



Balboa Park/San Diego High School Connections



Purpose and Background

- When the San Diego City Council approved a 99-year lease in 2021 to rebuild San Diego High School in Balboa Park, it asked how the park and community could benefit physically and programmatically.
- Parks & Recreation Director Andy Field convened a working group, chaired by Mike Stepner, to study possibilities and report back.
- The Working Group reviewed the final report Jan. 26, 2024.



Physical Infrastructure

- SDHS Whole Campus Modernization and Long-Range Facilities Master plan
- Building replacements and enhanced landscaping
- New gym rooftop tennis courts
- Balboa Stadium restoration with field house, aquatic center performing arts center



CAMPUS PLAN- FUTURE SCOPE

1. P.A.C.
2. BASKETBALL & HANDBALL
3. PARKING STRUCTURE WITH TENNIS COURT ABOVE
4. NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING WITH CUSTODIAL AND FOOD SERVICES
5. AUXILARY GYM & FIELD HOUSE
6. AQUATIC CENTER

- San Diego City College Facilities Master Plan

- Building demolition and replacement to serve 25,000 students, up from present 16,000
- Replace 282-seat Saville Theater with a new, larger performing arts center
- New athletic facilities
- Student housing for 600 beds at 16th and B
- New parking garages

City College model and master plan, RNT Architects

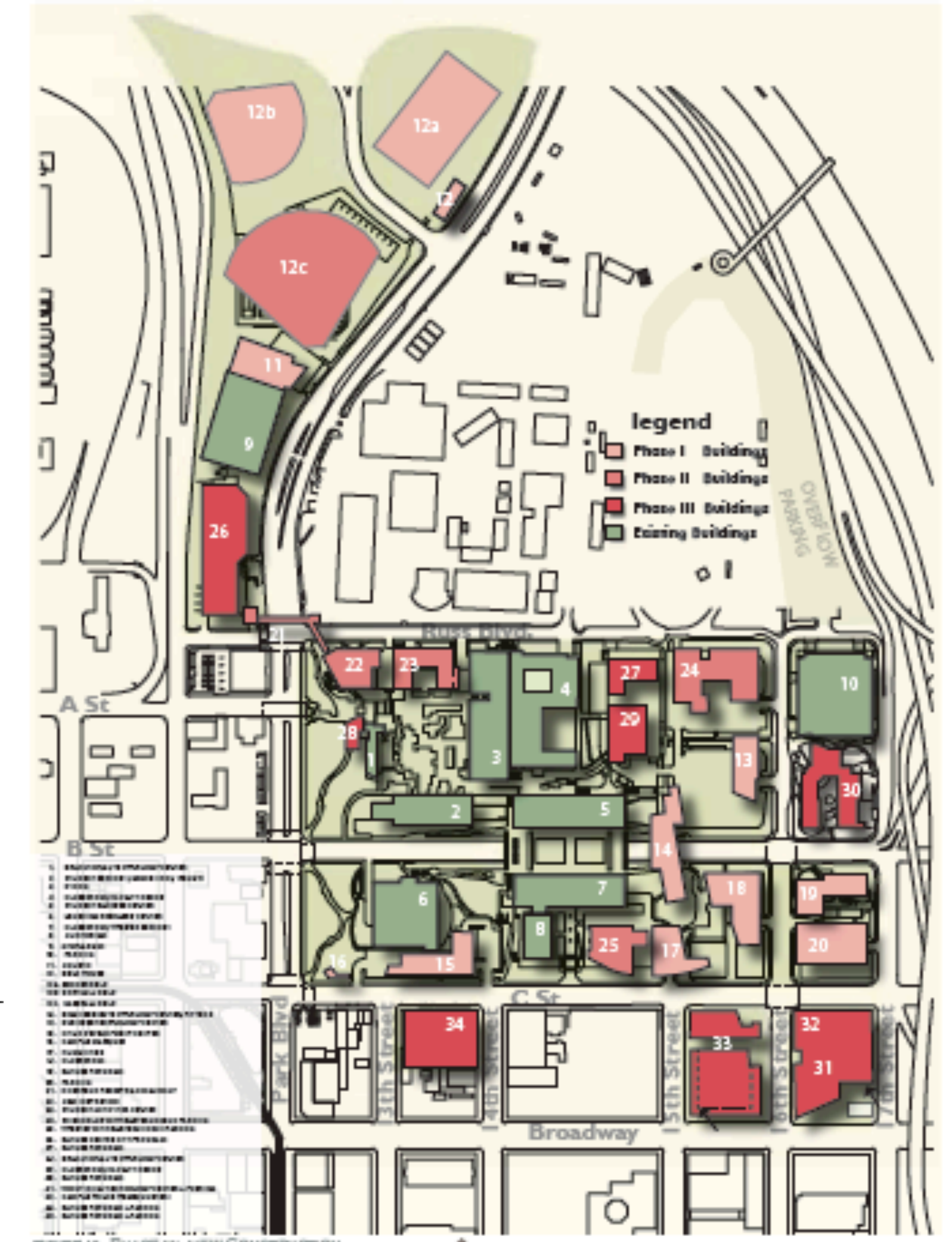
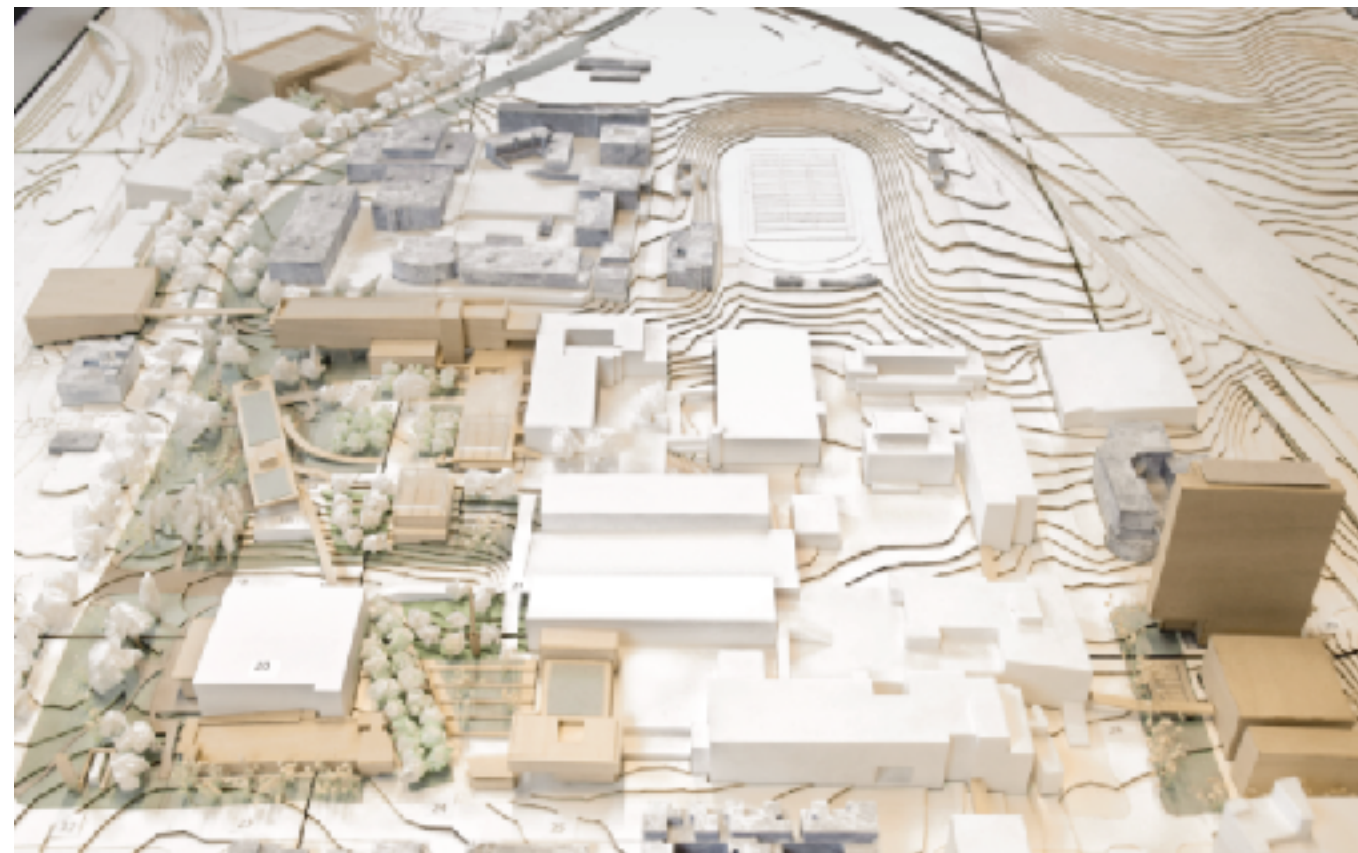
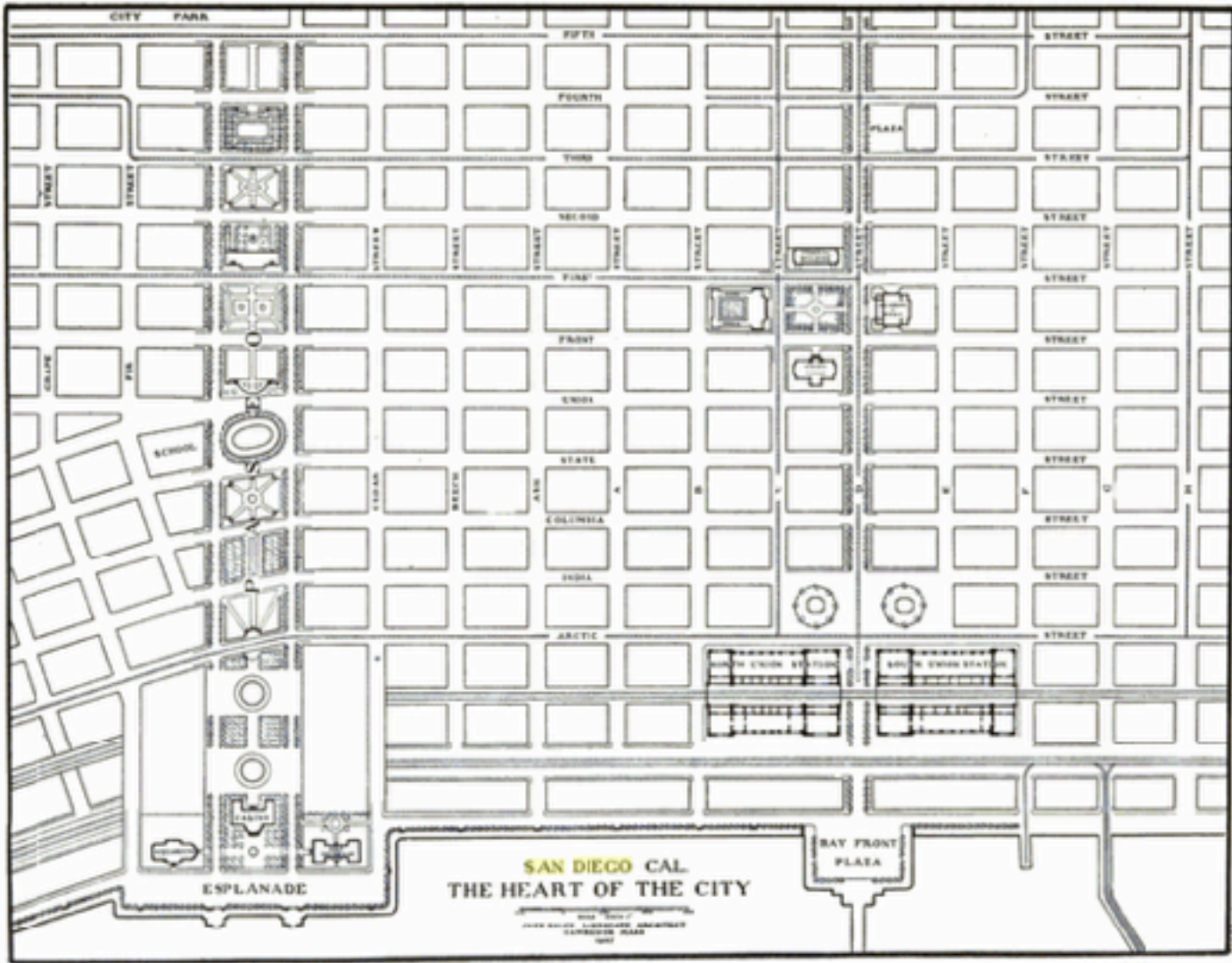


