

# Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study

## Open House #6

Recommendations  
October 21, 2025



# WELCOME!

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# Meeting Agenda

- **Orientation**
  - Welcome/introductions
  - Seward to Glenn PEL Study refresh
  - Refined alternatives
  - Screening results
  - Recommendations
  - Reconnecting Fairview: Ingra/Gambell initial recommendations
  - Next Steps
- **Breakout/Poster Session**
  - Independent poster tour
  - Alternatives & Key Topics stations:
    - ✓ **1-on-1 with the study teams**
    - ✓ **Q&A**
    - ✓ **Share your feedback!**



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# Project Teams & Meeting Support

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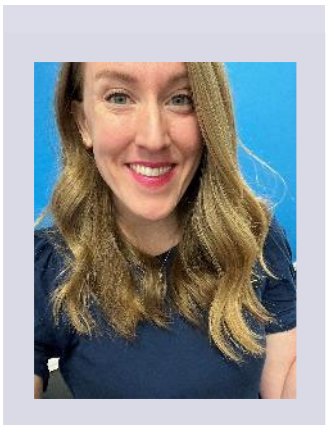
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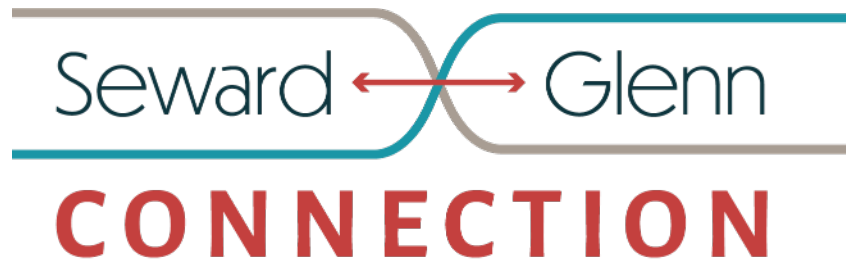


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# PEL Study Refresh

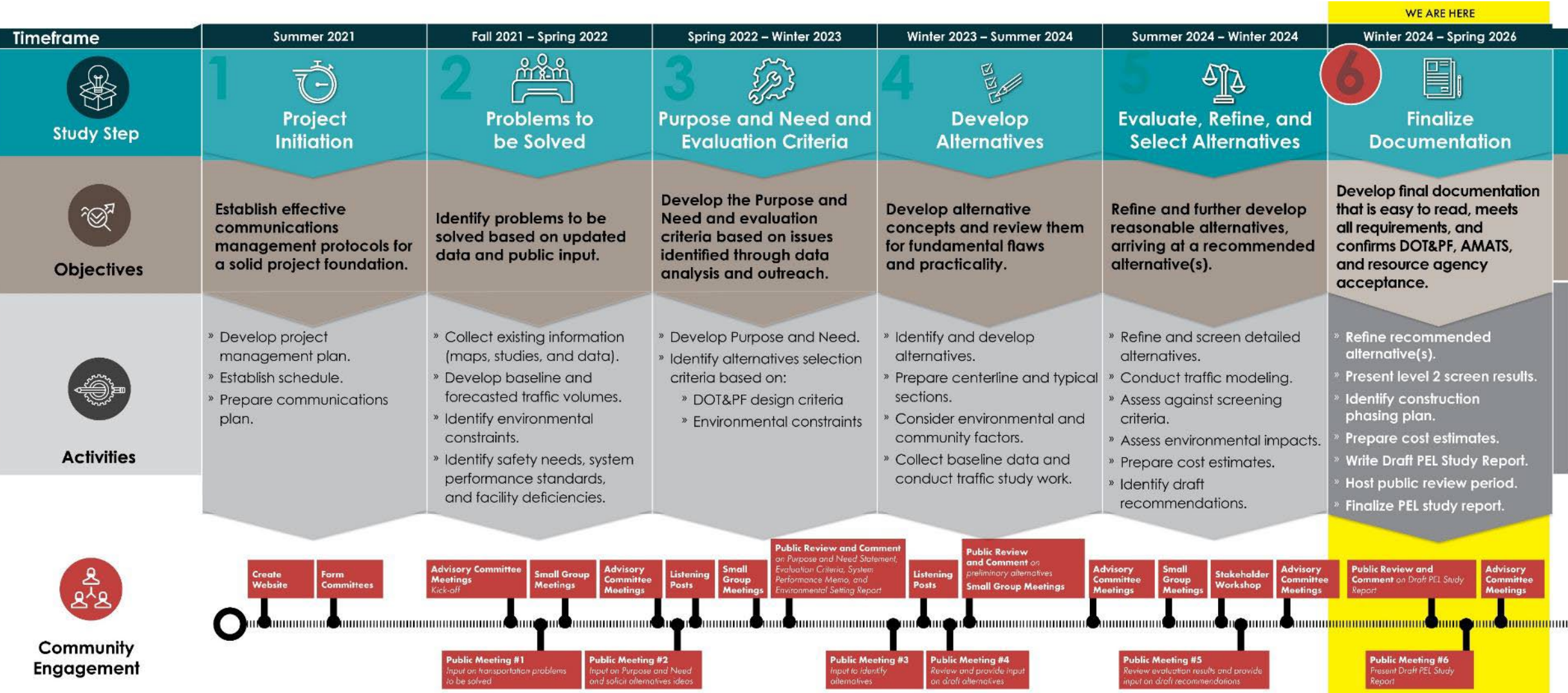


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# Final Phase: We are Here!

We are at public meeting #6, seeking feedback on the recommended alternative and draft study.





# Balancing Issues & Challenges



Improve safety



Reduce regional and local (intra-Fairview) travel conflicts



Consider needs of all users



Maintain Interstate Highway System (IHS) functionality



Improve port access to the IHS



Improve livability

- Accommodate adopted plans
- Gambell main street
- Ingra greenway supportive development corridor
- Fairview greenway/woonerf
- Promote investment in neighborhood



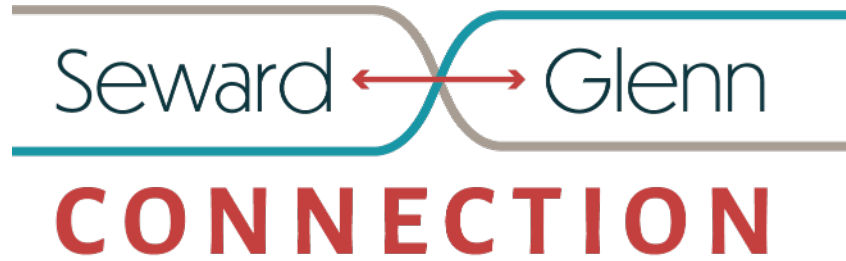
# Alternatives Update



## LEVEL 1 SCREENING SUMMARY

- ❌ Eliminated (due to significant social, environmental, and historic-resource impacts):
  - Parkway Alternative D (Chester Creek Bypass; not shown)
  - All Freeway Alternatives (not shown)
- ✅ Advanced for further evaluation:
  - Alternative 1: No Action
  - Alternative 2: 2050 MTP
  - Alternative 3: Transit Focus (formerly MTP Plus )
  - Alternative 4: Ingra Tunnel (formerly Alternative AB)
  - Alternative 5: Fairview Bypass (formerly Alternative C)





# Refined Alternatives & Recommendations





1 5th Ave



2 Gambell St



3 Ingra St



4 Glenn Highway



#### ALTERNATIVES LEGEND

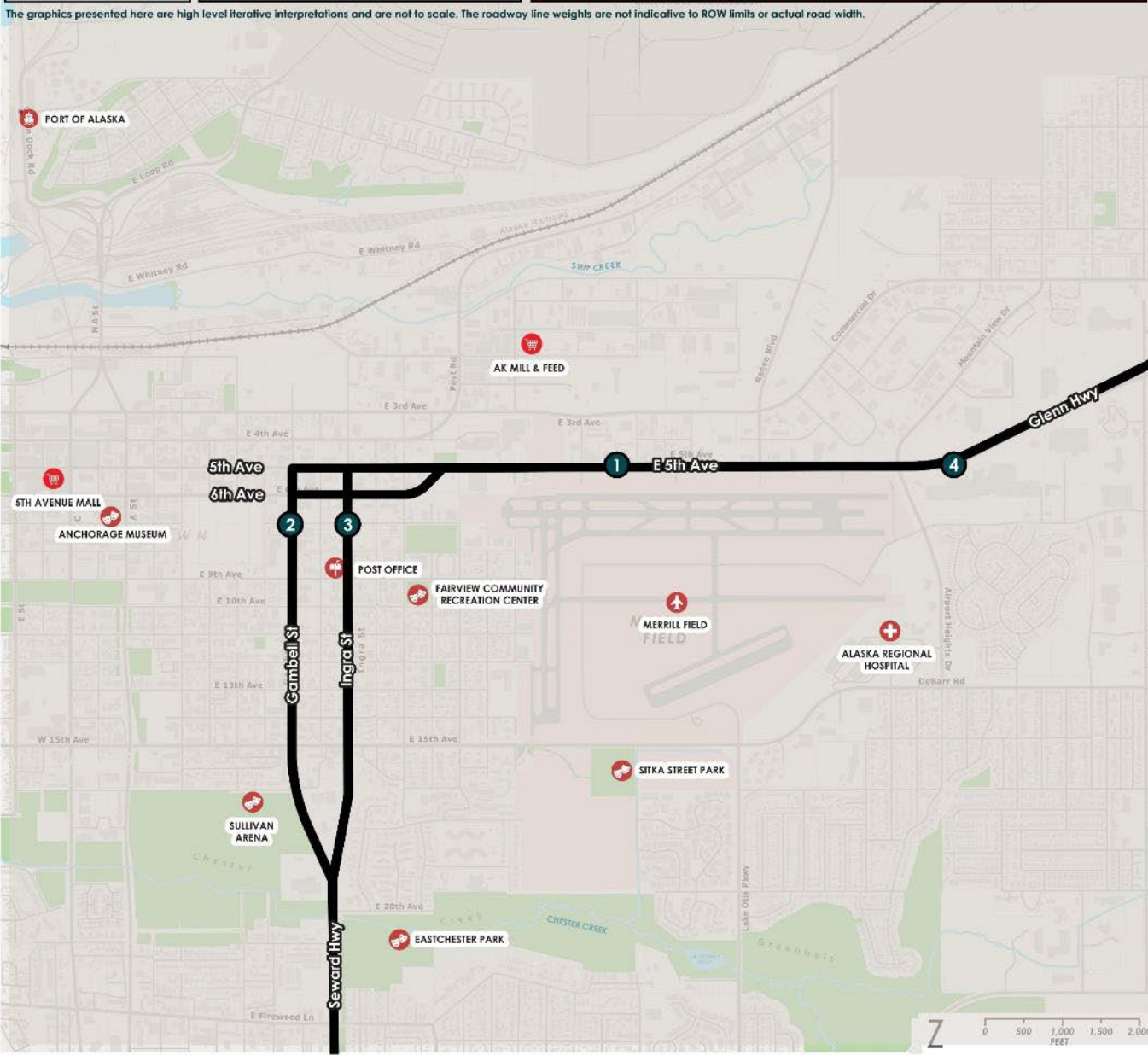
— Existing Roadway  
 + + + Railroad

#### LANDMARK LEGEND

✈ Airport  
 📮 Post Office  
 🏪 Commerce  
 🏥 Medical  
 🚢 Port  
 🏡 Community Resource

## Alternative 1: No Action

The graphics presented here are high level iterative interpretations and are not to scale. The roadway line weights are not indicative to ROW limits or actual road width.



