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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 16- 126098-AD

Project Name/Address: Pedestrian Corridor Gateway Bridge

Planner: Matthews Jackson

Phone Number: 425/452-2729

Minimum Comment Period: March 31, 2016

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Plans
- Other:

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

10/9/2009

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and adherence to these procedures. If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call Development Services (425-452-6800) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

INTRODUCTION**Purpose of the Checklist:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21c RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the City of Bellevue identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the City decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can. You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Giving complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the Planner in the Permit Center can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. Include reference to any reports on studies that you are aware of which are relevant to the answers you provide. The City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impacts.

Use of a Checklist for Nonproject Proposals: *A nonproject proposal includes plans, policies, and programs where actions are different or broader than a single site-specific proposal.*

For nonproject proposals, complete the Environmental Checklist even though you may answer "does not apply" to most questions. In addition, complete the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions available from Permit Processing.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words *project*, *applicant*, and *property* or *site* should be read as *proposal*, *proposer*, and *affected geographic area*, respectively.

Attach an 8 1/2" x 11 vicinity map which accurately locates the proposed site.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: City of Bellevue

Proponent: City of Bellevue Dept. of Planning & Community Development

Contact Person: Patti Wilma, Dept. of Planning & Community Development

Address: Department of Planning & Community Development, City of Bellevue, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98009-9012

Phone: 425/452-4114, pwilma@bellevuewa.gov

Proposal Title: Pedestrian Corridor Gateway Land Use Code Amendment and Corridor Design Development Plan (16-126098-AD)

Proposal Location: NE 6th Street/Pedestrian Corridor between Bellevue Way NE and 105th Ave NE

Please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site. Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description:

Analysis of an 80 ft. long pedestrian bridge connecting the second level of the Lincoln Square to the second level of the Lincoln Square Expansion across NE 6th Street / the Pedestrian Corridor.

2. Acreage of site: 0.5 acre +/-

3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: None. Potential pedestrian bridge would primarily span public right-of-way and the Pedestrian Corridor including publically accessible Major Public Open Space.

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: None

5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: None

6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: The pedestrian bridge is approximately 1,200 SF +/-

7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): 2.5 CY including bridge structure and surrounding site improvements

8. Proposed land use: Pedestrian overpass/circulation and ancillary site improvements

9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:

The bridge will be a roofed structure open to the elements above guardrails. It will be approximately 17 ft above grade, 12-16 ft tall, and spans approximately 80 feet to connect the second level retail uses of Lincoln Square and the Lincoln Square expansion through the Westin Hotel. It is intended to be iconic structure that mimics a mast of a ship and a fishing pier. The structure will be skinned in a translucent white plastic-type with a geometric star pattern that is proposed to be lit at night for special affect.

Site improvements are proposed to include additional landscaping, upgraded lighting and paving, and addition space open to the public for their use

10. Other:

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

The Land Use Code Amendment and Corridor Development Design Plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2016 with a public hearing before City Council in late April or early May.

Construction of the bridge and site improvements is expected to be completed in Q2 of 2017.

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

SEPA checklist, environmental analysis and threshold determination for Land Use Code Amendment 16-126098-AD.

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

Lincoln Square Expansion building permits and other ancillary permits related to the address 500 Bellevue Way NE.

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

Right of Way Use Permit(s)
Clear & Grade Permit
Building Permit

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal.

Development plans
Bridge design
Site plan

A. ENVIRONMENTAL

ELEMENTS 1. Earth

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

3%

c. What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification ² of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime

farmland.
AmC

- e. **d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

No

Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

- f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

No

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

90%

- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

Erosion control per BCC.23.76

2. AIR

- a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Typical equipment emissions from commercial construction sites managed by General Contractor GLY.

- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

None known at this time

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:**
Standard construction practices. Construction dust suppression measures per Bcc 23.76

3. WATER

a. Surface

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

None

- (2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No

- (3) **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

None

- (4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No

- (5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

NO

- (6) **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No

b. Ground

- (1) **Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.**

Possible dewatering for construction of bridge mast foundation.

- (2) **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

None

c. **Water Runoff (Including storm water)**

- (1) **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Discharge from bridge roof to be discharged through stormwater system. Surface water will continue to be collected by existing road and sidewalk collection system

- (2) **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**
None

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, Eel grass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

Street trees to be replaced once construction of bridge is complete

c. **List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

None known at this time.

d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**

Additional low landscaping proposed between street trees and at main building entries.

5. **ANIMALS** Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

a. Check

role any birds which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Nothing special required. Standards services to suffice.

b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

No

c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**

None

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

None known at this time.

