Seattle Design Commission
The Bell Street Project – Options and Open House
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BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS
EVERY PLACE IS THICK WITH SMALL STORIES
CONNECTIONS
LAKE TO BAY AND MARKET TO MOHAI
SITE OVERVIEW
BELL ST TODAY
SITE CIRCULATION
Left Turn from Elliott Ave onto Bell St.
Left Turn from Bell St. onto Elliott Ave.
Left Turn from Bell St. onto Western Ave. or continue through to 1st Ave.
Right Turn from Bell St. onto Western Ave. or continue through to Elliott Ave.
Right Turn from 1st Ave to Bell St.
Left Turn from 1st Ave to Bell St.
EXISTING CIRCULATION - PEDESTRIAN
EXISTING CIRCULATION - BICYCLE

- Buffered Bike Lane
- Sharrows/Shared Streets
- Off Street Bike Facility
EXISTING CIRCULATION - COMBINED
SITE CONSIDERATIONS
ZONING DESIGNATION
Downtown Mixed Residential/Commercial 95/75 (DMR/C 95/75)

Potential to Redevelop
City Property
BELL ST - EXISTING LIGHTING AND TREES

View West from 1st and Bell St.

View East from Elliott Ave and Bell St.

View East from Western Ave and Bell St.

View East from Western Ave and Bell St.
REPURPOSING HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE STRUCTURE
STREET DESIGNATION

Downtown Neighborhood Access - Non Arterial

- 0-6' Frontage Zone
- 6' Pedestrian Clear Zone
- 6' Landscape Furnishing Zone
- 8' Flex Zone
- 20' Travel Lane (2 way)
Today
Planned Circulation with a travel lane removal and 1 lane of parking yields approx. 20' for improvements.

Space from lane removal and 1 lane of parking.
Planned Circulation with a travel lane removal and all parking yields approx. 26’ for improvements.
We received over 500 responses to our survey and over 50 people attended the last Belltown Community Council briefing!

WHAT WE HEARD

- Priortize pedestrians and cyclists.
- Create a safe, clean and enjoyable space for people to gather and linger, that isn’t difficult to maintain.
- Make an accessible and clear pathway for residents and tourists to travel between Belltown and the waterfront through signage and visual elements that draw people to this area.
- Concerns about the scope desired not being able to fit within the allotted budget ($3.3 million) for this project.

With street improvements, which mode of travel would you like to see prioritized?

- 68.9% walking/rolling
- 25.8% biking/scooters
- 5.3% Driving
BELLS STREET PROJECT STREET OPTION 1 - “ROOMS”
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTION 1 - SECTIONS

SECTION A-A'

SECTION B-B'

SECTION C-C'

SECTION D-D'

SECTION C-C'

SECTION B-B'

SECTION A-A'

SECTION D-D'
OPTION 1 - VIEW TOWARDS WATERFRONT
OPTION 1 - BIRDS EYE
OPTION 1 - VIEW FROM ELLIOTT TOWARDS BELLTOWN

2300 ELLIOTT

BELTOWN LOFTS

OREGON APARTMENTS

THE GOODWIN

ELLIOTT POINTE
OPTION 1 - VIEW OF HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
The Bell Street Project Street Options 2 - “Garden Pockets”

- Historic Sign Bridge
- Planting, Typ.
- Street Lighting, Typ.
- Two Direction Bike Lane
- Speciality Paving at Ped. Zones
- Standard Paving at Sidewalk
- Seating, Typ.
- Ped Lighting, Typ.

