

The image is a composite architectural rendering. The top half shows a close-up of a modern building's upper level, featuring a long, horizontal glass skybridge with a dark metal frame. The sky is clear and blue. The bottom half shows a street-level view of the same building. A paved sidewalk runs alongside a road with several cars, including a silver SUV, a red sedan, and a blue car. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk. The building's facade is a mix of light-colored stone or concrete panels and large glass windows. Lush green trees and landscaping are visible throughout the scene.

FH, LLC (Skyline) Pedestrian Skybridge

**Council Transportation Committee
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Presentation overview



- Skyline is seeking conceptual approval for a private pedestrian skybridge over 8th Ave, north of Cherry St
- The pedestrian skybridge will connect two senior residential buildings located at 715 8th (District 7) Ave & 725 9th Ave (District 3)
- The pedestrian skybridge will allow residents to accessibly move between the two buildings to access services and amenities
- SDOT recommends conceptual approval for the skybridge permit

Term Permit Process – New Permits

Step 1: Resolution for Conceptual Approval

- At 60% design, identifies conditions to be met prior to final approval

Step 2: Ordinance Passage:

- At 100% design and after all conditions in the resolution are met
- Grants the permit for 15 years, with one renewable 15-year term
- Details the terms and conditions of the permit including public benefits and permit fees



