

Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project Frequently Asked Questions

AKSAS Project No: 60077



Why does this area need reconstruction?

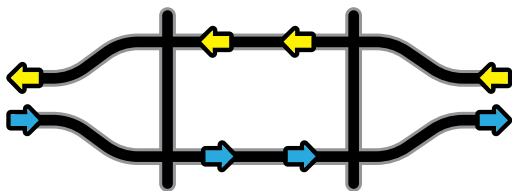
As the community and surrounding areas have significantly grown, traffic congestion in the downtown core area has increased. Specifically, north-south connectivity has become a limiting factor for effective traffic movement in the area. There are also limited pedestrian facilities along Main Street, and the current intersection design at the Parks Highway, near an at-grade rail crossing, contributes to congestion and has a higher than average crash rate than similar intersections.

How will the new design benefit the area?

The selected preferred alternative design will improve local mobility for people and freight. Travel will be more efficient by increasing traffic circulation, decreasing delays, and increasing the north-south corridor connectivity. Added safety features will reduce crash rates, minimize railroad conflicts, and separate pedestrians and bicyclists from traffic.

What is a couplet?

A couplet is a pair of one-way parallel streets that carry traffic moving in opposite directions.



Will the new Railroad Crossing on Yenlo/Talkeetna and Parks back traffic up?

The Train Depot has been moved, and when the train is stopped at the Depot it should no longer block the crossings (existing and/or new).

How much will this project cost?

The Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project is estimated to cost approximately \$83 million (including design, Right-of-Way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction), and will use State and Federal funds.

Will properties need to be acquired by DOT&PF?

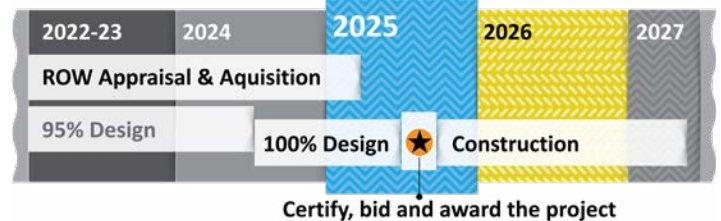
The project team has been in contact with property owners affected by the roadway work. This has included everything from the reconstruction of driveways to purchasing property needed for the project. If you would like to learn more about the ROW process in general please contact the Project Team to receive the *ROW Acquisition Process Simplified* and the *Types of ROW Acquisitions* handout.

Why is the Main Street cycle track and pathway on the west side of Main Street and on the east side of Yenlo?

This side of Main Street was selected to line up with the pathway on KGB that is also on the west side of the road. The new pathway and cycle track on Talkeetna and Yenlo Streets is on the east to align with the traffic flow of the new couplet.

When will the project be constructed?

The project team completed 95% in July 2024, ROW is well underway, and utility relocation agreements are in development. The project is expected to bid and award the construction contract in fall 2025, with construction to occur in 2026 and 2027.



FAQs continued...

What will the road look like?

Typical sections based on the 95% design:



How can I stay up-to-date with project information?

You can participate in the Wasilla Main Street project by signing up for our email contact list, attending a public meeting, and leaving a comment for the Project team. Please visit the Project website at www.wasillamainstreet.com, or scan the QR code with your smartphone to view project updates or contact a team member.

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