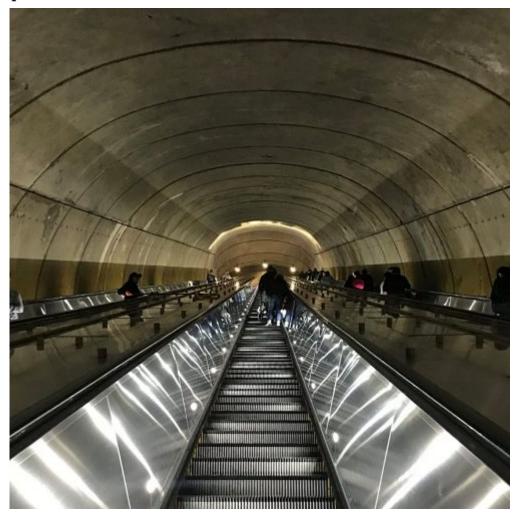


Architecture as/and Infrastructure

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Over the past two decades, infrastructure has emerged as a central concept in a larger conversation about architecture, landscape, and urbanism. Providing citizens with reliable infrastructure systems is of pressing concern for the management of contemporary cities, where growing populations raise challenges for the provision of clean air, affordable housing and resources. As Stephanie Carlisle and Nicholas Pevzner (2013) write, "The most difficult questions of urban performance are often inseparable from the functioning and design of urban infrastructure." Infrastructure has surfaced as a primary field of investment for creating sustainable and livable urban landscapes; it is both a public endeavor



and an integrated part of architectural design projects, as Shannon and Smets (2016) emphasize in their study on how the architecture of infrastructure influences the organization of the inhabited landscape.