



# HSIP: Wasilla-Fishhook Rd & Spruce Ave/Peck St Roundabout Public Meeting Summary

State/Federal Project No: CFHWY00790/0525020

DATE: July 29, 2024

TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wasilla Public Library, Multi-Purpose Room

## PROJECT TEAM

## ORGANIZATION:

### ATTENDEES:

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## OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) with DOWL hosted a public open house for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): Wasilla-Fishhook Road and Spruce Avenue/Peck Street Roundabout project on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Wasilla Public Library in the Multi-Purpose Room. Attendees signed in and received a fact sheet. The open house featured project boards displaying key information such as the project area, timeline, roundabout safety statistics, and landscape renderings of the project design features. A large roll plot of the proposed roundabout design was located on tables for attendees to discuss specific area concerns and document comments. Project team members were available for inquiries, while roll plots invited attendees to pinpoint and discuss specific concerns within the project area. This event provided a platform for public engagement and feedback on the project's development.

The open house was attended by nine interested members of the public and five project team members.

## QUESTION AND COMMENT SUMMARY:

The following comment summary is based on discussions with project team members, comments submitted in writing via comment forms, and comments noted on the roll plot.

### Roundabout Safety

- Drivers traveling too fast through roundabouts are dangerous.
- Roundabouts are perceived as not as safe as signalized intersections.

## Concerns with Existing Intersection

- Drivers on Spruce Avenue or Peck Street traveling across or turning onto Wasilla-Fishhook experience long waits, and it can be difficult to judge the spacing and speed of vehicles.
- Traffic on Wasilla-Fishhook travels quickly, and the flow of traffic is traveling around a blind curve at this intersection.
- Ice buildup at Spruce Avenue in the southwest quadrant of the intersection.

## Pedestrians and Bicyclists

- Pedestrians crossing the intersection feel it is dangerous.
- Children walking or riding bicycles in the area need to travel across the intersection to get to schools and the library.
- Consider installing light-up pedestrian signs.

## Support for Roundabout Design

- Support for a roundabout at this location.
- North Lake Community Council is supportive of this project.
- Support for the roundabout design being substantial enough to accommodate semi trucks.

## Landscaping

- Consider using feature trees in the center mound:
  - Ussurian Pear trees
  - Amur Maple trees
  - Siberian Fir trees
- Install a water system in the center mound.
- Do not use landscape cloth.

## Property Access

- Concerns with property access for adjacent landowners.
- Specific concern with new access being limited off Wasilla-Fishhook Road when access is available off Peck Street.

TASK ASSIGNMENTS:	ASSIGNED TO:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact adjacent landowner</li></ul>	DOT&PF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share open house summary on project website</li></ul>	DOT&PF