

Wall Housing/Highway Type *placed*/ Gulfgate Housing, Houston Texas

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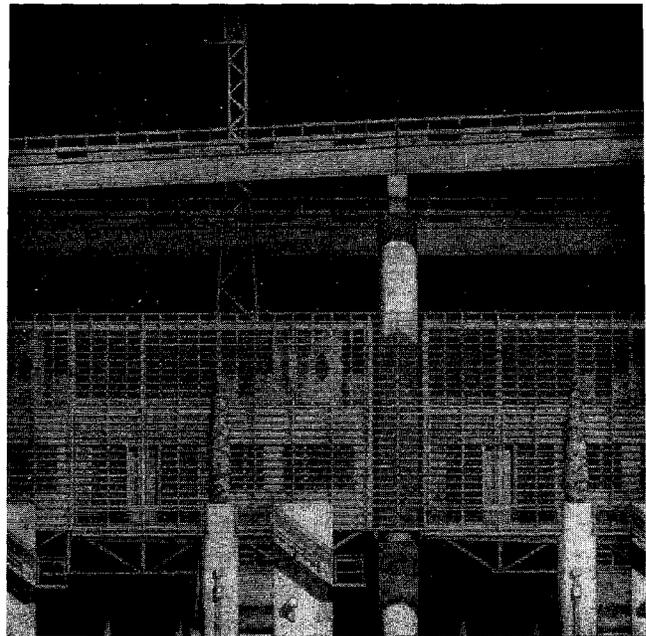
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Highway Housing consists of dwelling units sited in proximity to an overpass. The construction is of light steel frame and steel stud sheathed in galvanized sheet metal with standing seams. The south elevation is covered with a bleached cypress *brise soleil*. Elevated entry porches are made of poured in place concrete and are designed to support cypress trees. But for the addition of these green trees, the dwellings are silver-gray monochrome. The structures are supported by long span trusses with tension ring connections, fitted with heavy spring dampeners, at the existing concrete columns.

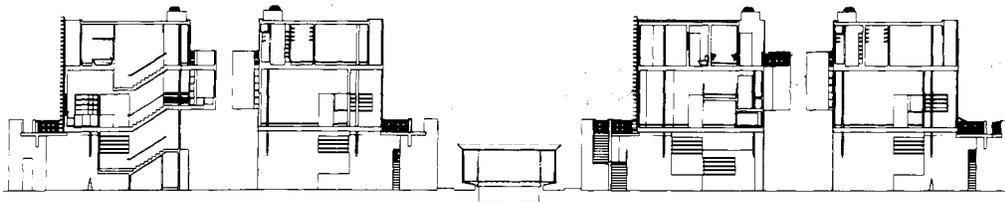
A bridge is proposed which would offer an alternate pedestrian route to the Gulfgate Mall, the first covered shopping center in Houston. The bridge would be made as an habitable box beam and would house a gymnasium. Also proposed in the site development is a day care center, the roof of which connects the shopping mall with the bridge from the housing development.

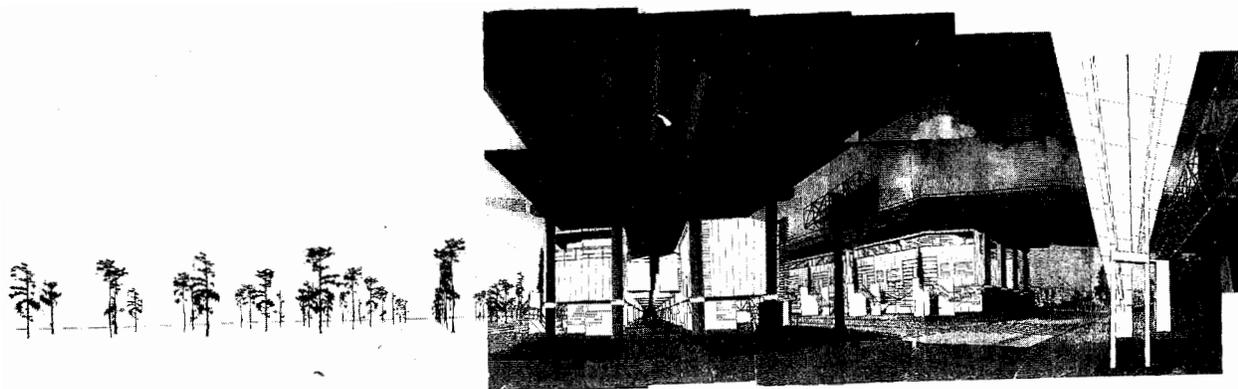
The units are disposed to create front doors which face either a street or a common yard, and rear doors which face semi-public alleyways with parking. The common yard includes a swimming pool and a community house. The site plan includes drop off points for recycling, a community garden and a grove of cypress trees, which in one hundred years time could be used to replace the large south facing *brise soleil*.



