

EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGN REVIEW 3034176-EG - 4720 38TH AVE S PARCEL A

PROJECT INFO

DCI # 3034176-EG 4730 38th Ave S Seattle, WA 98118

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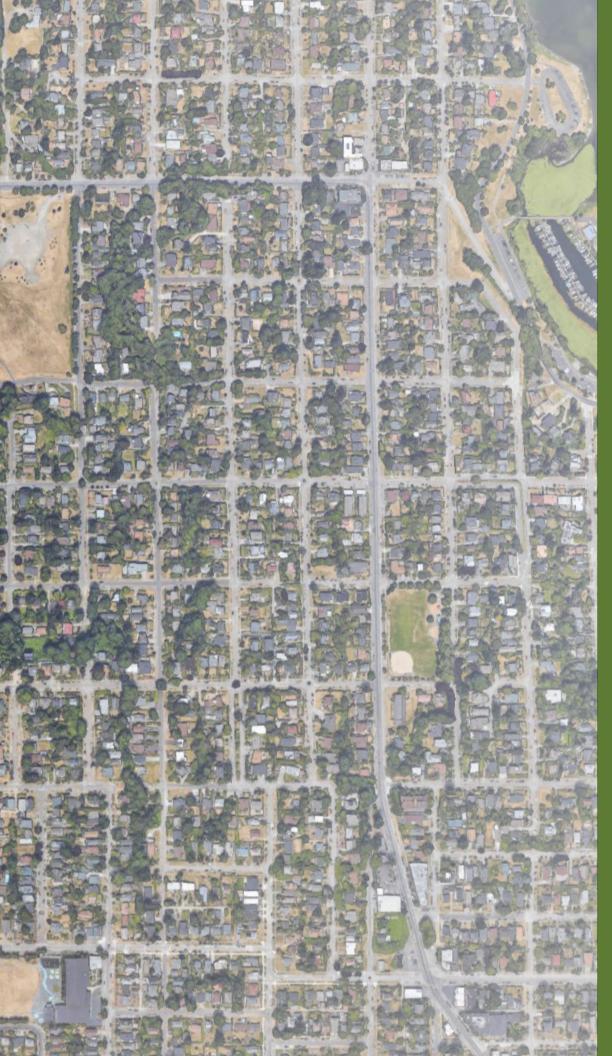
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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

We propose the construction of 12 new townhomes (6 per LR3 lot) with 13 total parking spaces. The units are intended to be for sale at market-rate. An LBA will be used to rotate the existing east/west lot line to a north/south orientation, splitting the total area of the combined LR3 lots evenly. An additional duplex will also be constructed on the adjacent RSL lot, but is not subject to design review.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

The project as a whole will be built to a target of 5 Star BuiltGreen, with each unit being built solar-ready and the buildings will be insulated and air-sealed beyond energy code requirements. Sustainable materials will be used in the construction, such as FSC certified lumber, reclaimed wood, bamboo flooring, and low-to-no VOC interior finishes. Electric car charging stations will be provided on site, providing an incentive to use electric transportation. Drought tolerate and low maintenance plantings help reduce water usage while providing natural beauty to the owners and the public.

PROPOSED PROJECT PROGRAM

WEST LOT (3034176-EG) - 4720 38TH AVE S PARCEL A

Lot Area 5,546 sf
Allowable FAR 12,756 sf
Number of Units 6
Number of Parking Stalls 5

Unit type For Sale - Market Rate

EAst lot (3034085-EG) - 4730 38th Ave S parcel B

Lot Area 5,506 sf
Allowable FAR 12,664 sf
Number of Units 6
Number of Parking Stalls 7

Unit type For Sale - Market Rate

RSL LOT (NO DESIGN REVIEW)

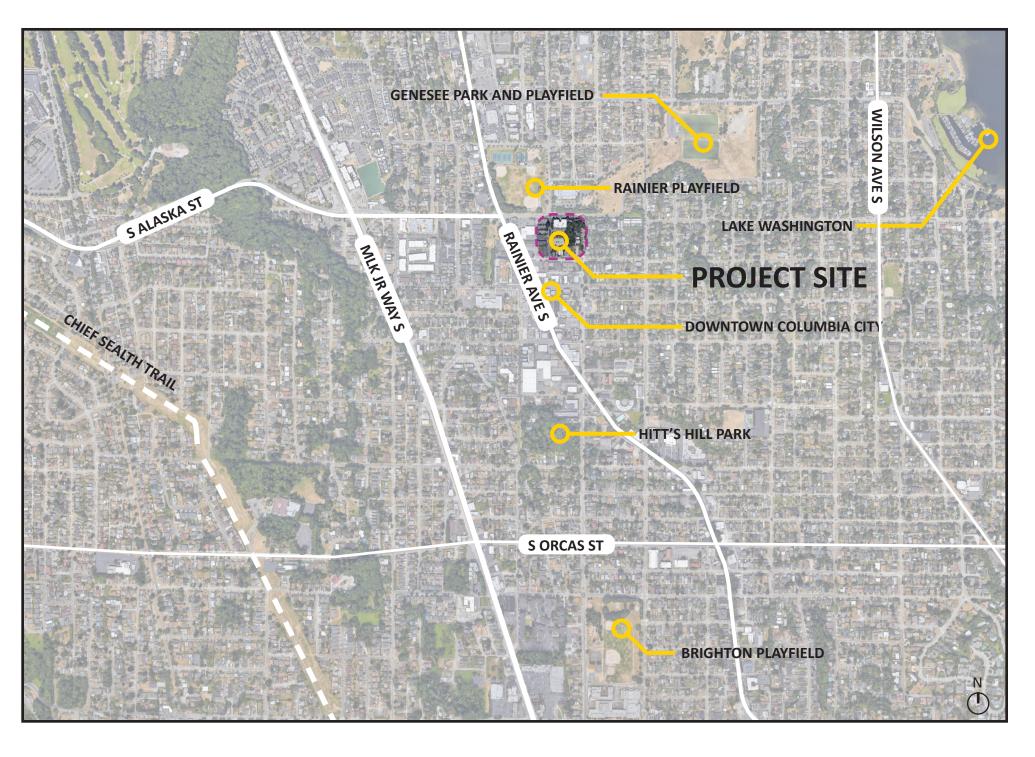
Lot Area3,900 sfAllowable FAR2,925 sfNumber of Units2Number of Parking Stalls0

Unit type For Sale - Market Rate

TOTAL FOR ALL LOTS

Number of Units 14 Number of Parking Stalls 11



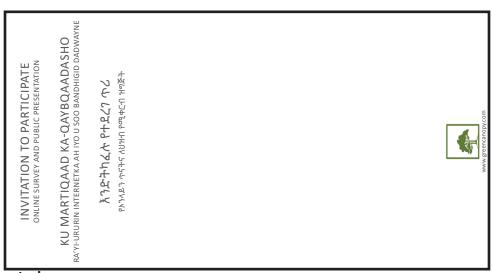


SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMENTS

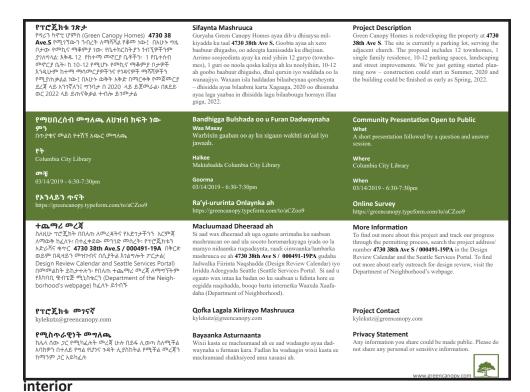
Printed Outreach Mailer

A tri-fold mailer, translated into Somali and Amharic, was mailed out to all businesses and residences with a 600ft radius of the project site on 02/06/19.

Tri-fold Mailer Translated into Somali and Amharic



exterior



ONLINE SURVEY

An online survey was produced in English, Somali and Amharic based on the City of Seattle guidelines for designing a survey for Early Community Outreach for Design Review. The survey was made available 02/04/2019-03/18/2019.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held on 03/14/2019 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Columbia City Library. The meeting included a presentation of the proposed project and a question and answer session, though there were no attendees.

Summary of Comments

The two online survey respondents were concerned with affordability, parking and the street presence of the building. Street presence includes overall height, security in terms of inter/exterior visibility, materials and landscaping.

Response to Comments

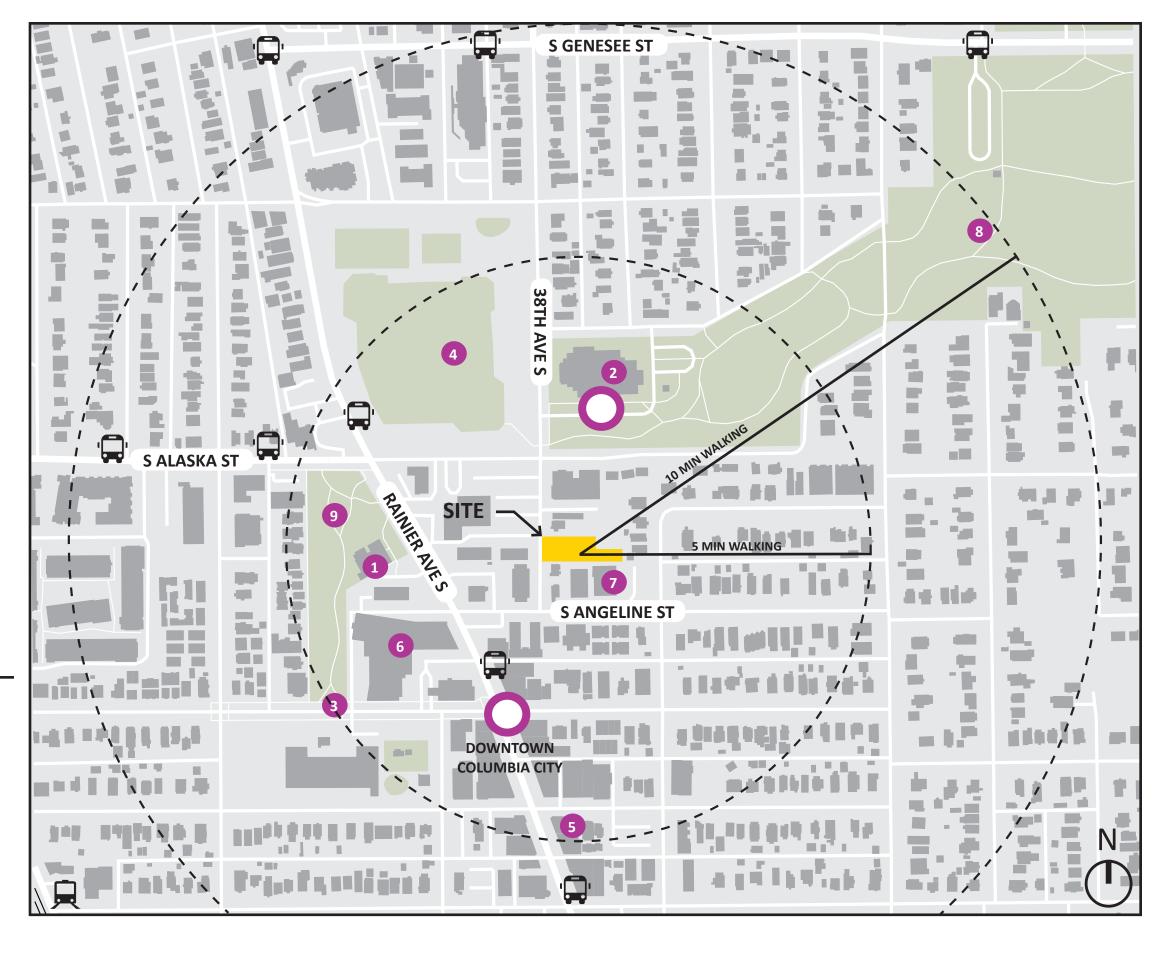
Through the requested departures, we aim to reduce the overall height of the street facing buildings to 3 stories with a penthouse set back from the street facade. We also aim to reduce parking visible from the street.



