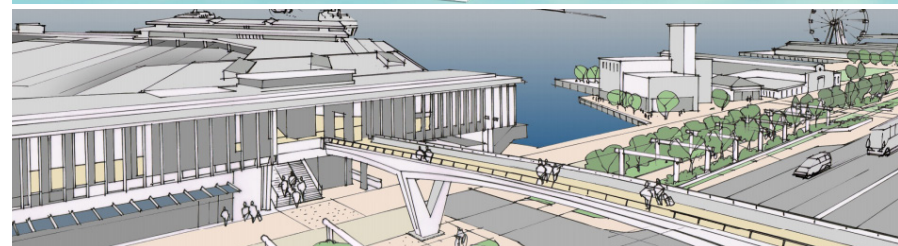
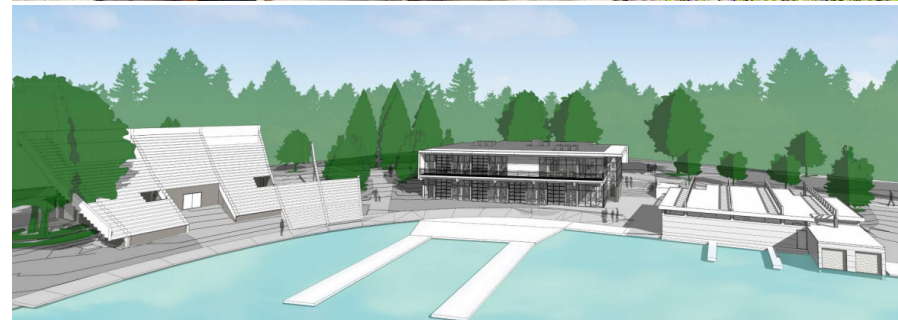


Seattle Design Commission 2018 Annual Report

Seattle City Council
March 11, 2019



Presentation outline

Overview

2018 year in review

2018 highlights

What is coming in 2019

Overview of the Commission

- **Established in 1968**
- **Advise the Mayor and City Council on projects affecting the public realm, including:**
 - Capital Improvement Program projects (CIP)
 - Right-of-Way projects (ROW)
 - Street and alley vacations
 - Skybridges
 - Long-term street use permits
 - Major transportation projects (M)
 - Plan or policy reviews (P)
 - Light Rail Review Panel (LRRP) - **Completed its review of East Link in 2016**
 - Members from Design, Arts, and Planning Commissions
 - Focus: review of light rail stations and neighborhood integration

Overview of the Commission

Appointed by Mayor*,
confirmed by Council

4 required appointments:

- 2 Architects
- 1 Fine Artist
- 1 lay member

5 additional appointments from
the following professions:

- Urban Planner
- Urban or Environmental Designer
- Licensed Engineer
- Landscape Architect

1 member from the Get
Engaged Program



*Awaiting Mayoral appointments for the Landscape Architecture, Transportation Planner, and Architect positions as well as the Chair

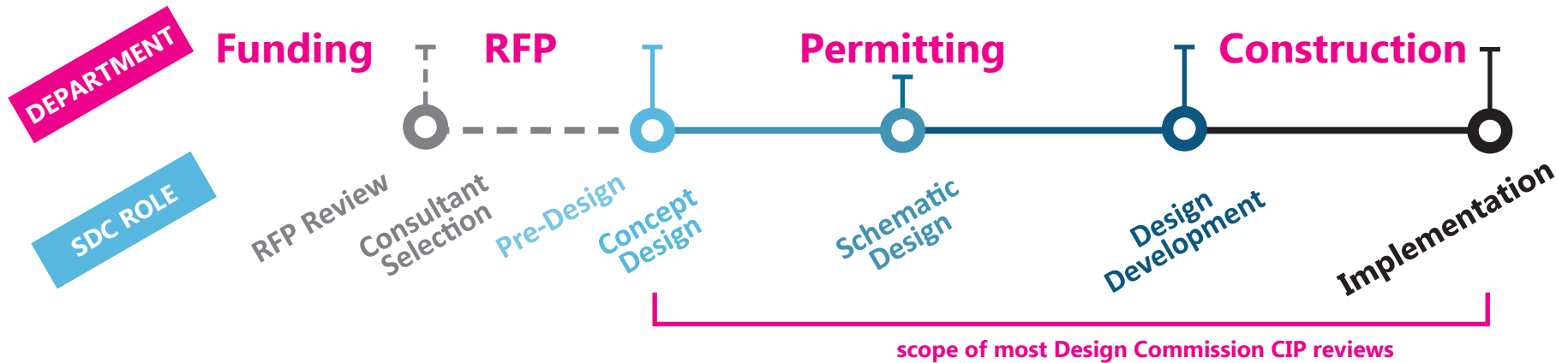
Overview of the Commission

Mission

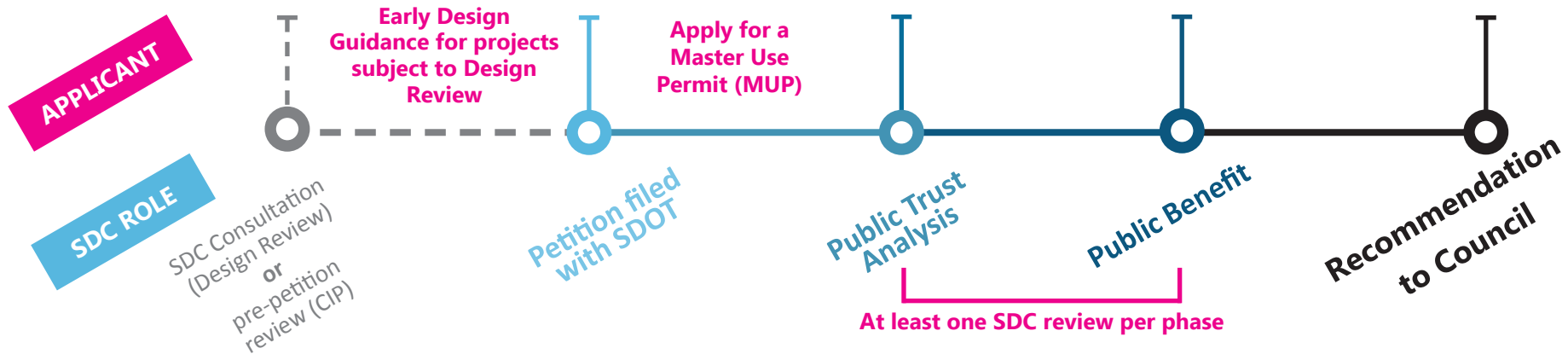
- **Inspired Design** - Inspired design unifies the public realm and inspires the community by embodying state-of-the-art practices.
- **Contextual Integration** - Integrated design responds to its context and enhances its neighborhood.
- **Innovative Sustainability** - Sustainable design minimizes environmental impact and provides long-term self-sufficiency.
- **Social Inclusion** - Inclusive design seeks to elevate the quality of life for all and responds fluently to its cultural context.
- **Exemplary Partnerships** - Design partnerships leverage public, community, and private resources, integrating design efforts across multiple disciplines and agencies to achieve greater results with the same resources.
- **Effective Investments** - Effective design provides high value for the investment by thoughtfully considering flexibility, longevity, and total life-cycle costs.

