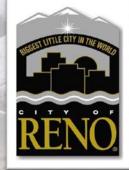
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ARLINGTON AVENUE BRIDGES REPLACEMENT

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #3 | Aesthetic Themes | December 15, 2020

Meeting Purpose

Discuss aesthetic themes for the project
Initial Aesthetic Themes
Downtown Streetscape Master Plan
Virginia Street Bridge
"Family of Bridges" Theme

New - Wingfield Park Area

SWG-2 Input

Recommended Bridge Concepts

Help guide us

Which design elements need additional analysis

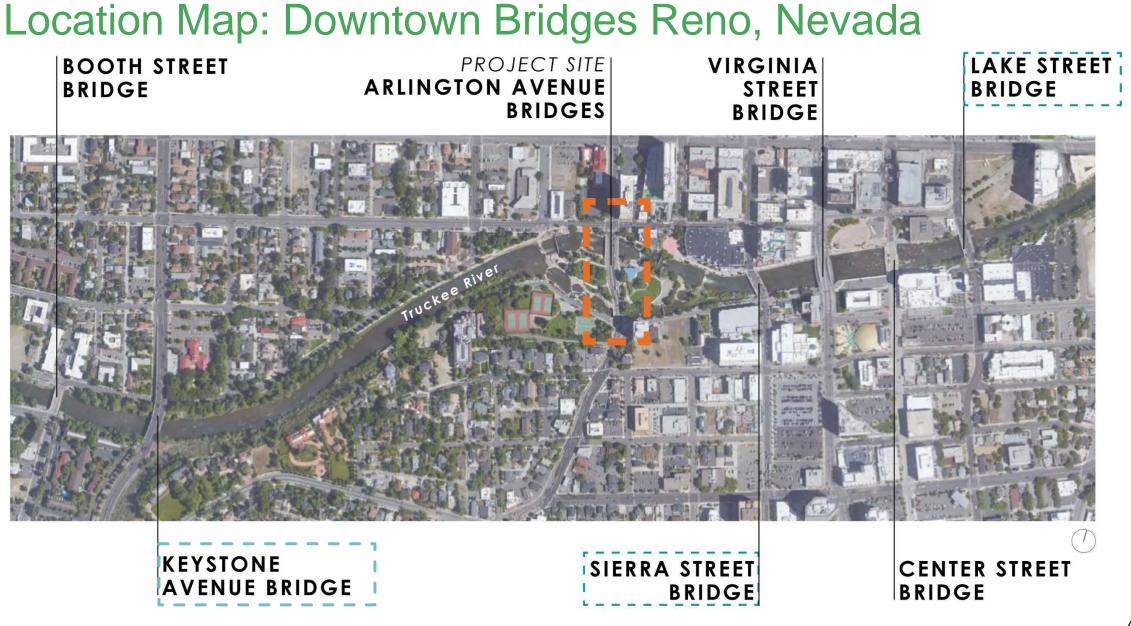
Input and ideas on appearance of the bridges



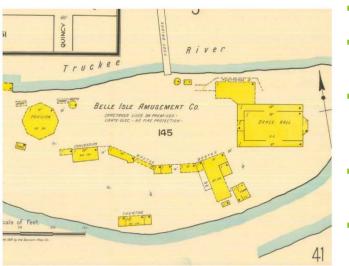
Meeting Agenda

- Review site history, existing condition, and recommended bridge concepts
- Look at opportunities, constraints, and design goals
- Proposed Aesthetic Elements
 - Theme and Lighting
 - **Questions** ??
 - Railing and Sidewalk Space
 - Questions ??
 - Surface Texture
 - Questions ??
- Group discussion and consensus





Site History



Belle Isle Map, 1918

- 1909 Lewis Hinckley purchased and developed the land into a relaxing resort-like destination, known as Belle Isle
- **1912** The river was partially dammed, and footbridge was added.
- 1916 Owners of the park filed for bankruptcy and the space was acquired by Reno National Bank
- **1920** Influential banker George Wingfield bought the property and donated it to the City. The island was later named "George Wingfield Park."
- 1921 North bridge structure constructed, originally called Chestnut Street Bridge, Nevada's oldest T-beam bridge
- 1928 A flood caused substantial damage to the park, with repair help by George Wingfield
- 1925-1980's The Reno Municipal Christmas Tree stood at Wingfield Park



