

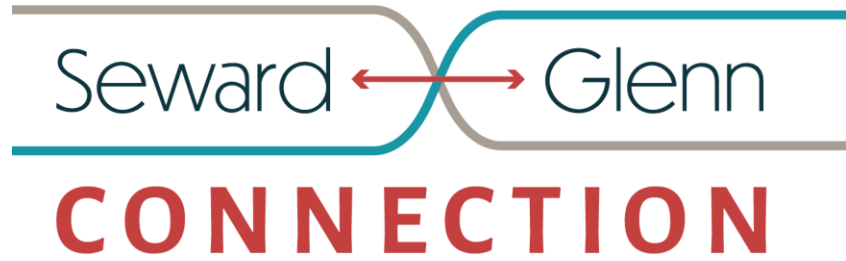
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Refined Alternatives

Community Advisory Committee
January 7, 2025



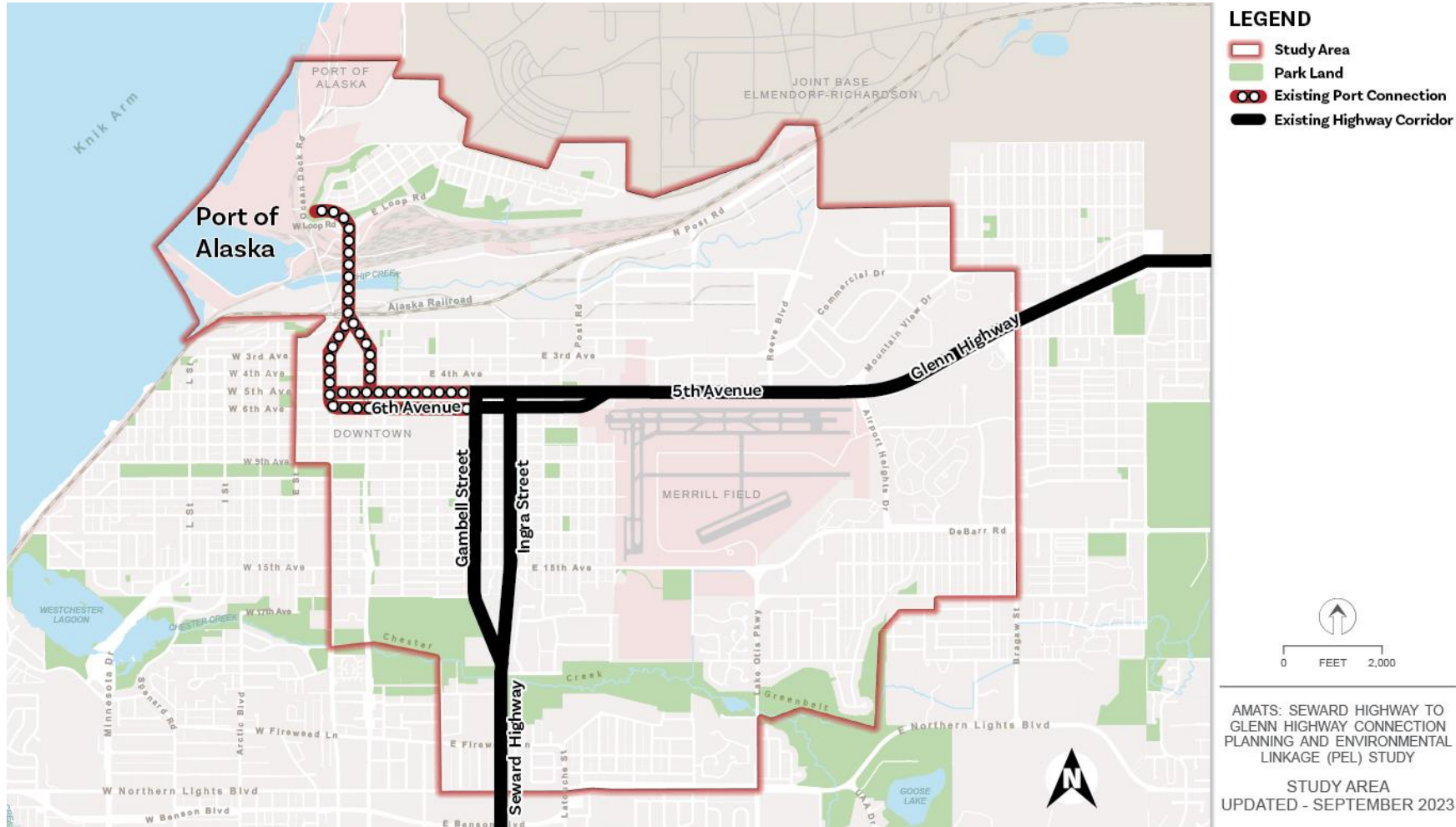
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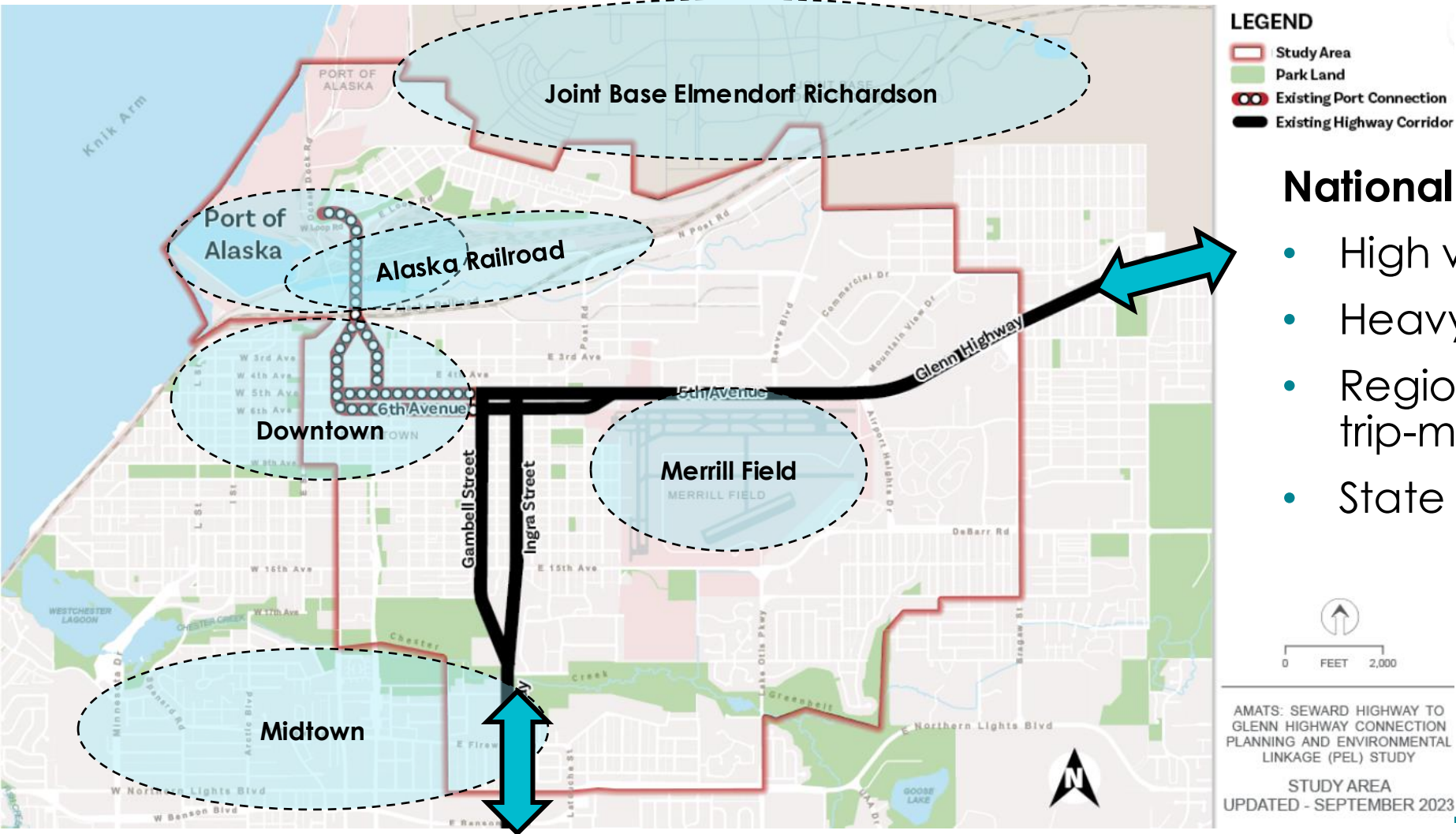
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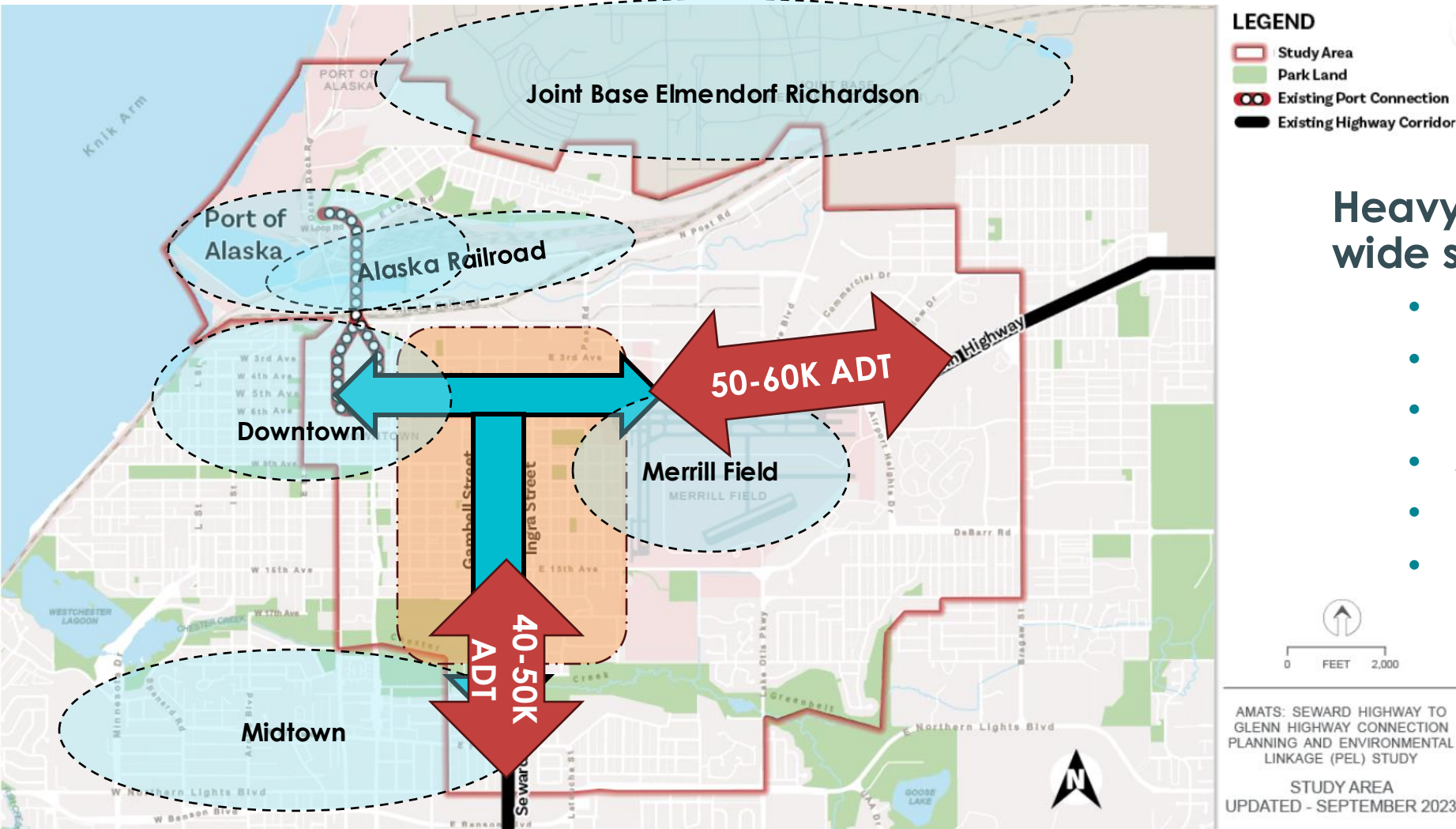
Study Description

“...identify and evaluate options to improve transportation **safety**, **livability**, and **regional travel** between the **Seward** and **Glenn Highways**, and local travel within the **surrounding neighborhoods**. The project will also identify ways to **improve access between the Port of Alaska** and the highway network.”

Regional Connections - NHS



Impacts to Fairview (and Downtown)



Heavy fast-moving traffic and wide streets

- Bisects the neighborhood
- Development challenges
- Pedestrians
- Safety
- Neighborhood impacts
- Vulnerable population

Compromise is Key



Improve safety.



Reduce regional and local travel conflicts.



Consider the needs of all users (*pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles, and freight*).



Maintain National Highway System (*regional*) functionality.



Improve the ability to move safely and efficiently when accessing key destinations.



Port access routing: Improve access between the Port and the highway while also reducing neighborhood impacts.

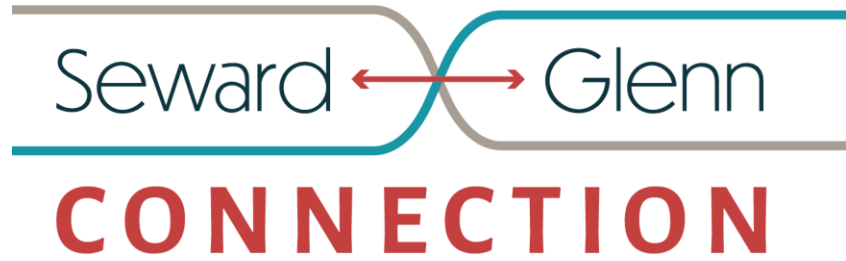


Livability: Help reconnect the neighborhood (*physically and socially*) by removing or separating regional and Port traffic from local traffic, improve quality of life, and promote economic development.



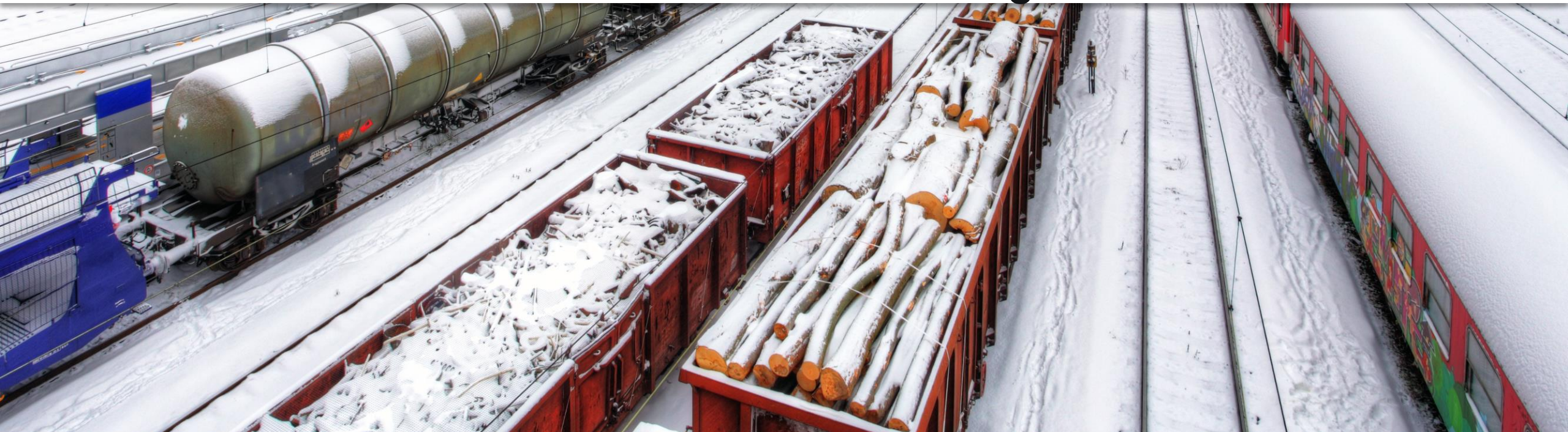
Accommodate ideas from adopted plans:

- Gambell Main Street Redevelopment
- Ingra Greenway Supportive Development Corridor
- Improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Reconnecting Communities Grant (*forthcoming*)



What We Learned from Last Round...

And What We're Doing About It!



Comment Period Highlights

What We Heard



Concerns for neighborhood impacts: noise, air, environmental justice, right-of-way (ROW), and property values



Concerns about ROW impacts (residential and commercial)



Concern for park impacts/ support for Alt D



General sentiment against freeway options; questioning whether a freeway is needed

What We Did About It



» Screened-out/eliminated high-impact freeways



» Reduce ROW impacts with tunnels, parkways, and at-grade intersections

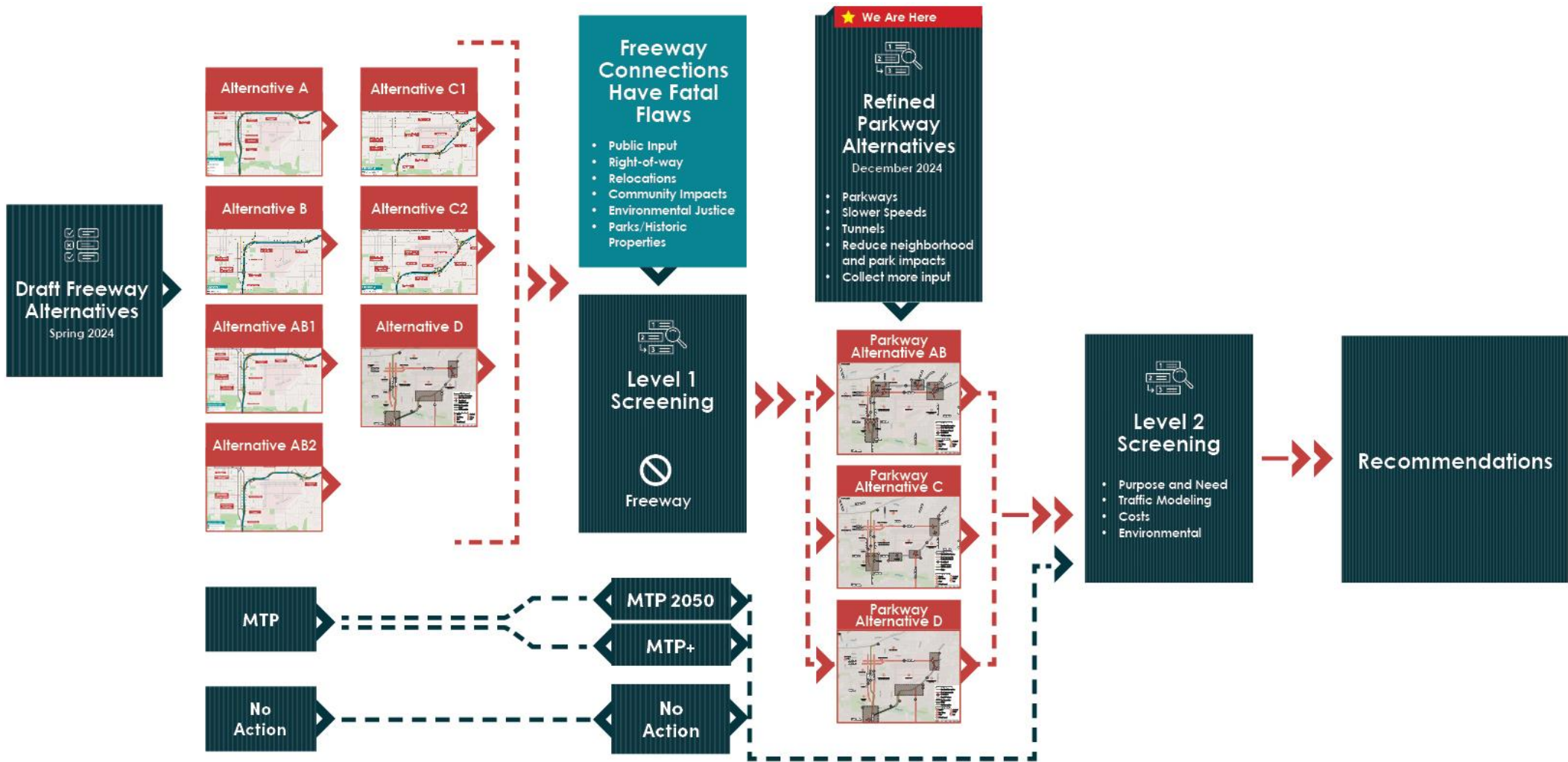


- » Reduce footprint
- » Slower speed allows better park avoidance and reduces noise
- » Shift road farther away from green spaces and homes



