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Please Let Tulsa Get This Tornado-Shaped Museum

The proposed structure would appear to revolve like a roaring, god's-honest twister.
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You'd think denizens of [Tornado Alley](#) wouldn't need another reminder their homes could be blown away any given moment. Yet here it is: a proposed museum that looks like a god-almighty twister frozen in place.

The electrifying edifice is the work of Oklahoma's [Kinslow, Keith & Todd](#), who designed it for a magazine story about reimagining downtown Tulsa. The architects would build it over an old parking garage and jam its floors with a weather museum, severe-storms laboratory, and leafy, outdoor terraces. There would be a revolving restaurant on top, fittingly, and animated lighting would give the impression the facade is slowly spinning.

It's an idea that seems custom-made for Oklahoma, where in recent history tornadoes have hit an average of [62 times](#) a year (including the widest twister on record, the [2.6-mile beast](#) that steamrolled El Reno in 2013). The firm's Jim Boulware told [Tulsa People](#), "This would be Tulsa's Space Needle. No one else would have one." A critic might add "or want one," given the visceral terror the visage might elicit in disaster survivors. Yet it's important to note the current design is much softer than an earlier concept, which shows cows, cars, and a house sucked into the sky like the freakin' *Wizard of Oz*:

Looking at this thing, I can't think to add anything to Facebook dude Johnie Moss' perfect comment: "Oh hell yes!!!"

The building will likely never see the light of day, but it's a bold vision—perhaps one that could only be improved with prerecorded, booming thunder or a [Tesla coil](#) that would harmlessly zap pedestrians. Some more views:

