A BETTER WAY chapter 1
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The increasing population and growing travel demands in Beijing are placing more pressure on the multi-modal transportation centers like Xiaomen. This is to solve the problems existing on the front square of Beijing North Train Station and help to improve the poor pedestrian environment in terms of sense of place, pedestrian circulation, wayfinding, safety, and security. In order to create a welcoming atmosphere, build a clear navigation and recall the heritage of Xiaomen Gate, literature from diverse fields are carefully studied. In terms of city redeveloping, travel pattern and behavior and pedestrian characteristics. To better understand the current site situation and the ways that the place is currently being utilized, corresponding data for all kinds of travel modes, user groups and respective travel pattern and needs are comparatively studied. It is found that Xiaomen Square to the city of Beijing is not just one of the most heavily used and crowded multi-modal transit center, but also an important landmark to both newcomers and residents as a part of network maps to help them orient themselves in this gigantic city.