

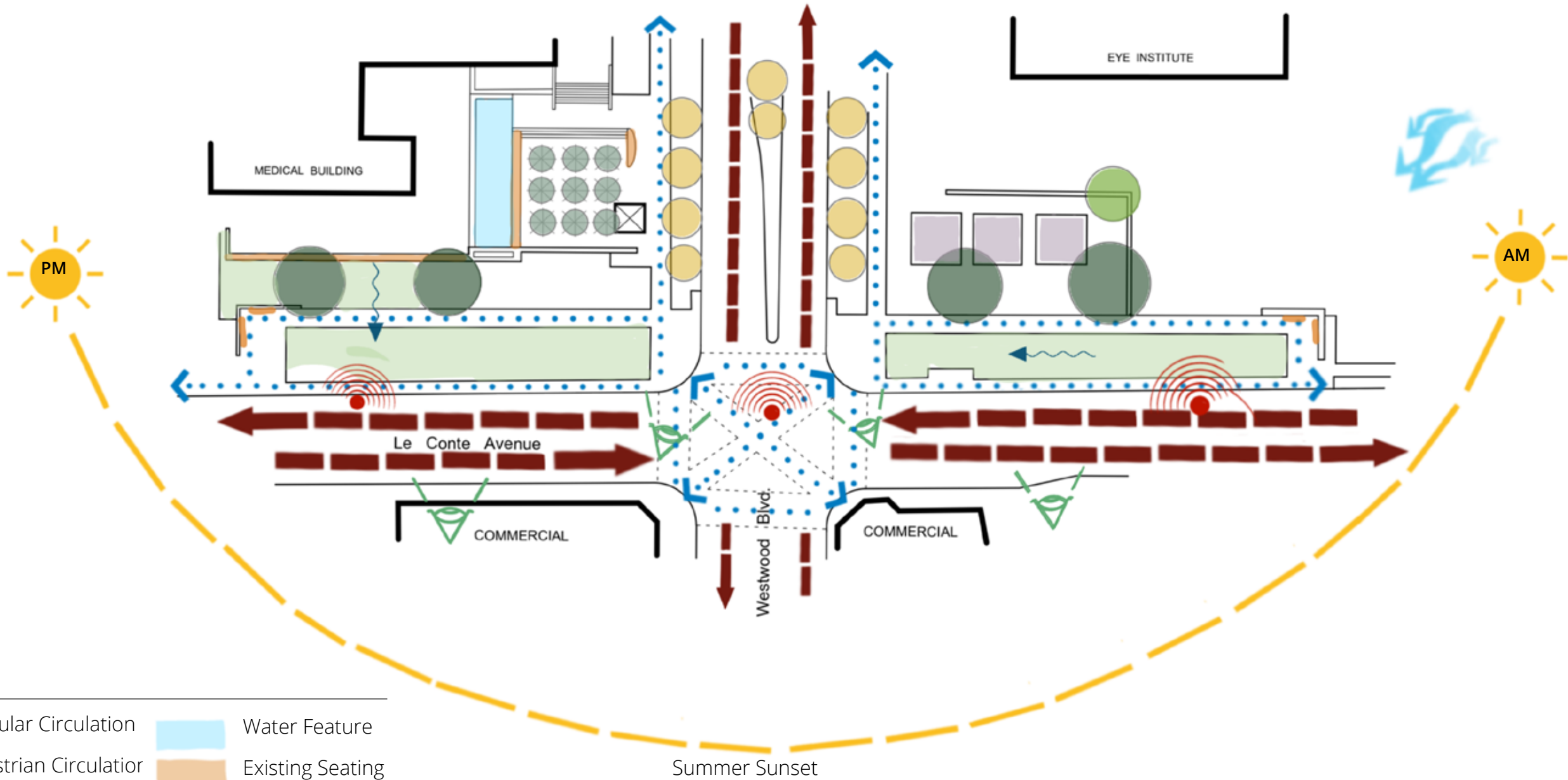
LA CONTE ENTRANCE
SITE DESIGN
UCLA CAMPUS

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SITE ANALYSIS



- Vehicular Circulation
- Pedestrian Circulation
- View Points
- Noise
- Prevailing Winds
- Slope/ Drainage Direction
- Water Feature
- Existing Seating
- Existing Planter
- Washington filifera* hybrid
- Platanus x acerfolia*
- Pinus canariensis*
- Ficus rubiginosa*



