



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE #1 SUMMARY

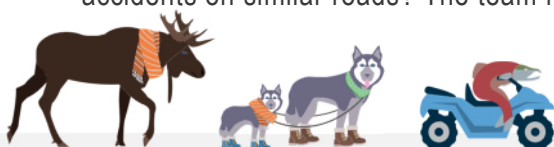
March 29, 2022, 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m., via Zoom

The virtual public open house meeting kicked off with a welcome, followed by the 18-minute pre-recorded presentation. Following the presentation, a live question and answer session was facilitated with participants asking questions verbally and via the chat function of the hosting platform.

More than 90 people participated, including members from the project team.

Question and Comment Summary:

- Previous study's list of alternatives in the 2015 Conceptual Report: Will these alternatives be considered in the new PEL study? The team responded that this study is taking a fresh look at the area as conditions have changed since 2015. This study will evaluate social, environmental, community and transportation conditions early in the planning process with a goal of identifying viable alternatives that reflect the transportation needs and local context.
- Property impacts:
 - Property value implications
 - Potential difficulties in future house sales
- Consider alternative corridors along the following routes:
 - Bogard Road
 - Knik Arm Bridge, which the team explained was excluded from the project scope
 - Hollywood Road
 - Routes on east side
- Consider multimodal transportation.
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections.
- Consider and improve transit connections, additional parking lots.
- Railroad: Will this be considered/included in the PEL study, Valley to Anchorage? The team responded that the Alaska Railroad is a stakeholder participating on the Technical Advisory Committee.
- Improve development in the Valley.
- Schedule: When will construction take place? The team explained that this project is currently a PEL, which will be completed in winter 2023. The study will conduct an alternative evaluation process that may lead to a future project, but construction would be part of a future project development and delivery process.
- Funding: Where is it coming from? The team responded that the study is a federally funded project led by DOT&PF.
- Environmental impacts.
- Design elements: consider wildlife corridors to reduce moose/vehicle collisions.
- System Performance Analysis: is there data to show similar controlled access corridors reduces accidents on similar roads? The team referred to the System Performance Analysis, which used actual





crash and fatality data on the Parks Highway compared to similar facilities in Alaska (traffic volumes, functional classification, controlled access etc.). The data for the Parks Highway shows significantly higher fatal and serious injury crash rates when compared to similar facilities.

The team thanked everyone for their participation and the robust discussion. The team concluded the open house by letting participants know that their comments would be summarized and would help inform the PEL study, there will be three more open houses as part of the PEL study process, and public comments are welcome throughout the study.

Action Items/Next Steps

Project team:

- Update Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) with comments from public.
- Post meeting materials to project website.
- Distribute online survey to collect additional comments.