Electric Lights, 1911

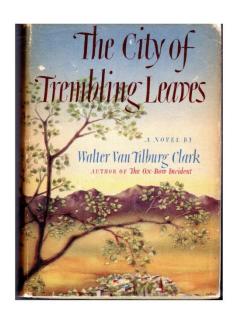


Belle Isle, 1911



Wingfield Park Postcard

Design Inspiration: City of Trembling Leaves



- The City of Trembling Leaves, by Walter Van Tilburg Clark
 - The City of Trembling Leaves is a well-known book about the history and development of Reno
 - Reno was established as small town on the edge on the mountain range with beautiful trees and wildlife all around
 - The book illustrates the natural beauty of the Reno landscape and highlights Wingfield Park as a leisurely oasis within the City
 - Urbanization and development has changed the landscape of the City within the last century
 - How can the proposed design reconnect to its history and celebrate the natural beauty of the Reno landscape?



Cottonwood Trees in the Nevada Landscape



Cottonwood Tree Leaf



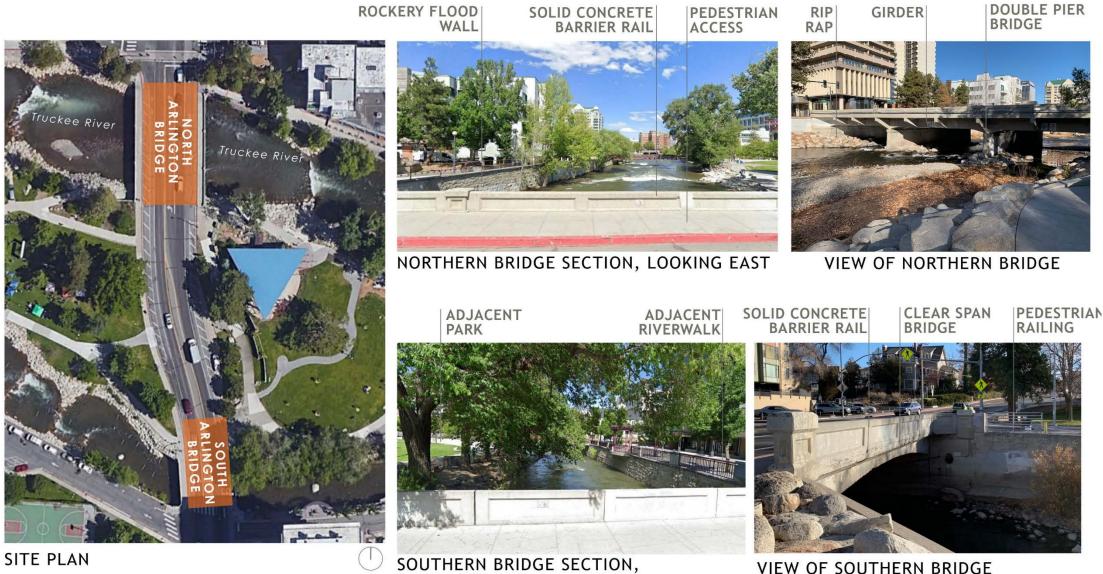
Truckee River through Reno

Existing Conditions Inventory: Booth Street Bridge



SITE PLAN

Existing Conditions Inventory: Arlington Avenue Bridges



SOUTHERN BRIDGE SECTION, LOOKING EAST

Existing Conditions Inventory: Arlington Avenue Bridges



NORTHERN BRIDGE SECTION, LOOKING WEST

SOUTHERN BRIDGE SECTION, LOOKING WEST



VIEW OF KAYAK PARK

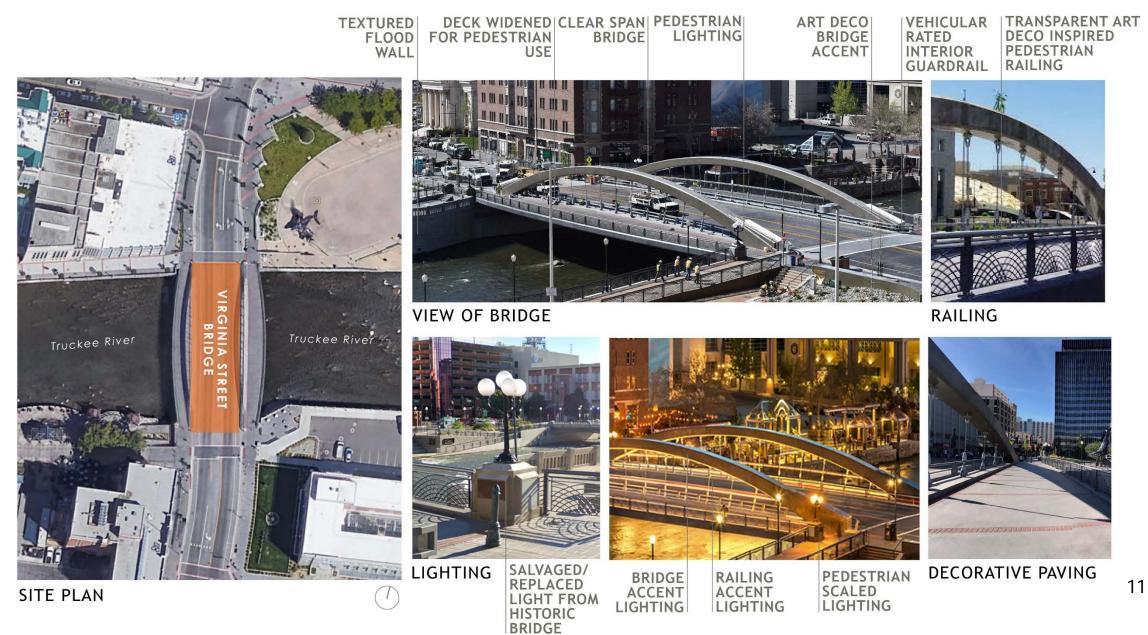
VIEW OF WILDLIFE

Existing Conditions Inventory: Sierra Street Bridge

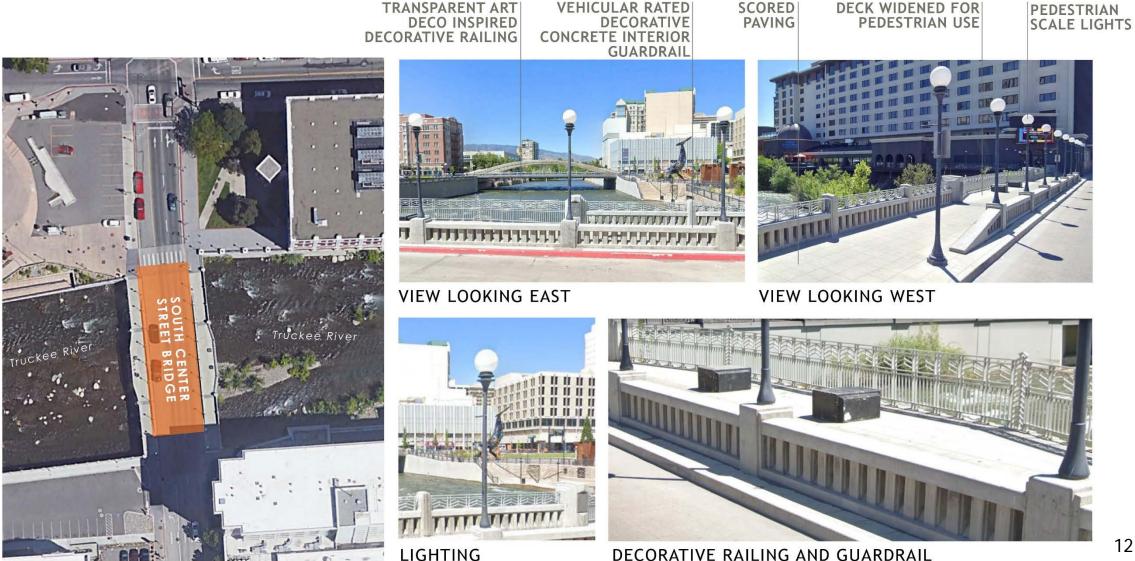


SITE PLAN

Existing Conditions Inventory: Virginia Street Bridge



Existing Conditions Inventory: South Center Street Bridge



SITE PLAN

Existing Conditions Inventory: Lake Street Bridge



RENO WELCOME SIGN DECORATIVE RAILING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS DECORATIVE LIGHTING ON BRIDGE PILASTER

