



# Municipality of Anchorage

## Planning Department

### Memorandum



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**DATE:** May 5, 2025  
**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission  
**THRU:** MB Mélisa R. K. Babb, Planning Director  
**FROM:** MF Daniel Mckenna-Foster, Long-Range Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** PZC Case 2025-0025, Update to the Official Streets & Highways Plan

#### OVERVIEW

In the fall of 2024, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) began the process for reviewing the functional classification of roadways across the State. Over the winter of 2024-2025, staff from Planning, Traffic Engineering, Project Management and Engineering, and Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) met several times as a working group to discuss the Municipality of Anchorage's Official Streets & Highways Plan (OS&HP) and any updates that might be proposed to support and inform the ADOT&PF efforts.

The OS&HP is the official guide for road and right-of-way planning in the Municipality. Similar to a zoning code, the OS&HP categorizes all rights-of-way by the level of traffic flow they are expected or planned to carry looking into the future. This document also guides and shapes the development of the Design Criteria Manual (DCM), which provides the technical specifications for how roads, paths, and trails are designed and constructed. Discussions of updating the OS&HP have also frequently aligned with discussions of updating the sections of the DCM relating to streets.

The OS&HP was last updated in 2014 using funding from AMATS and adopted as an element of the Comprehensive Plan by Assembly Ordinance 2014-63. Considering the changes to the demographics of Anchorage, changes in traffic engineering best practices, changes in expectations and preferences of the community, and the time since the entire OS&HP was updated, the working group was able to identify both high-priority changes that would be important to consider in 2025, as well as larger changes that might take several months and additional outreach later in the year.

The criteria for selecting high-priority projects for 2025 focused on rights-of-way where projects are in progress or may be starting soon. Along at least two of these corridors, the existing functional classification clearly exceeds existing traffic volumes, and this in turn forces projects to either commit to more expansive infrastructure or seek repeated waivers to develop as the surrounding areas request or the plans direct.

Staff have secured funding for a larger, more comprehensive update of the OS&HP later in 2025, which will provide additional opportunities to check functional classifications or make additional changes to the table and official map.

## **STAFF CHANGE TO THE ORDINANCE**

Staff made a correction to the agency review ordinance. The tables are attached to the Proposed Draft Ordinance as Exhibits A and B because they are in the OS&HP, not the Anchorage Municipal Code.

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING AGENCY REVIEW**

The Department received no comments objecting to the case, and one comment from a member of the public stating "I am highly supportive of this change in functional classification for all listed roadways." Municipal departments had no additional comments, and ADOT&PF stated that it is currently updating the statewide functional classification of roads, and the Municipality should submit any updates to the project team.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance and updates to the map in the Official Streets & Highways Plan. Additional changes or corrections can be made as part of the update planned for later in 2025.

## **SUGGESTED FINDINGS**

1. The Official Streets and Highways Plan has not been updated since 2014.
2. Departments of the Municipality collaborated to update a targeted list of key right-of-way facilities.
3. Written comments received either support the ordinance or make no objection.

Attachments: 1. Proposed Draft Ordinance with Exhibits A and B  
2. Agency Review Draft Ordinance  
3. OS&HP Update Map  
4. Public Comments

**Proposed Draft Ordinance**  
(revised)

**PZC Case No. 2025-0025**

**OS&HP Update**

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Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Departments of Planning,  
Traffic Engineering, and  
Project Management and  
Engineering

For reading: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AO No. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

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4 **ROADS THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPALITY, AND AMENDING ANCHORAGE**  
5 **MUNICIPAL CODE 21.01.080, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TO REFLECT THESE**  
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38 Listing of Streets in the Anchorage Bowl, pages 49-55, is amended and attached as  
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**Section 2.** The 2014 Official Streets and Highways Plan Appendix, Classification Listing of Streets in Girdwood, on page 60, is amended and attached as Exhibit B.

