



Seattle Times Project Early Design Guidance #2

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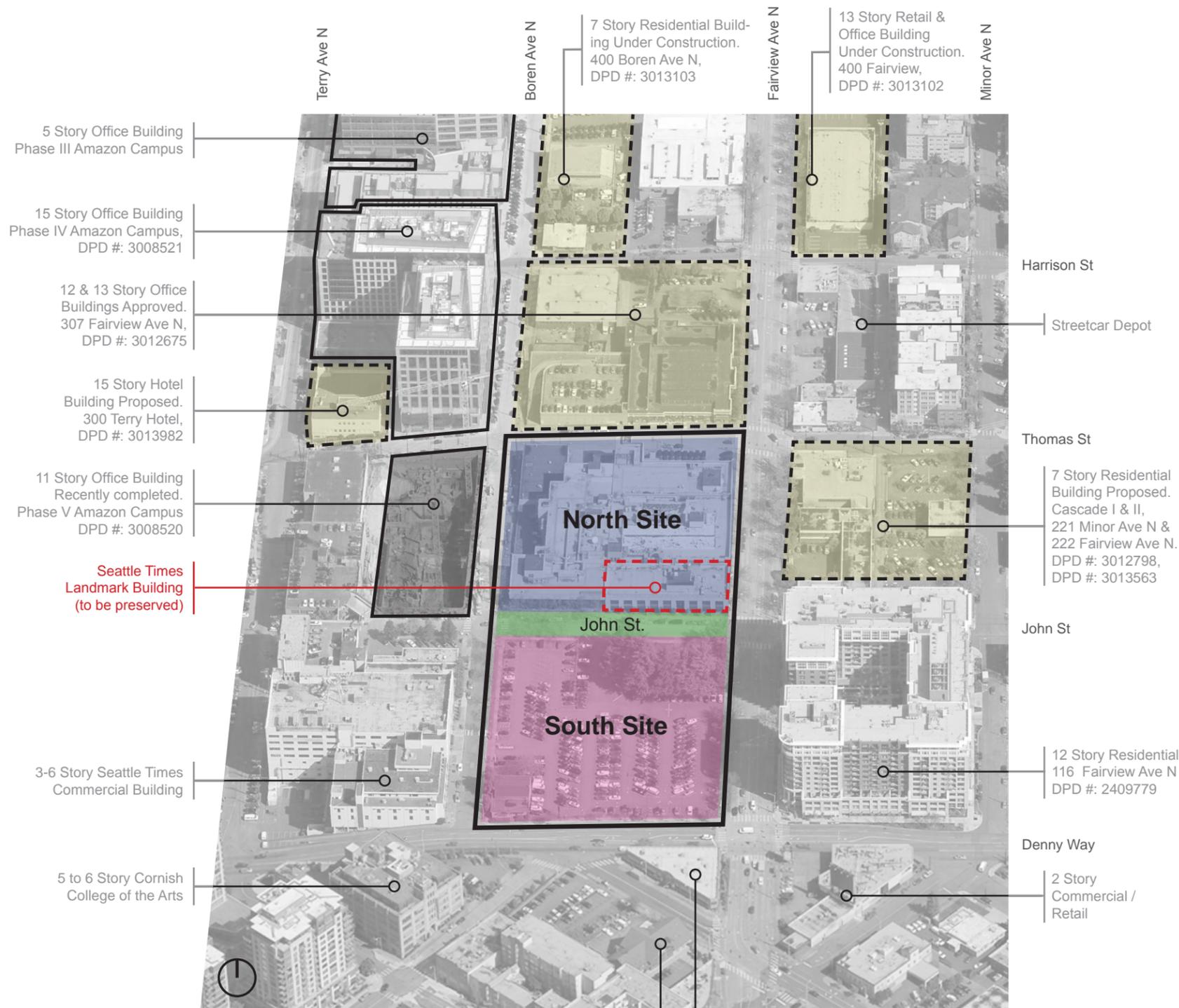
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Summary from 1st Early Design Guidance
Project Context and Statistics



Source: Google & Bing Maps Aerial Views

- Construction Completed
- New Construction

Raisbeck Performance Hall, (Old Norway Hall).
 2015 Boren Ave. Designated Seattle Landmark Building.

1 Story Commercial Recovery Cafe, Fashioncraft Building.
 2022 Boren Ave. Designated Seattle Landmark Building on Jan. 09, 2012

Seattle Times Project

The proposed development encompasses two full City blocks in the South Lake Union District, bounded on the south by Denny Way, on the east side by Fairview Avenue N, on the north by Thomas Street and on the west side by Boren Avenue N. The northern block with the historic Seattle Times Landmark building will be referred to as the 'North Site' and the southern block fronting Denny Way will be referred to as the 'South Site'.

The project as proposed will include a total of four residential towers over a mixed-use podium – two towers per site. According to current zoning, the two towers on the North Site have a maximum height limit of 240 feet, while the maximum height limit for the South Site is 400 feet. Zoning limits the height of the podium along Fairview Ave. N. and Denny Way to 65 feet, while in remaining areas the podium is limited to 45 feet.

Note that since the first EDG meeting, additional density negotiated with the City will increase the height limit on the North Site from 240 feet up to 300 feet in height. The additional density was negotiated in consideration of preserving the existing Seattle Times Park along with the attendant loss of density and below-grade parking areas.

Zoning

North Site: **SM 160 / 85 - 240**
 South Site: **SM 240 / 125 - 400**

Program All numbers are based on Massing Option 4+ (Preferred)

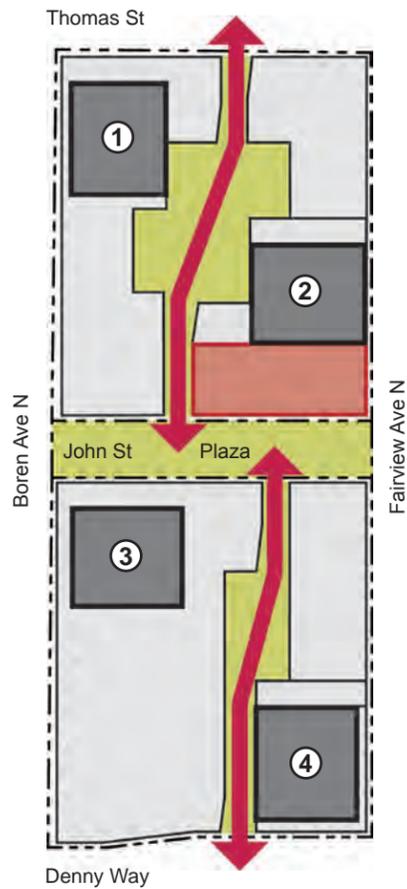
	North Site	South Site	Total
Number of Residential units	865	1085	1950
Street Level Commercial Spaces	18,800 ft²	24,210 ft²	43,010 ft²
# of Underground Parking Stalls	865	1085	1950
Site Area	110,614 ft²	* 91,249 ft²	201,863 ft²
Usable Open Space Area	21,682 ft²	12,355 ft²	34,037 ft²
Open Space %	19.6 %	13.5 %	16.9 %

* Note: Area of park is no longer included in lot area

Summary from 1st Early Design Guidance
The Previous Four Massing Options



Option 1



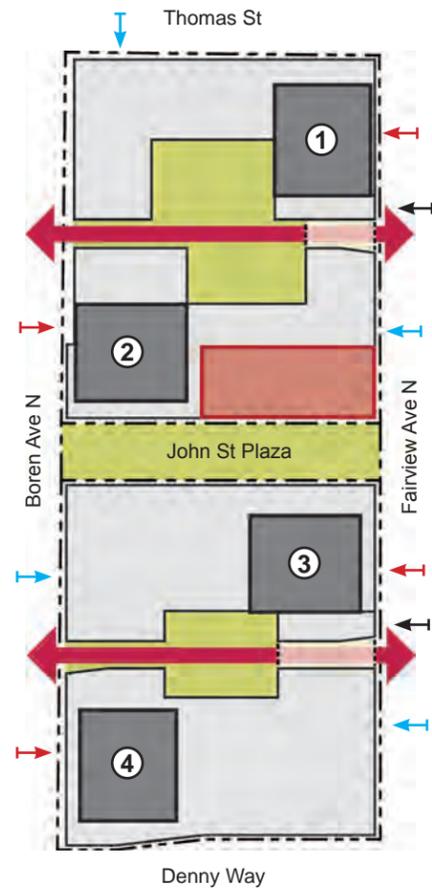
North South Connections

Open Space Areas:

North Site: Approximately 25% of site area
 South Site: Approximately 15% of site area
 John St. Plaza: 20,376 sq. ft. , 9.2% of both sites

- North-South pedestrian throughways oriented to connect the green streets of Thomas and John Streets with Denny Way.
- Tower placement is staggered with a tower located at the corner of Fairview and Denny.

Option 2



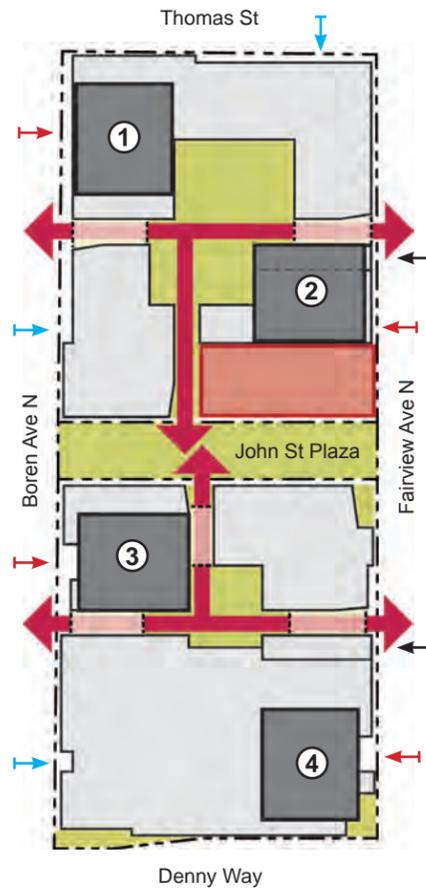
East West Connections

Open Space Areas:

North Site: Approximately 25% of site area
 South Site: Approximately 15% of site area
 John St. Plaza: 20,376 sq. ft. , 9.2% of both sites

- East-West pedestrian throughways.
- Tower placement is staggered with a tower located at the corner of Boren Ave and Denny Way.

Option 3A



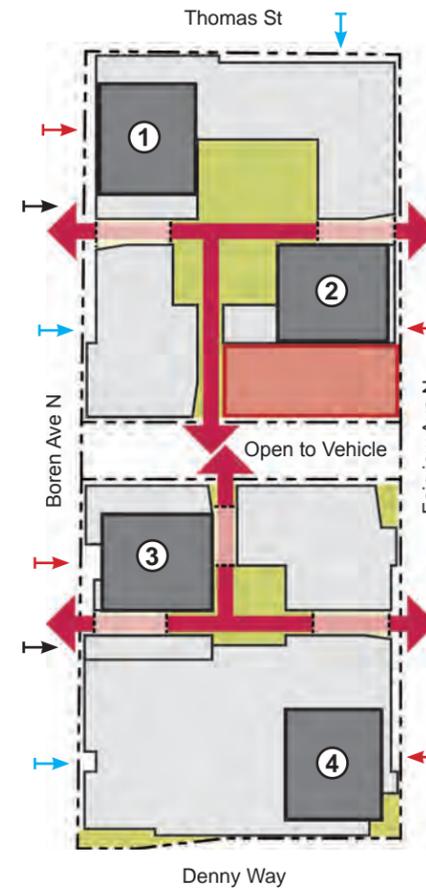
Open Space Integration with John St as a Plaza

Open Space Areas:

North Site: Approximately 28,189 sq. ft. 25% of site area
 South Site: Approximately 17,239 sq. ft. 15% of site area
 John St. Plaza: 20,376 sq. ft. , 9.2% of both sites

- The pedestrian throughway configuration is a hybrid of Options 1 and 2.
- Tower location is identical to Option 1.

Option 3B



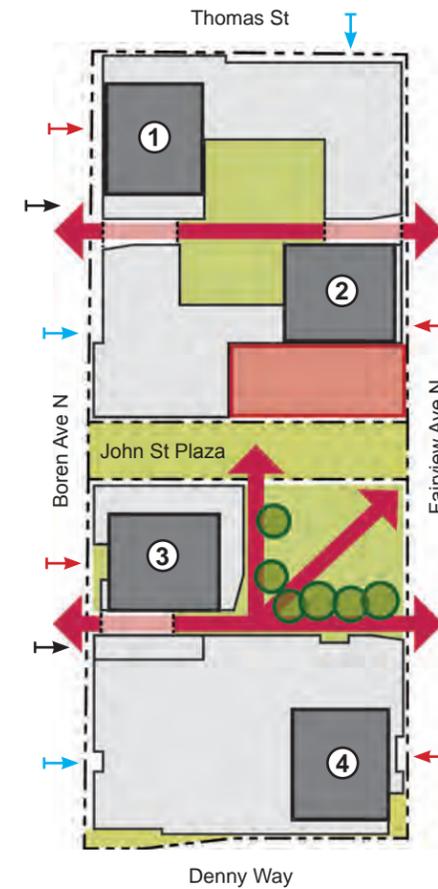
Open Space Integration with John St as a Road

Open Space Areas:

North Site: Approximately 28,189 sq. ft. 25% of site area
 South Site: Approximately 17,239 sq. ft. 15% of site area

- This Option is identical to Option 3A with the exception that John St. will remain open as a roadway.

Option 4

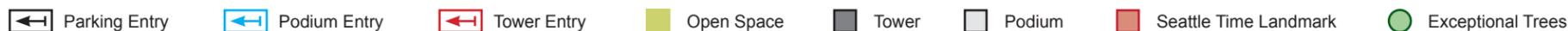


Retain Exceptional Trees

Open Space Areas:

North Site: Approximately 23,622 sq. ft. 21.4% of site area
 South Site: Approximately 26,137 sq. ft. 24.0% of site area
 John St. Plaza: 20,376 sq. ft. , 9.2% of both sites

- East-West pedestrian throughways.
- Exceptional trees on site will be retained.



Summary from 1st Early Design Guidance Priorities & Board Recommendations

At the conclusion of the FIRST EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE meeting held on April 30, 2014, the Board recommended the project return for another meeting in response to the guidance provided.

Here in summary, is a list of the priorities and Board recommendations from the 1st EDG meeting along with responses:

1. Circulation and Streetscape Character.

- a. John Street should remain open to pedestrians and vehicles.
Response: John Street is proposed to remain open to vehicles, but with greater emphasis on pedestrian amenities. See [page 7](#).
- b. Concentrate retail at strategic locations.
Response: Retail has been concentrated along either side of John Street, fronting the park (see 3. below) and along Fairview Avenue on the South block. See [page 8](#).
- c. Include a study of a larger retail tenant (such as a grocery) on the South block rather than the residential amenity area as shown in the preferred option.
Response: A schematic plan has been provided indicating this possibility. See [page 44](#).

2. Mid-block Connections.

- a. The design of the mid-block connections should be inviting and legible as publically accessible space.
Response: Strategies have been developed to improve the legibility of the mid-block connections as public space, including setting the building face above the throughways back 10 feet from the adjacent building face along the streets. See [pages 9,10 and 15](#).
- b. Use building program on either side of the breezeways to activate the space of the mid-block connections.
Response: Locations of retail and residential amenity spaces will activate the mid-block connections. See [page 12, 13 and 14](#).
- c. The Landmarks Board has indicated that the original production plant building from 1931, adjacent to the north of the original landmark building, could be designated as a historic Landmark.
Response: Three additional options (5A, 5B and 5C) have been developed to accommodate the preservation of this cast in place concrete façade. See [pages 24 to 29](#).

3. Open Space.

- a. The existing Seattle Times Park opposite the Landmark building should be retained in exchange for additional density on the North block.
Response: The Seattle Times park will be retained and additional density has been negotiated with the City for the North block towers. See [page 6 and 33](#).

4. Tower Locations.

- a. Examine the shadowing impacts of different tower orientations.
Response: The shadowing impacts of various tower orientations on the South block have been examined on [page 48 to 50](#).
- b. Vary the tower heights.
Response: Additional height for the North block towers will help to vary the tower heights over the project site. See [page 33](#).
- c. Study massing options for tower 2 and how they relate to the Art Deco landmark context.
Response: New tower designs have been developed for both the North and South blocks. Asymmetry and differences in tower orientation will give greater design variety. See [pages 36 and 37](#).
- d. Introduce a more dramatic design for the towers.
Response: New tower designs have been developed for both the North and South blocks. Asymmetry and differences in tower orientation will give greater design variety. A study has been included which varies the location of the 2 preferred tower designs between the north and south sites. See [page 38 and 41](#).

5. Residential Units at Street Level.

- a. Examine examples of ground-based residential units along busy urban streets.
- b. Show strategies for residential placement at ground level.
Response: See [pages 17 to 19](#) for studies and strategies for residential units at grade.

Additional Applicant instructions in the Design Review Report asked for:

1. Graphically demonstrate how the mid-block connections relate to other nearby mid-block connections. Response: see [page 32](#).
2. Show additional shadow studies at 9am, 12pm, 3pm and 6pm at the equinox and solstices which show possible shadow differences of tower orientations on the southeast tower on the south block. Response: see [pages 48 to 50](#).
3. Include a conceptual lighting plan. Response: see [page 53](#).
4. Include conceptual landscape plans. Response: see [page 52](#).
5. Include section drawings for the entire site as well as adjacent properties.
Response: see [page 45 to 47](#).
6. Provide chart and diagrams demonstrating the proposed departures.
Response: see [page 28 and 29](#).

Additional Architectural Concepts
Features of Retained Seattle Times Park

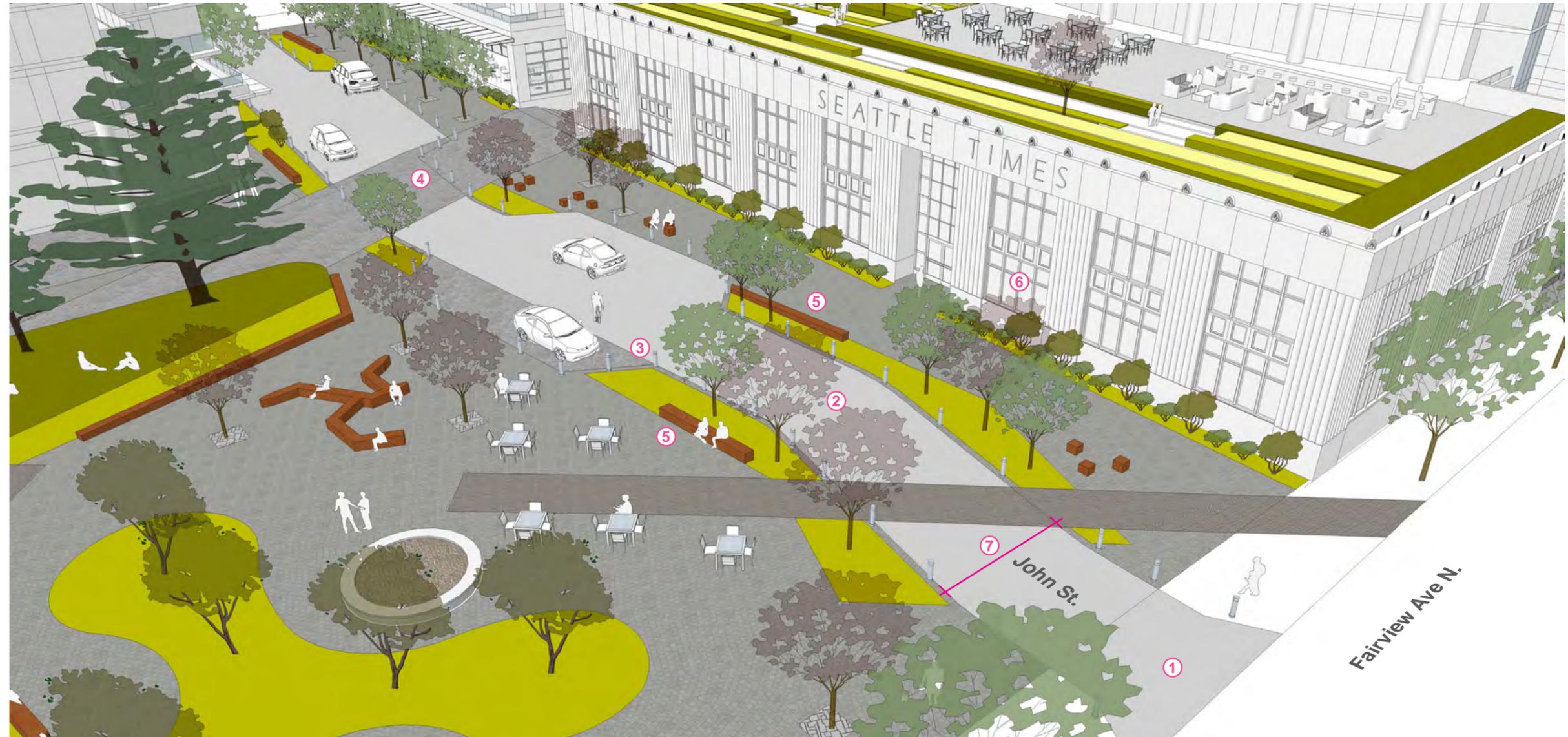


- ① Preserve existing *Exceptional Trees*
- ② Retain existing fountain
- ③ Retain mounding and existing trees
- ④ Introducing public seating elements
- ⑤ Create new pedestrian linkages through park

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS1 - D Plants and Habitat,
- CS2 - A - 1 Sense of Place,
- CS2 - C - 1 Character of Open Space,
- CS2 - I - iv Heart Locations,
- CS3 - B - 2 Historical / Cultural References,
- PL1 - B - 3 Pedestrian Amenities,
- DC3 - I - iii Tree Retention

Features of the Proposed John St. Reconfiguration

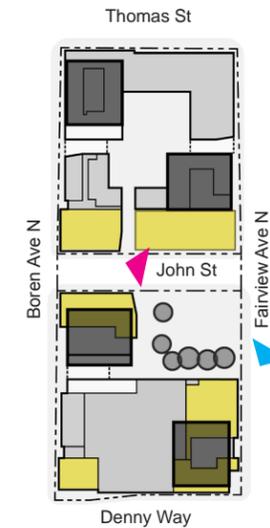
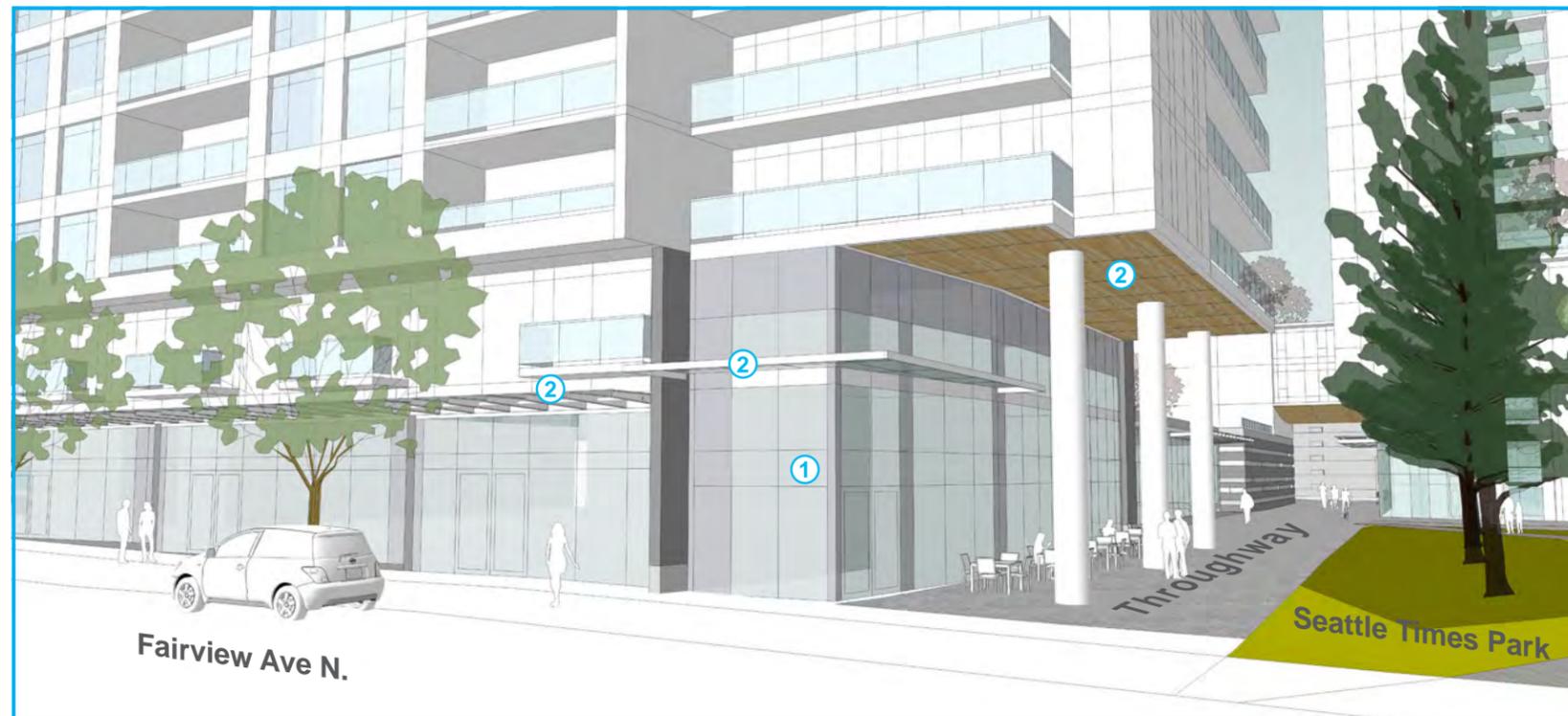
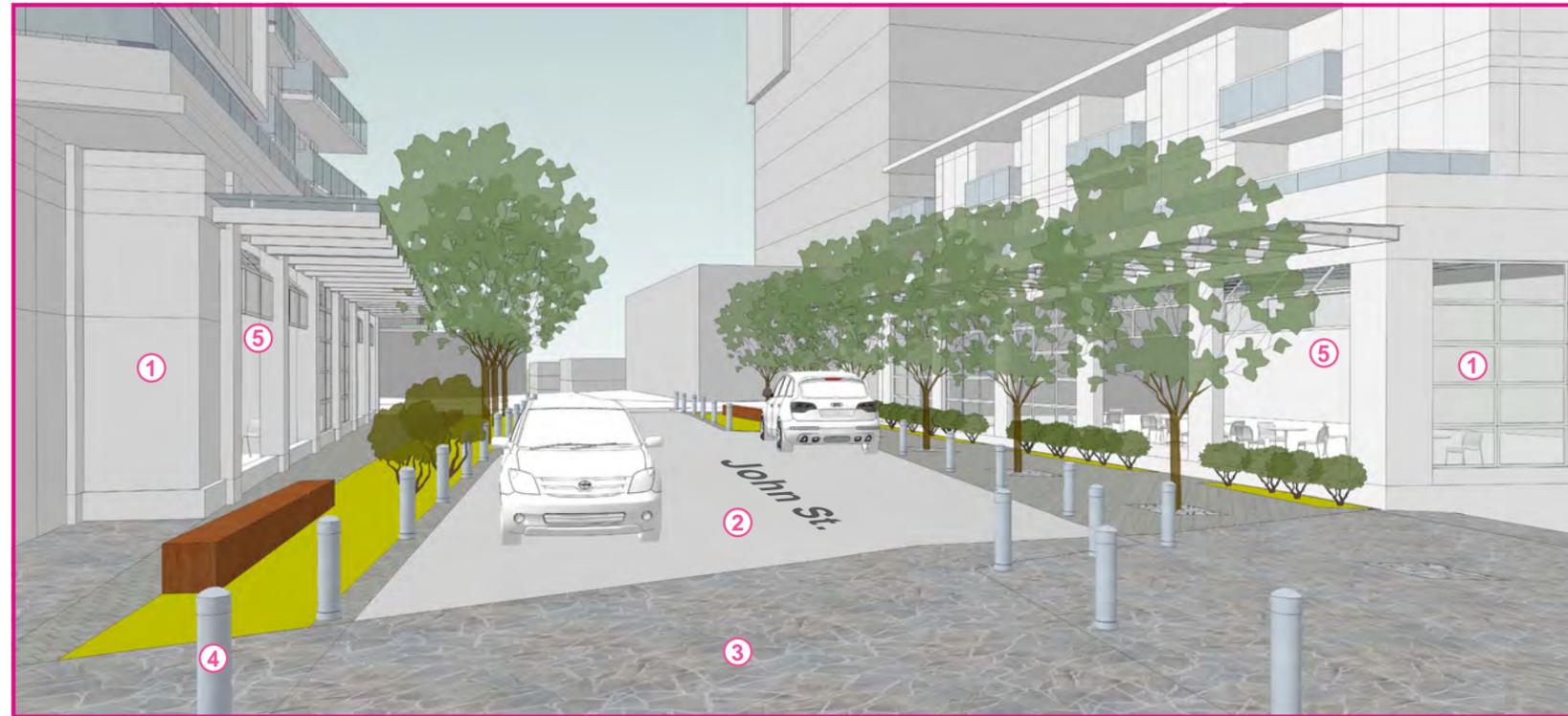


- ① Raised entry to John St. roadway at Fairview and Boren Avenues to provide equality of pedestrians and vehicles
- ② Winding configuration of roadway will 'calm' traffic
- ③ Bollards define roadway edges
- ④ Paving patterns define pedestrian crosswalk between north and south sites
- ⑤ Public seating elements enhance open space for pedestrians
- ⑥ Retail uses at the street level in the landmark provide a public neighborhood amenity
- ⑦ 20 feet wide roadway width for emergency vehicle access

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - A - 1 Sense of Place,
- CS2 - I - iv Heart Locations,
- CS3 - II - ii Preservation,
- PL1 - C - 3 Year-Round Activity,
- PL1 - I - ii Streetscape Amenities,
- PL3 - C - 3 Ancillary Activities,
- PL3 - I - i Retail Location,
- PL3 - II - iv Activity Clusters,
- DC3 - C - 2 Amenities / Features

Additional Architectural Concepts
Features of Retail Space along John St.

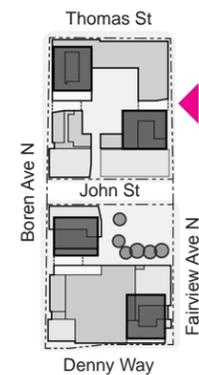


- ① Concentrating retail space on either side of John St will activate this corridor
- ② John St kept open to vehicles will promote vibrancy of retail spaces
- ③ Road surface is kept flush to sidewalk level to reinforce pedestrian and vehicle equality
- ④ Bollards define roadway edges.
- ⑤ Openable garage style retail windows allow uses to 'spill-out' onto sidewalk areas
- ① Retail locations adjacent to park and Fairview Ave N will benefit these locations
- ② Continuous overhead weather protection for sidewalk and outdoor seating areas

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- PL1 - C - 3 Year-Round Activity,
- PL1 - II Lighting,
- PL1 - III - i Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL2 - B - 3 Street-Level Transparency,
- PL2 - C - 2 Locations and Coverage,
- PL1 - I - iii Sidewalk Retail,
- PL2 - II - 1 All-day Activity,
- PL3 - C - 1 Porous Edge,
- PL3 - II - ii Active Facades,
- PL3 - II - iv Activity Clusters,
- DC1 - B - 1 Access Location and Design

Features of Mid-Block Connection Entry on East Side of North Site

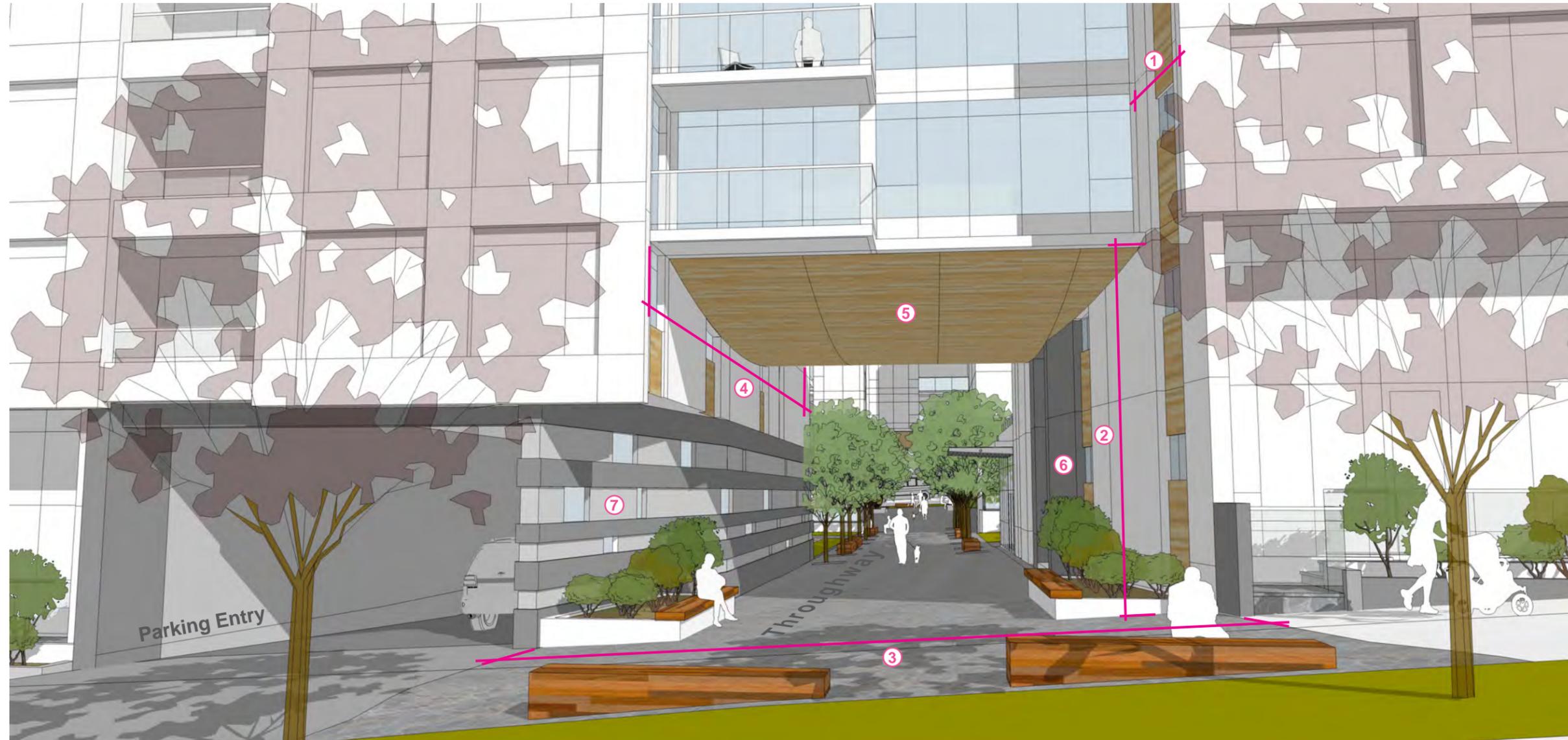


- ① Building face above is set back 10 feet from adjacent podium to emphasize opening
- ② 16 feet high opening provides natural light
- ③ 30 feet wide flared opening will 'draw in' pedestrians
- ④ Planters and access seating elements signify an entry point for the public
- ⑤ Wall and ceiling treatment enhance the covered portion of the thoroughway connection
- ⑥ Glazed podium entry doorways will provide access points for building residents

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- CS3 - A - 1 Fitting Old and New Together,
- CS3 - II - ii Preservation,
- PL1 - B Pedestrian Infrastructure,
- PL1 - B - 3 Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL1 - I - i Open Connections,
- DC3 - B - 3 Connections to Other Open Space

Features of North Block Throughway Looking East



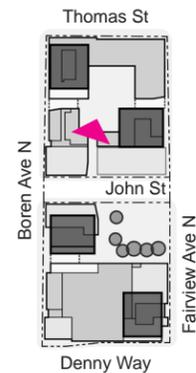
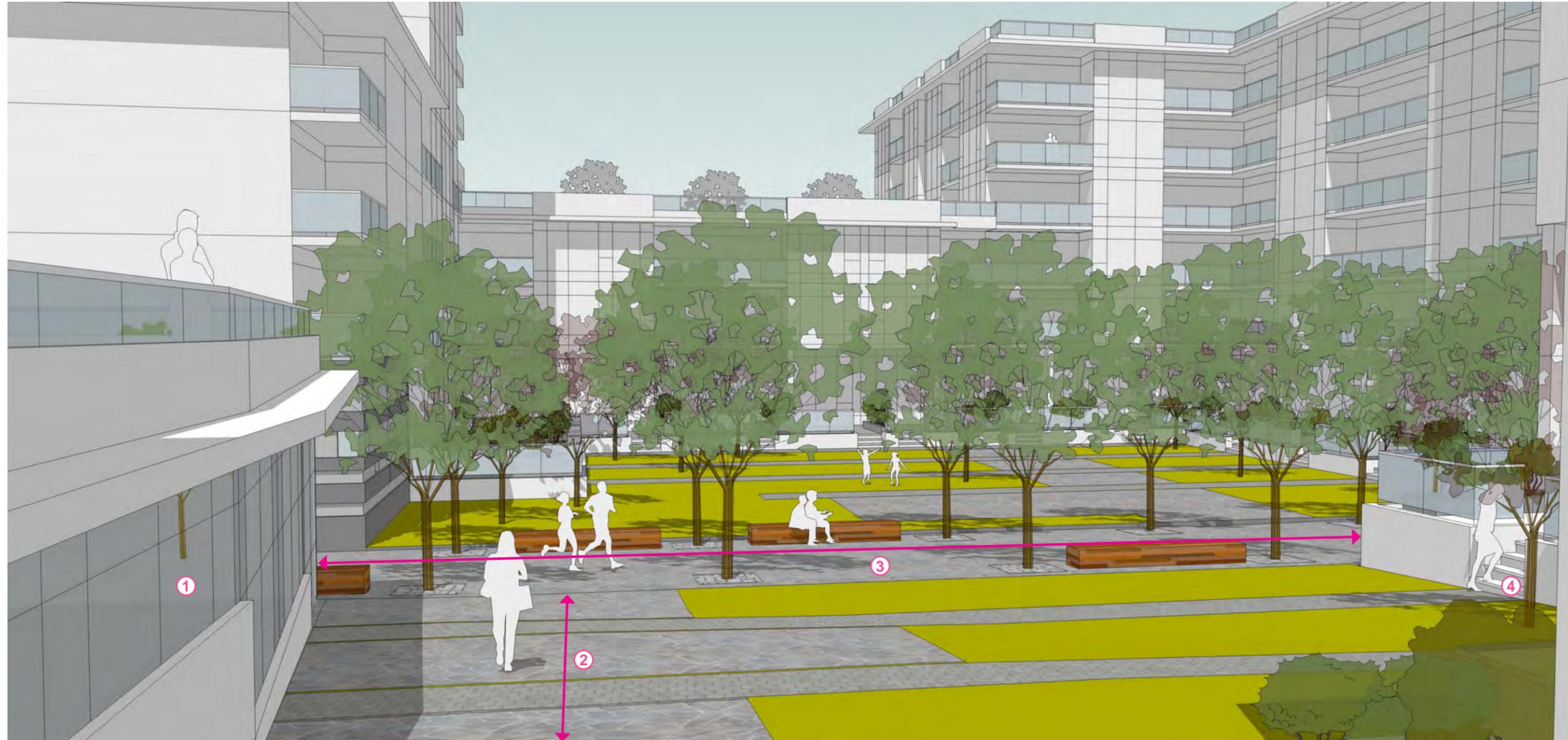
- ① Building face above is set back 10 feet from adjacent podium to emphasize opening
- ② 18 feet high opening provides natural light
- ③ 34 feet wide flared opening will 'draw in' pedestrians
- ④ 60 feet long of covered throughway

- ⑤ Wall and ceiling treatment enhance the covered portion of the throughway connection
- ⑥ Glazed podium entry doorways will provide access points for building residents
- ⑦ Feature wall provides visual interest and glazed openings will alert pedestrians to exiting vehicles

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- CS3 - I - ii Reduce Visual Block,
- PL1 - I - i Open Connections,
- DC1 - B - 1 Access location and design,
- DC2 - B - 2 Blank Walls,
- DC2 - D - 2 Texture,

View of North Block Courtyard Looking North from Breezeway

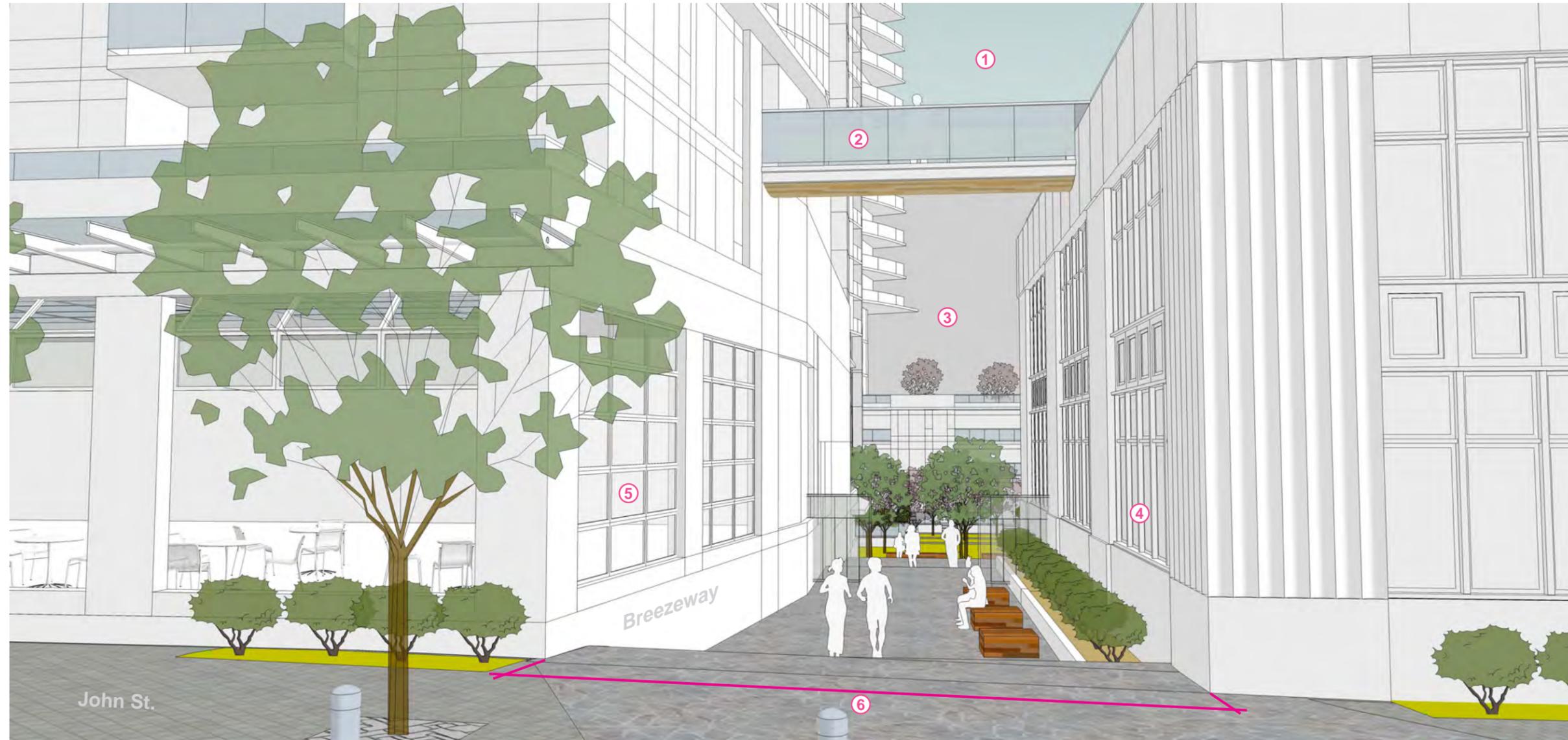


- ① Ground level North Block residential amenity room
- ② North South pedestrian link to John St.
- ③ 307 feet long East West mid-block connection
- ④ Direct pedestrian connections from courtyard to ground level units

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS1 - D Plants and Habitat,
- CS2 - A - 1 Sense of Place,
- CS2 - C - 1 Character of Open Space,
- PL1 - III - i Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL2 - B - 3 Street-Level Transparency,
- PL3 - II - ii Active Facades,
- DC1 - B - 1 Access Location and Design

View of Breezeway along West Side of Seattle Times Landmark

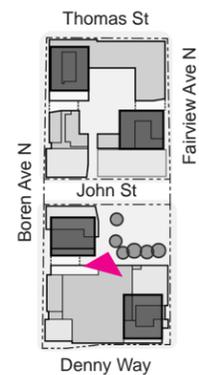


- ① Breezeway connection to north courtyard is open to sky
- ② Bridge link from podium to landmark amenity roof as an architectural feature
- ③ Building separation emphasizes the importance of the Seattle Times Landmark
- ④ Landscaping and seating elements signal public accessibility
- ⑤ Retail spaces located on either side of breezeway activate this connection
- ⑥ Street side opening dimension of 25 feet will help draw the public in towards the central landscaped courtyard

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- CS3 - A - 1 Fitting Old and New Together,
- CS3 - II - ii Preservation,
- PL1 - B Pedestrian Infrastructure,
- PL1 - B - 3 Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL1 - I - i Open Connections,
- PL3 - C Retail Edges,
- DC3 - B - 3 Connections to Other Open Space

Additional Architectural Concepts
View of Park from South Block Throughway

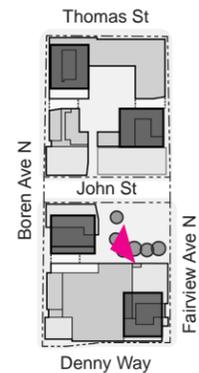


- ① Exceptional trees
- ② 20 feet high overhead weather portection for pedestrians accessing podium level
- ③ Breezeway on North Block
- ④ Glazed lobby entry for Tower 3
- ⑤ 15 feet width

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- PL1 - III - i Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL2 - B - 3 Street-Level Transparency,
- PL2 - C - 2 Locations and Coverage,
- PL1 - I - iii Sidewalk Retail,
- PL3 - C - 1 Porous Edge,
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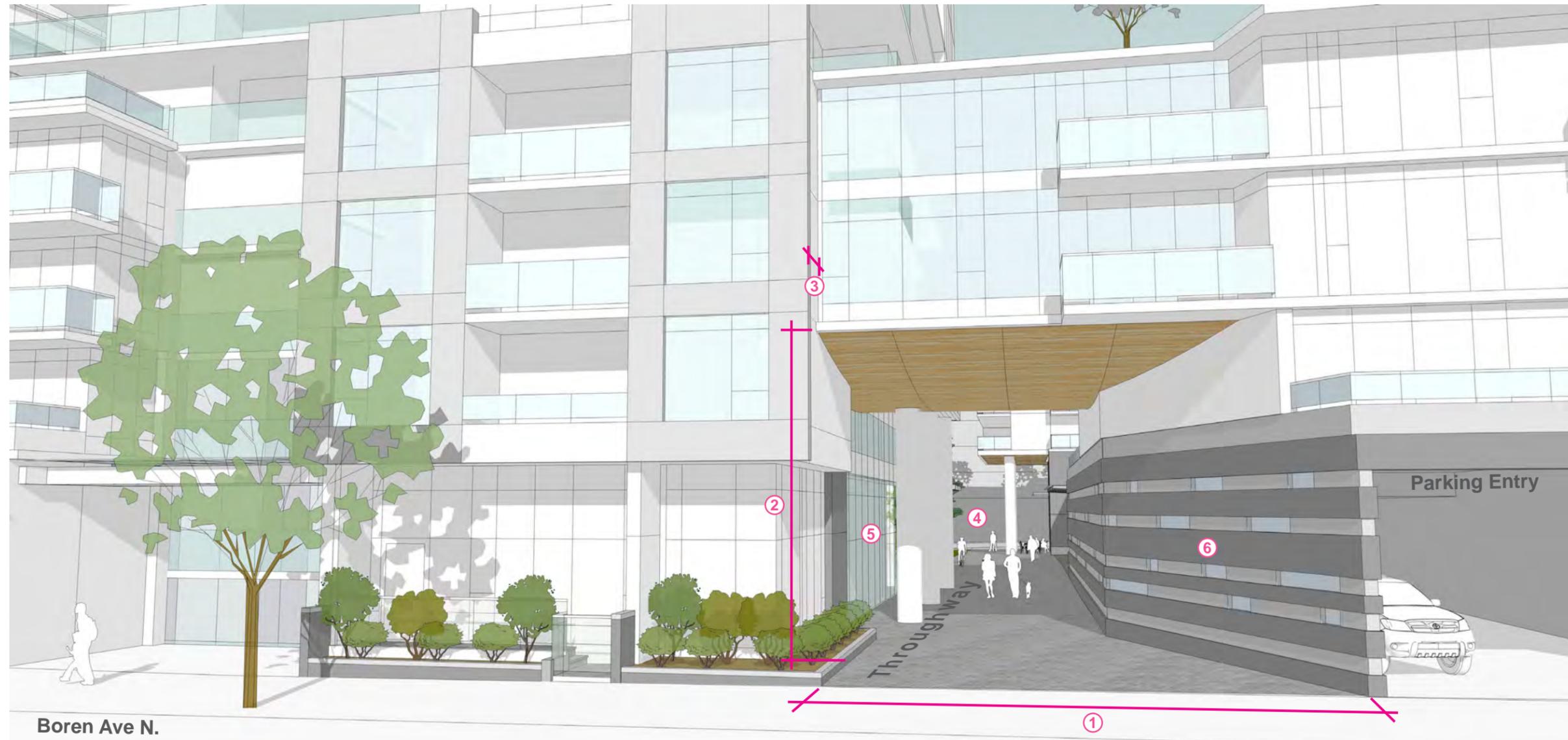


- ① Common residential amenity space for both sites will face the mid-block throughway as well as Denny Way along the central portion of the south facade
- ② Lobby / Amenity for Tower 3 adjacent to throughway
- ③ Throughway borders the south side of the retained park
- ④ Generous 24 feet wide throughway width
- ⑤ Overhead canopy protection for pedestrians and residents.

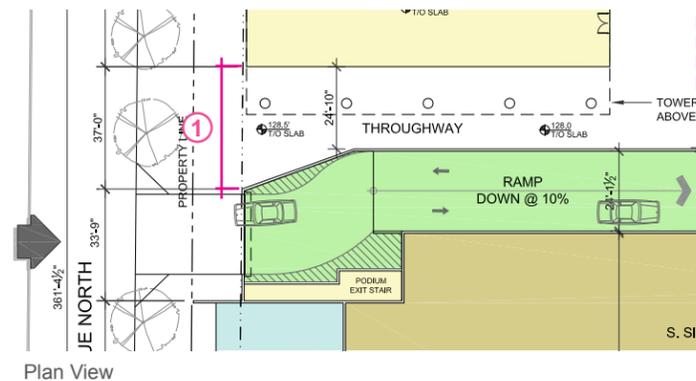
Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- PL1 - A - 1 Enhancing Open Space,
- PL1 - B - 1 Pedestrian Infrastructure,
- PL1 - B - 3 Pedestrian Amenities,
- PL1 - I - i Open Connections,
- PL2 - B - 3 Street-Level Transparency,
- PL2 - I - i Street Level Uses

Features of Boren Avenue N side Throughway on South Block



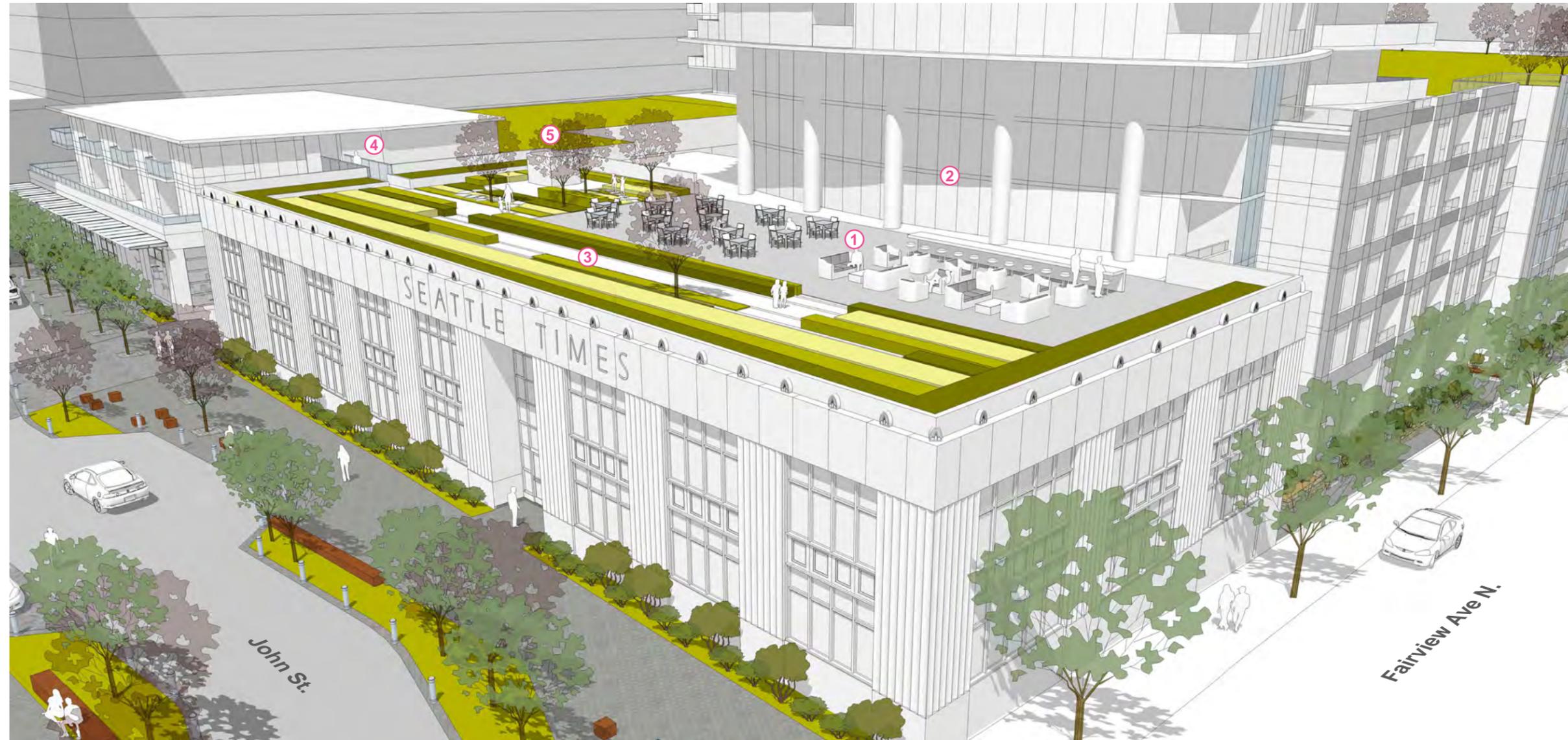
- ① Flared opening 35 feet wide will draw in pedestrians and provide separation between vehicles and pedestrians
- ② 24 feet high opening provides generous overhead height
- ③ Building portion over throughway is set in 10 feet from adjacent building face
- ④ Direct line of sight across to Fairview Avenue N
- ⑤ Portion of tower 3 lobby / amenity area faces throughway
- ⑥ Feature wall provides visual interest and glazed openings will alert pedestrians to exiting vehicles



Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS2 - B - 2 Connection to the Street,
- CS3 - I - ii Reduce Visual Block,
- PL1 - I - i Open Connections,
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View of Residential Amenity Space on Seattle Times Roof Deck

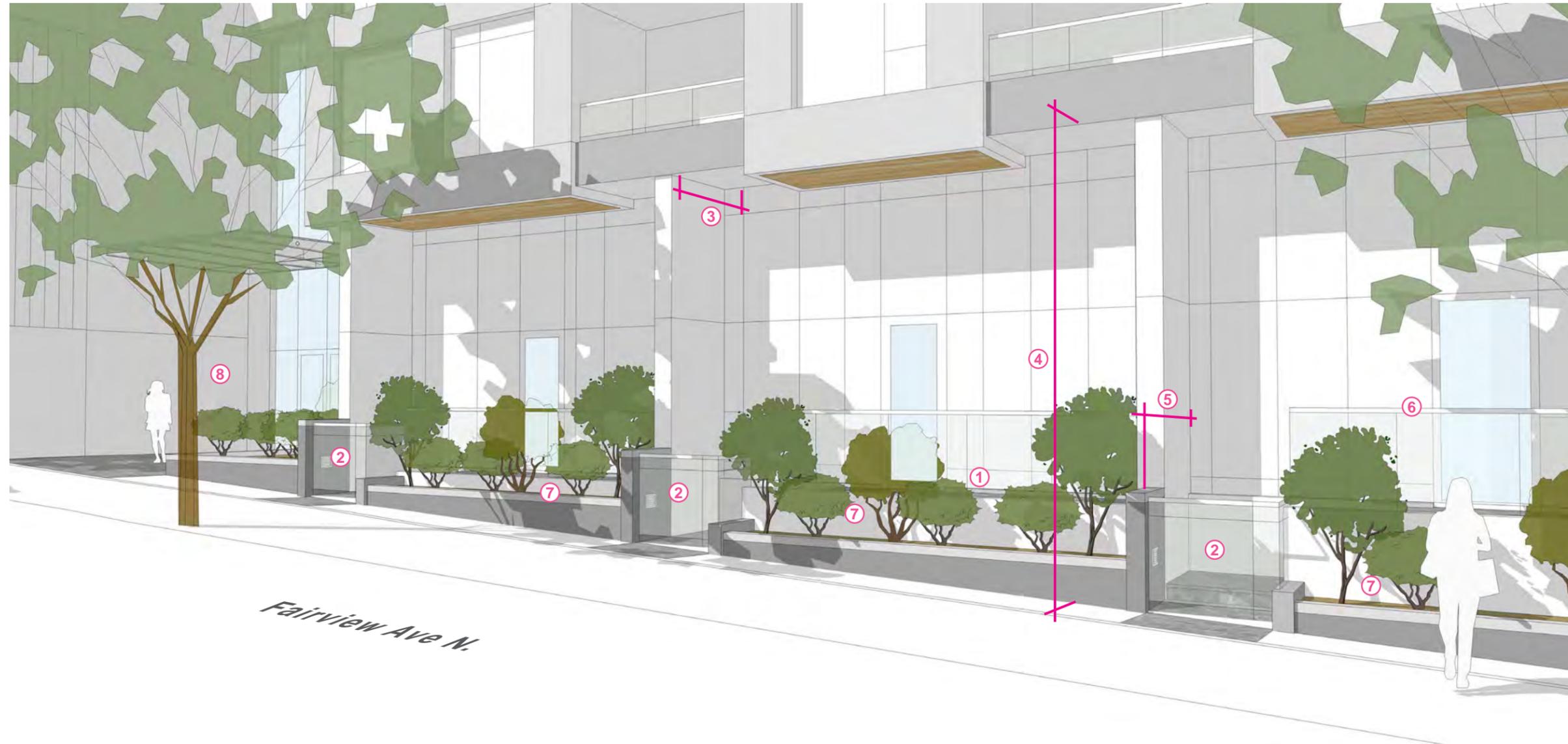


- ① Exterior landscaped amenity deck for building residents
- ② Double-height indoor amenity space adjacent to outdoor deck
- ③ Tall landscaping elements kept back from roof deck perimeter to give priority to the landmark facade
- ④ Bridge element connects roofdeck with podium over breezeway
- ⑤ Display of Seattle Times industrial artifact

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS3 - A - 1 Fitting Old and New Together,
- CS3 - B - 2 Historical / Cultural References,
- CS3 - II - ii Preservation,
- DC2 - I - i Roofscape Design

View of Residential Townhouse Entries along Fairview Ave N.