# Seward ↔ Glenn CONNECTION

- Required by NEPA for comparison
- Preserves current conditions
- Doesn't address community concerns
- Doesn't meet Purpose & Need



# Seward ↔ Glenn CONNECTION

- Modest pedestrian/bike improvements
- Interstate Highway System continues through Fairview
- Traffic diverts to surrounding neighborhoods
- No freight/port access improvements
- Doesn't meet Fairview's vision

1 5th Ave - 4-lane Arterial



2 Ingra and Gambell 3-Lane, 1-Way



3 Pedestrian Blvd



4 Trail Connection

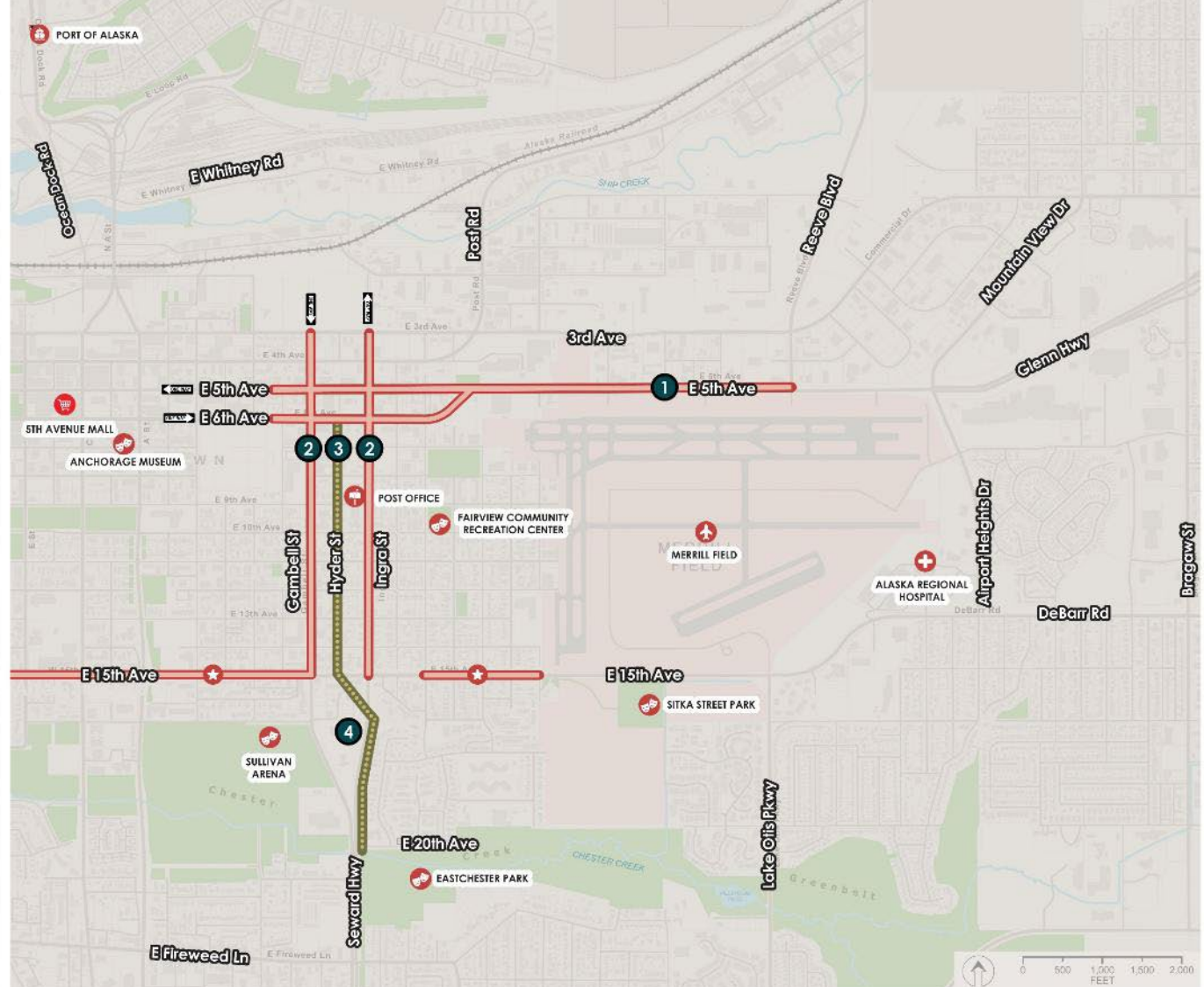


| ALTERNATIVES LEGEND |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
|                     | Proposed Road Project     |
|                     | Pedestrian Boulevard      |
|                     | Railroad                  |
|                     | Existing Roadway          |
|                     | 2050 MTP Complete Streets |

| LANDMARK LEGEND |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
|                 | Airport            |
|                 | Post Office        |
|                 | Commerce           |
|                 | Medical            |
|                 | Port               |
|                 | Community Resource |

## Alternative 2: 2050 MTP

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- Less than 1,000 new boardings per day (~500 cars removed from roads)
- Interstate highway continues through Fairview
- Vehicle diversion impacts to surrounding neighborhoods
- Increased # of at-grade rail crossings for port route



## Alternative 3: Transit Routes

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- New Bus Routes
- Increased Service
- Fare Reduction
- Demand Management

**Recommendation:** Implement the **orange** bus route, connecting U-Med, Fairview, and Downtown

Route recommended for implementation.

The transit focus alternative would add the following routes to the planned transit service included in the adopted 2050 MTP plan. These routes would supplement the already planned service.

### TRANSIT LEGEND

#### Transit Focus Improvements

- Add new U-Med transit service
- Add new express transit service
- Route 92 – Extend to Birchwood
- Add new Eagle River town route
- Add new Valley route
- Add new HOV lane
- Park and Ride



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MILES



Orange & Pink  
routes show  
vehicle increase

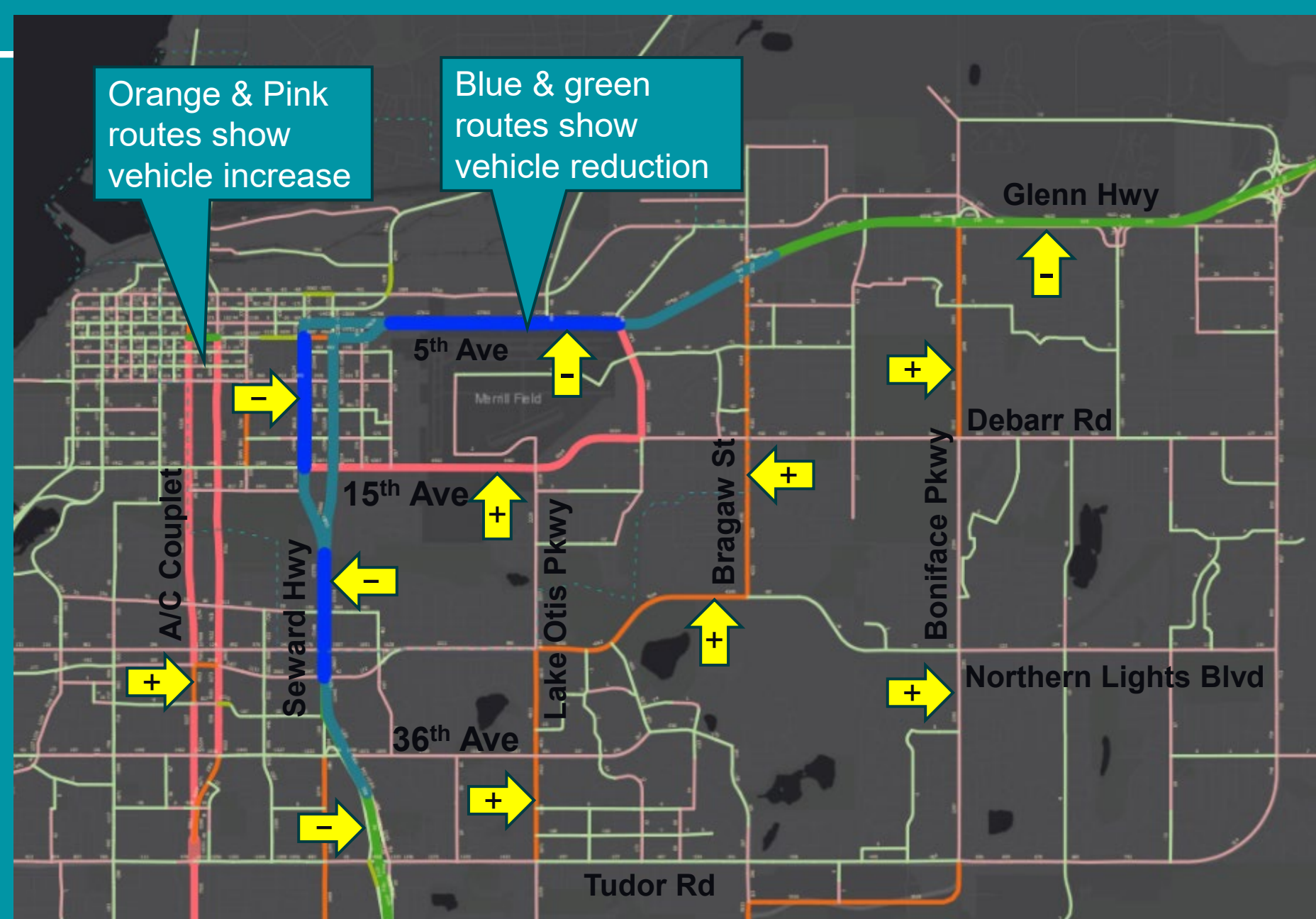
Blue & green  
routes show  
vehicle reduction

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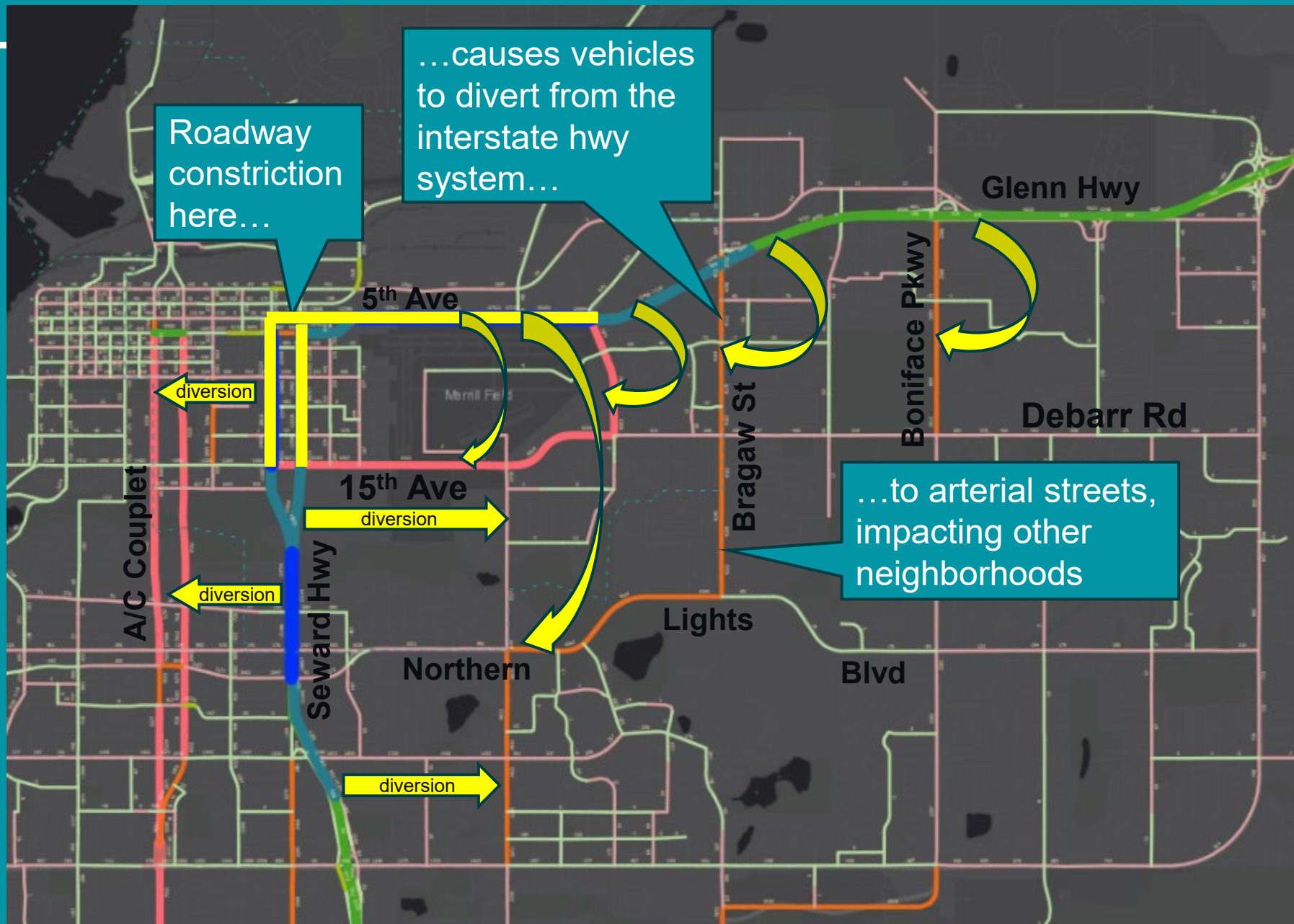
# Vehicle Diversion:

Alt 3 (Transit Focus)

- **Blues & Greens** =  
vehicle *reduction*
- **Orange & Pinks** =  
vehicle *increase*
- **Thicker lines** =  
*bigger change*







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# Vehicle Diversion: Alt 3 (Transit Focus)

- Road constriction causes traffic impacts to other neighborhoods
- Regional, non-local traffic is not intended for those streets
- Widespread effects