PERSPECTIVE LOOKING SOUTHEAST



LIGHTING



REMOVABLE METAL RAILING

Existing Conditions Inventory: Riverwalk



SITE PLAN



PERSPECTIVE

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

RAILING

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

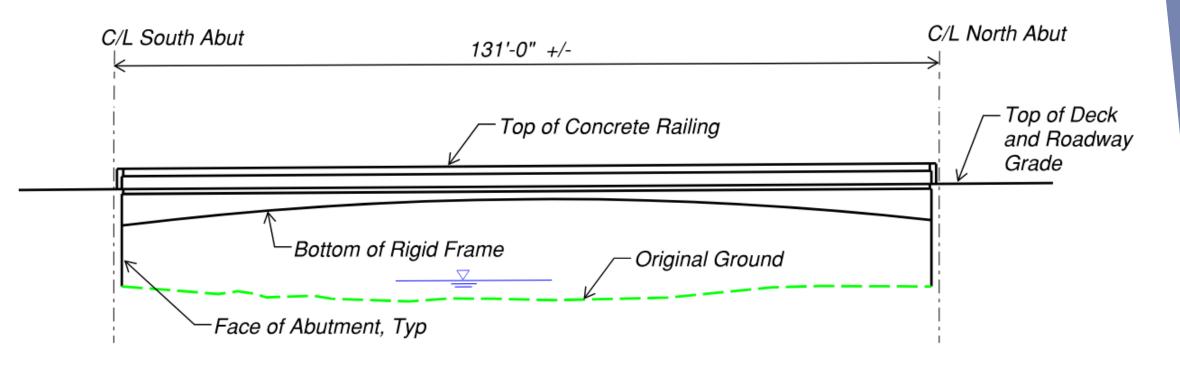
Existing Conditions Inventory: Artwork



Site Inventory Map



Clear Span Bridge Concept



Pros:

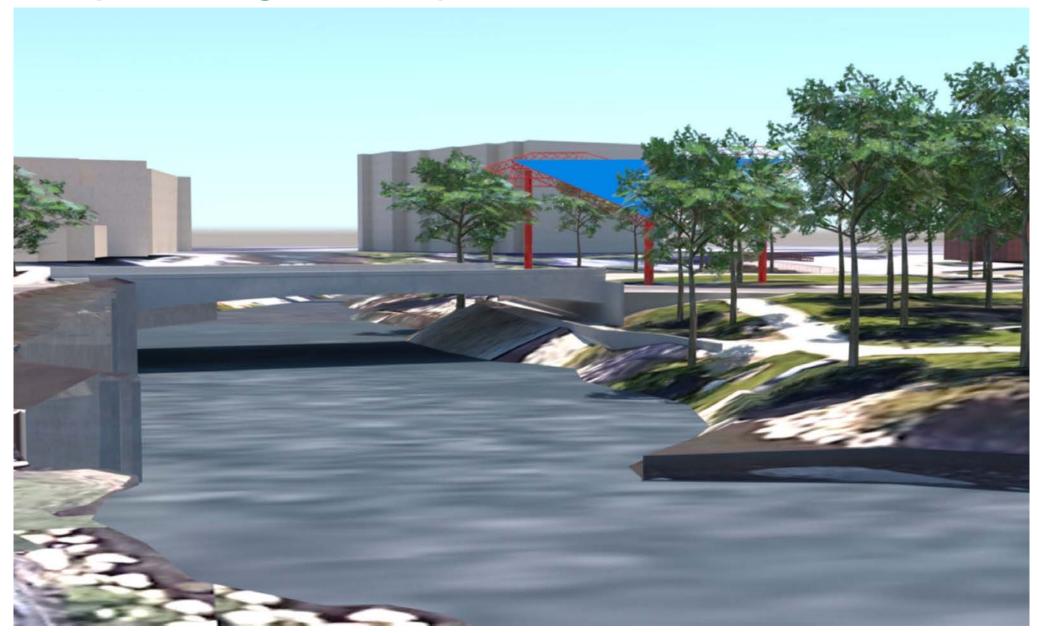
- No obstruction in the river improves flow capacity and boating access
- No pier/surface for tagging

Cons:

