

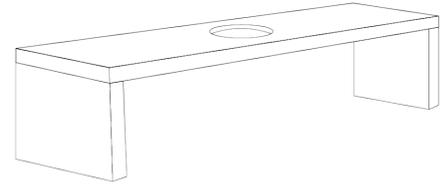
“Staying” to Build Resilience

“Chair-bombing” Mount Baker Station

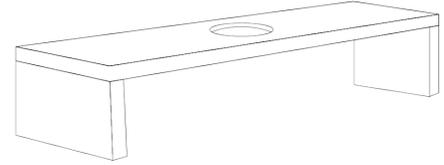
The Mt. Baker Transit Center area is clearly a place people use as a space to move through. The area hosts the light rail, multiple bus stops, and two main arterials. As students have noted during site visits, the area lacks invitations to stay. However, the transit station’s architects deem this spot as a catalyst for creating new gathering places for the entire community. It has also been brought to our attention that the transit center’s location is on the border of multiple neighborhoods, making this an area of various identity’s.

To address the issues of identity and lack of places to stay, I have drawn inspiration from “chair-bombing” efforts. “Chair-bombing” is defined as the act of placing DIY seating in public spaces in order to improve comfort, social activity, and sense of place. I have designed a modular “x” bench that connect in the middle through a planter bucket. They can be easily rearranged to suit the user’s needs, whether it is for intimate conversation or a group discussions. The benches are to be placed uncolored so the community can freely paint them and take ownership of the pieces. By bringing greater invitations to stay through pieces the community can use to express themselves, this small scale intervention can add to the resiliency this studio aims to build.

Top Bench Dimensions
20 in. x 24 in. x 72 in.
Diameter: 5 in.



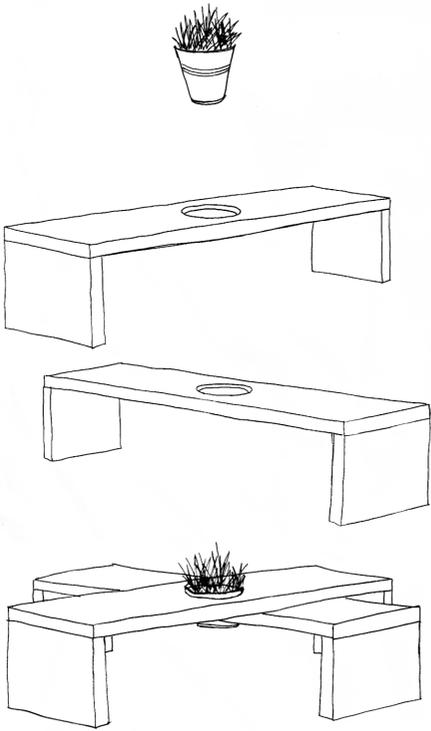
Bottom Bench Dimensions
20 in. x 24 in. x 72 in.
Diameter: 5 in.



Estimated Cost for Three Modular Benches: \$144.00

Pallet: \$14 (6), Planter Buckets: \$10 (3), Plants: \$10 (3)

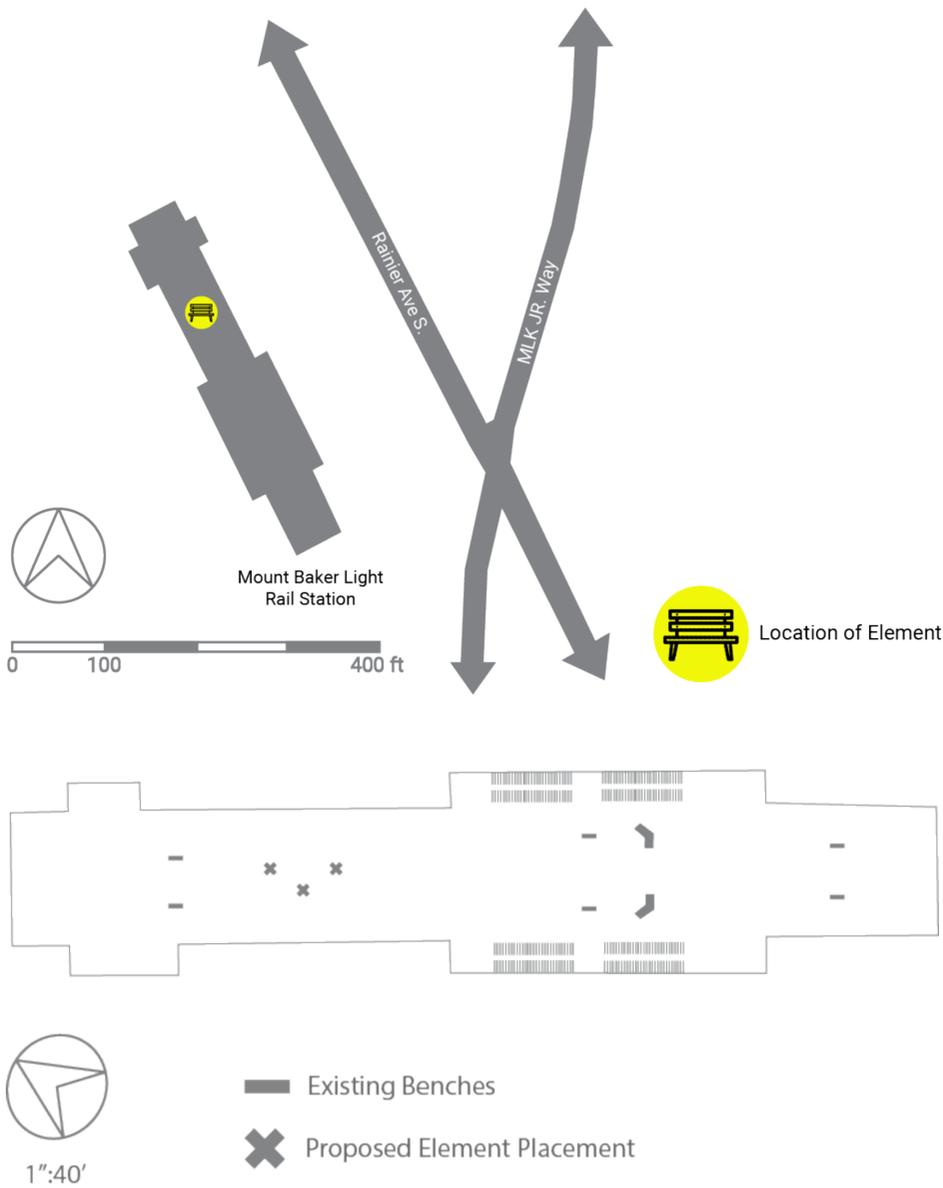
Assembly



Vision



Placement



Precedents

