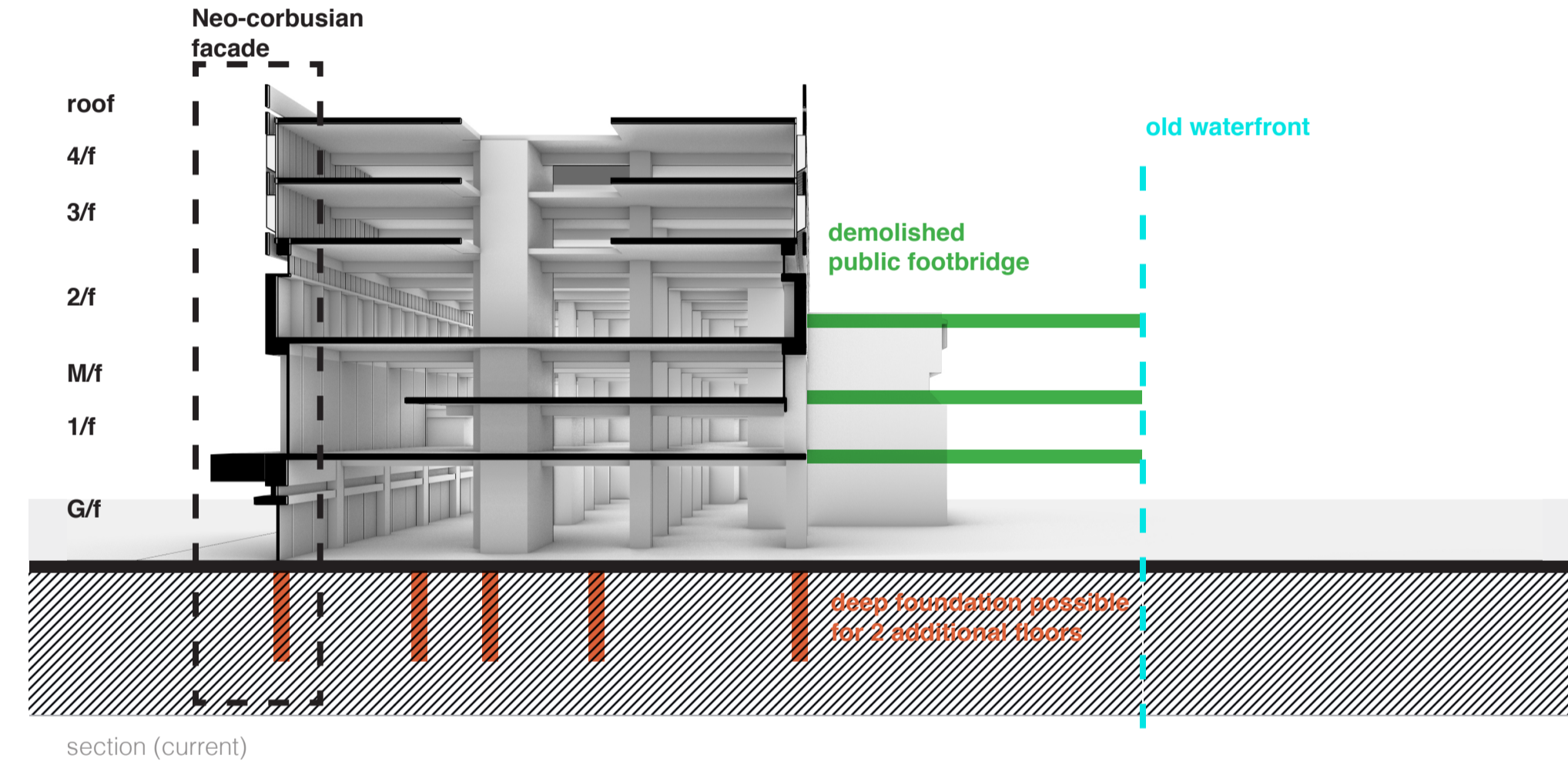
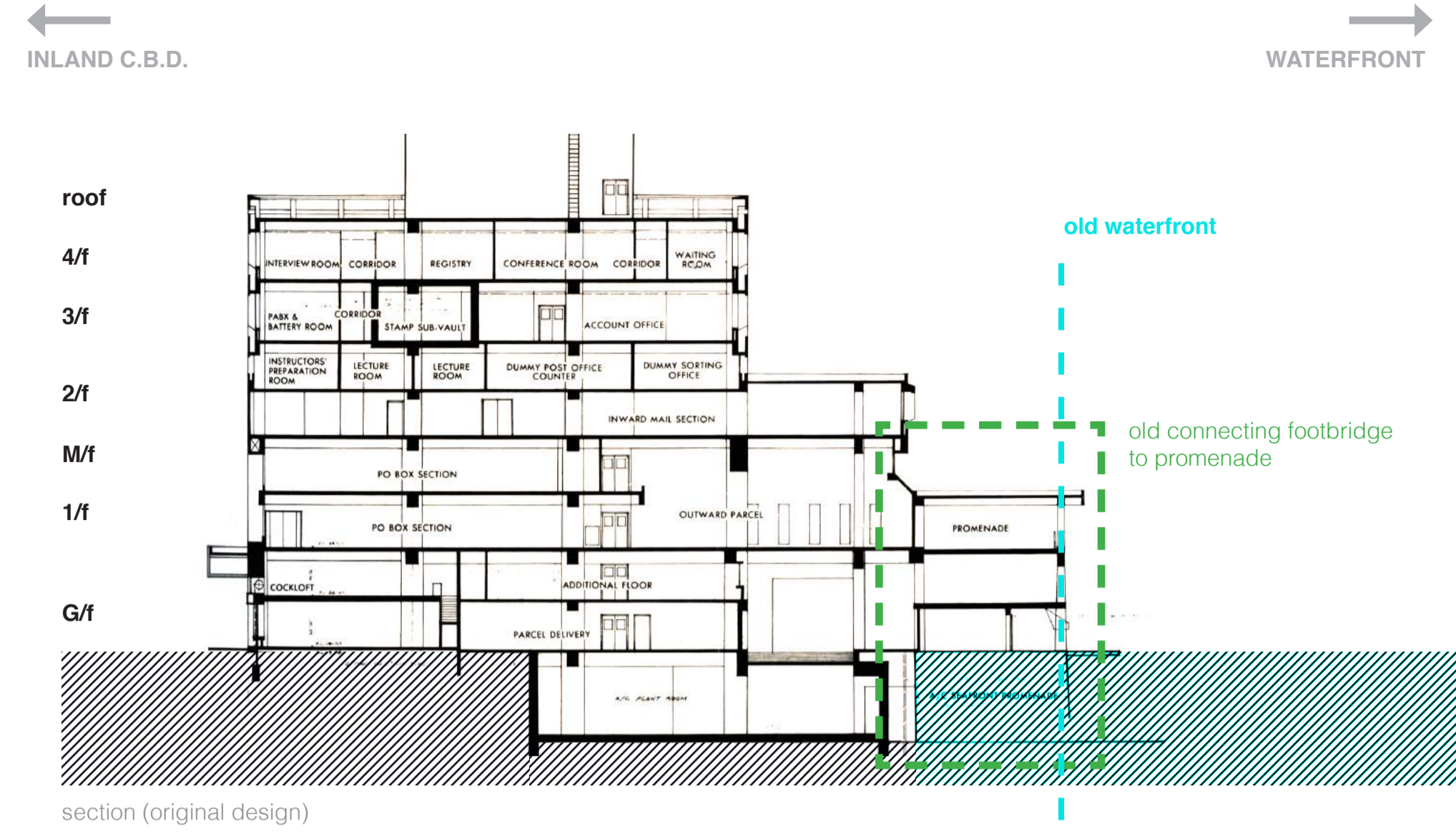
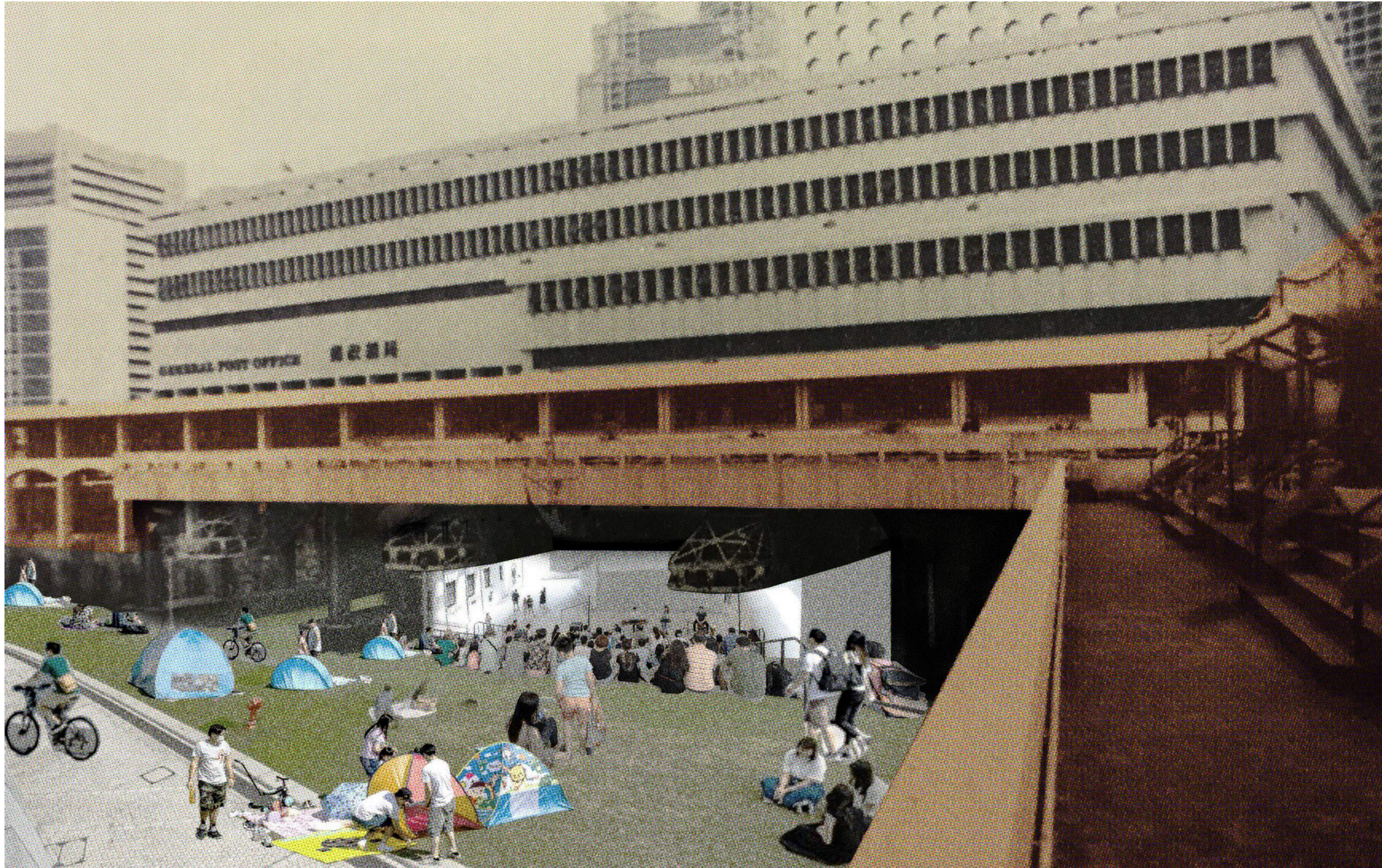
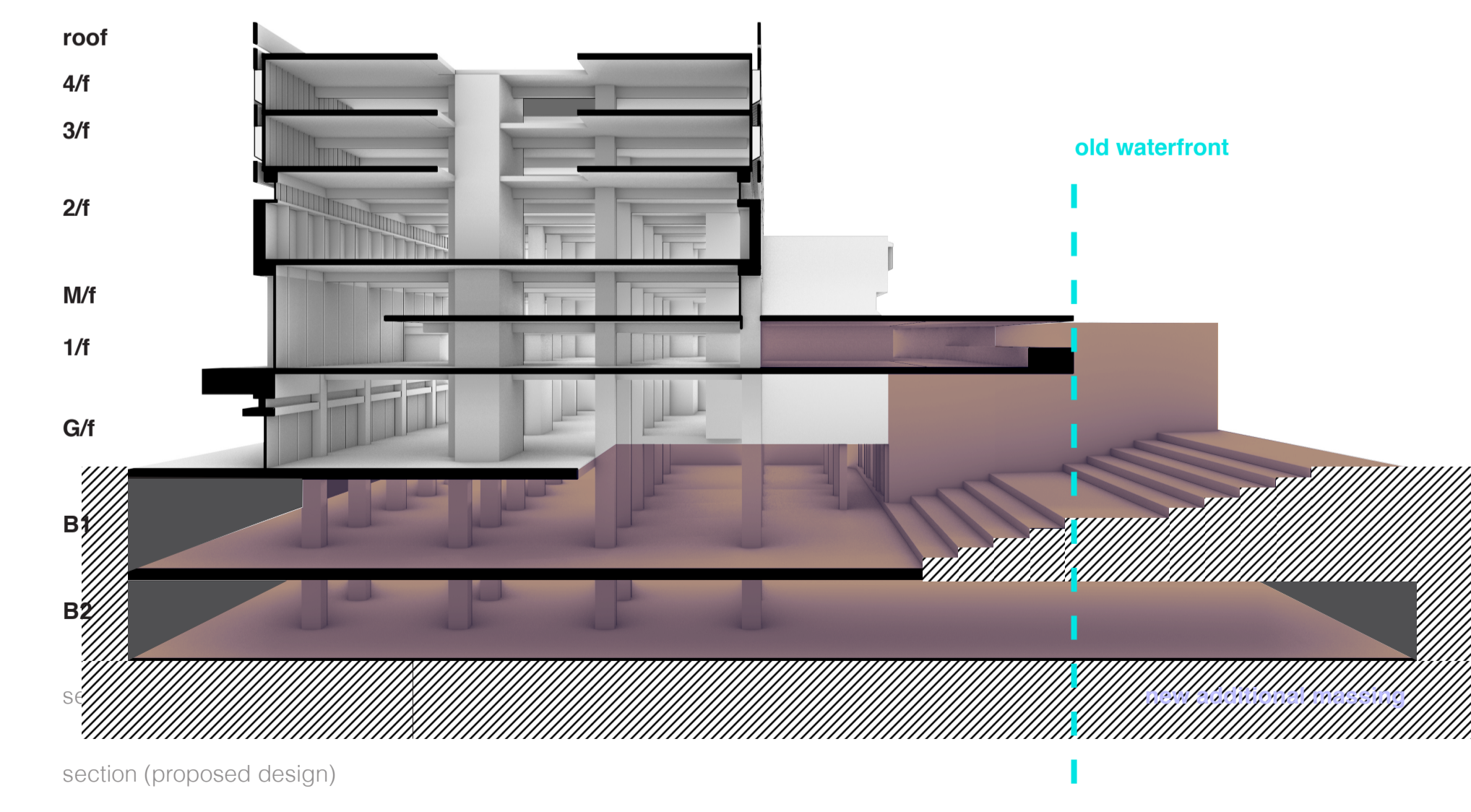
