



West Dowling Road Phase II: C Street to Minnesota Drive Fact Sheet

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The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is in the early design stage of the West Dowling Road Phase II project. The project aims to decrease congestion and improve east-west mobility in the area between C Street and Minnesota Drive.

Purpose:

The extension will provide east-west traffic flow, reduce traffic on Tudor Road and Dimond Boulevard, and help develop a more connected roadway pattern as identified in the Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP identifies the West Dowling Road Extension as a top-priority project for shaping Anchorage's future.



Background:

The idea of connecting West Dowling Road between the Old Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive has been considered for many years. Work began on an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2002. The EA, completed in 2007, recommended the Rovenna alternative for construction. The project area was divided into Phase I and Phase II in 2008. DOWL HKM was selected to complete Phase I: Old Seward Highway to C Street and HDR Alaska was chosen to complete Phase II: C Street to Minnesota

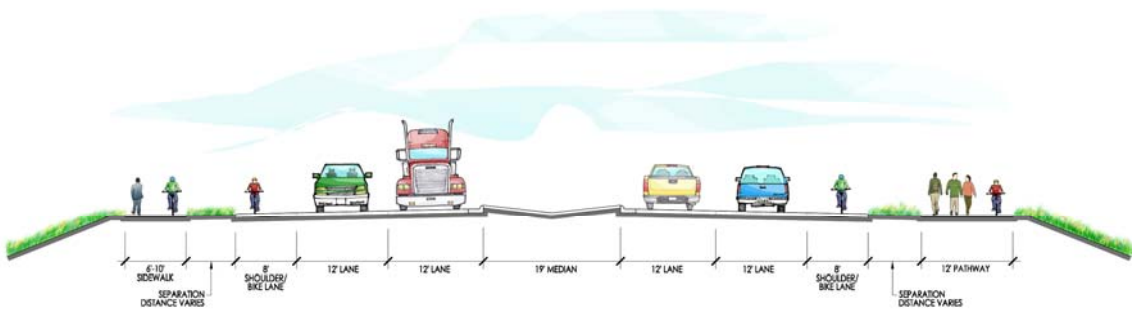


Environmental Review Process:

Potential impacts on the physical, biological, and human resources along multiple routes between the Old Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive were considered in the 2002-2007 Environmental Assessment. Four possible routes were eliminated from the study for several reasons, including inability to address the project's needs, significant community impacts, and /or significant environmental impacts.

Components of Phase II:

Phase II is a new road connection that follows the "Rovenna concept" identified in the 2007 Environmental Assessment. The new road will be a four-lane roadway—two lanes in each direction with a raised center median and turn-pockets. The project also includes a new intersection at Raspberry Road and 68th Avenue, street lighting, a separated sidewalk on the north side, and a 12-foot separated pathway on the south side. A bridge will cross over Arctic Boulevard and the railroad tracks.



Schedule:

West Dowling Road Phase II is currently in the design phase. The Design Study Report will be completed and the right-of-way appraisal and acquisition process is expected to start in Fall 2010. Acquiring the necessary right-of-way is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete. Final design will be completed in late 2012; with construction expected to start in 2013

Opportunities for Involvement:

DOT&PF will keep the public informed about the project and provide opportunities for input throughout the design process. Public meetings will occur at major stages in the project's development. The project web site (www.dowlingroad.com) will have up-to-date information about activities and milestones for Phase II.

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