FIGURE 10-1 PHASE II: NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Transportation, Parking, Circulation
 - Park, Russ blvds., 14th Street Promenade
 - Road and pedestrian bridges
 - Parking lots and garages
 - Bay-Park Paseo, "John Nolen Parkway"



City College 16th St. garage



Bay-Park Paseo, Nolen Plan, 1908



Park/Russ intersection



Bay to Park Paseo, 2024



Pedestrian bridge examples

- Transportation cont'd
 - Entry signs, monuments
 - Freeway lids
 - Parking lots, garages, shuttles
- Design Review

Presidents Way entrance monuments, Friends of Balboa Park, 2018, Estrada Land Planning



Free lid 6th Ave. to Park Blvd.



Park shuttle

Initial Project: 5 Phases to Success

- 1-2: Russ Blvd.
- 3: Park Blvd., Park Blvd/I-5 bridge, sidewalks and bike lanes
- 4: Balboa Stadium
- 5: Pedestrian bridge to Inspiration Point



Social Infrastructure

- Education: Internships, summer camps, park-connected curriculum
- Cultural Resources: Museums and zoo performances, exhibitions
- Regional cultural districts
- Sports and recreation



Auto Museum Vocational Education Academy



Barrio Logan Cultural District
mariotorero.art



San Diego Velodrome

- Other ideas
 - Speakers bureau
 - Youth advisory board
 - Data and curriculum research
 - "Balboa Park Magazine"

C100, FBP newsletters,
balboapark.org website

Park & Restoration

The newsletter of the Balboa Park Committee of 100
Working to preserve Balboa Park's historic architecture, gardens and public spaces since 1967.
www.balboaparkcommitteeof100.org

Bay to Park Paseo: Transforming Park Blvd. from Harbor Dr. to Presidents Way

By Patsy Garcia

Winter 2023

San Diego High School Working Group asks: how to expand the experience of Balboa Park?

By Russ Porter

TOTALING:
2 President's Messages
3 CEO Projects
4 A Fountain for the Palisades
8 Parks in Balboa Park



San Diego Youth Commission at mayoral press conference

December 2023

FOREVER BALBOA PARK

Your Park Newsletter Sessions

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SUPPORT

11:30 AM | 60° MIST ☁

Welcome to Balboa Park

San Diego's ever-changing, always amazing, 1,200-acre backyard.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Story Map

CONNECTING NEIGHBORS - AN INTERACTIVE VISION

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Past: John Nolen's Vision(s) f... The Present: An Unachieved Vis... Thinking Ahead: The Nolen Paseo... Tour The Paseo: Existing Cultu... Coming Soon to the Nolen Paseo... Potential of the Paseo - Visio...

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES - THE NOLAN PASEO

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How the vision comes together - introducing the Nolen Paseo:

It's the future of Downtown, a highly connected urban community via a network of greenways, urban parks, and transportation options that link smaller urban neighborhoods and city amenities.

A map of Downtown San Diego showing the Nolen Paseo route. The route is highlighted in orange and follows a path through the city, connecting various neighborhoods and city amenities. The map includes labels for streets and landmarks.

The Present: *An Unachieved Vision for San Diego*



"...you will lose many of the advantages that nature has presented to you as a free gift." ~John Nolen



Construction of Interstate 5 beginning in the late 1950s further disrupted John Nolen's original vision

Story Map:

