Seattle Design Commission
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BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS
CURRENT PLAN

- HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
- EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
- SPECIALTY PAVING, TYP.
- PLANTED BUFFER/RAVINE
- PLANTED MEDIAN
- STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK
- EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP.
- PRIVately OWNED LAND
- EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
- SPECIALTY PAVING, TYP.
- SEATING BOULDERS, TYP.
- PARKING LOT

2300 ELLIOTT
BELTOWN LOFTS
ELLIOtt AVE
BELSt STREET
ELLIOtt POINTE
WESTERN AVe
BELSt STREET
OREGON APARTMENTS
THE GOODWIN
1ST AVe
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SITE OVERVIEW
BELL ST - EXISTING LIGHTING AND TREES

View West from 1st and Bell St.

View West from Elliott Ave and Bell St.

View West from Western Ave and Bell St.

View East from Western Ave and Bell St.
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET - TODAY

CITY OWNED LAND

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

PED LIGHTING, TYP

STREET LIGHTING, TYP

EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN, TYPICAL FOR ALL TREES

SCALE: 1" = 20' - 0" 1/19/2023
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS - SUMMARY

OPTION 1
2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

WESTERN AVE

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

1ST AVE

ELLIO TPOINTE

PARKING LOT

THE GOODWIN

OPTION 2
2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

WESTERN AVE

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

1ST AVE

ELLIO TPOINTE

PARKING LOT

THE GOODWIN
HISTORY - 1891 BIRDSEYE
REPURPOSING HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE STRUCTURE
1. Seating should be playful, and in visible solar access areas
2. Request design relationships to waterfront and neighborhood context
3. Focus on pedestrians and cyclists
4. Seating and focus should be on district center (New Elliott and Bell Gateway)
5. Focus more on greenery
BELL ST - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM JUNE 14TH BRIEFING

- Residents and business want to see lighting on the Alaskan Way sign bridge to illuminate it at night.
- Preference for a two-way protected bike lane.
- Attendees wanted to see a seamless pedestrian connection between the Bell St improvements project and Bell St park.
- Renewed interest in seating between Western Ave and 1st Ave to serve as resting points along the steep incline.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS

- Suggestions for adding visual cues to the space that would draw people into the neighborhood.
- Residents overwhelmingly wanted Bell St to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists over cars.
- Improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that connects Belltown directly to the new Elliott Way and Waterfront Promenade.
- Residents and business owners want to improve wayfinding and signage to guide visitors from the waterfront to the retail core of Belltown.
BELL STREET
PROTECTED BIKE LANE SHIFT - SOUTH to NORTH

CONCEPT - SOUTH SIDE PBL

60% DESIGN - NORTH SIDE PBL
CURRENT PLAN

2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOETS

ELLIOTT AVE

WESTERN AVE

ELLIOPT POINTE

HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.

PLANTED MEDIAN
PLANTED BUFFER/RAVINE

STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK

EXIST. PAVING, TYP.

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

THE GOODWIN

PARKING LOT

CITY OWNED LAND

BELL ST
Existing Conditions Overlay

Block 1: North Side

Block 2: North Side

Block 1: South Side

Block 2: South Side
Block 1 South Side: Existing
Block 1 South Side: Proposed
Block 2 South Side: Proposed with planting

- Concerned about long-term success of planting. Limited u-shaped space between existing tree pits and adjacent paving.
- Low ground cover only, non-native species
Block 2 South Side: Proposed with paving

Cobblestone precedents:
CURRENT PLAN

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- PLANTED MEDIAN
- STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK
- EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP.
- PRIVATELY OWNED LAND
- OREGON APARTMENTS
- THE GOODWIN
- PARKING LOT
- CITY OWNED LAND

Locations:
- 2300 ELLIOTT
- BELLTOWN LOFTS
- ELLIOTT AVE
- ELLIOTT POINTE
- BELL STREET
- WESTERN AVE
- 1ST AVE

Map: Waterfront Seattle
ENLARGED SITE PLAN

TWO WAY PROTECTED BIKE LANE
BELLOTTOWN LOFTS

WESTERN AVE

HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
EXIST. DROP OFF

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP.
BOULDER SEATING, TYP.
SPECIALITY PAVING AT PED. ZONES

ENHANCED PED. ZONE

STANDARD SIDEWALK PAVING

VIEW: MT. RAINIER & STADIUM
VIEW: SPACE NEEDLE
VIEW: MT. RAINIER & STADIUM

BELL ST

THE GOODWIN

ENLARGED SITE PLAN

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DRIVE WAY ENHANCED PED ZONE SIDE WALK WESTERN AVE SIDE WALK ENHANCED PED ZONE ENHANCED PED ZONE
VIEW AT WESTERN & BELL
Lighting Strategy- Interior Glow

