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STATE OF ALASKA

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Date: December 12, 2011
Project: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements
Project No.: 52571

Dear Agency Staff Member:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the lead federal agency, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is soliciting comments and information on a proposed project that would improve the airport at Kwigillingok ([Figure 1](#)).

Kwigillingok is located on the western shore of the Kuskokwim Bay near the mouth of the Kuskokwim River, 77 miles southwest of Bethel and 388 miles west of Anchorage. The Kwigillingok Airport is located within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Kuskokwim Bay (D-4) quadrangle, Seward Meridian, in Sections 26, 27, 34, 35, T3S, R81W ([Figures 1 & 2](#)).

Proposed Kwigillingok airport improvements was the subject of a 1996 Environmental Assessment (EA) and a 2004 Supplemental EA. Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) were issued for both EAs on January 22, 1996 and May 11, 2004, respectively. Since then, various factors have delayed long term improvements to the Kwigillingok airport and due to the lapse of time and changes in environmental regulations, DOT&PF in coordination with the FAA, plan to prepare a new EA that will cover changes to the proposed project and current environmental conditions in Kwigillingok.

Purpose and Need

The Kwigillingok runway is short and narrow and does not meet current standards for a Community Class Airport. The surfacing material is thin to nonexistent. Pilots report that a larger apron is needed. The greatest need for additional apron space is after periods when flying is not possible due to weather. During these no-fly periods, mail, cargo, and passengers can get backed up, and after conditions clear, as many as four planes have reportedly been on the ground at the same time. When no parking room is available, pilots have to circle until other aircraft leave.

Kwigillingok relies on the airport for essential services such as passenger transportation, bypass mail and cargo delivery, and medical evacuations (medevac). No roads connect Kwigillingok to neighboring communities. The Bethel region is known for low cloud cover and foggy conditions. Support for Non-Precision Instrument (NPI) approaches would improve the chances that aircraft could get in and out of Kwigillingok during inclement weather.

The purpose of this project is to improve the airport in order to provide a facility that meets current FAA and DOT&PF standards for a Community Class Airport. Airport deficiencies include:

- DOT&PF does not have adequate property interest
- Existing runway length and width do not meet current standards
- Surface is soft with pot holes, dips, swales, and ruts
- Windsock is unreliable and segmented circle is deteriorated and unusable
- Inadequate wind coverage (planes are unable to land in strong crosswinds)
- Equipment storage building penetrates airspace
- Not enough aircraft parking and tie downs are available
- Runway is unlit
- Snow removal equipment needs to be upgraded
- The adjacent tidal channel is eroding the runway safety area

Proposed Action

Bringing the airport up to Community Class Standards to meet FAA and state requirements will require the following:

- Acquiring property for the existing airport and future improvements including extending the runway to 4,000' and constructing a crosswind runway
- Reconstructing and extending the existing runway from 50' x 2,510' to 75' x 3,300' and runway safety area (RSA) from 100' x 2,900' to 150' x 3,900'
- Increasing taxiway width from 30' to 50'
- Increasing aircraft apron area from 18,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet
- Constructing two snow removal equipment buildings (one heated, one unheated)
- Installing runway and taxiway lighting
- Constructing a segmented circle with lighted wind cone
- Installing a rotating airport beacon
- Realigning the stream and/or installing erosion protection along the slough channel bank
- Developing one or more local borrow sources for embankment material
- Importing surface course material as no suitable source is available locally

This project will likely take three to four years to complete, depending on funding, land acquisition, and environmental and design considerations.

The project area and proposed borrow sites are illustrated on [Figure 2](#). FAA does not anticipate any significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed project as presently envisioned. Wetland impacts associated with the proposed project include fill for the runway, taxiway, access road, and apron embankments; excavating and constructing the realigned slough channel; and excavating at borrow site location(s).

Two potential borrow sources were previously identified for embankment fill. These sources are located directly west of the existing runway ([Figure 2](#)). All crushed aggregate surface course material will be barged to Kwigillingok.

Future Airport Projects

After constructing the proposed project, a future crosswind runway would be necessary to obtain required wind coverage. The crosswind runway would have the same dimensions as the proposed expansion to the existing runway. The runways may also be extended from 3,300' to 4,000' in length to accommodate larger and faster aircraft.

Preliminary Environmental Research

We have conducted preliminary research using the most current available data to identify environmental resources within the proposed project vicinity. This information is provided in Appendix A. Additional project information can be found on our project website: <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/kwigillingok/>. Also below are links to agency-specific questions for each federal, state, and local agency from which DOT&PF is requesting comments and information. To ensure that all factors are considered in the airport site selection process, please provide your written comments, recommendations, and any additional requested information to our office no later than **January 16, 2012**.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning engineering aspects of the proposed project, please contact Tom Schmid, P.E., Project Manager, DOT&PF, at (907) 269-0612 or by email at tom.schmid@alaska.gov. For environmental questions or comments, please contact Teresa Zimmerman, Environmental Team Leader at (907) 269-0551, or by email at teresa.zimmerman@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



Brian Elliott
Regional Environmental Manager

Enclosures: Appendix A
Figure 1 - Vicinity Map
Figure 2 - Proposed Airport Layout

cc: Tom Schmid, P.E., Project Manager, Aviation Design
Teresa Zimmerman, Environmental Team Leader, PD&E

Valerie Webb

From: Zimmerman, Teresa J (DOT) <teresa.zimmerman@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Valerie Webb
Cc: Sanders, Holly M (DOT); Beaton, Barbara J (DOT)
Subject: FW: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements, DOT&PF Project No. 52571

See ADFG scoping response. We WILL need a permit to relocate the slough by the runway.