- » Created a parkway connection for regional traffic
- » Created at-grade intersections
- » Reduced speeds and number of lanes
- » Reduced ROW impacts with tunnels
- » Added MTP+ alternative

Screening Processes



Screening Data for Alternatives

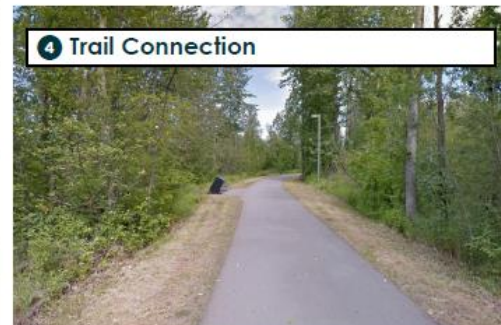
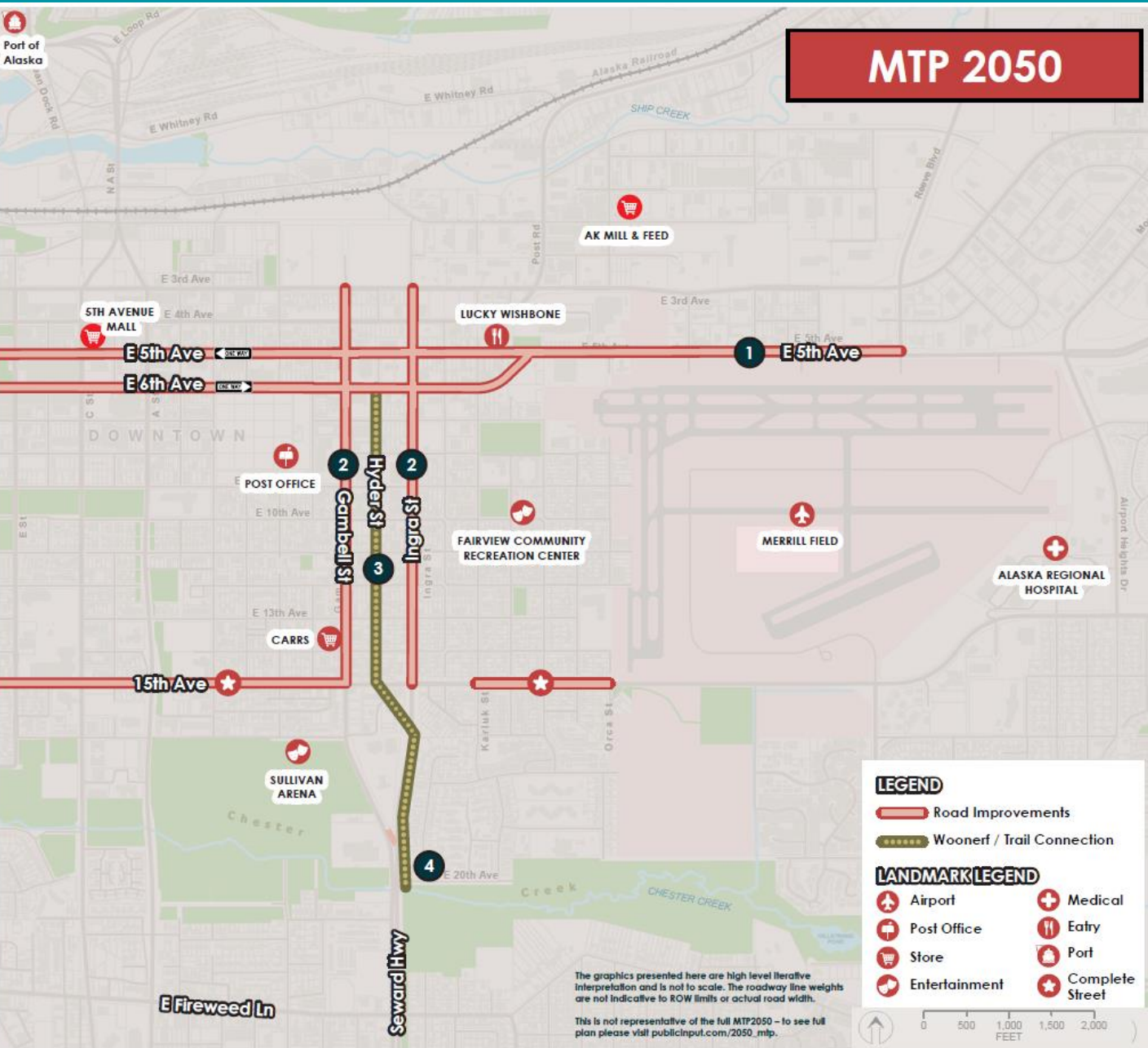
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Relocations																									
Number of residential parcels impacted	None	None	None	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	None	None	None	None	None
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Section 4(f) park impacts (acres)	None	None	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	None	None	None	None	None
Known historic properties directly impacted	None	None	None	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	None	Medium
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Community Facilities																									
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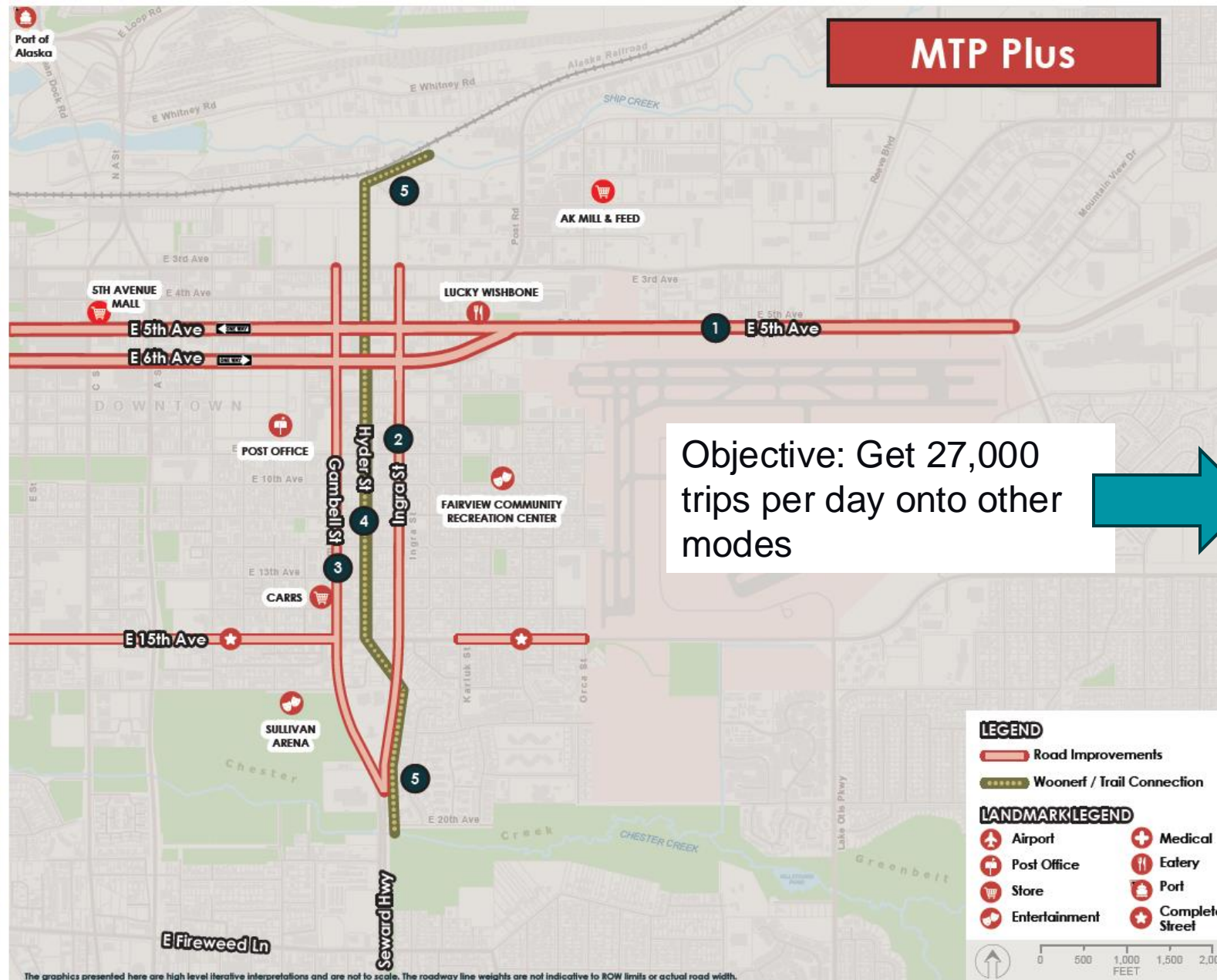


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- Lane reductions 5th, 6th, Gambell, Ingra, 15th
- 6-Lane couplet (Gambell-Ingra)
- Complete streets
- No Glenn-Seward Highway connection

MTP Plus Alternative

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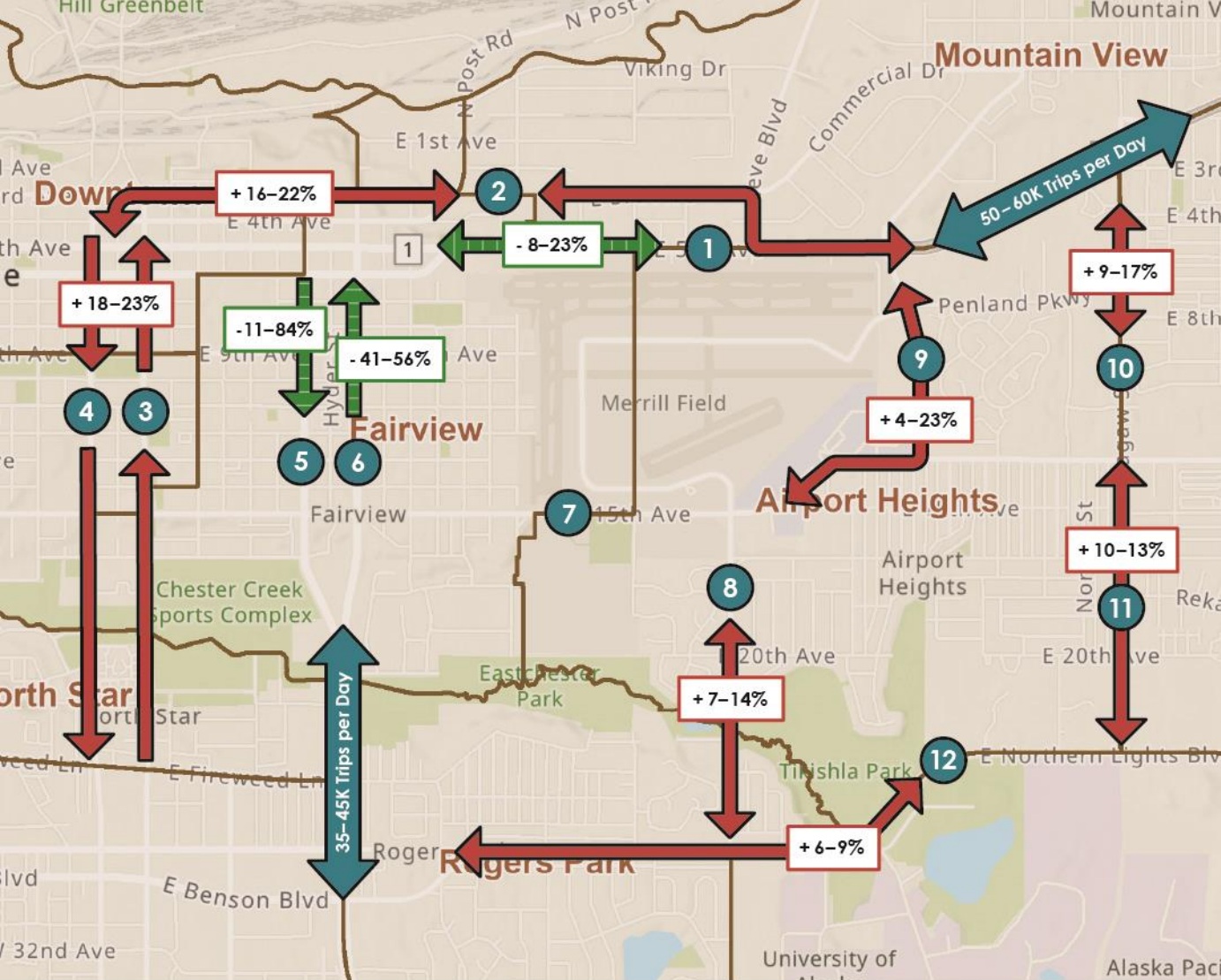
The MTP Plus alternative is intended to:

- Enhance the MTP 2050 within the study area
- Support the desired Fairview main street concept on Gambell Street without building a new parkway

Traffic Reduction Ideas:

- Frequent express bus service from Mat-Su Borough to downtown and midtown Anchorage
- Upgrade transit service from Eagle River to downtown
- New express transit service from Dimond Center to downtown and midtown via C Street
- Upgrade transit route from Huffman to downtown
- New downtown, midtown, and U-Med transit service via Ingra/ Gambell and 36th
- Eliminate transit fares system wide
- Double rideshare program in project corridor
- Additional non-motorized and transit amenities
- Increase telework, telemedicine, e-learning, etc.
- Incentivize increased density to match or exceed the 2040 Land Use Plan

NOTE: The vehicular traffic demand reduction strategies would also add value to a recommended alternative that includes a new "Parkway" road connection between the Seward and Glenn Highways.



Where does that traffic go?

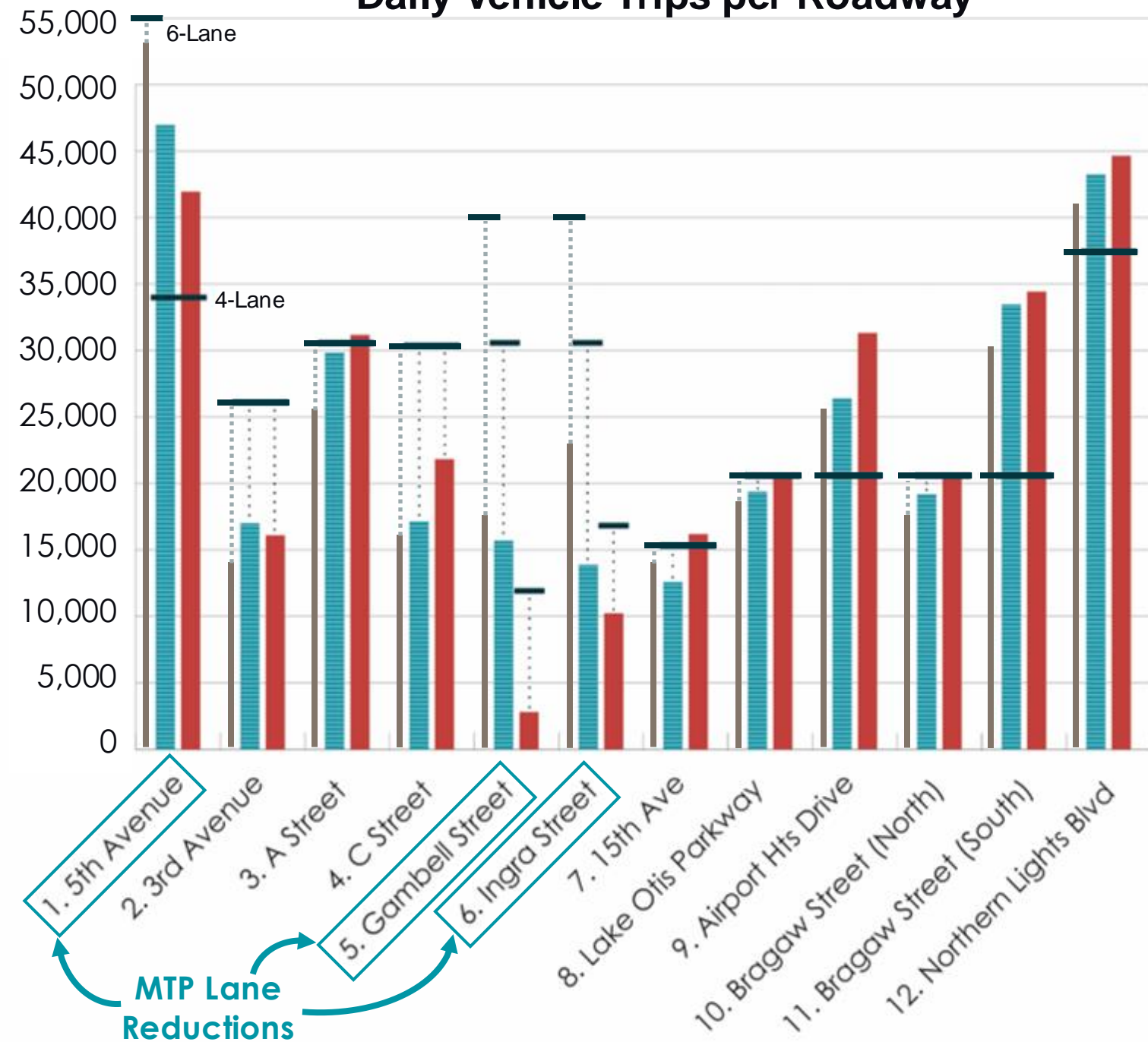
When you pull lanes off the NHS (Ingra, Gambell, & 5th Ave)

Legend

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|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| ① 5 th Ave | ④ C St | ⑦ 15 th Ave | ⑩ Bragaw St (N) | ➡ Traffic expected to decrease |
| ② 3 rd Ave | ⑤ Gambell St | ⑧ Lake Otis Pkwy | ⑪ Bragaw St (S) | ➡ Traffic expected to increase |
| ③ A St | ⑥ Ingra St | ⑨ Airport Hts Dr | ⑫ N. Lights Blvd | |

Daily Vehicle Trips per Roadway

Are those
other roads
congested?



