



Glenn Highway MP 34-42 Reconstruction

Parks Highway to Old Glenn Highway
ADOT&PF Project 58104/ Federal Project NH-OA1-5(24)

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Glenn Highway, MP 34-42
PROJECT NO.: AKSAS 58104/NH-OA1-5(24)
GROUP: Public
DATE: October 22, 2014
TIME: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Alaska State Fairgrounds, 2075 Glenn Highway, Palmer, Alaska
MEETING OUTREACH: See Table 1. Meeting Outreach
MEETING ATTENDANCE: 381 individuals signed in at the meeting, many did not sign in
STAFF PRESENT: *DOT&PF*: Eric Miyashiro, Robert DeVassie
HDL: Carita Backman, David Lundin, Nick Oliveira, Avery Larsen
Brooks and Associates: Anne Brooks, Camden Yehle

MEETING INFORMATION:

Attendees were greeted at the door and asked to sign in. They were then provided with a diagram showing the layout of the event. Over 70 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. These comments are provided below. All specific questions submitted have/will received an individual response, which are summarized in *italics* if applicable.

The following written comments were received for the Glenn Highway project.

- Flashing signal at Evergreen and Cobb instead of red light/green light.
- Keep free right off Elm to South Colony Way.
- Big mistake to do away with the ramp from the Glenn that turns into Colony Way.
- Much-needed red light, corner of Inner Springer and Glenn Highway.
- Very informative, thank you. I am glad the Glenn Highway work milepost 35 to 40 will not occur for 2 to 3 years.
- How do you plan for the light to work (flashing? etc.) at the West Outer Springer Loop when the train is present, so that traffic on the highway is not slowed/stopped for cars that are not present due to the train? Thanks. *Team Response: The signal will be coordinated with the train gates, and will generally remain in green mode for the highway movement when the train is present. The exception will be when a vehicle is detected on the west leg and the signal will change phases to allow a green for the west leg.*
- Glenn Highway from Kepler Lake to Taco Bell is a nightmare. Two points:

A. Inner Springer. 1. Train stops traffic – very dangerous for those waiting to turn left. There's a school there too. 2. Hard to get out onto Glenn left or right. 3. Road across the street – problems.

B. No or few turn lanes – people pass on right and there are pedestrians on shoulder in the dark.

- Overpass at Mat Lakes Rec Area intersection for pedestrian/bikes.
- Put overpass from visitor center to park!!
- Carita and Nick thank you!! God bless! (moose threading a needle)
- I support the signal as currently placed at the Granite intersection which is just north of mile 38 towards Palmer. The current left hand turn onto Colleen and out of this intersection is incredibly dangerous. Also lighting between mile 36.5 and mile 38 would be great, but please directional downlighting. Don't spoil the great night skies.
- I believe the traffic light at Glenn and Inner Springer should be a straight line from Springer --> Moose Road and not where it is currently by DMV/post office.
- Keep turn off before S. Colony Way before the new stoplight.

The project team recorded the following verbal comments. Team responses are in *italics*.

- Fox Run owners want their access drive moved further away from the Glenn. *The team responded that they would review the design to confirm the request could be accommodated.*
- Someone from the Palmer Church of God had a comment on the assessed value of the property versus adjacent properties.
- A property at milepost 36.5 has a tree the eagles roost in and the owner would like us to miss it in construction. *The team will look into saving the tree, however, it may not be feasible. During construction bird nesting periods are avoided.*

The following correspondence was submitted in response to the meeting or the meeting outreach. Team responses are in *italics*.

- Recently got a message forwarding your message about upcoming "fair" on Oct. 22 to present Glenn Hwy improvements which mentions traffic signals at Springer intersections. The message says that all Sky Ranch residents received a mailing about this.

