



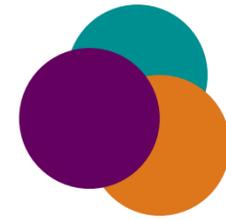
Reconnecting Fairview

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Translated by Joel Isaak & Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

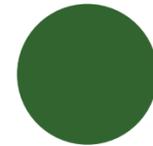


For today

Share our partnership in Fairview to heal the Gambell-Ingra Corridor.

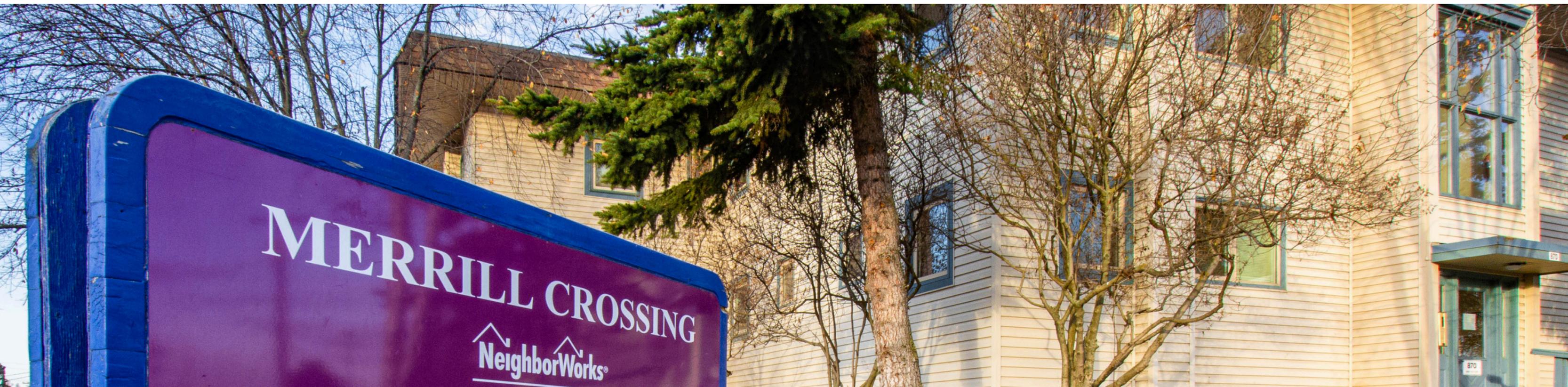


Overview of NeighborWorks Alaska



Partnership with Fairview Community Council

- Fairness for Fairview
- Reconnecting Fairview



Affordable Housing & Supportive Housing

917

RENTAL HOMES

Across eight properties, our Housing team serves approximately 1,600 residents

70

UNITS MANAGED

Across seven properties, our Housing team manages these units for seniors and people with disabilities

\$30,000

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Almost half of our households (48%) earn less than \$30,000 per year.

NUMBERS FROM 2024



Our Mission

NeighborWorks® Alaska is dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and individuals by preserving homes, creating new housing opportunities and strengthening neighborhoods.

757

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CLIENTS

Clients served with disabilities or who experience homelessness moved to housing

99.7%

HOUSING STABILITY RATE

successful % of clients who exited our programs and remained in Permanent Housing

88.0%

INCREASE IN INCOME

The successful percentage of clients who increased their income while engaged in our programs

Community Engagement



NeighborWorks
ALASKA

Empower neighborhood residents to create safer, more connected, and vibrant communities through:

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Community Leadership Development
- Community Building



2,850
VOLUNTEER HOURS
Community members volunteered their time, energy, and expertise for our community engagement efforts (in 2024)

3,265
VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers in our Anchor Gardens network, where everyone is empowered to lead and move projects forward with each other

Fairview Neighborhood



Merrill Crossing property



Leadership support



Committee



Partnerships



Fairness for Fairview



Fairview Community Council & NeighborWorks Alaska



Partnership

- **EPA Environmental Justice Grant:** Grant support for Jan 2022 - Sept 2023. Heal the Gambell-Ingra corridors to reconnect Fairview.
- **Reconnecting Communities:** Laid groundwork for this effort, through 2026.

NWAK Connection to Fairview

- NWAK committed to the Fairview neighborhood, and our property Merrill Crossing since 1993

- Partnership began in early 2022, including Community Leadership Institute training
- Focus on building a team of change makers



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Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program



First-ever Federal program dedicated to reconnecting communities that were cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure

*"THESE PROJECTS WILL BETTER
CONNECT PEOPLE TO OPPORTUNITY,
TO PROSPERITY, AND TO EACH
OTHER, WHICH IS WHAT
TRANSPORTATION IS ALL ABOUT."
FORMER U.S. TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG*

