



## **Public Scoping Workshop**

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**Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex**

**1001 South Mack Drive**

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is about to begin environmental and design activities for the Parks Highway from milepost 44, Lucas Road, to milepost 52.3, Big Lake Road. Improvements may include safety and capacity features, road surface and sub-base improvements, drainage, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

To ensure that all possible factors are considered in the design of the proposed project, ADOT&PF is requesting your comments and recommendations. If you are a nearby resident, business owner, or frequent user of the road, your input is important to the project.

## **Agenda**

- 7:00 pm      Doors Open – Please sign in, grab a cup of coffee or water and find a place at one of the tables
  
- 7:15 pm      Presentation
  
- 7:50 pm      Workshop

Working in small groups, the participants will be asked to answer a series of questions. *The answers will be written using 3 to 5 words on 1/2 size sheets of paper using BIG print.*

Each group will be asked to provide the facilitator with their group's answers. The answers will be sorted and discussed as necessary to understand the answer, issue or point.

## Scoping, a definition:

An *early and open process* for determining the *scope of issues to be addressed* and for *identifying the significant issues* related to a proposed action (in this case the proposed action is to upgrade the Parks Highway). Basically, scoping answers the question—what needs to be analyzed in depth in an environmental document, such as a Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement?

## Workshop

During this workshop, you will ask each other and discuss the questions numbered below. When your group has finished answering each question, please hold up your responses for the team to collect and then continue to the next question.

1. (10 minutes) Think about who is using the Parks Highway today and who might be using the Parks Highway in 20 or 30 years. Write down the three to five most important users of the Parks Highway (now or in the future) whom the designers should also consider as they do their work. Write these on 1/2 sheets of paper, one Parks Highway user to a page.
2. (15 minutes) Now that you have an idea who the users of the road are today and in the future think about what the Parks Highway should look like in twenty years, Talk about and identify three to five things that should be done as part of this project to make sure the Parks Highway will meet the needs of future users. Examples: widen, control access, add trails, etc.
3. (15 minutes) Engineering analysis for a project like this will look at safety, drainage, future growth, curves, hills, shoulders, trails, etc. Are there specific areas within the project limits (Lucas Road to Big Lake Cutoff) that the project design team should pay close attention to? Name three to five and mark them on your table's map (or have project team member mark them on a display map as they are presented).
4. (15 minutes) On the environmental side of things, the team looks at impacts to wetlands, water quality, storm runoff, wildlife, noise, air quality and impacts associated with just improving the road, to name a few. Think about and list three to five specific "environmental" issues that the project team should look into as we proceed with the project.
5. (5 minutes) Did we miss anything? Are there other things the team needs to keep in mind as they begin their plans? If so, write them down – 3 to 5 words, BIG!
6. (15 minutes) Summing up by project team: what we learned from this evening, how we did/didn't meet the workshop goal/ modified the goal during the process.
7. Thanks and what's next.