

NORTH SPOKANE CORRIDOR DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP WORKBOOK

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS EDITION

The North Spokane Corridor Design Advisory Group Workbook Final Recommendations Edition: Bemiss, Hillyard, Minnehaha, Chief Garry & East Central Neighborhoods reports on the final recommendations of the Interdisciplinary Design Advisory Group.

The recommendations will influence the production of Architectural Standards and guide future designers as the corridor is built out.

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INTRODUCTION

Contributing Groups

The *North Spokane Corridor Design Advisory Group Workbook Final Recommendations Editions: Bemiss, Hillyard, Minnehaha, Chief Garry & East Central Neighborhoods* reports on the recommendations of the Design Advisory Group. The project phase includes the area from Francis Avenue to Sprague Avenue.

The neighborhoods are defined by the City of Spokane. The Bemiss, Hillyard, Minnehaha, Chief Garry Park and East Central Neighborhoods have representatives appointed by the Mayor. They represent organized entities within the project.

Other contributing groups included local business organizations and businesses, aspiring civic leaders, historians, city design professionals, local colleges and academics, artists, and retired academics.

The Design Advisory Group met six times between February and October of 2014. The recommendations were chronicled in a 'living workbook' format. The workbook was updated continuously and distributed through email and the WSDOT project internet web site.

This document is the final edition version of the Workbook. It shows only the final recommendations and accompanying studies.



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Context Sensitive Design & The Federal Highway Administration

The Washington State Department of Transportation implements the Federal Highway Administration's Context Sensitive Design (CSS) principles in the design of this project. CSS is a model for transportation project development that has received broad acceptance. Its essence is that a proposed transportation project must be planned not only for its physical aspects as a facility serving specific transportation objectives. It must be designed also for its effect on the aesthetic, social, economic and environmental values, needs, constraints and opportunities in a larger community setting.

WSDOT endorsed CSS for all projects, large and small by Executive Order 1028 in 2003, under Secretary of Transportation Douglas McDonald. After that Secretary Paula Hammond continued the practice and resigned an edited order. Standing Secretary of Transportation Lynn Peterson is currently redoubling these efforts.

WSDOT will continue to work with the neighborhood councils to incorporate mutually agreeable details into the design where possible. The department will provide designs within the policies that guide our work and our available funding.

Aesthetic Design

The goal of the recommendations is to influence the production of Architectural Standards. These will guide future designers as the corridor is built out. The recommendations include 1.) corridor wide designs and 2.) designs for specific locales.

Architectural Standards will be developed to aide in final design. They are conceptual recommendations which outline typical situations. Throughout each phase of design and construction exceptional situations may arise in which a standard solution is not applicable. Specific situations must be assessed individually so that alternatives harmonize with the project as a whole.

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PART A

The Neighborhood Locales

The neighborhood locales are defined for organization. They include major arterial intersections, the Spokane River, Spokane Community College, the emerging high tech industrial area and the East University District.

The 'locales' exist within the city's neighborhood areas. They are not determined by the individual neighborhood boundaries, but rather by their importance as nodal points in the corridor.



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Neighborhood Locale Map

Tentative Rowan Avenue Pedestrian Bridge & Tentative Mural Wall

Wellesley Avenue

Garland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

Euclid Avenue

The River Crossing Bridge

Skyway

Trent Avenue Industrial Zone

East University District

Eight unique localities

Infrastructure Elements

The infrastructure elements are shown for reference.
These elements will be designed for the Architectural Standards:

- **NSC Bridges**
- **Pedestrian Bridges**
- **Noisewalls**
- **Retaining Walls**
- **Tentative Mural Wall**
- **Landscape Planting**
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Trails**
- **Opportunities for Community based public art**
- **Sign Bridges and Luminaires**

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PART B

Corridor Wide Design

The corridor wide design is primarily concerned with NSC travelers views of the corridor. But it may include common elements, such as noise walls that are also viewed by the neighborhood.

Some recommendations are specific such as recalling local native horse populations in possible aesthetic motifs. While other recommendations invoke classic urban design safety measures, such as 'activating' public spaces with high quality 'people places'.

The recommendations are shown in bullet form to describe the *aesthetic goals*. Aesthetic goals describe the intended overall effect to be achieved.

Graphics and photographs illustrate the desired *aesthetic character*. The aesthetic character provides designers with the qualitative 'look-feel-function' of each element.

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Corridor recommendations : Design Elements for Structures

- Public art opportunities



- Activated public spaces



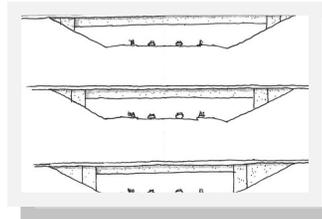
- Vivid pedestrian bridges



- Partially transparent noise-walls in selected locations. Articulate for depth using concrete masonry units.



- Balanced neighborhood street openings

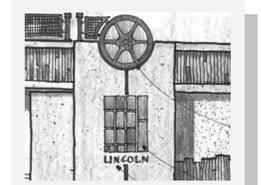
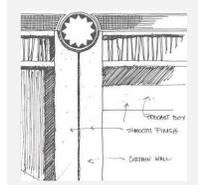


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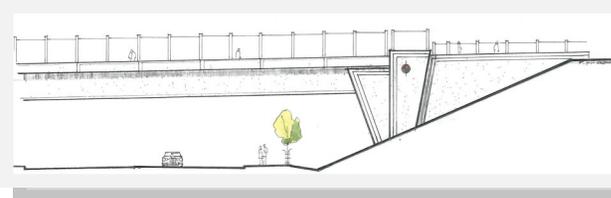
- Bridge abutment curtain walls with locale specific designs



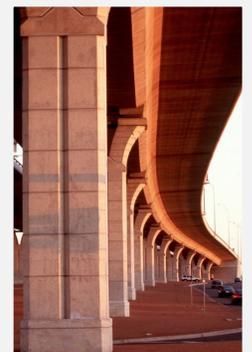
- Horizontal bands in parapet barrier with locale specific designs



- Sloping bridge abutments with subtle Art Deco styling at neighborhood side streets



- Detailed bridge columns



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Corridor recommendations: Design elements for Landscape

- Continue to use basalt wall textures among others



- Design columnar basalt elements



- Plant ponderosa pine trees throughout



- Use lilac bushes where appropriate



- Plant native grasses to conserve water

