

Alice Sasaki, the program manager in charge, supports that direction, as she has a deep appreciation for the beauty and history of the building. “We’re taking a holistic approach and trying to be good stewards of the building,” she says.

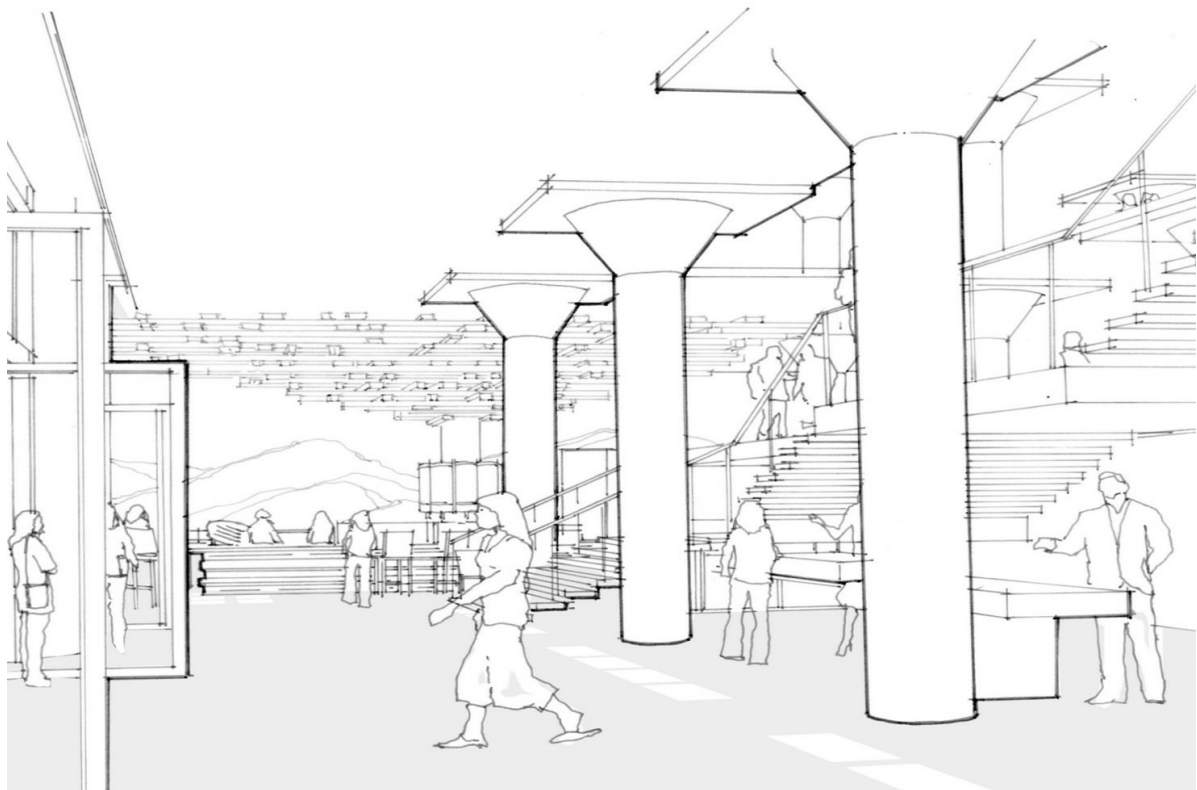
Alice comes to Store Dev from a marketing background. Before joining Corporate Facilities in January 2016, she worked in Branded Solutions Marketing, and has also worked in Retail Marketing and Global Creative. Her brand knowledge will be invaluable as she seeks to answer the question, “How can we bring the Starbucks Experience to our partners through physical space?”

She’s excited to work on the project as she has always been drawn by design and leading project teams. “I always loved being close to the design process, and this gives me a chance to utilize my leadership and project management skills. This role is about leadership alignment and facilitation between groups. It involves working with R&D, Personalization, Innovation, PRO and all the different teams at the SSC. I’ve never had visibility into so many groups before.”

Once the work is complete, the SSC will be able to better support our field partners and regional offices with 900 new work spaces and additional conference rooms as well as new space for R&D and innovation. Moving around the building will be easier with a wayfinding strategy, more elevators — and something that has been long desired by SSC workers, stairs connecting the third and second floors to the ground level. Beginning in Q2 of FY17 and concluding in Q1 of FY18, the work will happen in four phases, shown in the pictures.

Although the next 18 months of work will alleviate the immediate need for space, the Corporate Facilities Leadership Team is also mindful of the longer timeline. They are developing a workplace strategy to plan for five, ten and fifteen years from now. Asked about a pressing question on many people’s minds — parking — Alice says that although the current project does not include parking, it does have enhanced bike commuter facilities for partners giving up their parking spots to bike-commute full-time. And for the longer term, the team is actively looking at parking opportunities.

We’re all looking forward to the more spacious SSC. Its promise is a bright one, of facilitating our coffee passion, engaging our partners and creating that welcome beacon to the neighborhood and the world.



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