

## DT Code Update Subcommittee – White Paper #7

Meeting 4/11/2022 at 3p.m. SEED Lab Downtown

**\*Please note that our next meeting will be both in-person and online\***

### Overview

At the March 29, 2022 meeting, the working group discussed dimensional standards and began discussion design standards. General consensus seemed to favor moving towards a simpler design approach which reduces the number of design features required, but requires them for all buildings. This moves away from a bonus-based system in favor of a simpler approach which provides more certainty.

### Current Tasks

Please consider the following and bring any questions or comments to the meeting:

1. **Design Features:** Which are the most important features which should be required for all buildings? Options include but are not limited to:
  - Glass/transparency
  - Stepbacks on upper floors
  - Building articulation
  - Building/massing/wind elements
2. **Height Thresholds:** This version of the working draft will have different height thresholds above which certain types of design elements will be required. Are the proposed height thresholds for different design features acceptable?
3. **Street Frontage Contexts:** At the last meeting we discussed basing frontage requirements (including the design standards above or others) on street context. While we initially discussed a map showing three types of streets (mixed use street, residential street, pedestrian oriented street) with different requirements, the current draft of the downtown plan also includes another set of NACTO guidelines for two categories of major and minor streets (see pages 106-107 [of the plan](#)). We propose using these two categories instead of three.
4. **Leaving ROW improvements to the ROW manager:** this draft moves towards any street/sidewalk improvements becoming the responsibility of the ROW manager.

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ANC Downtown Code Working Group

Monday, April 11, 2022 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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