## 1 Ingra Tunnel



## Roundabout Example



## 2 5th Ave - 4-lane Arterial



## 3 Ingra (above Tunnel) 3-Lane, 2-Way



## 4 Gambell Main St - 2-Lane, 2-Way



## 5 Pedestrian Blvd



## 6 Trail Connection



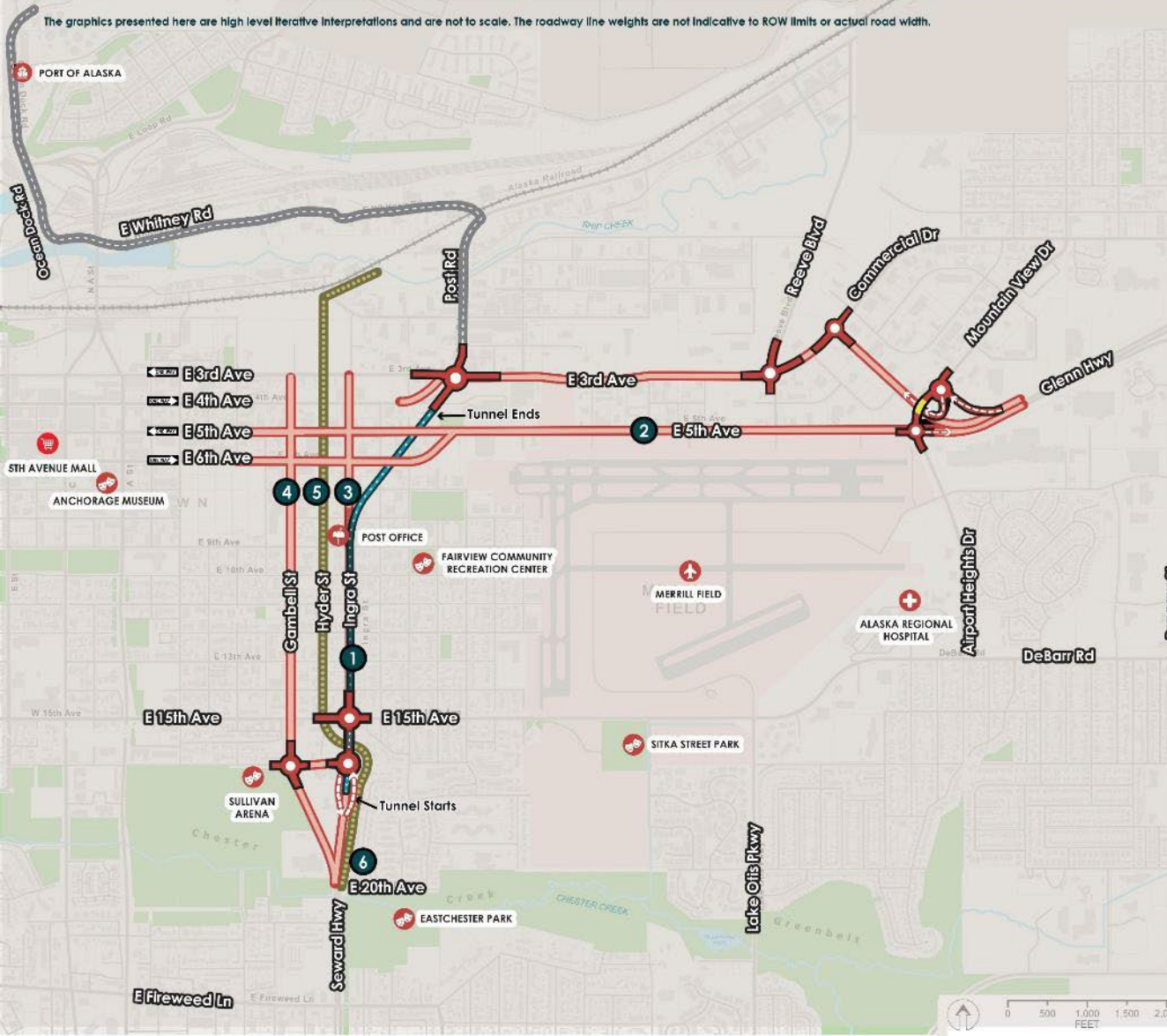
## ALTERNATIVES LEGEND



## LANDMARK LEGEND



## Alternative 4: Ingra Tunnel (Formerly AB)



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- Meets *Reconnecting Fairview* objectives
- Reduces traffic in Fairview & other neighborhoods
- Maintains regional mobility
- Improved port travel times
- Increased at-grade rail crossings on port route
- Freight w/ Hazardous loads can't use tunnel
- High construction & maintenance costs
- Tunnel construction risks
- Attracts low vehicle demand (1/3 of Alt 5)
- Phasing challenges





**ALTERNATIVES LEGEND**

- Proposed Road Project
- Recessed Parkway
- Recommended Port Alternative
- Port Route on Existing Roadway
- Pedestrian Boulevard

**LANDMARK LEGEND**

- Airport
- Post Office
- Commerce
- Medical
- Port
- Community Resource

**Alternative 5:  
Fairview Bypass  
(Formerly C)**



# Seward ↔ Glenn CONNECTION

## Recommended Alternative

- Meets Reconnecting Fairview objectives
- Strong regional mobility, traffic relief, & more efficient travel times
- Notable vehicle reductions on Gambell, Ingra, & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Improved livability, safety, & neighborhood cohesion
- Improves connectivity across 15<sup>th</sup> Ave using cut & cover design
- Highest # of relocations





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## Level 2 Screening Highlights

| CRITERIA                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | NO ACTION                                                                                                                                                                          | 2050 MTP                                                                                                                                                                                | ALTERNATIVE 3:<br>TRANSIT FOCUS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ALTERNATIVE 4:<br>INGRA TUNNEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ALTERNATIVE 5:<br>FAIRVIEW BYPASS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Predicted number of crashes (per day)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2,200                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,216<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                        | 1,262<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,266<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,168<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Number of conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,098                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,041<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                        | 1,104<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1,112<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,000<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2050 study area vehicle hours of travel (Daily)                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8,480                                                                                                                                                                              | 13,350<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                       | 17,700<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 18,200<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15,400<br>Some as no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2050 regionwide vehicle hours of travel (Daily)                                                                                                                                                                                       | 190,920                                                                                                                                                                            | 190,800<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                         | 191,900<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 190,300<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 155,700<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2050 study area vehicle hours of delay (Per day, units)                                                                                                                                                                               | 48                                                                                                                                                                                 | 55<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                              | 48<br>Same as no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 48<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 80<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Study area miles of roadway with a peak period level of service of D or better                                                                                                                                                        | 33.5                                                                                                                                                                               | 33.5<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                            | 34.7<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 36.9<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 38.1<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Miles of roadway with a peak period level of service of E or F                                                                                                                                                                        | 0.7                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.9<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                             | 1.1<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1.3<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2.2<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Daily truck traffic on the A/C Viaduct                                                                                                                                                                                                | ± 810                                                                                                                                                                              | 140<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                          | -1<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ±20<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -50<br>(16,000)<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Average daily traffic: Gambell / Ingra & 13th (Units)                                                                                                                                                                                 | 54,500                                                                                                                                                                             | 31,400<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                       | 13,555<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 26,700<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 77,700 ADT<br>Most as no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Transit boardings (Daily)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3,430                                                                                                                                                                              | 13,740<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                       | 14,707<br>Improved from no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13,723<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13,895<br>Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Traffic affected to alternative (includes vehicles pulled away from Fairview, minimal vehicle diversion into other nearby thoroughfares, and higher utilization of the new roadway)<br>Number of all grade rail crossings to the port | N/A (No new regional connection)<br>1                                                                                                                                              | N/A (No new regional connection)<br>1 - Same as no action                                                                                                                               | N/A (No new regional connection but increased transit boardings per day)<br>3 - Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                             | 25,000 ADT<br>Second most as no action vehicle traffic<br>8 - Worse than no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 77,700 ADT<br>Most as no action vehicle traffic<br>1 - Same as no action                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential Relocations</li> <li>Commercial Relocations</li> <li>Total Relocations</li> </ul>                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Residential Relocations</li> <li>0 Commercial Relocations</li> <li>0 Total</li> </ul>                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Residential Relocations</li> <li>0 Commercial Relocations</li> <li>0 Total</li> </ul>                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Residential Relocations</li> <li>1 Commercial Relocations</li> <li>1 Total</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Residential Relocations</li> <li>4 Commercial Relocations</li> <li>4 Total</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 Residential Relocations</li> <li>2 Commercial Relocations</li> <li>22 Total</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| Social                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fairview continues to be accessed by 8-lane road</li> <li>No safety improvements</li> <li>Ongoing impact on disadvantaged groups</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-lane road with complete 8-lane boulevard safety and quality of the gains</li> <li>Traffic diversion to other locations</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as All 2-l transit</li> <li>Redevelopment for non-automobile</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces vehicle traffic from Fairview</li> <li>Substantial safety &amp; community cohesion benefits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces vehicle traffic from Fairview</li> <li>New vehicle traffic from transit to strong safety &amp; quality of life benefits</li> </ul>                                                                                |
| Noise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic noise in Fairview remains</li> </ul>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise may shift areas</li> <li>Fairview still impacted</li> <li>Less disruption during lane work</li> <li>Minor loss of sleep impacts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise may shift areas</li> <li>Fairview still impacted</li> <li>Less disruption during lane work</li> <li>Minor loss of sleep impacts</li> <li>Standard noise measures</li> <li>Locally hosted</li> <li>Minor Fairview impacts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise occurs more in Fairview</li> <li>Major noise reduction</li> <li>Major tunnel impacts</li> <li>Exceptional near road</li> <li>On-site boring complex</li> <li>Nearest outside expertise</li> <li>High construction risk</li> <li>Geotechnical risks</li> <li>Complex maintenance needs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less noise in Fairview</li> <li>More near 13th and 14th Ave</li> <li>Moderate branching impacts</li> <li>On-site on near road &amp; on-site</li> <li>Standard methods</li> <li>On-site geotechnical challenges</li> </ul> |
| Construction impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Constructability                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No construction required</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No construction required</li> </ul>                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No construction required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No construction required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No construction required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Construction, operation, or maintenance constraints that can't be overcome                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major constraints</li> </ul>                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major constraints</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major constraints</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major constraints</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major constraints</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PEI capital cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$174,448,000*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$407,273,000*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$258,671,000**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PEI operations & maintenance costs per year                                                                                                                                                                                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$24,100,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$122,000 + \$2,500,000 (tunnel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$144,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Maps depicting the division are shown on the vehicle

## Recommended Alternative 5



# Implementation of Recommended Alternative 5: Fairview Bypass

## Implementation Map



- Creates sub-area plan
- Fundable, right-sized projects
- Implementable based on community priorities & available funding
- Each project provides unique benefits, has individual NEPA

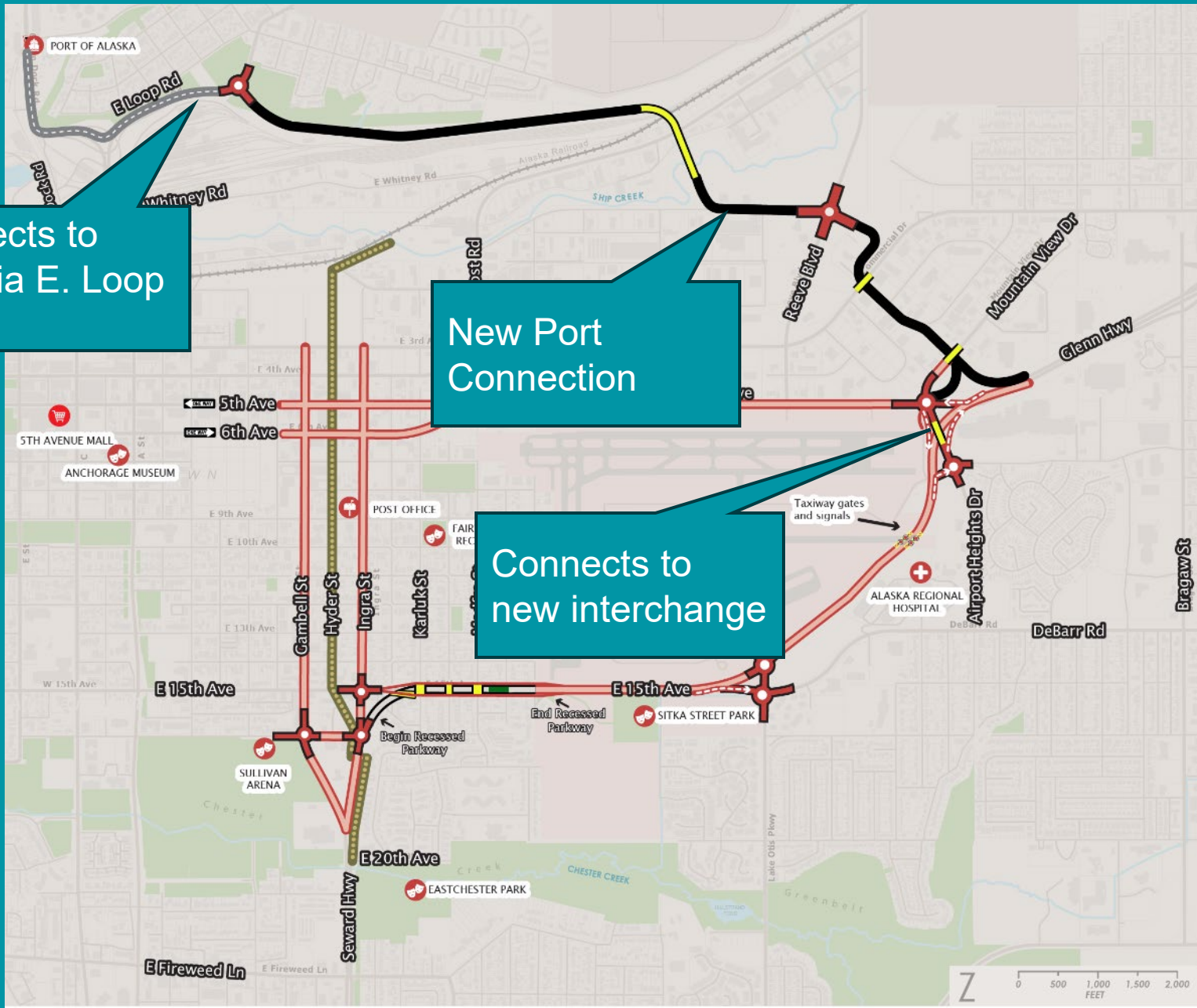


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Connects to  
Port via E. Loop  
Road

