



# City of Seattle

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## Department of Transportation

Linea Laird, Interim Director

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 9/19/2018

**To:** Design Review Board and David Landry, SDCI planner

**From:** SDOT Development Review program

**Subject:** MUP #3025502 – 2033 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

Thank you for the opportunity to share Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) information and recommendations for this development.

This project fronts 4th Ave, a principal arterial in the Belltown Urban Village. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue currently supports bicycle transit with a sharrows, which connects cyclists to the protected bike lanes along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Pine St. Because of the scale of the development, SDOT encourages site improvements that will facilitate pedestrian, bike, and transit access to the site. The city's right-of-way improvements manual, Streets Illustrated, requires a minimum 8' – 10' pedestrian clear zone, 6' – 8' planting strip, and a 6" curb for this downtown street cross section. The planting strip is required to be located between the sidewalk and curb to buffer people walking from people driving, per the Seattle Right of Way Manual.

SDOT supports code requirements for street trees and encourages the applicant to reflect these on the site plans. SDOT also supports all vehicle access and trash collection from the alley. Alley access reinforces predictable vehicle turning movements and concentrates potential conflict zones between people walking on the sidewalk and people driving. As SDOT plans to improve the bicycle facility on 4th Ave, fronting this site, we encourage working together to accommodate short-term pick-up and drop-off associated with the proposed hotel use and proposed bike lane improvements. In an effort to further enhance the pedestrian realm, street lights are required per the Right of Way Improvement Manual. According to the Right of Way Improvement Manual, streets wider than 50 feet may have street lighting placed opposite each other and spaced every 250 feet. Where pedestrian lighting is present luminaires should be placed between street lighting luminaires at 50 foot spacing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at [Emily.Ehlers@seattle.gov](mailto:Emily.Ehlers@seattle.gov).

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