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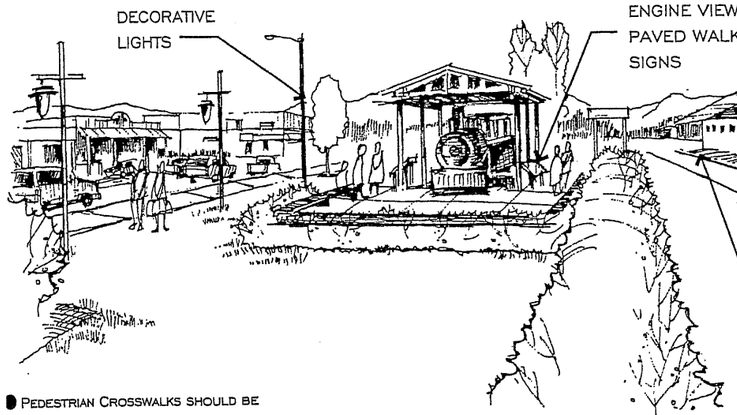


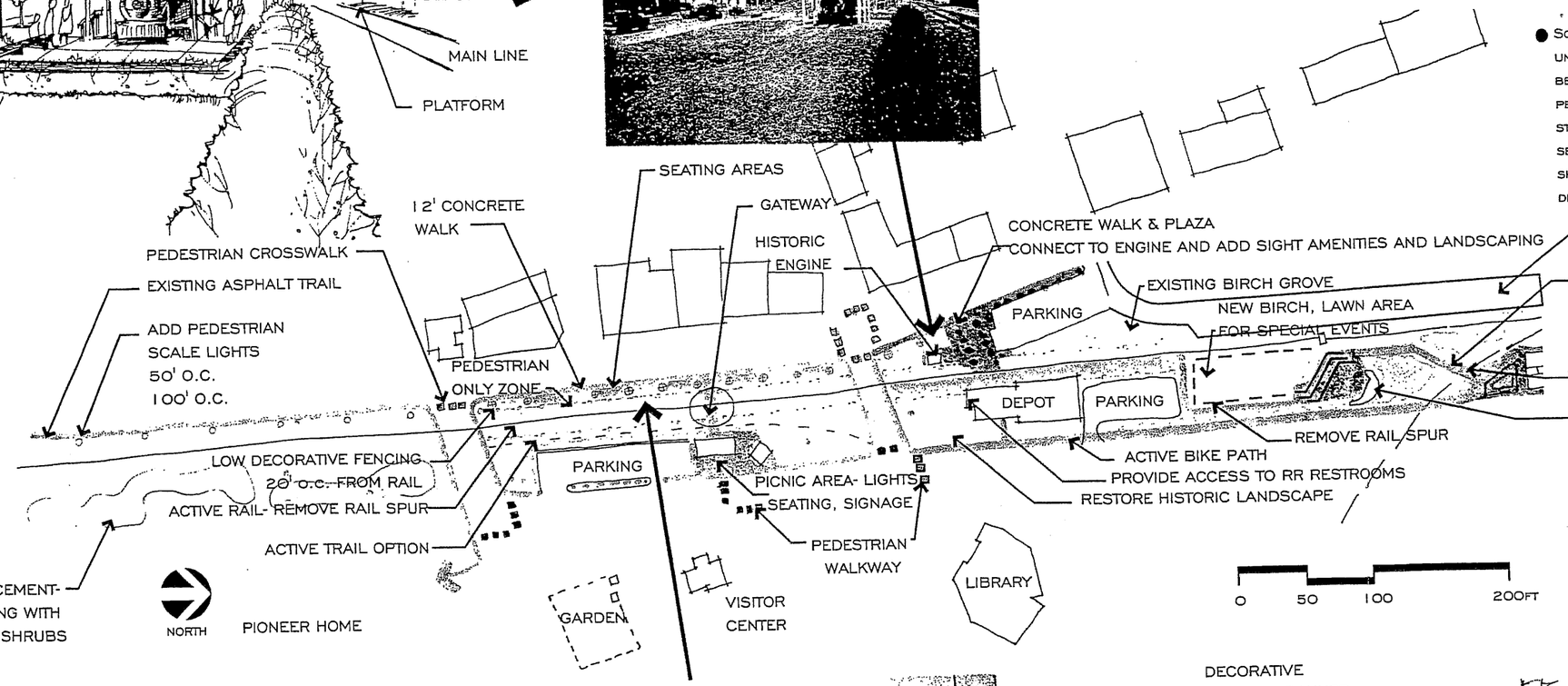
- Pedestrian Crosswalks should be developed to improve safety for crossings for South Valley Way and Alaska Way at Evergreen, Fireweed, and Cottonwood Streets. The crossings should utilize specialty pavement to clearly indicate to vehicles the pedestrian zone.