- ① Private raised stoops provide a transition from the unit to the sidewalk - entry patios will be raised by a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 steps wherever possible.
- ② Decorative gates will provide security for residents
- ③ Building overhang of 5 feet defines the base of the podium and provides overhead weather protection
- ④ A 2-Level inset base along the street

- ⑤ A building setback of 7 feet from the property line will provide space for landscaping and a private patio / entry.
- ⑥ Guardrails with patterned or obscure glass for privacy
- ⑦ Planted buffer will provide natural screening
- ⑧ Inset entry to tower lobby

Applicable Design Guidelines:

- CS3 - I - i Facade Articulation,
- PL2 - B - 2 Eyes on the Street,
- PL3 - B - 1 Security and Privacy,
- PL3 - B - 2 Ground Level Residential,
- PL3 - B - 4 Interaction,
- PL3 - II - i Public / Private Transition
- PL3 - III - i Residential Entries

Additional Architectural Concepts

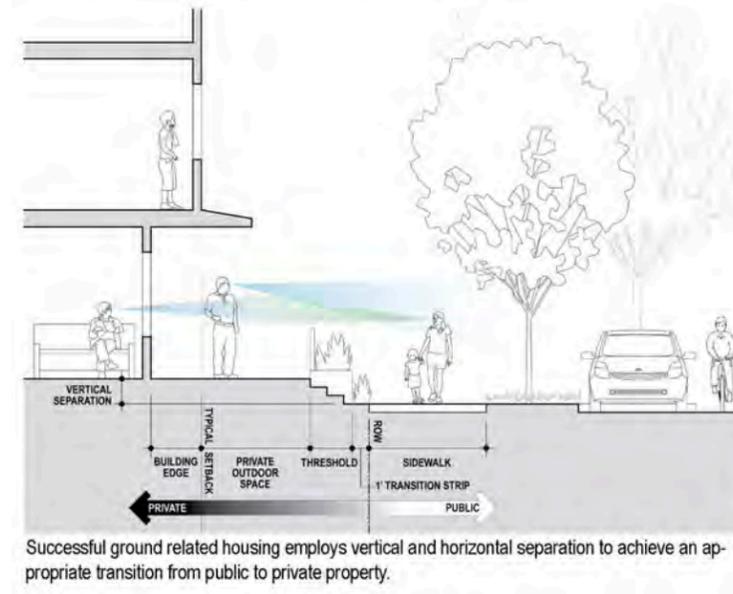
Strategies for Residential Frontages along Streets



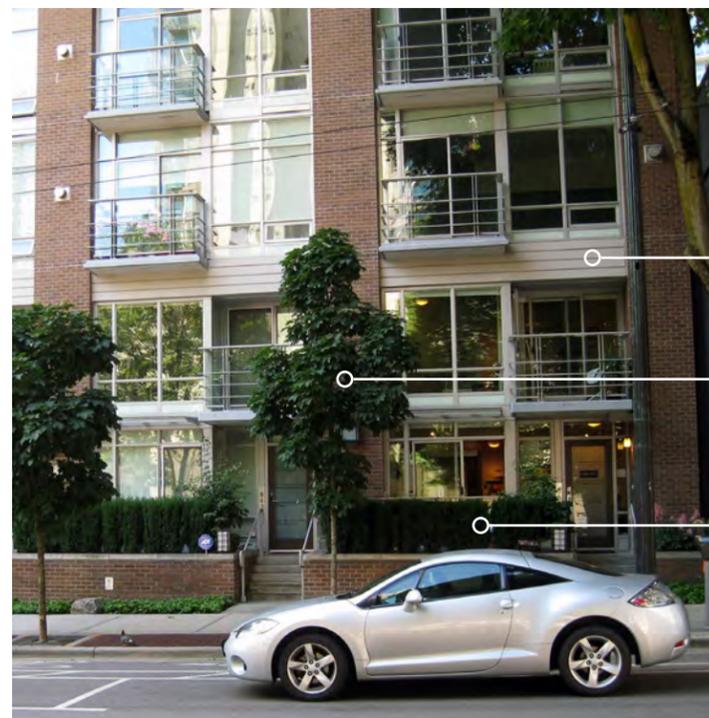
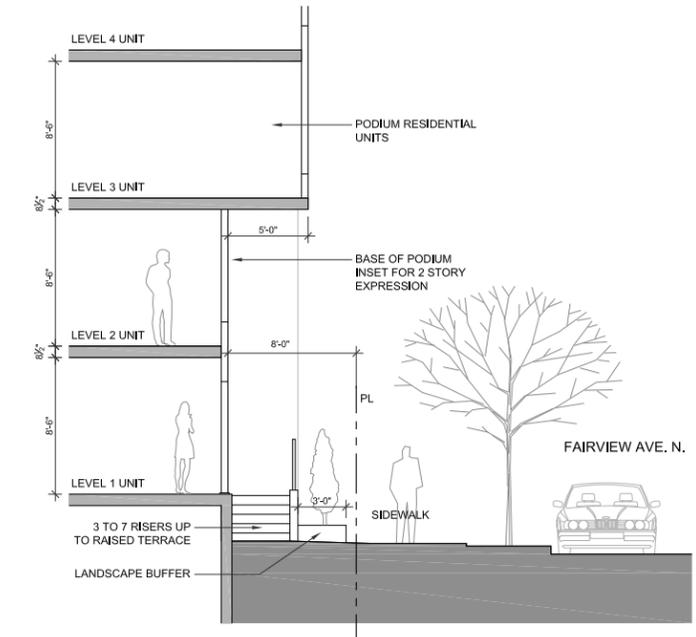
Average 5 to 6 steps above street level to townhouse units

Security gate at each townhouse unit

A Diagram from Seattle Design Guidelines (2013)



Proposed 2 Story Base Expression



2 Story expression

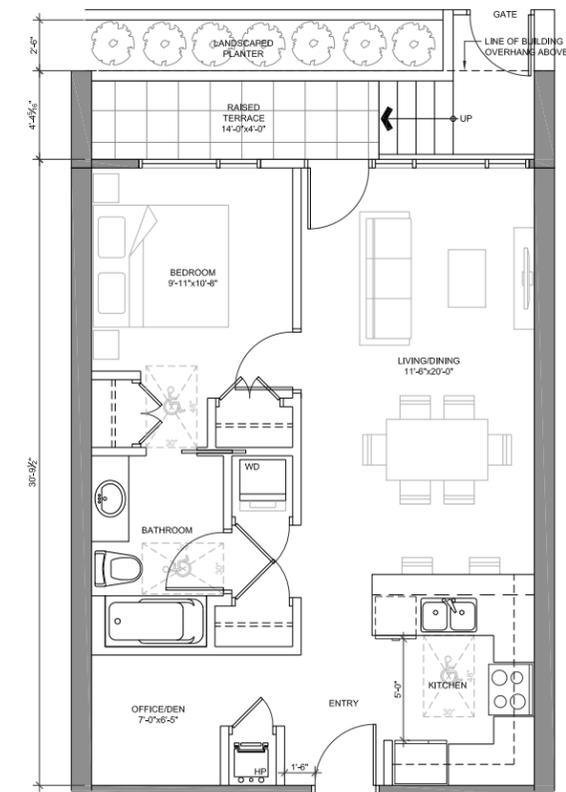
Trees along the street to give visual and auditory screen to residents and pedestrians from vehicles

Vegetation along raised patio to enhance privacy for residents

Studies of residential ground-based units along busy streets in Vancouver indicate that strategies can be used to successfully site these residences in a dense urban setting.

These strategies include:

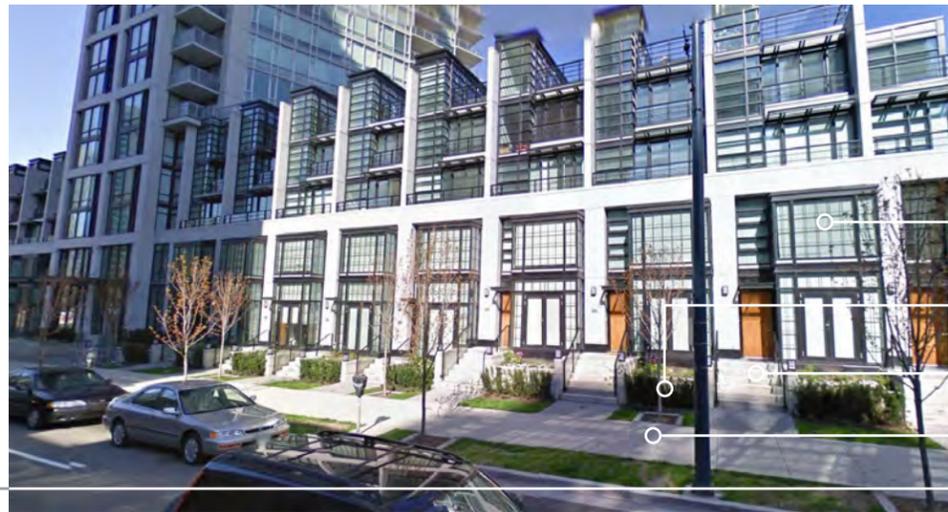
- 1) Providing an elevated private outdoor space in front of the unit – depth can be 5 feet or less.
- 2) A stair transition down to the sidewalk of a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 7 steps.
- 3) Setting back the bottom 2-story height of the podium from the property line by 7 to 10 feet.
- 4) Providing a planted landscape buffer of at least 2'-6" depth for privacy screening.
- 5) A decorative security gate at the sidewalk to signal the private aspect of the entry. Obscure glazed screening panels can also be incorporated in the guardrail bordering the raised terrace.



Vancouver Examples



View to South, Seymour St. towards Granville St Bridge offramp



Elan Development, 1255 Seymour St.

- 2 Story townhouse expression
- Landscape buffer zone
- 5 to 7 stairs up to entry with no security gate
- Wide sidewalk
- 4 lane roadway with high traffic volumes

Project Site



Corner of Fairview Ave N. & Thomas St.
 (where majority of ground level residential units would be located)

Seymour St.
 Average Vehicle Traffic
 according to City of Vancouver
 2012 Traffic Report

Approximately
16,052
 Vehicles per Day

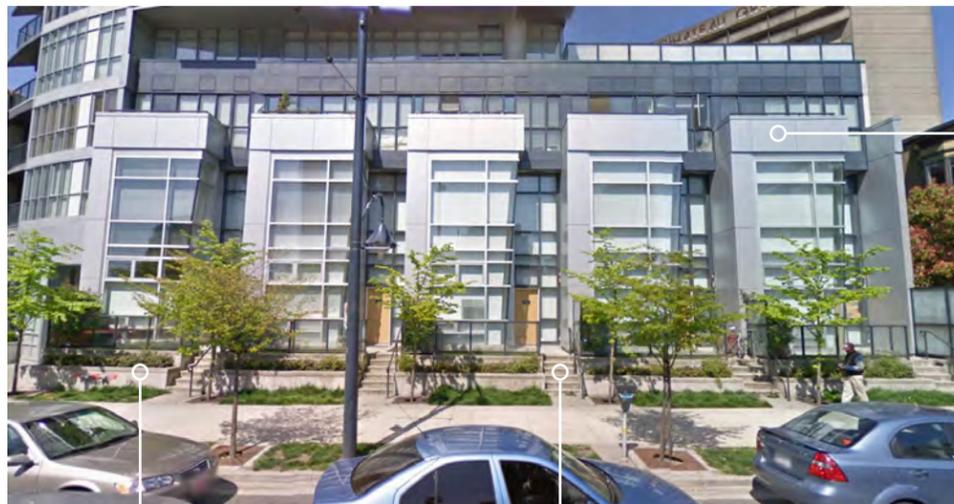
Seymour St
 2 dedicated traffic lane
 with 2 parking lanes
 (open to traffic during rush hours)

Fairview Ave
 Average Vehicle Traffic
 according to
 Seattle Department of Transportaion
 2007 Traffic Report

Approximately
6,928
 Vehicles per Day

Fairview Ave
 2 dedicated traffic lane
 with 2 parking lanes

Brava Development, 1142 Seymour St.



- Landscaped buffer zone
- 5 to 6 stairs up to entry

North East of Brava, Seymour St. towards Downtown



- 2 Story townhouse expression
- 4 Lane roadway with high traffic volumes, similar to Fairview Avenue

Examples of podium-based residential units at grade along busy streets were examined for potential strategies to deal with security, privacy and neighborhood issues.

Two examples were chosen along Seymour St. in Vancouver, but the entire 6-block length of Seymour St. and Richards St. (the next street to the east) has an almost continuous stretch of ground-based residential units on either side of the street.

Seymour St. is a north-south oriented street adjacent to the south side of the downtown core. It is characterized by high traffic volumes and is a major entry point to the downtown business/entertainment district. Traffic volumes for Seymour St. are at least as high or possibly greater than those that would be found along Fairview Ave. N. (official traffic volume records were not available for Fairview Ave.). During the walking survey it was noted that even though the stoop depths were limited and the front entry doors were within 10 feet of the sidewalk edge the transition appeared to be successful, with privacy provided by decorative fencing, gates and mature landscape screening.

Additional Architectural Concepts
View of Street Level from South East Corner



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Massing Option 4+ (Preferred) : Retain *Exceptional Trees* and keep John Street open to vehicles

Distinguishing Features:

- The Exceptional Trees located in the existing private Seattle Times park would be retained with no structures or excavation within the dripline of those trees.
- Some features of the existing Park such as the fountain and the time capsule would be retained.
- John Street will remain open to 2-way traffic, but will be reconfigured as a traffic-calmed, pedestrian-centric street.
- East-west mid-block pedestrian throughway connections for each of the sites with the addition of a north trending passageway on the west side of the Seattle Times Landmark.
- Retail uses on ground level are concentrated on either side of John St., and along Fairview Ave. and Denny Way.
- A large indoor amenity space/gym for the use of building residents is located in the central portion of the South Site.
- Tower locations are staggered with a tower located on the southeast corner of each block.
- A plaza is located at the corner of Fairview Ave. and Denny at this designated Gateway location. Another shallow plaza will be located at the corner of Denny Way and Boren Ave adjacent to the corner retail space.
- A building setback on the south side of Thomas St. opposite the Troy Laundry building will provide a landscaped space which will respect the historic façade with its new pedestrian throughway entry.
- Tower and podium heights and setbacks conform to zoning requirements.

Pros:

- Exceptional Trees (as outlined in Director's Rule 16-2008) on the property will be retained.
- A publicly accessible area at the location of the existing Seattle Times Park will be maintained.
- Ground-based pedestrian access will link the Avenues as well as the North and South Sites.
- As a negotiated settlement with the City, in exchange for preserving the area of the Seattle Times Park, additional density will be available for the towers of the North Site. This will provide a better tower height transition towards the north.

Cons:

- The excavation depth for underground parking on the South Site will increase due to the area below the park and trees no longer being available.
- Three of the entries to the public throughways will be covered by building above; however, the building face at these locations will be set back an additional 10 feet and the height to the underside of the levels above will vary from 18 to 25 feet. Also, the width of the entries will be increased to approximately 30 feet at the street side in order to signal the presence of the throughways.

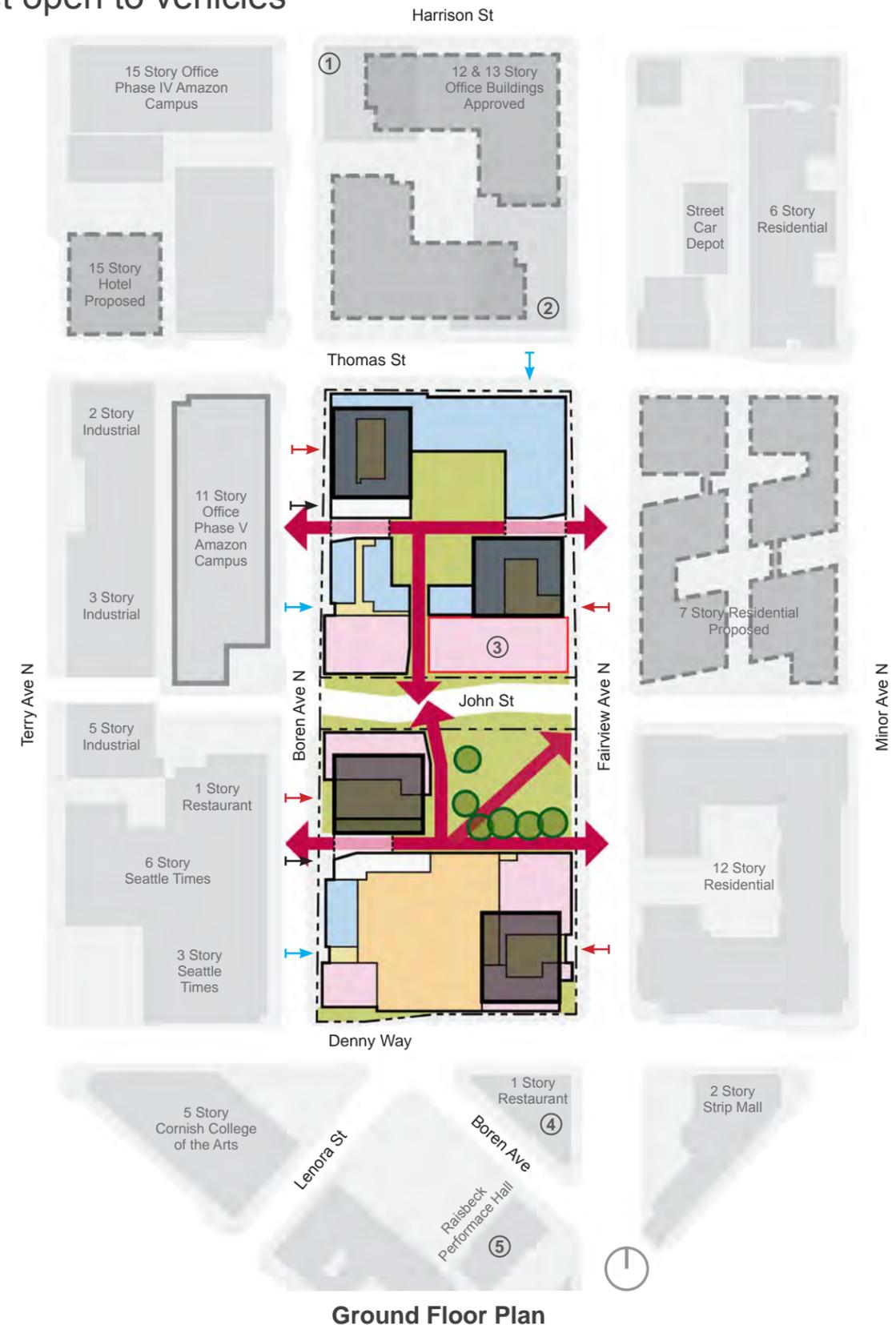
Open Space Area:

North Site: Approximately 21,682 ft²
(19.6 % of site area)

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(13.5 % of site area)

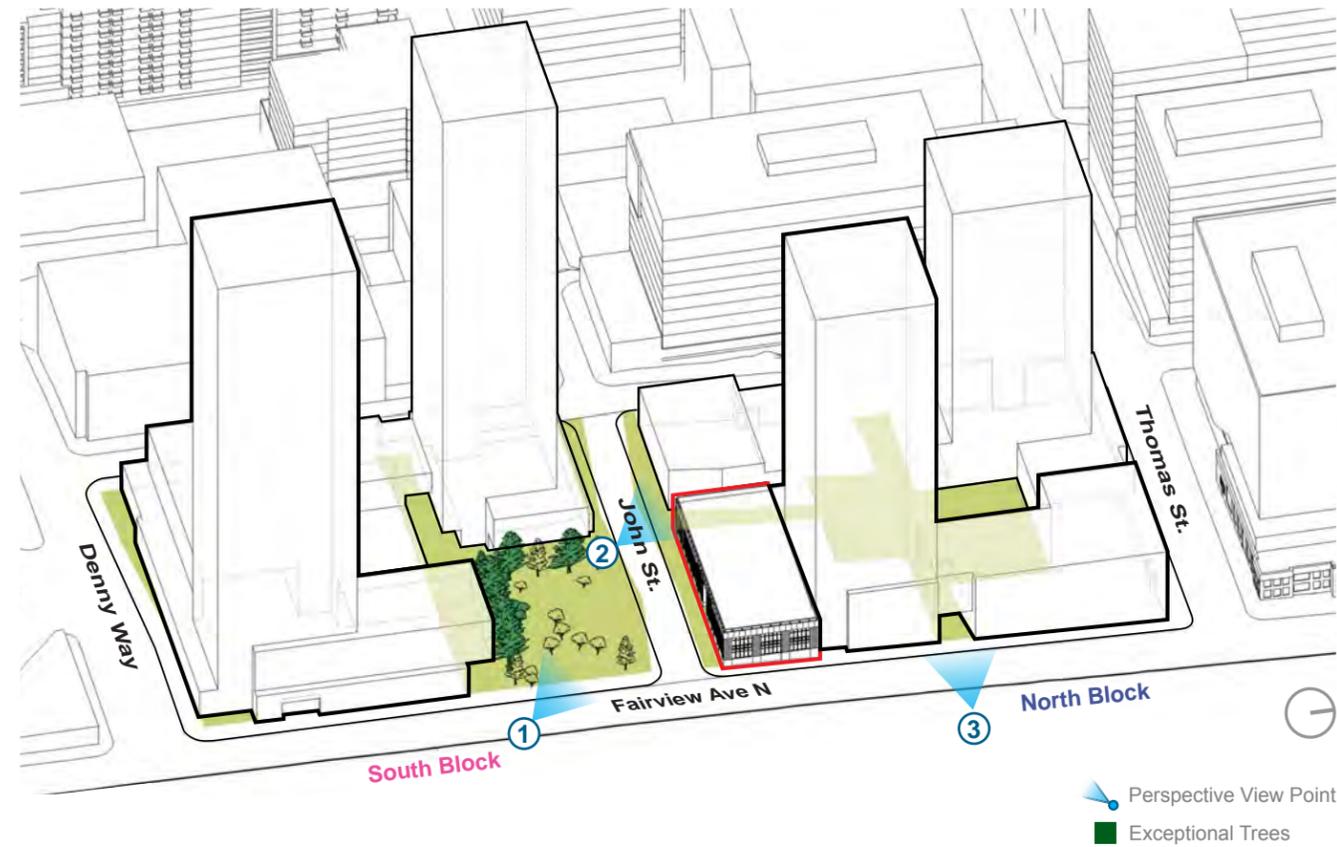
Diagram Legends

-  Pedestrian path
-  Commercial Retail
-  Lobby & Circulation
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Massing Option 4+ (Preferred) : Retain *Exceptional Trees* and keep John Street open to vehicles

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N



Departures:

- 23.48.014.G.1.a. – The minimum amount of required usable open space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and shall generally be accessible at street level with variations in elevation allowed to accommodate changes in topography;
Response: The usable open space area for the North Site is 19.6 percent, while open space area for the South Site is 13.5 percent. Over both sites, the usable open spaces averages out to 16.9 percent. The open space area for the South Site does not meet the 15 percent requirement due to the fact that the area of the retained Park is no longer included in the project site area total.
- 23.48.010.H.2 – Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.
Response: A proposed open trellis structure on the podium roof of the South Site will exceed this height limit. However, it will introduce a strong architectural element at the corner of the podium at Boren Ave. and Denny Way that will provide a counterpart to the tower on the east side of the podium.
- 23.48.010.H.7.a & b. – At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage of all features listed in subsections 23.48.010.H.4 and 23.48.010.H.5 (height of rooftop features) may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.
Response: Rather than introducing an abrupt step at the top of the building, the proposed tower architectural design will benefit from a larger mechanical room or screening whose form integrates as a whole with the levels below.

Vignettes



Massing Option 5A : Preserve 1931 Original Seattle Times Production Building Facade

Distinguishing Features:

- All the features of Option 4+ above will also apply to Option 5, with the exception that the eastern portion of the thoroughway on the North Site will not be present.
- Additionally, the façade of the original production plant along Fairview Avenue will be preserved and incorporated into the proposed 65 foot high podium design. The façade along Fairview Ave. varies from between 37 to 43 feet in height.

Pros:

- The façade of the original Seattle Times Production plant adjacent to the Landmark building would be restored and incorporated into the proposed podium design.

Cons:

- There would be no mid-block connection from avenue to avenue on the North Block as required by the street level standards
- Window openings within the preserved façade do not correspond to proposed floor level elevations, which would result in a loss of project density. As well, the floor elevation of the bottom level of the existing building at the south end is approximately 5 feet below grade which would make for an undesirable relationship between any residential units and the street level.
- The location of the 1981 façade along the property line would prevent any direct connection and transition from residential units to the street at the ground level.
- Deleting the eastern thoroughway portion on the North Site will reduce the usable open space from 19.6 percent down to 17.5 percent and prevent midblock pedestrian access from Fairview Avenue.

Departures:

- 23.48.014.H.2.a. – A continuous pedestrian passageway shall extend across the development lot to both abutting avenues;
Response: The passageway on the east side of the north block has been deleted due to the preservation of the 1931 plant façade. However, the passageway on the west side remains as does the north-trending passageway to the west of the Landmark building.
- 23.48.014.G.1.a. – The minimum amount of required usable open space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and shall generally be accessible at street level with variations in elevation allowed to accommodate changes in topography;
Response: The usable open space area for the North Site is 17.5 percent, while open space area for the South Site is 13.5 percent. Over both sites, the usable open spaces averages out to 15.7 percent. The open space area for the South Site does not meet the 15 percent requirement due to the fact that the area of the retained Park is no longer included in the project site area total.
- 23.48.010.H.2 – Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.
Response: A proposed open trellis structure on the podium roof of the South Site will exceed this height limit. However, it will introduce a strong architectural element at the corner of the podium at Boren Ave. and Denny Way that will provide a counterpart to the tower on the east side of the podium.
- 23.48.010.H.7.a & b. – At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage of all features listed in subsections 23.48.010.H.4 and 23.48.010.H.5 (height of rooftop features) may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.
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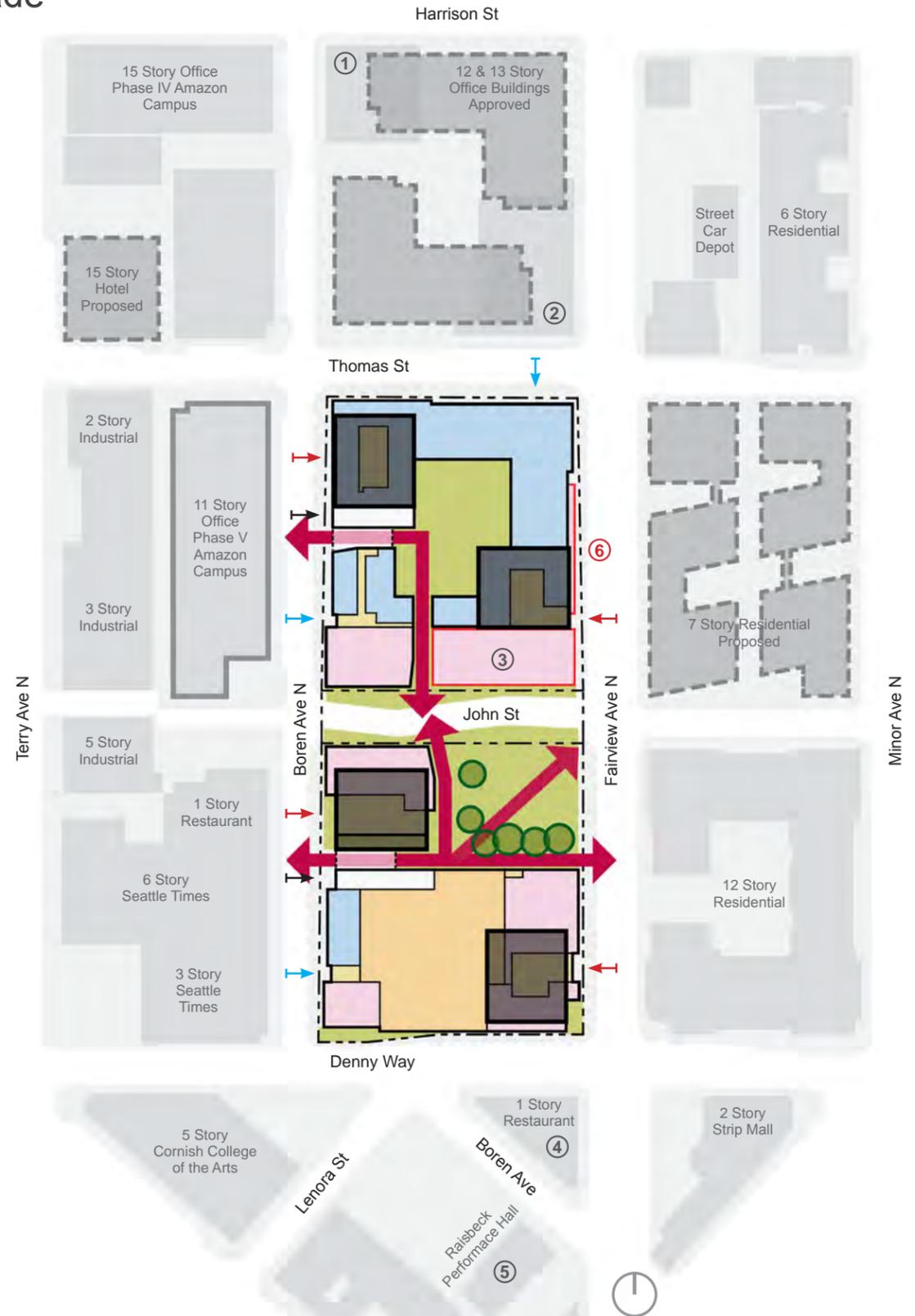
Open Space Area:

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(17.5 % of site area)

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(13.5 % of site area)

Diagram Legends

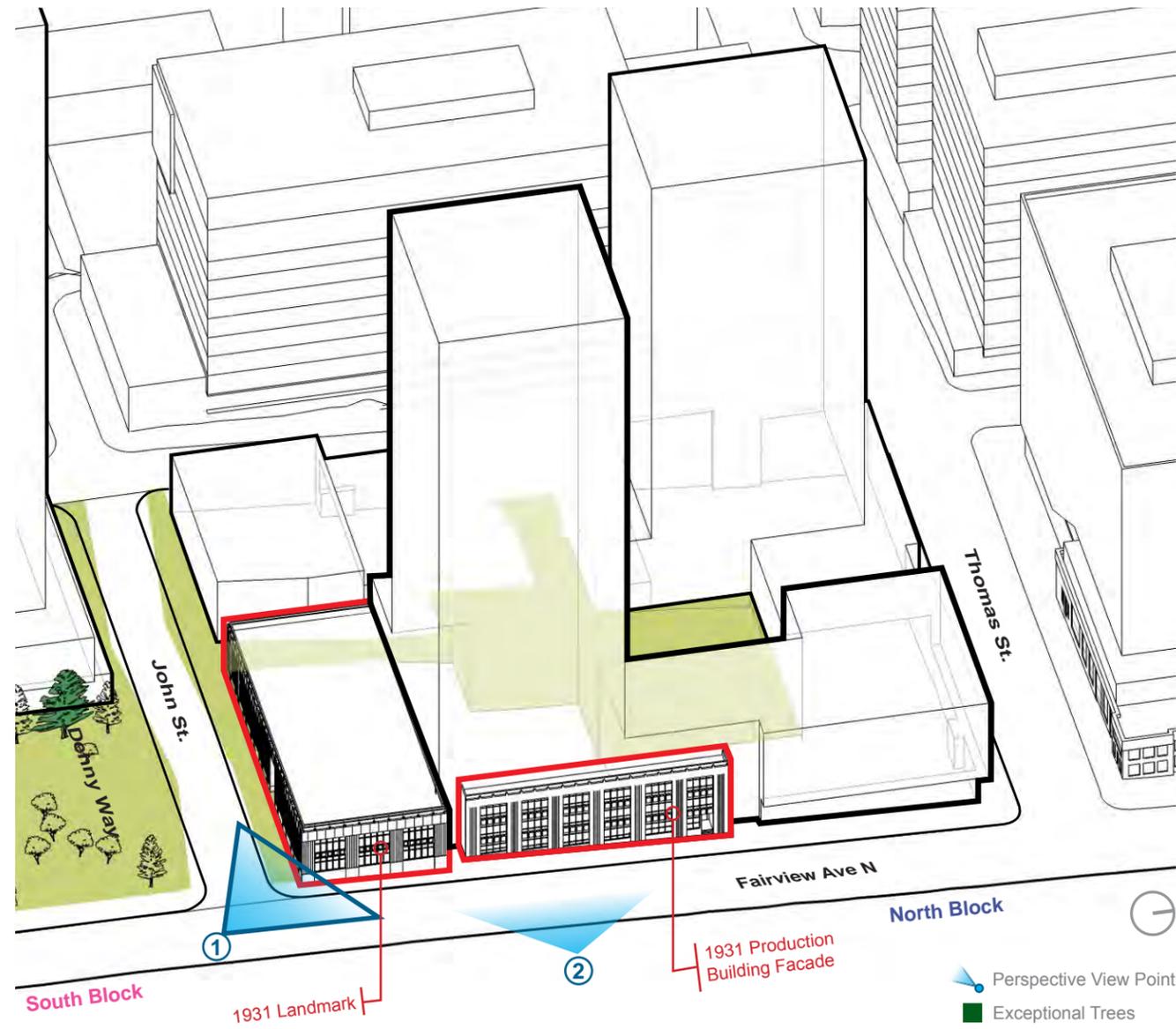
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Ground Floor Plan

Massing Option 5A : Preserve 1931 Original Seattle Times Production Building Facade

3D View of South Block from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignettes



Commercial Retail Lobby & Circulation Residential

Massing Option 5B : Preserve 1931 Original Seattle Times Production Building Facade and Keep the Mid-Block Connection

Distinguishing Features:

- Identical to Option 5A with the addition of keeping the mid-block connection on the North Site.

Pros:

- The façade of the original Seattle Times Production plant adjacent to the Landmark building would be restored and incorporated into the proposed podium design.
- The mid-block connection entry on Fairview Ave. on the North Site would remain with an opening cut into the historic façade as was done for the approved Troy Laundry Block directly to the north.

Cons:

- Window openings within the preserved façade do not correspond to proposed floor level elevations, which would result in a loss of project density. As well, the floor elevation of the bottom level of the existing building at the south end is approximately 5 feet below grade which would make for an undesirable relationship between any residential units and the street level.
- The location of the façade along the property line would prevent any direct connection and transition from residential units to the street at the ground level.
- The mid-block entry on Fairview would require that a portion of historic façade would have to be removed to allow entry. Additional elements such as canopies or paving changes would have to be used to make this entry legible for public access as the façade is very flat.

Departures:

- 23.48.014.G.1.a. – The minimum amount of required usable open space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and shall generally be accessible at street level with variations in elevation allowed to accommodate changes in topography;

Response: The usable open space area for the North Site is 19.6 percent, while open space area for the South Site is 13.5 percent. Over both sites, the usable open spaces averages out to 16.9 percent. The open space area for the South Site does not meet the 15 percent requirement due to the fact that the area of the retained Park is no longer included in the project site area total.
- 23.48.010.H.2 – Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.

Response: A proposed open trellis structure on the podium roof of the South Site will exceed this height limit. However, it will introduce a strong architectural element at the corner of the podium at Boren Ave. and Denny Way that will provide a counterpart to the tower on the east side of the podium.
- 23.48.010.H.7.a & b. – At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage of all features listed in subsections 23.48.010.H.4 and 23.48.010.H.5 (height of rooftop features) may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.

Response: Rather than introducing an abrupt step at the top of the building, the proposed tower architectural design will benefit from a larger mechanical room or screening whose form integrates as a whole with the levels below.

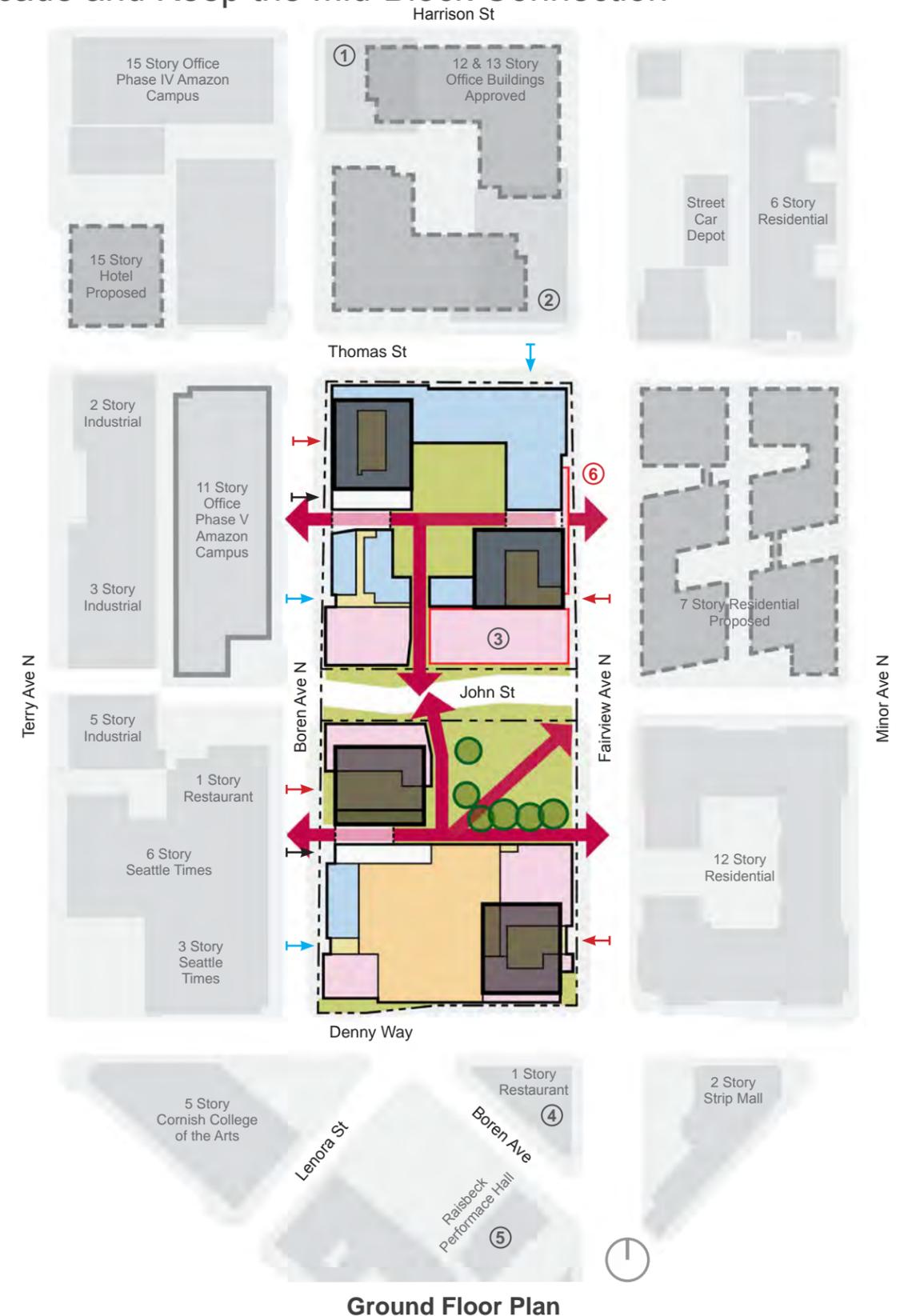
Open Space Area:

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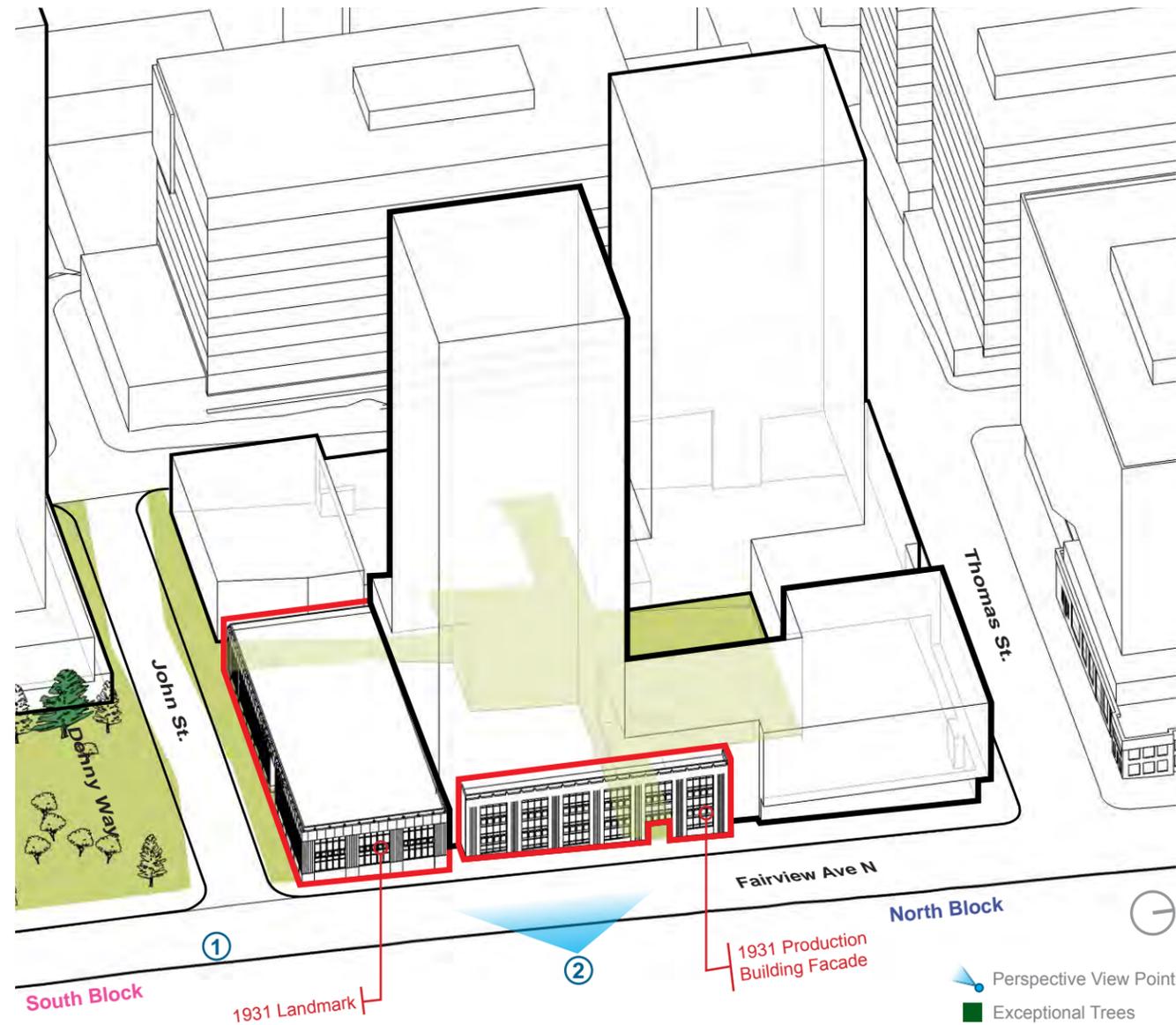
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Ground Floor Plan

Massing Option 5B : Preserve 1931 Original Seattle Times Production Building Facade and Keep the Mid-Block Connection

3D View of South Block from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignette



Commercial Retail Residential

Additional Massing Options

Massing Option 5C : Preserve the 1931 Original Seattle Times Production building façade and introduce a pedestrian connection off of Thomas St., directly opposite the pedestrian connection to the Troy Block.

Distinguishing Features:

- Identical to Option 5B, but shifting the North Block east side entry from Fairview Ave. up to Thomas St. to align with Troy Block entry.

Pros:

- The façade of the original Seattle Times Production plant adjacent to the Landmark building would be restored and incorporated into the proposed podium design.
- The 1931 production plant façade would not have to be altered to accommodate the pedestrian entry point.
- A more direct pedestrian linkage would be established with the Troy Block to the north

Cons:

- There would be no mid-block connection from avenue to avenue on the North Block as required by the street level standards.
- Window openings within the preserved façade do not correspond to proposed floor level elevations, which would result in a loss of project density. As well, the floor elevation of the bottom level of the existing building at the south end is approximately 5 feet below grade which would make for an undesirable relationship between any residential units and the street level.
- The location of the façade along the property line would prevent any direct connection and transition from residential units to the street at the ground level.

Departures:

- 23.48.014.H.2.a. – A continuous pedestrian passageway shall extend across the development lot to both abutting avenues. The alignment of the pedestrian connection and the point at which it intersects each avenue shall be no closer than 100 feet to an east-west street abutting the block;
Response: The passageway on the east side of the north block has been shifted north to Thomas street. Therefore, the passageway no longer extends from avenue to avenue. It should be noted that the entry off of Thomas St. is approximately 30 feet from the east lot line.
- 23.48.014.G.1.a. – The minimum amount of required usable open space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and shall generally be accessible at street level with variations in elevation allowed to accommodate changes in topography;
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- 23.48.010.H.2 – Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and fire-walls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.
Response: A proposed open trellis structure on the podium roof of the South Site will exceed this height limit. However, it will introduce a strong architectural element at the corner of the podium at Boren Ave. and Denny Way that will provide a counterpart to the tower on the east side of the podium.
- 23.48.010.H.7.a & b. – At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage of all features listed in subsections 23.48.010.H.4 and 23.48.010.H.5 (height of rooftop features) may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.
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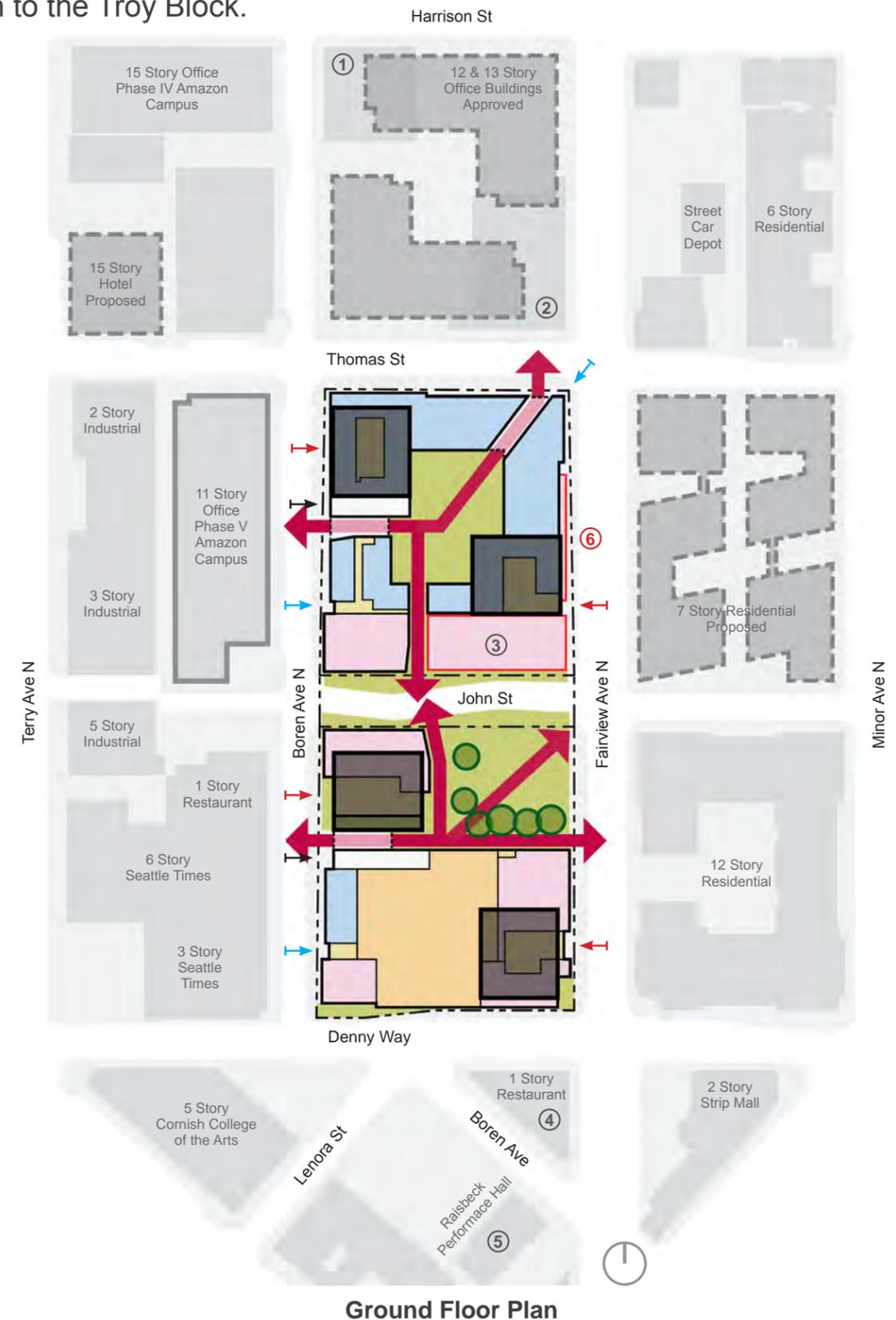
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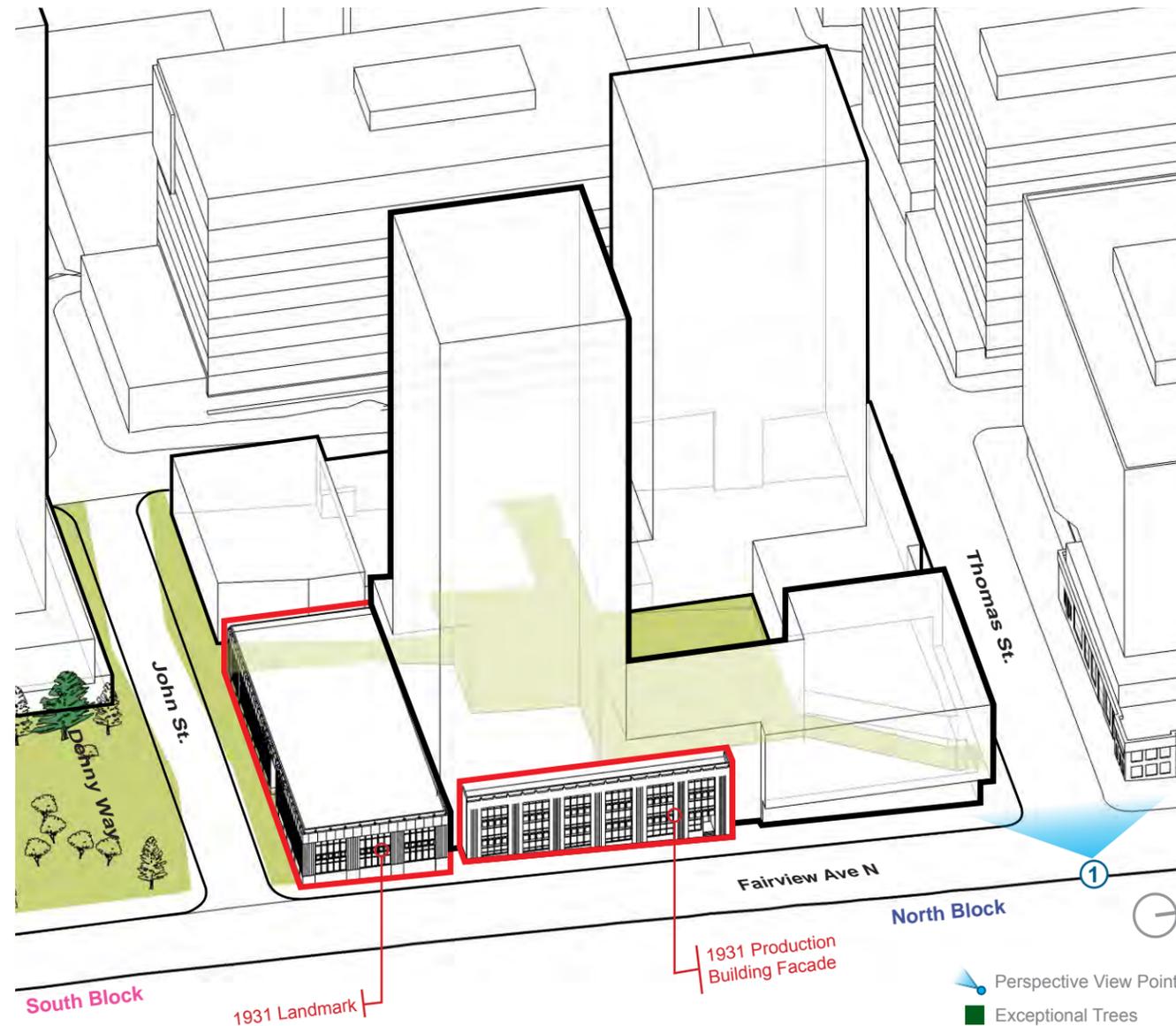


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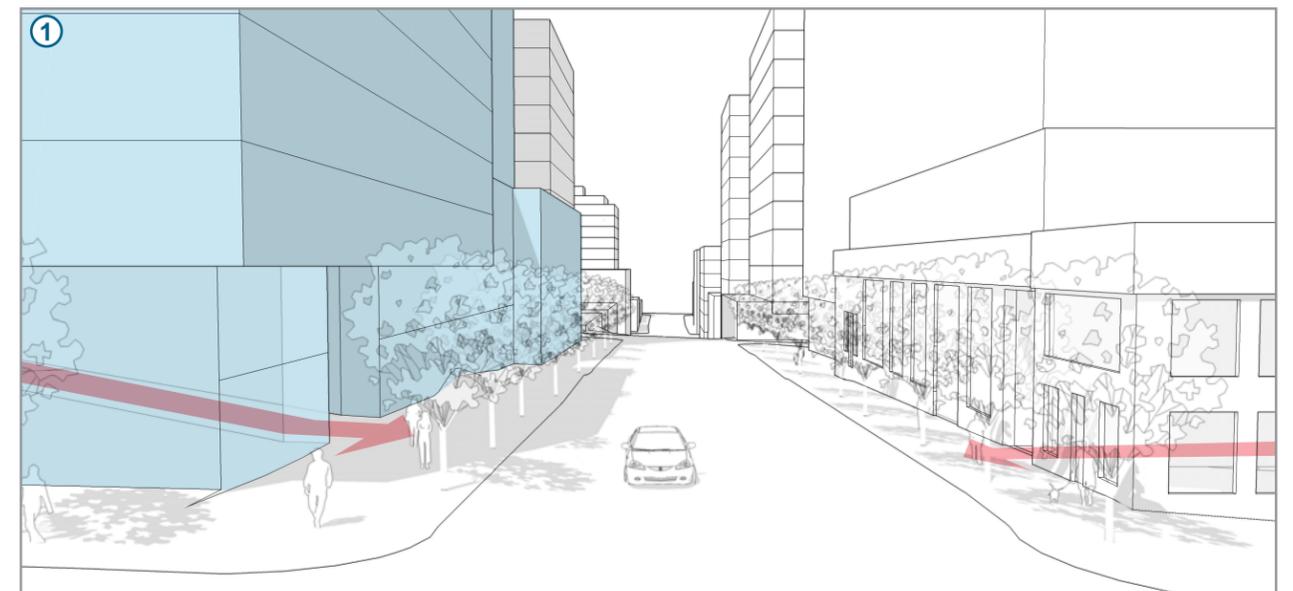
Additional Massing Options

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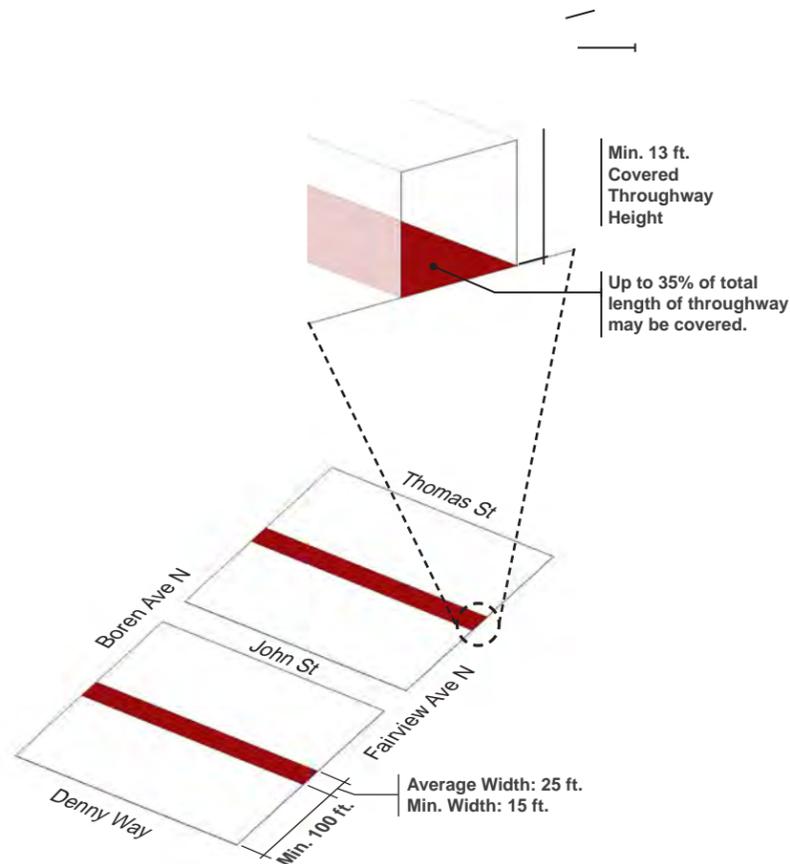
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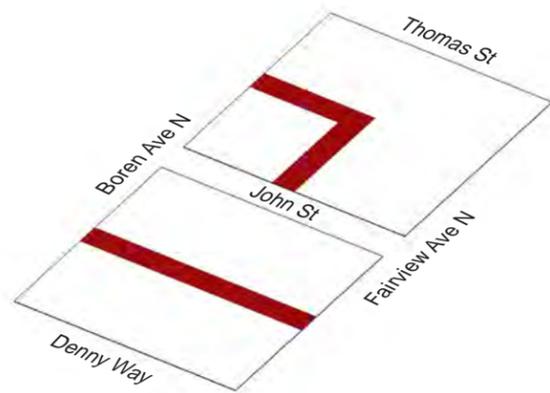
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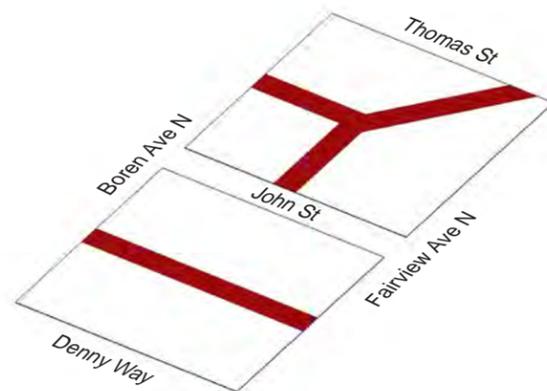
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REQUIRED
East-West Connection



PROPOSED Option 5a



PROPOSED Option 5c

Departure #1

Departure #1 is in 1st EDG Package

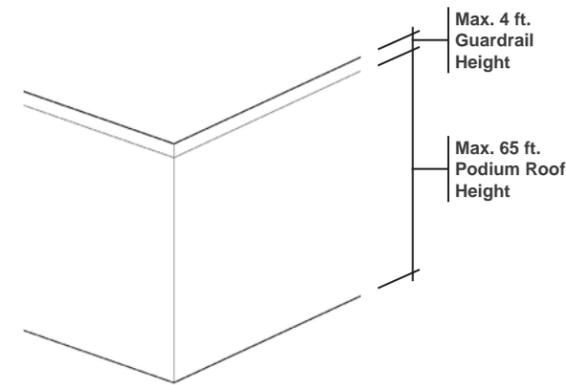
Code Reference: 23.48.014 Street-level development standards

- **H.2.a:** A continuous pedestrian passageway shall extend across the development lot to both abutting avenues. The alignment of the pedestrian connection and the point at which it intersects each avenue shall be no closer than 100 feet to an east-west street abutting the block, and the connection at the avenues shall be accessible at grade level from the sidewalk.
- **Departure:** Options 5A and 5C do not have pedestrian connections which extend directly across the site from avenue to avenue as required by the Code. Additionally, Option 5C has the northern entry at approximately 40 feet from the east lot line which is far less than the 100 feet required.
- **Options with Departure:** Options 5A and 5C
- **Justification:** Design Guideline PL1-A-1. ‘Enhancing Open Space’ states:
“Design the building and open spaces to positively contribute to a broader network of open spaces throughout the neighborhood”

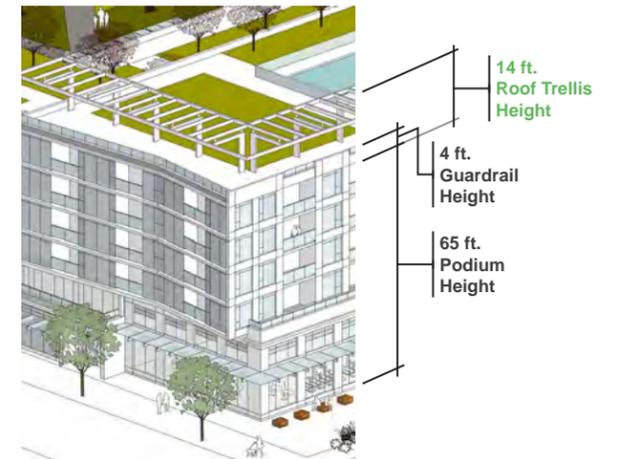
Also, Design Guideline DC3-B-3. ‘Connections to Other Open Space’ states:

“Site and design project-related open spaces to connect with, or enhance, the uses and activities of other nearby public open space where appropriate”

The passageway on the north block on Thomas St. will face the pedestrian opening on the Troy Block across the street to provide a visual and pedestrian connection between the two sites.



