

630 Boren Ave N Recommendation Meeting #2

West DRB - September 7th, 2016 SDCI# 3022086

Block 25 West



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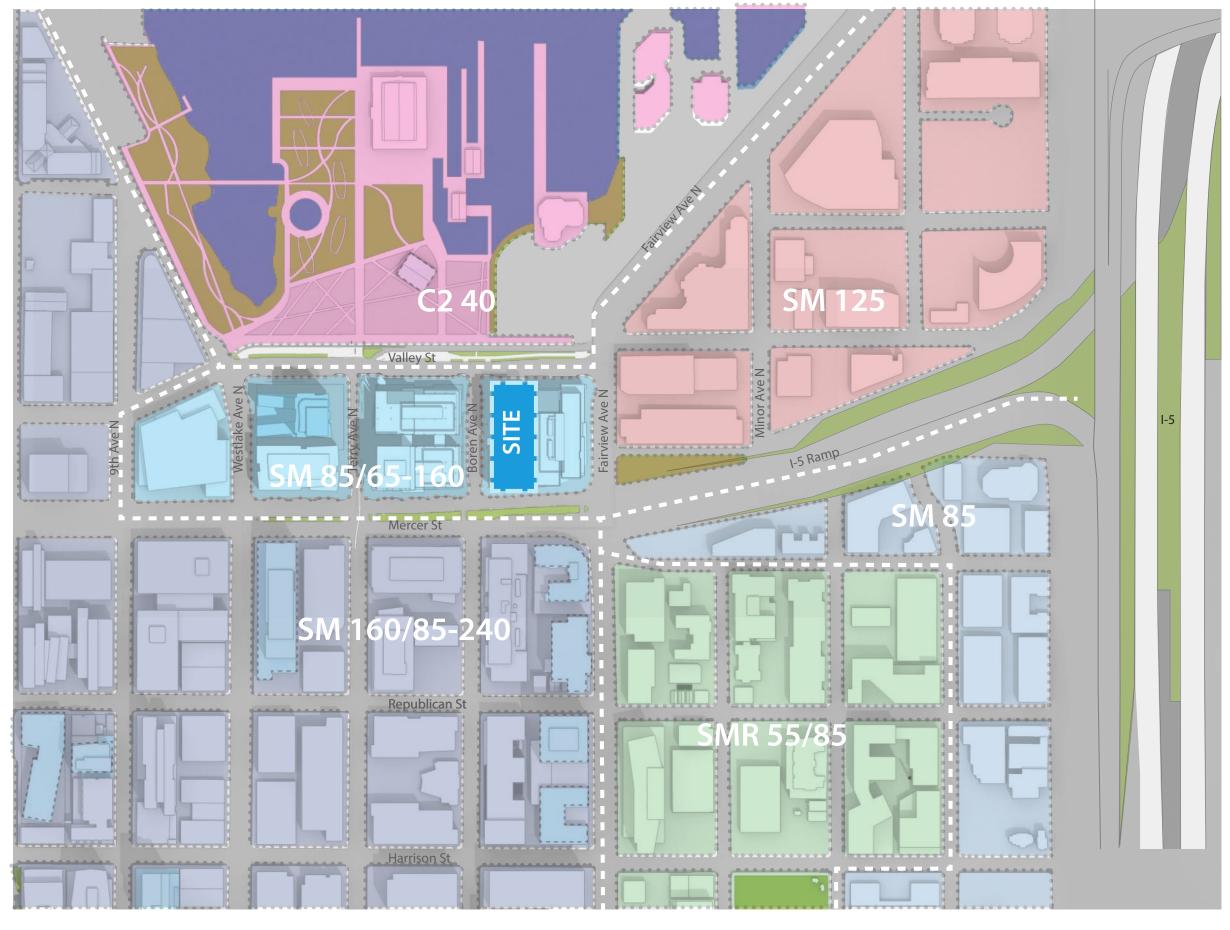
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The mixed-use proposal includes 6-stories of commercial office with an 7-story residential tower above, for a total of approximately 242,000 SF of above-grade construction (145,600 SF of Office use, 94,000 of Residential, and 2,500 SF of retail), and 3 levels of below grade parking for approximately 214 cars (95 of which are provided for residential units). Also provided will be approximately 8,210 SF of open space at grade. Primary building entries will be from Boren Avenue North. Automobile entries will be from the alley bordering the it to the east. Two loading berths and trash and recycling facilities will be accessible from the alley.



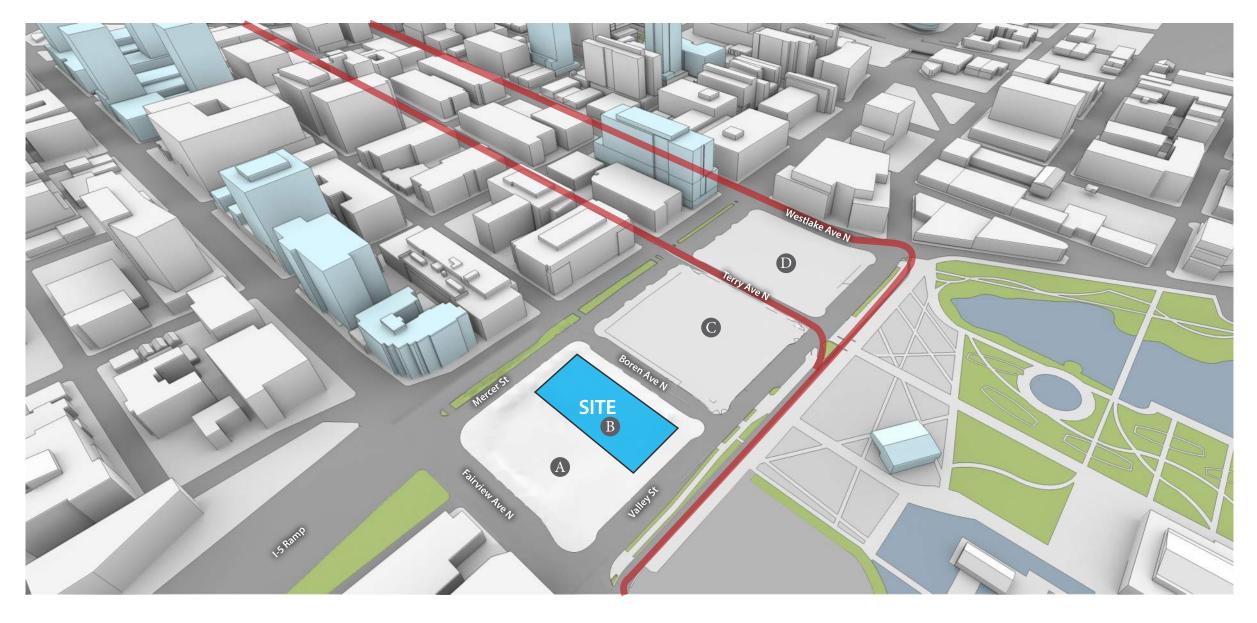












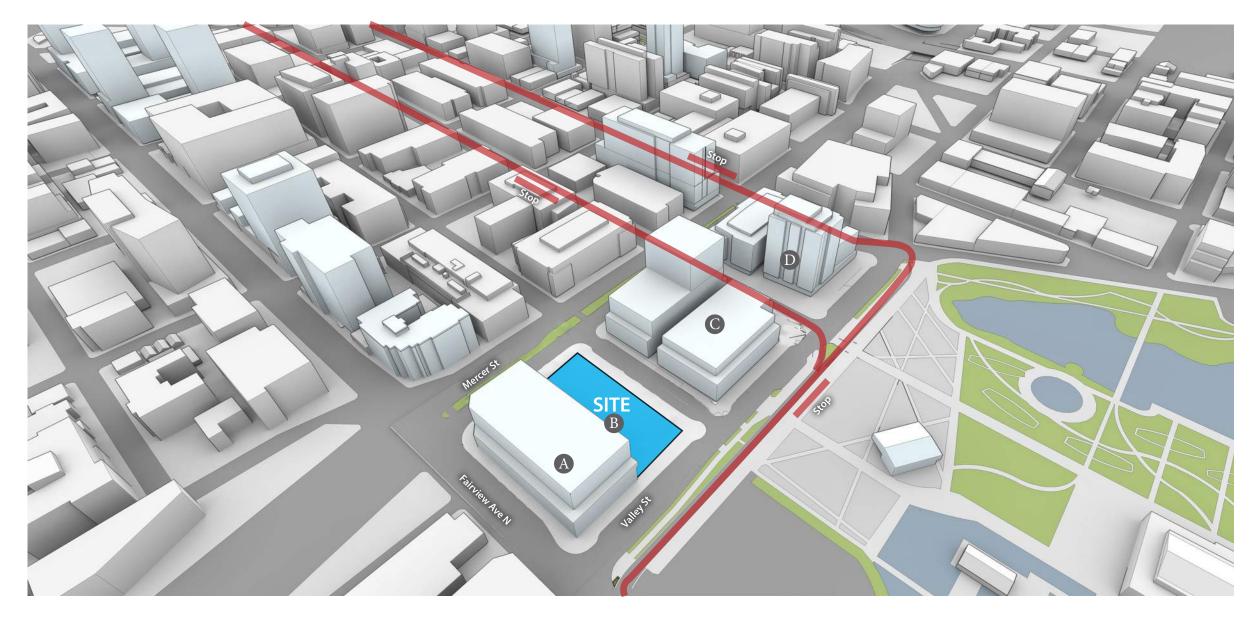
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Proposed Development (EDG or MUP Submitted)

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BLOCK 37 3017484 – MUP active

BLOCK 31 3022087

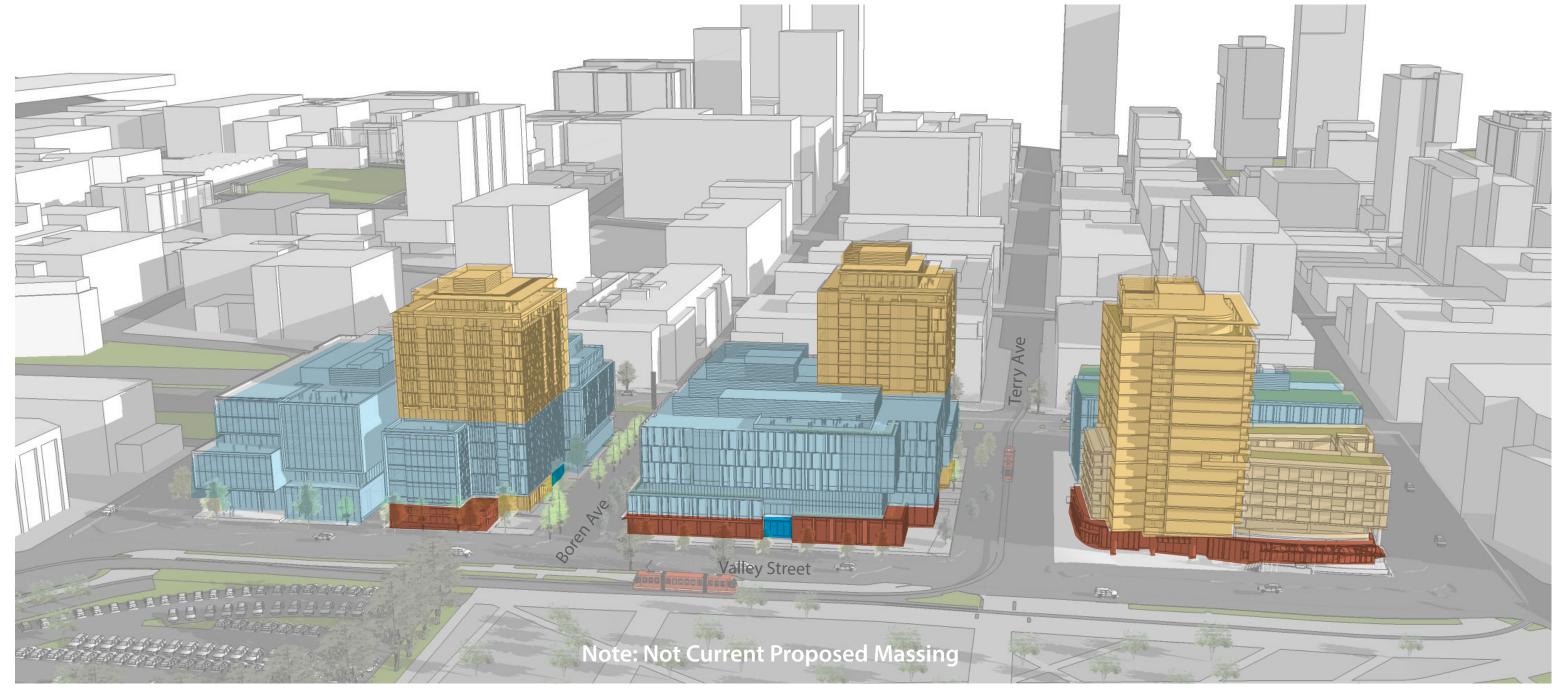
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√ Vehicle Entry/Exit







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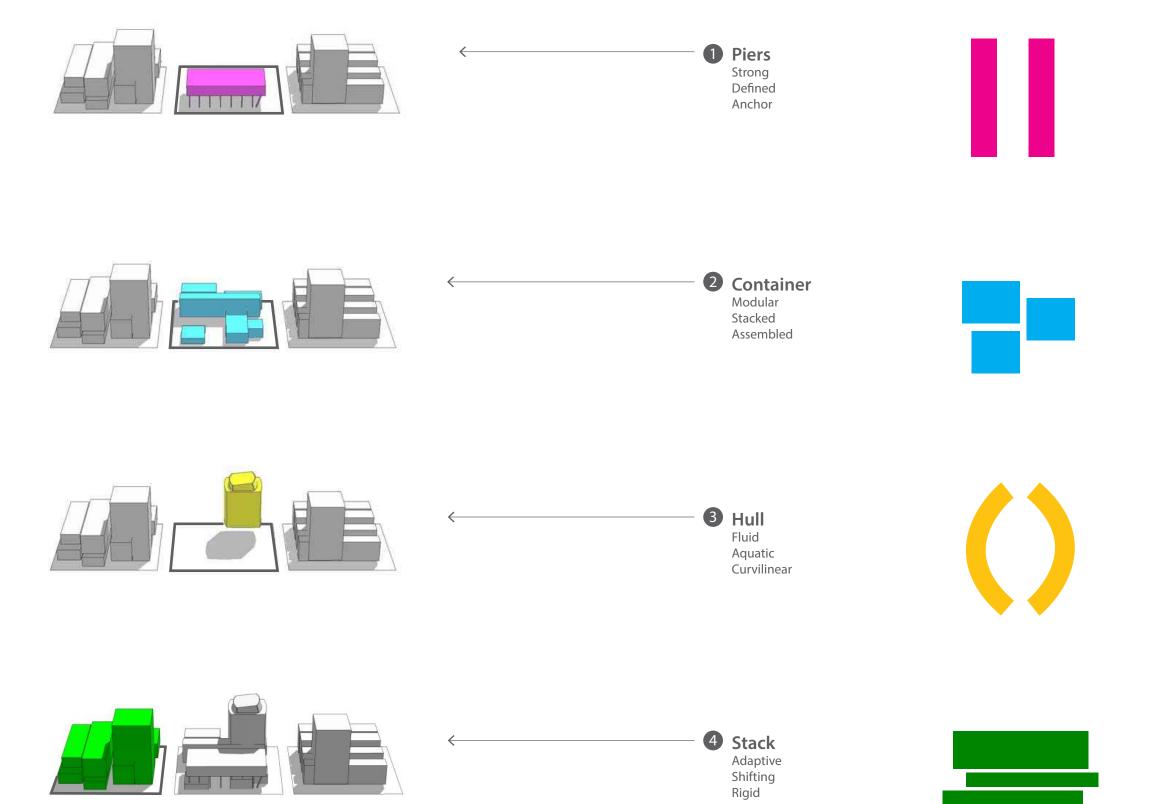
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Lakefront Blocks | **Design Concept**





