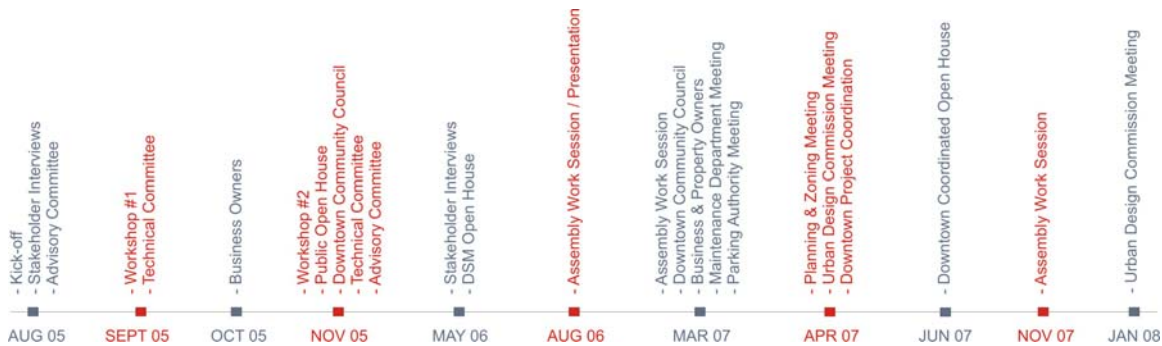


E Street Public Participation Summary

Public participation has been an important aspect of the E Street planning effort since the early planning stages. Community workshops, open houses, Assembly, and Community Council, Urban Design Commission, and Planning and Zoning presentations were held throughout the process, providing citizens with a variety of opportunities to participate in the design process. The schedule below provides a snapshot of the process and opportunities for public participation.



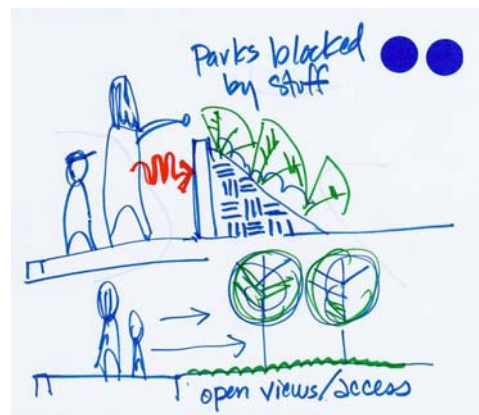
A brief summary of the public process is provided below. As the timeline shows, the design has undergone a series of evolutions and is based largely on the input and guidance provided by the Anchorage community.

August 2005 – Project Kick-off

A variety of overarching goals were discussed during the kick-off. An opportunity to integrate E Street and Town Square as a larger civic space was discussed, including improved pedestrian connections from E Street and increased programmable spaces for music, festivals, and other events. Participants included the design team and MOA staff.

September 2005 – Community Workshop #1

During the first workshop community members identified their overall goals and preferences for the E Street corridor. A mapping exercise was conducted that provided participants with an opportunity to identify their favorite routes and destinations within downtown, as well as barriers and safety concerns. The berms in Town Square Park and the Atwood Plaza were identified as significant safety concerns because they reduce visibility and provide hiding spaces. Participants also indicated that the berms limit mobility and access to the parks from E Street. These results were included in a summary document for the workshop (posted on the project webpage) and the Design Study Report.



November 2005 – Community Open House and Workshop #2

At the second workshop the team presented four design concepts for review and feedback. As expected, community members liked select elements from each of the concepts, but didn't care for any one concept in its entirety. Their input was ultimately used to generate a refined concept and the current E Street design plan.

The "Gathering Places" concept called for improved integration of the street with adjacent open spaces. Participants were receptive to the concept's general premise, which included integrating Town Square Park and E Street.

December 2005 – Downtown Project Coordination Meeting

The E Street, F Street, and Town Square Park design teams met to coordinate their efforts and discuss modifications to the park's design. A plaza concept in the park's southeast corner was presented and discussed for the first time.