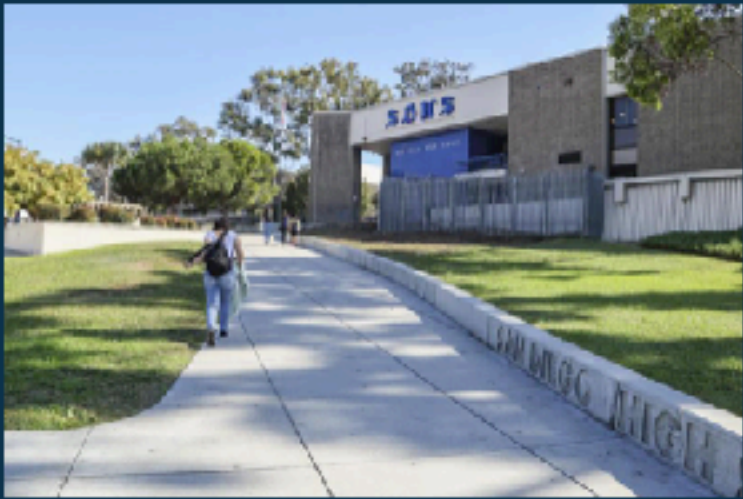
I-5 S-Curve,
splitting park
from
neighborhoods

THE PARK BOULEVARD EDUCATION CORRIDOR

Park Boulevard is not only a major link between the San Diego Bay and Balboa Park, but also an educational corridor with nearly a dozen public and private institutions, from the preschool to post-graduate level.



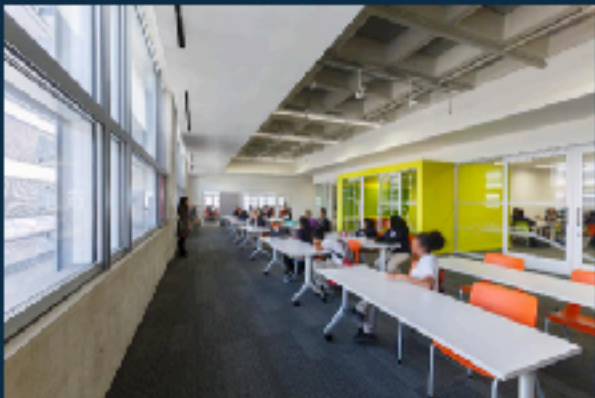
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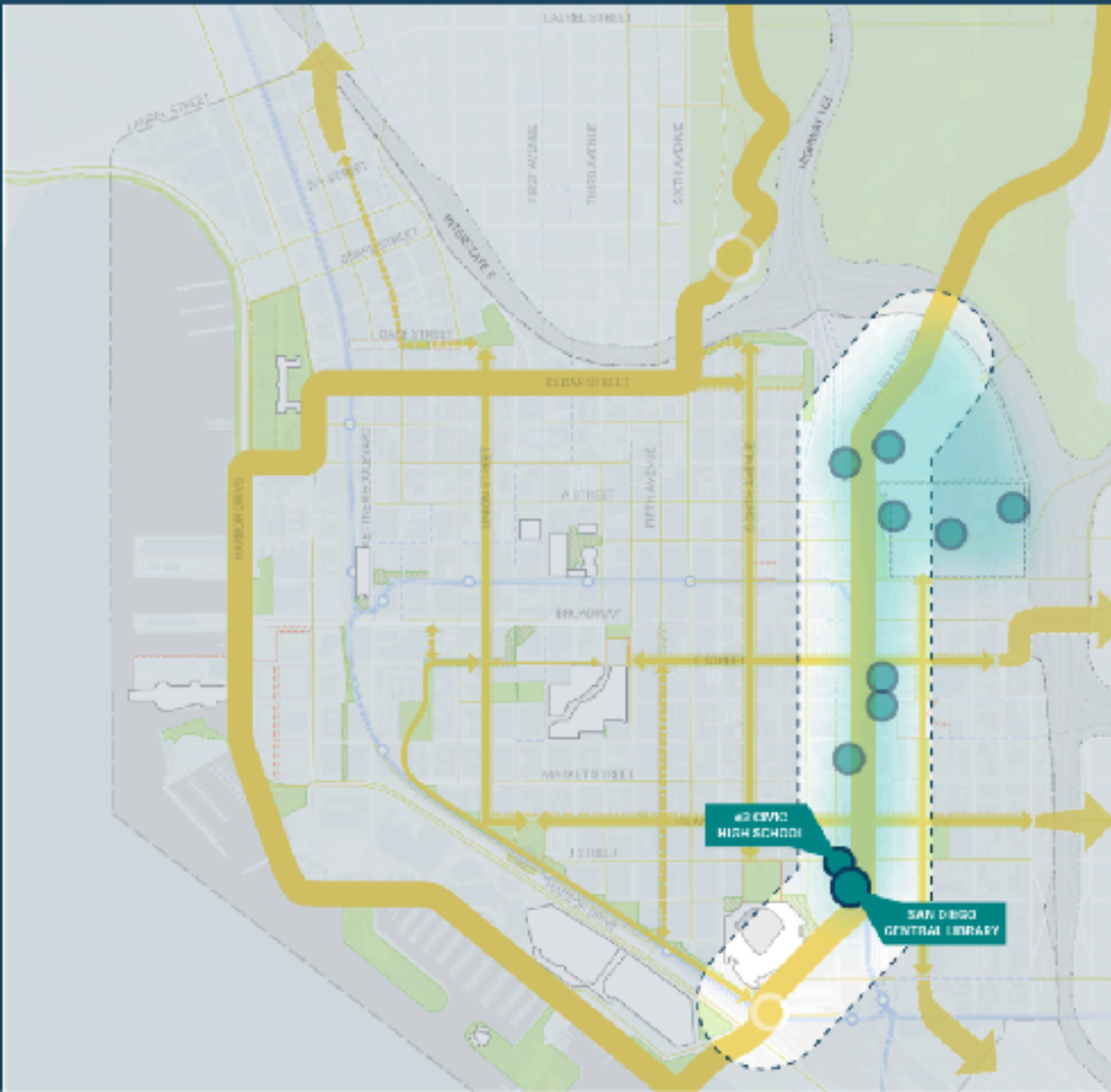
San Diego High School