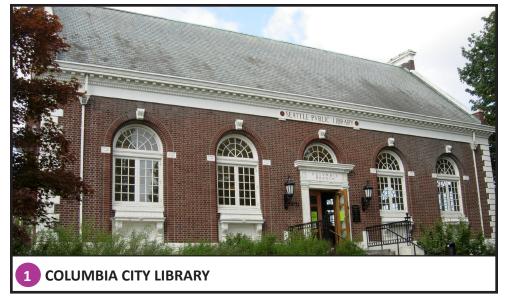
VICINITY MAP

SITE LINK LIGHT RAIL LINK LIGHT RAIL STOP BUS STOP POINT OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY NODE























NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

The surrounding neighborhood consists of a mix of existing older single family homes, a mix of old and new apartment buildings, and some commercial spaces. The immediate neighborhood is a transition from a single family zone to a commercial/mixed-use zone. Street parking is prevalent.

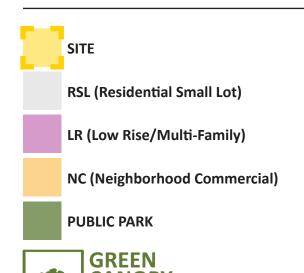
CONTEXT ANALYSIS

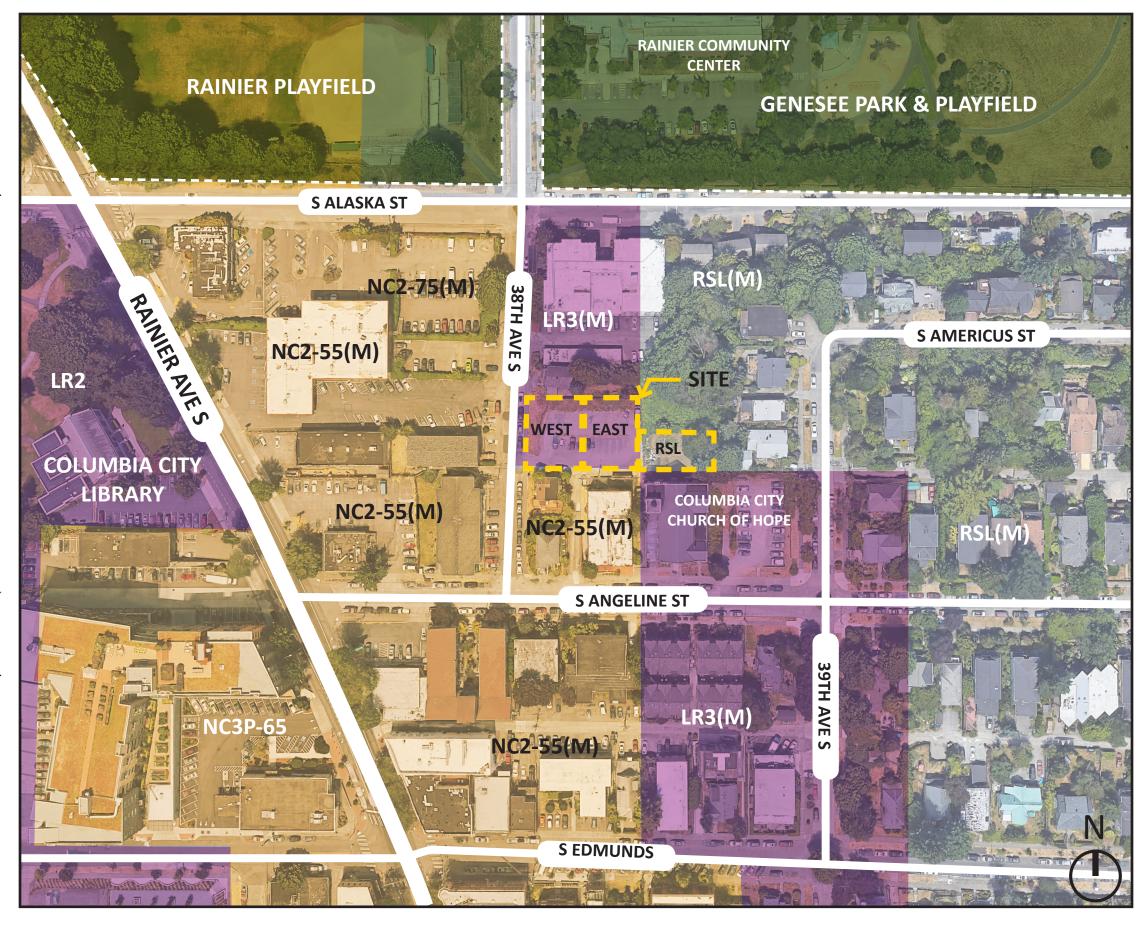
The area in which our project is located is in transition and will likely experience significant redevelopment in the near future, providing an opportunity to set a precedent in the immediate area. As this site sits at a transition between the more intensive NC zones to the West and the less intensive RSL zones to the East, it is appropriate for the design of this site to serve as a link between the two zones. This can be accomplished by breaking down the massing through vertical stepping and by arranging the taller portions of the massing away from the street and the less intensive RSL zones.

The nearby context of ground related housing establishes a pattern of three story or shorter street facades and individual entries that activate the street while providing a transition between public and private realms. The design of this project should reflect that context.

Conversely, many of the surrounding residential buildings have parking either exposed to the street, or garages facing the street. We would propose the inverse, following the current trend of moving the parking away from the street to maximize the pedestrian experience.

LEGEND









SITE - WEST

PROPOSED PROJECT SITE

Approximately 5,526 sf total. Current use is a parking lot for adjacent sites.

ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND USES

To the North

Existing 1 story single family residence Proposed 4-story apartment building

To the South

Existing 1 story single family residence, existing 3 story counseling building, existing church.

To the East

Vacant RSL lot, existing 2-story single family residence on top of hill east of the RSL lot

To the West

2-3 story apartment buildings

SOLAR ACCESS

Relatively unrestricted solar access to the south.

VIEWS

Views of downtown Seattle to the northwest may be possible from upper levels as well as views of the Cascade Mountain range to the Northeast.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

38th ave is two way side street with permit street parking on both sides. No bike lanes.

STREETSCAPE

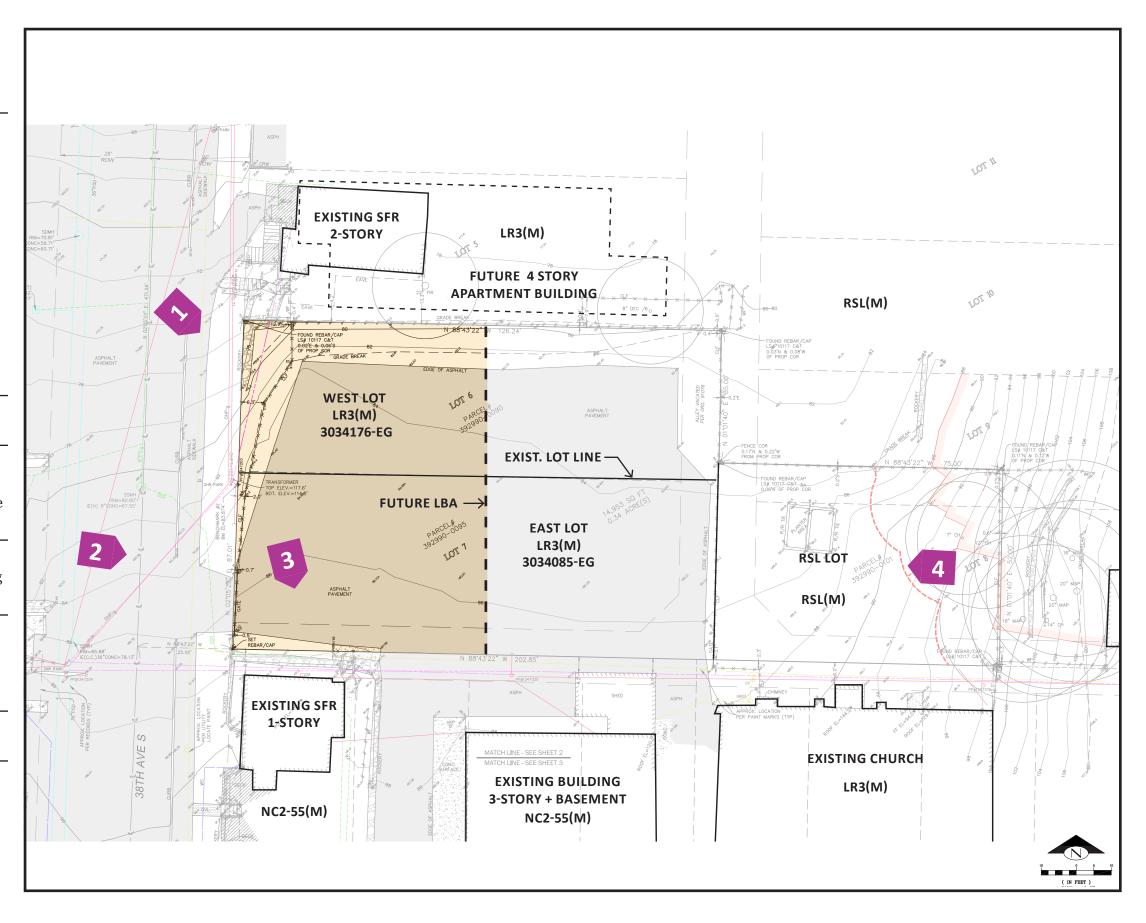
38th ave does not have planting strips or street trees. Sidewalk access is inconsistent and non-continuous where it exists.