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

None

b. Noise

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Typical street noise and occasional fair/farmers market

- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Short-term construction noise that will be part of the overall noise generated by the Lincoln Square Expansion construction on construction.

- (3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Follow COB Construction Noise regulations

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Hotel, residential and commercial development both sides of NE 6th/Ped Corridor including BAM. 2-lane street from Bellevue Way NE to 106th Ave NE.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Hotel, residential and commercial development both sides of NE 6th/Ped Corridor including BAM. 2-lane street from Bellevue Way NE to 106th Ave NE.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Site improvements only to be demolished and rebuilt.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

DT-01

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Eastside Center / Downtown Core

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

NA

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

None – just a bridge to walk on

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

NA

i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Land Use Code amendment required to ensure compatibility with Downtown plan and Pedestrian Corridor Design Guidelines

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

30 ft

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Design proposes to use a translucent off-white synthetic material with a star-like pattern embossed so that at night the bridge will light up and an all-over star-like pattern

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:

None

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Casual/passive recreation such as sitting, people watching. Occasional festival/event type activities throughout the year such as Snowflake Lane and Bellevue Arts Fair.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

None

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

None

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
Bellevue Way NE, 106th Ave NE 105th Ave NE – local access. NE 6th Street has extremely low usage.

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Transit service on NE 8th Street and 106th Ave NE – both about 800 ft away

- c. How many parking spaces would be completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

None

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

- d. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

None

- f. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None

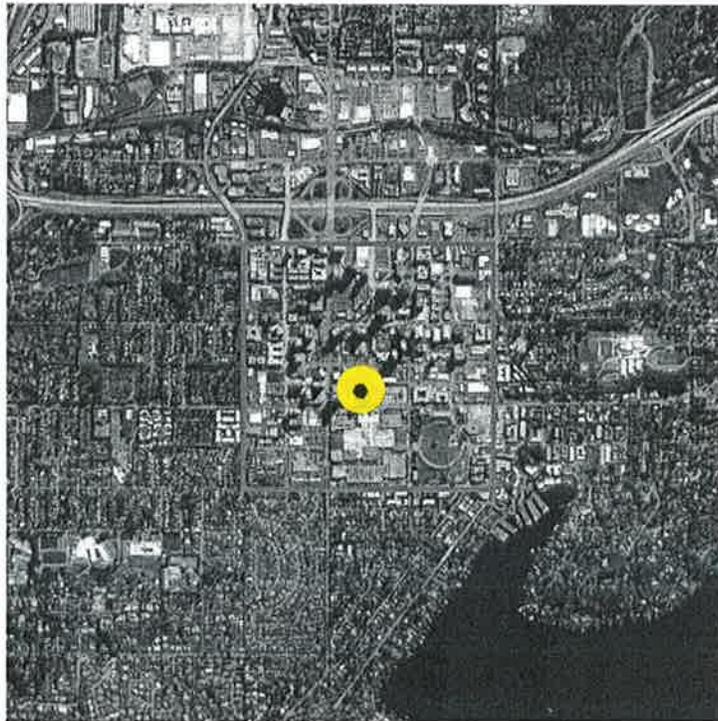
15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

