



**I-395**  
**Overtown**  
**Expressway**  
Miami, Florida

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# I-395 Meeting in Overtown Tomorrow!

by TONY GARCIA on AUGUST 24, 2009 - 10 COMMENTS [EDIT]

Anyone interested in commenting on the expansion of I-395 into a super highway that will further blight our downtown core should attend this meeting! We need to let FDOT know that people care before any

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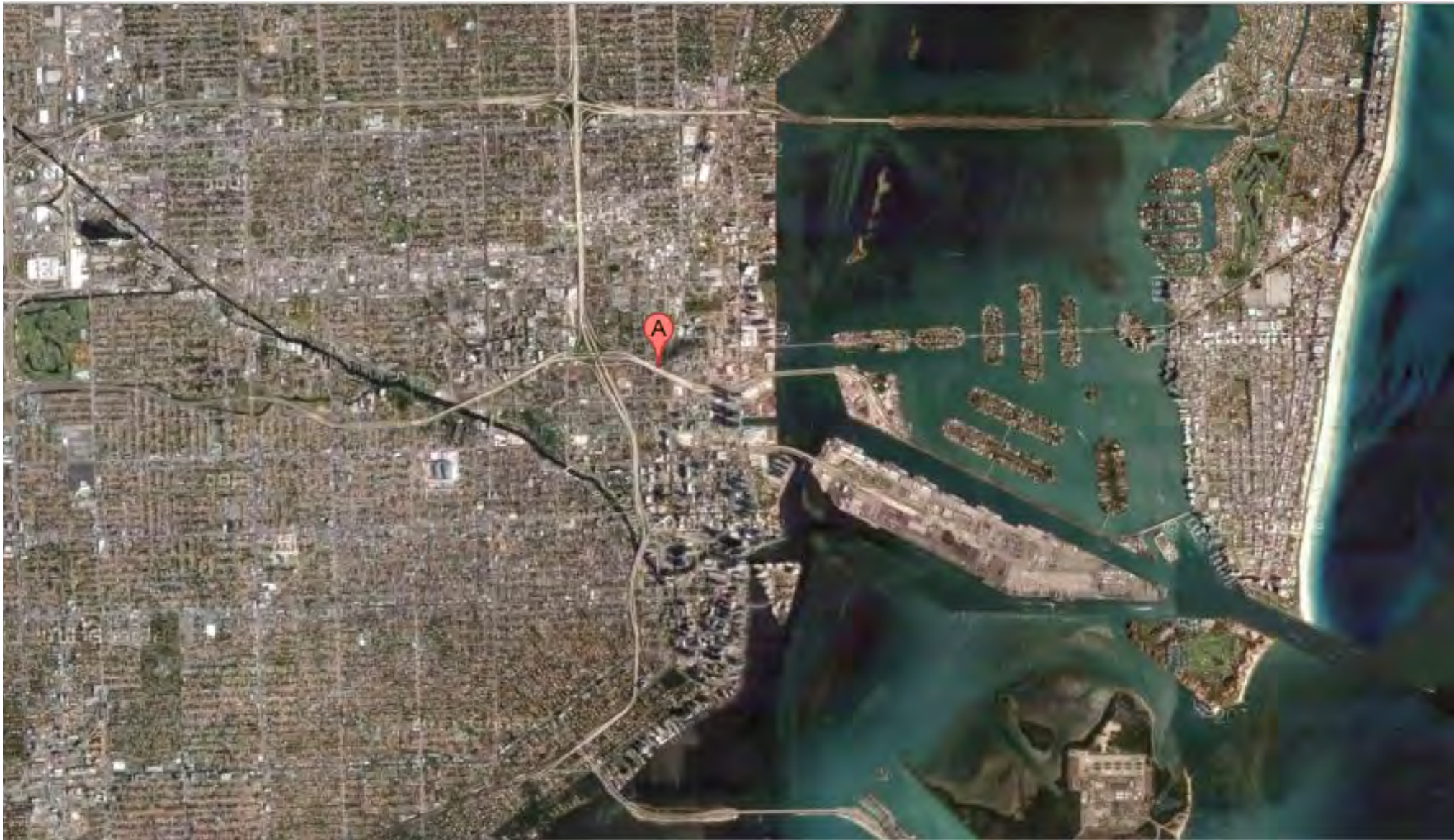
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Matthew Toro on [Advancing the M-Path Master Plan](#)