TREES

The site contains no trees.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

KRAMER HEIGHTS REPLAT & POR VAC ALLEY ADJ Parcel A of LBA 3034383-LU





SITE PHOTOS



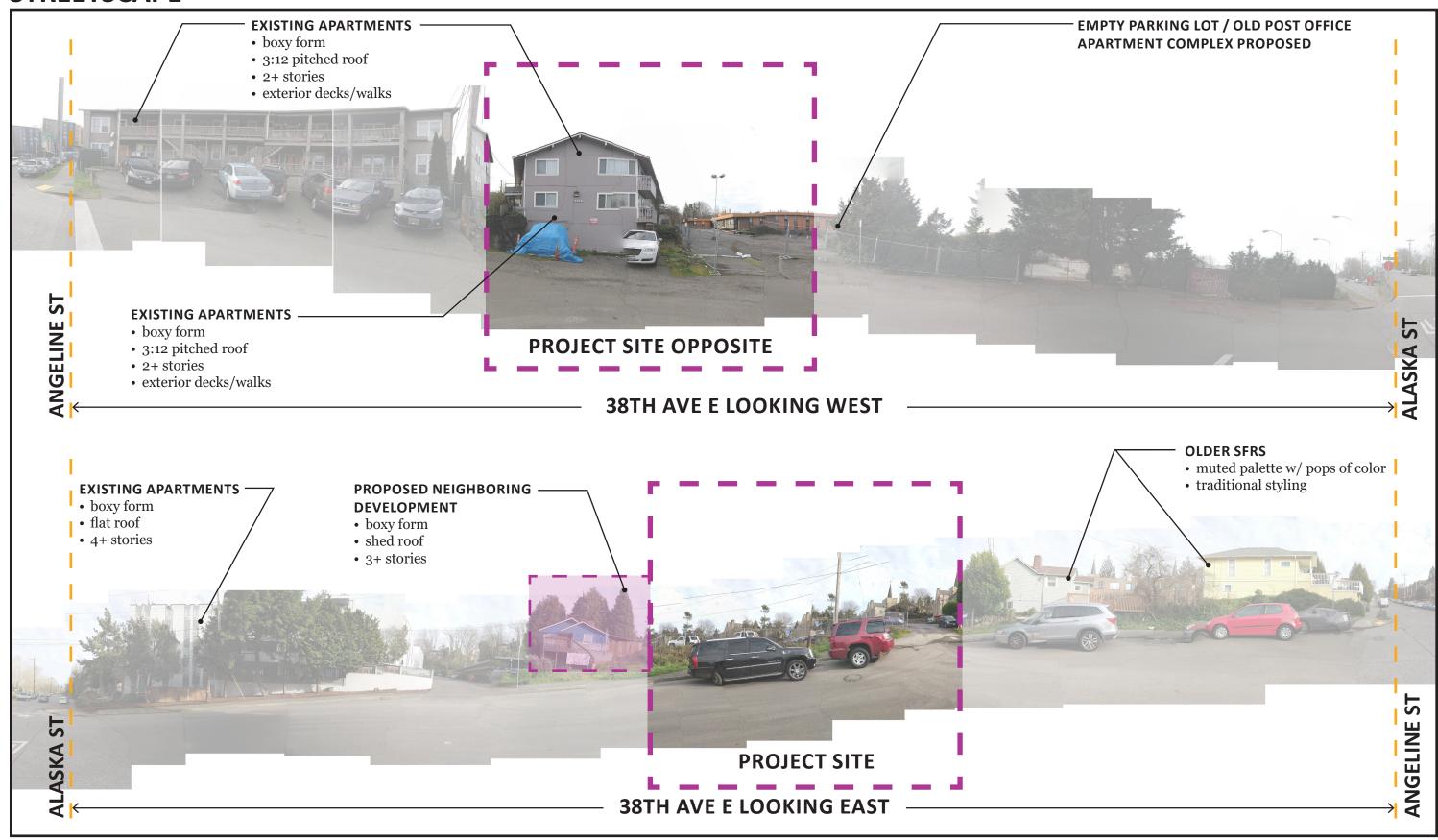






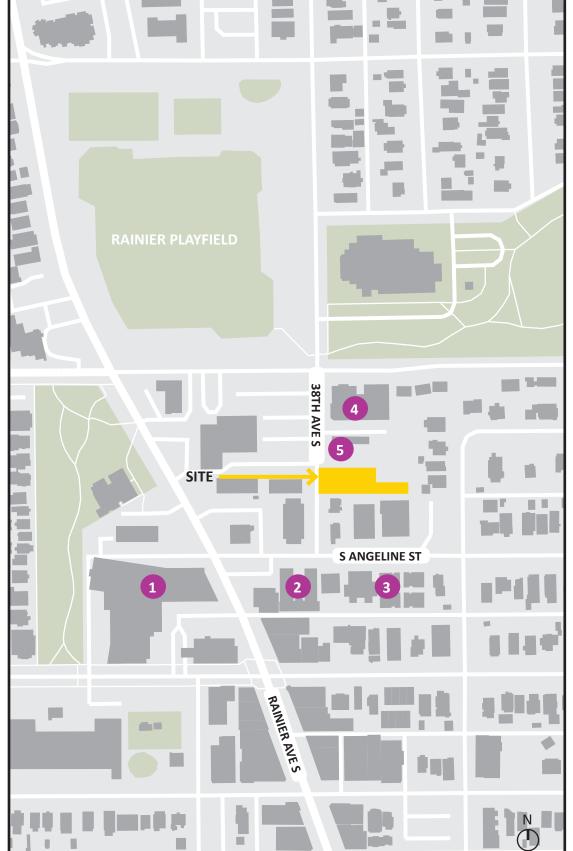


STREETSCAPE





MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD





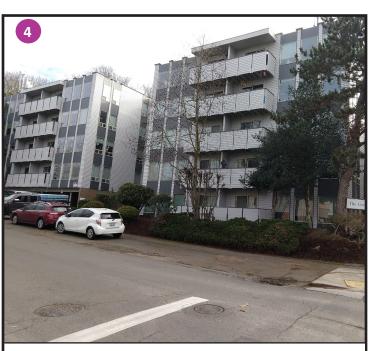
- Use of wood accents
- Mix of new and traditional siding
- Boxy design
- Flat roof/low slope



- Muted Palette
- Mix of new and traditional siding
- Boxy design
- Shed Roof



- Muted Palette
- Mix of new and traditional siding
- Boxy design
- Gable roof



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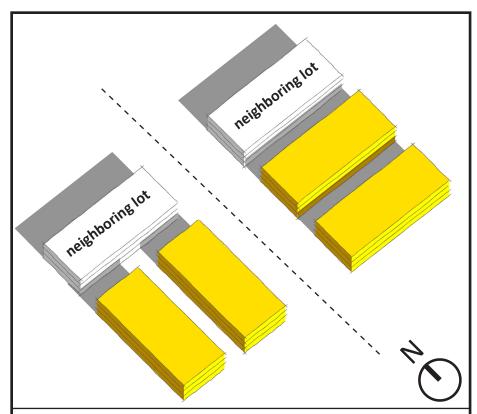


DESIGN GUIDELINES

GUIDELINE	DESCRIPTION	SUB-GUIDELINE	NOTES	RESPONSE		
Natural Systems and tures of the site and its sur- roundings as a starting point wize shading		2. Daylight and Shading Maximize daylight for interior and exterior spaces and minimize shading on adjacent sites through the placement and/or design of structures on the site.	Reorienting the existing lot line to a north/south orientation allows for two massing bars separated by an auto-court. This massing orientation aligns more closely with the alley to the south and allows direct sun light to penetrate into the whole site while preventing the buildings from casting shadows onto each other. The original site orientation would allow for a large, dark canyon at the center of the site and cast long broad shadows on the totality of the site to the north.			
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.	D. Height, Bulk, and Scale	1. Existing Development and Zoning Review the height, bulk, and scale of neighboring buildings as well as the scale of development anticipated by zoning for the area to determine an appropriate complement and/or transition. Note that existing buildings may or may not reflect the density allowed by zoning or anticipated by applicable policies.	The preferred massing is 10' wider than the code complaint version, which allows for larger floor plates and a reduction to the apparent overall height to 3 stories instead of 4. The penthouse at the roof deck is set back more than half the depth of the building, which also helps to reduce the overall bulk and scale of the buildings relative to the 3-story buildings adjacent to the site.		
DC1 Project Uses and Activities	Optimize the arrangement of uses and activities on site.	B. Vehicular Access and Circulation	1. Access Location and Design: Choose locations for vehicular access, service uses, and delivery areas that minimize conflict between vehicles and non-motorists wherever possible. Emphasize use of the sidewalk for pedestrians, and create safe and attractive conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers by: b. where driveways and curb cuts are unavoidable, minimize the number and width as much as possible;	As it currently stands, the SMC requires a 20ft wide vehicle easement, which in turn requires a 20ft curb cut. A requested departure asks to reduce the easement width to 10ft in order to better meet this guideline.		
DC1 Project Uses and Activities	Optimize the arrangement of uses and activities on site.	C. Parking and Service Uses	2. Visual Impacts: Reduce the visual impacts of parking lots, parking structures, entrances, and related signs and equipment as much as possible. Consider breaking large parking lots into smaller lots, and/or provide trees, landscaping or fencing as a screen. Design at-grade parking structures so that they are architecturally compatible with the rest of the building and streetscape.	The preferred massing places the parking and auto-court at the center of the site between the two building masses. When coupled with the requested access easement departure, all of the parking will be screened from the street by the front building.		
DC2 Architectural Concept	concept that will result in a		2. Reducing Perceived Mass: Use secondary architectural elements to reduce the perceived mass of larger projects. Consider creating recesses or indentations in the building envelope; adding balconies, bay windows, porches, canopies or other elements; and/or highlighting building entries.	The preferred massing reduces the overall height by widening the floor plates, which lowers the overall height of the building. A recessed entry, awnings and a setback penthouse all combine to visually reduce the bulk of the massing.		

