# Proposed City View and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave Street Vacation Request

Seattle Design Commission December 1, 2016

West Coast Self Storage and Nucor Steel joint petition

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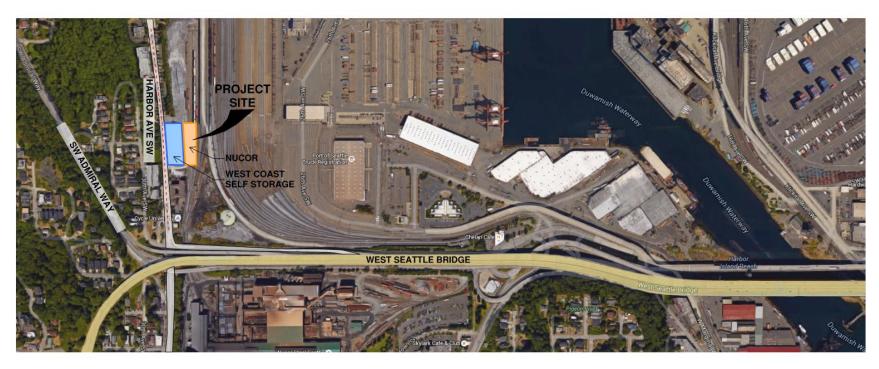
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### Presentation Outline

- Requesting approval of Urban Design Merit milestone on right-of-way vacation petition
- Location and Background
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Vacation
- Urban Design Merit
- Proposed Development
- Public Benefit Preview
- Questions and Comments

