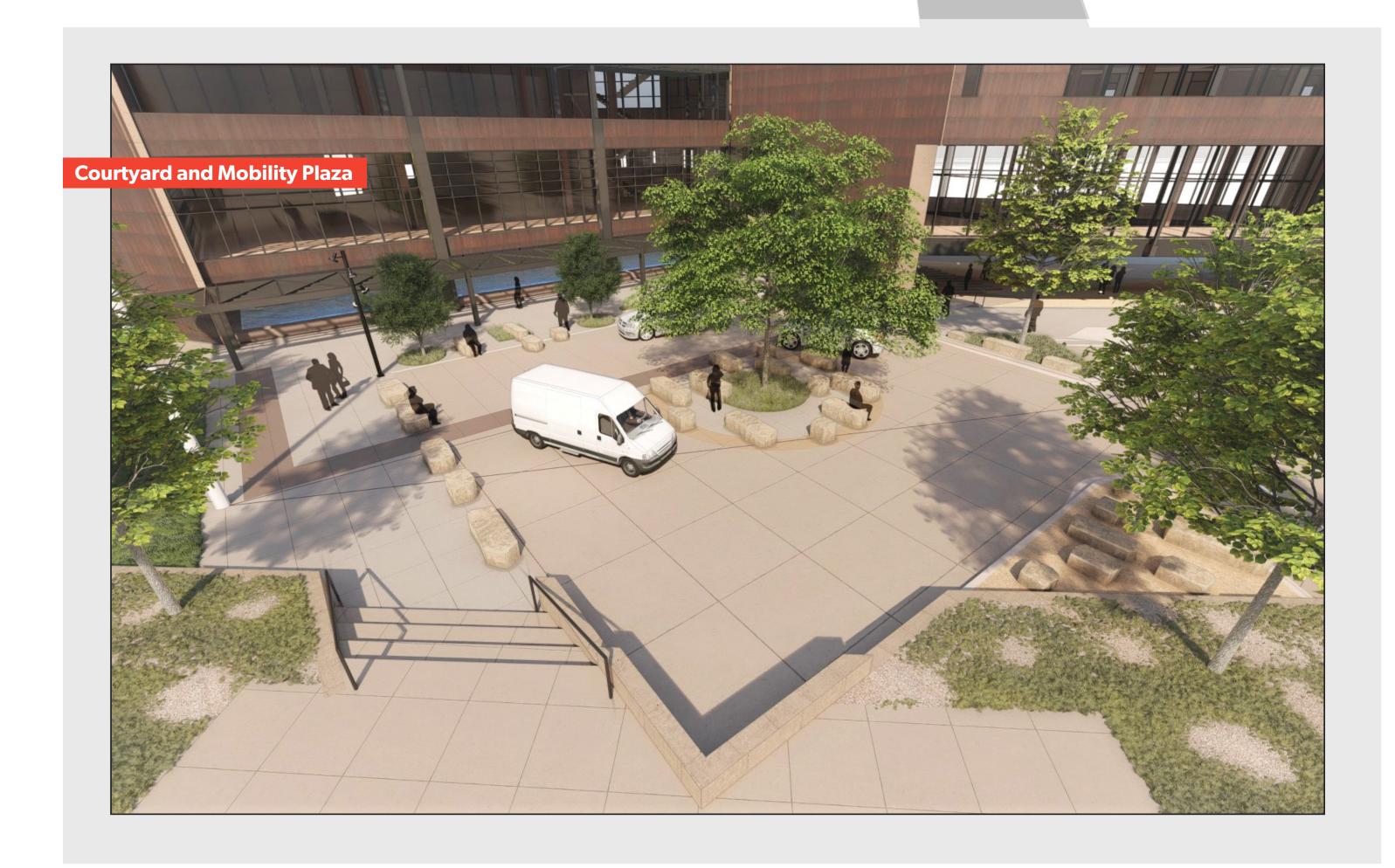


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The outdoor site work plans call for a major redesign, including a mobility plaza to be used for better access to the main entrance as well as eliminate Bates Lane that runs under the Rawlings Library skybridge.

When the Rawlings Library was initially constructed, the plan was not for the building to span over Bates Lane as it does today. This design element came as a necessity to avoid major utilities and infrastructure. This adaptation created a unique architectural element but caused a major accessibility issue. Eliminating this road will allow for more accessibility to the public library by creating a pedestrianfriendly program and event space, as well as an opportunity to add additional handicap parking and increased mobility to and from the main entrance. Creation of a mobility plaza and closer parking will improve accessibility and equity in access to the building.