**Section 3.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.01.080, Comprehensive Plan, Table 21.01-1 Comprehensive Plan Elements, is hereby amended to read as follows *(the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out)*:

| Table 21.01-1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS |                                    |                     |  |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Area/Topic                                | Plan                               | Adoption Date       | Amendments   |
| ***                                       | ***                                | ***                 |  |
| Transportation                            | Official Streets and Highways Plan | AO 2014-63; 6-24-14 | <i>(note to revisor: insert the date of passage of this ordinance)</i> |
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(AO 2012-124(S), 2-26-13; AO 2013-117, 12-3-13; AO 2013-132(S), 7-8-14; AO 2013-151, 1-14-14; AO 2014-63, 6-24-14; AO 2014-79, 7-22-14; AO 2014-108, 9-9-14; AO 2014-134, 11-18-14; AO 2014-139(S), 12-2-14; AO 2015-46, 5-14-15; AO 2015-17, 3-3-15; AO 2015-18, 3-3-15; AO 2015-140, 3-22-16; AO 2016- 32, 4-12-16; AO 2016-101, 9-13-16 AO 2017-67; 5-9-17; AO 2017-116, as amended; 9-26-17; AO 2017- 134, 11-7-17; AO 2018-23, 3-20-18; AO 2019-123, 11-5-19; AO 2019-142, 12-17-19; AO 2021-40, 5-12-21; AO 2021-25(S), 8-24-21; AO 2021-78, 11-1-21; AO 2021-80, 11-1-21; AO 2022-1, 2-15-22; AO 2022- 27, 4-26-22; AO 2022-54, 5-24-22; AO 2023-21, 4-11-23; AO 2023-22, 4-11-23; AO 2023-83, 9-12-23; AO 2024-21, 2-27-24; AO 2024-1, 2-27-24; AO 2024-10, 2-27-24; AO 2025-2, 2-11-25)

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:  
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 Municipal Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**PZC Case No. 2025-0025**

**OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAY PLAN**

**APPENDIX**

**Amendments to Classification Listing of Streets in the Anchorage Bowl**

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| Academy Drive<br>[92 <sup>ND</sup> AVENUE] | Brayton Drive [OLD<br>SEWARD HIGHWAY] | Vanguard Drive[.]   | Collector [MINOR ARTERIAL]                          | IC[II]       |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Bragaw Street                              | Glenn Highway                         | Northern Lights<br>Boulevard                                | Minor [MAJOR] Arterial                              | II[I]        |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Fireweed Lane                              | Spenard Road                          | Seward Highway  | Collector [MINOR ARTERIAL]                          | II           |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Glenn Highway                              | Airport Heights Drive<br>[SEWARD HWY] | N[N]orth MOA<br>Boundary                                    | Freeway   | V            |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Lake Otis<br>Parkway                       | O'Malley Road<br>[ABBOTT RD]          | Huffman Road  | Neighborhood Collector<br>[MINOR ARTERIAL]          | I [II]       |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Mountain Air<br>Drive                      | Rabbit Creek Rd                       | Sandpiper Drive<br>[HILLSIDE DR]                            | Neighborhood Collector                              | IB           |
| ***  | ***                                   | ***   |   |              |
| Providence Drive                           | Lake Otis Parkway                     | Elmore Road   | Collector [MINOR ARTERIAL]                          | I            |
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| Seward Highway                             | 20th Avenue<br>[GLENN HWY]            | Old Seward Highway<br>(South interchange)<br>[(JUST SOUTH)] | Freeway   | V            |
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**EXHIBIT B**

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**Agency Review Draft Ordinance**

