



## Mat-Su Transportation Fair Public Involvement Summary

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<b>PROJECTS:</b>	49th State Street Pathway Caswell Lakes Rd/ Bendapole Rd/ Passthebait Ave/ Lostaspinner Cheri Lake Dr/ Karen Ave/ King Arthur Dr Edgerton Parks Road – Mt. Trails Drive and Pathway Engstrom Road to Trunk Road Corridor Fern Street Upgrade and Pathway Hemmer Road Extension South Hidden Hills Reconstruction Lakes Blvd Upgrade Lucille Street and Pathway Upgrade MSBSD 2018 Pedestrian Projects MSBSD Shaw Elementary Access Point MacKenzie Road Reconstruction MP 0-7 Smith Road Extension & Pathway Tex-Al Drive Upgrade & Extension Trunk Road Connector
<b>GROUP:</b>	Public
<b>DATE:</b>	October 20, 2022, 3 to 7 PM
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 S Clapp St, Wasilla, AK
<b>OUTREACH:</b>	See Table 1. Outreach
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	Overview map, fact sheets, comment sheets
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Cole Branham, Mat-Su Borough, Project Manager
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	304 people signed in at the event

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### Event Summary

The event hosted over 80 different transportation related projects and programs and invited the public to discuss them with staff members. Cole Branham staffed a booth covering the Borough projects listed above. He talked to many people about the projects and answered questions.

### Public Comments

Members of the public made the following verbal comments about each project.



#### 49th State Street Pathway

- Which side will the pathway be on? Response: We are currently evaluating alternatives to determine which side of the road the pathway will go on.

#### Caswell Lakes Rd/ Bendapole Rd/ Passthebait Ave/ Lostaspinner St

- I am glad to see the previous investment to upgrade Caswell Lakes Road and Bendapole Road will be protected by paving these roads before they degrade.

#### Cheri Lake Dr/ Karen Ave/ King Arthur Dr

- Project staff did not receive any comments about this project.

#### Edgerton Parks Road – Mt. Trails Drive and Pathway

- Which side will the path go on? Response: The preliminary plan shows the path on the east side of Mountain Trails Drive and the north side of Edgerton Parks Road. We are currently surveying and collecting field data that will help in the final determination of which side the path will be on.
- There is currently nowhere for pedestrians to safely walk along the road.
- The roads are in need of repair.
- People speed on the road.
- This project is important to bikers, runners, and walkers.
- I am concerned about how much property this project will take from the property owners. Response: It is too early in the design process to determine how much right-of-way may be needed. Our design team will work to minimize purchasing private property for right-of-way.

#### Engstrom Road to Trunk Road Corridor

- Where will this connection be made to Trunk Road? Response: We are currently looking into two alternatives. A northern connection that will extend off the east-west leg of Engstrom Road near Feldspar Circle and a southern connection near Glade Court.
- We prefer a connection further north that captures all the traffic heading south from the newer neighborhoods.

#### Fern Street Upgrade and Pathway

- The blind hill at Fern Street and Leota Street should be fixed. Response: Our design team is aware of the blind hill and will work to improve sight distance during the design.
- There are two blind hills that are risky for drivers. The first is at Leota Street and the Second is at Bluff Vista.



- The corner of Leota Street and Fern has drainage issues and flooding on adjacent properties. We would like this to be considered in design. Response: Thank you for the information. We will pass it along to our design team.
- Please fix the frost heaves and blind hills.
- I liked when the road was not connected between Knik Goose Bay Road and Fairview Loop. I liked my quiet neighborhood.
- Fern is a nice short cut for getting onto Knik Goose Bay Road.
- Do not increase the speed limit.
- This project will increase speeding.
- A path will provide safe access to the path on Knik Goose Bay Road.
- A path is needed. The road is narrow, and it results in people walking, riding, and pushing strollers on the road.
- We are very excited for the bike path.
- Four wheelers are a problem. They drive too fast.
- Sections of the road are in very poor condition and narrow with no shoulder.

#### Hemmer Road Extension South

- Congestion at the intersection of France Road and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway is a problem.

