

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 12, 2015

TO: Urban Design Commission

THROUGH: Jerry T. Weaver, Jr., Community Development Director

FROM: *MOB* Margaret O'Brien, Senior Planner

APPLICANT: Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Planning, Development and Public Works

REPRESENTATIVE: Mark Kimerer, Bettisworth North Architects and Planners

SUBJECT: 2015-0067 Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive to Abbott Road Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review (Plans in Hand) for Academy Drive /Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements ADOT&PF and MOA Project #09-004

LOCATION: East of the Seward Hwy.; west of Toloff Street; south of Dimond Blvd. and north of Courage Drive

Background: The Office of Planning, Development and Public Works is requesting Plans In Hand review and approval of the Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements.

On April 7, 2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Draft Design Study Report (DSR) of the alignment for the connection of Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive to Abbott Road. This project is being done in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Seward Highway/92nd Avenue Grade Separation which is designed to help alleviate congestion in the Dimond Boulevard/Seward Highway area.

The ADOT&PF 92nd Avenue project will construct an additional east-west route for vehicle trips that would otherwise use the Seward Highway and Dimond Boulevard. 92nd Avenue will extend east, under the Seward Highway, and connect to Academy Drive. The extension of 92nd Avenue will: 1) improve area connectivity; 2) improve project area traffic capacity and reduce demand on Dimond Boulevard; and 3) improve pedestrian facilities. The existing Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive roadways are not designed to handle the expected traffic volumes resulting from the future connection to 92nd Avenue.

Proposal: The project goal is to upgrade the road to Class II Minor Arterial standards. The proposed upgrade is designed to:

- Provide an efficient and logical connection from the terminus of ADOT's proposed 92nd Avenue grade-separated connection from Academy Drive to Abbott Road;
- Upgrade the new alignment to current MOA minor arterial standards;
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities to improve connectivity and user experience;
- Evaluate and balance, to the extent practicable, impacts to local access, businesses, and adjacent neighborhoods.
- The posted speed limit will be 30 mph.

Furthers the goals and policies of the comprehensive development plan and conforms to the comprehensive development plan in the manner required by chapter 21.05.

Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan

- Policy #37: "Design, construct and maintain roadways or rights-of-way to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclist, transit users, the disabled, automobiles and trucks where appropriate.
- Policy #38: "Design, construct and maintain roadways or rights-of-way to promote and enhance physical connectivity within and between neighborhoods."

2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

To address capacity and circulation, constructing a grade separated intersection at the Seward Highway/92nd Avenue and then extending 92nd Avenue/Academy Drive from Brayton Drive to Abbott Road are included as short term projects (2011-2023) in the MTP.

2005 Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP)

Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive (north of Academy Drive) are classified as minor arterials.

Anchorage Pedestrian Plan 2007

One of the three components of the Anchorage Non-Motorized Plan, guides development in regards to providing a complete pedestrian network. The Pedestrian Plan does not identify any priority projects in the Design Study Report for the Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area.

Anchorage Bicycle Plan 2010

The Plan recommends on-street bicycle lanes and a multi-use pathway on Academy and Vanguard Drives.

Areawide Trails Plan 1997

The Plan identifies a multi-use paved trail along Academy and Vanguard Drives.

In accordance with AMC 21.15.025D., the Commission shall consider the following criteria:

Cost – The total budget is \$7.3 million. The landscape budget is \$268,870, of which the cost of plant materials comprises \$62,000.

Feasibility - The plants selected for the project are known to be hardy and have enjoyed long term use in Anchorage. The plant materials chosen for the project reflect those in current use in the area. The plantings are a mix of native and non-native species proven to be hardy and effective in transportation corridor plantings.

The External Impacts Generated by the Project on Adjacent Areas -

Currently, Academy Drive is a two-lane roadway with rolled curb and gutter. There are no pedestrian facilities or designated bicycle lanes.

The street improvements include two 11-foot lanes, with 3.5' shoulders and Type 1 barrier curb and gutter. The 3.5' shoulders will serve as bike lanes. An 8' pathway is proposed on the north side and a 5' sidewalk on the south side of the roadway with a 7'-0" separation buffer from the travel lanes.

The Extent to Which the Landscaping Elements Complement, Maintain, or Improve the Landscape Quality of Adjacent Neighborhoods and Areas -

The plantings consist of paper birch, maple, and Canada red deciduous trees, which are species that exist in neighborhood street plantings. Planting beds containing shrubs and perennials are located between the road and the walkway to improve the environment for pedestrians. Areas not covered with trees, shrubs and perennials, will be planted with a seed mix for a mowable lawn.

The Degree to Which the Landscape Elements Contribute to On-Site Use of the Project, Including Safe, Efficient, and Comfortable Public Use -

The landscape elements provide a calmer walking environment with a visually attractive atmosphere and a buffer from the noise of traffic. The plantings do not obstruct the clear vision triangles, which is safer for both motorists and

pedestrians. The pedestrian facilities are ADA compliant. Designated bike lanes are provided in the shoulders of the roadway.

The Visual Attractiveness of the Landscaping -

The selection of plant materials mirrors the landscape elements that exist within the surrounding neighborhoods and streetscape.

The Landscaping Elements' Enhancement of the Architecture of the Project, Including the Integration of Internal and Exterior Architectural Themes - Not applicable.

Plans In Hand Supplemental Review Criteria Questions, Continued - The Urban Design Commission shall consider the following criteria in reviewing public road projects.

The degree to which the design features contribute to on-site use of the road project. These features should enhance safe, efficient and comfortable public use.

- A pedestrian sidewalk and pathway separated from the vehicular travel lanes are provided where they did not exist before.
- Barrier curb and gutter is provided where it was not provided before.
- Shoulders, 3.5' wide, are provided where they were not provided before.
- A designated bike path is provided where it was not provided before.
- The pedestrian facilities are ADA compliant.
- The landscape elements provide for adequate sight distance triangles.

Effective use of winter cities design principles in our northern setting.

A 7 foot snow storage area is provided between the back of curb and the landscape along the shoulder of the roadway. A separated pathway and sidewalk is provided where feasible, providing space for pedestrian connectivity in the winter.

Describe the project's contribution to developing an attractive streetscape.

The landscape elements were chosen for the hardiness of the plantings that are known to survive in the Anchorage environment. The materials mirror those that exist in the surrounding neighborhood and streetscape. Mature existing trees are to be preserved to the greatest extent possible. Intersection improvements that will require the demolition of existing landscaping during construction of Academy Drive and Abbott Road will be replaced with new landscape plantings and mulch that match the theme of the rest of the property. Medians on Academy Drive will receive a red brick colored, running bond brick pattern with a textured concrete surface material to enhance the streetscape and provide visual interest.

AGENCY COMMENTS

1. Public Transit: Considering the proximity of the roadway connection and circulation opportunities for access to the South Anchorage Transit Center, it has been requested of the project to provide Transit Facilities on the proposed roadway. Currently no Transit Facilities exist, however when 92nd Avenue, and Academy Drive connect east to west under the Seward Highway (the new route) will become a desirable alternative transit alignment and improve circulation to the South Anchorage Transit Center. MOA Public Transportation requests that bus stop facilities be a condition of consideration for the new roadway.
2. Transportation Planning recommends:
 - a. Add a detailed lighting site plan or delineating where said lighting fixtures will occur on the site plans in the submittal.
 - b. Add a paragraph explaining how the bicycle and pedestrian improvements contained in this site plan work to complete the bicycle and pedestrian networks proposed in the *Anchorage Bike Plan* and *Anchorage Pedestrian Plan*.
 - c. Reference the latest addition of the *Official Streets and Highways Plan* (OS&HP). The most up-to-date version of the OS&HP was adopted by the Anchorage Assembly on June 24, 2014 by AO 2014-63.
 - d. Clearly delineate how the bike lane will transition to the shared use path along Academy Drive. Consider putting a shared bike marking on the road where right-of-way width does not allow a bike lane. The transition of the bike lane onto the shared use path can potentially cause conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians so clear delineation of how the cyclist gets to and off the path is helpful.
 - e. Clarify where the bicyclist is coming from to merge onto the bike lane at STA 227+00.
 - f. The refuge median at station 509+00 appears to jut out into the north side of the crosswalk going across Abbott Road. Is this intentional?
3. The Traffic Engineer is directly involved through collaboration with MOA PM&E, CRW Engineering, ADOT&PF and other stakeholders in making recommendations for the design and implementation of this intersection improvement project.
4. Long Range Planning:
 - a. Consider striping the cross walks on Hartzell Rd STA 226 to bring greater awareness to drivers making a right onto Hartzell from Academy that

there may be pedestrians or bicyclists crossing at that location. Likewise at the crosswalk on Vanguard Drive and Academy STA 222+50 as well.