REQUIRED



PROPOSED
This image has been updated from 1st EDG Package

Departure #2

Code Reference: 23.48.010 Structure Height

- **H.2.:** Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit with unlimited rooftop coverage.
- **Departure:** The Code allows the listed items to extend above the maximum podium height by only 4 feet. The departure would involve an open trellis structure at the southwest corner of the South Site which would extend for a height of 14 feet above the podium roof.
- **Options with Departure:** Options 4+, 5A, 5B and 5C
- **Justification:** Design Guideline DS2 C.2 ‘Secondary architectural Features – Dual Purpose Elements’ states:
“Consider architectural features that can be dual purpose – adding depth, texture, and scale as well as serving other project functions.”

The trellis structure is a dual purpose structure that would provide shade for the landscaped amenity area on the podium roof, as well as visual interest from the street level below. It would also help to better define the corner of Denny Way and Boren Ave. N. and provide an architectural balance to the tower forms on the South Site..

Departure Summary

DEPARTURES REQUESTED – Four in Total

Departure #3

Code Reference: 23.48.010 Structure Height

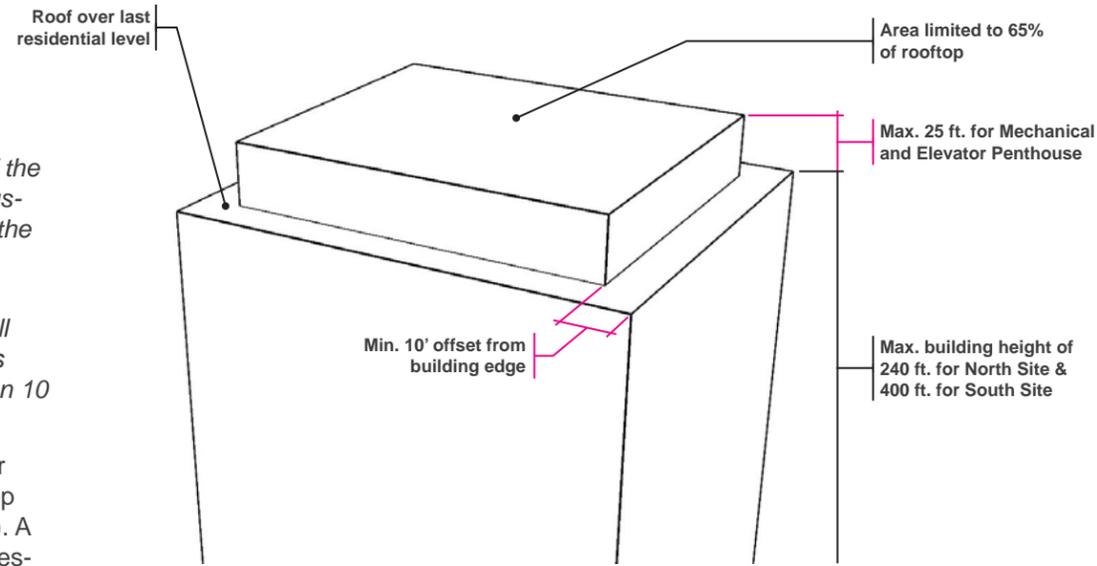
H.5 and 7:

- 5. For structures greater than 85 feet in height, elevator penthouses up to 25 feet above the height limit are permitted. If the elevator provides access to a rooftop designed to provide usable open space, elevator penthouses up to 35 feet above the height limit are permitted.
- 7. At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.

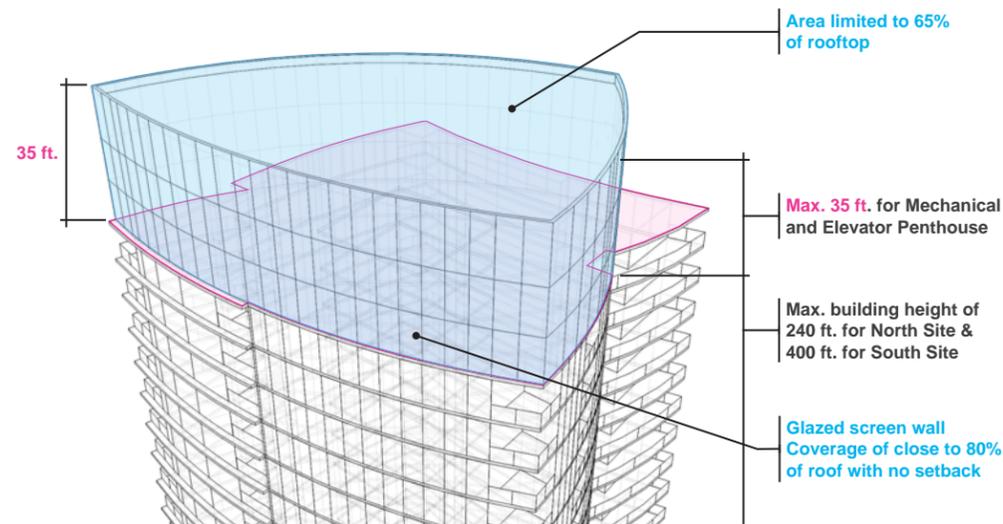
- Departure Part A: 23.48.010.H.5** limits the height of the elevator penthouse to 25 feet above the maximum height limit if no rooftop usable space is provided (none is presently being contemplated). A departure is requested for a 35 foot high penthouse without accessible rooftop usable open space.
- Departure Part B: 23.48.010.H.7** limits the coverage of the mechanical penthouse of the tower to 65 percent of the roof area. It also imposes a setback of 10 feet from the roof edge. This setback limits the design expression at the top of the building to a stepped form. Therefore a departure is requested to allow up to 100 percent of the roof coverage (if required for final tower design) in the form of glazed screen approximately 35 feet high which would extend above the roof and would conceal the elevator penthouse, mechanical room and other rooftop equipment.
- Options with Departure:** Options 4+, 5A, 5B and 5C
- Justification:** Design Guideline DS2 B.1 'Architectural and Façade Composition' states:

"Design all building facades – including alleys and visible roofs – considering the composition and architectural expression of the building as a whole."

While the mechanical room and elevator penthouse for option 3A will likely not be required to extend out to the roof edge of the levels below, in certain corner locations, glazed screening walls will rise to a height of 25 feet above the roof and will align with exterior walls below. This condition will apply to the towers on both sites and will result in a more integrated tower design.



REQUIRED



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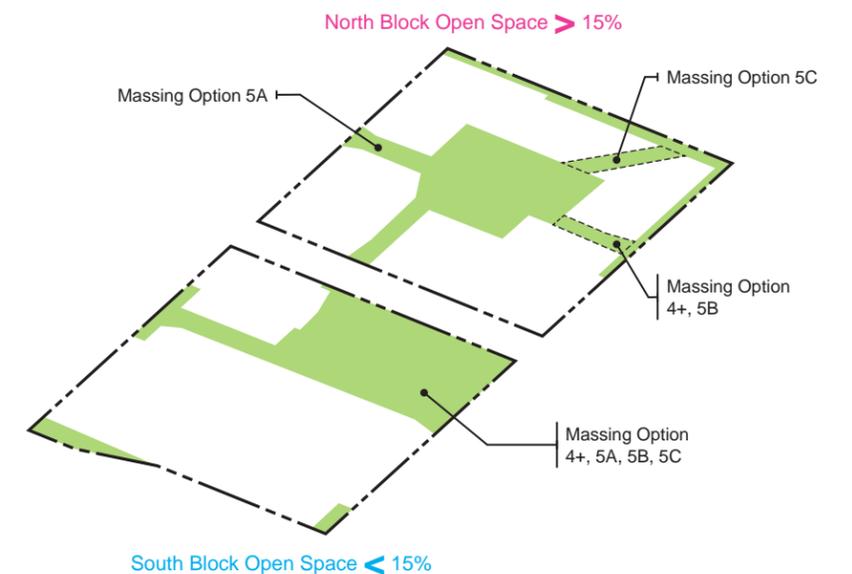
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Code Reference: 23.48.014 Façade Requirements

- 23.48.014.G.1.a.** – The minimum amount of required usable open space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and shall generally be accessible at street level with variations in elevation allowed to accommodate changes in topography
- Departure:** South block is just under 15 percent open space ratio requirement with exclusion of Seattle Times Park.
- Options with Departure:** Options 4+, 5A, 5B and 5C
- Justification:** Design Guideline DC3-I-iii. 'Tree Retention' states:

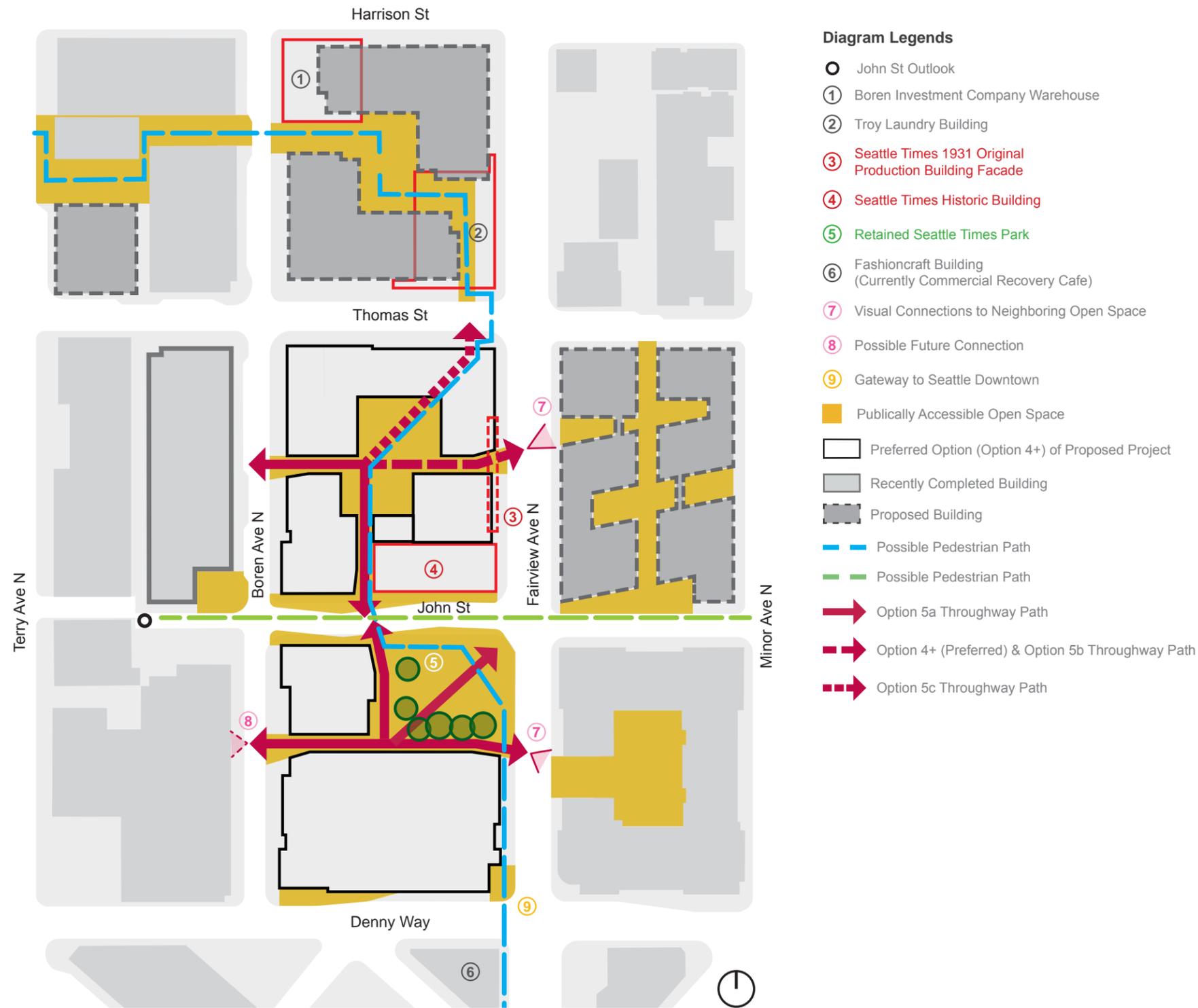
"Retain existing, non-intrusive mature trees or replace with large caliper trees"

As the preserved park is no longer considered a part of the developable property, its area must be excluded from the usable open space calculation. As a result the ratio of open space to lot area falls below the 15% requirement for the South Site. However, the existing Park and Exceptional Trees have been retained.



Average of Overall Open Space Percentage (South and North Block combined) > 16%

Visual and Pedestrian Connections around the Site



Design Guideline PL1-A-1. 'Enhancing Open Space':

"Design the building and open spaces to positively contribute to a broader network of open spaces throughout the neighborhood"

Design Guideline DC3-B-3. 'Connections to Other Open Space':

"Site and design project-related open spaces to connect with, or enhance, the uses and activities of other nearby public open space where appropriate"

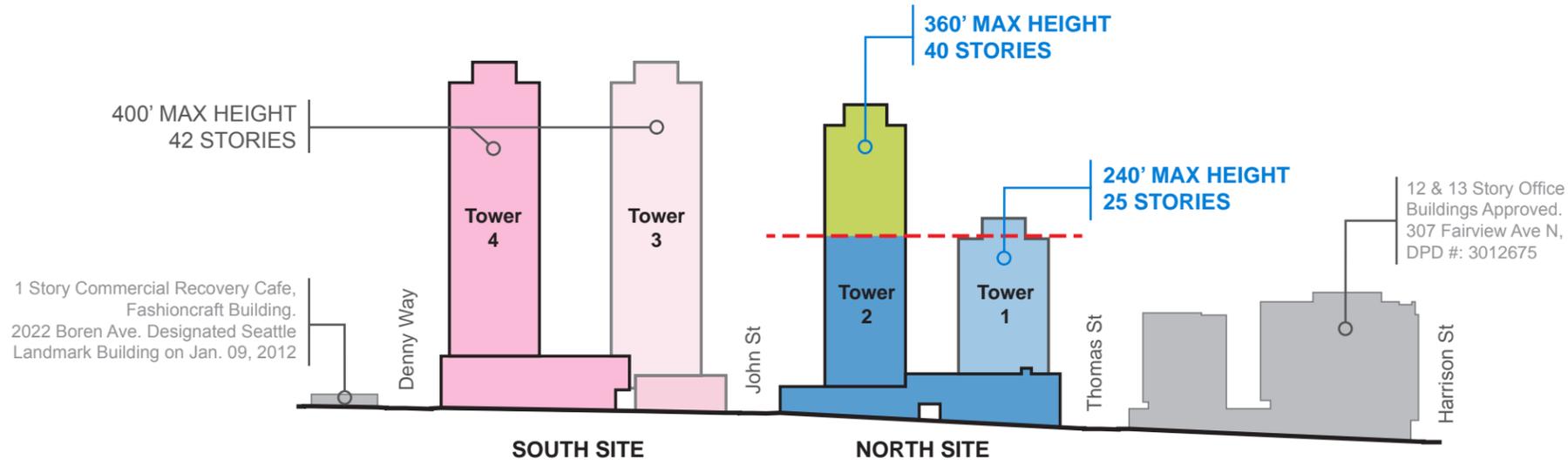
The network of public open space on the north and south blocks will enhance the uses and activities of nearby public open space in the surrounding neighborhood. Each block would have one mid-block connection with an additional north-south passageway linking the two blocks across John St. These connections would provide a number of opportunities for pedestrian as well as visual connections to neighboring open spaces.

A number of narratives for pedestrian routes could highlight these connections. For instance, pedestrians coming from the downtown core crossing Denny Way would encounter the open plaza at the corner of Denny and Fairview, continue south along Fairview to the park, move diagonally through the park, cross John St. and enter the north block courtyard. From there they could travel either west to Boren Avenue, or east to Fairview where they could link with the pedestrian connections through the Troy block and subsequently the block to the west of the Troy. Another possible route would be for pedestrians from the Cascade neighborhood to the east, travelling westward towards Seattle Center. They would travel along the landscape enhanced, reconfigured John St., pass by the small plaza on the southeast corner of the phase V Amazon building, continue west to an overlook at the end of John St. and further on down a possible future stair connection down to Terry Avenue.

In addition, the Seattle Times Park and pedestrian enhanced John St. would function as a central node in the open space network.

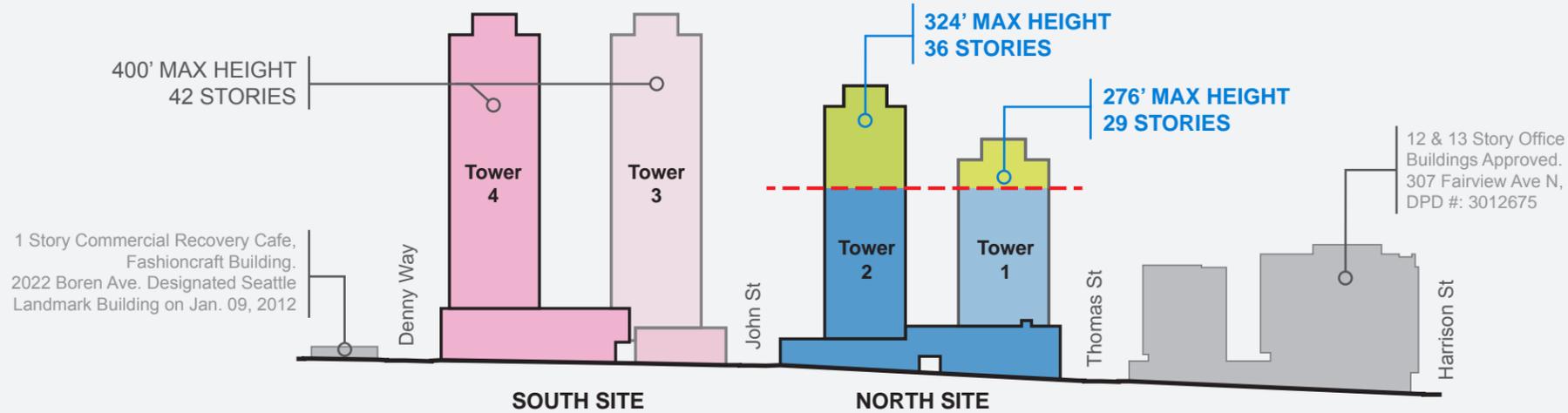
Additional Architectural Studies
North Site Tower Height Variations

**HEIGHT
 OPTION 1**
360' + 240' = 600'



■ Added Stories
 --- Original Zoning Height Limit (240 ft)
 (Zoning: SM 160 / 85 - 240)

**HEIGHT
 OPTION 2
 (Preferred)**
324' + 276' = 600'

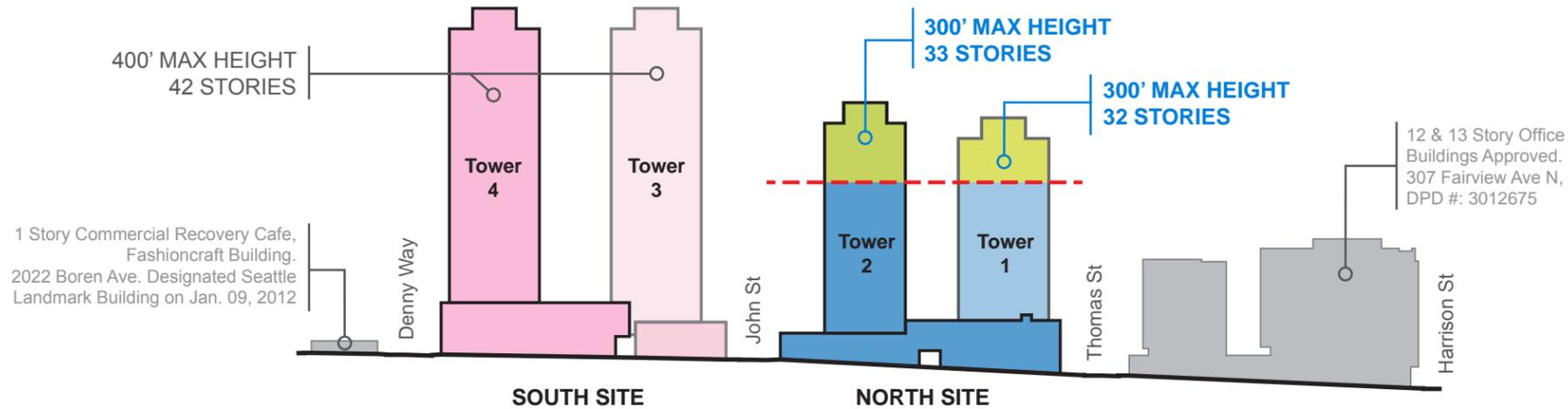


At the first EDG meeting, the Board supported the proposed tower locations, but requested that the tower heights be varied to a greater degree from the maximum heights allowed by zoning.

As noted previously, in return for retaining the Seattle Times Park, additional density for the North block towers has been negotiated with the City. Presently on the North block, the zoning allows for a maximum tower height (with incentives) of 240 feet. With the additional negotiated density the maximum tower heights have been increased to 300 feet, along with the ability to increase the height of one particular tower at the expense of the other, so long as the cumulative tower height does not exceed 600 feet.

In response to this, 3 options were examined to vary tower heights on the North block. The preferred option would be to transition the height of the towers from the South block down towards the Troy Laundry project to the north as shown in Option 2.

**HEIGHT
 OPTION 3**
300' + 300' = 600'



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Tower Design Advancement - Tower 2 Design Exploration



**Option 1: Tower Design as Foil
(Preferred)**

This tower design acts as a foil or contrast to the Art Deco Landmark in the foreground. The Landmark itself is an interesting combination of robust (for example, the stone-faced columns, base and parapet) and more delicate elements (the metal grillwork and decorative stone relief). The round columns at the base of the tower echo the columns of the Landmark, while the convex and concave faces of the tower subtly reference the flutings of the columns. This design is meant to complement and not overtly reference the Art Deco/moderne style of the Landmark.



**Option 2: Tower Design as Simple Element
(Preferred)**

The strong vertical form of this tower references the strength and almost neoclassical simplicity of the Landmark façade. Verticality is achieved with a well-defined element on the east side of the tower. Dividing the tower form up with separate components helps to break up the apparent mass of the 10,500 square foot tower plate. The tower in this case is both integrated with and defined from the podium base.

Tower Design Advancement - Tower 2 Design Exploration



A rendering by an artist in 1929, showing a possible tower on top of Times building.

Option 3: Tower Design as Art Deco Form

This tower form introduces a highly contextual, Art Deco style massing which directly references the Landmark and reintroduces a concept from 1929 showing a tower on top of the Times buildings.



Option 4: Tower Design as Metaphor

For this approach, the tower can be read as a rolled-up newspaper, which references the history and product of the Seattle Times firm. This somewhat flamboyant form has precedents in the nearby Space Needle and Experience Music Project buildings.

Tower Design Advancement - Tower Placement Option 1



The preferred tower designs from the previous pages (Foil and Simple) are shown on the site as two options to study which tower design is best suited to either the north or south blocks. For the first option, the Foil tower is located behind the landmark building and the Simple tower is located on the south block. For the second option, the locations are reversed.

Option 1 introduces a light and elegant tower to the landmark building which has a contrasting effect, while option 2 pairs the landmark with more of a similar orthogonal tower form.

Tower Design Advancement - Tower Placement Option 2



South Site

Tower 4

Tower 3

Tower 1

Tower 2

North Site

Tower Design Advancement - View from North East



Tower 4

South Site

Tower 3

Tower 2

North Site

Tower 1

Tower Design Advancement - View from South West



Tower 1

North Site

Tower 2

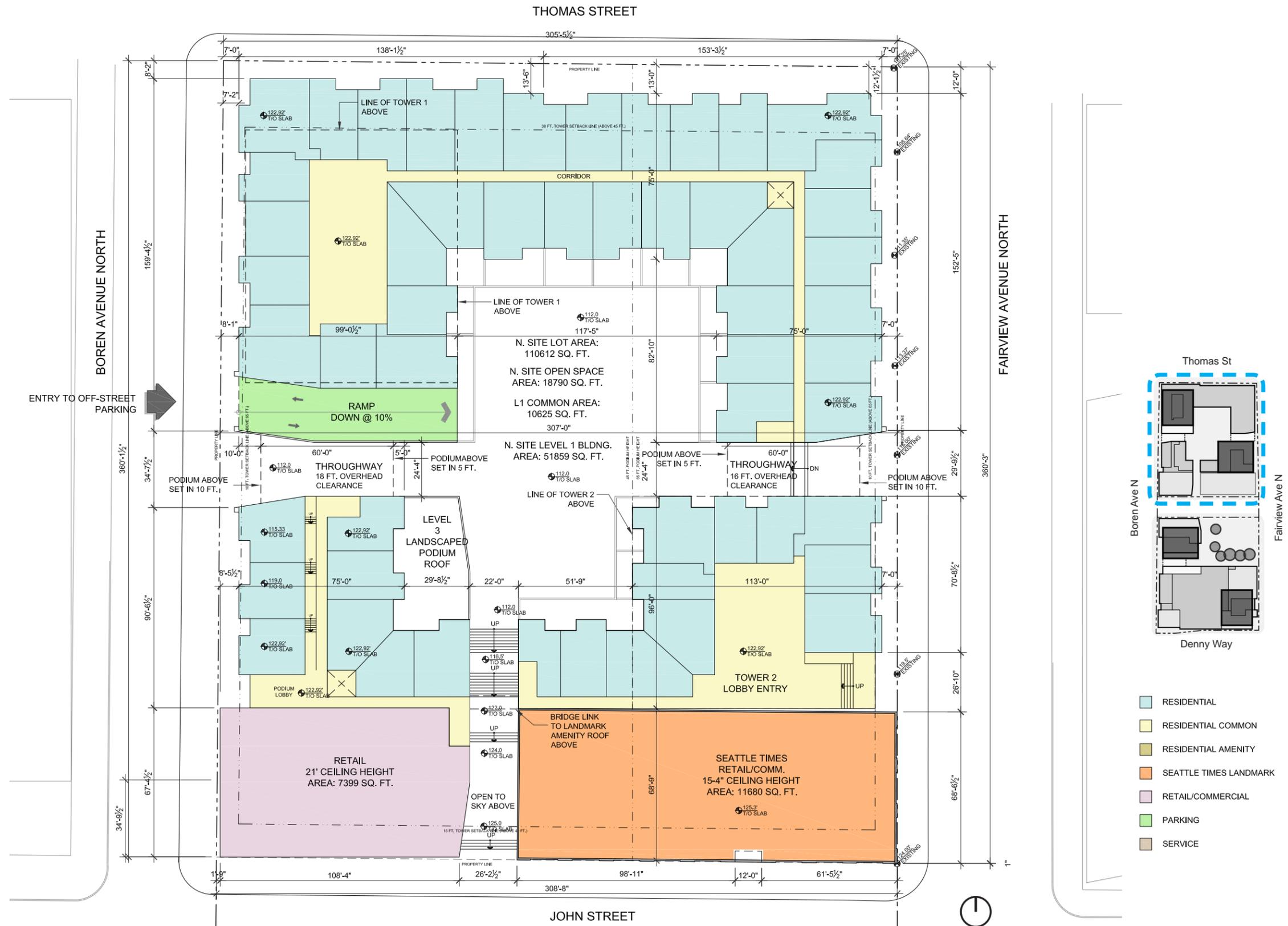
Tower 3

South Site

Tower 4

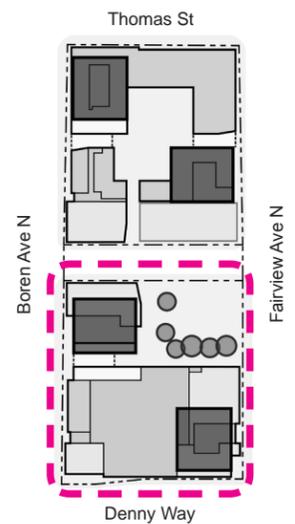
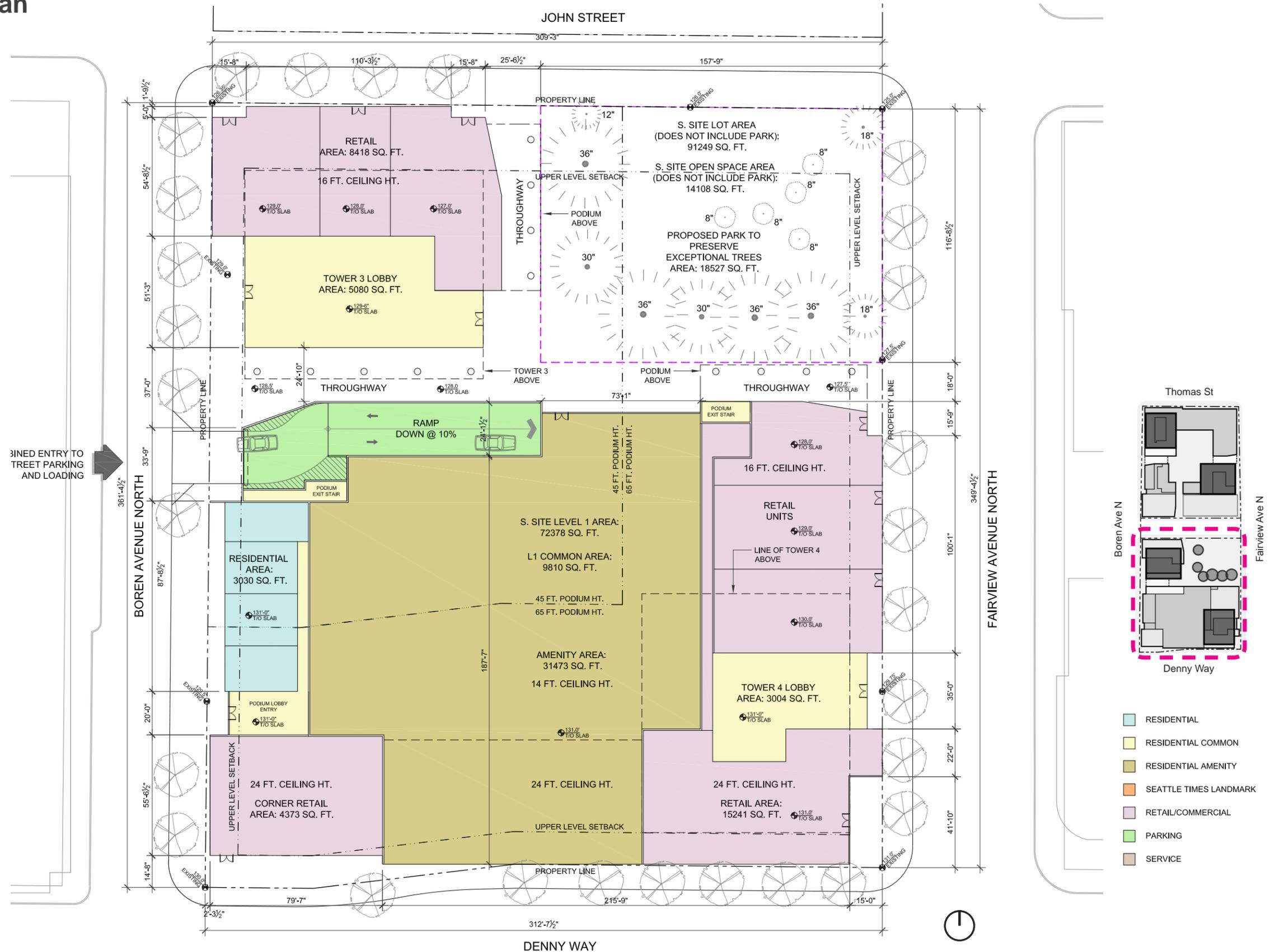
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South Block Site Plan

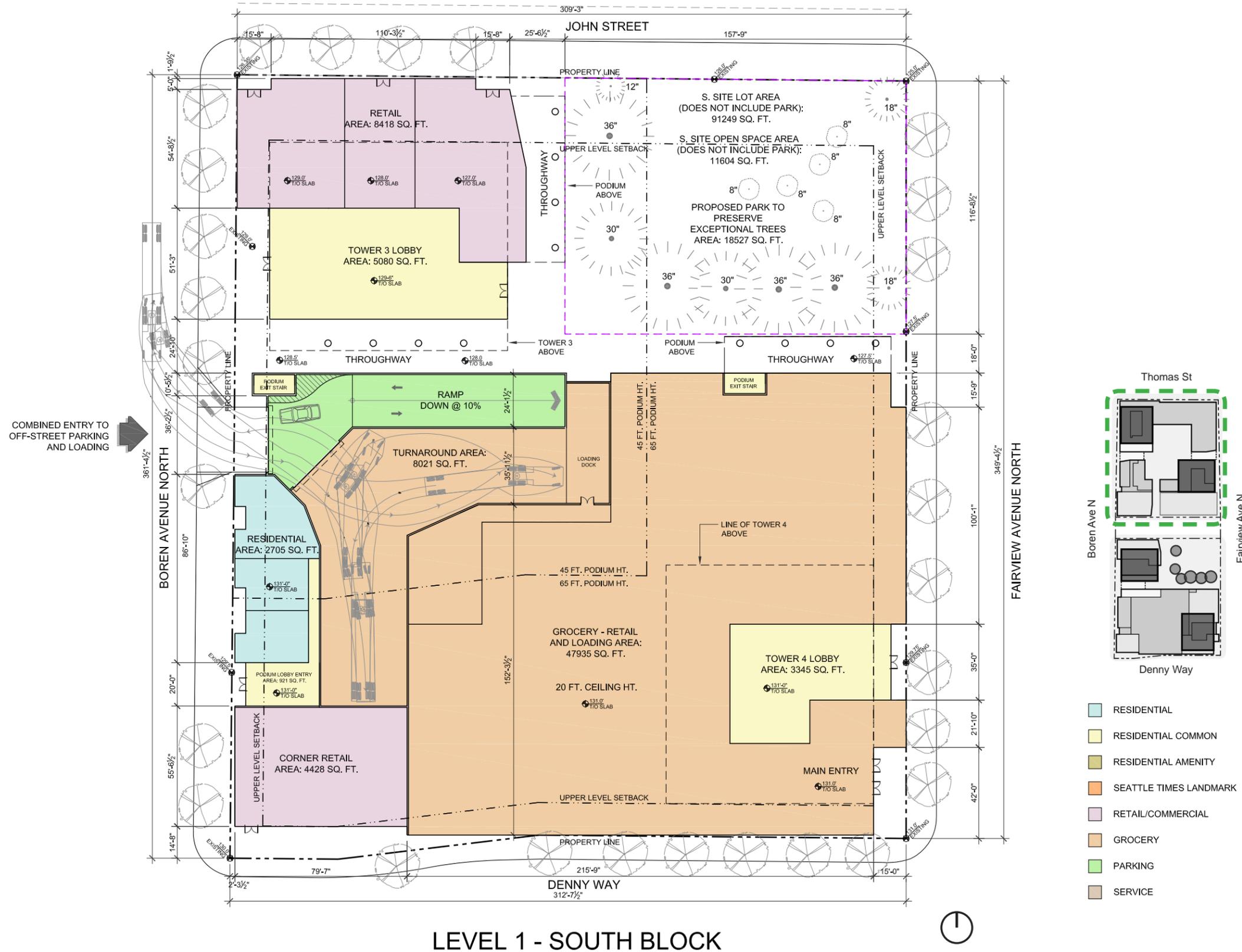
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- SEATTLE TIMES LANDMARK
- RETAIL/COMMERCIAL
- PARKING
- SERVICE

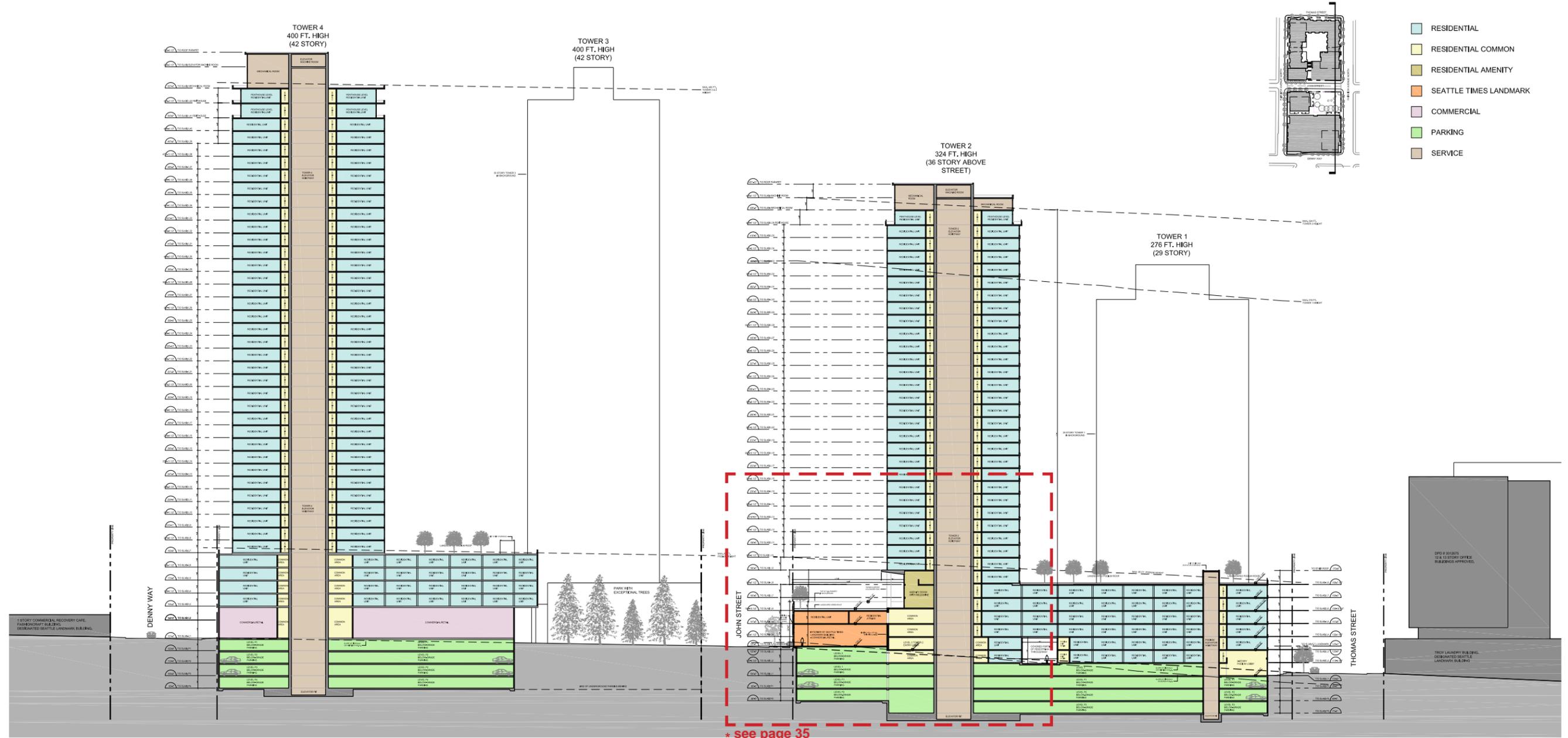
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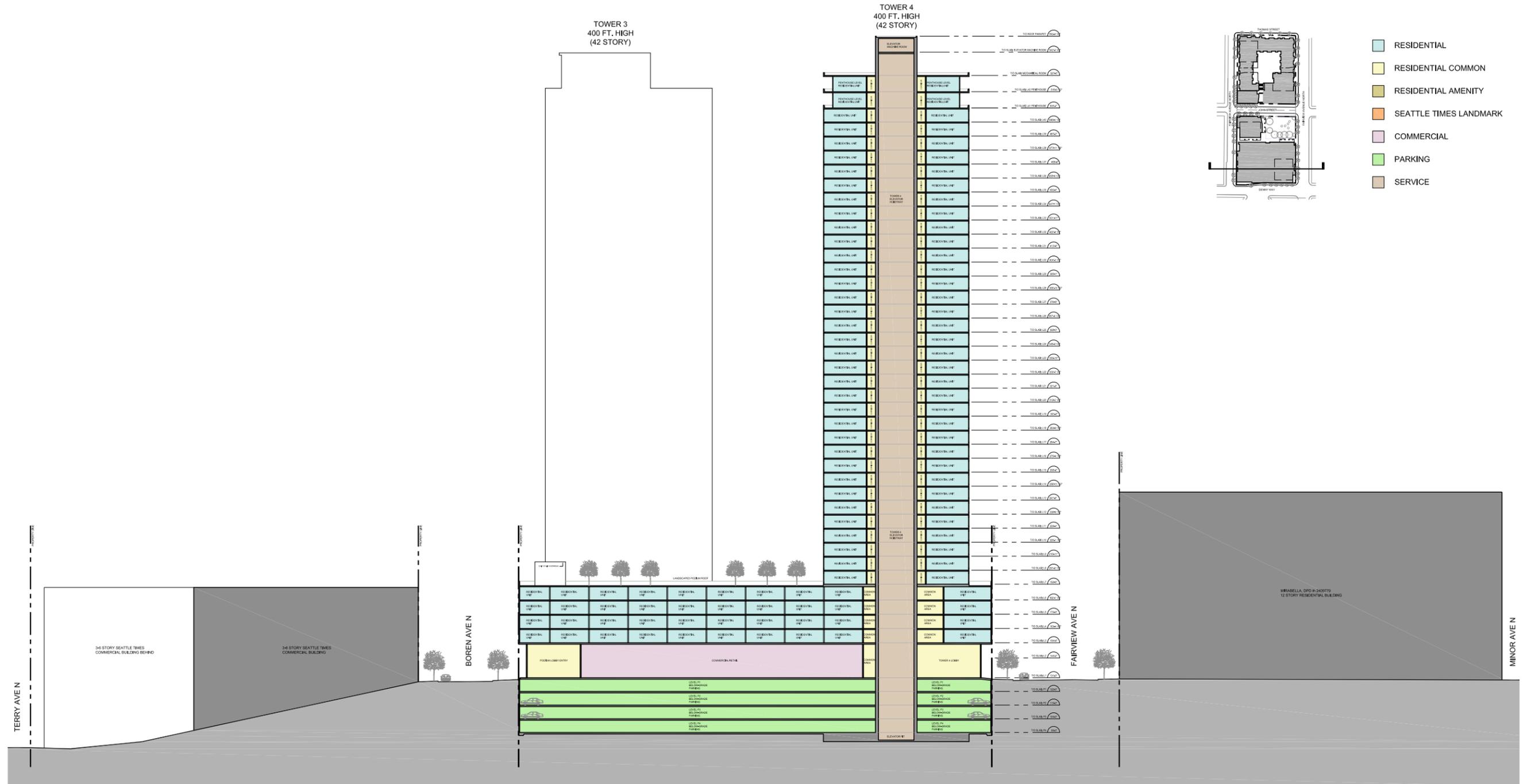
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South Site E-W Section

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South Site Tower 4 Orientation Shadow Studies

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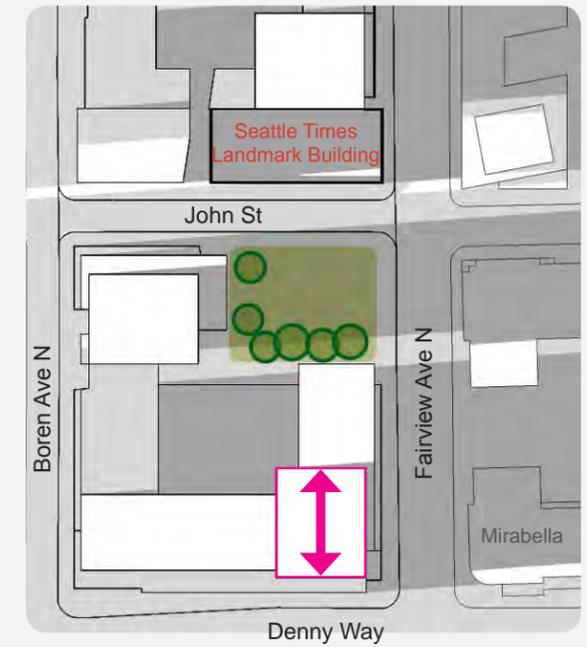
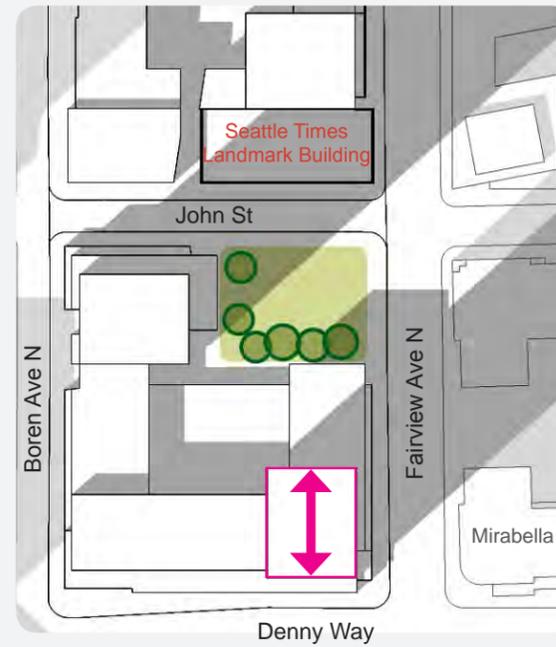
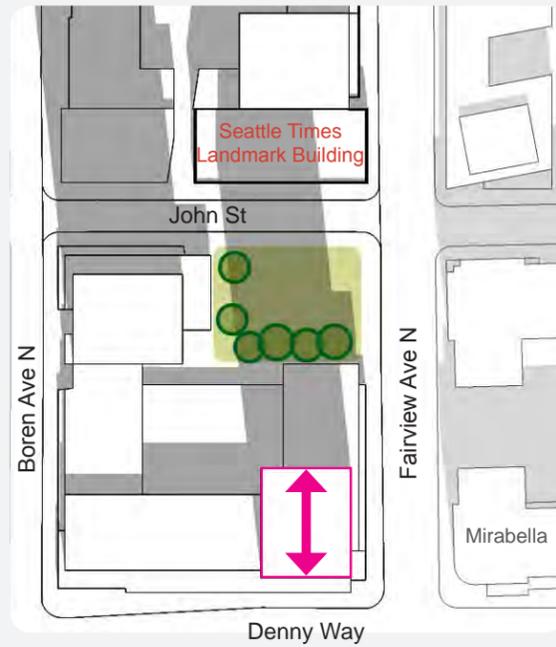
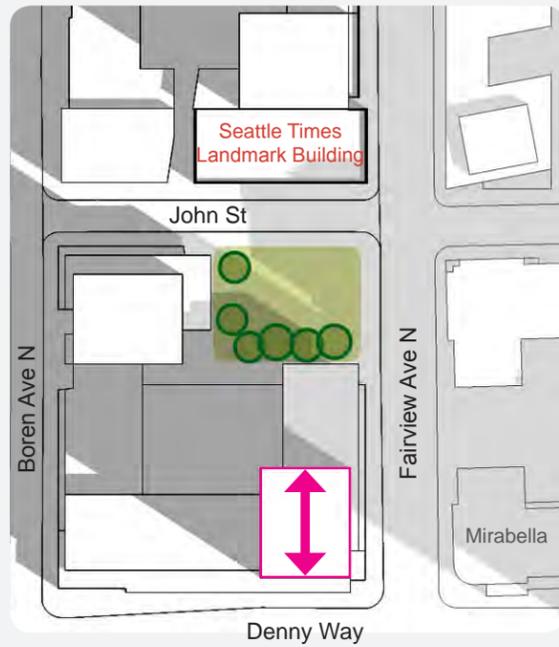
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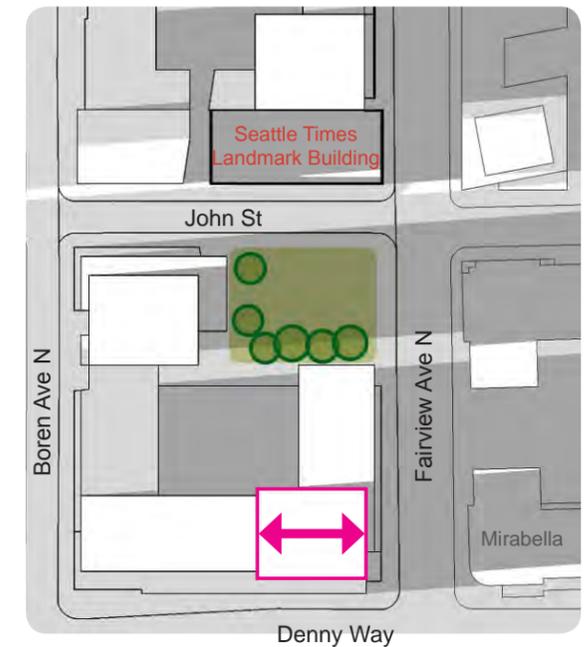
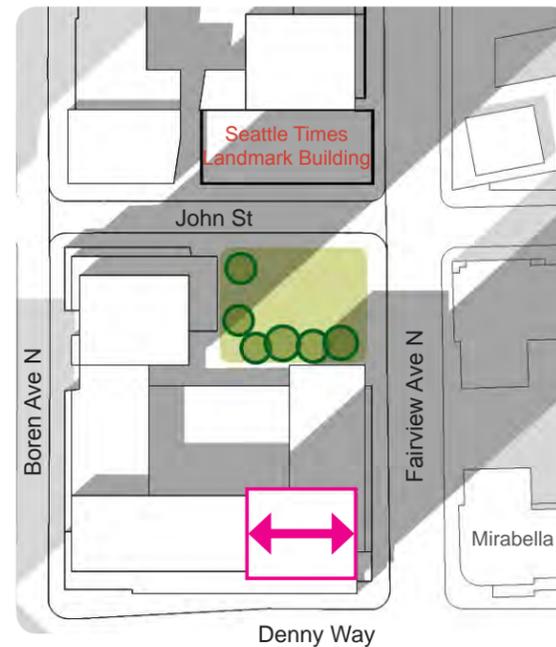
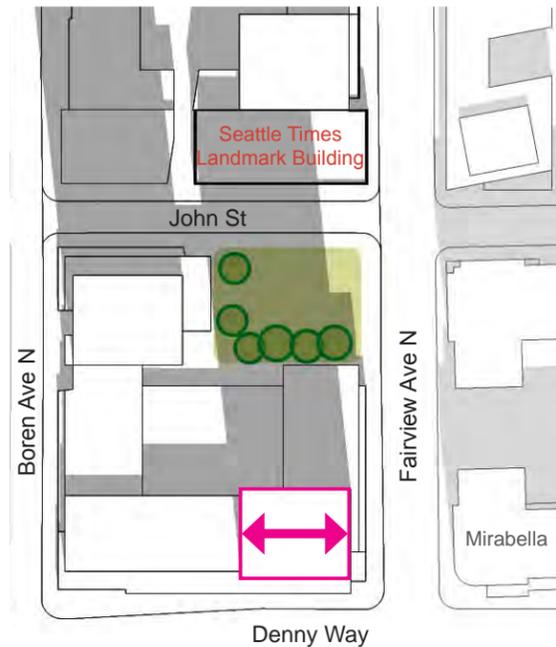
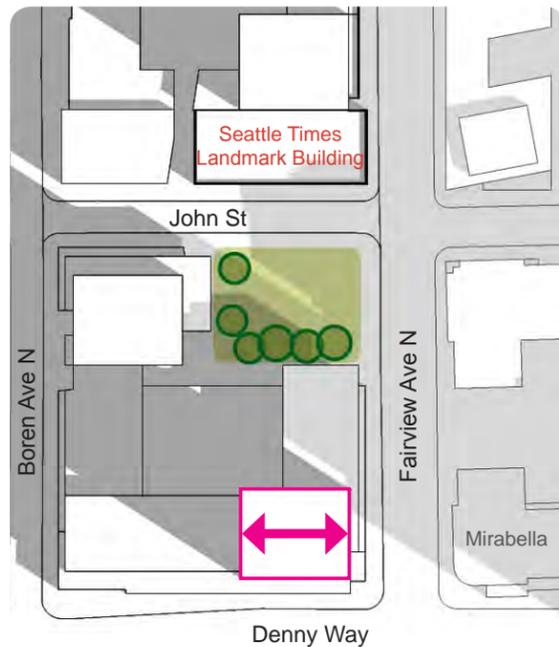
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(Preferred)**

-  Shadow casted by surrounding buildings
-  Shadow casted by proposed development
-  Long axis of tower



**Tower 4
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-  Shadow casted by proposed development
-  Long axis of tower