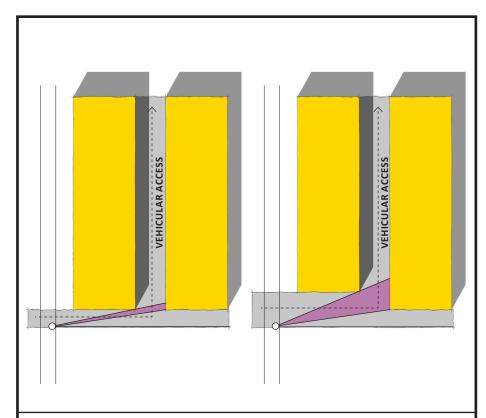


DESIGN GUIDELINE VIGNETTES



CS1.B.2 Daylight and Shading

Site specific solar orientation of buildings allow for more access to sunlight and reduce shadows cast on neighboring sites



DC1.C.2 Visual Impacts

the parking at the center of the site screens it from the street, increasing visual appeal and security.

DC1.B.1 Access Location and Design

Reducing the easement width limits the cone of vision into the site from the street, reducing the visual impact of the vehicular access and carports.



DC2.A.2 Reducing Perceived Massing

Awnings, material differentiation, massing modulation and step at the 3rd level break down perceived massing.



ZONING DATA WEST LOT

ZONE LR3(m)
OVERLAYS None
Frequent Transit Area Yes
SITE AREA 5,526sf

23.45.510	FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) LIMITS
В	ALLOWED Townhome in LR3(M) - 2.3 5,546 sf x 2.3 = 12,756sf MAX
23.45.512	DENSITY LIMITS - LR ZONES
	ALLOWED No Limit
	PROPOSED 6 Units
23.45.514	STRUCTURE HEIGHT
A	ALLOWED 50ft above Average Existing Grade
J2	Parapets may be extended 4ft above the height limit
J2	PROPOSED 40ft
	PROPOSED 4011
23.45.518	SETBACKS AND SEPARATIONS
TABLE A	REQUIRED
	FRONT min 5ft/7 avg
	SIDE min 5ft/7 avg or 5ft if facade is less than 40ft in length
	REAR min 5ft/7 avg
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	UPPER LEVEL SETBACKS IN LR2 AND LR3 ZONES
	a. An upper level setback of 12' from the front lot line is required for all portions of
	structure above the following height
	2) Fifty-four feet for zones with a height limit of 50 feet
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F	SEPARATIONS BETWEEN MULTIPLE BUILDINGS
	ALLOWED 10ft
	PROPOSED ~20ft
23.45.522	AMENITY AREA
A	REQUIRED 25% Lot Area - (.25 x 5,546 sf) = 1,387sf (min. 694sf @ ground level)
	PROPOSED 1695.5sf
23.45.527	STRUCTURE WIDTH
A	ALLOWED 90ft
	PROPOSED 69.5ft

23.45.527	FACADE LENGTH					
B2	ALLOWED 65% of lot depth for all portions within 15ft of a side lot line.					
	PROPOSED See departures					
23.45.530	GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS					
TABLE A	REQUIRED					
	For projects exceeding FAR of 1.8, applicant shall make a commitment to Green Building					
	Standards in accordance with Chapter 23.58D.					
23.53.025	ACCESS EASEMENT STANDARDS					
C	Vehicle access easements serving at least five but fewer than ten single family dwelling					
	units, or at least three but fewer than ten multifamily dwelling units.					
	1. Easement width, surfaced width, length, turnaround, and curbcut width shall be					
	as required in subsection 23.53.025B.					
	PROPOSED 10ft, see departures					
23.54.015	REQUIRED PARKING					
TABLE B - M	REQUIRED 0 - Lot is located within a frequent transit service area					
	PROPOSED 6					
K	BICYCLE PARKING					
	REQUIRED (1) long term parking space per dwelling unit + 1 short term space for every 20 units PROPOSED 7					
23.54.040	SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS STORAGE					
A.1	REQUIRED					
-	Residential uses proposed to be located on separate platted lots for which each dwelling					
	unit will be billed separately for utilities, shall provide (1) storage area per dwelling.					



ZONING DATA EAST LOT

ZONE LR3(m)
OVERLAYS None
Frequent Transit Area Yes
SITE AREA 5,526sf

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23.45.512	DENSITY LIMITS - LR ZONES	
	ALLOWED No Limit	
	PROPOSED 6 Units	
23.45.514	STRUCTURE HEIGHT	
A	ALLOWED 50ft above Average Existing Grade	
J2	Parapets may be extended 4ft above the height limit	
	PROPOSED 40ft	
23.45.518	SETBACKS AND SEPARATIONS	
TABLE A	REQUIRED	UNDER RELATED
	FRONT min 5ft/7 avg	
	SIDE min 5ft/7 avg or 5ft if facade is less than 40ft in length	APPLICATION
	REAR min 5ft/7 avg	3034085-EG
	UPPER LEVEL SETBACKS IN LR2 AND LR3 ZONES	
	a. An upper level setback of 12' from the front lot line is required for a	I portions of
	structure above the following height	
	2) Fifty-four feet for zones with a height limit of 50 feet	
F	SEPARATIONS BETWEEN MULTIPLE BUILDINGS	
	ALLOWED 10ft	
	PROPOSED ~20ft	
23.45.522	AMENITY AREA	
Α	REQUIRED 25% Lot Area - (.25 x 5,506 sf) = 1,377 sf (min. 689sf @ grou	ınd level)
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	PROPOSED 10ft, see departures
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	PROPOSED 7
23.54.040	SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS STORAGE
A.1	REQUIRED
A.I	Residential uses proposed to be located on separate platted lots for which each dwelling
	unit will be billed separately for utilities, shall provide (1) storage area per dwelling.
	Unit that has min dimensions of 2'-0" x 6'-0",
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MASSING CONCEPTS

MASSING CONCEPT 1



OPPORTUNITIES

- Utilizes development capacity
- Massing steps down the with topography
- 6 street facing units
- Screened parking
- Central vehicular access

CONSTRAINTS

- Large monolithic massing
- 5-story massing does not fit with the surroundings
- Requires easement departure
- Visually competes with the existing Church

MASSING CONCEPT 2



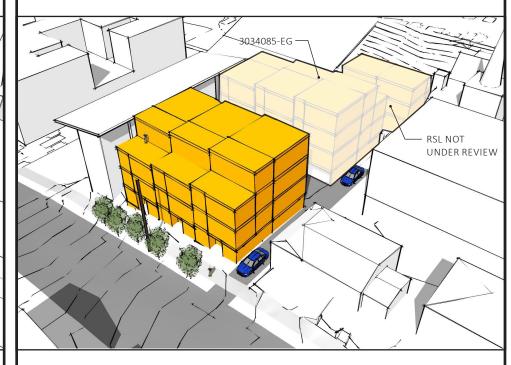
OPPORTUNITIES

- Massing steps down with the topography, creating a visual distinction between homes.
- Central vehicular access
- No departures required

CONSTRAINTS

- 20ft vehicle access easement restricts the floor plates, requiring 4 stories to achieve necessary program at the front half of the lot. This creates taller units at the street.
- 20ft vehicle easement creates a large paved space at the front of the project.
- Parking is visible from the street

MASSING CONCEPT 3 (PREFERRED)



OPPORTUNITIES

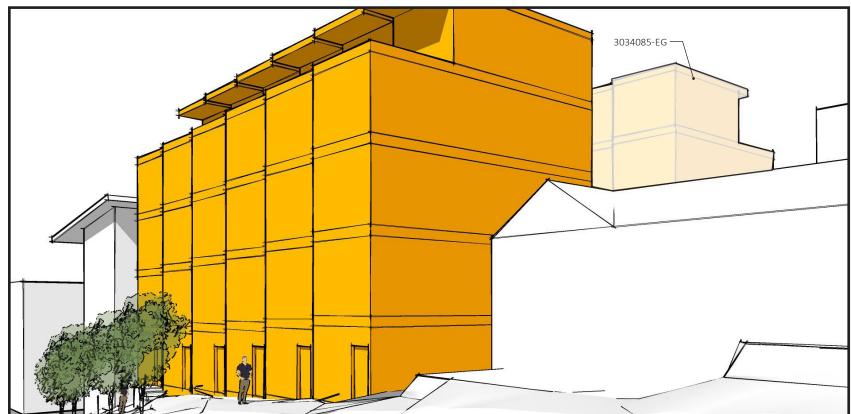
- Reduced access easement allows front units to accomplish program in 3, wider stories, reducing the overall impact on the street facade. This also allows the 4th floor to step back from the street.
- Smaller drive access has less impact on the street and pedestrian experience
- Parking is screened from the street.
- Massing steps down with the topography, creating a visual distinction between homes.

