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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: Development Objectives

The proposal is to apply for a Master Use Permit for a combined lot development on the block bound by 8th and 9th Avenues, Stewart and Howell Streets in the Denny Triangle Urban Village. The combined lot development will require an alley vacation.

The mixed use development will consist of a convention center hotel with approximately 1,550 hotel guest rooms and 150,000 SF of meeting space. In addition, approximately 150 new affordable apartments will promote the livability of our urban core. Ground related retail and restaurants will activate the streetscape on all sides, significantly enhancing the pedestrian experience within the neighborhood.

Our objectives are to design a meaningful contribution to the significant urban forms in Seattle's Central Business District (CBD), to integrate with and enrich the adjacent districts, and to create an efficient, functional design and rich user experience for the following program elements:

- 1,550 hotel rooms
- 150,000 SF of meeting room space
- 150 affordable housing units
- retail and restaurants
- 6-levels of parking in a below-grade garage for approximately 700 cars
- 12 loading bays of below-grade truck service



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Large urban hotels frequently create unappealing streetscapes and pedestrian environments along their edges. Three critical functional elements in the hotel operations often present difficult design challenges in an urban settina:

Truck Service

The required loading dock and associated truck maneuvering space is often provided at grade. This arrangement causes significant traffic disruption, blank walls, along the street edge, and noisy operations at street level. There are many examples of this problem in Seattle as well as in other cities. This proposal for Ninth/Stewart avoids this problem by locating the entire truck service function in a below grade service area.

Back of House operations

There are substantial back of house operations such as laundry, housekeeping, and storage which are frequently located behind blank walls at street level. This proposal for Ninth/Stewart avoids this problem by providing multiple levels of back of house operations spaces below and above grade.

Drop off

The drop off function serves a variety of needs including tour buses, shuttles, taxis, and cars. Its use varies considerably over the day and times of the year. At times, it is heavily loaded with buses and other vehicles. At other times the use may be very light. The common approach is to create a large, multi lane porte cochere along the street edge. This creates a dismal pedestrian experience both when it is loaded with vehicles as well as when it is mostly empty. The double lane porte cochere is often too small and inefficient to function effectively in heavy use, thereby increasing congestion on the surrounding streets. This proposal for Ninth/Stewart avoids that problem by creating a two way through block connection. This allows extensive single lane drop off that functions effectively for heavy use. It also minimizes impacts on the pedestrian environment of the perimeter streets, allowing the building edges to have active pedestrian focused activities such as shops, cafes, and restaurants. The through block connection is also concieved as an active pedestrian place. It will be lined with lobbies, cafes, and shops. It will also be designed as a shared space with design treatments more like a public plaza rather than a vehicular street. It will allow flexible and shared use including pedestrians, bikes, vehicles, food trucks, artist installations and special events.

The following submittal includes case study examples of typical large urban hotels in Seattle illustrating the challenge. In response to comments and requests for additional information, there is a detailed description of the site functionality analysis which supports the recommended through-block connection. It also includes the requested additional information about the residential program, bike facilities, building shadow analysis, and public amenities.











- 3 Curb cuts

Approx. 500' Active Pedestrian Facade

9th Ave ⇒

285' Drop-off Lanes 1460' Active Pedestrian Facade

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2 SITE FUNCTIONALITY **CASE STUDIES - SEATTLE WESTIN**



- MAJORITY OF STREET LEVEL FACADE IS OPAQUE
- LOW CLEARANCE IN DROP-OFF/PORTE COCHERE
- LACK OF PROGRAM AT DROP-OFF
- DROP-OFF PARALLEL TO SIDEWALK UNPLEASANT FOR PEDESTRIANS

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Porte Cochere Entry/Exit, Westlake Ave



Porte Cochere/Garage Exit, Westlake Ave

2 SITE FUNCTIONALITY **CASE STUDIES - THE SHERATON**



- MAJORITY OF STREET-LEVEL FACADE IS OPAQUE
- LACK OF PROGRAM AT DROP-OFF
- DROP-OFF PARALLEL TO SIDEWALK AND AGAINST TRAFFIC FLOW OF 6TH AVE UNPLEASANT FOR PEDESTRIANS







