

BETTER BLOCK KC



In 2011, BNIM led the Grand Boulevard Streetscape Plan, which established a long-term vision for a revitalized Grand Boulevard. The streetscape plan envisions a safe, livable and walkable downtown while incorporating complete street concepts, including a strong focus on transit and new bicycle facilities. After the master plan was completed, buy-in at the highest levels of government was not present.

Led by the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA), “Better Block KC” was created on October 5, 2012 to further the conversation and generate the needed support for the transformation. Grand Boulevard, between 16th and 17th Street, was transformed into a living demonstration of a green, complete and livable community asset using temporary trees, lighting, landscaping, crosswalks, bike lanes, street furniture, and more. Artists, performers, local vendors, and pop-up businesses showed the potential for increasing the vitality of the area.

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