





# BODE BITTER LAKE AFFORDABLE LIVING RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS

**EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE** 

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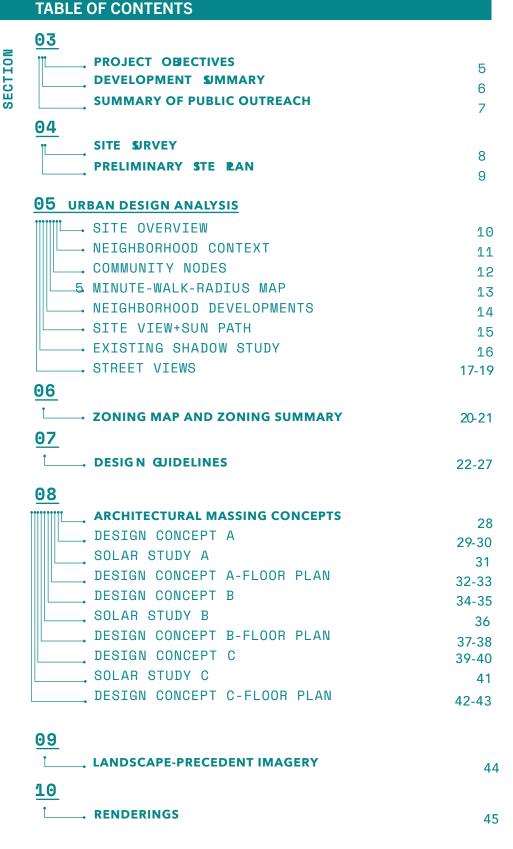
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PROJECT ADDRESS: 13711 AURORA AVE N, SEATTLE











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## AFFORDABLE LIVING APARTMENTS & COMFORTABLE DENSITY

#### **WHO WE ARE**

Here at Bode, we offer a unique approach to building housing in our great city of Seattle. Our company founded in 2005 with a clear mission, to help Seattle communities with attainable housing, providing innovative, effective, and equitable housing solutions so that all people and communities can prosper. We offer a fullcycle of development, to create an effective model to serve the Seattle market. From buying properties, financing and designing, to building and managing our properties. With this unique approach we are able to streamline the process and help contribute to growing housing demands.



DENSITY



COMMUNITY



SUSTAINABILITY



**TRANSPORTATION** 



**AFFORDABILITY** 



INNOVATION



## **VALUES**

Seattle has experienced rapid growth and the housing market is changing rapidly. We strive to enhance affordable apartments for everyone. We believe everyone should live affordably in their neighborhood and community, that why we make every effort to build projects that respond to citywide housing needs. Our quality, efficient and sustainable homes respect our neighborhoods and ensure new families and members can join and engage in the community



BODE QUEEN ANNE



BODE GREEN LAKE



BODE WEST SEATTLE



BODE LAKE CITY



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## BODE BITTER LAKE





#### **DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Bode Bitter lake project proposes a redevelopment of the half-block bound by Aurora Ave N. A 7-story affordable apartment building will replace an existing 1-story structure and surface parking. Our goal is to provide a range of affordable living options that respond to the city needs. The project will reactivate the street facade with acommercial frontage, residential lobby entrance and amenity spaces. Our building will be one of the first new taller apartment buildings along Aurora and will establish a desirable context for others to build upon in the future.





#### DESIGN OBJECTIVES

One of the top design priorities is to contribute to the activity along the street, bring new character and establish a positive influence to the neighborhood. The neighbors along Aurora are currently car dealerships or retail types without pedestrian oriented street-scape Aurora strip. This project will provide retail spaces along the street frontage, designed with mainly glass facades that open up to the views and allow for a safe environment. Canopies are provide along the street front using fine materials and signage. Landscaping is provided along the street front for creating successful pedestrian connectivity.



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#### NEIBORHOOD OBJECTIVES

We firmly believe the diversity of people, language, cultures, and religions enhance and enliven the history of the area. The success of the development is contingent on the continued diversity of cultural perspectives and identities. We seek to create spaces that celebrate and support both individual expression and community en-gagement. Most importantly we want to create housing so that living is both affordable and attractive and the diversity of the community can continue to grow and re-main intact.

## SECTION 03 / DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

ADDRESS:

13711 AURORA AVE N, SEATTLE

■ SDCI PROJECT #:

3039043-EG, 3038883-LU

■ DEVELOPMENT + DESIGN:

BODE 144 Railroad Avenue Edmonds, WA 98104

■ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

GHA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS 1417 NE 80th Seattle,WA 98115

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Seven levels of affordable multi-family residential space with approximately 39,300 SF gross floor area per floor and 287,726 GSF total.

Approximately 320 residential units and 5 live/work units.

Approximately 456 residential units / 3,800 GSF commercial space.

No required parking..

- 126 proposed parking stalls / 456 bike stalls.
- 3,350 SF residential roof amenity area
- 1,482 SF of interior residential lounge amenity area





LINDEN AVE N

N 141H ST

N 137TH ST





#### **OUTREACH METHODS:**

In order to comply with outreach standards we employed these outreach methods:

#### 1. PRINTED OUTREACH: MAILING TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 500'.

Sent direct mailings to residences and businesses within a 500foot radius of the site. The letter provided early notifications to local businesses and community mem-

#### 2. ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL OUTREACH: BASIC PROJECT WEBSITE

Provided a basic project website that allows for adding public comments (high impact). The page displayed prominently translations in-language and was easy to navigate. The website included an online survey for feedback and comments. The information and survey hosted on the Developer/applicant's web-page.

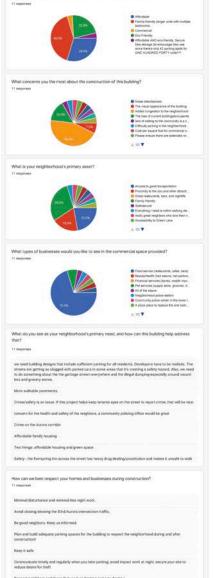
## 3. ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL OUTREACH: **EMAIL DISTRIBUTION TO ORGS OR** LOCAL BLOG OR DIGITAL NEWSLETTER.

Emailed a digital copy of the flyer with a cover email to neighborhood/ community groups and ethnic media outlets. The flyer has translations provid-ed in Spanish, Korean and Chinese and invited people to visit the website, take the survey and leave comments.

#### ■ 4. ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL OUTREACH: ONLINE SURVEY

Posted a seven-question survey using Google Forms for over 21 days. A link to the survey is included in both the letter, the flyer and on the proj-ect webpage on our website.





#### **SUMMARY OF OUTREACH FEEDBACK:**

Our online survey was filled out by eleven neighbors from the community to help us better understand their concerns and priorities for this property and neighborhood. Our project received both support and concerns regarding its potential impact on the neighborhood. The survey feedback was useful and there was general neighborhood support for the proposed project. Comments indicate that the development could improve the Aurora corridor, strengthen the community, and provide a safer environment.

Our survey respondents indicated that affordability and family-friendly design are extremely important characteristics. Some indicated that the development needs to respond to the community needs and provide affordable housing for mixed-income with options below 60% AMI. Our audience requested a greater range of food services (restaurants, cafes, bars), more walkable sidewalks, and a neighborhood police station to combat crime and safety issues along

there was a strong interest in contributing to the cleanliness of Aurora and its upgrading.

the Aurora strip. It was noted that

The majority of those who responded to our survey believe that adding more family-friendly homes to the area would ultimately encourage people to settle in the neighborhood. Bringing in families and businesses that care about and are invested in the community would be a good way for a new project to benefit the community. Moreover, bringing in more people with a vested interest in the longterm growth would establish stability of the neighborhood.

Neighbors emphasized the importance of safety and security and addressing crime as one of the most important concerns. As far as public safety, public security, and cleaning up Aurora are concerned, they seem to be top priorities. The street is poised with car oriented businesses, which makes the area unsafe for walking in the dark after business hours or when stores are close., as well as an

increased number of homeless occupying the street. According to the majority of people, the development can help address those problems by adding an anchor business, increasing foot traffic, and ensuring tenants are watching the streets for crimes. A family-friendly project will increase the number of families in the area, have eyes on the street 24/7, remove debris from the sidewalks, and improve Aurora as a whole.

Neighbors requested that we create adequate parking spaces for the building in order to respond to the traffic situation. Neighbors emphasized the importance of respecting the neighborhood. described that enough spaces are provided for residents and shop patrons and that the streets are getting clogged with parked cars. Neighbors requested that we keep them informed during construction of the progress and any street closures and limiting noise to daytime. We will take the necessary steps to mitigate noise and disruption.

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We learned a great deal about the community's priorities from our feedback. As a sign of ongoing respect for the neighbors and nearby community, we will plan our development to provide affordability, design family-friendly homes, and fit with neighborhood character. To improve the Aurora corridor, strengthen the community, retail entries are proposed with weather protection. Pedestrian engagement will be achieved with visual interaction through building openings and transparency within the modulation of the building's base. A semi-private entry is created for resident use which is emphasized through design cues such as being recessed in the building massing with opportunities for landscaping to create a welcoming and identifiable area leading from the public pedestrian walk. We intend to keep these recommendations, desires, and concerns in mind as we move through the design and building process.







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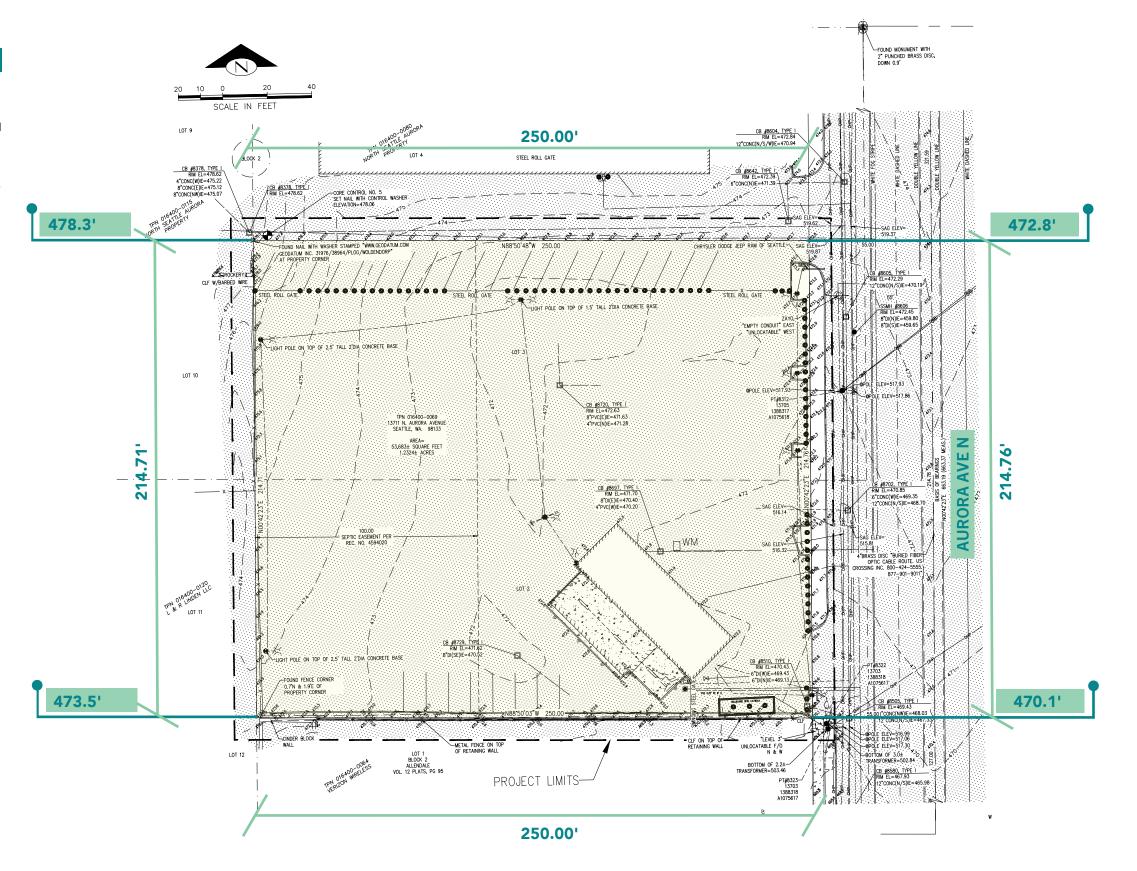


## SECTION 04 / SITE SURVEY

## **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 2, ALLENDALE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 12 OF PLATS, PAGE 95, IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

EXCEPT THE EAST 25 FEET THEREOF CONDEMNED BY KING COUNTY FOR ROAD PURPOSES IN KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 62860.





