



Roads and Highways Advisory Board

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)

M&O Dalton Highway Updates

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DALTON HIGHWAY ACTIVITY



M&O Capital Project Investment Dalton Highway 2025

- Dalton Highway MP 76-89 Resurfacing within current proposed FY2026 Gov. Capital Budget
- Dalton Highway Aggregate Stockpiles \$4 million – Proposed FY26 Gov. Capital Budget

Dalton Highway Maintenance Contracting \$692.5K – Proposed FY26 Gov. Operating Budget

Highway Use Agreement – DOT&PF and AGDC (Alaska Gasline Development Corporation)

- Ensure readiness for an upcoming pipeline project while maintaining highway infrastructure, including Right-of-Way, Pipeline Crossings, Construction Load Impacts, Material Sites, Driveways, and other related factors

EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS STAFFING

Maintenance District	Total Equipment Operator Positions	Vacancy Rate (as of Jan. 29, 2024)	Vacancy Rate (as of February 3, 2025)
Anchorage	48	19%	4%
Matanuska-Susitna	37	14%	3%
Kenai Peninsula	53	25%	9%
Southwest	19	16%	5%
Dalton	70	26%	22%
Denali	26	27%	17%
Fairbanks	57	33%	11%
Tazlina	42	33%	3%
Tok	34	32%	32%
Valdez	24	29%	38%
Western	29	21%	20%
Kodiak/Aleutian	32	4%	9%
Southeast	56	11%	7%
Total/Average	527	22%	14%



EQUIPMENT MECHANIC STAFFING

Maintenance District	Heavy Equipment Mechanic Positions	Vacancy Rate <i>(as of Jan. 29, 2024)</i>	<i>Vacancy Rate</i> <i>(as of February 3, 2025)</i>
Anchorage	10	33%	50%
Matanuska-Susitna	7	28%	0%
Kenai Peninsula	9	11%	22%
Southwest	5	40%	40%
Dalton	13	0%	23%
Denali	4	50%	25%
Fairbanks	11	36%	55%
Tazlina	6	33%	50%
Tok	8	13%	0%
Valdez	5	60%	40%
Western	8	50%	50%
Kodiak/Aleutian	5	40%	20%
Southeast	12	25%	50%
Total/Average	103	25%	33%



RESOURCE SHARING & CONTRACTOR SUPPORT



Resource Sharing

- **Dept. of Natural Resources Support** – Snow removal
- **Regional Equipment Operator Sharing** – Staffing from other districts

Contract Support for Maintenance & Operations

- Routine summer maintenance
 - Capitalize on capital project resources
 - Material hauling contracts
- Routine winter maintenance activities
- Emergency event response

MATERIAL SITE UPDATE

Summer 2025 Tentative Stockpile Material Plan for Maintenance							
District	Station	MP	MS #	Name	Land Owner	Quantity	Type
Dalton Highway	Seven Mile	64	65-9-029-2	Shooting Range	BLM	15,000	E-1
						5,000	3" Minus
	Jim River	125	65-9-037-2	Bonanza Creek East	BLM	20,000	D-1M
		145	65-9-045-2	Jim River No. 3	BLM	20,000	D-1M
	Chandalar	253	65-9-008-2	Atigun River No. 1	BLM	20,000	E-1
		275	65-9-104-2	Galbraith Camp	BLM	10,000	E-1
	Deadhorse	390	65-9-099-2		DNR	10,000	C-Chips
		412	65-9-102-2	Deadhorse	DNR	10,000	C-Chips