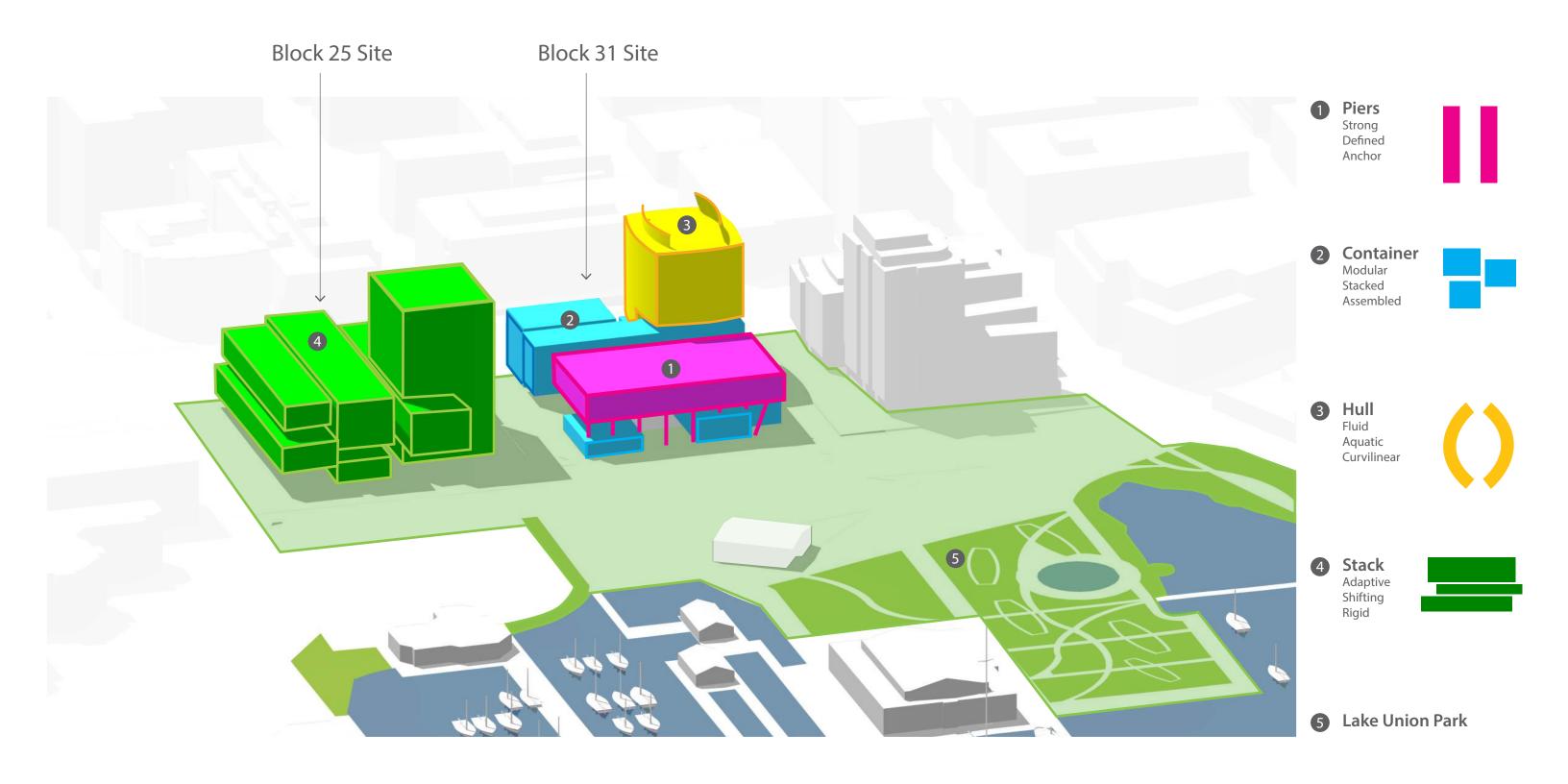






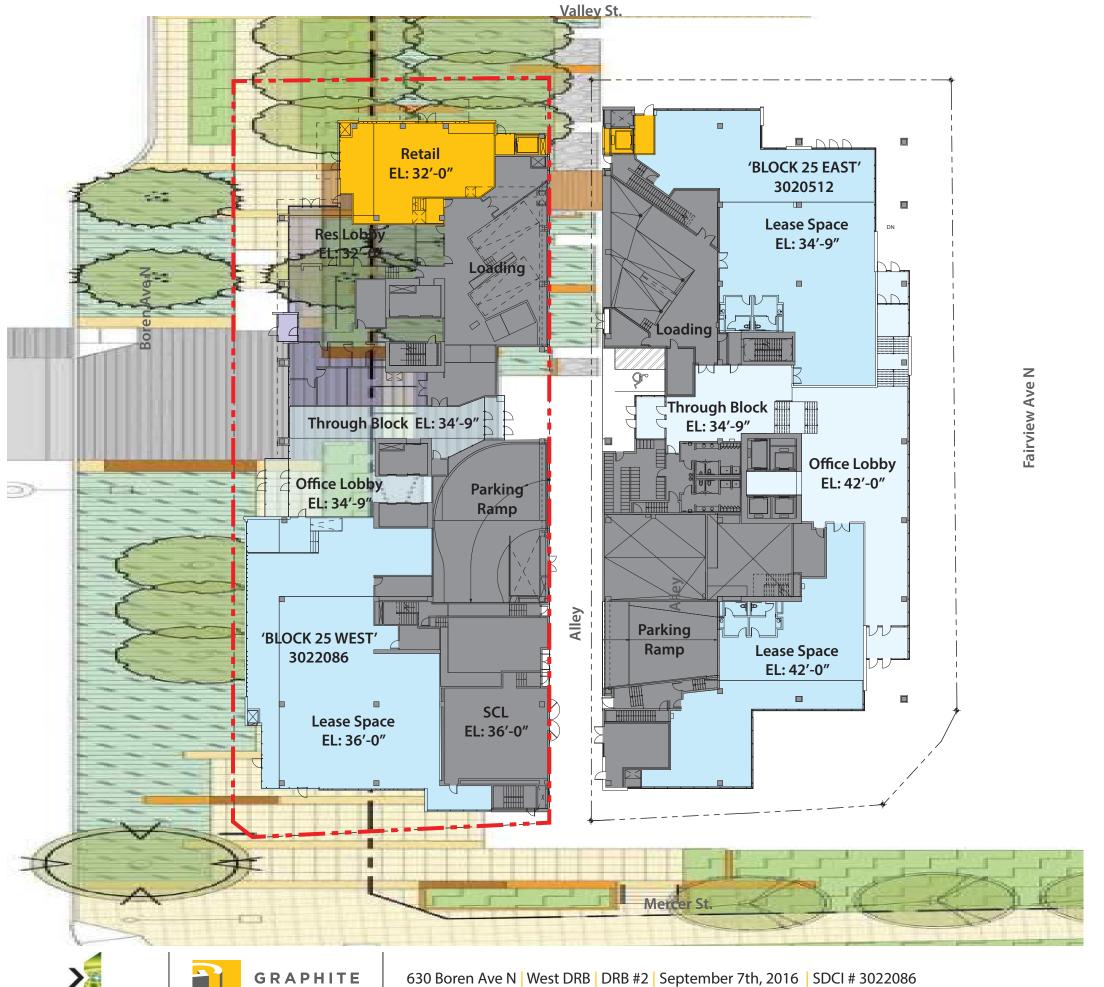


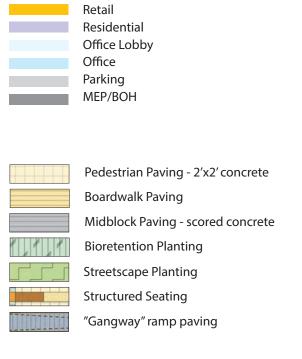
















Recommendation #1

View from West



Recommendation #1
View from South



Recommendation #1 Comments

Following are summary comments from DRB Recommendation Meeting #1, July 20, 2016:

1. Block Concept and Massing

- Horizontal tubes exhibit a strong design concept in the three-block waterfront district
- Supported the consistent 2-story scale of the ground floors
- Recommended the eastern tube of the Mercer elevation shift up
- Recommended enhancing the vertical reveal and fin of the north tower

2. Residential Tower Verticality and Composition

- Supported concept of a 'vertical tube' and reinforcing slender, vertical proportions
- Recommended the vertical fins be more pronounced on the north and south facades, and/or the adjacent wall planes be offset, and/or deep, wide reveals be employed, to reinforce verticality
- To ensure verticality, recommended the top floor of windows and balconies be consistent with the floors below
- Recommended the vertical spandrels and fenestration be carried down and through the office floors, to better unify the form

3. Ground Floor and Landscape

- Supported warm, wood cladding proposed at the north, south, and west corners of the ground floor, and the wood liner in the west office portal and lobby
- Recommended a more welcoming residential entrance on the west elevation
- Strongly agreed the elevated boardwalk must be legible and is a key aspect
- Recommended the boardwalk material have a unique color, texture, pattern, and acoustical character

Elevate south-facing "monitor"

introduce visual movement and

Reinforce established language of level 1 and 2 wood "boxes" at

De-emphasize stair-stepping of

contrast of the smooth, darker-

Further differentiate tower massing by emphasizing

toned south and est block with the more textural west and north block. See further

analysis pages 16-23

on east side of block to

variety

SE corner

6th floor massing



Recommendation #1
View looking Northwest



PROPOSED
View looking Northwest











Pedestrian Paving - 2'x2' concrete

Midblock Paving - scored concrete

Retail

Office Parking MEP/BOH

Residential

Office Lobby

Boardwalk Paving

Bioretention Planting

Streetscape Planting

Structured Seating

"Gangway" ramp paving



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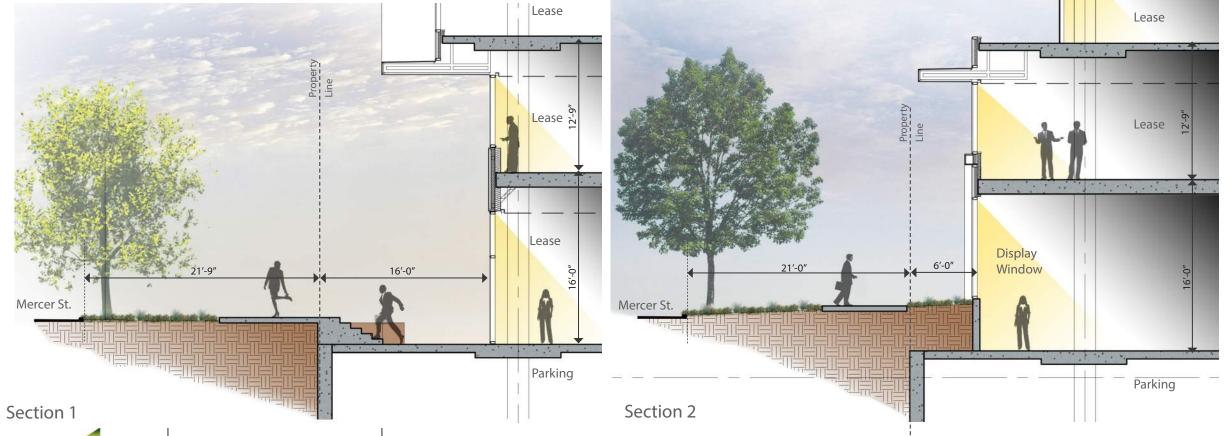


1. Block Concept and Massing









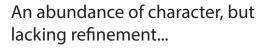
Keynotes

- Mercer Street
- Boren Avenue N.
- Corner Plaza
- Display Window
- **5** Office Entry

2. Residential Tower Verticality and Composition









An elegant suit and beautiful textile compliment the form...

EDG 1CRITIQUE:

- Endorsement of massing strategy that emphasizes vertical residential block; explore reinforcing with vertical frame or fin element and skin treatment
- Too much delineation in skin pattern between residential and commercial portions of tower
- Top floor should be more integrated

- Both residential and commercial skin treatments too plain not a strong example of either
- Pursue strategies to make tower slab more unified, elegant and "calm"
- High-profile site warrants a distinctive design





2. Residential Tower Verticality and Composition

Tower Facade Design Process











PREVIOUS

PROPOSED

























STUDY 1

Reinforce vertical proportions of window wall with projections

CRITIQUE:

• Too rigid, static

STUDY 2

 Introduce visual play and movement with "staggered" fin pattern

CRITIQUE:

- Too subtle; pattern gets lost in form
- Too similar to other fin patterns in the vicinity, not distinctive

STUDY 3

Introduce "fluid" pattern through alternating
 shape and depth of vertical mullions

CRITIQUE:

- Too busy
- Form not large enough to register pattern
- Does not achieve goal of enhancing verticality

STUDY 4 - Preferred

- Groupings of two floors to create vertical proportion
- Double-story groupings span residential and office floors to knit together tower form.
- Employ alternating shape and depth of vertical mullions to introduce interest and movement

CRITIQUE:

 Successful design strategy when paired with additional enhancements to color palette, form and details - see analysis next page









Amplify vertical fin element to define tower block



Deemphasize individual floor lines with twostory pattern that visually unifies form



Knit penthouse level into overall form with pattern overlay



Maintain spandrel color continuity between residential and office



Form + Skin Diagram

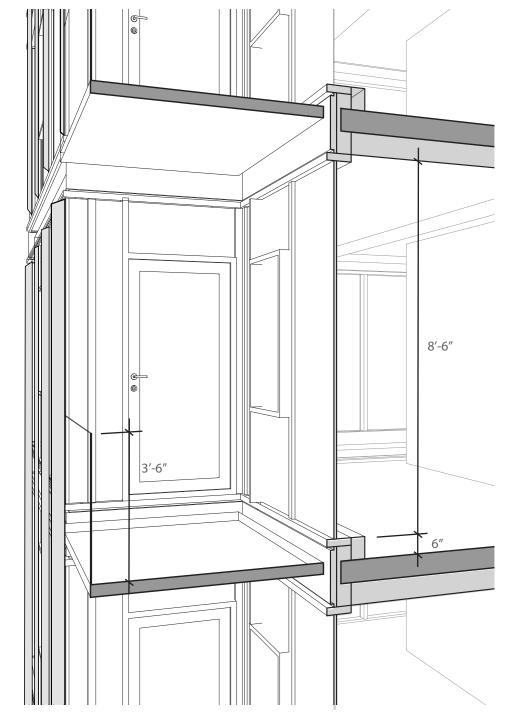




Proposed Design Proposal

2. Residential Tower Verticality and Composition



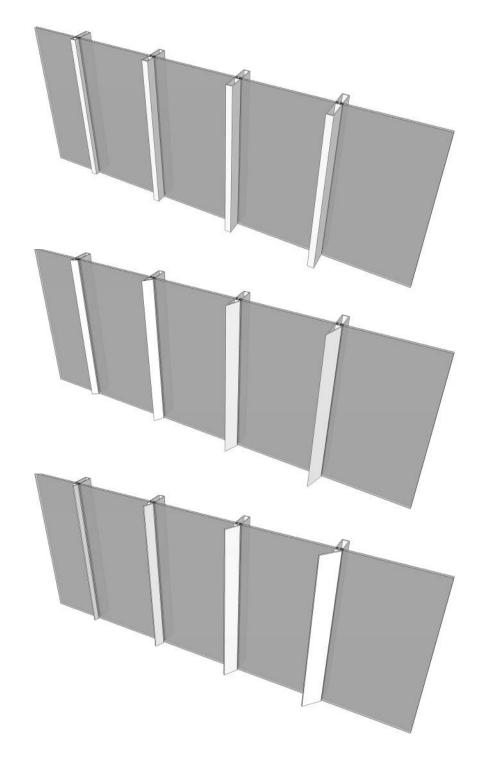


Wall section perspective - Residential









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Vary Depth



Vary Depth and Shape



4 Vary Depth, Shape and Angle





















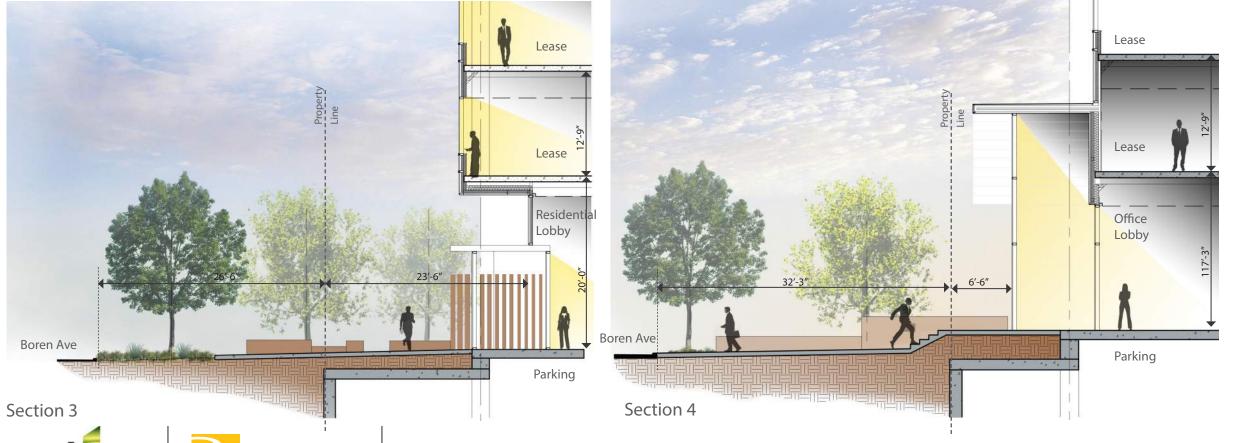


3. Ground Floor and Landscape

Street Level Design | Boren Avenue



Boren Avenue N. Street View Looking East



Keynotes

- Valley Street
- Boren Avenue N.
- Retail Entry
- Plaza
- Sesidential Lobby
- **6** Valley Street "Boardwalk"
- Office Entry

3. Ground Floor and Landscape

Residential Entry Studies













"Metal Box"



"Glass Box" Preferred









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Retail

Office

Parking

MEP/BOH

Boardwalk Paving

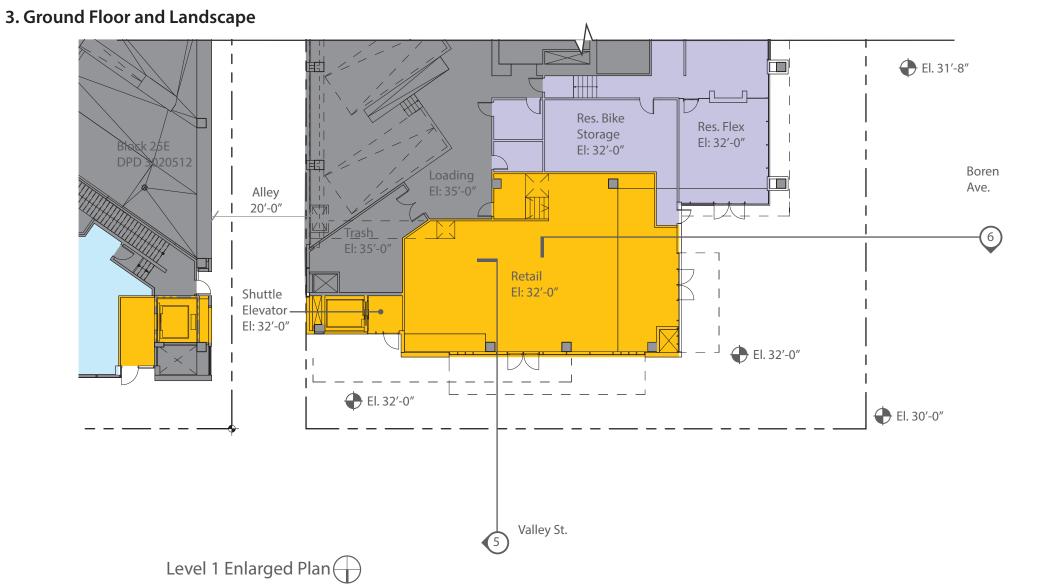
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Structured Seating

"Gangway" ramp paving

Residential

Office Lobby





Valley Street Elevation

See page 37 for material i





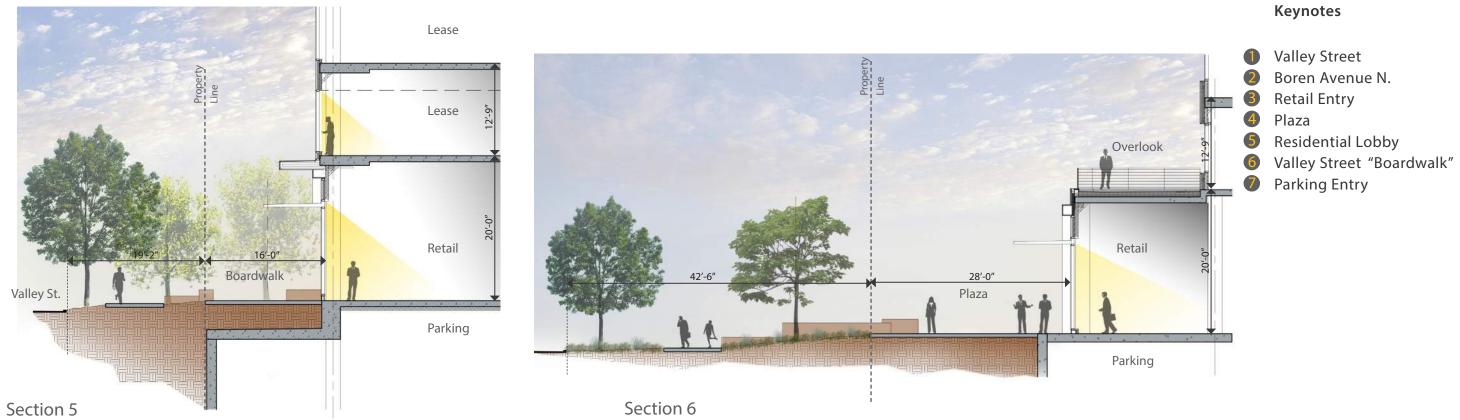
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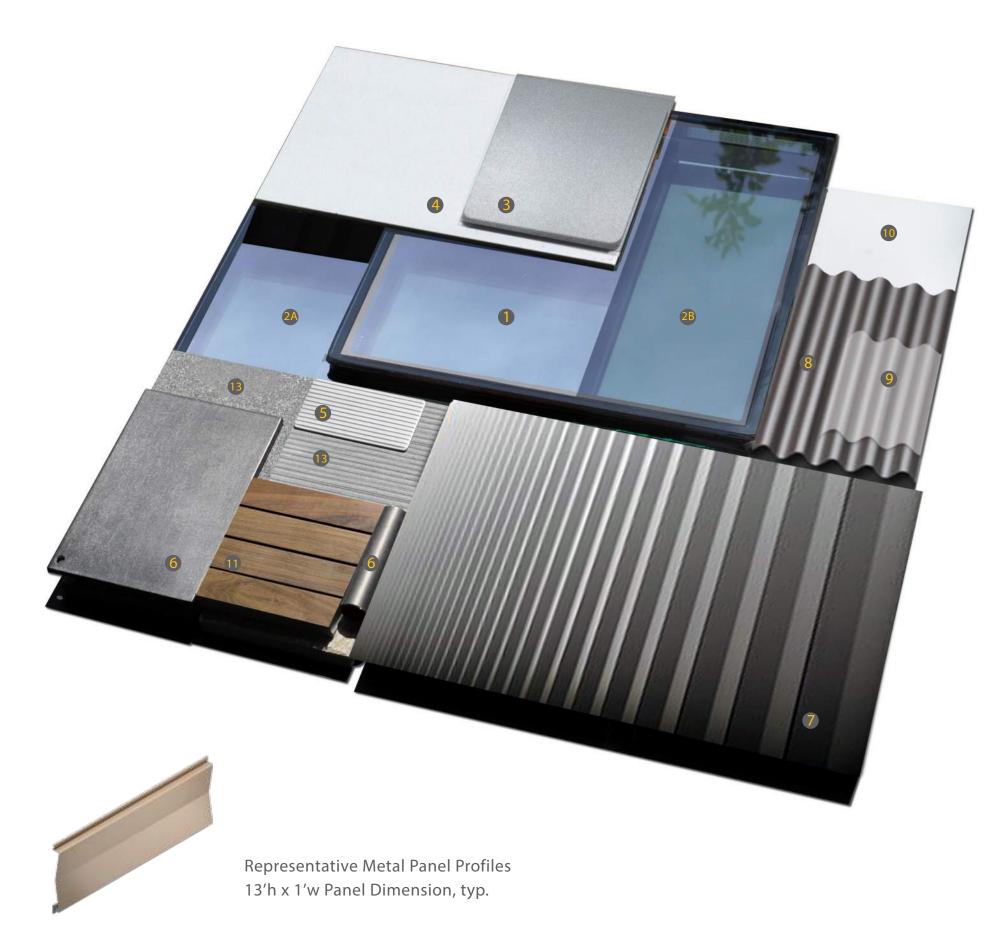
Street Level Design | Valley Street