**How does I-395 fit into the larger metro context?**



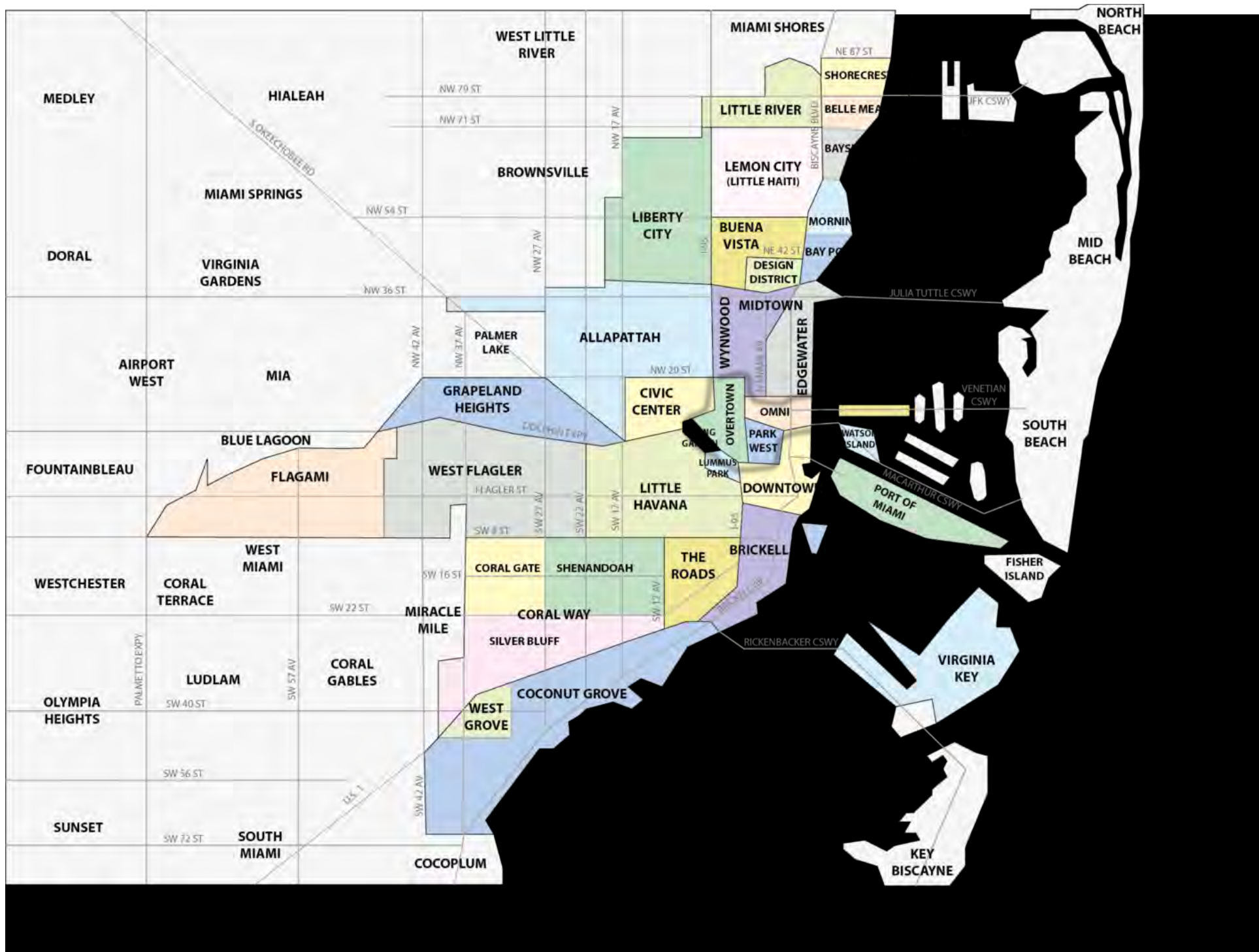
**Build baby build**



**The Midtown Interchange**

*The mantra of progress provided a rationale for expressway building, but the social consequences dismissed by state and local officials as an unfortunate by-product of rebuilding and reform.*

*-from "Interstating Miami"*





**I-395 overpowers the surrounding community.**



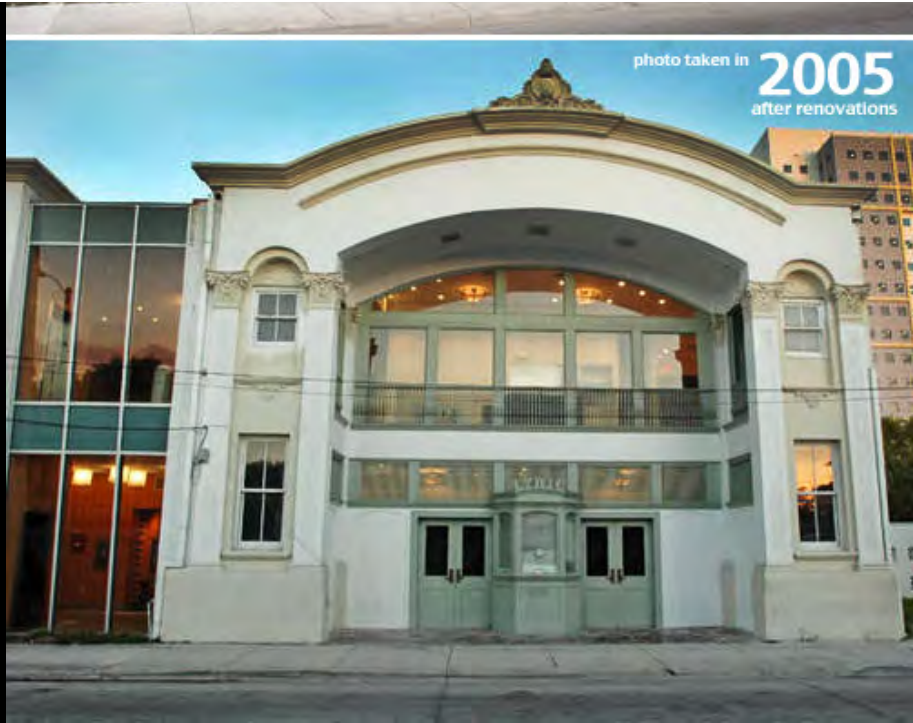


A busy day in Darky Town. Miami. Fla.

Wendon you better come home school opens Monday  
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**...Overtown had a pretty vibrant street life.**