I live in Sky Ranch and have not received any such thing. Please send the link to your website so I can be up to speed. Thanks, *[Redacted]*

*The website address for the Glenn Highway project is
<http://brooks-alaska.com/glennhighway/>*

We have added you to our email list for the project. If you would like to get our postcards in addition to emails about the project, please provide an USPS address. I checked our

current mailing list and didn't find a [redacted] on the list. Thanks, we look forward answering any questions you might have about the project. Anne

- Hi Ms. Brooks. We manage Pioneer Meadows Homeowners Association. One of our members stated that they thought the mailboxes will be caught up in the new right of way through the subdivision. Could we get a copy of the map of the proposed right of way?

[Redacted] Can you provide some more information about your location. I'm assuming it is Palmer, but I'm not precisely sure where the subdivision is. Once I get this information, I should be able to provide more information. Anne

- Glenn Hwy across from Inner Springer Loop. The main entrance into the subdivision is Cienna Avenue. The subdivision goes as far as Blunck Street and behind Crimsonview Drive.

[Redacted]— I was able to find your location off the Glenn Highway near Cienna Avenue. We are working through the detailed design and will be coordinating any mailbox relocation that is necessary. Are you the individual we should meet with to work out the details? Let us know.

The project design will be available for review at the October 22, 2014 Mat-Su Transportation Fair being held at the Alaska State Fairgrounds between 4 pm and 8 pm. Postcards will be mailed to stakeholders a couple of weeks in advance of the event.

I checked our mailing list and confirmed I have residents from all four Pioneer Meadows subdivision phases. What is a good address and phone number for the Homeowners Association? Anne

- Anne. Uli Johnson is the HOA Manager. She would be the primary contact. The address for the HOA is P.O. Box 3024, Palmer, AK 99645-0324. The office number is 357- 1770 and fax is 357-1771. *[Redacted]*
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Table 1. 2014 Mat-Su Transportation Fair Outreach

Date	Outreach Method
09/03/2014	Mat-Su Transportation Fair logo showing dates on the following Mat-Su area websites: Fairview Loop Rehabilitation, Glenn Highway MP 34-42, Museum Drive Extension, Machen Road Extension, Parks Highway MP 44-52, South Mack (Clapp Road) Extension, Palmer Municipal Airport Master Plan Update, Lucus Road, Palmer Wasilla Highway, Seldon/Lucille Street Upgrades, Mat-Su Borough
09/08/2014 10/09/2014 10/21/2014	Save the Date email notice and reminder via Constant Contact 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 Drive & Machen Road, Fairview Loop Rehabilitation, Trunk Rd: Parks Hwy-Palmer Fishhook, Mat Su Community Councils, Boards and Commissions, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Lucus Rd, Mat-Su Government, Vine Road Upgrade, Palmer Municipal Airport

Date	Outreach Method
	Master Plan, Parks Highway MP 99-146 Rehabilitation
09/08/2014	Notice in Alaska Mobility Coalition monthly newsletter and posted on website
09/10/2014	Display advertising in <i>Make a Scene</i> , September – October edition
09/17/2014	Request sent to the online calendars at Cities of Wasilla, Palmer, and Houston, the Mat-Su Borough, <i>Frontiersman</i> , <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , and <i>Make a Scene</i>
10/01/2014	Press release by Mat-Su Borough
10/02/2014	Postcard mailer sent to Parks Highway, Glenn Highway, Fairview Loop, Lucus Road, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Seldon/Lucille, Museum Road, and south Trunk Road mailing lists
10/10/2014 10/12/2014	<i>Frontiersman</i> display advertising
10/10/2014	Radio ad on local stations run by Mat-Su Borough
10/16/2014 10/21/2014	Notices posted on the ADOT&PF and Mat-Su Borough Facebook pages
10/16/2014 10/21/2014	Meeting notice via ADOT&PF Twitter feed
10/18/2014	<i>Frontiersman</i> article “Transportation fair Wednesday”
10/18/2014	Event fliers around town by City of Palmer
10/19/2014	<i>Frontiersman</i> article “Transportation fair Wednesday, Seventh annual event to feature dozens of projects”
10/19/2014 10/21/2014 10/22/2014	<i>Frontiersman</i> calendar item
10/20/2014	City of Palmer sponsored a Robo call to all Palmer residents and businesses
10/22/2014	ADOT&PF live tweet of event

Documents on file:

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