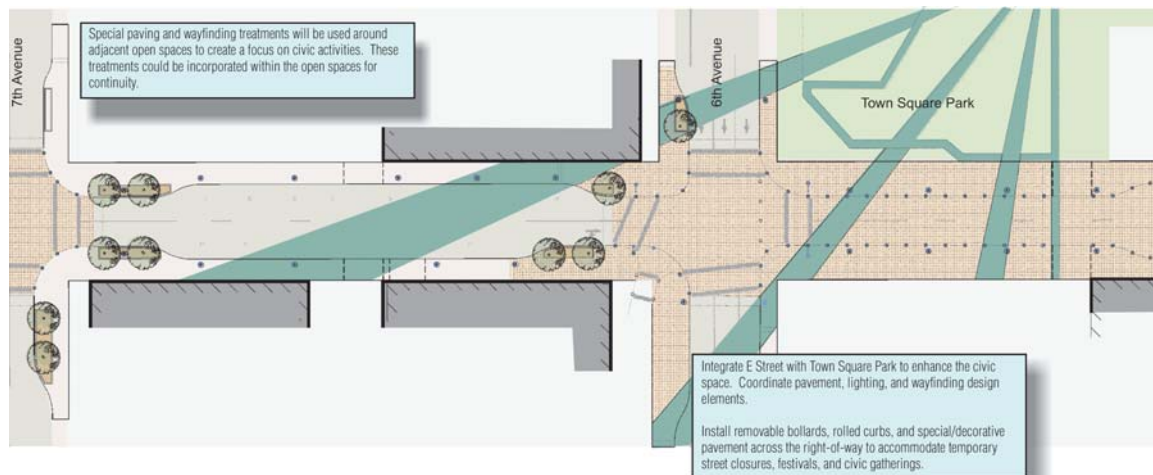
March 2006 – Draft Design Study Memorandum (DSM)

The Draft DSM was issued in March 2006 for public and MOA staff review. The DSM contains a variety of text and illustrations describing the opportunities for integrating Town Square Park with E Street. The DSM was posted on the project webpage.

May 2006 – Community Open House

A joint open house was held in conjunction with the Downtown Anchorage CBD Plan to provide community members with an opportunity to comment on a variety of projects throughout downtown. **During the open house a layout was presented for E Street that called for increased integration of Town Square Park with E Street, including a small plaza with coordinated pavement, lighting, and wayfinding elements.**

Comments received from the public with regard to street/park integration continued to be positive.



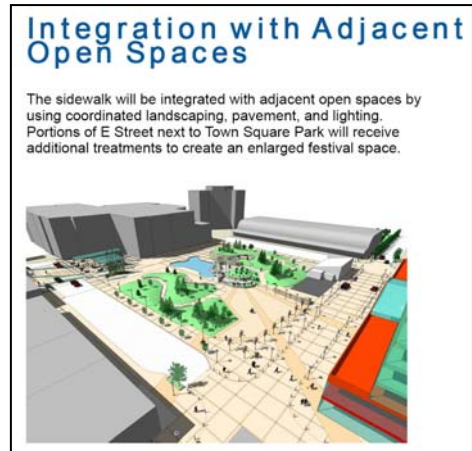
August 2006 – Community Open House and Assembly Work Session

In August 2006 the design team hosted an open house to present the evolving design concept for E Street and potential design elements, such as pedestrian lights, waste receptacles, pavements, and benches. The open house was held in conjunction with the Core Streets Streetscape Plan, which provided general streetscape guidelines for all of downtown.

During the open house a board was presented that clearly illustrated the plaza concept with the removal of some berms in Town Square Park.

Feedback was positive and the team continued to refine the design.

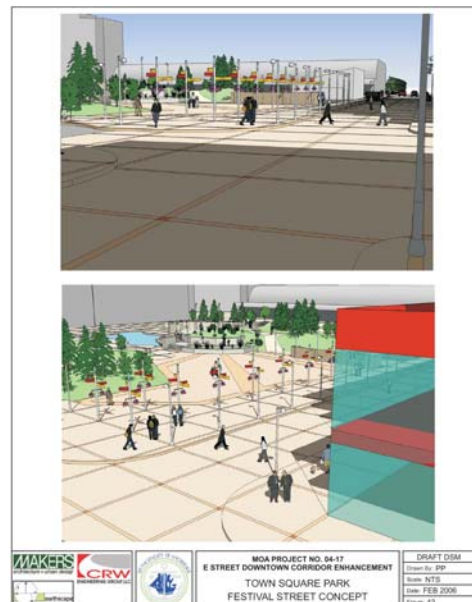
Later that week the design team provided the Anchorage Assembly with an update on the E Street design during a public work session and presentation. Once again the concept of integrating the southeast corner of Town Square Park with E Street was presented for Assembly and public feedback. Feedback continued to be positive.



February 2007 – Design Study Report (DSR)

The completed DSR was issued in February 2007 for another round of review and comment by the public and MOA staff. The DSR continued to offer a more refined design for the southeast corner of Town Square Park, including the removal of some berms and a new plaza that integrates with E Street.

Comments on the DSR were received over the next few months and were incorporated into the ongoing design work.



