

**Fourth Quarter 2019** 

# **General Overview**

Seattle's office market slightly cooled in the fourth quarter of 2019 with vacancy in the Seattle Central Business district increasing to 5.3% from 5.0% in the third quarter. Total year to date net absorption for the Downtown Seattle Office Market stands at 2,832,425 RSF. Another 5,495,313 RSF is currently under construction; with the majority of supply under construction pre-leased. Seattle remains one of the tightest markets in the country as rent growth remains well above the national average. Furthermore, sales activity was high in the fourth quarter as investors worked to complete deals before the state wide real estate excise tax (REET) took effect in 2020.

# **Economy**

The Seattle/Bellevue/Everett area saw a decrease in unemployment with preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment for October decreasing to 3.6% from 3.7% in August according to The Washington State Employment Security Department. The Bureau of Labor Statistics is reporting a slightly lower rate of 3.3% for the Seattle/Bellevue/Tacoma area.

# **Market Data**

To summarize, below is a table providing information for the major submarkets of Seattle:

MARKET	Vacancy Rate	YTD Aborption (SF)	Average FS Rental Rates (Class A)
Ballard/U Dist	4.9%	65,786	\$45.60
Belltown/Denny Regrade	3.4%	152,035	\$44.17
Capitol Hill/Central District	3.0%	(11,708)	\$46.00
Lake Union	2.6%	1,410,959	\$54.00
Pioneer Square/Waterfront	6.5%	(85,752)	\$45.00
Queen Anne	10.5%	(110,539)	\$46.50
Seattle CBD	7.2%	1,258,078	\$52.00

The total vacancy rate for Seattle is approximately 5.3%.

# **Submarket Snapshot**





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# **Proposed Development**

This guarter, several new developments have been proposed in Seattle:



#### **FOURTH AND COLUMBIA - 701 4TH AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Crescent Heights COMMENTS: 151,650 square feet of office, 1,200 residences, 150 hotel rooms, 15,500 square feet retail, 101 stories



#### **701 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate COMMENTS: 217,000 square feet of office or lab space



# FREMONT NORTH SHORE - 1326 NORTH NORTHLAKE WAY

DEVELOPER: Kevin Conroy & Jim Neuberger COMMENTS: 30,000 square foot office project



#### **BLOCK 18 - 2205 7TH AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Graphite Design Group COMMENTS: 388,000 square feet of office. 100% leased to Amazon



# SLU STREETCAR BARN - 318 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH

DEVELOPER: Skanska COMMENTS: 11 story office tower built over a new streetcar barn. Size unknown.



#### **1916 BOREN AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Trammel Crow COMMENTS: 115,000 square foot office project



### THE NET - 801 THIRD AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Urban Visions COMMENTS: 807,580 square feet of office with two floors of "open market" retail



# FORMER SEATTLE TIMES HQ - 1120 JOHN STREET

DEVELOPER: Onni Group COMMENTS: 940,160 square feet of office with 54,000 square feet of retail



## THE JACK - 74 SOUTH JACKSON STREET

DEVELOPER: Urban Visions COMMENTS: 135,300 square feet of office space



### 7TH & BATTERY - 2301 7TH AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Onni Development COMMENTS: 310,000 square feet of office, 600 residential units



# WINDERMERE BUILDING - 815-825 WESTERN AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig COMMENTS: 300,000 square feet of office, 10 floors of apartments



### **401 QUEEN ANNE AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig COMMENTS: 240,000 square feet of office space



### **601 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate COMMENTS: 200,000 square feet of office space



### **NORTHGATE MALL REDEVELOPMENT**

DEVELOPER: Simon Property Group COMMENTS: 978,500 square foot redevelopment project



#### **760 ALOHA STREET**

DEVELOPER: Nitze-Stagen COMMENTS: 44,481 square feet of office



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**SCCA EXPANSION - I-5 & VALLEY STREET** 

DEVELOPER: SCCA COMMENTS: 240,000 square feet of lab and office space



"S" - 1001 6TH AVENUE SOUTH

DEVELOPER: Urban Visions COMMENTS: 1,620,000 square feet of office



**4536 BROOKLYN AVENUE** 

DEVELOPER: Touchstone COMMENTS: 345,000 square feet of office



### **222 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Da Li Properties COMMENTS: 200,000 square foot office building, ground floor retail



