



Project Need

The Parks Highway is congested and is predicted to get worse. New traffic signals at intersections on the Parks have provided easier access to the highway but have contributed significantly to traffic delays. In addition, the expansion of the Parks Highway over time has resulted in dividing downtown Wasilla.

The DOT&PF, in partnership with the City of Wasilla and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), is conducting a study to identify alternative routes that could move long-distance traffic around Wasilla. The project team is examining various approaches to improving the flow of regional traffic while providing relief from traffic congestion in the core area. Both the MSB and the City of Wasilla have highlighted Parks Highway congestion as a key concern.

DOT&PF Announces Public Meeting!

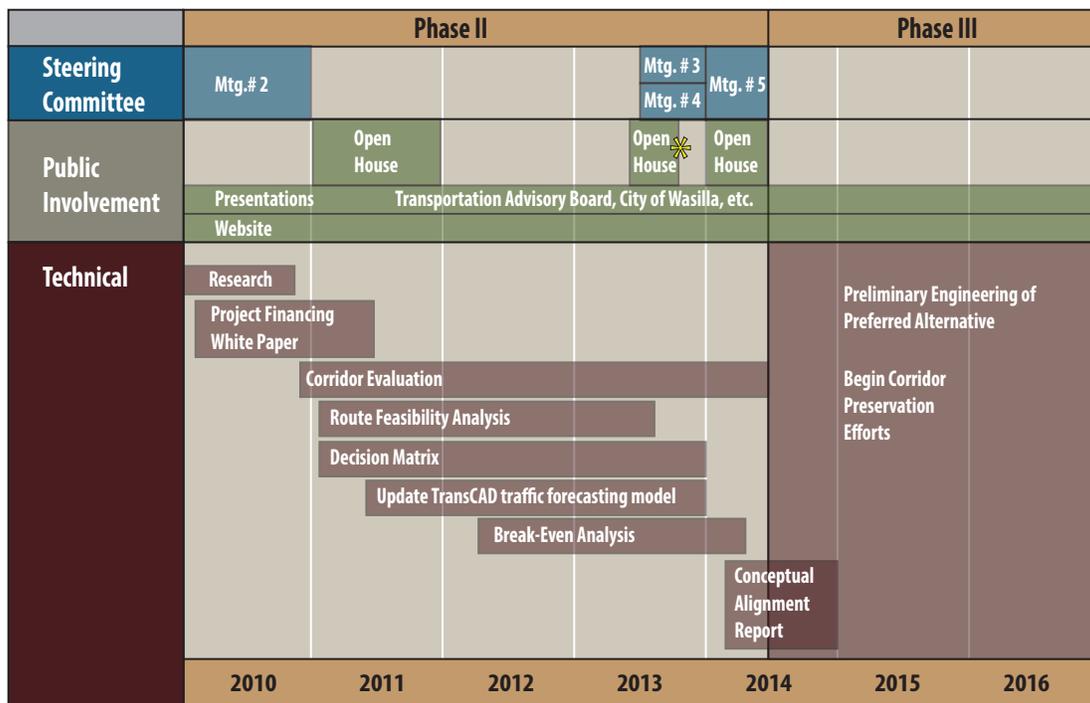
Over the past several months, the project team has been gathering the technical data necessary to create reasonable alternatives to the Parks Highway. These specific studies include:

- Traffic modeling for 2035 to show the level of service both with and without a Parks Highway Alternative Corridor that moves traffic around central Wasilla
- A Suitability Analysis to locate optimal transportation corridor alternatives that have the least overall impact to the built and natural environment

Although these studies have taken a long time, the team's thorough approach has been rigorously reviewed and analyzed, and the detailed studies are nearing completion. In the next step, the project team will layout reasonable alternative routes.

You are invited to come learn about these recent project updates, speak with members of the project team, and share your thoughts and ideas about potential routes.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) will be hosting a Public Open House on Wednesday, August 28th at the Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building (Station 6-1) located at 101 W. Swanson Avenue, Wasilla. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm, with a presentation at 6:00 pm.