New Port  
Connection

Connects to  
new interchange



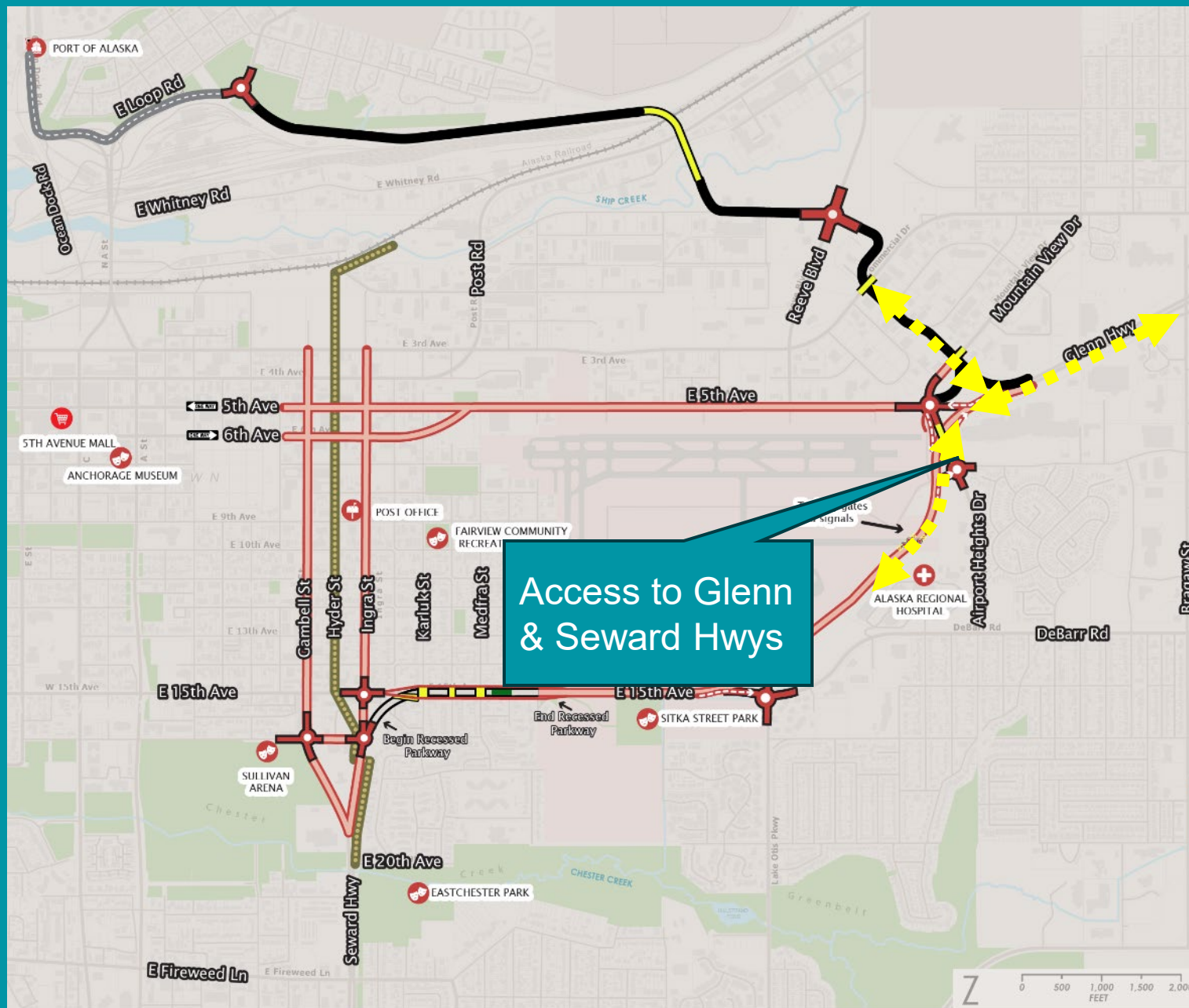
# Recommended Port Connection

- Draws port & industrial traffic away from downtown & Fairview
- Provides port access resiliency
- Provides uninterrupted connection without stops









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## Recommended Port Connection

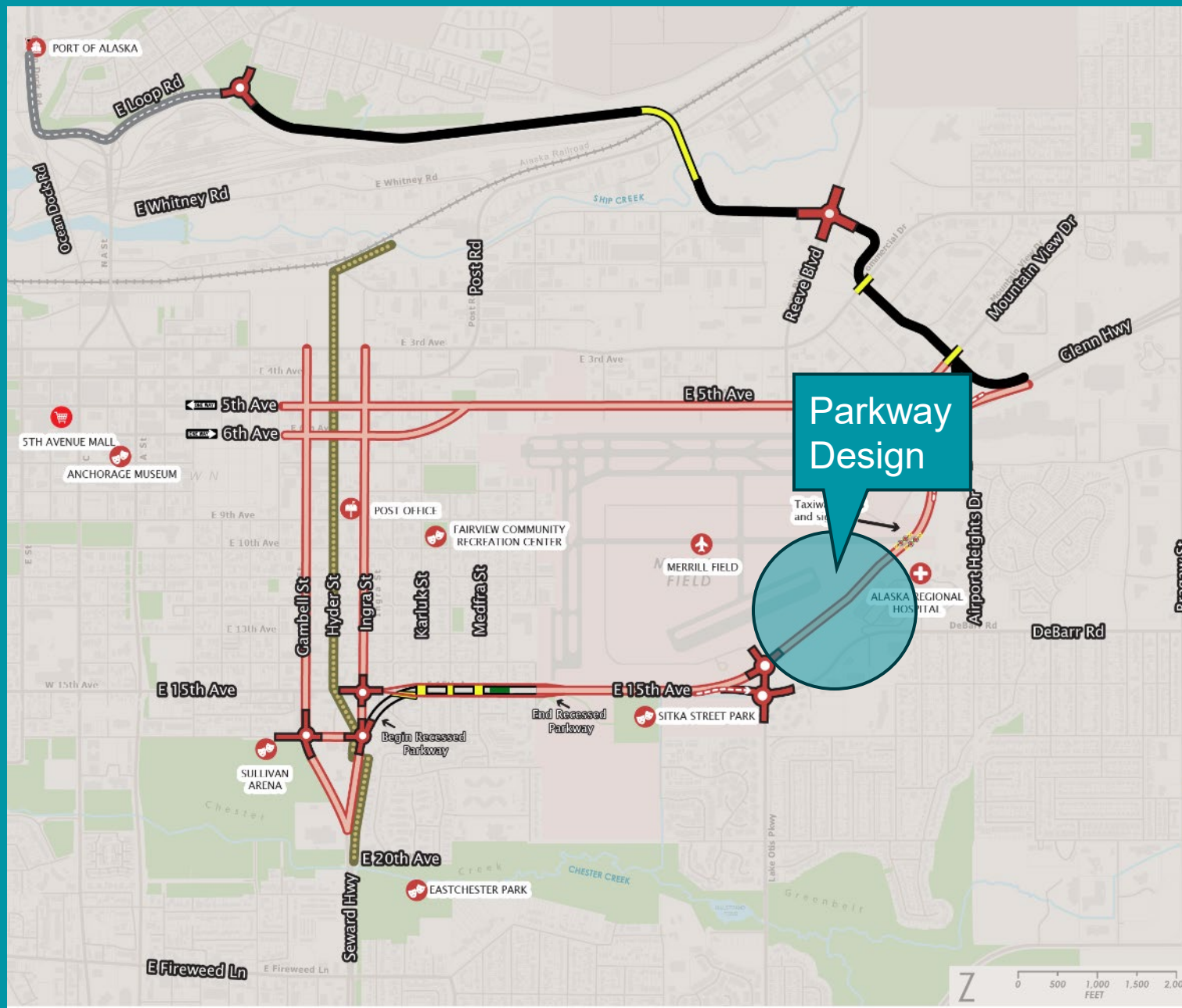
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# Fairview Bypass

 NOT A FREEWAY

## Parkway Design

- Bike lanes
- Paths & sidewalks
- Generous landscaping
- Slower speeds (35 mph)