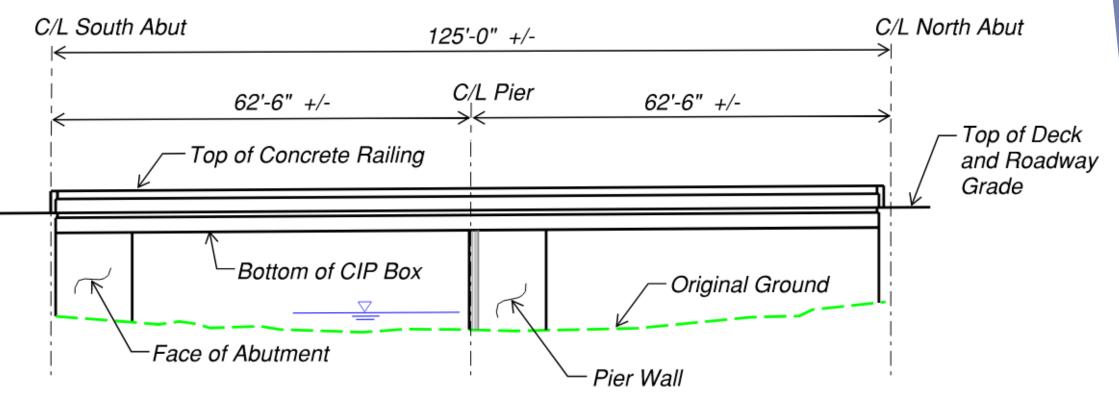
- Challenges in expanding the sidewalk at midspan for overlook/viewing area
- Depth of structure is deeper than single pier and provides less pedestrian overhead below bridge

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Clear Span Bridge Concept



Single Pier CIP Concrete Box Bridge Concept



Pros:

- Pier provides means to support widened overlook/viewing area mid-river
- Shallower bridge depth minimizes impact to roadway profile

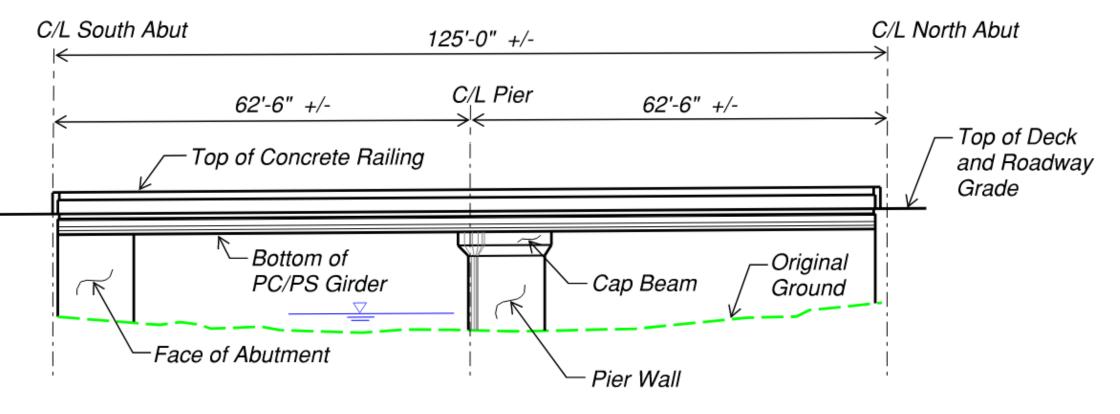
Cons:

 Obstruction in river for recreational boating users (although, one less pier than existing bridge).

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 Pier wall may become a potential tagging surface

Single Pier Precast Concrete Girders Bridge Concept



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Single Pier Bridge Concept



Opportunities and Constraints Map



LEGEND

Pedestrian Access

Bicycle Access

Pedestrian footbridges provide ample pedestrian access from adjacent amenities

IIIIIIIIIII Existing floodwall needs renovation, providing an opportunity to update the formliner pattern

> Reno Riverwalk termination, bringing foot traffic to Arlington Avenue

Opportunity to replace existing pedestrian railing to match new bridge aesthetics

> Landscape may require regrading if street elevation is raised; maintain existing trees and add street trees

Views of Truckee River

Park amenities include tennis courts, basketball courts, play equipment, and restrooms attracting visitors of all ages

Park amenities include large grass areas, tree lined pathways, bike and pedestrian access, and river recreation

Amphitheater hosts concerts in the park, making this location a premier summer destination

Whitewater park includes drop pools, smooth rocks, deep pools, with many access points, attracting many visitors in summer months

Existing stone steps are not accessible and poorly designed

Existing utility boxes are an eyesore, consider relocating

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Street is closed for special events, 22 between First/Island, maintain smooth pedestrian traffic flow across.