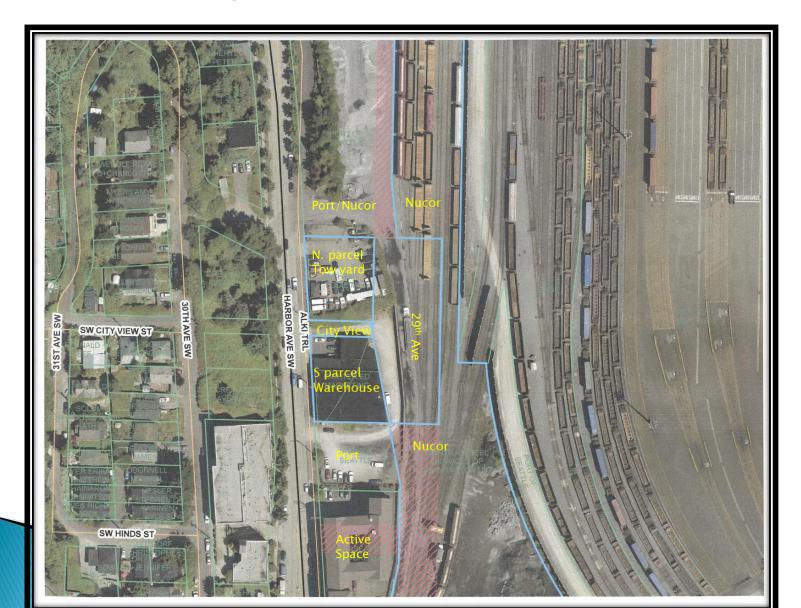
### Location

# 3300 and 3252 Harbor Ave SW West Seattle





# Location / Orientation



## **Existing ROW**

City View and 29th Ave

**Unimproved Remnants** No public circulation

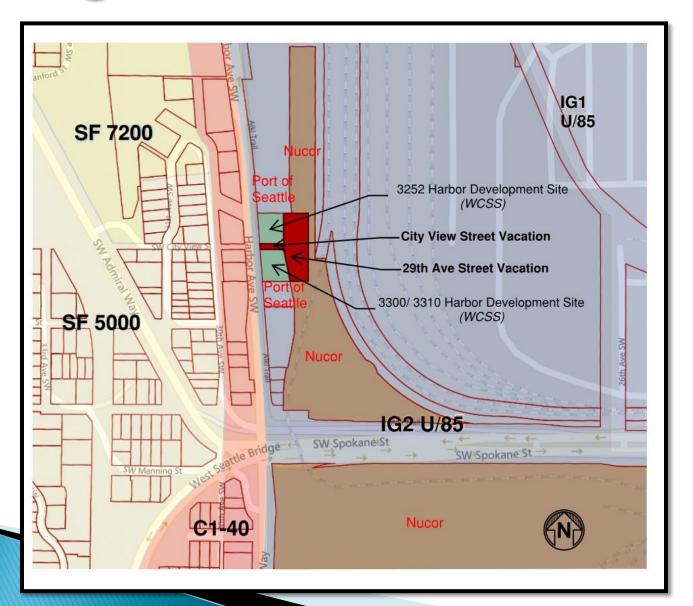




Development Site

# **Zoning and Parcels**

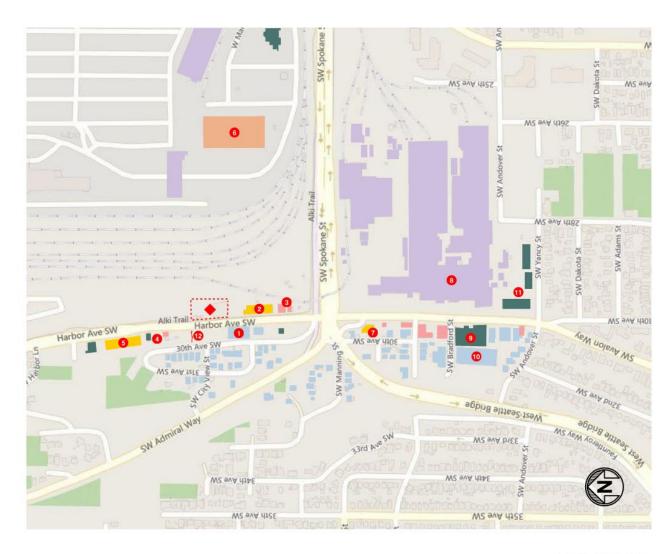
### IG2 Zoning General Industrial



### 9 Block

#### **Project Location**

- Project Site
- 1 Harbor Place Condos
- Active Space Project
- + small retail buildings (Cycle University, Kitty Harbour, 5D Scuba, and Recycle Center).
- Verge Condos + X Gym. The parcel directly North and South of the site are currently undeveloped (owned by Port of Seattle).
- 6 Port of Seattle Truck Registration
- Boysen Apts and Luna Park Cafe
- Nucor Steel (Petitioner)
- Public Storage
- City Views Apts
- Stor-More
- 2 Stairway from adjacent residential area toward to site.



# Alki Trail to Jack Block Park



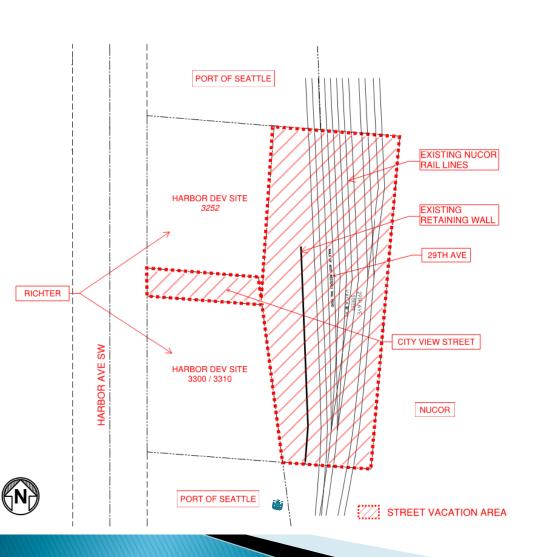


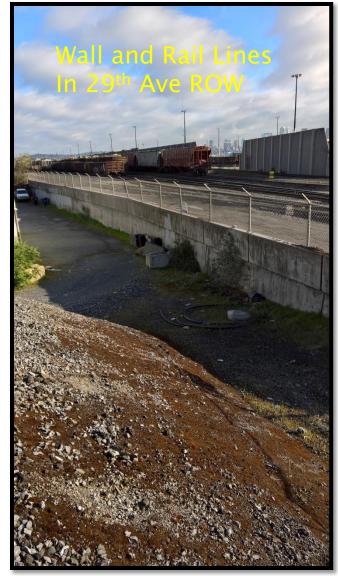


# Background

- 29th Ave to the north and south vacated previously
- Subject property is last remnant of 29<sup>th</sup> Ave in the area
- This section previously considered for vacation by PORT of Seattle but was not completed