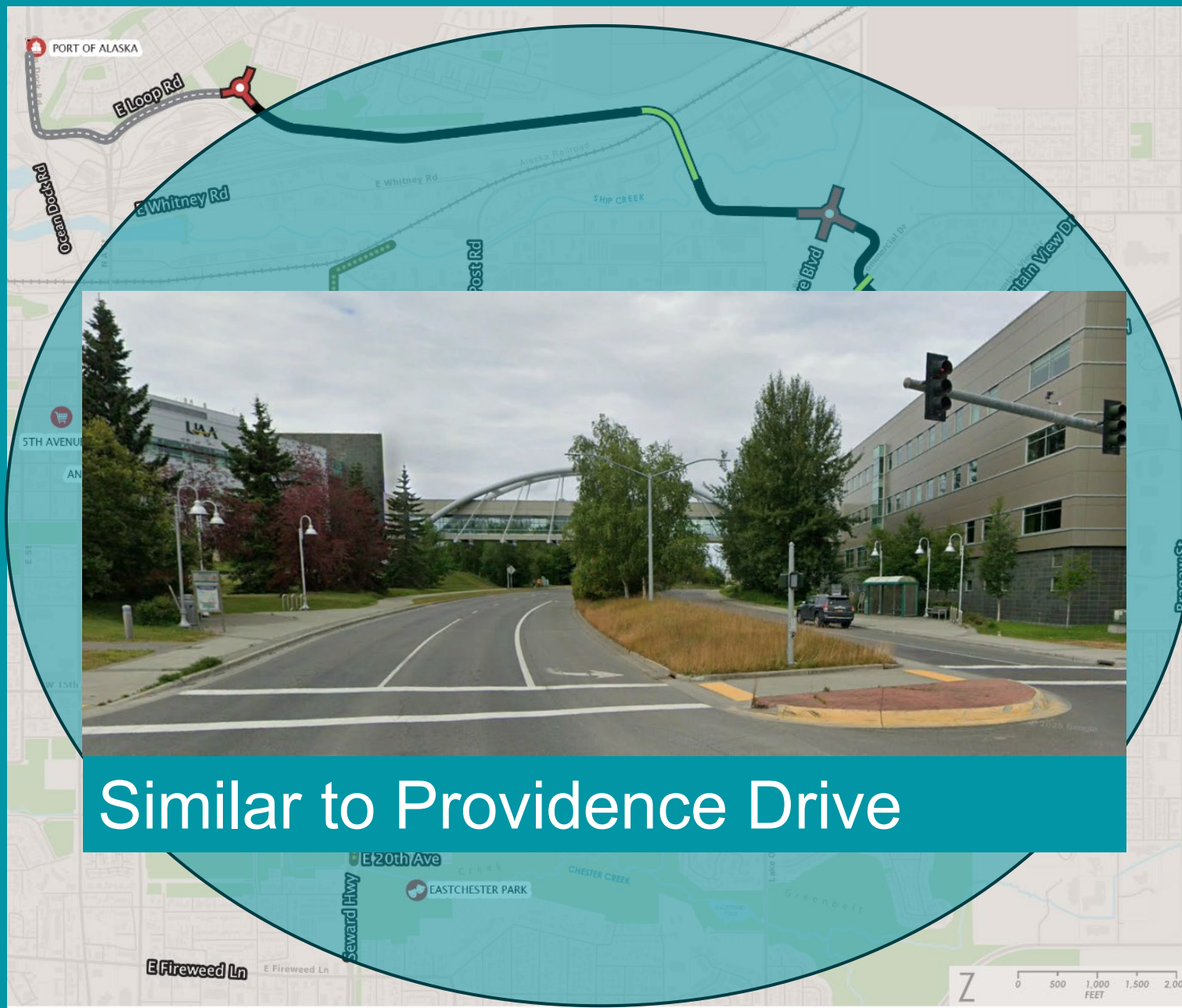




## Fairview Bypass

- Recommends a parkway design

Similar to Providence Drive

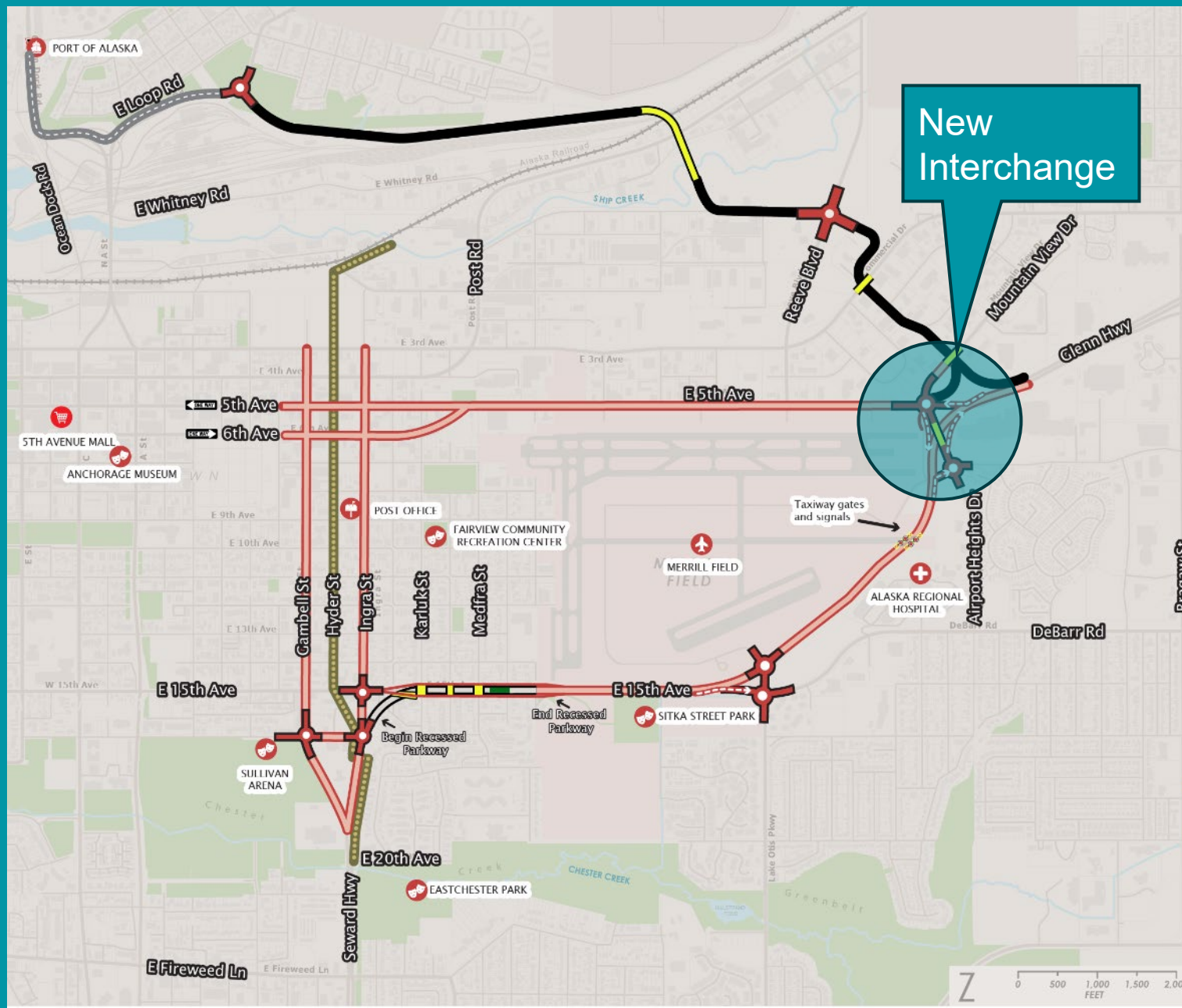


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## Fairview Bypass

### New Interchange

- 'Dog bone' roundabouts
- Transition from freeway using design cues
- Reconnects Mt. View w/ other neighborhoods by removing regional traffic

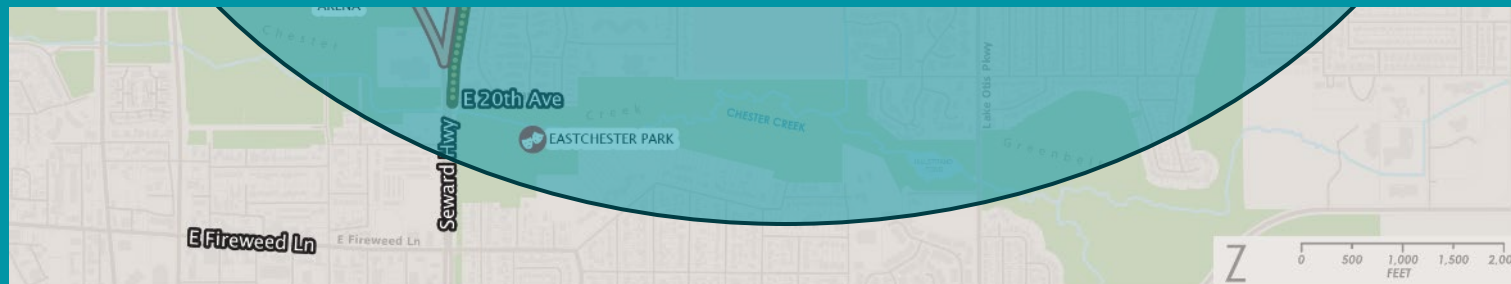




## Fairview Bypass

- Interchange at Airport Heights Dr / Mountain View Dr / Glenn Hwy
- New Parkway would go under collector roads

Similar to 76<sup>th</sup> Ave & New Seward Hwy

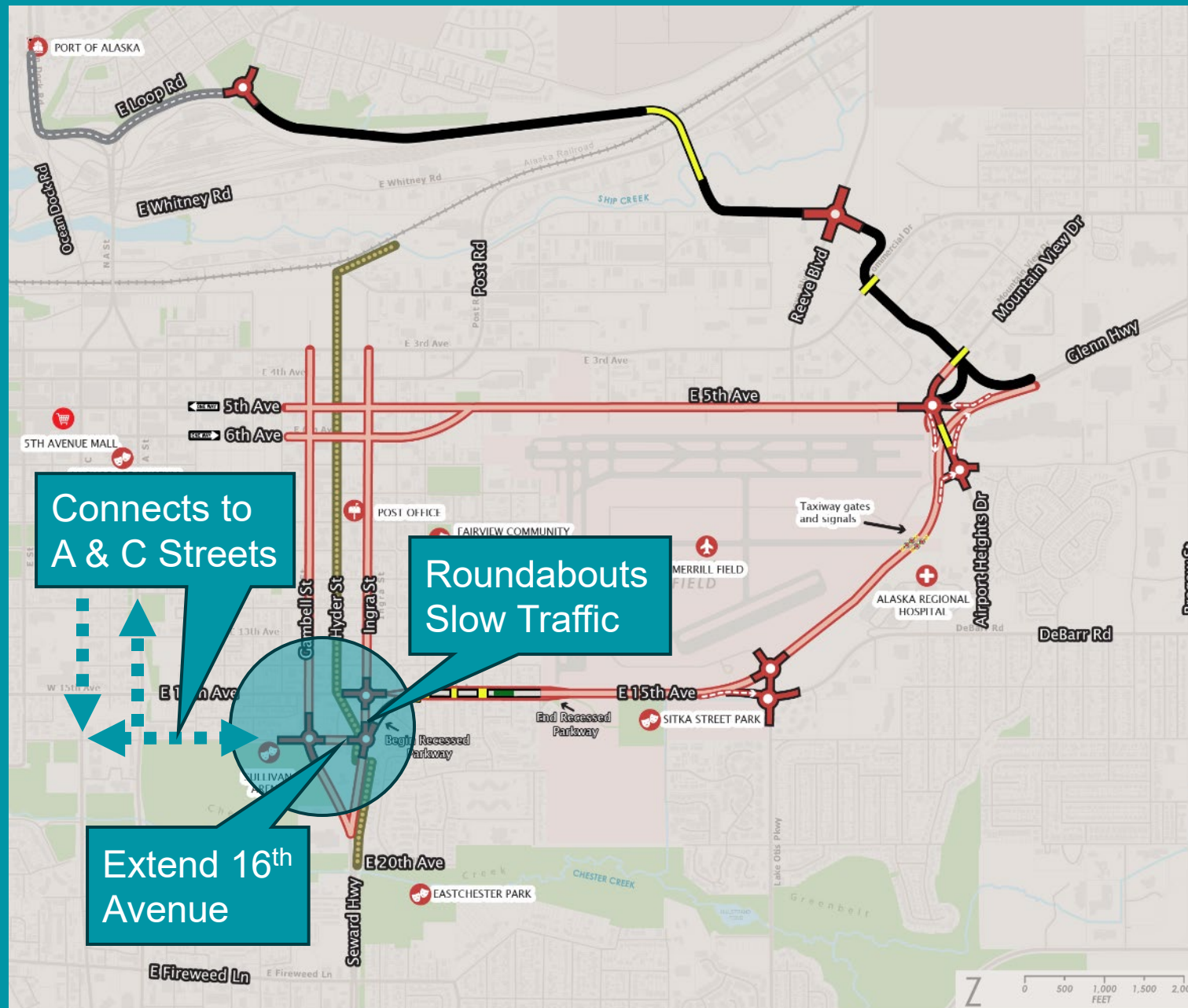


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## Fairview Bypass

### Extend 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- Roundabouts slow traffic entering urban core
- Manages arena/event traffic
- Connects to A-C couplet
- Draws traffic away from Ingra/Gambell & 15th