## SECTION 04 / PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

#### **USES**

The parcel is on a rectangular shaped block and maintains street frontage along Aurora Ave N. The project site shares its block with a Chrysler car dealership to the north. To the south of the project site there is a Verizon Distribution building. The lots to the east across Aurora street consists of an on-grade parking lots with some Auto body shops and a Comfort Inn 3-star hotel.

#### **TOPOGRAPHY**

The site is relatively flat.

#### **ACCESS**

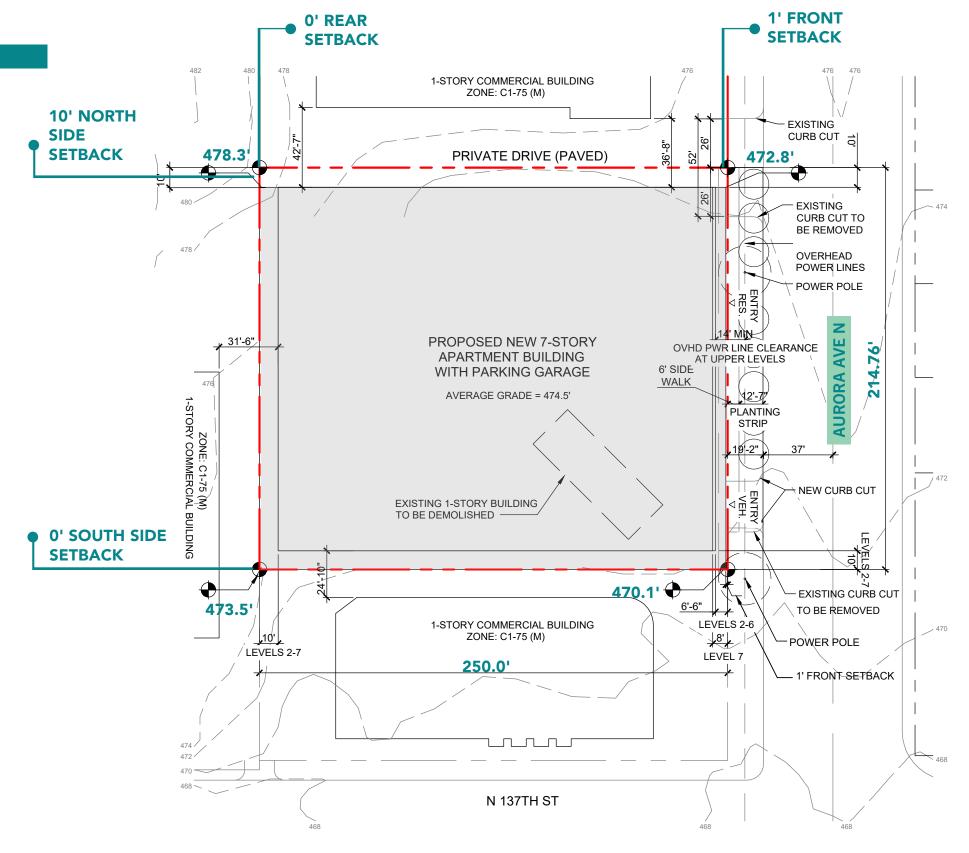
The site can be accessed only from the east side along Aurora Ave N, which is a moderately trafficked street. This frontage brings challenge for street level retail due to the absence of pedestrians routs and very little existing architectural presence. Currently sidewalks are partially improved.

#### **SOLAR ACCESS**

The East and south sides have good solar access. Site has adequate morning light (faces East). Existing neighbor to the South will partially shade the mid-day sun.

#### **BUILDING MASS**

The Aurora strip contains with a mix of building types, scales and uses. As appropriate to areas in transition, the proposed design will establish a desirable context for others to build upon in the future. The design will bring new character to the area by allowing for taller buildings and greater density. The neighbors along Aurora are currently car dealerships or retail types without pedestrian oriented streetscape on the ground level. This project will be contributing to the activity along the street.







## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-SITE OVERVIEW





13711 Aurora Ave N

ZONING:

C1-75 (M)

OVERLAYS:

NONE

The 9-block site area is comprised of mostly apartments, commercial buildings and parking lots. A new affordable housing project of 5-stories is under construction directly across the street. To the north of the new apartment building there is a large apartment development.





## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

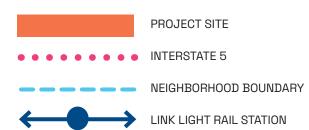
#### **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

The site is located on the north edge of the Better Lake neighborhoods. It's immediate community assets are the Dunn Gardens and the Bitter Lake Playfield. It shares proximity to many other community assets making it an ideal centralized ocation for public amenities like transportation, libraries and schools.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT ANALYSIS-KEY**

- (A) BITTER LAKE
- B) BITTER LAKE PLAYFIELD
- (C) BROADVIEW BRANCH THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
- D NORTHACRES PARK
- (E) HALLER LAKE PARK
- F LAKESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
- (G) DUNN GARDENS
- (H) UW MEDICAL CENTER NORTHWEST | SEATTLE HOSPITAL
- (I) WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
- (J) PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- (K) THOMPSON HIGH SCHOOL
- (L) INGRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

#### **LEGEND**











## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-COMMUNITY NODES

## **COMMUNITY NODES**

Context analysis: the nodes highlighted represent the nearby diverse community assets (school, library and community center) and open recreation areas adjacent to the project.









BITTER LAKE

BITTER LAKE PLAYFIELD

BROADVIEW BRANCH THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NORTHACRES PARK









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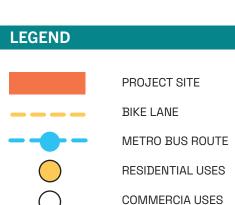
## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-5 MINUTE-WALK-RADIUS MAP

## **STREET LEVEL USE**

The 5 minute walking area of the neighborhood is mainly characterized by small to large commercial and retail buildings, multi-family apartments, auto shops and restaurants on high-traffic principal arterial street (Aurora Ave N) with Single family housing further to the west. There is immediate access to public transit at the proposed project location. Within a short walk away, residents have access to multiple bus routes, neighborhood greenways, bike lanes.

## **EXISTING BUILDING-KEY**

- (A) WALGREENS
- B TRI-COURT APARTMENTS
- UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
- D O'REILLY AUTO PARTS
- (E) KIDD VALLEY
- (F) CARD EXCHANGE
- G TRESSA APARTMENTS
- (H) HYUNDAI OF SEATTLE
- I NORTHLINE APARTMENTS
- J AMESBURY COURT APARTMENTS
- K COOPER APARTMENTS
- CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM OF SEATTLE
- (M) COMFORT INN & SUITES SEATTLE NORTH HOTEL
- (N) OFFICE DEPOT
- (0) LA FITNESS
- (P) PLANET FITNESS
- (Q) BITTER LAKE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS
- (R) ASIAN FAMILY MARKET SEATTLE
- (S) PETSMART



## STREET LEVEL USE









## BITTER LAKE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL FRAMEWORK

The Bitter Lake area along Linden Ave. N is poised to become a unique in-city neighborhood in northwest Seattle. It already possesses a strong residential and commercial community that has seen significant recent development. The recently completed Linden Ave. N street improvements created infrastructure needed to support existing development and new development. RapidRide transit service is providing frequent, high-quality service linking this area to other neighborhood and downtown Seattle. The City recently approved funding to move forward the design of improvements to Aurora Ave. N.

There are numerous, apartment buildings and small commercial businesses located along the east/ west streets between Linden Ave. N and Aurora Ave. N, ranging from insurance offices to brake and transmission shops. These benefit from the regional access provided by Aurora, and provide jobs and services to surrounding communities. However, N 130th St. between Linden Ave. N and Aurora Ave. N should transition toward a more pedestrian and transit oriented development pattern. This would establish N 130th St. As the gateway to the Bitter Lake Village Center.





**Linden Park** Condominium





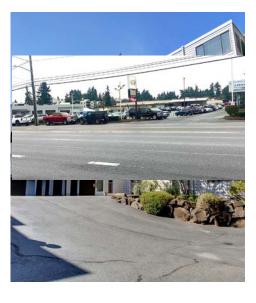
**Cooper Apartments** 13530 Linden Ave N



**Amesbury Court Apartments** 

13739 Linden Ave N







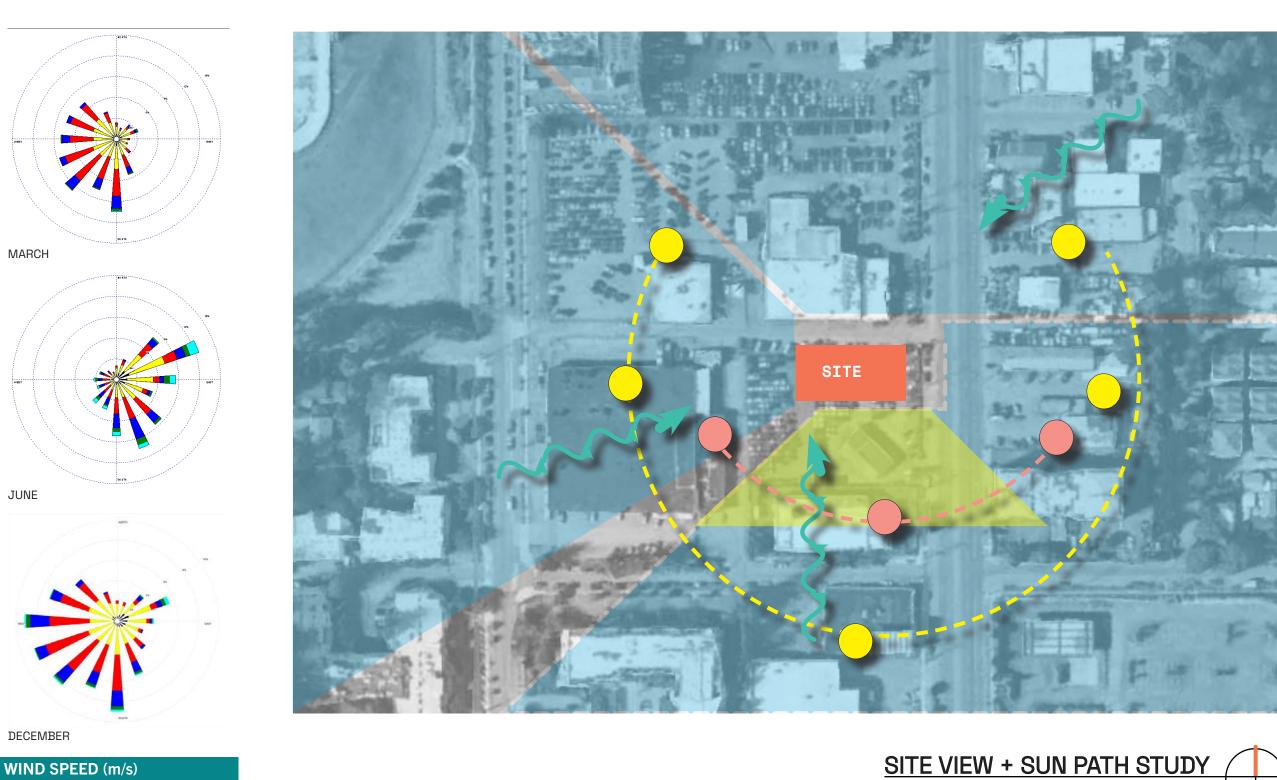








## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-SITE VIEW+SUN PATH



LEGEND



**VIEWS** 

SUN CAPTURE

PREVAILING WIND

20 JUNE 2020: SUNRISE 5:11 AM, SUNSET 9:11 PM

> 21 DECEMBER 2020: SUNRISE 7:55 AM, SUN SET 4:21 PM





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## SECTION 05 / URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS-STREET VIEWS

## **AURORA AVE N, (LOOKING EAST): A-A'**



**Aurora Plaza** 13754 Aurora Ave N



**Five Star Auto Sales** 13738 Aurora Ave N



**Stereo Warehouse** 13728 Aurora Ave N



A+N Aurora Body & **Paint Inc.t** 



**Comfort Inn** 





Parking lot

13550 Aurora Ave N



AURORA AVE N, (LOOKING WEST): B-B'