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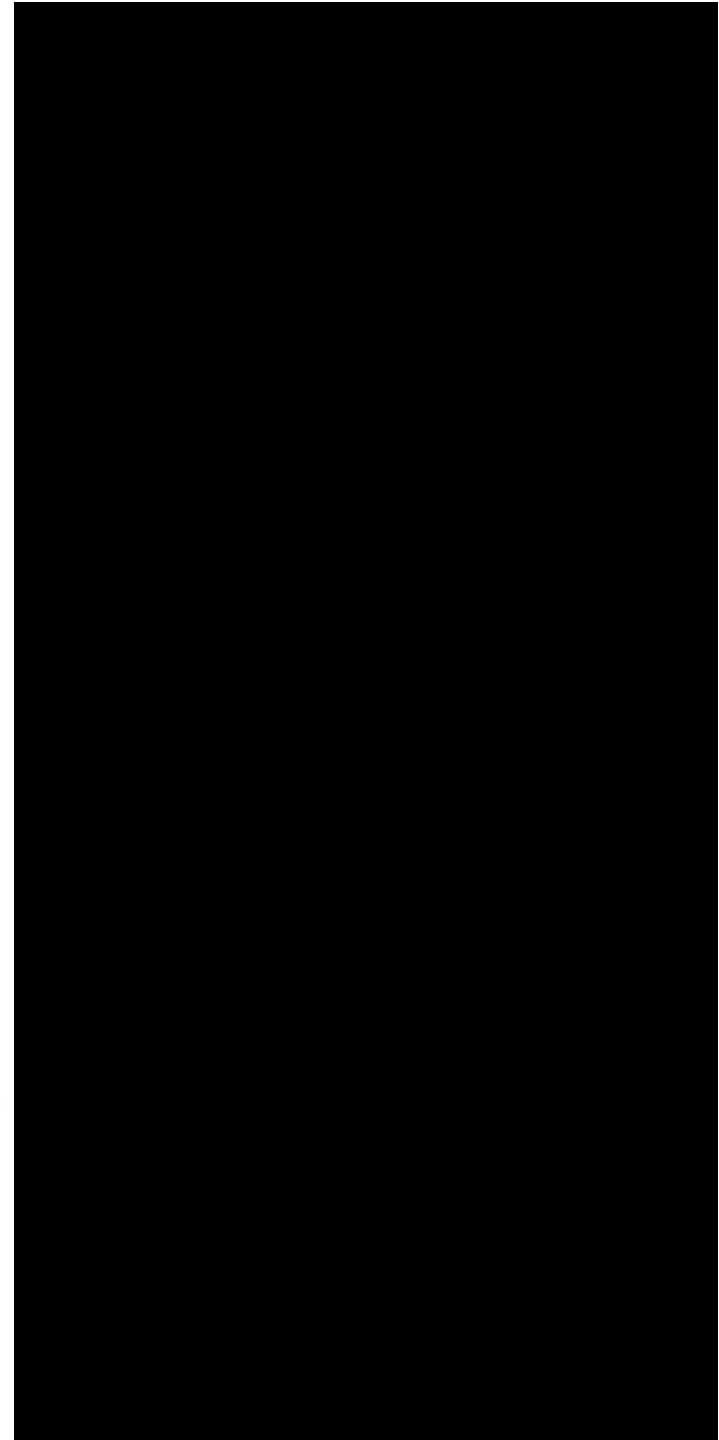
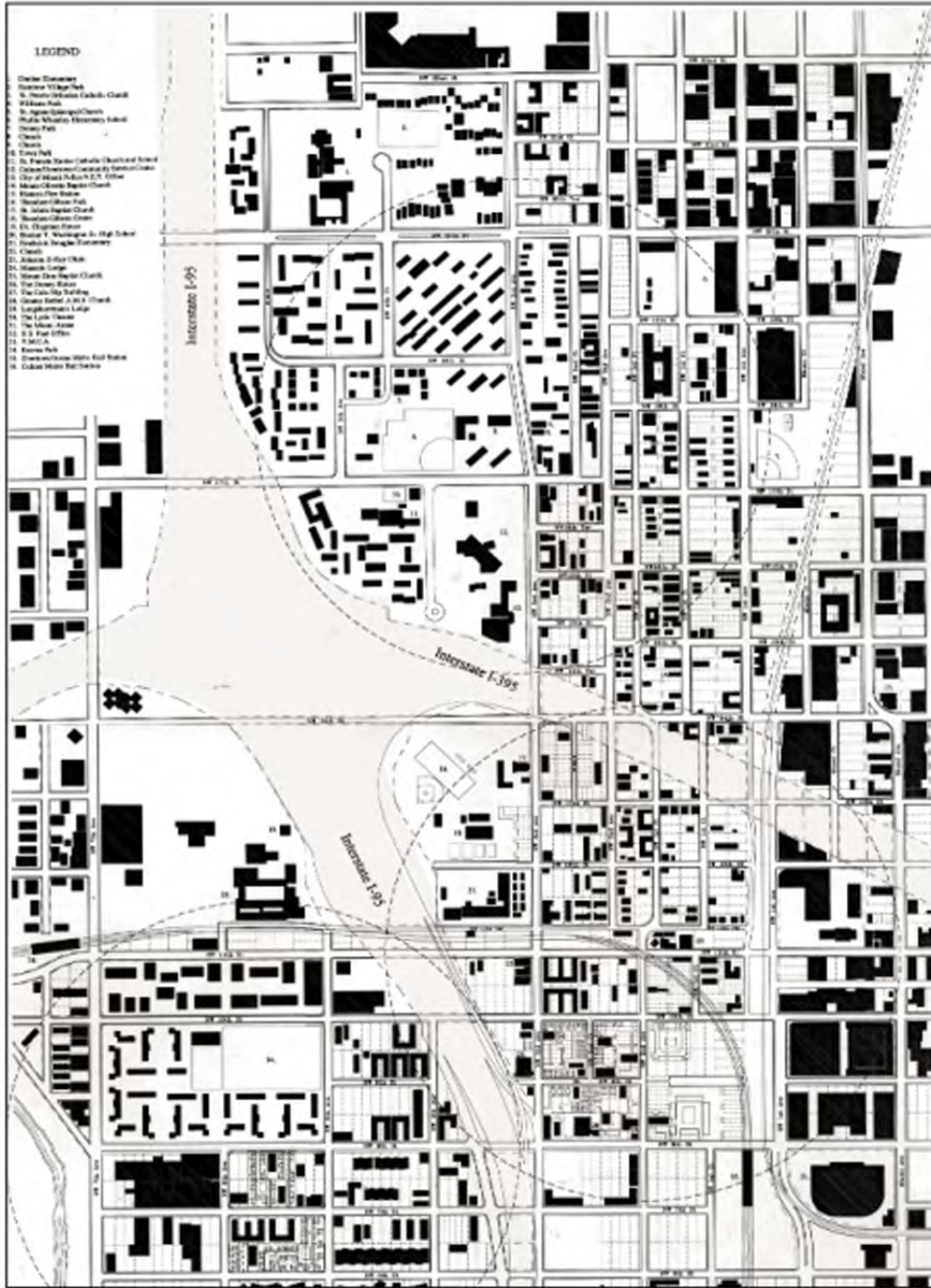
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**Remember this?**





