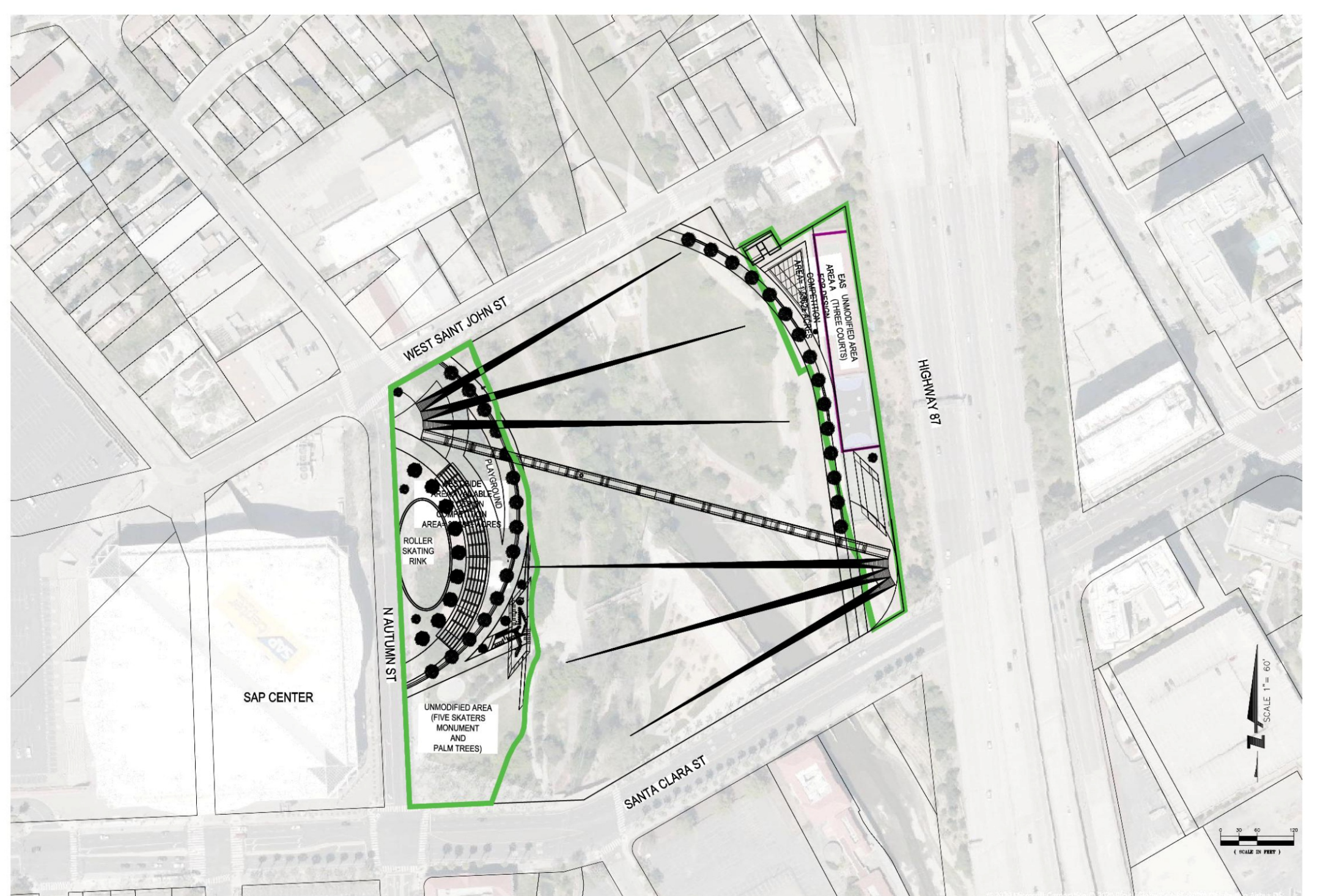
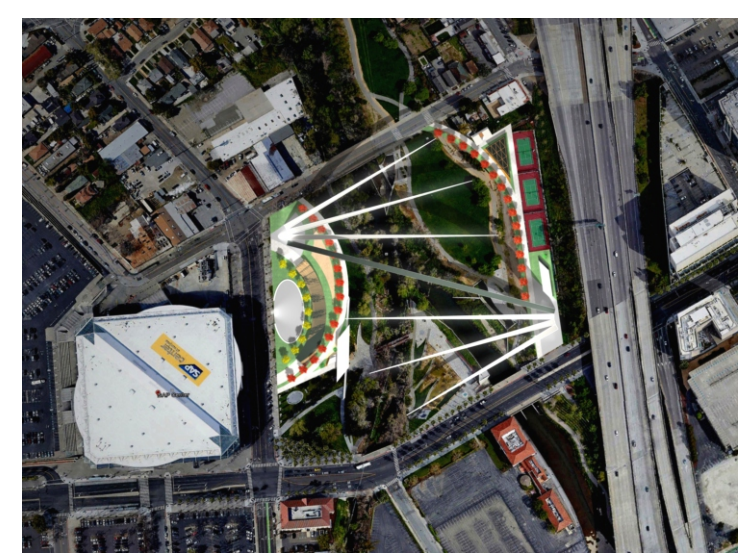
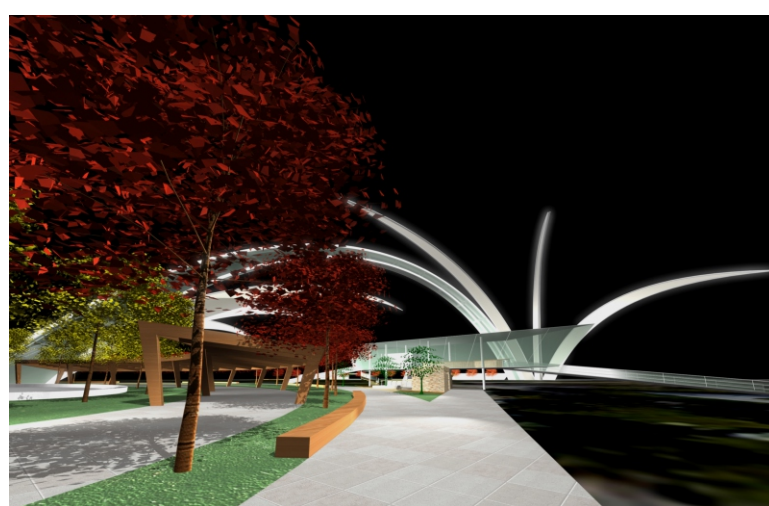
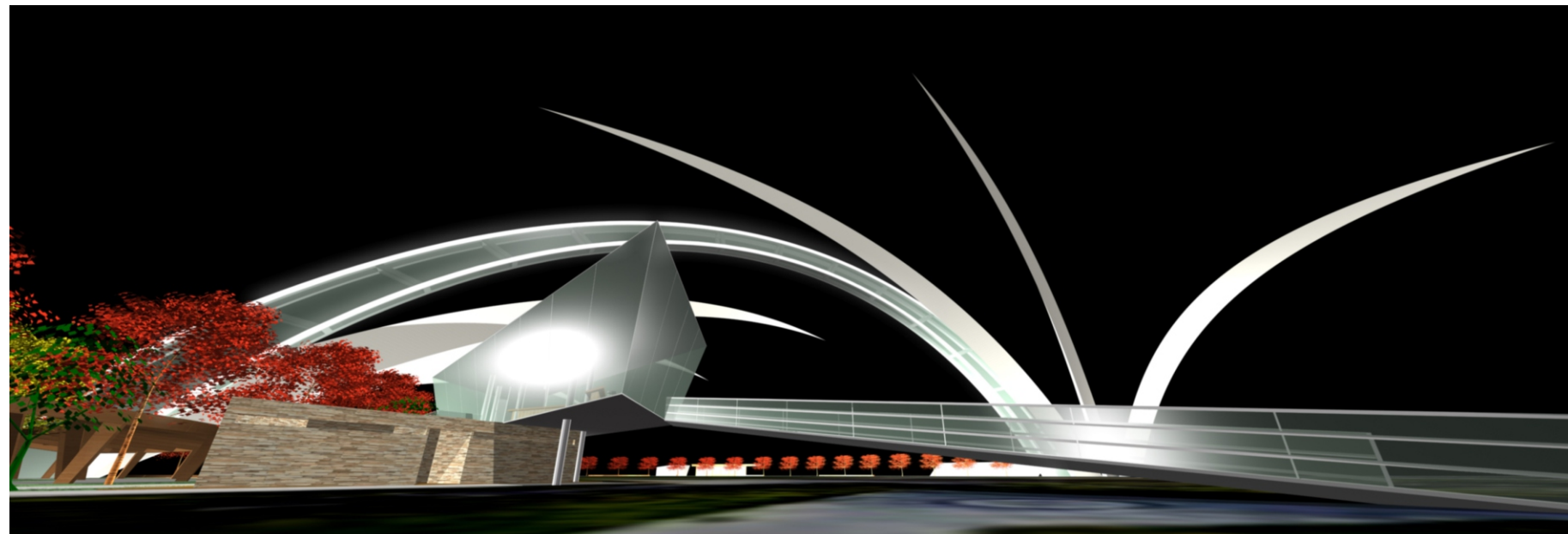
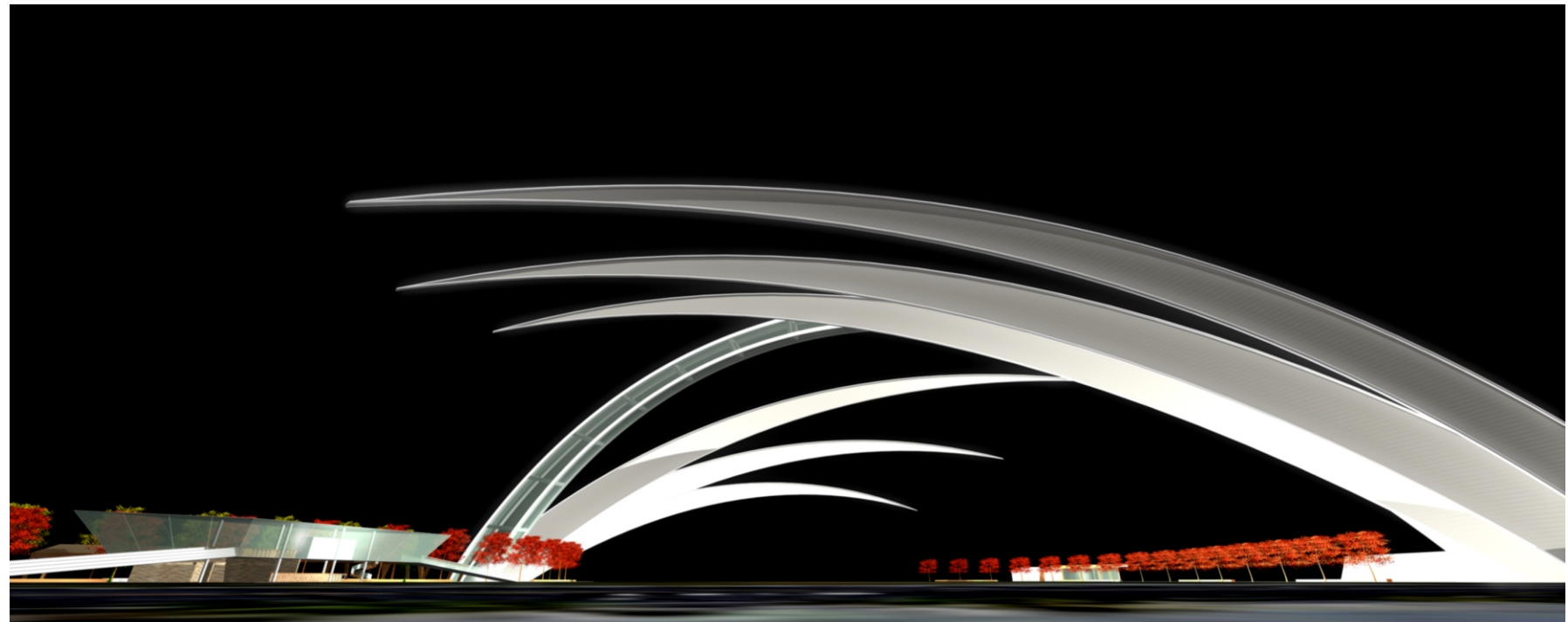
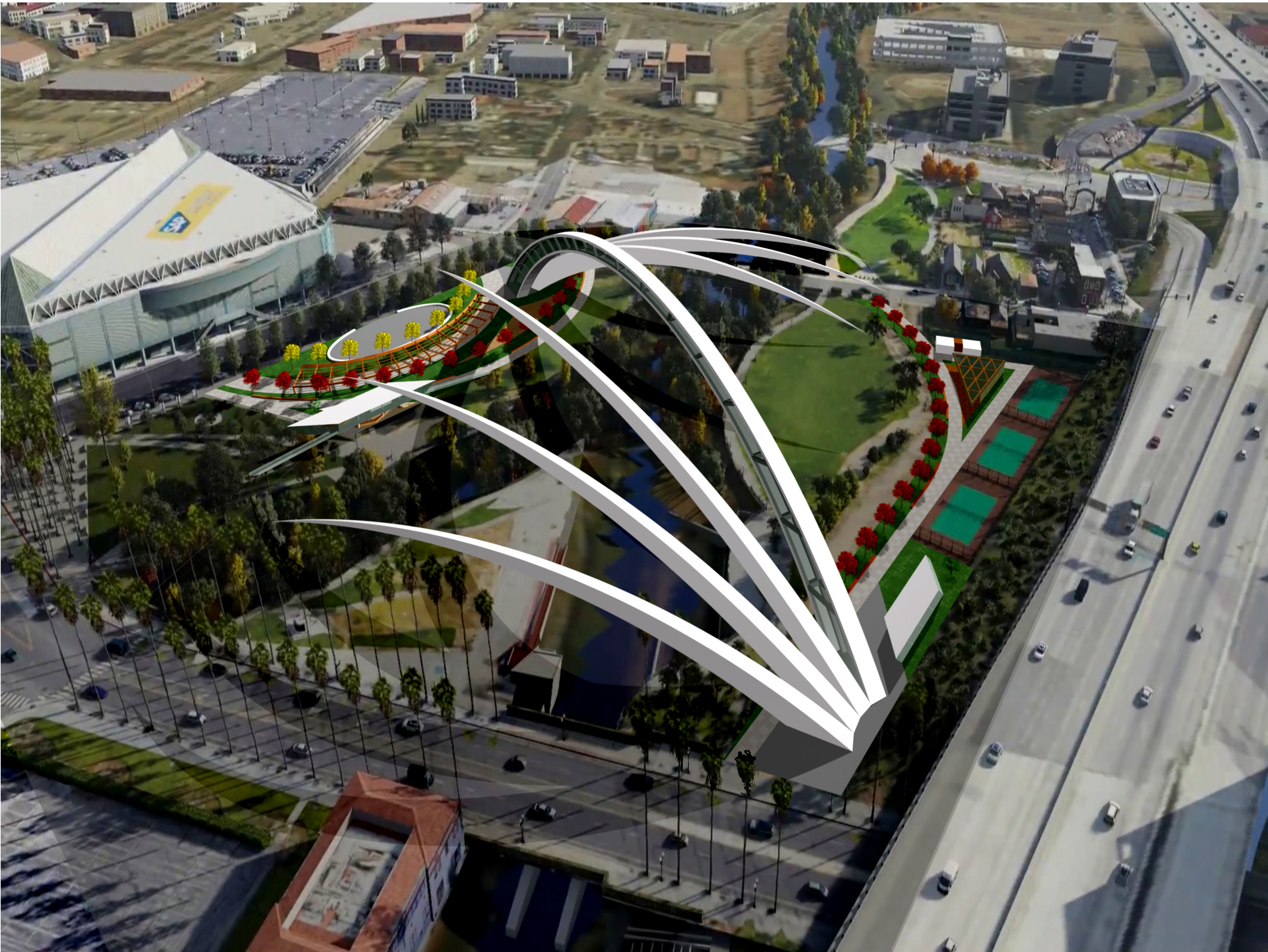
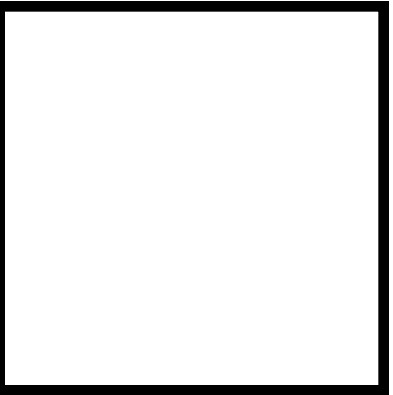
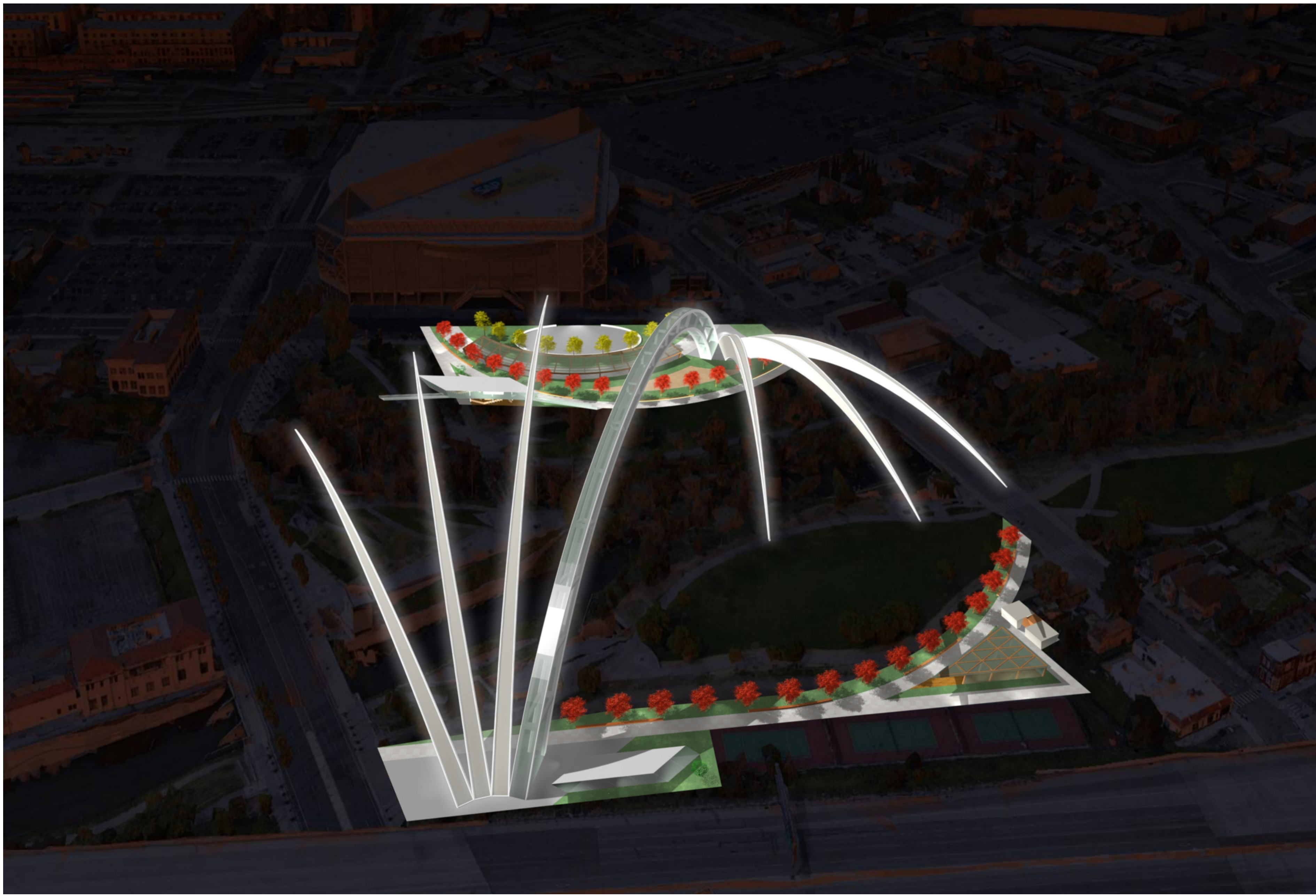


Project Summary

It's a real big challenge to create an urban landmark that represents all the greatness and importance of San Jose and Silicon Valley. It must be harmonious, provocative, sharpened, unique... And also must establish direct connection between its shape and its goals. Where does inspiration come from? Leaves of a palm