

# Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project Fact Sheet

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The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) proposes to reconstruct Main Street and nearby roadways. The proposed Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project consists of improvements and traffic pattern changes to the Parks Highway, Main Street, Knik-Goose Bay (KGB) Road, Yenlo Street, and Talkeetna Street.

## Project Area Map



## Project Purpose



The proposed project seeks to:

- » Improve travel efficiency
- » Reduce congestion
- » Enhance safety

The purpose of this proposed project, currently in the design phase, is to improve mobility for people and freight within the downtown core of Wasilla. Mobility in this area is constrained by the major highway and railroad corridors bisecting downtown Wasilla, which limits north-south connectivity. DOT&PF, in cooperation with FHWA, is proposing a project to improve mobility within the downtown traffic grid.

Since the project's environmental process was completed in late 2013, DOT&PF has moved ahead with work on the project's design. The design for the Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project is currently about 75% complete and is currently opening the ROW Phase with FHWA.

## Why do we need to reconstruct?

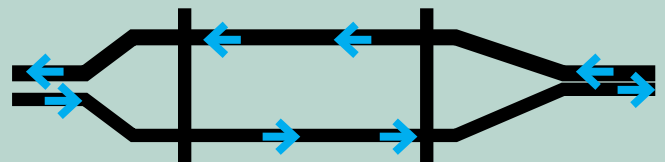
Wasilla, Alaska is the most populous city in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). As the community and surrounding areas have grown, traffic congestion in the downtown core area has increased. Specifically, north-south connectivity has become a limiting factor for effective traffic movement in the area. 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.

## Key Rehabilitation Project Features

- The project will establish a one-way couplet to improve north-south traffic flow and ease congestion in this busy corridor.
- An at-grade intersection will be constructed at the intersections of the Yenlo Street/Talkeetna Street corridor with the Parks Highway and the Alaska Railroad.
- Traffic signals (stoplights) will be installed and replaced along several intersections.
- Pedestrian pathways and drainage facilities will be added or upgraded throughout the project area.

## What is a couplet?

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



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## Cost

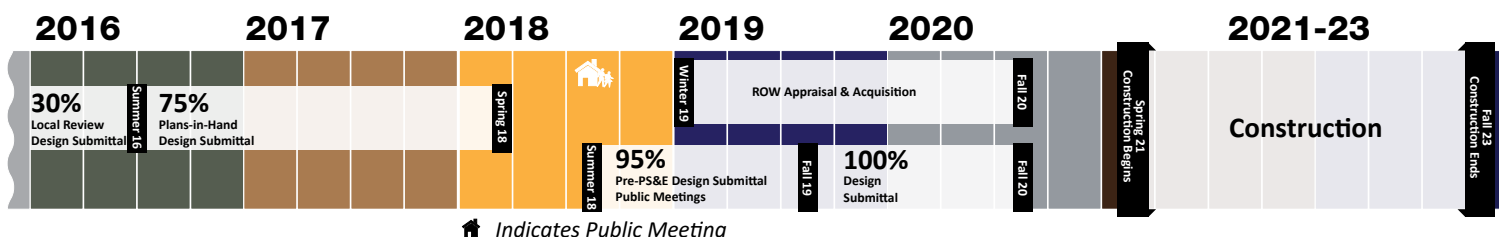
The Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project is estimated to cost approximately \$37 million (including design, Right-of-Way acquisition, utility relocation and construction), and will use Federal and State funds. Cost estimates will be further refined as the project design is finalized.

## Get Involved

DOT&PF wants to hear from you as we work towards a final design and prepare for construction. We will keep the public informed of project progress via newsletters, meetings, and by reaching out to affected stakeholders. To learn more about the project, to sign up for the project e-mail list, or to leave a comment, visit [www.wasillamainstreetproject.com](http://www.wasillamainstreetproject.com).

## Schedule

This project is currently designed to about 75% and is currently opening the ROW Phase with FHWA. DOT&PF will need to purchase property along the project corridor, a process that will take a few years to complete. Once the design is finalized, construction is slated to begin in 2021, pending available funding and other factors, and is anticipated to take up to three years to complete.



## Contact

If you would like to request additional information or share your ideas, visit our website. You can sign up for the project mailing list or leave a comment on-line. You may also contact the project team at [info@wasillamainstreetproject.com](mailto:info@wasillamainstreetproject.com), or using the contact information provided below.

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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.