



### **Agency Scoping Meeting**

<b>Project:</b>	Midtown Corridor Improvements, Denali Street Area Benson Blvd to Tudor Road
<b>Project No:</b>	MOA: 16-28 R&M: 2517.01
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provide project information and receive agency comments
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, August 9, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	MOA Transit Conference Room
<b>Meeting Attendance:</b>	27 (see attached sign-in sheet)
<b>Project Team Staff:</b>	MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, PM&E Russ Oswald, PE, LS, Project Manager Melinda Tsu, PE, Project Administrator R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. Marc Frutiger, PE, PTOE, Project Manager Van Le, AICP, Planning & Public Involvement Manager Morgan Welch, PE, Staff Engineer KINNEY ENGINEERING Jeanne Bowie, PE, PhD, PTOE, Traffic Engineer James Smith, PE, Traffic Engineer Brendan Hafele, Traffic Engineer
<b>Meeting Reporter:</b>	Morgan Welch, Van Le, and Marc Frutiger
<b>Attachments:</b>	Presentation slides Sign-In sheet

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Foreword

This was a joint meeting with the *West 32nd Ave and E 33rd Ave Upgrades – Arctic Blvd to Old Seward Hwy* (16-29) project. Even though some of the discussion and Q&A pertained to both projects, the focus of this summary is the *Midtown Corridor Improvements, Denali Street Area Benson Blvd to Tudor Road* (16-28) project.

### Midtown Corridor Improvements, Denali Street Area Project Comments

- Homeless population lives in the former U.S. archives property on Denali (ownership will soon be transferred to MOA).
- DOT&PF supports extension of Denali project NORTH to Fireweed – for connectivity to Chester Creek trail system.
- Extension of 36th Ave project to C-Street was suggested.
- Midtown Traffic Congestion Relief (Seward Hwy/36th interchange) project is back to the PEL report phase, “on hold” while they consider and evaluate the New Seward Hwy corridor and adjacent interchanges – drainage and ramp concerns at 36th with grade separation

**Q:** Will snow storage be discussed in the DSR?

**A:** Yes. R&M asked for snow removal unit costs to quantify the impacts of various alternatives.

**Q:** Will Carbon Fiber sidewalk technologies<sup>1</sup> be considered to keep them ice free?

**A:** We are considering use of this technology on bus stop sidewalks as suppliers and availability increases.

**Q:** Transit changes on 36th/Denali?

**A:** Contact Bart on changes to bus routes and stops - no more plans for a city transit center.

**Q:** The library parking lot is being used as a cut-through for 40th avenue traffic avoiding the 36th Ave corridor. Can this be addressed with the project?

**A:** R&M will research methods to discourage cut-through traffic.

**Q:** Any master planning addressing driveway entrances for the library?

**A:** The 2011 master plan calls for a rebuild of the parking lot, but there is no funding and building improvements will take precedence over the parking lot.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/10660/joey\\_yangs\\_quest\\_for\\_an\\_icefree\\_sidewalk/?a=https://arcticheattech.com/](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/10660/joey_yangs_quest_for_an_icefree_sidewalk/?a=https://arcticheattech.com/)

**Q:** There is no pedestrian connectivity from 36th Avenue directly to the library building so footpaths have emerged – can the midtown project include a connection?

**A:** The Midtown project is already considering the use of library property to gain pathway separation and perhaps a spur to the library could be constructed, however road and drainage bonds cannot be used to build this connection.

**Q:** Are there any utilities projects planned in project area?

**A:** From various utility owners:

- ML&P no current projects, but direct bury of services into conduit systems is likely with project. With a 35% submittal ML&P will advance their plan. Transmission Main has to stay above ground.
- AWWU has sufficient water supply in the area, but may consider spot replacements of suspect/aged pipe.
- GCI: the corridor has a lot of fiber, with major lines serving business and namely the banks. GCI will relocate any aerial into underground conduits and duct systems. Dashed locate lines are for GCI and dotted locate lines are for ACS.

### **General Comments (apply to both projects)**

- Street Maintenance
  - Midtown snow storage is at a premium, road diet would help as long as 7' "buffer" width for temp storage, 36<sup>th</sup> Ave is a "snow storage haul route" – all snow must be removed from the corridor.
  - Northwood snow site closed last year, may have to commercial day haul to C-street dump. Snow storage sites are over-capacity already. Capacity is an issue
  - Snow removal priority: (1) Road (2) Sidewalk (3) Bike lanes. Bike lanes will be used as temporary snow storage
  - On-street parking on corridors makes snow removal difficult
  - If heated sidewalks are planned, please transition between heated and not-heated segments to avoid vertical ice buildup (causes damage to equipment, plows, etc)
- Mature landscaping is valued by business owners
- Large distances between blocks leads to mid-block crossings
- Cost Factor: the MOA has a \$20 Million deficit right now, additional snow removal will cost money, city taxpayers are concerned with projects which are 100% city funded.

- Assembly in favor of road diets, loves the Spenard Road project. Example: Bosco's used rain garden on site.
- Huge issue exists with homeless trespassing and hiding in offices overnight afterhours. As a result, business owners have increased security and operating costs.
- OECD is available to coordinate open house(s) and handing out fliers at library.

**Q:** Who is responsible for sidewalk clearing in midtown?

**A:** Officially, the property owners are responsible based on business district rules, but MOA just ends up clearing them. MOA maintenance goal is to have all sidewalks cleared in 72 hours after a snow event. Enforcement of property owner snow removal is difficult.

**Q:** Is there any way to quantify increase in maintenance costs based on different alternatives?

**A:** Having adequate snow storage is best

**Q:** Will the MOA consider alternate side of the street parking like NYC?

**A:** MOA tried 16 years ago in North Mountain View but it mostly failed due to lack of commitment to patrol and to enforce the laws.

