



**Engaging the City Workshop - CHI 2005**  
**Focus Area: Burnside Bridgehead**

There are major plans for **major redevelopment** in the area including restaurants, retail, housing and museums

The **Burnside Skate Park**, world famous in the skater community is located under the Burnside Bridge. This "Machu Picchu of skate parks" is a hidden gem of existing local culture

Its community of skaters fear it may become a major **spectator attraction** as more and more people visit the area. What makes the park special could be lost if it becomes a **cultural commodity** of "cool" for the new Burnside

How might this potential negative impact upon the park be reduced?



**Burnside Music Bowl**

This proposal for an **alternative live performance space** serves as a "decoy" attraction

Highly **visible** from the major entry points into the area

A small **amphitheatre** sunk into the concrete of the street, with space for local bands to perform, and a small informal audience

Supporting a vibrant local culture of artists and performers

Its curved bowl can also be **skated in the down time** between performances

Coin operated access to **embedded power supplies and amplification jacks**

A **radio antenna** provides **wi-fi** connectivity, distributing locally created art, music, and skate videos on Burnside community websites and blogs

The live music is **broadcast** across the area via a local FM station from the site