Valley Street View Looking Southeast



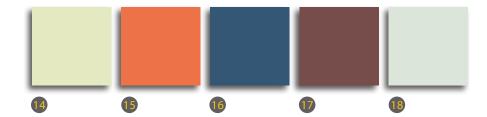




Material Palette

- Vision Glass
 - Low-E Glass
 - Office Glazing
 - Storefront Glazing
- Spandrel Glass Office
 - Opaque Low-E Glass
- Spandrel Glass Residential
 - Opaque Low-E Glass
- Metal 1
 - Storefront Framing
 - Resi. Window Wall
 - Roof Screen
- 4 Metal 2
 - Wall Panels
 - Curtain Wall Framing
 - Curtain Wall Panels
- Metal 3
 - Stainless Steel
 - Hardware and Site Furnishings
- 6 Metal 4
 - Natural Steel
 - Podium Accents

- Profiled Metal Panels
 - Horizontal Orientation
 - Colors: Metal 2
- 8 Corrugated Metal Siding
 - Alley Facade (mtl 2)
 - Rootop Screen (mtl 1)
- Composite Metal
 - Soffits
- Wood Planks
 - Podium Accent
 Cladding
- Cast-in-Place Concrete
 - Site Walls
 - Site Paving (Scored)
- Paving Units
 - Roof Terrace Paving
- Olor 1: Light Green
- Color 2: Orange
- Color 3: Dark Blue
- Color 4: Rust
- Color 5: Light Blue
 Note Colors 1-5 proposed as painted metal



Note: see pg 62-74 for all plans, section and full elevations with materials







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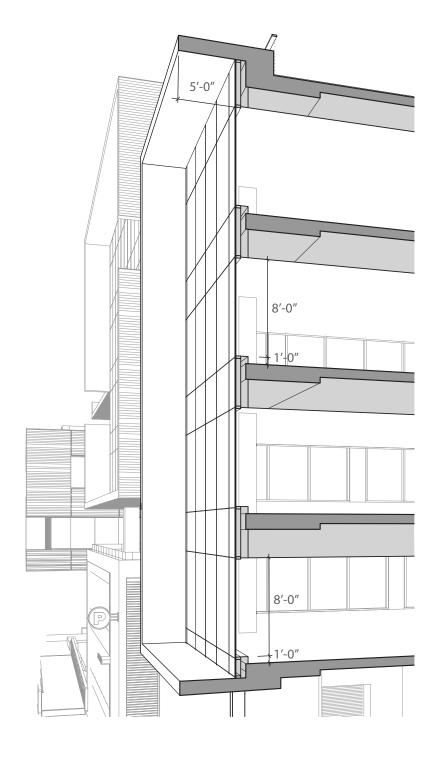
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North Podium Detail



Wall section perspective - North Facade





Podium Facade

8'-0"

8'-0"

1′-0″





South Podium Detail

Wall section perspective - West Facade
 Wall section perspective - South Facade



























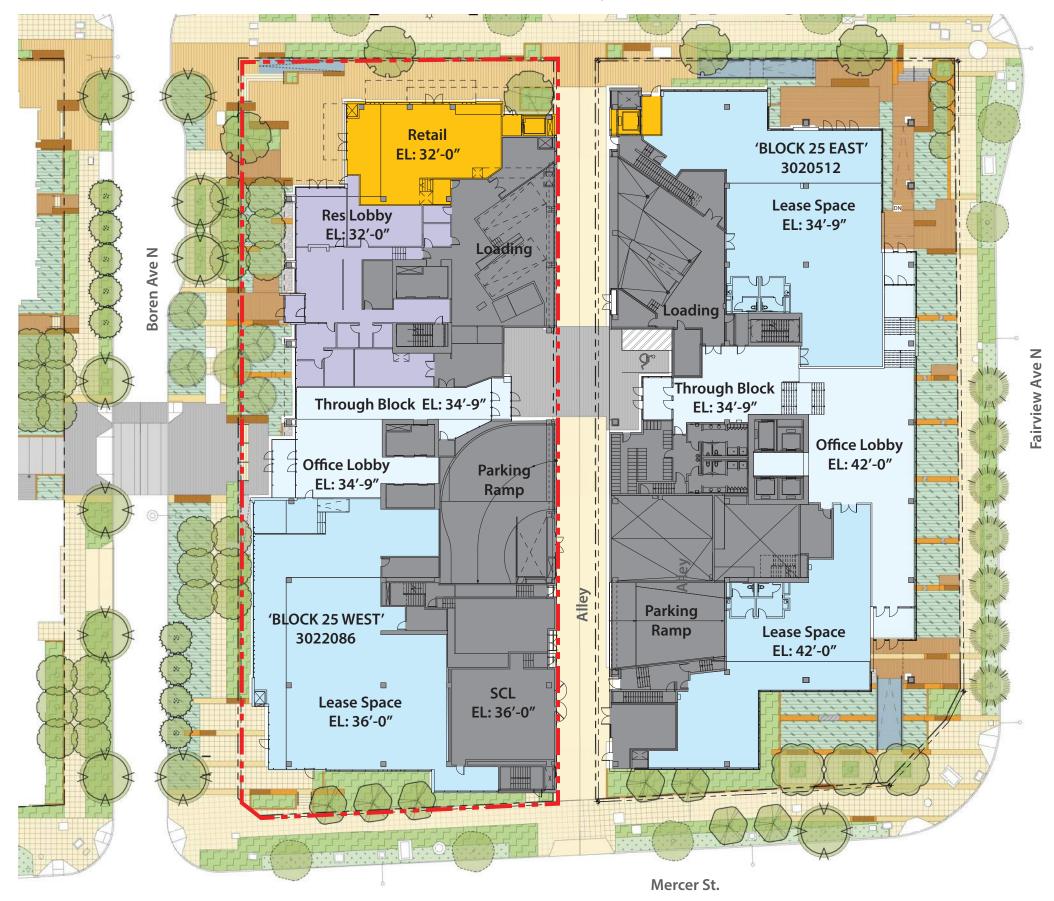


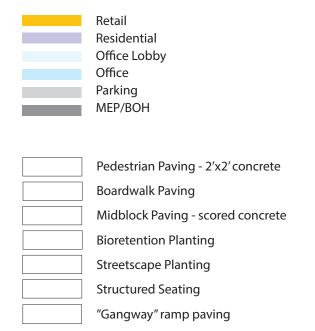






Valley St.







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Tree Planting Design





Amelanchier x grandiflora

'Autumn Brilliance'

Autumn Brilliance Serviceberrry



Magnolia virginiana 'Moonglow' Moonglow sweet bay magnolia

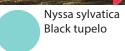


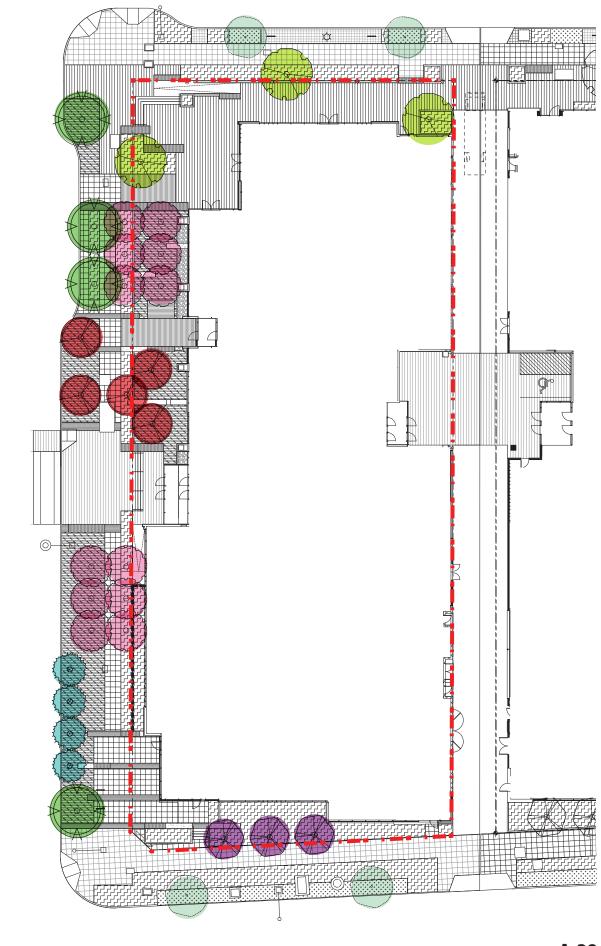
Cercidiphyllum japonicum Katsura tree



Ulmus 'Morton Glossy' Morton Glossy elm









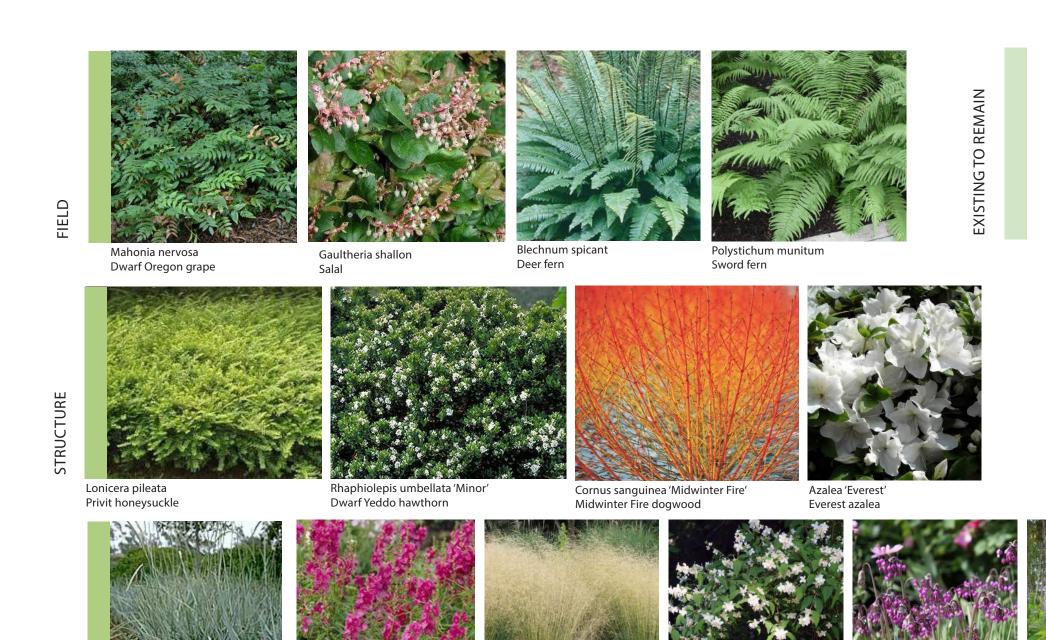




Existing trees to remain

Landscape Planting

Streetscape/Plaza Planting Design



Deschampsia caespitosa

Tufted hair grass







Maianthemum racemosum Feathery false lily of the valley



Elymus glaucus

ACCENTS



GRAPHITE

Sidalcea oregana 'Brilliant' Brilliant prairie mallow Philadelphus lewisii

. Wild mock orange Allium cernuum

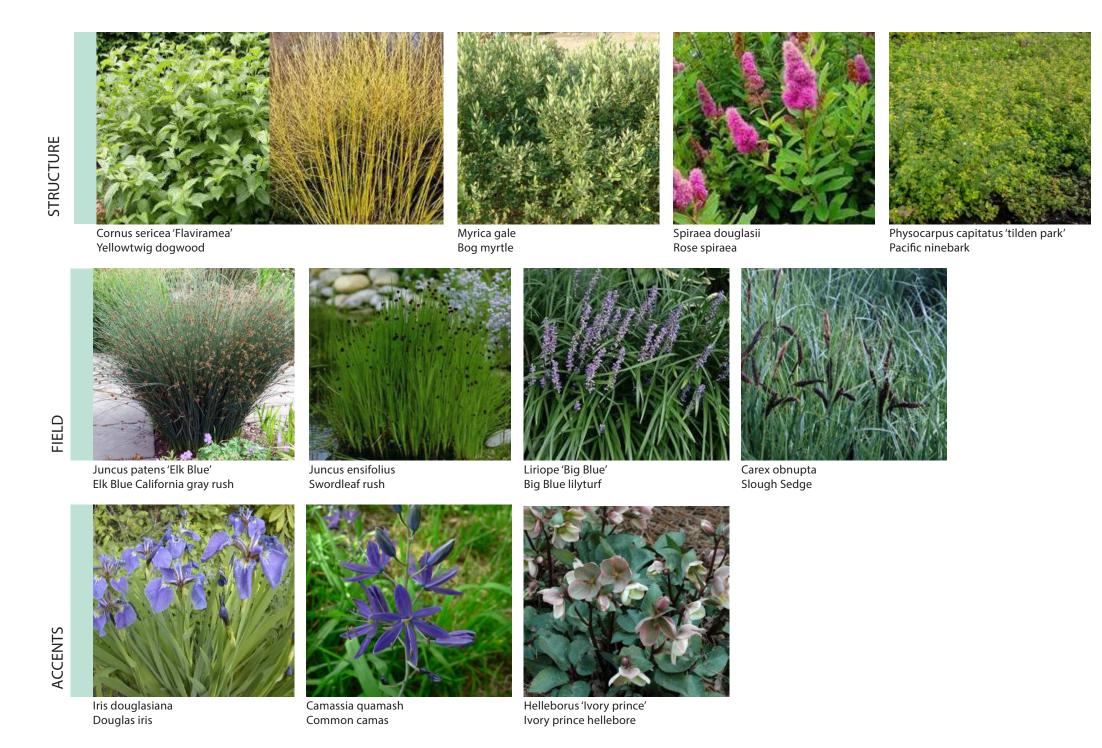
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Lupinus polyphyllus

Lupin

Landscape Planting

Bioretention Planting Design



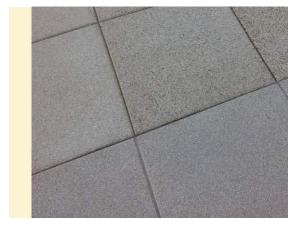






Materials

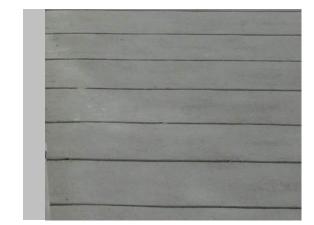
PEDESTRIAN PAVING



2' scoring with medium etched finish



2' bands with heavy etched finish



12" band scoring w/ medium etch

BOARDWALK KICK



Wood kick at north edge of boardwalk

DECKING AT RESIDENTIAL LOBBY AND RETAIL PLAZA



Dark pultruded fiberglass

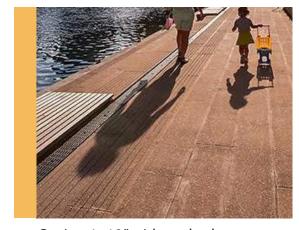
VEHICULAR PAVING

MIDBLOCK PAVING



5' band scoring with raked finish

'BOARDWALK' FINISH

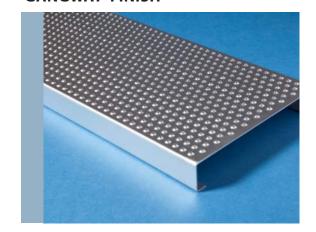


Option 1- 12" wide etched concrete bands 2-3 depths in random pattern



Option 2- 12" wide pultruded plank paving (in ROW, Option 1 to be used)

'GANGWAY' FINISH



12" wide perforated metal planks





Landscape Details

Site Furnishings



Streetlife Rough And Ready Topseat



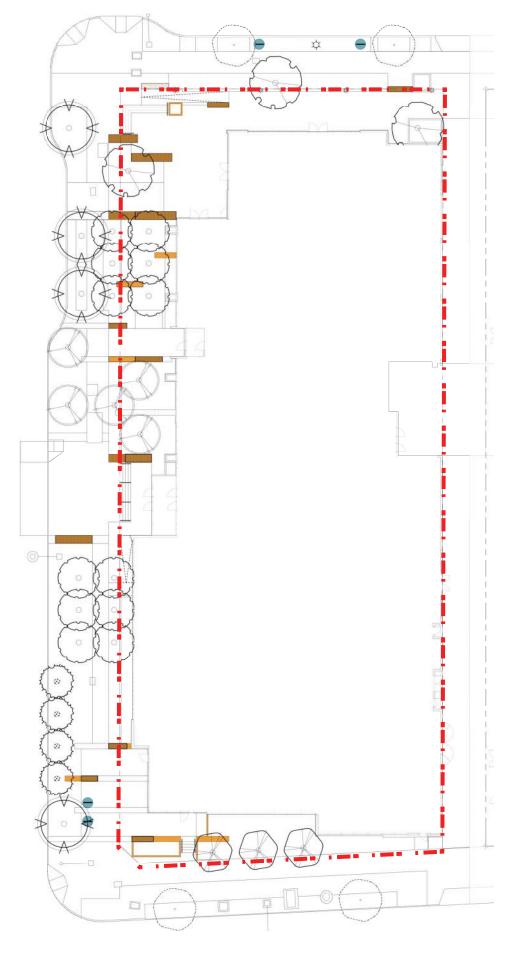
Concrete Plinth / Wall







Tofino Sportworks Bike Racks



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LIGHTING DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

IDENTITY

The lighting will reflect and support the unique architectural features of the Block 25 East project and help distinguish it from its neighboring office and retail spaces while maintaining a consistent city-wide urban quality.