From: Bales, James E (DFG)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 12:48 PM
To: Zimmerman, Teresa J (DOT)
Subject: RE: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements, DOT&PF Project No. 52571

Good afternoon Ms. Zimmerman,

Below we have answered the scoping questions that ADOT put together specifically for ADF&G regarding the proposed Kwigillingok Airport Improvements project. The bolded items are from ADOT and have been reproduced here for clarity.

In addition to identifying any concerns and/or issues your agency might have with the proposed project, the following information is requested:

1. We have researched the ADF&G's *An Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important to the Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* and any findings are identified in the scoping letter and/or Appendix A. If you have any other information and/or data on anadromous or resident fish streams in the vicinity of the proposed project, including spawning/rearing habitat and migration corridors please provide us that information.

As noted in Appendix A, the Kwigillingok River (Stream No. 335-40-15950) has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The Kwigillingok River is known to support whitefish.

The slough that flows adjacent to the airstrip may also contain anadromous whitefish. Resident fish that are likely present in the slough and surrounding lakes includes Alaska blackfish, stickleback, and possibly slimy sculpin.

2. Identify any fish species within the project boundaries that may be used for subsistence.

Whitefish and Alaska blackfish may be used for subsistence.

3. We have researched the ADF&G *State of Alaska Refuges, Critical Habitat Areas and Sanctuaries* and any findings are identified in the scoping letter and/or Appendix A. If these special areas exist in the project vicinity, would the normal activities of these areas be affected by the proposed project?

There are no state-designated special areas in the vicinity of the proposed project.

4. Provide information on wildlife other than fish in the vicinity of the proposed project.

We have no comment regarding wildlife in the vicinity of the proposed project.

5. Would the project affect wildlife migration corridors or bisect/segment wildlife habitat?

We have no comment regarding wildlife migration corridors in the vicinity of the proposed project.

6. Identify any permits and/or clearances to be obtained from your agency for the proposed project.

An ADF&G Fish Habitat Permit will be required for the proposed slough realignment. A permit may be required for the material extraction if there are fish present in the lakes or streams located near the potential borrow sites. A permit would also be required if water is needed for the project and is withdrawn from a fish bearing stream or lake, including the Kwigillingok River. Any other activity that could impact a fish bearing stream or lake may also need a permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project and comment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements, DOT&PF Project No. 52571

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Sorry for the inconvenience.

Teresa Z.

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DOT&PF requests your comments be submitted to this office by January 16, 2012. You may submit your responses to me via mail, email, or fax. We appreciate you taking the time to review the information provided for this project and look forward to receiving your comments and recommendations.

Teresa Zimmerman

Environmental Team Leader, PD&E

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Tribal Consultation Options

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Please check the appropriate response:

The Native Village of Kwigillingok will continue coordination for this proposed project directly with Owner / Operator of the airport. *Please note that if the Tribe initially chooses to consult / coordinate with the airport owner/operator, the Tribe may later decide to consult directly with the FAA.*

The Native Village of Kwigillingok a federally recognized tribe, would like to consult directly with the Federal Aviation Administration in a government-to-government relationship for this proposed project.

The Native Village of Kwigillingok has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.

Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you would like to make additional comments.

Johnny Friend
Tribal Leader (Please print)

907-588-8114
Telephone

Johnny Friend
Tribal Leader (Signature)

6/27/11
Date

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If you have chosen to proceed with consultation, please identify a Tribal Representative for the consultation.

ANDREW KIUNYA
Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Please print)

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Andrew Kiunya
Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Signature)

6/27/11
Date

Please mail to: John Lovett, Project Manager
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Subject: RE: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements, DOT&PF Project No. 52571
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2011 12:59:44 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Kwigillingok Airport Improvements Project No. 57571. Water Resources has no objection to the proposed project. However, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to apply for a temporary water use authorization for water use associated with this project such as stream diversion/realignment, construction activities, and dust control and compaction.

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Date: Saturday, January 07, 2012 12:56:59 PM

MS. Zimmerman,

After reviewing the records and Master Title Plats it is anticipated that the BLM will have few concerns and little input to your proposed action. For the most part all the land in the vicinity has been transferred by the BLM. From the information given and the drawings it would seem that there are potentially 3 Native allotments that might be affect – Patent 50-94-0141 (to the Heirs of Katie Avigeak); Patent 50-94-0143 to Eva Friend; and Patent 50-94-145 to Lena Atti. In addition most of the land In the area has been transferred to KWIK under various Interim Conveyances and the minerals of those lands to Calista.

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Ref; Project, Kwigillingok Airport Improvements #52571

Dear Mr. Elliott,

The Board of Directors of Kwik Incorporated is in full support of DOT&PF in its proposal to improve the airport of Kwigillingok Alaska. This project is one of the important projects needed for the community, and we are willing to work with you in settling various factors that delayed the project in the past.

Keep us posted on the progress of this project and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or problems related to this project. You can contact us at Phone #907-588-8112, or by email; wakwikinc@gci.net.

Sincerely,
For the Board of Directors of Kfwk Incorporated;

Willie Atti, President

Cc/fl.

Date: 1/25/12

Proj. #:

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Supervisor					
Field Coordinator					
Field Technician					
Field Worker					
Project File					

Public Meeting Correspondence



PDC INC. ENGINEERS

MEETING MINUTES

Location:	Kwigillingok, Alaska	Meeting Date:	6/7/2011
Attendees:	Tom Schmid, DOT&PF Project Manager Sue Grundberg, DOT&PF Ken Risse, PDC Project Manager Jeff Shannon, PDC Environmental Coord. John Lovett, FAA Johann Mueller, DOT&PF ROW Randy Vanderwood, DOT&PF M&O Public (see attached sign-in sheet)	PDC #	F10101
		Client # Name:	52571/52815 Kwigillingok Airport Improvements
		Minutes Prepared:	Jeff Shannon 6/24/2011
Subject:	Kwigillingok Airport Improvements Public Meeting		

The public meeting was held in the Albert Beaver Sr. Community Building in the village of Kwigillingok (Kwig) on June 7, 2011. People began to arrive around the scheduled start time of 1:00 PM and the meeting commenced at 1:15 PM. People continued to enter sporadically throughout the meeting. Johann Mueller (DOT ROW) helped with sign in and handed out raffle tickets.

