

# Preliminary Assessment Report

## Project 3028934, 3421 RAINIER AVE S

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**Assessment Completed:** 8/10/2017

**Project Description:** Establish use and construct a 6 story, 70 SEDU unit mixed use building and occupy as apartments and commercial. No parking is provided.

**Primary Applicant:** [Jay Janette](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

### Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with SDCI. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

### Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

#### SDCI Drainage Requirements

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## Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the SDCI Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [SDCI](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

## Requirements

### **SDCI Drainage Requirements**

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

**\*\*The new 2016 Stormwater Code becomes effective on January 1, 2016. Projects with an accepted application (successful SDCI permit intake) date after December 31, 2015 will be reviewed under the new code. The drainage requirements indicated below are based on the 2016 Stormwater Code. If your project will be submitted prior to January 1, 2016, please contact the SDCI Drainage Reviewer to determine drainage requirements.\*\***

#### **Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure**

Sanitary sewer main location: **Rainier Ave S**

Sanitary sewer main size: **12-inch**

Combined sewer main location: **Alley (King County Main)**

Combined sewer main size: **66-inch**

#### **Drainage**

Extension of Public Storm System Required: **Yes**

An extension of the public storm drain is required across the full frontage of the property (SMC 22.800.080.I).

**Unless an adjustment per subsection 22.800.040.B or an exception per subsection 22.800.040.C is approved by the Director, an owner or occupant who is required, or who wishes, to connect to a public drainage system shall be required to extend the public drainage system if a public drainage system is not accessible within an abutting public area across the full frontage of the property.**

This main extension may be eligible to enter into a Latecomer Agreement. Latecomer agreements allow a property owner who has installed water or sewer utility system improvements to recover a portion of the costs of those improvements from other property owners who later connect to the improvements. For more information, please visit our website at [http://www.seattle.gov/util/Engineering/Consulting\\_Resources/LatecomerAgreements/index.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Engineering/Consulting_Resources/LatecomerAgreements/index.htm) or call SPU's Development Services Office at 206-684-3333.

Infiltration Investigation Required: **Yes**

Projects that require On-site Stormwater Management, Flow Control, and/or Water Quality Treatment must first investigate infiltration feasibility before selecting other BMP's. See Seattle Stormwater Manual, Volume 3, Section 3.2 and Appendix D to determine infiltration feasibility. If feasible, infiltration testing per the requirements in Appendix D is required prior to application. Submit a completed Infiltration Checklist with the construction permit application. Checklists are available on the DPD Stormwater Code website. <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

Please note: projects that infiltrate 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area must conduct Groundwater Monitoring for a full wet season or one full year if infiltrating 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area. See Table 3.1 in Section 3.2.

#### **Project Type and Drainage Basin**

The storm drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: **Public storm drain system**

Project Type: **Parcel-based**

Drainage Basin: **Designated receiving water**

## Drainage Control Compliance

Drainage Review Required: **Yes**

Drainage Control Review is required for this project per SMC 22.807.020. Submit a completed [Standard Construction Stormwater Control and Post Construction Soil Management \(CSC/SOIL\) Plan](#) and a completed [Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control \(DWC\) Plan](#) including the **Site and Drainage Control Summary** from [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#).

Note: For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan, construction stormwater control plan, soil amendment plan, and drainage report shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Soil Amendment Required: **Yes**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.030.A, 22.805.040.A, or 22.805.050.A. Complete the **Post Construction Soil Management Plan** on the [Standard CSC/SOIL Plan](#).

On-site Stormwater Management Required: **Yes**

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity, 1,500 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or, if on a lot or parcel created or reduced in size on or after January 1, 2016, 750 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, must implement **On-site Stormwater Management** (infiltration, dispersion, bioretention, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to manage runoff from all hard surfaces on-site per SMC 22.805.050.B. and Director's Rule 21-2015.

Submit an [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#) and show the On-site Stormwater Management BMP's and surface designation on the [Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control Plan](#).