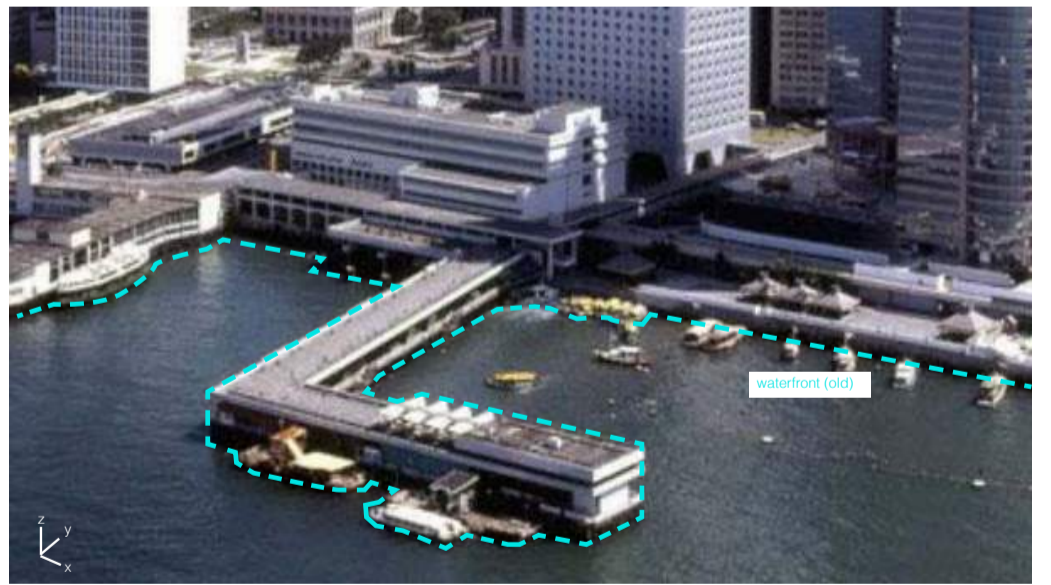
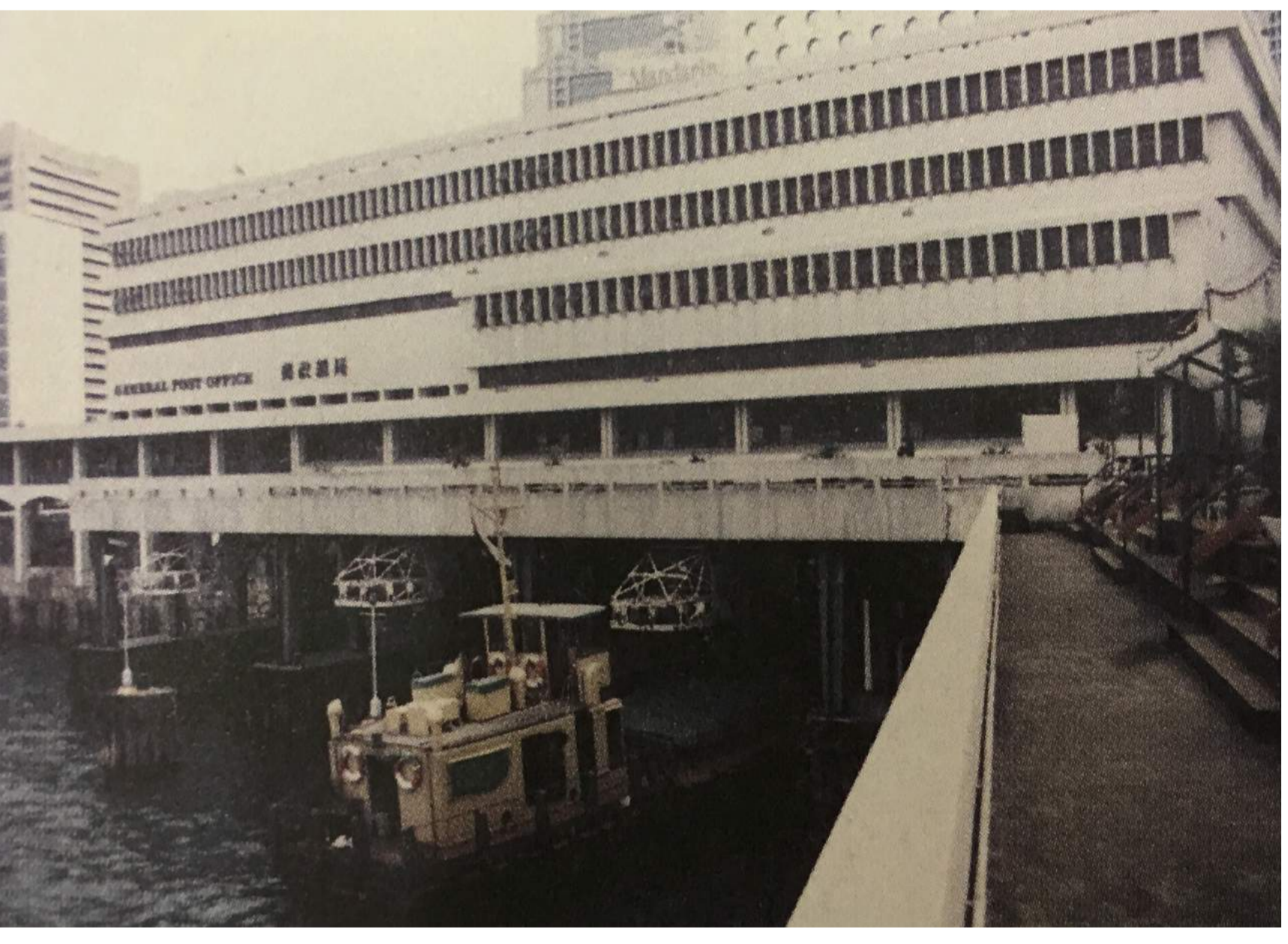


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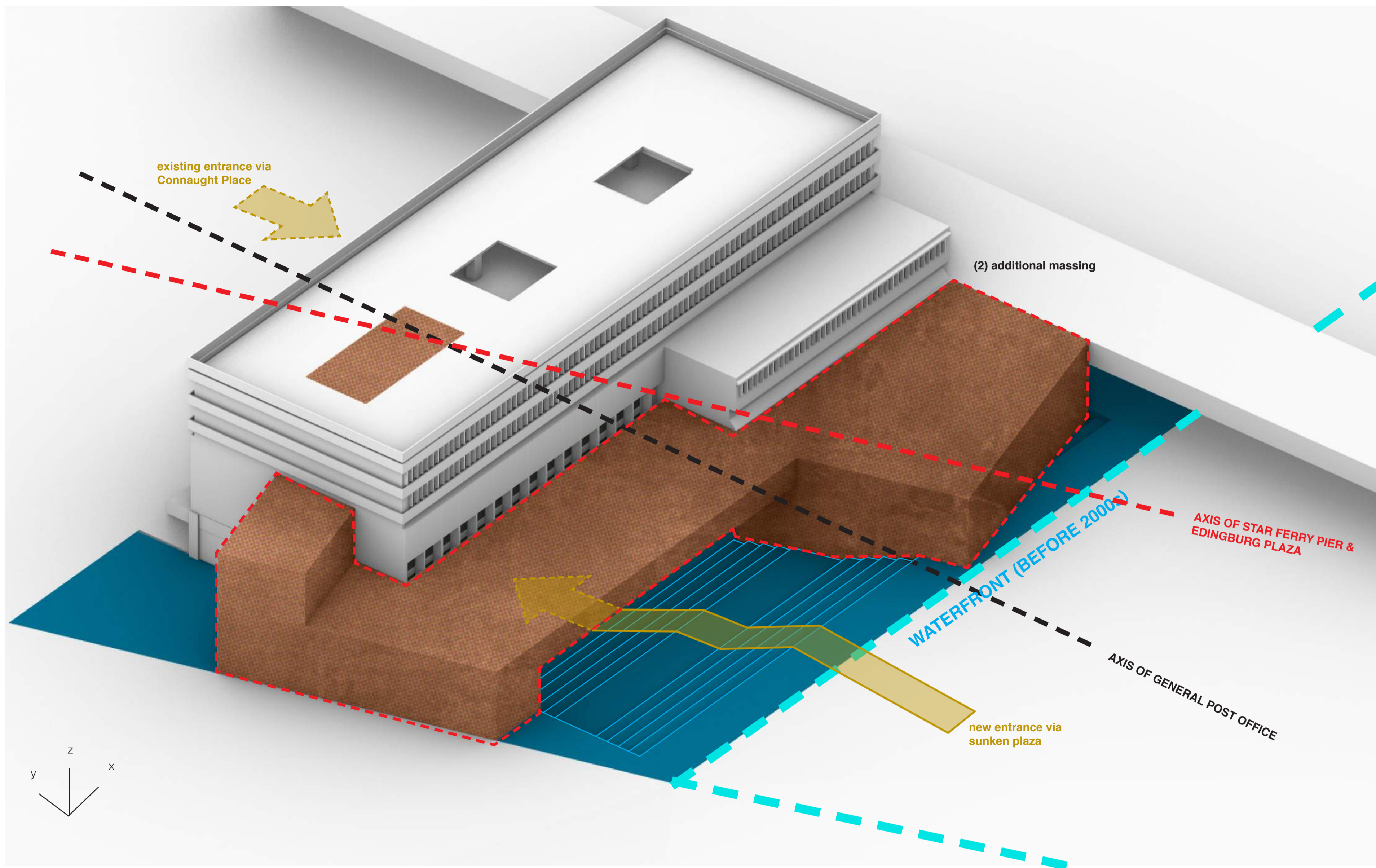


