



# Fairview Loop Pathway & Safety Improvements

Project Number Z560200000

## Community Open House Summary

Date | Time: June 1, 2023 | 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Fairview Loop Baptist Church

### Project Team

- Lauren Little, PE, Project Manager, DOT&PF
- Jenny Wright, PE, Deputy Project Manager, DOT&PF
- Jim Starr, ROW Acquisitions Agent, DOT&PF
- Renée Goentzel, Environmental Analyst, DOT&PF
  
- Lance DeBernardi, PE, Project Manager, R&M
- Joe Horazdovsky, PE, Project Engineer, R&M
- Jonathan Horst, EIT, Staff Engineer, R&M
- Taryn Oleson-Yelle, AICP, Planner & Public Involvement Coordinator, R&M

### Attendees

Attendees signed in throughout the meeting, with 34 attendees signing in during the two-hour meeting. At least four attendees declined to sign in, for an estimated total attendance of 38 people. Area residents, business owners, and area stakeholders were invited to attend the meeting via mailed postcard, Knik Fairview Community Council outreach, and email.

### Meeting Materials

- Fact Sheet and Project Overview Map Handouts
- Comment Forms
- Schedule Figure
- Potential Spot Improvements Map - Overview Figure
- Roll Plots of proposed improvements
  - Top of the World to Hayfield
  - Hayfield to Snowshoe
  - Snowshoe to Lookout
  - Lookout to Fern
  - Sue to Valley & Cotton to Davis

### Meeting Summary

Taryn, Lauren, or Jenny welcomed attendees as they arrived and signed in, thanking them for coming to the meeting. Project team members explained the format of the open house and asked if there were particular sections of Fairview Loop they were interested in. If a location of interest was given by an attendee, a member of the project team would escort them to the appropriate detailed figure showing proposed improvements and begin discussing or direct them to other members of the project team to get their detailed questions answered. Handouts were available at the sign in table as well as on tables past the figures on display.



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Lance, Jim, Joe, Jonathan, and Renée were dispersed around the room at the detailed roll plot figures and engaged in one-on-one or small group conversations with attendees. Markers, pens, sticky notes, and comment forms were available at all tables in the room. Attendees were made aware of the opportunity to comment on and potentially impact the scope of work due to the project's new federal funding. Spot improvements under consideration for inclusion in the scope of work were highlighted in blue on the overview figure and attendees were encouraged to provide comment on them.



The following is a summary of the comments (grouped generally by topic), questions and answers that were provided during and after the meeting:

- Improve sight distance and grades at Marble Way
- Reduce hill at Carl Drive and Fairview Loop
- Fairview Loop has become an alternate to Knik Goose Bay Road and is heavily traveled with many speeding. Add a 4-way stop at Hayfield, Lupine, and Fairview Loop intersection. Add a 3-way stop the Fairview Loop and Fern Street intersection. Add additional stops at Harness, Snowshoe School, Mile 5 curve, and Mile 3.
- Hayfield Rd, Lupine Ln and Fairview Loop Intersection
  - Unsafe intersection that should be improved
  - Needs treatment to slow speeds and provide opportunities for turning movements
    - "it is too dangerous to tun onto Hayfield/Lupine from Fairview and too dangerous to turn onto Fairview from the side streets. Subdivisions have grown/filled exponentially in the past 7-8 years bringing dramatic traffic increases.
  - Needs speed control, it's too tight of a turn for the already speeding traffic to navigate safety
  - 4-way stops and roundabouts were suggested by multiple attendees



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- Excessive speeding on Fairview Loop needs to be addressed
- Mile 5.5 Fairview Loop – two big dips in the road, everyone passes a lot in this area and it's very unsafe
- Fairview Loop and Old Matt intersection needs a lot of help
- Pathway:
  - Extend it along the whole of Fairview Loop
  - It would be safer on the long straight stretch to have the pathway past Fern to the bend at Patty Drive
  - A developed pathway along Fern would make it a safer area. Many pedestrians and bikers go along this road and do not pay attention to traffic
  - Want to ensure the pathway is accessible for handicap/mobility challenged people and those who use e-bike, and that the existing access for off road ATV/UTV isn't restricted.
- Jack Fish Landing Airport (ARTIC comments): concerned about the pathway being on the north side of Fairview Loop and being a risk to the airstrip; would need a security fence where Fairview Loop is adjacent to the airstrip near Fern St
  - Suggests moving the pathway to the south side of Fairview Loop between Fern Street and north of Lookout Drive
    - Houses are almost 50 feet below the grade of the road on the north side of Fairview Loop just west of Jackfish Road
    - Property directly across from S Mountain Circle accesses Fairview Loop by backing out of driveway along their existing fence. A pathway on the north side of the road would impact this.



- Keep looking at Patty Drive; "we were in an injury collision there, people go around the corner way too fast especially coming off the hill on Fairview."
- "Project seems to be well laid out"



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- Removal of the hill to the left of my Marble Way entrance and exist will greatly improve safety due to unseen speeding traffic. I am also looking forward to an extended walking path
- Right of Way: Many property owners adjacent to Fairview Loop expressed frustration on the ROW acquisition process:
  - The need/justification for their property;
  - The start and stop of the process;
  - The inconsistent acquisition communications;
  - The pricing offered and;
  - An indication by some property owners of an unwillingness to sell.
- Schedule:
  - Many area residents and stakeholders expressed disappointment how long the project has taken to develop and translate into actual improvements.
  - Many area residents and stakeholders expressed "schedule fatigue"