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**'urban renewal' ??**



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# Alternative Review & Development

FROM I-95 TO INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY



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## I-395 Engineering Analysis

### ALTERNATIVE 3 – ELEVATED/MIAMI AVENUE

#### Pros

- Safe pedestrian and vehicular crossings
- Continuity of urban grid
- Versatile useable space below highway
- Vehicular & pedestrian views to the city
- Architectural and structural possibilities
- Potential to reconnect local streets

#### Cons

- Ramps create zones of unusable space
- If low elevation -can be a visual barrier
- Requires R/W

**Cost:** \$580 million



Bangkok Highway



Basketball courts, Miami, FL



Historic Example



Tokyo



## ALTERNATIVE 5 – OPEN-CUT

### Pros

- Safe pedestrian and vehicular crossings at select locations
- Reduced noise levels
- Highway less visible from distance
- Open space opportunity on existing highway property

### Cons

- Cut / Severs Overtown
- Vehicular views to city blocked
- Crossings limited to street locations
- Potential flooding issues / evacuation route
- Conflicts with existing underground utilities
- Excavate contaminated soil
- Construction Related Impacts
- Requires more R/W than Tunnel Option

### Cost

- Over \$800 Million





**Do they really think it will look like this?**



Alternative ***THREE***





**Really FDOT? Really?**



# ALTERNATIVE 4 – TUNNEL

## Pros

- Safe pedestrian and vehicular crossings
- Reduced noise levels
- Highway becomes hidden
- Opportunity to utilize area above highway

## Cons

- Potential to disconnect local streets
- Potential flooding issues / evacuation route
- Conflicts with existing underground utilities
- Excavate contaminated soil
- No vehicular views to city
- Most expensive alternative
- Construction related Impacts
- Complex MOT Required
- Requires more R/W than elevated Option

**Cost:** over \$1 billion



Ted Williams Tunnel - Boston

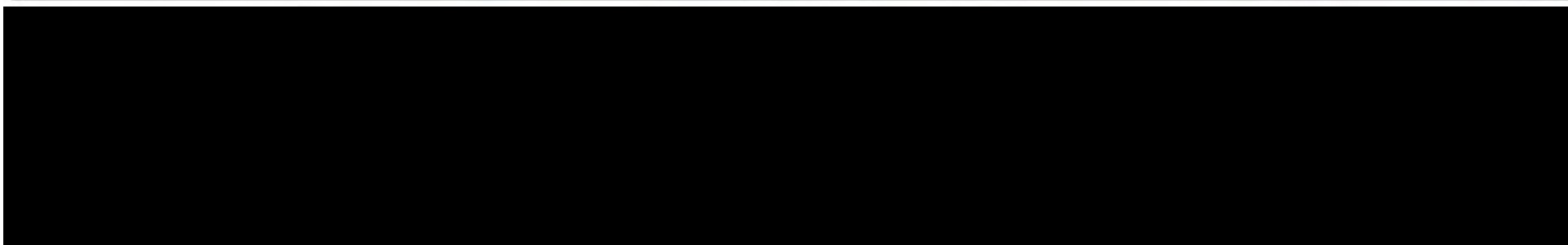
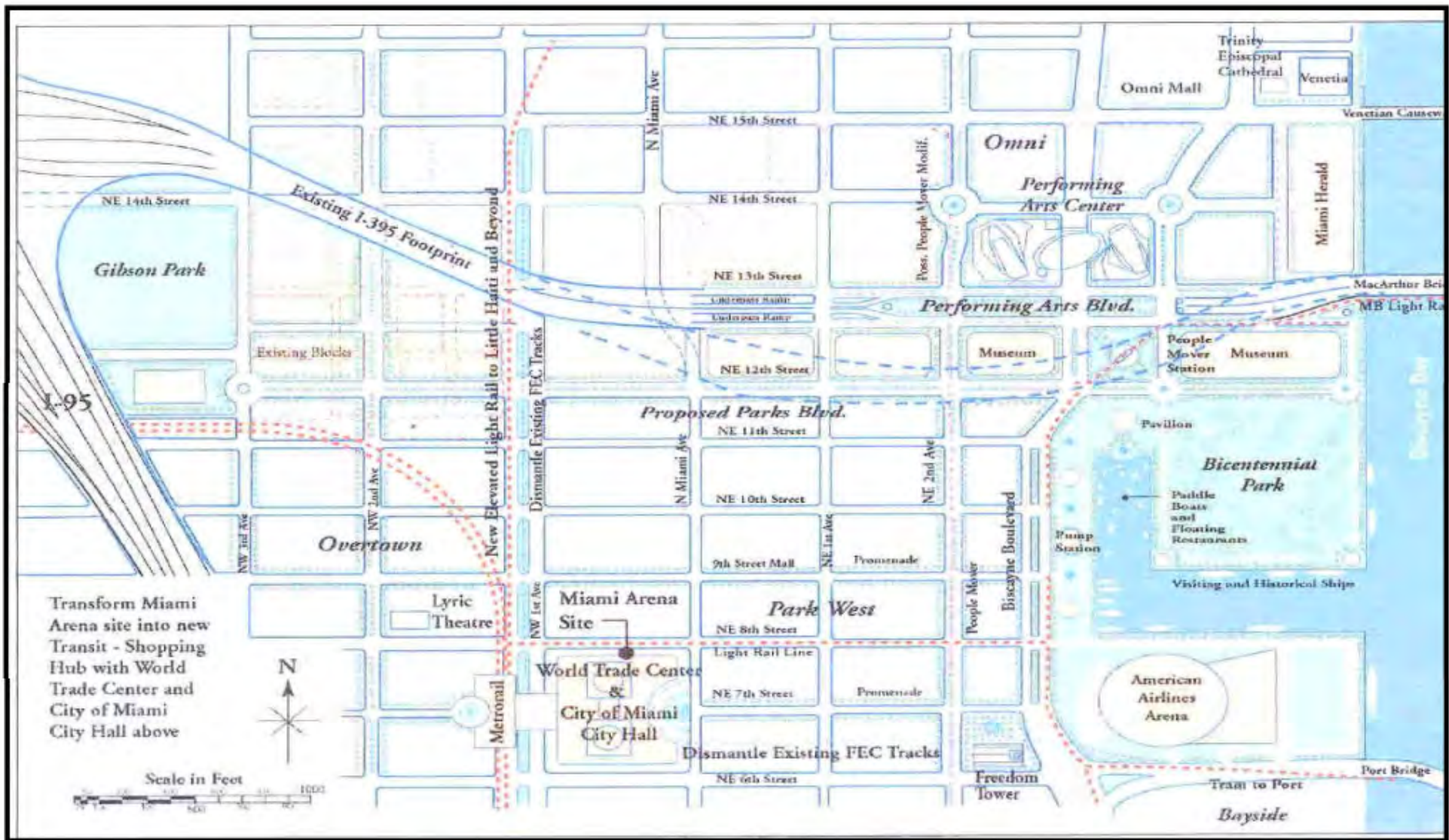