Legend

Ingra & Gambell
Streets

5th Ave
(along Merrill Field)

2050 No
Action

4 Lanes,
One-Way
(each)

6 Lanes, Two-Way

MTP 2050

3 Lanes,
One-Way
(each)

4 Lanes, Two-Way

MTP 2050

2 Lanes,
Two-Way
(each)

4 Lanes, Two-Way

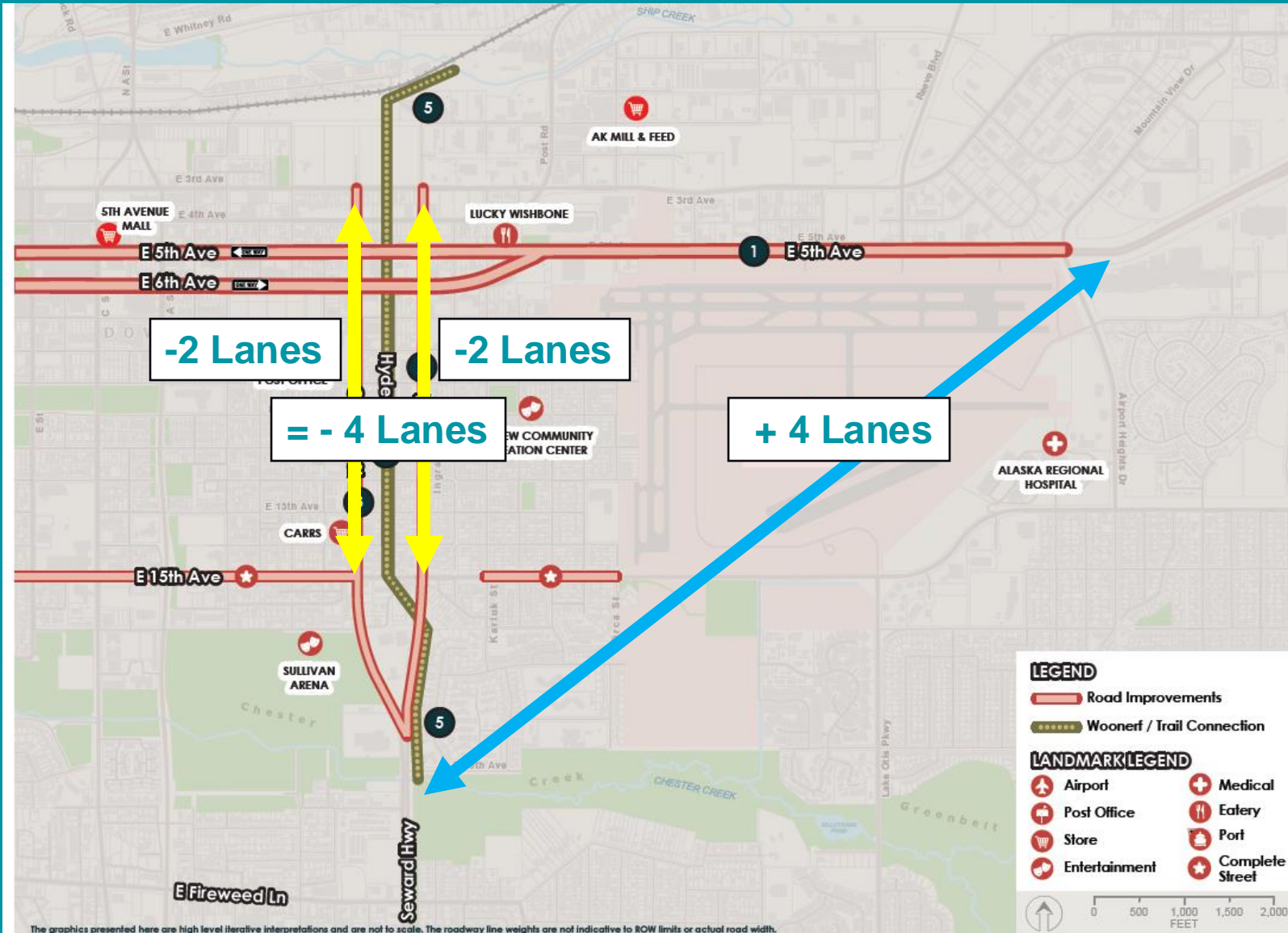
Roadway Daily Capacity

Parkway Strategies

- Slower speeds
- Go under to avoid surface impacts
- Divert trucks to and from the port - away from neighborhoods
- Reroute to avoid important features
- Improve streetscapes

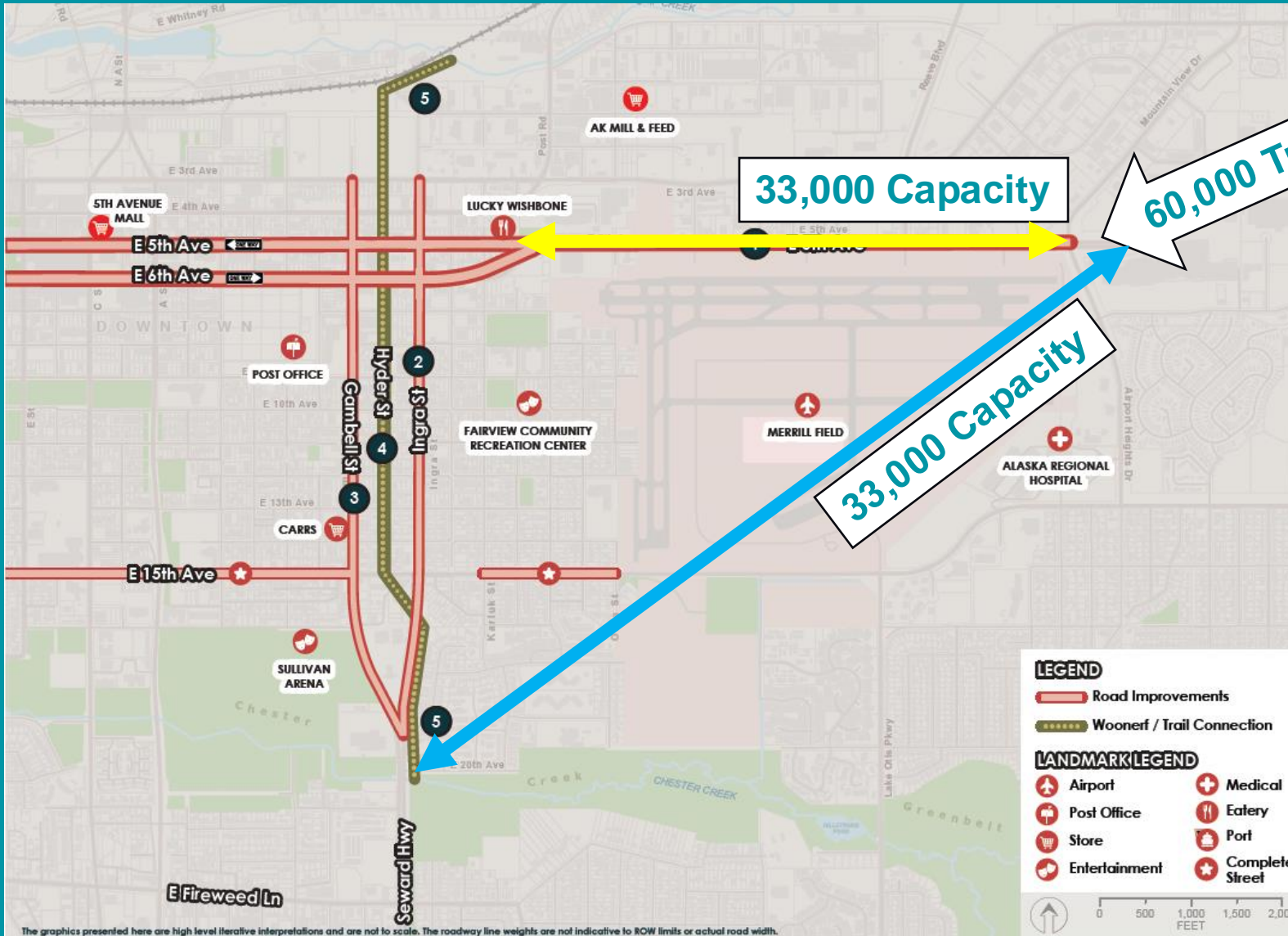


Lane Balance



Extra Capacity

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Freeway vs. Parkway

Outdated Freeway Alternative



- **Six 12-foot** Freeway Lanes
- **55** MPH
- Fenced Right-of-Way
- Interchanges
- No sidewalks or bike paths
- Minimal landscaping
- **150-200 foot** Right-of-Way

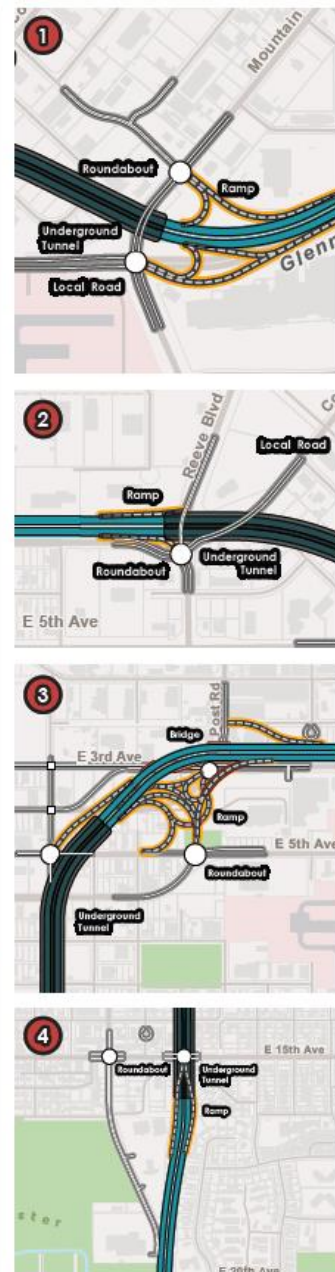
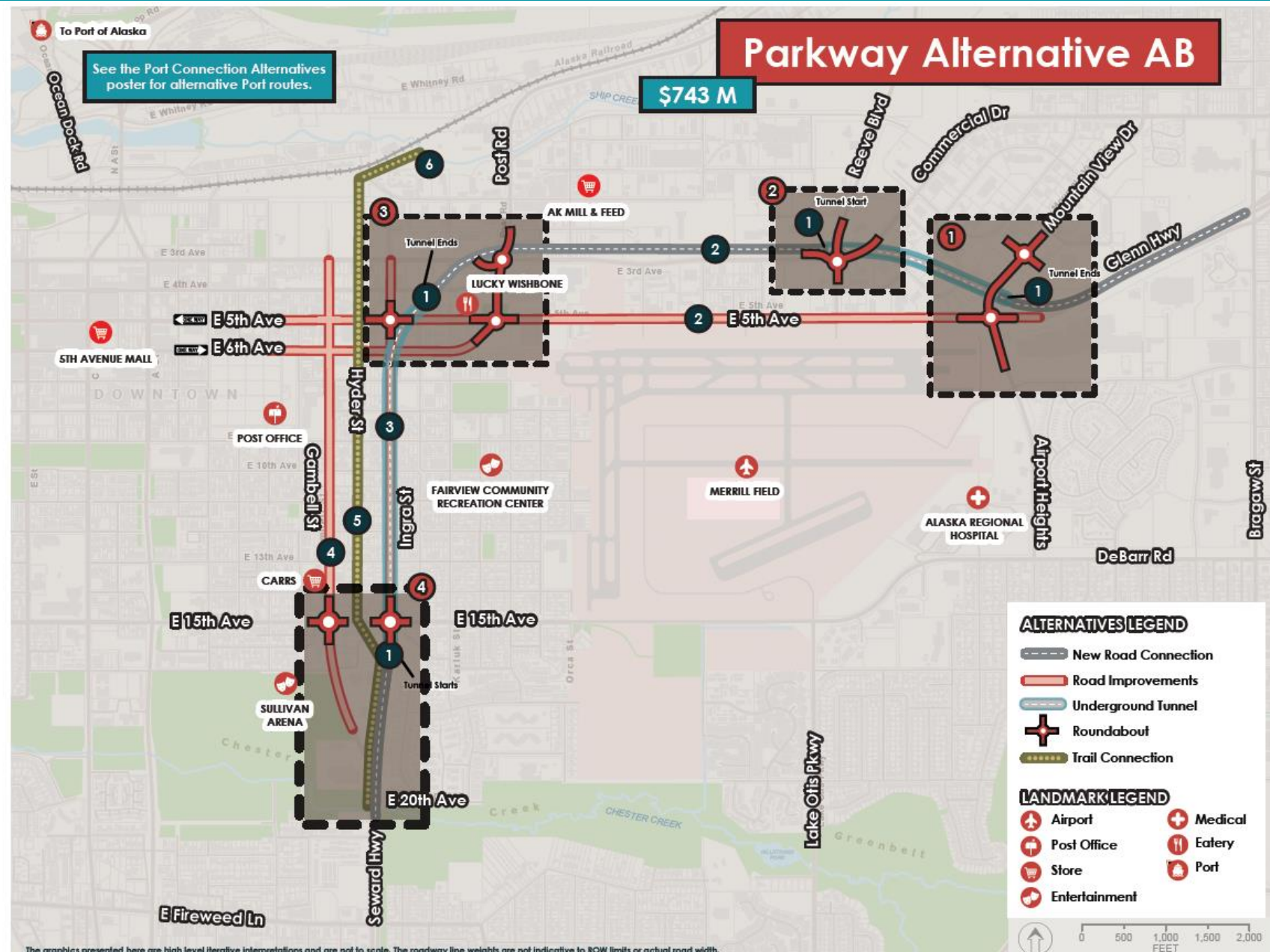
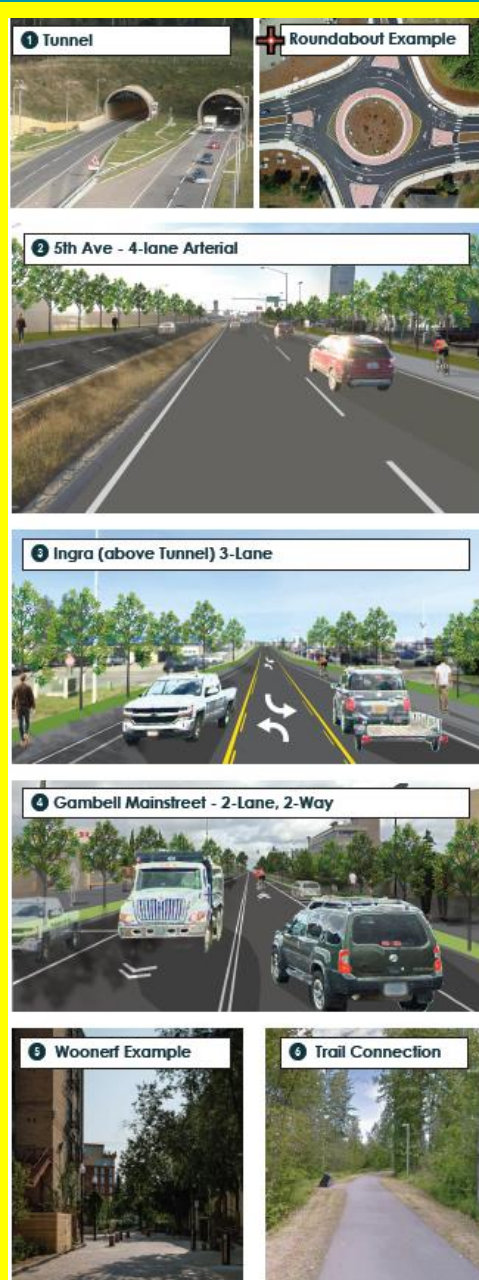
New Parkway Design



- **Four 11-foot** Parkway Lanes
- **40-45** MPH
- Usable Right-of-Way
- Roundabouts or signals
- Sidewalks or separated paths
- Robust landscaping
- **100-125 foot** Right-of-Way