Overview of the Commission

Capital Improvement Program



Street & Alley Vacations and Skybridge



2018 Year in Review

Downtown / SODO / CID

4 projects | \$436.5 million

Ballard / Interbay

2 projects | \$21 million

Southeast Seattle

1 project | \$19.8 million

South Park / Georgetown

2 projects | \$30.8 million

South Lake Union / Uptown

2 projects | \$800.5 million

North Seattle

1 project | \$6.5 million

U-District

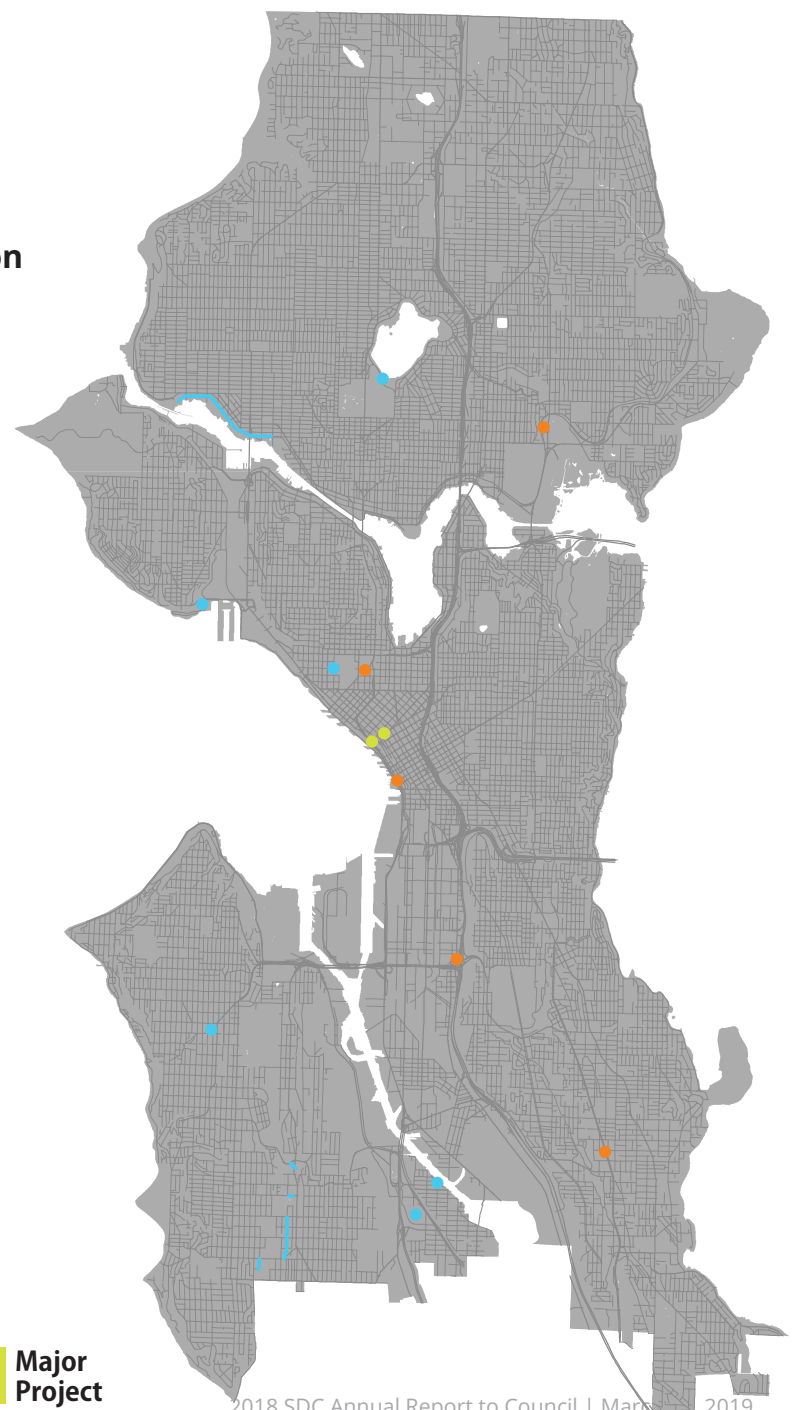
1 project | \$25 million

West Seattle

2 projects | \$6.7 million

Citywide

1 project



 CIP

 ROW

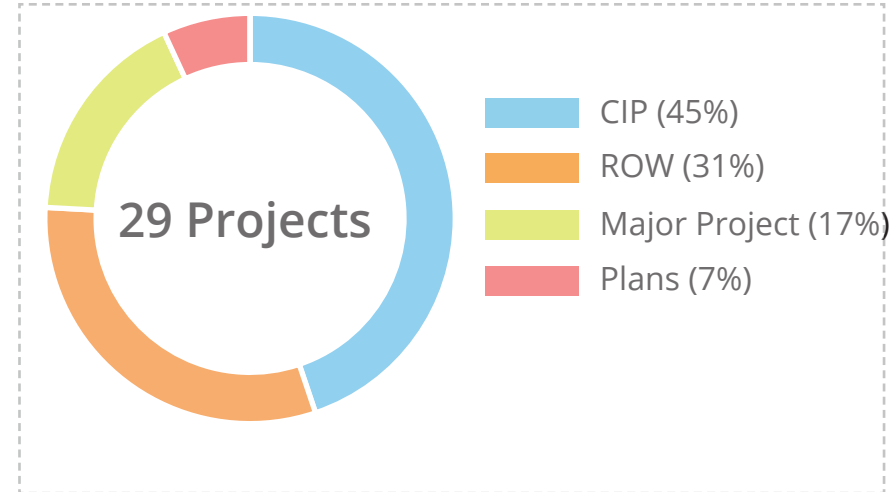
 Major Project

2018 Year in Review



- CIP (56%)
- ROW (25%)
- Major Project (19%)

