

**Recommendations:**

- **The community of Sutton continues to oppose and desires to prohibit privately run incarceration facilities, including conversion of the existing Palmer Correctional Center to private management or operation.**
- **Protect the Sutton area from future prison site selection.**

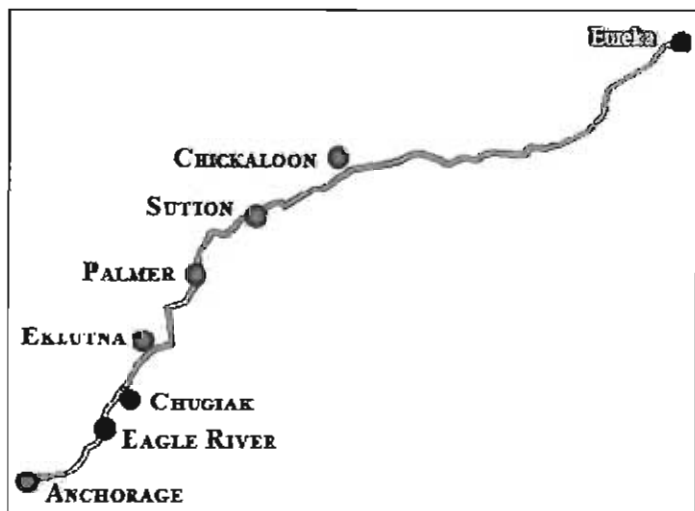
Rehabilitation centers including community residential correctional centers (halfway houses) and other facilities for which the treatment of drug or alcohol addiction may be mandated to the facility's participants have raised similar safety concerns to incarceration facilities. The community of Sutton is especially ill suited to the needs of a community residential center which must be in close proximity to jobs and other facilities to allow residents to lead a semi-autonomous but supervised transition to a productive working life. The rural community of Sutton lacks the job opportunities, public services, and other community infrastructure necessary for such a facility to be successful, however, it recognizes that some type of treatment facility may be appropriate, with adequate public input and safeguards.

**Recommendation:**

- **Community Residential Correctional Centers (halfway houses) and drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers catering to individuals mandated to seek drug and alcohol rehabilitation should be conditionally permitted in the Sutton Planning Area.**

**DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO THROUGH ROAD CORRIDORS**

The Glenn Highway is the only road within the planning area connecting Sutton with communities and services outside the planning area. The Glenn is of special importance because of its link to the more developed areas of the Mat-Su Borough and Anchorage. Residents in the Sutton area must rely on this transportation corridor for emergency services and, in many instances, shopping and commuting. Hence, the functionality of this highway is especially important. Development and



*Glenn Highway Map*  
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access along the highway can have significant effects on safety and traffic flow, yet these effects can be significantly mitigated. Furthermore, it is a community desire to maintain the aesthetics of this route. The Glenn Highway is designated as a National Scenic Byway from Anchorage, through Sutton, to Gunsight Mountain. A scenic byway designation makes the Glenn Highway eligible for funding for scenic highway improvements such as waysides, interpretive signage, rest areas, etc.

**Recommendation:**

- **The community should support the development of a corridor management plan for the Glenn Highway to preserve the efficiency of the highway and protect the scenic highway designation.**
- **Promote safe ingress and egress onto the Glenn Highway from the Sutton area.**
- **Provide an efficient transportation network within the Sutton area by continuing to develop a collector road system enabling residents to access businesses and public facilities.**
- **Guide development along the Glenn Highway to minimize traffic, safety, and land, air, and water quality impacts.**
- **Provide appropriate, adequate and separated non-motorized use paths along the Glenn Highway.**
- **Encourage property owners adjacent to the Glenn Highway to maintain property to enhance the scenic byway designation.**

The majority of the highway frontage is privately owned. However, it is recommended that portions of existing public lands along the highway be retained in public ownership to maintain some undeveloped lands adjacent to the highway.

**Recommendation:**

- **Where appropriate, preserve a scenic buffer of public lands adjacent to the Glenn Highway along the few areas where public lands currently exist.**
- **Provide and maintain rest areas, restrooms, and trash containers as appropriate along the Glenn Highway.**