



Alaska Department of Transportation
& Public Facilities-Southcoast Region

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED DE MINIMIS 4(f) FINDING

Glacier Highway Improvements
(Lemon Creek Area), Project #Z-68124-0000

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is requesting public comments on an intended *de minimis* impact finding on Switzer Creek Natural Area Park / Switzer Creek Greenbelt (Switzer Creek Natural Area Park) for proposed permanent acquisitions and temporary construction easements associated with slope, drainage improvements, sidewalk, and illumination.

Switzer Creek Natural Area Park is located on the north side of Glacier Highway in the Lemon Creek Area across from Alaway Avenue and between Northwood Drive and the Pinewood Park Subdivision in Juneau, AK. The Switzer Creek Natural Area Park is owned and managed by the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Parks and Recreation Department and is protected under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (Section 4(f)). The park is further designated as a conservation area for a stream corridor and provides open space for recreational opportunities with three different trailheads and natural area habitat protection.

The work proposed in this property as part of this project would:

- reconstruct a bus stop
- reconstruct and widen sidewalks
- relocate or add illumination
- reconstruct and improve drainage and slopes

These activities are estimated to affect approximately 2,568 sqft adjacent to the existing Glacier Highway.

After consideration of impact avoidance and minimization of harm, and coordination with CBJ, DOT&PF intends to make a *de minimis* Section 4(f) finding that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the Switzer Creek Natural Area Park for protection under Section 4(f).

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental law 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.

Please submit your written comments on the proposed finding to:

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Comments are requested by June 27, 2019.

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