

Memorandum

To: Debbie Tuttle
Economic Development Manager &
NURA Executive Director

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Project: Northglenn Medians @ I-25 & 104th

Concept Descriptions

Concept - A:

Concept A was developed as a naturalistic, informal planting pattern. Mimicking multiple interchanges along I-25, this general design allows for individual plant die-back, with minimal impacts to the design intent and overall success. A variety of plant types were grouped in clusters typical of a natural setting.

Concept – B:

Concept B was developed with an emphasis on accentuating the movement of the travelers on the highway, as well as layering the vegetation to levels of overall growth heights. The cobble mulch near the roadway acts as a debris/litter buffer for the vegetation, as well as a visually organizing element with strong separation denoted between edges.

Concept – C:

Concept C was developed for a stronger formal design, with a greater emphasis on the arrival ramps coming from I-25. Low-growing ornamental grasses and low-spreading evergreen junipers were located to draw the traveler's eye to the existing monument lettering (signage). Again, cobble was utilized to buffer the road debris from the planting, and strengthen the formal organization of elements.

Final Concept:

The final concept came from a combination of Concept B and Concept C, while scaling back on the size in an effort to maintain the budget. This concept plays on keeping the swooping lines of landscape layout and layered vegetation in an effort to accentuate movement but also keeps the emphasis on the areas below the existing wall features. To draw attention to these areas, we have used a more colorful plant palette while retaining species of plants that are maintenance friendly. On the southeast on-ramp and the northwest on-ramp, we have provided an area for future art sculptures should the City decide to add this feature at a later date.



- Art Sculpture Placeholder
- Existing Wall
- Daylilies
- 8" Cobble Buffer
- Ornamental Grasses
- Evergreen Shrubs
- Deciduous Shrubs
- Ornamental Trees

Partially Irrigated Native Seed

← Southbound I-25

Northbound I-25 →

104th Avenue

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- Ornamental Trees
- Deciduous Shrubs
- Evergreen Shrubs
- Ornamental Grasses
- 8" Cobble Buffer
- Daylilies
- Existing Wall w/ City Logo
- Art Sculpture Placeholder