

State of Alaska
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FORM
(NEPA Assignment Program Projects)



I. Project Information:

- A. Project Name: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
- B. Federal Project Number: 0131025
- C. State Project Number: Z607390000
- D. Primary/Ancillary Project Connections:

E. CE Designation: 23 CFR 771.117(c)(26)

F. List of Attachments:

Figures

Appendix A: Agency & Public Coordination

Appendix B: Supporting Documents

G. Project Scope (*Use STIP Project Description*)

Repave Bering Street from Front Street to the intersection of Greg Kruschek Ave/Little Creek Road. Project will include minimal drainage improvements, asphalt repair, improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards as required according to the Alaska Highway Preconstruction Manual, and constructing a pedestrian facility path from the existing sidewalk to the end of the project.

H. Project Purpose and Need:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in cooperation with the Alaska division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to rehabilitate Bering Street in Nome, Alaska between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, extend the service life of the roadway, and reduce maintenance needs associated with the degraded sidewalks and poor drainage along Bering Street.

This project is needed to address poor conditions along Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The road shoulders are badly deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions exist beneath the road and sidewalks, and settlement near utility service laterals (the underground connections to/from main utility lines) has occurred in some areas. In many places, the sidewalks are nearly unusable, and sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The intersection at 4th Avenue and Bering Street is a safety concern in Nome owing to the reduction in visibility from cars parked in front of Hanson's grocery store.

I. Project Description:

The proposed action would rehabilitate Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. Proposed safety improvements and road repairs would:

- Improve drainage along Bering Street from Front Street through 5th Avenue by replacing the existing curb and gutter system and replacing subbase material, where needed, to mitigate poor soil conditions
- Grade and pave side street approaches
- Replace the sidewalks and construct accessible curb ramps that are in compliance with ADA design standards
- Resurface the road

- Install curb extensions to improve safety at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Bering Street

The current configuration of the road varies between two distinct segments. In the first road section, from Front Street to 5th Avenue, the roadway has urban characteristics including existing sidewalks, curb and gutter, on-street parking, and buildings adjacent to the sidewalk. The roadway here is two 12 foot-wide driving lanes with 8 foot wide shoulders and a posted 25 mph speed limit. The shoulders and sidewalks are badly deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions, and settlement near utility service laterals. The current sidewalks and curb ramps also do not meet ADA standards. The roadway itself is in better condition than the shoulders and sidewalks due to the deeper excavation depths utilized in the original construction.

The second road section, Fifth Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue, is in much better condition and is more rural in character. It is constructed on a high embankment as it crosses Dry Creek and the surrounding wetlands. There is limited development along the road on the north side of the creek. This segment has two 12 foot-wide driving lanes and 8 foot-wide paved shoulders and a posted speed of 35 mph. There is sidewalk along the west side of the road. Small areas of raveling in the pavement are visible north of Dry Creek, but the roadway structure and sidewalk are stable.

All improvements will be limited to the existing DOT&PF right of way. In the first road section from Front Street to 5th Avenue some building components such as stairs and porches are encroaching on DOT&PF ROW and will likely need to be removed to complete the improvements. The City of Nome's utility lines are buried at depths of approximately 5 to 7 feet below the surface along the project segment between Front Street and 5th Avenue. The depth of excavation along this road section will likely be 1 to 2.5 feet under sidewalks, between 2.5 and 3.5 feet under shoulders, and up to 2.5 feet under the roadway. Poor soils will be removed and backfilled with structural fill. Drainage improvements are limited to the first road section as well and include regrading of the road surface and shoulder as well as the reconstruction of curb and gutter along the full extent of Bering Street from Front Street to 5th Avenue. Side street approaches will be paved and graded to ensure that flow can proceed along the slope from 5th Avenue to the catch basins located at Front Street. See Figure 2 for the plan and profile view of this project.

The second road section from 5th Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue will consist of removing the existing asphalt down to the base course, regrading the base course, and repaving from toe of curb to toe of curb. The existing curb ramps will be removed and new ones installed which are in compliance with ADA design standards.

The Nome Joint Utility Service (NJUS) would like to include utility line relocation with this project but currently has no funds or plans in place to do so. Since the proposed road improvement project would not otherwise impact the utility lines, NJUS would need to pay for this work and handle any and all coordination. Environmental impacts would be addressed by NJUS separately at a later date if they choose to pursue this betterment.

No material source will be offered under the project contract. Project specifications will require the contractor to furnish materials. There are adequate commercial gravel pits, available to the contractor, located near the vicinity of the project area.

II. Environmental Consequences

- For each "yes," summarize the activity evaluated and the magnitude of the impact.
- For any consequence category with an asterisk (*), additional information must be attached such as an alternatives analysis, agency coordination or consultation, avoidance measures, public notices, or mitigation statement.
- Include direct and indirect impacts in each analysis.

A. Right-of-Way Impacts

1. Additional right-of-way required. If no, skip to 2.

a. Permanent easements required.

Estimated number of parcels: _____

b. Full or partial property acquisition required.

Estimated number of full parcels: _____

N/A YES NO

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A. Right-of-Way Impacts

N/A YES NO

Estimated number of partial parcels: _____

- c. Property transfer from state or federal agency required. *If yes, list agency in No. 4 below.* ☐ ☐
- d. Business or residential relocations required. If yes, insert the number of relocations below, summarize the findings of the conceptual stage relocation study in No. 4 below and attach the conceptual stage relocation study. If no, skip to 2. ☐ ☐
- i. Number of business relocations: _____
- ii. Number of residential relocations: _____
- e. Last-resort housing required.
2. Will the project or activity have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations as defined in [E.O. 12898](#) (FHWA Order 6640.23A, June 2012)? ☐ ☒
3. The project will involve use of ANILCA land that requires an [ANILCA Title XI](#) approval. ☐ ☒
4. Summarize the right-of-way impacts, if any:

All work for this project will be done within the existing DOT right-of-way. Bering Street will be reconstructed to its existing width. There are some locations where structures such as stairways and porches have been built within the DOT right-of-way and those encroachments will be handled by DOT's ROW department. Each property owner will be contacted and informed that the ROW must be kept clear of encroachments. An encroachment permit may be applied for although there is no guarantee that all structures would be allowed to be replaced in their current locations. Each permit would be evaluated on an individual basis. See Construction Impacts for discussion of temporary construction easements.

B. Social and Cultural Impacts

YES NO

1. The project will affect neighborhoods or community cohesion. ☒ ☐
2. The project will affect travel patterns and accessibility (e.g. vehicular, commuter, bicycle, or pedestrian). ☒ ☐
3. The project will affect school boundaries, recreation areas, churches, businesses, police and fire protection, etc. ☐ ☒
4. The project will affect the elderly, handicapped, nondrivers, transit-dependent, minority and ethnic groups, or the economically disadvantaged. ☒ ☐
5. There are unresolved project issues or concerns of a federally-recognized Indian Tribe [as defined in [36 CFR 800.16\(m\)](#)]. ☐ ☒
6. Summarize the social and cultural impacts, if any:

B. Social and Cultural Impacts**YES NO**

This project does not propose any realignments or new roads that could negatively affect community cohesion. Pedestrian and bicyclist access and safety would improve with the repaving of Bering Street and its sidewalks. This would improve community cohesion by allowing people better access to their neighbors, local businesses, meeting centers, shopping and places of worship. Despite the potential construction impacts associated with this project, business owners along Bering Street have expressed their support for this "much needed project" (see public meeting comments, Appendix A). This project will improve access for pedestrians, the elderly and disabled by improving the existing sidewalks and adding ADA-accessible curb ramps. The businesses and residences along Bering Street will have improved community cohesion due to the greater ease of pedestrian movement. The roadways will be improved as well, providing a smoother driving surface. The repair of surface drainage issues along the roadway will reduce standing water and further improve conditions within the neighborhood.

One of the key concerns of the community was the pedestrian safety issue caused by insufficient/problematic parking at the Hanson's Safeway grocery store. Curb extensions installed at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Bering Street would increase pedestrian visibility and shorten the crossing distance at this intersection, increasing pedestrian safety. Sight distance would be improved for cars at this intersection as cars would be prevented from parking too close to the corners. Finally curb extensions slow traffic by reducing the perceived driving lane width which would help slow traffic in front of Hanson's store.

See Construction Impacts section for temporary traffic impacts due to roadway construction.

C. Economic Impacts**YES NO**

1. The project will have adverse economic impacts on the regional and/or local economy, such as effects on development, tax revenues and public expenditures, employment opportunities, accessibility, and retail sales. ☐ ☒
2. The project will adversely affect established businesses or business districts. ☐ ☒
3. Summarize the economic impacts, if any:

No adverse economic impacts to the community are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. Local businesses will likely benefit from road and sidewalk improvements. Pedestrian traffic will find travel along the improved sidewalks easier and the project will improve the overall look and feel of the road surface.

D. Land Use and Transportation Plans**N/A YES NO**

1. Project is consistent with land use plan(s). ☐ ☒ ☐
Identify the land use plan(s) and date Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020 (May 2012); Nome Zoning Code, Title 18 (2008)
2. Project is consistent with transportation plan(s). ☐ ☒ ☐
Identify the transportation plan(s) and date. Nome Eskimo Community Tribal Transportation Plan (2007)
3. Project would induce adverse indirect and cumulative effects on land use or transportation. *If yes, attach analysis.* ☐* ☒

D. Land Use and Transportation Plans

N/A YES NO

4. Summarize how the project is consistent or inconsistent with the land use plan(s) and transportation plan(s):

The Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation project is consistent with Nome's most current land use and transportation plans. The Nome Comprehensive Plan cites implementing drainage plans and procedures as being a high priority for improving and maintaining the transportation system in Nome. The Nome Zoning Code, Title 18, stipulates that developments in Nome should encourage the proper arrangement of streets in relation to existing and planned streets and ensure that streets facilitate safe, efficient, and pleasant walking, biking and driving. The Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) Tribal Transportation Plan (2007) promotes the proper arrangement of streets and calls for the general improvement of non-motorized vehicle trails and sidewalks in order to ensure safe, efficient, and pleasant walking, biking and driving throughout the city. The improvements provided by this project improve the drainage along Bering Street thereby improving the City's transportation system. The sidewalk and surface improvements will provide more pleasant walking and driving conditions. Finally, the curb extensions at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Bering Street will provide for increased pedestrian and driver safety. See Appendix B for relevant excerpts from the referenced plans.

Curb extensions at the corner of 4th Avenue and Bering Street would result in increased snow removal efforts. Parking would also be reduced as the extensions would prevent cars from parking too close to the corner of the intersection, although such parking locations are considered unsafe.

E. Impacts to Historic Properties

N/A YES NO

Consider the [February 2015 DOT&PF Cultural Resources Confidentiality Guidelines](#) for cultural resource attachments.

1. Does the project involve a road that is included on the "[List of Roads Treated as Eligible](#)" in the Alaska Historic Roads PA? *If yes, follow the [Interim Guidance for Addressing Alaska Historic Roads](#).* ☐ ☒
2. Does the project qualify as a Programmatic Allowance under the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement? *If yes, attach the Section 106 PA Streamlined Project Review Screening Record approved by the Regional PQI and skip to 10.* ☐* ☒
3. Date Consultation/Initiation Letters sent May 23, 2016; see Appendix A for copy of letter *Attach copies to this form.*
 - a. List consulting parties King Island Native Community, Nome Eskimo Community, King Island Native Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, City of Nome
 - b. If no letters were sent, explain why not. *Attach "Section 106 Proceed Directly to Findings Worksheet", if applicable* _____
4. Date "Finding of Effect" Letters sent 10/13/2017 *Attach copies to this form*
 - a. State "Finding of Effect" No historic properties adversely affected
 - b. State any changes to consulting parties _____
5. List responding consulting parties, comment date, and summarize:
AK SHPO responded to initiation letter on June 6, 2016. No objections to the proposed study area or level of effort conducted for identification were raised at this time. Copy of response included in Appendix A.

E. Impacts to Historic Properties

N/A YES NO

6. Are there any unresolved issues with consulting parties?

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If yes, the Section 106 process may not be complete, Statewide Cultural Resources Manager consultation is required. Attach consultation.

7. Date SHPO concurred with "Finding of Effect"
- 10/26/2017
- Attach copy to this form.

8. Is a National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible property in the Area of Potential Effect?

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9. Will there be an adverse effect on a historic property?
- If yes, attach correspondence (including response from ACHP) and signed MOA. If yes, Programmatic Categorical Exclusions (PCEs) do not apply.*

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10. Summarize any effects to historic properties. List affected sites (by AHRS number only) and any commitments or mitigative measures. Include any commitments or mitigative measures in Section V.

There are sixteen (16) Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) sites identified within or immediately adjacent to Bering Street that contain resources (buildings, structures, sites, objects) 45 years or older that received eligibility determinations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (Figure 2-2). Six of these sites were previously recorded in the AHRS database and had already received eligibility determinations. Three of the sites were determined eligible (including one listed in the NRHP) and three were determined not eligible. A reconnaissance-level survey was completed by Historic Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) in 2015. HRA documented the additional ten resources. Additionally, one previously recorded subsurface site (NOM-00158) extends throughout the project APE. Additional information can be found in the accompanying report, Historic Properties Investigations for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project (Report) (Perrin and Neely 2017) in Appendix B as well as the "Finding of Effects" Letter included in Appendix A. SHPO concurred No Historic Properties on 10/26/2017.

F. Wetland Impacts

YES NO

1. Project affects wetlands as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- If yes, complete the remainder of this section and document public and agency coordination required per E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands. If no, skip to Section G.*

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2. Are the wetlands delineated in accordance with the "
- Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Alaska Region (Version 2.0) Sept. 2007
- "?

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3. Estimated area of wetland involvement (acres): _____

4. Estimated fill quantities (cubic yards): _____

5. Estimated dredge quantities (cubic yards): _____

6. Is a USACE authorization anticipated?

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If yes, identify type:

NWP ☐ Individual ☐ General Permit ☐ Other ☐

7. Wetlands Finding Attach the following supporting documentation as appropriate:

☐ Avoidance and Minimization Checklist, and Mitigation Statement☐ Wetlands Delineation.☐ Jurisdictional Determination.☐ Copies of public and resource agency letters received in response to the request for comments.

F. Wetland Impacts

YES NO

- a. Are there practicable alternatives to the proposed construction in wetlands?
If yes, the project cannot be approved as proposed. ☐ ☒
- b. Does the project include all practicable measures to minimize harm to wetlands?
If no, the project cannot be approved as proposed. ☒ ☐
- c. Only practicable alternative: Based on the evaluation of avoidance and minimization alternatives, there are no practicable alternatives that would avoid the project's impacts on wetlands. The project includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the affected wetlands as a result of construction.
If no, the project cannot be approved as proposed. ☒ ☐

8. Summarize the wetlands impacts and mitigation, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in Section V.*

The only Waters of the U.S. within the project area include Dry Creek and the riparian area adjacent to it. This area has been mapped as part of the development of the General Wetland Permit for Nome. Bering Street crosses Dry Creek just north of 5th Avenue. This portion of Bering Street will be repaved as part of this project. The existing embankment will not be extended and as such, no impact to the adjacent wetlands will occur. See Section P for potential Construction Impacts and proposed control measures identified.

G. Water Body Involvement

N/A YES NO

1. Does the project affect the following:

- a. A water body. ☐ ☒
- b. A navigable water body as defined by USCG, (i.e. Section 9)? ☐ ☐* ☒
- c. Waters of the U.S. as defined by the USACE, Section 404? ☐ ☐* ☒
- d. Navigable Waters of the U.S. as defined by the USACE (Section 10)? ☐ ☐* ☒
- e. Fish passage across a stream frequented by salmon or other fish (i.e. [Title 16.05.841](#))? ☐ ☐ ☒
- f. A resident fish stream ([Title 16.05.841](#))? ☐ ☐ ☒
- g. A cataloged anadromous fish stream, river or lake (i.e. [Title 16.05.871](#))? ☐ ☐* ☒
- h. A designated Wild and Scenic River or land adjacent to a Wild and Scenic River? *If yes, the Regional Environmental Manager should consult with the NEPA Program Manager to determine applicability of Section 4(f).* ☐ ☐ ☒

2. Proposed water body involvement: ☒

Bridge ☐ Culvert ☐ Embankment Fill ☐ Relocation ☐
Diversion ☐ Temporary ☐ Permanent ☐ Other ☐

3. Type of stream or river habitat impacted: ☒

Spawning ☐ Rearing ☐ Pool ☐ Riffle ☐ Undercut bank ☐
Other ☐

4. Amount of fill below (cubic yards):

OHW _____ MHW _____ HTL _____

5. Summarize the water body impacts and mitigation, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

Bering Street crosses Dry Creek, an anadromous water listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalog under AWC Code 333-10-11200-2008. This project does not propose any change to this crossing other than the repaving of the roadway. No changes to the embankment or culvert are planned. Stormwater runoff from Front Street to 5th Avenue flows to two catch basins near the intersection of Bering Street and Front Street. These catch basins discharge directly to Norton Sound just southwest of this intersection. See Section P for possible construction impacts and proposed control measures.

H. Fish and Wildlife

N/A YES NO

1. Anadromous and resident fish habitat. *Any activity or project that is conducted below the ordinary high water mark of an anadromous stream, river, or lake requires a Fish Habitat Permit.*

a. Database name(s) and date(s) queried: Anadromous Waters Catalog, April 6, 2016

b. Anadromous fish habitat present in project area.

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c. Resident fish habitat present in project area

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d. Adverse effect on spawning habitat.

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e. Adverse effect on rearing habitat.

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f. Adverse effect on migration corridors.

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g. Adverse effect on subsistence species.

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2. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). *EFH includes any anadromous stream used by any of the five species of Pacific salmon for migration, spawning or rearing, as well as other coastal, nearshore and offshore areas as designated by NMFS.*

a. Database name(s) and date(s) queried: NOAA Essential Fish Habitat Mapper, April 6, 2016

b. EFH present in project area

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c. Project proposes construction in EFH. *If yes, describe EFH impacts in H.6.*

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d. Project may adversely affect EFH. *If yes, attach EFH Assessment.*

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e. Project includes conservation recommendations proposed by NMFS. *If NMFS conservation recommendations are not adopted, formal notification must be made to NMFS. Summarize the final conservation measures in H.6 and list in [Section V](#).*

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3. Wildlife Resources:

a. Project is in area of high wildlife/vehicle accidents.

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b. Project would bisect migration corridors.

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c. Project would segment habitat.

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4. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. *If yes to any below, consult with USFWS and attach documentation of consultation.*

a. Eagle data source(s) and date(s) :

b. Project visible from an eagle nesting tree?

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c. Project within 330 feet of an eagle nesting tree?

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d. Project within 660 feet of an eagle nesting tree?

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e. Will the project require blasting or other activities that produce extreme loud noises within 1/2 a mile from an active nest?

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H. Fish and Wildlife

N/A YES NO

f. Is an [eagle permit](#) required?☐* ☒5. Is the project consistent with the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#)?☒ ☐6. Summarize fish and wildlife impacts and mitigation, including timing windows, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

Bering Street crosses Dry Creek, an anadromous water listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalog under AWC Code 333-10-11200-2008. This project does not propose any change to this crossing other than the repaving of the roadway. No changes to the embankment or culvert are planned and therefore no impacts to anadromous fish habitat are anticipated as part of this project. See Section P for possible construction impacts and proposed control measures.

There are no known eagle nests in the area at this time. This was confirmed with Mike Wade, Special Agent in Charge, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Nome on December 12, 2016. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was included in the scoping process and had no comments. The project is located in an urban setting with no trees present. If any active nests are found within the primary (330 feet) or secondary (660 feet) protection zones, DOT will coordinate with the USFWS to determine an appropriate course of action. Scoping correspondence is included in Appendix A.

I. Threatened and Endangered Species (T&E)

YES NO

1. Database name(s) and date(s) queried: IPaC Trust Resource Report generated July 31, 2015; Official list of threatened and endangered species received June 6, 2016

2. Listed threatened or endangered species present in the project area.

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3. Threatened or endangered species migrate through the project area.

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4. Designated critical habitat in the project area.

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5. Proposed or Candidate species present in project area.

☐ ☒6. What is the effect determination for the project? *Select one.*

a. Project has no effect on listed or proposed T&E species or designated critical habitat.

☒b. Project is not likely to adversely affect a listed or proposed T&E species or designated critical habitat. *Informal Section 7 consultation is required. Attach consultation documentation, including concurrence from the Federal agency, to this form.*☐*c. Project is likely to adversely affect a listed or proposed T&E species or designated critical habitat. *If yes, consult the NEPA Program Manager.*☐*7. Summarize the findings of the consultation, conferencing, biological evaluation, or biological assessment and the opinion of the agency with jurisdiction, or state why no coordination was conducted. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

Scoping letters were sent to state and federal agencies including the USFWS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). USFWS had no comments on our scoping request and an official species list received June 06, 2016 showed no critical habitat within the project area. The project is within an area containing the ranges of three threatened species. These include Spectacled eider, Steller's eider and polar bear. The project however is restricted to an urbanized area in Nome which is not considered habitat for these species. Therefore no effect to listed T&E species is anticipated as part of this project. Scoping letters and responses are included in Appendix A. The IPaC Trust Resource Report and Official Species List are included in Appendix B.

J. Invasive Species

YES NO

1. Database name(s) and date(s) queried: Alaska Exotic Plants Information Clearinghouse on April 6, 2016
2. Does the project include all practicable measures to minimize the introduction or spread of invasive species, making the project consistent with [E.O. 13112](#) (Invasive Species)? *If yes, list measures in J.3.* ☒ ☐
3. Summarize invasive species impacts and minimization measures, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in Section V.*

The project is limited to the existing DOT ROW, which is currently developed. Revegetation will be limited to areas immediately adjacent to sidewalks along Bering St. Any reseeding needed as part of this project will require a native seed mix to reduce the risk of introducing invasive species.

K. Contaminated Sites

YES NO

1. Database name(s) and date(s) queried: ADEC Contaminated Sites Database on April 5, 2016
2. There are known or potentially contaminated sites within or adjacent to the existing and/or proposed ROW. *If yes, attach ADEC coordination documentation and summarize below in IV.K.4.* ☒* ☐
3. There are contaminated sites with 1,500 feet of where excavation dewatering is anticipated? *If yes, attach ADEC coordination correspondence and summarize below in IV.K.4.* ☐ ☒
4. Summarize the contaminated site impacts and mitigation, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measure in Section IV.*

The Anvil City Station is a gas station located at the intersection of Seppala Drive and Bering Street. Gasoline contaminated soil was found during the removal of three underground fuel storage tanks in 1998 (Hazard ID#24811, File Number 400.26.009). Site closure was approved in 2005 and the current status is Cleanup Complete. Excavation in this area will be limited to the top 2.5 feet of surface material and should not extend beyond the current sidewalk limits. For this reason, the potential for encountering contamination is very low. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Spill Prevention and Response was included in the Agency Scoping for this project. No response to the scoping letter was received.

L. Air Quality (Conformity)

N/A YES NO

1. The project is located in an air quality maintenance area or nonattainment area (CO or PM-10 or PM-2.5). *If yes, indicate CO ☐ or PM-10 ☐ or PM-2.5 ☐, and complete the remainder of this section. If no, skip to Section M.* ☐ ☒
2. The project is exempt from an air quality analysis per [40 CFR 93.126](#) (Table 2 and Exempt Projects). *If no, a project-level air quality conformity determination is required for CO nonattainment and maintenance areas, and a qualitative project-level analysis is required for both PM-2.5 and PM-10 nonattainment and maintenance areas.* ☒ ☐
3. The project is included in a conforming Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). ☒ ☐
 - a. List dates of FHWA/FTA conformity determination: Alaska 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, approved 11/27/2015.

L. Air Quality (Conformity)

N/A YES NO

4. Have there been a significant change in the scope or the design concept as described in the most recent conforming TIP and LRTP? *If yes, describe changes in L.8. In addition, the project must satisfy the conformity rule's requirements for projects not from a plan and TIP, or the plan and TIP must be modified to incorporate the revised project (including a new conformity analysis).* ☐ ☒
5. A CO project-level analysis was completed meeting the requirements of [Section 93.123](#) of the conformity rule. The results satisfy the requirements of [Section 93.116\(a\)](#) for all areas or [93.116\(b\)](#) for nonattainment areas. *Attach a copy of the analysis.* ☒ ☐* ☐
6. A PM-2.5 project-level air quality analysis was completed meeting the requirements of [Section 93.123](#) of the conformity rule. The results satisfy the requirements of [Section 93.116](#). *Attach a copy of the analysis.* ☒ ☐* ☐
7. A PM-10 project-level air quality analysis was completed meeting the requirements of [Section 93.123](#) of the conformity rule. The results satisfy the requirements of [Section 93.116](#). *Attach a copy of the analysis.* ☒ ☐* ☐
8. Summarize air quality impacts, mitigation, and agency coordination, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

The City of Nome is not located in an air quality maintenance or nonattainment area. The project is not expected to create an increase in traffic capacity or alter traffic flow. The completion of this project is not expected to adversely affect air quality. See Construction Impacts section for discussion of dust palliatives during construction.

M. Floodplain Impacts (23 CFR 650, Subpart A)

YES NO

1. Project encroaches into the base (100 year) flood plain in fresh or marine waters. Identify floodplain map source and date : FIRM Panel 106, map #0200690106C and Panel 44, map #0200690044C. Map revised May 3, 2010.

If yes, attach documentation of public involvement conducted per [E.O. 11988](#) and [23 CFR 650.109](#). Consult with the regional or Statewide Hydraulics/Hydrology expert and attach the required location hydraulic study developed per [23 CFR 650.111](#). Answer questions M.1.a through d.

If no, skip to M.2.

- a. Is there a longitudinal encroachment into the 100-year floodplain? ☐* ☒
- b. Is there significant encroachment as defined by [23 CFR 650.105\(q\)](#)? *If yes, attach a copy of FHWA's finding required by 23 CFR 650.115.* ☐* ☒
- c. Project encroaches into a regulatory floodway. ☐* ☒
- d. The proposed action would increase the base flood elevation one-foot or greater. ☐* ☒
2. Project conforms to local flood hazard requirements. ☒ ☐
3. Project is consistent with [E.O. 11988](#) (Floodplain Protection). *If no, the project cannot be approved as proposed.* ☒ ☐

M. Floodplain Impacts (23 CFR 650, Subpart A)

YES NO

4. Summarize floodplain impacts and mitigation, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in Section V.*

The FIRM panel referenced above shows that the existing Bering Street crossing of Dry Creek is within the base (100 year) flood plain. This is also true for a section of the intersection at Bering Street and Front Street. This project will not raise the existing profile of these areas or expand the existing road footprint within the floodplain. In the case of the Dry Creek crossing, the existing pavement will be removed and new pavement applied. At the Bering Street intersection with Front Street, excavation will occur below the current profile of the pavement and new fill material will be applied upon which a new sidewalk and street pavement will be constructed. The final elevation will match the pre-existing road surface elevation.