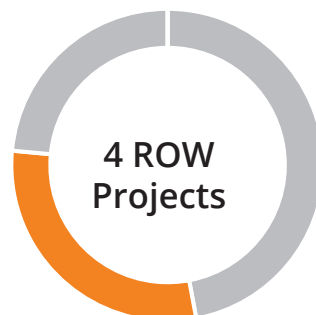
2017 Project Statistics



- CIP (45%)
- ROW (31%)
- Major Project (17%)
- Plans (7%)



- Burke Gilman Trail
- Greenlake Small Craft Center
- Longfellow Natural Drainage System
- Marion Street Bridge
- Seattle Center Arena
- Smith Cove Park
- South Park Pump Station
- South Transfer Station II
- West Seattle Junction Park

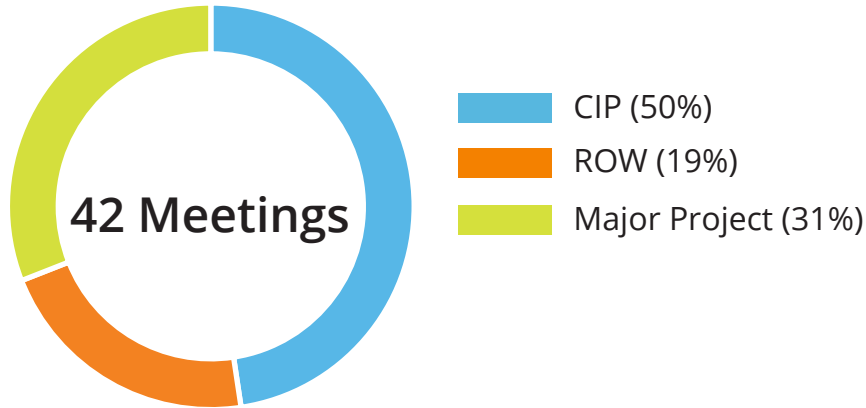


- 9th Ave S Street Vacation
- SCL Broad St Substation Vacation
- Trailside Vacation
- Willow Crossing Vacation

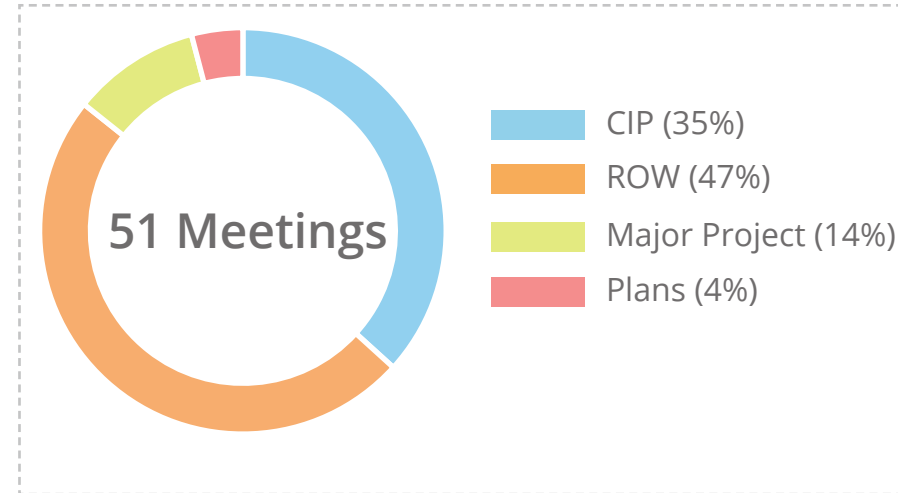


- ST3 Briefing & Workshops
- Waterfront - Overlook Walk
- Waterfront - Seattle Aquarium

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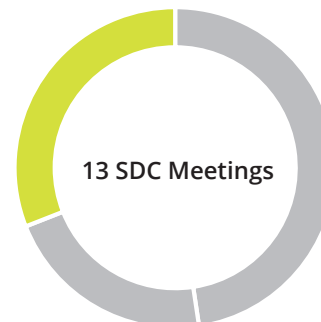
2017 Meeting Statistics



- 1 Burke Gilman Trail
- 1 Greenlake Small Craft Center
- 1 Longfellow Natural Drainage System
- 3 Marion Street Bridge
- 7 **Seattle Center Arena**
- 3 Smith Cove Park
- 1 South Park Pump Station
- 1 South Transfer Station II
- 3 West Seattle Junction Park

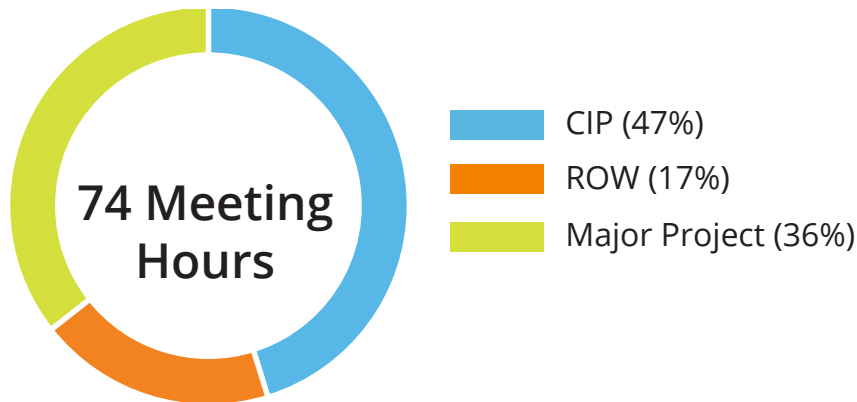
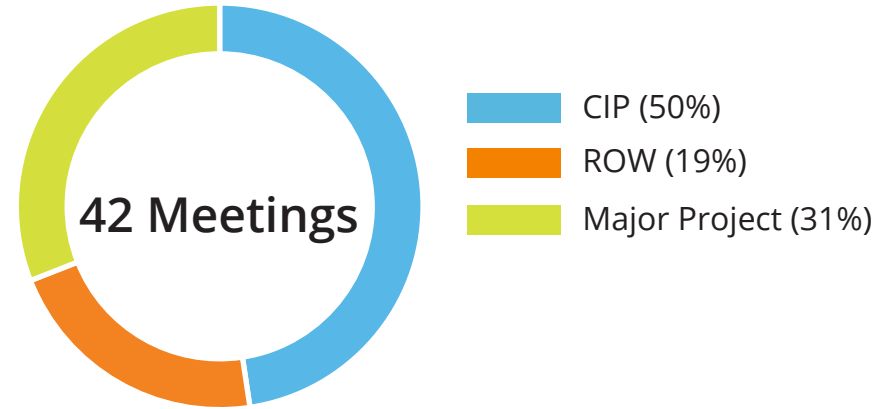
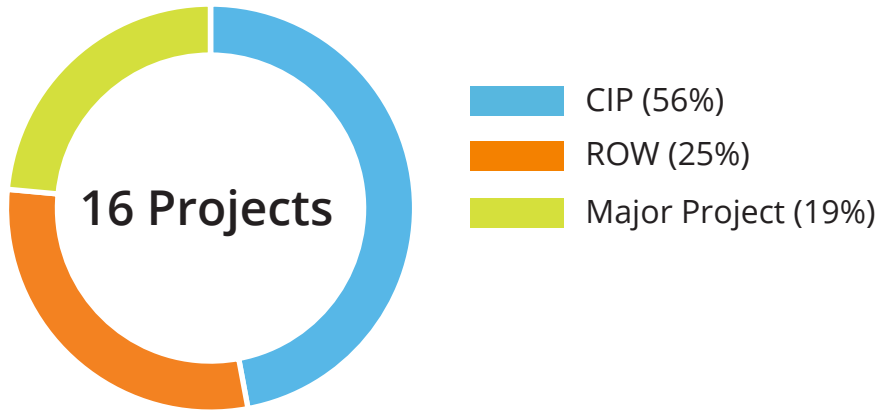