**Q:** Will we consider applying for joint infrastructure co-funding through DEC for the sidewalk improvements or green infrastructure – rain gardens, landscape buffer , etc.? (DEC) Cushman Street project as an example.

**A:** MOA is placing an emphasis on Green Infrastructure (formerly LID).

### **32<sup>nd</sup> & 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave Upgrades Project Comments**

- Existing Type 2 C&G promotes parking on sidewalks
- Adjacent Full frontage driveways/parking back directly on to public roads
- CRW is considering extending 32<sup>nd</sup>-33<sup>rd</sup> pathway across south end of AWWU property
- Bike facilities (including sensing equipment) crossing DOT roads (i.e. C street) require permits and coordination and approval by DOT.

The meeting concluded at the scheduled time of 3:00 PM.



# MIDTOWN

CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Denali Street Area - Benson Blvd To Tudor Rd

**Joint Agency Scoping Meeting  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



# Project Team

- PM&E
  - Project Manager: Russ Oswald, PE, PLS
  - Project Administrator: Melinda Tsu, PE
  
- R&M
  - Project Manager: Marc Frutiger, PE, PTOE
  - Planner/PI Lead: Van Le, AICP
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# Project Limits



# Project Goals & Objectives

Roadway	Goals
Denali Street	Encourage Mixed-Use Development Expand Transportation Options Promote Livability Improve maintainability
36th Avenue	Maintain Mobility Extend Service Life Enhance Connectivity Improve maintainability

## VISION ZERO

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# Connectivity

High level of midblock crossings  
between Communications Ave and  
Tudor Rd



# Crash History

## Predominant Crash Types:

- Right Angle Crashes
- Rear End Crashes
- Sideswipe Crashes
- Left Turn Versus Opposing Traffic Crashes



# Existing Conditions & Challenges

Pedestrian Accessibility  
& Temporary Snow Storage



Lack of Bicycle Facilities





# Existing Conditions & Challenges

## Transit Facilities & Limited Right-of-Way Widths



## Street Lighting & Utility Conflicts in Sidewalks



# Existing Conditions & Challenges

Mid Block Crossings



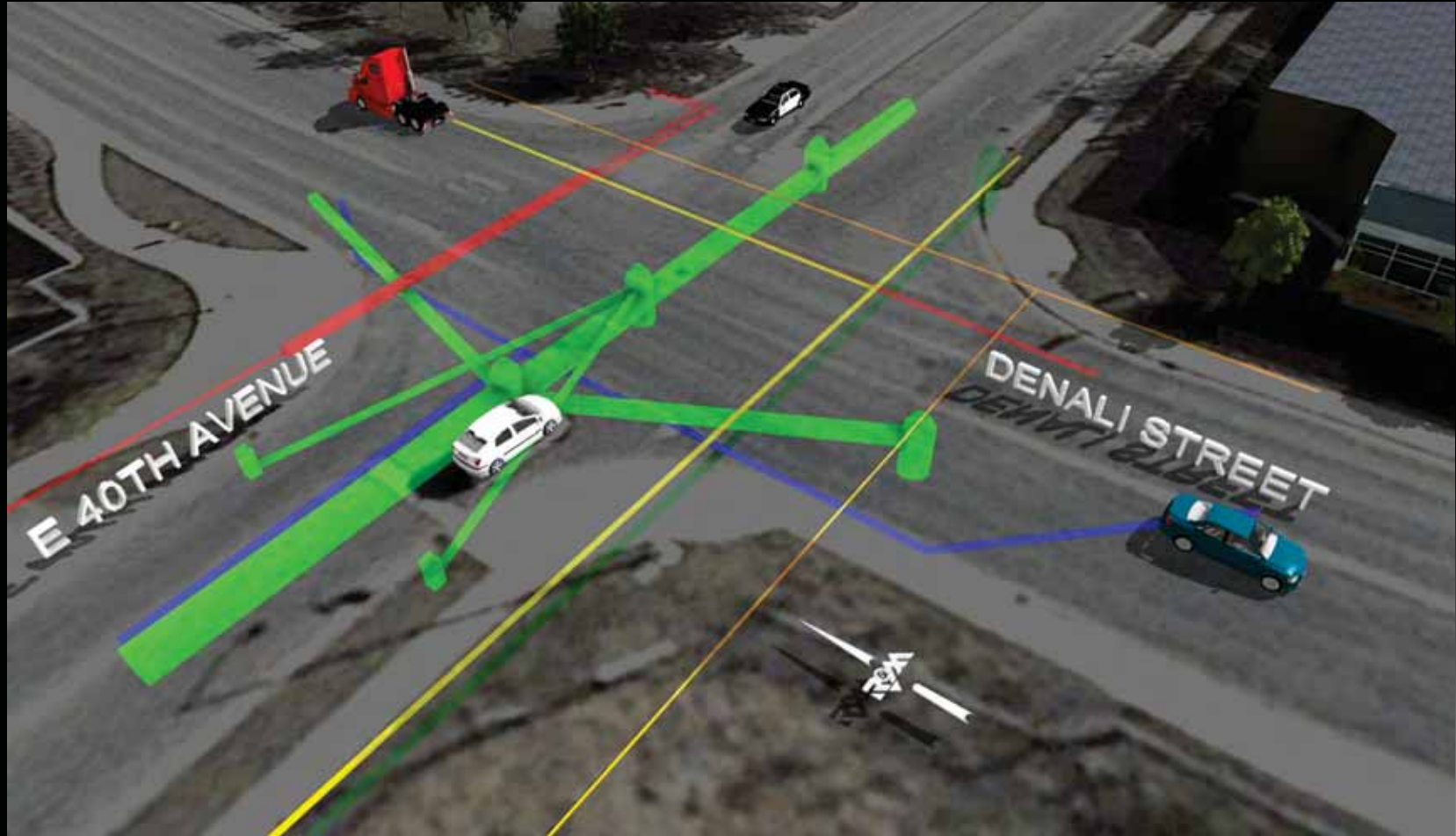
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# Existing Conditions & Challenges