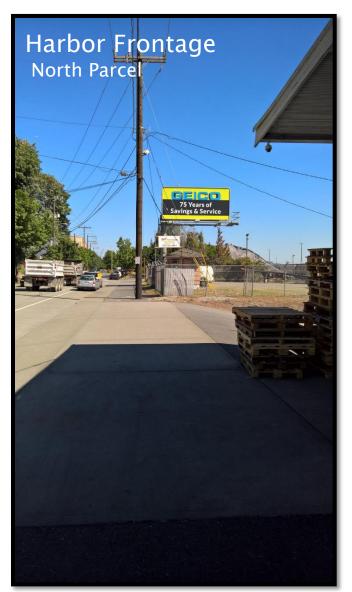
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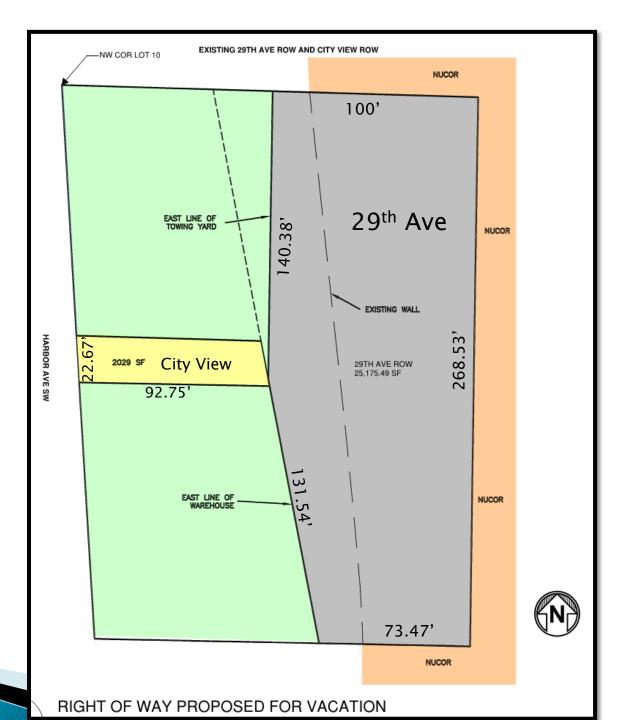