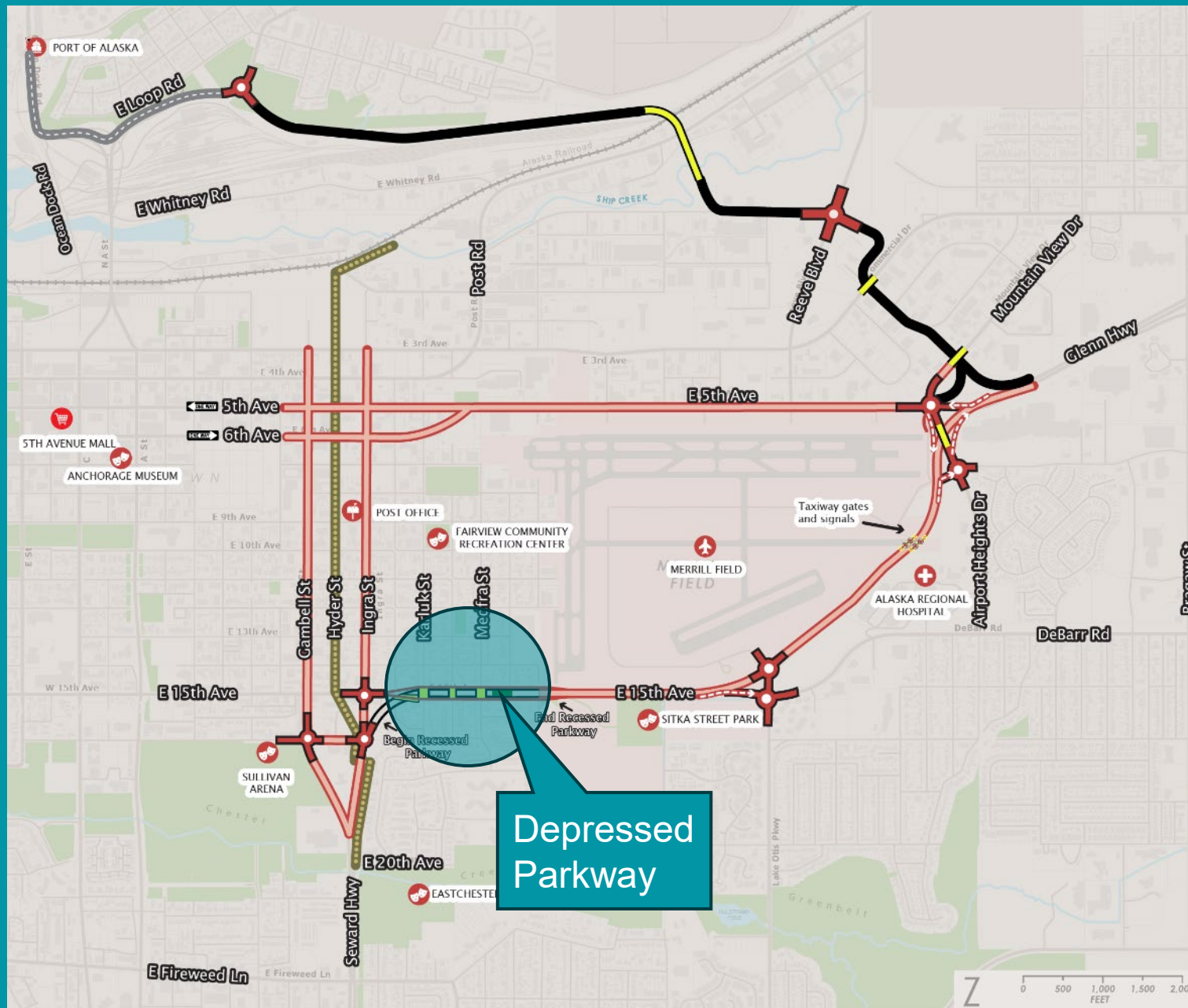


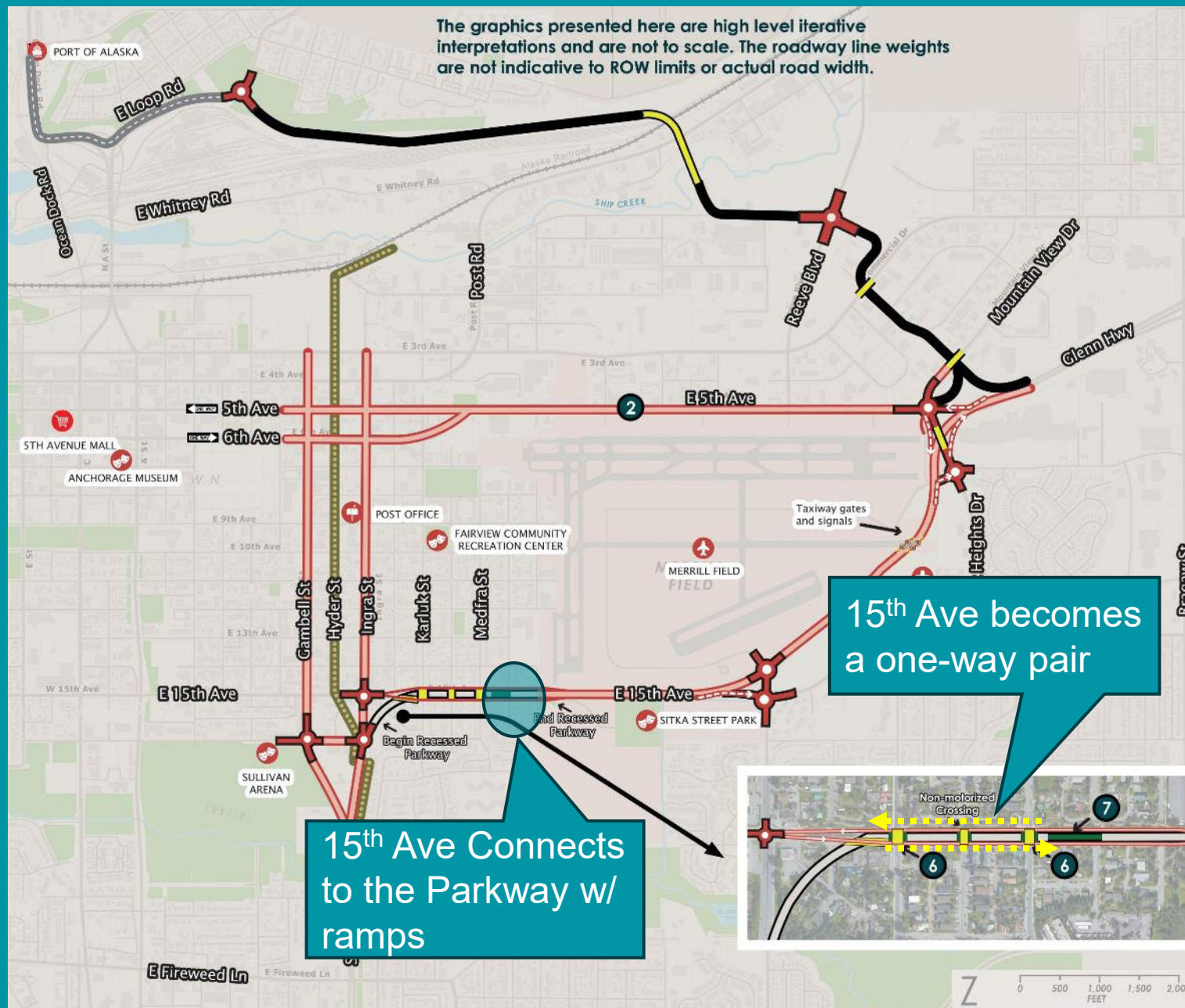


## Fairview Bypass

A Depressed Parkway through South Fairview

- To maintain cohesion
- Improve safety
- Reduce livability impacts





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## Fairview Bypass

### A Depressed Parkway through South Fairview

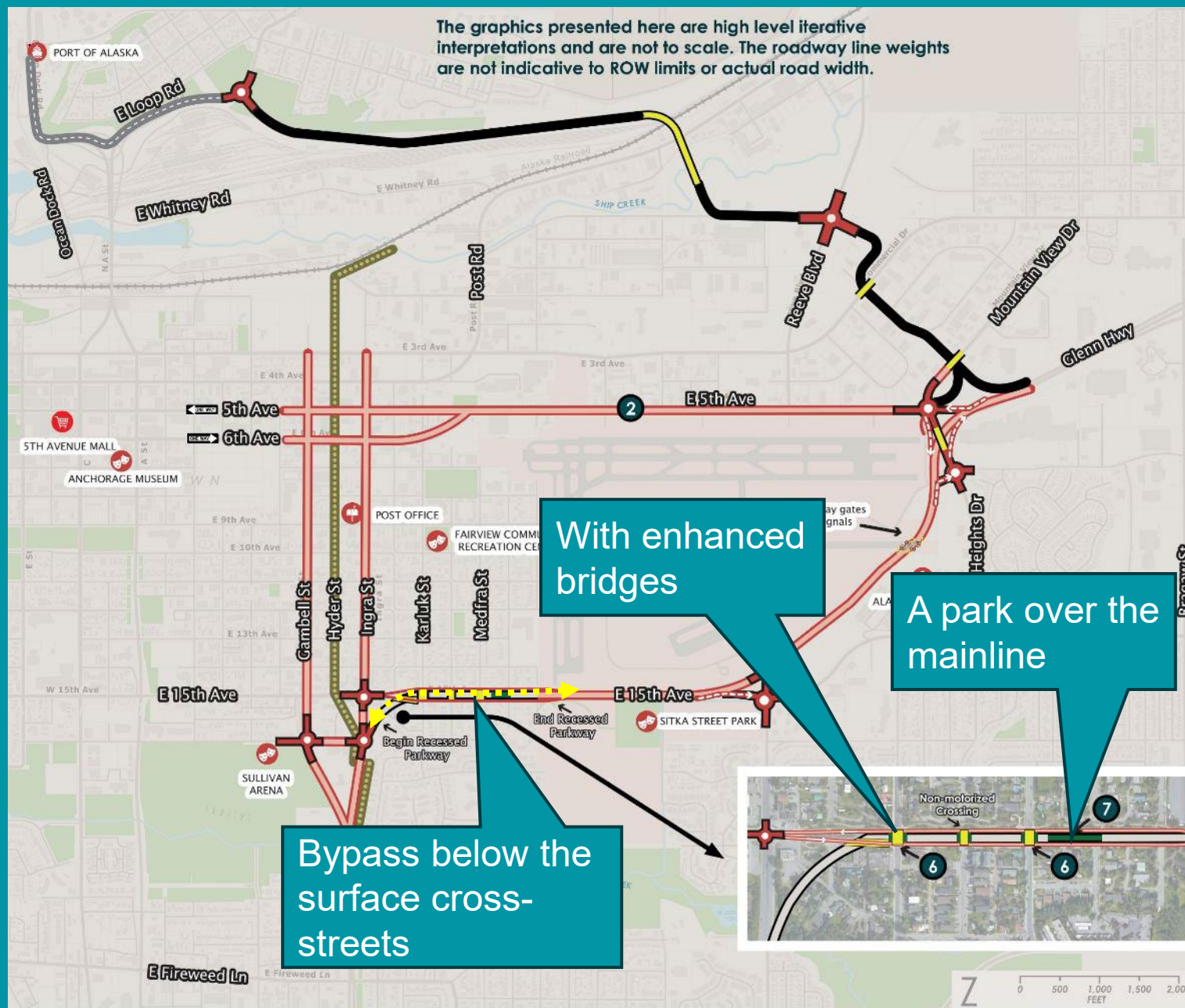
- Maintain neighborhood cohesion
- Improve safety & connectivity
- Reduce livability impacts



## Fairview Bypass

A depressed Parkway through South Fairview

- To maintain cohesion
- Improve safety
- Reduce livability impacts
- Hides vehicles below





## An aerial photograph of a city intersection. A multi-lane road labeled 'Parkway' runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top center. Another road labeled 'Neighborhood Street' runs diagonally from the bottom right towards the top center, intersecting with Parkway. To the left of Parkway, there are railroad tracks and a body of water. The intersection area is marked with a green 'X' and a blue callout box labeled 'Park Lid' pointing to a small green area. A pedestrian crossing is visible on Neighborhood Street near the intersection. The surrounding area is filled with green trees and grass.

- Includes a park-style 'lid'
- Often referred to as a, "cut & cover park"

