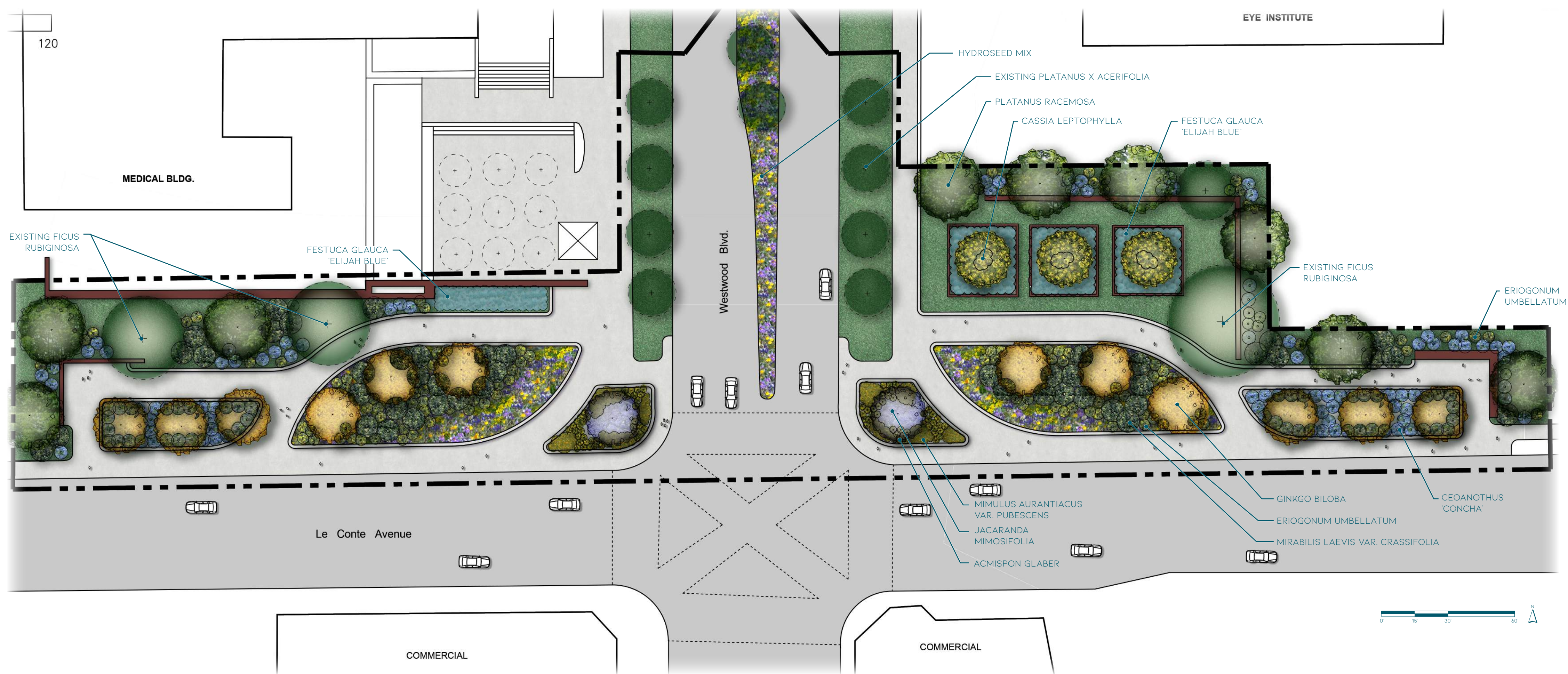


CONCEPTUAL PLANTING PLAN



DESIGN NARRATIVE



An underwhelming and unremarkable entrance to one of the nation's top schools has been reimagined with a mix of classical symmetry and eclectic plantings.

With the outlying site walls and signage left to remain, the pathways were reorganized to curve gently towards the campus entrance. Seat walls have been added along the lengths of the pathways to create ample space for relaxing, gathering, or waiting for transit.

