



The City of Seattle

## International Special Review District

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ISRD 201/24

### Staff Report

**Address:** 425 S. Jackson St. – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Plaza at Union Station

**Record #:** DONH-COA-00946

**Applicant Representatives:** Jennifer Schreck, Sound Transit

**Site alterations:** Proposed changes to the plaza including removal of the performance stage including the two boulders and steps, and seven concrete planters, repair area with new pavers to match existing, replace 16 benches, and repair other benches, Install a busking star to replace purpose of the stage.

**Staff comment:** While the items proposed for removal are not historic, the items were designed with community and part of the conditions of the planned development. Conversations are happening to re-envision the space as part of the Jackson Hub planning and the Sound Transit station planning.

A separate application, reviewed administratively, replaces the temporary security fencing visible in some photos.

### DRAFT MOTION

I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of site alterations on Union Station Plaza, per the submitted application materials.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the December 10, 2024 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

This action is based on the following applicable sections of the International Special Review District Ordinance and relevant Standards:

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC)

SMC 23.66.310 – Union Station Corridor goals and objectives

D. Open Space. Public open space has been included in development in the areas, and if applicable to future development proposals, consideration should be given to the retention and enhancement of a

linear open space along Fifth Ave south of Jackson St., as an open space resource and a major focal point at the west end of King St.

G. View Corridors. Views from S. Jackson and King Streets should be retained.

**Secretary of the Interior Standards**

#9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property.