A flood hazard permit will not be needed. Correspondence with the Building Inspector in Nome, Greg Smith, confirmed that because the project will not affect a waterway, no permit would be needed. As Building Inspector, Greg is part of Nome's management team for compliance with FEMA's Federal Flood Insurance program. Email correspondence is included in Appendix A. Public Notice newspaper ad from 5/5/16 included in Appendix A. The Location Hydraulic Study prepared for this project as well as copies of the FIRM panels can be found in Appendix B.

N. Noise Impacts (23 CFR 772)

YES NO

1. Does the project involve any of the following? *If yes, complete N.2.*

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If no, a noise analysis is not required. Skip to section O.

- a. Construction of highway on a new location.
- b. Substantial alteration in vertical or horizontal alignment as defined in 23 CFR 772.5.
- c. An increase in the number of through lanes.
- d. Addition of an auxiliary lane (except a turn lane).
- e. Addition or relocation of interchange lanes or ramps added to a quadrant to complete an existing partial interchange.
- f. Restriping existing pavement for the purpose of adding a through-traffic lane or an auxiliary lane.
- g. Addition of a new or substantial alteration of a weigh station, rest stop, ride-share lot or toll plaza.

2. Identify below which category of land uses are adjacent: *A noise analysis is required if any lands in Categories A through E are identified, and the response to N.1 is 'yes'.*

Category A: Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.

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Category B: Residential. This includes undeveloped lands permitted for this category.

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Category C (exterior): Active sport areas, amphitheaters, auditoriums, campgrounds, cemeteries, daycare centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, parks, picnic areas, places of worship, playgrounds, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, recreation areas, Section 4(f) sites, schools, television studios, trails, and trail crossings. This includes undeveloped lands permitted for this category.

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Category D (interior): Auditoriums, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, places of worship, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, schools, and television studios.

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Category E: Hotels, motels, offices, restaurants/bars, and other developed lands, properties or activities not listed above. *This includes undeveloped lands permitted for this category.*

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3. Does the noise analysis identify a noise impact? *If yes, explain in N.4*

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4. Summarize the findings of the attached noise analysis and noise abatement worksheet, if applicable: The proposed project is adjacent to residences, businesses, churches and a park. However, the project would not result in a highway on a new location, and would result in no substantial change in horizontal or vertical alignment. There would be no change of traffic mix, vehicle capacity, or the number of through traffic lanes. No change in traffic noise is expected as a result of this project. No noise analysis or noise abatement measures are required for this project.

O. Water Quality Impacts

N/A YES NO

1. Project would involve a public or private drinking water source. *If yes, explain in O.7*

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2. Project would result in a discharge of storm water to a Water of the U.S. (per [40 CFR 230.3\(s\)](#))

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3. Project would discharge storm water into or affect an ADEC designated Impaired Waterbody. *If any of the Impaired Waterbodies have an approved or established Total Maximum Daily Load, describe project impacts in O.7*

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a. List name(s), location(s), and pollutant(s) causing impairment:

4. Estimate the acreage of ground-disturbing activities that will result from the project?
4.27 acres.

5. Is there a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) APDES permit, or will runoff be mixed with discharges from an APDES permitted industrial facility?

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a. If yes, list APDES permit number and type: _____

6. Would the project discharge storm water to a water body within a national park or state park; a national or state wildlife refuge?

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7. Summarize the water quality impacts and mitigation, if any. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

Water from the project area currently flows from 5th Avenue down to catch basins near the intersection with Front Street. These catch basins discharge to Norton Sound to the southwest. Water from the northern half of the project flows into Dry Creek. This project will not increase the surface area draining to these outlets and therefore should not result in an increase in impervious area and therefore runoff. The drainage improvements from Front Street to 5th Avenue will improve the flow of water to the catch basins at Front Street. The sidewalk improvements and paved side street approaches should eliminate sediment loads from these locations. Correspondence with ADEC confirms that a storm water plan review will not be needed for this project. This correspondence can be found in Appendix A.

P. Construction Impacts

N/A YES NO

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. There will be temporary degradation of water quality. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. There will be a temporary stream diversion. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There will be temporary degradation of air quality. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. There will be temporary delays and detours of traffic. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. There will be temporary impacts on businesses. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. There will be temporary noise impacts. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. There will be other construction impacts (e.g. TCEs/TCPs, utility relocates, staging areas, etc.). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

P. Construction Impacts

N/A YES NO

8. Summarize construction impacts and mitigation for each 'yes' above. *Include any commitments or mitigative measures in [Section V](#).*

1) Best Management Practices will be called for in the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for this project to ensure that sediment-laden runoff from the repavement work does not reach Dry Creek. An approved SWPPP is required by the Contractor prior to any construction activity in order to obtain coverage under the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Permit. This SWPPP will detail the Best Management Practices to be used to prevent polluted stormwater runoff from leaving the project area.

3) Water or a dust palliative may be used during construction to reduce air quality impacts related to airborne dust during construction.

4 & 5) Short-term impacts to vehicular traffic are expected throughout the construction phase of the project. A traffic control plan will be developed that meets all DOT&PF requirements. The traffic control plan will include provisions to provide the greatest level of access possible to existing homes and businesses as well as the churches and community centers located within the project area, while maintaining safe working conditions for construction personnel. The plan will be implemented and maintained throughout the project. Advance notice of construction activities, scheduling, and anticipated delays will be published in The Nome Nugget newspaper to reduce impacts to commuters and businesses.

No adverse short-term impacts to emergency services are anticipated. There is an active fire station at the intersection of Bering Street and 4th Avenue. The Emergency Services Department in Nome asks that they be notified:

- Of the construction schedule as soon as it is determined,
- Be given 72 hours' notice for planned road closures,
- Be notified of emergency closures as soon as possible
- Be given information regarding the movement of large machinery including date, time, and route.

Emergency services will require access to buildings and facilities along Bering Street if no adjacent access is possible.

6) When feasible, noise-generating construction activities may be limited to between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm. Equipment and vehicle staging areas will be located away from residential areas as much as practicable. Internal combustion engine driven equipment will be equipped with intake and exhaust mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment. Unnecessary idling of equipment will be limited.

7) Temporary construction easements may be needed at locations where the additional room needed to lay forms for the construction of new sidewalks extends outside the existing ROW. Best management practices will be called for to reduce the chances of construction equipment introducing invasive species.

Q. Section 4(f)/6(f)

YES NO

1. Section 4(f) ([23 CFR 774](#))

Q. Section 4(f)/6(f)**YES NO**

- a. Was detailed Section 4(f) resource identification conducted for this project, other than that required for Section 106 compliance? *If no, attach consultation with the NEPA Program Manager stating further Section 4(f) resource identification was not required.* ☒ ☐
- b. Does a Section 4(f) resource exist within the project area; or is the project adjacent to a Section 4(f) resource? *If yes, attach consultation with the NEPA Program Manager to determine applicability of Section 4(f). If no, skip to Q.2.* ☒* ☐
- c. Does an exception listed in [23 CFR 774.13](#) apply to this project? *If yes, attach consultation with the NEPA Program Manager, and documentation from the official with jurisdiction, if required.* ☐* ☒
- d. Does the project result in the "use" of a Section 4(f) property? "Use" includes a permanent incorporation of land, adverse temporary occupancy, or constructive use. *If no, attach consultation with the NEPA Program Manager and skip to Q.2.* ☐ ☒*
- e. Has a *de minimis* impact finding been prepared for the project? *If yes, attach the finding.* ☐* ☒
- f. Has a Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation been prepared for the project? *If yes, attach the evaluation.* ☐* ☒
- g. Has an Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation been prepared for the project? *If yes, attach the evaluation.* ☐* ☒

2. Section 6(f) (36 CFR 59)

- a. Were funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCFA) used for improvement to a property that will be affected by this project? ☐ ☒
- b. Is the use of the property receiving LWCFA funds a "conversion of use" per Section 6(f) of the LWCFA? *Attach the correspondence received from the ADNR 6(f) Grants Administrator.* ☐ ☒

3. Summarize Section 4(f)/6(f) involvement, if any:

The Anvil City Square is a public park managed by the City of Nome's Parks and Recreation Department. It is located on Bering Street at the intersection with Seppala Drive. The City Square contains a park, statues, and Old Saint Joseph's Catholic Church which now serves as a public meeting space. Work along Bering Street at this location is restricted to the existing ROW. No permanent impacts to the park are anticipated as part of this project and temporary construction impacts will be limited to the sidewalk in front of the park. Access to the park, Old Saint Joseph's Catholic Church and parking facilities will remain available via Division Street.

There are three sites within the project area determined as eligible for listing on the NRHP including one listed site. These are identified in Section E. NEPA Manager determined that there will not be a use/affect of the mentioned Section 4(f) protected resources on 11/17/17. Consultation with the Statewide NEPA Manager is included in Appendix B.

III. Permits and Authorizations**N/A YES NO**

1. USACE, Section 404/10 Includes Abbreviated Permit Process, Nationwide Permit, and General Permit ☐ ☒
2. Coast Guard, Section 9 ☐ ☒
3. ADF&G Fish Habitat Permit ([Title 16.05.871](#) and [Title 16.05.841](#)) ☐ ☒
4. Flood Hazard ☐ ☒

III. Permits and Authorizations	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
5. ADEC Non-domestic Wastewater Plan Approval		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. ADEC 401		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. ADEC APDES		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Noise		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Eagle Permit		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Other. If yes, list below.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Nome Excavation Permit			
City of Nome Fill Permit			

IV. Comments and Coordination	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Public/agency involvement for project. <i>Required if protected resources are involved.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Meetings. Date(s): <u>May 17, 2016</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Newspaper ads. <i>Attach certified affidavit of publication as an appendix.</i> Name of newspaper and date: <u>Nome Nugget May 5 and 12, 2016</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Alaska Online Public Notice date: <u>May 13, 2016</u>			
5. Agency scoping letters. Date sent: <u>April 21, 2016</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Agency scoping meeting. Date of meeting: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Field review. Date: <u>November 16, 2015 and May 17, 2016</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Summarize comments and coordination efforts for this project. Discuss pertinent issues raised. <i>Attach correspondence that demonstrates coordination and that there are no unresolved issues.</i> The attached Public Involvement Report (Appendix A) details the comments received during this process including concerns about pedestrian safety at the crossing near Hanson's store.			

V. Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Measures

List all environmental commitments and mitigation measures included in the project.

The Emergency Services Department in Nome will be notified:

- Of the construction schedule as soon as it is determined,
- Be given 72 hours' notice for planned road closures,
- Be notified of emergency closures as soon as possible
- Be given information regarding the movement of large machinery including date, time, and route.

Emergency services will require access to buildings and facilities along Bering Street if no adjacent access is possible.

DOT&PF will coordinate with NJUS regarding their concerns related to utility lines buried beneath Bering Street.

VI. Environmental Documentation Approval

N/A YES NO

1. Do any unusual circumstances exist, as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b)? If yes, attach consultation with the NEPA Program Manager demonstrating that a CE is appropriate.

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2. The project meets the criteria of one of the following DOT&PF Programmatic Approvals authorized in the Nov. 13, 2017 "Chief Engineer Directive – Programmatic Categorical Exclusions".

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- If yes, select the appropriate Programmatic Approval below, and the CE documentation form may be approved by the Regional Environmental Manager.
- If no, the CE documentation form must be approved by a NEPA Program Manager.

a. Programmatic Approval 1

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b. Programmatic Approval 2

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c. Programmatic Approval 3

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VII. Environmental Documentation Approval Signatures

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Date: 11-21-17

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Brett Nelson

[Print Name] Regional Environmental Manager

Non-Programmatic CE

Approval

Recommended by:

Date: _____

VII. Environmental Documentation Approval Signatures

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[Print Name] Regional Environmental Manager

Approved by:

Date: _____

[Signature] NEPA Program Manager

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Appendix A: Agency & Public Coordination

Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
AKSAS Project No. 60739/Federal Project No. 0131025

Public and Agency Involvement Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has initiated a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation project to rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in downtown Nome, Alaska for 0.6 miles between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. Currently, road shoulders are deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions, and settlement near utility service laterals (the underground connections to/from main utility lines). In many places, sidewalks are nearly unusable. Sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Small areas of raveling in the pavement are visible north of Dry Creek. The project is needed to improve drainage, mitigate poor soil conditions, improve safety, improve pedestrian amenities, reduce the need for maintenance, and resurface the road.

This public and agency involvement report presents results of public and agency scoping for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation project and other relevant background information learned during the scoping process. Records of meetings and all correspondence are appended to this document.

SCOPING METHODS

AGENCY SCOPING

On April 22, 2016, a letter was sent via email to agencies informing them of the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation project. The letter requested scoping comments and included information on the purpose and need for the project, existing site conditions, and preliminary environmental research, and the comment period end date was defined. A location and vicinity map and plan and profile view were enclosed with the letter. The letter requested written comments, recommendations, and additional information. In addition, it invited agencies to contact DOT&PF with questions.

Written and verbal agency comments were accepted by mail, email, and telephone, and the agency comment period ended on May 23, 2016.

Two agencies commented via email, and one agency commented via two letters. Agency comments received are summarized in Table 1 and included in full in Appendix A.

Table 1. Agency Scoping Comment Summary¹

Agency	Name	Comment Received
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)	Audra Brase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No concerns with this project, and a Fish Habitat permit will not be required. ADF&G should be notified if project plans change
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Robert Henszey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments on the project at this time. The CPA will provide Section 7 consultation when the project is finalized.
Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS), a component unit of the City of Nome	John Handeland (comments received in two separate letters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are additional sections of road that need to be addressed, including the east end of Front Street to Steadman Street and a small section of Seppala Drive near the Snake River Bridge. The improvements to Bering Street are appreciated. The last update to Bering street in the early 1980s included installing buried water and sewer utilities concurrently. NJUS is seeking funding from the Department of Environmental Conservation and other sources to continue efforts to remove old/failing utility equipment. Addressing utilities when upgrading East Front Street, resulted in a delayed construction start but overall cost savings for both projects. Utility improvements should be coordinated concurrently with the Bering Street Improvements in the best interests of the community, City/Utility, and State. NJUS is working towards replacing leaking, outdated buried water utilities on Bering and Front Streets. NJUS expects that improvements would likely be funded as a component of road upgrade projects; they are not currently a part of the Water Sewer Master Plan, but the Plan will be reviewed and updated during fall 2016/winter 2017. 2020 is the likely timeframe when utility upgrades could occur on Front and Bering Streets. If utility work is done approximately three years after road repairs, the public and City may be upset that it was not coordinated and that the road is torn up shortly after it was repaired. Road design and planning efforts should include overhead utility infrastructure.
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	William Ashton	A storm water plan review will not be needed for this project

¹ All of the comments, meeting summaries, and conversation logs are included in Appendix A.

PUBLIC SCOPING

An open-house-style public meeting to present the project and solicit comments from the public was held on May 17, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm at Old St. Joe's Civic Center in Nome. Meeting materials presented included the project purpose, details, schedule, and encouragement to submit comments. Display advertisements were published in the *Nome Nugget* on May 5 and May 12, 2016. Between May 11 and May 16, 50 project door hangers advertising the public meeting were hand-delivered to the owners of businesses and residents along Bering Street where the project is planned to take place. Project posters were also posted on community bulletin boards in Nome. A public notice of the meeting was posted to the Alaska State Public Notice website on May 13, 2016, noting that comments should be submitted by June 17, 2016.

More than forty-four people attended the public meeting. (Forty-four people signed in.) Comments were received verbally during the meeting, in writing during the meeting, and primarily via email before and after the meeting. Fifteen written comments were received, and a letter to the editor regarding the project was directed to Governor Bill Walker and published in the *Nome Nugget* on June 9, 2016. All written comments received are summarized in Table 2 and are included in full in Appendix B.

Table 2. Public Scoping Comment Summary

<i>Comments Regarding Need and General Support for Project</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The community supports the project. It has been needed for a long time. The project should happen in the next few years.• When will the project be constructed?• What will the project include?
<i>Comments Regarding Public Safety</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special attention should be given to sidewalks and the area around the Hanson's store (4th Avenue and Bering Street). Crossing the street is dangerous at this location.• The Bering Street and Front Street intersection is a dangerous corner that needs a stop sign and four-way stop. Accidents happen here. Recently, a fatality occurred from an accident, and in another accident, the injured person was medevaced to a hospital outside of Nome. The extreme safety concerns at this intersection include poor visibility. Others have agreed that this is the most dangerous intersection in town. The Bering Street and 4th Avenue intersection is extremely dangerous, needs a four-way stop, and accidents have occurred here resulting in an expensive medivac trip. I have tried to contact the state without receiving a response.• Attention should be given to the bus services at 5th Avenue and Steadman Street and where buses park near Munaqsriso that people are not endangered.
<i>Comments Regarding Shared Roadway Use (Bus and All-Terrain Vehicles)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a lot of four-wheeler traffic because four-wheelers cannot be driven on Bering Street, Front Street, or Twin Dragon Road and have to cut through.• When diverting traffic during construction, Steadman Road should remain open for elders and people with disabilities at Munaqsri (Senior Apartments) who walk due to a lack of transportation.

Comments Regarding Sidewalks and Public Right-of-Way (ROW)

- Stairs and other structures could be within the ROW. What is DOT&PF's approach to this?
- The sidewalks are not ADA-compliant.
- Encouraged that sidewalks will be addressed. The west side of Bering Street between 5th and Greg Kruschek Avenues has a small area of sidewalk that needs to be repaired.
- Dragline buckets should be moved to help snow removal from sidewalk.
- In winter, the sidewalks are partially plowed or not plowed at all because of power poles. Moving poles to the inside of sidewalks would make winter maintenance easier.
- Sidewalks are slick and icy during winter due to standing water that does not drain and freezes.
- Part of my (local business owner) stairs near the entrance may be in the public ROW.

Comments Regarding Parking

- There is concern about getting a parked vehicle door swiped off by a passing vehicle.
- More parking is needed near Hanson's.
- One-lane traffic with angled parking near Hanson's may be a good solution.
- No one is in favor of reducing parking lane width in order to have wider sidewalks.

Comments Regarding Utilities

- TelAlaska Inc., Nome's local phone service provider, is interested in and requests project details.

Comments Regarding Business Access

- Bering Street business owners are interested in construction timing and accessibility to businesses, especially during construction.
- If work occurs during summer especially, people will have a harder time accessing businesses.

Other Comments

- Would like to see Nome pave roads but only Bering Street.
 - Seppala Street, extending West, beginning a block North, seems to be in similarly poor shape and is hopefully going to be repaired in the future.
 - Hanson's Safeway manager would like information including whether another meeting will take place; he and half the people in town will be affected.
 - DOT&PF should consider local hires for this work.
 - Put a one-way street on the south side of Hanson's
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Agency Scoping Letter

Agency Comments Received

B. Public Scoping

Outreach Materials

Mailer Advertisement, Mailing List Recipients, and Distribution Area

Newspaper Advertisement and Newspaper Affidavit of Publication

Door Hanger Advertisement and Distribution Map in Nome, Alaska

Poster Advertisement

Public Open House Meeting

Agenda

Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Materials

Public Comments Received

Appendix A. Agency Scoping

Agency Scoping Letter

From: Erica Betts [mailto:EricaBetts@pdceng.com]

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 9:36 AM

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Subject: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project - Scoping

Dear Agency Staff Members,

Please find the attached Agency Scoping Letter for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project (Project #Z607390000/0131025/60739). If you have any problems with the attachment, please contact me.

Let me know if you would like to meet with DOT&PF regarding any comments or recommendations you may have for the project, or if you know of any issues that may arise during the permitting process. DOT&PF requests your comments be submitted by May 23, 2016. We appreciate you taking the time to review the information provided and look forward to receiving your comments.

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Project: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
Project No.: Z607390000/0131025/60739

Re: Request for scoping comments

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under Section 326 of amended Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. 326), and is soliciting comments and information on a proposed project, which would rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in Nome, Alaska, for 0.6 miles between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue.

The proposed project is located within Section 25, T. 11 S., R. 34 W.; on USGS Quad Map Nome C-1; Kateel River Meridian; in Nome, Alaska (Figure 1).

Purpose and Need

This project is needed to address the poor conditions along Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The road shoulders are badly deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions exist beneath the road and sidewalks, and settlement near utility service laterals (the underground connections to/from main utility lines) exists in some areas. In many places, the sidewalks are nearly unusable, and sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, extend the service life of the roadway, and reduce maintenance needs associated with the degraded sidewalks and poor drainage along Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. Nome's Comprehensive Plan calls street drainage one of the highest priority elements for improving and maintaining the city's transportation system.

Proposed Action

The proposed action would rehabilitate Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. Proposed safety improvements and road repairs would:

- Improve drainage
- Replace subsurface materials to mitigate poor soil conditions

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- Replace the sidewalks and construct ADA-accessible curb ramps
- Resurface the road

Existing Site Conditions or Facilities

The current configuration of the road varies between two distinct segments. In the first road section, between Front Street and 5th Avenue, Bering Street is two, 12-foot driving lanes and a posted speed of 25 miles-per-hour. In this area, the street has urban characteristics with sidewalks, curbs and a gutter, on-street parking, and buildings adjacent to the sidewalk. In the second road section, from 5th Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue, Bering Street is built on a high embankment as it crosses a creek with 12-foot driving lanes with 8-foot paved shoulders and a posted speed of 35 miles-per-hour. There is a sidewalk along the west side of the road. This area has a more rural character with little development and adjacent wetlands and a stream crossing.

Preliminary Environmental Research

The proposed project is not expected to involve any significant environmental impacts and a Categorical Exclusion document will be prepared (23 CFR 771.117). DOT&PF conducted preliminary research using the most current available data to identify environmental resources within the proposed project vicinity (attached). To ensure that all factors are considered in developing the proposed project, please provide your written comments, recommendations, and the additional requested information to our office no later than May 23, 2016.

If you have any questions on the environmental effects, please contact William Kulash, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907) 451-5292 or via email at William.kulash@alaska.gov. Questions concerning the engineering aspects of the proposed project can be directed to Albert Beck, P.E., Project Manager, at (907) 451-2276.

Sincerely,



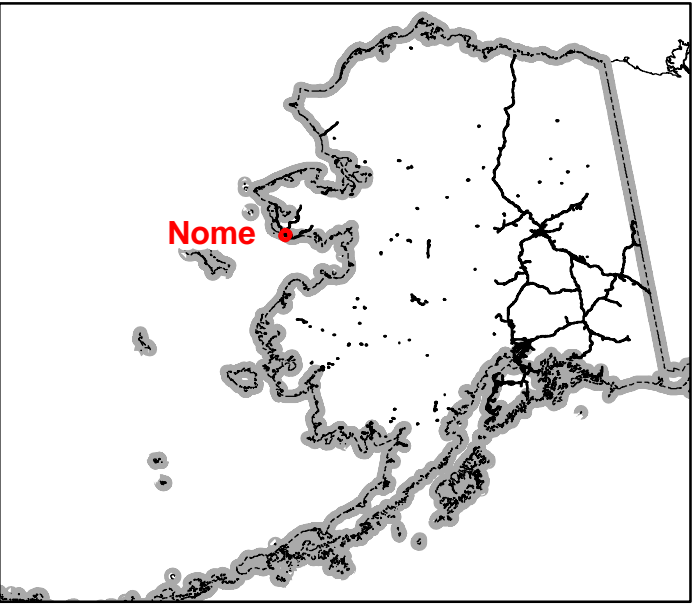
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Regional Environmental Manager

Attachments:

- Figure 1. Location and Vicinity Map
- Figure 2. Plan & Profile View
- Preliminary Environmental Research

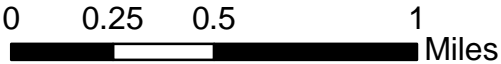
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Bering Straits Native Corporation
City of Nome
King Island Native Corporation
Nome Eskimo Community
Sitnasuak Native Corporation
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management



Legend

 Project Area




State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Northern Region		
	Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation	
	Location & Vicinity Map	
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Figure 2. Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation - Plan and Profile View

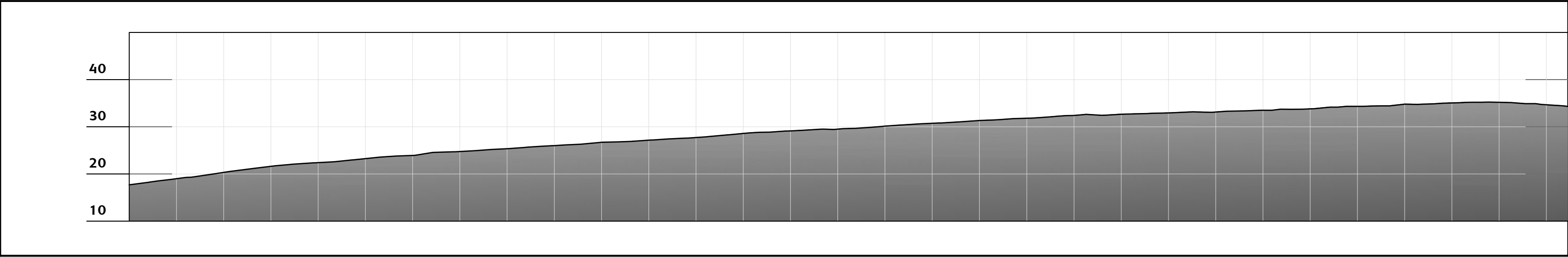
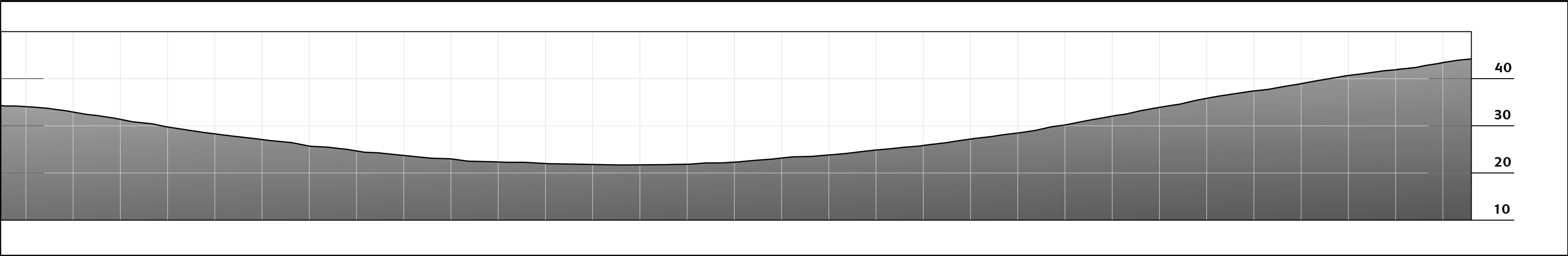


Figure 2. Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation - Plan and Profile View



Appendix A - Preliminary Research Results

Hazardous Materials, Pollution Prevention, and Solid Waste

A search of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Contaminated Sites Database found the following contaminant releases and spill sites in or near the project area.

