

Monona Terrace's Design History

CONTINUOUS ELEMENTS:

- Circle-based design since 1938
- Rooftop garden with dome elements since 1938
- Small theater, art gallery and exhibition hall functions were maintained since 1955

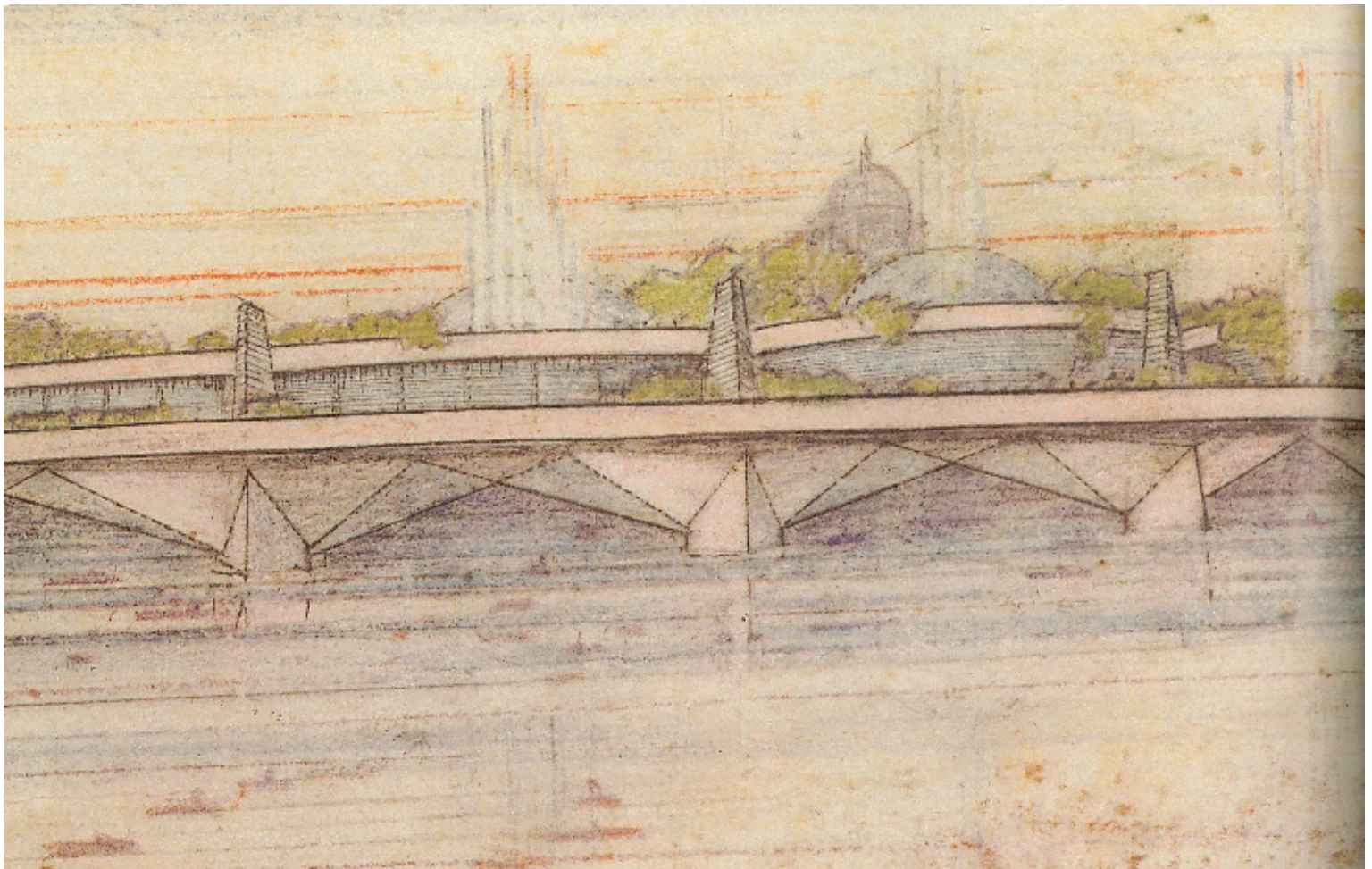
1938

FUNCTIONS:

- City- county government offices and jails
- Auditorium
- Boathouses
- Railroad Depot

SIZE:

1 million square feet, extending 200 feet out into lake, 56 feet high



1955

FUNCTIONS:

