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Museum Drive Extension

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Parks Highway Connectors

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has plans to make it easier and safer for you to get around. The Museum Drive Extension is one of two Parks Highway Connectors projects designed to improve access to the area and relieve congestion on the Parks Highway.

Project Scope

The project includes engineering and environmental studies to extend Museum Drive 1.9-miles westward to connect with Sylvan Road. The extension would hook up to Marigold Drive, completing a connection all the way to the Parks Highway just west of Pittman Road. The road is envisioned as a two-lane road with shoulders.

Mark your calendars!

The proposed alignment for Museum Drive has been selected. The project team invites you to an open house to help them identify impacts arising from this project on area residents and businesses, and brainstorm ways to mitigate them.

OPEN HOUSE

When: 4-8 p.m., Thursday, July 23

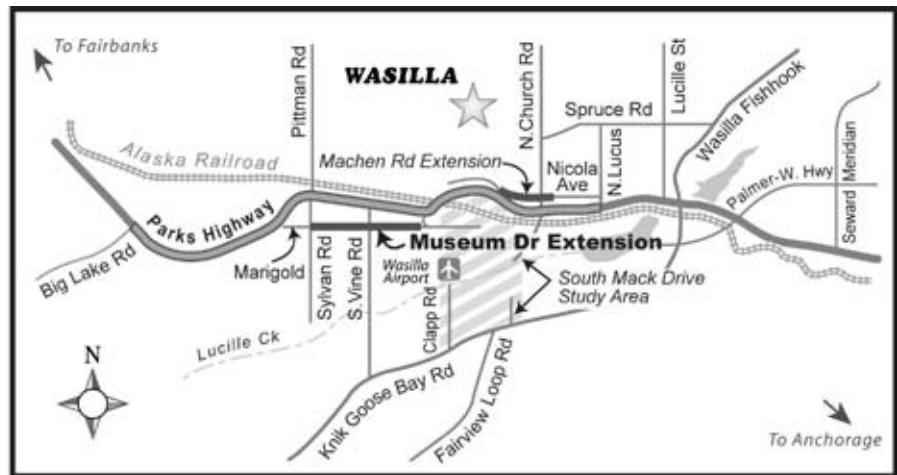
**Where: Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center
(formerly Wasilla Sports Center)
1001 South Mack Drive, Wasilla**

Scoping for the City of Wasilla's South Mack Drive Extension project also will occur at this meeting. The project team seeks your ideas on the best route to extend South Mack Drive to connect with Knik-Goose Bay Road (KGB). There also will be information at the meeting about the Parks Highway Upgrade: Lucus Road to Big Lake Road, milepost 44-52, project.

Project Background

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is in the environmental assessment phase of its project to upgrade the Parks Highway from Lucus Road to Big Lake Road, milepost 44-52, to a 4-lane divided highway with limited access. Part of this project, from Lucus Road to the Alaska Railroad crossing in Houston, has been designated as a safety corridor in an effort to reduce crash rates until the upgrade can be completed.

The borough, ADOT&PF and City of Wasilla recognized the need to build additional collector roads in conjunction with the Parks Highway project to help alleviate traffic congestion, reduce accidents, better distribute local traffic, and improve access to the local community and businesses. The Parks Highway Connectors project includes extending Museum Drive westward on the south side of Parks Highway, and Machen Road eastward on the north side of the Parks Highway.



— Parks Highway (MP 44-52) Lucus Road to Big Lake Road — Parks Highway Connectors
▨ South Mack Drive Extension Study Area

Project Status and Timeline

In 2008, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough received state funds to design and construct the Parks Highway Connectors projects. The funds are being administered through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development. In May 2009, the engineering firm Hattenburg, Dilley & Linnell, LLC, received the go-ahead to begin design and produce bid-ready plans to extend Museum Drive by late 2010. Construction could begin as early as 2011.

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Project Web site: www.parkshighway44-52.info/museum
Also visit the Safety Corridor information site:
www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/hwysafety/safety_corridors_maps.shtml



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Project Open House!
Thursday, July 23rd



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