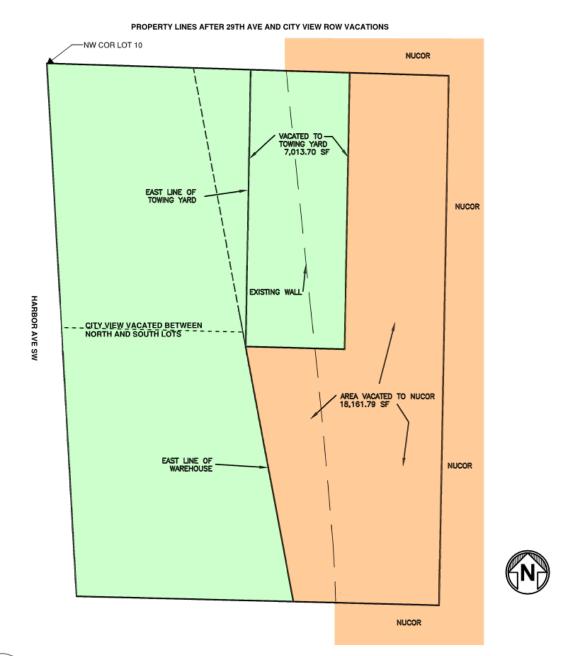
# Proposed Vacation

 $29^{th}$  Ave = 25,175 sf City View St = 2,029 sf

Combined =27,204 sf



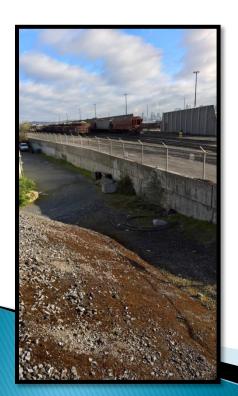
## Post Vacation Configuration

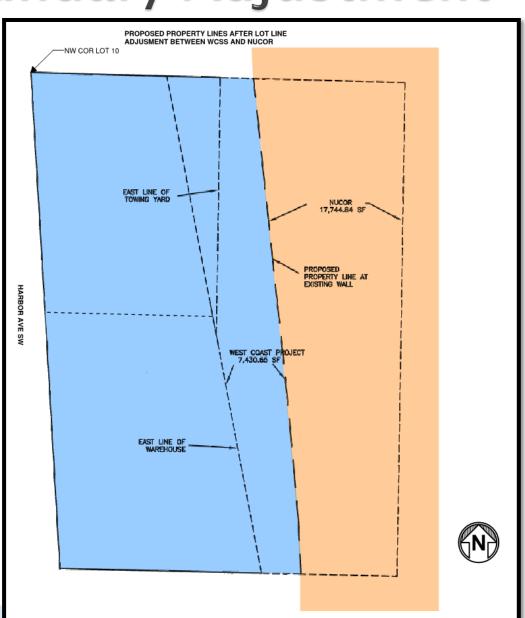


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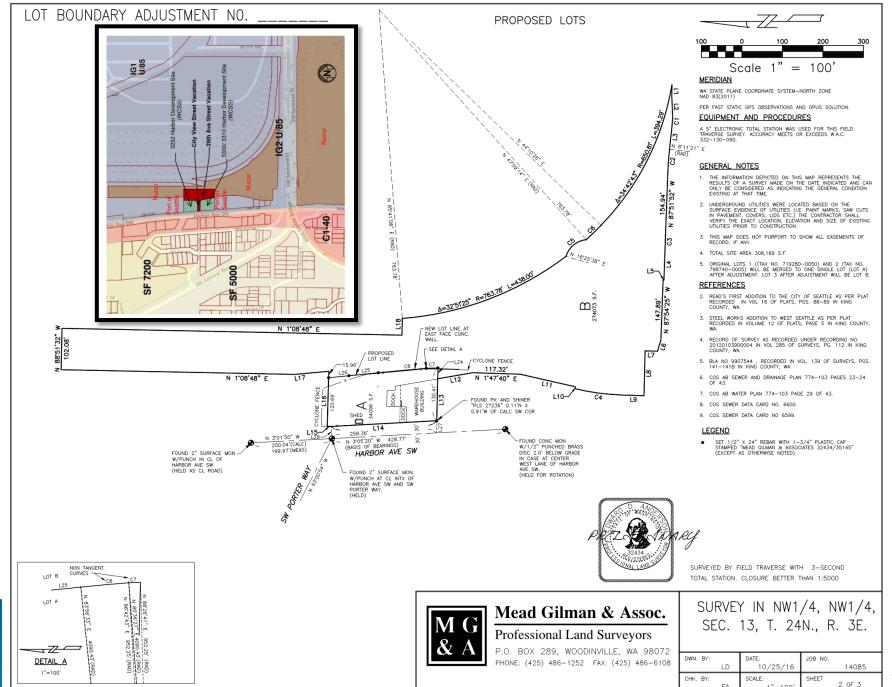
Nucor and West Coast agree to execute the LBA.

New boundary follows the functional boundary. Retaining wall and fence.



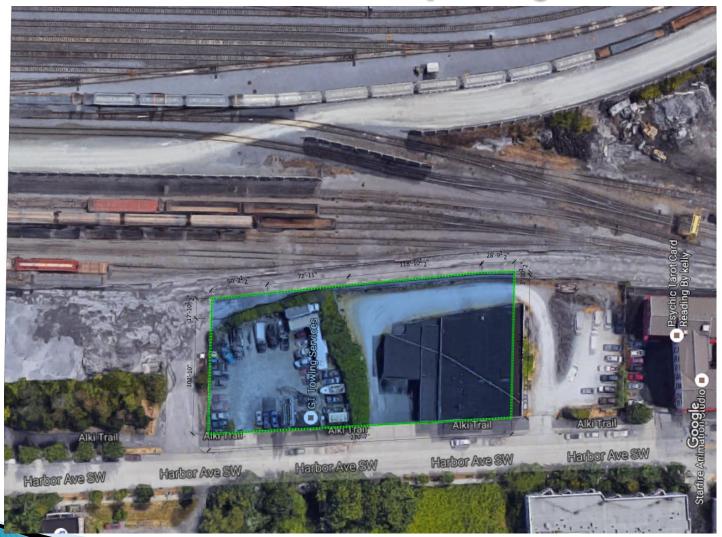


RIGHT OF WAY PROPOSED FOR VACATION



1"=100'

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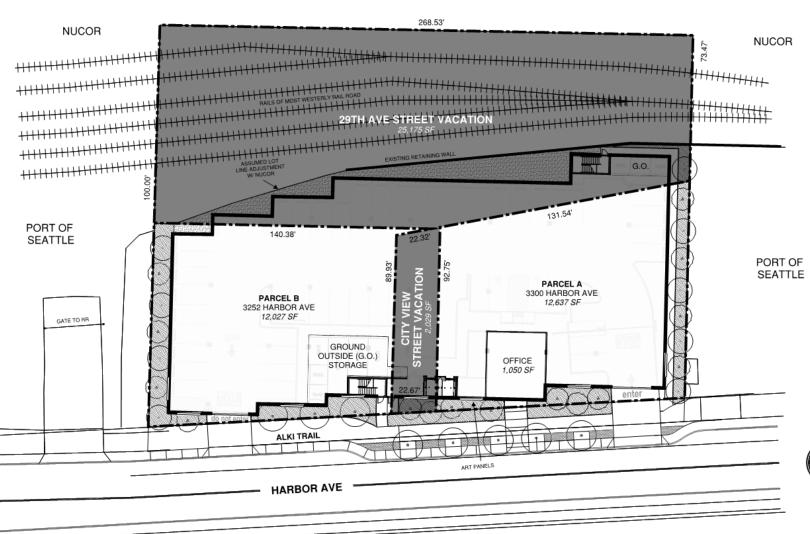


