The aim of the studio is to explore Garfield Park that is known as the area having high crime rates. Through the group works, members of the studio had been analyzed the site according to various issues of the area as well as architectural grammars. After the group analysis, each student selected the site which can reflect their own issues. Especially, I focused on the issue of the infrastructure in Chicago. Garfield Park has a lot of potential although the site has controversial topics. The aim of design is to enhance livability of the site by solving problems of the area and to propose a future urban vision in the city scale.

From the mobility point of view, Chicago has radial public transport infrastructure. It makes several problems. It cause traffic congestion in Loop(CBD) and the citizens inevitably pass loop area even though they want to go to other districts. Also, there is no airport express which connects two different airports in Chicago that are placed on Western side. According to research I did, a lot of suggestions have been suggested by the government and related associations. Most notable suggestion was the project called Lime Line that is trying to connect two airports with a new metro line. However, since there are some problems on the project, I suggest an alternative solution through my project.

By establishing a new metro line along Pulaski Road, it is possible to solve several issues that I mentioned above. Because the Pulaski Road connects north and south Chicago on the western side, it can contribute to ease traffic congestions to loop as well as circle Chicago through metro lines. Furthermore, it connects two airports directly.
Since the new metro line brings new economic effect on west side, some major nodes will be occurred along the Western area. Garfield Park is placed on the pivot of three major economical districts; Loop, O’hare airport and Midway airport and it is on the center of Pulaski road. Therefore, in the near future, Garfiled Park will turn into a major district in western Chicago and the place will become the secondary business and commercial hub supporting the functional overload of Loop.

![Garfield Park Redevelopment](image)

If it becomes a hub in western area, a lot of programs and facilities such as dwelling, commercial, business and culture will be newly built in Garfield Park. As a personal project, by designing the new hub, I focused on cultural facility in the newly redeveloped site. The main project -Obama Presidential Center-is located between the existing park and redevelopment area. It already officially announced that the center will be built in somewhere in Chicago. Garfield Park is an alternative for the location of the center and it can represent the new birth of the area that has been isolated for several decades. Furthermore, it will become a hub in western Chicago. The center is divided into two buildings and functions. One is the museum and the other is a library. Both projects give residences and visitors chance to meet cultural experiences. Obama Presidential Center and new urban development will increase economic value in Garfield. Through the project, the atmosphere of Garfield will be simultaneously changing.