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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This edition of my newsletter marks its first anniversary. Over the past year and four newsletters we have used this forum to push reference tools and information to you, while discussing seasonally topical subjects such as major construction projects, maintenance and operations, legislative liaisons and ongoing highway safety enhancement efforts. Through it all ran the main theme of providing useful resources, for you and your staff.

As I said in the first edition, this newsletter continues to be a work in progress. My goal was to hear from you as to what you felt valuable, and to focus future newsletter editions accordingly. To that end, I appreciate the time your staff spent with us while we conducted the recent survey. What I found out is that the most value we can provide you is in project reporting and public meeting announcements. Beginning with this newsletter edition, I will follow that lead to provide you more of what you want to know.

Following this message you'll find links to two key resources for project information: our Alaska Navigator program for the latest information about projects currently under construction and our new Project Viewer for those projects in the federal funding plan. In addition, you'll find a link to Central Region's Public Involvement Calendar for upcoming meetings and events as well as an overall project status search tool.

Have a great summer. As always, I'd like to end my message with an open invitation for you to stop by and spend some time with us. We welcome your time and appreciate any opportunity to share information.

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Project Status Information Sources

Alaska Navigator (for Projects in Construction)

The Alaska Navigator (www.AlaskaNavigator.org) continues to be refined to provide more information for those road and highway projects in active construction. Users can now access information about project duration, contractor and DOT Project Office contacts and a brief description of the completed project by clicking on the "View Project Details" tab for each project.

The Alaska 511 system is also available for travelers, either online at <http://511.alaska.gov/>, by dialing 511, following @alaska511 on Twitter or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Alaska511. The system provides statewide road condition information, including road closures, alerts to emergency incidences, and weather conditions affecting travelers.

SEWARD HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT: ROAD CONSTRUCTION through July 31.
updated 5:08 pm Jun 13, 2013

What You Need to Know

- Expect 24-hour LANE RESTRICTIONS, gravel surfaces, and flagging operations from north of Trail River Bridge to Falls Creek, between 7:00am and 7:00pm, through June.

Traffic Impacts

Throughout construction expect intermittent LANE RESTRICTIONS, flagging operations, SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC and road CLOSURES.

End Result Once Project is Complete

The Alaska Department of Transportation, in partnership with Hamilton Construction Company, is working to improve travel on the Seward Highway, from Trail River to Ptarmigan Creek. Work will include replacements of the Trail River, Falls Creek, and Ptarmigan Creek bridges, widening of the Seward Highway from milepost 22.4 to 25.4 and installation of a railroad crossing at Crown Point. We will do our best to keep you informed as work continues, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation during construction. This project is scheduled to be completed in July 2013.

More Information

Hamilton Construction Company: 288-5102
DOT: 288-2204
[Click here to sign up for weekly email updates on this project.](#)

STIP Project Viewer (for Projects Still in Preconstruction Phases)

Project Information	
Downtown Streets Reconstruction & Rehab	
Route	null
Need ID	16030
Program	CTP
Elect Dist	36
Place Name	Dillingham
Region	C
Project Profile Summary Table	

The Department's new Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Viewer allows users to search for projects in the STIP (generally consisting of those projects that are federally funded but not yet under construction) by zooming in on a map and clicking an individual project "dot" to obtain additional information. This is the Department's first effort to provide a map-based display of the current STIP projects on our website.

The STIP project viewer can be found at <http://arcgisserver.geonorth.com/adot/>

Central Region Public Involvement Calendar



It is important for you to know when a public meeting is happening – before the event, and not after. And hopefully before a constituent lets you know. It is for this purpose that our Public Involvement Calendar was created <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/calendar.shtml>.

Project Status Search Tool (for All Projects)

If a road or highway project is not currently under active construction and is not an independent stand alone project in the STIP, its status can still be found using the <http://dot.alaska.gov/projects-status/>.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Where can I go to...

- Find an Airport Layout Plan (ALP)?
- Find websites for Central Region Projects?
- Find information on the Alaska Aviation System Plan?
- Find a previous Central Region newsletter?
- Find project advertising dates, contract status/award information, or Capital projects out for bid?
- http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/airports_public_central.shtml
- http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/project_info/
- <http://www.alaskaasp.com/>
- <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/newsletter.shtml>
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/procurement/index.shtml>

Construction Activity Highlights

False Pass Airport Access Road Bridge



False Pass Airport Access Road Resurfacing and Bridge Repair

This resurfacing project will extend the life of the False Pass airport access road while improving safety, reliability, and drainage. Bridge #1536 will receive a deck replacement and a new guardrail connection while the deteriorating gabions will be replaced with new guide banks to preserve the embankment from further erosion. The project is scheduled for mid to late summer. For questions, contact the Project Manager Stephen.Frey@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0664.