Site Name	Address	File #	Hazard ID	Status	Distance from project area	Description
Anvil City Station	Bering St & Seppala Dr, Nome, AK 99762	400.26.009	24811	Cleanup Complete	Within project area	LUST - contaminated soils discovered during gasoline UST removal
Nome Field Site "R"/DERP/Site 3 P	Center Creek Road (near), Nome, AK 99762	400.38.011	1144	Cleanup Complete	GPS coordinates do not match address; possibly not in project area	Contaminated soil from partially empty drums containing heavy tar residue
Nome Mini Convention Center	409 River St, Nome, AK 99762	400.38.043	25447	Active	400 feet southwest of southern end of project area (Bering & Front St)	550 gallon diesel release resulting in ~15cy contaminated soil - DRO, ethylbenzene, xylene
Alaska Gold Company New Gold House	New Gold House, Nome, AK 99762	400.38.028	295	Active	350 feet northeast of project area along Dry Creek	Soil contains mercury, arsenic and methylmercury contamination from gold processing tailings.

The biggest concern related to hazardous materials involves the gas station at the corner of Seppala Drive and Bering Street. Further consultation with ADEC will be conducted to determine the extent of contamination and cleanup. Based on these results and the excavation depths/extent called for in the design, soil borings may be conducted to test for petroleum contamination. DOT&PF may also require that the Contractor develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) which outlines the means and methods for identifying and handling contaminated soil.

Historic Properties, Archeological and Cultural Resources

A cultural resources review is currently being conducted. One site, Old St. Joseph's Catholic Church at the corner of Seppala and Bering Streets, is listed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (#00000149). Two other sites have been identified for potential inclusion in the NRHP but have not been listed. Section 106 Initiation and Consultation letters will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and consulting parties.

Section 4(f)/6(f)

Anvil City Square, a public park managed by the City of Nome's Parks and Recreation Department, is located at the corner of Seppala and Bering Streets. This park hosts the annual SummerFest, held in late July, as well as many other company picnics and impromptu gatherings. No 6(f) properties are found within the project area.

State Refuges, National Wildlife Refuges, Critical Habitat Areas and Sanctuaries

A search of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Department of Wildlife Conservation website revealed that there are no state refuges, critical habitats, or sanctuaries in the proposed project vicinity. An Information, Planning, and Conservation

System (IPaC) Trust Resource Report from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service prepared for Nome on July 31, 2015 also showed no critical habitats or refuges within or near the project area.

Threatened and Endangered Species

The IPaC Trust Resource Report generated for Nome on July 31, 2015 did not identify any critical habitat for threatened or endangered species. However, the project is within an area containing the ranges of some threatened species. These species are the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fischeri*), and Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*). The project itself is located in the heart of Nome and is fully developed except for the area north of Dry Creek. Therefore it is not anticipated that the project will affect any of these species or their critical habitat.

Water Quality

The proposed project area is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the drinking water protection area delineated by ADEC's Drinking Water Protection Program. This area surrounds the Moonlight Springs wells which are the drinking water supply for Nome. This project will not impact this area.

Wetlands and Other Waters of the U.S.

Dry Creek and the adjacent riparian area are considered wetlands as delineated as part of the General Permit, GP 90-1N and GP 2006-214, discharge of fill material in wetlands of Nome, Alaska. This permit was reauthorized in 2012 and called for the inclusion of a portion of Dry Creek within the project area. The portion of Bering Street which crosses Dry Creek is anticipated to be limited to repaving as the roadway is in relatively good condition with no drainage issues. Impacts to wetlands are not anticipated.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

A search of the Wild and Scenic Rivers database on April 6, 2016 revealed there are no rivers classified as Wild and Scenic near the project area.

Essential Fish Habitat

A search of the ADF&G online Anadromous Waters Catalog found one water body in the proposed project vicinity listed as an anadromous stream. Dry Creek is intersected by Bering Street to the north of 5th Avenue. Snake River is another anadromous water located roughly 1500 feet from the intersection of Bering Street and Front Street at the southern end of the project area.

Stream Name	AWC Code	Location	Anadromous Species and Use
Dry Creek	333-10-11200-2008	Intersect Bering St. north of 5th Ave.	Rearing habitat for Coho salmon and Dolly varden
Snake River	333-10-11200	1500 feet southwest of intersection of Bering St and Front St	Spawning habitat for Pink and Sockeye salmon; Chum, Coho, Chinook, Dolly Varden, and Whitefish present

The proposed project would limit activity at the Dry Creek crossing to repavement. Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be utilized during construction to prevent any impact to Dry Creek.

Wildlife

The project will rehabilitate the existing road using the existing Right-of-Way (ROW) limits. Bering Street is within an urbanized portion of Nome except for the area north of Dry Creek. The Dry Creek crossing is home to wildlife which utilize this stream and riparian area. The proposed project will only resurface this portion of Bering Street. No wildlife impacts are anticipated.

Flood Plain and Regulatory Floodway

The proposed project is located on Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps 0200690106C, 0200690044C, and 0200690043C (reviewed July 25, 2015). The portion of Bering Street that crosses the Dry Creek riparian area is within Zone AE. The very southern portion of Bering St at the intersection of Front Street is also within Zone AE but falls just outside the project area limits. Zone AE includes areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood event.

Invasive Species

An April 6, 2014 search of the Alaska Exotic Plants Information Clearinghouse (AKEPIC) showed one identified non-native plant species occurs within the project area and one just outside the project limits. DOT&PF will comply with Executive Order 13112 which calls for the prevention, control and minimization of invasive species impacts. Ground disturbing activities are limited to the existing DOT&PF ROW and any re-vegetation will require native soil and seed.

Land Use and Transportation Plans

The proposed project is consistent with the Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020 approved May 30, 2012 which sites drainage improvements as a high priority for the City. The project is currently in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) for reconstruction under the Community Transportation Program.

Noise

The proposed project is not in a new location, would not significantly change the horizontal or vertical profile of the existing road, or increase traffic capacity. No noise related impacts are anticipated.

Air Quality

The project is not located within an air quality non-attainment area as reported by the ADEC Division of Air Quality. No air quality analysis is planned.

Right-of-Way

No ROW acquisition is planned for the proposed project. There are some instances where structures infringe upon the existing DOT&PF ROW. DOT&PF will contact the affected property owner's and develop an equitable plan for negotiating any ROW

issues.

Social and Economic

The project area is located in downtown Nome. The Nome Comprehensive Plan, Phase I 2003 contains several objectives related to improving pedestrian facilities. The damaged sidewalks force pedestrians onto the road surface. Improvements to pedestrian facilities will improve linkages between businesses and residences within Nome as well as foster tourist movement between businesses along Front St. and Bering St. Improving drainage will prolong the life of these facilities and provide a more pedestrian friendly corridor. Short-term impacts to local residents and businesses during construction will need to be addressed. Some properties have no other access besides Bering St. The project team will explore options for providing access during construction to these properties.

Permits and Authorizations

The following permits and authorizations are anticipated for this project.

- Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Construction Permit
- ADEC Section 401 Water Quality Certificate, letter of non-objection and non-domestic storm water plan review
- City of Nome Excavation/Fill Permit
- City of Nome Permit to Develop in a Floodplain Area

Agency Comments Received

Erica Betts

From: Ashton, William S (DEC) <william.ashton@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Erica Betts
Subject: RE: Nome Bering Street non-domestic storm water plan review

Hi,

Based on the information provided a storm water plan review will not be needed for this project.
Thank you for checking with the department.

William Ashton

Storm Water & Wetlands
Division of Water, Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation
555 Cordova St.
Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph 907-269-6283
William.ashton@alaska.gov

From: Erica Betts [mailto:EricaBetts@pdceng.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Ashton, William S (DEC) <william.ashton@alaska.gov>
Subject: Nome Bering Street non-domestic storm water plan review

Hello Mr. Ashton,
An agency scoping letter for this project was sent on April 21, 2016 (attached). I don't have record of a response received from your department and I was hoping to confirm whether a non-domestic storm water plan review was needed for this project. If you have any questions or need any further information to make this determination, please let me know. If I have missed a previous response I apologize in advance!
Thank you so much,

Erica Betts

Lead Environmental Analyst

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From: Brase, Audra L (DFG) <audra.brase@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Erica Betts
Cc: Scanlon, Brendan P (DFG); Ott, Alvin G (DFG)
Subject: FW: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project - Scoping
Attachments: Nome Bering St Scoping Letter.pdf

Hello Erica.

The ADF&G Division of Habitat has reviewed the attached scoping documents & consulted with the Division of Sport Fish. We have no concerns with this project and a Fish Habitat Permit will not be required since there is no work proposed in Dry Creek (333-10-11200-2008). Recommend approval.

If the project plans change to include work in Dry Creek, please let us know.

Thanks.

Audra

Audra Brase
Regional Supervisor
ADF&G Division of Habitat
Region III - Fairbanks
907-459-7282

From: Erica Betts [mailto:EricaBetts@pdceng.com]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Tmoran@nomealaska.org; Burgess, Robert A (DEC); Christian, Cindy L (DEC); Ashton, William S (DEC); Brase, Audra L (DFG); Duvall, Shina A (DNR); don.p.kuhle@usace.army.mil; Ted_Swem@fws.gov
Subject: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project - Scoping

Dear Agency Staff Members,

Please find the attached Agency Scoping Letter for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project (Project #Z607390000/0131025/60739). If you have any problems with the attachment, please contact me.

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From: Henszey, Bob <bob_henszey@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Erica Betts
Cc: Swem, Ted
Subject: Re: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project - Scoping

Hi Erica,

We've done a little shuffling in our office recently after Jewel Bennett retired from our Conservation Planning Assistance Branch (CPA). We combined CPA with our section 7 consultation (Ted's previous branch) into what we now call Planning and Consultation (PC). Ted is still available, but for routine CPA or section 7 requests, please use me as your primary contact.

For your Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project scoping request, CPA has no comments. When the project plan is finalized, we will be happy to provide a section 7 consultation.

Thanks for the early notice,
Bob

Robert J. Henszey, Ph.D.
Branch Chief
Planning and Consultation
US Fish & Wildlife Service
101 12th Avenue, Room 110
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: 907-456-0323, Fax: 907-456-0208
Bob_Henszey@fws.gov

On Fri, Apr 22, 2016 at 10:24 AM, Swem, Ted <ted_swem@fws.gov> wrote:
fyi

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From: **Erica Betts** <EricaBetts@pdceng.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 22, 2016 at 9:35 AM

Subject: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project - Scoping

To: "Tmoran@nomealaska.org" <Tmoran@nomealaska.org>, "robert.burgess@alaska.gov" <robert.burgess@alaska.gov>, "cindy.christian@alaska.gov" <cindy.christian@alaska.gov>, "william.ashton@alaska.gov" <william.ashton@alaska.gov>, "audra.braser@alaska.gov" <audra.braser@alaska.gov>, "shina.duvall@alaska.gov" <shina.duvall@alaska.gov>, "don.p.kuhle@usace.army.mil" <don.p.kuhle@usace.army.mil>, "ted_swem@fws.gov" <ted_swem@fws.gov>

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Erica Betts

From: Greg Smith <GSmith@nomealaska.org>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Erica Betts
Subject: RE: Nome Bering Street

Hi Erica,

If your project does not affect a waterway, then we don't need anything.
Thanks for your inquiry.

Warm Regards,

Greg Smith

From: Erica Betts [<mailto:EricaBetts@pdceng.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 2:48 PM
To: Greg Smith
Subject: Nome Bering Street

Hello Mr. Smith,
I am writing to inquire about the need for a flood plain permit for a road reconstruction project. We are currently providing environmental documentation and permitting for the Bering Street Rehabilitation project in Nome. Parts of Bering St are within a designated floodplain area. During a previous road project in Nome in 2008, we were informed by then Building Inspector, Pat Hahn, that Nome's flood plain permit was intended for building construction and not roads. Several years have passed since this correspondence so I wanted to verify whether a permit would be required. The project does not anticipate raising the level of the existing roadway. Any information you can provide would be appreciated.
Sincerely,

Erica Betts

Lead Environmental Analyst

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May 20, 2016

State of Alaska
Dept of Transportation & Public Facilities
Northern Region
Design & Engineering Services
Preliminary Design & Environmental Section
2301 Peger Rd
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5316

RE: Project: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
Project No.: Z607390000/0131025/60739
Scoping Comments

Thank you for the information in your April 21, 2016 letter seeking comments on the proposed project to address the poor conditions along Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The description of purpose and need well documents the deteriorated and substandard conditions of this thoroughfare, which is a main arterial in the city of Nome.

On various occasions over the past several years, we have had the opportunity to discuss the need for this project with planners and other regional office staff. There were several meetings held on an overall "Nome City Streets" project that not only included the area now envisioned for this project, but also Front Street and Seppala Drive as well. Ultimately, available funding at the time resulted in the east end of Front Street to Steadman Street being upgraded only. Later, a small section of Seppala Drive was addressed in connection with the new Snake River Bridge. These additional areas of the original scoping do still need to be addressed also, but we appreciate the Department advancing the Bering Street section through the process.

The last major upgrade to Bering Street, we believe, was done in the early 1980's. In connection with that project, ADOT also funded and installed the buried water and sewer utilities in the roadway. (At the same time the City/NJUS was concurrently installing Sclaircore utility main extensions in other areas of the community.) Subsequently, NJUS has undertaken extensive effort to remove utilidors and old/failing Sclaircore piping throughout the community. The majority of this work has been completed east of Steadman, and the next area identified for replacement is in the center section of town between Steadman and Division Streets. NJUS has been successful in rating sufficiently in the DEC Municipal Matching Grants Program to fund these replacements.

Other areas west of Division, including Bering, are still served by piping that is over 30 years old, beginning to show its age, with numerous documented failures, and will need to be systematically replaced in the coming years. NJUS will continue to seek funding through DEC's

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program, as well as search out potential other funding sources, although changed climate on both the federal and state level has significantly reduced availability and competition has become much fiercer.

When East Front Street upgrades were programmed for construction by DOT, it was determined prudent to have the buried utilities addressed in advance or concurrently, so as to not pave one year and excavate the next. It took some significant advocacy, but it was determined not detrimental to delay already planned work for a year, and NJUS was able to realign its replacement construction program to direct funding, which had been already secured for another area, having it reassigned to allow for the upgrade and replacement of the buried utilities in advance of upper road prism upgrades and paving. Through a cooperative effort, these projects were coordinated at a cost savings for both road reconstruction and utility replacement.

Relative to the water and wastewater mains in Bering Street, changes in standards and specifications over the last 30 years will need to be addressed:

- When constructed, the water and wastewater mains were in some areas laid with a 2' separation; current DEC regulations specify a separation distance of 10'.
- While good quality materials available at the time were utilized, the outer jacket of the piping material in question is HDPE; this no longer meets NJUS construction standards which were revised in the late-1990's.
- Water service shutoffs do not meet current NJUS standards. The valve cans are not sealed, exposing them to infiltration of mud and other contaminants. They are not readily accessible in winter months (a part of Arctic living), and valve boxes contained in the sidewalks have over time sunk, creating slip, trip and fall hazards.
- In the last 5-6 years, there has been observed water main failure (longitudinal cracking) and a need for additional ongoing and emergency maintenance required in the Bering corridor. While imminent failure is not predicted, the increased frequency of attention required is elevating the segment on the planning list. Nome believes the Bering Street section must be replaced within the short-term (5 years or less) planning horizon. No current funding has been identified, but will need to be sought to allow this area to be addressed.

Overall, the utilities in Bering Street have held up well. But, now that they are exceeding the 20-year anticipated design life by more than a decade, addressing buried infrastructure in concert with road rehabilitation should be coordinated to the greatest extent possible, for the continued and renewed longevity of both an upgraded road and the buried infrastructure.

We recognize the current scoping and proposed action by DOT does not proposed to address the utilities DOT buried there 30 years ago, but it is important these facilities also receive due consideration in the planning process – and that the greatest degree of cooperation and coordination, which has always been and continues to be appreciated, not be overlooked as the scoping of this project now begins.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to continuing discussions as to how the best interests of the citizens of the community, the City/Utility, and the State can be simultaneously addressed.

Sincerely,



John K. Handeland

General Manager/Chief Operating Officer

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July 4, 2013

Evan Booth
Western District Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
STATE OF ALASKA
PO Box 1048
Nome, AK 99762-1048

**RE: Condition Assessment of Utilities within
Nome City Streets (State Roads)**

Mr. Booth, Sir,

Based on our understanding that DOT may be considering doing some Nome City Streets work in the next few years, I asked our engineer and operations personnel to provide a synopsis assessing the condition of the buried water-sewer utilities in both Front and Bering Streets.

As you are aware, there have been several “digs” in these streets in the last couple of years to address water leaks in the system. (And we do appreciate your assistance in some of the patching work!) As noted in the attached, based on the frequency and increased occurrence, a renewed focus is being placed on these utility reaches. Our prior and current activities have concentrated on utilidor removal throughout the system and also the replacement of the 30 year old Sclaircore® piping system that exists within town. But, Front and Bering (and possibly even a segment of Seppala, which I have asked our folks to evaluate/comment on separately) are rapidly moving up the list to “critical”.

As noted in the attachment, the systems in these areas are also now 30 years old, having been installed by DOT in the 1983/84 timeframe when these streets went through their last major rehabilitation. So, we have gotten a pretty good service life out of them. It will be a major undertaking to replace them and coordinating with DOT’s planned work, or having it included as part of the DOT project, would make great sense. It would likely be the least inconvenient to the public. And most certainly, the utilities either need to be addressed prior to resurfacing or in conjunction therewith (not the year after, ha!).

At present, these reaches are not included in our last Water-Sewer Master Plan (“Plan”) Update, dated 2010; at that time their condition had not manifested in significant problems, and therefore, were not in our 5-year planning horizon. We use the Plan as a guide for system replacements and enhancements, and in our endeavors to seek funding assistance. We will be reviewing and updating our Plan this fall-winter, so figuring out timing and coordination with DOT work is key.

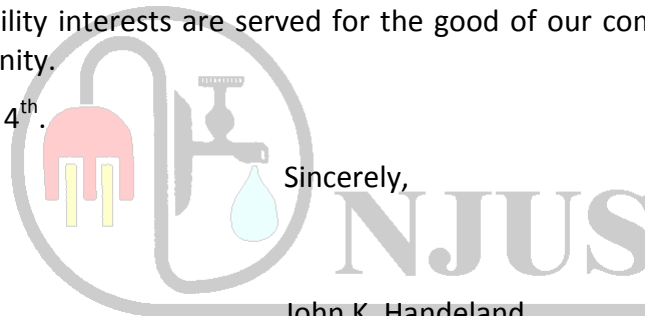
I have not been able to locate any City-Utility files from the 1983/84-era relative to how the work was ordered or funded, nor do I know if information did or still exists elsewhere. No “assets” are in NJUS financial records that reference these areas; it leads me to believe they were likely funded by DOT as part of road upgrade projects.

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In 2005, when East Front Street was slated for upgrade-repaving, NJUS was able to quickly redirect some funding identified for N Street so the utility and road work could be coordinated. DOT provided some funding to us for subsurface work they would have otherwise had to accomplish with the road work itself. We paid a price in the next couple of years, from the maintenance perspective as well as public disdain, by doing this in that it took several years to again identify and receive funding for N Street and East End. You are likely well aware of the challenges we have had there as a result of the unplanned delay. I do not know whether, being DOT put the Front-Bering utilities in originally, if they can again be included in the roads project – or if the City/NJUS needs to be working to see if we can identify other funding avenues. But, we have already conceptually (even though it is not yet in our adopted Plan) identified critical work taking us out to 2019. This, unless something catastrophic happens, means 2020 would likely be our timeframe for utility replacement in Front & Bering Streets. And that would be just 3 years after DOT did their upgrade (if, according to current plan) – which wouldn't make city and state leaders very happy; when road work is done one year and seemingly the next or shortly later, it has to be torn up and redone to address utility concerns, there are definite frowns!

I hope this information is helpful, and we trust further dialogue in the near future will insure both state and city/utility interests are served for the good of our common constituency, the citizens of this community.

I hope you had a good 4th.



Sincerely,

John K. Handeland

General Manager/Chief Operating Officer

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PS: While this review has concentrated on the currently buried utilities, planning efforts should also review overhead utility infrastructure. I know there has been concern over time (and we have had to adjust some facilities) because of conflicts with pole locations in sidewalks, etc. I don't know that burying power-communications is the answer, but it probably should be part of the planning discussion.

Attachment: CE2 Engineers Utility Assessment

cc: M. Erdman, PE, CE2 Engineers
T. Schield, NJUS

File: Water-Sewer Master Plan
Nome City Streets Utilities

Appendix B. Public Scoping

Outreach Materials

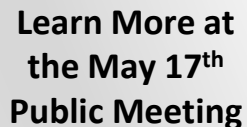
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Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has begun this project to rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in downtown Nome between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The project involves approximately 0.6 miles of roadway, and the following improvements:

- Drainage improvements
- Mitigation of poor soil conditions under the road
- Safety improvements
- Pedestrian improvements
- Roadway resurfacing improvements



*Example of road shoulder
and sidewalk deterioration.*

Project “scoping” has begun, which means we’re asking for your concerns or views on the project. Come to the public scoping meeting to learn more and share your thoughts. Your input will help ensure the project’s success.

Lunchtime Public Scoping Meeting

WHAT: LUNCHTIME Open House Public Meeting
May 17, 2016, 11:30 am-2:00 pm

It’s an open house, so **STOP BY any time**
Lunch provided

WHERE: Old St. Joe’s Civic Center
407 Bering Street, Nome

Public Comment

The DOT&PF is looking for your input. Attend the public meeting, talk with a visiting team member, or send written comment by **June 17, 2016** to:

Robin Reich, Public Involvement Coordinator
Solstice Alaska Consulting, Inc.
2607 Fairbanks Street, Suite B
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
solsticeak@solsticeak.com

Comments may be made public. Providing personal identifying information (such as a name and address) is optional.

Do you live along the roadway and/or have structures in the road right-of-way? We’d like to talk with you.
Please come to the public meeting or contact the Public Involvement Coordinator (noted above).

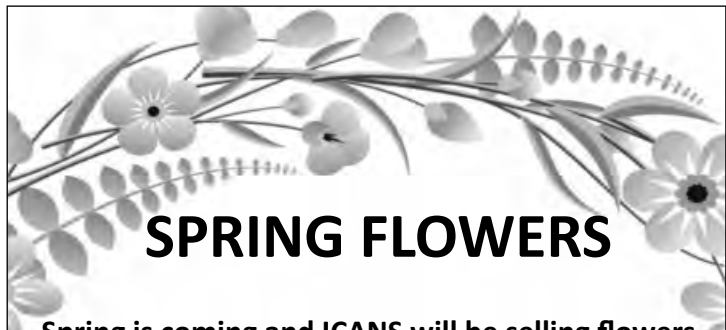
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DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Bering Strait Resource Conservation and Development	P.O. Box 1009		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Bering Straits Development Council	P.O. Box 948		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts	Gail	R.	Schubert	CEO	Bering Straits Native Corporation	P.O. Box 1008		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority	P.O. Box 995		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts	Bryant		Hammond	City Clerk	City of Nome	P.O. Box 281		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Eskimo Walrus Commission	P.O. Box 948		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Kawerak, Incorporated	500 Seppala Drive		Nome	AK	99762
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DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Nome Community Center, Incorporated	505 West 3rd Avenue		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Nome Convention and Visitors Bureau	P.O. Box 240		Nome	AK	99762
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DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Nome Police Department	P.O. Box 1230		Nome	AK	99762
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DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Norton Sound Health Corporation	P.O. Box 966		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Norton Sound Health Corporation - Behavioral Health Services	306 West 5th Avenue		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Norton Sound Regional Hospital	P.O. Box 966		Nome	AK	99762
DCCED Community/Regional Contacts					Sitnasuak Native Corporation	P.O. Box 905		Nome	AK	99762
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Nome Bering Street
mailer distribution area.





Photo by Nils Hahn
BEACH COMBING— A Nomeite walks along East Beach on April 29..



SPRING FLOWERS

Spring is coming and ICANS will be selling flowers.

ICANS the Nome Cancer Support Group will be selling geraniums and bedding plants such as pansies, petunias, violas, marigolds, calendula, lobelia and alissium this spring. Plants will arrive mid-May.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Unalakleet is requesting sealed bids for boats by the baler.

Bids must include the boat number, and bid amount with your name and phone number.

All boats are sold “AS IS/WHERE IS”. Winning bidders must move the boats at their own expense by June 30, 2016.

Boats available for bid will be numbered with Orange spray paint. Pictures will be provided on request.

Turn in sealed bids to the City Office by May 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

NOTE: “Roe Packer” boat is not available for sale.

City of Unalakleet • PO Box 28 • Unalakleet, Alaska 99684
Phone 907-624-3531 • Fax 907-624-3130

Posted 3/29/2016 City Office, Postal Service, ACCO, UNC

Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Notice of the 43rd Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Saturday, the 4th of June, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- Nome Elementary School, Nome, Alaska.


The Annual Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. Presentation of minutes of the Annual Meeting June 6, 2015 and 2016 Special Meeting of Shareholders Minutes, January 7, 2016
2. Management Reports
3. Electing three (3) Directors for terms of three (3) years each
4. Voting on the eight proposals discussed in the proxy statement
5. Other matters raised by shareholders will be discussed

Registration for shareholders will be open at the Nome Elementary School from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on June 4, 2016.

Shareholders who cannot attend the meeting are requested to return a proxy. Only those proxies that are received at the office of the Election Judge or the Election Judge deposit boxes located at the Sitnasuak Native Corporation offices in Nome or Anchorage, Alaska on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 will be voted.

