



Dowling Road / Seward Highway Interchange Reconstruction

Project Number CFHWY00359

FACT SHEET

Current Status

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and design consultant, Lounsbury and Associates, completed the Draft Design Study Report for the Dowling Road/Seward Highway Interchange Reconstruction project. This work advances design of the recommendation in the 2018 Preliminary Engineering Report for larger roundabouts and a new bridge over Dowling Road. The document includes analysis of all elements of the design. The goal of the project 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.

The project will include:

- Replacing the existing Seward Highway bridge to construct the Seward Highway to consistent width
- Reconstructing the existing Dowling Road roundabouts, ramps and frontage roads
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle ways
- Upgrading curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Replacing or improving signage, striping, and lighting
- Improving drainage
- Clearing vegetation
- Relocating utilities as needed

Schedule

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

History

Constructed in 2003, the existing roundabout interchange replaced two traffic signals with Alaska's first multilane roundabouts and converted Dowling Road from a substandard two-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 right-of-way, utility and other constraints that were limiting factors during the original design. The DOT&PF has since implemented safety fixes to solve some problems with the existing interchange and acquired additional right-of-way.

For more information

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