



FACT SHEET

Hemmer Road Extension and Upgrade: Palmer Wasilla Hwy to Bogard Rd Project No: CFHWY00885

Project Scope

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), is proposing to reconstruct and extend Hemmer Rd north from its intersection with Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the intersection with Bogard Road, which is likely to receive a new traffic signal. The project will add dedicated left turn pockets, which will widen the roadway from existing conditions. Additional elements will include shoulders, pedestrian amenities, drainage improvements, and roadside hardware.

Schedule

The project is in the preliminary design phase. Survey was collected summer 2022, and preliminary design began fall 2022. Cultural resource field studies occurred in late 2023. The initial environmental document was completed in April of 2024, but will be updated through re-evaluations as design progresses. Geotechnical investigations are scheduled to be conducted in May of 2024. Right-of-Way acquisitions and utility relocations are anticipated to begin in 2025. Construction is anticipated in 2027 or later, depending on availability of funds.

Public Involvement

Public and agency scoping has been initiated. DOT&PF will coordinate with tribes, governments, and interested parties to identify, evaluate, and mitigate effects to cultural and historical sites through avoidance or other mitigation where necessary. The project will be presented to the public via project Open Houses after a preliminary (35%) design is developed, and again once design is 75% complete. Comments will be solicited from the public and stakeholders via a project website, transportation fairs, and the Open House meetings.

Cost

The project is estimated to cost about \$7 million including design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction.

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