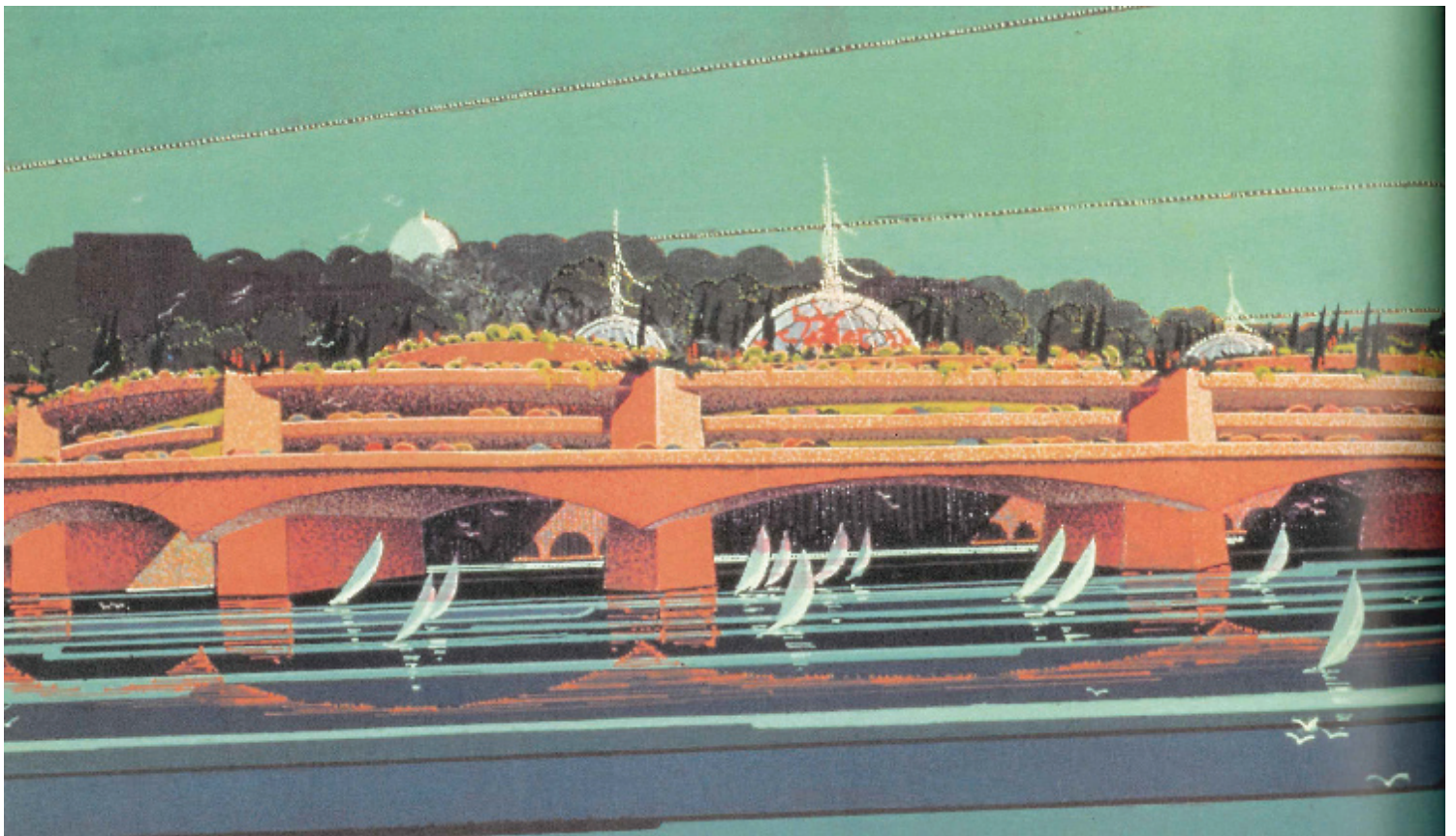
- Auditorium
- Community center
- Office towers
- Boathouses
- Railroad depot

SIZE:

1 million square feet, extending 357 feet out into lake, 69 feet high

*Greater emphasis on cars with cantilevered four lane “scenic drive” and three-tier garage

*Introduction of arches



1956-1959

FUNCTIONS

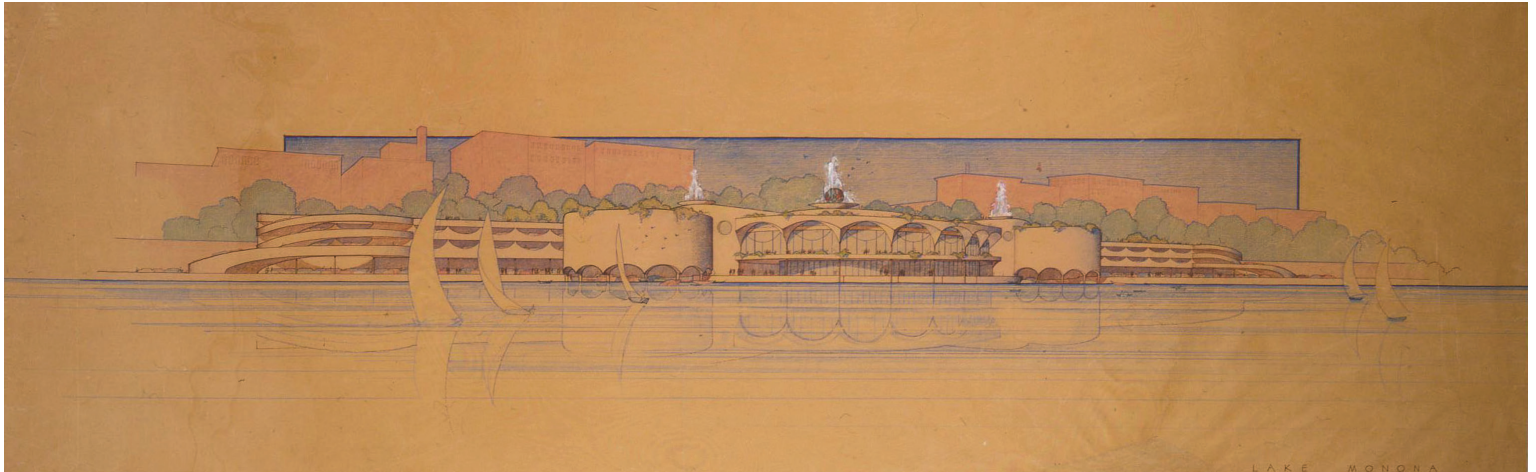
- Auditorium
- Office towers

SIZE:

Downsized due to dockline and state budget

534,000 square feet, 34 feet out into lake

*Scenic drive and lakeside garage relocated to land side of building



1994

FUNCTIONS:

- Convention center
- Community gathering place
- Tourism destination

SIZE:

300,000 square feet including garden, 90 feet out into lake, 60 feet high

