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Solar Project at Wells Fargo Parking Garage

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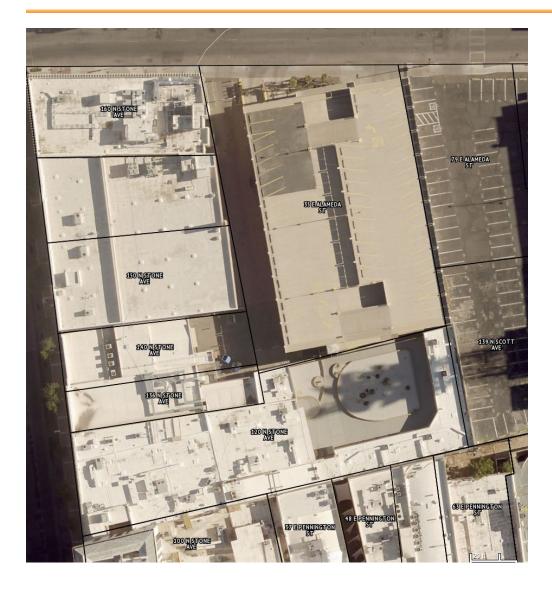
Solar Project

- Single solar canopy to be added to top floor of parking garage
 - ~5,000 sq. ft
 - System capacity is ~90 kW
- Solar energy production provides Wells Fargo with ~65% of total electrical usage of garage (annually)
- Solar canopy is offset at least 35 ft from edge of garage to minimize street level visibility



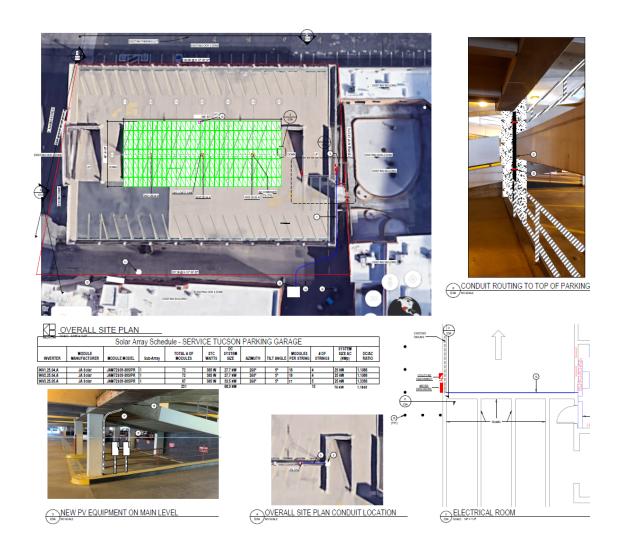


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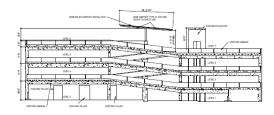
- Parking garage at 35 E Alameda St
 - Primary usage of structure is to provide parking to Wells Fargo employees and customers
 - Bank branch located at 150 N Stone Ave
- Existing zoning: OCR-2
- Parcel number: 11711096C
 - Associated PDSD Development Package: DP21-0187
 - Associated CoT Building Permit: T21CM07464
- Parking garage access points
 - Both ingress/egress points are on Alameda St
 - Existing sidewalk along Alameda St

Site Plans and Elevations



- Solar interconnection equipment will be located on first floor of parking garage near electrical room
- Will permanently occupy 1 parking space
- Electrical conduit will not be visible from the outside

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NORTH PARKING GARAGE SECTION VIEW





WEST PARKING GARAGE SECTION VIEW

NORTH EAST PARKING GARAGE SECTION VIEW

- Canopy installed with 10 degree tilt facing W
- Set back ~35 ft from all edges of garage
- See renderings for street level views

Impacts of Project

- Parking Spaces
 - 1 space (out of 250) will be permanently occupied by solar equipment on first floor
 - All other spaces to remain
- Shade
 - Canopy will fully shade 22 parking spaces
 - Shade on street level will not be impacted
- Building Height
 - Canopy adds 8 ft on W side and 11ft on E side to existing structure (37-40 ft total height)
 - Neighboring building heights range from 35 ft to 77 ft
- Building Façade
 - No impact to street level façade
 - Steel to be painted to match existing building colors
- Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic Patterns
 - No impact

Street Level Views



View from corner of Alameda St and Stone Ave

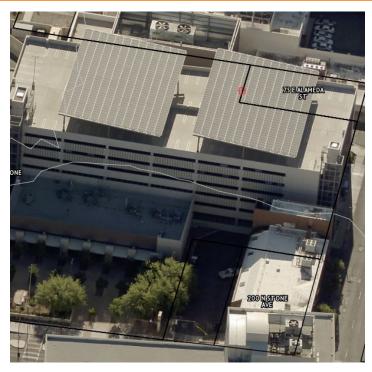


View facing W on Alameda St

Examples of Solar in Surrounding Area







Existing solar canopies on top of parking garage at 220 N Stone Ave; located across the street from 35 E Alameda St

Project Summary



- 90 kW solar canopy on top of Wells Fargo parking garage
- Partially visible from certain vantage points at street level
- Adding 8-11 ft to height of existing structure
- Zoning remains unchanged
- Building use remains unchanged
- Street level building façade remains unchanged
- Vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns remain unchanged
- Minor impact to number of parking spaces available in garage
- Precedent example of solar canopies referenced at 220 N Stone Ave



Questions?

