

Lake Monona Waterfront Design Challenge

City Technical Team Review Comments

Proposed Monona Terrace Changes

(Except from a six-page analysis of proposed features/components)

Agency Landscape + Planning

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The proposed master plan works with existing Monona Terrace and accommodates the future expansion zone. The hill greatly detracts from the signature Monona Terrace and the iconic view ("postcard view" as it is called in the Downtown Plan). It covers too much of the building and seems to visually disconnect it from the Downtown.

It appears the proposed fishing platform at lake-level extends beyond the State-determined limit for shoreline improvements (Buildable Dockline per the Preliminary Report).

The steepness of the hill will likely make many parts of the area inaccessible.

The Bike/pedestrian overpasses down Hamilton/King back up the rear of Monona Terrace are confusing (They seem to go down and then back up to the center of Monona Terrace which would be more easily accessible from MLK Jr. Blvd)

The wall along the bike path helped protect the first floor of the Terrace from flooding in 2018. Pumps and sandbags were placed at the end of the wall to keep flood water from entering the facility. The proposed design removes this feature.

It appears the proposed multi-use path requires users to climb up to the Monona Terrace elevation and then back down again

James Corner Field Operations

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