

ERIE STREET GARAGE FACADE

Cambridge, Massachusetts 2000

Kimo Griggs Architects was asked to design a cost-effective facade for a new garage in Cambridgeport, which was then fabricated and installed by Kimo, Inc. Responding to user complaints that the new garage felt insecure, a regular system of vertical steel elements was hung from the new structure to provide a sense of enclosure and protection within, while forming a screen on the exterior to define the street. The steel elements function as louvers, providing an opaque effect when seen at an angle, and a transparent effect when viewed straight on. The steel was detailed to allow it to rust without degrading the overall system, providing an earthy visual effect while eliminating the need for maintenance.

client Lyme Properties

function gate and fence

primary materials steel

stainless steel hardware



View gate (on left) and fence



Detail view of fence