Porte Cochere Entry/Exit, 6th Ave



Porte Cochere, 6th Ave



7th Ave and Union St

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2 **SITE FUNCTIONALITY CATALOG OF EXPLORED OPTIONS**



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SITE FUNCTIONALITY SITE PARAMETERS



NINTH AVENUE DESIGNATED GREEN STREET

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REQUIRED SETBACK FROM STREET CORNERS

• SITE WITH 22' ELEVATION CHANGE FROM NINTH/ HOWELL ST TO EIGHT/STEWART ST





2 SITE FUNCTIONALITY **TRUCK ACCESS**



- **GROUND FLOOR**
- **GROUND FLOOR**
- ACCESS FROM NINTH AVE COMPROMISES PARCEL PARK

NOT RECOMMENDED

NOT RECOMMENDED



TRUCK RAMP AT EIGHTH AVE/STEWART ST.



 REQUIRES MINIMUM RAMP LENGTH AND DISRUPTION OF GROUND FLOOR

RECOMMENDED

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2 **SITE FUNCTIONALITY HOTEL DROP-OFF**

OFF-STREET AT-GRADE VEHICULAR ACCOMODATION







- HEAVY TRAFFIC MAKES DROP-OFF ON STEWART AND HOWELL STREET UNDESIRABLE
- REQUIRED SETBACK FROM STREET CORNERS
- REQUIRED SEPARATION FROM TRUCK ACCESS CURB CUT





- DROP-OFF ON GREEN STREET ELIMINATES **OPPORTUNITY FOR PARCEL PARK**
- LONG DROP-OFF PARALLEL TO SIDEWALK IMPACTS PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE
- SUBSTANTIAL GRADE CHANGE ALONG PORTE COCHERE LENGTH
- DOUBLE DROP-OFF LANES REDUCES LENGTH OF DIRECT CURB ACCESS AND COMPROMISES **FUNCTIONALITY**

NOT RECOMMENDED

HOWELL L S SITE FUNCTION



PORTE COCHERE AT 8TH AVE



- LONG DROP-OFF PARALLEL TO SIDEWALK IMPACTS PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE
- LENGTH OF CURBSIDE DROP-OFF TOO SHORT TO FIT **REQUIRED DROP-OFF PROGRAM**
- SUBSTANTIAL GRADE CHANGE ALONG PORTE COCHERE'S LENGTH
- DOUBLE DROP-OFF LANES REDUCES LENGTH OF DIRECT CURB DROP-OFF AND COMPROMISES FUNCTIONALITY

NOT RECOMMENDED

DROP-OFF AT ORTHOGONAL THROUGH-BLOCK CONNECTION - ONE-WAY FLOW



- ONE-WAY THROUGH-BLOCK FLOW LIMITS DISPERSION OF **ARRIVING AND DEPARTING TRAFFIC**
- MINIMIZES IMPACT ON PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE ALONG PERIMETER STREETS
- DOUBLE DROP-OFF LANES REDUCE LENGTH OF DIRECT CURB DROP-OFF AND COMPROMISES FUNCTIONALITY
- INTERUPTS CONTINUITY OF PARCEL PARK
- SUBSTANTIAL GRADE CHANGE ALONG LENGTH OF THRU-**BLOCK CONNECTION**

NOT RECOMMENDED

SITE FUNCTIONALITY HOTEL DROP-OFF



- ARRIVING AND DEPARTING TRAFFIC IS DISPERSED (SEE SITE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOW DIAGRAMS)
- MINIMIZES IMPACT ON PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE ALONG PERIMETER STREETS
- DIRECT CURB ACCESS FOR ENTIRE LENGTH OF DROP-OFF
- INTERUPTS CONTINUITY OF PARCEL PARK
- SUBSTANTIAL GRADE CHANGE ALONG LENGTH OF THRU-**BLOCK CONNECTION**



