



# West Dowling Road Phase II: C Street to Minnesota Drive Frequently Asked Questions

DOT&PF project #51030

## **What is the West Dowling Road Connection?**

The purpose of the West Dowling Road Connection is to decrease congestion and improve accessibility by providing a continuous east-west arterial road between the Old Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive. This connection was identified as a high priority project in Anchorage's Long Range Transportation Plan.

West Dowling Road will be upgraded in two phases. Phase I, designed by DOWL HKM, includes the portion of West Dowling Road from Old Seward Highway to C Street. Phase II will be completed by HDR Alaska, Inc., and includes a new road section between C Street and Minnesota Drive.

## **What is Phase II?**

Phase II: C Street to Minnesota Drive is a new road connection that follows the "Rovenna concept" identified in the 2007 Environmental Assessment (see map on reverse side). The new road will be a four-lane roadway—two lanes in each direction with a depressed center median and turn-pockets. The project also includes a new intersection at Raspberry Road and 68th Avenue, street lighting, two on-street bike lanes, a six-foot sidewalk, and a 12-foot separated pathway. A bridge will cross over Arctic Boulevard and the railroad tracks.

## **How will this project help me?**

The extension will improve the east-west flow of traffic, decrease congestion on Tudor Road and Dimond Boulevard, improve accessibility for area residents and businesses, add bike and pedestrian amenities, and help develop a more connected roadway system for Anchorage.

## **What is the project schedule?**

West Dowling Road Phase II is currently in the design phase. The Design Study Report will be completed and environmental permits obtained by late 2010. Final design will be completed in late 2011; construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012.

## **Will construction affect my neighborhood?**

The majority of the Phase II project area is bounded by commercial businesses. Traffic is projected to increase along 68th Avenue as a result of the new intersection at Raspberry and 68th Avenue. No homes will be directly impacted by the project.

## **Will the project include a noise wall?**

Possibly. Effective noise walls require uninterrupted, solid surfaces. DOT&PF will run a new noise model next spring (2010) and evaluate the results using the DOT&PF April 2009 Traffic Noise Abatement Guidance. If the standards are met and a noise wall is appropriate, it would likely require closing and blocking Chad, Cheryl, and Rovenna streets permanently. DOT&PF will consult with the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Fire Department, Taku Campbell Community Council, and local residents to weigh quality of life versus life safety and fire service access benefits to the neighborhood.

## **How can I participate in this project?**

DOT&PF will keep the public informed throughout design and construction. The project Web site ([www.dowlingroad.com](http://www.dowlingroad.com)) provides up-to-date information about the project. Meeting announcements will be sent to individuals via electronic and hard copy mailings. To sign up for the project mailing list, contact Julie Jessen at 644-2000, [Julie.Jessen@hdrinc.com](mailto:Julie.Jessen@hdrinc.com), or HDR Alaska, 2525 C Street, Suite 305, Anchorage, AK 99503; or, visit the project Web site : [www.dowlingroad.com](http://www.dowlingroad.com).









**New Bridge**  
Alaska Railroad Tracks  
and Arctic Blvd

**Connect to Phase I**  
at C Street

**Extend Road**  
Rovenna to Raspberry

**Roadway Realignment**  
Raspberry to 68th Ave.

Legend

-  Proposed Alignment
-  Alaska Railroad
-  Proposed Bridge
-  Lakes

**Proposed Action**