Tom Schmid, DOT&PF Project Manager, opened the meeting by making introductions. Community member Adolph Lewis sat at the front and interpreted throughout the meeting between English and the Yup'ik Eskimo language that is spoken by the villagers.

Tom began by describing how the projects will occur in two phases. An initial project will improve the runway surface. The "big project" to expand the existing runway and apron areas would likely occur in about four years.

Tom explained that the project was initially looked at about 10 years ago, but for a variety of reasons hasn't moved forward as of yet.

Ken Risse of PDC introduced himself and explained how the team is investigating different options to improve upon the airport.

Tom explained how it would benefit the people of Kwig to have a community-class runway.

Ken explained the long-term planning effort and how a crosswind runway is being considered for the 20-year future of the airport. He said the project team had considered relocating the airport, but that really wasn't feasible given the difficulties of the surrounding terrain. Ken showed on a USGS map how the area surrounding Kwigillingok is dominated by lakes, and there is really no better nearby area where an airport could be sited, even when considering the area across the Kwigillingok River.

Tom commented that the project has come to many conclusions regarding existing environmental conditions over the years and we are working to make sure that those conclusions are still current and valid.

A gentleman in attendance stated that the community and tribe supported the airport improvements and state ownership 20 years ago.

Tom explained the importance of State ownership of the airport if public funds were going to be spent on the improvements. He also explained that it would ultimately be to the community's benefit to have the airport improved, because they are the ones that rely on it year-round.

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Tom then described how the road from the barge landing will likely be improved initially so that material can be transported to the airport.

A gentleman asked about the timeframe of the project, and Tom replied that the major improvements would likely begin in about 2014 and be completed around 2016.

I (Jeff Shannon) introduced myself as the Environmental Coordinator for PDC. I briefly described the environmental process and how it was integrated with engineering and cost issues, and invited anybody with any specific concerns regarding issues like subsistence or fish and wildlife to speak with me about them. I also encouraged people to take the comment sheets that were provided and write down any comments they had, and also to mark up the maps provided on the backs of the comment sheets.

Ken said that initial studies would start this summer. He asked for help in establishing the flood elevation—if people could help the hydrologists by showing where floods have occurred in the past it would be very beneficial. Ken then explained that this coming winter there would likely be studies of the soil (geotech).

Tom told the residents that the planning effort would consider Right-of-Way (ROW) for the crosswind runway because of the seasonal changes in primary wind direction in the area.

Then he explained how relocating the apron was beneficial because the new area had better ground conditions with room for growth away from the lake. The lake and housing near the existing apron make it a real challenge to improve at that location.

Tom then explained the Runway Protection Zones on each end and how they make the ROW so large.

Ken said that there is potential to relocate the stream channel that is causing erosion, primarily along the area just southwest of the runway.

A gentleman asked if the stream could just be dammed since it would just come back if it were relocated. Tom replied that we are just gathering information at this point and that relocating the stream might not be feasible because it could have unintended consequences.

[Andrew Kiunya then asked me to step aside as he had a question for me. He took me to his adjacent office where he had written down a note that USDA was sending somebody out to Kwig. I told him I wasn't aware of that, but I thought it could possibly be USDA Wildlife Services and that they deal with wildlife hazard issues.]

At this point, RJ (Ronald J.) Lewis asked Johnny Friend if he could have permission to come up and speak. Permission was granted and RJ came forward and spoke in Yup'ik for several minutes while pointing to the graphics that were hanging on the wall. He then explained in English that he was asking for the community to support the project. He also said that the crosswind runway wouldn't have much impact on subsistence game animals.

Another gentleman said that the existing apron is convenient for pilots to use and asked if the crosswind project would hold up the immediate fixes to the runway. Tom answered that the crosswind runway would be looked at from a long-term perspective, and that the immediate fixes would still happen in the near future.

The same gentleman then asked why Kwig doesn't have lights like Kipnuk and Tunutuliak. His mother-in-law died of pneumonia because the medevac flight wasn't able to fly her out in the dark. Tom responded that those kinds of improvements couldn't be done because the airport wasn't publicly owned. He emphasized the importance of State ownership of the land and how the facility had to be open to the public if public money was going to be spent on the airport.

Tom then explained why the project due diligence leads to this kind of project taking a long time. He said there had been many challenges, including material types and ROW acquisition, but the Friends (local family – see sign-in sheet) had been very helpful.

The same gentleman reiterated that he wanted to see lights at the airport. Tom explained how lights are difficult in narrow runways such as Kwig, but all manner of improvements are being considered.

Johnny Friend said that when they built the airport years ago they dug out the two adjacent lakes and he recommended they not do that again. Tom then explained that “side borrowing” was an old technique that wasn’t generally used anymore because of the problems it can create.

Another gentleman in the audience expressed concern about the erosion. Tom explained that we have two hydrologists looking at the erosion, and they will come up with recommendations on what can be done. The focus will be on getting the community one good runway, and after that we’ll worry about the crosswind runway.

Tom then encouraged people to take the comment sheets and please comment on the project(s).

A gentleman said that he thought that the resurfacing project was supposed to happen this summer. Tom explained that chemical stabilization was initially tested as a method to improve the runway surface, but the tests showed that it wouldn’t work as well as hoped. He then described the logistical challenges of having to move material from the barge landing to the airport.

Two elders in the front row (Joseph Manchuak and another man) then spoke to each other in Yup’ik. RJ began to speak to the audience in Yup’ik again, followed by speeches in Yup’ik from Joseph Manchuak, Johnny Friend, and another elder.

