



## MEETING NOTES

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**Subject:** PLACE Committee Meeting

## PURPOSE

The Belmont Bridge team attended the regularly scheduled PLACE meeting to provide an update on the process and to receive feedback from the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) and Planning Commission.

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## Summary of Discussion

### Project Updates

The Following items were discussed regarding the Belmont Bridge project:

1. The design team should consider, and perhaps show, locations for future elevators to serve both ends of the primary span.
2. Wayfinding should be included to provide clear and accessible routes.
3. The fence desired by the railroad companies will disrupt the views from the bridge and does not contribute to good place-making or the integration of the bridge into the large City fabric. The committee strongly urges working to eliminate this element.
4. The raised sidewalk (mezzanine) under the north side of the bridge is awkward. The committee recommends that it be removed. Having double flights of stairs from each of the landings—facing both east and west—could provide a similar circulation shortcut.
5. The “knuckle” space at the north end of the main span, next to the Pavilion, is public in nature and its design should reflect that quality. Attention should be given to how the space best serves the public which includes public seating, not just how it serves current Pavilion operations.
6. On the renderings the concrete color is depicted as a bright white yet is described as not receiving special color treatment in its specifications. This leads to a potential reality that falls short of the illustrated promise. Attention should be given to achieving the right custom color for this element while avoiding the use of the standard mix that is employed in regular sidewalk construction.
7. The pedestrian underpass (tunnel) located at the south end of the main span was not fully explained. It is not clear what the tunnel will connect to or how it would be a safe, clean space.