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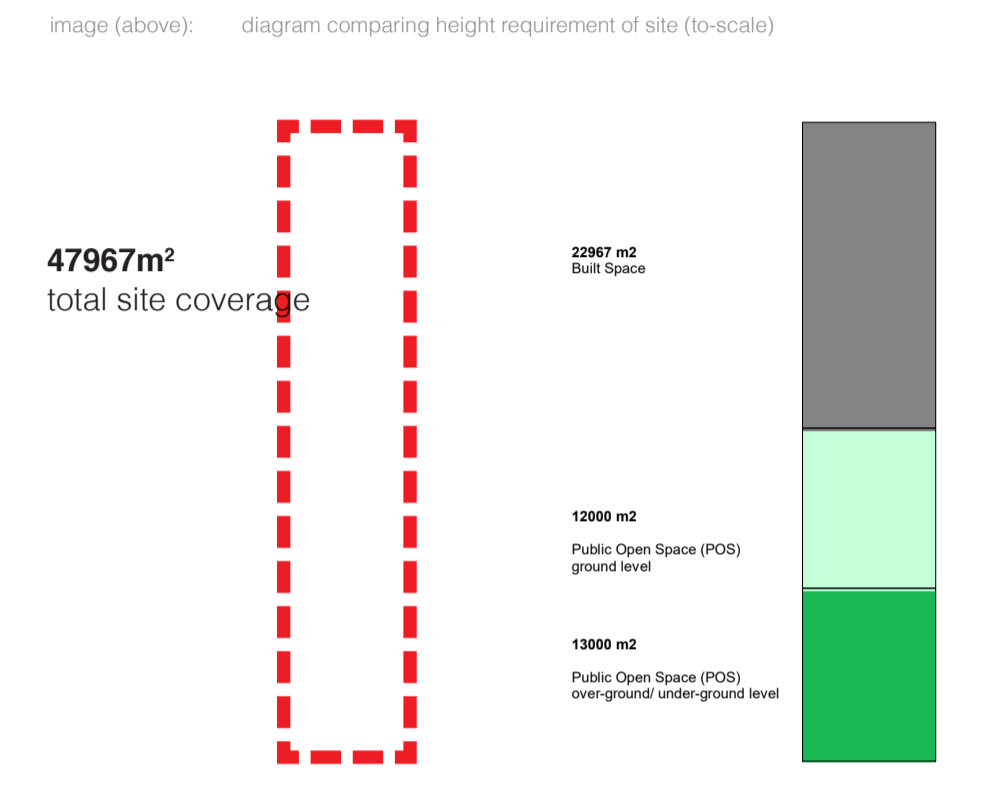
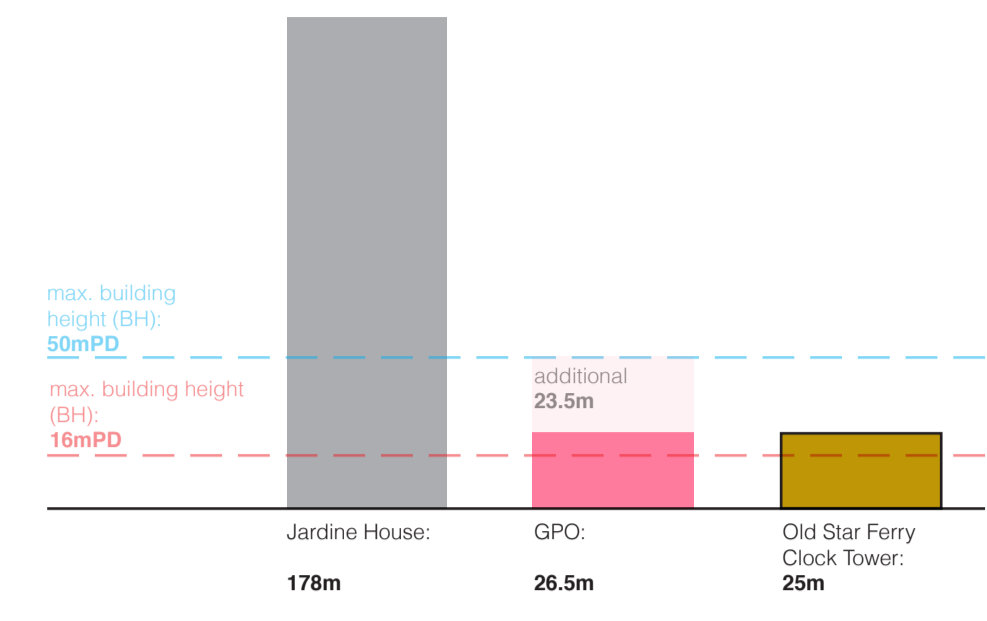
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