- b. This area is identified as a Town Center in the Anchorage 2020.Comprehensive Plan. The landscaping on the corner of Academy Drive and Abbott Road may be a good location for a gateway feature at some future date.
 - c. An update on the phasing of this project would be useful and could help give reviewers an understanding of the scope of the overall project.
- 5. Building Safety had no comment.
 - 6. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities had no comment.
 - 7. Addressing had no comment.
 - 8. Private Development had no comment.
 - 9. Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility:
 - a. AWWU water and sanitary sewer are located within Vanguard Drive, Hartzell Road and Academy Drive.
 - b. AWWU has no objection to this site plan review.
 - c. AWWU requests that the AWWU Planning Department be involved in the upcoming design review and any construction that pertain to this project.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive to Abbott Road Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review (Plans in Hand) for Academy Drive /Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements ADOT&PF and MOA Project #09-004, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Resolve the location(s) of bus stop facilities along the new roadway with Municipal Public Transportation Department.
- 2. Add a detailed lighting site plan or delineating where said lighting fixtures will occur on the site plans in the submittal.
- 3. Add a paragraph explaining how the bicycle and pedestrian improvements contained in this site plan work to complete the bicycle and pedestrian networks proposed in the *Anchorage Bike Plan* and *Anchorage Pedestrian Plan*.

4. Reference the latest addition of the *Official Streets and Highways Plan* (OS&HP) adopted by the Anchorage Assembly on June 24, 2014 by AO 2014-63.
5. Delineate how the bike lane will transition to the shared use path along Academy Drive. Consider putting a shared bike marking on the road where right-of-way width does not allow a bike lane. The transition of the bike lane onto the shared use path can potentially cause conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians so clear delineation of how the cyclist gets to and off the path is helpful.
6. Clarify where the bicyclist is coming from to merge onto the bike lane at STA 227+00.
7. The refuge median at station 509+00 appears to jut out into the north side of the crosswalk going across Abbott Road. Correct plans, if required.
8. Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) requests that the AWWU Planning Department be involved in the upcoming design review and any construction that pertains to this project.
9. Consider striping the cross walks on Hartzell Rd STA 226 and at the crosswalk on Vanguard Drive and Academy STA 222+50 to bring greater awareness to drivers making a right onto Hartzell from Academy that there may be pedestrians or bicyclists crossing at that location.

(Case 2015-0067)

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APPLICATION

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Community Development Department

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

Title 21 Code Selection

For review and approval of my project, Academy Drive/ Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements, Brayton Drive to Abbott Road,
I choose to be regulated by:

☐ "Old" Title 21 (expires December 31, 2014)

☒ "New" Title 21 (becomes effective January 1, 2014)

I understand that my application will be reviewed and acted on using the provisions of the code version I have selected, and that this selection is final.*

Signature of Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

6/5/2015

Date

Mark Kimerer

Printed Name

*Should the petitioner wish to switch the applicable version of code at any time after this form is submitted, a new application is required and new application fees will be assessed. The case will then be scheduled as a new application in accordance with the cut-off date schedule.

For office use only:

2015-0067

Permit/Case Number

10/1/13

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



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Mayor Dan Sullivan

June 5, 2015

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department
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RE: Agency Authorization
Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation
Improvements
Brayton Drive to Abbott Road
MOA PM&E No. 09-04

The Project Management & Engineering Division (PM&E) hereby authorizes Bettisworth North, acting as a subconsultant through CRW Engineering Group, to act as PM&E's agent as regards the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements project. Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Kimerer at Bettisworth North, or Bill Johnson at CRW Engineering Group, with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Gillette".

Steven B. Gillette, P.E.
Project Manager
PM&E

cc: Duane Maney, Project Administrator
09-04 CS

Application for a Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department
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Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Please fill in the information asked for below.

PETITIONER (Municipal or State Project Manager)		PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE (IF ANY - Consultant)	
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PROJECT INFORMATION (SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)	
Project Name: Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements Brayton Drive to Abbott Road	MOA/ADOT Project #: 09-004
Community Council(s): Abbott Loop Community Council	
Project description (location): (use additional sheet if necessary) (SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)	

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SITE PLAN APPROVAL REQUESTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Context Sensitive Solutions Concept Report (Planning and Zoning Commission) <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Design Study Report (Planning and Zoning Commission) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plans in Hand (Urban Design Commission) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

I hereby certify that (I am)(I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a site plan review in conformance with Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal, Code of Ordinances. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the site plan. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission or Urban Design Commission for administrative reasons.

Date 6/3/2015	Signature (Agents must provide written proof of authorization) <i>Mark M Kimerer</i>
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Accepted by: <i>GF</i>	Poster & Affidavit:	Fee <i>\$5400.00 PD</i> <i>thru 2014-043</i> <i>DSR stage</i>	Case Number <i>2015-0067</i>
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REQUIRED SUBMITTALS (SEE EACH SECTION FOR APPLICATION TYPE BELOW)**CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS CONCEPT REPORT DOCUMENTATION**

- ☐ Transportation Project Site Plan Review Application with original signatures
- ☐ Concept report
- ☐ Environmental Analysis or Environmental Impact Study, if applicable
- ☐ Letter of Authorization, if applicable
- ☐ Project Description Form (CSS Attachment #1)
- ☐ 15 Sets of above noted documents; no agency routing other than Community Council(s)

DRAFT DESIGN STUDY REPORT (35% LEVEL OF DESIGN) DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ Transportation Project Site Plan Review Application with original signatures:
- ☐ Letter of Authorization, if applicable:
- ☐ Design Study Report Summary, including:
 1. Introduction
 - A. Location Map and Project Boundaries
 - B. Purpose
 - C. Need
 2. History (Project Origin) and Input from other Planning Documents
 - A. Anchorage Comprehensive Plan
 - B. Local Planning Studies/CIP/TIP/LRTP
 - C. Anchorage Pedestrian Plan or Areawide Trails Plan
 3. Existing Conditions
 - A. Right-of-Way Availability
 - B. Traffic Conditions
 - C. Pedestrian Conditions
 - D. Context (Land Use, Street Character)
 - E. Existing Landscape
 - F. Existing Utilities
 - G. Existing Drainage
 4. Design Standards

What Standard is the project being designed to? (Collector, Arterial, OSHP Classification, LRTP typology, etc.)

How do existing conditions impact the ability to meet those standards?
 5. Design Alternatives
 - A. Design narrative and graphic for each alternative considered. Note that the discussion of each alternative should address traffic (and traffic calming), parking, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and utilities (to include lighting), and right of way considerations (does right of way need to be purchased?)
 - B. Recommended Alternative with narrative (why is it recommended?) To include a discussion of the landscape approach and other enhancements (gateway features, fencing, etc.)
 6. Public Involvement Summary
 7. Rough Estimated Project Cost
 8. Maintenance Considerations
 9. Response to comments from Concept Report Review
 10. Appendix A – Preliminary Project Plans
- ☐ 35 Sets of above noted documents

PLANS IN HAND (55-75% LEVEL OF DESIGN) DOCUMENTATION

Application for site plan review

- ☒ Road Project Site Plan Review Application with original signatures
- ☐ Letter of Authorization, if applicable
- ☒ Memo addressing Review Comments from DSR Review
- ☒ 55% to 75% Project Plans
- ☒ Review Questionnaire (see below)
- ☒ 35 Sets of above noted documents

Plans In Hand Supplemental Review Questionnaire:

The Urban Design Commission shall consider the following criteria in reviewing public facility project landscaping under this section (AMC 21.15.125 Public facility project landscaping review). Each standard must have a response in as much detail as it takes to explain how your project satisfies the standard. The burden of proof rests with you. Use additional paper if needed.

Cost.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Hardiness and feasibility of the proposed plant materials.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Explain how planning and design criteria are met by the proposed landscape plan:

The external impacts generated by the public facility project on adjacent areas. The landscape elements of the public facility project should complement, maintain or improve the landscape quality of adjacent neighborhoods and areas.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

The degree to which the landscape elements contribute to on-site use of the public facility project. The landscape elements of the public facility project should enhance safe, efficient and comfortable public use.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

The visual attractiveness of the landscaping and its enhancement of the architecture of the public facility project, including the integration of internal and exterior architectural themes.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Plans In Hand Supplemental Review Questions, Continued

The Urban Design Commission shall consider the following criteria in reviewing public road projects under this section (explain how the Context Sensitive Solutions planning and design criteria are met by the proposed plan). Each standard must have a response in as much detail as it takes to explain how your project satisfies the standard. The burden of proof rests with you. Use additional paper if needed.