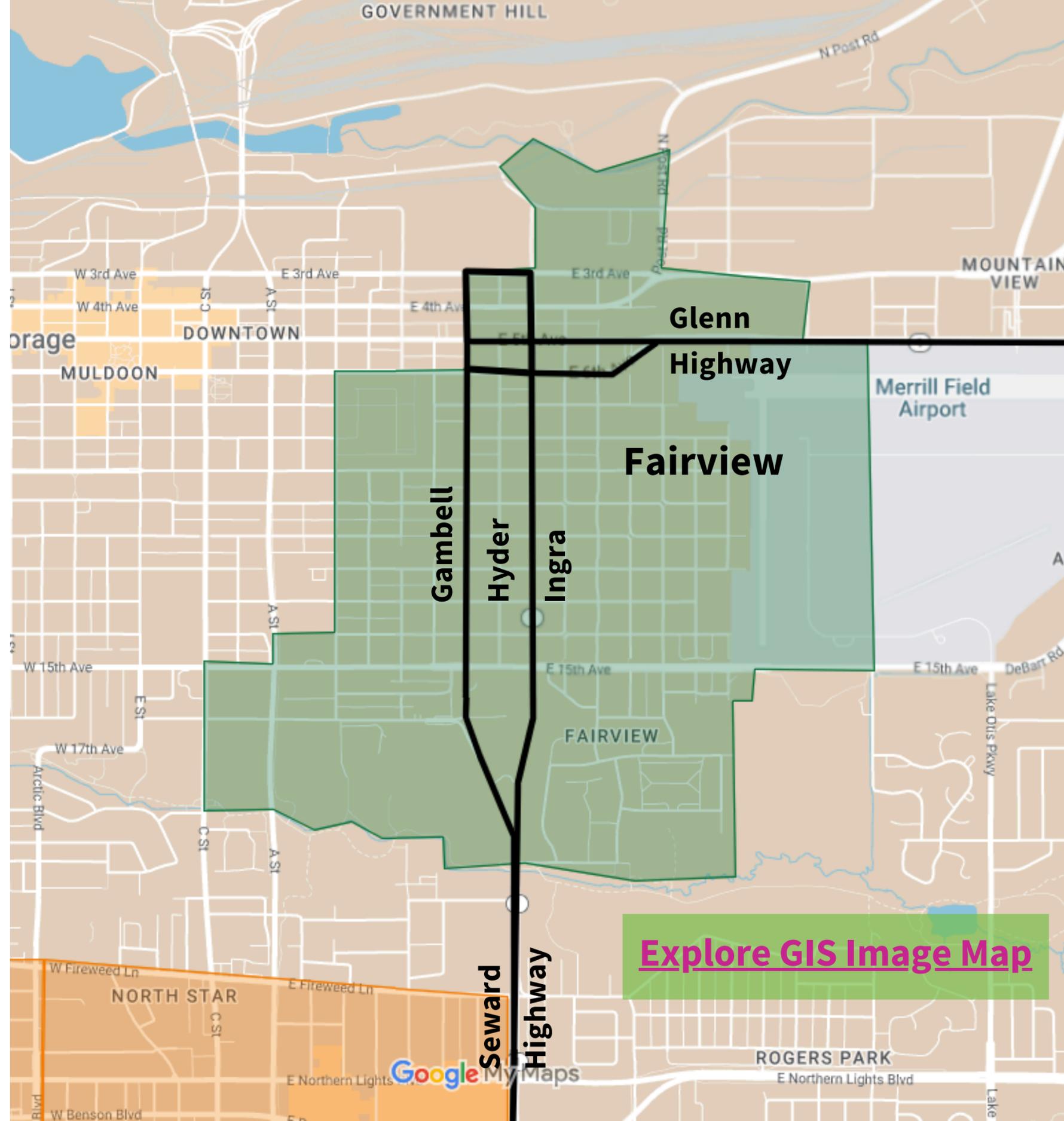
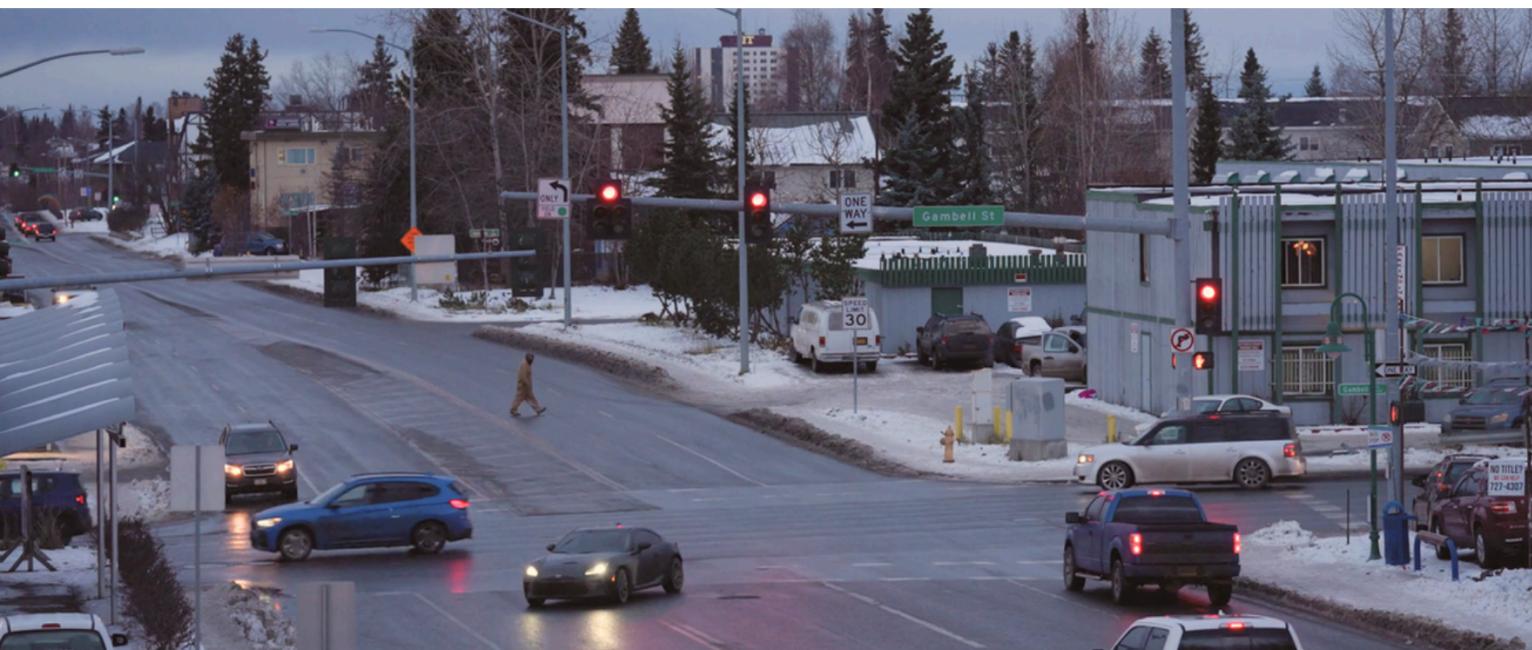


“The Corridor”

THE HISTORY The decision to divide Fairview with an expanded Gambell and Ingra Streets was made with the conscious knowledge that it would negatively affect the neighborhood. In 1965, the city stated that the corridor would “*cut the neighborhood and create an island two blocks wide and ten blocks long.*”

- **David Reamer**, @ANC_Historian

*Learn more on Sun, Feb 23 @ 1pm at SEED Lab!



Impacts of the Corridor

- What does an 8-lane highway couplet do to a neighborhood?
- What happens in the 10 block x 2 block area between the couplet?

