

# 685 Tremont Street

## South End Branch of the Boston Public Library

South End Landmarks Commission  
Advisory Review  
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PFD Project Number 7289



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# 1 Surrounding Context



# Neighborhood Context

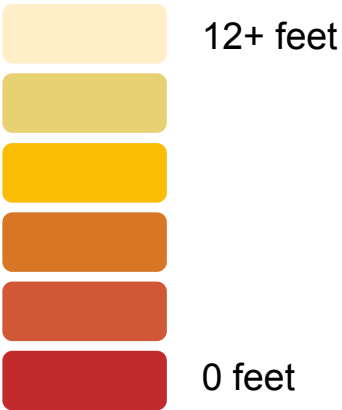




# Neighborhood Context - Street Wall



Distance from building frontage to property line



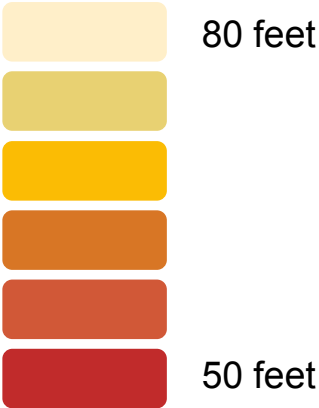
Most buildings along Tremont street are set back 4-8 feet from the property line, with a few exceptions being set back further, and a few with no setback at all.



