



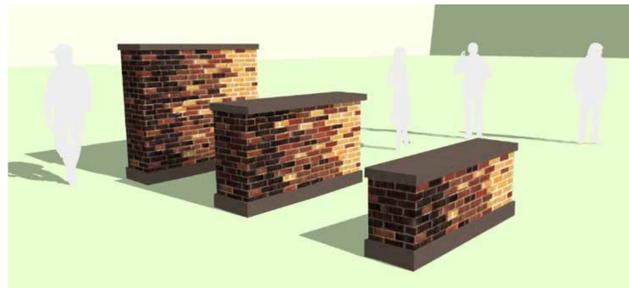
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The existing Adel welcome sign situated on Highway 6 at the edge of city limits is easy to miss when entering Adel from the east. To complement that sign in town, a new landscape gateway is proposed along the Green Street right-of-way on the west side of the Highway 6 bridge over the Racoon River.

A series of variable-height brick monuments flank either side of the road, interspersed with drought-tolerant, low-maintenance ornamental grasses, shrubs, and short, flowering trees. These could also be supplemented with accent uplighting to add drama at night. The scale and repetitive spacing of the monuments ensure the gateway will be noticed by passersby, and the three-color brick gradient pattern provides a contemporary twist on the traditional brick construction around town.



Brick Gateway Monuments



East Gateway Perspective

An improved highway crossing is also proposed at S 5th Street. To alert drivers to the crossing at greater distances, enhanced crosswalk markings (with high contrast brick pattern graphic) and crossing signs with push button-operated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) LED lights could be installed. This crossing aligns with the proposed S 5th Street and sidewalk/trail expansion, which extends to the RRVT and proposed River Trailhead, improving connectivity between the RRVT and neighborhoods to south of Highway 6.

The East Gateway signifies Adel as a beautiful and growing community, and announce to visitors that they have arrived. The gateway can be thought of as a template whose elements can be replicated elsewhere throughout town by the city and private developers as the community continues to expand over the coming decades.

Performance Icons

- Connectivity + Access**
- Safety**
- Identity + Aesthetics**
- Ecology**
- History + Culture**

Adel East Gateway

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