**Chrysler Dodge** Jeep Ram 13733 Aurora Ave N





THE SITE





**Verizon Distribution** 13701 Aurora Ave N







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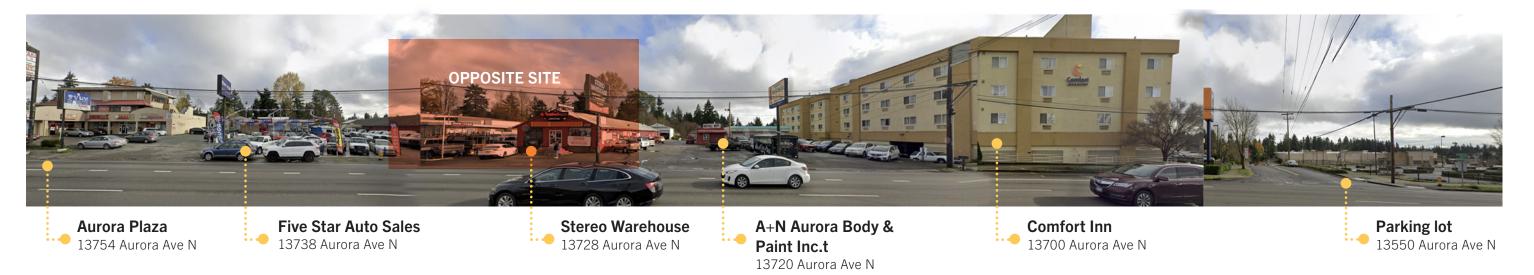




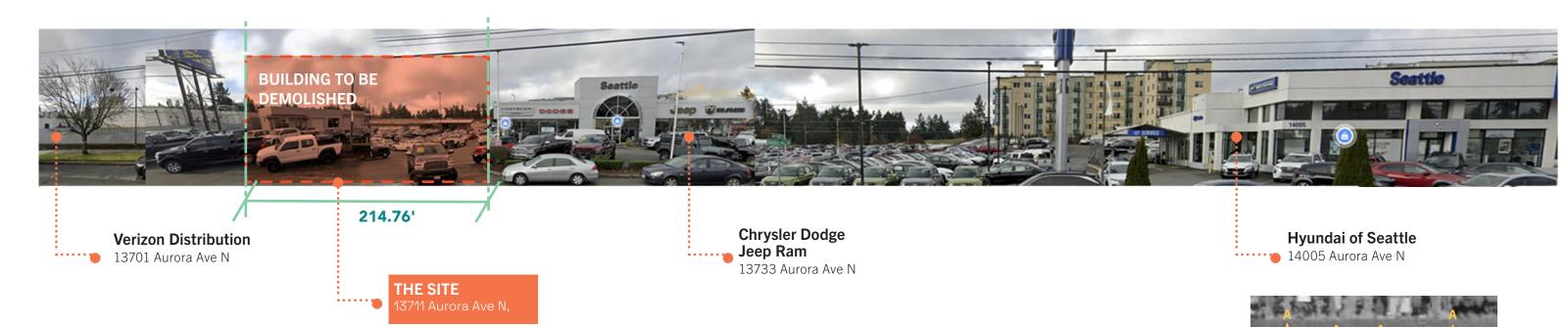




## AURORA AVE N, (LOOKING EAST): A-A'



## **AURORA AVE N, (LOOKING WEST): B-B'**





## SITE VIEW FROM NORTH WEST CORNER

## SITE VIEW FROM NORTH EAST CORNER















## SITE VIEW-LOOKING FROM EAST





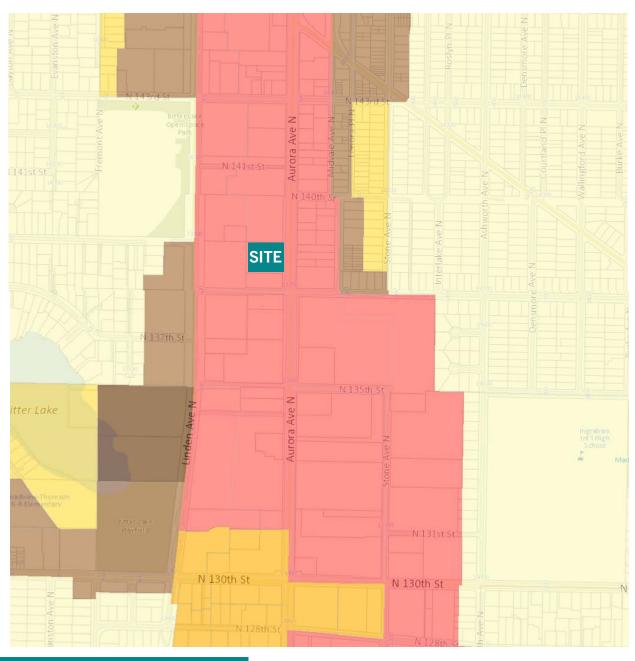




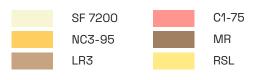


## SECTION 06 / ZONING MAP AND ZONING SUMMARY

## **ZONING MAP**



## **LEGEND: CURRENT ZONING**

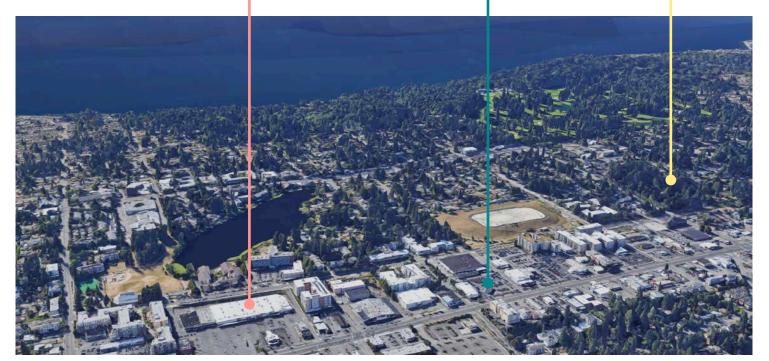


## C1-75 (COMMERCIAL 1):

An auto-oriented, primarily retail/ service commer-cial area. Building types are variety of commercial structures with ex-tensive surface parking and multi-story office or residential buildings.

#### **RSL: RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

SITE



will eventually be infused with both commercial and residential spaces, and areas for play. The result will be Aurora Avenue N.

The areas along Aurora Ave N. are focal points where residents can predominently commercial driven, shop, gather, work, and live. The mawith residential areas surrounding jority of the immediate surroundto the East and West of the site. With ings both North and South of 125th the future of the Bitter Lake Urban along Aurora are C1 (Vehicle-served) Village Neighborhood plan, this area commercial. This currently creates a pattern of large scale buildings and parking lots along the lots fronting



## SECTION 06 / ZONING MAP AND ZONING SUMMARY

## **ZONING OVERVIEW**

**EXISTING ZONING:** 

Commercial 1-75

■ COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE:

Hub Urban Village

■ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA:

Broadview - Bitter Lake - Haller Lake

OVERLAY:

Bitter Lake Urban Village

SMC	REQUIREMENT		
23.47A.004	PERMITTED USES		
	Commercial, Live / Work, Residential		
23.47A.005.C	STREET-LEVEL USES  MAX Residential Uses of Street Level at Street Facing Facade: 20%		
23.47A.008	STREET-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS BLANK FACADE: MAX. Blank Facade Length: 40% MAX. Blank Facade Area: 40%		
	TRANSPARENCY: MIN. Transparency Length: 60% MIN. Transparency Area: 60%		
	DEPTH PROVISIONS: AVG. Depth: 30' MIN. / Total Depth: 15' MIN.		
	HEIGHT PROVISIONS: MIN. Height: 13'		
	OVERHEAD WEATHER PROTECTION: MIN. Lenghth: 60% / MIN. Width: 6'		
23.47A.008.5	STRUCTURE WIDTH LIMIT  MAX. Structure Width: 250' / If the structure complies  with the modulation standards		
23.47A.012	STRUCTURE HEIGHT MAX. Height:: 75'		
	ROOFTOP FEATURES:  MAX. Height: 15' MAX. Height Stair /Elevator: 16'"		
	MAX.COMBINED TOTAL COVERAGE: 20% of Roof Area		
	25% of Roof Area If Including Stair/ Elevator Penthouses /Mechanical Equipment		
23.47A.013	FLOOR AREA RATIO  MAX. FAR: 5.5  The following gross floor area is not counted toward  FAR: All portions of a story that extend no more than 4  feet above existing or finished grade, whichever is lower,  excluding access		
23.47A.014	SETBACK REQUIREMENTS Front: 0'/ Rear: 0'/ Side: 0'		
	UPPER-LEVEL SETBACKS FOR STREET-FACING FACADES Front 8' avarage Seatback for above 65' MIN Setback Depth:		

SMC	REQUIREMENT		
23.47A.016	ODOR STANDARDS  The venting of odors, vapors, smoke, cinders, dust, gas, and fumes shall be at least 10 feet above finished sidewalk grade, and directed away to the extent possible from uses within 50 feet of the vent		
23.47A.022	<b>LIGHT AND GLARE STANDARDS</b> Exterior lighting must be shielded and directed away from adjacent uses		
23.47A.024	AMENITY AREA MIN. Amenity Areas: 5.00% All residents shall have access to at least one common or private amenity area Amenity areas shall not be enclosed Common amenity areas shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of 10 feet, and no common amenity area shall be less than 250 square feet in size Private balconies and decks shall have a minimum area of 60 square feet, and no horizontal dimension shall be less than 6 feet		
23 47A.032	PARKING LOCATION AND ACCESS  No parking required per SMC 23.54.015 Table B / 150 Provided		
23 54.015	BICYCLE PARKING  MIN. Long Term Parking: 350 (1 per dwelling unit)  MIN. Short Term Parking: 17.5 (1 per 20 dwelling units)		
23 54.040	SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS STORAGE Shared Storage Space for Solid Waste Containers for Residential: 575 sf + 4 sf for each additional unit above 100 dwelling units For development with more than 100 dwelling units, the required minimum area for storage space may be reduced by 15 percent, if the area provided as storage space has a minimum horizontal dimension of 20 feet		
23.47A.017	MANDATORY HOUSING IN C AND NC ZONES  Zone is subject to a mandatory housing affordability		
23 58C.030	AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTIAL  DPEerVfoErmLaOncPeM cEalcNuTla t ion amount per code for PUDA: 5.0% units required Payment calculation amount per code for PUDA (adjusted for change in CPI): \$7.00 / SF required		





DC2-A 2. REDUCING PERCIEVED MASSS



DC2-C S 1. VISUAL DEPTH AND INTEREST



DC2-D - 1. HUMAN SCALE

#### DC2-A ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

2. REDUCING PERCIEVED MASS

Use secondary architectural elements to reduce the perceived mass of large projects. Consider creating recessed or indentations in the building envelope: adding balconies, bay windows, porches, canopies or other elements; and/or highlighting building entries.

**RESPONSE:** The design breaks the building up into two masses from the Aurora street front and includes recessed and stepped facades at the upper levels. Retail spaces are designed along the east facade of the development. These will be designed with mainly glass facades that open up to the street and allow for a safe environment. Canopies are provide along the street front using vibrant colors, materials and signage. Seating and landscaping is provided along the street front as well that creates pocket plaza for the pedestrians.

#### DC2-C SECONDARY ARCH FEATURES

1. VISUAL DEPTH AND INTEREST

Add depth to facades where appropriate byincorporating balconies, canopies, awnings, decks, or other secondary elements into the facade design. Fit with Neighboring Buildings: Use design elements to achieve a successful fit between a building and its neighbors, such as:

- a. Considering aspects of neighboring buildings through architectural style, roof line, datum line detailing, fenestration, color or materials.
- **b.** Using trees and landscaping to enhance the biding design and fit with the surrounding context.
- c. Creating a well-proportioned base, middle and top to the building in locations where this might be appropriate. Consider how surrounding buildings have addressed base, middle, and top, and whether those solutions or similar ones - might be a good fit for the project and its context.

RESPONSE: The proposed design allows for secondary architectural elements around the site, which are visible from the sidewalk to build connection between the new and adjacent development. The preferred proposal incorporates facade articulation throughout the building to establish a horizontal datum to respond to the existing structure height. The articulation visually breaks down the height of the building.

#### DC2-D ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

1. HUMAN SCALE

Incorporate architectural features, elements, and details that are of human scale into the building facades, entries, retaining walls, courtyards, and exterior spaces in a manner that is consistent with the overall architectural concept. Pay special attention to the first three floors of the building in order to maximize opportunities to engage the pedestrian and enable an active and vibrant street front.

**RESPONSE:** The preferred proposal incorporates facade articulation throughout the building to establish a horizontal datum to respond to the existing structure height. The articulation visually breaks down the height of the building. The project proposes creating a rhythm using both variations in the material palette and emphasizing a clear structural organization. Canopies will be used to define entries to the street level retail, providing both weather protection and a datum line bring down the street level zone to a pedestrian scale. The proposed design uses secondary architectural elements around the site, which are visible from the sidewalk to build connection between the new and adjacent development.