The degree to which the design features contribute to on-site use of the road project. These features should enhance safe, efficient and comfortable public use.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Effective use of winter cities design principles in our northern setting.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Describe the project's contribution to developing an attractive streetscape.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

Response to comments and conditions of approval from Design Study Report review.

(SEE ATTACHED PROJECT NARRATIVE)

**Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area
Traffic Circulation Improvements
Brayton Drive to Abbot Road Application
for a Context Sensitive Solutions
Transportation Project Site Plan Review**

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

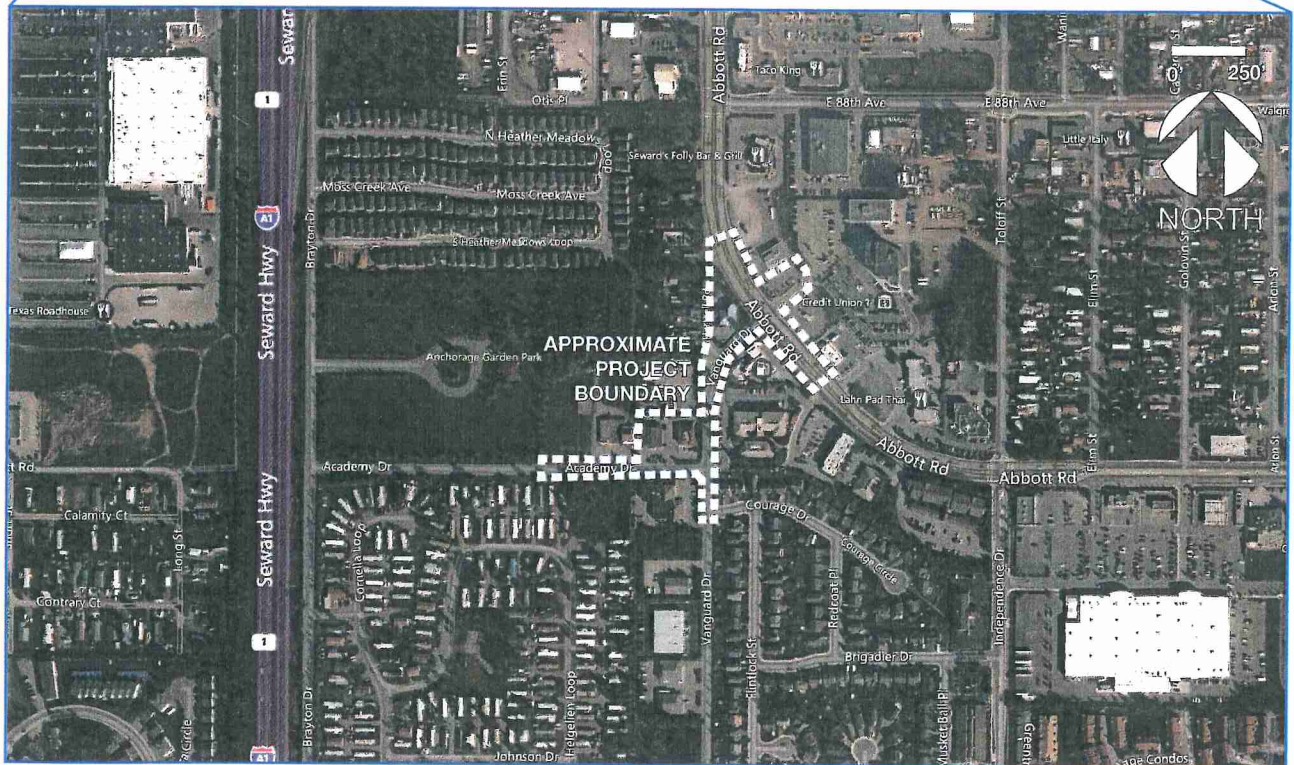
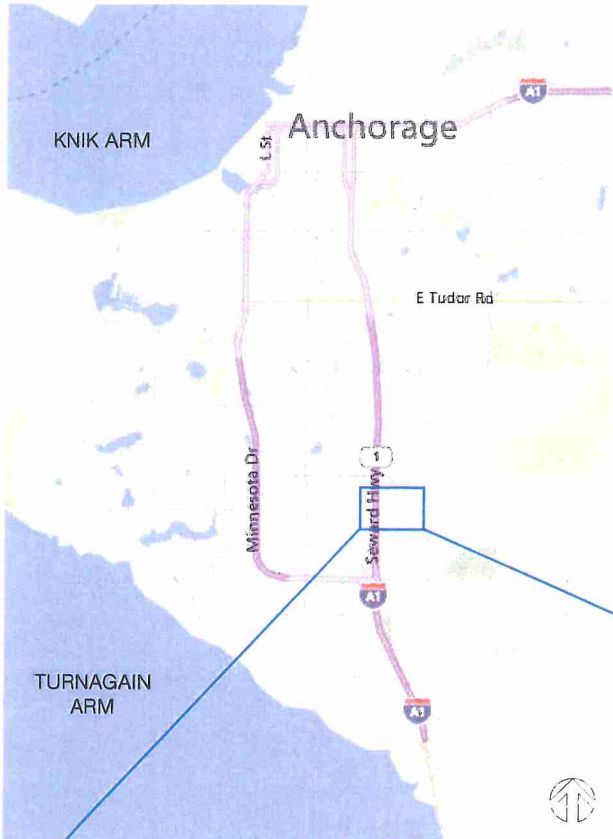
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*ACADEMY DRIVE / VANGUARD DRIVE AREA
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS
Brayton Drive to Abbott Road*

*Application for a Context Sensitive Solutions
Transportation Project Site Plan Review*

Project Narrative and Supplemental Information

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FROM
DESIGN STUDY REPORT REVIEW**

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements Project on April 7th, 2014. The DSR was approved without conditions.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering Division (MOA PM&E) has contracted with CRW Engineering Group, LLC to provide professional services to evaluate alignment alternatives for the connection of Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive to Abbott Road. This project is being done in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Seward Highway / 92nd Avenue Grade Separation Project, which is designed to help alleviate congestion in the Dimond Boulevard / Seward Highway area. Together, the projects will provide an alternative east/west connection to distribute traffic across the transportation network. The goals of the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive project are to:

- Provide an efficient and logical connection from the terminus of ADOT's proposed 92nd Avenue grade separated connection from Academy Drive to Abbott Road
- Upgrade the new alignment to current MOA Class II Minor Arterial standards
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities to improve connectivity and user experience
- Evaluate and balance, to the extent practicable, impacts to local access, businesses, and adjacent neighborhoods

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- The project corridor is largely developed with a mix of residential, commercial, and light industrial uses. The result is that all alternatives presented during the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process had some degree of impact to existing properties, ranging from modified access to full property acquisition.
- The alignment of the traffic circulation improvements had to balance the need for regional mobility and connectivity with local business and residential access.

- Existing driveways and structures, combined with the curvature of Abbott Road, pose challenges to mobility, access, and sight distances. Existing signals at Independence Drive and 88th Avenue are also limiting factors for placement of a new intersection along the corridor.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design Study: September 2011 to March 2014
Design: February 2014 to January 2016
Right of Way: April 2014 to December 2015
Utilities: January 2015 to December 2015
Bid Phase: January 2016 to March 2016
Construction: May 2016 to June 2017 (Pending Funding)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements

The project area is located in South Anchorage and includes realignment of the Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive intersection as well as intersections at Hartzell Road and Abbott Road. The landscape along both Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive is comprised of mostly mature plantings, wood screen fences, boulders as property delineators and pockets of ornamental landscape planting areas.

