



## **AMATS Quarterly Project Update Through March 31, 2025**

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### **3rd Avenue Signals Reconstruction [E Street to Gambell Street]**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to reconstruct 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from E Street to Gambell Street. This project will look at lane reductions, parking removal, lower speed limits, changing from a one-way to two-way from A Street to Gambell Street, lighting and signal upgrades, signal to all-way stop conversions, non-motorized facilities, drainage upgrades, and other improvements as needed to meet ADA requirements.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: Project is on hold pending the TIP amendment. The project is being rescoped to a reconstruction with complete-streets considerations.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Signal & Lighting Upgrade**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: This project will reconstruct the traffic signal and street lighting system on 4th Ave between A Street and Ingra Street. Work may include signing, Striping, ATRs, drainage, paving, pedestrian & ADA amenities, utility relocation, landscaping and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: The project is on hold pending the TIP amendment.

### **32nd Ave Upgrade [Benson Blvd to Minnesota Drive]**

Project Manager: Travis Holmes, P.E.

Project Description: Upgrade W. 32nd Avenue from Lois Drive to Minnesota Drive to make non-motorized and storm drain improvements. Additionally, the intersection of W. 32nd Avenue and Lois Drive will be reconstructed. The scope also includes lighting, markings, signage and other roadside hardware improvements.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: RFP was advertised in January and a Consultant has been selected. Negotiations on the design contract are just about to begin.

### **88<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Lake Otis Parkway to Abbott Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: Plan, design, and construct 88th Avenue, generally from Lake Otis Parkway to Abbott Road. Project will resurface and re-stripe the existing roadway, and upgrade curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project may also include structural section improvements, minor upgrades to signal, lightning, and/or traffic recording equipment, utility relocations or adjustments.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Spring of 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: The project is aiming to certify in April 2025 and advertise in June/July.

### **2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (MTP)**

Project Manager: Rhiannon Brown, Senior Planner

Project Description: An update to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River. The Federal Highway Administration requires the MTP to be updated every four years and has to demonstrate fiscal constraint. The plan must cover all modes of transportation: freeways, highways, streets and sidewalks, public transit, trails and freight mobility; and address congestion management and air quality standards. It must be based on land uses described in the current Comprehensive Plan. The MOA will select a qualified consultant through the RFP process and will enter into a Professional Services Contract to assist with producing the 2052 MTP update.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: The TORA has been signed by MOA and DOT&PF and has been provided to Admin for the necessary Assembly documents for the appropriation. The RFP is currently in the editing process.

### **Abbott Road Pavement Preservation: New Seward Highway to Lake Otis Parkway**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation, which may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, striping, signs, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Developing the environmental document.

**Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Improvements**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: This reconstruction project will improve Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive. This reconstruction may include drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utilities, ADA improvements, roadside hardware, intersection improvements and realignments.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Fall of 2026.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Project is working through the CSS process and held a second open house on March 19.

**AMATS Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: CMP, in compliance with MAP-21 legislation, guides and uses performance data to determine causes and severity of congestion in the region. It monitors recurring and nonrecurring congestion and utilized at various planning level in the transportation planning process, including but not limited, MTP, TIP, and development of individual projects. The goal of the CMP to provide comprehensive information on the performance of the transportation system so citizens, elected officials, and partner agencies will have up-to-date information regarding congestion levels and implemented strategies.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: CMP RFP internal draft has been finalized and forwarded to Planning admin liaison to Purchasing Department for review. Project estimated start date is tentative for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Anchorage Area Pavement Preservation, Group A**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation on multiple routes. Work may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, bridge work, striping, and utilities. Project area includes Northern Lights Blvd between Lake Otis and Forest Park Drive, Dimond Blvd between Seward Highway and Jewel Lake Road, Seward Hwy between Tudor and 15th.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Storm Drain Inspections and Condition Assessments have been conducted. Northern Lights Boulevard portion will look to incorporate design from HSIP: Northern Lights Boulevard Road Diet, dropping a lane on the north side of the roadway, which was recently approved and being amended into Northern Lights Boulevard Sidewalk Repairs project. Seward Highway and Dimond Boulevard working toward Plans In Hand Reviews. Potential lane-drop discussions ongoing for Dimond Boulevard, no current confirmation on inclusion.