## Utilities

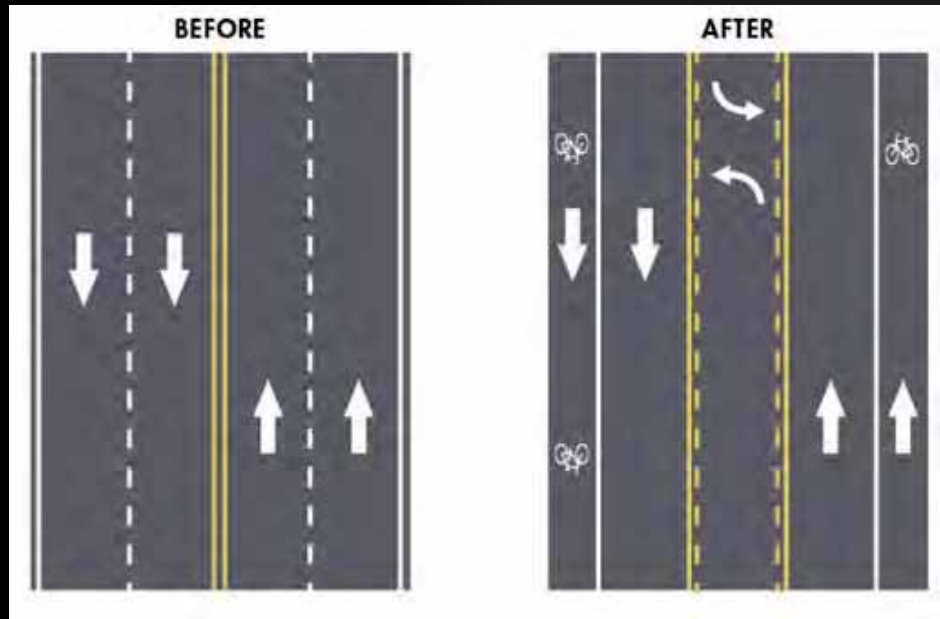


# Work completed to-date

- Right-of-Way survey
- Traffic movement counts
- Speed measurements
- Project website
- Meeting with Community Council and Bike Anchorage



# Road Diet



- FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure
- Crash Reduction of 19 to 47%
- Reallocate right-of-way width for non-motorized facilities
- Create a “Complete Streets” Environment encouraging more livable spaces

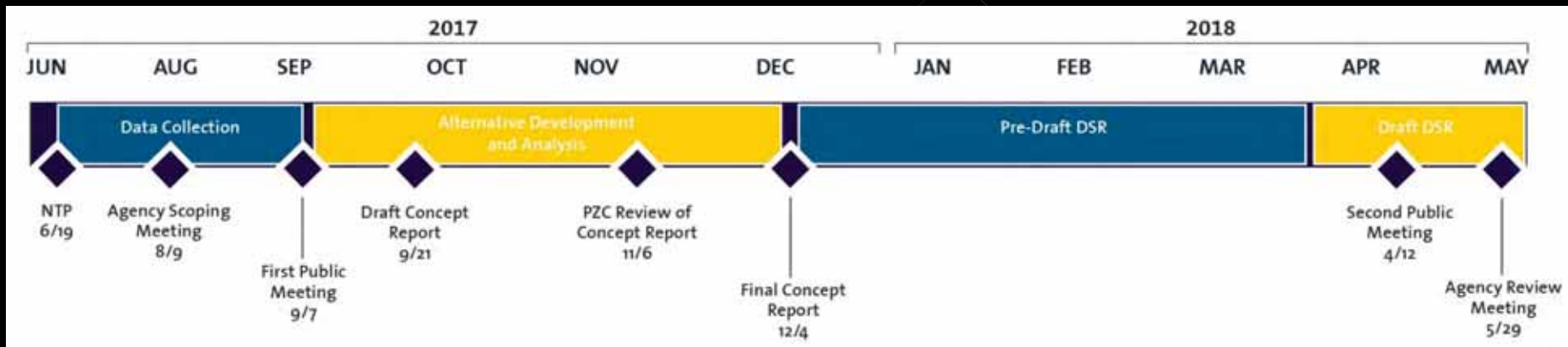


# Denali Road Diet Visualization





# Project Schedule





# Thank you! Questions?

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**Project Name:** Midtown Roads

**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017

**Meeting Held At:** Transit Conference Room

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Midtown Roads - Joint Agency Scoping Meeting**

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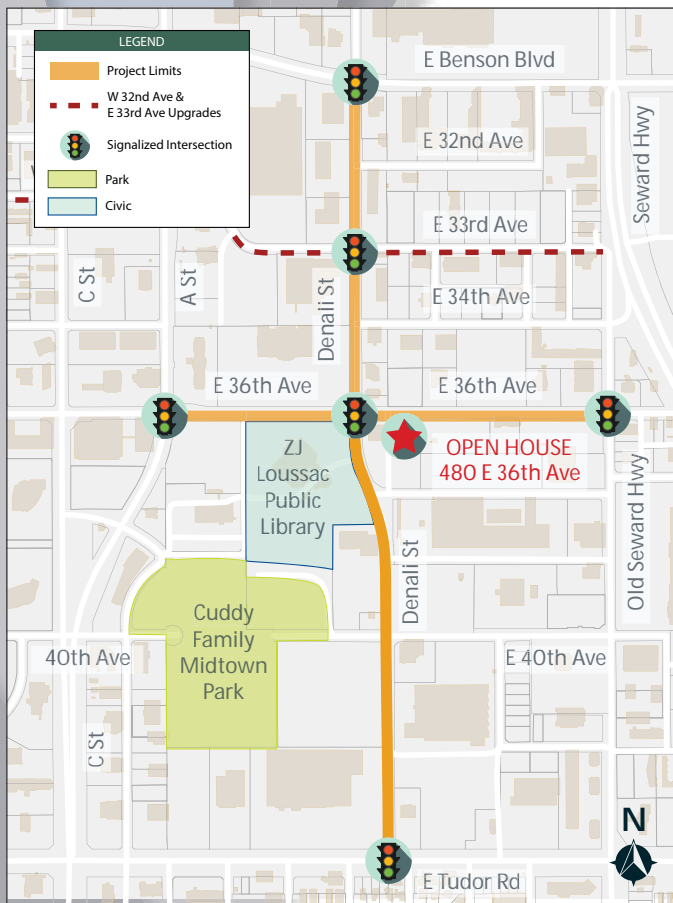