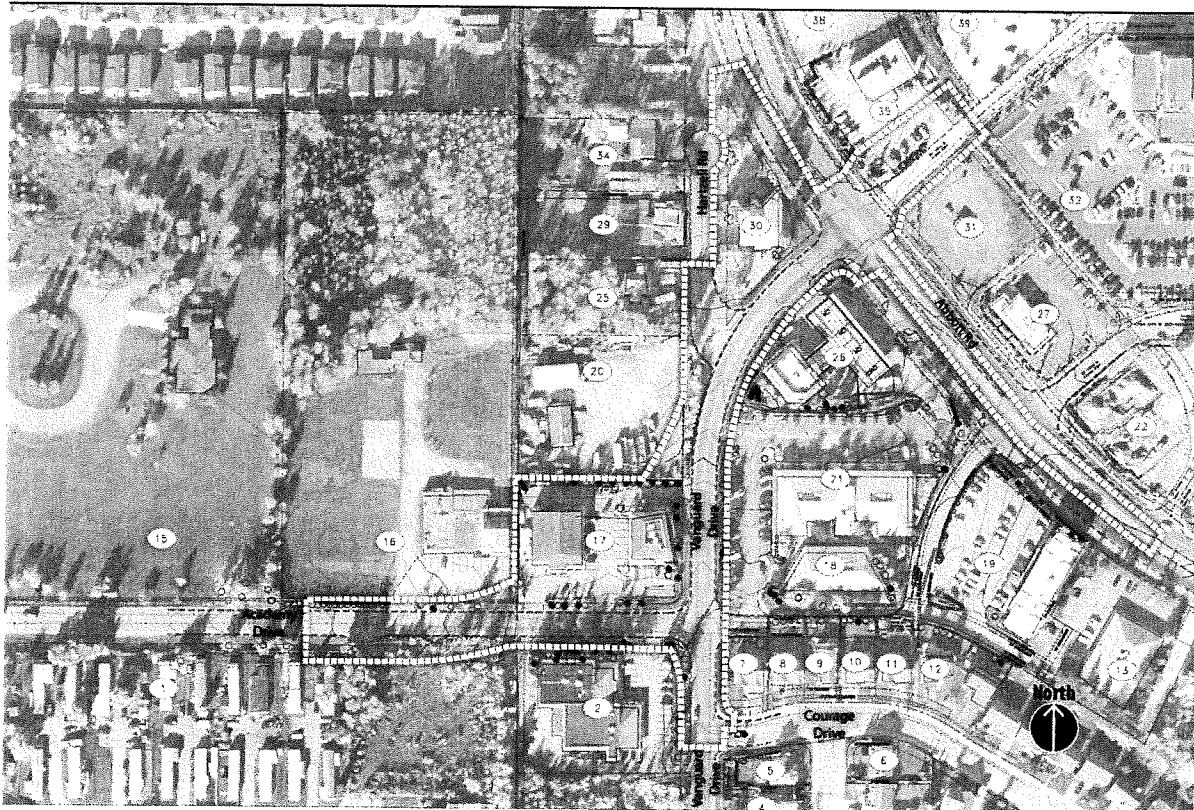


Figure 1: Aerial Context Map and Project Area

The project extents will include property acquisitions for additional Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) to allow for realignment of Academy Drive. Also proposed are improvements to the commercial access drive to the northeast at the intersection of Abbott Road and Vanguard Drive to accommodate a right turn lane at the proposed signalized intersection.

Academy Drive

The landscape along Academy Drive from Brayton Drive to Vanguard Drive is comprised of mostly mature spruce, birch and cottonwood trees with screen fences, boulder delineators and pockets of ornamental landscape planting areas associated with subdivision and commercial developments. The alignment is short in length, but is made up of two distinctly different halves.

Academy Drive is split into a western portion that includes the areas adjacent to the Anchorage Family Church (north) and the Southwood Manor Mobile Home Park (south) and an eastern portion adjacent to the Korean Assembly of God and commercial developments that contains the Cornerstone Clinic, Vanguard, Beacon, and the Alaska Medical Missions (north) and the Cook Inlet Soccer Club and Alaska Division of Public Health (south).

Street lights line the north edge of Academy Drive. No pedestrian, bicycle, or transit facilities currently exist on this street segment.

Landscape areas at the west end of Academy Drive, extending from the Brayton Drive intersection to the Korean Assembly of God, are predominately lawn and mature birch and spruce trees. On either side of the gutter-lined, asphalt road, the adjacent parcels have been delineated by physical barriers. Boulders separate the gutter-lined street from an expansive lawn to the north and a wooden privacy fence, located just south of the R.O.W., separates the Southwood Manor development from Academy Drive.

Along the eastern section of Academy Drive, landscaped entry drives associated with commercial developments provide access to Academy Drive closer to the Vanguard Drive intersection and include washed rock mulch and boulders; birch, maple, Canada red, and spruce trees; and shrub plantings. The landscape plantings are partially overgrown and appear to receive intermittent maintenance. The landscape area to the south includes maintained lawn areas. Utility lines, fire hydrants, and vehicular entry drives are all located in the R.O.W. on Academy Drive in this section. (See Figures 1 and 2)

Vanguard Drive

Vanguard Drive stretches from Independence Drive (south) to Abbott Road (north). The streetscape along the east edge is adjacent to residential use with street trees, boulders, and wood privacy fences from Independence Drive to the Academy Drive intersection. As Vanguard Drive heads north from the intersection of Academy Drive an office complex (the R&M building) and the Tesoro gas station occupy the eastern edge. To the west, along Vanguard Drive, there are a variety of uses that include medium-density residential areas, vacant lots, offices, and a storage yard.

Street lights line the west edge of Vanguard Drive south of Courage Drive and the east edge of Vanguard Drive from Courage Drive to Abbott Road. No pedestrian, bicycle, or transit facilities currently exist on this street segment. The street section consists of asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutter.

This project will affect areas north of Courage Drive, where the use along both the east and west edge of Vanguard Drive is predominately offices with the exceptions of a single adjacent residence, the storage yard in the northwest

quadrant at the intersection of Hartzell Drive, and the Tesoro gas station at Abbott Road. Starting at Courage Drive, the east edge of Vanguard Drive includes wood privacy fences and birch street trees along the residential area, and transitions to mature spruce and birch trees as it rounds the bend towards the Tesoro gas station. A single mature Amur chokecherry tree is located in a landscape bed at the southeast corner of Abbott Road and Vanguard Drive. The west edge of Vanguard Drive is home to existing mature vegetation as well, with predominately spruce, Canada red and birch trees located adjacent to offices and an established overgrowth of cottonwood adjacent to the storage yard at the corner of Hartzell Road. The dense cottonwood stand ranges from approximately 15' to 30' in height and provides a vegetative screen from the road and adjacent light industrial use. (See Figure 3)

Hartzell Road

Hartzell Road is a short cul-de-sac road that extends north from Vanguard Drive near the intersection of Abbott Road. The road provides access to three residential parcels and a storage yard to the west and an office building (Alaska Structures) to the east. Limited mature vegetation exists on the road segment and is generally associated with the privately owned parcels. The road is asphalt pavement with concrete gutter and has no street lighting, and no pedestrian, bicycle, or transit facilities. An informal cut-through from the cul-de-sac to the multi-use trail on Abbott Road exists, suggesting intermittent pedestrian and/or bicycle use, likely as a shortcut from the residential areas to the south and the commercial development along Abbott Road. (See Figure 4)

Commercial Development Access Drive

The commercial development immediately opposite Vanguard Drive, across Abbott Road, is served by an asphalt paved access drive with concrete curb and gutter with the exception of a vacant plot with a large gravel pad that lacks any delineation at the southeast corner of Abbott Road and the commercial access drive. The existing commercial landscape planting areas contain washed rock mulch, boulders, spruce and Canada red trees and various shrubs, including large masses of mugho pine in the GCI parking lot landscape areas. There are no street lights, but utilities, fire hydrants and parking lot lighting were noted along the short segment projected to be impacted by the project. There are no pedestrian, bicycle, or transit facilities on this road segment. (See Figure 5)

EXISTING CONDITIONS IMAGES



Figure 2: Academy Drive looking east from Brayton Drive



Figure 2: Academy Drive looking north and east near Vanguard Drive intersection



Figure 3: Vanguard Drive at Courage Drive



Figure 4: Hartzell Road looking south toward Vanguard Drive from cul-de-sac



Figure 5: Commercial access drive looking south toward Vanguard Drive and Abbott Road intersection from the Credit Union 1 parking lot entry

GUIDING PLANS

Anchorage 2020: Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan:

The Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan sets forth the goals, objectives, and policies for growth in Anchorage for a 20 year planning horizon. The Comprehensive Plan includes land use and transportation goals that are necessary to ensure orderly growth patterns and efficient transportation networks. The policies that guide this project include:

- Policy 37: "Design, construct and maintain roadways or rights-of-way to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclist, transit users, the disabled, automobiles and trucks where appropriate."
- Policy 38: "Design, construct and maintain roadways or rights-of-way to promote and enhance physical connectivity within and between neighborhoods."

Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as part of the Dimond/Abbott Town Center. Town Centers are the focus of community activity for smaller subareas of Anchorage and include retail shopping, services, public facilities, and a mix of medium to high-density residences. Because this area is a shopping destination for central and southeast Anchorage neighborhoods, efficient traffic circulation is important now, and especially for the future, as demand on the transportation network continues to increase.

2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

The MTP provides the policies to implement Anchorage's transportation goals and provide for an efficient transportation network for the movement of people and goods. One strategy recommended in the MTP to achieve an efficient transportation network is to complete the roadway grid system. To address capacity and circulation, constructing a grade separated intersection at the Seward Highway/92nd Avenue intersection and extending 92nd Avenue/Academy Drive from Brayton Drive to Abbott Road is included as short-term projects (2011-2023) in the MTP. Bicycle lanes and separated pathways are recommended along 92nd Avenue/Academy Drive.