COMFORT

Differing levels of light and their effects will be tailored to match the ambiance of each area, with careful selection of light levels and visual lighting elements.

SAFETY

In addition to its aesthetic qualities, the lighting will also provide the necessary amount of light for office workers and visitors to navigate safely through the premises.

MAINTENANCE

A combination of long-lasting lamp sources like LEDs, and appropriately located fixtures means lowering the long-term maintenance costs. Low energy sources will be utilized throughout the site, which, together with a control system, will reduce energy use on an ongoing basis.

ENERGY

The lighting will be compliant with Washington state code as well as local Seattle code; and will help achieve LEED certification for the project.









BUILDING FACADE

Ingrade uplights illuminate the underside of the "stacked" structures. Downlights at the column emphasize the posts supporting the "stacks".





CANOPIES AND ENTRIES

Recessed downlights provide ambient light, highlight the textured surfaces and add brightness to the entryways.





BOARDWALK & RIGHT OF WAY

A rhythm of multi-head post top luminaires provide general lighting at the pedestrian level and also uplight the soffit overhang to support the "stacked" aesthetic. Lighting integrated into handrails supplement ambient light levels.





LANDSCAPE & ROOF TERRACE

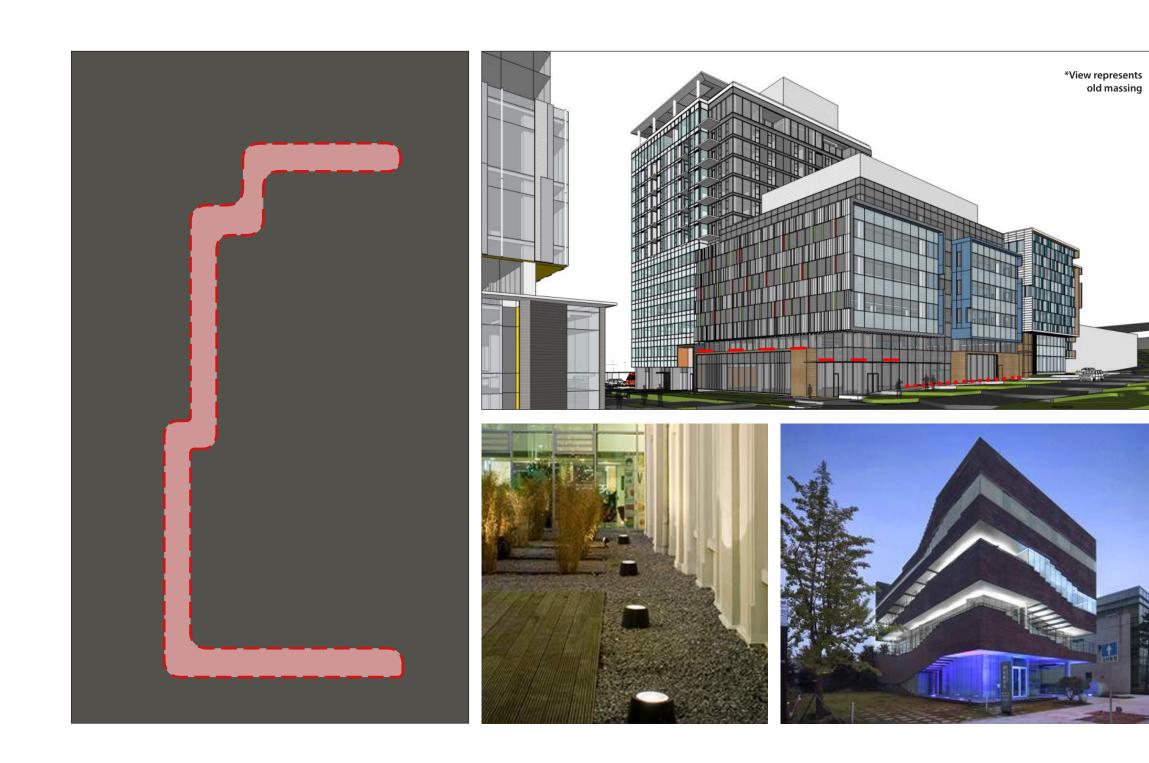
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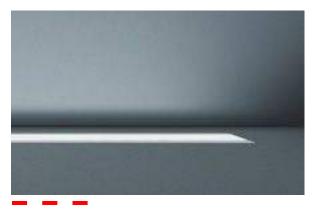




BUILDING FACADE

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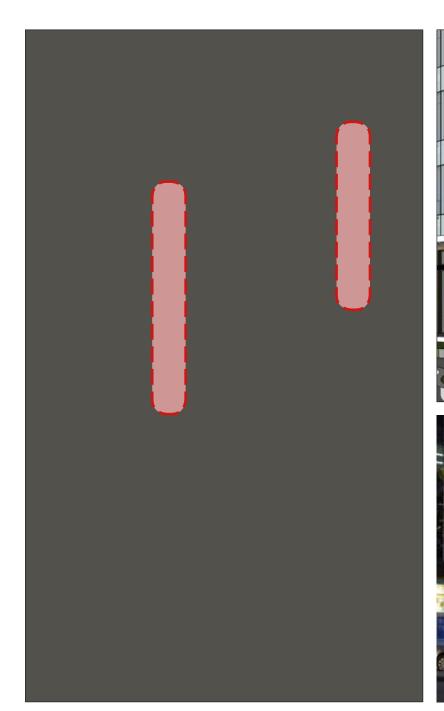






BUILDING FACADE

Downlights at the column emphasize the posts supporting the "stacks".



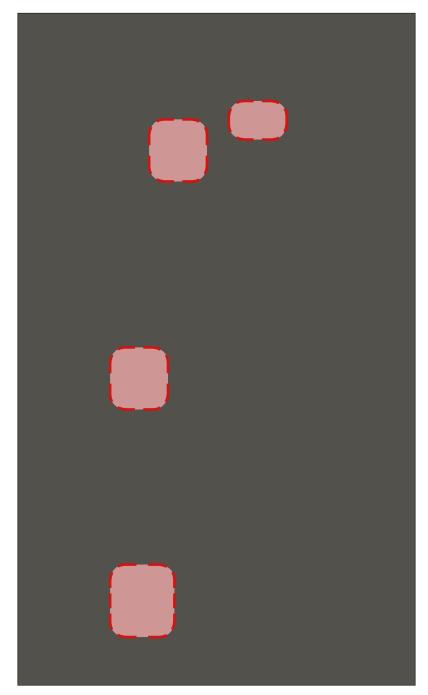






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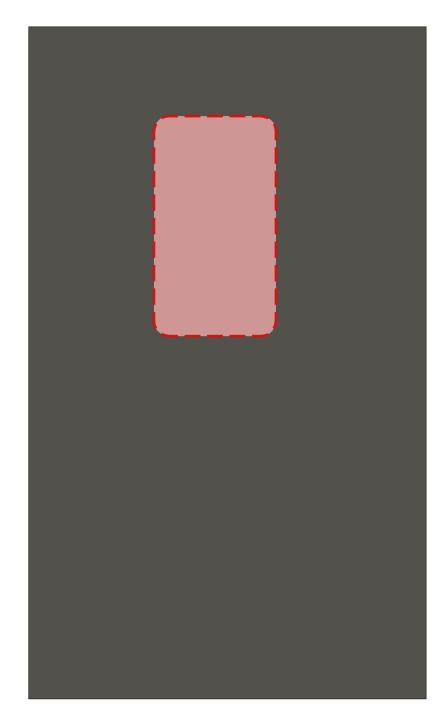






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Uplit trees and bench seating with a warm underglow give the landscape a nigghtime presence and create a welcoming environment. A canopy lit from below heightens the crown of the residential tower and provides a long-distance focal point.







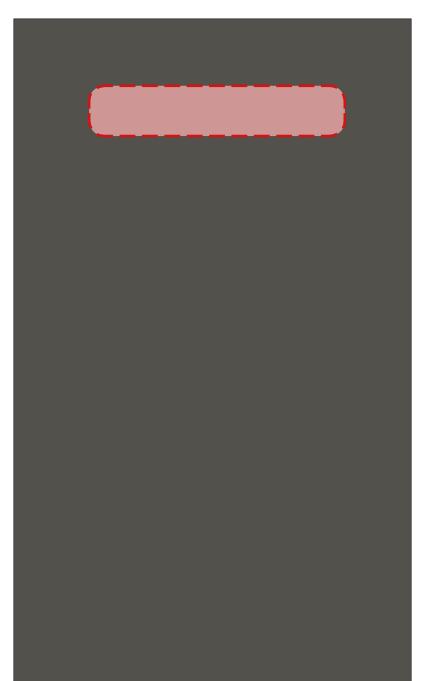






BOARDWALK AND RIGHT OF WAY

A rhythm of multi-head post top luminaires provide general lighting for vehicles as well as at the pedestrian level.





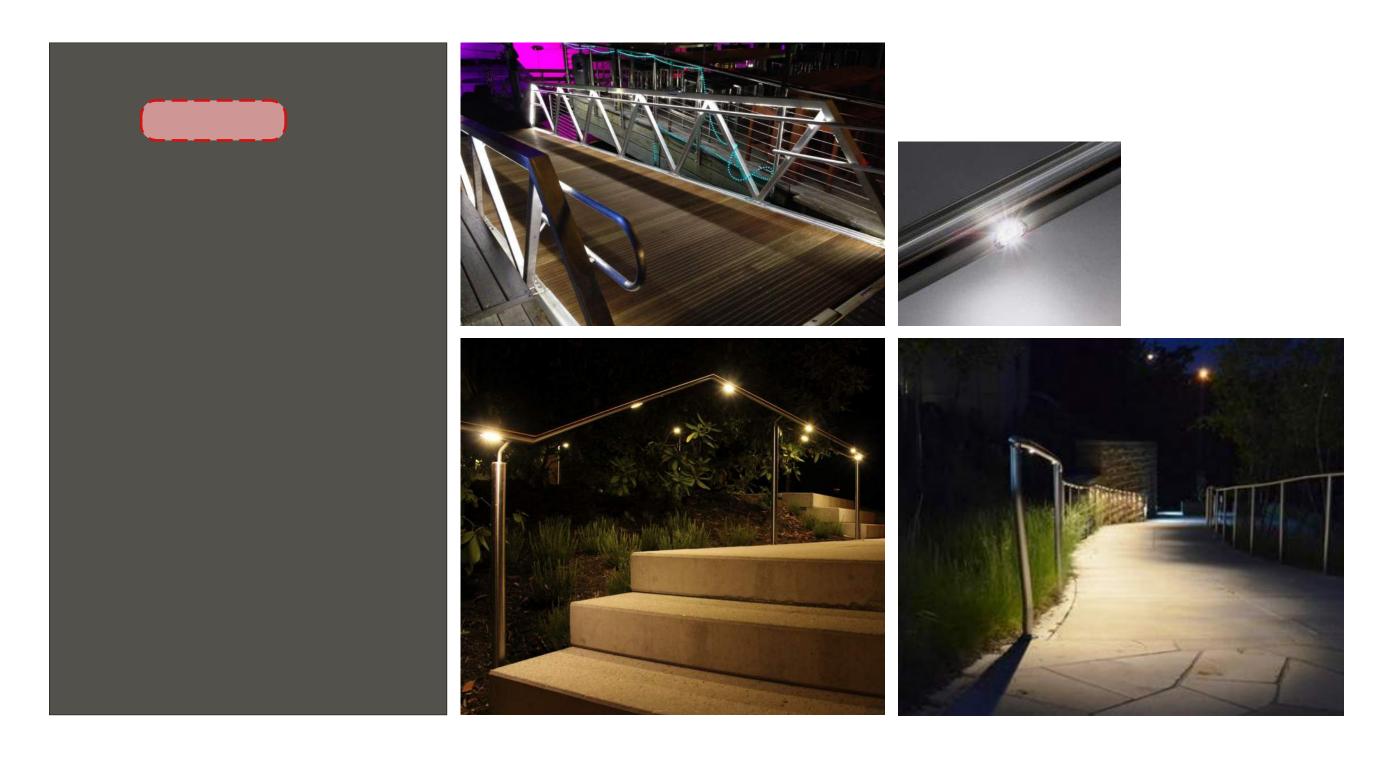






BOARDWALK AND RIGHT OF WAY

Lighting integrated into handrails supplement ambient light levels.





Signage





Description: Pin-mounted to facade or landscape monument. Three-dimensional relief letters in stainless steel, powder-coated metal or illuminated channel letters. (Note: final commercial building identity is subject to tenant's requirements and will be reviewed by owner for consistency with building design).

Description: Hung from canopy or wall adhered. Three-dimensional relief letters in stainless steel or powder-coated metal. (Note: final retail signage is subject to retailer's requirements and will be reviewed by owner for consistency with building design).







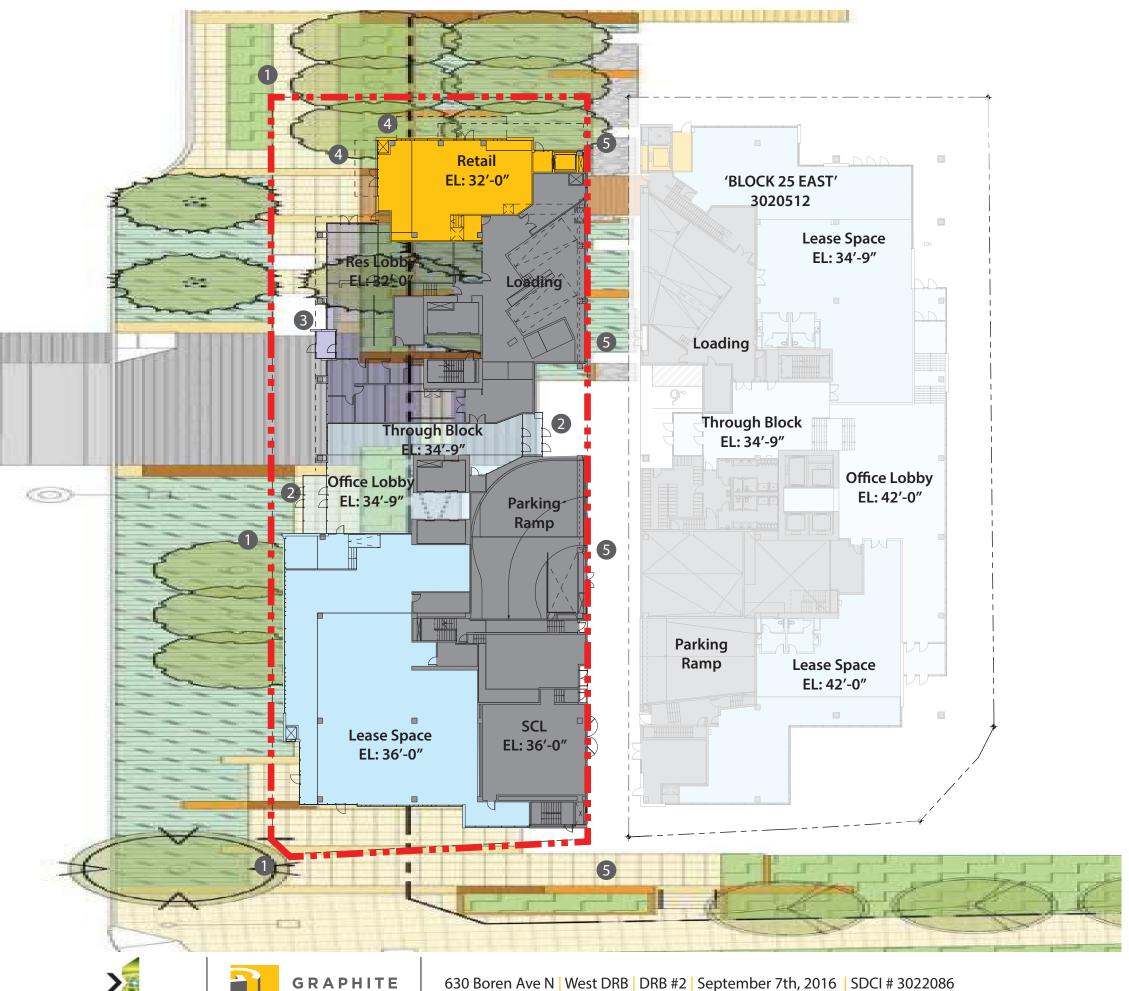












- 1 Building Identity Sign
- Office Entry
- Residential Entry
- Retail Sign
- 5 Parking/ Loading Sign

Departure Request 1A:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.48.012.B.1 Upper Level Setback Requirements B. Upper Level setbacks in the SM 85/65-160 Zone 1. Portions of a structure above 45 feet in height shall set back a minimum of 15 feet from street lot lines abutting Valley Street, Westlake Avenue North, Terry Avenue North, Boren Avenue North, and Fairview Avenue North	Allow for an encroachment into the required setback area above 45' as measured vertically from the street lot line parallel to Boren Avenue N.	Levels 4-5 encroaches 10'-5" into the 45 foot setback along Boren Ave N. for 118'. The approximate area requested for departure is 2,378 SF in plan.	The building massing and facade is improved by maintaining three levels of office that together have a volume higher than 45' along Boren Avenue N. The scale of this massing is consistent with the proportions of the larger tower mass and contrasts the dominantly vertical-proportioned tower with a horizontally-proportioned counterpoint, creating a balanced massing that enhances the overall composition. This massing also shifts building mass from levels 1-2 to levels 4-5, providing greater ground level setbacks from 0-15 feet than the code requires, enhancing the opportunity for landscaping and pedestrian amenities.	CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community. CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge. DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass. DC2 B.1. Facade Composition.

Departure Request 1B:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.48.012.B.1 Upper Level Setback Requirements B. Upper Level setbacks in the SM 85/65-160 Zone 1. Portions of a structure above 45 feet in height shall set back a minimum of 15 feet from street lot lines abutting Valley Street, Westlake Avenue North, Terry Avenue North, Boren Avenue North, and Fairview	Allow for an encroachment into the required setback area above 45' as measured vertically from the curb line parallel to Valley St.	Levels 3-5 encroaches 4'-10" into the 45 foot setback along Valley St. for 2'-4". The approximate area requested for departure is 12 SF in plan.	The building massing and façade is improved by maintaining four levels of office that together have a volume higher than 45'-0" and encroaches on the 15'-0" setback on Valley St. The scale of the massing is constant with the proportions of the monitors from project 3020512, creating a balanced massing that frames a view and gestures to South Lake Union. this massing also helps support the neighborhood gateway at Fairview and Valley, while	CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gate way to community. CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge. CS2 C.1. Corner Sites, Responding directly to Gateways DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce
Avenue North			creating a corridor at Boren that opens to the lake increasing pedestrian connection.	Perceived Mass. DC2 B.1. Facade Composition.