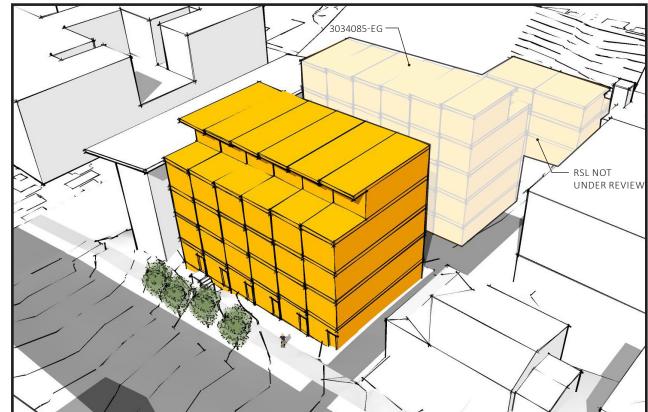
CONSTRAINTS

- Requires access easement departure
- Requires facade length departure
- Requires average side yard setback departure



CONCEPT 1 MASSING



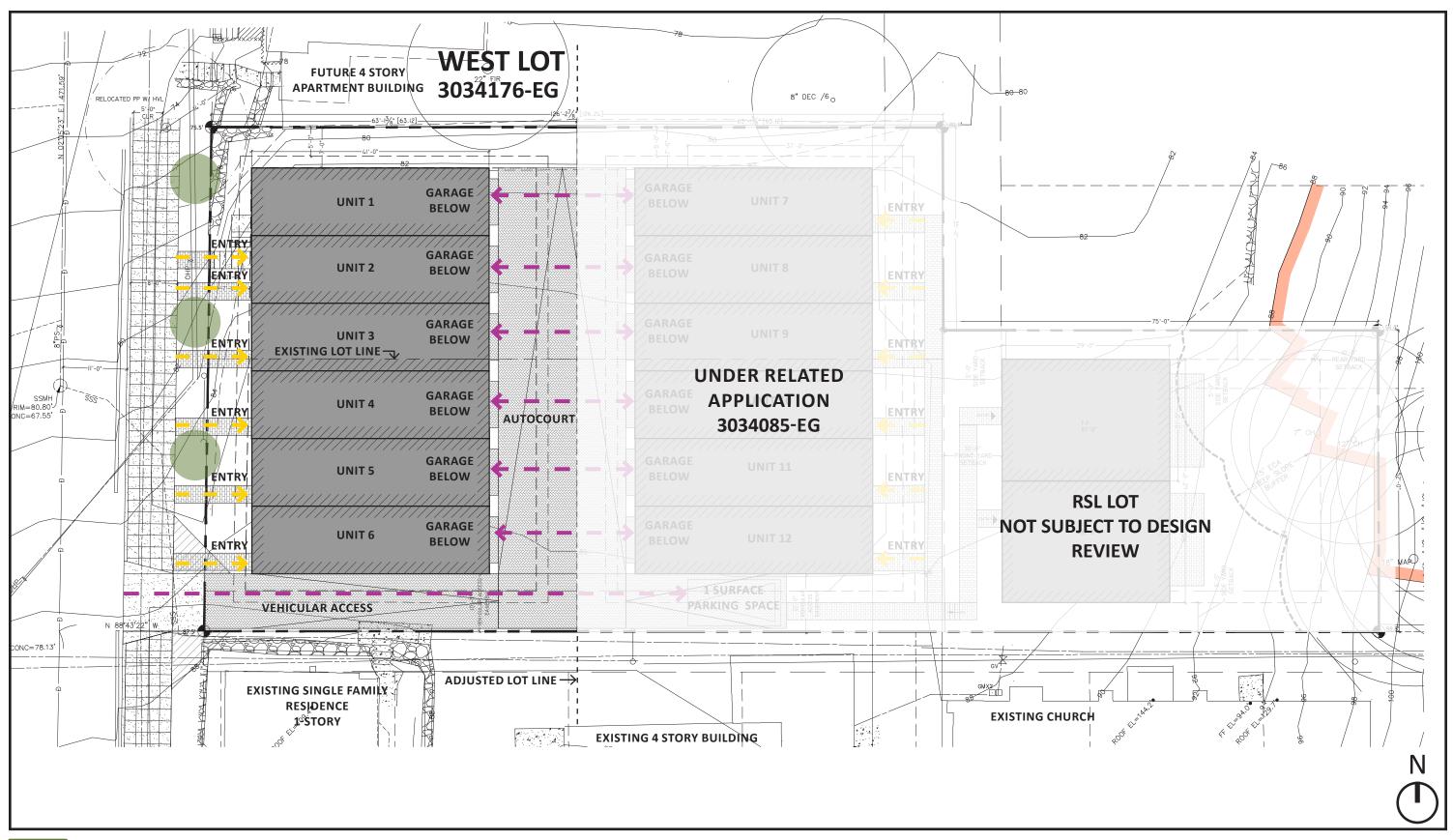






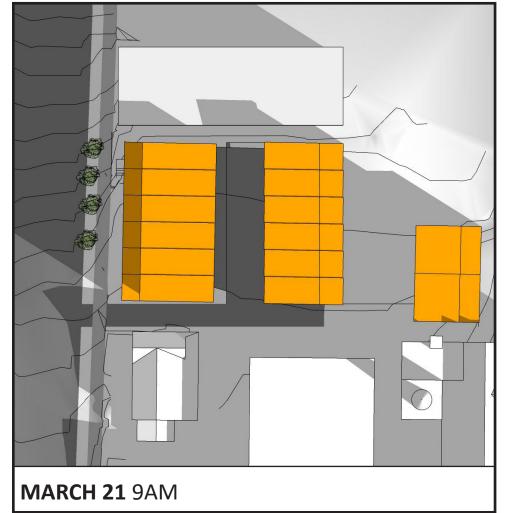


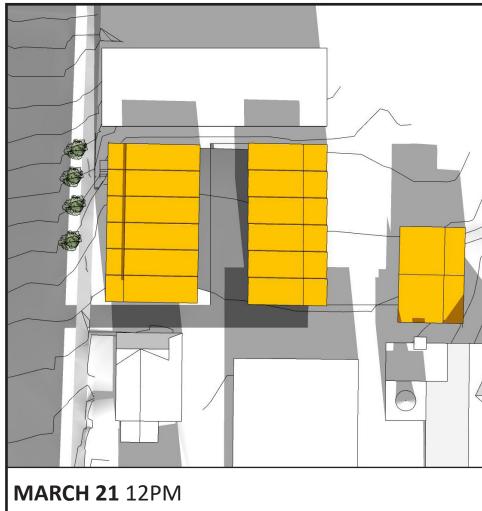
CONCEPT 1 SITE PLAN



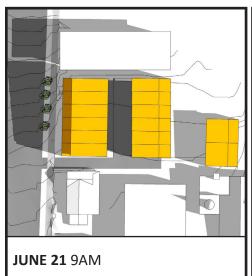


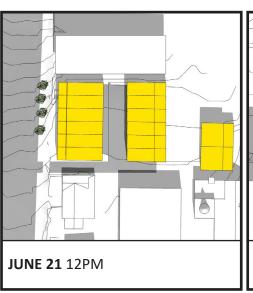
CONCEPT 1 SHADOW STUDY

















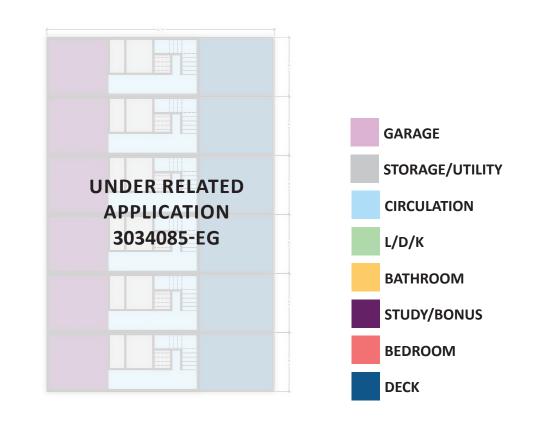








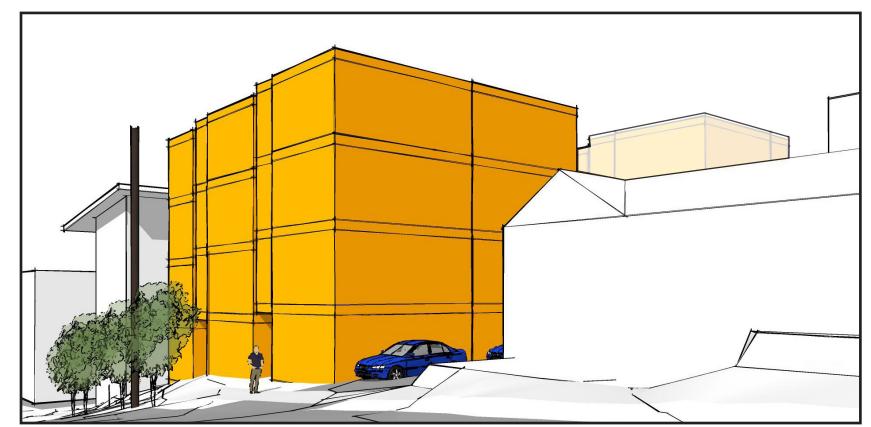




FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 5



CONCEPT 2 MASSING



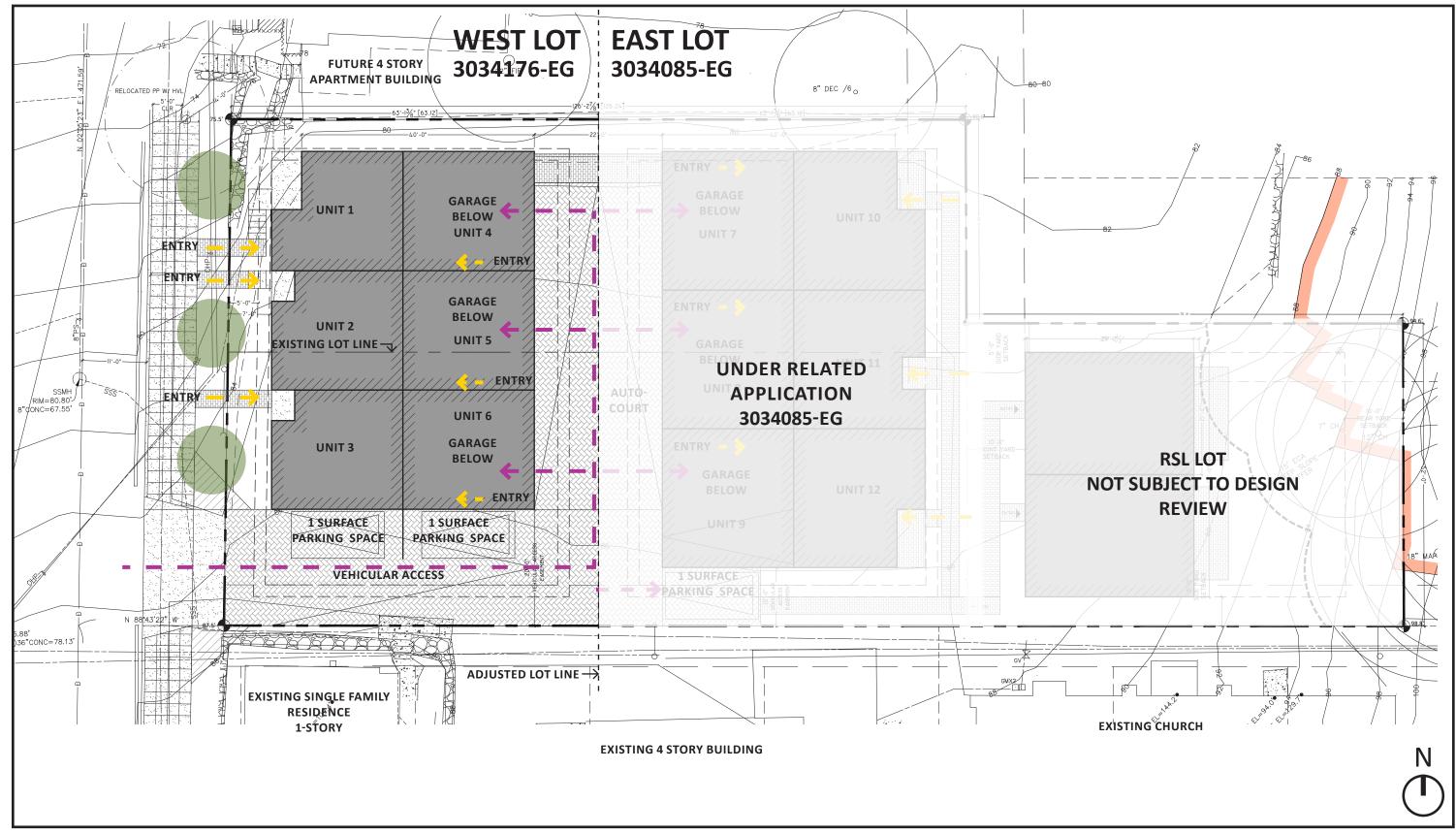






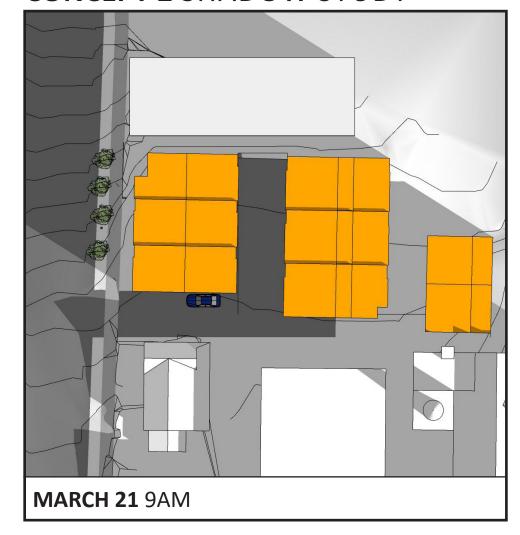


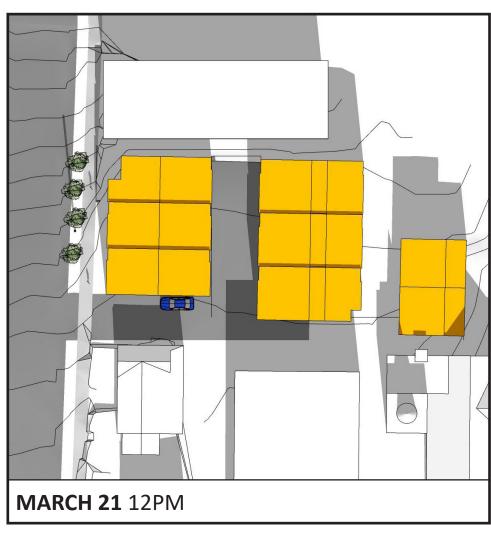