- 2300 Elliott
- Belltown Lofts
- Elliott Pointe
- Oregon Apartments
- The Goodwin

City Owned Land
Privately Owned Land

Locations:
- Elliott Ave
- Bell St
- Western Ave
- 1st Ave
- Lai Rai

- Parking Lot

North
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS 2 - ENLARGED

- HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
- PED LIGHTING, TYP
- PRIVATELY OWNED LAND
- DROP OFF
- STANDARD SIDEWALK PAVING
- TWO WAY BIKE LANE
- SPECIALITY PAVING AT PED. ZONES
- STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
- SEATING, TYP.
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS 2 - SECTIONS

SECTION A-A'

SECTION B-B'

SECTION C-C'

SECTION D-D'

SECTION C-C'

SECTION B-B'

SECTION A-A'

SECTION D-D'
OPTION 2 - VIEW TOWARDS WATERFRONT
OPTION 2 - VIEW OF HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

OPTION 1
2300 ELLIOTT

OPTION 2
2300 ELLIOTT

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

THE GOODWIN

BELL TOWN LOFTS

PARKING LOT

WESTERN AVE

BEL ST

ELLIOTT POINTE

ELLIOTT AVE

1ST AVE

LAI RAI

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

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THE GOODWIN

PARKING LOT

BELL TOWN LOFTS

ELLIOTT POINTE

ELLIOTT AVE

1ST AVE

LAI RAI
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

OPTION 1
2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

PRIVATELY
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OPTION 2
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BIKE CIRCULATION

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SUN STUDY - WINTER SOLSTICE

Hours of Sunlight

- OPTION 1
  - 2300 ELLIOTT
  - BELLTOWN LOFTS
  - PRIVately OWNED LAND
  - PARKING LOT
  - BELL ST
  - THE GOODWIN

- OPTION 2
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BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS - SUMMARY

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BELL STREET DESIGN REFINEMENT NEXT STEPS

• Finalize historic sign bridge exact location
  • Determine feasibility to incorporate accent lighting?

• Incorporate wayfinding program that ties into central waterfront

• Finalize artistic site furnishing
  • Incorporate accent lighting?

• Finalize handrail locations

• Finalize hardscape material finish selection

• Finalize plant selection
Do you feel like these concepts reflect your priorities?

We Heard

• More space for pedestrians and cyclists

Concepts Show:

• Bike lane options
  • Two-way bike lane with raised buffer
  • Shared bike lane with planted buffer
• Seating options (social seating vs. individual dispersed seating)
• Gathering spaces
• Additional greenery
Is there anything missing from these concepts?
WHAT WE’VE HEARD SO FAR FROM THE 210 RESPONSES:

• 50% of respondents feel like their priorities are reflected
• Majority of comments say they do not want to have non local cars on this roadway which contributes to the high percentage that don't feel their priorities reflected.
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• 51% of people would like to see peds prioritized more, 33.8% think the balance is good, 15.2% would like to see cyclists prioritized more
• Majority of people want more greenery
• 63% prefer a two-way bike lane
• People have ranked “space for gathering” highest at 3 and 5 out of 1 (none) to 5 (definitely)
BELL ST ONLINE OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY
- (post 3/8 BCC briefing)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS MISSING
  • Playground
  • Interpretive signage
  • Bike racks
  • Accommodation for dogs
  • More lighting
  • Handrails
  • Too much impervious pavement
  • Clearer scooter options
BELL STREET PROJECT NEXT STEPS

- Present concepts to the Seattle Design Commission March 16th
- Refine concept based on feedback received
  - Please fill out online survey by March 19!
- Provide update at future Belltown Community Council briefing (date to be determined) and updates to website
- Reach final design in late 2023
QUESTIONS?

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EXISTING SECTIONS

A

A'

B

B'

C

C'

D

D'

E

E'

EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN, TYP FOR ALL TREES

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EXISTING SECTIONS

SIDEWALK

PARKING

BELL STREET

1ST AVE

BELL STREET BETWEEN 1ST AVE & WESTERN AVE

BELL STREET BETWEEN WESTERN & ELLIOTT

ELLIOTT STREET

2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

ALLEY

OREGON APARTMENTS

ALLEY

OPEN FIELD

SIDEWALK

12'-0"

BELL STREET

21'-0"

PARKING

7.5'

PARKING

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