Belltown Community Council Meeting

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BELL STREET IS ONE OF MANY WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROJECTS
SITE PLAN: 10% DESIGN

2300 ELLIOTT

BELLTOWN LOFTS

ELLIOIT AVE

PLANTED BUFFER/RAVINE

STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK

ELLIOIT POINTE

HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE

EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP

CITY OWNED LAND

OREGON APARTMENTS

BELL ST

EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.

SPECIALITY PAVING, TYP

SEATING, TYP.

PARKING LOT

THE GOODWIN

1ST AVE

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CURRENT PLAN

- 2300 ELLIOTT
- BELLTOWN LOFTS
- ELLIOTT AVE
- BELL STREET
- PLANTED MEDIAN
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- STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK
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- HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
- EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP
- EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP
- SPECIALTY PAVING, TYP
- SEATING BOULDERS, TYP
- PARKING LOT
SITE OVERVIEW
BELL ST TODAY
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 Elliott Ave and Bell St.

View East from Western Ave and Bell St.
HISTORY - 1891 BIRDSEYE
BELL STREET PROJECT STREET OPTIONS - SUMMARY

OPTION 1
2300 ELLIOTT
BELLTOWN LOFTS
ELLIOIT POINTE

OPTION 2
2300 ELLIOTT
BELLTOWN LOFTS
ELLIOIT POINTE
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
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.
CURRENT PLAN

- **HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE**
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- **STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK**
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- **PLANTED MEDIAN**
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- **SPECIALTY PAVING, TYP.**
- **SEATING BOULDERS, TYP.**
- **PARKING LOT**

**Locations:**
- 2300 ELLIOTT
- BELLTOWN LOFTS
- ELLIOTT AVE
- ELLIOTT POINTE
- BEL STREET
- WESTERN AVE
- BELL ST
- 1ST AVE
- OREGON APARTMENTS
- THE GOODWIN
Block 1 South Side: Existing
Block 1 South Side: Proposed
Block 2 South Side: Existing
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
ROCK WASH
SEATING

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PEDESTRIAN SPACE MATERIALS

- Cos 2'x2' Conc. Paving - Charcoal
- Cos 2'x2' Conc. Paving - Light Gray
- Rock Wash Paving - Natural Cobblestone

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BELL STREET
PARKING LOT
1ST AVE
ELLIO T AVE
WESTERN AVE
LAI RAI
COBBLE PAVING

- Cut pavers longitudinally at edge of planting or back of curb.
- 3/8" max mortar joints, typ. Pavers that require cutting in lateral direction shall be no less than 3". Fill resulting gaps with compacted 3/8" minus gravel with fines.
- Pavers shall not be cut in longitudinal direction at boulders; fill resulting gaps with compacted 3/8" minus gravel with fines.
- Begin with full row of cobblestone pavers at edge of sidewalk, do not cut cobblestone pavers longitudinally at edge of sidewalk.
- 1" min. offset between joints.
- 1/2" max. VERTICAL CHANGES IN PAVING SURFACE SHALL NOT EXCEED 1/4".
- Mortar joints, 3/8" max width.
- Natural cobblestone pavers, see spec.
- 1" mortars setting bed.
- Concrete subslab, see civil.
- Compacted aggregate subbase, see civil.
- Compacted subgrade, see civil.

PLANTING AREA

TREE PIT WITH FLEXIBLE POROUS SURFACE TREATMENT

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BOULDER, SEE LF01 AND LF02 FOR TYPE AND LOCATIONS

ONE FULL ROW OF COBBLESTONE PAVERS BETWEEN TREE PIT AND SIDEWALK PAVING

SIDEWALK

STAGGER ALL JOINTS; NO TWO JOINTS SHALL ALIGN.
WESTERN AND BELL GATEWAY

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- ELLIOTT

- PLANTED MEDIAN
- PLANTED BUFFER/RAVINE
- STANDARD PAVING AT SIDEWALK
- HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
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WESTERN AND BELL GATEWAY

- TWO WAY PROTECTED BIKE LANE
- BELLTOWN LOFTS
- STANDARD SIDEWALK PAVING
- ENHANCED PED. ZONE
- WESTERN AVE
- HISTORIC SIGN BRIDGE
- EXIST. PED LIGHTING, TYP.
- CITY OWNED LAND
- EXIST. DROP OFF
- BELL ST
- EXIST. STREET LIGHTING, TYP.
- BOULDER SEATING, TYP.
- SPECIALITY PAVING AT PED. ZONES

VIEW: MT. RAINIER & STADIUM
VIEW: SPACE NEEDLE
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SIGN BRIDGE LIGHTING

Interior glow from interior LED strip lights
Tree Selection from SDOT Approved Street Trees

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

Acer 'Norwegian Sunset'
Norwegian Sunset Maple
Existing street tree

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

SDOT lists 8’strrip width
Planting Palette - 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 - Groundcovers and 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)

Rocks/ taller objects
BELL STREET NEXT STEPS

Next Steps:

• Construction planned to begin summer 2024
QUESTIONS?

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