Area C of the LRWP focuses on the historic district aspects and attributes of the seawalk and expansion of Marine Park. The Merchant’s Wharf building and Wings Airways are seen as important elements of Juneau’s historic waterfront uses and the LRWP encourages the preservation and celebration of aviation and waterfront history throughout the seawalk in this area.

The Marine Park project is also known as the Steamship Wharf Phase II project. The project was originally slated to be developed shortly after the Steamship Wharf project was completed. However, with the uncertainty of how the CBJ Docks in the area would be developed, the plan was put on hold. Now that CBJ Docks & Harbors has come forward with a plan for the Cruise Ship Dock Improvements (currently called plan 16B), planning and design of the Marine Park area and seawalk from Marine Park to the subport has begun.

The goal for a seawalk in this area is to continue the existing seawalk south of Marine Park through Merchant’s Wharf, Wings Airways, and the Seadrome building, eventually connecting back to Egan Drive somewhere around Willoughby Avenue. How the seawalk maneuvers through the existing Marine Park area and seawalk from Marine Park to the subport has begun.

Marine Park serves as a major node, the end or beginning point to several major thoroughfares, in downtown Juneau. Marine Park is the sole downtown waterfront park and is open to the public all year. Maintaining the existing function of the park, while looking to take advantage of possible park expansion, are major goals for the park.

The Alaska Department of Transportation has a project that extends from Whittier Avenue to Main Street. The purpose of this project is to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety/ access, strengthen the retaining wall next to Merchant’s Wharf, and re-pave the road surface.

The Marine Park/ Seawalk project is scheduled to coincide with Docks & Harbors 16B project, with construction beginning in 2013.

Above are three alternatives for the project. After public meetings and comment it is anticipated that one final concept will be developed that contains elements from each of the three plans.

The existing Marine Park/ Seawalk conditions. With ADOT working to implement improvements to Egan Drive from Whittier to Main, CBJ & Harbors (Cruise Ship Terminal Improvement Project), and the Marine Park/ Seawalk project, this area will look quite different over the next three to five years.

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