## Example from Duluth, MN



## Fairview Bypass

Enhanced Bridge Crossings

- Karluk St
- Medfra St

Improved Neighborhood Connectivity

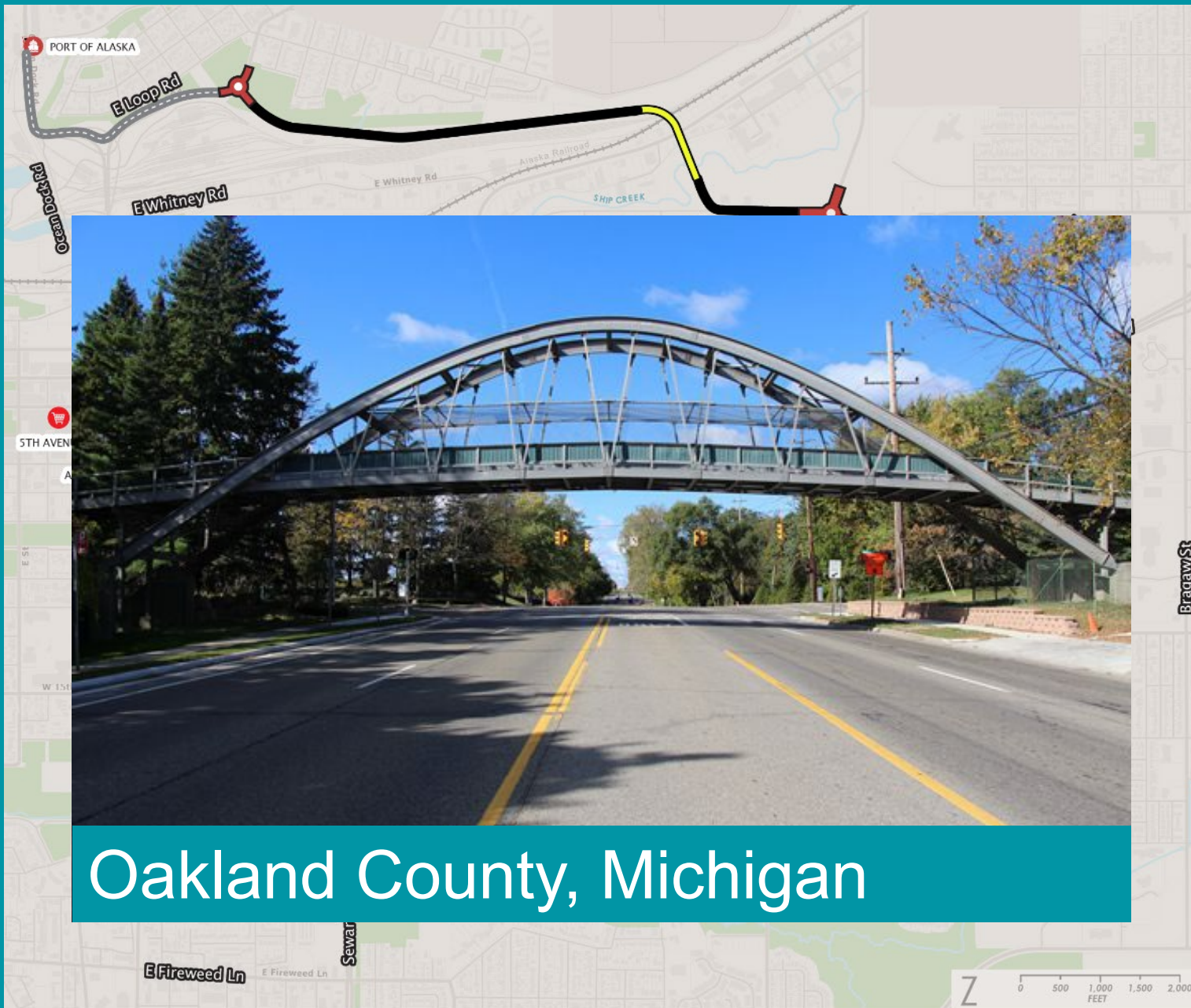


## Fairview Bypass

### New Nonmotorized Bridge Connections

- Latouche St
- Nelchina St

Oakland County, Michigan

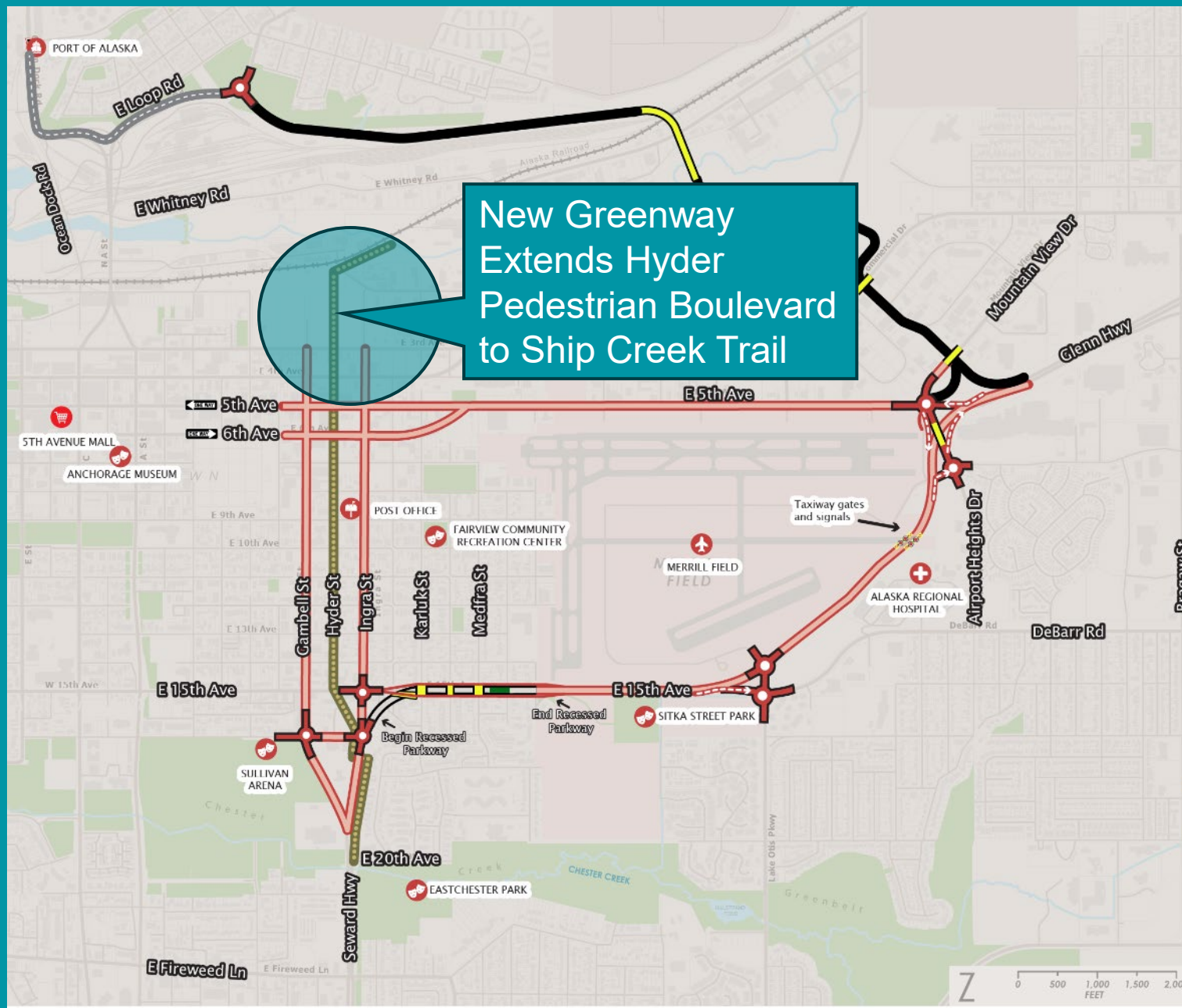




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# New Greenway: Extend Hyder Pedestrian Boulevard

- Improved connectivity for people walking & biking
- New recreational opportunities



# Seward ↔ Glenn CONNECTION

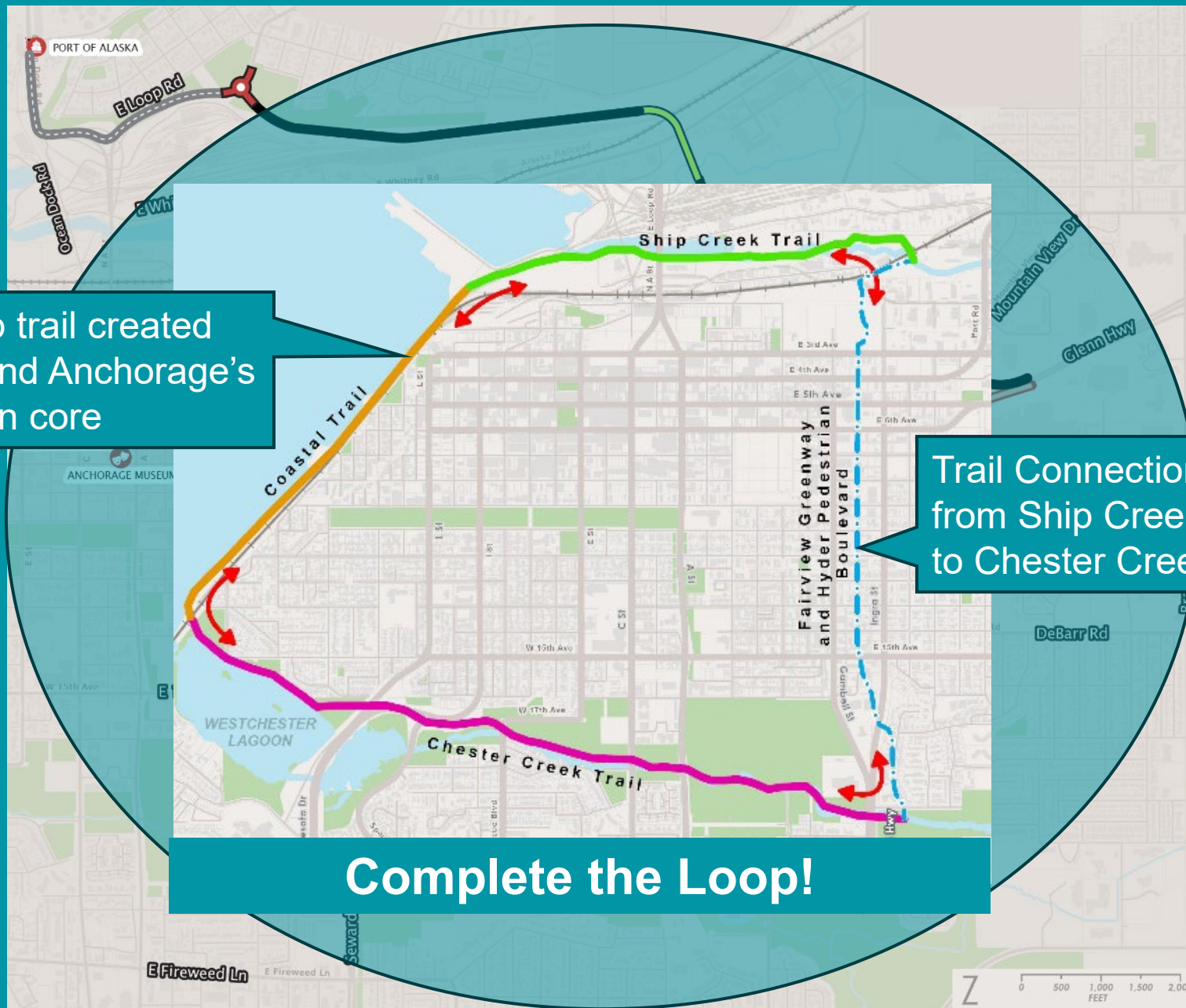
## New Greenway: Extend Hyder Pedestrian Boulevard

- Create a loop Trail
- Quality of life
- Benefits everyone

Loop trail created  
around Anchorage's  
urban core

Trail Connection  
from Ship Creek  
to Chester Creek

**Complete the Loop!**





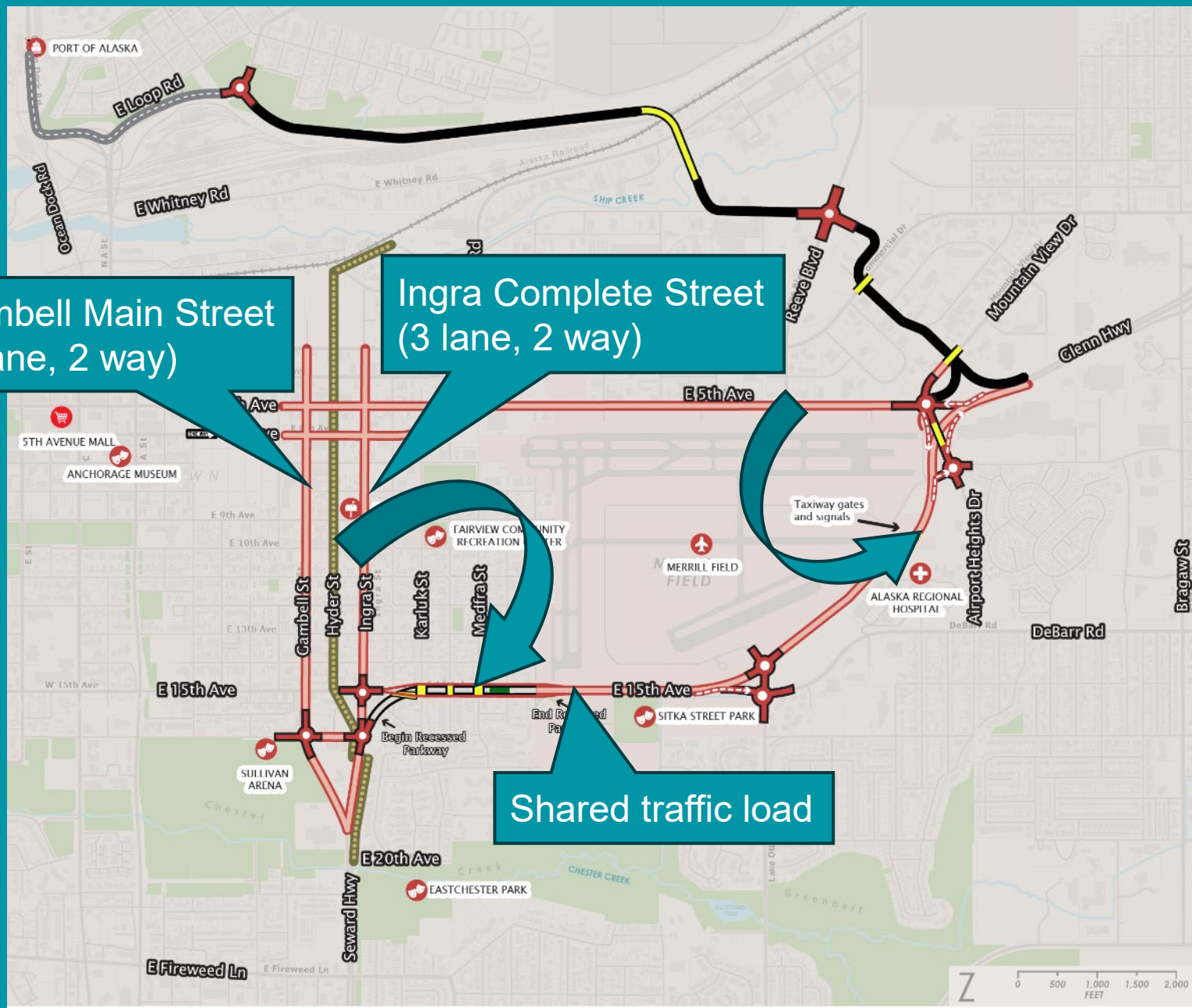
## Gambell Main Street & Ingra Complete Street

- Enabled by new parkway connection

Gambell Main Street  
(2 lane, 2 way)

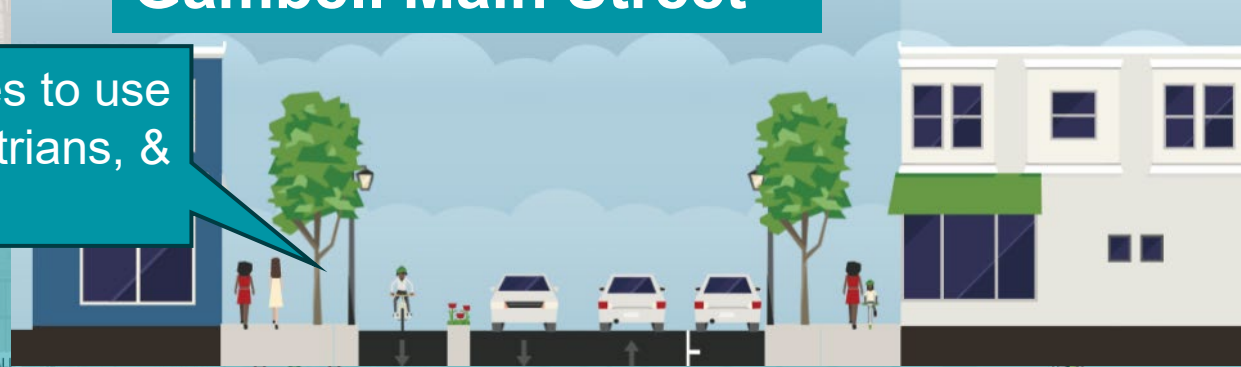
Ingra Complete Street  
(3 lane, 2 way)