- 1 9th Ave S Street Vacation
- 4 **SCL Broad St Substation Vacation**
- 2 Trailside Vacation
- 1 Willow Crossing Vacation



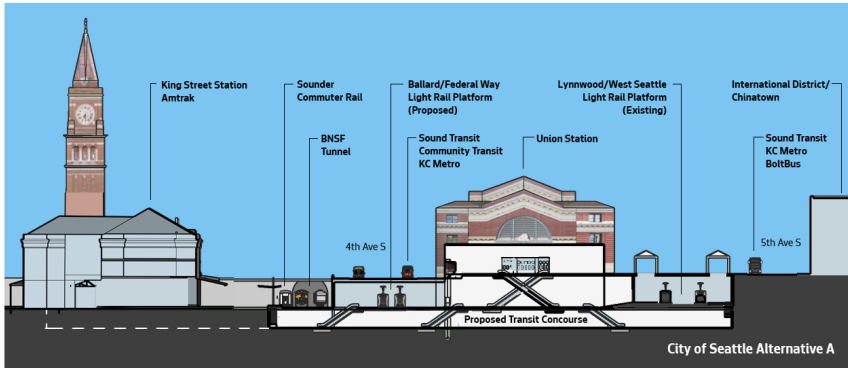
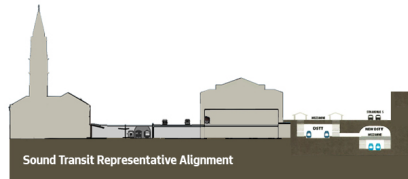
- 10 **ST3 Briefings & Workshops**
- 1 Waterfront - Overlook Walk
- 2 Waterfront - Seattle Aquarium

2018 Year in Review



2018 Highlights

Sound Transit 3



Seattle Design Commission

ST3 Level 2 Station, Water Crossings, & Alignment Recommendations

General Recommendations - Design

- Improve pedestrian connectivity near stations through multiple entrances at arterials, intersections or tunnels. Where at grade rail is planned, provide grade separated crossings for non-motorized movements.
- Prioritize multi-modal connections and bus access at stations when deciding on station location and orientation.
- Where transit "interchanges" (transfer stations, transfer between rail corridors or modes, etc.) occur, prioritize wayfinding and universal access provisions to facilitate transfers. Solutions should occur at the station and in the public realm (reduced or modified grade, weather protection, signage, etc.)
- Plan for restrooms at transfer and terminus stations.

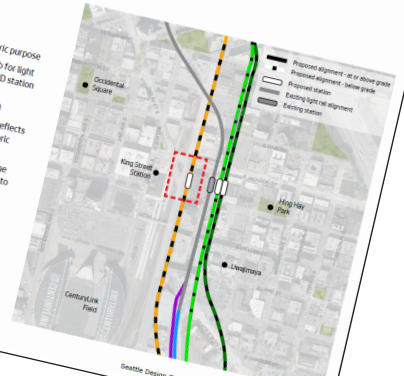
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Chinatown ID Station (part 1)

- Study (in order of preference):**
1. 4th Ave and Union Station
 2. A location north of Jackson St

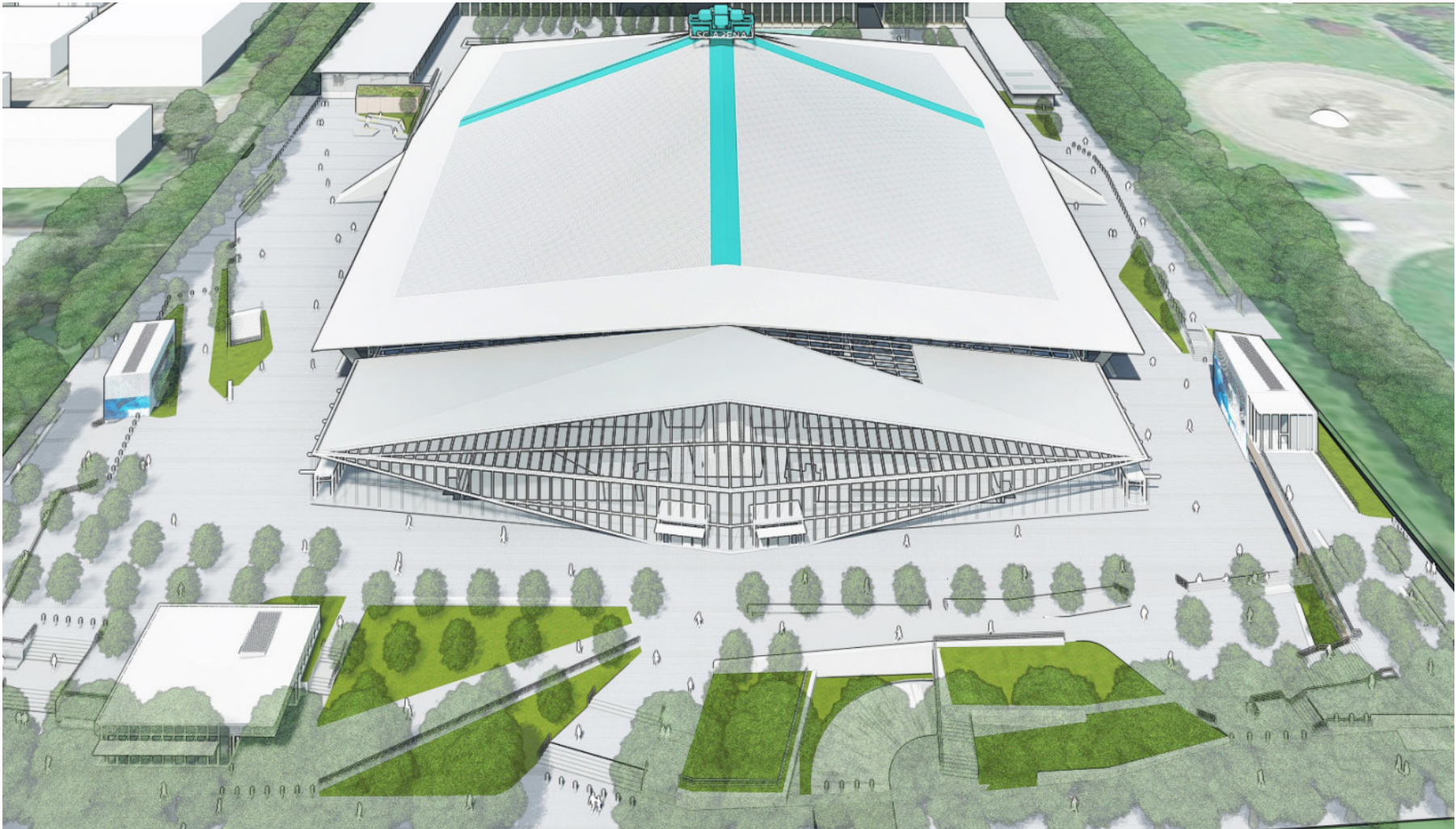
- Designate Union Station as the light rail station, consistent with its original historic purpose
- Locate and design station and surrounding areas to be a cohesive intermodal hub for light rail, buses, streetcar, and other modes of transportation in recognition that the CID station area is a major regional transit and civic hub.
- Explore joining Union and King St Stations into one public authority (POA, CDC, etc.)
- Develop the Union Station and adjacent public open space to be a cultural hub as it reflects the communities' desire for a central space. Recognize the potential to reconcile historic injustices to businesses and the community.
- Make the most of the potential for culturally informed economic development. Given the regional draw of cultural events and amenities here the station is in an optimal position to support transit access.
- Create a physical connection between Union Station and King Street station to enhance intermodal and neighborhood accessibility.
- The City should consider investing in the 4th Ave alternative given the poor condition of the substructure. The City and ST should provide joint funding to replace the 4th Ave Viaduct.



