

Each decennial census, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries are reviewed in cooperation with the State and public transportation operators in the area. The AMATS MPO boundary changed slightly to encompass fully the U.S. Census Bureau released Urbanized Areas after completion of the 2020 decennial Census. Attached, please find the 2020 AMATS Area Boundary. It includes the 2020 Urban Boundary and all areas where AMATS (the MPO) funds can be expended.

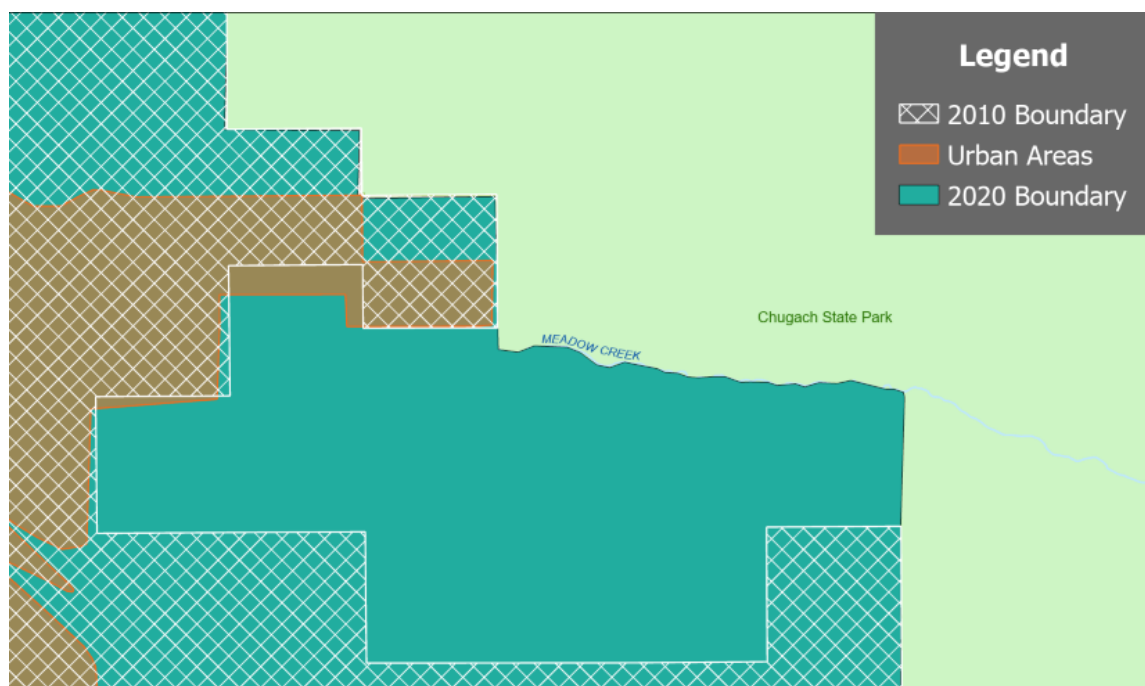
The Census designates Urbanized Areas based on population densities. This boundary follows Block Group boundaries typically resulting in an irregular shape that do not necessarily meet the needs from a transportation planning, funding, and reporting standpoint. Federal Transportation Law allows States and MPO's to adjust the Census Urbanized Areas to meet transportation needs. The adjusted boundary can be bigger, but it cannot be smaller than the boundary provided by FHWA.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES MADE

