MOA Project #16-29 W. 32nd Avenue & E. 33rd Avenue Upgrades

Planning and Zoning Commission Resolutions



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-011

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS DESIGN STUDY REPORT FOR THE W. 32ND AVENUE AND E. 33RD AVENUE UPGRADES PROJECT.

(Case 2018-0026)

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering Department for approval of the Context Sensitive Solutions Design Study Report for the W. 32nd Avenue and E. 33rd Avenue Upgrades Project.

WHEREAS, public hearing notices were published, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on June 10, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
 - 1. The preferred alternatives in the Design Study Report provide excellent pedestrian connectivity.
 - 2. Public testimony at the hearing expressed that the pedestrian and bicycle connection across Midtown is much needed.
 - 3. While pedestrian connectivity across town is beneficial and needed, in the future such improvements should also benefit Reinvestment Focus Areas.
 - 4. Effects on surrounding local streets should be more carefully considered in cases like this where on-street parking is being removed.
- B. The Commission approves the preferred alternatives for each segment identified in the Context Sensitive Solutions Design Study Report for the W. 32nd Avenue & E. 33rd Avenue Upgrades project.

This approval shall only be for the preferred alternatives identified in the Design Study Report, with the exception of the connection between W. 30th Avenue and W. 32nd Avenue. The applicant shall resolve the preferred alignment for this segment with the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. Planning and Zoning Commission Resolution 2019-011 Page 2

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission on the 10th day of June, 2019.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission this 8th day of July, 2019. This written decision/resolution of the Planning and Zoning Commission is final and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.050A.

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Michelle J. McNulty, AICP Secretary

(Case 2018-0026)

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO INSTALL SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF NORTH STAR STREET FOR THE W. 32ND AVENUE AND E. 33RD AVENUE UPGRADES PROJECT.

(Case S12479)

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering Department for a variance from the requirement to install sidewalks on both sides of North Star Street for the W. 32nd Avenue and E. 33rd Avenue Upgrades Project.

WHEREAS, public hearing notices were published, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on June 10, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
 - 1. The requested variance utilizes the existing right-of-way on North Star Street efficiently and provides an adequate pedestrian facility.
 - 2. Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility has expressed concerns over the acquisition of right-of-way from their facility if the North Star Street alignment is constructed. However, the preferred and presented alternative along North Star Street is preferable for pedestrian safety.
- B. The Commission approves the requested variance from AMC 21.07.060E.2.b to provide a 10-foot wide pathway on the east side of North Star Street in lieu of sidewalks on both sides of North Star Street.

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