### **Broad Street Vacation**

#### Public Benefit Discussion



SDC Meeting Susan McLaughlin, Eric Tweit, & Lyle Bicknell April 7, 2016



### Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission**: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

#### For **all**

### **Presentation overview**

- Project background/area
- South Lake Union Urban Design Framework
- South Lake Union street concept plans overview
- Broad Street property design guidelines
- Proposed street concepts for 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Aloha and Roy
- Public benefit summary
- Implementation strategy

### Project area



# Background

- 2004- South Lake Union Designated as one of City's six Urban Centers
- 2007- Neighborhood Plan Updated
- 2010- Urban Design Framework Completed
- 2013-Incentive Zoning Ordinance Adopted by Council
- 2013- LCLIP Adopted
- 2013- Street Concept Plans Adopted via Director's Rule



### South Lake Union Street Concept Plans



### South Lake Union Street Concept Plans



" The block of 8th Avenue between Thomas Street and Harrison Street is a memorable segment of full street tree canopy" South Lake Union Street Concept Plans

### **Shared Street Concept**

- A multi modal street that accommodates people, bikes, cars at a slower speed, as well as emergency access
- A sidewalk zone that accommodates a variety of activities including walking, sitting, playing, or connecting with neighbors; with lush planting and tree canopy





## 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N street – case study

- Two 6-story structures (office with ground floor retail)
- Below grade parking
- Primary building entrances off 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N
- Auto access and loading off adjacent alleys



# 300 & 333 8<sup>th</sup> Ave –case study



Street as Open Space: There shall be no throughvehicle connection, nor garage access from this pedestrianized space. Limited vehicle use for special events or occasional loading and unloading



The space shall be level with the sidewalk with its surface to have textured paving material in the form of unit pavers or patterned concrete.

The standard sidewalk design, with a 2x2 scoring pattern, shall be wrapped around the E-W corners at Mercer and at Roy for at least 10' into the new public space.





TYPICAL SIDEWALK & CURB RAMP DETAIL



Square 2' sawcut pattern

Pedestrian sightlines shall be maintained through the space between Mercer and Roy streets.



At least 1/3 of the space (right-of-way and adjacent easements) shall be planted with ground cover and trees of a 3" or greater caliper with a minimum of one tree per 250 square feet of open space



The space shall include social gathering places, including comfortable and secure seating, in a variety of types (benches, stools, tables and chairs, low walls) to accommodate individuals and groups



CPTED principles shall be applied to assure maximum visual access and personal safety



Spaces shall be completely integrated into surrounding buildings that have highly permeable walls and the potential to accommodate adjacent food service activities

#### Circulation and all site amenities shall be ADA accessible



Integrated public art and/or interactive water feature shall be included



Night time area and pedestrian lighting at 2 foot-candles with shielded source fixtures shall be included.



The design of the space shall demonstrate solar access for seating areas



Open space connections

Eighth Ave North

Anchor for Green Street

#### Roy and Aloha Street

Connect to Lake Union Park

#### Ninth Ave North

Bicycle connection to Westlake cycle track



### **Existing conditions**





East view – Aloha at 8th Ave N



South view – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N at Valley

### Street concept plan project area



### Cross section A: Aloha



### Cross section B: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N (Aloha to Valley)



### Cross section C: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N (Valley to Roy)





# 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N street concept



### Furnishings/landscape





**Bio-retention opportunities** 





2x2 standard scoring on concrete sidewalks



Pedestrian lighting; classic post top standard SCL fixture

### Cross section D: Roy (Dexter to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N)





### **Broad Street Property**



### **Transportation network**



33

### Public benefits matrix

	Description	Outcome
Eighth Ave N Through the site (Mercer-Roy)	<ul> <li>Pedestrian-only right-of-way (40')</li> <li>Easement on each side (10')</li> <li>Improvements consistent with South Lake Union Street Concept Plans</li> <li>Maintained by adjacent property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pedestrian connection Roy to Mercer</li> <li>Re-establish street grid, providing light, air, views</li> <li>Implement SLU Urban Design Framework</li> </ul>
Eighth Ave N (Roy-Aloha)	<ul> <li>Pedestrian and streetscape improvement plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extend Eighth Ave N streetscape improvements beyond project site</li> <li>Connect to Lake Union Park</li> <li>Implement SLU Urban Design Framework</li> </ul>
Roy Street (Dexter N – Ninth N)	<ul> <li>Protected bike lanes with physical buffer</li> <li>Adding additional landscape area along the frontage.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Complete bicycle network</li><li>Improved pedestrian realm</li></ul>
Ninth Ave N (Mercer – Westlake/Aloha)	<ul> <li>Physical buffer between bike lanes and traffic (Mercer-Roy)</li> <li>Protected bike lanes with physical buffer (Roy-Westlake/Aloha)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Complete bicycle network</li><li>Connection to Westlake Cycle Track</li></ul>
Ninth Ave N (Mercer – Roy)	• Easement for potential/future SB right- turn lane to Mercer St	<ul> <li>Open space</li> <li>Bicycle – vehicle separation, if needed</li> </ul>

### Implementation strategy

	Description	Implementation
Eighth Ave N Through the site (Mercer-Roy)	<ul> <li>Pedestrian-only right-of-way (40')</li> <li>Easement on each side (10')</li> <li>Improvements consistent with South Lake Union Street Concept Plans</li> <li>Maintained by adjacent property</li> </ul>	Improvements to be completed by developer with development of the site.
Eighth Ave N (Roy-Aloha)	<ul> <li>Pedestrian and streetscape improvement plan</li> </ul>	SDOT and other development on 8 <sup>th</sup> N
Roy Street (Dexter N – Ninth N)	<ul> <li>Protected bike lanes with physical buffer</li> </ul>	Improvements to be completed by developer with development of the site.
Ninth Ave N (Mercer – Westlake/Aloha)	<ul> <li>Physical buffer between bike lanes and traffic (Mercer-Roy)</li> <li>Protected bike lanes with physical buffer (Roy-Westlake/Aloha)</li> </ul>	SDOT to implement independent of development of the site.
Ninth Ave N (Mercer – Roy)	• Easement for potential/future SB right-turn lane to Mercer St	Easement assigned to the Broad Street Property. SDOT to implement any future street improvements.
Transit hub on Aurora Ave N between Thomas and Harrison	• Develop and implement a plan to realize the community vision for a new transit hub	SDOT to lead through the Center City Mobility Plan