Session Overview:

Reimagining El-Space spotlights the emerging interdisciplinary field of planning, designing and activating the vast resource of space beneath and adjacent to elevated transportation infrastructure in cities across the continent. The session will demonstrate the potency in advancing new forms of landscape urbanism, site design, spatial activation and community engagement.

Learning Objectives:

Reconsider aging transportation infrastructure as an opportunity for multi-use, high-performance landscape architecture and urban design.

Identify site-specific design tactics and strategies promoting infrastructure improvements, open space amenities and social equity.

Understand how the design of El-Space reconnects communities and fosters greater social and environmental engagement.

Learn how to advance El-Space design and program initiatives through cross-sector partnerships.



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Why El-Space?



Envisioning El-Space: Establishing Values and Refining Solutions



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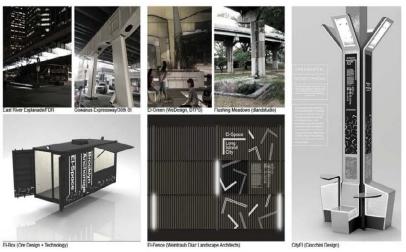
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Experimentation Before Implementation



Forging a Comprehensive, Systematic Approach



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El-Space: BQE Analysis

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Park, Arts and River Connectivity (PARC)



Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project



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