Design Goals:

Cohesive Design Language

- 1. Unify the north bridge and south bridge experience with a consistent form language, including the experience on the bridges and viewing the bridges
- 2. Establish a project theme to unify all the bridge and landscape elements

Enhance Pedestrian Experience

- 1. Arlington Avenue to act as an urban plaza, using unified materials between sidewalk and street
- 2. Maintain vantage points of the river and surrounding landscape
- 3. Enhance pedestrian experience with shade trees, decorative lighting, decorative railing, paving, and sculptural/artistic features

Contextual and Historical Relevance

- 1. Proposed structural elements will have relevance to the urban context
- 2. Project shall pay homage to Reno's history, while representing a new age of bridge development within the downtown core

Innovation and Sustainability

- 1. Low Impact Development (LID)- Street shall be repaved using permeable pavement, concrete pavers, permeable concrete
- 2. LED lighting
- 3. Drought resistant and native trees and plantings

Proposed Aesthetic Elements

- Modern Design Elements, A Melding of Old and New
- Pedestrian Scaled Lighting
- Bridge Accent Lighting
- Under Bridge Lighting
- Transparent, Traffic Rated Bridge Railing
- Maintain Pedestrian Accessibility
- Widen Bridge Deck
- Textured Abutment Walls
- Flood Walls
- Plaza Street

Modern Design Elements: A Melding of Old and New



- Proposed decorative elements should incorporate modern design elements with a nod to the Art Deco historical context
- Decorative elements will focus on pedestrian lighting, railing design, under-bridge lighting, and sculptural elements
- Consider applying decorative form liner under bridges and on bridge pilaster and girders



Pedestrian Scaled Lighting



COLUMN LIGHTS

STICK LIGHTS

- Potential for modern pedestrian lighting concept
- Potential for stick lights fixed into bridge pilaster on north and south bridge
- Lighting elements to continue between bridges to create unity
- Incorporate lighting elements into railing
- Lighting along renovated north flood wall to match with existing art decostyle lights



LIGHTED BOLLARD

RAILING LIGHTING

Bridge Accent Lighting



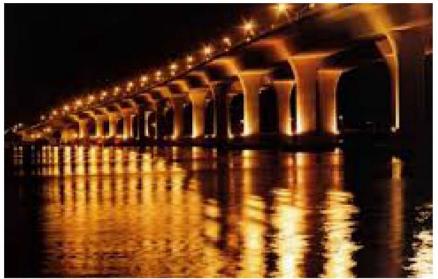
- Potential girder lighting to unify the north and south bridge
- Precast girders provide areas to conceal lights
- Potential bridge pilaster lighting
- Consider lighting protection from flood water, debris and vandalism.
- Consider impacts to aquatic species





GIRDER LIGHTING

Under Bridge Lighting



UNDER BRIDGE LIGHTING

- Potential under-bridge aesthetic lighting and under-bridge safety/pedestrian lighting
- Consider a lighting concept that can be applied to other bridges in downtown to create a "family" of unified bridges
- Consider aesthetic lighting experience for visitors viewing the bridges and visitors walking along the bridges
- Provide conduit for future bridge artistic lighting



COLORED UNDER BRIDGE LIGHTING

Questions on Theme and Lighting?

► Is the general theme ok?

Modern design elements with a nod to the Art Deco historical context







Should lighting be included?

Pedestrian Scaled, Bridge Accent, Under Bridge





UNDER BRIDGE LIGHTING

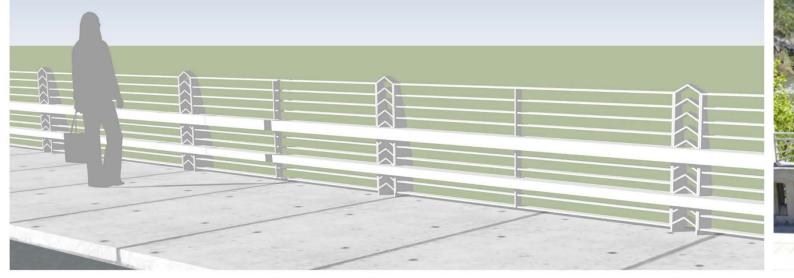
RAILING LIGHTING

Transparent, Traffic Rated Bridge Railing



OPEN DECORATIVE CONCRETE VEHICULAR GUARDRAIL

- Exterior railing should allow for viewing of the river
- Avoid double railing due to large number of special events
- Potential for decorative concrete railing and decorative steel railing hybrid
- Potential vehicular rated metal guardrail with custom artistic detailing
- Art deco concrete railing exists along northern flood wall, Sierra Street Bridge, and Center Street Bridge



