Circle South Downtown Code Height Modification Application

Property Information:

Address: Owner: Applicant:

Site Acreage: Parcel ID:

410 8th Ave South, Nashville TN Circle South Holdings (TN), LLC. Circle South Holdings (TN), LLC. An Affiliate of Lincoln Property Company 1.92 Acres Total Alleyways (0.18 Acres) 19 Freddie O'Connell DTC - Lafayette Subdistrict

Council District #: District Council Member: Zoning:



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09310005800 (Map 93-1 Parcel 58 / 0.16 Acres)
09310006000 (Map 93-1 Parcel 60 / 0.54 Acres)
09310006100 (Map 93-1 Parcel 61 / 0.20 Acres)
09310006600 (Map 93-1 Parcel 66 / 0.21 Acres)
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09310007000 (Map 93-1 Parcel 70 / 0.40 Acres)
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May 29, 2020

Lucy Kempf, Executive Director Metropolitan Nashville Planning Department 800 Second Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Subject: Downtown Code Height Modification Request Circle South Mixed-use Development Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Kempf:

On behalf of Lincoln Property Company ("Applicant"), please accept this application for Nashville Downtown Code Height Modification request for the Circle South mixed-use project ("Project").

Please note that the Project has been reviewed by Nashville City Council District 19 Councilman Freddie O'Connell who has expressed his strong support of the Project and the Applicant's pursuit of Downtown Code Height Modification.

We believe that the Project's exceptional design and exemplary contribution to urban fabric of Nashville merit Downtown Code Height Modification.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The site, 410 8th Avenue, is just south of the roundabout joining Korean Veterans Boulevard, Lafayette Avenue, and 8th Avenue. We believe that because of the site's prominence, and position at the visual terminus of 8th Avenue as one exits the city's CBD southbound the site presents there should be an equally prominent and iconic building and experience, a landmark that speaks to the artful side of Nashville while presenting a sophisticated and bold addition to the skyline.

The Project includes three programmatic elements:

1. The primary use will be a 535,000 SF office tower resting atop a parking podium cladded in glass to conceal parking.

2. The parking podium will consist of 8 levels of above grade parking and 3 levels below. Public parking will be available on site.

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3. At grade, activating the street will be a series of retail tenant spaces totaling approximately 15,000 SF.

The Project's purpose is:

- 1. To transform the existing site into an office tower with approximately 535,000 SF of office space with a street level lobby, at grade retail space, and publicly accessible open space.
- 2. To activate and address the roundabout by placing the main lobby and major retail functions at along the perimeter of the site.
- 3. To improve the vehicular and pedestrian connectivity and activation around the site. An improved connection will be made between 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue by expanding and improving Alley Number 139. Additionally, a connection between the site and Drexel will be made. These improvements will provide relief to adjacent streets while serving as connections between SoBro and Lafayette districts.

The Property is in the Downtown Lafayette Subdistrict, bordered by the SoBro Subdistrict across 8th Avenue and Lafayette Transitional Subdistrict across Lafayette Avenue. The northern most portion of the Property has T6 policy designation with the highest available density, however, as a full block property, the Project is entitled to 12 stories of height by-right with 4 stories of available bonus height density.

Because the planned total height of the Project is 30 stories, we are seeking an overall height modification. We believe the Project is an appropriate extension of the existing urban core within close proximity of multiple existing or planned projects with 30-35 stories of height.

REASONABLE EFFORTS TO USE ALL BONUSES AVAILABLE UNDER THE BONUS HEIGHT PROGRAM

Applicant has made reasonable efforts to use all appropriate bonuses under the DTC Bonus Height Program, for the Lafayette Subdistrict, as outlined below:

LEED

Pursuing LEED Silver, see page 46 for LEED scorecard.

PERVIOUS SURFACE Pursuing, as noted on page 38

HISTORIC BUILDING PRESERVATION Not applicable

OPEN SPACE Pursuing, as noted on page 39

INCLUSIONARY HOUSING Not applicable

UPPER LEVEL GARAGE LINER AND UNDERGROUND PARKING

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Pursuing, as noted on page 34, 35

PUBLIC PARKING

Pursuing, as noted on page 37

Taken together, the commitments for the Project would earn **35 stories** of total height were it not for the limit of 16 stories per code. It is the intent of this submission to only ask for **30 stories**.

EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN MERITING OVERALL HEIGHT MODIFICATION

Pursuant to your communication with the project team that the Project has maximized utilization of the Bonus Height Program, we will utilize the Exceptional Design pathway whereby the Planning Commission may grant an overall height modification. This pathway states that additional height may be achieved for, "exceptional design, including but not limited to unique architecture, exceptionally strong streetscape, and improvement of the project's relationship to surrounding properties".

The Project will meet these criteria in the following ways:

Unique Architecture; Exceptionally Strong Streetscape

- Response to the Roundabout Circle- the office tower offers a response through design and form by "tipping toward" the roundabout and reflecting the geometry of the art found at the center of the roundabout.
- 2. The design form provides a sustainability benefit of self-shading resulting from "leaning" to the South whereby reducing the solar heat gain of the building.
- 3. Holistic Exterior Design:
 - a. Though portions of the building's facades abut adjacent properties or alleys, the building exterior is treated as if all areas will be visible in perpetuity. Glazing has been incorporated throughout to create a pleasing ascetic while concealing the parking podium.
 - b. The building form breaks down into several layered masses, and utilizes a diverse palette of high-quality durable materials resulting in a rich and appropriately scaled pedestrian streetscape.
- 4. Internal Valet and Rideshare Dropoff have been designed to handle the Project' ride share, valet and visitor access to the site. The building provides a porte-cochere that's internal to the site, preventing these uses from congesting roadway frontage.
- 5. Publicly Accessible Open Space is abundantly provided via a landscaped publicly accessible open space providing a landscape buffer between the sidewalk and building façade, enhancing the pedestrian experience, and the improving public realm.
- 6. Activation:
 - a. Activation of both Lafayette Avenue and 8th Avenue are achieved with retail tenant spaces, an iconic lobby, and a liner use of second story amenity.

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- b. Similar retail activation turns down the improved alley to continue a lively and intentional pedestrian experience. The remaining alley frontage is used for entry to the parking garage and access to the porte-cochere.
- c. Adding curated public space in an area of Nashville's urban core where public space is scarce via the creation of a pedestrian-oriented public pocket park on the roundabout.

Improvement of the Project's Relationship to Surrounding Properties

- 1. The expanded and improved alleyway connecting 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue provides a major benefit to this project, and the surrounding properties:
 - a. A right turn in, right turn out ingress/egress movement will improve site circulation and decrease the curb cut size necessary for access while also improving the pedestrian experience.
 - b. Alleyway 139 will be widened to accommodate two-way traffic on the site allowing for a free-flowing connection between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue. The land required to affect this benefit will be donated by the Project.
 - c. Provisions for improving the function and pedestrian use of the intersection of 7th Avenue, Lea Avenue, and Lafayette Avenue are provided.
- 2. The addition of a light at Drexel and 8th Avenue with a planned connection from the site to Drexel will improve traffic flow and connectivity for the area.
 - a. This will accommodate well-functioning ingress/egress from the site, and improve traffic movements in the area, including the roundabout.
 - b. At 8th Avenue and Drexel intersection, users will be able to make a left turn to head south on 8th Avenue.

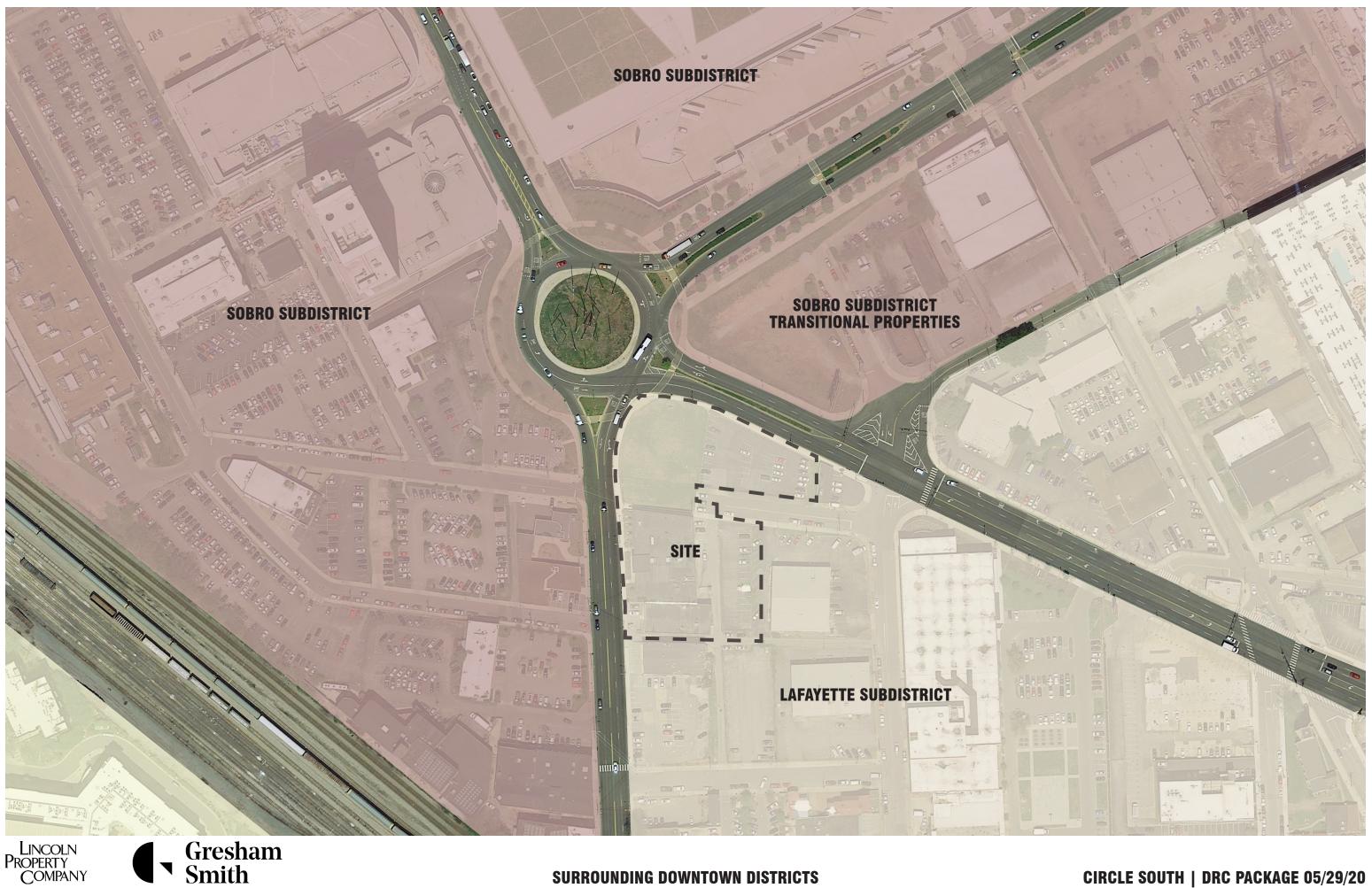
CONCLUSION

A favorable ruling whereby the requested Downtown Code Height Modification is granted will enable the Applicant to develop the Project which provides material positive impact on built environment of Nashville. All available Bonus Height via the Bonus Height program have been exhausted beyond the limits of the Nashville Downtown Code. By increasing this limit to the 30 stories requested, the City will not only enable a landmark project to be built, but also materially improve the public and pedestrian realm, and gain an important pedestrian and vehicular connection between 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Sincerely,

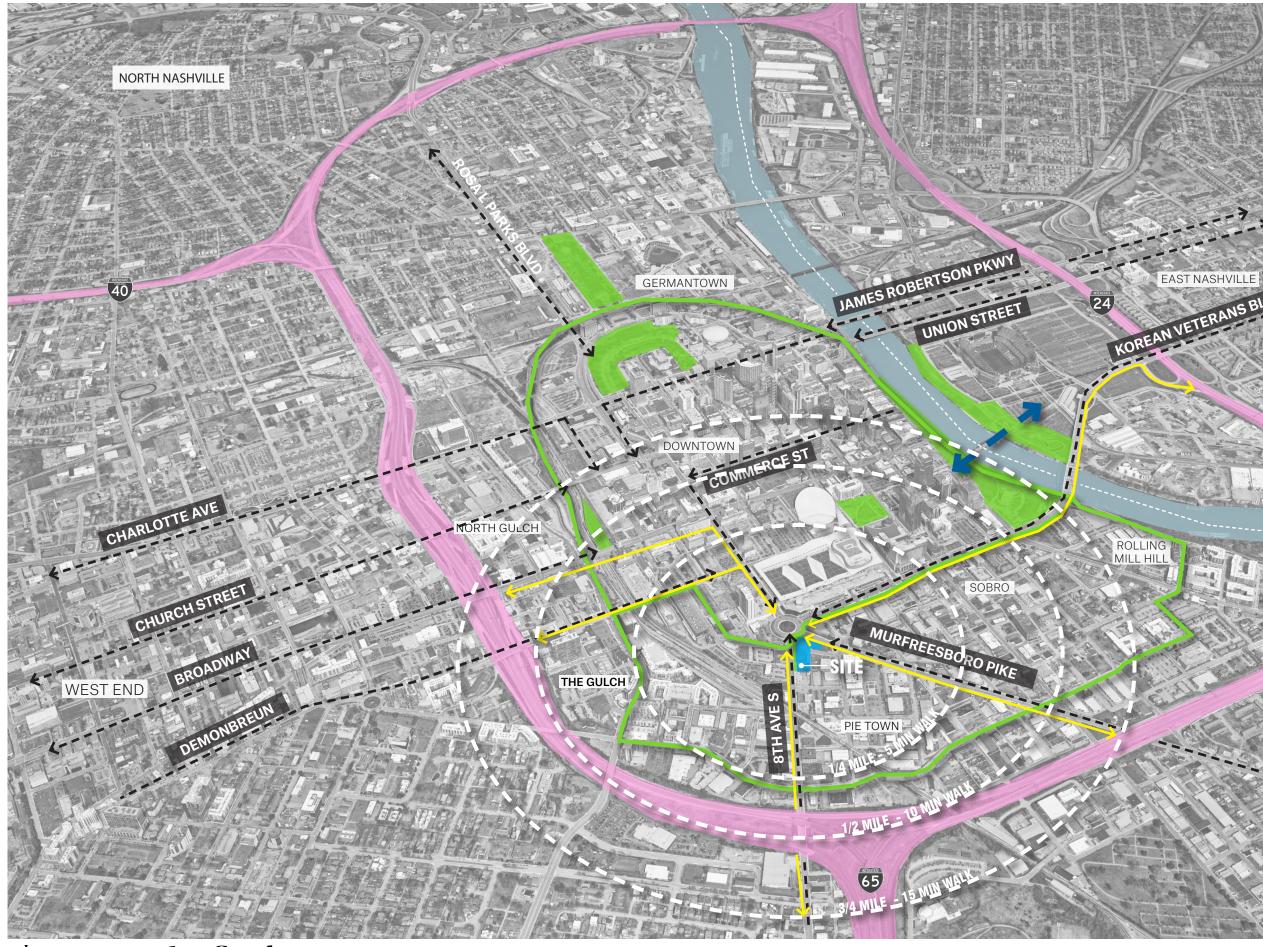
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SURROUNDING DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS



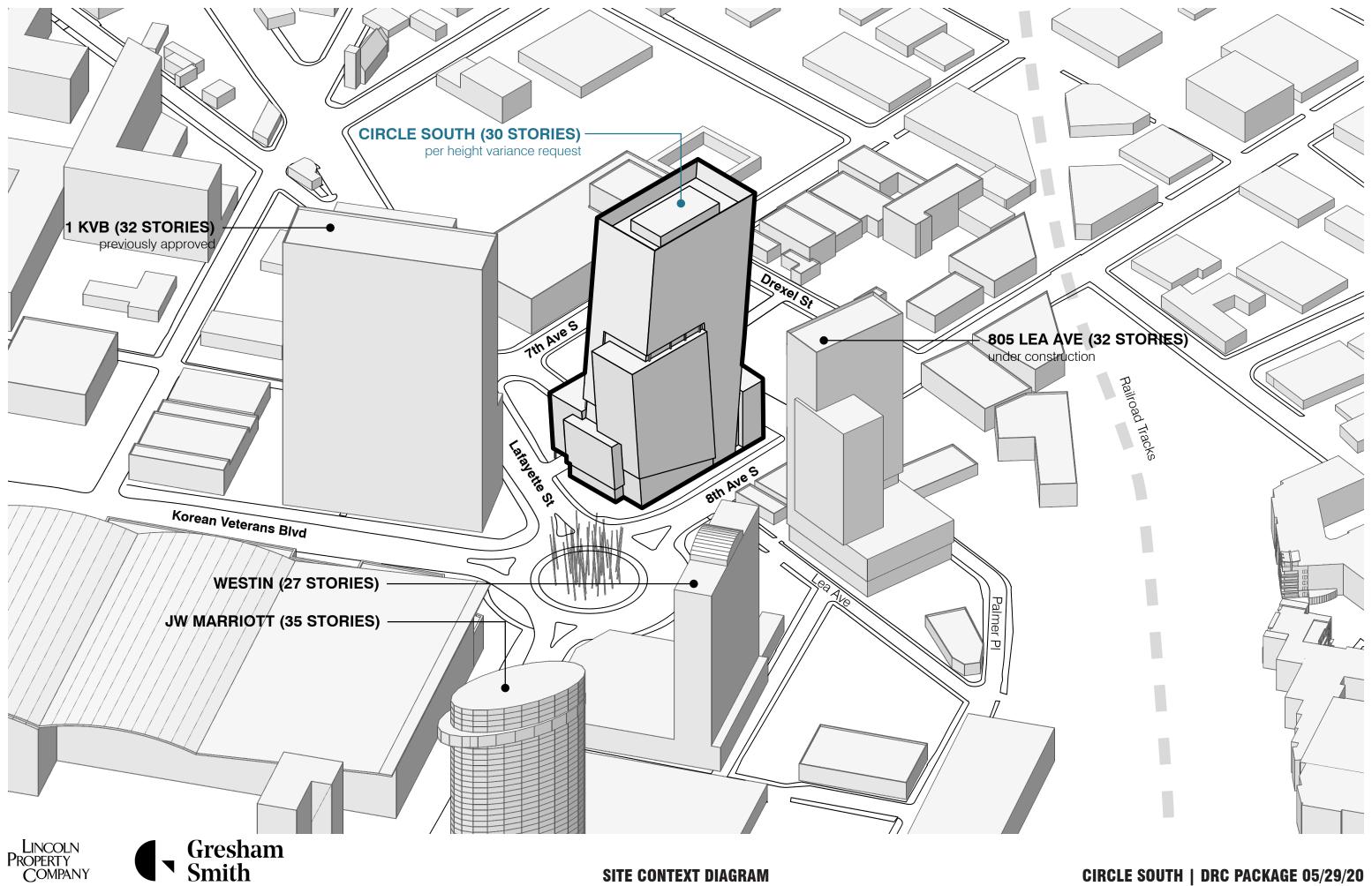
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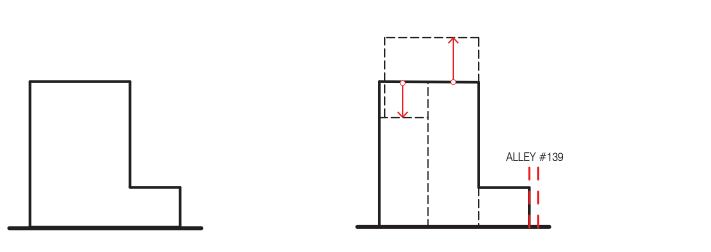
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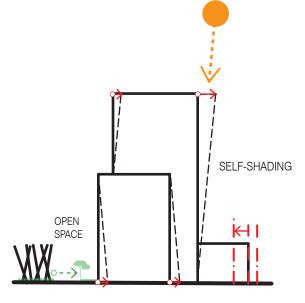
CUMBERLAND RIVER

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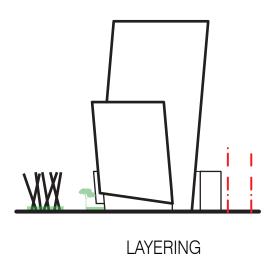


BASELINE

PROGRAM DIFFERENTIATION STIX & SOLAR RESPONSE



CONCEPT



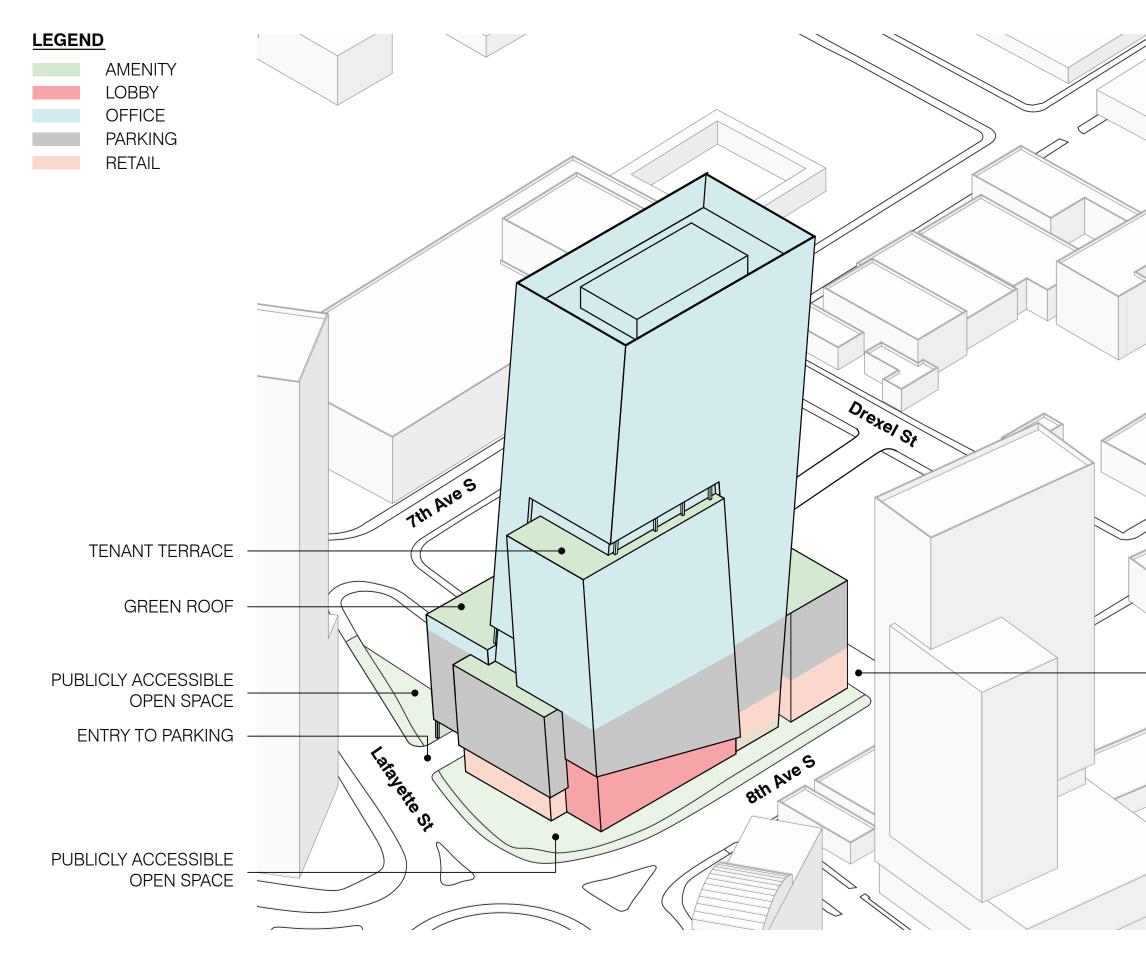




CONTEXT RENDERING -ROUNDABOUT PERSPECTIVE LOOKING SOUTHEAST

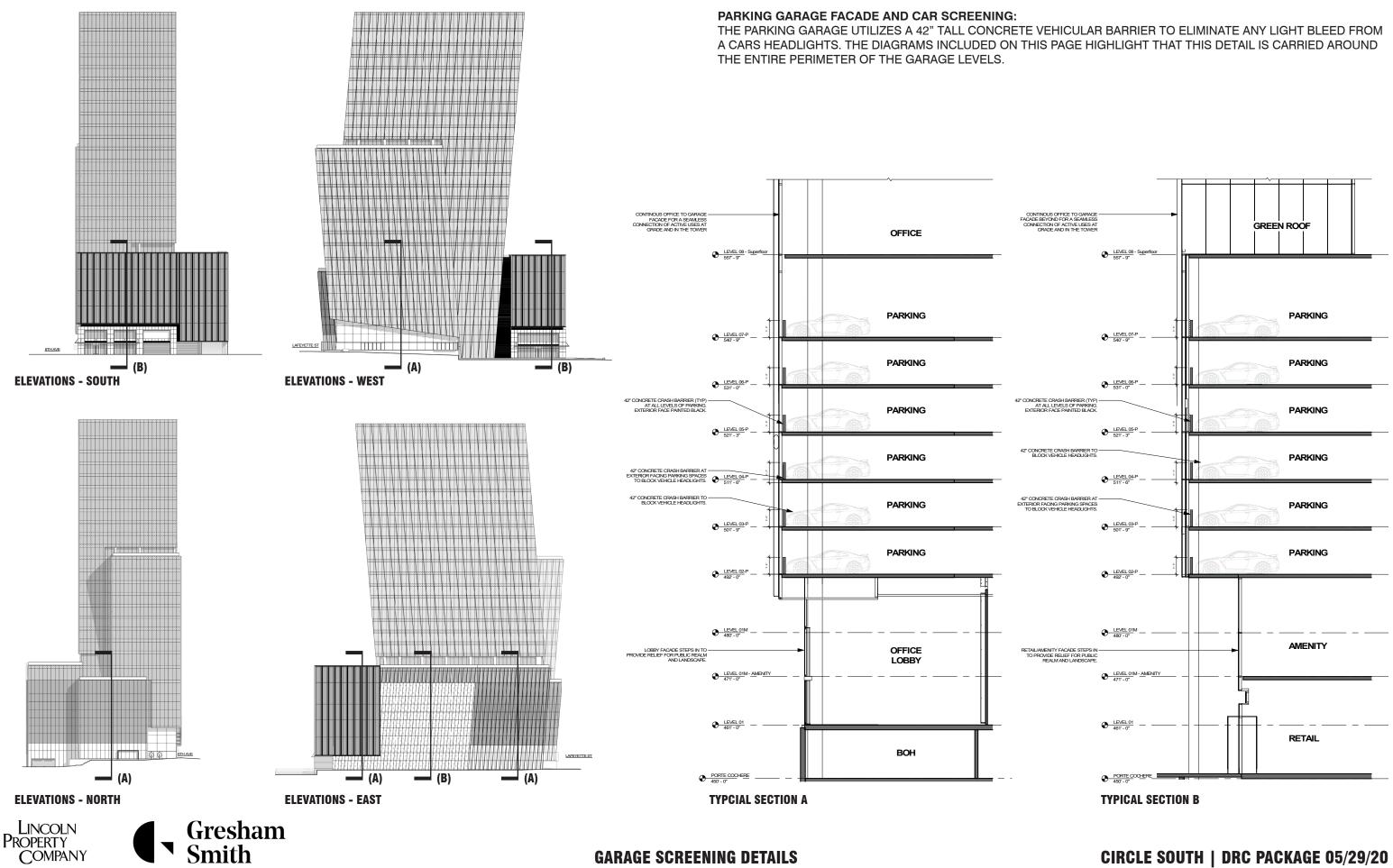






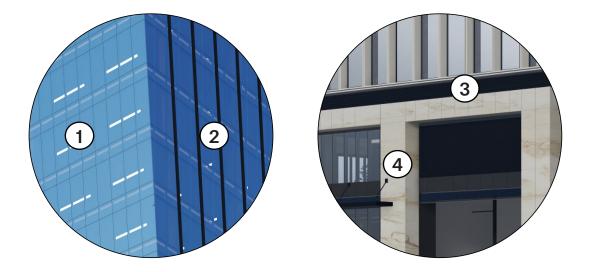


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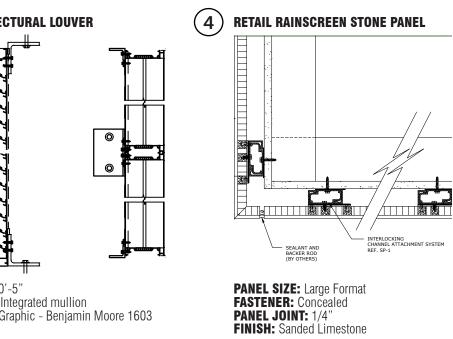
GARAGE SCREENING DETAILS