# MIDTOWN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Denali Street Area – Benson Blvd To Tudor Rd

## Open House #1 – Issues Identification | **October 5, 2017**

from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Stewart Title Company – 480 E 36th Ave



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**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:12:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [MOA Midtown Corridor Roads Joint Community Councils Meeting Sign In 7-18....pdf](#)  
[PME Midtown Denali Fact-Sheet 07-17-2017.pdf](#)

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Hi Russ and Melinda,

Below is a summary of the joint community council (CC) scoping meeting held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Attendees (see attached sign-in sheet)

- PM&E: Russ Oswald, Melinda Tsu (on phone), and Jason Bockenstedt
- R&M: Marc Frutiger, Van Le
- CRW: Matt Edge, Holly Spoth-Torres
- Midtown CC: Peggy Robinson
- Bike Anchorage: Brian Lindamood, Stephen Schell

I. Introductions and scope

- a. After individual introductions, Marc and Matt outlined the project limits, broad purpose and need, and work performed to-date.
- b. Representatives from the following CCs were invited: Spenard, Northstar, Midtown, and Tudor. Only Midtown was in attendance.
- c. Peggy, Brian, and Stephen were asked to share their thoughts regarding the corridors.

II. Midtown CC feedback

- a. Many pedestrians cross Denali between Lowes and Home Depot.
- b. In favor of a road diet with the addition of bike lanes (e.g. Arctic).
- c. Inebriates/homeless are a major concerns for midtown business owners and residents. They tarnish the image of midtown and are safety concerns.
- d. Doesn't see many possibilities along 36<sup>th</sup>.

III. Bike Anchorage feedback

- a. Interested in logical connectivity and considerations for an area-wide network.
- b. Include DOT&PF, since they border the project corridor on multiple sides.
- c. Remove/relocate sidewalk obstructions, particularly on 36<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Consider extending the project to Fireweed, a heavily used bike corridor. PM&E will consider.
- e. The major intersections pose the greatest impediment to bike traffic; require close study.
- f. 40<sup>th</sup> is used today as an east-west connection, extending through Cuddy Family Midtown Park.
- g. Business driveways are a safety concern for bikers.
- h. Perhaps limit 36<sup>th</sup> (bike/ped) improvements and focus those efforts on Denali (N-S) and 32<sup>nd</sup>/33<sup>rd</sup> (E-W).



IV. Next steps

- a. The attendees were handed a project fact sheet (see attached).
- b. A joint agency mtg will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, with an open house scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> for Midtown Corridor – Denali.

Please let me know if your recollection differs from ours.

Thanks,

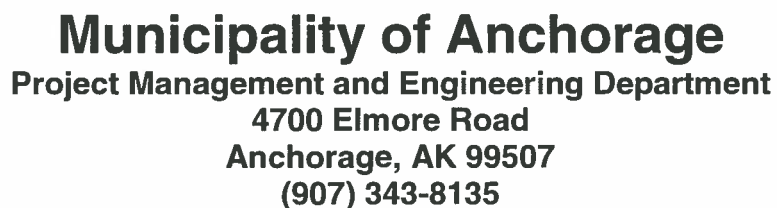
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**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Meeting Held At: PME Conf. B

Time: 4:00 PM

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# **AGENDA**

Midtown Community Council – September 13, 2017 – Noon

**New Location: 3000 C Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

1. SIGN-IN, QUORUM ESTABLISHMENT, AND CALL TO ORDER – Peggy Robinson, President
2. APPROVAL OF MTCC AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MTCC MINUTES OF August 9, 2017.
4. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES
5. FCC & PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Calls for Service at Arctic Benson Park – Data from APD
6. HEARING NOTICES RECEIVED:
  - a. The renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 has been received from MOA Clerk's Office. Included with the agenda is the list of licenses within MTCC up for renewal. If we want to request a public hearing on any of them, that request, in the form of a resolution, is due to the Clerk's Office by October 15, 2017, shortly after our October meeting. Action item on the October agenda.
  - b. Two Land Use Planning notices have been received: 2017-0095 modifying Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations and 2017-0110 Amending AMC to Establish a New R-3A Zoning District. Comments from Community Council are due September 11 and 18, respectively.
7. PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Denali Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements Project. Open House October 5, 5:30-7pm. Stewart Title Company, 480 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Van Le, AICP, P&M Consultants & Russ Oswald, PE, PLS, MOA PM&E.
8. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion of alcohol problems in area around 36<sup>th</sup> & Arctic/Arctic Benson Park. Owners of In and Out Liquor Store, Ken Kang, and Mom and Pop's Liquor Store, Eddy Lee, invited.
9. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Nominations open at this meeting and October meeting for 7 Board Positions for leadership of the council for 2017-2018: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, 4 Board Seats. Further nominations and elections at October meeting.
10. PUBLIC COMMENT
11. AJOURN



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**Thursday, October 5, 2017 | 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Open House will be held at: Stewart Title Company – 480 E 36th Ave, Anchorage 99503

Join us after work for Open House #1. Light refreshments will be served.

