



## **AMATS Quarterly Project Update Through June 30, 2024**

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### **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: Design.

Status: Design consultant has started topographic survey and other data collection activities.

### **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 Summer of 2024.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: The project is delayed while completing the SHPO consultation to complete the environmental document.

### **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: A consultant has submitted a draft DSR and is preparing the Plans-in-Hand (PIH). PIH is anticipated in June 2024.

### **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

Project Manager: Chelsea Ward-Waller, AMATS Transportation Planner

Project Description: The MTP is the primary tool used by AMATS to plan for long-range transportation needs and recommend solutions based on anticipated funding availability over a minimum 20-year horizon. The MTP includes the whole transportation system in the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River: streets, sidewalks and pathways, trails, public transit, freeways, highways, and freight mobility.

Current Phase: Implementation

Status: FHWA and FTA approved the Air Quality Conformity Determination on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Abbott Road Pavement Preservation: New Seward Highway to Lake Otis Parkway**

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: Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: In negotiations with consultant for design services.

### **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: A consultant is under contract. Current work in progress includes traffic analysis, preliminary geometric design, and the CSS process. The project presented at the May 20 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, as an informational item.

### **Anchorage Area Pavement Preservation, Group A**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation on multiple routes. Work may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, bridge work, striping, and utilities. Project area includes Northern Lights Blvd between Lake Otis and Forest Park Drive, Dimond Blvd between Seward Highway and Jewel Lake Road, Seward Hwy between Tudor and 15th.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Scoping and Project Management Plan are complete. Consultant is under contract. Some initial field work has been done. Materials Section states roadway condition is not of a degree to require digouts. Survey of condition of drainage system is scheduled for this summer.

### **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: Design.

Status: Project scoping has been completed and Design phase funding has been obligated. Work towards completing the Environmental document is underway.

### **Chugach Way Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Rehabilitate Chugach Way from Spenard Road to Arctic Boulevard and include non-motorized improvements.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Initial scoping and Project Management Plan are complete. Consultant is under contract. Match and Maintenance Agreement with MOA is in process. Initial funding will be requested when MOA Agreement is complete. Survey is scheduled for this summer if funding is received in time.

### **Climate Action Plan**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: This project will build on the Anchorage Climate Action Plan (adopted May 2019) by developing a climate action plan for the AMATS planning area. This data-based project will inventory current and past Anchorage/Chugiak-Eagle River transportation system greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (including carbon) in order to quantitatively evaluate strategies and actions to reduce future GHG emissions, including carbon reduction strategies, related to transportation. The project will focus on equity and include a strategic implementation plan.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: Staff is working on contract negotiations with the preferred consultant.

### **Complete Streets Plan**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: This plan will build on the AMATS Complete Street policy to provide planning guidance for street types, sidewalks, roadways, intersections, curbsides and ADA accessibility as well as plan implementation. This plan will also develop multi-modal street typologies for the AMATS area and a corresponding street typology map. These typologies may include recommendations for development review, streetscape design, traffic signal upgrades, recommended road reclassifications, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities design.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: Staff is waiting for final contract approval from the Municipality of Anchorage to get this project moving.

### **CTF Alternate Entrance Alignment (WFL)**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will relocate Campbell Track Facility (CTF) entrance roadway approximately 260 north to align with East 68th Ave intersection. Work may include signal modifications, intersection modifications, lighting, roadside hardware, drainage, improvements, utility relocations, and ADA improvements.

Current Phase: ROW Completed

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Ongoing survey, hydraulic, and design work for enhanced drainage features at intersection with Elmore.

### **DeArmoun Road: E. 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Hillside Drive Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Jonathan Knowles, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement Preservation of DeArmoun Rd. from East 140th Avenue to Hillside Drive including improvements to drainage, intersections, ADA, roadside hardware, and utilities. High Friction Surface Treatment may be reapplied.

Current Phase: Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Coordinating with utility companies to complete utility agreements.

### **Downtown Streets Engineering Study**

Project Manager: Daniel Mckenna-Foster, MOA Long Range Planning

Project Website:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/DowntownStreetsEngineeringStudy.aspx>

Project Description: A project to look at the existing limitations and opportunities for public rights of way in the Downtown area.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: The Downtown Streets Engineering Study just wrapped up the final stakeholder interviews, we have talked to 12 groups so far. The team will be presenting their findings so far at the 6/6/2024 TAC meeting from 1-3pm and then the agency stakeholder meeting from 4-5.