FACADE DIAGRAM

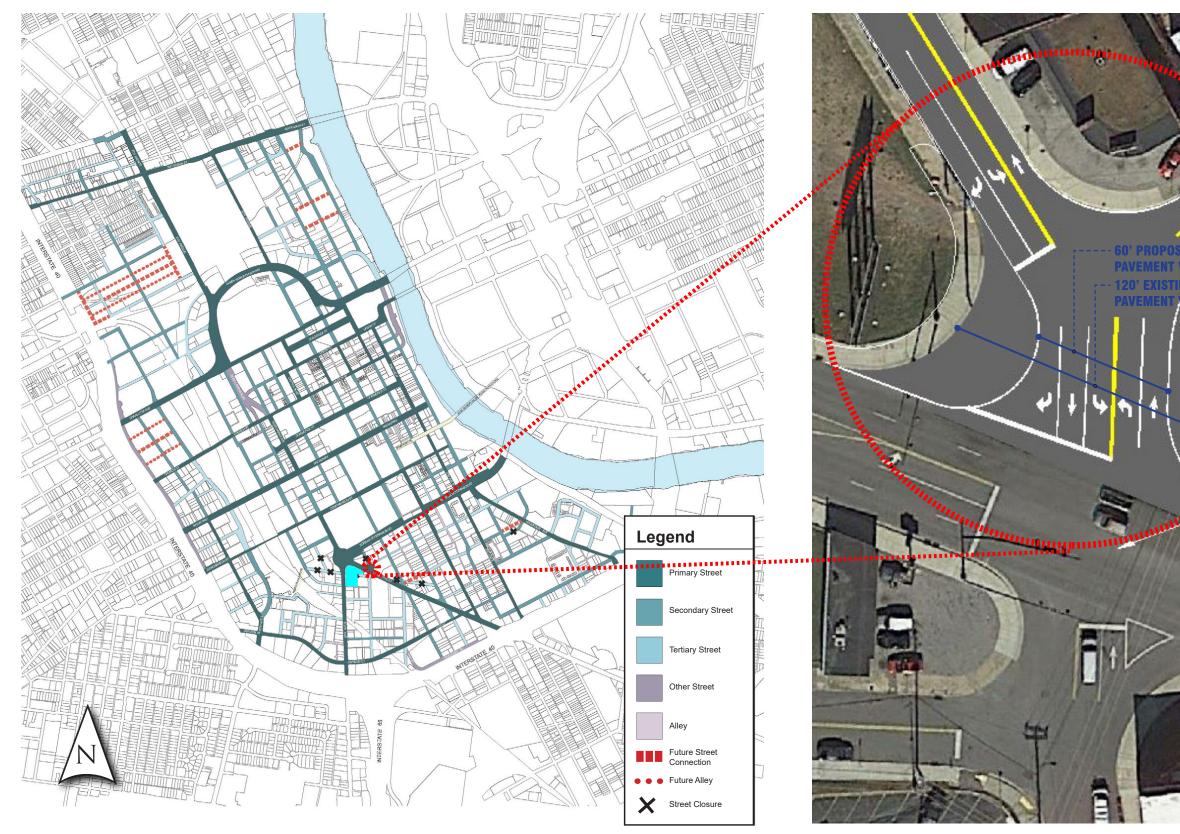
- (1)
- (2) CORRIDOR TO THE SOUTH
- (3) ARCHITECTURAL LOUVER



DEPTH: 0'-5" **FRAME:** Integrated mullion **COLOR:** Graphic - Benjamin Moore 1603

OPTIMIZING EAST AND WEST FACADES W/ FINS FOR SHADING

MAXIMIZING VIEWS TO THE NORTH, AND THE 8TH AVE



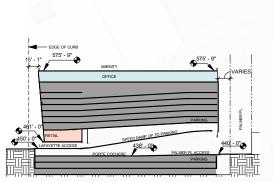
DOWNTOWN CODE - FUTURE STREETS PLAN EXCERPT

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 7TH / LAFAYETTE / PEABODY INTERSECTION

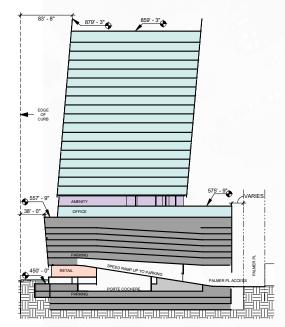


• Remove the existing painted right-turn channelization island on the southbound approach of the 7th Avenue South/Peabody Street to provide and stripe the southbound approach as a standard three-land approach including one left-turn lane, one through lane, and one right-turn lane.

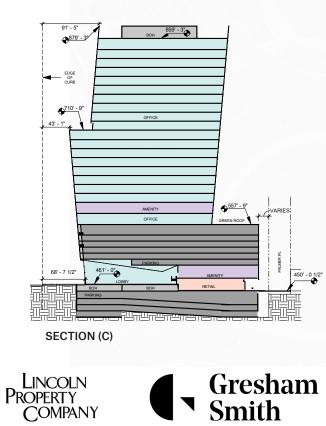
• Adjust the striping on the eastbound and westbound approaches of Lafayette Street at the intersection in accordance with the proposed lane configurations of the 7th Avenue South/Peabody Street north of the intersection.

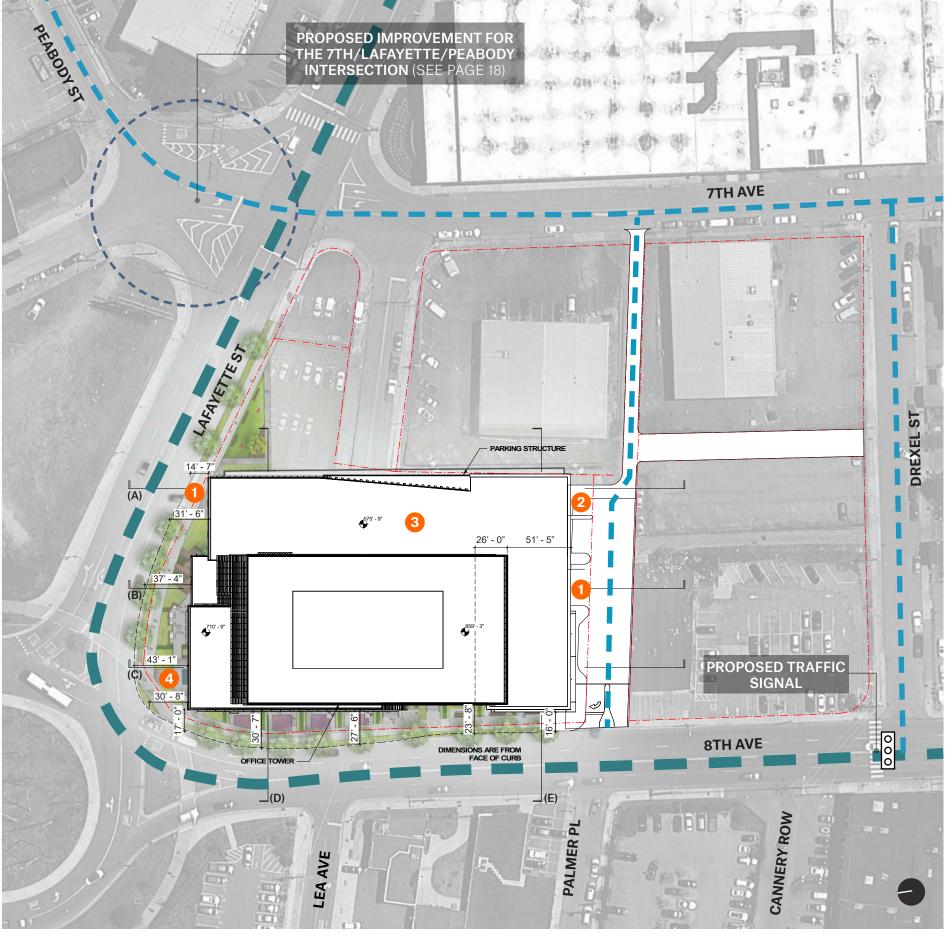






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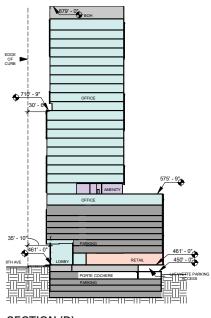


BUILDING FORM AND SETBACKS

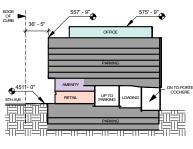
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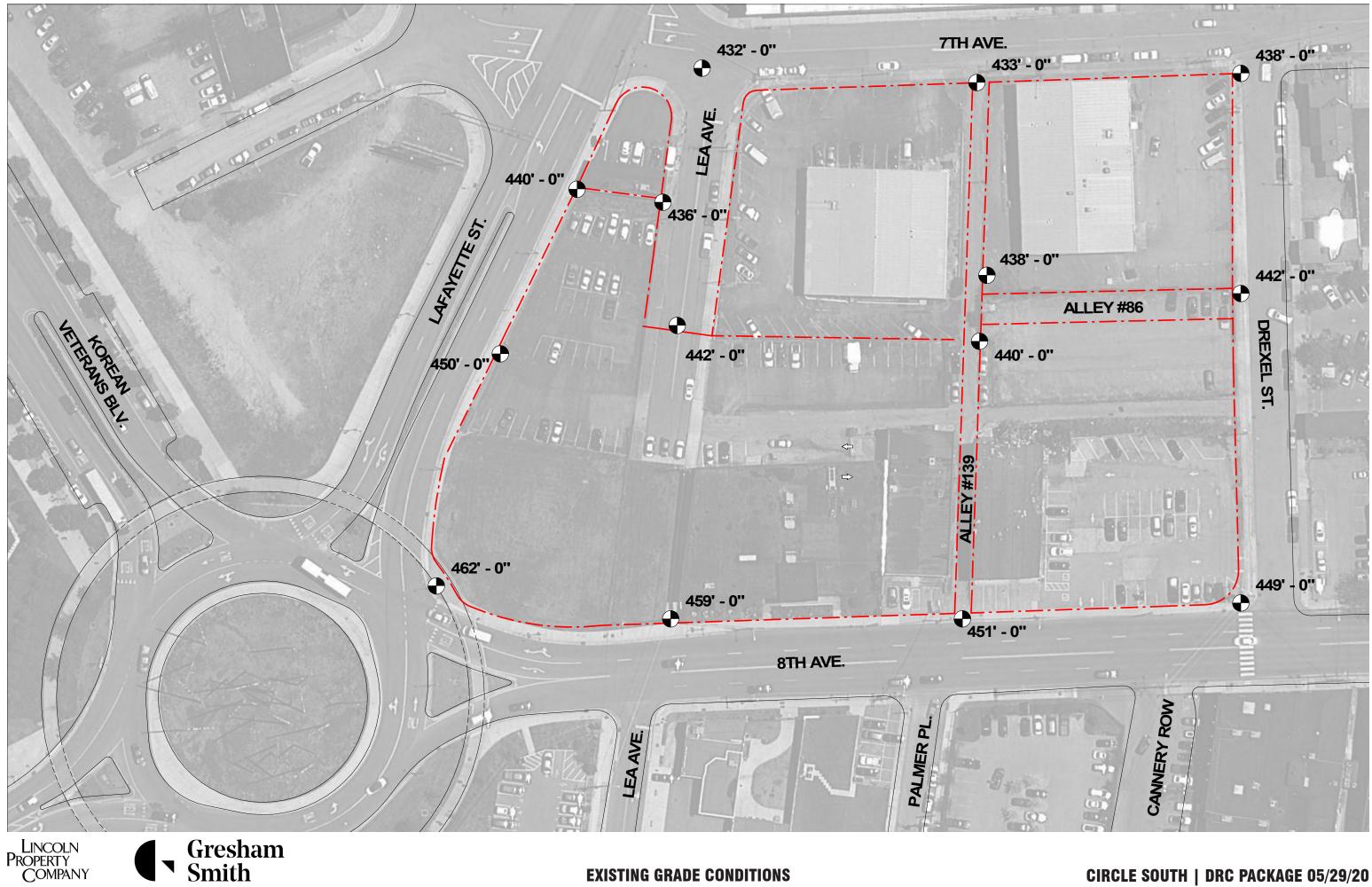
- ABOVE GRADE GARAGE ENTRY AND EXIT 0
 - BELOW GRADE ENTRY AND EXIT
- 3 AMENITY LANDSCAPE/ TERRACE
- PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE 4
 - PRIMARY STREET
 - **TERTIARY STREET**
 - PROPERTY LINE



