



## Meeting Notes

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SUBJECT:	Museum Drive Extension
PROJECT NO.:	MSB 30090/B&A 3926.11
GROUP:	Public
DATE:	July 23, 2009
TIME:	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
LOCATION:	Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Facility
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 HDL: Jeff Fuglestad, P.E., Terri Mitchell, Whitney Strid, Danielle Fay Brooks & Associates: Anne Brooks, P.E.; Rose Cox

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### MEETING INFORMATION:

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The meeting was held in conjunction with three other projects — the companion Parks Highway Connector project Machen Road 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.

Written comments received at the meeting:

- Machen Road/Museum Drive – two more moose alleys. Watch creeks, swamps and wetlands.
- Put the light [traffic signal] at Museum Road and not the new road about ¼ mile west — keeps the drive to Wasilla Airport shorter when coming from Wasilla. For the Museum Road extension.
- We own Alpine Septic on Full Curl Vine. We are for this project to help our truck traffic. Prefer thru way on Vine or 4-way stop as big trucks won’t want to wait.
- The westward extension is a sound project. The exception I would make is to eliminate the Parks/Museum intersection. I would extend Museum Drive eastward to Mack drive without the 90-degree curve and an intersection just south of the railroad. These two extensions

would allow Museum access to the Parks at a stoplight at Vine and a stoplight at Church/Mack. Both lights are already installed (safer for Mack/Museum & Parks travelers).

- Good—needed—but move to interchange off the parks away from the bridge.
- Looks ok. Don't want to lose turnoff from where it is now to Museum Road.
- The Museum Drive extension (the small portion proposed by DOT) is a fantastic idea. To get onto the Parks Hwy from Museum Drive now is practically impossible, especially on a Sunday night. And, turning left isn't even an option. To take it further west and give it its own traffic light is the perfect solution. This (the light) would also cause traffic to slow down through the moose corridor there. It's a win-win.

Written comments received prior to the meeting:

**Subject:** Museum Drive Extension

Concerns: As a resident living in the Lost Spring Subdivision on Knox Drive I have many concerns as to the extension from Marigold Drive. If this extension were to go through as planned many of us living on Knox Drive would have this extension literally in our back yards. Our quality of life and our property values will be greatly impacted by this decision. It seems impractical at fist thought to why build another road within 90 feet of an existing road (Knox Dr.) which has the provisions to be extended (Lost Spring subdivision Plat 99-126) to achieve the same goal as the intended Marigold extension.

**Alternatives:**

1. Use Knox Drive as drawn (Plat 99-126) as the extension starting at Sylvan Rd. and connect with Full Curl Ave. this will save money and time since ½ of the road is already there. Future road maintenance costs will be substantially lower with this option.
2. Use Buttercup Dr. as the starting point off of Sylvan Road., this will accomplish the same result with less impact to families living on Knox Drive and will also give Mental Health Trust more options for future land sales
3. Connect North and South ends of Sylvan Road, this would connect the Parks Highway with Hollywood Rd. This option gives the commuter plenty of options to bypass the Parks Highway and Wasilla for that matter.
4. Build a frontage road along Parks Highway from Pittman Rd to Museum Drive.
5. Connect Joes Dr. with Calico Dr., this would connect Sylvan Rd. with Vine Rd. with very little impact on residents.

**Summary:** While I may be biased in my views as we are directly impacted by these actions, I feel that the options I presented are worthy of discussion. All of the residents of 49er Subdivision and Lost Spring Subdivision (Knox Dr.) are all long time Alaskans if not lifelong Alaskan. We choose to live in this area for many different reasons, including the quality of lie, the quality of our neighbors and our love for a quiet life. All of these reasons to live here will be greatly affected if this road extension is to go through. I feel a bit subdued to think that the people that choose to live here are taking a back seat to people that are just passing through.

As a resident of Knox drive I too have a lot of concerns about your road proposal. We moved there for peace, and quiet, having this extension to Full Curl will turn that road into a raceway. I'm sure there other options available, perhaps a frontage road along the Parks high. Which would do great things for businesses such as the camper park, or the doctor's office. Mental health trust property, in my eyes would prophet more without this road installed. Just in our little area there are many roads which are in need of repair, or to be built, these funds might go a long

way, and for a better, and more productive cause, such as Pittman, towards the elementary school is something of an off road course at certain times of the year. Please re-think this move, the tranquility, and peace of mind that would be lost is something you can't put a price tag on. I'm temporarily out of town but my family is there, and they also feel the same as I do. Thank you.

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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, <i>Frontiersman</i>	Invite the public to the 7/23 open house
7/8/09	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 ( <a href="http://www.meadowlakeschatter.com">www.meadowlakeschatter.com</a> )
7/8/09	Newsletter distributed to Mat-Su Community Transit (MASCOT)	Announce public open house
7/9/09	Press release to the <i>Frontiersman</i> and <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , 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 Web sites	Announce public open house
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

Date	Outreach method	Description
7/17/09	Press release e-mailed to environmental agency personnel	Invitation to 7/23 public meeting

Related documents on file:

- Sign-in sheets
- Handouts (blank comment sheet)
- Comment sheets received at meeting
- Meeting graphics
- Mailing list
- Newsletter