#### Hidden Hills Reconstruction

- When will these improvements be made? Response: Construction of the first phase is planned for 2023.

#### Lakes Blvd. Upgrade

- This road is in poor condition and the project is needed.

#### Lucille Street and Pathway Upgrade

- Project staff did not receive any comments about this project.

#### MSBSD 2018 Pedestrian Projects

- Project staff did not receive any comments about this project.

#### MSBSD Shaw Elementary Access

- A turn lane would help but I don't think it will solve the congestion issue. Response: We are currently working on a traffic study to look at the intersection and determine ways to address congestion during peak traffic periods.



- It is disheartening to find my two grandchildren were unable to be bussed to Shaw when they reside in Shaw's Tri-lakes subdivision.

#### Point MacKenzie Road Reconstruction MP 0-7

- When will construction begin? Response: Construction is planned for 2024. The Alaska DOT&PF has a project planned for 2023 to repair earthquake damage from the 2018 earthquake on Point Mackenzie Road. This Borough project will happen after DOT&PF's project is complete.

#### Smith Road Extension and Pathway

- These improvements are needed and will improve safety for recreationalist and neighbors.
- I like the idea of the path going on the south side.
- The roads are in poor condition with no walking facilities. Vehicle and foot traffic has increased a lot the last 20 years.

#### Tex-Al Drive Upgrade and Extension

- Will this connect Wasilla Fishhook Road to Palmer Fishhook Road? Response: The proposed project is to connect the east and west leg of Tex-Al Drive, which will connect the two Fishhook roads.
- People drive too fast on this road, making this connection will only encourage them to drive faster.
- We need the bike path so pedestrians will have a safe place to walk.
- There are a couple of blind hills that make it unsafe for cars and pedestrians.

#### Trunk Road Connector

- I am glad to see the Borough constructing the road before the new school goes in.

## Event Outreach

The event organizers conducted the following outreach for the event.

Table 1. Outreach Methods

Date	Outreach method	Description
8/31/22	DOT&PF Online Calendar	Event posted to <a href="https://dot.alaska.gov/creg/calendar.shtml">https://dot.alaska.gov/creg/calendar.shtml</a>
9/9/22	Flyer	Flyer for sharing



Date	Outreach method	Description
9/9/22	Email notice	Save the date email notice to subscribers
9/24/22	Event website	Meeting notice posted on the website
10/6/22	Borough website	Event added to Borough website home page
10/7/22	Email notice	Featured projects email notice to subscribers
10/7/22	State of Alaska Online Notice	Event notice sent by DOT&PF to subscribers
10/11/22	Forwarding request to boards, commissions, and community councils	Request to forward email to subscriber lists
10/11/22	Forwarding request to groups	Sent request to forward to email lists
10/11/22	Forwarding request to legislators	Sent request to forward to constituents
10/11/22	Forwarding request to project teams	Sent request to all teams to forward event information to their lists
10/11/22 to 10/20/22	News media advertising, Alaska News Source	Online website advertisement
10/11/22 to 10/20/22	News media advertising, <i>Frontiersman</i>	Advertisement in e-newsletter
10/13/22	Radio interview	Community Connect interview with Ohana Media Group (92.1 FM, 92.9 FM, 96.3 FM, 99.7 FM, 102.1 FM, 700 AM)
10/13/22 to 10/20/22	YouTube advertisement	Event advertisement ran on YouTube in Alaska
10/14/22 to 10/21/22	Bus advertising	Inside and outside advertisements on the on-demand Valley Transit buses
10/14/22 to 10/19/22	Facebook advertisement	DOT&PF Facebook advertisement highlighting the event



Date	Outreach method	Description
10/16/22	Radio advertisements, music stations	Invitation to the event sponsored and produced by the Mat-Su Borough
10/17/22 to 10/20/22	News media advertising, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i>	Online affiliate advertisement
10/17/22 to 10/20/22	Radio advertisements, KSKA Public Radio	Invitation to the event sponsored by the DOT&PF and Alaska Railroad
10/19/22	Email	Layout email notice to subscribers