### **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. A combined Plans-in-Hand (PIH) and (95%) PS&E Review is expected to be completed late Early Fall. Estimated Project Advertising in Spring 2025

Estimated Construction Year: 2025/2026, coordinating construction with the Alaska Railroad's bridge project.

Status: The project's Environmental Document has been delayed until this Spring, 2024. An Archaeological Survey is planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> which is essential to finalizing the document. The preferred alternative (60% design) was present at the Anchorage Transportation Fair back in March 2024. The Alaska Railroad's bridge reconstruction project is scheduled for construction end of 2025, coordination with the AKRR is ongoing. For more project information on bridge #114.3 go to:

[https://www.alaskarailroad.com/sites/default/files/FCTSHT\\_2023\\_Bridge\\_114-3\\_Replacement.pdf](https://www.alaskarailroad.com/sites/default/files/FCTSHT_2023_Bridge_114-3_Replacement.pdf)

### **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 will be advertised in a combined contract with another pavement preservation project. The two projects are on track to advertise in March 2024.

### **Elmore Road Pavement Preservation: Abbott Road to Providence Drive**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement Preservation project for Elmore Road: Abbott Rd. to Providence Dr. This project includes resurfacing, roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, and ADA improvements as necessary.

Current Phase: Design &ROW Completed

Estimated Construction Year: 2024

Status: Construction contract awarded to QAP on 4/24/24 for \$9,874,913.00. Construction to be completed by 9/30/2025.

### **Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

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

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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2028

Status: The design contract has been awarded, and the preliminary design and work towards completing the Environmental document is underway.

### **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 2025.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: Project's Environmental Document is nearly complete, awaiting cultural resource and marine mammal consultation. Preliminary design of alignment parallel to railroad tracks in ARRC ROW is being refined, attempting to minimize conflicts with Marathon Petroleum pipeline. Surveying and Geotechnical field work complete.

### **Glenn Highway: Airport Heights to Park Highway Rehabilitation**

Project Manager: Christopher Bentz

Project Description: This project will rehabilitate the Glenn Highway from the intersection with Airport Heights (MP 0.0) to the Parks Highway Interchange (MP 33.0). The project may include Bridge work, roadside hardware, drainage Improvements, interchange improvements, ADA improvements, utilities and safety improvements.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: Project is anticipated to be phased for construction, with first phase in summer 2025 at the earliest.

Status: Project is currently in the design phase with PIH (70%) review expected this summer.

### **Glenn Highway & Hiland Road Interchange Improvements**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Website: <https://glenn-hiland.com>

Project Description: Modify select interchange ramps and pedestrian accommodations to increase safety and operations while utilizing the existing bridge. Work includes paving, grading, drainage, lighting, roadside traffic hardware, retaining wall(s), bridge preservation, guardrail, curb ramps, shared-use pathways, curb and gutter, signage, striping, and utility relocations.

Current Phase: Environmental Document Preparation

Estimated Construction Year: Anticipated to begin summer 2026

Status: DOWL is hosting an alternatives analysis workshop on 4/30, while in-house DOT&PF environmental staff is finalizing the environmental document. It's anticipated Authority to Proceed will be requested from FHWA in October when additional design funding becomes available, (pending inclusion in the STIP and AMATS TIP), which will allow design staff to commence the Design Study Report and construction plans specifications, and estimate.



### **Glenn Highway Incident Management Traffic Accommodations**

Project Manager: Christopher Bentz

Project Description: Project will construct modifications and improvements to facilitate efficient through travel along the Glenn Highway corridor and nearby roads between Boniface Parkway and the Parks Highway so that during times when lanes are blocked by accidents or other events, gridlock does not preclude travel between Anchorage, Eagle River and the Matanuska Valley.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: Project is anticipated to be phased for construction, with first phase in summer 2025 at the earliest. This project will be constructed with the Glenn Highway: Airport Heights to Parks Hwy Rehabilitation.

Status: Project is currently in the design phase with PIH (70%) review expected this summer.

### **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: 2023/24

Status: Essentially all construction is complete except for final striping and final stabilization. In spring of 2024, as soon as weather permits, the Contractor will complete the final striping (only temporary striping was installed in fall of 2023 due to weather) and any final stabilization required for final acceptance. Final completion is anticipated in mid-summer 2024.

