

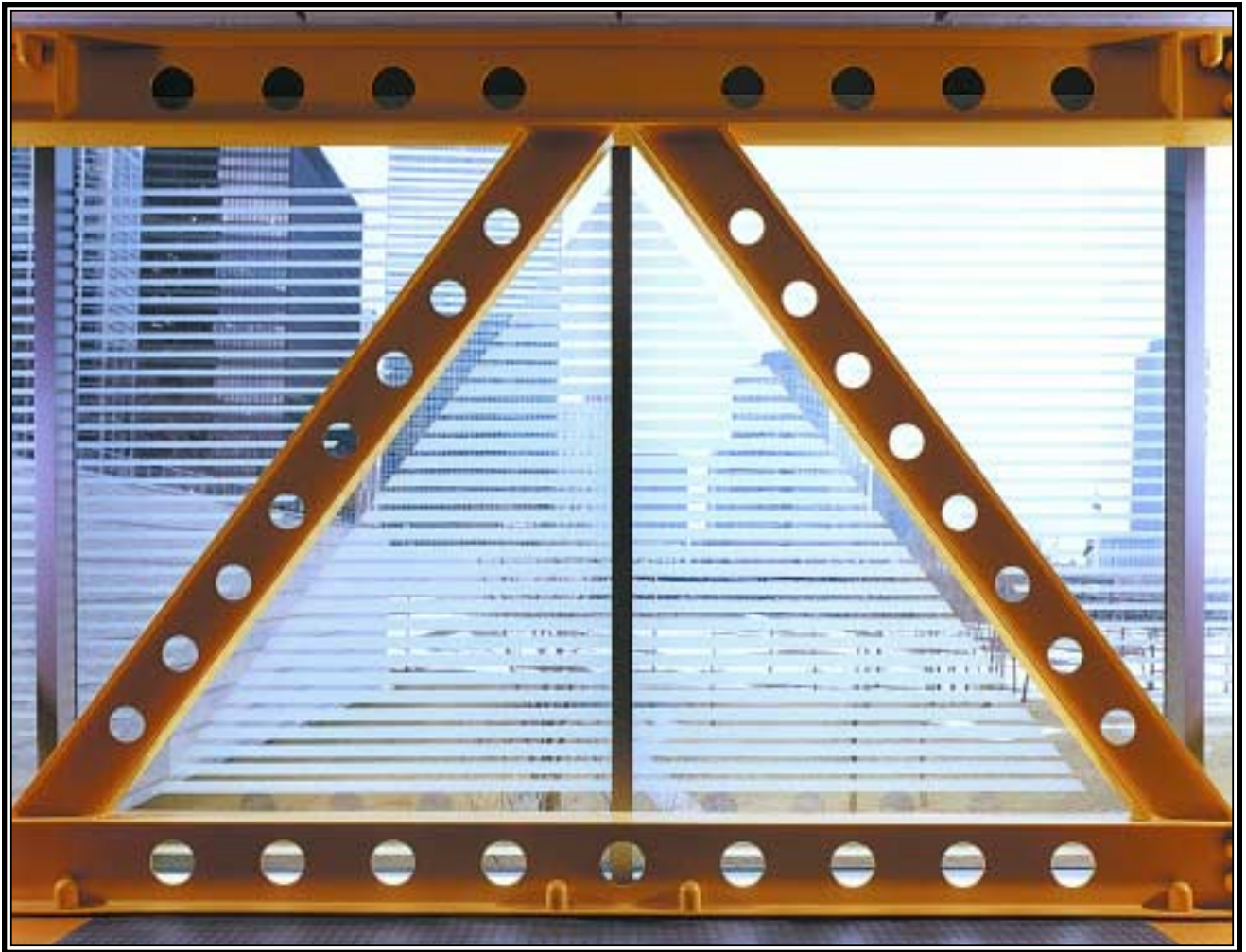


*Innovative Design and
Excellence in Architecture with Steel*

Honorable Mention

Chicago Pedway

(300 East Randolph Street Pedway Connection
to Monroe Street Garage)



