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Ordinance Number: 121240

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Sponsor: LICATA

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WHEREAS, the Landmarks Ordinance, Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), establishes a procedure for the designation and preservation of structures and areas having historical, cultural, architectural, engineering or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Board, after a public meeting on March 5, 2003, voted to approve the nomination of the Seattle Monorail located in downtown Seattle as a Landmark under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, after a public meeting on April 16, 2003, the Board voted to approve the designation of the Seattle Monorail and the site as a Landmark under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2003, the Board and the owners of the designated property agreed to controls and incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Board recommends to the City Council approval of controls and incentives; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. DESIGNATION: The designation by the Landmarks Preservation Board of the Seattle Monorail, and the site, described as:

D. T. Denny's Third Addition, Block 21, Lot 5; and

D. T. Denny's Park Addition, Block 56, Lots 5, 6, and 8, and Block 57, Lot 1; and

D. T. Denny's Third Addition, Block 51, a portion of the South 20 feet of Lot 4, Lot 5, the North 5 of the portion of the West 10 Feet of Lot 6, the North 20 Feet of Lot 7, Lot 8, and the South 1 Feet of Lot 9, all in Block 51

as a Landmark based upon satisfaction of the following standards of SMC Section 25.12.350:

A. It is the location of, or associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state or nation;

D. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction;

E. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder;

F. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the City and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City;

is hereby acknowledged.

Section 2. CONTROLS: The following controls are hereby imposed on the features and characteristics of the Seattle Monorail and its site:

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL PROCESS

1. A Certificate of Approval, issued by the City of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code, 25.12, must be obtained, or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval application must have expired, before the owner may make alterations or significant changes to:

a. The exterior form, materials, or color of the Monorail cars and the configuration of the car interiors as of the date of this agreement.

2. A Certificate of Approval is not required for the following:

a. The original concrete guideways/beams and pylons, and the 1962 elements of the Seattle Center station site; and

b. The Westlake Station, the concrete guideways/beams and pylons built in

conjunction with the Westlake Station alterations in 1988; the skybridge to the Center House, the Seattle Center Administrative Offices/Alweg Building (exterior and interior), 1988 and later renovations including the paving, ramp, and stairs on the exterior of the Seattle Center Station; the electrical vault building, and the two ticket booths; and

c. Any in-kind maintenance or repairs of the features listed in Section A. 1 and

any maintenance, repair, or replacement of parts of the train mechanical and electrical systems including traction motors; gearboxes; bogey assemblies; controls; suspension; bearings; compressors; drive and cam shafts; pneumatic rubber tires; braking and safety systems; high and low voltage systems; and other integrated elements of the mechanical, electrical, and safety systems of the monorail.

Section 3. INCENTIVES

A. Seattle Municipal Code Title 23 provides for authorization of uses in a designated Landmark that are not normally permitted in a particular zoning classification by means of an administrative conditional use.

B. The Building and Energy Codes provide for exceptions on an application basis.

C. Historic Preservation Special Tax Valuation (Chapter 84.26 RCW) is available to all Seattle landmarks subject to controls imposed by designation ordinance, upon application.

Section 4. Enforcement of this Ordinance and penalties for its violation shall be as provided in SMC 25.12.910.

Section 5. The Seattle Monorail, and the site, are hereby added to the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in SMC Chapter 25.32.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to record this Ordinance with the King County Director of Records and Elections, deliver two copies to the City Historic Preservation Officer, and deliver one copy to the Director of the Department of Design, Construction and Land Use.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2003, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2003.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2003.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2003.

City Clerk

(Seal)

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