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

Project Manager: Steve Rzepka, 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: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: Development of the environmental document is currently underway. Field survey will be conducted this summer. This project was recently taken in as an in-house design project instead of a consultant project, thereby saving the time it takes to solicit proposals.

### **HSIP: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Concrete Street to Karluk Street Pedestrian Improvements**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This HSIP project will construct a median barrier on 5th Avenue between Concrete Street and the couplet of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues (Karluk Street). Work may include roadside hardware, drainage, improvements, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025/2026

Status: Design work and coordination with project stakeholders is ongoing.

### **HSIP: Anchorage Flashing Yellow Arrow & Signal Head Display Improvements**

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Description: This project will install FYA signal heads at various locations in Anchorage for existing protected-permissive and permissive left turning movements (opposing left turns will both be upgraded, where identified); install new signal poles, mast arms, and foundations as required to complete FYA upgrades; upgrade existing TS-1 traffic controller cabinets and electrical load centers to support FYA operation; relocate mast arm signage and reconstruct existing sidewalk, roadway, curb and gutter, and curb ramps as required to modify the required traffic signal to FYA operation.

Current Phase: Environmental Document Preparation

Estimated Construction Year: Stage 1, 2026, Stage 2, 2027

Status: DOWL is finalizing the FYA Conversion Report, while in-house DOT&PF environmental staff is finalizing the environmental document. It's anticipated Authority to Proceed will be requested from FHWA in early June, which will allow design staff to commence the Design Study Report and construction plans specifications, and estimate.

### **HSIP: Gambell and Ingra Street-Overhead Signal Indication U/G**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will install new signal poles and mast arms to bring signals into conformance with current minimum signal indication requirements.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025/2026

Status: Design work is ongoing. Plans-in-hand review completed. This project is anticipated to be constructed with the Gambell Utility Pole and Lighting project.

**HSIP: Gambell Street Utility Pole Removal and Increased Lighting**

Project Manager: Noah King, P.E.

Project Description: This project will remove the utility poles and underground the utilities. New light poles will be installed at locations further from the traveled way to reduce the risk of impact by errant vehicles. New light poles will be installed meeting current standards.

Current Phase: Design.

Estimated Construction Year: 2025/2026

Status: Design work is ongoing. Plans-in-hand review is anticipated in the next two months.

**HSIP: Tudor Road: Baxter Road to Patterson Street Channelization**

Project Manager: Steven Rzepka, P.E.

Project Description: Install a non-traversable median and roadside barriers on Tudor Road between Baxter Road and Patterson Street. The proposed median targets head-on and access-related crashes by providing physical separation between vehicles, identifying specific left turn locations, and promoting through trips. This median may be raised concrete curb, concrete barrier, or a combination of both median types.

Current Phase: Final Design

Estimated Construction Year: 2025

Status: Advancing design to Plans-in-Hand level review mid-summer. Project represented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. Community Council update scheduled for May.

**HSIP: Old Seward Highway, Industrial Way/120<sup>th</sup> Avenue Channelization**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Install raised median on Old Seward Highway with directional left-in only median openings at Industry Way and 120th Avenue.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Consultant is under contract. Some initial field work has been done. Project is being designed as part of the Old Seward Highway and Huffman Pavement preservation project.

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

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

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

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 Alaska 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 since they're already investigating Port connection alternatives for the Seward to Glenn (S-G) Connection Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study's alternatives analysis and public outreach process. Preliminary alternatives for port connections via an Ingra-Gambell Couplet extension were presented at the S-G PEL public open house on February 7, 2024; and to various stakeholder groups throughout the 60-day public comment period, including AMATS committees, the Anchorage Assembly, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Community Councils in the study area, Alaska Trucking Association, and others. These alternatives are being refined based on public and stakeholder input and will be presented for public comment late summer 2024.

### **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: Design

Status: Project team is developing a cost estimate that includes significant non-motorized facility improvements to inform AMATS decision making process. Alignments have been developed and work continues on developing the basemap. Surveying and storm drain condition review is scheduled for this spring.

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

Project Manager: Travis Holmes, P.E.