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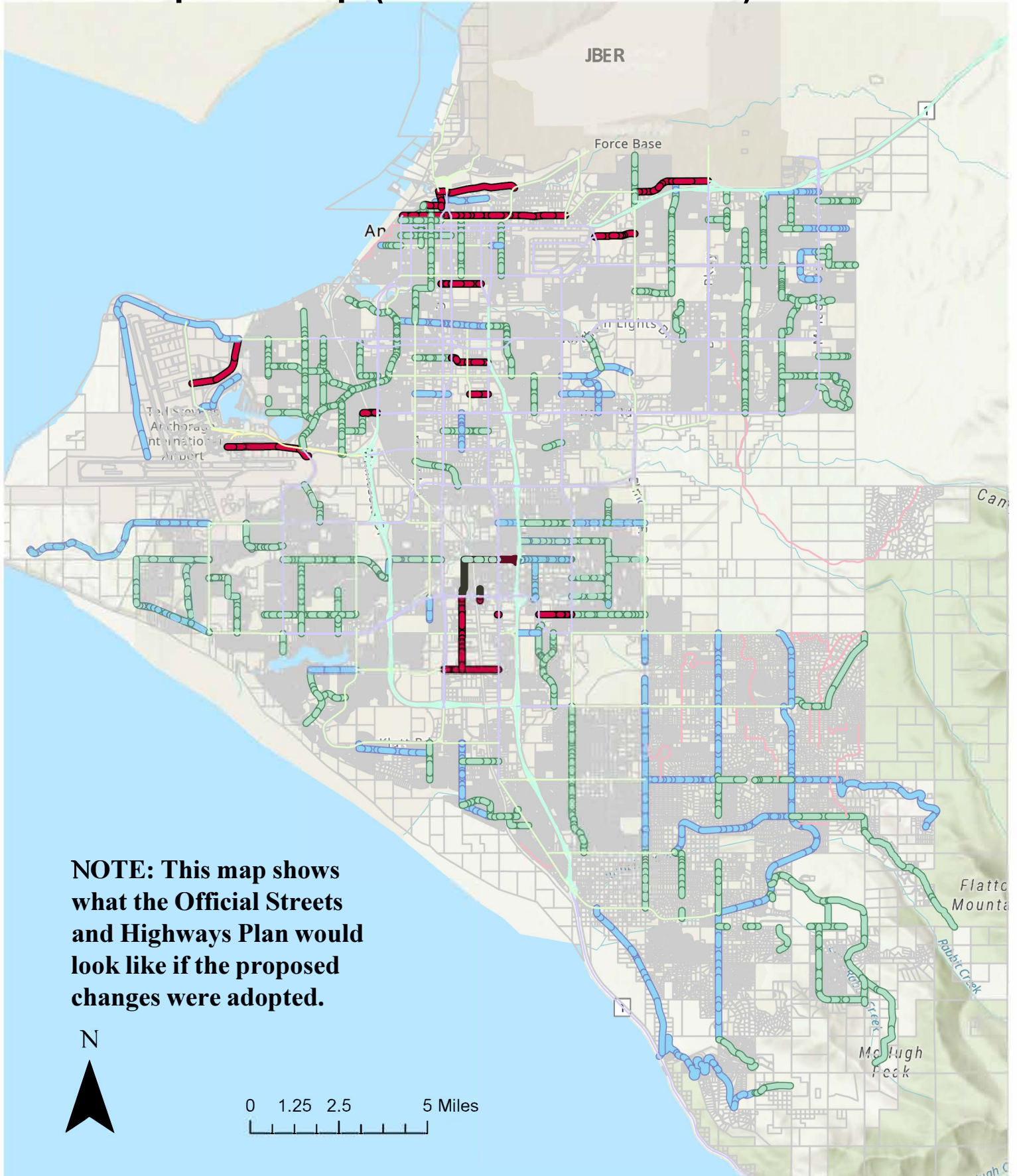
**Map with Proposed Changes**

**PZC Case No. 2025-0025**

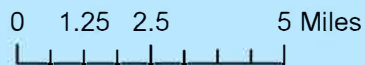
**OS&HP Update**

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# OS&HP Update Map (PZC Case 2025-0025)



**NOTE: This map shows what the Official Streets and Highways Plan would look like if the proposed changes were adopted.**