tree, eagle's claws, native american hairdressers? The Seven Arches Project aims to reach the competition requirements by embracing and empowering the Arena Green Site with an easy recognizable world icon as well as providing its urban reactivation with a new architecture infrastructure and colorful landscape. A place to please all, a landmark to be proud of.





Project Statement

The Seven Arches Project intends to be an iconic landmark, but also a renewed urban, architectural and landscape concept to activate and transform the site. The overall concept includes both Arena Green West and East sides, and it's made by a mix of new buildings, new walkways and its landscape, and a set of seven arches. They are proposed to be built by an easy making a conventional steel structure and to be coated by white and/or transparent solar panels, respecting the required net zero energy principles. The central idea is to create a physical connection between the opposite sides through a main arc that goes from the northern edge of Arena Green West to the southern edge of Arena Green East, performing a diagonal big way through Arena Green (placement for structural arches concrete foundation was chosen in order to set free both SAP main entrance and Little Italy surroundings from rough structures). This main arch is designed to have a moveable 10' x 15' platform for people inside it that binds both sides as well as it reaches the highest point permitted (200 feet), and it's surrounded by transparent solar panels to allow a great big view of the city as the platform goes up and down. It's the core of the concept. Both sides of the site are also completed by a symmetrical set of three thin arches in balance that goes on floating through Arena Green as a whole, creating a sense of movement and dynamic displacement. These arches also aim to bring the feeling of a dramatic (with environmental respect) controlled lighting spectacle to the site, an issue hardly desired by SJLTC.

