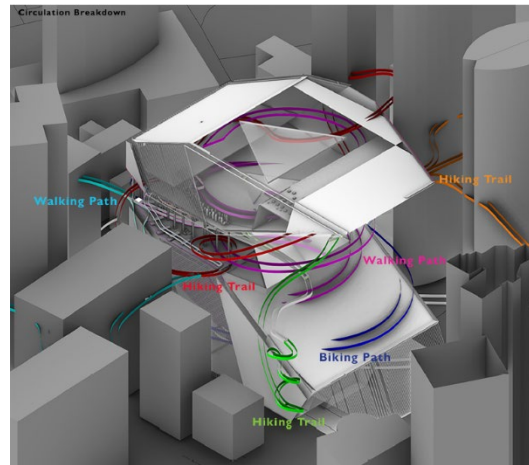# Arch 454 Urban /Community Design Studio (Fall 2025 Semester)

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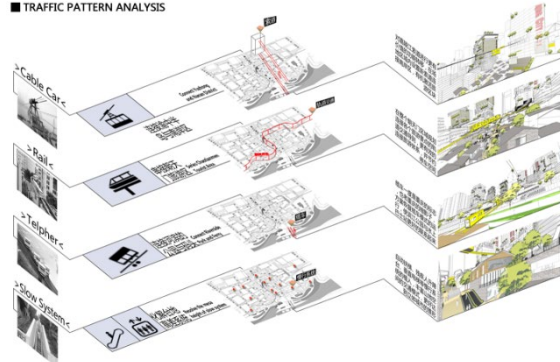
This studio will focus on architectural designs in ***urban and/or community scales and contexts***. Different from previous studios which normally deal with one single building, this studio will primarily concentrate on the built environment and human life in a larger scale –we will study factors that significantly impact our social, economic and cultural lives, such as urban forms, streetscapes, place-promotions, human behaviors, public welfares, business opportunities, life patterns & satisfactions, and transportation. The scope of studio works will involve extensive site analysis and research, concept development, planning, detailed design and cohesive presentation.

Arch 454 will pair with Arch 483 learnings to develop students' analytical thinking, strengthen holistic approach, enhance collaboration and communication, promote stakeholder engagement, develop iterative design and adaptability.

The Fall 2025 studio project will be a multi-phase community design. We are in the process of identifying a potential community partner within the Northwest Inland region with possibly sponsorship. Field trips will be required to meet stakeholders, develop workshops, and present our works. (examples from previous studio projects)