2005 Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP):

In the OS&HP, Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive (north of Academy Drive) are classified as minor arterials. A minor arterial carries 10,000 to 20,000 vehicles a day and are primarily intended to move through traffic. Direct access to commercial property is controlled to limit the number of permitted driveways. Where possible, driveway access should be shared with adjacent property owners. Abbott Road is classified as a major arterial. Major arterials are designed to rapidly move large volumes of traffic (over 20,000 vehicles a day) and access should be carefully controlled.

Anchorage Pedestrian Plan 2007:

The Anchorage Pedestrian Plan, one of three components of the Anchorage Non-Motorized Plan, guides development in regards to providing a complete pedestrian network. There are no specific projects recommended for Academy or Vanguard Drives in the pedestrian plan.

Anchorage Bicycle Plan 2010:

The Anchorage Bicycle Plan recommends on-street bicycle lanes and a multi-use pathway on Academy and Vanguard Drives.

Areawide Trails Plan 1997:

The Areawide Trails Plan identifies a multi-use paved trail along Academy and Vanguard Drives.

APPLICABLE DESIGN CRITERIA

According to Chapter 3 (see 3.5.C.3) of the DCM, landscaping efforts for Minor Arterial (Class II) - Urban streets should provide similar landscape functions as Major Arterials (Class III-IIIIC). Major arterial landscapes serve not only as an aesthetic element to improve the streetscape, but also has a significant role in defining the different functional zones within the road section.

A 7'-0" unobstructed separation is desired between back of curb and any pathway or sidewalk to provide for temporary snow storage and utilities. Designs should also consider including a 2'-0" wide textured, colored concrete apron at back of curb as a visual accent as well as a durable surface for snow removal. Additional width should be considered for street tree plantings and to create a landscape buffer to provide visual separation between pedestrians and vehicles. Landscape buffers should be composed of a series of large planting beds with enough open space between planting beds to create a visually cohesive separation but not a visual barrier.

Medians are also recommended, and where applicable, should be a minimum of 16'-0" wide to accommodate trees or a minimum of 4'-0" wide where only shrubs are used. A double-mountable curb is recommended to help elevate plant material and provide further separation from vehicles. A median narrower than 4'-0" is recommended to receive colored, textured concrete surface material in lieu of plantings for maintenance reasons. Medians that include plant materials are recommended to include irrigation to improve survivability in a harsh street environment.

The area beyond the 7'-0" snow storage areas should include a trail and/or landscape installations compatible with, or as a buffer to, adjacent land uses. The use of decorative or screen fences and visual enhancement

landscape should be considered with respect to existing qualities of the neighboring lots. Enhancement of existing landscape is also recommended to better fit the new roadway project into the surrounding community.

DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

Typical Roadway Cross Section

The recommended typical cross section for Academy Drive includes two 11-foot travel lanes with 3.5-foot shoulders, Type 1 barrier curb and gutter, an 8-foot pathway on the south side, and a 8-foot sidewalk on the north side. All pedestrian facilities will be ADA compliant. To reduce impacts to adjacent properties and structures, the buffer between the back-of-curb and the pathway or sidewalk varies from 0 to 20 feet. (See Figure 6 below)

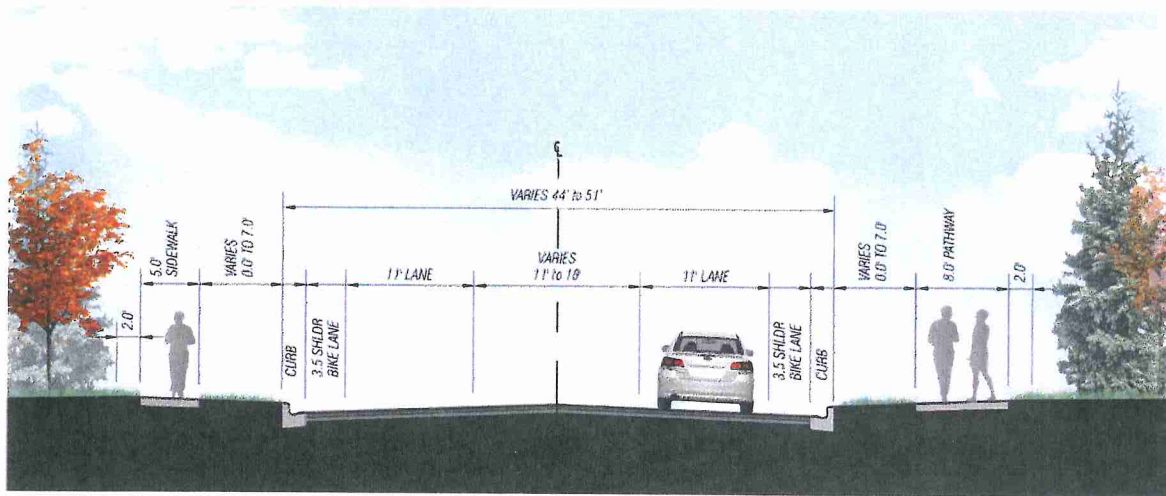


Figure 6: Proposed Typical Cross Section

Proposed Roadway Alignment & Intersection with Abbott Road

The September, 2013, Design Study Report for the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area presented five design alternatives, Alternatives A through Alternative E. A preliminary analysis determined that Alternatives B and C were the most reasonably viable. While both Alternatives B and C were reasonable solutions, they each had unique challenges associated with their development. After multiple work sessions and analyses, MOA Traffic Division recommended Alternative B as the preferred alternative. This was the best balance of efficiently conducting traffic through the network system, maintaining business access, and minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and residences. Alternative B, unlike Alternative C, provided the potential for additional queuing length along Abbott Road for north bound left turns to Academy Drive, should it be needed in the future. The alignment was shifted north to avoid impacts to the Tesoro Gas Station on Parcel 26. As an interim solution until the ADOT 92nd Avenue project is completed, the intersection of Academy Drive and Abbott Road will be two-way stop controlled with Abbott Road as the through movement. Upon the completion of the 92nd Avenue project, a traffic signal will be installed. Signal components will be installed with construction of this project to avoid future construction of below-grade signal appurtenances at the intersection of Academy Drive and Abbott Road. The access easement driveway on the east side of Abbott Road will require upgrades to accommodate the future signal.

Posted Speed

The recommended posted speed is 30 mph, to be consistent with the proposed posted speed for ADOT's 92nd Avenue project.

Lighting

A continuous roadway LED lighting system, current with MOA standards, is proposed.

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS PROCESS AND PUBLIC INVOLVMENT

The Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements Project followed the MOA CSS process and involved agency, business, and public stakeholders. The following is a summary of meetings and information dispersion efforts associated with the CSS process for this project. The meetings and the project were advertised through direct mailing, electronic newsletters, and on the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive project webpage: <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
Abbott Loop Community Council Meeting	10/27/2011	Project introduction and overview
Open House #1	12/1/2011	Project kick-off with Community feedback prior to starting the conceptual design
Business Stakeholder Meeting	01/19/2012	Project introduction and overview
Agency Stakeholder Meeting	01/24/2012	Project Update
Planning and Zoning Commission	03/05/2012	Concept Report Presentation
Abbott Loop Community Council Meeting	10/31/2013	Project Update
Business Stakeholder Meeting #2	11/20/2013	Project Update
Open House #2	12/05/2013	Project Update and Presentation of Preferred Alternative
Planning and Zoning Commission	04/07/2014	Draft DSR Approved
Abbott Loop Community Council Meeting	04/24/2014	Project Update
Abbott Loop Community Council Meeting	09/25/2014	Project Update
Open House #3	10/08/2014	Project Update

PLANS IN HAND SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Cost

Plant Material Budget: \$62,300
Total Landscape Budget: \$268,870
Construction Budget: \$7.3M

Hardiness and feasibility of the proposed plant materials.

New plant material for the project will only include species hardy to the Anchorage Bowl. Plants were specifically selected to withstand the environmental conditions of climate, vehicular traffic, and general maintenance or the lack thereof. The plantings are a mix of native and non-native species that are proven to be hardy and effective in transportation corridor plantings.

The external impacts generated by the public facility on adjacent areas.

This project has a beneficial impact on the adjacent areas by:

- Improving the roadway to meet current MOA standards for a Class II Minor Arterial
- Providing an efficient and logical connection from the terminus of ADOT's proposed 92nd Avenue grade separated connection from Academy Drive to Abbott Road
- Providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities to improve connectivity and user experience

The degree to which the landscape elements contribute to on-site use of the public facility project.