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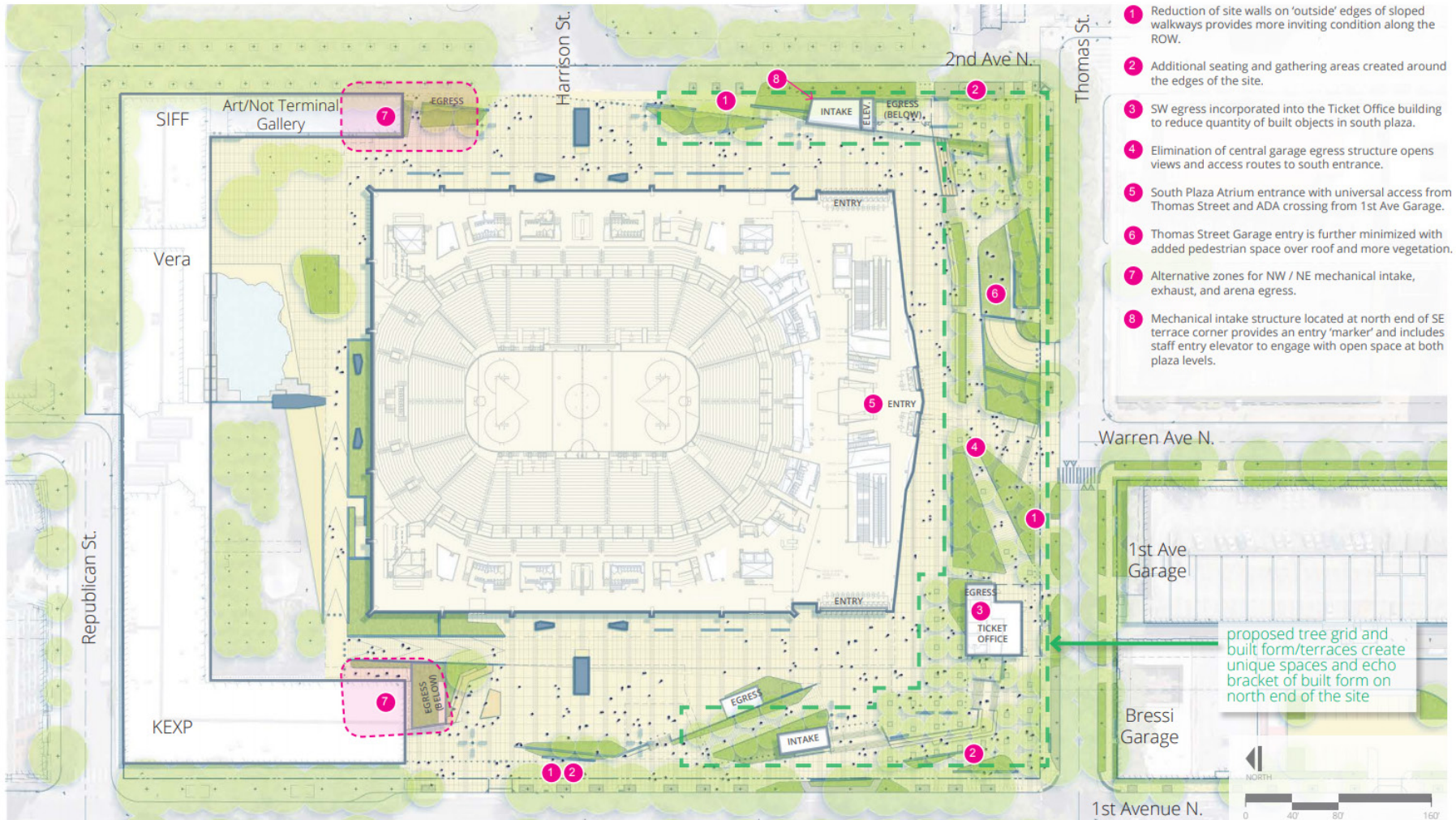
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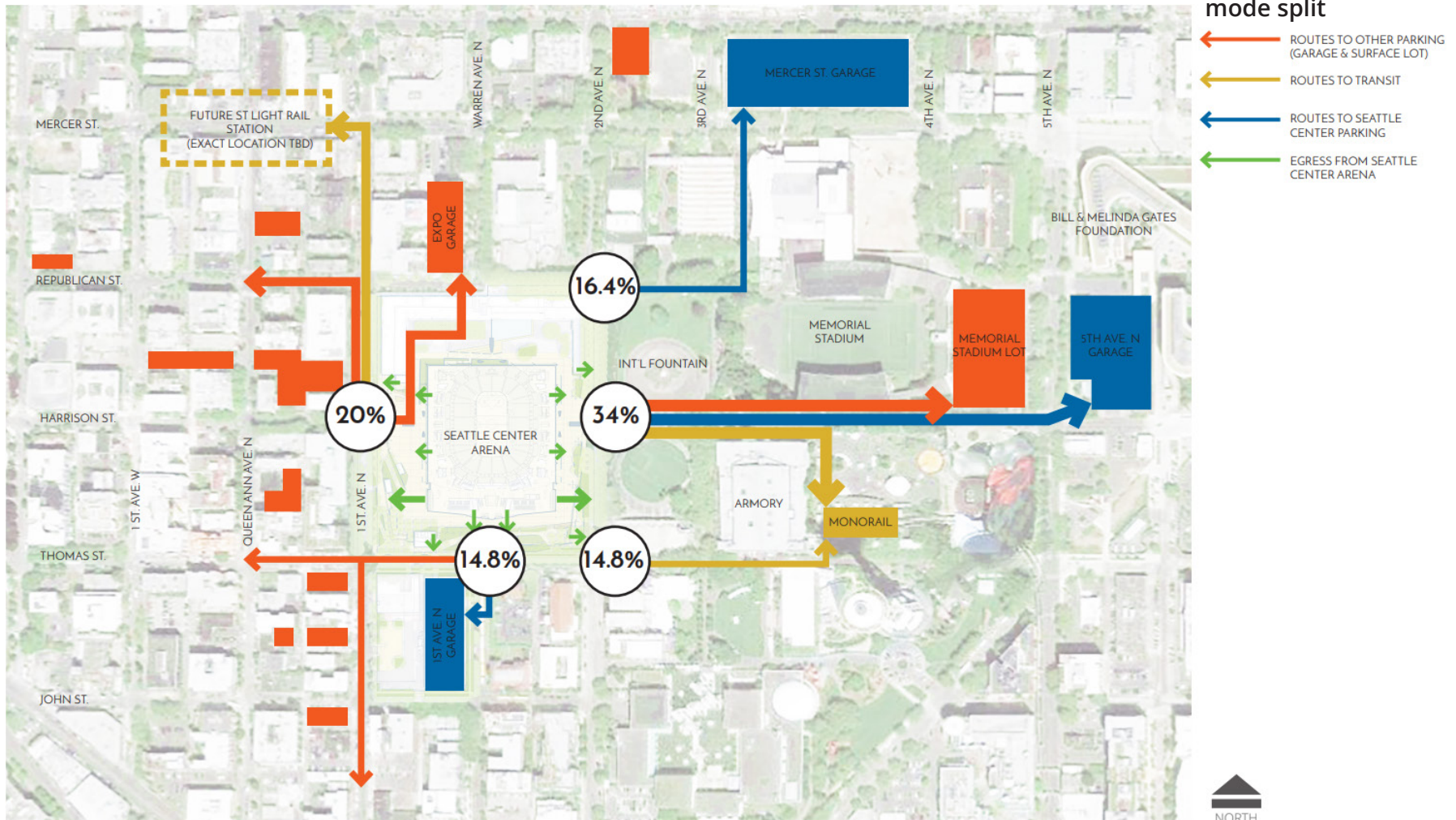
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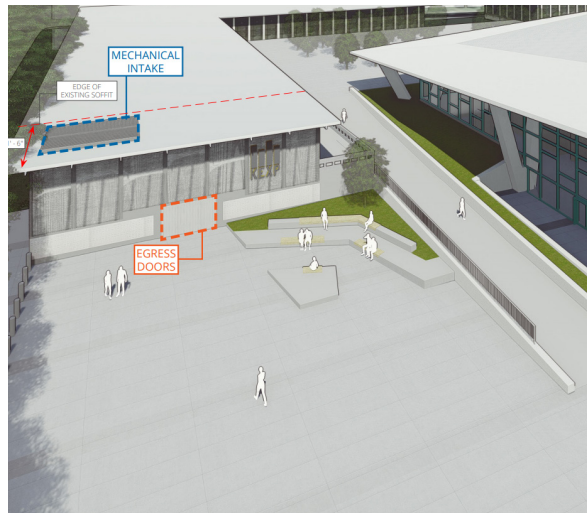