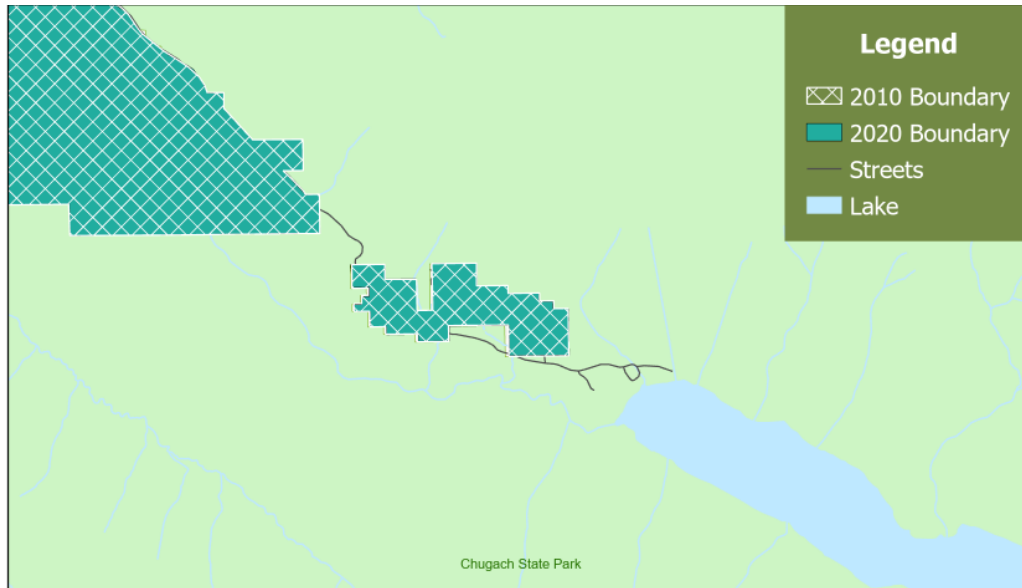
AMATS made adjustments to the boundary at the park boundaries, as it seemed that the current boundary was simply misaligned. Also, alignment of the western and southwestern edges were adjusted to align with the provided Census Urbanized Area boundaries. DOT&PF provided AMATS with a final boundary layer adjusted slightly to fully encompass the Census Urbanized Area boundaries. AMATS just complete the second ten-year maintenance period for carbon monoxide in the Anchorage Bowl. This maintenance area was removed from the AMATS boundary map.

Using the MOA GIS Base Map with embedded layers, the following adjustments were made:

1. The boundary follows the Chugach State Park boundary in the northeast but diverts slightly to follow Meadow Creek just north of Hylen Crest Park before aligning back up with the Chugach State Park boundary. (The original alignment seemed to follow these contours and so they were left as such).



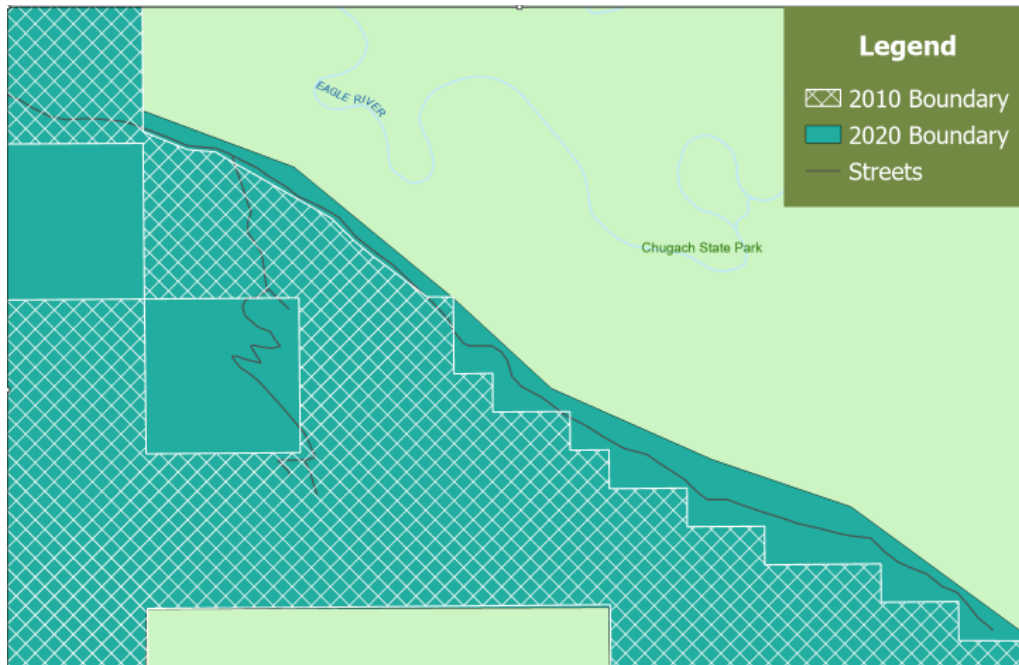
2. The boundary includes the section within the Chugach State Park following Eklutna Lake Road. It was in the 2010 boundary and not included in the original 2020 boundary received from FHWA.