South Site Tower 4 Orientation Shadow Studies

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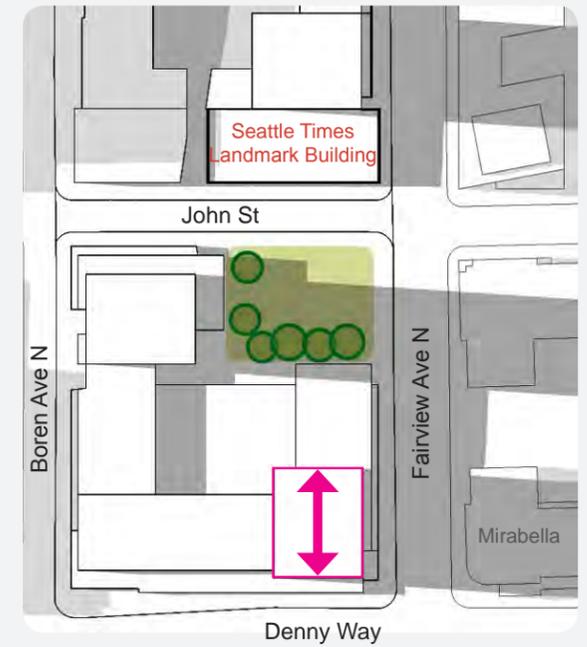
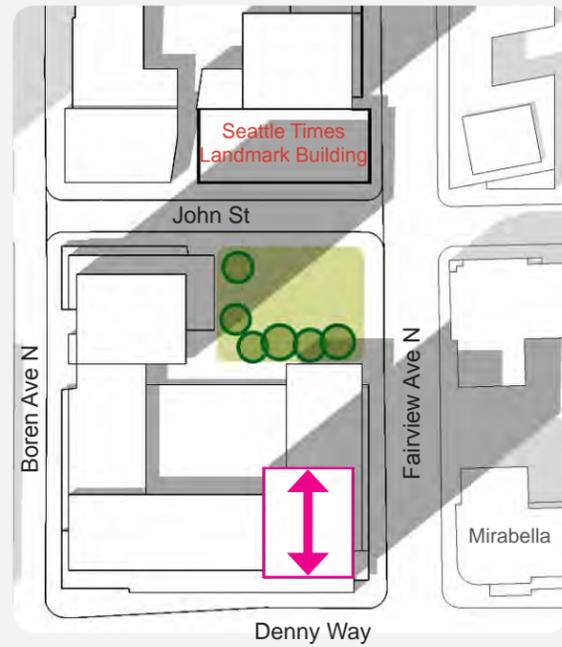
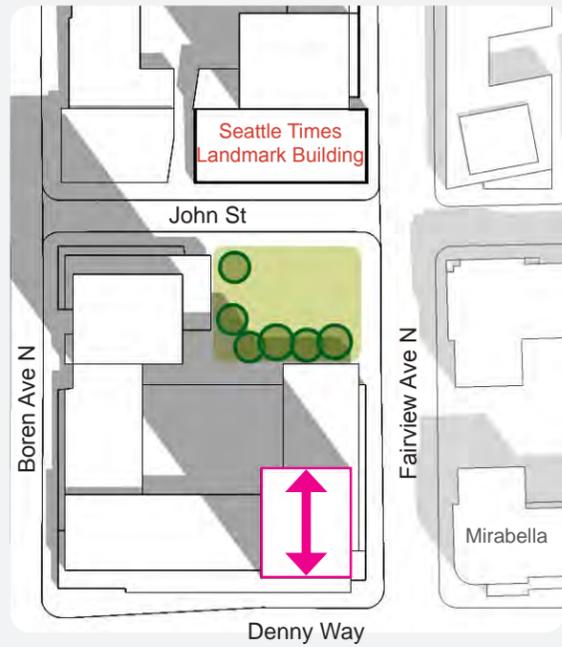
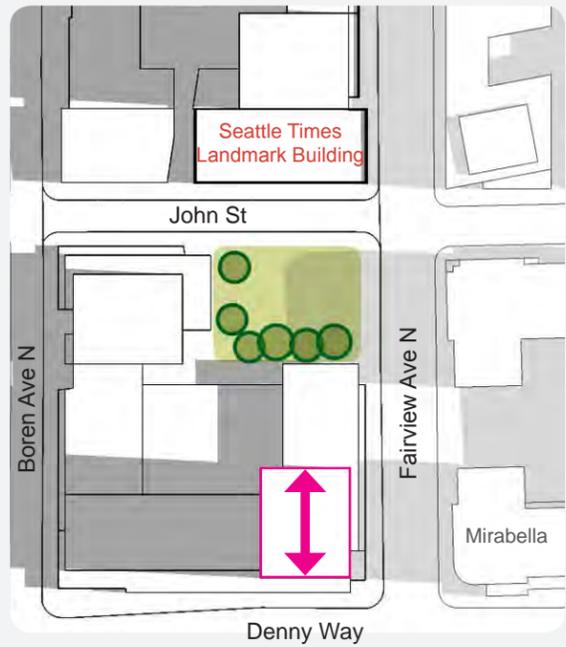
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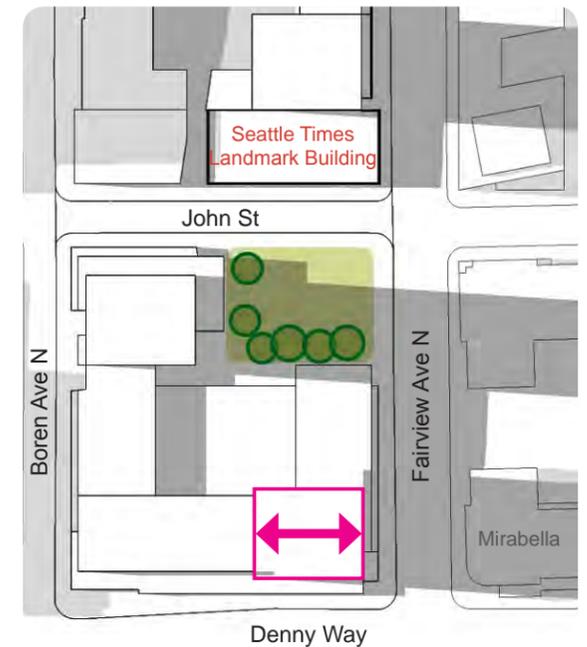
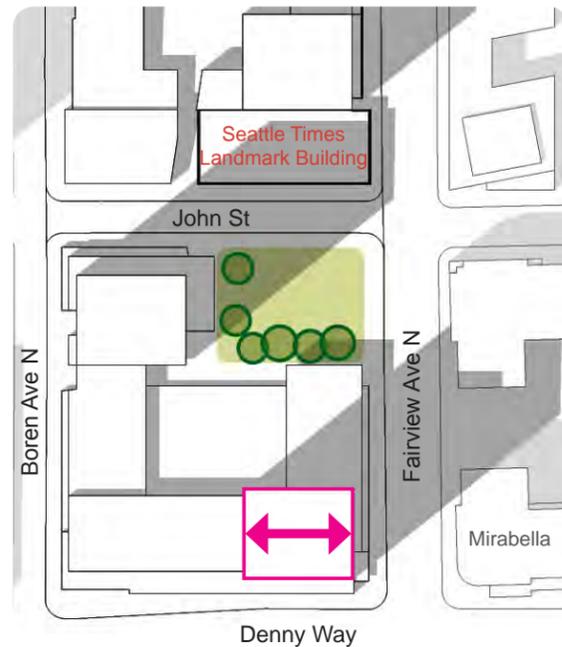
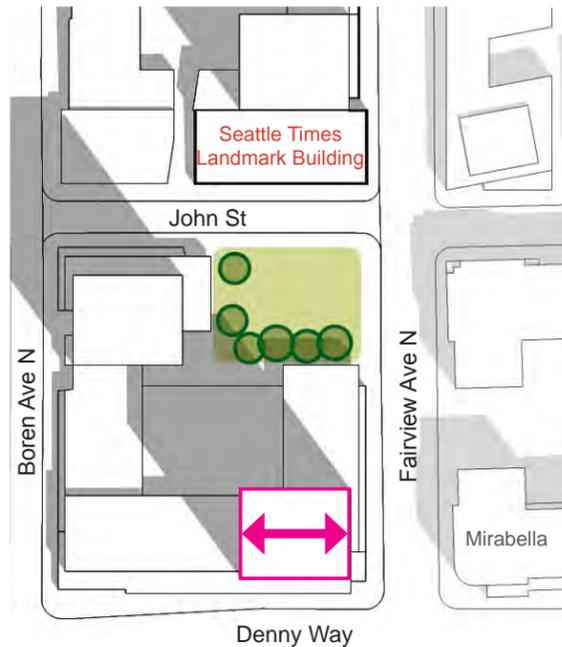
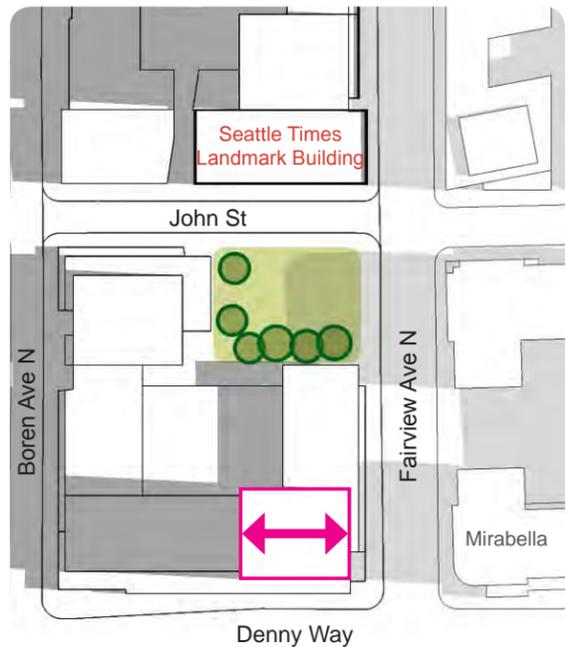
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-  Long axis of tower

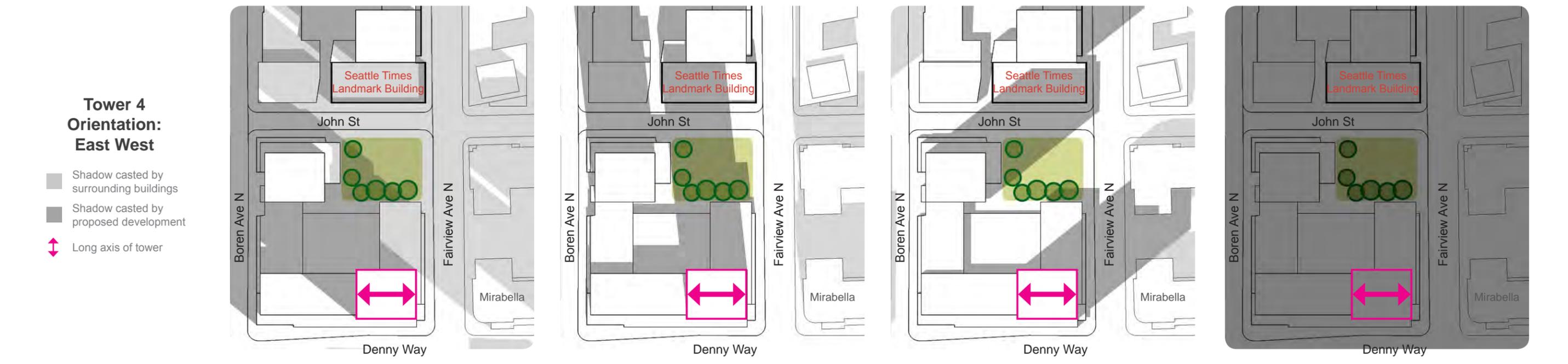
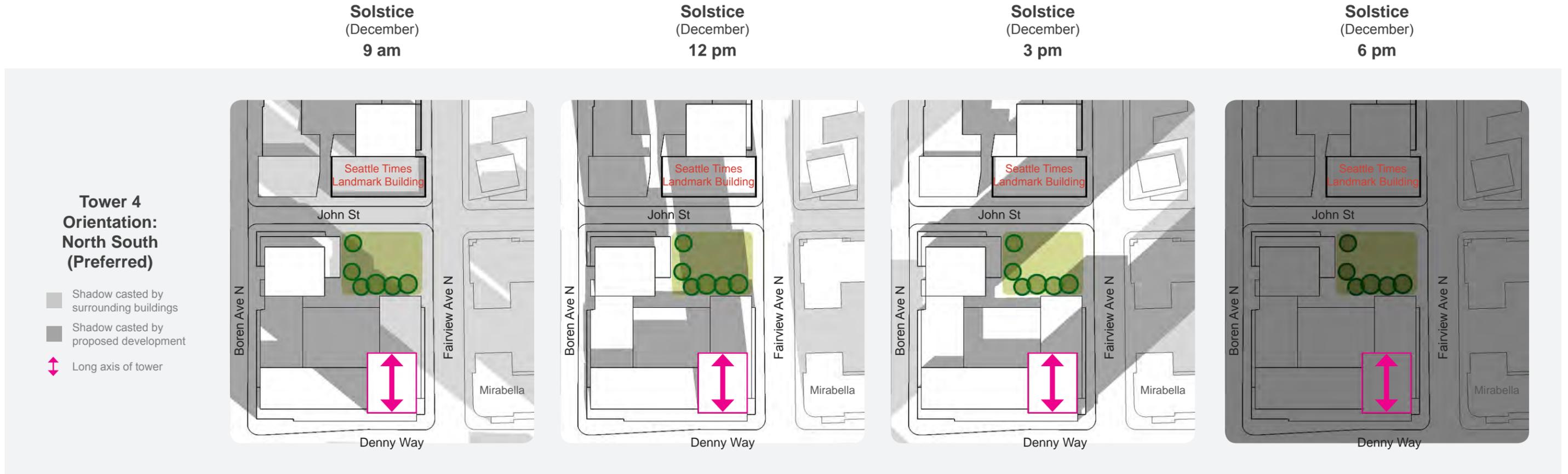


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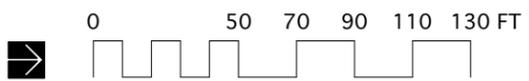
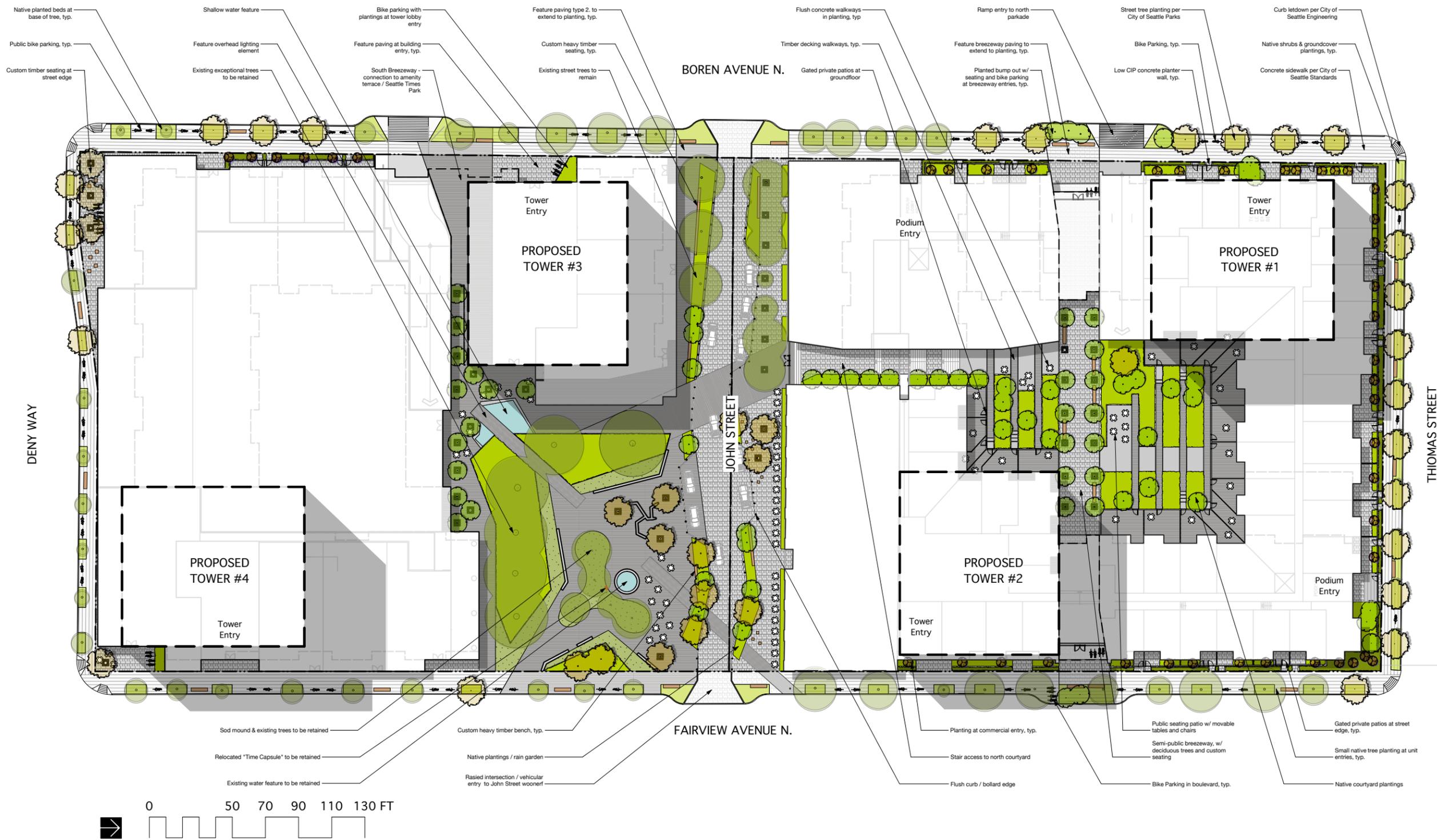
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South Site Tower 4 Orientation Shadow Studies



Appendix IV: Landscape Landscape Plan : Site



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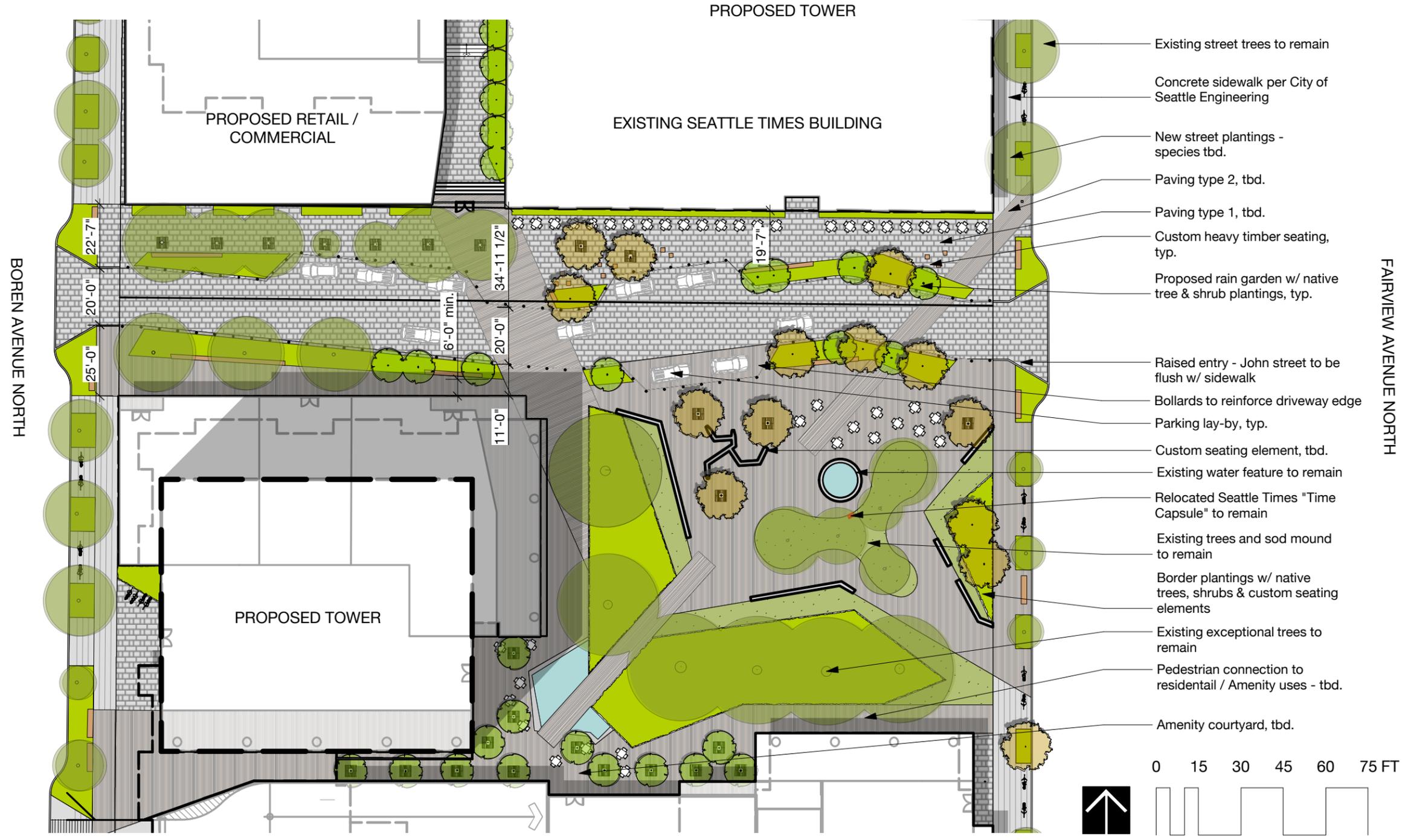
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Landscape Plan : John St and Retained Seattle Times Park

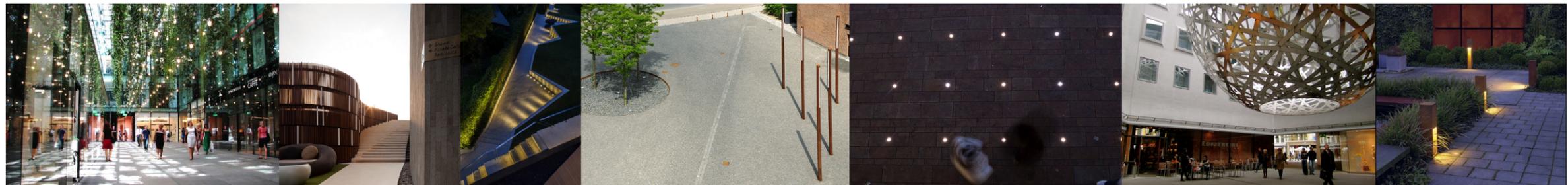
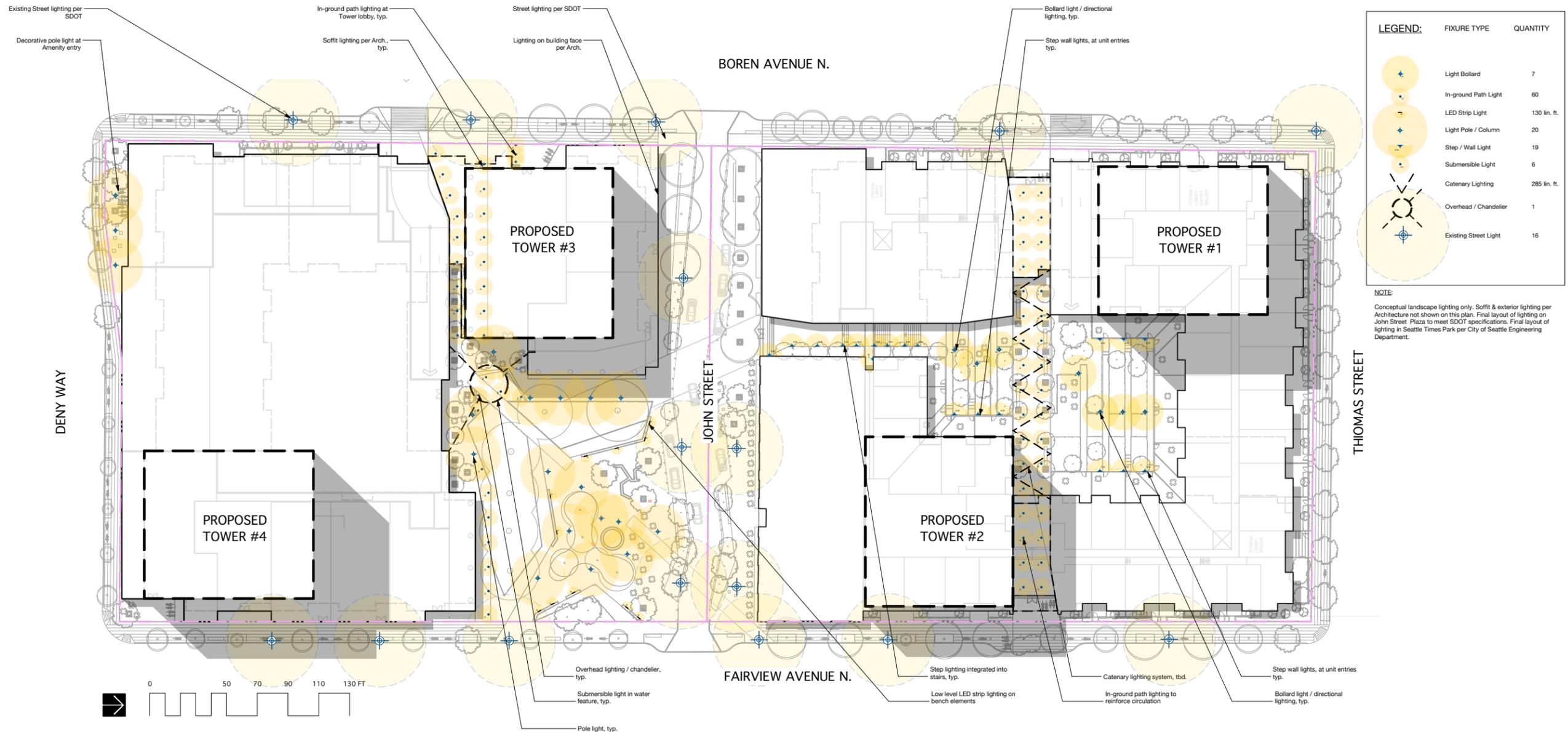


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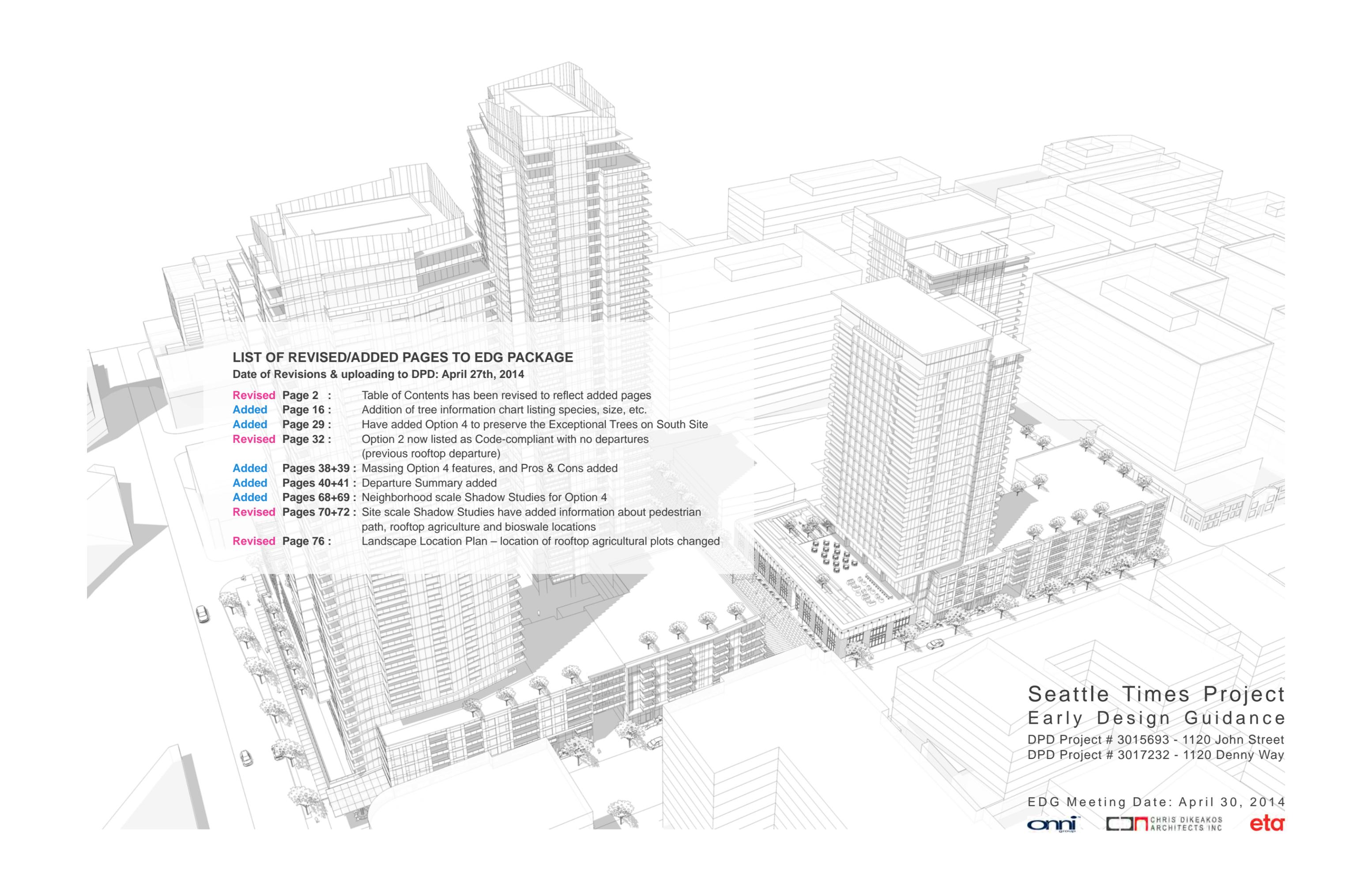
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Appendix IV: Landscape Conceptual Lighting Plan



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Appendix V : 1st EDG Package



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- Revised** Page 2 : Table of Contents has been revised to reflect added pages
- Added** Page 16 : Addition of tree information chart listing species, size, etc.
- Added** Page 29 : Have added Option 4 to preserve the Exceptional Trees on South Site
- Revised** Page 32 : Option 2 now listed as Code-compliant with no departures (previous rooftop departure)
- Added** Pages 38+39 : Massing Option 4 features, and Pros & Cons added
- Added** Pages 40+41 : Departure Summary added
- Added** Pages 68+69 : Neighborhood scale Shadow Studies for Option 4
- Revised** Pages 70+72 : Site scale Shadow Studies have added information about pedestrian path, rooftop agriculture and bioswale locations
- Revised** Page 76 : Landscape Location Plan – location of rooftop agricultural plots changed

Seattle Times Project Early Design Guidance

DPD Project # 3015693 - 1120 John Street
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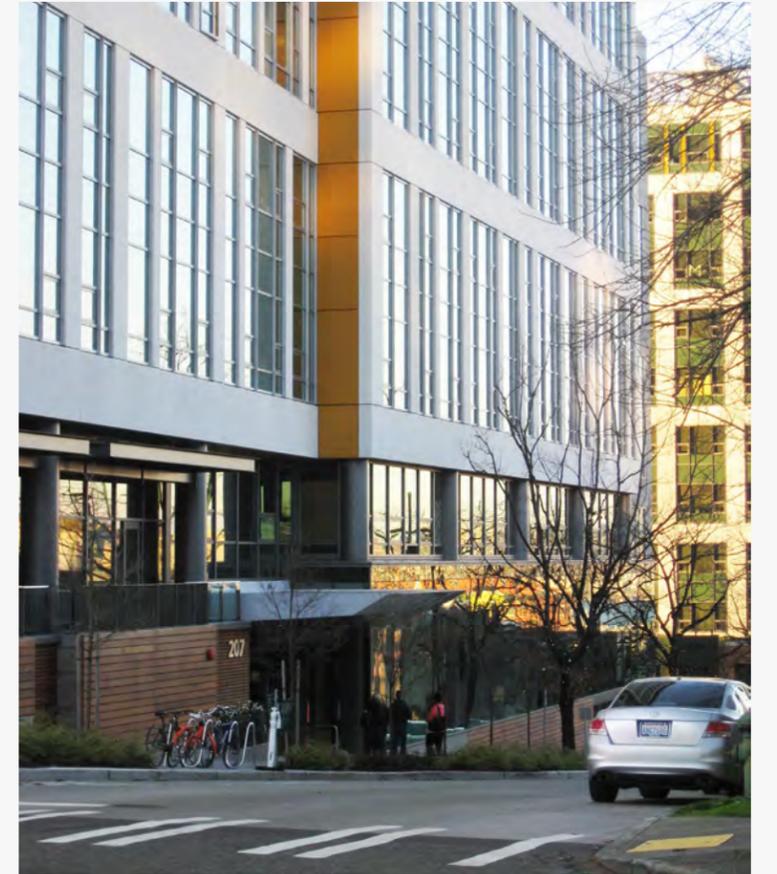
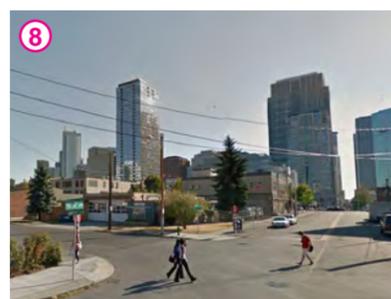
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1.0 Development Objectives
Introduction



Maps are showing approximately 10 minute walking distance area

-  Proposed Building
-  Recently Completed Building
-  Building Under Construction



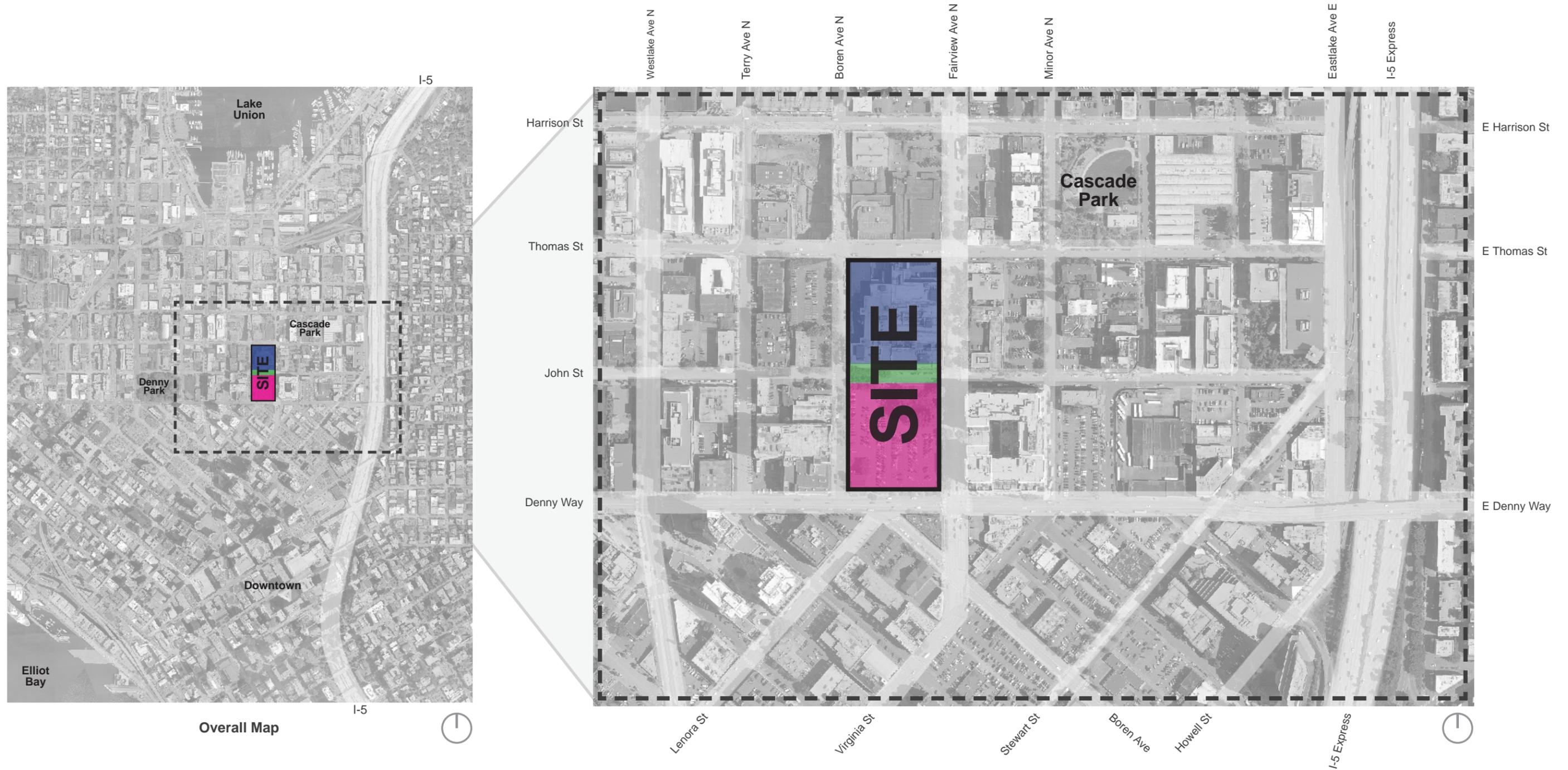
The proposed development encompasses two full City blocks in the South Lake Union District, bounded on the south by Denny Way, on the east side by Fairview Avenue N, on the north by Thomas Street and on the west side by Boren Avenue N. The northern block with the historic Seattle Times building will be referred to as the 'North Site' and the southern block fronting Denny Way will be referred to as the 'South Site'.

The project as proposed will include a total of four residential towers over a mixed-use podium – two towers per site. According to current zoning, the two towers on the North Site have a maximum height limit of 240 feet, while the maximum height limit for the South Site is 400 feet. Zoning limits the height of the podium along Fairview Ave. N. and Denny Way to 65 feet, while in remaining areas the podium is limited to 45 feet.

The centerpiece of the development will be the existing 1931 Seattle Times office building which will be restored and incorporated into the development in a sensitive manner.

The project will seek to meet the increasing need for residential living space in an area which has seen explosive commercial office expansion within the last 5 years with more planned in the near future. Street level amenities and open space will be a priority for the development, to both serve the residents as well as enhance the public realm.

1.0 Development Objectives
Vicinity Maps



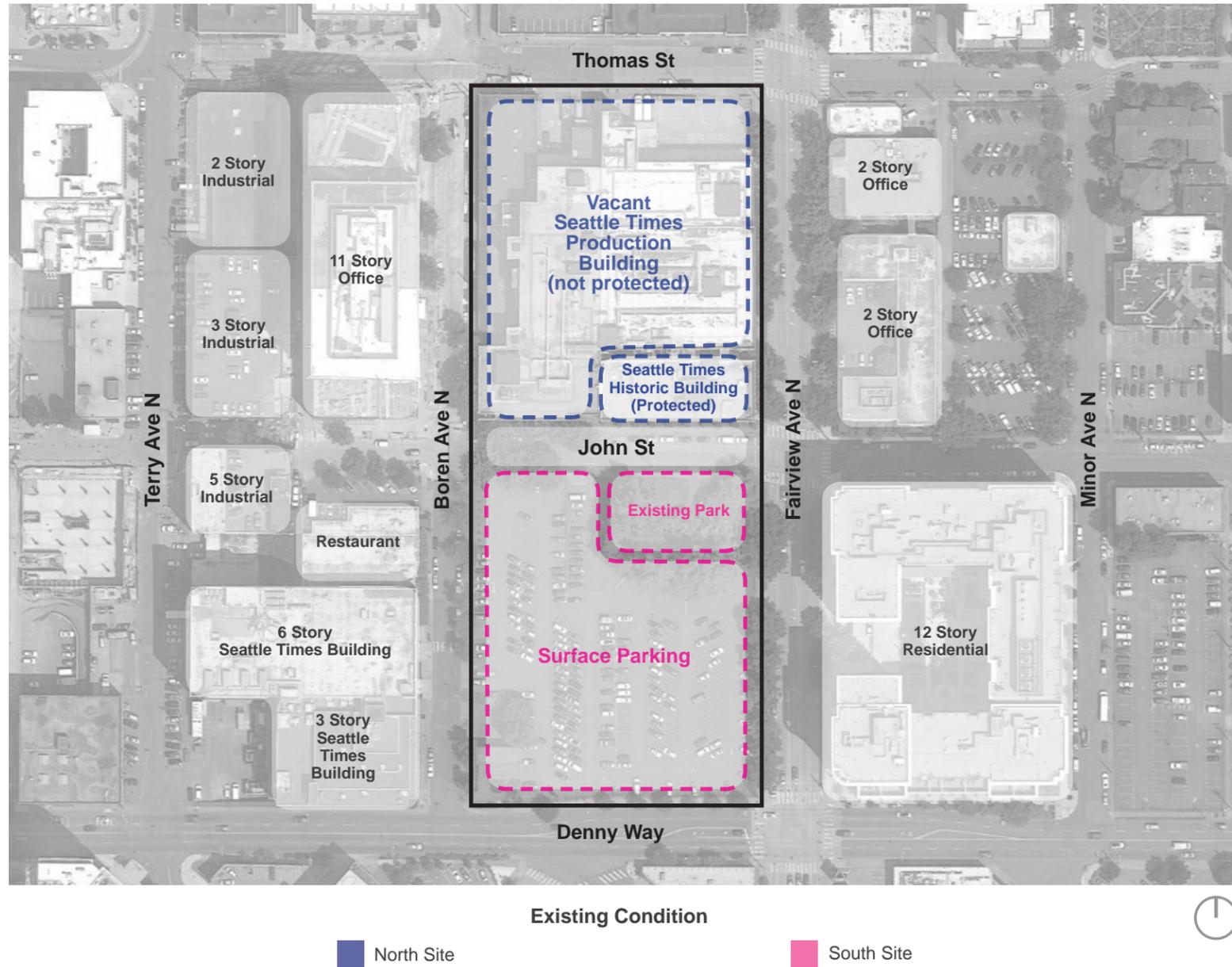
Overall Map

■ North Site
 110,614 SQ. FT.

■ Proposed Plaza / Park
 20,376 SQ. FT.

■ South Site
 109,773 SQ. FT.

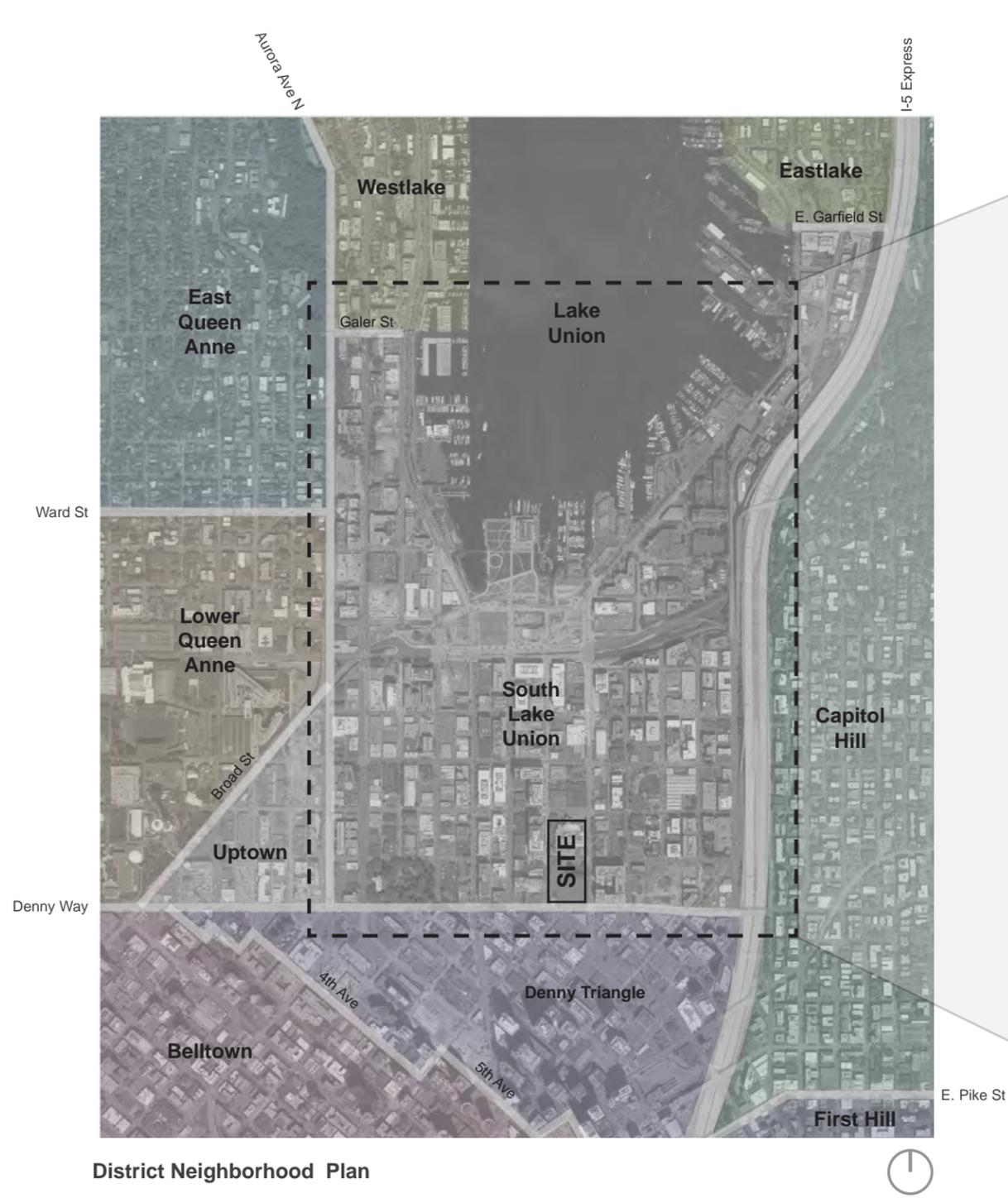
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Program



Program

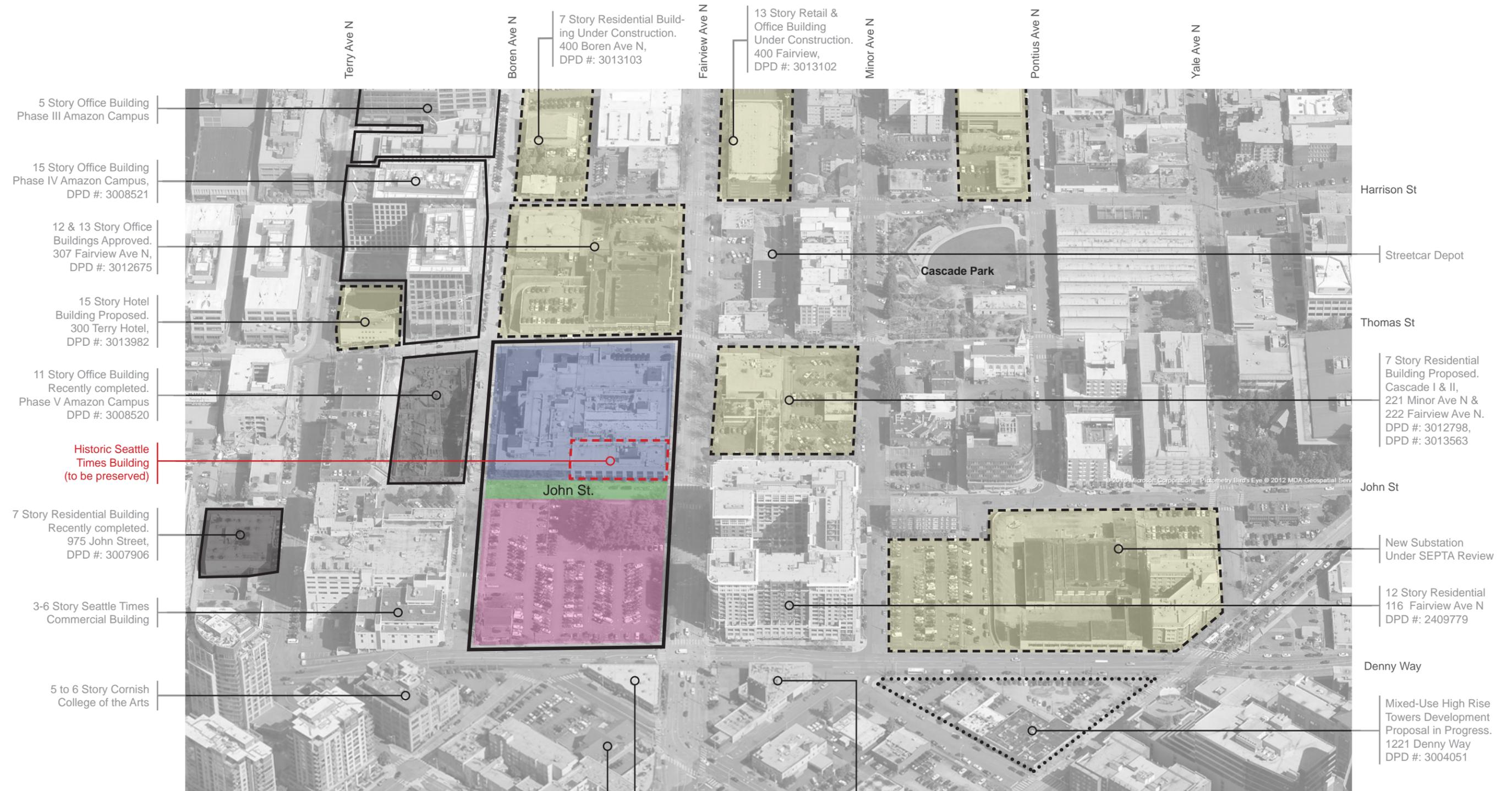
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Number of Residential units	865	1085	1950
Street Level Commercial Spaces	18,800 sq.ft.	24,210 sq.ft.	43,010 sq.ft.
# of Underground Parking Stalls	865	1085	1950
Site Area	110,614 sq.ft.	109,773 sq.ft.	220,387 sq.ft.

2.0 Site Analysis
Neighborhood Plans



2.0 Site Analysis

Neighborhood Aerial View



Source: Google & Bing Maps Aerial Views

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1 Story Commercial Recovery Cafe, Fashioncraft Building, 2022 Boren Ave. Designated Seattle Landmark Building on Jan. 09, 2012

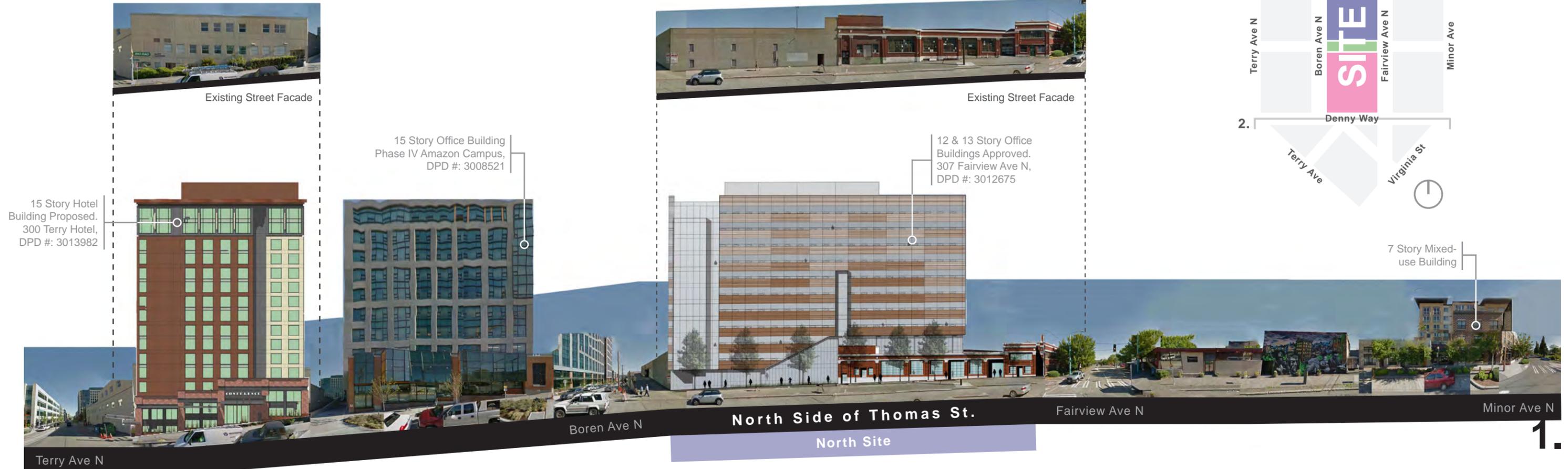
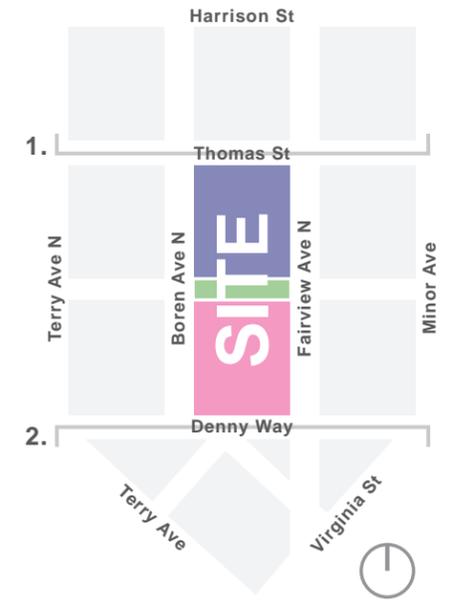
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- North Site
- South Site
- Construction Completed
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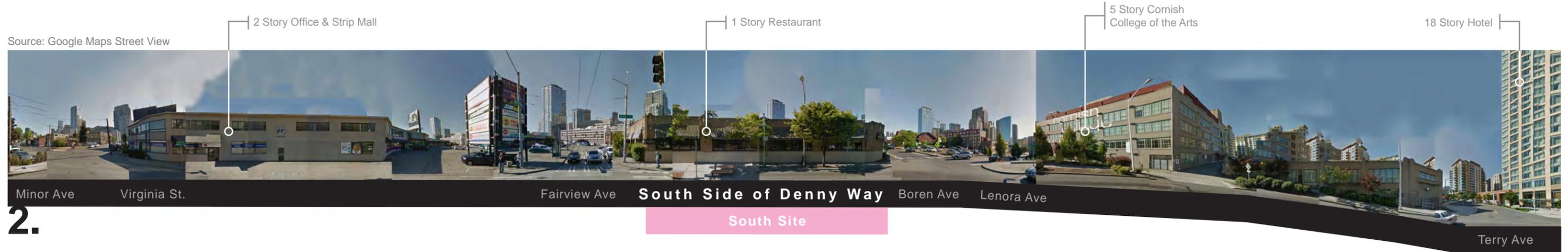


2.0 Site Analysis

Street Façades : North Side of Thomas St. & South Side of Denny Way



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Street Façades : East of Fairview Ave N & West of Boren Ave N



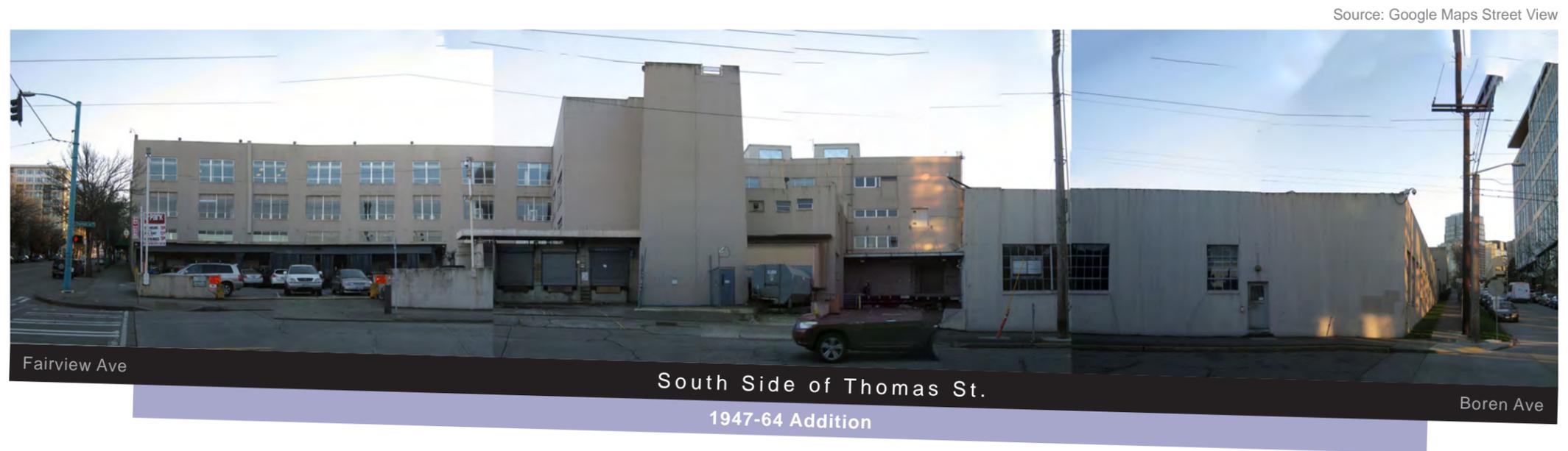
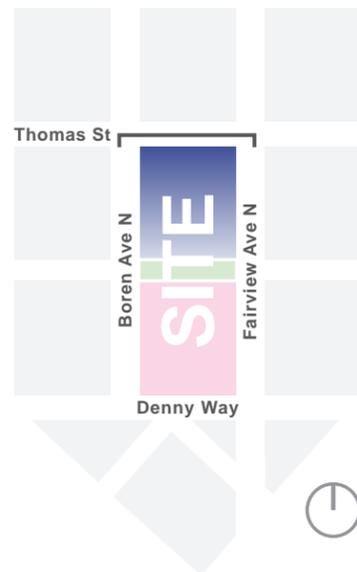
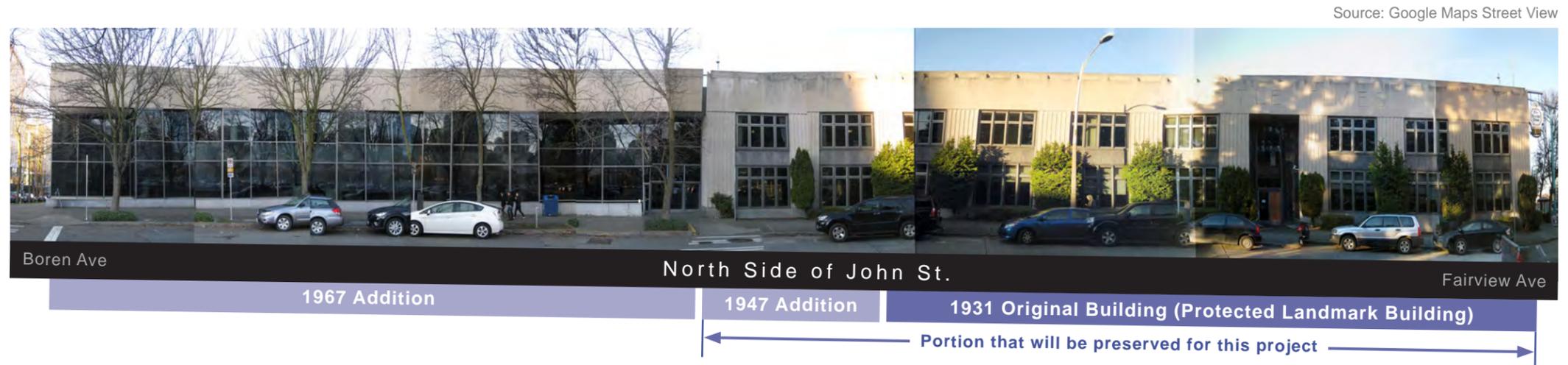
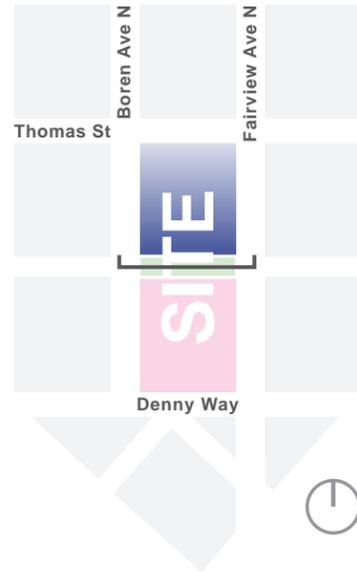
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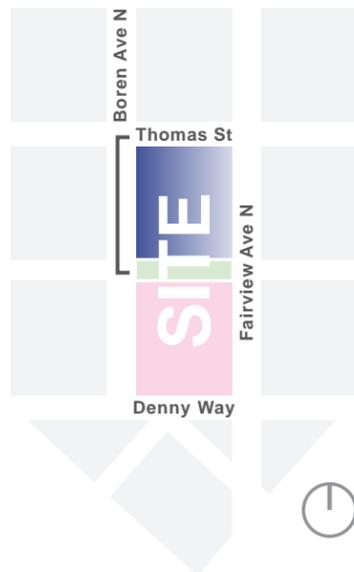


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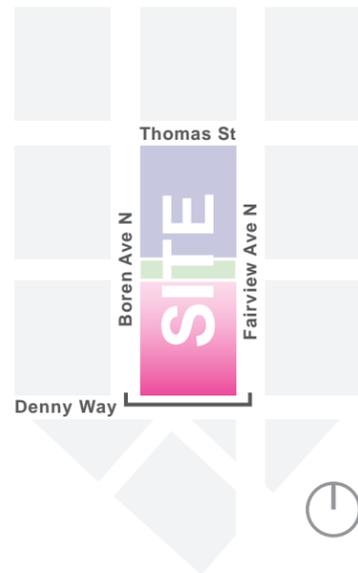
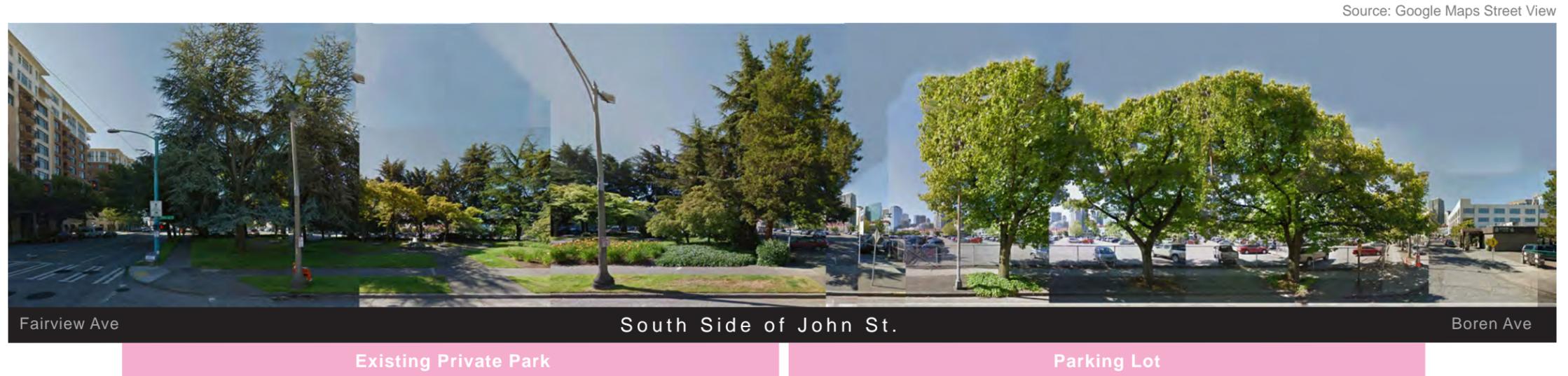
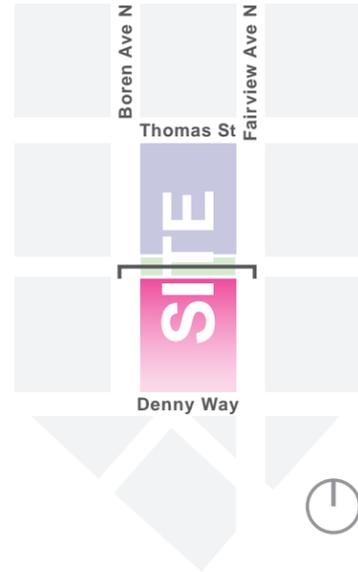


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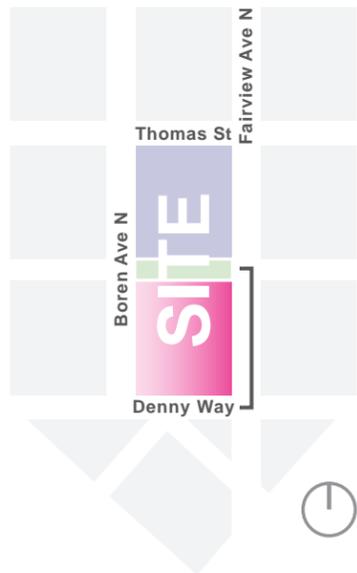
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Parking Lot



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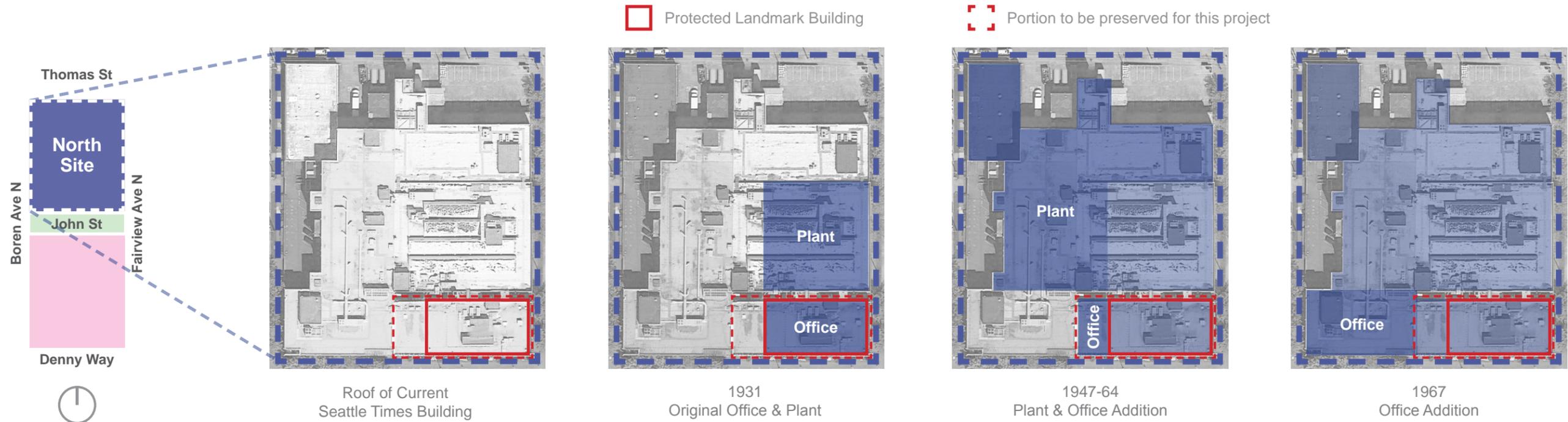


Parking Lot

Existing Private Park

2.0 Site Analysis Historic Building

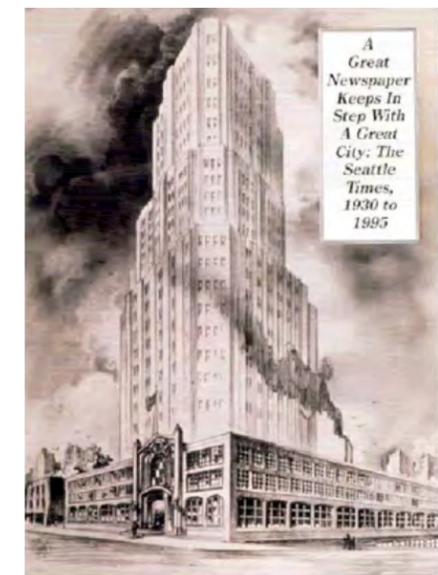
The Seattle Times Building History



Fairview Ave N & John St. Corner today



Fairview Ave N & John St. Corner in 1945



A rendering by an artist in 1929, showing a possible tower on top of Times building.

