SOUTH PORTAL DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING
LANDSCAPE CONCEPT

Pull the powerful forested landscape westward from the Mountains.

Frame the entry into the city for drivers as they rise over Atlantic Street.

Transition to the order and lower speed of the city with street trees and the language of the “boulevard” of Alaskan Way.

urban
street trees
linear deciduous

landing point
connect E-W
crisp
angles, folds
play with perspective

increased canopy
consider
scale at edges

framed city views
clustered evergreen
urban at street

Take cues from the crisp, angular approach taken in the Olympic Sculpture Park, adapted to the landscape opportunities at the portal.

Take advantage of opportunities for views through to the Port activities and water.

Take an attitude toward the edges that supports the overall concept and addresses the scale of zones where people will walk or cycle.
PORT-SIDE TRAIL
Open views of working port
Holgate to King Street Guidelines

ALASKAN WAY
Tree-lined urban boulevard
begins south of portal

FIRST AVENUE
Extend existing character
of First Avenue

CITY-SIDE TRAIL
Bookend to
Olympic Sculpture Park

SR 99 MAINLINE
Frame city views with Pacific NW landscape
Mimic large scale of SODO and Port

FRONTAGE ROAD
Urban and historic character
terminated by view of Bemis Building

RAILROAD WAY
Tree-lined pedestrian promenade
Coordinate with Central Waterfront

GRASS WEDGE
URBAN STREETSCAPE
MEADOW FORECOURT
PACIFIC NW NATIVE
SOUTH PORTAL AREA LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

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FRONTAGE ROAD
Urban and historic character terminated by Bemis Building

FIRST AVENUE
Extend existing character of First Avenue in stadium district

SEATING

VIEW

ART by others

VIEW

ART by others
SOUTH PORTAL AREA URBAN VS. NON-URBAN

NW NATIVE
Strong clustered conifer and evergreen understory

GRASSY WEDGES
Drawing on Olympic Sculpture Park design language

FORECOURT TRIANGLE
Low plantings that emphasize views

URBAN STREETSCAPE
Linear deciduous trees with ground cover

URBAN BOULEVARD
Large canopy deciduous
LANDSCAPE LANGUAGE: URBAN BOULEVARD

URBAN BOULEVARD
Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program

LANDSCAPE LANGUAGE: NORTHWEST NATIVE

Native northwest at Sculpture Park
Native northwest on I-90 Mercer Lid

URBAN NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE

GRASS WEDGE & PACIFIC NORTHWEST - SECTION FOUR

TEXT CONTENT:

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHARACTER - SECTION THREE

CITY-SIDE TRAIL

NORTHBOUND OFF-RAMP TO CITY

SOUTHBOUND SR 99

SOUTHBOUND ON-RAMP TO SR 99

GRASS WEDGE & PACIFIC NORTHWEST - SECTION FOUR

URBAN NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE LANGUAGE: NORTHWEST NATIVE
Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program

LANDSCAPE LANGUAGE: FORECOURT
UTILIDOR
Pedestrian “eddy” with benches, smaller trees, and urban shrubs.

FORECOURT MEADOW
Taller grasses and flowers form a “forecourt” to the illuminated fan room across the street.

BOULEVARD EDGE
Large street trees with understory plantings buffer pedestrians from vehicles on northbound off-ramp to city.
CITY-SIDE TRAIL - SECTION THREE

URBAN NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE
CITY-SIDE TRAIL - SECTION FOUR

SOUTHBOUND SR 99
OFF-RAMP TO CITY (NORTHBOUND)
CITY-SIDE TRAIL
WOSCA PROPERTY (TO BE DEVELOPED)
FIRST AVENUE

NORTHBOUND SR 99
ON-RAMP TO SOUTHBOUND SR 99
OFF-RAMP TO CITY (SOUTHBOUND)
ON-RAMP TO NORTHBOUND SR 99
CITY-SIDE TRAIL
WOSCA PROPERTY (TO BE DEVELOPED)
Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program

CITY-SIDE TRAIL - SECTION FOUR

GRASS WEDGE

URBAN NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE
CITY-SIDE TRAIL - SECTION FIVE

TRAIL WITH URBAN EDGES
SOUTH PORTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER - SECTION TWO

GRASS WEDGE

URBAN BOULEVARD
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CITY SIDE TRAIL

NORTHBOUND OFF-RAMP TO CITY

SOUTHBOUND SR 99

NORTHBOUND SR 99 ON-RAMP

NORTHBOUND SR 99

SOUTHBOUND ON-RAMP TO SR 99

SECTION FOUR

SOUTH PORTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER - SECTION FOUR
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GRASS WEDGE

URBAN NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE
SOUTH PORTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER - SECTION FIVE