







FACILITY IMPROVEMENT STUDY FOR THE MESA CONVENTION CENTER AND AMPHITHEATRE

MARCH 20, 2025



INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

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- PROJECT EXPERIENCE: More than 2,000 previous engagements.
- EXISTING CONDITIONS: Evaluated 50 competitive convention and concert facilities throughout Arizona.
- COMPARABLE ANALYSIS: Benchmarking analysis of 21 comparable facilities and markets throughout the country
- INDUSTRY TRENDS: Detailed evaluation of macroeconomic trends in the convention and concert industries.
- STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS: Held more than 20 stakeholder interview sessions.
- INITIAL SITE VISIT, INTERVIEWS & OUTREACH: Completed 65 surveys of event planners collectively representing more than 300 annual events.









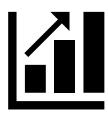


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CONVENTION ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS



Recent Convention Growth



Crowded Competitive Field



Ballroom + Hotel Limitations



Disconnected from Downtown



Lack of Familiarity
Among Planners



Dated Facility



Opportunity to Be a Pioneering Facility

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CONVENTION ANALYSIS

MESA CONVENTION CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS



Scenario 1: Cutting-Edge MCC

Facility Improvements:

- 10K SF "3-season" outdoor patio space
- New entryway and lobby area
- Immersive experience technology
- High-end LED panels and other technology
- Pedestrian paths to downtown
- Updated interior spaces

Other Improvements:

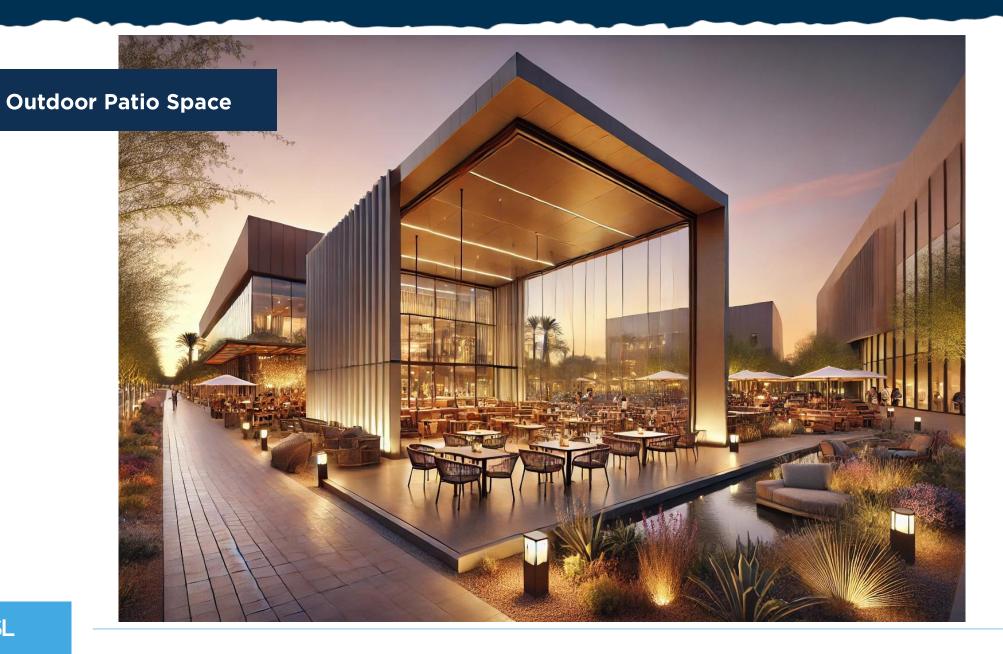
- Convention marketing strategies
- Shuttling service to other hotels



