Lynnwood City Center Gateway on 44th Avenue W

44th Avenue Gateway Experience

Primary Gateways

Secondary Gateways

City Center Streetscape Plan | Gateway Concept
44th Avenue W Gateway Experience | Analysis

Gateway Approach

Gateway Portal

Gateway Threshold

Existing Gateway

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“Overall area visually separated from City Center; pedestrian connectivity confusing, experience needs to be improved.”
Gateway Portal | Existing

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WSDOT interstate bridges, structures group must approve any enhancements.

Bridge creates dark and uninviting experience with heavy mass and dark shadows.

Landscape embankments part of bridge support and alternatives must be approved by WSDOT structures group.

Gray columns look worn.

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Standard, anodized signal and street light poles blend with bridges.

Striped median could become planted median.
Gateway Threshold | Existing

“City Center visible ahead.”

- Pedestrian bridge over street creates opportunity for gateway enhancements.
- Paved, non-drivable space unattractive and not maintained, could be cleaned up and provides an opportunity for landscaping.
- Landscape slope, provides opportunity for embedded signage or art.
- Curbed, paved median could be planted median.

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Example Gateway Elements
The city logo provides a strong brand and image to the City Center, it evokes:
- contemporary
- crisp, clean lines
- commercial / business

The elements can become “building blocks” and urban design forms to guide, announce, celebrate and signify the City Center.
• new signal poles, “signal” City Center brand

• new landscaping adds color to the beginning of the gateway experience

• larger wayfinding sign more legible and helps guide visitors to Lynnwood destinations

• landscape median
Gateway Portal | Possibilities

• painting likely acceptable with WSDOT structures group and enlivens gateway experience

• lighting added to bridge structure in between the columns to illuminate pedestrian walkway; vibrant lighting added to underneath underpass structure at top of embankment, to brighten, add color and visual interest

• colorful plantings add life to embankments

• painted columns unify and clean up underpass, can also incorporate lighting and colored polycarbonate panels

• colorful plantings add life to embankments

• new signal poles soften space by adding color

• striped median retrofitted with colorful vegetation, can also pursue decorative pavement

Bridge structure and columns with paint

Bridge structure and columns without paint
• down lighting added to the concrete beams of the underpass provides a more inviting, comfortable and safe space for pedestrians

• vibrant lighting at the top of the embankment provides visual interest and variety

• new concrete sidewalks establish safer pedestrian accessway
Gateway Threshold | Possibilities

- bridge treatments create visual and physical cues through painting and/or cladding with polycarbonate panels
- paved space softened with low maintenance landscaping, can also include art
- embedded city artwork, or signage, with colorful vegetation on slope
- median includes new landscaping to soften roadway section, can also include City Center signage