

**AMATS Quarterly Project Update**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, FFY2023**

**3rd Avenue Signals and Lighting Upgrade [E Street to Cordova Street]**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to replace traffic signals and lighting systems to meet current electrical safety standards and design criteria; sidewalks and pavement will be replaced as necessary to facilities electrical work and meet ADA requirements.

Current Phase: Not yet started.

Status: DOT&PF has requested the local match portion from MOA, after which the FY 2023 funding can be obligated.

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Signal & Lighting Upgrade**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: This project will reconstruct the traffic signal and street lighting system on 4th Ave between A Street and Ingra Street. Work may include signing, Striping, ATRs, drainage, paving, pedestrian & ADA amenities, utility relocation, landscaping and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Spring of 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: DOT&PF has concluded contract negotiations with the design consultant. The environmental class of action has been determined to be a categorical exclusion.

**88<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Lake Otis Parkway to Abbott Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: Plan, design, and construct 88th Avenue, generally from Lake Otis Parkway to Abbott Road. Project will resurface and re-stripe the existing roadway, and upgrade curb ramps in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The project may also include structural section improvements, minor upgrades to signal, lightning, and/or traffic recording equipment, utility relocations or adjustments.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Winter of 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: DOT&PF has concluded contract negotiations with the design consultant. The environmental class of action has been determined to be a categorical exclusion.

### **Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Improvements**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: This reconstruction project will improve Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive. This reconstruction may include drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utilities, ADA improvements, roadside hardware, intersection improvements and realignments.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Fall of 2026.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: DOT&PF has concluded contract negotiations with the design consultant. The environmental class of action has been determined to be a categorical exclusion.

### **Campbell Creek Trail Crossing at Lake Otis Parkway**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Description: The project will construct a grade separated crossing connecting Campbell Creek Trail across Lake Otis Parkway. This reconstruction may include bridge work, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, ADA improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: None.

Status: Project scoping has been completed. DOT&PF has finalized the Match & Maintenance Agreement for this project and has sent it to MOA. Before Design phase funding is obligated, the Agreement must be signed by MOA & DOT&PF, and local match funds must be provided to DOT&PF by MOA's Parks & Recreation Department.

### **Chugach Foothills Connector, Phase II**

Project Manager: Ron Searcy, P.E.

Project Description: Project will construct a multi-use path on Tudor Road between Regal Mountain Drive and Campbell Airstrip Road. Work may include roadside hardware and drainage improvements.

Current Phase: Construction. Expected to be completed Summer 2023.

Status: Project's final inspection occurred on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Downtown Trail Connection**

Project Manager: Kristina Busch, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.connectcoastaltoship.com/>

Project Description: Project will construct a connection between the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to the Ship Creek Trail in downtown Anchorage. Major Project Elements include Bridge Work (Pedestrian), Roadside Hardware, Drainage Improvements, Intersection Improvements and ADA Improvements.

Current Phase: Design, 75% Plans-in-Hand (PIH) Review expected to be completed by the Fall of 2023.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2024

Status: The project's Environmental Document is well underway. The 60% concept review has been submitted to ARRC for coordination in advance of their Ship Creek Bridge Replacement project. Current AMATS TIP funding for the ROW phase in FY2023 will need to be reprogrammed for FY2024 in TIP Amendment 1.

### **Eagle River Loop Road- Eagle River Road to Old Glenn Highway Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Julia Hanson, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation, which may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, striping, signs, and utilities.

Current Phase: Construction.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2024

Status: Project received construction phase funding through AMATS' CRRSSA allocation.

### **Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Description: This project would rehabilitate Fireweed Lane from Spenard Road to the Seward Highway and include a road diet, changing Fireweed from 4 lanes to a maximum of 3 lanes (2 with a center turn lane). This project would also include non-motorized improvements.

Current Phase: Design. Design through Environmental expected to be completed by Fall 2024.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: DOT&PF is currently in contract negotiation with the design consultant. The environmental class of action has been determined to be a categorical exclusion.