All valid proxies postmarked on or before May 21, 2016 are eligible for Early Bird Prizes. All valid proxies received on or before June 1, 2016 will be eligible for Proxy Prizes. Shareholders in attendance and present at the annual meeting are eligible for in-person door prizes.



Please contact Dave Evans for more information at **387-1220** or **info@snc.org** **www.snc.org**

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if we give in to our sinful desires. We need to know that someone will pray for our restoration if we’ve failed.

Failure in the Christian life is a very real possibility. Christians struggle with broken marriages, porn addictions, body image lies, eating disorders, greed and all of the other things non-Christians struggle with. There are big, ugly sins that have taken root in our lives, and our only hope of healing and wholeness comes through God and his community that embodies the ministry of Jesus. In fact, because we’ve taken a public stand for Jesus Christ through our baptism, our witness, and our love, we will be a special target of the enemy’s attacks and temptations.

If the church is how Jesus continues to work among us, then we need to be connected to a community of believers who can bring his healing work and apply it to the places where we’re broken.

When we’re joined to a community of believers, we can find people who support us and pray for us, who give us a hug when we need it and lovingly let us know if we start heading off in the wrong direction. We pray healing prayers for others, and they in turn pray healing prayers for us when we need them.

Isn’t it amazing that we come together every week with all our flaws and problems, but God chooses to use us to heal and bless one another? When we gather together in Christian community, we have an opportunity to be touched by the very hands and words of Jesus.

See you Sunday.



NOTICE OF INTENT

Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation

Project No.: Z607390000/0131025/60739

May 2016

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The goal of the project is to improve the badly deteriorated condition of Bering Street due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions, and settlement and to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards. The project would improve drainage; replace subsurface materials to mitigate poor soil conditions; improve safety via improved pedestrian facilities and signage; replace sidewalks and construct ADA-accessible curb ramps; and resurface the road.

Lunchtime Public Open House Scoping Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Hours: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm (stop by any time)
Location: Old St. Joe’s Civic Center
Address: 407 Bering Street, Nome

Come to the public scoping meeting to learn more and share your thoughts. The DOT&PF also requests information and comments on resources in the project area that may be affected including historic properties, archaeological sites, wetlands, and floodplains. The following executive orders (EOs) apply: EO 11990, Notice of Wetland Involvement; EO 12989, Environmental Justice; EO 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment; EO 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 13112, Invasive Species.


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Draft Arctic Shield 2016 Environmental Assessment for United States Coast Guard Arctic Operations and Training Exercises

The U.S. Coast Guard proposes to conduct operations and training exercises in the Arctic region in summer of 2016. These activities would provide an air, surface, and shore-side U.S. Coast Guard presence in the Arctic to meet U.S. Coast Guard mission requirements. The U.S. Coast Guard has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that evaluates a Preferred Alternative and the No Action Alternative, and provides information on possible effects on the natural and human environment from U.S. Coast Guard activities in the Arctic region in summer 2016. The Draft EA is available for review online at <http://www.uscg.mil/D17>, or copies may be requested from Mark Ridgway, U.S. Coast Guard, Civil Engineering Unit Juneau, P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, Alaska, 99802-5517, by phone at 907-463-2407, or by email to mark.s.ridgway@uscg.mil. Comments on the Draft EA should be submitted to Mark Ridgway in writing or via email by May 13, 2016.



Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
Anchorage Marriott Downtown, 820 West 7th Avenue

Voting shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director’s seats open for election are requested to send a **LETTER OF INTENT**, including current address, telephone number and a **RESUME** listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT- all letters of intent and resume must be postmarked by June 16, 2016

Publisher's Affidavit

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

State Of Alaska

Second Division

SS:

Mary Straub, being first duly
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That I am and was at all times herein this affidavit mentioned,

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May 5 and 12, 2016

Mary Straub

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this

17 day of May, 2016



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Mary & Mary Anne

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 13



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Improvements to Bering Street are planned!

BERING STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

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Old St. Joe's Civic Center
407 Bering Street
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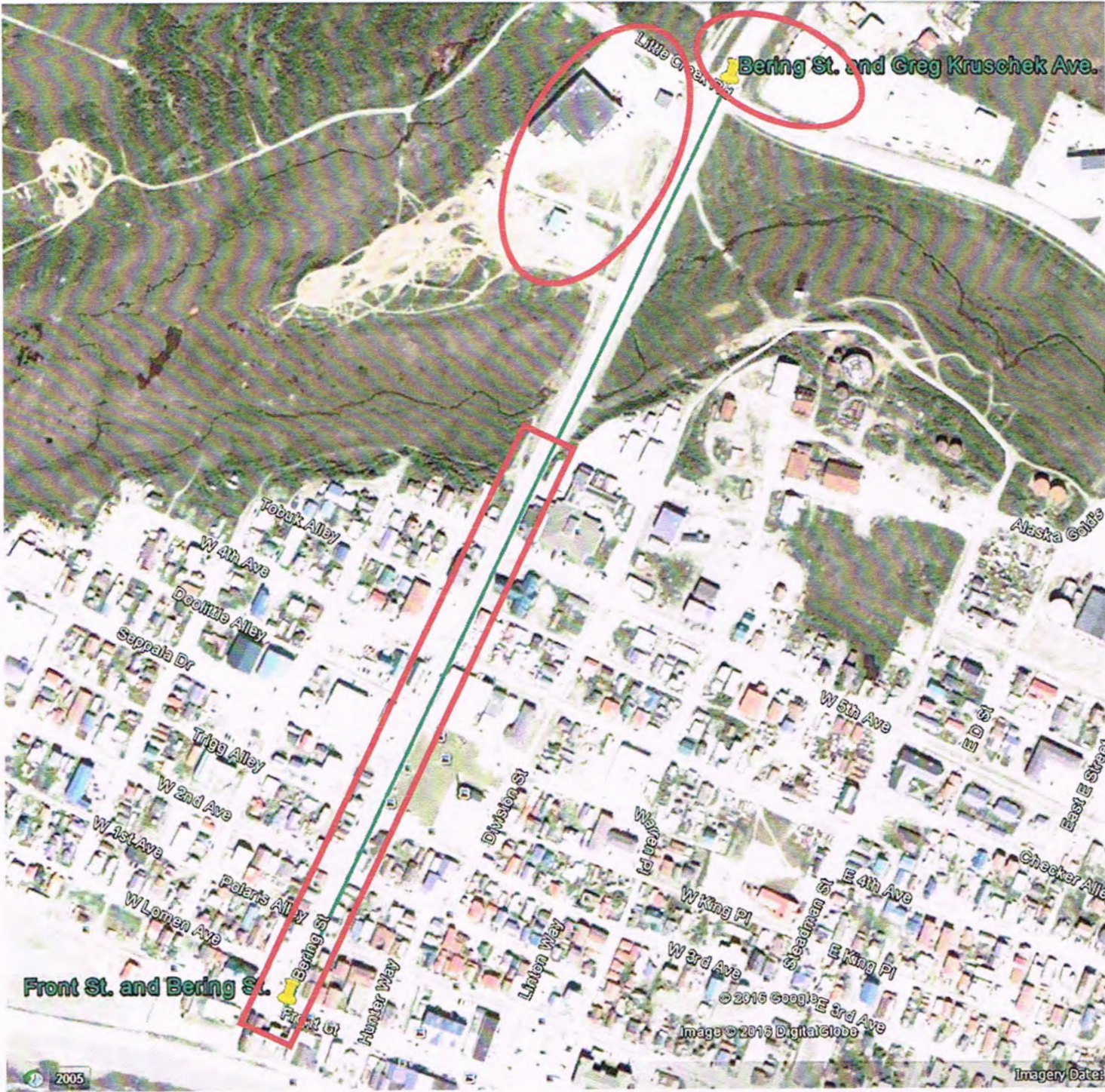


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Door hangers were distributed on homes and businesses on both sides of Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue.



BERING STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT OPEN HOUSE



WHAT: LUNCHTIME Open House
Public Meeting

It's an open house, so
STOP BY any time.

Lunch is provided

WHEN: May 17, 2016
11:30 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE: Old St. Joe's Civic Center
407 Bering Street



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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Public Open House Meeting

Agenda

Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Materials

Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

(Project #60739/0131025)

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Meeting Agenda and Overview

Meeting Purpose

- To provide an overview of the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project including the needs and challenges that the project will address, preliminary design, and project schedule
- To gather input from community members



Meeting Format

- **Open House Hours:** 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
 - Please sign in and then visit the information stations (see detail below) in this lobby

Open House Stations

- **Station #1: Welcome and Sign In**
- **Station #2: Project Purpose**
 - Learn about the project purpose for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation project, and learn about:
 - Needs that will be addressed
 - Considerations that have necessitated the project
- **Station #3: Project Details**
 - View the project location along Bering Street and learn about the proposed work to be completed
 - Review a cross-section of the proposed improvements to learn about project impacts
- **Station #4: Project Schedule**
 - Review the proposed project schedule and learn about key project milestones
- **Station #5: Comments**
 - Your written comment is an important part of the process. Fill out a comment sheet or take one to submit later

Thank you for your time and participation!

Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

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Thank you for your attendance today. Please sign in (legible print is appreciated)!

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Project Purpose

Rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street from Front Street to Greg Kruschek Avenue.

NEED



Inadequate drainage



Side street approaches not paved



Sidewalk damage



Curb ramps do not meet ADA standards



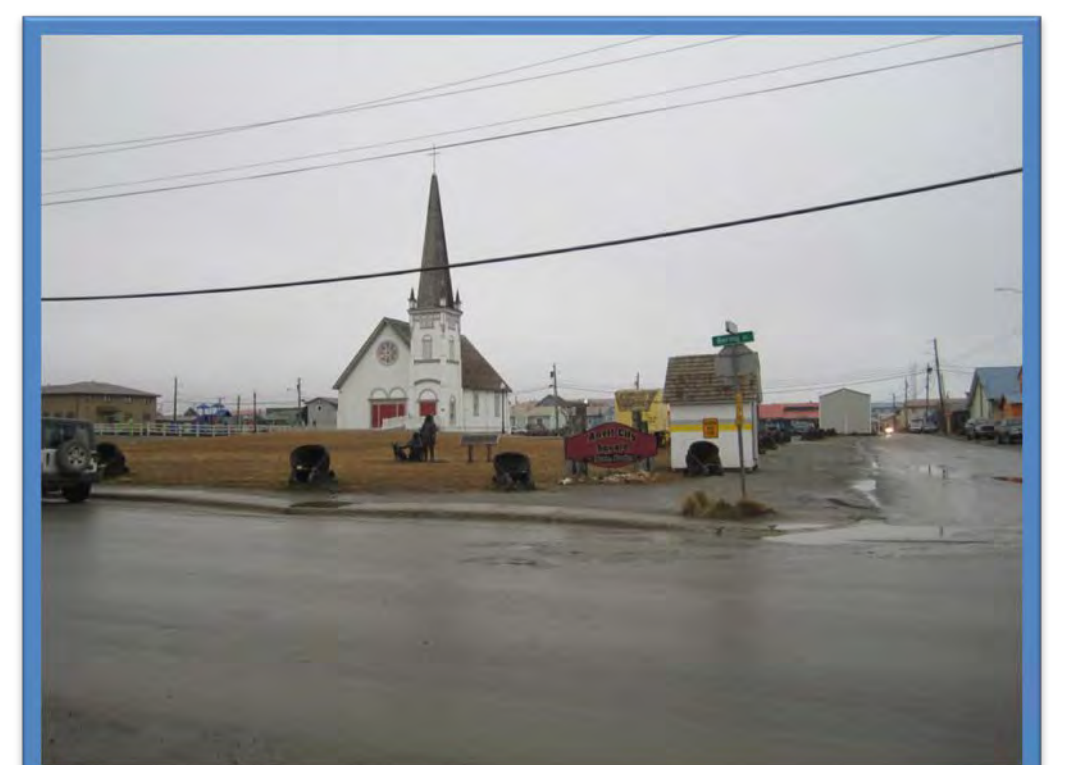
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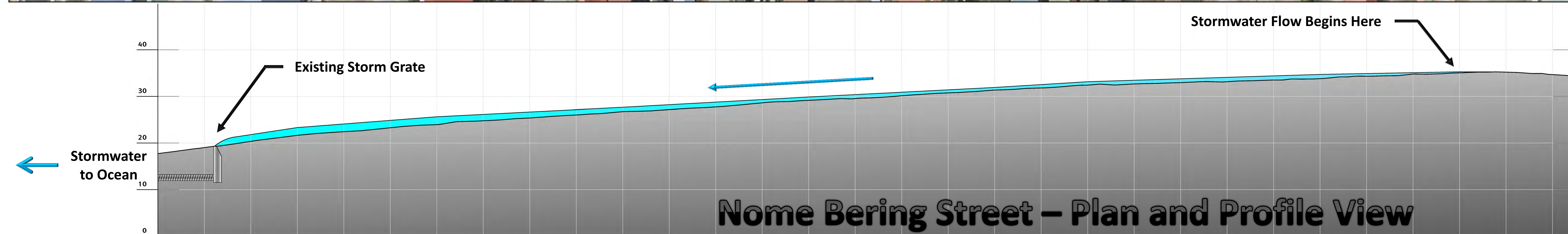


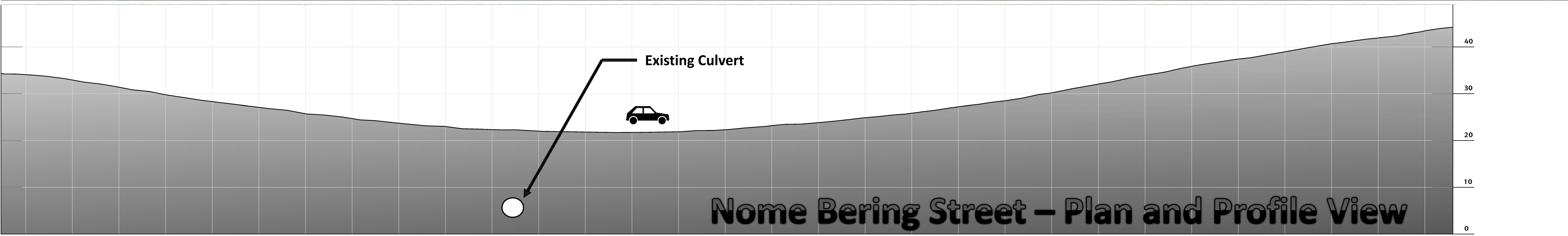
Parking & safety near Hanson's

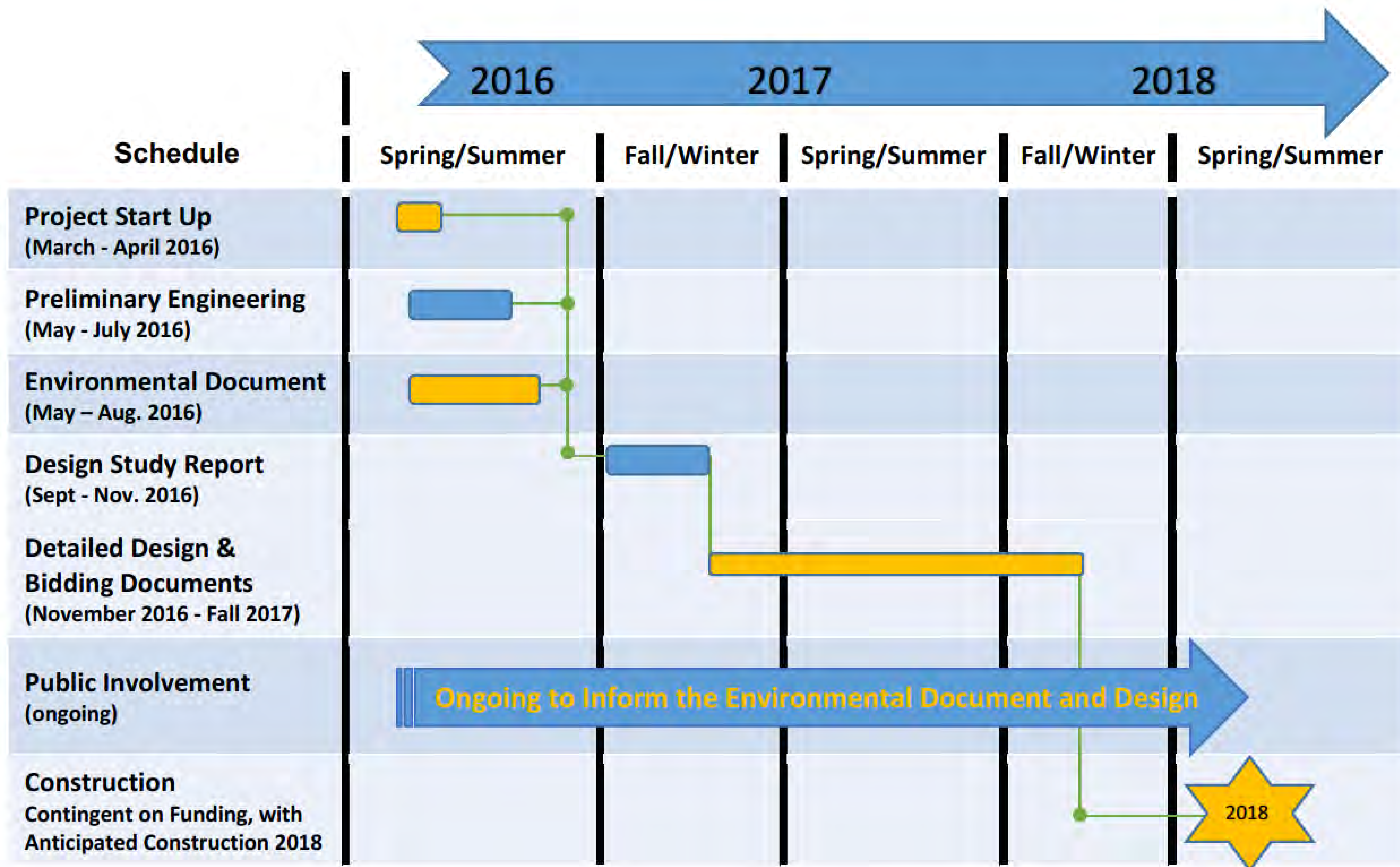
CONSIDERATIONS

- Right of Way encroachments
- Construction timing and impacts
- Business access impacts
- Environmental limitations
- Cultural resources









Base Typical Section (Front to 5th)

- ⇒ Replace pavement and sidewalks while maintaining existing widths
 - 20-foot lanes that accommodate parking (8 feet) and traffic (12 feet)
 - 4-foot concrete sidewalk; no change to back of sidewalk location
- ⇒ Approximately 20 inches of excavation to replace frost susceptible soils
- ⇒ Little to no utility impacts
- ⇒ Meets **minimum** ADA requirements for sidewalk width
- ⇒ Requires excavation close to existing structures

Typical Section (5th to Greg Kruschek)

- ⇒ Pavement replacement only
 - Existing sidewalk and curb & gutter to remain

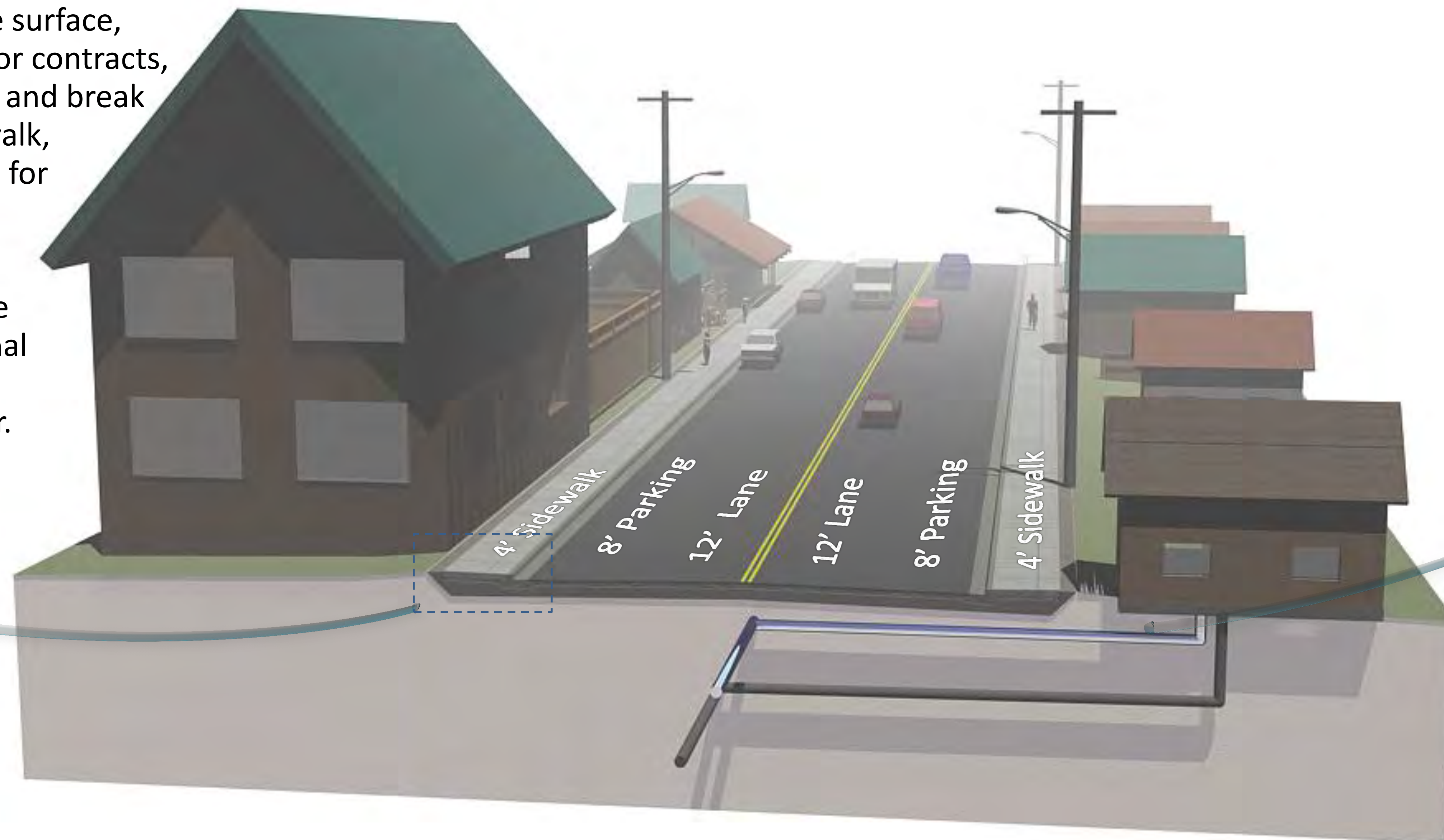
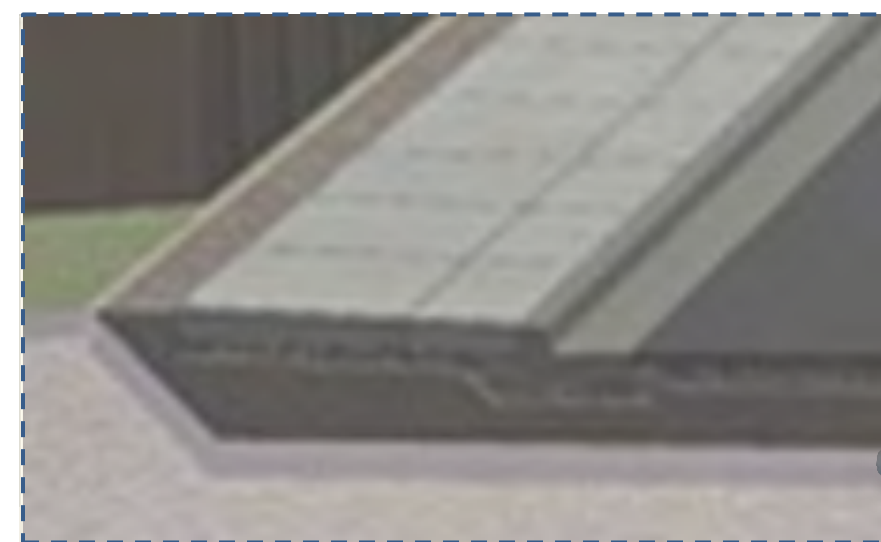
Optional Typical Section

- ⇒ Replace existing pavement and sidewalks but **modify** existing widths
 - Keep the 12' traffic lanes, **reduce parking lane** to 6 feet (total parking width equivalent to 7.5 feet counting the gutter pan)
 - **6-foot concrete sidewalk**. No change to back of sidewalk location.
- ⇒ Meets **desirable** ADA requirements for sidewalk width

Asphalt or Concrete Sidewalk?

Concrete – Smooth, durable surface, but the soil below expands or contracts, over time it is likely to crack and break much like the existing sidewalk, creating the same problems for pedestrians.

Asphalt – A bit more flexible and able to adjust to seasonal changes in the soil, but the surface will wear out sooner.



Impacts to Utilities?

This project will have minimal impact to underground utilities, since almost all are located below project excavation limits.

PROPOSED ROADWAY



Public Comments Received

Subject: Nome Bering St rehabilitation DOT project question

From: Mark Groeschel <MGroeschel@TelAlaska.com>

To: "solsticeak@solsticeak.com" <solsticeak@solsticeak.com>

Fri, 13 May 2016 23:04:01 +0000

Hi Robin and Solstice Alaska Consulting,

My names Mark Groeschel with TelAlaska Inc. We are the local phone service provider up in Nome and we saw the public scoping meeting notice for Bering St there in Nome. Just curious if you guys may have any details that you could send over via email, or if you may have anything available online at a website. We will most likely have one of our local agents attend the meeting in Nome, but it would also be helpful if there are any other details we could receive here as well. Thanks for the help.

Mark Groeschel

TelAlaska, Inc.

OSP Engineer

m_groeschel@telalaska.com

907-550-1678

Subject: Comment- Bering Street - Nome

From: Adam Lust <adamlust@gmail.com>

To: solsticeak@solsticeak.com

Fri, 13 May 2016 13:28:07 -0800

Hi,

Just got a layer in the mail and wanted to say I support the rehabilitating project of Nome's Bering Street. This project has been needed for a very long time and hopefully it can occur sometime in the next few years. There sidewalks are presently not ADA compliant. Special attention should be given around the Safeway store (4th and Bering), crossing the street is very dangerous at this location.

Adam Lust
PO Box 629
Nome, AK 99762

Your Comments

Please share your thoughts and ideas below regarding information presented at this meeting (challenges, solutions, alternatives, advantages or disadvantages of alternatives) or the project in general. Place this sheet in the comment box or submit your thoughts later (by June 17, 2016, please) to the address below.