Arena Green West keeps the palm trees and the area near SAP main entrance untouched, as well as the Five Skaters monument. The playgrounds and carousel will be removed. Proposals are:

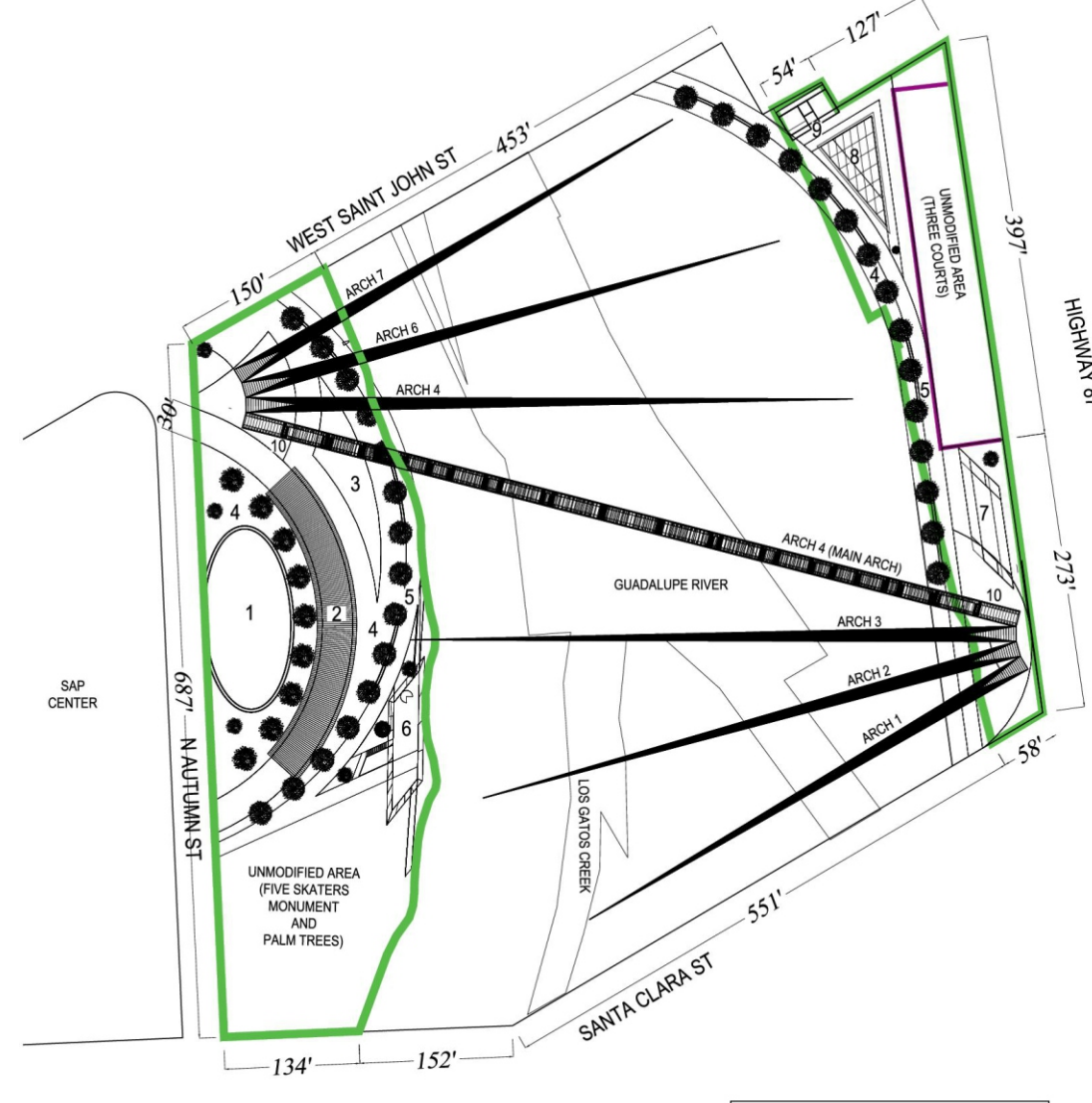
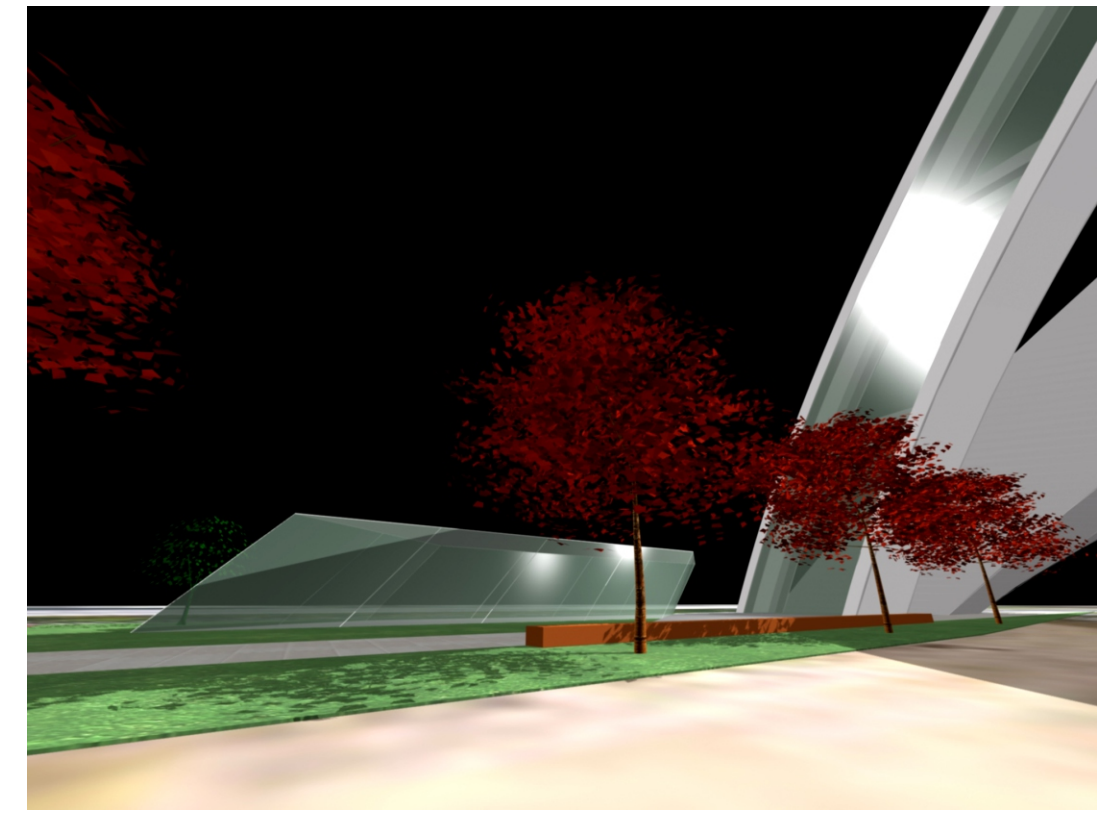
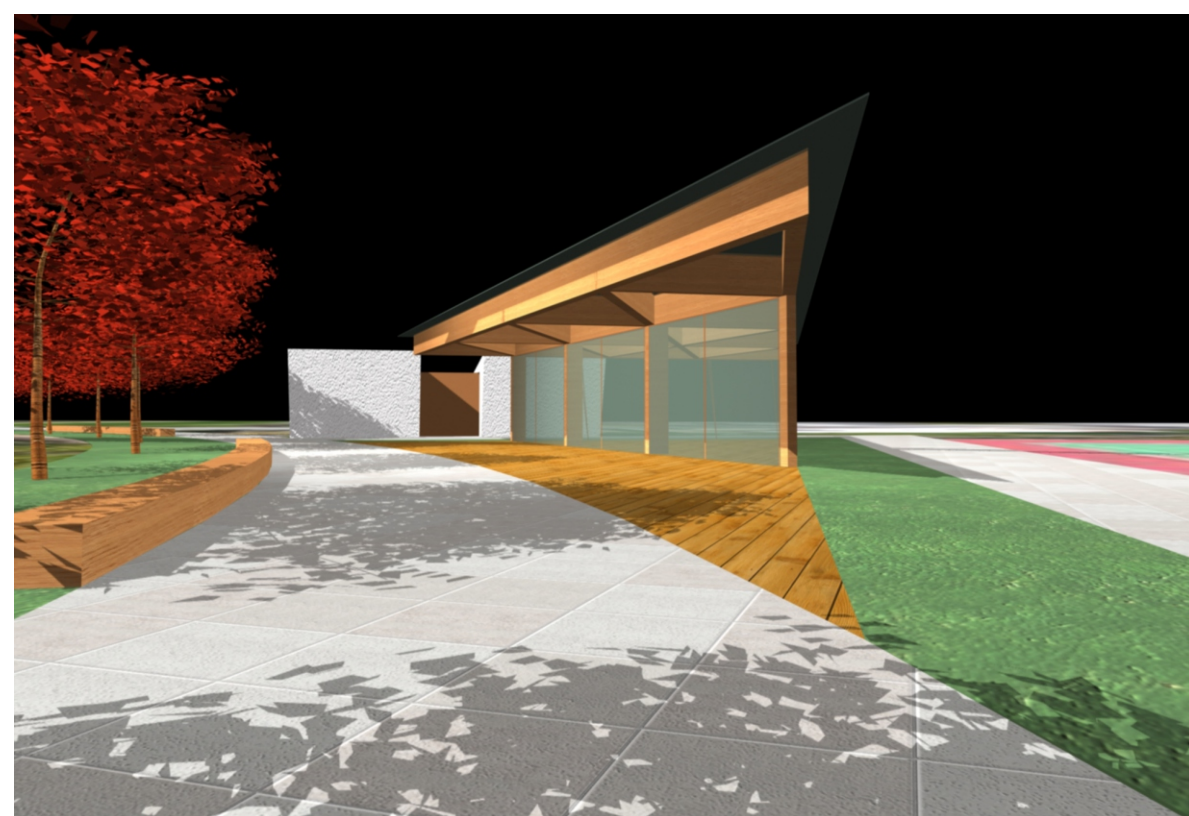
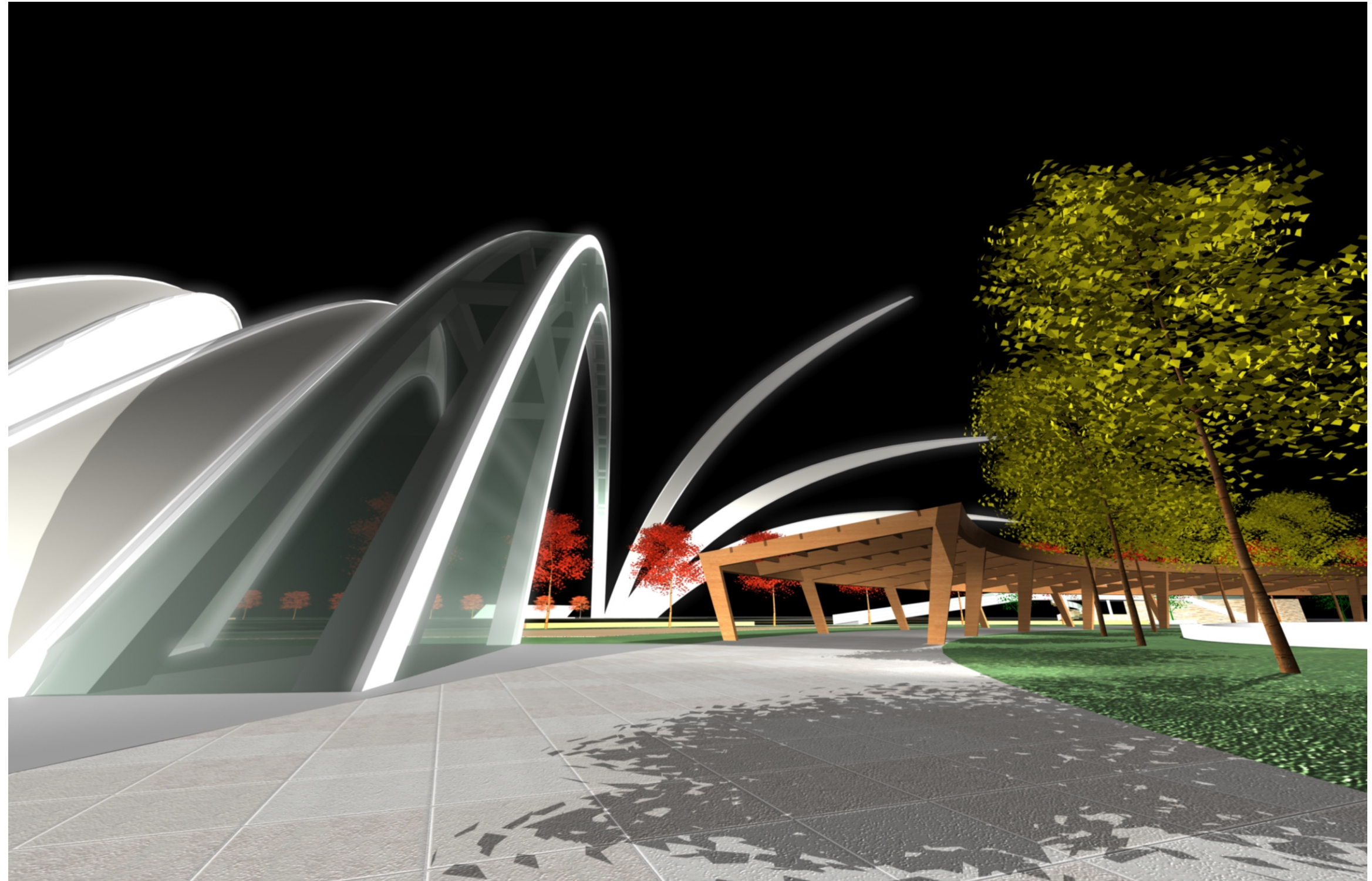
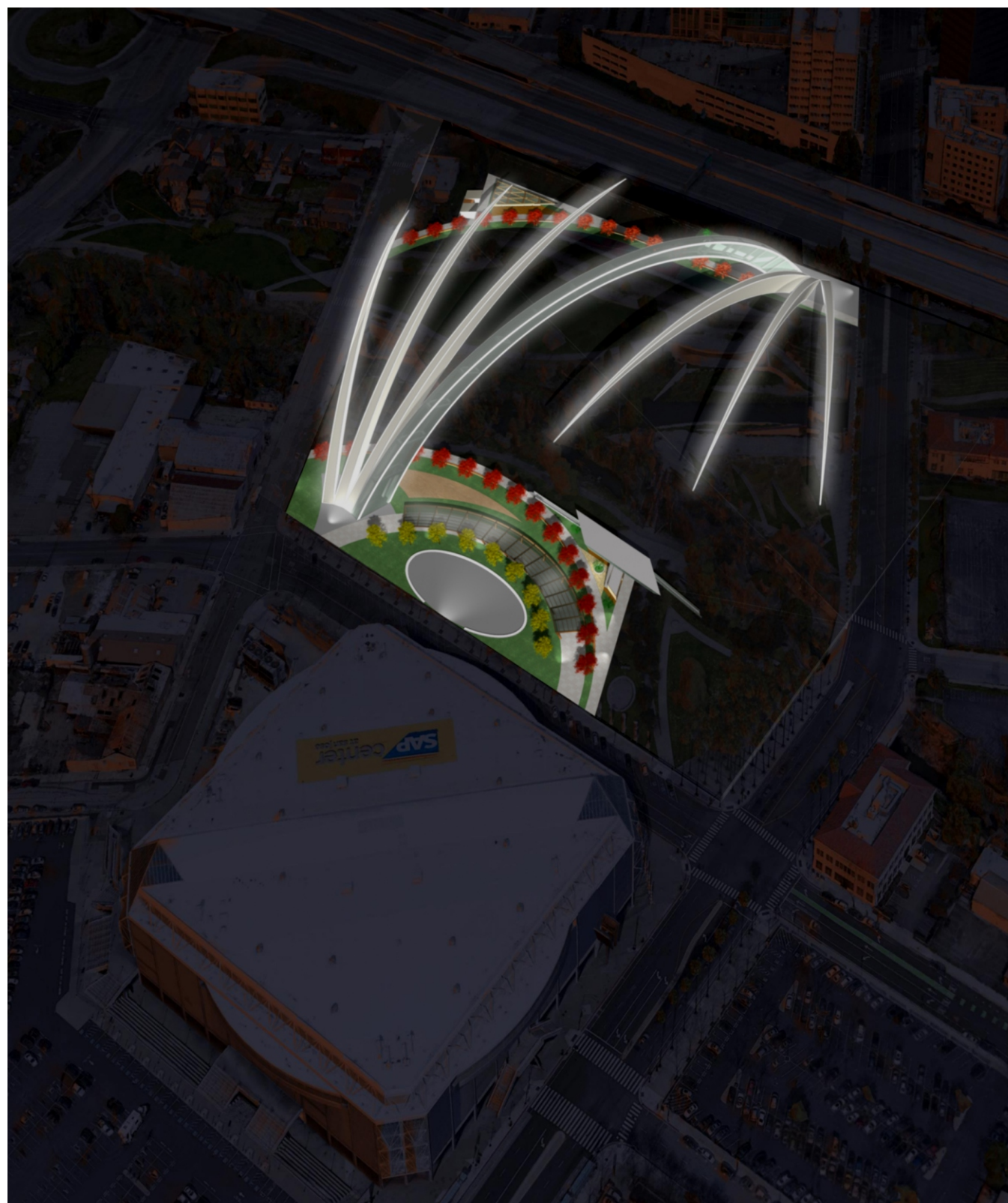
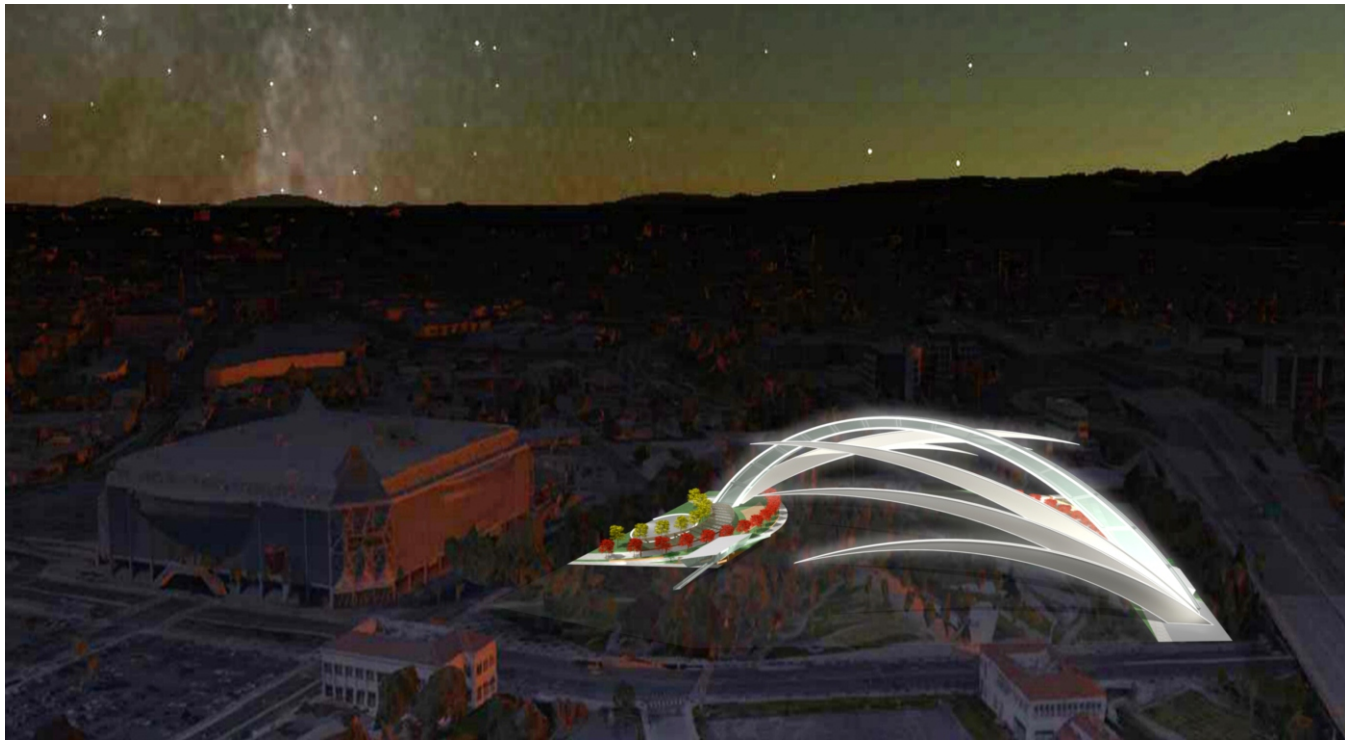
- * an elliptical big roller skating rink. The Five Skaters monument does the symbolic connection, and the projected rink makes the physical connection with the Sharks house. A place for kids, family and sport fans to roll and have fun.
