

HAINES HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

MILEPOST 3.5-25.3



March 2009

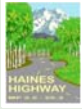
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About the Project

- DOT&PF & FHWA are proposing to upgrade Haines Highway from milepost 3.5 to 25.3.
- MP 25 to the Canadian border (MP 40) has already been upgraded between 1994 and 2001.
- Goal of the project is to bring the last portion of the Haines Highway up to National Highway System standards for design speed 55 mph.
- Improvements will provide a safe, consistent and efficient roadway.

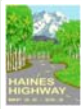
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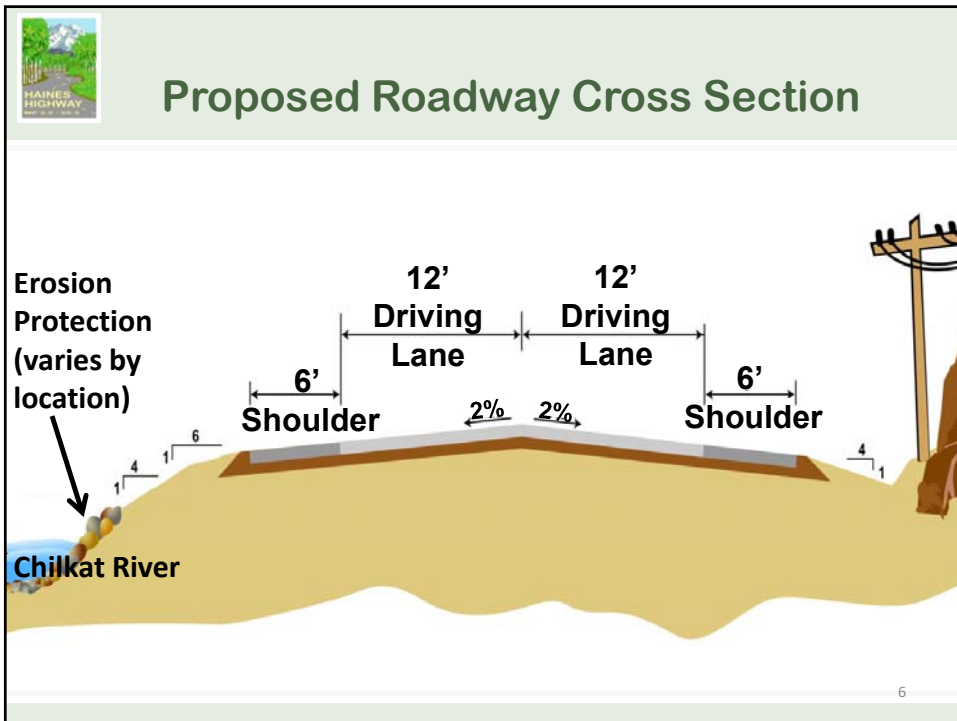
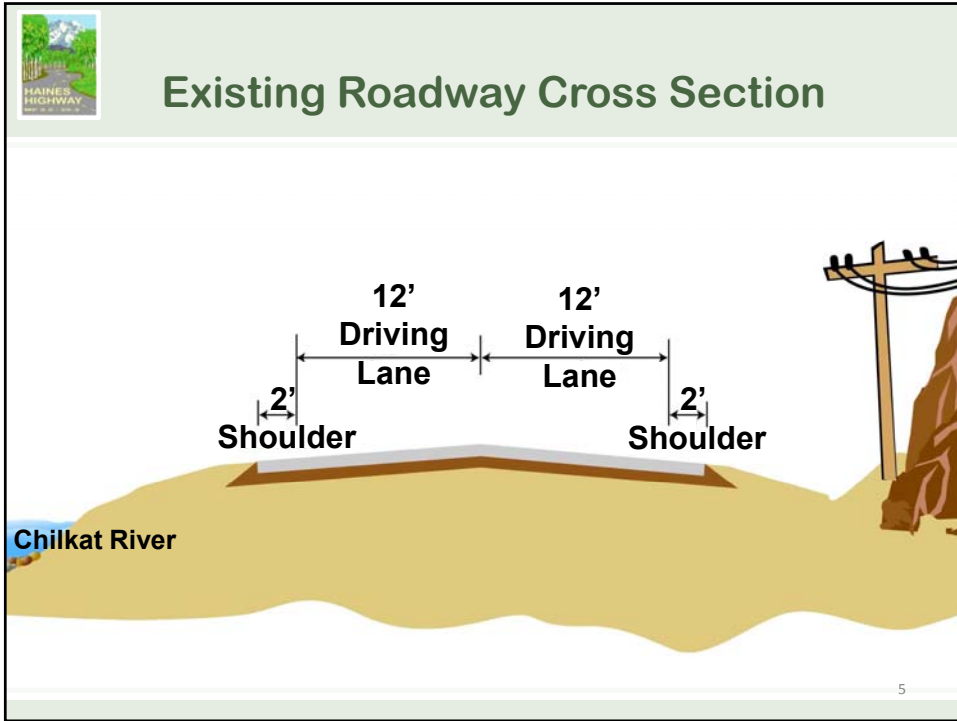
Improvements being considered:

- Straightening curves
- Adding shoulders
- Sight distances
- Upgrading road to 55mph design standards
- Relocation/replacement of the bridge over the Chilkat River at milepost 23.8
- Potential long-term solutions to debris flow problems near mileposts 19 and 23



Project Location Map



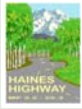




Project History

- Preliminary engineering and environmental activities began in August 2005.
- Public and Agency Scoping meetings held in December 2005.
- Two additional agency meetings held in 2006 to discuss stream and wetland mitigation options for the project.
- Scoping Summary Report , Geotechnical Report, Hydrologic & Hydraulic Analysis, and draft Alignment Report submitted in 2006.

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Environmental Documentation to Date

- Wetlands, Stream, and Vegetation Mapping
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Fish Stream Habitat Analysis
- Bald Eagle Nest Survey



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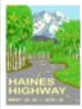


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- Cultural / Archaeological Resources Survey
- Subsistence Use Survey
- Initial Consultation with tribal organizations
- Conceptual Mitigation Plan



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What's happened since 2006?



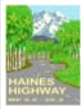
- Project was put on hold in September 2006 due to shortfalls in state transportation funding
- Project was restarted in November 2008

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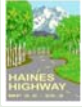
What's happening now?

- Project team is updating and finalizing the alignment analysis.
- Working on updating and finalizing environmental documentation, based on new alignment:
 - updated wetland / stream impacts
 - updated mitigation plan
 - permit applications
 - Draft EA



Project Schedule

- 2nd round of Public & Agency meetings - March 2009
- Draft EA to DOT&PF & FHWA - Fall-Winter 2009
- EA scheduled for public and agency review - early 2010
- Permit applications submitted to agencies - early 2010
- EA open house public meeting - Spring 2010
- Schedule for construction dependent upon funding



Contact Us

We want to hear from you. Your comments will be reviewed and considered during the EA preparation.

Environmental Comments by email or phone to:

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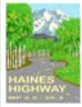
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