

Parks Highway MP 44-52.3, Lucus Road to Big Lake Road
Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska


Environmental Assessment

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The project is proposing to improve the Parks Highway between Lucus Road and Big Lake Road to reduce congestion, improve safety, and increase travel efficiency. Two alternatives are being carried forward in this Environmental Assessment (EA) - the No Build Alternative and Build Alternative. The Build Alternative would extend the five-lane section from Lucus Road to Church Road and upgrade the existing highway west of Church Road to a Four-lane divided highway with at-grade intersections every half-mile, improve frontage roads, and consolidate driveways. This project is part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The total cost to construct this project is expected to be approximately \$141,000,000.

Comments on this EA are due by 8/27/10 and should be sent to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, P.O. Box 196900, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900.

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