Interior glow from interior LED strip lights
ROCK WASH
SEATING

2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

ELLIOTT POINTE

PARKING LOT

THE GOODWIN

ELLIO PT AVE

W ESTERN AVE

1ST AVE

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BOULDER SEATING

- CIP CONCRETE PAVING, SEE CIVIL
- SEAT
- SAWCUT AND POLISH TOP OF BOULDER FOR SEATING SURFACE
- NATURAL STONE BOULDER, LOCALLY SOURCED
- PT3, COBBLESTONE Pavers
- COMPACTED AGGREGATE SUBBASE, SEE CIVIL
- COMPACTED SUBGRADE, SEE CIVIL
PEDESTRIAN SPACE MATERIALS

- COS 2’X2’ CONC. PAVING - Light Gray
- COS 2’X2’ CONC. DIAGONAL PAVING - Charcoal
- ROCK WASH PAVING - Natural Cobblestone
COBBLE PAVING TYPES
Tree Selection from SDOT Approved Street Trees

We will be looking to either match to existing street trees or introduce new native species.

- **Quercus garryana**
  - Oregon White Oak, 50’h x 40’w
  - (Option for proposed native tree)
  - SDOT lists 8’ min strip width

- **Acer saccharum ‘Green Mountain’**
  - Sugar Maple, 45’h x 35’w

- **Acer rubrum ‘Bowhall’**
  - Bowhall Red Maple, 40’h x 20’w
Planting Palette - Shrubs

**Shrubs**

*Cornus sanguinea ‘Midwinter Fire’*
Redtwig Dogwood
5-6’ tall, 5-6’ spread

*Cornus sericea ‘Kelseyi’*
Dwarf Redtwig Dogwood
2-3’ tall, 2-3’ spread

*Symphoricarpos albus*
Snowberry
2-5’ tall, 4-6’ spread
**Planting Palette - Accent**

**Sun**

- **Eriophyllum lanatum**
  - Woolly Sunflower
  - 1-3’ tall, 2’ spread

- **Erigeron glaucus ‘Wayne Roderick’**
  - Seaside Daisy
  - 1-3’ tall, 1-2’ spread

**Part Shade**

- **Erigeron glaucus ‘Wayne Roderick’**
  - Seaside Daisy
  - 1-3’ tall, 1-2’ spread

- **Fragaria vesca ‘Californica’**
  - Woodland Strawberry
  - 10” tall, 3’ spread (o.c. spacing?)

- **Mahonia nervosa**
  - Dwarf Oregon Grape
  - 1-2’ ht, 3-4’ spread

- **Vancouveria hexandra**
  - Inside Out Flower
  - 12-18” ht, 12-18” spread

**Meadow Extension - Sun**

- **Bergenia crassifolia**
  - Bergenia, 1’-2’

- **Carex testacea ‘Prairie Fire’**
  - Orange Sedge, 1.5’-2’

- **Coreopsis verticillata**
  - Coreopsis, 1’-3’

- **Rudbeckia fulgida**
  - Coneflower, 2’-4’
Strategies for Pet Relief

- Barriers (match existing Bell St. pet barriers)
- Rainier Square plant rail/ barrier
- Building Cure plant rail/ barrier
- Rocks/ taller objects
Our next phase is 90% Design. Team will be finalizing:

- Boulder seating details
- Sign Bridge Lighting Design
- Plant protection rail details
- Planting layout
QUESTIONS?

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2023 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BY THE NUMBERS

• Over 700 participants on online open houses in February and March.
• Over 95 attendees at Belltown Community Council meetings in February, March, and June.

WHAT WE HEARD IN ONLINE OPEN HOUSES

• 65% of online respondents wanted the design to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists.
• A majority of respondents wanted to see more greenery and gathering spaces.
• Preference for a two-way bike lane.
• Respondents wanted improved connections between the Waterfront Promenade and Belltown.