Flow Control Required: **No\***

Based on the information provided, adherence to Flow Control Standards is not required for this project.

\*Note: if groundwater will be discharged to the public drainage system, Flow Control may be required. Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6.

## Water Quality

No requirements

## Wastewater

The wastewater point of discharge (SMC 21.16.070.B) is located at **Public Sanitary Sewer**.

**King County Capacity Charge:** All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area (i.e. all Seattle Public Utility Combined and Sanitary Sewers) whose home or building was connected, reconnected or had a new service established to a sewage facility served by King County on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#). (King County Code No. 28.84.050.0.1)

## Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: **Public storm drain system**.

## Side Sewer

### Connections to Existing Side Sewers

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240. If there is an increase of dwelling units or buildings the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

## **SDCI Land Use Code Requirements**

### **Street Requirements**

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at SDCI permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to SDCI permit application intake.

#### **RAINIER AVE S**

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curblin installed, per SDOT standards.

### **Alley Requirements**

#### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Design structure to accommodate grade of future alley improvements. See <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/gradesheetintro.htm>.

A no-protest agreement is required. This form can be found at [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building\\_Permit/](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permit/)

A 2 foot setback is required

Other requirements: See 23.53.030 for alley improvements if parking is provided.

### **Land Use**

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

**Design Review Alert Residential** For three or more attached or detached dwelling units, Design Review may be required if abutting a qualifying lot and the combined total of development exceeds the design review thresholds in SMC 23.41.004 Table A or B, at the time application is made. Please see SMC 23.41.004.A.8 in Ordinance 124843 effective 9/21/2015.

**Design Review Alert Nonresidential** For 2000 sq. ft. or more of nonresidential gross floor area, Design Review may be required if abutting a qualifying lot and the combined total of development exceeds the design review thresholds in SMC 23.41.004 Table A or B, at the time application is made. Please see SMC 23.41.004.A.8 in Ordinance 124843 effective 9/21/2015.

Alley access may be required

Other Requirements: May qualify for ADR, if gross floor area is at least 12,000 sq ft but less than 20,000 sq. ft.

### **Other Requirements**

A presubmittal conference is required before submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site ([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building\\_Permit/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permit/default.asp)).

## **Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements**

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the SDCI Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

**Note:** Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by SDCI within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

### **ECA Mapping Unit and Type**

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Liquefaction

## **Earth Disturbance**

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

## **Existing ROW Conditions**

### **RAINIER AVE S**

Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: Center lane asphalt; outside lane concrete

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 2-3 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Gravel surface

## **Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property**

No parks property in vicinity

## **Tree Protection**

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

1) **all** trees on the site,

2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and

3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Per [SMC 25.11](#) and [DR 16-2008](#), exceptional trees may be located on the site. Clearly label all exceptional trees.

## **Construction Stormwater Control**

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 21-2015, Volume 2](#)).

**Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):**

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

## **Inspectors Notes**

Site is mapped ECA type 5. The existing house has a partial basement in proximity to north and south property lines. The plans and geotechnical report should include all appropriate shoring provisions to support cuts resulting from basement wall removal.

## **Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA**

The site is mapped as liquefaction prone. A geotechnical report is required to address liquefaction potential and, if needed, mitigation (see [SMC 25.09.100](#)).

## **Seattle City Light Requirements**

### **Street/Alley Requirements**

#### **RAINIER AVE S**

Other requirements: Seattle City Light has secondary overhead electrical wires along the alley. Construction at the site must not damage these overhead wires. Minimum horizontal clearance from these lines is 5 feet.

#### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Clearance from Structures: Fourteen (14) feet radial clearance is required between power lines and any part of the permanent structure per Seattle City Light Construction Standard D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/light/engstd/docs2/d2-3.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along the alley.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This City Light work is done at the project's expense. City Light may not be able to grant customer requests to temporarily relocate or de-energize the distribution system. There are overhead high voltage lines along the alley.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Survey information and plans must include property line designations along with all pole and high voltage line locations and elevations.

