A variety of design strategies are needed to reconnect the East End to the Block and Downtown.

The vast width of Charlotte Street provides an opportunity for a tree-lined median. This would enhance safety and aesthetics.

Return Velvet Street (currently city right-of-way) to the urban grid. Velvet could connect to a variety of sites, linking key parts of the Block back together.

Wilson Alley could be an enhanced pathway focusing on arts and entertainment.

Sycamore could be enhanced as a gateway with pedestrian treatments.

Various improvements are possible for Triangle Park. The wall is an opportunity for a mural.

Development at Biltmore/Market could contribute to the Block’s southern gateway. Signage is needed.

Market Street extension as a small bike and walking friendly street.

The Department of Public Works site represents a long-term redevelopment opportunity.

The Performance Center site could preserve the view of Mt. Zion Church from Pack Square Park along Spruce.

The Performance Center site could be designed to continue pathway from Pack Square Park to Velvet Street and/or Spruce-Eagle intersection.

Critical point for PAC to become architectural landmark.

Ideal location for a bus shelter and small open space. This could be coupled with gateway markers such as sculpture and signage.

Improvements to existing pedestrian bridge.

New at-grade connection using crossings and ramps.

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The triangular lot north of Triangle Park can be another open space that provides an entry to Wilson Alley.

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New development could allow for additional connections to Biltmore Avenue.

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