



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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STAFF REPORT

LPB 383/22

Property Name: Queen Anne Boulevard – McGraw Street Bridge

Address: section of McGraw street that spans the Wolf Creek Ravine

Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:

The continuity of the boulevard street system; existing street trees (as mapped); existing granite curbs and brick gutters; major structural elements (street lights, bridges, walls); and triangles.

Designated under Standards:

C and F

Summary of proposed changes: Seismic improvements to the bridge, and installation of fencing below for improved security.

PROPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed seismic improvements, and fencing at the McGraw Street Bridge (a component of Queen Anne Boulevard), as per the attached submittal.

EXPLANATION AND FINDINGS

This action is based on the following:

1. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 A, *the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change would adversely affect the features or characteristics described in the Report on Designation (LPB 123/79).*
 - a. The proposed alterations to the bridge do not dramatically alter the characteristics of the designated features.
 - b. The proposed fencing is in a location with little visibility and is easily reversible.

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2. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 B, *the reasonableness or lack thereof of the proposed alterations or significant change in light of other alternatives available to achieve the objectives of the owner and the applicant.*
 - a. The applicant has demonstrated the structural need for seismic improvements and there are no reasonable alternatives.
3. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 C, *the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change may be necessary to meet the requirements of any law, statute, regulation, code or ordinance.*
 - a. The proposed seismic improvements are to protect the public's welfare and safety in the event of an earthquake.
4. The factors of SMC 25.12 .750 D and E are not applicable.