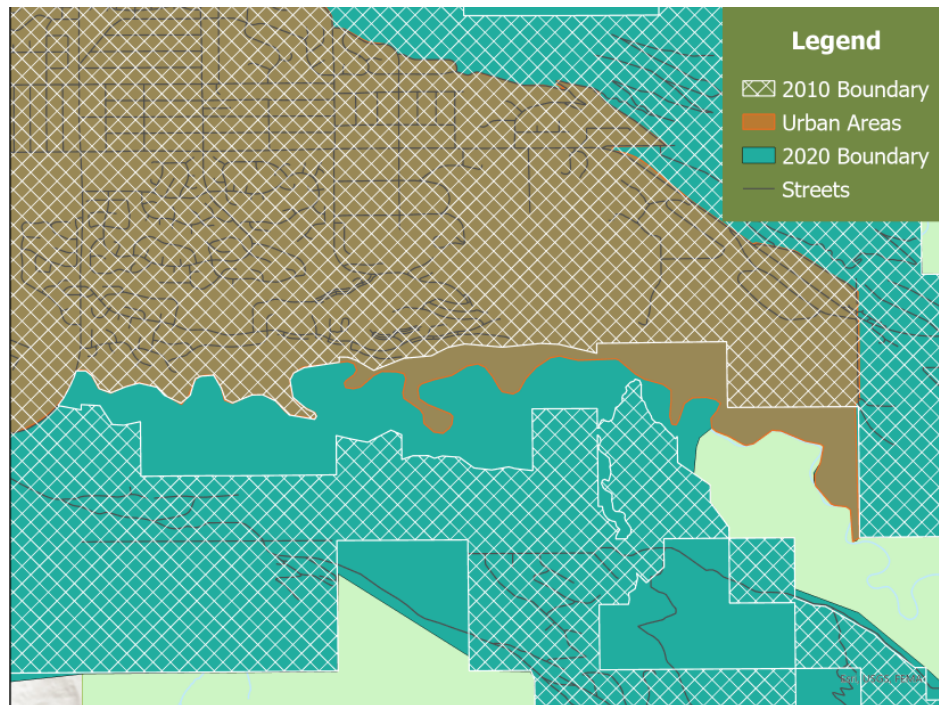
3. Around Eagle River Road south of Eklund Avenue, the boundary follows parts of Falling Water Creek off of the Eagle River for a portion to encapsulate the whole of Eagle River Rd and Cumulus Road (portions are in the Chugach State Park boundary).



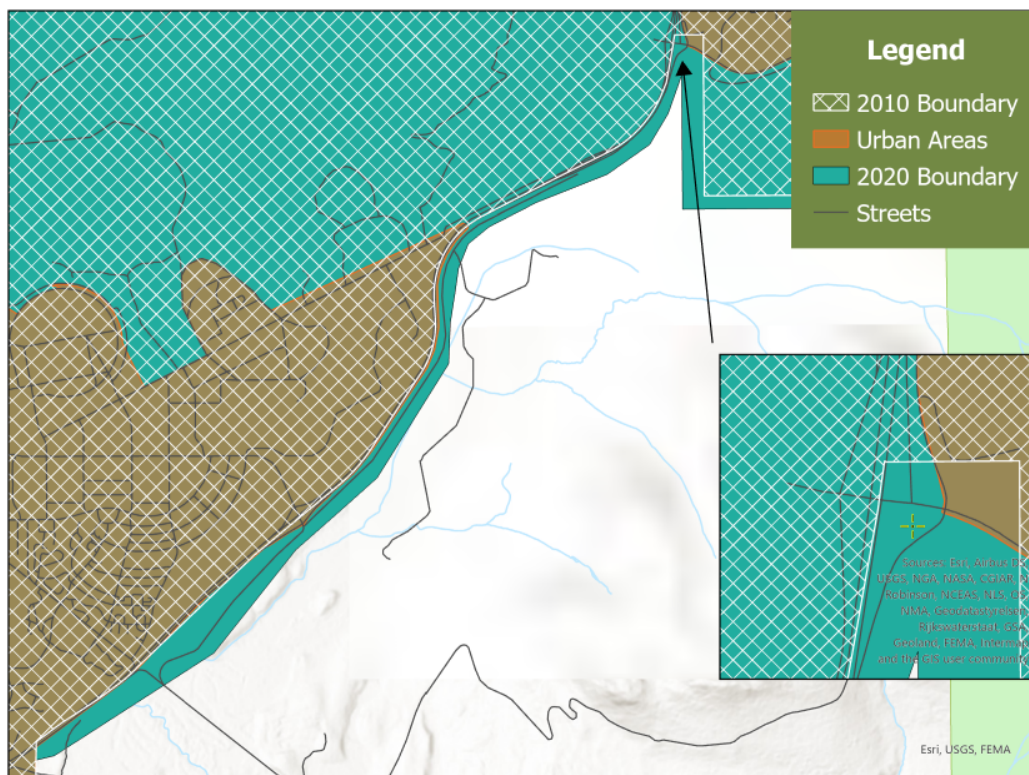
4. River Park Road becomes an Unnamed Road within part of Chugach State Park in Eagle River. Instead of stair stepping along the Park boundary, the MPO boundary was buffered to include the road.