Project Description: Upgrade W. 32nd Avenue from Lois Drive to Minnesota Drive to make non-motorized and storm drain improvements. Additionally, the intersection of W. 32nd Avenue and Lois Drive will be reconstructed. The scope also includes lighting, markings, signage and other roadside hardware improvements.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: Project is just getting underway, no substantial work has been completed. Design work is currently on hold due to an issue with the match amount from the MOA. Once DOT&PF has received the full match, the development of the RFP to get a consultant under contract will begin. The additional match amount was approved on April 9th, but still waiting to receive the check. Project name will be updated to "W. 32nd Avenue Upgrades" once TIP Amendment #2 is finalized.

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

Project Manager: James Starzec, AICP

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.

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

Status: Consultant has been given Authority to Proceed and a project kickoff meeting is scheduled for Mid-June.

## **Minnesota Drive Sidewalk Repairs**

Project Manager: Sean Baski

Project Description: This project will perform repairs to the sidewalks and pathways along Minnesota Drive, generally between Tudor Road and Hillcrest Drive. The project will also complete ADA Improvements, where needed.

Current Phase: Design.

Status: Project scoping and the development of the environmental document is currently underway. The design team of DOWL and Lounsbury are being negotiated with to perform the design. This project has also taken on the efforts to do a study of the potential to add crosswalks to the inner legs of the Benson and Northern Lights couplet signalized intersections.

## **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.

Estimated Construction Year: 2027

Status: The environmental document has been completed and 35% design review has been completed. Project team is continuing to design the project.

TIP Amendment 2 includes an additional \$750,000 in Phase 2 (design) funding. The current funding for the ATP through Final Design is insufficient to complete the project. By approximately December, the project may deplete non-encumbered funding. Delays in additional funding after December may require a pause in project design, leading to construction delays.

### **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: Right of Way

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: Project's is working toward Certification Package. ROW acquisition has been added to the consultant's scope of work due to unavailability of in-house staff. ROW acquisition is the critical path due to large number of TCE's and also some fee acquisitions required.

### **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 2024

Status: Cleanup work is continuing and the noise wall is being installed. Utility work is ongoing. Modification of the settling pond at the golf course entry will be necessary.

### **Old Seward Highway & Huffman Road, O'Malley Road to Rabbit Creek Road to Birch Pavement Preservation**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Pavement preservation on multiple routes. Work may include improvements to roadside hardware, drainage, intersections, automated traffic recorders, pedestrian facilities, bridge work, striping, and utilities.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Scoping and Project Management Plan are complete. Consultant is under contract.

### **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. Survey, ROW basemap, draft recommendations for digout locations, culvert condition survey and draft speed study are complete.

### **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. Project represented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. Consultant contract in negotiations to add design support services.

### **Potter Marsh Improvements**

Project Manager: Loretta Nabong, P.E.

Project Description: Preliminary design, environmental, and public involvement efforts are underway. Project will be presented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair in March 2024. An RFP soliciting design support services has been drafted and is anticipated to advertise soon.

Current Phase: Construction

Status: Contractor has completed all paving and striping operations on the project. They are now working to stabilize all exposed slopes and constructed earth mounds in preparation for winter shutdown. Contractor is scheduled to return to the project in the spring of 2024 to complete all remaining items. Completion date is May 24, 2024.

### **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. Topographical survey is scheduled for spring of 2024. Project represented at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. Consultant contract in negotiations to add design support services.

### **Recreational Trails Plan Update**

Project Manager: Nicolette Dent, MOA Parks & Recreation; Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: A comprehensive planning update for recreational trail management, maintenance, and development within the AMATS area. This update will include established multi-use pathways as well as recreational destination facilities such as single-track bicycle trails, hiking networks and bicycle parks within the planning area. This plan will also study the potential for trail expansion opportunities balanced with existing maintenance needs. It will consider emerging trail use trends and examine the connections between recreational trail development and fostering economic growth within the AMATS area.

Current Phase: Plan Development and Public Involvement

Status: Internal project team kickoff in mid-February. Advisory groups begin meeting in June. Community-wide survey planned for July/August. 1<sup>st</sup> public workshop expected September/October.

### **Regional Household Travel Survey**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: The object of the project is to conduct surveys that not only complies with federal regulations, but also collects relevant data that will support and update the existing travel demand model (TDM). The goal of the project is to prepare and conduct a regional household travel survey and related on-board surveys to obtain detailed and reliable information on the travel behavior and socioeconomic characteristics of persons living in the AMATS region.