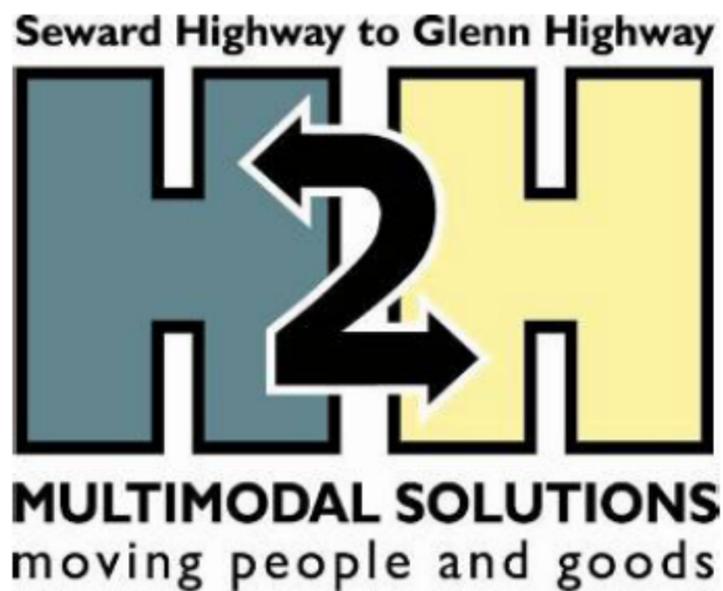
"THEY PUT THE FREEWAY THROUGH THERE, IT KNOCKED OUT A LOT OF THE BUSINESSES, YOU KNOW, (MADE IT) DIFFICULT TO WALK ACROSS THE STREET. THERE WAS NO CONSULTATION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY JUST CAME IN AND BULLDOZED IT AND SET IT UP."

2015 "An Oral and Written History of Fairview: Past, Present, & Future." David Reamer, @ANC_Historian



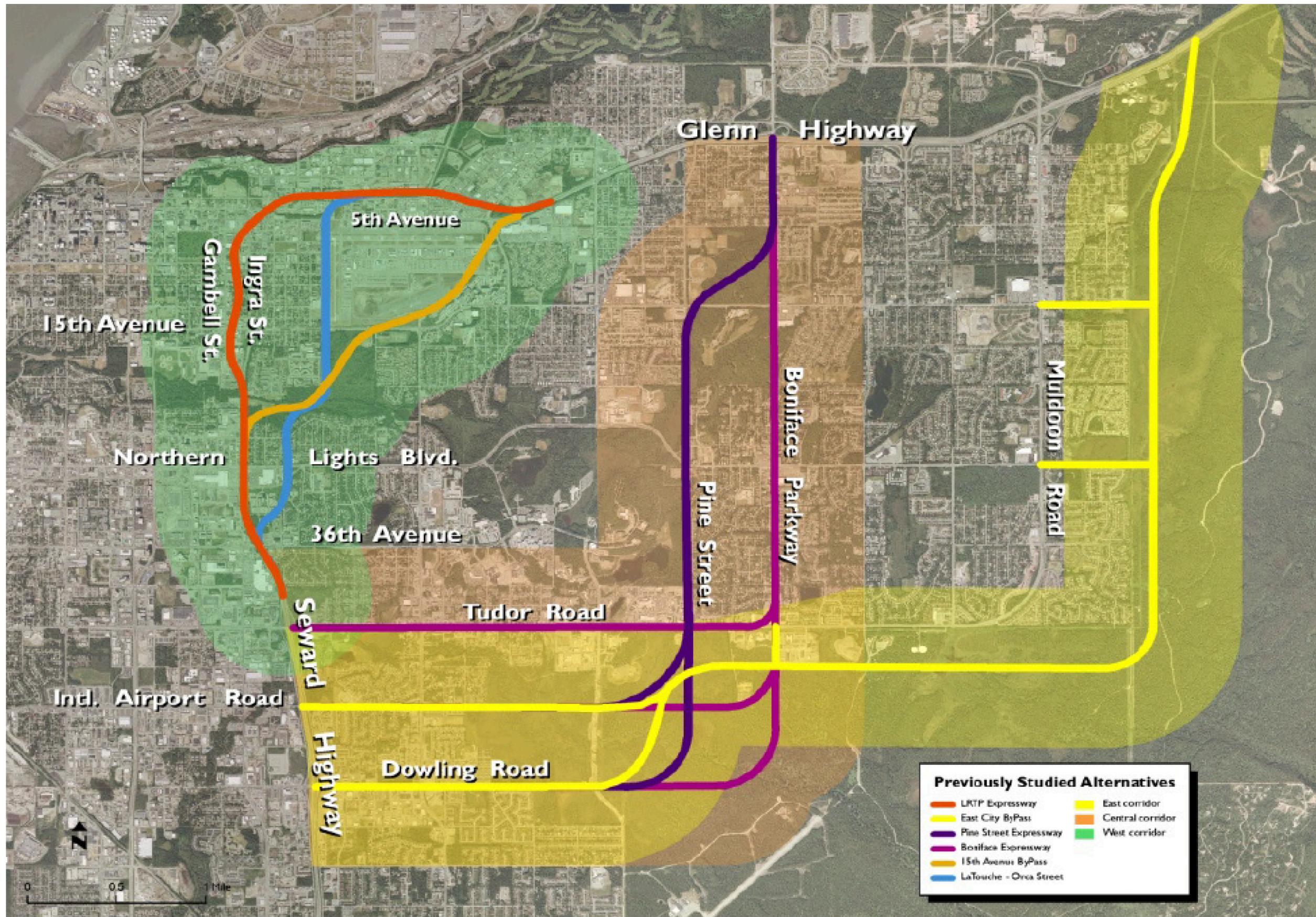
What's the plan...?

Figure 2-3. Summary of Previously Studied Alternatives and Corridors



Many studies...
but no plan has
been enacted to
change the
Gambell & Ingra
couplet.

H2H was **not**
adopted in 2011.



1.9 PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION

1.9.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Highway-to-Highway project is to reduce congestion by improving mobility⁶ and access⁷ for people and goods traveling to and from Anchorage's major urban activity centers (see Figure 1-2, Project Area) using the Seward and Glenn highways. These improvements are necessary for reducing congestion and improving travel efficiency, creating better neighborhood connections, reducing crashes, and enhancing modal interrelationships.