Name (optional):

KIM NEWSOME

Address (optional):

NOME

a one way street on south side of Hagens?
there are a lot of 4 wheelers that use that
Because NO Driving on Bering street with 4 wheelers
or Front street or twin Dragon Road. They Have
to cut throw.

Your Comments

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Name (optional):

Wilfred Anowlic

Address (optional):

P.O. Box 2162 Nome, AK. 99762

It's good to be on open house.
at least something is being
done on Bering Street.
I'm just glad to be part
of opening house
to learn about the project.
like to see Nome pave roads
but only Bering Street.
Thank you all.
Wilfred Anowlic

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Name (optional):

Melissa Ford

Address (optional):

Box 1052 Nome AK

Glad to see sidewalks addressed!

Please note west side Bering St.
between 5th and Kruckeck has
small area of sidewalk
needs repaired.

Local Hire Please!

Your Comments

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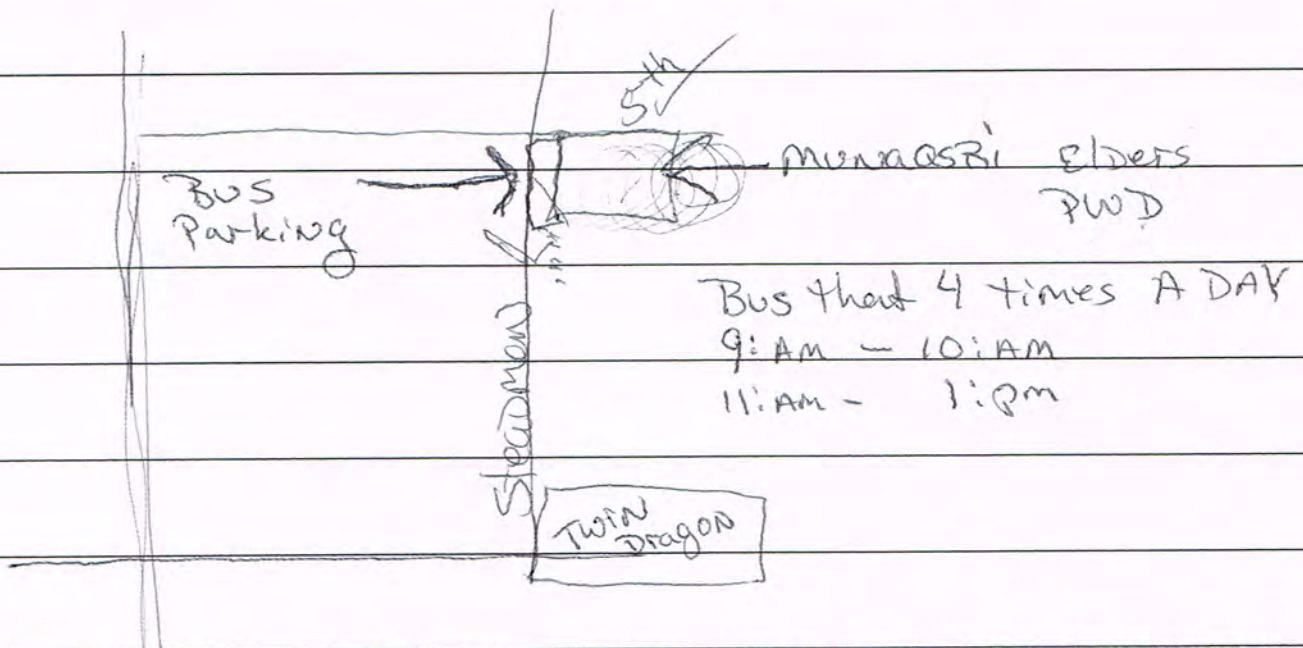
Name (optional):

Denise Gilroy

Address (optional):

Front Street (101)

I would recommend when diverting traffic think about excluding "STEADMAN" we have Elders and People with Disabilities at Munasri whom walk due to no transportation. PLEASE Don't Endanger our "Elders or PWD".



Please provide your comment today or send written comment (by June 17, 2016, please) to Robin Reich, Public Involvement Coordinator, Solstice Alaska Consulting, Inc., 2607 Fairbanks Street, Suite B, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or via email to solsticeak@solsticeak.com.

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Name (optional): _____

Address (optional): _____

MAKE SURE THOSE BUCKETS MOVE MORE
OUT OF THE WAY TO REMOVE SNOW
FROM SIDEWALK.

Your Comments

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Name (optional):

M. Hahn

Address (optional):

NOME

This looks like a wonderful project.

In winter the sidewalks are partially plowed or not plowed at all because of power poles.

Moving the poles to the inside of the sidewalk would make winter maintenance easier.

Subject: public comment

From: Store 1835 c90 - Store Manager <S1835C90@safeway.com>

To: "solsticeak@solsticeak.com" <solsticeak@solsticeak.com>

Fri, 20 May 2016 22:10:12 +0000

Robin,

I just received the notice concerning the Bering Street rehab project and the meeting has already taken place. I am the manager of Hanson's Safeway on the street being talked about. Can you send me the most up to date information you have? Will there be another meeting? I will be affected by the changes and half the people in town will be as well. I would appreciate any information.

Thanks

Tim Motis - Store Director
1835 Nome, AK
907.387.1600 Phone
907.387.1618 Fax

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Subject: Comment: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

From: Erica Pryzmont <ericajjd@hotmail.com>

To: "solsticeak@solsticeak.com" <solsticeak@solsticeak.com>

Sun, 5 Jun 2016 13:04:31 -0800

WHO : Greetings from 308 Bering Street

From Erica Pryzmont, chef-owner of restaurant, Pingo Bakery-Seafood House in Nome.

My husband Phillip Pryzmont and I own a historic turn of the 20th century house at 308 Bering Street that is our restaurant.

REQUEST: Please keep us informed on WHEN this work will be done and HOW & HOW LONG it is expected to impact us. THANK YOU.

COMMENT & IMPACTS: I am glad to hear this much needed work is being planned. I imagine that the work will probably be done at the height of a summer and will mean people will have a harder time accessing my restaurant while the work is going on. My front entrance is right on Bering near the corner of 3rd Ave, across from Anvil City Square.

It is lucky that the Bering Street sidewalk and street in front 308 Bering is pretty flat and level, but I am well aware of the general extremely poor condition of the sidewalks and street on Bering between Front Street and 5th Ave, (not to mention Seppalla Street, extending West, beginning a block North, which seems to be in similarly poor shape and hopefully is up for repair in the future some year soon).

Erica and Phil Pryzmont
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ericajjd@hotmail.com
PO Box 994
Nome AK 99762

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Letter mailed to Gov. and for Letters to the Editor.

Governor Bill Walker
Office of the Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska, 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker

The reason I'm writing this letter is: That we need your help Gov-

ernor. I met you while you we're here in Nome on several of your trips here. And so I know you are pretty familiar with our town.

I live on 4th Avenue and Bering Street and from my kitchen window which faces this intersection beside Hanson's Grocery Store, this intersection has become increasingly more dangerous; it has always been so. With the large

increase of motor vehicles it has become ever so increasingly more dangerous. At times I see people,

children and elders standing there for a long time trying to cross Bering Street, let alone Children heading to the school bus stop, let alone those going to the grocery store, Old St. Joes and the Children's Play Park. Only a few cars do slow down or stop, but the majority do not. Both a child and a lady have been hit at this intersection, on the State Highway in front of Hanson's. Just last fall a lady was hit and had to be medivaced to Anchorage. That Medivac trip would have easily covered the cost

of a couple of stop Signs or a Flashing Red light at this intersection. We need a 4-way stop at this intersection on 4th and Bering Street.

When I first started this endeavor, I called the Commissioner's Office of Patrick Kemp and was passed on to Steve Patters office, then to Pam Golden which I was told was in charge of Traffic and Safety. I have called that office many times and always left messages for a return call but so far have had no response.

So Governor this is why I'm

writing to you for help. We desperately need a 4-way stop at this intersection.

Please can you do something, let's not wait until someone gets killed or seriously injured again! Needless to say once again the cost of which would be far more expensive than the cure!

Thank-you for your serious attention to this matter.

Erna S. Rasmussen
Nome, AK 99762-0002

Section 4(f) Consultation – Z607390000/0131025 Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to rehabilitate Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue in Nome, Alaska. Proposed work would include:

- Improve drainage along Bering Street from Front Street through 5th Avenue by replacing the existing curb and gutter system and replacing subbase material, where needed, to mitigate poor soil conditions
- Grade and pave side street approaches
- Replace the sidewalks and construct accessible curb ramps that are in compliance with ADA design standards
- Resurface the road
- Install curb extensions to improve safety at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Bering Street

We are consulting with you, in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Environmental Procedures Manual, to determine if the proposed project would result in the use of any adjacent Section 4(f) resources, described below. We believe the proposed project would not result in a permanent incorporation, adverse temporary occupancy, or constructive use of a 4(f) resource and are requesting your concurrence.

Section 4(f) Resources

Four 4(f) properties are found adjacent to the project.

The **Old St. Joseph's Catholic Church** (NOM-00040) dates from 1901 and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2000. Eligible under Criteria A, B, C, and Considerations A and B (Religious and Moved Property), Old St Joseph's Catholic Church is one of a few remaining early buildings in the city of Nome. At the time of its construction in 1901 it was one of the large, dominating buildings in the community. For a number of years, the lighted cross topping the church's spire was an important landmark for travelers. The building is the only one remaining of the early Society of Jesus (Jesuit) mission in Nome. It is associated with Bellarmine Lafortune, J.J., who spent over forty years working with the region's Native people. The Nome mission was the focus for the Jesuits' work in the Seward Peninsula region. The Roman Catholic Church sold the building in 1945. Moved to a new location and restored, the church is once again a dominant building in town and a landmark for travelers entering Nome.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (NOM-00169) dates from 1958, and was determined eligible for the NRHP for its distinctive architectural characteristics. Based on the Alaska Heritage Research Survey (AHRS) card, it is eligible under Criteria C for its reflection of Modern Movement architecture.

The SHPO determined the 1950 **Nagozruk House** (NOM-00171) eligible under NRHP Criterion B for an association with Arthur Nagozruk Sr. for association with Arthur Nagozruk, Sr's charitable work in Nome, particularly his establishment of a receiving home for out-of-town elders visiting the hospital.

The Adjacent Section 4(f) resource is the **Anvil City Square park**. Anvil City Square park is located at Division Street and Third Avenue. It is bordered by Bering Street to its west and can be accessed from Bering Street. Anvil City Square is an approximately 1.9 acre open green space in the heart of Nome. It features statues with local historical significance including bronze statues, an 18-foot high gold pan, an umiak display, and dredge buckets. It also features a playground focused for children ages 2 through 12 years old. Anvil City Square houses Old St. Joe's hall, the 1901-built and oldest standing building in Nome, significant for its age, architecture, and role it played during Nome's early history. The property is used for recreation and community gatherings. The City of Nome Department of Parks and Recreation oversees the management of this park. It is open year-round with pedestrian and vehicle access.

Section 4(f) Applicability and Constructive Use Conditions

- Permanent Incorporation: The proposed project would not require the acquisition of additional ROW or incorporation of land from a 4(f) resource into a transportation facility.
- Temporary Occupancy: The proposed work would occur within DOT&PF ROW, there will be no temporary occupancy of any adjacent 4(f) resource.
- Constructive Use: The proposed project was evaluated against the five situations listed in 23 CFR 774.15(e)(1-5) to determine whether it would meet any of the five situations that constitute a constructive use:
 - *Noise Interference*: The proposed project would not increase capacity or make other substantial changes to the existing roadway that would result in an increase in traffic noise. There may be a temporary increase in noise levels during construction, but that will not impact the designated use of any 4(f) resource.
 - *Aesthetic Impairment*: All work would remain consistent with the existing characteristics and would not change the aesthetic features or attributes of any adjacent 4(f) resource.
 - *Access Restriction*: The proposed project would not result in a restriction of access that would substantially diminish the value of any Section 4(f) resources. Access to any 4(f) resource would remain open throughout project construction.
 - *Vibration Impact*: During construction, the proposed project has the potential to cause temporary vibration impacts from equipment use; however, due to the nature of proposed work, equipment is not expected to remain in any portion of the project area for an extended period of time. As such, the proposed project would not involve extensive periods of vibration during construction that could substantially impair any 4(f) resource.
 - *Ecological Intrusion*: The proposed project would be limited to the existing DOT&PF ROW in the areas adjacent to the Section 4(f) resource. All work would remain consistent with the existing characteristics. No wildlife or waterfowl refuges are located adjacent to the proposed project area.

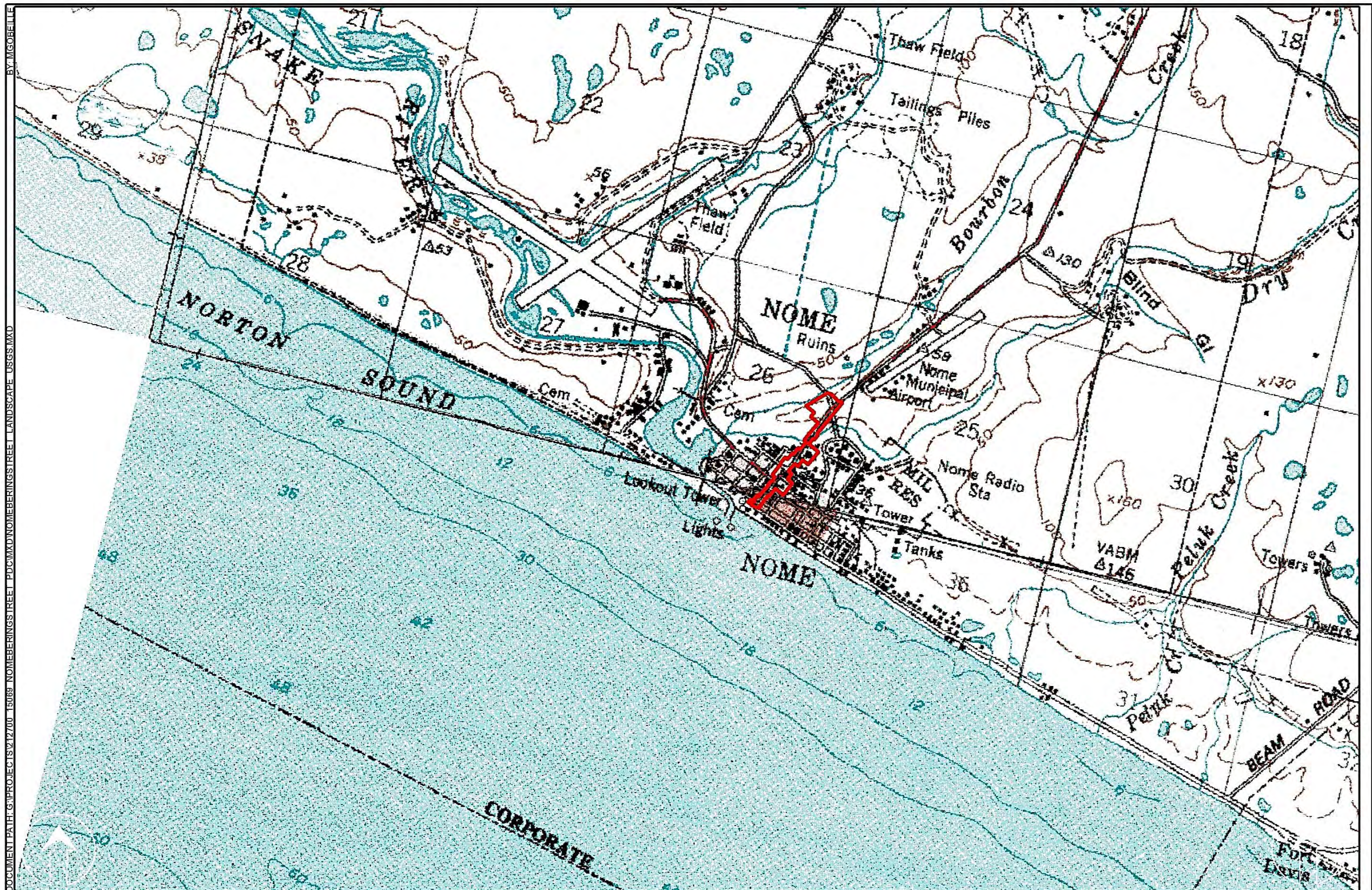
Furthermore, DOT&PF found that the project would have no adverse effect to historic properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; SHPO concurred with that finding on October 26, 2017 (SHPO concurrence attached).

Attachments:

Figure 1-1: Project Location & Vicinity Map

Figure 2-1: 4(f) Resource Map

SHPO findings/concurrence



 Bering Street Study Area

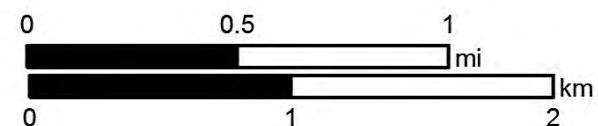


FIGURE 1-1: NOME BERING STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT
GENERAL OVERVIEW

Basemap Imagery:
USGS Quads
B-1, C-1, C-2





From: [Sumner, Amy L \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Nelson, Brett D \(DOT\)](#)
Cc: [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#)
Subject: SEO Sect 4f determination FW: 60739 Nome Bering St Rehab
Date: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:18:51 PM
Attachments: [4\(f\)Consultation-NomeBeringSt.pdf](#)
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Brett,

4(f) Applicability Determination

Based on the information provided in the attached, I agree that the **Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation (#60739)** project will not use/affect the following Section 4(f) protected resources:

- Old St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- Nagozruk House
- Anvil City Square park

For the historic properties, this is based on my understanding that the consultation under 23 CFR 800.5 (Section 106) resulted in a finding that the project activities will not adversely affect the historic qualities of the historic properties.

"The proposed project will not use this Section 4(f) property. DOT&PF has determined that Section 4(f) does not apply."

Please ensure a copy of this email is placed in the project file.

Thank you,

Amy

Amy L. Sumner
NEPA Program Manager
Statewide Environmental Office
Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities
907-465-2985

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017 and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF

From: Nelson, Brett D (DOT)

Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 4:19 PM

To: Sumner, Amy L (DOT) <amy.sumner@alaska.gov>

Cc: Jensen, Melissa L (DOT) <melissa.jensen@alaska.gov>; Nelson, Brett D (DOT) <brett.nelson@alaska.gov>

Subject: 60739 Nome Bering St Rehab

Hi Amy,

Can you please review the attached Section 4(f) applicability for the Nome Bering St Rehab project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brett



Brett Nelson

Northern Region Environmental Manager

Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

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Section 106 Consultation



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In Reply Refer To:
Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
Z607390000/0131025
Consultation Initiation

May 23, 2016

Ms. Judith Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer
Alaska Office of History and Archaeology
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1310
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3565

Dear Ms. Bittner:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. § 326, and is proposing to rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in Nome, Alaska, for 0.6 miles between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue (Figure 1). The proposed project area is located within Sections 35 and 26, Township 11 South, Range 34 West; USGS Quad Map Nome C-1; Kateel River Meridian; the south end of the project terminates at approximately 64.49818° North Latitude and -165.41093° West Longitude, and the north end terminates at approximately 64.50548° North Latitude and -165.40391° West Longitude (datum NAD 83).

Consultation is being conducted in accordance with the 2014 *Programmatic Agreement...for the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Alaska*. For purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act, the DOT&PF, acting as a Federal agency, is initiating this consultation with you to assist us in identifying historic properties that may be affected by the proposed project.

The project consists of rehabilitating and extending the service life of Bering Street in Nome, Alaska. The roadway has urban characteristics from Front Street to 5th Avenue; this segment including existing sidewalks, curb and gutter, on-street parking, and buildings adjacent to the sidewalk. The road consists of two, 12-foot-wide driving lanes with 8-foot wide shoulders that are badly deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions, and settlement near

utility service laterals. The existing sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The project segment from 5th Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue is in better condition and is more rural in character. It is constructed on a high embankment as it crosses Dry Creek and the surrounding wetlands. There is limited development along the road on the north side of the creek. This segment has two 12-foot-wide driving lanes and 8-foot-wide paved shoulders. There is a sidewalk along the west side of the road. Small areas of raveling in the pavement are visible north of Dry Creek, but the roadway structure and sidewalk are in stable condition.

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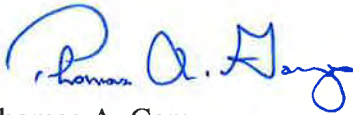
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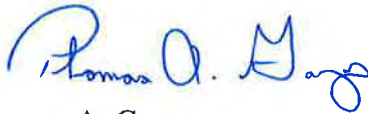
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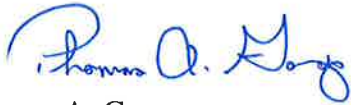
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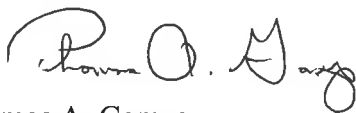
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3565

Dear Ms. Bittner:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. § 326, and is proposing to rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in Nome, Alaska, for 0.6 miles between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue (Figure 1-1). The proposed project area is located within Sections 35; 26, Township 011 South, Range 034 West; USGS Quad Map Nome B-1; C-1; Kateel River Meridian.

Consultation for this project is being conducted in accordance with the 2014 *Programmatic Agreement... for the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Alaska*. The DOT&PF finds no adverse effect on historic properties by the proposed project activities pursuant to 36 CFR §800.5(b), implementing regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This submission provides documentation in support of this finding, as required at 36 CFR §800.11(e).

Project Description

The project consists of improving infrastructure and sidewalks within the existing DOT&PF right-of-way (ROW) along Bering Street in Nome, Alaska. This will include repaving the roadway and reconstructing the existing sidewalks and the associated curb and gutter system. Much of the project area is badly deteriorated, and current sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The APE includes the existing DOT&PF ROW along Bering Street from Front Street to Greg Kruschek Avenue and extends 50 to 300 feet from the ROW to encompass the first tier of city lots that directly adjoin Bering Street (Figure 2-1). The APE reflects the limited anticipated effects, both direct and indirect, from the construction activities associated with this project. Of particular concern is the impact to buildings with existing encroachments to the ROW.

Identification Efforts

There are sixteen (16) Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) sites identified within or immediately adjacent to Bering Street that contain resources (buildings, structures, sites, objects) 45 years or older that received eligibility determinations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (Figure 2-2). Six of these sites were previously recorded in the AHRS database and had already received eligibility determinations. Three of the sites were determined eligible (including one listed in the NRHP) and three were determined not eligible. A reconnaissance-level survey was completed by Historic Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) in 2015. HRA documented the additional ten resources. Additionally, one previously recorded subsurface site (NOM-00158) extends throughout the project APE.

Additional information can be found in the accompanying report, *Historic Properties Investigations for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project (Report)* (Perrin and Neely 2017) and in Table 1 below:

Table 1: AHRS Sites located within the Project APE and consultant's recommendation

AHRS #	Name	Construction Date	Address	NRHP Status
NOM-00040	Old Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	1901 (moved in 1995)	407 Bering St.	NRHP Listed 3/8/2000
NOM-00152	Norton Sound Regional Hospital	1948	306 W Fifth Ave.	Determined Not Eligible 12/15/2015
NOM-00158	Nome Subsurface	n/a	n/a	No Determination
NOM-00169	Our Saviors Lutheran Church	1958	507 Bering St.	Determined Eligible 10/23/2009
NOM-00170	Parson House	1940 (est.)	508 Bering St.	Determined Not Eligible 10/23/2009
NOM-00171	Nagozruk House	1950	306 W Fifth Ave. (recorded as 400 West Fifth Ave.)	Determined Eligible 10/23/2009
NOM-00198	Hanson Trading Company	1970s–1980s	415 Bering St. & 307 W Fourth Ave.	Determined Not Eligible 3/8/2010
NOM-00273	Polaris Hotel	1940	202 Bering St.	Recommended ineligible at RLS
NOM-00274	N/A	1930	207 Bering St.	Recommended ineligible, irretrievable loss of integrity
NOM-00275*	N/A	1930	209 Bering St.	Recommended eligible under Criterion C by consultant
NOM-00276	N/A	1960	210 Bering St.	Recommended ineligible at RLS

NOM-00277	N/A	1930	300 and 302 Bering St.	Recommended ineligible, irretrievable loss of integrity
NOM-00278	N/A	1966	301 Bering St.	Recommended ineligible at RLS
NOM-00279*	N/A	1930	304 Bering St.	Recommended eligible under Criterion C by consultant
NOM-00280*	N/A	1930	306 Bering St.	Recommended eligible under Criterion C by consultant
NOM-00281*	N/A	1935	314 West First Ave.	Recommended eligible under Criterion C by consultant
NOM-00282	N/A	1940	400 West First Ave.	Recommended ineligible, irretrievable loss of integrity

*Indicates the buildings that the consultant recommended as eligible and that the DOT&PF disagreed with the finding and prepared separate eligibility determinates as attached Appendix A.

Under the Alaska Historic Roads Programmatic Agreement Interim Guidance, a group of Alaska roads has been identified which are being treated as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Bering Street is not one of the roads.

Determinations of Eligibility

The DOT&PF disagrees with the consultant's recommendations that four of the ten newly identified properties are potentially eligible for the NRHP under Criteria C and has provided re-evaluations of the four properties in the attached Appendix A. All other assessment by the consultant the DOT&PF agrees with and each properties evaluation can be found in the attached Report.

Finding of Effect

There are no indirect visual impacts anticipated. The architectural qualities that contribute to each of the buildings found to be eligible for the NRHP will not be impacted by the proposed project. Bering St. is already paved, has curbs and sidewalks (in places), and is a mixed zoning area characterized by a blend of modern commercial and residential building styles.

The project has considered the potential for indirect effects on buildings caused by vibrations during construction. The majority of the buildings adjacent to the immediate construction are post and pad foundations which minimizes the possibility of adversely affecting the stability. During design, DOT&PF will confirm the existence of post and pad foundations for the identified eligible properties. If such foundations are not present, recommendations to reduce vibration impacts will be included in the construction plans.

An indirect effect of permafrost thawing adjacent to the immediate subsurface excavation that may create foundation stabilization issues has also been considered. DOT&PF will ensure that road design does not threaten the stability of adjacent structures. Further geotechnical investigations are planned which will provide greater detail on the subsurface conditions within the project area. Adjustments may be made to the design based on the recommendations from

these investigations. For example, requirements for time limits on exposed ground in areas with near-surface permafrost may be included if necessary to ensure structural stability.