5. The 2010 boundary cut-off from the Chugach State Park boundary along the Eagle River, south of Eagle River Road and north of Hiland Road, but the new Urban Area extends partially beyond this boundary and staff buffered it further because there is community interest in developing a pathway along the Eagle River.



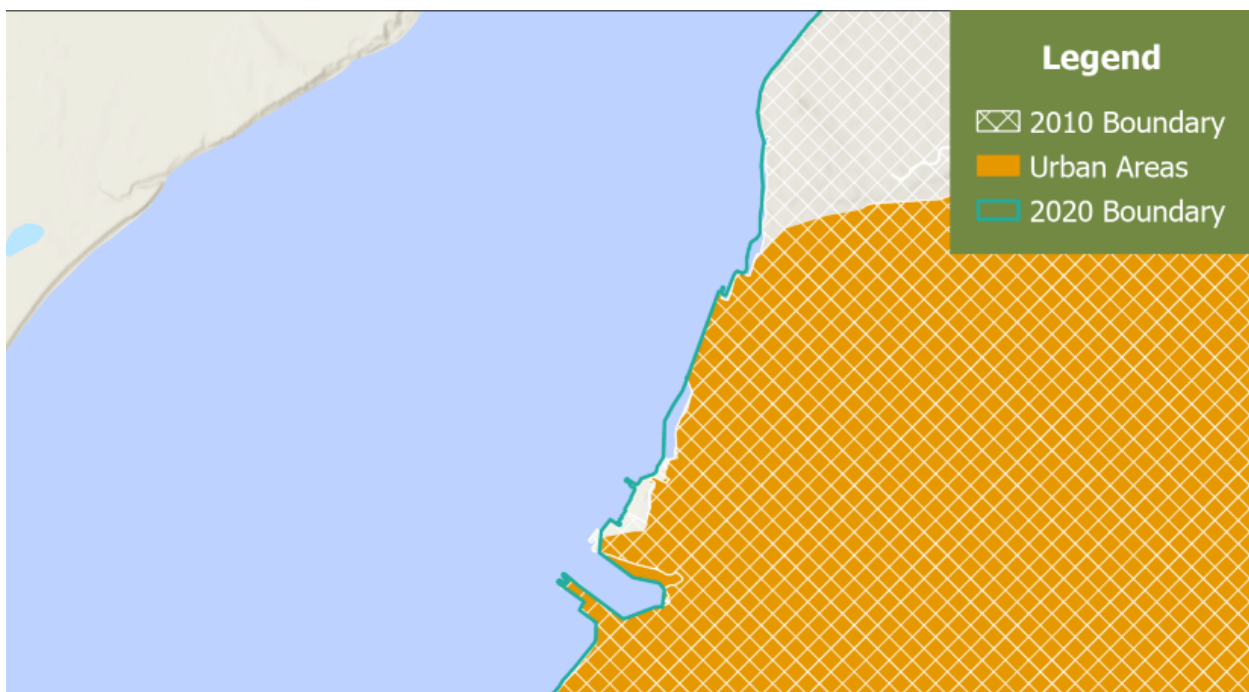
6. The MPO boundary buffered around the Glenn Hwy to make sure that it is included in the boundary. The 2010 boundary was on the centerline of the highway. It also included the whole interchange at Eagle River Loop Road; the 2010 boundary appeared to cut part of it off.