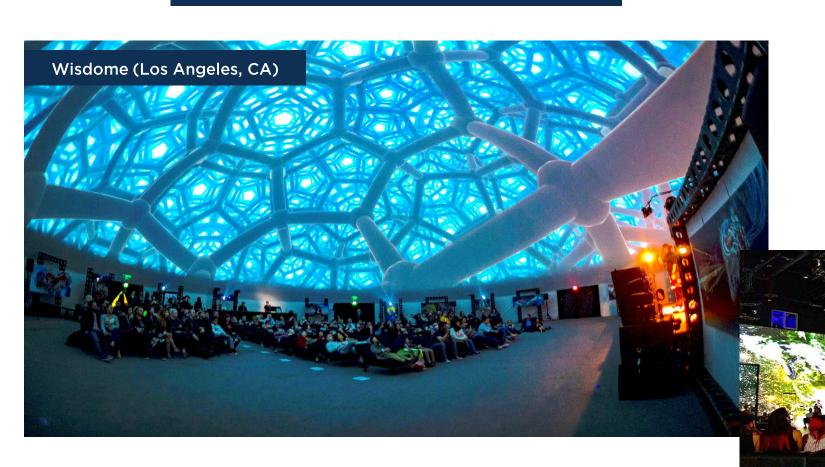








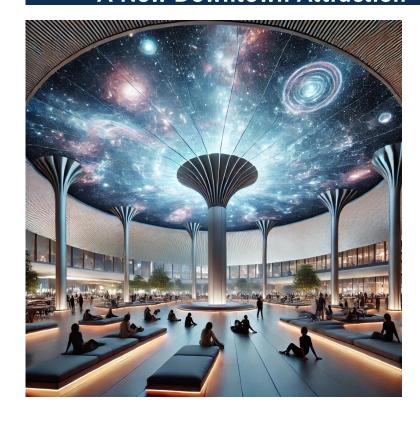
Immersive Experiences





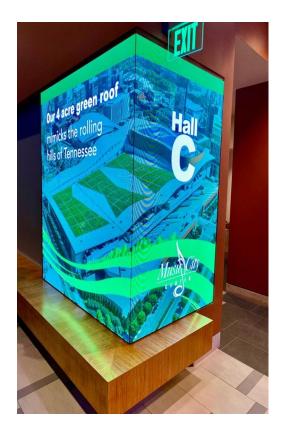
Area 15 (Las Vegas, NV)

Event Patio + Immersive Experience: A New Downtown Attraction

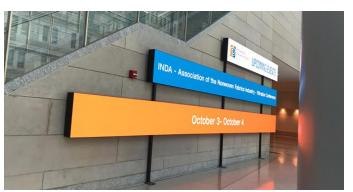




Digital Placemaking



















Downtown Connectivity











Updated Event Space













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AMPHITHEATRE ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS



Post-COVID Concert Growth



Competing with Recently Improved Venues



Need to Improve The Artist Experience



Opportunities to Improve the Fan Experience

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AMPHITHEATRE ANALYSIS

MESA AMPHITHEATRE RECOMMENDATIONS



Scenario 1: Increased Concerts + Enhanced Experience

Facility Improvements:

- Develop new green room and hospitality space
- Enhance the rigging capacity of the Amphitheatre
- Provide overhead shading and mister stations throughout venue
- New permanent beer stand
- Develop VIP seating area
- Install projection mapping and a/v technology
- Add ADA ramp on west side of complex





AMPHITHEATRE ANALYSIS

MESA AMPHITHEATRE RECOMMENDATIONS: VISUAL EXAMPLES ...















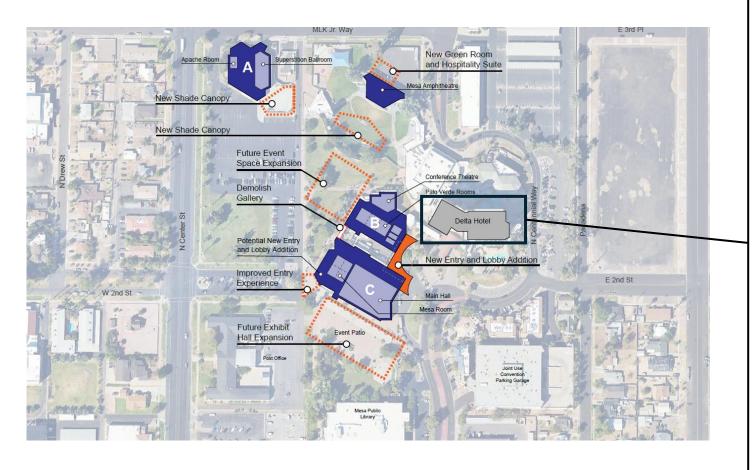








A DISTRICT PLAN



HOTEL INVESTMENT ADDRESSES SEVERAL IMPORTANT NEEDS:

- A potential chain scale upgrade to a branded Marriott.
- Updated ballroom and breakout spaces to accommodate diverse event needs.
- Expanded and upgraded food & beverage offerings to enhance the guest experience.
- New outdoor gathering and event spaces to activate the hotel grounds.
- Dedicated event spaces and premium club areas for socials, private parties, and other events tied to MCC and Amphitheatre activity, addressing hospitality and VIP opportunities.
- Improved pedestrian connectivity linking the hotel to MCC, Amphitheatre, downtown, and the planned Culdesac development.







