Union Market Streetscape Guidelines

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### Streetscape Planning

- Applications that include any non-standard streetscape elements adjacent public space at undeveloped neighboring properties may be reviewed by the Space Permitting Office. In addition to reviewing the streetscape standard streetscape are planted nearby.

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### Implementation

- All applicants are advised to meet with staff from DDOT and OP early in the streetscape design process by scheduling a Preliminary Design Review Meeting (PDRM) with DDOT’s Public Space Permitting Office. In addition to reviewing the streetscape design in front of an applicant’s property, PDRMs provide an opportunity to discuss how new streetscapes will transition into adjacent public space at undeveloped neighboring properties. Applications that include any non-standard streetscape elements will be required to record a maintenance agreement with DDOT.

### Materials

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**3**Projections limited to tenant zone widths.

### Street Tree Selection

Market Streets are intended to have few street trees. Applicants submitting proposals that front these streets must work with DDOT’s Urban Forestry Administration to locate, plant, or pay for the planting of off-site street trees in order to ensure the same number of street trees that would otherwise be required in a standard streetscape are planted nearby.

### A COORDINATED DESIGN FOR THE STREETS OF UNION MARKET

The commercial activity that takes place within the public space of the Union Market area defines the district as unique within Washington, DC. For decades patrons walked between vendors and their wares displayed on streets within the market. This historic industrial distribution-center is on the cusp of being transformed by development that is expected to add over 4,200 residential units, 560,000 square feet of retail, 530 hotel rooms, and almost 100,000 square feet of cultural and educational uses over the next ten years. As the market redevelops, sidewalks need to be widened and roadways narrowed in order to accommodate new and existing users safely and comfortably. Their design will create a more walkable and pedestrian-oriented place that maintains the area’s industrial character.

**View of 4th St looking North**

The market’s streetscape guidelines were developed through a collaborative process that involved the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the DC Office of Planning (OP), and property owners. The development of streetscape guidelines was a condition of approval for an EDENS Planned Unit Development within the market (Zoning Commission Case #14-12). The purpose of the guidelines is to maintain a vibrant street life by enhancing the distinct industrial character, incorporating new commercial uses, unifying the streetscape, and ensuring the transportation network accommodates all users. Specifications for paving materials, street tree placement, and lighting have been selected to retain the areas current look and feel. 4th, 5th, and Morse streets – the historic core of the market – are designed to allow flexibility for incorporating sidewalk cafes, vending, small parks, and public art that add to a bustling commercial atmosphere. Additional enhancements, such as bicycle lanes and a double row of trees on 6th Street and light art on Neal Place, will create a variety of spaces to experience and explore.

As the market evolves the public space will need to allow for upgrades to infrastructure, accommodate the needs of established and new businesses, incorporate universal design principles, and increase its environmental performance. These guidelines include features that maintain the ability for existing industrial users to load/unload and maneuver large trucks, as well as provide residents and visitors a comfortable and pleasant pedestrian experience as they make their way to shops and restaurants. Sidewalks and amenities have been designed to clearly delineate pedestrian walkways and intersections, minimize conflicts with new utility lines, and increase the amount of stormwater runoff draining into landscaped areas. As a public asset under the control of the District of Columbia, the street rights-of-way in the market will maintain its distinct character as it transforms into a living and working neighborhood.
### Streetscape Typologies

**Market Street:** 4th, 5th, and Morse streets are the core of the market with wholesale distribution businesses, loading areas, and concrete sidewalks and roadways that set these streets apart from typical right-of-ways found in the District. They are largely defined by historic market buildings, continuous building canopies, absence of street trees, and the feeling that you are walking through a bustling commercial area.

**Connector Street:** Sections of 4th, 5th, and Penn streets function as entrances to the market from the surrounding road network. Lined with traditional street tree layout and sidewalks, these streets will incorporate public art and other amenities to highlight to pedestrians and drivers that they are entering a distinct area of the District.

**Pedestrian Focused Street:** Neal Place, 3rd Street, and a section of Monroe Street are all self-contained within the market and will carry low volumes of vehicular traffic. These smaller scaled streets will include pedestrian-oriented features and amenities like market sheds and street trees that define distinct areas within the market. Neal Place is also the primary east-west pedestrian connection through the market.

**Zipper:** 6th Street is an important connection from the marketplace to Gallaudet University and the surrounding transportation network. It includes sidewalks with active storefront retail and sidewalk sales, landscaping, and a two-way cycle track protected by a double row of trees.

### Street Sections

**Market Street**
- Building entrances at sidewalks must meet existing grade.
- Existing concrete streets and sidewalks should be preserved whenever possible.
- New hardscape varies between concrete and asphalt, refer to Union Market Design Guidelines for location. In locations where concrete will be used, roadways will have a 10’x16’ scoring pattern, sidewalks will have a 5’x8’ scoring pattern.
- Drainage will be handled with gutters and curb inlets.
- Applicants are encouraged to use a wide range of standard and non-standard improvements and amenities in the flex zone, including decking, landscape area, café seating, and vending.
- Street trees will be planted per DDOT standard spacing.

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- Improvements shall include items such as lighting and public art to emphasize the importance of the street as the primary east-west connection within the market.
- The flex zone allows for a wide range of standard and non-standard improvements and amenities that can include decking, landscape area, café seating, and vending.
- Street trees and other structures that provide shade are required on at least one side of each block.
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**Zipper**
- Roadways shall be constructed with standard curb, gutter, and asphalt paving.
- Sidewalks will be concrete with a 5’x8’ scoring pattern.
- Two-way cycle track with double row of trees provide north-south bike connectivity.