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**480 E 36th Avenue**

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Join us for the first public open house to identify issues and opportunities for all users on Denali Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A mapping exercise and questionnaire will be used to help us identify what issues matter to you!

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**WHERE: Stewart Title**

480 E 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK, 99503

The Municipality of Anchorage, Project Management and Engineering Department is beginning this project to evaluate complete street opportunities

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for Denali Street and 36 Avenue. Please visit the project website for more information!

<http://www.midtownimprovementsdenali.com/>

If you have questions, please contact a member of the project team:

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<b>Attachments:</b>	Display Boards, Sign-In sheets, Comment Forms

## MEETING SUMMARY

The first public open house for the Midtown Corridor Improvements: Denali Street Area Benson Blvd to Tudor Rd project began at the scheduled time of 5:30 pm at Stewart Title Company. As attendees entered the building, they were greeted by Taryn Oleson and signed in. Taryn then provided an explanation of the meeting's objectives and organization. Four display boards were set up in the main area providing general project information including existing conditions and challenges of the corridor, land use and area bike connectivity, crash map data, and examples of complete streets typology.



Two large scroll plots of the project area were on a table in the conference room where attendees were encouraged to write down issues and concerns they have about the existing Midtown Corridor. Marc Frutiger, Van Le, Jason Osburn and Melinda Tsu were floating between the conference room and display boards providing project information and answering questions.



A station with comment forms and project information sheets was set up near the sign in station and display boards. Light snacks and refreshments were served.

The meeting concluded at the scheduled time of 7:00 pm.

## **Midtown Corridor Improvements, Denali Street Area Project Comments**

The following comments were received through hand written comment forms and comments written directly on the project area scroll plots. Numbers in parenthesis at the end of a comment represent the number of times that comment was repeated.

### **Pedestrian and Bicycle Access**

- An issue not addressed as shown is improving bike access from Spenard to library and 36<sup>th</sup> offices.
- Terrible pedestrian crossing entering Lowe's parking lot from Denali St. due to incoming cars
- Need pedestrian overpass at New Seward Highway and Benson
- Can't get to this portion of Midtown from Rogers Park/U-Med due to (present) limited pedestrian/bike access across Seward Highway and (future) announced plans to further reduce cross-highway pedestrian/bike access (x2)
- Sidewalks too narrow for bikes and pedestrians – and sidewalk too often broken by driveways for safe biking.
- Sidewalks too narrow for bikes and pedestrians to share.
- The project boards already seem to identify the problems with narrow sidewalks, obstacles in them, poor visibility, and lack of bicycle facilities.
- Intersections don't have enough room for cyclists in traffic. It becomes difficult not to ride on the sidewalk (and get too close to pedestrians) because the shoulders are narrow especially at intersections.
- Lack of on-road bike infrastructure on both Denali and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Denali St. and E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. an uncontrolled intersection, making it hard to cross.
- Need safer bike infrastructure on Benson and Northern Lights
- Need bike boxes at Denali St. and 36<sup>th</sup>
- Ensure all bike infrastructure continues across New Seward on 36<sup>th</sup> and to Arctic Blvd. This is critical connectivity between other destination and bike lanes on Arctic.
- No sidewalk along B Street, between 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.



## Traffic

- Crossing Seward Highway at either 36<sup>th</sup> or Northern Lights, even with walk lights, takes 2 full cycles and close to a run... and that's only if drivers actually stop for red lights. I avoid the road on 36<sup>th</sup> Street between Denali and Seward Highway during rush hour. The traffic backs up all the way from Seward to Denali.
- 36<sup>th</sup> between Old Seward and A Street is too busy for bikes on the street. Considering how good 36<sup>th</sup> is for biking from Lake Otis to block before CH2M Hill, an almost out of scope challenge is setting riders from 36<sup>th</sup> west at New Seward to bike boulevard on 33<sup>rd</sup> – instead of continuous on 36<sup>th</sup> all the way west.
- I avoid Denali and 36<sup>th</sup> as much as possible. Going south on Denali, streets too busy most times of day.
- Although I often bicycle through the area delineated by Denali and 36<sup>th</sup> between Benson and Tudor, and Old Seward Highway and A Street, I avoid Denali and 36<sup>th</sup> as much as possible. Often use 40<sup>th</sup> to cross Denali to/from library – tough east-west intersection. From east, bikes must take middle lane (mandatory right turn, right lane).
- I live in Dimond-Jewel Lake and work downtown. Presently, I avoid midtown while bike commuting. I stay to the west (e.g. Lake Hood or Wisconsin). A nice alternative would be using the Campbell Creek path and heading north/south via Denali, a relatively quiet road.
- Dangerous driveway at Barrow St. in front of Natural Pantry
- Denali is not congested

## Speeding

- High traffic speed on both (36<sup>th</sup> and Denali), especially 36<sup>th</sup>.
- Cars drive fast in this (36<sup>th</sup> and Denali) stretch and visibility is poor.
- High speed issue on Denali St. (x2)
- Slower speed limits on Denali St.

## Intersections

- Intersections are challenging to navigate safely with wide roads and turn lanes.
- Need traffic light at 40<sup>th</sup> and Denali.
- Make sure intersection improvements align well with 33<sup>rd</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> road improvements for pedestrians/bikes
- Too many turning conflicts for off-road facilities to be safe (at 36<sup>th</sup> and Denali)
- Lots of turning conflicts at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Denali
- Benson to A Street double right turn a hazard
- Tough visibility for cars to go south on Denali from Telephone Ave.



