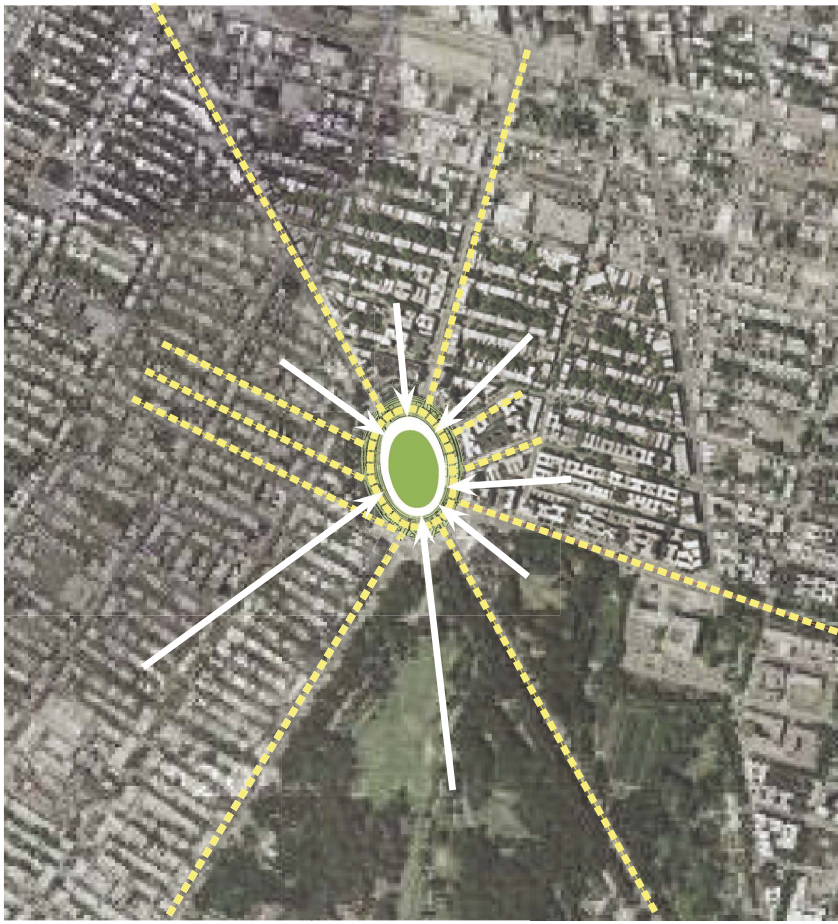


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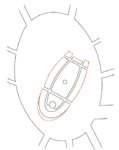
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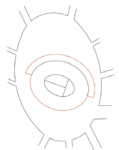
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POTENTIAL

CIRCLE

While the plaza has historically been used as a traffic interchange (horses, streetcars), this role has rendered the rest of the plaza inaccessible, incoherent, and ill-suited for such a prize location in the city. Instead we propose that traffic adhere to the structure of the oval, which makes a quite nice traffic circle.

SIMPLIFY

The traffic circle employs a series of T-intersections, each designed to process multiple movements simultaneously. All but one have two-phase signals, one for motorized traffic and one for non-motorized (pedestrians and cyclists). The junction of Eastern Parkway and Flatbush requires a three-phase signal. The signals are synchronized in counter-clockwise fashion around the circle to maximize its capacity. We will make use of the excess capacity on Flatbush to the south, as opposed to storing vehicles inside the circle.

BUFFER

We propose that the service roads primarily provide access to adjacent properties and be separated from the traffic circle (except for cyclists and EMS).

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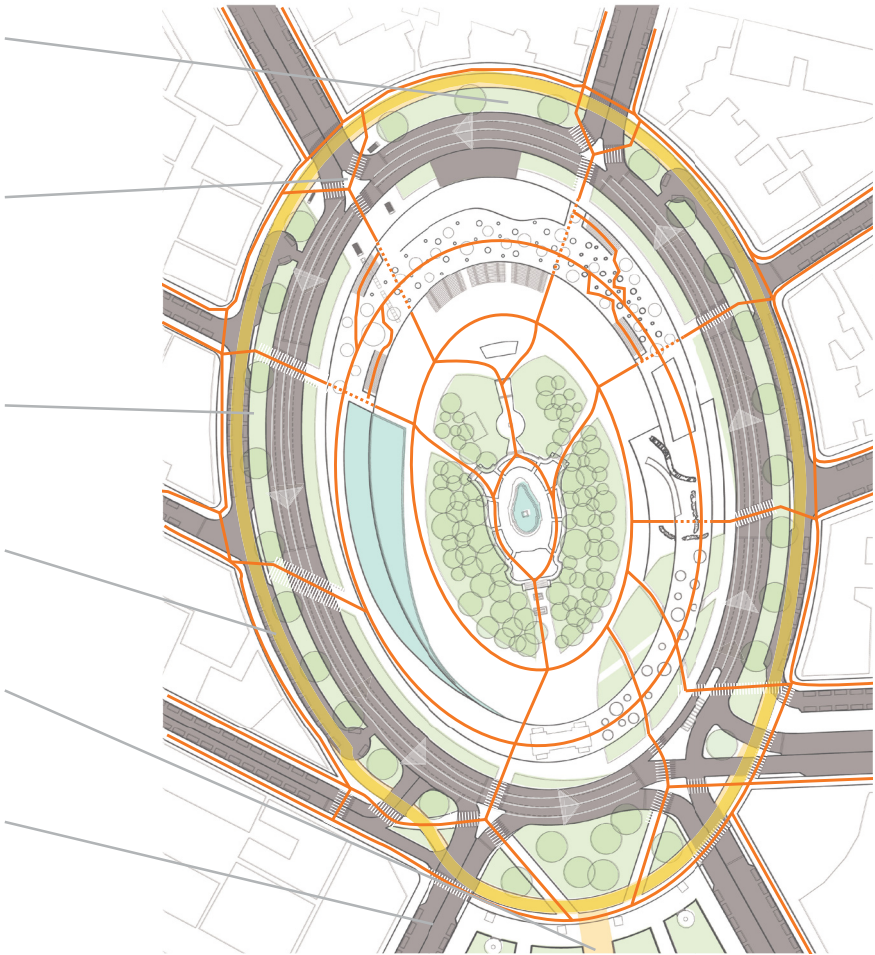
We propose a clear system of bikeways around the plaza. They will make use of Eastern Parkway and Prospect Park West. We propose a dedicated bikeway along the park side of Prospect Park West.

REMOVE VEHICLES

We propose that the entry for motorized vehicles into Prospect Park be closed at the plaza. Instead motorized vehicles may enter at Third Street and exit at Ocean Avenue.

CALM

We propose that Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West be made two-way, so that traffic might move more calmly. This will relieve pressure in the area, as southbound drivers may turn right from Flatbush onto Eighth Avenue, and eastbound drivers may divert from the infamously congested Union Street.



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