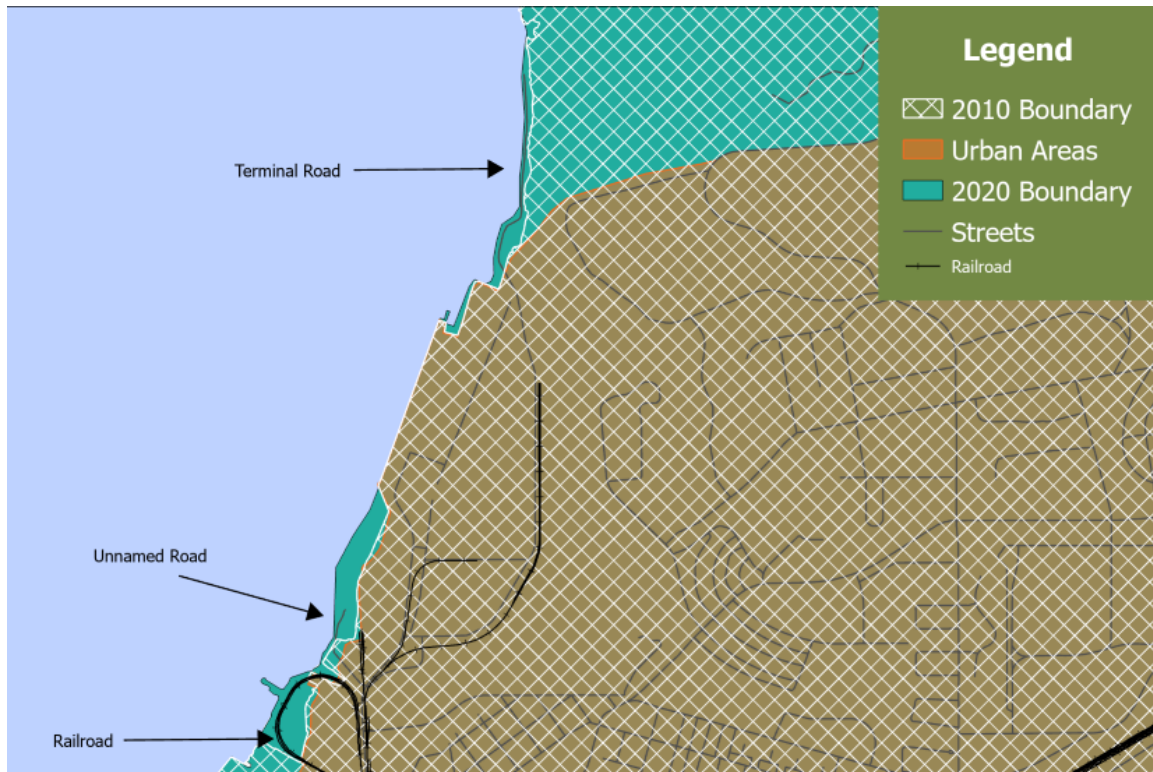
7. There was a portion of Hiland Road that was not in the 2010 boundary. The 2020 boundary extends south to include that portion.