**CTF Alternate Entrance Alignment (WFL)**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will relocate Campbell Track Facility (CTF) entrance roadway approximately 260 feet north to align with East 68th Ave intersection. Work may include signal modifications, intersection modifications, lighting, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, utility relocations, and ADA improvements.

Current Phase: ROW Completed

Estimated Construction Year: 2025/2026

Status: Ongoing survey, hydraulic, and design work for enhanced drainage features at intersection with Elmore.

**Campbell Creek Trail Crossing at Lake Otis Parkway**

Project Manager: Connor Eshleman, P.E.

Project Description: The project will construct a grade separated crossing connecting Campbell Creek Trail across Lake Otis Parkway. This reconstruction may include bridge work, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, ADA improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: Project scoping has been completed and Design phase funding has been obligated. Work towards completing the Environmental document is underway. Due to significant Right of Way and Public Involvement issues, a strategy of phasing the project into first constructing a short term at grade crossing, then developing a overcrossing option is being considered.

**Central Region ADA Compliance Project**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Reconstruction of non-compliant ADA improvements along State-owned routes in DOT&PF's Central Region to implement DOT&PF's ADA Transition Plan and to ensure compliance with the ADA. Project elements may include curb ramps, sidewalks, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Re-evaluating selected locations. Expect to have locations narrowed down late spring, and field survey this summer to start progressing a Plans In Hand package.

### **Chugach Way Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Rehabilitate Chugach Way from Spenard Road to Arctic Boulevard and include non-motorized improvements.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Initial scoping and Project Management Plan are complete. Consultant is under contract. Match and Maintenance Agreement with MOA is in process. Initial funding received. Survey is scheduled for this summer. Working through negotiations for the Original Contract with the consultant.

### **Climate Action Plan**

Project Manager: Emily Weiser, Non-motorized Coordinator

Project website: <https://publicinput.com/h14231>

Project Description: This project will build on the Anchorage Climate Action Plan (adopted May 2019) by developing a climate action plan for the AMATS planning area. This data-based project will inventory current and past Anchorage/Chugiak-Eagle River transportation system greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (including carbon) in order to quantitatively evaluate strategies and actions to reduce future GHG emissions, including carbon reduction strategies, related to transportation. The project will focus on equity and include a strategic implementation plan.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: The project team has completed the draft greenhouse gas inventory and public involvement plan, held one stakeholder group meeting, and completed one-on-one interviews with partners. Materials are now available on the project website (above), and the project was introduced at several AMATS committee meetings. Another stakeholder group meeting is upcoming and work continues to develop a draft of the plan.

### **Complete Streets Plan**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project website: <https://publicinput.com/amatscompletestreets>

Project Description: This plan will build on the AMATS Complete Street policy to provide planning guidance for street types, sidewalks, roadways, intersections, curbsides and ADA accessibility as well as plan implementation. This plan will also develop multi-modal street typologies for the AMATS area and a corresponding street typology map. These typologies may include recommendations for development review, streetscape design, traffic signal upgrades, recommended road reclassifications, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities design.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: The project team is working on the development of a proposed plan outline, conducting research on successful plans from other communities, and development of background report.

**DeArmoun Road: E. 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Hillside Drive Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Sean Baski, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement Preservation of DeArmoun Rd. from East 140th Avenue to Hillside Drive including improvements to drainage, intersections, ADA, roadside hardware, and utilities. High Friction Surface Treatment may be reapplied.

Current Phase: Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Coordinating with utility companies to complete utility agreements.