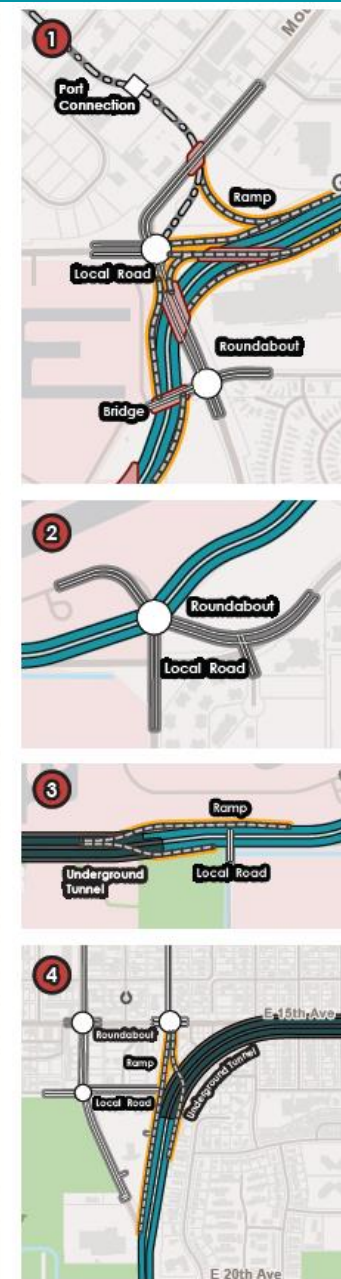
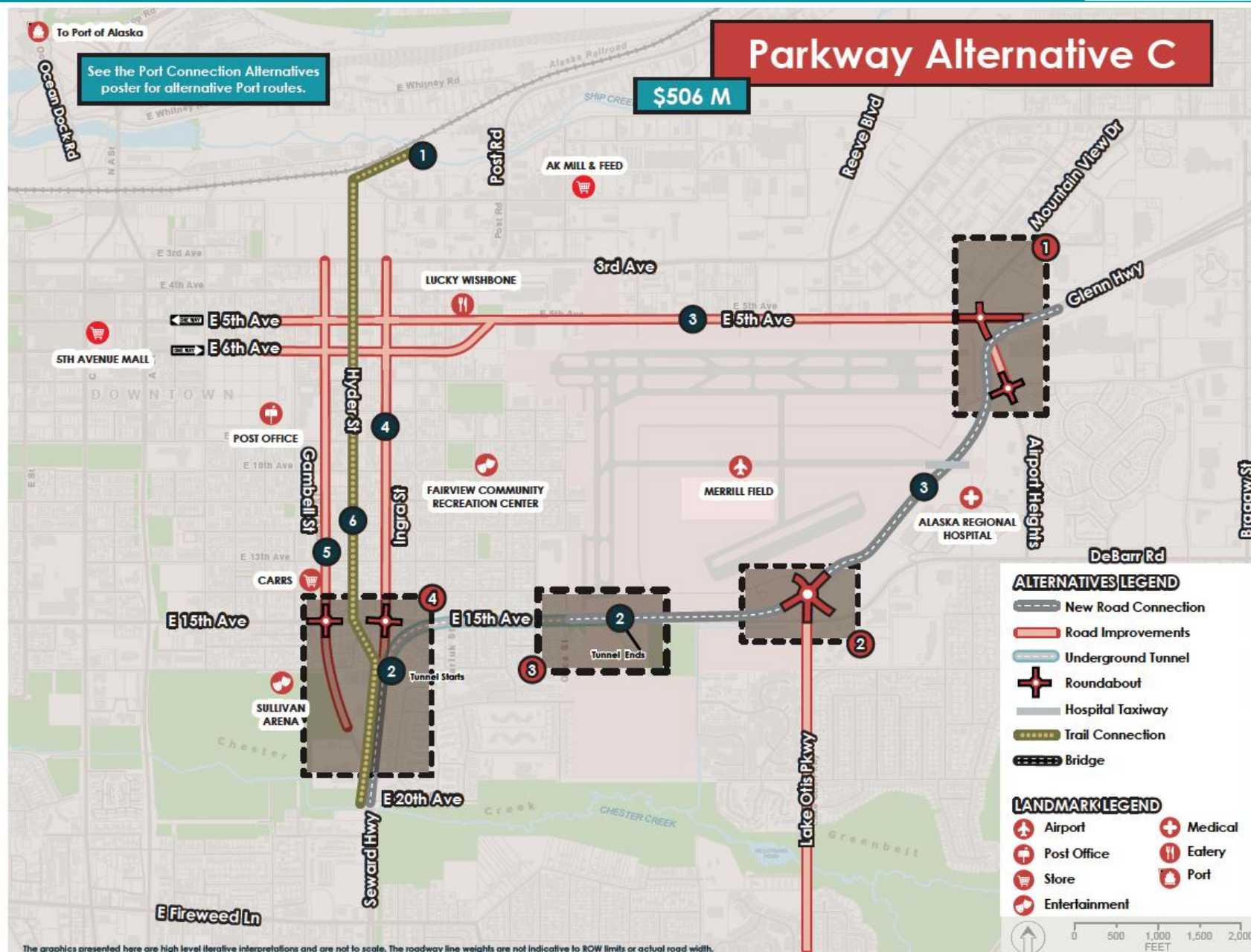
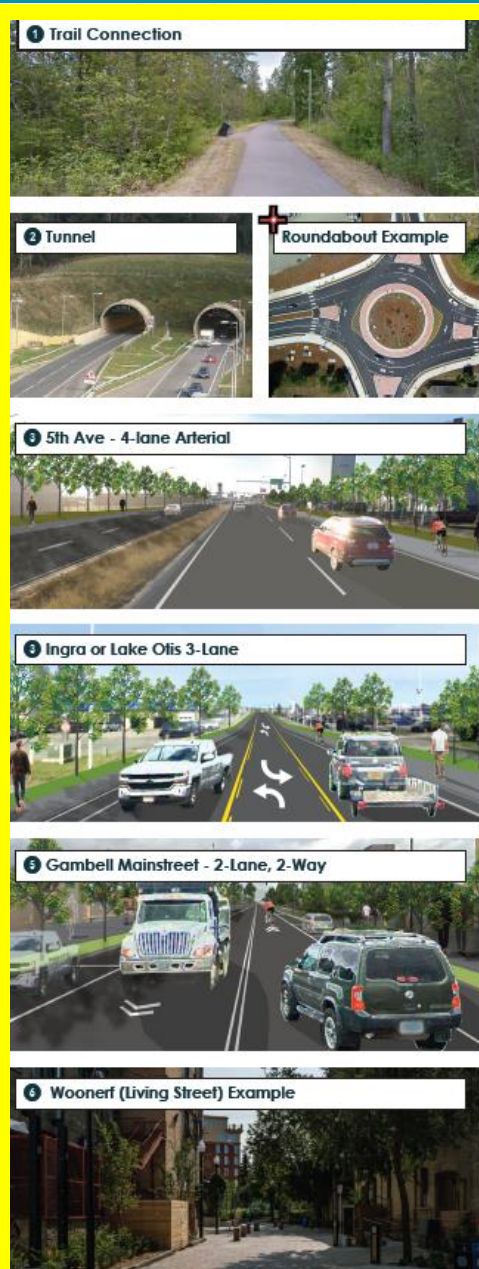
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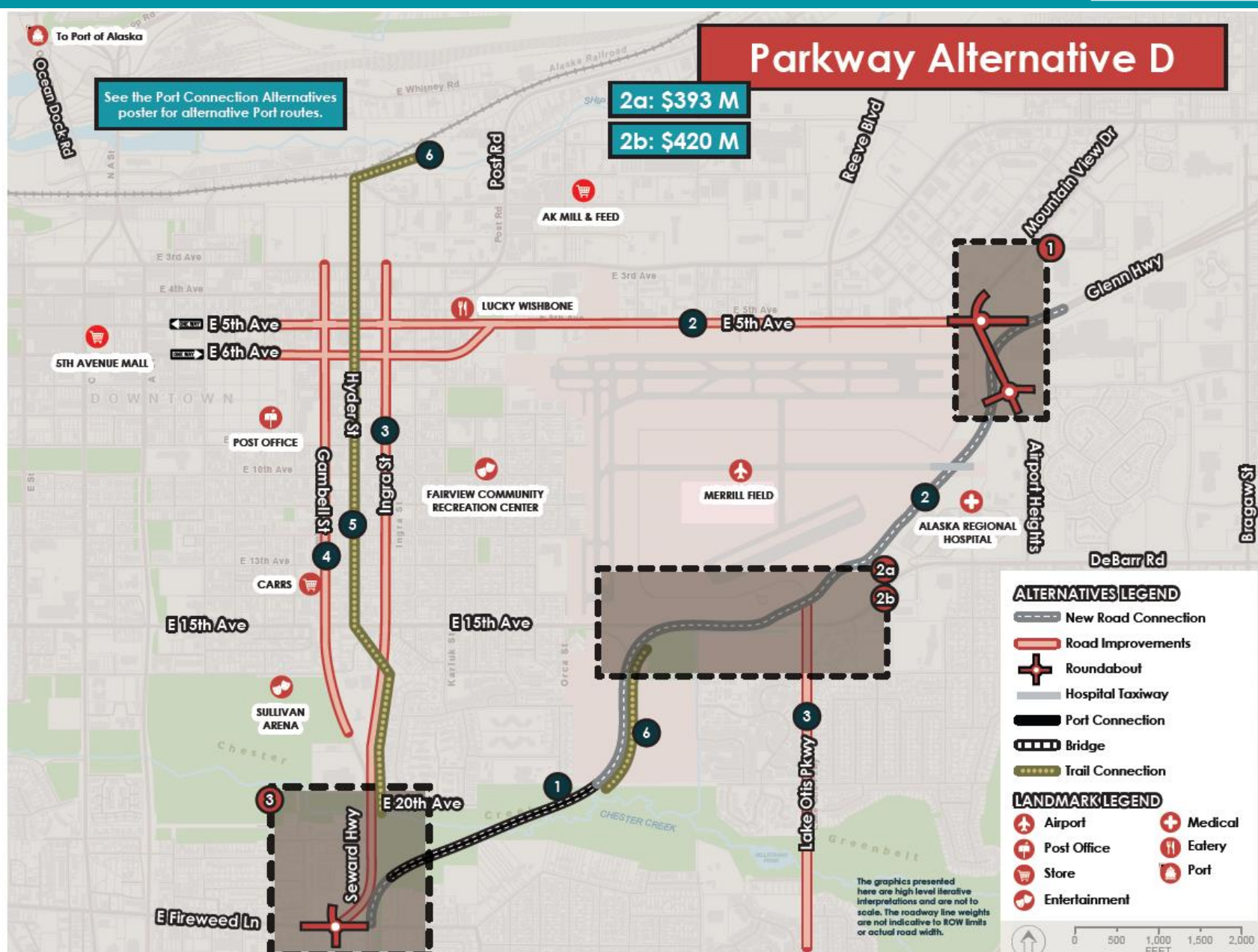
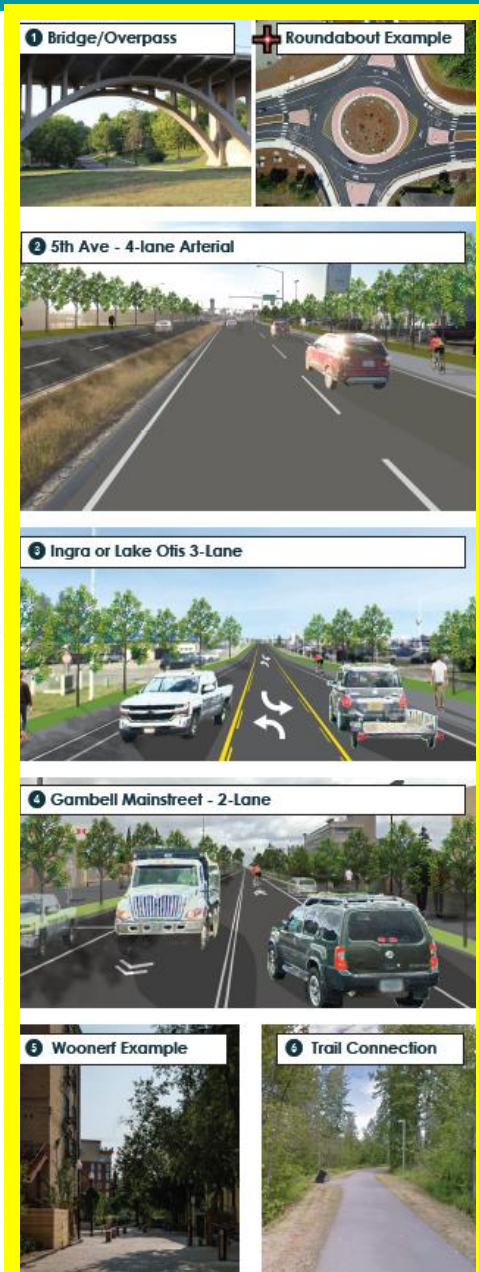
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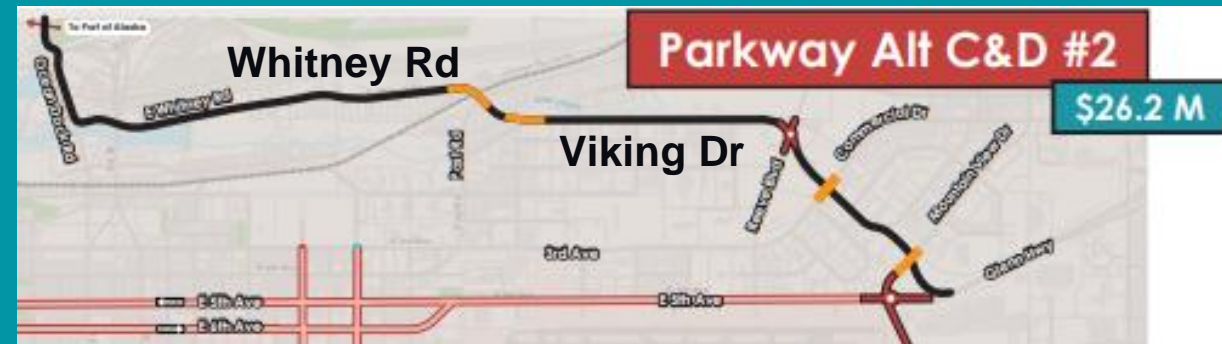
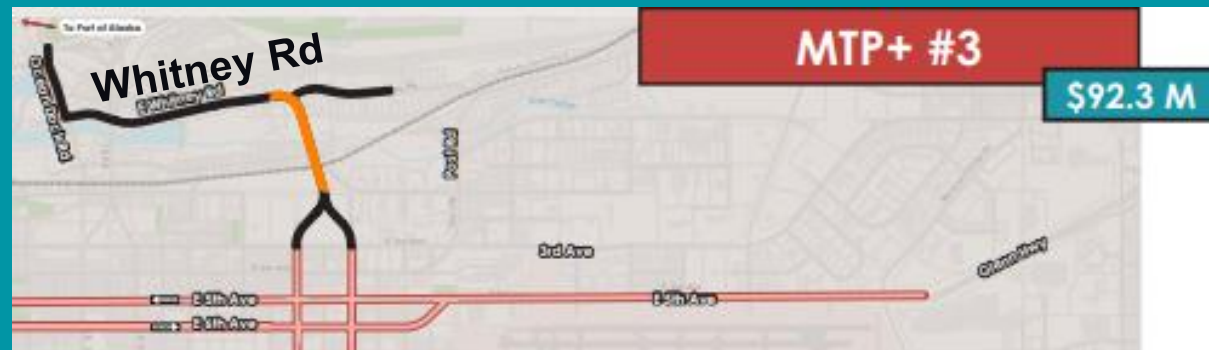
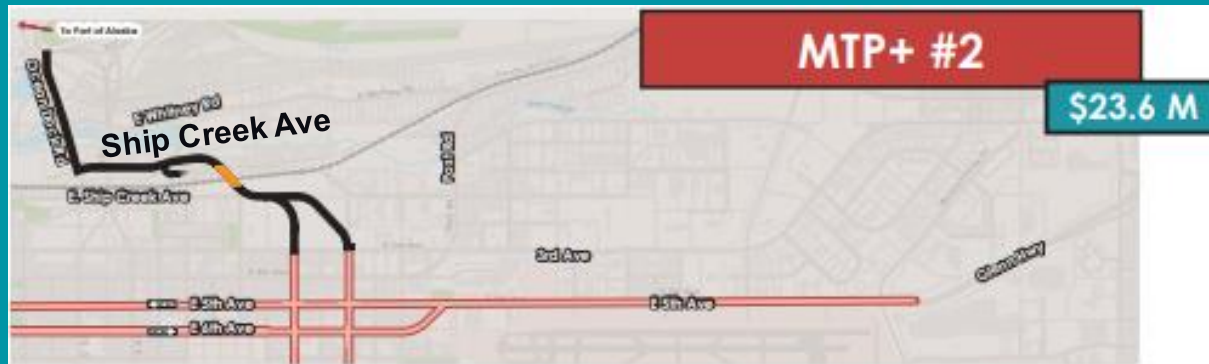
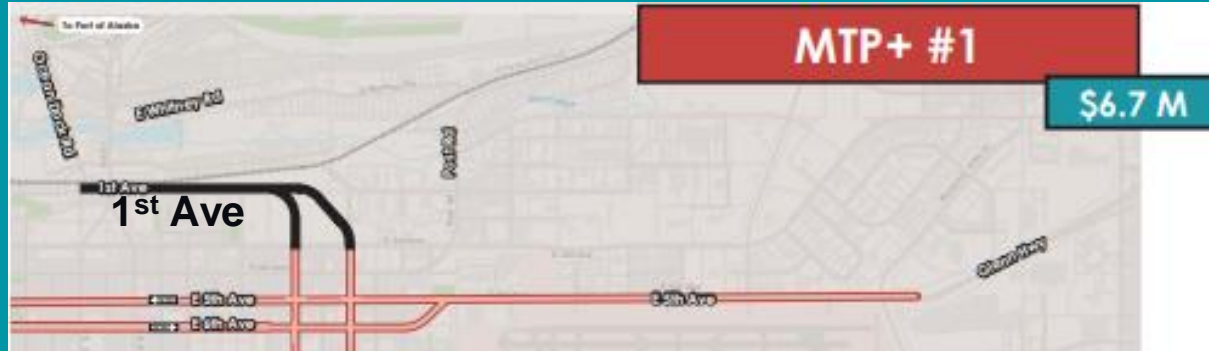
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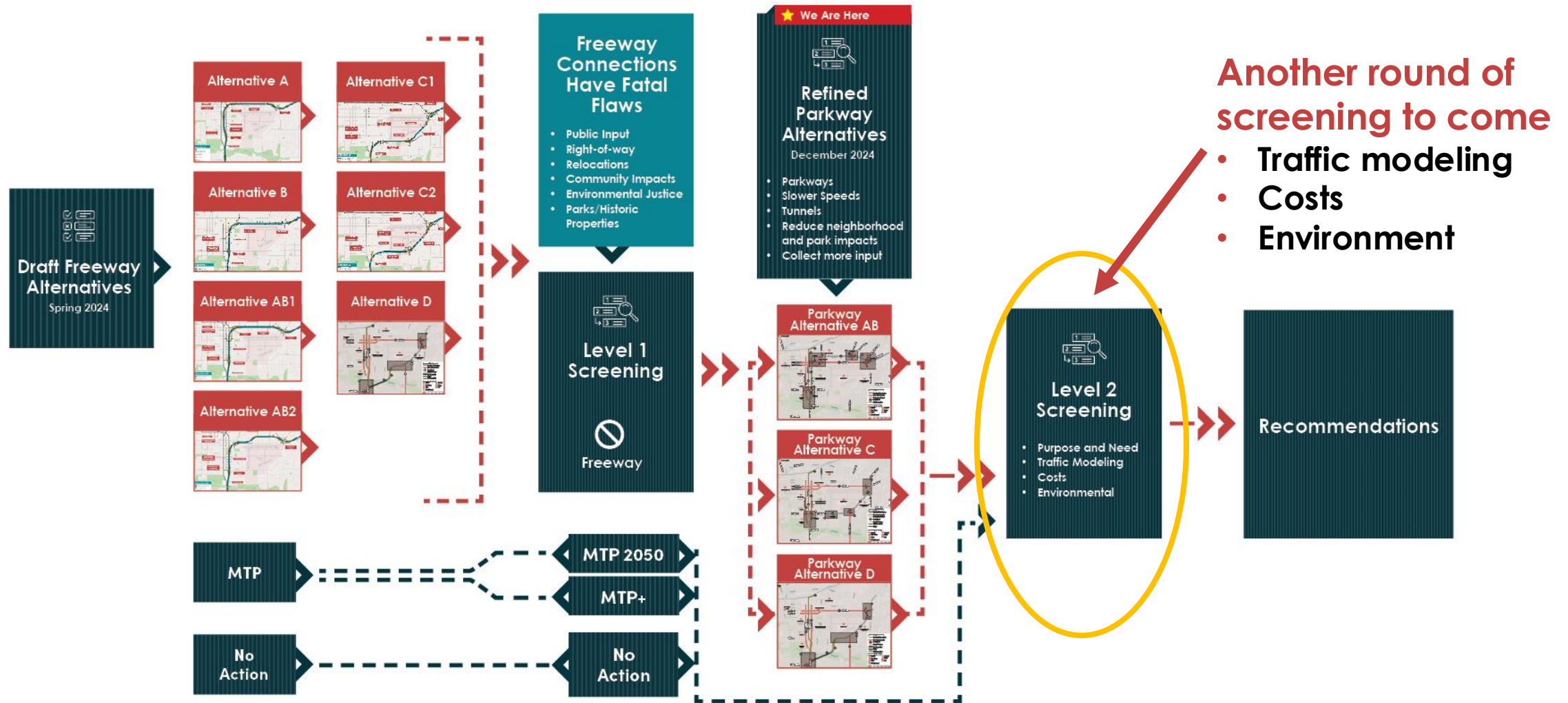
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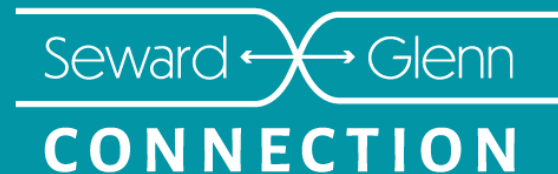
Legend

- Port Connection Route
- Bridge

Screening Processes



Costs & Funding (MTP Alts)



- **MTP 2050 = \$139 M**
 - 5th & 6th Aves (Gambell St to Reeve Blvd)
 - Ingra & Gambell Streets (3rd to 15th Aves)
- **MTP Plus = \$442 M**
 - \$192 M (roads & non-motorized infrastructure)
 - 5th & 6th Aves (Gambell to Airport Hts Dr)
 - Ingra & Gambell Streets (3rd to 20th Aves)
 - \$250 M+ (Transit, etc. @ \$10+ M per year over 25 years)
- Possible Funding Sources
 - NHPP - National Highway Performance Program (FHWA), formula funds
 - AMATS TIP (FHWA), formula funds
 - Reconnecting Communities Capital Grant (USDOT)
 - Tribal Transportation Funds (FHWA)
 - Capital Grants from Federal Transit Authority
 - Bus Fares
 - Property taxes (and/or Sales Tax if approved by vote)



Costs & Funding (Parkways + Port)



- **AB = \$743 M**
 - (incl. port)
- **C = \$532-\$570 M**
 - \$506 M (pkwy) + \$26-\$64 M (port)
- **D = \$419-\$484 M**
 - \$393-\$420 M (pkwy) + \$26-\$64 M (port)
- Possible Funding Sources
 - NHPP - National Highway Performance Program (FHWA), formula funds
 - Reconnecting Communities Capital Grant (USDOT)
 - TIFIA Loan - Large-scale hwy, transit, rail, intermodal freight, & port access (USDOT)
 - INFRA Grant - Nationally significant multimodal freight & hwy projects (USDOT)
 - Tribal Transportation Funds (FHWA)
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program (USDOT)
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (USDOT)



We Want Your Input!