Other requirements: Additional Working Clearance Requirements: For cranes and derricks working near 26kV power lines, the OSHA standard is 20 feet clearance from power lines.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

## **Conservation**

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Phoebe Warren at (206)684-3795 or [phoebe.warren@seattle.gov](mailto:phoebe.warren@seattle.gov).

## **Notes to Applicant**

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. The design of the distribution system to serve the site shall be within the sole discretion of City Light. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Roy Carbonell, 206-386-1692, [roy.carbonell@seattle.gov](mailto:roy.carbonell@seattle.gov). Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from City Light. Failure to contact City Light early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

## **SDOT Requirements**

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm). Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

## **SDOT Permitting Information**

Initial Review Deposit: \$2,500

SDOT Plan Requirements: Engineered plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 3: Street Use Major (Type 45). A 60% complete street improvement plan (SIP) must be approved by SDOT prior to your DPD construction intake appointment. SIP Design Guidance is required for 60% complete SIP approval; apply early. Please visit SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_sip.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sip.htm) to obtain SDOT Client Assistance Memos (CAMs) and application materials to assist in developing your street improvement plan (SIP).

## **Existing conditions review**

Consider pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety enhancements along the existing [Safe Routes to School](#) walking route.

Proposed alternations to existing transportation operations must be approved by SDOT.

## **City planning context**

Site is located adjacent to a planned or proposed project identified in the [Transit Master Plan](#). RapidRide expansion planned on Rainier Ave S.

Site is located adjacent to a planned or proposed project identified in the [Bicycle Master Plan](#). Neighborhood greenway planned on Rainier Ave S.

The following current and upcoming projects may affect the right-of-way adjacent to your project:

Parks dept. project to redo water line and pathway. Vision Zero reduced capacity safety corridor project. Update traffic signal and install ITS equipment.

## **Street Improvement Requirements**

### **RAINIER AVE S**

SDOT Urban Forestry requires protection and retention of existing trees in the right-of-way unless specifically exempted. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14.

Street trees are required. SDOT Urban Forestry recommends providing street trees in a 5'-wide (minimum) planting strip, located between the sidewalk and the curb. If existing conditions preclude the preferred location, street trees can be accommodated adjacent to the right-of-way on private property. Per SMC 15.43.040, private property owners are responsible for the planting and maintenance of street trees in accordance with Standard Plan 100 and SDOT's Street Tree Manual. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14 for design criteria.

Other requirements: SIP required for mainline extension.

Reinstall curb and planting strip at existing, unutilized driveway. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410.

## **Alley Requirements**

### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Provide all vehicle access to the site via the alley. Provide vehicle access from the alley, if provided.

Provide trash collection via the alley. Coordinate with SPU.

## **Discretionary ROW Improvements**

Other recommendations: SDOT encourages a 6' sidewalk to provide a generous pedestrian space for people walking on Rainier.

## **Construction Management Plan**

Construction staging in the right-of-way (ROW) may not be allowed, particularly on streets in a [construction coordination hub](#) (i.e. Downtown Core, South Lake Union, or Capitol Hill) or on streets with peak hour parking restrictions.

Maintain pedestrian mobility around the site and peak hour traffic flow during construction.

## **SPU Requirements**

### **Water Availability**

Your water availability assessment is in progress. If the assessment results in water system improvements, you will be required to follow SDOT's Street Improvement Permit Process (see [CAM 2211](#) and [CAM 2213](#)).

For all multifamily, commercial, and industrial properties, the requirements for solid waste storage and pickup are outlined in SPU CAM 1301, available on the web at:

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/cos\\_004542.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/cos_004542.pdf). For questions about solid waste requirements, contact Liz Kain, (206) 684-4166, [Liz.Kain@seattle.gov](mailto:Liz.Kain@seattle.gov).

### **Other Requirements**

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Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to SDCI Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation) to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your SDCI intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our SDCI intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, [Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov](mailto:Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov), or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).