2.0 Site Analysis

Historic Building

The Seattle Times building

The entire block bounded by John Street to the south, Fairview Avenue N to the east, Thomas Street to the north and Boren Avenue N to the west is the site of the former Seattle Times newspaper complex and was the home of the newspaper for 81 years prior to the Times moving out in 2011. Over the years since construction originally began in 1930-31, there have been a number of additions, mainly in 1947 and 1967. This site was not the original location of the newspaper, but rather the fourth location since inception in 1896.

Presently, there is only one Landmark building on the site – the original office building from 1930-31 which is located at the north-west corner of John Street and Fairview Avenue N. No other buildings on the site have protected status.

The original 1930-31 Seattle Times plant consisted of 3 parts: a more elaborate and finely detailed office building, a printing plant and a garage. Between 1947 and 1964, additions were made to the production plant on the north and west sides of the site. Also at this time, two bays were added to the west side of the original office building using the exact same materials and architectural details as the original. This is evidenced by there being three window bays on the right side of the main entry and five bays to the left along John Street. In 1967 a major addition was added to the west of the original expanded office building, and was designed to carry over some of the same proportions from the original adjacent building, although materials used were concrete and glass.

The design of the Seattle Times office building is distinguished by features derived from Art Deco and Moderne styles however, the massing and proportion of the building were drawn from Beaux Arts classicism.

The architect, Robert C. Reamer, was nationally known for his work in Yellowstone National Park and locally known for the design of several Seattle area buildings including the Skinner Building (1925) and the Great Northern building (1927-29) amongst others.

The historical portion of the building is constructed of poured concrete with a decoratively carved cladding of Indiana Limestone with a granite base. Spandrel panels of cast aluminum separate windows and an aluminum grillwork surrounds the front entryway. The original entry lantern, grillwork and spandrel panels appear to be intact and in good condition. On March 11, 1996, the Seattle Times Building was designated a City of Seattle Landmark.



Plowing lot opposite the Seattle Times Building, 1930



The Landmark portion of the Seattle Times building at 1120 John St. today.



John St. looking North West

Source: Google Maps Street View



Main entrance from John St.

Source: Wikipedia



Main entrance bas relief



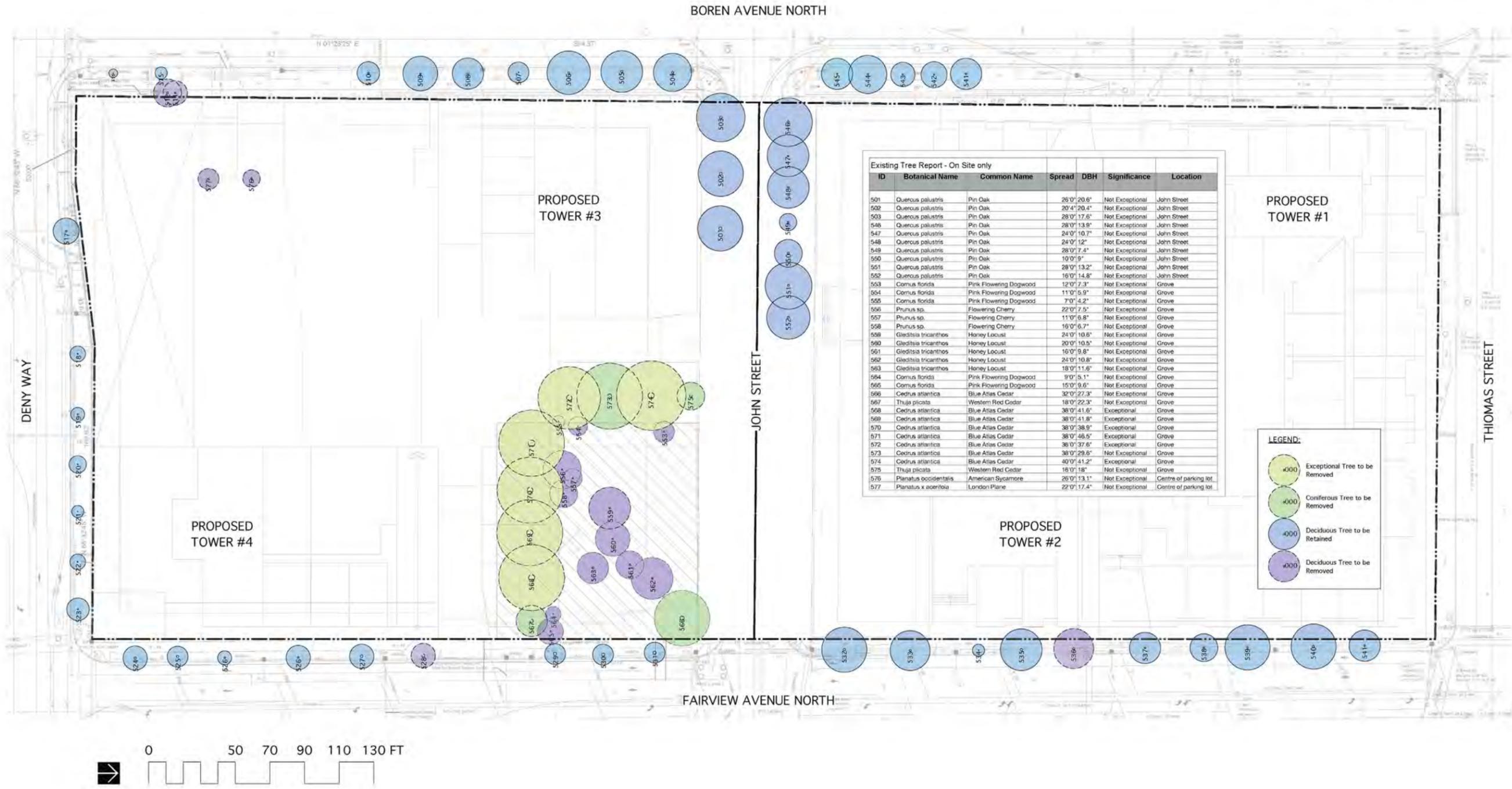
Main entrance grill detail



Spandrel relief

2.0 Site Analysis Tree Survey

NOTE:
Tree numbering corresponds to Tree Assessment and Report prepared by Gilles Consulting. Please contact Brian Gilles, Consulting Arborist via e-mail : bgilles@comcast.net with any questions.



Existing Tree Report - On Site only

ID	Botanical Name	Common Name	Spread	DBH	Significance	Location
501	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	26'0" 20.6"		Not Exceptional	John Street
502	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	20'4" 20.4"		Not Exceptional	John Street
503	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	28'0" 17.6"		Not Exceptional	John Street
546	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	28'0" 13.9"		Not Exceptional	John Street
547	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	24'0" 10.7"		Not Exceptional	John Street
548	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	24'0" 12"		Not Exceptional	John Street
549	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	28'0" 7.4"		Not Exceptional	John Street
550	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	10'0" 5"		Not Exceptional	John Street
551	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	28'0" 13.2"		Not Exceptional	John Street
552	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	16'0" 14.8"		Not Exceptional	John Street
553	Cornus florida	Pink Flowering Dogwood	12'0" 7.3"		Not Exceptional	Grove
554	Cornus florida	Pink Flowering Dogwood	11'0" 5.9"		Not Exceptional	Grove
555	Cornus florida	Pink Flowering Dogwood	7'0" 4.2"		Not Exceptional	Grove
556	Prunus sp.	Flowering Cherry	22'0" 7.5"		Not Exceptional	Grove
557	Prunus sp.	Flowering Cherry	11'0" 6.8"		Not Exceptional	Grove
558	Prunus sp.	Flowering Cherry	16'0" 6.7"		Not Exceptional	Grove
559	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	24'0" 10.8"		Not Exceptional	Grove
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563	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	18'0" 11.6"		Not Exceptional	Grove
564	Cornus florida	Pink Flowering Dogwood	9'0" 5.1"		Not Exceptional	Grove
565	Cornus florida	Pink Flowering Dogwood	15'0" 9.6"		Not Exceptional	Grove
566	Cedrus atlantica	Blue Atlas Cedar	32'0" 27.3"		Not Exceptional	Grove
567	Thuja plicata	Western Red Cedar	18'0" 22.3"		Not Exceptional	Grove
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575	Thuja plicata	Western Red Cedar	18'0" 18"		Not Exceptional	Grove
576	Platanus occidentalis	American Sycamore	26'0" 13.1"		Not Exceptional	Centre of parking lot
577	Platanus x acerifolia	London Plane	22'0" 17.4"		Not Exceptional	Centre of parking lot

LEGEND:

- 000 Exceptional Tree to be Removed
- 000 Coniferous Tree to be Removed
- 000 Deciduous Tree to be Retained
- 000 Deciduous Tree to be Removed

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**SEATTLE TIMES
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**
The Fairview Block &
1120 John Street Seattle, WA

Tree Management
Plan

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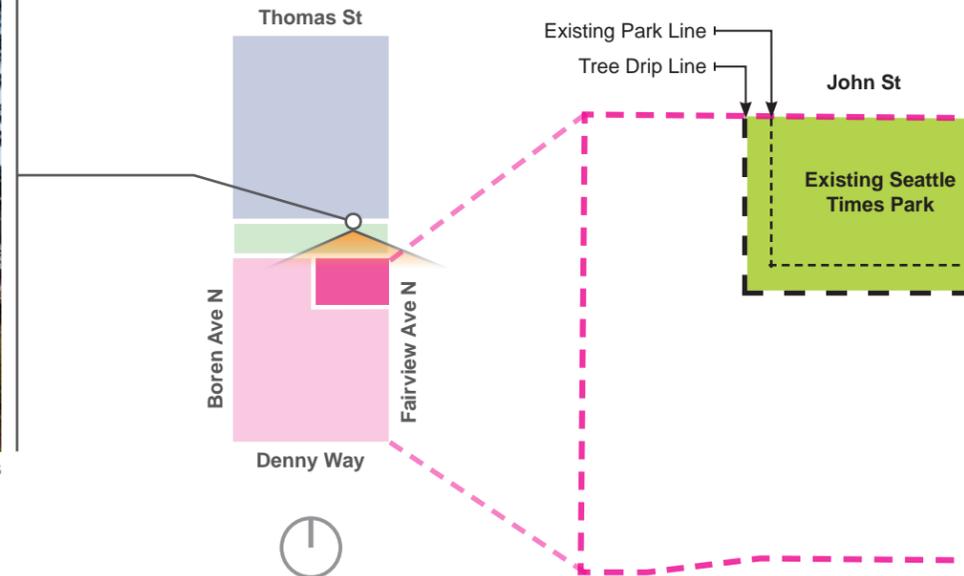
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Potential Impact on Development to Maintain Exceptional Trees



Source: Bradford Bohonus

According to the Tree Report prepared by Gilles Consulting, March 11, 2014, there are a number of Exceptional Trees located in a grove along the southern and western boundaries of the existing private Seattle Times park, which is located opposite the Seattle Times landmark building on John Street. Along with other tree protection measures, the report states that ground must remain unexcavated to the dripline of the trees to ensure that they survive.



Surface area required to preserve
Exceptional Trees:
(Area extends to drip line)

18,470 ft²

Potential development area lost if
Exceptional Trees were retained
and protected :
(Area extends to drip line)

Approximately
88,000 ft²
over a 4 and 6 story podium

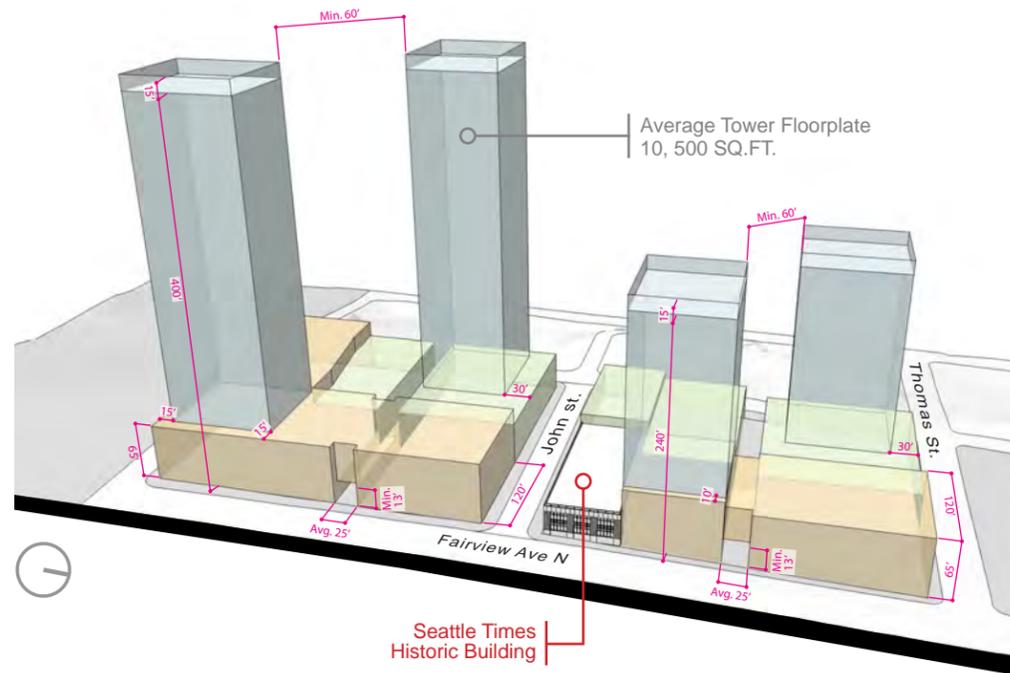
Parking stalls lost per level of
underground parking on South
Site to protect tree roots:

54 stalls / level
216 stalls over 4 Levels

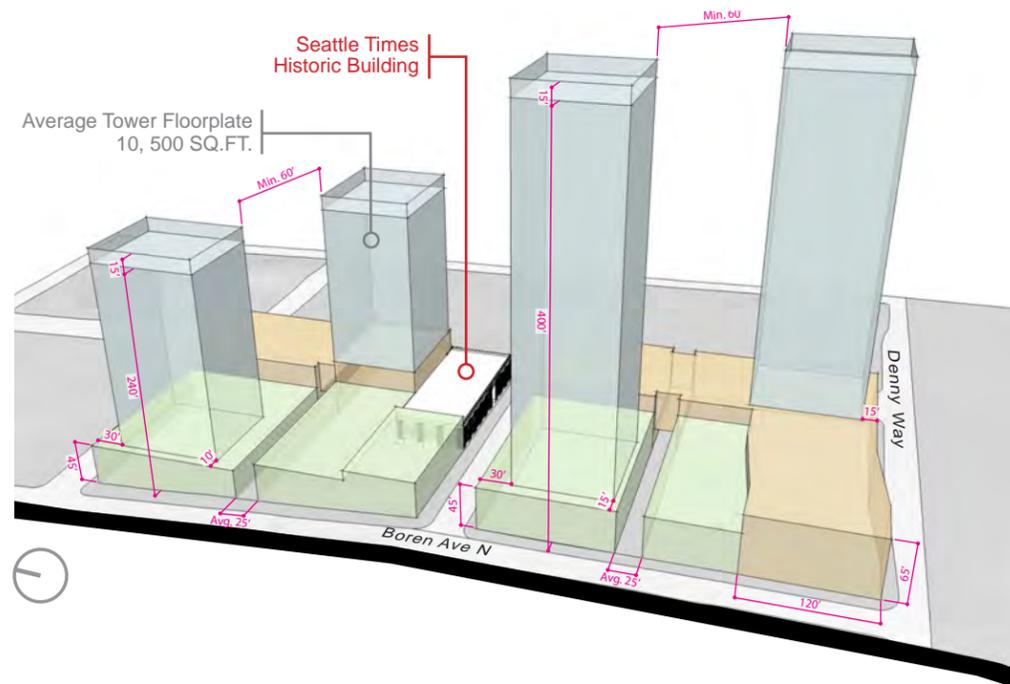
or 20% of the total parking to be provided.
216 stalls represent 92% of the total stall
count per level on the South Site.

3.0 Zoning Analysis

Zoning Summary



45' Height Podium 65' Height Podium Residential Tower



PROJECT ZONING SUMMARY: Chapter 23.48 SEATTLE MIXED

NORTH BLOCK: SM160/85-240*

SOUTH BLOCK: SM240/125-400*

*The first number denotes the maximum non-residential height, 2nd number denotes the base residential height and the 3rd number denotes the maximum height with zoning incentives.

At this stage of the project, no departures are requested.

The following subchapters of the Land Use Code apply to the project:

23.48.004 Uses:

- All uses are permitted outright except those specifically prohibited. All the uses proposed for the project (residential, commercial, park/plaza areas, below-grade parking and residential amenity space) are acceptable.

23.48.009 Floor area ratio:

- The maximum FAR for structures that do not exceed the base residential height limit and include any residential use for specified zones in the South Lake Union Urban Center is given in Table B. As the proposed project height exceeds the base residential height limit for both blocks, residential uses are exempt from FAR limits.
- From Table B, the maximum non-residential FAR is 6 for SM 160/85-240 and 10 for SM 240/125-400. The proposed area of non-residential uses (a total of 50,000 square feet for both blocks) will not exceed the maximum FAR limit.
- Floor areas that are exempt from FAR limits are: 1) all area underground 2) the floor area contained in a Landmark structure (the historic Seattle Times building), and 3) an allowance for mechanical equipment.
- Guidance for achieving extra residential floor area above the base height limit for residential use is shown in Section 23.48.011 (incentive zoning provisions). The proposal will seek extra residential floor area up to the maximum allowable height.

23.48.010 Structure height

- Base residential height limit for the North Block is 85 feet with a maximum height of 240 feet.
- Base residential height limit for the South Block is 125 feet with a maximum height of 400 feet.
- Open railings, planters, skylights and parapets may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.
- Rooftop features such as mechanical equipment may extend up to 15 feet above the maximum height limit so long as the total coverage does not exceed 20 percent of the roof area or 25 percent if the total includes stair or elevator penthouses or screened mechanical equipment. Total coverage may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area provided that all mechanical equipment is screened and no rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.
- For structures greater than 85 feet in height, elevator penthouses up to

25 feet above the height limit are permitted. If the elevator provides access to a rooftop designed for usable open space, elevator penthouses up to 35 feet above the height limit are permitted.

23.48.011 Extra floor area in Seattle Mixed Zones

- Developments containing any extra floor area shall meet a LEED Gold certification, or equivalent. LEED Silver can be met if the project is served by a district energy provider. The project will pursue a LEED Gold equivalent certification.
- Extra floor area will require a Transportation Management plan (submitted with MUP) as well as an Energy Management plan (submitted prior to issuance of Building Permit).

23.48.012 Upper-level setback requirements

- Projections are permitted in required upper-level setbacks. Horizontal projections including decks, balconies with open railings, eaves, cornices and gutter are permitted to extend a maximum of 4 feet into the setback.

23.48.013 Upper-level development standards for specific building types in SM zones in SLU

- Covers SM160/85-240 and SM240/125-400 zones (North and South Blocks respectively)
- For residential use that exceeds the base height limit, the average gross floor area for all stories with residential use that extend above the podium height indicated on Map A, shall not exceed 10,500 square feet and the gross floor area for a single story shall not exceed 11,500 square feet. The proposed tower floor plates will comply with this area restriction.
- As the overall height of the proposed development exceeds the base height, the podium is limited to 65 feet in height along Fairview Ave. N and Denny Way for a distance of 120 feet from the lot line (as there are no alley lot lines). Over the remainder of the development, the podium height is limited to 45 feet. The proposed podium heights will comply with base height limits.
- Table A lists the required upper level setbacks for the towers from the lot line. For the North Block these are: 30 feet along Thomas Street, 10 feet along Fairview and Boren Avenues and 15 feet along the north side of John Street. For the South Block these are: 30 feet along the south side of John Street, 15 feet along Fairview and Boren Avenues and 15 feet along Denny Way. No departures are anticipated for upper level setbacks.
- Only one residential tower is permitted on a single block front. A Block front is defined as the land area along one side of a street bound on 3 sides by the centerline of platted streets. Therefore, each of the North and South Blocks can have a maximum of 2 towers each. For the proposed development, each Block will have two towers which will be sited diagonally across from each other.
- A minimum separation of 60 feet is required between all portions of the structure that exceed the base height limit for residential use. The towers for each block are separated by approximately 100 feet from corner to corner.

3.0 Zoning Analysis

Zoning Summary

23.48.014 Street-level development standards

- Primary building entry must connect to a street or street-oriented courtyard and be sited no more than 3 feet above or below sidewalk grade.
- Require a minimum façade height of 25 feet along Class II Pedestrian Streets (Fairview Ave., Boren Ave. and Denny Way), as well as Green Streets (John St. and Thomas St.).
- For Class II Pedestrian Streets and Green Streets, the street-facing façade of a structure may be set back up to 12 feet from the street lot line subject to the setback area being landscaped. Additional setbacks are permitted for up to 30% of the length of portions of the street façade that are set back from the street lot line, provided that the additional setback is located 20 feet or more from any street corner.
Setbacks of approximately 7 feet from the lot line are contemplated for typical residential unit frontage at street level. A setback of 12 feet is proposed along the east half of the block frontage along Thomas Street, opposite the historic Troy Laundry building. A public plaza is proposed at the corner of Fairview Ave. and Denny Way to address this designated gateway location.
- For Class II and Neighborhood Green Streets, the street facing façade between 2 feet and 8 feet above the sidewalk must have a minimum of 60 percent transparency. If the slope of the street frontage exceeds 7.5 percent, the required amount of transparency shall be reduced to 45 percent (Boren Ave. on the North Block has a slope of 8.2%).
- Blank facades shall be limited to segments 15 feet wide, except for garage doors, which may be wider than 15 feet. Blank façade width may be increased to 30 feet if the Director determines that the façade is enhanced by architectural detailing, artwork, landscaping, or other similar features that have visual interest. The width of the garage doors is limited to the width of the driveway plus 5 feet.
- For lots exceeding 30,000 square feet in area within zones SM 160/85-240 and SM 240/125-400 (North and South Blocks are both approximately 110,000 square feet each) where extra floor area is included, the minimum amount of required usable space shall be equal to 15 percent of the lot area and be accessible from street level.
Usable open space is defined as open space that provides landscaping, pedestrian access or opportunity for outdoor recreational activity. The North Block will have approximately 29,000 square feet of open space available from street level which represents 26 percent of the lot area. The South Block will have approximately 16,500 square feet which represents 15 percent of the lot area. Additionally, the proposed John Street Plaza (Option 3A) covers an area of approximately 20,300 square feet which will be available for public use. Therefore, the total amount of usable open space for the entire project as a whole represents approximately 27 percent of the entire site area.
- The average horizontal dimension for any area qualifying as required usable open space is 20 feet, and the minimum is 10 feet, except that there is no minimum horizontal dimension for additional pedestrian area abutting a sidewalk.
- A minimum of 45 percent of the required open space shall be exterior space open to the sky and provide both visual and physical access from the street to pedestrians.

Only a relatively small area of the required open space will be covered by overhead building mass at entrances to throughways.

- Up to a maximum of 20 percent of the required usable open space may be covered overhead to provide weather protected space if the space abuts a street lot line and has a minimum vertical clearance of 20 feet.
- Up to 10 percent of the required usable open space may be provided as an area abutting a sidewalk that extends the pedestrian area onto the lot or is landscaped.
- Through-block connections are required for large lot developments (lot area of minimum 60,000 square feet) in the SM 160/85-240 and SM 240/125-400 zones and where the development abuts two north-south avenues for a minimum linear distance of 120 feet along each avenue.
Both North and South Blocks are approximately 110,000 square feet each and have linear distances of approximately 350 to 390 feet along the avenues. The project will provide east-west throughways on both the North and South Blocks.
- The required pedestrian connection shall be continuous across the lot, extend between abutting avenues, and have an average width of 25 feet and a minimum width of 15 feet. Any segment that is covered side to side shall have a minimum width of 20 feet. The pedestrian passage shall be open to the sky, except that up to 35 percent of the length of the passageway may be covered and enclosed, provided that the minimum height of covered portions is 13 feet. Unenclosed area of the pedestrian connection may be counted as required open space.
Throughways will connect avenues from west to east and will average 25 feet in width. Approximately 30 percent of the throughways will be covered by residential portions of the podium overhead.

23.48.020 Amenity area for residential uses

- Amenity area is required for all new developments with more than 20 dwelling units.
- An area equivalent to 5 percent of the total gross floor area in residential use shall be provided as amenity area.
The required amenity area will be far exceeded by proposed usable open space within landscaped courtyards, plazas, parks and landscaped podium roof decks.
- All residents of the project shall have access to the required amenity area, which may be provided at or above ground level. In addition to exterior open space, enclosed amenity space will be provided for the residents of each block within the podiums and towers.
- A maximum of 50 percent of the required area may be enclosed.
- Amenity area that is landscaped, street level open space that is accessible from the street may be counted as twice the actual area in determining the amount provided to meet amenity area requirement.
- For lots abutting a designated neighborhood green street (Thomas and John Streets), up to 50 percent of the amenity area requirement may be met by contributing to the development of the abutting green street.
Street improvements will be proposed along the south side of Thomas Street at the north end of the site and, over the entire portion of John Street which will be closed to through traffic and redesigned as a public plaza in the preferred option (Option 3A).

23.48.032 Required parking and loading

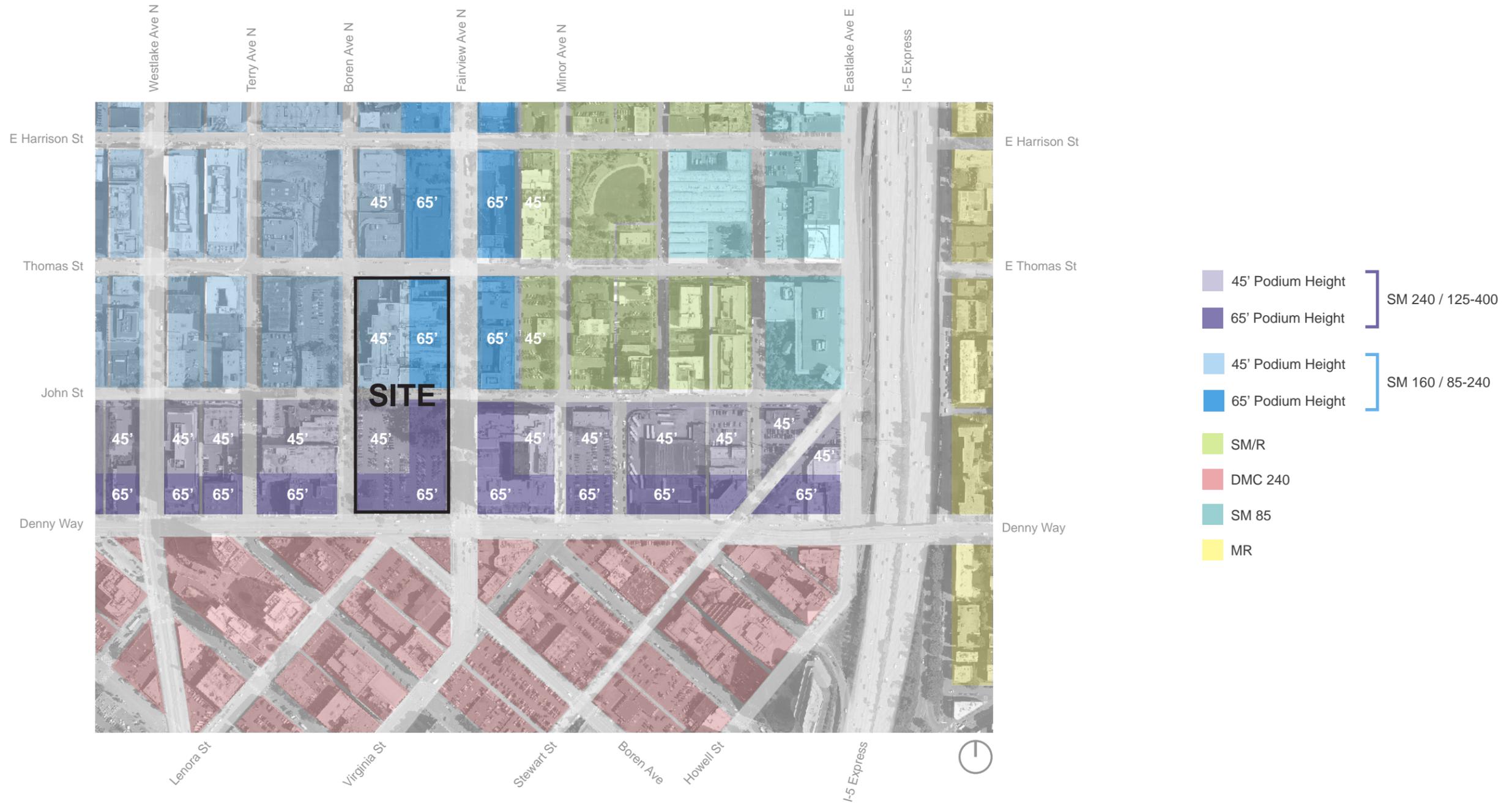
- **Table A 23.54.015** lists required parking for non-residential uses as 1 per 250 square feet for eating and drinking establishments and 1 per 500 square feet for general sales and services uses.
It is contemplated that parking levels for non-residential uses will comply with requirements.
- **Table B 23.54.015** states that for all residential uses within urban centers, there is no minimum parking requirement.
At this early stage of the design, underground parking for the residents of the project will be set at approximately 1 parking space per dwelling unit.
- **Table E 23.54.015** lists parking requirements for bicycles. Multi-family uses require 1 space per unit for long-term and none for short term. After the first fifty (50) spaces for bicycles are provided, additional spaces are required at one half the ratio shown in Table E.
- Required long-term bicycle storage is to be covered and separated by a barrier from automobile parking areas.
- Note that the Director in consultation with the director of Transportation may require more bicycle parking spaces based on topography, pattern and volume of expected users, density, etc.
- Loading Berth requirements are set out in 23.54.035. The minimum number of off-street loading berths required is set forth in Table A, and are based on uses, and categorized as low-demand, medium-demand and high-demand.
- For uses not listed on Table A (for example the residential portion), the Director shall determine the loading berth requirements.

23.48.034 Parking and loading location, access and curbcuts

- In the SM 160/85-240 and SM 240/125-400 zones in the South Lake Union Urban Center, accessory surface parking is prohibited unless separated from all street lot lines by another use within a structure.
No surface parking is being proposed.
- Access to underground parking should be from an alley. Where this is not possible, access from an undesignated street is preferred – next most preferred is a Class II Pedestrian Street. Access from a Neighborhood Green Street is the least preferable.
As there are no undesignated streets bordering the site, access to the underground parking for both blocks will be either off of Boren Ave. N, or off of Fairview Ave N to avoid the higher traffic volumes along Denny Way. Designated Neighborhood Green Streets are the least preferred for parking access.
- Permitted access shall be limited to one two-way curbcut per site.
Parking and loading access will be limited to one curbcut per block.

3.0 Zoning Analysis

Zoning Analysis



4.0 Urban Design Analysis

Context Studies : Maps



Pedestrian Connection @ Amazon Campus Phase III

Seattle Green Street

A Cafe @ Thomas St & Westlake Ave N

Seattle Bus

Seattle Streetcar

Troy Laundry Building

A Grocery Market as a part of Hotel Building

Raisbeck Performance Hall



Surrounding Context :

- Publicly Accessible Open Space
- Green Streets
- Class II Pedestrian Street



Surrounding Amenities :

- Cafes & Restaurants
- Public Transit : Bus
- Public Transit : Street Car



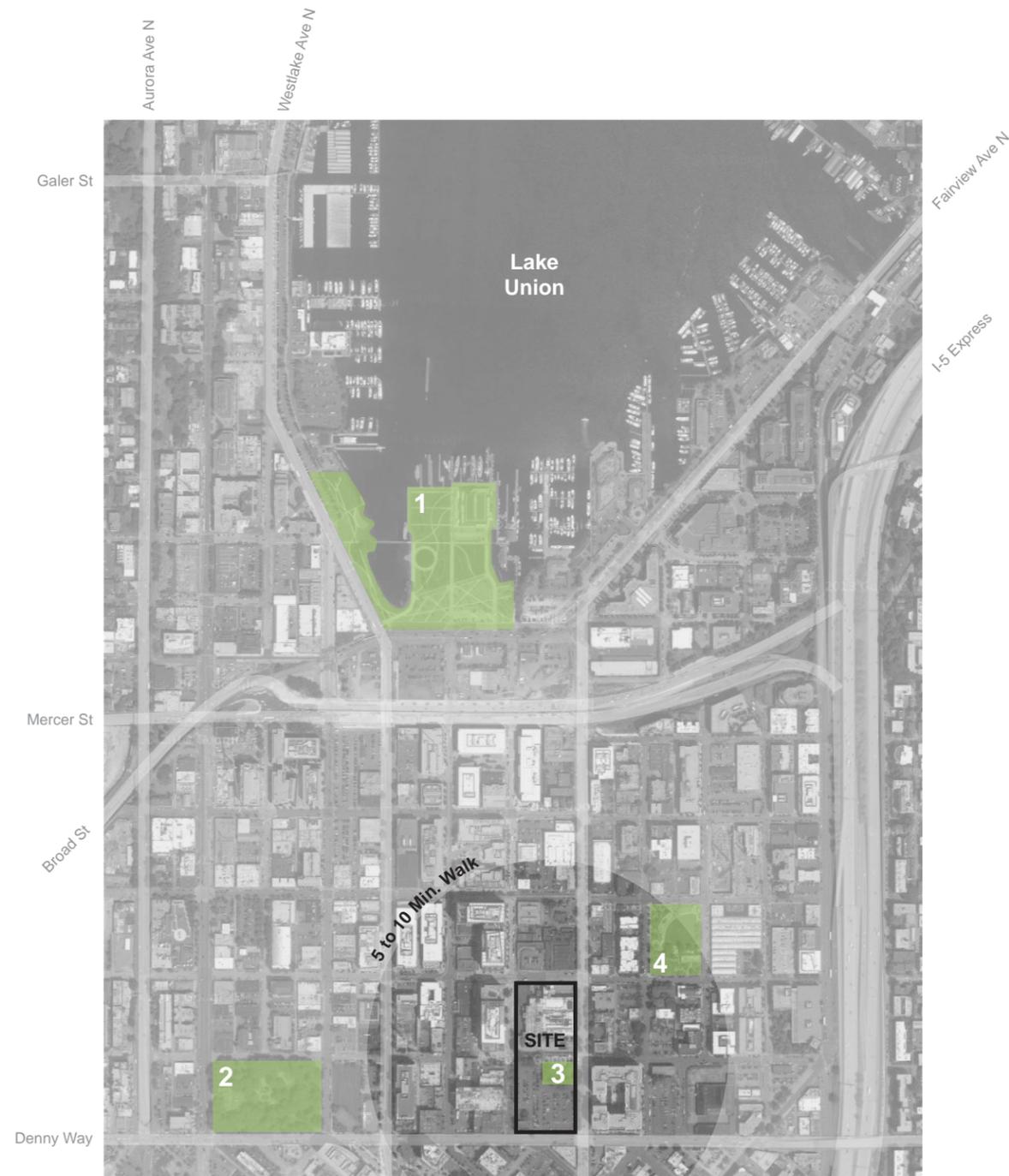
Surrounding Programs :

- Historic Buildings
- Commercial & Office
- Residential, Hotel & Mixed use
- Civic
- Industrial

Maps are showing approximately 10 minute walking distance area

- Proposed Building
- Recently Completed Building
- Building Under Construction

4.0 Urban Design Analysis
Context Studies : Parks



Parks near Site

- 1. Lake Union Park
- 2. Denny Park
- 3. Seattle Times Park
- 4. Cascade Park



1. Lake Union Park Aerial Source: Wikipedia



1. Lake Union Park Source: Marriott.com



2. Denny Park Source: Gene Balk, The Seattle Times



3. Seattle Times Private Park Source: Seattle Government



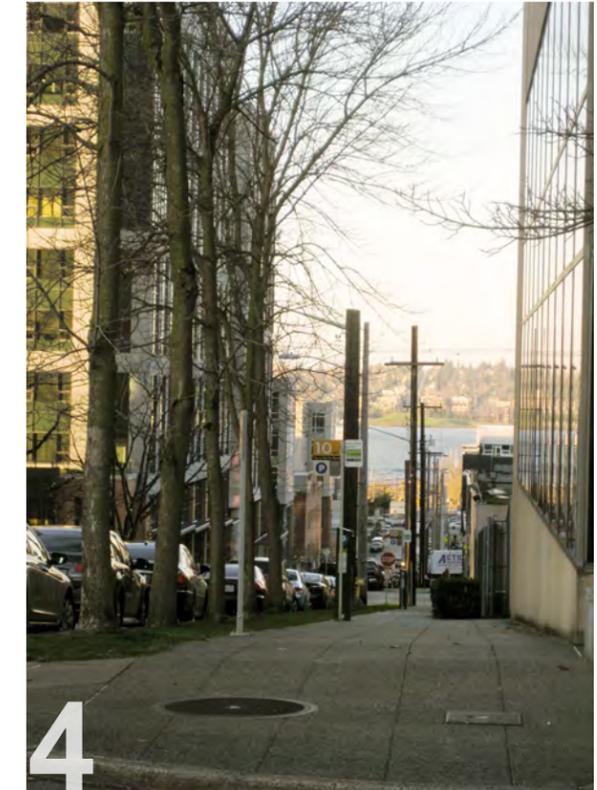
4. Cascade Park View 1 Source: Will M.



4. Cascade Park View 2 Source: Bradford Bohonus

4.0 Urban Design Analysis

Context Studies : Protected Views

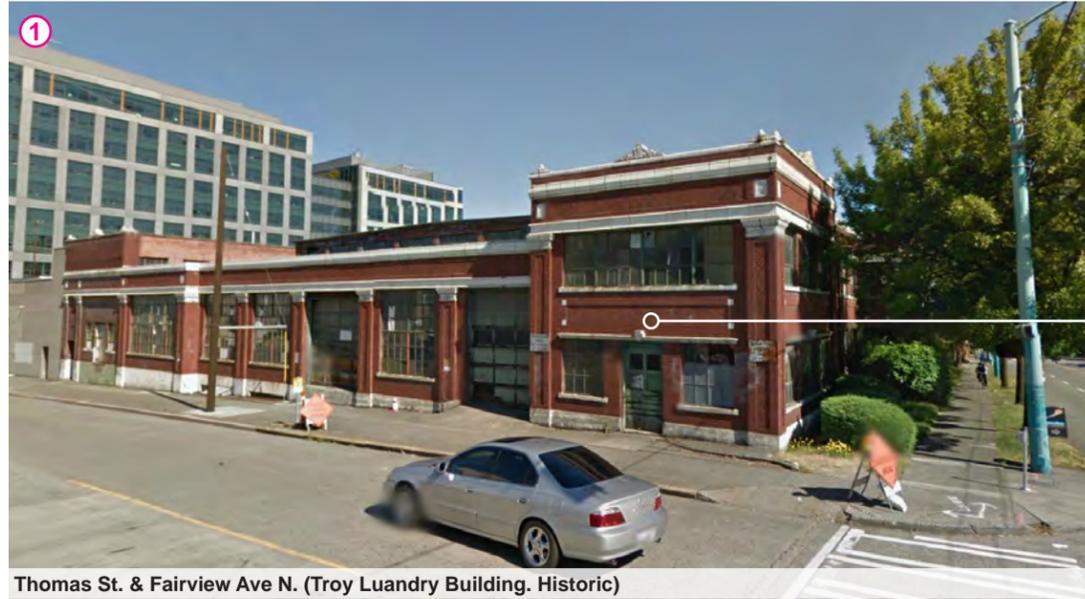


The immediate area surrounding the development site presents notable views towards Lake Union and the Space Needle; along Fairview Avenue and Boren Ave. to the north, and along Thomas and John Streets to the west.

In particular, the Fairview Ave. corridor is a SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act) designated scenic route corridor. The Land Use Code provides protection for these views through the use of upper level building setbacks which the proposed development will adhere to.

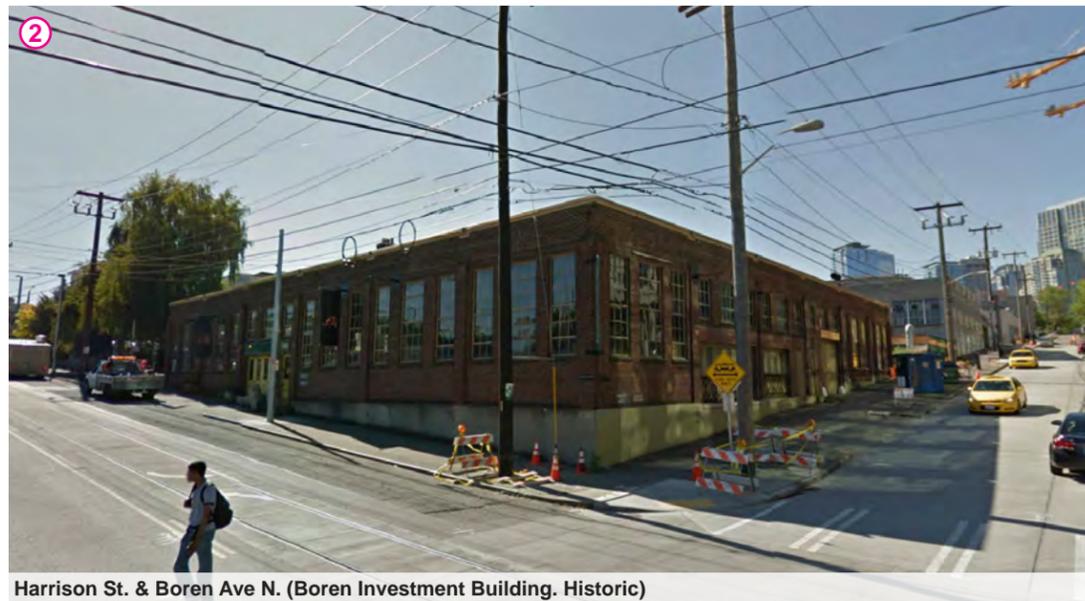
The podium/tower configuration of the proposal will help to maintain views as well as maximize light intensity at the street level.

Context Studies : Surrounding Building Typology



Thomas St. & Fairview Ave N. (Troy Laundry Building. Historic)

Use of clerestory commercial windows to provide additional light source.



Harrison St. & Boren Ave N. (Boren Investment Building. Historic)



Maps are showing approximately 10 minute walking distance area



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-  Building Under Construction

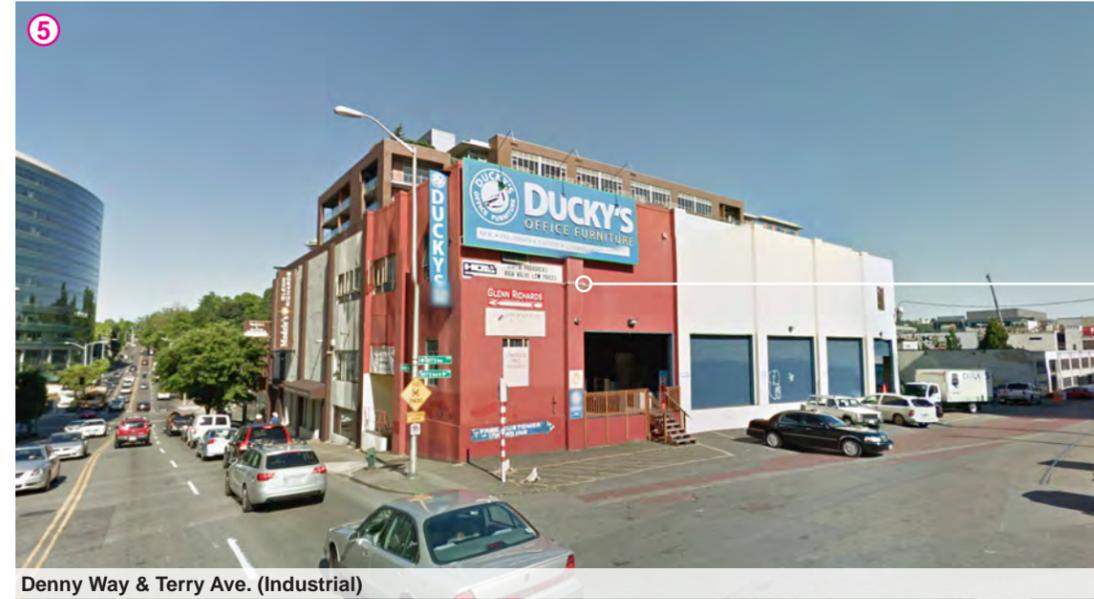
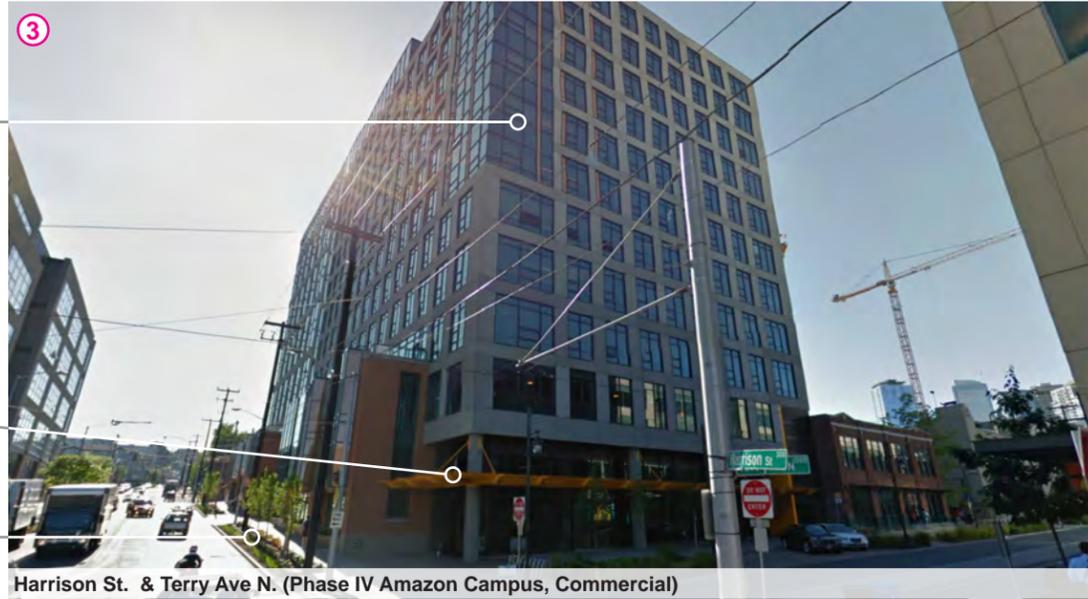
4.0 Urban Design Analysis

Context Studies : Surrounding Building Typology

Portions of tower and podium facade to have punched window openings which recreate better with historical buildings in the neighborhood

Street-level weather protection in form of canopies

Landscaped buffer between sidewalk & street



Warehouse door idea could be used in commercial facades on John St. plaza



Raised element above main entry to provide definition

Context Studies : Surrounding Building Typology



Denny Way & Fairview Ave N. (Mixed-Use)

Use protruding balconies to define residential portions of the podium and towers

Idea of corner transition for the podium (possible to reverse to incorporate a plaza)



John St. & Minor Ave N. (Residential)



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4.0 Urban Design Analysis

Context Studies : Surrounding Building Typology

Use of natural stone in places at the base of the podium.



Use of decorative ironwork for gate & railing elements



Large glazed openings to maximize natural light for residents

5.0 Architectural Options and Concepts

Design Inspiration

Introduction of transparent and more solid elements to provide visual interest.

Varying materials to provide contrast use of higher quality materials at street level to enhance pedestrian experience.



Corner feature transitions between 2 intersecting streets.



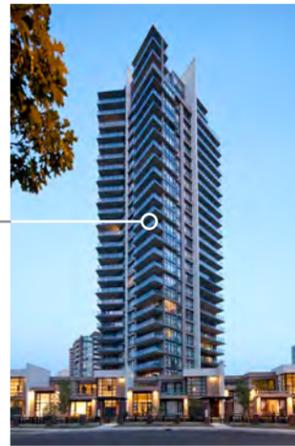
Strongly defined podium and tower forms.

Articulated facade defines main entry.



Simple vertical massing with clearly defined elements.

Tower facade modulation to reinforce vertical tower form.

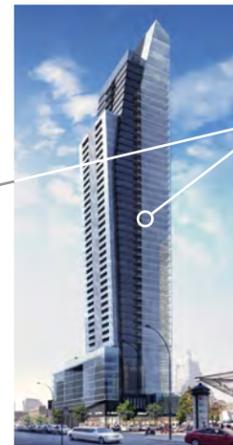
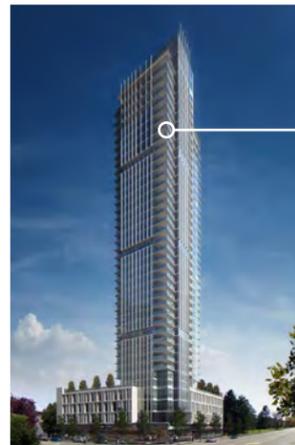


Use of angled elements to sculpt tower form.



'Classical' tower form with vertically defined element.

Landscaped podium for residents is visible from neighboring buildings.



Tower form is sculpted at top to provide a graceful termination.

Weather protection at street level.

Highly transparent commercial facade at street level.



Landscaped podium

Tower form narrows as it intersects podium.

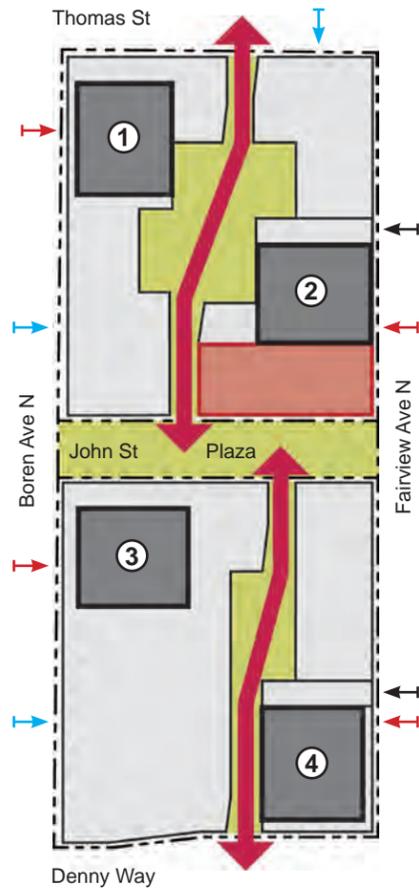
Tower form touches down to ground level through podium.