METROPOLE BUILDING - 423 2ND AVENUE EXT. S

DEVELOPER: Satterberg Foundation COMMENTS: 27,645 square foot office renovation



### **MERCER MEGA-BLOCK**

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate COMMENTS: 800,0000 square foot life science campus



### **800 STEWART STREET**

DEVELOPER: Per Day LLC COMMENTS: 53 stories, 37,240 square feet of office, 568 residences, ground-floor retail



### **219 TERRY AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate, Hess Callahan Partners, Stephen C Grey & Assoc. COMMENTS: 12-story building project, size and use unknown



### **601 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate COMMENTS: Removal of old warehouse, and 11-story office tower, 186,264 square feet, 187 vehicles



### **75 MARION STREET**

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig Real Estate COMMENTS: 209,000 square feet of office space, plus retail, 106 residential units, 278 underground parking stalls



# WASHINGTON PARK BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT -

DEVELOPER: Unico Properties COMMENTS: 48,000 square feet of office and 6,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space



# **400 UNIVERSITY @ RAINIER SQUARE**

DEVELOPER: Wright Runstad & Co COMMENTS: 110,000 square feet office space, restaurant and lounge



# 4530 12TH AVENUE/4536 BROOKLYN AVENUE NE

DEVELOPER: Touchstone-Portman JV COMMENTS: Building A- 11-story 240,000 square feet of office. Building B- 9-story 152,000 square feet of office



# 5 PARCELS - FIFTH & SEVENTH & STEWART STREET & OLIVE WAY

DEVELOPER: Kilroy Realty
COMMENTS: Plans not immediately known



### **570 MERCER STREET**

DEVELOPER: Schnitzer West COMMENTS: 100,000 square foot office building



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## Office Construction

Seattle continues to be at an all-time high construction boom with the following developments all currently under construction:



AMAZON II & AMAZON PHASE VI, VII & VIII

DEVELOPER: Vulcan COMMENTS: 2,094,000 square foot project 100% leased to Amazon



333 DEXTER- 333 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH

DEVELOPER: Kilroy Realty Corporation COMMENTS: 650,000 square foot project, 100% leased to Apple



LAKE FRONT BLOCKS

DEVELOPER: Vulcan COMMENTS: Several blocks set to be developed. Google has already leased Blocks 25 & 31 totalling 600,000+ square feet



### AMAZON FOURTH HQ BLOCK - 8TH AVENUE & BELL/ SEVENTH AVENUE & BLANCHARD

DEVELOPER: Graphite Design Group COMMENTS: 835,000 total square foot project with two towers (24 story & 7 story). 100% leased to Amazon



# ARBOR BLOCKS EAST & WEST-300-333 8TH AVENUE NORTH

DEVELOPER: Vulcan COMMENTS: 196,208 & 192,703 square foot projects, 100% leased to Facebook



# THIRD & LENORA BUILDING - 2031 3RD AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig COMMENTS: 552,753 square foot 36 story tower with 365 residential units and 176,500 square feet of office space.



### RAINIER SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPER: Wright Runstad & Co. COMMENTS: 762,800 square feet of office, 216 residences. 100% leased to Amazon



# FIRESTONE TIRE CENTER - 400 WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig Real Estate COMMENTS: 190,000 square feet of office and biotech space



### 2 & U - 1201 2ND AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Skanska Commerical Development

COMMENTS: 650,000 square feet of office, 100% leased to Indeed, Dropbox, SPACES

and SAP Qualtrics



#### **BLOCK 20 - 1234 WESTLAKE AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Seneca Real Estate Group COMMENTS: 1,100,000 square foot project 100% preleased to Amazon



### 1818 FAIRVIEW - 1818 FAIRVIEW AVENUE EAST

DEVELOPER: Alexandria Real Estate COMMENTS: 205,000 square foot office project, 31% leased to Bluebird Bio and SCCA



# **CASCADIAN - 330 YALE AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: Unico COMMENTS: 200,000 square foot office project