### **Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Website: <https://fishcreektrail.com/>

Project Description: This project will construct a multi-use path between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail in the vicinity of Fish Creek. Work may include roadside hardware, ADA improvements, utilities, lighting, bridge work, and drainage improvements.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed by Summer 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Project's Draft Design Study Report in support of the environmental document has been routed for agency review. Alternative selection is forthcoming.

### **Hiland Road- MP 0 to MP 3.2 Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Jason Lamoreaux, P.E.

Project Description: Resurface Hiland Road, including milling, paving, minor subgrade rehabilitation, drainage improvements, updating guardrail and sign posts to meet current safety standards, replacing striping and select signage, curb and gutter, lighting, and roadside signal and or traffic data hardware.

Current Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Year: 2023

Status: Field work is anticipated to start on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hillside Drive – DeArmoun Road to Abbott Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Sean Baski, P.E.

Project Description: This is a pavement preservation project for Hillside Drive from DeArmoun Road to Abbott Road. This project includes roadway resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, ADA improvements, utilities and other work as necessary.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Project has just recently received its initial design phase funding. Environmental Agency Scoping Request was sent out June 27<sup>th</sup>. The NOI was posted and put in the Anchorage Daily News. Design is expected to be added to an existing contract, or be advertised for consultant design.

### **L & I Streets- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation, which may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, striping, signs, and utilities.

Current Phase: Not yet started.

Status: Project is awaiting initial Design funding. Project scoping has been completed.

### **Ingra Gambell Couplet Extension Reconnaissance Study**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Description: Project will develop a Reconnaissance Level Planning Study to review and analyze potential extension of Ingra and Gambell Streets to Ship Creek Avenue, Whitney Road, and Port of Anchorage access. The project will study the project area emphasizing implementation actions related to access, circulation, and freight mobility.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: HDR has been chosen to complete this study. Analysis will be part of the Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study's alternatives analysis and public outreach process.

### **Lois Drive & 32nd Ave Upgrade [Benson Blvd to Minnesota Drive]**

Project Manager: Kevin Jackson, P.E.

Project Description: Project would upgrade Lois Drive and 32nd Ave from Benson Blvd to Minnesota Drive to current collector standards. This project would look at including lighting upgrades, addition of non-motorized facilities, and drainage upgrades were possible.

Current Phase: Not yet started.

Status: The Match & Maintenance Agreement has been signed by all parties. Once the MOA delivers the necessary match funds, the FY 2023 funding can be obligated. MOA is advancing their Lois Drive project, which will require this project's scope to be revised.

### **Minnesota Drive and I/L Street Corridor Plan [International Airport Road to 3rd Ave]**

Project Manager: James Starzec

Project Description: Project would provide a comprehensive analysis of the Minnesota Drive and I/L Street corridor's current conditions, anticipated growth patterns and their impacts, likely outcomes and reasonable mitigation alternatives. It would include recommended improvements based on identified needs and community input, and a timeline for implementation. Project would include modeling analysis and engineering work as needed. The project should be evaluated for rehabilitation as a Complete Street, adhering to the AMATS Complete Streets policy.

Current Phase: Planning. Expected to be completed Winter 2025.

Status: Acceptance of consultant proposal being finalized.

### **Mountain Air Drive Extension**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Website: <https://mountainairdrive.com/>

Project Description: This reconstruction project will extend Mountain Air Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to 162nd Avenue. The reconstruction may include drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utilities, a water crossing at Little Rabbit Creek with possible bridge work, ADA improvements, roadside hardware, and intersection improvements at Rabbit Creek Road.

