

VALDEZ URBAN BEAUTIFICATION - COMMUNITY INPUT

“The Look” – Responding Votes

1) What are your **façade** preferences? Check all that apply.

- Natural colors - 12
- Simple - 11
- Modern - 3
- Bright colors - 10
- Canopies - 3
- Traditional - 8
- Patterned - 2
- Rustic style - 15

2) What are your **streetscape** preferences? Check all that apply.

- Sculptural element - 12
- Extended curb areas - 5
- Planters - 16
- Landscaped - 12
- Seating - 12
- Screening/buffers - 13

3) What types of **lighting** do you prefer? Check all that apply.

- String lights - 8
- Feature lighting (benches, artwork, etc.) - 13
- Building Lighting - 5
- Poles - 8

4) What types of **gateways and signage** do you prefer? Check all that apply.

- Pole mounted - 10
- Landscape Materials - 13
- Rustic style - 13
- Large banners - 2
- Modern style - 6

5) What **Winter City** ideas do you prefer? Check all that apply.

- Snow sculpture - 14
- Ski trails - 14
- Display snowfall/temp - 11
- Ice sculpture - 8
- Lit trees - 17
- Street-side shelters - 8
- Ice rink - 8
- Snow sports parks - 8

6) Please list additional comments below or on the back of this sheet.

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Additional comments to Surveys – The Look

6) Please list additional comments below or on the back of this sheet.

- We need to beautify this city. It's dark and dingy in town. Also, there needs to be more activities for people to do in town, especially in the winter.
- Trailer parks should be considered in the mix. In contrast to the surrounding beauty of the mountains, the architecture of the city is not compelling. It has considerable room for improvements.
- We need a welcome Arch, a center park with a place for bands, movies, trails, skating, and bonfires – Draw people.
- Would like to see lots of color because our winters are so low and white.

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Circulation – Responding Votes

- 1) Do you feel there are adequate **connections** between “districts” in Valdez? Circle one: Y -10/N-11
- 2) Do you feel there are **safe** options for pedestrians to cross Egan Ave? Circle one: Y-10/N-12
- 3) Do you feel there are adequate **connections** between green spaces in Valdez? Circle one: Y-3/N-15
- 4) What type of **intersection** do you prefer?
 - Roundabout - 7
 - Signal controlled - 2
 - Stop sign controlled - 14
 - Raised intersection - 3
- 5) How often do you ride a **bicycle** to specific destinations (i.e. home to work, home to the park, etc.)?
 - Every Day - 5
 - 2-3 times a week - 7
 - Once or twice a week - 3
 - Never - 7
- 6) If you ride a bicycle, do you feel **safe** riding around the city? Circle one: Y-15/N-3
- 7) Please list additional comments below or on the back of this sheet.

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Additional comments to Surveys - Circulation

7) Please list additional comments below or on the back of this sheet.

- When walking down certain streets, the side-walk will be on one side of the road and after crossing an intersection it is on the opposite side of the street. In addition, snow removal is not consistent for the sidewalks... Sometimes it is cleared on main routes and other items it is not clear on the side walk causing pedestrians to walk in the street.
- Bike path all the way to 120 mile over the pass if we are lucky.
- I would ride a bicycle... and would like bike lanes. I walk to work regularly in warmer weather, some streets crossings are a challenge – a cross Egan, any access to grocery/Safeway. I'd enjoy skiing to work – trail along road way would help.
- Bike lanes & cross walks would be great.
- I would like a bike path for Min. Creek Loop Road.
- Need all season connector non-road corridors. In town corridors unavailable in winter due to snow collection usage.
- Raised intersections would be very bad with our snow removal situation.
- Connect from downtown to Mineral Creek trails for summer hikes/biking. Direct people in Mineral Creek direction. Use bike path as a connector between all subdivisions. (it goes from town to Allison Point) make this city bike & pedestrian friendly.
- Would like to see better connection between points of interest. More consolidated retail.
- Roundabout at town entrances, Meals & Egan & Hazelet & Egan. Corridor out to 12 mile with wild grass on both sides of the highway. Definitely Blued edge treatment. Will make the town cozier & safe – “beautiful” too.
- Gabled entrance would make the town feel cozier.
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Recreation – Responding Votes

1) What **types of recreation** are most important to Valdez currently? Check all that apply.