- PERIMETER STREETS
- DIRECT CURB ACCESS FOR ENTIRE LENGTH OF DROP-OFF
- ALLOWS LONGER, CONTIGUOUS PARCEL PARK FOOTPRINT
- MINIMIZES GRADE CHANGE ALONG LENGTH OF THROUGH-**BLOCK CONNECTION**
- ALLOWS LONGER TRAFFIC, LIGHT QUEING RECOMMENDED

NOT RECOMMENDED

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2 SITE FUNCTIONALITY PARKING ACCESS AND CURB CUT LOCATIONS

Edg 1 proposal included a single, 3-lane garage entry drive. This revised proposal recommends two, 2-lane garage entries served from opposite sides of the site. This will disperse the incoming and outgoing traffic, provide more efficient flow at the garage access points, and allow more flexibility in the garage operations to accommodate the variety of events in the facility.



- HEAVY TRAFFIC MAKES CURB CUTS ON STEWART AND HOWELL STREET UNDESIRABLE
- 1 CURB CUT FOR THE TRUCK RAMP PROVIDED ON **8TH AVENUE**
- 1 CURB CUT FOR THRU-BLOCK CONNECTION **PROVIDED ON 8TH AVENUE**
- 1 CURB CUT FOR THRU BLOCK CONNECTION **PROVIDED ON 9TH AVENUE**
- 2 ACCESS POINTS REQUIRED FOR PARKING GARAGE



- ADDITIONAL CURB CUTS 5 TOTAL
- NINTH AVENUE PARCEL PARK INTERUPTED WITH CURB CUT
- 3 CURB CUTS ON EIGHTH AVENUE IMPACTS TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE



DIAGONAL THROUGH-BLOCK WITH INTEGRATED PARKING ACCESS



- MINIMIZES CURB-CUTS 3 TOTAL
- OFF-STREET GARAGE ENTRIES ALLOW QUEING AT GARAGE ACCESS POINTS
- GARAGE ENTRIES FUNCTION WELL WITH DROP-OFF AND VALET PARKING
- FLEXIBILITY TO ARRIVE AND DEPART FROM BOTH 8TH AND 9TH AVE PROVIDES MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO DISPERSE ARRIVING AND DEPARTING TRAFFIC

RECOMMENDED

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2 site functionality SITE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOWS



THROUGH-BLOCK ONE-WAY EAST TO WEST



SITE ACCESS FROM I-5

ACCESS TO I-5 FROM SITE

2 site functionality SITE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOWS



SITE ACCESS FROM I-5

THROUGH-BLOCK ONE-WAY WEST TO EAST



2 site functionality SITE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOWS



THROUGH-BLOCK TWO-WAYS



ACCESS TO I-5 FROM SITE

SITE FUNCTIONALITY

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2 SITE FUNCTIONALITY **OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT**



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The Hotel will serve a variety of users with a mix of tourists, convention attendees, and business travellers, as well as local events. This combination will fill out the occupancy to create a continously

3 USE SCENARIOS USER GROUP CONCENTRATION



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MEETING + CONVENTION

PUBLIC

HOTEL

DINING/RETAIL

RESIDENTS

EMPLOYEES

PLOYFES

3 USE SCENARIOS

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3 USE SCENARIOS NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSIT AND BIKE ACCESS



3 USE SCENARIOS

The design is organized to enhance the public space infrastructure serving pedestrians and bicyclists. Its location is well served by public transit.