Potential Problems

## CIVIC PROMENADE



Wharf District Promenade - Boston

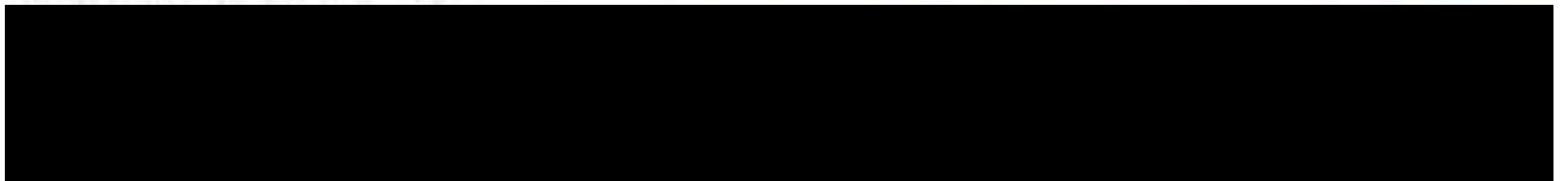




*Option for realigning I-395 and constructing an open trench or super elevated facility*



*Option for super elevated "split" facility*





**Leverage development for better infrastructure.**

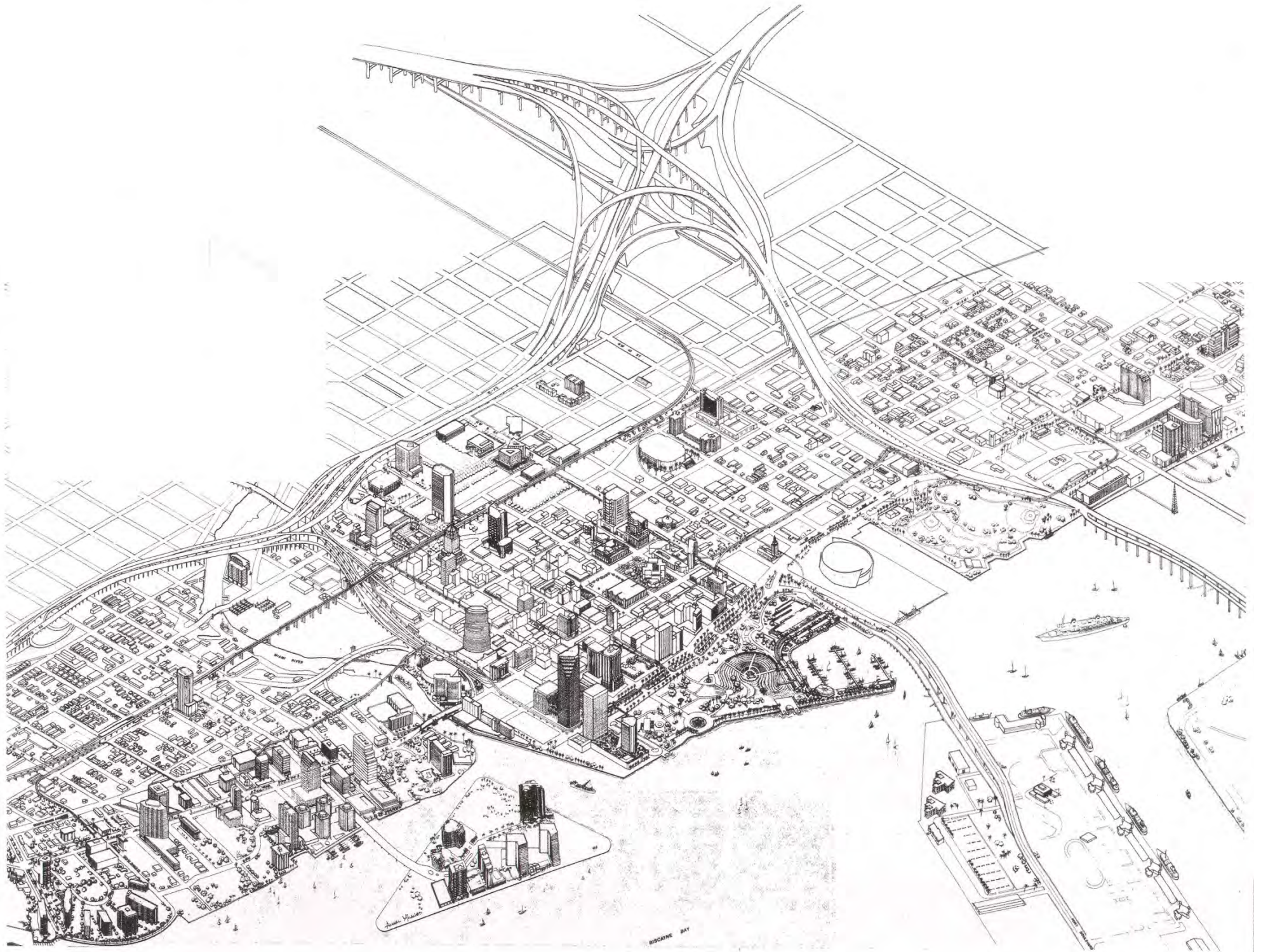