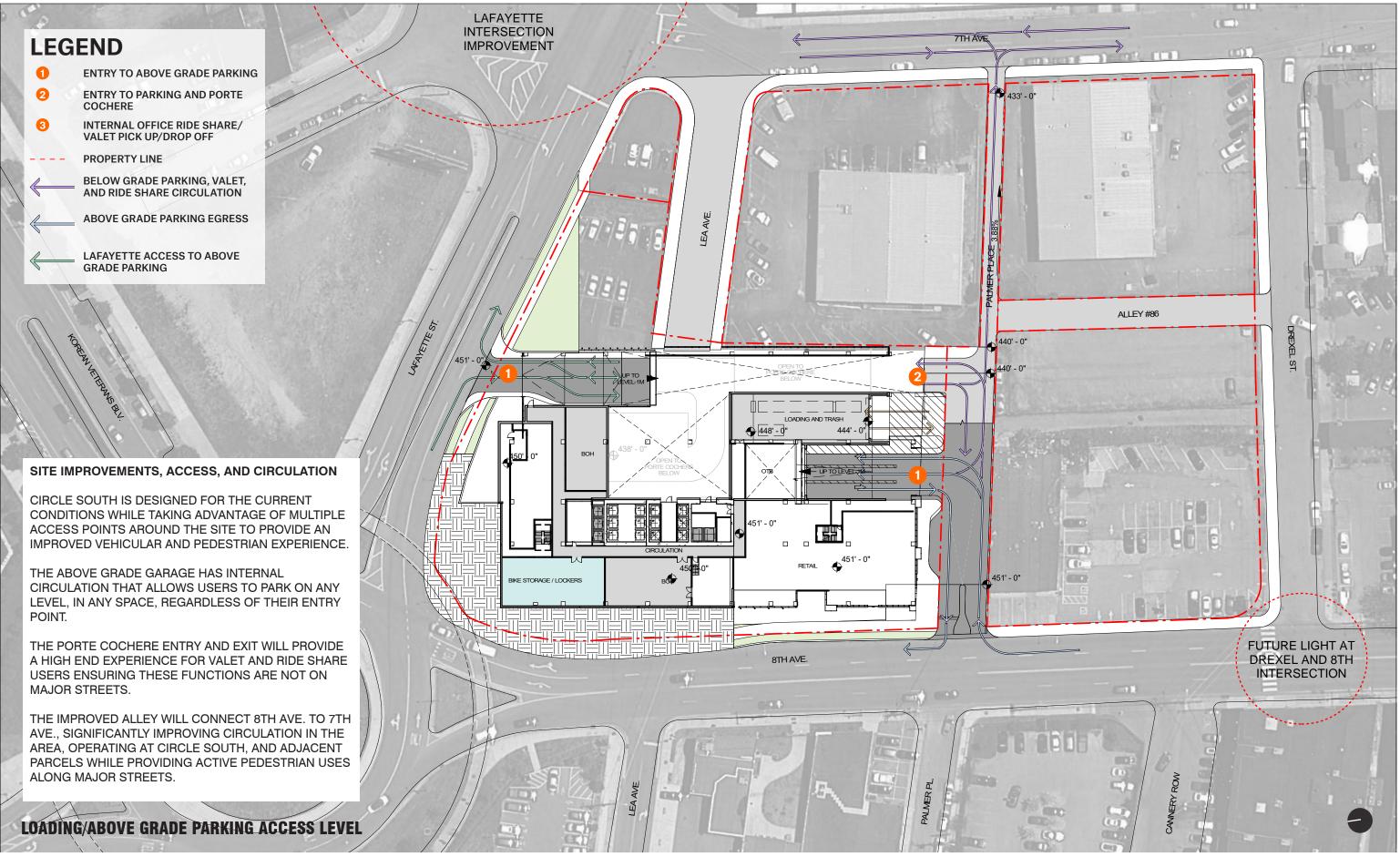
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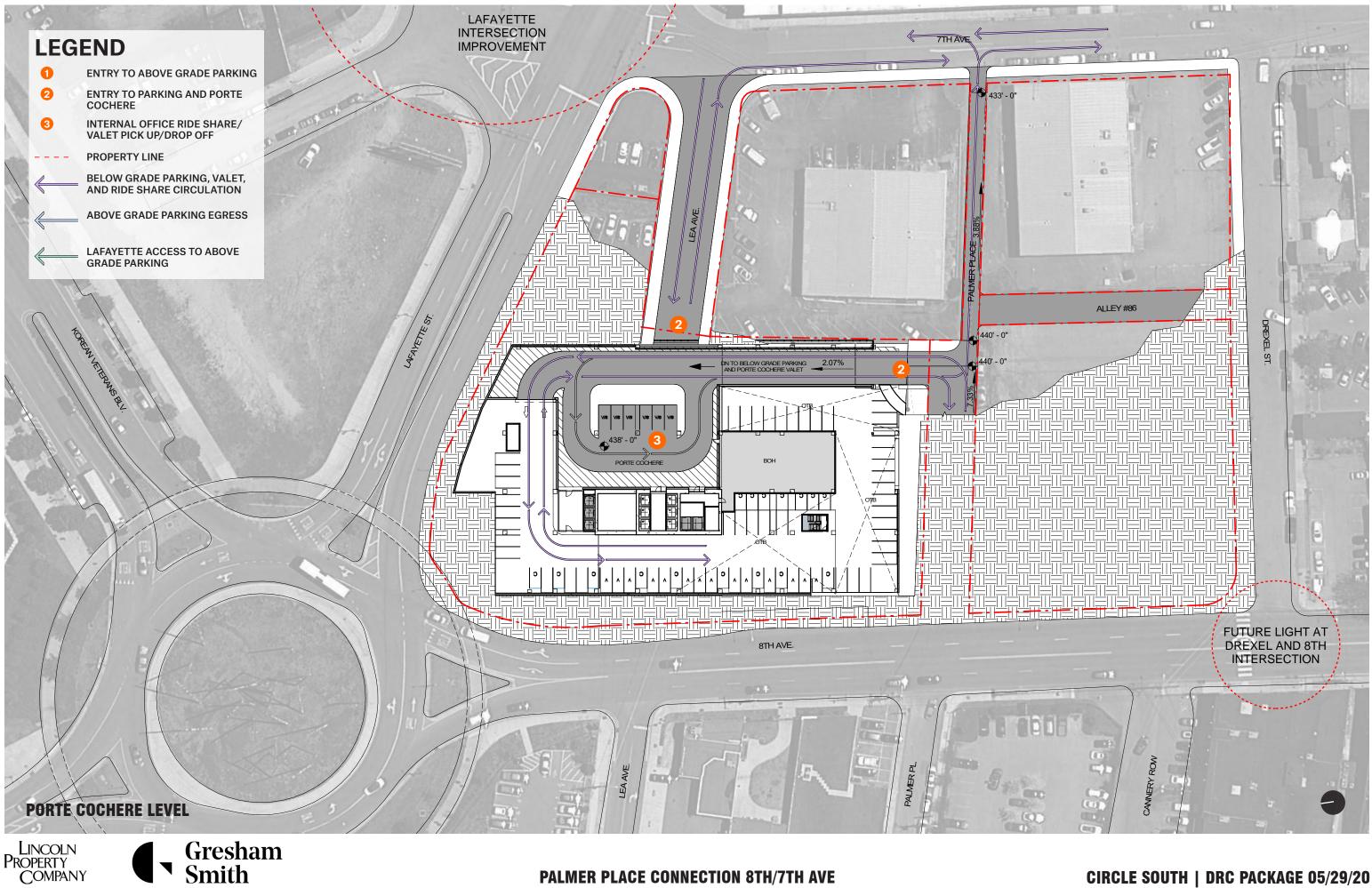
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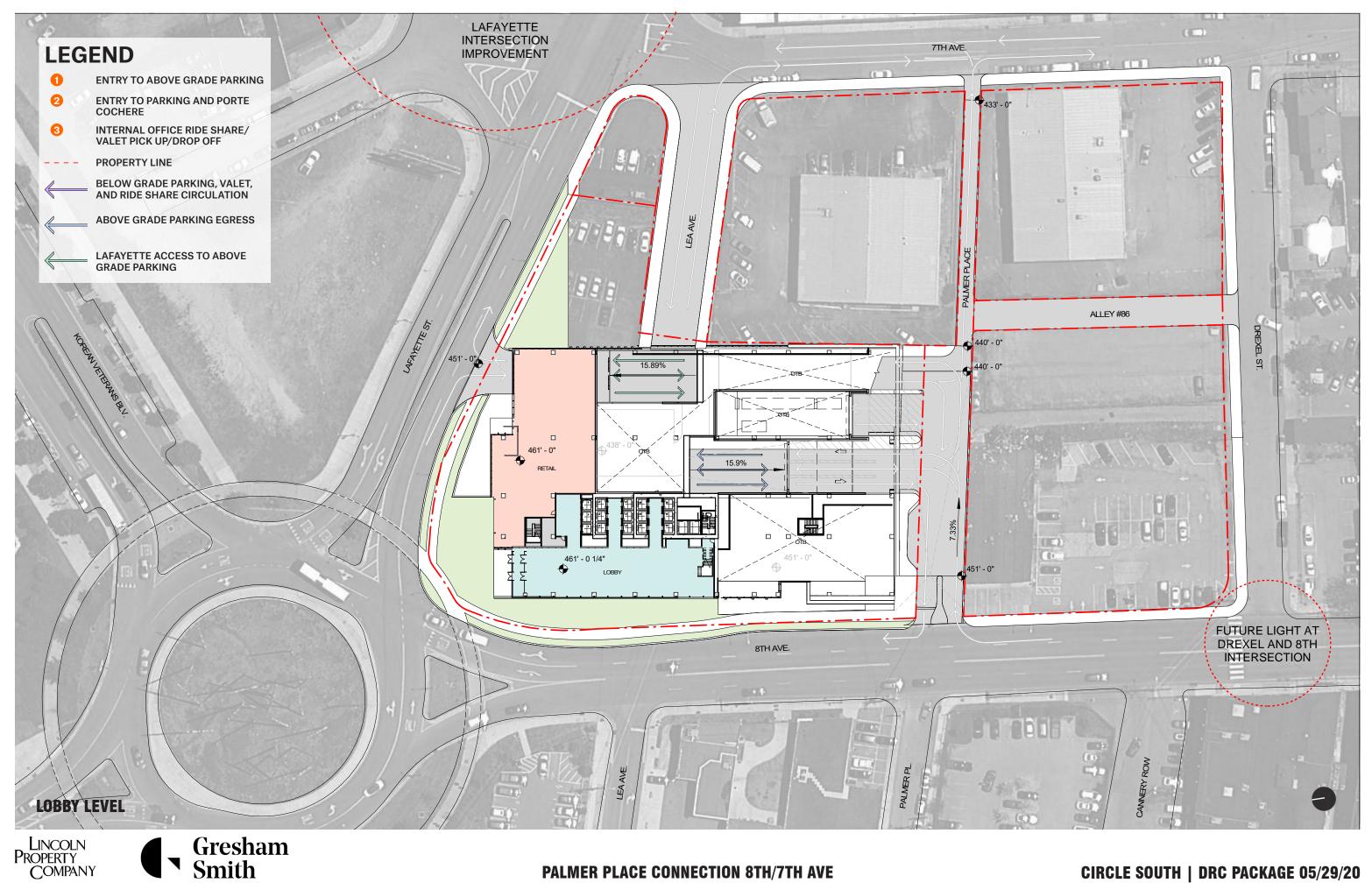


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PALMER PLACE CONNECTION 8TH/7TH AVE





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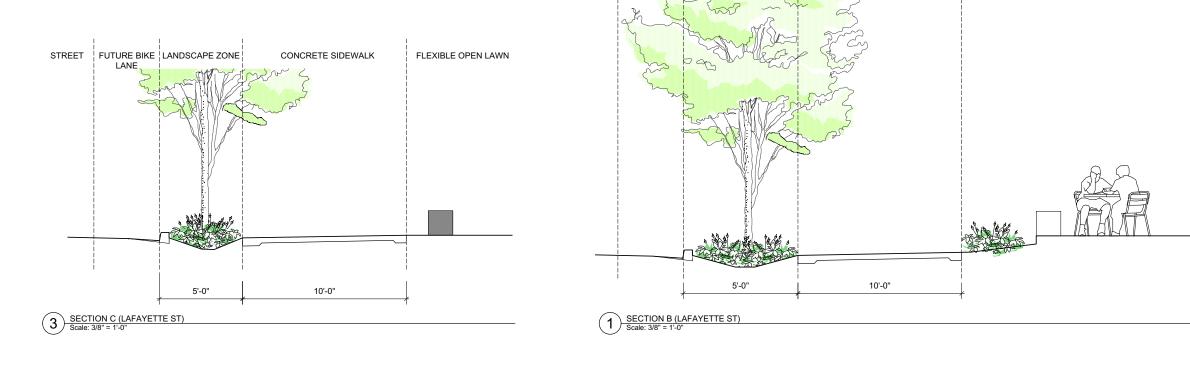


AMENITY TERRACE AND GREEN ROOF

Hawkins Partners, Inc.





