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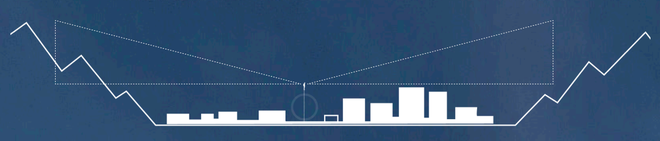
Silicon Valley is known worldwide as the main hotspot for innovation, entrepreneurship and technological development. However, although San José is the main urban area in the valley, it does not have the visible landmark to identify it as such.
To give San José this globally recognized statement we propose: **The Loop.**

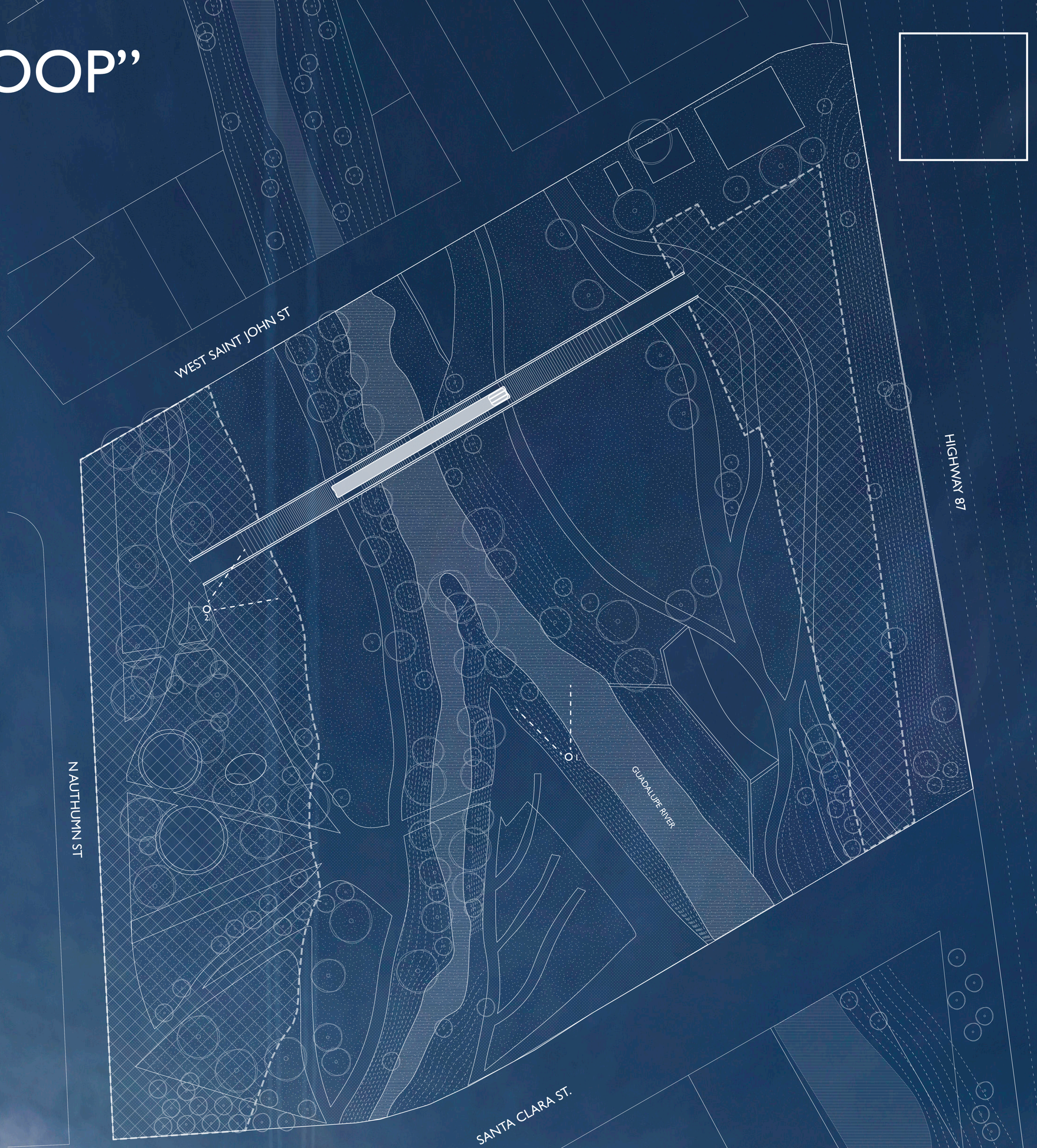
The Loop represents a completely new typology in the city that will transform the skyline and become an eye-catcher from the distance. A bold move, a radical yet simple geometry that defies gravity.

The structure will metaphorically become the new gate at the end of the Guadalupe park, the future gem in the green heart of San José.



