SWA is providing conceptual and schematic design services for the post-World Cup or “legacy” build out, although some major feature areas such as the West and East arrival plazas will be completed to their final form and finish before the first match.

The West plaza is the ceremonial front door of the stadium. The west stadium wing houses luxury boxes, VIP club rooms, locker and training rooms, car and bus parking, service areas, among other facilities. The larger of two onsite parking lots, which will accommodate 1300 cars in legacy mode and the World Cup hospitality “village” in 2014, is also on this side of the stadium. Flanking the 30-meter-wide center staircase, a monumental performance fountain, provides splash and spectacle at programmed moments during stadium events. In non-performance mode, the mirror quality of the 15-meter-wide wet deck will reflect the glass stadium façade and interior galleries and gathering areas.

The North and South plazas incorporate sunken concessions, but will have temporary grandstands built over them to increase the seating capacity to 65,000 for World Cup matches. The majority of the viewing public will arrive via mass transit and be directed to the East plaza entrances.