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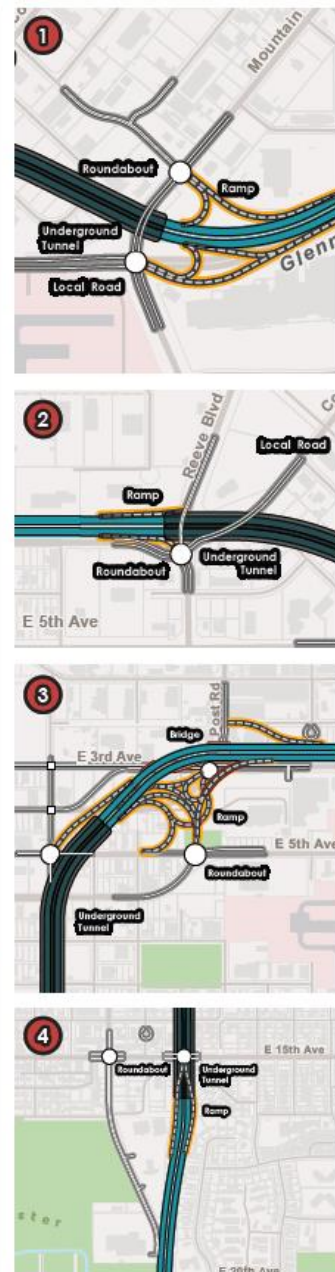
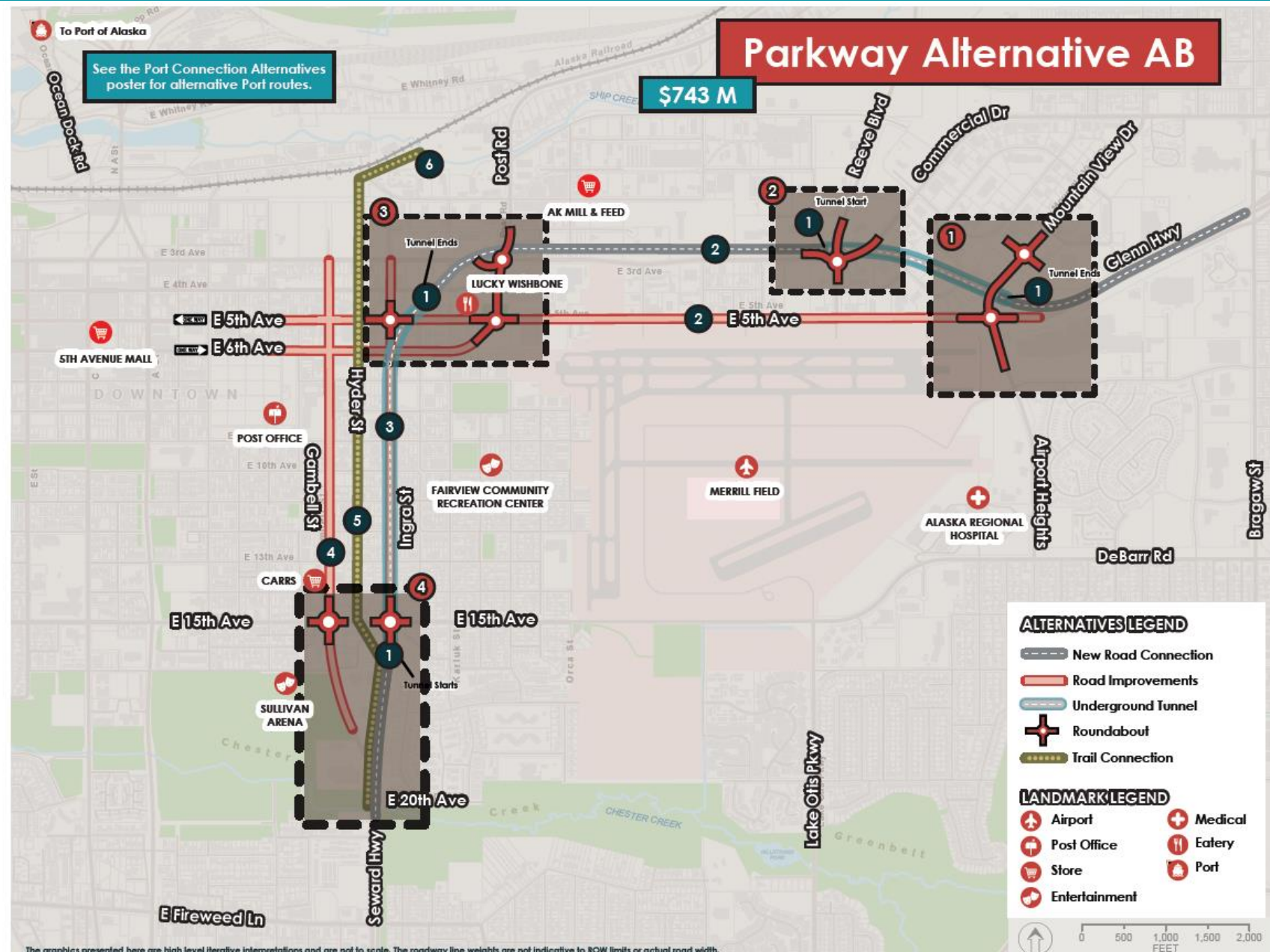
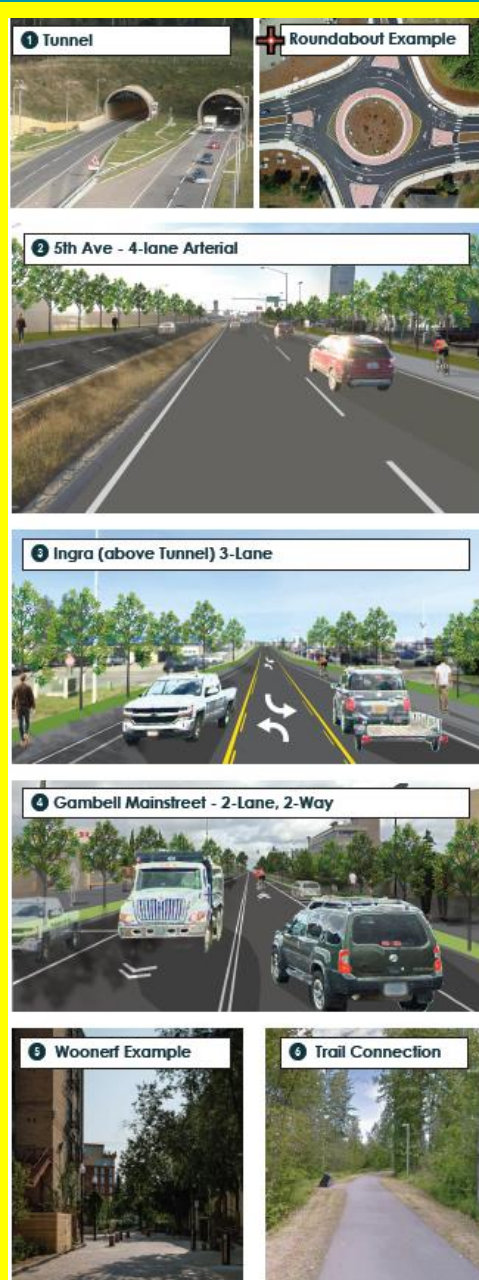
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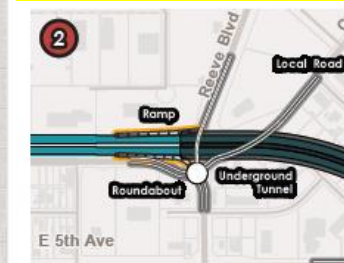
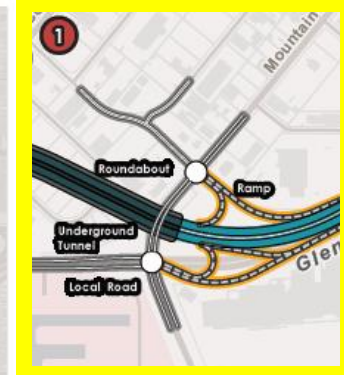
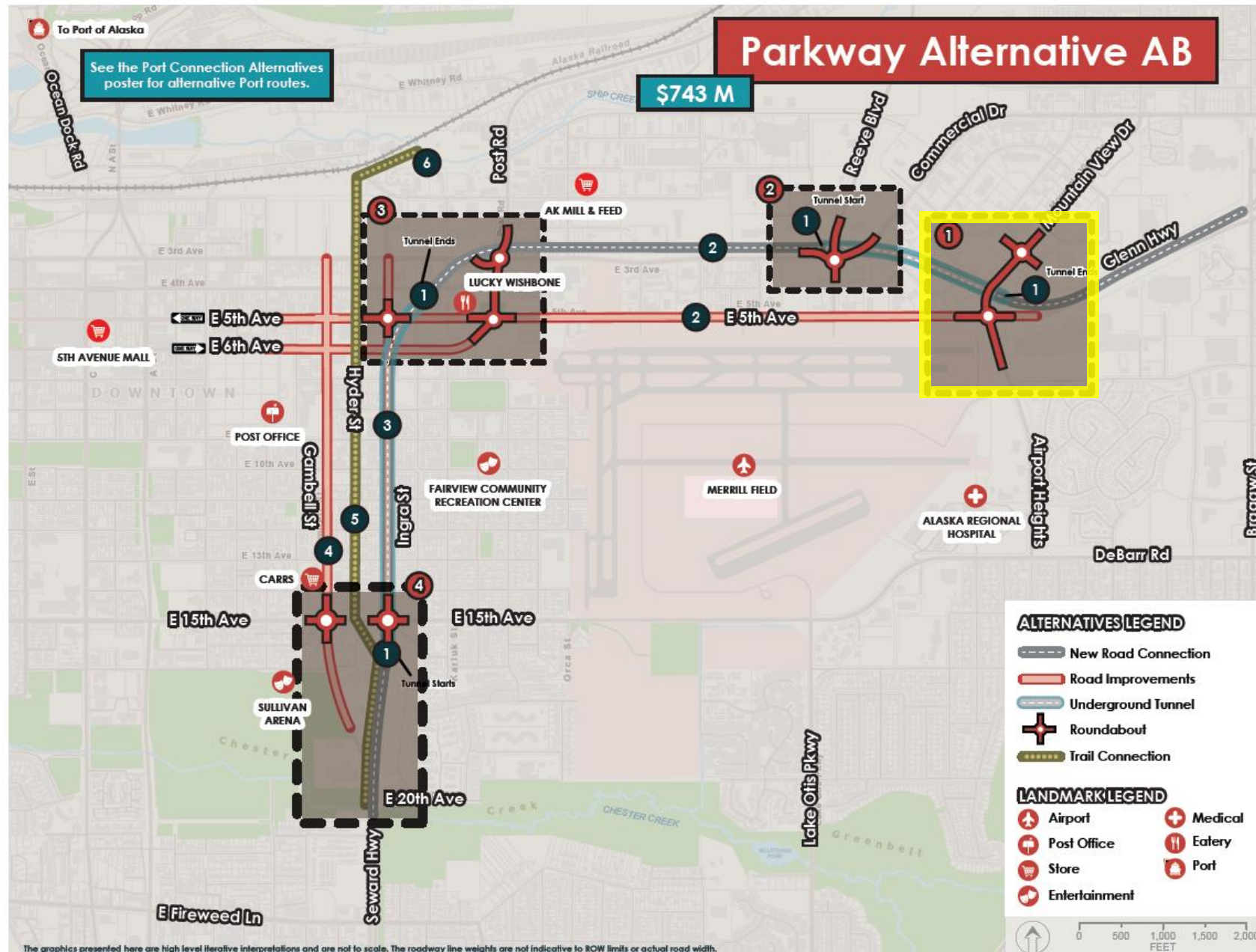
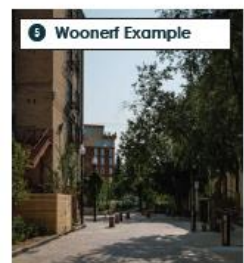


Airport Hts Dr / Mtn View Dr Interchange

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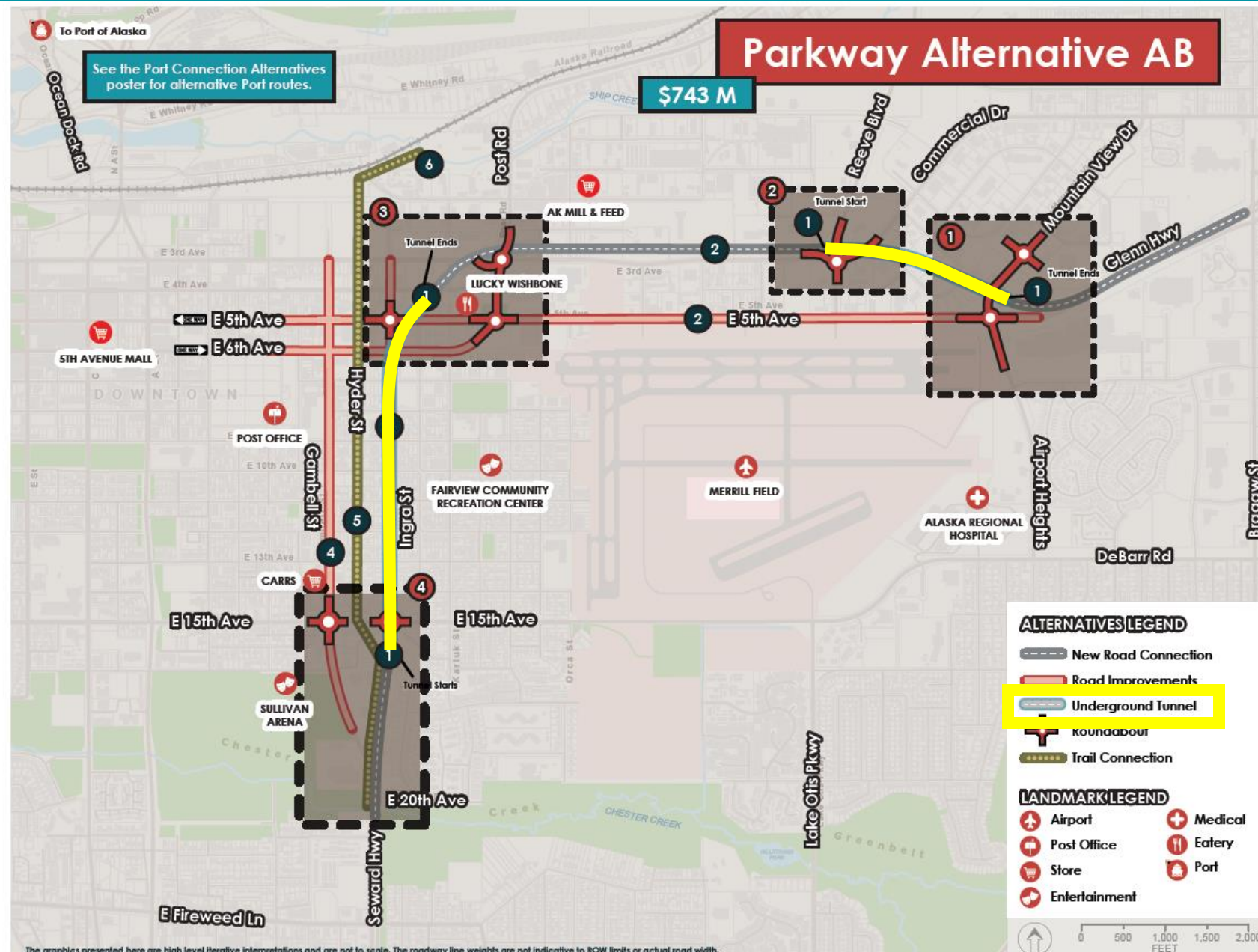
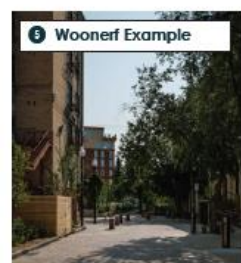


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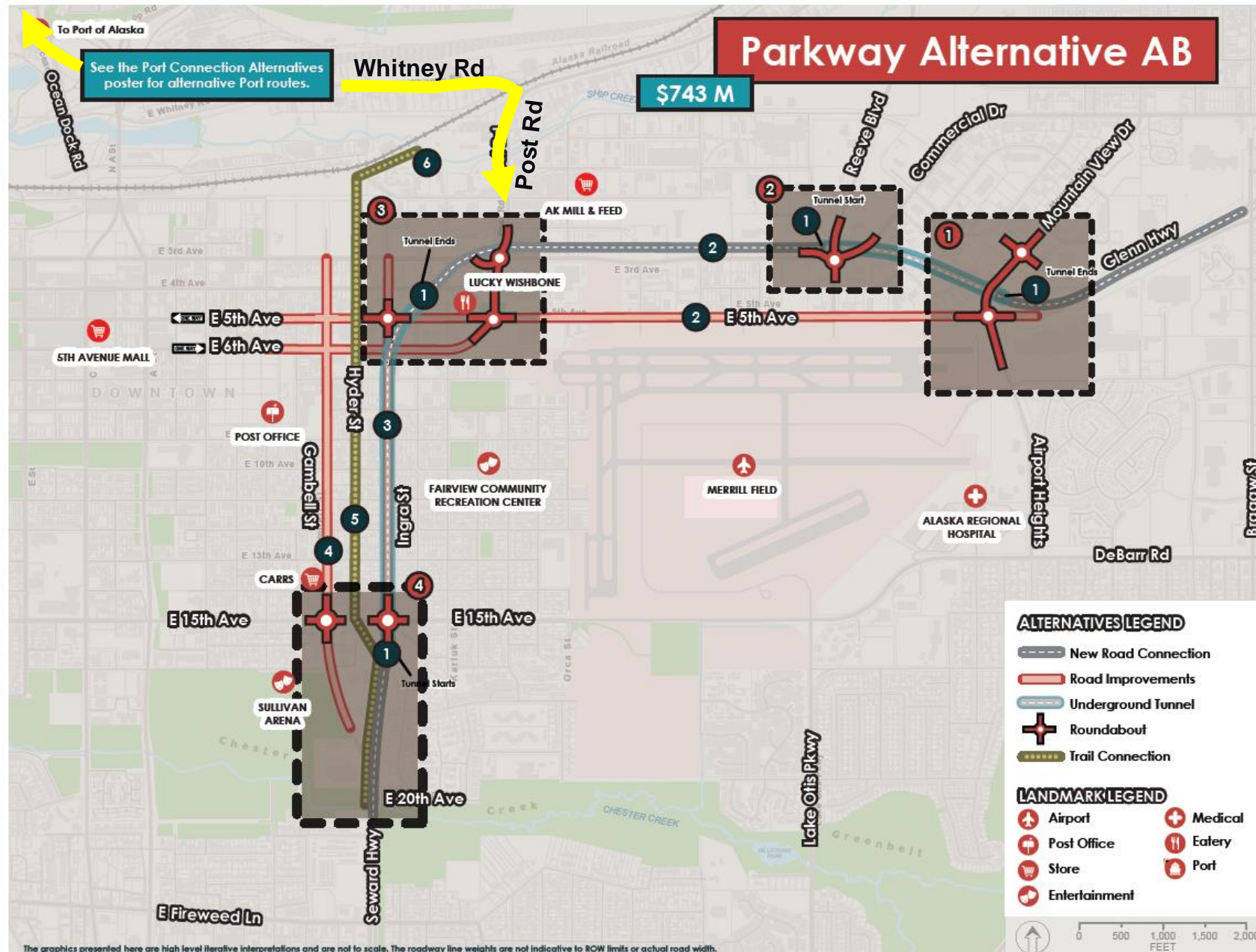
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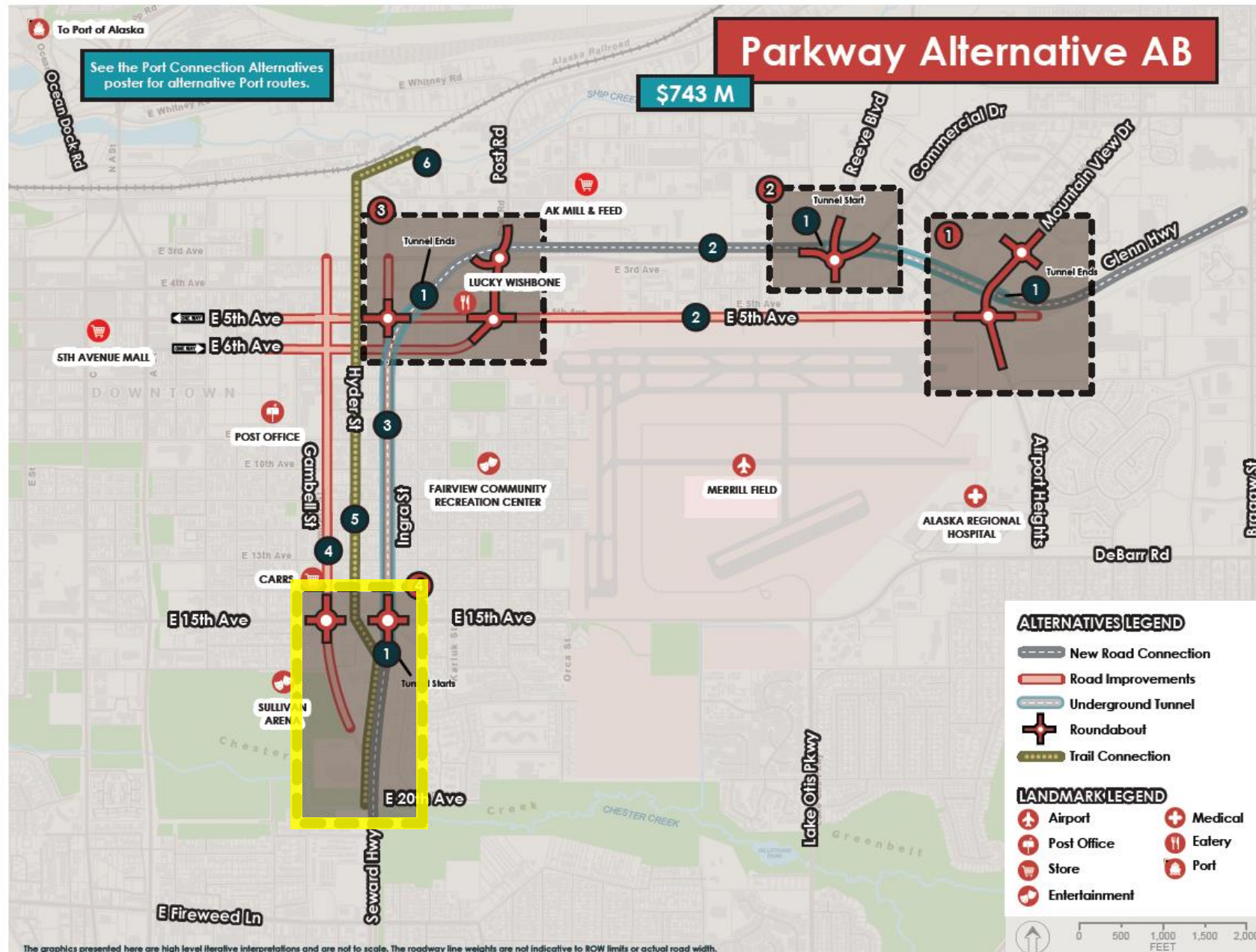
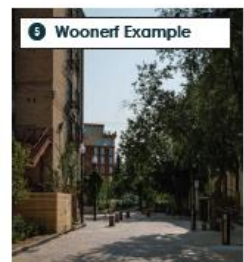


