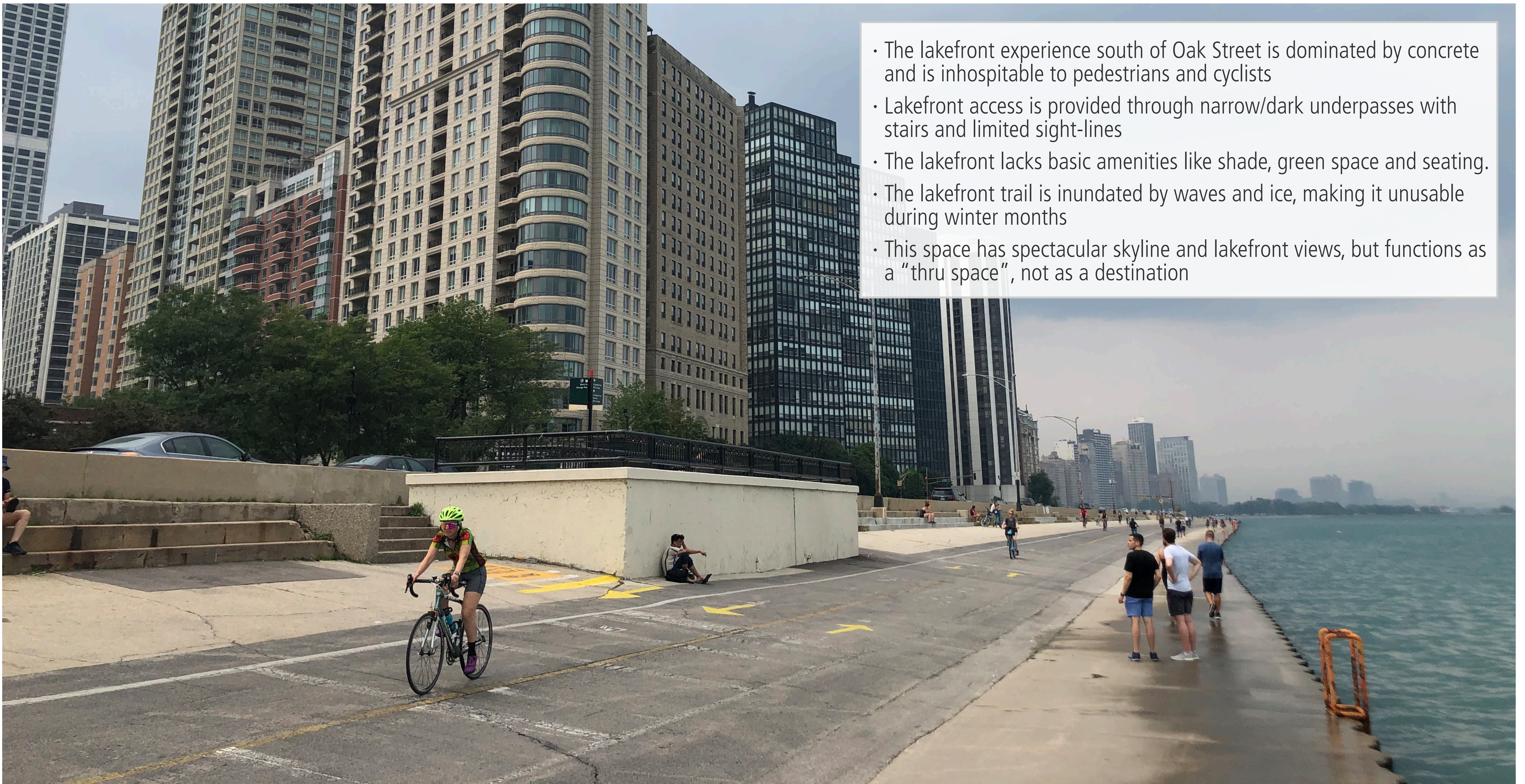


CHICAGO AVENUE LAKEFRONT PLAZA

Existing Conditions



- The lakefront experience south of Oak Street is dominated by concrete and is inhospitable to pedestrians and cyclists
- Lakefront access is provided through narrow/dark underpasses with stairs and limited sight-lines
- The lakefront lacks basic amenities like shade, green space and seating.
- The lakefront trail is inundated by waves and ice, making it unusable during winter months
- This space has spectacular skyline and lakefront views, but functions as a "thru space", not as a destination

Potential Future Condition



- A reimagined lakefront with expanded green space could include a lakefront plaza with seating, shade and other amenities
- A pedestrian-focused design along the lakefront would be usable year round
- Plaza design could include elements that attract a variety of people and provide a direct connection to Lake Michigan

