

Seward Highway Milepost (MP) 105-107 Windy Corner Project No. 56631/NH-0A3-1(34)

FACT SHEET

Project Scope

The objective of the project is to continue Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) efforts to address traffic safety concerns on the Seward Highway. As one of many projects in the Seward Highway corridor (see back), this project will realign the highway and the railroad in the vicinity of Windy Corner. The segment is proposed to be designed as a two-lane divided highway to meet current design standards. The new alignment may also create space for new or expanded roadside recreational facilities and wildlife viewing areas (including parking and walkways) with acceleration and deceleration lanes for turning traffic. See the figure on the back of this sheet for proposed changes.

The proposed project builds on the conceptual engineering and environmental documentation previously prepared by DOT&PF.

Challenges associated with the proposed project include changes to the visual experience for motorized and non-motorized traffic; minimization and mitigation of impacts to the hydrology and marine mammal/fish and sheep habitat; and impacts to Chugach State Park.

The proposed project is being completed using a combination of state and federal funds and is being developed in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines. The DOT&PF is conducting design development with input from the public as well as local, state and federal agencies including: Alaska Railroad Corporation, Alaska Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game, Chugach State Park, National Marine Fisheries Services, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Anchorage Fire Department and others.

Current Status

The Design Study Report and preliminary design is complete. Field investigations are underway on potential material sites in the area. Coordination continues with members of the Agency Technical Advisory Group and others, including the public..

Project Schedule

Preliminary Engineering 2013

Design Study – Winter 2013 – Spring 2014

Environmental Documentation and Permitting – Spring 2014 – Winter 2015

Final Plans, Specifications & Estimates – Spring 2014 – Spring 2016

Right of Way Acquisition – Summer 2014 – Spring 2016

Construction* 2016-2017

*Depends on availability of funding.

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