

# Juneau Access Improvements

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## MAP-21 Overview

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency for the Juneau Access Improvements (JAI) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), is now operating under the provisions of the [Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act \(MAP-21\)](#). One component of MAP-21 includes Section 1319, *Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews*, which is intended to ensure the timely delivery of transportation projects. FHWA issued [Interim Guidance on MAP-21 Section 1319 Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews](#) on January 14, 2013.

MAP-21 Section 1319 contains two key elements. First, it directs the lead agency, whenever possible, to work to identify the preferred alternative prior to issuing the DEIS. FHWA intends to name a preferred alternative in the JAI Draft SEIS.

Second, Section 1319(b) of MAP-21 directs the lead agency, to the maximum extent practicable, to develop a single, combined document that consists of an FEIS and ROD, unless:

1. The FEIS makes substantial changes to the proposed action that are relevant to environmental or safety concerns; or
2. There are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and that bear on the proposed action or the impacts of the proposed action.

Based on Section 1319(b), FHWA intends to issue a single FEIS and ROD document for the JAI SEIS *unless* FHWA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document.