CS3 EVOLVING NEIGHBORHOODS



CS2 HEIGHT, BULK AND SCALE



PL3-B SECURITY AND PRIVACY

#### **CS3.4 ARCH. CONTEXT & CHARACTER**

4. EVOLVING NEIGHBORHOODS

In neighborhoods where architectural character is evolving or otherwise in transition, explore ways for new development to establish a positive and desirable context for others to build upon in the future.

**RESPONSE:** The Bitter Lake neighborhood surrounding Arora is in transition with a mix of building types, scales and uses. The area is responding to new developmentsnear by allowing for taller buildings and greater density. The neighbors along Aurora are currently car dealerships or retail types without pedestrian oriented streetscape on the ground level. This project will be contributing to theactivity along the street, and will bring new character to establish a positive influence to the neighborhood. Retail spaces are designed along the front facade, these will be designed with mainly glass facades that open up to the street and allow for a safe environment. Canopies are provide along the street front using vibrant colors, materials and signage. Seating and landscaping is provided along the street front for creating successful pedestrian connectivity.

#### **CS2-D URBAN PATTERN AND FORM**

1. HEIGHT, BULK AND SCALE

Review the height, bulk, and scale of neighboring buildings as well as the scale of development anticipated by zoningfor 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.

RESPONSE: The team reviewed the architectural character of the Bitter Lake neighborhood surrounding Aurora Ave N. The Aurora strip is evolving and containing with a mix of building types, scales and uses. As appropriate to areas in transition, the proposed design will relate to height, bulk, and scale of the new developments while establishing a desirable context for others to build upon in the future. The design will respond to the datum lines of the existingsurrounding structures but will bring new and improved character to the area by allowing for taller buildings and greater density. The neighbors along Aurora are currently car dealerships or retail types without pedestrian oriented streetscape on the ground level. This project will be contributing to the activity along the street, and will bring new character to establish a positive influence to the neighborhood.

#### **PL3 STREET-LEVEL INTERACTION**

1. FRONTAGES

Design ground floor frontages in commercial and mixeduse areas that emulate or improve upon the surrounding pedestrian oriented context, while acknowledging the pedestrian patterns that exist. Promote transparency and "eyes on the street." At residential projects, provide coupled entries where possible to foster a sense of community and visual interest in building entryways.

**RESPONSE**: Retail spaces are designed along the east facade of the development. These will be designed with mainly glass storefronts Entrances to the street level uses are located primarily along Aurora frontage and are clearly visible from the sidewalk and across the street. Entrances will have signage, seating and landscaping to differentiate them from other areas in the building. Overhead weather protection is provided along the main street fronts where retail entrances and residential lobby areas are provided. A continuous landscape buffer is provided along the street and additional landscape buffers









PL2 STREET-LEVEL TRANSPARENCY



PL3-A ENTRIES

#### **PL3-B RESIDENTIAL EDGES**

#### 1. SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Provide security and privacy for residential buildings through the use of a buffer or semi-private space between the development and the street or neighboring buildings. Consider design approaches such as elevating the main floor, providing a setback from the sidewalk, and/or landscaping to indicate the transition from one type of space to another.

**RESPONSE:** The proposed project enhances the safety of the entries by promoting social interaction to activate the street. The entries design provide lighting, eye on the street connection and multi-resident overview. The ground level provides privacy and security using doors with security system in all the entries. Adjacent to the south, north and west property lines we propose a wood fence to provide screening, privacy and security between the neighboringenhances building and the proposed development. Lastly, Window treatments will be

## PL2.B SAFETY AND SECURITY

#### 3. STREET-LEVEL TRANSPARENCY

Ensure transparency of street-level uses (for uses such as non-residential uses or residential lobbies), where approprivate, by keeping views open into spaces behind walls or plantings, at corners, or along narrow passageways. Choose semi-transparent rather than opaque screening.

**RESPONSE:** Transparent commercial frontage will face the Aurora frontage to promote activity, interest and safety on the street. The dominant use along Aurora is commercial entries, a vehicular entry and a residential entry, accessed through the corner open space off Aurora providing a transition from the street to the residential levels. The storefront entries and residential entry are both oriented to Aurora to provide visual connection and security. The sidewalk along the east edge of the site will provide pedestrian oriented experiance with views into the commercial spaces in order to emphasize transparency of the commercial street frontage while the upper residential levels are setback to provide privacy. The streetscape will propose street trees, pedestrian level planting lighting and weather protection over the sidewalk.

#### **PL3-A STREET-LEVEL INTERACTION**

#### 1.C ENTRIES

Common entries to multi-story residential buildings need to provide privacy and security for residents but also be welcoming and identifiable to visitors. Design features emphasizing the entry as a semi-private space are recommended and may be accomplished through signage, low walls and/or landscaping.

**RESPONSE:** The main entry will be clearly identified with landscaping and differential element features. The landscaping design will provide pavings and planters leading the route through the main entry to the building residential lobby.



#### **CS2 HEIGHT, BULK AND SCALE**



#### UPPER LEVELS RESIDENTIAL A FACADE

The upper levels residential facade varied through use of vertical modulation and fenestration pattern to feature visual interest. Well proportioned glazing units will create a varied, but common language across the proposed residential function of the design. All schemes explore how to cater upper levels with residential character while minimizing facade modulation. Our goal is to utilize window pattern to creates a cohesive simple facade maintaining a visual interest.

## (B) PARKING GARAGE

Parking garage location pushes residential use to second floor level. Garage access located on south east edge of mass to minimize the visual impact, provides a 20 feet ramp and curb cut along Aurora.

## (C) BLANK WALL TREATMENT

Special attention to the material treatment of the blank wall condition on the east side of the building along the alley where the trash room, resident storage, and bike room are located. Design this wall to provide texture, visual interest, and durable materials with minimal maintenance requirements

#### (D) COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE

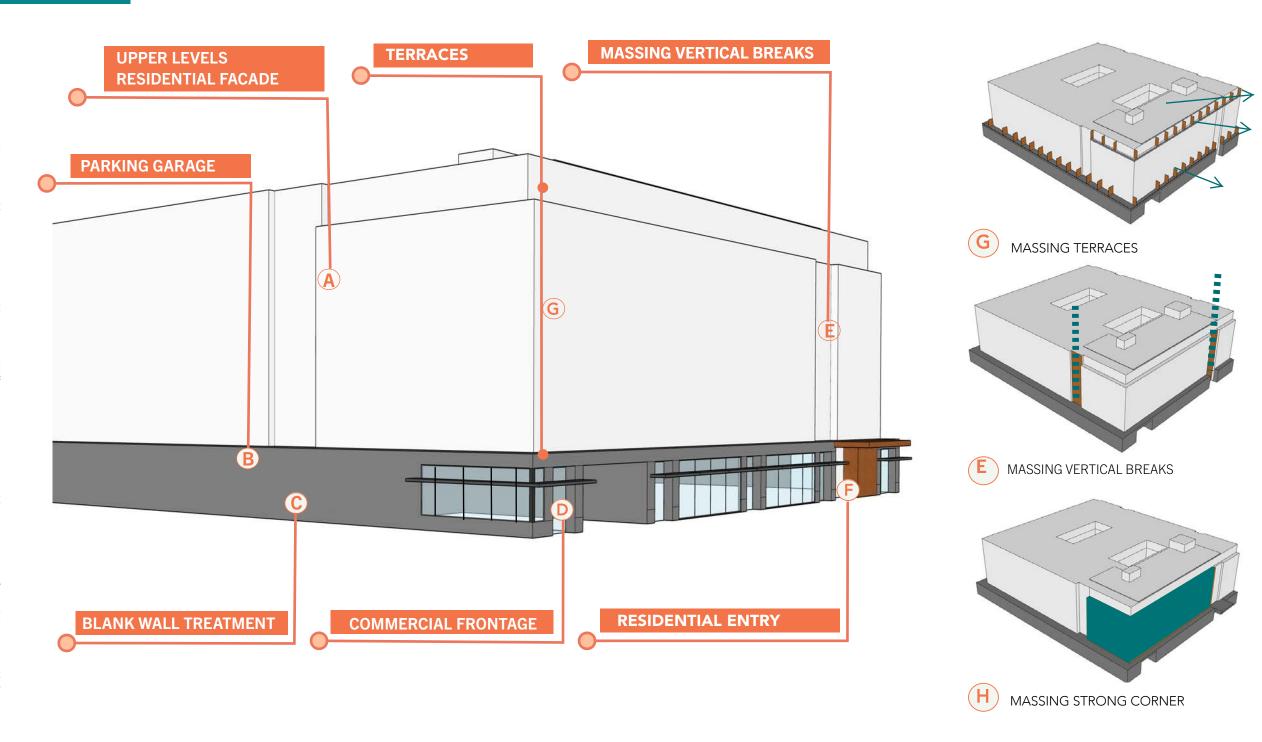
Transparent commercial storefront allowing the street edge to activate the street. Canopies are provided to further enhanced the rhythm and depth of the facade.

## E MASSING VERTICAL BREAKS

Vertical break in the facade provide relief over length of frontage responding and visually creates two separate elements at the streetfront and the overall massing.

#### (F) RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE

Special attention is given to the development of the residential entry, lobby and amenity spaces off Aurora Ave N. The main entry provides a clear visual prominent and a vertical break in the facade, creating two separate elements at the streetfront

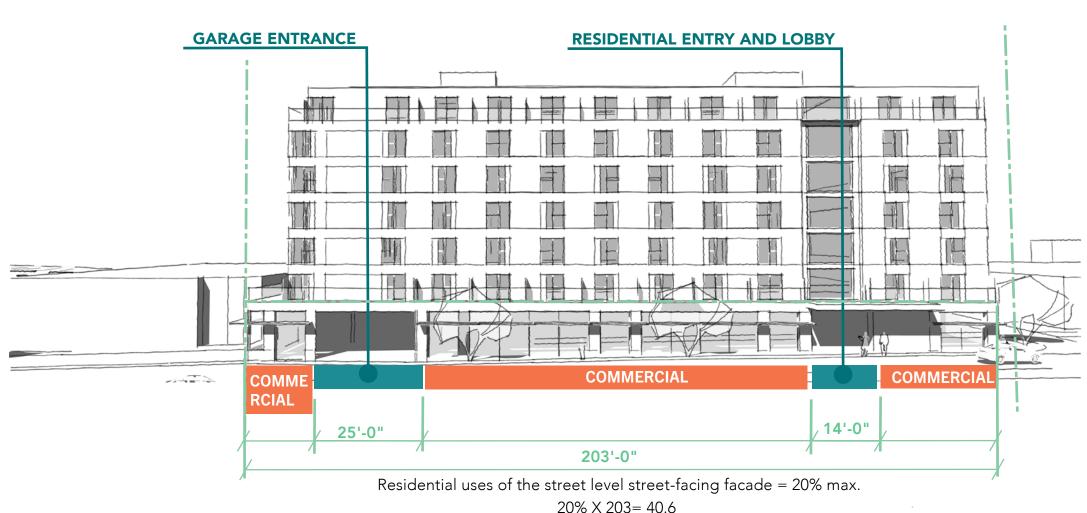






STREET-LEVEL TRANSPARENCY AND LANDSCAPING AT THE RETAIL STOREFRONT

Our building will be one of the first new taller apartment buildings along Aurora, The design intent for this development inspired to continue the future growth of the area. The 3 concepts are centered around simplicity of the form and differentiate between uses. In order to allow the massing to read clearly, our intention is to keep the overall language of masses simple to create a unified composition. The building base will vary its structured layout to express variety of scales and building uses, including parking, garage access, commercial frontages and residential entrance. The upper levels maintain residential character with window pattern to provide a visual interest.



#### **KEY DESIGN CUES:**



INSPIRATION: STREET-LEVEL RETAIL STOREFRONT



INSPIRATION: SIMPLICITY IN FORM WITH CLEAR ARTICULATION



Strong street presence and trans-parency with emphasis on pedes-trian interaction

All schemes explore how to ca-ter upper levels with residential character while minimizing facade modulation. Our goal is to utilize window pattern to creates a cohe-sive simple facade maintaining a visual interest.

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WINDOW PATTERN AT UPPER LEVELS FOR VISUAL INTEREST

## SECTION 09 / ARCHITECTURAL MASSING CONCEPTS

## DC2-C SECONDARY ARCH FEATURES

All schemes explore the use materials palette and overall language of simple masses and unified facede composition. Building base will vary between variety of scales and building uses, including parking, garage access, commercial frontages and residential entrance.

Our proposed material palette consists of fiber cement siding in both lap and panel form, with cedar wood to add texture and character at street level and metal secondary facade elements.