## Connectivity

- Connection to the Chester Creek trail is a problem that should be addressed!
- Eureka – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Benson is good N-S route for bicycle. 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. – better E-W connector from 36<sup>th</sup>, but crossing at A is problematic.
- North-south issue relates to lack of N-S bike routes Lake Otis and A Street.
- Bikers cut across Cuddy Family Midtown Park in order to go from one end of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave to the other
- Highlight connection to Chester Creek Trail
- Good connection to Spenard from 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- Routes to Chester Creek could be part of the project

## Lack of Bicycle Facilities

- Bike lanes and removal of obstructions should extend west to Spenard Road.
- Denali St. needs bike lanes the whole way (via road and/or lane diet). Denali is way over built so should be no issue making space for bikes.
- Should be longer bike lanes – from UAA to Arctic.
- Add bike lanes the full length of Denali – separated if possible with road diet. (x4)
- Bike lanes on 36<sup>th</sup> and take steps to narrow road and slow down traffic.
- Make 32<sup>nd</sup> a bike boulevard. (x2)
- Physically separated bike lanes (curbs or poles) would be best, but a so-called “complete streets” approach like the new Spenard reconstruction would be a vast improvement.
- Denali St. could be a terrific north-south connector with improved line of sight and designated bike lanes on the pavement (reduce 4 motor vehicle lanes to 3).
- E 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. should be a bike boulevard. (x4)
- E 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. needs bike lanes. (x3)
- Separated bike lanes on Benson and Northern Lights
- Need bike lanes through Denali/Benson intersection and Denali/Northern Lights Blvd. (x2)
- Continuous bike lanes connecting 36<sup>th</sup> to Fireweed. (x2)
- Bike lanes to connect bike lanes on 36<sup>th</sup> to Arctic Blvd – Arctic bike infrastructure
- Transition into Tudor E-W path is critical. Need high visibility
- Bike lanes on E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. (x2)
- Better bike lane/sidewalk and visibility at Old Seward Highway and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave intersection
- Give intersection love at 40<sup>th</sup> and Denali St: E-W for bikes/pedestrians
- Need a bike boulevard on Calais Dr. and Midtown Pl.
- Need bike infrastructure on Denali between Benson and Fireweed: dash bike lanes through driveways, bike box at intersection, keep bike lanes at intersections
- Should have bike lanes (buffered) on Northern Lights and Benson

- Either road or lane diet would be afford the way to facilitate bike lanes
- Narrow lanes would be safer
- Connectivity (bike lanes) should go to Spenard Rd. especially with the redevelopment there.

#### Potential Accidents

- While biking in Anchorage – my two closest calls were both on Denali. One is marked on the map at the intersection of Denali and 32<sup>nd</sup>. I had right of way as I was taking on-road, going north. The car was on 32<sup>nd</sup>, rolling through stop sign and turning right onto Denali. If I hadn't shouted, he would have hit me.
- The other time was between Benson and Fireweed. Again, I was on the road going north and driver turned right into me. If I had not swerved, it would have been an accident. (x2)
- Denali and E Fireweed intersection: I was almost hit by a car turning right from Denali into the parking lot as I was riding north on Denali (x2)

#### Other Issues Identified

- **Landscaping and Vegetation**
  - Don't lose landscaping – there is nice stuff out there.
  - Clear vegetation on Denali St. in between Tudor and E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
  - Minimally, improve sight line by removing bush SW corner at 40<sup>th</sup> and Denali.
- **Other development projects:**
  - The lots identified are owned and intended for development by the Tatitlek Corporation and Chugach Alaska Corporation. A shared entrance and exit that extend between 34<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> are planned. The homeless issue is a challenge and we have experienced vehicle and property damage at 561 E. 36<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!
  - Potential driveway easement between 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - Empty lot on Denali St. between Tudor Rd. and E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave – housing? So consider more cars, driveways, etc.
- **Wayfinding**
  - Denali St. should have way finding signage for E-W 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. route.
  - Wayfinding at Tudor and Denali intersection for start/end.
  - Should have E-W wayfinding for 40<sup>th</sup> traveling.
- Move power poles on 36<sup>th</sup>, next to Spring Hill Suites
- A lot of pedestrians trying to cross Barrow St. and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. (x2)
- Separate sidewalks from 34<sup>th</sup> Ave for snow storage
- Bus stop improvements cut outs at corner of Denali St. and 36<sup>th</sup>



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5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM  
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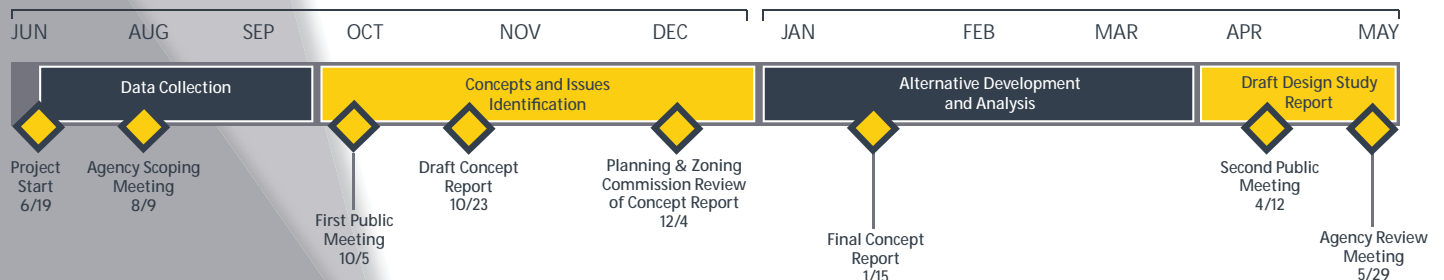
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The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Project Management and Engineering Department (PM&E) is beginning a transportation project to evaluate complete street opportunities for Denali Street and 36th Avenue.

## COMPLETE STREETS

Complete streets are inclusive of all users including motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The Midtown Corridor Improvements, Denali Street Area project is working to expand transportation opportunities, promote livability, and enhance connectivity in Midtown Anchorage.





