

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 6647815, 3138 WETMORE AVE S

Assessment Completed: 3/12/2018

Project Description: SDR - 2, three-story buildings with a total of six (6) townhouse units. No parking to be provided. Existing structures to be demolished.

Primary Applicant: [Jessica Tranquada](#)

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: **Wetmore Ave S**

Sanitary sewer main size: **8"**

Storm drainage main location: **Wetmore Ave S**

Storm drainage main size: **12"**

Drainage

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](#), [SMC 22.805.040.A](#), or [SMC 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 Director's Rule 4-2011, [Requirements for Design and Construction of Side Sewers \(Drainage and Wastewater Discharges\)](#)) is located at the following: **Public storm drain system.**

Side Sewer

Other side sewer issues:

(See below)

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.

Other Requirements

- If this project's new plus replaced impervious area can be kept below 5,000 square feet, this project may weep to the curb.

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/row/manual/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.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per [SMC 23.53.015](#) and [SMC 23.53.006](#).

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to [Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards](#). Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

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

Alley Requirements

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

A [No-Protest Agreement](#) is required.

Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See Tip 208, [State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\)](#) for more details.

Preliminary screening of your project has been completed and it appears that your proposal is located in an environmentally critical area (ECA) which may require an ECA review and SEPA. For additional information about ECAs and SEPA, visit the [DPD website](#).

Alley access may be required

It appears your project will require Streamlined Design Review. A pre-submittal conference will be required. Please see [SMC 23.41.018](#). Per SMC 23.41.00.4.A7.

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).

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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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 Wetmore Ave S.

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 Wetmore Ave S.

Submit plans for SCL review. 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.

Easements

SCL power easement is required. Property survey may be required at project's expense.

SCL blanket power easement over the entire parent parcel may be required. Property survey may be required at project's expense. If this is a unit lot subdivision, a blanket easement is needed.

Other requirements: The project appears to be one development site. The electrical service to the new buildings will need to be consolidated from one service strike from SCL's distribution system. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection, <http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", SCL will provide only one service to a site or building. If subdivided to create separate development sites, each site must have a separate service. Underground electrical services to the site(s) may be required. An easement sufficient in width for underground infrastructure is required. Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities and structures. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00. Please contact your Electrical Service Representative well in advance of construction for clarification and electrical service advice. Failure to contact City Light in advance to plan utilities for the development site may result in significant delays for review and costly service connections. It is also recommended that the project contact SDCI's electrical inspection division to confirm that the electrical services to each site will be in compliance with National Electrical Code requirements.

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.

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. 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. 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: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Street Improvement Requirements

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

Street trees are required. SDOT Urban Forestry recommends providing street trees in a 5.5'-wide (minimum) planting strip, between the sidewalk and the curb, or 10' clear from the pavement edge on streets where curbs are not required. If existing conditions preclude the preferred location, street trees can be accommodated adjacent to the right-of-way on private property. Please submit a landscape plan for SDOT Urban Forestry review to ben.roberts@seattle.gov. 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.

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.

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

Soil Amendment. Retain and protect undisturbed soil in areas not being developed, and prior to completion of the project, amend all new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil (including construction lay-down areas) with organic matter to the extent required by and in compliance with the rules promulgated by the Director.

On-site Stormwater Management. All trail and sidewalk projects with 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity shall meet the Minimum Requirements for On-site Stormwater Management contained in Section 22.805.070, to the extent allowed by law.

Other Requirements

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 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, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).