

**Location:** Santa Fe, NM

## St. Michael's Blvd. Design / Re-development Project

The City of Santa Fe invited seven urban design firms to participate in a competition to envision a future for St. Michaels Boulevard. The extent of the redevelopment went from Cerrillos Rd to St Francis Dr. and included roadway, transit design and land use design.

Our project was guided by the design criteria and City planner's vision for the Boulevard. DPS' plan transforms the center of St. Michael's Drive into an art district that supports new retail and housing along both sides of the street. The area in the middle of St. Michael's becomes the Paseo de las Artes, a linear park that is home to artists, craftsman, and other creative entrepreneurs. The area will be "off the grid", generating its own power from solar and wind and harvesting rain water for irrigation. It would also be a demonstration area for sustainable building techniques. Paseo de las Artes will create a new destination for Santa Fe residents and visitors.

Paseo de las Artes is a distinctive, active urban zone bordered by one-way streets on either side. Circulation and safety actually improves as two one-way roads (sometimes called "couplets") carry traffic with fewer conflicts from cars making turns.

The Railrunner line provides the potential for a future stop, either at St. Michael's or just further north on Second Street.

### The Boulevard

- St. Michael's Drive becomes two one-way roads that frame an artist district – Paseo de las Artes.
- Paseo de las Artes, home to working artists, is off the grid and fully powered by sun and wind. Water is harvested and stored underground.
- Shared underground parking, located under portions of the median, serves Paseo de las Artes and surrounding businesses.
- Bike lanes and wide sidewalks connect neighborhoods and districts.
- Frequent traffic lights make walking across St. Michael's safer.

### The Districts

- From Cerrillos to St. Francis, there are three major "districts": Knowledge, Railroad, and Wellness.
- All districts include housing - mostly apartments and townhouses.
- Intensive mixed use development is concentrated in the Railroad District.
- Existing large-scale retail uses are the anchor for new infill retail.
- A loop of open space and trails defines the perimeter of the area
- Existing neighborhoods are protected and enhanced with greenways, trails, and improved streets

