

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities held an Open House on March 29, 2012 to obtain public comment on the proposed Fairbanks Area Spot Intersection Improvements project. The project proposed various safety improvements at the following five intersections: Chena Hot Springs Road/Nordale Road, Chena Hot Springs Road/Old Steese Highway, Steese Expressway/Goldstream Road, Goldstream Road/Old Steese Highway and Goldstream Road/Murphy Dome Road/Sheep Creek Road.

Improvements included: Installing highway illumination at currently unlit intersections, improve the highway illumination at currently lit intersections, improved signing, transverse rumble strips and installing stop bars. Comments from the public were received through April 16, 2012.

Based upon consideration of the comments received, the Department will proceed with all proposed project improvements presented at the Public Open House with the exception of the proposed illumination at Goldstream Road/Murphy Dome Road/Sheep Creek Road.

In response to negative public comments, the Department will exercise its discretion to direct funding for this aspect of the project elsewhere and delete the proposed illumination at this location. Retroreflective strips will be added to the front of the sign posts at this location to increase the visibility of the signs to motorists approaching the intersection from Murphy Dome Road.

The project website located at <http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/spot/> contains current information on the project including drawings depicting the current proposed improvements. The Department would like to thank the public for providing input on this project and is looking forward to their future support as we work to improve the safety for all users on state-maintained facilities throughout the state.