Provided the environmental commitments described above are instituted, the DOT&PF has concluded that a **no historic properties adversely affected** determination is appropriate for this project and seeks concurrence with this finding from the Alaska SHPO.

Consultation

Initiation of Consultation letters were sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on May 23, 2016. Consulting parties included King Island Native Community, Nome Eskimo Community, King Island Native Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, and the City of Nome. A response from the SHPO received June 6, 2016 identified no objections to the proposed study area or level of effort conducted for identification at that time. No other responses were received.

Please direct your concurrence or comments to me at the address above, by telephone at 907-451-5293, or by e-mail at thomas.gamza@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



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State of Alaska DOT&PF Northern Region

Enclosures:

- Figure 1-1. Project Vicinity and Location
- Figure 2-1. Area of Potential Effect (APE)
- Figure 2-2. AHRs Sites within or adjacent to the APE

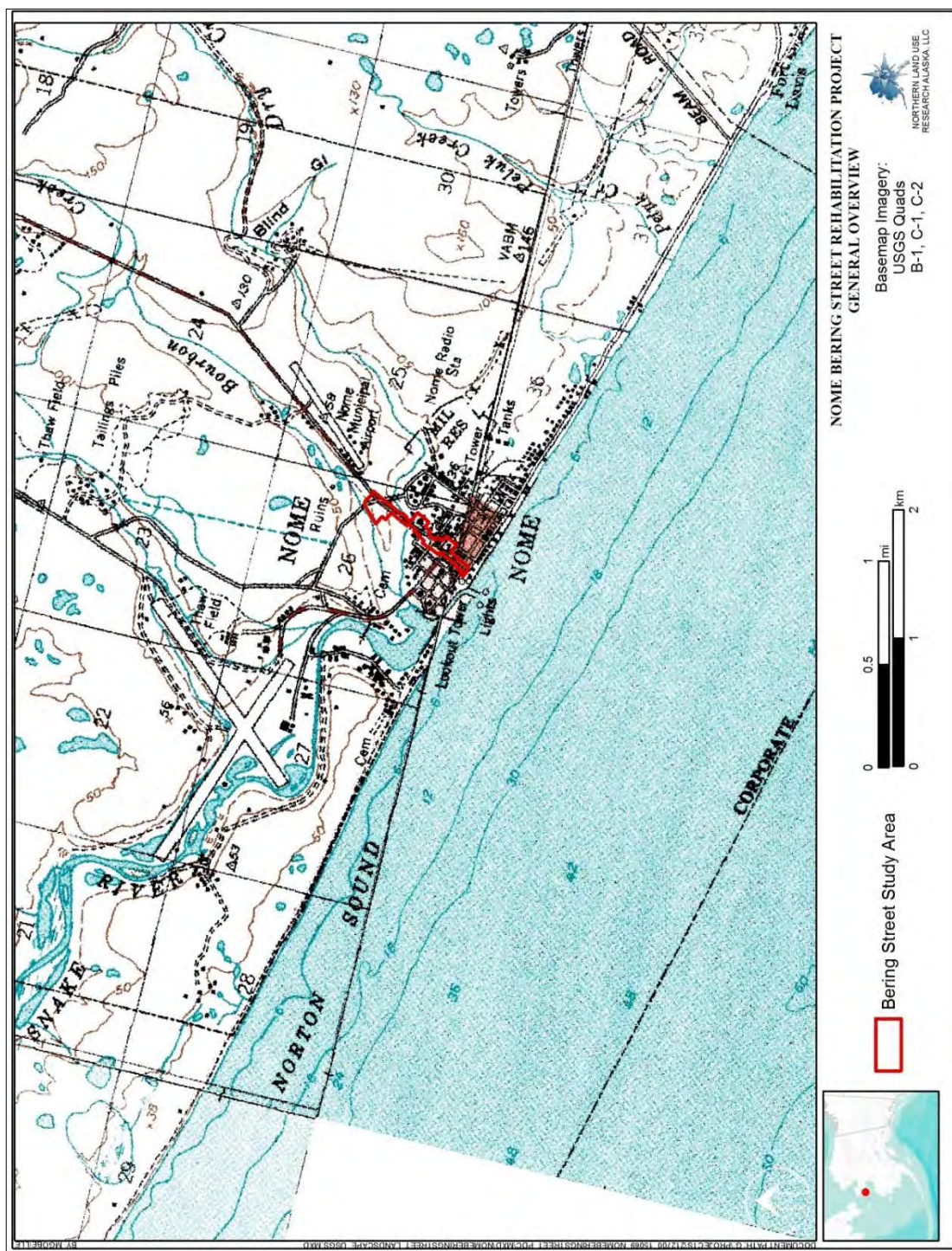
Report:

OHA Coversheet & Report- *Historic Properties Investigations for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project, July 2017*

Appendix A. Re-evaluations of four structures for the NRHP

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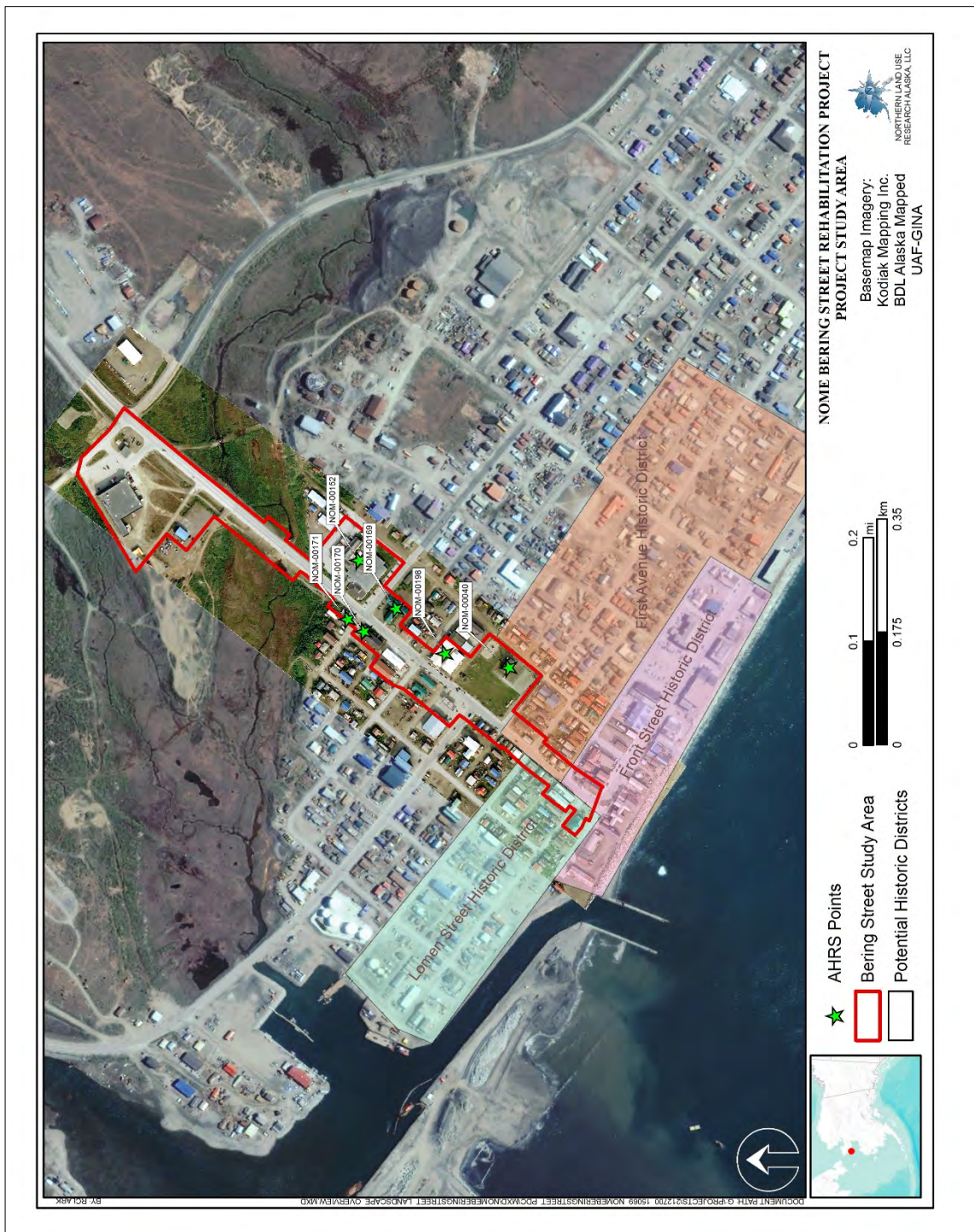


Figure 2-1. Aerial overview of Bering St. preliminary APE with AHRS sites and potential historic districts as proposed in Meinhardt et al. 2012 and Gillette 2008. Image courtesy of NLURA.

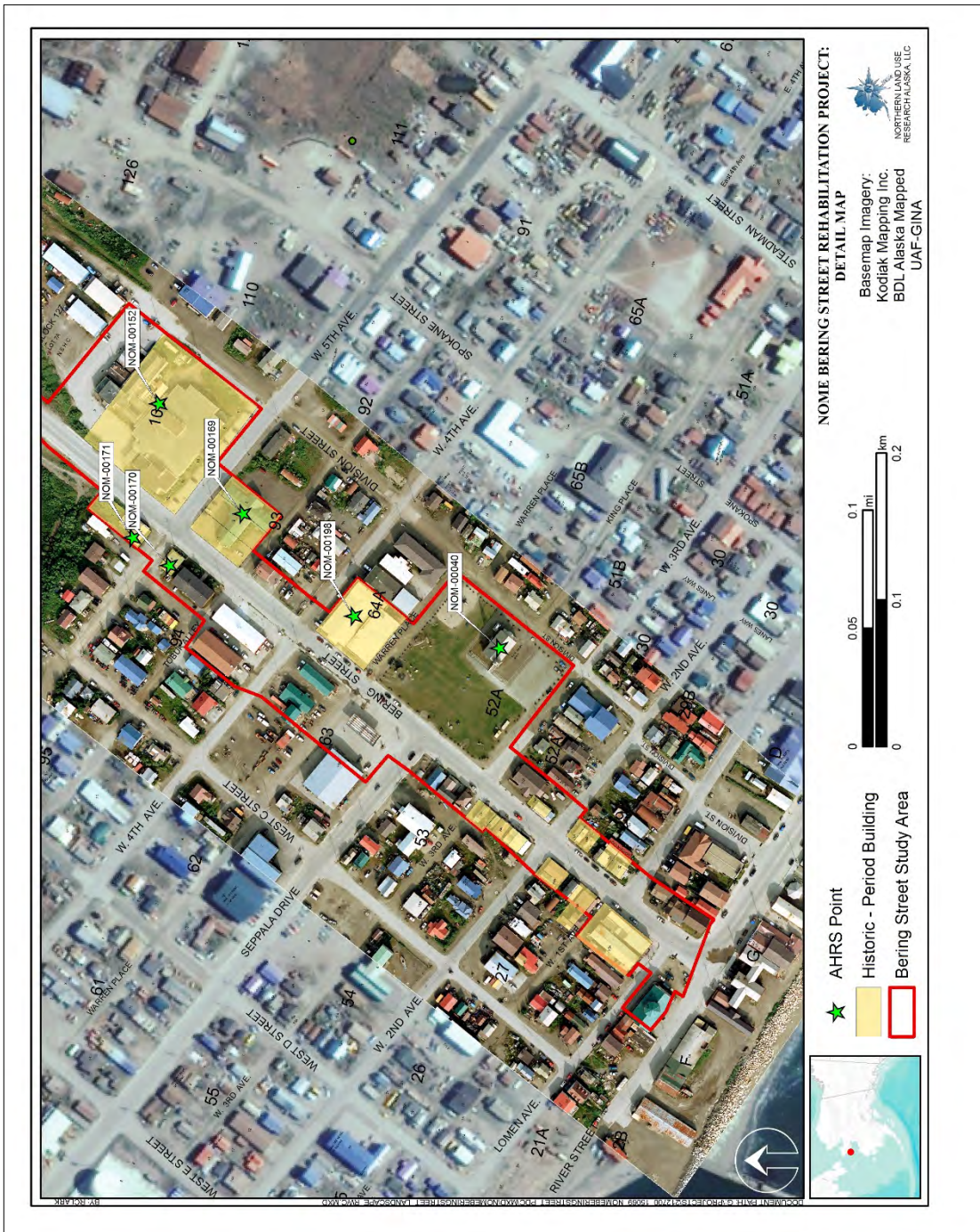


Figure 2-2. Detail of Bering St. preliminary APE with AHRS sites and historic-period buildings noted.

APPENDIX A

Re-evaluations of four structures for the NRHP with Updated Building
Inventory Forms

4.3 209 Bering St. (NOM-00275) (pp. 22-24)

209 Bering St. is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of W Second Avenue and Bering Street (Figure 4-3). The frame building likely has a post and pier foundation, though the foundation was not visible due to the presence of corrugated metal skirting. The one-and-a-half-story building fronts west along Bering St., is rectangular in plan with a gable roof clad in corrugated metal, and features a gable-roof arctic entry. The west, north, and south faces are clad primarily in horizontal wood siding, with vertical boards in the west gable. The east face is clad in T1-11, as is the skirting at the foundation and a shed dormer on the south face. The building features vinyl windows on the first floor. The dormer on the south face appears to have a single-light aluminum window.

4.3.1 Evaluation

209 Bering St. was evaluated by HRA from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building with an attached, possibly single-story massing to the east and no arctic entry on the west face. The loss of the building's east wing is likely indicative of a recent fire, which also damaged the adjacent building at 207 Bering St. The building is currently being remodeled, and recent alterations include the addition of vinyl windows (as recently as 2015, which replaced some original wood-sash windows on the west and north faces; see Figure 4-1), and the T1-11 siding on the east and south faces.

The DOT&PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D).

HRA recommended the building eligible for listing under Criterion C; as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the National Folk style (pp. 24). Buildings constructed in the National Folk style are simple forms with modest detailing, typically constructed of wood frame with horizontal lap and/or vertical board siding. A good deal of the building was damaged by fire, and some original materials (such as windows and siding) are no longer extant on the original portion of the building. The DOT&PF does not believe that the building retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting and location to convey significance from the historic period. The fire has damaged the building to a degree its integrity has been irretrievable lost. Furthermore, this building appears to have had modifications (dormer & windows) and T1-11 added recently. It appears that the fire damaged portion is undergoing a remodeling that will likely further diminish the buildings integrity with changes in its appearance.

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 *Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067* report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of

integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

HRA states the buildings which they recommend as eligible are located within suggested boundaries of the proposed but as yet unevaluated/undetermined First Avenue District, which is significant for its association with events that have contributed to broad patterns of Nome's history, with a period of significance from the early 1900s to 1960 (pp. 24). The First Avenue Historic District is posited by Gary Gillette in his legacy collection publication for the Bureau of Indian Affairs entitled: *Historic Buildings of Nome: Past, Present Future* (2008). The DOT&PF believes that the district theme proposed by Gillette and used by HRA, which includes the early gold rush period of the 1900s until 1960, is too broad.

Recognized events that could constitute temporal timeframes for proposed historic districts in Nome include but are not limited to: Gold Rush development (1898-1900); Establishment of U.S. Authority (Fort Davis 1900-1923); Large Scale Dredge Mining (1924-1941); Major Disasters (Storm Surges & Fires) (1900, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1913, 1934, 1942, 1945 & 1946); World War II/Cold War Military Presence (Marks Airbase 1941-1945/FOB 1945-1950; DEW Line 1956-1966)[Gillette 2006; Kulash & Price 2009].

All of these events had effects on construction of buildings in the Nome area and in many cases resulted in the destruction or moving of structures within the greater Nome area. Gillette acknowledges that the period of significance for the proposed First Street Historic District can be divided in to sub-themes which include the gold rush period of 1900 and the rebuilding period after 1934 (Gillette 2006, pp.46). The buildings which HRA has proposed as potentially contributing to the potential historic district were built in 1930 (3) and 1935 (1). Only one of these buildings, based on the temporal framework proposed by Gillette, fit and none of the buildings HRA has recommended as eligible for the NRHP were cited as examples of potentially eligible properties by Gillette or contributing to the potential First Street Historic District.

4.3.2 Eligibility Determination

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00275 (209 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP. The fire damage coupled with the addition of a dormer, vinyl and aluminum windows and on-going remodeling has resulted in a lack of enough original defining characteristics of a National Folk Style structure and has diminished the structures integrity of design, materials and workmanship, which were the primary basis for HRA's recommendation. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00275 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

4.7 304 Bering Street (NOM-00279) (pp.30-32)

304 Bering St. is located one house south of the southwest corner of the intersection of Bering St. and W Third Ave. (Figure 4-7). The single-story building is rectangular in plan, and appears to sit on a post-and-pier foundation, though this was obscured by vertical-board skirting. The house features a front gable

roof clad in asphalt shingles, and is clad in horizontal-board siding. The building is accessed via the south elevation, which features a pedestrian door on the southeast corner. The building features two windows on the south face, one window on the east face, and one window on the north face, all covered with operable wood shutters.

4.7.1 Evaluation

HRA evaluated 304 Bering St. from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location, including its close proximity to a larger garage to the south.

The DOT& PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D).

HRA recommended the building eligible for listing under Criterion C, as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the 'No Style' style. No Style buildings made "no attempt to be fashionable but are designed and constructed to serve basic shelter needs... although these buildings are void of stylized details, they do have character-defining features in their plans, massing, and forms" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35).

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 *Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067* report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the NRHP, it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

The DOT&PF disagrees with HRA recommendation regarding the buildings eligibility under Criterion C for the NRHP as the 'No Style' is not one of the recognized styles provided as guidance by the SHPO office for evaluation of historic buildings <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/styleguide/styleguide.htm>. HRA describes the building as single-bay, rectilinear, gable-roof volume appears wholly intact from the exterior, including massing and materials and states that the building retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. This description most reflects the Minimal Traditional style which has its period of significance from 1940-1960, ten years after this structure was built (1930). Additionally, to have integrity and convey significance as an individual structure or as part of a historic district the building would have to have recognized stylistic components which can be evaluated on their own merits (originality) in relation to a recognized style (primary and secondary features). The basis of the 'No Style' style is that the structures "serve basic shelter needs" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35). This does not allow for evaluation of style features primary and secondary

characteristics for presence or absences or and therefore integrity of the structure. The components listed as present in all 'No Style' style buildings are basic elements present in almost all standing structures. Lastly, the buildings construction date (1930) does not agree with any of the known historical time periods/events in Nome. It predates the 1934 fire which destroyed most of the residences within the Nome city boundaries and post-dates any of the Gold Rush (1898-1900) or early military community building (1900-1923).

4.7.2 Eligibility Determination

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00279 (304 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP. The lack of any defining characteristics of a style does not lend itself to an evaluation under any of the Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR§60.4) for the NRHP. The 'No Style' allows for almost any structure to receive consideration as it does not have any defining characteristic other than originality of construction materials and the most basic elements most structures contain. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00279 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

4.8 306 Bering Street (NOM-00280) (pp.33-34)

306 Bering Street is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Bering St. and W Third Ave. (Figure 4-8). The single-story building is rectangular in plan, and appears to sit on a post-and-pier foundation, though this was obscured by skirting. The house features a front gable roof clad in rolled asphalt, and is clad in horizontal V-channel board siding. The building is accessed via a telescoping, gable-roof arctic entry projecting east from the central massing; the pedestrian door is located on the north face of the arctic entry. The arctic entry addition is clad in plywood. A shed-roof addition is located on the rear (west) face, clad in a combination of horizontal board siding and asphalt shakes. A pedestrian door is located on the west face. Although windows throughout were covered in plywood, original window openings appear to be intact, including one adjacent to and north of the arctic entry on the east face; three on the north face; and at least one one-by-one on the south face.

4.8.1 Evaluation

HRA evaluated 306 Bering St. from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location, including its arctic entry addition (to the east) and shed-roof addition (to the west).

The building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D). The building may contribute to a historic district under Criterion A, as discussed below.

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 *Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of*

Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067 report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the NRHP, it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

The DOT&PF disagrees with HRA recommendation regarding the buildings eligibility under Criterion C for the NRHP as the 'No Style' is not one of the recognized styles provided as guidance by the SHPO office for evaluation of historic buildings <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/styleguide/styleguide.htm>. HRA describes the building as single-bay-wide, two-bay-deep rectilinear, gable-roof volume appears primarily intact from the exterior, with only moderate alterations to the massing and materials and states that the building retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. This description most reflects the Minimal Traditional style which has its period of significance from 1940-1960, ten years after this structure was built (1930). Additionally, to have integrity and convey significance as an individual structure or as part of a historic district the building would have to have recognized stylistic components which can be evaluated on their own merits (originality) in relation to a recognized style (primary and secondary features). The basis of the 'No Style' style is that the structures "serve basic shelter needs" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35). This does not allow for evaluation of style features primary and secondary characteristics for presence or absences or and therefore integrity of the structure. The components listed as present in all 'No Style' style buildings are basic elements present in almost all standing structures. Lastly, the buildings construction date (1930) does not agree with any of the known historical time periods/events in Nome. It predates the 1934 fire which destroyed most of the residences within the Nome city boundaries and post-dates any of the Gold Rush (1898-1900) or early military community building (1900-1923).

4.8.2 Eligibility Determination

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00280 (306 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP. The lack of any defining characteristics of a style does not lend itself to an evaluation under any of the Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR§60.4) for the NRHP. The 'No Style' allows for almost any structure to receive consideration as it does not have any defining characteristic other than originality of construction materials and the most basic elements most structures contain. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00280 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

4.9 314 W First Avenue (NOM-00281) (pp.34-36)

314 W First Ave. is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of W First Ave. and Bering St. (Figure 4-9). The one-and-a-half-story rectilinear building fronts south along W First Ave., and features a side-gable roof clad in corrugated metal. The wood-frame building is likely constructed on a post and pier foundation, though corrugated metal skirting conceals the foundation. The building is accessed via

an arctic entry on the south face, which is topped by a second-floor, shed-roof addition attached to a shed dormer (likely original). A second, single-story, shed-roof addition is located on the north face. With the exception of the shed-roof additions, which are clad in plywood and feature single-lite wood windows, the remainder of the building seems remarkably intact to its 1935 construction date. The original massing likely included the side-gable volume with the shed dormer and arctic entry on the façade, all of which are clad in wood-lap siding with decorative corner boards. Original, six-over-six wood sash windows are extant on the south, west, and east faces.

4.9.1 Evaluation

HRA evaluated 314 W First Avenue from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1935. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location and with roughly the same massing. Exceptions to this include a previous addition or covered-exterior stair on the east corner of the south face, evidenced today by two infilled doors (one each on the first and second floors) on the east wall of the arctic entry and shed-roof addition above. Likewise, the shed-roof addition on the rear (north) face also seems to have changed slightly since 1965, now encompassing the entire rear wall of the building as opposed to being slightly inset on the elevation as it was in 1965.

DOT&PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D). The building may contribute to a historic district under Criterion A, as discussed below.

DOT&PF disagrees with HRA that the building eligible for listing under Criterion C, as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the National Folk style. The building has been altered beyond recognition from its original design (specifically, shed-roof additions on the north face and above the arctic entry on the primary façade) HRA believes that that the alterations appear to be reversible. The north (rear) face alteration is of secondary concern as it is on a non-primary façade. DOT&PF believes the alteration above the main entry is incompatible to the building's historic massing and negatively impacts the building integrity of design, workmanship and materials. The remainder of the house features original materials (such as windows and siding), but it does not retain sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location to convey significance as an individual style and does not appear to share or exemplify any characteristics from a recognized historic period.

4.9.2 Eligibility Determination

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00281 (314 W First Avenue) is not eligible for the NRHP. Alterations to the building including the covered-exterior stair on the east corner of the south face, two infilled doors (one each on the first and second floors) on the east wall of the arctic entry and shed-roof addition above has rendered the building unrecognizable to its original form. The DOT&PF believes that these alterations are not feasibly reversible and the changes have resulted in structure lacking enough original

defining characteristics of a National Folk Style to be considered eligible for the NRHP. The alterations diminished the structures integrity of design, materials and workmanship, which were the primary basis for HRA's recommendation.

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AHRS #: NOM-00275

Historic Name:

Associated District AHRS #

Date of Construction: 1930

Eligibility: Not Eligible

Associated District AHRS Name:

Period of Significance: N/A



Building Photograph



Site Map

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Location Description or Address:

209 Bering Street, Nome, Alaska 99762

Latitude: 64.3499155

Longitude: -165.709867

USGS quad: NOME B-1

MTRS: K034S035W|11

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style: (Please reference Alaska Style Guide for styles found in Alaska)

Nation Folk?

Architectural Description: (Include setting, outbuildings, materials, etc...)

209 Bering St. is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of W Second Avenue and Bering Street. The frame building likely has a post and pier foundation, though the foundation was not visible due to the presence of corrugated metal skirting. The one-and-a-half-story building fronts west along Bering St., is rectangular in plan with a gable roof clad in corrugated metal, and features a gable-roof arctic entry. The west, north, and south faces are clad primarily in horizontal wood siding, with vertical boards in the west gable. The east face is clad in T1-11, as is the skirting at the foundation and a shed dormer on the south face. The building features vinyl windows on the first floor. The dormer on the south face appears to have a single-light aluminum window.

AHRS #: NOM-00275

Historic Name:

BUILDING EVALUATION FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER**Historic Context: (Relate people, events, and themes with time and place)**

209 Bering St. was evaluated by HRA from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building with an attached, possibly single-story massing to the east and no arctic entry on the west face. The loss of the building's east wing is likely indicative of a recent fire, which also damaged the adjacent building at 207 Bering St. The building is currently being remodeled, and recent alterations include the addition of vinyl windows (as recently as 2015, which replaced some original wood-sash windows on the west and north faces; see Figure 4-1), and the T1-11 siding on the east and south faces.

The DOT&PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D).

HRA recommended the building eligible for listing under Criterion C; as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the National Folk style (pp. 24). Buildings constructed in the National Folk style are simple forms with modest detailing, typically constructed of wood frame with horizontal lap and/or vertical board siding. A good deal of the building was damaged by fire, and some original materials (such as windows and siding) are no longer extant on the original portion of the building. The DOT&PF does not believe that the building retains sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting and location to convey significance from the historic period. The fire has damaged the building to a degree its integrity has been irretrievably lost. Furthermore, this building appears to have had modifications (dormer & windows) and T1-11 added recently. It appears that the fire damaged portion is undergoing a remodeling that will likely further diminish the building's integrity with changes in its appearance.