1.9.2 Transportation Needs

Need 1: Congestion

Heavy and increasing traffic during peak commuting hours causes unacceptable congestion and delay on the existing arterial connection and on alternate routes.

Need 2: Travel Efficiency

The Seward and Glenn highways are controlled-access freeways that transition into urban arterial streets. The stop-and-go conditions on the arterial streets (conditions that are caused by multiple traffic signals and driveways) decrease travel efficiency to user destinations. Increasing traffic is anticipated to make travel efficiency worse.

Need 3: Neighborhood Connectivity

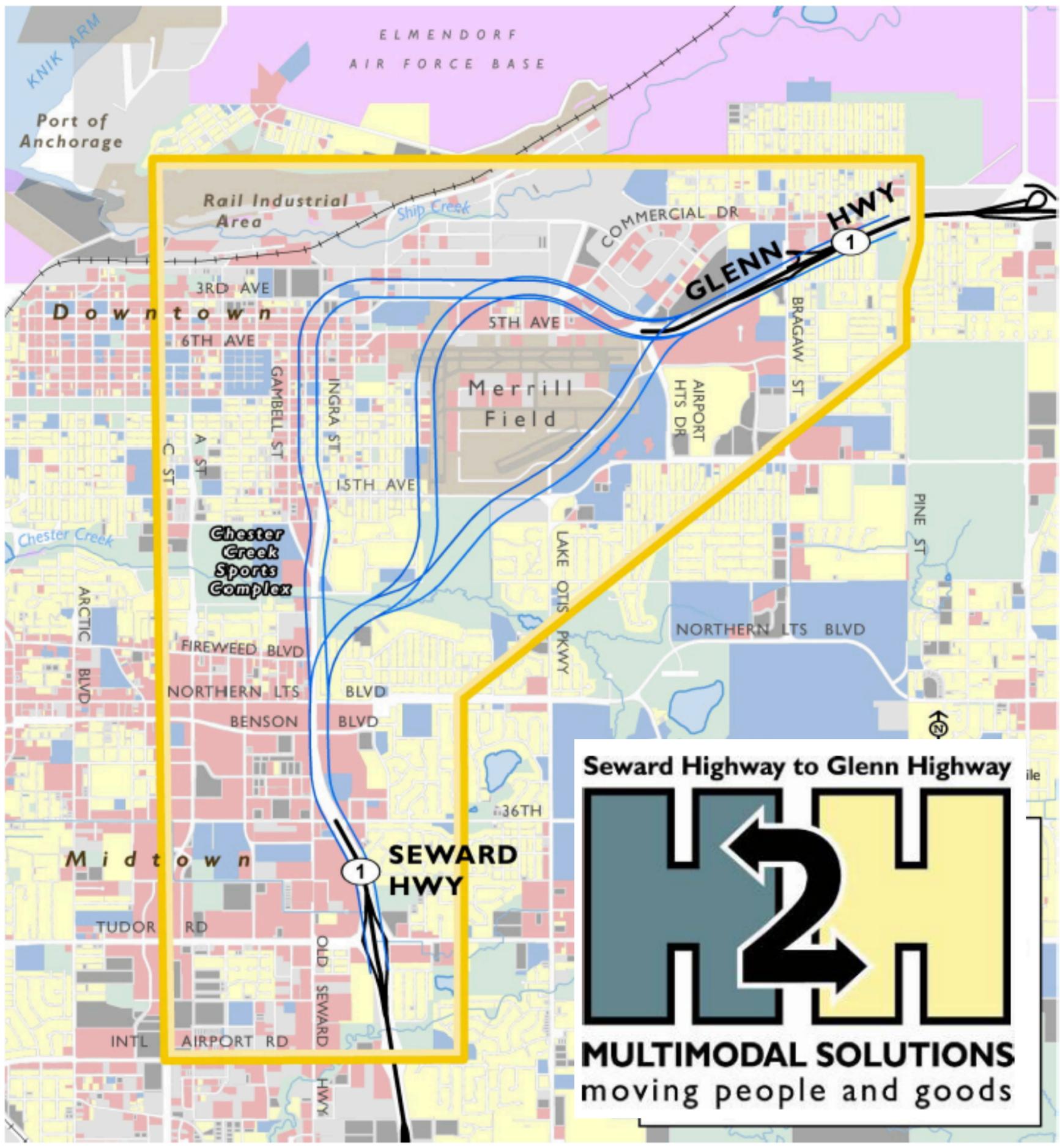
The wide streets and heavy traffic volumes of the existing arterial connection make travel across and along this road difficult for bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle users and adversely affect adjacent neighborhoods. Increasing traffic is anticipated to make neighborhood connections and adverse impacts worse.

Need 4. Improve Safety

Locations along the existing arterial connection, and on alternate travel routes that receive overflow traffic due to congestion on the existing arterial connection, have high numbers of crashes that result in property damage, fatalities, and severe injuries. Increasing traffic is anticipated to make safety conditions worse. The corridor presents major concerns for pedestrian safety.

Need 5. Improve Modal Interrelationships

Public transportation service through the Glenn Highway corridor is impeded by traffic congestion and transfers to local bus routes are not easily scheduled. As demand for transit services continues to increase, transportation planning on both the Seward and Glenn highway corridors should develop alternatives to coordinate land use with transportation and increase non-motorized modal travel while moving people more efficiently throughout the region. Freight mobility to the port, rail yard, and airport are impeded by traffic congestion and inefficiency in the arterial connection.



Seward

Glenn

CONNECTION

WELCOME

Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study

Purpose & Need

The proposed purpose is to improve mobility, accessibility, safety, and livability for people and goods traveling on or across the roadway system connecting the Seward Highway, Glenn Highway, and Port of Alaska by all modes (including people on foot, bicycles, and buses) while improving community cohesion. The intent is to (1) maintain the functionality of the National Highway System while meeting the local travel needs of residents who live, play, and work in the area and must safely travel across or along those roadways; and (2) improve neighborhood connections and quality of life and accommodate adopted plans as practicable.

From Alaska DOT&PF

Reduce Conflicting Travel Functions



Serving competing regional and local travel functions on the highway network in the study area leads to conflicts that reduce mobility, safety, and accessibility for all users.

