Movement is at the heart of any transit system. The "L" is a thread that weaves through Chicago to connect the Loop, iconic landmarks and the lakefront.

Located between Michigan Avenue and State Street, Wabash Avenue is a prominent yet under-developed area within the Historic Loop Retail District. The elevated track runs above the street as a middle ground between earth and sky. Both street and track/platform levels fail to engage or optimize the experiential possibilities of this unique site.

The Washington/Wabash station overcomes these conditions and serves as a new gateway for Millennium Park and other downtown attractions. Undulating canopies woven through the historic Wabash "canyon" as a playful counterpoint to the geometry of the city grid and its buildings, anticipating the soft forms of the park and lake beyond.

The skeletal steel and faceted glass structure creates a dynamic play of light alluding to a diamond/Brilliant Round setting of Jeweler's Row below. From the platform, the canopy provides a modern framing for views out to the historic Wabash facades.
Metropol Parasol is located at La Encarnación Square in the old quarter of Seville. Completed in 2011, the Parosol could be categorized as a sort of “soft infrastructure.” While it does house a gallery for antiques and serves as a platform for markets and events, its primary purpose is as a sculpture that evokes a palpable sense of place and interest. The structure is inhabitable on many levels and, therefore, can be experienced by everyone whether by visiting its observation platforms, the museum, or simply walking through the space and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Square.