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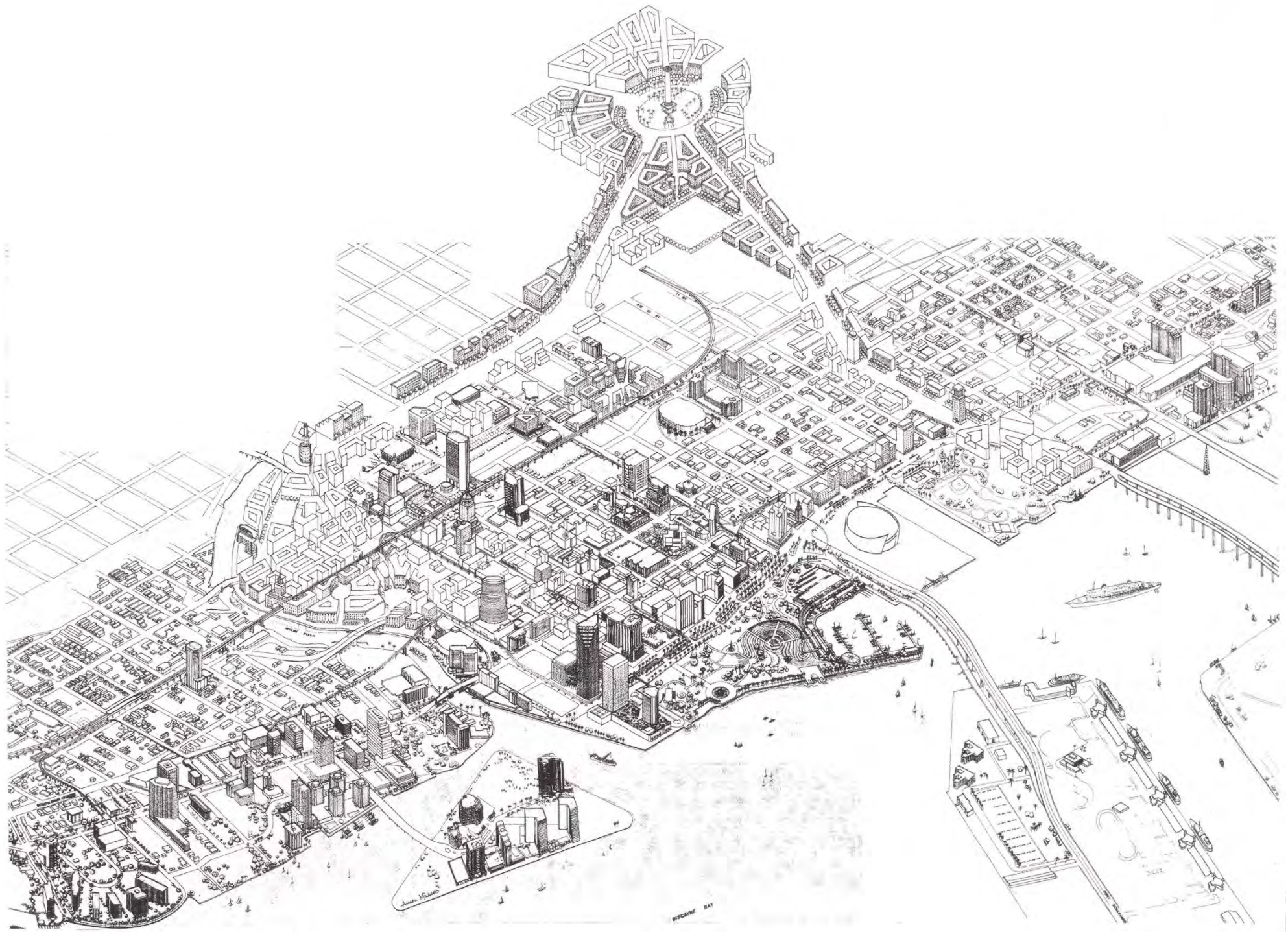
- **Do Nothing (not a bad idea)**
- **Build higher elevated facility (FDOT preferred alternative)**
- **An Open Cut (The City/Community preferred alternative)**
- **A Tunnel**