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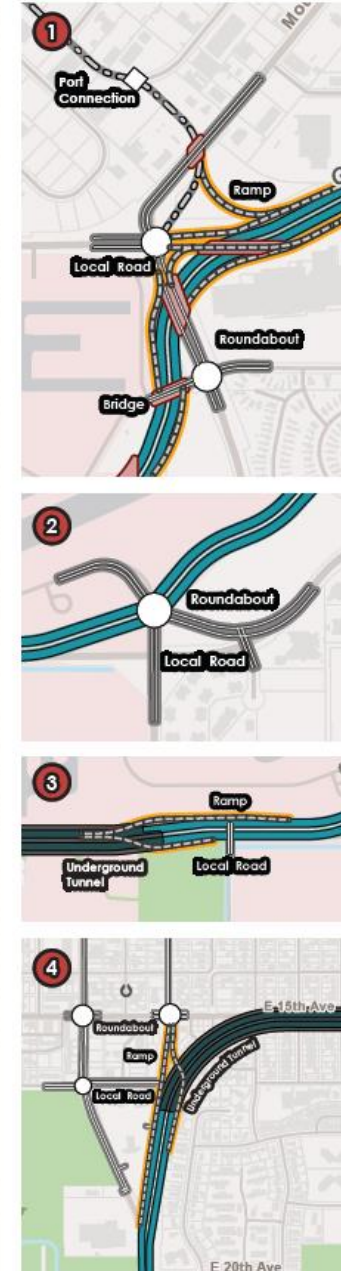
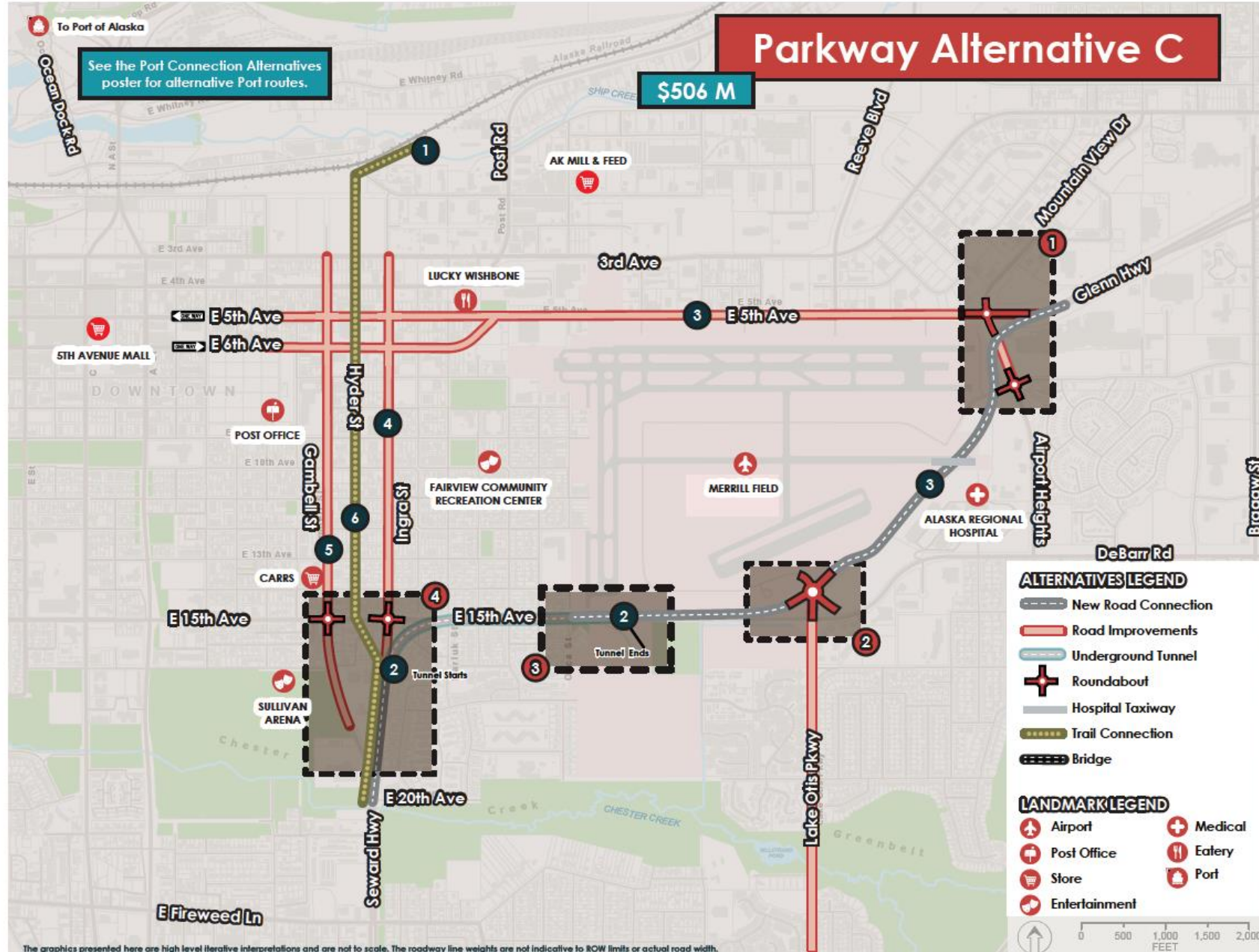
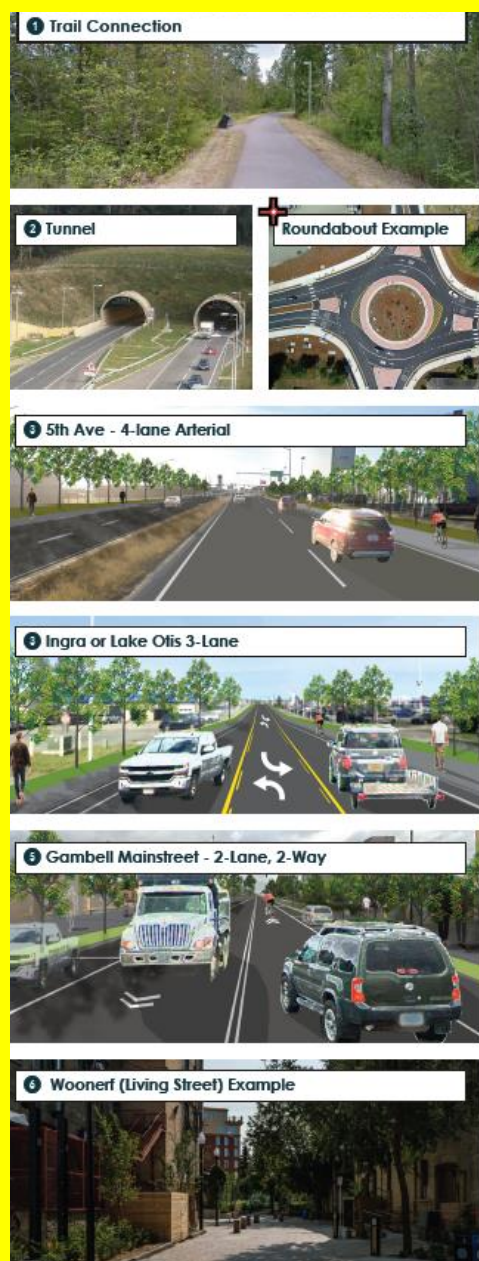
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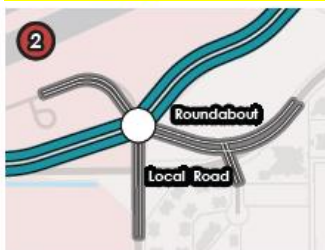
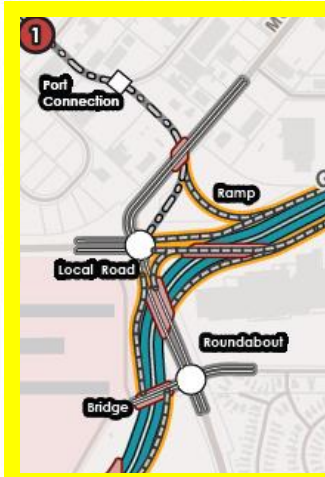
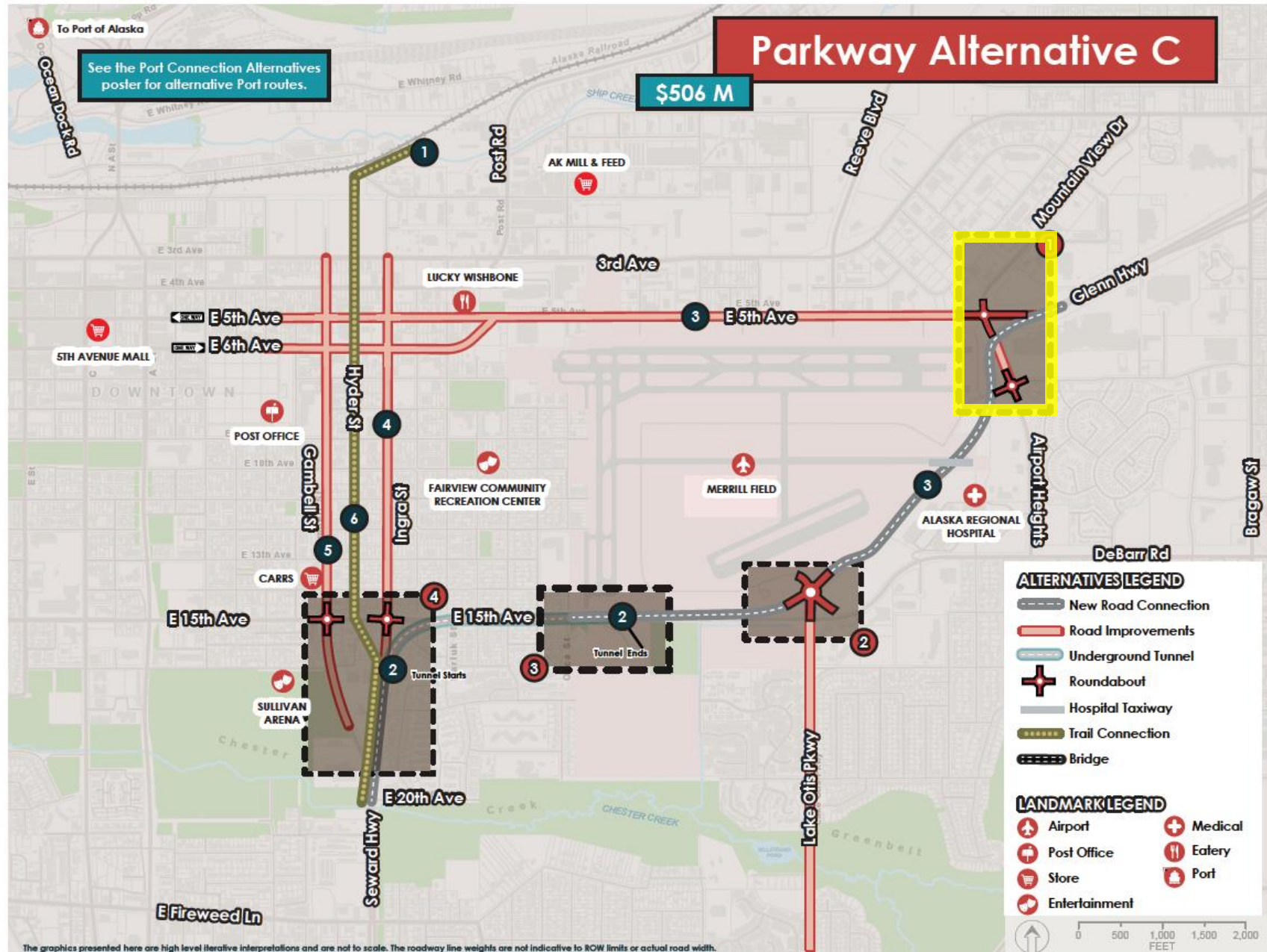
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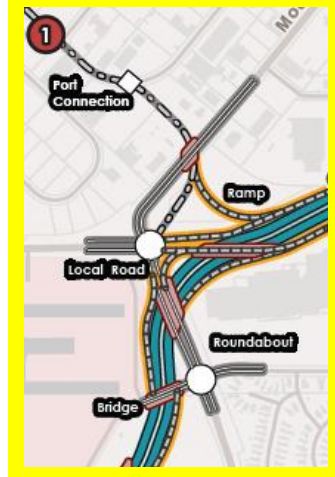
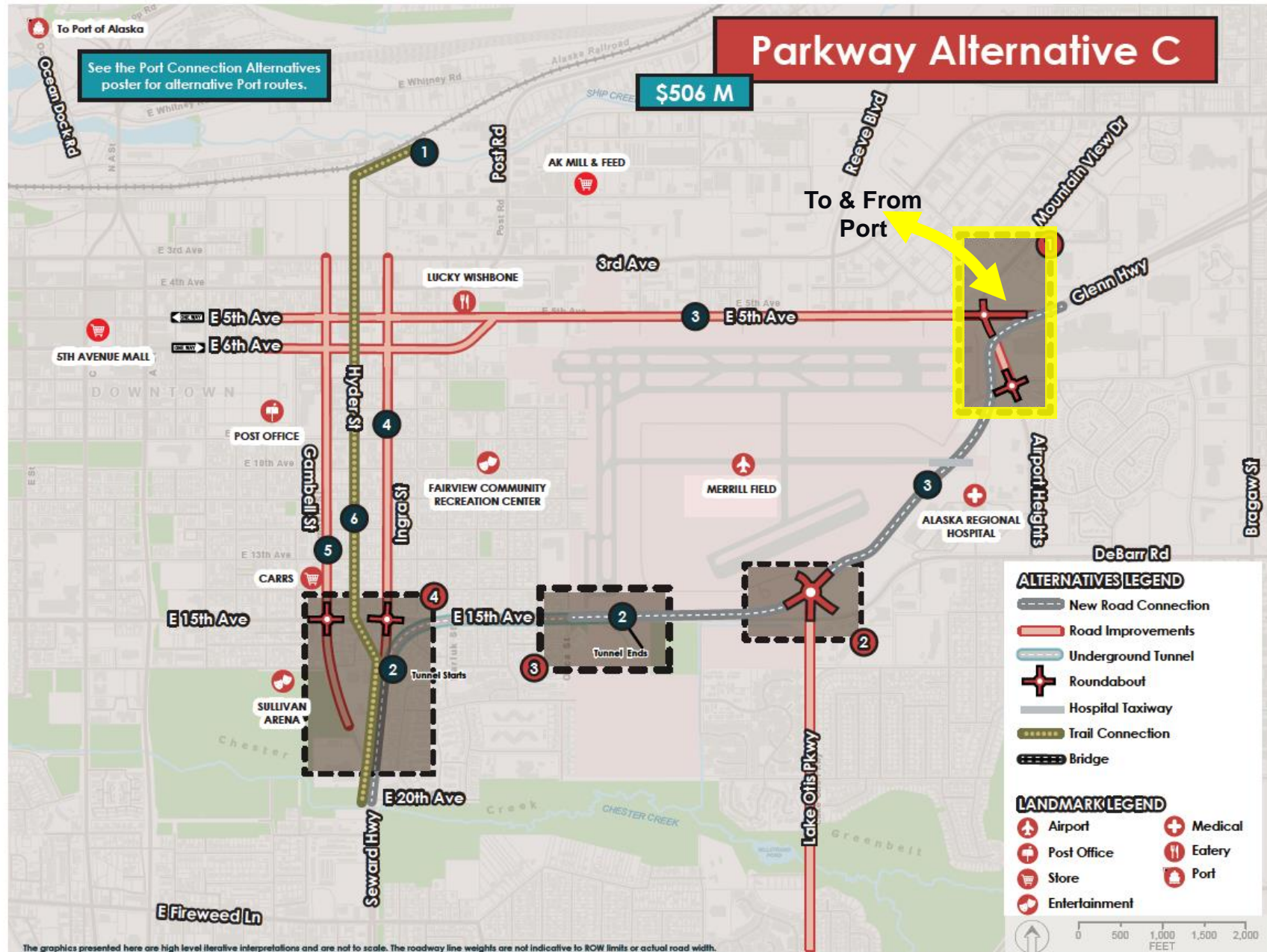
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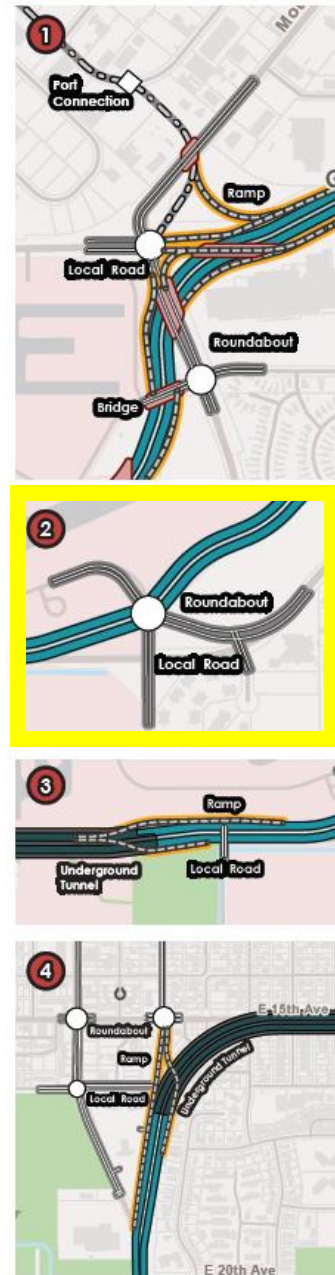
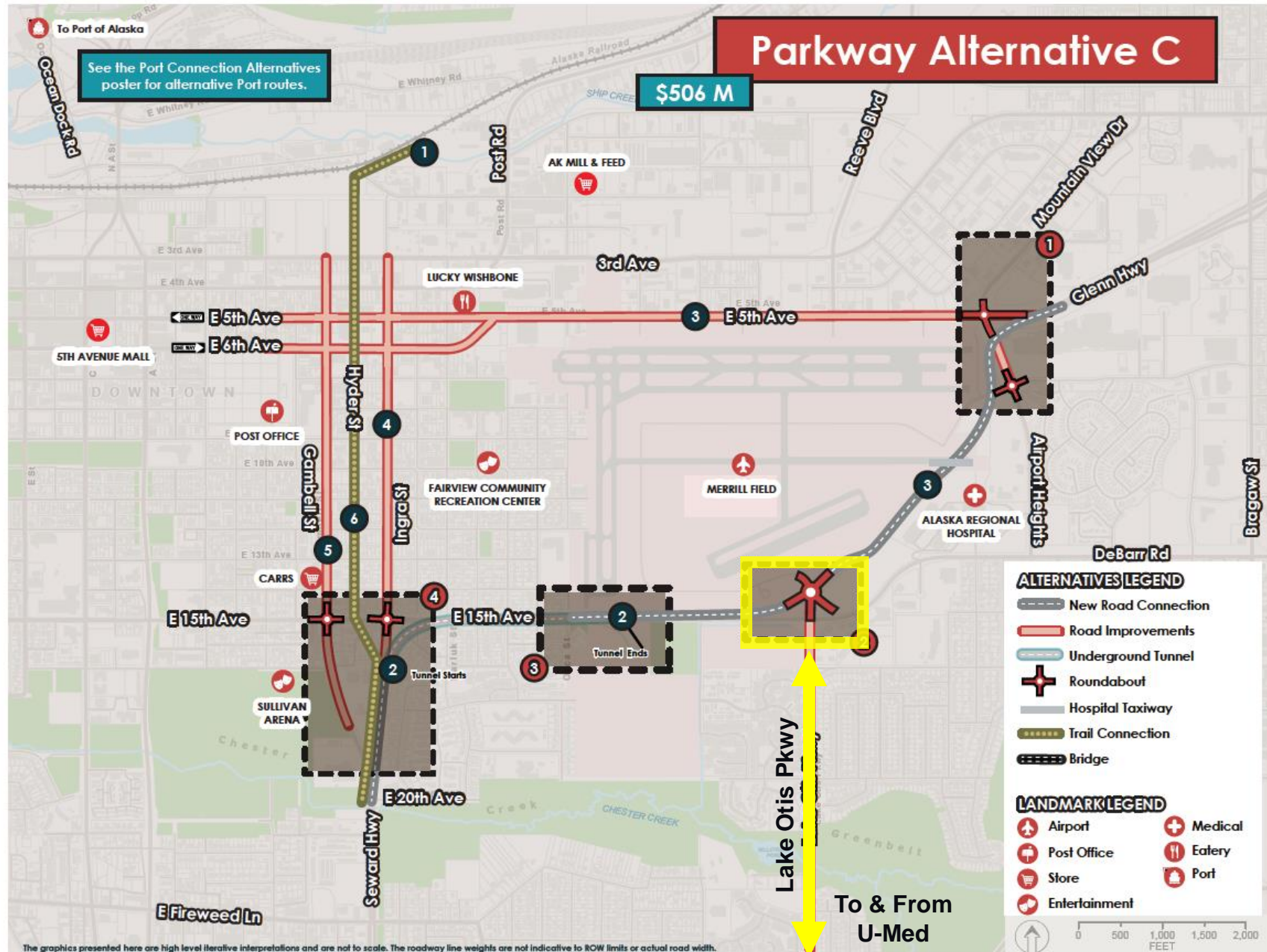
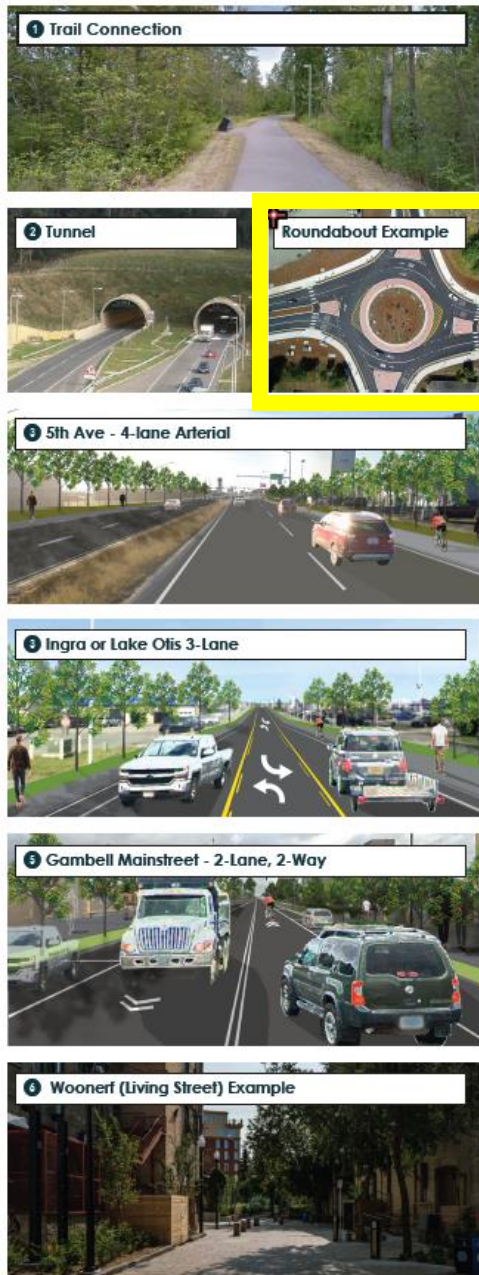
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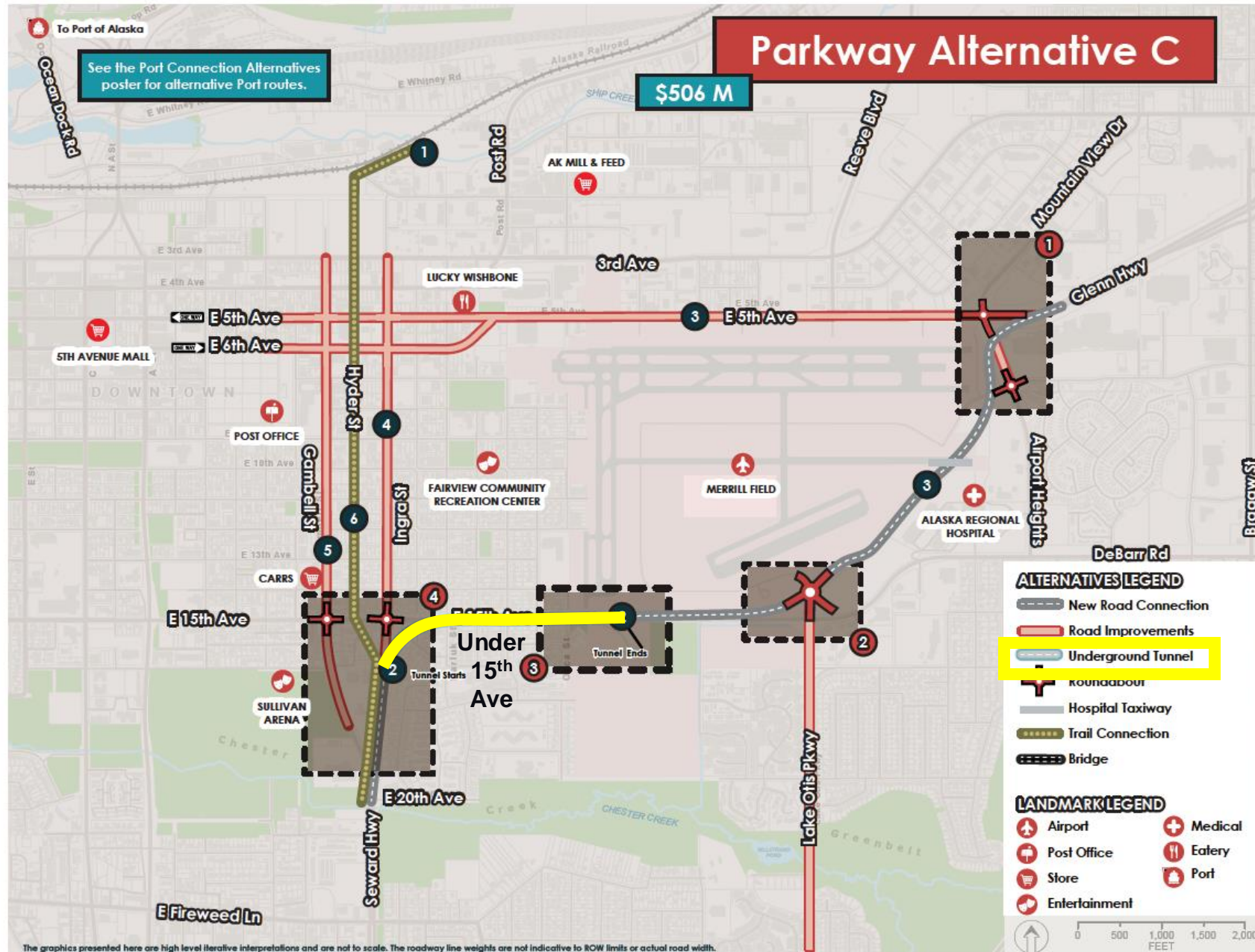
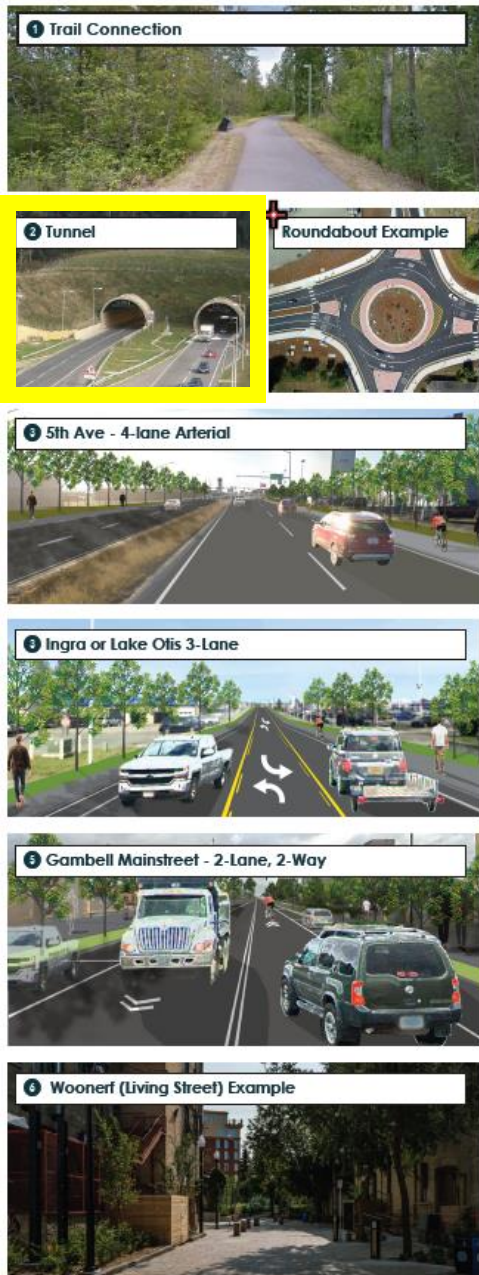
Improved U-Med Access via Roundabout

