

Sutton Community Council

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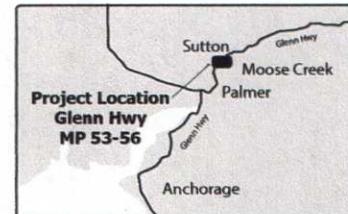


E-Newsletter

Glenn Highway MP 53-56 Reconstruction, Moose Creek Canyon

Project No. 58013/OA1-5(25)

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), plans to re-align and straighten this three-mile section of the Glenn Highway, MP 53-56, and construct a new bridge over Moose Creek. This project will increase roadway safety and accommodate anticipated traffic for the next 20 years.



Project Outreach Update

Over the past months, the DOT&PF project team has held or participated in several community events in an effort to share information about the Moose Creek project and to gather your feedback.

- September 9, 2014 - Public Open House, Sutton Library
- [September 10-October 10, 2014 - Online Open House on project website](#)
- October 22, 2014 - Participated in the Mat-Su Borough Transportation Fair
- [November 19, 2014 - Presented to the Sutton Community Council](#)
- December 10, 2014 - Presented to the Chickaloon Community Council
- [December 17, 2014 - Presented to the Mat-Su Borough Transportation Advisory Board](#)

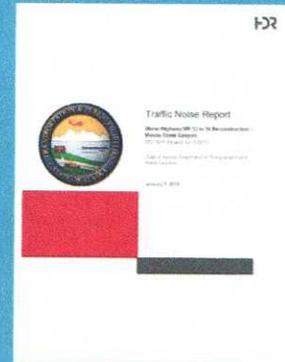
In addition, we have met with Tribal and other area stakeholders to discuss the project and its design.

What have we heard?

We at DOT&PF appreciate all of the comments and feedback we have received about the project design and area. Most people we spoke to support the project and look forward to the safety improvements it will provide.

We have also heard some concerns and questions that you have. Here are our comments on some of the topics that have come up.

Noise - Some of you expressed a concern about changes to highway noise in the area. Due to the relocation of portions of the roadway, highway noise will increase in areas closer to the proposed alignment, and will decrease in areas where the roadway moves further away. DOT&PF conducted a Noise Analysis, now available on our project website. The analysis shows that none of the areas modeled are predicted to meet or exceed the Alaska DOT&PF standards for abatement actions (construction measures that would be necessary if noise levels were too high).



Traffic Noise Report -
[click here to read](#)

Pedestrian/Cyclist Pathway - Some stakeholders want to know how pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be accommodated with the project, and some have specifically asked for a separate pedestrian pathway. The new highway design includes 8-foot wide shoulders that will continue over the new bridge, accommodating non-motorized travelers. While a separate pathway is not included in the scope, budget or environmental process for this project, DOT&PF is considering how it can help pathway proponents advance the pathway as a separate project.

Traffic Speed - We heard from some of you that are concerned a straighter roadway will lead to more speeding vehicles. This project, once constructed, will have a speed limit of 55mph - the same limit as most other sections of the Glenn Highway between Palmer and Sutton. While the post-construction speed limit will be higher than the current 35mph advisory speed signs, the new road will be designed to safely accommodate a speed of 55mph. Safety will ultimately be enhanced with a new bridge section that includes wider shoulders, the removal of existing curves and sight distance improvements at adjoining intersections.

Old Road - Some of you have wondered what will happen to the existing Glenn Highway MP 53-56 once the new roadway is constructed. The existing sections of highway on either side of Moose Creek will remain open, but will end in a cul-de-sac on either side of the existing bridge. Access to private properties and to the existing campground in Moose Creek Valley will be maintained. The bridge, constructed in 1958, may be removed, though DOT&PF is considering leaving it in place for non-motorized use. If the bridge is left in place, removable bollards will be installed at

either end to allow access to the bridge for maintenance.

Project Area Extension

DOT&PF is considering moving the project start location (currently MP53) to the west approximately 1/2 mile to Soapstone Road. The reason for this change is to accommodate the relocation of the existing WIM (*Weigh in Motion*) vehicle scale and traffic count sensor. The action would result in minimal impacts to the project area footprint, and the additional section of highway that would be included in the project area would be repaved.

Wetlands Document Available Online

As a part of a project's environmental process, impacts to the project area, including its wetlands, are considered. A wetlands *Jurisdictional Report and Functional Assessment* was recently finalized by the project team and is available for review in our [project library](#).

What's Next

The project team continues to advance the project design towards 75% completion, anticipated in Spring 2015. Once the design reaches 75%, DOT&PF can determine the project's Right-of-Way needs and begin the acquisition process with affected property owners. The Right-of-Way acquisition process will take up to three years.