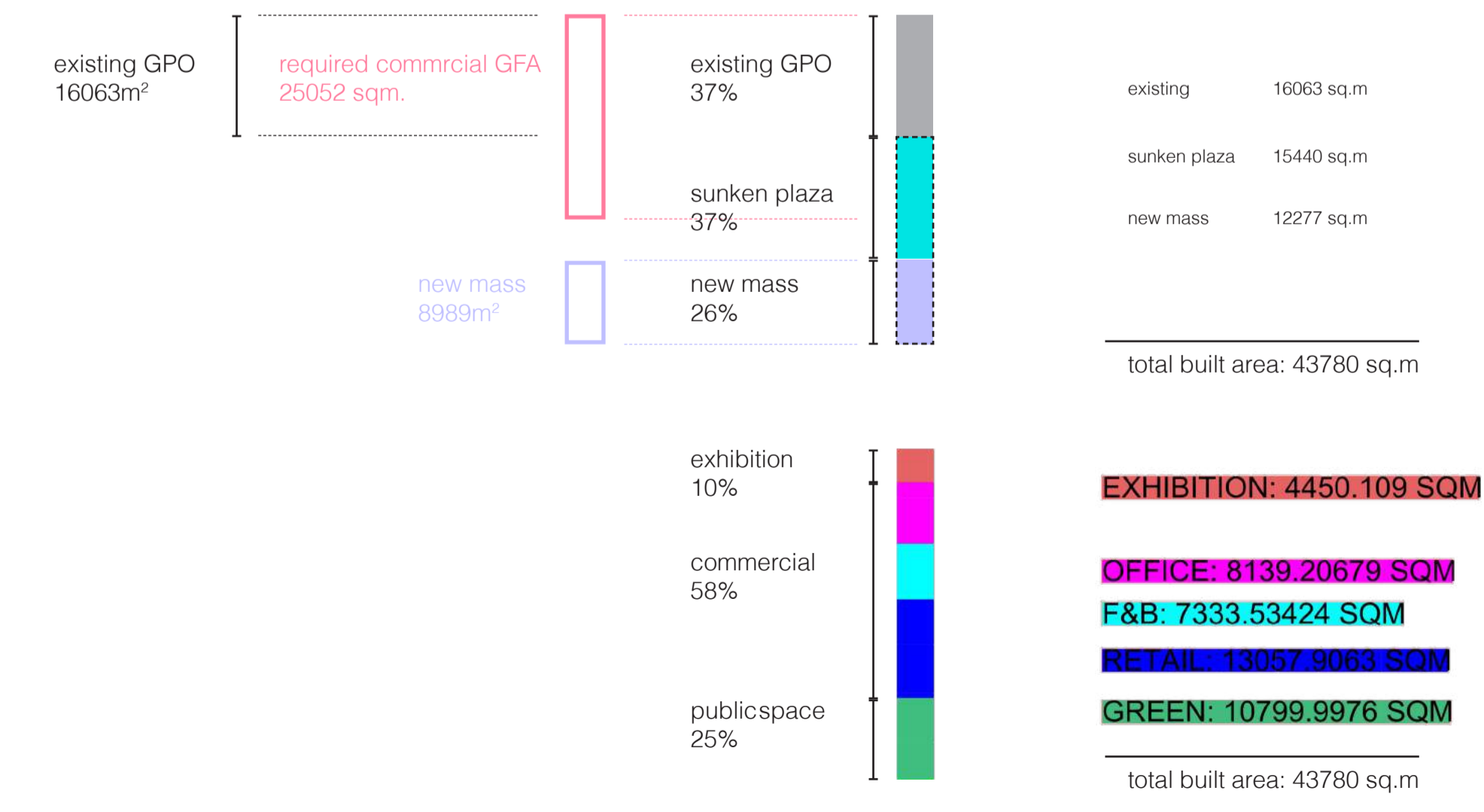
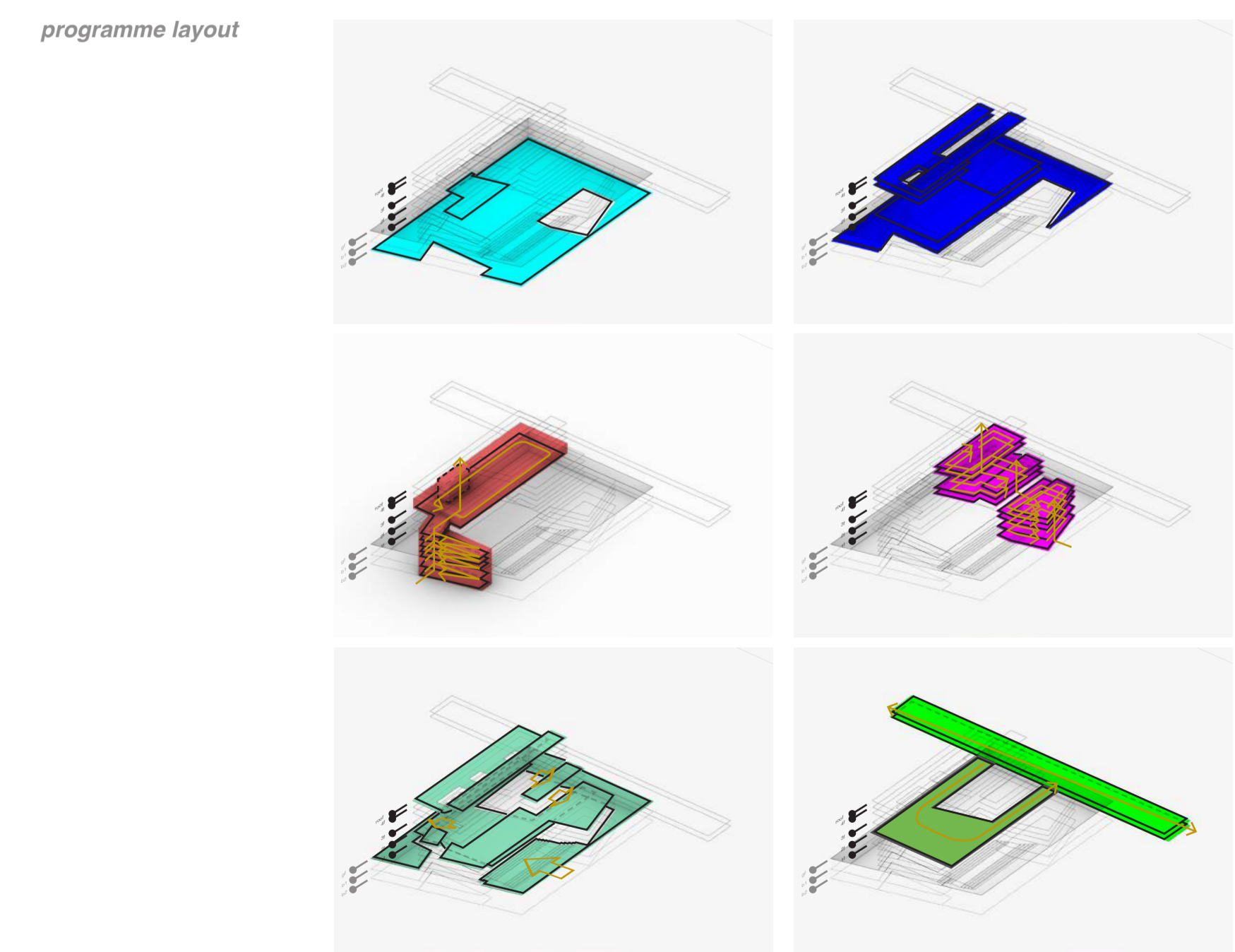
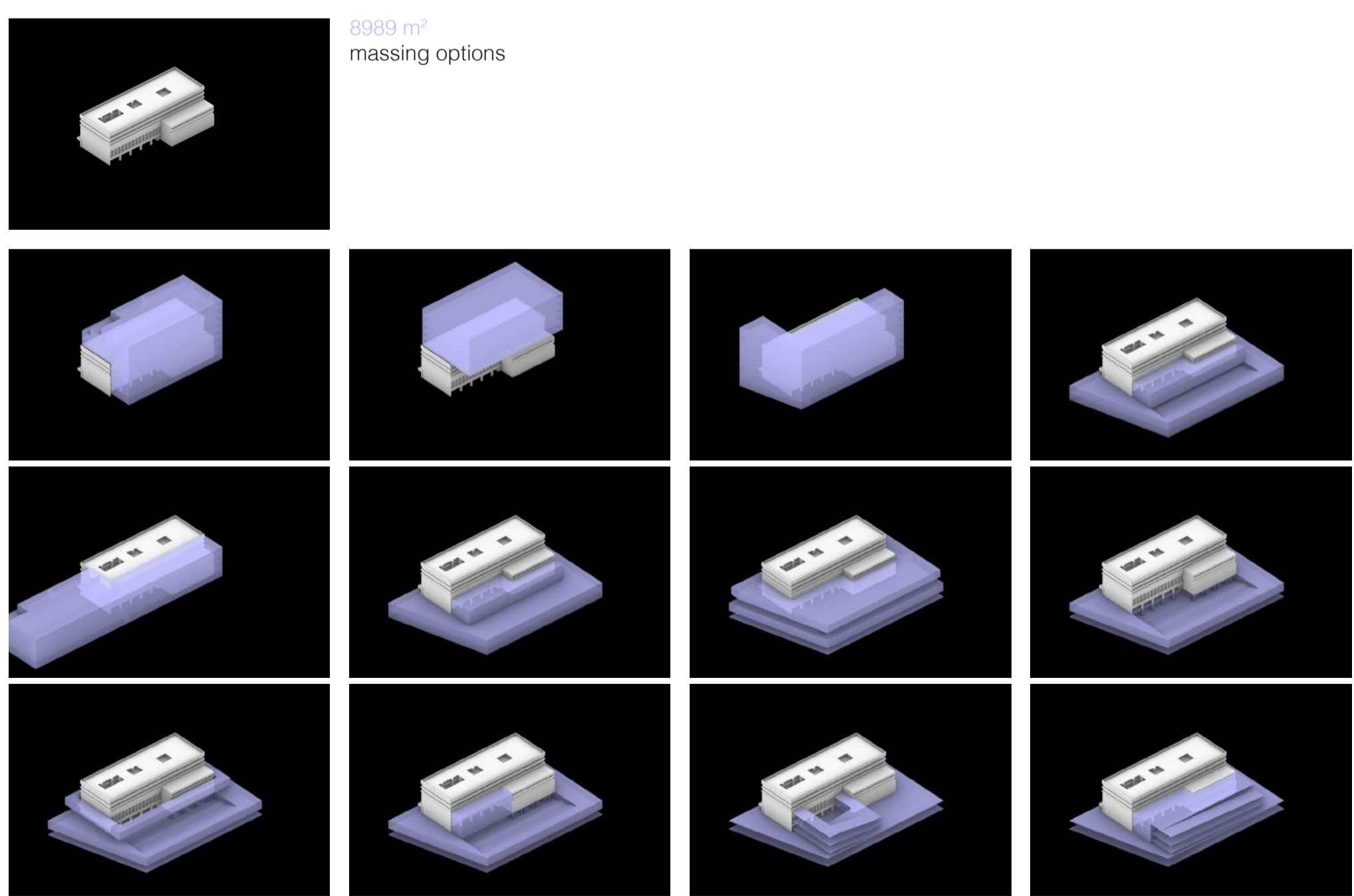
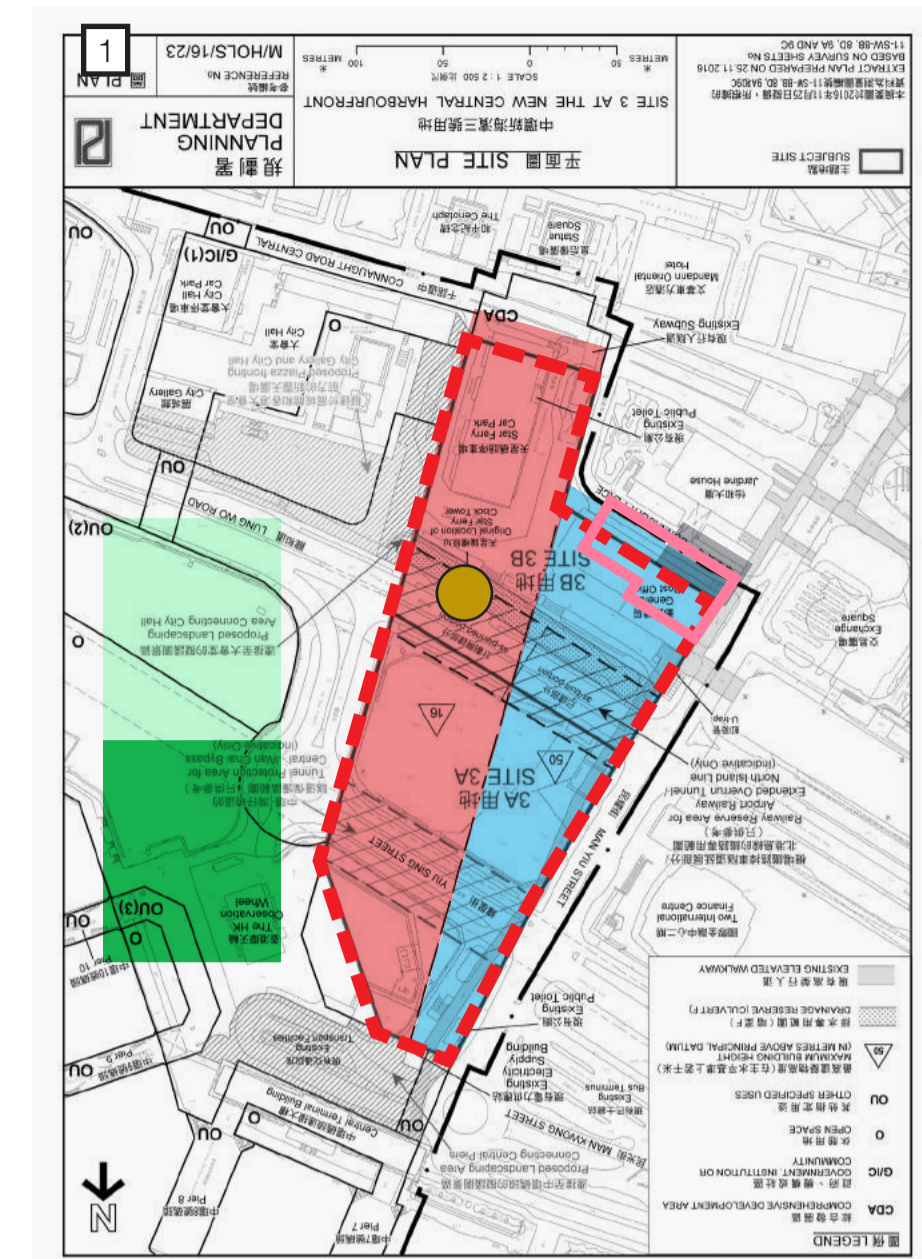