The proposed landscape improvements will enhance the new vehicular and pedestrian improvements. Landscape plantings are not such that they create hiding places or safety concerns. New landscape plantings will meet the requirements for Site Distance Triangles as defined in the MOA Design Criteria Manual 3.5 B 2 and MOA Title 21 21.45.020. Where there is space within the R.O.W., a separation between back of curb and pedestrian facilities is maintained to enhance pedestrian safety. A 7'-0" separation from landscape plantings is maintained in all areas for maintenance and snow storage.

The visual attractiveness of the landscaping and its enhancement of the architecture of the public facility project, including the integration of internal and exterior architectural themes.

Not applicable to this project.

The degree to which the design features contribute to on-site use of the road project.

Design features that enhance safe, efficient, and comfortable public use of this project include:

- The addition of a barrier curb and gutter to the 11-foot travel lanes.
- Designated bike lanes are provided in alignment shoulders.

- The 8-foot, ADA compliant, pedestrian pathway and sidewalk separated from back of curb where space in the ROW allows.

Effective use of winter cities design principles in our northern setting.

Winter cities design principles integrated into this project design include:

- A minimum of 7 feet snow storage space between back of curb and landscape along the shoulder of the roadway.
- A pedestrian pathway and sidewalk that is separated from the roadway where feasible, providing space for non-motorized circulation in the winter.

Describe the projects contribution to developing an attractive streetscape.

Overall, the landscaping elements maintain the existing character of the roadway and neighborhood.

The landscape plantings at and near the intersection of Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive consist of paper birch, maple, and Canada red deciduous trees, which are species also used in neighboring street plantings. Formal planting beds containing shrubs and perennials are located between the road and the walkway to improve the pedestrian experience. In keeping with neighboring lots, Schedule A seed mix, mowable lawn, covers areas not planted with trees and shrubs.

A larger planting area on the northwest corner of the Academy Drive and Abbott Road intersection provides the opportunity for a larger grouping of deciduous trees in a landscape bed accented by mass plantings of wild iris and rosa rugosa 'Foxi'.

The realignment of Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive impacts the Korean Assembly of God parking lot and landscaping. A new parking lot layout and landscaping to replace the existing lot and landscaping is included in this plan. L1 visual enhancement landscaping is provided along the western edge of the new parking lot. Requirements for clear sight distance triangles at the parking lot driveways conflict with Title 21 parking lot landscape buffer requirements along Academy Drive. In order to provide an attractive landscape along Academy Drive without impacting a driver's ability to see oncoming traffic, tree plantings in this section are limited to 3" caliper Acer platanoides 'Deborah', bare of branches to a height of 8 feet. The Deborah maple tree was selected because it is a larger species tree that can be provided at a larger initial size with branching that takes place above 8 feet. They are placed 20 feet on center. The 10 foot spacing required by L2 buffer landscape is too small/narrow for this species of tree to grow healthily. Shrub plantings in this area are low-growing spirea and wild iris.

The intersection improvements at Academy Drive and Abbott Road require the demolition of existing landscape beds on the northeast corner. The new landscape on that corner incorporates a transplanted existing tree. The new landscape plantings and mulch match the existing theme of the rest of the property. White spruce and birch line the southeastern edge of the realigned parking lot, and dwarf mugo pine and spirea are planted in a formal arrangement to mimic the existing plantings that occur elsewhere on the property.

Medians on Academy Drive receive red brick colored, running bond brick pattern, textured concrete surface material to enhance the streetscape and provide visual interest.

PLANT SCHEDULE

EVERGREEN TREES

QTY.	SYMBOL	ABBR. LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	FURNISHING NOTES
0		PO	PICEA GLAUCA	WHITE SPRUCE	6' HEIGHT BAB

DECIDUOUS TREES

QTY.	SYMBOL	ABBR. LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	FURNISHING NOTES
20		BP	BETULA PAPIRIFERA	2" CALIPER	BAB
28		AP	ACER PLATANOIDES	2" CALIPER	BAB
7		PV	PRUNUS VIRGINIANA	1.5" CALIPER	BAB
1			TRANSPLANTED EXISTING TREE		SEE SHEET L4
			EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN		

SHRUBS

QTY.	SYMBOL	ABBR. LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	FURNISHING NOTES
35		RG	ROSA RUGOSA ROSE	#5	POTTED N/A
214		SW	SPIRAEA JAPONICA	#6	POTTED
22		PM	PINUS MUGO PUMILIO	#6	POTTED N/A

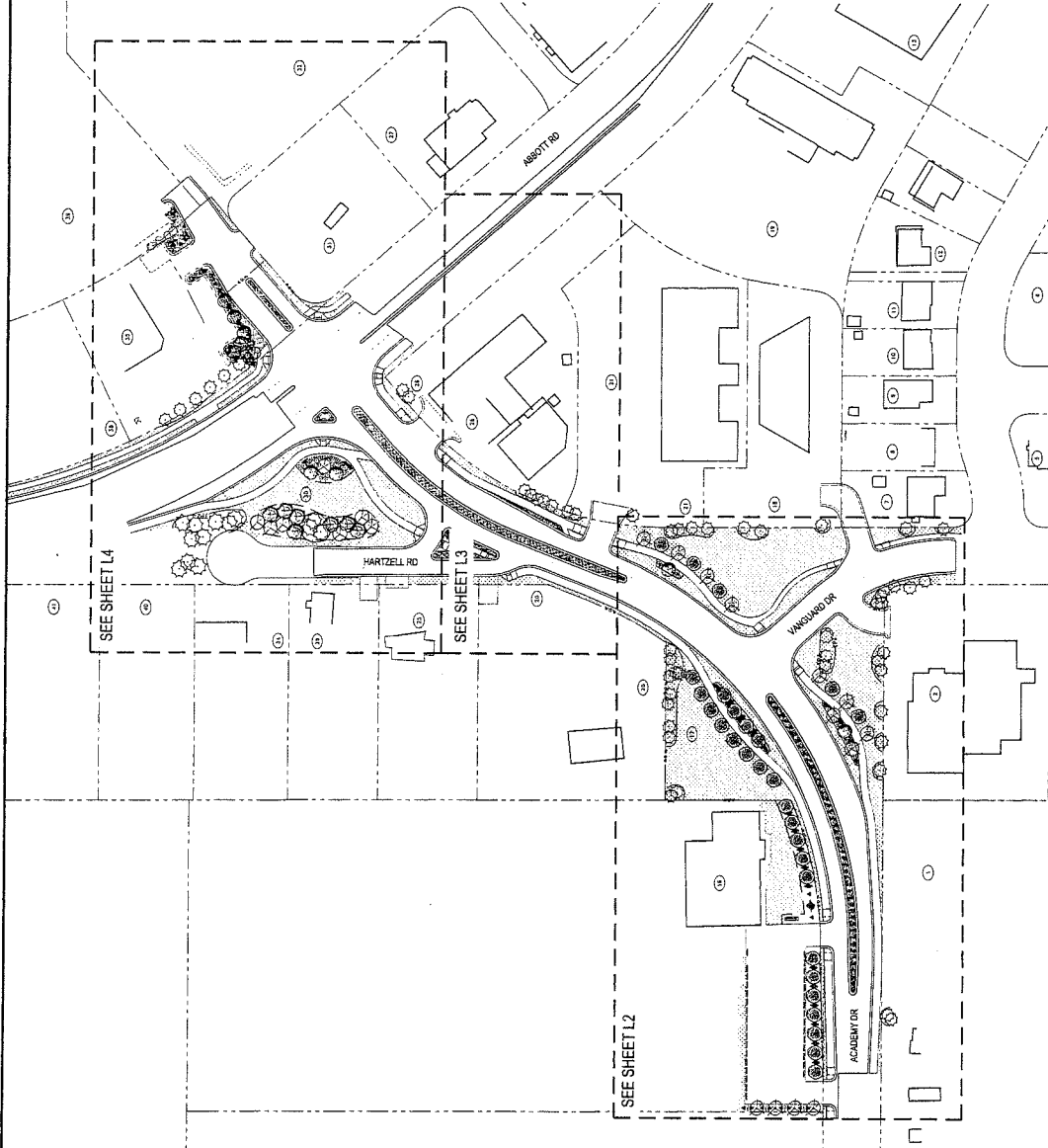
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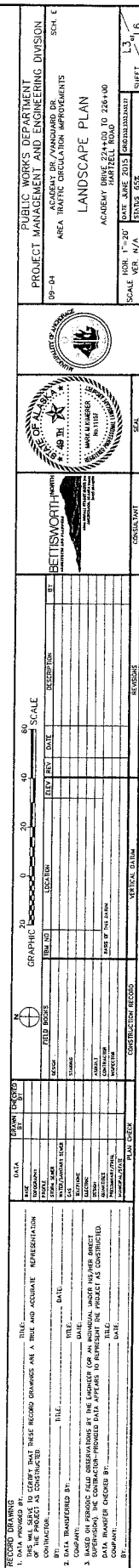
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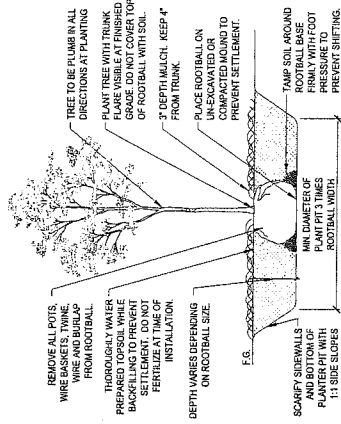
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1) ALL DECIDUOUS TREE PLANTINGS TO INCLUDE MOOSE PROTECTION FENCING PER DETAILS, SHEET L5
2) ALL PLANTINGS TO BE NURSERY GROWN
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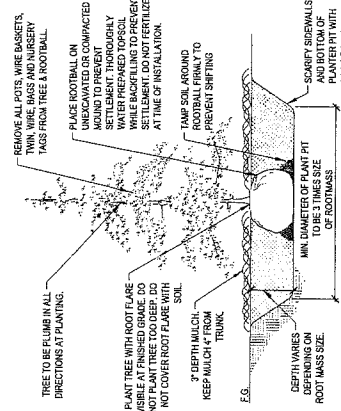