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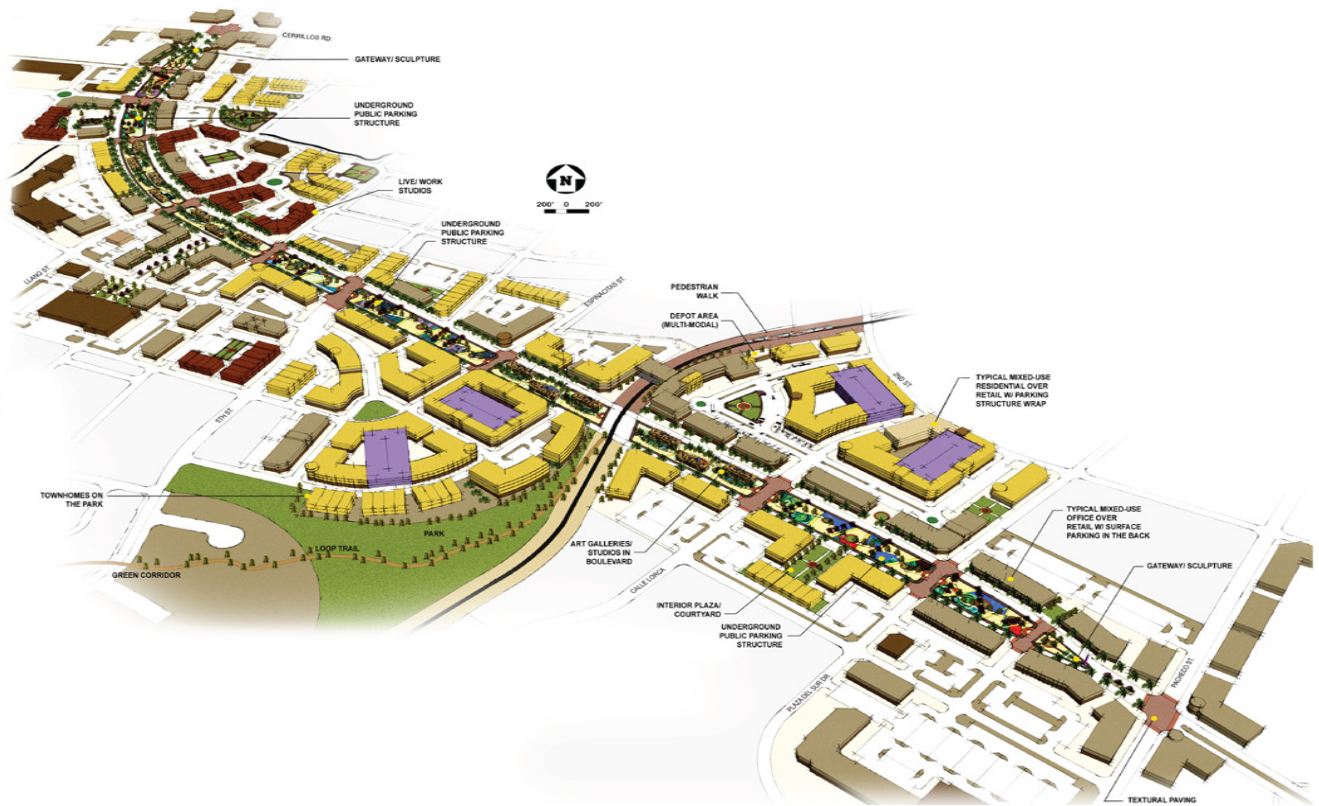
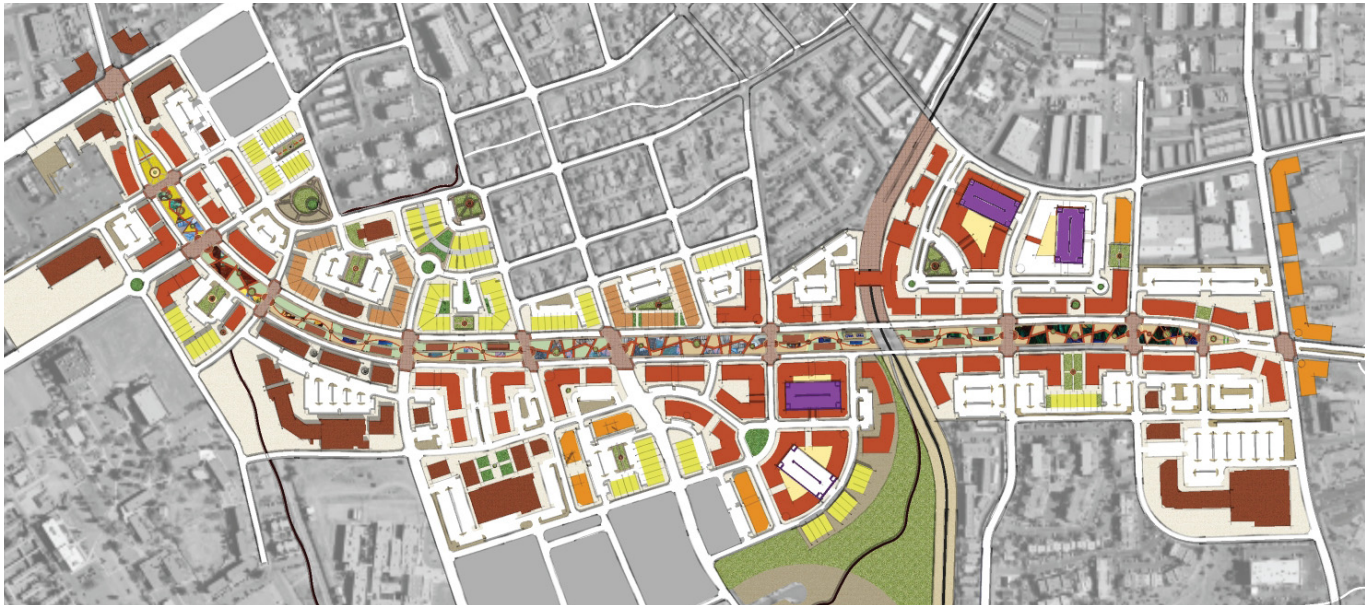
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