# Proposed Development

- Self Storage
- Four stories
- Interior parking
- Secure, climate controlled

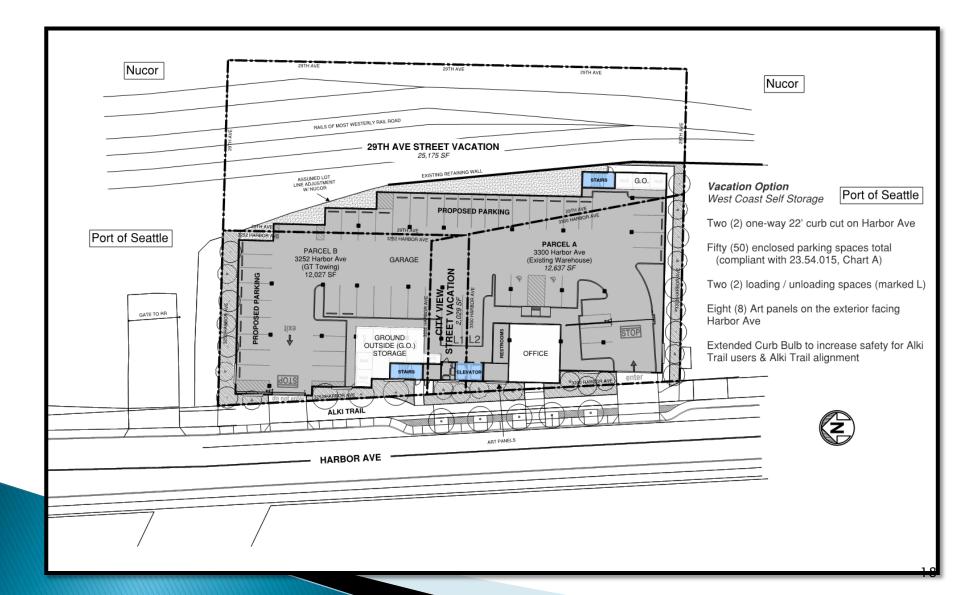


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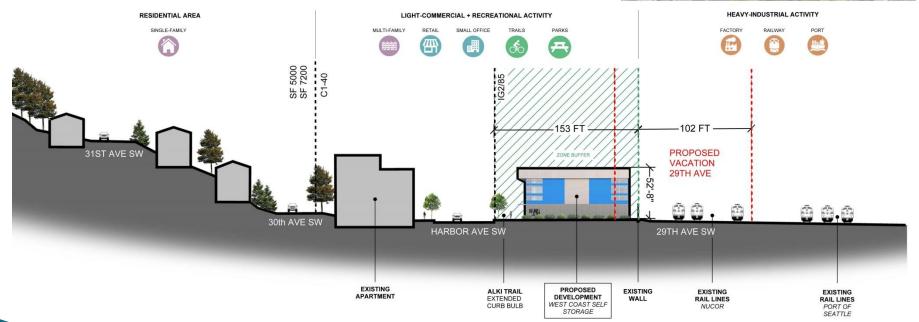


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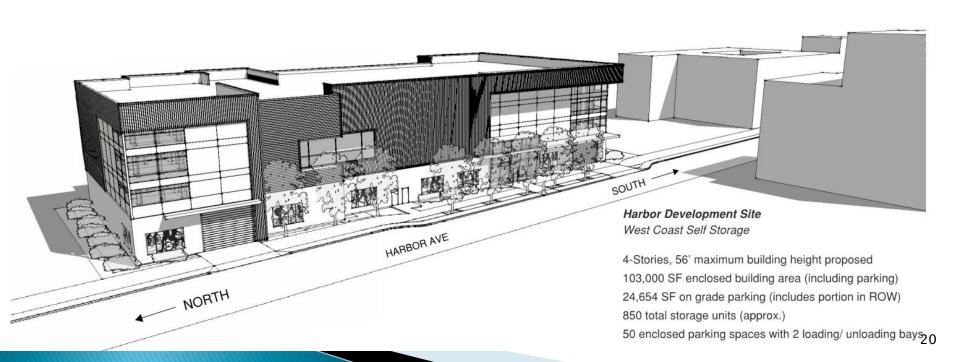
## **Area Section**





