

South Tongass Highway Rehabilitation Deermount to Surf

Project Fact Sheet

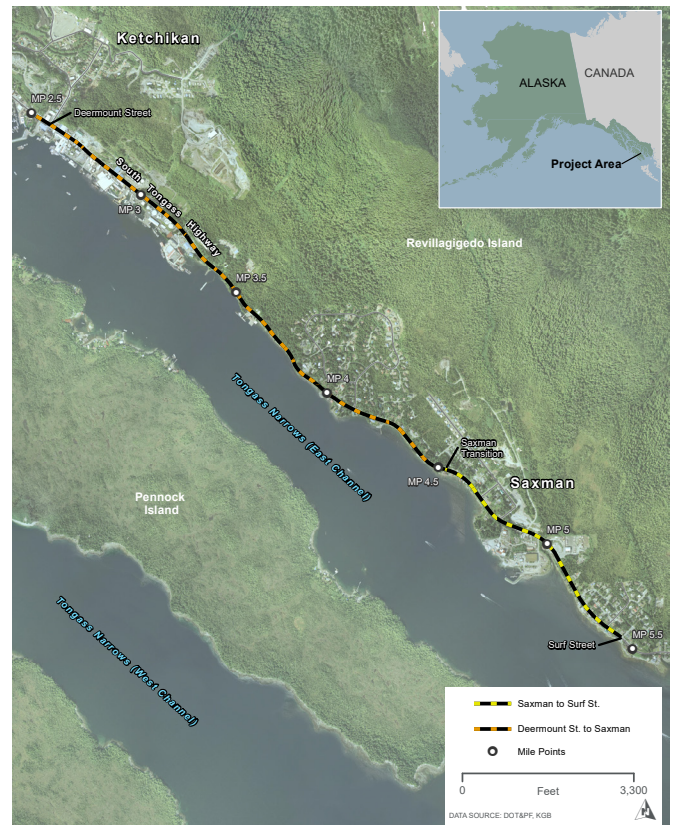
The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), is proposing to rehabilitate about three miles of South Tongass Highway and related non-motorized facilities from Deermount Street to Surf Street. The South Tongass Highway Rehabilitation project would improve operations and provide for improved movement of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.

Key Project Features

- » Highway widening at some locations, with rock cuts as needed
- » Reconstruction of the bike/pedestrian pathway
- » Extension of the pathway through Saxman
- » New sidewalks between Deermount Street and Community Connections
- » Drainage improvements (including new inlets, storm drains, ditches, and culverts)
- » Utility relocations
- » Bus stop turnouts in coordination with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Transit Manager and the City of Saxman

Project Background and Overview

South Tongass Highway serves the Cities of Ketchikan and Saxman as well as the entire Ketchikan Gateway Borough. The roadway provides travel connections between the City of Ketchikan and communities to the south. The highway is an undivided, two-lane roadway with many private driveways, limited shoulders, and an adjacent multi-use pathway along most sections.



This project would improve operations on South Tongass Highway, rehabilitate the roadway, reconstruct the existing multi-use pathway and extend it through Saxman, improve drainage, and relocate utilities. In some places, the project will include minor realignments of the roadway to improve sight distances. Replacement guardrails, handrails, and chain-link fencing would also be part of the project. The project team has completed the project's required environmental documentation and is moving into the right-of way and final design phases of work.

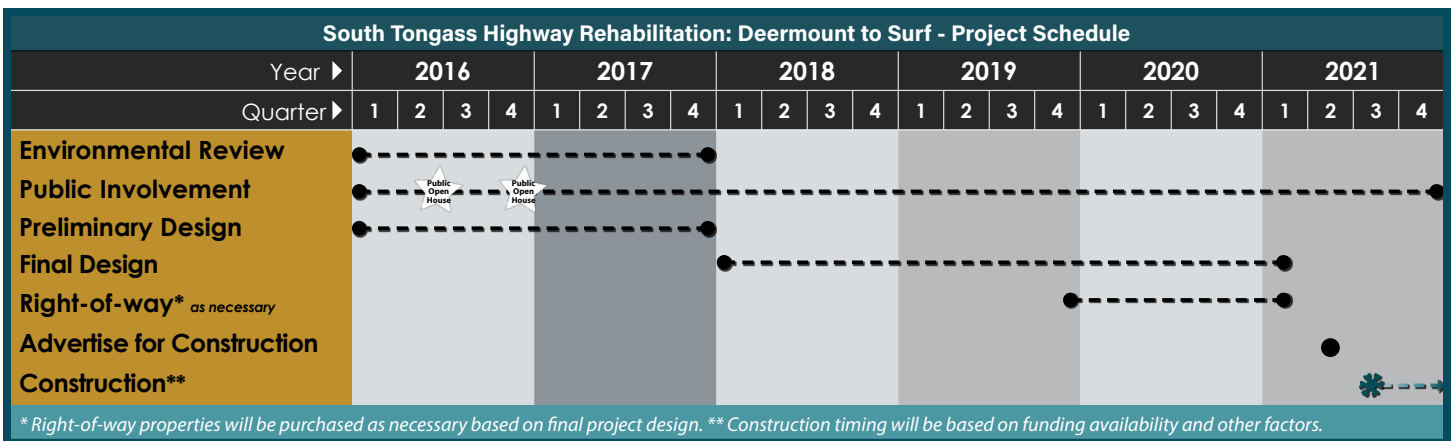
Schedule

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2021.



Get Involved

DOT&PF wants to hear from you as we develop the project design and prepare for construction. We will keep the public informed of project progress via newsletters and the website. To learn more about the project, sign up for the project e-mail list at www.southtongasshighway.com.



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