Current Phase: Design. Design through Environmental expected to be completed by Fall 2023.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Project team is preparing their CSS submittal for an upcoming MOA Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

### **Northern Lights Boulevard Sidewalk Repairs**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This project will perform spot repairs to the North and South sidewalks of Northern Lights Boulevard between the Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive to restore damaged and deteriorating sections of sidewalk, and to complete ADA improvements where needed.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed by Fall of 2023.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Project's PS&E Review Meeting was held in March. TCP/ROW Acquisitions have been determined, and the large amount of ROW actions necessary will be the project team's focus in the near future.

### **O'Malley Road Reconstruction: New Seward Highway to Hillside Drive**

Project manager: Ron Searcy, P.E.

Project Description: Reconstruct the O'Malley Road from the New Seward Highway to Hillside Drive to improve safety and capacity at intersections and provide the safety, capacity & pedestrian needs.

Current Phase: Construction. Expected to be completed 2023

Status: Cleanup work is continuing throughout the summer. A 108 inch diameter culvert for the Craig Creek crossing will be installed in July. Utility work is ongoing.

### **Old Seward Highway Spur: Old Seward Highway to Potter Valley Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber: P.E.

Project Description: This project will repave Old Seward Highway Spur from Old Seward Highway to Potter Valley Road. Work may include pavement replacement, reconstruction/dig-out sections, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Spring 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Environmental Class of Action has been determined to be a Categorical Exclusion. Plans In Hand are currently being developed.

### **Potter Drive Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Steven Rzepka, P.E.

Project Description: Rehabilitation of Potter Drive from Arctic Boulevard to Dowling Road. This project will include: non-motorized improvements, ADA improvements (such as sidewalks and curb ramps), roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design. Expected to be completed Fall 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Preliminary design, environmental, and public involvement efforts are underway. The project will follow the MOA CCS process. At the completion of this project, ownership and maintenance will be transferred to the MOA.

### **Rabbit Creek Road Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Steven Rzepka, P.E.

Project Description: Project will rehabilitate Rabbit Creek Road from the Old Seward Highway to Goldenview Drive. Work will also include improvements to drainage, intersections, ADA facilities, roadside hardware, and utilities.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design. Expected to be completed Fall 2026.  
Estimated Construction Year: 2028

Status: Preliminary design, environmental, and public involvement efforts are underway. The project will follow the MOA CCS process.

### **Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Website: <https://sewardglennmobility.com/>

Project Description: This study will identify and evaluate options to improve safety, livability, regional travel between the Seward and Glenn Highways, and local travel within the surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, the two controlled access freeways are connected through the study area by slower speed arterial roads. The project will also identify ways to improve access between the Port of Alaska and the highway network. The study will identify potential improvements and evaluate the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of those improvements using a Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) process.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: Public open House #3 took place on 5/18 at the Fairview Rec center with about 75 attendees and comments. The public involvement summary and comments will be published by the end of July. The study team has regularly scheduled meetings with the FHWA Reconnecting Communities Grant recipients and is coordinating closely with them to ensure the study progresses in a manner satisfactory to both parties. The study team has begun advancing 5 alternatives in preparation for their presentation at the next public meeting this fall to receive feedback from the public and stakeholders. After which, the first round of screening will occur.

The study schedule was delayed by 3 months to accommodate the Grant schedule. It's estimated that a final PEL will be public during summer 2024.



**Spenard Road Rehabilitation: Minnesota Drive to Benson Boulevard**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.spenardroad.com/>

Project Description: This project will rehabilitate Spenard Road generally from Minnesota Drive to Benson Boulevard. This project includes drainage, intersection, and ADA Improvements, as well as utilities, and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design Expected to be completed Spring 2026.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: ROW mapping has been completed. Design Study, Hydrology & Hydraulics, and Traffic & Safety Reports are being drafted and are anticipated to be finalized by Winter 2023. Determining ROW impacts and progressing the design to 75% review (Plans In Hand).

**VFW Road: Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River Road Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: This pavement preservation project includes resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, bridge improvements, ADA improvements, and utilities as necessary.

Current Phase: Design. Expected to be completed Spring 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: The environmental document for this project has been completed. Plans In Hand are currently being developed.