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GFA & programme



PLOT COVERAGE:		PLOT GFA:	
<b>50mPD height limit (assume 4m per floor, aka 12 floors)</b>			
X1	1389 m²	-	16668 m²
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TOTAL GFA PROVISION			83960 m²
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TOTAL GFA PROVISION			124,948 m²
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<b>EXISTING GPO GFA</b>			16063 m²
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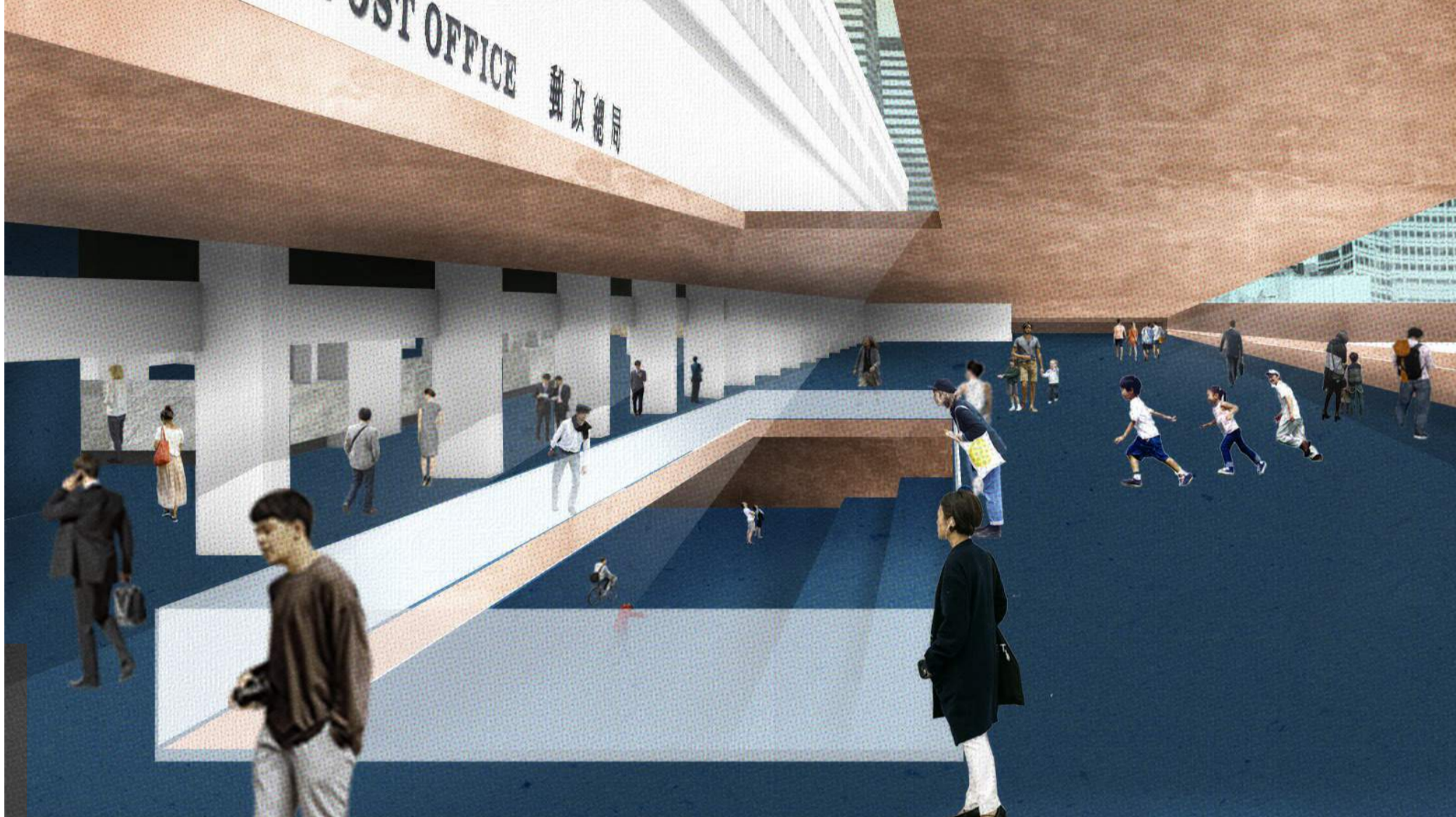
