**MIT School of Architecture and Planning**

**News announcement template: Competition wins**

**HEADLINE: Include both a main headline (HED) and sub-headline (DEK). The reader should get be able to understand the overall story from the main headline.**

**HED:** Professor J. Meejin Yoon, visiting faculty Alex Anmahian among winners of Northern Avenue Bridge Competition

**DEK:** Winning proposals would create civic spaces while restoring infrastructure

**PARAGRAPH 1: Describe the competition and the winners, identifying people as faculty, students, or alumni.**

The firms of Professor and Architecture Department Head J. Meejin Yoon and visiting faculty member Alex Anmahian are among the winners in the Northern Avenue Bridge Ideas Competition, sponsored by the City of Boston and the Boston Society of Architects.

**PARAGRAPH 2: Go into detail. Say more about the purpose of the competition and, if relevant, describe the site and any plans for construction of a temporary or permanent structure. Be brief and factual.**

The Northern Avenue Bridge has served pedestrians, cyclists, automobiles, and freight trains since its opening in 1908. Long-term exposure to salt water and air led to corrosion of the steel structure, and the bridge was recently closed to traffic in light of safety concerns.

The competition sought ideas for a new Northern Avenue Bridge, “one that enhances our mobility, celebrates our history, and creates a destination for the next 100 years,” wrote the competition organizers.

**PARAGRAPH 3: Add additional relevant information, such as the makeup of winning teams and their proposals. If need be, use multiple short paragraphs rather than one large paragraph.**

Höweler + Yoon’s proposal, +(plus)Bridge, led by project designer Kyle Coburn (M.Arch ’12), replaces the aging landmark with an elevated civic space and community park where “+” marks the spot of the bridge’s iconic rotation. The new bridge is designed as place of exchange for various modes of transportation, users, and public programming.

The design traces the shape and motion of the historic bridge; the splitting of the paths allows for both expedient thoroughfare and meandering paths. The scheme provides a “new infrastructure for place making, harbor viewing, waterway crossing, and environmental awareness,” said the designers.

Anmahian Winton Architects’ submission, Northern Avenue Botanical Bridge, preserves and transforms the abandoned bridge into a functional artifact. The proposal seeks to reinstate pedestrian travel and reconnect downtown Boston with the South Boston waterfront. The NABB’s “restored trellis-like structure and greenhouse shed provide a much-needed haven for pedestrians and cyclists as they cross the harbor, and create a new destination for residents and visitors that honors a Boston landmark in a purposeful, beautiful way,” said Anmahian.

**PARAGRAPH 4: Offer a concluding paragraph that provides a comfortable ending. Possibilities include mention of MIT community competition sponsors, jury members, or prior-year winners; or a description of SA+P or the ranked department/program.**

The jury for the Northern Avenue competition included two MIT alumni:

Gregory Galer PhD ’02 is Executive Director of the Boston Preservation Alliance; and Jennifer Mecca SM ’93 is President of the Fort Point Arts Community.

For more information on the competition, proposals, and other winners, see [NorthernAveBridge.org](http://northernavebridge.org/).