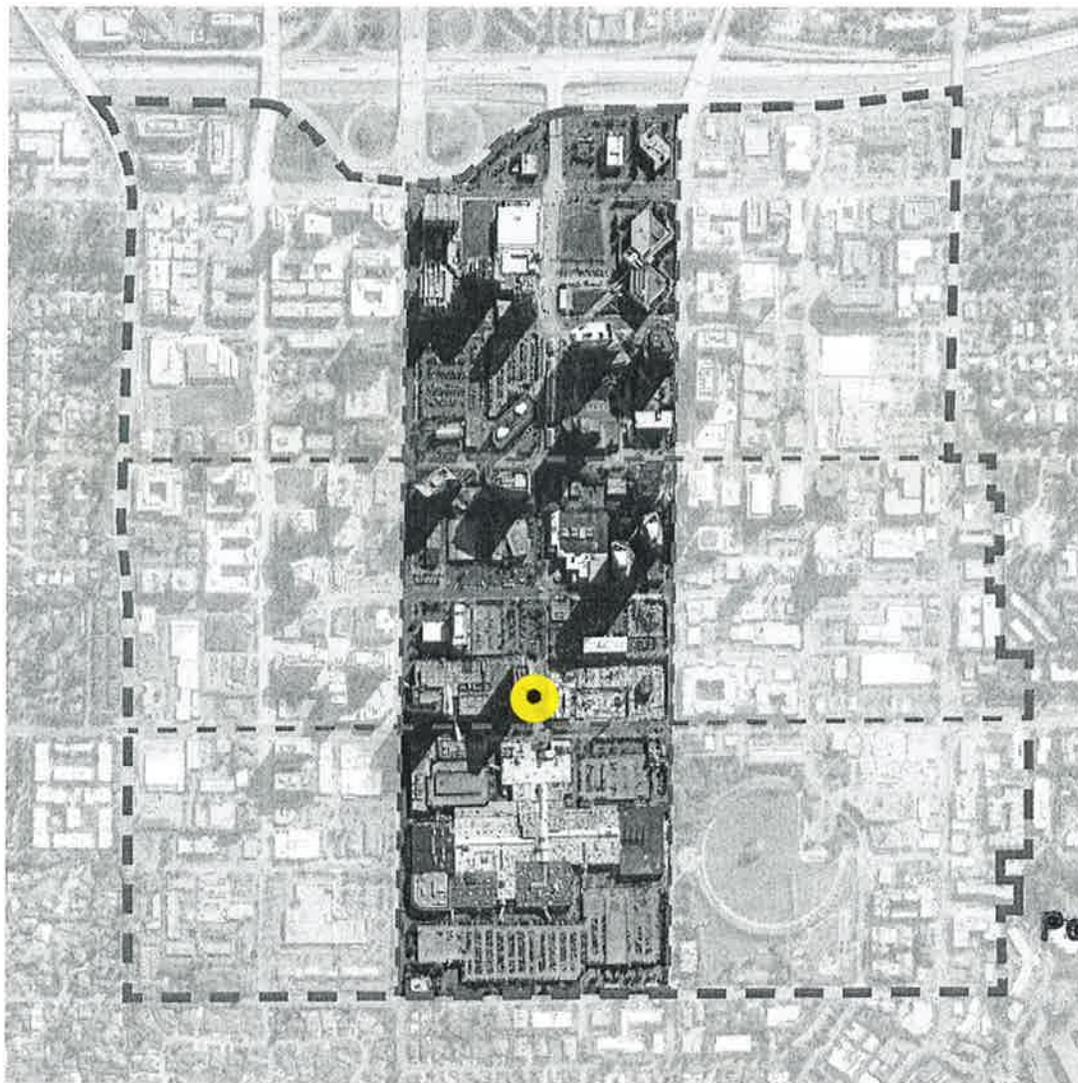
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- Symbolic and functional center of the Eastside
- Encompasses Viability, Livability and Memorability
- Links commerce, entertainment & civic functions



Lincoln Square - 6th Street

Bellevue, Washington



SITE OVERVIEW , DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE
- from Downtown Subarea Plan

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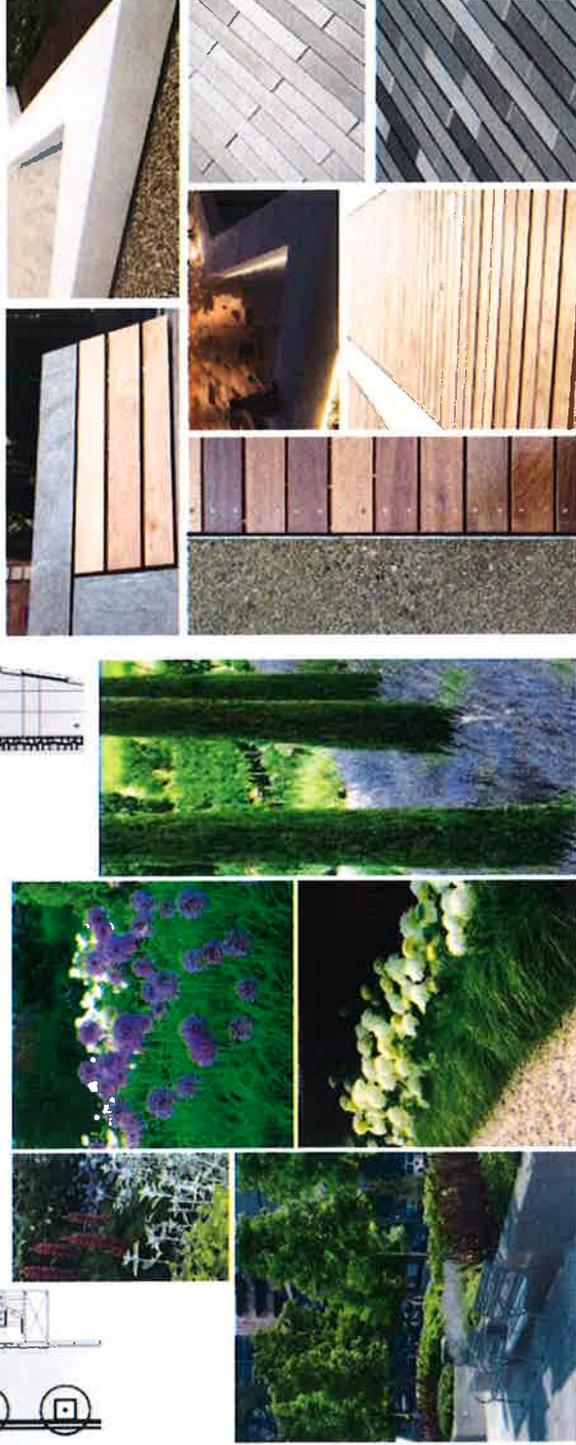
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• PROJECT LOCATION