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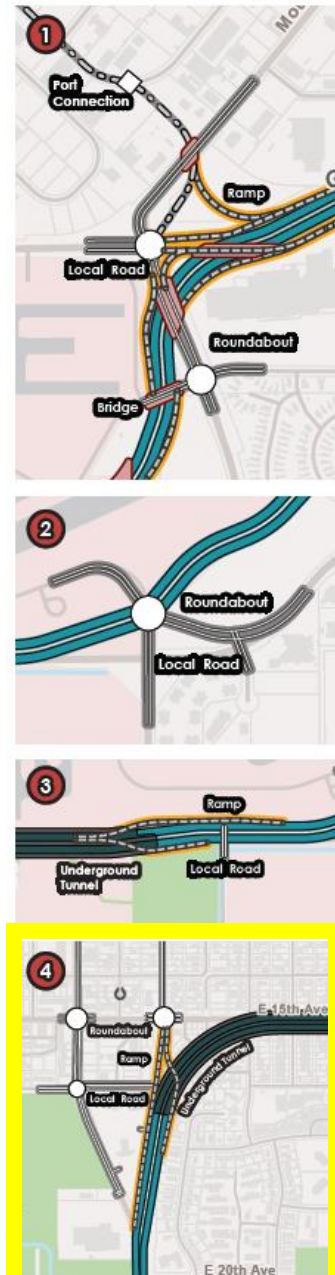
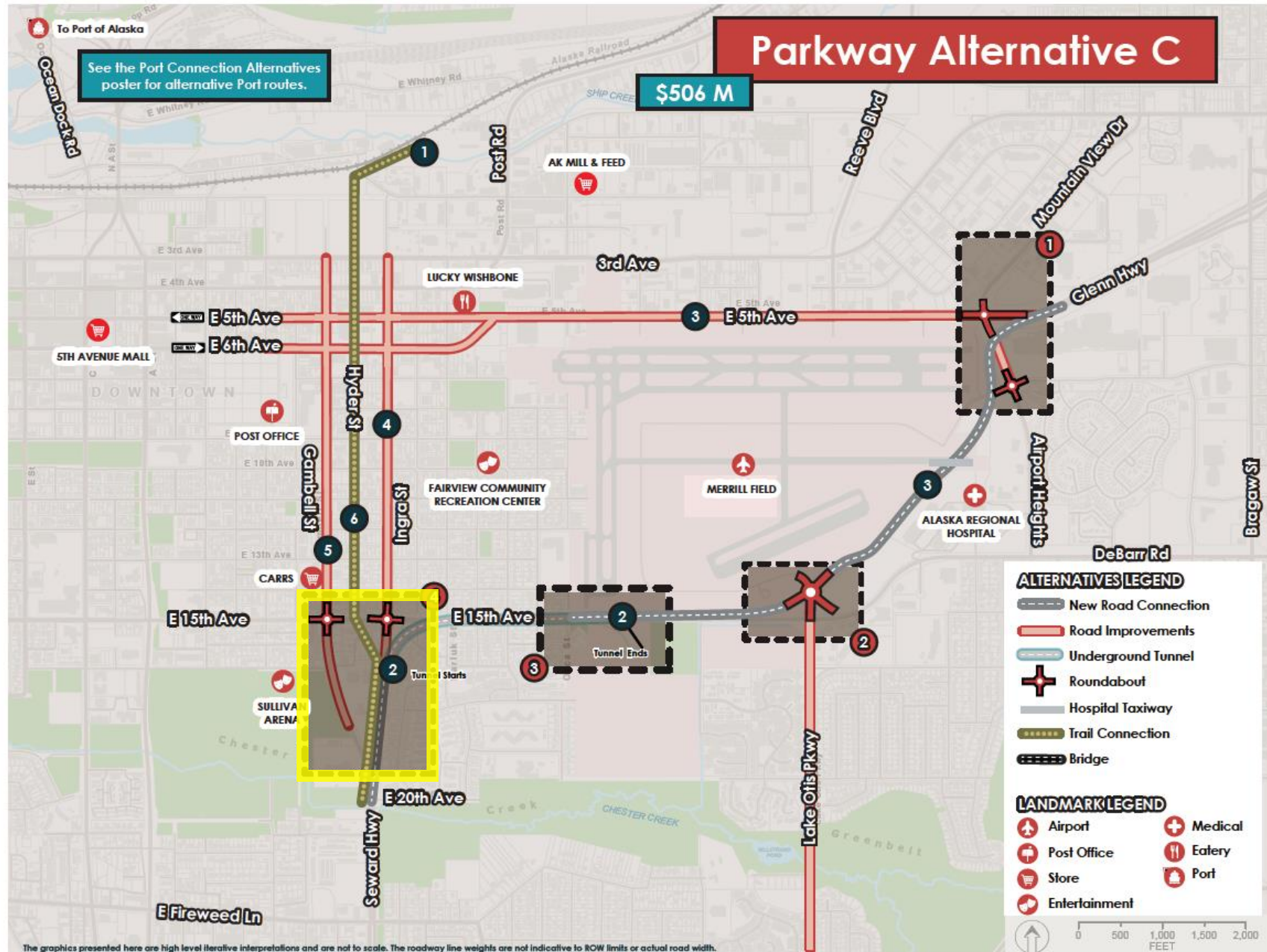
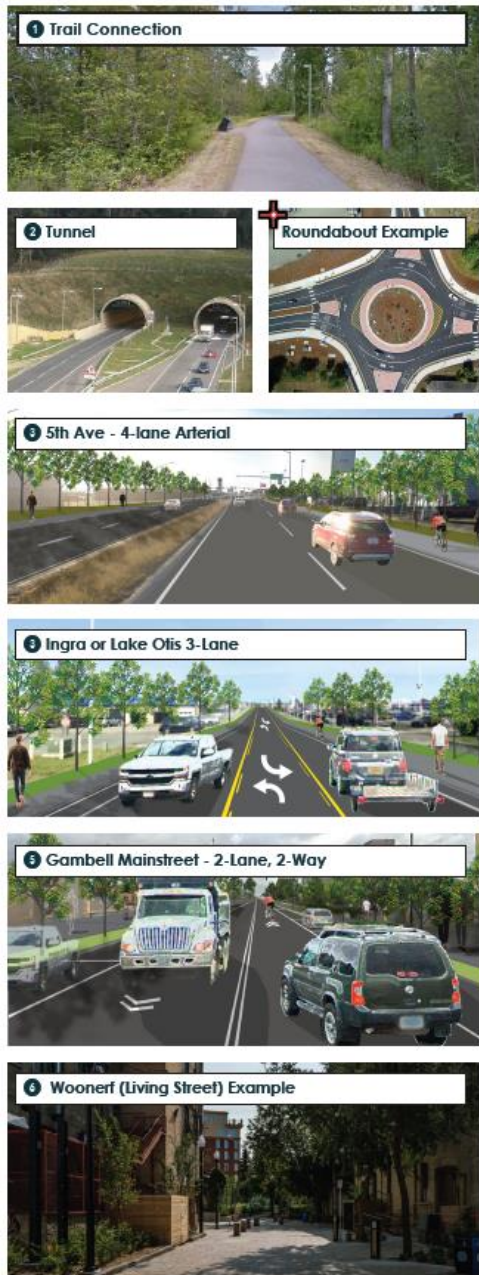
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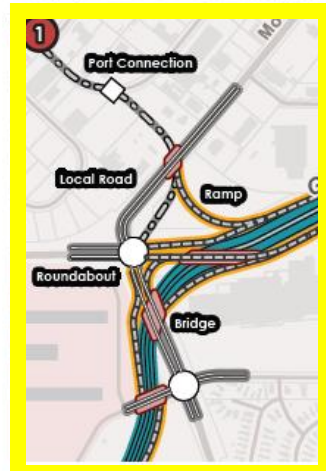
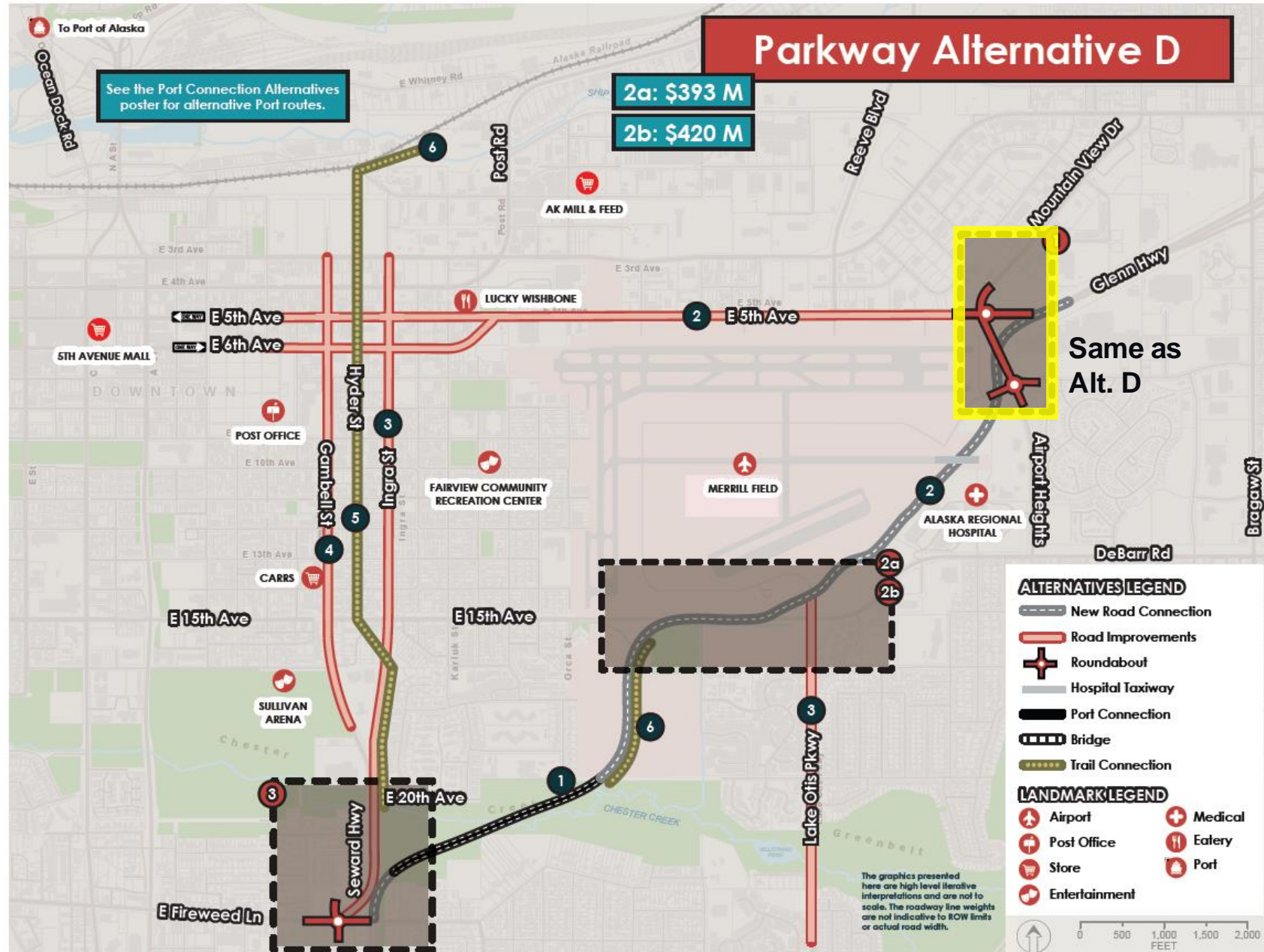
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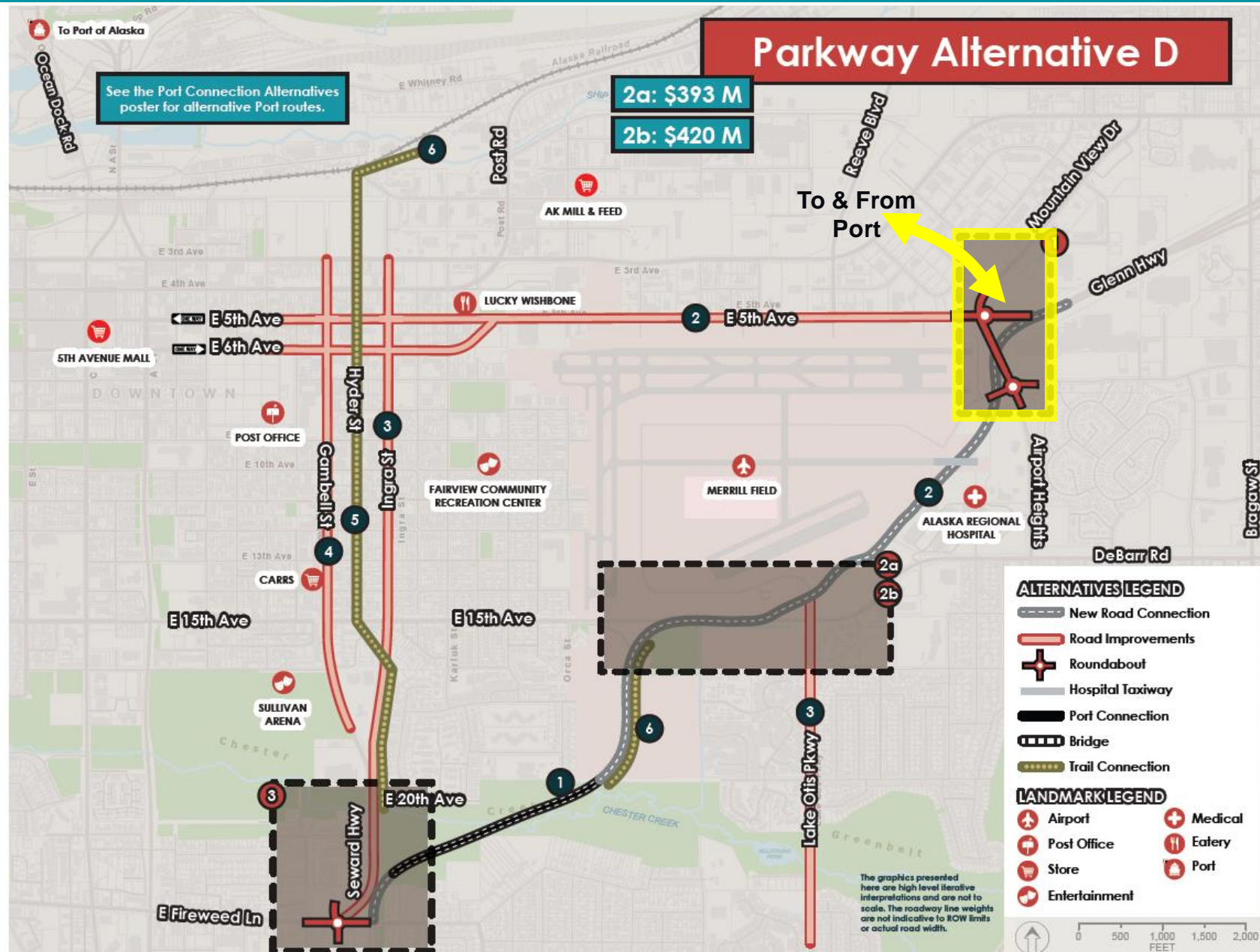
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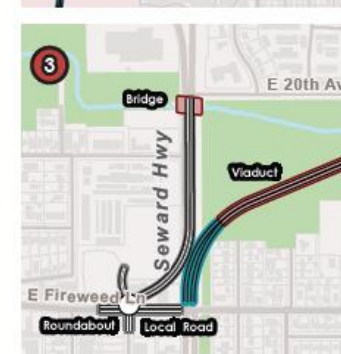
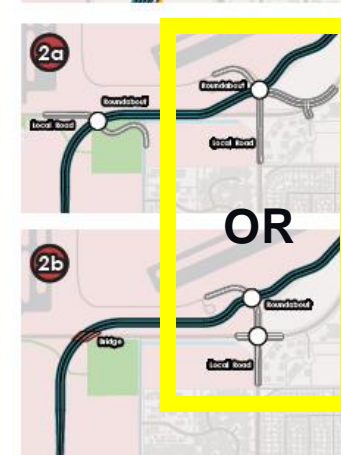
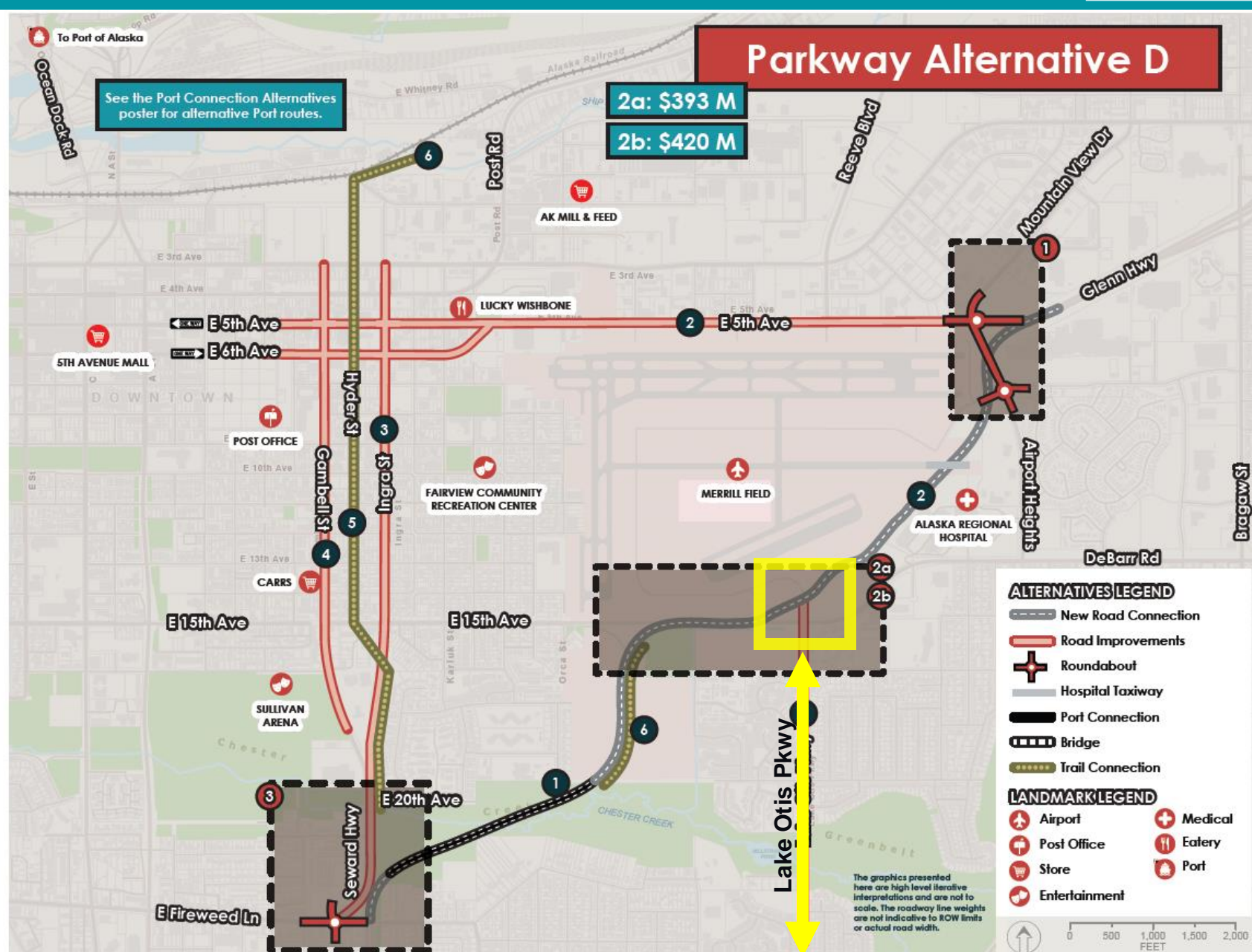
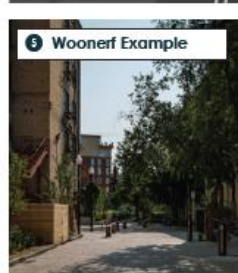
Port Connections Diverts Trucks

