

Significant Structure and Skybridge Term Permits

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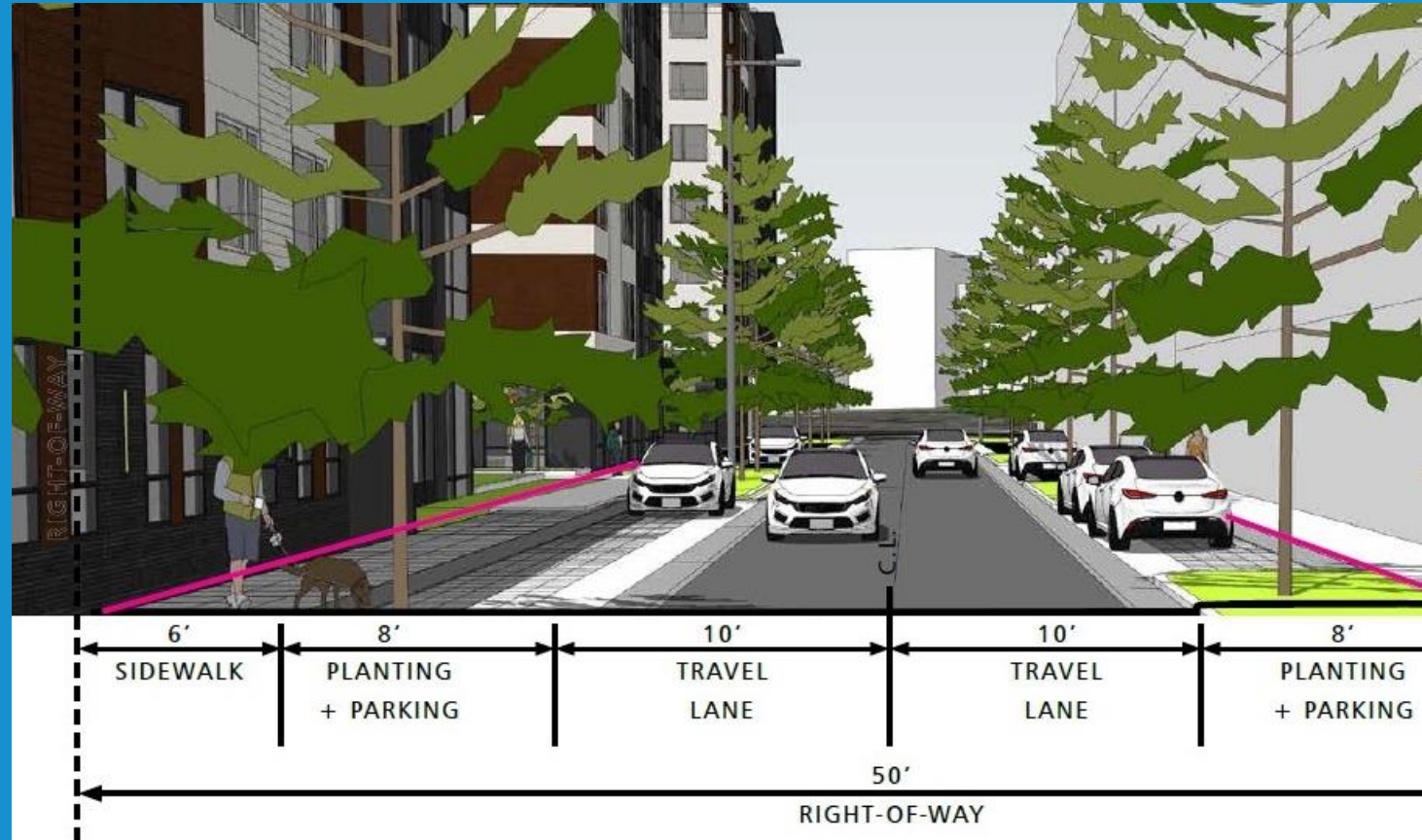


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Right-of-way and permits

Right-of-way is property that has been dedicated or acquired for public transportation and utility use, including streets, alleys, and other public places.

A permit is needed to accommodate the temporary private use of this public asset by a private entity



Significant Structure Term Permits

Significant structures: objects that have a long duration in ROW, impede City's or public's use of the public space, or necessary for functions of the adjacent property.

- Tunnels, pipelines, private utilities, plazas, and others.

City Council approves these objects by ordinance for a fixed time, or Term. Recommendation to Council following review by SDOT and the Seattle Design Commission (SDC), if required.

Public benefit mitigation may be required.



King County Alki Transformer

Skybridge Term Permits

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) defines the three types of skybridges:

- **Public use:** open to everyone and no access barriers
 - **Semi-public use:** open to everyone, but access may be limited or through a private structure
 - **Private use:** access is restricted for private users only
- The City discourages strictly private skybridges but has allowed skybridges for public or semi-public uses.
 - SDOT leads interdepartmental review through Skybridge Review Committee (SRC).
 - SDC reviews and makes recommendation to SDOT Director.
 - Public benefit mitigation required.



UW Skybridge

Term Permit Process

- ❑ **Step 1:** Resolution – early conceptual approval for new projects and occurs after SDC review (if applicable). Identifies conditions to be met prior to final approval.
- ❑ **Step 2:** Ordinance – occurs at 100% design, after conditions have been met, and is the final approval.
 - **New structures** – set duration, terms and conditions.
 - **Term permit renewal** – at specified points, may amend existing ordinance or SDOT may renew administratively.
 - **Term permit expiration** – at end of term, continued use requires a new application.

City Council reviews final legislation.



Frémont Solar Collector

Skybridge Review

SDOT and the SRC review for code compliance, technical feasibility, and policy objectives.

- Consider compelling need that cannot be accommodated on private property.
- Provide recommendation to SDC.

SDC reviews urban design implications, impact on surrounding streets, and merits of public benefit proposal.



Pike Place Market Skybridge



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