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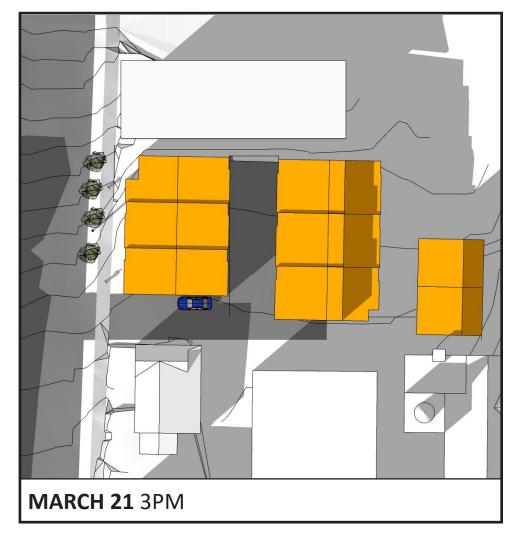




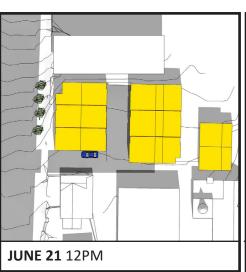
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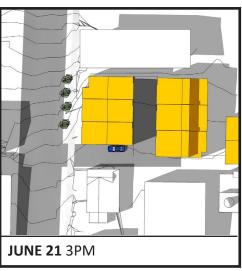










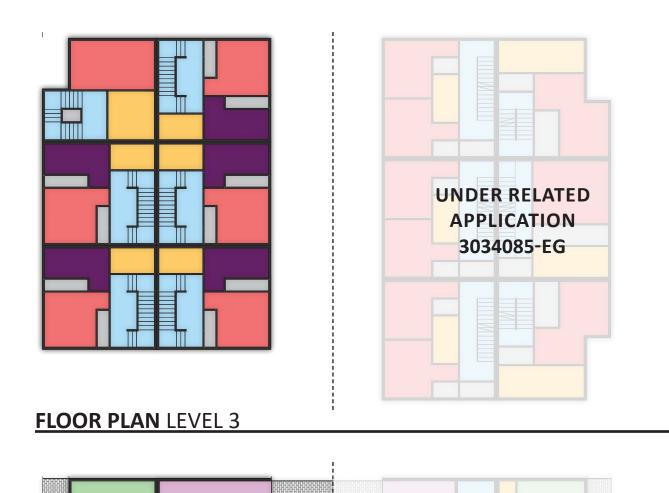


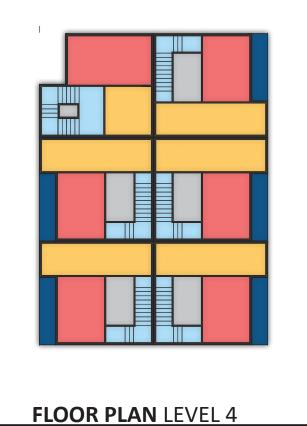


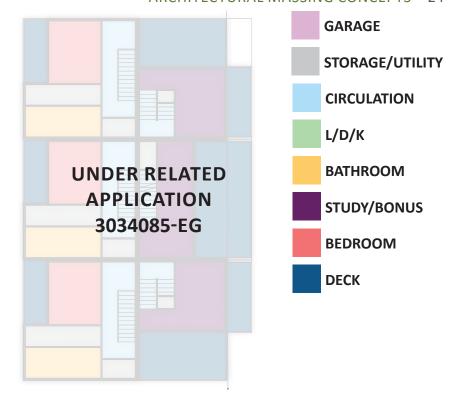


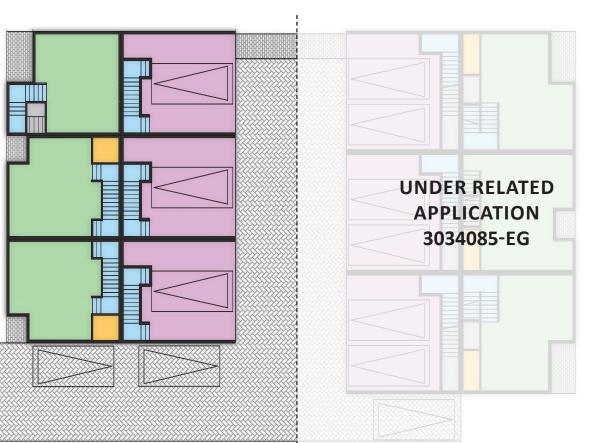


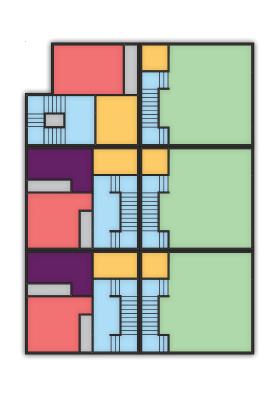


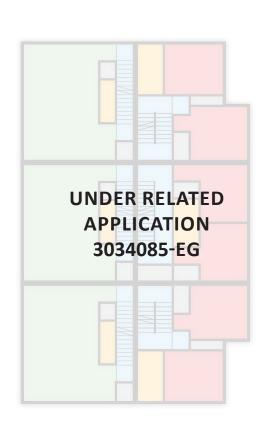












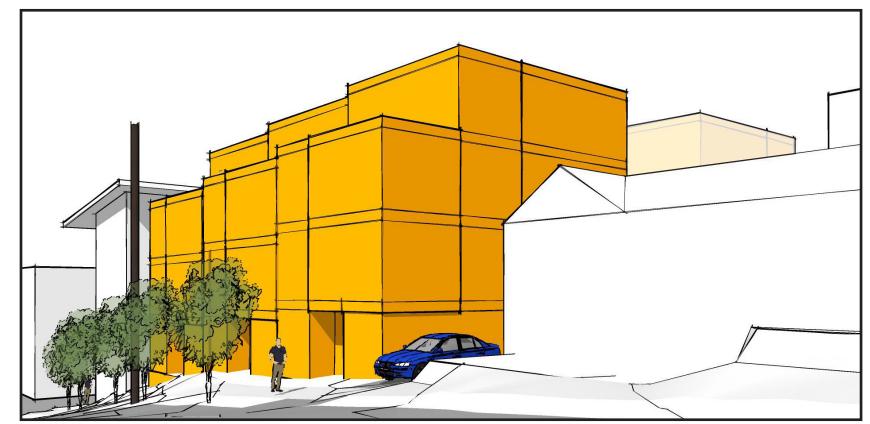
FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 1

FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 2



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CONCEPT 3 MASSING- PREFERRED