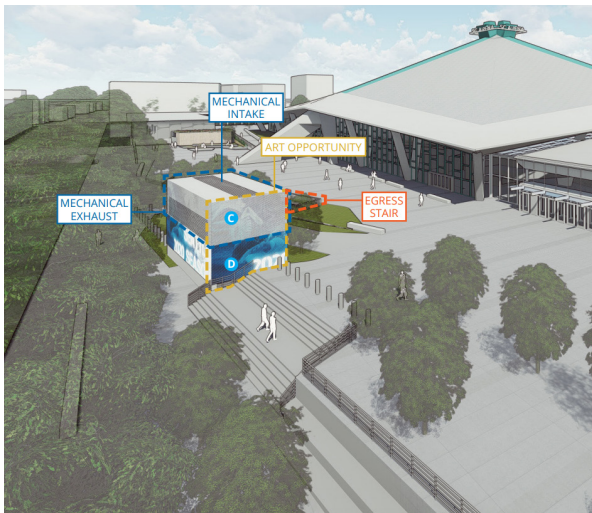
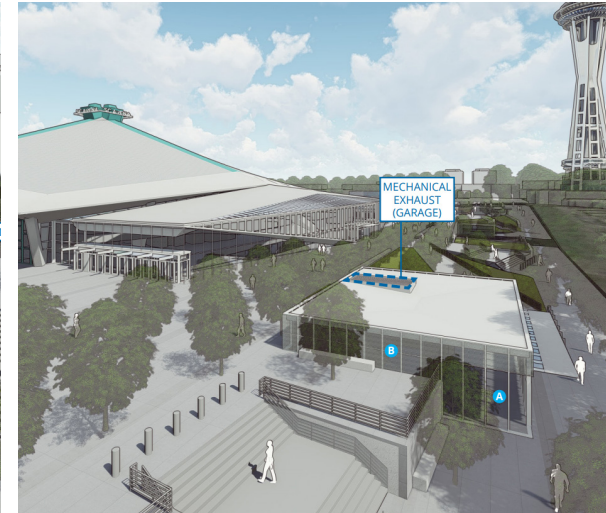
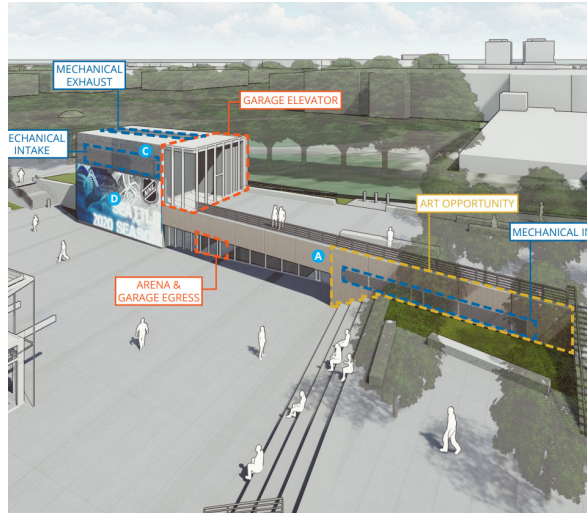
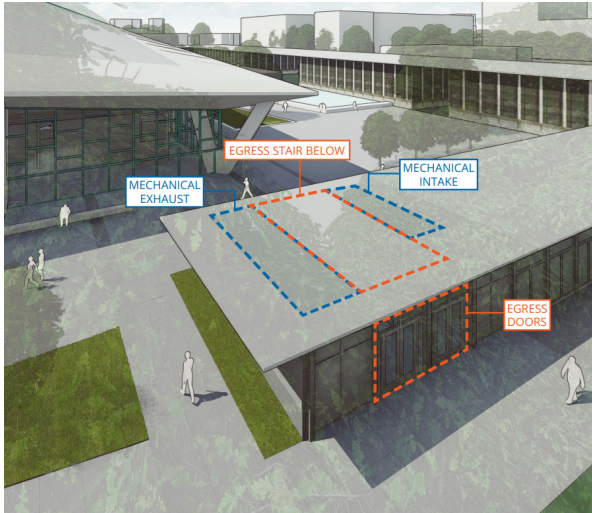
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Smith Cove Park