San Diego Central Library



42 Chic High School



Story Map Education Corridor

Story Map:

**A 'Nolen Paseo' would link park,
downtown and neighborhoods**

Thinking Ahead: *The Nolen Paseo* - Connecting Neighbors

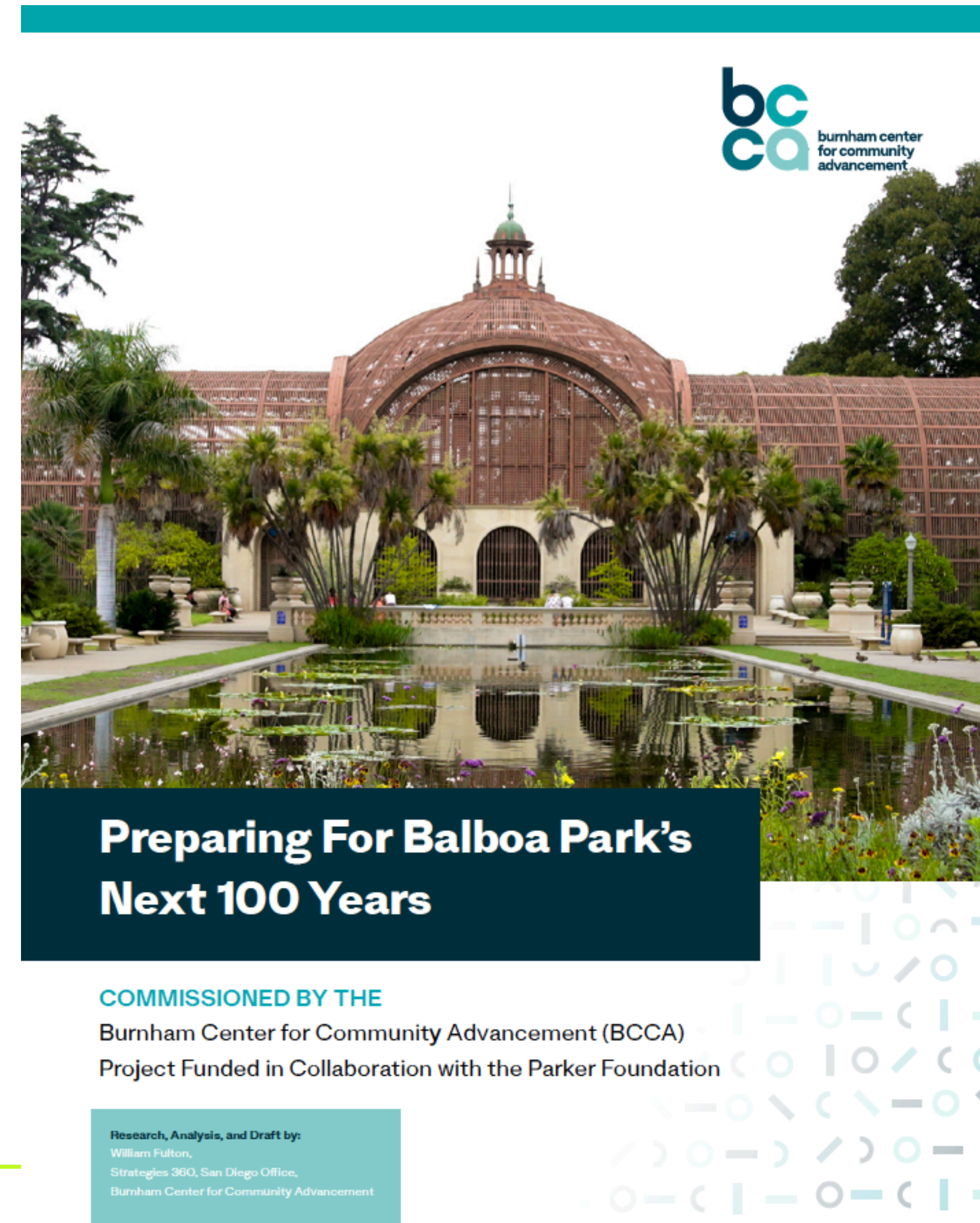
The Nolen Paseo is an idea - conceptually based on past ambitions, the existing reality of our city, and the desire to grow San Diego's urban core and fill it with life by creating vibrant and walkable streets, as well as incorporating recreation, arts, culture, and creativity into the public realm. It is named in respect to John Nolen and pays homage to his vision for a San Diego that is truly connected to nature.

