



INHT PORTAGE CURVE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTOR

Project No. CFHWY00308 / AK FS CNF 164(1)

FACT SHEET

The United States Forest Service (USFS) in cooperation with the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) & the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing construction of a multimodal paved trail adjacent to the Seward Highway from Ingram Creek (MP 75) through the Portage Curve to the Twentymile River (MP 82).

Project Scope:

The proposed multimodal paved trail will improve the health and quality of life for both residents and Alaska visitors by providing safe, strategically placed, segregated paved trails to the historically significant and congressionally designated Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT). One of the main objectives of this project is to design and construct a safe, multimodal trail that would take current pedestrian use out of the highway road-prism. The project will provide a safe, universally-accessible trail to connect people of all abilities to world-class recreation opportunities and experiences as well as iconic history and subsistence uses.

The proposed work includes/may include:

- Parking, and trail connection at Ingram Creek
- Provide for future connection to INHT Turnagain Pass segment
- Access, additional parking, and trail connection at Placer River. Old road alignment to be converted to additional parking west of the existing Placer River Bridge
- Connection to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC)
- Connection to the Trail of Blue Ice
- Connection to the Alaska Railroad Portage whistle stop
- Access, parking, and trail connection at Twentymile River. Provide for future connection to INHT Twentymile segment
- Installation of four undercrossings of the highway and five bridge pedestrian facilities
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian facilities

Schedule/Current Work:

The project is in the startup phase. The primary route has been identified and we are analyzing design alternatives on how to tie into various amenities. We will continue to provide schedule updates as the project progresses.

Where we are now:

- Collecting information, working on design, and coordinating with the stakeholders along the corridor for their input. Coordinating design efforts with Seward Highway MP 75-90 Phase II (Project CFHWY00213).

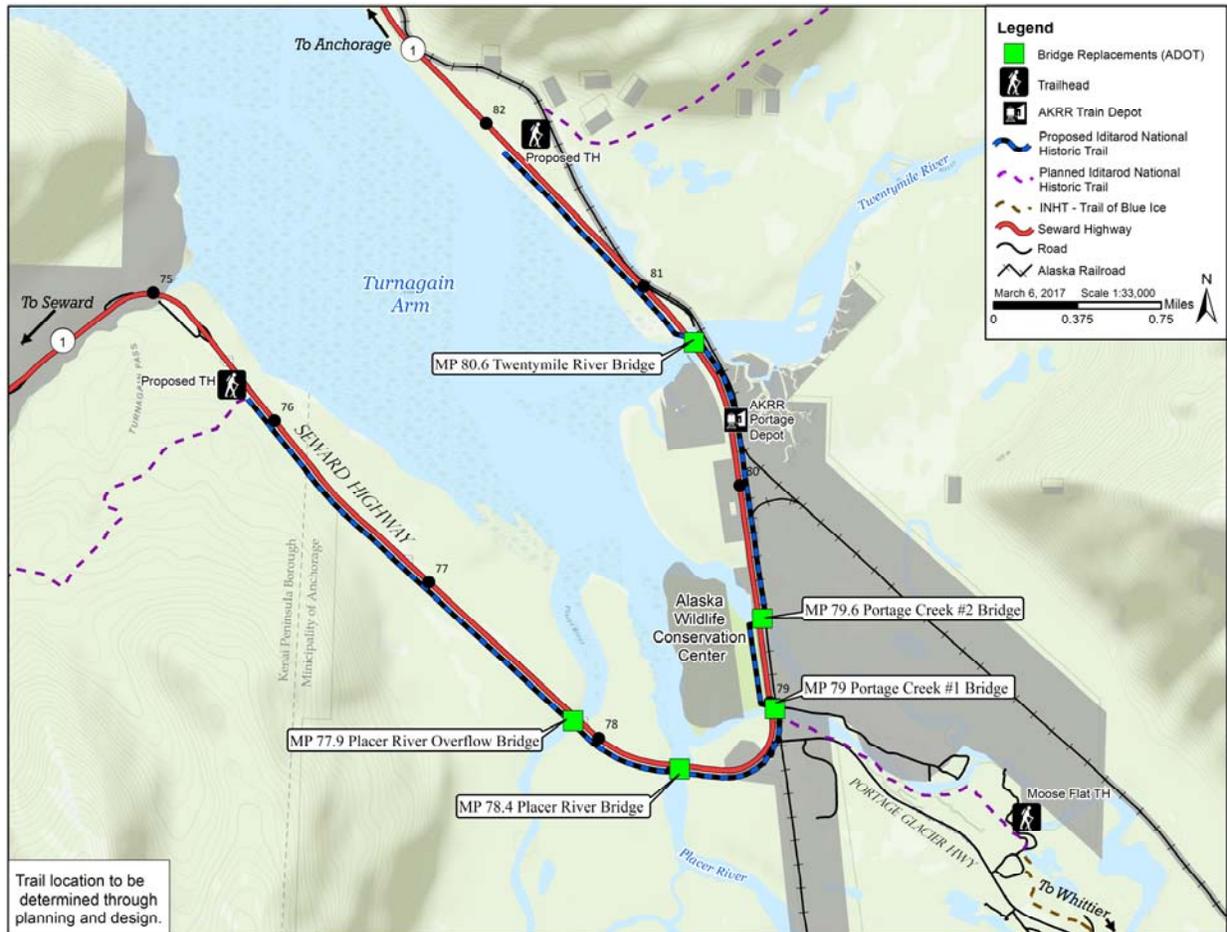
Tentative schedule:

- 65% Design: Fall 2018
- Right-of-Way activities: Fall 2018 – Winter 2019
- Final Design : Winter 2019
- Construction to occur in conjunction with Seward Highway MP 75-90 - Anticipated in 2020

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PROJECT AREA MAP



Project Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/chugach>

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