Departure Request 2A:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.18.014.A.2 Street Level Development Standards B. Minimum Façade Height On Class 2 Pedestrian Streets and Neighborhood Green Streets, the minimum height for street-facing facades is 25 feet	Allow for portions of the façade along Boren Avenue N. to be setback from the street lot line at a dimension greater than 12'-0, and to allow for a minimum facade height of 16'-5"	See A1/G005b -Approximately 30'-1" linear feet of street level facade set back on Boren Ave.	The building massing is improved by setting back portions of the façade more than 12 feet by creating an open space that emphasizes the relation of the open space to Lake Union Park. This massing also allows for a higher quality open space at the street level.	CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community. CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge. DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass. DC2 B.1. Facade Composition.

Departure Request 2B:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.18.014.A.2 Street Level Development Standards	Allow for portions of the façade	See A1/G005b	The building massing is improved by setting back portions of the	CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gateway to
B. Minimum Façade Height	along Valley St. to be setback	Approximately 22'-6" linear feet of	façade more than 12 feet by creating an open space that	community.
On Class 1 Pedestrian Streets and Neighborhood Green	from the street lot line at a	street level façade set back on Valley St.	emphasizes the relation of the open space to Lake Union Park. This	CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors
Streets, the minimum height for street-facing facades is 45	dimension greater than 12'-0",		massing also allows for a higher quality open space at the street	contribute to the street edge.
feet	And to allow for a facade height		level.	DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce
	of 16'-5"			Perceived Mass.
				DC2 B.1. Facade Composition.





<u>Departure Request 3:</u>

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.48.010.H.7 Roof top coverage The combined total rooftop coverage may be increased to 65% of the roof area provided that: a. All mechanical equipment is screened and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet of the roof edge.	Allow for an encroachment into the required 10' rooftop setback area.	See A2/G005b Amenity level canopy align with the North and West façade of the tower.	Allowing for the requested encroachment results in an overall tower composition that enhances the skyline, is better proportioned, and has no detrimental shading impacts on adjacent projects.	CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence DC2 A.2 Massing, Reduce Perceived Mass DC2 B.1. Facade Composition

Departure Request 4:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.48.014.F.1 Street Level Development Standards F. Required open area in the SM 85/65-160 zone 1. A minimum of 60 percent of the required open area shall be provided as usable open space that meets the following conditions: a.) The usable open space is open from the ground to the sky and is visible and accessible to pedestrians from an abutting street, including persons with disabilities; b.) The open space is substantially at street-level, although portions are permitted to be within 4 feet of street level, provided that grade changes are gradual and do not significantly disrupt the continuity of the space, and no part of the open space is significantly above or below the grade of the nearest abutting street; c.) The open space has a minimum horizontal dimension of 15 feet; and d.) The open space enhances visual and physical pedestrian connections between South Lake Union Park and development on the lot, and is accessible to the public, free of charge, during the hours of operation of South Lake union Park.		See A1/G-005C To provide 7,442 SF of the required 6,850 SF open space. To provide 5,201 SF of the required 4,110 SF that meets items a,b and d. To provide 3,482 SF of the required 4,110 SF that meets items a,b,c, and d. Leaving a deficit of 628 sf.	Enhancing the pedestrian connection from Mercer to Valley street is achieved more successfully by concentrating the open space at the north end of the block in a plaza adjacent to the intersection of Boren Avenue N. and Valley Street, and the adjacent active retail use. The remaining open space is more linear in proportion and functions as an enhancement of the right-of-way, emphasizing pedestrian routes to the larger northern open space and connection to the lake and SLU park beyond. Increasing all of the open space to a minimum horizontal dimension of 15' would result in a smaller open space on the north end of the site and an elimination of some open space adjacent to Boren Avenue N., decreasing its effectiveness as a landscaped boulevard.	DC3 C.1 Reinforce Existing Open Space CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community. CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floo contribute to the street edge. CS2 C.1. Corner Sites, Responding directly to Gateways DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass.

Departure Request 5:

Standard	Request	Proposed	Rationale	Applicable Design Guidelines
23.54.030.D.3 Parking Space Standards Driveway slope for all uses. No portion of a driveway, whether located on a lot or on a right-of- way, shall exceed a slope of 15 percent The Director may permit a driveway slope of more than 15 percent if it is found that: - The topography or other special characteristic of the lot makes a 15 percent maximum driveway slope infeasible; -The additional amount of slope permitted is the least amount necessary to accommodate the conditions of the lot; and -The driveway is still useable as access to the lot.	Allow for driveway slope of 17%	See A1/G-005A	Working against the slope of the alley, the inner most slope of a curved radius is at 17%. There is an entry width of 33'-0", 9'-0" larger than SMC standards, to allow for greater maneuverability. An alternative, code-compliant ramp would require a slope length longer than what is proposed, which would move the garage entry portal one bay to the north. This would cut off alley access for pedestrians from the office lobby and eliminate connection across the block to Block 25 East	CS2 C.3. Urban Pattern and Form; Full Block Sites; Relationship to the Block PL2 A.2. Street Level Interaction; Access Challenges PL3 A.1.a. Street Level Interaction; Office/Commercial Lobbies DC1 B.1. Project Uses and Activities; Vehicular Access and Circulation; Location and Design





Departure 1 (SMC 23.48.012.B.1):

Upper Level Setbacks in the SM 85/65-160 Zone

Required:

Departure 1A

LEVELS 4-5 BUILDING AREA IN

TOTAL FOR 2 FLOORS: 2,378 SF

Departure 1B
LEVELS 3-5 BUILDING AREA IN

LEVELS 2-5 VOLUNTARY SET BACK ALONG BOREN AVE:

30'-6" X 47'-0' = 1,433.5 SF

VOLUNTARY FOR 2 FLOORS:

ADDITIONAL SETBACK AREA:

AREA ENCROACHING IN SETBACK

Departure 1A

2,867 SF

2,410 SF

457 SF

SET BACK ALONG VALLEY ST: 12 SF TOTAL FOR 3 FLOORS: 32 SF

SET BACK ALONG BOREN AVE: 1,189 SF

1. Portions of a structure above 45 feet in height shall set back a minimum of 15 feet from street lot lines abutting Valley Street, Westlake Avenue North, Terry Avenue North, Boren Avenue North, and Fairview Avenue North

Departure 1A:

Request:

Allow for an encroachment into the required setback area above 45' as measured vertically from the street lot line parallel to Boren Avenue N.

Proposed:

Levels 4-5 encroaches 10'-5" into the 45 foot setback along Boren Ave N. for 118'. The approximate area requested for departure is 2,378 SF in plan.

Rational:

The building massing and facade is improved by maintaining three levels of office that together have a volume higher than 45' along Boren Avenue N. The scale of this massing is consistent with the proportions of the larger tower mass and contrasts the dominantly vertical-proportioned tower with a horizontally-proportioned counterpoint, creating a balanced massing that enhances the overall composition. This massing also shifts building mass from levels 1-2 to levels 4-5, providing greater ground level setbacks from 0-15 feet than the code requires, enhancing the opportunity for landscaping and pedestrian amenities.

Applicable Design Guidelines:

CS2 A.1: Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community.

CS2 A.2: Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge.

DC2 A: Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass.

DC2 B.1: Facade Composition.

Departure 1B:

Request:

Allow for an encroachment into the required setback area above 45' as measured vertically from the curb line parallel to Boren Avenue N.

Proposed:

Levels 3-5 encroaches 4'-10" into the 45 foot setback along Valley St. for 2'-4". The approximate area requested for departure is 12 SF in plan.

Rational:

The building massing and façade is imporoved by maintaining four levels of office that together have a volume higher than 45'-0" and encroaches on the 15'-0" setback on Valley St. The scale of the massing is consitant with the proportionsof the monitors from project 3020512, creating a ballenced massing that frames a view and gestures to South Lake Union. this massing also helps support the nieghborhood gateway at Fairview and Valley, while creating a corridor at Boren that opens to the lake increasing pedestrisan connection.

Applicable Design Guidelines:

CS2 A.1: Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community.

CS2 A.2: Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge.

DC2 A: Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass.

DC2 B.1: Facade Composition.



/ALLEY STREET

30'-7"

1 LEVEL 3-5 TYP

Departure 1B

VOLUNTARY SETBACK

(2) ELEVATION NORTH

DEPARTURE REQUEST #1A. 1B



Departure 1B

BOREN AVE

(3) ELEVATION WEST

PER 23.48.012.B.1

EXTENT OF UPPER

LEVEL SETBACK

Departure 1A

Departure 1B

VOLUNTARY SETBACK

118'-0"

VOLUNTARY SETBACK







Proposed: Boren Mid-Block



Proposed: Boren and Mercer



Compliant Scheme: Boren and Republican



Compliant Scheme: Boren Mid-Block



Compliant Scheme: Boren and Mercer





Design Departures

Departure 2 (SMC 23.48.014.A.2.b):

Minimum Facade Height in the SM 85/65-160 Zone

Required:

AREA SET BACK 45'-0"

2. A minimum facade height is required for the streetfacing facades of new structures, unless all portions of the structure are lower than required minimum facade height listed below.

b. On Class 2 Pedestrian Streets and Neighborhood Green Streets, as shown on Maps A and B for 23.48.014, the minimum height for street facing facades is 25 feet., Class 1 Pedestrian Streets have a minimum height of 45 feet.

Departure 2A:

Request:

Allow for portions of the façade along Boren Avenue N. to be setback from the street lot line at a dimension greater than 12'-0, and to allow for a minimum facade height of 16'-5"

Approximately 30'-1" linear feet of street level facade set back on Boren Ave.

Departure 2B:

Request:

Allow for portions of the façade along Valley St. to be setback from the street lot line at a dimension greater than 12'-0", And to allow for a facade height of 16'-5"

Proposed:

Approximately 22'-6" linear feet of street level façade set back on Valley St.

The building massing is improved by setting back portions of the façade more than 12 feet by creating an open space that emphasizes the relation of the open space to Lake Union Park. This massing also allows for a higher quality open space at the street level.

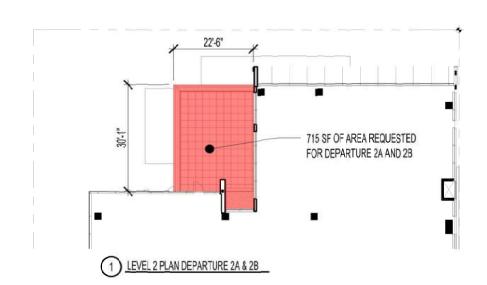
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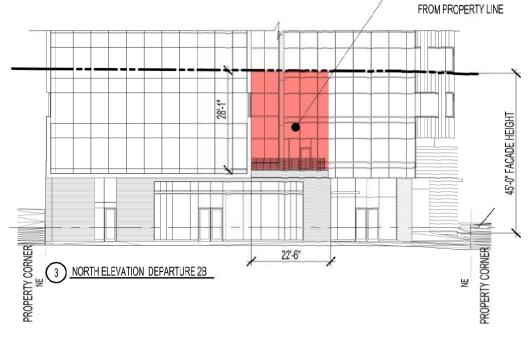
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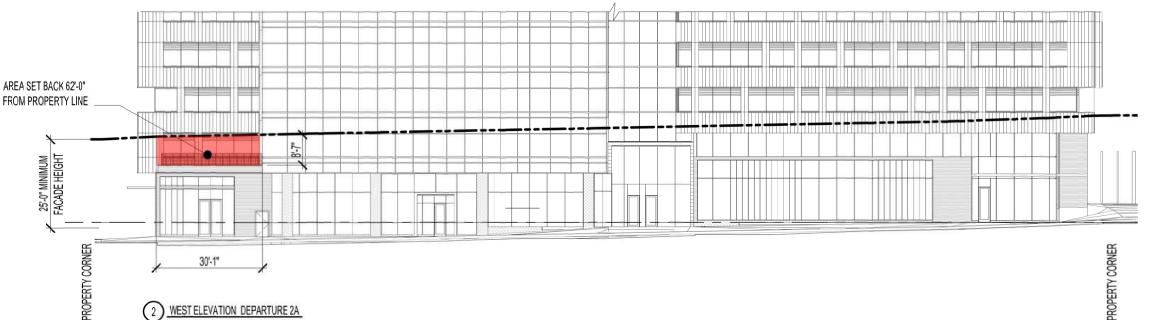
CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge.

DC2 A Massing, Response to site and Reduce Perceived Mass.

DC2 B.1. Facade Composition.









2 WEST ELEVATION DEPARTURE 2A





Design Departures

Departure 3 (SMC 23.48.010.H):

Structure Height

Required:

The combined total rooftop coverage may be increased to 65% of the roof area provided that: a. All mechanical equipment is screened and b. No rooftop features are located closer than 10 feet of the roof edge.

Request:

Allow for an encroachment into the required 10' rooftop setback area.

Proposed:

Amenity level canopy align with the North and West facade of the tower.

Rational:

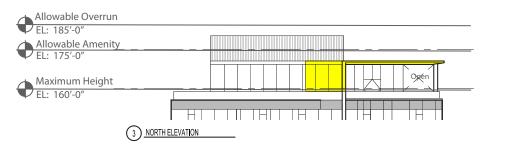
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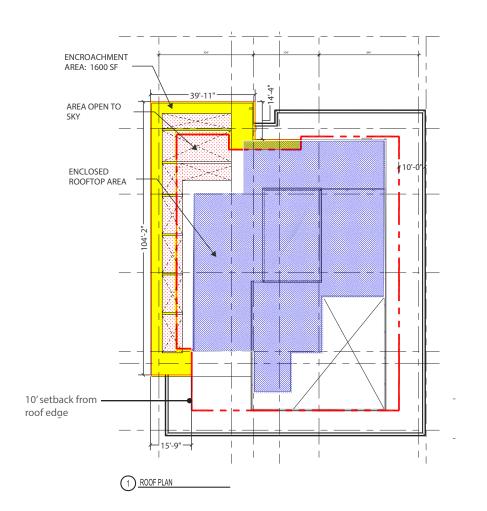
Applicable Design Guidelines:

CS2 A.2: Architectural Presence DC2 A.2: Massing, Reduce Perceived Mass DC2 B.1: Facade Composition









*See Street Perspectives on page 22-23



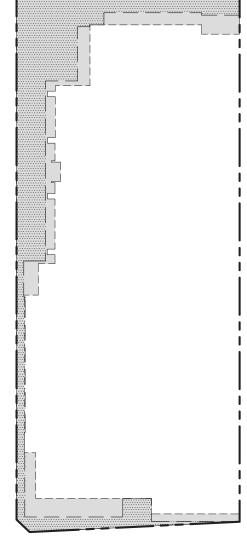
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TABLE 1 - TOTAL OPEN SPACE			
OPEN AREA	REQUIRED	PROVIDED	
20% OF SITE AREA (34,252 SF)	6,850 SF	7,442 SF (SURPLUS OF 592 SF)	
60% OF OPEN AREA: REQUIRED TO MEET SMC 23.48.014F.1 AS USABLE OPEN SPACE	4,110 SF	SEE TABLE 2, 3	

TABLE 2			
PROPOSED OPEN SPACE MEETING STANDARDS A,B, & D	60% OF REQUIRED OPEN AREA	PROVIDED	
AREA MEETING REQUIREMENTS: SMC 23.48.014.F.1 A,B,D	4,110 SF	5,201 SF (SURPLUS OF 2,503 SF)	

TABLE 3				
PROPOSED OPEN SPACE MEETING STANDARDS A,B,C,& D	REQUIRED 60% OF OPEN AREA	PROVIDED		
AREA NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS: SMC 23.48.014.F.1 A,B,C,D	4,110 SF	3,482 SF (DEFICIT OF 628 SF)		
DEPARTURE #4				
AREA OF DEPA	RTURE REQU	EST		





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Departure 4 (SMC 23.48.014.F.1):

Street Level Development Standards

Required:

- F. Required open area in the SM 85/65-160 zone
 - 1. A minimum of 60 percent of the required open area shall be provided as usable open space that meets the following conditions:
 - a.) The usable open space is open from the ground to the sky and is visible and accessible to pedestrians from an abutting street, including persons with disabilities;
 - b.) The open space is substantially at streetlevel, although portions are permitted to be within 4 feet of street level, provided that grade changes are gradual and do not significantly disrupt the continuity of the space, and no part of the open space is significantly above or below the grade of the nearest abutting street;
 - c.) The open space has a minimum horizontal dimension of 15 feet; and
 - d.) The open space enhances visual and physical pedestrian connections between SLU Park and development on the lot, and is accessible to the public, free of charge, during the hours of operation of SLU Park.

Request:

• To allow for a 9% reduction of the required open area.

Proposed:

- To provide 3,482 SF of the required 4,110 SF that meets items a,b,c, and d.
- Leaving a deficit of 628 sf.

Rationale:

Enhancing the pedestrian connection from Mercer to Valley St. is achieved more successfully by concentrating the open space at the north end of the block in a plaza adjacent to the intersection of Boren Ave. N. and Valley St., and the adjacent active retail use. The remaining open space is more linear in proportion and functions as an enhancement of the right-ofway, emphasizing pedestrian routes to the larger northern open space and connection to the lake and SLU Park beyond. Increasing all of the open space to a minimum horizontal dimension of 15' would result in a smaller open space on the north end of the site and an elimination of some open space adjacent to Boren Ave. N., decreasing its effectiveness as a landscaped boulevard.

Applicable Design Guidelines:

CS2 A.1. Sense Of Place, creates gateway to community.

CS2 A.2. Architectural Presence, the first three floors contribute to the street edge.

Departure 5 (SMC 23.54.030.D.3):

Parking Space Standards

Required:

Driveway slope for all uses. No portion of a driveway, whether located on a lot or on a right-of- way, shall exceed a slope of 15 percent..The Director may permit a driveway slope of more than 15 percent if it is found that:

- The topography or other special characteristic of the lot makes a 15 percent maximum driveway slope infeasible;
- The additional amount of slope permitted is the least amount necessary to accommodate the conditions of the lot; and
- The driveway is still useable as access to the lot.

