



Machen Road Extension

MSB Project 30090

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Machen Road Extension
PROJECT NO.: MSB 30090/B&A 3907.29
GROUP: Public
DATE: July 23, 2009
TIME: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center
MEETING OUTREACH: See table below
MEETING ATTENDANCE: 146 individuals signed in
MEETING MATERIALS: Aerial photo, informational posters, comment sheets
STAFF PRESENT: MSB: Jim Rowland, P.E., Project Manager; Tracy McDaniel, ROW
Lounsbury: Tom Adams, P.E., Project Manager; Tim Mullikin, Survey
Solstice Environmental Consulting: Robin Reich
Brooks & Associates: Anne Brooks, P.E.; Rose Cox

MEETING INFORMATION:

The meeting was held in conjunction with three other projects — the companion Parks Highway Connector project (Museum Drive Extension), the City of Wasilla’s South Mack Drive Extension; and the Alaska Department of Transportation’s Parks Highway: Lucus Road to Big Lake Road (MP 44-52) project.

Attendees were greeted at the door and asked to sign in. They were then directed to the three meeting rooms containing information about each project. Project team members were on hand to answer questions and solicit input from attendees.

The team members present reported that they heard a significant amount of support for the project. They could only recall one person that opposed the project — they live on Kimberly Street and think this project is all about helping the developer make more money on his property; they don’t want Kimberly Street connected to the proposed road extension.

The team summarized a couple of general comments made by the public:

- Make the posted speed at least 40 mph.
- Complete the connection, the sooner, the better
- There is a need for a traffic signal at Parks Highway/Stanley Road intersection – programmed with 2020 construction of Parks Highway improvements
- Provide road design that recognizes the number of moose in the area

- The project needs to upgrade the existing portion of Nicola Avenue to Lucille Road
- Improve bus circulation at Burchell Alternative School (North Deska Street)

Written comments received at the meeting:

- Machen Road/Museum Drive – two more moose alleys. Watch creeks, swamps and wetlands.
- Machen Road is an idiotic idea. Some developer wants taxpayers to pay for a road so he can make a fortune on land development instead of doing it himself.
- Re: Machen Road Extension. We are for this project as our big trucks cannot turn left onto Parks Highway. Also happy to see Parks be a 4-lane eventually.

Meeting outreach:

Date	Outreach method	Description
6/2009	Project Fact Sheet	Provided to property owners with right-to-entry requests and to all project team members conducting field work and key stakeholders following interviews
7/7/09, 7/14/09, 7/21/09	Display Ad, Frontiersman	Invite the public to the 7/23 open house
7/8/2009	Introductory Project Newsletter	Announce public open house to area residents and businesses; community councils; MSB elected officials, boards and commissions; City of Wasilla elected officials, boards and commissions; City of Houston elected officials, boards and commissions; and area state legislators.
7/8/09	Meadow Lakes Community Council	Introduce the project and invite council members to the 7/23 open house
7/8/09	Request to Meadow Lakes Community Council	Coordinate notice of 7/23 open house on council Web site (www.meadowlakeschatter.com)
7/8/09	Newsletter distributed to Mat-Su Community Transit (MASCOT)	Announce public open house
7/9/09	Press release to the Frontiersman and Anchorage Daily News and radio stations KMBQ, KASH, KGOT, KSKA	Inform the media about the projects and open house for possible coverage
7/9/09	Online notices posted on City of Wasilla, Mat-Su Borough and ADOT&PF sites	Announce public open house

Date	Outreach method	Description
7/16/09	Flyers for Parks Highway MP 44-52, Parks Highway Connectors & South Mack Extension sent to environmental agencies	Invitation to 7/23 public meeting

Related documents on file:

- Sign in Sheets
- Handouts (Comment Sheet)
- Comment Sheets received at meeting
- Meeting graphics
- Mailing List
- Newsletter