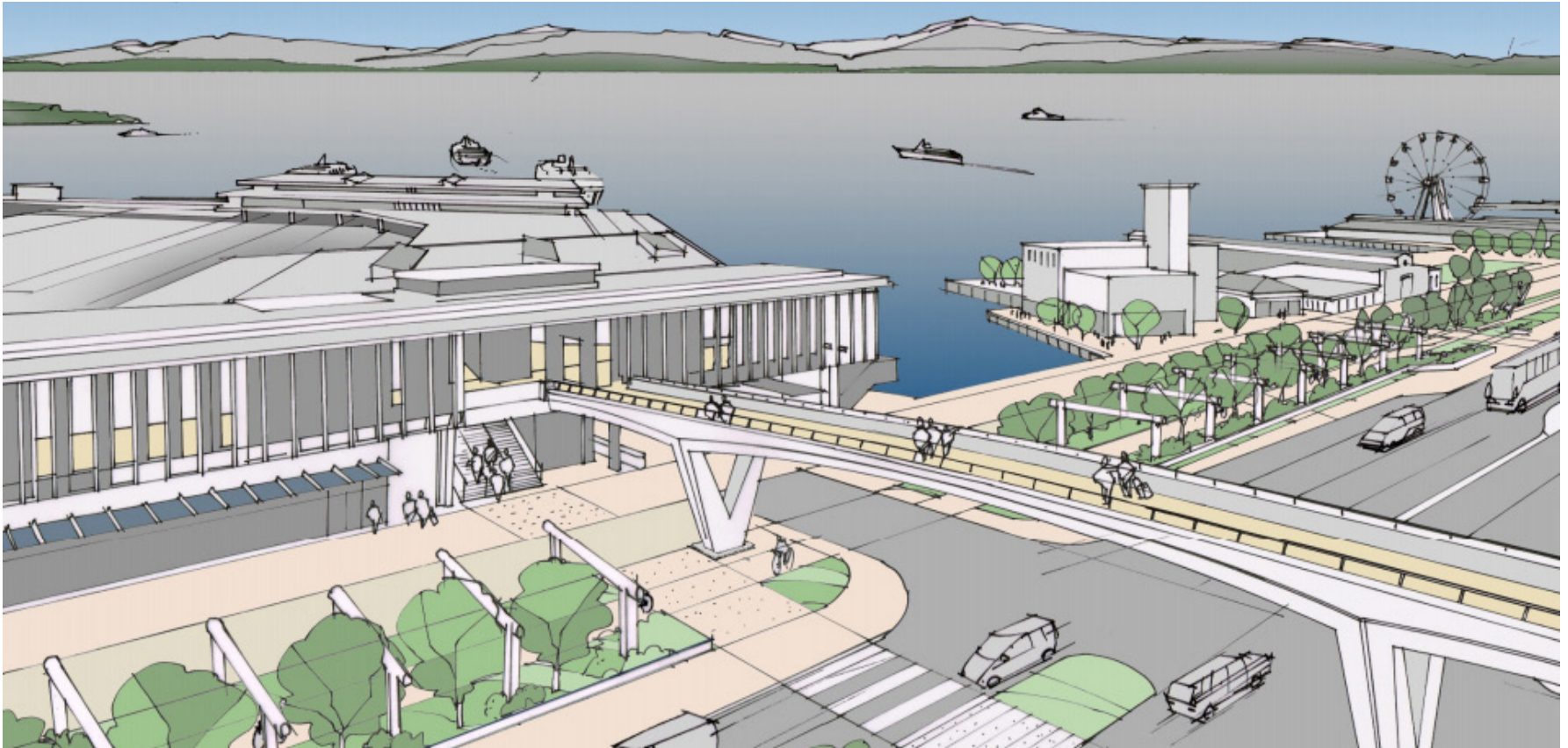
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Marion Street Bridge