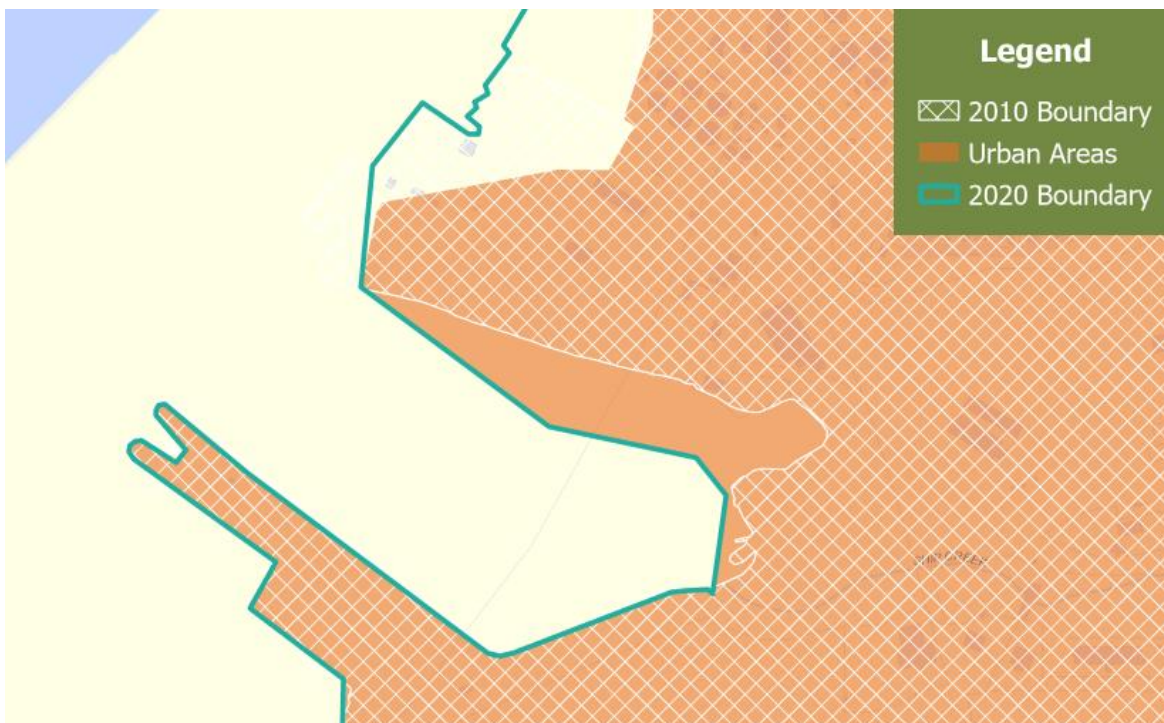
8. Staff aligned the boundary to the Urban Area on the northwestern edges and followed the land line and docks around the Port and North Anchorage.



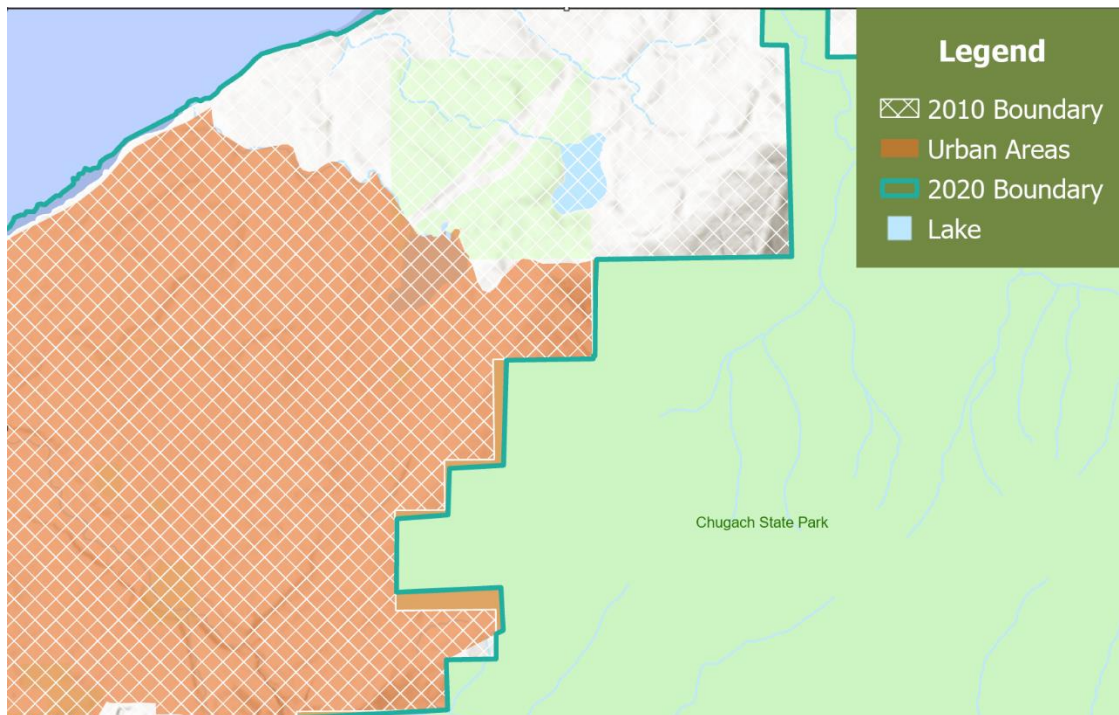
9. Around the Port, an Unnamed Road, the Alaska Railroad, and Terminal Road, that all jet out past the land lines were included.



