BP Pedestrian Bridge

Millennium Park, Chicago, IL, United States

Frank Gehry's BP Pedestrian Bridge is clad in brushed stainless steel panels and complements the Jay Pritzker Pavilion (also by Frank Gehry) in function as well as design by creating an acoustic barrier from the traffic noise from the adjacent Columbus Drive. BP Bridge connects Millennium Park to the Maggie Daley Park to the east. This 925-foot-long winding bridge is Gehry's first and provides incomparable views of Millennium Park, the Chicago skyline, and Grant Park. A multiple lane thoroughfare, Columbus Drive is a significant physical barrier between the Eastern and Western areas of Grant Park. The bridge creates an accessible path for people with disabilities linking these two sections.

Environment: Urban
Architect: Frank Gehry
Cladding Material: 316 stainless steel plate, 0.79 mm thickness; angle hair finish
Pedestrian Space: Enclosed on sides by Type 4 stainless steel parapet; brushed finish
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