DESIGN NARRATIVE

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The current condition of the UCLA La Conte campus entrance feels disconnected and a bit barren. The goal with this design is to create a cohesive planting plan that signals a major entryway to the campus and ties together the various zones of this site. Additionally, this design improves upon pedestrian circulation and expands seating areas around the site.

The large lawn strips lining La Conte Ave (currently planted with turf) have been divided to incorporate a series of curved pathways, guiding pedestrians through the site. These parkway strips are planted with primarily low growing native grasses (and some deergrass accents), and have sculptural pops of *Agave attenuata*, that help portray this area as a main campus entrance.

On the west side of the site, you'll find a native grass turf area that is hugged by an organic border of medium to large shrubs, which create quiet and protected seating alcoves along the decomposed granite footpath. The existing trees will largely remain on site and the decomposed granite footpath on the west side will transition to mulch under the canopy of the Ficus trees, as to not interfere with their root systems.

On the east side of the site, the large raised planters have been filled with native trees and small shrubs. Ample seating has been incorporated into this area, creating a pleasant, shaded gathering area.

The grand site entrance, along Lynnmere Drive, is lined with both *Platanus x acerfolia* and *Searsia lancea*, ensuring year-round canopy coverage and visual interest. The *Searsia lancea* repeats along the La Conte Ave parkway, as well. The selected plant palette is woven throughout the site, tying together these currently disconnected zones and creating a space that is cohesive, welcoming, and easier to navigate.



SITE + PLANTING PLAN




PLANT PALETTE

TREES (EXISTING)




Ficus rubiginosa
Rusty Fig



35-50 ft tall
35-60 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low to moderate
Origin: Australia




Platanus x acerfolia
London Plane



75 - 100 ft tall
60 - 75 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low - Moderate
Origin: Europe



Pinus canariensis
Canary Island Pine




80 ft tall
20 - 35 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low - Moderate
Origin: Canary Islands

TREES (PROPOSED)



Searsia lancea
African Sumac



30 ft tall max
20 - 35 ft wide
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: South Africa



Chilopsis linearis
Desert Willow




30 ft tall
10 - 20 ft wide
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: California

MEDIUM - LARGE SHRUBS




Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'
Wild Lilac



15-30 feet tall
5-10 feet wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California




Eriogonum fasciculatum
California Buckwheat



1 - 6 ft tall
3 ft wide
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: California



Salvia apiana
White Sage



3 - 5 ft tall
3 - 8 ft wide
WUCOLS: Extremely - Very Low
Origin: California



Salvia clevelandii
Cleveland Sage



3-4 feet tall
8 feet wide
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: California

PLANT PALETTE

SMALL SHRUBS + GROUND COVER



Agave attenuata
Fox Tail Agave



Height: 4'-5'
Spread: 4'
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: California



Santolina chamaecypariss
Gray Lavender Cotton



1 - 2 ft tall
3 - 4 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Lupinus succulentus
Arroyo Lupine



2 - 4 ft tall
3 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Artemisia 'Powis Castle'
Wormwood



2 - 4 ft tall
4 - 6 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Achillea millefolium
Common Yarrow



1 - 3 ft tall
0.5 - 1.5 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Sisyrinchium bellum
Blue-eyed Grass



1 - 2 ft tall
3 in wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California

GRASSES



Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'
Elijah Blue Fescue



0.5 - 1 ft tall
1 - 2 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Leymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince'
Canyon Prince Wild Rye



2-3 feet tall
Mounding
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Muhlenbergia rigens
Deergrass



4 - 5 ft tall
4 ft wide
WUCOLS: Low
Origin: California



Bouteloua gracilis 'Hachita'
blue grama

1 - 3 ft tall
1 ft wide
WUCOLS: Very Low
Origin: California and Western U.S.

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