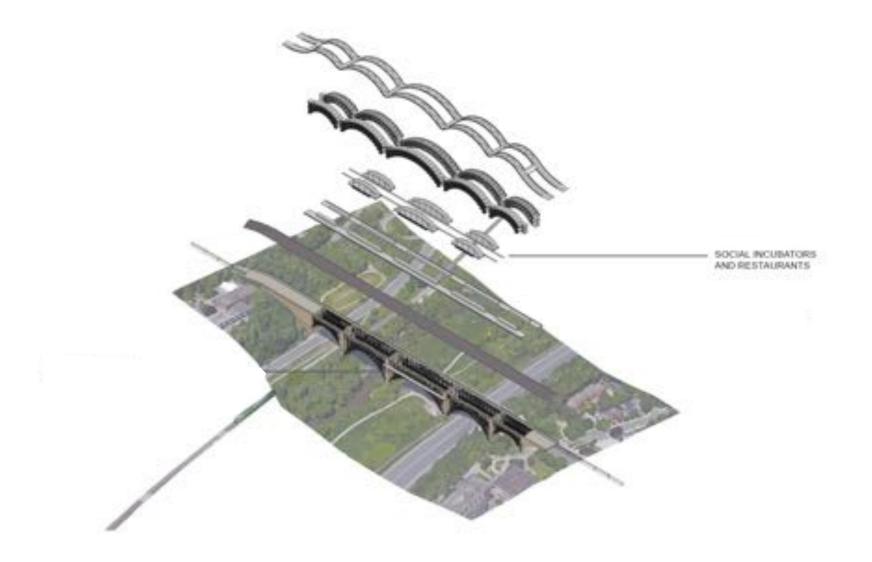
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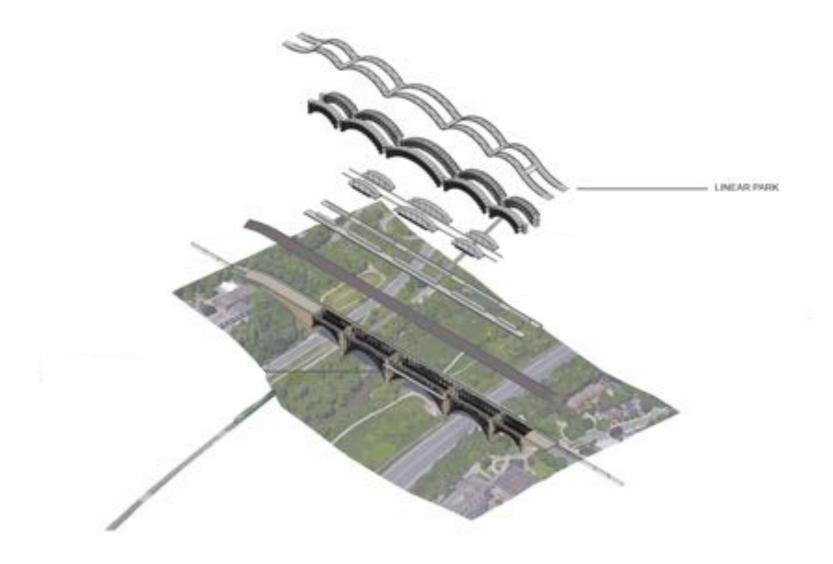
# Housing & hotel