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Marion Street Bridge

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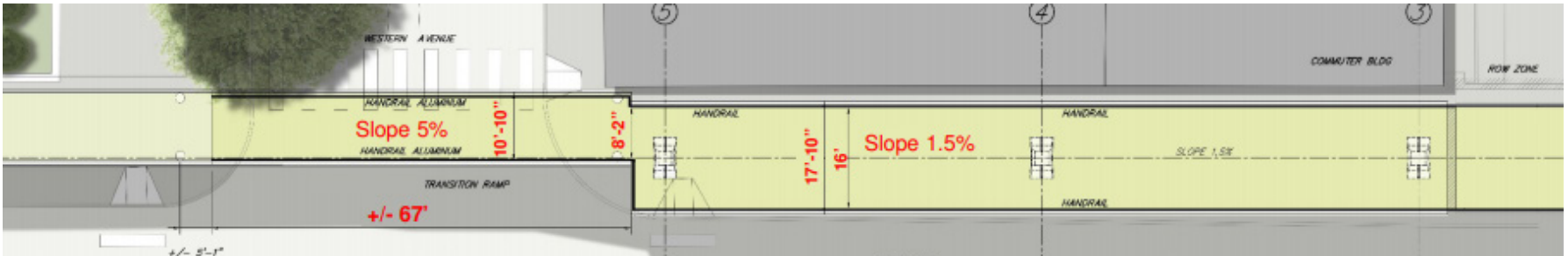
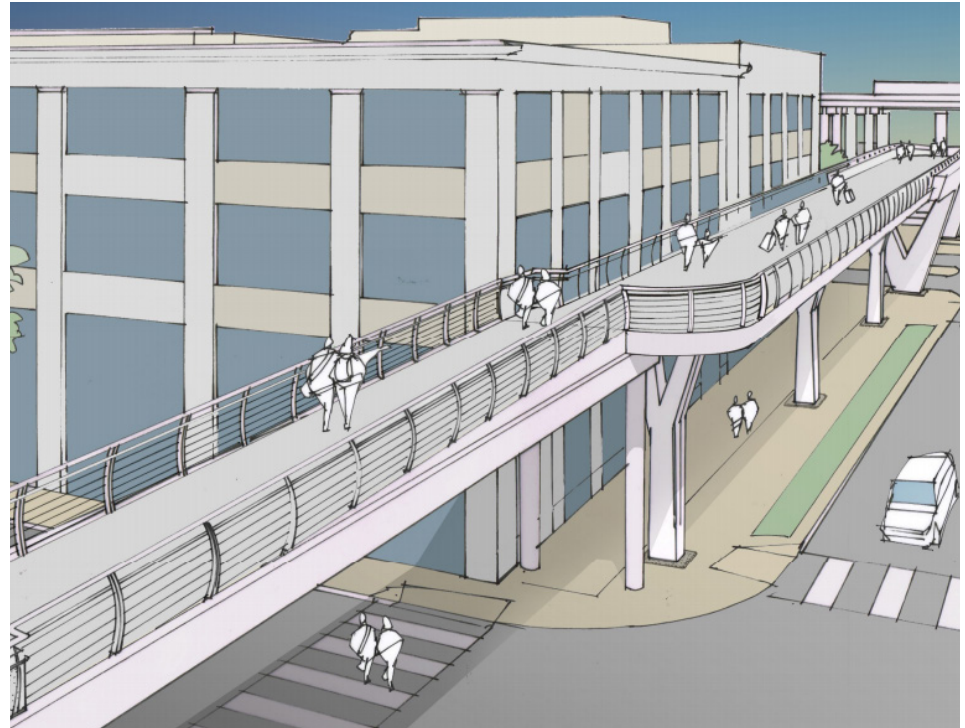


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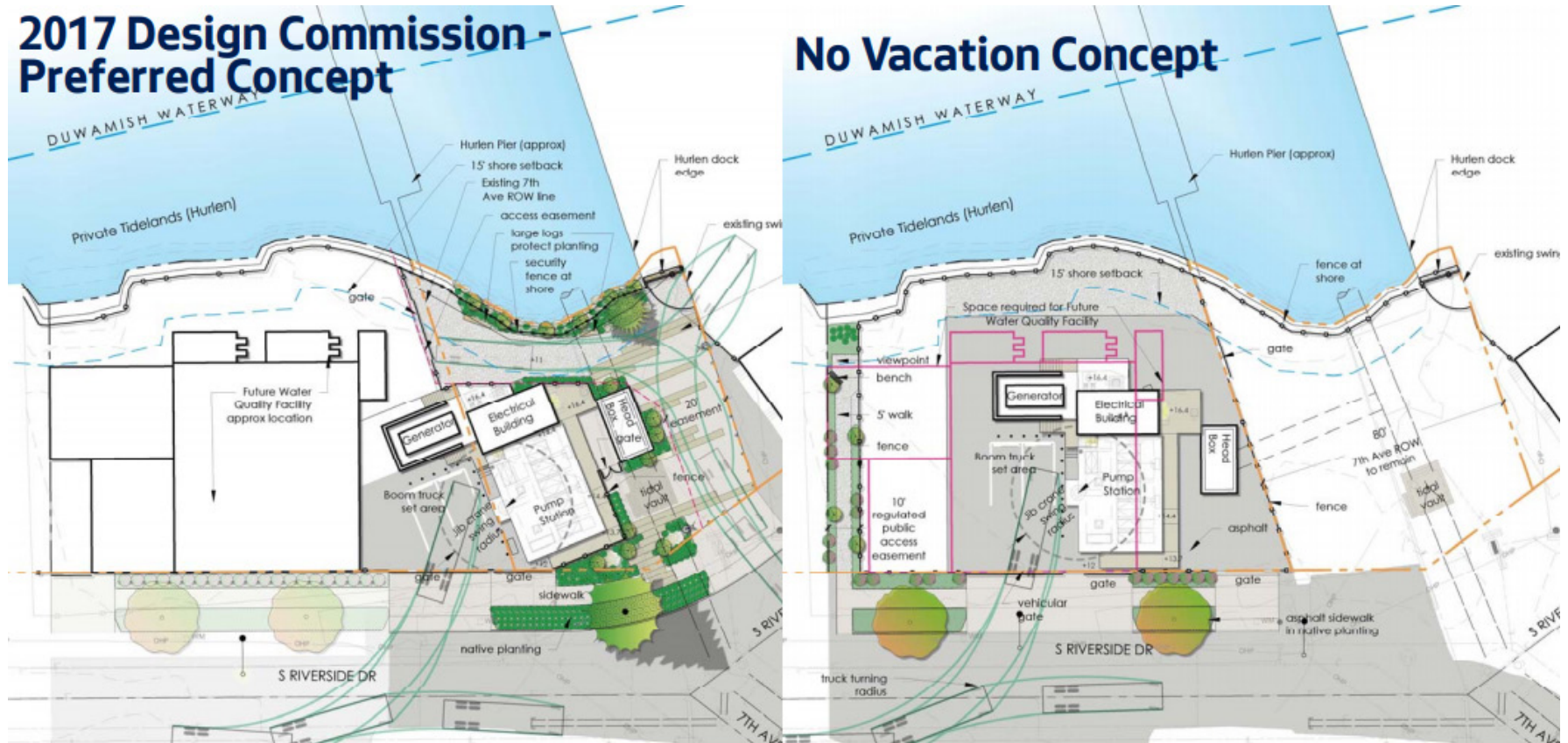
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Questions?