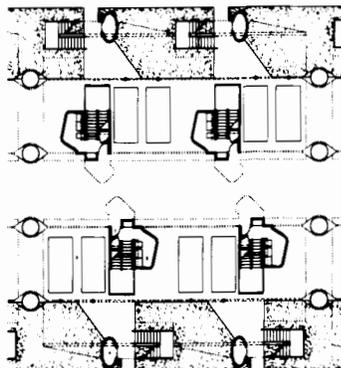
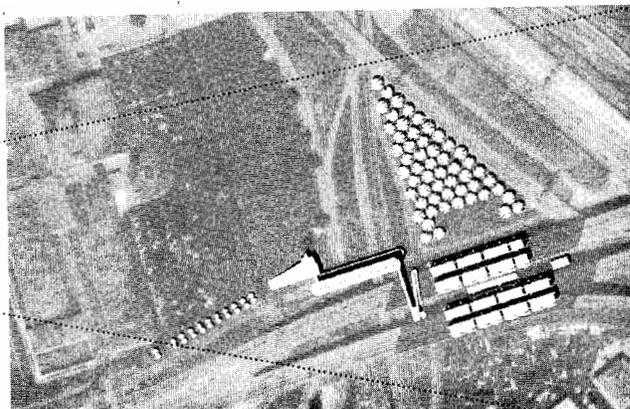
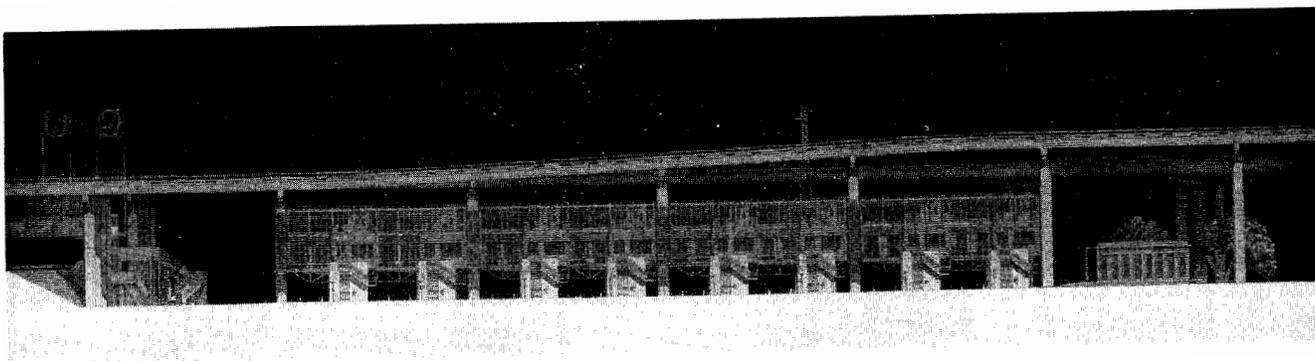
What happened to all that talk a few years ago about repairing the American “infrastructure”—getting people out to rebuild the roads and bridges that are falling apart? A lot of good ideas just seem to fade away.

America, 1985
Andy Warhol

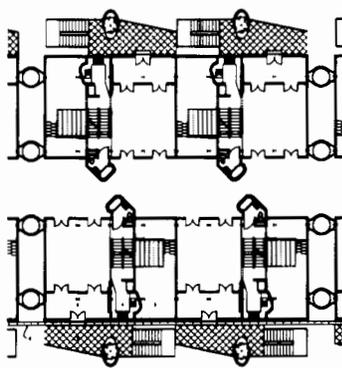




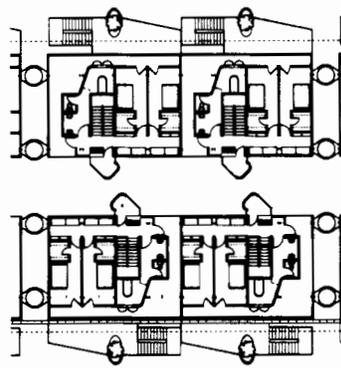
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