METAL SECONDARY ELEMENTS



FIBER CEMENT PANELS

## **INSPIRATIONS AND MATERIALS**



FIBER CEMENT AT UPPER LEVELS



#### **EXTERIOR ELEMENTS & FINISHES**

The project proposes a variety of building materials to create rich and dynamic facades while maintaining an overall unified design con-cept. Special attention will be payed to the street level retail and residen-tial elements with details to provide interest at the pedestrian level. The design concept will encompass all elevations unifying the overall design.



CEDAR WOOD ACCENTS AT THE STREET LEVEL



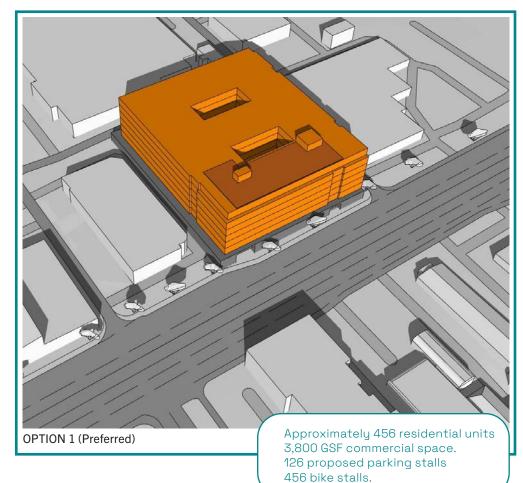
CONCRETE



CEDAR WOOD



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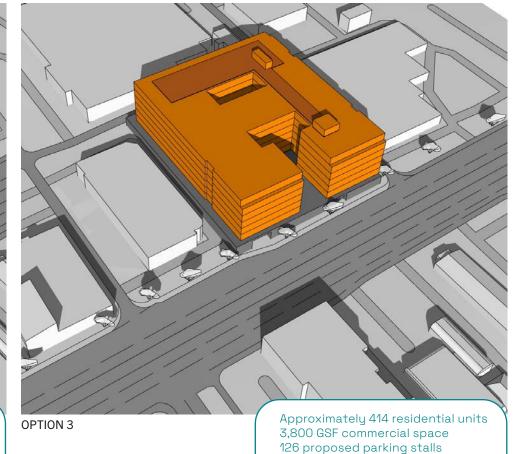




3,800 GSF commercial space

126 proposed parking stalls

426 bike stalls



#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes development density and affordability
- Residential entry readily identifiable
- Strong corners
- Strong design dialogue between lower building and upper building
- Create spaces for private decks

#### CONS:

- Potential shadows in courtyard, interior courtyard areas is reduced in size
- Roof deck is exposed to noise and allows for less views

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**

#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes open spaces for outdoor amenities
- Break down south facade
- Residential entry readily identifiable
- Strong corners
- Strong design dialogue between lower building and upper building
- Create spaces for private decks

#### **CONS:**

- Disoriented circulation at residential evels
- Less number of units, reduced affordablity

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**

#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes open spaces for outdoor amenities
- Break down east facade
- Residential entry readily identifiable
- Strong corners
- Strong design dialogue between lower building and upper building
- Create spaces for private decks

#### CONS:

- Disoriented circulation at residential levels
- Less number of units, reduced affordablity

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**

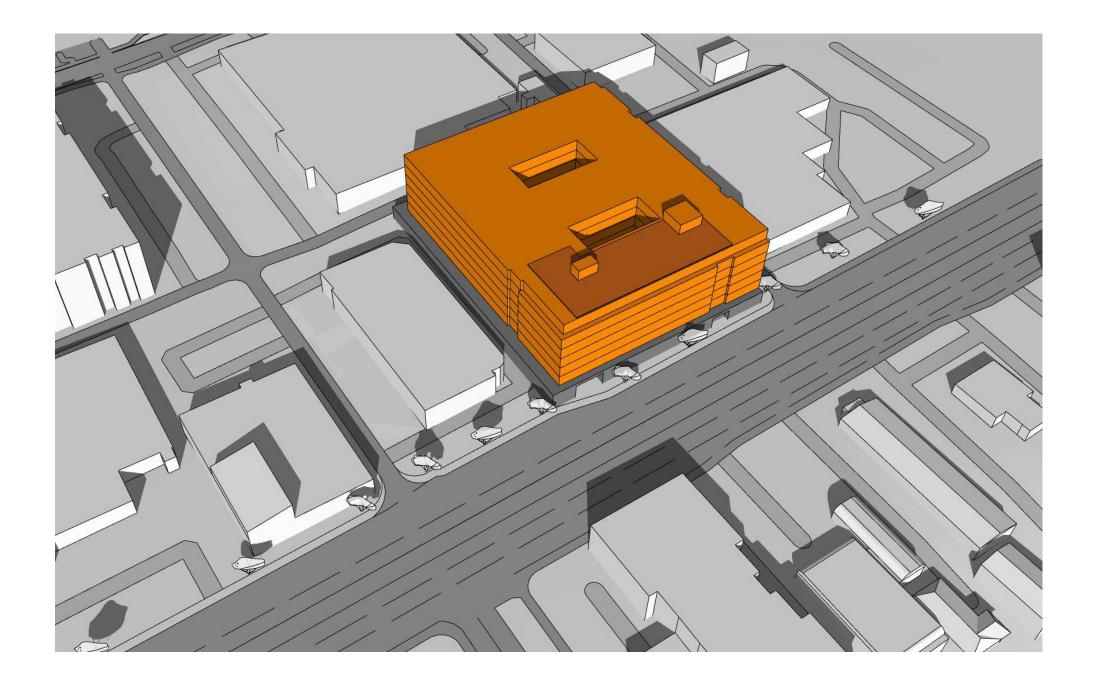


414 bike stalls

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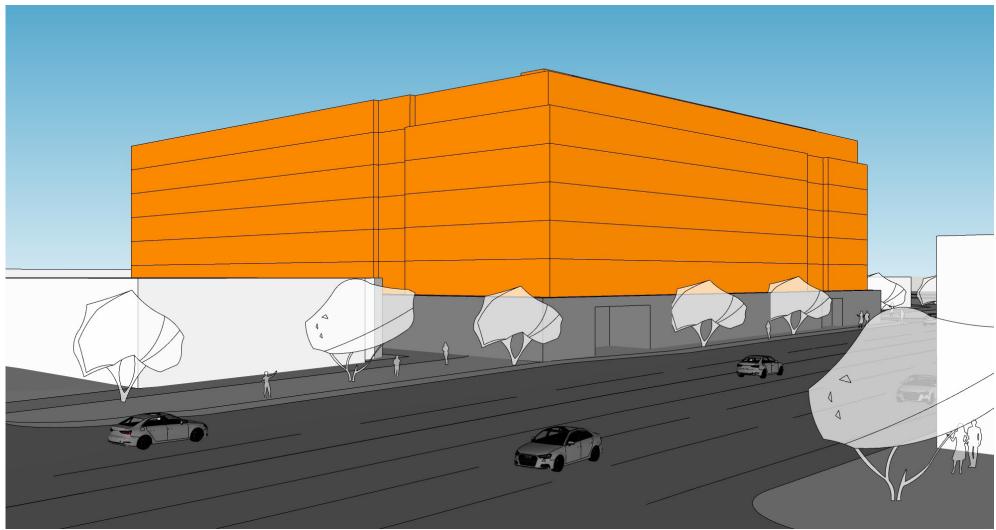
## **DESIGN CONCEPT A SUMMARY**

- Seven levels of affordable multi-family residential space with approximately 39,300 SF gross floor area per floor and 287,726 GSF total.
- Approximately 456 residential units / 3,800 GSF commercial space.
- 126 proposed parking stalls / 456 bike stalls. No required parking.
- 3,350 SF residential roof amenity area
- ■1,482 SF of interior residential lounge amenity area

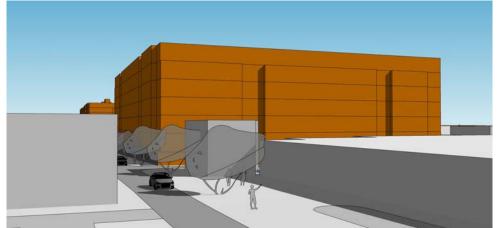




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SE VIEW - AURORA AVE N





#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes development density and affordability
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- Create spaces for private decks

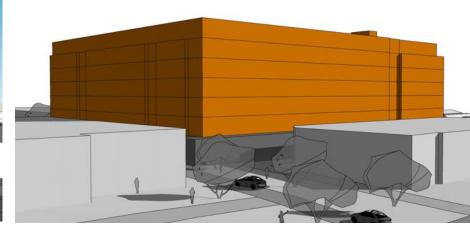
#### CONS:

- Potential shadows in courtyard, interior courtyard areas is reduced in size
- Roof deck is exposed to noise and allows for less views