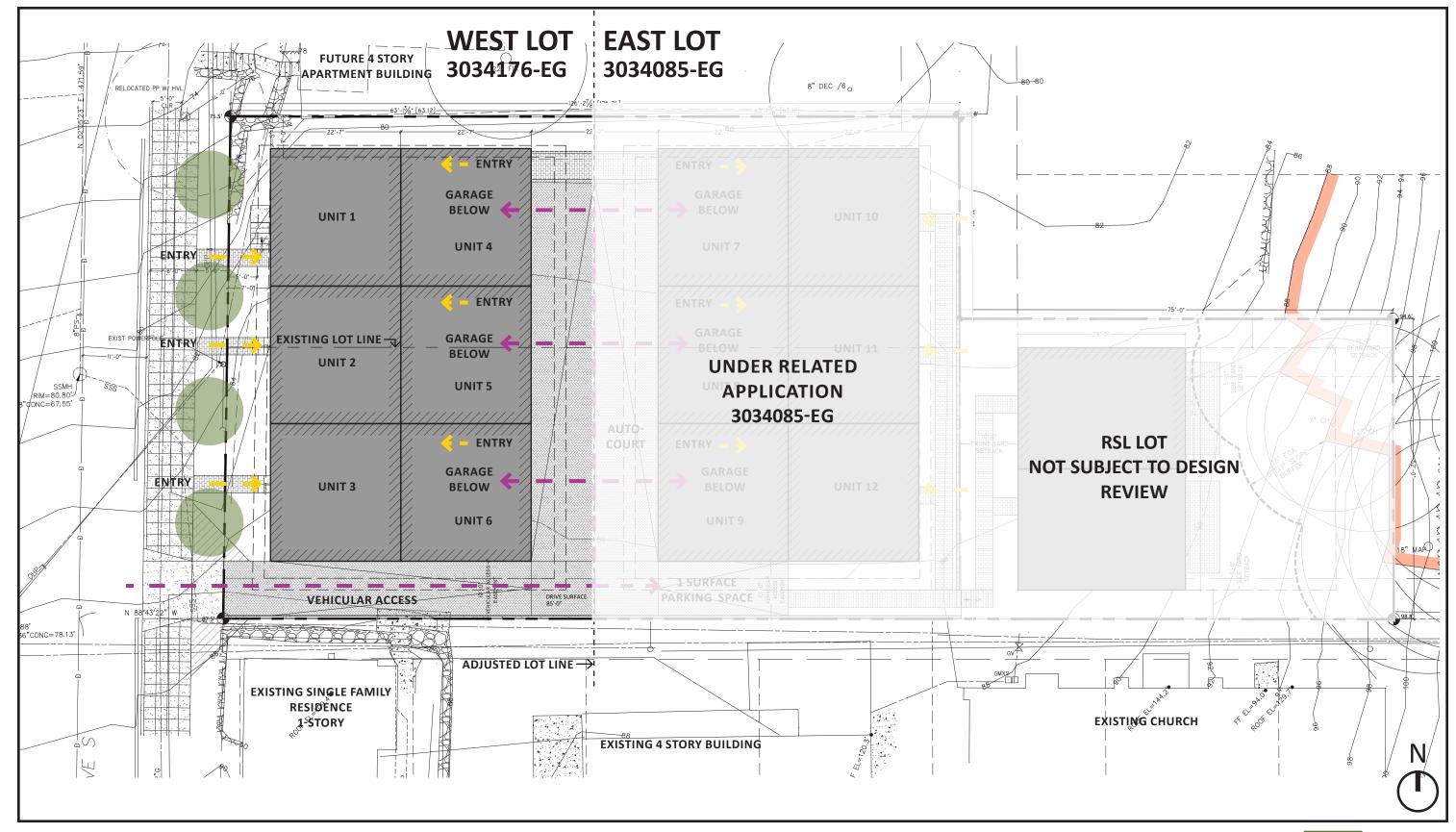








CONCEPT 3 SITE PLAN - PREFERRED



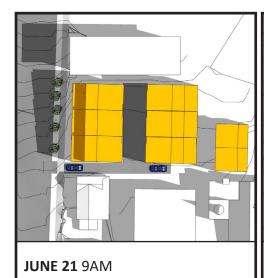


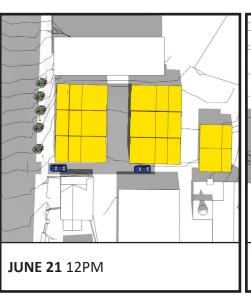
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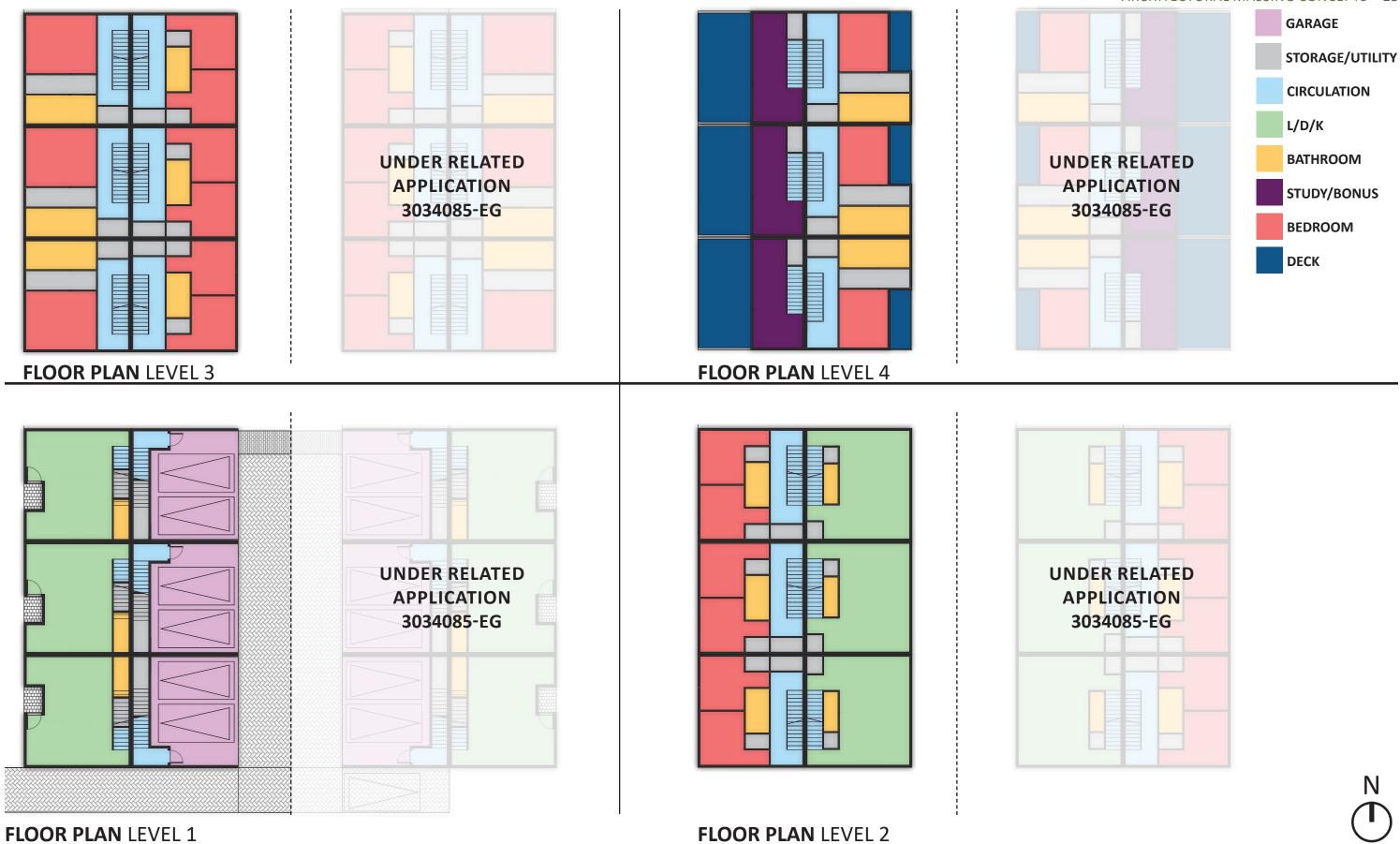






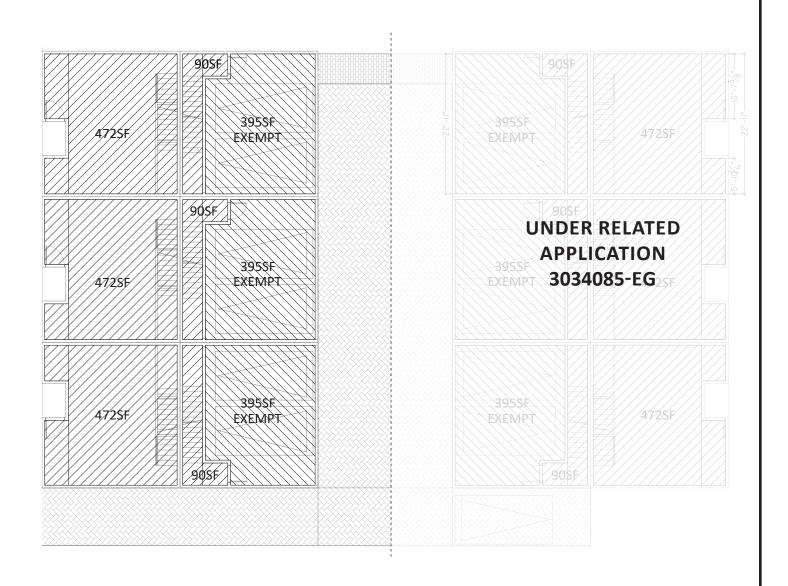


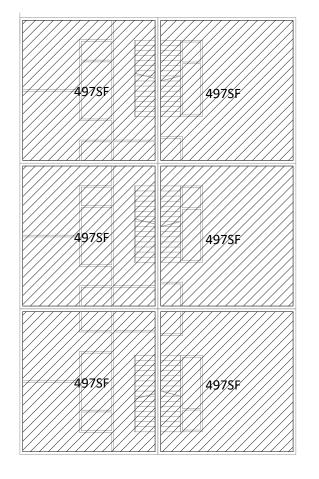




CONCEPT 3 FAR DIAGRAMS

West lot	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Total
Level 4	241	241	241	439	439	439	2,040
Level 3	497	497	497	497	497	497	2,982
Level 2	497	497	497	497	497	497	2,982
Level 1	472	472	472	90	90	90	1,686
FAR - exceptions excluded	1,707	1,707	1,707	1,523	1,523	1,523	9,690
Exempt FAR	0	0	0	395	395	395	1,185
Total FAR (w/ exempt GSF)	1,707	1,707	1,707	1,918	1,918	1,918	10,875
Allowable FAR			Site area:	5,546	FAR limit:	2.3	12,756