# Neighborhood Context - End Caps



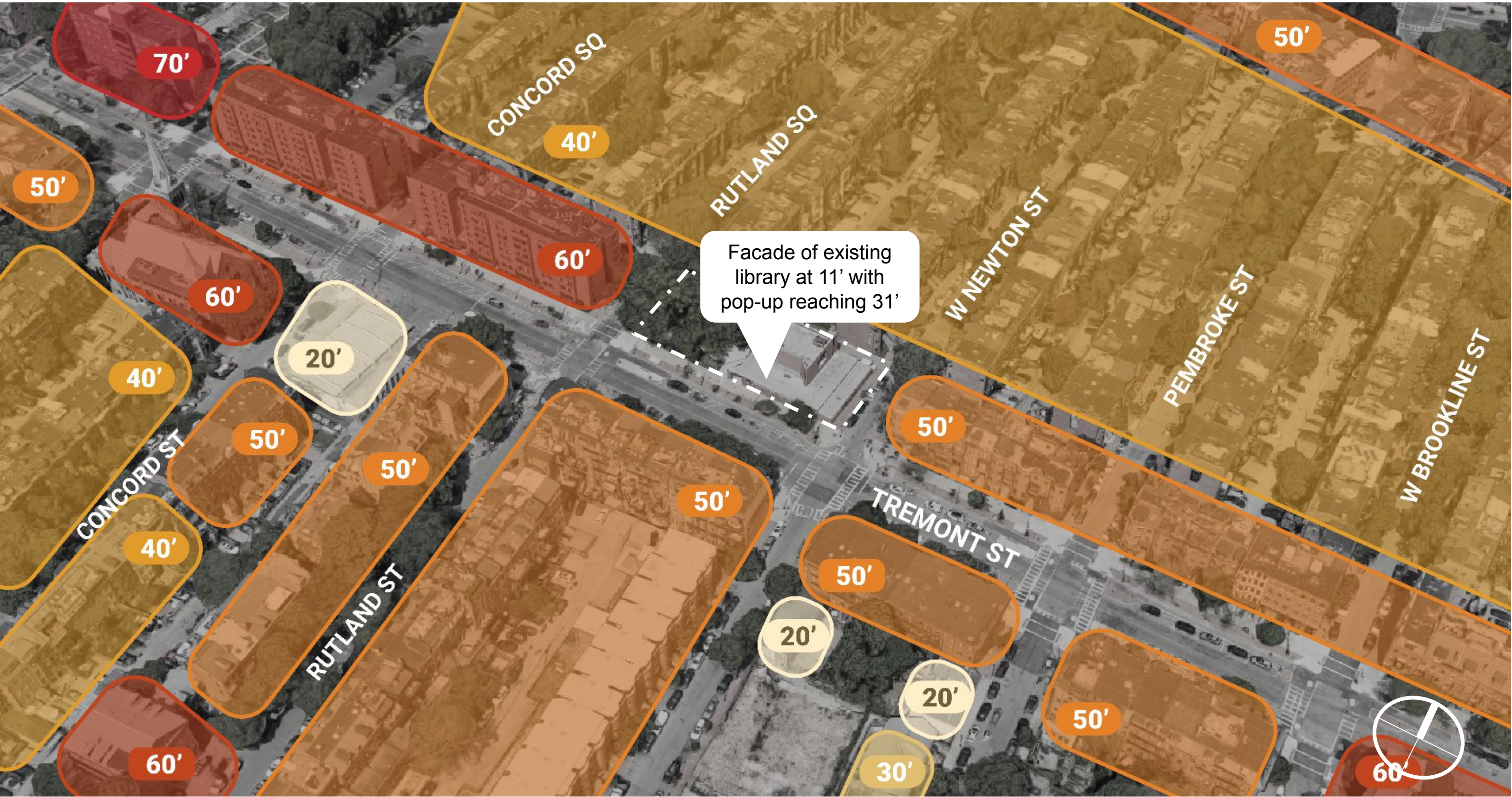
Distance between faces of buildings



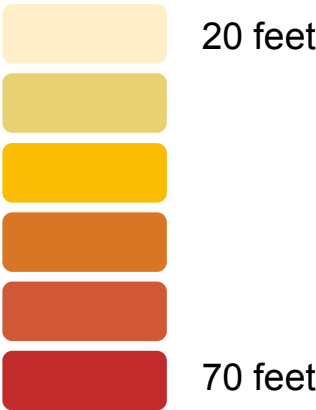
Typically, the space between end caps along Tremont street compress to a distance of 50 feet, while the faces of buildings along north-south streets expand to 60 or sometimes 80 feet.



# Neighborhood Context - Height



Heights of surrounding buildings



Heights along Tremont Street typically range from 50 to 60 feet, with some exceptions. Heights along the north-south streets are typically lower at 40 feet. Particularly north of Tremont street.



