

Alaska Department of
Transportation & Public Facilities



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO BEGIN
ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDIES AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

**Ketchikan Water Street Trestle No. 1
Improvement
Project # SFHWY0069 / Federal # 0003224**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to replace Water Street Trestle No. 1 within the 1700 block of Second Avenue in downtown Ketchikan, Alaska.

Water Street Trestle No. 1, also known as the Second Avenue Trestle, is a 117-foot timber trestle built in 1922 that connects access along Second Avenue. The trestle is load restricted with damage to the structural timber elements caused by a failed uphill retaining wall, age, and weathering. The purpose of the project is to improve the trestle for continued transportation access to the residences and resolve these deficiencies.

The proposed project would:

- Remove the existing timber trestle structure.
- Construct a Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining wall.
- Relocate utilities, as needed.
- Relocate or remove fuel tanks, as needed.
- Modify drainage, as needed.
- Modify an adjacent retaining wall.
- Improve pedestrian facilities, as needed.

Construction is projected for spring 2021.

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.

Development of this proposed project would follow a process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Based on project location and scope of work, the environmental document is anticipated to be a categorical exclusion (CE). Possible affected resources include eagles and cultural or historic properties.

The proposed project would comply with all applicable authorities including:

- EO-11593 (Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Environment)
- EO-11988 (Floodplain Management)
- EO-11990 (Protection of Wetlands)
- EO-12898 (Environmental Justice)
- EO-13007 (Indian Sacred Sites)
- EO-13112 (Invasive Species)
- EO-13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments)
- Bald and Gold Eagle Protection Act
- Clean Air and Clean Water Acts
- Endangered Species Act
- Lands and Water Conservation Fund Act 6(f)
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act
- National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106
- U.S. Department of Transportation – Section 4(f)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

DOT&PF is soliciting comments on the proposed project. Your comments would help us evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of this project, as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources.

Please submit your written comments to:

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To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide comments via email or fax, or by mailing address by December 6, 2019. Find more information at dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects.

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