



The City of Seattle

## Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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### Staff REPORT

Board meeting ~~May 5, 2021~~ ~~May 12, 2021~~ May 19, 2021

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

**051921.34**     **4<sup>th</sup> Ave Connector Bike Lane**  
4<sup>th</sup> Ave to Dilling Way S to Yesler to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S

Proposed installation of a protected bike lane along including alterations to the right of way

Staff report: This project was seen at a briefing on April 2021. While the Board does not have review over the use of the right of way, meaning if cars drive on the road or bicycles drive on the road, the Board has preview over any installations, paint colors or other physical alterations and demolitions in the rights of way.

The Board had originally required that planters be used on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S rather than plastic delineators except where delineators were necessary in areas such as pickup/drop off zones. There was a stretch of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave where people were using the planters as benches and it was causing unsafe pedestrian and bicycle interactions. The Board approved removal and replacement with plastic delineators after the fact on this block and for the plastic delineators to be installed in a new section of bike lane extending from that site. This project would also install the plastic delineators. While signage and green striping appears to have been installed as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bike lane those items were not included in the application submitted and reviewed by the Board.

There are several planning processes going on in this area including that Parks is looking at improvements to City Hall Park and Prefontaine Fountain. SDOT is also looking at the area around Prefontaine Fountain and the tunnel head house and looking at Fortson Square in collaboration with the Chief Seattle Club. The Alliance for Pioneer Square currently has a project to try to compile all the planning in this area which is called the Northeast Pioneer Square Framework Plan.

Draft Motion: I move to recommend granting a Certificate of Approval for: Installation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Connector bike lane as presented.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the May 19, 2021 public meeting and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

No person shall alter, demolish, construct, reconstruct, restore, remodel, make any visible change to the exterior appearance of any structure, or to the public rights-of-way or other public spaces in a special review district, ... and no permit for such activity shall be issued unless a certificate of approval has been issued by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

**Pioneer Square Preservation District Rules**

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the Pioneer Square Preservation District Ordinance and Rules, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation with Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, and the complete series of Historic Buildings Preservation Briefs developed by the National Park Service shall serve as guidelines for proposed exterior alterations and treatments, rehabilitation projects, and new construction. (7/99)

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values. (7/99) In considering rehabilitation projects, what is critical is the stabilization of significant historical detailing, respect for the original architectural style, and compatibility of scale and materials.

New construction must be visually compatible with the predominant architectural styles, building materials and inherent historic character of the District. (7/99) Although new projects need not attempt to duplicate original facades, the design process ought to involve serious consideration of the typical historic building character and detail within the District.

- D. Color. Building facades are primarily composed of varied tones of red brick masonry or gray sandstone. Unfinished brick, stone, or concrete masonry unit surfaces may not be painted. Painted color is typically applied to wooden window sash, sheet metal ornament and wooden or cast iron storefronts. Paint colors shall be appropriate to ensure compatibility within the District. (7/99)

## XV. STREET LIGHTING

The three-globe Chief Seattle bronze base light fixture currently used in the District will be the approved street lighting standard. Additional alternative lighting standards and fixtures that are compatible with the historic character of the District may be approved by the Board for installation in conjunction with three-globe fixtures as needed to improve pedestrian-level lighting and public safety. (7/03)

## XVI. SIGNAL STANDARDS

The traffic signal standard shown in Attachment B is recommended as the standard throughout the District. No mast arms or span wires will be approved.

## XVII. SIDEWALK TREATMENT

### A. Standards

Sidewalk paving and improvements shall be completed with one pound lamp-black per cubic yard of concrete, scored at two-foot intervals. This material shall be used for all projects of 1/4 block or greater size. On small projects, if it is feasible, sidewalk material may be selected as for all projects of 1/4 block or greater size. On small projects, if it is feasible, sidewalk material may be selected to match adjacent sidewalks in color, pattern and texture.

### Secretary of Interior's Standards

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.

4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.

5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.

9. New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

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