VICINITY MAP



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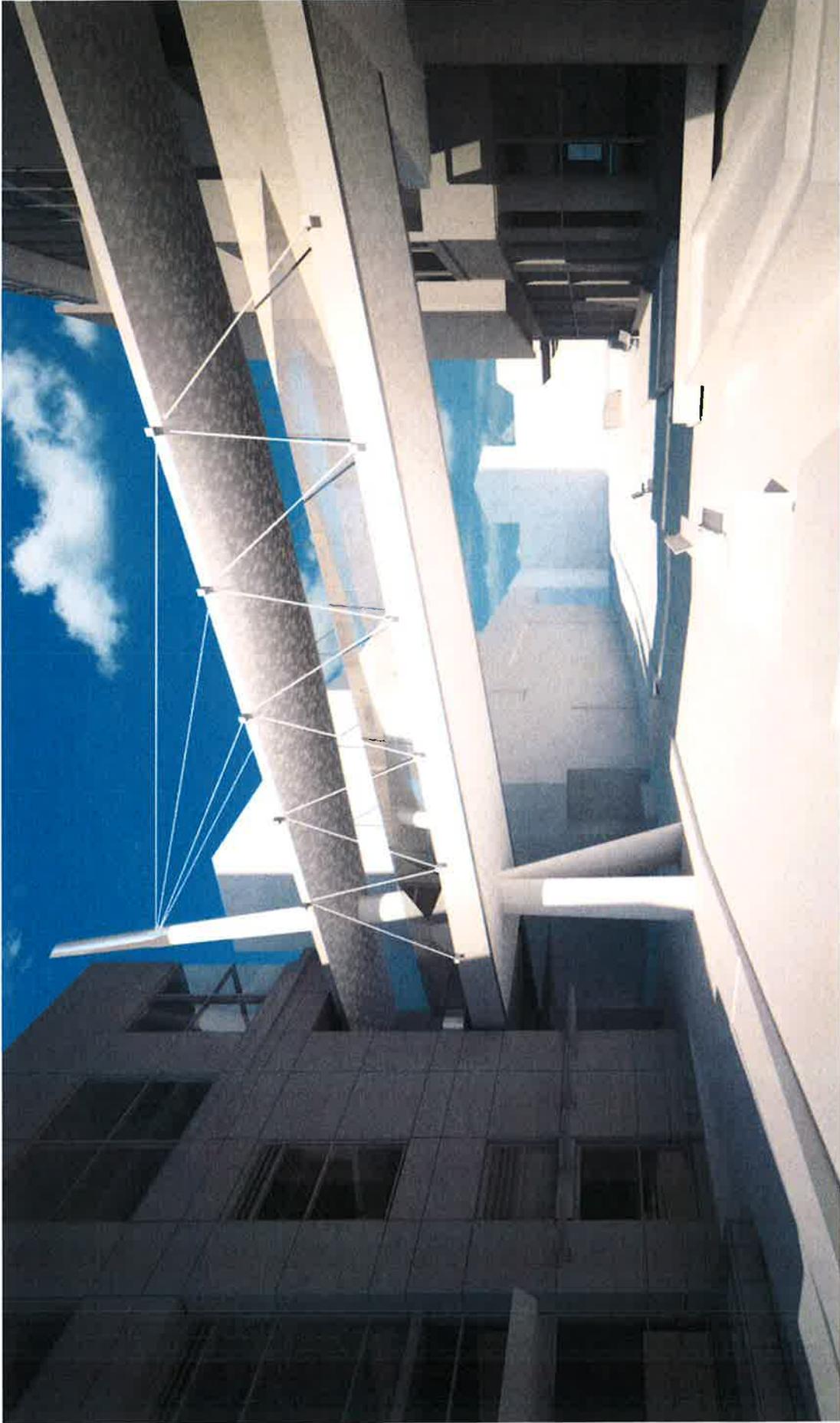
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