**Downtown Streets Engineering Study**

Project Manager: Daniel McKenna-Foster, MOA Long Range Planning

Project Website:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/DowntownStreetsEngineeringStudy.aspx>

Project Description: A project to look at the existing limitations and opportunities for public rights of way in the Downtown area.

Current Phase: Planning and Writing the Study

Status: The project has mostly concluded the planning phase and is writing and finalizing the document and recommendations. We aim to have the study complete by August or September of 2025. The final document will have a list of priority areas and potential project areas, as well as a potential phasing plan.

**Downtown Trail Connection**

Project Manager: Kristina Busch, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.connectcoastaltoship.com/>

Project Description: Project will construct a connection between the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to the Ship Creek Trail in downtown Anchorage. Major Project Elements include Bridge Work (Pedestrian), Roadside Hardware, Drainage Improvements, Intersection Improvements and ADA Improvements.

Current Phase: Design. A combined Plans-in-Hand (PIH) and (95%) PS&E Review is expected to be completed mid-late April. Estimated Project Advertising is Winter 2025

Estimated Construction Year: 2026/2027, coordinating construction with the Alaska Railroad's bridge project.

Status: The Environmental Document was approved January 10, 2025. A combined Plans-in-Hand (PIH) and (95%) PS&E Review is expected mid-late April. ARRC Temporary Construction Permit (TCP) approval is June 25<sup>th</sup>. Project anticipates Federal Certification in July 2025 to obligate construction funding in August for FFY25. The ARRC Bridge (#114.3) Replacement project is scheduled for construction Winter 2025 through Spring 2026 with potential for final in-water work Winter 2026 to remove temporary piers. Estimated Construction Year for the pathway is 2026 with potential for work under the bridge to be finalized in 2027.

**Drainage Improvements: Anchorage Area**

Project Manager: Travis Holmes, P.E.

Project Description: This project will address drainage issues to improve resiliency of the surface transportation network. Improvements may include culverts, storm drain systems, settling and detention ponds, erosion caused by hydraulic mechanisms, and other similar elements. This work may also include associated roadside hardware, pedestrian facilities, bridge work, striping, and utilities and other elements as necessary.

Current Phase: Reconnaissance Engineering

Status: Funding is being requested now for this project. Once funding is obligated, an RFP for a reconnaissance study and inventory database will be developed. The work on this project will include field inspections of state-owned drainage features throughout the Anchorage Area, inventory of these items and their current state, and reports documenting the data along with recommended repairs for future projects.

**Eagle River Loop Road- Eagle River Road to Old Glenn Highway Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Jason Lamoreaux, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation, which may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, striping, signs, and utilities.

Current Phase: Construction.

Estimated Construction Completion Year: 2025

Status: Project is currently under construction.

**Elmore Road Pavement Preservation: Abbott Road to Providence Drive**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement Preservation project for Elmore Road: Abbott Rd. to Providence Dr. This project includes resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, and ADA improvements as necessary.

Current Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Year: 2024/2025

Status: Construction contract awarded to QAP on 4/24/24 for \$9,874,913.00. Construction to be completed by 9/30/2025.



### **Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Connor Eshleman, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.fireweedlane.com/>

Project Description: This project would rehabilitate Fireweed Lane from Spenard Road to the Seward Highway and include a road diet, changing Fireweed from 4 lanes to a maximum of 3 lanes (2 with a center turn lane). This project would also include non-motorized improvements.

Current Phase: Design. Design through Environmental expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2028

Status: The design contract has been awarded, and the preliminary design and work towards completing the Environmental document is underway. An open house was held October 30th to provide the public with an update on the project schedule and gain insight into a variety of alternatives under consideration.

### **Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Website: <https://fishcreektrail.com/>

Project Description: This project will construct a multi-use path between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail in the vicinity of Fish Creek. Work may include roadside hardware, ADA improvements, utilities, lighting, bridge work, and drainage improvements.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed by winter 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026/2027

Status: Environmental Document is complete. Plans-in-hand review is imminent. Surveying and Geotechnical field work complete.