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067 report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

HRA states the buildings which they recommend as eligible are located within suggested boundaries of the proposed but as yet unevaluated/undetermined First Avenue District, which is significant for its association with events that have contributed to broad patterns of Nome's history, with a period of significance from the early 1900s to 1960 (pp. 24). The First Avenue Historic District is posited by Gary Gillette in his legacy collection publication for the Bureau of Indian Affairs entitled: Historic Buildings of Nome: Past, Present Future (2008). The DOT&PF believes that the district theme proposed by Gillette and used by HRA, which includes the early gold rush period of the 1900s until 1960, is too broad.

Recognized events that could constitute temporal timeframes for proposed historic districts in Nome include but are not limited to: Gold Rush development (1898-1900); Establishment of U.S. Authority (Fort Davis 1900-1923); Large Scale Dredge Mining (1924-1941); Major Disasters (Storm Surges & Fires) (1900, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1913, 1934, 1942, 1945 & 1946); World War II/Cold War Military Presence (Marks Airbase 1941-1945/FOB 1945-1950; DEW Line 1956-1966)[Gillette 2006; Kulash & Price 2009].

All of these events had effects on construction of buildings in the Nome area and in many cases resulted in the destruction or moving of structures within the greater Nome area. Gillette acknowledges that the period of significance for the proposed First Street Historic District can be divided into sub-themes which include the gold rush period of 1900 and the rebuilding period after 1934 (Gillette 2006, pp.46). The buildings which HRA has proposed as potentially contributing to the potential historic district were built in 1930 (3) and 1935 (1). Only one of these buildings, based on the temporal framework proposed by Gillette, fit and none of the buildings HRA has recommended as eligible for the NRHP were cited as examples of potentially eligible properties by Gillette or contributing to the potential First Street Historic District.

Statement of Significance:

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00275 (209 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP.

Integrity Discussion:

The fire damage coupled with the addition of a dormer, vinyl and aluminum windows and on-going remodeling has resulted in a lack of enough original defining characteristics of a National Folk Style structure and has diminished the structure's integrity of design,

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materials and workmanship, which were the primary basis for HRA's recommendation. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00275 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

Eligible: ☐ YES ☒ NO **If yes:** ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Consideration: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

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AHRS #: NOM-00279

Historic Name:

Associated District AHRS #

Date of Construction: 1930

Eligibility: Not Eligible

Associated District AHRS Name:

Period of Significance: N/A



Building Photograph



Site Map

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION**Location Description or Address:**

304 Bering Street, Nome, Alaska 99762

Latitude: 64.3499691**Longitude:** -165.410017**USGS quad:** NOME B-1**MTRS:** K034S035W|11**ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION****Architectural Style: (Please reference Alaska Style Guide for styles found in Alaska)**

No Style?

Architectural Description: (Include setting, outbuildings, materials, etc...)

304 Bering St. is located one house south of the southwest corner of the intersection of Bering St. and W Third Ave. (Figure 4-7). The single-story building is rectangular in plan, and appears to sit on a post-and-pier foundation, though this was obscured by vertical-board skirting. The house features a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, and is clad in horizontal-board siding. The building is accessed via the south elevation, which features a pedestrian door on the southeast corner. The building features two windows on the south face, one window on the east face, and one window on the north face, all covered with operable wood shutters.

AHRS #: NOM-00279

Historic Name:

BUILDING EVALUATION FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER**Historic Context: (Relate people, events, and themes with time and place)**

HRA evaluated 304 Bering St. from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location, including its close proximity to a larger garage to the south.

The DOT&PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D).

HRA recommended the building eligible for listing under Criterion C, as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the 'No Style' style. No Style buildings made "no attempt to be fashionable but are designed and constructed to serve basic shelter needs... although these buildings are void of stylized details, they do have character-defining features in their plans, massing, and forms" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35).

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067 report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the NRHP, it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

The DOT&PF disagrees with HRA recommendation regarding the buildings eligibility under Criterion C for the NRHP as the 'No Style' is not one of the recognized styles provided as guidance by the SHPO office for evaluation of historic buildings <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/styleguide/styleguide.htm>. HRA describes the building as single-bay, rectilinear, gable-roof volume appears wholly intact from the exterior, including massing and materials and states that the building retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. This description most reflects the Minimal Traditional style which has its period of significance from 1940-1960, ten years after this structure was built (1930). Additionally, to have integrity and convey significance as an individual structure or as part of a historic district the building would have to have recognized stylistic components which can be evaluated on their own merits (originality) in relation to a recognized style (primary and secondary features). The basis of the 'No Style' style is that the structures "serve basic shelter needs" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35). This does not allow for evaluation of style features primary and secondary characteristics for presence or absences or and therefore integrity of the structure. The components listed as present in all 'No Style' style buildings are basic elements present in almost all standing structures. Lastly, the buildings construction date (1930) does not agree with any of the known historical time periods/events in Nome. It predates the 1934 fire which destroyed most of the residences within the Nome city boundaries and post-dates any of the Gold Rush (1898-1900) or early military community building (1900-1923).

4.7.2 Eligibility Determination

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00279 (304 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP. The lack of any defining characteristics of a style does not lend itself to an evaluation under any of the Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR§60.4) for the NRHP. The 'No Style' allows for almost any structure to receive consideration as it does not have any defining characteristic other than originality of construction materials and the most basic elements most structures contain. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00279 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

4.8 306 Bering Street (NOM-00280) (pp.33-34)

306 Bering Street is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Bering St. and W Third Ave. (Figure 4-8). The single-story building is rectangular in plan, and appears to sit on a post-and-pier foundation, though this was obscured by skirting. The house features a front gable roof clad in rolled asphalt, and is clad in horizontal V-channel board siding. The building is accessed via a telescoping, gable-roof arctic entry projecting east from the central massing; the pedestrian door is located on the north face of the arctic entry. The arctic entry addition is clad in plywood. A shed-roof addition is located on the rear (west) face, clad in a combination of horizontal board siding and asphalt shakes. A pedestrian door is located on the west face. Although windows throughout were covered in plywood, original window openings appear to be intact, including one adjacent to and north of the arctic entry on the east face; three on the north face; and at least one one-by-one on the south face.

4.8.1 Evaluation

HRA evaluated 306 Bering St. from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location, including its arctic entry addition (to the east) and shed-roof addition (to the west).

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Historic Name:

The building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D). The building may contribute to a historic district under Criterion A, as discussed below.

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067 report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the NRHP, it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

The DOT&PF disagrees with HRA recommendation regarding the buildings eligibility under Criterion C for the NRHP as the 'No Style' is not one of the recognized styles provided as guidance by the SHPO office for evaluation of historic buildings <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/styleguide/styleguide.htm>. HRA describes the building as single-bay-wide, two-bay-deep rectilinear, gable-roof volume appears primarily intact from the exterior, with only moderate alterations to the massing and materials and states that the building retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. This description most reflects the Minimal Traditional style which has its period of significance from 1940-1960, ten years after this structure was built (1930).

Additionally, to have integrity and convey significance as an individual structure or as part of a historic district the building would have to have recognized stylistic components which can be evaluated on their own merits (originality) in relation to a recognized style (primary and secondary features). The basis of the 'No Style' style is that the structures "serve basic shelter needs" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35). This does not allow for evaluation of style features primary and secondary characteristics for presence or absences or and therefore integrity of the structure. The components listed as present in all 'No Style' style buildings are basic elements present in almost all standing structures. Lastly, the buildings construction date (1930) does not agree with any of the known historical time periods/events in Nome. It predates the 1934 fire which destroyed most of the residences within the Nome city boundaries and post-dates any of the Gold Rush (1898-1900) or early military community building (1900-1923).

Statement of Significance:

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00279 (304 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP.

Integrity Discussion:

The lack of any defining characteristics of a style does not lend itself to an evaluation under any of the Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR560.4) for the NRHP. The 'No Style' allows for almost any structure to receive consideration as it does not have any defining characteristic other than originality of construction materials and the most basic elements most structures contain. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00280 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

Eligible: ☐ YES ☒ NO If yes: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Consideration: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

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AHRS #: NOM-00280

Historic Name:

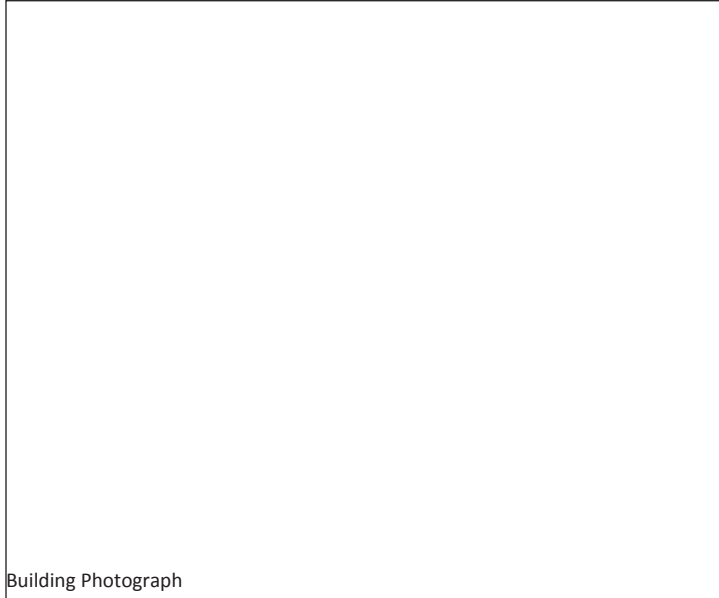
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Date of Construction: 1930

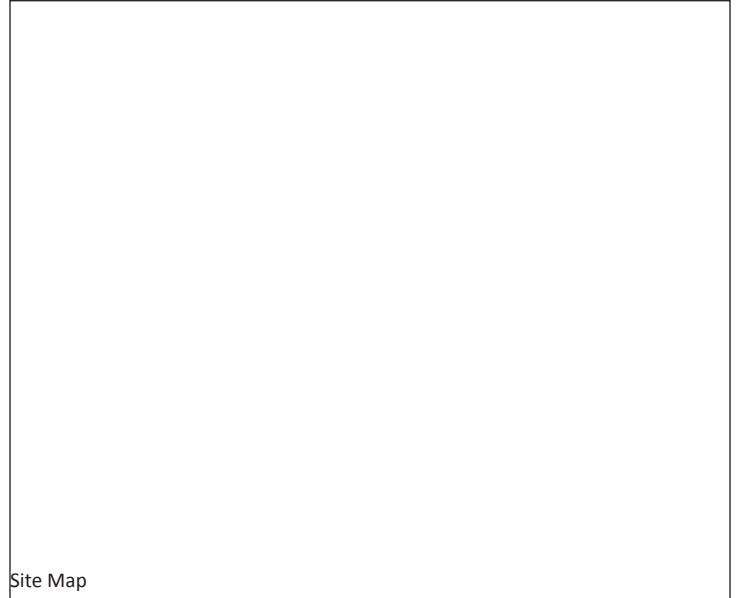
Eligibility: Not Eligible

Associated District AHRS Name:

Period of Significance: N/A



Building Photograph



Site Map

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Location Description or Address:

306 Bering Street, Nome, Alaska 99762

Latitude: 64.3499747

Longitude: -165.409974

USGS quad: NOME B-1

MTRS: K034S035W|11

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style: (Please reference Alaska Style Guide for styles found in Alaska)

No Style?

Architectural Description: (Include setting, outbuildings, materials, etc...)

306 Bering Street is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Bering St. and W Third Ave. (Figure 4-8). The single-story building is rectangular in plan, and appears to sit on a post-and-pier foundation, though this was obscured by skirting. The house features a front gable roof clad in rolled asphalt, and is clad in horizontal V-channel board siding. The building is accessed via a telescoping, gable-roof arctic entry projecting east from the central massing; the pedestrian door is located on the north face of the arctic entry. The arctic entry addition is clad in plywood. A shed-roof addition is located on the rear (west) face, clad in a combination of horizontal board siding and asphalt shakes. A pedestrian door is located on the west face. Although windows throughout were covered in plywood, original window openings appear to be intact, including one adjacent to and north of the arctic entry on the east face; three on the north face; and at least one one-by-one on the

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Historic Name:

south face.

BUILDING EVALUATION FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER**Historic Context: (Relate people, events, and themes with time and place)**

HRA evaluated 306 Bering St. from the public ROW at a reconnaissance level. Tax records indicate the building was constructed in 1930. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location, including its arctic entry addition (to the east) and shed-roof addition (to the west).

The building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D). The building may contribute to a historic district under Criterion A, as discussed below.

Records in Nome do not necessarily account for the movement of structures within the city or greater Nome area. In the 2009 Nome Roads Improvement Project Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect SDP- 0002(185)/62067 report by Kulash & Price almost all of the structures that were evaluated had been moved to their present location. Although this does not automatically disqualify a property from being eligible for the NRHP, it can have an effect on the integrity of the location, setting, feeling and association of the structure and require a greater level of integrity of design, materials and workmanship as well as potentially a link to an event (Criterion A) or individual (Criterion B) to strengthen the argument for NRHP eligibility. The DOT&PF has not found any link between the building and an important event or individual in Nome's history.

The DOT&PF disagrees with HRA recommendation regarding the buildings eligibility under Criterion C for the NRHP as the 'No Style' is not one of the recognized styles provided as guidance by the SHPO office for evaluation of historic buildings <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/styleguide/styleguide.htm>. HRA describes the building as single-bay-wide, two-bay-deep rectilinear, gable-roof volume appears primarily intact from the exterior, with only moderate alterations to the massing and materials and states that the building retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. This description most reflects the Minimal Traditional style which has its period of significance from 1940-1960, ten years after this structure was built (1930).

Additionally, to have integrity and convey significance as an individual structure or as part of a historic district the building would have to have recognized stylistic components which can be evaluated on their own merits (originality) in relation to a recognized style (primary and secondary features). The basis of the 'No Style' style is that the structures "serve basic shelter needs" (Gillette 2008 pp. 35). This does not allow for evaluation of style features primary and secondary characteristics for presence or absences or and therefore integrity of the structure. The components listed as present in all 'No Style' style buildings are basic elements present in almost all standing structures. Lastly, the buildings construction date (1930) does not agree with any of the known historical time periods/events in Nome. It predates the 1934 fire which destroyed most of the residences within the Nome city boundaries and post-dates any of the Gold Rush (1898-1900) or early military community building (1900-1923).

Statement of Significance:

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00280 (306 Bering Street) is not eligible for the NRHP.

Integrity Discussion:

The lack of any defining characteristics of a style does not lend itself to an evaluation under any of the Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR§60.4) for the NRHP. The 'No Style' allows for almost any structure to receive consideration as it does not have any defining characteristic other than originality of construction materials and the most basic elements most structures contain. The DOT&PF also does not believe that NOM-00280 would be a contributing property to the potential First Street Historic District as defined.

Eligible: ☐ YES ☒ NO **If yes:** ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Consideration: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Form Preparation Information

AHRS #: NOM-00280**Historic Name:**

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AHRS #: NOM-00281

Historic Name:

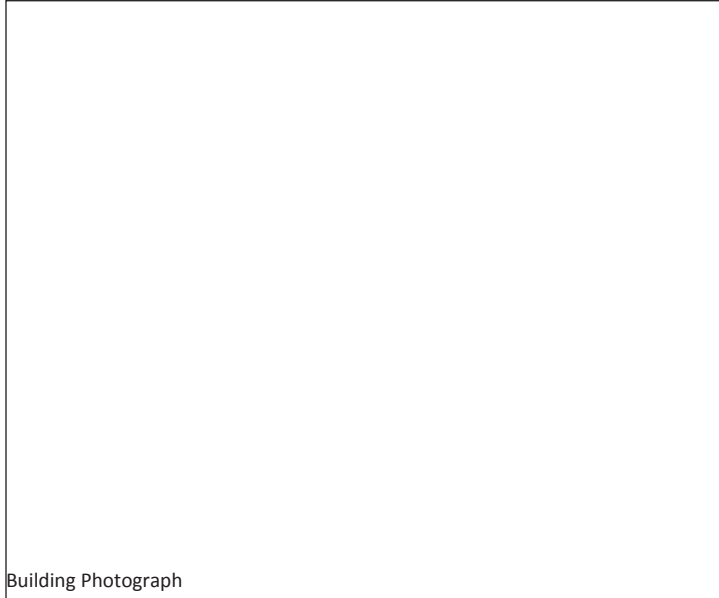
Associated District AHRS #

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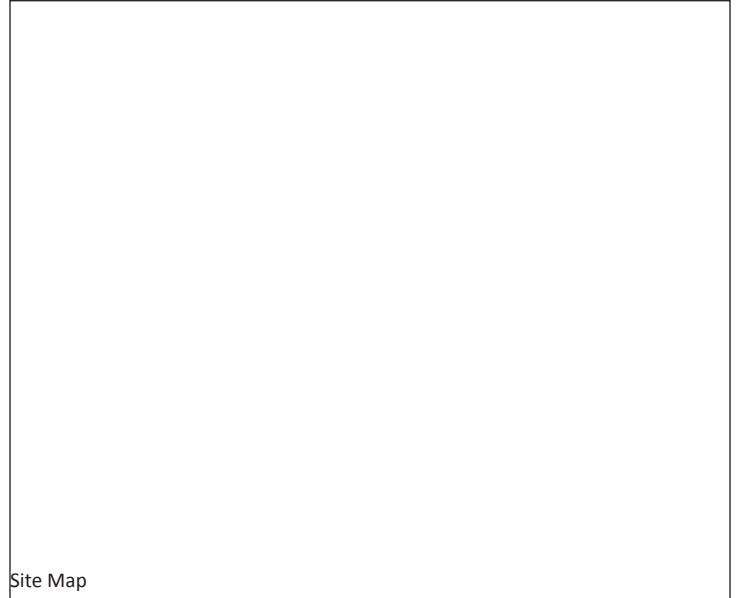
Eligibility: Not Eligible

Associated District AHRS Name:

Period of Significance: N/A



Building Photograph



Site Map

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Location Description or Address:

314 W 1st Avenue, Nome, Alaska 99762

Latitude: 64.498832

Longitude: -165.410253

USGS quad: NOME B-1

MTRS: K034S035W|11

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style: (Please reference Alaska Style Guide for styles found in Alaska)

National Folk?

Architectural Description: (Include setting, outbuildings, materials, etc...)

314 W First Ave. is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of W First Ave. and Bering St. (Figure 4-9). The one-and-a-half-story rectilinear building fronts south along W First Ave., and features a side-gable roof clad in corrugated metal. The wood-frame building is likely constructed on a post and pier foundation, though corrugated metal skirting conceals the foundation. The building is accessed via an arctic entry on the south face, which is topped by a second-floor, shed-roof addition attached to a shed dormer (likely original). A second, single-story, shed-roof addition is located on the north face. With the exception of the shed-roof additions, which are clad in plywood and feature single-lite wood windows, the remainder of the building seems remarkably intact to its 1935 construction date. The original massing likely included the side-gable volume with the shed dormer and arctic entry on the façade, all of which are clad in wood-lap siding with

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Historic Name:

decorative corner boards. Original, six-over-six wood sash windows are extant on the south, west, and east faces.

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Historic Context: (Relate people, events, and themes with time and place)

the building was constructed in 1935. An aerial image of Nome from 1965 depicts the present-day building in its current location and with roughly the same massing. Exceptions to this include a previous addition or covered-exterior stair on the east corner of the south face, evidenced today by two infilled doors (one each on the first and second floors) on the east wall of the arctic entry and shed-roof addition above. Likewise, the shed-roof addition on the rear (north) face also seems to have changed slightly since 1965, now encompassing the entire rear wall of the building as opposed to being slightly inset on the elevation as it was in 1965.

DOT&PF agrees with HRA that the building does not appear to be individually associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and is unlikely to answer important research questions or yield information about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical material, design, construction methods, or interrelation of these resources (Criterion D). The building may contribute to a historic district under Criterion A, as discussed below.

DOT&PF disagrees with HRA that the building eligible for listing under Criterion C, as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction, specifically the National Folk style. The building has been altered beyond recognition from its original design (specifically, shed-roof additions on the north face and above the arctic entry on the primary façade) HRA believes that that the alterations appear to be reversible. The north (rear) face alteration is of secondary concern as it is on a non-primary façade. DOT&PF believes the alteration above the main entry is incompatible to the building's historic massing and negatively impacts the building integrity of design, workmanship and materials. The remainder of the house features original materials (such as windows and siding), but it does not retain sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location to convey significance as an individual style and does not appear to share or exemplify any characteristics from a recognized historic period.

Statement of Significance:

The DOT&PF believes that NOM-00281 (314 W First Avenue) is not eligible for the NRHP.

Integrity Discussion:

Alterations to the building including the covered-exterior stair on the east corner of the south face, two infilled doors (one each on the first and second floors) on the east wall of the arctic entry and shed-roof addition above has rendered the building unrecognizable to its original form. The DOT&PF believes that these alterations are not feasibly reversible and the changes have resulted in structure lacking enough original defining characteristics of a National Folk Style to be considered eligible for the NRHP. The alterations diminished the structures integrity of design, materials and workmanship, which were the primary basis for HRA's recommendation.

Eligible: ☐ YES ☒ NO If yes: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Consideration: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

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Subject: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Z607390000/0131025, Consultation Initiation
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Hi Tom,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated May 23, 2016) on May 25, 2016. Following our review of the documentation provided in the initiation letter, we have no objections to the proposed study area or level of effort conducted for identification at this time. Please give careful consideration to the project excavations that you noted will occur in previously disturbed areas. If the limits of the project extend beyond the previously disturbed areas, you may run into historic artifacts associated with NOM-158 (Historic District).

We look forward to receiving the results of the evaluation of the project area as well as DOT&PF's findings for this undertaking and will respond with our concurrence and/or comments at that time. Thank you for sending a Section 106 consultation initiation letter to our office.

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OHA is updating Alaska's historic preservation plan and wants to know what historic places matter to you. Please share your thoughts by taking a short survey that is available online at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>





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Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
State/Federal Project No.: Z607390000/0131025
No Historic Properties Adversely Affected
ATTENTION: This finding contains ten DOE(s)

October 13, 2017

Janice Doherty, President
Nome Eskimo Community
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Nome, AK 99762

Dear Ms. Doherty:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. § 326, and is proposing to rehabilitate and extend the service life of Bering Street in Nome, Alaska, for 0.6 miles between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue (Figure 1-1). The proposed project area is located within Sections 35; 26, Township 011 South, Range 034 West; USGS Quad Map Nome B-1; C-1; Kateel River Meridian.

Consultation for this project is being conducted in accordance with the 2014 *Programmatic Agreement... for the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Alaska*. The DOT&PF finds no adverse effect on historic properties by the proposed project activities pursuant to 36 CFR §800.5(b), implementing regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This submission provides documentation in support of this finding, as required at 36 CFR §800.11(e).

Project Description

The project consists of improving infrastructure and sidewalks within the existing DOT&PF right-of-way (ROW) along Bering Street in Nome, Alaska. This will include repaving the roadway and reconstructing the existing sidewalks and the associated curb and gutter system. Much of the project area is badly deteriorated, and current sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The APE includes the existing DOT&PF ROW along Bering Street from Front Street to Greg Kruschek Avenue and extends 50 to 300 feet from the ROW to encompass the first tier of city lots that directly adjoin Bering Street (Figure 2-1). The APE reflects the limited anticipated effects, both direct and indirect, from the construction activities associated with this project. Of particular concern is the impact to buildings with existing encroachments to the ROW.

Identification Efforts

There are sixteen (16) Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) sites identified within or immediately adjacent to Bering Street that contain resources (buildings, structures, sites, objects) 45 years or older that received eligibility determinations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (Figure 2-2). Six of these sites were previously recorded in the AHRS database and had already received eligibility determinations. Three of the sites were determined eligible (including one listed in the NRHP) and three were determined not eligible. A reconnaissance-level survey was completed by Historic Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) in 2015. HRA documented the additional ten resources. Additionally, one previously recorded subsurface site (NOM-00158) extends throughout the project APE.

Additional information can be found in the accompanying report, *Historic Properties Investigations for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project (Report)* (Perrin and Neely 2017) and in Table 1 below:

Table 1: AHRS Sites located within the Project APE and consultant's recommendation

AHRS #	Name	Construction Date	Address	NRHP Status
NOM-00040	Old Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	1901 (moved in 1995)	407 Bering St.	NRHP Listed 3/8/2000
NOM-00152	Norton Sound Regional Hospital	1948	306 W Fifth Ave.	Determined Not Eligible 12/15/2015
NOM-00158	Nome Subsurface	n/a	n/a	No Determination
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File No.: 3130-1R FHWA/2017-01193
3330-6N NOM-273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282

Subject: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation, Z607390000/0131025

Thomas Gamza
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5316

Dear Mr. Gamza,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your letter (dated October 13, 2017) on October 16, 2017. Following our review of your letter and the report titled, *Historic Properties Investigations for the Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project*, our office concurs with your 10 determinations of eligibility (Table 1) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Table 1. Determinations of Eligibility

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As noted under *SHPO Comment* (Table 1), although the 10 sites have been determined not eligible, some may contribute to potential historic districts; Front St., First Ave, and Lomen St districts. We recognize that evaluation of historic districts was outside the scope of this project.

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II. Applicability: Does the project involve any of the following? Use the text boxes to present supporting information.

If YES is selected for any item, the project cannot be approved under 23 CFR 771.117(c)(26-28)

- a. An acquisition of more than a minor amount of right-of-way or that would result in any residential or non-residential displacements. ☐ Yes ☒ No

All work for this project will be done within existing DOT right-of-way.

- b. An action that needs a bridge permit from the U.S. Coast Guard, or an action that does not meet the terms and conditions of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide or general permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. ☐ Yes ☒ No

No bridge permit is required from the U.S. Coast Guard and no actions will be taken that does not meet the terms and conditions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide permit.

- c. A finding of "adverse effect" to historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act. ☐ Yes ☒ No

No findings of adverse effect on historic properties will result from this project.

- d. The use of a resource protected under 23 U.S.C. 138 or 49 U.S.C. 303 [Section 4(f)] except for actions resulting in *de minimis* impacts. ☐ Yes ☒ No

There are three sites within the project area determined as eligible for listing on the NRHP included on listed site. NEPA Manager determined that there will not be a use/affect of the mentioned Section 4(f) protected resources on 11/17/17.

- e. A finding of "may affect, likely to adversely affect" threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. ☐ Yes ☒ No

There will be no adverse affects on threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.

- f. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions. ☐ Yes ☒ No

The project will not result in any major traffic disruptions.