- Outdoor winter activities (list one example) - 25
- Outdoor summer activities (list one example) - 24
- Community events - 11

2) What **places for recreation** are most important to Valdez currently? Check all that apply.

- Waterfront - 20
- Harbor - 18
- Museum - 11
- Green space - 18
- Civic center - 11
- Downtown - 9
- Mountains - 23

3) What **recreation opportunities** would you like to see incorporated into the Valdez community? Check all that apply.

- Skiing amenities - 16
- Harbor improvements - 11
- Green space expansion - 18
- Walkability - 21

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Additional comments to Surveys – Recreation

4) Please list additional comments below or on the back of this sheet.

- We need mountain biking/hiking trails that can be used in winter for cross-country skiing.
- I really like the uplands project. Ruth pond & Kelsey Dock are wonderful. It would be nice to making the building maintenance building look nicer or maybe make that into a Rec building... Ice skating, indoor walking, tennis, racket ball, volley ball.
- Good trail system should be contribute to publicize, promote expand.
- Amazing job maintain ski trails this year. Rec center consolidating indoor activities. Bike trails. Keep shop/bay trail maintained.
- Additional landscaping on main streets would improve overall look of town – get rid of rundown buildings & junk yards.
- Trolley that rolls around to all areas of town. Biking and walking trails.
- I would like a bike path on Loop road to & to the edge of Old Town.
- Take care of what we have.
- We need a bowling alley or skating rink.
- I would like to see Valdez to become bike/walk friendly (with signs where to go).
- It would be neat to have a communal recreation center with all activities/enrichment programs in one place, i.e. rock wall, open gym, racquetball, archery, shooting range, art classes, dancing classes, volunteer center, and food bank. What are they going to do with the Junior High/Elementary School with the rebuild? Also, schools talking about going on a 4-day week with Fridays as enrichment days-neat to have it all in one boiling. Thank you for the consideration.
- Pedestrian connection from Mineral Creek recreational area to Duck Flats/bike path would be awesome.
- Community Green house & raised Garden Areas. 9 Hole golf course on the Old Town site. Scenic lifts different locations in town for enjoyable scenic ride. Horseshoe tournament site. Huge theme still park for family activities.
- Same green space, trails pathways etc. Invisible based on use as snow collection/storage areas. Need alternate non-road connections that can be used by skies & snow machines in winter (in town connections for winter).

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Destinations – Responding Votes

5) Which of the following is the most important destination for residents of Valdez?

- Library - 8
- Museum - 7
- Harbor - 13
- Civic Center - 7
- Residences - 6
- Downtown - 8
- Parks + Rec - 8
- Ferry terminal - 4
- Green space - 11
- Other: Trails – Mountain Biking - 2

6) Is there a type of destination you would like to see in the city that is currently missing?

7) Which of the following is the most important destination for visitors to Valdez?

- Museum - 6
- Harbor - 15
- Civic Center - 3
- Downtown - 3
- Waterfront - 13
- Ski areas - 7
- Ferry terminal - 8
- Green space - 4
- Other: Bike/walk trail - 2
Museum & College - 1

8) What is the attraction to Valdez as a destination?

- Arts + music - 2
- Winter recreation - 11
- Summer recreation - 10
- Community feel - 2

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Additional comments to Surveys - Destinations

6) Is there a type of **destination** you would like to see in the city that is currently missing?

