



NOTICE OF INTENT TO BEGIN ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

**Project Title: Dowling Road Seward Highway
Interchange Reconstruction**

Project No.: CFHWY00359

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. 327 and is soliciting comments and information on a proposal to reconstruct the Dowling Road/Seward Highway interchange in Anchorage, Alaska. The proposed work would include:

- Reconstructing the existing Seward Highway bridge to facilitate the full width of the adjacent highway and center median
- Reconstructing the existing Dowling Road roundabouts and frontage roads
- Minor horizontal and vertical realignments
- Pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements
- Upgrading curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Replacing or improving signage, striping, and lighting
- Drainage improvements
- Vegetation clearing
- Utility relocations

This proposed project will comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Executive Orders: 11990 (Wetlands Protection), 11988 (Floodplain Protection), 12898 (Environmental Justice), the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and U.S. DOT Act Section 4(f).

Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2020. To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide written comments to the following address by January 31, 2019.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kevin Jackson, P.E., Project Manager, at 269-0641 or Drew von Lindern, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0551.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.