Project construction is currently anticipated to begin in 2018, and is estimated to take two years to complete.

The project team is still seeking and considering comments on the project. Visit the website [comments page](#) to learn about the different ways you can drop us a line.

Visit our project website:

www.glennhighwayatmoosecreek.com

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sean Baski, P.E., Project Manager, at 907-269-0547 or Matt Dietrick, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-269-0531.

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Sutton Community Council

From: Joshua Allen <Joshua.Allen@matsugov.us>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Joshua Allen
Cc: Lauren Driscoll
Subject: Housing Summit Follow Up

Greetings,

Thank you again for your interest in the MSB Housing Summit, and if you attended, for taking the time and patience to listen to my presentation yesterday. For those who were unable to attend, it was a very productive and proactive day of discussion about the housing situation here in the MatSu, and was well attended by a variety of stakeholder representing nonprofit, tribal, development, business, finance, and government.

Our discussion will continue on this extremely important topic and I would like to encourage you to continue to be part of the solution. As noted in the presentation, there is a significant demographic shift occurring in the MatSu, and an unmet housing need for affordable housing for our work force and those on lower incomes. Next week I will send you out an invite to join an online forum at groupspaces.com.

Yesterday, we identified three topics for further discussion, and tentatively separated out into groups for the development of action plans and objectives. The three topics are:

- Education
- Cost/Infrastructure
- Choices/Diversification

Please consider which topic you would like to be a part of. There is room in these topic groups for those of you who were unable to attend the meeting and we would love to have you join the discussion!

Again, thank you for your time and interest. I look forward to working with you and providing any assistance you may need. Have a great weekend!

Respectfully,

Joshua Allen, M.P.S.

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Sutton Community Council

From: mailer@mailsqad.groupspaces.com on behalf of Josh Allen <jallen@matsugov.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:15 PM
To: suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: You've been added to MatSu Housing Forum at GroupSpaces.com



MatSu Housing Forum

Hello,

Josh Allen - jallen@matsugov.us has added you to [MatSu Housing Forum](#) at GroupSpaces.com - the home for groups, clubs, membership associations and more.

Next steps

[Create an account](#) to access this group's web features, or [add suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com) to an existing GroupSpaces account.

View this group at <http://groupspaces.com/MatSuHousingForum/>

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December 17, 2014

Borough trail users,

The MSB Assembly adopted the MSB Recreational Trails Plan in the spring of 2000. It is the Department of Community Development's job to implement it. The department is tasked with acquiring right-of-way easements, coordinating the prioritization of maintenance and construction projects, finding funding, and maintaining the plan.

Our office is currently accepting nominations for trails to be added to or removed from the plan. There is a nomination form and a removal form enclosed which can be used by you or your organization. Please feel free to copy it if needed. For a trail to be eligible for addition to the plan it must be considered "regionally significant." This is defined in the plan as a primitive (unpaved) trail that is existing or proposed, and likely to attract trail-users that reside outside the local community. The trail should also provide quality recreational opportunities for a diverse group of users.

Once we receive the completed form, our office will research land ownership and right-of-way and present your nomination to the MSB Park, Recreation and Trail Advisory Board for review and recommendation.

If you or your organization would like to nominate a trail (proposed or existing) in your area please complete the form and return it to our office by February 13, 2015.

The borough is also requesting any recommended changes to the plan. Changes can include additions, deletions, and corrections to the text and maps.

The Mat-Su Parks and Trails Foundation and the Borough will be holding a trails workshop February 21, 2015 for trail users to discuss trail projects and changes to the Trails Plan.

If you have any questions please call me at (907) 861-7867.

Sincerely,

Emerson Krueger

Land Management Specialist



MSB Recreational Trail Nomination Form

Nominating Agency/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person, Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Trail Name: _____

Present Designation (check all that apply): Existing; Proposed
 Public Property; Private Property; Historical; Section Line
 Significant Social; Existing Right-of-Way; Utility Easement
 Other (Explain) _____

Documented concurrence of the involved landowner(s) and/or managing agency must be provided with each nomination.

Trail Length: _____ Trail Width: _____

Trail Uses (hiking, biking, Skiing, ATV, snowmobile, horse, multi-use, etc.) _____

Difficulty: _____ Elevation Range: _____

Condition: _____ Restrictions: _____

Parking: Trailhead Yes No; Location: _____ Size: _____

User Facilities: At Trailhead _____ On Trail _____

Recommended Seasons for Use: _____

Current Signage: Yes No; Type _____

Nearest Community: _____ USGS Topo Map: _____

Primary Trail Use: _____ Recreation _____ Access to Private Property _____

Legal Description: (Township, Range, Sections) _____

Please attach maps showing location of trail and how it relates to other trails.