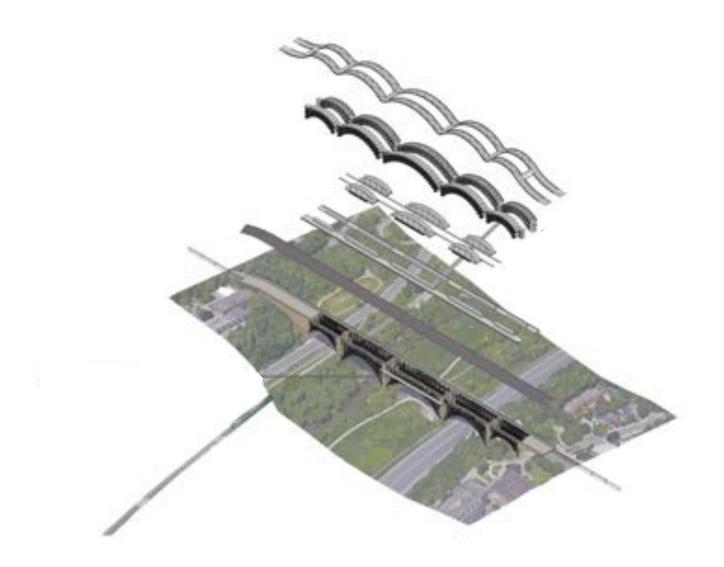


#### **Incubators & restaurants**



# Linear park



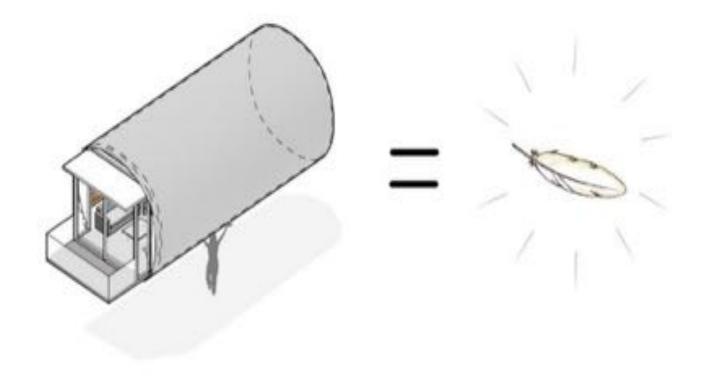








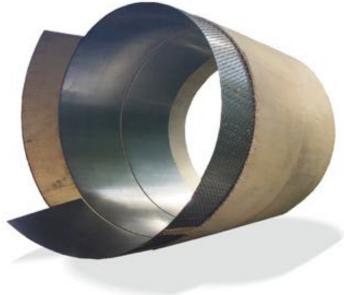
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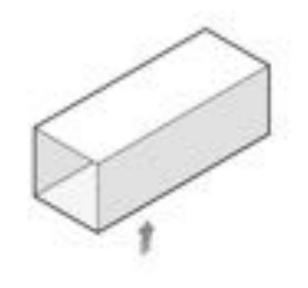




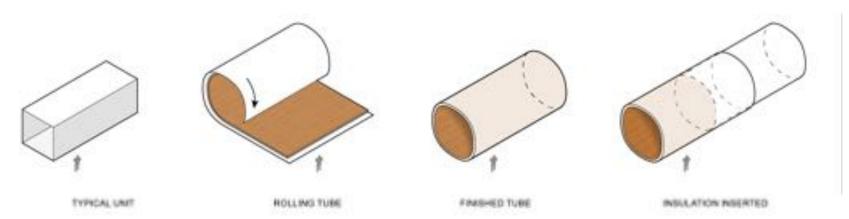
**Grip Metal**, a micro-hook bonding system from the auto industry, combined with thin polymer infused wood sheets creates a high strength to weight structural veneer enabling the creation of affordable, rapidly implemented solutions for structures that can be built on existing infrastructures.





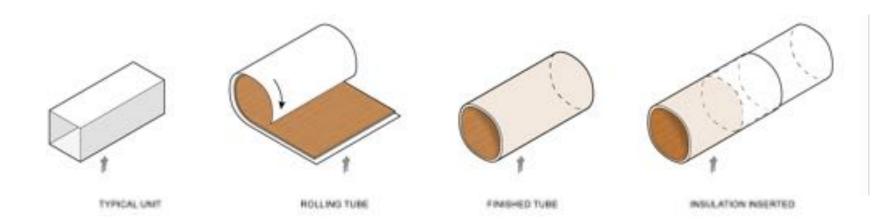






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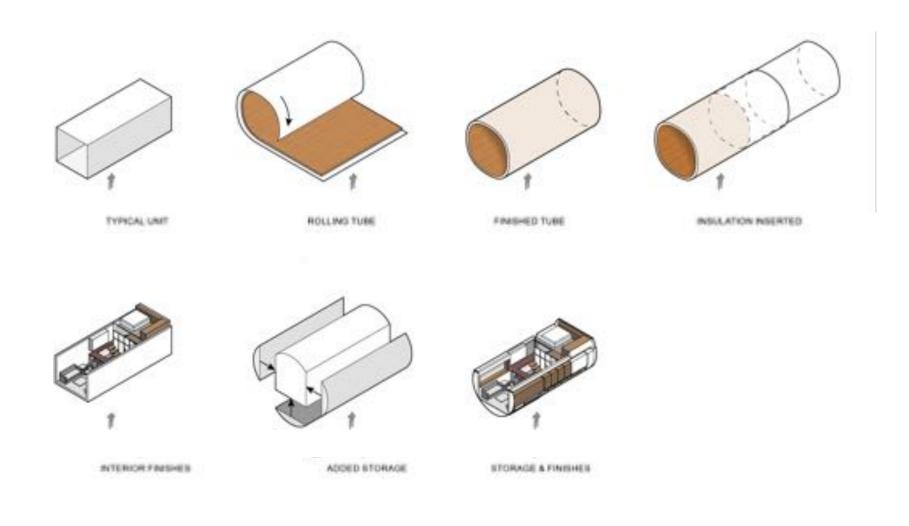