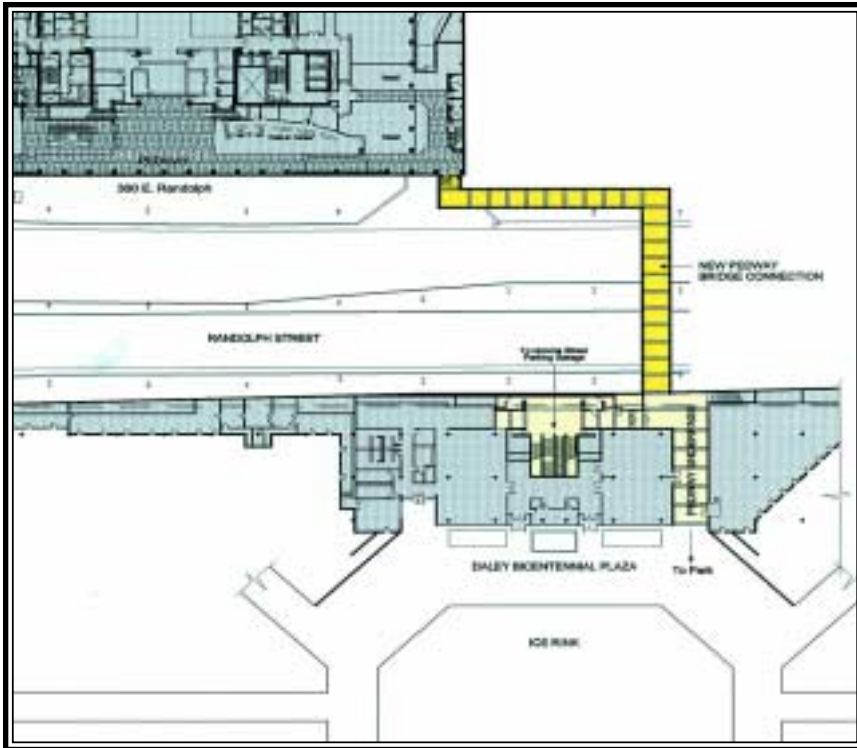
SITUATED ON THE NORTHERN EDGE OF CHICAGO'S GRANT PARK, the 275'-long pedway section was completed to connect 300 East Randolph building with a public parking structure. As an important part of the city's pedway system master plan, linking the 2,000-car underground parking structure in Grant Park was a logical step in the completion of the system.

The steel and glass structure is suspended between the upper and intermediate levels of a three-level roadway system connecting Lake Shore Drive and Michigan Avenue. The design challenge was to construct the bridge without disruption to traffic on a limited budget of \$3.5 million, as

Juror's Comments:

This yellow brick road is a guiding light in an otherwise dark, urban underground. The pedway connection is a relief for both the pedestrian and driver in a very foreboding area. It is simple and unpretentious.

Simple, elegant and direct expression of the structural steel provides an exciting relief to a rather dark and dreary surrounding environment.



well as avoiding past mistakes of creating dark, orientation-less tunnels.

The means of construction were very economical in concept and erectability but additional care was given to details such as prefabricated exposed triangular castellated steel beams and web members and precast concrete coffered floor and roof planks. Four-sided silicone glazed fritted patterned glass panels elevates these components to the point of elegance that they become ornamental. The selection of materials—steel, glass and concrete—and their composition provides a structural truss-like expression that appears to fly across the roadway and its light-filled interior is inviting, memorable, exciting, but economical and practical in terms of construction and utility..

Project Team

Project: Chicago Pedway

Architect: Lohan Associates, Chicago

Owner: City of Chicago

Structural Engineer: Alfred Benesch & Company, Chicago

General Contractor: Walsh Construction Company of Illinois, Chicago