✱ We are here!

Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Schedule

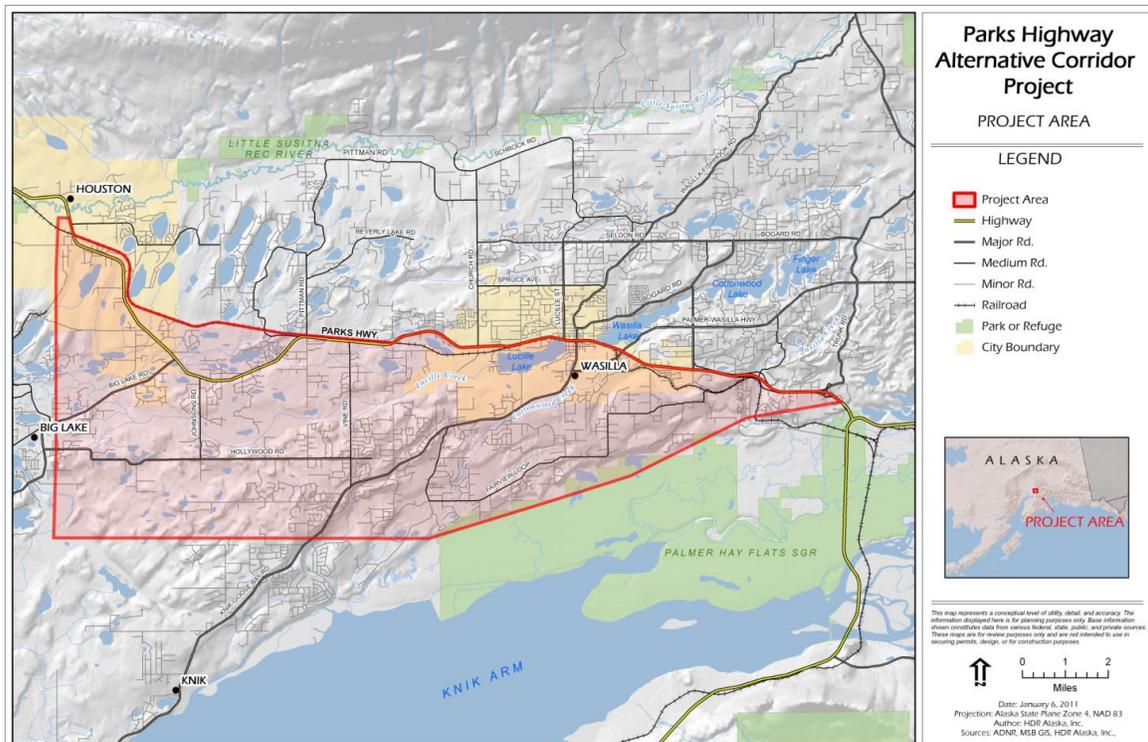
We've Heard From You

More than 100 people attended our first public open house on March 3, 2011 at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center. Based on the comments we received during and following that meeting, this is what we've heard:

- Concern regarding the location of personal property in proximity to the new corridor
- Concern regarding "quality of life" for both local and through-drivers, as well as local residents
- Concerns regarding the future of Fairview Loop
- Concern regarding the location of proposed routes
- Desire to build the new corridor now due to heavy development and the lack of smooth vehicular movement through the City of Wasilla
- Desire for a study of impacts by proposed route to existing businesses in the area
- Desire for a study of future economic growth by proposed route
- Desire for other road projects in Wasilla to be built first
- Desire for an overpass system with limited on/off ramps instead of a new highway

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Project Area Map



Project Benefits

The purpose of this project is to identify solutions that will:

1. Maintain the functionality of the Parks Highway by providing regional traffic a reasonable alternative route.
2. Alleviate congestion on the Parks Highway, particularly in downtown Wasilla.
3. Help create a more functional and livable central community in Wasilla.

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