On behalf of another elder in the front row, RJ then explained in English how last year the elder had to be med-evacuated out of Kwig, but the aircraft couldn’t land because of strong crosswinds at the time, so it had to return the next day to get him flown to Anchorage for surgery.

Darrel John (a younger man in the audience) said he likes the crosswind runway as long as the design prevents erosion of the embankments due to flooding. He said the State should respond quickly (ideally the same day) to erosion problems. Ken asked about the cause of flooding, and the same man said floods are from high tides and storm surges. He said there are no flood markers around town, and he asked if he could speak with me later as well.

Art Lake commented that the problem is not with the tribe or the FAA, but rather with the State for wanting to own the airport land. He felt that the State was being belligerent in demanding to own the airport. John Lovett (FAA) then came forward and explained that there was really blame all around for the delays in the project, but that was really all history at this point—the focus now should be on fixing the runway as soon as possible.

Adolph asked if there was a temporary plan for erosion control in the interim. Tom replied that surveyors will be coming out to map the erosion this summer. Adolph suggested that locals could be hired to use four-wheelers to haul gravel from the barge landing to the airport. Tom explained that the project had to go through a competitive bidding process, which meant that ultimately a large contractor would handle the project and the means to move material would be up to them.

One of the elders stated that he supports the plan.

Another man said that thinning of the permafrost due to global warming was a problem. He then spoke in Yup’ik for awhile.

A woman in the back spoke up in Yup'ik. Adolph translated that she is a health aide and she supports the project, but she would like to see permanent lights because the emergency lights don't work well enough.

Tom repeated that lights were tied to land acquisition and how the substandard runway was really the immediate focus that needed to be dealt with.

Johnny Friend said that the Tuntutuliak airport had been turned over to the tribe, and he wanted to know if that would happen in Kwig as well. Johann (DOT ROW) came forward and answered that they could likely write into the land acquisition paperwork that if the airport is closed for a certain length of time, the land would revert back to its previous owners.

RJ then came up and spoke in Yup'ik again.

Art Lake asked about temporary lighting and also suggested using mats over the gravel on the road to provide a solid base. Tom replied that funding limits the ability to use mats and that the improvements to the road would likely be considered temporary measures.

Darrel John asked about getting the project done soon so medevac flights could get in. Tom asked if the community had the kind of temporary lights that roll out when needed. People responded that they did. Woodson (the Grant Air charter pilot out of Bethel) said that the small landing area made it difficult to fly into Kwig after dark or during twilight hours.

Tom asked if a crosswind runway had been discussed before. Art Lake said yes, but at the time it was considered for the north end and would have crossed the stream channel.

Someone asked if we had considered moving the airport to another location, and Ken replied that that there really weren't any good options for relocating the airport.

A woman in the audience (last name Kiunya) thanked us for coming and said she supported the project.

RJ commented that the original engineers had goofed the construction by using visqueen that prevented drainage and refusing to listen to the locals. He said they had to come back and fix it later.

At this point, the raffle was held. First we asked if everyone had had a chance to sign in and get a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets were placed in a coffee can, and Johann pulled one out for Jim Beaver for a \$50 gift certificate to the Kwik Inc. Store. Jim had apparently left, but because we hadn't specified he had to be present to win, someone else said they would give it to him. Emma Kiunya's name was drawn for the cooler.

We then invited people to come up, take a closer look at the graphics, and speak with us if they wanted.

Owen Beaver came forward to speak with me. He said that he was about to turn 80 years old, and that the younger generation wants an easy way of life and they don't protect their environment like the elders do. He said the younger generations are more interested in getting everything quickly and easily.

Darrel John then came forward and told me that he was concerned about erosion at multiple spots along the Kwigillingok River. I explained to him that those areas were outside of our project area, but if he had questions about contacting the Corps of Engineers to address the problems I could certainly help him find contact information. I gave him one of my cards so he could call or email me.

RJ then spoke with Ken and me about the ground conditions and how his father had taught him about "living earth." He explained how the vegetative mat kept the ground from sinking and as soon as that was removed the ground would start to subside. He also said that the dry lake bed near the airport was drained through natural erosion and not

during construction of the airport as we had initially been told. He said that was a large lake, and the wind would cause large waves to lap at the shore and eat it away. During the winter the ground likely froze, cracked, and opened up a channel that broke through and drained the lake out. He said that happened sometime in the 1960s.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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Owen Beaver	Kwigillingok	588-8229	M	N
Joseph Manchuaak	Kwigillingok	588-8600	M	N
Henry Eron	Kwig	588-8113	M	N
Roland J. Lewis	Kwigillingok	588-8620	M	N
John N. Paul	Kwigillingok	588-8214	M	N
Joseph Lewis	Kwigillingok	588-808	M	N

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Johany Friends	Kwigillingok PO Box 48	588-8117	M	N
Patrick Andrew	PO Box 48 Kwik, AK 99622 Pat99622@yahoo.com	588-8116	M	P
Samuel Ahti	PO, Box 42 Kwig 99622	588-8657	M	N
Wilkie Ahti	Box 55 Kwigillingok, AK 99622	1-800-8	M	Esk-
Norman H. John	Box 69 Kwik, AK 99622	907- 588- 8417	M	N
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Ray Kinuya	P.O. Box 106 Kinuya Kwigillingok, AK 99622	588-8080	M	
ARTHUR J. LAKE	Box 11 Kwigillingok 99622	588-2046	M	Yupik Eskimo
Elsie Jimmie	P.O. Box 63 AK. 99622 Kwigillingok	588-8312	F	Yupik Eskimo
Johnathan Friend	P.O. Box 86 Kwigillingok 99622	588-8820	M	Yupik Eskimo
Inez John	PO Box 95 Kwigillingok AK 99622	588-8077	F	Alaska Native
Margaret Beaver	P.O. Box 75 Kwigillingok	588-8229	F	Yupik
Andrew Carl	Box 35 KwK, AK	588-2027	M	AK NATIVE