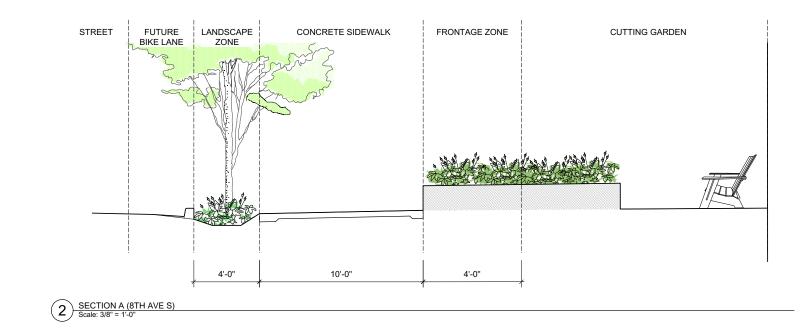


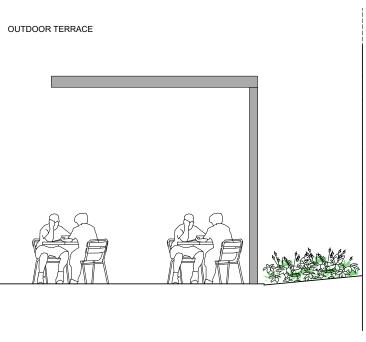
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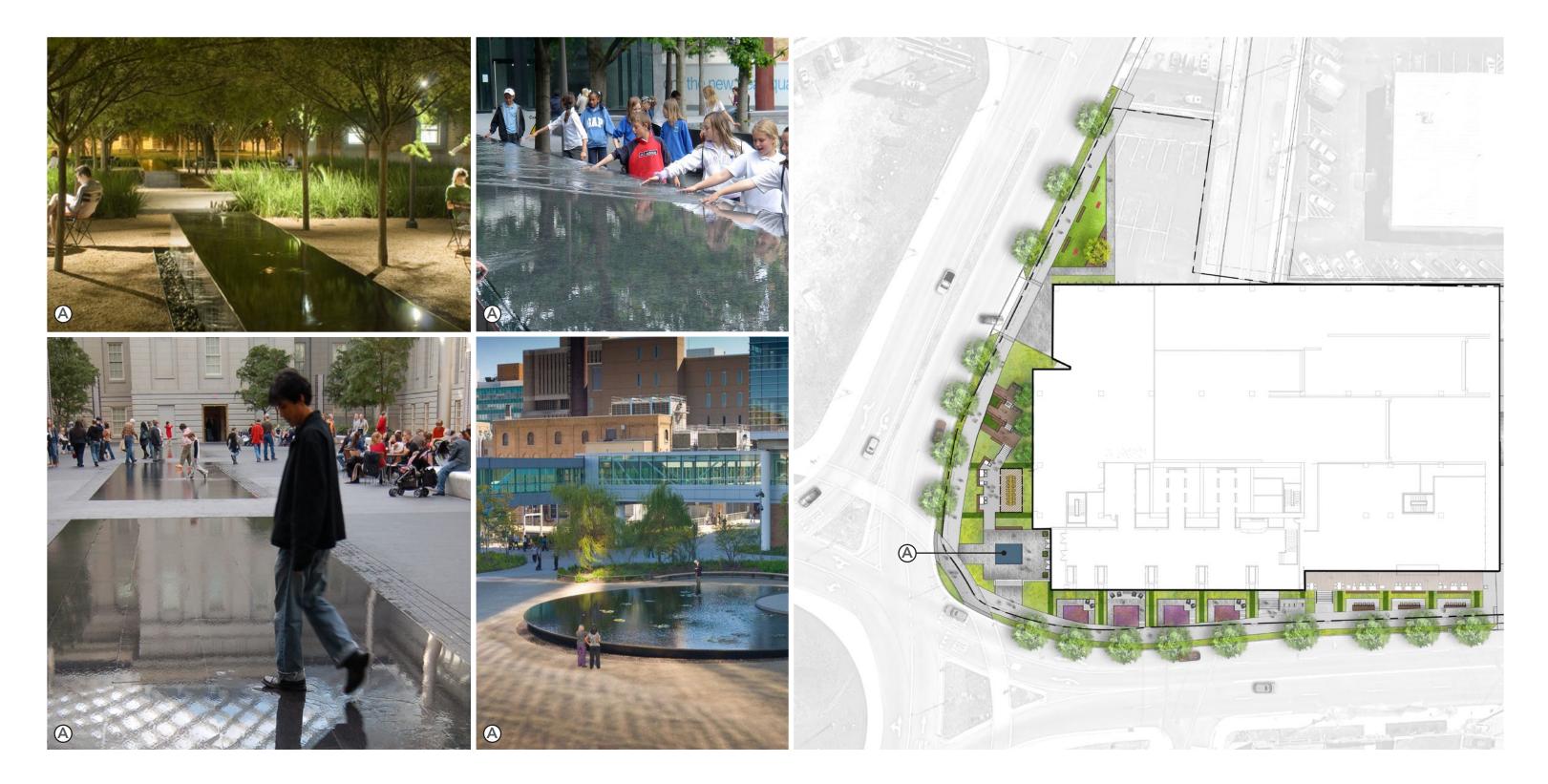
LANDSCAPE ZONE

CONCRETE SIDEWALK









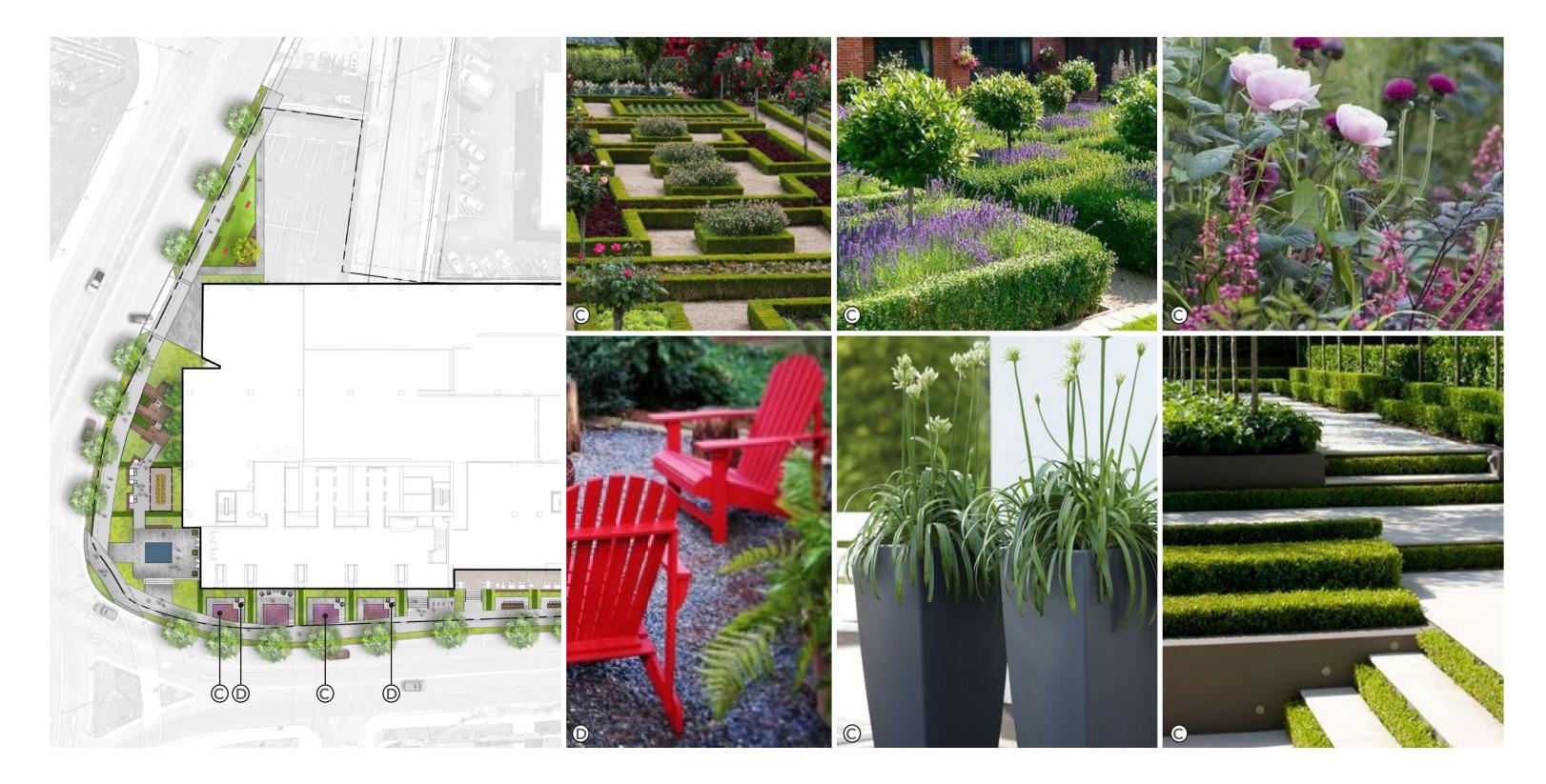
















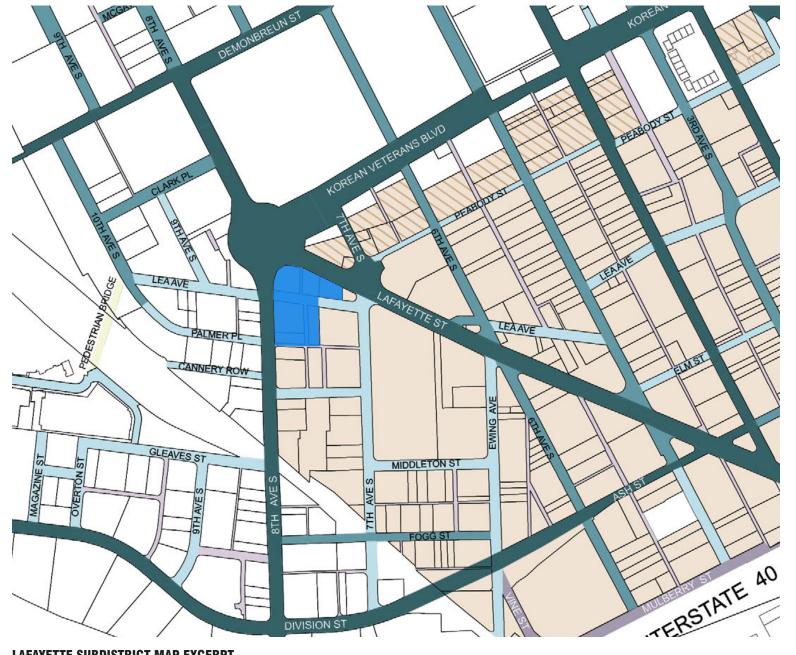








The site is highlighted in BLUE, bounded by 8th Ave S (Primary Street) on the West, by an alley on the East, Drexel Street to the South, and by Lafayette (Other Street) on the Northeast, and a roundabout to the North that sits at the convergence of several main streets, including Korean Veterans Boulevard, Lafayette Street, and 8th Avenue South. It is located within the Lafayette Subdistrict.



Lafayette Subdistrict: Building Regulations

Frontage	Required	
(A) Allowed Frontage Types w	ith Required Build-to Zone	
Primary Street		V
Storefront Frontage	0' - 10'	G
Secondary Street		
Storefront Frontage	0' - 10'	C
(B) Facade Width		
Primary Street	80% of Lot Frontage Min	С
Secondary Street	80% of Lot Frontage Min	С
(C) Min. Building Depth	15' From Building Facade	С
Height (D) Min.		
On the Roundabout	3 Stories or 35'	C
	3 Stories or 35'	C
	3 Stories or 35' 12 Stories	C
(E) Max	12 Stories	N
(E) Max On Lafayette Street	12 Stories	N
(E) Max On Lafayette Street Additional height available thr	12 Stories	N
(E) Max On Lafayette Street Additional height available thr Step Back* Step-back required for all buildings fronting public	12 Stories ough the Bonus Height Prog	N

Sidewalk & Planting

Improvements to the sidewalk corridor according to the General Standards and the Major and Collector Street Plan.

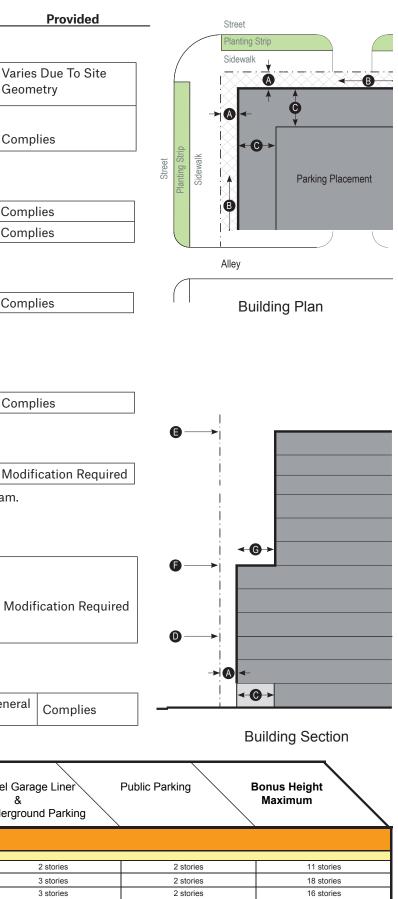
LAFAYETTE SUBDISTRICT MAP EXCERPT Site Noted in Blue

