

PARKS HIGHWAY

Alternative Corridor PEL Study

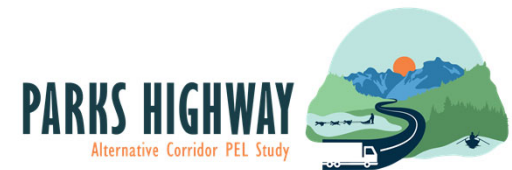
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE KICK OFF MEETING



October 28, 2021

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- Preliminary Schedule
- Technical Advisory Committee Overview, Role, and Charter
- Overview of Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Process
- Partnership Agreement
- Q&A, Next Steps





HOUSTON

WASILLA

BIG LAKE ROAD

PARKS HIGHWAY

PALMER-WASILLA HIGHWAY

PROJECT AREA

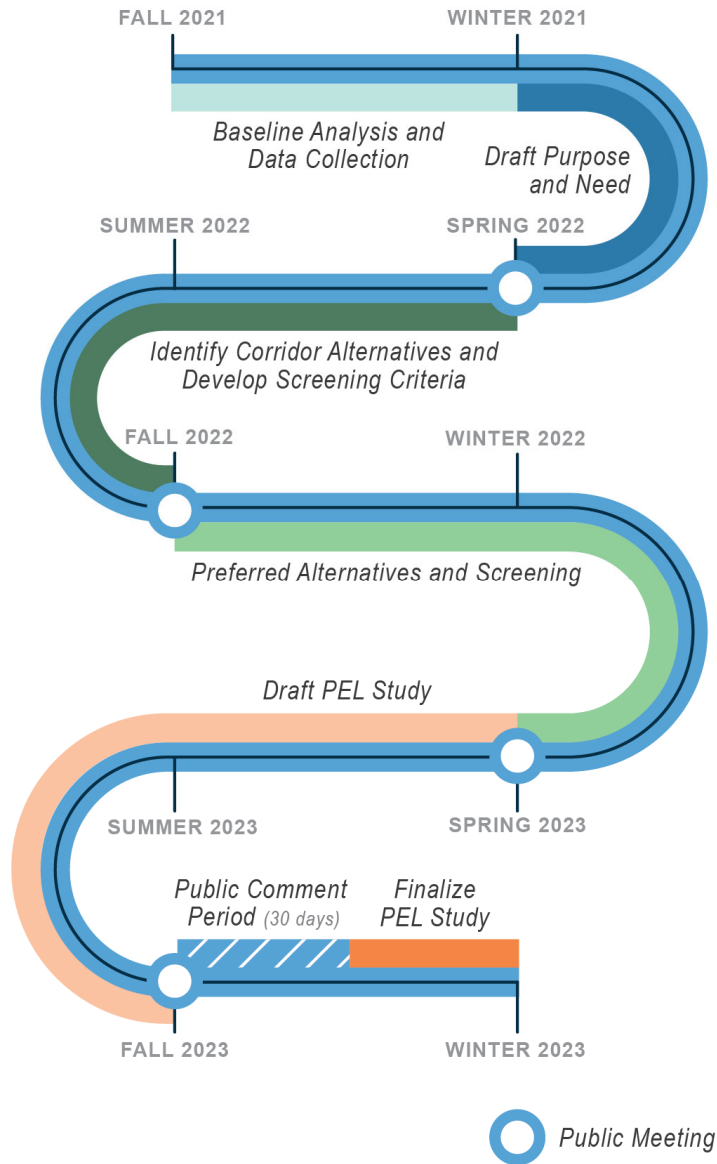
KNIK-GOOSE BAY ROAD

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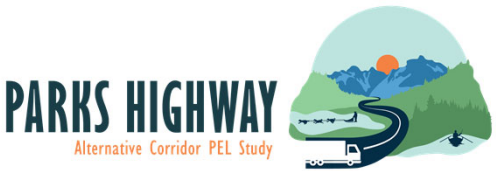
KNIK ARM

GLENN HIGHWAY



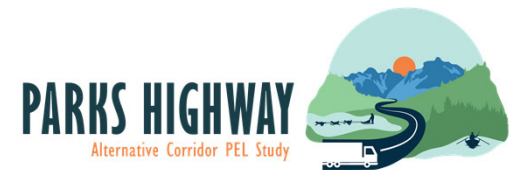


PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



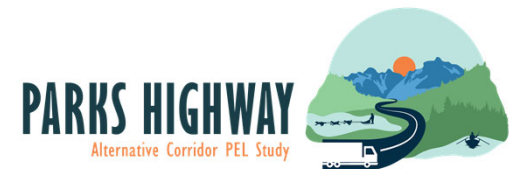
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