Request:

Allow for driveway slope of 17%

Proposed:

See accompanying plan drawing

Rational:

Working against the slope of the alley, the inner most slope of a curved radius is at 17%. There is an entry width of 33'-0", 9'-0" larger than SMC standards, to allow for greater maneuverability

An alternative, code-compliant ramp would require a slope length longer than what is proposed, which would move the garage entry portal one bay to the north. This would cut off alley access for pedestrians from the office lobby and eliminate connection across the block to Block 25 East

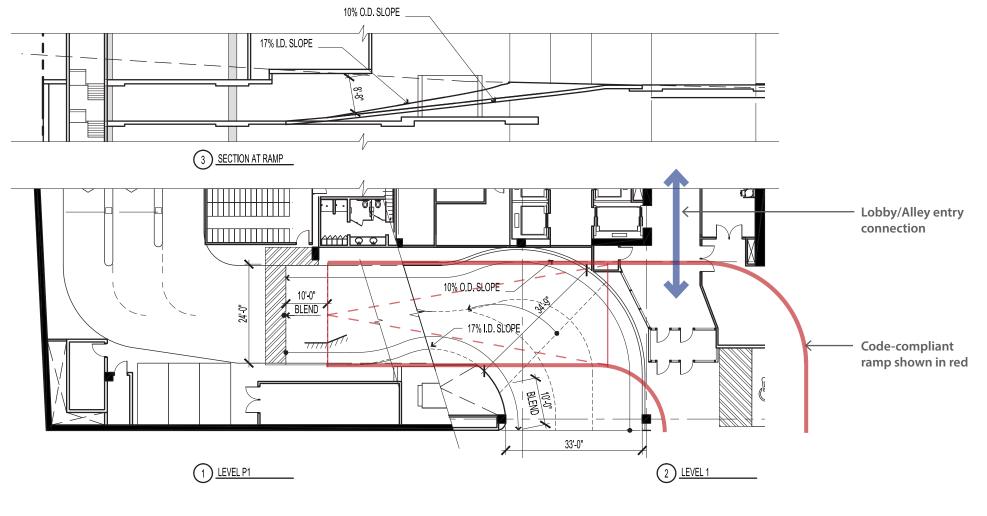
Applicable Design Guidelines:

CS2 C.3. Urban Pattern and Form; Full Block Sites; Relationship to the Block

PL2 A.2. Street Level Interaction; Access Challenges

PL3 A.1.a. Street Level Interaction; Office/Commercial Lobbies

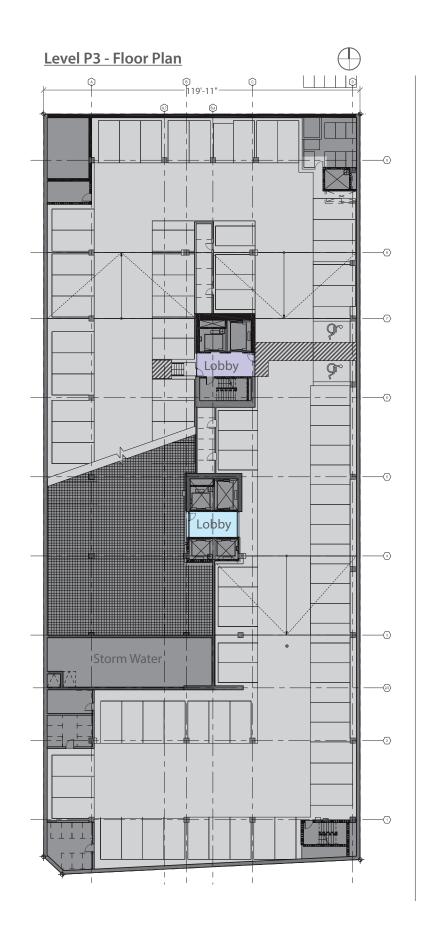
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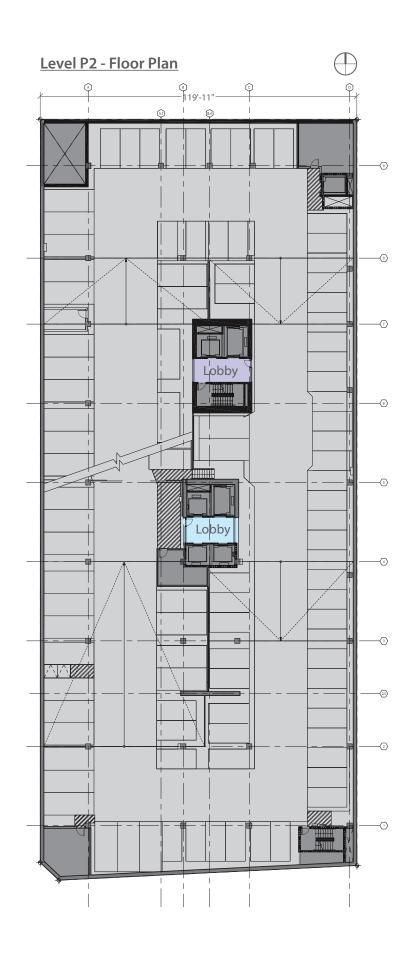














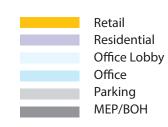




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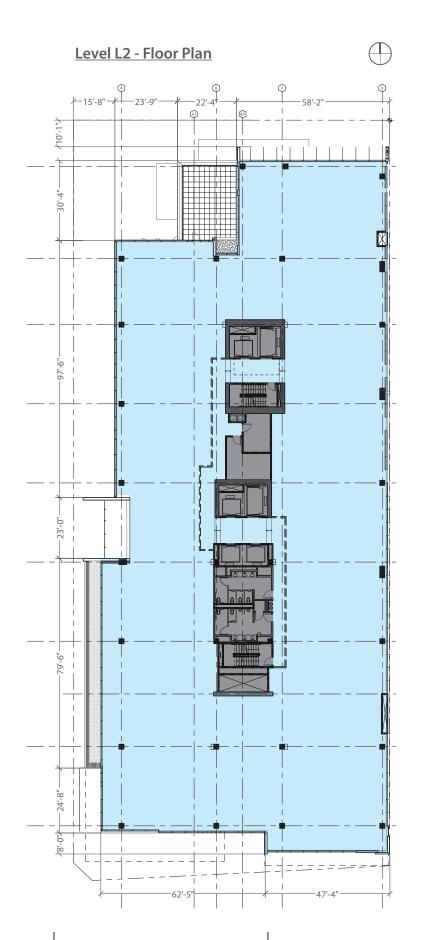


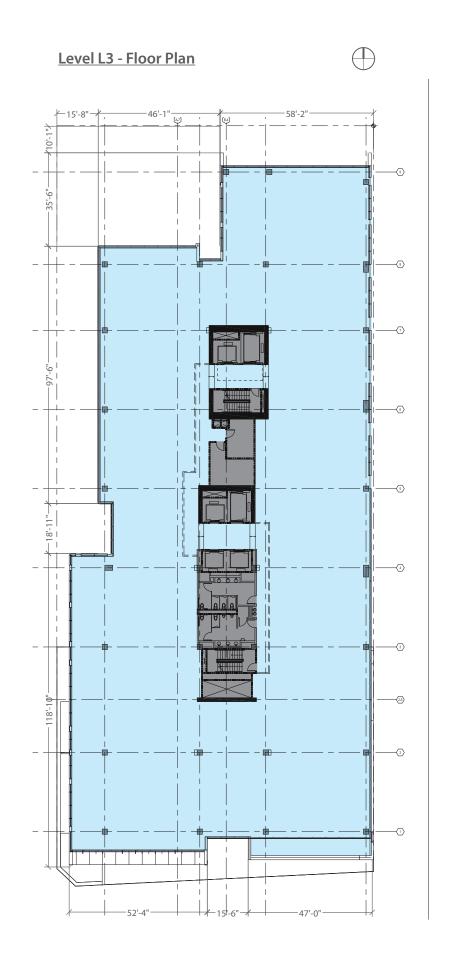








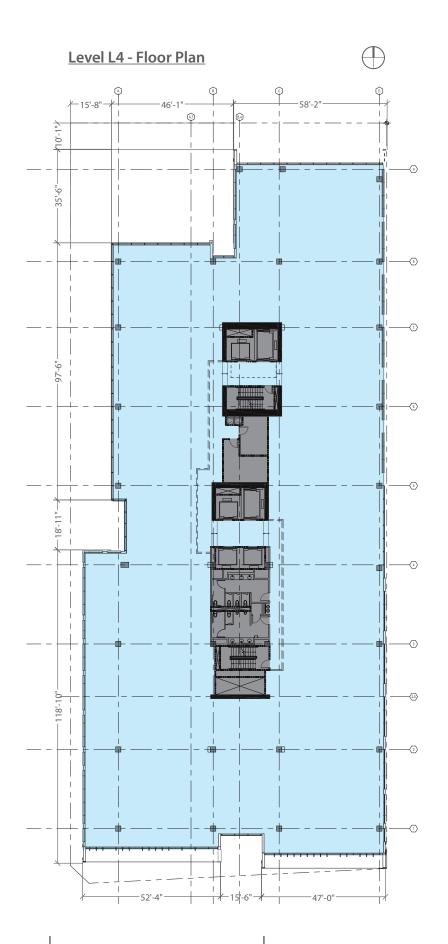


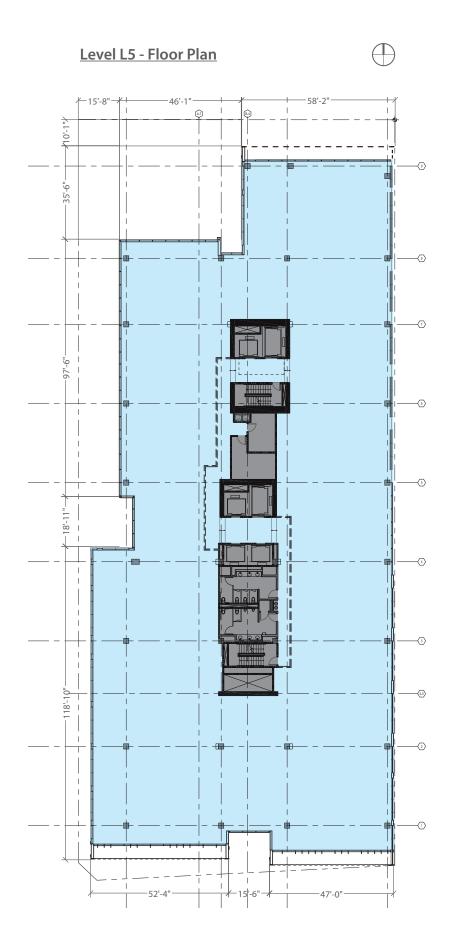








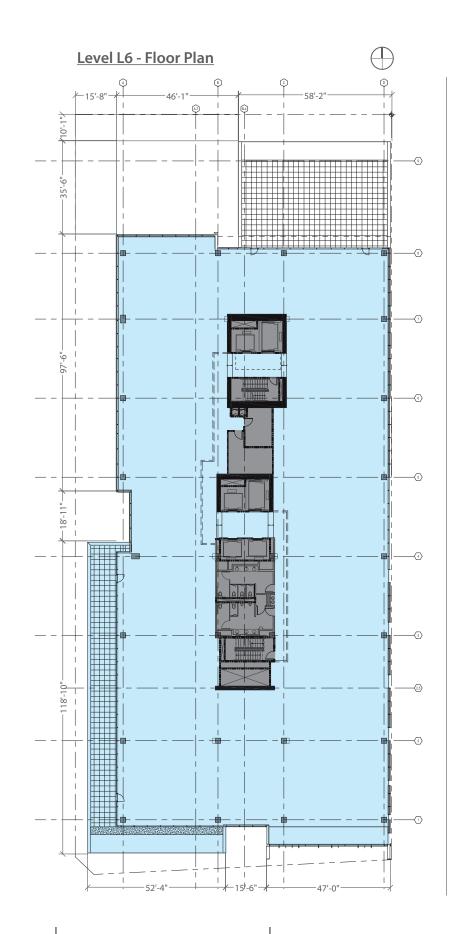


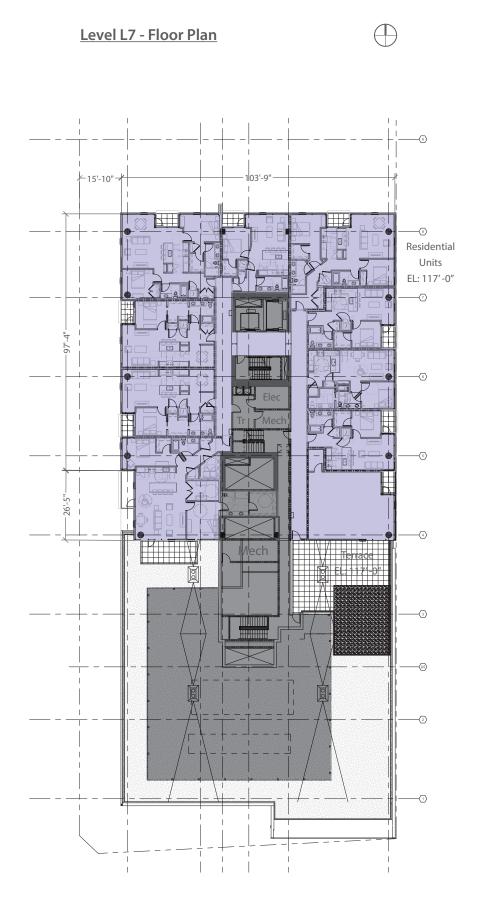


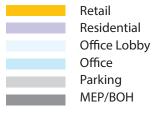










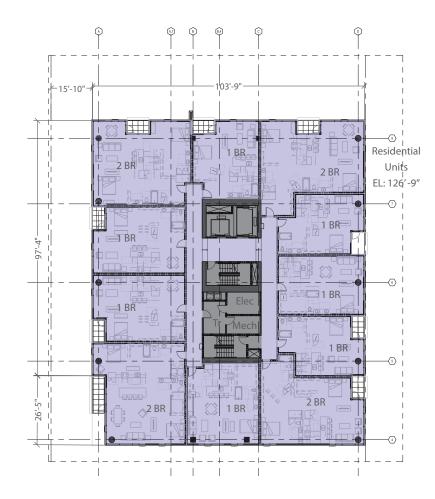






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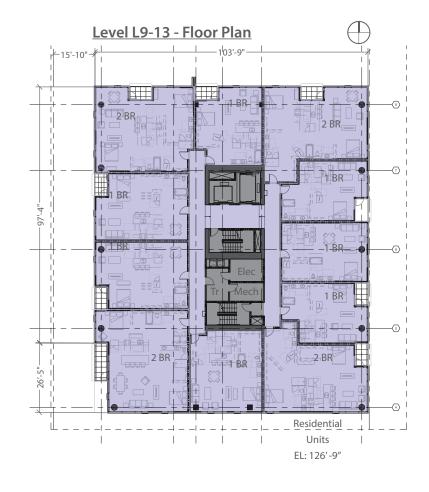