Streets

OSHP\_STREETS

- Collector
- Commercial/Industrial Collector
- Neighborhood Collector
- Country Lane
- Expressway
- Freeway
- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- <all other values>
- Streets
- PropertyInformation

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**Comments Received**

**PZC Case No. 2025-0025**

**OS&HP Update**

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# Public Comments: 2025-0025

Jason Norris

3/28/2025 9:51:03 AM

I am highly supportive of this change in functional classification for all listed roadways. It has become clear that we have overbuilt our roads, leading to unsustainable O&M requirements, and less livable neighborhoods because of it. The projected traffic levels used to justify the levels of service provided by these roadways never materialized. I would suggest, a bit off-topic perhaps, that more scrutiny be given to traffic projections since they seem to be consistently wrong and wrong in only one direction (overestimation).

Items that are particularly positive in nature:

- 1) Changing the Freeway classification terminus for the Glenn and Seward Highways.
- 2) Changing the classification for Lake Otis between Huffman and O'Malley. This is a purely residential area and the roadway serving it should reflect that. It is currently out of alignment of the needs and nature of the area.
- 3) Spenard Road. The desires of the community to rethink this road as providing a greater focus on active and public transportation are well documented and should be respected.
- 4) Making Providence Drive align more with the shared vision of U-Med as a less car-centered district.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

-Jason Norris



March 28, 2025

Elizabeth Appleby, Current Planning Manager  
MOA, Community Development Department  
Planning Division  
P.O. Box 196650  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

[Sent Electronically]

Re: MOA Zoning Case Review

Dear Ms. Appleby:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has reviewed the following zoning cases and have no comments:

- **2025-0038 – Alpenglow Residences Development Master Plan**
- **2025-0041 – 3202 Arctic Blvd Conditional Use Permit (Warehouse)**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has reviewed the following zoning cases and has the following comments:

- **2025-0025 – Official Streets and Highways Update**
  - No comments or objections to the proposed OS&H update.
  - Please be aware that DOT&PF is currently in the process of updating the Statewide Functional Classification System. If the Municipality feels that any of the proposed OS&H updates should also be updated in Statewide Functional Classification Update please submit them to the project team. Update requests can be made on the project feedback website:  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1a271d9af85d414f9a98cd5a072c3068/page/Select-Boundaries>. Please be aware the State Functional Classification classifies roads as they are currently functioning, not how they are planned or desired to function in the future.
  - The Municipality is also invited to submit any road classification updates on any roads within the municipality they feel need to be updated.

- **2025-0035 – Administrative Site Plan Review (Lot 2&3 Phase 4, Alpine View Estates Subdivision, Kami Cr, Girdwood)**
  - No objections to the proposed site plan.
  - Kami Circle does not appear to currently meet DOT&PF approach road design standards. Any future development onto Kami Circle will likely require improvements to the road.
  - DOT&PF design staff have reviewed this application and the current driveway permit for Kami Circle and recommend that the Municipality have an engineer review the as constructed grade for this approach. The steep grade, expected vehicle usage, and local weather conditions have raised concerns among department staff.
  
- **2025-0036 – Administrative Site Plan Review (10715 Our Road)**
  - No objection to the proposed site plan.
  - No direct access from lot 25A will be permitted onto O’Malley Road. All access to this property must be taken from Our Road as shown on the proposed site plan.

All properties accessing DOT&PF roads must apply to Right-of-Way for a driveway permit, subject to provisions listed in 17 AAC 10.020. Any previously issued driveway permits become invalid once the property undergoes a platting action and must be reissued.

We recommend the petitioner verify all section line easements and DOT&PF road rights-of-way adjacent to their property. For assistance, the petitioner may contact the Engineering group within the Right of Way section in DOT&PF at (907) 269-0700. The petitioner is liable to remove any improvements within the easements and rights-of-way that impede the operation and maintenance of those facilities even if they are not shown on the plat, so it is in the petitioner’s best interest to identify the exact locations and widths of any such easements or rights-of-way before they improve the property.