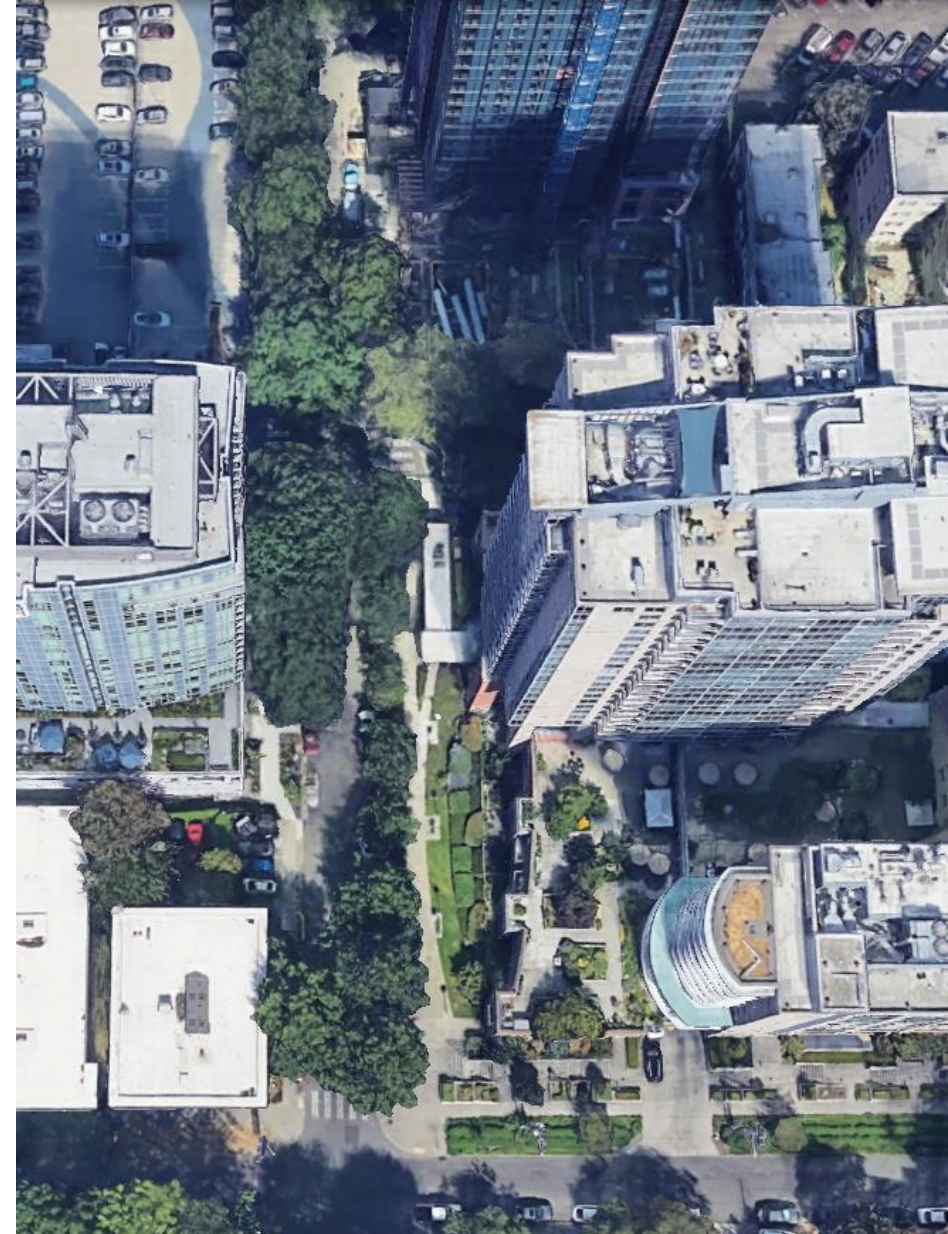
Review Process

SDOT Review

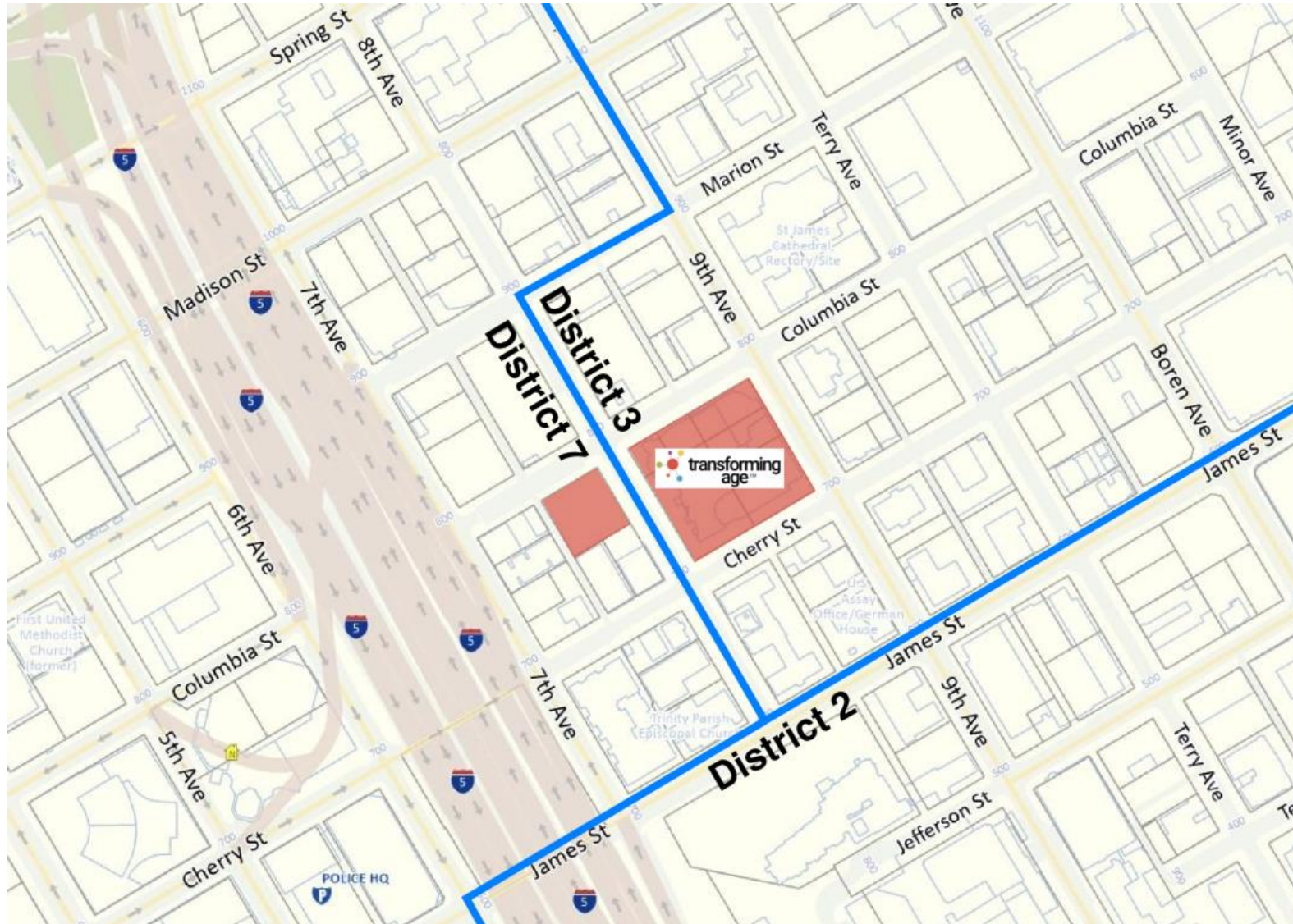
- Reviews against the criteria in SMC 15.64.050
- Includes review by the Skybridge Review Committee