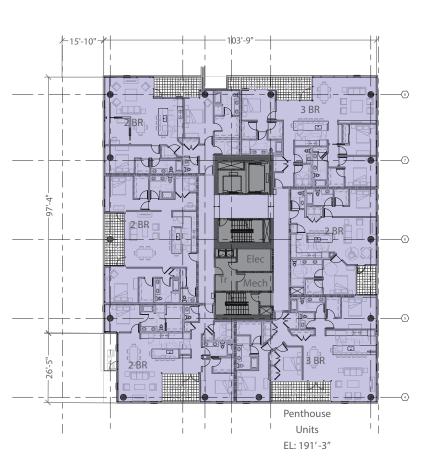


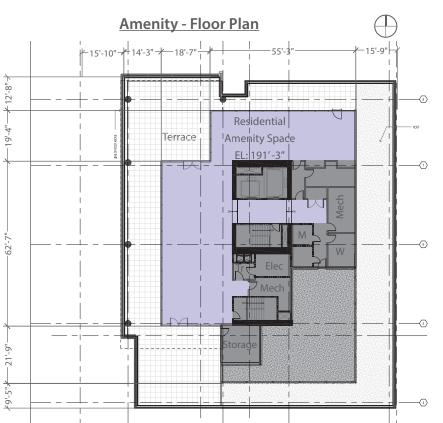


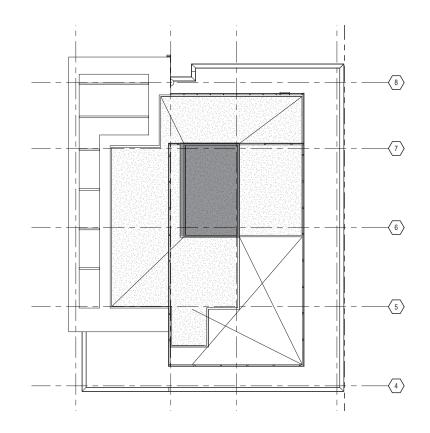
















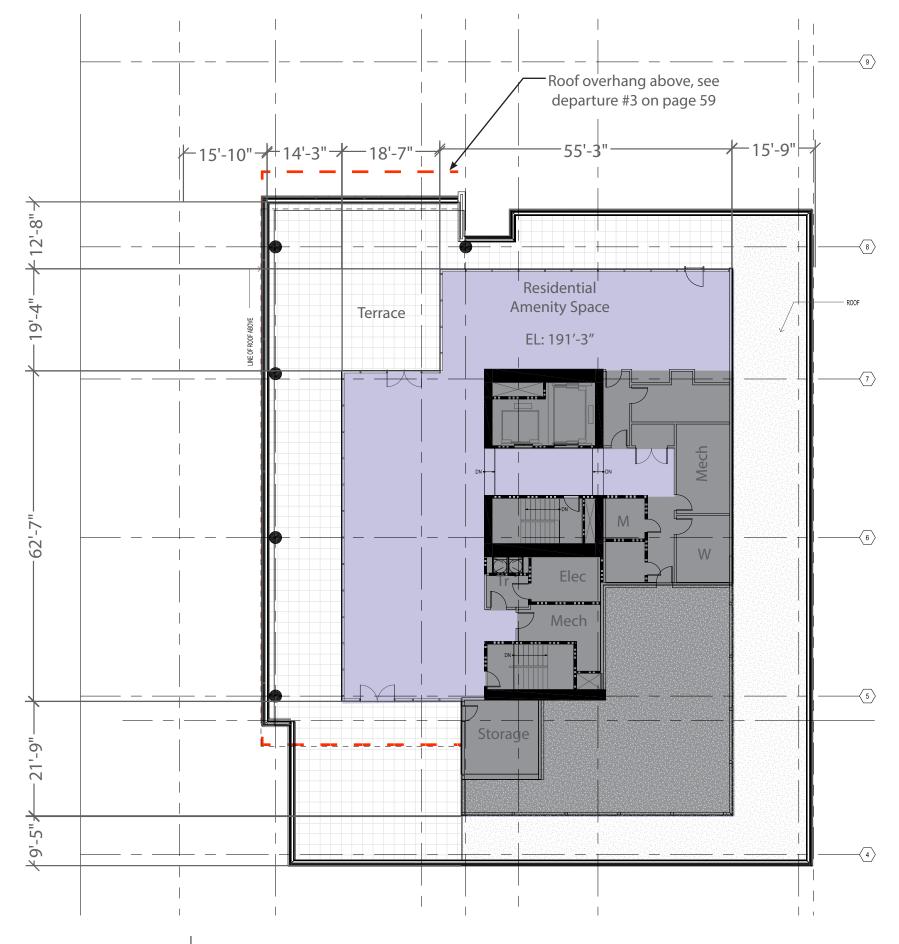








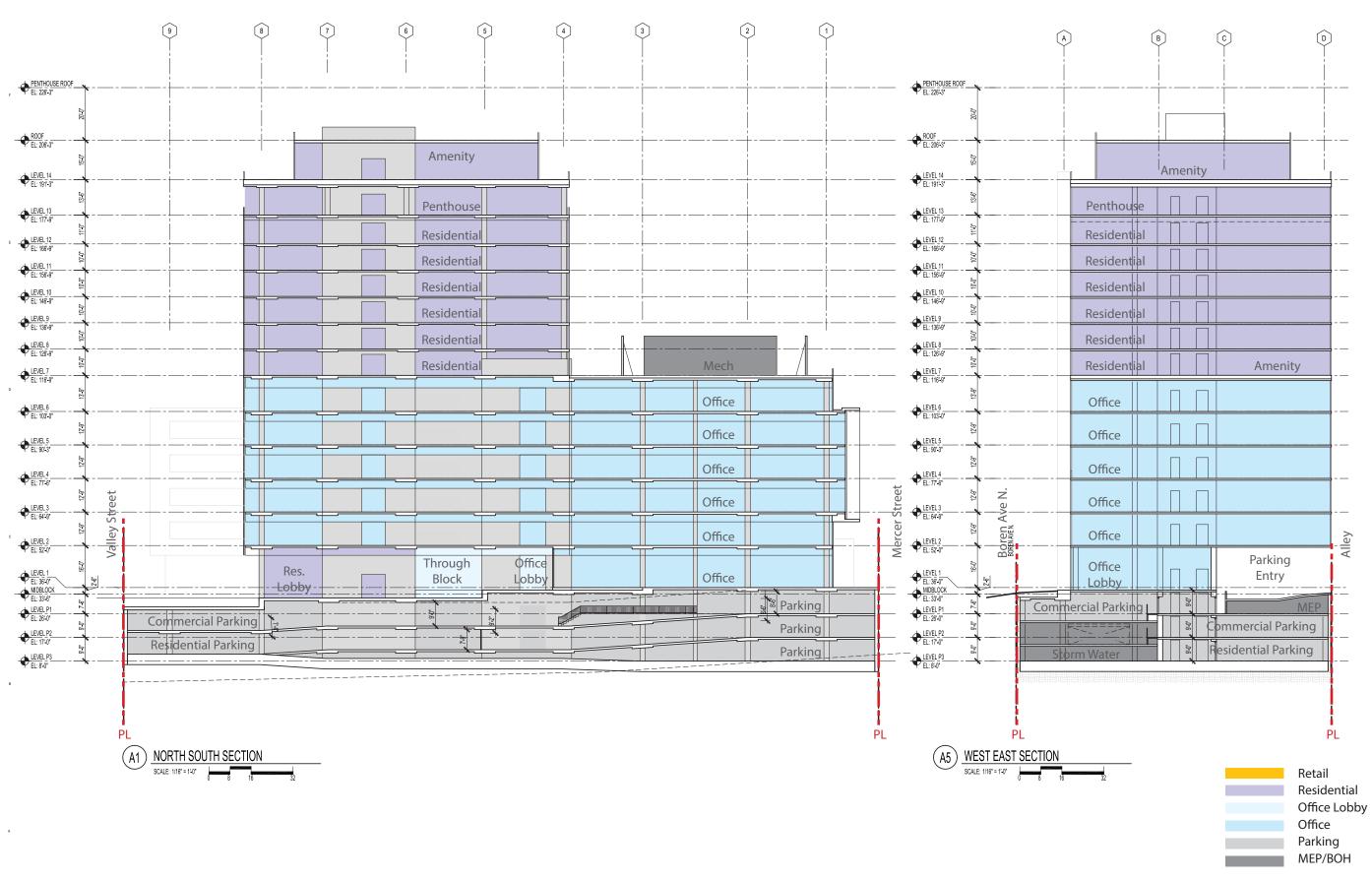
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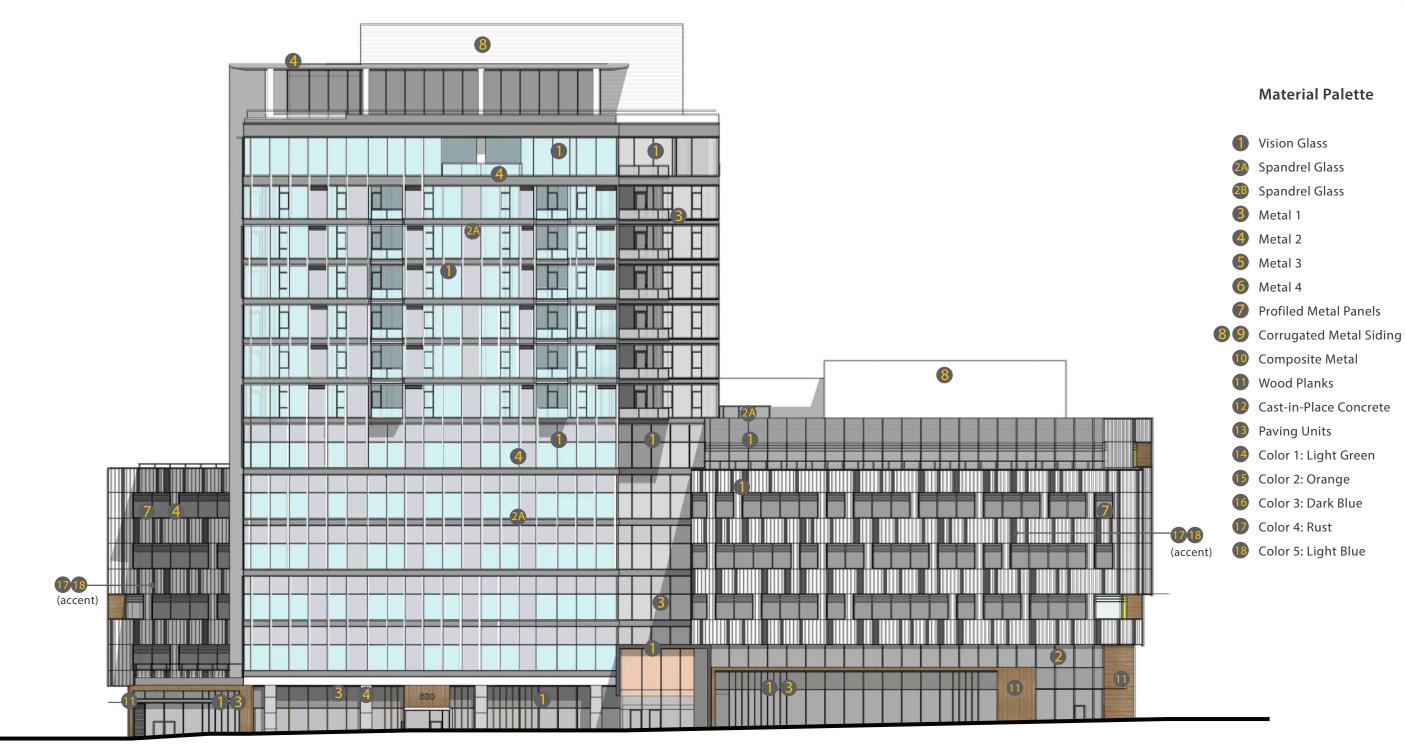












Boren Avenue Elevation



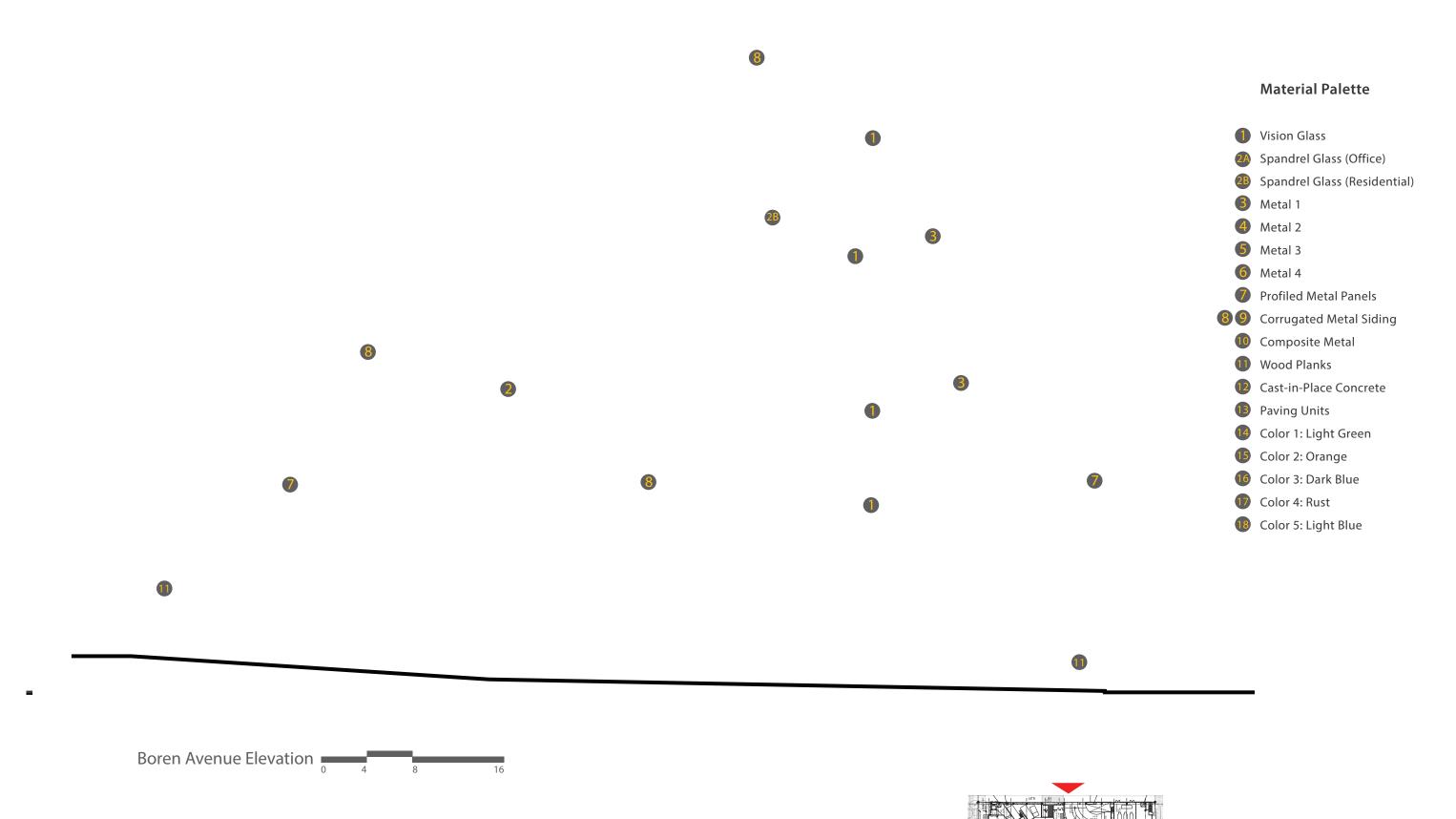






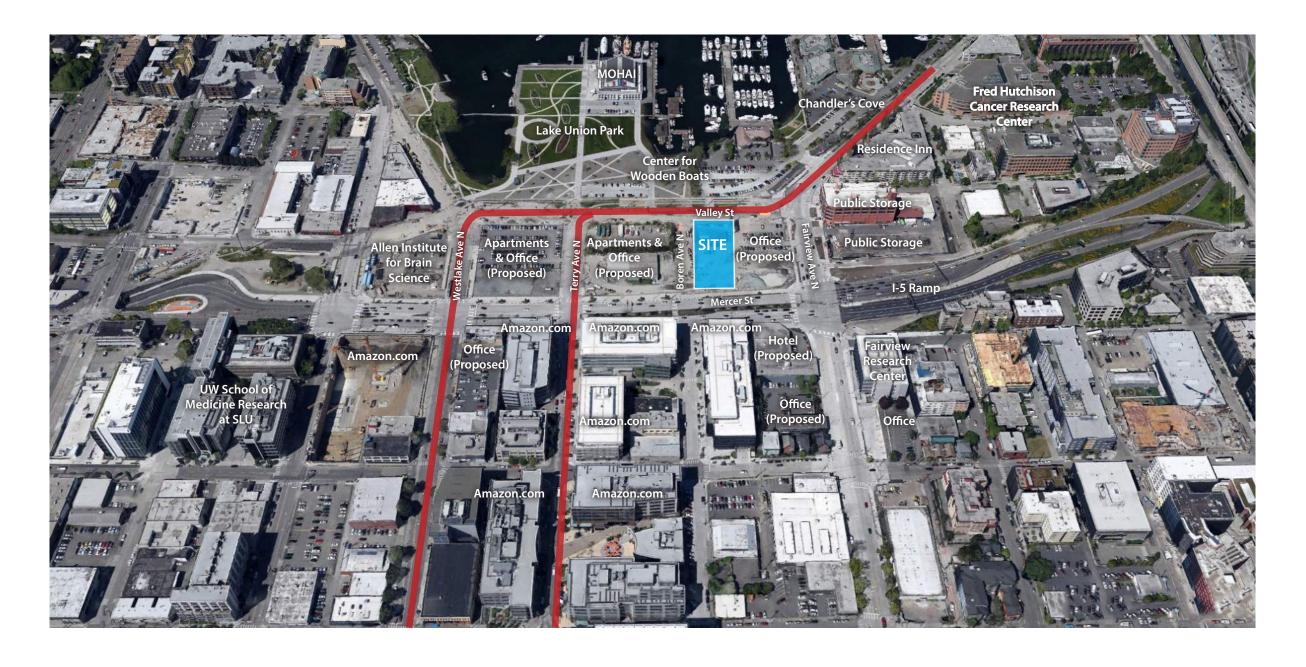








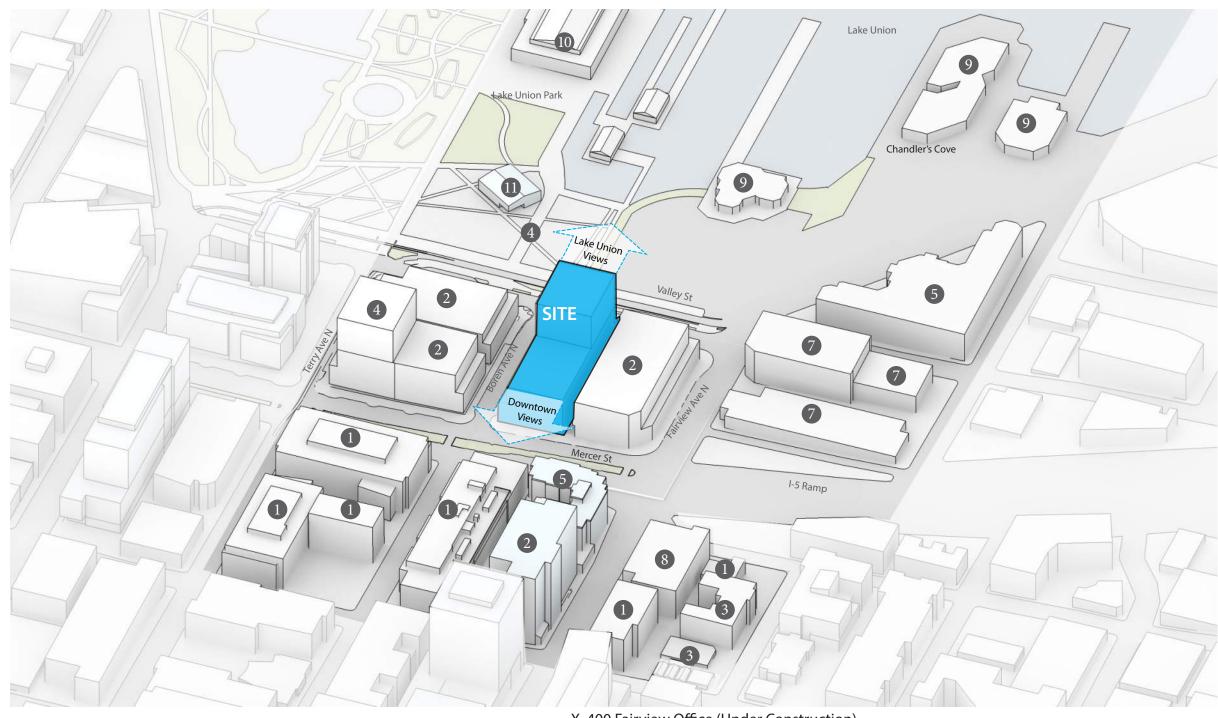












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- 2 Office (Proposed)
- 3 Residential
- 4 Residential (Proposed)
- 5 Hotel
- 6 Hotel (Proposed)
- 7 Storage
- Research
- Restaurant
- 10 Museum/Cultural
- Museum/Cultural (Proposed)

X. 400 Fairview Office (Under Construction)









A. Mercer Block 25 East: 3020512



B. Mercer Block 31: 3022087



C. Mercer Block 37: 3017401



D. 527 Fairview Hotel (Proposed) 3016993



E. Block 38 Office (Proposed)



L. 700 Fairview Storage (Historic Landmark)



H. 501 Fairview Office (Proposed)



G. Fairview Research Center



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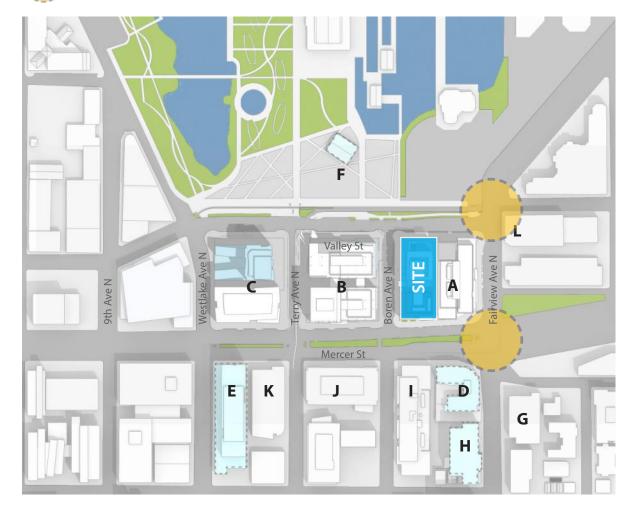
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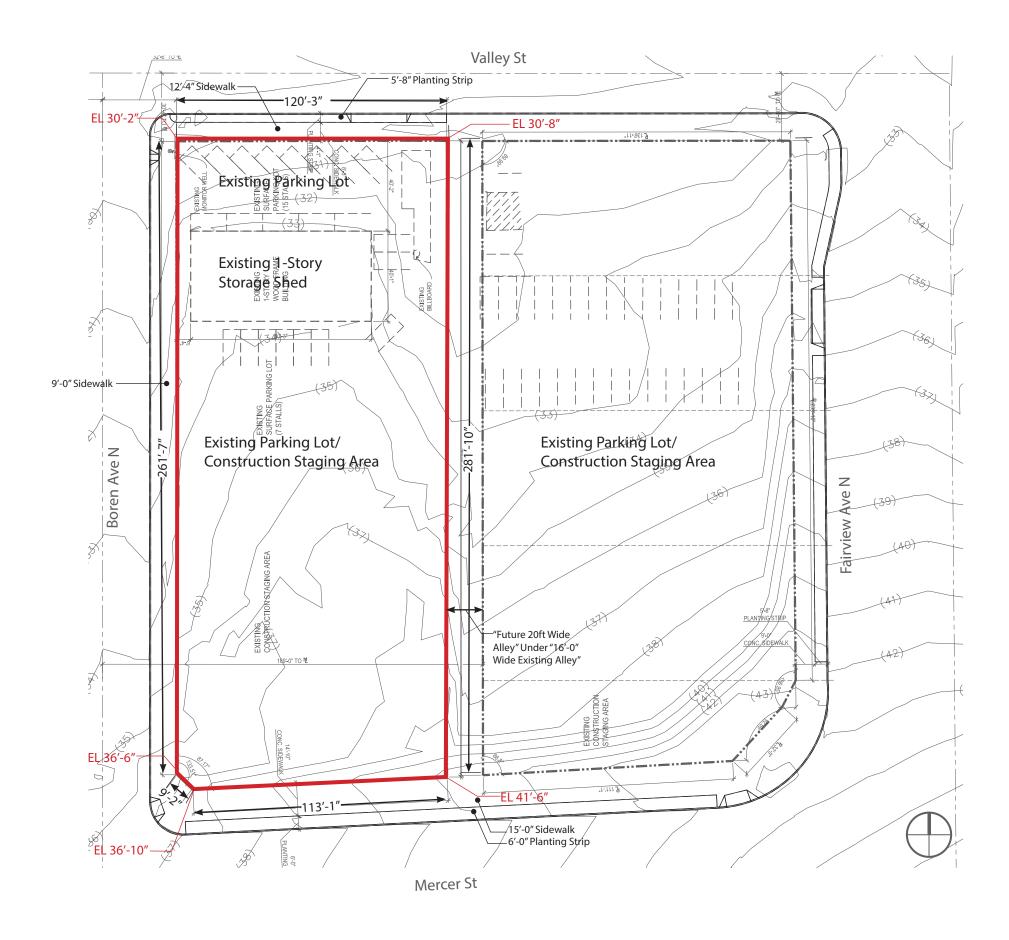






Neighborhood Gateway









Site Area:

34,289 square feet with approximately 288 FT of frontage on Boren Avenue N, 120 FT of frontage on Mercer Street, and 120 FT of frontage on Valley Street.