Improve Safety



Crashes between vehicles and people walking or bicycling are elevated at several study area intersections.

Promote Social Equity and Economic Development



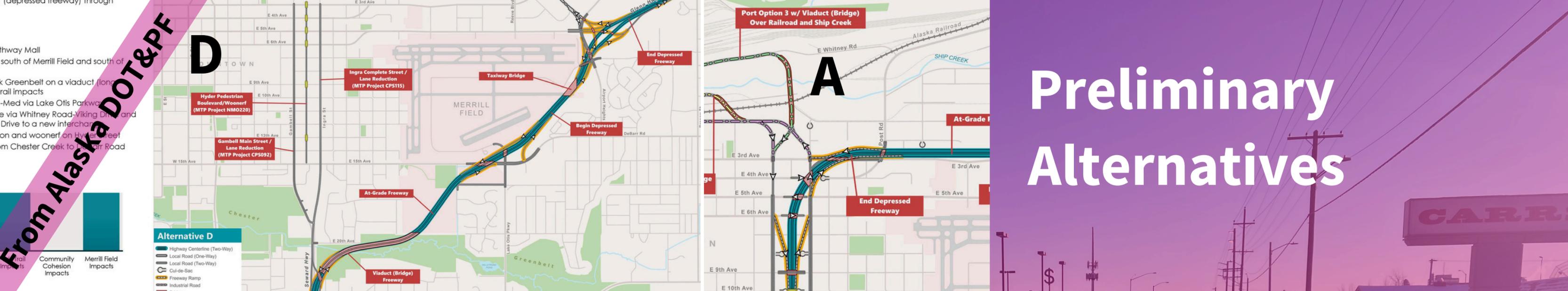
Current highway and arterial design on the Seward/ Glenn Highway corridor in the study area is inconsistent with the vision expressed in recently adopted plans. Those plans envision improving neighborhood redevelopment, community cohesion, and quality of life.

These needs are presented in neither order of importance nor order of priority.

This planning document may be adopted in a subsequent environmental review process in accordance with 23 USC 168, Integration of Planning and Environmental Review. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.



SEWARD TO GLENN CONNECTION PEL STUDY



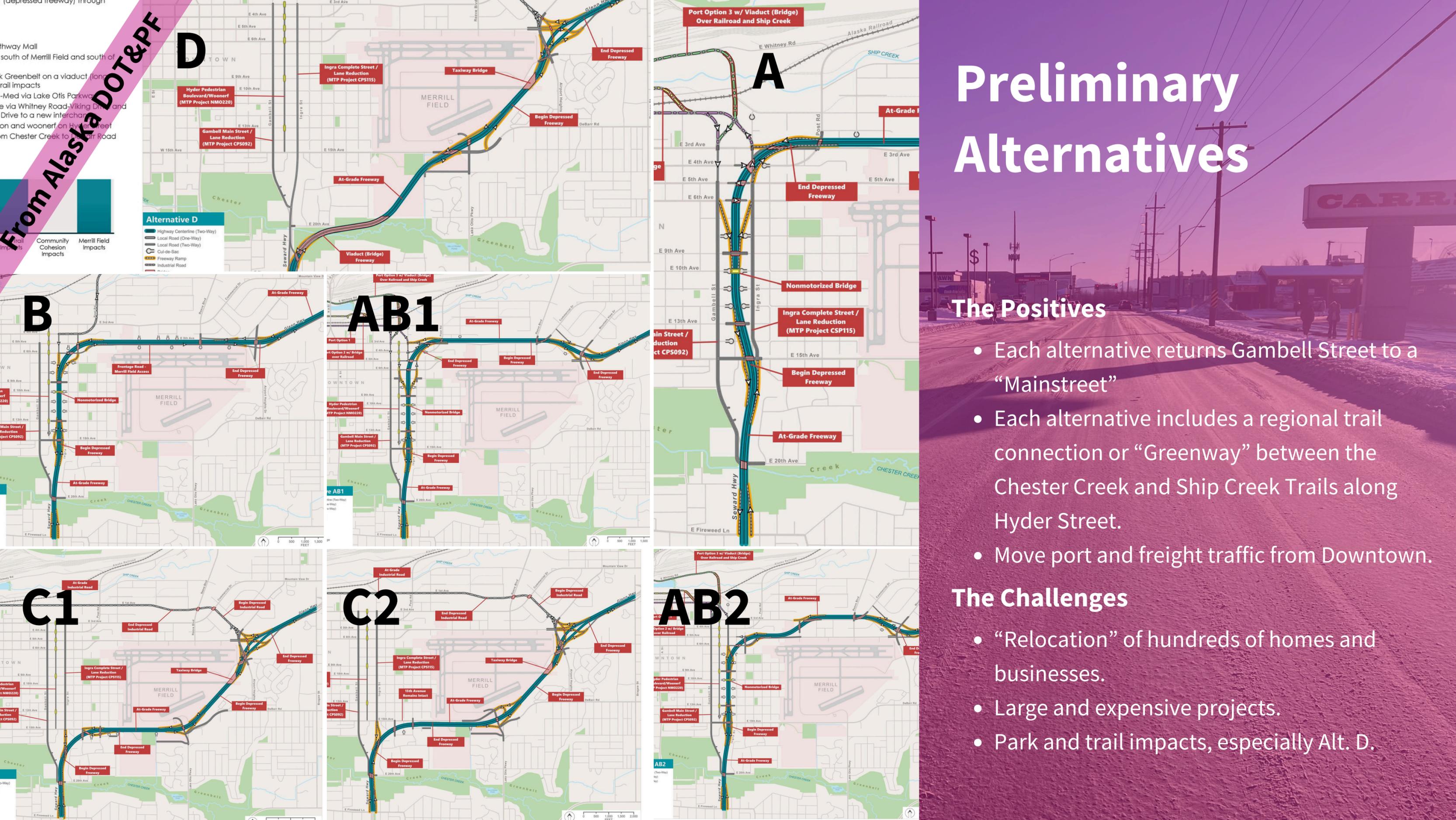
Preliminary Alternatives

The Positives

- Each alternative returns Gambell Street to a “Mainstreet”
- Each alternative includes a regional trail connection or “Greenway” between the Chester Creek and Ship Creek Trails along Hyder Street.
- Move port and freight traffic from Downtown.