**New Urbanists created a fourth option....**



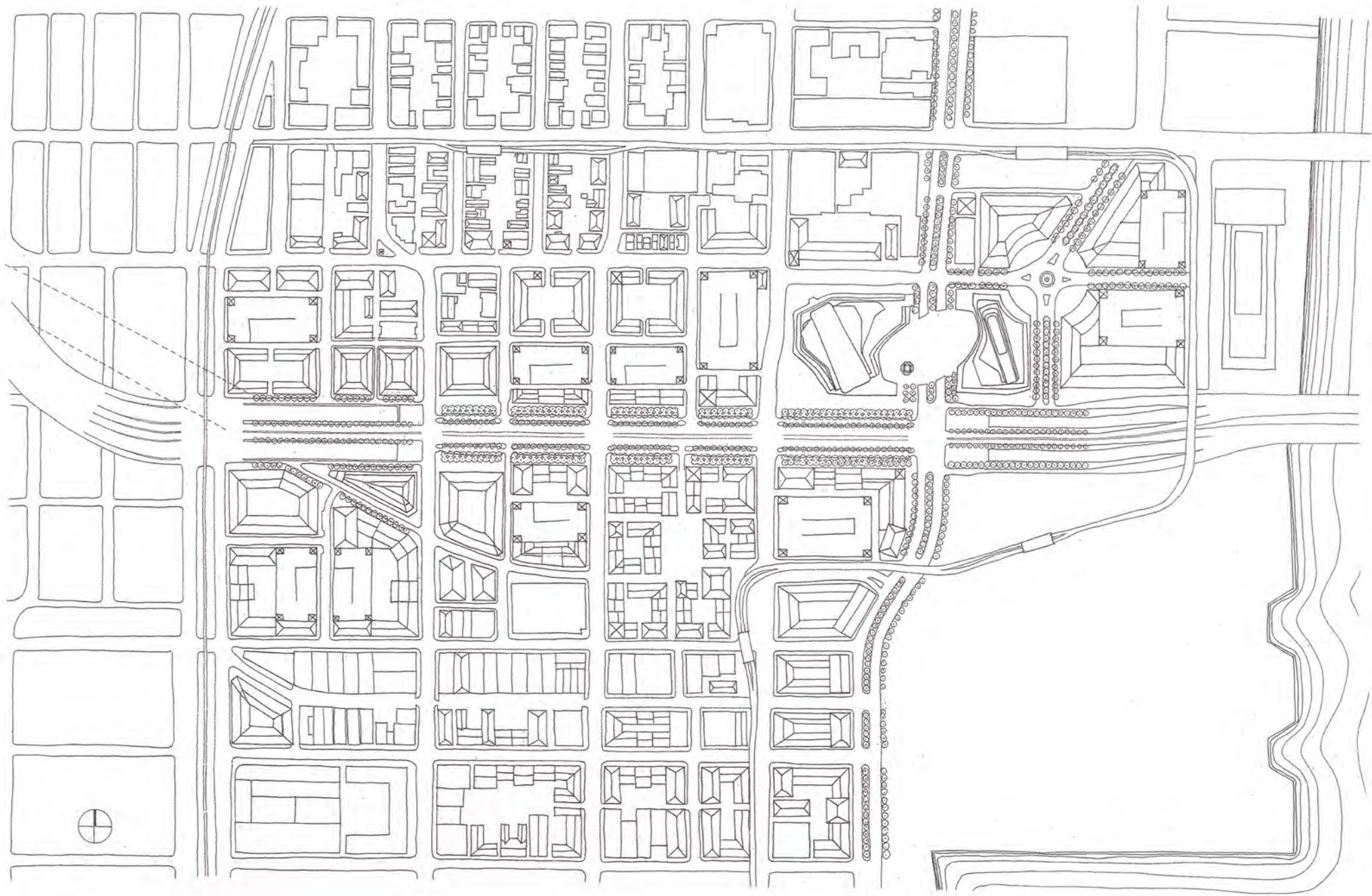
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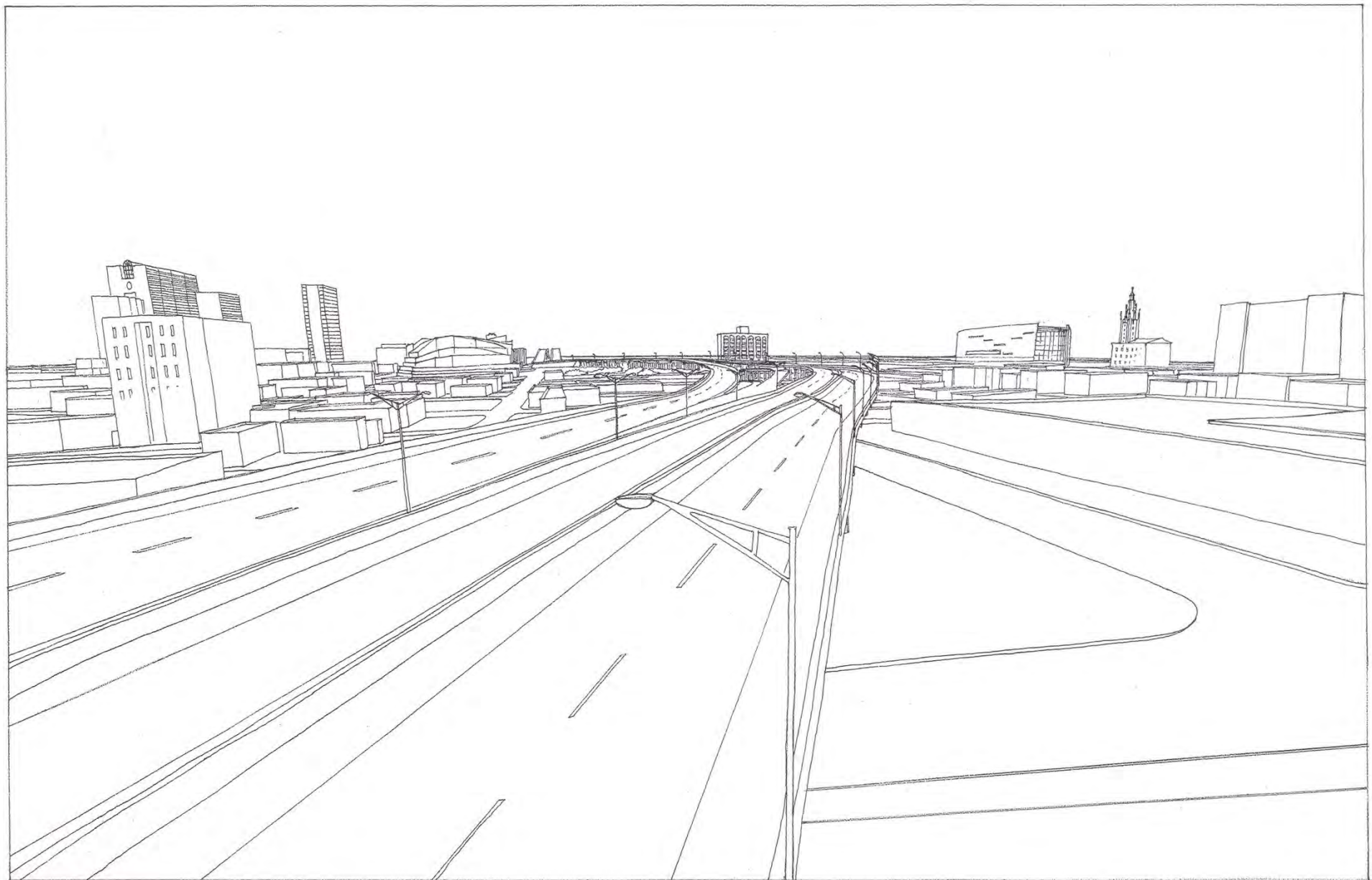