### **Glenn Highway & Artillery Road Interchange Improvements**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Description: The project will reconstruct the Glenn Highway and Artillery Road interchange in Eagle River to improve safety and operations. Work includes bridge replacement, retaining walls, nearby intersections, channelization, landscaping, signing, striping, and utilities as needed.

Current Phase: Preliminary Design Through Environmental Document Completion

Estimated Construction Year: 2030

Status: The Department has entered negotiations with DOWL for design, environmental, and topo survey services. After which, they will begin work on the topographic and right-of-way survey, environmental document, traffic modeling, alternatives analysis, and public involvement.

### **Glenn Highway & Hiland Road Interchange Improvements**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Website: <https://glenn-hiland.com>

Project Description: Project will evaluate alternatives to make short term improvements to the Hiland Road interchange utilizing the existing bridge over the highway.

Current Phase: Final Design

Estimated Construction Year: Summer 2027

Status: The environmental document is approved, and Final Design funding has been obligated by FHWA. The 'Divergabouth' (diverging diamond with roundabouts) has been selected due to support from the public and stakeholders. DOWL is preparing the 35% design and report for the MOA Planning & Zoning Commission's review this spring, in compliance with the MOA's Context Sensitive Solutions process. After which, they'll commencing the Design Study Report, construction plans, specifications, and estimate for the Plans-In-Hand (PIH) review milestone.

### **Glenn Highway: Airport Heights to Park Highway Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Christopher Bentz

Project Description: This project will rehabilitate the Glenn Highway from the intersection with Airport Heights (MP 0.0) to the Parks Highway Interchange (MP 33.0). The project may include Bridge work, roadside hardware, drainage Improvements, interchange improvements, ADA improvements, utilities and safety improvements.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: Project is anticipated to be phased for construction, with first phase in summer 2026 at the earliest.

Status: Project is currently in the design phase with final PS&E approval anticipated in early 2026 for the first phase of construction, roughly Airport Heights to Hiland Rd. Project bidding is expected to occur shortly thereafter in 2026. Upcoming public involvement will include representation at the Anchorage Transportation Fair and multiple stakeholder meetings focused on the Traffic Management Plan.

### **Glenn Highway Incident Management Traffic Accommodations**

Project Manager: Christopher Bentz

Project Description: Project will construct modifications and improvements to facilitate efficient through travel along the Glenn Highway corridor and nearby roads between Boniface Parkway and the Parks Highway so that during times when lanes are blocked by accidents or other events, gridlock does not preclude travel between Anchorage, Eagle River and the Matanuska Valley. Proposed improvements are to construct median crossovers between interchanges, to allow redirection of traffic onto one side of highway as needed in response to events blocking traffic.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: Project is anticipated to be phased for construction, with first phase in summer 2026 at the earliest. This project will be constructed with the Glenn Highway: Airport Heights to Parks Hwy Rehabilitation.

Status: Project is currently in the design phase with final PS&E approval anticipated in early 2026 for the first phase of construction, roughly Airport Heights to Hiland Rd. Project bidding is expected to occur shortly thereafter in 2026.

### **Hillside Drive – DeArmoun Road to Abbott Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Rori Van Nortwick, P.E.

Project Description: This is a pavement preservation project for Hillside Drive from DeArmoun Road to Abbott Road. This project includes roadway resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, ADA improvements, utilities and other work as necessary.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Development of the environmental document is currently underway. Field survey conducted Fall 2024.

### **HSIP: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Concrete Street to Karluk Street Pedestrian Improvements**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This HSIP project will construct a median barrier on 5th Avenue between Concrete Street and the couplet of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues (Karluk Street). Work may include roadside hardware, drainage improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026/2027

Status: Design work and coordination with project stakeholders is ongoing.