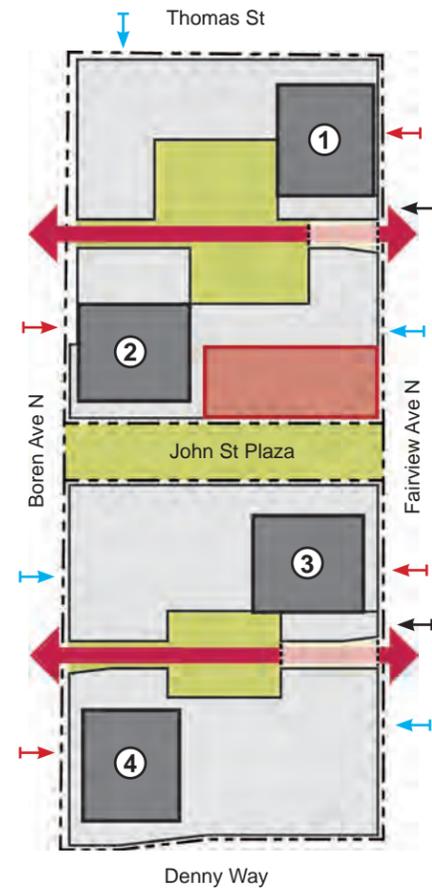
Architectural Massing : The Four Options Introduction



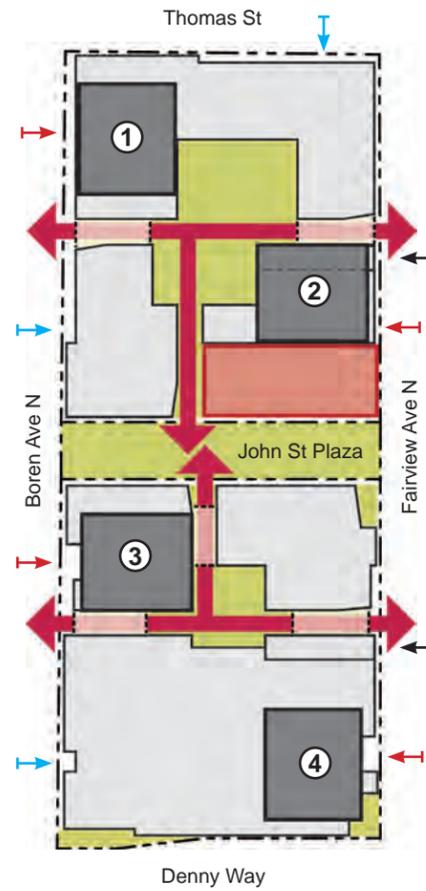
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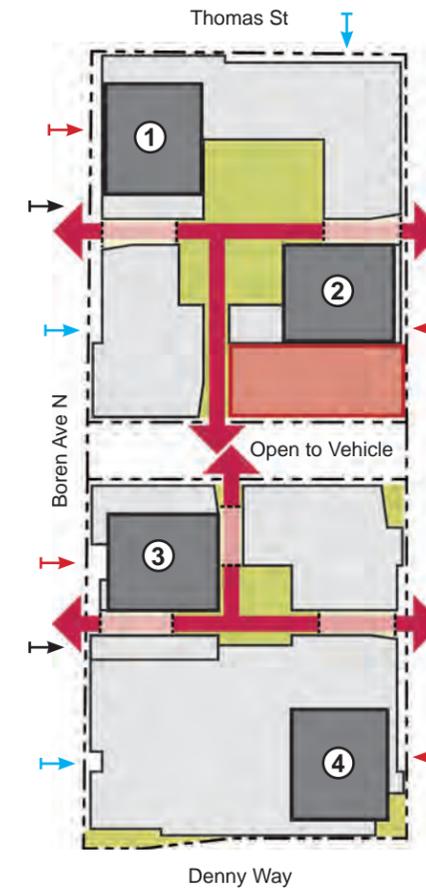
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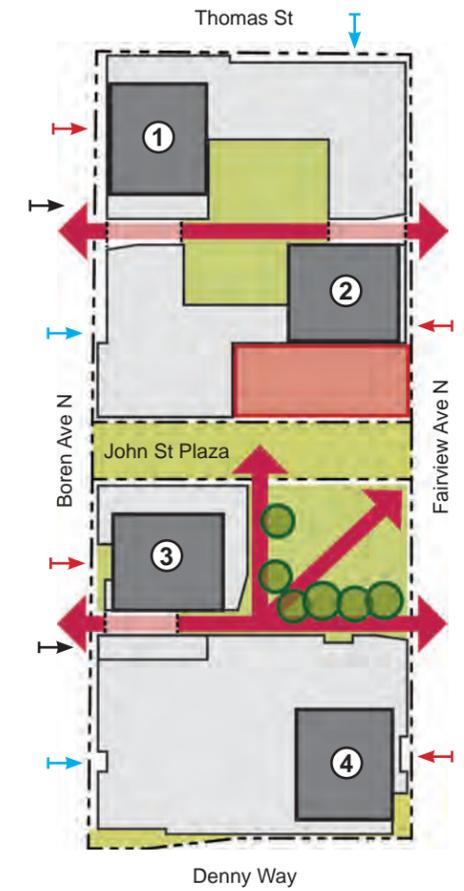
Option 3A (Preferred)



Option 3B



Option 4



North South Connections

East West Connections

Open Space Integration with John St as a Plaza

Open Space Integration with John St as a Road

Retain Exceptional Trees

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- North-South pedestrian throughways oriented to connect the green streets of Thomas and John Streets with Denny Way.
- Tower placement is staggered with a tower located at the corner of Fairview and Denny.

- East-West pedestrian throughways.
- Tower placement is staggered with a tower located at the corner of Boren Ave and Denny Way.

- The pedestrian throughway configuration is a hybrid of Options 1 and 2.
- Tower location is identical to Option 1.

- This Option is identical to Option 3A with the exception that John St. will remain open as a roadway.

- East-West pedestrian throughways.
- Exceptional trees on site will be retained.



Massing Option 1 : North South Connections

Distinguishing Features:

- North-south pedestrian throughways link Denny Way and Thomas Street with John Street.
- Tower locations are staggered with a tower located on the southeast corner of each block..
- Commercial uses on ground level are sited on either side of John St. and along Fairview Avenue on the South Block.
- A large indoor amenity space for building residents is located at the south-west corner of the site.
- John Street is closed to public vehicle access and is reconfigured as a public plaza.
- Tower and podium heights and setbacks conform to zoning requirements.

Pros:

- Pedestrian throughways link Denny Way with the Green Streets of John and Thomas Streets, thereby creating a visual and physical connection between the Denny Triangle neighborhood to the south of Denny Way and the South Lake Union neighborhood.
- A tower form is located at the prominent corner of Fairview Avenue and Denny Way and there is no tower located directly across from the historic Seattle Times building on John St.
- The north-south pedestrian connections can lead to better views of the downtown skyline through the South Site, with views of the Seattle Times building glimpsed from Denny Way. On the North Site, the Troy Laundry landmark building would be seen from John St., and this throughway would correspond well with the throughway entry on the Troy Block to the north.

Cons:

- North-south pedestrian throughways do not adhere to the zoning ordinance requiring connections between the Avenues (23.48.014.H.2.a) and will require a departure.
- Elevation differences between John Street and Thomas Streets on the North Block of approximately 24 feet create a difficult transition requiring almost continuous ramping and/or stairs.

Departures: See Departure Summary for all responses.

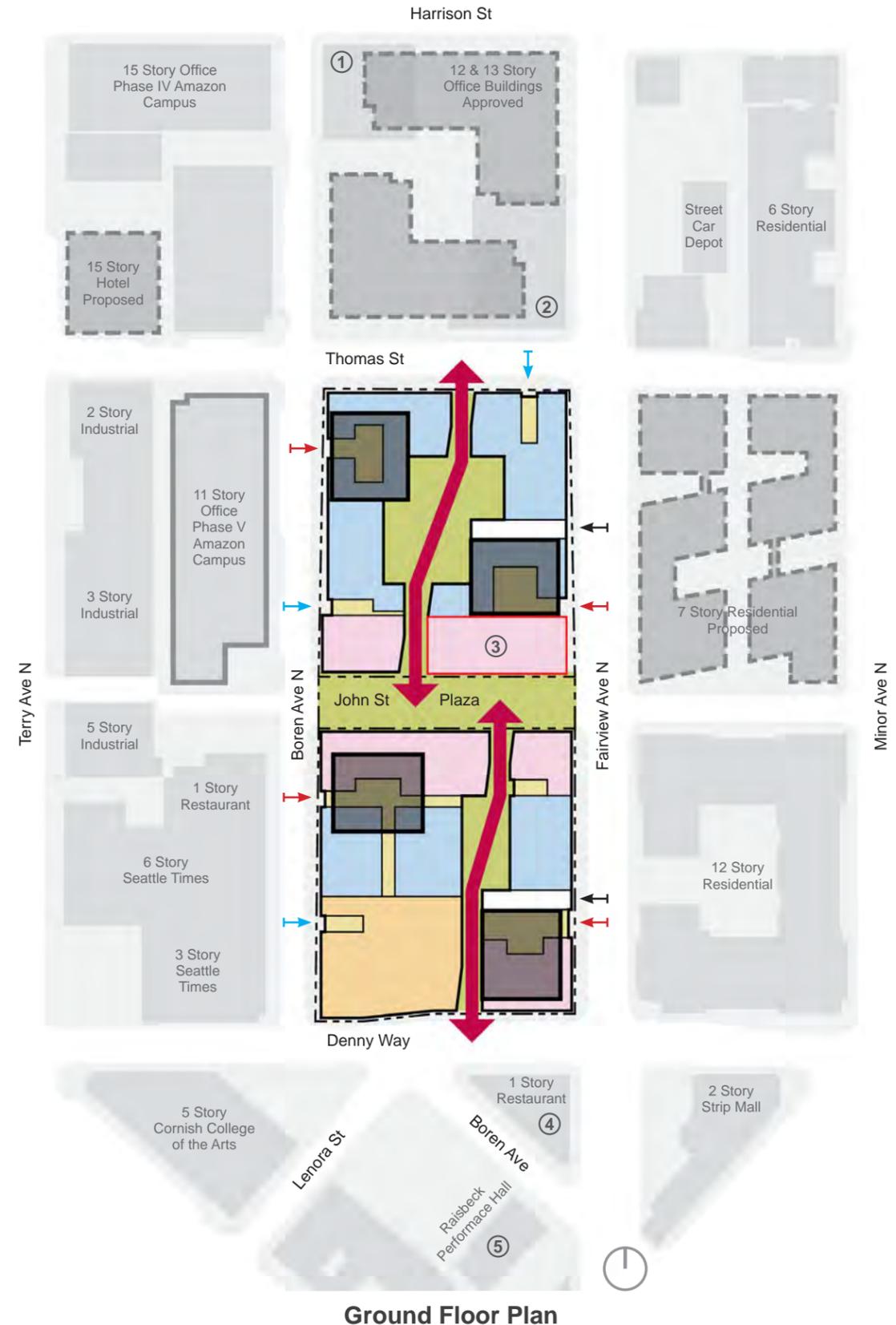
- 23.48.014.H.2.a – A continuous pedestrian passageway shall extend across the development lot to both abutting avenues.

Open Space Area:

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Diagram Legends

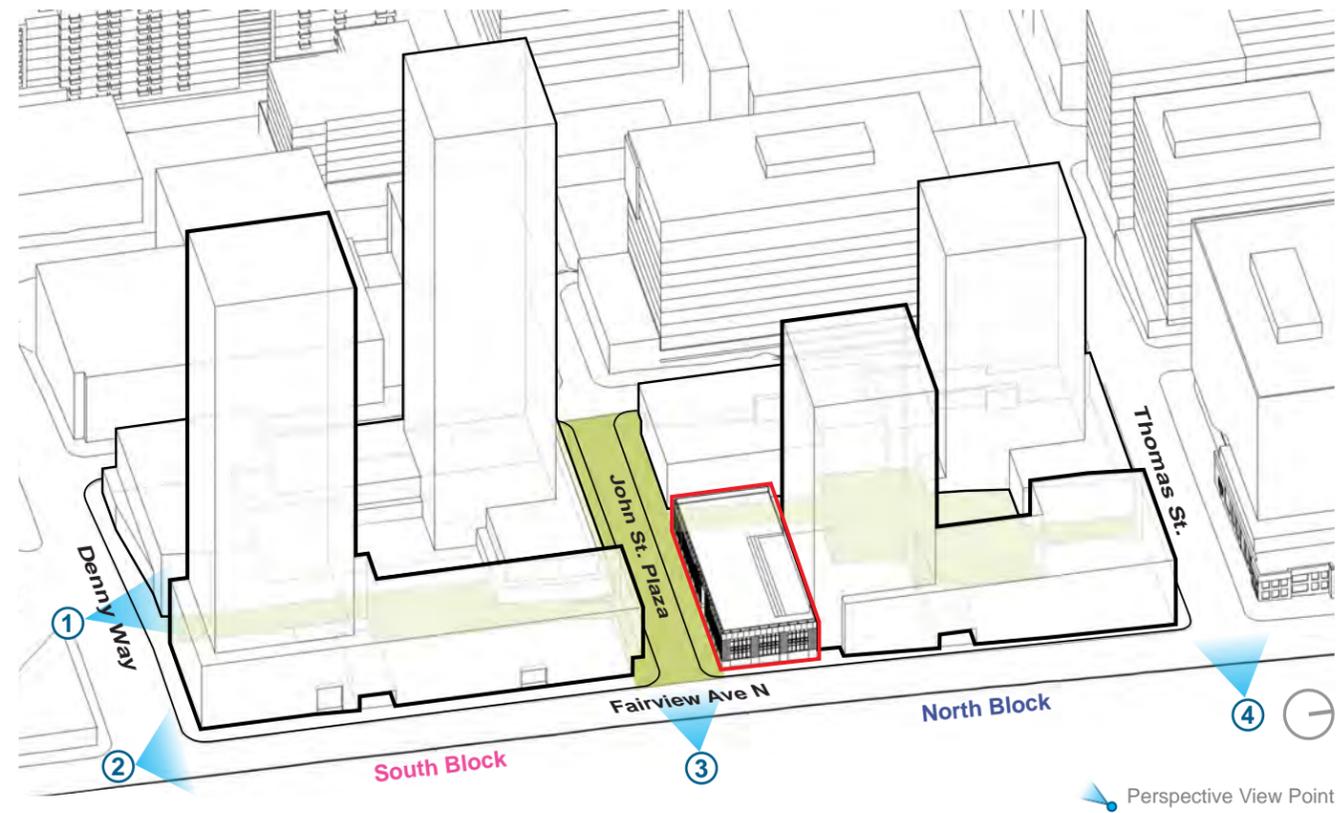
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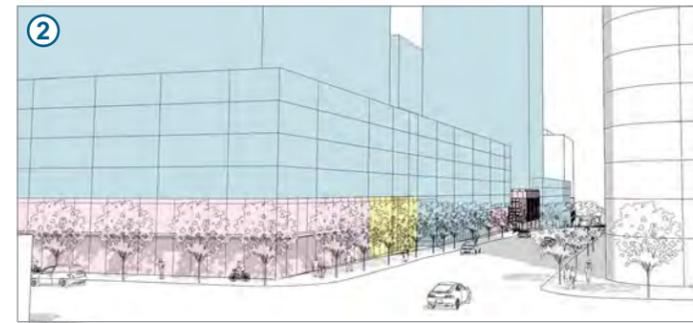
Ground Floor Plan

Massing Option 1 : North South Connections

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignettes



- Commercial Retail Residential Amenity Residential
- Lobby & Circulation Open Space

Massing Option 2 : East West Connections

Distinguishing Features:

- Mid-block east-west pedestrian throughways on both the North and South Sites link Fairview Avenue with Boren Avenue.
- Tower locations are opposite to the configuration of Option one, with a tower located across from the Seattle times building on John Street.
- Commercial uses on ground level are sited on either side of John St. and at the corner of Fairview Avenue and Denny Way on the South Site.
- A large indoor amenity space for building residents is located at the south-west corner of the site.
- John Street is closed to public vehicle access and is reconfigured as a public plaza.
- Tower and podium heights and setbacks conform to zoning requirements.

Pros:

- Mid-block east-west pedestrian throughways comply with the zoning ordinance requiring links between the avenues.
- There is no tower located directly adjacent to the historic Seattle Times building.
- The Fairview Ave. pedestrian throughway entry on the South Site corresponds to the Mirabella courtyard and massing break to the east.
- The Fairview Ave. pedestrian throughway entry on the North site responds to a significant massing break in the proposed development to the east.
- The tower placement minimizes shadowing on the proposed John St. Plaza.

Cons:

- There are no mid-block pedestrian links between the proposed John St. Plaza and the throughways to the north and south, thereby somewhat isolating the plaza from both the North and South Sites.
- A tower is located directly opposite the Seattle Times building which will have both visual and shadowing effects on the historic landmark.

Departures:

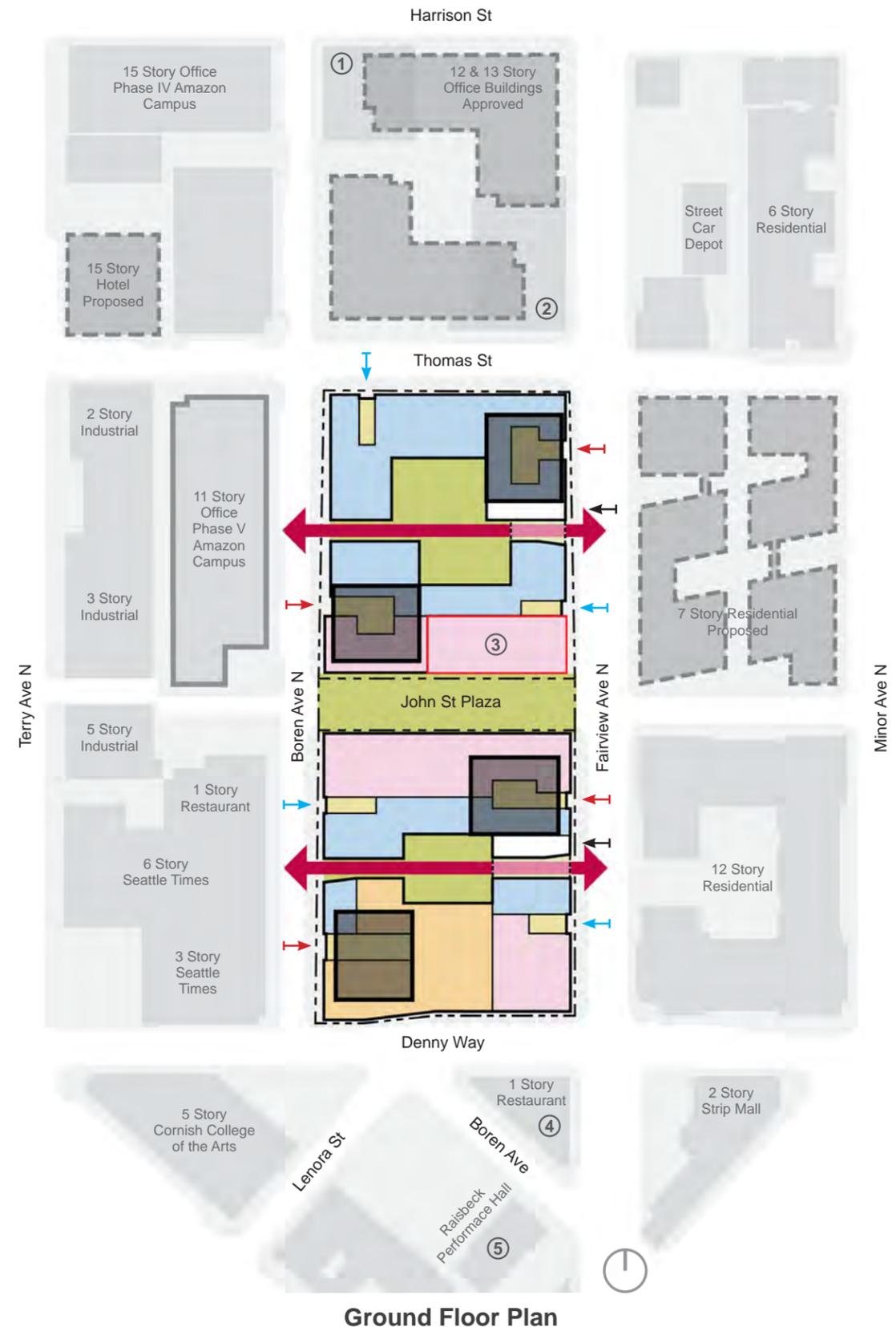
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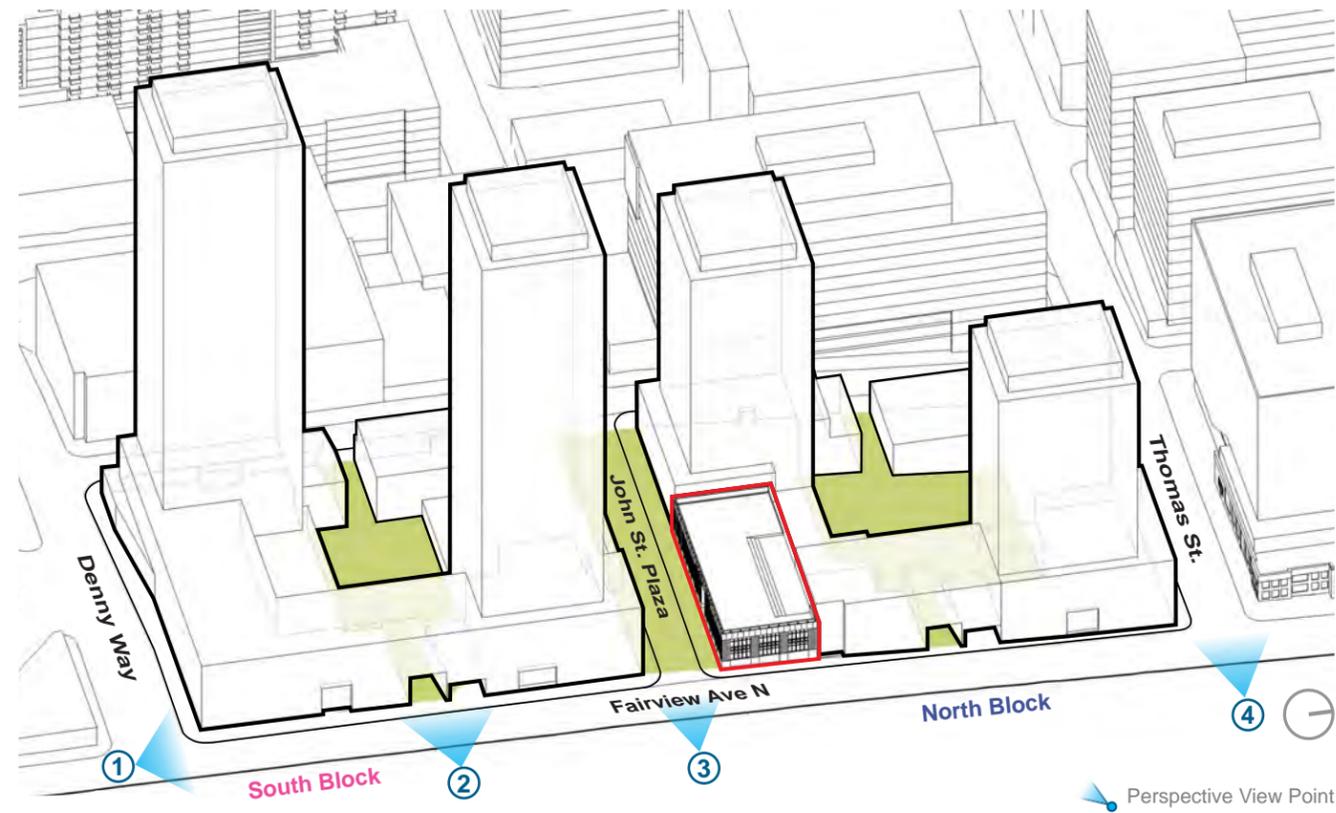
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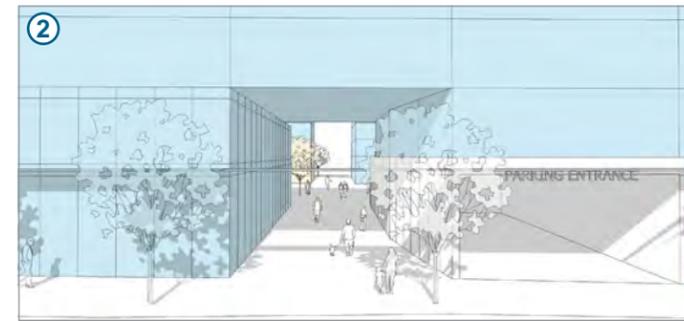
Ground Floor Plan

5.0 Architectural Options and Concepts
Massing Option 2 : East West Connections

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignettes



- Commercial Retail Residential Amenity Residential
- Lobby & Circulation Open Space

Massing Option 3A (Preferred) : Open Space Integration with John St. as a Plaza

Distinguishing Features:

- John Street will be closed to all traffic except for special events and emergency vehicles, and will be reconfigured as a public plaza.
- East-west public thoroughways are located mid-block on both the North and South sites.
- Additional north-south pedestrian passageways link the proposed John St. Plaza with the east-west thoroughways.
- Tower locations are identical to the configuration of Option 1, with a tower located at the prominent corner of Fairview Ave. and Denny Way.
- Commercial uses on ground level are sited on either side of John St., and at the corner of Fairview and Denny on the South Site.
- A large indoor amenity space/gym for the use of building residents is located on the ground level at the southwest corner of the South Site, fronting Denny Way and Boren Ave. N.
- A plaza is located at the corner of Fairview Ave. and Denny Way to provide a welcoming gesture at this designated Gateway location. Another shallow plaza will be located at the corner of Denny Way and Boren Ave adjacent to the amenity space.
- An additional setback will be introduced at the corner of Fairview Ave. and John St., opposite the Seattle Times building to open up the entry to the John St. plaza from Fairview Ave. N.
- A building setback on the south side of Thomas St. opposite the Troy Laundry building will provide a landscaped space which will respect the historic façade with its new pedestrian thoroughway entry.
- Tower and podium heights and setbacks conform to zoning requirements.

Pros:

- Pedestrian access routes holistically link the entire site, enhancing the presence of the proposed John St. Plaza. Additionally, the John St. plaza will benefit from commercial retail uses lining the sides of the entire width of the block.
- The passageway on the North Site will provide a spatial separation to the west side of the Seattle Times building to reinforce its importance.
- Generous additional setbacks and plaza spaces will enhance the public realm.
- A tower is located directly to the north of the Seattle Times building which is the preferred location for mitigating shadowing effects on the Landmark. Interestingly, there is a precedent for locating the tower in this spot as the 1929 concept drawing on page 14 shows.
- The Fairview Ave. pedestrian thoroughway entry on the South Site corresponds to the Mirabella courtyard and massing break to the east.
- The Fairview Ave. pedestrian thoroughway entry on the North site responds to a significant massing break in the proposed development to the east.

Cons:

- Residential and commercial density within the podium will be lost to additional pedestrian passageways and landscaped setbacks on each block.
- Tower location on the southeast corner of the North Block is sited directly behind the historic Seattle Times building. However, it will be positioned as far to the north as possible to minimize visual and physical impacts on the landmark building.
- The tower placement appears to result in more shadowing effects on the public open spaces on the south site and between the sites (John St. and the south mid-block connection).
- Bollards will have to be introduced on either end of John St. to block all traffic excepting emergency and special events vehicles.

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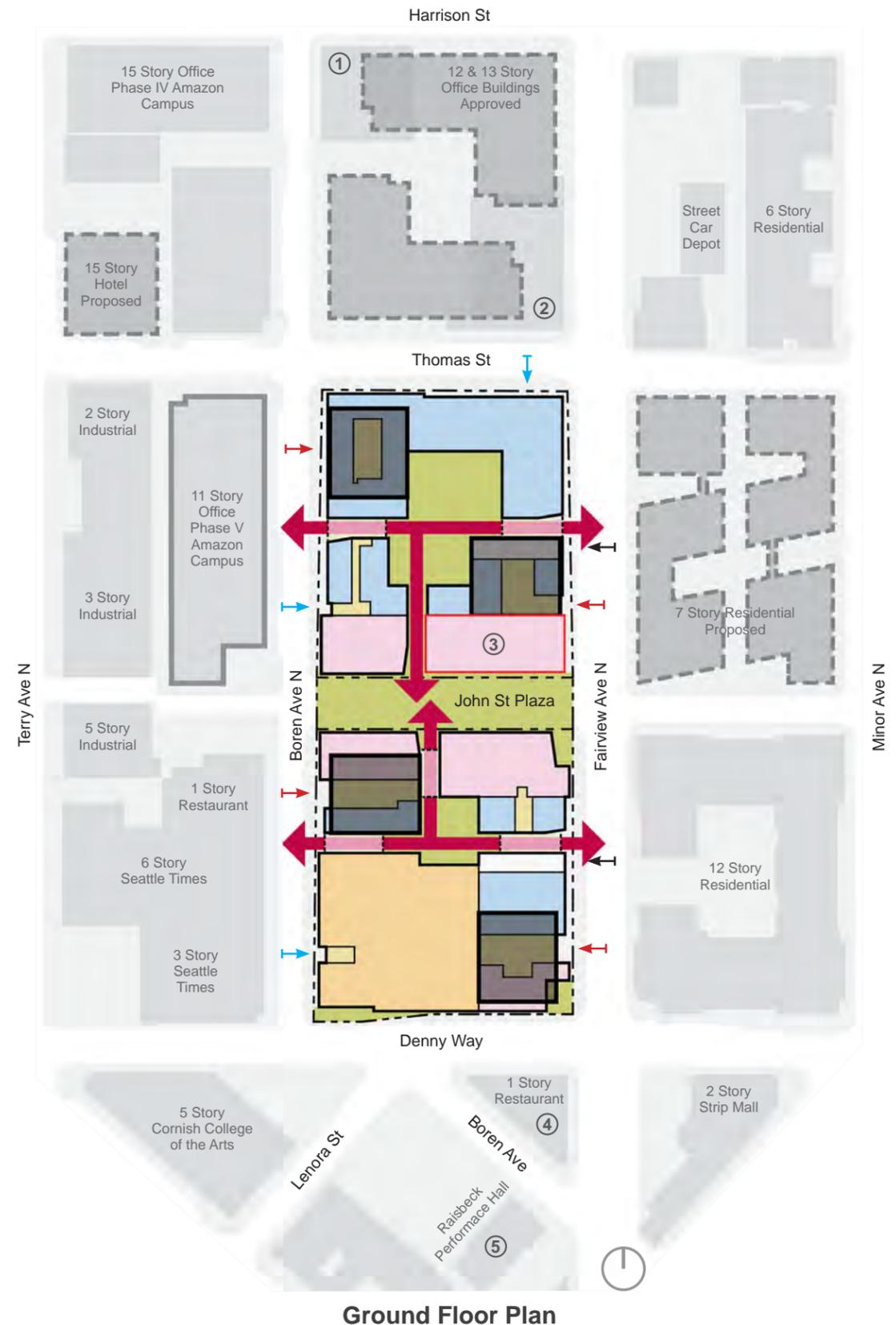
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-  Pedestrian path
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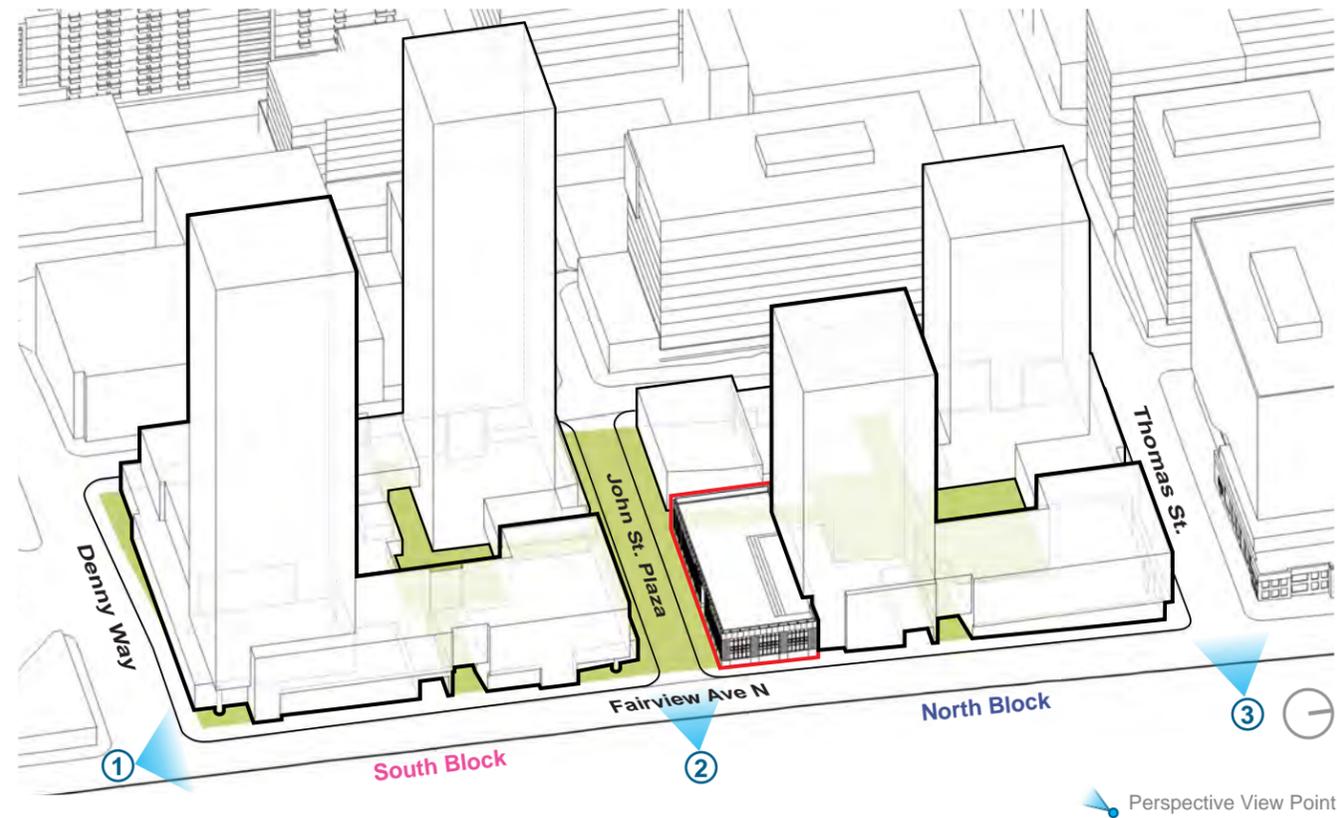


Massing Option 3A (Preferred) : Open Space Integration with John St. as a Plaza

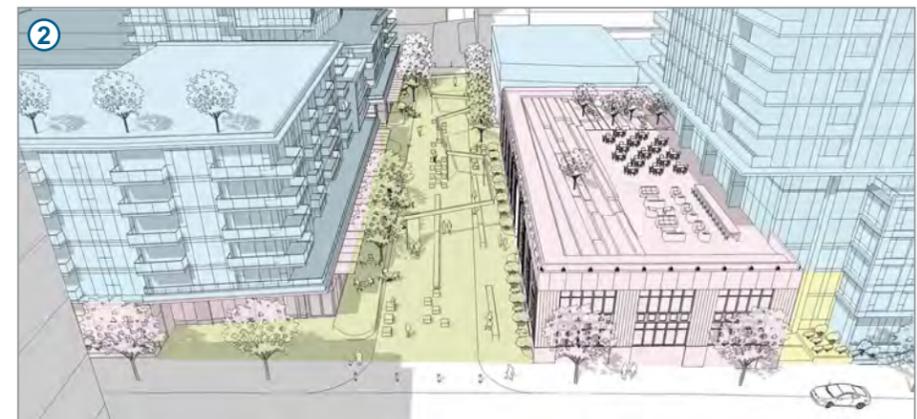
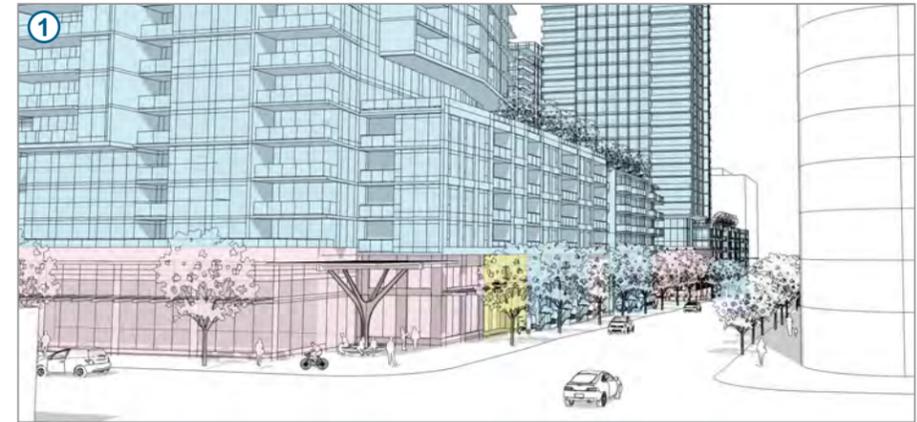
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- 23.48.010.H.7 – Mechanical rooftop features above the maximum height limit (up to 25 feet above) cannot exceed 65 percent of the roof area.

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignettes



Commercial Retail Residential Lobby & Circulation Open Space

Massing Option 3B (Alternate) : Open Space Integration with John St as a Road

Distinguishing Features:

- Identical to Option 3A with the exception that John St. will remain open to traffic.

Pros:

- John Street remains a paved public thoroughfare with pedestrian sidewalks on either side.
- Emergency vehicles will have quick and easy access to midblock portions of John Street.
- The future residents of both the North and South Sites will be able to drive along John St. to access Fairview Ave. N.

Cons:

- A significantly large area between the North and South Sites (20,376 square feet in total) will be lost as a dedicated public open space.
- The North and South Sites will not become as united as they would be with Option 3A.

Departures: [See Departure Summary for all responses.](#)

- 23.48.010.H.2 – Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit.
- 23.48.010.H.4 – Mechanical rooftop features above the maximum height limit (up to 15 feet above) cannot exceed 25 percent of the roof area if the total includes stair or elevator penthouses or screened mechanical equipment.

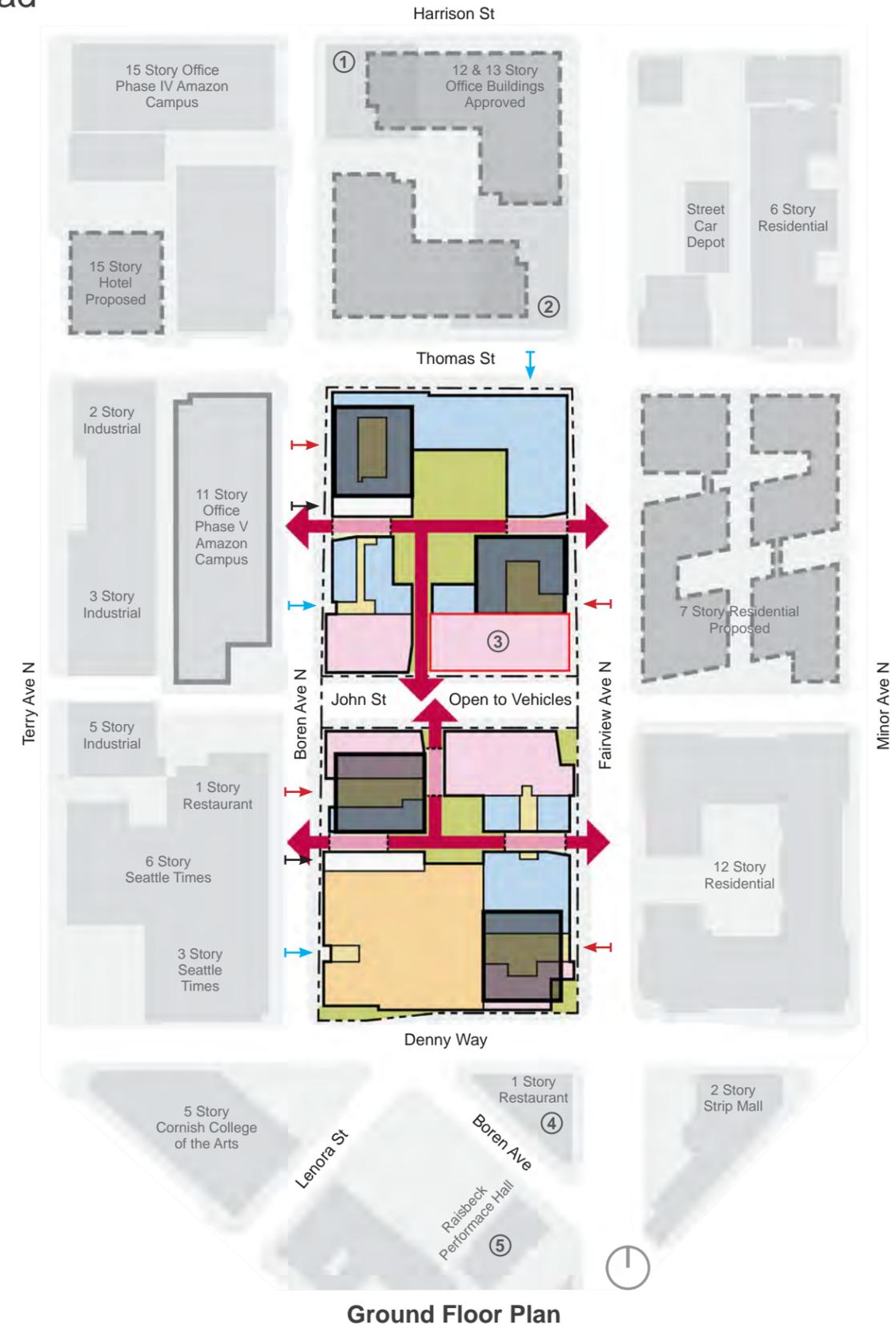
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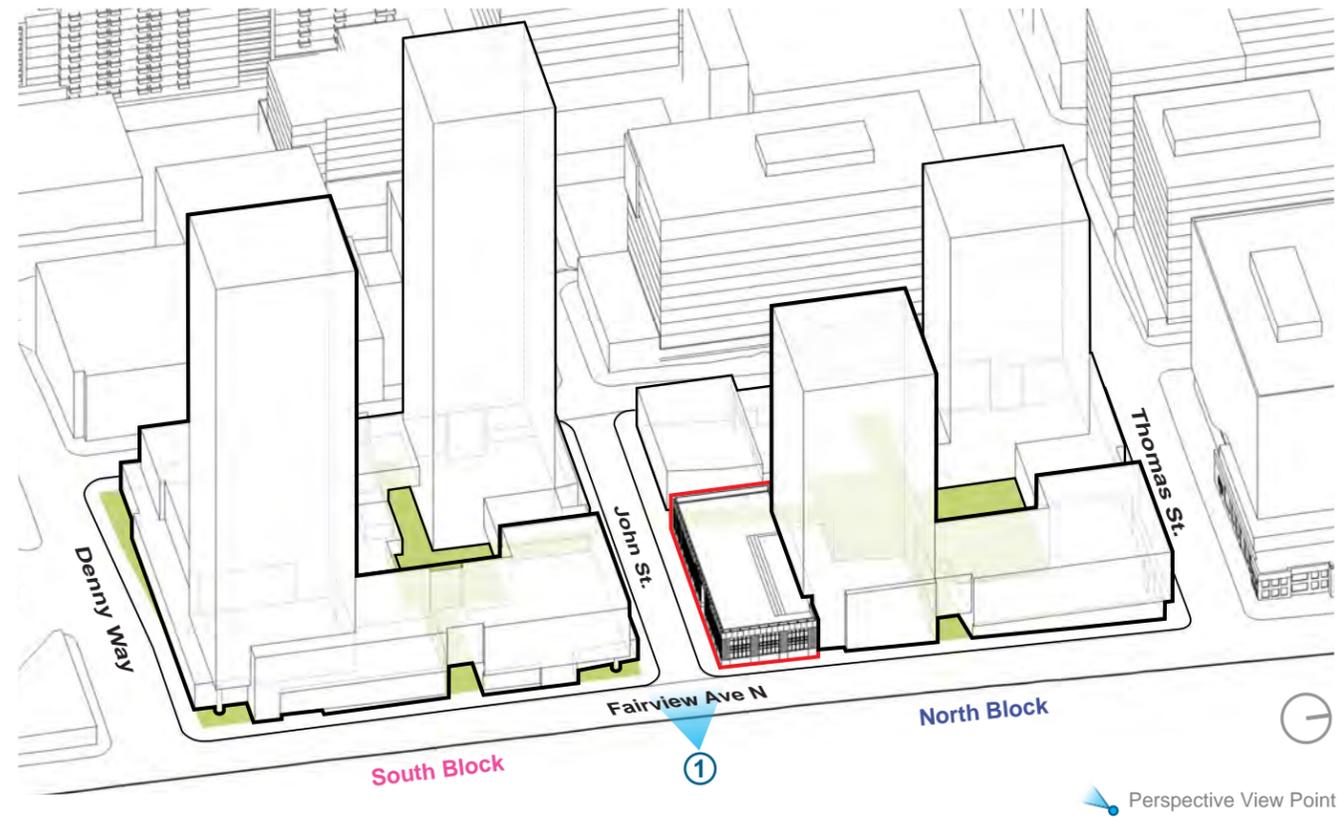
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Ground Floor Plan

Massing Option 3B (Alternate) : Open Space Integration with John St as a Road

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N



Vignette



Commercial Retail Residential

Massing Option 4 : Retain *Exceptional Trees*

Distinguishing Features:

- The Exceptional Trees located in the existing private Seattle Times park would be retained with no structures or excavation within the dripline of those trees.
- East-west public thoroughways would be located mid-block on both the North and South sites.
- Towers would be located on the southeastern and northwestern corners of both sites.
- Commercial uses on ground level are sited on either side of John St., and at the corner of Fairview and Denny on the South Site.
- A large indoor amenity space/gym for the use of building residents is located on the ground level at the southwest corner of the South Site, fronting Denny Way and Boren Ave. N.
- A plaza is located at the corner of Fairview Ave. and Denny Way to provide a welcoming gesture at this designated Gateway location. Another shallow plaza will be located at the corner of Denny Way and Boren Ave adjacent to the amenity space.
- A building setback on the south side of Thomas St. opposite the Troy Laundry building will provide a landscaped space which will respect the historic façade with its new pedestrian thoroughway entry.
- Tower and podium heights and setbacks conform to zoning requirements.

Pros:

- Exceptional Trees (as outlined in Director’s Rule 16-2008) on the property will be retained.
- A publically accessible area at the location of the existing Seattle Times Park will be maintained.

Cons:

- A large amount of potential buildable density (over 80,000 square feet) will be lost to the preservation of the Exceptional Trees.
- A large amount of underground parking area (area enough for 216 parking stalls over 4 levels) will be lost to preserve the Exceptional Trees. The total number of parking stalls lost equals approximately 90 percent of one level of parking over the entire site.
- There will be shadowing impacts on this corner area both from the height and form of the trees as well as from the adjacent 4 and 6 story residential podium.

Departures: [See Departure Summary for all responses.](#)

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- 23.48.010.H.4.c. – Mechanical rooftop features above the maximum height limit (up to 15 feet above) cannot exceed 25 percent of the roof area if the total includes stair or elevator penthouses or screened mechanical equipment.

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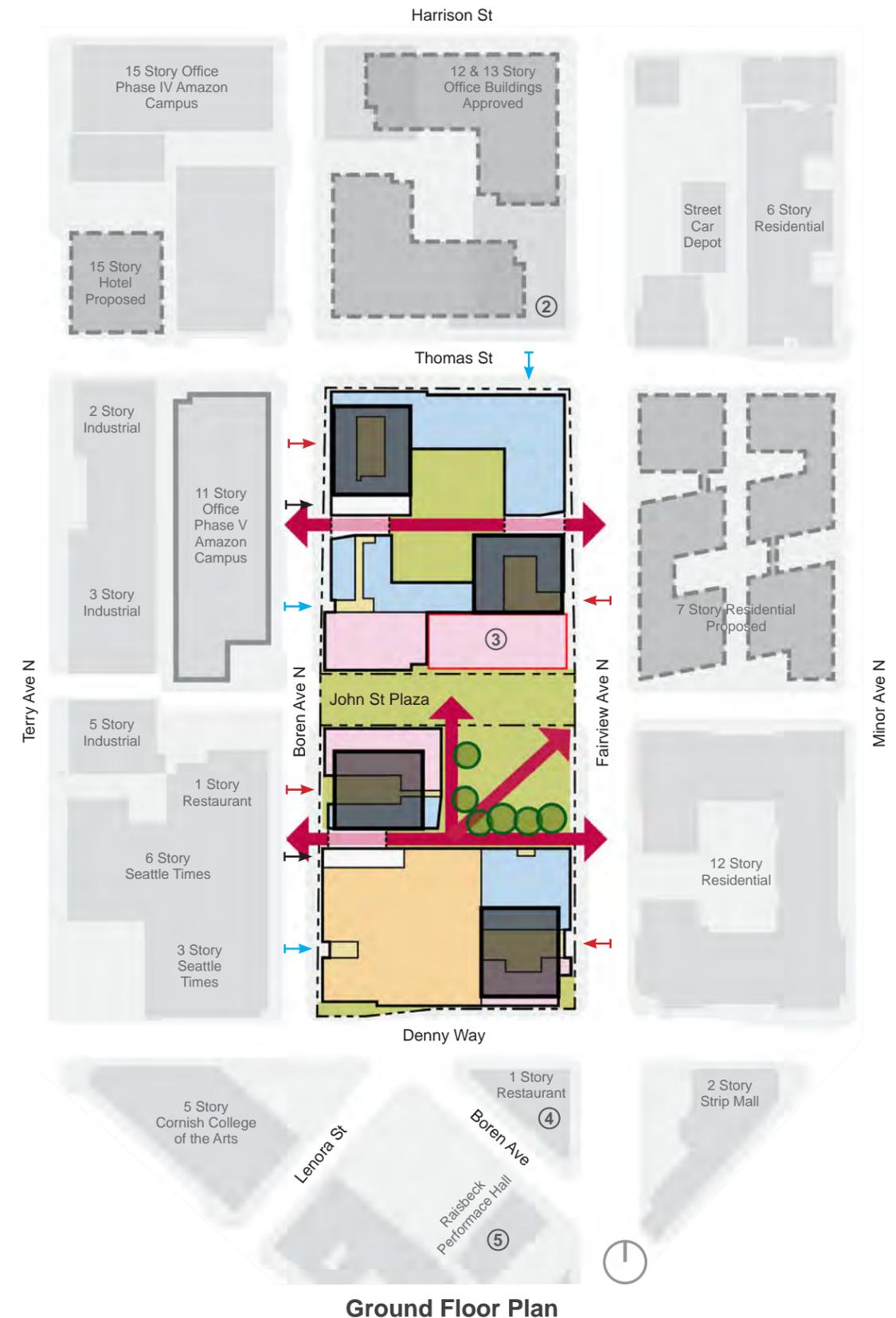
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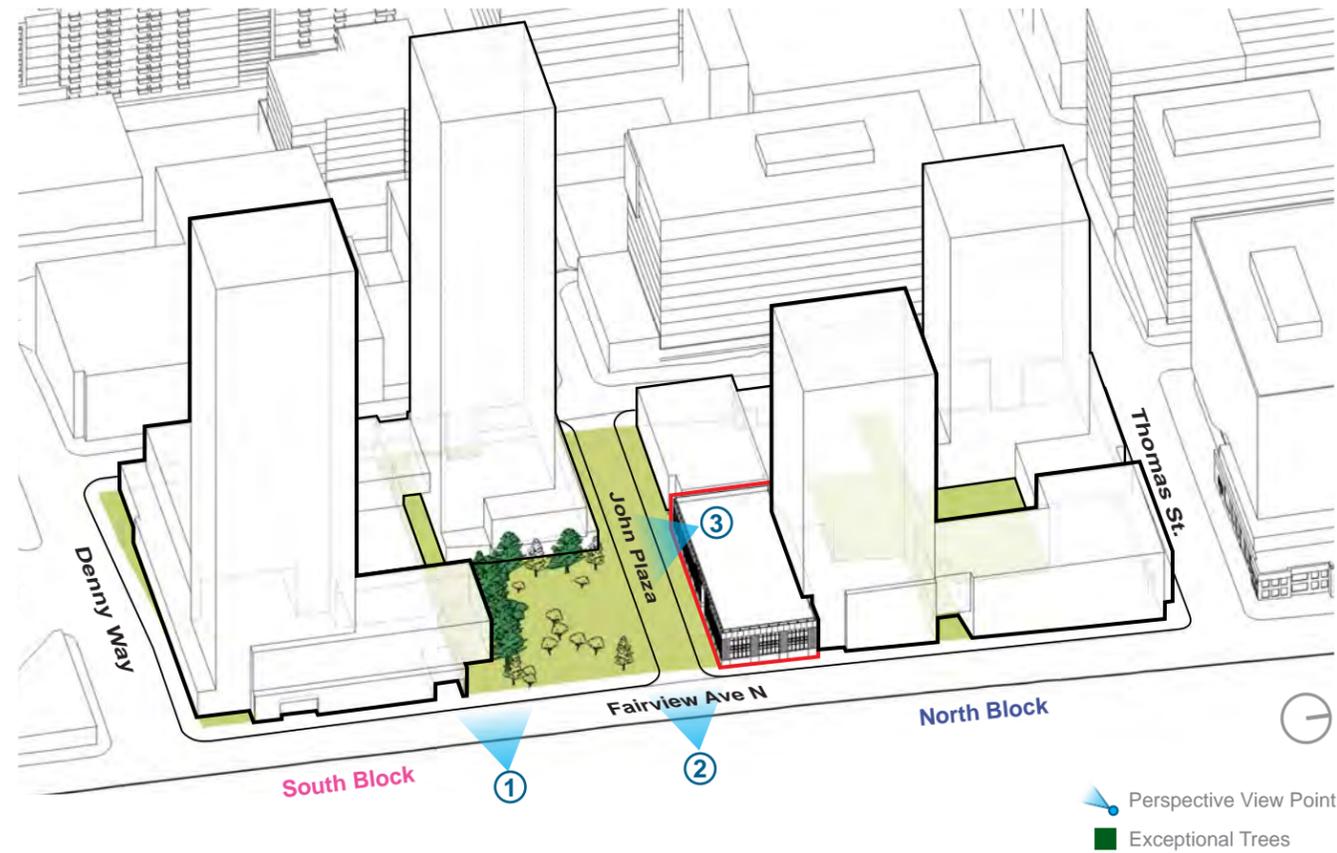
Diagram Legends

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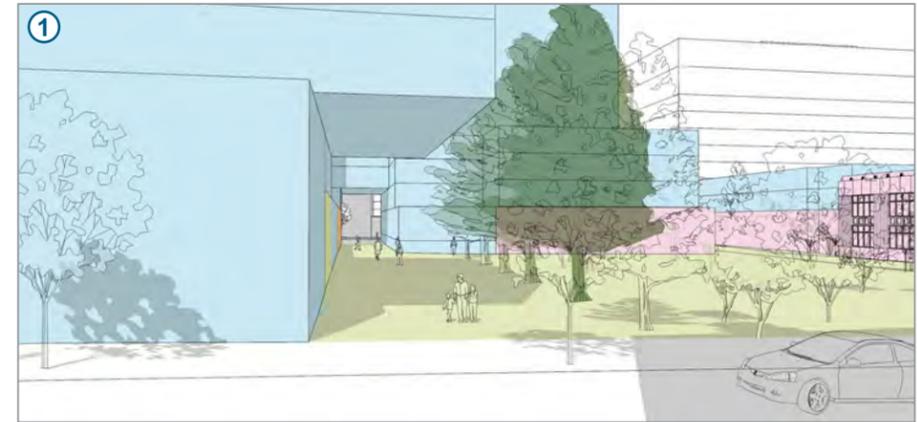


Massing Option 4 : Retain Exceptional Trees

3D View of the site from East of Fairview Ave N

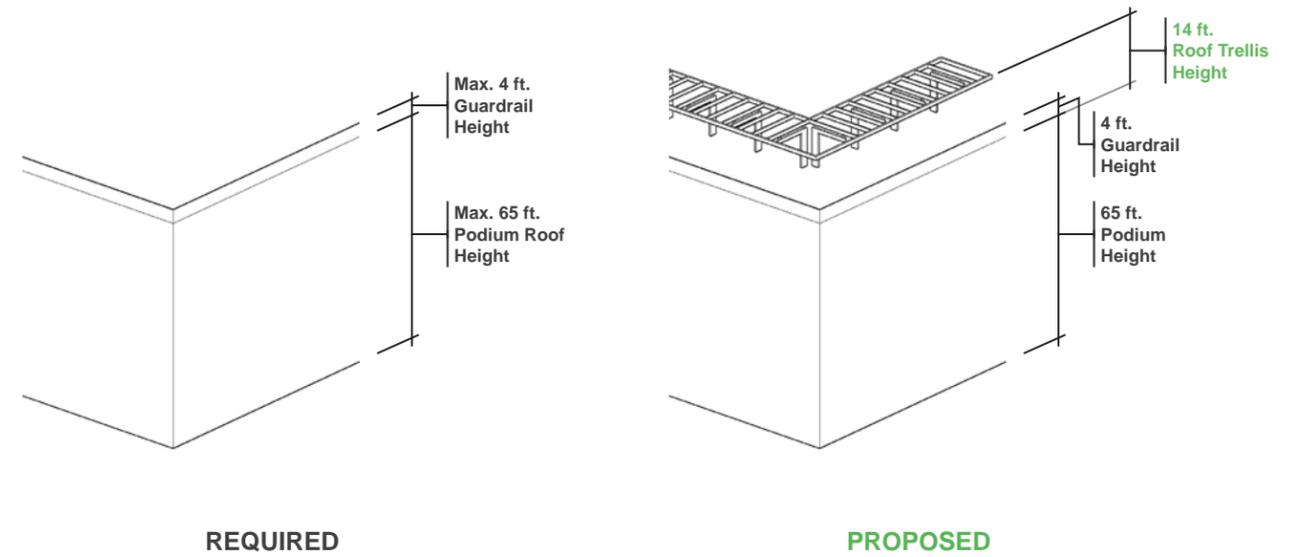
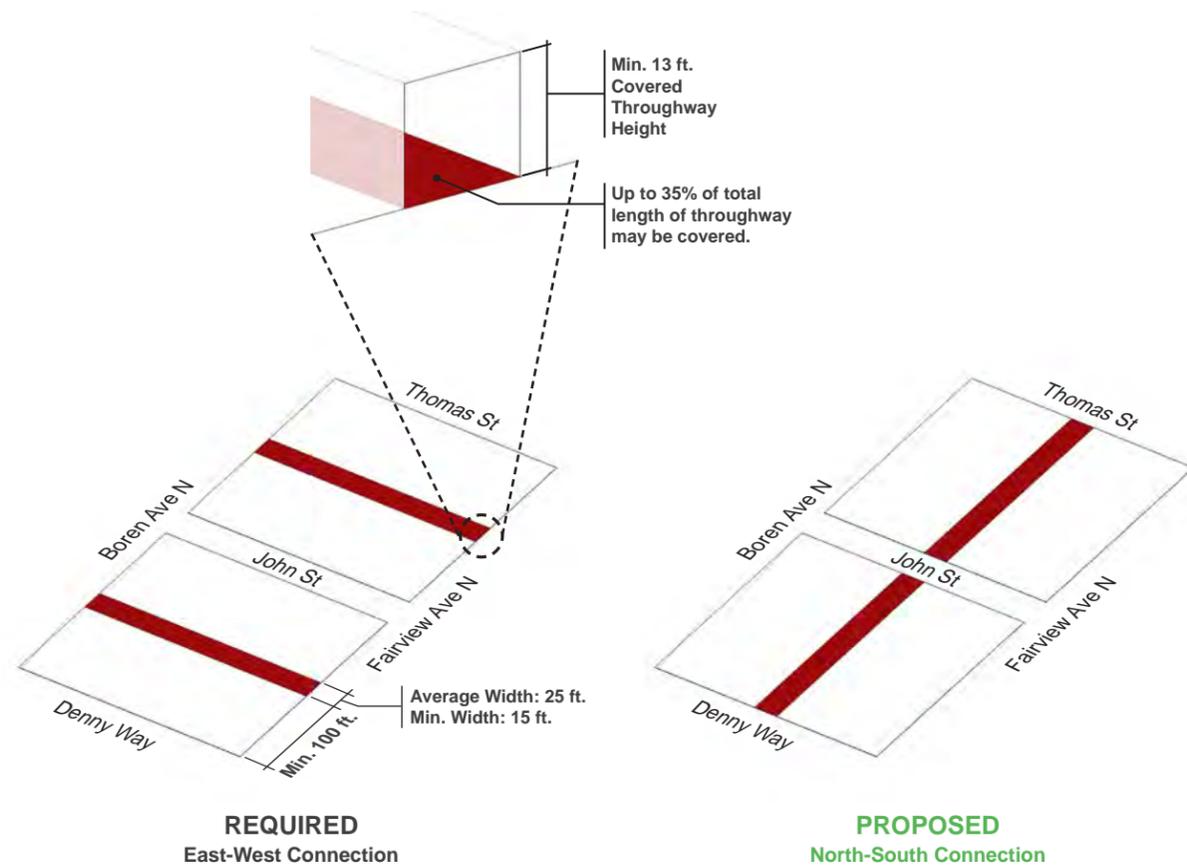


Vignettes



- Commercial Retail
- Residential Amenity
- Residential
- Lobby & Circulation
- Open Space

Departure Summary DEPARTURES REQUESTED – Three in Total



Departure #1

Code Reference: 23.48.014 Street-level development standards

- **H.2.a:** A continuous pedestrian passageway shall extend across the development lot to both abutting avenues.
- **Departure:** The Option 1 pedestrian passageway would extend across the development lot in a north-south direction to connect the streets rather than the avenues as required by the Code.
- **Options with Departure:** Option 1
- **Justification:** Design Guideline CS2 B.3 'Character of Open Space' states:
"Contribute to the character and proportion of surrounding open spaces. Evaluate adjacent sites, streetscapes, trees and vegetation and open spaces..."
 The north-south passageways would better link and integrate the North and South sites as well as providing connections between the downtown core and a visual link to the entrance of the public passageway on the Troy Block site to the north along Thomas Street.