Does the trail cross wetlands, lakes or streams? Yes No
If yes, please describe and note locations on the map you provide.



Request to Remove Trail from MSB Recreational Trails Plan

Contact Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Address: _____

Authorized representative of: _____
(Community Council, Trail Organization, Agency, other)

Name of Trail: _____
Please attach a map of the trail to this request

A. What are the reasons for this request?

B. Please answer the following questions if the trail is proposed (does not exist on the ground and is not being used) in the MSB Recreational Trails Plan:

- 1) What are the proposed uses of the trail?
(Winter only, year-round, hiking, OHV-ing, snow machining, dog-mushing, horseback riding, access to recreational lands, etc.)
- 2) Has the trail been surveyed and/or located and mapped?

C. Please answer the following questions if the trail exist and is currently being used:

- 1) What are the current uses of the trail?
- 2) Has the trail been surveyed and/or located and mapped?
- 3) Is the trail used primarily for recreation, or does it serve as access to private property?
- 4) Approximately how many people use the trail on a daily or weekly basis?
- 5) Is there a trailhead or off-road parking for users of this trail?
- 6) Is the trail marked or flagged in anyway?

Please use additional sheets if necessary, and return completed form and map to:
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Land Management Division - Trails
350 E. Dahlia Ave.
Palmer, AK 99645

Questions? Please call Emerson Krueger at 861-7867 or email emerson.krueger@matsugov.us



February 9, 2015

Dear Trails Enthusiast:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the first annual Mat-Su Trails Workshop at 10am on Saturday, February 21st, at the Chalet at Government Peak Recreation Area.

Co-sponsored by the Mat-Su Borough and the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation, the theme of this forum is connectivity. We'll be connecting people with other trail users, trail groups with trail-building resources and exploring how we can continue to connect trails throughout the Borough.

The workshop will run from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. The agenda will include:

- An update on MSB and Foundation activities
- Unveiling a proposed regional connection framework
- Break-out groups over maps to update plans and prioritize projects
- Lunch provided by the Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation
- Time on GPRA's beautiful trails overlooking the Chugach Range and Knik Glacier
- A session with providers of trail-development resources
- **Information on the Trails & Parks Foundation's 2015 grant cycles**

The Mat-Su Trails Workshop will be a fun and productive way to increase communication between interest groups, eliminate duplication of effort, leverage resources and strategically develop our trails into a world-class recreation system. Please join us on February 21st as we continue to build a healthy and vibrant community through quality trails and parks.

Sincerely,

Kim Ryals

Kim Ryals
Executive Director
Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation



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Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

FY 2017 - FY 2022

NEW PROJECT NOMINATION FORM

Name of Project: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Photos, maps, or diagrams are helpful to illustrate a project nomination.



Project Description

Brief Description: Please describe your project as fully as possible. What is it? Why is necessary? Will it save the Borough money? If it's a road, how long is the road? Where will the road begin and end? If it's equipment, is it new equipment? Why is needed? If it's a structure describe its functions, what it will house, and why it's needed.

Location. Include reference points such as Parks or Glenn Highway, nearby lakes, well-known landmarks, or subdivision names. If it is a road project, please specify the beginning and the end of the proposed project. Attach a map or aerial photo showing the project location if possible.



General Information

Is this project in response to a public health or safety problem? Yes No
If yes, please describe problem.

Does this project address a legal or court mandate? Yes No
If yes, identify the mandate.

Is this project related to other Borough projects in the six-year Capital Improvement Program or underway? Yes No If yes, list project(s).

Who will benefit from this project? Describe the perceived social, economic and/or environmental benefits.

Is this project included in an approved Borough Plan (comprehensive plan, transportation plan, trails plan, etc.) Yes No
If yes, identify plan(s).

Is the project on another government's priority list? Yes No Unsure
If yes, identify plan(s).

Is the project underway? Yes No
How long will it take to complete the project?

Is there an environmental component to the project? Yes No Unsure
If yes, please describe.



Project Funding

Have the project costs been identified? Yes No Unsure

What is the total cost of the project?

Is the project fully funded? Yes No Unsure

How much money is already budgeted for the project?

How much more funding is required to finish the project?

Will the project attract non-Borough funds to help finance it? Yes No
If so, list the anticipated amount expected to be contributed, and from whom.