#### **RAILSPUR - 419 OCCIDENTAL AVENUE SOUTH**

DEVELOPER: Urban Villages & Manchester Capital COMMENTS: 98,000 square foot office project



#### **DEXTER YARD - 700 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH**

DEVELOPER: BioMed Realty COMMENTS: 515,000 square foot 2-tower office and laboratory project with 14 stories, ground retail and 520 parking stalls



### WATERSHED BUILDING - 900 NORTH 34TH STREET

DEVELOPER: Hess Callahan Partners COMMENTS: 60,000 square feet of office space



# FORMER FEDERAL RESERVE BUILDING - 1015 2ND AVENUE

DEVELOPER: Martin Selig COMMENTS: 195,000 square feet of office, 223,000 square feet total



# CEDAR SPEEDSTER - 401 NORTH 36TH STREET

DEVELOPER: Evolution Projects COMMENTS: 39,831 square feet of office



# FREMONT CROSSING - 316 FLORENTIA STREET

DEVELOPER: Pacific Capital Investments & Pastakia + Associates COMMENTS: 58,000 square feet of office



# **BOREN OFFICE LOFTS - 1930 BOREN AVENUE**

DEVELOPER: Trammell Crow COMMENTS: 115,000 square feet of office space



**2301 7TH AVENUE** 

DEVELOPER: Onni Group COMMENTS: 1,510 residential units, 310,000 square feet of office



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# Top Q4 2019 Office Sales

In general, the sales volume in 2019 was dynamic, with a new annual sales record established by the middle of the fourth quarter. Due to the REET taking effect in 2020, several investors worked to close deals before the New Year.

Building Name / Address	Seller / Buyer	Building Size	Sale Price / Price PSF
Arbor Blocks 300 & 333 8th Avenue N Seattle, WA	Ponte Gadea Seattle LLC / Vulcan Real Estate	388,911 SF	\$415 Million / \$1,069 PSF
F5 Tower 801 5th Avenue Seattle, WA	KKR / Stockbridge Capital Group	515,518 SF	\$440 Million / \$880 PSF
Amazon Phase VIII 325 9th Avenue N Seattle, WA	Tristar Capital LLC & RFR Holdings / Mirae Asset Global Investments	317,804 SF	\$270 Million / \$849 PSF
Roosevelt Commons 4300 Roosevelt Way NE/ 4311 11th Ave NE	Intercontinental Real Estate Corp / DWS Group	229,299 SF	\$157 Million / \$684 PSF
1800 Ninth 1800 9th Avenue Seattle, WA	JP Morgan Investment Management Inc / Heitman America	315,837 SF	\$206 Million / \$653 PSF
Westlake Tower 1601 5th Avenue Seattle, WA	Unico Properties / Nuveen	365,674 SF	\$236 Million / \$645 PSF
Park Place 1200 6th Avenue Seattle, WA	URG / Washington Holdings	316,799 SF	\$177 Million / \$570 PSF
101 Stewart 101 Stewart Street Seattle, WA	DWS Group / L&B CIP First & Stewart LLC	94,333 SF	\$52.9 Million / \$561 PSF
Plaza 600 600 Stewart Street Seattle, WA	Bentall Green Oak (URG) / URG	213,979 SF	\$97 Million / \$453 PSF (Recapitalized)
Colonial Grand Pacific Building 1113-1123 1st Avenue Seattle, WA	Rubicon Point Partners / Urban Visions	50,000 SF	\$10 Million / \$278 PSF



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# Notable Q4 2019 Leases

Office leasing in the fourth quarter saw a significant increase from the third quarter with technology and biotechnology companies fueling growth:

Tenant	Building Name	Address	Square Feet
Seattle Children's NOSPITAL - RESEARCH - FOUNDATION	Seattle Children's Research Institute	1920 Terry Avenue	540,000
BANK OF AMERICA	Rainier Square Development	1301-1333 5th Avenue	116,000
DocuSign <sup>®</sup>	999 Third	999 3rd Avenue	65,406
wework	15th & Market	1448 NW Market Street	53,797
<b>₽</b> PitchBook	901 Fifth	901 5th Avenue	49,012
neoleukin™ THERAPEUTICS	188 Blaine	188 E Blaine Street	25,000