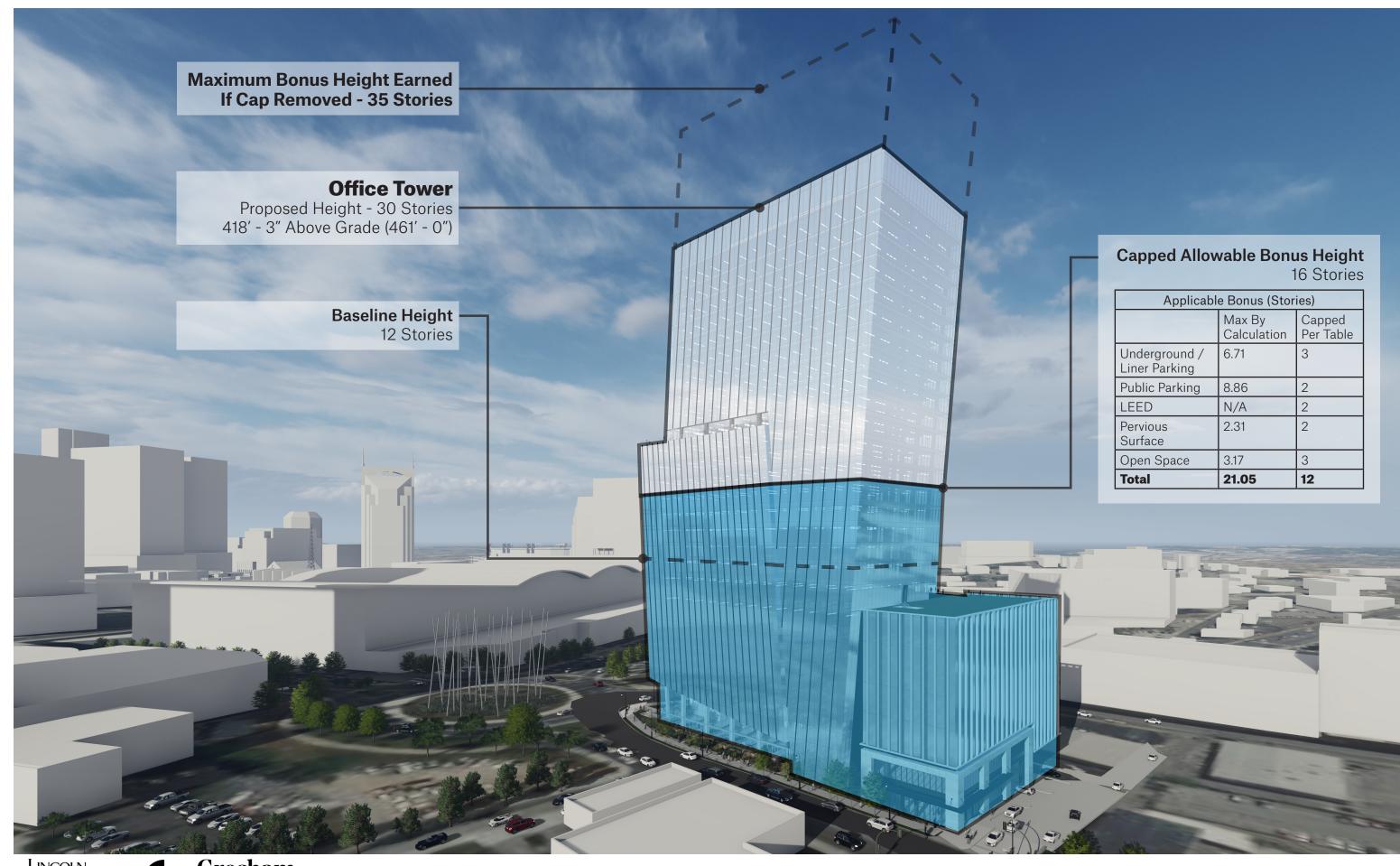
BONUS HEIGHT CHART	Maximum height within the Subdistrict	LEED	LEED ND		oric Building Op eservation	en Space Incl	usionary Housing Ci	vil Support Space Upp	er Level Ga & Undergro
South									
Lafayette									
General	8 stories	Any = 2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	3 stories	2 stories	
Transitional Properties	15 stories	Any = 2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	3 stories	3 stories	3 stories	3 stories	
Lafayette Street	12 stories	Any = 2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	3 stories	3 stories	4 stories	3 stories	





LAFAYETTE SUBDISTRICT





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BONUS HEIGHT SUMMARY DIAGRAM

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Applicable Bonus (Stories)							
	Max By Calculation	Capped Per Table					
Underground / Liner Parking	6.71	3					
Public Parking	8.86	2					
LEED	N/A	2					
Pervious Surface	2.31	2					
Open Space	3.17	3					
Total	21.05	12					

BONUS HEIGHT PROGRAM SUMMARY

	UNDERGROUND / LINER PARKING	PUBLIC PARKING	LEED	PERVIOUS SURFACE	OPEN SPACE		
Stories	3 CAP / 6.71 MAX	2 CAP / 8.86 MAX	2	2 CAP / 2.31 MAX	3 CAP / 3.17 MAX		
Total Bonus Area	169,196	223,324		58,188	79,800		
						OVERALL MAX HT. INCLUDING BONUS DEN- SITY FOR SUBDISTRICT	16 total
						POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT W/ CAP OF 16 STORIES REMOVED	24 Total ¹
						MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING ALL BONUSES PER DTC	35.05 Total

¹ **Modification Request:** Remove the bonus height maximum cap of 16 stories in the Subdistrict Classification to allow for the maximum bonus height to be earned.

LAFAYETTE ST SUBDISTRICT

Baseline Maximum Height	Bonus Height Maximum (by Table)	Requested Height Maximum*
12 Stories	16 Stories	30 Stories ¹
	+4 Stories (above Baseline)	Possible bonus in subdistrict w/ cap of 16 stories removed

¹ Additional Height can be granted for Exceptional Design, including but not limited to unique architecture, exceptionally strong streetscape, and improvement of the project's relationship to surrounding properties. (See Exceptional Design Considerations on Page 44.)

Bonus Height Tabulation

UNDERGROUND PARKING / GARAGE LINER

Area of Below Grade Parking (Level B2-B1M)	Area of Retail Liner (Level 01 Above Grade)	Area of Lobby Liner (Level 01M-02P)	Area of Amenity Liner (Level 01M Amenity - 01M)	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
111,662				111,662	25,200 ¹	4.43 Stories ²
	7,172			14,344	25,200 ¹	.57 Stories ³
		7,069		14,138	25,200 ¹	.56 Stories⁴
			14,526	29,052	25,200 ¹	1.15 Stories⁵
					POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	3 Stories
					MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING BONUS PER DTC	6.71 Stories

¹ Typical Office level.

² (111,662 Below Grade Parking Area) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = 4.43 Stories

³ (7,172 Area of Retail Liner (Level 01 Above Grade) X 2) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = .57 Stories

⁴ (7,069 Area of Lobby Liner (Level 01M-02P) X 2) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = .56 Stories

⁵ (14,526 Area of Amenity Liner (Level 01M Amenity - 01M) X 2) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = 1.15 Stories



PUBLIC PARKING

Total Public Parking Spaces	Area of Public Parking (Level B2-B1M)	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
314	111,662	223,324	25,200¹	8.86 Stories ²
			POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	2 Stories
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LEED

LEED Certification			Bonus Stories
Silver			2 Stories ¹
		POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	2 Stories ¹

¹ LEED Bonus Height in Core and Sobro: Silver = 4 Stories, Gold = 8 Stories, Platinum = 12 Stories

PERVIOUS SURFACE

Area of Level 01 Landscape	Area of Level 01 Hardscape (Pervious)	Area of Level 8 Landscape (Greenroof)	Area of Level 9 Landscape	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
4,970	6,370			22,680	25,200¹	.90 Stories ²
		5,268		10,536	25,200¹	.42 Stories ³
			12,486	24,972	25,200¹	.99 Stories ⁴
					POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	2 Stories
					MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING BONUS PER DTC	2.31 Stories

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³ (5,268 Pervious Surface Area X 2) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = .42 Stories

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OPEN SPACE

Area of Publicly Accessible Open Space	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
11,400	79,800	25,200¹	3.17 Stories ²
		POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	3 Stories
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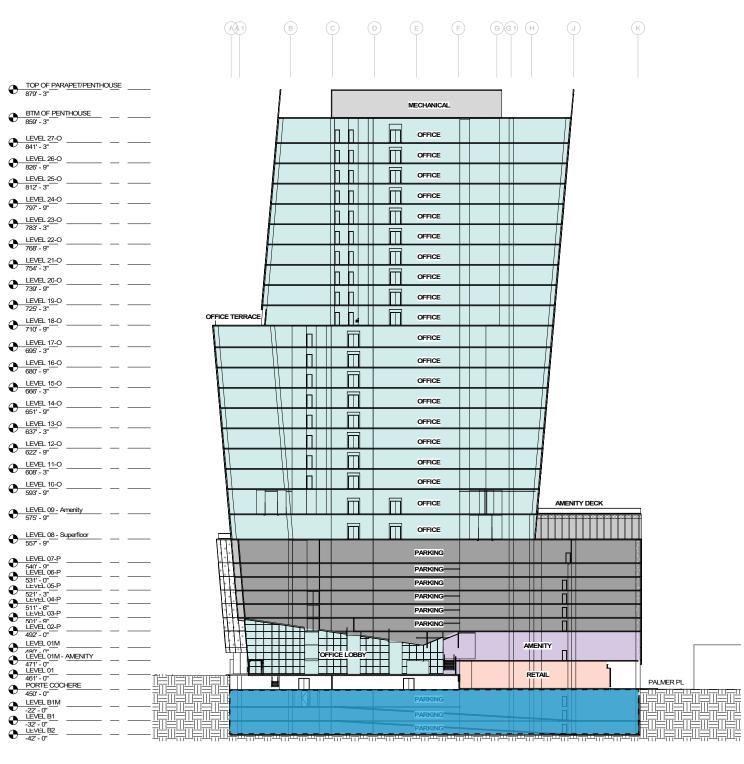
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PROGRAMMATIC SECTION UNDERGROUND PARKING - LEVELS B2/B1/B1M



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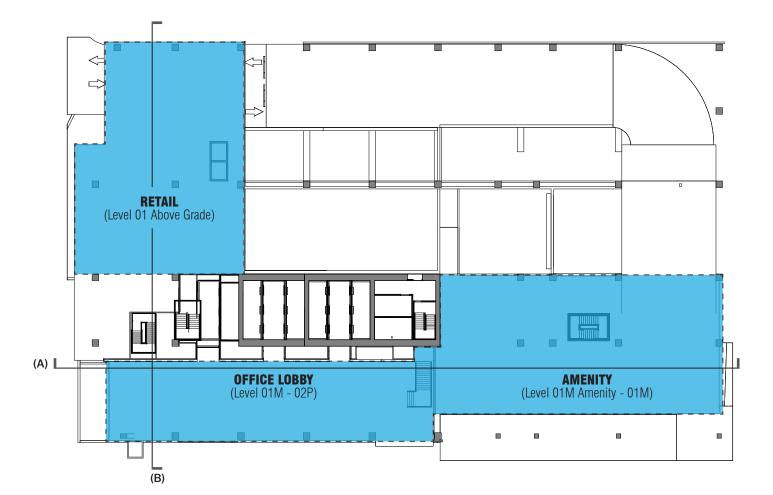
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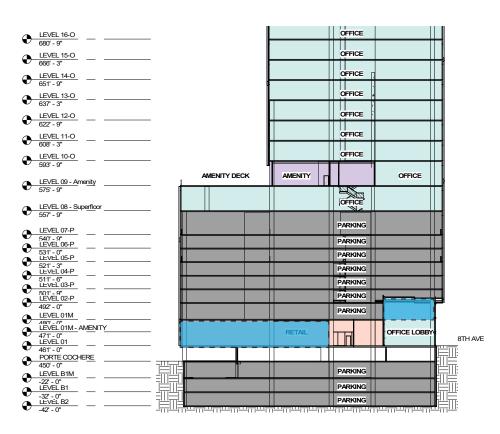
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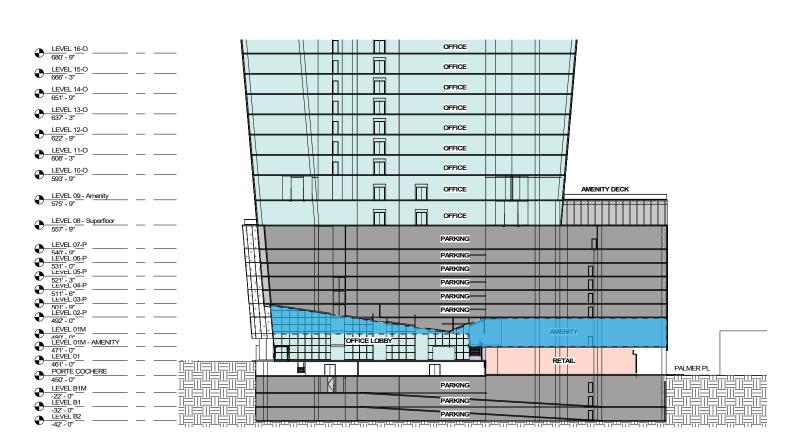