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SITE PLAN & CONTEXT

- A FUTURE EVENT CENTER 2,000-2,500 SEAT
- SURFACE PARKING
- FUTURE PARKING DECK
- PAVILION IN LANDSCAPE PLAZA
- ENHANCED HC PARKING PLAZA
- LANDSCAPE BLVD
- LANDSCAPE PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATH
- VIP MUSIC TERRACE
- SERVICED MUSIC SUITES
- MUSIC GUEST ACCESS
- CONCESSIONS
- PRESHOW COURT YARD
- FUTURE CONVENTION CENTER
 PREFUNCTION SPACE
- WATER FEATURE IN GARDEN LANDSCAPE
 WITH TERRACES. TBD
- OUT DOOR GARDEN BAR/BEER GARDEN?
- CONDITIONED HOTEL CONNECTION TO
 CONVENTION CENTER
- ENHANCED LANDSCAPE BUFFER TO FUTURE LOADING DOCK
- FUTURE CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION





SITE PLAN STUDY

- (A) CENTRAL LANDSCAPE FEATURE
- WATER FEATURE AND GARDEN DESTINATION WITH MUSIC VENUE, GROUP SEATING ALONG WITH ORE PRIVATE HIDEAWAY SEATING, WATER FEATURE FOUNT TO BE SENSIBLY SCALED FOR AN ATMOSPHERIC EFFECT.
- (3) OUTDOOR GARDEN BAR / BEER GARDEN BAR IN THE GARDEN OPEN AIR CATERS TO THE GUESTS IN THE GARDEN IMMEDIATELY VISIBLE FROM STREET AND ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT.
- CLUB ROOMS | MEETING ROOMS | LOUNGE CLUB ROOMS BASED ON "M" CLUB AS A HOTEL GUEST DESTINATION OVERLOOKING CENTER GARDEN. CASUAL MEETING SPACES, OFFICE SERVICES, W. FITNESS AREA OPENING TO OUT DOOR EXERCISE ADJACENT TO POOL SHADED BY OVERHEAD BALCONY.
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SECOND FLOOR BALCONIES

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EXISTING POOL AREA

ADD SUN SHELTERING CABANAS, INTEGRATE FITNESS OUTDOOR AREA AS A PART OF POOL AREA, POOL BAR, POOL SIDE LOUNGE AREAS WITH SOLAR SHADE AND INTIMATE LIGHTING.

(B) EXISTING HOTEL TOWER

PORTE COCHERE NEEDS TO BE MORE VISIBLE AND INVITING, SET IN A GARDEN ENVIRONMENT WHICH MASKS AND CONCEALS. DRAW MORE FOCUS TO EAST ALONG OUTDOOR POOL AREA, TOWER IT SELF MORE LUMINOUS FROM A DISTANCE WITH LIGHTING DOWN THE FROM THE ROOF ALONG WITH NEW IDENTITY. TOWER IS VERY DARK AT NIGHT AND DISAPPEARS.

RESTAURANT | BAR | LOUNGE | TERRACE JAZZ ERA RESTAURANT / BAR/MUSIC VENUE DESTINATION TWO LEVELS PRIVATE DING/ MEETING ROOMS, BAR/LOUNGE ATMOSPHERE, DING ROOM, PERFORMANCE AREA, OUTDOOR TERRACE IN THE GARDEN ALONG WITH ATMOSPHERIC MUSICIAN.





VIEW FROM ACROSS N CENTENNIAL WAY, LOOKING NORTH







SITE VIEW STUDY

1 VIEW FROM THE ROUNDABOUT, LOOKING NORTH







VIEW FROM THE RENOVATED COURTYARD, LOOKING
 NORTH-EAST





SITE VIEW STUDY

VIEW FROM PARKING LOT, LOOKING WEST



IMPACTS OF MCC CAMPUS INVESTMENT

Summary of Key Cost/Benefit Projections Associated with full Convention Center and Amphitheatre investment scenarios, in addition to proposed Delta Hotel improvements.



20-yr NPV DIRECT SPENDING

\$78.5M



20-yr NPV INDIRECT/INDUCED SPENDING

\$54.2M



20-yr NPV ECONOMIC OUTPUT

\$133M

Other Qualitative Impacts

- Potential transformative and iconic effects.
- Anchor for revitalization of surrounding area and downtown.
- Enhanced quality of life for community residents.
- Inducement of follow-up visitation.
- Various other benefits.