Buildings to Scale & Gateways

Ten Mile Specific Plan Land Use Map Designations

Buildings to Scale

Applicable to All Construction

» Everything seen and experienced from the sidewalk – building fronts, signs, lighting, open space – should be designed for human interaction at a pedestrian’s perspective

» In the activity centers, the view of the street should be designed for 20 mph or slower. Features typically found on higher speed highways, usually geared towards motorists, are not compatible with the intended character

» The key elements to consider are the continuity of the building sizes, how the street level and upper-level architectural detailing is treated, roof forms, rhythm of windows and doors

“Although the world is large, we perceive it piece by piece. In street design, details count. Things look different close-up walking at 2 mph than they do from behind a windshield at 30 mph.”

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Gateways

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» Provide continuous walkways and an overall attractive streetscape image

» Provide for a continuity of street trees between the driving lanes and the walkway, except where special architectural or urban edge features warrant more clear exposure of the street

» Landscape the Ten Mile Corridor heavily so that the Ten Mile area is elegantly insulated

» Recognize the importance of view corridors

» Front these gateways with parks and plazas where possible to integrate them with surrounding urban redevelopment

“The gateways are front doors to the area and provide a unique identity and sense of place. At the interchange it will let travelers know they are going through a special place.”

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