The Nolen Paseo is not a single project, but a collection of past, present, and future projects, as well as visionary ideas with the goal to inspire future discussions regarding connecting San Diegans in the city's urban core to the many resources that surround them, just as John Nolen intended a century ago.



Governance & Finance

- Burnham Center for Community Advancement:
 - A white paper issued in 2022 to consider options for funding and running the park.



Implementation

Appendix 2				
BP/SDHS Connections Working Group: Implementation Recommendations				
Physical Infrastructure	Participants	Output	Timeframe	Notes
SDHS				Ref: Campus Modernization Plan
Public use of social facilities	SDHS, City [P&R]	Formal Agreement	Near Term	
Balboa Stadium	SDHS, City [P&R]	Formal Agreement	Mid/Long	Mid term-Engagement in design alternatives. Long term-formal agreement
Parking Structures, including Inspiration Point	SDHS, City [P&R]	Formal Agreement	Near/Mid	Near term-use of current structures. Mid term-coordinated planning
Athletic facilities and future gym	SDHS, City [P&R]	Formal Agreement	Near/Mid	Near term-use of current structures. Mid term-coordinated planning
Physical Connections – Develop a joint implementation model	SDHS, City [P&R, Mobility, DSD], SDCC	Informal Agreement	Near/Mid	Park Boulevard, Russ Boulevard, 14 th Street
Landscaping	SDHS, City [DSD], Downtown Partnership	Informal Agreement	Near	In process
City College				See Transportation, Parking, Circulation
City College Parking, nights/weekends as available	SDCC, SDHS, City [P&R]	Formal Agreement	Near/Mid	Including expansion of shuttle service. Ref: City College Master Plan – in process

Next steps

- Presentations to official bodies, planning groups, community groups

Official Bodies

City Council Community and Neighborhood Services Committee
Balboa Park Committee
Parks & Recreation Board
City Council

Stakeholders and Interest Groups

AIA Regional Design Advisory Council
Balboa Park Committee of 100
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership
Burnham Center for Community Advancement
Community Planning Groups
Forever Balboa Park Improvement Committee



Discussion