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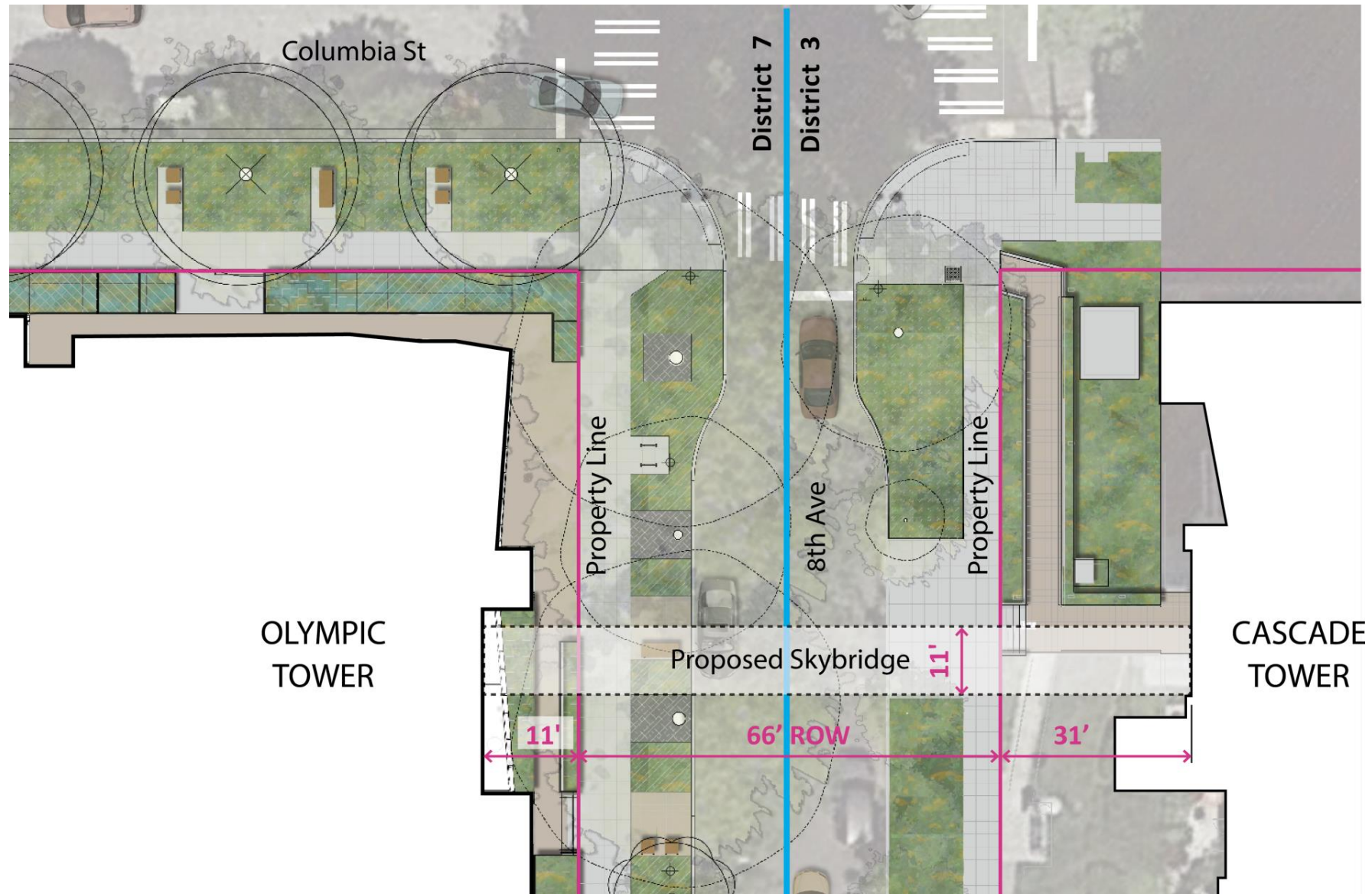
- May 2, 2024 – partial approval of urban design phase.
- Sep 18, 2024 – subcommittee approval of urban design phase.
- Oct 17, 2024 – partial approval of public benefits package.
- Dec 5, 2024 – subcommittee approval of wayfinding.



