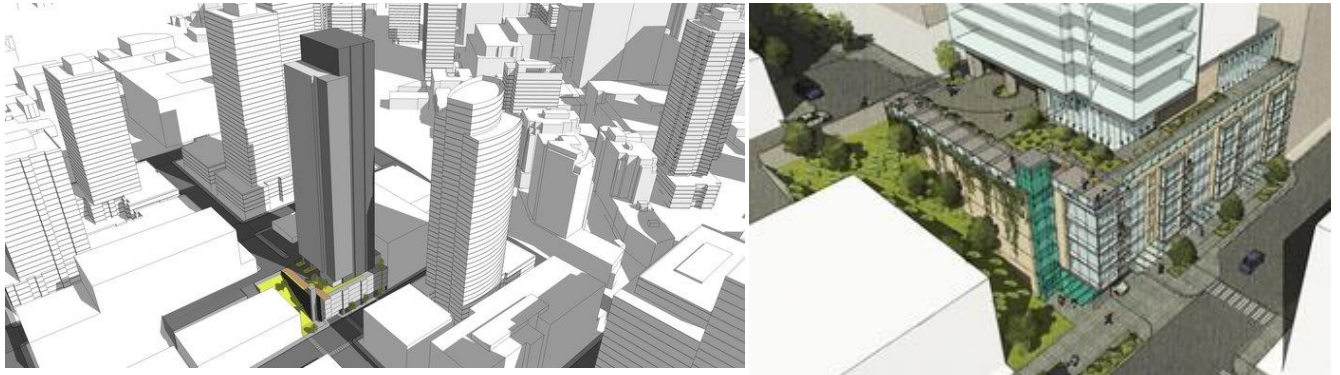


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Mack Urban pitches 43-story South Lake Union tower, with hill climb

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Developer Mack Urban proposed a 43-story residential tower in South Lake Union. An open-air hill climb with stairs is proposed for the sloping area shown with vegetation. (CollinsWoerman Architects)

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Developer Mack Urban submitted plans to the city Wednesday for a 43-story, 430-unit residential tower at 1001 John St. in South Lake Union, proposing to include an open-air hill climb similar to the one at downtown's Harbor Steps.

Both the hill climb and an elevator would provide pedestrian connections to navigate the steep drop from Boren Avenue N. to Terry Avenue N., according to the developer. John Street dead-ends on both sides of the block.

The planned tower would be adjacent to a building whose tenants include The Seattle Times. H5 Capital also recently proposed two 42-story buildings on the block.

Under city zoning rules, only two of those three proposed towers can actually be built.

Mack Urban bought the site in December 2014 for \$11.5 million, or approximately \$623 per square foot, according to a spokeswoman