# Neighborhood Context - Architectural Variety





# Photos - Context Along Tremont St & Alley



Context Along Alley



# Photos - Context Along W Newton St & Rutland Sq



Context Along W. Newton St



Context Along Rutland Sq



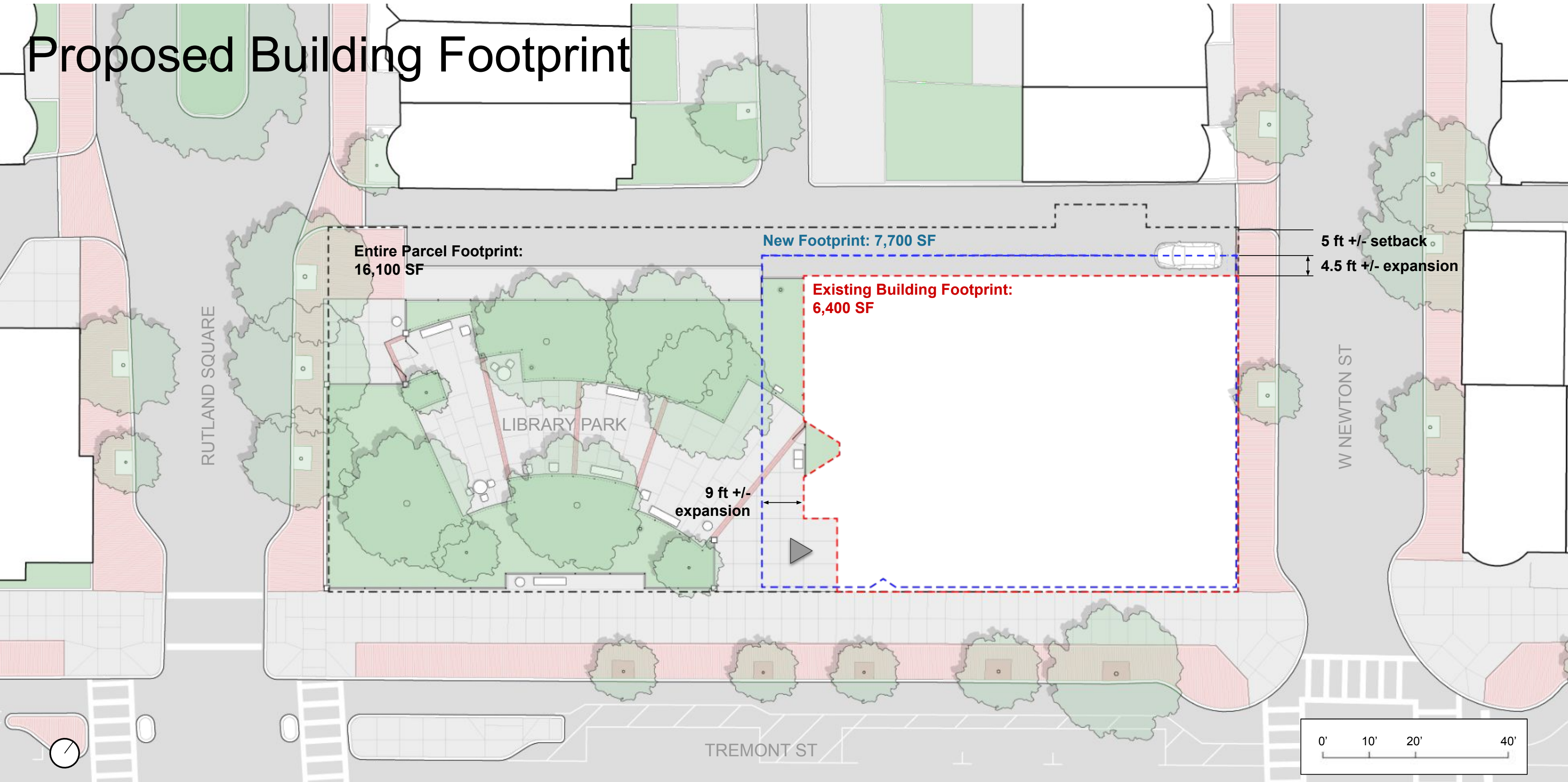


# Photos - Existing Building



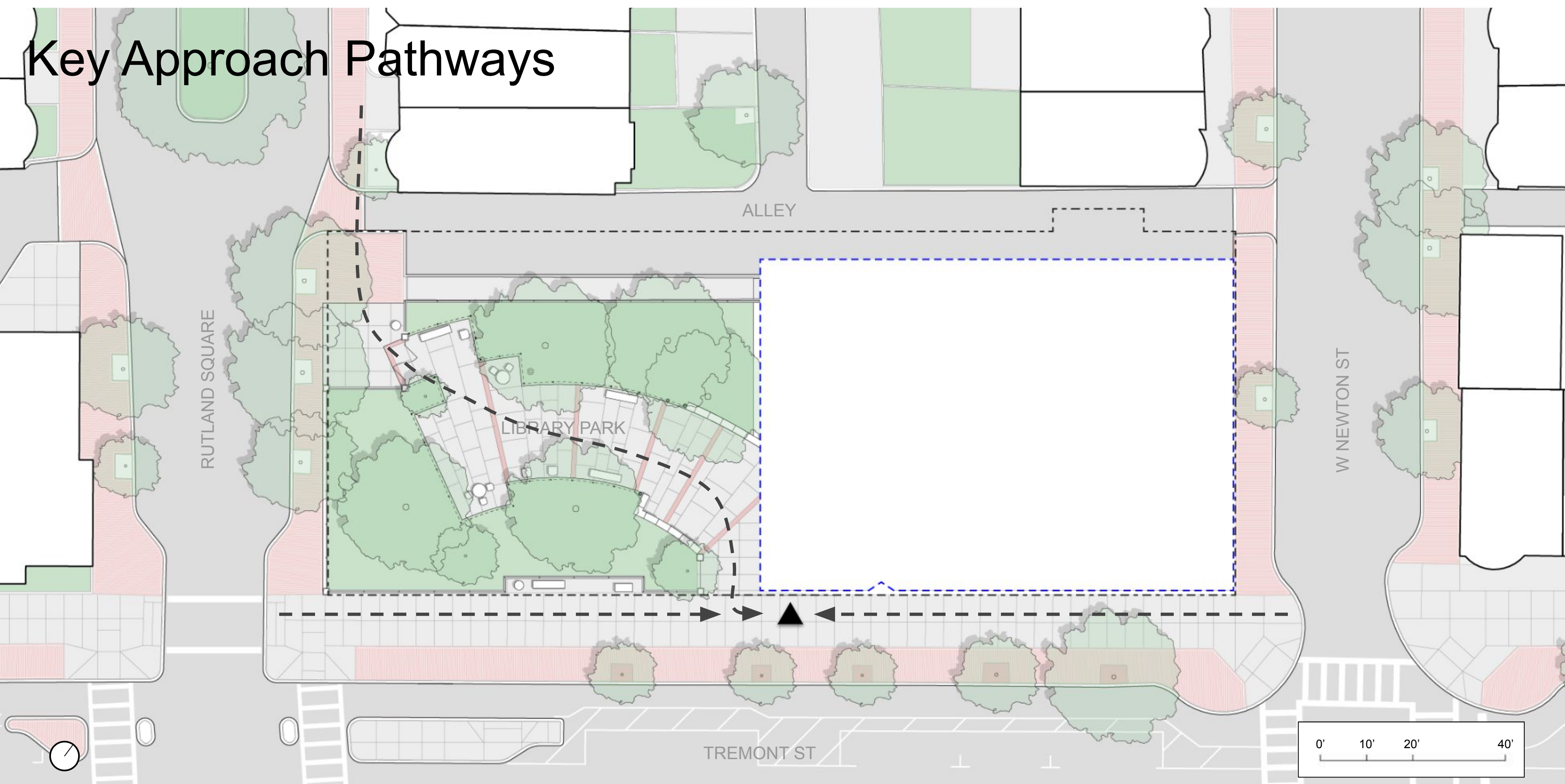