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Andrew Beausy	Box 54, Keig, AK 99522	588. 8252	M	AN
Ernest BEMEN	Box 76 Kuliq, AK 99022	588 8973	M	AN
Sherry Fair	Box 57 Kule, AK 99622	8796	M	Yupik
Anna Alena	Box 5 Kule, AK 99622	8933	F	AN
Moses Alexe	Box 5 Kule, AK 99622	568 2043	M	AN

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Jimmy Berer	Box 77 Kwigillingok, AK 99622	8647	M	AK-Nat
Edward Georgesr	Box 13 Kwigillingok, AK 99622	5888215	M	AK
Peter Timmie	Box 63 Kwigillingok AK 99622	588-8812	Male	AK-Nat
Nelson Lieber	Box 55 Kwigillingok, AK 99622	545-4859	M	AK-Nat
Diane Athi	Box 77 Kwigillingok 99622	588-8088	F	/
Janet L. Andrew	Box 71 Kwigillingok, AK 99622	588-8017	F	AN
Roland Phillips	Kwigillingok AK 99622	588 8125		

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Sherry Attie	" "	" "	F	N
Richard John	Box 72 Kwillingok 99622	N/A	M	AN
James Arner G	Box 58 Kwillingok AK 99622	N/A	M	AN
Dorothy Beaver	Box 77 Kwillingok AK 99622	588-8647	F	N
Doreen Lewis	Bx 65 Kwig AK 99622 588-2047		F	N
Sue Grunberg	POT/PT	269-0613	F	A
JOHN LOFFETT	FAA AIRPORT	271-5426	M	O
Julie Cook	Box 15 Kwillingok Alaska 99622	588-2448	F	AN

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David Jostad	Box 24 Kwig. AK 99622		M	W AN
Elizabeth Evon	Box 83 Kwigillingok AK	588- 2191	F	AN
Janet Lewis	Bx 43 Kwigillingok AK 99622	588-8422	F	AN
Pearl Andrew	103 Kwigillingok 99622	588-8570	F	AN
Warren P Lewis	Bx 33 Kwig	99622 - 8589	M	AN
Ken Bower	1 Kwig	2420	M	AN

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Jeff Shannon	PDC	452-1414	M	W
Ken Bisse	PK	452-1414	M	W
Johann Mueller	ADOT iPF	269-0700	M	W

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Name	Mailing Address	Email Address	Comment	Comments on figure
Darrel T. John	P.O. Box 95	john.darrell@yahoo.com	On behalf of the Native Village of Kwig. and as the EPA-IGAP coordinator-thank you for supporting the community. The community needs an airport that's safe and can support the functions of the community. Suggestions: Environmental Planner-work with the locals and compare you findings, opinions, facts, etc.	yes Darrel also marked the figure on the back of the sheet to show where the village is "eroding at a surprising rate."
Margaret Beaver	P.O. Box 54		Very happy something is finally being done to improve the safety of of the airport. No objections to any of the plans.	no
Johnny Friend	P.O. Box 46		Material for the current airport was dug around the runway causing lakes to form and erosion. For the cross wind runway he recommends not digging around the airport.	no
Andrew Beaver	P.O. Box 54	abeaver2005@yahoo.com	The community voted to go ahead with the project over 5 years ago but the Council did not. Very few people were against the project. Andrew strongly suggests that the project director listen to the whole community and not just a few people who are not in favor for the project.	no
Andrew Kiunya	P.O. Box 84	akiunya@hotmail.com	Fully support the project including the cross wind runway. Concern- erosion on both ends need to be worked on too. Concern-further damage from erosion	no

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Peter Jimmie	P.O. Box 63		Could not distinguish exact comments. He was commenting on the hydrology of the area and when the adjacent lakes drain the ground subsides. This causes the community to live in sloshy water.	no
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NAME: Peter Gemma

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 63 Kwigillingok, Alaska 99622

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): _____

COMMENTS: We live here in low land above
lot of water lakes + slow rivers, when storms
then lake large or small the high
ground level go down
also in winter time if precast
what a rock the ground will be down
so we live in soft down surface
ground place, besides so we have
in sloshy water

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NAME: Margaret S Beamer

MAILING ADDRESS: Box 54 Kwigillingok, Ak 99622

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): _____

COMMENTS: We have waited decades for improvements to our airport, and attending today's meeting and listening to your plans. I find no objections. Anything you do to improve our airstrip or airport is most acceptable to me. I will be very happy to see improvements in any way. Your plans are most welcomed and highly make sense. Safe wise to me. Just do what you can do. I am most happy finally something is being done. Thank you - Hope to see lots more of you again!!!
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(thats thanks)

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NAME: Johnny Friend

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 46

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): Kwigillingok, Ak 99622

COMMENTS: By looking at our ~~current~~ current airport
when they built it they dug around
the airport and did some impact and causes
these lakes and causes erosion

on the cross wind airport did recommend
not to dig ground around the airport,

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NAME: Darrel T. John

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 95

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): john.darrel@yahoo.com

COMMENTS: On behalf of the Native Village of Kwigillingok and as the EPA-IGAP Coordinator, I would like to thank you for showing your support in making a big difference and having some positive impacts to our community.

It very important to have our AIRPORT Repaired, Improved or Replaced. for the purpose of supporting some of our community needs such as store necessities, medical necessities, etc. Most importantly we need the AIRPORT for Emergency situation, if we do not have an AIRPORT that's not safe enough for Airplanes to land we or the State SIDE will risk the lives of our community members.

