



Design Review Board (DRB) Staff Report
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New Construction

Case # 23-05: Mobility Center Skybridge
123 S. Front
Memphis, TN 38103

Applicant: Timothy Goddard
Autozone Inc.
123 S. Front St.
Memphis, TN 38103

Background: This project is an addition to the Downtown Mobility Center, which was previously approved as DRB Case #21-49. The Downtown Mobility Center will be located directly southeast of the Autozone headquarters at 123 S. Front, and Autozone plans to utilize a portion of the Mobility Center's parking spaces for its employees. To facilitate direct access between the Mobility Center and the Autozone headquarters, Autozone is proposing a skybridge that links the two buildings.

Project Description: The proposed skybridge will connect level 5 of the Mobility Center with level 3 of the Autozone headquarters, spanning the intersection of Front Street and Peabody Place. The exterior materials will primarily be aluminum and glass – the vertical faces of the bridge will be wrapped in an aluminum and glass curtainwall system providing transparency into the interior spaces of the bridge. Aluminum panels for the exterior have been selected in a dark bronze color to relate to the design of the Mobility Center. Structural columns that support the bridge on both sides of Front Street will be clad in aluminum panels of the same color and will provide sufficient room for pedestrian clearance on the adjacent sidewalk.

Staff Report: The proposed skybridge has been designed to relate to the design of the Mobility Center while minimizing the visual impact of its own structure. The high level of transparency on the exterior helps to both visually lighten the structure's impact, as well as providing visual interest from the street.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.