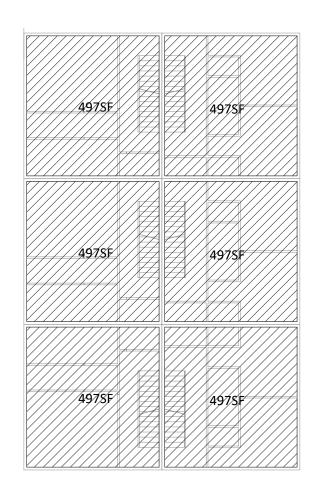
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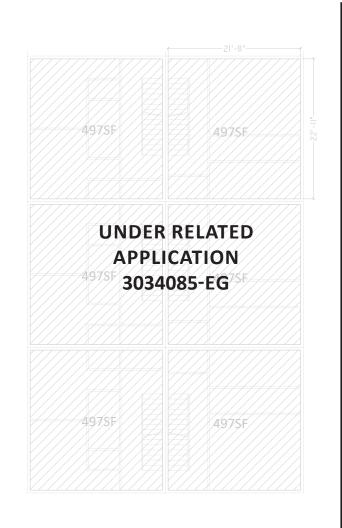
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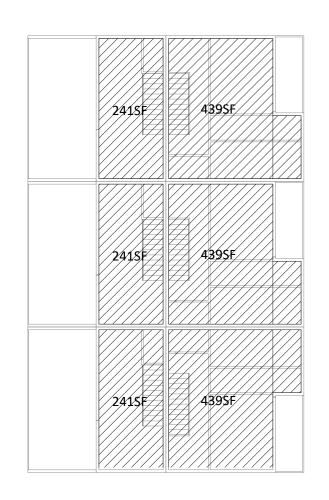


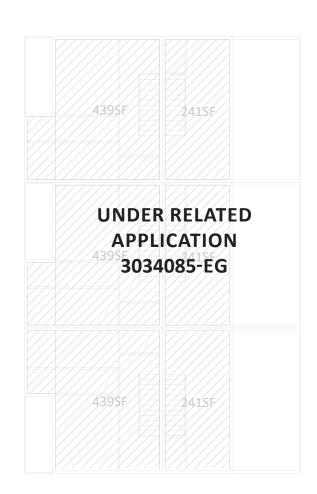


CONCEPT 3 FAR DIAGRAMS









FAR LEVEL 3

FAR LEVEL 4



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DEPARTURES REQUESTED - WEST LOT

DEPARTURE 1

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD 23.53.025 ACCESS EASEMENT STANDARDS

Vehicle access easements serving ... at least three but fewer than ten multifamily dwelling units.

- C.1. Easement width, surfaced width, length, turnaround, and curbcut width shall be as required in subsection 23.53.025B.
- B.1. Easement width shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet;
- B.2. The easement shall provide a hard-surfaced road way at least twenty (20) feet wide;

REQUESTED DEPARTURE 1

Reduce the access easement and pavement width to 10ft. (See exhibit A)

RATIONALE

It is our opinion that this departure will allow the project to better meet design guidelines *DC2.A.2 Reducing Perceived Mass* and *CS2.D.1. Existing Development and Zoning*. Reducing the access easement width adds additional width to the units, which allows us to meet our program requirements in one less story. Keeping the street facing units shorter reduces the overall bulk of the building visible from the street (*2. Reducing Perceived Mass*) and improves the relationship to the neighboring buildings by reducing the visible height (*1. Existing Development and Zoning*).

By widening the units, we are also able to park two vehicles below units 4-6, instead of parallel parking two vehicles in surface spots adjacent to the building. As a result, we can reduce the curb cut width and completely screen the parking from the street, which better meets the intent of *DC1.B. Vehicular access and Circulation 1b & C.2. Parking and Service Uses.* We are also able to provide one additional off-street parking space, addressing the community concerns about street parking.

DEPARTURES 2 & 3

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD 23.45.527. MAX FACADE LENGTH IN LOW RISE ZONES

B.1. The max combined length of all portions of facades within 15ft of a lot line that is neither a rear lot line or a street or alley lot line shall not exceed 65% of the length of that lot line. (0.65)*(63.12) = 41.03 = 41 feet. max facade length

REQUESTED DEPARTURE 2

Increase facade length from 41 feet (65%) to 46 feet (72.9%) within 15 feet of the north property line. See Exhibit B

REQUESTED DEPARTURE 3

Increase facade length from 41.9 feet (65%) to 46 feet (72.9%) within 15 feet of the <u>south</u> property line. See Exhibit C

RATIONALE

It is our opinion that these departures will allow the project to better meet design guidelines *DC2.A.2 Reducing Perceived Mass and CS2.D.1. Existing Development and Zoning.* Increasing the allowable facade length adds additional width to the units, which allows us to meet our program requirements in one less story. Keeping the street facing units shorter reduces the overall bulk of the building visible from the street (*2. Reducing Perceived Mass*) and improves the relationship to the neighboring buildings by reducing the visible height (*1. Existing Development and Zoning*).

Additional Context

If the site was developed using the original east/west lot configuration, the maximum allowable facade length along the northern property line would be ~82 ft in length. Adjusting the lot configuration to north/south results in two ~45ft segments with a ~20ft gap between segments is more in line with DC2.A.2 Reducing Perceived Mass and CS2.D.1 Existing Development and Zoning. See Exhibit D



DEPARTURE 4

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD 23.45.518 - SETBACKS AND SEPARATIONS

Table A Side setback for facades greater than 40 feet in length - 7 average, 5 minimum.

REQUESTED DEPARTURE 4

Reduction of the average side yard setback at the <u>north</u> property line from 7 feet to 5 feet

RATIONALE

It is our opinion that this departure will allow the project to better meet the design guideline *DC2.A.2 Reducing Perceived Mass* and *CS2.D.1 Existing Development and Zoning*. Reducing the side yard setback adds additional width to the units, which allows us to meet our program requirements in one less story. Keeping the street facing units shorter reduces the overall bulk of the building visible from the street (2. Reducing Perceived Mass) and improves the relationship to the neighboring buildings by reducing the visible height (1. Existing Development and Zoning).

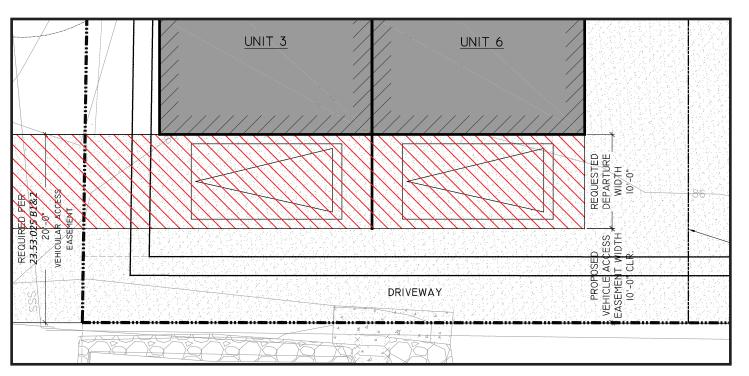
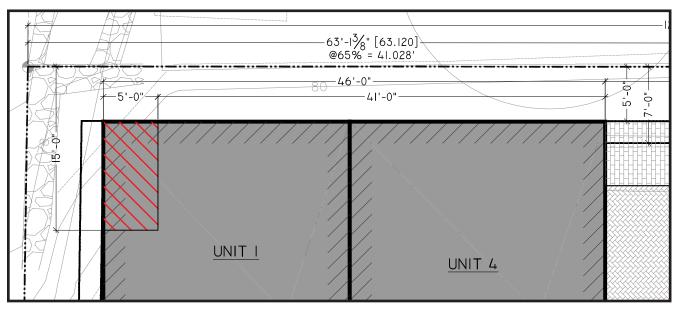


EXHIBIT A



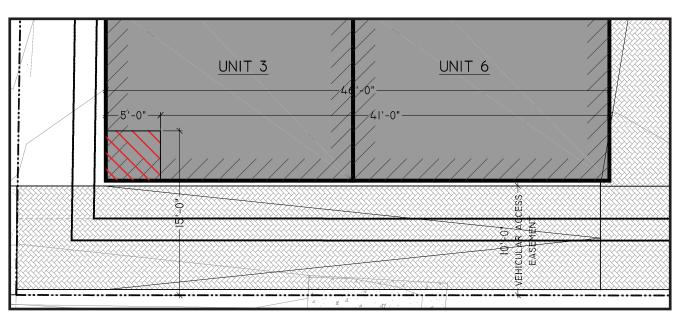


EXHIBIT B EXHIBIT C

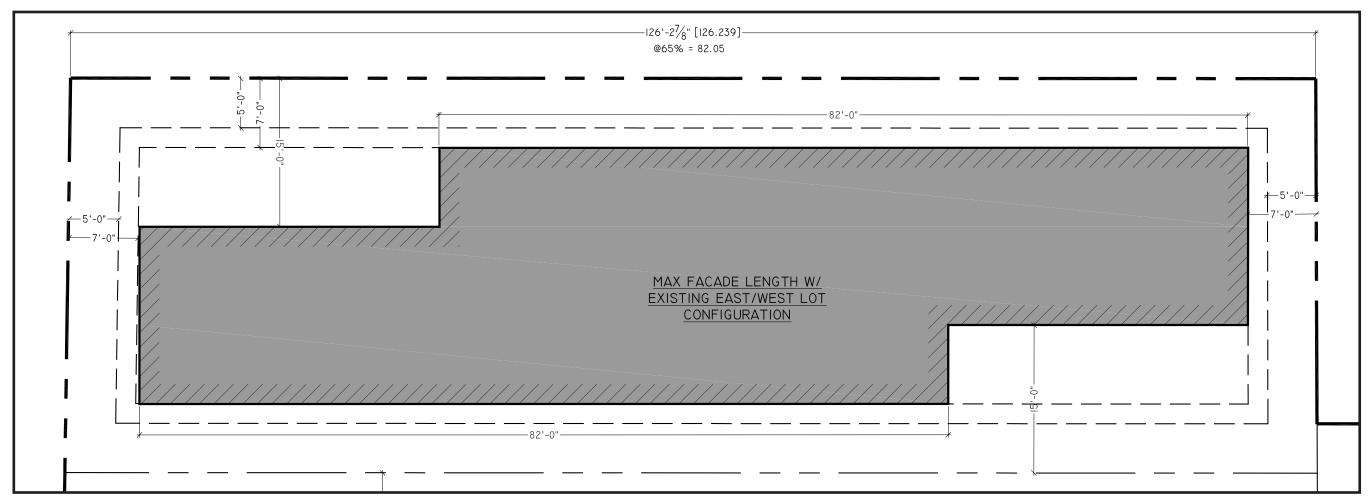


EXHIBIT D



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