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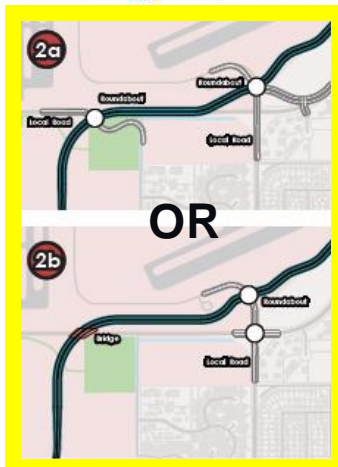
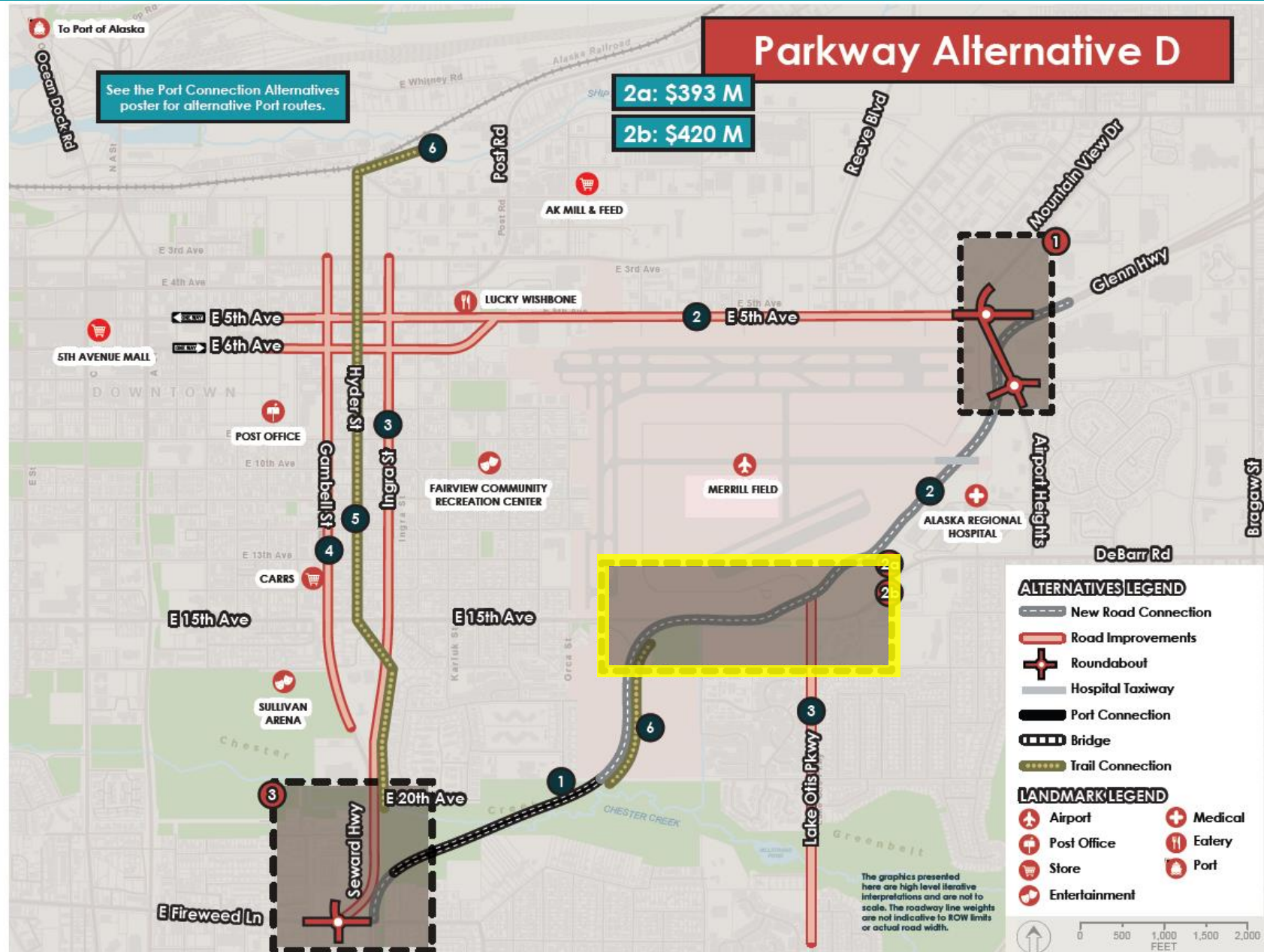
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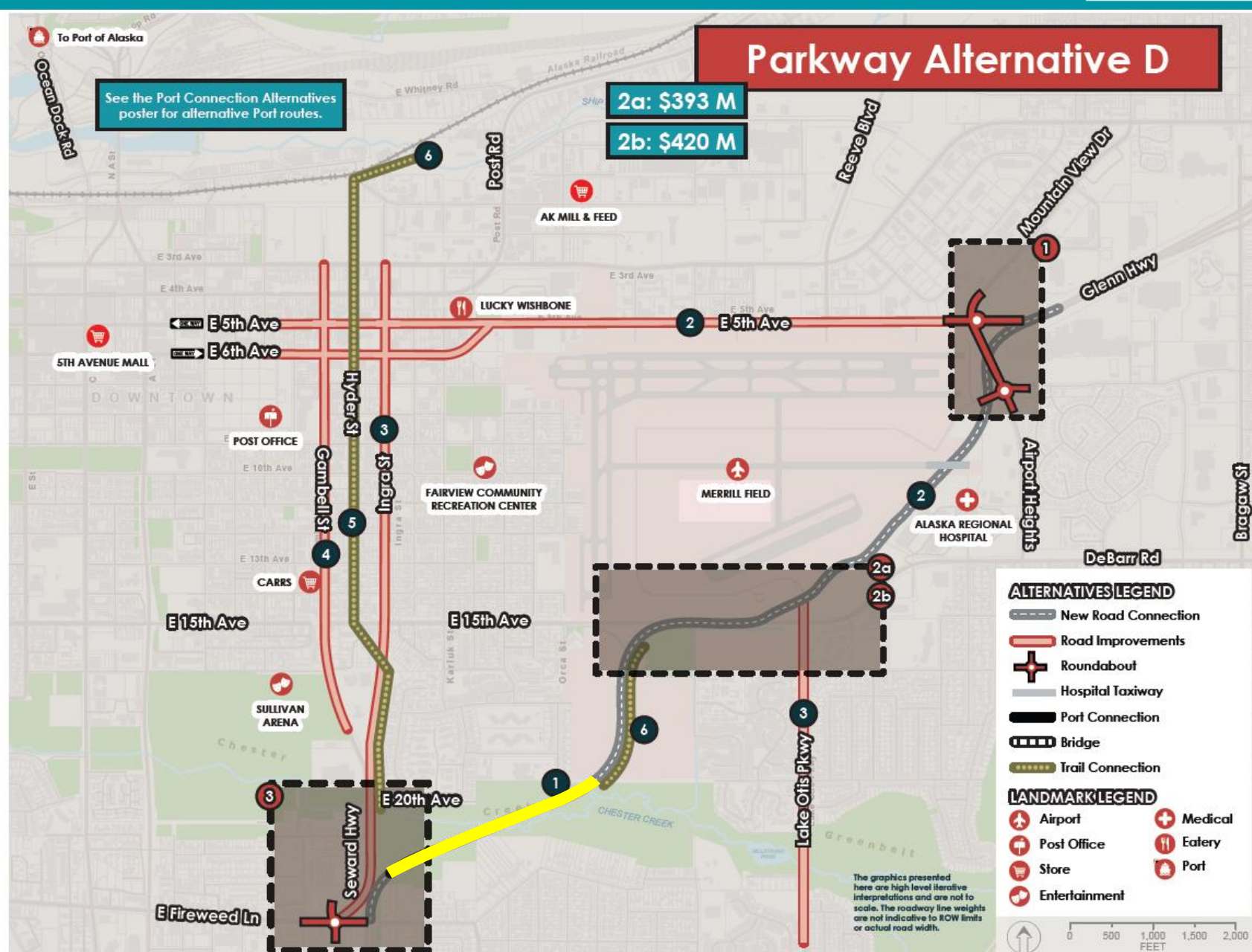
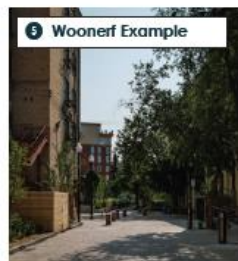
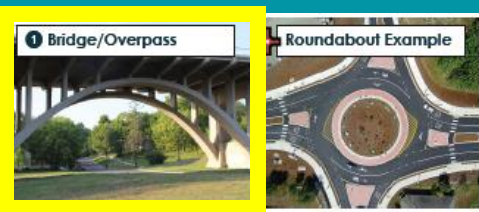
Two Options to Connect to 15th Ave

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Bridge Over Park to Reduce Impacts

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