



MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE AND  
BRAGAW OVERPASS  
GATEWAY + DESIGN ELEMENTS

MEETING NOTES MARCH 3, 2006

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From the February 22 Fair results:

1. Safer, pedestrian-friendly streets
2. Bike lanes and paths

General principals:

1. We are a culturally diverse population and Mountain View has varied building styles
2. We are a working-class neighborhood with many occupations represented, i.e., the Neighborhood Plan logo states "A Neighborhood That Works." The logo's dual meaning expresses the presence of hard-working and civic-minded individuals and their participation which makes for a successful industrial, retail, and residential neighborhood....with a Chugach Mountain view.

### Plan of Action

-discuss and refine Gateway and design elements as outlined here

-do this at 3-5 work sessions by March xx, 2006 (deadline?)

-(contact to Tom Dougherty, artist input?, landscape architect input? notes from civil engineer re: drawings, written summary)

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Location: north side of the Glenn Highway and Bragaw overpass  
along / near / over Bragaw Street

### Restrictions:

- cost is not known, but estimated at \$125,000 - 300,000 (or 1 %)
- part of this may be allocated to design elements (unclear)
- may seek additional funds through grants, private donations
  
- height restrictions: need to be researched
- seismic issues
- horizontal space and easement requirements
- maintenance

### Inclusions:

- electrical service
- water service
- other site work

### Pedestrian routes / bike routes

#### locations:

all areas except the Glenn Highway underpass

#### possible features:

- curving horizontally enhance movement through landscape
- sidewalks from 4' (east side of Bragaw overpass) to 12' (west side Bragaw overpass, both sides North Bragaw), 8' - 10' at Mountain View Drive
- bulb / bump-out of sidewalks and landscaping at North Bragaw crosswalk (mid-block) for traffic slowing
- "expanded" crosswalk (above): 2 or 3 times as wide as traditional
- sidewalk material such as stained (colored) concrete
  - additional materials embedded
  - patterns / designs on surface in low relief
- crosswalk material such as brick / stained concrete
- a.d.a. requirements of course
- bike path painting other than basic striping: bike symbol
- buffers from street using lighting, landscaping, planters, benches, diagonal parking (at MVDrive), bike lane
- drinking fountains
- waste recepticals and recycling containers
- maintenance requirements

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Locations: various

Restrictions:

- maintenance
- funding
- acceptance of Tom Dougherty and contractor

Inclusions:

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- water service

### Lighting

#### locations:

- tunnel
  - both sides of Bragaw overpass
  - Mountain View Drive sidewalks, street, median planter
  - Bragaw north and south of the overpass
  - special lighting for Gateway
- possible features:
- bollards
  - height from 12' - 16"
  - poles that are lights
  - LED
  - fluorescent
  - neon
  - mounted on guardrails / retaining walls (lower, to the side, wall washers)
  - see Spenard, Fairview light poles
  - cross-pole for flower basket and banner hanging
  - horizontal and vertical elements
  - defines / accentuates pedestrian walkway
  - color of fixture mount (green or black poles?)
  - uplighting at trees vs. avoiding light pollution

### The Road

#### locations:

-Bragaw, Mountain View Drive

#### possible features:

- undulating vertically to curb speed and create interest
- curving horizontally to curb speed, enhance movement through landscape
- address special requirements of bus stops (and adding additional stops in the future), bike lanes, and 4' - 12' sidewalks

part I of II : Design Elements

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### Embankment

- locations:  
 -at south and north side of Glenn Highway under Bregaw overpass  
 possible features:  
 -artificial light from LED and / or fluorescent fixtures mounted in wall, at under side of overpass, as wall-washer or accent / decoration  
 -textures  
 -color  
 -concrete and other materials such as stone, glass block, metal  
 -pattern or theme  
 -relief, or indentations and protrusions with adjacent materials or new materials, color  
 -this is a huge palette...although mainly viewed from passing autos, these two walls can make a sizable statement, i.e., a welcome to Anchorage.

### Guardrails and handrails

- locations:  
 -at south side of Glenn Highway connecting Russian Jack tunnel to the Bregaw overpass from the west. (see Pedestrian / bike tunnel)  
 -along both sides of Bregaw overpass

- possible features:  
 -double as light fixtures, include light fixtures ala bollards  
 -textures  
 -color  
 -pattern or theme  
 -finish such as paint, anodized, stained, sandblasted, relief-cut  
 -material such as concrete, metal fabric, metal rail  
 -relief, or indentations and protrusions with adjacent materials or new materials, color  
 -designated areas for postings, graffiti  
 -colors to reflect colors in nature (ala Fairview "fireweed" magenta)

### Pedestrian / bike tunnel

- location: south side of Glenn Highway, from Russian Jack neighborhood east of Bregaw, under Bregaw and connected to the Bregaw overpass from the west.
- possible features:  
 -suggested as high and wide as possible to deter dark scarey tunnel syndrome (cists)  
 -daylighting from Bregaw median to the tunnel through light wells  
 -artificial light from LED and / or fluorescent fixtures mounted in walls, ceiling, benches, floor tiles  
 -textures  
 -color  
 -concrete and other materials such as stone, glass block, metal  
 -designated areas ("framed") for postings, graffiti  
 -music piping in for ambience, calming  
 -floor design to include 2 sidewalks and a lower trenched area separating tunnel entries to be addressed  
 -pathway exits the tunnel and follows a route which slopes up and north to meet the Bregaw overpass---this section will require a guardrail.

### part II of II : Design Elements

### Trees, shrubs, plantings

- locations throughout construction area:  
 -at all four corners of Bregaw overpass, on embankments  
 -along pedestrian routes north and south Bregaw  
 -along Mountain View Drive pedestrian walkways  
 -at median on MVD Drive, Bregaw  
 -at Gateway
- suggested features:  
 -designated raised water utility hook-ups (ala 15th avenue)  
 -ample root room  
 -tag trees slated for removal along the site, and relocate to designated areas as mentioned above  
 -mature trees create "instant canopy" (thanks Allen)  
 -variations of trees and shrubs for color and interest  
 (summer: leaf color variations and fruit, winter: tree bark)  
 -formation of Beautification Committee for care and maintenance of trees and plantings