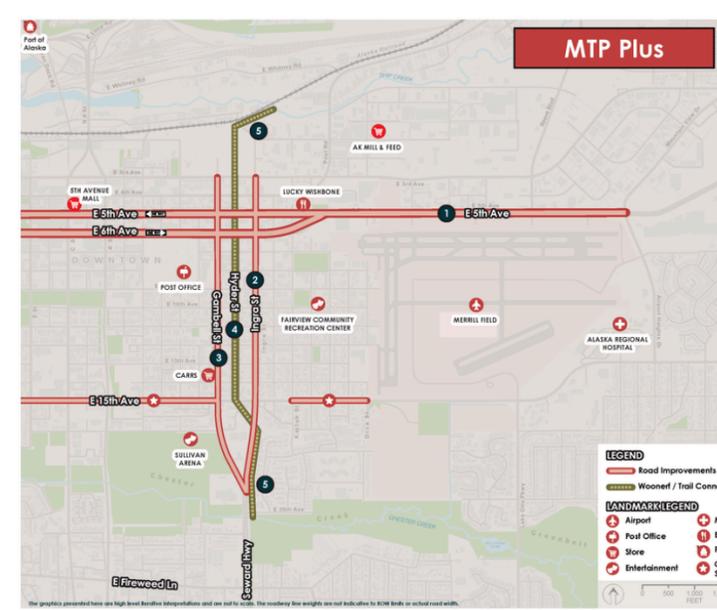
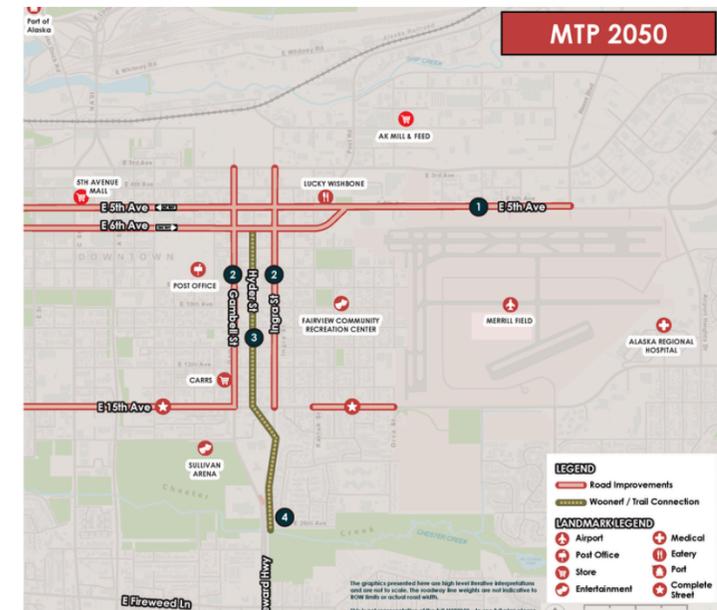
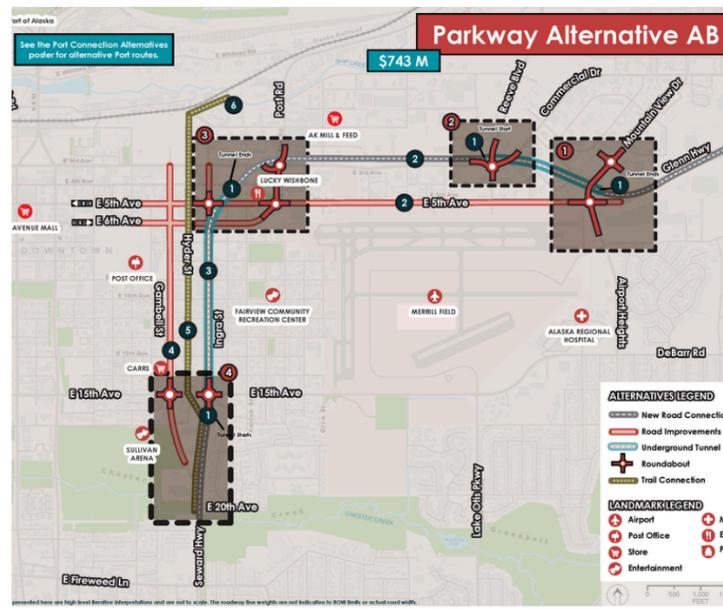
