

GHOST BRIDGE

We propose to honor the history of the North Avenue Bridge by raising the specter of the old bridge.

Travelers will pass through the memory of the bridge on a pedestrian path that provides a ghostlike view of the bridge's structure. By replacing the rusted body of the old bridge with a galvanized wire mesh ghost in the form of the old center span, set in the open position, we will allow travelers the experience of the old bridge, but in an ephemeral and intangible way. Like the ghost of a beloved summoned to a scance, it will shimmer just beyond reach, evoking memories and affection, but without the corporeal interaction. There will be a sense of its presence, but also of its passing into history. The path will connect Downtown to the Seaport, marking a transition to the next generation, but with a nod to the past.