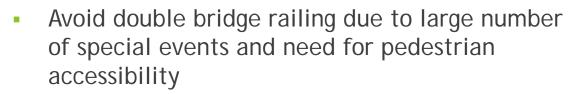
TYPE TL-4 VEHICULAR BARRIER WITH PEDESTRIAN MODIFICATIONS

DECORATIVE CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL AND STEEL RAILING HYBRID 30

Maintain Pedestrian Accessibility



CENTER STREET BRIDGE DOUBLE RAILING



- Maintain smooth pedestrian movement across street even if elevation needs to be raised
- Consider planting street trees along Arlington Avenue at 30 ft. O.C., if elevation needs to be raised
- Provide graffiti coating for maintenance/ easy removal





Widen Bridge Deck

- Consider widening bridge deck to allow for greater pedestrian viewing (single pier only)
- Center Street Bridge and Virginia Street Bridge have widened segments



WIDENED BRIDGE SEGMENT



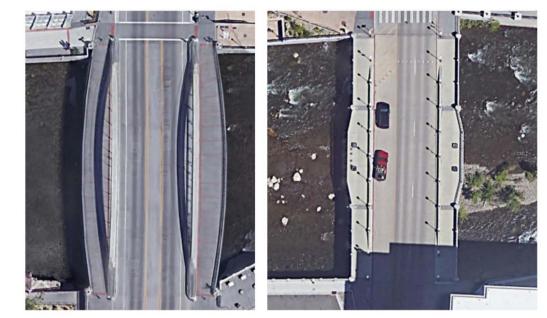


Questions on Railing and Sidewalk Space?

- Smooth Pedestrian Movement
 - Don't include double railing?
 - Should railing be transparent?
 - Should the bridge deck be widened?











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Textured Abutment Walls

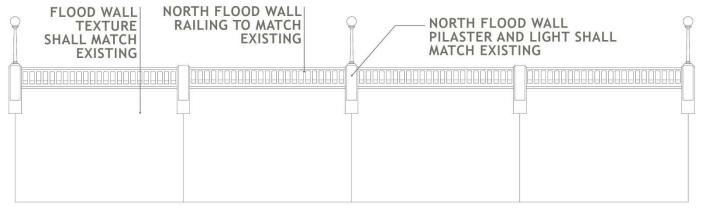


FORMLINER PATTERN FOR ABUTMENT WALL

- Consider abutment wall with a rich texture to enhance pedestrian and river user experience below the bridge
- Consider cobble texture used elsewhere



Flood Walls



NORTH FLOOD WALL MOCK UP

- Flood wall should have consistency between bridges
- Textures, horizontal reveals, open concrete railing, pilasters extended below, and lighting shall be consistent
- Flood wall along south side shall match with cobble wall along Riverwalk
- Consider a narrow planting at bases of walls to soften the height





FORMLINER PATTERN FOR FLOOD WALL

EXISTING FLOOD WALL

Plaza Street



STREET PLAZA



WATER WAVE CONCRETE

PATTERNS



DECORATIVE PAVING



PERMEABLE PAVERS

- Consider Arlington Avenue 'Plaza Street' concept to unify park areas if street between bridges needs to be replaced
- Consider permeable pavers on street and sidewalk to create seamless transition and provide stormwater infiltration
- Sidewalk paving with unique stamp or sandblast that follows theme

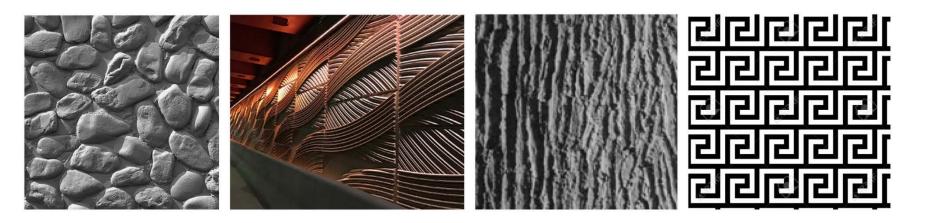
Questions on Surface Texture?



- ► Is the Plaza Street idea appealing?
- Should texture on abutment walls and flood walls be considered?







Group Discussion and Consensus

Theme and Lighting

- Railing and Sidewalk Space
- Surface Texture
- Additional Ideas





Thank you for Participating!

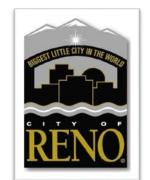


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