Shared traffic load



## Gambell Main Street

Removes 2 lanes to use for bikes, pedestrians, & landscaping



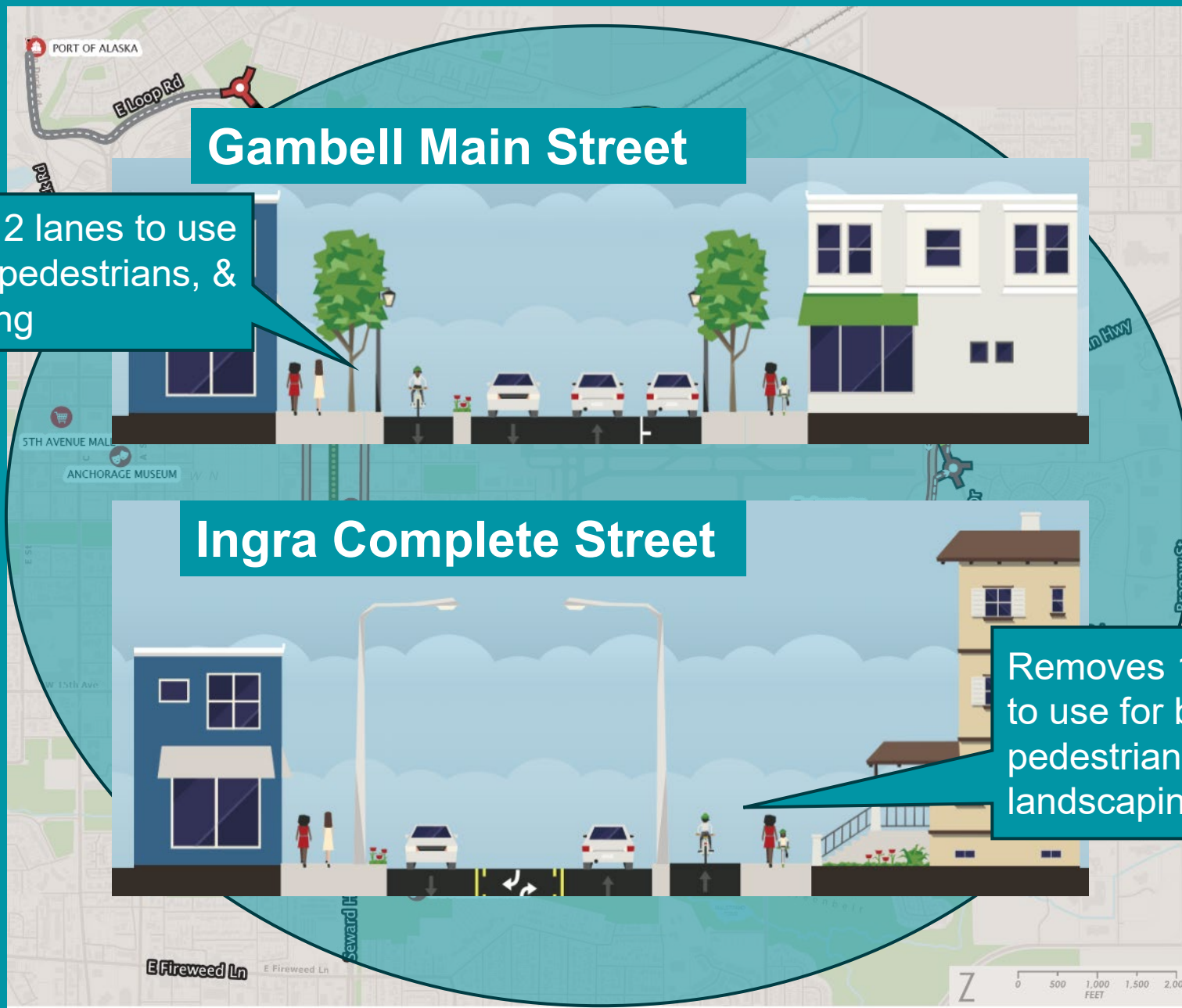
## Ingra Complete Street

Removes 1 lane to use for bikes, pedestrians, & landscaping



## Gambell & Ingra Recommendations

- Supports Reconnecting Fairview efforts & goals





**FAIRNESS**  
for FAIRVIEW  
**IT'S TIME.**



# Reconnecting Fairview Corridor Plan

Lindsey Hajduk, she/her | Director of Community Engagement & External Affairs

*Dena'inaq elnen'aa' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)*

*I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)*

Translated by Joel Isaak & Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart



October 2025



# For today

Share our latest efforts in Fairview to heal the Gambell-Ingra Corridor.



Local partnership between NeighborWorks and Fairview Community Council



Outlining a phased vision that incorporates MOA & State efforts into a Corridor Plan for Fairview





## Our Mission

NeighborWorks® Alaska is dedicated to improving lives by creating opportunities for people to live in affordable homes and strong communities.

Merrill Crossing property

Leadership support

Committee

Partnerships



# Community Council



Community Gardens



Fairview Block Party



Revitalization



Transportation



202<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

# Reconnecting Fairview

Community-led solutions to reimagine the  
Gambell and Ingra Street corridor

“they put the freeway through there, it knocked out a lot of the businesses, you know, (made it) difficult to walk across the street. There was no consultation with the neighborhood. They just came in and bulldozed it and set it up.”

2015 “An Oral and Written History of Fairview: Past, Present, & Future.” David Reamer, @ANC\_Historian





# Why a Corridor Plan?



- Define **local community priorities** to inform decision making.
- Ensure transportation recommendations are in alignment with a **long-term land use and economic vision for Fairview.**
- Identify opportunities for **low-cost, scalable transportation improvements** that feed into the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other near-term funding.
- Incorporate PEL long-term recommendations into a **phased, roadmap for long-term transportation improvements and vision for the corridor.**

*This effort is a partnership between Fairview Community Council and NeighborWorks Alaska.*



# Plan Vision



**The Reconnecting Fairview Corridor Plan will result in:**

*Community-led solutions to reimagine the Gambell-Ingra corridor*

**Throughout this effort, we aspire to:**



Center equity and community-driven solutions



Foster participatory planning, engaging community members and building trust



Identify opportunities to address key challenges caused by divisive infrastructure

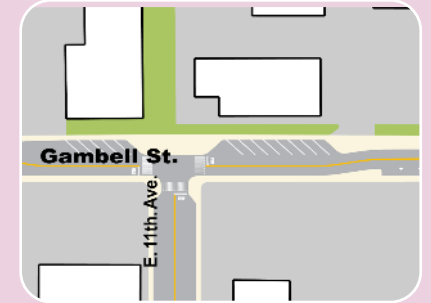
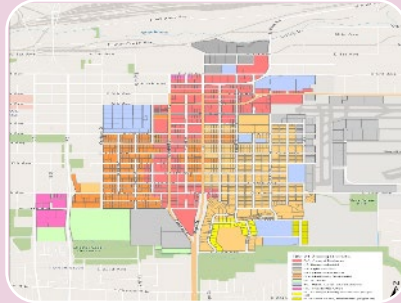


Strengthen community resilience and livability



Establish a clear path forward for implementation roles and responsibilities

# Plan Areas of Focus



Identify existing **transportation gaps and opportunities**

Define priorities for **economic revitalization and land use**

Integrate **multimodal transportation** performance metrics into decisionmaking

Create a phased **design vision** for Gambell, Hyder, & Ingra

Adopt a Corridor Plan that outlines **clear next steps** for funding, implementation, and delivery

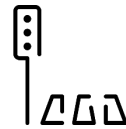


# Key Design Elements

*Opportunities for creating a **safe, multi-modal, and vibrant** Winter City*



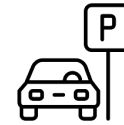
Lane  
reductions



Traffic  
calming



Bike, walk,  
roll access



Parking



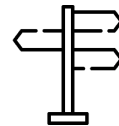
Transit  
infrastructure



Snow storage



Lighting



Wayfinding



Landscaping



Site-specific  
placemaking

# For Feedback: Gambell Street

*Gambell Street as a **vibrant main street** that prioritizes active modes and invites people to spend time in Fairview.*



## Key Ideas:

- 1) Gambell Main Street with one lane in each direction
- 2) Summer parking lanes on both sides that serve as snow storage in winter
- 3) Shared use travel lanes with bicycles
- 4) Marked crosswalks throughout corridor
- 5) Lateral shift between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> avenues at bottom of hill



# For Feedback: Gambell Street

*Gambell Street as a **vibrant main street** that prioritizes active modes and invites people to spend time in Fairview.*



Winter



Summer



# For Feedback: Hyder Street

*Hyder as a Pedestrian Boulevard and community thoroughfare for active modes between Chester Creek and Ship Creek.*



**Winter**



**Summer**

*Option 1: Wider sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians year-round and provide snow storage in winter; shared car and bicycle slow street*



# For Feedback: Hyder Street

*Hyder as a Pedestrian Boulevard and community thoroughfare for active modes between Chester Creek and Ship Creek.*



**Winter**



**Summer**

*Option 2: A shared mixed-use path for pedestrians and bicycles; a planted median between the path and travel lanes that provide summer landscaping and winter snow storage*

# For Feedback: Ingra Street

*Ingra will serve as a higher-capacity alternative to Gambell, with dedicated space for bicyclists and improved sidewalks.*



## Key Ideas:

- 1) One lane in each direction with center two-way left turn lane
- 2) Bicycle lanes in both directions
- 3) Wider sidewalks



# For Feedback: Ingra Street

*Ingra will serve as a higher-capacity alternative to Gambell, with dedicated space for bicyclists and improved sidewalks.*



Winter



Summer

# Defining a Phased Design Vision

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We want  
to hear  
from you!

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Where is the highest need and priority for improvements?

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Where can we consider “quick wins” for short-term, low-cost?

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What are our long-term actions for the corridor?

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Where is there synergy with the vision and plans of other neighborhoods?

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Who are the partners and what is the capacity to implement?

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# Project Schedule





# Stay Involved

## Reconnecting Fairview Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month | 5:00 PM Fairview Rec Center

## Fairview Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month | 6:30 PM Fairview Rec Center

## Fairview Collaborative Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month | 5:00 PM NeighborWorks Alaska

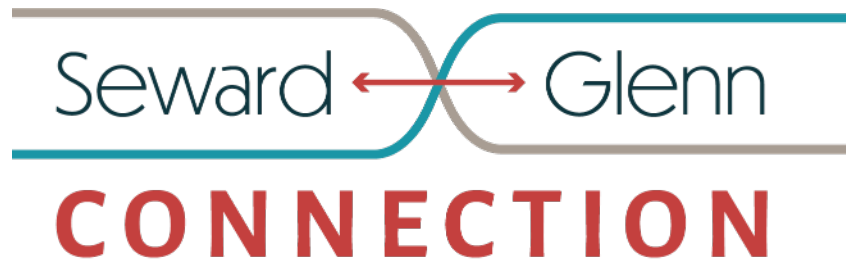


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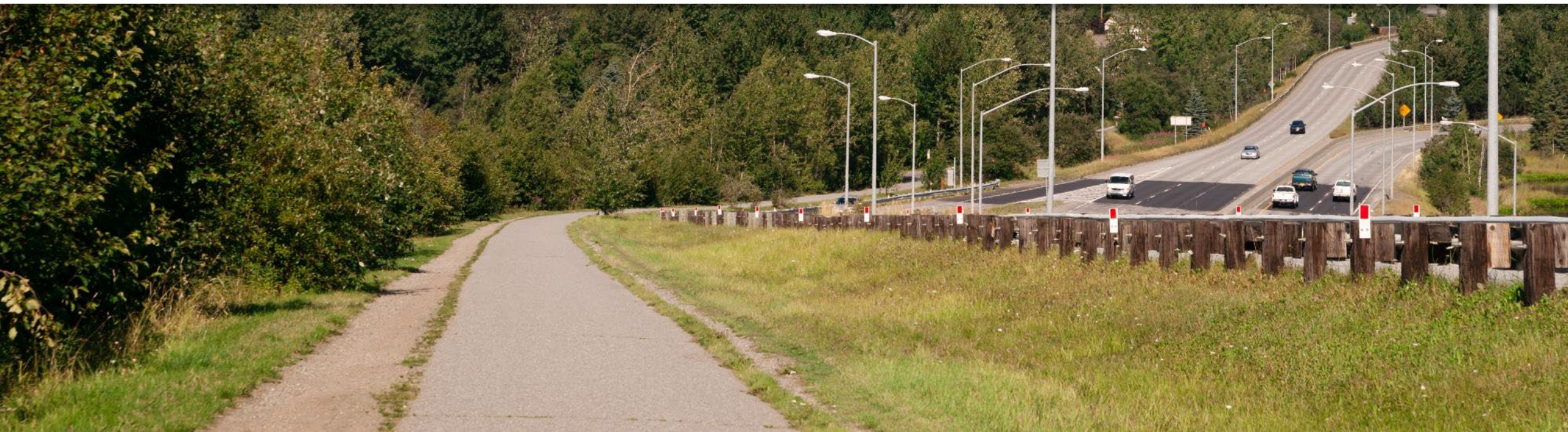
For future events, follow  
[FairviewAK.org](https://FairviewAK.org)







## Next Steps & Poster Session





# Next Steps



## GETTING TO THE FINAL PEL STUDY REPORT:

- Draft PEL Study reports released October 20
- Public comment period (October 21-November 21)
- Address comments and publish final PEL in early 2026



## AFTER THE PEL:

- ✓ **Changes must be adopted into the MTP** (either in the next update or via an amendment)
- ✓ **Projects need to be prioritized and funded** through the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

### Each project will undergo:

- ✓ **Environmental (NEPA) and preliminary engineering**
- ✓ **Multiple opportunities for public comment**
- ✓ **ROW acquisition (as needed)**
- ✓ **Final design**
- ✓ **Construction**



# Poster Session!

- **During the poster session...**

- ✓ Ask questions of the project teams
- ✓ Collaborate to help deliver the best outcome for the community



- **Before you leave (or shortly after)...**

- ✓ Provide detailed WRITTEN comments, with a focus on:
  - *PEL = The preferred alternative & draft report content*
  - *Reconnecting Fairview = Ideas presented for Gambell/Ingra*

# We Want Your Input!



## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

October 21, 2025 –  
November 21, 2025



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