

REALIGNING A REGION

The Omaha Belt Line was built in 1885 to connect the industries of the city to main rail lines. Outpaced by the growth in long-distance trucking from the 1960s, the Belt Line was abandoned in the 1980s, leaving a wide swath of underutilized space cutting through the city. The corridor now perfectly aligns many of the region's most important new centers of education, transit, health, and employment with the city's core, where jobs and services are concentrated along east-west corridors.

The revival of the Belt Line as a corridor has the potential to connect people with jobs and begin to break down the separations and isolation that currently affects parts of the city. Unbuilt and vacant parcels along the Belt Line provide land for new development, bringing employment and investment opportunities.

In June 2013, Emerging Terrain convened a team of designers and planners to explore the Belt Line's inherent potential. The design process was opened to the public through a series of open design studios and event exhibition. This walking map emerged as a resource for the community from the team's efforts, so that the public may begin the simple act of engaging with this extraordinary space



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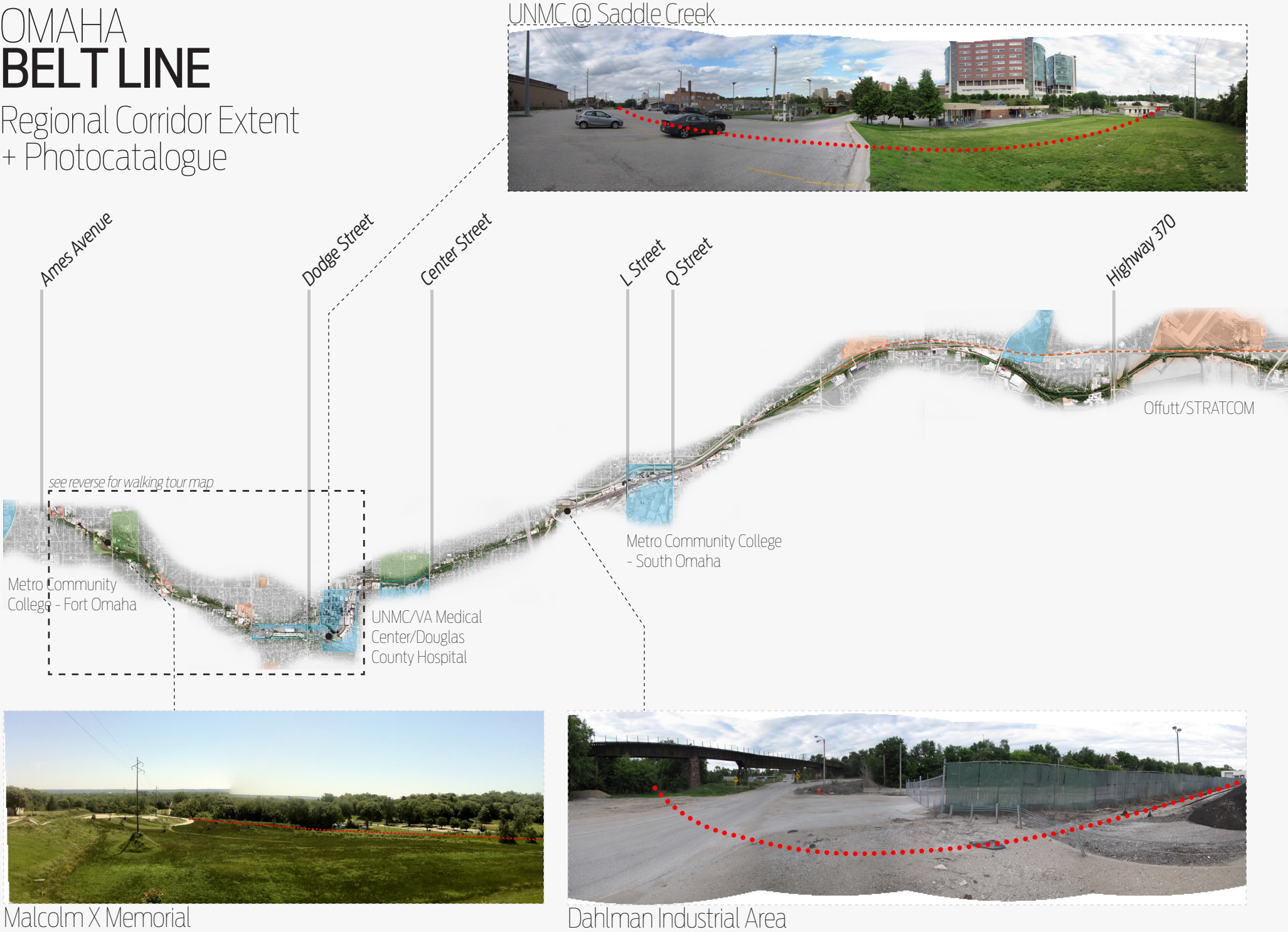
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Walking Map

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Regional Corridor Extent
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NORTH SECTION WALKING TOUR

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