If any section line easements or road rights-of-way exist within the bounds of their plat, we recommend the petitioner dedicate them. If there is an existing right-of-way or easement, the petitioner is unable to develop that portion of the property yet continues to pay property taxes on it; dedicating will remove that cost to the petitioner.

If there are any questions regarding these comments please feel free to contact me at (907) 269-0522 or [mark.eisenman@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.eisenman@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



Mark Eisenman  
Anchorage Area Planner, DOT&PF

cc:

Sean Baski, P.E., Highway Design Group Chief, DOT&PF  
 Matt Walsh, Property Management Supervisor CR, Right of Way, DOT&PF  
 Corliss Kimmel, Office Associate, Current Planning, MOA  
 Lori Black, Office Associate, Current Planning, MOA  
 Devki Rearden, Engineering Associate, DOT&PF  
 Anna Bosin P.E, Traffic & Safety Engineer, DOT&PF

## Kimmel, Corliss A.

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**From:** Wilson, Karleen K.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 12:39 PM  
**To:** Blake, Lori A.; Kimmel, Corliss A.  
**Subject:** 2025-0025 Address Reviewing Agency Comments  
**Attachments:** 2025-0025 Routing Coversheet.pdf; 2025-0025 Planning Dept. Memorandum.pdf

No comments.

Regards,

**Karleen Wilson**

Addressing Official  
907.343.8168 (desk)  
907.343.8466 (shared Addressing)

[Official Address Map](#)

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**From:** Stewart, Gloria I. <gloria.stewart@anchorageak.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:40 PM  
**Cc:** Stewart, Gloria I. <gloria.stewart@anchorageak.gov>  
**Subject:** 2025-0025 Request for Reviewing Agency Comments

Hello all. Attached please find our Routing Coversheet for Case No. 2025-0025 (Comp Plan Amendment T21 Text Amendment) together with a Planning Dept. Memorandum to aid in your review of the case. Case 2025-0025 is scheduled for review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission at a Public Hearing on 05/05/25. The routing material can be viewed by clicking on the link below, scrolling to bottom of page and selecting 2025-0025 Reviewing Agency Routing. **Please submit comments as instructed on the Memorandum.**

[https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18153.](https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18153)



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**Municipality of Anchorage**  
**Project Management and Engineering**  
**MEMORANDUM**



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**DATE:** April 1, 2025

**TO:** Elizabeth Appleby

**FROM:** Kyle Cunningham

**SUBJECT:** Cases 2025-0025 & 2025-0038: Comments from Watershed Management Services.

Watershed Management Services (WMS) has the following comments for the May 5, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing:

- **2025-0025** – Review and Recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission of an Ordinance Amending the Official Streets and Highways Plan, a component of the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, to update functional classifications for a number of streets and roads throughout the Municipality of Anchorage and amending Anchorage Municipal Code 21.01.080 to reflect these updates;
  - WMS has no comments on or objections to this request.
- 2025-0038 - Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, New Girdwood Townsite Alaska (Plat 65-70);
  - Portions of these lots are located in the floodplain as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Private Development requests the addition of the following plat note:

“Portions of this lot/subdivision are situated within the flood hazard district as it exists on the date hereof. The boundaries of the flood hazard district may be altered from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.07.020.E (Anchorage Municipal Code). All construction activities and any land use within the flood hazard district shall conform to the requirements of Anchorage Municipal Code, Chapter 21.07.020.E or any future revision.”



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2025

TO: Current Planning Division Supervisor.  
Planning Department

THRU: Kristen A. Langley, Traffic Safety Section Supervisor,  
Traffic Engineering Department

FROM: Randy Ribble, Assistant Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Traffic Engineering Department Comments

**2025-0025      Review and Recommendation to Planning and Zoning Commission of an Ordinance amending the Official Streets and Highway Plan (OSHP)**

**Traffic Engineering has no objections to the proposed changes in functional classification to the road segments listed in the proposed ordinance.**