### **HSIP: Anchorage Flashing Yellow Arrow & Signal Head Display Improvements – Stages 1 & 2**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Description: This project will install FYA signal heads at various locations in Anchorage for existing protected-permissive and permissive left turning movements (opposing left turns will both be upgraded, where identified); install new signal poles, mast arms, and foundations as required to complete FYA upgrades; upgrade existing TS-1 traffic controller cabinets and electrical load centers to support FYA operation; relocate mast arm signage and reconstruct existing sidewalk, roadway, curb and gutter, and curb ramps as required to modify the required traffic signal to FYA operation.

Current Phase: Final Design

Estimated Construction Year: Stage 1 – 2027, Stage 2 – 2028

Status: The environmental document is approved, and Final Design funding has been obligated by FHWA. DOWL is finalizing the Design Study Report, and preparing the construction plans, specifications, and estimate for Stage 1 (PS&E review) and Stage 2 (PIH review).

### **HSIP: Gambell and Ingra Street-Overhead Signal Indication U/G**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will install new signal poles and mast arms to bring signals into conformance with current minimum signal indication requirements.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026/2027

Status: Design work is ongoing. Plans-in-hand review completed. This project is anticipated to be constructed with the Gambell Utility Pole and Lighting project. Negotiating with HDR to complete remainder of design.

### **HSIP: Gambell Street Utility Pole Removal and Increased Lighting**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will remove the utility poles and underground the utilities. New light poles will be installed at locations further from the traveled way to reduce the risk of impact by errant vehicles. New light poles will be installed to meet current standards.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026/2027

Status: Design work is ongoing. Plans-in-hand review completed. Negotiating with HDR to complete remainder of design. Ongoing coordination with CEA, GCI, and ACS for advanced utility work.

**HSIP: Old Seward Highway, Industrial Way/120<sup>th</sup> Avenue Channelization**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Install raised median on Old Seward Highway with directional left-in only median openings at Industry Way and 120th Avenue.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Some initial field work has been done. Project is being designed as part of the Old Seward Highway and Huffman Pavement preservation project.

**HSIP: Tudor Road: Baxter Road to Patterson Street Channelization**

Project Manager: Rori Van Nortwick, P.E.

Project Description: Install a non-traversable median and roadside barriers on Tudor Road between Baxter Road and Patterson Street. The proposed median targets head-on and access-related crashes by providing physical separation between vehicles, identifying specific left turn locations, and promoting through trips. This median may be raised concrete curb, concrete barrier, or a combination of both median types.

Current Phase: Final Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: Plans in Hand review meeting was held November 2024. Community Council sent plan set in November 2024 and DOT attended a council meeting in March 2025. Design is progressing to PS&E review (75% design). The project will be represented at the 2025 Anchorage Transportation Fair.

**Ingra-Gambell Couplet Extension Reconnaissance Study**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Website: <https://sewardglennconnection.com>

Project Description: Project will develop a Reconnaissance Level Planning Study to review and analyze potential extension of Ingra and Gambell Streets to Ship Creek Avenue, Whitney Road, and Port of Alaska access. The project will study the project area emphasizing implementation actions related to access, circulation, and freight mobility.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: HDR has been chosen to complete this study since they're already investigating Port connection alternatives for the Seward to Glenn (S-G) Connection Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study's alternatives analysis and public outreach process. Refined alternatives for port connections via an Ingra-Gambell Couplet extension were presented at the S-G PEL public open house on 12/9/2024; and to various stakeholder groups throughout the 80-day public comment period, including AMATS committees, the Anchorage Assembly, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Community Councils in the study area, Alaska Trucking Association, and others. These alternatives are being further refined based on public and stakeholder input and will be analyzed against the Level 2 screening criteria this spring. A freight route workshop was conducted with the Alaska Trucking Association on March 20, 2024, to better establish constraints, needs, and current routing from the local trucking community.