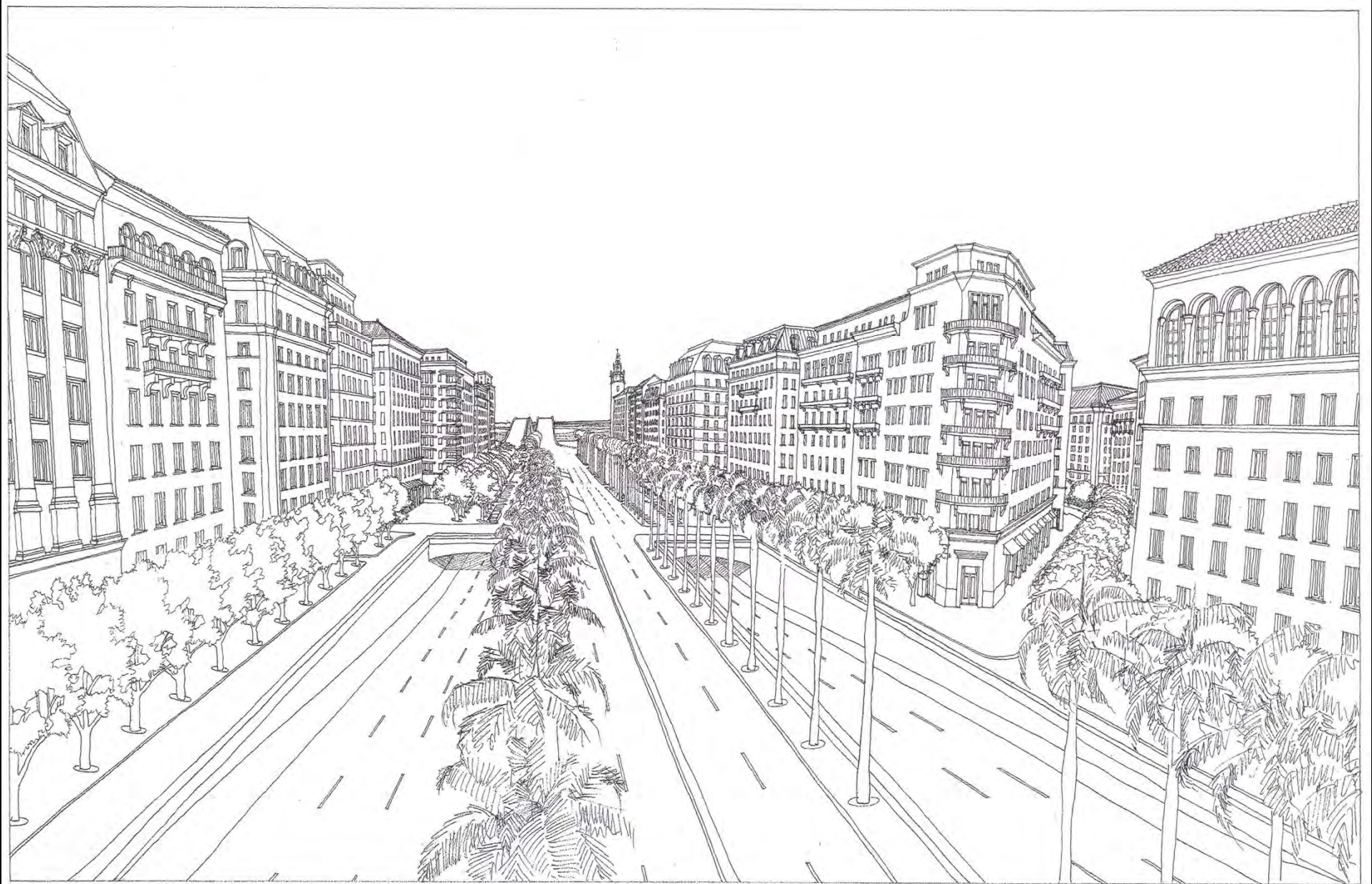


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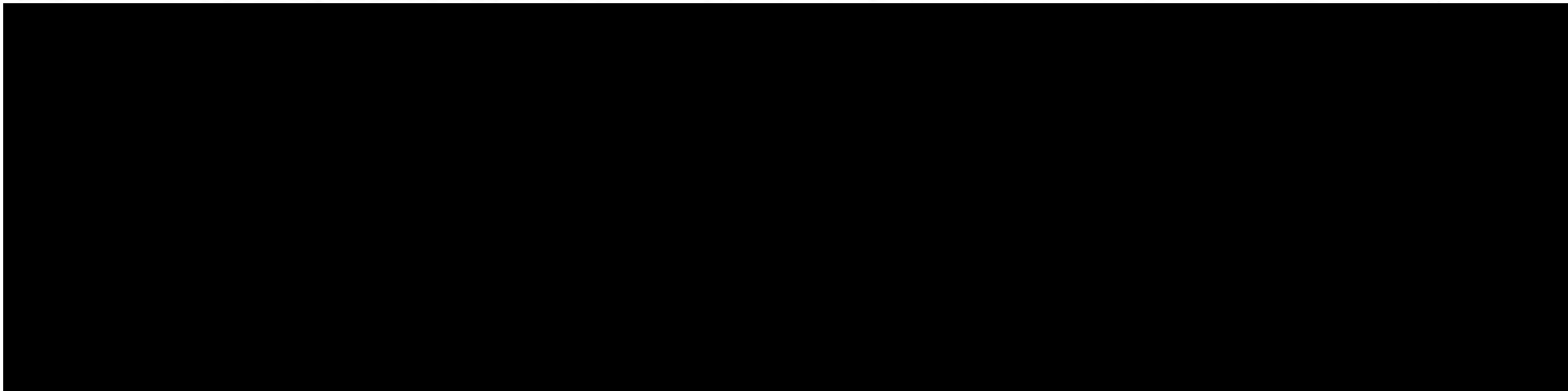






























**Which would you rather live next to?**



**Revitalization under way**



**The hipsters have arrived**



**Community gardens**





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