Bus stop



Sharrows



Designated bicycle lane

SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS 4 **SITE PLAN**

LEGEND

- 9th Ave Green Street Parcel Park
- Howell Street Setback / 2 Streetscape
- 8th Ave Streetscape 3
- Stewart Streetscape
- Through-Block Connec-5 tion / Porte Cochere





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SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS 9TH AVENUE GREEN STREET PARCEL PARK

CONCEPT

A wide setback is proposed at 9th Ave to support its designated status as a green street and to align the 9th Ave open space corridor, correcting the misalignment at the Howell/Olive intersection. This expanded open space will capitalize on the view towards Denny Park to the north. The park is envisioned as a passive open space with a strong landscape presence to provide visual relief, places to sit, gather and relax.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Seating / gathering spaces
- Signature art opportunities
- Lighting
- Outdoor seating areas for adjacent retail uses
- Bike share station
- Curb bulb-outs at intersections
- Coffee / food carts
- Generous landscaping
 opportunities



SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS 9TH AVENUE GREEN STREET PARCEL PARK



Existing 9th Ave



Coffee / food kiosks





Reference images for possible features and design treatments

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Seat wall along walkway



Bike share station

ELEMENTS **4** SITE DESIGN

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A SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS HOWELL STREET

CONCEPT

The Howell Street facade is envisioned as the public face of the hotel and conference center.

A wide covered setback is proposed to allow for a more generous sidewalk width, additional landscaping, and outdoor seating associated with retail uses.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Widened sidewalk area
- Additional landscape areas
- Seating within ROW
- Curb bulb-outs at
 Intersections
- Signature art opportunities
- Lighting
- Outdoor seating areas for adjacent retail uses



A SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS HOWELL STREET



Existing Howell Street







Organized streetscape environment

Reference images for possible features and design treatments

Active retail frontage



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SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS + 4 8TH AVENUE AND STEWART STREET

CONCEPT

Both 8th Ave and Stewart Street provide more generous sidewalks, more landscape opportunities and space for outdoor seating related to adjacent retail uses.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Widened sidewalk area
- Additional landscape areas
- Seating within ROW
- Curb bulb-outs at
 Intersections
- Lighting
- Outdoor seating areas for adjacent retail uses
- Overhead canopies





Existing 8th Ave









Movable / Artful furnishings

A SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS

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CONCEPT

The mid-block connection is designed to safely integrate cars and pedestrians into a shared space recognizing the changing uses of the space over the course of a day, a week, and a season. Curbs have been eliminated and a combination of bollards, seating and other elements will be used to define pedestrian and vehicle zones. A higher level of surface finish, art and lighting will also help create a distinct and inviting environment. Hotel entries and active retail frontages with outdoor seating will further activate the edges of the space.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Hotel Entry / Lobby
- Retail uses
- Seating elements
- Signature art
- Lighting
- Bike share station
- Vehicle drop-off
- Parking garage entries



The through-block connection is conceived as a unique, signature space in Seattle. It will be a approximately 30' tall to create a high, welcoming space to serve diverse users and activities. The drop-off lane along the south edge will serve the primary drop-off function. In times of heavy use, the northern lane will also serve drop-off uses. At other times, it will shift to expand the pedestrian and bike uses, installations or exhibits, food trucks, or other special events. The following pages illustrate possible scenarios.



Existing alley condition



Possible special soffit treatment



Movable / Artful furnishings



Engaging art on ground level

Active Pedestrian Facades





Reference images for possible features and design treatments



High quality paving material



Projected art from ceiling



Bike share station 33 PROJECT # 3013951 EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE SUBMITTAL 2 June 4, 2013

ELEMENT Z S SITE

MORNING AIRPORT SHUTILE DEAPRTUREs AND NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES



view from 9th Ave looking southwest





view from 9th Ave looking southwest

ELEMENTS **4** SITE DESIGN

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view from 9th Ave looking southwest



view from 9th Ave looking southwest

4 SITE DESIGN ELEMENTS

5 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



RESIDENTIAL UNITS

OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL AMENITY (AT CORNERS)

OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL AMENITY (AT CORNERS)



5 **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL AMENITY**





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PUBLIC BIKE RACKS

BICYCLE SHARE

EMPLOYEE BIKE STORAGE [BELOW GRADE]

RESIDENT BIKE STORAGE [ABOVE GRADE]

7 building shadow analysis

ON AVERAGE, THE SOUTH-TOWER CONSTELLATION CREATES 7% LESS OFF-SITE SHADING



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