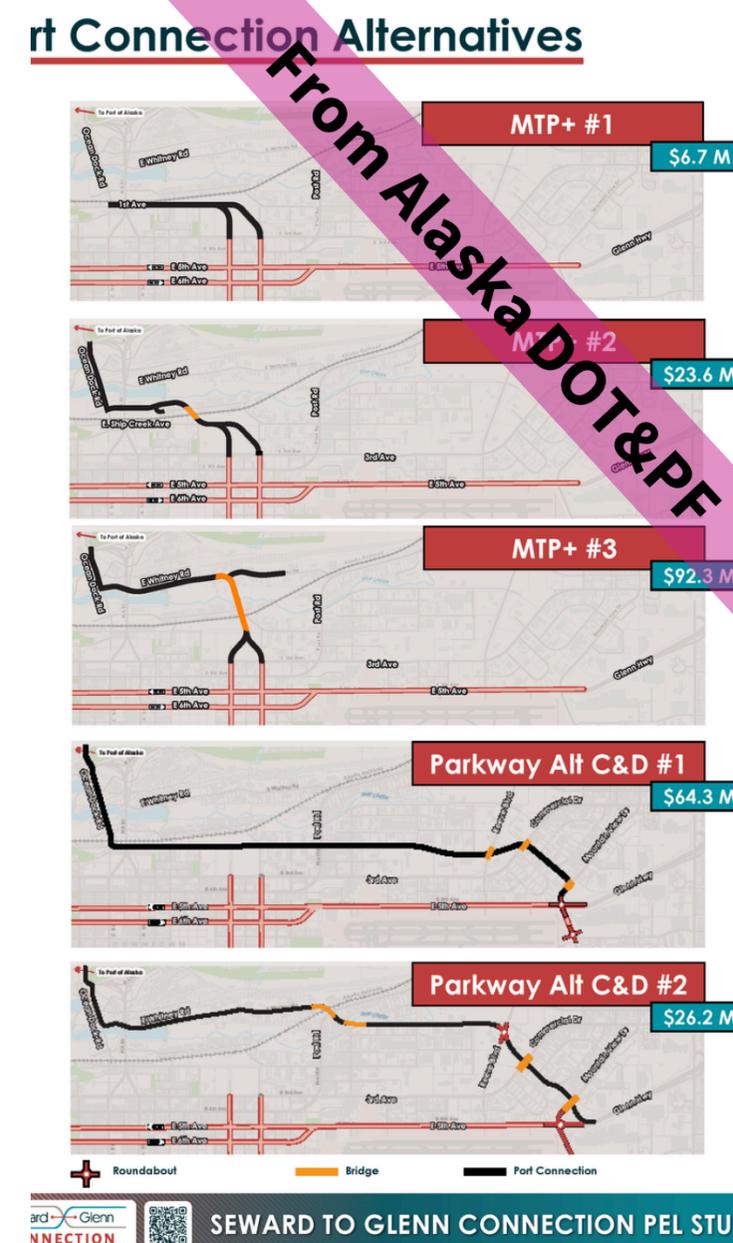
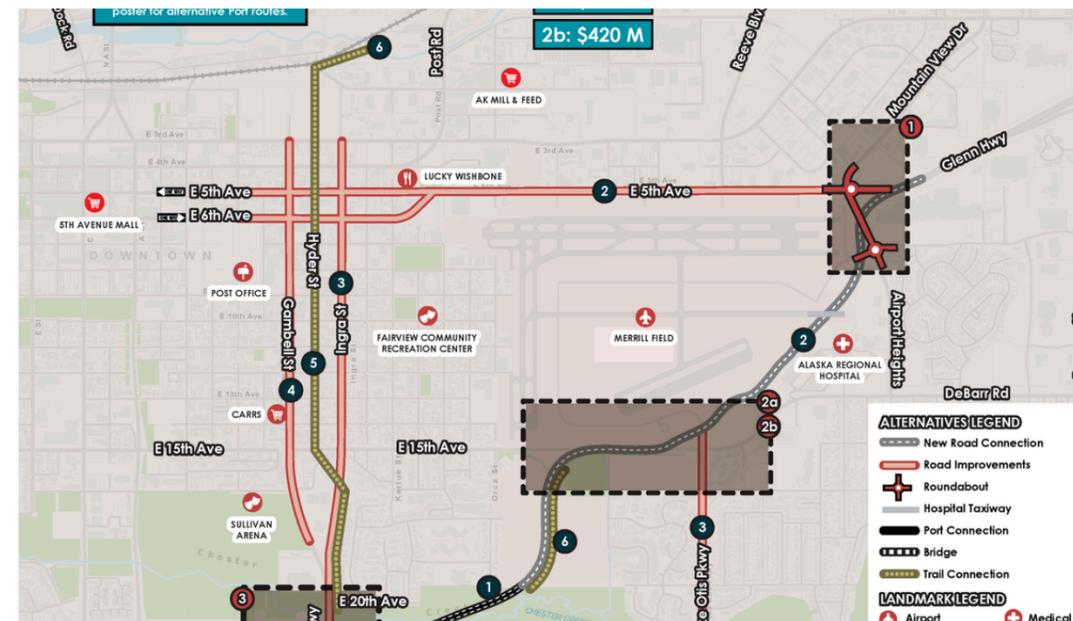
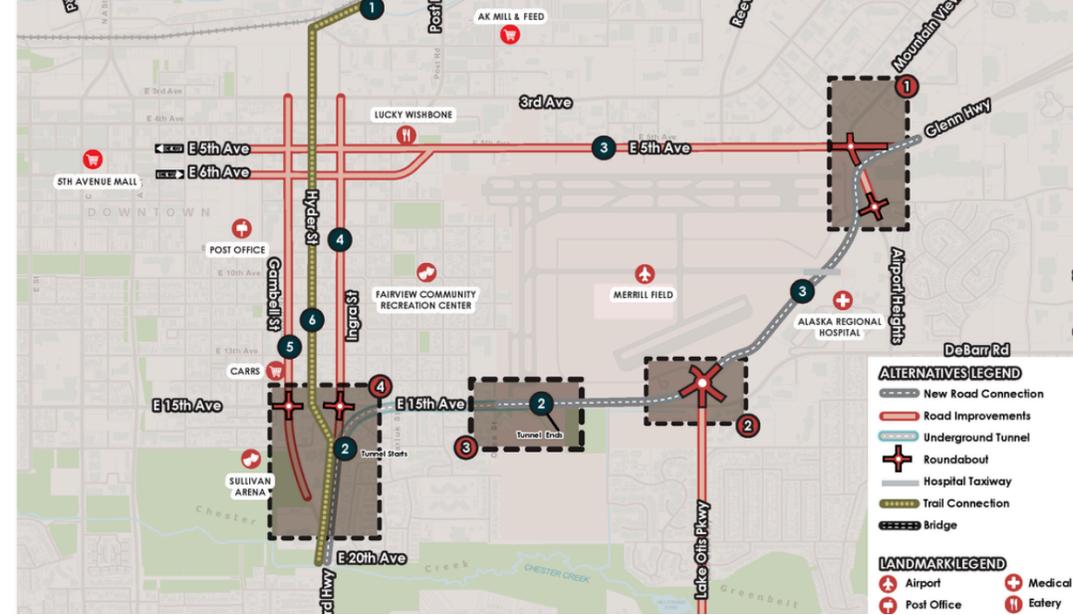
The Challenges

