

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-020**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS DESIGN STUDY REPORT FOR THE SEWARD HIGHWAY: 36TH AVENUE INTERCHANGE PROJECT, IN ANCHORAGE.

(Case 2022-0023)

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities for approval of a Context Sensitive Solutions Design Study Report for the Seward Highway: 36th Avenue Interchange Project, in accordance with *Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 21.03.190 Street and Trail Review*; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 2, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
1. A lengthy discussion did take place with the Commission in the past for this project, including the iterations for the last year and a half. This is a culmination of a lot of different ideas and plans and a lot of changes have been made since the original design. The design works.
 2. The compromises that have been reached here and the process by which this has gone through deserves to be complimented along with all the parties and stakeholders involved for coming together.
 3. The petitioner acknowledged an error in Table 2 on page 20 of the Design Study Report that should have not had any reference to 50 mph. This project will not change existing speeds on the Seward Highway.
 4. A short section of separated pathway or having the width necessary to one day add a separate pathway for bicycles would better meet the intent of the separated bikeway facility type for West 36th Avenue, as shown on page 84 of the *Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Non-Motorized Plan*.
- B. The Commission approves of the Loop Ramp Interchange Alternative 1 (Preferred) identified in the Context Sensitive Solutions Design Study Report for the Seward Highway: 36th Avenue Interchange Project, subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. The alternative must be substantially in compliance with the petitioner's application, narrative, submittals, and the plans on file at the Planning Department, except as modified by these conditions of approval.
2. Submit a Plans-in-Hand application to be reviewed by the Urban Design Commission to complete all phases of the Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project review with the Municipality.
3. Provide a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to Watershed Management Services for review prior to the start of the construction.

Advisory Comments:

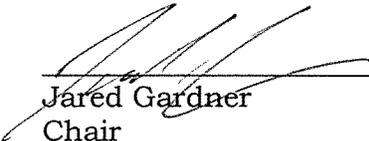
1. Ensure clarity for street names by making clear in project documents that the official street names have a directional component. East 36th Avenue, East Tudor Road, and East Benson Boulevard are the official street names.
2. Incorporate distinct streetscape features into the design of the frontage roads to meet the City Center land use designation surrounding them. Noise and visual impacts should also be considered for pedestrians within the City Center and for non-motorized travelers utilizing the areas with transit-supportive development and greenway supported development growth-supporting features as the project design moves forward. Urban housing is encouraged in City Center land use designations, which should also be considered as the project design moves forward.
3. Modify Table 2 in the Design Study Report to have the first bullet read: "Posted speed limit 45 mph between Benson Boulevard to 36th Avenue" and strike the remaining.
4. Design bicycle facilities on West 36th Avenue consistent with the *AMATS Non-Motorized Plan*.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission on the 2nd day of May 2022.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission this 6th day of June 2022. This written decision/resolution of the Planning and Zoning Commission is final, and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.050A.



Craig H. Lyon
Secretary



Jared Gardner
Chair

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