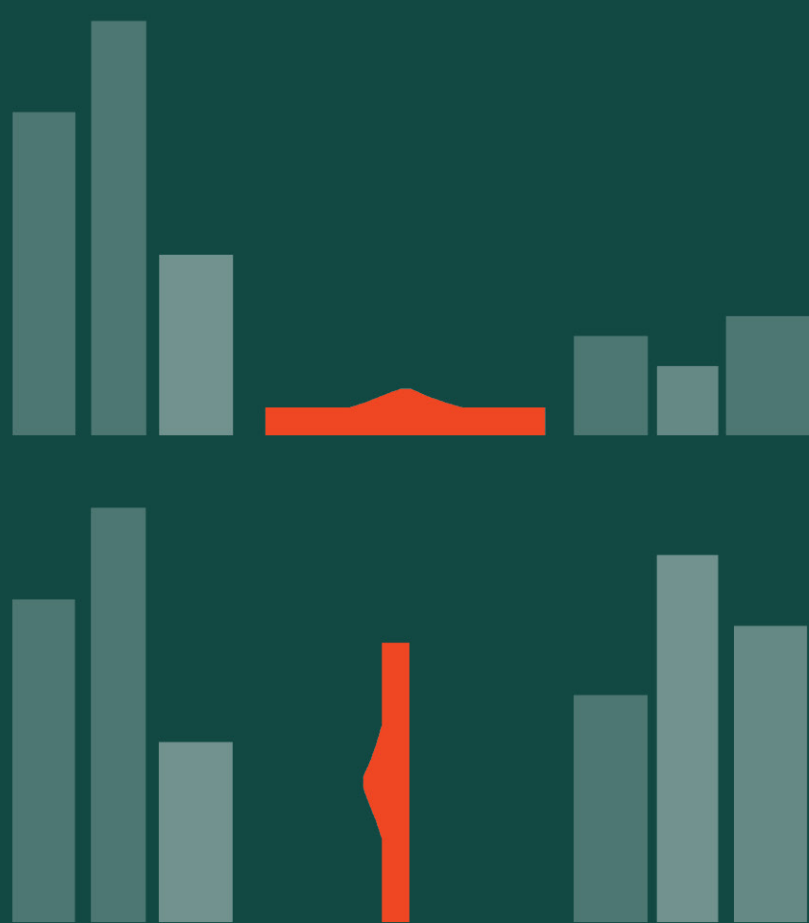


THE POINT

RELEVANT RELIC

The Northern Avenue Bridge was considered a vestige of the Industrial period in recent years. It was once a dynamic piece of engineering that connected two of Boston's industrial waterfronts. As the city changed, downtown became less industrial and more commercial. Today the industrial waterfront has all but disappeared around Fort Point Channel. In this proposal the bridge has been re-purposed in the modern landscape and has become relevant once again; its existing structure reclaimed and its intention to promote connectivity amplified.



IMPROVING CONNECTIONS

Developing strong connections is an integral part of Boston's future. The Greenway and Harbor Walk pathways are two pedestrian connectors similar in nature, but very different in physical form. The Point creates the first moment where these two pathways connect. This new fluidity crossing the channel brings the Greenway to South Boston. The Harbor Walk floats on water, changing with the tides, stays resilient in the face of climatic change and sea level rise. The tower now anchors a public plaza with multiple pathways where water, sky, and city come together.



PLACE MAKING

Vertical movement through the bridge captivates visitors, offering unique views of the city unlike any other public amenity in Boston. The tower remains at the mouth of Fort Point Channel just as the previous bridge had; both acting as a gateway and gathering point. The tower base creates a dynamic place to pause, gather, and engage with the interconnecting pathways. This iconic landmark becomes a visual marker of the Boston Harbor's transformation, evoking a distinguishable moment in both the city's skyline and urban landscape.

