



Market Square Underpass Project

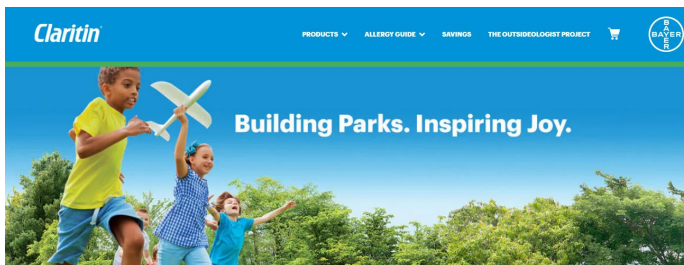
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Background



- In partnership with Centro, CCDO sponsored a placemaking process with Market Square stakeholders to create a plan for Gateway Plaza located at the IH-35 underpass.
- In 2021, Project for Public Spaces, Inc. with funding from Bayer HealthCare LLC and its brand Claritin, awarded the City of San Antonio a \$100,000 ***Clarity Parks Project Grant***.
- The project cost surpassed the generous grant provided by Claritin, however, UTSA and the 80 | 20 Foundation have stepped forward to provide additional support for the project.



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UTSA

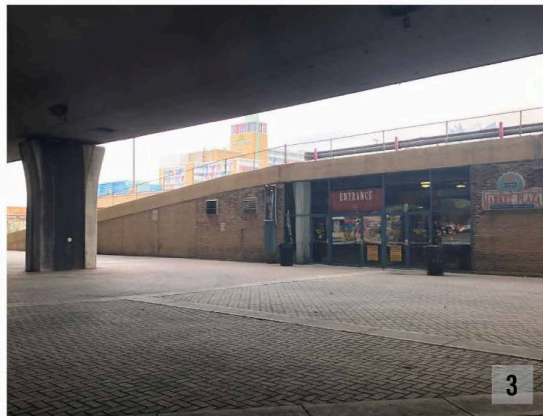
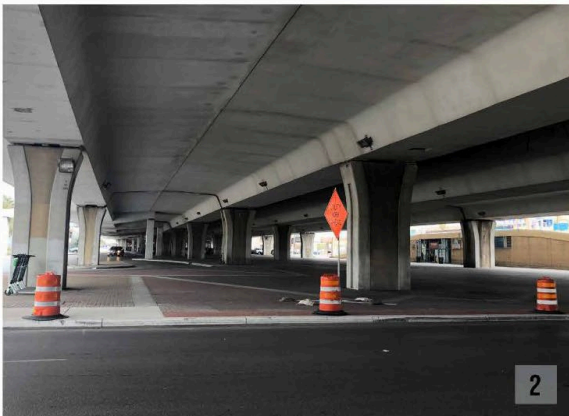
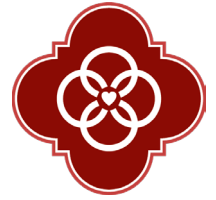


Project Design



- The Clarity Grants program is focused on creating youth oriented outdoor public spaces or improvements.
- Project components include:
 - Half court basketball
 - Ping pong tables
 - Columns wrapped with wood decking to create seating areas; benches; and picnic tables
 - Swing chairs and tables
 - Movie/projection wall
 - Plantings
 - Colorful street-bond coating
 - Murals on overpass columns to be provided by the Department of Arts & Culture

Project Details



- The 80 | 20 Foundation will provide \$38,000 in grant funding and an additional \$12,000 in furniture and equipment that will help defer project costs.
- UTSA will provide \$46,000 in grant funding.
- The area is owned by TXDOT and COSA must execute an agreement to deliver and maintain these enhancements.

Project Timeline



2022
August

Design &
Assessment

2023
January

Request for
City Council
Approval

2023
January

Construction
Begins

2023
March

Project
Completion

2023
April

Soft Opening

Recommendation



Staff recommends acceptance of the grant funds from the 80 | 20 Foundation and UTSA and the approval of the lease agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for use of the IH-35 elevated highway underpass between Dolorosa and Commerce streets.



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