March 2007 – Assembly Work Session

The March 2007 Anchorage Assembly work session and presentation included additional design detail for a small civic gathering space along the southeast edge of Town Square Park. The updated design and paving pattern was developed while working with local Athabascan artists and is based on the basket traps traditionally used to catch salmon.

June 2007 – Downtown Project Open House

The June open house was held in Town Square Park and included information on a variety of ongoing and planned downtown projects, including the E Street Enhancement Project. Detailed graphics were on display to illustrate modifications to Town Square Park and how the park could be better integrated with the street to enhance its functionality as a community gathering space.



June 2007 – Project Newsletter #1

The first of two newsletters was issued to keep stakeholders up to speed on design modifications and project schedule. The June 2007 newsletter provided a detailed plan for a new civic plaza in the southeast corner of Town Square Park. Newsletters were provided to the MOA for distribution.

September 2007 – Project Newsletter #2

A second newsletter was issued to provide updated information on the E Street project, including refined plans for the proposed Town Square plaza.

E Street Downtown Corridor Enhancement



View North up E Street at 6th. Avenue



Project Area
The project area includes E Street's entire right-of-way width between 9th and 2nd Avenues. Phase I (7th / 8th Avenue alley to the 4th / 5th Avenue alley) is schedule for construction during summer 2008. This figure identifies the project boundaries and the areas of Phase I and II.

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Concept Plan

- Scale: 0, 30, 60, 120 feet
- 7th Ave
- 6th Ave
- 5th Ave
- Raised planters with integrated seating and artwork (typical at each intersection)
- Raised intersections with special pavers
- Civic plaza, integrates E St and Town Square Park; E St capabilities between 5th and 6th Avenues include temporary closures for festivals
- Special pavers
- Accent pavers

November 2007 – Assembly Work Session

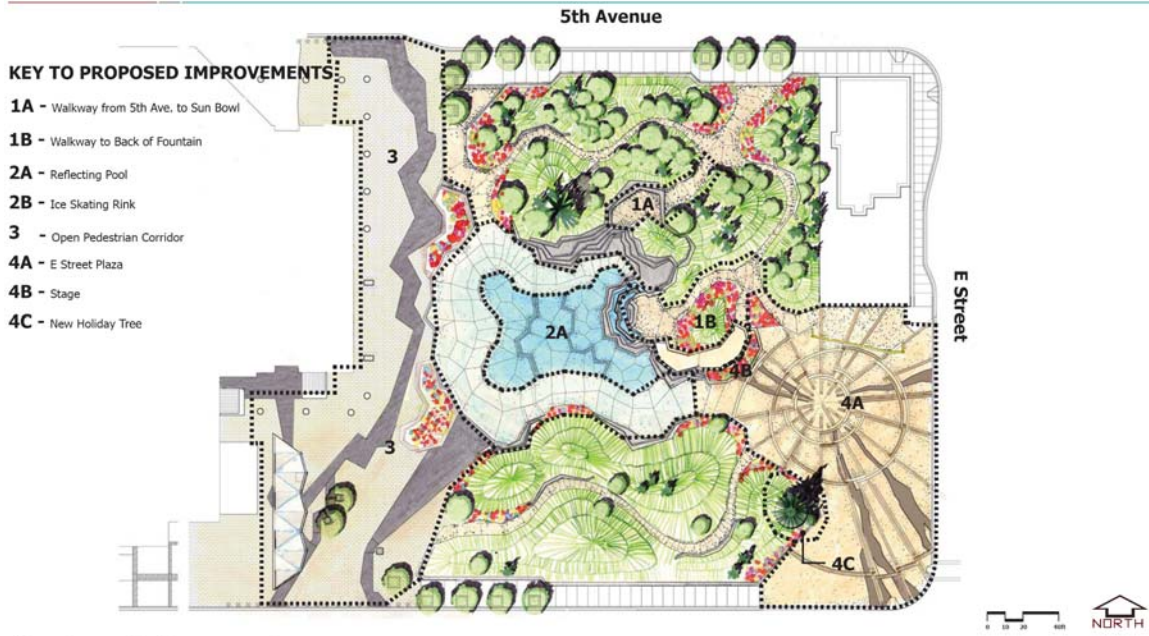
The November 2007 Anchorage Assembly work session and presentation provided increased design detail for E Street and corresponding modifications to a small portion of Town Square Park.



January 2008

The design concept for E Street and adjacent portions of Town Square Park continue to evolve in anticipation of summer 2008 construction. The current design for a plaza in the southeast corner of the park is based on community input received over the course of project. Once completed, the plaza will improve visibility and the sense of security, while providing downtown with a suitable location for community gatherings and other civic events.

Town Square Park



Town Square Park Improvements

