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<i>Do you agree that a new connection is needed?</i>	<i>What about a new connection do you most strongly support and what causes you the most concern?</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully (17 total)	<p>Reduce travel time & distance to, bypass Wasilla, get to Airport from Fairview & Knik Goose Bay, provide an alternative RR crossing for emergencies in the Knik Fairview area. [1]</p> <p>During high traffic times it's nearly impossible to make left turns off side roads. Also the many extra miles into town—KGB—main Parks in order to get to Sports Complex less than a mile away.[6]</p> <p>Safety on KGB [7]</p> <p>Impact on Clapp Rd. residents. [10]</p> <p>Coming out of Clapp onto KG is just too dangerous. [13]</p> <p>The one I would like would be the one which is the most economical and the best which serves the most traffic. I believe once a route is chosen then stick with it! [16]</p> <p>Fire break! Fire-rescue access south side of airport. Moose corridors, E-W paths for mushers, skiers, snow machines. [19]</p> <p>Like the airport access options. Also vital for this area to have another option for getting from KGB to Parks. Opens up new development opportunities-→more property on tax rolls. More construction jobs, etc. [20]</p> <p>Appreciate attempt to improve traffic safety. (Need to slow down traffic and create breaks for access).[21]</p> <p>We need roads to connect & develop. Roads should be as straight as possible—connecting smoothly to facilitate large volumes of traffic safely. [22]</p>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Somewhat (4 total)	<p>Lights to control Traffic along Knik. [8]</p> <p>I support reducing KGB traffic. I am concerned about impacts on S. Mack Road and traffic light placement [11]</p> <p>Reduction in traffic on KGB & Parks Hwy makes me consider this project, however, living in Heritage Farm causes me concern for increased traffic @ Mack & KGB [15]</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Only a little (1 total)	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, not at all (0 total)	

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Preferred Alternative—The project team has selected **Alternative B1** as the preferred alternative in the draft Report but would like your input before finalizing that decision.

<i>Do you agree that Alternative B1 is the preferred alternative?</i>	<i>Please explain. [Reference to original comment]</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully (11 total)	<p>Do <u>not</u> disturb cultural sites.[7]</p> <p>This looks to be most preferred because of smoothness of ultimate traffic patterns as well less disruption to current residences. [14]</p> <p>Alt A Mack has too many drawbacks. [19]</p> <p>Best route to accommodate long range planning. Good traffic control options for KGB, Fairview Loop, Mack, etc. Less right of way acquisition costs. Very beneficial in fire control and mitigation. Increases options for emergency evacuations and access. [20]</p> <p>It connects with Fairview Loop providing a smooth connector. It has fewer homes on the route to impact. [22]</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Somewhat (5 total)	<p>Provides for logical crossing and upgrade at Knik Goose Bay Road. [1]</p> <p>A good plan if connected to Fairview Loop. If not, prefer alternative D. [2]</p> <p>Concerned about impact on Clapp Road residents. [10]</p> <p>I prefer B1 or A based on right of way, traffic reduction, & impact to Mack/KGB. [15]</p> <p>Need to know more about it especially how many property owners are affected. [16]</p> <p>Clapp is a busy road already and would have to have a stoplight. [17]</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Only a little (0 total)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, not at all (4 total)	<p>Has no benefit for the entire Mack Rd/Drive neighborhood. [6]</p> <p>We live on Clapp and don't want the extra traffic by our house. [9]</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstain (1 total)	Not directly impacted by alternative. [21]

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<i>Is there a better alternative (select one)?</i>	<i>Please explain how this alternative is better than Alternative B1.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternative A (3 total)	<p>Shortest alignment. Most direct connection to Mack/Church. Or at least fill in the connection from Mack <u>also</u> in addition to Clap Rd extension as a smaller connection road. Keep Mack a smaller neighborhood road but still connect it to keep all that traffic off KGB. [6]</p> <p>There may be more driveways on Mack now, but with future development, Clapp may increase in number. There are already 7. There are 3 other possible lots that may be built on. [8]</p> <p>I like this alternative selfishly as I live @ Mack/KGB. This area is <u>very</u> dangerous as cars pass on right when they are making left hand turns. I prefer A as it allows for 2 lights @ Clapp & Mack! [15]</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative B2 (0 total)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A different alternative (2 total)	<p>Alternative D is shorter & moving overhead lines & right of way all together should be less money. This is at Mile 3 KGB. Vine is at Mile 6.7 KGB. This north south does not necessarily need a cross connector. There is one—Fairview Loop. [2]</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (2 total)	<p>Do not disturb cultural sites. [7]</p> <p>I have no idea. [9]</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternative D (1 total)	<p>It's a straight shot. More people will use it—20% more.</p>

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Impact Mitigation—Each of the alternatives considered will impact some resident or property owner. How might we minimize potential impacts to residents, businesses, and property owners along the proposed corridor?

I don't know until you let us know how much property is needed for this new street. [4]

Along Mack Road there are few homes built close to the road. Do not think Alt A would cause major negative impacts to most properties. Benefit in increased property values would help make up for impacts in this neighborhood. Clapp—not sure impacts on that neighborhood. [6]

Do not impact homeowners' property. If this is the only option fences should be provided for homeowners on Clapp Road. [10]

Give us a timeline with plenty of notice (years). [11]

Have better notice now for your meetings so residents won't go ahead with new construction. Your communication with the public so far has

not been good. A notice was not even posted at City Hall nor were there ads in the *Frontiersman*. The only thing was a nice article where Archie was interviewed in the *Frontiersman*. Maybe you need to make a list of properties affected. [16]

Communicate early and often. You're doing fine so far.[19]

Provide options for direct access from existing private properties onto Clapp Road. [20]

Pay them well for their interests. Install access driveways without cost to landowners. Plant local proven plants for all landscaping. Landscape to minimize noise. Use downward facing street lights to minimize light pollution. Keep speed limits on road to a reasonable rate for safety of people living there. [22]

Other Comments—Please use this area to provide other input to the project team.

Thank you for the informative presentation. [3]

Until tonight, all information we received concerned Mack Drive upgrades, extensions and alignments. Our family (Laurie) owns property on the now proposed Clapp route. More information should have been sent out before this meeting to make it clear to property owners. [4]

Very difficult task, always is. The B1 makes most sense & long term as well. [5]

I think the alternative B1 would be a good route only if the Mack Road neighborhood were also connected to use this access without having to go out to KGB with no traffic light to aid in getting out onto KGB. Mack Rd must go through. [6]

Very good web site! Add overlays as the route is refined. [19]

Although a bike trail is more expensive, or adds costs to constructing a road, from a safety issue it will keep people off of the road. Thank you for the meeting. Questions were well answered, presentation was done well. [7]

Regardless of road extension, I believe strongly that a light is required at Clapp & Mack Drive. [15]

As far as your plans go you can not make the assumption that everyone has a computer or can use it. You have to make them available at some location where people can go to look over them. [16]

Please put an overpass at KGB/Vine/Clapp. Plan for much use, not minimal use. [22]