### **L & I Streets- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation, which may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, striping, signs, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Project team is developing a cost estimate that includes significant non-motorized facility improvements to inform AMATS decision making process. Alignments have been developed and work continues on developing the basemap. Storm Drain Inspection has been conducted. Condition Assessment being generated. Presented to AMATS TAC on 4/3 to get direction on improvements/new scope. TAC approved a motion for us to take a lane drop recommendation (and possibly signal reconstruction) project forward to the Policy Committee (4/17) for approval for scope change and funding. This would likely facilitate an AMATS TIP Amendment and reclassification of the project out of a pavement preservation project and into a named project and will likely add at least a year to the current schedule, depending on how long it takes to amend the scope, schedule and fee on that contract.

### **Minnesota Drive and I/L Street Corridor Plan [International Airport Road to 3rd Ave]**

Project Manager: James Starzec, AICP

Project Website: <https://publicinput.com/minnesotacorridorplan#tab-53454>

Project Description: Project will provide a comprehensive analysis of the Minnesota Drive and I/L Street corridor's current conditions, anticipated growth patterns and their impacts, likely outcomes and reasonable mitigation alternatives. It will include recommended improvements based on identified needs and community input, and a timeline for implementation.

Current Phase: Planning. Expected to be completed Winter 2025.

Status: Public involvement activities to this point include two steering committee meetings, a public workshop, and presentations to the AMATS TAC and PC. Project team has drafted current conditions reports and are reviewing land use and development plans to inform the development of draft alternatives. Project will be represented at the upcoming Anchorage Transportation Fair. Outreach to the community through pop-ups and a design charrette are planned for the summer of 2025.

**Minnesota Drive Sidewalk Repairs**

Project Manager: Travis Holmes, P.E.

Project Description: This project will perform repairs to the sidewalks and pathways along Minnesota Drive, generally between Tudor Road and Hillcrest Drive. The project will also complete ADA Improvements, where needed.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: DOWL and Lounsbury are now under contract for design work. The design team has started preliminary design efforts as well as traffic analysis for the potential addition of crosswalks to the inner legs of the Benson and Northern Lights couplet signalized intersections. Field work for the design will start this spring once the snow clears.

**Mountain Air Drive Extension**

Project Manager: Connor Eshleman, P.E.

Project Website: <https://mountainairdrive.com/>

Project Description: This reconstruction project will extend Mountain Air Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to 162nd Avenue. The reconstruction may include drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utilities, a water crossing at Little Rabbit Creek with possible bridge work, ADA improvements, roadside hardware, and intersection improvements at Rabbit Creek Road.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: The environmental document has been completed and 35% design review has been completed. Project team is continuing to design the project.

TIP Amendment 2 includes an additional \$750,000 in Phase 2 (design) funding. The current funding for the ATP through Final Design is insufficient to complete the project. By approximately August, the project may deplete non-encumbered funding. Delays in additional funding after August may require a pause in project design, leading to construction delays.

### **Northern Lights Boulevard Sidewalk Repairs**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This project will perform spot repairs to the North and South sidewalks of Northern Lights Boulevard between the Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive to restore damaged and deteriorating sections of sidewalk, and to complete ADA improvements where needed.

Current Phase: Right of Way

Estimated Construction Year: Phased - 2026 & 2027/2028.

Status: Project is currently planning on phasing the south side and north side into summer 2026 and summer 2027/2028, respectively, due to the additional scope of the **HSIP: Northern Lights Boulevard Road Diet**. South side critical path is the acquisition of TCE's. North side of Northern Lights design will be adjusted according to needs for the Road Diet project. HSIP project is currently going through the process for approval of a single source waiver to maintain Lounsbury as the consultant and amend the effort into the contract.

### **Old Seward Highway & Huffman Road, O'Malley Road to Rabbit Creek Road to Birch Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation on multiple routes. Work may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, bridge work, striping, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Field reviews conducted last fall. Additional survey for non-compliant ADA facilities anticipated. Project is working towards Plans In Hand.

### **Old Seward Highway Spur – Old Seward Highway to Potter Valley Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This project will repave Old Seward Highway Spur from Old Seward Highway to Potter Valley Road. Work may include pavement replacement, reconstruction/dig-out sections, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: Environmental Class of Action has been determined to be a Categorical Exclusion. Plans In Hand are currently being developed. Survey, ROW basemap, draft recommendations for dig-out locations, culvert condition survey and final speed study are complete. Critical Path is finalizing the Environmental Document.