- “Relocation” of hundreds of homes and businesses.
- Large and expensive projects.
- Park and trail impacts, especially Alt. D.



Revised Alternatives

- MTP2050 option
- MTP+
- Parkway AB
- Parkway C
- Parkway D
- Port Options (five)

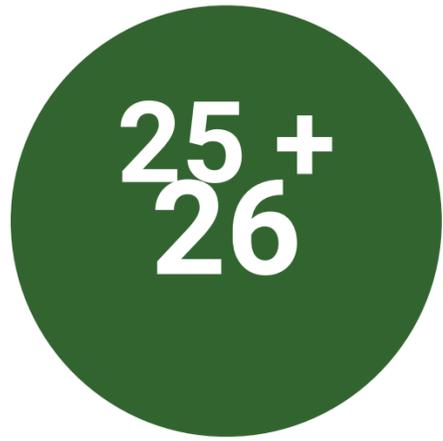


OPEN FOR COMMENT

Visit:

www.SewardGlennConnection.com

BY FEBRUARY 28



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Fairview: Where People Make the Difference



Reconnecting Fairview

Theory of Change



Activity	Belief	Impact	Outcome	Vision
Economic Analysis	Fairview needs economic investment to become safe and vibrant.	To understand opportunities for equitable, asset-focused, and diverse strategic investments in Fairview's landscape, business ecosystem and workforce.	Fairview is vibrant, prosperous, and empowered; Anchorage values and invests in the neighborhood.	A healed and vibrant Fairview that is: welcoming, connected, respected, empowered, & activated year-round
Transportation Modeling	Fairview's healing and vibrancy relies on transforming the G-I couplet into a safe and human-centered corridor.	To discover current mobility patterns, future opportunities, and define success metrics that prioritize residents' safety, ease and joy.	Fairview is multi-modally connected with well-maintained transportation systems that prioritize residents and serves them year-round.	
Greenway Design	A large community-driven public investment in the safety and beauty of this corridor can catalyze private investment and have spillover effects.	To develop a safe, active, attractive corridor that uses art and storytelling to share history and healing, varied travel options and compelling destinations to unite the neighborhood and city.	Fairview has a welcoming physical space that inspires new connections, investments and imaginations around what subarctic amenities can look and feel like.	
Public Engagement Process	A robust and creative public engagement process can remediate engagement fatigue and exclusion while growing the civic power necessary for Fairview to achieve self-determination over its future.	To leverage a creative public engagement process as a tool to engage all Fairview residents--especially those historically ignored--while building trust, belonging and civic capacity.	Fairview residents are excited, civically active and grow into neighborhood leaders that shape the future of Fairview and the city.	



Reconnecting Fairview Corridor Plan

Community-led solutions to reimagine the Gambell & Ingra St. corridor



Center equity and community-driven solutions



Foster participatory planning, engaging community members and building trust



Identify opportunities to address key challenges caused by divisive infrastructure

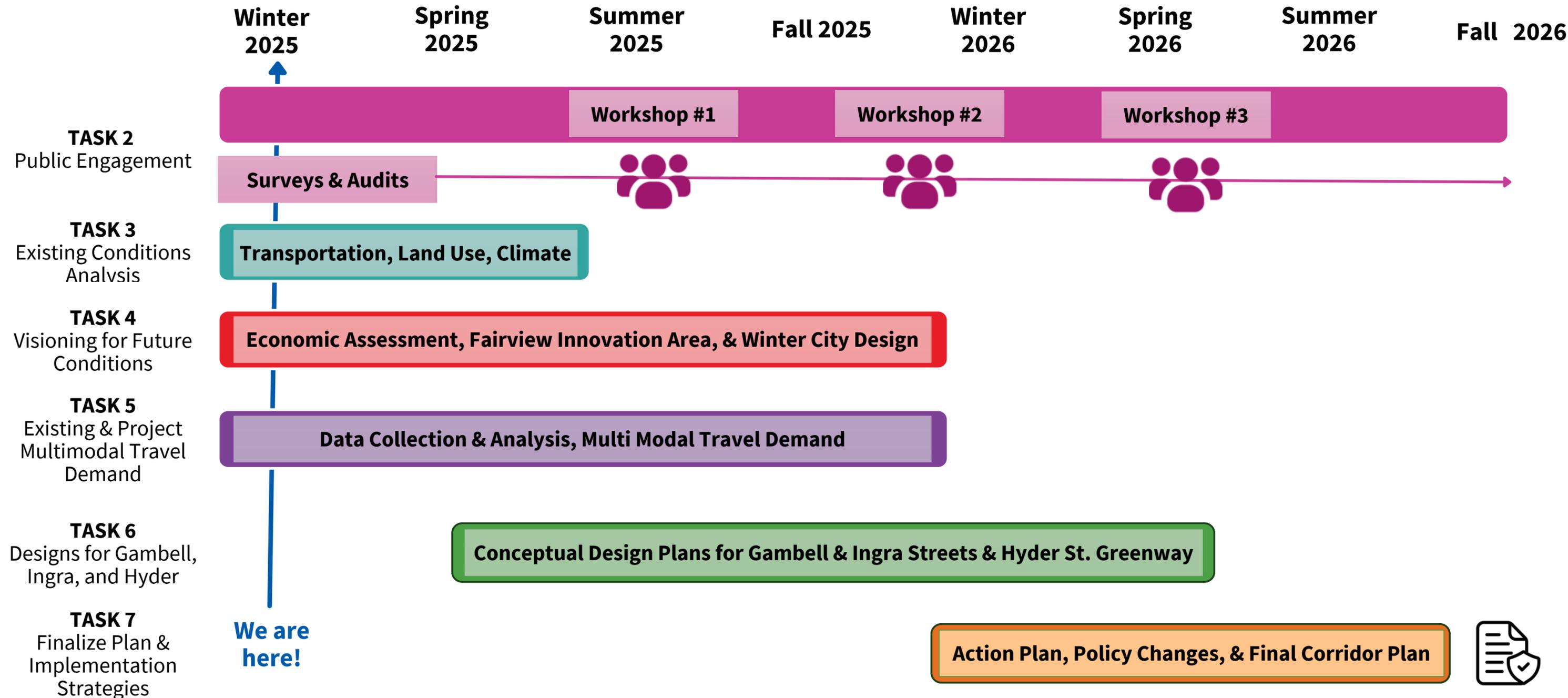


Strengthen community resilience and livability



Establish a clear path forward for implementation roles and responsibilities

Reconnecting Fairview Corridor Plan



Reconnecting Fairview Next Steps



- Ongoing coordination with Alaska DOT to inform the **Seward to Glenn PEL Study**
 - Submit your comments by Feb 28!
- **Reconnecting Fairview Corridor Plan**
 - Launch public engagement (including now!)
 - Gathering existing conditions, experiences, and economic data
 - Continued coordination with Fairview Community Council
 - Share first round of info in Aug 2025



Thank you!

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