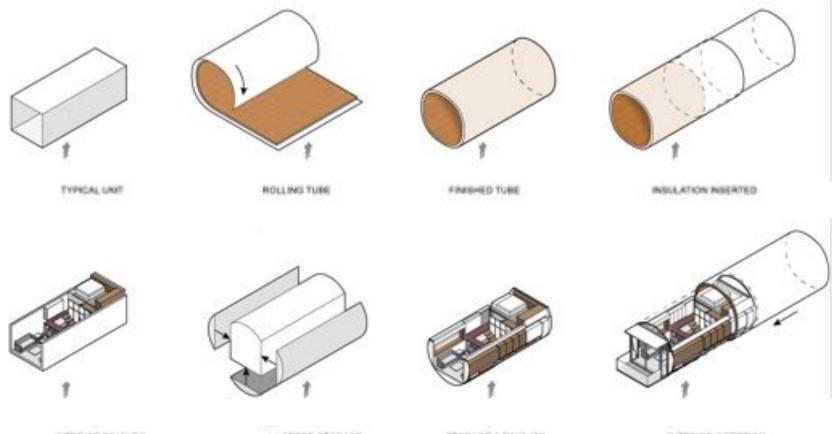


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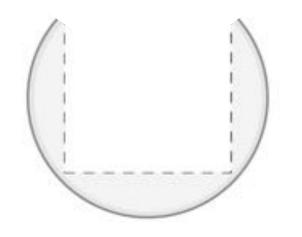
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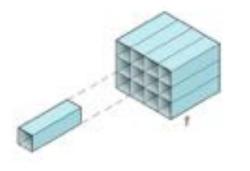