- More green space with benches, more to do in the winter for folks in town (ice rink, bowling alley, roller skate rink).
- Working King Pond.
- More art Events. Ski lift, we can't depend on oil forever.
- Rec center, with ice rink & several indoor sports.
- Ski Resort.
- Outdoor venue on grassy lawn etc. Events like more music on lawns. More work on ski will, ski lift.
- Museum/town master interpretation center combo. Old town interpretation/street maps/interpretation panels.
- Wetland board walk for birding, we have awesome birds.
- Family Activity Center
- A Community Rec Center. A Ski Lift. An outdoor city center (fire pit, skateboarding, steps, tables, concert stage.)
- Old Town & Pioneer Cemetery.
- Trails, Biking/skiing/snowboarding.
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9) Please list additional comments

- For a small town the Art Counsel does an awesome job bringing in art and music, but it's not what people come here for. It's the outdoors!
- We need more art, music, playgrounds, beautification of town & cross walks for sure.
- Downtown isn't cute, doesn't have much going on.
- Move the park & rec shop and put in a visitor center/event location.
- More art & music in summer. Ski lift, most beautiful place to ski and on the water, why is there not a ski lift? More work on ski hill.
- Overt lack of interpretation at the old town site. Way finding map, designated interpretation panels would greatly enhance community visitors experience & understanding of "the place". As the population ages, moves away and younger community members join the pop, the need to interpret the site & preserve its history magnifies. A public community calendar/kiosk? Is needed to convey what's going on & what you can do in Valdez.
- Lots of tourists come here who don't fish or ski. They are looking for downtown & feel cozy. Shops downtown area, walking around, visiting, enjoying this beautiful setting. Comment I hear a lot: Beautiful location.
- Use lots of local plants for planters, small green areas. Low maintenance, make it colorful.

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Junior High School Students Suggestions

- Get rid of old Three Bears.
- Need a Wal-Mart/mini mall where Three Bears is.
- New play equipment in the park.
- Victorian style freshly painted buildings along the water line.
- Make people pick up dog poop. Have a city employee street clean/or dog park.
- Maintain soil and grass areas without weeds.
- Develop Robe lake.

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- Area from Salmon turn around all the way to Mountain Sky should be strayed for weeds and dandelions and mowed to look very nice. – Also, repaint the gazebo more earthy tone colors! Fix it up or get rid of it!
- Tear down Three Bears.
- Pocket Park in Robe River on Derk Way where quansit collapsed!
- Tear down old buildings – fire, collapse etc.
- Revitalize park strips.

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- Paint Hydrants.
- Board walk that comes from Dock Point toward the container dock that hops from island to island along the way. Put cool little shops on the islands or the board walk.
- Knock down Three Bears building/Make available for better business.
- Rest Stops/Gazebos and trail systems.
- Repair/Maintain city sidewalks – Mark cutters, the stop rollerblades too abruptly.
- Can we make the black snow piles disappear? (we know that's hard)
- Remove the bunnees – Put a bounty out.
- Spiff up the civi center hill picnic area. Spicc up the stairs too.
- Make a theater?
- Grocery store parking log is ugly.
- Mow & manicure the sides of the Richardson from Salmon turnaround to town. GET RID OF THE BRIGHT YELLOW GAZEBO.
- Board walk around hill side of Ruth Point.
- Convince school to relocate the bus barn...UGLY.

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- Knock down Three Bears!
- Covered area on skate park, Please!!
- Sports Center!!
- Boling alley, neon bowling.
- Mini golf course, indoor.
- Bigger civic center.

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State Park – More solid structures (Metal = a problem especially when wet)

- Indoor skate park (skate boarding).
- More trees in the parks.
- Hockey rink.
- Larger pool.
- Bowling alley – arcade (encourage more private enterprises for teen entertainment).
- More choices at the movie theater.
- Terrace park at Salmonberry Hill.
- More snow removal at the state park.

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Junior High School Students Suggestions

- Ski Resort
- Pizza Hut
- Dairy Queen
- Fred Meyer
- Get rid of three bears
- Small Costco
- Have more cruise ships
- Get rid of Sugar and Spice
- Alaska Industrial Hardware (AIH)
- Apple store
- A train station
- Bigger airport
- Old Navy store
- Sports Mans Warehouse