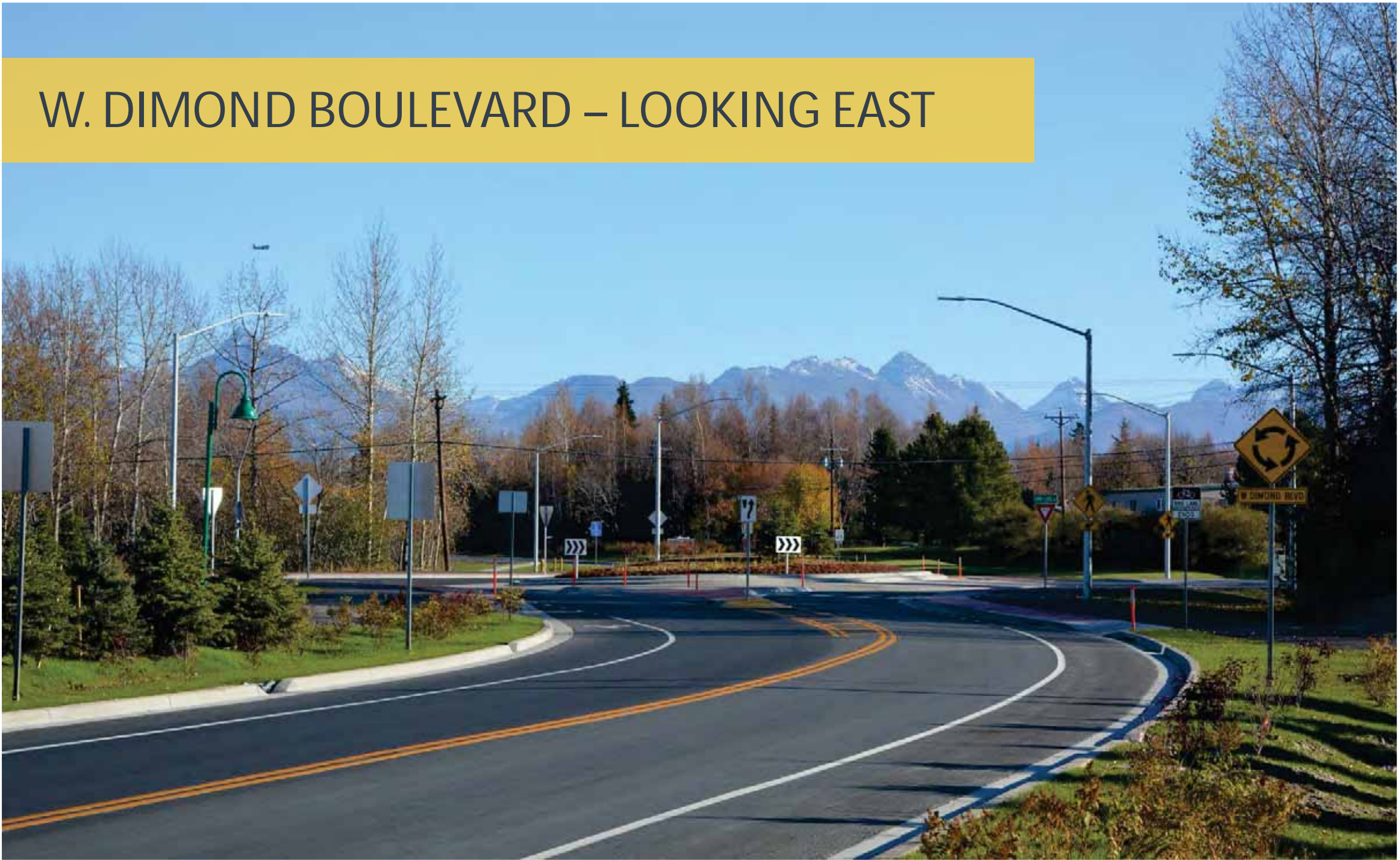
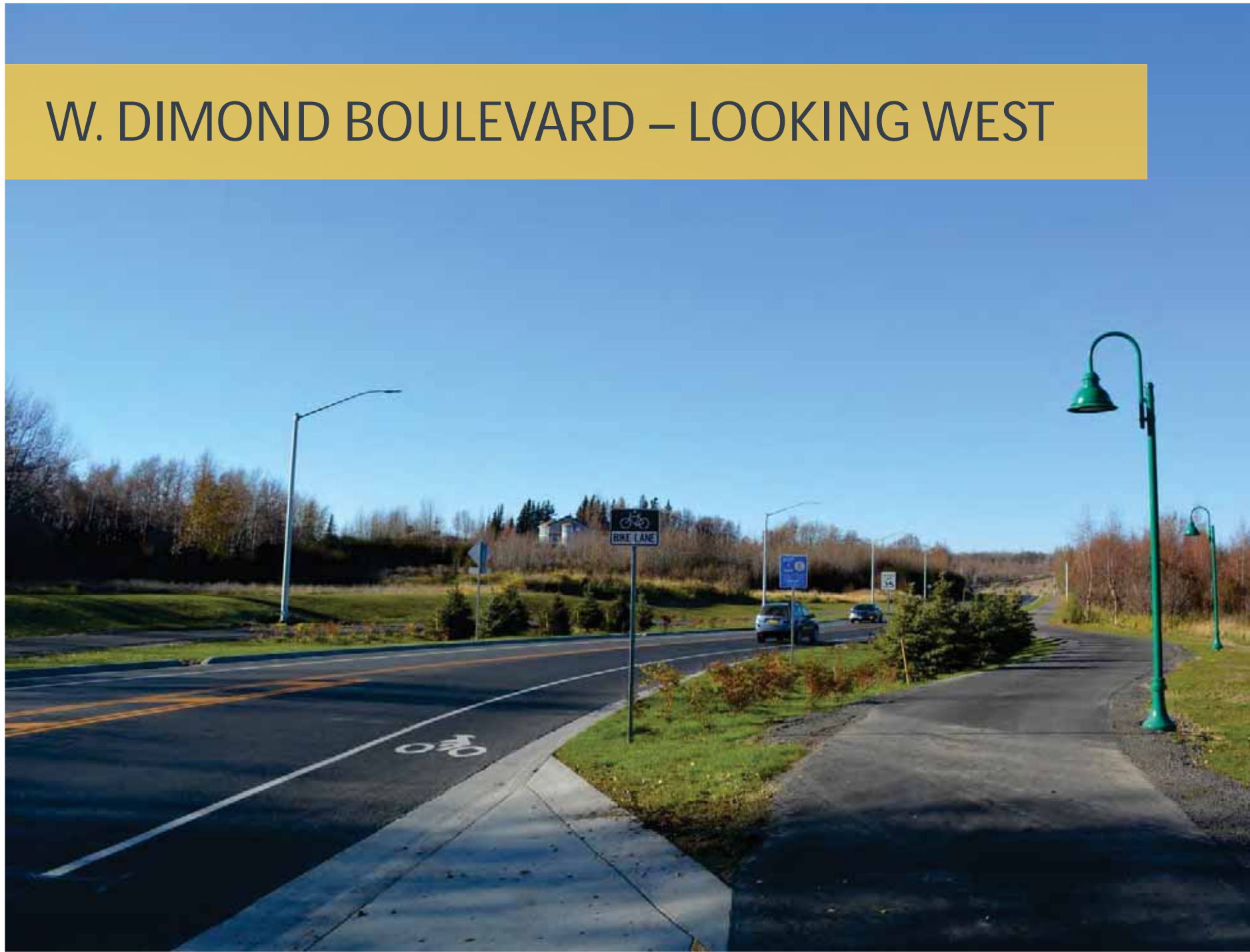
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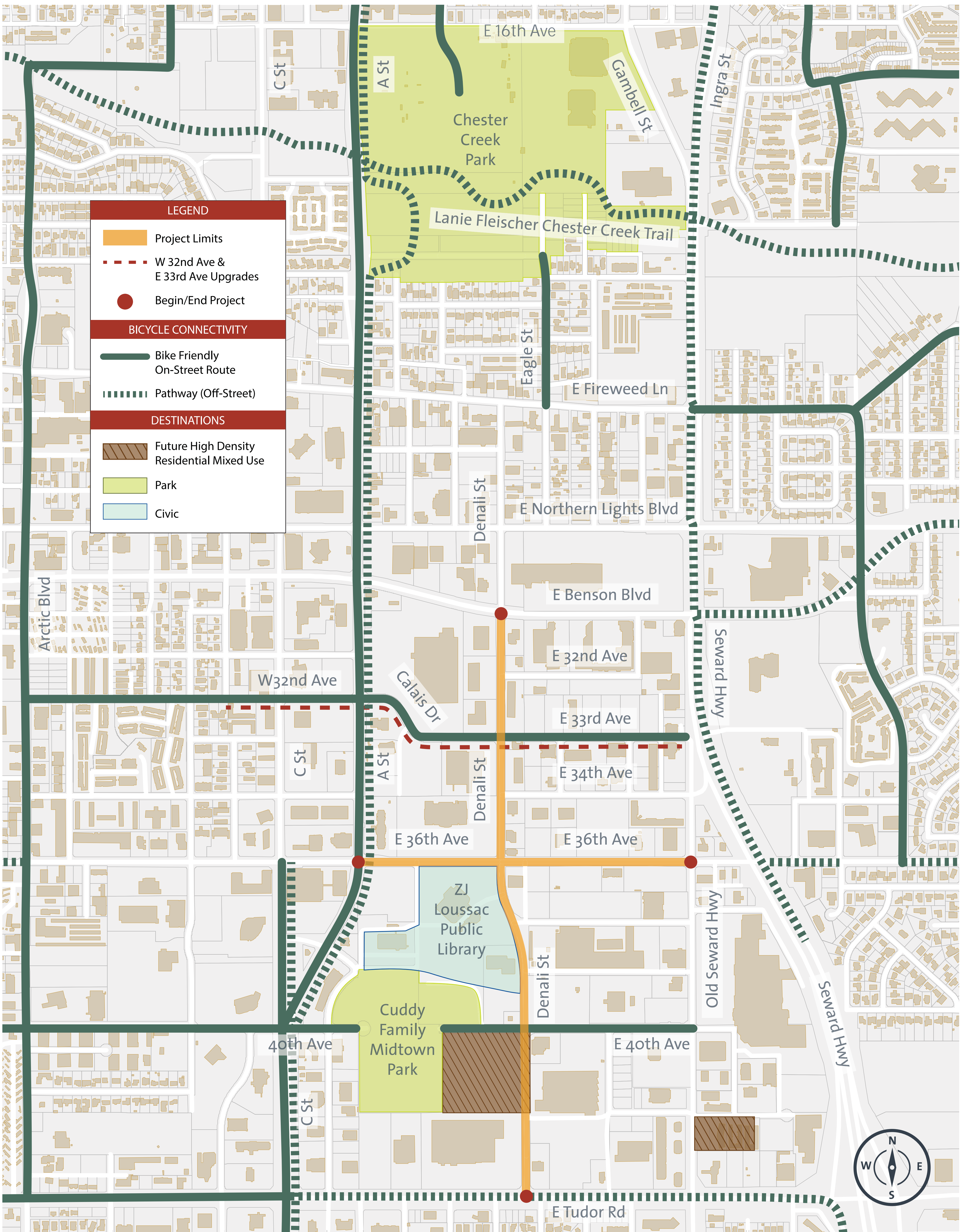






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ROAD SURFACE DETERIORATION



SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS



EXISTING CHALLENGES AND CONDITIONS



LACK OF BICYCLE FACILITIES



LIMITED SIDEWALK WIDTHS



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