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201 Bellevue units moving toward SEPA approval By BRIAN MILLER Real Estate Editor

Though Sound Transit has pushed back its light-rail schedule to 2024 to reach the Bel-Red area, apartment plans there continue to grind ahead. One example is Amity Court, at 14400 Bel-Red Road, which is being designed by Clark Barnes. That eight-story, 201unit project is roughly 20 minutes by foot west to Bel-Red/130th Station. Or one could walk about the same distance northeast to Overlake Village Station.

Otherwise, future residents will have 203 parking stalls on two mostly levels. No bike room is indicated.

The city of Bellevue will hold a public presentation for Amity Court on Sept. 13, in a virtual meeting. The public comment period ends Sept. 8. The city says that a SEPA determination of non-significance is expected.



Rendering by Clark Barnes [enlarge]

To the left (west) of the proposed apartments isn't green space, but the Bellevue YMCA's parking lots.

Units run from studios to two-bedrooms. Sizes range from about 475 square feet to over 1,000 square feet. The seventh floor will also have south-facing terrace with attached lounge.

An unspecified number of units will be affordable. Assuming the project employs the city's multifamily tax exemption program (MFTE), that would probably work out to 20% — meaning perhaps 40 apartments.

Including parking and amenities, total project size is estimated at 228,921 square feet.

The team also includes Bush, Roed & Hitchings, surveyor. There's no contractor indicated for Amity Court, nor any application for a demolition permit for the 1970s-era Murray Franklyn Building.

The project appears likely to be sold at some future date. The plan and land are owned by an LLC associated with Bellevue investor Stanley Xu and his Longwell Co.

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