



Dowling Road / Seward Highway Interchange Reconstruction

Project Number CFHWY00359

FACT SHEET

Scope

Constructed in 2003, the existing roundabout interchange replaced two traffic signals with Alaska's first multilane roundabouts and converted Dowling Road from a substandard 2-lane road to five lanes. The roundabouts were designed to meet projected 2020 traffic volumes and the current traffic volumes at some of the approaches now exceed those projections, resulting in longer wait times. There were also right-of-way, utility and other constraints that were limiting factors during the original design. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has since implemented safety fixes to solve some problems with the existing interchange and acquired additional right-of-way.

This project will complete the reconstruction of the Seward Highway over Dowling Road, and replace the current Dowling Road/Seward Highway interchange. The goal is to improve safety, serve both motorized and non-motorized travelers, be cost-effective, and be easy to maintain. The reconstructed interchange will accommodate projected traffic through 2040.

Current Status

A Draft Preliminary Engineering Report evaluated multiple interchange types for replacement of the Dowling Road/Seward Highway interchange. Two were selected for further consideration — a signalized tight diamond and a compressed diamond with roundabouts (see reverse). Both meet the forecasted capacity of the interchange, include access to local residents and businesses, and enhance non-motorized facilities. The team requests your feedback and will consider comments when making a final recommendation this summer. View the alternatives at the public meeting or on the project website at: <http://dowlingsewardinterchange.com/>. Comments may be submitted via the project website, by email to Anne Brooks at comments.brooksalaska@gmail.com, or by phone to 907-272-1877. Please submit responses by Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Schedule

Preliminary engineering, environmental, and design efforts will continue through 2019 with construction anticipated to begin in 2020.

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Figure 1 Roundabout Alternative

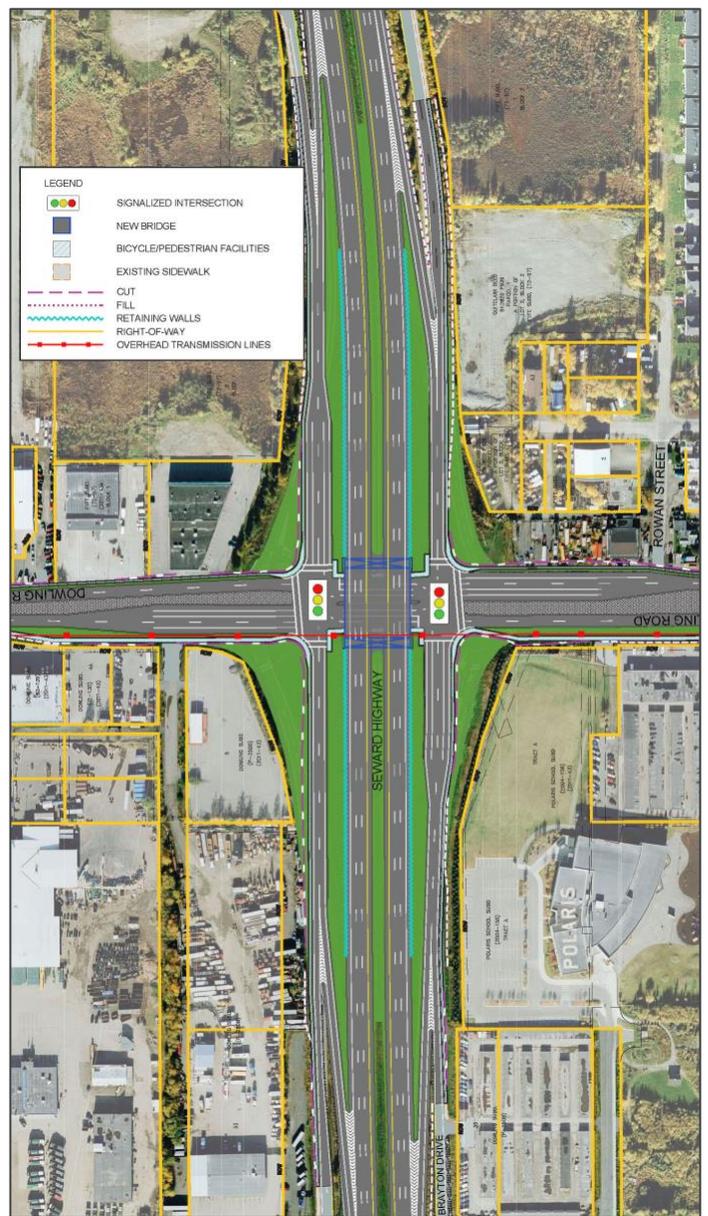


Figure 2 Tight Diamond Alternative