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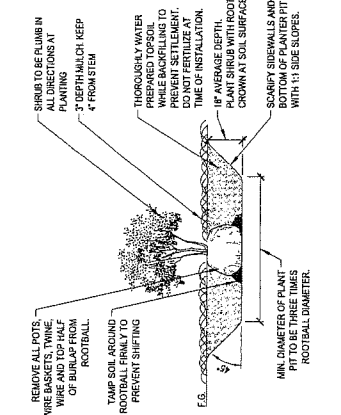




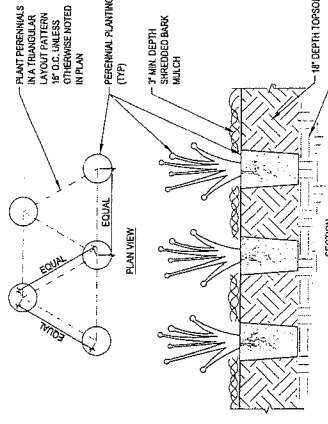
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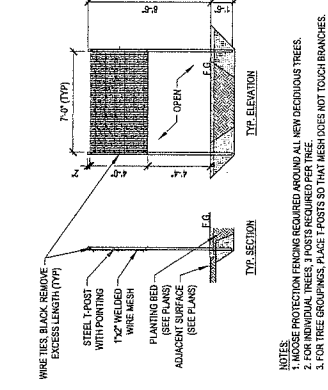
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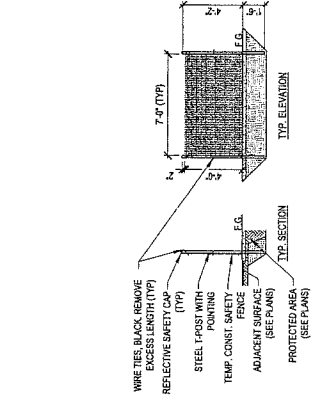
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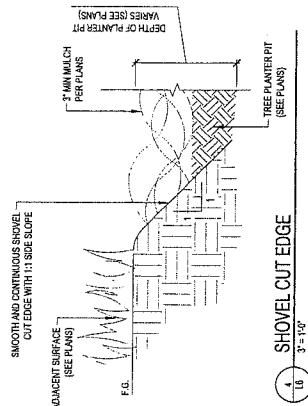
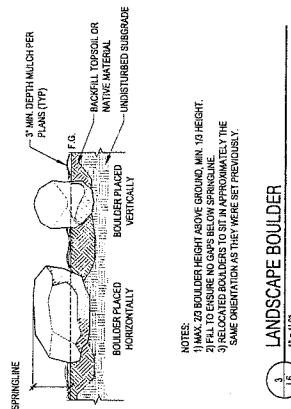
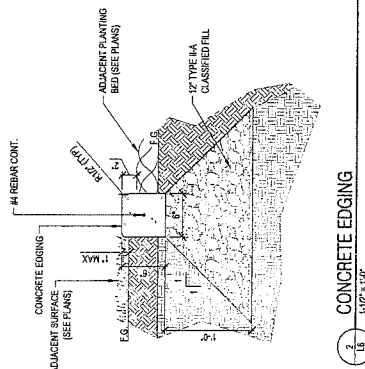
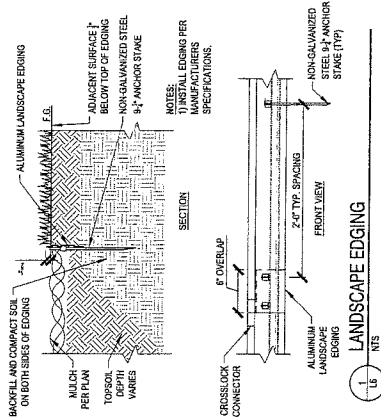


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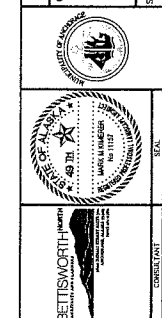
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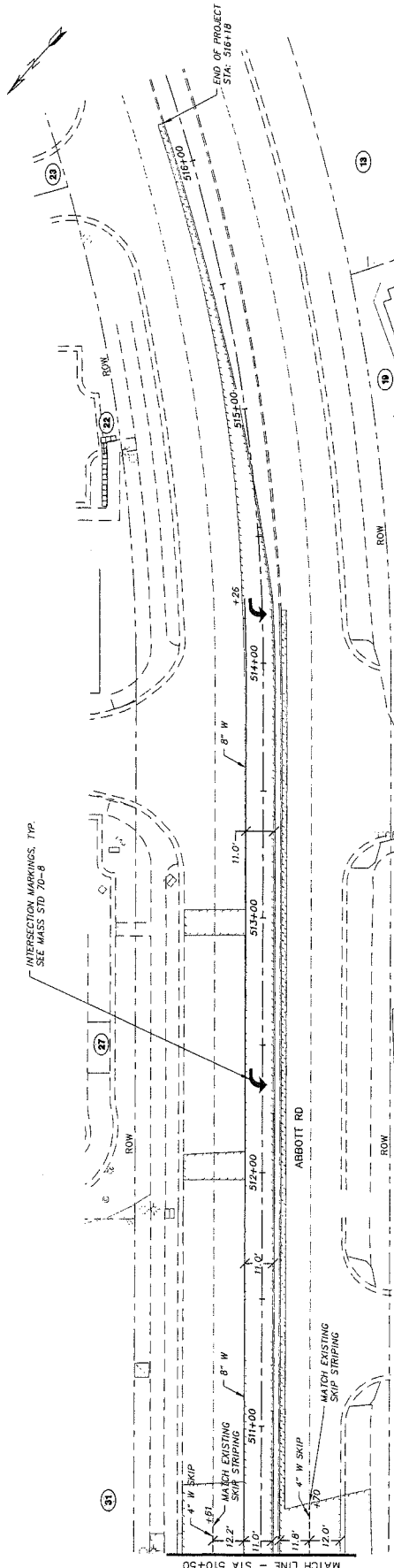
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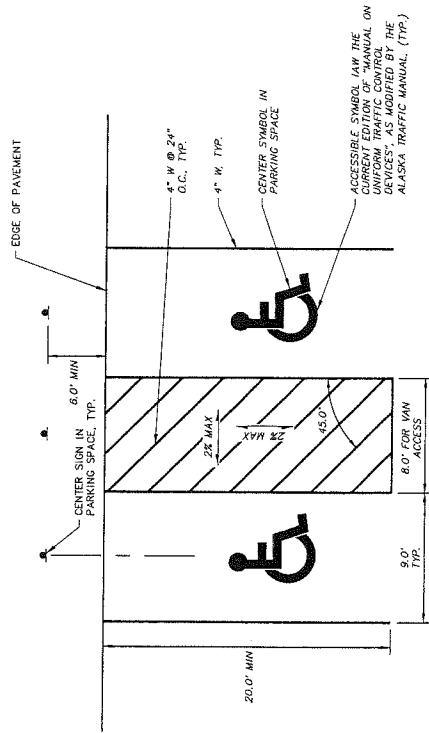
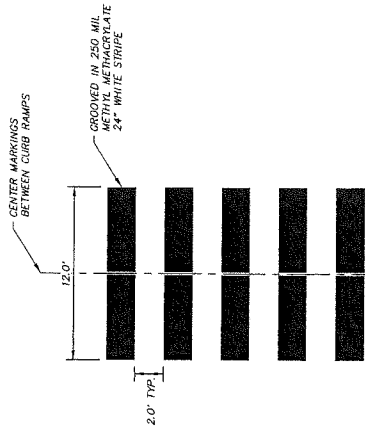
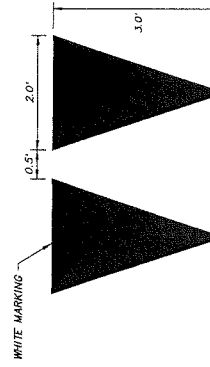
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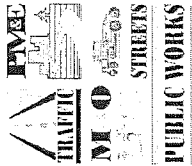
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage AK 99507