Two symmetrical rows of Ginkgo biloba trees create a powerful rhythm that clearly announces a formal entrance. Their stunning autumn yellow foliage will undoubtedly catch the attention of any new student starting on campus in the fall. Two Jacarandas mark the corners of the entrance.

















The existing raised beds were retained, but replanted with three Gold Medallion tree specimens, underlaid with Elijah Blue Fescue to once again keep with UCLA theming. The grass surrounding the beds was also retained as it provides an ideal place for students to lounge.

Below the trees, blue and yellow shrubs create a lively and visually engaging understory. A hydroseed mix of mostly blue and yellow California wildflowers infills the inner edge of the central planting beds, which adds a softer and human-scale contrast to some of the larger, more woody shrubs. The outermost Ginkgo trees are grounded by mass plantings of California Lilacs, which contrast the yellow canopy and pay homage to UCLA's branding.

Most of the existing Ficus trees were kept, but supplemented with additional California Sycamores to increase screening and provide a neutral backdrop to the colorful plantings in the foreground.

The West UCLA sign is minimal planted with a bed of more Elijah Blue Fescue in order to keep the eye from getting distracted away from the subtle signage.

PLANT PALETTE

<p><b>TREES</b></p>  <p><b>GINKGO BILOBA</b> <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 25 to 50 ft. tall 25 to 35 ft. wide WUCOLS: M China</p>  <p><b>CALIFORNIA SYCAMORE</b> <i>Platanus racemosa</i> 30 to 80 ft. tall 20 to 50 ft. wide WUCOLS: M California</p>  <p><b>GOLD MEDALLION TREE</b> <i>Cassia leptophylla</i> 15 to 25 ft. tall 15 to 20 ft. wide WUCOLS: L Brazil</p>  <p><b>JACARANDA</b> <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> 25 to 40 ft. tall 15 to 30 ft. wide WUCOLS: M South America</p>		<p><b>GRASSES</b></p>  <p><b>ELIJAH BLUE FESCUE</b> <i>Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'</i> 8 in. to 1 ft. tall 8 in. to 1 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California</p>		<p><b>SHRUBS</b></p>  <p><b>CALIFORNIA FOUR O'CLOCK</b> <i>Mirabilis laevis var. crassifolia</i> 2.6 ft. tall 10 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California</p>  <p><b>DEERWEED</b> <i>Acmispon glaber</i> 1.6 to 3 ft. tall 3 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California</p>  <p><b>STICKY MONKEYFLOWER</b> <i>Mimulus aurantiacus var. pubescens</i> 3.3 to 3 ft. tall WUCOLS: L California</p>  <p><b>CALIFORNIA LILAC</b> <i>Ceanothus 'Concha'</i> 3 to 6 ft. tall 3 to 2 ft. wide WUCOLS: M California</p>  <p><b>SULPHER BUCKWHEAT</b> <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> 3.3 to 7 ft. tall 5 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California</p>		<p><b>HYDROSEED MIX</b></p>  <p><b>CALIFORNIA POPPY</b> <i>Eichscholtzia californica</i> 1.6 to 2 ft. tall 1 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California 16%</p>  <p><b>BLUE EYED GRASS</b> <i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> 1 to 3 ft. tall 3 in. wide WUCOLS: L California 16%</p>  <p><b>ROYAL PENSTEMON</b> <i>Penstemon speciosus</i> 2 to 2.5 ft. tall 2 ft. wide WUCOLS: VL California 16%</p>  <p><b>MINIATURE LUPINE</b> <i>Lupinus bicolor</i> 2.6 to 1.3 ft. tall 1 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California 16%</p>  <p><b>JOHNNY JUMP UP</b> <i>Viola pedunculata</i> 1-3 ft. tall WUCOLS: L California 16%</p>  <p><b>CLUSTERED FIELD SEDGE</b> <i>Carex praegracilis</i> 2 to 3 ft. tall 3.5 ft. wide WUCOLS: L California 20%</p>	
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SITE ANALYSIS