**Potter Drive Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Rori Van Nortwick, P.E.

Project Description: Rehabilitation of Potter Drive from Arctic Boulevard to Dowling Road. This project will include: non-motorized improvements, ADA improvements (such as sidewalks and curb ramps), roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design. Expected completion in Early 2026.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2028

Status: Preliminary design, environmental, and public involvement efforts are underway. Project will be represented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. Consultant contract in negotiations to add design support services.

**Rabbit Creek Road Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Rori Van Nortwick, P.E.

Project Description: Project will rehabilitate Rabbit Creek Road from the Old Seward Highway to Goldenvue Drive. Work will also include improvements to drainage, intersections, ADA facilities, roadside hardware, and utilities.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design. Expected to be completed Fall 2026.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2028

Status: Preliminary design, environmental, and public involvement efforts are underway. Topographical survey done in fall of 2024. Project will be represented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. Consultant contract in negotiations to add design support services.

**Recreational Trails Plan Update**

Project Manager: Nicolette Dent, MOA Parks & Recreation; Emily Weiser, Non-motorized Coordinator

Project Description: A comprehensive planning update for recreational trail management, maintenance, and development within the AMATS area. This update will include established multi-use pathways as well as recreational destination facilities such as single-track bicycle trails, hiking networks and bicycle parks within the planning area. This plan will also study the potential for trail expansion opportunities balanced with existing maintenance needs. It will consider emerging trail use trends and examine the connections between recreational trail development and fostering economic growth within the AMATS area.

Current Phase: Plan Development and Public Involvement

Status: Received 2,055 responses to the online survey and 79 attendees participated in public workshops in November. Conducted 13 individual stakeholder agency interviews in December and January. Reviewed and updated Trail Classification guidelines with the Technical Working Group. Analyzing results of public outreach to create Draft Project Recommendations and Implementation Actions. Planning pop-up outreach and comment opportunities over the summer.

**Regional Household Travel Survey**

Project Manager: Christine Schuette, AMATS Senior Planner

Project Website: <https://publicinput.com/I7083>

Project Description: The goal of this project is to carry out surveys that meet federal rules and gather useful data to improve the current travel demand model (TDM). The project will include a regional household travel survey and a related on-board (transit) survey to collect clear, detailed information about how people in the AMATS region travel and their social and economic backgrounds.

Current Phase: Plan Development

Status: The project team completed the on-board survey, and the report is under internal review. The team is designing and testing the household travel survey and preparing outreach materials.

**Seward Highway: 36th Avenue Interchange**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.36thinterchange.com/>

Project Description: This project will design and construct an interchange at the intersection of the New Seward Highway and 36th Avenue. This project will coordinate its design with the Tudor Road Overcrossing Replacement project, just to the south.

Current Phase: Preliminary Design Through Environmental Document Completion

Estimated Construction Year: 2030

Status: The project has limited State funding and no federal funding. Future federal funding has been included in Draft STIP Amendment 2 and Draft TIP Amendment 3. The preliminary design and work towards completing the environmental document is underway, but will be stopped before completion if funding isn't approved in the STIP and TIP.

**Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Reconstruction**

Project Manager: Sean Baski, P.E.

Project Description: Reconstruct the Seward Highway between O'Malley Rd and Dimond Blvd, which may include: new north- and south-bound lanes and auxiliary lanes, a new interchange connecting 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Academy Drive, reconstruction of the existing interchanges within the project limits, construction and reconstruction of frontage roads, pathway and sidewalk improvements, noise walls and drainage improvements.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Design team will re-engage with the public and re-evaluate the scope of the project.