# Proposed Building Footprint





# Key Approach Pathways





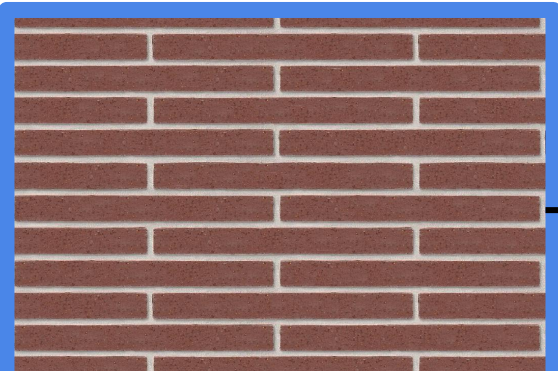
# 2 Proposed Design



# View from Across Tremont



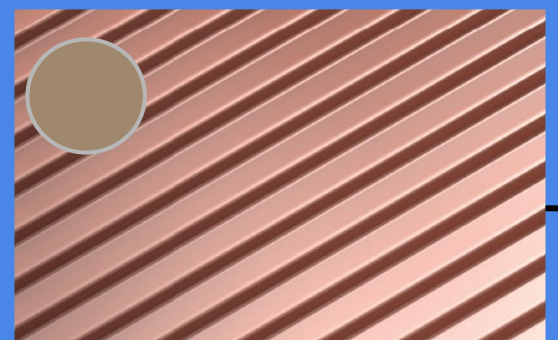




Emperor Brick Size  
Red Tones



Curtain Wall  
Anodized Light Bronze



Ribbed Metal Panel  
(Custom Color to Match CW)