Current Phase: Planning

Status: The contract has been awarded to RSG, Inc. and is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2024.



### **Safer Seward Highway**

Project Manager: Chris Hughes, HDR

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

Project Description: The DOT&PF is proposing to construct improvements along the Seward Highway between Bird Flats and Rabbit Creek. This major infrastructure project will make long-term permanent highway improvements to allow decommissioning of the Traffic Safety Corridor between Anchorage and Girdwood.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design

Status: The project is currently evaluating alternatives to be evaluated in the Environmental Document.

### **Safety Plan**

Project Manager: Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS Coordinator

Project Description: This project will create a comprehensive safety plan that will provide a framework for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation network in the AMATS planning area.

Current Phase: Implementation

Status: The AMATS Safety Plan was approved in March of 2024 and is currently being implemented. Project will be removed from future updates.

### **Seward Highway: 36th Avenue Interchange**

Project Manager: Alex Read, P.E.

Project Website: <https://www.36thinterchange.com/>

Project Description: This project will design and construct an interchange at the intersection of the Seward Highway and 36th Avenue.

Current Phase: Design

Estimated Construction Year: N/A

Status: The project has limited State funding and no federal funding, and future federal funding has been removed from the STIP. The preliminary design and work towards completing the environmental document is underway but may be stopped before completion due to lack of funding.

### **Seward Highway and Tudor Road Interchange Reconstruction**

Project Manager: Steven Rzepka, P.E.

Project Description: The project will reconstruct the Seward Highway and Tudor Road interchange. Bridge will be replaced and work will also include improvements to drainage, roadside hardware, ADA facilities, intersections, and utilities as needed.

Current Phase: Environmental Document and Preliminary Design.

Estimated Construction Year: Unknown

Status: Consultant contract in negotiations for environmental and design services.

### **Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Reconstruction**

Project Manager: Christina Huber, P.E.

Project Description: Reconstruct the Seward Highway between O'Malley Rd and Dimond Blvd, which may include: new north- and south-bound lanes and auxiliary lanes, a new interchange connecting 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Academy Drive, reconstruction of the existing interchanges within the project limits, construction and reconstruction of frontage roads, pathway and sidewalk improvements, noise walls and drainage improvements.

Current Phase: Design

Status: Design team will re-engage with the public and re-evaluate the scope of the project.

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

Project Manager: Galen Jones, P.E.

Project Website: <https://sewardglennconnection.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 National Highway System 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 #4 occurred on 2/7/2024 at the Fairview Rec Center to unveil and solicit comments on: the No-Action, Interim, and Preliminary Alternatives. The Draft Detailed Alternatives Report was published to the website immediately after the Public Open House. The 60-day comment period for the Preliminary Alternatives will ended on 4/7/2024. These alternatives are being refined based on public and stakeholder input , followed by the first round of Alternatives Screening, Impacts Analyses, and public engagement and comment opportunities to occur this summer.

One of the common themes in the public's comments is an interest in short-term opportunities to increase non-motorized safety and reduce vehicular demand; as well as reducing community and park impacts. Consequently, the Study team will increase the focus on methods and costs to reduce vehicular demand on the NHS/interstate network in the study area by investigating transit, TSMO, and TDM practices. After which, a traffic demand model will be created to analyze the surface street facilities' performance in the year 2050 for different cross-sections on Ingra, Gambell, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Geometric refinements will be made to select regional connection alternatives to reduce impacts to the local community.

### **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, utilities, and roadside hardware.

Current Phase: Design expected to be completed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2026.

Estimated Construction Year: 2026

Status: The 75% design review (Plans in Hand) been completed, followed by the project's third public open house. The ROW acquisition process will be ready to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024, pending available funding.

TIP Amendment 2 includes an increase of Phase 3 (ROW) funding from \$2.5 million to \$5 million. The project is prepared to request the ROW Appraisal and Acquisition ATP in approximately a month and FHWA does not allow partial funding for a phase. ROW acquisitions are on the critical path, taking about 2 years to complete. Any delay in funding will directly translate to a delay in construction by the same amount of time, this could delay the construction year.

### **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 Review has also been completed. Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) Review is scheduled for 5/2/24. The scope of the project has been expanded to include addressing an erosion/slope stabilization issue along Meadow Creek. The related subsurface exploration is complete.