

Figure 1. The revitalized Guy-Maisonneuve intersection, featuring a levelled street-sidewalk, street trees, a pedestrian bike lane, pedestrian scramble, soft design elements (string lights, student market stalls) to create an attractive and vivid plaza area.

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A Holistic Reimagining of the Guy-Maisonneuve Intersection



Figure 2. The SW corner of Guy & De Maisonneuve can serve as a hub for buskers and musicians, bringing Montreal's vibrant jazz culture to the streets.

What is it?

Our project constitutes a holistic vision for Concordia's reimagined SGW campus core - combining an intermodal mobility hub with meticulously reworked surrounding streets to establish an area both students and public identify as a place meaningful, convenient and convivial. This vision of placemaking radiating from the bustling intersection of Guy/De Maisonneuve addresses the social and modal fragmentation at this opportune location caused by the respective networks currently fragmenting at this apex of interaction, subsequently leveraging the ensuing cohesion caused by the intermodal hub's establishment to enrich the surrounding area as well.

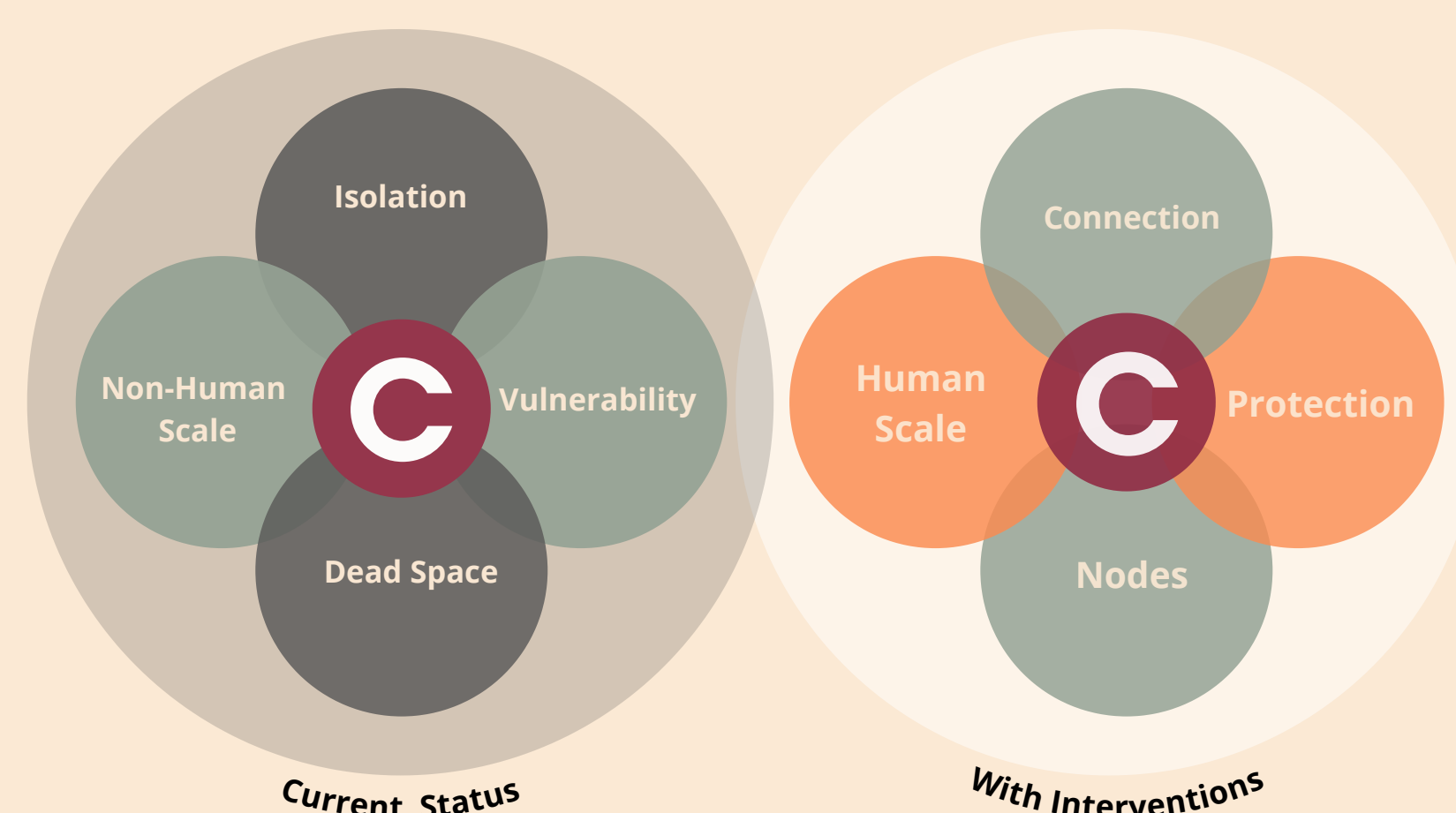
How does it work?

The mobility hub at Guy/De Maisonneuve we wish to establish - one which allows cyclists, transit users and pedestrians to safely and seamlessly switch between modes - acts as a catalyst for interaction. Capitalizing on this new hub which gives its users practical reasons to interact with place, the segments of Guy and De Maisonneuve which currently separate the campus' buildings will be made attractive by implementing pragmatic, human-scale interventions, reducing fragmentation on-campus as well as acting as corridors of attraction around the mobility hub.

Figure 6. Street trees will create natural barriers between pedestrians and road traffic on the newly levelled Guy Street.

What is new and distinctive about your project?

Our project is distinctive in that it compounds its own first-stage benefits. It intensifies interaction due to intelligent positioning, and increased interaction from the pedestrian-conscious reworking of the Guy/De Maisonneuve intersection is built upon by funneling public and student life from said node into segments of street (which currently separate campus life) allowing for these paths and the central node to grow off of one another's animation.



Outcomes

By growing positive interactions between a multitude of users and uses, our project transforms streets which fragment the SGW campus into ones which unite and draw students and the public into the campus' new core. Creating a safer, flexible transport hub will also bestow the campus a sense of place and liveliness.

Figure 3. Added greenery, market stalls, tiered seating & room for walking pedestrians and cyclists on a widened sidewalk



Figure 4. Guy will feature a bike container and storage on the east side, and tiered benches on the west side. This will create a more pedestrian-focused environment where cyclists can store their bikes safely, and have a place to rest, eat, socialize and enjoy the sunlit space. Increased bike parking along Guy would liven unused, dead space and create a multimodal mobility hub

Team members

From Concordia University we have Professor Silvano De La Llata, Natalie Bourdan, Dominique Dumont and Rocio Carvajo-Lucena in Strategic Planning and Development, Facilities Management, who are working on the Concordia Master Plan along with our Organizing CitéStudio. Between the partners is Camilla Chiari from Espaces temps. From the City of Montreal we have Wasilla and Matthew Dubois from Division des projets urbains, Direction de l'urbanisme, Service de l'urbanisme et de la mobilité, Sylvain Gariépy from the firm Provencher Roy; the firm responsible for the strategic vision at both of Concordia's campuses.

Figure 5. Map shows all interventions and their flows; rerouted southbound Guy traffic, extended Guy bicycle lane, new intersection at St. Mathieu, as well as the major mobility hubs.