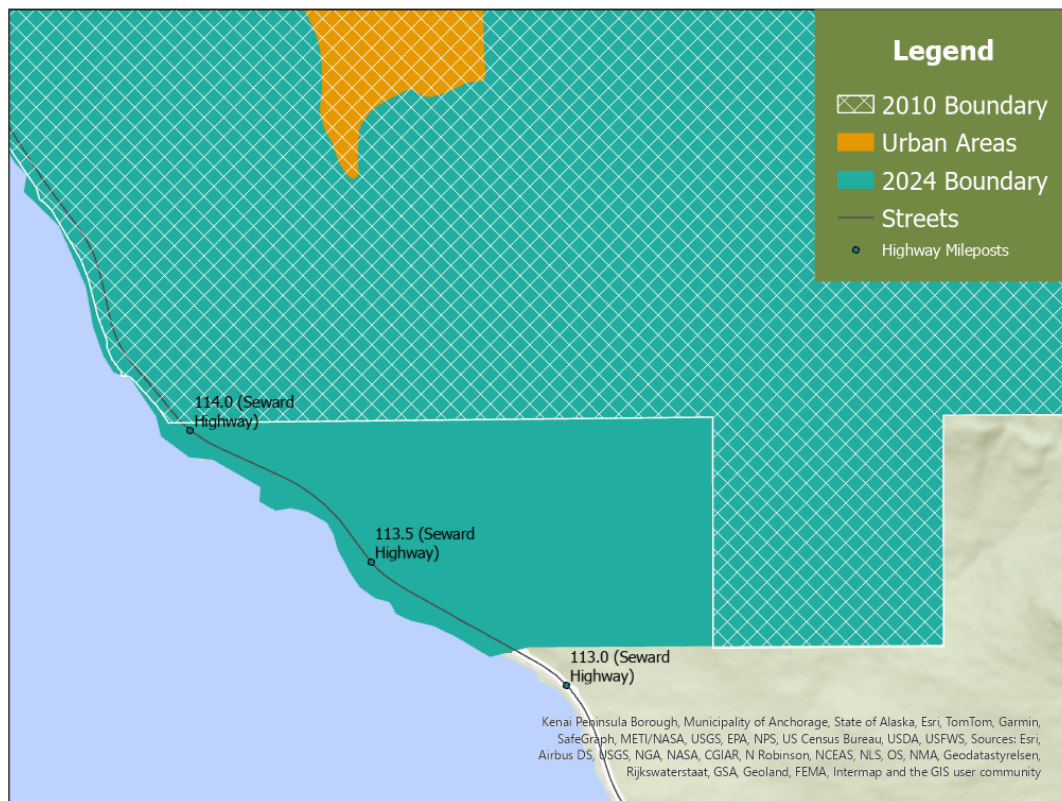
10. An area around Small Boat Launch Road was included in the new Urban Area Boundary.



11. The eastern border of Chugach State Park just south of Edmonds Lake were adjusted.



12. The southern border was extended west to include the highway.



13. AMATS just completed the second ten-year maintenance period for carbon monoxide in the Anchorage Bowl. This was removed from the boundary map.