GARAGE LINER AREA PLAN LEVEL 01-03



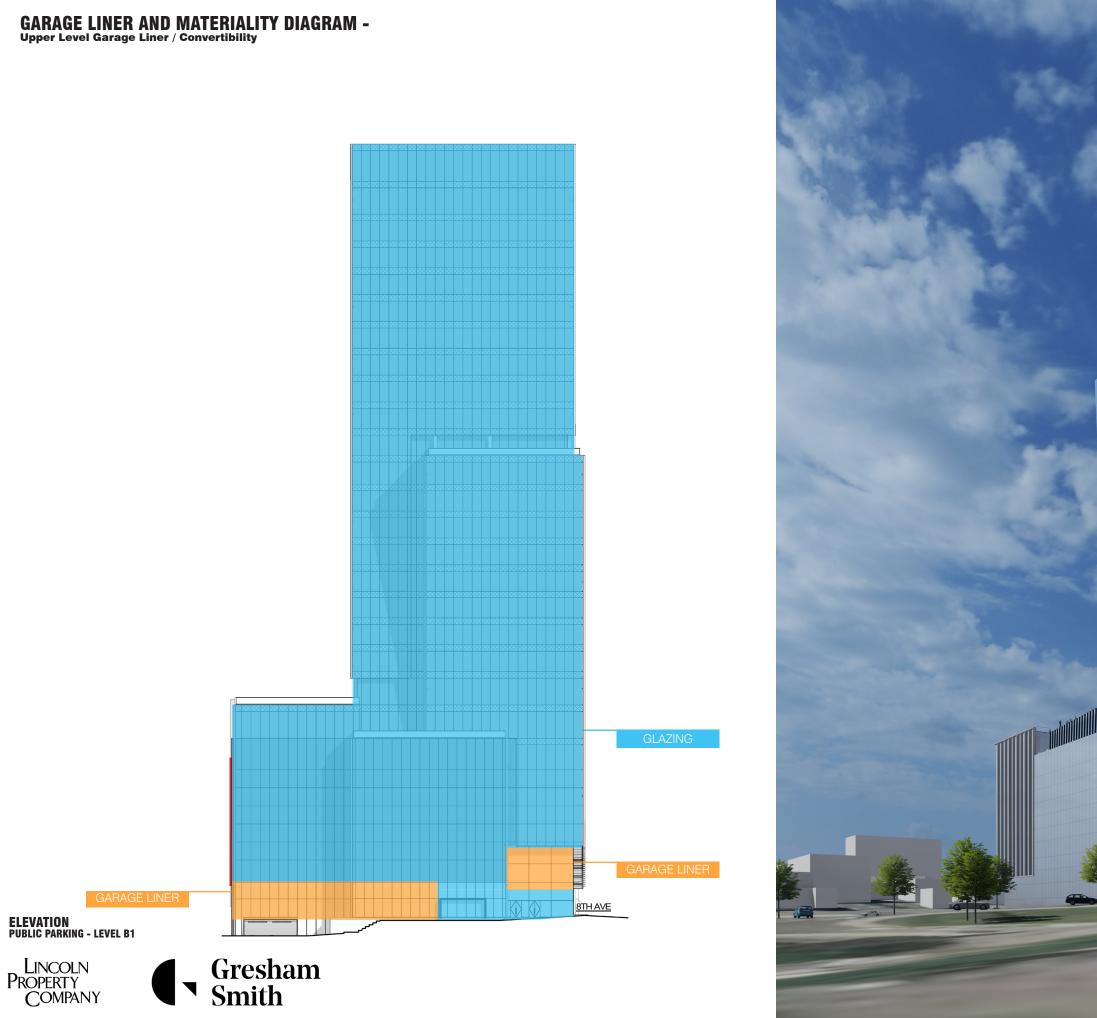






PROGRAMMATIC SECTION (A) GARAGE LINER - LEVEL 01-03

UNDERGROUND PARKING / GARAGE LINER





PUBLIC PARKING

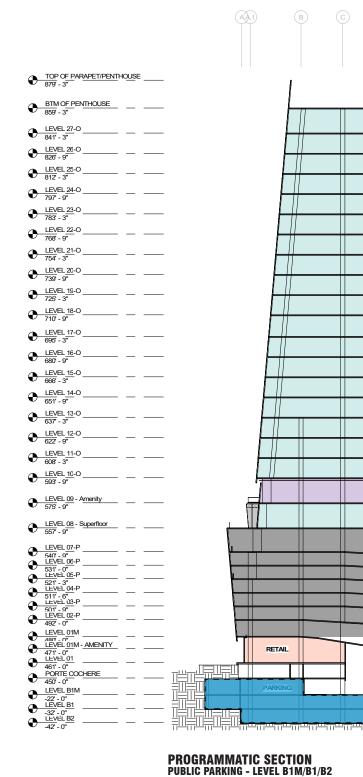
Total Public Parking Spaces	Area of Public Parking (Level B2-B1M)	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
314	111,662	223,324	25,200 ¹	8.86 Stories ²
			POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	2 Stories
			MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING BONUS PER DTC	8.86 Stories

¹ Typical Office level.

² (111,662 Area of Public Parking (Level B2-B1M) X 2) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = 8.86 Stories

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PARKING

Total Public Parking Spaces	Total Office Parking Spaces	Total Development Parking
(Below Grade)	(Above Grade)	Provided
314	858	1,172





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	22,680	25,200¹	.90 Stories ²
	10,536	25,200¹	.42 Stories ³
12,486	24,972	25,200¹	.99 Stories ⁴
		POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	2 Stories
		MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING BONUS PER DTC	2.31 Stories







OPEN SPACE

Area of Publicly Accessible Open Space	Total Bonus Area (By Calculation)	Area of Above Grade Tower Levels	Bonus Stories
11,400	79,800	25,200¹	3.17 Stories ²
		POSSIBLE BONUS IN SUBDISTRICT PER CAP	3 Stories
		MAX EARNED HT OF BUILDING USING BONUS PER DTC	3.17 Stories ²

¹ Typical Office Level

² (11,400 Publicly Accessible Open Space X 7) / 25,200 Typical Office Level = 3.17 Stories



Bonus Height Program

Publicly-Accessible Open Space

Accessible, enjoyable open spaces are essential for vital and functioning neighborhoods. Open space provides the community with opportunities to be in an outdoor setting, while encouraging social interaction. See the BHP Chart for details for a list of Subdistricts in which the Open Space bonus may be utilized.

Open Space must be designed to the open space standards of the DTC. To be eligible for the Height Bonus, open space must be a minimum of 1/4 acre in area.

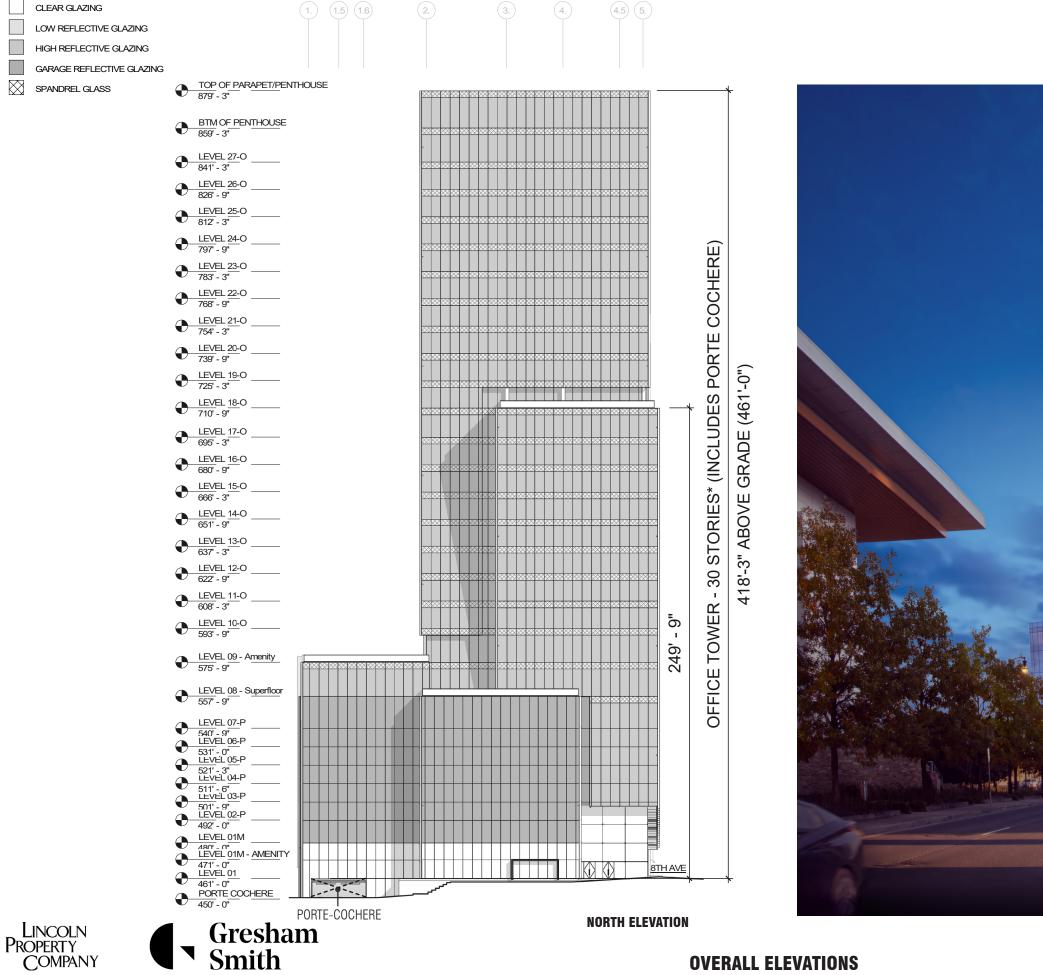
- Plazas are not eligible for the BHP.
- In Open Space deficiency areas (See the Open Space section of the General Standards), the number of square feet of Bonus Height shall be seven times that of the number of square feet in open space. Outside of Open Space deficiency areas, the number of square feet of Bonus Height shall be four times that of the number of square feet in open space. The additional square footage may be used to the Bonus Height Maximum as determined on the BHP Chart.
- Bonuses are available only for publicly accessible (whether publicly or privately owned) open space.

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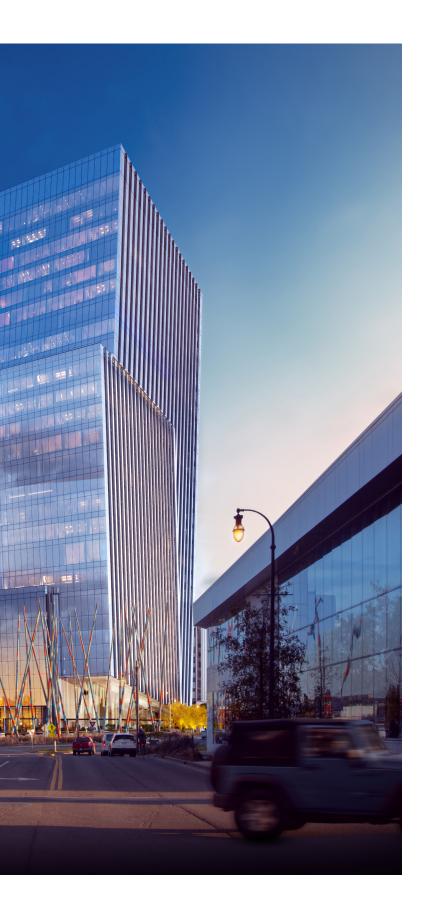
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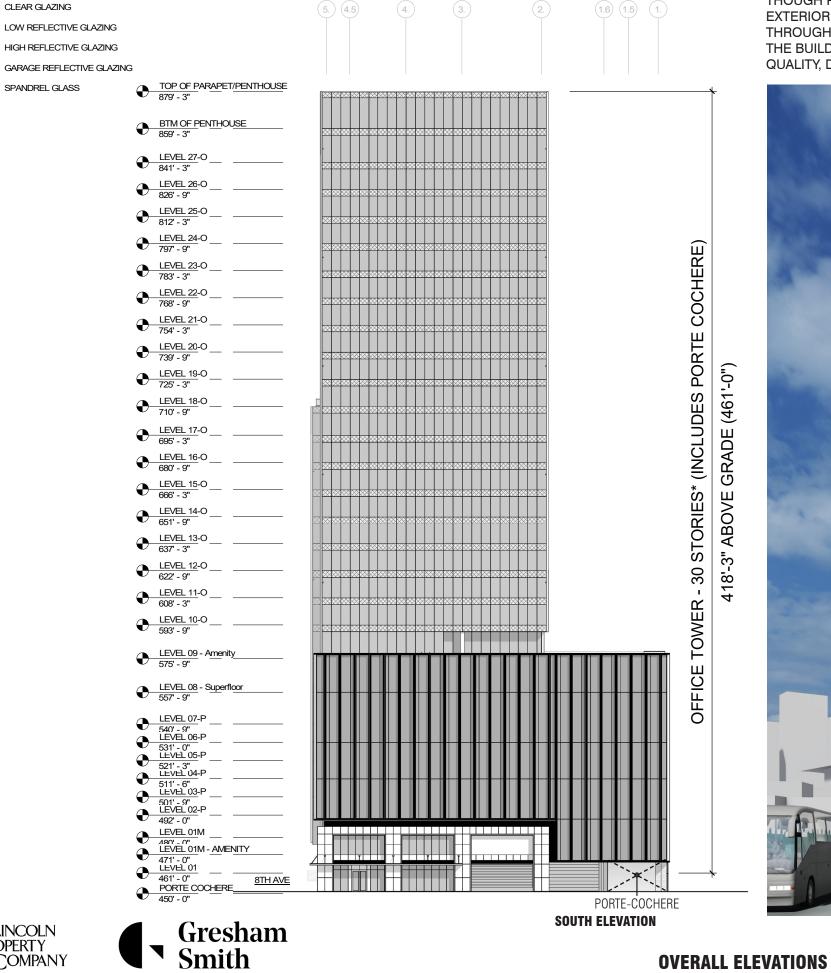