# Urban Design Merit

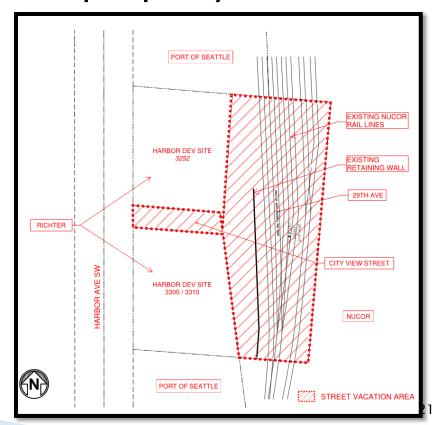
- Corrects anomalies in existing ROW
- Adjusts property lines to existing functional/logical boundaries
- Reduces curb cuts from 4 to 2
- Addresses power poles in Alki Trail
- Opportunity to improve this link of trail. Safer for bikes, pedestrians, etc.



### Urban Design Merit

### Removes anomalies in existing ROW

- Retaining wall and fence line becomes future boundary line
- RR Tracks becomes Nucor property



# Urban Design Merit Property follows existing functional/logical boundaries

East of retaining wall: fenced rail yard operated by Nucor. No public access.

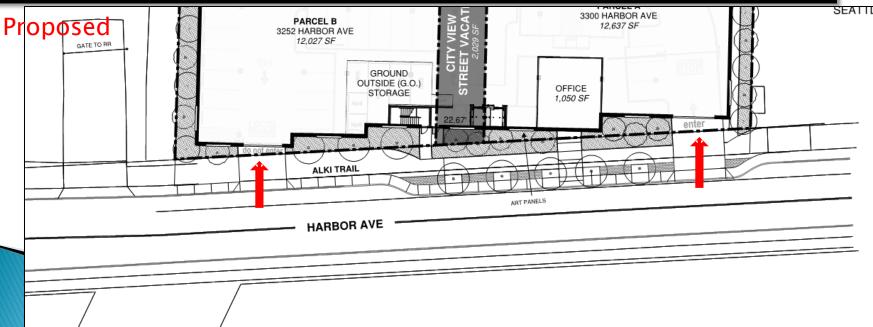
West of retaining wall: commercial land accessed