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**



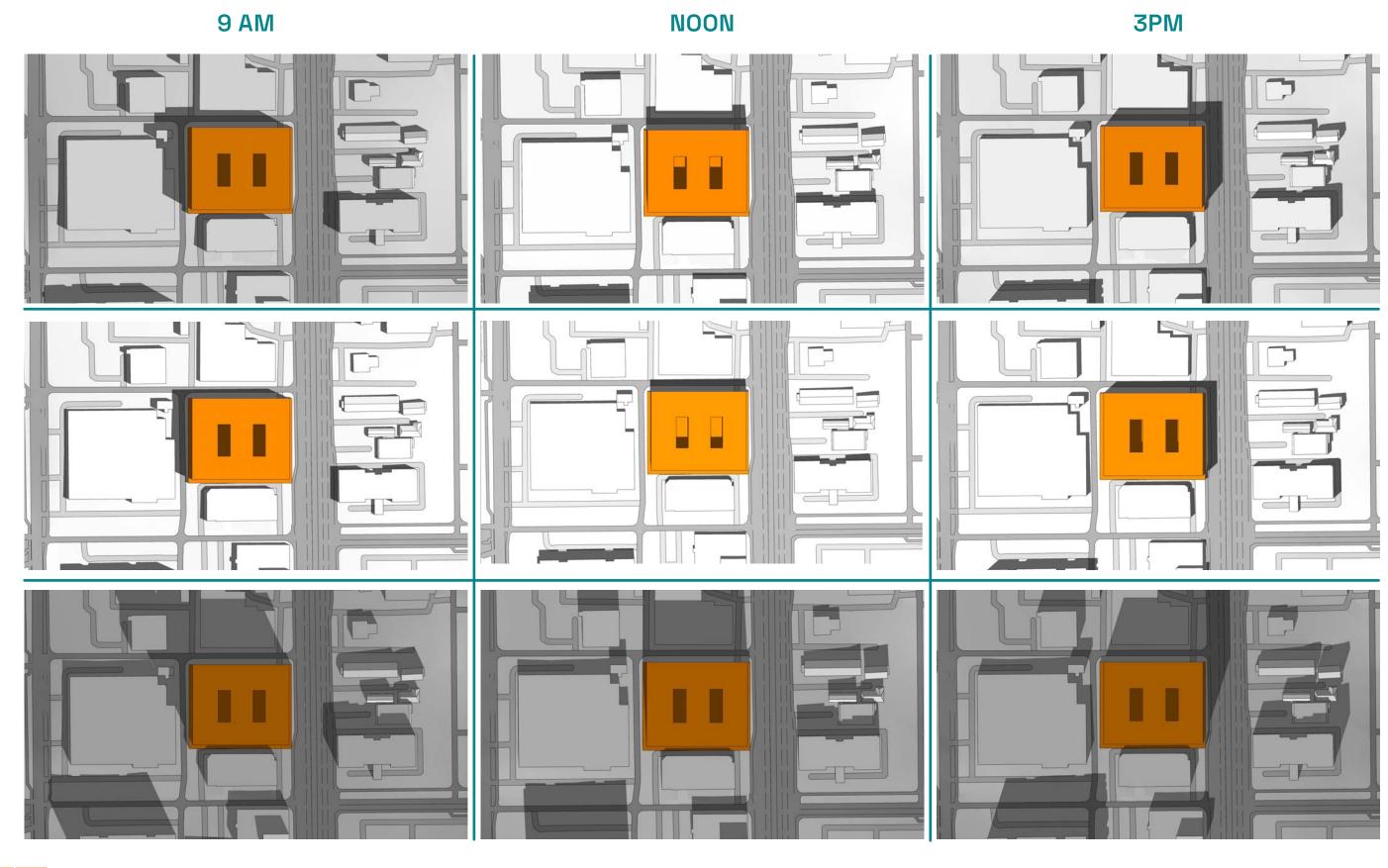




SW VIEW

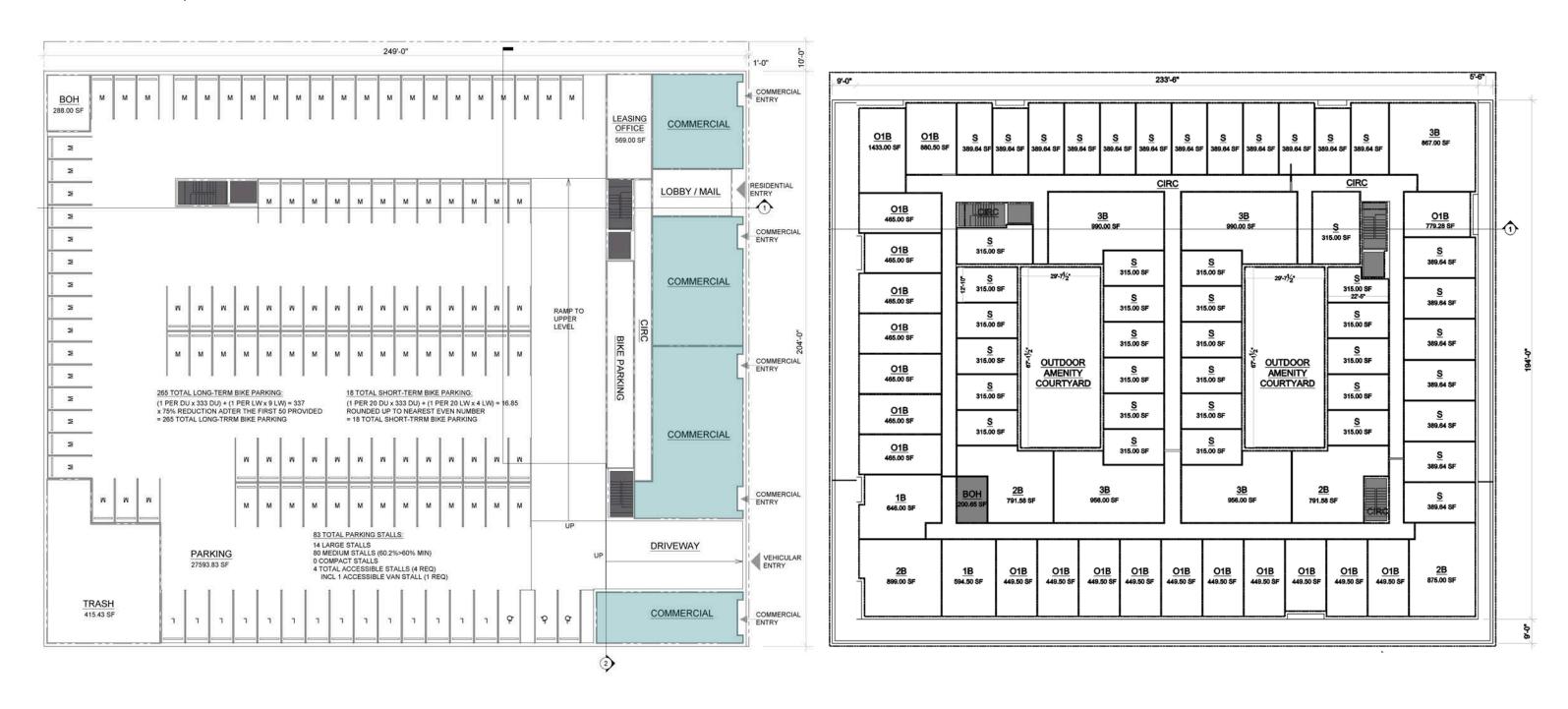


NW VIEW





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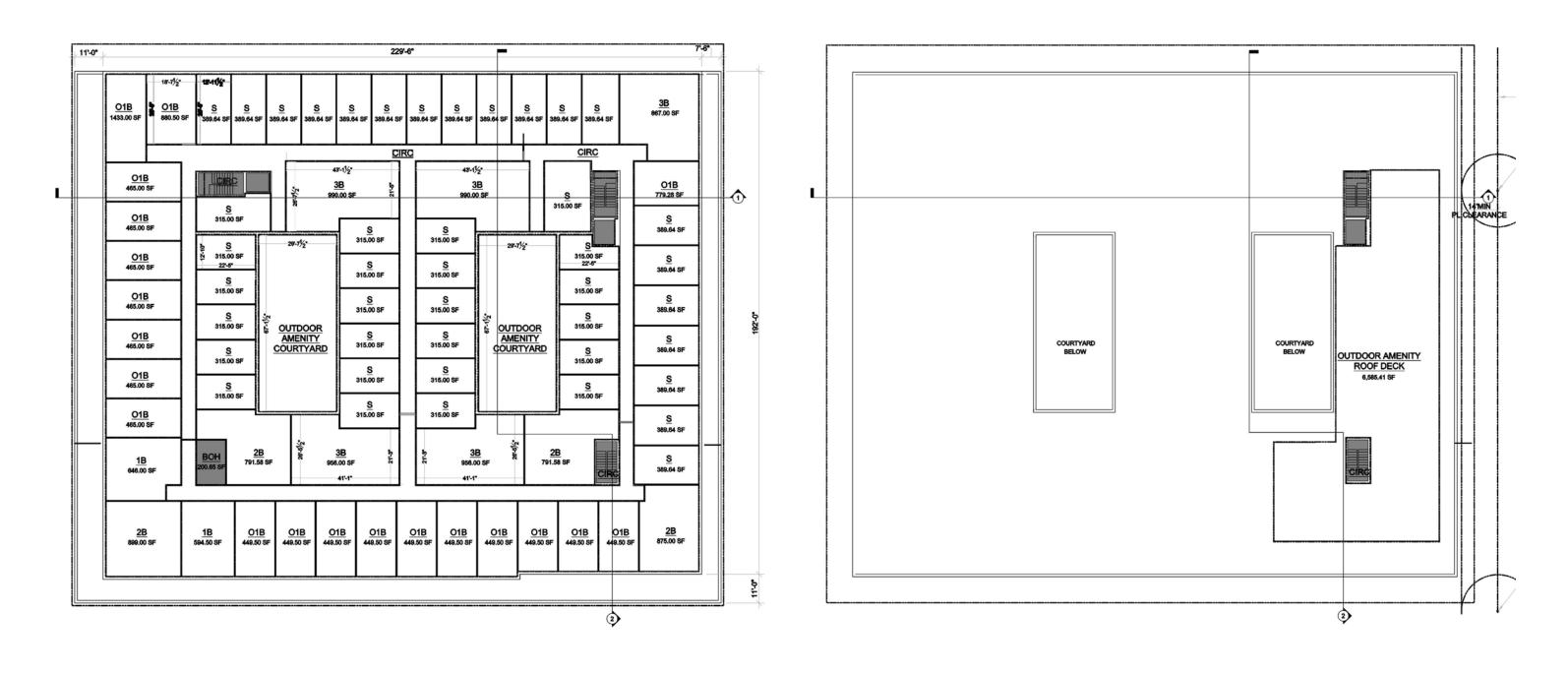


SECOND TO SIXTH FLOOR





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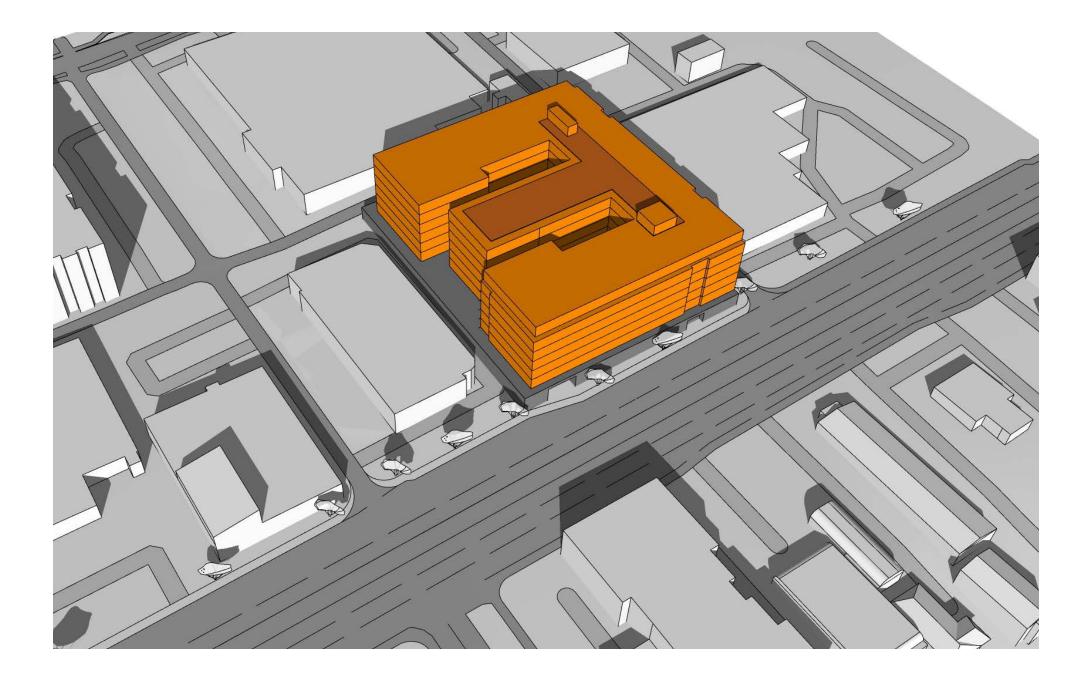




## SECTION 08 / DESIGN CONCEPT B

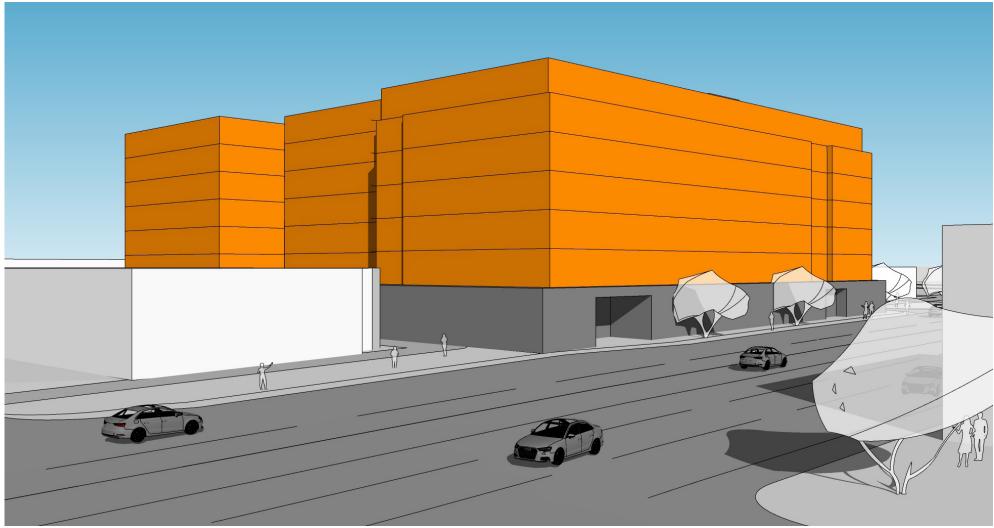
## **DESIGN CONCEPT B SUMMARY**

- Seven levels of affordable multi-family residential space with approximately 39,300 SF gross floor area per floor and 287,726 GSF total.
- Approximately 426 residential units / 3,800 GSF commercial space
- No required parking. 126 proposed parking stalls / 426 bike stalls.
- 3,350 SF residential roof amenity area
- ■1,482 SF of interior residential lounge amenity area

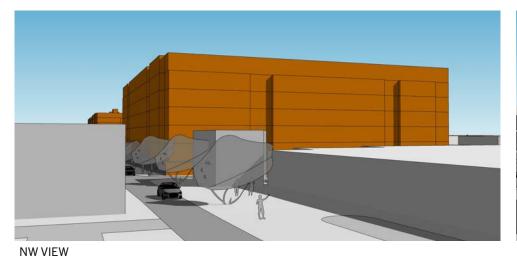




## SECTION 08 / DESIGN CONCEPT B



SE VIEW - AURORA AVE N





NE VIEW - AURORA AVE N

#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes open spaces for outdoor amenities
- Break down south facade
- Residential entry readily identifiable
- Strong corners
- Strong design dialogue between lower building and upper building
- Create spaces for private decks

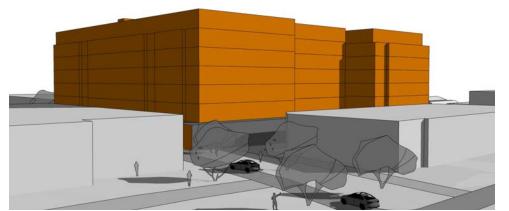
#### CONS:

- Disoriented circulation at residential evels
- Less number of units, reduced affordablity