If by anychance the Airport condition causes any accidents or fatalities, I can gaurantee that we will be ready to deal with an avoidabale situation. Thank you very much for your time and wish you all, the best of the best.

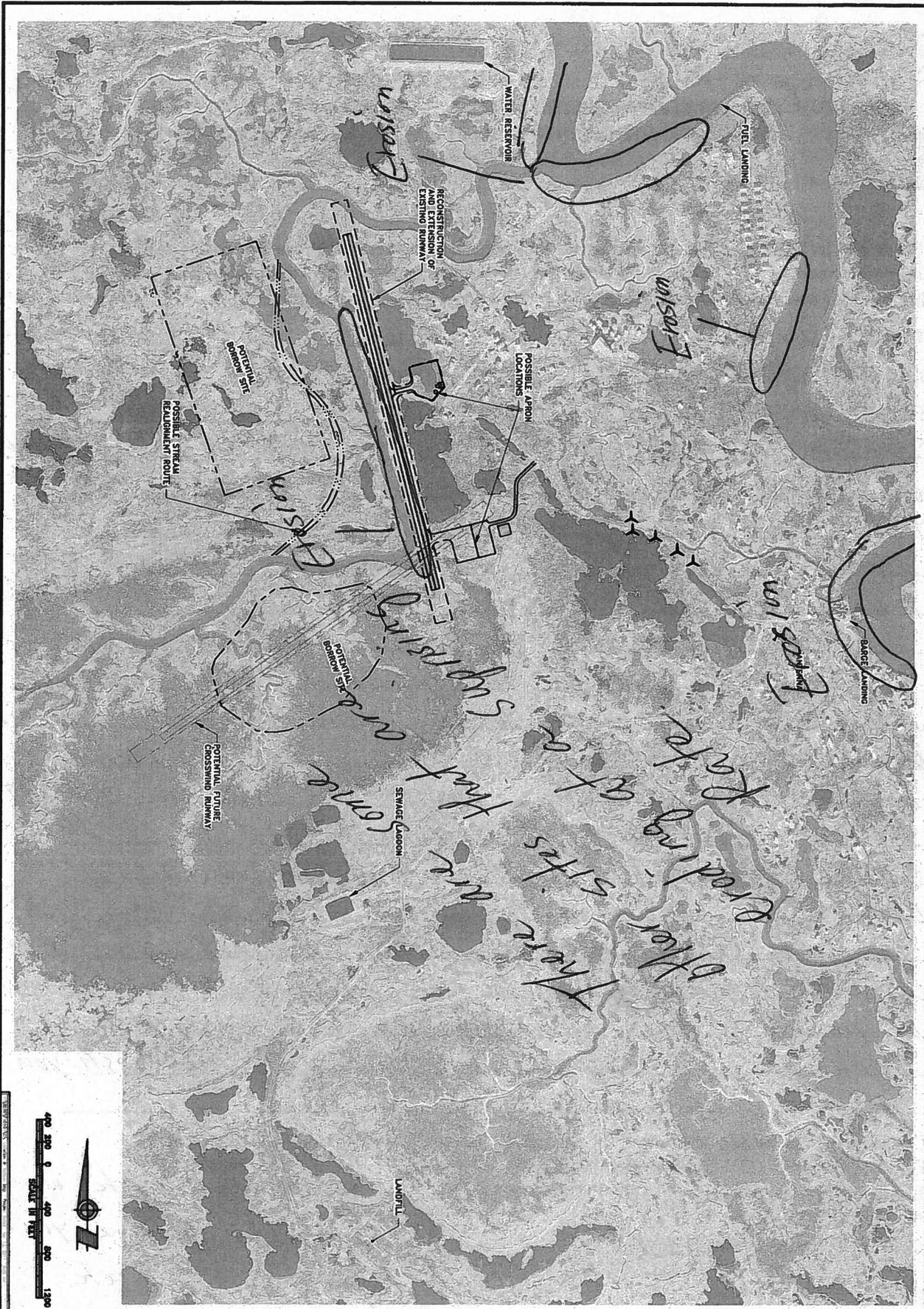
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- Suggestion -

* Environmental Planner, etc. work with the locals and compare your findings, opinions, facts, etc.

Thank you for your time.



SHEET TITLE: PROJECT DETAILS	PROJECT: KWIGILLINGOK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS KWIGILLINGOK, ALASKA	PLANS DEVELOPED BY: FDC, INC.	CONSULTANT:



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NAME: Andrew Kiungya

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 84 KWIGILLINGOK, AK 99622

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): akiungya@hotmail.com

COMMENTS: fully support on the plan
and including cross runway plan

- Concern is erosion on both end
need to be worked on to
prevent further damage erosion.

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PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 7, 2011

Thank you for attending the Kwigillingok Airport public meeting. Feel free to write any comments you have in the space provided below. You may also draw on the map on the back of this form if you would like to identify any specific areas of interest or concern.

NAME: Andrew Beaver

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 54, Kwigillingok AK 99622

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): a.beaver.2005@yahoo.com

COMMENTS: Thank you for coming to Kwigillingok to meet with us.

Building the airport is overdue because the community as the majority voted to go ahead with the project over 50 years ago but the Council didn't carry out the community's directive. A very few people (social construction group) were against this project for the sake of a disease "worry of immaturity."

I strongly suggest and recommend that the project directors listen to the whole community as whole, not just a few people not in favor of the project.

I enjoy the well organized meeting and keep up the good work.

Thanks

Comments may be sent to:

Tom Schmid, P.E., DOT&PF Project Manager
P.O. Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519-6900
Phone: (907) 269-0612
Email: tom.schmid@alaska.gov

Thank you for your time.

