

Subject:

Glenn Highway and Muldoon Road Interchange Improvements—Public Scoping Meeting

Date: April 24, 2013**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**Location:** Bartlett High School

MEETING NOTES

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and DOWL HKM conducted a public scoping meeting for the Glenn Highway and Muldoon Road Interchange Improvements on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Bartlett High School in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting was to open a dialogue with the public and stakeholders, discuss the project purpose and need, present the project development process and schedule, share information about potential safety and circulation improvements, and gather information and concerns about the project area from stakeholders. Sixty people signed in at the meeting.

The meeting was announced in the Anchorage Daily News, via postal mail and email, on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice, on the project Facebook site, and at the April 18, 2013 Northeast Community Council meeting.

The meeting started with an open house from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the project team were present to discuss project details, clarify information and answer questions. Project materials included display boards with traffic data, other area projects, pedestrian facilities, land use patterns, and project development timelines. The public was encouraged to provide feedback to project team members, on written comment forms, or via email at the project website.

At 6:30 p.m. Steve Noble (DOWL HKM) gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the project area, history, land use planning and development, traffic volumes, bridge and ramp operations, pedestrian circulation, identified safety concerns, and interchange geometry,

After the presentation, the public was asked questions and provided their comments. The following is a summary of the public questions/comments and project team responses:

Interchange

What would be the cost to replace the entire interchange?

Depending on which alternative is selected, it could cost tens to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pedestrian Facilities/Safety

Are pedestrian overpasses west of the interchange planned as part of this project?

Possibly. The project team will look at this option along with fencing and other pedestrian facilities.

There is a sense of urgency from the school administration and parents due to the rapid growth of commercial development in the area. Two and a half years for this project to move through the scoping, permitting, and design plans is too long.

Thank you for your comment.

Kids will always take the easiest way (across roadways).

The project team will do pedestrian counts in the area as part of the scoping analyses.

The pedestrian tunnels are scary, it is not surprising that kids will not use them. Prefer above-ground pedestrian facilities.

Thank you for your comment.

Frontage Road

Is there a possibility of an on ramp directly from Tikhatnu Commons?

If a frontage road is built between Muldoon Road and Boniface this could potentially happen. Due to controlled access, an on ramp directly from Tikhatnu to the highway cannot be built.

Area Traffic

The new sports fields at Bartlett High School are going to increase the area traffic even more and add to the sense of urgency.

Thank you for your comment.

When traffic gets backed up at the Glenn/Muldoon interchange, it becomes dangerous all the way out to the Idaho/Boundary area because of vehicles trying to re-route around the congestion.

Thank you for your comment.

Notes from the project area roll plot map are attached.