- Alaska Depot Improvements - The entry plaza should be improved with new connections to the historic rail engine display and to downtown shops.

- A pedestrian only promenade should be developed along the west side of the track centerline utilizing the existing sidewalk along Alaska Way that provides seating, wide sidewalks, decorative lighting and amenities.

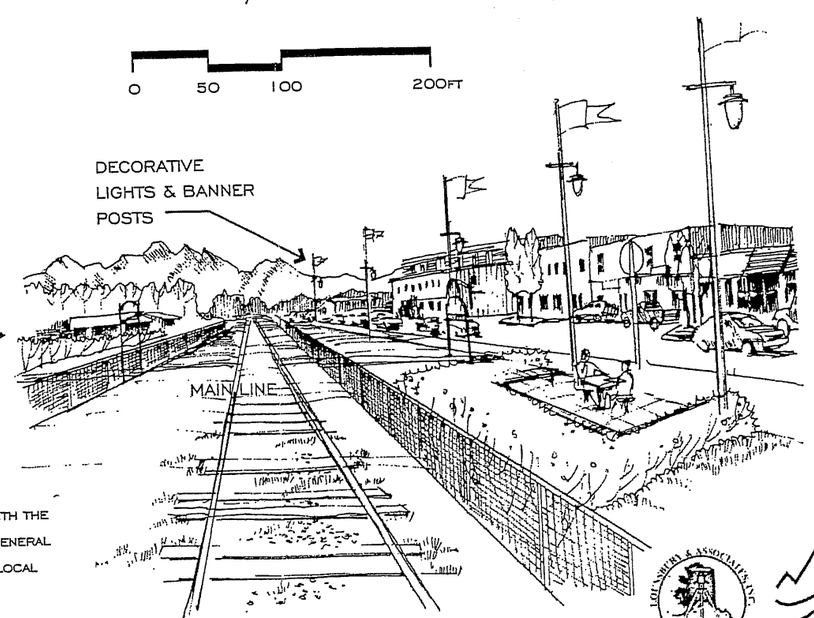
- A secondary bike/active pathway should be developed to allow a mix of trail traffic along the east side of the railroad centerline. Together these two trails will provide access to facilities on both sides of the track and link the community together.

- South Alaska Way Streetscape Improvement - A unified streetscape is integral to community life because it provides safe and comfortable pedestrian connections, street lighting, banners, street trees, specialty accent lighting, quiet setting areas and an opportunity to walk, stroll, shop, meet friends or just watch people can be developed along the east side of the street.



Core Area Development - Bailey Street to Cottonwood Street

The heart of Palmer is the historic Alaska Railroad Depot and the adjacent downtown businesses that serve the local community. The primary design characteristic along this section should be a focus on pedestrian movement and connections between shops, offices, governmental services, senior housing and visitor facilities. The Alaska Railroad Depot is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and as such special design features will need to replicate and restore the original intent and functions of the depot and surrounding area. Alternative one provides development framed around saving all the existing transportation routes with limited impacts to the surrounding parking, roads and access points.



- Outdoor Theatre & Band Shell - The existing timber wall and grass slopes can be designed to accommodate seating using timber or concrete steps and a raised platform with band shell should be oriented to block the north winds. Overflow seating on top can be developed on a large grass lawn area that can also serve as a special event staging area.

- Trail Head Kiosk and Interpretive Signage should be developed in connection with the central plaza area that provides orientation to the entire trail segments and general information on the history of the area and opportunities to take side trips to local businesses and points of interest.

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