The Loop’s two transparent capsules move up along the curves of the circle, elevating you 200 ft for a spectacular overview of entire Silicon Valley.

“The Loop is a symbol. A meaningful structure that represents innovation, sparks hope and connects people. A democratic gesture where all backgrounds and cultures are welcome, a timeless yet impressive new silhouette for San José: a bridge that links present and future.”



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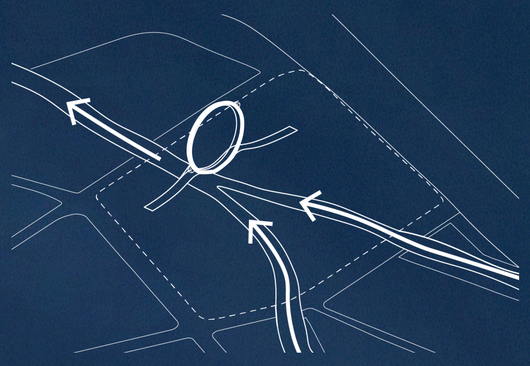
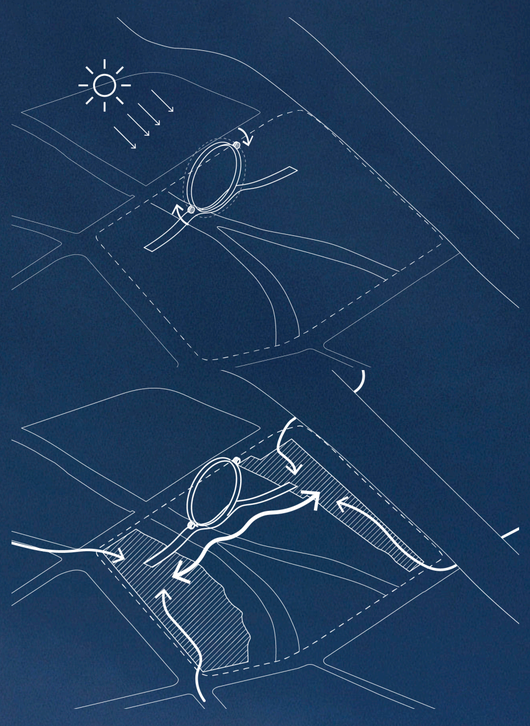
Confluence
The strategically positioned ring seems to float over the confluence between Guadalupe river and Los Gatos Creek, perpendicular to the direction of the water and the linear valley.

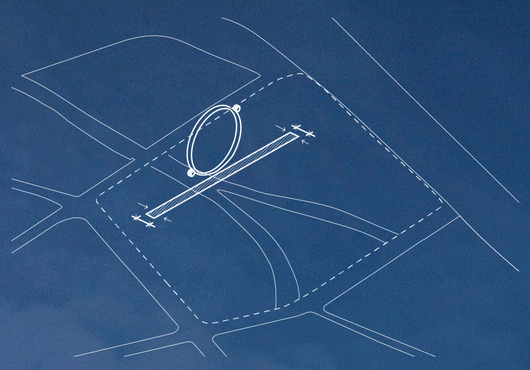


Net-zero energy
The two capsules would be connected into a same ring and the kinetic energy of the down-movement of one would pull the other one up. In addition, we propose to cover the exposed surfaces of the structure with solar cells, generating the additional energy needed for the capsules.

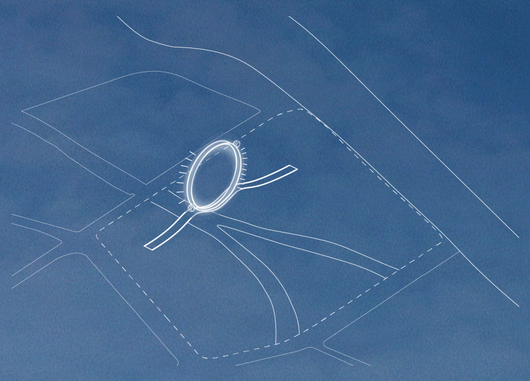


Connections
The structural supports that hover over the river banks hold the ring in the air and form a bridge between the two edges of the park. More than a beautiful landmark it creates a connection between two different parts of the city

Footprint
While The Loop has a great visual significance in the city, its footprint on the green surface of the park is minimal. Landing on two points on both sides of the Guadalupe river, the circle floats over the water and walking paths.



Lightning concept
The Loop will have strong presence also at night. Possibilities for two different lighting features:
- A LED around the edges gives the opportunity for tailor-made illuminations during special occasions, days or events;
- Passive illumination: a luminescent product in the inner part absorbs sunlight during the day and, in a very subtle way, glows in the dark.



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Metaphoric meaning's

eye-catching

elegant

productive

sustainable

global

inclusive

timeless

innovative

powerful

place-making