Project Review Form

Project Name:	Academy Dr / Vanguard Dr Area Traffic Circulation UDC Submittal	Project No:	ADOT #51838 2015-0067
Project Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Study <input type="checkbox"/> 35% <input type="checkbox"/> 65% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95% <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Name/Title:	Sandy Hansen, Planning Tech / Randy Bergt, Project Engineer		
Organization / Department:	Public Transportation / People Mover		
Phone Number:	343-8213 or 343-8285	Date:	7-15-2015

	Page/ Sheet No.	Reviewer	Comment	Response
1)		Transit	Considering the proximity of the roadway connection and circulation opportunities for access to the South Anchorage Transit Center it has been requested of the project to provide Transit Facilities on the proposed roadway. Currently no Transit Facilities exist however when 92 nd and Academy connect east to west under the Seward Highway and will become a desirable alternative transit alignment and improve circulation to the South Anchorage Transit Center.	
2)			MOA Public Transportation request that bus stop facilities be condition of consideration for the new roadway.	
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DATE: July 15, 2015
TO: Dave Whitfield
THROUGH: Craig Lyon, Transportation Planning Manager
FROM: Joni Wilm, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Case No: 2015-0067

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In Sheet No. column, use a 1 for General comments, X for estimate comments, Y - pg # for Specifications, and Z - pg # for DSR, and the alpha numeric pg # of Plan sheets (use an A if no Alpha is used on the plan sheets)
In the Section column below please use your assigned Functional group identifier: Safety = SF; Signals Operations = SG; Signals Maintenance = SM; Transportation Planning = TP

Item No.	Sheet No. / Page No.	Section	Comment	Response	Meeting Note
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1)	N/A	TP	Transportation Planning Staff recommends adding a detailed lighting site plan or delineating where said lighting fixtures will occur on the site plans in your submittal.		
2)	6	TP	Transportation Planning recommends adding a paragraph explaining how the bicycle and pedestrian improvements contained in this site plan work to complete the bicycle and pedestrian networks proposed in the Anchorage Bike Plan and Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.		
3)	7	TP	Transportation Planning recommends referencing the latest addition of the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). The most up to date version of the OS&HP was adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in 2014.		



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5)	S1	TP	Transportation Planning recommends clearly delineating how the bike lane will transition to the shared use path along Academy Drive. Is it possible to put a shared bike marking on the road where right of way width does not allow a bike lane? This is working well on Arctic Blvd where it transitions to E Street downtown. The transition of the bike lane onto the shared use path can potentially cause conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians so clear delineation of how the cyclist gets to and off the path is helpful.		
	S2	TP	It is unclear where the bicyclist is coming from to merge onto the bike lane at STA 227+00. Could this be made clearer on the site plan?		
6)	S5	TP	It is unclear where the bicyclist is coming from to merge onto the bike lane at STA 227+00. Could this be made clearer on the site plan?		
7)	S5	TP	The refuge median at station 509+00 appears to jut out into the north side of the crosswalk going across Abbot Road. Is this intentional?		



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DATE: July 8, 2015

TO: Erika B. McConnell, Current Planning Section Supervisor,
Zoning and Platting Division

THRU: Stephanie Mormilo, PE, Municipal Traffic Engineer
Kristen Langley, Associate Traffic Engineer

FROM: Dwayne Ferguson, PE, Assistant Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Traffic Division comments for the Urban Design Commission to be held by August 12, 2015.

2015-0067 Context Sensitive solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review (Plans in Hand) for Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation improvements.

The Traffic Engineer is directly involved through collaboration with MOA PM&E, CRW Engineering, AKDOT&PF and other stakeholders in making recommendations for the design and implementation of this intersection improvement project.

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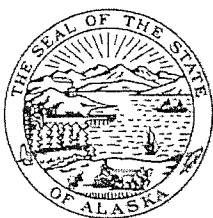
DATE: July 15, 2015

TO: Erika McConnell, Manager, Zoning and Platting

FROM: Ron Wilde, P.E.
Building Safety

SUBJECT: Comments for Case 2015-0067
Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements

No Comment



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July 08, 2015

Erika McConnell, Planning Section Manager
MOA, Community Development Department
Planning Division
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

RE: MOA Zoning Review

Dear Ms. McConnell:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, ADOT&PF, Central Region Planning section has no comment on the following zoning application:

- **2015-0067; Project Site Plan Review for Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements, Brayton Dr. to Abbott**

The ADOT&PF Central Region platting review board has comments on the following zoning application:

2015-0062; Tract C, Haxby Subdivision (Plat No. 99-143)

- We request all drainage be handled on site. No water can be added to C Street from this property.
- The site plan provided in the application does not clearly delineate the snow storage location. Snow storage can't be on ADOT&PF right of way. We request an updated site plan showing the snow storage location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron Jongenelen".

Aaron Jongenelen
AMATS Transportation Planner

Kimmel, Corliss A.

From: Wilson, Karleen K.
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Blake, Lori A.; Johnson, Sandra L; Kimmel, Corliss A.; Whitfield, David R.
Subject: 2015-0067, Academy/Vanguard

No comment, all Addressing related information is correct.

Karleen Wilson

Addressing Official
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Address Data Management, GIS
907.343.8168 (my desk)
907.343.8222 (option #3)

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ZONING DIVISION

DATE: June 29, 2015

TO: Erika McConnell, Supervisor, Planning Section, Planning Division

FROM: Paul Hatcher, Engineering Technician III, AWWU Planning

SUBJECT: Zoning Case Comments
Hearing Date: August 12, 2015
Agency Comments Due: July 15, 2015

AWWU has reviewed the materials and has the following comments.

2015-0067 ACADEMY DRIVE & VANGUARD DRIVE, Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review (Plans in Hand) for Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements (ADOT&PF Project #51838), Grid SW2332, 2333, 2432, 2433

1. AWWU water and sanitary sewer are located within Vanguard Drive, Hartzell Road and Academy Drive
2. AWWU has no objection to this site plan review.
3. AWWU requests that the AWWU Planning Department be involved in the upcoming design review and any construction that pertain to this project.

If you have any questions pertinent to public water and sanitary sewer, you may call me at 564-2721 or the AWWU planning section at 564-2739, or e-mail paul.hatcher@awwu.biz

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DATE: July 16, 2015

TO: Erika McConnell, Current Planning Section Supervisor

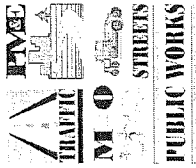
FROM: Brandon Telford, Plan Review Engineer

SUBJECT: Comments for Urban Design Commission Public Hearing: August 12, 2015

Case 2015-0067 – Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan Review (Plans in Hand) for Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements (ADOT&PF Projects #51838)

Department Recommendations:

The Private Development Section has no comment.



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Project Review Form

Project Name:	Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements	Project No:	09-004
Project Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35% <input type="checkbox"/> 65% <input type="checkbox"/> 95% <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Reviewer Name/Title:	Carol Wong, Manager; Nicole Jones-Vogel, Associate Planner		
Organization / Department:	Long-Range Planning Section		
Phone Number:	343.7920/343-7922	Date:	November 3, 2014

	Reviewer	Page/ Sheet No.	Comment	Response
1)	CW	S1	Is it possible to stripe the cross walks on Hartzell Rd (Station 226) to bring greater awareness to drivers making a right onto Hartzell from Academy that there may be pedestrians or bicyclist crossing at that location? Likewise at the crosswalk on Vanguard Drive and Academy (Station 222 +50) as well.	
2)	NKJ-V	L4	This area is identified as a Town Center in the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The landscaping on the corner of Academy and Abbott Road may be a good location for a gateway feature at some future date. Also, the landscaping could also function as green infrastructure and should be considered as a potential option in the next design phase. An update on the phasing of this project would be useful and could help give reviewers an understanding of the scope of the overall project.	
3)	NKJ-V	General		
4)	NKJ-V	R1	As indicated in the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, this project (#130) recommends bicycle lanes and a separated path. Can bicycle lanes be considered for this road improvement project?	

Project Name:
Reviewer Name:

Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area
Wong, Jones-Vogel

Project No: 09-004