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**

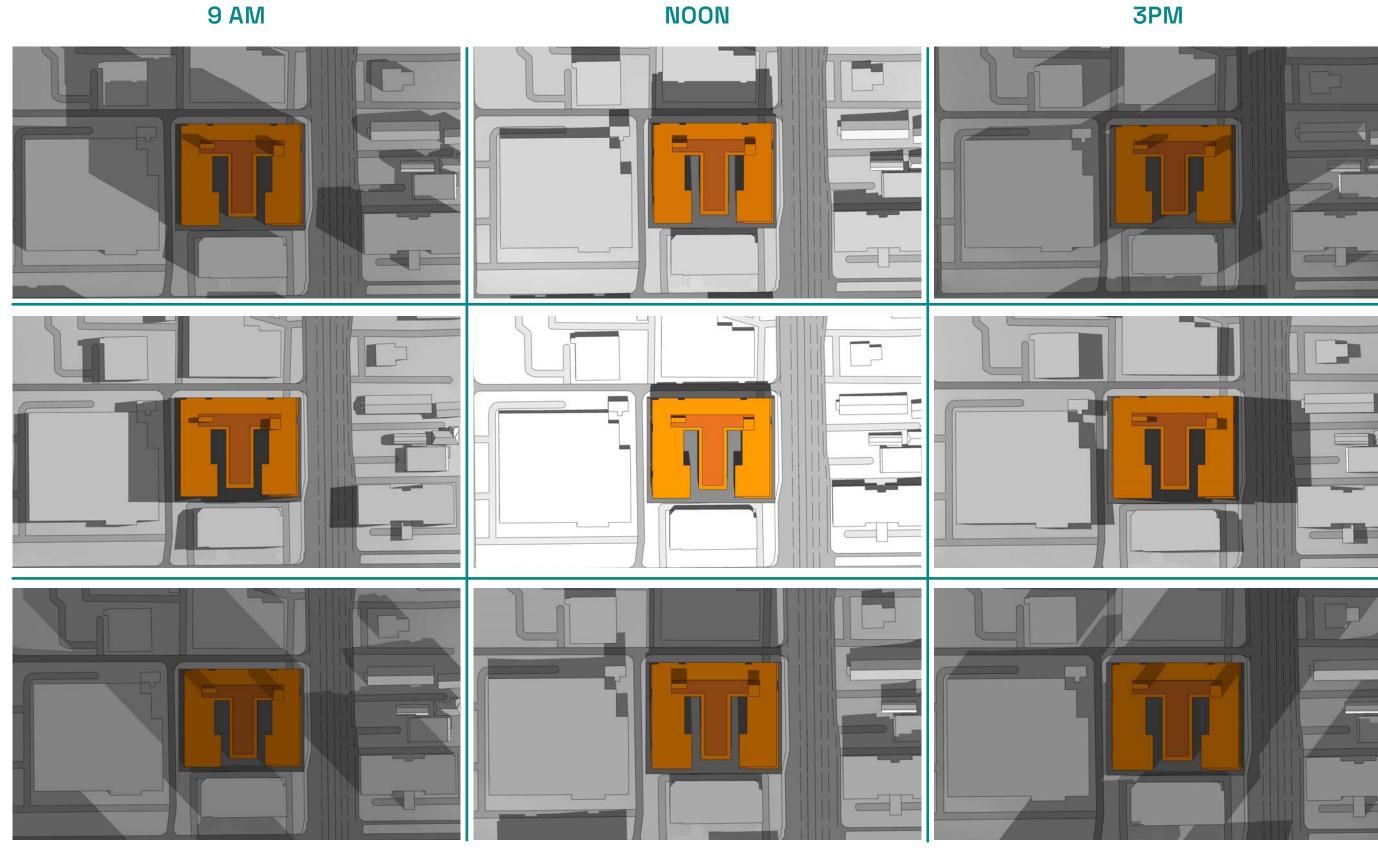






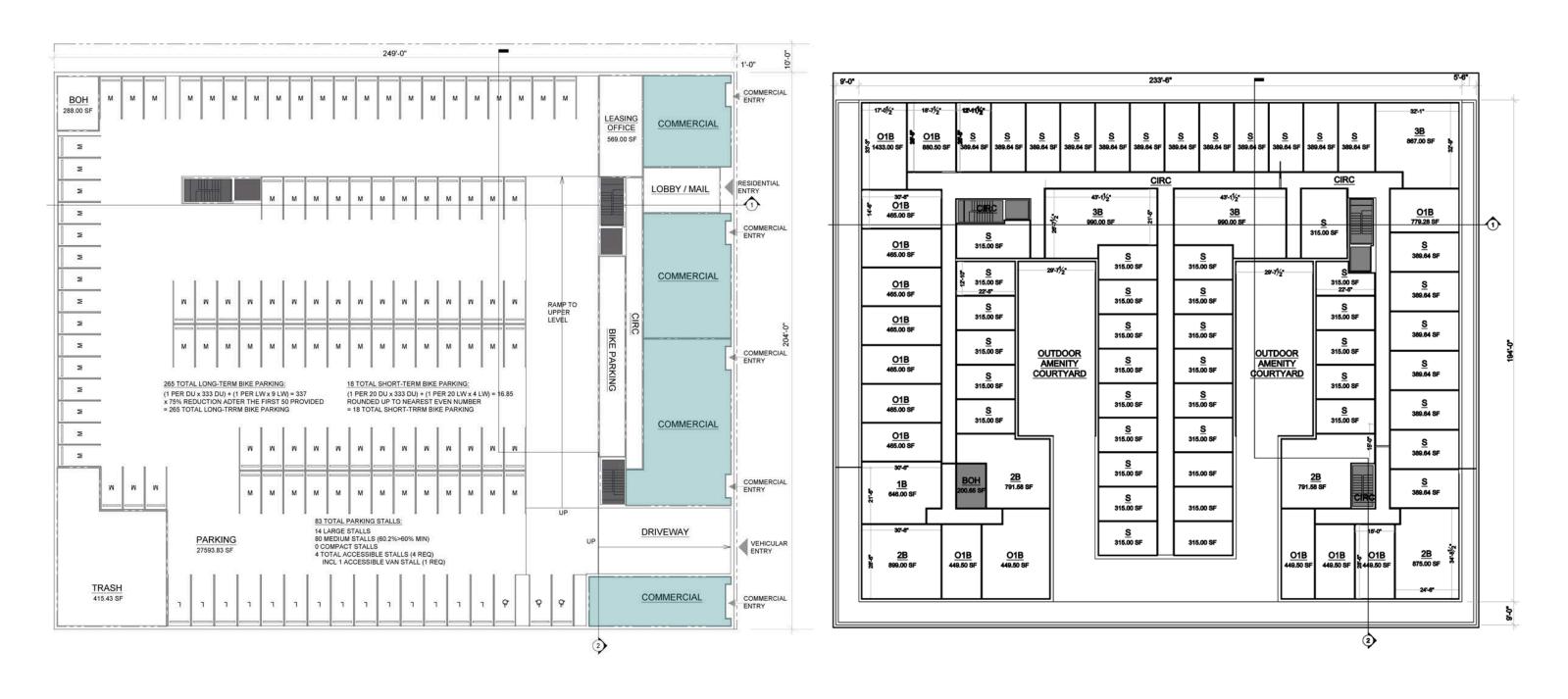
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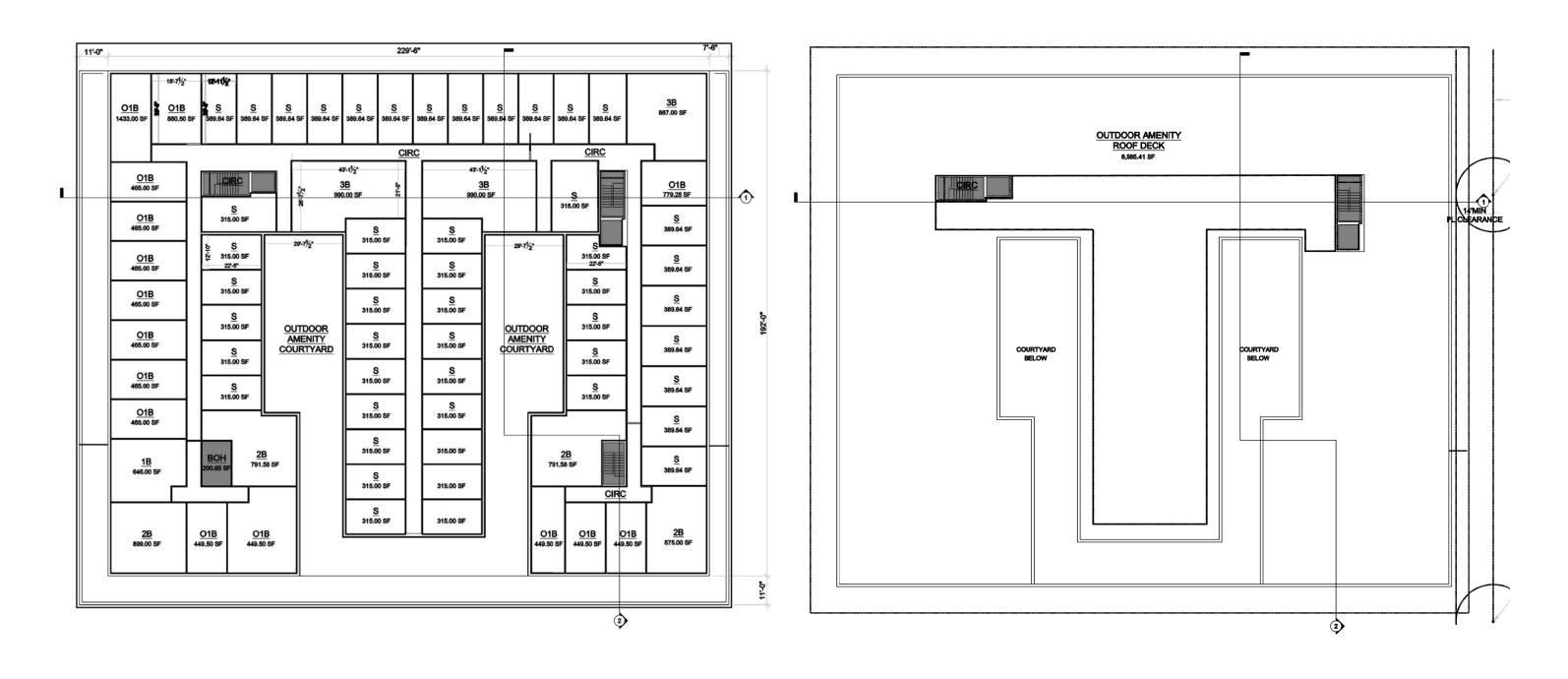


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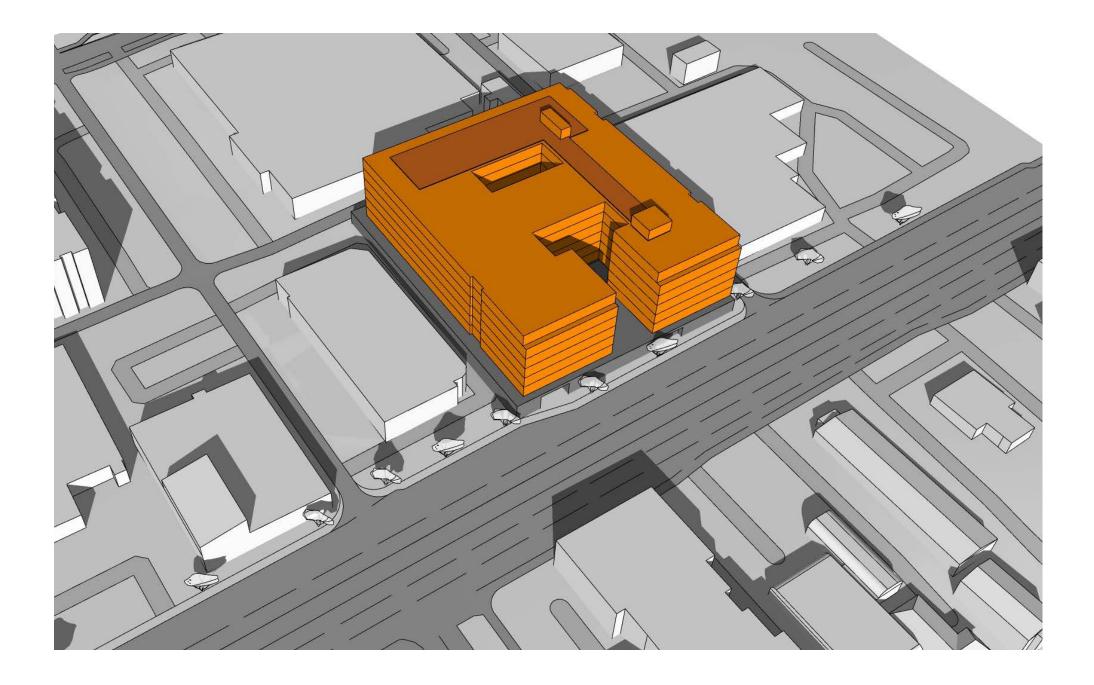