Topography:

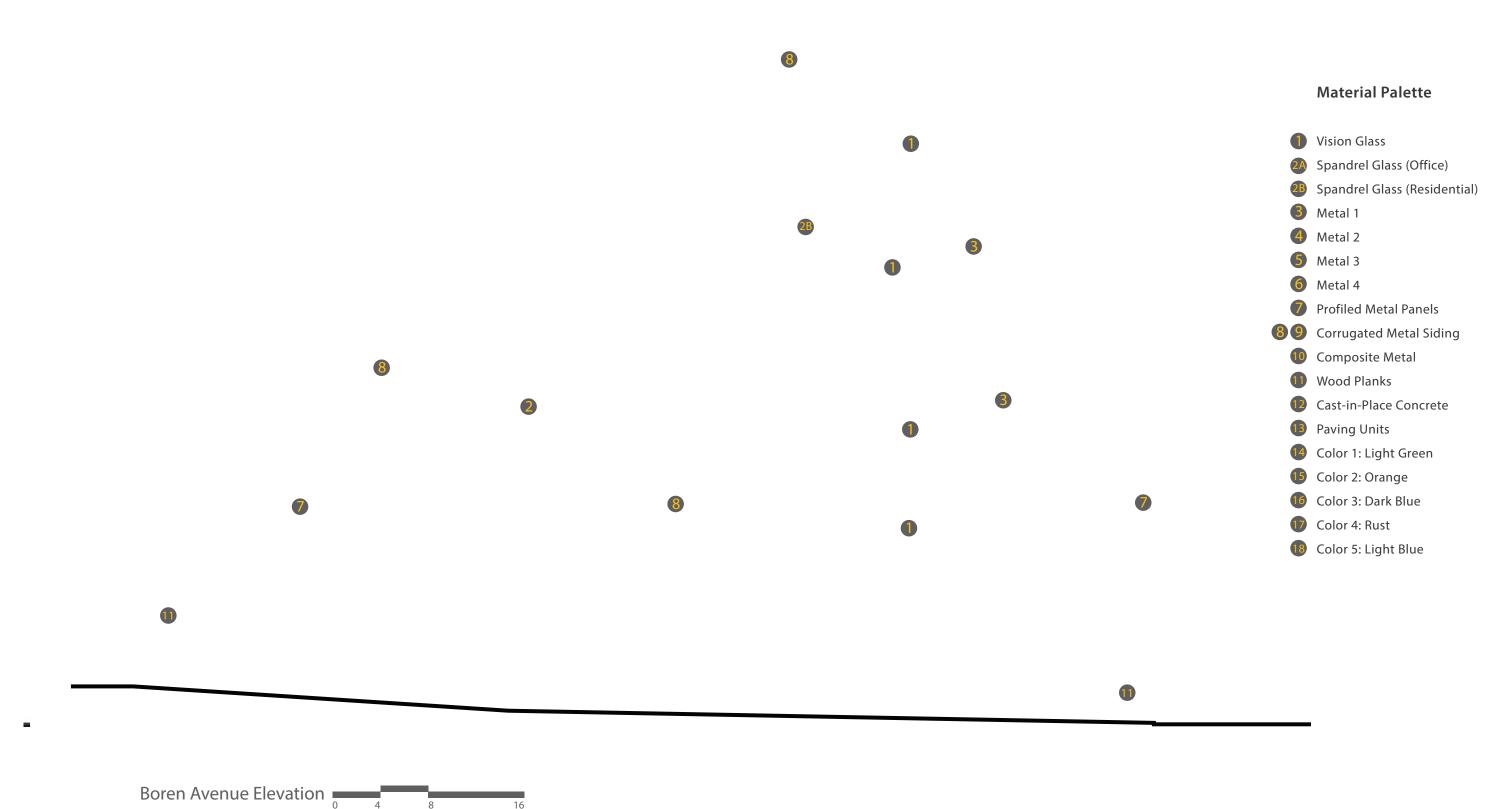
The site slopes from elevation $\sim 41'-0''$ in the southeast corner down to $\sim 30'0''$ in the northwest corner.

Tree Survey:

There are no significant trees on the site. Trees are located within the sidewalk Rightof-way.

Existing Buildings:

There is one existing building on site, a construction staging area and existing parking occupy the site.







Project Goals

characters of open spaces
 Connect to and enhance existing neighborhood pedestrian, vehicular, transit and cycling circulation patterns

Create a rich, diverse pedestrian environment with a variety of scales, active uses and

Create a gateway between the South Lake Union neighborhood and the lake front

Respond and contribute to the established urban density pattern in a thoughtful manner

 Create flexible, active open space and ground floor commercial tenant opportunities that add vitality to the project site as well as surrounding community

Locate all parking and building services at the alley or below grade

• Maximize development potential

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Republican St

Harrison St

Thomas St

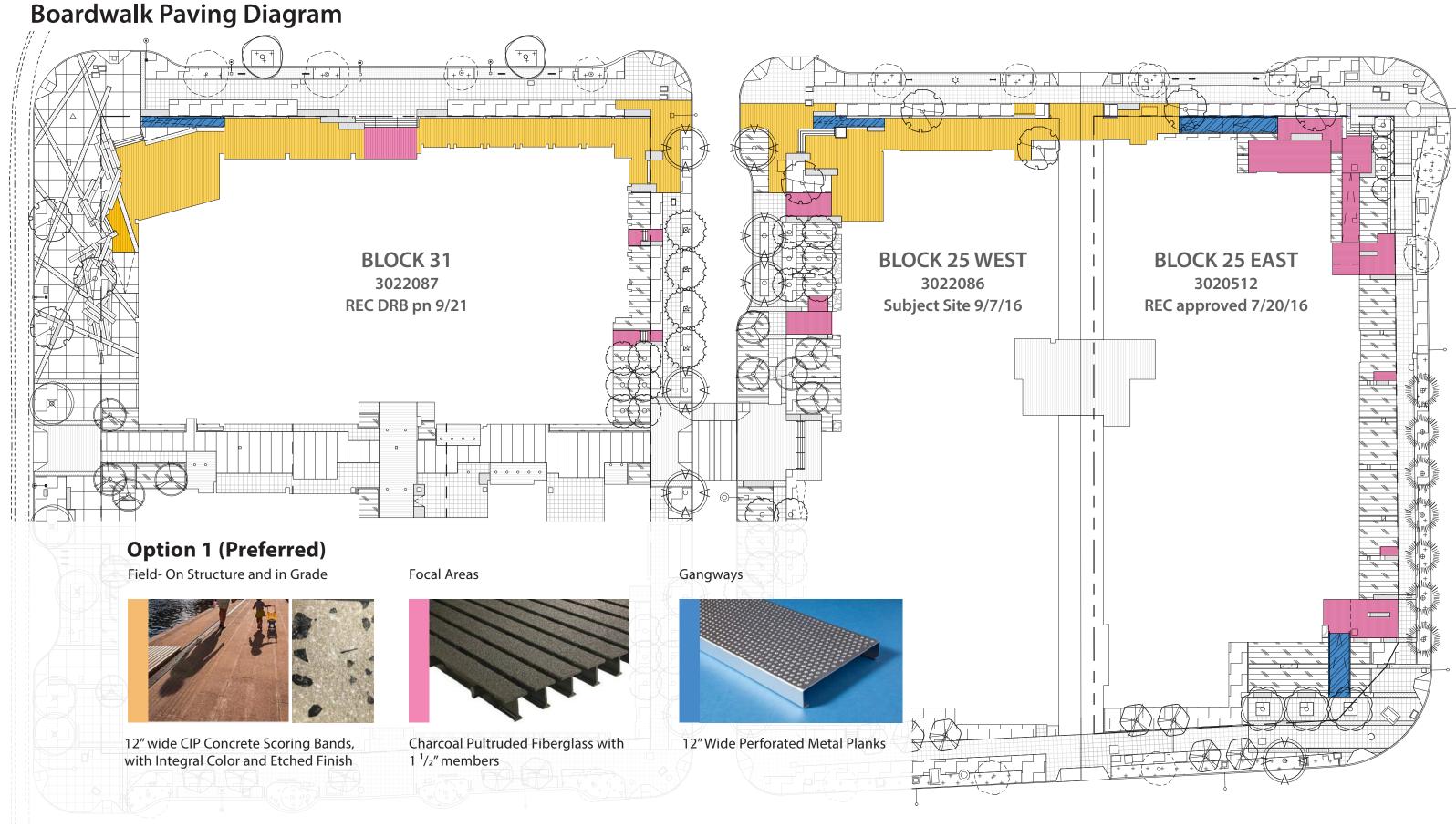
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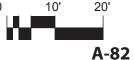


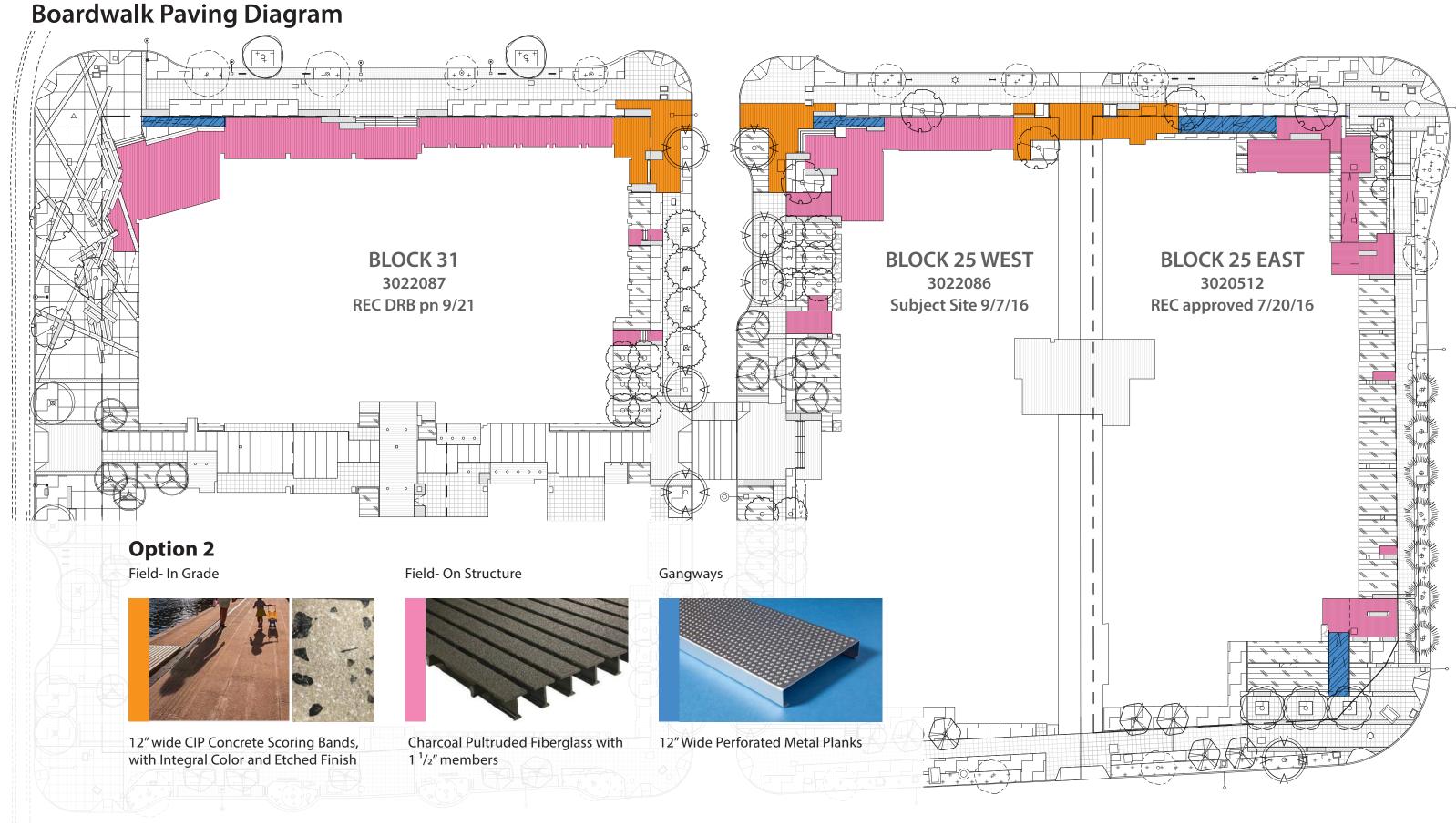






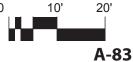


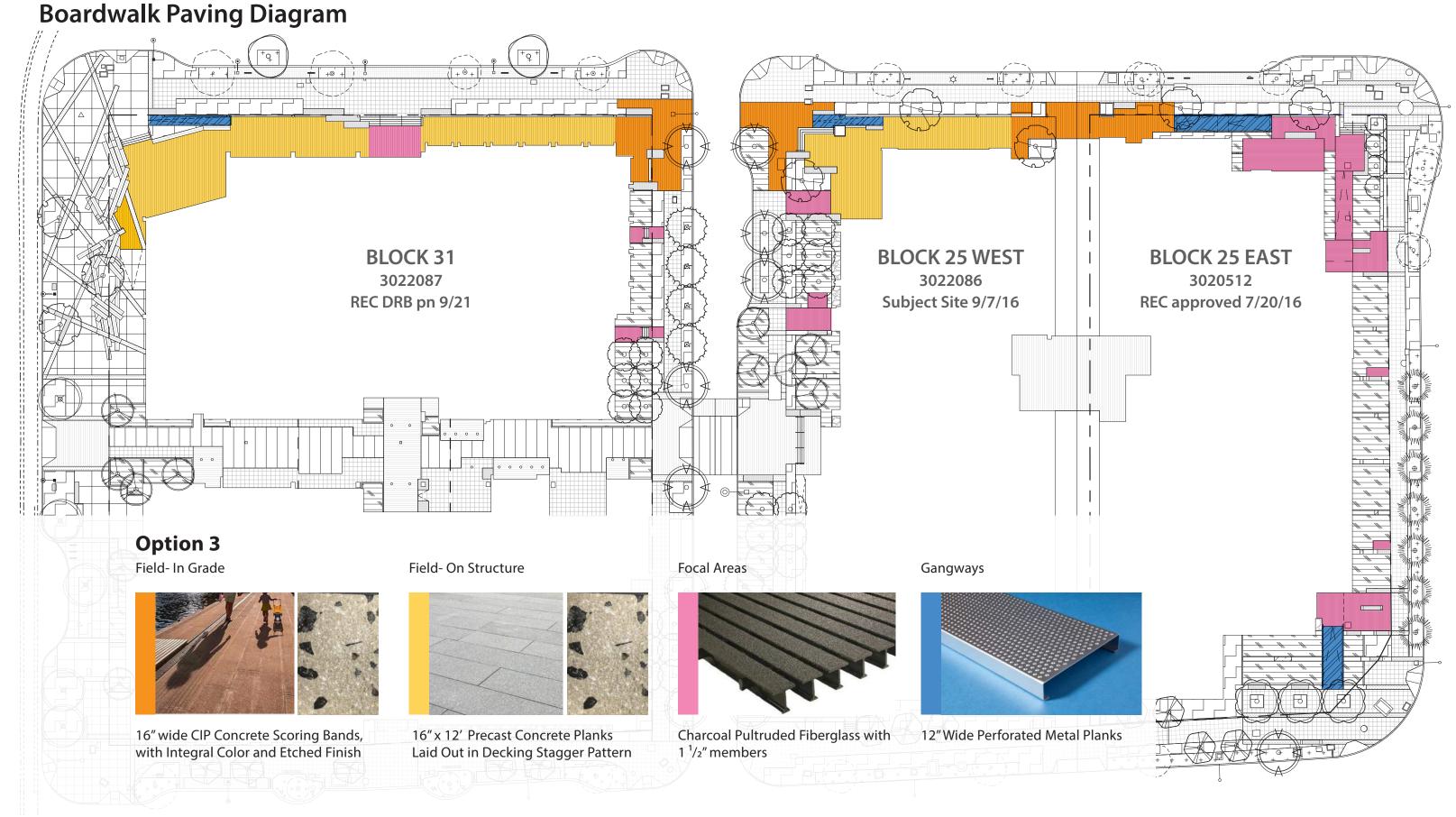








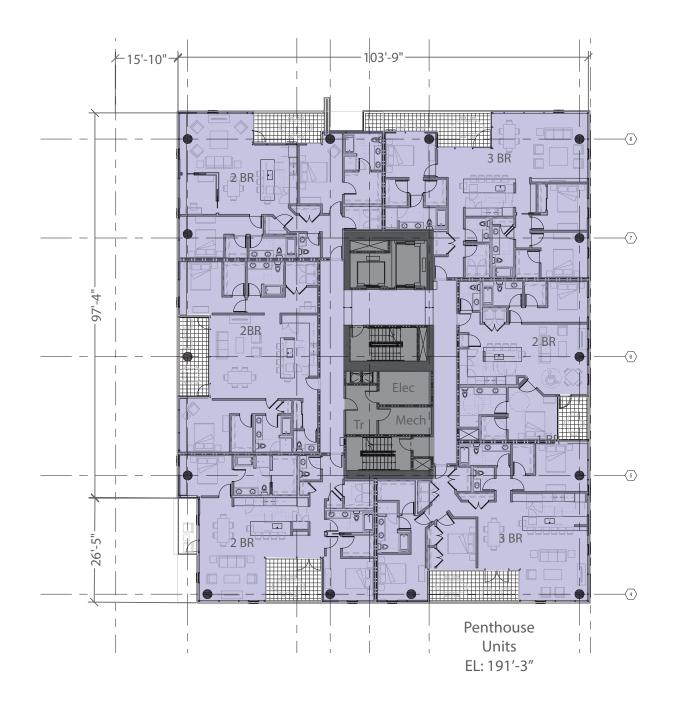














LEVEL 13 PLAN TOWER VIEW FROM WEST









ALTERNATE LEVEL 13 PLAN TOWER VIEW FROM WEST



