ESSEX STREET PILOT PROJECT
Strategic Approach
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A Plan for Essex Street
Utile Conceptual Scheme 2011
Street Configurations
Clearly designated zones of pedestrian travel and landscape
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Seating on the mall
Enhancing activity on the mall through the day AND evening
Problems
Uneven ground plane, Maintenance difficulties, Blocked views, Unclear path of travel
Strategic Removals

Comprehensive plan over length of Essex Street

Remove shed
Remove underutilized fountain
Remove tree and planter
Remove problematic planters
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Replace/reset dangerous cobbles
Strategic Removals
Plan view

- Remove or reset uneven/dangerous paving
- Remove understory trees to open view corridor
- Remove planters for increased pedestrian travel
- Remove fountain at Washington Street
Strategic Replacements

Plan view

- Replace or reset uneven paving
- Insert new canopy trees
- Fill in paving where planters and fountain are removed
Current Condition
Fountain at Washington Street
Obscured Views and Pedestrian Access

Problematic Planters
Proposed Condition
Outdoor seating/dining at Washington Street
Current Condition
Blocked views and access from Washington Street
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Uneven/Dangerous Paving
Obscured Views and Pedestrian Access
Problematic Planters
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Obscured Views and Pedestrian Access
Proposed Condition
Washington Street
Current Condition
At Mid-block
Current Condition
At Mid-block

Uneven/Dangerous Paving

Planter: Obscure views and access, maintenance concerns
Proposed Condition
At Mid-block