Gone View

Recommended (June 22, 2017) Draft of 2035 Central City Plan

Devalues View to Vista Bridge
Old Protections vs. New Protections: neutered!!

- Current Resource Protection Plan sets viewpoint of protected Vista Bridge view at 14th and SW Jefferson
- 1000s of commuters a day currently enjoy this view as they drive on Jefferson out to the Sunset Highway
- The newly proposed protected view of Vista Bridge is reset to Collins Circle, a place that is legally inaccessible and constructed to only be looked AT, not looked FROM.
- Collins Circle has no sidewalks and no benches, and is currently weedy and loud from surrounding traffic. There is NOTHING to attract people to it.
- Collins Circle is dangerous to get to: requires cutting across car and light rail lanes with NO legal cross-walks.
Extra 15’ of height allowed for elevator penthouse.
MOVING VIEWPOINT TO COLLINS CIRCLE protects only HALF of the bridge because the recent Modera Apartments block the other half.

Protection that will go away.

Lost due to added building heights along Jefferson and 18th.

Wires, light poles, and signage are in the way.

From SW Jefferson [current]

From Collins Circle [proposed]
COLLINS CIRCLE IS A “HOT MESS”

• UGLY from a pedestrian standpoint
  • Weeds
  • No sidewalks
  • No benches
  • Wires, light poles, signage interrupt view

• DANGEROUS to get to
  • No cross-walks to Collins Circle
  • Must cross
    • bus route
    • MAX tracks, or
    • busy street
The new proposal to protect public views toward Vista Bridge and the West Hills Uplands is worse than the old.

- 19% Rotten Tomatoes Rating
- “a film that only seeks to exploit nostalgia”
- “it mixes too many unfinished things”
- “treats its audience like morons”
- “(contains) nothing of the kitsch charm that made the TV show so amusing and successful in the first place”
Protecting the WHOLE View of the Vista Bridge Requires . . .

• Moving the View Point back to SW Jefferson and 14th;

• Resetting heights along Jefferson to protect the Vista Bridge ARCHES as well as the top deck and railing;

• Prioritizing the elimination of the current chain-link fence and restoration of this 100-year-old bridge.