

**Trunk Road Extension with Roundabout Intersection**

This alternative  will  will not solve the connectivity for the community.  
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It would create too much traffic at Trunk Rd. It would also disturb a lot of wildlife along the wetlands. (Reference comment 3)

I like the Trunk road extension and would like to see this road go forward. (Reference comment 6)

Bike/pedestrian trails need to be considered on all new roadways. (Reference comment 7)

No train crossing and fairly direct. (Reference comment 9)

We need another access to this area – either the 4-Way Intersection or Roundabout is fine.

My Suggestion:

Phase I – Nelson East at-Grade

Phase II – Trunk Road

Phase III – Nelson extension to Seward-Meridian

This gives three access points to the area. Can be done over 5 years. (Reference comment 10)

This is a critical access for the school. Most buses will use this. I also believe most parents will use this to access the school. In addition, most of the commuters in the Ranch will use this access. I really have no preference as to an intersection or roundabout. I feel both would work fine. (Reference comment 12)

Best Option. Direct access to Parks Hwy., with best management of high traffic volumes/least peaks of traffic. Public/private joint venture. Roundabouts work! (Reference comment 13)

This is the best option for the majority of traffic. Easy access to the Parks Hwy., minimal impact on business/property owners. Majority of work to be completed by others. Would serve the future development of the Happy Valley area. Work could commence in a short period of time on major portion of the road. (Reference comment 14)

It would minimize right of way. It would make getting used to pretty easy really and would meet future use. (Reference comment 15)

Not safe. Will not move traffic safely, will need maintenance on a regular basis, i.e., snow removal so signage will be visual. No safe ped crossing – will require very large area to work properly.

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I received a call this morning from a property owner regarding the Trunk Road South extension. He owns Grizzly Espresso and believes his property will be impacted by the project. He had received our mailer. He is currently working in Dillingham and wanted us to fax or email a drawing/sketch to him to show how his property would be impacted. He owns 1.5 acres in the area and has entrances and exits onto both cul-de-sacs in the area -- Valley Circle and Whiting Circle. He wanted to know if we were going to put in one of those "crazy circles." I informed him that we were planning on including a roundabout. He said he drove them in Bermuda. He thinks the way we design them in Alaska is wrong -- too small. He appreciated the mailer and knowing that the project was under way. He has been aware of Mr. Turner's (The Ranch) plans for six years. He said he and his lawyer still think the project is to Mr. Turner's advantage and that Turner even states so on his web site. (Reference comment 20)

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Roundabouts are not suitable for Alaska climates. They really do not work without being clearly marked. We all know what they would look like in this area after one good 80 mph windstorm in the winter. We all know that it certainly is not uncommon to have that happen often in the proposed location. We also know the size of proposed roundabout is far too small to safely support the average commercial vehicles that travel this area. Spend the money now and do it right. However, it seems far-fetched that it would cost more for the intersection than the roundabout. (Reference comment 21)

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Roundabouts work and everyone gets used to them. (Reference comment 22)

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Please do not construct roundabouts on our roads. They are very difficult to navigate and blowing snow and winter conditions make them more difficult and dangerous. I will not travel the roundabouts in Anchorage and detour around them. They seem to be the new trend in road design, I hope the trend is not imported to the Valley. (Reference comment 27)

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This will solve the problem. It would provide direct access to the parks Highway without interfering with residential areas. (Reference comment 31)

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### **5/29/09 meeting comment**

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Yes (likes Seward Meridian Section Line AND Trunk Road). Connecting Seward Meridian to Trunk Road will be the most effective way to connect and relieve traffic. (Reference comment 44)