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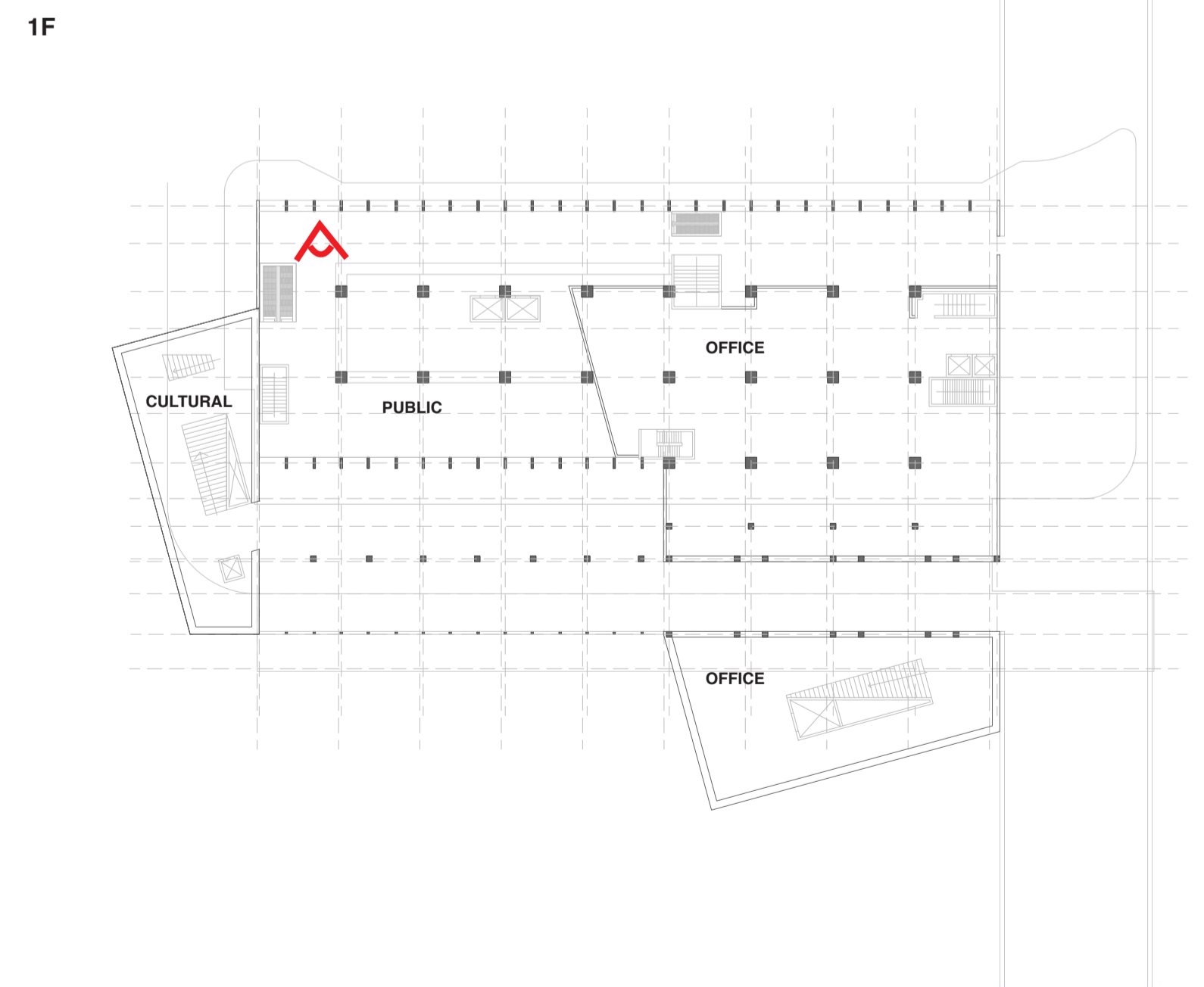
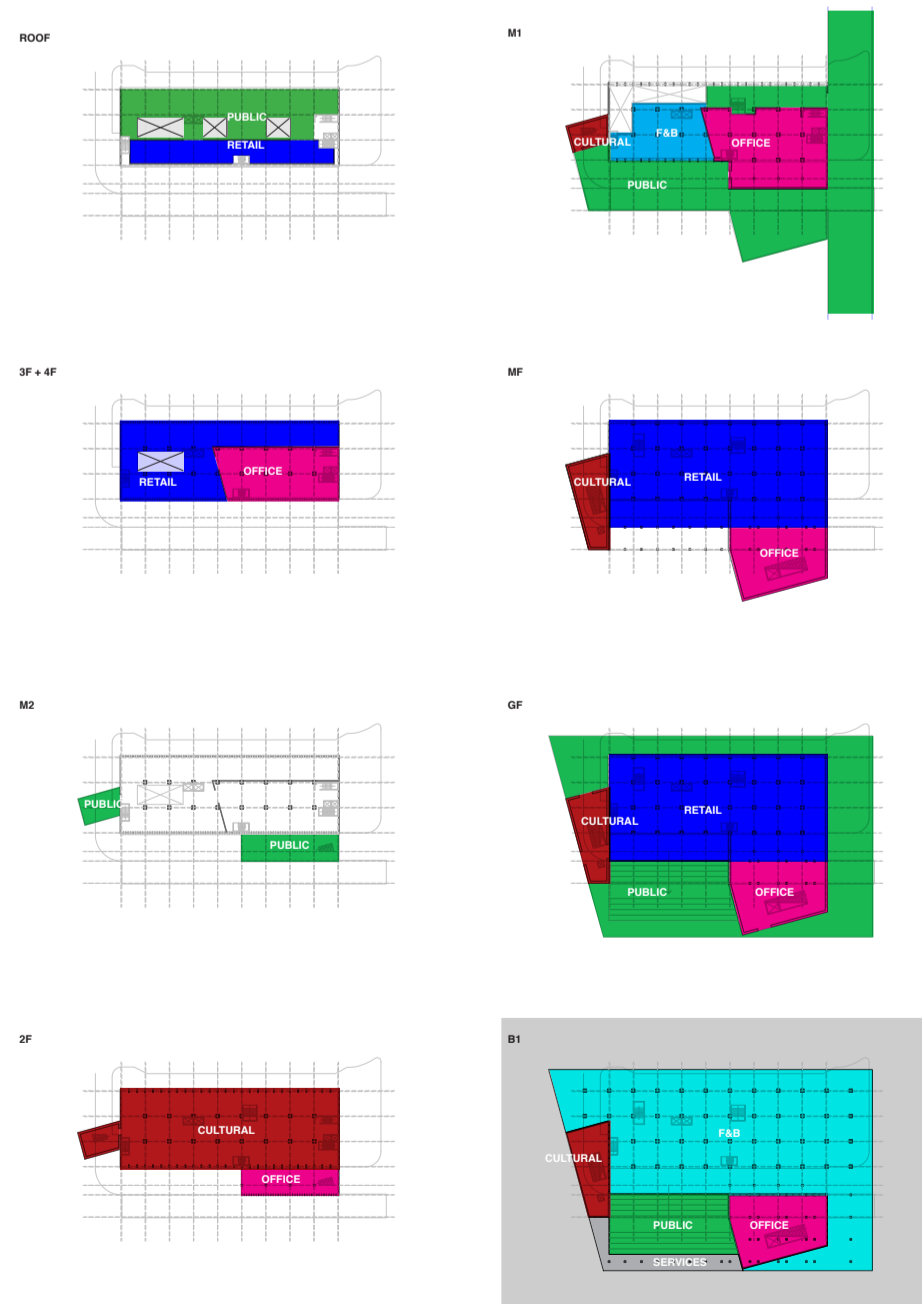
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