



CITY OF WASILLA

South Mack Drive Extension

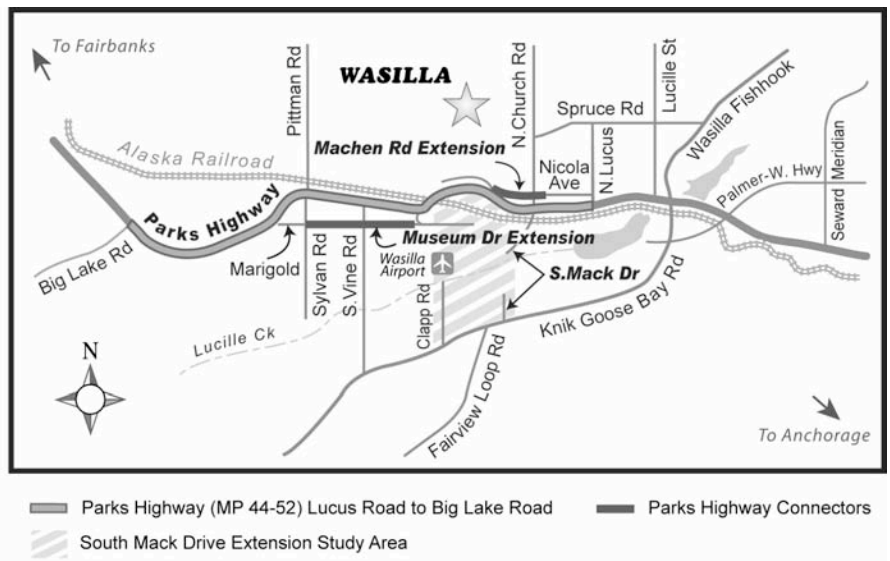
City of Wasilla Project No. 54987

Project Scope

The City of Wasilla has contracted with the engineering firm Hattenburg Dilley and Linnell, LLC, (HDL) to study a project to extend South Mack Drive 1.5 miles south to Knik-Goose Bay (KGB) Road and provide for a future connection to Fairview Loop. HDL will conduct environmental, geotechnical, surveying, traffic and safety, and other studies to produce a preliminary engineering report that will help determine the preferred alignment. The route has not been selected yet. The team will be working with the public to identify routes that may include the existing Mack Drive, Clapp Road or another location.

The project will:

- Find a route to extend the existing two-lane South Mack Drive to connect with KGB Road
- Cross Lucille Creek
- Prepare for realignment of Fairview Loop with the new road extension to create a better intersection with KGB Road.



Project Purpose and Need

The City of Wasilla and the Knik-Goose Bay area south of Wasilla grew rapidly over the past decade. Although growth has slowed, the trend is expected to continue as large tracts of land are converted into residential and commercial subdivisions.

Currently, KGB Road and South Vine Road provide the most direct routes for residents traveling between the Knik-Fairview area and Wasilla and points to the north. The City of Wasilla Transportation Plan, City of Wasilla Official Streets & Highways Plan FY 2005-2025, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's 2007 Long-Range Transportation Plan recommend extending South Mack Drive as a major collector road from the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center to KGB Road.

Project Status and Timeline

Project scoping, environmental research and field investigations, preliminary engineering, surveying, and permitting are expected to be completed in 2009, with right-of-way acquisition and possible construction in summer or fall 2010.



Fact Sheet

Project Participants

- **Project Lead: City of Wasilla**
Archie Giddings, P.E., Public Works Director
- **Consultant Team: Hattenburg Dilley & Linnell, LLC**
Scott Hattenburg, P.E., Contract Manager
David Lundin, P.E., Project Manager, Engineering Manager
Katrina Moss, Environmental Manager

Subconsultants

Brooks & Associates — Public Involvement
Kinney Engineering LLC — Traffic and Safety Analysis
Northern Land Use Research, Inc.— Cultural Resources
McClintock Land Association — Survey and Right of Way
Hoefler Consulting Group — Environmental Site Assessment
ABR, Inc. — Essential Fish Habitat Assessment
EDC, Inc. — Illumination

Cost and Funding

The City of Wasilla is working with \$4 million in grants received from the State of Alaska. The grants, administered through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, will fund environmental clearances, project design, right-of-way acquisitions and a portion of the construction of the South Mack Drive Extension.

How can you help?

The alignment for the South Mack Drive Extension project has not been selected. We need your help to identify the best route for the extension and understand the benefits and impacts of each alternative.

- Sign up to get more information via US Postal Service or e-mail
- Call our public participation coordinator with your questions or local knowledge that will assist our design team
- Come to an upcoming public meeting and learn more
- Suggest ways to mitigate the impacts arising from this project on local residents, businesses and property owners
- Mark your calendars and attend the public meetings on these four related projects:
 1. Parks Highway Upgrade: Lucus Road to Big Lake Road
 2. Parks Highway Connectors – Machen Road Extension
 3. Parks Highway Connectors – Museum Drive Extension
 4. South Mack Drive Extension

When: **Thursday, July 23, 2009** (*Save this date, details to follow*)

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

For more information:

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