from Harbor Ave



# Urban Design Merit Reduces curb cuts from 4 to 2

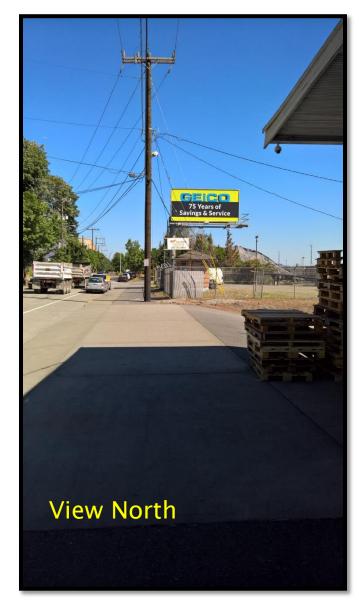




## Urban Design Merit Addresses power poles in Alki Trail

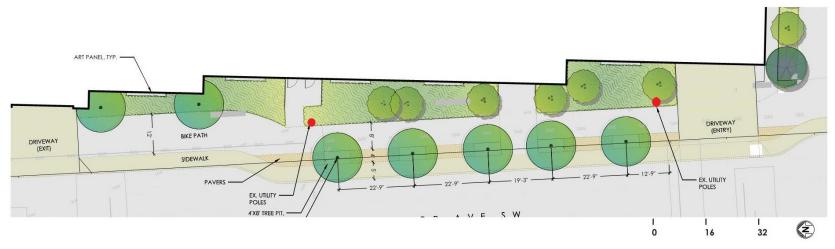


Existing



### Urban Design

### Aligns trail away from poles Provides landscape both sides









Permeable pavers with street trees

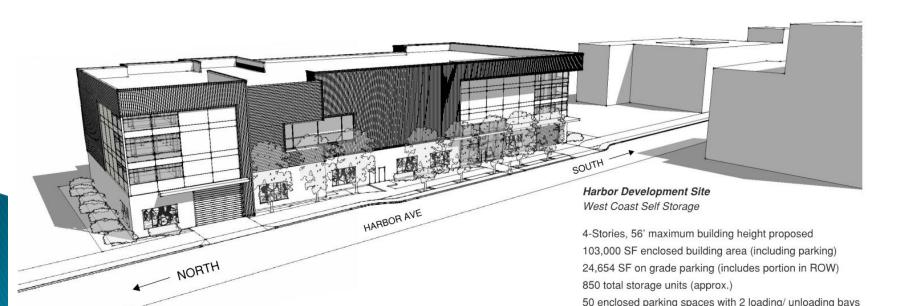
Generous landscape back of sidewalk

# Urban Design Merit Trail Improvements

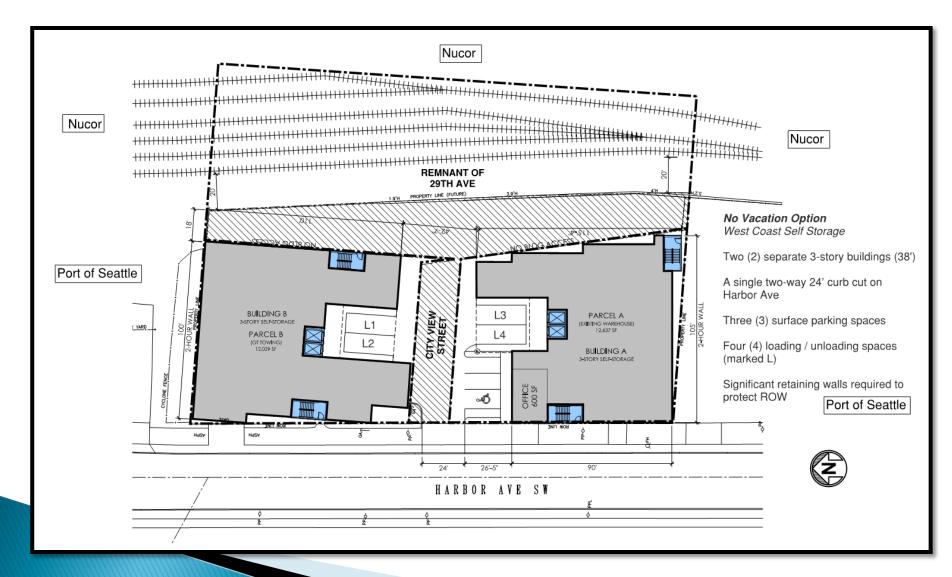
- Wider trail (existing 6', proposed 8'-12')
- Re-aligned to avoid power poles in trail
- Safer trail
- both sides of trail landscaped
- Street trees included

# Other Project Benefits

- Reduces/buffers noise and dust from active rail yard
- Screens/buffers heavy industrial to the east
- Compatible use
- Compatible scale
- Landscaping provided none required
- Neighborhood serving
- Low traffic
- Removes existing billboard sign



### No Vacation Alternative



### No Vacation

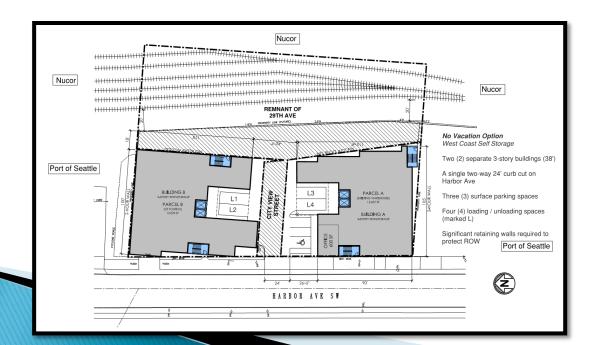
**Massing Study** 





### No Vacation

- Requires city exceptions. May not be feasible
- Does not fix Nucor's non-conforming rails
- Restricts future use/potential of properties
- Limits trail improvements
- Limits ability to screen dust and noise



### Preview

### Public Benefits - Alki Trail Focus

- Construct curb bulb along Harbor Ave
- Reconstruct Alki Trail along site frontage
  - Re-align slightly west to avoid power poles
  - Widen trail to 8'-12'
  - Re-locate hydrant out of trail
  - Provide 5 street trees (not required)
  - Landscape both sides of trail
  - Reduce curb cuts from 4 to 2
  - Distinctive pavement marking crossings of trail
  - Signage to warn/delineate crossings
- Art
  - Incorporate pedestrian level art into building