Departure #2

Code Reference: 23.48.010 Structure Height

- **H.2.:** Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit with unlimited rooftop coverage.
- **Departure:** The Code allows the listed items to extend above the maximum podium height by only 4 feet. The departure would involve an open trellis structure at the southwest corner of the South Site which would extend for a height of 14 feet above the podium roof.
- **Options with Departure:** Options 3A, 3B and 4
- **Justification:** Design Guideline DS2 C.2 'Secondary architectural Features – Dual Purpose Elements' states:
"Consider architectural features that can be dual purpose – adding depth, texture, and scale as well as serving other project functions."
 The trellis structure is a dual purpose structure that would provide shade for the landscaped amenity area on the podium roof, as well as visual interest from the street level below. It would also help to better define the corner of Denny Way and Boren Ave. N. and provide an architectural balance to the tower forms on the South Site..

Departure #3

Code Reference: 23.48.010 Structure Height

• H.4, 5 and 7:

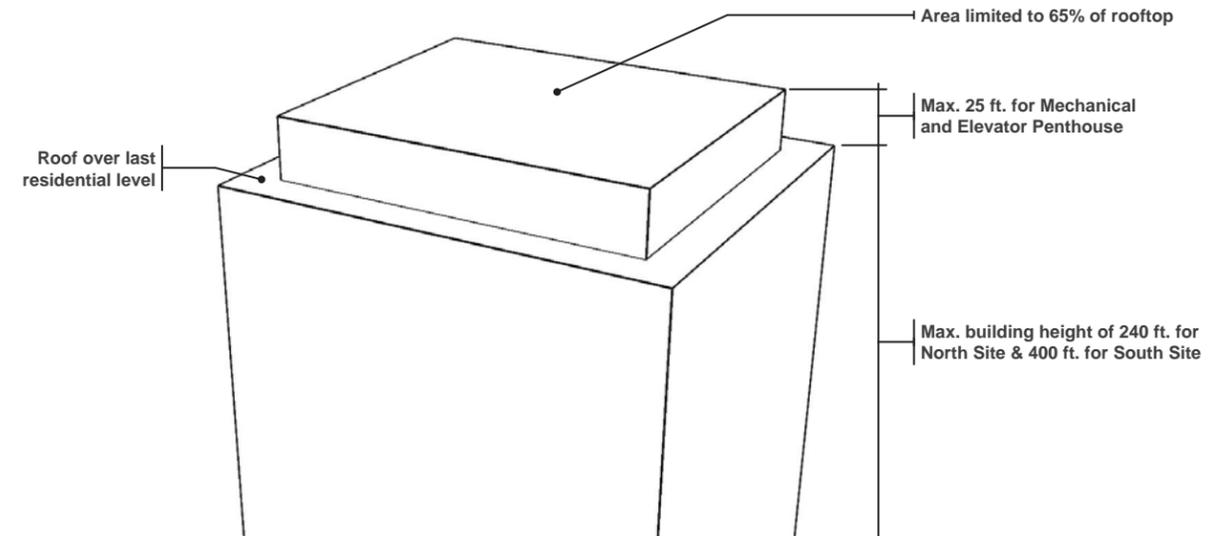
- 4. The following rooftop features may extend up to 15 feet above the maximum height limit, so long as the combined total coverage of all features listed in this subsection 23.48.010.H.4 does not exceed 20 percent of the roof area or 25 percent of the roof area if the total includes stair or elevator penthouses or screened mechanical equipment.
- 5. For structures greater than 85 feet in height, elevator penthouses up to 25 feet above the height limit are permitted.
- 7. At the applicant's option, the combined total coverage may be increased to 65 percent of the roof area, provided that all of the following are satisfied: a. All mechanical equipment is screened; and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet to the roof edge.

• **Departure:** limits the coverage of the mechanical penthouse of the tower to 65 percent of the roof area. It also imposes a setback of 10 feet from the roof edge. This setback limits the design expression at the top of the building to a stepped form. Therefore a departure is requested to allow up to 100 percent of the roof coverage in the form of glazed screen approximately 25 feet high which would extend above the roof form and would conceal the elevator penthouse, mechanical room and other rooftop equipment.

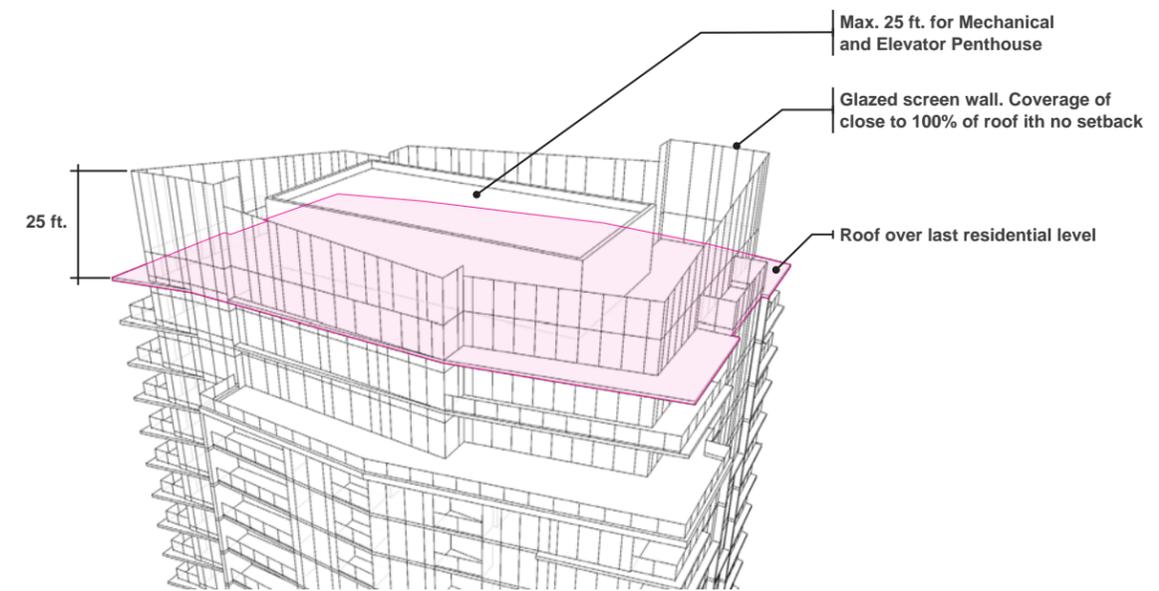
• **Options with Departure:** Options 3A, 3B and 4

• **Justification:** Design Guideline DS2 B.1 'Architectural and Façade Composition states: "Design all building facades – including alleys and visible roofs – considering the composition and architectural expression of the building as a whole."

While the mechanical room and elevator penthouse for option 3A will likely not be required to extend out to the roof edge of the levels below, in certain corner locations, glazed screening walls will rise to a height of 25 feet above the roof and will align with exterior walls below. This condition will apply to the towers on both sites and will result in a more integrated tower design.



REQUIRED



PROPOSED

Design Guidelines Priorities : Context and Site

Planning Documents cited:

PRIMARY DOCUMENTS:

1. SEATTLE DESIGN GUIDELINES
December 2013
2. SOUTH LAKE UNION NEIGHBORHOOD
DESIGN GUIDELINES:
Revised 2013, Adopted 2005

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

3. SOUTH LAKE UNION:
Urban Design Framework (2010)
4. Denny Way Streetscape Concept Plan (2013)
5. Thomas Green Street Concept Plan (2013)

CS1. Natural Systems and Site Features

Use natural systems and features of the site and its surroundings as a starting point for project design.

B. SUNLIGHT AND NATURAL VENTILATION

Response: Tower placement on both the north and south sites will be such that it will maximize solar exposure on the rooftop podium areas for residential amenities such as urban agriculture areas and the outdoor pool deck on the South site.

Generous sized windows with low-E glazing for the residential units in both the podium and towers will maximize daylight for interior spaces and minimize energy requirements.

C. TOPOGRAPHY

Response: The North site has a drop in elevation of approximately 30 feet from the southwest to northwest corners. To accommodate this change, the ground level residential units will be stepped down the slope to maintain connectivity to the street. The east-west through block connection on the North site will occur at mid-block so as to minimize elevation differences between the two opposite sidewalks.

D. PLANTS AND HABITAT

Response: The landscape planting strategy prioritizes native species with specific microclimatic responses to on site conditions. The adjacent "Green Street" streetscape network has been extended along Thomas Street. John Street will have its own character as an urban street park including the planting of new street trees and bold mass plantings of native and native adaptive plants. Existing Street trees, with minor exceptions will be retained. Overall the intent is to integrate this project into the South Lake Union neighbourhood

E. WATER

Response: Extensive green roofs on the podium form part of the overall storm water management system. Raingardens and Bioswales will be explored as part of the above and at grade landscape strategy. Water features that collect and celebrate rain events will be coordinated with the overall storm systems.

CS1. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Responding to Site Characteristics

New development is encouraged to take advantage of site configuration to accomplish sustainability goals. The Board is generally willing to recommend departures from developments standards if they are needed to achieve sustainable design. Refer to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) manual which provides additional information. Examples include:

- i. Solar orientation
- ii. Storm water run-off, detention and filtration systems
- iii. Sustainable landscaping
- iv. Versatile building design for entire building life cycle.

Response: The project will target LEED Gold equivalent.



Denny Way and Fairview Ave N corner Plaza

Design Guidelines Priorities : Context and Site

CS2. Urban Pattern and Form

Strengthen the most desirable forms, characteristics, and patterns of the streets, block faces, and open spaces in the surrounding area.

A. LOCATION IN THE CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Response: As the project encompasses two full City blocks and is a unique typology within the immediate neighborhood, it will be designed with a presence and an individual identity. Design cues from surrounding existing buildings (and the Landmark Seattle Times building) will be taken into account in order for the project to also fit comfortably within its context. The 4 to 6 story podium with its mix of residential and commercial uses will define a strong street edge. Practical depth limits for residential living units will limit the podium depth in many places and provide generous amounts of publically accessible open space in the center of the sites. The commercial uses proposed for the street level will contribute economic as well as social activity, while residential uses will contribute social benefits, both of which will help to enhance the public realm.

B. ADJACENT SITES, STREETS, AND OPEN SPACES

Response: Opportunities for the project to make a strong connection to the street exist in a number of areas. One of the main opportunities is the proposed John Street Plaza which will be closed to everyday traffic and provide an expansive public forum with commercial uses lining either side. Another opportunity is the corner of Denny Way and Fairview Ave. N. which has been identified as a gateway location for the SLU neighborhood – a corner plaza will be located there.

C. RELATIONSHIP TO THE BLOCK

Response: On both the North and South sites, the east-west throughway openings and building face setbacks above will help to break up the façade. The pedestrian connection to the east-west throughway on the North site from the plaza will separate the Seattle Times Landmark building from the podium to the west. Other setbacks along Thomas St., opposite the Troy Block historic building will help to break up this frontage.

D. HEIGHT, BULK, AND SCALE

Response: The South Lake Union neighborhood is in transition with many of the adjacent lots having new construction recently completed, and others granted or seeking approval. The 11 to 12 story Mirabella (completed 2008) building immediately to the east of the South site provides residential scale context, as well as the proposed 7 story Cascade I and Cascade II (DPD#3012798 & #3013563) projects directly to the east of the North site. New and proposed developments to the north and west comprise commercial office buildings of 11 to 12 stories in height, which are considerably taller than the 4 to 6 story podium of the proposed Seattle Times project. The tower forms of the applicant project will be limited to a floor plate size of 10,500 square feet, which will minimize blocked sightlines from neighboring buildings.

CS2. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Responding to Site Characteristics

iii. Gateways: Reinforce community gateways through the use of architectural elements, streetscape features, landscaping and/or signage. The corner of Denny and Fairview has been identified as a “gateway”, which serves as a transition location, a place that marks an entry or departure point to a neighborhood for automobiles and pedestrians (in this case a gateway between SLU and Downtown). Elements could include:

- a. setbacks to allow for pedestrian friendly spaces
- b. signage;
- c. landscaping;
- d. artwork;
- e. façade treatments.

Response: To address the identified gateway location, a public plaza is proposed to be sited at the corner of Denny and Fairview. This will be adjacent to a corner retail space and will be distinguished by enhanced paving and a decorative canopy structure.

iv. Heart locations: Several areas have been identified as “heart locations” which serve as the perceived center of commercial and social activity within the neighborhood. There are no officially identified “heart locations” near or adjacent to the site.

Response: The proposed John St. Plaza will have all the ingredients to function as a “heart location” for the immediate neighborhood and beyond. This large open space with its retail spaces and restored historic Seattle Times building will have the ability of attracting and accommodating a vibrant street level scene. Community uses could include street markets, festivals and other types of gatherings.

II. Height, Bulk, and Scale

i. Address both the pedestrian and auto experience through building placement, scale and details with specific attention to regional transportation corridors such as Mercer, Aurora, Fairview and Westlake. These locations, pending changes in traffic patterns, may evolve with transportation improvements.

ii. Encourage stepping back an elevation at upper levels for development taller than 55 feet to take advantage of views and increase sunlight at street level. Where stepping back upper floors is not practical or appropriate other design considerations may be considered, such as modulations or separations between structures.

Response: In accordance with zoning regulations, maximum podium height along Fairview and Denny will be 65 feet in height and 45 feet in height along all other streets. Consideration can be given to stepping in the top floor of the podium a modest amount to mitigate the apparent mass of the building frontage.

iii. Relate proportions of buildings to the width and scale of the street.

Response: The 65 foot podium heights along Denny Way and Fairview Ave. versus the 45 foot podium heights along Boren Ave., John St. and Thomas St. relate to the greater widths and capacity of the former.



Vehicle Access & Through-way connection entrance of South Site from Fairview Ave N



Ground level residential units on North Site



Design Guidelines Priorities : Context and Site

CS3. Architectural Context and Character

Contribute to the architectural character of the neighborhood.

A. EMPHASIZING POSITIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ATTRIBUTES

Response: As the project encompasses two full City blocks and is a unique typology within the immediate neighborhood, it will be designed with a presence and an individual identity. Design cues from surrounding existing buildings (and the Landmark Seattle Times building) will be taken into account in order for the project to also fit comfortably within its context. The 4 to 6 story podium with its mix of residential and commercial uses will define a strong street edge. Practical depth limits for residential living units will limit the podium depth in many places and provide generous amounts of publically accessible open space in the center of the sites. The commercial and residential uses will contribute economic as well as social activity, both of which will help to enhance the public realm.

B. LOCAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

Response: The South Lake Union neighborhood was important in the development history of Seattle both as a location for light industry as well as a warehousing district serving the needs of greater Seattle. Local multi-family residences also housed many people working in the neighborhood, and this project will seek to continue to fulfill this need. The Landmark Seattle Times building façade will be restored and repurposed to house commercial retail uses on the ground level. Exceptional trees in the park across from Times building will be retained to provide landscaped public amenity.



North Site from Fairview Ave



CS3. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Height, Bulk, and Scale

i. Articulate the building facades vertically or horizontally in intervals that relate to the existing structures or existing pattern of development in the vicinity.

- ii. Consider using architectural features to reduce building scale such as:
- Landscaping;
 - trellis;
 - complementary materials;
 - detailing;
 - accent trim.

II. Architectural Context

i. Support the existing fine-grained character of the neighborhood with a mix of building styles.

Response: Each of the blocks (the North site and the South site) will have its own identity and architecture to prevent the entire project from appearing too homogeneous.

ii. Re-use and preserve important buildings and landmarks when possible.

Response: The Seattle Times Landmark building will be restored and incorporated into the project. As it was originally a 2 story building, it will be re-used for retail on the ground level with residential units above.

iii. Expose historic signs and vintage advertising on buildings where possible.

Response: It may be possible to preserve the Seattle Time clock mounted at the top of the office building at the corner of Fairview Ave. and John St.

iv. Respond to the history and character in the adjacent vicinity in terms of patterns, style, and scale. Encourage historic character to be revealed and reclaimed, for example through the use of community artifacts, and historic materials, forms and textures.

Response: Artifacts from the Seattle Times printing plant may be available for display at various locations on the site.

v. Respond to the working class, maritime, commercial and industrial character of the Waterfront and Westlake areas. Examples of elements to consider include:

- window detail patterns;
- open bay doors;
- sloped roofs.

Response: Proportions or details of the window and spandrel patterns of the Seattle Times landmark building could be referenced in the podium and tower facades on the North site. Overhead bay doors referencing the warehouse origins of the neighborhood are proposed for the retail units fronting the John St. plaza, which will have the ability to open these spaces to the exterior during the warmer months.



Landscaped Podium Roof



John St Plaza looking towards North Site



Main entrance residential tower from Fairview Ave N



Design Guidelines Priorities : Public Life

PL1. Architectural Context and Character

Complement and contribute to the network of open spaces around the site and the connections among them.

A. NETWORK OF OPEN SPACES

Response: The project will contain a generous amount of publically accessible open space which will be well connected between the blocks as well as to the surrounding sites. This will effectively create an open space network throughout the neighborhood.

B. WALKWAYS AND CONNECTIONS

Response: The John Street plaza in particular with its seating, lighting and commercial spaces will create a lively, pedestrian oriented open area for the benefit of the entire neighborhood. This central plaza will in turn be connected to courtyard and park areas at the center of the blocks.

C. OUTDOOR USES AND ACTIVITIES

Response: The John St. plaza has the possibility of being used as a space for informal community uses such as farmer's markets, street vending and festivals. Glazed, operable walls on the commercial storefronts lining the plaza could be opened on to this plaza to expand the public space in this retail/restaurant area.

PL1. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Human Activity

i. Keep neighborhood connections open, and discourage closed campuses.

Response: The mid-block throughways and central courtyards will be accessible to the public during normal business hours and gated for security reasons during the evening hours.

ii. Reinforce pedestrian connections both within the neighborhood and to other adjacent neighborhoods.

Transportation infrastructure should be designed with adjacent sidewalks, as development occurs to enhance pedestrian connectivity.

iii. Design for a network of safe and well-lit connections to encourage human activity and link high activity areas.

Response: Additional direct connections between the mid-block throughways and John St. plaza will encourage interaction between the residents of both sites and the public activity on the plaza.

III. Pedestrian Open Spaces and Entrances

New developments are encouraged to work with the Design Review Board and interested citizens to provide features that enhance the public realm, i.e. the transition zone between private property and the public right of way. The Board is generally willing to consider a departure in open space requirements if the project proponent provides an acceptable plan for features such as:

- Curb bulbs adjacent to active retail spaces where they are not interfering with primary corridors that are designated for high levels of traffic flow;
- Pedestrian oriented street lighting;
- Street furniture.

Response: Not including the area of the proposed John St. plaza, minimum requirements for usable open space will be met for both the North and South sites (North Site: 15%, South Site: 25%). If the area of John St. plaza is included in the calculation of open space, the percentage of usable open space over both sites totals 27%. In addition to the open space requirements being met, features such as street furniture, special paving and landscaping will help to enhance the public realm.

PL2. Walkability

Create a safe and comfortable walking environment that is easy to navigate and well-connected to existing pedestrian walkways and features.

A. SAFETY AND SECURITY

Response: Residential units along the street level will have a 7 foot landscaped buffer from the lot line that is raised above the sidewalk by two to four feet, with a secure gate and fencing to provide a "defensible" space. Residential lobby entries will be transparent, as will be the commercial street fronts in order to facilitate natural surveillance. The residential podiums and towers will also have their own electronic security systems to regulate the movement of residents and visitors.

C. WEATHER PROTECTION

Response: Weather protection for pedestrians will be an important feature within the project for areas such as lobby entries and retail storefronts. Canopy features and design will provide weather protection as well as signifying key building entry points.

PL2. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Streetscape Compatibility

The vision for street level uses in South Lake Union is a completed network of sidewalks that successfully accommodate pedestrians. Streetscape compatibility is a high priority of the neighborhood with redevelopment. Sidewalk-related spaces should appear safe, welcoming and open to the general public.

Response: The public throughways and connections that are proposed will provide a level of porosity that is compatible with the scale of the project. A large variety of sidewalk-related spaces will be included, ranging in scale from the large open plaza on the closed John St. to the more intimate plazas at the corner of Denny and Fairview and Denny and Boren. Landscaped setbacks along residential frontages and opposite the historic Troy Laundry building will provide opportunities for everyday encounters between residents and neighbors.

i. Encourage provision of spaces for street level uses that vary in size, width, and depth. Encourage the use of awnings and weather protection along street fronts to enhance the pedestrian environment.

ii. Provide pedestrian-friendly streetscape amenities, such as:

- Tree grates;
- benches;
- lighting.

iii. Where appropriate, configure retail space so that it can spill-out onto the sidewalk (retaining six feet for pedestrian movement, where the sidewalk is sufficiently wide).

Response: The mid-block throughways and central courtyards will be accessible to the public during normal business hours and gated for security reasons during the evening hours.

II. Personal Safety and Security

Enhanced public safety throughout the neighborhood to foster 18-hour public activity. Methods to consider are:

- Enhanced pedestrian and street lighting;
- well-designed public spaces that are defensively designed with clear sight lines and opportunities for eyes on the street;
- police horse tie-up locations for routine patrols and larger event assistance.

Design Guidelines Priorities : Public Life

PL3. Street-Level Interaction

Encourage human interaction and activity at the street-level with clear connections to building entries and edges.

A. ENTRIES

Response: Common entries to the residential buildings will be signified by low walls and/or landscaping and will be recessed to indicate that these are semi-private areas.

C. RETAIL EDGES

Response: Siting retail uses on either side of the proposed John St. plaza will present the opportunity for having these uses spill out onto the plaza in the form of outdoor seating for restaurants or for shop owners to bring their wares out into the street.

PL3. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Streetscape Compatibility

Where appropriate, consider a reduction in the required amount of commercial and retail space at the ground level, such as in transition zones between commercial and residential areas. Place retail in areas that are conducive to the use and will be successful.

II. Human Activity

i. Create graceful transitions at the streetscape level between the public and private uses.

ii. Design facades to encourage activity to spill out from business onto the sidewalk, and vice-versa.

iii. Reinforce retail concentrations with compatible spaces that encourage pedestrian activity.

Response: Retail areas will be concentrated long John St. plaza and at the corner of Denny and Fairview.

iv. Create businesses and community activity clusters through co-location of retail and pedestrian uses as well as other high pedestrian traffic opportunities.

III. Transition Between Residence and Street

Consider designing the entries of residential buildings to enhance the character of the streetscape through the use of small gardens, stoops and other elements to create a transition between public and private areas. Consider design options to accommodate various residential uses, i.e., townhouse, live-work, apartment and senior-assisted housing.

PL4. Active Transportation

Incorporate design features that facilitate active forms of transportation such as walking, bicycling, and use of transit.

B. PLANNING AHEAD FOR BICYCLISTS

Response: Onsite, secure storage facilities for bicycles will be provided for both sites.

C. PLANNING AHEAD FOR TRANSIT

Response: An existing transit stop is located directly next to the east side of the Seattle Times building on Fairview Ave. N. This is a central location for the project as it is located very close to John Street.



Vehicle Access & Through-way connection entrance of North Site from Fairview Ave N



Design Guidelines Priorities : Design Concept

DC1. Project Uses and Activities

Optimize the arrangement of uses and activities on site.

B. VEHICULAR ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Response: Since no alleys exist within the project, access to underground parking will be directly from the street. Presently, there is no traffic light at the corner of Denny Way and Boren Avenue, and since John St. is proposed to be closed to vehicular traffic, and Thomas Street is designated as a Neighborhood Green Street, parking access for both the North and South sites will be off of Fairview Avenue N. Driveway curb cuts will be limited to one per block and will be situated at approximately the midway point between the streets.

C. PARKING AND SERVICE USES

Response: All onsite parking will be located below grade. Commercial loading areas will be located underground as well.

DC1. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Design of Parking Lots Near Sidewalks

Providing parking below grade is preferred

Response: As above.

DC4. Exterior Elements and Finishes

Use appropriate and high quality elements and finishes for the building and its open spaces.

D. TREES, LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE MATERIALS

Response: Plant material selection will reinforce architectural elements, highlight feature spaces, and frame important near and distant views such as toward the Space Needle and the water. They will also assist in defining sub areas with microclimate specific plant palates and planting schemes. All plantings will be selected for long term viability and planted at an appropriate maturity. Specific plants will be hand selected for feature areas.

This strategy will be extended to hardscape paving and landscape structures. Patterning will reinforce open space, use, and program to create a legible and animated sequence of open spaces and pathways throughout the project.

DC2. Architectural Concept

Develop an architectural concept that will result in a unified and functional design that fits well on the site and within its surroundings.

A. MASSING

Response: In general, project massing responds to zoning requirements, with height limits governing the podium and tower heights. Practical residential podium depth limits the depth of the podiums and maximum size limits for the tower floor plate resulting in a point tower form. Building massing will be articulated with balconies and recesses in order to add interest to the façade, and blank walls will be avoided wherever possible. Where unavoidable, these will be softened with terracing and landscaping. Rooftop trellises, throughways and open space will contribute to the efforts of breaking up the apparent mass of the project.

D. SCALE AND TEXTURE

Response: Human scale details and textures will be important components of the project, particularly on the lower levels of the podium, at or just above the street level. A precedent for this can be seen in the building details of the historic Seattle Times building located on the site, which features ornamental metalwork at the front entry, metal spandrel panels in the windows and relief carvings in the stone cladding. These motifs can be used throughout the project in elements such as security gates, privacy screens, balcony guard rails and façade materials.

DC2. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Architectural Concept and Consistency

Design the “fifth elevation” – the roofscape – in addition to the streetscape. As this area topographically is a valley, the roofs may be viewed from locations outside the neighborhood such as the freeway and Space Needle. Therefore, views from outside the area as well as from within the neighborhood should be considered, and roof-top elements should be organized to minimize view impacts from the freeway and elevated areas.

Response: All podium roofs will be either “green” or programed with some form of landscaped amenity space to soften them and minimize view impacts from neighboring elevated areas.

DC3. Open Space Concept

Integrate open space design with the design of the buildings so that each complements the other.

B. OPEN SPACE USES AND ACTIVITIES

Response: Open spaces throughout the project will attempt to connect with or respond to existing or proposed adjacent project open spaces. For example, the landscaped open space of the office building directly to the west of the North site (at the corner of John St. and Boren Avenue) will integrate well with the proposed John St. plaza, acting as an extension of it. The throughway opening on the east side of the North site will correspond with an open massing break of the proposed project across Fairview Ave. (Cascade II). Similarly, a setback along the eastern part of Thomas St. will both respect the historic Troy building and provide a landscaped counterpart to the public throughway opening located on its south-facing façade.

C. DESIGN

Response: Project open space along sidewalks, within the John St. plaza and the Seattle Times Park will be open and available for public use 24 hours a day. Open space within the throughways and courtyards will be open to the public during normal daylight hours, but will be gated off during the night. Courtyard areas will be landscaped and amenities will include outdoor seating and lighting and trellises.

DC3. South Lake Union Supplemental Guidance:

I. Landscaping To Reinforce Design Continuity With Adjacent Sites

- i. Encourage landscaping that meets LEED criteria. This is a priority in the Cascade neighborhood
- ii. Where appropriate, install indigenous trees and plants to improve aesthetics, capture water and create habitat.
- iii. Retain existing, non-intrusive mature trees or replace with large caliper trees.
- iv. Water features are encouraged including natural marsh-like installations.
- v. Reference the City of Seattle Right Tree Book and the City Light Streetscape Light Standards Manual for appropriate landscaping and lighting options for the area.

II. Landscaping To Enhance The Building And/Or Site

Consider integrating artwork into publically accessible areas of a building and landscape that evokes a sense of place related to the previous uses of the area. Neighborhood themes may include service industries such as laundries, auto row, floral businesses, photography district, arts district, maritime, etc.

III. Landscaping Design To Address Special Site Conditions

Landscaping should be designed to take advantage of views to waterfront and downtown Seattle.

5.0 Architectural Options and Concepts
Sustainability : Principles

Rooftop Urban Agriculture



Onsite Zipcars



Low VOC Paints & Finishes



Charging Stations for Electric Cars



Energy Efficient Windows



Ample Bike Storage

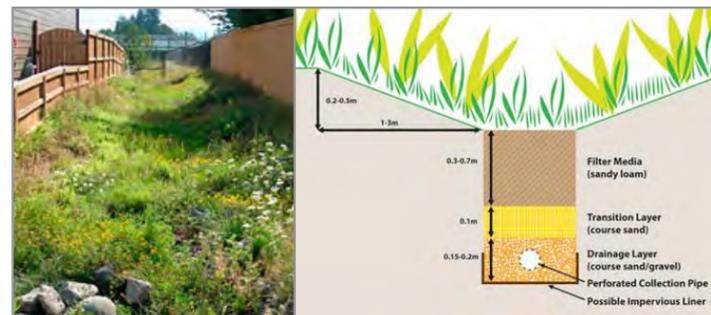


LEED GOLD
 Equivalent

Drought Resistant Landscaping



Biofiltration Swale



High Efficiency Air Source Heat Pumps



High Efficiency Water Fixtures



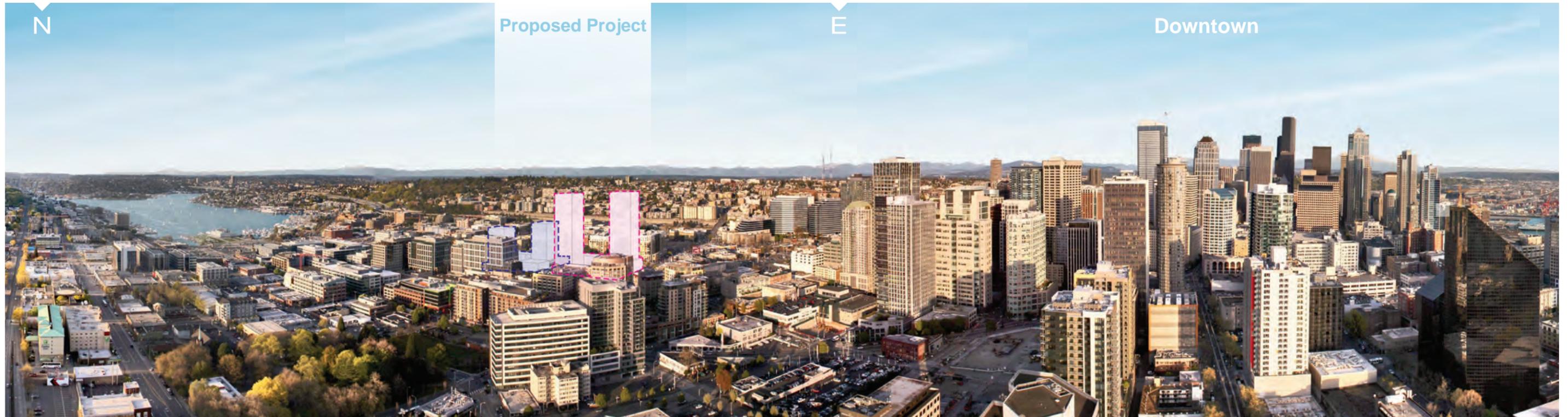
6.0 Architectural Concept Perspectives

Panorama Perspective of Preferred Option



6th Ave & Battery St.

Vicinity Map



A view of the preferred option on project site and surrounding areas including downtown from a location to the southwest of the site

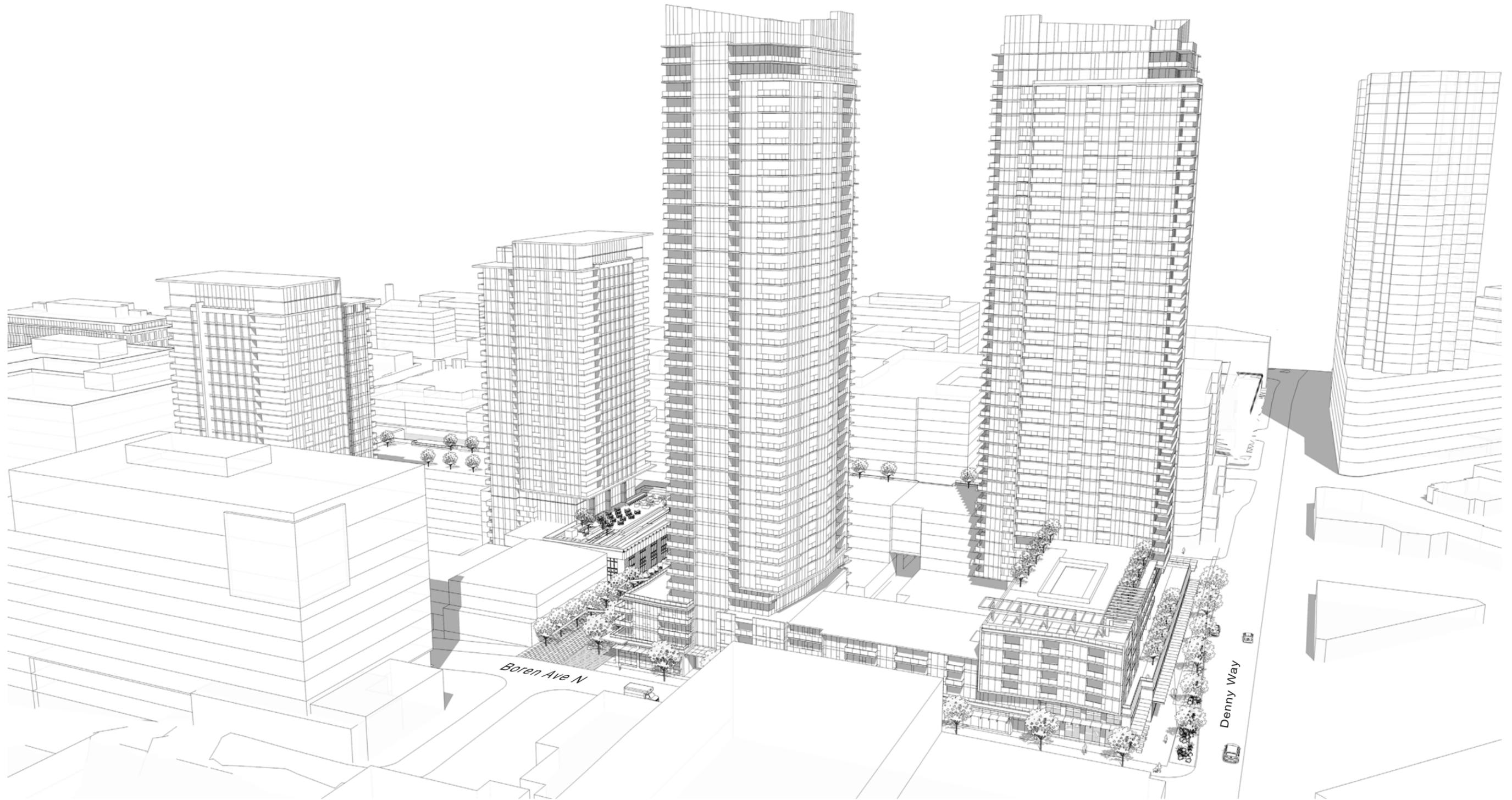
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6.0 Architectural Concept Perspectives
Aerial Views : John St & Fairview Ave



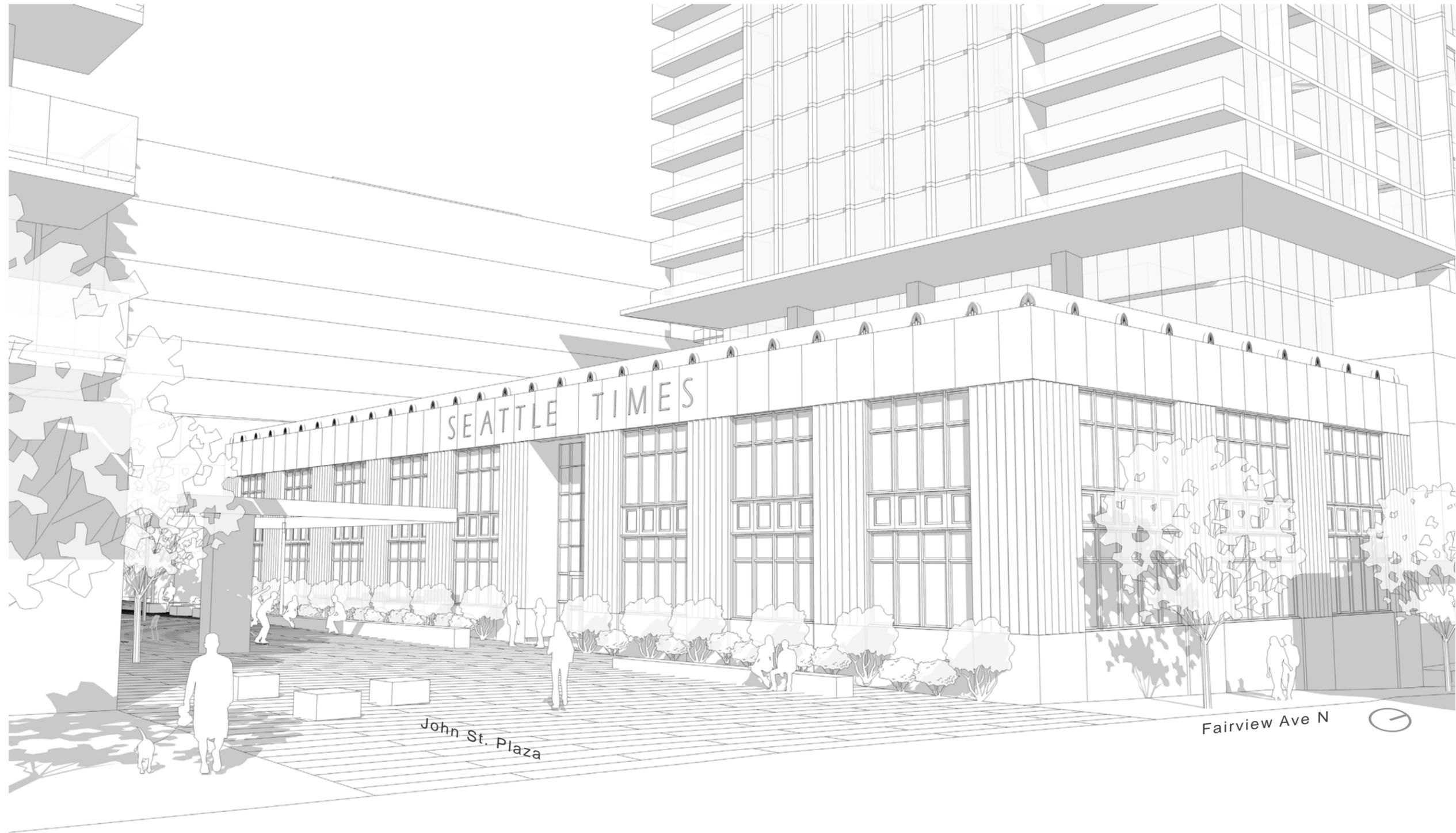
Aerial Views : Denny Way & Boren Ave N



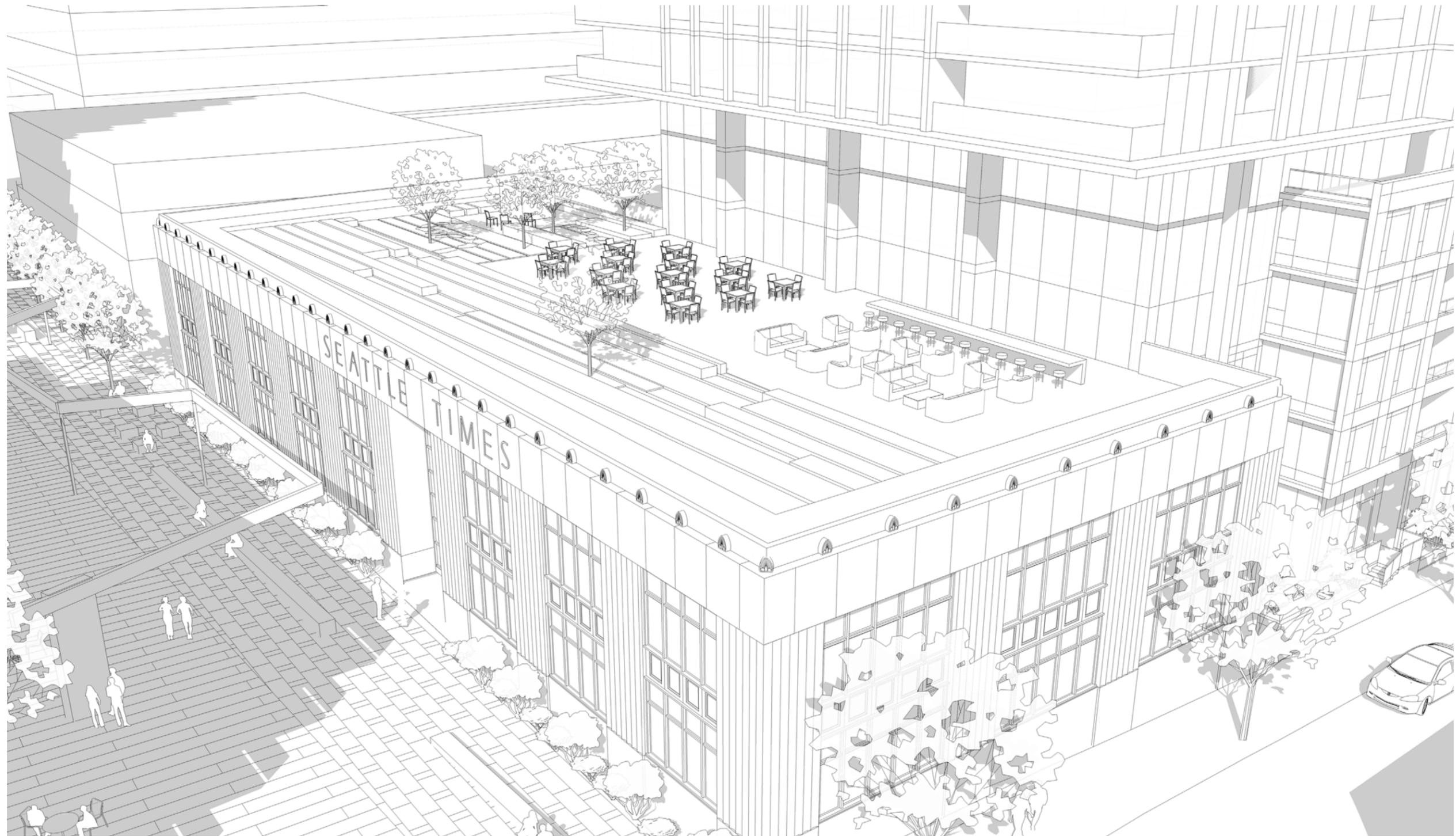
Street Level View : Denny Way & Fairview Ave



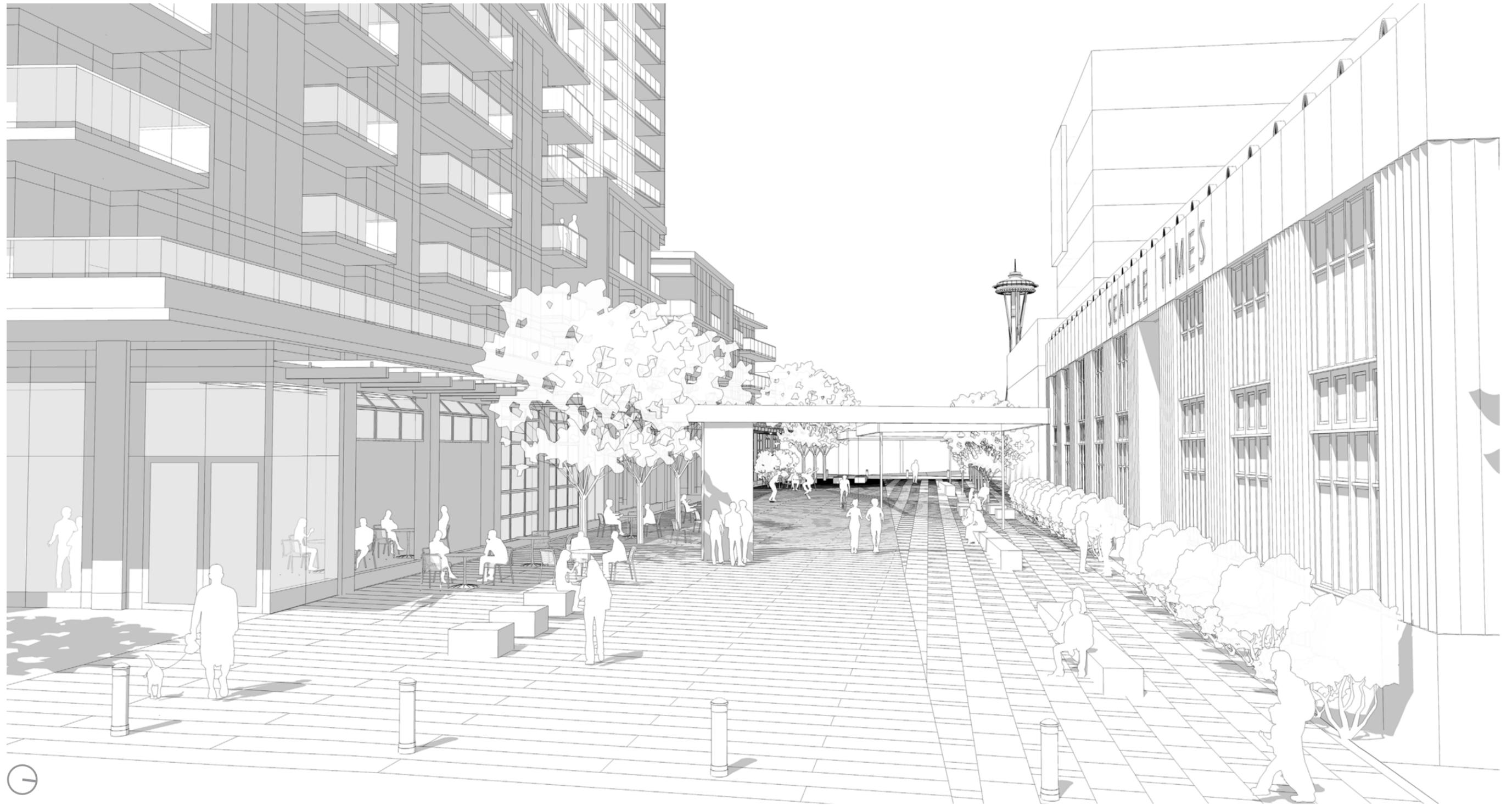
Street Level View : Seattle Times Building



Landscaped Amenity on Roof of Seattle Times Building



Street Level View : John St Plaza, Looking West



Street Level View : John St Plaza and Boren Ave N



Street Level View : Fairview Ave N, Looking South

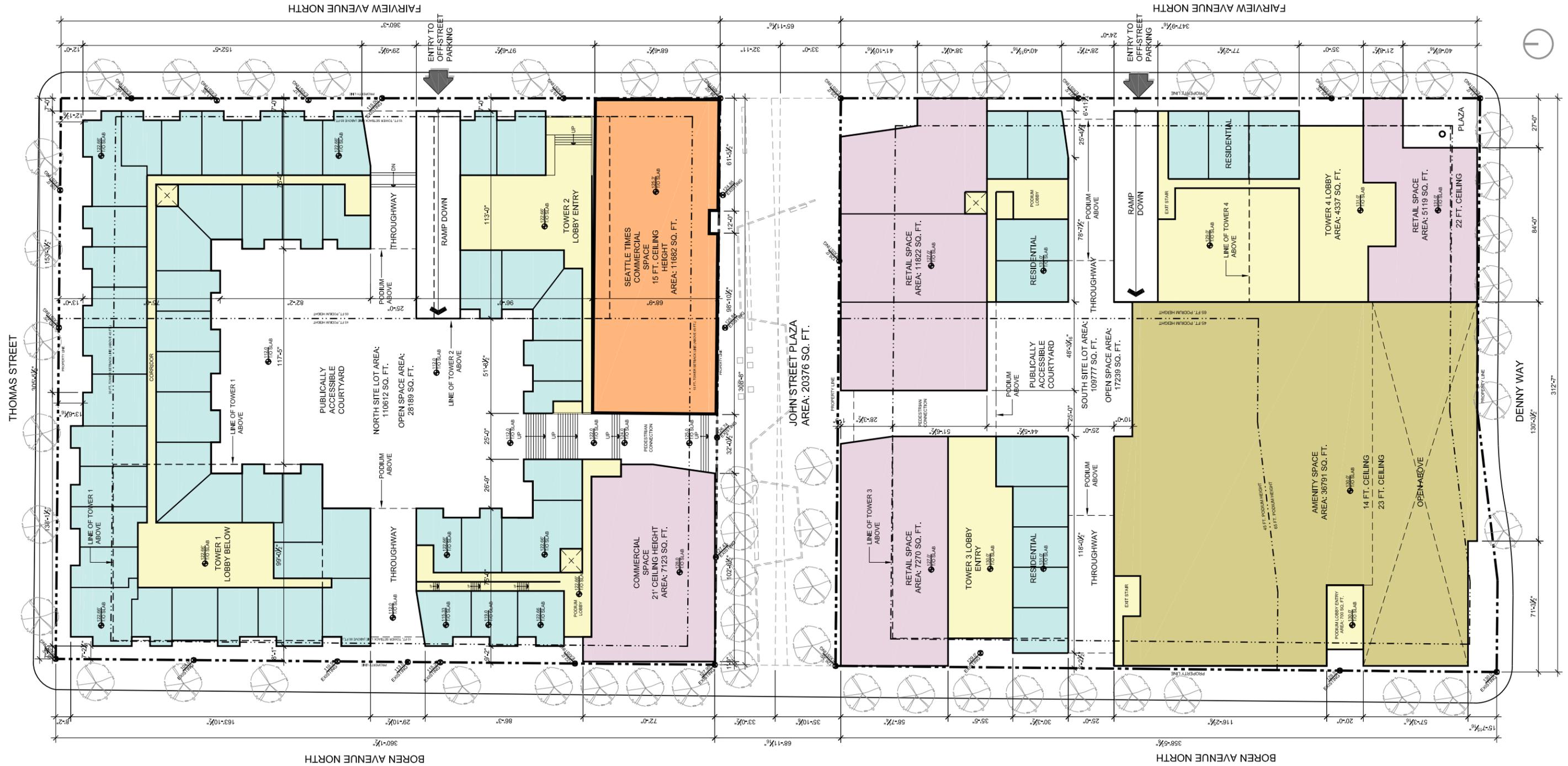


Street Level View : Amenity at Corner of Denny Way & Boren Ave N



Appendix A : Site Plan of Preferred Option (Option 3A) & Shadow Studies

Appendix A
 Site Plan of Option 3A



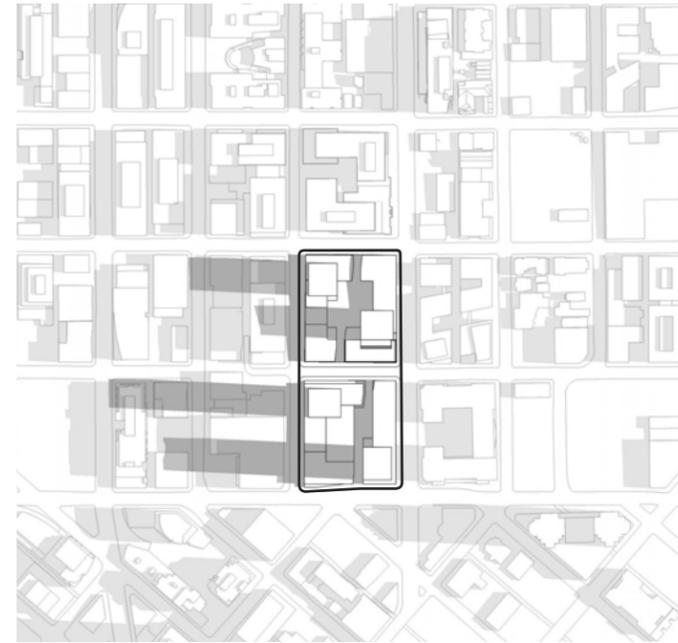
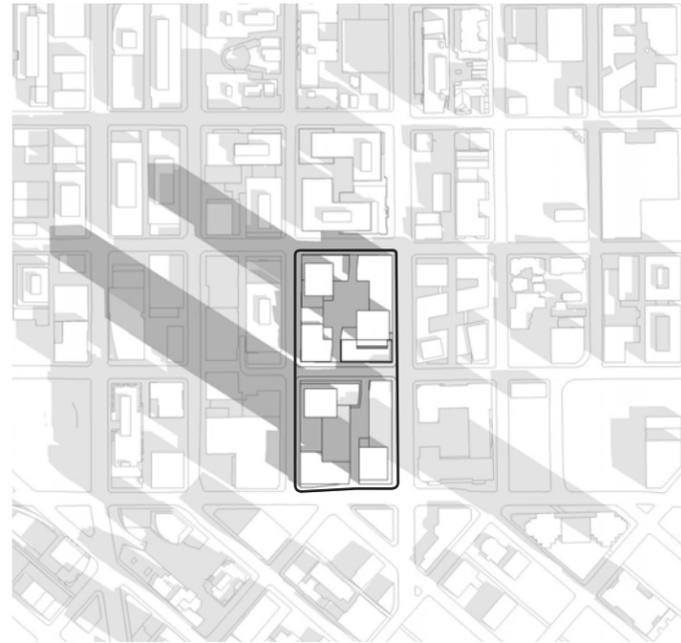
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Equinox
March / September