## **Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Website: <https://sewardglennconnection.com>

**Project Description:** This study will identify and evaluate options to improve safety, livability, regional travel between the Seward and Glenn Highways, and local travel within the surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, the two controlled access freeways are connected through the study area by slower speed arterial roads. The project will also identify ways to improve access between the Port of Alaska and the National Highway System network. The study will identify potential improvements and evaluate the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of those improvements using a Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) process.

**Current Phase:** Planning

**Status:** Public Open House #5 occurred on 12/9/2024 at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center to unveil and solicit comments on the Refined Alternatives, which included options with and without a regional parkway connection between the Glenn and Seward Highways. Freeway alternatives were eliminated and replaced with parkways at lower speeds and narrower footprints. The Revised Recommended Alternative Selection Criteria Memorandum, Final Detailed Alternatives Report, and Draft Alternative Refinement and Initial Screening Report were published to the website immediately after the Public Open House, followed by the Updated Communications Plan in January 2025. The 80-day public comment period for the Refined Alternatives and Draft Alternative Refinement and Initial Screening Report ended on 2/28/2025.

In addition to strong support for eliminating any alternatives that cross or traverse the Chester Creek Greenbelt, a common theme in the public's comments was an interest in short-term opportunities to increase non-motorized safety and reduce vehicular demand; as well as reducing community and park impacts. Consequently, the Study team has increased its focus on methods and costs to reduce vehicular demand on the NHS/interstate network in the study area by investigating and recommending transit, TSMO, and TDM practices as part of every alternative. Traffic demand models have been created to analyze the surface street facilities' performance in the year 2050 for different cross-sections on Ingra, Gambell, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Geometric refinements will be made to the regional connection parkway alternatives to further reduce impacts to the local community and promote an increase in non-motorized and transit use. The next round of alternatives will also be renamed so all options have the same type of designation (i.e., A, B, C, and so on) to reduce confusion with the non-regional connection alternatives, such as the formerly named "MTP 2050" and "MTP+" alternatives.

Detailed cost analysis, Level 2 Alternatives Screening, and additional public engagement and comment opportunities to occur this spring summer.

**Spenard Road Rehabilitation: Minnesota Drive to Benson Boulevard**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.spenardroad.com/>

Project Description: This project will rehabilitate Spenard Road generally from Minnesota Drive to Benson Boulevard. This project includes drainage, intersection, and ADA Improvements, utilities, and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design is expected to be completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2027.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: The 75% design review (Plans-in-Hand) has been completed, along with the project's third public open house. Due to funding challenges, the ROW acquisition process was delayed. Since ROW acquisition is on the critical path, this delay has impacted the overall construction schedule.

The project manager has requested Authorization to Proceed (ATP) for ROW appraisal and acquisition from FHWA and anticipates approval soon. ROW acquisitions are expected to take approximately two years to complete.

The project is preparing to present to UDC as part of the CSS process.

**Spenard Road Rehabilitation - Minnesota Dr to Northwood Dr**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This project will rehabilitate Spenard Road generally from Northwood Drive to Minnesota Drive. This project includes drainage, intersection, and ADA improvements, as well as utilities, and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Finalizing In-House Scoping/PMP. Maintenance Agreement sent to Muni for review, waiting on Local Match and agreement to request funding.

**Tudor Road Overcrossing Replacement**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Description: Replace Tudor Road Overcrossing at the Seward Highway to meet current standards. Improve turning movements and non-motorized accommodations to address safety concerns. Rehabilitate interchange ramps and intersections to meet new bridge configuration, as needed. This project will coordinate its design with the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange project.

Current Phase: Preliminary Design Through Environmental Document Completion

Estimated Construction Year: 2030

Status: The Department has finalized negotiations with DOWL and they have been issued notice to proceed with preliminary design and environmental document work. Efforts will also begin this spring on the traffic modeling, alternatives analysis, and public involvement.

**VFW Road: Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This pavement preservation project includes resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, bridge improvements, ADA improvements, and utilities as necessary.

Current Phase: Construction.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Project was awarded late winter and is out to Construction.