Laurentian Rose Granite



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# Tremont St Elevation





# Extended Tremont St Elevation





# Tremont & West Newton St Corner





# West Newton St Elevation





# Extended West Newton St Elevation





# Extended West Newton St Elevation - Windows and Bays





# West Newton St & Alley Corner





# Alley Elevation





# Alley Corner





# Library Park Elevation







# Library Park Elevation





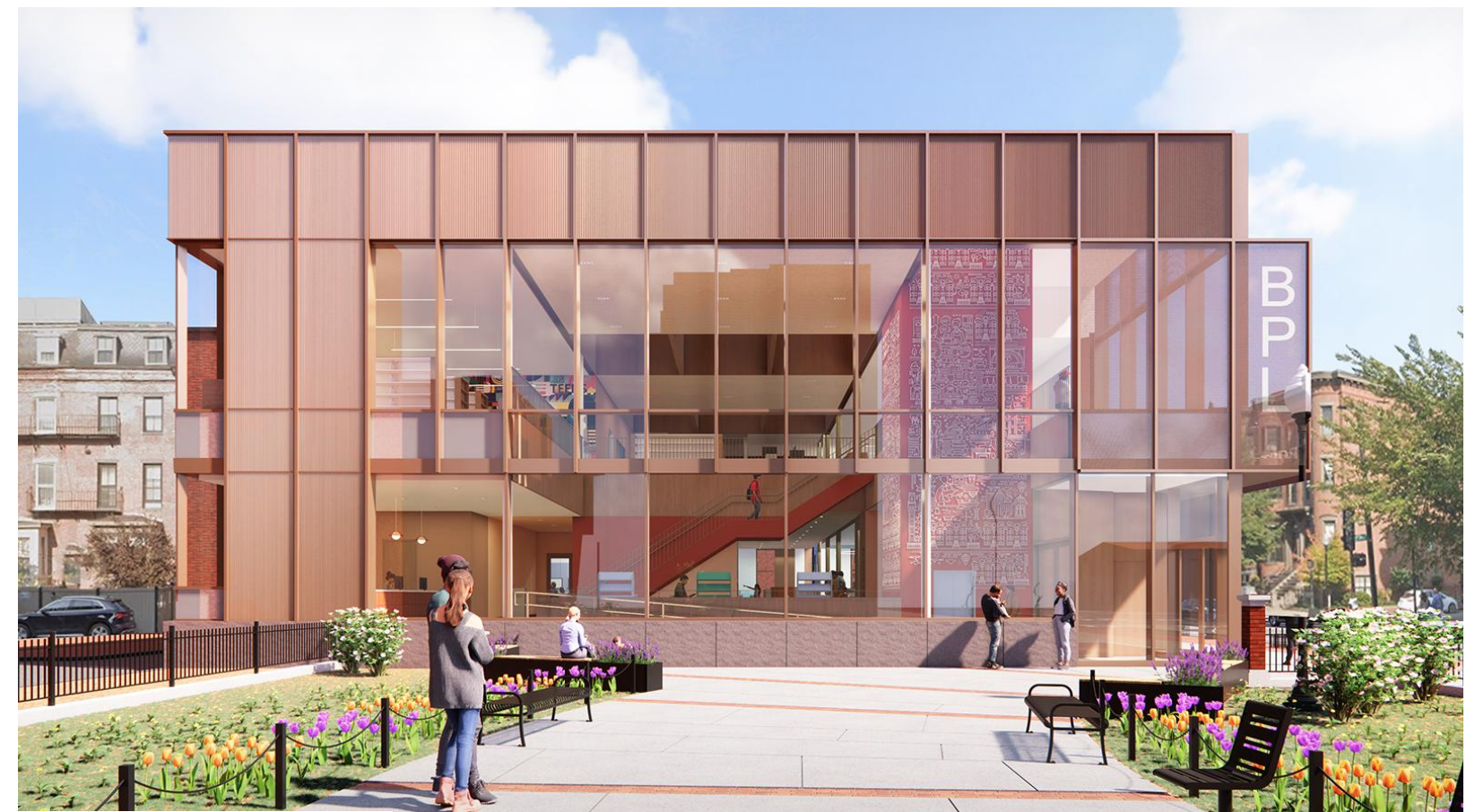
Tremont St Elevation



Alley Elevation



West Newton St Elevation



Library Park Elevation



**Thank you!**