# Alki Trail to Jack Block Park

#### Park Amenities

- Tables / Benches
- Restrooms
- Scenic views
- Bike racks
- Trails
- Play areas







# **Existing Conditions**

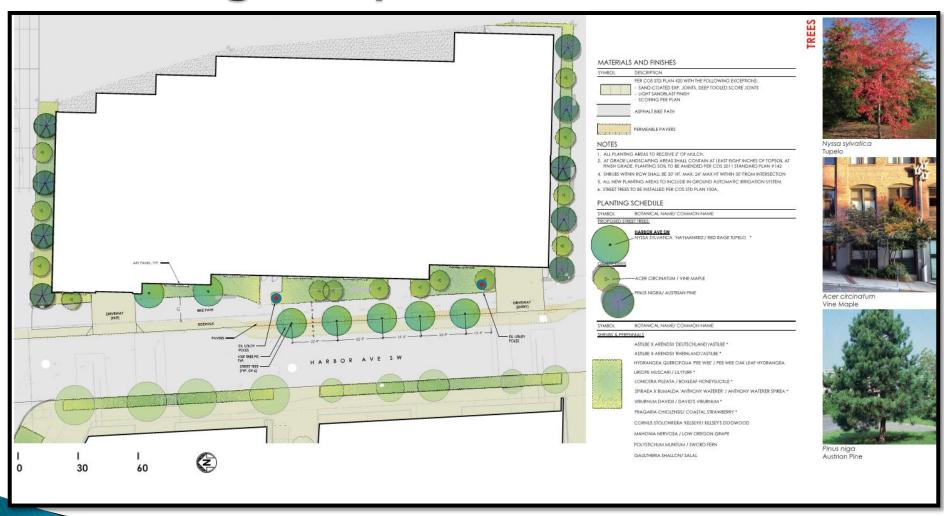




## **Public Benefit**

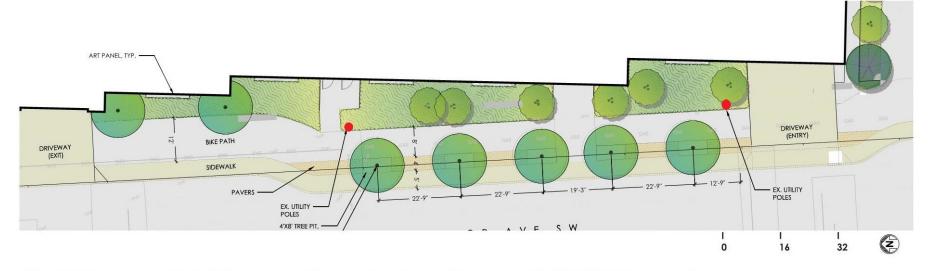


# Frontage Improvements



# Alki Trail Realignment

#### Vacation Policies / Public Benefit









Curb bulbs, crossings, sidewalks in concrete (ActiveSpace)

Permeable pavers with street trees

Generous landscape back of sidewalk

### Art

As previously described, the second component is the artwork in the form of artistic steel grills incorporated into the building and depicting scenes relevant to the Alki Trail. The proposed art panels take a culturally neutral approach in promotion of health and exercise for all residents and visitors to appreciate and enjoy. See artist's statement:

"Motion" is inspired by the many different forms of people moving along the Alki Trail: kids and adults, biking and running, for fitness and fun, all joined by the pleasure in moving their human bodies. The elements of human figures and bicycles are joined by oversized silhouettes of bicycle spokes, which weave through the elements.



Street view with Art Panel Installation



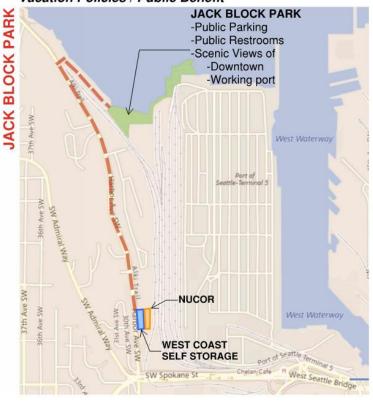




6'x12' laser cut steel panels Commissioned artist Jennifer Wedderman

## Proximity to Jack Block Park

#### Vacation Policies / Public Benefit









The Alki trail is a multiuse trail that loops around Alki point in West Seattle The trail is about 5 miles in length and passes in front of the subject properties.

The 15 acre Jack Block Park is about 1 mile north of the subject properties is a popular staging area and stopping point along the trail.

Public amenities at the park include:

- ·Walking paths
- •Walking Pier
- •45 foot high Observation Tower
- •Children's Play Area
- •Views of Terminal 5 operations, Seattle Skyline, Mt. Rainier
- Benches, restrooms, parking
- •Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Complimentary Public Benefit:**

The public amenities at Jack Block Park are excellent in terms of city views, port views and access to the waterfront. Additionally the restrooms, tables, benches, parking, bike racks, etc. provide an excellent stopping poin for bikers and the public in general. Because these high quality amenities are nearby and convenient to the the trail, we did not want to compete with the the park, but rather provide other ways to complement the trail experience for our public benefit. This is one of the reasons we selected the the trail improvements and art panels shown later in this packet as the public benefit.

# Questions and Discussion