UNIVERSITY AVENUE SAFETY HISTORY

Over six percent of all traffic accidents in the 7,361 square mile area of the Fairbanks North Star Borough occur on University Avenue. This is despite the fact that University Avenue is only about two miles in length and represents less than 0.2 percent of the total length of roads within the Borough that are maintained by the DOT&PF or local road service districts.

Turning movements account for 47 percent of the accidents while rear-end collisions cause nearly 44 percent of the accidents on University Avenue.

The proposed rehabilitation and widening of University Avenue is intended, in part, to improve traffic safety by limiting potential conflicts arising from vehicular turning movements. Design Alternatives Two through Four represent increasing levels of safety at the expense of decreased convenience in accessing adjacent property. The Department is seeking public input to assist it in reaching the proper balance between these two conflicting objectives.