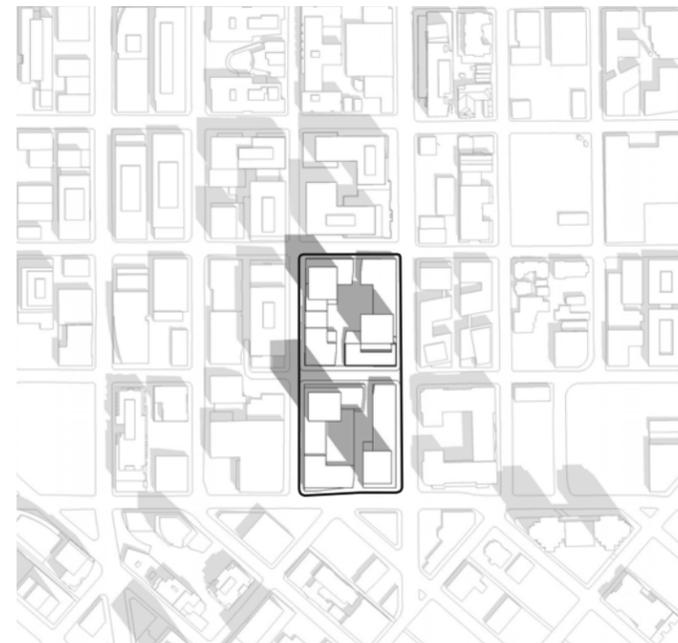
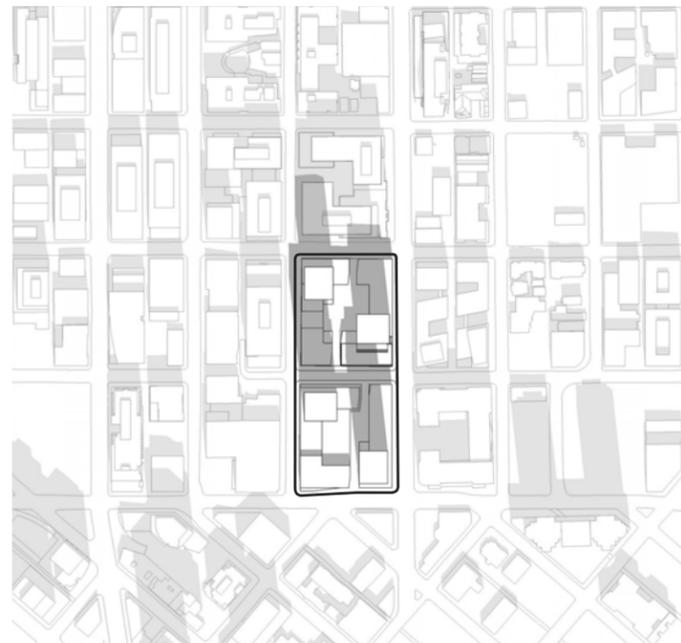
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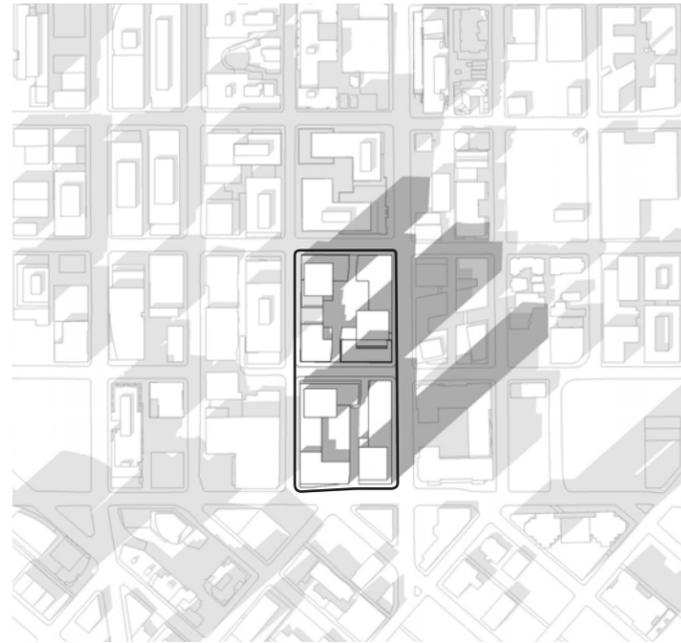
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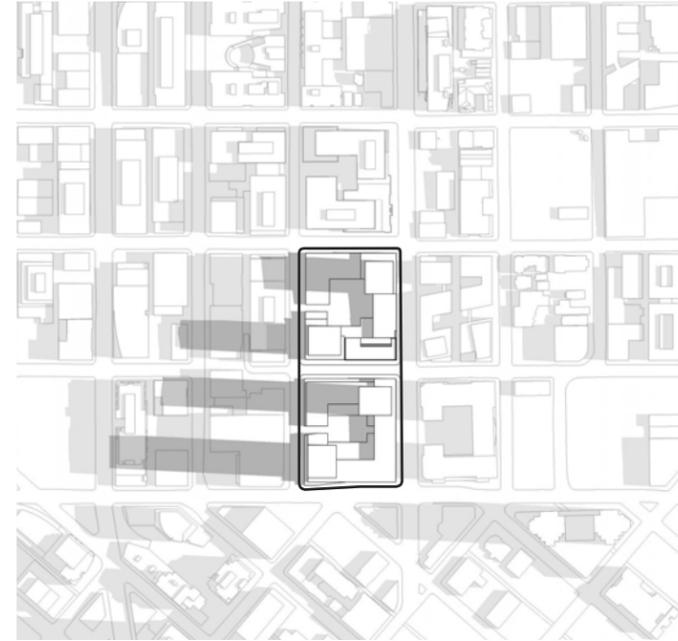
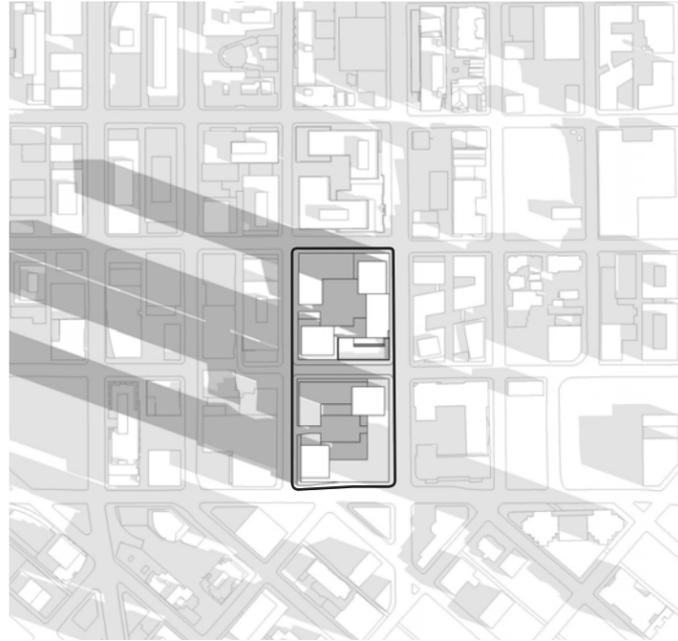
Massing Option 2 : Neighborhood Shadow Studies

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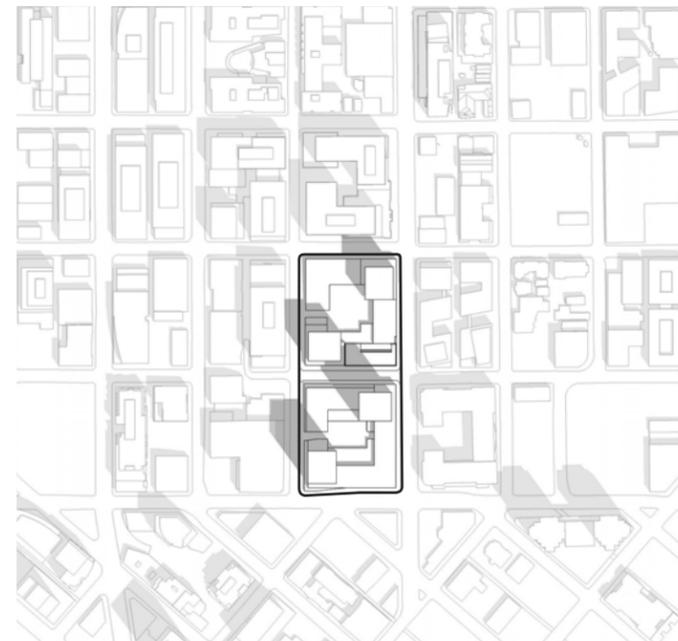
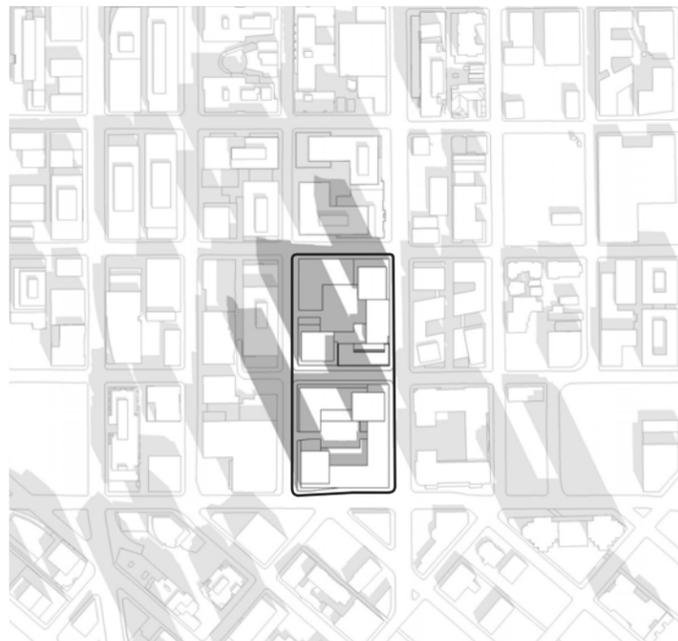
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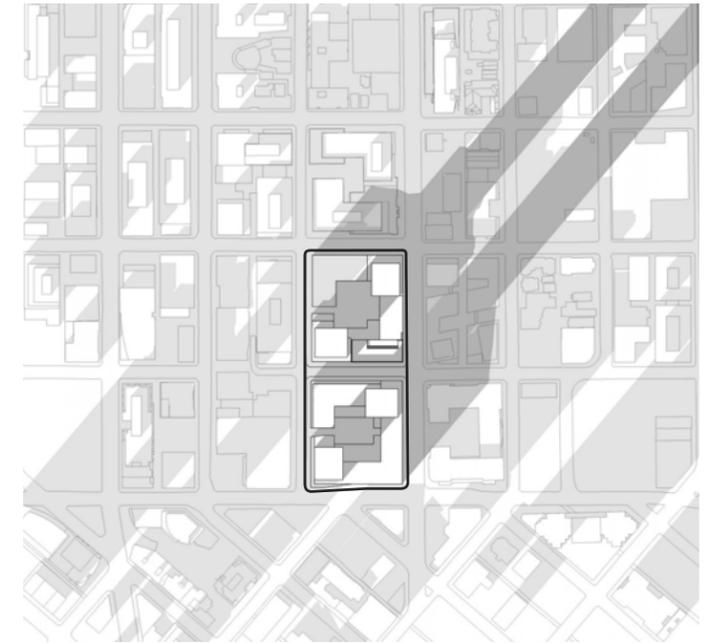
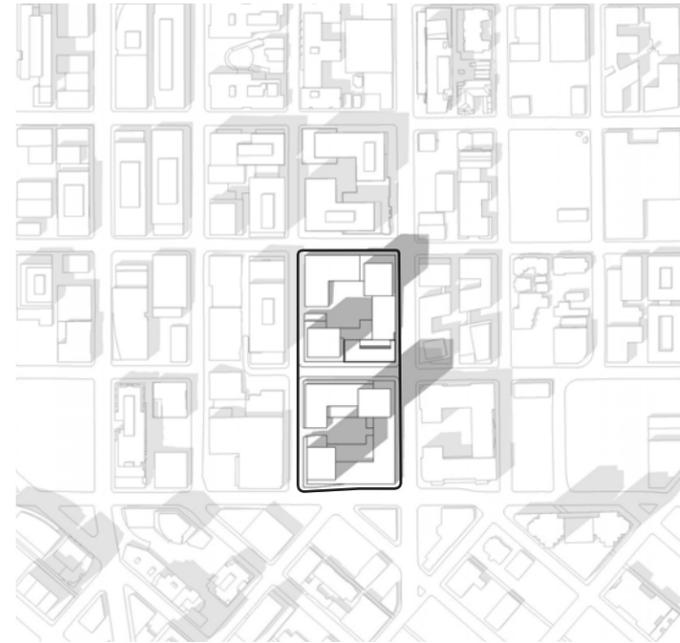
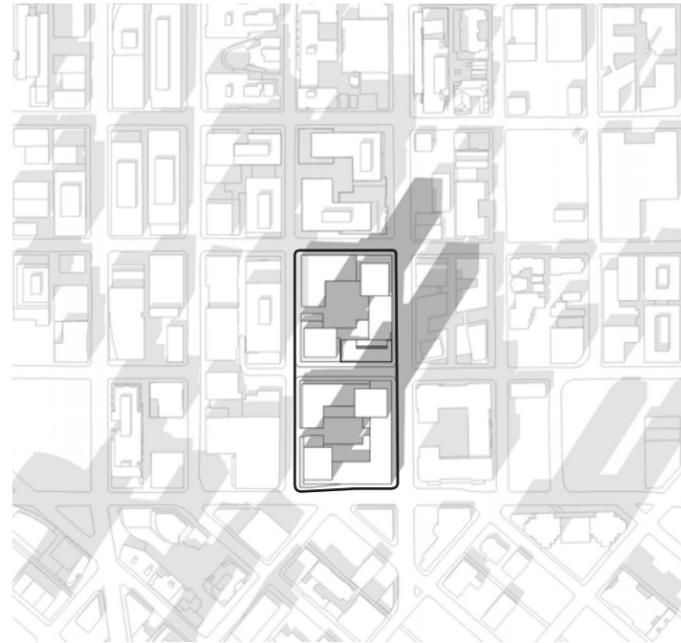
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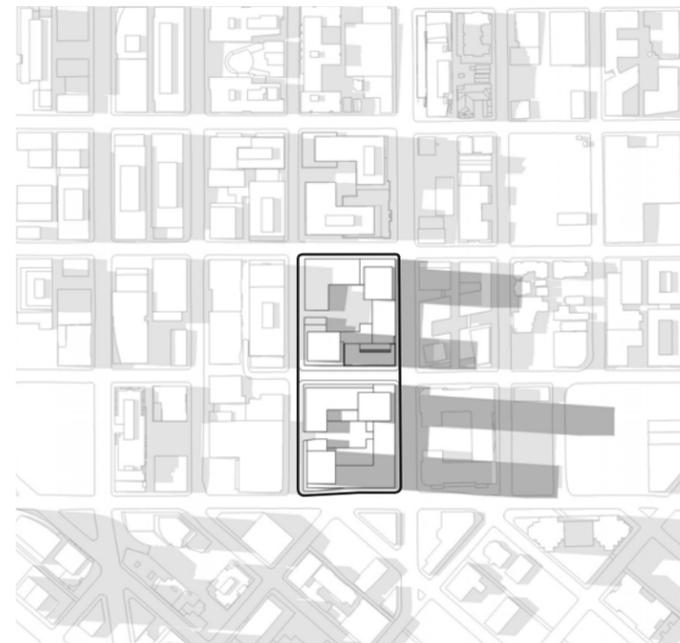
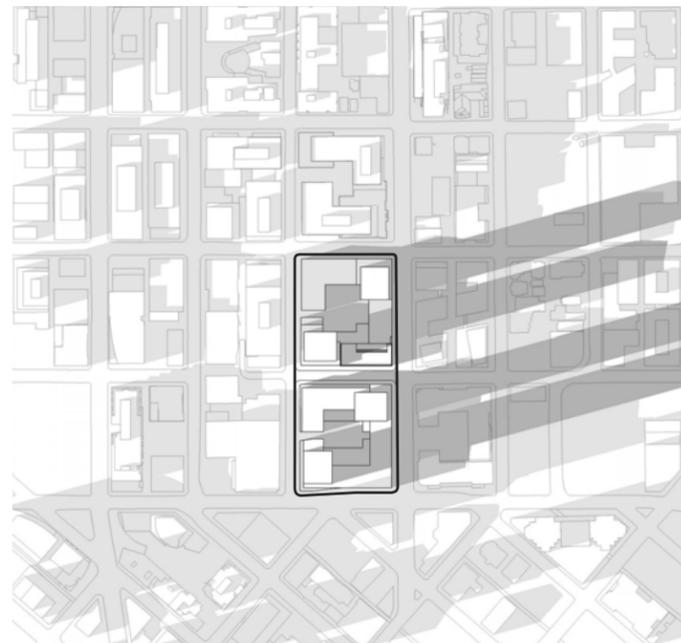
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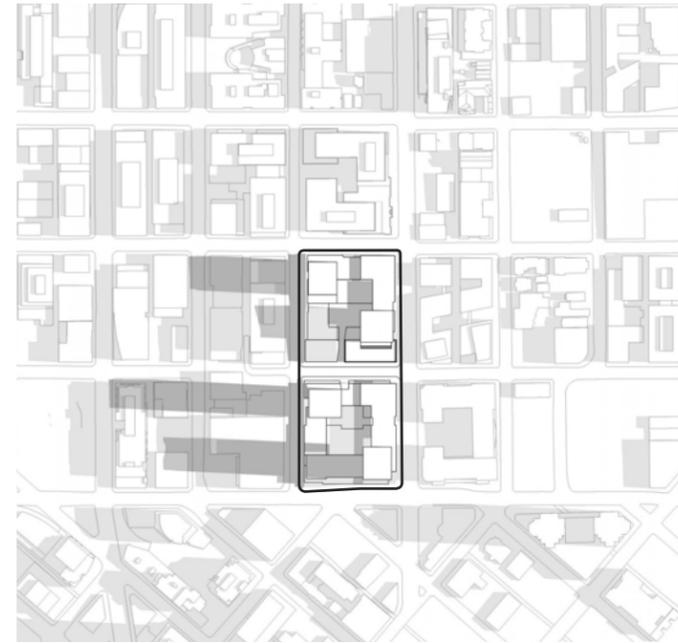
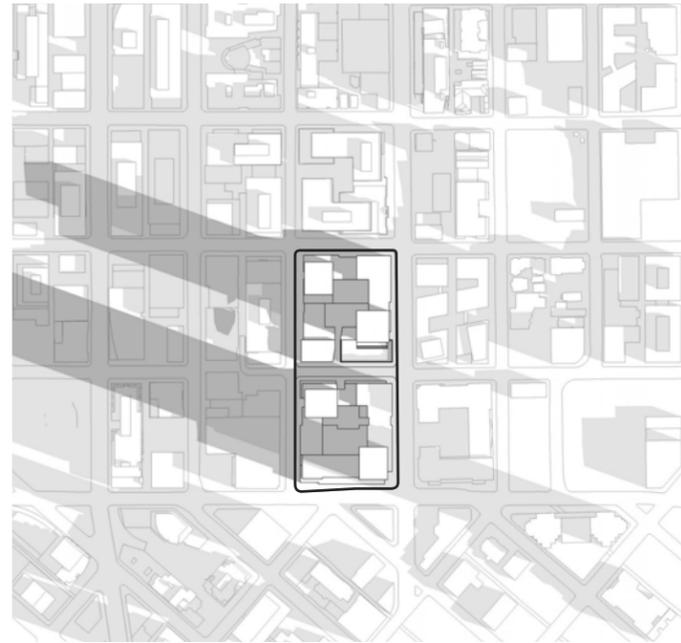
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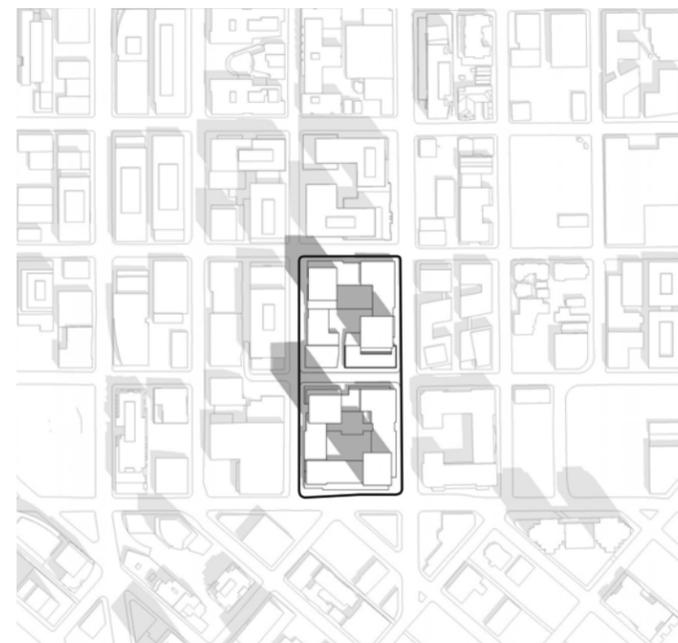
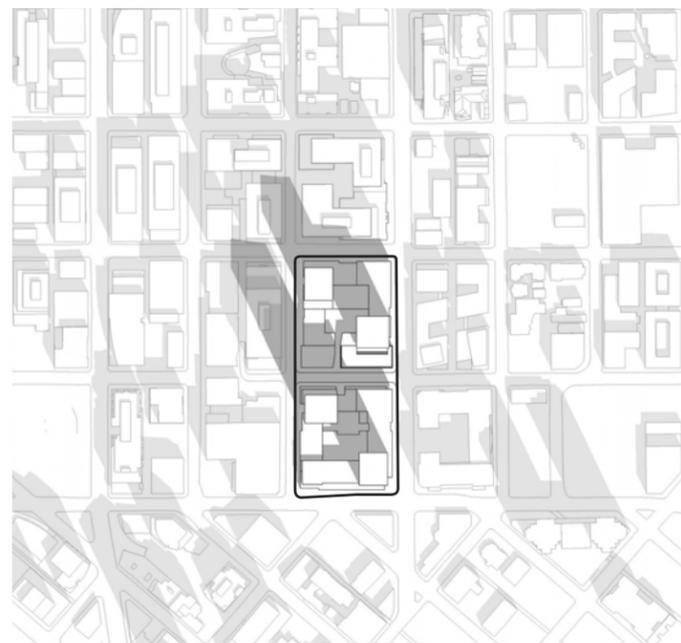
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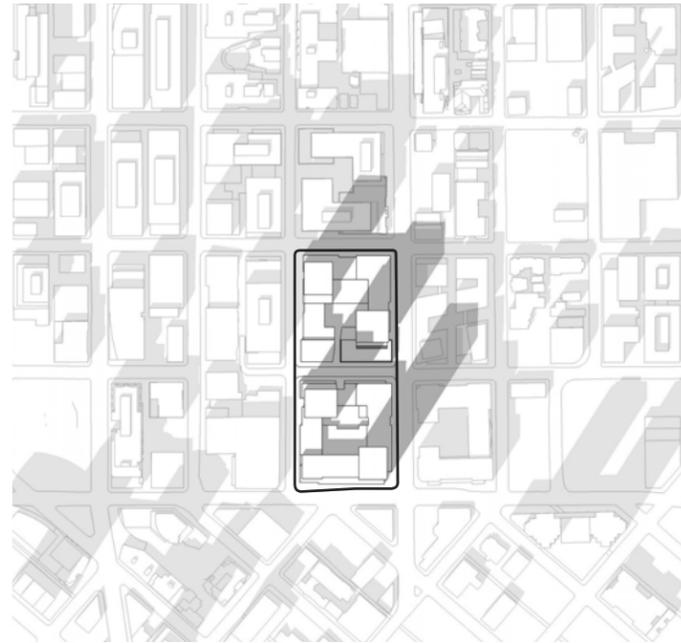
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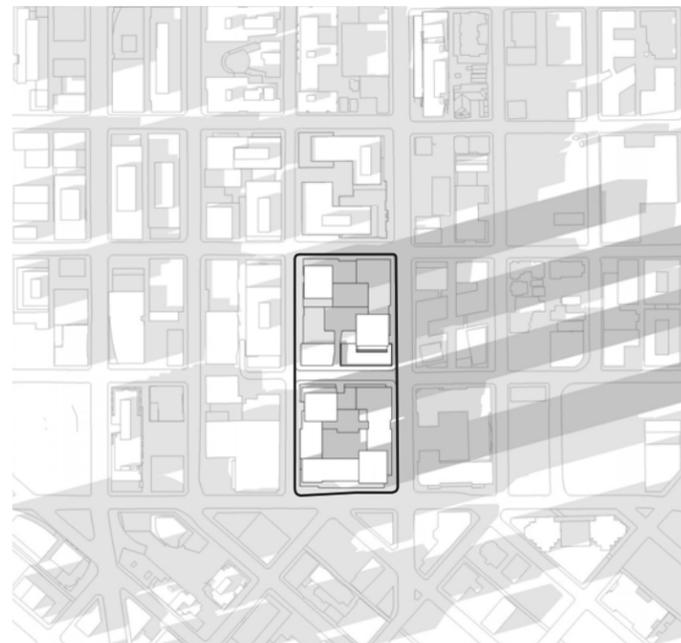
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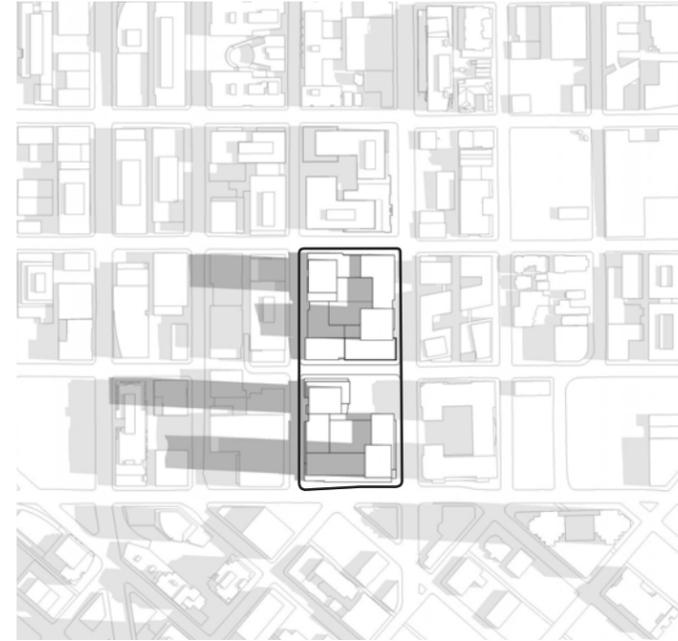
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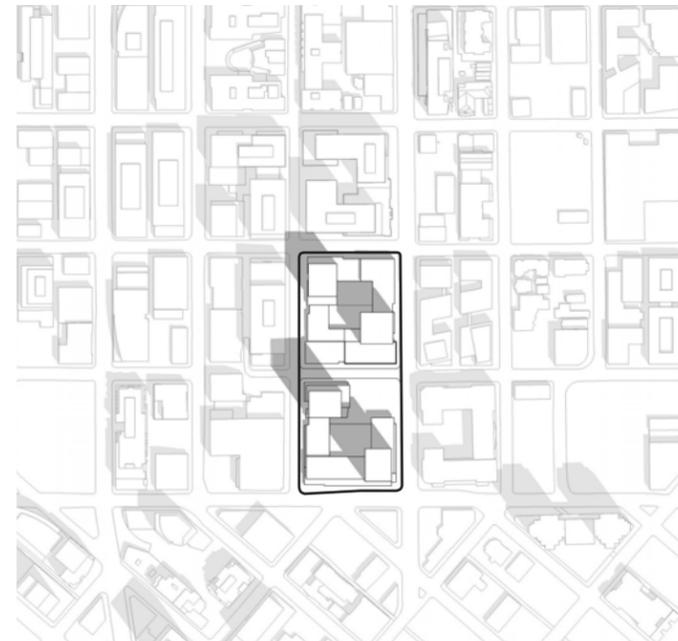
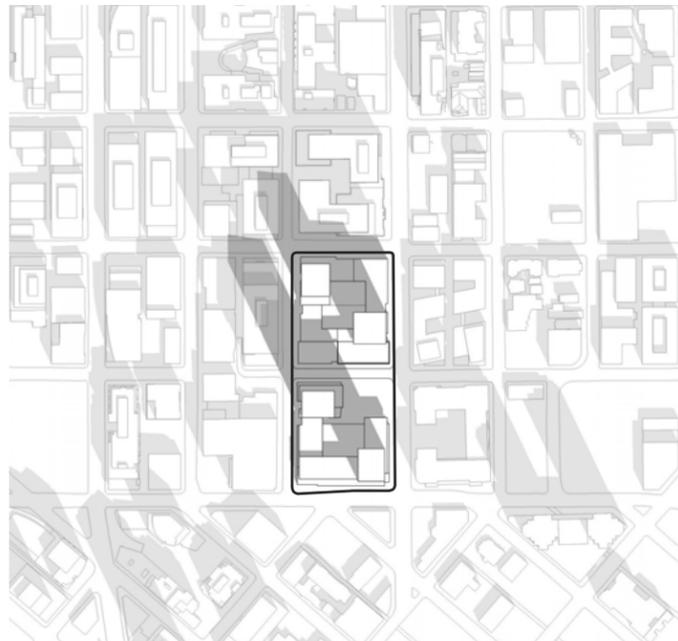
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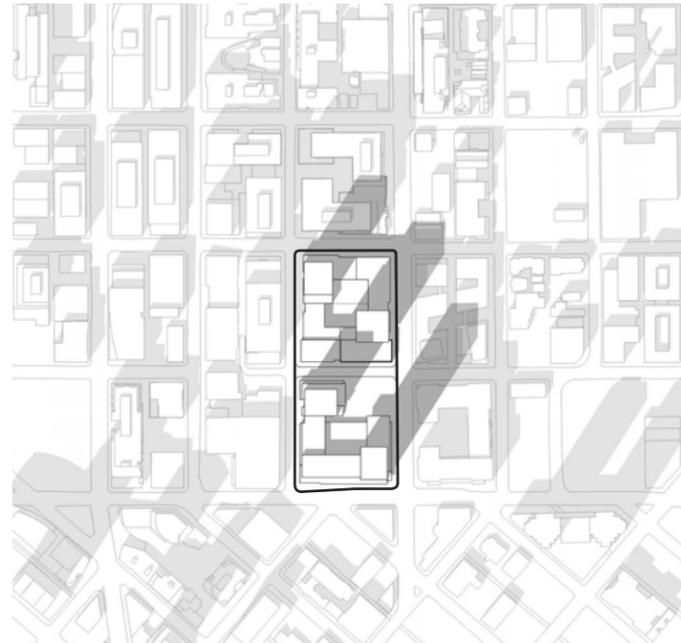
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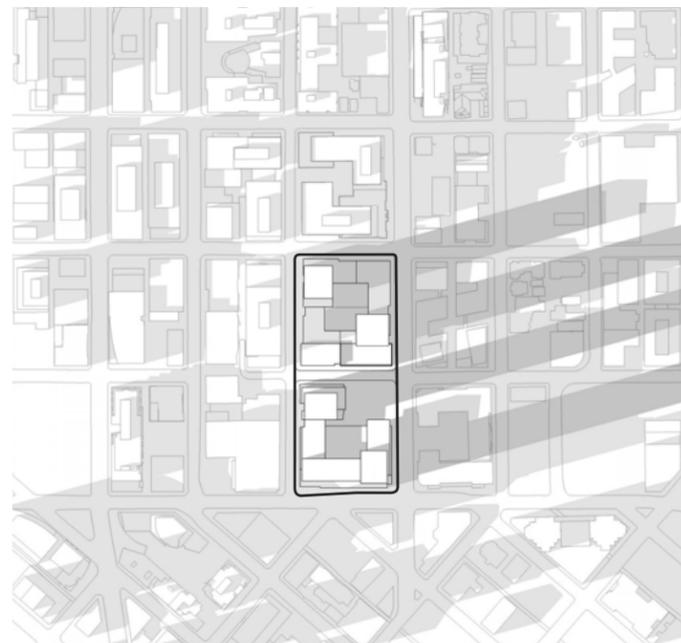
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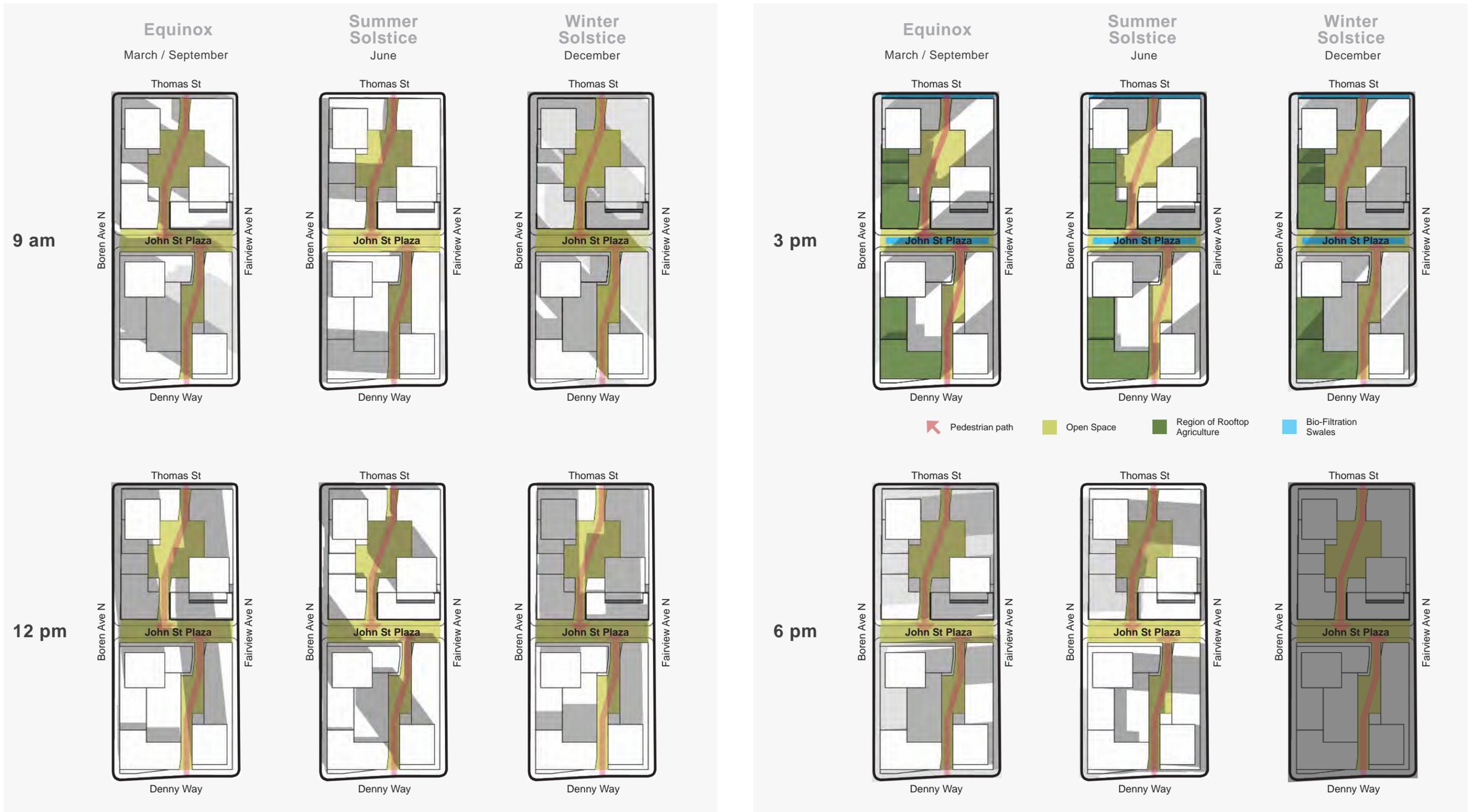
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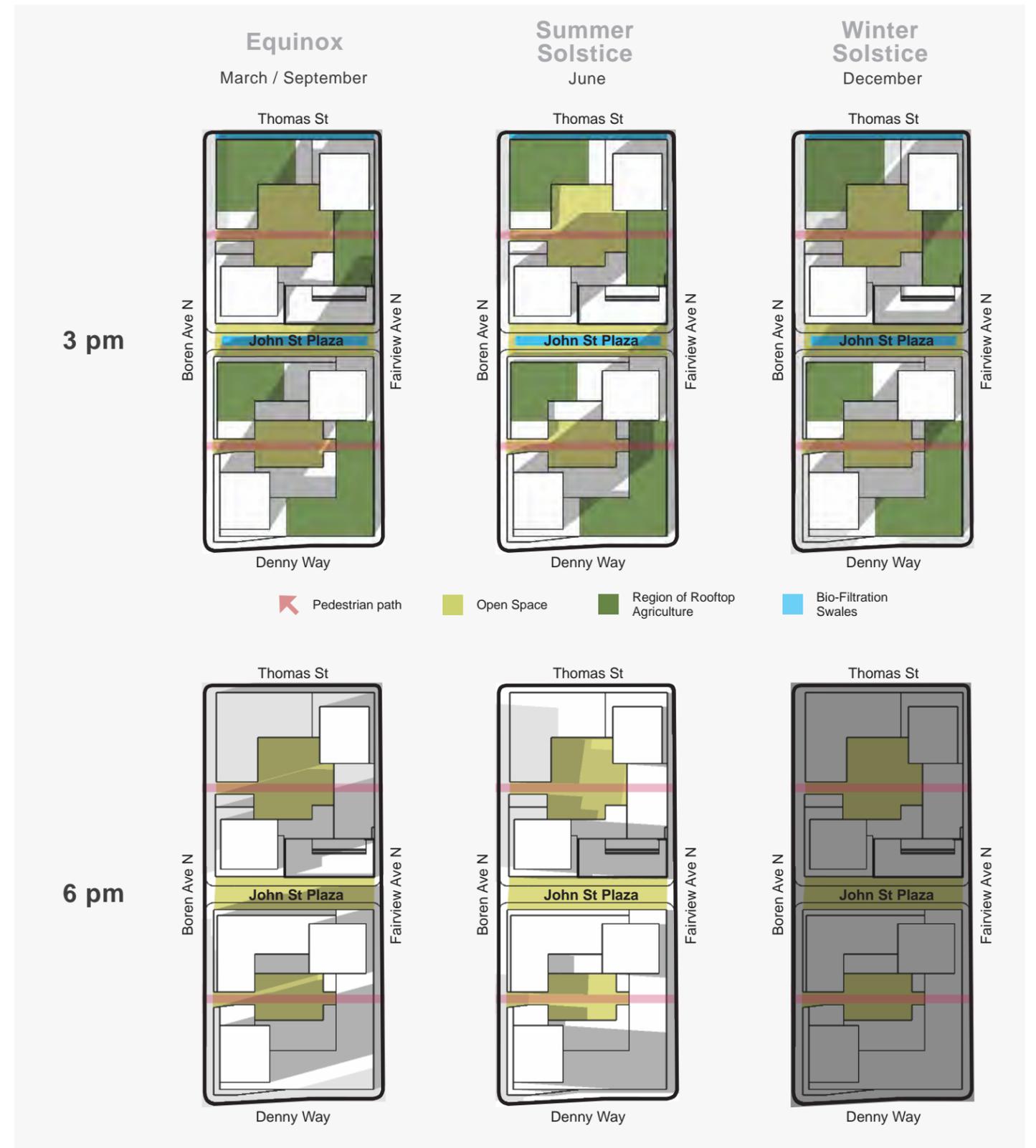
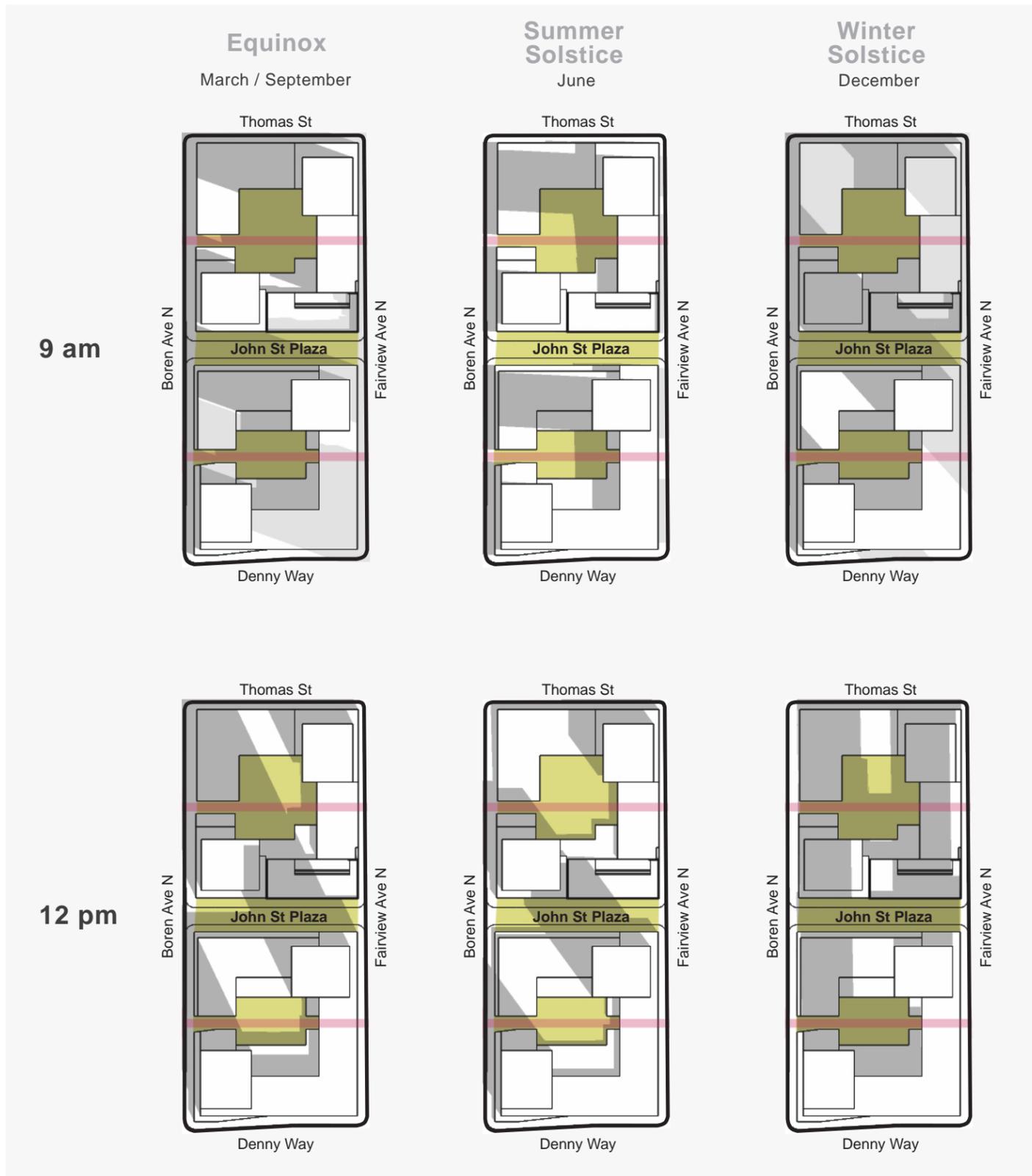
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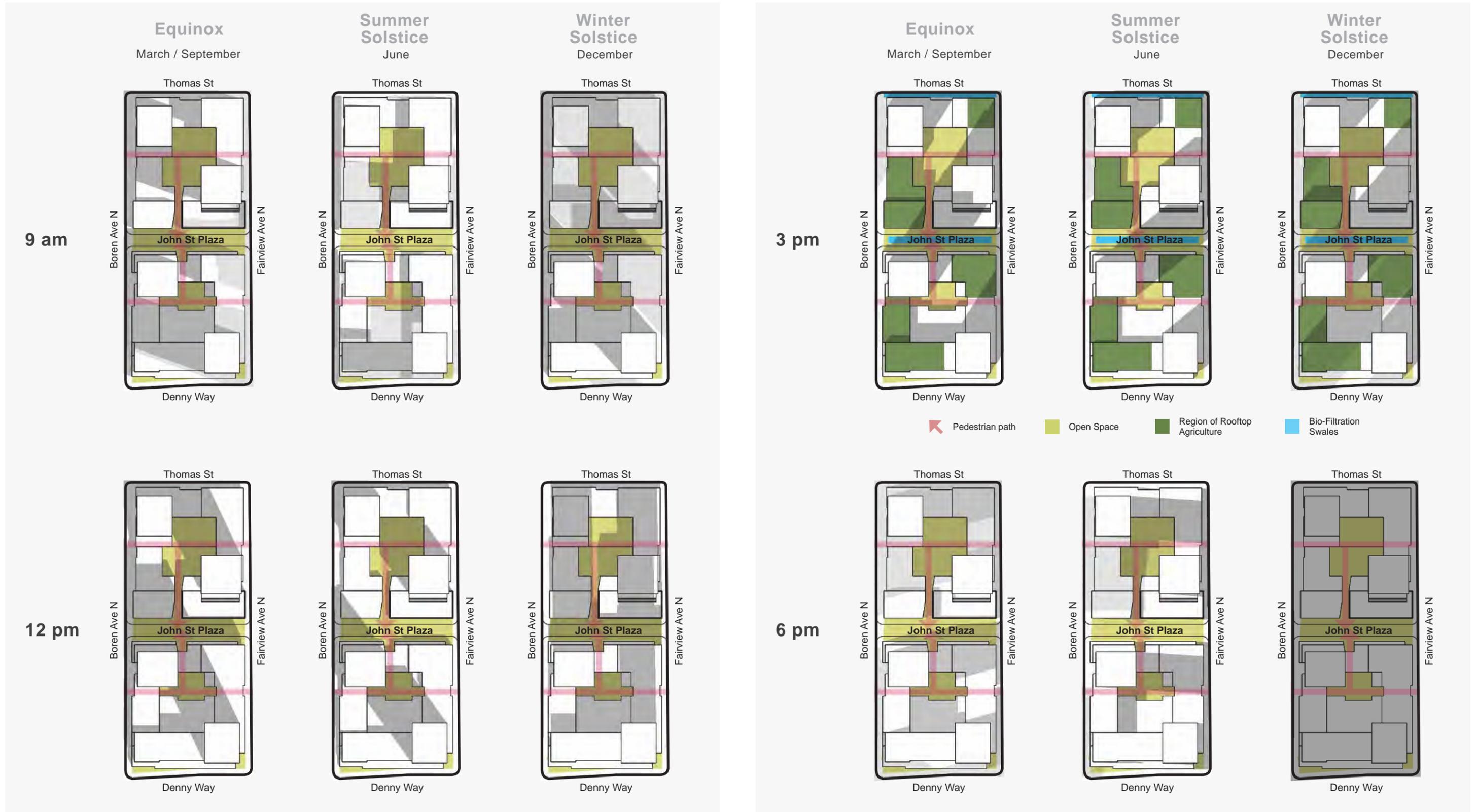
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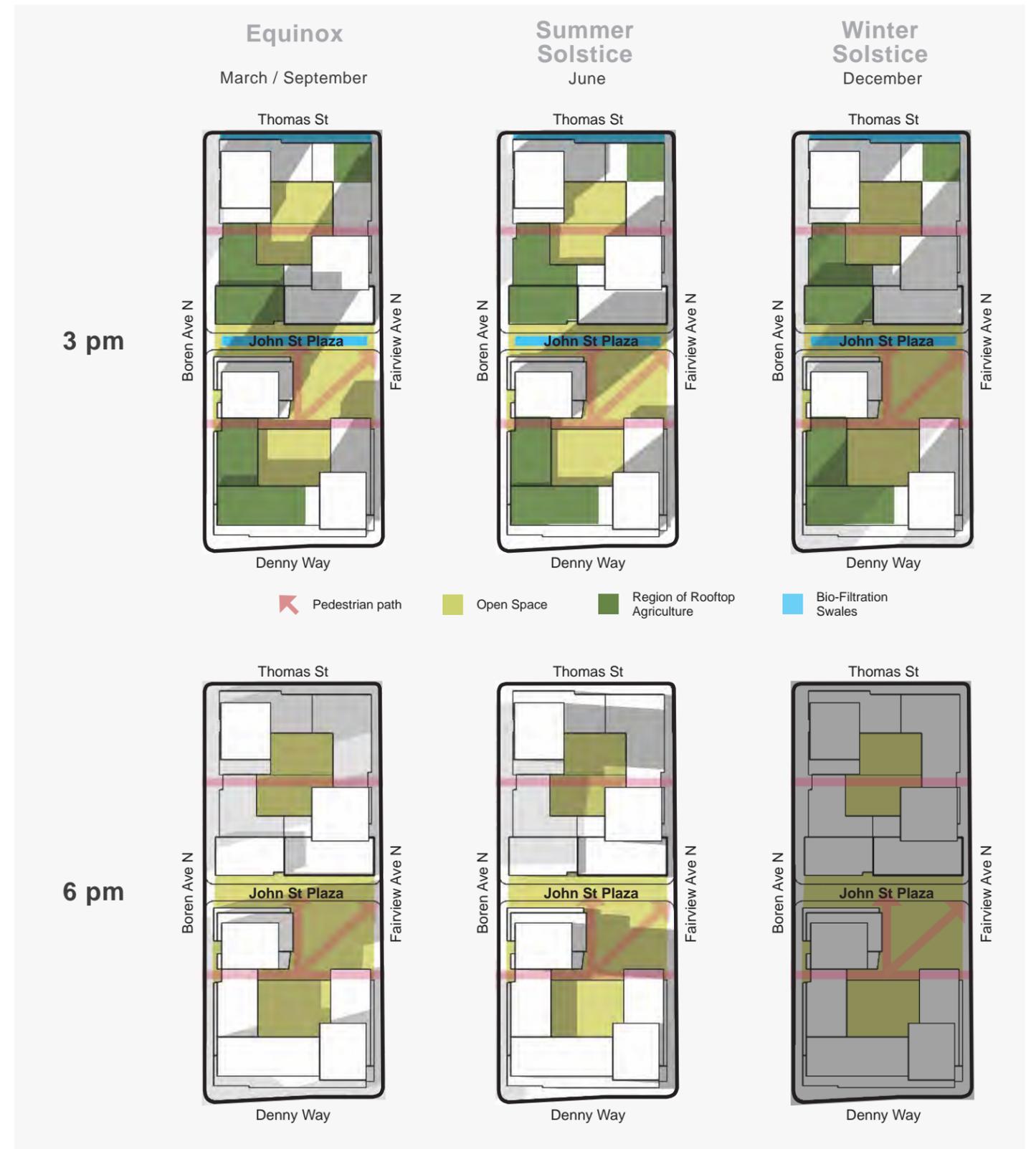
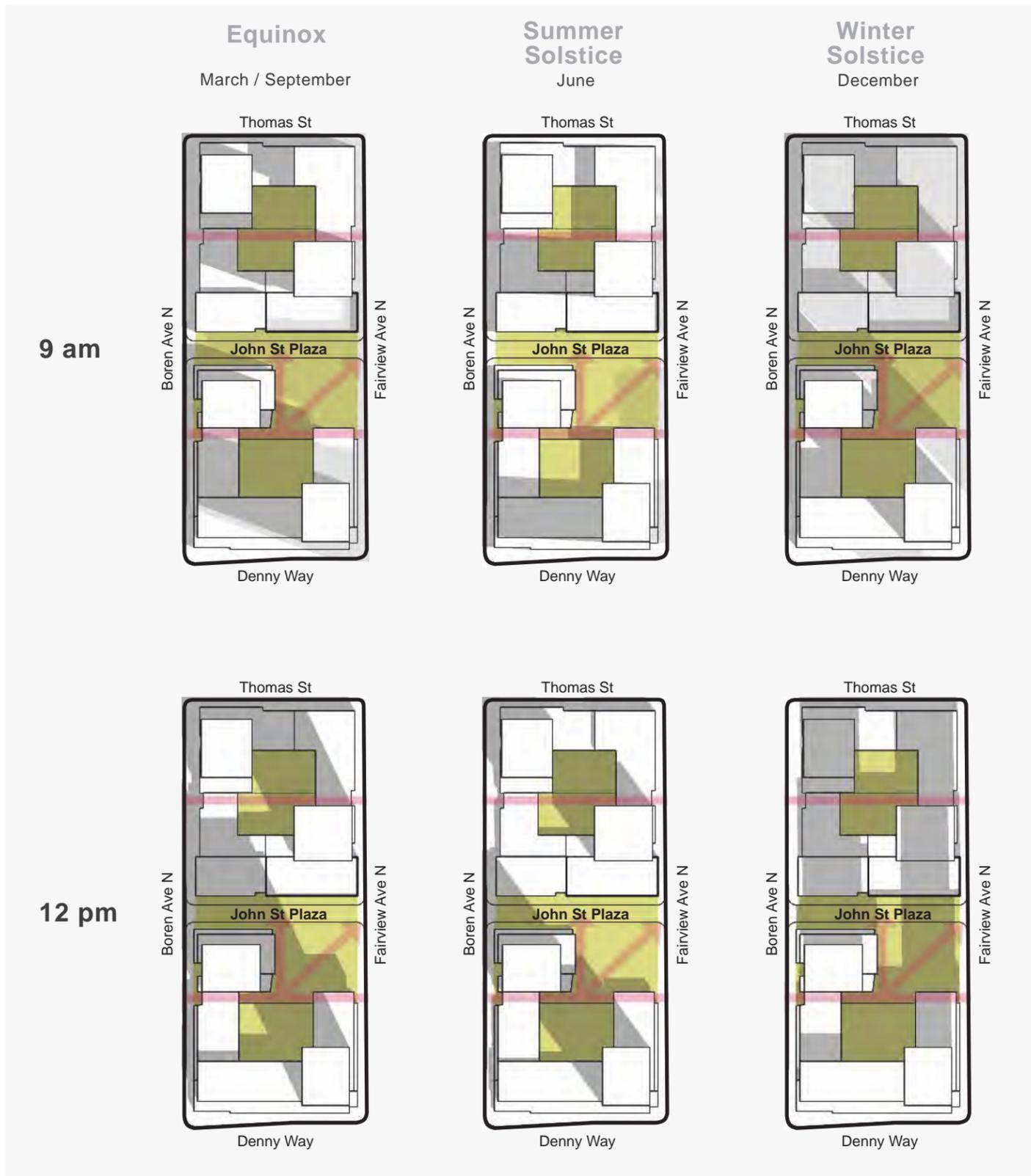
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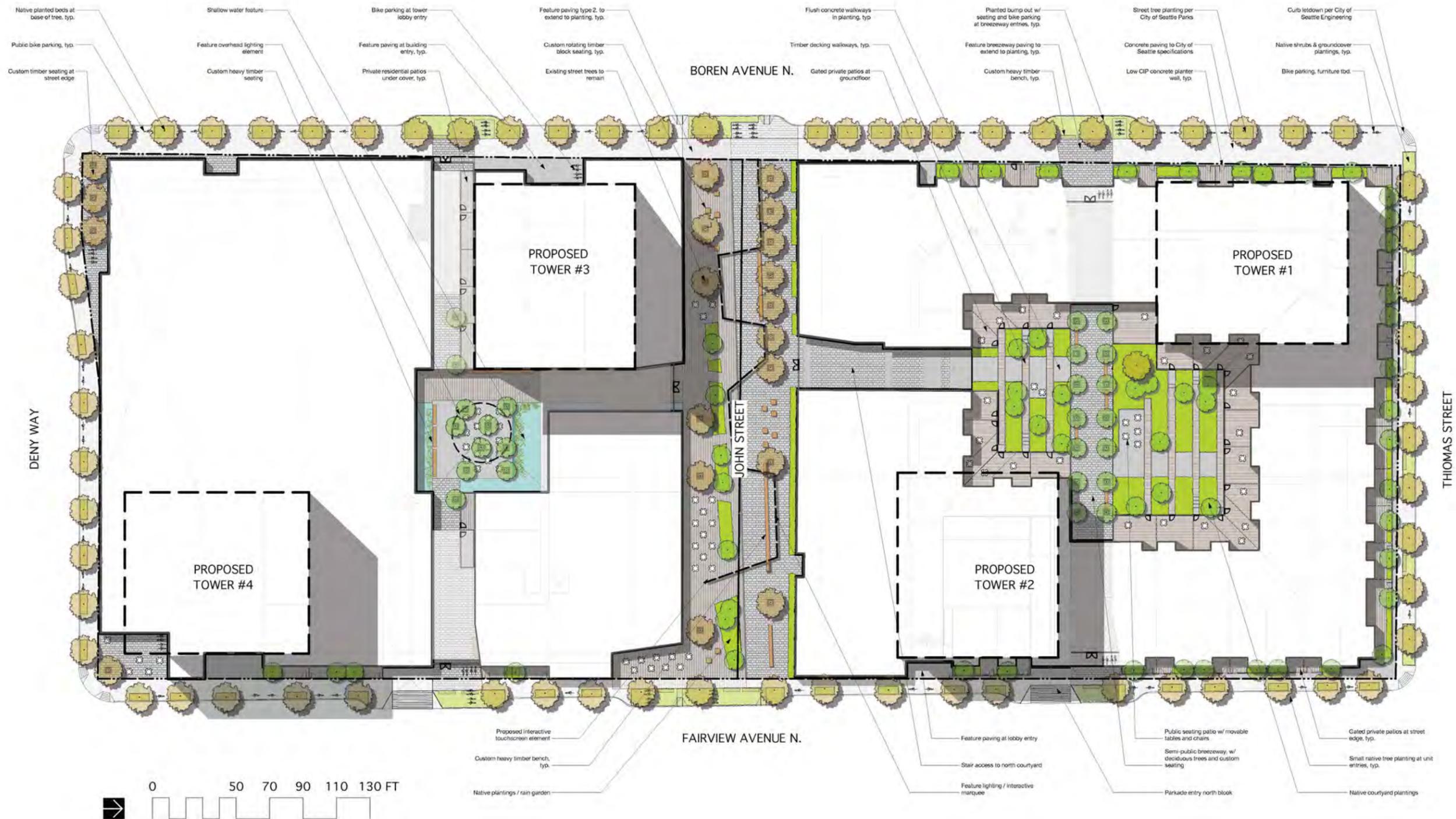


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Appendix B : Landscape

Appendix B Site Plan



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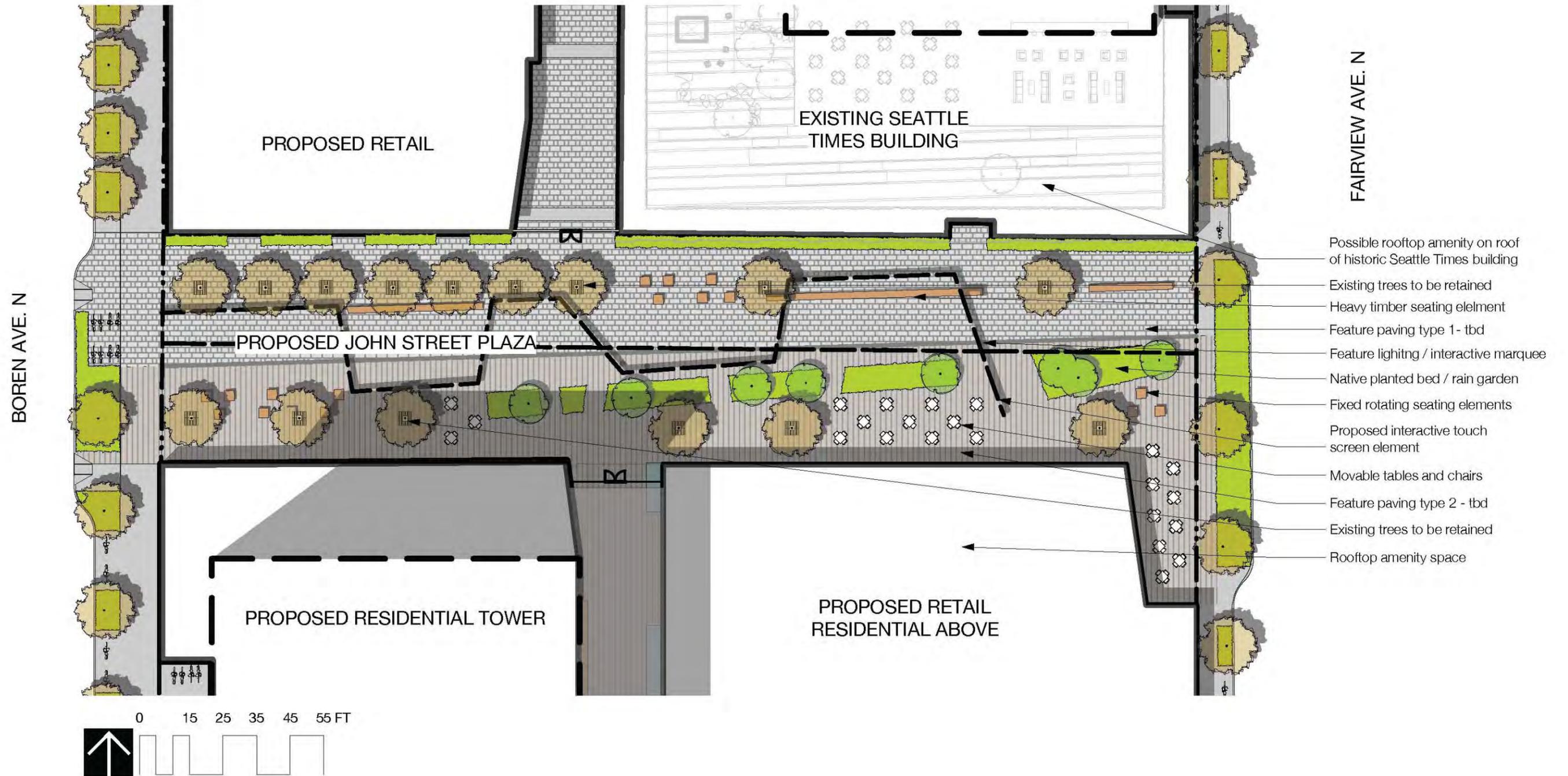
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Precedent Images



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John St Plaza Concept Images and Perspectives

Natural Materials



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Feature Paving



View East from Boren Ave. N



View West from Fairview Ave. N