

Under the Freeway - Group of 1

The following comments were provided by a young person who did not want to join a group. They pertain predominantly to the area under the I-295 bridge, but also to Garfield Park.

Comments regarding the area under the bridge:

1. Find a way to drain water to prevent it from causing too much mud.
2. Needs trash cans, way too much garbage; also increase frequency of garbage collection, it overflows frequently.
3. Get rid of extra benches, this would prevent homeless people from sleeping under the bridge, which scare kids.
4. Add formal skateboard ramps, ad hoc ramps have already been installed, but why not make nice ones, the area is already used for this activity.
5. Basketball hoops should be retained and repaired.
6. There should be a bicycle path running under the bridge.
7. Add some plants or trees under the bridge to make it look nicer and soak up all of the excess water.
8. Add lighting under the bridge to improve how it looks and increase public security.
9. Find a way to increase motor vehicle circulation under the bridge.
10. Make arrangements for people to clean the area under the bridge—paid or volunteer.
11. Add some tennis courts under the bridge, because the current ones are always full during afternoons and weekends.
12. Pave over the dirt areas under the bridge.

Comments regarding Garfield Park and/or the area under I-295:

13. Add more playground equipment, using moderns styles of equipment.
14. Find a way to move the bocce courts because they often get in the way of other activities.
15. Establish an area designed for use by older school children during recess.
16. Find a way to draw people into the field to better make full use of the park.
17. Consider formalizing one of the larger grass areas into a soccer field; install nets and goals; or arrange for use of mobile goals.
18. Clean up all of the large rocks near the bridge. Many people have tripped on them and they are of no use.
19. Make the sidewalks wider.
20. Make a dog park to prevent problems with dogs being off leash.