Kwigillingok Airport Newspaper Announcement



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING AND INTENT TO BEGIN ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

KWIGILLINGOK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS (Project No. 52571/52815)

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the lead federal agency, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is soliciting comments and information on a proposal to construct improvements to the airport in Kwigillingok, Alaska. DOT&PF will be conducting engineering and environmental studies to determine the project's environmental effects and will prepare an environmental document in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FAA Orders 1050.1E *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and 5050.4B *NEPA Implementing Instruction for Airport Actions*.

The purpose of this proposed project is to provide an airport facility that meets current standards of the FAA and State of Alaska. The proposed work would include the following:

- Property acquisition of the existing airport
- Reconstruction and extension of the existing runway, runway safety area (RSA), apron and aircraft support area
- Connecting taxiway between the runway and apron
- Snow removal equipment buildings
- Runway and taxiway lighting
- Lighted wind cone with segmented circle
- Rotating beacon
- Stream realignment and erosion protection along the riverbank
- Development of one or more local borrow sources
- Possible land acquisition for future crosswind runway

A temporary improvement project, which will include resurfacing the existing runway with gravel so the airport can remain operational, is planned for 2011. Construction for the proposed project listed above is anticipated to tentatively begin by the summer of 2013.

This proposed project will comply with the following: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Executive Orders: 11990 (Wetlands Protection), 11988 (Floodplain Protection), 12898 (Environmental Justice), the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, U.S. DOT Act Section 4(f), 11593 (Historic Preservation), 13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments).

To ensure that all possible factors are considered in the development of the proposed project, DOT&PF is requesting public comments and recommendations. **A public meeting on the proposed project is scheduled for June 7, 2011, at 1:00 PM, at the Albert Beaver Sr. Community Building.** Written comments will be accepted by:

Brian Elliott
Regional Environmental Manager
Preliminary Design & Environmental
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
P.O. Box 196900
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Tom Schmid, P.E., DOT&PF Project Manager, at (907)269-0612 or Teresa Zimmerman, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907)269-0551. Persons with a hearing impairment can contact DOT&PF at our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (907)269-0674. We can offer reasonable accommodations for special needs related to other disabilities.

Newsletters

KWIGILLINGOK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities – Central Region – Project No. 52571

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Prizes!*

COMMUNITY MEETING

June 7, 2011

1:00PM

Albert Beaver Sr. Community Building

*Refresh-
ments!*

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has been assessing upgrades to the existing runway and alternative airport layouts for Kwigillingok. A community meeting will be held to present project alternatives under consideration and the current schedule. The purpose of the proposed project is to construct a community class airport facility that meets current standards of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the State of Alaska.

KWIGILLINGOK AIRPORT



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- Project history
- Alternatives
- Design considerations
- Schedule
- Upcoming studies and field work
- Community comments
- Right of Way Acquisition
- Snow Removal Equipment Building

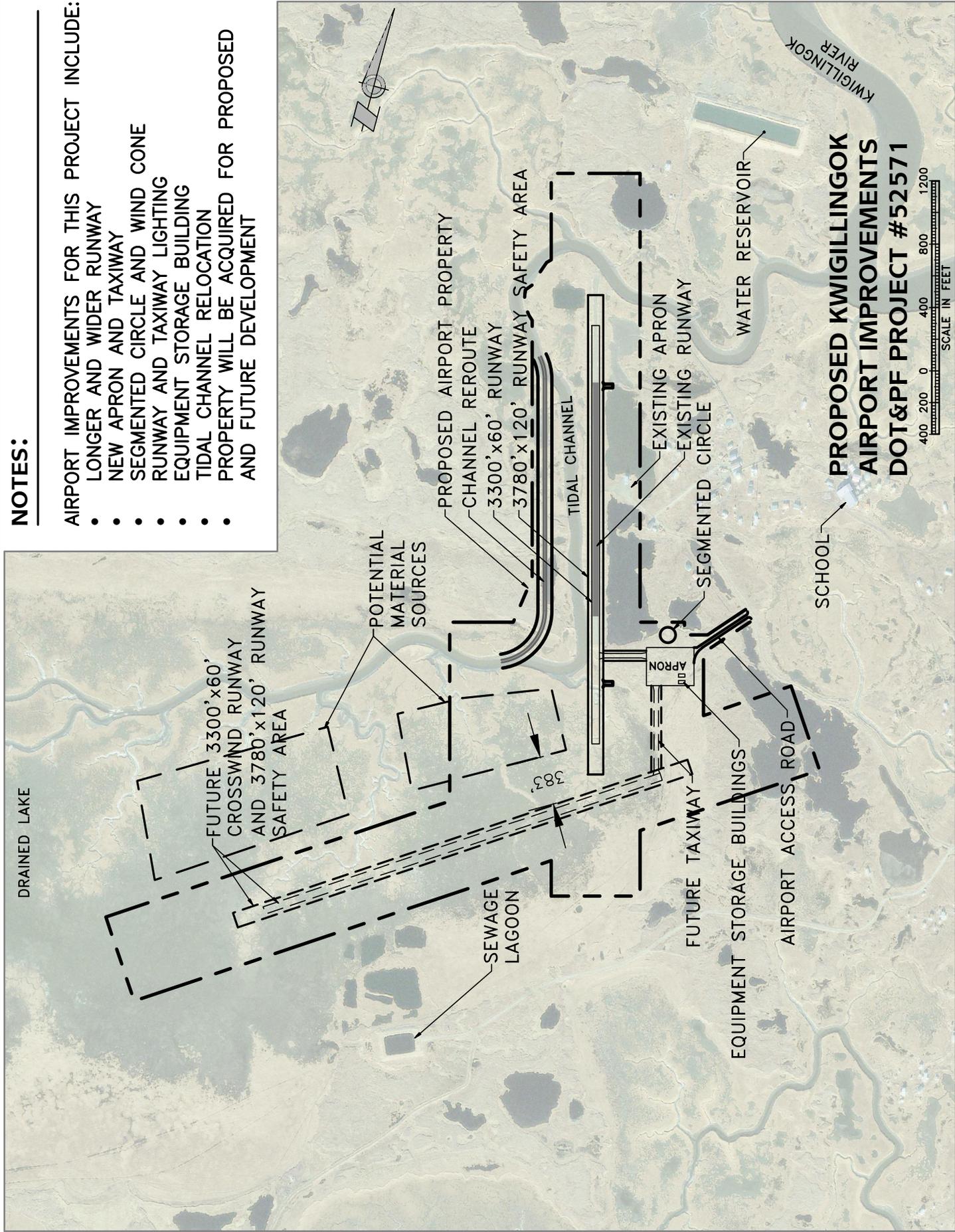
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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NOTES:

