

## Meeting Notes

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SUBJECT: Mat-Su Transportation Fair  
PROJECT NO.: IRIS #s Z529140000/Z529290000/Z543730000  
Federal #s 0A41025, 0A1026, 0A1029  
GROUP: Public  
DATE: October 22, 2015  
TIME: 4 to 8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 S Mack Drive, Wasilla, Alaska  
MEETING OUTREACH: See Table 1 Meeting Outreach  
MEETING ATTENDANCE: 404 people signed in  
STAFF PRESENT: *DOT&PF*: Sean Baski, Robert DeVassie  
*HDL*: Jeff Fuglestad, Trevor Strait

### MEETING INFORMATION:

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Attendees were greeted at the door and asked to sign in. They were provided with an event program showing the layout of the event. Over 80 Mat-Su transportation projects, agencies, and transportation providers were represented. Community members were encouraged to ask questions of the project teams and to provide written comments.

The following written comments were received for the Parks Highway MP 44-52 project.

- Thank you for divided highway and frontage roads.
- Left turn lanes – make as long as possible so left turn traffic can enter at 55 mph, then slow for turn. Otherwise, slowing to 40-45 to safely enter left lane means through traffic must also slow down. Example: From Parks left to Big Lake Road – if left turn traffic enters at the yellow cross-hatch, then car can be at 40 mph at existing turn out. Why can't lane be officially started before when it is new? *Team Response: The team called to let her know that the turn pocket lengths are designed to accommodate cars that are waiting to turn and the deceleration of vehicles entering the turn pocket. That being said, engineering judgment is used to limit the turn pocket lengths, due to the potential of overly long turn pockets being misused as a normal additional lane.*

The following correspondence was submitted in response to the meeting or the meeting outreach.

- Good morning, Thank you for the update email. My question is in relation to Phase 3 of this project of Pittman Rd to Big Lake Rd. Can you comment on whether there will be a widening of Pittman road as it approaches the Parks Hwy intersection? My property is on the North corner of Pittman Rd and Golden Dr. about 2 blocks from the Parks Hwy. I'm concerned that I may lose property in front of my home. I appreciate the updates that

you send in keeping the public updated. I hope you'll be able to respond to my question. Thank you so much. *Team Response via email: Thanks for your inquiry. The intersection at Pittman/Sylvan and the Parks Highway is part of the Phase 2 construction. The design drawing I've attached shows the widening work planned for Pittman. I know it is a technical drawing and feel free to call if you want more explanation. The work will not impact your lot.*

*If the project had needed any of your property, you would have been notified some time ago. We have to have all the acquisitions complete before we can begin the construction.*

*Please note that the Phase 2 construction contract has been awarded and the work is underway. To keep up to date on construction activities, I suggest you log to this site and enter your email address to receive project updates: <http://www.alaskanavigator.org/projects/parks-highway-church-road-to-pittman-road>*

- I received a call today from [redacted] who serves on the Long-Range Planning Committee with Big Lake Baptist Church. He wanted to know if the drawing on the web showing no impact to the church were final. I explained that we still had design work and utilities to consider and the drawings were a work in progress. He said he had been asked by the church to check. I explained that we were working toward a Mat-Su Borough Platting Board submittal later this year or early next and would post any changes when that submittal is made. He thanked me for the follow up and said he would stay tuned. His number is [redacted]. Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator

Table 1. Mat-Su Transportation Fair Outreach

<b>Date</b>	<b>Outreach Method</b>
08/20/2015	Mat-Su Transportation Fair event dates posted on the following Mat-Su area project websites: Fairview Loop Rehabilitation, Glenn Highway MP 34-42, Parks Highway MP 44-52, Palmer Wasilla Highway, Parks Highway Bridge Replacement: Montana Creek and Sheep Creek, and Seward Meridian Road, Phase II
09/01/2015	Request sent to the online calendars at <i>Frontiersman</i> , <i>Alaska Dispatch News</i> , and <i>Make a Scene</i>
09/15/2015 10/21/2015	Save the Date email notice and reminder sent to the following project lists: Parks Highway MP 44-52, Glenn Highway MP 34-42, Lucille Reconstruction, Trunk Road: Proposed southern extension, South Mack Dr. (Clapp Road) Extension, Parks Connectors: Museum Dr. & Machen Rd., Fairview Loop Rehabilitation, Trunk Rd: Parks Hwy-Palmer Fishhook, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Lucus Rd, Vine Road Upgrade, 2014 Mt-Su Transportation Fair, Palmer Municipal Airport Master Plan, Montana Creek & Sheep Creek Parks Highway, Grade Separations, Parks Highway MP 99-146 Rehabilitation, and Mat-Su Government lists
09/22/2015 10/12/2015 10/19/2015 10/22/2015	Notices posted on the DOT&PF Facebook page
09/22/2015	Notice posted via DOT&PF Twitter feed

<b>Date</b>	<b>Outreach Method</b>
10/12/2015 10/15/2015 10/18/2015 10/21/2015	
09/25/2015 10/02/2015	Invitation sent by DOT&PF to all area legislators
10/01/2015	Project specific postcard mailer sent to Parks Highway Bridge Replacement: Montana Creek and Sheep Creek with an invitation to the Transportation Fair. A postcard invitation sent to the Parks Highway MP 44-52, Glenn Highway MP 34-42, Fairview Loop, Lucus Road, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and Seward Meridian Road, Phase II mailing lists
9/16/15 - 10/21/15	Event notice in the weekly What's Up listserve
10/08/2015	City of Palmer sponsored Robo call to all Palmer residents and businesses
10/08/2015	Central Region DOT&PF online calendar
10/08/2015 10/22/2015	GovDelivery notice
10/11/2015 10/18/2015	<i>Frontiersman</i> display advertising sponsored by the City of Wasilla
10/14/2015 10/21/2015	<i>Alaska Dispatch News</i> display advertising sponsored by the Alaska Railroad
10/20/2015	<i>Frontiersman</i> article

Documents on file:

- Postcard Mailer
- Display Ad
- Mailing List
- Comment Sheets received at the meeting
- Sign-In Sheet
- Meeting Graphics