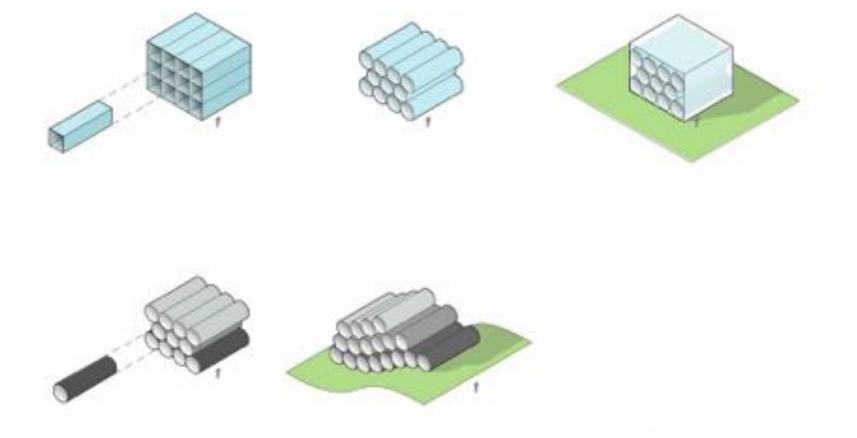


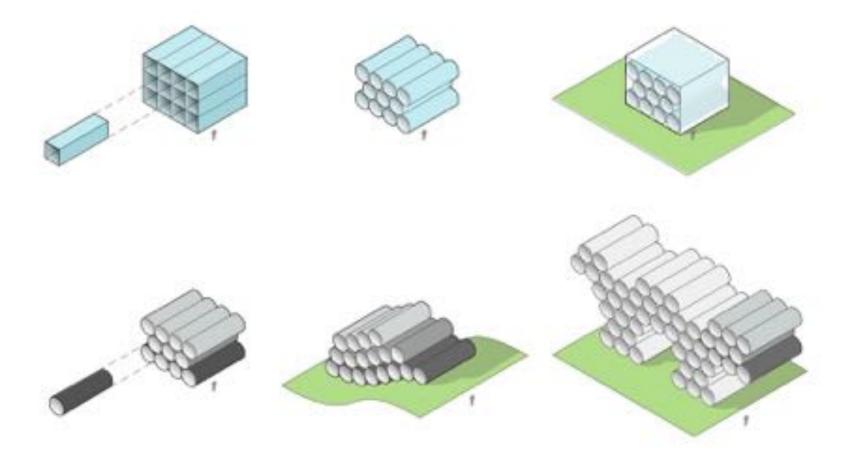






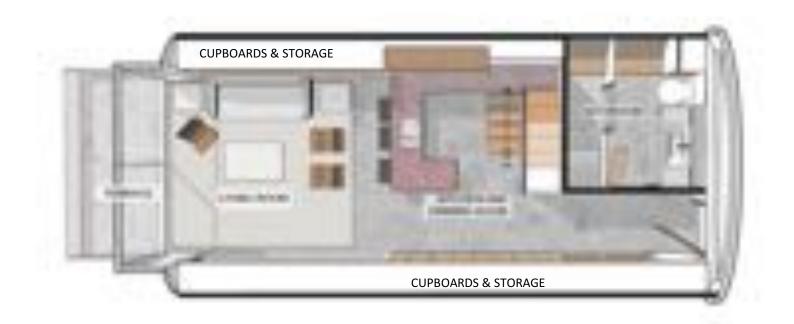




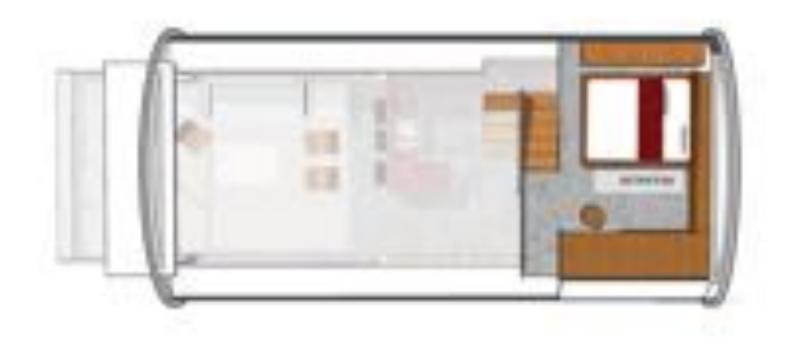




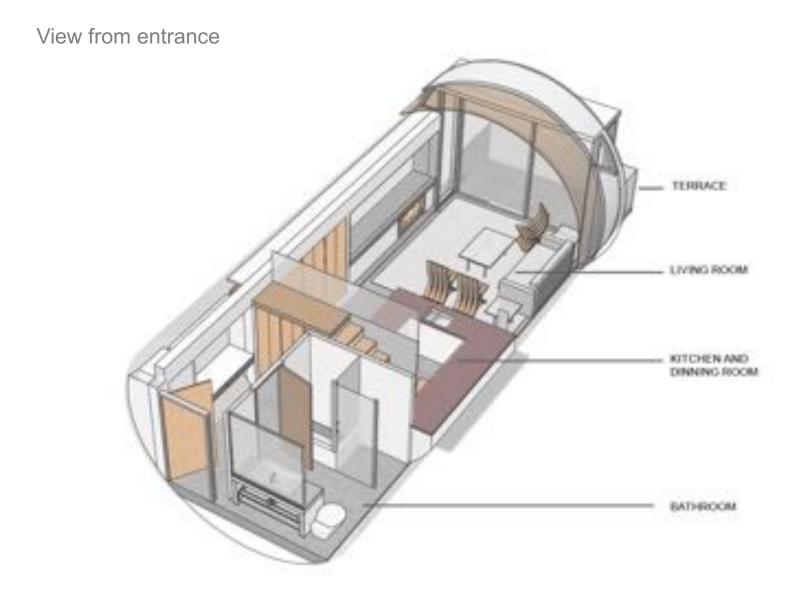
## Ground Floor



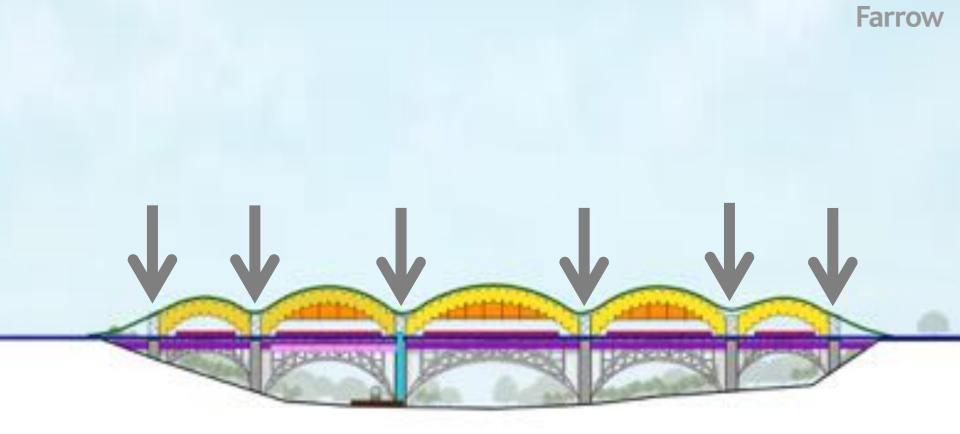
## Second Floor











## Components



- LINEAR PARK HOTEL HOUSING SOCIAL INCUBATORS AND RESTAURANTS MARKET STALLS, PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLES PATH BLOOR STREET ROADWAY CIRCULATION SUBWAY STATION
- TRANSIT SUBWAY LINE
- GO REGIONAL TRANSIT







## Linear Park



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## Hotel & Residential



**Restaurants & Social Incubators** 

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## Market Retail

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**Regional Transit Hub** 

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Time to reconceive squandered spaces as mixed-use civic, social and economic assets?

Waverley Bridge, Edinburgh

Waverley Bridge, Edinburgh

Garden Bridge, London

#### Waterloo Bridge, London



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