

An aerial photograph of Seattle at dusk. The Space Needle is visible in the center background. To the right, a tall, curved building with many lit windows is prominent. The city lights are visible across the landscape, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange from the setting sun.

# **Westin Hotel Skybridge Renewal**

**Council Transportation Committee**

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# Presentation overview

The Westin Hotel seeks permission to renew the pedestrian skybridge over and across Virginia St, between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave (District 7).

The skybridge connects the Westin Hotel at 1900 5th Ave and the parking garage at 2020 5th Ave in downtown.

SDOT recommends renewing the existing skybridge permit.



# Term permit process – skybridge permit renewals

## Ordinance Passage:

- Renews permission of the existing skybridge for 15 years, with one renewable 15-year term.
- Details the terms & conditions of the permit, including:
  - a) Annual fee;
  - b) Maintenance obligations; and
  - c) Inspection, indemnification, insurance requirements.





# Public benefit

## Giant Sequoia Tree Maintenance

- Updating the irrigation system
- Improving soil conditions
- Removing holiday lighting

The work "gives the tree the opportunity to bounce back after several years of stress" *SDOT Urban Forestry*



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# Skybridge images



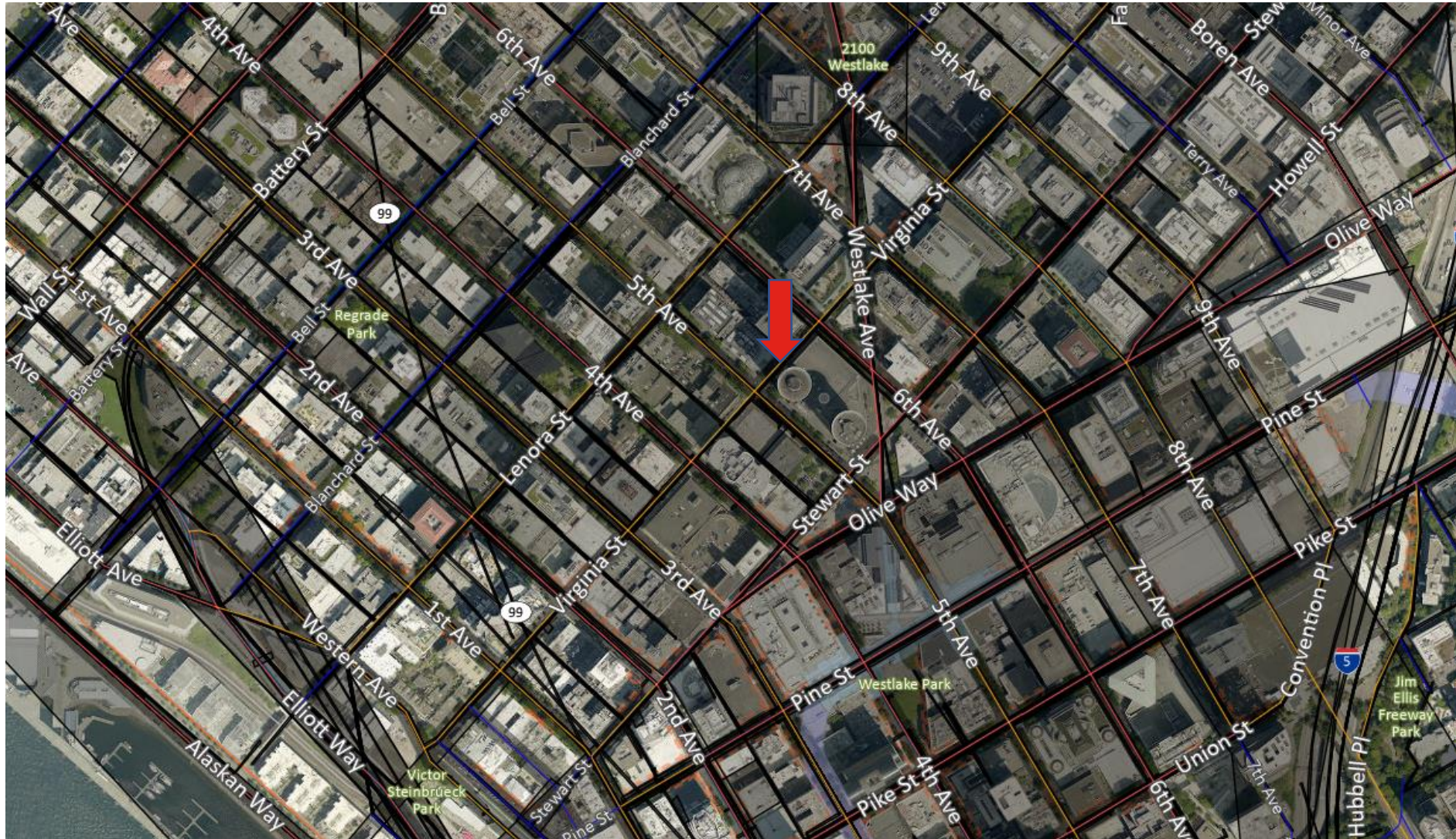
Interior

Exterior





# Project neighborhood – Downtown (District 7)





# Requested action

SDOT recommends Council approval of this Council Bill for the existing pedestrian skybridge

If the ordinance is approved, the permit will be in place until 2041



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