Kipnuk Boardwalk Improvements

Starting this spring, 4.7 miles of new and replacement boardwalk is under construction throughout Kipnuk, a community of about 650 residents. Commonly referred to as "board-roads", the boardwalks are usually 10' wide to accommodate two-way ATV traffic. This project was awarded to Northern Construction Services, which anticipates a mid-June barge arrival of additional material and supplies. Project is to be completed by or before October 15, 2014. For questions, contact the Project Manager Laura.Paul@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0463.

H Pilings for the Kipnuk Boardwalk were installed this March.



Kodiak: Chiniak Highway Mile 23.7 Road Improvements

Improvements are being built on the Chiniak Highway. This work will realign and pave approximately 4,000 feet of Chiniak Highway to eliminate the existing switchback curve at mile 23.7. Twin Peaks Construction, based in Anchor Point, is the contractor. The project began April 7 and continues through the end of July. Construction, blasting and drilling will be from 7:00 am until 5:30 pm each day except Sundays, and Independence Day. For questions, contact the Project Manager Steven.Jochens@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0659.

King Salmon/Naknek Bridge Repairs

This ADOT&PF Maintenance and Operations bridge repair project will rehabilitate Leader Creek Bridge, King Salmon Creek Bridge, and Pauls Creek Bridge on the Alaska Peninsula Highway between Naknek and King Salmon. Four to six weeks of construction begins this August after the majority of fishing traffic is over for the season. For questions, contact the Project Manager Burrell.Nickeson@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0757.

Airport Improvements

King Salmon Airport Lighting

Work started in mid-May to complete the final shoulder paving for King Salmon's airport lighting project. All work for this project will be completed by the middle of June. For questions, contact the Project Manager Robert.Lundell@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0448.

Dillingham Airport Improvements

This project expands the existing runway safety area to meet FAA mandated standards, constructs an additional access road around the General Aviation apron north of the airport, improves drainage and adds security fencing in several new locations. The estimated completion date for this season is the end of October 2013. Additional groundwork, grading, and reinstating of the navigational equipment will be completed by October of 2014. For questions, contact the Project Manager Pat.Harvey@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0616.

Old Harbor Airport Improvements

The City of Old Harbor and ADOT&PF have partnered to permit the City to extend the airport from 2,700' to 4,700', to allow for fish haul. The City is utilizing state funds and the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program. Technical assistance, manpower and equipment is provided by the military to complete this runway extension. Drilling and blasting began in May and will continue for a 2-3 month duration. The IRT has committed to providing their services for 5 construction seasons.

ADOT&PF will also provide maintenance improvements to the existing gravel runway at Old Harbor by putting down 1,300 yards of aggregate material. Work began in May and is expected to finish by July 31.



Unalaska Airport Improvements

The final two phases of this project are currently underway with phase three a year ahead of schedule. This \$19.3M airport improvement project will rehabilitate and extend the runway, renumber the runway ends, and replace airport lighting.

The newly realigned Ballyhoo Road will receive new signage and roadway markings. Unalaska's airport will remain open throughout the season with periodic half-width closures. Construction is estimated to finish in October or early November 2013.

For questions, contact the Project Manager Alan.Drake@alaska.gov at (907) 269-0665.

Bethel Airport Pavement Rehabilitation

ADOT&PF has continued work this season rehabilitating the primary runway (1L/19R), Taxiways (A, B & D), the northern section of Taxiway C, and the eastern third of Runway 12/30.

Intermittent taxiway closures are expected during construction. June 3-16 runway 1L/19R will be half-width, and from June 16-28, runway 12/30 will be closed.

The work includes removing old pavement and replacing it with new, grooved pavement with new markings. Pavement is grooved to reduce standing water on the runway and to improve traction. For questions, contact the Project Manager Steven.Jochens@alaska.gov or (907) 269-0659.



Contractor crews apply new runway markings to Bethel runway.