CATALYTIC PROJECTS

The Catalytic Projects are investments that will tangibly advance the Vision and Goals of the Imagine Downtown KC 2030 Strategic Plan. Some of the projects have specific locations identified, while others are concepts or ideas that will be realized based on site context, synergies, and opportunity.

EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS

Improving physical East-West Connections is critical to success and will have positive impacts on the resiliency, trajectory, and economic opportunities of neighborhoods surrounding the center of Downtown Kansas City.

INNOVATION DISTRICTS

Build upon a diverse and thriving innovation community in Downtown by growing Innovation Districts with the support of major universities, philanthropic leaders, corporations, and entrepreneurs.

PARKS, OPEN SPACES, & PLAZAS

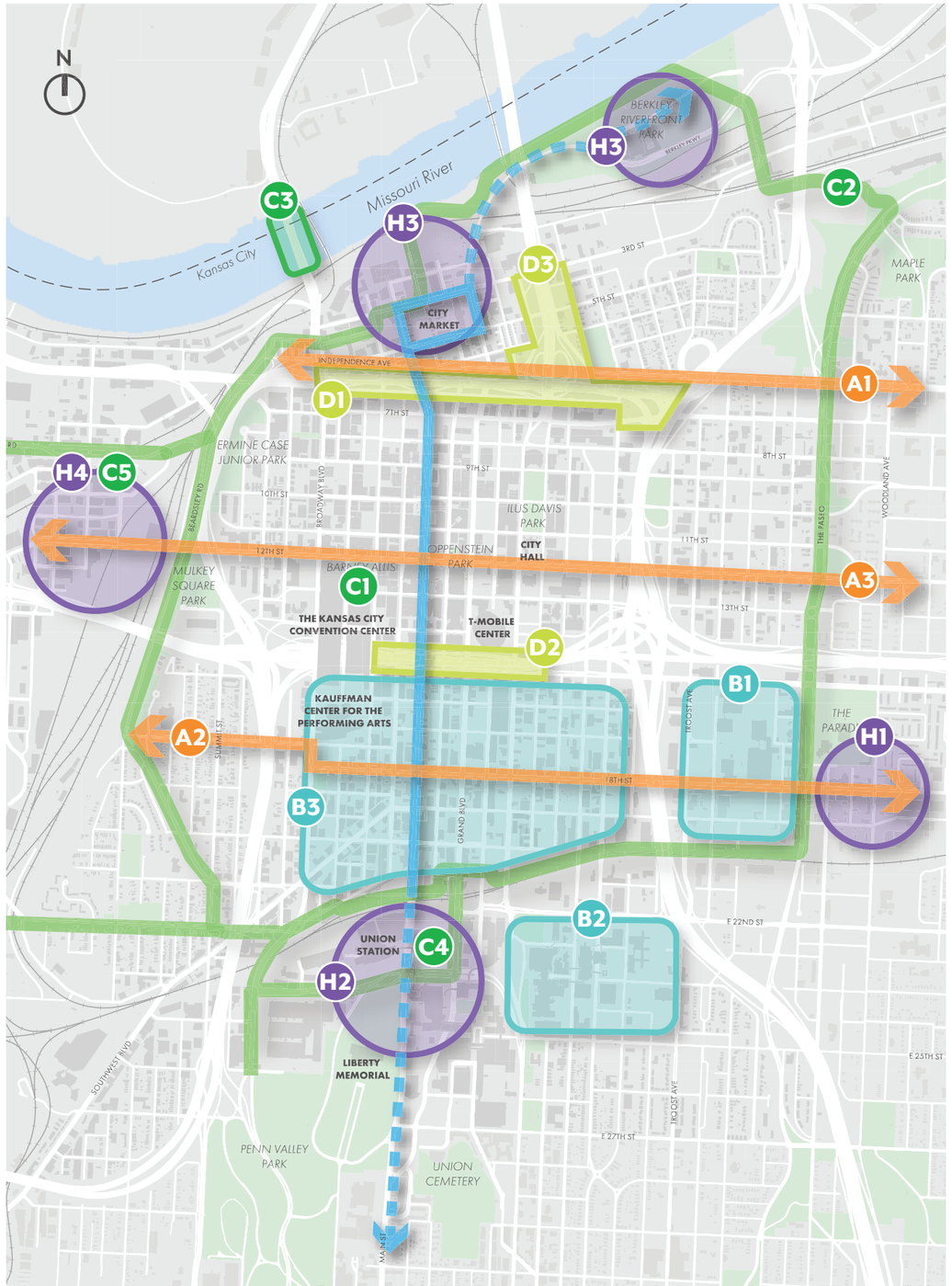
Evaluate and compare the inventory of existing parks and open spaces to address unmet needs for public realm amenities and offerings, and to serve Downtown's neighborhood residents.

STREETCAR EXPANSION

Explore opportunities for KC Streetcar expansion - beyond the current extensions to the north and south - and incorporate other modes like bus, biking, walking, and elevating the importance of East-West connections.

LOOP REIMAGINATION

Removing or minimizing these physical barriers creates opportunities to improve vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections, as well as provide cohesive visual connections to the River Market and the Crossroads.



BALLPARK

Downtown ballparks have a multiplier effect in an urban context and spark substantial economic development. Kansas City has an opportunity to build a state-of-the-art urban ballpark in Downtown.

STREET REIMAGINATION

Downtown has the potential to become an even better walkable environment. Its vibrant neighborhoods, murals, historic architecture – all made more accessible by leveling the field for motorists and pedestrians.

ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORIC DESTINATIONS

The cultural heritage embodied in urban neighborhoods contribute to placemaking and unique experiences. This vibrancy is fragile and will need attention to preserve these assets.

EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS
- A1 Paseo Gateway Connections
- A2 18th Street Corridor
- A3 12th Street Corridor

INNOVATION DISTRICTS
- B1 Keystone Innovation District
- B2 UMKC Health Sciences District
- B3 Crossroads Arts District

PARKS, OPEN SPACES, & PLAZAS
- C1 Barney Allis Plaza
- C2 Greenline
- C3 Buck O'Neil Bridge Park
- C4 Washington Square Park
- C5 West Bottoms Open Space

STREETCAR EXPANSION

BALLPARK *(Not shown on map)*

STREET REIMAGINATION *(Not shown on map)*

LOOP REIMAGINATION
- D1 North Loop
- D2 South Loop
- D3 Bridging Park & Market - Hwy 9

ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORIC DESTINATIONS
- H1 18th & Vine
- H2 Union Station/Crown Center
- H3 River Market/Riverfront
- H4 West Bottoms