

Vacation of Westlake Avenue between Pine and Pike Streets

Seattle City Council
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Westlake Location Map



Westlake

Urban Context



Westlake Park

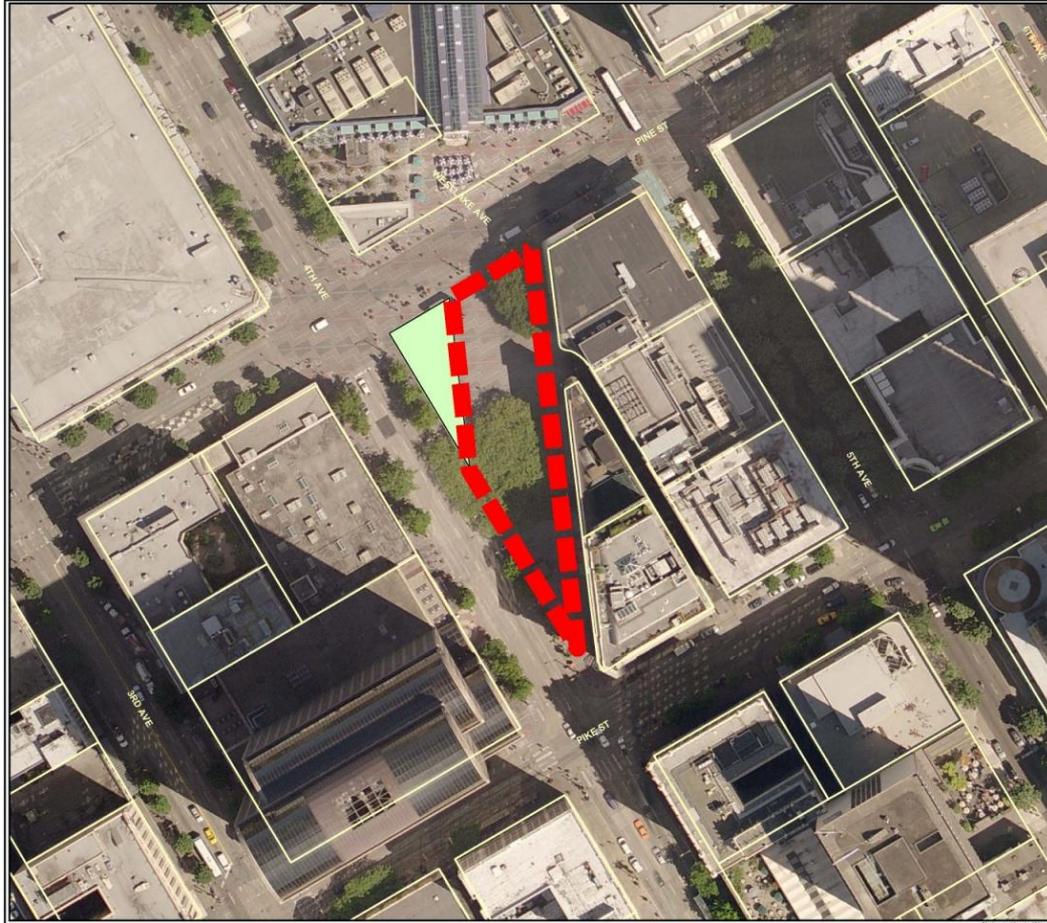
History



View of old Monorail Station in Westlake Ave

- The park and mall were proposed by the Central Association of Seattle (now Downtown Seattle Association) as early as 1968, but political and legal challenges delayed formal opening for twenty years.
- Ordinance 104797 in 1975 had directed preparation of a plan “to provide an aesthetically satisfying urban park of appropriate scale to strengthen the retail core of the City’s Central Business District and of a size approximately equal to the existing right-of-way of Westlake Avenue between 4th and 5th Avenues.”
- A small triangular parcel, approximately 4,000 sq ft, at the corner of 4th and Pine, previously a Bartell’s drugstore, was condemned by the City “for a public park” in 1983, finally acquired in 1987, developed with adjacent Westlake Avenue, and formally opened as Westlake Park in 1988.
- Designed by the Landscape Architecture Firm of Hanna/Olin

Westlake Project Map



Westlake Avenue Street Vacation

Legend

- Proposed vacation
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary



1 inch = 100 feet

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Why are we doing this?



Programming and Activities



Safety and Enforcement



Assurance of Permanent Park Space







