

A 3R Analysis was completed to evaluate the need for safety improvements along this corridor. The analysis indicated that the highway performs within standards and many of the initially proposed improvements such as passing lanes and changes to the curvature of the roadway are not warranted. As a result of the safety analysis, this project's scope focuses primarily on improving the drainage infrastructure, providing continuous pedestrian accommodation, and resurfacing the existing roadway.

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (the Department), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to rehabilitate the Seward Highway from the Trail River Bridge (near historic milepost [MP] 25.5) to the Sterling Wye (near historic MP 36) to extend the service life of the highway. Rehabilitation efforts for the MP 25.5 to 36 project corridor may include:

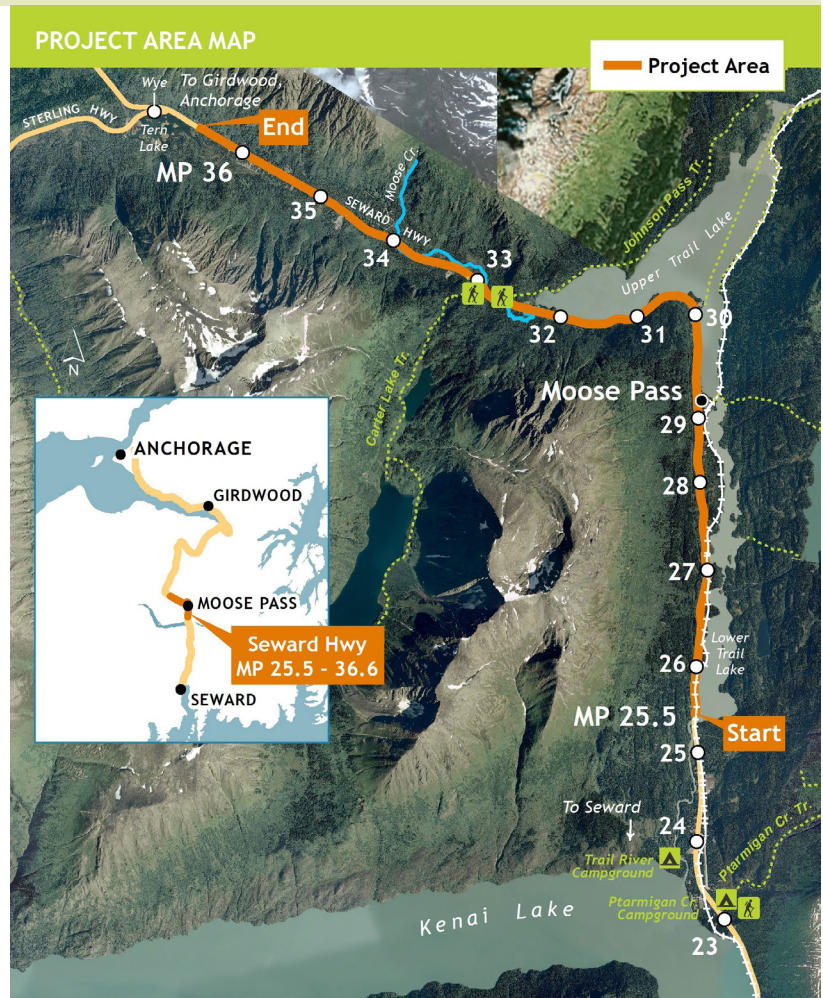
- » Resurfacing the roadway along the existing alignment
- » Shoulder widening south of Moose Pass
- » Realigning the pathway in Moose Pass
- » Improving drainage and replacing drainage structures, including large diameter fish passage culverts
- » Adding traffic calming measures in the community of Moose Pass
- » Upgrading guardrail
- » Clearing vegetation to improve sight distance
- » Relocating utilities, as needed
- » ROW acquisitions, as needed

Cost

The Seward Highway MP 25.5-36 Rehabilitation Project is estimated to cost about \$90 million (including design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction), and will use State and Federal funds.

Right of Way (ROW)

The Department will acquire additional ROW that is necessary to build, operate, and maintain the highway as part of this project. The Department will follow its standard processes when completing these requests. The proposed ROW plats have been approved by local platting authorities. For more information on the Department's ROW process, visit: dot.alaska.gov/stwddes/dcsrow



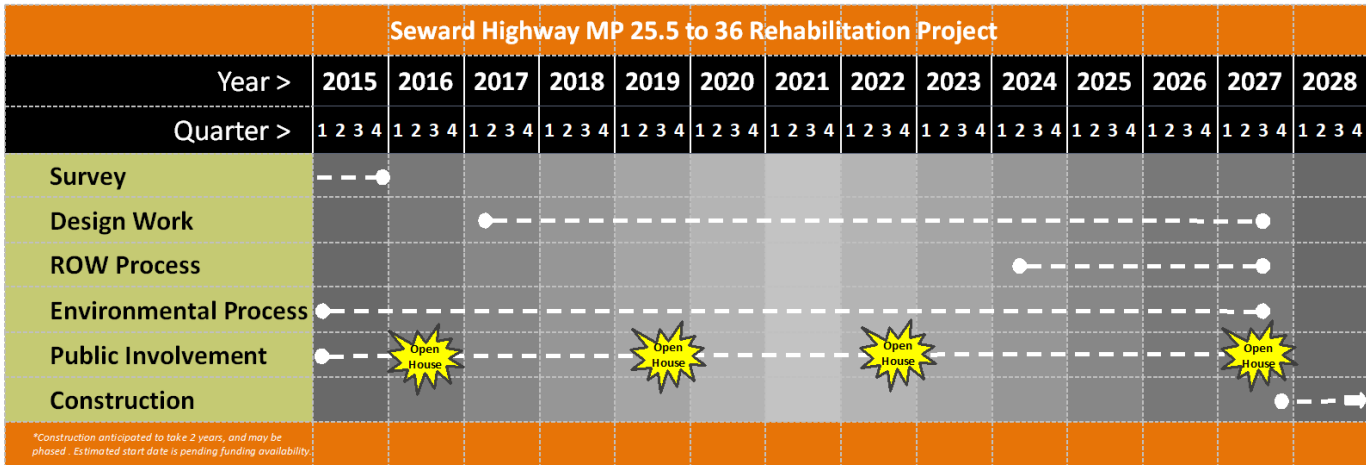
Project Status

The project team has completed an environmental analysis and a 75% design. The Department has begun the process of appraisals and acquisition of property for ROW. Ongoing activities include:

- » ROW involvement
- » Coordination with utility companies and the Alaska Railroad
- » Environmental reevaluation
- » Completion of project plans, specifications, and estimate
- » Additional survey, as needed

Schedule

This project team is proceeding with the final design process. Project construction timelines are directly linked to the successful acquisition of properties needed for the improvements, utility relocation agreements, and funding availability. The schedule shown below reflects typical time-frames for each of these activities, assuming funding is available at the time of the request.



Contact

Preliminary plans and other documents are available for the public to view on our website at: dot.alaska.gov/creg/sewardhwy25-36/

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