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OVERALL ELEVATIONS





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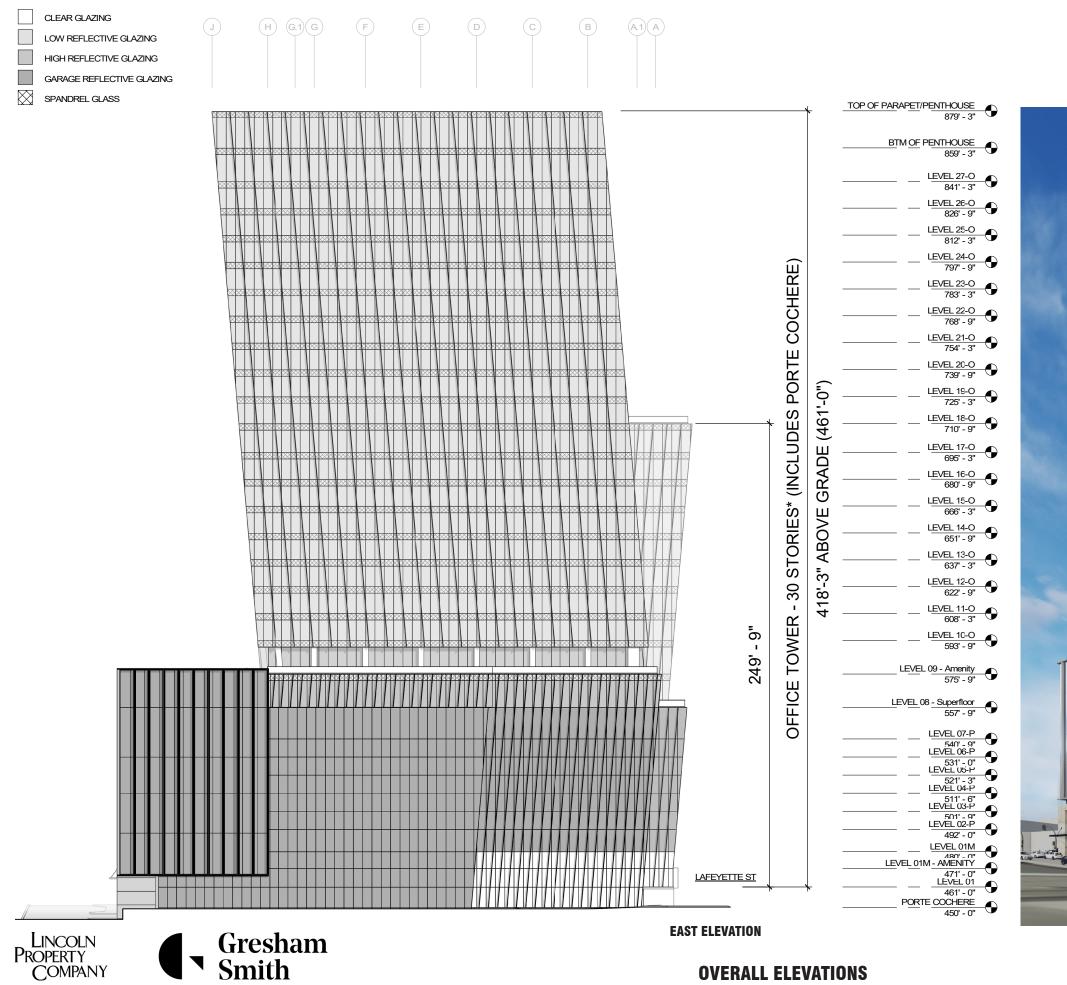
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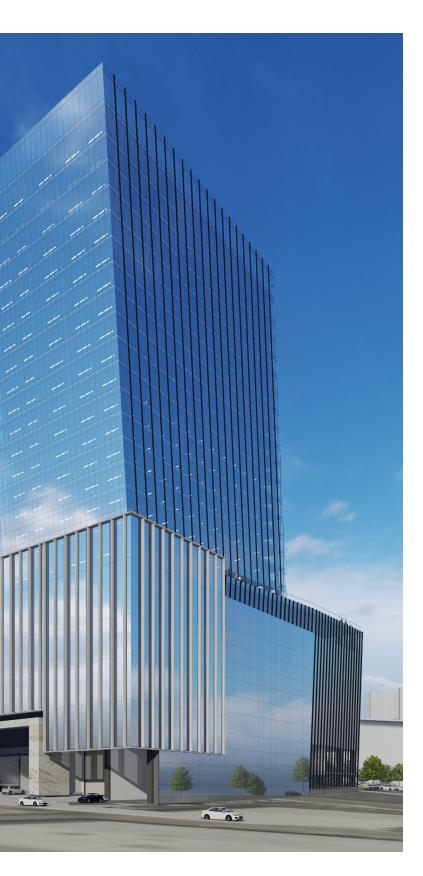
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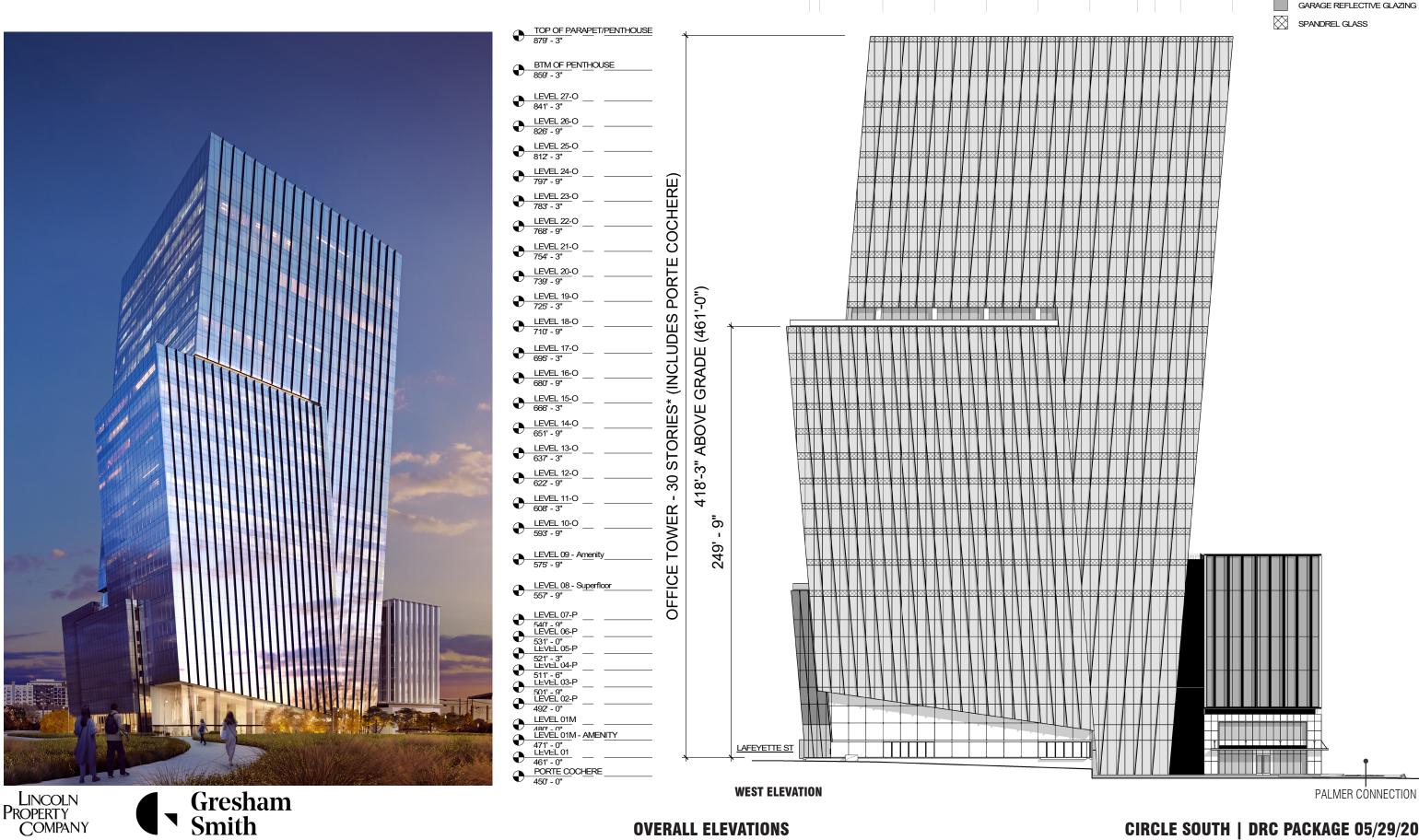
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MODIFICATION REQUEST: ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL BONUS HEIGHT / EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN CONSIDERATION

Per the downtown code additional Height can be granted for Exceptional Design, including but not limited to unique architecture, exceptionally strong streetscape, and improvement of the project's relationship to surrounding properties.

Improvement of the Project's Relationship to Surrounding Properties:

The project activates the site and street life with retail fronting both 8th Ave and Lafavette Street. The building design provides human scale overhangs at the retail spaces that are comfortable for pedestrians. The combination of the ground floor retail and the openness of the lobby promote pedestrian activity on and around the site. The massing of the towers, openness of the lobbies, and retail further demarcate the importance of the roundabout. The design and program for the spaces will draw people to the site and help to further activate the strong axis along 8th Avenue.

The building heights and materials for the development fit well with the surrounding towers, including the Westin (27 stories), JW Marriott (35 stories), and mixed-use tower at 805 Lea Ave (32 stories). The site is designed as an active Publicly Accessible Open Space, planned with public elements including cutting gardens, a variety of seating, bench swings, a flexible lawn, and a bike repair station. The site design also incorporates a green street that uses vegetation and landscape design to manage and capture stormwater on site. The vegetated curbs improve both pedestrian and bicycle safety. The continuous landscape buffer also deters drop-off along 8th Avenue and encourages drivers to utilize the internal porte cochere for valet and rideshare drop-off within the project. The site design also incorporates trees that provide shade for pedestrians and the building in additional to strengthening the buffer between the sidewalks and the streets. The combination of the program mix, activation of the ground level, and the green street design contribute to both positive urban development and improvement of the project's relationship to surrounding properties

[SEE PAGE 8 - Local Proximity]

[SEE PAGE 9 - Site Context Diagram]

[SEE PAGE 24 – Public Space - Site Plan]

Unique Architecture:

The massing of the office tower is defined by two primary drivers. The main driver for the project is the 8th Ave roundabout as the focal point. The building mass angles towards the roundabout, responding to the importance of the primary circulation element as well as the playfulness of the Stix sculpture. The second driver for the form of the building is an environmental response. The primary mass of the building is angled towards the south to self-shade the southern facade. The two glass volumes playfully lean and appear to rest on the mass at the base that encloses the garage and extends into the lobby.

The office lobby is designed to be an inviting focal point that also directly responds to the 8th Ave roundabout. The top of the lobby volume is angled with the tall side directly adjacent to the roundabout, creating a dramatic space and beacon in response to the circle. The lobby space is also used to line and hide the garage. It blurs the lines of lobby, garage, and tower to create a unified experience.

The use of both solid and transparent materials on the office breaks down the building form to create a more unique and diverse architecture. The design aims to create the appearance of multiple buildings that breakdown the overall scale. The design creates a visual balance of glazed and non-glazed surfaces. The east and west facades of the office integrate fins for both shading and architectural expression. The dark metal fins shade the building and create a strong vertical texture on the facades. The contemporary design for the development integrates and complements the glass and metal materials and forms of the adjacent buildings, including the Music City Center, the Westin, and the JW Marriott. The refined building materials are durable and aesthetically appropriate to their context.

The Circle South development creates a physically attractive and inviting environment. The unique architecture, combined with the prominence of the site, will draw and encourage pedestrian activity. The form and openness of the lobby and retail spaces, designed with clear glass to provide a high degree of ground-level transparency, further activate the sidewalks on both 8th Ave and Lafayette Street.

[SEE PAGE 10 - Concept Diagrams] [SEE PAGES 11,12,13,14,17 - Renderings]

[SEE PAGE 15 – Program and Green Space]



Upper Level Garage Liner / Convertibility:

The upper level of the garage is designed with the ability to be converted to office space at a later date. The height of the space is increased from the standard garage level height and portions of the floor slab are flat to allow for ease of conversion to office space.

[SEE PAGE 35 - Programmatic Section]

Traffic Demand Management:

The development provides multiple entry and exit points with direct access to all adjoining streets, including 7th Ave, 8th Ave, Lafayette Street, and Palmer Place. The site design plans for the connection with Palmer Place, as well as the integration of a traffic light at the intersection of 8th Ave and Drexel Street. The entries, exits, and garage design efficiently separate daily use for tenants and visitors. One of the primary traffic demand management strategies is the internal porte cochere for ride sharing and valet pick up/drop off. The design maximizes internal car queuing at the core of the site. Options for bike parking are provided along 8th Avenue, as well as internal bike storage off of the Lafayette Street building entrance.

[SEE PAGES 21-23 - Palmer Connection and Porte Cochere]

Exceptionally Strong Streetscape:

The development's public realm responds to the site's context and integrates the building into the city's fabric. The spaces along the street establish a vibrant and active Publicly Accessible Open Space. The open space incorporates a diverse mix of public uses. They include a series of outdoor workspaces, cutting gardens, water feature, outdoor pavilion, porches, swings, and public WIFI provided throughout the entire open space. Uses are aligned to downtown workers and residents with anticipated hours of 7:00am to 10:00pm. All of the features are designed to complement the high quality of the architecture and its prominent location within the city.

At the corner of where Lafavette and 8th come together at the roundabout, the open space addresses the roundabout and signature lobby through the emphases of the strong forms while providing a seamless and accessible experience. The skyline portal water feature on axis with the lobby provides a captivating focal element that reflects the facade which then reflects the Stix sculpture from the roundabout and skyline.

The Lafayette edge of the Publicly Accessible Open Space includes a series of cascading outdoor spaces. The first is a large outdoor work and event space covered by a shade structure. More intimate porches integrate a series of casual swings and seating where users can enjoy views of the downtown skyline. The design of the swing structure draws inspiration from the Stix within the roundabout. The rich landscape creates a diverse tapestry of planting framing the public spaces. ADA access is provided through a series of walkways along the sidewalk. An outdoor artificial turf area with seating is located on the property south of the garage entry. The space fronts future retail on the first floor. The lawn provides opportunities for outdoor games and events.

A series of cutting gardens with integral seating front the lobby along Eighth Avenue. The gardens include a series of diverse decorative landscaping with a heavy concentration of flowering plants suitable for cuttings. The gardens incorporate a seasonal porch where the lobby can be opened up when weather permits. This opening will facilitate the use of the lobby landscape and gathering areas by the public where they can use additional covered gathering and work areas. A stair provides access from the lower end of the garden to the lobby. Bike parking along with a bike workstation is installed along this edge. The remaining portion of the open space incorporates a series of community tables.

The streetscape meets the MCSP cross-section. It incorporates green street elements through the integration of bioretention, similar to those on Korean Veterans Boulevard. Additionally, the robust native and adaptive species that comprise the landscape further elevate the quality of the streetscape and the experience for pedestrians and those passing by the development. The continuous landscape buffer is intended to deter drop-off along 8th Avenue and encourage drivers to utilize the internal valet and drop-off facilities within the project. It also buffers the cutting garden areas. The large street trees exceed the minimum requirements for street trees.

[SEE PAGE 24 - Public Space - Site Plan] [SEE PAGES 27-30 – Public Space - Character Images] [SEE PAGES 38, 39 – Public Space - Pervious Pavement and Open Space Diagrams]

MODIFICATION REQUEST: DOWNTOWN CODES

- Roundabout frontage is neither curved nor perpendicular/ tangent to the circle (DRC SUBMITTAL 12.13.19, PAGE 8) (DTC, PAGE 36)
- A 33'-0" heighted space is proposed at the corner nearest the roundabout. This is a dramatic gesture along a small section of the building, but will require a modification to the maximum floor-to-floor height. (DRC SUBMITTAL 12.13.19, PAGE 30)
- Facades facing KVB (including the Circle) are allowed a maximum of 3 levels of exposed above grade parking. This exceeds that at 6. (DRC SUBMITTAL 12.13.19, PAGE 30 AND 31)(UDO, SECTION 3.1)





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Preliminary Project Checklist

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Integrative Process

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2	4	0	Credit	Surrounding Density and Diverse Uses
2	0	4	Credit	Access to Quality Transit
1	0	0	Credit	Bicycle Facilities
0	0	1	Credit	Reduced Parking Footprint
1	0	0	Credit	Green Vehicles

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0	0	2	Credit	Site Development - Protect or Restore Habitat	2
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Y			Prereq	Fundamental Refrigerant Management	Required
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