



Kenai Spur Highway Rehabilitation: Sports Lake Road to Swires Road – Phase II

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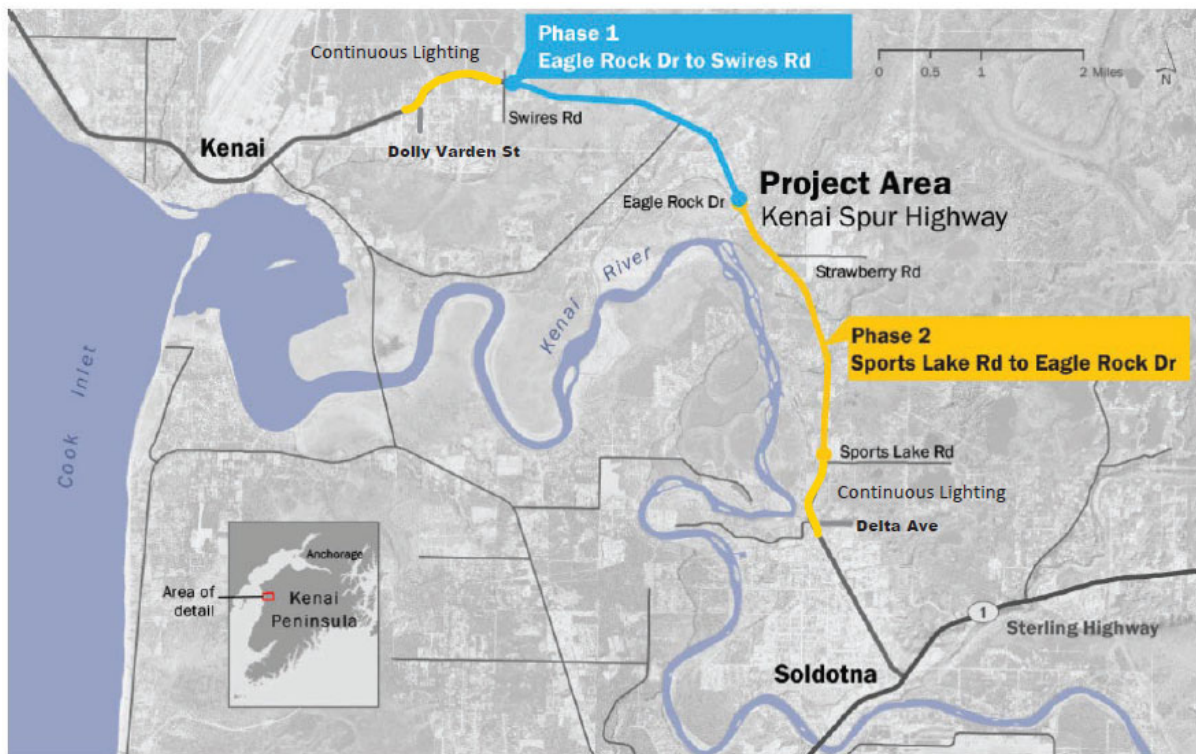
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Project Overview

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is rehabilitating 5.7 miles of the Kenai Spur Highway between Sports Lake Road and Swires Road to improve safety and increase capacity. The work is being delivered in two phases.

Phase II will reconstruct the highway to a five-lane section between Sports Lake Road and Eagle Rock Drive and install continuous lighting between Delta Avenue and Dolly Varden Street.

As the primary link between the communities of Kenai and Soldotna, this two-lane, undivided highway has a crash rate higher than the statewide average and the second-highest rate of moose collisions in Alaska. Because of these safety concerns, the project is a priority for both the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska.



In 2011, DOT&PF received a \$20 million state appropriation for the project. From 2012 through early 2014, DOT&PF conducted reconnaissance engineering to identify and evaluate potential alternatives. The Cities of Kenai and Soldotna voiced their support for a five-lane highway design, as it would best serve long-term needs. However, due to funding limitations, the project was split into two phases, and federal funding was pursued to support Phase II. Planned improvements include:

- reconstructing and widening to a five-lane highway
- replacing culverts and guardrails
- moose mitigation measures
- minor pathway rerouting
- adding continuous lighting
- modifying or moving existing driveways



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Project Background

The project lies within a portion of the 39-mile Kenai Spur Highway, originally constructed in 1956 to connect Soldotna with Kenai and Nikiski. A 10-foot shared-use pathway was added to the west side of the highway in 2004.

What's Happening Now

Phase II was advertised for competitive construction bids in July 2025. Construction is anticipated to take multiple seasons to complete, with substantial completion expected by June 2028.

Vegetation clearing within the right-of-way and utility easements was completed in 2020 in preparation for future construction.

Phased Plan

Phase I: Construction completed in 2020.

Phase II: Clearing completed in 2020; Construction expected to be completed by June 2028.

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