Area Map w/ Districts 3 & 7



Skybridge Proposal



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View looking south along 8th Ave (without trees)



View looking south along 8th Ave (with trees)



View looking north along 8th Ave (without trees)

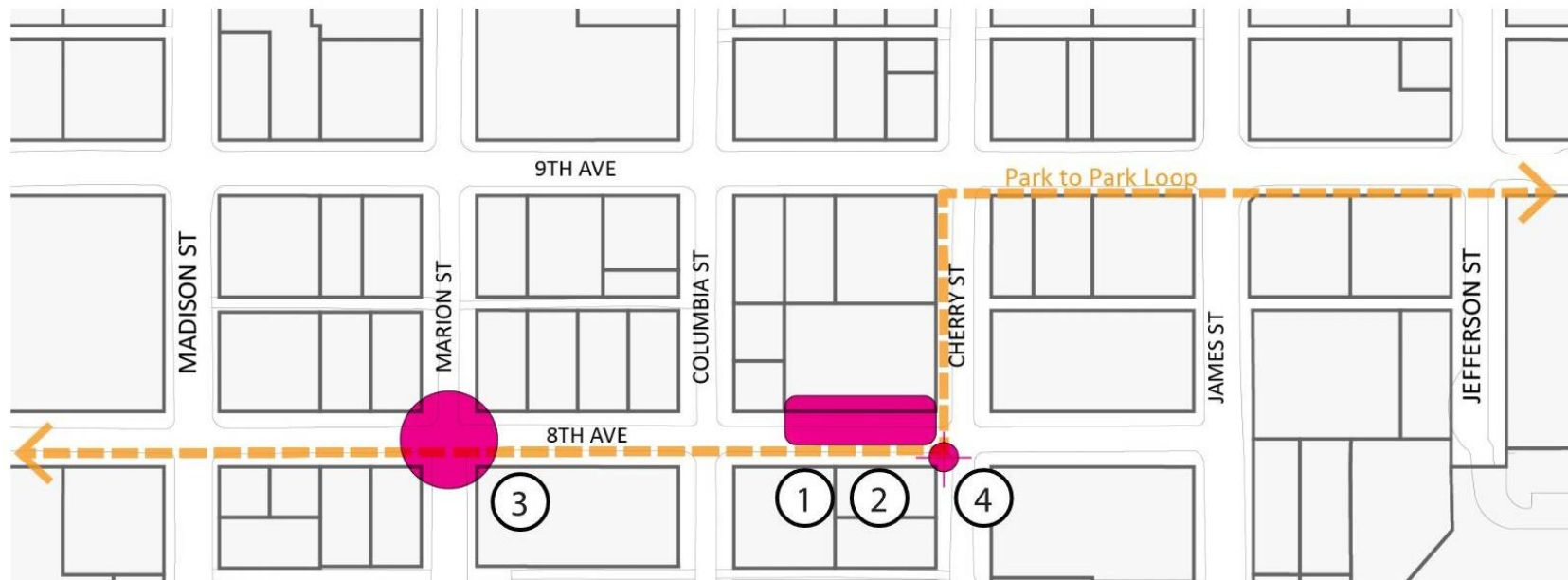


View looking north along 8th Ave (with trees)



Public Benefits

- ① **Open Space Activation:** Improvements to 8th Ave Landscape & ROW
- ② **Public Art:** Integrated Artwork by Norie Sato
- ③ **Pedestrian Enhancements:** 8th Ave & Marion Intersection
- ④ **Interpretive Wayfinding Signage:** Design & Fabrication



Public Benefits

8th Ave Open Space Activation & Public Art



8th & Marion Pedestrian Enhancements



Interpretive Wayfinding Signage



Public Benefits

PUBLIC BENEFIT	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED BENEFIT	ESTIMATED COST
1 Open Space Activation: Improvements to 8th Ave Landscape	New garden plantings, furnishings, and pet relief area	4,450 SF	\$100,000
	Planting Area	2,200 SF	
	Paved Area	160 SF	
	Furnishings	20 LF	
	Trash	Quantity: 2	
	Pet Relief Area	175 SF	
2 Public Art: Integrated Artwork by Norie Sato	Publicly accessible artwork within deep setback along 8th Ave		\$250,000
	Screen pieces	Quantity: 3	
	Sculptural pieces with integrated lighting	Quantity: 6-8	
3 Pedestrian Safety: 8th Ave. & Marion	Extension of existing curbs, curb ramps, crosswalks and adjustments to storm drain.		\$100,000
	COS standard curbs	280 LF	
	COS standard curb ramps	Quantity: 4	
	COS standard sidewalk paving	2,100 SF	
	COS standard crosswalk striping	Allowance	
	COS storm drainage inlet	Quantity: 4	
4 Interpretive Wayfinding Signage: Park to Park Loop Signage	Development and documentation of interpretive wayfinding signs for Park to Park Loop project		\$50,000
	Fabrication Documents	Each sign	
	Prototype sign(s)	Each sign	

Requested action

SDOT recommends Council conceptually approve the proposed pedestrian skybridge

If the resolution is adopted, SDOT will prepare the term permit ordinance for Council consideration in 2025



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