

FACT SHEET

Study Overview

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is conducting a feasibility study to extend transportation access along the west side of Lynn Canal with the goal of identifying a viable option for improving access between Juneau and northern destinations.

This study will assess:



Potential Corridors



Constructability
Challenges



Environmental
Considerations



Cost Implications of
Various Alternatives

Identified Benefits

A direct road connection would support economic development by:



Increasing flexibility and reliability of AMHS and improving quality of life for Southeast Alaska residents and visitors



Improving access to suppliers and markets



Facilitating tourism, resource development, and cross-border trade with Canada

Evaluation Focus

This evaluation will focus on engineering feasibility of roads, bridges, and associated ferry terminals, identifying regulatory and environmental constraints, and developing cost estimates. Initially this work will analyze two primary alignment alternatives and associated variants:

1

A route from Cascade Point ferry terminal to William Henry Bay (new ferry terminal), then north to Pyramid Harbor, and further connecting with the Haines Highway.

2

A route from Cascade Point ferry terminal to Pyramid Harbor (new ferry terminal) and further connecting with the Haines Highway.

These routes will consider variants that route northward along the west side of the Chilkat River up to the existing Klehini River Bridge.

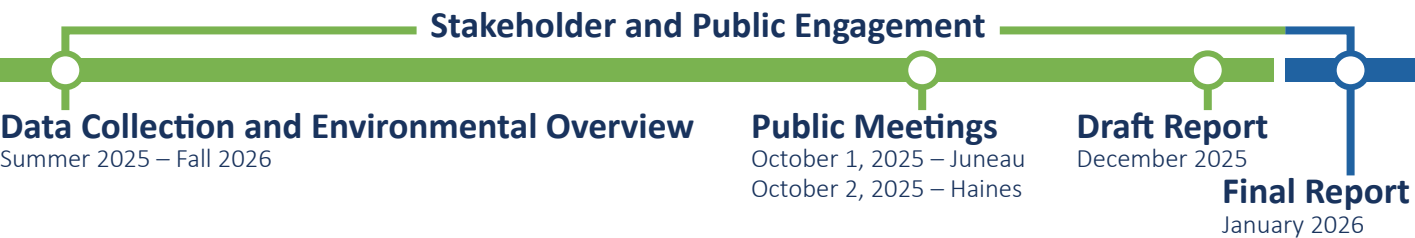
This project is a feasibility study. No future actions are planned as a result of the findings at this time.

Project Area and Maps

The study area stretches from the proposed Cascade Point Ferry Terminal along the northern extent of the Glacier Highway, across to William Henry Bay, and along the west coast of Lynn Canal to north of Haines and/or along the west side of the Chilkat River up to and possibly including the existing Klehini River Bridge.



Schedule



Contact Us

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