

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-014**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SITE AND LANDSCAPE PLAN REVIEW (PLANS IN HAND) FOR THE ACADEMY DRIVE/VANGUARD DRIVE AREA TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS (MOA/ADOT PROJECT #09-004).

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WHEREAS, a request was received from the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Project Management and Engineering, requesting final context sensitive solutions transportation project site and landscape plan review (plans in hand) for the Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements (MOA/ADOT Project #09-004); and

WHEREAS, a non-public hearing review was held before the Urban Design Commission on August 12, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. The purpose of the project is to provide an additional east-west connector road for vehicle trips that would otherwise use the Seward Highway and Dimond Boulevard route.
2. The extension of 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will: 1) improve area connectivity; 2) improve project area traffic capacity and reduce demand on Dimond Boulevard; and 3) provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
3. The project complies with the Anchorage Policies #37 and #38 of the *2020 Comprehensive Plan*; the *2005 Official Streets and Highways Plan*; the *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*; the *Anchorage Pedestrian Plan 2007*; the *Anchorage Bicycle Plan*; and the *Areawide Trails Plan 1997*.

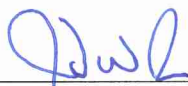
B. The Commission APPROVES the Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project Site Plan and Landscape Plan Review, subject to the following conditions:

1. Continue the design of and the location for bus stop facilities along the new roadway with the 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. Reference the latest edition of the *Official Streets and Highways Plan* (OS&HP) adopted by the Anchorage Assembly on June 24, 2014 by AO 2014-63.

4. Work with the Traffic Department to determine the appropriate signing, marking and signage for bike and pedestrian facilities.
5. Clarify where the bicyclist is coming from to merge onto the bike lane at STA 227+00.
6. 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.
7. 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015. This written decision/resolution of the Urban Design Commission is final and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code 21.30.030 or, if applicable, exercise their rights under Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.15.015H.

  
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Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.  
Secretary

  
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Monica Sullivan  
Chair

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