- * a multipurpose pergola area with transparent solar panels cover: an arched shaped path designed to host events like farmer's market, food trucks, art handcrafted fairs, etc.
- * bathrooms, bar and restaurant: a two story building projected on the way to Confluence Point, close to the existing bridge, providing a necessary and desirable facility to the site.
- * a new big playground area, placed along new projected pedestrians arched path.

In Arena Green East, three courts placed north will remain in their original place, and one court close to the southern boundary will become an area for a new projected Public Art Expo Pavilion/ Visitors Center. Other facilities proposed in Arena Green East are:

- * public locker rooms, bathrooms and children care facility on the northern edge of the site
- * timber structured and net zero energy commercial building for small stores like ice cream shop, cafeteria and other supported activities, to be placed between existing courts and new pedestrians walkway.

General aspects to enhance landscaping are also important in the shown concept. A big part of existing trees on the West side will be removed and replaced by a new set of red and yellow native local trees, such as acer rubrum and yellow wood oak. They are planned to be positioned along new pedestrians paths, creating colorful and vivid axis to walk through, providing joy and integration between nature and built space.

As explained, the proposal aims to accomplish all competitions requirements as possible to be an expression of the city's capabilities and all incredible vibrant magic that is spread all over Silicon Valley. It intends to be a real opportunity to fulfill the desired landmark expectations and make dreams come true.



- PLAN GRAPHIC SCALE (IN FEET)**
0 20 40 80 160 320
- LEGEND**
- 1- ROLLER SKATING RINK
 - 2- MULTIPURPOSE AREA
 - 3- PLAYGROUND
 - 4- GREEN AREA (GARDENS)
 - 5- PEDESTRIAN PATH
 - 6- BATHROOMS, BAR (1ST FLOOR)
 - 7- VISITOR'S CENTER ART EXPO
 - 8- ICE CREAM SHOP/ COFFEE SHOP
 - 9- LOCKER ROOMS/ BABY CARE ROOM
 - 10- MAIN ARCH ACCESS

