



## Glenn Highway MP 34-42 Reconstruction

Parks Highway to Old Glenn Highway  
ADOT&PF Project 58104/ Federal Project NH-0A1-5(24)

### Meeting Notes

- SUBJECT:** Glenn Highway, MP 34-42, Reconstruction  
Parks Highway to Old Glenn Highway
- PROJECT NO.:** ADOT&PF 58104/Federal NH-0A1-5(24)
- GROUP:** Mat-Su Transportation Fair
- DATE:** September 25, 2008
- TIME:** 4-9 pm
- LOCATION:** Raven Hall, Alaska State Fairgrounds, Palmer, Alaska
- MEETING  
OUTREACH:**
- 8/22/08 Flyer passed out at Alaska State Fair RE: Mat-Su Transportation Fair and Glenn Highway MP 34-42 Reconstruction Project;
  - 8/27/08 Staff Report regarding ADOT&PF projects to Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board;
  - 9/3/08 Postcard mailed to Glenn Highway project contact list (2,890 addresses);
  - 9/3/08 Flyer mailed to N. Lucille Street project contact list (1,475 addresses);
  - 9/8/08 Press Conference by Mat-Su Borough;
  - 9/9/08 Central Mat-Su Transportation Forum (Palmer City Hall) – Project Presentation
  - Mat-Su Transportation Fair Flyer e-mailed to Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, Palmer Chamber of Commerce, and Big Lakes Chamber of Commerce members and passed out at chamber luncheons;
  - 9/12/08 submitted to Community Calendars for Anchorage Daily News; Alaska Star; Frontiersman
  - 9/12/08 submitted to and published by State of Alaska Online Public Notice
  - 9/18/08 displayed on State Fairgrounds reader board next to the highway
  - 9/19/08 display advertisement in Anchorage Daily News – Valley Edition and Frontiersman
  - 9/23/08 Presentation to the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary – Brad Sworts, MSB
  - 9/24/08 display advertisement in Anchorage Daily News – Valley Edition
  - Announcement on Parks Highway web site ([www.parkshighway44-52.info/](http://www.parkshighway44-52.info/))
  - Announcement on Trunk Road web site ([www.trunkroad.com](http://www.trunkroad.com))
  - Other outreach by participating projects; for example, Highway2Highway, Palmer Couplet
- MEETING  
ATTENDANCE:** 159 (from sign-in sheets)
- MEETING  
MATERIALS:**
- 1) Handouts: project fact sheet, comment sheet
  - 2) Graphics: large scale aerial photo with cross-section overlay.
  - 3) Publications: Desk Copy of *Glenn Highway Parks (MP 35) to MP 109 Environmental Assessment*
  - 4) Immersive Video Solutions, Kenn Kadow with 360-degree video of the project corridor

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PRESENT:                and Brian Elliott  
                             HDL: Dennis Linnell; Jeff Fuglestad  
                             Brooks & Associates: Anne Brooks

MEETING  
INFORMATION:

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The public was greeted at the door, asked to sign-in and provided with an Agenda. On the back of the Agenda was a map of the exhibitors to help attendees find the project or group that they are interested in.

The meeting format was an open house with booths of the various projects, plans and programs being developed in the Mat-Su Valley area. In addition to the projects featured at the fair were, other booths featuring community groups or projects, emergency services for the valley, and so on. The sponsors of the transportation fair were the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Mat-Su Borough, the City of Wasilla, the City of Palmer, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

The Glenn Highway Milepost 34-42 Reconstruction project has received 23 public comments to date. Seventeen of those were received via comment sheets distributed at the transportation fair.

The topic that received the most comments was access to Springer Loop and the fairgrounds. Suggestions included installing a traffic light, overpass, roundabout or four-way stop to allow safe access toward Anchorage for state fairgrounds and Inner Spring Loop, and installing a full turn lane or 10-foot-wide shoulder to use as a turn lane to fair parking. Other suggestions were installing a stoplight at Moore Road and Inner Springer, and installing exits to Evergreen, Dogwood and Arctic.

The next most popular topic was bike and pedestrian trails and public transit. Suggestions included installing a bike trail from Outer Springer Road or the fairgrounds to Palmer, pedestrian crossing and signage near Carrs, and ensuring that project design accommodates community transit by allowing turnouts for buses, walking and biking trails and parking for transit users.

Regarding Alaska Railroad property, one person suggested raising the Glenn Highway to the same elevation as adjacent Alaska Railroad tracks at all locations where public and private roadways enter from the east. Another asked to limit the impact on local business and homeowners on the west side of the road by asking the railroad to move its track to the east wherever possible.

Specific concerns included: Separating the road from Kertulla farmland at milepost 41; limiting impacts to the property at 4188 and 4200 Glenn; extending the proposed frontage road to include the Crimson View Development to avoid additional traffic on Cienna Ave.; removing the stop sign from the middle of the Parks/Glenn overpass; and extending the highway as four lanes to Fishhook Road. Other concerns were whether an easement on the state park road can be used for

a driveway; the accident rate at Blunck St.; hazards at Fishhook Road and Ida Lake; and the unsafe intersection at Commercial Drive.

More general concerns included scheduling utility upgrades to coincide with road construction; better lighting from the Parks interchange to the gravel pit; slowing traffic through Palmer by creating a divided, landscaped boulevard and reducing the speed limit from Commercial Drive to E. Arctic; relocation of mailboxes; and considering other projects in the area during design, such as the Bogard Extension project that will funnel additional traffic to the intersection at Glenn and Arctic.

Related documents on file:

- Mailing List

- Sign-In sheets

- Handouts

- Meeting graphics

- Written comments