- g. Changes in access control. ☐ Yes ☒ No

There will be no result in access control.

- h. A floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses (e.g. bridges, wetlands) or actions that facilitate open space use (e.g. recreational trails, bicycle and pedestrian paths). ☐ Yes ☒ No

There will be no floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses.

- i. Construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers. ☐ Yes ☒ No

There will be no construction activities in, across or adjacent to a National Wild and Scenic River.

<i>Land Use Goal. Transportation Design and Maintenance: A safe, well-maintenance system of roads that are designed and maintained for year-round use and that respects the integrity of Nome's environment.</i>				
<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Lead Department or Agency</i>	<i>Funding Sources</i>
26. Improve and maintain transportation system.	Control dust by paving roads.	<i>High</i>	Roads	City
	Sweep and clean the roads as soon as possible in the spring and throughout the summer.	<i>High</i>	Roads	City
	Institute parking requirements on Front Street.	<i>High</i>	Planning	City
	Implement drainage plan and procedures.	<i>High</i>	Engineering	City
	Lower speed limit on the Bypass Road.	<i>Secondary</i>	Administration DOT&PF	DOT&PF
	Purchase new equipment and latest technology.	<i>Long term</i>	Roads	City

Chapter 18.10 General Provisions

Sections:

- 18.10.010 Title
- 18.10.040 Purpose
- 18.10.050 Interpretation
- 18.20.060 Applicability of Article
- 18.10.080 Relationship to Comprehensive Plan
- 18.10.100 Fees

18.10.010 Title

This title shall be known and may be cited as the City of Nome Zoning Code. Within this title the City of Nome Zoning Code shall simply be referred to as "this Title".

18.10.040 Purpose

- a. The purpose of this Title is to create a vital, cohesive, well-designed community in order to enhance the City's character and further the citizens' goals as identified in the Nome Comprehensive Plan.

This Title is designed to:

- 1. Encourage appropriate use of land through the City;
- 2. Encourage new developments to relate to the City's historic development pattern;
- 3. Promote compact, well-defined, sustainable neighborhoods that enhance the City's character;
- 4. Create livable neighborhoods that foster a sense of community;
- 5. Encourage the proper arrangement of streets in relation to existing and planned streets and ensure that streets facilitate safe, efficient, and pleasant walking, biking and driving;
- 6. Facilitate the adequate and efficient provision of transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements;
- 7. Provide protection from flood and fire hazards and other dangers; and
- 8. Promote the health, safety, and general welfare of City residents.

18.10.050 Interpretation

- a, In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Title shall be held to be minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare.
- b. Whenever the requirements of this Title are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations or ordinances, the more restrictive or that imposing the higher standards shall govern.
- c. The words "must," "shall" and "will" are mandatory; "may," "can," "should" and "might" are permissive.

Nome Bering Street

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Project Description

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Nome Bering Street

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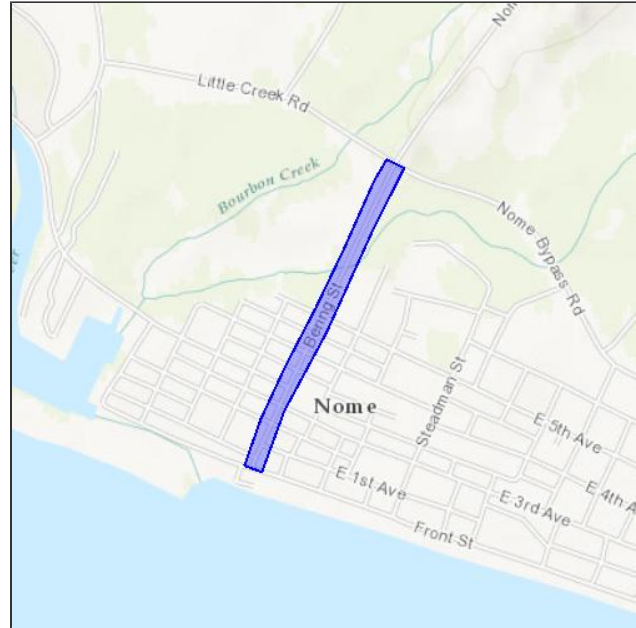
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LOCATION

Nome County, Alaska

DESCRIPTION

No description provided



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Contact Information

Species in this report are managed by:

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Fairbanks, AK 99701-6237

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Anchorage, AK 99507

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Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species that are managed by the [Endangered Species Program](#) and should be considered as part of an effect analysis for this project.

This unofficial species list is for informational purposes only and does not fulfill the requirements under [Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act, which states that Federal agencies are required to "request of the Secretary of Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action." This requirement applies to projects which are conducted, permitted or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can be obtained by returning to this project on the IPaC website and requesting an Official Species List from the regulatory documents section.

Birds

Spectacled Eider *Somateria fischeri*

Threatened

MANAGED BY

Anchorage Fish And Wildlife Field Office
Fairbanks Fish And Wildlife Field Office

CRITICAL HABITAT

There is **final** critical habitat designated for this species.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B08Z>

Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri*

Threatened

MANAGED BY

Fairbanks Fish And Wildlife Field Office

CRITICAL HABITAT

There is **final** critical habitat designated for this species.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B090>

Mammals

Polar Bear *Ursus maritimus*

Threatened

MANAGED BY

Fairbanks Fish And Wildlife Field Office

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=A01J>

Critical Habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) within the project area must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

There is no critical habitat within this project area

Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Any activity which results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ([1](#)). There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

You are responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations for the protection of birds as part of this project. This involves analyzing potential impacts and implementing appropriate conservation measures for all project activities.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Kittlitz's Murrelet *Brachyramphus brevirostris*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0AP>

Mckay's Bunting *Plectrophenax hyperboreus*

Season: Wintering

Bird of conservation concern

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0CB>

Pelagic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pelagicus pelagicus*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD>

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Yellow-billed Loon *Gavia adamsii*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0DQ>

Red Knot *Calidris canutus ssp. roselaari*

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G6>

Refuges

Any activity proposed on [National Wildlife Refuge](#) lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. If your project overlaps or otherwise impacts a Refuge, please contact that Refuge to discuss the authorization process.

There are no refuges within this project area

Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats from your project may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal Statutes.

Project proponents should discuss the relationship of these requirements to their project with the Regulatory Program of the appropriate [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Estuarine And Marine Wetland

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38.0 acres



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Consultation Code: 07CAAN00-2016-SLI-0134

June 06, 2016

Event Code: 07CAAN00-2016-E-00510

Project Name: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, and proposed species, designated critical habitat, and some candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Please note that candidate species are not included on this list. We encourage you to visit the following website to learn more about candidate species in your area:

http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/fieldoffice/anchorage/endangered/candidate_conservation.htm

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required

to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

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Project name: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

Proposed safety improvements and road repairs would:

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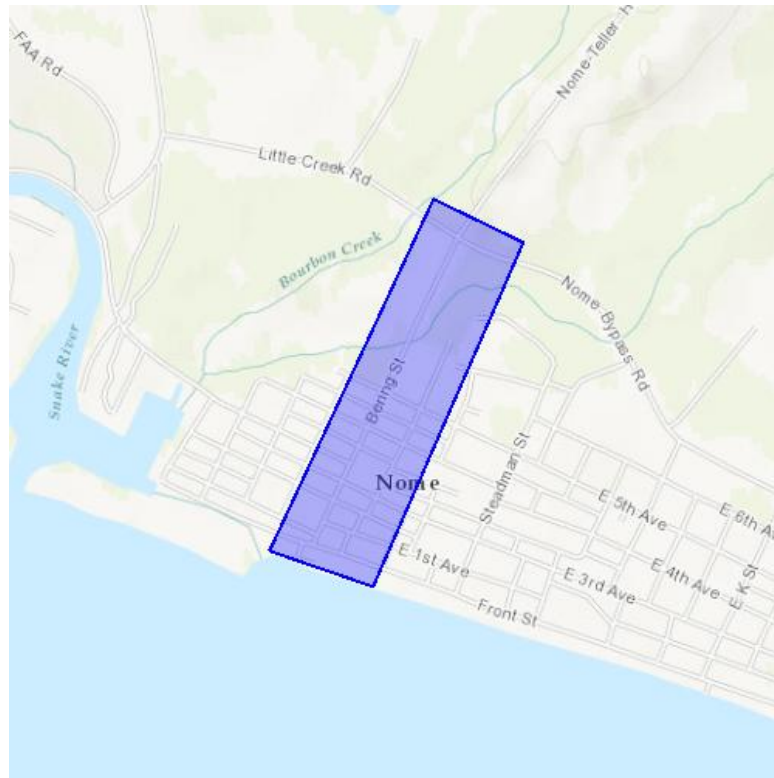
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Birds	Status	Has Critical Habitat	Condition(s)
Spectacled eider (<i>Somateria fischeri</i>) Population: Entire	Threatened	Final designated	



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Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.



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June 06, 2016

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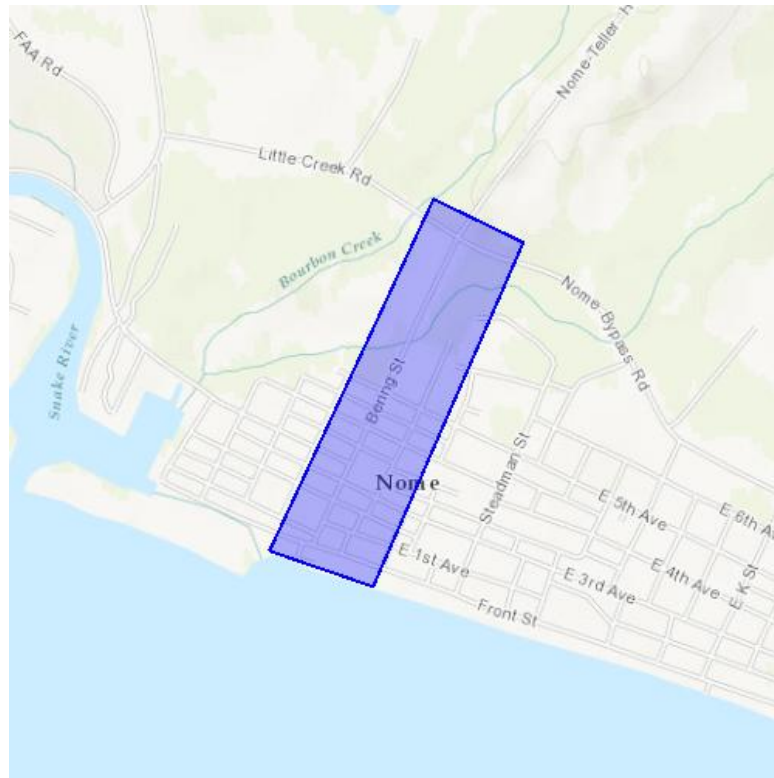
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Mammals			
Polar bear (<i>Ursus maritimus</i>) Population: Entire	Threatened		



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Project name: Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation Project

Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.

Location Hydraulic Study

Location Hydraulic study

Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation
Project No. Z607390000/0131025

Keith Hanneman, P.E., Principal
November 7, 2017

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in cooperation with the Alaska division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to rehabilitate Bering Street in Nome, Alaska between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, extend the service life of the roadway, and reduce maintenance needs associated with the degraded sidewalks and poor drainage along Bering Street.

This project is needed to address poor conditions along Bering Street between Front Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. The road shoulders are badly deteriorated due to poor surface drainage, unstable soil conditions exist beneath the road and sidewalks, and settlement near utility service laterals (the underground connections to/from main utility lines) has occurred in some areas. In many places, the sidewalks are nearly unusable, and sidewalks and curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The intersection at 4th Avenue and Bering Street is a safety concern in Nome owing to the reduction in visibility from cars parked in front of Hanson's grocery store.

Proposed safety improvements and road repairs would:

- Improve drainage along Bering Street from Front Street through 5th Avenue by replacing the existing curb and gutter system and replacing subbase material, where needed, to mitigate poor soil conditions
- Grade and pave side street approaches
- Replace the sidewalks and construct accessible curb ramps that are in compliance with ADA design standards
- Repave the road
- Install curb extensions to improve safety at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Bering Street

This project requires consideration of general criteria presented in Executive Order (EO) 11988, which mandates agencies to take floodplain encroachments into account when evaluating any water and land use plans. This Location Hydraulic Study fulfills the requirements of 23 CFR 650. The Provisions of CFR 650. Subpart A "Location and Hydraulic Design of Encroachments on Flood Plains" apply to all encroachments and to all actions which affect base flood plains. The project is located within a National Flood Insurance Program regulated floodplain. The attached FIRM panels (Panel 0106C, Panel 0043C, and Panel 0044C. Map revised May 3, 2010) show the NFIP regulated floodplain in the vicinity of Bering Street in Nome.

Risks Associated with the Implementation of the Action

The risks associated with the project are low. In this context, "risk" means the consequences associated with the probability of flooding attributable to the encroachment. An "encroachment" is an action within the limits of the base flood plain. The project does not include a longitudinal encroachment. Panel 0044C shows that Bering Street crosses the floodplain (Zone A) of Dry Creek just north of 5th Avenue. Panel 0106C shows that Bering Street extends into the floodplain (Zone AE and Zone AO) at the

intersection at Front Street. Both of these areas are within the project limits. The project will not raise the existing profile of the roadway or expand the existing road footprint within the floodplain. In the case of the Dry Creek crossing, the existing pavement will be removed and new pavement applied. At the Bering Street intersection with Front Street, excavation will occur below the current profile of the pavement and new fill material will be applied upon which a new sidewalk and street pavement will be constructed. The final elevation will match the pre-existing road surface elevation.

Impacts on Natural and Beneficial Flood Plain Values

"Natural and beneficial flood-plain values" include, but are not limited to fish, wildlife, plants, open space, natural beauty, scientific study, outdoor recreation, agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, natural moderation of floods, water quality maintenance, and groundwater recharge. The project should not significantly impact the natural and beneficial flood plain values. All work will remain within the existing roadway prism and no grade raises are proposed. The DOT&PF has minimized the footprint of the project to the extent practicable. By repairing the deteriorated pavement along Bering Street and replacing the existing curb and gutter system, this project will improve the ability of the road drainage system to convey stormwater runoff, thereby reducing flooding along Bering Street.

Measures to Minimize Flood Plain Impacts Associated with the Action

"Minimize" means to reduce to the smallest practicable amount or degree, and "practicable" means capable of being done within reasonable natural, social, or economic constraints. DOT&PF routinely does the following on highway design projects:

- Geomorphic factors are considered in hydraulic structure placement and road designs.
- Maintain the existing flow distributions to the extent practicable.
- Minimizes the footprint of the project to the extent practicable.
- Erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented during construction.

The project will not involve significant encroachments and does not support incompatible flood plain development. Proposed work will improve water conveyance and no adverse flood plain impacts are anticipated. There will be no loss of flow conveyance to carry base flood and storage capacity will not be affected by proposed improvements in this project's final condition.

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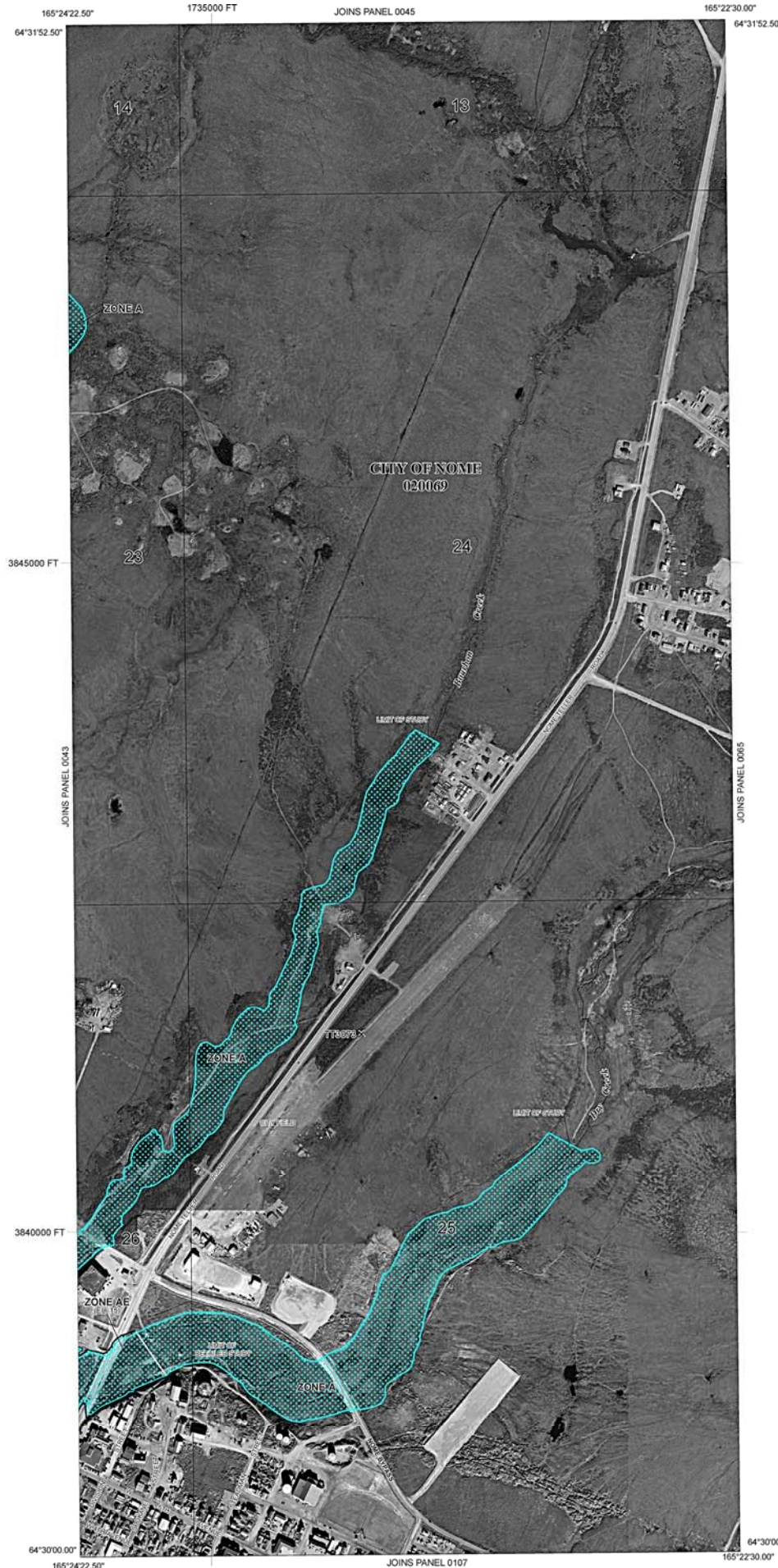
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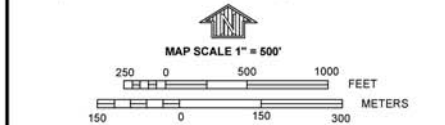
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PANEL 0044C

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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
NOME CENSUS AREA

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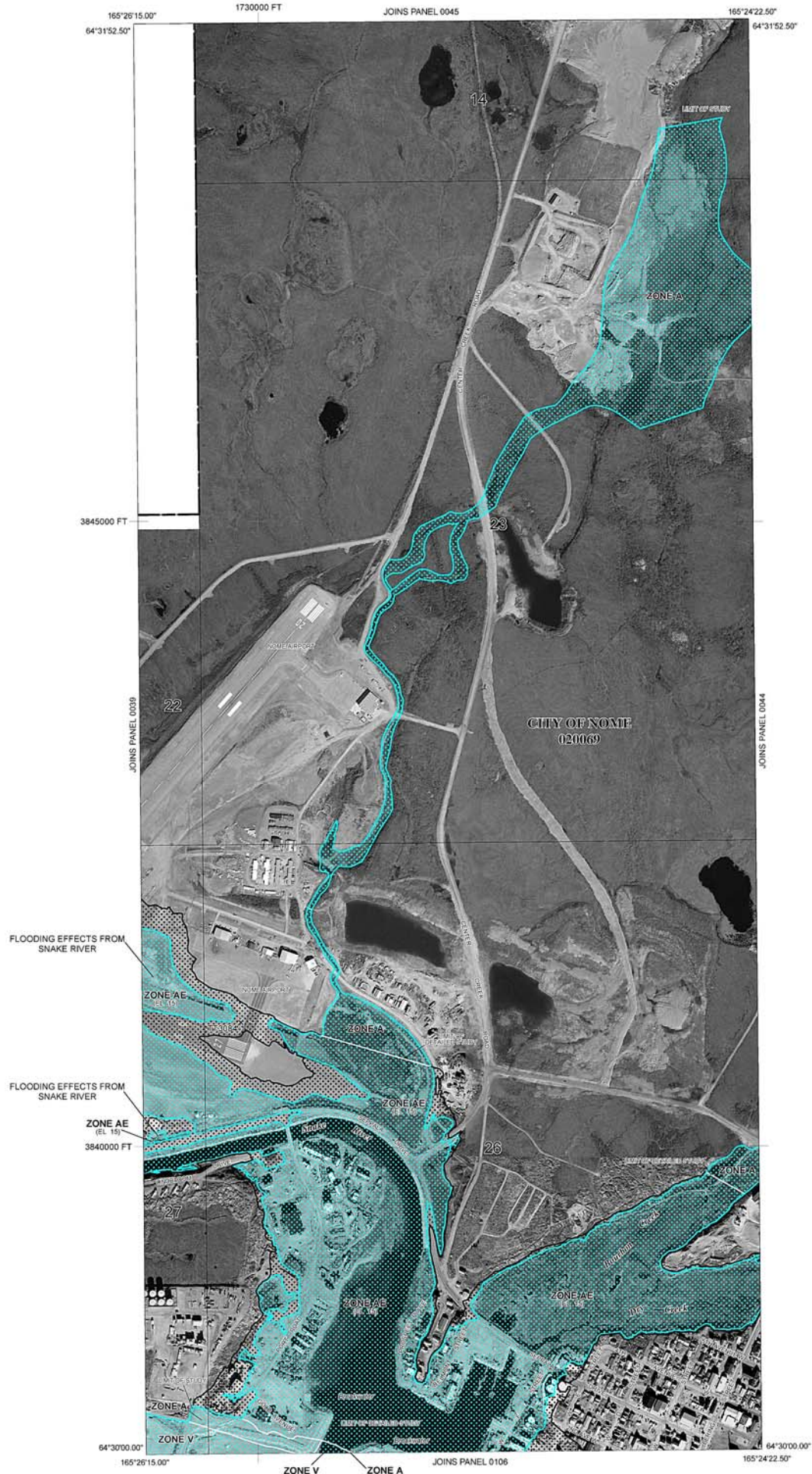
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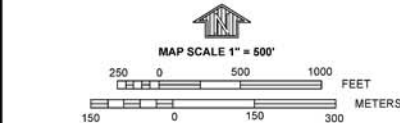
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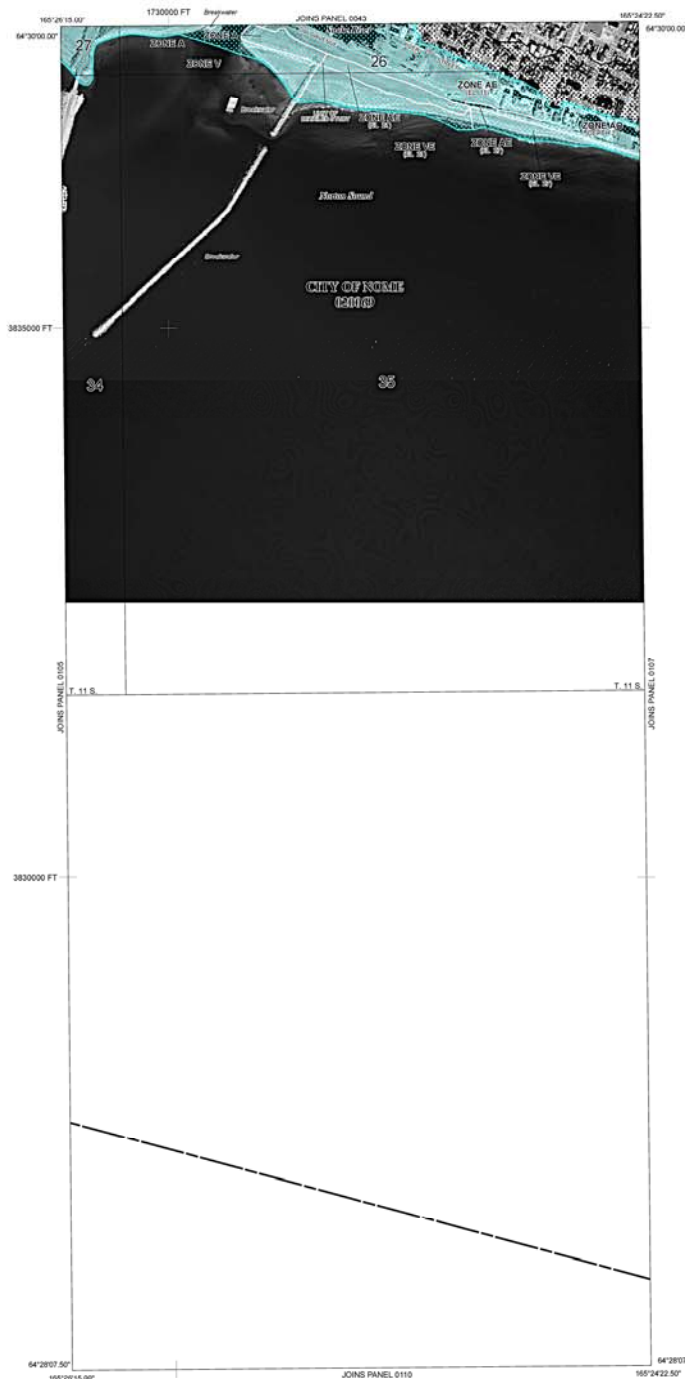
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June 28, 2014

FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP REVISIONS
August 8, 2017

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP EFFECTIVE
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EFFECTIVE DATES OF REVISIONS TO THIS PANEL
May 3, 2010 - to update map format and to change Special Flood Hazard Areas.

To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6626.

MAP SCALE 1" = 600'

250 0 500 1000 FEET
150 0 150 300 METERS

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FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

CITY OF
NOME,
ALASKA
NOME CENSUS AREA

PANEL 106 OF 130
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
NOME, CITY OF	02069	0106	C

Notes to User: The Map Number shown below should be used when checking map orders. The Community Number shown above should be used on insurance applications for the insured community.

MAP NUMBER
020690106C

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