- Representatives from:
 - State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 - Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 - City of Wasilla
 - Alaska Railroad Corporation
 - United States Army Corps of Engineers



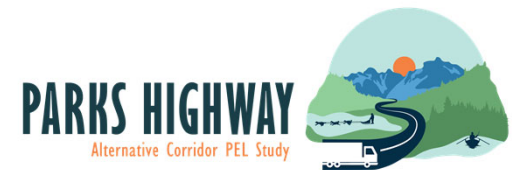
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

- Contribute by:
 - Review materials and information provided about the PEL Study
 - Discuss the study with your organization or agency
 - Discuss issues and rationale for decisions with your organization or agency and bring input from them to meetings
 - Act in an advisory capacity to the PEL Study team



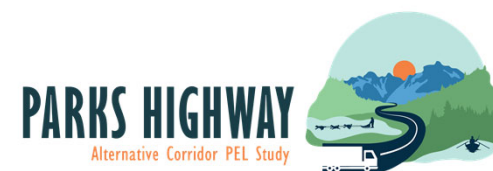
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

- **Listen:** seek to understand new ideas and others' views
- **Stay on topic:** keep comments distinct and on subject
- **Be respectful and polite:** attack issues, not people
- **Be positive:** be problem solvers



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Meeting #	Focus	Indicative Date
Kick-off	Project overview, PEL Study process, roles of participants, partnership agreement	October 28, 2021
1	Vision, purpose and need statement	Winter 2022
2	Range of alternatives, alternatives screening process, screening criteria	Fall 2022
3	Preliminary alternative screening results and detailed alternative screening criteria	Spring 2023
4	Detailed alternative screening results and recommended alternatives	Summer/Fall 2023

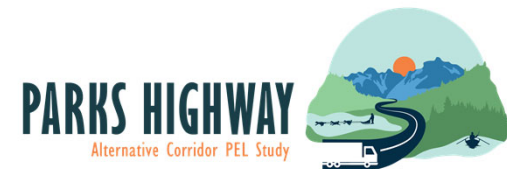


PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) PROCESS

Planning and Environmental Linkages is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that:

1. Considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process
2. Uses the information, analysis, and products during planning to inform the environmental review process

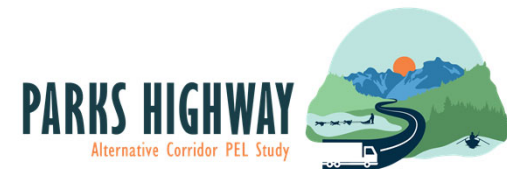
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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) PROCESS

The benefits of stronger linkages between transportation planning and NEPA/project development processes can include:

- Improved project delivery timelines
- Stronger agency and public relationships
- Earlier identification of key environmental resources
- Better funding and project development information for programming funds
- Build project with better outcomes
- Flexible approach that allows more holistic development of transportation improvement strategies

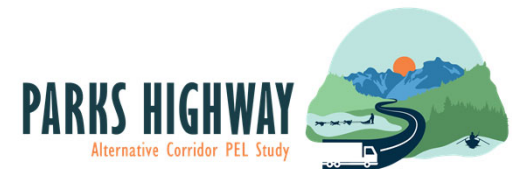


BENEFITS OF PEL

States and agencies can achieve significant benefits by incorporating environmental and community values in planning and carrying them through to project development and delivery. Benefits include:



Relationship-building benefits: agencies are more effective players in the decision-making process



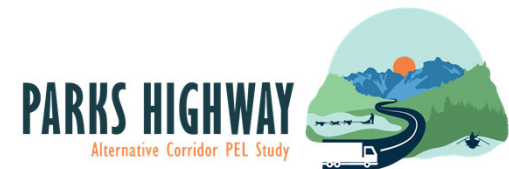
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Improved project delivery timeframes: improves process efficiencies by minimizing duplication and creating cohesive information. It can improve inter-agency relationships by helping resolve differences on key issues as programs and projects move from planning to design to implementation



On-the-ground outcome benefits: better information about resources, coordination with agencies and the public helps transportation programs and projects serve the community's transportation planning needs more effectively





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DISCUSSION

Questions, Comments, Feedback