## SECTION 08 / DESIGN CONCEPT C

## **DESIGN CONCEPT C SUMMARY**

- Seven levels of affordable multi-family residential space with approximately 39,300 SF gross floor area per floor and 287,726 GSF total.
- Approximately 414 residential units / 3,800 GSF commercial space.
- No required parking. 126 proposed parking stalls / 414 bike stalls.
- 3,350 SF residential roof amenity area
- ■1,482 SF of interior residential lounge amenity area

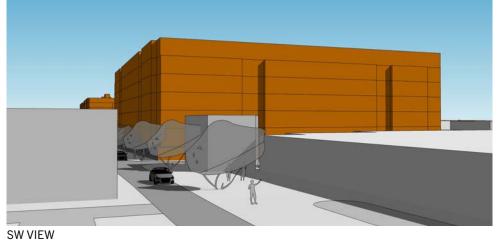


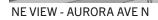


## SECTION 08 / DESIGN CONCEPT C



SE VIEW - AURORA AVE N





#### PROS:

- Simple massing provides clarity in design
- Optimizes open spaces for outdoor amenities
- Break down east facade
- Residential entry readily identifiable
- Strong corners
- Strong design dialogue between lower building and upper building
- Create spaces for private decks

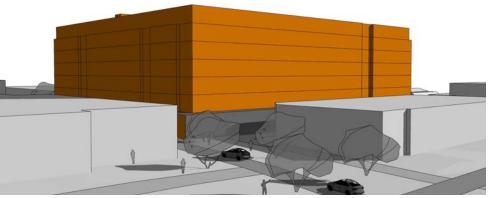
#### CONS:

- Disoriented circulation at residential levels
- Less number of units, reduced affordablity

#### **DEPARTURES: NONE**

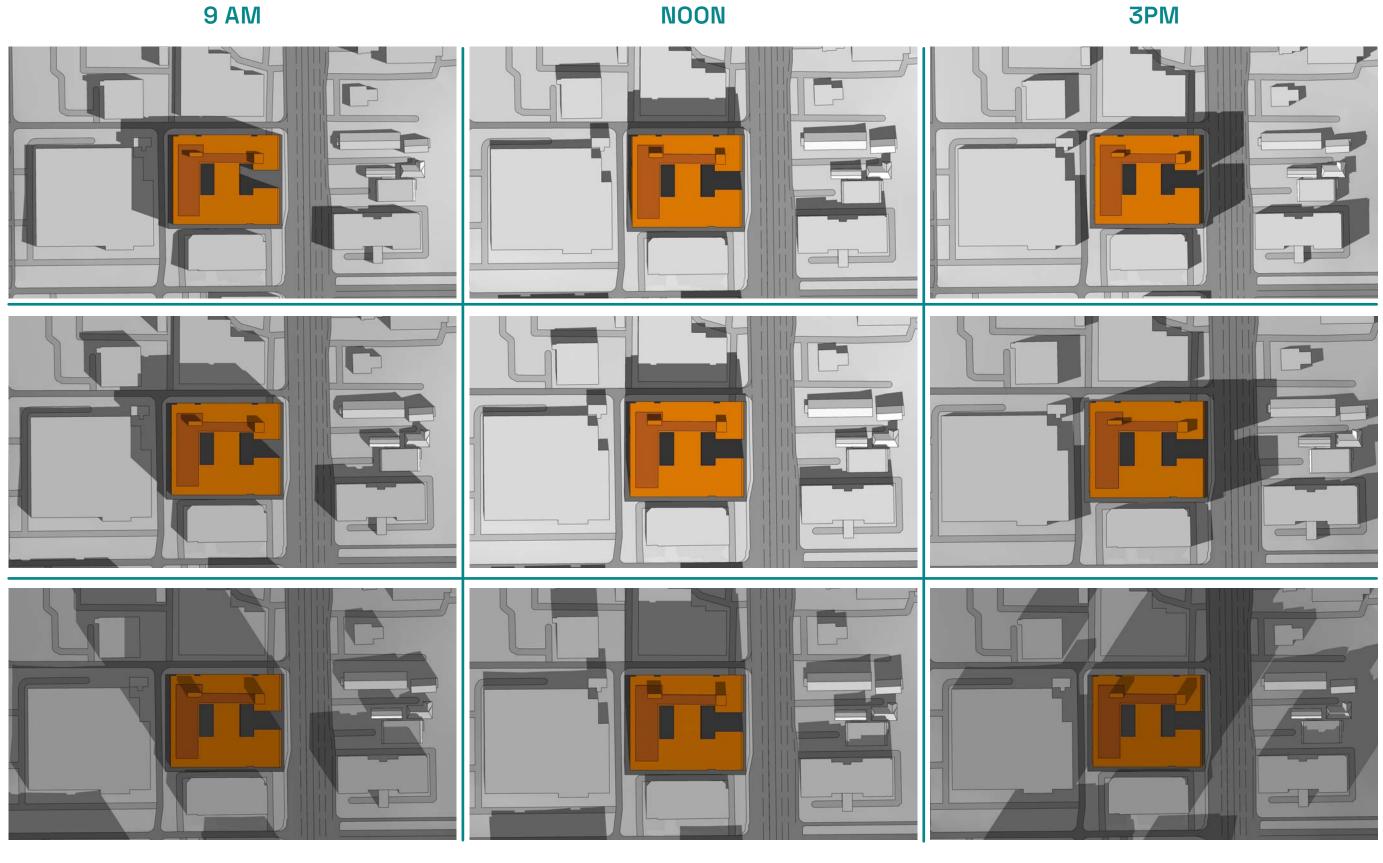






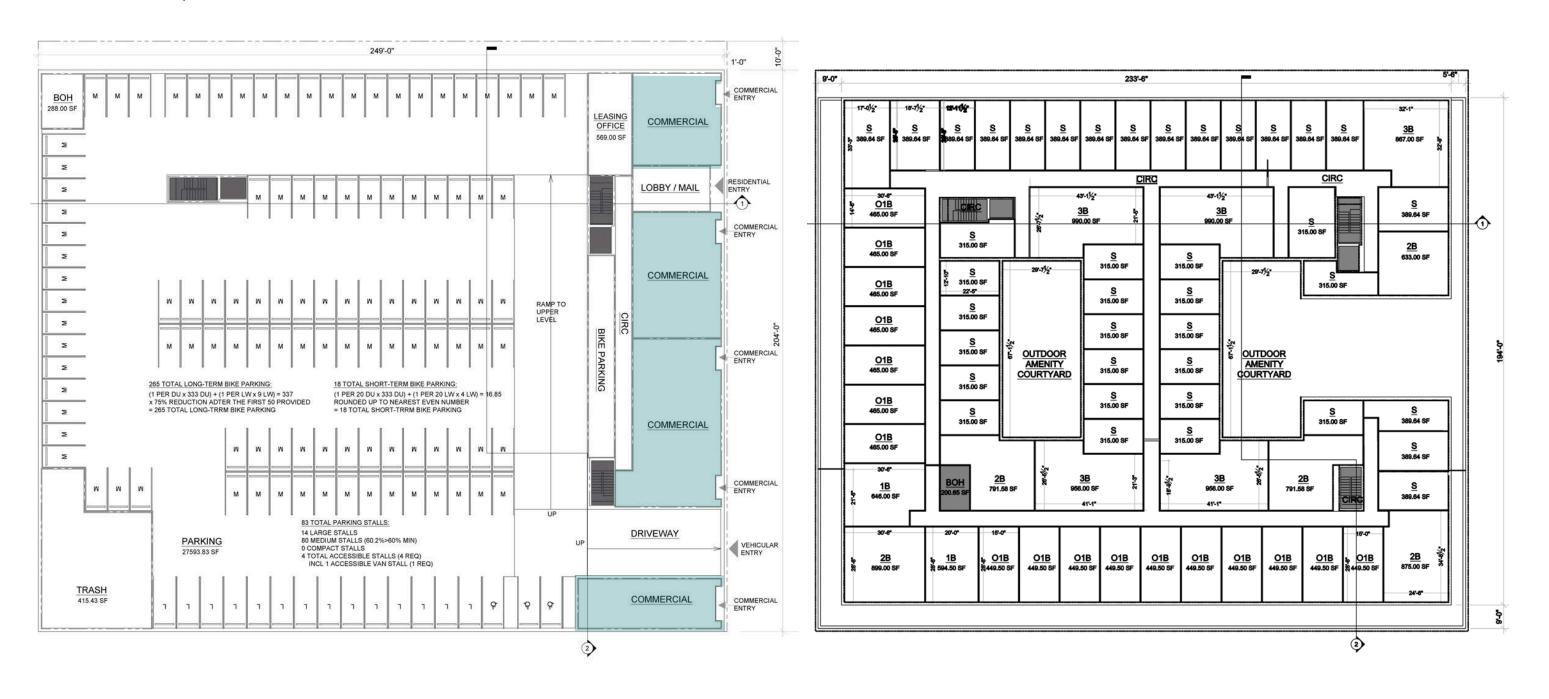
NW VIEW







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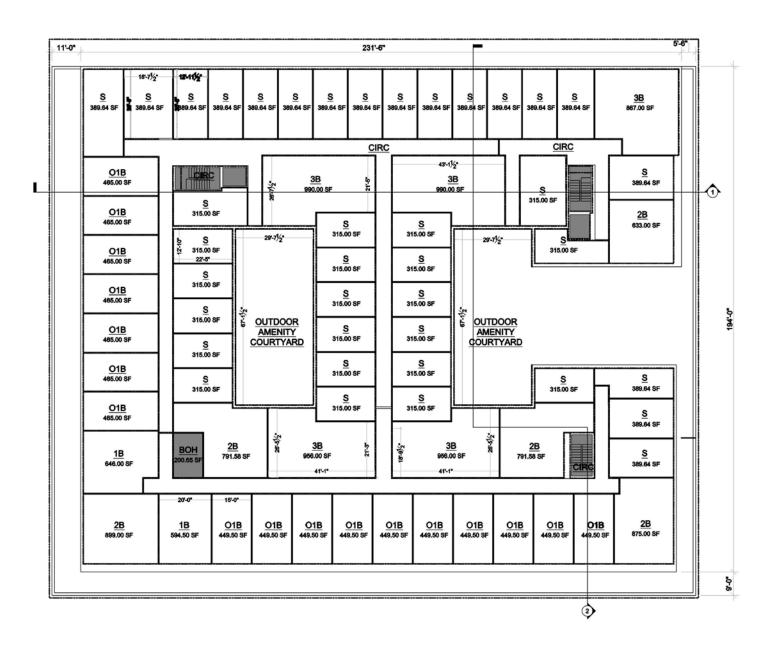


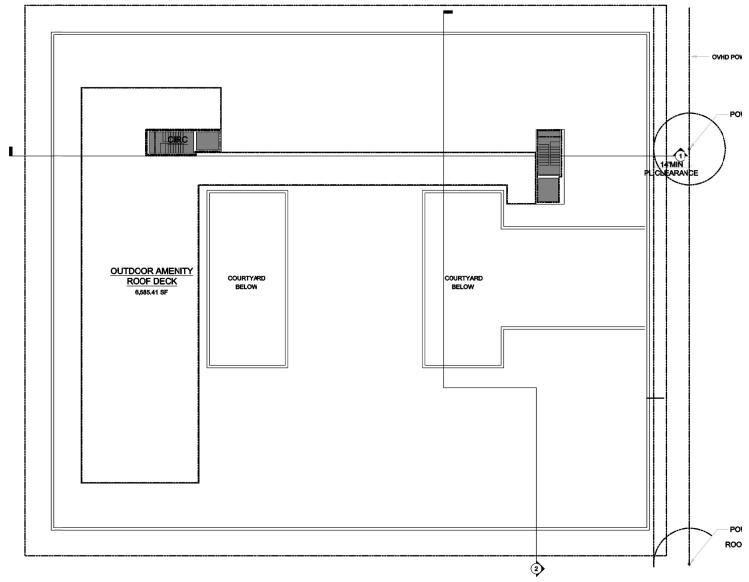






## SECTION 08 / DESIGN CONCEPT C-FLOOR PLAN











## SECTION 10 / LANDSCAPE-PRECEDENT IMAGERY





















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