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT INCLUDE:

- LONGER AND WIDER RUNWAY
- NEW APRON AND TAXIWAY
- SEGMENTED CIRCLE AND WIND CONE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY LIGHTING
- EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING
- TIDAL CHANNEL RELOCATION
- PROPERTY WILL BE ACQUIRED FOR PROPOSED AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



**PROPOSED KWIGILLINGOK
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS
DOT&PF PROJECT #52571**



Valerie Webb

From: Ken Risse
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Valerie Webb
Subject: FW: Kwig Public Meeting Flyer
Attachments: Flyer_11y05m12d.pdf; Transmittal letter to Johnny Friend.PDF; Transmittal to Post Master at Kwig.PDF

fyi

From: Jeff Shannon
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 3:56 PM
To: sue.grundberg@alaska.gov
Cc: Ken Risse; Royce Conlon; Mike Storey
Subject: Kwig Public Meeting Flyer

Sue,

Attached is the flyer that went out to the community. A dozen color copies were sent to Johnny Friend, President of the Native Village of Kwig, and he said he would post them in conspicuous locations throughout the community. 100 black and white copies were also sent to boxholders in Kwig:

To Box Holder
Kwigillingok, Alaska 99622-0049

Let me know if you need anything else.

Jeff Shannon
Environmental Coordinator

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Title:	Postmaster	PDC # Name:	F10101 Kwigillingok Airport Improvements
Firm:	U.S. Postal Service Kwigillingok, AK 99622	Date:	May 16, 2011
RE:	Flyers for Boxholders		

We are sending you the following via: USPS

Quantity	Description
100	Community Meeting Flyers – May 2011

REMARKS:

Please distribute these flyers to the boxholders. Thank you!

SIGNED:

Ken Risse, P.E.
Project Manager

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Title:	Johnny Friend President	PDC # Name:	F10101 Kwigillingok Airport Improvements
Firm:	Native Village of Kwigillingok Kwigillingok, AK 99622	Date:	May 16, 2011
RE:	Flyers for community		

We are sending you the following via: USPS

Quantity	Description
12	Community Meeting Flyers – May 2011

REMARKS:

Please distribute these flyers throughout the community. Thank you!

SIGNED:

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KWIGILLINGOK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Project No. 52571

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For more information or to
comment on the project,
please contact:



PROJECT UPDATES

February 2013

Over the past two years, the Kwigillingok Airport Improvements project has advanced toward the design and construction of new facilities that will provide the village with a community-class airport that meets current FAA guidelines.

Community Input

In June 2011, we held a public meeting in Kwigillingok, where the community expressed support for the project and let us know about several concerns:

- Erosion by the tidal channel is gradually destroying the runway
- Medevac planes have difficulty landing during bad weather
- Runway lighting is needed
- Construction material should not be mined from alongside the future crosswind runway (side borrow)

Planned Upgrades

To address these concerns, the airport improvements will include:

- Building a longer and wider runway with safety area
- Realigning the tidal channel
- Providing runway and taxiway lighting
- Using material sources set back from the future crosswind runway
- Planning and buying land for this upgrade project and for a future crosswind runway to be built under a different project

What's Been Done?

In 2011 and 2012, we completed the following steps toward the goal of upgrading Kwigillingok's airport:

- Initial site visit and community meeting
- Field work for the design and property surveys
- Geotechnical exploration to determine soil types
- Hydrologic studies of tidal stream features
- Staff field visits to review existing airport conditions
- Draft scoping report comparing design options
- Selection of design option for environmental process
- New surface applied to existing runway

What's Next?

In 2013, we will be moving forward with the following tasks:

- Prepare the project's environmental document
- Develop the Airport Layout Plan
- Produce the detailed design package for construction
- Purchase airport property

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015, depending on the availability of federal funding. The time it takes to purchase property for the project may affect this schedule, since it could take two years or longer to buy the land.

Valerie Webb

From: Valerie Webb
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 3:47 PM
To: Carl Berger; charter@flyera.com; Coastal Villages; Dan Knesek - Director of Operations at Yute Air; David Lockard; info@aceaircargo.com; info@pbadventures.com; jmcatee@calistacorp.com; Ken Risse; Kwik Incorporated; kwkadmin@starband.net; kwktribal@yahoo.com; Matt Sullivan; Myron Naneng - Pres. Assoc. of Village Council Presidents; Patricia Walker; patrick.thurston@hageland.com; renfrosalaskanadventures@gmail.com; Representative Bob Herron; res@flygrant.com; Royce Conlon; Senator Lyman Hoffman; sstreet@avcp.org; Steve Smith; The Delta Discovery; Valerie Webb; Yute Air
Subject: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements Newsletter
Attachments: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements Newsletter.pdf.pdf

On behalf of the State of Alaska's Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Central Region, please find the attached *Kwigillingok Airport Improvements February 2013 Newsletter*.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Project Manager, Barbara Beaton, PE at Barbara.beaton@alaska.gov.

Thank you,
Valerie

Valerie Webb

Lead Environmental Analyst

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